where  $\delta n_{1,2}$  = (sin 54.7°)  $\delta \theta_{1,2}$  and using the first-order expansion analogous to **AS** we "solve" eq 12-14 as

$$
d_{22} = \frac{3(2^{1/2})}{4} (\sin 54.7^{\circ}) V^{-1} (\beta_{33} - 3\beta_{31}) (\delta \theta_1 + \delta \theta_2)
$$
 (A18) (8) D. A. J  
(9) R. J. W  
(10) A. D. B

$$
d_{33} = -3(\sin 54.7^{\circ})V^{-1}\beta_{33}(\delta\theta_1 + \delta\theta_2)
$$
 (A19)

$$
d_{31} = -3(\sin 54.7^{\circ})V^{-1}\beta_{31}(\delta\theta_1 + \delta\theta_2)
$$
 (A20)

**Registry No.** NaIO<sub>4</sub>.3H<sub>2</sub>O, 13872-31-6; NaH<sub>3</sub>O[IO<sub>3</sub>(OH)<sub>3</sub>], 34410-79-2.

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# Jahn-Teller Effect in the <sup>4</sup>T<sub>2g</sub> State of Chromium(III) in Dicesium **Sodium Indium(II1) Hexachloride**

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September 12, 1977<br>Low-temperature absorption and luminescence spectra are reported for the <sup>4</sup>A<sub>28</sub> \*\* <sup>4</sup>T<sub>28</sub> transition of CrCl<sub>6</sub><sup>3-</sup> doped into<br>the elpasolite salt Cs<sub>2</sub>NaInCl<sub>6</sub>. Four magnetic dipole origins are as vibronic sidebands of the luminescence spectra are assigned to progressions in  $a_{1g}$  and  $e_g$  modes on  $t_{1u}$  and  $t_{2u}$  false origins with frequencies 297, 240, 187, and 120 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The splitting of the  ${}^{4}T_{2g}$  state is smaller than expected from calculations using the full  $d<sup>3</sup>$  matrix. Using the effective Hamiltonian formalism, we show that the splittings may be reproduced by introducing a Ham reduction factor for off-diagonal matrix elements of  $\hat{H}_{\text{eff}}$ . The Jahn-Teller interaction is compatible with the presence in the luminescence of a progression in the  $e_g$  (Jahn-Teller active) mode. The Jahn-Teller energy calculated from the observed splittings is 310 cm<sup>-1</sup> and that from intensity ratios in the  $e_8$  progression 264 cm<sup>-1</sup>, justifying the treatment of the spin-orbit interaction as small compared with  $E_{\text{JT}}$ .

## **Introduction**

The elpasolite salts  $Cs<sub>2</sub>NaMCl<sub>6</sub>$ , containing octahedral  $MCl_6^{3-}$  complexes, are useful high-symmetry host lattices for the study of trivalent transition-metal ions. The visible and MCD spectra of Cr<sup>3+</sup> doped into Cs<sub>2</sub>NaYCl<sub>6</sub> and Cs<sub>2</sub>NaInCl<sub>6</sub> have been extensively studied.<sup>1,2</sup> In CrCl<sub>6</sub><sup>3-</sup> the value of *Dq* is low and the  ${}^{4}T_{2g}$  state is found to be the first excited state, 12 000 cm<sup>-1</sup> above the  ${}^4A_{2g}$  ground state. We have obtained the luminescence spectrum of this transition and the absorption spectrum of a thick crystal in the same region. The  ${}^{4}T_{2}$  state splits into E',  $U^{(5)}_{2}$ ,  $U^{(3)}_{2}$ , and E'' states under the influence of spin-orbit coupling. The MCD and absorption spectra are thus complicated superpositions of the vibronic intensity from all four transitions whereas the luminescence spectrum at low temperature contains only vibronic structure from the lowest energy electronic transition. The sensitivity of the luminescence experiment is such that we can measure the vibronic spectrum due to lattice modes in the crystal.

In spite of the observation of progressions in the e<sub>g</sub> mode as well as the  $a_{1g}$  mode of  $CrCl_6^{3-}$  in the MCD spectra, previous work has neglected the Jahn-Teller interaction in the interpretation of this transition. We find our results can only be explained by considerable quenching of the spin-orbit interaction due to the Ham effect, as observed in other  $T_{2g}$ and  $T_{1g}$  states of octahedral 3d ions.<sup>3,4</sup>

## **Experimental Section**

 $Cs<sub>2</sub>NalnCl<sub>6</sub>:Cr was kindly prepared by Woodwark.<sup>5</sup> The crystal$ was grown by the Bridgeman technique. Analysis for chromium using atomic absorption spectroscopy showed a concentration around *5* atom %. The boule contains a considerable percentage of  $Cr^{2+6}$ , which we observe as a strong broad band in the near-IR absorption spectrum. The  $Cr^{3+}$  concentration may well be less than 5%. Absorption spectra were measured on 2 and *5* mm thick crystals with a Cary 17 spectrophotometer, equipped with a red-sensitive photomultiplier tube (RCA C31025C). Luminescence spectra were excited with a 150-W sealed-beam Xe arc (Varian) filtered with a Spex Minimate. The luminescence was dispersed with a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -m single Spex monochromator, with a grating blazed at 750 nm. An EM1 9684B photomultiplier (S1 response) cooled to  $-70$  °C was used to detect the luminescence. High-resolution spectra were recorded between 830 and 880 nm using a RCA C31034 photomultiplier cooled to  $-30$  °C. The crystals were cooled using a helium gas flow technique.

## **Results**

Figure 1 shows the broad-band luminescence spectrum. We assign this in terms of the weak pure electronic transitions, two strong vibronic false origins, and progressions in  $a_{1g}$  and eg modes. Figures **2** and 3 show the detailed absorption and luminescence spectra in the region where these overlap. The four bands at 11882, 11890, 11904, and 11916 cm<sup>-1</sup> are found in absorption and luminescence spectra. The oscillator strengths in absorption are 1.6, 1.6, 0.9, and  $0.9 \times 10^{-9}$  for the four origins. In the luminescence spectrum the intensities vary with temperature according to a Boltzmann distribution among levels at  $0, 8, 21$ , and  $34 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The vibronic sideband at the right of Figure 3 shows a similar temperature dependence, hot bands appearing at the high-energy side of the band with equal spacing and similar relative intensity as the origins. The second intense false origin at  $187 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  gives a similar pattern. We cannot assign the hot bands in the lu-



**Figure 1.** The 10 K luminescence spectrum of  $Cs_2NaInCl<sub>6</sub>:Cr<sup>3+</sup>$ . No correction was applied for monochromator and photomultiplier response (Sl).



**Figure 2.** The 8 K absorption spectrum in the region of the  ${}^4A_{2g} \rightarrow$  ${}^{4}T_{2g}$  origins in Cs<sub>2</sub>NaInCl<sub>6</sub>:Cr<sup>3+</sup>.

**Table I.** Vibrational Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>) in  $MCl<sub>s</sub><sup>3</sup>$  Systems<sup>*a*</sup>

	Cl <sub>6</sub> <sup>2</sup>	$Cs, NaCr$ $Cs, Nafn$ - Cl <sub>a</sub> <sup>2</sup>	$Cs, NaYCl6:Cr3+$ $T_{2R}$	$Cs2NaLa-$ $\mathrm{Cl}_\kappa$ $^6$
$a_{1g}$ $e_{g}$ $t_{1}$ $t_{1}$ $t_{1}$ $t_{1}$ $\scriptstyle t_{\rm 2u}$	195 IR 320 IR	294 R 139 R	300 Abs, MCD 240 MCD 195 MCD 130 MCD	236 R

<sup>a</sup> Key: IR, infrared spectroscopy; R, Raman spectroscopy; Abs, absorption spectroscopy; MCD, magnetic circular dichroism.

minescence spectrum as due to vibronic levels since the corresponding cold bands are not observed. We therefore assign the four lowest energy bands in absorption as the magnetic dipole origins of the  ${}^4A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{2g}$  transition. This assignment is supported by the coincidence of the four lines in absorption and luminescence.

Turning to the vibronic structure in Figure 1, we present the measured vibrational frequencies in this and related systems in Table I. Frequencies have been assigned assuming the vibrations of  $CrCl_6^{3-}$  may be treated in isolation as local modes of the crystal. We see that the frequencies do not vary much between ground and excited states in  $CrCl<sub>6</sub><sup>3-</sup>$ .

The origin is followed by a number of weak bands probably involving lattice modes of the crystal (Table 11). The two prominent bands positioned 120 and 187 cm<sup>-1</sup> away from the origin are assigned as the  $t_{2u}$  and  $t_{1u}$  false origins. The  $t'_{1u}$ 



**Figure 3.** Detailed luminescence spectrum in the region of the  ${}^4T_{2g}$   $\rightarrow {}^4A_{2g}$  origins in Cs<sub>2</sub>NaInCl<sub>6</sub>:Cr<sup>3+</sup>. The temperature dependence of the electronic origins is reproduced in the vibronic sideband system at the right-hand side.

Table **11.** Vibronic Analysis of 10 K Luminescence Spectrum of  $Cs_2NaInCl_6:Cr^{3+}$ 

Posn, $cm^{-1} \times 10^{-3}$	Assign <sup>a</sup>	Posn $cm \times 10^{-3}$	Assign
11883 11867 11858 11845 11838 11831 11816 11 806 11 763 11 744 11 736 11728 11 722 11 716 11 709 11 696 11 682 11 671	origin МD $16 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ LM $25 \, \text{cm}^{-1}$ LM $38 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ LM $45 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ LM $52 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ LM $67 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ LM 77 cm <sup>-1</sup> LM $\rm t_{\rm au}$ LM $19 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ $27 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ LM $35 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ LM $41 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ LM LM $47 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ $54 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ LM $\mathfrak{t}_{1\mathbf{u}}$ $14 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ LM $25 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ LМ	11585 11 559 11552 11463 11 452 11 397 11 285 11 225 11 161 11 099 10990 10 927 10 866 10 692 10 630	$a_1$ g $t'$ <sub>1</sub> u $t_{2u} + e_g$ $t_{2}u + a_{1}g$ $t_{1u} + e_{g}$ $t_{1\mathbf{u}} + a_{1\mathbf{g}}$ $t_{2\mathbf{u}} + 2\tilde{\mathbf{e}}_{\mathbf{g}}$ $\int t_{1}u + 2e_{\mathbf{g}}^{\dagger}$ $t_{2u} + e_g + a_{1g}$ $\int t_{2\mathbf{u}} + 2\tilde{a}_{1\mathbf{g}}$ $(t_{1u} + e_g + a_{1g})$ $t_{1u} + 2\bar{a}_{1g}$ $t_{2\mathbf{u}} + 2e_{\mathbf{g}} + a_{1\mathbf{g}}$ $t_{2u} + e_g + 2a_{1g}$ $t_{1u} + e_g + 2a_{1g}$ $t_{2u}$ + $3a_{1g}$ $t_{2u} + 2e_{g} + 2a_{1g}$ $t_{2u} + e_g + 3a_{1g}$
11 659 11 652 11 645 11 606	$37 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ LM LM $44 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ $LM + e_g$	10569 10331	$f_{1u} + e_{g} + 3a_{1g}$ $\{t_{2u} + 4\bar{a}_{1g}\}$ $t_{2u} + e_g + 4a_{1g}$

<sup>a</sup> The main features in the spectrum can be rationalized considering only the following four vibrations of the octahedral  $CrCl<sub>6</sub>$ <sup>3</sup> unit in the ground state:  $t_{\text{zu}} = 120 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $t_{\text{ru}} = 187 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $e_g =$ 240 cm<sup>-1</sup>, a<sub>1g</sub> = 298 cm<sup>-1</sup>. b Bands assigned to lattice modes are designated LM followed by the frequency shift from the band from which they are derived.

mode does not appear to couple strongly with the electronic transition but we find a band  $323 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  from the origin which could be due to this vibration. The pattern of lattice modes found on the origin is found also coupled to the  $t_{1u}$  and  $t_{2u}$  false origins; the intensity pattern is somewhat disturbed in the case of the  $t_{1u}$  mode. The presence of the  $e_g$  vibronic band with Table III. Spin-Orbit Components of  ${}^{4}T_{2g}$  in CrCl<sub>6</sub><sup>3-</sup>



 $a$  Calculation using full d<sup>3</sup> matrix with  $B = 570$ ,  $C = 3420$ ,  $Dq = 1$ **1300, and f** = **170** cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $\sigma^2$  **c c c 3420,** *Dq* = **1300, and f** = **170** cm<sup>-1</sup>.  $\sigma^2$  **Calculation using**  $\hat{H}_{eff}$  **with**  $\lambda = -24$ **,**  $\kappa = 5$ **, and**  $\rho = -15$  **cm<sup>-1</sup>.** *c* **Observed.** *d* **Calculation with** Jahn-Teller interaction (Jahn-Teller energy **310** cm-'1.

a frequency of 239 cm-' coupled to the origin would explain this, since it would fall in the same position as a lattice mode. Finally, we find the  $a_{1g}$  mode coupled to the origin with a frequency of 297 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The intensity of the t<sub>lu</sub> and t<sub>2u</sub> false origins agrees with the interpretation of the temperature frequency of 297 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The intensity of the t<sub>1u</sub> and t<sub>2u</sub> false origins agrees with the interpretation of the temperature dependence of the absorption of  ${}^4A_{2g} \rightarrow {}^4T_{2g}{}^1$  and an analysis of the MCD spectra<sup>2</sup> w approximately equal intensity is postulated.

The remaining structure in the spectrum may be explained by progressions in  $a_{1g}$  (298 cm<sup>-1</sup>) and  $e_g$  (240 cm<sup>-1</sup>) built on the t<sub>1u</sub> and t<sub>2u</sub> false origins (Table III). The progression in  $a_{1g}$  dominates, but we find up to two members of the progression in  $e_8$  based on the  $t_{1u}$  false origin and elsewhere at least the first member. Measuring intensity in the  $e_g$  progression is difficult since the choice of baseline is somewhat least the first member. Measuring intensity in the  $e_g$  progression is difficult since the choice of baseline is somewhat arbitrary, but the  $0 \rightarrow 0$  transition is usually as intense as the  $0 \rightarrow 1$  transition. In the secon gression is difficult since the choice of baseline is somewhat<br>arbitrary, but the  $0 \rightarrow 0$  transition is usually as intense as the<br> $0 \rightarrow 1$  transition. In the case of the t<sub>2u</sub> false orgin, we measure arbitrary, but the  $0 \rightarrow 0$  transition is usually as intense as the  $0 \rightarrow 1$  transition. In the case of the  $t_{2u}$  false orgin, we measure the following intensity ratios:  $0 \rightarrow 1/0 \rightarrow 0$ , 1.1;  $0 \rightarrow 2/0$  $0 \rightarrow 1$  tran<br>the follow:<br> $\rightarrow 1, 0.6$ .

We regard the identification of the origins, the  $t_{2u}$  and  $t_{1u}$ false origins, and the progressions in  $a_{1g}$  and  $e_g$  as certain. The remaining structure is more difficult to assign. Our interpretation does explain most of the spectrum.

### **Theoretical Discussion**

(a) **Ham Quenching of Spin-Orbit Splitting in <sup>4</sup>T<sub>2g</sub>. The** case of a  $T_{1g}$  or  $T_{2g}$  electronic state coupled to an e<sub>g</sub> vibrational mode in  $O_h$  symmetry has been treated by Ham<sup>7</sup> and Sturge.<sup>3</sup> We follow the treatment of Sturge. The Jahn-Teller effect will be treated as larger than the spin-orbit interaction, and all anharmonic effects will be neglected. We consider coupling only with the  $e_{g}$  mode; there is no experimental evidence for coupling with the  $t_{2g}$  mode and such coupling is expected to be weak in a  $t_{2g}^2$ <sup>2</sup>e<sub>g</sub> configuration.<sup>8</sup>

As basis functions we shall use the eigenfunctions of

$$
\hat{H} = \hat{H}_{e/r_{12}} + \hat{H}_{\text{cubic}} \tag{1}
$$

The spin-orbit coupling is treated to second order using the effective Hamiltonian

$$
\hat{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\lambda (\hat{L} \cdot \hat{S}) + \kappa (\hat{L} \cdot \hat{S})^2 + \rho (\hat{L}_x^2 \cdot \hat{S}_x^2 + \hat{L}_y^2 \cdot \hat{S}_y^2 + \hat{L}_z^2 \cdot \hat{S}_z^2)
$$
\n(2)

Values of  $\lambda$ ,  $\kappa$ , and  $\rho$  are determined by diagonalizing the full matrix for  $d<sup>3</sup>$  including the spin-orbit interaction and fitting the calculated splittings in  ${}^4T_{2g}$  with  $\hat{H}_{\text{eff}}$ . The full matrix was calculated with the following parameters:  $B = 570$ ,  $C/B =$ 6,  $Dq = 1300$ ,  $\zeta = 170$  cm<sup>-1</sup>. The parameters were chosen to correspond with the literature<sup>1,2,9</sup> and in particular to reproduce the observed splitting between  ${}^{4}T_{2g}$  and  ${}^{2}E_{g}$  which have a large second-order interaction. The calculated energies of the spin-orbit components are given in Table 111; the observed splittings are smaller which we interpret as a Ham effect. To first order in  $\hat{L}\cdot\hat{S}$ , E' and U'( $\frac{5}{2}$ ) are degenerate; the splitting of the levels is due to the large second-order interactions. The calculated levels may be fitted with  $\hat{H}_{eff}$  using  $\lambda = -24$ ,  $\kappa =$ 5, and  $\rho = -15$  cm<sup>-I</sup> (Table III).

We use the notation  $|i\rangle$ ,  $i = \xi$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\zeta$ , for the components of  $T_{2g}$  and  $Q_2$  and  $Q_3$  to represent the coordinates of the e<sub>g</sub> mode.



**Figure 4.** Spin-orbit splittings and Jahn-Teller effect in the  ${}^4T_{2g}$  state. The splitting at the left-hand side of the diagram is obtained by diagonalizing  $\hat{H}_{\text{eff}}$  (eq 2) with the following parameters:  $\lambda = 24$ , *k*  $= 5$ , and  $\rho = -15$  cm<sup>-1</sup>. The dotted line ( $x = 3.9$ ) represents the best fit with the experimentally observed splitting.  $\Gamma_7 \simeq E''$ .

The Jahn-Teller Hamiltonian acting on  $(\xi, \eta, \zeta)$  may be written

$$
\hat{H}_{\text{JT}} = \frac{1}{2\mu} \sum_{k=2,3} (-\hbar^2 \partial/\partial Q_k^2 + \mu^2 \omega^2 Q_k^2) - VQ_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3^{1/2}/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3^{1/2}/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - VQ_3 \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tag{3}
$$

where  $\mu$  is the effective mass in the  $e_{g}$  mode,  $\omega$  is the angular frequency, and  $V$  is the Jahn-Teller parameter. This Hamiltonian is diagonal in the components of  $T_{2g}$ . For the lowest vibrational state the vibrational function splits into three parabolic potential wells, one for each component of  $T_{2g}$ . The minima of the potential functions are displaced in  $(\bar{Q}_2, \bar{Q}_3)$ space from the origin in the absence of a Jahn-Teller effect  $(V = 0)$ . The displacement is

$$
\rho_i(Q_2) = -\frac{V}{\mu \omega^2} E_i(Q_2) \qquad \rho_i(Q_3) = -\frac{V}{\mu \omega^2} E_i(Q_3) \tag{4}
$$

where  $E_i(Q_k)$  is the matrix element corresponding to  $|i\rangle$  and  $Q_k$  in eq 3. The energy minimum is lower than in the undistorted case by  $E_{\text{JT}} = V^2/2\mu\omega^2$ . The wave functions may be written

$$
|inm\rangle = |i\rangle F_n(Q_2 + \rho_i(Q_2))F_m(Q_3 + \rho_i(Q_3))
$$
\n(5)

The *F,* are standard harmonic oscillator functions; *n* and *m*  are the quantum numbers of the vibration.

The Ham effect arises when we consider integrals between the components of  ${}^{4}T_{2g}$ :

$$
\langle j M_{\rm S}^{\prime} \ 00 | H_{\rm eff} | i M_{\rm S} \ 00 \rangle = \langle j M_{\rm S}^{\prime} | H_{\rm eff} | i M_{\rm S} \rangle \times
$$
  

$$
(\delta_{ij} + \gamma (1 - \delta_{ij})) \tag{6}
$$

where  $\gamma$ , the Ham reduction factor, is  $e^{-x/2}$  and  $x = 3E_{LT}/\hbar \omega$ . Because the vibrational functions differ for  $i \neq j$ , the overlap is no longer 1 but reduced by  $\gamma$ .

The matrix of  $\hat{H}_{\text{eff}}$  was diagonalized including (6). Offdiagonal elements due to the Jahn-Teller interaction were neglected since they are small in this case.<sup>3</sup> The results for various values of **x** are shown in Figure 4. The best fit is obtained with  $x = 3.9$  corresponding to a Ham quenching factor of 0.14. The calculated splittings are given in Table 111.

**(b) eg Progression in Luminescence Spectrum.** The intensity in the luminescence spectrum depends on the transition moments between ground and excited states which take the form  $\left| \frac{\langle a \ nm | M | i \ 00 \rangle \right|$ , where  $\langle a \ nm | i \rangle$  is the ground state and *M* is any transition moment operator. The vibrational functions in the ground state are undistorted. Assuming harmonic potential wells and no change in force constant between ground and excited states, the intensity of the vibronic transitions in low-temperatre luminescence depends on the overlap integrals  $\langle F_0(Q_2 + \rho_i(Q_2)) | F_n(Q_2) \rangle$ . The situation is analogous to a Frank-Condon progression in an  $a_{1g}$  mode, and the combination of  $Q_2$ ,  $Q_3$  which gives rise to the Jahn-Teller distortion has  $a_{1g}$  symmetry in the lower symmetry of the distorted molecule. To calculate the relative intensity in each member of the progression we may use the formula

$$
I_n = \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^2 I_{n-1} \qquad n = \text{number of quanta of } e_g \tag{7}
$$

adapted from Ballhausen.<sup>10</sup> In fact we measure intensities in the progressions based on the  $t<sub>lu</sub>$  and  $t<sub>2u</sub>$  false origins. Since these modes are diagonal in  $H_{\text{JT}}$ , we can apply the same analysis. For  $x = 3.9$ , the value obtained from the quenching of spin-orbit splitting, the intensity ratios  $I_1/I_0$  or  $I_2/I_1$  are 1.3 and 0.85 which are in reasonable agreement with experiment. The best agreement in the case of the  $t_{2u}$  false origin is found for  $x = 3.3$  giving intensity ratios 1.1 and 0.6.

The Jahn-Teller energy calculated from the observed spin-orbit splitting is 310 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $x = 3.9$ ) and that from the intensity ratios in the e<sub>g</sub> progression 264 cm<sup>-1</sup> ( $x = 3.3$ ). Both values are considerably larger than the spin-orbit parameters in  $H_{\text{eff}}$ . This is the important consideration when treating the spin-orbit interaction as small compared to  $E_{\text{JT}}$  and justifies the approach here.

Finally, we consider the intensity in the origins. The observed oscillator strength is  $5 \times 10^{-9}$ . To estimate the total magnetic dipole intensity in the vibrational progressions, we multiply this by the intensity ratio between the  $t_{1u}$  and  $t_{2u}$  false origins and the progressions in  $a_{1g}$  and  $e_g$  built on them, about 1:lOO. The total observed magnetic dipole intensity is then about  $5 \times 10^{-7}$ . We can calculate the magnetic dipole intensity using the eigenvectors of the crystal field calculation. Taking the refractive index to be 1.5 and the orbital reduction factor as 0.4, a value which seems appropriate in  $CrCl<sub>6</sub><sup>3-11</sup>$  the calculated intensity is  $6 \times 10^{-6}$ . The disagreement may be in part due to the  $Cr^{2+}$  content of the crystal leading to an

overestimation of the  $Cr^{3+}$  concentration. The total intensity of the  ${}^4T_{2g}$  transition in the absorption spectrum is 2.2  $\times$ overestimation of the Cr<sup>3+</sup> concentration. The total intensity<br>of the <sup>4</sup>T<sub>2g</sub> transition in the absorption spectrum is 2.2 × 10<sup>-5</sup>.<br>This value is somewhat lower than the <sup>4</sup>A<sub>2g</sub>  $\rightarrow$  <sup>4</sup>T<sub>2g</sub> intensities usually found in octahedral chromium(II1) complexes; e.g., in chrome alum, an intensity of  $1.6 \times 10^{-4}$  has been reported.<sup>12</sup> This tends to support the idea that the measured intensity may be too low.

## **Conclusion**

We have demonstrated the existence of a Jahn-Teller interaction in the  ${}^{4}T_{2g}$  state of CrCl<sub>6</sub><sup>3-</sup> in Cs<sub>2</sub>NaInCl<sub>6</sub> by observation of a Ham effect and a progression in an  $e_{\alpha}$  mode in the luminescence spectrum. **As** far as the relative contributions of  $t_{2u}$ ,  $t_{1u}$ , and  $t'_{1u}$  modes to the vibronic intensity mechanism the luminescence spectrum. As far as the relative contributions<br>of  $t_{2u}$ ,  $t_{1u}$ , and  $t'_{1u}$  modes to the vibronic intensity mechanism<br>of the  ${}^4A_{2g} \leftrightarrow {}^4T_{2g}$  transition are concerned, our results are in good agreement with the results of a moment analysis of  $MCD$  measurements.<sup>1,2</sup> On the other hand, our interpretation in terms of a Jahn-Teller effect is at variance with the current interpretation of the MCD data.<sup>1,2</sup> No spectra on oriented crystals have been measured, however; and the Zeeman effect is expected to be anisotropic.<sup>3</sup>

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## **Molecular Orbital Theory of Organometallic Compounds.** 15.' **A Comparative Study of Ferrocene and**  $\pi$ **-Cyclopentadienyl-(3)-1,2-dicarbollyliron**

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The SCCC MO method is used to compare the electronic structures of  $\pi$ -cyclopentadienyl-(3)-1,2-dicarbollyliron and its carbon analogue, ferrocene. It is shown that while the bonding in ferrocene involves primarily the  $\pi$  orbitals of the cyclopentadienide ring, that in the dicarbollide complex involves the  $\sigma$  orbitals in an important role; thus, the intuitive view that the frontier orbitals on the dicarbollide ligand are directly comparable to the  $\pi$  orbitals of the cyclopentadienide ligand requires an important qualification. In both complexes the HOMO's have very high  $d_{z^2}$  character. In the dicarbollide complex the dianionic dicarbollide and anionic cyclopentadienide ligands donate 1.037 and 0.164 electrons to the iron(I1) atom. Agreement between calculated results and experiment in closely related systems is noted.

## **Introduction**

One of the most interesting developments in the field of organometallic chemistry has been the isolation of an extensive series of metallocarborane complexes.2 **A** common feature of these complexes involves the bonding of a range of polyhedral carboranes to a transition metal via direct interaction between the metal and a nearly pentagonal open face of the carborane, e.g., as in  $[Fe(C_2B_9\hat{H}_{11})_2]^2$ . An extensive series of mixed metallocarborane complexes in which a transition metal is

bonded on one side to a carborane and on the other to more conventional  $\pi$  ligands such as cyclopentadienyl or carbon monoxide as in  $[(C_2B_9H_{11})Fe(C_5H_5)]$  and  $[(C_2B_9H_{11}) Mn(CO)_3$ <sup>-</sup> also exists.

In view of the extensive studies of these systems, it is surprising that little attention has been paid to detailed discussion of the bonding in the metallocarboranes and, in particular, to the similarities and differences between them and the closely related carbon analogues, e.g., ferrocene;

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