

OBSERVATION OF THE ROTATIONAL SPECTRA OF ${}^4\text{HeH}^+$, ${}^4\text{HeD}^+$, ${}^3\text{HeH}^+$, and ${}^3\text{HeD}^+$

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Low J rotational transitions of ${}^4\text{HeH}^+$, ${}^4\text{HeD}^+$, ${}^3\text{HeH}^+$, and ${}^3\text{HeD}^+$ have been observed in the 2-5 THz frequency region with a high-precision far-infrared spectrometer using a tunable radiation source. Observed frequencies have been incorporated with previous infrared measurements to determine Dunham coefficients Y_{kl} and isotopically independent parameters U_{kl} , Δ_{kl}^{He} , and Δ_{kl}^{H} . In particular, constants with $k=0$ and $l=1$ and 2 have been determined with unprecedented accuracy and will provide important information for breakdown of the Born-Oppenheimer approximation. The lowest $J=1\leftarrow 0$ transition of ${}^4\text{HeH}^+$ observed at 2010.1839(2) GHz will be an important future probe for detecting the species in space.