



Theoretical study of the lowest - lying states of LuI located below 40 000 cm-1

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A theoretical investigation of the lowest-lying electronic states of Lutetium monoiodide LuI molecule is presented. Calculations have been performed through CASSCF and MRCI (single and double excitations) methods, in a range of internuclear distance R from 1.80 (Å) to 3.50 (Å), taking without and with the Spin-orbit coupling. The Lutetium atom is described by a relativistic pseudopotential ECP28 [1] while for the Iodine atom, the pseudopotential ECP 46 is used [2]. Calculations have been performed via the computational chemistry program MOLPRO [3]. Potential energy curves of the lowest-lying $22\ 2S+1\Lambda^{(\pm)}$ electronic states located below 40.000 cm⁻¹ and that of the corresponding $43\ 2s+1\Omega^{(+/-)}$ molecular states have been determined. Spectroscopic constants (Re (Å), ω_e , Te, Be in cm⁻¹) have been calculated and part of the results are compared with available experimental and theoretical values [4, 5]. A satisfying agreement has been obtained. Calculations have been used to predict the spin - orbit constant (A) in different triplet states of $\Lambda \neq 0$ and the composition (in percentage) of state wavefunctions in term of $2s+1\Omega^{(+/-)}$. A discussion is done to identify the Hund' case in LuI.

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