Supporting information for

## Symmetry and dynamics of FHF<sup>-</sup> anion in vacuum, in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and in CCl<sub>4</sub>. *Ab initio* MD

## study of fluctuating solvent-solute hydrogen and halogen bonds

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System	<b>ð</b> ¹H, ppm	<sup>19</sup> F, ppm	Spectral ref.	Rescale to CFCl <sub>3</sub> *	Ref.
FHF <sup>-</sup> in (CD <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO (296 K)	15.4	-145.3	Scale $(NaF)_{aq} = -122.4 \text{ ppm}$	-145.3	[a]
FHF <sup>-</sup> bound in tricyclic encapsulating	17.5	-152.1	Scale $(NaF)_{aq} = -122.4 \text{ ppm}$	-152.1	[a]
ligand (also $(CD_3)_2SO$ ) (296 K)					
$FHF^{-}Bu_4N^{+}$ in $CDF_3/CDF_2Cl(130 \text{ K})$	16.60	-155.0	CFCl <sub>3</sub> scale	-155.0	[b]
FHF <sup>-</sup> Bu <sub>4</sub> N <sup>+</sup> in CD <sub>3</sub> CN (253–343 K)	16.3	67÷71	Shielding vs. CF <sub>3</sub> COOH	-143.5÷-147.5	[c]
FHF <sup>-</sup> in KHF <sub>2</sub> crystal	16.6	+23.5 ± 9	C <sub>6</sub> F <sub>6</sub> scale	$-141.4 \pm 9$	[d]

\* in some cases there is not enough data to be sure that the conversion is precise, so that the converted values should be taken with caution (ca. extra  $\pm 2$  ppm).

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**Table S2**. Band positions in the power spectrum of FHF<sup>-</sup> (FDF<sup>-</sup>, as protons were simulated as deutrons) according to the normal mode analysis of the calculated trajectory performed in TRAVIS software. The power spectra are shown in Figure 7 in the main text.

System	Symmetric stretch <sup>1</sup> , cm <sup>-1</sup>	Bending	Asymmetric stretch
FDF- in vacuum	572	911	1118
FDF <sup>-</sup> in CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	579	871	1159
FDF <sup>-</sup> in CCl <sub>4</sub>	559	860	1135