

STABILITY AND SPECTROSCOPY OF MO₂ METAL DIOXIDES, M=B, Al, Ga, In, Tl

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By making use of both theories, Wave Function Theory with Cluster Coupled (CCSD(T)) method and Functional Density Theory with B3LYP functional, we have performed geometry optimization of metallic dioxide molecules, metal belongs to the 13th column of the periodic table. Wave functions are expressed using respectively, Dunning, Pople and Los Alamos basis sets, aug-cc-pvtz, aug-cc-pwcnz (nz = tz, qz, 5z), 6-311++G** and Lanl2DZ. Geometrical parameters as well as infrared spectra are reported for all optimized geometries. Molecular orbitals for the most stable structures are given as well ¹. Our calculations indicate that there are five possible isomers with linear or folded shapes. Some discrepancies with previous results are also noted. It is worth mentioning that there is a good agreement of geometry parameters obtained at two levels of theory when using awcvqz-pp and awcv5z-pp bases sets. It was possible to identify the good agreement between our CCSD(T)/awcvqz-pp, awcv5z-pp and B3LYP/Lanl2DZ spectroscopic results and experimental available values ^{2 3}. A spectroscopic study and NBO analysis, were devoted to explain the relative stability of the ²A₂ structure compared to ²A₁ one, in both cases of AlO₂ and GaO₂ systems, and its absolute stability in both cases InO₂ and TlO₂ molecules. We concluded that ²A₂ owes its stability to its ionic structure planned by the Russian experimenters ⁴.

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