Laser Spectroscopy of the $\tilde{A}^1A'-\tilde{X}^1A'$ System of CuOH and CuOD

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The $\tilde{A}^1A'-\tilde{X}^1A'$ electronic transition of CuOH and CuOD in the red at 6285 Å has been measured at high resolution by laser excitation spectroscopy. Effective spectroscopic constants for ⁶³CuOH, ⁶³CuOH, ⁶³CuOD, and ⁶⁵CuOD have been determined from rotational analyses of the unperturbed K_a subbands and a partial r_s structure was evaluated for the molecule. The geometric parameters in the excited \tilde{A}^1A' state are

$$r_{\text{Cu-O}} = 1.7748(32) \text{ Å}, \quad r_{\text{O-H}} = 1.0348(40) \text{ Å}, \quad \text{and} \quad \angle \text{CuOH} = 111.0(16)^{\circ}.$$

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INTRODUCTION

While considerable spectroscopic effort has been devoted to the study of diatomics containing transition metals, particularly hydrides and oxides, there have been few studies of polyatomics. It was the initial aim of this work to investigate the chemiluminescence spectra of copper-containing polyatomics using a hollow cathode sputtering source similar to that developed by Trkula *et al.* (1). Trkula and Harris used this source to produce CuOH using H₂O and D₂O as oxidants and they rotationally analyzed the green system by high-resolution laser-excitation spectroscopy (2). We repeated this work to test our source and obtained a spectrum in the green which agreed very well with the chemiluminescence spectrum reported by Trkula and Harris (2).

However, two additional features were observed in the red; one with a closed parallel structure and the other more open. Antić-Javanović and Pesić reported a red transition in their work on flames containing copper salts (3) in 1969, and more recently Parson and co-workers have observed these two red systems in the chemiluminescence spectra of the reactions of excited Cu atoms with H_2O_2 (4). The structure of the more open band closed up on deuteration, indicating that the molecule responsible for this band contained hydrogen. The ratios of the intensities of both red systems to the green system were found to be insensitive to the discharge conditions and this led us to conclude that both red systems were due to CuOH. Furthermore, we obtained high-resolution laser-excitation spectra of these red systems, confirming that both involve transitions from the ground electronic state.

During the course of analyzing these red spectra, it became apparent that better ground state rotational constants were needed to form more accurate ground state combination differences, and so we remeasured the green system at high resolution (5). Armed with this improved set of ground state combination differences, we have

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been able to assign some rotational structure in both systems, and work is currently in progress on the more open transition at 6640 Å. We present here the high-resolution analysis of the parallel system at 6285 Å for CuOH and CuOD.

EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS

In the course of this work, it was found that the hollow cathode sputtering source produced relatively noisy spectra, and so we investigated alternate sources of copper atoms. Ultimately, the best source proved to be a conventional Broida oven (6) equipped with a graphite crucible for the high temperatures necessary to melt copper. The copper vapor was then entrained in a flow of argon which entered at the top of the crucible, and this flow was channeled into the oxidant region through a graphite funnel. It was found that hydrogen peroxide produced far more CuOH than water, and so all spectra were recorded using H_2O_2 or D_2O_2 as the oxidant.

The laser used in this study was a single-frequency Coherent 699-29 ring dye laser operating with Kiton Red dye and pumped by a Coherent Innova 20 argon ion laser. The laser beam was aligned horizontally in the oxidant flame, and the laser-induced fluorescence at right angles to the beam was detected by a photomultiplier tube. Because the spectra were very weak, it was necessary to reduce the amount of stray laser light inside the oven to obtain a good signal. This was achieved by placing two 3-mm circular apertures in the path of the laser, one on either side of the photomultiplier tube, and by placing a 4-mm slit over the photomultiplier tube \sim 1 cm away from

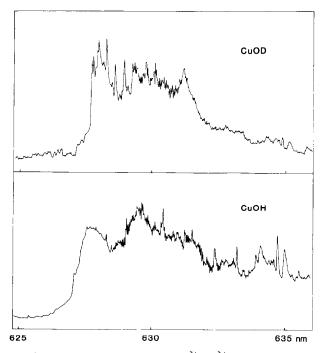


Fig. 1. Low-resolution laser-excitation spectra of the $\tilde{A}^1A'-\tilde{X}^1A'$ transition in CuOH and CuOD.

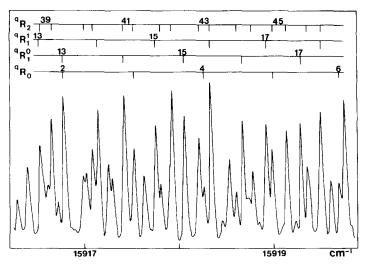


FIG. 2. A portion of the high-resolution spectrum of CuOH in the R-branch region.

the laser beam. The laser was amplitude modulated at 700 Hz using a mechanical chopper and the signal was detected using a lock-in amplifier and stored as a function of frequency using the Coherent Autoscan system. The wavenumber scale was calibrated by simultaneously recording the I_2 spectrum with each scan, and comparing these wavenumbers with the published line list after applying the 0.0056 cm⁻¹ correction (7, 8). The spectra were then transferred to a 386 personal computer where individual lines were fit to Voigt profiles using PC-DECOMP.

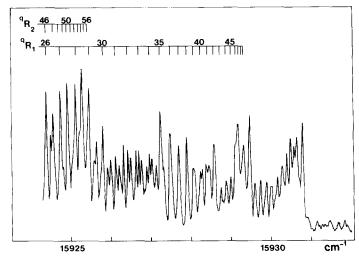


FIG. 3. A portion of the high-resolution spectrum of CuOD in the R-branch region showing several bandheads. The first head at 15 931 cm⁻¹ probably belongs to the $K_a = 0$ subband but the presence of massive perturbations prevented a definite assignment.

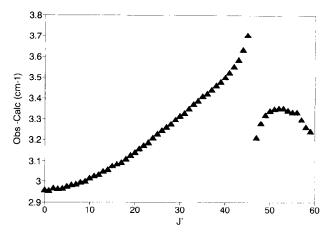


Fig. 4. The observed – calculated line positions using the constants of Table I are plotted against J for the upper $K_a = 0$ stack of CuOH showing a global and a local perturbation.

The initial spectra of CuOH were recorded through a 700-nm blue-pass filter and 620-nm red-pass filter combination to reduce the black body radiation coming from the oven. These spectra recorded at ~6 Torr contained a number of "glitches" caused by small pieces of copper carried from the oven and scattering laser light into the photomultiplier tube. This problem was solved by replacing the 620-nm red-pass filter with a 640-nm red-pass filter. This reduced the filter band pass to the wavelength region occupied by the second red system. Subsequent spectra (the rest of CuOH and all of CuOD) were recorded at higher pressures (>10 Torr) to enhance the collisional relaxation from the first (6285 Å) to the second (6640Å) red system. Although this improved the signal-to-noise ratio and eliminated the scattered laser light there was an increase in the width of each line because of pressure broadening. When these

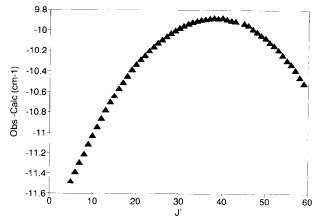


FIG. 5. The observed — calculated line positions using the constants of Table I are plotted against J for the upper $K_a = 3$ stack of CuOH showing a global perturbation that resembles a parabola.

spectra were measured in PC-DECOMP the typical widths (FWHM) for lines in the initial spectra were 0.045 cm⁻¹ compared to 0.055 cm⁻¹ for the higher-pressure data.

RESULTS

The low-resolution laser-excitation spectra of CuOH and CuOD are displayed in Fig. 1. The main features of both spectra are *PR* rotational contours degraded to the red, implying that both transitions are predominantly *a*-type. The spectrum of CuOH also shows some sharp structure from 6300 to 6350 Å, and we assign this to a band (010–000) associated with the Cu–O–H bending mode of the second red system at 6640 Å.

The spectrum of CuOD shows some sharp features near 6290 Å and we assign these as ${}^qR_{K_a}$ subband heads of the $\tilde{A}^1A'-\tilde{X}^1A'$ transition from the high-resolution analysis. The broad feature near 6310 Å we assign as the ${}^qR_{K_a}$ subband heads of a sequence band (001–001) in the Cu–O stretch. The corresponding sequence band is also slightly evident in the CuOH spectrum.

Portions of the high-resolution spectra are displayed in Figs. 2 and 3 for CuOH and CuOD, respectively. Both figures show the high density of lines in the *R*-branch regions of the spectra. Figure 3 shows the rotational assignments for two of the ${}^{q}R_{K_{a}}$ subband heads in the CuOD spectrum; the structure near 15 931 cm⁻¹ is probably due to the $K_{a} = 0$ subband, but has not been assigned because this subband is very perturbed.

Analysis of the high-resolution spectra proceeded routinely through use of PC-LOOMIS, a computer program which takes the measured peak positions and intensities (from PC-DECOMP) as input and produces interactive color Loomis-Wood plots. This program enabled PR subbands for different K_a to be picked out, and these were assigned J and K_a values from ground state combination differences. In this way, PR branches were assigned up to $K_a = 4$ in CuOH and $K_a = 5$ in CuOD, a total of 2075 lines for the four isotopic species 63 CuOH, 65 CuOH, 63 CuOD, and 65 CuOD. The K_a

TABLE I Spectroscopic Constants for the $\tilde{A}^{1}A'$ State of CuOH (in cm^{-t})

Cor	stant	⁶³ CuOH	⁶⁵ CuOH	⁶³ CuOD	⁶⁵ CuOD
E		15911.5456(11)	15911.5005(16)	15911.0949(34)	15911.0628(55)
\boldsymbol{A}		18.31604(42)	18.29864(56)	10.7142(20)	10.7040(34)
B		0.3881545(70)	0.385676(11)	0.360814(20)	0.358041(34)
C		0.3782373(70)	0.375835(11)	0.346393(20)	0.344775(34)
Δ_J	$\times 10^{-7}$	5.0522(64)	5.040(11)	4.7292(76)	5.549(27)
Δ_{JK}	\times 10^{-4}	-1.9863(41)	-1.9503(78)	-0.1780(61)	-0.064(14)
Δ_K	× 10 ⁻²	1.8358(23)	1.7473(30)	0.282(32)	0.199(55)
δ_J	$\times 10^{-7}$	0.200(17)	0.54(21)	3.903(84)	2.236(85)
δ_K	× 10 ⁻⁴	2.705(31)	2.866(52)	0.400‡	0.168‡
H_{JJK}	× 10 ⁻⁹	2.51(18)	1.64(38)		
H_{JKK}	\times 10 ⁻⁵	-1.2868(19)	-1.2472(29)	-0.0962(17)	-0.0616(40)
H_K	$\times 10^{-3}$			1.393(19)	1.383(33)
h_J	$\times 10^{-11}$	-0.370(39)	-0.670(52)	5.81(24)	
L_K	\times 10 ⁻⁵			3.100(37)	3.150(63)
σ		0.0052	0.0057	0.0070	0.0083
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TABLE~II Observed Line Positions (cm $^{-1}$) for $^{63}CuOH~(O-C~Units~of~10^{-3}~cm^{-1})$

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TABLE II—Continued

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= 0 and K_a = 3 stacks in the upper state for CuOH were found to be perturbed and plots of the observed minus calculated line positions plotted against the upper state J quantum number are pictured in Figs. 4 and 5. The situation for CuOD is worse: no PR branches could be found connecting to K_a = 0 or to the lower asymmetry component ($\gamma = K_a + K_c - J = 1$) of the K_a = 1 stack. Presumably these stacks are very perturbed.

The unperturbed, assigned transitions were fit to a model which described the energies of both ground and upper electronic states with a Watson A reduced Hamiltonian

TABLE III

Observed Line Positions (cm⁻¹) for ⁶⁵CuOH (O-C Units of 10⁻³ cm⁻¹)

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J. Ka. Kc.	J" K _a " K	c" OBS	οr	J'	Kar Ker Jin I	Ka" Ke"	OBS	o.c	г	Ka' Ke	Jr. J	G" Kc"	OBS	O-C	J.	Kai Ke	. j-	Ka" K	e" OBS	υc
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4 0 4 -		5 15910.531* 6 15909.705*	2994 2991	40	1 39 - 41		15867.727*	-19	37	1 37	- 38	1 38	15870.451	-1	51	2 49		2 5	0 15841 792	6
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707.		8 15908.028*	2992	43	1 42 - 44		15864.353	-1	40	1 40	- 41	1 41	15867 016	2	5	2 3	- 4	2	2 15896 364	-4
808-		9 15907.179* 0 15906.316*	2997 2998	44	1 43 - 45	1 44	15863.207 15862.038*	-2 -19	41	1 41	- 42 - 43	1 42	15865.855	-14	6	2 4			3 15897 081 4 15897 787	-6
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in the I' representation (9). In this fit, the ground state constants were kept fixed at the values determined from our previous analysis of the $\tilde{B}^1A''-\tilde{X}^1A'$ system (5). The effective rotational constants from these final fits (one standard deviation uncertainty in parentheses) are given in Table I, and the transitions and deviations from the fit for 63 CuOH, 65 CuOH, 63 CuOD, and 65 CuOD are given in Tables II–V, respectively. From these constants, we have predicted the wavenumbers for b-type transitions between the two states (allowed by the C_s symmetry of the molecule), but have found no such lines in the spectra. This means that the transition dipole moment is very close to the a-axis which is close to the Cu–O bond. For example in 63 CuOH, the a-axis is at an angle of 4° to the Cu–O bond.

A partial r_s structure has also been determined for the upper state from these rotational constants. For this determination, Kraitchman's equations (10, 11) for single isotopic substitutions were used to locate the copper and hydrogen nuclei relative to the center of mass of the "parent." It was necessary to impose one extra constraint to determine the coordinates of the oxygen nucleus (for which no isotopic data were measured). This could come either from the definition of the center of mass, or from the moment of inertia equation. However, the small b coordinate for the copper nucleus was badly determined, and so we chose to use the moment of inertia equation (which depends on the square of b_{Cu} —a very small number) to determine the position of the oxygen nucleus. This gave more consistent results than when the definition of the center of mass was used as the constraint. Each of the isotopomers was taken in turn as the "parent," and the average value for each molecular parameter is presented together with one standard deviation from this averaging procedure in Table VI. For

TABLE IV $Observed\ Line\ Positions\ (cm^{-1})\ for\ ^{63}CuOD\ (O-C\ Units\ of\ 10^{-3}\ cm^{-1})$

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			. 30			15904.503	2	21	5	16	. 2	2 5	17	15861.499*	20	56	5	5 5	١ -	57	5	52	15819.933	-3	49	5	44	4 - 48	5	43	15900 095*	
2	4	28	- 31	4	27	15904.824	1	22						15860.498	10	13	5	5	в.	12	5	7	15888.384	0	50	5	45	5 - 49	5	44	15900.201*	
3	4	29	- 32			15905.139	6	23			- 2			15859.484	-2	14		5	9.	13	5	8	15888.937	10	l							
٠	4	30	- 33	4	29	15905.456*	26	24	5	19	. 2		່າວດ	15858.464	-7	16			١.	+6	6	10	15890.001*	26	ı							

comparison this table also shows the partial r_s structures determined from our previous paper (5) for the \tilde{B}^1A'' and \tilde{X}^1A' states. The errors on the geometrical parameters are largest for the \tilde{A}^1A' state, presumably because some global perturbations were absorbed into the values for the rotational constants obtained from our fit. In particular, the B and C constants for CuOD were obtained from fitting just the upper asymmetry component of the $K_a = 1$ PR subbands—the lower component is very perturbed. We have no way of knowing the extent of global perturbation of this upper component.

DISCUSSION

A simple zeroth-order, ionic picture of the bonding in the ground state of CuOH consists of a Cu⁺ (^{1}S , $3d^{10}$) cation perturbed by the ligand field of an OH⁻ ($^{1}\Sigma^{+}$) anion. The lowest excited states would then arise from the Cu⁺ (^{1}D , ^{3}D , $3d^{9}4s$) cation formed by the $4s \leftarrow 3d$ promotion. This model predicts that CuOH should resemble the isoelectronic CuF (12, 13) with an $\tilde{X}^{1}\Sigma^{+}$ ground state and the $^{1}\Delta$, $^{3}\Delta$, $^{1}\Pi$, $^{3}\Pi$, $^{1}\Sigma^{+}$, $^{3}\Sigma^{+}$ excited states arising from the Cu d-hole.

The true bonding in CuOH must involve a substantial amount of covalent character in the Cu–O bond of CuOH because the ground and all of the known excited states of CuOH are strongly bent with an angle of 110–118° (Table VI) compared to the angle of 104.5° for H₂O. The simplistic ionic model also cannot explain the large increase (\sim 8%) in the O–H bond length between the \tilde{X}^1A' and \tilde{A}^1A' states. The only appropriate model is therefore one in which covalent bonding and electron correlation are fully taken into account.

It is interesting to try to correlate the observed excited CuOH states with those of the isoelectronic CuF molecule (as well as back to the hypothetical linear CuOH molecule). For example, the green $\tilde{B}^1A''-\tilde{X}^1A'$ transition seems to correlate to the $C^1\Pi-X^1\Sigma^+$ transition of CuF (12, 13). The \tilde{A}^1A' state of CuOH probably correlates

TABLE V $Observed\ Line\ Positions\ (cm^{-1})\ for\ ^{65}CuOD\ (O-C\ Units\ of\ 10^{-3}\ cm^{-1})$

Ka' Kc'	٦-	Ka"	Ke"	OBS	0-0	ľ	K.	Ke	J*	Ka* !	e OBS	0-с	J.	Ka [*]	Kc'	г	Ka" I	K.c*	OBS	o-c	r	Ka'	Ke.	,	Ka"	Kc'	OBS	_ •
1 4		1		15904.857 15904.065	10	26 27			- 27 - 28		5 15880.734 6 15879.70		30			- 40 - 41			15858.707 15857.507	-3	12	4					15895.909*	
	- 7 - 8	1		15904.065	10	7	2		· 23		5 15609.90		41			- 41 - 42			15857.507	-10 -15	13			· 12	1		15896.469 15897.025	
	. 9	i		15902.436	-1	8	2		. 7		6 15909.60		42			- 43			15855.083	-14			11				15897.553	
1 8	- 10	1	9	15901.612	,	9	2	8	- 8	2	7 15910.21	-2	43	3		- 44			15853.866	4	16	4	12	- 15	4	11	15898.051*	
	- 11			15900.771	-1	10	2		- 9		8 15910.80		11	3		- 10			15903.820	-3	17		13				15898.572	
	- 12 - 13			15899.916 15899.060	-6 0	11	2		· 10		9 15911.38 0 15911.93		12	3		- 11 - 13	3		15904.382 15905.456*	-7	18	1	14	- 17 - 18			15899.060 15899.519*	
	- 14			15898 188	3	13			- 12		1 15912.500		15			- 13			15905.996	-27 -15	20		16				15899.989*	
	- 15			15897.286	-14	14			- 13		2 15913.03		16			- 15			15906.506*	-21	21		17				15900.464	
	- 17			15895.495	4	15			- 14		3 15913.56		17	3	14	- 16			15907.028	-1	22			- 21			15900.909	
	- 19			15893.647	13	16			- 15		4 15914.08		18			- 17			15907.515	-5	23	4		- 22			15901.336	
	- 21			15891.732	5	17			- 16		5 15914.58		19			- 18			15908.000	2	24			- 23			15901.754	
1 20	- 22			15890.767 15889.766	12	18	2	17	- 17 - 18		6 15915.074 7 15915.56		20			- 19 - 20			15908.468 15908.924	7	25 26	•	21 · 22 ·	- 24			15902.159 15902.555	
1 22				15888.779	5	20	2		- 19		8 15916.011		22			- 2U			15909.368	10	20	7		- 26			15903.664	
	- 25			15887.750	-13	7	2	5	. 6		4 15908.99		23			- 22			15909.793	6	30	4		- 29	2		15904.001	
	- 26			15886.723°	-18	8	2	6			5 15909.60		24			- 23			15910.214	12	31			- 30	4		15904.334	
	- 27			15885.691	-14	9	2	7			6 15910.21		25			. 24			15910.623	16	32			- 31	4		15904.662	
	- 28			15884.655	-1	10	2	8			7 15910.80-		26			- 25			15010.900	2	33			32	4		15904.962	
	· 30			15882.528 15881.437	8 5	11	2		- 10		8 15911.380 9 15911.936		27 28			· 26			15911.383 15911.744	6 2	34 35			33			15905.266* 15905.551*	
	- 32			15880.319	-11	13			- 12		0 15912.50		29			- 28			15912.104	8	36	4		- 35			15905.825*	
	- 34			15878.076	-10	14			- 13		1 15913.03		30			- 29			15912.442	4	37		33				15006.077°	
1 33	- 35	1	34	15876.956	12	15	2	13	- 14	2 '	2 15913.56	-6	31	3	28	. 30	3 :	27	15912.768	1	14	5	9	- 15	5	10	15868.071*	
	. 36			15875.778	-10	16			- 15		3 15914.08		32			- 31			15913.091	8	15	5		- 16			15867.161	
	- 37			15874.615	-2	17			- 16		4 15914.58		33			- 32			15913.402	14	13	5		- 14	5		15866.930	
	- 38			15873.437	4	18			- 17		5 15915.07		34			- 33			15913.686	6	16		11				15866.256	
	- 39 - 11			15872.225 15917.063	-9 -15	19		18	- 18 - 19		6 15915.56 7 15916.01		36			- 34 - 35			15913.975 15914.245*	16 19	17		12				15865.319 15864.386	
	- 12			15917.641	-13	21		19	- 20		8 15916.47		37			- 36			15914.501*	20	19		14				15863,439	
	- 13			15918.190	-7	22			- 21		9 15916.93		39			38			15914.972*	19	21		16				15861.499	
	- 14			15918.737	0	23			. 22		0 15917.37		40	3	37	- 39			15915.205*	35	23		18				15859.540	
1 15	- 15	1	14	15919.262	-3	24	2	22	- 23	2	1 15917.78	-14	10	4	6	- 11	4	7	15879.785	10	25	5	20	- 26	5	21	15857.507	
	- 16			15919.773	-7	25			- 24		2 15918.19		11	4		. 12	4		15878.920	-5	26		21				15856.465	
	- 17			15920.283	1	26			- 25		3 15918.58		12	4		- 13			15878.076	14	27		22				15855.442	
	- 18			15920.772 15921.227*	-21	27 28			· 26		4 15918.97 5 15919.34		13	4		- 14 - 15			15877.199 15876.316	10 13	29		23 24				15854.366 15853.308	
	- 19			15921.722	11	29		27	- 28		6 15919.70		15			- 16			15875,421	16	30	5		- 30			15852,225	
	- 21			15922.158	-3	30	2		. 29		7 15920.04		16			- 17			15874.499	4	31	5		- 32			15851.133	
1 22	- 22			15922.581	-17	31	2	29	- 30	2 2	8 15920.37	-6	18	4	14	- 19	4	15	15872.631	-8	32	5	27	- 33			15850.022*	
1 23				15923.025	4	7	3		- 8		5 15890.70		19			- 20			15871.689	-4	33	5		- 34			15848.925	
	- 24			15923.430	0	8	3	5	- 9		6 15889.89		20			- 21			15870.724	-11	34	5		- 35			15847.802	
	- 25 - 26			15923.842 15924.228*	16	10	3	•	- 10		7 15889.08 8 15888.22		21			· 22			15869.766 15868.788	0	35	5	31	- 36			15846.666 15845.520	
	- 27			15924.596*	20	11	3		. 12		9 15887.36		23			- 24			15867 777	-14	38			. 30			15843.202	
1 28				15924.940	11	12	3	9	- 13		0 15886.50		24	4	20	- 25			15866.776	-9	40	5	35	- 41			15840.833	
1 29	- 29	1	28	15925.262	.7	14	3	11	- 15	3	2 15884.75	3	25	4	21	- 26	4 :	22	15865.764	-5	41	5	36	42	5	37	15839 622	
1 31	- 31	1	30	15925.899	-5	17	3	14	- 18		5 15882.02		26			- 27			15864.738	-1	42	5		- 43			15838.400	
	. 32			15926.206	6	18			- 19		6 15881.09		27			- 28			15863.708	8	43			- 44			15837.180	
	- 33			15926.479	-2	19			- 20		7 15880.13		28			- 29 - 30			15862.643 15861.565*	-5 -18	44	5		· 45			15835.946 15834.699	
	· 34			15926.747 15927.011	13	20			- 21		8 15879.18- 9 15878.20		30			- 30			15860.498	-10	22			· 40			15892.649	
	- 36			15927.239	5	22			. 23		0 15877.19		31			- 32			15859.412	-10	23			- 22			15893.084*	
2 14				15891.404	4	22	3	19	- 23	3 :	0 15877.23		32	4	26	- 33	4	29	15858.318	-6	24	5	19	- 23	5	18	15893.491	
2 15	- 17			15890.500	15	23			- 24		1 15876.22		33			- 34			15857.207	-6	25			- 24			15893.911*	
2 16				15889.572	14	24			- 25		2 15875.22		34			- 35			15656.088	4	26			. 25			15894.282	
2 17				15888.633	14	25 26			- 20		3 15874.19 4 15873.14		35			· 36			15854.973 15853.806	14	27			- 26 - 27			15894.671* 15895.024	
2 18				15887.672 15886.723	18	27			. 28		5 15872.11		37			. 34			15852.640*	-18	29			. 28			15896.374	
2 19				15891.404	-1	2/ 2R			. 20		6 15871.07		38			. 39			15851.489	-10	30			- 29			15895.697	
2 14				15890.500	-1	29			. 30		7 15869.99		39			- 40			15850.303	-10	31			- 30			15896.041	
2 15				15889.572	5	30			- 31	3 8	6 15868.93	2	40	4	36	- 41	4	37	15849.124	1	32	5	27	- 31	5	26	15896.372*	
2 16	- 19	2	17	15888.633	3	31			- 32		9 15867.63		41			- 42			15847.925	3	33		28				15896.672*	
2 17				15887.672	-9	33			- 34		1 15865.61		42			- 43			15846.717	8	34			- 33			15896.956	
2 18				15886.723	1	34			. 35		2 15864.48		43			- 44 - 45			15845.520* 15844.261	34 11	35		30	- 34 - 35			15897.220 15897.480	
2 19 2 20				15885.759 15884.756	9 -9	35 36			. 36		3 15863.34 4 15862.21		44			. 45			15844.261	11	36						15897.480	
2 20				15882.767	4	37	-		. 38		5 15861.05		9		•••	,,,			15894.181	-13	39						15898 188	
				15881.774*	30	38					6 15859.88		11						15895.374	10		-			-			

with the $B^1\Sigma^+$ state of CuF at 19 717 cm⁻¹ (12, 13). However, the \tilde{A}^1A' state of CuOH could also correlate with the 0^+e spin component of the $b^3\Pi$ state (14–16) (called A0⁺ in Refs. 12 and 13) of CuF at 17 613 cm⁻¹. More experimental and, particularly, theoretical work is required before a clear description of the excited CuOH states emerges.

There is an ab initio calculation of the ground state geometry of the CuOH molecule at the SCF level (17) by Illas *et al.* They find a bent CuOH molecule with $r_{\text{Cu-O}} = 1.818$ Å, $r_{\text{O-H}} = 0.960$ Å, and $\angle \text{Cu-O-H} = 131.9^{\circ}$ slightly more stable than the linear form. Except for the $r_{\text{O-H}}$ distance, there is only modest agreement between the predicted

TABLE VI

r_s Structure for CuOH

Paran	neter	$\tilde{\mathbf{X}}^{-1}A'$	$\tilde{\mathbf{A}}^{-1}A'$	$\tilde{\mathrm{B}}^{-1}A''$
r _{Cu-0}	(Å)	1.76893(25)	1.7748(32)	1.78414(46)
r _{O-H}	(Å)	0.9520(50)	1.0348(40)	0.9508(27)
LCuOH	(°)	110.245(80)	111.0(16)	117.670(98)

values and those observed by experiment (Table VI). A similar calculation by Klimenko et al. (18) predicted $r_{\text{Cu-O}} = 1.767 \text{ Å}$, $r_{\text{O-H}} = 0.937 \text{ Å}$, and $\angle \text{Cu-O-H} = 126^{\circ}$.

It is evident from the perturbations seen in the spectra that the $\tilde{A}^{1}A'$ state is interacting with a vibronic state associated with a lower-lying electronic state, presumably the state responsible for the other red system at 6640 Å. We also suspect that the O-H stretch of this state is responsible for the perturbations seen in the green system (5). Work is currently in progress on analyzing this other red system. This system almost certainly has an excited triplet state because we have seen resolved hyperfine structure at Doppler resolution. Our analysis of this system should enable us to place some of these rather speculative arguments about perturbations and electronic correlations on a more quantitative footing. Once again we appeal for a good ab initio calculation to be performed on the excited states of this fascinating molecule.

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