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Infra-red Photodetachment of Lanthanide Anions K.C. CHARTKUNCHAND, V.T. DAVIS, University of Nevada, Reno, S.S. DUVVURI, University of Florida, Z.A. MCCORMICK, J.S. THOMPSON, P.P. WIEWIOR, AARON COVINGTON, University of Nevada, Reno — Lanthanide anions, including Lu⁻ and Tb⁻, have been investigated at 1030 nm using a crossed laser-ion beams Laser Photodetachment Electron Spectroscopy apparatus. In the case of Lu⁻, the measured spectral variation of the asymmetry parameter is shown to be consistent with *p*-subshell photodetachment using the simplified model of Hanstrop *et.al* [Phys. Rev. A 40, 670 (1989)]. The experimental results are shown to be in good agreement with the bound states predicted by Elliav et.al [Phys. Rev. A 52, 291 (1995)] and are in excellent agreement with the more recent calculations O'Malley and Beck [Private Communication 2008]. Results of recent photodetachment experiments on Tb^{-} are also presented. which extend previous measurements to lower photon energies.

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