

Electronic Supplementary Information for:

**"<sup>51</sup>V NMR parameters of VOCl<sub>3</sub>: Static and dynamic density functional study from the gas phase to the bulk."**

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**Table S1:** Additional results for embedded cluster model I based on coordinates from X-ray crystallography (Troyanov 2005 and Galy et al 1983, see main paper); unoptimized: employing the raw experimental coordinates; other entries: optimized using the CPMD program and the functional indicated.<sup>a</sup>

		Gas	Crystal	Crystal	Crystal	Crystal	Crystal	Crystal
			Xray 2005	Xray 1983	Xray 2005	Xray 2005	Xray 1983	Xray 1983
		BP86-D	Unoptimized	Unoptimized	BP86-D	BP86	BP86-D	BP86
<b>NMR-level:</b>								
B3LYP/ AE1	$\sigma_{\text{iso}}$	-2267.6	-2179.3	-2133.2	-2269.1	-2246.7	-2259.4	-2243.2
	Gas-to-solid shift	-	-88.3	-134.5	+1.5	-20.9	-8.2	-24.5
	$\delta_{\sigma}$	398.1	450.4	463.4	434.2	429.8	440.8	436.5
	$\eta_{\sigma}$	0.001	0.015	0.008	0.016	0.004	0.017	0.006
	$C_Q$	7.95	7.01	6.91	7.41	7.20	7.33	7.14
	$\eta_Q$	0.002	0.021	0.025	0.053	0.025	0.060	0.033
B3LYP/ QZVPP	$\sigma_{\text{iso}}$	-2334.2	-2245.2	-2197.9	-2337.4	-2314.6	-2327.5	-2311.1
	Gas-to-solid shift	-	-89.0	-136.3	+3.3	-19.6	-6.6	-23.1
	$\delta_{\sigma}$	354.3	412.1	426.5	393.3	389.9	400.4	396.9
	$\eta_{\sigma}$	0.001	0.017	0.009	0.017	0.004	0.018	0.007
	$C_Q$	7.21	6.25	6.10	6.72	6.50	6.64	6.44
	$\eta_Q$	0.002	0.022	0.027	0.057	0.028	0.065	0.037

<sup>a</sup>Initial point charges used, cf. "run1" entries in Table S2.

**Table S2:** B3LYP solid-state NMR data of cluster model I (BP86-D geometry) with embedded point charges, showing the effect of point charge updates.

		B3LYP/AE1	B3LYP/QZVPP
<b>Run 1.</b>	$\sigma_{\text{iso}}$	-2269.1	-2337.4
With point charges from a gas phase B3LYP/QZVPP calculation	Gas-to-solid shift	-25.3	43.0
	$\delta_{\sigma}$	434.21	393.3
	$\eta_{\sigma}$	0.016	0.017
	$C_{\varrho}$	7.41	6.72
	$\eta_{\varrho}$	0.053	0.057
<b>Run 2:</b>	$\sigma_{\text{iso}}$	-2269.4	-2337.9
With point charges from embedded point charges from run 1.	Gas-to-solid shift	-25.0	43.5
	$\delta_{\sigma}$	441.5	400.8
	$\eta_{\sigma}$	0.017	0.020
	$C_{\varrho}$	7.38	6.69
	$\eta_{\varrho}$	0.051	0.055
<b>Run 3:</b>	$\sigma_{\text{iso}}$	-2269.4	-2338.0
With point charges from embedded point charges from run 2.	Gas-to-solid shift	-25.0	43.6
	$\delta_{\sigma}$	442.4	401.7
	$\eta_{\sigma}$	0.017	0.0198
	$C_{\varrho}$	7.38	6.69
	$\eta_{\varrho}$	0.051	0.055

**Table S3:** Additional solid-state B3LYP NMR data with non-embedded and embedded<sup>a</sup> cluster models II but with different basis sets<sup>b</sup> for layer 2.

		Non-embedded	PC-embedded			Non-embedded	PC-embedded
$\sigma_{\text{iso}}$	Layer 1: AE1	-2287.2	-2286.8	Layer 1:	def2-QZVPP	-2349.9	-2349.5
Gas-to-solid shift	Layer 2: AE1	-19.5	-19.1	Layer 2:	AE1	-13.3	-13.8
$\delta_{\sigma}$		441.7	447.1			403.4	409.1
$\eta_{\sigma}$		0.012	0.015			0.017	0.020
$C_{\rho}$		7.31	7.28			6.86	6.84
$\eta_{\rho}$		0.069	0.070			0.071	0.072
$\sigma_{\text{iso}}$	Layer 1: AE1	-2286.7	-2286.2	Layer 1:	def2-QZVPP	-2350.0	-2349.6
Gas-to-solid shift	Layer 2: 6-31G*	-19.1	-18.6	Layer 2:	6-31G*	55.6	55.2
$\delta_{\sigma}$		442.6	447.2			405.2	410.4
$\eta_{\sigma}$		0.015	0.018			0.019	0.021
$C_{\rho}$		7.33	7.31			6.80	6.78
$\eta_{\rho}$		0.069	0.070			0.072	0.073
$\sigma_{\text{iso}}$	Layer 1: AE1	-2287.1	-2286.7	Layer 1:	def2-QZVPP	-2350.3	-2349.9
Gas-to-solid shift	Layer 2: 6-31G	-19.5	-19.1	Layer 2:	6-31G	55.9	55.5
$\delta_{\sigma}$		456.4	460.8			418.9	423.9
$\eta_{\sigma}$		0.029	0.031			0.034	0.036
$C_{\rho}$		7.32	7.30			6.81	6.80
$\eta_{\rho}$		0.067	0.068			0.072	0.073
$\sigma_{\text{iso}}$	Layer 1: AE1	-2290.5	-2288.9	Layer 1:	def2-QZVPP	-2346.4	-2345.5
Gas-to-solid shift	Layer 2: STO-3G	-22.9	-21.3	Layer 2:	STO-3G	52.0	51.1
$\delta_{\sigma}$		426.8	429.0			387.5	390.8
$\eta_{\sigma}$		0.068	0.072			0.063	0.066
$C_{\rho}$		7.57	7.56			6.87	6.86
$\eta_{\rho}$		0.070	0.070			0.080	0.081

<sup>a</sup>Point charges not updates (cf. run1 in Table S2).

<sup>b</sup>6-31G and 6-31G\* basis on vanadium from: V. A. Rassolov, J. A. Pople, M. A. Ratner and T. L. Windus, *J. Chem. Phys.* **1998**, *109*, 1223.

**Table S4.** Additional chemical shift and quadrupole coupling data with a single molecule (gas-phase optimized) and two different cluster models of the solid state (with and without embedded point charges), cf. Table 2 in main paper.<sup>a</sup>

	Single molecule	Cluster I		Cluster II	
<b>B3LYP/QZ/6-31G*</b>	Gas phase optimized	Non-embedded	PC-embedded	Non-embedded	PC-embedded
$\sigma_{\text{iso}}$	-2351.6	-2352.6	-2354.3	-2365.4	-2364.7
Gas-to-solid shift	0.0	-1.1	-2.8	-13.8	-13.1
$\delta_{\sigma}$	359.3	341.5	408.2	407.1	413.6
$\eta_{\sigma}$	0.001	0.014	0.018	0.014	0.017
$C_Q$	7.00	6.66	6.49	6.62	6.60
$\eta_Q$	0.002	0.063	0.052	0.068	0.069

<sup>a</sup>B3LYP/QZVPP/6-31G\* as the level in layer 1.

**Table S5:** Input parameters for "on-the-fly generation" of pseudopotentials in CASTEP. Set 1 was used to generate the data discussed in the text, set 2 is the one mentioned in reference 40.

Set	Default setting in	OTF String
1	CASTPEP 5.0	O 2 1.0 1.3 0.7 13 16 18 20:21(qc=7) Cl 2 1.7 1.7 1.2 6 7 8 30:31:32LGG V 3 2.0 2.0 1.4 10 12 13 30U:40U:31:32(qc=6)
2	Materials Studio <sup>a</sup>	O 2 1.3 16.537 18.375 20.212 20UU:21UU(qc=7.5)[ ] Cl 2 1.7 5.88 7.35 9.187 30UU:31UU:32LGG[ ] V 3 2 2 1.4 10 13 15 30U=-3.06:40U=-0.465:31U=-2.105U=+0.1:32U=-1.15U=+0.1[ ]

<sup>a</sup>See <http://ccpforge.cse.rl.ac.uk/frs/download.php/293/otfg.cell> (accessed 13 July 2010).

**Table S6:** Dependence of  $\eta_Q$  at the  $^{51}\text{V}$  nucleus on the displacement of a single Cl atom from the CP-opt equilibrium geometry of gaseous  $\text{VOCl}_3$  (GIAO-B3LYP/AE1 level).

Parameter	Deviation <sup>a</sup>	$\eta_Q$
$r(\text{V-Cl})$	+0.1 Å	0.25
"	-0.1 Å	0.31
$a(\text{O=V-Cl})$	+6°	0.05
"	-6°	0.01
$\theta(\text{OVCICl})^b$	+6°	0.45

<sup>a</sup>From the CP-opt equilibrium value (roughly corresponding to twice the standard deviation encountered in the CPMD simulations in the gas phase).

<sup>b</sup>O-V-Cl-Cl dihedral angle, describing the bending of one Cl atom out of the mirror plane of the  $C_{3v}$  minimum.