

# Bipartite Enumeration of Chiral and Achiral Skeletons of Substituted Cubane Derivatives and Heteroanalogues. I.

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## Abstract

The study presents the determination of: (1)-permutations of 8 substitution sites of cubane submitted to the  $O_h$  group action, (2)-the formulation of permutations representations controlling the chirality and the achirality fittingness of cubane skeleton, (3)-the construction of the enumerators of homogeneous and heterogeneous arrangements of substituents among 8 substitution sites of this molecule, (4)-the transformation of permutations representations into generic formulas for bipartite enumeration of  $A_c$  chiral and  $A_{ac}$  achiral skeletons of homo- and hetero-polysubstituted cubane derivatives ( $C_8H_{8-q}X_q$ ,  $C_8H_{q_0}X_{q_1}...Y_{q_i}...Z_{q_k}$ ), cubane homohetero-analogues  $(CH)_{8-q}X_q$  and cubane hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)_{q_0}X_{q_1}...Y_{q_i}...Z_{q_k}$  where X, ..., Y and Z are achiral substituents.

## 1 Introduction

The discovery in 1964 by Eaton and Cole<sup>[1-4]</sup> of cubane a pentacyclo-[4.2.0.0<sup>2,5</sup>.0<sup>3,8</sup>.0<sup>4,7</sup>]-octane also called 4-prismane has opened a great deal of interest for the design and synthesis of its derivatives.<sup>[5-6]</sup> We recall for instance the hepta and octa-nitrocubanes known to be highly explosive<sup>[7]</sup>, the series of cubane dicarboxylic acids<sup>[8]</sup> and the collection of novel pharmaceutically cubane derivatives reported in the literature.<sup>[9]</sup> The expansion of such molecular series leads to stereochemical investigations including enumeration problems. Fujita has presented a paper on combinatorial enumeration of cubane derivatives as three-dimensional

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entities <sup>[10-11]</sup>. This study shows how to construct permutations representations controlling the chirality and the achirality fittingness of cubane submitted to the  $O_h$  group action and obtain a bipartite enumeration of enantiomers pairs and achiral skeletons of substituted cubane derivatives and heteroanalogues. The molecule of cubane symbolized by the empirical formulae  $C_8H_8$  or  $(CH)_8$  affords the following modes of substitutions:

(1)-Replacement of  $qH$  by  $qX$  substituents of the same kind yielding homosubstituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_{8-q}X_q$ . (2)-Substitution in accord with the obligatory minimum valency (OMV) restrictions <sup>[12]</sup> of  $qCH$  groups by  $qX$  trivalent heteroatoms of the same kind giving rise to homogeneous cubane heteroanalogues <sup>[13]</sup> or cubane homo hetero-analogues  $(CH)_{8-q}X_q$ ;

(3)-Substitution keeping  $q_0H$  hydrogen atoms and replacing the remaining others by  $q_1X, \dots, q_iY, \dots, q_kZ$  substituents of different kinds generating polyhetero-substituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_{q_0}X_{q_1} \dots Y_{q_i} \dots Z_{q_k}$ ;

(4)-Substitution keeping  $q_0(CH)$  groups and replacing the remaining  $CH$  groups by  $q_1X, \dots, q_iY, \dots, q_kZ$  trivalent heteroatoms of different kinds yielding composite cubane hetero-analogues or cubane hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)_{q_0}X_{q_1} \dots Y_{q_i} \dots Z_{q_k}$ .

Throughout this paper we use the following naming approach: (a)- cubane homogeneous heteroanalogue or cubane homo-hetero-analogue for  $(CH)_{8-q}X_q$  a molecule of cubane where methine groups (CH) are replaced by trivalent heteroatoms of the same kind and (b)-cubane composite heteroanalogue or cubane hetero hetero-analogue for  $(CH)_{q_0}X_{q_1} \dots Y_{q_i} \dots Z_{q_k}$  a molecule of cubane where methine groups (CH) are replaced by trivalent heteroatoms of different kinds in accord with the OMV restrictions.

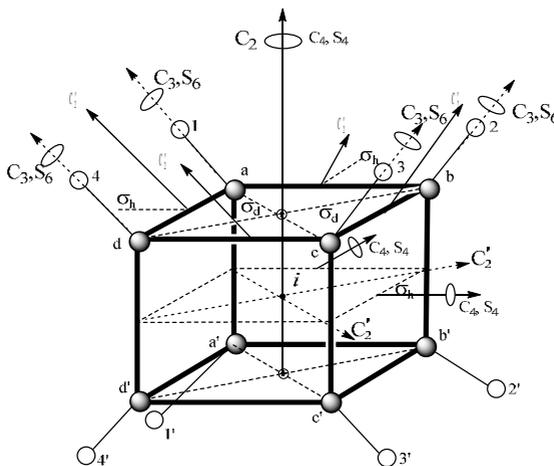
## 2 Permutations representations controlling the chirality and the achirality fittingness of cubane.

### 2.1 Permutations of hydrogen and carbon atoms

The architecture of cubane can be described as a succession of 4 edge-fused cyclobutane rings forming 4 vertical faces of a regular 4-gonal prism comprising 4 vertical C-C bonds joined together at right angle and 4 pairs of C-H bonds in eclipsing position. The appropriate representation of such a molecular system is a tridimensional cubic stereograph given in fig.1 where 8 white labeled vertices and 8 alphabetically labeled black vertices representing hydrogen and carbon atoms respectively form a uniceg shaped hydrocarbon of octahedral symmetry  $O_h$  with 48 symmetry operations detailed in eq.1:

$$O_h = E, 8C_3 = 4(C_3^1, C_3^2), 6C_2, 6C_4 = 3(C_4^1, C_4^3), 3C_2' = 3C_2, i, 6S_6 = 3(S_6^1, S_6^5), 8S_6 = (S_6^2, S_6^4), 3\sigma_h, 6\sigma_d \quad (1)$$

Let us consider the stereograph of cubane of  $O_h$  symmetry shown in fig.1 and note that 8 hydrogen atoms symbolized by 8 labelled white vertices are located in an outer cubic orbit denoted  $H_8 = (1, 2, 3, 4, 1', 2', 3', 4')$  and 8 interconnected and alphabetically labeled black vertices joined to white vertices are located in an inner cubic orbit  $C_8 = (a, b, c, d, a', b', c', d')$ . The  $O_h$  group actions on these two concentric cubic orbits are denoted:



**Figure 1.** Stereograph of cubane with its  $O_h$  symmetry elements.

$$P^{O_h}H_8 = P^{(E)}H_8, P^{(C_2)}H_8, P^{(C_2')}H_8, P^{(i)}H_8, P^{(\sigma_h)}H_8, P^{(C_3)}H_8, P^{(C_4)}H_8, P^{(S_4)}H_8, P^{(S_6)}H_8, P^{(\sigma_d)}H_8 \quad (2)$$

$$P^{(O_h)}C_8 = P^{(E)}C_8, 8P^{(C_3)}C_8, 6P^{(C_2)}C_8, 6P^{(C_4)}C_8, 3P^{(C_2')}C_8, P^{(i)}C_8, 6P^{(S_4)}C_8, 8P^{(S_6)}C_8, 3P^{(\sigma_h)}C_8, 6P^{(\sigma_d)}C_8 \quad (3)$$

The terms of types  $P^{(g_i)}H_8$  and  $P^{(g_i)}C_8$  in eqs.2-3 are permutations of the elements of  $H_8$  and  $C_8$  induced by each symmetry operation  $g_i$  of  $O_h$ . They satisfy the relations  $P^{(g_i)}H_8 \cong P^{(g_i)}C_8$  hence  $P^{O_h}H_8 \cong P^{O_h}C_8$ . The cycle structure notations <sup>[14]</sup> of these permutations are as follows:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P^{(E)}H_8 &= 1^8, P^{(C_2)}H_8 = P^{(C_2')}H_8 = P^{(i)}H_8 = P^{(\sigma_h)}H_8 = 2^4, P^{(C_3)}H_8 = 1^23^2 \\ P^{(C_4)}H_8 &= P^{(S_4)}H_8 = 4^2, P^{(S_6)}H_8 = 2^16^1, P^{(\sigma_d)}H_8 = 1^42^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4)$$

Hence,

$$P^{O_h}H_8 \cong P^{O_h}C_8 = [1^8], 8[1^23^2], 6[2^4], 6[4^2], 3[2^4], [2^4], 6[4^2], 8[2^16^1], 3[2^4], 6[1^42^2] \quad (5)$$

## 2.2 Permutations representations controlling the chirality and the achirality fittingness of cubane.

Let  $\overline{P}_{ro}H_8$  denote in eq.6, the averaged sum of permutations induced by 24 rotations of  $O_h$  including  $E, 8C_3, 6C_4, 3C_2$  and  $6C_2'$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{P}_{ro}H_8 &= \frac{1}{24} \left( P^{(E)}\Delta_H + 8P^{(C_3)}\Delta_H + 6P^{(C_2)}\Delta_H + 3P^{(C_2')} \Delta_H + 6P^{(C_4)}\Delta_H \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{24} ([1^8] + 8[1^23^2] + 6[2^4] + 3[2^4] + 6[4^2]) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

and let  $\overline{P}_{rr}H_8$  denote in eq.7, the average weight of permutations of the atoms of cubane induced by the other 24 symmetry operations of  $O_h$  including the inversion  $i$ , the roto reflections ( $6S_4, 8S_6$ ) and the reflections ( $3\sigma_h, 6\sigma_d$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{P}_{rr}H_8 &= \frac{1}{24} \left( P^{(i)}\Delta_H + 6P^{(S_4)}\Delta_H + 8P^{(S_6)}\Delta_H + 3P^{(\sigma_h)}\Delta_H + 6P^{(\sigma_d)}\Delta_H \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{24} ([2^4] + 6[4^2] + 8[2^16^1] + 3[2^4] + 6[1^42^2]) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

**Definition 1:** The permutations representation controlling the chirality fittingness for cubane of  $O_h$  symmetry denoted  $\Delta_c H_8$  is the half value of the positive difference between  $(\overline{P}_{ro}H_8)$  the averaged weight of permutations of equivalent atoms induced by 24 rotations and  $(\overline{P}_{rr}H_8)$  the averaged weight of permutations of equivalent atoms induced by 24 roto reflections (eq.8).

$$\Delta_c H_8 = \frac{1}{2} (\overline{P}_{ro}H_8 - \overline{P}_{rr}H_8) = \frac{1}{48} ([1^8] + 5[2^4] + 8[1^23^2] - 8[2^16^1] - 6[1^42^2]) \quad (8)$$

**Definition 2:** The permutations representation controlling the achirality fittingness for cubane in  $O_h$  symmetry denoted  $\Delta_{ac} H_8$  is equal to  $(\overline{P}_{rr}H_8)$  the averaged weight of permutations of equivalent atoms induced by 24 roto reflections including  $i, 6S_4, 8S_6, 3\sigma_h$  and  $6\sigma_d$ .

$$\Delta_{ac} H_8 = \overline{P}_{rr}H_8 = \frac{1}{24} ([2^4] + 6[4^2] + 8[2^16^1] + 3[2^4] + 6[1^42^2]) \quad (9)$$

### 3 Enumeration of distinct homogeneous arrangements of achiral substituents in cubane

Let us consider homosubstituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_{8-q}X_q$  as chemical compounds obtained by putting in distinct ways  $qX$  homomorphic achiral substituents among 8 substitution sites submitted to permutations of types  $1^8, 2^4, 4^2, 1^4 2^2, 1^2 3^2, 2^1 6^1$  induced by 48 symmetry operations of  $O_h$ . Such placements of substituents are in combinatorics homogeneous arrangements [15] of a given sets of  $q$  objects of the same kind among 8 positions submitted to permutations. The numbers of such arrangements are calculated as follows:

(a)-The numbers of distinct ways of putting  $q$  elements of the same kind  $X$  (homogeneous arrangements) among 8 substitution sites submitted to  $l$ -cycle permutations of types  $1^8, 2^4, 4^2$

denoted  $\binom{8}{l}$  are obtained from the binomial coefficients:

$$T\left(\frac{8}{l}, \frac{q}{l}\right) = \begin{cases} \binom{8}{q} & \text{for } l=1 \\ \binom{4}{\frac{q}{2}} & \text{for } l=2 \\ \binom{2}{\frac{q}{4}} & \text{for } l=4 \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

(b)-A composite permutation of type  $1^4 2^2$  including 4 unit-cycles and 2 transpositions allows to put in distinct ways  $\alpha = 0, 1, 3, 4$  homomorphic substituents  $X$  among 4 invariant positions and  $(q - \alpha)$  substituents of the same kind  $X$  among 4 positions submitted to transpositions.

The number of distinct ways of putting  $q$  substituents of the same kind  $X$  among 8 positions submitted to a composite permutation of type  $1^4 2^2$  comprising 4 unit cycles and 2 transpositions is obtained from the sum over  $\alpha=0, 1, 2, 3, 4$  of the product of binomial coefficients  $T(4, \alpha)$  and

$$T\left(2, \frac{q-\alpha}{2}\right) \text{ given in eq.11:}$$

$$\sum_{\alpha=0}^4 T(4,\alpha)T\left(2,\frac{q-\alpha}{2}\right) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^4 \binom{4}{\alpha} \binom{2}{\frac{q-\alpha}{2}} \quad (11)$$

(c)-A composite permutation of type  $1^23^2$  splits 8 substitution sites into 2-3-cycles and 2 invariant positions. This disposition allows to put in distinct ways  $\beta = 0,1,2$  substituents X among 2 invariant positions and  $(q-\beta)$  substituents X among the 6 remaining positions divided into two 3-cycle permutations

The number of distinct placements of  $q$  substituents of the same kind X among 8 positions submitted to permutations of type  $1^23^2$  comprising 2 unit cycles and 2 3-cycles is obtained from the sum over  $\beta=0,1,2$  of the product of binomial coefficients  $T(2,\beta)$  and  $T\left(2,\frac{q-\beta}{3}\right)$  given in eq.12:

$$\sum_{\beta=0}^2 T(2,\beta)T\left(2,\frac{q-\beta}{3}\right) = \sum_{\beta=0}^2 \binom{2}{\beta} \binom{2}{\frac{q-\beta}{3}} \quad (12)$$

(d)-The permutation  $2^16^1$  induced by  $S_6$  includes one transposition and one 6-cycle which allow to put  $\lambda=0,1$  pair of substituents of the same kind X among 2 positions submitted to a transposition and  $(q-2\lambda)$  substituents of the same kind X among 6 remaining positions submitted to one 6-cycle permutation.

The number of distinct placements of  $q$  substituents of the same kind X among 8 positions submitted to a permutation of type  $2^16^1$  comprising one transposition and one 6-cycle is obtained from the sum over  $\lambda=0,1$  of the product of binomial coefficients  $T(1,\lambda)$  and

$T\left(1,\frac{q-2\lambda}{6}\right)$  given in eq. 13:

$$\sum_{\lambda=0}^1 T(1,\lambda)T\left(1,\frac{q-2\lambda}{6}\right) = \sum_{\lambda=0}^1 \binom{1}{\lambda} \binom{1}{\frac{q-2\lambda}{6}} \quad (13)$$

## 4 Bipartite combinatorial enumeration of chiral and achiral skeletons of homopolysubstituted cubane derivatives and cubane homo hetero-analogues

### 4.1 Generic formulas for bipartite enumeration of homopolysubstituted cubane derivatives and cubane homo hetero-analogues

By replacing the right-hand side terms of  $\Delta_c H_8$  and  $\Delta_{ac} H_8$  with equivalent algebraic expressions given in eqs.10-13 one obtains respectively a pair of associated generic functions  $A_c(\delta, q)$  and  $A_{ac}(\delta, q)$  given in eqs.14-15 for a bipartite enumeration of chiral and achiral homopolysubstituted cubane derivatives  $C_8 H_{8-q} X_q$  and cubane homo hetero-analogues  $(CH)_{8-q} X_q$ .

$$A_c(\delta, q) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{\delta}{q} + 5 \binom{4}{\frac{q}{2}} + 8 \sum_{\beta=0}^2 \binom{2}{\beta} \binom{2}{\frac{q-\beta}{3}} - 6 \left( \sum_{\alpha=0}^4 \binom{4}{\alpha} \binom{2}{\frac{q-\alpha}{2}} \right) - 8 \left( \sum_{\lambda=0}^1 \binom{1}{\lambda} \binom{1}{\frac{q-2\lambda}{6}} \right) \right] \quad (14)$$

and

$$A_{ac}(\delta, q) = \frac{1}{24} \left[ 6 \binom{2}{\frac{q}{4}} + 4 \binom{4}{\frac{q}{2}} + 6 \left( \sum_{\alpha=0}^4 \binom{4}{\alpha} \binom{2}{\frac{q-\alpha}{2}} \right) + 8 \left( \sum_{\lambda=0}^2 \binom{1}{\lambda} \binom{1}{\frac{q-2\lambda}{6}} \right) \right] \quad (15)$$

### 4.2 Applications

**Example 1:** A bipartite enumeration of chiral and achiral skeletons for the series of homosubstituted cubane derivatives  $C_8 H_{8-q} X_q$  and their corresponding cubane homo hetero-analogues  $(CH)_{8-q} X_q$  where  $0 \leq q \leq 8$  are calculated as follows:

$$A_c(\delta, 0) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{\delta}{0} + 5 \binom{4}{0} + 8 \binom{2}{0} \binom{2}{0} - 8 \binom{1}{0} \binom{1}{0} - 6 \binom{4}{0} \binom{2}{0} \right] = 0$$

$$A_{ac}(\delta, 0) = \frac{1}{24} \left[ 6 \binom{2}{0} + 4 \binom{4}{0} + 8 \binom{1}{0} \binom{1}{0} + 6 \binom{4}{0} \binom{2}{0} \right] = 1$$

$$A_c(\delta, 1) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{\delta}{1} + 8 \binom{2}{1} \binom{2}{0} - 6 \binom{4}{1} \binom{2}{0} \right] = 0$$

$$A_{ac}(8,1) = \frac{1}{24} \left[ 6 \binom{4}{1} \binom{2}{0} \right] = 1$$

$$A_c(8,2) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{8}{2} + 8 \binom{2}{2} \binom{2}{0} + 5 \binom{4}{1} - 8 \binom{1}{1} \binom{1}{0} - 6 \binom{4}{0} \binom{2}{1} - 6 \binom{4}{2} \binom{2}{0} \right] = 0$$

$$A_{ac}(8,2) = \frac{1}{24} \left[ 4 \binom{4}{1} + 8 \binom{1}{1} \binom{1}{0} + 6 \binom{4}{0} \binom{2}{1} + 6 \binom{4}{2} \binom{2}{0} \right] = 3$$

$$A_c(8,3) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{8}{3} + 8 \binom{2}{0} \binom{2}{1} - 6 \binom{4}{1} \binom{2}{1} - 6 \binom{4}{3} \binom{2}{0} \right] = 0$$

$$A_{ac}(8,3) = \frac{1}{24} \left[ 6 \binom{4}{1} \binom{2}{1} + 6 \binom{4}{3} \binom{2}{0} \right] = 3$$

$$A_c(8,4) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{8}{4} + 8 \binom{2}{1} \binom{2}{1} + 5 \binom{4}{2} - 6 \binom{4}{0} \binom{2}{2} - 6 \binom{4}{4} \binom{2}{0} - 6 \binom{4}{2} \binom{2}{1} \right] = 1$$

$$A_{ac}(8,4) = \frac{1}{24} \left[ 4 \binom{4}{2} + 6 \binom{2}{1} + 6 \binom{4}{0} \binom{2}{2} + 6 \binom{4}{4} \binom{2}{0} + 6 \binom{4}{2} \binom{2}{1} \right] = 5$$

The integer sequences  $A_c(8,q)$  and  $A_{ac}(8,q)$  of chiral and achiral skeletons of homopolysubstituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_{8-q}X_q$  and cubane homo hetero-analogues  $(CH)_{8-q}X_q$  calculated for  $0 \leq q \leq 8$  are reported in table 1 where columns 6 and 7 indicate the corresponding numbers of diastereoisomers  $C_{hv}(8,q) = A_c(8,q) + A_{ac}(8,q)$  and the occurring symmetries respectively. The results summarized in table 1 predict for  $q=8$ , one octa-substituted cubane derivative of  $O_h$ -symmetry. For  $q=1$ , 7 mono and hepta substituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_7X$ ,  $C_8HX_7$  and their corresponding mono and hepta homo hetero-analogues  $(CH)_7X$  and  $(CH)X_7$  exhibit a  $C_{3v}$ -symmetry. For  $q=2,6$  di or hexa substituted cubanes  $C_8H_6X_2$ ,  $C_8H_2X_6$  and their di and hexa-homo hetero-analogues  $(CH)_6X_2$ ,  $(CH)_2X_6$  exhibit 3 achiral diastereoisomers skeletons partitioned into  $D_{3d} + 2C_{2v}$  symmetries. For  $q=3,5$  tri or penta-homsubstituted cubane  $C_8H_5X_3$ ,  $C_8H_3X_5$  and their tri- and penta-homo hetero-

analogues  $(CH)_5X_3$  and  $(CH)_3X_5$  are reduced to 3 achiral diastereoisomers partitioned into  $2C_5+C_{3v}$ -symmetries. For  $q=4$  one obtains in the series of tetra homosubstituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_4X_4$  and cubane tetra-homo hetero-analogues  $(CH)_4X_4$ , 6 diastereoisomers partitioned into one  $C_2$ -chiral and  $C_5+C_{3v}+C_{4v}+D_{2h}+T_d$  achiral skeletons. Thus, if the degrees of substitution vary in the range  $1 \leq q \leq 8$  one obtains a total of 21 distinct stereoisomers predicted respectively for the series of homosubstituted cubanes  $C_8H_{8-q}X_q$  and cubane homo hetero-analogues  $(CH)_{8-q}X_q$  illustrated in fig.1 of part II of this study.

**Table 1.** Numbers  $A_c$  of chiral,  $A_{ac}$  of achiral and  $C_{he} = A_c + A_{ac}$  of diastereoisomers predicted for homosubstituted cubanes  $C_8H_{8-q}X_q$  and cubane homo-hetero-analogues  $(CH)_{8-q}X_q$  where  $0 \leq q \leq 8$ .

$q$	$C_8H_{8-q}X_q$	$(CH)_{8-q}X_q$	$A_c$	$A_{ac}$	$C_{ho}$	Occurring Symmetries
0	$C_8H_8$	$(CH)_8$	0	1	1	$O_h$
1	$C_8H_7X$	$(CH)_7X$	0	1	1	$C_{3v}$
2	$C_8H_6X_2$	$(CH)_6X_2$	0	3	3	$D_{3d}+2C_{2v}$
3	$C_8H_5X_3$	$(CH)_5X_3$	0	3	3	$2C_5+C_{3v}$
4	$C_8H_4X_4$	$(CH)_4X_4$	1	5	6	$C_2+C_5+C_{3v}+C_{4v}+D_{2h}+T_d$
5	$C_8H_3X_5$	$(CH)_3X_5$	0	3	3	$2C_5+C_{3v}$
6	$C_8H_2X_6$	$(CH)_2X_6$	0	3	3	$D_{3d}+2C_{2v}$
7	$C_8HX_7$	$(CH)X_7$	0	1	1	$C_{3v}$
8	$C_8X_8$	$X_8$	0	1	1	$O_h$

## 5 Bipartite combinatorial enumeration of chiral and achiral heteropolysubstituted cubane derivatives and cubane hetero-hetero-analogues.

Two chemical transformations applicable to cubane skeleton are : (a) the outer heteropolysubstitution of rank  $k$  yielding heterosubstituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_{q_0}X_{q_1} \dots Y_{q_i} \dots Z_{q_k}$  is an operation of putting in distinct ways  $q_0H$  and  $k$  distinct sets of  $q_1X, \dots, q_iY, \dots, q_kZ$  achiral substituents among 8 positions occupied by hydrogen atoms submitted to permutations induced by 48 symmetry operations of the  $O_h$  point group and (b) the inner heteropolysubstitution of rang  $k$  yielding cubane hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)_{q_0}X_{q_1} \dots Y_{q_i} \dots Z_{q_k}$  consists to put in distinct ways in accord with the obligatory minimum valency (OMV) restrictions  $q_0(CH)$  and  $q_1X, \dots, q_iY, \dots, q_kZ$  trivalent atoms among 8 positions occupied by methine groups submitted to permutations induced by 48 symmetry operations of

$O_h$ . In these 2 series of cubane derivatives the integer sequences  $q_0, q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_k$  satisfy the restriction:

$$\sum_{i=0}^k q_i = 8. \quad (16)$$

### 5.1 Enumeration of heterogeneous arrangements of substituents in cubane

The numbers of heterogeneous arrangements<sup>[15]</sup> of achiral substituents in a cubane skeleton are numbers of stereoisomers  $C_8H_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$  or  $(CH)_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$  obtained by putting in distinct ways  $q_0H, q_1X, \dots, q_iY, \dots, q_kZ$  among 8 substitution sites submitted to permutations of types  $1^8, 2^4, 4^2, 1^4 2^2, 1^2 3^2, 2^1 6^1$  induced by 48 symmetry operations of  $O_h$ . Such placements of substituents are called in combinatorics heterogeneous arrangements of given sets of  $q_0, q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_k$  objects of different kinds among 8 positions submitted to permutations previously indicated. The numbers of such arrangements are calculated as follows:

**(a)-The number of heterogeneous arrangements of achiral substituents in a cubane skeleton submitted to permutations of types  $1^8, 2^4$  and  $4^2$ .**

*The number of heterosubstituted permutomers of types  $C_8H_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$  or  $(CH)_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$  issued from heterogeneous arrangements of  $q_0H, q_1X, \dots, q_iY, \dots, q_kZ$  achiral substituents among 8 substitution sites of cubane submitted to 8 unit-cycles ( $1^8$ ), 4 transpositions ( $2^4$ ) and 2-4-cycles permutations ( $4^2$ ) are obtained from multinomial coefficients summarized by the general formula:*

$$T\left(8; \frac{q_0}{l}, \dots, \frac{q_i}{l}, \dots, \frac{q_k}{l}\right) = \binom{8}{\frac{q_0}{l}, \dots, \frac{q_i}{l}, \dots, \frac{q_k}{l}} \text{ where } l=1,2,4. \quad (17)$$

**(b)-The number of heterogeneous arrangements of substituents in a cubane skeleton submitted to permutations of type  $1^4.2^2$  induced by the reflection  $\sigma_d$ .**

The composite permutation  $1^4.2^2$  comprising 4 invariant positions and 2 transpositions allows to put  $\alpha_0H$  and  $\alpha_1X, \dots, \alpha_iY, \dots, \alpha_kZ$  achiral substituents among 4 invariant positions and

simultaneously to display  $q_0''H$  and  $q_1''Y, \dots, q_i''Y, \dots, q_k''Z$  pairs of remaining others among 2 boxes for transpositions. Such arrangements of substituents require solving the partition eqs.18-19

$$\alpha_0 + \dots + \alpha_i + \dots + \alpha_k = 4 \quad (18)$$

$$q_0'' + \dots + q_i'' + \dots + q_k'' = 2 \quad (19)$$

to derive the integer sequences  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_k)$  and  $(q_0'', \dots, q_i'', \dots, q_k'')$  indicating the numbers

of H atoms and achiral substituents of kinds X, Y, ..., Z to be put among 4 invariant positions and the numbers of pairs of H atoms and achiral substituents of kinds X, Y ... Z to display among 2 boxes for transpositions. The  $\lambda_1$  solutions to retain are associated pairs of integer sequences  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_k)$  and  $(q_0'', \dots, q_i'', \dots, q_k'')$  where  $\alpha_i$  and  $q_i''$  satisfy the condition:

$$q_i'' = \frac{q_i - \alpha_i}{2} \quad (20)$$

Let  $T(4; \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_k)$  be the number of distinct ways of putting  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_k)$  atoms H, and achiral substituents of kinds X, ..., Y, ..., Z among 4 invariant positions and let  $T(2; q_0'', \dots, q_i'', \dots, q_k'')$  denote the number of placements of  $q_0'', \dots, q_i'', \dots, q_k''$  pairs of H, X, Y, ..., Z among 2 boxes for transpositions.

*The number of permutomers for heterosubstituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$  and the number of cubane hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$  resulting from heterogeneous arrangements of  $q_0H, q_1X, \dots, q_kZ$  among 8 substitution sites of cubane submitted to a composite permutation of type  $1^4 2^2$  are calculated from the sum total of  $\lambda_1$  products of multinomial coefficients given hereafter:*

$$\sum_{\lambda_1} T(4; \alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_k) T(2; q_0'', \dots, q_i'', \dots, q_k'') = \sum_{\lambda_1} \binom{4}{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_k} \binom{2}{q_0'', \dots, q_i'', \dots, q_k''} \quad (21)$$

**(c)-The number of heterogeneous arrangements of achiral substituents in a cubane skeleton submitted to permutations of type  $1^2 3^2$  induced by 3-fold rotations  $C_3$ .**

The composite permutation  $1^23^2$  allows to put  $\beta_0H$  atoms and  $\beta_1X, \dots, \beta_iY, \dots, \beta_kZ$  achiral substituents among 2 invariant positions and simultaneously to distribute  $q'_0, q'_1, \dots, q'_i, \dots, q'_k$  3-tuples of remaining substituents H, X, ..., Y, ...Z among 2 boxes for 3-cycle permutations. These 2 choices require solving the partition eqs.22-23 and obtaining the integer sequences  $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_i, \dots, \beta_k)$  of substituents to put among 2 invariant positions and  $(q'_0, q'_1, \dots, q'_i, \dots, q'_k)$  3-tuples of substituents to display among 2 boxes for 3-cycle permutations. The  $\lambda_2$  pairs of integer sequences  $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_i, \dots, \beta_k) \leftrightarrow (q'_0, q'_1, \dots, q'_i, \dots, q'_k)$  to retain satisfy the conditions:

$$\beta_0 + \dots + \beta_i + \dots + \beta_k = 2 \quad (22)$$

$$q'_0 + \dots + q'_i + \dots + q'_k = 2 \quad (23)$$

$$q'_i = \frac{q_i - \beta_i}{3} \quad (24)$$

Let  $T(2; q'_0, \dots, q'_i, \dots, q'_k)$  be the number of distinct ways of putting  $(q'_0, \dots, q'_i, \dots, q'_k)$  3-tuples of objects of kinds H, X, Y, ..., Z among 2 boxes having each 3 positions and let  $T(2; \beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \dots, \beta_k)$  denote the number of placements of  $(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \dots, \beta_k)$  remaining objects of the same kinds among 2 invariant positions.

*The number of permutomers for polyheterosubstituted cubane  $C_8H_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$  and the number of cubane hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$  resulting from heterogeneous arrangements of  $q_0H$  and  $q_1X, \dots, q_iY, \dots, q_kZ$  achiral substituents among 8 substitution sites of cubane submitted to composite permutations of type  $1^23^2$  is the sum total of  $\lambda_2$  products of multinomial coefficients  $T(2; \beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \dots, \beta_k)$  and  $T(2; q'_0, \dots, q'_i, \dots, q'_k)$  given in eq. 25 :*

$$\sum_{\lambda_2} T(2; \beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \dots, \beta_k) T(2; q'_0, \dots, q'_i, \dots, q'_k) = \sum_{\lambda_2} \binom{2}{\beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \dots, \beta_k} \binom{2}{q'_0, \dots, q'_i, \dots, q'_k} \quad (25)$$

**(d)-The number of heterogeneous arrangements of achiral substituents in a cubane skeleton submitted to permutations of type  $2^1.6^1$  induced by 6-fold roto reflections  $S_6$ .**

The composite permutation  $2^1.6^1$  including one 6-cycle permutation and 1 transposition allows to put  $\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_i, \dots, \lambda_k$  pairs of H, X, ..., Y, Z in the box of transposition and  $q_0''', \dots, q_i''', \dots, q_k'''$  6-tuples of H, X, Y ...Z in one box of 6-cycle permutations. These 2 arrangements require solving the partition eqs.26-27:

$$\lambda_0 + \dots + \lambda_i + \dots + \lambda_k = I \tag{26}$$

$$q_0''' + \dots + q_i''' + \dots + q_k''' = I \tag{27}$$

and obtain  $\lambda_3$  pairs of integer sequences  $(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_i, \dots, \lambda_k) \leftrightarrow (q_0''', \dots, q_i''', \dots, q_k''')$  which satisfy the condition:

$$q_i''' = \frac{q_i - 2\lambda_i}{6} \tag{28}$$

Let  $T(2; \lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_i, \dots, \lambda_k)$  be the number of distinct ways of putting  $(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_i, \dots, \lambda_k)$  pairs of substituents of types H,X,...,Y,...Z inside one box of 2 equivalent positions and let  $T(1; q_0''', \dots, q_i''', \dots, q_k''')$  denote the number of placements of  $(q_0''', \dots, q_i''', \dots, q_k''')$  6-tuples of substituents of types H, X, ..., Y, ..., Z in one box of 6 equivalent positions.

*The number of permutomers  $C_8H_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$  or  $(CH)_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$  resulting from heterogeneous arrangements of  $q_0H, q_1X, \dots, q_iY, \dots, q_kZ$  among 8 substitution sites of cubane submitted to a composite permutations of type  $2^1.6^1$  is the sum total of  $\gamma_3$  products of multinomial coefficients given in eq.29:*

$$\sum_{\gamma_3} T(2; \lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_i, \dots, \lambda_k) T(1; q_0''', \dots, q_i''', \dots, q_k''') = \sum_{\gamma_3} \binom{I}{\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_i, \dots, \lambda_k} \binom{I}{q_0''', \dots, q_i''', \dots, q_k'''} \tag{29}$$

## 5.2 Generic formulas for bipartite enumeration of chiral and achiral heteropolysubstituted cubane derivatives and cubane hetero hetero-analogues.

By replacing the right hand side terms of  $\Delta_c H_8$  and  $\Delta_{ac} H_8$  (eqs.6-7) with equivalent terms given in eqs.17, 21, 25, 29 one obtains eqs.30-31 which are generic formulae giving a bipartite inventory of  $A_c(\delta; q_0, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_k)$  chiral and  $A_{ac}(\delta; q_0, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_k)$  achiral skeletons of both

hetero-polysubstituted cubanes  $C_8H_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$  and cubane hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$ .

$$A_c(8; q_0, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_k) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \begin{aligned} & \binom{8}{q_0, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_k} + 5 \binom{4}{\frac{q_0}{2}, \dots, \frac{q_i}{2}, \dots, \frac{q_k}{2}} + 8 \sum_{\gamma_1} \binom{2}{\beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \dots, \beta_k} \binom{2}{q'_0, \dots, q'_i, \dots, q'_k} \\ & - 6 \sum_{\gamma_2} \binom{4}{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_k} \binom{2}{q''_0, \dots, q''_i, \dots, q''_k} - 8 \left( \sum_{\gamma_3} \binom{1}{\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_i, \dots, \lambda_k} \binom{1}{q'''_0, \dots, q'''_i, \dots, q'''_k} \right) \end{aligned} \right] \quad (30)$$

and

$$A_{ac}(8; q_0, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_k) = \frac{1}{24} \left[ \begin{aligned} & 4 \binom{4}{\frac{q_0}{2}, \dots, \frac{q_i}{2}, \dots, \frac{q_k}{2}} + 6 \binom{2}{\frac{q_0}{4}, \dots, \frac{q_i}{4}, \dots, \frac{q_k}{4}} + 6 \sum_{\gamma_2} \binom{4}{\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_k} \binom{2}{q''_0, \dots, q''_i, \dots, q''_k} \\ & + 8 \left( \sum_{\gamma_3} \binom{1}{\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_i, \dots, \lambda_k} \binom{1}{q'''_0, \dots, q'''_i, \dots, q'''_k} \right) \end{aligned} \right] \quad (31)$$

### 5.3 Applications

**Example 2:** Bipartite enumeration of di, tri, tetra, penta, hexa and hepta-heteropolysubstituted cubane derivatives and their corresponding hetero hetero-analogues given in table 2 where the subscript  $k$  represents the number of distinct types of achiral substituents.

**Table 2.** Molecular formula of di, tri, tetra, penta, hexa and hepta hetero-polysubstituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$  and cubane hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$ .

*k	$C_8H_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k} / (CH)_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$	k	$C_8H_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k} / (CH)_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$
2	$C_8H_6XY / (CH)_6XY$	4	$C_8H_2X_2W_2YZ / (CH)_2X_2W_2YZ$
	$C_8H_5X_2Y / (CH)_5X_2Y$		$C_8H_4XWYZ / (CH)_4XWYZ$
	$C_8H_4X_2Y_2 / (CH)_4X_2Y_2$		$C_8H_3X_2WYZ / (CH)_3X_2WYZ$
3	$C_8H_3X_2Y_2Z / (CH)_3X_2Y_2Z$	5	$C_8H_2X_2UWYZ / (CH)_2X_2UWYZ$
	$C_8H_5XYZ / (CH)_5XYZ$	6	$C_8H_2XPUWYZ / (CH)_2XPUWYZ$
		7	$C_8HXSPUWYZ / (CH)XSPUWYZ$

\*k=number of achiral substituents of different kinds.

To solve this problem for each compound aforementioned we list the appropriate values  $q_0, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_k$  reported in column 1 of table 3 then we compute from couples of partition eqs.(18-19), (22-23) and (26-27) satisfying the restrictions 20, 24 and 28, pairs of integer sequences  $(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \dots, \beta_k) \leftrightarrow (q'_0, \dots, q'_i, \dots, q'_k), (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_k) \leftrightarrow (q''_0, \dots, q''_i, \dots, q''_k)$  and

$(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_i, \dots, \lambda_k) \leftrightarrow (q_0''', \dots, q_i''', \dots, q_k''')$ . The data collected from such calculations are reported in table 3 and used in eqs.30-31 to derive the numbers of enantiomers pairs and achiral skeletons required. We note for these series that non-occurring compatible pairs of integer sequences are indicated by empty cells with dashed lines.

**Table 3.** Compatible pairs of integer sequences  $(\beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \dots, \beta_k) \leftrightarrow (q_0', \dots, q_i', \dots, q_k')$ ,  $(\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_k) \leftrightarrow (q_0'', \dots, q_i'', \dots, q_k'')$ ,  $(\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_i, \dots, \lambda_k) \leftrightarrow (q_0''', \dots, q_i''', \dots, q_k''')$  for heteropolysubstituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$  and cubane hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)_{q_0}X_{q_1}\dots Y_{q_i}\dots Z_{q_k}$  having distinct types of achiral substituents.

$q_0 \dots q_i \dots q_k$	$\beta_0, \dots, \beta_i, \dots, \beta_k$	$q_0', \dots, q_i', \dots, q_k'$	$\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_k$	$q_0'', \dots, q_i'', \dots, q_k''$	$\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_i, \dots, \lambda_k$	$q_0''', \dots, q_i''', \dots, q_k'''$
6,1,1	0,1,1	2,0,0	2,1,1	2,0,0	-----	-----
5,2,1	---	---	1,2,1	2,0,0	-----	-----
			3,0,1	1,1,0	-----	-----
4,2,2	---	---	4,0,0	0,1,1	-----	-----
			2,2,0	1,0,1	-----	-----
			2,0,2	1,1,0	-----	-----
			0,2,2	2,0,0	-----	-----
5,1,1,1	-----	-----	1,1,1,1	2,0,0,0	-----	-----
3,2,2,1	-----	-----	3,0,0,1	0,1,1,0		
			1,2,0,1	1,0,1,0		
			1,0,2,1	1,1,0,0		
4,1,1,1,1	-----	-----	0,1,1,1,1	2,0,0,0,0		
3,2,1,1,1	-----	-----	1,0,1,1,1	1,1,0,0,0	-----	-----
2,2,2,1,1	-----	-----	2,0,0,1,1	0,1,1,0,0	-----	-----
			0,2,0,1,1	1,0,1,0,0	-----	-----
			0,0,2,1,1	1,1,0,0,0	-----	-----
2,2,1,1,1,1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
2,1,1,1,1,1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1,1,1,1,1,1,1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

The numbers  $A_c(\delta; q_0, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_k)$  and  $A_{ac}(\delta; q_0, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_k)$  of enantiomer pairs and achiral skeletons for these heteropolysubstituted cubane derivatives and cubane hetero hetero-analogues are derived as follows:

For  $C_8H_6XY$  and  $(CH)_6XY$

$$A_c(8,6,1,1) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{8}{6,1,1} + 8 \left[ \binom{2}{0,1,1} \binom{2}{2,0,0} \right] - 6 \left[ \binom{4}{2,1,1} \binom{2}{2,0,0} \right] \right] = 0$$

$$A_{ac}(8,6,1,1) = \frac{1}{24} 6 \left[ \binom{4}{2,1,1} \binom{2}{2,0,0} \right] = 3$$

For  $C_8H_5X_2Y$  and  $(CH)_5X_2Y$

$$A_c(8,5,2,1) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{8}{5,2,1} - 6 \left[ \binom{4}{1,2,1} \binom{2}{2,0,0} + \binom{4}{3,0,1} \binom{2}{1,1,0} \right] \right] = 1$$

$$A_c(8,5,2,1) = \frac{1}{24} \left[ 6 \left[ \binom{4}{1,2,1} \binom{2}{2,0,0} + \binom{4}{3,0,1} \binom{2}{1,1,0} \right] \right] = 5$$

For  $C_8H_5XYZ$  and  $(CH)_5XYZ$

$$A_c(8,5,1,1,1) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{8}{5,1,1,1} - 6 \binom{4}{1,1,1,1} \binom{2}{2,0,0,0} \right] = 4$$

$$A_{ac}(8,5,1,1,1) = \frac{1}{24} \left[ 6 \binom{4}{1,1,1,1} \binom{2}{2,0,0,0} \right] = 6$$

For  $C_8H_4X_2Y_2$  and  $(CH)_4X_2Y_2$

$$A_c(8,4,2,2) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{8}{4,2,2} + 5 \binom{4}{2,1,1} - 6 \left[ \binom{4}{4,0,0} \binom{2}{0,1,1} + \binom{4}{2,2,0} \binom{2}{1,0,1} + \binom{4}{2,0,2} \binom{2}{1,1,0} + \binom{4}{0,2,2} \binom{2}{2,0,0} \right] \right] = 6$$

$$A_{ac}(8,4,2,2) = \frac{1}{24} \left[ 4 \binom{4}{2,1,1} + 6 \left[ \binom{4}{4,0,0} \binom{2}{0,1,1} + \binom{4}{2,2,0} \binom{2}{1,0,1} + \binom{4}{2,0,2} \binom{2}{1,1,0} + \binom{4}{0,2,2} \binom{2}{2,0,0} \right] \right] = 10$$

For  $C_8H_3X_2Y_2Z$  and  $(CH)_3X_2Y_2Z$

$$A_c(8,3,2,2,1) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{8}{3,2,2,1} - 6 \left[ \binom{4}{3,0,0,1} \binom{2}{0,1,1,0} + \binom{4}{1,2,0,1} \binom{2}{1,0,1,0} + \binom{4}{1,0,2,1} \binom{2}{1,1,0,0} \right] \right] = 28$$

$$A_{ac}(8,3,2,2,1) = \frac{6}{24} \left[ \binom{4}{3,0,0,1} \binom{2}{0,1,1,0} + \binom{4}{1,2,0,1} \binom{2}{1,0,1,0} + \binom{4}{1,0,2,1} \binom{2}{1,1,0,0} \right] = 14$$

For  $C_8H_4XWYZ$  and  $(CH)_4XWYZ$

$$A_c(8,4,1,1,1,1) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{8}{4,1,1,1,1} - 6 \binom{4}{0,1,1,1,1} \binom{2}{2,0,0,0,0} \right] = 32$$

$$A_{ac}(8,4,1,1,1,1) = \frac{1}{24} \left[ 6 \binom{4}{0,1,1,1,1} \binom{2}{2,0,0,0,0} \right] = 6$$

For  $C_8H_3X_2WYZ$  and  $(CH)_3X_2WYZ$

$$A_c(8,3,2,1,1,1) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{8}{3,2,1,1,1} - 6 \binom{4}{1,0,1,1,1} \binom{2}{1,1,0,0,0} \right] = 64$$

$$A_{ac}(8,3,2,1,1,1) = \frac{1}{24} \left[ 6 \binom{4}{1,0,1,1,1} \binom{2}{1,1,0,0,0} \right] = 12$$

For  $C_8H_2X_2W_2YZ$  and  $(CH)_2X_2W_2YZ$

$$A_c(8,2,2,2,1,1) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{8}{2,2,2,1,1} - 6 \left[ \binom{4}{2,0,0,1,1} \binom{2}{0,1,1,0,0} + \binom{4}{0,2,0,1,1} \binom{2}{1,0,1,0,0} + \binom{4}{0,0,2,1,1} \binom{2}{1,1,0,0,0} \right] \right] = 96$$

$$A_{ac}(8,2,2,2,1,1) = \frac{1}{24} \left[ 6 \left[ \binom{4}{2,0,0,1,1} \binom{2}{0,1,1,0,0} + \binom{4}{0,2,0,1,1} \binom{2}{1,0,1,0,0} + \binom{4}{0,0,2,1,1} \binom{2}{1,1,0,0,0} \right] \right] = 18$$

For  $C_8H_2X_2UWYZ$  and  $(CH)_2X_2UWYZ$

$$A_c(8,2,2,1,1,1,1) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{8}{2,2,1,1,1,1,1} \right] = 210$$

$$A_{ac}(8,2,2,1,1,1,1) = 0$$

For  $C_8H_2XPUWYZ$  and  $(CH)_2XPUWYZ$

$$A_c(8,2,1,1,1,1,1,1) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{8}{2,1,1,1,1,1,1,1} \right] = 420$$

$$A_c(8,2,1,1,1,1,1,1) = 0$$

For  $C_8HXSPUWYZ$  and  $(CH)XSPUWYZ$

$$A_c(8,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ \binom{8}{1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1} \right] = 840$$

$$A_{ac}(8,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1) = 0$$

These results predict the occurrence of  $A_c(8,6,1,1) = 0$  chiral and  $A_{ac}(8,6,1,1) = 3$  achiral isomers partitioned into  $C_{3v} + 2C'_s$  isomers for di-hetero-substituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_6XY$  and its cubane di-hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)_6XY$ . The tri-heterosubstituted cubane  $C_8H_5X_2Y$  and cubane tri-hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)_5X_2Y$  give rise to  $A_c(8,5,2,1) = 1C_1$  chiral and  $A_{ac}(8,5,2,1) = 5C'_s$  achiral isomers. The series of tri-heterosubstituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_5XYZ$  and cubane tri-hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)_5XYZ$  exhibit  $A_c(8,5,1,1,1) = 4C_1$  chiral and  $A_{ac}(8,5,1,1,1) = 6C'_s$  achiral skeletons. In the series of tetra-hetero-substituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_4X_2Y_2$  and their corresponding cubane tetra-hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)_4X_2Y_2$  the pattern inventory predicts the occurrence of  $A_c(8,4,2,2) = 6$ ,  $A_{ac}(8,4,2,2) = 10$  chiral isomers partitioned into  $4C_1 + 2C'_2$  and  $C_s + 4C'_s + 3C''_{2v} + C''_{2v} + C''_{2h}$  then for the series  $C_8H_4XWYZ$  and  $(CH)_4XWYZ$ ,  $A_c(8,4,1,1,1,1) = 32C_1$  chiral and  $A_{ac}(8,4,1,1,1,1) = 6C'_s$  achiral isomers skeletons respectively. The series of penta-heterosubstituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_3X_2Y_2Z$  and cubane penta-hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)_3X_2Y_2Z$  exhibit  $A_c(8,3,2,2,1) = 28C_1$  chiral and  $14C'_s$ -achiral skeletons. For the hexa-

heterosubstituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_2X_2W_2YZ$  and their cubane hexa-hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)_2X_2W_2YZ$  the pattern inventory predicts the occurrence of  $A_c(8,2,2,2,1,1)=96$   $C_1$ -chiral and  $A_{ac}(8,2,2,2,1,1)=18$   $C_s$ -achiral isomers skeletons. The hexa-heterosubstituted cubane derivatives  $C_8H_2X_2UWYZ$ ,  $C_8H_2XPUWYZ$  and their related hexa-hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)_2X_2UWYZ$ ,  $(CH)_2XPUWYZ$  exhibit  $A_c(8,2,2,1,1,1)=210$   $C_1$ ,  $A_c(8,2,1,1,1,1,1)=420$   $C_1$ -chiral isomers and  $A_{ac}(8,2,2,1,1,1,1)=0$ ,  $A_{ac}(8,2,1,1,1,1,1)=0$ -achiral isomers skeletons respectively. The hepta-hetero substituted cubane derivatives  $C_8HXSPUWYZ$  and their hepta hetero hetero-analogues  $(CH)XSPUWYZ$  exhibit  $A_c(8,1,1,1,1,1,1,1)=840$   $C_1$ -chiral and  $A_{ac}(8,1,1,1,1,1,1,1)=0$  achiral isomers. These results are summarized in table 4 and some illustrations given in fig.2 part II of this study.

**Table 4.** Numbers  $A_c$  of chiral,  $A_{ac}$  of achiral and  $C_{he} = A_c + A_{ac}$  of diastereoisomers predicted for some series of di, tri, tetra, penta, hexa, hepta-heterosubstituted cubanes and cubane di,tri,tetra, penta, hexa,hepta,-hetero hetero-analogues.

$q_0 \dots q_1, \dots, q_k$	Heterosubstituted cubanes	Cubane hetero-hetero-analogues	$A_c$	$A_{ac}$	$C_{he}$	Occurring Symmetries
6,1,1	$C_8H_6XY$	$(CH)_6XY$	0	3	3	$C_3 + 2C'_3$
5,2,1	$C_8H_5X_2Y$	$(CH)_5X_2Y$	1	5	6	$C_1 + 5C'_3$
5,1,1,1	$C_8H_5XYZ$	$(CH)_5XYZ$	4	6	10	$4C_1 + 6C'_3$
4,2,2	$C_8H_4X_2Y_2$	$(CH)_4X_2Y_2$	6	10	16	$4C_1 + 2C_2 + 4C'_3 + C_3 + 3C'_2 + C'_3 + C_{2h}$
3,2,2,1	$C_8H_4X_2Y_2Z$	$(CH)_3X_2Y_2Z$	28	14	42	$28C_1 + 14C'_3$
4,1,1,1,1	$C_8H_4XWYZ$	$(CH)_4XWYZ$	32	6	38	$32C_1 + 6C'_3$
3,2,1,1,1	$C_8H_5X_2WYZ$	$(CH)_3X_2WYZ$	64	12	76	$64C_1 + 12C'_3$
2,2,2,1,1	$C_8H_5X_2W_2YZ$	$(CH)_2X_2W_2YZ$	96	18	114	$96C_1 + 18C'_3$
2,2,1,1,1,1	$C_8H_5X_2UWYZ$	$(CH)_2X_2UWYZ$	210	0	210	$210C_1$
2,1,1,1,1,1,1	$C_8H_5XPUWYZ$	$(CH)_XPUWYZ$	420	0	420	$420C_1$
1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1	$C_8HXSPUWYZ$	$(CH)XSPUWYZ$	840	0	840	$840C_1$

## 6 Concluding remarks

The procedure of bipartite combinatorial enumeration of substituted cubane derivatives and cubane homo hetero-analogues and cubane hetero hetero-analogues contains the following steps:

1-Determination of  $\overline{P_{ro}}H_8$  and  $\overline{P_{rr}}H_8$  the averaged weight of permutations generated respectively by 24 rotations and 24 roreflections of  $O_h$  acting on the substitutions sites.

2-Determination of permutations representations  $\Delta_c H_8$  and  $\Delta_{ac} H_8$  controlling the chirality and the achirality fittingness of the substitution sites of cubane.

3- Formulation of algebraic expressions (eqs.10-14 and eqs.17-29) for counting homogeneous and heterogeneous arrangements of substituents.

4- For cubane heteropolysubstituted cubane derivatives and cubane hetero hetero-analogues the solution of partition eqs. (18-19), (22-23), (26-27) is required to obtain pairs of integer sequences compatible with the sequences of partial degrees of heteropolysubstitution  $q_0, q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_k$ .

5- Replacement of the right-hand side terms of  $\Delta_c H_8$  and  $\Delta_{ac} H_8$  by equivalent algebraic expressions obtained in step 3 to derive pairs of generic counting formulae (eqs.14-15 or 30-31).

6- Introduction in eqs. (14) - (15) or in eqs. (30) - (31) of appropriate data and computation of chiral and achiral isomers numbers  $A_c$  and  $A_{ac}$  for the series.

The applications of this algorithm yield congruent isomers figures <sup>[15]</sup> inventories for both substituted cubane derivatives and their corresponding cubane homo-heteroanalogues or hetero hetero-analogues. For the sake of comparison, the sum  $A_c + A_{ac}$  obtained in each series matches up with Pólya's coefficients  $C_{ho}$  and  $C_{he}$  derived from cycle indices.<sup>[16]</sup> From these results at hand it remains to solve the problem of partition of  $A_c$  and  $A_{ac}$  stereoisomers among the sequence of subgroups of  $O_h$ . Part II of this work provides the methodology of the partition of such bulk stereoisomers numbers as sum of symmetry adapted isomers numbers (column 7 table 4) and presents their detailed illustrations by the graphs of fig.1 and 2.

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