

Theoretical study of the FrLi molecule: Potential energy curves, Spectroscopic constants, Dipole moment, Radiative lifetime and Spectrum absorption

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Abstract

The FrLi molecule has not yet been well reported. In this paper, potential energy curves, as well as relevant permanent and transition dipole moments, for $X1\Sigma^+-101\Sigma^+$, $13\Sigma^+-103\Sigma^+$, $11,3\Pi - 61,3\Pi$ and $11,3[?]-21,3[?]$ of FrLi are obtained using a standard quantum chemistry approach based on pseudopotential for Fr⁺ and Li⁺ cores, Gaussian basis sets, effective core polarization potentials and full configuration interaction calculations. We present extensive predictions for the electronic structure of FrLi for which numerical data have been listed in a data base available as supplementary data. Based on the Effective Hamiltonian Theory and an effective metric, a diabatisation procedure was used to produce the quasi-diabatic potential energy. We have determined the adiabatic and quasi-diabatic potential energy curves. Spectroscopic constants (Re, De, Te, ω_e , $\omega_e x_e$ and Be) are also determined. In addition, we have localized and analyzed numerous avoided crossings between electronic states of $1,3\Sigma^+$, $1,3\Pi$ and $1,3\Delta$ symmetries. For the FrLi molecule, these avoided crossings can be explained by the ionic interaction between Fr⁺ and Li⁻, and Fr⁻ and Li⁺. The permanent dipole moment of FrLi has revealed both ionic characters relating to electron transfer and yielding Fr⁺Li⁻ and Fr⁻Li⁺ arrangements. These transition dipole moments is used to evaluate the radiative lifetimes of the vibrational levels trapped in the two excited states. In addition to the bound-bound contribution, the bound-free term calculated using two different methods the Franck-Condon (FC) approximation, the sum rule approximation and added to the total radiative lifetime. On the other hand we have presented the absorption spectrum.

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