JAHN-TELLER ANALYSIS OF THE VIBRONIC STRUCTURE OF THE $\widetilde{X}^2E_1''$ STATE IN THE CYCLOPENTADIENYL RADICAL

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While room temperature wavelength resolved emission spectra of the $\widetilde{A}^2A_2''$-$\widetilde{X}^2E_1''$ transition have existed for nearly 20 years[a], the vibrational assignment of these spectra has remained elusive. The major difficulty with the vibrational analysis is attributable to complications arising from the dynamic Jahn-Teller effect in the $\widetilde{X}$ state. Newly obtained jet-cooled laser excited wavelength resolved fluorescence emmision spectra, in conjunction with recent [b]calculations aimed at predicting the relevant Jahn-Teller constants have now made the complete analysis of the available spectral data possible. The transitions involving the Jahn-Teller active vibrations have been analyzed in terms of the three lowest energy harmonic vibrations of the appropriate symmetry (e_2'), assuming only linear Jahn-Teller interactions. Additional features of the spectrum may be described in terms of the fundamentals, overtones, and combination bands of the non-Jahn-Teller active vibrations as well as combinations involving the Jahn-Teller active modes.

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