

# A RASSCF study of free base, magnesium and zinc porphyrins: accuracy versus efficiency

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## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Tables

State	a <sub>u</sub>	b <sub>1u</sub>	b <sub>2g</sub>	b <sub>3g</sub>	Weight (%)
1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>g</sub>	2 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 0 0	80.9
1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub>	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 0 0	46.0
	2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 d 0	33.5
1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub>	2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 d 0	2 2 0 0	42.0
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 u 0	30.5
2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub>	2 0	2 u 2 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 d 0	30.6
	2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 d 0	21.4
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 0 0	10.9
2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub>	2 0	2 u 2 0	2 2 d 0	2 2 0 0	41.4
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 u 0	14.8
3 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub>	2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 d 0	21.5
	2 0	2 u 2 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 d 0	20.1
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 0 0	19.5
3 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub>	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 u 0	24.2
	2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 d 0	2 2 0 0	19.9
	2 0	2 u 2 0	2 2 d 0	2 2 0 0	14.6
4 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub>	2 0	u 2 2 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 d 0	63.1
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 u 0 0	2 2 2 0	10.0
4 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub>	2 0	u 2 2 0	2 2 d 0	2 2 0 0	40.5
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 u d 0	2 2 u 0	10.7

Table S1. Occupations of active space orbitals in leading configurations the <sup>1</sup>A<sub>g</sub> ground and low lying <sup>1</sup>B<sub>2u</sub> and <sup>1</sup>B<sub>3u</sub> excited states of free base porphyrin. Only those configurations with weight greater than 10% are shown. 2 = doubly occupied, u = singly occupied (spin up), d = single occupied (spin down), 0 = unoccupied.

Active Space	CSFs (%)
CASSCF(16,14)	537,705 (100)
RASSCF(16,2,2;8,0,6)	325 (0.06)
RASSCF(16,3,3;8,0,6)	3,545 (0.66)
RASSCF(16,4,4;8,0,6)	22,685 (4.22)
RASSCF(16,2,2;6,4,4)	4,628 (0.86)
RASSCF(16,3,3;6,4,4)	33,448 (6.22)
RASSCF(16,4,4;6,4,4)	127,911 (23.79)
RASSCF(16,3,3;5,5,4)	57,683 (10.72)
RASSCF(16,3,3;4,6,4)	80,665 (15.00)
RASSCF(16,3,3;3,7,4)	96,756 (17.99)
RASSCF(16,4,4;3,7,4)	250,171 (46.53)
RASSCF(16,5,5;3,7,4)	412,215 (76.77)
RASSCF(16,3,3;2,8,4)	103,936 (19.33)
RASSCF(16,4,4;2,8,4)	254,685 (47.37)
RASSCF(26,2,2;13,0,11)	2,665 (0.49)
RASSCF(26,3,3;13,0,11)	94,500 (17.57)
RASSCF(26,2,2;11,4,9)	63,258 (11.76)
RASSCF(26,3,3;11,4,9)	1,877,565 (349.18)

Table S2. Number of configuration state functions (CSFs) in the CI-space for varying levels of MCSCF calculations on ground states of H<sub>2</sub>P, MgP and ZnP. Details of the active space compositions are given in the main text. Percentage values are relative to the CASSCF(16,14) reference.

State	a <sub>u</sub>	b <sub>1u</sub>	b <sub>2g</sub>	b <sub>3g</sub>	Weight (%)
1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>g</sub>	0 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 0 0	82.0 (82.2)
1 <sup>1</sup> E <sub>u</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub> )	2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 d 0	38.5 (37.6)
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 0 0	38.0 (38.7)
1 <sup>1</sup> E <sub>u</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub> )	2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 d 0	2 2 0 0	38.5 (37.6)
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 u 0	38.0 (38.7)
2 <sup>1</sup> E <sub>u</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub> )	2 0	2 u 2 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 d 0	42.9 (44.6)
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 0 0	13.1 (11.7)
	2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 d 0	12.1 (11.5)
2 <sup>1</sup> E <sub>u</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub> )	2 0	2 u 2 0	2 2 d 0	2 2 0 0	42.9 (44.6)
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 u 0	13.1 (11.7)
	2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 d 0	2 2 0 0	12.1 (11.5)
3 <sup>1</sup> E <sub>u</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub> )	2 0	u 2 2 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 d 0	20.1 (19.4)
	2 0	2 u 2 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 d 0	17.8 (15.3)
	2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 d 0	15.8 (18.0)
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 0 0	13.9 (15.7)
3 <sup>1</sup> E <sub>u</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub> )	2 0	u 2 2 0	2 2 d 0	2 2 0 0	20.1 (19.4)
	2 0	2 u 2 0	2 2 d 0	2 2 0 0	17.8 (15.3)
	2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 d 0	2 2 0 0	15.8 (18.0)
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 u 0	13.9 (15.7)
4 <sup>1</sup> E <sub>u</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub> )	2 0	u 2 2 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 d 0	27.3 (28.3)
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 u 0	2 u d 0	13.1 (13.8)
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 u 0	2 2 0 0	10.7 (9.6)
4 <sup>1</sup> E <sub>u</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub> )	2 0	u 2 2 0	2 2 d 0	2 2 0 0	27.3 (28.3)
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 u d 0	2 2 u 0	13.1 (13.8)
	d 0	2 2 2 0	2 2 0 0	2 2 u 0	10.7 (9.6)

Table S3. Occupations of active space orbitals in leading configurations the <sup>1</sup>A<sub>g</sub> ground and low lying <sup>1</sup>E<sub>u</sub> excited states of magnesium and zinc porphyrin. Only those configurations with weight greater than 10% are shown. 2 = doubly occupied, u = singly occupied (spin up), d = single occupied (spin down), 0 = unoccupied.

## Figure Captions

**Figure S1.** Comparison of the natural occupation numbers of the frontier orbitals of MgP and ZnP calculated using different active spaces. Solid circles correspond to integer occupancies of 0, 1 and 2 whilst dashed circles indicate occupancies of 0.1, 0.9, 1.1 and 1.9. Occupations lying between the values marked by the dashed circles indicate strongly multiconfigurational character<sup>63</sup>.

**Figure S2.** Density differences of excited states of MgP and ZnP, calculated using different active spaces approaches. (a) CASSCF(16,14)-RASSCF(16,3,3;6,4,4) (b) CASSCF(16,14)-RASSCF(16,3,3;2,8,4).