

# Curious matrix effects: A computational, electron diffraction, and vibrational spectroscopic study of dysprosium triiodide

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## Electronic supplementary information (ESI)

**Table S1** Electron diffraction molecular intensities for DyI<sub>3</sub> at the two camera ranges

Camera range= 19 cm

$s_{\min} = 8.75 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ $s_{\max} = 27.25 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ step size = $0.25 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$							
			-115.1	89.9	262.1	300.8	163.2
1.1	-154.2	-243.7	-223.9	-84.8	81.3	183.3	219.8
135.8	16.9	-126.0	-187.9	-185.8	-49.9	47.1	146.5
154.9	98.3	30.4	-90.3	-145.4	-121.1	-23.1	48.0
90.0	93.5	74.6	8.4	-51.1	-88.1	-89.1	-31.9
11.2	54.9	92.8	59.0	20.5	-28.1	-83.1	-76.9
-24.7	-32.4	22.8	49.3	45.8	3.8	-19.8	-21.0
-39.7	-30.4	-20.3	-30.1	50.2	-1.3	41.8	-4.1
-19.7	-49.0	-33.8	-30.2	7.4	16.4	18.1	10.0
2.1	-4.3	-25.8	3.1	-7.2	4.4		

Camera range= 50 cm

$s_{\min} = 2.00 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ $s_{\max} = 14.00 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ step size = $0.125 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$							
-307.3	-251.8	-124.0	57.3	258.8	449.9	575.4	610.6
530.5	375.0	121.7	-128.5	-350.0	-500.9	-552.5	-536.2
-449.1	-305.1	-151.4	13.5	156.9	264.5	354.4	426.2
443.1	404.1	318.3	194.3	43.7	-109.8	-255.5	-361.9
-427.8	-431.2	-374.1	-284.1	-153.2	-15.1	127.6	248.1
343.4	372.4	381.8	332.0	236.6	144.5	28.7	-102.5
-225.1	-301.3	-338.9	-342.3	-303.0	-224.1	-127.4	-18.4
103.6	191.7	266.9	314.1	290.5	281.0	221.9	110.9
11.8	-89.8	-164.3	-232.4	-263.9	-272.6	-257.5	-184.0
-102.4	-12.1	72.8	154.3	196.2	250.1	214.0	193.3
165.5	81.7	2.8	-64.2	-140.0	-160.4	-193.6	-190.4
-194.7	-126.5	-64.8	-25.9	43.4	91.3	132.0	156.9
	188.6						

**Table S2** Calculated and experimental harmonic vibrational frequencies ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ), with IR intensities ( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) in parentheses for  $\text{Dy}_2\text{I}_6$

symmetry	mode	character <sup>a</sup>	MP2(FC)(Cundari)	IR (gas)
$A_g$	$\nu_1$	$\nu_s \text{ Dy-I}_t$	184.4	(0)
	$\nu_2$	$\nu_s \text{ Dy-I}_b$	120.7	(0)
	$\nu_3$	$\beta_s \text{ I}_b\text{-Dy-I}_b$	56.5	(0)
	$\nu_4$	$\beta_s \text{ I}_t\text{-Dy-I}_t$	25.8	(0)
$A_u$	$\nu_5$	$\delta_{as} \text{ I}_t\text{-Dy-I}_t$	22.1	(0)
$B_{1g}$	$\nu_6$	$\nu_{as} \text{ Dy-I}_t$	199.9	(0)
	$\nu_7$	$\beta_{as} \text{ I}_t\text{-Dy-I}_t$	23.3	(0)
$B_{1u}$	$\nu_8$	$\nu_{as} \text{ Dy-I}_b$	144.9	(23)
	$\nu_9$	$\delta_s \text{ I}_t\text{-Dy-I}_t$	24.8	(4)
$B_{2g}$	$\nu_{10}$	$\nu_{as} \text{ Dy-I}_b$	112.2	(0)
	$\nu_{11}$	$\delta_{as} \text{ I}_t\text{-Dy-I}_t$	33.3	(0)
$B_{2u}$	$\nu_{12}$	$\nu_{as} \text{ Dy-I}_t$	202.1	(86)
	$\nu_{13}$	ring puckering	37.7	(0)
	$\nu_{14}$	$\Theta \text{ Dy-I}_b\text{-Dy-I}_b$	3.8	(0)
	$\nu_{15}$	ring twist	27.5	(0)
$B_{3g}$	$\nu_{16}$	$\nu_s \text{ Dy-I}_t$	173.8	(86)
	$\nu_{17}$	$\nu_{as} \text{ Dy-I}_b$	114.5	(16)
	$\nu_{18}$	$\beta_{as} \text{ I}_t\text{-Dy-I}_t$	33.9	(1)

<sup>a</sup> The symbols or abbreviations  $\nu$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\delta$ ,  $\Theta$ , ‘s’, and ‘as’ mean stretch, in-plane bend, out-of-plane bend, torsion, symmetric and asymmetric, respectively.

**Table S3** Calculated vibrational frequencies ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and IR intensities ( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) in parentheses of  $\text{DyI}_3 \cdot \text{Ng}_{a,b}$  ( $\text{Ng} = \text{Ar}, \text{Kr}, \text{Xe}; a \text{ and } b = 0, 1, 3$ ) matrices at MP2 (Stuttgart LC) level of theory.<sup>a</sup>

	Dyl <sub>3</sub>	Dyl <sub>3</sub> .Ar <sub>1,0</sub>	Dyl <sub>3</sub> .Ar <sub>1,1</sub>	Dyl <sub>3</sub> .Ar <sub>3,0</sub>	Dyl <sub>3</sub> .Ar <sub>3,1</sub>
	<i>D</i> <sub>3h</sub>	<i>C</i> <sub>3v</sub>	<i>D</i> <sub>3h</sub>	<i>C</i> <sub>3v</sub>	<i>C</i> <sub>3v</sub>
1	<i>26.0</i> (12)	29.8 (0)	29.3 (1)	24.5 (0)	19.0 (0)
2	<i>35.2</i> (1)	29.8 (0)	29.3 (1)	24.5 (0)	19.0 (0)
3	<i>35.2</i> (1)	33.8 (9)	39.7 (0)	32.2 (0)	19.5 (4)
4	<i>142.0</i> (0)	36.8 (0)	39.7 (0)	35.0 (1)	23.3 (1)
5	<i>199.5</i> (46)	36.8 (0)	<i>41.2</i> (0)	35.0 (1)	23.3 (1)
6	<i>199.5</i> (46)	96.1 (6)	<i>41.2</i> (0)	40.5 (9)	32.9 (0)
7		<i>142.8</i> (1)	41.3 (12)	47.4 (0)	34.2 (1)
8		<i>197.2</i> (44)	77.4 (0)	47.4 (0)	34.2 (1)
9		<i>197.2</i> (44)	84.5 (11)	50.4 (2)	39.7 (9)
10			139.7 (0)	54.5 (0)	47.1 (0)
11			<i>195.5</i> (44)	54.5 (0)	47.1 (0)
12			<i>195.5</i> (44)	66.7 (2)	49.0 (0)
13				150.2 (6)	54.2 (0)
14				<i>191.4</i> (45)	54.2 (0)
15				<i>191.4</i> (45)	64.9 (1)
16					<i>148.4</i> (5)
17					<i>191.7</i> (45)
18					<i>191.7</i> (45)

<sup>a</sup> Italic style: normal vibrations of DyI<sub>3</sub> units

**Table S3** continued

	Dyl <sub>3</sub> <i>D</i> <sub>3h</sub>	Dyl <sub>3</sub> .Kr <sub>1,0</sub> <i>C</i> <sub>3v</sub>	Dyl <sub>3</sub> .Kr <sub>1,1</sub> <i>D</i> <sub>3h</sub>	Dyl <sub>3</sub> .Kr <sub>3,0</sub> <i>C</i> <sub>3v</sub>	Dyl <sub>3</sub> .Kr <sub>3,1</sub> <i>C</i> <sub>3v</sub>
1	26.0 (12)	24.7 (0)	24.1 (0)	24.3 (0)	16.2 (0)
2	35.2 (1)	24.7 (0)	24.1 (0)	24.3 (0)	16.2 (0)
3	35.2 (1)	32.9 (8)	34.1 (0)	26.9 (0)	17.6 (2)
4	142.0 (0)	36.0 (0)	34.1 (0)	33.6 (0)	24.9 (1)
5	199.5 (46)	36.0 (0)	38.4 (0)	33.6 (0)	24.9 (1)
6	199.5 (46)	81.3 (8)	38.4 (0)	39.8 (5)	27.8 (0)
7		142.5 (2)	41.2 (9)	40.3 (0)	32.4 (1)
8		196.7 (43)	59.6 (0)	40.3 (0)	32.4 (1)
9		196.7 (43)	74.3 (17)	44.2 (5)	40.7 (0)
10			139.0 (0)	45.3 (0)	40.7 (0)
11			194.5 (42)	45.3 (0)	41.1 (1)
12			194.5 (42)	54.4 (6)	42.4 (10)
13				151.4 (8)	45.7 (0)
14				189.4 (45)	45.7 (0)
15				189.4 (45)	51.6 (3)
16					149.3 (7)
17					189.6 (44)
18					189.6 (44)

**Table S3** continued

	DyI <sub>3</sub> <i>D</i> <sub>3h</sub>	DyI <sub>3</sub> .Xe <sub>1,0</sub> <i>C</i> <sub>3v</sub>	DyI <sub>3</sub> .Xe <sub>1,1</sub> <i>D</i> <sub>3h</sub>	DyI <sub>3</sub> .Xe <sub>3,0</sub> <i>C</i> <sub>3v</sub>	DyI <sub>3</sub> .Xe <sub>3,1</sub> <i>C</i> <sub>3v</sub>
1	26.0 (12)	22.4 (0)	21.1 (1)	23.3 (0)	13.6 (0)
2	35.2 (1)	22.4 (0)	21.1 (1)	23.3 (0)	13.6 (0)
3	35.2 (1)	32.0 (7)	32.8 (0)	25.0 (0)	17.8 (1)
4	142.0 (0)	35.7 (0)	32.8 (0)	31.2 (1)	24.6 (1)
5	199.5 (46)	35.7 (0)	37.7 (0)	31.2 (1)	24.6 (1)
6	199.5 (46)	76.7 (10)	37.7 (0)	35.4 (0)	25.7 (0)
7		142.4 (2)	41.3 (7)	38.2 (0)	30.3 (1)
8		195.8 (42)	51.1 (0)	38.2 (0)	30.3 (1)
9		195.8 (42)	71.9 (24)	42.6 (0)	36.2 (0)
10			137.8 (0)	42.6 (0)	39.0 (0)
11			192.8 (40)	42.6 (2)	39.0 (0)
12			192.8 (40)	52.4 (8)	43.0 (0)
13				152.2 (11)	43.0 (0)
14				186.6 (45)	43.1 (5)
15				186.6 (45)	48.8 (9)
16					150.5 (10)
17					186.7 (43)
18					186.7 (43)

**Table S4** Computed geometrical and vibrational parameters, and relative energies of the bending potential of DyI<sub>3</sub> at MP2(FC)(Cundari) level of theory

I–Dy–I (deg)	<i>r</i> (Å)	$\Delta E$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	frequencies (cm <sup>-1</sup> )					
			v <sub>1</sub>	v <sub>2</sub>	v <sub>3</sub>	v <sub>4</sub>	v <sub>5</sub>	v <sub>6</sub>
120.0	2.826	0.0	142.1	25.0	201.6	201.6	35.3	35.3
119.0	2.824	88.5	144.1	26.5	201.2	201.2	35.5	35.5
117.5	2.822	233.2	147.1	28.7	200.4	200.4	36.0	35.8
115.0	2.819	508.3	151.7	32.4	198.9	198.8	37.0	36.8
112.5	2.816	832.7	156.3	35.5	197.2	197.1	38.2	38.0
110.0	2.813	1210.4	160.7	38.6	195.6	195.4	39.5	39.4
105.0	2.809	2155.7	168.8	44.8	191.5	191.4	42.9	42.9
100.0	2.808	3418.9	175.8	52.2	186.4	186.4	47.5	47.5
90.0	2.816	7361.4	185.0	72.9	172.1	172.1	60.7	60.7