

SPECTROSCOPIC IMPLICATIONS OF THE “STRUCTURE” OF HELIUM DIHALOGEN COMPLEXES

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The rovibronic ($\tilde{B} \leftarrow \tilde{X}$) transitions of He·Br₂ and He·I₂ have been studied through calculations of the energies of the bound states on the *X* and *B* state potential surfaces. In these studies, literature potentials are used for all but the *X*-state of He·Br₂.^{ab} In that case, we calculated the potential at the CCSD(T) level of theory using the SDD+G(3df) basis for Br, the aug-cc-pVQZ basis for He, and a 3s3p2d2f1g set of bond functions, optimized for rare-gas molecule interactions,^c centered at the midpoint between He and the Br₂ center of mass. Using these potentials, the energies and wave functions of the bound states of the complexes are generated for $J \leq 9$. From these results, the vibronic spectra are computed over a range of temperatures from 0.1 to 2.5 K. Excellent agreement with the reported spectra is obtained.

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