

# SUPPORTING INFORMATION

## First-principles study of optical absorption energies, ligand field and spin-Hamiltonian parameters of Cr<sup>3+</sup> ions in emerald

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### §1. CAS(3,5) results of SA-CASSCF/MR-methods and SS-CASSCF / CASP2 in emerald.

**Table S1.** Electronic transitions states energies (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ :  $\text{Be}_3\text{Si}_6\text{Al}_2\text{O}_{18}$  from SA-CASSCF/ MR-methods and SS-CASSCF/CASP2 calculations with a minimal active space.

Energy levels		Exp. [1] a[2] b[3]	STATE - AVERAGE					STATE - SPECIFIC		
$O_h$	$D_3$		CASSCF (3,5)	SC- NEVPT2 (3,5)	HQD- NEVPT2 (3,5)	DCD- CAS2(3) (3,5)	CASPT2 (3,5)	SORCI (3,5)	CASSCF (3,5)	CASPT2 (3,5)
${}^4A_{2g}({}^4F)$	${}^4A_2$	<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
${}^2E_g({}^2G)$	${}^2E$	<b>14686</b>	19102	16674	16651	16611	16750	16885	19963	14211
${}^2T_{1g}({}^2G)$ {	${}^2A_2$	-	19694	17268	17261	17220	17472	17039	-	-
	${}^2E$	<b>a15140</b>	20452	17909	17881	17850	17983	17628	21344	15288
${}^4T_{2g}({}^4F)$ {	${}^4A_1$	<b>15700</b>	14532	16935	16923	16734	14208	17077	15568	14655
	${}^4E$	<b>16800</b>	15235	17662	17646	17491	15455	17721	16612	13527
${}^2T_{2g}({}^2G)$ {	${}^2E$	<b>} 21037</b>	26972	24467	24379	24267	23226	23438	28080	20053
	${}^2A_1$		28520	25925	25819	25727	24659	24797	29384	21423
${}^4T_{1g}({}^4F)$ {	${}^4E$	<b>22800</b>	22894	25093	24714	24458	23262	24003	24228	21052
	${}^4A_2$	<b>24000</b>	24718	26599	25996	25709	25070	24938	-	-
${}^2A_{1g}({}^2G)$	${}^2A_1$	<b>b28902</b>	30971	31228	31252	31059	28461	31289	32406	25415
${}^2T_{2g}({}^2H)$ {	${}^2A_1$	<b>30700</b>	33123	33192	33175	32954	30668	32831	34512	27230
	${}^2E$	<b>31650</b>	34120	33876	33795	33603	31739	33496	35299	29804
${}^2T_{1g}({}^2P)$ {	${}^2A_2$	<b>30700</b>	34415	34255	34363	34156	31802	33990	-	-
	${}^2E$	<b>31650</b>	35432	35177	34783	34591	32226	34466	-	-
${}^2E_g({}^2H)$	${}^2E$	-	37363	36515	36541	36368	34535	35910	-	-
${}^2T_{1g}({}^2H)$ {	${}^2E$	<b>36300</b>	40750	40029	39891	39648	37435	38847	42167	33395
	${}^2A_2$	<b>~37400</b>	41208	40350	40201	39962	37306	38890	-	-
${}^4T_{1g}({}^4P)$ {	${}^4A_2$	<b>a37730</b>	34526	35973	36553	36363	34658	36599	34442	31645
	${}^4E$	<b>a41320</b>	38603	39856	40207	40052	38250	39792	39608	35081
${}^2T_{2g}({}^2D)$ {	${}^2E$	<b>39900</b>	47895	46744	45568	45164	44044	43319	48918	43123
	${}^2A_1$	<b>~39900</b>	47838	46652	45661	45315	43397	43501	-	-
${}^2A_{2g}({}^2F)$	${}^2A_2$	<b>41800</b>	47915	48336	47309	46988	45399	45597	-	-
Spin-allowed RMS errors ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) →			1803	1664	1345	1246	1890	1154	1522	3993
Spin-forbidden RMS errors ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) →			5172	4059	3673	3466	2305	2738	6253	2179
<b>TOTAL</b> RMS errors( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) →			<b>4378</b>	<b>3472</b>	<b>3118</b>	<b>2939</b>	<b>2180</b>	<b>2347</b>	<b>5030</b>	<b>2991</b>

## §2. QC expansion

**Table S2.** Results for SA-CASSCF(3,5)/NEVPT2 multiplets energies (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) using the embedded clusters  $[\text{CrO}_6\text{Be}_3]^{3-}$ ,  $[\text{Cr}(\text{OSi})_6\text{Be}_3]^{21}$  and  $[\text{Cr}(\text{O}_2\text{Si})_6\text{Be}_3]^9$  in

Energy levels		Exp. [1] <sup>a</sup> [2]	<i>Ab-initio</i> methods	$[\text{CrO}_6]^{9-}$	$[\text{CrO}_6\text{Be}_3]^{3-}$	$[\text{Cr}(\text{OSi})_6\text{Be}_3]^{19}$	$[\text{Cr}(\text{O}_2\text{Si})_6\text{Be}_3]^9$
$\text{O}_h$	$\text{D}_3$						
$^4\text{A}_{2g}({}^4\text{F})$	$^4\text{A}_2$	<b>0</b>	SA-CASSCF	0	0	0	0
			SC-NEVPT2	0	0	0	0
$^2\text{E}_g({}^2\text{G})$	$^2\text{E}$	<b>14686</b>	SA-CASSCF	19111	19119	19147	19113
			SC-NEVPT2	16714	16713	16733	16685
$^2\text{T}_{1g}({}^2\text{G})\{$	$^2\text{A}_2$	-	SA-CASSCF	19704	19712	19780	19748
			SC-NEVPT2	17304	17304	17360	17319
	$^2\text{E}$	<b><sup>a</sup>15140</b>	SA-CASSCF	20461	20478	20454	20420
			SC-NEVPT2	17947	17955	17913	17864
$^4\text{T}_{2g}({}^4\text{F})\{$	$^4\text{A}_1$	<b>15700</b>	SA-CASSCF	14510	14510	14299	14298
			SC-NEVPT2	16923	16937	16596	16592
	$^4\text{E}$	<b>16800</b>	SA-CASSCF	15212	15232	14923	14948
			SC-NEVPT2	17648	17681	17234	17270
$^2\text{T}_{2g}({}^2\text{G})\{$	$^2\text{E}$	<b><sup>a</sup>21037</b>	SA-CASSCF	26978	26996	26993	26964
			SC-NEVPT2	24539	24552	24524	24484
	$^2\text{A}_1$		SA-CASSCF	28526	28555	28374	28339
			SC-NEVPT2	25994	26016	25776	25717
$^4\text{T}_{1g}({}^4\text{F})\{$	$^4\text{E}$	<b>22800</b>	SA-CASSCF	22868	22891	22577	22606
			SC-NEVPT2	25082	25119	24680	24715
	$^4\text{A}_2$	<b>24000</b>	SA-CASSCF	24691	24707	24224	24220
			SC-NEVPT2	26596	26629	26004	25975
$^4\text{T}_{1g}({}^4\text{P})\{$	$^4\text{A}_2$	<b><sup>a</sup>37730</b>	SA-CASSCF	34498	34494	34337	34312
			SC-NEVPT2	35948	35964	35566	35528
	$^4\text{E}$	<b><sup>a</sup>41320</b>	SA-CASSCF	38570	38623	37993	38021
			SC-NEVPT2	39833	39907	38972	39015
<b>RMS errors(<math>\text{cm}^{-1}</math>)</b> →			SA-CASSCF	3873	3878	3940	3918
			SC-NEVPT2	2435	2443	2407	2382

comparison to  $[\text{CrO}_6]^{9-}$ .

## §3. Energies deviations $\Delta E$ in CAS (3,5) for CASSCF/MR-PT methods using SA and SS protocol from experimental values. Contributions from orbital relaxation and dynamical correlation to d-d transitions energies in emerald.

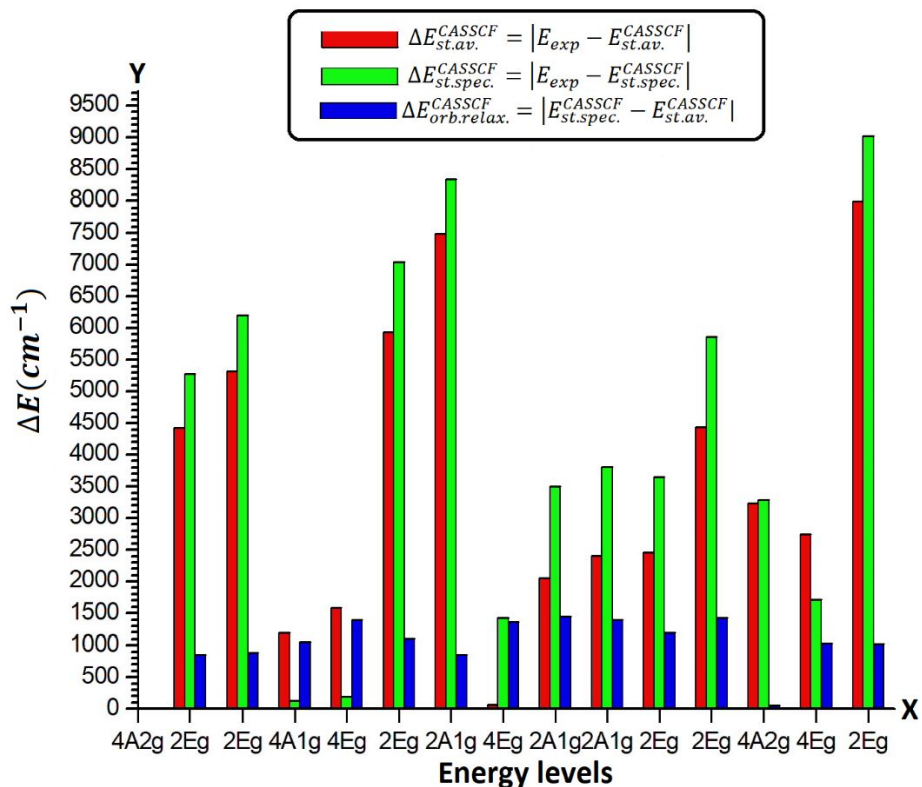


Figure S1. CASSCF (3,5)

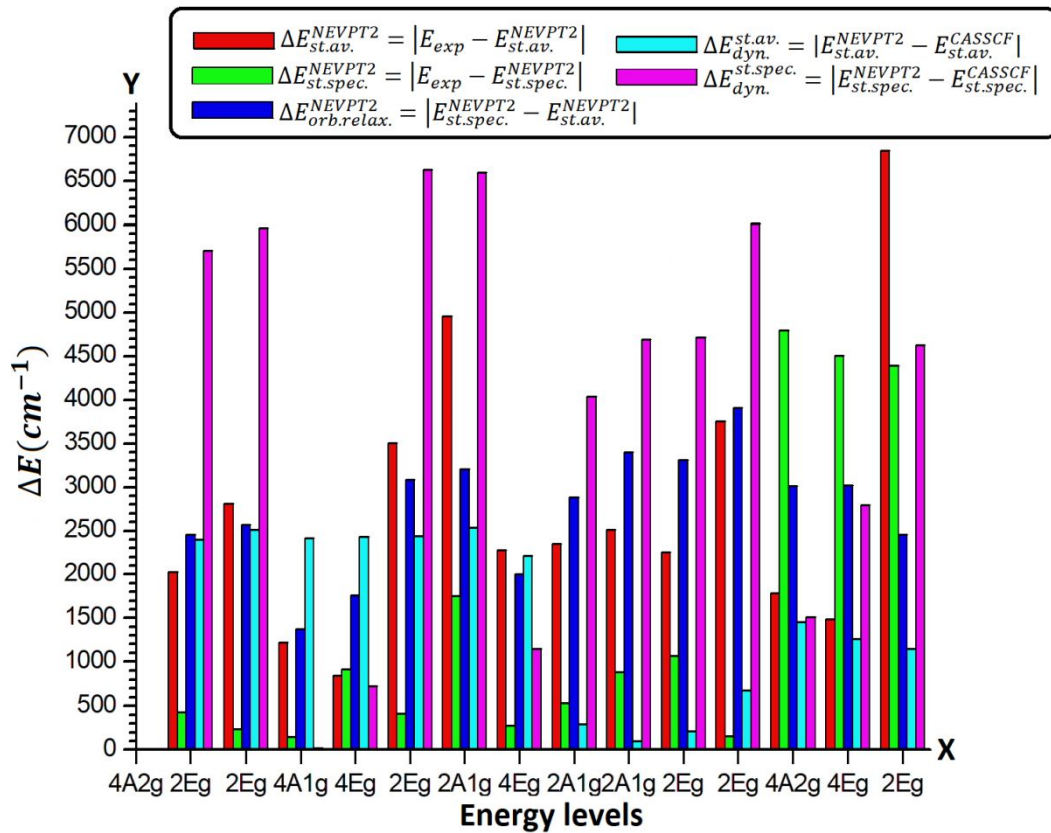


Figure S2. NEVPT2 (3,5)

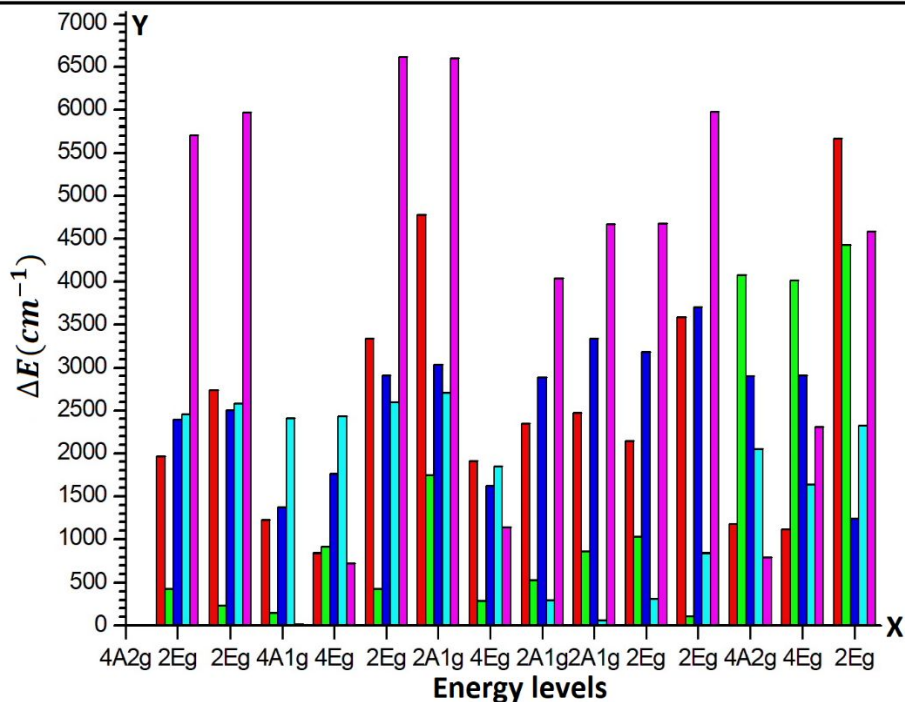
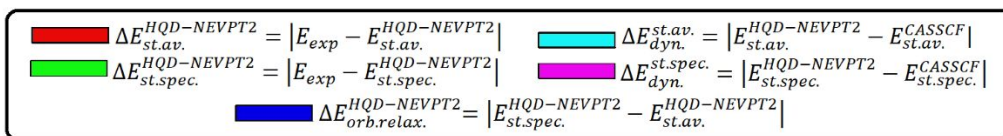


Figure S3. HQD- NEVPT2 (3,5)

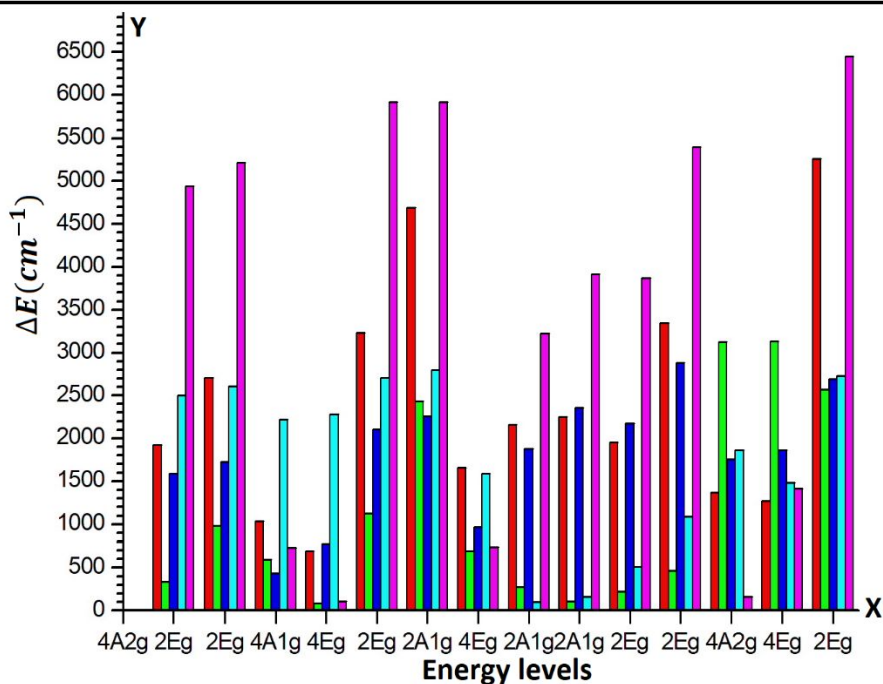
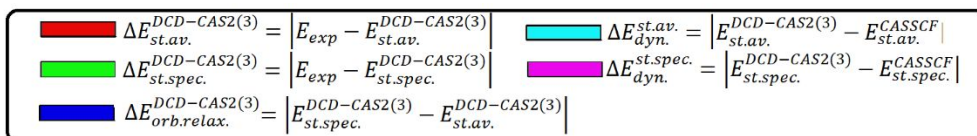


Figure S4. DCD-CAS2(3) (3,5)

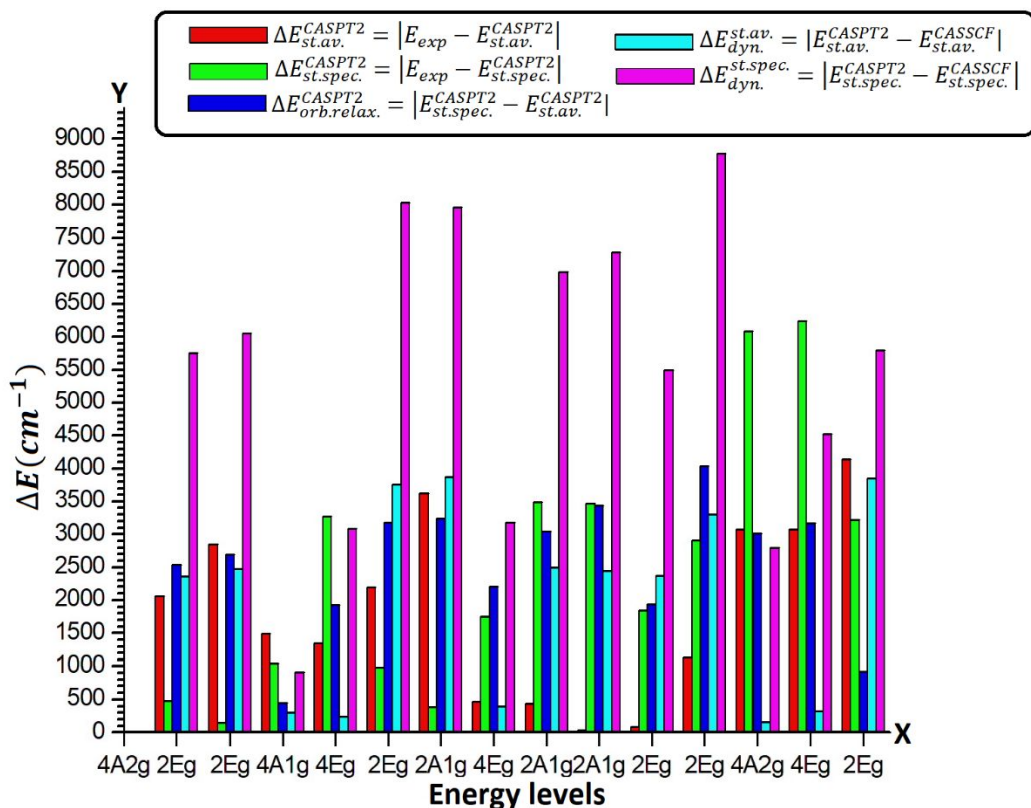


Figure S5. CASPT2 (3,5)

## §4. AILFT

### 4.1 Ligand field one-electron matrix $V_{LF}$

Ligand field one-electron matrix  $V_{LF}$  (DCD-CAS2(3)) (a.u.):

$d_{xy}$	$d_{yz}$	$d_{z^2}$	$d_{xz}$	$d_{x^2-y^2}$
$-2.025962$	$0.036677$	$0.000004$	$0.000023$	$0.000004$
$0.036677$	$-2.014520$	$-0.000003$	$-0.000008$	$0.000037$
$0.000004$	$-0.000003$	$-2.064440$	$-0.000002$	$-0.000002$
$0.000023$	$-0.000008$	$-0.000002$	$-2.014564$	$-0.036694$
$0.000004$	$0.000037$	$-0.000002$	$-0.036694$	$-2.025905$

(S1)

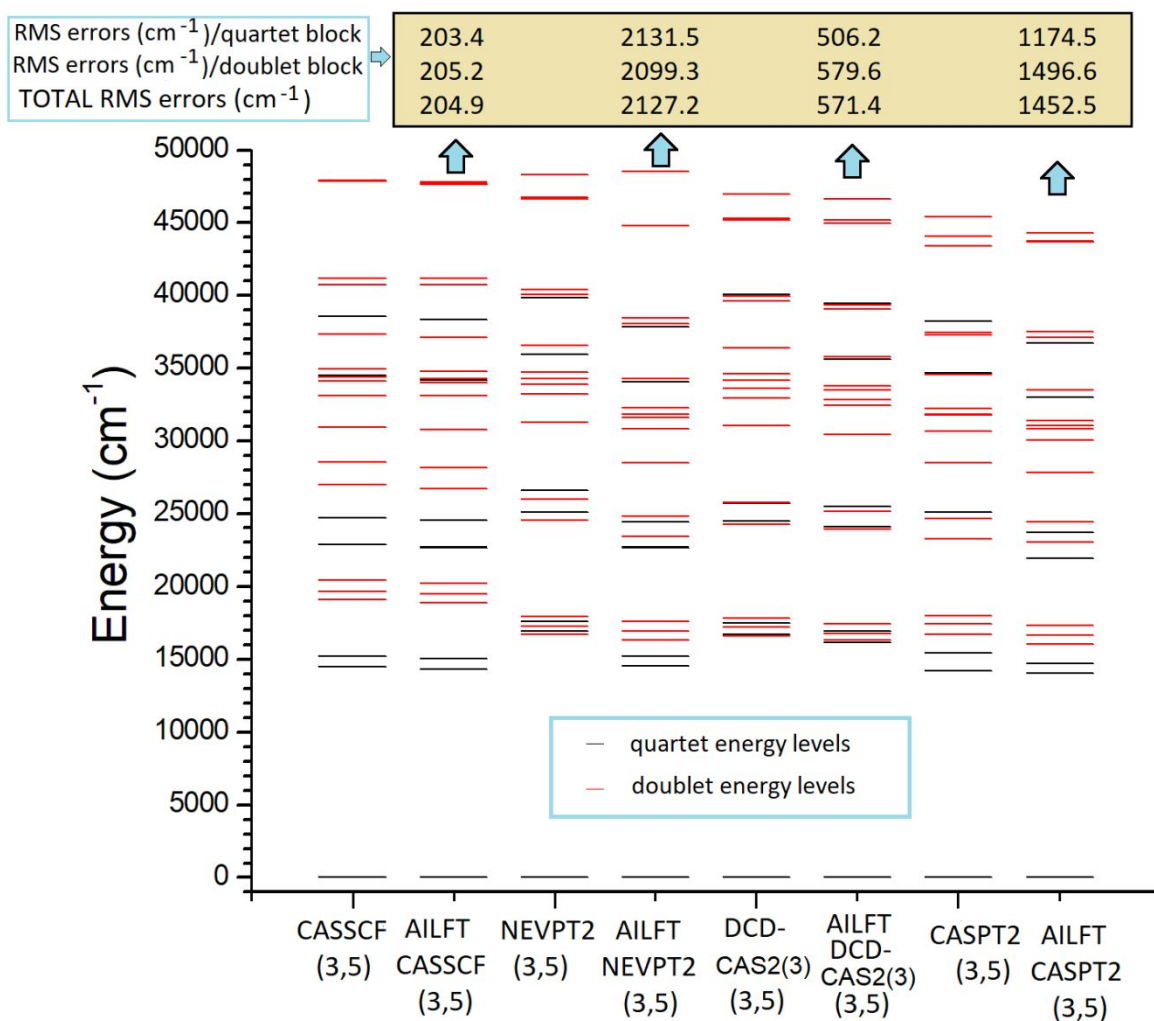
Eigenvalues ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and corresponding orbitals:  $0-d_{z^2}$ ;  $1552.8-d_{xy}$ ;  $1553.5-d_{x^2-y^2}$ ;  
 $17847.9-d_{xz}$ ;  $17825.5-d_{yz}$ ;

Ligand field one-electron matrix  $V_{LF}$  (CASPT2) (a.u.):

$$\begin{pmatrix}
 d_{xy} & d_{yz} & d_{z^2} & d_{xz} & d_{x^2-y^2} \\
 -2.028932 & 0.031960 & -0.000005 & 0.000015 & 0.000018 \\
 0.031960 & -2.019272 & -0.000003 & -0.000016 & 0.000037 \\
 -0.000005 & -0.000003 & -2.062160 & -0.000002 & 0.000003 \\
 0.000015 & -0.000016 & -0.000002 & -2.019300 & -0.031980 \\
 0.000018 & 0.000037 & 0.000003 & -0.031980 & -2.028865
 \end{pmatrix} \quad (S2)$$

Eigenvalues ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and corresponding orbitals: 0- $d_{z^2}$ ; 1258.0- $d_{xy}$ ; 1261.1- $d_{x^2-y^2}$ ;  
15443.3- $d_{xz}$ ; 15457.4- $d_{yz}$ ;

## 4.2 AILFT energy levels



**Figure S6.** Comparison between energy levels obtained by AI and AILFT methods CAS (3,5).

From this figure it can be seen that recalculated energy levels by AILFT CASSCF (3,5) method (second column in Figure S6), are close with those of AI CASSCF (3,5) (first column in Figure S6), highlighted by correspondent RMS errors. This means that AILFT extractions from CASSCF calculations are more successful than those based on NEVPT2, where deviations are large as 2127 cm<sup>-1</sup>. One can also see that multistate method DCD-CAS2(3) has, compared to NEVPT2 and CASPT2 methods, an AILFT fit with smaller value of RMS error between ab initio and LFEs. These findings are in agreement with observations reported in [4] for other octahedral 3d<sup>3</sup> complexes (Cr<sup>3+</sup> with ligands F<sup>-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>, CN<sup>-</sup>, NH<sub>3</sub>).

### §5. State specific multiplet calculations

Ab Initio calculation of energies and wave functions of individual ligand field multiples is a rarely used practice. The reason is, that one normally assumes that ligand field theory is at work, such that one is doing this in one step taking state averaging over all states of the d<sup>n</sup> configuration of transition metal in complexes. However, for Cr<sup>3+</sup> in emerald it turned out that state averaging is not the best option. Since nicely resolved d-d absorption spectra are available it was worth trying to attempt state specific calculations to allow a comparison and to test the theory. The first step toward this goal is doing a standard state average CASSCF calculation.

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  picturechange true # include the DKH correction to SOC
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SpecialGridIntAcc 7
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           actorbs dorbs
           switchstep nr
           trafostep ri
end

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The CASSCF method yields many particle state energies with orbital degeneracies which are strictly fulfilled; this allows to count degenerate levels and assign symmetry. In  $D_3$  symmetry there are two non-degenerate representations  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  which can be identified using one AOM calculation with ligand field parameters as input for the AOMX program package (see Section 8). These parameters can be taken from the AILFT section of the ORCA output. This allows one to identify the states in the  $D_3$  point group as listed below

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SA-CASSCF TRANSITION ENERGIES
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7:  3  2  0.093189  2.536  20452.5  2E(2)
8:  4  2  0.093189  2.536  20452.5  2E(2)
9:  4  4  0.104308  2.838  22893.0  4E(2)
10:  5  4  0.104322  2.839  22895.9  4E(2)
11:  6  4  0.112626  3.065  24718.5  4A2(2)
12:  5  2  0.122895  3.344  26972.2  2E(3)
13:  6  2  0.122895  3.344  26972.4  2E(3)
14:  7  2  0.129948  3.536  28520.3  2A1(1)
15:  8  2  0.141112  3.840  30970.6
16:  9  2  0.150919  4.107  33122.8

```

```

17: 10 2 0.155461 4.230 34119.7
18: 11 2 0.155468 4.231 34121.3
19: 12 2 0.156802 4.267 34414.1
20: 13 2 0.156809 4.267 34415.5
21: 7 4 0.157311 4.281 34525.8 4A2(3)
22: 14 2 0.161442 4.393 35432.4
23: 15 2 0.170240 4.632 37363.3
24: 16 2 0.170243 4.633 37364.1
25: 8 4 0.175887 4.786 38602.8 4E(3)
26: 9 4 0.175892 4.786 38603.9 4E(3)

```

To compute the energy of each state separately we need reading the emerald.gbw file and use of the command “weights[0]=...” Here it is of crucial importance the weight with equal weights states which belong to the same degenerate manifold, otherwise symmetry will break down. Explicitly we have the following relevant part of inputs:

### State specific calculations on the S=3/2 states

<sup>4</sup>A<sub>2</sub>(1) ground state:

```

%casscf    nel 3
          norb 5
            mult 4
          nroots 1
            switchstep nr
            trafostep ri
            nevpt2 sc
end

```

<sup>4</sup>A<sub>1</sub> excited state:

```

%casscf    nel 3
          norb 5
            mult 4
          nroots 2
          actorbs locorbs
          weights[0]=0,1
            switchstep nr
            trafostep ri
            nevpt2 sc
end

```

<sup>4</sup>E(1) excited state:

```

%casscf    nel 3
          norb 5
            mult 4
          nroots 4
          actorbs locorbs

```

```

weights[0]=0,0,1,1
orbstep superci
switchstep diis
trafostep ri
shiftup 1
shiftdn 1
nevpt2 sc
end

```

<sup>4</sup>E(2) excited state:

```

%casscf nel 3
norb 5
mult 4
nroots 6
actorbs locorbs
weights[0]=0,0,0,0,1,1
switchstep nr
trafostep ri
nevpt2 sc
end

```

<sup>4</sup>E(3) excited state:

```

%casscf nel 3
norb 5
mult 4
nroots 10
actorbs locorbs
weights[0]=0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1
switchstep nr
trafostep ri
nevpt2 sc
end

```

<sup>4</sup>A<sub>2</sub>(3) excited state:

```

%casscf nel 3
norb 5
mult 4
nroots 8
actorbs locorbs
weights[0]=0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1
switchstep nr
trafostep ri
nevpt2 sc
end

```

Please, notice that the calculation for <sup>4</sup>A<sub>2</sub>(2) did not converge!

State specific calculations on the lowest S=1/2 states:

${}^2E(1)$  excited state (emitting):

```
%casscf    nel  3
           norb  5
             mult  2
           nroots  2
           actorbs locorbs
           weights[0]=1,1
             switchstep nr
             trafostep ri
             nevpt2 sc

end
```

${}^2E(2)$  state:

```
%casscf    nel  3
           norb  5
             mult  2
           nroots  5
           actorbs locorbs
           weights[0]=0,0,0,1,1
             switchstep nr
             trafostep ri
             nevpt2 sc

end
```

${}^2E(3)$

```
%casscf    nel  3
           norb  5
             mult  2
           nroots  7
           actorbs locorbs
           weights[0]=0,0,0,0,0,1,1
             switchstep nr
             trafostep ri
             nevpt2 sc

end
```

${}^2A_2(1)$  excited state:

```
%casscf    nel  3
           norb  5
             mult  2
           nroots  3
           actorbs locorbs
           weights[0]=0,0,1
             orbstep superci
             switchstep diis
             shiftup 0.5
             shiftdn 0.5
             trafostep ri
```

```

nevpt2 sc
maxiter 200
end

2A1(1) excited state:
%casscf nel 3
norb 5
mult 2
nroots 8
actorbs locorbs
weights[0]=0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1
orbstep superci
switchstep diis
shiftp 2
shiftdn 2
trafostep ri
nevpt2 sc
end

```

## §6. Vibronic analysis and calculation of vibronic landscapes of d-d transitions

State specific energies have been computed taking a scan along the  $Q_\alpha$  stretching mode with increments of the Cr-O distance  $R_0 \pm \delta R$ :  $R_0 - 0.05$ ,  $R_0 - 0.025$ ,  $R_0 + 0.025$ ,  $R_0 + 0.05$  Å around the reference distance  $R_0$ . Total energies for each state have been fitted using a  $(1/2)K_\alpha Q_\alpha^2 + V_\alpha Q_\alpha + E_{FC}$  a dependence on the  $Q_\alpha = \sqrt{6}\delta R$ .

In this way we obtain the following energy expressions (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}
E[^4A_2(1)] &= 149382Q_\alpha^2 - 25518Q_\alpha \\
E[^4A_1(1)] &= 157939Q_\alpha^2 - 39165Q_\alpha + 15542 \\
E[^4A_2(3)] &= 169208Q_\alpha^2 - 54161Q_\alpha + 32932 \\
E[^4E(1)] &= 157491Q_\alpha^2 - 39295Q_\alpha + 15876 \\
E[^4E(2)] &= 155641Q_\alpha^2 - 40388Q_\alpha + 23069 \\
E[^4E(3)] &= 166482Q_\alpha^2 - 51343Q_\alpha + 36808 \\
E[^2E(1)] &= 148711Q_\alpha^2 - 23970Q_\alpha + 14234 \\
E[^2E(2)] &= 148395Q_\alpha^2 - 23962Q_\alpha + 15357 \\
E[^2E(3)] &= 148339Q_\alpha^2 - 25919Q_\alpha + 21416 \\
E[^2A(1)] &= 147639Q_\alpha^2 - 25947Q_\alpha + 22753
\end{aligned}$$

It is well known, that force field parameters derived from Hartree-Fock, and from post-Hartree-Fock methods are systematically overestimated compared to values extracted from experimental IR and Raman spectra. The same, though to lesser extent, is also valid for gradients. In the calculations we have used the following scaling factors based on a spectroscopic calibration, adjusting the force field constant  $K_\alpha$  and the gradient  $V_\alpha$  using the following relations:

$$K_\alpha^{eff} = 0.21K_\alpha^{NEVPT2}$$

$$V_\alpha^{eff} = 0.87V_\alpha^{NEVPT2}$$

The adjustment holds true for the here considered case of  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$  in emerald and was chosen in such a way to reproduce the shape of the  ${}^4\text{A}_2 \rightarrow {}^4\text{T}_2$  in the non-polarized with a  $h\nu_{\alpha 1} = 370 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and a Huang-Rhys factor  $S=3.0$ .

Figure 6 has been constructed using the following MatLab script:

```
clear all
clc

% potential energy diagrams
Qalfa1=[-0.72:0.01:0.72];
% ground state 4A2
deltaEFC=0;
Kalfa=61545;
Valfa=0;
Qalfamin1=Valfa/Kalfa
dRmin1=Qalfamin1/sqrt(6)
Ealfa4A21=deltaEFC+(1/2)*Kalfa*Qalfa1.^2-Valfa*Qalfa1;
% 4A2(4T1(2)), units cm-1
deltaEFC=32930;
Kalfa=69714;
Valfa=24920;
Qalfamin2=Valfa/Kalfa
dRmin2=Qalfamin2/sqrt(6)
Qalfa2=[-0.33:0.01:1.05];
Ealfa4A23=deltaEFC+(1/2)*Kalfa*Qalfa2.^2-Valfa*Qalfa2;
% 4A1(4T2), units cm-1
deltaEFC=15537;
Kalfa=65071;
Valfa=11873;
Qalfamin3=Valfa/Kalfa
dRmin3=Qalfamin3/sqrt(6)
Qalfa3=[-0.58:0.01:0.90];
Ealfa4A1=deltaEFC+(1/2)*Kalfa*Qalfa3.^2-Valfa*Qalfa3;

% 4E(4T2)

deltaEFC=15875;
Kalfa=64886;
Valfa=11987;
```

```

Qalfamin4=Valfa/Kalfa
dRmin4=Qalfamin4/sqrt(6)
Qalfa4=[-0.58:0.01:0.90];
Ealfa4E1=deltaEFC+(1/2)*Kalfa*Qalfa4.^2-Valfa*Qalfa4;

% 4E(4T11)

deltaEFC=23076;
Kalfa=64124;
Valfa=12937;
Qalfamin5=Valfa/Kalfa
dRmin5=Qalfamin5/sqrt(6)
Qalfa5=[-0.52:0.01:0.92];
Ealfa4E12=deltaEFC+(1/2)*Kalfa*Qalfa5.^2-Valfa*Qalfa5;

% 4E(4T12)

deltaEFC=36806;
Kalfa=68590;
Valfa=22468;
Qalfamin6=Valfa/Kalfa
dRmin6=Qalfamin6/sqrt(6)
Qalfa6=[-0.39:0.01:1.05];
Ealfa4E13=deltaEFC+(1/2)*Kalfa*Qalfa6.^2-Valfa*Qalfa6;

% 2E(2E)

deltaEFC=14233;
Kalfa=61269;
Valfa=-1347;
Qalfamin7=Valfa/Kalfa
dRmin7=Qalfamin7/sqrt(6)
Qalfa7=[-0.72:0.01:0.72];
Ealfa2E1=deltaEFC+(1/2)*Kalfa*Qalfa7.^2-Valfa*Qalfa7;

% 2E(2T1)

deltaEFC=15377;
Kalfa=61139;
Valfa=-1353;
Qalfamin8=Valfa/Kalfa
dRmin8=Qalfamin8/sqrt(6)
Qalfa8=[-0.72:0.01:0.72];
Ealfa2E2=deltaEFC+(1/2)*Kalfa*Qalfa8.^2-Valfa*Qalfa8;

% 2E(2T2)

deltaEFC=21415;
Kalfa=61116;
Valfa=-349;
Qalfamin9=Valfa/Kalfa
dRmin9=Qalfamin9/sqrt(6)
Qalfa9=[-0.72:0.01:0.72];
Ealfa2E3=deltaEFC+(1/2)*Kalfa*Qalfa9.^2-Valfa*Qalfa9;

% 2A1(2T2)

deltaEFC=22752;

```



```

Kalfa=60827;
Valfa=-373;
Qalfamin10=Valfa/Kalfa
dRmin10=Qalfamin10/sqrt(6)
Qalfa10=[-0.72:0.01:0.72];
Ealfa2A1=deltaEFC+(1/2)*Kalfa*Qalfa10.^2-Valfa*Qalfa10;

plot(Qalfa2,Ealfa4A23,'-',Qalfa1,Ealfa4A21,'-',Qalfa3,Ealfa4A1,'-',
Qalfa4,Ealfa4E1,'-',Qalfa5,Ealfa4E12,'-',Qalfa6,Ealfa4E13,'-',
Qalfa7,Ealfa2E1,'-',Qalfa8,Ealfa2E2,'-',Qalfa9,Ealfa2E3,'-
',Qalfa10,Ealfa2A1,'-')
XMIN=-0.72;
XMAX=1.05;
YMIN=0;
YMAX=45000;
axis([XMIN XMAX YMIN YMAX])

```

The spectrum (Figure 7) was simulated using the following MatLab script:

```

clear all
clc
format long
% Qalfa progression
%      1      2      3      4      5
% 4A2 -> 4A1(4T2) 4A2(4T1(2)) 4E(4T2) 4E(4T1(1)) 4E(4T1(2))
S4=      [2.92 11.62 2.99 3.55 9.68];
ndim4=max(size(S4));
E4zpt= [14454 28476 14768 21771 33126];
homega4=[370 383 370 368 380];
fosc4=[16.3 0.0 18.2 8.5 4.8];
S2=      [0.04 0.04 0.0 0.0];
ndim22=max(size(S2));
E2zpt= [14218 15362 21414 22751];
homega2=[359 359 359 358];
fosc2=[4.3 1.6 0.7 0.2];
ndim22=max(size(S2));

% 4A2 to S=3/2 d-d transitions
isum=0.0;
esum=0.0;
I(40)=zeros;
E(40)=zeros;
for i=1:ndim4
factor=exp(-S4(i));
huangrhys=S4(i);
for j=1:8
isum=isum+1;
esum=esum+1;
I4(isum)=factor*huangrhys^(j-1)/factorial(j-1);
E4(esum)=E4zpt(i)+(j-1)*homega4(i);
end
end

% x=[min(E4)-1000:1:max(E4)+1000];
x=[12000:10:30000];
ndim2=max(size(x));

% result=[E' I']

```

```

% disp(result)
% ndim=max(size(result));

% spin-allowed transitions
% zspectrum
ndim=8;
b=E4(1:8);
c=I4(1:8);
f=fosc4(1);
y(8,ndim2)=zeros;
for i=1:8
    for j=1:ndim2
        y(i,j)=(x(j)-b(i))/1000;
        y(i,j)=f*c(i)*exp(-y(i,j)*y(i,j));
    end
end
envelope1(ndim2)=zeros;
for j=1:ndim2
    for i=1:8
        envelope1(j)=envelope1(j)+y(i,j);
    end
end

% xy spectrum 4E(1)

b=E4(17:24);
c=I4(17:24);
f=fosc4(3);
y(8,ndim2)=zeros;
for i=1:8
    for j=1:ndim2
        y(i,j)=(x(j)-b(i))/1000;
        y(i,j)=f*c(i)*exp(-y(i,j)*y(i,j));
    end
end
envelope2(ndim2)=zeros;
for j=1:ndim2
    for i=1:8
        envelope2(j)=envelope2(j)+y(i,j);
    end
end

% xy spectrum 4E(2)
b=E4(25:32);
c=I4(25:32);
f=fosc4(4);
y(8,ndim2)=zeros;
for i=1:8
    for j=1:ndim2
        y(i,j)=(x(j)-b(i))/1000;
        y(i,j)=f*c(i)*exp(-y(i,j)*y(i,j));
    end
end
envelope3(ndim2)=zeros;
for j=1:ndim2
    for i=1:8
        envelope3(j)=envelope3(j)+y(i,j);
    end
end

```

```

% xy spectrum 4E(2)

b=E4(33:40);
c=I4(33:40);
f=fosc4(5);
y(8,ndim2)=zeros;
for i=1:8
    for j=1:ndim2
        y(i,j)=(x(j)-b(i))/1000;
        y(i,j)=f*c(i)*exp(-y(i,j)*y(i,j));
    end
end
envelope4(ndim2)=zeros;
for j=1:ndim2
    for i=1:8
        envelope4(j)=envelope4(j)+y(i,j);
    end
end

envelope4z=envelope1;
envelope4xy=envelope2+envelope3+envelope4;
%
% plot(x,envelope4z,'-',x,envelope4xy,'-')

% spin-forbidden transitions

% 4A2 to S=1/2 d-d transitions
isum=0.0;
esum=0.0;
I2(32)=zeros;
E2(32)=zeros;
for i=1:ndim22
    factor=exp(-S2(i));
    huangrhys=S2(i);
    for j=1:8
        isum=isum+1;
        esum=esum+1;
        I2(isum)=factor*huangrhys^(j-1)/factorial(j-1);
        E2(esum)=E2zpt(i)+(j-1)*homega2(i);
    end
end

% xy spectrum 2E(1)

b=E2(1:8);
c=I2(1:8);
f=fosc2(1);
y(8,ndim2)=zeros;
for i=1:8
    for j=1:ndim2
        y(i,j)=(x(j)-b(i))/50;
        y(i,j)=f*c(i)*exp(-y(i,j)*y(i,j));
    end
end
envelope5(ndim2)=zeros;
for j=1:ndim2
    for i=1:8
        envelope5(j)=envelope5(j)+y(i,j);
    end
end

```

```
end
end
```

```
% xy spectrum 2E(2)
b=E2(9:16);
c=I2(9:16);
f=fosc2(2);
y(8,ndim2)=zeros;
for i=1:8
    for j=1:ndim2
        y(i,j)=(x(j)-b(i))/50;
        y(i,j)=f*c(i)*exp(-y(i,j)*y(i,j));
    end
end
envelope6(ndim2)=zeros;
for j=1:ndim2
    for i=1:8
        envelope6(j)=envelope6(j)+y(i,j);
    end
end

% xy spectrum 2E(3)

b=E2(17:24);
c=I2(17:24);
f=fosc2(3);
y(8,ndim2)=zeros;
for i=1:8
    for j=1:ndim2
        y(i,j)=(x(j)-b(i))/50;
        y(i,j)=f*c(i)*exp(-y(i,j)*y(i,j));
    end
end
envelope7(ndim2)=zeros;
for j=1:ndim2
    for i=1:8
        envelope7(j)=envelope7(j)+y(i,j);
    end
end
% spin allowed allowed allowed forbidden forbidden forbidden
envelopexy=envelope2+envelope3+envelope4+envelope5+envelope6+envelope7;

plot(x,envelope4z,'-',x,envelopexy,'-')

axis([12000 30000 0 14])
```

## §7. Generation of embedded host environment based on the Gelle-Lepetit method

### 7.1 Gellé -Lepetit method

The Gellé -Lepetit method <sup>5</sup> allows to calculate the Madelung potential and design the embedded cluster around an impurity ion in a supercell of a given crystal. It works by the cancel out of given number of successive multipolar

moments of the crystal supercell. This method was applied to obtain the QC, BR and PC of emerald crystal using the 1x1x2 optimized supercell, the Env 15 softwer and the following files:

### S 1.1. The input file

```
&envin
prefix='SD',
nfi_in='SD_0.cell',
ncel = 0,
nch = 116,
sortie='orca',
a= 9.25524107, b= 9.25524107, c= 18.51489404,
alpha= 90.0, beta=90.0,gamma=120.000000,
atom0='Cr',
pos0 = 3.333333333333E-01, -3.333333333333E-01, 1.249444485904E-01,
nmag=1,
atommag='Cr',
posmag= 3.333333333333E-01,-3.333333333333E-01,1.249444485904E-01,
dsys=2.0, dpseud=5.2,
&end
```

### S 1.2. The cell file

```
BE -4.979021040594E-01 4.145567827934E-03 1.250285738022E-01 2.0
BE -4.999970259207E-01 -1.837319650455E-05 -3.749795366598E-01 2.0
BE -4.145567827933E-03 4.979523281127E-01 1.250285738022E-01 2.0
BE 1.837319650452E-05 -4.999786527242E-01 -3.749795366598E-01 2.0
BE -4.979523281127E-01 4.979021040594E-01 1.250285738022E-01 2.0
BE 4.999786527242E-01 4.999970259207E-01 -3.749795366598E-01 2.0
BE 4.993976517886E-01 -2.529378483096E-05 -1.253486194027E-01 2.0
BE -4.994590019109E-01 -4.717867745963E-05 3.753128133843E-01 2.0
BE 2.529378483100E-05 4.994229455734E-01 -1.253486194027E-01 2.0
BE 4.717867745997E-05 -4.994118232335E-01 3.753128133843E-01 2.0
BE -4.994229455734E-01 -4.993976517886E-01 -1.253486194027E-01 2.0
BE 4.994118232335E-01 4.994590019109E-01 3.753128133843E-01 2.0
CR 3.333333333333E-01 -3.333333333333E-01 1.249444485904E-01 3.0
AL 3.333333333333E-01 -3.333333333333E-01 -3.750209816237E-01 3.0
AL -3.333333333333E-01 3.333333333333E-01 1.250040383774E-01 3.0
AL -3.333333333333E-01 3.333333333333E-01 3.333333333333E-01 -3.749879007554E-01 3.0
AL -3.333333333333E-01 3.333333333333E-01 -1.252771096651E-01 3.0
AL -3.333333333333E-01 3.333333333333E-01 3.752811073035E-01 3.0
AL 3.333333333333E-01 -3.333333333333E-01 -1.250829001267E-01 3.0
AL 3.333333333333E-01 -3.333333333333E-01 -3.333333333333E-01 3.750895264560E-01 3.0
SI 2.724707118510E-01 -1.147141555955E-01 -9.155398550900E-04 4.0
SI 2.726586925066E-01 -1.171441659495E-01 -4.998941293865E-01 4.0
SI -2.738280847363E-01 1.164831801927E-01 -5.418435739343E-04 4.0
SI -2.724469808798E-01 1.171094031002E-01 -4.997977394021E-01 4.0
SI 1.147141555955E-01 3.871848674465E-01 -9.155398550900E-04 4.0
SI 1.171441659495E-01 3.898028584560E-01 -4.998941293865E-01 4.0
SI -3.871848674465E-01 -2.724707118510E-01 -9.155398550900E-04 4.0
SI -3.898028584560E-01 -2.726586925066E-01 -4.998941293865E-01 4.0
SI 3.903112649290E-01 2.738280847363E-01 -5.418435739343E-04 4.0
SI 3.895563839800E-01 2.724469808798E-01 -4.997977394021E-01 4.0
SI -1.164831801927E-01 -3.903112649290E-01 -5.418435739343E-04 4.0
SI -1.171094031002E-01 -3.895563839800E-01 -4.997977394021E-01 4.0
SI 3.895060586149E-01 1.171102086506E-01 -2.501981143837E-01 4.0
SI 3.902784793311E-01 1.164739551960E-01 2.505379826661E-01 4.0
SI -2.723958499643E-01 -3.895060586149E-01 -2.501981143837E-01 4.0
SI -2.738045241351E-01 -3.902784793311E-01 2.505379826661E-01 4.0
SI -1.171102086506E-01 2.723958499643E-01 -2.501981143837E-01 4.0
SI -1.164739551960E-01 2.738045241351E-01 2.505379826661E-01 4.0
SI 1.171659346214E-01 -2.726538822764E-01 -2.501089446355E-01 4.0
SI 1.147455954205E-01 -2.724698468959E-01 2.509128113531E-01 4.0
SI 2.726538822764E-01 3.898198168978E-01 -2.501089446355E-01 4.0
SI 2.724698468959E-01 3.872154423165E-01 2.509128113531E-01 4.0
SI -3.898198168978E-01 -1.171659346214E-01 -2.501089446355E-01 4.0
SI -3.872154423165E-01 -1.147455954205E-01 2.509128113531E-01 4.0
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O -7.323336798673E-02 2.380610629926E-01 -4.998081063218E-01 -2.0
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O 2.405211840111E-01 3.150126300660E-01 -3.520466741145E-06 -2.0  
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O 3.112944309793E-01 7.323336798673E-02 -4.998081063218E-01 -2.0  
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O 2.381118644501E-01 -7.341841479475E-02 -2.501098581124E-01 -2.0  
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O -3.545216509566E-01 4.992441899080E-01 -3.231505025786E-01 -2.0  
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O 1.371190012884E-01 4.926494803844E-01 7.310650974104E-02 -2.0  
O 1.462401739262E-01 -4.990799900355E-01 -4.268950283457E-01 -2.0  
O -4.926494803844E-01 -3.555304790960E-01 7.310650974104E-02 -2.0  
O 4.990799900355E-01 -3.546798360383E-01 -4.268950283457E-01 -2.0  
O 3.555304790960E-01 -1.371190012884E-01 7.310650974104E-02 -2.0  
O 3.546798360383E-01 -1.462401739262E-01 -4.268950283457E-01 -2.0

The calculations generated the xyz and PC files that can be obtained from the authors upon request.

## §8. Angular Overlap Model calculations

Angular overlap model calculations were carried out with the aid of the AOMX program package.<sup>6</sup> Here we include three type of examples of their usage in this report.

### 8.1. Assignment and labelling of multiplets from ORCA calculations.

Symmetry is available in ORCA for Abelian point groups only. In these point groups there are no degenerate representations. In the  $D_3$  point group the irreducible representations are  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  and E. From the ORCA output E representations can easily be identified from the twofold degeneracy of CASSCF computed state energies, but one cannot discriminate between  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ . To this end, one can repeat the calculation using the AOMX program just taking the set of LF parameters from the AILFT output, but one has to derive the AOM parameters for the Cr-O bond beforehand (see Section 8.2 for an example); for the CASSCF calculation the resulting parameters are (in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ):

$$e_\sigma = 5774, e_\pi = 484, B = 1064, C = 3950.$$

Input:

```
no Spin-Orbit coupling
```

```
3 D3
```

```
VAR
```

```
esg = 5774
```

```
epi = 484
```

```
B = 1064
```

```
C = 3950
```

```
*
```

```
zeta = 0
```

```
RTP
```

```
1.972 60.81 30.0
```

```
1.972 60.81 150.0
```

```
1.972 60.81 270.0
```

```
1.972 119.19 -30.0
```

```
1.972 119.19 90.0
```

```
1.972 119.19 210.0
```

```
AOM
```

```
esg epi epi
```

```
esg epi epi
```

```
esg epi epi
```

```
esg epi epi
```

```
esg epi epi
```

```
esg epi epi
```

VEE 0 B C

CTL PLFM

RUN

## Output:

Program AOMX, 09-Jun-96 Version

Author Heribert Adamsky, Theoretical Chemistry, HHU Duesseldorf, FRG  
MDET=252, MLIG=150, MVAR=40, MAOP=10, MOCS=10, MEEEX=20

no Spin-Orbit coupling

3 electrons

rotation group: D3

esg = 5774  
epi = 484  
B = 1064  
C = 3950  
\*  
zeta = 0

1 R	= 1.972	THETA = 60.81	PHI = 30.0
2 R	= 1.972	THETA = 60.81	PHI = 150.0
3 R	= 1.972	THETA = 60.81	PHI = 270.0
4 R	= 1.972	THETA = 119.19	PHI = -30.0
5 R	= 1.972	THETA = 119.19	PHI = 90.0
6 R	= 1.972	THETA = 119.19	PHI = 210.0

1 ESIG	= esg	EPIS = epi	EPIC = epi
2 ESIG	= esg	EPIS = epi	EPIC = epi
3 ESIG	= esg	EPIS = epi	EPIC = epi
4 ESIG	= esg	EPIS = epi	EPIC = epi
5 ESIG	= esg	EPIS = epi	EPIC = epi
6 ESIG	= esg	EPIS = epi	EPIC = epi

A = 0      B = B      C = C

CALCULATION NO. 1

esg = 5774.000000  
epi = 484.000000  
B = 1064.000000  
C = 3950.000000  
\*  
zeta = .000000

AOM matrix

	xy	xz	yz	x2y2	z2
8916.091	7489.102	.000	.000	.000	.000
7489.102	10164.975	.000	.000	.000	.000
.000	.000	10164.975	7489.102	.000	.000
.000	.000	7489.102	8916.091	.000	.000
.000	.000	.000	.000	.000	2289.868

no.	term	energy	occupation					character	
			xy	xz	yz	x2y2	z2	C2 (X)	
1	4A2	.000	.600	.400	.400	.600	1.000	-1.000	.000
3	4E	14658.059	.651	.632	.632	.651	.434	.000	.000
4	4A1	14805.891	.500	.500	.500	.500	1.000	1.000	.000
6	2E	18897.157	.616	.531	.531	.616	.706	.000	.000
7	2A2	19597.942	.526	.488	.488	.526	.974	-1.000	.000
9	2E	20453.126	.641	.405	.405	.641	.908	.000	.000
11	4E	22009.787	.502	.788	.788	.502	.420	.000	.000
12	4A2	25831.751	.796	.204	.204	.796	1.000	-1.000	.000
14	2E	26928.192	.473	.434	.434	.473	1.187	.000	.000



15	2A1	28511.408	.710	.403	.403	.710	.774	1.000	.000
16	2A1	30973.872	.616	.500	.500	.616	.768	1.000	.000
17	2A1	33553.697	.494	.559	.559	.494	.894	1.000	.000
19	2E	33746.218	.665	.712	.712	.665	.246	.000	.000
20	4A2	34545.922	.104	.896	.896	.104	1.000	-1.000	.000
22	2E	35040.446	.544	.456	.456	.544	1.001	.000	.000
23	2A2	35148.832	.697	.583	.583	.697	.441	-1.000	.000
25	2E	37069.375	.572	.573	.573	.572	.709	.000	.000
27	4E	38211.157	.846	.581	.581	.846	.146	.000	.000
29	2E	40703.537	.562	.659	.659	.562	.558	.000	.000
30	2A2	41580.370	.581	.568	.568	.581	.702	-1.000	.000
31	2A1	47702.370	.555	.698	.698	.555	.494	1.000	.000
33	2E	47908.197	.538	.712	.712	.538	.500	.000	.000
34	2A2	48382.162	.313	.766	.766	.313	.842	-1.000	.000
36	2E	49472.777	.608	.654	.654	.608	.475	.000	.000
37	2A2	52721.367	.717	.416	.416	.717	.734	-1.000	.000
39	2E	53687.117	.539	.631	.631	.539	.661	.000	.000
40	2A1	54848.523	.819	.565	.565	.819	.232	1.000	.000
42	2E	57738.351	.695	.734	.734	.695	.142	.000	.000
44	2E	60689.843	.542	.773	.773	.542	.371	.000	.000
45	2A2	61062.004	.668	.679	.679	.668	.306	-1.000	.000
47	2E	79206.128	.540	.751	.751	.540	.418	.000	.000
48	2A1	80830.806	.305	.776	.776	.305	.838	1.000	.000
50	2E	83586.001	.966	.476	.476	.966	.117	.000	.000

Stop - Program terminated.

We obtain the results with assignment and labelling listed in Table S3

## 8.2. Ligand field parameters from a best fit to energy eigenvalues.

Here we illustrate the derivation of the LF parameters using experimentally reported d-d transitions. We utilize the  $D_3$  symmetry to label the states.

### Input:

no Spin-Orbit coupling

3 D3

VAR OPT STA

esg = 5917 1000 20000

epi = 412 200 5000

B = 1059 100 2000

C = 3974 400 8000

\*

zeta = 0

RTP

1.972 60.81 30.0

1.972 60.81 150.0

1.972 60.81 270.0

1.972 119.19 -30.0

1.972 119.19 90.0

1.972 119.19 210.0

AOM

esg epi epi

esg epi epi

esg epi epi

esg epi epi

esg epi epi

esg epi epi

VEE 0 B C

EXP

2E 14686 1 2E 1

4A1 15700 1 4A1 1

```

4E 16800 1 4E 1
2E 21037 1 2E 3
2A1 21037 1 2A1 1
4E 22800 1 4E 2
4A2 24000 1 4A2 2
2A1 30700 1 2A1 3
2E 31650 1 2E 4
2A2 30700 1 2A2 2
2E 31650 1 2E 5
2E 36300 1 2E 7
2A2 37400 1 2A2 3

```

CTL PLFM

RUN

## OUTPUT:

Program AOMX, 09-Jun-96 Version

Author Heribert Adamsky, Theoretical Chemistry, HHU Duesseldorf, FRG  
MDET=252, MLIG=150, MVAR=40, MAOP=10, MOCS=10, MEEEX=20

no Spin-Orbit coupling

3 electrons

rotation group: D3

```

esg      = 5917      MIN 1000      MAX 20000
epi      = 412       MIN 200       MAX 5000
B        = 1059     MIN 100       MAX 2000
C        = 3974     MIN 400       MAX 8000
*

```

zeta = 0

```

1 R      = 1.972     THETA = 60.81     PHI   = 30.0
2 R      = 1.972     THETA = 60.81     PHI   = 150.0
3 R      = 1.972     THETA = 60.81     PHI   = 270.0
4 R      = 1.972     THETA = 119.19    PHI   = -30.0
5 R      = 1.972     THETA = 119.19    PHI   = 90.0
6 R      = 1.972     THETA = 119.19    PHI   = 210.0

```

```

1 ESIG   = esg      EPIS   = epi      EPIC   = epi
2 ESIG   = esg      EPIS   = epi      EPIC   = epi
3 ESIG   = esg      EPIS   = epi      EPIC   = epi
4 ESIG   = esg      EPIS   = epi      EPIC   = epi
5 ESIG   = esg      EPIS   = epi      EPIC   = epi
6 ESIG   = esg      EPIS   = epi      EPIC   = epi

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```

A = 0      B = B      C = C

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1 2E      ( Eex = 14686.000 Wt = 1.000) = 1.000 * 2E , 1
2 4A1     ( Eex = 15700.000 Wt = 1.000) = 1.000 * 4A1, 1
3 4E      ( Eex = 16800.000 Wt = 1.000) = 1.000 * 4E , 1
4 2E      ( Eex = 21037.000 Wt = 1.000) = 1.000 * 2E , 3
5 2A1     ( Eex = 21037.000 Wt = 1.000) = 1.000 * 2A1, 1
6 4E      ( Eex = 22800.000 Wt = 1.000) = 1.000 * 4E , 2
7 4A2     ( Eex = 24000.000 Wt = 1.000) = 1.000 * 4A2, 2
8 2A1     ( Eex = 30700.000 Wt = 1.000) = 1.000 * 2A1, 3
9 2E      ( Eex = 31650.000 Wt = 1.000) = 1.000 * 2E , 4
10 2A2    ( Eex = 30700.000 Wt = 1.000) = 1.000 * 2A2, 2
11 2E     ( Eex = 31650.000 Wt = 1.000) = 1.000 * 2E , 5
12 2E     ( Eex = 36300.000 Wt = 1.000) = 1.000 * 2E , 7
13 2A2    ( Eex = 37400.000 Wt = 1.000) = 1.000 * 2A2, 3

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OPTIMIZATION USING HOGGARDS POWELL-PROGRAM

SIGMA0 = -1.00000 SCALE = 1.00000 VSTART = .000000 MAXIT = 30

STARTING PARAMETERS:

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esg      epi      B      C
5917.00000 412.00000 1059.00000 3974.00000

```

ITERATION 0 1 FUNCTION VALUES F= 242688643.36

CURRENT PARAMETER SET:  
5917.000 412.000 1059.000 3974.000

ITERATION 1 16 FUNCTION VALUES F= 93830018.25  
CURRENT PARAMETER SET:  
4908.206 379.559 794.270 3721.324

ITERATION 2 31 FUNCTION VALUES F= 10649531.18  
CURRENT PARAMETER SET:  
6312.008 341.332 552.408 3374.794

ITERATION 3 44 FUNCTION VALUES F= 9342141.97  
CURRENT PARAMETER SET:  
6230.496 286.567 584.818 3347.422

ITERATION 4 56 FUNCTION VALUES F= 8344394.95  
CURRENT PARAMETER SET:  
6061.806 213.528 664.659 3152.613

ITERATION 5 70 FUNCTION VALUES F= 8300536.96  
CURRENT PARAMETER SET:  
6046.530 200.918 671.345 3155.005

ITERATION 6 84 FUNCTION VALUES F= 8286591.06  
CURRENT PARAMETER SET:  
6084.098 232.521 675.012 3158.365

ITERATION 7 102 FUNCTION VALUES F= 7975487.73  
CURRENT PARAMETER SET:  
7103.704 988.219 663.640 3152.325

ITERATION 8 114 FUNCTION VALUES F= 7958489.62  
CURRENT PARAMETER SET:  
7147.382 1036.876 666.488 3156.420

ITERATION 9 125 FUNCTION VALUES F= 7958488.61  
CURRENT PARAMETER SET:  
7148.759 1037.904 666.474 3156.498

ITERATION 10 135 FUNCTION VALUES F= 7958488.60  
CURRENT PARAMETER SET:  
7148.764 1037.904 666.470 3156.512

OPTIMUM VALUE OF FUNCTION: 7958488.60

TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNCTION EVALUATIONS: 136

PARAMETERS:

esg	epi	B	C
7148.76418	1037.90444	666.46959	3156.51210

RESIDUAL:  
.79585E+07

NEXT CALCULATION WITH OPTIMIZED PARAMETERS

esg = 7148.764176  
epi = 1037.904443  
B = 666.469588  
C = 3156.512098  
\*  
zeta = .000000

AOM matrix

	xy	xz	yz	x2y2	z2
12280.517	8418.145	.000	.000	.000	.000
8418.145	13259.965	.000	.000	.000	.000
.000	.000	13259.965	8418.145	.000	.000
.000	.000	8418.145	12280.517	.000	.000
.000	.000	.000	.000	4266.475	.000

energy (exp.)	energy(calc.)	difference	weight
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2E	14686.000	14161.795	-524.205	1.000
4A1	15700.000	16646.159	946.159	1.000
4E	16800.000	16685.756	-114.244	1.000
2E	21037.000	21121.543	84.543	1.000
2A1	21037.000	22622.401	1585.401	1.000
4E	22800.000	22403.286	-396.714	1.000
4A2	24000.000	25043.024	1043.024	1.000
2A1	30700.000	30809.670	109.670	1.000
2E	31650.000	30775.083	-874.917	1.000
2A2	30700.000	31590.826	890.826	1.000
2E	31650.000	31412.617	-237.383	1.000
2E	36300.000	35682.891	-617.109	1.000
2A2	37400.000	36399.373	-1000.627	1.000

Sigma, weighted = 782.427

PARTIAL DERIVATIVE MATRIX

	esg	epi	B	C
2E	.373D-01	.609D-01	.626D+01	.306D+01
4A1	.294D+01	-.404D+01	-.209D+00	-.576D-09
4E	.287D+01	-.354D+01	-.209D+00	-.519D-09
2E	.528D+00	-.945D+00	.810D+01	.410D+01
2A1	.572D+00	-.586D+00	.945D+01	.407D+01
4E	.318D+01	-.417D+01	.601D+01	-.519D-09
4A2	.309D+01	-.401D+01	.107D+02	.231D-09
2A1	.303D+01	-.412D+01	.588D+01	.300D+01
2E	.288D+01	-.347D+01	.652D+01	.300D+01
2A2	.286D+01	-.348D+01	.794D+01	.300D+01
2E	.295D+01	-.405D+01	.760D+01	.301D+01
2E	.306D+01	-.397D+01	.127D+02	.300D+01
2A2	.311D+01	-.410D+01	.134D+02	.300D+01

WEIGHT VECTOR

	2E	4A1	4E	2E	2A1	4E	4A2	2A1
2E	.00100	.00100	.00100	.00100	.00100	.00100	.00100	.00100
2A2	.00100	.00100	.00100					

(ATRANSPOSE.W.A) MATRIX

	esg	epi	B	C
esg	.905D-01	-.118D+00	.223D+00	.583D-01
epi	-.118D+00	.154D+00	-.290D+00	-.757D-01
B	.223D+00	-.290D+00	.883D+00	.253D+00
C	.583D-01	-.757D-01	.253D+00	.968D-01

VALUE OF DET (ATRANSPOSE.W.A) : .2812D-06

(ATRANSPOSE.W.A) INVERSE MATRIX

	esg	epi	B	C
esg	.432D+04	.328D+04	-.152D+02	.498D+01
epi	.328D+04	.251D+04	-.424D+01	-.153D+01
B	-.152D+02	-.424D+01	.759D+01	-.140D+02
C	.498D+01	-.153D+01	-.140D+02	.427D+02

STANDARD DEVIATIONS OF PARAMETERS:

	esg	epi	B	C
	65.706	50.115	2.755	6.534

CORRELATION COEFFICIENT MATRIX:

	esg	epi	B	C
esg	1.0000	.9965	-.0840	.0116
epi	.9965	1.0000	-.0307	-.0047
B	-.0840	-.0307	1.0000	-.7769
C	.0116	-.0047	-.7769	1.0000

EIGENVECTORS OF CORRELATION COEFFICIENT MATRIX

	esg	epi	B	C
esg	.7065	-.7024	.0733	.0455
epi	.0381	-.0808	-.7038	-.7048
B	.1627	.1897	.6786	-.6907
C	-.6877	-.6812	.1969	-.1556

GRADIENT OF SQUARED ERROR:

	esg	epi	B	C
	-.560D-02	.734D-02	.880D-02	-.301D-01

EIGENVALUES OF (APPROXIMATE) HESSIAN MATRIX:

	esg	epi	B	C
	.147D-03	.206D-01	.830D-01	.112D+01

THE HESSIAN IS POSITIVE DEFINITE

EIGENVECTORS OF GAUSS-NEWTON APPROXIMATE HESSIAN

	esg	epi	B	C
esg	.795D+00	.606D+00	-.215D-02	.452D-03
epi	.950D-01	-.127D+00	-.339D+00	.927D+00
B	-.548D+00	.720D+00	.327D+00	.274D+00
C	.241D+00	-.314D+00	.882D+00	.255D+00

Stop - Program terminated.

The results are listed in Table S1.

Ligand field parameters computed using direct fit to experimental and computed d-d transitions are listed in Tables S1-S4 along with energies recomputed using the best fit values of the ligand field parameters.

Table S1 Experimental (from Ref.41) vs computed energies of d-d transition of emerald along with best fit ligand field parameters, relative statistical parameter errors and standard deviations ( $\sigma$ ) between experimental and computed <sup>a</sup> energies of d-d transitions.<sup>b</sup>

Term $D_3[O(R_3)]$	Exp.	Computed	Computed-Exp
$^4A_2[^4A_2(^4F)]$	0	0	0
$^2E[^2E(^2G)]$	14686	14162	-534
$^4A_1[^4T_2(^4F)]$	15700	16646	946
$^4E[^4T_2(^4F)]$	16800	16686	-114
$^2E[^2T_2(^2G)]$	21037	21122	84
$^2A_1[^2T_2(^2G)]$	21037	22622	1585
$^4E[^4T_1(^4F)]$	22800	22403	-397
$^4A_2[^4T_1(^4F)]$	24000	25043	1043

${}^2A_1[{}^2T_2({}^2H)]$	30700	30810	110
${}^2E[{}^2T_2({}^2H)]$	31650	30775	-875
${}^2A_2[{}^2T_1({}^2P)]$	30700	31591	891
${}^2E[{}^2T_1({}^2P)]$	31650	31413	-237
${}^2E[{}^2T_1({}^2H)]$	36300	35683	-617
${}^2A_2[{}^2T_1({}^2H)]$	37400	36399	-1001
$e_\sigma$		7149±66	
$e_\pi$		1038±50	
B		666±3	
C		3156±6	
$\sigma$		782	

<sup>a</sup> Recomputed using listed best fit ligand field parameter values; <sup>b</sup> all entries are energies are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

Table S2 Ab-initio computed state-specific NEVPT2 (active space CAS(3,5)) energies of d-d transition of emerald along with best fit ligand field parameters, relative statistical parameter errors and standard deviations ( $\sigma$ ) between NEVPT2 and recomputed using best fit ligand field parameters energies of d-d transitions.<sup>a</sup>

Term $D_3[O(R_3)]$	NEVPT2 State spec.CAS(3,5)	Computed	Computed-NEVPT2
${}^4A_2[{}^4A_2({}^4F)]$	0	0	0
${}^2E[{}^2E({}^2G)]$	14257	14500	243
${}^2E[{}^2T_1({}^2G)]$	15377	15713	336
${}^4A_1[{}^4T_2({}^4F)]$	15552	15667	115
${}^4E[{}^4T_2({}^4F)]$	15886	15886	-19
${}^2E[{}^2T_2({}^2G)]$	21451	21256	-195
${}^2A_1[{}^2T_2({}^2G)]$	22788	23024	236
${}^4E[{}^4T_1({}^4F)]$	23079	21969	-1110
${}^2A_1[{}^2A_1({}^2G)]$	28367	28096	-271
${}^2A_1[{}^2T_2({}^2H)]$	29817	30121	303
${}^2E[{}^2T_2({}^2H)]$	30586	30353	-233
${}^2E[{}^2T_1({}^2H)]$	36149	35711	-438
${}^4A_2[{}^4T_1({}^4P)]$	32933	33366	433

${}^4E[{}^4T_1({}^4P)]$	36811	37333	522
$e_\sigma$		$7297\pm 44$	
$e_\pi$		$1382\pm 32$	
B		$767\pm 4$	
C		$3058\pm 7$	
$\sigma$		428	

<sup>a</sup> all entries are energies are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

Table S3 Ab-initio computed state-average CASSCF (active space CAS(3,5)) energies of d-d transition of emerald along with best fit ligand field parameters, relative statistical parameter errors and standard deviations ( $\sigma$ ) between CASSCF and recomputed using best fit ligand field parameters energies of d-d transitions.<sup>a</sup>

Term $D_3[O(R_3)]$	CASSCF State aver.CAS(3,5)	Computed	Computed-CASSCF
${}^4A_2[{}^4A_2({}^4F)]$	0	0	0
${}^2E[{}^2E({}^2G)]$	19102	18895	-207
${}^2A_2[{}^2T_1({}^2G)]$	19694	19596	-98
${}^2E[{}^2T_1({}^2G)]$	20452	20451	-1
${}^4A_1[{}^4T_2({}^4F)]$	14532	14808	276
${}^4E[{}^4T_2({}^4F)]$	15235	14660	-575
${}^2E[{}^2T_2({}^2G)]$	26972	26926	-46
${}^2A_1[{}^2T_2({}^2G)]$	28520	28509	-10
${}^4E[{}^4T_1({}^4F)]$	22894	22011	-883
${}^4A_2[{}^4T_1({}^4F)]$	24718	25833	1115
${}^2A_1[{}^2A_1({}^2G)]$	30971	30974	3
${}^2A_1[{}^2T_2({}^2H)]$	33123	33554	430
${}^2E[{}^2T_2({}^2H)]$	34120	33746	-374
${}^2A_2[{}^2T_1({}^2P)]$	34415	35148	733
${}^2E[{}^2T_1({}^2P)]$	35432	35040	-392
${}^2E[{}^2E({}^2H)]$	37363	37068	-294
${}^2E[{}^2T_1({}^2H)]$	40750	40703	-47
${}^2A_2[{}^2T_1({}^2H)]$	41208	41580	272
${}^4A_2[{}^4T_1({}^4P)]$	34526	34547	21
${}^4E[{}^4T_1({}^4P)]$	38603	38212	-391

$e_{\sigma}$		5774±32	
$e_{\pi}$		484±24	
B		1064±3	
C		3950±5	
$\sigma$		452	

<sup>a</sup> all entries are energies are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

Table S4 Ab-initio computed state-average NEVPT2 (active space CAS(3,5)) energies of d-d transition of emerald along with best fit ligand field parameters, relative statistical parameter errors and standard deviations ( $\sigma$ ) between CASSCF and recomputed using best fit ligand field parameters energies of d-d transitions.<sup>a</sup>

Term $D_3[\text{O}(\text{R}_3)]$	NEVPT2 State-aver.CAS(3,5)	Computed	Computed-NEVPT2
$^4\text{A}_2[{}^4\text{A}_2({}^4\text{F})]$	0	0	0
${}^2\text{E}[{}^2\text{E}({}^2\text{G})]$	16674	16659	-15
${}^2\text{A}_2[{}^2\text{T}_1({}^2\text{G})]$	17268	17026	-242
${}^2\text{E}[{}^2\text{T}_1({}^2\text{G})]$	17909	17953	44
${}^4\text{A}_1[{}^4\text{T}_2({}^4\text{F})]$	16935	17067	132
${}^4\text{E}[{}^4\text{T}_2({}^4\text{F})]$	17662	17114	-548
${}^2\text{E}[{}^2\text{T}_2({}^2\text{G})]$	24467	24442	-25
${}^2\text{A}_1[{}^2\text{T}_2({}^2\text{G})]$	25925	26152	227
${}^4\text{E}[{}^4\text{T}_1({}^4\text{F})]$	25093	23772	-1321
${}^4\text{A}_2[{}^4\text{T}_1({}^4\text{F})]$	26599	27111	512
${}^2\text{A}_1[{}^2\text{A}_1({}^2\text{G})]$	31228	31420	192
${}^2\text{A}_1[{}^2\text{T}_2({}^2\text{H})]$	33192	33675	483
${}^2\text{E}[{}^2\text{T}_2({}^2\text{H})]$	33876	33744	-132
${}^2\text{A}_2[{}^2\text{T}_1({}^2\text{P})]$	34255	34778	523
${}^2\text{E}[{}^2\text{T}_1({}^2\text{P})]$	35177	34544	-633
${}^2\text{E}[{}^2\text{E}({}^2\text{H})]$	36515	36410	-105
${}^2\text{E}[{}^2\text{T}_1({}^2\text{H})]$	40029	39595	-434
${}^2\text{A}_2[{}^2\text{T}_1({}^2\text{H})]$	40350	40416	66
${}^4\text{A}_2[{}^4\text{T}_1({}^4\text{P})]$	35973	36416	443
${}^4\text{E}[{}^4\text{T}_1({}^4\text{P})]$	39856	40130	274
$e_{\sigma}$		7363±39	



$e_{\pi}$		1082±29	
B		822±3	
C		3654±6	
$\sigma$		452	

<sup>a</sup> all entries are energies are in cm<sup>-1</sup>.

## §9. Periodic DFT geometry optimizations

The threshold on the geometry optimization was set to 10<sup>-7</sup> Ha, a pruned (75,974) p grid was adopted (XLGRID) and the percentage of Hartree-Fock/Kohn-Sham mixing matrices was set to 30 (IPMIX = 30). The values used in the present study for the five tolerances that evaluate Coulomb and exchange integrals were set to 10<sup>-7</sup> (ITOL1 to ITOL4) and 10<sup>-14</sup> (ITOL5), respectively. The shrinking factor (Pack-Monkhorst and Gilat net) of the reciprocal space net was set to 8, corresponding to 59 k-points in the irreducible Brillouin zone (IBZ) and for accelerating convergence the Broyden scheme was chosen.

Input files:

d12 input for DFT optimization of undoped crystal(beryl):

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Input for optimization of doped crystal with Cr<sup>3+</sup> (emerald) :

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