

# **TD DFT insights into unusual properties of excited sandwich complexes: Structural transformations and vibronic interactions in Rydberg-state bis( $\eta^6$ -benzene)chromium**

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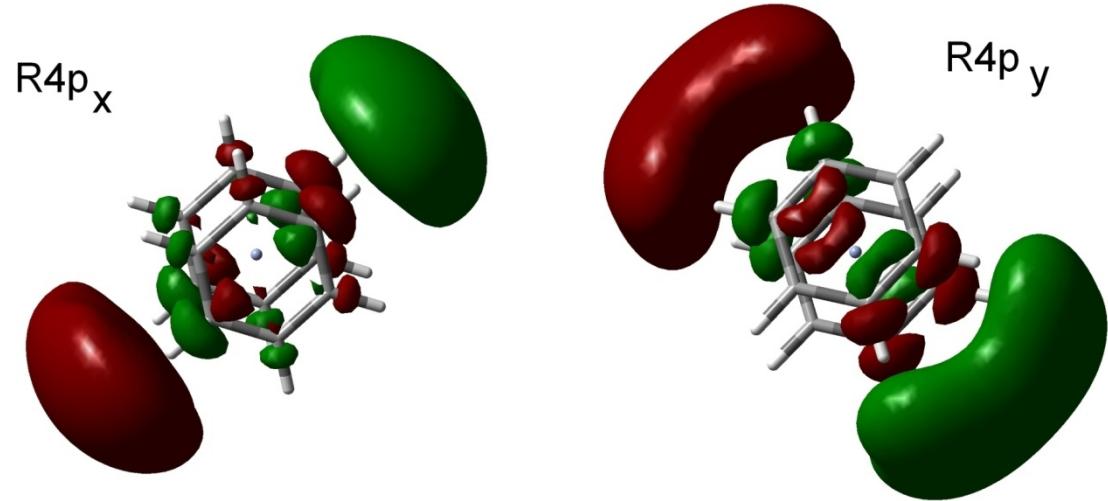
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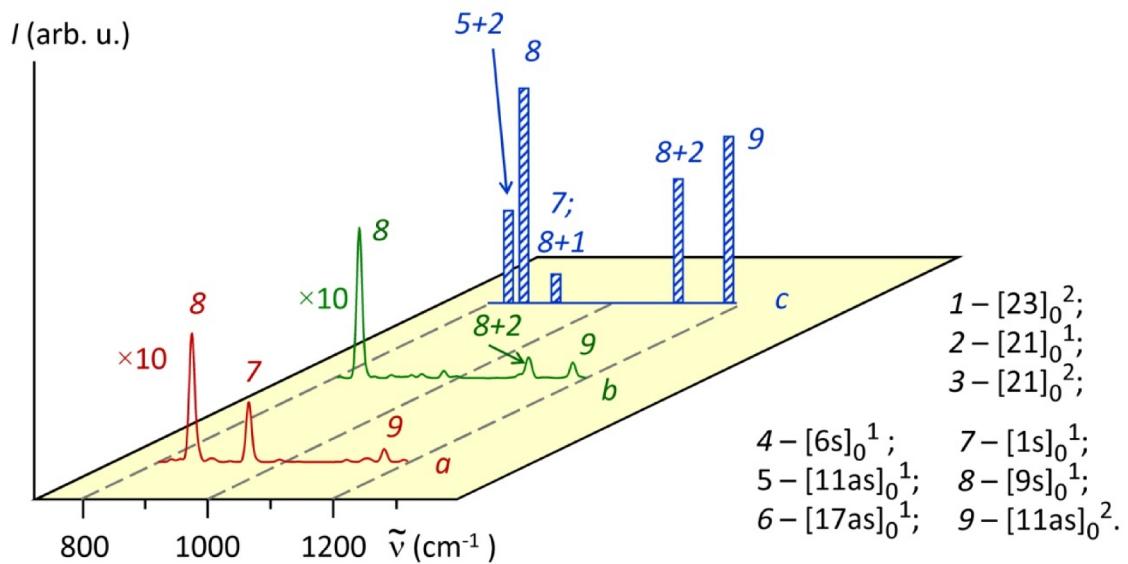
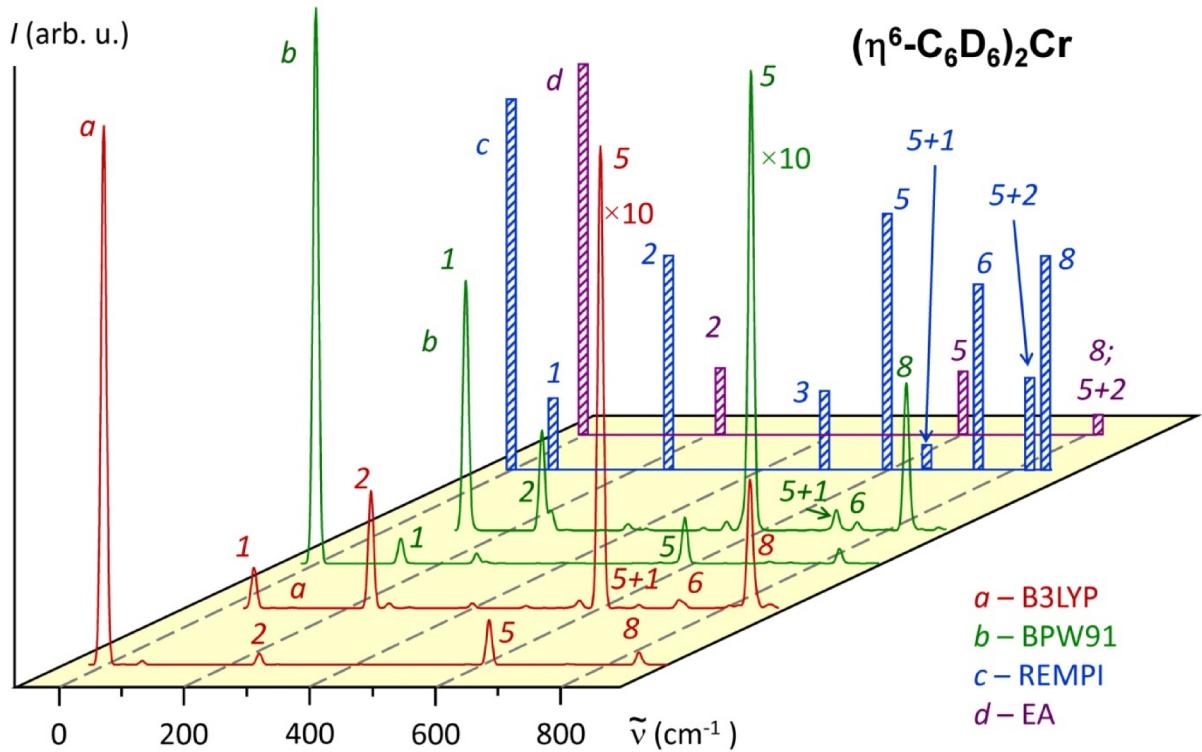
## **Supplementary Information**

**Table S1.** B3LYP / BPW91 frequencies of the  $a_{1g}$  and  $e_{2g}$  vibrations in the ground neutral ( $^1A_{1g}$ ), Rydberg ( $^1B_{2u}$ ) and cationic ( $^2A_{1g}$ ) states of the  $(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{D}_6)_2\text{Cr}$  molecule. The experimental Rydberg-state frequencies obtained from the REMPI spectrum<sup>1</sup> are given in parentheses where available. See the main text for the vibration notations.

$D_{6h}$ symmetry	$D_{2h}$ symmetry	Vibration number	Neutral ( $^1A_{1g}$ )	R4p <sub>y</sub> ( $^1B_{2u}$ )	Cation ( $^2A_{1g}$ )
$a_{1g}$	$a_g$	2s	2365 / 2305	2379 / 2347	2389 / 2343
$a_{1g}$	$a_g$	1s	940 / 921	945 / 920 (915)	941 / 919
$a_{1g}$	$a_g$	11as	609 / 595	615 / 589 (593)	613 / 594
$a_{1g}$	$a_g$	21	244 / 248	248 / 257 (248)	243 / 251
$e_{2g}$	$a_g$	7s	2338 / 2279	2340 / 2303	2366 / 2319
	$b_{1g}$			2195 / 2099	2365 / 2320
$e_{2g}$	$a_g$	8s	1489 / 1459	1485 / 1449	1491 / 1454
	$b_{1g}$			1492 / 1457	
$e_{2g}$	$a_g$	9s	853 / 826	854 / 836 (864)	862 / 839
	$b_{1g}$			108 / 23	
$e_{2g}$	$a_g$	17as	735 / 702	752 / 718(731)	751 / 715
	$b_{1g}$			749 / 714	
$e_{2g}$	$a_g$	6s	604 / 584	583 / 575	584 / 569
	$b_{1g}$			580 / 556	
$e_{2g}$	$a_g$	16as	408 / 394	410 / 396	402 / 392
	$b_{1g}$			411 / 385	



**Figure S1.** BPW91 isosurfaces (isovalue 0.02) of the Rydberg  $4\text{p}_x$ (left) and  $4\text{p}_y$ (right) orbitals of  $(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)_2\text{Cr}$ .



**Figure S2.** B3LYP (a) and B3PW91 (b) simulation of the R4p<sub>x,y</sub> vibronic structures in the REMPI (c) and EA (d) spectrum of **1-D** in the low-energy (top) and high-energy (bottom) regions. The experimental EA<sup>2</sup> and REMPI<sup>1</sup> peak positions and relative intensities are shown by bars. See the main text for the vibration notations.

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