

## Halide-Propene Complexes: Validated DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ Calculations and Photoelectron Spectroscopy

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### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The supporting information presented here comprises results of DFT calculations performed on a number of halide- and halogen-molecule gas-phase complexes. Included are structures, energies, vibrational data, and cartesian coordinates predicted with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, with def2QZVP, aug-cc-pVTZ and aug-cc-pVQZ basis sets. The aug-cc-pVXZ PP basis sets were employed for bromine and iodine. Also attached are the peak assignments of the mass spectra of the  $\text{CCl}_4/\text{CH}_2\text{Br}_2/\text{CH}_3\text{I}:\text{C}_3\text{H}_6:\text{Ar}$  gas mixtures.

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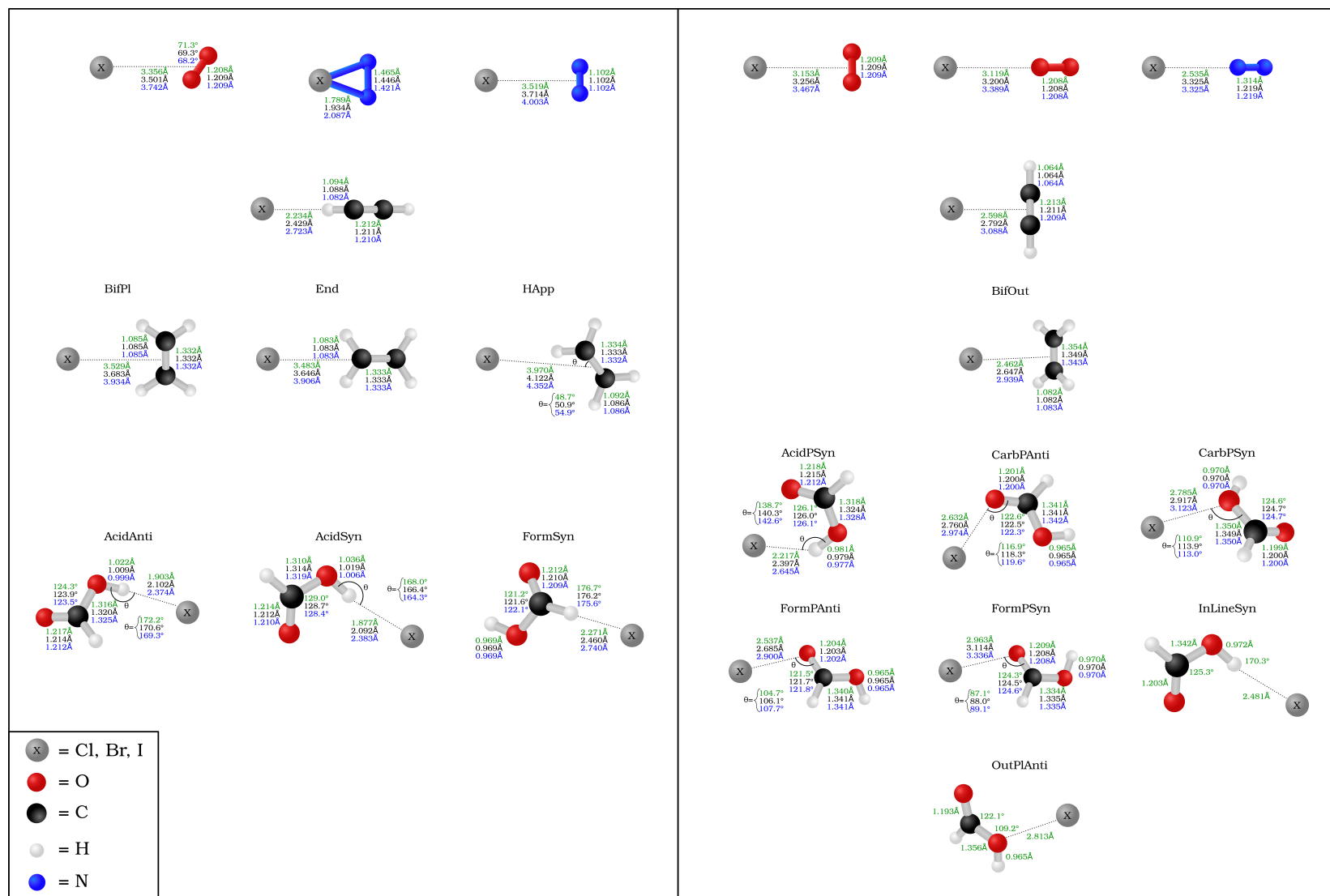
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**Figure S1:** Structures of halide-molecule complexes calculated from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional using AVQZ basis sets. Complete data sets, including for def2QZVP and AVTZ basis sets are provided in the following tabulated data.

**Table S1:** Gaussian format of the  $d$ -aug-cc-pV(T+d)Z basis set for chlorine. Generated using the Basis Set Exchange Python API module.[1, 2]

|    |              |               |           |              |               |
|----|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|
| Cl | 0            |               | Continued |              | Continued     |
| S  | 15           | 1             | S         | 15           | 1             |
|    | 4.561000D+05 | 4.929700D-05  |           | 4.561000D+05 | 4.185460D-06  |
|    | 6.833000D+04 | 3.830290D-04  |           | 6.833000D+04 | 3.243950D-05  |
|    | 1.555000D+04 | 2.008540D-03  |           | 1.555000D+04 | 1.711050D-04  |
|    | 4.405000D+03 | 8.385580D-03  |           | 4.405000D+03 | 7.141760D-04  |
|    | 1.439000D+03 | 2.947030D-02  |           | 1.439000D+03 | 2.567050D-03  |
|    | 5.204000D+02 | 8.783250D-02  |           | 5.204000D+02 | 7.885520D-03  |
|    | 2.031000D+02 | 2.114730D-01  |           | 2.031000D+02 | 2.108670D-02  |
|    | 8.396000D+01 | 3.653640D-01  |           | 8.396000D+01 | 4.422640D-02  |
|    | 3.620000D+01 | 3.408840D-01  |           | 3.620000D+01 | 6.516700D-02  |
|    | 1.583000D+01 | 1.021330D-01  |           | 1.583000D+01 | 6.030120D-03  |
|    | 6.334000D+00 | 3.116750D-03  |           | 6.334000D+00 | -2.064950D-01 |
|    | 2.694000D+00 | 1.057510D-03  |           | 2.694000D+00 | -4.058710D-01 |
|    | 9.768000D-01 | -3.780000D-04 |           | 9.768000D-01 | 7.595580D-02  |
|    | 4.313000D-01 | 1.561360D-04  |           | 4.313000D-01 | 7.256610D-01  |
|    | 1.625000D-01 | -5.141260D-05 |           | 1.625000D-01 | 3.944230D-01  |
| S  | 15           | 1             | S         | 1            | 1             |
|    | 4.561000D+05 | -1.383040D-05 |           | 1.625000D-01 | 1.000000D+00  |
|    | 6.833000D+04 | -1.072790D-04 | S         | 1            | 1             |
|    | 1.555000D+04 | -5.650830D-04 |           | 0.0591       | 1             |
|    | 4.405000D+03 | -2.361350D-03 | S         | 1            | 1             |
|    | 1.439000D+03 | -8.458860D-03 |           | 2.149422D-02 | 1             |
|    | 5.204000D+02 | -2.596380D-02 | P         | 9            | 1             |
|    | 2.031000D+02 | -6.863620D-02 |           | 6.633000D+02 | 2.404480D-03  |
|    | 8.396000D+01 | -1.418740D-01 |           | 1.568000D+02 | 1.921480D-02  |
|    | 3.620000D+01 | -1.993190D-01 |           | 4.998000D+01 | 8.850970D-02  |
|    | 1.583000D+01 | -1.956620D-02 |           | 1.842000D+01 | 2.560200D-01  |
|    | 6.334000D+00 | 4.997410D-01  |           | 7.240000D+00 | 4.369270D-01  |
|    | 2.694000D+00 | 5.637360D-01  |           | 2.922000D+00 | 3.503340D-01  |
|    | 9.768000D-01 | 7.903250D-02  |           | 1.022000D+00 | 5.854950D-02  |
|    | 4.313000D-01 | -8.350910D-03 |           | 3.818000D-01 | -4.584230D-03 |
|    | 1.625000D-01 | 2.324560D-03  |           | 1.301000D-01 | 2.269700D-03  |
| S  | 1            | 1             | P         | 1            | 1             |
|    | 9.768000D-01 | 1.000000D+00  |           | 1.022000D+00 | 1.000000D+00  |
|    |              |               | P         | 9            | 1             |
|    |              |               |           | 6.633000D+02 | -6.521450D-04 |
|    |              |               |           | 1.568000D+02 | -5.194450D-03 |
|    |              |               |           | 4.998000D+01 | -2.469380D-02 |
|    |              |               |           | 1.842000D+01 | -7.281670D-02 |
|    |              |               |           | 7.240000D+00 | -1.340300D-01 |
|    |              |               |           | 2.922000D+00 | -9.477420D-02 |
|    |              |               |           | 1.022000D+00 | 2.622890D-01  |
|    |              |               |           | 3.818000D-01 | 5.646670D-01  |
|    |              |               |           | 1.301000D-01 | 3.412500D-01  |
|    |              |               | P         | 1            | 1             |
|    |              |               |           | 1.301000D-01 | 1.000000D+00  |
|    |              |               | P         | 1            | 1             |
|    |              |               |           | 0.0419       | 1             |
|    |              |               | P         | 1            | 1             |
|    |              |               |           | 1.349431D-02 | 1             |
|    |              |               | D         | 1            | 1             |
|    |              |               |           | 4.610000D+00 | 1.000000D+00  |
|    |              |               | D         | 1            | 1             |
|    |              |               |           | 1.011000D+00 | 1.000000D+00  |
|    |              |               | D         | 1            | 1             |
|    |              |               |           | 3.390000D-01 | 1.000000D+00  |
|    |              |               | D         | 1            | 1             |
|    |              |               |           | 1.300000D-01 | 1.000000D+00  |
|    |              |               | D         | 1            | 1             |
|    |              |               |           | 4.985251D-02 | 1             |
|    |              |               | F         | 1            | 1             |
|    |              |               |           | 7.060000D-01 | 1             |
|    |              |               | F         | 1            | 1             |
|    |              |               |           | 0.312        | 1             |
|    |              |               | F         | 1            | 1             |
|    |              |               |           | 1.378810D-01 | 1             |

**Table S2:** DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ calculated energies for  $N_2$ ,  $O_2$ , HCCH,  $C_2H_4$ , HCOOH and  $C_3H_6$ .

|                    |          | $E_{DFT}$    |
|--------------------|----------|--------------|
| $N_2$              | def2QZVP | -109.4134226 |
|                    | AVTZ     | -109.3966059 |
|                    | AVQZ     | -109.4146999 |
| $O_2$              | def2QZVP | -150.1826986 |
|                    | AVTZ     | -150.1591013 |
|                    | AVQZ     | -150.1841387 |
| HCCH               | def2QZVP | -77.2198341  |
|                    | AVTZ     | -77.2071669  |
|                    | AVQZ     | -77.2204955  |
| $C_2H_4$           | def2QZVP | -78.4700163  |
|                    | AVTZ     | -78.4564437  |
|                    | AVQZ     | -78.4707010  |
| <i>syn</i> -HCOOH  | def2QZVP | -189.5772139 |
|                    | AVTZ     | -189.5455173 |
|                    | AVQZ     | -189.5789606 |
| <i>anti</i> -HCOOH | def2QZVP | -189.5704712 |
|                    | AVTZ     | -189.5388110 |
|                    | AVQZ     | -189.5722829 |
| $C_3H_6$           | def2QZVP | -117.7315112 |
|                    | AVTZ     | -117.7113490 |

**Table S3:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of  $N_2$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $HCCH$  and  $C_2H_4$  optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|          |   | $N_2$    |           |           |
|----------|---|----------|-----------|-----------|
|          |   | x        | y         | z         |
| def2QZVP | N | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.549874  |
|          | N | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -0.549874 |
| AVTZ     | N | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.551020  |
|          | N | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -0.551020 |
| AVQZ     | N | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.549977  |
|          | N | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -0.549977 |
|          |   | $O_2$    |           |           |
|          |   | x        | y         | z         |
| def2QZVP | O | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.602257  |
|          | O | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -0.602257 |
| AVTZ     | O | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.551020  |
|          | O | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -0.551020 |
| AVQZ     | O | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.549977  |
|          | O | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -0.549977 |
|          |   | $HCCH$   |           |           |
|          |   | x        | y         | z         |
| def2QZVP | H | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.664640  |
|          | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.601800  |
|          | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -0.601800 |
|          | H | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.664640 |
| AVTZ     | H | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.666097  |
|          | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.602865  |
|          | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -0.602865 |
|          | H | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.666097 |
| AVQZ     | H | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.664982  |
|          | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.601954  |
|          | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -0.601954 |
|          | H | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.664982 |
|          |   | $C_2H_4$ |           |           |
|          |   | x        | y         | z         |
| def2QZVP | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.664363  |
|          | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -0.664363 |
|          | H | 0.000000 | 0.922830  | 1.229687  |
|          | H | 0.000000 | -0.922830 | 1.229687  |
|          | H | 0.000000 | 0.922830  | -1.229687 |
|          | H | 0.000000 | -0.922830 | -1.229687 |
| AVTZ     | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.665374  |
|          | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -0.665374 |
|          | H | 0.000000 | 0.923801  | 1.231011  |
|          | H | 0.000000 | -0.923801 | 1.231011  |
|          | H | 0.000000 | 0.923801  | -1.231011 |
|          | H | 0.000000 | -0.923801 | -1.231011 |
| AVQZ     | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.664527  |
|          | C | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -0.664527 |
|          | H | 0.000000 | 0.923119  | 1.229862  |
|          | H | 0.000000 | -0.923119 | 1.229862  |
|          | H | 0.000000 | 0.923119  | -1.229862 |
|          | H | 0.000000 | -0.923119 | -1.229862 |

**Table S4:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of HCOOH optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|          |   | <i>syn</i> -HCOOH  |           |          |
|----------|---|--------------------|-----------|----------|
|          |   | x                  | y         | z        |
| def2QZVP | C | 0.000000           | 0.420861  | 0.000000 |
|          | O | -1.029128          | -0.439674 | 0.000000 |
|          | H | -0.652638          | -1.330813 | 0.000000 |
|          | O | 1.157655           | 0.109274  | 0.000000 |
|          | H | -0.375575          | 1.448852  | 0.000000 |
| AVTZ     | C | 0.000000           | 0.421667  | 0.000000 |
|          | O | -1.031572          | -0.439849 | 0.000000 |
|          | H | -0.653735          | -1.332777 | 0.000000 |
|          | O | 1.160220           | 0.108900  | 0.000000 |
|          | H | -0.375451          | 1.450370  | 0.000000 |
| AVQZ     | C | 0.000000           | 0.421103  | 0.000000 |
|          | O | -1.029438          | -0.439440 | 0.000000 |
|          | H | -0.653250          | -1.331125 | 0.000000 |
|          | O | 1.157942           | 0.108805  | 0.000000 |
|          | H | -0.374783          | 1.449590  | 0.000000 |
|          |   | <i>anti</i> -HCOOH |           |          |
|          |   | x                  | y         | z        |
| def2QZVP | C | 0.000000           | 0.384423  | 0.000000 |
|          | O | -0.895847          | -0.623262 | 0.000000 |
|          | H | -1.786619          | -0.259457 | 0.000000 |
|          | O | 1.176923           | 0.194405  | 0.000000 |
|          | H | -0.461992          | 1.383774  | 0.000000 |
| AVTZ     | C | 0.000000           | 0.385682  | 0.000000 |
|          | O | -0.897988          | -0.623662 | 0.000000 |
|          | H | -1.790361          | -0.257933 | 0.000000 |
|          | O | 1.179387           | 0.193382  | 0.000000 |
|          | H | -0.460834          | 1.386081  | 0.000000 |
| AVQZ     | C | 0.000000           | 0.384982  | 0.000000 |
|          | O | -0.896086          | -0.623021 | 0.000000 |
|          | H | -1.787680          | -0.260102 | 0.000000 |
|          | O | 1.177187           | 0.193691  | 0.000000 |
|          | H | -0.461123          | 1.384852  | 0.000000 |

**Table S5:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of  $C_3H_6$  optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|          |   | $C_3H_6$  |           |           |
|----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|          |   | x         | y         | z         |
| def2QZVP | H | 0.000000  | 1.553187  | 0.000000  |
|          | C | 0.081182  | 0.470159  | 0.000000  |
|          | C | 1.291857  | -0.081703 | 0.000000  |
|          | H | 2.188451  | 0.523436  | 0.000000  |
|          | H | 1.418361  | -1.158049 | 0.000000  |
|          | C | -1.202680 | -0.296420 | 0.000000  |
|          | H | -1.019482 | -1.370853 | 0.000000  |
|          | H | -1.804758 | -0.049943 | -0.877274 |
|          | H | -1.804758 | -0.049943 | 0.877274  |
|          | H | 1.551265  | 0.098326  | 0.000000  |
| AVTZ     | C | 0.474521  | -0.051169 | 0.000000  |
|          | C | 0.000000  | -1.296202 | 0.000000  |
|          | H | 0.661801  | -2.153115 | 0.000000  |
|          | H | -1.067163 | -1.490843 | 0.000000  |
|          | C | -0.372063 | 1.183073  | 0.000000  |
|          | H | -1.433972 | 0.932017  | 0.000000  |
|          | H | -0.163322 | 1.799712  | -0.878462 |
|          | H | -0.163322 | 1.799712  | 0.878462  |

**Table S6:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $N_2$  and  $O_2$ . All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  and zero-point energies are in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

| $N_2$    |            |            |                                   |                                       | $O_2$      |            |                                   |                                       |
|----------|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|          | Mode       | Symmetry   | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Mode       | Symmetry   | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) |
| def2QZVP | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma_g$ | 2329                              | 0                                     | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma_g$ | 1590                              | 0                                     |
|          |            | zpe        | 13.9                              |                                       |            | zpe        | 9.5                               |                                       |
| AVTZ     | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma_g$ | 2319                              | 0                                     | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma_g$ | 1573                              | 0                                     |
|          |            | zpe        | 13.9                              |                                       |            | zpe        | 9.4                               |                                       |
| AVQZ     | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma_g$ | 2327                              | 0                                     | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma_g$ | 1591                              | 0                                     |
|          |            | zpe        | 13.9                              |                                       |            | zpe        | 9.5                               |                                       |

**Table S7:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the HCCH. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  and zero-point energies are in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

| HCCH     |            |            |                                   |                                       |
|----------|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|          | Mode       | Symmetry   | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) |
| def2QZVP | $\omega_1$ | $\pi_g$    | 637                               | 0                                     |
|          | $\omega_2$ | $\pi_g$    | 637                               | 0                                     |
|          | $\omega_3$ | $\pi_u$    | 762                               | 96.1584                               |
|          | $\omega_4$ | $\pi_u$    | 762                               | 96.1584                               |
|          | $\omega_5$ | $\sigma_g$ | 2018                              | 0                                     |
|          | $\omega_6$ | $\sigma_u$ | 3430                              | 89.6562                               |
|          | $\omega_7$ | $\sigma_g$ | 3521                              | 0                                     |
|          |            | zpe        | 70.4                              |                                       |
| AVTZ     | $\omega_1$ | $\pi_g$    | 637                               | 0                                     |
|          | $\omega_2$ | $\pi_g$    | 637                               | 0                                     |
|          | $\omega_3$ | $\pi_u$    | 760                               | 94.2912                               |
|          | $\omega_4$ | $\pi_u$    | 760                               | 94.2912                               |
|          | $\omega_5$ | $\sigma_g$ | 2017                              | 0                                     |
|          | $\omega_6$ | $\sigma_u$ | 3427                              | 89.3858                               |
|          | $\omega_7$ | $\sigma_g$ | 3519                              | 0                                     |
|          |            | zpe        | 70.3                              |                                       |
| AVQZ     | $\omega_1$ | $\pi_g$    | 631                               | 0                                     |
|          | $\omega_2$ | $\pi_g$    | 631                               | 0                                     |
|          | $\omega_3$ | $\pi_u$    | 764                               | 95.0086                               |
|          | $\omega_4$ | $\pi_u$    | 764                               | 95.0086                               |
|          | $\omega_5$ | $\sigma_g$ | 2014                              | 0                                     |
|          | $\omega_6$ | $\sigma_u$ | 3421                              | 90.0289                               |
|          | $\omega_7$ | $\sigma_g$ | 3524                              | 0                                     |
|          |            | zpe        | 70.3                              |                                       |



**Table S8:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $C_2H_4$ . All frequencies and intensities are in  $cm^{-1}$  and  $km\ mol^{-1}$  and zero-point energies are in  $kJ\ mol^{-1}$ .

| $C_2H_4$ |               |          |                            |                                 |
|----------|---------------|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
|          | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $cm^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $km\ mol^{-1}$ ) |
| def2QZVP | $\omega_1$    | $b_{2u}$ | 847                        | 0.0559                          |
|          | $\omega_2$    | $b_{2g}$ | 987                        | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_3$    | $b_{3u}$ | 991                        | 96.7265                         |
|          | $\omega_4$    | $a_u$    | 1077                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_5$    | $b_{3g}$ | 1259                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_6$    | $a_g$    | 1383                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_7$    | $b_{1u}$ | 1490                       | 9.2607                          |
|          | $\omega_8$    | $a_g$    | 1682                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_9$    | $b_{1u}$ | 3134                       | 14.3934                         |
|          | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_g$    | 3148                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_{11}$ | $b_{3g}$ | 3211                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_{2u}$ | 3238                       | 18.2044                         |
|          |               | zpe      | 134.3                      |                                 |
| AVTZ     | $\omega_1$    | $b_{2u}$ | 845                        | 0.0112                          |
|          | $\omega_2$    | $b_{2g}$ | 982                        | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_3$    | $b_{3u}$ | 990                        | 95.605                          |
|          | $\omega_4$    | $a_u$    | 1066                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_5$    | $b_{3g}$ | 1256                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_6$    | $a_g$    | 1381                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_7$    | $b_{1u}$ | 1488                       | 9.121                           |
|          | $\omega_8$    | $a_g$    | 1679                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_9$    | $b_{1u}$ | 3130                       | 14.3582                         |
|          | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_g$    | 3146                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_{11}$ | $b_{3g}$ | 3206                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_{2u}$ | 3234                       | 18.087                          |
|          |               | zpe      | 134.0                      |                                 |
| AVQZ     | $\omega_1$    | $b_{2u}$ | 847                        | 0.0147                          |
|          | $\omega_2$    | $b_{2g}$ | 989                        | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_3$    | $b_{3u}$ | 992                        | 95.0699                         |
|          | $\omega_4$    | $a_u$    | 1076                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_5$    | $b_{3g}$ | 1259                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_6$    | $a_g$    | 1382                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_7$    | $b_{1u}$ | 1490                       | 9.236                           |
|          | $\omega_8$    | $a_g$    | 1681                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_9$    | $b_{1u}$ | 3132                       | 14.3126                         |
|          | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_g$    | 3146                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_{11}$ | $b_{3g}$ | 3208                       | 0                               |
|          | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_{2u}$ | 3236                       | 17.7833                         |
|          |               | zpe      | 134.2                      |                                 |

**Table S9:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the *syn*-HCOOH. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  and zero-point energies are in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

| <i>syn</i> -HCOOH |            |          |                                   |                                       |
|-------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                   | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) |
| def2QZVP          | $\omega_1$ | $a'$     | 631                               | 42.8576                               |
|                   | $\omega_2$ | $a''$    | 680                               | 139.6173                              |
|                   | $\omega_3$ | $a''$    | 1064                              | 2.2978                                |
|                   | $\omega_4$ | $a'$     | 1131                              | 258.6051                              |
|                   | $\omega_5$ | $a'$     | 1311                              | 10.7484                               |
|                   | $\omega_6$ | $a'$     | 1414                              | 2.1165                                |
|                   | $\omega_7$ | $a'$     | 1801                              | 349.9734                              |
|                   | $\omega_8$ | $a'$     | 3074                              | 38.6537                               |
|                   | $\omega_9$ | $a'$     | 3752                              | 67.9389                               |
|                   |            | zpe      | 88.9                              |                                       |
| AVTZ              | $\omega_1$ | $a'$     | 628                               | 41.8438                               |
|                   | $\omega_2$ | $a''$    | 678                               | 135.9755                              |
|                   | $\omega_3$ | $a''$    | 1061                              | 2.5649                                |
|                   | $\omega_4$ | $a'$     | 1129                              | 259.2305                              |
|                   | $\omega_5$ | $a'$     | 1308                              | 10.1887                               |
|                   | $\omega_6$ | $a'$     | 1410                              | 2.1837                                |
|                   | $\omega_7$ | $a'$     | 1793                              | 353.6612                              |
|                   | $\omega_8$ | $a'$     | 3073                              | 36.5412                               |
|                   | $\omega_9$ | $a'$     | 3733                              | 67.0135                               |
|                   |            | zpe      | 88.6                              |                                       |
| AVQZ              | $\omega_1$ | $a'$     | 632                               | 42.7646                               |
|                   | $\omega_2$ | $a''$    | 679                               | 136.403                               |
|                   | $\omega_3$ | $a''$    | 1062                              | 2.6452                                |
|                   | $\omega_4$ | $a'$     | 1138                              | 260.9                                 |
|                   | $\omega_5$ | $a'$     | 1312                              | 13.475                                |
|                   | $\omega_6$ | $a'$     | 1412                              | 2.1979                                |
|                   | $\omega_7$ | $a'$     | 1810                              | 352.4324                              |
|                   | $\omega_8$ | $a'$     | 3097                              | 36.1147                               |
|                   | $\omega_9$ | $a'$     | 3761                              | 71.7799                               |
|                   |            | zpe      | 89.1                              |                                       |

**Table S10:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the anti-HCOOH. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  and zero-point energies are in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

| <i>anti</i> -HCOOH |            |          |                                   |                                       |
|--------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                    | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) |
| def2QZVP           | $\omega_1$ | $a''$    | 531                               | 84.8941                               |
|                    | $\omega_2$ | $a'$     | 663                               | 9.9889                                |
|                    | $\omega_3$ | $a''$    | 1044                              | 0.0004                                |
|                    | $\omega_4$ | $a'$     | 1117                              | 53.8717                               |
|                    | $\omega_5$ | $a'$     | 1281                              | 309.5716                              |
|                    | $\omega_6$ | $a'$     | 1428                              | 0.2462                                |
|                    | $\omega_7$ | $a'$     | 1845                              | 286.9204                              |
|                    | $\omega_8$ | $a'$     | 2986                              | 72.9278                               |
|                    | $\omega_9$ | $a'$     | 3819                              | 66.3408                               |
|                    |            | zpe      | 88.0                              |                                       |
| AVTZ               | $\omega_1$ | $a''$    | 531                               | 82.4527                               |
|                    | $\omega_2$ | $a'$     | 658                               | 9.841                                 |
|                    | $\omega_3$ | $a''$    | 1040                              | 0.0276                                |
|                    | $\omega_4$ | $a'$     | 1114                              | 55.7165                               |
|                    | $\omega_5$ | $a'$     | 1278                              | 307.9854                              |
|                    | $\omega_6$ | $a'$     | 1422                              | 0.3037                                |
|                    | $\omega_7$ | $a'$     | 1836                              | 289.8965                              |
|                    | $\omega_8$ | $a'$     | 2986                              | 68.5814                               |
|                    | $\omega_9$ | $a'$     | 3799                              | 64.7155                               |
|                    |            | zpe      | 87.7                              |                                       |
| AVQZ               | $\omega_1$ | $a''$    | 532                               | 83.8795                               |
|                    | $\omega_2$ | $a'$     | 663                               | 10.0384                               |
|                    | $\omega_3$ | $a''$    | 1041                              | 0.0379                                |
|                    | $\omega_4$ | $a'$     | 1122                              | 51.3566                               |
|                    | $\omega_5$ | $a'$     | 1287                              | 315.6214                              |
|                    | $\omega_6$ | $a'$     | 1424                              | 0.2124                                |
|                    | $\omega_7$ | $a'$     | 1852                              | 291.3314                              |
|                    | $\omega_8$ | $a'$     | 3011                              | 67.0324                               |
|                    | $\omega_9$ | $a'$     | 3828                              | 71.5515                               |
|                    |            | zpe      | 88.3                              |                                       |

**Table S11:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $C_3H_6$ . All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  and zero-point energies are in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

| $C_3H_6$ |               |          |                                   |                                       |
|----------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|          | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) |
| def2QZVP | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 240                               | 0.4944                                |
|          | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 436                               | 0.989                                 |
|          | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 608                               | 12.1755                               |
|          | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 936                               | 3.1317                                |
|          | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 956                               | 45.1356                               |
|          | $\omega_6$    | $a'$     | 962                               | 2.8641                                |
|          | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1040                              | 11.6772                               |
|          | $\omega_8$    | $a''$    | 1085                              | 3.188                                 |
|          | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1203                              | 0.2129                                |
|          | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1336                              | 0.0264                                |
|          | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 1422                              | 1.6779                                |
|          | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 1464                              | 1.0468                                |
|          | $\omega_{13}$ | $a''$    | 1495                              | 6.4543                                |
|          | $\omega_{14}$ | $a'$     | 1509                              | 14.6895                               |
|          | $\omega_{15}$ | $a'$     | 1702                              | 13.9876                               |
|          | $\omega_{16}$ | $a'$     | 3024                              | 22.8269                               |
|          | $\omega_{17}$ | $a''$    | 3077                              | 16.5321                               |
|          | $\omega_{18}$ | $a'$     | 3105                              | 9.8699                                |
|          | $\omega_{19}$ | $a'$     | 3131                              | 18.4572                               |
|          | $\omega_{20}$ | $a'$     | 3139                              | 10.5356                               |
|          | $\omega_{21}$ | $a'$     | 3222                              | 14.9995                               |
|          |               | zpe      | 209.9                             |                                       |
| AVTZ     | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 243                               | 0.5103                                |
|          | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 435                               | 0.9905                                |
|          | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 608                               | 12.0366                               |
|          | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 934                               | 2.9633                                |
|          | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 955                               | 44.3972                               |
|          | $\omega_6$    | $a'$     | 961                               | 2.9805                                |
|          | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1038                              | 12.3244                               |
|          | $\omega_8$    | $a''$    | 1085                              | 3.2642                                |
|          | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1202                              | 0.1988                                |
|          | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1334                              | 0.0231                                |
|          | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 1421                              | 1.5594                                |
|          | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 1463                              | 1.1066                                |
|          | $\omega_{13}$ | $a''$    | 1496                              | 6.4428                                |
|          | $\omega_{14}$ | $a'$     | 1510                              | 14.5494                               |
|          | $\omega_{15}$ | $a'$     | 1698                              | 14.3762                               |
|          | $\omega_{16}$ | $a'$     | 3021                              | 23.1078                               |
|          | $\omega_{17}$ | $a''$    | 3073                              | 16.3951                               |
|          | $\omega_{18}$ | $a'$     | 3100                              | 10.0625                               |
|          | $\omega_{19}$ | $a'$     | 3127                              | 19.4893                               |
|          | $\omega_{20}$ | $a'$     | 3136                              | 9.2531                                |
|          | $\omega_{21}$ | $a'$     | 3217                              | 15.2241                               |
|          |               | zpe      | 209.7                             |                                       |

**Table S12:**  $X^- \cdots N_2$  complex geometric parameters and  $D_0$  values from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations.  $zpe$  values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                          |                  |          | $R_{X \cdots N}$ | $R_{X \cdots    }$ | $R_{N \equiv N}$ | $\angle_{X \cdots     - N}$ | $E_{DFT}$    | $zpe$                | $D_e$                | $D_o$                |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                          |                  |          | Å                | Å                  | Å                | °                           | $E_h$        | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ |
| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots N_2$ |                  | def2QZVP | 3.550            | 3.507              | 1.100            | 90.0                        | -569.3954404 | 15.0                 | 10.3                 | 11.4                 |
|                          | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | AVTZ     | 3.562            | 3.519              | 1.102            | 90.0                        | -569.3697830 | 15.0                 | 9.6                  | 10.7                 |
|                          |                  | AVQZ     | 3.567            | 3.524              | 1.100            | 90.0                        | -569.4004761 | 15.0                 | 9.5                  | 10.6                 |
|                          |                  | def2QZVP | 1.784            | 1.625              | 1.473            | 90.0                        | -569.0662056 | 11.8                 | -854.1               | -856.2               |
|                          | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | AVTZ     | 1.789            | 1.632              | 1.465            | 90.0                        | -569.044673  | 11.7                 | -844.0               | -846.2               |
|                          |                  | AVQZ     | 1.781            | 1.625              | 1.460            | 90.0                        | -569.0754805 | 11.8                 | -843.8               | -845.9               |
| $\text{Br}^- \cdots N_2$ |                  | def2QZVP | 3.751            | 3.710              | 1.100            | 90.0                        | -2682.870589 | 14.9                 | 9.0                  | 10.0                 |
|                          | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | AVTZ     | 3.755            | 3.714              | 1.102            | 90.0                        | -525.7036079 | 14.9                 | 8.5                  | 9.5                  |
|                          |                  | AVQZ     | 3.753            | 3.712              | 1.100            | 90.0                        | -525.7583353 | 14.9                 | 8.5                  | 9.5                  |
|                          |                  | def2QZVP | 1.928            | 1.786              | 1.455            | 90.0                        | -2682.542289 | 11.3                 | -853.0               | -855.6               |
|                          | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | AVTZ     | 1.934            | 1.794              | 1.446            | 90.0                        | -525.3807198 | 11.2                 | -839.3               | -842.0               |
|                          |                  | AVQZ     | 1.926            | 1.786              | 1.441            | 90.0                        | -525.4359308 | 11.3                 | -837.9               | -840.6               |
| $\text{I}^- \cdots N_2$  |                  | def2QZVP | 4.053            | 4.015              | 1.100            | 90.0                        | -406.9600737 | 14.9                 | 7.1                  | 8.0                  |
|                          | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | AVTZ     | 4.041            | 4.003              | 1.102            | 90.0                        | -404.7504327 | 14.8                 | 7.0                  | 8.0                  |
|                          |                  | AVQZ     | 4.048            | 4.010              | 1.100            | 90.0                        | -404.8059345 | 14.9                 | 7.2                  | 8.1                  |
|                          |                  | def2QZVP | 2.065            | 1.936              | 1.435            | 90.0                        | -406.6462360 | 11.2                 | -816.9               | -819.7               |
|                          | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | AVTZ     | 2.087            | 1.962              | 1.421            | 90.0                        | -404.4398739 | 11.0                 | -808.4               | -811.2               |
|                          |                  | AVQZ     | 2.075            | 1.950              | 1.417            | 90.0                        | -404.4962983 | 11.1                 | -805.7               | -808.6               |

**Table S13:**  $X\cdots N_2$  complex geometric parameters and  $D_0$  values from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations.  $zpe$  values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                            |                           |          | $R_{X\cdots N}$ | $R_{X\cdots    }$ | $R_{N\equiv N}$ | $\angle_{X\cdots     - N}$ | $E_{DFT}$    | $zpe$                | $D_e$                | $D_o$                |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                            |                           |          | Å               | Å                 | Å               | °                          | $E_h$        | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> |
| Cl $\cdots$ N <sub>2</sub> | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ )      | def2QZVP | 3.452           | 3.408             | 1.100           | 90.0                       | -569.2636164 | 14.7                 | 1.7                  | 2.5                  |
|                            |                           | AVTZ     | 3.440           | 3.396             | 1.102           | 90.0                       | -569.2358274 | 14.7                 | 2.0                  | 2.8                  |
|                            |                           | AVQZ     | 3.438           | 3.394             | 1.100           | 90.0                       | -569.2649119 | 14.7                 | 1.8                  | 2.6                  |
|                            | $C_\infty$ ( $^2\Sigma$ ) | def2QZVP | 3.090           | 3.640             | 1.100           | 180.0                      | -569.2645367 | 15.5                 | 4.2                  | 5.8                  |
|                            |                           | AVTZ     | 3.090           | 3.641             | 1.102           | 180.0                      | -569.2368121 | 15.6                 | 4.5                  | 6.3                  |
|                            |                           | AVQZ     | 3.080           | 3.630             | 1.100           | 180.0                      | -569.2659032 | 15.6                 | 4.4                  | 6.0                  |
|                            | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_2$ )      | def2QZVP | 1.826           | 1.710             | 1.284           | 90.0                       | -569.0855604 | 14.7                 | -465.7               | -465.0               |
|                            |                           | AVTZ     | 1.832           | 1.715             | 1.286           | 90.0                       | -569.0580805 | 14.6                 | -464.7               | -464.0               |
|                            |                           | AVQZ     | 1.826           | 1.709             | 1.284           | 90.0                       | -569.0878104 | 14.7                 | -463.2               | -462.4               |
| Br $\cdots$ N <sub>2</sub> | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ )      | def2QZVP | 3.578           | 3.536             | 1.100           | 90.0                       | -2682.743574 | 14.7                 | 2.0                  | 2.7                  |
|                            |                           | AVTZ     | 3.541           | 3.498             | 1.102           | 90.0                       | -525.5765349 | 14.7                 | 2.5                  | 3.3                  |
|                            |                           | AVQZ     | 3.521           | 3.477             | 1.100           | 90.0                       | -525.6294864 | 14.7                 | 2.5                  | 3.2                  |
|                            | $C_\infty$ ( $^2\Sigma$ ) | def2QZVP | 3.213           | 3.763             | 1.100           | 180.0                      | -2682.744566 | 15.5                 | 4.6                  | 6.1                  |
|                            |                           | AVTZ     | 3.178           | 3.729             | 1.102           | 180.0                      | -525.5776332 | 15.6                 | 5.4                  | 7.1                  |
|                            |                           | AVQZ     | 3.163           | 3.713             | 1.100           | 180.0                      | -525.6306504 | 15.5                 | 5.5                  | 7.2                  |
|                            | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_2$ )      | def2QZVP | 1.972           | 1.867             | 1.271           | 90.0                       | -2682.566674 | 14.1                 | -462.5               | -462.3               |
|                            |                           | AVTZ     | 1.979           | 1.874             | 1.272           | 90.0                       | -525.4002369 | 14.0                 | -460.4               | -460.2               |
|                            |                           | AVQZ     | 1.972           | 1.866             | 1.271           | 90.0                       | -525.4542589 | 14.1                 | -457.6               | -457.4               |
| I $\cdots$ N <sub>2</sub>  | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ )      | def2QZVP | 3.780           | 3.740             | 1.100           | 90.0                       | -406.8394867 | 14.7                 | 2.4                  | 3.1                  |
|                            |                           | AVTZ     | 3.754           | 3.713             | 1.102           | 90.0                       | -404.6298774 | 14.7                 | 2.7                  | 3.5                  |
|                            |                           | AVQZ     | 3.763           | 3.723             | 1.100           | 90.0                       | -404.6833062 | 14.7                 | 2.7                  | 3.5                  |
|                            | $C_\infty$ ( $^2\Sigma$ ) | def2QZVP | 3.409           | 3.959             | 1.100           | 180.0                      | -406.8404464 | 15.5                 | 4.9                  | 6.4                  |
|                            |                           | AVTZ     | 3.403           | 3.954             | 1.102           | 180.0                      | -404.6309697 | 15.6                 | 5.5                  | 7.2                  |
|                            |                           | AVQZ     | 3.376           | 3.925             | 1.100           | 180.0                      | -404.6844412 | 15.5                 | 5.7                  | 7.3                  |
|                            | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_2$ )      | def2QZVP | 2.141           | 2.047             | 1.255           | 90.0                       | -406.6730168 | 13.8                 | -434.7               | -434.9               |
|                            |                           | AVTZ     | 2.158           | 2.064             | 1.257           | 90.0                       | -404.4623282 | 13.7                 | -437.2               | -437.5               |
|                            |                           | AVQZ     | 2.147           | 2.053             | 1.255           | 90.0                       | -404.5171476 | 13.8                 | -433.5               | -433.7               |

**Table S14:**  $X^- \cdots N_2$  complex VDEs from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations. zpe values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                   |                  |          | $E_{VDE}$    | $VDE_{2P_{3/2}}$ | $VDE_{2P_{1/2}}$ | $ADE_{2P_{3/2}}$ | $ADE_{2P_{1/2}}$ |
|-------------------|------------------|----------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                   |                  |          | $E_h$        | eV               | eV               | eV               | eV               |
| $Cl^- \cdots N_2$ | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | def2QZVP | -569.2635983 | 3.692            | 3.801            | 3.699            | 3.808            |
|                   |                  | pVTZ     | -569.2357978 | 3.681            | 3.790            | 3.689            | 3.798            |
|                   |                  | pVQZ     | -569.2648817 | 3.683            | 3.792            | 3.690            | 3.799            |
| $Br^- \cdots N_2$ | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | def2QZVP | -2682.743523 | 3.428            | 3.885            | 3.434            | 3.891            |
|                   |                  | pVTZ     | -525.5764473 | 3.418            | 3.875            | 3.424            | 3.881            |
|                   |                  | pVQZ     | -525.6293851 | 3.419            | 3.876            | 3.425            | 3.882            |
| $I^- \cdots N_2$  | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | def2QZVP | -406.8393688 | 3.101            | 4.043            | 3.106            | 4.048            |
|                   |                  | pVTZ     | -404.6297293 | 3.098            | 4.040            | 3.103            | 4.045            |
|                   |                  | pVQZ     | -404.6831711 | 3.100            | 4.042            | 3.104            | 4.046            |

**Table S15:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{N}_2$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{N}_2$  |            |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ vdW Complex     |            |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
|                                  | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description             |
| def2QZVP                         | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 72                                | 15.0073                               | Intermolecular stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 108                               | 0.0045                                | Intermolecular bend     |
|                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2329                              | 0.9975                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch    |
|                                  |            | zpe      | 15                                |                                       |                         |
| AVTZ                             | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 71                                | 14.0865                               | Intermolecular stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 116                               | 0.002                                 | Intermolecular bend     |
|                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2319                              | 1.7023                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch    |
|                                  |            | zpe      | 15                                |                                       |                         |
| AVQZ                             | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 70                                | 14.0712                               | Intermolecular stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 109                               | 0.0012                                | Intermolecular bend     |
|                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2327                              | 1.6745                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch    |
|                                  |            | zpe      | 15                                |                                       |                         |
| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{N}_2$  |            |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
| $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ Molecular Anion |            |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
|                                  | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description             |
| def2QZVP                         | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 504                               | 1.6905                                | Cl–N symmetric stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 559                               | 4.8361                                | Cl–N asymmetric stretch |
|                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 907                               | 0.3536                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch    |
|                                  |            | zpe      | 11.8                              |                                       |                         |
| AVTZ                             | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 507                               | 0.1693                                | Cl–N symmetric stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 553                               | 17.445                                | Cl–N asymmetric stretch |
|                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 895                               | 1.2473                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch    |
|                                  |            | zpe      | 11.7                              |                                       |                         |
| AVQZ                             | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 511                               | 0.029                                 | Cl–N symmetric stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 559                               | 22.1362                               | Cl–N asymmetric stretch |
|                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 902                               | 0.936                                 | $\text{N}_2$ stretch    |
|                                  |            | zpe      | 11.8                              |                                       |                         |



**Table S16:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{N}_2$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{N}_2$<br>$C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ vdW Complex     |            |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                                                     | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description             |
| def2QZVP                                                            | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 57                                | 4.0559                                | Intermolecular stretch  |
|                                                                     | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 109                               | 0.0877                                | Intermolecular bend     |
|                                                                     | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2329                              | 0.7423                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch    |
|                                                                     |            | zpe      | 14.9                              |                                       |                         |
| AVTZ                                                                | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 56                                | 3.6149                                | Intermolecular stretch  |
|                                                                     | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 116                               | 0.1073                                | Intermolecular bend     |
|                                                                     | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2319                              | 1.4442                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch    |
|                                                                     |            | zpe      | 14.9                              |                                       |                         |
| AVQZ                                                                | $\omega_1$ | $a'$     | 56                                | 3.6124                                | Intermolecular stretch  |
|                                                                     | $\omega_2$ | $a'$     | 109                               | 0.1133                                | Intermolecular bend     |
|                                                                     | $\omega_3$ | $a'$     | 2326                              | 1.4457                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch    |
|                                                                     |            | zpe      | 14.9                              |                                       |                         |
| $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{N}_2$<br>$C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ Molecular Anion |            |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
|                                                                     | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description             |
| def2QZVP                                                            | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 463                               | 1.0411                                | Cl–N symmetric stretch  |
|                                                                     | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 513                               | 8.9023                                | Cl–N asymmetric stretch |
|                                                                     | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 910                               | 0.2415                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch    |
|                                                                     |            | zpe      | 11.3                              |                                       |                         |
| AVTZ                                                                | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 464                               | 3.812                                 | Cl–N symmetric stretch  |
|                                                                     | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 509                               | 27.7077                               | Cl–N asymmetric stretch |
|                                                                     | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 893                               | 2.2495                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch    |
|                                                                     |            | zpe      | 11.2                              |                                       |                         |
| AVQZ                                                                | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 469                               | 4.589                                 | Cl–N symmetric stretch  |
|                                                                     | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 516                               | 38.4954                               | Cl–N asymmetric stretch |
|                                                                     | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 899                               | 2.1305                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch    |
|                                                                     |            | zpe      | 11.3                              |                                       |                         |

**Table S17:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I^- \cdots N_2$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $I^- \cdots N_2$                 |            |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ vdW Complex     |            |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
|                                  | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description             |
| def2QZVP                         | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 46                                | 1.6224                                | Intermolecular stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 110                               | 0.1865                                | Intermolecular bend     |
|                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2329                              | 0.5022                                | $N_2$ stretch           |
|                                  |            | zpe      | 14.9                              |                                       |                         |
| AVTZ                             | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 46                                | 1.4147                                | Intermolecular stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 117                               | 0.1717                                | Intermolecular bend     |
|                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2319                              | 1.0515                                | $N_2$ stretch           |
|                                  |            | zpe      | 14.8                              |                                       |                         |
| AVQZ                             | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 46                                | 1.4231                                | Intermolecular stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 110                               | 0.1744                                | Intermolecular bend     |
|                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2326                              | 1.0342                                | $N_2$ stretch           |
|                                  |            | zpe      | 14.9                              |                                       |                         |
| $I^- \cdots N_2$                 |            |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
| $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ Molecular Anion |            |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
|                                  | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description             |
| def2QZVP                         | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 454                               | 10.9117                               | Cl–N symmetric stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 495                               | 24.3173                               | Cl–N asymmetric stretch |
|                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 916                               | 0.7516                                | $N_2$ stretch           |
|                                  |            | zpe      | 11.2                              |                                       |                         |
| AVTZ                             | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 453                               | 17.4854                               | Cl–N symmetric stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 481                               | 48.1854                               | Cl–N asymmetric stretch |
|                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 905                               | 0.4241                                | $N_2$ stretch           |
|                                  |            | zpe      | 11                                |                                       |                         |
| AVQZ                             | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 456                               | 18.5728                               | Cl–N symmetric stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 488                               | 65.1373                               | Cl–N asymmetric stretch |
|                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 910                               | 0.3125                                | $N_2$ stretch           |
|                                  |            | zpe      | 11.1                              |                                       |                         |

**Table S18:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{N}_2$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{N}_2$       |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $C_{2v} (^2A_1)$ vdW Complex      |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                   | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                          | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 44                                | 0.0637                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                   | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 85                                | 0.0559                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                   | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2326                              | 0.1393                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch           |
|                                   | zpe        |          | 14.7                              |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                              | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 47                                | 0.0655                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                   | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 97                                | 0.0438                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                   | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2316                              | 0.1371                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch           |
|                                   | zpe        |          | 14.7                              |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                              | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 46                                | 0.0673                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                   | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 86                                | 0.0462                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                   | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2324                              | 0.1368                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch           |
|                                   | zpe        |          | 14.7                              |                                       |                                |
| $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{N}_2$       |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
| $C_\infty (^2\Sigma)$ vdW Complex |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                   | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                          | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma$ | 59                                | 0.4721                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                   | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 105                               | 0.0115                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                   | $\omega_3$ | $\pi$    | 105                               | 0.0115                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                   | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 2330                              | 0.2437                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch           |
|                                   | zpe        |          | 15.5                              |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                              | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma$ | 59                                | 0.459                                 | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                   | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 115                               | 0.012                                 | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                   | $\omega_3$ | $\pi$    | 115                               | 0.012                                 | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                   | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 2320                              | 0.2338                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch           |
|                                   | zpe        |          | 15.6                              |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                              | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma$ | 60                                | 0.4866                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                   | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 107                               | 0.0133                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                   | $\omega_3$ | $\pi$    | 107                               | 0.0133                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                   | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 2328                              | 0.2419                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch           |
|                                   | zpe        |          | 15.6                              |                                       |                                |
| $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{N}_2$       |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
| $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ Neutral Molecule |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                   | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                          | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 496                               | 0.3686                                | Cl–N asymmetric stretch        |
|                                   | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 577                               | 2.9976                                | Cl–N symmetric stretch         |
|                                   | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1387                              | 1.541                                 | $\text{N}_2$ stretch           |
|                                   | zpe        |          | 14.7                              |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                              | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 494                               | 0.5564                                | Cl–N asymmetric stretch        |
|                                   | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 575                               | 2.6304                                | Cl–N symmetric stretch         |
|                                   | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1376                              | 1.7213                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch           |
|                                   | zpe        |          | 14.6                              |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                              | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 498                               | 0.6094                                | Cl–N asymmetric stretch        |
|                                   | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 578                               | 2.6496                                | Cl–N symmetric stretch         |
|                                   | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1384                              | 1.4423                                | $\text{N}_2$ stretch           |
|                                   | zpe        |          | 14.7                              |                                       |                                |

**Table S19:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}\cdots\text{N}_2$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Br $\cdots$ N <sub>2</sub>                                       |            |          |                                  |                                      |                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub> ) vdW Complex      |            |          |                                  |                                      |                                |
|                                                                  | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Intensity<br>(km mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                                         | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 39                               | 0.0543                               | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                  | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 86                               | 0.0412                               | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2326                             | 0.1255                               | N <sub>2</sub> stretch         |
|                                                                  | zpe        |          | 14.7                             |                                      |                                |
| AVTZ                                                             | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 43                               | 0.0628                               | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                  | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 97                               | 0.0208                               | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2315                             | 0.129                                | N <sub>2</sub> stretch         |
|                                                                  | zpe        |          | 14.7                             |                                      |                                |
| AVQZ                                                             | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 44                               | 0.0712                               | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                  | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 87                               | 0.0199                               | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2323                             | 0.1363                               | N <sub>2</sub> stretch         |
|                                                                  | zpe        |          | 14.7                             |                                      |                                |
| Br $\cdots$ N <sub>2</sub>                                       |            |          |                                  |                                      |                                |
| C <sub>∞</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> Σ) vdW Complex                     |            |          |                                  |                                      |                                |
|                                                                  | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Intensity<br>(km mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                                         | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma$ | 52                               | 0.3871                               | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                  | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 105                              | 0.0148                               | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                  | $\omega_3$ | $\pi$    | 105                              | 0.0148                               | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                  | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 2330                             | 0.208                                | N <sub>2</sub> stretch         |
|                                                                  | zpe        |          | 15.5                             |                                      |                                |
| AVTZ                                                             | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma$ | 55                               | 0.4193                               | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                  | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 115                              | 0.02                                 | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                  | $\omega_3$ | $\pi$    | 115                              | 0.02                                 | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                  | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 2320                             | 0.2146                               | N <sub>2</sub> stretch         |
|                                                                  | zpe        |          | 15.6                             |                                      |                                |
| AVQZ                                                             | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma$ | 58                               | 0.449                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                  | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 107                              | 0.0219                               | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                  | $\omega_3$ | $\pi$    | 107                              | 0.0219                               | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                  | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 2328                             | 0.2254                               | N <sub>2</sub> stretch         |
|                                                                  | zpe        |          | 15.5                             |                                      |                                |
| Br $\cdots$ N <sub>2</sub>                                       |            |          |                                  |                                      |                                |
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub> ) Neutral Molecule |            |          |                                  |                                      |                                |
|                                                                  | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Intensity<br>(km mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                                         | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 452                              | 1.1287                               | Br–N asymmetric stretch        |
|                                                                  | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 486                              | 0.0349                               | Br–N symmetric stretch         |
|                                                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1416                             | 1.1292                               | N <sub>2</sub> stretch         |
|                                                                  | zpe        |          | 14.1                             |                                      |                                |
| AVTZ                                                             | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 453                              | 1.4864                               | Br–N asymmetric stretch        |
|                                                                  | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 483                              | 0.0058                               | Br–N symmetric stretch         |
|                                                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1407                             | 1.634                                | N <sub>2</sub> stretch         |
|                                                                  | zpe        |          | 14                               |                                      |                                |
| AVQZ                                                             | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 459                              | 1.5664                               | Br–N asymmetric stretch        |
|                                                                  | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 487                              | 0.0099                               | Br–N symmetric stretch         |
|                                                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1413                             | 1.2875                               | N <sub>2</sub> stretch         |
|                                                                  | zpe        |          | 14.1                             |                                      |                                |

**Table S20:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I\cdots N_2$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $I\cdots N_2$<br>$C_{2v} (^2A_1)$ vdW Complex        |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                      | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                             | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 40                                | 0.0592                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 89                                | 0.0098                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2326                              | 0.111                                 | $N_2$ stretch                  |
|                                                      | zpe        |          | 14.7                              |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                                 | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 42                                | 0.0636                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 99                                | 0.0062                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2315                              | 0.1028                                | $N_2$ stretch                  |
|                                                      | zpe        |          | 14.7                              |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                                 | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 41                                | 0.0621                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 89                                | 0.0078                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 2323                              | 0.1006                                | $N_2$ stretch                  |
|                                                      | zpe        |          | 14.7                              |                                       |                                |
| $I\cdots N_2$<br>$C_{\infty} (^2\Sigma)$ vdW Complex |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                                      | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                             | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma$ | 50                                | 0.363                                 | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 104                               | 0.0373                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $\pi$    | 104                               | 0.0373                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                      | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 2329                              | 0.1224                                | $N_2$ stretch                  |
|                                                      | zpe        |          | 15.5                              |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                                 | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma$ | 52                                | 0.3667                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 114                               | 0.0291                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $\pi$    | 114                               | 0.0291                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                      | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 2320                              | 0.1219                                | $N_2$ stretch                  |
|                                                      | zpe        |          | 15.6                              |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                                 | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma$ | 52                                | 0.4089                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 106                               | 0.0329                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $\pi$    | 106                               | 0.0329                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                      | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 2327                              | 0.1341                                | $N_2$ stretch                  |
|                                                      | zpe        |          | 15.5                              |                                       |                                |
| $I\cdots N_2$<br>$C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ Neutral Molecule   |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                                      | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                             | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 407                               | 3.6661                                | I–N asymmetric stretch         |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 435                               | 2.3388                                | I–N symmetric stretch          |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1458                              | 0.0268                                | $N_2$ stretch                  |
|                                                      | zpe        |          | 13.8                              |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                                 | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 400                               | 3.7069                                | I–N asymmetric stretch         |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 433                               | 2.7182                                | I–N symmetric stretch          |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1452                              | 0.0488                                | $N_2$ stretch                  |
|                                                      | zpe        |          | 13.7                              |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                                 | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 407                               | 3.8895                                | I–N asymmetric stretch         |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 436                               | 2.5425                                | I–N symmetric stretch          |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1457                              | 0.0017                                | $N_2$ stretch                  |
|                                                      | zpe        |          | 13.8                              |                                       |                                |

**Table S21:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halide-nitrogen complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                                                 |          | Cl <sup>-</sup> ...N <sub>2</sub> |          |           | Br <sup>-</sup> ...N <sub>2</sub> |          |           | I <sup>-</sup> ...N <sub>2</sub> |          |           |           |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                 |          | x                                 | y        | z         | x                                 | y        | z         | x                                | y        | z         |           |
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub> ) | def2QZVP | X                                 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.583880                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.060026                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.839020  |
|                                                 |          | N                                 | 0.000000 | -0.549796 | 1.923282                          | 0.000000 | -0.549808 | 2.650065                         | 0.000000 | -0.549838 | -3.176289 |
|                                                 |          | N                                 | 0.000000 | 0.549796  | 1.923282                          | 0.000000 | 0.549808  | 2.650065                         | 0.000000 | 0.549838  | -3.176289 |
|                                                 | AVTZ     | X                                 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.589098                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.061265                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -0.836491 |
|                                                 |          | N                                 | 0.000000 | 0.550974  | -1.929619                         | 0.000000 | -0.550989 | 2.653163                         | 0.000000 | -0.551001 | 3.166717  |
|                                                 |          | N                                 | 0.000000 | -0.550974 | -1.929619                         | 0.000000 | 0.550989  | 2.653163                         | 0.000000 | 0.551001  | 3.166717  |
|                                                 | AVQZ     | X                                 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.591687                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.060653                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.838004  |
|                                                 |          | N                                 | 0.000000 | 0.549948  | -1.932763                         | 0.000000 | -0.549963 | 2.651567                         | 0.000000 | -0.549974 | -3.172444 |
|                                                 |          | N                                 | 0.000000 | -0.549948 | -1.932763                         | 0.000000 | 0.549963  | 2.651697                         | 0.000000 | 0.549974  | -3.172444 |
|                                                 |          | x                                 | y        | z         | x                                 | y        | z         | x                                | y        | z         |           |
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub> ) | def2QZVP | X                                 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.733734                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.510172                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.404622  |
|                                                 |          | N                                 | 0.000000 | -0.736692 | -0.890963                         | 0.000000 | -0.727693 | -1.275431                        | 0.000000 | -0.717268 | -1.531782 |
|                                                 |          | N                                 | 0.000000 | 0.736692  | -0.890963                         | 0.000000 | 0.727693  | -1.275431                        | 0.000000 | 0.717268  | -1.531782 |
|                                                 | AVTZ     | X                                 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.737106                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.512599                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.410056  |
|                                                 |          | N                                 | 0.000000 | -0.732619 | -0.895058                         | 0.000000 | 0.722812  | -1.281497                        | 0.000000 | -0.710523 | -1.552356 |
|                                                 |          | N                                 | 0.000000 | 0.732619  | -0.895058                         | 0.000000 | -0.722812 | -1.281497                        | 0.000000 | 0.710523  | -1.552356 |
|                                                 | AVQZ     | X                                 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.733819                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.510399                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.407469  |
|                                                 |          | N                                 | 0.000000 | -0.730168 | -0.891066                         | 0.000000 | -0.720416 | -1.275998                        | 0.000000 | -0.708427 | -1.542560 |
|                                                 |          | N                                 | 0.000000 | 0.730168  | -0.891066                         | 0.000000 | 0.720416  | -1.275998                        | 0.000000 | 0.708427  | -1.542560 |

**Table S22:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halogen-nitrogen complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                                                 |          | Cl...N <sub>2</sub> |          |           | Br...N <sub>2</sub> |          |           | I...N <sub>2</sub> |          |           |           |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                 |          | x                   | y        | z         | x                   | y        | z         | x                  | y        | z         |           |
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub> ) | def2QZVP | X                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.539002            | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.010210           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.781461  |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | 0.550032  | -1.868788           | 0.000000 | 0.550040  | -2.525524          | 0.000000 | 0.550049  | -2.958388 |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | -0.550032 | -1.868788           | 0.000000 | -0.550040 | -2.525524          | 0.000000 | -0.550049 | -2.958388 |
|                                                 | AVTZ     | X                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.533680            | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.999523           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.775841  |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | 0.551182  | -1.862326           | 0.000000 | 0.551202  | -2.498806          | 0.000000 | 0.551201  | -2.937114 |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | -0.551182 | -1.862326           | 0.000000 | -0.551202 | -2.498806          | 0.000000 | -0.551201 | -2.937114 |
|                                                 | AVQZ     | X                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.532795            | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.993570           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.777890  |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | 0.550149  | -1.861252           | 0.000000 | 0.550176  | -2.483925          | 0.000000 | 0.550167  | -2.944868 |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | -0.550149 | -1.861252           | 0.000000 | -0.550176 | -2.483925          | 0.000000 | -0.550167 | -2.944868 |
|                                                 |          | x                   | y        | z         | x                   | y        | z         | x                  | y        | z         |           |
| C <sub>∞</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> Σ)                | def2QZVP | X                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.643833            | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.075012           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.827244  |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.446279           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.137722          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.581886 |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.545888           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.237336          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.681537 |
|                                                 | AVTZ     | X                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.644099            | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.065363           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.826239  |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.445472           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.112473          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.576955 |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.547339           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.214340          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.678854 |
|                                                 | AVQZ     | X                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.639142            | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.060841           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.820245  |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.440475           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.102192          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.555285 |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.540297           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.202014          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.655138 |
|                                                 |          | x                   | y        | z         | x                   | y        | z         | x                  | y        | z         |           |
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> A <sub>2</sub> ) | def2QZVP | X                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.772132            | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.533520           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.427634  |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | 0.641839  | -0.937589           | 0.000000 | 0.635333  | -1.333799          | 0.000000 | 0.627633  | -1.618901 |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | -0.641839 | -0.937589           | 0.000000 | -0.635333 | -1.333799          | 0.000000 | -0.627633 | -1.618901 |
|                                                 | AVTZ     | X                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.774634            | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.535362           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.431369  |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | 0.643051  | -0.940627           | 0.000000 | 0.636249  | -1.338406          | 0.000000 | 0.628272  | -1.633038 |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | -0.643051 | -0.940627           | 0.000000 | -0.636249 | -1.338406          | 0.000000 | -0.628272 | -1.633038 |
|                                                 | AVQZ     | X                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.771904            | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.533253           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.428999  |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | 0.642039  | -0.937312           | 0.000000 | -0.635355 | -1.333132          | 0.000000 | 0.627461  | -1.624068 |
|                                                 |          | N                   | 0.000000 | -0.642039 | -0.937312           | 0.000000 | 0.635355  | -1.333132          | 0.000000 | -0.627461 | -1.624068 |

**Table S23:**  $X^- \cdots HCCH$  complex geometric parameters and  $D_0$  values from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations. zpe values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                                  |                       |          | $R_{X \cdots H}$ | $R_{H-C}$ | $R_{C=C}$ | $\angle_{X \cdots    -C}$ | $E_{DFT}$     | zpe                  | $D_e$                | $D_o$                |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                                  |                       |          | Å                | Å         | Å         | °                         | $E_h$         | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ |
| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{HCCH}$ | $C_\infty (^1\Sigma)$ | def2QZVP | 2.227            | 1.095     | 1.210     | 180.0                     | -537.2167692  | 72.4                 | 49.5                 | 51.6                 |
|                                  |                       | AVTZ     | 2.234            | 1.094     | 1.212     | 180.0                     | -537.1947703  | 72.6                 | 47.4                 | 49.7                 |
|                                  |                       | AVQZ     | 2.238            | 1.094     | 1.210     | 180.0                     | -537.2204020  | 72.4                 | 46.6                 | 48.8                 |
| $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{HCCH}$ | $C_\infty (^1\Sigma)$ | def2QZVP | 2.444            | 1.088     | 1.209     | 180.0                     | -2650.6896270 | 72.4                 | 42.1                 | 44.1                 |
|                                  |                       | AVTZ     | 2.429            | 1.088     | 1.211     | 180.0                     | -493.5268837  | 72.8                 | 41.9                 | 44.3                 |
|                                  |                       | AVQZ     | 2.417            | 1.089     | 1.209     | 180.0                     | -493.5765940  | 72.6                 | 41.3                 | 43.6                 |
| $\text{I}^- \cdots \text{HCCH}$  | $C_\infty (^1\Sigma)$ | def2QZVP | 2.748            | 1.082     | 1.208     | 180.0                     | -374.7762103  | 72.4                 | 32.6                 | 34.6                 |
|                                  |                       | AVTZ     | 2.723            | 1.082     | 1.210     | 180.0                     | -372.5712921  | 72.4                 | 34.0                 | 36.2                 |
|                                  |                       | AVQZ     | 2.726            | 1.082     | 1.208     | 180.0                     | -372.6217568  | 72.4                 | 33.5                 | 35.7                 |



**Table S24:**  $X\cdots HCCH$  complex geometric parameters and  $D_0$  values from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations. zpe values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                      |                           |                           | $R_{X-H}$  | $R_{H-C}$ | $R_{C=C}$ | $\angle_{X\cdots   -C}$ | $E_{DFT}$    | zpe                  | $D_e$                | $D_o$                |     |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----|
|                      |                           |                           | Å          | Å         | Å         | °                       | $E_h$        | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> |     |
| Cl⋯HCCH              | $C_\infty$ ( $^2\Sigma$ ) | def2QZVP                  | 2.862      | 1.064     | 1.204     | 180.0                   | -537.0706373 | 72.1                 | 3.3                  | 5.0                  |     |
|                      |                           | AVTZ                      | 2.808      | 1.064     | 1.206     | 180.0                   | -537.0472343 | 72.0                 | 4.2                  | 5.9                  |     |
|                      |                           | AVQZ                      | 2.839      | 1.064     | 1.204     | 180.0                   | -537.0714364 | 72.1                 | 3.7                  | 5.5                  |     |
|                      |                           |                           | $R_{X-  }$ |           |           |                         |              |                      |                      |                      |     |
|                      | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ )      | def2QZVP                  | 2.599      | 1.064     | 1.211     | 90.0                    | -537.0784914 | 72.2                 | 24.0                 | 25.8                 |     |
|                      |                           | AVTZ                      | 2.598      | 1.064     | 1.213     | 90.0                    | -537.0550247 | 72.4                 | 24.6                 | 26.7                 |     |
|                      |                           | AVQZ                      | 2.590      | 1.064     | 1.211     | 90.0                    | -537.0796033 | 72.2                 | 25.1                 | 27.1                 |     |
|                      | Br⋯HCCH                   |                           |            | $R_{X-H}$ |           |                         |              |                      |                      |                      |     |
|                      |                           | $C_\infty$ ( $^2\Sigma$ ) | def2QZVP   | 2.974     | 1.064     | 1.204                   | 180.0        | -2650.550701         | 72.0                 | 3.8                  | 5.4 |
| AVTZ                 |                           |                           | 2.873      | 1.065     | 1.206     | 180.0                   | -493.388187  | 71.9                 | 5.4                  | 6.9                  |     |
| AVQZ                 |                           |                           | 2.921      | 1.064     | 1.204     | 180.0                   | -493.4362775 | 71.9                 | 5.1                  | 6.8                  |     |
|                      |                           | $R_{X-  }$                |            |           |           |                         |              |                      |                      |                      |     |
| $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ ) |                           | def2QZVP                  | 2.804      | 1.064     | 1.209     | 90.0                    | -2650.557247 | 72.1                 | 21.0                 | 22.8                 |     |
|                      |                           | AVTZ                      | 2.792      | 1.064     | 1.211     | 90.0                    | -493.3946638 | 72.4                 | 22.4                 | 24.5                 |     |
|                      |                           | AVQZ                      | 2.782      | 1.064     | 1.209     | 90.0                    | -493.4432061 | 72.3                 | 23.3                 | 25.3                 |     |
| I⋯HCCH               |                           |                           |            | $R_{X-H}$ |           |                         |              |                      |                      |                      |     |
|                      | $C_\infty$ ( $^2\Sigma$ ) | def2QZVP                  | 3.170      | 1.064     | 1.204     | 180.0                   | -374.6465738 | 71.8                 | 4.2                  | 5.6                  |     |
|                      |                           | AVTZ                      | 3.082      | 1.065     | 1.206     | 180.0                   | -372.4416306 | 71.8                 | 5.8                  | 7.2                  |     |
|                      |                           | AVQZ                      | 3.101      | 1.065     | 1.204     | 180.0                   | -372.49021   | 71.9                 | 5.6                  | 7.2                  |     |
|                      |                           |                           | $R_{X-  }$ |           |           |                         |              |                      |                      |                      |     |
|                      | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ )      | def2QZVP                  | 3.079      | 1.064     | 1.207     | 90.0                    | -374.6517729 | 72.1                 | 17.8                 | 19.5                 |     |
|                      |                           | AVTZ                      | 3.088      | 1.064     | 1.209     | 90.0                    | -372.4465497 | 72.3                 | 18.7                 | 20.6                 |     |
|                      |                           | AVQZ                      | 3.062      | 1.064     | 1.208     | 90.0                    | -372.4956211 | 72.2                 | 19.8                 | 21.8                 |     |

**Table S25:**  $X^- \cdots HCCH$  complex VDEs from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations.  $zpe$  values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                    |                       |          | $E_{VDE}$    | $VDE_{2P_{3/2}}$ | $VDE_{2P_{1/2}}$ | $ADE_{2P_{3/2}}$ | $ADE_{2P_{1/2}}$ |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                    |                       |          | $E_h$        | eV               | eV               | eV               | eV               |
| $Cl^- \cdots HCCH$ | $C_\infty (^1\Sigma)$ | def2QZVP | -537.0663205 | 4.177            | 4.286            | 4.088            | 4.197            |
|                    |                       | AVTZ     | -537.0433570 | 4.135            | 4.244            | 4.056            | 4.165            |
|                    |                       | AVQZ     | -537.0675151 | 4.133            | 4.242            | 4.054            | 4.163            |
| $Br^- \cdots HCCH$ | $C_\infty (^1\Sigma)$ | def2QZVP | -2650.548089 | 3.804            | 4.261            | 3.756            | 4.213            |
|                    |                       | AVTZ     | -493.3859097 | 3.775            | 4.232            | 3.733            | 4.190            |
|                    |                       | AVQZ     | -493.4337816 | 3.778            | 4.235            | 3.732            | 4.189            |
| $I^- \cdots HCCH$  | $C_\infty (^1\Sigma)$ | def2QZVP | -374.6452678 | 3.365            | 4.307            | 3.349            | 4.291            |
|                    |                       | AVTZ     | -372.4404508 | 3.358            | 4.300            | 3.345            | 4.287            |
|                    |                       | AVQZ     | -372.4890118 | 3.356            | 4.298            | 3.342            | 4.284            |

**Table S26:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{HCCH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{HCCH}$<br>$\text{C}_\infty ({}^1\Sigma)$ vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                                                | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description            |
| def2QZVP                                                                       | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 158                               | 36.2239                               | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                                                                | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 175                               | 0.0072                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                                                | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 175                               | 0.0072                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                                                | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 646                               | 40.1775                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                                                | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 646                               | 40.1775                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                                                | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 951                               | 41.1917                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                                                | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 951                               | 41.1917                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                                                | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 1942                              | 200.0991                              | C=C stretch            |
|                                                                                | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3004                              | 1036.1935                             | X–HC stretch           |
|                                                                                | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3463                              | 3.4646                                | CH stretch             |
|                                                                                |               | zpe      | 72.4                              |                                       |                        |
| AVTZ                                                                           | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 157                               | 35.6147                               | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                                                                | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 180                               | 0.0139                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                                                | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 180                               | 0.0139                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                                                | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 647                               | 39.3462                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                                                | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 647                               | 39.3462                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                                                | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 954                               | 34.5997                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                                                | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 954                               | 34.5997                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                                                | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 1939                              | 201.5187                              | C=C stretch            |
|                                                                                | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3021                              | 1057.398                              | X–HC stretch           |
|                                                                                | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3459                              | 2.0068                                | CH stretch             |
|                                                                                |               | zpe      | 72.6                              |                                       |                        |
| AVQZ                                                                           | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 155                               | 35.494                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                                                                | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 174                               | 0.0191                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                                                | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 174                               | 0.0191                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                                                | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 648                               | 39.084                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                                                | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 648                               | 39.084                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                                                | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 944                               | 33.1817                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                                                | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 944                               | 33.1816                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                                                | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 1943                              | 198.6608                              | C=C stretch            |
|                                                                                | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3020                              | 1044.7302                             | X–HC stretch           |
|                                                                                | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3460                              | 3.2184                                | CH stretch             |
|                                                                                |               | zpe      | 72.4                              |                                       |                        |

**Table S27:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{HCCH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{HCCH}$<br>$\text{C}_\infty (^1\Sigma)$ vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                                              | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description            |
| def2QZVP                                                                     | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 122                               | 11.9635                               | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                                                              | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 165                               | 0.0683                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                                              | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 165                               | 0.0683                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                                              | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 650                               | 36.2362                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                                              | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 650                               | 36.2362                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                                              | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 916                               | 42.5262                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                                              | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 916                               | 42.5262                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                                              | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 1956                              | 147.0963                              | C=C stretch            |
|                                                                              | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3095                              | 897.1692                              | X–HC stretch           |
|                                                                              | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3465                              | 2.5913                                | CH stretch             |
|                                                                              |               | zpe      | 72.4                              |                                       |                        |
| AVTZ                                                                         | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 126                               | 11.6269                               | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                                                              | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 174                               | 0.3301                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                                              | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 174                               | 0.3301                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                                              | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 651                               | 38.1887                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                                              | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 651                               | 38.1887                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                                              | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 939                               | 29.9404                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                                              | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 939                               | 29.9404                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                                              | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 1952                              | 157.2776                              | C=C stretch            |
|                                                                              | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3098                              | 949.7586                              | X–HC stretch           |
|                                                                              | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3462                              | 1.4997                                | CH stretch             |
|                                                                              |               | zpe      | 72.8                              |                                       |                        |
| AVQZ                                                                         | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 126                               | 11.8294                               | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                                                              | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 166                               | 0.3284                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                                              | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 166                               | 0.3284                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                                              | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 659                               | 38.4296                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                                              | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 659                               | 38.4296                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                                              | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 929                               | 28.5729                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                                              | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 929                               | 28.5729                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                                              | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 1954                              | 161.8224                              | HCCH stretch           |
|                                                                              | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3087                              | 961.8901                              | X–HC stretch           |
|                                                                              | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3463                              | 2.5801                                | CH stretch             |
|                                                                              |               | zpe      | 72.6                              |                                       |                        |

**Table S28:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I^- \cdots HCCH$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $I^- \cdots HCCH$<br>$C_\infty (^1\Sigma)$ vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                        | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description            |
| def2QZVP                                               | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 96                                | 5.1021                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                                        | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 155                               | 0.2184                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                        | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 155                               | 0.2184                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                        | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 654                               | 33.2069                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                        | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 654                               | 33.2069                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                        | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 882                               | 37.6393                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                        | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 882                               | 37.6393                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                        | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 1970                              | 105.0683                              | C=C stretch            |
|                                                        | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3183                              | 756.1346                              | X–HC stretch           |
|                                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3469                              | 1.6545                                | CH stretch             |
|                                                        |               | zpe      | 72.4                              |                                       |                        |
| AVTZ                                                   | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 101                               | 4.9837                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                                        | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 160                               | 0.4863                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                        | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 160                               | 0.4863                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                        | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 652                               | 32.4392                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                        | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 652                               | 32.4392                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                        | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 890                               | 31.425                                | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                        | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 890                               | 31.425                                | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                        | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 1964                              | 113.7152                              | C=C stretch            |
|                                                        | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3176                              | 794.6119                              | X–HC stretch           |
|                                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3466                              | 0.8813                                | CH stretch             |
|                                                        |               | zpe      | 72.4                              |                                       |                        |
| AVQZ                                                   | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 100                               | 5.0038                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                                        | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 155                               | 0.4579                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                        | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 155                               | 0.4579                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                        | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 658                               | 33.4378                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                        | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 658                               | 33.4378                               | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                        | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 888                               | 29.8602                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                        | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 888                               | 29.8602                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                        | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 1968                              | 112.3375                              | C=C stretch            |
|                                                        | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3176                              | 784.8093                              | X–HC stretch           |
|                                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3465                              | 1.6412                                | CH stretch             |
|                                                        |               | zpe      | 72.4                              |                                       |                        |

**Table S29:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{HCCH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Cl $\cdots$ HCCH                           |               |          |                                   |                                       |                        |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| $\text{C}_\infty ({}^2\Sigma)$ vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                        |
|                                            | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description            |
| def2QZVP                                   | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 57                                | 0.1258                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                            | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 104                               | 0.0377                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                            | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 109                               | 0.1129                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                            | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 664                               | 0.5109                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                            | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 666                               | 1.2491                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                            | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 781                               | 90.1171                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                            | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 785                               | 85.1233                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                            | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 2007                              | 1.2608                                | C=C stretch            |
|                                            | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3401                              | 152.3152                              | X–HC stretch           |
|                                            | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3494                              | 1.867                                 | CH stretch             |
|                                            |               | zpe      | 72.2                              |                                       |                        |
| AVTZ                                       | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 64                                | 0.1327                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                            | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 114                               | 0.0532                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                            | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 119                               | 0.1607                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                            | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 665                               | 0.8408                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                            | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 666                               | 1.9224                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                            | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 788                               | 88.293                                | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                            | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 792                               | 82.0002                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                            | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 2002                              | 1.4636                                | C=C stretch            |
|                                            | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3396                              | 159.283                               | X–HC stretch           |
|                                            | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3497                              | 3.7276                                | CH stretch             |
|                                            |               | zpe      | 72.4                              |                                       |                        |
| AVQZ                                       | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 59                                | 0.1266                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                            | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 105                               | 0.0482                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                            | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 111                               | 0.1421                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                            | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 667                               | 0.6021                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                            | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 668                               | 1.4777                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                            | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 781                               | 87.3219                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                            | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 785                               | 81.6343                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                            | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 2006                              | 1.3698                                | C=C stretch            |
|                                            | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3398                              | 155.8578                              | X–HC stretch           |
|                                            | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3491                              | 2.0886                                | CH stretch             |
|                                            |               | zpe      | 72.2                              |                                       |                        |

**Table S30:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the Br...HCCH complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Br...HCCH<br>$C_{\infty} (^2\Sigma)$ vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                        |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                  | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description            |
| def2QZVP                                         | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 51                                | 0.104                                 | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                                  | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 104                               | 0.0528                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                  | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 109                               | 0.1494                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                  | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 665                               | 0.6803                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                  | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 666                               | 1.5808                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                  | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 781                               | 88.2055                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                  | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 785                               | 82.5714                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                  | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 2007                              | 1.8296                                | C=C stretch            |
|                                                  | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3399                              | 166.6195                              | X-HC stretch           |
|                                                  | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3492                              | 2.0565                                | CH stretch             |
|                                                  |               | zpe      | 72.1                              |                                       |                        |
| AVTZ                                             | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 62                                | 0.1127                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                                  | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 116                               | 0.099                                 | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                  | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 122                               | 0.2683                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                  | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 668                               | 1.7655                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                  | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 669                               | 3.4562                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                  | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 791                               | 84.5822                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                  | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 797                               | 76.5271                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                  | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 2001                              | 2.4292                                | C=C stretch            |
|                                                  | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3391                              | 184.4347                              | X-HC stretch           |
|                                                  | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3493                              | 4.0307                                | CH stretch             |
|                                                  |               | zpe      | 72.4                              |                                       |                        |
| AVQZ                                             | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 56                                | 0.1053                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                                  | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 108                               | 0.0877                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                  | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 114                               | 0.2292                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                  | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 671                               | 1.4347                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                  | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 672                               | 2.8585                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                  | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 784                               | 83.9909                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                  | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 789                               | 76.8878                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                  | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 2005                              | 2.1632                                | C=C stretch            |
|                                                  | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3395                              | 176.3143                              | X-HC stretch           |
|                                                  | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3489                              | 2.4602                                | CH stretch             |
|                                                  |               | zpe      | 72.3                              |                                       |                        |

**Table S31:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I\cdots HCCH$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| I $\cdots$ HCCH<br>$C_\infty$ ( $^2\Sigma$ ) vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                          | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description            |
| def2QZVP                                                 | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 50                                | 0.0797                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                                          | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 104                               | 0.1133                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                          | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 109                               | 0.2532                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                          | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 665                               | 1.0309                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                          | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 666                               | 2.1477                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                          | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 781                               | 83.2566                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                          | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 786                               | 77.0709                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                          | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 2006                              | 2.6096                                | C=C stretch            |
|                                                          | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3396                              | 184.7604                              | X–HC stretch           |
|                                                          | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3491                              | 2.2965                                | CH stretch             |
|                                                          |               | zpe      | 72.1                              |                                       |                        |
| AVTZ                                                     | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 59                                | 0.0833                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                                          | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 113                               | 0.1418                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                          | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 119                               | 0.3402                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                          | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 664                               | 1.5656                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                          | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 666                               | 3.1478                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                          | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 788                               | 81.0712                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                          | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 793                               | 73.0896                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                          | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 2001                              | 3.2749                                | C=C stretch            |
|                                                          | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3388                              | 201.675                               | X–HC stretch           |
|                                                          | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3491                              | 3.7948                                | CH stretch             |
|                                                          |               | zpe      | 72.3                              |                                       |                        |
| AVQZ                                                     | $\omega_1$    | $\sigma$ | 57                                | 0.0812                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                                          | $\omega_2$    | $\pi$    | 107                               | 0.14                                  | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                          | $\omega_3$    | $\pi$    | 113                               | 0.3231                                | Intermolecular bend    |
|                                                          | $\omega_4$    | $\pi$    | 668                               | 1.7621                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                          | $\omega_5$    | $\pi$    | 670                               | 3.3666                                | HCCH asymmetric bend   |
|                                                          | $\omega_6$    | $\pi$    | 784                               | 80.1203                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                          | $\omega_7$    | $\pi$    | 790                               | 72.5081                               | HCCH symmetric bend    |
|                                                          | $\omega_8$    | $\sigma$ | 2004                              | 3.0965                                | C=C stretch            |
|                                                          | $\omega_9$    | $\sigma$ | 3391                              | 196.8645                              | X–HC stretch           |
|                                                          | $\omega_{10}$ | $\sigma$ | 3487                              | 2.7528                                | CH stretch             |
|                                                          |               | zpe      | 72.2                              |                                       |                        |



**Table S32:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{HCCH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Cl $\cdots$ HCCH<br>$C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ ) vdW Complex |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                      | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                         |
| def2QZVP                                             | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 106                               | 0.4344                                | Intermolecular bend                 |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 190                               | 8.2528                                | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $a_2$    | 653                               | 0                                     | HCCH $\perp$ asymmetric stretch     |
|                                                      | $\omega_4$ | $b_2$    | 669                               | 0.0155                                | HCCH $\parallel$ asymmetric stretch |
|                                                      | $\omega_5$ | $b_1$    | 773                               | 87.9909                               | HCCH $\perp$ symmetric stretch      |
|                                                      | $\omega_6$ | $a_1$    | 791                               | 98.6903                               | HCCH $\parallel$ symmetric stretch  |
|                                                      | $\omega_7$ | $a_1$    | 1974                              | 45.0413                               | C=C stretch                         |
|                                                      | $\omega_8$ | $b_2$    | 3402                              | 133.8134                              | HCCH asymmetric stretch             |
|                                                      | $\omega_9$ | $a_1$    | 3491                              | 0.9595                                | HCCH symmetric stretch              |
|                                                      |            | zpe      | 72.1                              |                                       |                                     |
| AVTZ                                                 | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 109                               | 0.4881                                | Intermolecular bend                 |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 191                               | 8.0043                                | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $a_2$    | 650                               | 0                                     | HCCH $\perp$ asymmetric stretch     |
|                                                      | $\omega_4$ | $b_2$    | 665                               | 0.0008                                | HCCH $\parallel$ asymmetric stretch |
|                                                      | $\omega_5$ | $b_1$    | 776                               | 86.3087                               | HCCH $\perp$ symmetric stretch      |
|                                                      | $\omega_6$ | $a_1$    | 793                               | 98.4618                               | HCCH $\parallel$ symmetric stretch  |
|                                                      | $\omega_7$ | $a_1$    | 1970                              | 43.9158                               | C=C stretch                         |
|                                                      | $\omega_8$ | $b_2$    | 3396                              | 133.261                               | HCCH asymmetric stretch             |
|                                                      | $\omega_9$ | $a_1$    | 3491                              | 0.894                                 | HCCH symmetric stretch              |
|                                                      |            | zpe      | 72                                |                                       |                                     |
| AVQZ                                                 | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 106                               | 0.4888                                | Intermolecular bend                 |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 194                               | 7.803                                 | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $a_2$    | 656                               | 0                                     | HCCH $\perp$ asymmetric stretch     |
|                                                      | $\omega_4$ | $b_2$    | 670                               | 0.0017                                | HCCH $\parallel$ asymmetric stretch |
|                                                      | $\omega_5$ | $b_1$    | 773                               | 85.7775                               | HCCH $\perp$ symmetric stretch      |
|                                                      | $\omega_6$ | $a_1$    | 791                               | 97.5035                               | HCCH $\parallel$ symmetric stretch  |
|                                                      | $\omega_7$ | $a_1$    | 1972                              | 43.9868                               | C=C stretch                         |
|                                                      | $\omega_8$ | $b_2$    | 3399                              | 132.8153                              | HCCH asymmetric stretch             |
|                                                      | $\omega_9$ | $a_1$    | 3488                              | 0.8801                                | HCCH symmetric stretch              |
|                                                      |            | zpe      | 72.1                              |                                       |                                     |

**Table S33:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the Br...HCCH complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Br...HCCH<br>$C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ ) vdW Complex |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                               | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                         |
| def2QZVP                                      | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 129                               | 0.3115                                | Intermolecular bend                 |
|                                               | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 142                               | 7.5928                                | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                               | $\omega_3$ | $a_2$    | 655                               | 0                                     | HCCH $\perp$ asymmetric stretch     |
|                                               | $\omega_4$ | $b_2$    | 667                               | 0.021                                 | HCCH $\parallel$ asymmetric stretch |
|                                               | $\omega_5$ | $b_1$    | 774                               | 87.0683                               | HCCH $\perp$ symmetric stretch      |
|                                               | $\omega_6$ | $a_1$    | 790                               | 108.6275                              | HCCH $\parallel$ symmetric stretch  |
|                                               | $\omega_7$ | $a_1$    | 1982                              | 38.9597                               | C=C stretch                         |
|                                               | $\omega_8$ | $b_2$    | 3402                              | 127.4093                              | HCCH asymmetric stretch             |
|                                               | $\omega_9$ | $a_1$    | 3491                              | 0.3827                                | HCCH symmetric stretch              |
|                                               |            | zpe      | 72                                |                                       |                                     |
| AVTZ                                          | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 133                               | 0.3771                                | Intermolecular bend                 |
|                                               | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 143                               | 7.0278                                | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                               | $\omega_3$ | $a_2$    | 651                               | 0                                     | HCCH $\perp$ asymmetric stretch     |
|                                               | $\omega_4$ | $b_2$    | 661                               | 0.001                                 | HCCH $\parallel$ asymmetric stretch |
|                                               | $\omega_5$ | $b_1$    | 777                               | 84.5057                               | HCCH $\perp$ symmetric stretch      |
|                                               | $\omega_6$ | $a_1$    | 792                               | 107.8652                              | HCCH $\parallel$ symmetric stretch  |
|                                               | $\omega_7$ | $a_1$    | 1977                              | 35.0775                               | C=C stretch                         |
|                                               | $\omega_8$ | $b_2$    | 3395                              | 125.8284                              | HCCH asymmetric stretch             |
|                                               | $\omega_9$ | $a_1$    | 3492                              | 0.2501                                | HCCH symmetric stretch              |
|                                               |            | zpe      | 71.9                              |                                       |                                     |
| AVQZ                                          | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 130                               | 0.3789                                | Intermolecular bend                 |
|                                               | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 146                               | 6.9612                                | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                               | $\omega_3$ | $a_2$    | 658                               | 0                                     | HCCH $\perp$ asymmetric stretch     |
|                                               | $\omega_4$ | $b_2$    | 667                               | 0.0018                                | HCCH $\parallel$ asymmetric stretch |
|                                               | $\omega_5$ | $b_1$    | 774                               | 83.9539                               | HCCH $\perp$ symmetric stretch      |
|                                               | $\omega_6$ | $a_1$    | 788                               | 107.0564                              | HCCH $\parallel$ symmetric stretch  |
|                                               | $\omega_7$ | $a_1$    | 1979                              | 35.4508                               | C=C stretch                         |
|                                               | $\omega_8$ | $b_2$    | 3399                              | 125.5024                              | HCCH asymmetric stretch             |
|                                               | $\omega_9$ | $a_1$    | 3488                              | 0.2567                                | HCCH symmetric stretch              |
|                                               |            | zpe      | 71.9                              |                                       |                                     |

**Table S34:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I\cdots HCCH$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| I $\cdots$ HCCH<br>$C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ ) vdW Complex |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                     | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                         |
| def2QZVP                                            | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 109                               | 6.3793                                | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                                     | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 136                               | 0.3997                                | Intermolecular bend                 |
|                                                     | $\omega_3$ | $a_2$    | 656                               | 0                                     | HCCH $\perp$ asymmetric stretch     |
|                                                     | $\omega_4$ | $b_2$    | 664                               | 0.0224                                | HCCH $\parallel$ asymmetric stretch |
|                                                     | $\omega_5$ | $b_1$    | 776                               | 82.4624                               | HCCH $\perp$ symmetric stretch      |
|                                                     | $\omega_6$ | $a_1$    | 789                               | 119.8728                              | HCCH $\parallel$ symmetric stretch  |
|                                                     | $\omega_7$ | $a_1$    | 1989                              | 25.2862                               | C=C stretch                         |
|                                                     | $\omega_8$ | $b_2$    | 3401                              | 117.3399                              | HCCH asymmetric stretch             |
|                                                     | $\omega_9$ | $a_1$    | 3491                              | 0.0005                                | HCCH symmetric stretch              |
|                                                     |            | zpe      | 71.8                              |                                       |                                     |
| AVTZ                                                | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 109                               | 6.2255                                | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                                     | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 139                               | 0.4278                                | Intermolecular bend                 |
|                                                     | $\omega_3$ | $a_2$    | 653                               | 0                                     | HCCH $\perp$ asymmetric stretch     |
|                                                     | $\omega_4$ | $b_2$    | 657                               | 0.0453                                | HCCH $\parallel$ asymmetric stretch |
|                                                     | $\omega_5$ | $b_1$    | 779                               | 81.6111                               | HCCH $\perp$ symmetric stretch      |
|                                                     | $\omega_6$ | $a_1$    | 790                               | 120.39                                | HCCH $\parallel$ symmetric stretch  |
|                                                     | $\omega_7$ | $a_1$    | 1985                              | 24.072                                | C=C stretch                         |
|                                                     | $\omega_8$ | $b_2$    | 3395                              | 116.3059                              | HCCH asymmetric stretch             |
|                                                     | $\omega_9$ | $a_1$    | 3493                              | 0.0031                                | HCCH symmetric stretch              |
|                                                     |            | zpe      | 71.8                              |                                       |                                     |
| AVQZ                                                | $\omega_1$ | $a_1$    | 114                               | 6.3293                                | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                                     | $\omega_2$ | $b_2$    | 139                               | 0.4385                                | Intermolecular bend                 |
|                                                     | $\omega_3$ | $a_2$    | 659                               | 0                                     | HCCH $\perp$ asymmetric stretch     |
|                                                     | $\omega_4$ | $b_2$    | 665                               | 0.0508                                | HCCH $\parallel$ asymmetric stretch |
|                                                     | $\omega_5$ | $b_1$    | 776                               | 80.8719                               | HCCH $\perp$ symmetric stretch      |
|                                                     | $\omega_6$ | $a_1$    | 788                               | 119.0957                              | HCCH $\parallel$ symmetric stretch  |
|                                                     | $\omega_7$ | $a_1$    | 1987                              | 24.7003                               | C=C stretch                         |
|                                                     | $\omega_8$ | $b_2$    | 3398                              | 116.6343                              | HCCH asymmetric stretch             |
|                                                     | $\omega_9$ | $a_1$    | 3488                              | 0.0031                                | HCCH symmetric stretch              |
|                                                     |            | zpe      | 71.9                              |                                       |                                     |

**Table S35:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halide-acetylene complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                                |          | Cl <sup>-</sup> ...HCCH |          |          | Br <sup>-</sup> ...HCCH |          |          | I <sup>-</sup> ...HCCH |          |          |           |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
|                                |          | x                       | y        | z        | x                       | y        | z        | x                      | y        | z        |           |
| $C_{\infty}$ ( <sup>1</sup> Σ) | def2QZVP | X                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 1.772137                | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 1.181204               | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.926032  |
|                                |          | H                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -3.821020               | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -4.621083              | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -5.172717 |
|                                |          | C                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -2.759224               | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -3.559348              | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -4.110998 |
|                                |          | C                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -1.549258               | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -2.350434              | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -2.903213 |
|                                |          | H                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -0.454408               | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -1.262354              | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -1.821695 |
|                                | AVTZ     | X                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 1.775545                | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 1.177498               | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.921173  |
|                                |          | H                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -3.826651               | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -4.613483              | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -5.156006 |
|                                |          | C                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -2.764221               | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -3.551086              | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -4.093709 |
|                                |          | C                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -1.552292               | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -2.340092              | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -2.883738 |
|                                |          | H                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -0.458536               | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -1.251886              | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -1.801481 |
|                                | AVQZ     | X                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 1.776998                | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 1.173942               | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | 0.921544  |
|                                |          | H                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -3.827124               | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -4.603369              | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -5.156171 |
|                                |          | C                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -2.765103               | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -3.541402              | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -4.094212 |
|                                |          | C                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -1.554977               | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -2.332105              | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -2.886054 |
|                                |          | H                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -0.461362               | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -1.243555              | 0.000000 | 0.000000 | -1.804063 |

**Table S36:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halogen-acetylene complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                         |          |   | Cl...HCCH |           |           | Br...HCCH |           |           | I...HCCH |           |           |
|-------------------------|----------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|                         |          |   | x         | y         | z         | x         | y         | z         | x        | y         | z         |
| $C_{\infty} (^2\Sigma)$ | def2QZVP | X | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 2.044900  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.325767  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.010603  |
|                         |          | H | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -4.147965 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -4.979329 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -5.490805 |
|                         |          | C | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -3.085148 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -3.916514 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -4.427991 |
|                         |          | C | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -1.881197 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -2.712510 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.223937 |
|                         |          | H | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -0.817274 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -1.648381 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.159571 |
|                         | AVTZ     | X | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 2.020921  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.297396  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.992622  |
|                         |          | H | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -4.120454 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -4.910034 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -5.424340 |
|                         |          | C | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -3.057086 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -3.846692 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -4.361032 |
|                         |          | C | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -1.850997 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -2.640504 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.154784 |
|                         |          | H | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -0.786703 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -1.575664 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.089727 |
|                         | AVQZ     | X | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 2.034593  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.310697  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.996341  |
|                         |          | H | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -4.135819 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -4.942038 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -5.437207 |
|                         |          | C | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -3.072802 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -3.879023 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -4.374198 |
|                         |          | C | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -1.868520 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -2.674669 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.169778 |
|                         |          | H | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -0.804339 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -1.610189 | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.105017 |
|                         |          |   | x         | y         | z         | x         | y         | z         | x        | y         | z         |
|                         |          |   | x         | y         | z         | x         | y         | z         | x        | y         | z         |
| $C_{2v} (^2A_1)$        | def2QZVP | X | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.174600  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 0.801656  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.643655  |
|                         |          | H | 0.000000  | 1.669150  | -1.440469 | 0.000000  | 1.668263  | -2.016796 | 0.000000 | 1.667449  | -2.447200 |
|                         |          | C | 0.000000  | 0.605352  | -1.423938 | 0.000000  | 0.604488  | -2.002032 | 0.000000 | 0.603692  | -2.434943 |
|                         |          | C | 0.000000  | -0.605352 | -1.423938 | 0.000000  | -0.604488 | -2.002032 | 0.000000 | -0.603692 | -2.434943 |
|                         |          | H | 0.000000  | -1.669150 | -1.440469 | 0.000000  | -1.668263 | -2.016796 | 0.000000 | -1.667449 | -2.447200 |
|                         | AVTZ     | X | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.174505  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 0.798215  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.645666  |
|                         |          | H | 0.000000  | 1.670708  | -1.439935 | 0.000000  | 1.669782  | -2.008416 | 0.000000 | 1.668865  | -2.454292 |
|                         |          | C | 0.000000  | 0.606393  | -1.423893 | 0.000000  | 0.605533  | -1.993390 | 0.000000 | 0.604679  | -2.442645 |
|                         |          | C | 0.000000  | -0.606393 | -1.423893 | 0.000000  | -0.605533 | -1.993390 | 0.000000 | -0.604679 | -2.442645 |
|                         |          | H | 0.000000  | -1.670708 | -1.439935 | 0.000000  | -1.669782 | -2.008416 | 0.000000 | -1.668865 | -2.454292 |
|                         | AVQZ     | X | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.170925  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 0.795512  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.640116  |
|                         |          | H | 0.000000  | 1.669621  | -1.435889 | 0.000000  | 1.668712  | -2.001656 | 0.000000 | 1.667872  | -2.433191 |
|                         |          | C | 0.000000  | 0.605595  | -1.419495 | 0.000000  | 0.604729  | -1.986634 | 0.000000 | 0.603903  | -2.421646 |
|                         |          | C | 0.000000  | -0.605595 | -1.419495 | 0.000000  | -0.604729 | -1.986634 | 0.000000 | -0.603903 | -2.421646 |
|                         |          | H | 0.000000  | -1.669621 | -1.435889 | 0.000000  | -1.668712 | -2.001656 | 0.000000 | -1.667872 | -2.433191 |

**Table S37:**  $X^- \cdots O_2$  complex geometric parameters and  $D_0$  values from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations.  $zpe$  values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                   |                           |          | $R_{X \cdots O}$ | $R_{X \cdots   }$ | $R_{O=O}$ | $\angle_{X \cdots   -O}$ | $E_{DFT}$     | $zpe$                | $D_e$                | $D_o$                |
|-------------------|---------------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                   |                           |          | Å                | Å                 | Å         | °                        | $E_h$         | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ |
| $Cl^- \cdots O_2$ | $C_s$ ( $^3A''$ )         | def2QZVP | 3.376            | 3.519             | 1.204     | 73.3                     | -610.1632503  | 9.8                  | 6.5                  | 6.8                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | 3.356            | 3.541             | 1.208     | 71.3                     | -610.1309845  | 9.7                  | 6.2                  | 6.5                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | 3.456            | 3.513             | 1.204     | 77.4                     | -610.1686802  | 9.9                  | 6.3                  | 6.6                  |
|                   | $C_{2v}$ ( $^3B_1$ )      | def2QZVP | 3.544            | 3.493             | 1.203     | 90.0                     | -610.1632375  | 9.9                  | 6.5                  | 6.9                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | 3.547            | 3.496             | 1.207     | 90.0                     | -610.1309601  | 9.8                  | 6.1                  | 6.5                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | 3.555            | 3.504             | 1.204     | 90.0                     | -610.1686792  | 9.9                  | 6.3                  | 6.6                  |
|                   | $C_\infty$ ( $^3\Sigma$ ) | def2QZVP | 3.413            | 4.017             | 1.209     | 180.0                    | -610.1627115  | 9.6                  | 5.1                  | 5.2                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | 3.403            | 4.009             | 1.212     | 180.0                    | -610.1306244  | 9.6                  | 5.2                  | 5.4                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | 3.414            | 4.018             | 1.209     | 180.0                    | -610.1682058  | 9.7                  | 5.0                  | 5.2                  |
| $Br^- \cdots O_2$ | $C_s$ ( $^3A''$ )         | def2QZVP | 3.535            | 3.719             | 1.205     | 71.9                     | -2723.6386170 | 9.7                  | 5.7                  | 5.9                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | 3.501            | 3.740             | 1.209     | 69.3                     | -566.4650186  | 9.6                  | 5.6                  | 5.8                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | 3.529            | 3.714             | 1.205     | 71.8                     | -566.5267298  | 9.7                  | 5.8                  | 6.0                  |
|                   | $C_{2v}$ ( $^3B_1$ )      | def2QZVP | 3.732            | 3.684             | 1.203     | 90.0                     | -2723.6385920 | 9.8                  | 5.6                  | 5.9                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | 3.734            | 3.685             | 1.207     | 90.0                     | -566.4649620  | 9.7                  | 5.5                  | 5.8                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | 3.725            | 3.676             | 1.204     | 90.0                     | -566.5267067  | 9.8                  | 5.7                  | 6.0                  |
|                   | $C_\infty$ ( $^3\Sigma$ ) | def2QZVP | 3.600            | 4.204             | 1.208     | 180.0                    | -2723.6381500 | 9.6                  | 4.5                  | 4.5                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | 3.585            | 4.190             | 1.212     | 180.0                    | -566.4646799  | 9.5                  | 4.8                  | 4.8                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | 3.575            | 4.179             | 1.208     | 180.0                    | -566.5263040  | 9.6                  | 4.7                  | 4.8                  |
| $I^- \cdots O_2$  | $C_s$ ( $^3A''$ )         | def2QZVP | 3.797            | 3.994             | 1.205     | 72.0                     | -447.7284107  | 9.7                  | 4.6                  | 4.8                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | 3.742            | 4.019             | 1.209     | 68.2                     | -445.5120777  | 9.5                  | 4.8                  | 4.9                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | 3.787            | 3.986             | 1.205     | 71.8                     | -445.5745371  | 9.7                  | 5.0                  | 5.2                  |
|                   | $C_{2v}$ ( $^3B_1$ )      | def2QZVP | 4.013            | 3.968             | 1.204     | 90.0                     | -447.7283860  | 9.8                  | 4.6                  | 4.8                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | 4.010            | 3.965             | 1.207     | 90.0                     | -445.5120046  | 9.6                  | 4.6                  | 4.8                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | 4.001            | 3.955             | 1.204     | 90.0                     | -445.5745118  | 9.8                  | 5.0                  | 5.2                  |
|                   | $C_\infty$ ( $^3\Sigma$ ) | def2QZVP | 3.881            | 4.485             | 1.207     | 180.0                    | -447.7279550  | 9.6                  | 3.4                  | 3.5                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | 3.846            | 4.452             | 1.211     | 180.0                    | -445.5117800  | 9.5                  | 4.0                  | 4.1                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | 3.857            | 4.460             | 1.208     | 180.0                    | -445.5741556  | 9.6                  | 4.0                  | 4.1                  |

**Table S38:**  $X\cdots O_2$  complex geometric parameters and  $D_0$  values from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations.  $zpe$  values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                             |                       |          | $R_{X\cdots O}$ | $R_{X\cdots   }$ | $R_{O=O}$ | $\angle_{X\cdots   -O}$ | $E_{DFT}$     | $zpe$                | $D_e$                | $D_o$                |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                             |                       |          | Å               | Å                | Å         | °                       | $E_h$         | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ |
| $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{O}_2$ | $C_{2v} (^4A'')$      | def2QZVP | 3.232           | 3.175            | 1.206     | 90.0                    | -610.0332420  | 9.8                  | 2.7                  | 3.0                  |
|                             |                       | AVTZ     | 3.211           | 3.153            | 1.209     | 90.0                    | -609.9986846  | 9.7                  | 2.9                  | 3.2                  |
|                             |                       | AVQZ     | 3.224           | 3.168            | 1.206     | 90.0                    | -610.0347063  | 9.8                  | 2.7                  | 3.0                  |
|                             | $C_\infty (^4\Sigma)$ | def2QZVP | 3.122           | 3.724            | 1.204     | 180.0                   | -610.0330545  | 9.8                  | 2.2                  | 2.5                  |
|                             |                       | AVTZ     | 3.119           | 3.722            | 1.208     | 180.0                   | -609.9984977  | 9.7                  | 2.4                  | 2.7                  |
|                             |                       | AVQZ     | 3.113           | 3.715            | 1.204     | 180.0                   | -610.0345567  | 9.8                  | 2.3                  | 2.6                  |
| $\text{Br}\cdots\text{O}_2$ | $C_{2v} (^4A'')$      | def2QZVP | 3.352           | 3.298            | 1.206     | 90.0                    | -2723.5132140 | 9.8                  | 2.9                  | 3.2                  |
|                             |                       | AVTZ     | 3.311           | 3.256            | 1.209     | 90.0                    | -566.3394182  | 9.7                  | 3.5                  | 3.8                  |
|                             |                       | AVQZ     | 3.313           | 3.258            | 1.206     | 90.0                    | -566.3993241  | 9.8                  | 3.5                  | 3.8                  |
|                             | $C_\infty (^4\Sigma)$ | def2QZVP | 3.235           | 3.837            | 1.204     | 180.0                   | -2723.5130620 | 9.8                  | 2.5                  | 2.8                  |
|                             |                       | AVTZ     | 3.200           | 3.804            | 1.208     | 180.0                   | -566.3392407  | 9.7                  | 3.0                  | 3.3                  |
|                             |                       | AVQZ     | 3.183           | 3.786            | 1.204     | 180.0                   | -566.3992000  | 9.8                  | 3.2                  | 3.5                  |
| $\text{I}\cdots\text{O}_2$  | $C_{2v} (^4A'')$      | def2QZVP | 3.549           | 3.497            | 1.206     | 90.0                    | -447.6091613  | 9.7                  | 3.4                  | 3.7                  |
|                             |                       | AVTZ     | 3.520           | 3.467            | 1.209     | 90.0                    | -445.3927653  | 9.6                  | 3.7                  | 3.9                  |
|                             |                       | AVQZ     | 3.533           | 3.481            | 1.206     | 90.0                    | -445.4531433  | 9.7                  | 3.8                  | 4.0                  |
|                             | $C_\infty (^4\Sigma)$ | def2QZVP | 3.397           | 3.999            | 1.204     | 180.0                   | -447.6090005  | 9.8                  | 3.0                  | 3.3                  |
|                             |                       | AVTZ     | 3.389           | 3.993            | 1.208     | 180.0                   | -445.3926351  | 9.7                  | 3.3                  | 3.6                  |
|                             |                       | AVQZ     | 3.372           | 3.974            | 1.204     | 180.0                   | -445.4530378  | 9.8                  | 3.5                  | 3.7                  |

**Table S39:**  $X^- \cdots O_2$  complex VDEs from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations.  $zpe$  values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                   |                           |          | $E_{VDE}$<br>$E_h$ | $VDE_{2P_{3/2}}$<br>eV | $VDE_{2P_{1/2}}$<br>eV | $ADE_{2P_{3/2}}$<br>eV | $ADE_{2P_{1/2}}$<br>eV |
|-------------------|---------------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| $Cl^- \cdots O_2$ | $C_s$ ( $^3A''$ )         | def2QZVP | -610.0330130       | 3.656                  | 3.765                  | 3.653                  | 3.762                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | -609.9979436       | 3.664                  | 3.773                  | 3.647                  | 3.756                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | -610.0344759       | 3.653                  | 3.762                  | 3.649                  | 3.758                  |
|                   | $C_{2v}$ ( $^3B_1$ )      | def2QZVP | -610.0330359       | 3.654                  | 3.763                  | 3.651                  | 3.766                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | -609.9984333       | 3.650                  | 3.759                  | 3.646                  | 3.760                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | -610.0344807       | 3.652                  | 3.761                  | 3.649                  | 3.762                  |
|                   | $C_\infty$ ( $^3\Sigma$ ) | def2QZVP | -610.0328873       | 3.645                  | 3.754                  | 3.645                  | 3.754                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | -609.9983254       | 3.644                  | 3.753                  | 3.644                  | 3.753                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | -610.0343761       | 3.643                  | 3.752                  | 3.643                  | 3.752                  |
| $Br^- \cdots O_2$ | $C_s$ ( $^3A''$ )         | def2QZVP | -2723.5129260      | 3.398                  | 3.855                  | 3.393                  | 3.850                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | -566.3390289       | 3.394                  | 3.851                  | 3.387                  | 3.844                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | -566.3989522       | 3.395                  | 3.852                  | 3.388                  | 3.845                  |
|                   | $C_{2v}$ ( $^3B_1$ )      | def2QZVP | -2723.5129330      | 3.397                  | 3.854                  | 3.392                  | 3.849                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | -566.3390458       | 3.392                  | 3.849                  | 3.384                  | 3.841                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | -566.3989575       | 3.394                  | 3.851                  | 3.387                  | 3.844                  |
|                   | $C_\infty$ ( $^3\Sigma$ ) | def2QZVP | -2723.5128280      | 3.388                  | 3.845                  | 3.386                  | 3.843                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | -566.3389652       | 3.387                  | 3.844                  | 3.384                  | 3.841                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | -566.3988855       | 3.385                  | 3.842                  | 3.381                  | 3.838                  |
| $I^- \cdots O_2$  | $C_s$ ( $^3A''$ )         | def2QZVP | -447.6084858       | 3.088                  | 4.030                  | 3.072                  | 4.014                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | -445.3919629       | 3.090                  | 4.032                  | 3.071                  | 4.013                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | -445.4524412       | 3.089                  | 4.031                  | 3.073                  | 4.015                  |
|                   | $C_{2v}$ ( $^3B_1$ )      | def2QZVP | -447.6087767       | 3.079                  | 4.021                  | 3.071                  | 4.013                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | -445.3923135       | 3.078                  | 4.020                  | 3.068                  | 4.010                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | -445.4527358       | 3.080                  | 4.022                  | 3.071                  | 4.013                  |
|                   | $C_\infty$ ( $^3\Sigma$ ) | def2QZVP | -447.6086445       | 3.071                  | 4.013                  | 3.066                  | 4.008                  |
|                   |                           | AVTZ     | -445.3922748       | 3.073                  | 4.015                  | 3.068                  | 4.010                  |
|                   |                           | AVQZ     | -445.4526560       | 3.073                  | 4.015                  | 3.067                  | 4.009                  |



**Table S40:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{O}_2$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{O}_2$       |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|---------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^3A''$ ) vdW Complex         |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                       | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$ | $a'$     | 126i                              | 2.2704                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                       | $\omega_2$ | $a'$     | 57                                | 18.1061                               | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                       | $\omega_3$ | $a'$     | 1587                              | 8.748                                 | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                       | zpe        |          | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                  | $\omega_1$ | $a'$     | 119i                              | 1.8797                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                       | $\omega_2$ | $a'$     | 55                                | 18.2687                               | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                       | $\omega_3$ | $a'$     | 1566                              | 12.1418                               | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                       | zpe        |          | 9.7                               |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                  | $\omega_1$ | $a'$     | 127i                              | 0.6456                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                       | $\omega_2$ | $a'$     | 58                                | 15.6093                               | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                       | $\omega_3$ | $a'$     | 1592                              | 2.5507                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                       | zpe        |          | 9.9                               |                                       |                                |
| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{O}_2$       |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
| $C_{2v}$ ( $^3B_1$ ) vdW Complex      |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                       | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 131i                              | 0.0002                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                       | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 59                                | 15.716                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                       | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1596                              | 0.833                                 | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                       | zpe        |          | 9.9                               |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                  | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 126i                              | 0.0064                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                       | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 58                                | 15.0582                               | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                       | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1577                              | 1.1278                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                       | zpe        |          | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                  | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 129i                              | 0.0065                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                       | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 58                                | 14.9281                               | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                       | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1594                              | 1.0538                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                       | zpe        |          | 9.9                               |                                       |                                |
| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{O}_2$       |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
| $C_\infty$ ( $^3\Sigma$ ) vdW Complex |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                       | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 133i                              | 1.6726                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                       | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 133i                              | 1.6726                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                       | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 52                                | 17.2142                               | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                       | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1560                              | 15.0525                               | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                       | zpe        |          | 9.6                               |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                  | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 126i                              | 1.5404                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                       | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 126i                              | 1.5404                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                       | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 53                                | 16.8356                               | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                       | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1543                              | 14.5207                               | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                       | zpe        |          | 9.6                               |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                  | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 130i                              | 1.5146                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                       | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 130i                              | 1.5146                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                       | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 53                                | 16.6934                               | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                       | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1562                              | 13.651                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                       | zpe        |          | 9.7                               |                                       |                                |

**Table S41:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{O}_2$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{O}_2$<br>$C_s$ ( $^3A''$ ) vdW Complex         |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                          | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                                                 | $\omega_1$ | $a'$     | 125i                              | 2.3925                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                          | $\omega_2$ | $a'$     | 45                                | 5.8516                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                          | $\omega_3$ | $a'$     | 1583                              | 14.4937                               | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                          | zpe        |          | 9.7                               |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                                                     | $\omega_1$ | $a'$     | 118i                              | 1.9085                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                          | $\omega_2$ | $a'$     | 43                                | 6.0956                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                          | $\omega_3$ | $a'$     | 1560                              | 22.9537                               | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                          | zpe        |          | 9.6                               |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                                                     | $\omega_1$ | $a'$     | 124i                              | 1.7656                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                          | $\omega_2$ | $a'$     | 45                                | 5.3901                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                          | $\omega_3$ | $a'$     | 1582                              | 13.5477                               | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                          | zpe        |          | 9.7                               |                                       |                                |
| $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{O}_2$<br>$C_{2v}$ ( $^3B_1$ ) vdW Complex      |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                                                          | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                                                 | $\omega_1$ | $a'$     | 133i                              | 0.146                                 | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                          | $\omega_2$ | $a'$     | 45                                | 4.347                                 | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                          | $\omega_3$ | $a'$     | 1595                              | 0.7625                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                          | zpe        |          | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                                                     | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 128i                              | 0.0962                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                          | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 44                                | 4.0585                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                          | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1576                              | 1.1703                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                          | zpe        |          | 9.7                               |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                                                     | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 131i                              | 0.0976                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                          | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 46                                | 4.014                                 | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                          | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1593                              | 1.1484                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                          | zpe        |          | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |
| $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{O}_2$<br>$C_\infty$ ( $^3\Sigma$ ) vdW Complex |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                                                          | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                                                 | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 133i                              | 0.7148                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                          | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 133i                              | 0.7148                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                          | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 42                                | 4.9697                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                          | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1564                              | 14.0934                               | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                          | zpe        |          | 9.6                               |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                                                     | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 127i                              | 0.6337                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                          | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 127i                              | 0.6337                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                          | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 42                                | 4.7888                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                          | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1546                              | 14.6204                               | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                          | zpe        |          | 9.5                               |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                                                     | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 131i                              | 0.6297                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                          | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 131i                              | 0.6297                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                          | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 43                                | 4.7369                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                          | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1564                              | 14.2596                               | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                          | zpe        |          | 9.6                               |                                       |                                |

**Table S42:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I^- \cdots O_2$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $I^- \cdots O_2$                            |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $C_s (^3A'') \text{ vdW Complex}$           |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                             | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                    | $\omega_1$ | $a'$     | 126i                              | 2.0377                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                             | $\omega_2$ | $a'$     | 36                                | 2.6365                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                             | $\omega_3$ | $a'$     | 1582                              | 15.4625                               | $O_2$ stretch                  |
|                                             |            | zpe      | 9.7                               |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                        | $\omega_1$ | $a'$     | 117i                              | 1.5352                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                             | $\omega_2$ | $a'$     | 37                                | 3.0812                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                             | $\omega_3$ | $a'$     | 1557                              | 32.0728                               | $O_2$ stretch                  |
|                                             |            | zpe      | 9.5                               |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                        | $\omega_1$ | $a'$     | 124i                              | 1.6024                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                             | $\omega_2$ | $a'$     | 37                                | 2.4528                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                             | $\omega_3$ | $a'$     | 1581                              | 15.6469                               | $O_2$ stretch                  |
|                                             |            | zpe      | 9.7                               |                                       |                                |
| $I^- \cdots O_2$                            |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
| $C_{2v} (^3B_1) \text{ vdW Complex}$        |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                             | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                    | $\omega_1$ | $a'$     | 131i                              | 0.188                                 | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                             | $\omega_2$ | $a'$     | 39                                | 1.8068                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                             | $\omega_3$ | $a'$     | 1594                              | 0.5861                                | $O_2$ stretch                  |
|                                             |            | zpe      | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                        | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 127i                              | 0.1321                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                             | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 39                                | 1.6658                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                             | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1575                              | 1.0028                                | $O_2$ stretch                  |
|                                             |            | zpe      | 9.6                               |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                        | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 130i                              | 0.1328                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                             | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 40                                | 1.6463                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                             | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1592                              | 0.9749                                | $O_2$ stretch                  |
|                                             |            | zpe      | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |
| $I^- \cdots O_2$                            |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
| $C_{\infty} (^3\Sigma) \text{ vdW Complex}$ |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                             | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                    | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 132i                              | 0.4691                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                             | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 132i                              | 0.4691                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                             | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 32                                | 2.1958                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                             | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1569                              | 12.8008                               | $O_2$ stretch                  |
|                                             |            | zpe      | 9.6                               |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                        | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 127i                              | 0.393                                 | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                             | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 127i                              | 0.393                                 | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                             | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 34                                | 2.0674                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                             | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1550                              | 13.6736                               | $O_2$ stretch                  |
|                                             |            | zpe      | 9.5                               |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                        | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 131i                              | 0.3842                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                             | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 131i                              | 0.3842                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                             | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 34                                | 2.0388                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                             | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1568                              | 12.699                                | $O_2$ stretch                  |
|                                             |            | zpe      | 9.6                               |                                       |                                |

**Table S43:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{O}_2$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{O}_2$<br>$C_{2v} (^4B_1)$ vdW Complex      |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                  | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                                         | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 102i                              | 0.004                                 | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                  | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 54                                | 0.1462                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1585                              | 0.3425                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                  | zpe        |          | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                                             | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 95i                               | 0.002                                 | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                  | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 57                                | 0.1532                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1566                              | 0.3571                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                  | zpe        |          | 9.7                               |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                                             | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 101i                              | 0.0027                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                  | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 54                                | 0.1454                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                  | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1584                              | 0.3341                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                  | zpe        |          | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |
| $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{O}_2$<br>$C_\infty (^4\Sigma)$ vdW Complex |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                                                  | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                                         | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 119i                              | 0.0031                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                  | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 119i                              | 0.0031                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                  | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 46                                | 0.0997                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                  | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1592                              | 0.0039                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                  | zpe        |          | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                                             | $\omega_1$ | $\sigma$ | 113i                              | 0.004                                 | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                  | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 113i                              | 0.004                                 | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                  | $\omega_3$ | $\pi$    | 48                                | 0.1014                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                  | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1575                              | 0.004                                 | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                  | zpe        |          | 9.7                               |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                                             | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 118i                              | 0.0037                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                  | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 118i                              | 0.0037                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                  | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 48                                | 0.1052                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                  | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1592                              | 0.0031                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                  | zpe        |          | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |

**Table S44:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}\cdots\text{O}_2$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Br}\cdots\text{O}_2$<br>$C_{2v} (^4B_1)$ vdW Complex        |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                    | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                                           | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 103i                              | 0.001                                 | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 49                                | 0.1173                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1584                              | 0.2877                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                    | zpe        |          | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                                               | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 94i                               | 0                                     | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 53                                | 0.1299                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1566                              | 0.2927                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                    | zpe        |          | 9.7                               |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                                               | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 99i                               | 0                                     | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 53                                | 0.1314                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1583                              | 0.2879                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                    | zpe        |          | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |
| $\text{Br}\cdots\text{O}_2$<br>$C_{\infty} (^4\Sigma)$ vdW Complex |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                                                    | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                                           | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 120i                              | 0.005                                 | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 120i                              | 0.005                                 | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 43                                | 0.0924                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1592                              | 0                                     | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                    | zpe        |          | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                                               | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 114i                              | 0.0062                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 114i                              | 0.0062                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 45                                | 0.1063                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1574                              | 0.0003                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                    | zpe        |          | 9.7                               |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                                               | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 117i                              | 0.0059                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 117i                              | 0.0059                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 47                                | 0.1147                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1592                              | 0.0006                                | $\text{O}_2$ stretch           |
|                                                                    | zpe        |          | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |

**Table S45:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I\cdots O_2$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $I\cdots O_2$<br>$C_{2v} (^4B_1)$ vdW Complex        |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                      | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                             | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 105i                              | 0.0015                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 44                                | 0.1105                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1584                              | 0.1934                                | $O_2$ stretch                  |
|                                                      |            | zpe      | 9.7                               |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                                 | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 97i                               | 0.0029                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 46                                | 0.1192                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1566                              | 0.1803                                | $O_2$ stretch                  |
|                                                      |            | zpe      | 9.6                               |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                                 | $\omega_1$ | $b_2$    | 103i                              | 0.0023                                | Intermolecular bend            |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $a_1$    | 45                                | 0.1163                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $a_1$    | 1583                              | 0.1776                                | $O_2$ stretch                  |
|                                                      |            | zpe      | 9.7                               |                                       |                                |
| $I\cdots O_2$<br>$C_{\infty} (^4\Sigma)$ vdW Complex |            |          |                                   |                                       |                                |
|                                                      | Mode       | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                                             | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 120i                              | 0.0042                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 120i                              | 0.0042                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 43                                | 0.119                                 | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                      | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1591                              | 0.0295                                | $O_2$ stretch                  |
|                                                      |            | zpe      | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |
| AVTZ                                                 | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 114i                              | 0.0074                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 114i                              | 0.0074                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 46                                | 0.1222                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                      | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1573                              | 0.026                                 | $O_2$ stretch                  |
|                                                      |            | zpe      | 9.7                               |                                       |                                |
| AVQZ                                                 | $\omega_1$ | $\pi$    | 118i                              | 0.0071                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                      | $\omega_2$ | $\pi$    | 118i                              | 0.0071                                | Degenerate intermolecular bend |
|                                                      | $\omega_3$ | $\sigma$ | 46                                | 0.1333                                | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                                      | $\omega_4$ | $\sigma$ | 1591                              | 0.0299                                | $O_2$ stretch                  |
|                                                      |            | zpe      | 9.8                               |                                       |                                |

**Table S46:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halide-oxygen complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                             |          | Cl <sup>-</sup> ...O <sub>2</sub> |           |           | Br <sup>-</sup> ...O <sub>2</sub> |           |           | I <sup>-</sup> ...O <sub>2</sub> |           |           |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                             |          | x                                 | y         | z         | x                                 | y         | z         | x                                | y         | z         |
| $C_s$ ( $^3A''$ )           | def2QZVP | X                                 | 0.000000  | 1.705990  | 0.000000                          | 1.166757  | 0.000000  | 0.000000                         | 0.926068  | 0.000000  |
|                             |          | O                                 | 0.570740  | -1.620952 | 0.000000                          | 0.557186  | -2.323602 | 0.000000                         | 0.553859  | -2.830807 |
|                             |          | O                                 | -0.570740 | -2.004278 | 0.000000                          | -0.557186 | -2.780960 | 0.000000                         | -0.553859 | -3.304393 |
|                             | AVTZ     | X                                 | 0.567587  | 1.620439  | 0.000000                          | 1.173312  | 0.000000  | 0.000000                         | 0.931961  | 0.000000  |
|                             |          | O                                 | 0.000000  | -1.686918 | 0.000000                          | 0.535460  | -2.286370 | 0.000000                         | 0.517259  | -2.774258 |
|                             |          | O                                 | -1.206123 | -1.756516 | 0.000000                          | -0.535460 | -2.846871 | 0.000000                         | -0.517259 | -3.399986 |
|                             | AVQZ     | X                                 | 0.000000  | 1.703108  | 0.000000                          | 1.165178  | 0.000000  | 0.000000                         | 0.924255  | 0.000000  |
|                             |          | O                                 | 0.592273  | -1.702233 | 0.000000                          | 0.557254  | -2.319914 | 0.000000                         | 0.553035  | -2.822505 |
|                             |          | O                                 | -0.592273 | -1.916871 | 0.000000                          | -0.557254 | -2.777740 | 0.000000                         | -0.553035 | -3.300687 |
|                             |          | x                                 | y         | z         | x                                 | y         | z         | x                                | y         | z         |
| $C_{2v}$ ( $^3B_1$ )        | def2QZVP | X                                 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -1.693497                         | 0.000000  | 1.155675  | 0.000000                         | 0.000000  | 0.919965  |
|                             |          | O                                 | 0.000000  | -0.601593 | 1.799287                          | 0.601682  | -2.527918 | 0.000000                         | 0.601815  | -3.048000 |
|                             |          | O                                 | 0.000000  | 0.601593  | 1.799287                          | -0.601682 | -2.528159 | 0.000000                         | -0.601815 | -3.046768 |
|                             | AVTZ     | X                                 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.694845                          | 0.000000  | 1.156168  | 0.000000                         | 0.000000  | 0.919357  |
|                             |          | O                                 | 0.000000  | 0.603420  | -1.800710                         | 0.603526  | -2.529031 | 0.000000                         | 0.603633  | -3.045369 |
|                             |          | O                                 | 0.000000  | -0.603420 | -1.800836                         | -0.603526 | -2.529204 | 0.000000                         | -0.603633 | -3.045369 |
|                             | AVQZ     | X                                 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.698689                          | 0.000000  | 1.153366  | 0.000000                         | 0.000000  | 0.917077  |
|                             |          | O                                 | 0.000000  | 0.601780  | -1.804857                         | 0.601876  | -2.522989 | 0.000000                         | 0.601979  | -3.038406 |
|                             |          | O                                 | 0.000000  | -0.601780 | -1.804857                         | -0.601876 | -2.522989 | 0.000000                         | -0.601979 | -3.037227 |
|                             |          | x                                 | y         | z         | x                                 | y         | z         | x                                | y         | z         |
| $C_{\infty}$ ( $^3\Sigma$ ) | def2QZVP | X                                 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.947587                          | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.318907                         | 0.000000  | 0.000000  |
|                             |          | O                                 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -1.464987                         | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -2.281055                        | 0.000000  | 0.000000  |
|                             |          | O                                 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -2.673635                         | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -3.489163                        | 0.000000  | 0.000000  |
|                             | AVTZ     | X                                 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.943783                          | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.314630                         | 0.000000  | 0.000000  |
|                             |          | O                                 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -1.459225                         | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -2.269952                        | 0.000000  | 0.000000  |
|                             |          | O                                 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -2.671314                         | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -3.481555                        | 0.000000  | 0.000000  |
|                             | AVQZ     | X                                 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.948333                          | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.310994                         | 0.000000  | 0.000000  |
|                             |          | O                                 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -1.465801                         | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -2.263699                        | 0.000000  | 0.000000  |
|                             |          | O                                 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -2.674407                         | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | -3.471898                        | 0.000000  | 0.000000  |

**Table S47:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halogen-oxygen complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                                     |          | Cl...O <sub>2</sub> |          |           | Br...O <sub>2</sub> |          |           | I...O <sub>2</sub> |          |           |           |
|-------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|-----------|---------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                     |          | x                   | y        | z         | x                   | y        | z         | x                  | y        | z         |           |
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>4</sup> A'') | def2QZVP | X                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.539395           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.034536           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.810970  |
|                                     |          | O                   | 0.000000 | 0.602756  | 1.635637            | 0.000000 | 0.602776  | -2.263048          | 0.000000 | 0.602757  | -2.686338 |
|                                     |          | O                   | 0.000000 | -0.602756 | 1.635637            | 0.000000 | -0.602776 | -2.263048          | 0.000000 | -0.602757 | -2.686338 |
|                                     | AVTZ     | X                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.528942            | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.021337           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.804053  |
|                                     |          | O                   | 0.000000 | 0.604589  | -1.624499           | 0.000000 | 0.604635  | -2.234174          | 0.000000 | 0.604608  | -2.663425 |
|                                     |          | O                   | 0.000000 | -0.604589 | -1.624499           | 0.000000 | -0.604635 | -2.234174          | 0.000000 | -0.604608 | -2.663425 |
|                                     | AVQZ     | X                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.535819            | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.021989           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.807222  |
|                                     |          | O                   | 0.000000 | 0.602900  | -1.631807           | 0.000000 | 0.602964  | -2.235602          | 0.000000 | 0.602923  | -2.673924 |
|                                     |          | O                   | 0.000000 | -0.602900 | -1.631807           | 0.000000 | -0.602964 | -2.235602          | 0.000000 | -0.602923 | -2.673924 |
|                                     |          | x                   | y        | z         | x                   | y        | z         | x                  | y        | z         |           |
| C <sub>∞</sub> ( <sup>4</sup> Σ)    | def2QZVP | X                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.805653            | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.203833           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.927252  |
|                                     |          | O                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.316424           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.031303          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.469420 |
|                                     |          | O                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.520589           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.235466          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.673626 |
|                                     | AVTZ     | X                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.804848            | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.193509           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.925979  |
|                                     |          | O                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.313819           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.006965          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.463440 |
|                                     |          | O                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.521483           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.214635          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.671168 |
|                                     | AVQZ     | X                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.801359            | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.187644           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.921444  |
|                                     |          | O                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.311780           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.995808          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.450092 |
|                                     |          | O                   | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.516107           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.200136          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.654476 |



**Table S48:**  $X^- \cdots C_2H_4$  complex geometric parameters and  $D_0$  values from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations.  $zpe$  values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                      |                      |          | $R_{X \cdots   }$ | $R_{C-H}$ | $R_{C=C}$ | $\angle_{X \cdots   -C}$ | Dihedral | $E_{DFT}$     | zpe                  | $D_e$                | $D_o$                |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                      |                      |          | Å                 | Å         | Å         | °                        | °        | $E_h$         | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> |
| $Cl^- \cdots C_2H_4$ | BifOut               | def2QZVP | 4.055             | 1.082     | 1.327     | 90.0                     | 87.9     | -538.4475557  | 133.9                | -1.4                 | -1.8                 |
|                      | $C_{2v}$ ( $^1A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 4.088             | 1.083     | 1.329     | 90.0                     | 88.0     | -538.4252773  | 133.9                | -1.8                 | -2.0                 |
|                      |                      | AVQZ     | 4.147             | 1.082     | 1.328     | 90.0                     | 88.0     | -538.4521355  | 134.1                | -1.9                 | -1.9                 |
|                      | BifPl                | def2QZVP | 3.521             | 1.085     | 1.330     | 90.0                     | 0.0      | -538.4570413  | 135.8                | 23.5                 | 25.0                 |
|                      | $C_{2v}$ ( $^1A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 3.529             | 1.085     | 1.332     | 90.0                     | 0.0      | -538.4343507  | 135.4                | 22.0                 | 23.4                 |
|                      |                      | AVQZ     | 3.531             | 1.085     | 1.331     | 90.0                     | 0.0      | -538.4611063  | 135.6                | 21.7                 | 23.1                 |
|                      | End                  | def2QZVP | 4.134             | 1.082     | 1.331     | 0.0                      | NA       | -538.4555920  | 134.9                | 19.7                 | 20.3                 |
|                      | $C_{2v}$ ( $^1A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 4.149             | 1.083     | 1.333     | 0.0                      | NA       | -538.4328090  | 134.3                | 17.9                 | 18.3                 |
|                      |                      | AVQZ     | 4.152             | 1.082     | 1.332     | 0.0                      | NA       | -538.4595891  | 134.6                | 17.7                 | 18.1                 |
|                      | HApp                 | def2QZVP | 3.970             | 1.091     | 1.331     | 48.5                     | 0.0      | -538.4575113  | 135.8                | 24.7                 | 26.3                 |
|                      | $C_s$ ( $^1A'$ )     | AVTZ     | 3.974             | 1.092     | 1.334     | 48.7                     | 0.0      | -538.4348550  | 135.5                | 23.3                 | 24.8                 |
|                      |                      | AVQZ     | 3.976             | 1.091     | 1.332     | 49.0                     | 0.0      | -538.4615400  | 135.7                | 22.8                 | 24.3                 |
| $Br^- \cdots C_2H_4$ | BifOut               | def2QZVP | 4.202             | 1.082     | 1.327     | 90.0                     | 88.0     | -2651.9233306 | 133.9                | -1.2                 | -1.5                 |
|                      | $C_{2v}$ ( $^1A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 4.192             | 1.083     | 1.329     | 90.0                     | 88.1     | -494.7597711  | 133.9                | -1.2                 | -1.3                 |
|                      |                      | AVQZ     | 4.195             | 1.082     | 1.328     | 90.0                     | 88.1     | -494.8106543  | 134.1                | -1.1                 | -1.2                 |
|                      | BifPl                | def2QZVP | 3.703             | 1.084     | 1.330     | 90.0                     | 0.0      | -2651.9317804 | 135.8                | 21.0                 | 22.6                 |
|                      | $C_{2v}$ ( $^1A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 3.683             | 1.085     | 1.332     | 90.0                     | 0.0      | -494.7680598  | 135.4                | 20.6                 | 22.0                 |
|                      |                      | AVQZ     | 3.690             | 1.084     | 1.330     | 90.0                     | 0.0      | -494.8189530  | 135.8                | 20.7                 | 22.2                 |
|                      | End                  | def2QZVP | 4.319             | 1.083     | 1.331     | 0.0                      | NA       | -2651.9303242 | 135.0                | 17.2                 | 17.9                 |
|                      | $C_{2v}$ ( $^1A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 4.311             | 1.083     | 1.333     | 0.0                      | NA       | -494.7665089  | 134.3                | 16.5                 | 16.8                 |
|                      |                      | AVQZ     | 4.309             | 1.082     | 1.331     | 0.0                      | NA       | -494.8174215  | 134.6                | 16.6                 | 17.0                 |
|                      | HApp                 | def2QZVP | 4.156             | 1.085     | 1.331     | 50.1                     | 0.0      | -2651.9318574 | 135.8                | 21.2                 | 22.7                 |
|                      | $C_s$ ( $^1A'$ )     | AVTZ     | 4.122             | 1.086     | 1.333     | 50.9                     | 0.0      | -494.7682645  | 135.8                | 21.1                 | 22.9                 |
|                      |                      | AVQZ     | 4.132             | 1.085     | 1.331     | 50.9                     | 0.0      | -494.8189657  | 135.6                | 20.7                 | 22.1                 |

**Table S49:**  $X^- \cdots C_2H_4$  complex geometric parameters from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations.  $zpe$  values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                     |                      |          | $R_{X \cdots   }$ | $R_{C-H}$ | $R_{C=C}$ | $\angle_{X \cdots   -C}$ | Dihedral | $E_{DFT}$    | $zpe$                | $D_e$                | $D_o$                |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|----------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                     |                      |          | Å                 | Å         | Å         | °                        | °        | $E_h$        | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> |
| $I^- \cdots C_2H_4$ | BifOut               | def2QZVP | 4.508             | 1.082     | 1.327     | 90.0                     | 88.2     | -376.0134851 | 134.3                | -1.3                 | -1.2                 |
|                     | $C_{2v}$ ( $^1A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 4.462             | 1.083     | 1.329     | 90.0                     | 90.0     | -373.8071514 | 133.9                | -1.2                 | -1.3                 |
|                     |                      | AVQZ     | 4.408             | 1.082     | 1.328     | 90.0                     | 88.2     | -373.8589989 | 134.2                | -0.5                 | -0.5                 |
|                     | BifPl                | def2QZVP | 4.023             | 1.084     | 1.330     | 90.0                     | 0.0      | -376.0203758 | 135.9                | 16.8                 | 18.4                 |
|                     | $C_{2v}$ ( $^1A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 3.934             | 1.085     | 1.332     | 90.0                     | 0.0      | -373.8145314 | 135.4                | 18.2                 | 19.6                 |
|                     |                      | AVQZ     | 3.936             | 1.084     | 1.330     | 90.0                     | 0.0      | -373.8660877 | 135.6                | 18.1                 | 19.6                 |
|                     | End                  | def2QZVP | 4.594             | 1.082     | 1.331     | 0.0                      | NA       | -376.0192264 | 135.1                | 13.8                 | 14.7                 |
|                     | $C_{2v}$ ( $^1A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 4.572             | 1.083     | 1.333     | 0.0                      | NA       | -373.8131132 | 134.4                | 14.5                 | 14.8                 |
|                     |                      | AVQZ     | 4.575             | 1.082     | 1.331     | 0.0                      | NA       | -373.8646966 | 134.6                | 14.5                 | 14.9                 |
|                     | HApp                 | def2QZVP | 4.424             | 1.085     | 1.330     | 52.6                     | 0.0      | -376.0201783 | 135.8                | 16.3                 | 17.8                 |
|                     | $C_s$ ( $^1A'$ )     | AVTZ     | 4.352             | 1.086     | 1.332     | 54.9                     | 0.0      | -373.8143174 | 135.7                | 17.6                 | 19.4                 |
|                     |                      | AVQZ     | 3.936             | 1.085     | 1.330     | 90.0                     | 0.0      | -373.8660877 | 0.0                  | 18.1                 | -116.1               |

**Table S50:**  $X\cdots C_2H_4$  complex geometric parameters and  $D_0$  values from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations.  $zpe$  values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                                           |                      |          | $R_{X\cdots  }$ | $R_{C-H}$ | $R_{C=C}$ | $\angle_{X\cdots  -C}$ | Dihedral | $E_{DFT}$     | zpe                  | $D_e$                | $D_o$                |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                                           |                      |          | Å               | Å         | Å         | °                      | °        | $E_h$         | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> |
| Cl $\cdots$ C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> | BifOut               | def2QZVP | 2.467           | 1.081     | 1.352     | 90.0                   | 90.0     | -538.3358857  | 137.8                | 42.9                 | 46.4                 |
|                                           | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 2.462           | 1.082     | 1.354     | 90.0                   | 90.0     | -538.3116884  | 138.8                | 44.0                 | 48.8                 |
|                                           |                      | AVQZ     | 2.459           | 1.081     | 1.352     | 90.0                   | 90.0     | -538.3371778  | 139.1                | 44.5                 | 49.4                 |
|                                           | BifPl                | def2QZVP | 3.807           | 1.082     | 1.329     | 90.0                   | 0.0      | -538.3208903  | 135.2                | 3.5                  | 4.4                  |
|                                           | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 3.774           | 1.083     | 1.331     | 90.0                   | 0.0      | -538.2965380  | 134.9                | 4.3                  | 5.1                  |
|                                           |                      | AVQZ     | 3.784           | 1.082     | 1.329     | 90.0                   | 0.0      | -538.3217340  | 134.1                | 3.9                  | 3.9                  |
|                                           | End                  | def2QZVP | 4.496           | 1.082     | 1.329     | 0.0                    | NA       | -538.3203473  | 134.7                | 2.1                  | 2.5                  |
|                                           | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 4.462           | 1.083     | 1.331     | 0.0                    | NA       | -538.2959186  | 134.4                | 2.6                  | 3.0                  |
|                                           |                      | AVQZ     | 4.474           | 1.082     | 1.329     | 0.0                    | NA       | -538.3211460  | 134.6                | 2.4                  | 2.8                  |
| Br $\cdots$ C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> | BifOut               | def2QZVP | 2.662           | 1.081     | 1.347     | 90.0                   | 90.0     | -2651.8129239 | 137.9                | 35.4                 | 39.0                 |
|                                           | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 2.647           | 1.082     | 1.349     | 92.6                   | 90.0     | -494.6496280  | 138.2                | 37.3                 | 41.5                 |
|                                           |                      | AVQZ     | 2.658           | 1.081     | 1.348     | 91.1                   | 90.0     | -494.6991756  | 138.5                | 38.4                 | 42.7                 |
|                                           | BifPl                | def2QZVP | 3.943           | 1.082     | 1.329     | 91.3                   | 0.0      | -2651.8010190 | 135.1                | 4.2                  | 5.0                  |
|                                           | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 3.880           | 1.083     | 1.331     | 87.4                   | 0.0      | -494.6375171  | 134.9                | 5.5                  | 6.4                  |
|                                           |                      | AVQZ     | 3.876           | 1.083     | 1.329     | 87.4                   | 0.0      | -494.6867041  | 134.4                | 5.7                  | 5.9                  |
|                                           | End                  | def2QZVP | 4.641           | 1.081     | 1.329     | 0.0                    | NA       | -2651.8003720 | 138.2                | 2.5                  | 6.4                  |
|                                           | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 4.592           | 1.082     | 1.331     | 0.0                    | NA       | -494.6367236  | 142.7                | 3.4                  | 12.1                 |
|                                           |                      | AVQZ     | 4.569           | 1.082     | 1.329     | 0.0                    | NA       | -494.6858765  | 136.0                | 3.5                  | 5.3                  |
| I $\cdots$ C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>  | BifOut               | def2QZVP | 2.932           | 1.082     | 1.342     | 90.0                   | 90.0     | -375.9055958  | 137.5                | 27.4                 | 30.6                 |
|                                           | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 2.939           | 1.083     | 1.343     | 90.0                   | 90.0     | -373.6995452  | 137.5                | 28.5                 | 31.9                 |
|                                           |                      | AVQZ     | 2.954           | 1.082     | 1.342     | 87.2                   | 90.0     | -373.7497297  | 137.9                | 30.1                 | 33.7                 |
|                                           | BifPl                | def2QZVP | 4.146           | 1.082     | 1.329     | 85.4                   | 0.0      | -375.8970111  | 136.8                | 4.8                  | 7.3                  |
|                                           | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 4.085           | 1.083     | 1.331     | 86.8                   | 0.0      | -373.6911592  | 137.2                | 6.4                  | 9.7                  |
|                                           |                      | AVQZ     | 4.082           | 1.083     | 1.329     | 85.5                   | 0.0      | -373.7407626  | 138.7                | 6.5                  | 11.0                 |
|                                           | End                  | def2QZVP | 4.858           | 1.082     | 1.329     | 0.0                    | NA       | -375.8962746  | 136.7                | 2.9                  | 5.3                  |
|                                           | $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ ) | AVTZ     | 4.796           | 1.083     | 1.331     | 0.0                    | NA       | -373.6902362  | 135.8                | 4.0                  | 5.8                  |
|                                           |                      | AVQZ     | 4.788           | 1.083     | 1.329     | 0.0                    | NA       | -373.7398358  | 135.7                | 4.1                  | 5.6                  |

**Table S51:**  $X^- \cdots C_2H_4$  complex VDEs from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations. *zpe* values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                      |                  |          | $E_{VDE}$<br>$E_h$ | $VDE_{2P_{3/2}}$<br>eV | $VDE_{2P_{1/2}}$<br>eV | $ADE_{2P_{3/2}}$<br>eV | $ADE_{2P_{1/2}}$<br>eV |
|----------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| $Cl^- \cdots C_2H_4$ | BifOut           | def2QZVP | -538.3195724       |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|                      | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | AVTZ     | -538.2951167       |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|                      |                  | AVQZ     | -538.3203906       |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|                      | BifPl            | def2QZVP | -538.3199428       | 3.817                  | 3.926                  |                        |                        |
|                      | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | AVTZ     | -538.2957294       | 3.797                  | 3.906                  |                        |                        |
|                      |                  | AVQZ     | -538.3209223       | 3.796                  | 3.905                  |                        |                        |
|                      | End              | def2QZVP | -538.3195152       | 3.804                  | 3.913                  | 3.794                  | 3.903                  |
|                      | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | AVTZ     | -538.2952249       | 3.781                  | 3.890                  |                        |                        |
|                      |                  | AVQZ     | -538.3204458       | 3.781                  | 3.890                  |                        |                        |
|                      | HApp             | def2QZVP | -538.318339        | 3.874                  | 3.983                  | 3.836                  | 3.945                  |
|                      | $C_{2v} (^1A')$  | AVTZ     | -538.2941788       | 3.852                  | 3.961                  | 3.816                  | 3.925                  |
|                      |                  | AVQZ     | -538.3193586       | 3.851                  | 3.960                  | 3.813                  | 3.922                  |
| $Br^- \cdots C_2H_4$ | BifOut           | def2QZVP | -2651.8011283      |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|                      | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | AVTZ     | -494.6374407       |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|                      |                  | AVQZ     | -494.6865335       |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|                      | BifPl            | def2QZVP | -2651.8004338      | 3.527                  | 3.984                  |                        |                        |
|                      | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | AVTZ     | -494.6370154       | 3.513                  | 3.970                  |                        |                        |
|                      |                  | AVQZ     | -494.6862272       | 3.510                  | 3.967                  |                        |                        |
|                      | End              | def2QZVP | -2651.79982        | 3.518                  | 3.975                  | 3.550                  | 4.007                  |
|                      | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | AVTZ     | -494.6362658       | 3.504                  | 3.961                  |                        |                        |
|                      |                  | AVQZ     | -494.685444        | 3.503                  | 3.960                  |                        |                        |
|                      | HApp             | def2QZVP | -2651.7991695      | 3.566                  | 4.023                  | 3.583                  | 4.040                  |
|                      | $C_{2v} (^1A')$  | AVTZ     | -494.6364836       | 3.528                  | 3.985                  | 3.619                  | 4.076                  |
|                      |                  | AVQZ     | -494.6855081       | 3.532                  | 3.989                  | 3.547                  | 4.004                  |

**Table S52:**  $X^- \cdots C_2H_4$  complex VDEs from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations. *zpe* values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                     |                  |          | $E_{VDE}$<br>$E_h$ | $VDE_{2P_{3/2}}$<br>eV | $VDE_{2P_{1/2}}$<br>eV | $ADE_{2P_{3/2}}$<br>eV | $ADE_{2P_{1/2}}$<br>eV |
|---------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| $I^- \cdots C_2H_4$ | BifOut           | def2QZVP | -375.8955505       |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|                     | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | AVTZ     | -373.7037521       |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|                     |                  | AVQZ     | -373.7389829       |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|                     | BifPl            | def2QZVP | -375.8967397       | 3.165                  | 4.107                  | 3.193                  | 4.135                  |
|                     | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | AVTZ     | -373.6909003       | 3.167                  | 4.109                  | 3.200                  | 4.142                  |
|                     |                  | AVQZ     | -373.7405152       | 3.165                  | 4.107                  | 3.211                  | 4.153                  |
|                     | End              | def2QZVP | -375.8960107       | 3.166                  | 4.108                  | 3.188                  | 4.130                  |
|                     | $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ | AVTZ     | -373.6900002       | 3.166                  | 4.108                  |                        |                        |
|                     |                  | AVQZ     | -373.7396115       | 3.165                  | 4.107                  |                        |                        |
|                     | HApp             | def2QZVP | -375.8957326       | 3.190                  | 4.132                  | 3.207                  | 4.149                  |
|                     | $C_{2v} (^1A')$  | AVTZ     | -373.6898328       | 3.187                  | 4.129                  | 3.201                  | 4.143                  |
|                     |                  | AVQZ     | -373.7405152       | 3.127                  | 4.069                  | 4.611                  | 5.553                  |

**Table S53:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                          |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| $\text{C}_{2v} (^1A_1)$ BifOut vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                          |
|                                            | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                              |
| def2QZVP                                   | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 74i                               | 0.1327                                | In plane intermol. bend                  |
|                                            | $\omega_2$    | $b_1$    | 62i                               | 0.5869                                | $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ internal rotation |
|                                            | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 32                                | 17.0338                               | Intermolecular stretch                   |
|                                            | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 847                               | 0.0029                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm rock                  |
|                                            | $\omega_5$    | $b_2$    | 945                               | 3.7835                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm wag                  |
|                                            | $\omega_6$    | $a_1$    | 963                               | 103.0111                              | $\text{CH}_2$ symm wag                   |
|                                            | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1051                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                      |
|                                            | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1257                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm rock                 |
|                                            | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1384                              | 0.5923                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm scissor               |
|                                            | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1486                              | 6.6909                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm scissor              |
|                                            | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1685                              | 1.4123                                | $\text{C}=\text{C}$ stretch              |
|                                            | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3136                              | 21.8013                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair symm stretch        |
|                                            | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3151                              | 0.0014                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair symm stretch          |
|                                            | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3212                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm stretch       |
|                                            | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3239                              | 26.9475                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm stretch       |
|                                            | zpe           |          | 133.9                             |                                       |                                          |
| AVTZ                                       | $\omega_1$    | $b_1$    | 156i                              | 0.8847                                | $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ internal rotation |
|                                            | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 93i                               | 0.2612                                | In plane intermol. bend                  |
|                                            | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 28                                | 16.4421                               | Intermolecular stretch                   |
|                                            | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 827                               | 0.0027                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm rock                  |
|                                            | $\omega_5$    | $b_2$    | 938                               | 4.3216                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm wag                  |
|                                            | $\omega_6$    | $a_1$    | 953                               | 109.235                               | $\text{CH}_2$ symm wag                   |
|                                            | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1033                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                      |
|                                            | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1246                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm rock                 |
|                                            | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1381                              | 0.8956                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm scissor               |
|                                            | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1476                              | 6.6882                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm scissor              |
|                                            | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1688                              | 1.6298                                | $\text{C}=\text{C}$ stretch              |
|                                            | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3152                              | 19.7149                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair symm stretch        |
|                                            | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3171                              | 0.0774                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair symm stretch          |
|                                            | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3231                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm stretch       |
|                                            | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3259                              | 24.2869                               | $\text{CH}_2$ pair asymm stretch         |
|                                            | zpe           |          | 133.9                             |                                       |                                          |
| AVQZ                                       | $\omega_1$    | $b_1$    | 154i                              | 0.8288                                | $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ internal rotation |
|                                            | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 91i                               | 0.2596                                | In plane intermol. bend                  |
|                                            | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 25                                | 16.3506                               | Intermolecular stretch                   |
|                                            | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 830                               | 0.0005                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm rock                  |
|                                            | $\omega_5$    | $b_2$    | 950                               | 4.1068                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm wag                  |
|                                            | $\omega_6$    | $a_1$    | 958                               | 109.0714                              | $\text{CH}_2$ symm wag                   |
|                                            | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1047                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                      |
|                                            | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1250                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm rock                 |
|                                            | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1382                              | 0.8347                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm scissor               |
|                                            | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1478                              | 6.903                                 | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm scissor              |
|                                            | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1689                              | 1.54                                  | $\text{C}=\text{C}$ stretch              |
|                                            | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3153                              | 19.2479                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair symm stretch        |
|                                            | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3171                              | 0.0978                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair symm stretch          |
|                                            | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3234                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm stretch       |
|                                            | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3261                              | 23.3394                               | $\text{CH}_2$ pair asymm stretch         |
|                                            | zpe           |          | 134.1                             |                                       |                                          |

**Table S54:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                     |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| $\text{C}_{2v} (^1A_1)$ BifPI vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                     |
|                                           | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                         |
| def2QZVP                                  | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 82                                | 0.1601                                | In plane internal rotation          |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 107                               | 18.7355                               | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 276                               | 0.9098                                | OoP internal rotation               |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 853                               | 8.8812                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 959                               | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 995                               | 75.7179                               | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1094                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                 |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1267                              | 0.5784                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1371                              | 9.7341                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1448                              | 12.6496                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1662                              | 13.4487                               | C=C stretch                         |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3089                              | 37.5647                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3104                              | 102.7836                              | $\text{CH}_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3189                              | 4.2636                                | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3211                              | 0.9283                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 135.8                             |                                       |                                     |
| AVTZ                                      | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 23                                | 0.2517                                | In plane internal rotation          |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 105                               | 18.5563                               | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 234                               | 1.015                                 | OoP internal rotation               |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 832                               | 8.2187                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 970                               | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 986                               | 77.8935                               | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1075                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                 |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1256                              | 0.6603                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1368                              | 9.8751                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1440                              | 12.6795                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1665                              | 15.3944                               | C=C stretch                         |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3108                              | 34.0231                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3127                              | 92.1963                               | $\text{CH}_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3210                              | 4.7755                                | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3233                              | 1.4227                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 135.4                             |                                       |                                     |
| AVQZ                                      | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 28                                | 0.2562                                | In plane internal rotation          |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 103                               | 18.5658                               | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 232                               | 0.9544                                | OoP internal rotation               |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 836                               | 8.2506                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 979                               | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 988                               | 77.3198                               | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1087                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                 |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1259                              | 0.6745                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1369                              | 9.8461                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1442                              | 12.894                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1667                              | 15.3793                               | C=C stretch                         |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3110                              | 33.5696                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3126                              | 91.0359                               | $\text{CH}_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3212                              | 4.8726                                | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3235                              | 1.471                                 | $\text{CH}_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 135.6                             |                                       |                                     |

**Table S55:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                       |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| $\text{C}_{2v} (^1A_1)$ End vdW Complex   |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                       |
|                                           | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                           |
| def2QZVP                                  | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 36                                | 1.7546                                | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $b_1$    | 89                                | 1.0112                                | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 96                                | 19.8357                               | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 804                               | 0.2935                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 939                               | 49.0786                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 1070                              | 35.6888                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1083                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                   |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1228                              | 0.9365                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock             |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1359                              | 35.6712                               | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1477                              | 28.9938                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1666                              | 0.0673                                | C=C stretch                           |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3113                              | 28.1136                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3161                              | 2.68                                  | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3184                              | 25.591                                | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3241                              | 8.052                                 | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 134.9                             |                                       |                                       |
| AVTZ                                      | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 75i                               | 1.6556                                | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $b_1$    | 68                                | 0.9121                                | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 92                                | 19.0953                               | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 783                               | 0.1411                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 923                               | 44.7553                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 1048                              | 38.0344                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1058                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                   |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1217                              | 0.9833                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock             |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1356                              | 34.4686                               | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1466                              | 28.9295                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1670                              | 0.0912                                | C=C stretch                           |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3132                              | 26.1584                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3179                              | 2.7962                                | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3205                              | 23.4361                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3260                              | 7.7758                                | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 134.3                             |                                       |                                       |
| AVQZ                                      | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 74i                               | 1.6346                                | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $b_1$    | 67                                | 0.8991                                | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 91                                | 19.1179                               | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 787                               | 0.1583                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 930                               | 46.3071                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 1052                              | 35.797                                | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1075                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                   |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1221                              | 0.9868                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock             |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1358                              | 34.0268                               | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1468                              | 29.281                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1671                              | 0.0954                                | C=C stretch                           |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3133                              | 26.3244                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3179                              | 2.5644                                | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3208                              | 23.2194                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3262                              | 7.4027                                | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 134.6                             |                                       |                                       |



**Table S56:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                       |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^1A'$ ) HApp vdW Complex         |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                       |
|                                           | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                           |
| def2QZVP                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 83                                | 8.8088                                | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 139                               | 18.6605                               | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 230                               | 0.0272                                | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 861                               | 0.0399                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 940                               | 38.4126                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1039                              | 36.8613                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1111                              | 6.2868                                | C=C twist                             |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1260                              | 3.2527                                | C=C rock                              |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1381                              | 3.7993                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1494                              | 5.7863                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 1671                              | 5.177                                 | C=C stretch                           |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3036                              | 238.5303                              | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a'$     | 3109                              | 54.0287                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $a'$     | 3160                              | 36.8221                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a'$     | 3198                              | 23.3878                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 135.8                             |                                       |                                       |
| AVTZ                                      | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 54                                | 3.5908                                | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 128                               | 22.9739                               | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 184                               | 0.1205                                | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 840                               | 0.162                                 | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 933                               | 41.9717                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1030                              | 30.0713                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1098                              | 7.534                                 | C=C twist                             |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1249                              | 3.0091                                | C=C rock                              |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1378                              | 3.1008                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1484                              | 5.1019                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 1675                              | 6.5419                                | C=C stretch                           |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3063                              | 209.5337                              | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a'$     | 3129                              | 56.5787                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $a'$     | 3182                              | 37.9033                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a'$     | 3219                              | 20.5623                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 135.5                             |                                       |                                       |
| AVQZ                                      | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 53                                | 3.5862                                | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 127                               | 22.9131                               | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 182                               | 0.1131                                | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 844                               | 0.1462                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 941                               | 44.5281                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1037                              | 28.4483                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1105                              | 5.8108                                | C=C twist                             |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1252                              | 2.8779                                | C=C rock                              |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1380                              | 2.8677                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1486                              | 4.9954                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 1676                              | 6.7204                                | C=C stretch                           |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3064                              | 207.144                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a'$     | 3130                              | 53.2625                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $a'$     | 3185                              | 37.9955                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a'$     | 3222                              | 19.8197                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 135.7                             |                                       |                                       |

**Table S57:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Br <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                   |               |          |                                  |                                      |                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub> ) BifOut vdW Complex |               |          |                                  |                                      |                                                 |
|                                                                    | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Intensity<br>(km mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Description                                     |
| def2QZVP                                                           | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 68i                              | 0.001                                | In plane intermol. bend                         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$    | $b_1$    | 40i                              | 0.3576                               | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> internal rotation |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 29                               | 5.0245                               | Intermolecular stretch                          |
|                                                                    | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 848                              | 0.0032                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_5$    | $b_2$    | 948                              | 3.4723                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. wag                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_6$    | $a_1$    | 965                              | 107.3703                             | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. wag                       |
|                                                                    | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1053                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1257                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1384                             | 0.5158                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor                   |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1486                             | 6.8135                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor                  |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1685                             | 1.1677                               | C=C stretch                                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3136                             | 20.5737                              | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch            |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3151                             | 0.0001                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch              |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3212                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3239                             | 25.513                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | zpe           |          | 133.9                            |                                      |                                                 |
| AVTZ                                                               | $\omega_1$    | $b_1$    | 152i                             | 0.6751                               | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> internal rotation |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 90i                              | 0.0199                               | In plane intermol. bend                         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 27                               | 4.7452                               | Intermolecular stretch                          |
|                                                                    | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 826                              | 0.003                                | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_5$    | $b_2$    | 938                              | 4.2763                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. wag                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_6$    | $a_1$    | 955                              | 115.1935                             | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. wag                       |
|                                                                    | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1033                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1246                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1381                             | 0.8067                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor                   |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1476                             | 6.5932                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor                  |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1687                             | 1.3847                               | C=C stretch                                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3151                             | 18.2079                              | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch            |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3171                             | 0.0449                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch              |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3231                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3259                             | 22.3355                              | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch             |
|                                                                    | zpe           |          | 133.9                            |                                      |                                                 |
| AVQZ                                                               | $\omega_1$    | $b_1$    | 151i                             | 0.6418                               | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> internal rotation |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 89i                              | 0.0172                               | In plane intermol. bend                         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 26                               | 4.7535                               | Intermolecular stretch                          |
|                                                                    | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 830                              | 0.0012                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_5$    | $b_2$    | 950                              | 4.2006                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. wag                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_6$    | $a_1$    | 958                              | 115.0636                             | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. wag                       |
|                                                                    | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1047                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1250                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1382                             | 0.7838                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor                   |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1478                             | 6.7412                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor                  |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1689                             | 1.4014                               | C=C stretch                                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3153                             | 18.0504                              | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch            |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3171                             | 0.0612                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch              |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3234                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3261                             | 21.7628                              | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch             |
|                                                                    | zpe           |          | 134.1                            |                                      |                                                 |

**Table S58:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                     |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| $\text{C}_{2v} (^1A_1)$ BifPI vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                     |
|                                           | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                         |
| def2QZVP                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a_1$    | 87                                | 5.418                                 | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 93                                | 0.0194                                | In plane internal rotation          |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 264                               | 1.316                                 | OoP internal rotation               |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 853                               | 8.2173                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 960                               | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 994                               | 73.9266                               | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1092                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                 |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1267                              | 0.7501                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1374                              | 9.5463                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1456                              | 12.6125                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1664                              | 13.7292                               | C=C stretch                         |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3094                              | 34.5103                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3108                              | 94.0627                               | $\text{CH}_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3191                              | 3.8374                                | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3213                              | 1.6328                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 135.8                             |                                       |                                     |
| AVTZ                                      | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 38                                | 0.0006                                | In plane internal rotation          |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 86                                | 5.2281                                | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 225                               | 1.7926                                | OoP internal rotation               |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 832                               | 7.997                                 | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 968                               | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 985                               | 73.0119                               | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1073                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                 |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1255                              | 0.9295                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1369                              | 10.5038                               | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1444                              | 13.2249                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1667                              | 16.3686                               | C=C stretch                         |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3112                              | 31.9583                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3130                              | 86.5713                               | $\text{CH}_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3211                              | 4.3278                                | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3234                              | 2.4854                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 135.4                             |                                       |                                     |
| AVQZ                                      | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 56                                | 0.0002                                | In plane internal rotation          |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 86                                | 5.2135                                | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 224                               | 1.6399                                | OoP internal rotation               |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 836                               | 7.9208                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 982                               | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 988                               | 72.7803                               | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1086                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                 |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1259                              | 0.9012                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1371                              | 10.2742                               | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1449                              | 13.3597                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1669                              | 16.1977                               | C=C stretch                         |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3114                              | 31.4401                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3130                              | 84.9194                               | $\text{CH}_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3213                              | 4.437                                 | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3236                              | 2.5801                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 135.8                             |                                       |                                     |

**Table S59:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                       |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| $\text{C}_{2v} (^1A_1)$ End vdW Complex   |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                       |
|                                           | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                           |
| def2QZVP                                  | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 55                                | 0.6514                                | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 78                                | 5.9383                                | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 87                                | 0.2961                                | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 810                               | 0.3449                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 943                               | 48.3582                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 1064                              | 34.9266                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1083                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                   |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1232                              | 1.0795                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock             |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1362                              | 32.4929                               | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1479                              | 30.3723                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1668                              | 0.001                                 | C=C stretch                           |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3116                              | 27.3057                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3159                              | 1.884                                 | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3187                              | 22.9475                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3241                              | 8.2374                                | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 135                               |                                       |                                       |
| AVTZ                                      | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 69i                               | 0.6378                                | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $b_1$    | 64                                | 0.2007                                | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 75                                | 5.5455                                | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 788                               | 0.2465                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 927                               | 43.5251                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 1044                              | 35.7651                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1058                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                   |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1220                              | 1.3555                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock             |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1359                              | 32.8618                               | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1468                              | 30.6295                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1672                              | 0.003                                 | C=C stretch                           |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3134                              | 26.096                                | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3177                              | 1.9546                                | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3208                              | 20.9315                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3259                              | 7.9844                                | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 134.3                             |                                       |                                       |
| AVQZ                                      | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 62i                               | 0.6245                                | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $b_1$    | 64                                | 0.2016                                | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 76                                | 5.5292                                | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 793                               | 0.2594                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 933                               | 44.9402                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 1048                              | 33.7885                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1075                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                   |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1224                              | 1.3373                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock             |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1361                              | 32.2749                               | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1470                              | 31.3592                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1673                              | 0.003                                 | C=C stretch                           |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3135                              | 26.2261                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3176                              | 1.7923                                | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3210                              | 20.7629                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3261                              | 7.621                                 | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 134.6                             |                                       |                                       |

**Table S60:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                       |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^1A'$ ) HApp vdW Complex         |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                       |
|                                           | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                           |
| def2QZVP                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 69                                | 3.5179                                | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 122                               | 5.7324                                | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 219                               | 0.1357                                | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 858                               | 0.0636                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 945                               | 35.7507                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1032                              | 42.0203                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1101                              | 3.9979                                | C=C twist                             |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1260                              | 2.9353                                | C=C rock                              |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1381                              | 2.3298                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1492                              | 5.3354                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 1673                              | 4.9219                                | C=C stretch                           |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3062                              | 171.4185                              | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a'$     | 3114                              | 52.3683                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $a'$     | 3169                              | 37.5042                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a'$     | 3203                              | 19.7355                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 135.8                             |                                       |                                       |
| AVTZ                                      | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 71                                | 3.1409                                | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 128                               | 5.9071                                | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 228                               | 0.5296                                | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 856                               | 0.2593                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 951                               | 41.9635                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1038                              | 28.0875                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1101                              | 4.3561                                | C=C twist                             |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1258                              | 2.8507                                | C=C rock                              |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1379                              | 2.1703                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1489                              | 3.4935                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 1669                              | 7.1271                                | C=C stretch                           |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3058                              | 180.2937                              | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a'$     | 3110                              | 54.5539                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $a'$     | 3165                              | 37.6241                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a'$     | 3199                              | 17.7562                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 135.8                             |                                       |                                       |
| AVQZ                                      | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 41                                | 0.9102                                | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 104                               | 7.9251                                | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 176                               | 0.4621                                | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 841                               | 0.2327                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 945                               | 42.2846                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1033                              | 29.3688                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1097                              | 3.4939                                | C=C twist                             |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1252                              | 2.7135                                | C=C rock                              |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1379                              | 1.7497                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1483                              | 3.9627                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 1676                              | 6.9636                                | C=C stretch                           |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3082                              | 158.3062                              | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a'$     | 3134                              | 51.9974                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $a'$     | 3192                              | 35.9324                               | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a'$     | 3226                              | 16.6705                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 135.6                             |                                       |                                       |

**Table S61:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I^- \cdots C_2H_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $cm^{-1}$  and  $km\ mol^{-1}$  respectively.

| $I^- \cdots C_2H_4$                 |               |          |                            |                                 |                              |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ BifOut vdW Complex |               |          |                            |                                 |                              |
|                                     | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $cm^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $km\ mol^{-1}$ ) | Description                  |
| def2QZVP                            | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 51i                        | 0.0012                          | In plane intermol. bend      |
|                                     | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 24                         | 2.2011                          | Intermolecular stretch       |
|                                     | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 50                         | 0.4082                          | $C_2H_4$ internal rotation   |
|                                     | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 848                        | 0.0023                          | $CH_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                     | $\omega_5$    | $b_2$    | 959                        | 3.2336                          | $CH_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                     | $\omega_6$    | $a_1$    | 970                        | 117.535                         | $CH_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                     | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1058                       | 0                               | $CH_2$ twist                 |
|                                     | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1258                       | 0                               | $CH_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                     | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1384                       | 0.3329                          | $CH_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                     | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1487                       | 6.8609                          | $CH_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                     | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1684                       | 0.7235                          | C=C stretch                  |
|                                     | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3136                       | 17.9334                         | $CH_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                     | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3151                       | 0.0008                          | $CH_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                     | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3212                       | 0                               | $CH_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                     | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3239                       | 22.1829                         | $CH_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                     | zpe           |          | 134.3                      |                                 |                              |
| AVTZ                                | $\omega_1$    | $b_1$    | 144i                       | 0.3006                          | $C_2H_4$ internal rotation   |
|                                     | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 83i                        | 0.0002                          | In plane intermol. bend      |
|                                     | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 23                         | 2.0312                          | Intermolecular stretch       |
|                                     | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 826                        | 0.0008                          | $CH_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                     | $\omega_5$    | $b_2$    | 942                        | 1.2288                          | $CH_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                     | $\omega_6$    | $a_1$    | 957                        | 120.4808                        | $CH_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                     | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1034                       | 0                               | $CH_2$ twist                 |
|                                     | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1246                       | 0                               | $CH_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                     | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1380                       | 0.3621                          | $CH_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                     | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1476                       | 6.6515                          | $CH_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                     | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1687                       | 0.9835                          | C=C stretch                  |
|                                     | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3151                       | 16.8237                         | $CH_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                     | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3171                       | 0.0034                          | $CH_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                     | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3231                       | 0                               | $CH_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                     | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3259                       | 20.6015                         | $CH_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                     | zpe           |          | 133.9                      |                                 |                              |
| AVQZ                                | $\omega_1$    | $b_1$    | 143i                       | 0.6651                          | $C_2H_4$ internal rotation   |
|                                     | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 83i                        | 0.0078                          | In plane intermol. bend      |
|                                     | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 27                         | 2.0511                          | Intermolecular stretch       |
|                                     | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 830                        | 0.0012                          | $CH_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                     | $\omega_5$    | $b_2$    | 953                        | 3.8432                          | $CH_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                     | $\omega_6$    | $a_1$    | 961                        | 122.3421                        | $CH_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                     | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1049                       | 0                               | $CH_2$ twist                 |
|                                     | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1250                       | 0                               | $CH_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                     | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1382                       | 0.6204                          | $CH_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                     | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1478                       | 6.6923                          | $CH_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                     | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1688                       | 1.0461                          | C=C stretch                  |
|                                     | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3153                       | 16.2934                         | $CH_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                     | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3170                       | 0.0328                          | $CH_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                     | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3234                       | 0                               | $CH_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                     | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3261                       | 19.6029                         | $CH_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                     | zpe           |          | 134.2                      |                                 |                              |

**Table S62:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I^- \cdots C_2H_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $cm^{-1}$  and  $km\ mol^{-1}$  respectively.

| $I^- \cdots C_2H_4$                    |               |          |                            |                                 |                              |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| $C_{2v}$ ( $^1A_1$ ) BifPI vdW Complex |               |          |                            |                                 |                              |
|                                        | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $cm^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $km\ mol^{-1}$ ) | Description                  |
| def2QZVP                               | $\omega_1$    | $a_1$    | 71                         | 2.2233                          | Intermolecular stretch       |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 94                         | 0.0573                          | In plane internal rotation   |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 246                        | 1.4124                          | OoP internal rotation        |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 852                        | 7.4249                          | $CH_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 971                        | 0                               | $CH_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 993                        | 69.8222                         | $CH_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1089                       | 0                               | $CH_2$ twist                 |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1266                       | 1.0065                          | $CH_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1376                       | 9.4629                          | $CH_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1464                       | 12.5849                         | $CH_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1668                       | 13.953                          | C=C stretch                  |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3101                       | 30.4278                         | $CH_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                        | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3114                       | 81.0132                         | $CH_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                        | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3194                       | 3.4116                          | $CH_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                        | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3216                       | 3.4029                          | $CH_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                        | zpe           |          | 135.9                      |                                 |                              |
| AVTZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 52                         | 0.0263                          | In plane internal rotation   |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 74                         | 2.0329                          | Intermolecular stretch       |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 205                        | 2.0671                          | OoP internal rotation        |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 831                        | 7.05                            | $CH_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 967                        | 0                               | $CH_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 983                        | 68.5478                         | $CH_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1071                       | 0                               | $CH_2$ twist                 |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1254                       | 1.2199                          | $CH_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1372                       | 10.1875                         | $CH_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1451                       | 13.206                          | $CH_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1670                       | 16.2979                         | C=C stretch                  |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3118                       | 28.6775                         | $CH_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                        | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3134                       | 75.4815                         | $CH_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                        | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3214                       | 3.7439                          | $CH_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                        | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3236                       | 4.5208                          | $CH_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                        | zpe           |          | 135.4                      |                                 |                              |
| AVQZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 56                         | 0.0216                          | In plane internal rotation   |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 72                         | 2.0479                          | Intermolecular stretch       |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 203                        | 1.9329                          | OoP internal rotation        |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 835                        | 7.039                           | $CH_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 980                        | 0                               | $CH_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 987                        | 68.2653                         | $CH_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1083                       | 0                               | $CH_2$ twist                 |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1257                       | 1.2025                          | $CH_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1373                       | 10.0611                         | $CH_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1455                       | 13.3807                         | $CH_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1672                       | 16.1334                         | C=C stretch                  |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3119                       | 28.2683                         | $CH_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                        | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3134                       | 74.4466                         | $CH_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                        | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3215                       | 3.866                           | $CH_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                        | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3238                       | 4.5562                          | $CH_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                        | zpe           |          | 135.6                      |                                 |                              |

**Table S63:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I^- \cdots C_2H_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $cm^{-1}$  and  $km\ mol^{-1}$  respectively.

| $I^- \cdots C_2H_4$              |               |          |                            |                                 |                                |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $C_{2v} (^1A_1)$ End vdW Complex |               |          |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                  | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $cm^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $km\ mol^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                         | $\omega_1$    | $a_1$    | 66                         | 2.5099                          | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                  | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 73                         | 0.3937                          | In plane internal rotation     |
|                                  | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 83                         | 0.1475                          | OoP internal rotation          |
|                                  | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 821                        | 0.4136                          | $CH_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                  | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 947                        | 45.5989                         | Farside $CH_2$ wag             |
|                                  | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 1051                       | 33.5535                         | Nearside $CH_2$ wag            |
|                                  | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1082                       | 0                               | $CH_2$ twist                   |
|                                  | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1238                       | 1.3302                          | $CH_2$ asymm. rock             |
|                                  | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1367                       | 28.753                          | $CH_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                  | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1483                       | 32.1993                         | $CH_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                  | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1671                       | 0.0731                          | C=C stretch                    |
|                                  | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3119                       | 26.4856                         | Farside $CH_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                  | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3155                       | 0.9335                          | Nearside $CH_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3191                       | 19.1257                         | Farside $CH_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3240                       | 8.4423                          | Nearside $CH_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                  | zpe           |          | 135.1                      |                                 |                                |
| AVTZ                             | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 49i                        | 0.3869                          | In plane internal rotation     |
|                                  | $\omega_2$    | $b_1$    | 59                         | 0.0591                          | OoP internal rotation          |
|                                  | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 65                         | 2.29                            | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                  | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 797                        | 0.3232                          | $CH_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                  | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 932                        | 42.1444                         | Farside $CH_2$ wag             |
|                                  | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 1036                       | 33.5077                         | Nearside $CH_2$ wag            |
|                                  | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1059                       | 0                               | $CH_2$ twist                   |
|                                  | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1225                       | 1.6811                          | $CH_2$ asymm. rock             |
|                                  | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1363                       | 28.9663                         | $CH_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                  | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1471                       | 32.239                          | $CH_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                  | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1674                       | 0.0512                          | C=C stretch                    |
|                                  | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3137                       | 25.7189                         | Farside $CH_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                  | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3174                       | 1.1284                          | Nearside $CH_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3212                       | 17.6456                         | Farside $CH_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3258                       | 8.3119                          | Nearside $CH_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                  | zpe           |          | 134.4                      |                                 |                                |
| AVQZ                             | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 47i                        | 0.3822                          | In plane internal rotation     |
|                                  | $\omega_2$    | $b_1$    | 58                         | 0.0639                          | OoP internal rotation          |
|                                  | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 65                         | 2.296                           | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                  | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 801                        | 0.3347                          | $CH_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                  | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 938                        | 43.1679                         | Farside $CH_2$ wag             |
|                                  | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 1039                       | 32.1207                         | Nearside $CH_2$ wag            |
|                                  | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1073                       | 0                               | $CH_2$ twist                   |
|                                  | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1229                       | 1.6386                          | $CH_2$ asymm. rock             |
|                                  | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1365                       | 28.5159                         | $CH_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                  | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1473                       | 32.5609                         | $CH_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                  | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1675                       | 0.0415                          | C=C stretch                    |
|                                  | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3138                       | 25.6702                         | Farside $CH_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                  | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3174                       | 0.9826                          | Nearside $CH_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3214                       | 17.562                          | Farside $CH_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                  | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3260                       | 7.8891                          | Nearside $CH_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                  | zpe           |          | 134.6                      |                                 |                                |



**Table S64:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I^- \cdots C_2H_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $cm^{-1}$  and  $km\ mol^{-1}$  respectively.

| $I^- \cdots C_2H_4$               |               |          |                            |                                 |                                |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^1A'$ ) HApp vdW Complex |               |          |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $cm^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $km\ mol^{-1}$ ) | Description                    |
| def2QZVP                          | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 57                         | 1.858                           | In plane internal rotation     |
|                                   | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 108                        | 2.4205                          | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                   | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 208                        | 0.2985                          | OoP internal rotation          |
|                                   | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 856                        | 0.2733                          | $CH_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                   | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 952                        | 33.7315                         | Farside $CH_2$ wag             |
|                                   | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1025                       | 41.2276                         | Nearside $CH_2$ wag            |
|                                   | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1095                       | 1.9982                          | C=C twist                      |
|                                   | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1261                       | 2.6295                          | C=C rock                       |
|                                   | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1381                       | 0.9777                          | $CH_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                   | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1489                       | 4.1469                          | $CH_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                   | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 1674                       | 5.3896                          | C=C stretch                    |
|                                   | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3085                       | 105.775                         | Nearside $CH_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                   | $\omega_{13}$ | $a'$     | 3119                       | 50.6678                         | Farside $CH_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                   | $\omega_{14}$ | $a'$     | 3180                       | 32.6361                         | Nearside $CH_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                   | $\omega_{15}$ | $a'$     | 3210                       | 15.0241                         | Farside $CH_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                   | zpe           |          | 135.8                      |                                 |                                |
| AVTZ                              | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 60                         | 1.3934                          | In plane internal rotation     |
|                                   | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 118                        | 2.8155                          | Intermolecular stretch         |
|                                   | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 218                        | 0.8119                          | OoP internal rotation          |
|                                   | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 854                        | 0.6061                          | $CH_2$ symm. rock              |
|                                   | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 957                        | 38.4627                         | Farside $CH_2$ wag             |
|                                   | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1029                       | 30.6209                         | Nearside $CH_2$ wag            |
|                                   | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1087                       | 1.685                           | C=C twist                      |
|                                   | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1259                       | 2.362                           | C=C rock                       |
|                                   | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1379                       | 0.7782                          | $CH_2$ symm. scissor           |
|                                   | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1486                       | 2.9637                          | $CH_2$ asymm. scissor          |
|                                   | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 1670                       | 7.7493                          | C=C stretch                    |
|                                   | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3080                       | 114.9046                        | Nearside $CH_2$ symm. stretch  |
|                                   | $\omega_{13}$ | $a'$     | 3115                       | 53.2645                         | Farside $CH_2$ symm. stretch   |
|                                   | $\omega_{14}$ | $a'$     | 3175                       | 32.7348                         | Nearside $CH_2$ asymm. stretch |
|                                   | $\omega_{15}$ | $a'$     | 3206                       | 13.1773                         | Farside $CH_2$ asymm. stretch  |
|                                   | zpe           |          | 135.7                      |                                 |                                |
| AVQZ                              | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    |                            |                                 |                                |
|                                   | zpe           |          | 0                          |                                 |                                |

**Table S65:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Cl $\cdots$ C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                          |               |          |                                  |                                      |                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub> ) BifOut vdW Complex |               |          |                                  |                                      |                                                 |
|                                                                    | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Intensity<br>(km mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Description                                     |
| def2QZVP                                                           | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 20i                              | 0.001                                | In plane intermol. bend                         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 241                              | 0.2475                               | Intermolecular stretch                          |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 380                              | 0.2293                               | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> internal rotation |
|                                                                    | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 852                              | 0.3137                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 988                              | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_6$    | $b_2$    | 995                              | 0.1957                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. wag                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_7$    | $a_1$    | 1016                             | 70.3173                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. wag                       |
|                                                                    | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1259                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1355                             | 16.6718                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor                   |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1491                             | 12.5192                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor                  |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1626                             | 35.2028                              | C=C stretch                                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3157                             | 0.3015                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch            |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3164                             | 7.7897                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch              |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3244                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3269                             | 0.1449                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | zpe           |          | 137.8                            |                                      |                                                 |
| AVTZ                                                               | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 196                              | 0.6477                               | In plane intermol. bend                         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 234                              | 1.4545                               | Intermolecular stretch                          |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 346                              | 0.2278                               | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> internal rotation |
|                                                                    | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 830                              | 0.2375                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 982                              | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_6$    | $b_2$    | 1000                             | 0.3917                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. wag                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_7$    | $a_1$    | 1004                             | 75.0721                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. wag                       |
|                                                                    | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1247                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1355                             | 15.1216                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor                   |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1480                             | 11.5028                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor                  |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1627                             | 35.7212                              | C=C stretch                                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3173                             | 0.4213                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch            |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3183                             | 7.8035                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch              |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3263                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3288                             | 0.1973                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch             |
|                                                                    | zpe           |          | 138.8                            |                                      |                                                 |
| AVQZ                                                               | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 199                              | 0.6545                               | In plane intermol. bend                         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 235                              | 1.3096                               | Intermolecular stretch                          |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 347                              | 0.2219                               | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> internal rotation |
|                                                                    | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 834                              | 0.2528                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 987                              | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_6$    | $a_1$    | 1007                             | 73.9845                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. wag                       |
|                                                                    | $\omega_7$    | $b_2$    | 1011                             | 0.3803                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. wag                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1250                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1355                             | 15.5924                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor                   |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1482                             | 11.7476                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor                  |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1627                             | 36.7377                              | C=C stretch                                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3175                             | 0.3614                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch            |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3184                             | 7.9473                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch              |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3266                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3290                             | 0.1384                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch             |
|                                                                    | zpe           |          | 139.1                            |                                      |                                                 |

**Table S66:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$     |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                     |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| $\text{C}_{2v} (^2A_1)$ BifPI vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                     |
|                                           | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                         |
| def2QZVP                                  | $\omega_1$    | $b_1$    | 154i                              | 2.129                                 | OoP internal rotation               |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 56                                | 0                                     | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $b_2$    | 76                                | 0.0007                                | In plane internal rotation          |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 831                               | 0.7528                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 972                               | 116.2064                              | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $a_2$    | 973                               | 0.001                                 | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1068                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                 |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1251                              | 0.0517                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1381                              | 0.9117                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1479                              | 12.2049                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1686                              | 0.5009                                | C=C stretch                         |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3155                              | 13.4547                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3170                              | 0.5447                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3238                              | 0.0055                                | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3263                              | 16.936                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 135.2                             |                                       |                                     |
| AVTZ                                      | $\omega_1$    | $b_1$    | 156i                              | 2.4909                                | OoP internal rotation               |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 60                                | 0.0004                                | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $b_2$    | 78                                | 0.0007                                | In plane internal rotation          |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 826                               | 0.5865                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 966                               | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 970                               | 115.0523                              | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1052                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                 |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1248                              | 0.0696                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1379                              | 1.0149                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1476                              | 12.1268                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1683                              | 0.5422                                | C=C stretch                         |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3151                              | 13.5789                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3168                              | 0.6425                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3233                              | 0.0056                                | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3259                              | 17.1256                               | $\text{CH}_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 134.9                             |                                       |                                     |
| AVQZ                                      | $\omega_1$    | $b_1$    | 163i                              | 2.7718                                | OoP internal rotation               |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 58                                | 0.0002                                | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $b_2$    | 79                                | 0.0006                                | In plane internal rotation          |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 830                               | 0.6169                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 972                               | 115.9855                              | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $a_2$    | 975                               | 0.0001                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1066                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                 |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1251                              | 0.0673                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1380                              | 1.0139                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1478                              | 12.2802                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1684                              | 0.541                                 | C=C stretch                         |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3152                              | 13.4856                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3167                              | 0.6058                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3235                              | 0.0062                                | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3260                              | 16.7999                               | $\text{CH}_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                           | zpe           |          | 135.1                             |                                       |                                     |

**Table S67:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$   |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| $\text{C}_{2v} (^2A_1)$ End vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                                     |
|                                         | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                         |
| def2QZVP                                | $\omega_1$    | $b_1$    | 56i                               | 0.4679                                | OoP internal rotation               |
|                                         | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 29                                | 0.001                                 | In plane internal rotation          |
|                                         | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 45                                | 0                                     | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                         | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 829                               | 0.1638                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                         | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 948                               | 101.8515                              | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ wag          |
|                                         | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 975                               | 41.8331                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ wag           |
|                                         | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1070                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                 |
|                                         | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1249                              | 0.1446                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                         | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1380                              | 0.4777                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                         | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1480                              | 13.7231                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                         | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1687                              | 0.1567                                | C=C stretch                         |
|                                         | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3155                              | 15.4025                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                         | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3171                              | 0.0351                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                         | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3236                              | 0.1303                                | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                         | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3263                              | 16.2208                               | $\text{CH}_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                         | zpe           |          | 134.7                             |                                       |                                     |
| AVTZ                                    | $\omega_1$    | $b_1$    | 58i                               | 0.7337                                | OoP internal rotation               |
|                                         | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 31                                | 0.0013                                | In plane internal rotation          |
|                                         | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 48                                | 0.0001                                | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                         | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 825                               | 0.0865                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                         | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 941                               | 103.5732                              | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ wag          |
|                                         | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 969                               | 49.9127                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ wag           |
|                                         | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1052                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                 |
|                                         | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1245                              | 0.1845                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                         | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1378                              | 0.5352                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                         | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1478                              | 13.7718                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                         | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1684                              | 0.1863                                | C=C stretch                         |
|                                         | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3151                              | 15.6816                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                         | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3168                              | 0.0249                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                         | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3231                              | 0.1243                                | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                         | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3259                              | 16.351                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                         | zpe           |          | 134.4                             |                                       |                                     |
| AVQZ                                    | $\omega_1$    | $b_1$    | 63i                               | 0.8172                                | OoP internal rotation               |
|                                         | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 31                                | 0.0012                                | In plane internal rotation          |
|                                         | $\omega_3$    | $a_1$    | 47                                | 0                                     | Intermolecular stretch              |
|                                         | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 828                               | 0.0969                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                         | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 943                               | 123.5851                              | Nearside $\text{CH}_2$ wag          |
|                                         | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 976                               | 33.4506                               | Farside $\text{CH}_2$ wag           |
|                                         | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1068                              | 0                                     | $\text{CH}_2$ twist                 |
|                                         | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1249                              | 0.1764                                | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                         | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1379                              | 0.5366                                | $\text{CH}_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                         | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1480                              | 13.9375                               | $\text{CH}_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                         | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1685                              | 0.1756                                | C=C stretch                         |
|                                         | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3152                              | 15.5536                               | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                         | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3168                              | 0.0243                                | $\text{CH}_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                         | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3233                              | 0.1183                                | $\text{CH}_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                         | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3260                              | 15.9921                               | $\text{CH}_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                         | zpe           |          | 134.6                             |                                       |                                     |

**Table S68:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}\cdots\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Br $\cdots$ C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                          |               |          |                                  |                                      |                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub> ) BifOut vdW Complex |               |          |                                  |                                      |                                                 |
|                                                                    | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Intensity<br>(km mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Description                                     |
| def2QZVP                                                           | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 99                               | 0.0038                               | In plane intermol. bend                         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 181                              | 2.0234                               | Intermolecular stretch                          |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 345                              | 0.0791                               | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> internal rotation |
|                                                                    | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 852                              | 0.2568                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_5$    | $b_2$    | 995                              | 0.0247                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. wag                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_6$    | $a_2$    | 1009                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_7$    | $a_1$    | 1013                             | 84.5971                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. wag                       |
|                                                                    | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1259                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1361                             | 17.9906                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor                   |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1492                             | 11.9755                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor                  |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1634                             | 40.1003                              | C=C stretch                                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3152                             | 0.6338                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch            |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3159                             | 6.4686                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch              |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3236                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3262                             | 0.4207                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | zpe           |          | 137.9                            |                                      |                                                 |
| AVTZ                                                               | $\omega_1$    | $a_1$    | 177                              | 3.932                                | Intermolecular stretch                          |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 204                              | 0.3356                               | In plane intermol. bend                         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 303                              | 0.1419                               | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> internal rotation |
|                                                                    | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 829                              | 0.1688                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_5$    | $b_2$    | 992                              | 0.4025                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. wag                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_6$    | $a_1$    | 999                              | 92.166                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. wag                       |
|                                                                    | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1004                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1247                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1359                             | 13.9983                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor                   |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1479                             | 11.0344                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor                  |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1635                             | 35.9252                              | C=C stretch                                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3167                             | 0.7735                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch            |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3178                             | 5.7996                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch              |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3255                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3281                             | 0.5321                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch             |
|                                                                    | zpe           |          | 138.2                            |                                      |                                                 |
| AVQZ                                                               | $\omega_1$    | $a_1$    | 179                              | 3.7578                               | Intermolecular stretch                          |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 207                              | 0.3376                               | In plane intermol. bend                         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 307                              | 0.1391                               | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> internal rotation |
|                                                                    | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 833                              | 0.1854                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_5$    | $a_1$    | 1003                             | 90.9609                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. wag                       |
|                                                                    | $\omega_6$    | $b_2$    | 1007                             | 0.4023                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. wag                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1009                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1250                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1360                             | 14.6331                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor                   |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1482                             | 11.2706                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor                  |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1635                             | 36.8806                              | C=C stretch                                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3169                             | 0.6791                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch            |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3179                             | 6.0009                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch              |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3258                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3283                             | 0.4172                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch             |
|                                                                    | zpe           |          | 138.5                            |                                      |                                                 |

**Table S69:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}\cdots\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Br $\cdots$ C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                         |               |          |                                  |                                      |                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub> ) BifPI vdW Complex |               |          |                                  |                                      |                                       |
|                                                                   | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Intensity<br>(km mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Description                           |
| def2QZVP                                                          | $\omega_1$    | $b_1$    | 154i                             | 7.789                                | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                                                   | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 52                               | 0.0078                               | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                                                   | $\omega_3$    | $b_2$    | 114                              | 0.0003                               | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                                                   | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 848                              | 0.9923                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock            |
|                                                                   | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 976                              | 132.8236                             | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. wag             |
|                                                                   | $\omega_6$    | $a_2$    | 987                              | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. wag            |
|                                                                   | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1074                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                 |
|                                                                   | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1259                             | 0.0949                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock           |
|                                                                   | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1382                             | 1.48                                 | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor         |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1487                             | 12.2728                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor        |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1680                             | 0.5921                               | C=C stretch                           |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3135                             | 14.0089                              | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3147                             | 0.8678                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch    |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3213                             | 0.0185                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3238                             | 17.6597                              | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                                                   | zpe           |          | 135.1                            |                                      |                                       |
| AVTZ                                                              | $\omega_1$    | $b_1$    | 156i                             | 7.7352                               | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                                                   | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 58                               | 0.0167                               | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                                                   | $\omega_3$    | $b_2$    | 120                              | 0.0005                               | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                                                   | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 844                              | 0.896                                | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock            |
|                                                                   | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 978                              | 125.178                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. wag             |
|                                                                   | $\omega_6$    | $a_2$    | 983                              | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. wag            |
|                                                                   | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1063                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                 |
|                                                                   | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1257                             | 0.1428                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock           |
|                                                                   | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1379                             | 1.8212                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor         |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1484                             | 12.5285                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor        |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1675                             | 0.6932                               | C=C stretch                           |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3131                             | 13.8815                              | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3144                             | 1.0642                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch    |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3208                             | 0.0274                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3234                             | 17.3631                              | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                                                   | zpe           |          | 134.9                            |                                      |                                       |
| AVQZ                                                              | $\omega_1$    | $b_1$    | 132i                             | 1.6527                               | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                                                   | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 58                               | 0.0053                               | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                                                   | $\omega_3$    | $b_2$    | 89                               | 0.0004                               | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                                                   | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 830                              | 0.8894                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock            |
|                                                                   | $\omega_5$    | $a$      | 976                              | 108.607                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. wag             |
|                                                                   | $\omega_6$    | $a$      | 977                              | 0.0089                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. wag            |
|                                                                   | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1068                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                 |
|                                                                   | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1251                             | 0.1288                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock           |
|                                                                   | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1380                             | 1.6628                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor         |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1478                             | 13.0571                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor        |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1684                             | 1.0159                               | C=C stretch                           |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3152                             | 13.3744                              | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3167                             | 0.8095                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch    |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3235                             | 0.0215                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                                                   | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3260                             | 17.1966                              | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                                                   | zpe           |          | 135.2                            |                                      |                                       |

**Table S70:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}\cdots\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Br $\cdots$ C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                       |               |          |                                  |                                      |                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub> ) End vdW Complex |               |          |                                  |                                      |                                       |
|                                                                 | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Intensity<br>(km mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Description                           |
| def2QZVP                                                        | $\omega_1$    | $a_1$    | 42                               | 0.0021                               | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                                                 | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 87                               | 0.0014                               | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                                                 | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 158                              | 24.0075                              | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                                                 | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 846                              | 0.1972                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock            |
|                                                                 | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 988                              | 25.3443                              | Farside CH <sub>2</sub> wag           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_6$    | $a_2$    | 1077                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                 |
|                                                                 | $\omega_7$    | $b_2$    | 1257                             | 0.2179                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_8$    | $b_1$    | 1369                             | 807.377                              | Nearside CH <sub>2</sub> wag          |
|                                                                 | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1381                             | 0.6557                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor         |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1488                             | 14.4114                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor        |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1681                             | 0.3363                               | C=C stretch                           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3134                             | 16.9899                              | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3148                             | 0.0539                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch    |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3211                             | 0.2077                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3239                             | 16.448                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                                                 | zpe           |          | 138.2                            |                                      |                                       |
| AVTZ                                                            | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 26                               | 0.0022                               | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                                                 | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 44                               | 0.0024                               | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                                                 | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 189                              | 75.2294                              | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                                                 | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 824                              | 0.122                                | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock            |
|                                                                 | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 968                              | 28.1996                              | Farside CH <sub>2</sub> wag           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_6$    | $a_2$    | 1052                             | 0.0003                               | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                 |
|                                                                 | $\omega_7$    | $b_2$    | 1245                             | 0.3062                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_8$    | $a_1$    | 1378                             | 0.8856                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor         |
|                                                                 | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1478                             | 15.0795                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor        |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1684                             | 0.3125                               | C=C stretch                           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{11}$ | $b_1$    | 2155                             | 23928.6925                           | Nearside CH <sub>2</sub> wag          |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3150                             | 16.607                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3168                             | 0.0338                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch    |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3231                             | 0.1443                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3258                             | 15.9103                              | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                                                 | zpe           |          | 142.7                            |                                      |                                       |
| AVQZ                                                            | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 34                               | 0.002                                | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                                                 | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 47                               | 0.0031                               | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                                                 | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 92                               | 4.4027                               | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                                                 | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 828                              | 0.1379                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock            |
|                                                                 | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 975                              | 25.1879                              | Farside CH <sub>2</sub> wag           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_6$    | $a_2$    | 1069                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                 |
|                                                                 | $\omega_7$    | $b_1$    | 1089                             | 2.5998                               | Nearside CH <sub>2</sub> wag          |
|                                                                 | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1248                             | 0.3097                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1379                             | 0.8865                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor         |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1479                             | 15.4219                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor        |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1685                             | 0.3261                               | C=C stretch                           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3152                             | 16.5168                              | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3168                             | 0.0399                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch    |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3233                             | 0.1533                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3260                             | 15.4899                              | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                                                 | zpe           |          | 136                              |                                      |                                       |

**Table S71:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I\cdots C_2H_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| I $\cdots$ C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                           |               |          |                                  |                                      |                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub> ) BifOut vdW Complex |               |          |                                  |                                      |                                                 |
|                                                                    | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Intensity<br>(km mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Description                                     |
| def2QZVP                                                           | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 121                              | 0.0323                               | In plane intermol. bend                         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 140                              | 4.3782                               | Intermolecular stretch                          |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 302                              | 0.1909                               | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> internal rotation |
|                                                                    | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 850                              | 0.152                                | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_5$    | $b_2$    | 995                              | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. wag                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_6$    | $a_1$    | 1010                             | 107.2779                             | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. wag                       |
|                                                                    | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1034                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1259                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1367                             | 15.0291                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor                   |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1491                             | 11.0454                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor                  |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1644                             | 36.6926                              | C=C stretch                                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3145                             | 1.1709                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch            |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3153                             | 3.9735                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch              |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3228                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3253                             | 0.9967                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | zpe           |          | 137.5                            |                                      |                                                 |
| AVTZ                                                               | $\omega_1$    | $a_1$    | 133                              | 6.2469                               | Intermolecular stretch                          |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 182                              | 0.1979                               | In plane intermol. bend                         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 247                              | 0.2281                               | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> internal rotation |
|                                                                    | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 828                              | 0.0951                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_5$    | $b_2$    | 982                              | 0.1184                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. wag                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_6$    | $a_1$    | 995                              | 115.3464                             | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. wag                       |
|                                                                    | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1028                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1247                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1366                             | 11.2729                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor                   |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1478                             | 10.5067                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor                  |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1646                             | 31.8218                              | C=C stretch                                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3160                             | 1.3688                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch            |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3173                             | 3.147                                | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch              |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3246                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3272                             | 1.2722                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch             |
|                                                                    | zpe           |          | 137.5                            |                                      |                                                 |
| AVQZ                                                               | $\omega_1$    | $a_1$    | 139                              | 6.1187                               | Intermolecular stretch                          |
|                                                                    | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 188                              | 0.2017                               | In plane intermol. bend                         |
|                                                                    | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 255                              | 0.2243                               | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> internal rotation |
|                                                                    | $\omega_4$    | $b_1$    | 831                              | 0.1119                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_5$    | $a_1$    | 1000                             | 113.8089                             | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. wag                       |
|                                                                    | $\omega_6$    | $b_2$    | 1001                             | 0.1259                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. wag                      |
|                                                                    | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1033                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_8$    | $a_2$    | 1250                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1366                             | 11.9326                              | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor                   |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1481                             | 10.7248                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor                  |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1646                             | 32.9532                              | C=C stretch                                     |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3163                             | 1.1891                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch            |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3173                             | 3.3415                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch              |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{14}$ | $a_2$    | 3250                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch           |
|                                                                    | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_1$    | 3275                             | 1.0342                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch             |
|                                                                    | zpe           |          | 137.9                            |                                      |                                                 |



**Table S72:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I\cdots C_2H_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $I\cdots C_2H_4$                       |               |          |                                   |                                       |                              |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| $C_{2v}$ ( $^2A_1$ ) BifPI vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                              |
|                                        | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                  |
| def2QZVP                               | $\omega_1$    | $a_1$    | 80                                | 0.0813                                | Intermolecular stretch       |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 129                               | 0.0002                                | In plane internal rotation   |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 254                               | 18.4733                               | OoP internal rotation        |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 828                               | 1.9682                                | $CH_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 975                               | 0                                     | $CH_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 1011                              | 37.7752                               | $CH_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1063                              | 0                                     | $CH_2$ twist                 |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1248                              | 0.2034                                | $CH_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1381                              | 3.5477                                | $CH_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1481                              | 14.6987                               | $CH_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1686                              | 2.3242                                | C=C stretch                  |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3154                              | 12.6605                               | $CH_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                        | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3168                              | 0.9148                                | $CH_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                        | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3234                              | 0.204                                 | $CH_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                        | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3257                              | 19.1615                               | $CH_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                        | zpe           |          | 136.8                             |                                       |                              |
| AVTZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a_1$    | 56                                | 0.0191                                | Intermolecular stretch       |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 86                                | 0.0002                                | In plane internal rotation   |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 334                               | 51.5211                               | OoP internal rotation        |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 825                               | 1.1428                                | $CH_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 964                               | 0                                     | $CH_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $b_1$    | 1039                              | 4.9933                                | $CH_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a_2$    | 1054                              | 0                                     | $CH_2$ twist                 |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1248                              | 0.2461                                | $CH_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1378                              | 2.5092                                | $CH_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1474                              | 13.5209                               | $CH_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1682                              | 1.8612                                | C=C stretch                  |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3149                              | 13.3113                               | $CH_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                        | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3165                              | 0.9261                                | $CH_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                        | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3231                              | 0.049                                 | $CH_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                        | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3257                              | 18.6624                               | $CH_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                        | zpe           |          | 137.2                             |                                       |                              |
| AVQZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a_1$    | 55                                | 0.0197                                | Intermolecular stretch       |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 89                                | 0.0001                                | In plane internal rotation   |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 453                               | 176.5691                              | OoP internal rotation        |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a_1$    | 829                               | 1.1581                                | $CH_2$ symm. rock            |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a_2$    | 976                               | 0                                     | $CH_2$ asymm. wag            |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a_2$    | 1068                              | 0                                     | $CH_2$ twist                 |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $b_1$    | 1118                              | 55.2231                               | $CH_2$ symm. wag             |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1251                              | 0.2473                                | $CH_2$ asymm. rock           |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1379                              | 2.4952                                | $CH_2$ symm. scissor         |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $b_2$    | 1477                              | 13.667                                | $CH_2$ asymm. scissor        |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1683                              | 1.8202                                | C=C stretch                  |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $b_2$    | 3151                              | 13.1979                               | $CH_2$ unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                        | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3165                              | 0.8932                                | $CH_2$ pair symm. stretch    |
|                                        | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3234                              | 0.0519                                | $CH_2$ unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                        | $\omega_{15}$ | $a_1$    | 3258                              | 18.3099                               | $CH_2$ pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                        | zpe           |          | 138.7                             |                                       |                              |

**Table S73:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I\cdots C_2H_4$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| I $\cdots$ C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                        |               |          |                                  |                                      |                                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub> ) End vdW Complex |               |          |                                  |                                      |                                       |
|                                                                 | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Intensity<br>(km mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Description                           |
| def2QZVP                                                        | $\omega_1$    | $a_1$    | 39                               | 0.0076                               | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                                                 | $\omega_2$    | $b_2$    | 87                               | 0.0032                               | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                                                 | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 122                              | 8.0985                               | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                                                 | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 846                              | 0.2821                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock            |
|                                                                 | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 987                              | 25.4804                              | Farside CH <sub>2</sub> wag           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_6$    | $a_2$    | 1077                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                 |
|                                                                 | $\omega_7$    | $b_1$    | 1153                             | 51.2417                              | Nearside CH <sub>2</sub> wag          |
|                                                                 | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1256                             | 0.44                                 | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1380                             | 1.2237                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor         |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1488                             | 16.2963                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor        |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1681                             | 0.5518                               | C=C stretch                           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3134                             | 18.6225                              | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3147                             | 0.0364                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch    |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3211                             | 0.2103                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3238                             | 15.7592                              | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                                                 | zpe           |          | 136.7                            |                                      |                                       |
| AVTZ                                                            | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 19                               | 0.0034                               | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                                                 | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 41                               | 0.0116                               | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                                                 | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 98                               | 6.4172                               | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                                                 | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 823                              | 0.1749                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock            |
|                                                                 | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 969                              | 25.6663                              | Farside CH <sub>2</sub> wag           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_6$    | $a_2$    | 1053                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                 |
|                                                                 | $\omega_7$    | $b_1$    | 1110                             | 19.0927                              | Nearside CH <sub>2</sub> wag          |
|                                                                 | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1244                             | 0.5078                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1377                             | 1.4498                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor         |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1477                             | 16.7616                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor        |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1684                             | 0.5243                               | C=C stretch                           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3150                             | 18.0679                              | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3168                             | 0.0301                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch    |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3230                             | 0.1364                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3258                             | 15.3362                              | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                                                 | zpe           |          | 135.8                            |                                      |                                       |
| AVQZ                                                            | $\omega_1$    | $b_2$    | 23                               | 0.0032                               | In plane internal rotation            |
|                                                                 | $\omega_2$    | $a_1$    | 42                               | 0.0123                               | Intermolecular stretch                |
|                                                                 | $\omega_3$    | $b_1$    | 82                               | 3.1727                               | OoP internal rotation                 |
|                                                                 | $\omega_4$    | $b_2$    | 827                              | 0.188                                | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. rock            |
|                                                                 | $\omega_5$    | $b_1$    | 976                              | 25.3677                              | Farside CH <sub>2</sub> wag           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_6$    | $a$      | 1068                             | 0                                    | CH <sub>2</sub> twist                 |
|                                                                 | $\omega_7$    | $a$      | 1069                             | 0.0068                               | Nearside CH <sub>2</sub> wag          |
|                                                                 | $\omega_8$    | $b_2$    | 1247                             | 0.4953                               | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. rock           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_9$    | $a_1$    | 1378                             | 1.4336                               | CH <sub>2</sub> symm. scissor         |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{10}$ | $a_1$    | 1479                             | 17.0177                              | CH <sub>2</sub> asymm. scissor        |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{11}$ | $a_1$    | 1685                             | 0.5205                               | C=C stretch                           |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{12}$ | $a_1$    | 3152                             | 17.9436                              | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair symm. stretch  |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{13}$ | $a_1$    | 3168                             | 0.0294                               | CH <sub>2</sub> pair symm. stretch    |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{14}$ | $b_2$    | 3233                             | 0.1506                               | CH <sub>2</sub> unpair asymm. stretch |
|                                                                 | $\omega_{15}$ | $b_2$    | 3260                             | 14.9554                              | CH <sub>2</sub> pair asymm. stretch   |
|                                                                 | zpe           |          | 135.7                            |                                      |                                       |

**Table S74:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halide-ethene complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                                                           |          | Cl <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |           |           | Br <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |           |           | I <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |           |           |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                           |          | x                                                | y         | z         | x                                                | y         | z         | x                                               | y         | z         |           |
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub> )<br>BifOut | def2QZVP | X                                                | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.962151                                         | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.315660                                        | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.043715  |
|                                                           |          | C                                                | 0.000000  | 0.663479  | -2.093215                                        | 0.000000  | 0.663555  | -2.886023                                       | 0.000000  | 0.663711  | -3.464378 |
|                                                           |          | C                                                | 0.000000  | -0.663479 | -2.093215                                        | 0.000000  | -0.663555 | -2.886023                                       | 0.000000  | -0.663711 | -3.464378 |
|                                                           |          | H                                                | 0.922674  | 1.227245  | -2.059496                                        | 0.922682  | 1.227459  | -2.853953                                       | 0.922703  | 1.227920  | -3.436094 |
|                                                           |          | H                                                | -0.922674 | 1.227245  | -2.059496                                        | -0.922682 | 1.227459  | -2.853953                                       | -0.922703 | 1.227920  | -3.436094 |
|                                                           |          | H                                                | -0.922674 | -1.227245 | -2.059496                                        | -0.922682 | -1.227459 | -2.853953                                       | -0.922703 | -1.227920 | -3.436094 |
|                                                           |          | H                                                | 0.922674  | -1.227245 | -2.059496                                        | 0.922682  | -1.227459 | -2.853953                                       | 0.922703  | -1.227920 | -3.436094 |
|                                                           | AVTZ     | X                                                | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.978033                                         | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.312829                                        | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.034701  |
|                                                           |          | C                                                | 0.000000  | 0.664606  | -2.109803                                        | 0.000000  | 0.664668  | -2.879630                                       | 0.000000  | 0.664728  | -3.427448 |
|                                                           |          | C                                                | 0.000000  | -0.664606 | -2.109803                                        | 0.000000  | -0.664668 | -2.879630                                       | 0.000000  | -0.664728 | -3.427448 |
|                                                           |          | H                                                | 0.923658  | 1.228895  | -2.077231                                        | 0.923670  | 1.229054  | -2.848367                                       | 0.923738  | 1.229886  | -3.427448 |
|                                                           |          | H                                                | -0.923658 | 1.228895  | -2.077231                                        | -0.923670 | 1.229054  | -2.848367                                       | -0.923738 | 1.229886  | -3.427448 |
|                                                           |          | H                                                | -0.923658 | -1.228895 | -2.077231                                        | -0.923670 | -1.229054 | -2.848367                                       | -0.923738 | -1.229886 | -3.427448 |
|                                                           |          | H                                                | 0.923658  | -1.228895 | -2.077231                                        | 0.923670  | -1.229054 | -2.848367                                       | 0.923738  | -1.229886 | -3.427448 |
|                                                           | AVQZ     | X                                                | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 2.006689                                         | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.313740                                        | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.020542  |
|                                                           |          | C                                                | 0.000000  | 0.663795  | -2.140009                                        | 0.000000  | 0.663834  | -2.881599                                       | 0.000000  | 0.663922  | -3.387766 |
|                                                           |          | C                                                | 0.000000  | -0.663795 | -2.140009                                        | 0.000000  | -0.663834 | -2.881599                                       | 0.000000  | -0.663922 | -3.387766 |
|                                                           |          | H                                                | 0.922980  | 1.227833  | -2.108401                                        | 0.922989  | 1.227915  | -2.850424                                       | 0.922981  | 1.228206  | -3.358883 |
|                                                           |          | H                                                | -0.922980 | 1.227833  | -2.108401                                        | -0.922989 | 1.227915  | -2.850424                                       | -0.922981 | 1.228206  | -3.358883 |
|                                                           |          | H                                                | -0.922980 | -1.227833 | -2.108401                                        | -0.922989 | -1.227915 | -2.850424                                       | -0.922981 | -1.228206 | -3.358883 |
|                                                           |          | H                                                | 0.922980  | -1.227833 | -2.108401                                        | 0.922989  | -1.227915 | -2.850424                                       | 0.922981  | -1.228206 | -3.358883 |

**Table S75:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halide-ethene complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                                                          |          | Cl <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |          |           | Br <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |          |           | I <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |          |           |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                          |          | x                                                | y        | z         | x                                                | y        | z         | x                                               | y        | z         |           |
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub> )<br>BifPl | def2QZVP | X                                                | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.705514                                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.160611                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.920649  |
|                                                          |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | 0.665054  | -1.815837                                        | 0.000000 | 0.664955  | -2.542035                                       | 0.000000 | 0.664839  | -3.052138 |
|                                                          |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | -0.665054 | -1.815837                                        | 0.000000 | -0.664955 | -2.542035                                       | 0.000000 | -0.664839 | -3.052138 |
|                                                          |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 1.184404  | -0.863744                                        | 0.000000 | 1.190801  | -1.593869                                       | 0.000000 | 1.199267  | -2.109200 |
|                                                          |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 1.237849  | -2.738100                                        | 0.000000 | 1.236569  | -3.464619                                       | 0.000000 | 1.234895  | -3.975167 |
|                                                          |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -1.184404 | -0.863744                                        | 0.000000 | -1.190801 | -1.593869                                       | 0.000000 | -1.199267 | -2.109200 |
|                                                          |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -1.237849 | -2.738100                                        | 0.000000 | -1.236569 | -3.464619                                       | 0.000000 | -1.234895 | -3.975167 |
|                                                          | AVTZ     | X                                                | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.709351                                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.154560                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.911628  |
|                                                          |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | 0.666127  | -1.819794                                        | 0.000000 | 0.666036  | -2.528909                                       | 0.000000 | 0.665915  | -3.022458 |
|                                                          |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | -0.666127 | -1.819794                                        | 0.000000 | -0.666036 | -2.528909                                       | 0.000000 | -0.665915 | -3.022458 |
|                                                          |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 1.187028  | -0.867636                                        | 0.000000 | 1.191276  | -1.579302                                       | 0.000000 | 1.198706  | -2.077381 |
|                                                          |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 1.238975  | -2.743086                                        | 0.000000 | 1.238540  | -3.452051                                       | 0.000000 | 1.237027  | -3.946000 |
|                                                          |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -1.187028 | -0.867636                                        | 0.000000 | -1.191276 | -1.579302                                       | 0.000000 | -1.198706 | -2.077381 |
|                                                          |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -1.238975 | -2.743086                                        | 0.000000 | -1.238540 | -3.452051                                       | 0.000000 | -1.237027 | -3.946000 |
|                                                          | AVQZ     | X                                                | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.710211                                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.156735                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.912070  |
|                                                          |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | 0.665286  | -1.820646                                        | 0.000000 | 0.665197  | -2.533493                                       | 0.000000 | 0.665075  | -3.023811 |
|                                                          |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | -0.665286 | -1.820646                                        | 0.000000 | -0.665197 | -2.533493                                       | 0.000000 | -0.665075 | -3.023811 |
|                                                          |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 1.186614  | -0.869489                                        | 0.000000 | 1.191857  | -1.585473                                       | 0.000000 | 1.198677  | -2.080001 |
|                                                          |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 1.237521  | -2.743431                                        | 0.000000 | 1.236601  | -3.456431                                       | 0.000000 | 1.235322  | -3.946998 |
|                                                          |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -1.186614 | -0.869489                                        | 0.000000 | -1.191857 | -1.585473                                       | 0.000000 | -1.198677 | -2.080001 |
|                                                          |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -1.237521 | -2.743431                                        | 0.000000 | -1.236601 | -3.456431                                       | 0.000000 | -1.235322 | -3.946998 |

**Table S76:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halide-ethene complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                                                        |          | Cl <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |          |           | Br <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |          |           | I <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |          |           |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                        |          | x                                                | y        | z         | x                                                | y        | z         | x                                               | y        | z         |           |
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub> )<br>End | def2QZVP | X                                                | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 2.002709                                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.354963                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.064753  |
|                                                        |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.465186                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.298419                                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.863833 |
|                                                        |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.796607                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.629542                                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -4.194555 |
|                                                        |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 0.904433  | -0.871620                                        | 0.000000 | 0.914810  | -1.718961                                       | 0.000000 | 0.909644  | -2.278065 |
|                                                        |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -0.904433 | -0.871620                                        | 0.000000 | -0.914810 | -1.718961                                       | 0.000000 | -0.909644 | -2.278065 |
|                                                        |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 0.922709  | -3.366027                                        | 0.000000 | 0.914810  | -4.209000                                       | 0.000000 | 0.922913  | -4.762727 |
|                                                        |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -0.922709 | -3.366027                                        | 0.000000 | -0.914810 | -4.209000                                       | 0.000000 | -0.922913 | -4.762727 |
|                                                        | AVTZ     | X                                                | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 2.010202                                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.351718                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.059733  |
|                                                        |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.472031                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.292970                                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.846259 |
|                                                        |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.805474                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.626123                                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -4.179047 |
|                                                        |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 0.906137  | -0.879222                                        | 0.000000 | 0.907852  | -1.702656                                       | 0.000000 | 0.910331  | -2.259633 |
|                                                        |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -0.906137 | -0.879222                                        | 0.000000 | -0.907852 | -1.702656                                       | 0.000000 | -0.910331 | -2.259633 |
|                                                        |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 0.923758  | -3.374976                                        | 0.000000 | 0.923846  | -4.195129                                       | 0.000000 | 0.923955  | -4.747387 |
|                                                        |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -0.923758 | -3.374976                                        | 0.000000 | -0.923846 | -4.195129                                       | 0.000000 | -0.923955 | -4.747387 |
|                                                        | AVQZ     | X                                                | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 2.011456                                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.351146                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.060273  |
|                                                        |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.474205                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.292566                                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.848865 |
|                                                        |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.805932                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.624005                                       | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -4.179943 |
|                                                        |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 0.905582  | -0.881840                                        | 0.000000 | 0.907251  | -1.702611                                       | 0.000000 | 0.909826  | -2.262802 |
|                                                        |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -0.905582 | -0.881840                                        | 0.000000 | -0.907251 | -1.702611                                       | 0.000000 | -0.909826 | -2.262802 |
|                                                        |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 0.923070  | -3.375128                                        | 0.000000 | 0.923149  | -4.192721                                       | 0.000000 | 0.923251  | -4.748017 |
|                                                        |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -0.923070 | -3.375128                                        | 0.000000 | -0.923149 | -4.192721                                       | 0.000000 | -0.923251 | -4.748017 |

**Table S77:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halide-ethene complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                                   |          | Cl <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |          |           | Br <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |          |           | I <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |          |           |           |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                   |          | x                                                | y        | z         | x                                                | y        | z         | x                                               | y        | z         |           |
| C <sub>s</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A') | def2QZVP | X                                                | 0.000000 | 1.020845  | -1.631978                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.303859                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.025766  |
|                                   |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | -0.428009 | 1.623340                                         | 0.000000 | -0.510495 | -2.425013                                       | 0.000000 | -0.528200 | -2.993238 |
|                                   |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | -1.741167 | 1.843522                                         | 0.000000 | 0.510648  | -3.278725                                       | 0.000000 | 0.528010  | -3.802263 |
|                                   |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.619669                                         | 0.000000 | -1.531042 | -2.794194                                       | 0.000000 | -1.534003 | -3.399338 |
|                                   |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 0.261789  | 2.461836                                         | 0.000000 | -0.366691 | -1.345678                                       | 0.000000 | -0.423988 | -1.911540 |
|                                   |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -2.441037 | 1.016429                                         | 0.000000 | 0.364335  | -4.353607                                       | 0.000000 | 0.425635  | -4.881832 |
|                                   |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -2.160067 | 2.844519                                         | 0.000000 | 1.532481  | -2.919152                                       | 0.000000 | 1.533491  | -3.399887 |
|                                   | AVTZ     | X                                                | 0.000000 | 1.031663  | -1.627639                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.293398                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.009266  |
|                                   |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | -0.437344 | 1.625467                                         | 0.000000 | -0.517366 | -2.408733                                       | 0.000000 | 0.545439  | -2.960110 |
|                                   |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | -1.754748 | 1.832180                                         | 0.000000 | 0.517270  | -3.249297                                       | 0.000000 | -0.544755 | -3.726283 |
|                                   |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.625336                                         | 0.000000 | -1.533571 | -2.792513                                       | 0.000000 | 1.534673  | -3.407672 |
|                                   |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 0.244604  | 2.471550                                         | 0.000000 | -0.386164 | -1.326705                                       | 0.000000 | 0.481137  | -1.874093 |
|                                   |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -2.446665 | 0.997135                                         | 0.000000 | 0.385630  | -4.327084                                       | 0.000000 | -0.486897 | -4.810191 |
|                                   |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -2.183660 | 2.829959                                         | 0.000000 | 1.534682  | -2.874462                                       | 0.000000 | -1.533013 | -3.280803 |
|                                   | AVQZ     | X                                                | 0.000000 | 1.042316  | -1.621722                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.296327                                        | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.912070  |
|                                   |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | -0.448281 | 1.627299                                         | 0.000000 | -0.516762 | -2.415738                                       | 0.000000 | 0.665075  | -3.023811 |
|                                   |          | C                                                | 0.000000 | -1.766413 | 1.817882                                         | 0.000000 | 0.516662  | -3.255137                                       | 0.000000 | -0.665075 | -3.023811 |
|                                   |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.632801                                         | 0.000000 | -1.532357 | -2.798945                                       | 0.000000 | 1.235321  | -3.946999 |
|                                   |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | 0.223447  | 2.480517                                         | 0.000000 | -0.385567 | -1.334539                                       | 0.000000 | 1.198678  | -2.080002 |
|                                   |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -2.447701 | 0.975135                                         | 0.000000 | 0.385170  | -4.332155                                       | 0.000000 | -1.235321 | -3.946999 |
|                                   |          | H                                                | 0.000000 | -2.206958 | 2.809742                                         | 0.000000 | 1.533357  | -2.880568                                       | 0.000000 | -1.198678 | -2.080002 |

**Table S78:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halogen-ethene complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                                                           |          | Cl...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |           |           | Br...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |           |           | I...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |           |           |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                           |          | x                                  | y         | z         | x                                  | y         | z         | x                                 | y         | z         |           |
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub> )<br>BifOut | def2QZVP | X                                  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.196209                           | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 0.836035                          | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 0.680237  |
|                                                           |          | C                                  | 0.000000  | 0.675792  | -1.270972                          | 0.000000  | 0.673434  | -1.826412                         | 0.000000  | 0.670850  | -2.251371 |
|                                                           |          | C                                  | 0.000000  | -0.675792 | -1.270972                          | 0.000000  | -0.673434 | -1.826412                         | 0.000000  | -0.670850 | -2.251371 |
|                                                           |          | H                                  | 0.924475  | 1.235354  | -1.270972                          | 0.924159  | 1.234347  | -1.836074                         | 0.923851  | 1.233329  | -2.259024 |
|                                                           |          | H                                  | -0.924475 | 1.235354  | -1.270972                          | -0.924159 | 1.234347  | -1.836074                         | -0.923851 | 1.233329  | -2.259024 |
|                                                           |          | H                                  | -0.924475 | -1.235354 | -1.270972                          | -0.924159 | -1.234347 | -1.836074                         | -0.923851 | -1.233329 | -2.259024 |
|                                                           |          | H                                  | 0.924475  | -1.235354 | -1.270972                          | 0.924159  | -1.234347 | -1.836074                         | 0.923851  | -1.233329 | -2.259024 |
|                                                           | AVTZ     | X                                  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.195149                           | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 0.831021                          | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 0.681829  |
|                                                           |          | C                                  | 0.000000  | 0.676824  | -1.267328                          | 0.000000  | 0.674442  | -1.815498                         | 0.000000  | 0.671687  | -2.256768 |
|                                                           |          | C                                  | 0.000000  | -0.676824 | -1.267328                          | 0.000000  | -0.674442 | -1.815498                         | 0.000000  | -0.671687 | -2.256768 |
|                                                           |          | H                                  | 0.925515  | 1.236510  | -1.277401                          | 0.925224  | 1.235490  | -1.824938                         | 0.924810  | 1.234476  | -2.263931 |
|                                                           |          | H                                  | -0.925515 | 1.236510  | -1.277401                          | -0.925224 | 1.235490  | -1.824938                         | -0.924810 | 1.234476  | -2.263931 |
|                                                           |          | H                                  | -0.925515 | -1.236510 | -1.277401                          | -0.925224 | -1.235490 | -1.824938                         | -0.924810 | -1.234476 | -2.263931 |
|                                                           |          | H                                  | 0.925515  | -1.236510 | -1.277401                          | 0.925224  | -1.235490 | -1.824938                         | 0.924810  | -1.234476 | -2.263931 |
|                                                           | AVQZ     | X                                  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.193560                           | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 0.828732                          | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 0.677756  |
|                                                           |          | C                                  | 0.000000  | 0.676209  | -1.265587                          | 0.000000  | 0.673861  | -1.810568                         | 0.000000  | 0.671132  | -2.243313 |
|                                                           |          | C                                  | 0.000000  | -0.676209 | -1.265587                          | 0.000000  | -0.673861 | -1.810568                         | 0.000000  | -0.671132 | -2.243313 |
|                                                           |          | H                                  | 0.924796  | 1.235586  | -1.275867                          | 0.924511  | 1.234608  | -1.819706                         | 0.924072  | 1.233639  | -2.250326 |
|                                                           |          | H                                  | -0.924796 | 1.235586  | -1.275867                          | -0.924511 | 1.234608  | -1.819706                         | -0.924072 | 1.233639  | -2.250326 |
|                                                           |          | H                                  | -0.924796 | -1.235586 | -1.275867                          | -0.924511 | -1.234608 | -1.819706                         | -0.924072 | -1.233639 | -2.250326 |
|                                                           |          | H                                  | 0.924796  | -1.235586 | -1.275867                          | 0.924511  | -1.234608 | -1.819706                         | 0.924072  | -1.233639 | -2.250326 |

**Table S79:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halogen-ethene complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                                                          |          | Cl...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |          |           | Br...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |          |           | I...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |          |           |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                          |          | x                                  | y        | z         | x                                  | y        | z         | x                                 | y        | z         |           |
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub> )<br>BifPl | def2QZVP | X                                  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.845778                           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.227461                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.948962  |
|                                                          |          | C                                  | 0.000000 | 0.664484  | -1.961322                          | 0.000000 | 0.664483  | -2.685324                         | 0.000000 | 0.664481  | -3.143739 |
|                                                          |          | C                                  | 0.000000 | -0.664484 | -1.961322                          | 0.000000 | -0.664483 | -2.685324                         | 0.000000 | -0.664481 | -3.143739 |
|                                                          |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | 1.227130  | -1.036912                          | 0.000000 | 1.226540  | -1.760486                         | 0.000000 | 1.226376  | -2.218611 |
|                                                          |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | 1.229868  | -2.884268                          | 0.000000 | 1.230111  | -3.608133                         | 0.000000 | 1.230316  | -4.066455 |
|                                                          |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | -1.227130 | -1.036912                          | 0.000000 | -1.226540 | -1.760486                         | 0.000000 | -1.226376 | -2.218611 |
|                                                          |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | -1.229868 | -2.884268                          | 0.000000 | -1.230111 | -3.608133                         | 0.000000 | -1.230316 | -4.066455 |
|                                                          | AVTZ     | X                                  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.829912                           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.207559                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.934768  |
|                                                          |          | C                                  | 0.000000 | 0.665511  | -1.944512                          | 0.000000 | 0.665519  | -2.641913                         | 0.000000 | 0.665508  | -3.096860 |
|                                                          |          | C                                  | 0.000000 | -0.665511 | -1.944512                          | 0.000000 | -0.665519 | -2.641913                         | 0.000000 | -0.665508 | -3.096860 |
|                                                          |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | 1.227991  | -1.018864                          | 0.000000 | 1.231956  | -3.565398                         | 0.000000 | 1.232186  | -4.020225 |
|                                                          |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | 1.231408  | -2.868313                          | 0.000000 | 1.226709  | -1.715400                         | 0.000000 | 1.226366  | -2.169966 |
|                                                          |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | -1.227991 | -1.018864                          | 0.000000 | -1.231956 | -3.565398                         | 0.000000 | -1.232186 | -4.020225 |
|                                                          |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | -1.231408 | -2.868313                          | 0.000000 | -1.226709 | -1.715400                         | 0.000000 | -1.226366 | -2.169966 |
|                                                          | AVQZ     | X                                  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.834417                           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.206360                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 0.934234  |
|                                                          |          | C                                  | 0.000000 | 0.664662  | -1.949260                          | 0.000000 | 0.664678  | -2.639223                         | 0.000000 | 0.664666  | -3.095020 |
|                                                          |          | C                                  | 0.000000 | -0.664662 | -1.949260                          | 0.000000 | -0.664678 | -2.639223                         | 0.000000 | -0.664666 | -3.095020 |
|                                                          |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | 1.227248  | -1.024494                          | 0.000000 | 1.226161  | -1.713708                         | 0.000000 | 1.225843  | -2.169148 |
|                                                          |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | 1.230068  | -2.872497                          | 0.000000 | 1.230453  | -3.562248                         | 0.000000 | 1.230671  | -4.017926 |
|                                                          |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | -1.227248 | -1.024494                          | 0.000000 | -1.226161 | -1.713708                         | 0.000000 | -1.225843 | -2.169148 |
|                                                          |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | -1.230068 | -2.872497                          | 0.000000 | -1.230453 | -3.562248                         | 0.000000 | -1.230671 | -4.017926 |



**Table S80:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halogen-ethene complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                                                        |          | Cl...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |          |           | Br...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |          |           | I...C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> |          |           |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                                        |          | x                                  | y        | z         | x                                  | y        | z         | x                                 | y        | z         |           |
| C <sub>2v</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> A <sub>1</sub> )<br>End | def2QZVP | X                                  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 2.179989                           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.444670                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.111636  |
|                                                        |          | C                                  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.652014                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.496024                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.018108 |
|                                                        |          | C                                  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.980887                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.824909                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -4.347022 |
|                                                        |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | 0.921657  | -1.084823                          | 0.000000 | 0.921483  | -1.928520                         | 0.000000 | 0.921462  | -2.450445 |
|                                                        |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | -0.921657 | -1.084823                          | 0.000000 | -0.921483 | -1.928520                         | 0.000000 | -0.921462 | -2.450445 |
|                                                        |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | 0.922804  | -3.546380                          | 0.000000 | 0.922809  | -4.390407                         | 0.000000 | 0.922822  | -4.912515 |
|                                                        |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | -0.922804 | -3.546380                          | 0.000000 | -0.922809 | -4.390407                         | 0.000000 | -0.922822 | -4.912515 |
|                                                        | AVTZ     | X                                  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 2.163470                           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.429065                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.097442  |
|                                                        |          | C                                  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.633466                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.460912                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.970169 |
|                                                        |          | C                                  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.964380                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.791844                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -4.301120 |
|                                                        |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | 0.922545  | -1.065790                          | 0.000000 | 0.922276  | -1.892748                         | 0.000000 | 0.922025  | -2.401491 |
|                                                        |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | -0.922545 | -1.065790                          | 0.000000 | -0.922276 | -1.892748                         | 0.000000 | -0.922025 | -2.401491 |
|                                                        |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | 0.923789  | -3.530168                          | 0.000000 | 0.923803  | -4.357626                         | 0.000000 | 0.923825  | -4.866862 |
|                                                        |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | -0.923789 | -3.530168                          | 0.000000 | -0.923803 | -4.357626                         | 0.000000 | -0.923825 | -4.866862 |
|                                                        | AVQZ     | X                                  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 2.169323                           | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.421832                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | 1.095543  |
|                                                        |          | C                                  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -1.640520                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.445963                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.964709 |
|                                                        |          | C                                  | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -2.969738                          | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -3.775189                         | 0.000000 | 0.000000  | -4.293961 |
|                                                        |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | 0.921924  | -1.073233                          | 0.000000 | 0.921476  | -1.877911                         | 0.000000 | 0.921404  | -2.396433 |
|                                                        |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | -0.921924 | -1.073233                          | 0.000000 | -0.921476 | -1.877911                         | 0.000000 | -0.921404 | -2.396433 |
|                                                        |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | 0.923095  | -3.535241                          | 0.000000 | 0.923102  | -4.340692                         | 0.000000 | 0.923116  | -4.859453 |
|                                                        |          | H                                  | 0.000000 | -0.923095 | -3.535241                          | 0.000000 | -0.923102 | -4.340692                         | 0.000000 | -0.923116 | -4.859453 |

**Table S81:**  $X^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$  complex geometric parameters and  $D_0$  values from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations.  $z_{pe}$  values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                          |                          |          | $R_{X-H}$ | $\angle_{X-H-O}$ | $Dh$  | $R_{C-O}$ | $R_{C=O}$ | $R_{O-H}$ | $\angle_{C-O-H}$ | $\angle_{O-C=O}$ |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
|                          |                          |          | Å         | °                | °     | Å         | Å         | Å         | °                | °                |
| Cl <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH | AcidAnti                 | def2QZVP | 1.898     | 172.0            | 0.0   | 1.313     | 1.214     | 1.020     | 107.7            | 124.3            |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ     | 1.903     | 172.2            | 0.0   | 1.316     | 1.217     | 1.022     | 107.7            | 124.3            |
|                          |                          | AVQZ     | 1.905     | 171.9            | 0.0   | 1.313     | 1.214     | 1.019     | 107.8            | 124.3            |
|                          | AcidSyn                  | def2QZVP | 1.869     | 168.0            | 180.0 | 1.306     | 1.211     | 1.036     | 115.4            | 129.0            |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ     | 1.877     | 168.0            | 180.0 | 1.310     | 1.214     | 1.036     | 115.1            | 129.0            |
|                          |                          | AVQZ     | 1.878     | 168.1            | 180.0 | 1.307     | 1.212     | 1.034     | 115.2            | 128.9            |
|                          | FormSyn                  | def2QZVP | 2.265     | 177.0            | 0.0   | 1.357     | 1.209     | 0.967     | 104.9            | 121.1            |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ     | 2.271     | 176.7            | 0.0   | 1.359     | 1.212     | 0.969     | 104.9            | 121.2            |
|                          |                          | AVQZ     | 2.274     | 176.7            | 0.0   | 1.357     | 1.209     | 0.967     | 105.0            | 121.2            |
| Br <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH | AcidAnti                 | def2QZVP | 2.106     | 170.3            | 0.0   | 1.318     | 1.212     | 1.007     | 107.7            | 123.9            |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ     | 2.102     | 170.6            | 0.0   | 1.320     | 1.214     | 1.009     | 107.6            | 123.9            |
|                          |                          | AVQZ     | 2.090     | 170.6            | 0.0   | 1.318     | 1.212     | 1.008     | 107.8            | 123.9            |
|                          | AcidSyn                  | def2QZVP | 2.094     | 166.2            | 180.0 | 1.311     | 1.209     | 1.018     | 114.5            | 128.8            |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ     | 2.092     | 166.4            | 180.0 | 1.314     | 1.212     | 1.019     | 114.3            | 128.7            |
|                          |                          | AVQZ     | 2.078     | 166.7            | 180.0 | 1.311     | 1.210     | 1.019     | 114.4            | 128.7            |
|                          | FormSyn                  | def2QZVP | 2.474     | 176.4            | 0.0   | 1.355     | 1.208     | 0.967     | 105.1            | 121.5            |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ     | 2.460     | 176.2            | 0.0   | 1.357     | 1.210     | 0.969     | 105.1            | 121.6            |
|                          |                          | AVQZ     | 2.449     | 176.2            | 0.0   | 1.357     | 1.208     | 0.967     | 105.0            | 121.4            |
| I <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH  | AcidAnti                 | def2QZVP | 2.378     | 169.2            | 0.0   | 1.323     | 1.209     | 0.996     | 108.0            | 123.5            |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ     | 2.374     | 169.3            | 0.0   | 1.325     | 1.212     | 0.999     | 107.7            | 123.5            |
|                          |                          | AVQZ     | 2.365     | 169.1            | 0.0   | 1.323     | 1.210     | 0.997     | 107.9            | 123.5            |
|                          | AcidSyn                  | def2QZVP | 2.387     | 164.1            | 180.0 | 1.316     | 1.207     | 1.003     | 113.5            | 128.4            |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ     | 2.383     | 164.3            | 180.0 | 1.319     | 1.210     | 1.006     | 113.4            | 128.4            |
|                          |                          | AVQZ     | 2.373     | 164.5            | 180.0 | 1.316     | 1.207     | 1.004     | 113.5            | 128.3            |
|                          | FormSyn                  | def2QZVP | 2.767     | 175.6            | 0.0   | 1.352     | 1.206     | 0.967     | 105.3            | 122.1            |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ     | 2.740     | 175.6            | 0.0   | 1.355     | 1.209     | 0.969     | 105.3            | 122.1            |
|                          |                          | AVQZ     | 2.744     | 175.3            | 0.0   | 1.355     | 1.207     | 0.967     | 105.2            | 121.9            |

**Table S82:**  $X\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex geometric parameters and  $D_0$  values from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations.  $zpe$  values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                   |                   |      | $R_{X-H}$<br>Å | $\angle_{X-H-O}$<br>° | $Dh_{X-H-O-C}$<br>° | $R_{C-O}$<br>Å | $R_{C=O}$<br>Å | $R_{O-H}$<br>Å | $\angle_{C-O-H}$<br>° | $\angle_{O-C=O}$<br>° | $E_{DFT}$<br>$E_h$ | $zpe$<br>kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | $D_e$<br>kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | $D_o$<br>kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> |
|-------------------|-------------------|------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cl $\cdots$ HCOOH | AcidAnti          | def2 | 2.495          | 171.8                 | 0.0                 | 1.346          | 1.194          | 0.965          | 109.2                 | 122.7                 | -649.4234691       | 89.6                          | -8.6                          | -7.9                          |
|                   | $C_s$ ( $^2A''$ ) | AVTZ | 2.467          | 173.8                 | 0.0                 | 1.348          | 1.196          | 0.967          | 109.1                 | 122.7                 | -649.3811215       | 89.4                          | -7.5                          | -6.8                          |
|                   |                   | AVQZ | 2.480          | 172.1                 | 0.0                 | 1.346          | 1.194          | 0.965          | 109.2                 | 122.7                 | -649.4254670       | 89.5                          | -7.9                          | -7.6                          |
|                   |                   |      | $R_{X-H}$      | $\angle_{X-H-O}$      | $Dh_{X-H-O-C}$      |                |                |                |                       |                       |                    |                               |                               |                               |
|                   | AcidPSyn          | def2 | 2.218          | 138.4                 | 0.0                 | 1.315          | 1.216          | 0.978          | 107.2                 | 126.1                 | -649.4255680       | 92.4                          | -3.1                          | 0.5                           |
|                   | $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ )  | AVTZ | 2.217          | 138.7                 | 0.0                 | 1.318          | 1.218          | 0.981          | 107.1                 | 126.1                 | -649.3831184       | 92.1                          | -2.3                          | 1.2                           |
|                   |                   | AVQZ | 2.214          | 138.3                 | 0.0                 | 1.315          | 1.216          | 0.979          | 107.2                 | 126.1                 | -649.4313977       | 92.3                          | 7.6                           | 10.8                          |
|                   |                   |      | $R_{X-O}$      | $\angle_{X-O=C}$      | $Dh_{X-O=C-O}$      |                |                |                |                       |                       |                    |                               |                               |                               |
|                   | CarbPAnti         | def2 | 2.627          | 117.3                 | 0.0                 | 1.338          | 1.198          | 0.963          | 109.8                 | 122.7                 | -649.4299518       | 90.2                          | 26.1                          | 28.3                          |
|                   | $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ )  | AVTZ | 2.632          | 116.9                 | 0.0                 | 1.341          | 1.201          | 0.965          | 109.7                 | 122.6                 | -649.3874881       | 89.9                          | 26.8                          | 28.9                          |
|                   |                   | AVQZ | 2.617          | 117.1                 | 0.0                 | 1.338          | 1.199          | 0.963          | 109.8                 | 122.6                 | -649.4276632       | 90.1                          | 15.4                          | 17.2                          |
|                   |                   |      | $R_{X-O}$      | $\angle_{X-O=C}$      | $Dh_{X-O=C=O}$      |                |                |                |                       |                       |                    |                               |                               |                               |
|                   | CarbPSyn          | def2 | 2.796          | 111.5                 | 137.7               | 1.347          | 1.197          | 0.968          | 107.3                 | 124.6                 | -649.4270581       | 90.0                          | 0.8                           | 1.9                           |
|                   | $C_1$ ( $^2A$ )   | AVTZ | 2.785          | 110.9                 | 132.9               | 1.350          | 1.199          | 0.970          | 107.2                 | 124.6                 | -649.3845715       | 89.8                          | 1.5                           | 2.7                           |
|                   |                   | AVQZ | 2.779          | 111.6                 | 136.8               | 1.348          | 1.224          | 0.968          | 107.4                 | 122.4                 | -649.4318934       | 89.8                          | 8.9                           | 9.6                           |
|                   |                   |      | $R_{X-O}$      | $\angle_{X-O=C}$      | $Dh_{X-O=C-O}$      |                |                |                |                       |                       |                    |                               |                               |                               |
|                   | FormPAnti         | def2 | 2.531          | 104.9                 | 180.0               | 1.337          | 1.201          | 0.963          | 109.6                 | 121.6                 | -649.4234691       | 90.8                          | 9.1                           | 11.9                          |
|                   | $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ )  | AVTZ | 2.537          | 104.7                 | 180.0               | 1.340          | 1.204          | 0.965          | 109.6                 | 121.5                 | -649.3845715       | 90.5                          | 19.1                          | 21.9                          |
|                   |                   | AVQZ | 2.523          | 104.9                 | 180.0               | 1.337          | 1.201          | 0.963          | 109.7                 | 121.5                 | -649.4291541       | 90.7                          | 19.3                          | 21.7                          |
|                   |                   |      | $R_{X-H}$      | $\angle_{X-O=C}$      | $Dh_{X-H-C-O}$      |                |                |                |                       |                       |                    |                               |                               |                               |
|                   | FormPSyn          | def2 | 2.963          | 86.9                  | 180.0               | 1.331          | 1.207          | 0.968          | 107.6                 | 124.3                 | -649.4333976       | 91.4                          | 17.5                          | 20.0                          |
|                   | $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ )  | AVTZ | 2.963          | 87.1                  | 180.0               | 1.334          | 1.209          | 0.970          | 107.5                 | 124.3                 | -649.3908721       | 91.1                          | 18.1                          | 20.6                          |
|                   |                   | AVQZ | 2.957          | 86.8                  | 180.0               | 1.332          | 1.207          | 0.968          | 107.7                 | 124.3                 | -649.4354276       | 91.3                          | 18.2                          | 20.4                          |
|                   |                   |      | $R_{X-H}$      | $\angle_{X-H-O}$      | $Dh_{X-H-O-C}$      |                |                |                |                       |                       |                    |                               |                               |                               |
|                   | InLineSyn         | def2 | 2.508          | 170.6                 | 180.0               | 1.339          | 1.200          | 0.970          | 107.6                 | 125.2                 | -649.4294543       | 90.4                          | 7.1                           | 8.6                           |
|                   | $C_s$ ( $^2A''$ ) | AVTZ | 2.481          | 170.3                 | 180.0               | 1.342          | 1.203          | 0.972          | 107.5                 | 125.3                 | -649.3870798       | 90.2                          | 8.1                           | 9.7                           |
|                   |                   | AVQZ | 2.491          | 171.2                 | 180.0               | 1.340          | 1.200          | 0.971          | 107.6                 | 125.2                 | -649.4313977       | 90.3                          | 7.6                           | 8.7                           |
|                   |                   |      | $R_{X-O}$      | $\angle_{X-O=C}$      | $Dh_{X-O=C=O}$      |                |                |                |                       |                       |                    |                               |                               |                               |
|                   | OutPIAnti         | def2 | 2.819          | 110.1                 | 59.5                | 1.354          | 1.190          | 0.963          | 109.8                 | 122.2                 | -649.4231910       | 89.1                          | 8.4                           | 9.5                           |
|                   | $C_1$ ( $^2A$ )   | AVTZ | 2.813          | 109.2                 | 60.1                | 1.356          | 1.193          | 0.965          | 109.7                 | 122.1                 | -649.3807418       | 88.8                          | 9.1                           | 10.2                          |
|                   |                   | AVQZ | 2.805          | 110.0                 | 58.8                | 1.354          | 1.191          | 0.963          | 109.9                 | 122.1                 | -649.4251819       | 89.0                          | 8.8                           | 9.6                           |

**Table S83:**  $X\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex geometric parameters and  $D_0$  values from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations.  $zpe$  values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|            |                        | $R_{X-H}$ | $\angle_{X-H-O}$ | $Dh_{X-H-O-C}$ | $R_{C-O}$ | $R_{C=O}$ | $R_{O-H}$ | $\angle_{C-O-H}$ | $\angle_{O-C=O}$ | $E_{DFT}$     | $zpe$                | $D_e$                | $D_o$                |
|------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|            |                        | Å         | °                | °              | Å         | Å         | Å         | °                | °                | $E_h$         | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ |
| Br...HCOOH | AcidAnti def2          | 2.611     | 179.8            | 180.0          | 1.344     | 1.194     | 0.966     | 109.2            | 122.8            | -2762.9035135 | 89.4                 | 9.5                  | 10.9                 |
|            | $C_s$ ( $^2A''$ ) AVTZ | 2.563     | 174.7            | 180.0          | 1.347     | 1.197     | 0.968     | 109.2            | 122.8            | -605.7221965  | 88.8                 | 11.6                 | 12.6                 |
|            | AVQZ                   | 2.562     | 179.8            | 180.0          | 1.344     | 1.194     | 0.966     | 109.2            | 122.8            | -605.7904078  | 89.5                 | 11.2                 | 12.5                 |
|            |                        | $R_{X-H}$ | $\angle_{X-H-O}$ | $Dh_{X-H-O-C}$ |           |           |           |                  |                  |               |                      |                      |                      |
|            | AcidPSyn def2          | 2.409     | 140.0            | 0.0            | 1.321     | 1.212     | 0.976     | 107.7            | 126.0            | -2762.9164383 | 91.8                 | 25.8                 | 28.7                 |
|            | $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) AVTZ  | 2.397     | 140.3            | 0.0            | 1.324     | 1.215     | 0.979     | 107.5            | 126.0            | -605.7352501  | 91.6                 | 28.2                 | 31.2                 |
|            | AVQZ                   | 2.375     | 140.2            | 0.0            | 1.321     | 1.213     | 0.978     | 107.6            | 126.0            | -605.8038602  | 91.8                 | 29.0                 | 31.6                 |
|            |                        | $R_{X-O}$ | $\angle_{X-O=C}$ | $Dh_{X-O=C-O}$ |           |           |           |                  |                  |               |                      |                      |                      |
|            | CarbPAnti def2         | 2.774     | 118.7            | 0.0            | 1.339     | 1.198     | 0.963     | 109.8            | 122.5            | -2762.9057547 | 90.0                 | 15.4                 | 17.4                 |
|            | $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) AVTZ  | 2.760     | 118.3            | 0.0            | 1.341     | 1.200     | 0.965     | 109.8            | 122.5            | -605.7242830  | 89.7                 | 17.0                 | 19.1                 |
|            | AVQZ                   | 2.747     | 118.0            | 0.0            | 1.339     | 1.198     | 0.963     | 109.9            | 122.5            | -605.7927562  | 90.0                 | 17.4                 | 19.1                 |
|            |                        | $R_{X-O}$ | $\angle_{X-O=C}$ | $Dh_{X-O=C-O}$ |           |           |           |                  |                  |               |                      |                      |                      |
|            | CarbPSyn def2          | 2.946     | 114.9            | 180.0          | 1.346     | 1.197     | 0.968     | 107.5            | 124.7            | -2762.9100519 | 89.5                 | 9.0                  | 9.7                  |
|            | $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) AVTZ  | 2.917     | 113.9            | 180.0          | 1.349     | 1.200     | 0.970     | 107.5            | 124.7            | -605.7285103  | 89.3                 | 10.5                 | 11.2                 |
|            | AVQZ                   | 2.905     | 113.3            | 180.0          | 1.347     | 1.197     | 0.968     | 107.6            | 124.6            | -605.7969128  | 89.6                 | 10.8                 | 11.2                 |
|            |                        | $R_{X-O}$ | $\angle_{X-O=C}$ | $Dh_{X-O=C-O}$ |           |           |           |                  |                  |               |                      |                      |                      |
|            | FormPAnti def2         | 2.691     | 106.4            | 180.0          | 1.338     | 1.200     | 0.963     | 109.6            | 121.7            | -2762.9069348 | 90.5                 | 18.5                 | 21.0                 |
|            | $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) AVTZ  | 2.685     | 106.1            | 180.0          | 1.341     | 1.203     | 0.965     | 109.6            | 121.7            | -605.7254671  | 90.2                 | 20.2                 | 22.6                 |
|            | AVQZ                   | 2.671     | 106.4            | 180.0          | 1.338     | 1.200     | 0.963     | 109.7            | 121.7            | -605.7939753  | 90.5                 | 20.6                 | 22.8                 |
|            |                        | $R_{X-H}$ | $\angle_{X-O=C}$ | $Dh_{X-H-C-O}$ |           |           |           |                  |                  |               |                      |                      |                      |
|            | FormPSyn def2          | 3.130     | 87.8             | 180.0          | 1.332     | 1.206     | 0.968     | 107.6            | 124.4            | -2762.9132907 | 91.1                 | 17.5                 | 19.8                 |
|            | $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) AVTZ  | 3.114     | 88.0             | 180.0          | 1.335     | 1.208     | 0.970     | 107.5            | 124.5            | -605.7317623  | 90.8                 | 19.1                 | 21.3                 |
|            | AVQZ                   | 3.109     | 87.7             | 180.0          | 1.332     | 1.206     | 0.968     | 107.6            | 124.4            | -605.8002542  | 91.1                 | 19.6                 | 21.5                 |

**Table S84:**  $X\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex geometric parameters and  $D_0$  values from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations.  $zpe$  values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|           |                        | $R_{X-H}$ | $\angle_{X-H-O}$ | $Dh_{X-H-O-C}$ | $R_{C-O}$ | $R_{C=O}$ | $R_{O-H}$ | $\angle_{C-O-H}$ | $\angle_{O-C=O}$ | $E_{DFT}$    | $zpe$                | $D_e$                | $D_o$                |
|-----------|------------------------|-----------|------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|           |                        | Å         | °                | °              | Å         | Å         | Å         | °                | °                | $E_h$        | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ |
| I...HCOOH | AcidAnti def2          | 2.776     | 171.0            | 0.0            | 1.345     | 1.194     | 0.966     | 109.2            | 122.8            | -487.0001124 | 89.4                 | 11.8                 | 13.1                 |
|           | $C_s$ ( $^2A''$ ) AVTZ | 2.730     | 172.4            | 0.0            | 1.347     | 1.197     | 0.969     | 109.0            | 122.8            | -484.7763941 | 89.2                 | 14.0                 | 15.5                 |
|           | AVQZ                   | 2.731     | 171.2            | 0.0            | 1.345     | 1.195     | 0.967     | 109.2            | 122.8            | -484.8451626 | 89.4                 | 13.9                 | 15.0                 |
|           |                        | $R_{X-H}$ | $\angle_{X-H-O}$ | $Dh_{X-H-O-C}$ |           |           |           |                  |                  |              |                      |                      |                      |
|           | AcidPSyn def2          | 2.657     | 141.9            | 0.0            | 1.326     | 1.209     | 0.975     | 108.3            | 126.1            | -487.0113231 | 91.2                 | 23.5                 | 25.9                 |
|           | $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) AVTZ  | 2.645     | 142.6            | 0.0            | 1.328     | 1.212     | 0.977     | 108.2            | 126.1            | -484.7875874 | 91.0                 | 25.8                 | 28.1                 |
|           | AVQZ                   | 2.628     | 142.0            | 0.0            | 1.325     | 1.210     | 0.976     | 108.3            | 126.0            | -484.8567507 | 91.3                 | 26.8                 | 28.9                 |
|           |                        | $R_{X-O}$ | $\angle_{X-O=C}$ | $Dh_{X-O=C-O}$ |           |           |           |                  |                  |              |                      |                      |                      |
|           | CarbPAnti def2         | 2.971     | 120.4            | 0.0            | 1.340     | 1.197     | 0.963     | 109.9            | 122.4            | -487.0017667 | 89.8                 | 16.1                 | 17.9                 |
|           | $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) AVTZ  | 2.974     | 119.6            | 0.0            | 1.342     | 1.200     | 0.965     | 109.9            | 122.3            | -484.7777178 | 89.5                 | 17.5                 | 19.3                 |
|           | AVQZ                   | 2.949     | 120.1            | 0.0            | 1.340     | 1.198     | 0.963     | 110.0            | 122.4            | -484.8467327 | 89.8                 | 18.0                 | 19.5                 |
|           |                        | $R_{X-O}$ | $\angle_{X-O=C}$ | $Dh_{X-O=C-O}$ |           |           |           |                  |                  |              |                      |                      |                      |
|           | CarbPSyn def2          | 3.130     | 115.1            | 180.0          | 1.347     | 1.197     | 0.968     | 107.5            | 124.7            | -487.0059523 | 89.6                 | 9.4                  | 10.1                 |
|           | $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) AVTZ  | 3.123     | 113.0            | 180.0          | 1.350     | 1.200     | 0.970     | 107.4            | 124.7            | -484.7819179 | 89.4                 | 10.9                 | 11.7                 |
|           | AVQZ                   | 3.094     | 113.7            | 180.0          | 1.348     | 1.197     | 0.968     | 107.5            | 124.6            | -484.8508119 | 89.6                 | 11.2                 | 11.7                 |
|           |                        | $R_{X-O}$ | $\angle_{X-O=C}$ | $Dh_{X-O=C-O}$ |           |           |           |                  |                  |              |                      |                      |                      |
|           | FormPAnti def2         | 2.891     | 108.4            | 180.0          | 1.339     | 1.199     | 0.963     | 109.7            | 121.8            | -487.0026840 | 90.2                 | 18.5                 | 20.7                 |
|           | $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) AVTZ  | 2.900     | 107.7            | 180.0          | 1.341     | 1.202     | 0.965     | 109.6            | 121.8            | -484.7786732 | 89.9                 | 20.0                 | 22.2                 |
|           | AVQZ                   | 2.876     | 108.1            | 180.0          | 1.339     | 1.200     | 0.963     | 109.7            | 121.8            | -484.8476979 | 90.2                 | 20.6                 | 22.5                 |
|           |                        | $R_{X-H}$ | $\angle_{X-O=C}$ | $Dh_{X-H-C-O}$ |           |           |           |                  |                  |              |                      |                      |                      |
|           | FormPSyn def2          | 3.354     | 88.4             | 180.0          | 1.333     | 1.205     | 0.968     | 107.5            | 124.5            | -487.0090110 | 90.9                 | 17.4                 | 19.4                 |
|           | $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) AVTZ  | 3.336     | 89.1             | 180.0          | 1.335     | 1.208     | 0.970     | 107.5            | 124.6            | -484.7849351 | 90.6                 | 18.8                 | 20.8                 |
|           | AVQZ                   | 3.332     | 88.5             | 180.0          | 1.332     | 1.206     | 0.968     | 107.6            | 124.5            | -484.8539484 | 90.8                 | 19.5                 | 21.1                 |

**Table S85:**  $X^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$  complex VDEs from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations. *zpe* values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                          |                          |      | $E_{DFT}$     | <i>zpe</i>           | $D_e$                | $D_o$                | $E_{VDE}$     | $VDE_{2P_{3/2}}$ | $VDE_{2P_{1/2}}$ | $EA_{2P_{3/2}}$ | $EA_{2P_{1/2}}$ |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                          |                          |      | $E_h$         | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ | $E_h$         | eV               | eV               | eV              | eV              |
| Cl <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH | AcidAnti                 | def2 | -649.6010967  | 89.8                 | 138.0                | 139.8                | -649.4134411  | 5.188            | 5.297            | 4.946           | 5.055           |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ | -649.5595544  | 89.5                 | 134.5                | 136.3                | -649.3715186  | 5.131            | 5.240            | 4.900           | 5.009           |
|                          |                          | AVQZ | -649.6053503  | 89.7                 | 133.7                | 135.1                | -649.4159030  | 5.127            | 5.236            | 4.897           | 5.006           |
|                          | AcidSyn                  | def2 | -649.5922838  | 87.6                 | 97.1                 | 95.9                 | -649.4169766  | 4.852            | 4.988            | 4.574           | 4.683           |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ | -649.5508514  | 87.5                 | 94.0                 | 92.9                 | -649.3753025  | 4.790            | 4.926            | 4.532           | 4.641           |
|                          |                          | AVQZ | -649.5966401  | 87.6                 | 93.3                 | 91.7                 | -649.4196326  | 4.787            | 4.923            | 4.529           | 4.638           |
|                          | FormSyn                  | def2 | -649.5741821  | 90.5                 | 49.6                 | 51.2                 | -649.4238775  | 4.181            | 4.312            | 3.956           | 4.065           |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ | -649.5333411  | 90.2                 | 48.0                 | 49.7                 | -649.3812581  | 4.161            | 4.292            | 3.933           | 4.042           |
|                          |                          | AVQZ | -649.5791659  | 90.4                 | 47.4                 | 48.6                 | -649.4257443  | 4.155            | 4.286            | 3.926           | 4.035           |
| Br <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH | AcidAnti                 | def2 | -2763.0708498 | 90.1                 | 122.4                | 124.5                | -2762.896959  | 4.684            | 5.165            | 4.526           | 4.983           |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ | -605.8886553  | 89.8                 | 121.0                | 123.0                | -605.7159059  | 4.641            | 5.122            | 4.487           | 4.944           |
|                          |                          | AVQZ | -605.9588771  | 89.9                 | 121.3                | 123.0                | -605.7841899  | 4.646            | 5.128            | 4.501           | 4.958           |
|                          | AcidSyn                  | def2 | -2763.0620982 | 88.4                 | 81.7                 | 81.2                 | -2762.9024939 | 4.295            | 4.777            | 3.979           | 4.436           |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ | -605.8800436  | 88.2                 | 80.8                 | 80.3                 | -605.7137311  | 4.465            | 4.948            | 3.944           | 4.401           |
|                          |                          | AVQZ | -605.9502153  | 88.2                 | 81.1                 | 80.1                 | -605.7818835  | 4.472            | 4.955            | 3.940           | 4.397           |
|                          | FormSyn                  | def2 | -2763.0472360 | 90.4                 | 42.7                 | 44.2                 | -2762.9046064 | 3.841            | 4.318            | 4.278           | 4.735           |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ | -605.8655786  | 90.2                 | 42.8                 | 44.4                 | -605.7231863  | 3.822            | 4.299            | 4.249           | 4.706           |
|                          |                          | AVQZ | -605.9354309  | 90.2                 | 42.2                 | 43.3                 | -605.7913579  | 3.820            | 4.297            | 4.250           | 4.707           |
| I <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH  | AcidAnti                 | def2 | -487.1537363  | 90.3                 | 103.2                | 105.5                | -486.9964798  | 4.080            | 5.045            | 3.998           | 4.799           |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ | -484.9297720  | 90.0                 | 104.5                | 106.8                | -484.7729086  | 4.066            | 5.031            | 3.989           | 4.793           |
|                          |                          | AVQZ | -485.0005413  | 90.1                 | 104.4                | 106.2                | -484.8416544  | 4.067            | 5.032            | 3.990           | 4.849           |
|                          | AcidSyn                  | def2 | -487.1455824  | 89.0                 | 64.1                 | 64.2                 | -487.0014105  | 3.725            | 4.690            | 3.503           | 4.305           |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ | -484.9216459  | 88.7                 | 65.6                 | 65.7                 | -484.7778709  | 3.711            | 4.676            | 3.495           | 4.299           |
|                          |                          | AVQZ | -484.9923347  | 88.7                 | 65.3                 | 64.9                 | -484.8464868  | 3.713            | 4.678            | 3.485           | 4.344           |
|                          | FormSyn                  | def2 | -487.1340271  | 90.4                 | 33.8                 | 35.3                 | -487.0020181  | 3.401            | 4.360            | 3.563           | 4.364           |
|                          | $C_s$ ( <sup>1</sup> A') | AVTZ | -484.9101879  | 90.2                 | 35.5                 | 37.0                 | -484.7780558  | 3.401            | 4.361            | 3.563           | 4.367           |
|                          |                          | AVQZ | -484.9807582  | 90.2                 | 34.9                 | 36.0                 | -484.8467519  | 3.398            | 4.357            | 3.556           | 4.415           |

**Table S86:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$     |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^1A'$ ) AcidAnti vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                       | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 111                               | 9.7457                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 166                               | 32.8234                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 255                               | 58.5546                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 708                               | 11.1202                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 997                               | 33.3866                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1084                              | 1.0789                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1246                              | 124.0897                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1417                              | 17.8938                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1463                              | 158.4102                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1778                              | 635.3989                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2768                              | 2446.6507                             | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3020                              | 100.8512                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 89.8                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 110                               | 9.434                                 | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 166                               | 32.4683                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 252                               | 59.571                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 703                               | 11.2813                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 991                               | 28.7096                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1079                              | 0.4862                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1242                              | 125.2696                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1410                              | 18.073                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1458                              | 149.6864                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1769                              | 664.2714                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2770                              | 2504.7336                             | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3018                              | 93.2322                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 89.5                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 110                               | 9.3829                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 166                               | 32.3517                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 252                               | 59.3582                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 706                               | 10.9735                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 991                               | 28.3726                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1082                              | 0.5926                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1243                              | 126.0268                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1414                              | 18.0525                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1459                              | 149.9385                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1773                              | 660.9776                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2782                              | 2472.4127                             | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3019                              | 96.4658                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 89.7                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S87:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$    |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^1A'$ ) AcidSyn vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                      | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                             | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 107                               | 1.6647                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                      | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 178                               | 5.0905                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                      | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 261                               | 98.1138                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                      | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 698                               | 41.2244                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                      | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 1014                              | 31.9186                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1099                              | 16.8962                               | Formyl H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1256                              | 291.3672                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                      | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1369                              | 11.4201                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1424                              | 39.3859                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1759                              | 615.3097                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                      | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2527                              | 3274.953                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                      | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 2954                              | 103.8487                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                      |               | zpe      | 87.6                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                 | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 106                               | 1.6475                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                      | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 177                               | 5.1081                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                      | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 257                               | 98.067                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                      | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 693                               | 40.9312                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                      | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 1005                              | 27.8697                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1094                              | 13.4791                               | Formyl H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1252                              | 283.7654                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                      | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1365                              | 10.6312                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1419                              | 40.5178                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1752                              | 614.7495                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                      | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2546                              | 3306.6377                             | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                      | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 2957                              | 98.2896                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                      |               | zpe      | 87.5                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                 | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 106                               | 1.6473                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                      | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 177                               | 5.07                                  | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                      | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 257                               | 97.6713                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                      | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 695                               | 41.2376                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                      | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 1007                              | 27.7526                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1095                              | 12.7135                               | Formyl H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1252                              | 286.5623                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                      | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1366                              | 10.1394                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1422                              | 39.1323                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1755                              | 611.5292                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                      | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2553                              | 3290.0983                             | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                      | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 2958                              | 96.5491                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                      |               | zpe      | 87.6                              |                                       |                            |



**Table S88:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$    |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^1A'$ ) FormSyn vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                      | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                             | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 88                                | 3.6824                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                      | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 135                               | 31.2161                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                      | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 168                               | 0.8281                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                      | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 631                               | 67.7333                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                      | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 684                               | 122.2421                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_6$    | $a'$     | 1093                              | 324.6937                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                      | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1152                              | 1.5085                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1289                              | 10.3903                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1442                              | 20.0407                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1754                              | 383.5942                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                      | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2923                              | 371.9731                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                      | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3764                              | 23.3295                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                      |               | zpe      | 90.5                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                 | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 88                                | 3.597                                 | In plane internal rotation |
|                                      | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 134                               | 31.0247                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                      | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 172                               | 0.7365                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                      | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 628                               | 66.4866                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                      | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 679                               | 117.5984                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_6$    | $a'$     | 1092                              | 319.3971                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                      | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1150                              | 1.4497                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1285                              | 9.9472                                | Acidic H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1439                              | 20.7269                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1748                              | 388.2159                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                      | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2928                              | 382.1225                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                      | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3745                              | 23.0205                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                      |               | zpe      | 90.2                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                 | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 87                                | 3.5485                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                      | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 134                               | 31.0388                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                      | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 168                               | 0.7159                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                      | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 631                               | 66.6196                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                      | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 682                               | 117.4516                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_6$    | $a'$     | 1094                              | 318.5852                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                      | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1150                              | 1.3496                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1287                              | 10.0449                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1439                              | 20.3944                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1751                              | 387.7219                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                      | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2929                              | 373.904                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                      | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3757                              | 23.9349                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                      |               | zpe      | 90.4                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S89:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$     |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^1A'$ ) AcidAnti vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                       | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 95                                | 5.0774                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 162                               | 30.6552                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 201                               | 23.248                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 703                               | 4.9974                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 924                               | 30.833                                | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1081                              | 0.2409                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1230                              | 123.0028                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1418                              | 18.686                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1434                              | 154.302                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1786                              | 588.5718                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2993                              | 1706.3917                             | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3034                              | 520.9151                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 90.1                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 92                                | 4.6469                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 163                               | 29.1791                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 201                               | 23.4696                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 698                               | 5.3167                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 926                               | 21.9497                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1078                              | 0.0703                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1227                              | 126.3719                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1411                              | 20.7791                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1431                              | 136.0448                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1778                              | 626.873                               | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2977                              | 1974.7653                             | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3029                              | 327.3794                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 89.8                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 95                                | 4.6024                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 163                               | 28.9496                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 204                               | 23.7071                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 702                               | 5.5658                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 932                               | 21.6441                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1080                              | 0.109                                 | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1230                              | 127.9505                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1416                              | 19.1608                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1434                              | 138.4097                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1780                              | 631.0495                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2968                              | 2037.2741                             | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3028                              | 289.7328                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 89.9                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S90:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$    |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^1A'$ ) AcidSyn vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                      | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                             | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 88                                | 0.5016                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                      | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 169                               | 5.7385                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                      | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 204                               | 40.8374                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                      | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 686                               | 50.4025                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                      | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 956                               | 42.6213                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1081                              | 5.1701                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1232                              | 294.0572                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                      | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1358                              | 3.8743                                | Acidic H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1426                              | 25.4849                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1773                              | 522.388                               | C=O stretch                |
|                                      | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2827                              | 2945.868                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                      | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 2977                              | 30.6134                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                      |               | zpe      | 88.4                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                 | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 87                                | 0.4913                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                      | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 170                               | 6.2016                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                      | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 203                               | 41.5445                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                      | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 681                               | 49.7884                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                      | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 954                               | 29.7089                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1079                              | 4.0961                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1229                              | 284.8898                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                      | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1353                              | 5.7773                                | Acidic H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1421                              | 27.6681                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1765                              | 520.0975                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                      | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2818                              | 3009.3767                             | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                      | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 2977                              | 32.401                                | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                      |               | zpe      | 88.2                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                 | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 87                                | 0.4289                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                      | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 171                               | 6.1581                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                      | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 207                               | 42.457                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                      | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 684                               | 49.4776                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                      | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 958                               | 29.1813                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1081                              | 3.8263                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1232                              | 287.9472                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                      | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1355                              | 6.1199                                | Acidic H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1424                              | 27.9619                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1766                              | 524.6785                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                      | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2802                              | 3050.5817                             | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                      | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 2976                              | 36.3755                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                      |               | zpe      | 88.2                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S91:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$    |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^1A'$ ) FormSyn vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                      | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                             | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 77                                | 3.118                                 | In plane internal rotation |
|                                      | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 100                               | 8.5577                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                      | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 150                               | 0.3743                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                      | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 632                               | 65.5607                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                      | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 683                               | 122.9308                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_6$    | $a'$     | 1102                              | 312.3493                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                      | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1135                              | 1.2747                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1292                              | 11.7849                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1434                              | 17.6277                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1761                              | 378.0368                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                      | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2976                              | 258.6564                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                      | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3767                              | 27.0993                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                      |               | zpe      | 90.4                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                 | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 77                                | 2.8139                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                      | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 103                               | 8.5561                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                      | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 161                               | 0.1954                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                      | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 629                               | 65.0371                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                      | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 678                               | 116.0499                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_6$    | $a'$     | 1099                              | 304.3194                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                      | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1139                              | 0.897                                 | Formyl H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1289                              | 11.1906                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1432                              | 19.3465                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1755                              | 380.6314                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                      | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2973                              | 279.8671                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                      | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3748                              | 26.2908                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                      |               | zpe      | 90.2                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                 | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 77                                | 2.9635                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                      | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 101                               | 8.6109                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                      | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 156                               | 0.1932                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                      | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 631                               | 65.6433                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                      | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 680                               | 115.9062                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_6$    | $a'$     | 1100                              | 304.9475                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                      | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1139                              | 0.8276                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1289                              | 11.3538                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1433                              | 19.3303                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1757                              | 380.8994                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                      | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2965                              | 283.3538                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                      | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3759                              | 26.9693                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                      |               | zpe      | 90.2                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S92:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I^- \cdots HCOOH$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| I <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH                                |               |          |                                  |                                      |                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| C <sub>s</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A') AcidAnti vdW Complex |               |          |                                  |                                      |                            |
|                                                        | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Intensity<br>(km mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                                               | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 84                               | 3.4132                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 155                              | 29.3415                              | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 169                              | 12.8271                              | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 698                              | 2.3291                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 852                              | 22.7348                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1078                             | 0.0789                               | Formyl H wag               |
|                                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1213                             | 120.5413                             | C–OH stretch               |
|                                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1403                             | 134.0451                             | Acidic H bend              |
|                                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1421                             | 28.0215                              | Formyl H bend              |
|                                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1794                             | 579.1053                             | C=O stretch                |
|                                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3032                             | 17.3591                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3189                             | 1928.5338                            | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                                        |               | zpe      | 90.3                             |                                      |                            |
| AVTZ                                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 87                               | 3.0997                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 159                              | 27.3138                              | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 178                              | 13.1131                              | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 698                              | 2.9728                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 878                              | 15.9108                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1079                             | 0.0445                               | Formyl H wag               |
|                                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1216                             | 128.5179                             | C–OH stretch               |
|                                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1409                             | 112.8081                             | Acidic H bend              |
|                                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1418                             | 36.9924                              | Formyl H bend              |
|                                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1787                             | 624.9662                             | C=O stretch                |
|                                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3026                             | 15.8306                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3113                             | 2119.2068                            | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                                        |               | zpe      | 90                               |                                      |                            |
| AVQZ                                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 84                               | 3.2057                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 157                              | 27.9742                              | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 171                              | 12.9743                              | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 696                              | 2.375                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 858                              | 17.3723                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1077                             | 0.0375                               | Formyl H wag               |
|                                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1213                             | 124.4764                             | C–OH stretch               |
|                                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1404                             | 121.7109                             | Acidic H bend              |
|                                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1417                             | 31.1044                              | Formyl H bend              |
|                                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1789                             | 608.541                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3030                             | 12.9357                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3166                             | 1982.3967                            | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                                        |               | zpe      | 90.1                             |                                      |                            |

**Table S93:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| $I^- \cdots \text{HCOOH}$            |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^1A'$ ) AcidSyn vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                      | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                             | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 74                                | 0.2282                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                      | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 158                               | 5.5414                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                      | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 167                               | 21.8737                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                      | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 672                               | 59.9135                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                      | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 893                               | 38.4546                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1075                              | 1.938                                 | Formyl H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1209                              | 295.0647                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                      | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1346                              | 10.6669                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1426                              | 20.2052                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1783                              | 457.5414                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                      | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2984                              | 587.7832                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                      | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3090                              | 1958.9768                             | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                      | zpe           |          | 89                                |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                 | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 74                                | 0.2415                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                      | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 159                               | 6.1607                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                      | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 169                               | 22.285                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                      | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 669                               | 59.7262                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                      | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 893                               | 28.0078                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1072                              | 1.6134                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1208                              | 292.5372                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                      | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1343                              | 11.2347                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1421                              | 21.9574                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1775                              | 460.2136                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                      | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2982                              | 722.0393                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                      | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3068                              | 1884.6705                             | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                      | zpe           |          | 88.7                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                 | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 74                                | 0.2383                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                      | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 157                               | 5.9654                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                      | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 168                               | 22.4094                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                      | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 671                               | 60.109                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                      | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 890                               | 28.2361                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1073                              | 1.3279                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                      | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1208                              | 292.7416                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                      | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1344                              | 12.7328                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1424                              | 21.6357                               | Formyl H bend              |
|                                      | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1777                              | 460.5677                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                      | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2981                              | 760.5757                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                      | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3066                              | 1859.2229                             | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                      | zpe           |          | 88.7                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S94:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I^- \cdots HCOOH$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| I <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH                                |               |          |                                  |                                      |                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| C <sub>s</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A') FormAnti vdW Complex |               |          |                                  |                                      |                            |
|                                                        | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Intensity<br>(km mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                                               | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 67                               | 3.4626                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 79                               | 2.2057                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 133                              | 0.1569                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 632                              | 65.0057                              | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 681                              | 121.3898                             | Acidic H wag               |
|                                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a'$     | 1110                             | 291.8537                             | C–OH stretch               |
|                                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1119                             | 0.9322                               | Formyl H wag               |
|                                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1296                             | 13.4266                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1427                             | 16.6146                              | Formyl H bend              |
|                                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1770                             | 367.3344                             | C=O stretch                |
|                                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3023                             | 147.943                              | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3770                             | 32.6726                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                                        |               | zpe      | 90.4                             |                                      |                            |
| AVTZ                                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 68                               | 2.9815                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 83                               | 2.5804                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 140                              | 0.0748                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 629                              | 64.2551                              | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 677                              | 114.606                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a'$     | 1107                             | 287.7821                             | C–OH stretch               |
|                                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1123                             | 0.5986                               | Formyl H wag               |
|                                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1292                             | 12.5284                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1426                             | 17.8648                              | Formyl H bend              |
|                                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1763                             | 369.8949                             | C=O stretch                |
|                                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3016                             | 169.0224                             | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3750.9663                        | 31.4301                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                                        |               | zpe      | 90.2                             |                                      |                            |
| AVQZ                                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 67                               | 3.142                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 80                               | 2.4586                               | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 132                              | 0.0751                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 631                              | 64.3507                              | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 679                              | 114.6748                             | Acidic H wag               |
|                                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a'$     | 1109                             | 286.7053                             | C–OH stretch               |
|                                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a''$    | 1120                             | 0.5394                               | Formyl H wag               |
|                                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1294                             | 12.7997                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1425                             | 18.1632                              | Formyl H bend              |
|                                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1765                             | 370.1541                             | C=O stretch                |
|                                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3015                             | 162.5688                             | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3762                             | 32.6795                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                                        |               | zpe      | 90.2                             |                                      |                            |

**Table S95:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Cl $\cdots$ HCOOH                      |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A''$ ) AcidAnti vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                        | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                               | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 36                                | 5.9228                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 56                                | 47.4152                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 91                                | 3.8251                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 566                               | 66.4222                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 670                               | 5.3195                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1045                              | 0.0004                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1136                              | 74.3592                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1307                              | 254.8261                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1426                              | 0.7696                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1851                              | 338.6601                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3009                              | 68.5927                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3786                              | 275.5965                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 89.6                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 35                                | 5.8454                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 61                                | 46.0425                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 95                                | 3.4753                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 568                               | 63.1466                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 666                               | 5.4027                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1041                              | 0.0278                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1134                              | 76.8239                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1306                              | 251.9152                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1420                              | 0.8152                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1843                              | 345.0486                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3007                              | 64.8542                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3763                              | 289.8399                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 89.4                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 35                                | 5.8051                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 58                                | 46.538                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 93                                | 3.7038                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 569                               | 63.639                                | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 669                               | 5.2722                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1044                              | 0.0122                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1135                              | 76.3206                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1307                              | 251.6603                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1424                              | 0.9241                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1847                              | 345.5069                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3008                              | 65.6589                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3776                              | 280.7916                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 89.5                              |                                       |                            |



**Table S96:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Cl $\cdots$ HCOOH                     |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) AcidPSyn vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                       | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 156                               | 5.0093                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 186                               | 2.7813                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 240                               | 32.6209                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 677                               | 41.735                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 779                               | 94.0598                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1064                              | 3.2223                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1209                              | 192.7091                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1339                              | 11.9725                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1413                              | 1.451                                 | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1724                              | 531.714                               | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3115                              | 25.7853                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3551                              | 87.0881                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 92.4                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 155                               | 5.2568                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 185                               | 2.8733                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 237                               | 32.2708                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 674                               | 40.9681                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 775                               | 89.6972                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1060                              | 3.2367                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1207                              | 187.7472                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1335                              | 11.7295                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1409                              | 1.5237                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1719                              | 524.6424                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3112                              | 24.8862                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3532                              | 88.139                                | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 92.1                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 158                               | 4.7928                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 187                               | 2.8363                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 242                               | 32.4941                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 677                               | 41.2441                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 780                               | 89.9504                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1063                              | 3.1291                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1209                              | 189.4156                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1337                              | 12.1105                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1411                              | 1.654                                 | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1720                              | 528.5155                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3113                              | 24.6881                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3539                              | 88.5754                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 92.3                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S97:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Cl $\cdots$ HCOOH                      |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) CarbPAnti vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                        | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                               | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 69                                | 2.7875                                | Carb. intermol. stretch    |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 74                                | 55.0428                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 132                               | 26.3145                               | Hydroxyl intermol. stretch |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 543                               | 85.3225                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 669                               | 13.5862                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1043                              | 0.0219                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1147                              | 23.9396                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1289                              | 304.4301                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1421                              | 1.8538                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1825                              | 379.2457                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3031                              | 68.2598                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3832                              | 96.6043                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 90.2                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 70                                | 2.8932                                | Carb. intermol. stretch    |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 75                                | 53.3968                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 132                               | 25.8338                               | Hydroxyl intermol. stretch |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 540                               | 83.1908                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 665                               | 13.6948                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1039                              | 0.0892                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1144                              | 24.2181                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1286                              | 300.0301                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1415                              | 1.8483                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1817                              | 374.6835                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3030                              | 65.3763                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3813                              | 93.53                                 | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 89.9                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 71                                | 2.7618                                | Carb. intermol. stretch    |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 76                                | 53.3732                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 135                               | 26.8564                               | Hydroxyl intermol. stretch |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 544                               | 83.6075                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 668                               | 13.7585                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1042                              | 0.0526                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1146                              | 23.9199                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1288                              | 301.7887                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1419                              | 1.9494                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1820                              | 379.9374                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3030                              | 65.9606                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3824                              | 96.0506                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 90.1                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S98:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Cl $\cdots$ HCOOH                           |               |          |                                   |                                       |                        |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| $\text{C}_1$ ( $^2A$ ) CarbPSyn vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                        |
|                                             | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description            |
| def2QZVP                                    | $\omega_1$    | $a$      | 21                                | 1.8506                                | OoP internal rotation  |
|                                             | $\omega_2$    | $a$      | 51                                | 1.2528                                | OoP internal rotation  |
|                                             | $\omega_3$    | $a$      | 93                                | 2.6528                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                             | $\omega_4$    | $a$      | 629                               | 37.0005                               | O=C–O bend             |
|                                             | $\omega_5$    | $a$      | 670                               | 128.633                               | Acidic H wag           |
|                                             | $\omega_6$    | $a$      | 1059                              | 2.5611                                | Formyl H wag           |
|                                             | $\omega_7$    | $a$      | 1124                              | 279.6576                              | C–OH stretch           |
|                                             | $\omega_8$    | $a$      | 1296                              | 15.5884                               | Acidic H bend          |
|                                             | $\omega_9$    | $a$      | 1411                              | 1.567                                 | Formyl H bend          |
|                                             | $\omega_{10}$ | $a$      | 1819                              | 370.6535                              | C=O stretch            |
|                                             | $\omega_{11}$ | $a$      | 3105                              | 26.9746                               | Formyl H stretch       |
|                                             | $\omega_{12}$ | $a$      | 3761                              | 84.8346                               | Acidic H stretch       |
|                                             | zpe           |          | 90                                |                                       |                        |
| AVTZ                                        | $\omega_1$    | $a$      | 25                                | 1.8502                                | OoP internal rotation  |
|                                             | $\omega_2$    | $a$      | 55                                | 1.3947                                | OoP internal rotation  |
|                                             | $\omega_3$    | $a$      | 98                                | 2.8485                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                             | $\omega_4$    | $a$      | 626                               | 35.4187                               | O=C–O bend             |
|                                             | $\omega_5$    | $a$      | 668                               | 125.0774                              | Acidic H wag           |
|                                             | $\omega_6$    | $a$      | 1055                              | 2.7704                                | Formyl H wag           |
|                                             | $\omega_7$    | $a$      | 1121                              | 279.6262                              | C–OH stretch           |
|                                             | $\omega_8$    | $a$      | 1293                              | 14.8413                               | Acidic H bend          |
|                                             | $\omega_9$    | $a$      | 1407                              | 1.4535                                | Formyl H bend          |
|                                             | $\omega_{10}$ | $a$      | 1812                              | 372.2372                              | C=O stretch            |
|                                             | $\omega_{11}$ | $a$      | 3103                              | 25.0401                               | Formyl H stretch       |
|                                             | $\omega_{12}$ | $a$      | 3742                              | 82.4455                               | Acidic H stretch       |
|                                             | zpe           |          | 89.8                              |                                       |                        |
| AVQZ                                        | $\omega_1$    | $a$      | 20                                | 1.9355                                | OoP internal rotation  |
|                                             | $\omega_2$    | $a$      | 52                                | 1.37                                  | OoP internal rotation  |
|                                             | $\omega_3$    | $a$      | 96                                | 2.909                                 | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                             | $\omega_4$    | $a$      | 628                               | 35.6095                               | O=C–O bend             |
|                                             | $\omega_5$    | $a$      | 669                               | 124.9884                              | Acidic H wag           |
|                                             | $\omega_6$    | $a$      | 1057                              | 2.646                                 | Formyl H wag           |
|                                             | $\omega_7$    | $a$      | 1123                              | 279.4402                              | C–OH stretch           |
|                                             | $\omega_8$    | $a$      | 1294                              | 15.6921                               | Acidic H bend          |
|                                             | $\omega_9$    | $a$      | 1409                              | 1.5428                                | Formyl H bend          |
|                                             | $\omega_{10}$ | $a$      | 1815                              | 374.3723                              | C=O stretch            |
|                                             | $\omega_{11}$ | $a$      | 3103                              | 25.3101                               | Formyl H stretch       |
|                                             | $\omega_{12}$ | $a$      | 3753                              | 84.7726                               | Acidic H stretch       |
|                                             | zpe           |          | 89.8                              |                                       |                        |

**Table S99:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Cl $\cdots$ HCOOH                      |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) FormPAnti vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                        | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                               | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 86                                | 21.9815                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 103                               | 0.5352                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 153                               | 51.2147                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 546                               | 86.4284                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 676                               | 7.4704                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1054                              | 0.0074                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1157                              | 29.7967                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1296                              | 408.9151                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1424                              | 2.502                                 | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1807                              | 512.1326                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3055                              | 28.0099                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3830                              | 101.7744                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 90.8                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 85                                | 21.8941                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 102                               | 0.6779                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 151                               | 50.6631                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 542                               | 83.8545                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 671                               | 7.1582                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1050                              | 0.0602                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1154                              | 31.4201                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1293                              | 408.2905                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1418                              | 2.3332                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1800                              | 508.853                               | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3053                              | 26.3129                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3810                              | 98.9885                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 90.5                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 86                                | 21.6715                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 104                               | 0.6328                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 155                               | 51.8106                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 546                               | 84.4962                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 675                               | 7.1322                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1053                              | 0.0338                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1157                              | 30.7085                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1295                              | 412.7698                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1421                              | 2.426                                 | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1802                              | 514.8234                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3054                              | 26.5121                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3822                              | 101.5189                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 90.7                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S100:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Cl $\cdots$ HCOOH                     |               |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) FormPSyn vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
|                                       | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description             |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 76                                | 0.1625                                | OoP internal rotation   |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 95                                | 0.4984                                | Formyl H intermol.      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 146                               | 23.1884                               | Carb. intermol. stretch |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 646                               | 62.8433                               | O=C–O bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 689                               | 138.9582                              | Acidic H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1073                              | 2.9619                                | Formyl H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1162                              | 283.8047                              | C–OH stretch            |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1331                              | 19.4452                               | Acidic H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1407                              | 5.5815                                | Formyl H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1770                              | 604.933                               | C=O stretch             |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3130                              | 14.7994                               | Formyl H stretch        |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3762                              | 105.4534                              | Acidic H stretch        |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 91.4                              |                                       |                         |
| AVTZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 75                                | 0.1349                                | OoP internal rotation   |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 95                                | 0.3879                                | Formyl H intermol.      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 145                               | 23.1658                               | Carb. intermol. stretch |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 643                               | 61.8897                               | O=C–O bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 685                               | 135.0279                              | Acidic H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1069                              | 3.1229                                | Formyl H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1160                              | 284.3114                              | C–OH stretch            |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1328                              | 19.4039                               | Acidic H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1404                              | 5.299                                 | Formyl H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1764                              | 601.9674                              | C=O stretch             |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3127                              | 14.0387                               | Formyl H stretch        |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3744                              | 103.1393                              | Acidic H stretch        |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 91.1                              |                                       |                         |
| AVQZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 77                                | 0.1373                                | OoP internal rotation   |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 96                                | 0.4373                                | Formyl H intermol.      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 149                               | 23.8435                               | Carb. intermol. stretch |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 645                               | 62.6175                               | O=C–O bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 688                               | 135.4245                              | Acidic H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1072                              | 3.0172                                | Formyl H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1162                              | 285.8117                              | C–OH stretch            |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1330                              | 20.0416                               | Acidic H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1405                              | 5.5405                                | Formyl H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1765                              | 609.1021                              | C=O stretch             |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3128                              | 14.2081                               | Formyl H stretch        |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3755                              | 105.8821                              | Acidic H stretch        |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 91.3                              |                                       |                         |

**Table S101:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Cl $\cdots$ HCOOH                       |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A''$ ) InlineSyn vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                         | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                                | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 35                                | 1.076                                 | In plane internal rotation |
|                                         | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 75                                | 0.9649                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                         | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 90                                | 3.8625                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                         | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 639                               | 44.0283                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                         | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 699                               | 110.2289                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                         | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1065                              | 2.0858                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                         | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1148                              | 256.195                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                         | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1323                              | 14.9041                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                         | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1415                              | 4.7092                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                         | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1810                              | 327.2176                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                         | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3091                              | 49.7707                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                         | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3715                              | 286.2537                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                         |               | zpe      | 90.4                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                    | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 37                                | 1.1422                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                         | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 82                                | 1.2519                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                         | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 95                                | 4.005                                 | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                         | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 638                               | 43.128                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                         | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 701                               | 104.4058                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                         | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1061                              | 2.3331                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                         | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1148                              | 255.483                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                         | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1321                              | 14.0352                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                         | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1412                              | 5.0459                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                         | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1803                              | 326.6872                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                         | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3089                              | 48.1848                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                         | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3693                              | 298.7531                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                         |               | zpe      | 90.2                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                    | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 36                                | 1.1619                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                         | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 77                                | 1.1669                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                         | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 93                                | 3.9829                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                         | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 639                               | 42.9702                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                         | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 700                               | 104.4654                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                         | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1063                              | 2.142                                 | Formyl H wag               |
|                                         | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1148                              | 254.4842                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                         | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1321                              | 15.2885                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                         | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1414                              | 4.9331                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                         | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1806                              | 326.1244                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                         | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3090                              | 48.5574                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                         | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3704                              | 295.7677                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                         |               | zpe      | 90.3                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S102:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Cl $\cdots$ HCOOH                     |               |          |                                   |                                       |                        |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| $C_1$ ( $^2A$ ) OutPIAnti vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                        |
|                                       | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description            |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$    | $a$      | 30                                | 15.1853                               | OoP internal rotation  |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a$      | 32                                | 34.5365                               | OoP internal rotation  |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a$      | 96                                | 6.1625                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a$      | 530                               | 87.8737                               | Acidic H wag           |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a$      | 662                               | 8.7064                                | O=C–O bend             |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a$      | 1037                              | 0.1877                                | Formyl H wag           |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a$      | 1104                              | 84.5059                               | C–OH stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a$      | 1277                              | 312.2931                              | Acidic H bend          |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a$      | 1422                              | 0.5587                                | Formyl H bend          |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a$      | 1856                              | 275.2737                              | C=O stretch            |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a$      | 3021                              | 61.3993                               | Formyl H stretch       |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a$      | 3825                              | 76.9859                               | Acidic H stretch       |
|                                       | zpe           |          | 89.1                              |                                       |                        |
| AVTZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a$      | 31                                | 3.6424                                | OoP internal rotation  |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a$      | 38                                | 46.1937                               | OoP internal rotation  |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a$      | 100                               | 5.9724                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a$      | 527                               | 87.0114                               | Acidic H wag           |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a$      | 658                               | 8.2334                                | O=C–O bend             |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a$      | 1033                              | 0.3374                                | Formyl H wag           |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a$      | 1101                              | 85.46                                 | C–OH stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a$      | 1274                              | 307.5189                              | Acidic H bend          |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a$      | 1416                              | 0.5869                                | Formyl H bend          |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a$      | 1848                              | 273.9623                              | C=O stretch            |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a$      | 3021                              | 57.6869                               | Formyl H stretch       |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a$      | 3806                              | 74.6551                               | Acidic H stretch       |
|                                       | zpe           |          | 88.8                              |                                       |                        |
| AVQZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a$      | 30                                | 3.4332                                | OoP internal rotation  |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a$      | 35                                | 46.1187                               | OoP internal rotation  |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a$      | 99                                | 5.8763                                | Intermolecular stretch |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a$      | 530                               | 86.5224                               | Acidic H wag           |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a$      | 661                               | 8.2325                                | O=C–O bend             |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a$      | 1036                              | 0.2853                                | Formyl H wag           |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a$      | 1103                              | 86.2557                               | C–OH stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a$      | 1276                              | 309.9235                              | Acidic H bend          |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a$      | 1419                              | 0.6189                                | Formyl H bend          |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a$      | 1852                              | 274.7907                              | C=O stretch            |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a$      | 3021                              | 58.3979                               | Formyl H stretch       |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a$      | 3817                              | 76.1307                               | Acidic H stretch       |
|                                       | zpe           |          | 89                                |                                       |                        |

**Table S103:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Br $\cdots$ HCOOH                      |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A''$ ) AcidAnti vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                        | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                               | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 27                                | 5.525                                 | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 54                                | 45.4992                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 79                                | 3.7688                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 569                               | 61.1631                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 671                               | 6.2254                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1046                              | 0                                     | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1140                              | 73.575                                | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1307                              | 269.3644                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1427                              | 0.7201                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1852                              | 348.7487                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3005                              | 68.2173                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3767                              | 341.5823                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 89.4                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 28                                | 13.3501                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 51                                | 0.0546                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a''$    | 57                                | 48.9677                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 525                               | 72.1691                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 661                               | 9.9976                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1037                              | 0.0644                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1122                              | 32.2641                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1285                              | 304.3958                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1418                              | 0.5998                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1852                              | 280.8939                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 2988                              | 74.2252                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3816                              | 65.4934                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 88.8                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 22                                | 6.1321                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 74                                | 39.5867                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 82                                | 3.4174                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 608                               | 52.1661                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 671                               | 5.618                                 | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1042                              | 0.0011                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1140                              | 74.6021                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1301                              | 271.4372                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1424                              | 0.942                                 | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1847                              | 359.9749                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3000                              | 73.383                                | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3748                              | 370.1762                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 89.5                              |                                       |                            |



**Table S104:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the Br...HCOOH complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Br...HCOOH                            |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) AcidPSyn vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                       | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 115                               | 2.8694                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 159                               | 2.6009                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 191                               | 28.2509                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 671                               | 35.9332                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 749                               | 91.1129                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1065                              | 2.6379                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1195                              | 197.4556                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1340                              | 1.5729                                | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1414                              | 2                                     | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1744                              | 467.827                               | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3109                              | 33.8148                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3594                              | 142.5592                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 91.8                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 117                               | 2.6831                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 161                               | 2.8691                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 191                               | 27.5285                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 669                               | 34.8096                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 748                               | 83.7786                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1062                              | 2.6805                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1193                              | 190.6678                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1337                              | 1.5391                                | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1411                              | 1.9804                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1739                              | 450.1297                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3108                              | 33.3904                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3570                              | 153.5025                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 91.6                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 121                               | 2.7573                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 167                               | 3.0044                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 195                               | 28.1126                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 673                               | 34.9473                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 758                               | 82.9512                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1065                              | 2.5632                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1198                              | 190.6212                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1340                              | 1.5502                                | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1413                              | 2.0997                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1739                              | 454.6428                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3109                              | 33.1176                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3567                              | 157.3642                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 91.8                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S105:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Br $\cdots$ HCOOH                      |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) CarbPAnti vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                        | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                               | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 57                                | 2.8574                                | Carb. intermol. stretch    |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 69                                | 55.3347                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 116                               | 22.5435                               | Hydroxyl intermol. stretch |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 542                               | 85.2427                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 669                               | 13.9588                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1044                              | 0.0215                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1145                              | 24.1263                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1288                              | 302.5445                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1422                              | 1.1317                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1828                              | 365.3429                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3031                              | 69.8987                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3832                              | 95.981                                | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 90                                |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 59                                | 3.0632                                | Carb. intermol. stretch    |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 72                                | 53.0238                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 119                               | 22.076                                | Hydroxyl intermol. stretch |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 540                               | 82.9637                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 664                               | 14.2844                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1040                              | 0.09                                  | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1142                              | 23.5746                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1286                              | 296.1627                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1416                              | 1.1098                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1820                              | 358.1274                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3031                              | 66.9842                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3813                              | 93.0631                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 89.7                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 60                                | 2.9394                                | Carb. intermol. stretch    |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 74                                | 53.093                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 120                               | 22.861                                | Hydroxyl intermol. stretch |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 543                               | 83.2524                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 668                               | 14.4304                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1043                              | 0.0542                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1145                              | 23.2275                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1288                              | 297.3924                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1420                              | 1.1612                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1823                              | 361.3928                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3031                              | 67.5524                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3824                              | 95.4232                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 90                                |                                       |                            |

**Table S106:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Br $\cdots$ HCOOH                     |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) CarbPSyn vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                       | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 14i                               | 1.2571                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 36                                | 1.4203                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 74                                | 2.0724                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 630                               | 37.6733                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 660                               | 134.9961                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1061                              | 2.2813                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1128                              | 266.217                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1296                              | 15.1341                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1411                              | 2.8223                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1819                              | 380.2226                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3102                              | 28.5712                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3764                              | 86.0264                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 89.6                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 10i                               | 1.3328                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 39                                | 1.5155                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 79                                | 2.2183                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 627                               | 36.0542                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 655                               | 129.681                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1057                              | 2.4109                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1126                              | 259.9098                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1291                              | 14.3003                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1406                              | 3.1699                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1812                              | 385.8248                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3099                              | 26.5862                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3745                              | 84.7072                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 89.3                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 11                                | 1.2921                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 43                                | 1.4854                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 79                                | 2.3266                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 629                               | 36.3123                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 657                               | 129.9958                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1060                              | 2.2758                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1127                              | 260.5441                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1292                              | 14.6533                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1409                              | 3.2873                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1816                              | 386.1875                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3100                              | 26.793                                | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3756                              | 87.0447                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 89.6                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S107:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Br $\cdots$ HCOOH                      |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) FormPAnti vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                        | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                               | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 77                                | 20.855                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 82                                | 0.5399                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 126                               | 41.1341                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 546                               | 86.1536                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 675                               | 7.2671                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1053                              | 0.0032                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1154                              | 34.8178                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1295                              | 407.56                                | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1426                              | 2.01                                  | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1815                              | 471.6004                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3047                              | 29.1001                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3830                              | 99.43                                 | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 90.5                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 77                                | 20.7468                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 83                                | 1.0612                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 127                               | 40.2059                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 543                               | 83.3484                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 670                               | 6.8702                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1050                              | 0.0439                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1151                              | 36.2507                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1292                              | 408.4421                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1420                              | 1.8847                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1808                              | 463.4947                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3046                              | 26.355                                | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3811                              | 96.9667                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 90.2                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 84                                | 21.0673                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 88                                | 0.2047                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 130                               | 41.3818                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 549                               | 83.3029                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 674                               | 6.8722                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1053                              | 0.0215                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1154                              | 34.5278                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1295                              | 411.7962                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1424                              | 2.1405                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1810                              | 470.051                               | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3046                              | 26.4793                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3822                              | 99.1755                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 90.5                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S108:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the Br...HCOOH complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| Br...HCOOH                            |               |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) FormPSyn vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
|                                       | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description             |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 68                                | 0.2612                                | OoP internal rotation   |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 77                                | 0.3252                                | Formyl H intermol.      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 121                               | 15.597                                | Carb. intermol. stretch |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 644                               | 61.5119                               | O=C–O bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 689                               | 137.7132                              | Acidic H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1072                              | 2.7946                                | Formyl H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1160                              | 288.9404                              | C–OH stretch            |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1330                              | 20.3597                               | Acidic H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1410                              | 5.1924                                | Formyl H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1776                              | 568.3736                              | C=O stretch             |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3124                              | 14.8849                               | Formyl H stretch        |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3763                              | 101.9659                              | Acidic H stretch        |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 91.1                              |                                       |                         |
| AVTZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 68                                | 0.2285                                | OoP internal rotation   |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 77                                | 0.1849                                | Formyl H intermol.      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 123                               | 15.5321                               | Carb. intermol. stretch |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 641                               | 60.9539                               | O=C–O bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 685                               | 133.189                               | Acidic H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1069                              | 2.9289                                | Formyl H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1158                              | 289.8472                              | C–OH stretch            |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1327                              | 20.6749                               | Acidic H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1405                              | 5.115                                 | Formyl H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1770                              | 561.3176                              | C=O stretch             |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3121                              | 13.5617                               | Formyl H stretch        |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3744                              | 99.654                                | Acidic H stretch        |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 90.8                              |                                       |                         |
| AVQZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 77                                | 0.1907                                | OoP internal rotation   |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 83                                | 0.4483                                | Formyl H intermol.      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 125                               | 15.5903                               | Carb. intermol. stretch |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 644                               | 61.3758                               | O=C–O bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 690                               | 133.8507                              | Acidic H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1072                              | 2.9334                                | Formyl H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1160                              | 288.4611                              | C–OH stretch            |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1329                              | 21.4504                               | Acidic H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1408                              | 5.5617                                | Formyl H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1772                              | 568.9655                              | C=O stretch             |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3122                              | 13.51                                 | Formyl H stretch        |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3755                              | 101.1571                              | Acidic H stretch        |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 91.1                              |                                       |                         |

**Table S109:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| I...HCOOH                              |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A''$ ) AcidAnti vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                        | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                               | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 37                                | 4.1121                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 61                                | 43.5955                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 76                                | 5.2359                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 573                               | 50.3857                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 671                               | 4.248                                 | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1046                              | 0.0014                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1137                              | 82.8435                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1308                              | 221.31                                | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1426                              | 1.6413                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1849                              | 377.5807                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3009                              | 67.7259                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3747                              | 382.0774                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 89.4                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 37                                | 4.2267                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 69                                | 41.7693                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 88                                | 4.7208                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 581                               | 47.917                                | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 667                               | 4.1476                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1043                              | 0.0096                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1136                              | 87.499                                | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1309                              | 216.6985                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1419                              | 1.7266                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1841                              | 387.7568                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3007                              | 63.9233                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3718                              | 421.3702                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 89.2                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 39                                | 4.0272                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 67                                | 42.2856                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 88                                | 5.0746                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 583                               | 48.4623                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 670                               | 4.0144                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1046                              | 0.0011                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1138                              | 87.4771                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1311                              | 216.0616                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1423                              | 1.9027                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1844                              | 388.0276                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3007                              | 64.8598                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3730                              | 413.7455                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 89.4                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S110:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| I $\cdots$ HCOOH                      |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) AcidPSyn vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                       | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 91                                | 1.3372                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 133                               | 2.3344                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 153                               | 26.0864                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 664                               | 32.2055                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 725                               | 81.0642                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1067                              | 2.0107                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1182                              | 192.3838                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1337                              | 9.9188                                | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1416                              | 1.5096                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1761                              | 400.831                               | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3106                              | 43.8416                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3621                              | 209.4583                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 91.2                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 95                                | 1.6379                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 134                               | 2.6173                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 153                               | 25.6587                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 662                               | 31.1101                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 725                               | 76.253                                | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1063                              | 2.1764                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1181                              | 187.4234                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1334                              | 10.6144                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1413                              | 1.6705                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1755                              | 390.8881                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3104                              | 43.2326                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3596                              | 224.0859                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 91                                |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 98                                | 1.4774                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 140                               | 2.644                                 | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 160                               | 26.8066                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 666                               | 31.2211                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 731                               | 75.9052                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1066                              | 2.0421                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1185                              | 188.43                                | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1337                              | 9.987                                 | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1415                              | 1.7096                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1756                              | 397.644                               | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3105                              | 42.8216                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3599                              | 225.2343                              | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 91.3                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S111:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| I $\cdots$ HCOOH                       |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) CarbPAnti vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                        | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                               | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 50                                | 3.2015                                | Carb. intermol. stretch    |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 60                                | 52.7191                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 101                               | 20.2175                               | Hydroxyl intermol. stretch |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 541                               | 84.3211                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 669                               | 15.3358                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1044                              | 0.0192                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1143                              | 23.0502                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1288                              | 293.7607                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1423                              | 0.5809                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1831                              | 346.4641                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3032                              | 73.1252                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3832                              | 96.0051                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 89.8                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 51                                | 3.4152                                | Carb. intermol. stretch    |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 62                                | 51.1888                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 103                               | 19.9236                               | Hydroxyl intermol. stretch |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 539                               | 82.2371                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 664                               | 15.4585                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1041                              | 0.0906                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1140                              | 23.4235                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1285                              | 289.2526                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1417                              | 0.6006                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1823                              | 341.5392                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3032                              | 70.2813                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3813                              | 92.8965                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 89.5                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 51                                | 3.3627                                | Carb. intermol. stretch    |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 65                                | 51.3964                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 106                               | 20.6933                               | Hydroxyl intermol. stretch |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 543                               | 82.4202                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 668                               | 15.5031                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1044                              | 0.0542                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1143                              | 22.7528                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1287                              | 291.3355                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1421                              | 0.636                                 | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1826                              | 347.7571                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3032                              | 70.8106                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3824                              | 95.656                                | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 89.8                              |                                       |                            |



**Table S112:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| I $\cdots$ HCOOH                      |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) CarbPSyn vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                       | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 10                                | 1.3114                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 37                                | 1.4942                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 69                                | 2.1995                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 630                               | 34.9846                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 662                               | 129.2888                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1061                              | 2.1186                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1126                              | 261.1047                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1297                              | 13.4842                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1411                              | 3.4041                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1819                              | 393.7706                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3100                              | 29.136                                | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3762                              | 84.9057                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 89.6                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 20                                | 1.2956                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 41                                | 1.492                                 | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 73                                | 2.1992                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 627                               | 34.4773                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 657                               | 126.09                                | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1057                              | 2.2016                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1124                              | 254.3251                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1293                              | 11.8841                               | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1407                              | 4.2545                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1813                              | 396.9914                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3097                              | 28.1038                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3744                              | 83.7604                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 89.4                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 23                                | 1.3469                                | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 42                                | 1.5602                                | In plane internal rotation |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 75                                | 2.4129                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 629                               | 34.3885                               | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 660                               | 126.0804                              | Acidic H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1060                              | 2.1011                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1125                              | 257.4264                              | C–OH stretch               |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1293                              | 13.09                                 | Acidic H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1409                              | 4.0071                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1816                              | 398.3785                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3098                              | 27.7344                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3755                              | 85.9334                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 89.6                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S113:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| I $\cdots$ HCOOH                       |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) FormPAnti vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                            |
|                                        | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description                |
| def2QZVP                               | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 69                                | 19.1224                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 71                                | 1.3452                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 108                               | 36.2549                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 547                               | 85.2287                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 674                               | 6.5562                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1053                              | 0                                     | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1152                              | 39.705                                | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1295                              | 416.1611                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1428                              | 2.3938                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1821                              | 435.5117                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3038                              | 29.3957                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3830                              | 98.7865                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 90.2                              |                                       |                            |
| AVTZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 70                                | 19.4737                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 71                                | 1.9358                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 109                               | 35.8225                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 543                               | 82.6795                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 669                               | 6.3292                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1050                              | 0.026                                 | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1149                              | 41.4678                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1292                              | 416.3043                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1421                              | 2.2007                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1814                              | 429.9248                              | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3037                              | 27.0586                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3811                              | 96.1108                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 89.9                              |                                       |                            |
| AVQZ                                   | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 72                                | 19.0421                               | OoP internal rotation      |
|                                        | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 72                                | 1.9666                                | Intermolecular stretch     |
|                                        | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 113                               | 36.6959                               | In plane internal rotation |
|                                        | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 547                               | 83.2858                               | Acidic H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 673                               | 6.2793                                | O=C–O bend                 |
|                                        | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1053                              | 0.0085                                | Formyl H wag               |
|                                        | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1151                              | 40.3187                               | C–OH stretch               |
|                                        | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1295                              | 420.9147                              | Acidic H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1424                              | 2.3099                                | Formyl H bend              |
|                                        | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1817                              | 437.787                               | C=O stretch                |
|                                        | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3038                              | 27.0103                               | Formyl H stretch           |
|                                        | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3822                              | 98.7256                               | Acidic H stretch           |
|                                        |               | zpe      | 90.2                              |                                       |                            |

**Table S114:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I\cdots\text{HCOOH}$  complex. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  respectively.

| I $\cdots$ HCOOH                      |               |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ ) FormPSyn vdW Complex |               |          |                                   |                                       |                         |
|                                       | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Description             |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 61                                | 0.3354                                | OoP internal rotation   |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 66                                | 0.1224                                | Formyl H intermol.      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 104                               | 12.7296                               | Carb. intermol. stretch |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 642                               | 61.9051                               | O=C–O bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 690                               | 134.1108                              | Acidic H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1072                              | 2.5272                                | Formyl H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1158                              | 298.4912                              | C–OH stretch            |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1330                              | 22.33                                 | Acidic H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1411                              | 5.8648                                | Formyl H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1782                              | 539.2952                              | C=O stretch             |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3117                              | 14.8102                               | Formyl H stretch        |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3763                              | 99.7152                               | Acidic H stretch        |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 90.9                              |                                       |                         |
| AVTZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 61                                | 0.2949                                | OoP internal rotation   |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 66                                | 0.1071                                | Formyl H intermol.      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 105                               | 12.9465                               | Carb. intermol. stretch |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 639                               | 61.6232                               | O=C–O bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 685                               | 130.5905                              | Acidic H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1069                              | 2.6769                                | Formyl H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1156                              | 299.5934                              | C–OH stretch            |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1326                              | 22.4472                               | Acidic H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1406                              | 5.738                                 | Formyl H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1776                              | 533.105                               | C=O stretch             |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3114                              | 13.7082                               | Formyl H stretch        |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3745                              | 97.5301                               | Acidic H stretch        |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 90.6                              |                                       |                         |
| AVQZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a''$    | 64                                | 0.2988                                | OoP internal rotation   |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | $a'$     | 67                                | 0.1081                                | Formyl H intermol.      |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 109                               | 13.3972                               | Carb. intermol. stretch |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | $a'$     | 642                               | 62.471                                | O=C–O bend              |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | $a''$    | 688                               | 130.9955                              | Acidic H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 1071                              | 2.5933                                | Formyl H wag            |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 1158                              | 300.1443                              | C–OH stretch            |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 1328                              | 23.3888                               | Acidic H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | $a'$     | 1408                              | 5.8881                                | Formyl H bend           |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | $a'$     | 1777                              | 543.636                               | C=O stretch             |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | $a'$     | 3116                              | 13.712                                | Formyl H stretch        |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 3755                              | 100.3768                              | Acidic H stretch        |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 90.8                              |                                       |                         |

**Table S115:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halide-formic acid complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                                   |          | Cl <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH |           |           | Br <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH |           |           | I <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH |           |           |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                                   |          | x                        | y         | z         | x                        | y         | z         | x                       | y         | z         |          |
| C <sub>s</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A') | def2QZVP | C                        | -1.112923 | -0.861954 | 0.000000                 | 1.882446  | 0.951381  | 0.000000                | -0.350468 | -2.586369 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | O                        | -0.995783 | 0.445557  | 0.000000                 | 0.708971  | 1.550756  | 0.000000                | 0.848572  | -2.028292 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | H                        | 0.000000  | 0.668324  | 0.000000                 | 0.000000  | 0.835871  | 0.000000                | 0.727114  | -1.039660 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | O                        | -2.172235 | -1.454656 | 0.000000                 | 2.941964  | 1.538994  | 0.000000                | -0.530678 | -3.781974 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | H                        | -0.141554 | -1.379670 | 0.000000                 | 1.803338  | -0.145721 | 0.000000                | -1.167455 | -1.850562 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | X                        | 1.891955  | 0.820933  | 0.000000                 | -1.208729 | -0.889041 | 0.000000                | 0.000000  | 1.224350  | 0.000000 |
|                                   | AVTZ     | C                        | -1.115211 | -0.864601 | 0.000000                 | 1.884873  | 0.949669  | 0.000000                | -0.350869 | -2.584231 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | O                        | -0.997291 | 0.445630  | 0.000000                 | 0.708425  | 1.548867  | 0.000000                | 0.851216  | -2.026894 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | H                        | 0.000000  | 0.667315  | 0.000000                 | 0.000000  | 0.830045  | 0.000000                | 0.727309  | -1.035821 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | O                        | -2.177759 | -1.457073 | 0.000000                 | 2.945843  | 1.540398  | 0.000000                | -0.533111 | -3.782430 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | H                        | -0.144033 | -1.383882 | 0.000000                 | 1.807321  | -0.148241 | 0.000000                | -1.166926 | -1.846368 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | X                        | 1.896217  | 0.823277  | 0.000000                 | -1.210020 | -0.888398 | 0.000000                | 0.000000  | 1.223814  | 0.000000 |
|                                   | AVQZ     | C                        | -1.118882 | -0.857701 | 0.000000                 | 1.884056  | 0.940714  | 0.000000                | 0.350480  | -2.577937 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | O                        | -0.995632 | 0.449921  | 0.000000                 | 0.710072  | 1.539080  | 0.000000                | -0.848811 | -2.020231 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | H                        | 0.000000  | 0.668977  | 0.000000                 | 0.000000  | 0.823000  | 0.000000                | -0.726864 | -1.030388 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | O                        | -2.182096 | -1.444153 | 0.000000                 | 2.943483  | 1.529804  | 0.000000                | 0.530879  | -3.774170 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | H                        | -0.150345 | -1.380991 | 0.000000                 | 1.806654  | -0.156876 | 0.000000                | 1.167444  | -1.841683 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | X                        | 1.899145  | 0.812475  | 0.000000                 | -1.209698 | -0.881757 | 0.000000                | 0.000000  | 1.220659  | 0.000000 |

**Table S116:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halide-formic acid complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                                   |          | Cl <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH |           |           | Br <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH |           |           | I <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH |           |           |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                                   |          | x                        | y         | z         | x                        | y         | z         | x                       | y         | z         |          |
| C <sub>s</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A') | def2QZVP | C                        | -1.704052 | -0.534849 | 0.000000                 | 1.488596  | 2.025228  | 0.000000                | -0.084238 | -3.047339 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | O                        | -1.031344 | 0.585022  | 0.000000                 | 0.209175  | 1.738385  | 0.000000                | -0.919161 | -2.029985 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | H                        | 0.000000  | 0.483536  | 0.000000                 | 0.000000  | 0.742495  | 0.000000                | -0.462401 | -1.136856 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | O                        | -1.290004 | -1.673274 | 0.000000                 | 2.433337  | 1.270840  | 0.000000                | 1.122357  | -3.026831 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | H                        | -2.788006 | -0.318247 | 0.000000                 | 1.619511  | 3.121299  | 0.000000                | -0.657739 | -3.988742 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | X                        | 1.857830  | 0.691166  | 0.000000                 | -0.905462 | -1.145399 | 0.000000                | 0.000000  | 1.204984  | 0.000000 |
|                                   | AVTZ     | C                        | -1.712756 | -0.518504 | 0.000000                 | 1.501305  | 2.014664  | 0.000000                | -0.082950 | -3.045260 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | O                        | -1.030176 | 0.599031  | 0.000000                 | 0.216066  | 1.741123  | 0.000000                | -0.924250 | -2.029894 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | H                        | 0.000000  | 0.485296  | 0.000000                 | 0.000000  | 0.744892  | 0.000000                | -0.467964 | -1.133614 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | O                        | -1.304899 | -1.662074 | 0.000000                 | 2.439269  | 1.247383  | 0.000000                | 1.126440  | -3.018385 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | H                        | -2.795280 | -0.293895 | 0.000000                 | 1.644459  | 3.109557  | 0.000000                | -0.651859 | -3.989990 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | X                        | 1.867789  | 0.671998  | 0.000000                 | -0.911285 | -1.138585 | 0.000000                | 0.000000  | 1.203423  | 0.000000 |
|                                   | AVQZ     | C                        | -1.713319 | -0.513443 | 0.000000                 | 1.510338  | 1.996513  | 0.000000                | -0.082865 | -3.036453 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | O                        | -1.028052 | 0.599858  | 0.000000                 | 0.225827  | 1.732010  | 0.000000                | -0.922153 | -2.022491 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | H                        | 0.000000  | 0.484785  | 0.000000                 | 0.000000  | 0.738304  | 0.000000                | -0.468307 | -1.126364 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | O                        | -1.309496 | -1.655926 | 0.000000                 | 2.441264  | 1.224128  | 0.000000                | 1.124243  | -3.009640 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | H                        | -2.794802 | -0.285985 | 0.000000                 | 1.661891  | 3.089934  | 0.000000                | -0.651223 | -3.981042 | 0.000000 |
|                                   |          | X                        | 1.869123  | 0.666494  | 0.000000                 | -0.916018 | -1.127326 | 0.000000                | 0.000000  | 1.199683  | 0.000000 |

**Table S117:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halide-formic acid complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                                   |          | Cl <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH |           |           | Br <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH |           |           | I <sup>-</sup> ...HCOOH |           |           |           |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                   |          | x                        | y         | z         | x                        | y         | z         | x                       | y         | z         |           |
| C <sub>s</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A') | def2QZVP | C                        | -1.061067 | 0.459065  | 0.000000                 | 0.195655  | 1.943483  | 0.000000                | -0.153570 | -2.528224 | 0.000000  |
|                                   |          | O                        | -1.899033 | -0.608625 | 0.000000                 | 1.525059  | 2.204679  | 0.000000                | 1.115225  | -2.995156 | 0.000000  |
|                                   |          | H                        | -2.787428 | -0.227635 | 0.000000                 | 1.592149  | 3.168906  | 0.000000                | 1.033088  | -3.958174 | 0.000000  |
|                                   |          | O                        | -1.490675 | 1.589019  | 0.000000                 | -0.622324 | 2.832070  | 0.000000                | -1.107841 | -3.266363 | 0.000000  |
|                                   |          | H                        | 0.000000  | 0.142732  | 0.000000                 | 0.000000  | 0.857599  | 0.000000                | -0.170738 | -1.428417 | 0.000000  |
|                                   |          | X                        | 2.133617  | -0.618391 | 0.000000                 | -0.285370 | -1.599468 | 0.000000                | 0.000000  | 1.332983  | 0.000000  |
|                                   | AVTZ     | C                        | -1.059466 | 0.469467  | 0.000000                 | 0.204589  | 1.934917  | 0.000000                | 0.147352  | -2.511024 | 0.000000  |
|                                   |          | O                        | -1.903211 | -0.596335 | 0.000000                 | 1.538581  | 2.184396  | 0.000000                | -1.125078 | -2.975631 | 0.000000  |
|                                   |          | H                        | -2.792127 | -0.210975 | 0.000000                 | 1.614619  | 3.150188  | 0.000000                | -1.044669 | -3.941014 | 0.000002  |
|                                   |          | O                        | -1.483213 | 1.604449  | 0.000000                 | -0.608022 | 2.832079  | 0.000000                | 1.102018  | -3.253252 | 0.000000  |
|                                   |          | H                        | 0.000000  | 0.147227  | 0.000000                 | 0.000000  | 0.849814  | 0.000000                | 0.166605  | -1.410127 | -0.000001 |
|                                   |          | X                        | 2.131783  | -0.636351 | 0.000000                 | -0.293904 | -1.592609 | 0.000000                | 0.003367  | 1.325441  | 0.000000  |
|                                   | AVQZ     | C                        | -1.055326 | 0.481329  | 0.000000                 | 0.203174  | 1.928865  | 0.000000                | -0.154589 | -2.512720 | 0.000000  |
|                                   |          | O                        | -1.910428 | -0.572376 | 0.000000                 | 1.534453  | 2.181092  | 0.000000                | 1.115562  | -2.976655 | 0.000000  |
|                                   |          | H                        | -2.793502 | -0.178264 | 0.000000                 | 1.609123  | 3.145172  | 0.000000                | 1.036556  | -3.940328 | 0.000000  |
|                                   |          | O                        | -1.464704 | 1.619102  | 0.000000                 | -0.609386 | 2.823055  | 0.000000                | -1.107374 | -3.253646 | 0.000000  |
|                                   |          | H                        | 0.000000  | 0.147396  | 0.000000                 | 0.000000  | 0.843571  | 0.000000                | -0.174519 | -1.412371 | 0.000000  |
|                                   |          | X                        | 2.125089  | -0.660642 | 0.000000                 | -0.292249 | -1.588432 | 0.000000                | 0.000000  | 1.325876  | 0.000000  |

**Table S118:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halogen-formic acid complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                               |          | Cl...HCOOH |           |           | Br...HCOOH |           |           | I...HCOOH |           |           |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                               |          | x          | y         | z         | x          | y         | z         | x         | y         | z         |          |
| $C_s$ ( $^2A''$ )<br>AcidAnti | def2QZVP | C          | -1.604253 | -0.286351 | -0.000019  | 1.702723  | 1.821210  | 0.000000  | -0.365928 | -2.868667 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | -0.929321 | 0.877698  | -0.000003  | 0.359830  | 1.883892  | 0.000000  | 0.847634  | -2.288882 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | 0.017809  | 0.694581  | -0.000037  | 0.000000  | 0.987941  | 0.000000  | 0.738725  | -1.328721 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | -2.796532 | -0.340906 | 0.000021   | 2.395764  | 2.793008  | 0.000000  | -0.516003 | -4.053192 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | -0.949804 | -1.171999 | -0.000071  | 2.093766  | 0.791403  | 0.000000  | -1.196202 | -2.145288 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | X          | 2.374373  | -0.123459 | 0.000005   | -0.981567 | -1.432051 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.347596  | 0.000000 |
|                               | AVTZ     | C          | -1.611971 | -0.290487 | -0.000024  | 1.592258  | 1.947071  | 0.000000  | -0.368109 | -2.856003 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | -0.911686 | 0.861317  | -0.000005  | 0.249431  | 1.845834  | 0.000000  | 0.838268  | -2.256446 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | 0.033474  | 0.656926  | -0.000054  | 0.000000  | 0.910398  | 0.000000  | 0.711966  | -1.295637 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | -2.807980 | -0.319453 | 0.000028   | 2.162445  | 2.998993  | 0.000000  | -0.499905 | -4.045639 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | -0.976485 | -1.190570 | -0.000092  | 2.106998  | 0.972595  | 0.000000  | -1.210223 | -2.145491 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | X          | 2.374833  | -0.121079 | 0.000006   | -0.884444 | -1.494973 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.339506  | 0.000000 |
|                               | AVQZ     | C          | -1.602378 | -0.287356 | 0.000081   | 1.720111  | 1.762883  | 0.000000  | -0.366514 | -2.842826 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | -0.921856 | 0.873749  | 0.000014   | 0.378846  | 1.853367  | 0.000000  | 0.844181  | -2.257032 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | 0.025123  | 0.686890  | 0.000175   | 0.000000  | 0.964284  | 0.000000  | 0.730476  | -1.296482 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | -2.795433 | -0.335419 | -0.000091  | 2.433265  | 2.720765  | 0.000000  | -0.510517 | -4.028699 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | -0.952701 | -1.176721 | 0.000309   | 2.090462  | 0.725205  | 0.000000  | -1.200700 | -2.123642 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | X          | 2.369421  | -0.123098 | -0.000021  | -0.997372 | -1.395996 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.335150  | 0.000000 |

**Table S119:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halogen-formic acid complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                              |          | Cl...HCOOH |           |           | Br...HCOOH |           |           | I...HCOOH |           |           |          |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                              |          | x          | y         | z         | x          | y         | z         | x         | y         | z         |          |
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ )<br>AcidPSyn | def2QZVP | C          | 1.171797  | 0.902633  | 0.000000   | -0.199533 | -2.062765 | 0.000000  | -0.207021 | -2.513855 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 1.635705  | -0.328159 | 0.000000   | 1.105023  | -1.854334 | 0.000000  | 1.104305  | -2.319286 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 0.863030  | -0.928415 | 0.000000   | 1.251848  | -0.889351 | 0.000000  | 1.267695  | -1.358531 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 0.000000  | 1.226115  | 0.000000   | -1.058082 | -1.207528 | 0.000000  | -1.052381 | -1.649611 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 1.977261  | 1.641515  | 0.000000   | -0.430178 | -3.131609 | 0.000000  | -0.440971 | -3.582288 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | X          | -1.350395 | -0.783091 | 0.000000   | 0.000000  | 1.168355  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 0.976889  | 0.000000 |
|                              | AVTZ     | C          | 1.174031  | 0.904697  | 0.000000   | -0.198683 | -2.061581 | 0.000000  | -0.204118 | -2.519583 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 1.637274  | -0.329251 | 0.000000   | 1.107756  | -1.848071 | 0.000000  | 1.107961  | -2.312675 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 0.860760  | -0.928176 | 0.000000   | 1.248410  | -0.879636 | 0.000000  | 1.260021  | -1.347486 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 0.000000  | 1.230255  | 0.000000   | -1.061621 | -1.206878 | 0.000000  | -1.058847 | -1.660729 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 1.981293  | 1.642566  | 0.000000   | -0.425385 | -3.131892 | 0.000000  | -0.428229 | -3.590797 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | X          | -1.352026 | -0.785330 | 0.000000   | 0.000000  | 1.166303  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 0.978170  | 0.000000 |
|                              | AVQZ     | C          | 1.172027  | 0.899686  | 0.000000   | -0.197302 | -2.048461 | 0.000000  | -0.204679 | -2.500062 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 1.633740  | -0.331866 | 0.000000   | 1.105552  | -1.833037 | 0.000000  | 1.105041  | -2.298121 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 0.859490  | -0.931154 | 0.000000   | 1.244920  | -0.865516 | 0.000000  | 1.262354  | -1.335207 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 0.000000  | 1.225003  | 0.000000   | -1.060108 | -1.196028 | 0.000000  | -1.055007 | -1.639374 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 1.978120  | 1.638166  | 0.000000   | -0.424665 | -3.118135 | 0.000000  | -0.434553 | -3.569543 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | X          | -1.349393 | -0.779425 | 0.000000   | 0.000000  | 1.157341  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 0.969907  | 0.000000 |



**Table S120:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halogen-formic acid complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                               |          | Cl...HCOOH |           |           | Br...HCOOH |           |           | I...HCOOH |           |           |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                               |          | x          | y         | z         | x          | y         | z         | x         | y         | z         |          |
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ )<br>CarbPAnti | def2QZVP | C          | 1.186809  | 1.035349  | 0.000000   | -0.246848 | -2.194973 | 0.000000  | -0.248214 | -2.647196 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | 1.748524  | -0.179303 | 0.000000   | 1.081076  | -2.023548 | 0.000000  | 1.080547  | -2.476808 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | 2.707377  | -0.094434 | 0.000000   | 1.520638  | -2.879916 | 0.000000  | 1.520365  | -3.333074 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | 0.000000  | 1.198653  | 0.000000   | -1.014872 | -1.276068 | 0.000000  | -1.013063 | -1.726039 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | 1.904358  | 1.868311  | 0.000000   | -0.569184 | -3.246043 | 0.000000  | -0.570953 | -3.698100 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | X          | -1.512987 | -0.949458 | 0.000000   | 0.000000  | 1.305507  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.066738  | 0.000000 |
|                               | AVTZ     | C          | 1.188700  | 1.035702  | 0.000000   | -0.245546 | -2.185079 | 0.000000  | -0.245683 | -2.644847 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | 1.743574  | -0.185051 | 0.000000   | 1.083644  | -2.004213 | 0.000000  | 1.083676  | -2.459020 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | 2.705071  | -0.105379 | 0.000000   | 1.529364  | -2.859888 | 0.000000  | 1.533420  | -3.312598 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | 0.000000  | 1.205467  | 0.000000   | -1.020393 | -1.268147 | 0.000000  | -1.021387 | -1.729188 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | 1.911247  | 1.865007  | 0.000000   | -0.562103 | -3.238377 | 0.000000  | -0.557633 | -3.699506 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | X          | -1.511595 | -0.949245 | 0.000000   | 0.000000  | 1.296789  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.063903  | 0.000000 |
|                               | AVQZ     | C          | 1.186554  | 1.028268  | 0.000000   | -0.244962 | -2.175340 | 0.000000  | -0.247555 | -2.630398 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | 1.740775  | -0.189969 | 0.000000   | 1.081696  | -1.994538 | 0.000000  | 1.080710  | -2.455843 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | 2.700650  | -0.112093 | 0.000000   | 1.528531  | -2.847632 | 0.000000  | 1.524483  | -3.310540 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | 0.000000  | 1.197913  | 0.000000   | -1.018842 | -1.260433 | 0.000000  | -1.014534 | -1.710195 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | 1.908264  | 1.857755  | 0.000000   | -0.561589 | -3.228182 | 0.000000  | -0.568564 | -3.681887 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | X          | -1.509084 | -0.939931 | 0.000000   | 0.000000  | 1.290504  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.058549  | 0.000000 |

**Table S121:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halogen-formic acid complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                              |          | Cl...HCOOH |           |           | Br...HCOOH |           |           | I...HCOOH |           |           |          |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                              |          | x          | y         | z         | x          | y         | z         | x         | y         | z         |          |
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ )<br>CarbPSyn | def2QZVP | C          | 1.437991  | -0.264909 | 0.266506   | -1.318519 | -1.756581 | 0.000000  | -0.414845 | -2.639290 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 0.570468  | 0.762155  | 0.176974   | 0.000000  | -1.483702 | 0.000000  | 0.657273  | -1.823844 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 0.953434  | 1.411361  | -0.430405  | 0.472408  | -2.328314 | 0.000000  | 1.447182  | -2.383073 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 2.491162  | -0.317148 | -0.299580  | -1.785574 | -2.858657 | 0.000000  | -0.360491 | -3.834887 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 1.033008  | -1.033515 | 0.931491   | -1.888568 | -0.822455 | 0.000000  | -1.332361 | -2.042654 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | X          | -2.065143 | -0.138144 | -0.065840  | 0.674625  | 1.383689  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.236440  | 0.000000 |
|                              | AVTZ     | C          | 1.435045  | -0.240101 | 0.297747   | -1.327250 | -1.715933 | 0.000000  | -0.412922 | -2.606769 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 0.566724  | 0.785980  | 0.170128   | 0.000000  | -1.473668 | 0.000000  | 0.683692  | -1.820110 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 0.920358  | 1.378861  | -0.511653  | 0.452828  | -2.331421 | 0.000000  | 1.458854  | -2.403217 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 2.457840  | -0.348555 | -0.319418  | -1.821135 | -2.809183 | 0.000000  | -0.392207 | -3.806150 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 1.063135  | -0.947631 | 1.045701   | -1.874607 | -0.767560 | 0.000000  | -1.313198 | -1.983214 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | X          | -2.046487 | -0.146472 | -0.066248  | 0.684410  | 1.361640  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.227116  | 0.000000 |
|                              | AVQZ     | C          | 1.434091  | -0.261763 | 0.271874   | -1.328034 | -1.697266 | 0.000000  | -0.413773 | -2.597010 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 0.562379  | 0.762051  | 0.178666   | 0.000000  | -1.471563 | 0.000000  | 0.672617  | -1.799683 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 0.936650  | 1.405062  | -0.441281  | 0.443158  | -2.332349 | 0.000000  | 1.453609  | -2.371995 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 2.481938  | -0.317194 | -0.304491  | -1.833417 | -2.782660 | 0.000000  | -0.378849 | -3.793671 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 1.038448  | -1.023894 | 0.950141   | -1.864244 | -0.743027 | 0.000000  | -1.321111 | -1.984619 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | X          | -2.054952 | -0.139379 | -0.066677  | 0.687332  | 1.351222  | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.220481  | 0.000000 |

**Table S122:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halogen-formic acid complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                               |          | Cl...HCOOH |           |           | Br...HCOOH |           |           | I...HCOOH |           |           |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                               |          | x          | y         | z         | x          | y         | z         | x         | y         | z         |          |
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ )<br>FormPAnti | def2QZVP | C          | 1.077332  | 0.351405  | 0.000000   | 1.199735  | 1.370363  | 0.000000  | 0.266629  | -2.289004 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | 2.208994  | 1.063445  | 0.000000   | 1.909780  | 2.504443  | 0.000000  | 0.235497  | -3.627225 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | 2.965815  | 0.468302  | 0.000000   | 2.850017  | 2.297480  | 0.000000  | 1.134448  | -3.971825 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | 0.000000  | 0.881825  | 0.000000   | 0.000000  | 1.376770  | 0.000000  | -0.736705 | -1.632548 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | 1.213152  | -0.737582 | 0.000000   | 1.799380  | 0.450383  | 0.000000  | 1.275448  | -1.853383 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | X          | -1.665583 | -1.023606 | 0.000000   | -0.775030 | -1.200564 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.162970  | 0.000000 |
|                               | AVTZ     | C          | 1.078189  | 0.351686  | 0.000000   | 1.202422  | 1.359024  | 0.000000  | 0.265013  | -2.286805 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | 2.213440  | 1.063093  | 0.000000   | 1.922041  | 2.490092  | 0.000000  | 0.245765  | -3.627883 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | 2.970270  | 0.464427  | 0.000000   | 2.862668  | 2.274873  | 0.000000  | 1.150131  | -3.964309 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | 0.000000  | 0.886432  | 0.000000   | 0.000000  | 1.375512  | 0.000000  | -0.747025 | -1.638813 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | 1.211480  | -0.738236 | 0.000000   | 1.794514  | 0.433495  | 0.000000  | 1.269872  | -1.840691 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | X          | -1.668142 | -1.025442 | 0.000000   | -0.778515 | -1.193924 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.163385  | 0.000000 |
|                               | AVQZ     | C          | 1.076275  | 0.345747  | 0.000000   | 1.200368  | 1.354542  | 0.000000  | 0.266452  | -2.275116 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | 2.209331  | 1.055914  | 0.000000   | 1.913217  | 2.486963  | 0.000000  | 0.238415  | -3.613419 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | 2.966058  | 0.459974  | 0.000000   | 2.853569  | 2.278600  | 0.000000  | 1.138199  | -3.956999 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | O          | 0.000000  | 0.879692  | 0.000000   | 0.000000  | 1.365421  | 0.000000  | -0.739723 | -1.621830 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | H          | 1.208806  | -0.743788 | 0.000000   | 1.796240  | 0.431922  | 0.000000  | 1.273556  | -1.835221 | 0.000000 |
|                               |          | X          | -1.665127 | -1.016207 | 0.000000   | -0.775936 | -1.190196 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.157074  | 0.000000 |

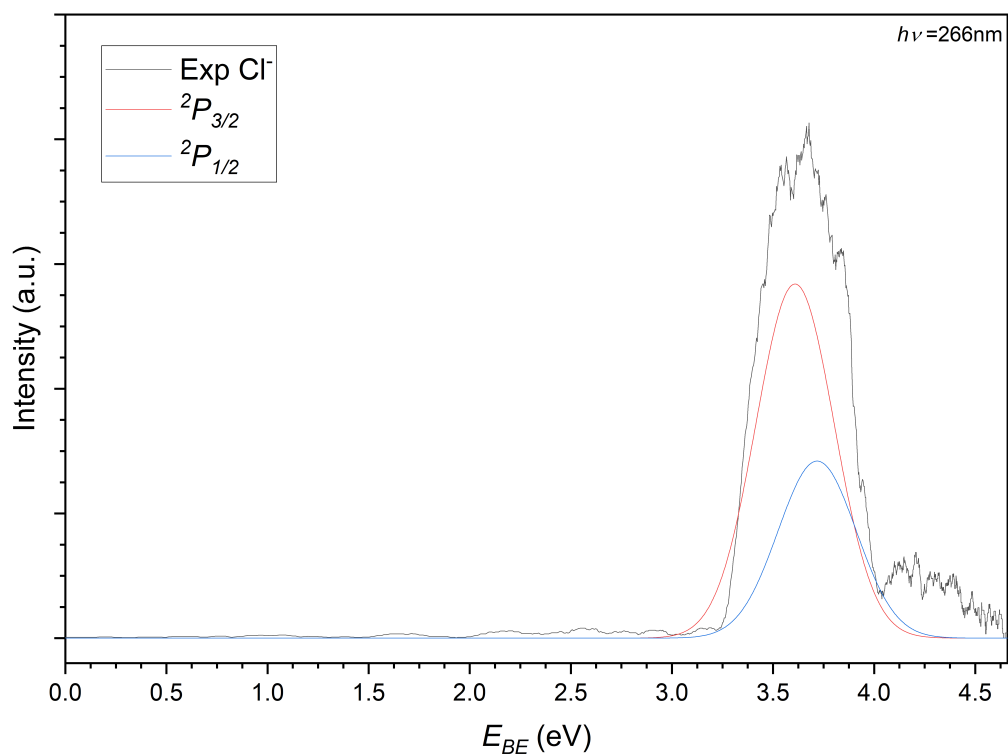
**Table S123:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halogen-formic acid complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|                              |          | Cl...HCOOH |           |           | Br...HCOOH |           |           | I...HCOOH |           |           |          |
|------------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
|                              |          | x          | y         | z         | x          | y         | z         | x         | y         | z         |          |
| $C_s$ ( $^2A'$ )<br>FormPSyn | def2QZVP | C          | 1.102406  | 0.359457  | 0.000000   | 1.205166  | 1.400880  | 0.000000  | -0.321466 | -2.313306 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 2.235319  | 1.058974  | 0.000000   | 1.925282  | 2.521666  | 0.000000  | -0.347432 | -3.645641 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 2.000074  | 1.997911  | 0.000000   | 1.306763  | 3.266192  | 0.000000  | 0.569753  | -3.954903 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 0.000000  | 0.849785  | 0.000000   | 0.000000  | 1.364670  | 0.000000  | 0.684258  | -1.649323 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 1.302829  | -0.713965 | 0.000000   | 1.852539  | 0.520827  | 0.000000  | -1.335570 | -1.905432 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | X          | -1.635287 | -1.100633 | 0.000000   | -0.736930 | -1.236657 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.171696  | 0.000000 |
|                              | AVTZ     | C          | 1.102795  | 0.358924  | 0.000000   | 1.208223  | 1.388137  | 0.000000  | -0.318864 | -2.309032 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 2.241012  | 1.054704  | 0.000000   | 1.940337  | 2.504029  | 0.000000  | -0.360894 | -3.643467 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 2.008136  | 1.996454  | 0.000000   | 1.326567  | 3.255263  | 0.000000  | 0.554983  | -3.963150 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 0.000000  | 0.854959  | 0.000000   | 0.000000  | 1.363126  | 0.000000  | 0.696750  | -1.655285 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 1.299228  | -0.715975 | 0.000000   | 1.847566  | 0.501383  | 0.000000  | -1.328652 | -1.888754 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | X          | -1.638367 | -1.100666 | 0.000000   | -0.741319 | -1.229220 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.171625  | 0.000000 |
|                              | AVQZ     | C          | 1.101357  | 0.353234  | 0.000000   | 1.205992  | 1.383336  | 0.000000  | -0.321394 | -2.298883 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 2.236115  | 1.049896  | 0.000000   | 1.930319  | 2.501344  | 0.000000  | -0.349622 | -3.631073 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 2.003652  | 1.989925  | 0.000000   | 1.314660  | 3.248743  | 0.000000  | 0.567296  | -3.942325 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | O          | 0.000000  | 0.847396  | 0.000000   | 0.000000  | 1.352670  | 0.000000  | 0.686539  | -1.637084 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | H          | 1.297922  | -0.721123 | 0.000000   | 1.848665  | 0.499572  | 0.000000  | -1.334267 | -1.887442 | 0.000000 |
|                              |          | X          | -1.635214 | -1.092149 | 0.000000   | -0.738338 | -1.225155 | 0.000000  | 0.000000  | 1.165440  | 0.000000 |

|                                    |          | Cl...HCOOH |           |           |          |                                  | Cl...HCOOH |           |           |           |           |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                    |          | x          | y         | z         |          |                                  | x          | y         | z         |           |           |
| C <sub>s</sub> ( <sup>2</sup> A'') | def2QZVP | C          | -1.875893 | 0.657476  | 0.000000 | C <sub>s</sub> ( <sup>1</sup> A) | def2QZVP   | C         | 1.671331  | 0.164369  | 0.229680  |
|                                    |          | O          | -0.711532 | 1.319419  | 0.000000 |                                  |            | O         | 0.640775  | 0.879312  | -0.279360 |
|                                    |          | H          | 0.000000  | 0.660146  | 0.000000 |                                  |            | H         | 0.605730  | 1.745101  | 0.140869  |
|                                    |          | O          | -1.993525 | -0.536451 | 0.000000 |                                  |            | O         | 1.904226  | -0.949646 | -0.119502 |
|                                    |          | H          | -2.708399 | 1.368667  | 0.000000 |                                  |            | H         | 2.255808  | 0.715230  | 0.981572  |
|                                    |          | X          | 2.094365  | -0.719848 | 0.000000 |                                  |            | X         | -1.955855 | -0.169639 | 0.040610  |
|                                    |          | C          | -1.878758 | 0.623915  | 0.000000 |                                  |            | C         | 1.662781  | 0.162179  | 0.234143  |
|                                    |          | O          | -0.721432 | 1.302677  | 0.000000 |                                  |            | O         | 0.639379  | 0.886915  | -0.282628 |
|                                    |          | H          | 0.000000  | 0.650795  | 0.000000 |                                  |            | H         | 0.602262  | 1.750526  | 0.146903  |
|                                    |          | O          | -1.980683 | -0.574320 | 0.000000 |                                  |            | O         | 1.894663  | -0.952515 | -0.122900 |
|                                    | AVTZ     | H          | -2.721320 | 1.324211  | 0.000000 | H                                | 2.241376   | 0.704021  | 0.997768  |           |           |
|                                    |          | X          | 2.094753  | -0.679138 | 0.000000 | X                                | -1.946627  | -0.170754 | 0.040865  |           |           |
|                                    |          | C          | -1.876324 | 0.627438  | 0.000000 | C                                | 1.668998   | -0.166400 | -0.227025 |           |           |
|                                    |          | O          | -0.724644 | 1.311503  | 0.000000 | O                                | 0.633318   | -0.878139 | 0.277376  |           |           |
|                                    |          | H          | 0.000000  | 0.665816  | 0.000000 | H                                | 0.599572   | -1.746560 | -0.138527 |           |           |
|                                    |          | O          | -1.970807 | -0.569060 | 0.000000 | O                                | 1.898108   | 0.950091  | 0.118127  |           |           |
|                                    |          | H          | -2.722924 | 1.322112  | 0.000000 | H                                | 2.260783   | -0.721544 | -0.970165 |           |           |
|                                    |          | X          | 2.090852  | -0.687770 | 0.000000 | X                                | -1.948574  | 0.170052  | -0.040776 |           |           |
|                                    |          | AVQZ       |           |           |          |                                  |            |           |           |           |           |
|                                    |          |            |           |           |          |                                  |            |           |           |           |           |

**Table S125:** Peak positions and assignments of 50 kPa  $C_3H_6:CCl_4$ :argon gas mix.

| Position<br>( $m/z$ ) | Assignment                                                                                          |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 34.9                  | $^{35}\text{Cl}^-$                                                                                  |
| 36.9                  | $^{37}\text{Cl}^-$                                                                                  |
| 77.1                  | $^{35}\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$                                                      |
| 79.0                  | $^{37}\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ , $^{79}\text{Br}^-$                                 |
| 81.0                  | $^{81}\text{Br}^-$                                                                                  |
| 119.4                 | $^{35}\text{Cl}^- \cdots (\text{C}_3\text{H}_6)_2$                                                  |
| 121.3                 | $^{37}\text{Cl}^- \cdots (\text{C}_3\text{H}_6)_2$ , $^{79}\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |
| 123.2                 | $^{81}\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$                                                      |
| 126.9                 | $\text{I}^-$                                                                                        |



**Figure S2:** An example  $\text{Cl}^-$  PES recorded during the halide-propene suite of experiments.

**Table S126:** Peak positions and assignments of 50 kPa  $C_3H_6:CH_2Br_2$ :argon gas mix.

| Position<br>( $m/z$ ) | Assignment                                                   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 35.1                  | $^{35}Cl^-$                                                  |
| 37.0                  | $^{37}Cl^-$                                                  |
| 77.1                  | $^{35}Cl^- \cdots C_3H_6$                                    |
| 79.0                  | $^{37}Cl^- \cdots C_3H_6, ^{79}Br^-$                         |
| 80.9                  | $^{81}Br^-$                                                  |
| 118.0                 | $CHCl_3^- (^{35}Cl:^{37}Cl=3:0)$                             |
| 119.3                 | $^{35}Cl^- \cdots (C_3H_6)_2$                                |
| 121.2                 | $^{37}Cl^- \cdots (C_3H_6)_2, ^{79}Br^- \cdots C_3H_6$       |
| 123.2                 | $^{81}Br^- \cdots C_3H_6$                                    |
| 127.1                 | $I^-$                                                        |
| 152.1                 | $CCl_4^- (^{35}Cl:^{37}Cl=4:0)$                              |
| 153.1                 | $CHCl_4^- (^{35}Cl:^{37}Cl=4:0)$                             |
| 154.2                 | $CCl_4^- (^{35}Cl:^{37}Cl=3:1)$                              |
| 155.2                 | $CHCl_4^- (^{35}Cl:^{37}Cl=3:1)$                             |
| 156.2                 | $CCl_4^- (^{35}Cl:^{37}Cl=2:2)$                              |
| 160.2                 | $CCl_4^- (^{35}Cl:^{37}Cl=1:3)$                              |
| 161.4                 | $CCl_4^- (^{35}Cl:^{37}Cl=0:4)$                              |
| 162.2                 | $^{35}Cl^- \cdots (C_3H_6)_3$                                |
| 163.4                 | $^{37}Cl^- \cdots (C_3H_6)_3, ^{79}Br^- \cdots (C_3H_6)_2$   |
| 165.3                 | $^{81}Br^- \cdots (C_3H_6)_2$                                |
| 169.2                 | $I^- \cdots C_3H_6$                                          |
| 172.1                 | $^{79}Br^- \cdots CH_2^{79}Br$                               |
| 174.1                 | $^{79}Br^- \cdots CH_2^{81}Br, ^{81}Br^- \cdots CH_2^{79}Br$ |
| 176.1                 | $^{81}Br^- \cdots CH_2^{81}Br$                               |

**Table S127:** Peak positions and assignments of 50 kPa  $C_3H_6:CH_3I$ :argon gas mix.

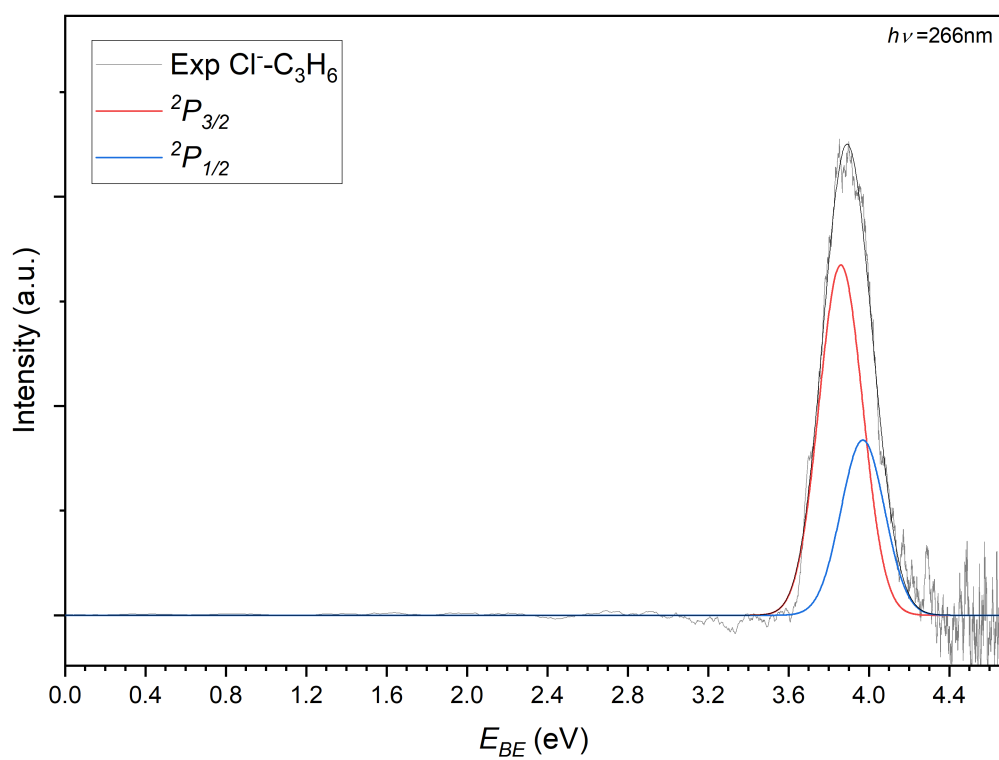
| Position<br>( $m/z$ ) | Assignment                     |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 126.9                 | $I^-$                          |
| 169.3                 | $I^- \cdots C_3H_6$            |
| 211.6                 | $I^- \cdots (C_3H_6)_2$        |
| 253.9                 | $I^- \cdots (C_3H_6)_3$        |
| 269.8                 | $I^- \cdots CH_3I$             |
| 311.9                 | $I^- \cdots (CH_3I)(C_3H_6)$   |
| 354.4                 | $I^- \cdots (CH_3I)(C_3H_6)_2$ |
| 395.0                 | $I^- \cdots (CH_3I)(C_3H_6)_3$ |
| 412.7                 | $I^- \cdots (CH_3I)_2$         |

**Table S128:** Calibration details from the each of the bare halide PES spectra.

| Halide Source | Calibration Mass Peak | $A^\dagger$ | $B^\dagger$ |
|---------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| $CH_2Br_2$    | $^{81}Br^-$           | 7.463E-12   | -0.2496     |
| $CH_3I$       | $I^-$                 | 8.053E-12   | -0.3842     |
| $CCl_4$       | $I^-$                 | 7.920E-12   | -0.6378     |

$$\dagger: E_{BE} = h\nu + \frac{A}{TOF^2} + B$$





**Figure S3:** Additional  $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  PES spectrum recorded. The peak has also been deconvoluted into two Gaussian functions yielding  $E_{BE}$ :  ${}^2P_{3/2} = 3.86 \text{ eV}$  and  ${}^2P_{1/2} = 3.97 \text{ eV}$ .

**Table S129:**  $X^- \cdots C_3H_6$  complex geometric parameters and  $D_0$  values from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations.  $zpe$  values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.

|                                                  |        |          | $R_{X-H}$ | $\angle_{H-X-H}$ | $E_{DFT}$     | zpe                  | $D_e$                | $D_o$                | $E_{VDE}$     | VDE $^2P_{3/2}$ | VDE $^2P_{1/2}$ |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|-----------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                                  |        |          | Å         | °                | $E_h$         | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | $E_h$         | eV              | eV              |
| Cl <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> | BiDent | def2QZVP | 2.664     | 53.2             | -577.7214109  | 211.1                | 31.0                 | 32.2                 | -577.5800396  | 3.942           | 4.051           |
|                                                  |        | AVTZ     | 2.667     | 53.2             | -577.6919627  | 211.0                | 29.1                 | 30.4                 | -577.5493893  | 3.906           | 4.018           |
|                                                  |        |          | $R_{X-H}$ | $\angle_{H-X-C}$ |               |                      |                      |                      |               |                 |                 |
|                                                  | Bif    | def2QZVP | 2.659     | 37.6             | -577.7212976  | 210.3                | 30.7                 | 31.1                 | -577.5804888  | 3.934           | 4.043           |
|                                                  |        | AVTZ     | 2.655     | 37.3             | -577.6917547  | 210.1                | 28.6                 | 28.9                 | -577.5497483  | 3.898           | 4.007           |
|                                                  |        |          | $R_{X-H}$ | $\angle_{X-H-C}$ |               |                      |                      |                      |               |                 |                 |
|                                                  | HApp   | def2QZVP | 2.487     | 175.2            | -577.7177605  | 210.5                | 21.5                 | 22.0                 | -577.5799972  | 3.850           | 3.959           |
|                                                  |        | AVTZ     | 2.494     | 175.0            | -577.6884721  | 210.3                | 19.9                 | 20.6                 | -577.5492608  | 3.821           | 3.930           |
|                                                  |        |          | $R_{X-H}$ | $\angle_{H-X-H}$ |               |                      |                      |                      |               |                 |                 |
| Br <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> | BiDent | def2QZVP | 2.848     | 49.7             | -2691.1955646 | 211.0                | 27.0                 | 28.1                 | -2691.0609970 | 3.624           | 4.081           |
|                                                  |        | AVTZ     | 2.812     | 50.3             | -534.0253488  | 211.0                | 26.9                 | 28.1                 | -533.8911496  | 3.601           | 4.058           |
|                                                  |        |          | $R_{X-H}$ | $\angle_{X-H-C}$ |               |                      |                      |                      |               |                 |                 |
|                                                  | Bif    | def2QZVP | 2.865     | 35.9             | -2691.1957939 | 210.2                | 27.6                 | 28.0                 | -2691.0613613 | 3.627           | 4.084           |
|                                                  |        | AVTZ     | 2.821     | 35.6             | -534.0252992  | 210.1                | 26.7                 | 27.1                 | -533.8914016  | 3.600           | 4.057           |
|                                                  |        |          | $R_{X-H}$ | $\angle_{H-X-H}$ |               |                      |                      |                      |               |                 |                 |
| I <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>  | BiDent | def2QZVP | 3.127     | 45.3             | -415.2834016  | 210.9                | 20.9                 | 21.8                 | -415.1576975  | 3.232           | 4.174           |
|                                                  |        | AVTZ     | 3.081     | 46.0             | -413.0711450  | 210.8                | 22.7                 | 23.8                 | -412.9453864  | 3.230           | 4.172           |
|                                                  |        |          | $R_{X-H}$ | $\angle_{X-H-C}$ |               |                      |                      |                      |               |                 |                 |
|                                                  | Bif    | def2QZVP | 3.158     | 33.5             | -415.2839787  | 210.3                | 22.4                 | 22.7                 | -415.1577898  | 3.250           | 4.192           |
|                                                  |        | AVTZ     | 3.108     | 33.5             | -413.0715007  | 210.1                | 23.6                 | 24.0                 | -412.9454346  | 3.244           | 4.186           |

**Table S130:**  $X\cdots C_3H_6$  complex geometric parameters and  $D_0$  values from DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ optimisations.  
*zpe values are drawn from relevant harmonic frequency calculations.*

|                                    |        |          | $R_{X-H}$<br>Å | $\angle_{H-X-H}$<br>° | $E_{DFT}$<br>$E_h$ | zpe<br>kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | $D_e$<br>kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | $D_o$<br>kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> |
|------------------------------------|--------|----------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cl...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> | BiDent | def2QZVP | 3.204          | 45.3                  | -577.5821952       | 211.0                       | 3.0                           | 4.1                           |
|                                    |        | AVTZ     |                |                       |                    |                             |                               |                               |
|                                    | MePoc  | def2QZVP | $R_{X-C}$      | $\angle_{X-C-H}$      | -577.5818040       | 210.5                       | 2.0                           | 2.6                           |
|                                    |        | AVTZ     | 3.763          | 66.0                  | -577.5508222       | 210.3                       | 2.6                           | 3.2                           |
|                                    |        |          | 3.724          | 65.7                  |                    |                             |                               |                               |
|                                    |        |          | $R_{X-C}$      | $\angle_{X-C-C}$      |                    |                             |                               |                               |
|                                    | Perp   | def2QZVP | 1.839          | 110.5                 | -577.6172780       | 213.4                       | 95.1                          | 98.6                          |
|                                    |        | AVTZ     | 1.843          | 110.4                 | -577.5863091       | 213.2                       | 95.8                          | 99.3                          |
|                                    |        |          | $R_{X-H}$      | $\angle_{H-X-H}$      |                    |                             |                               |                               |
| Br...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> | Bif    | def2QZVP | 3.310          | 38.3                  | -2691.0631763      | 210.6                       | 5.9                           | 6.6                           |
|                                    |        | AVTZ     | 3.267          | 39.0                  | -533.8932934       | 210.3                       | 7.8                           | 8.4                           |
|                                    |        |          | $R_{X-C}$      | $\angle_{X-C-H}$      |                    |                             |                               |                               |
|                                    | MePoc  | def2QZVP | 3.866          | 66.2                  | -2691.0618654      | 210.4                       | 2.5                           | 3.0                           |
|                                    |        | AVTZ     | 3.816          | 65.1                  | -533.8916923       | 210.4                       | 3.6                           | 4.3                           |
|                                    |        |          | $R_{X-C}$      | $\angle_{X-C-C}$      |                    |                             |                               |                               |
|                                    |        | Perp     | def2QZVP       | 2.688                 | 79.7               | -2691.0777652               | 213.2                         | 44.2                          |
|                                    | AVTZ   |          | 2.676          | 79.4                  | -533.9079853       | 212.9                       | 46.4                          | 49.6                          |
|                                    |        |          | $R_{X-H}$      | $\angle_{H-X-H}$      |                    |                             |                               |                               |
| I...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>  | End    | def2QZVP | 3.688          | 29.2                  | -415.1577891       | 210.8                       | 2.9                           | 3.8                           |
|                                    |        | AVTZ     | 3.702          | 29.5                  | -412.9452053       | 210.5                       | 4.2                           | 5.0                           |
|                                    |        |          | $R_{X-C}$      | $\angle_{X-C-H}$      |                    |                             |                               |                               |
|                                    | MePoc  | def2QZVP | 4.038          | 66.3                  | -415.1577946       | 210.4                       | 3.0                           | 3.5                           |
|                                    |        | AVTZ     | 3.987          | 64.4                  | -412.9452577       | 210.3                       | 4.3                           | 4.9                           |
|                                    |        |          | $R_{X-C}$      | $\angle_{X-C-C}$      |                    |                             |                               |                               |
|                                    |        | Perp     | def2QZVP       | 2.946                 | 80.7               | -415.1696451                | 212.8                         | 34.1                          |
|                                    | AVTZ   |          | 2.948          | 80.5                  | -412.9573379       | 212.5                       | 36.0                          | 38.9                          |

**Table S131:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halide-propene complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|        |          | $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |           |           | $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |           |           | $\text{I}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |           |           |           |
|--------|----------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|        |          | x                                         | y         | z         | x                                         | y         | z         | x                                        | y         | z         |           |
| BiDent | def2QZVP | H                                         | 3.034471  | 0.523704  | 0.000000                                  | -2.964427 | 2.458629  | 0.000000                                 | -0.170655 | -4.423255 | 0.000000  |
|        |          | C                                         | 1.963427  | 0.322903  | 0.000000                                  | -2.129604 | 1.758758  | 0.000000                                 | -0.131856 | -3.335010 | 0.000000  |
|        |          | C                                         | 1.533894  | -0.939035 | 0.000000                                  | -2.376685 | 0.449130  | 0.000000                                 | -1.271591 | -2.644982 | 0.000000  |
|        |          | H                                         | 2.241002  | -1.762154 | 0.000000                                  | -3.396406 | 0.079232  | 0.000000                                 | -2.228481 | -3.154800 | 0.000000  |
|        |          | H                                         | 0.467453  | -1.155886 | 0.000000                                  | -1.559293 | -0.267640 | 0.000000                                 | -1.264852 | -1.558984 | 0.000000  |
|        |          | C                                         | 1.040991  | 1.503570  | 0.000000                                  | -0.748439 | 2.338372  | 0.000000                                 | 1.224286  | -2.700323 | 0.000000  |
|        |          | H                                         | 0.000000  | 1.169745  | 0.000000                                  | 0.000000  | 1.542759  | 0.000000                                 | 1.141933  | -1.612039 | 0.000000  |
|        |          | H                                         | 1.214626  | 2.133002  | -0.878801                                 | -0.592376 | 2.971899  | 0.878758                                 | 1.798513  | -3.008831 | -0.878716 |
|        |          | H                                         | 1.214626  | 2.133002  | 0.878801                                  | -0.592376 | 2.971899  | -0.878758                                | 1.798513  | -3.008831 | 0.878716  |
|        |          | X                                         | -2.082474 | -0.492120 | 0.000000                                  | 1.160950  | -1.058124 | 0.000000                                 | 0.000000  | 1.299031  | 0.000000  |
|        | AVTZ     | H                                         | 3.037582  | 0.525126  | 0.000000                                  | 0.178165  | 3.827965  | 0.000000                                 | -4.391090 | 0.166143  | 0.000000  |
|        |          | C                                         | 1.965757  | 0.323381  | 0.000000                                  | 0.134007  | 2.738471  | 0.000000                                 | -3.301728 | 0.129418  | 0.000000  |
|        |          | C                                         | 1.537328  | -0.940997 | 0.000000                                  | 1.270666  | 2.038819  | 0.000000                                 | -2.612860 | 1.272223  | 0.000000  |
|        |          | H                                         | 2.246029  | -1.763975 | 0.000000                                  | 2.231554  | 2.544255  | 0.000000                                 | -3.125304 | 2.228876  | 0.000000  |
|        |          | H                                         | 0.470478  | -1.159317 | 0.000000                                  | 1.248848  | 0.950833  | 0.000000                                 | -1.525744 | 1.265888  | 0.000000  |
|        |          | C                                         | 1.041792  | 1.504527  | 0.000000                                  | -1.225079 | 2.105462  | 0.000000                                 | -2.663051 | -1.226462 | 0.000000  |
|        |          | H                                         | 0.000000  | 1.169755  | 0.000000                                  | -1.137757 | 1.015196  | 0.000000                                 | -1.573647 | -1.139933 | 0.000000  |
|        |          | H                                         | 1.215585  | 2.134350  | -0.879941                                 | -1.799184 | 2.416288  | -0.879975                                | -2.970773 | -1.801677 | -0.879878 |
|        |          | H                                         | 1.215585  | 2.134350  | 0.879941                                  | -1.799184 | 2.416288  | 0.879975                                 | -2.970774 | -1.801678 | 0.879878  |
|        |          | X                                         | -2.085560 | -0.491868 | 0.000000                                  | 0.000000  | -1.556210 | 0.000000                                 | 1.283456  | 0.000591  | 0.000000  |

**Table S132:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halide-propene complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|     |          | $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |           |           | $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |           |           | $\text{I}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |           |           |           |
|-----|----------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|     |          | x                                         | y         | z         | x                                         | y         | z         | x                                        | y         | z         |           |
| Bif | def2QZVP | H                                         | -0.802780 | -0.406590 | 0.000000                                  | -1.145058 | 0.824477  | 0.000096                                 | -1.538742 | 1.151099  | 0.000000  |
|     |          | C                                         | -1.125712 | 0.631758  | 0.000000                                  | -2.058247 | 0.235209  | 0.000033                                 | -1.417175 | 2.230674  | 0.000000  |
|     |          | C                                         | -2.417746 | 0.963174  | 0.000000                                  | -3.256978 | 0.819541  | -0.000017                                | -2.481385 | 3.033652  | 0.000000  |
|     |          | H                                         | -3.193873 | 0.207396  | 0.000000                                  | -3.358744 | 1.897896  | 0.000006                                 | -3.488373 | 2.635261  | 0.000000  |
|     |          | H                                         | -2.737540 | 2.001215  | 0.000000                                  | -4.172322 | 0.235279  | -0.000087                                | -2.374923 | 4.114022  | 0.000000  |
|     |          | C                                         | 0.000000  | 1.610970  | 0.000000                                  | -1.833041 | -1.239681 | 0.000001                                 | 0.000000  | 2.697723  | 0.000000  |
|     |          | H                                         | -0.357335 | 2.644410  | 0.000000                                  | -1.231878 | -1.522511 | -0.865667                                | 0.065384  | 3.788478  | 0.000000  |
|     |          | H                                         | 0.640882  | 1.434554  | -0.865336                                 | -1.232007 | -1.522573 | 0.865740                                 | 0.526530  | 2.294766  | -0.866906 |
|     |          | H                                         | 0.640882  | 1.434554  | 0.865336                                  | -2.774934 | -1.794464 | -0.000084                                | 0.526530  | 2.294766  | 0.866906  |
|     |          | X                                         | 1.592382  | -1.561818 | 0.000000                                  | 1.622987  | 0.085471  | -0.000003                                | 0.559905  | -1.208503 | 0.000000  |
|     | AVTZ     | C                                         | 1.073749  | 0.715818  | 0.000000                                  | -1.111717 | -0.793705 | 0.000093                                 | -1.688699 | -0.823697 | -0.000032 |
|     |          | C                                         | 1.949537  | 1.724208  | 0.000000                                  | -2.042092 | -0.229698 | 0.000034                                 | -2.605904 | -0.239467 | -0.000011 |
|     |          | H                                         | 0.000000  | 0.893120  | 0.000000                                  | -3.226431 | -0.846519 | -0.000017                                | -3.797512 | -0.841331 | 0.000006  |
|     |          | H                                         | 1.621073  | 2.759056  | 0.000000                                  | -3.298642 | -1.928226 | 0.000009                                 | -3.883284 | -1.921848 | -0.000003 |
|     |          | H                                         | 3.020190  | 1.543923  | 0.000000                                  | -4.157836 | -0.286241 | -0.000089                                | -4.721117 | -0.268865 | 0.000030  |
|     |          | C                                         | 1.452043  | -0.729340 | 0.000000                                  | -1.856123 | 1.252367  | 0.000000                                 | -2.399138 | 1.239823  | 0.000000  |
|     |          | H                                         | 2.539644  | -0.839699 | 0.000000                                  | -2.813435 | 1.782657  | -0.000134                                | -1.805003 | 1.533969  | -0.868544 |
|     |          | H                                         | 1.023042  | -1.236694 | 0.868104                                  | -1.263735 | 1.551525  | -0.867927                                | -3.349926 | 1.780978  | 0.000041  |
|     |          | H                                         | 1.023042  | -1.236694 | -0.868104                                 | -1.263953 | 1.551597  | 0.868052                                 | -1.804937 | 1.533946  | 0.868506  |
|     |          | X                                         | -2.122292 | -0.714537 | 0.000000                                  | 1.618777  | -0.083843 | -0.000003                                | 1.322043  | -0.052616 | 0.000001  |

**Table S133:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halide-propene complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|      |          | Cl <sup>-</sup> ...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> |           |           |           |
|------|----------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|      |          | x                                                | y         | z         |           |
| HApp | def2QZVP | H                                                | -0.403974 | 1.802275  | 0.000000  |
|      |          | C                                                | -1.253204 | 1.124407  | 0.000000  |
|      |          | C                                                | -1.013548 | -0.185150 | 0.000000  |
|      |          | H                                                | 0.000000  | -0.587083 | 0.000000  |
|      |          | H                                                | -1.845976 | -0.885207 | 0.000000  |
|      |          | C                                                | -2.615765 | 1.750360  | 0.000000  |
|      |          | H                                                | -3.394624 | 0.985445  | 0.000000  |
|      |          | H                                                | -2.764864 | 2.386074  | -0.878016 |
|      |          | H                                                | -2.764864 | 2.386074  | 0.878016  |
|      |          | X                                                | 2.380553  | -1.307370 | 0.000000  |
|      | AVTZ     | H                                                | 0.417421  | -1.798051 | 0.000000  |
|      |          | C                                                | 1.263808  | -1.115035 | 0.000000  |
|      |          | C                                                | 1.016559  | 0.195012  | 0.000000  |
|      |          | H                                                | 0.000000  | 0.590655  | 0.000000  |
|      |          | H                                                | 1.845339  | 0.900819  | 0.000000  |
|      |          | C                                                | 2.630699  | -1.734636 | 0.000000  |
|      |          | H                                                | 3.406492  | -0.964878 | 0.000000  |
|      |          | H                                                | 2.782102  | -2.370197 | -0.879210 |
|      |          | H                                                | 2.782102  | -2.370197 | 0.879210  |
|      |          | X                                                | -2.394109 | 1.290577  | 0.000000  |

**Table S134:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halogen-propene complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|        |          | Cl...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> |           |           |           | Br...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> |           |           |           | I...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> |           |           |           |
|--------|----------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|        |          | x                                  | y         | z         |           | x                                  | y         | z         |           | x                                 | y         | z         |           |
| BiDent | def2QZVP | H                                  | -3.286352 | 0.203741  | 0.000280  | Bif                                | 1.502122  | 1.146196  | 0.000000  | End                               | -4.183205 | 1.545457  | 0.000255  |
|        |          | C                                  | -2.201738 | 0.145594  | 0.000075  |                                    | 2.185647  | 0.302262  | 0.000000  |                                   | -3.749861 | 0.549511  | 0.000057  |
|        |          | C                                  | -1.498919 | 1.275687  | -0.000054 |                                    | 3.495625  | 0.533837  | 0.000000  |                                   | -2.424869 | 0.426578  | -0.000148 |
|        |          | H                                  | -1.985605 | 2.241870  | 0.000041  |                                    | 3.890401  | 1.540866  | 0.000000  |                                   | -1.774986 | 1.291367  | -0.000121 |
|        |          | H                                  | -0.415395 | 1.262943  | -0.000258 |                                    | 4.210521  | -0.280678 | 0.000000  |                                   | -1.949036 | -0.547162 | -0.000349 |
|        |          | C                                  | -1.605472 | -1.225952 | -0.000041 |                                    | 1.566657  | -1.059234 | 0.000000  |                                   | -4.709750 | -0.597142 | 0.000035  |
|        |          | H                                  | -0.516577 | -1.181639 | -0.000255 |                                    | 0.935756  | -1.202803 | 0.881600  |                                   | -4.182562 | -1.551126 | -0.000171 |
|        |          | H                                  | -1.927980 | -1.791546 | -0.877089 |                                    | 0.935758  | -1.202803 | -0.881601 |                                   | -5.359630 | -0.562858 | -0.877145 |
|        |          | H                                  | -1.927636 | -1.791545 | 0.877135  |                                    | 2.326341  | -1.841203 | 0.000000  |                                   | -5.359382 | -0.563099 | 0.877408  |
|        |          | X                                  | 2.464489  | -0.006812 | 0.000016  |                                    | -1.636813 | 0.090835  | 0.000000  |                                   | 1.662560  | -0.035590 | 0.000009  |
|        | AVTZ     | H                                  |           |           |           | -1.476122                          | -1.149426 | 0.000025  | 1.427047  | -4.233302                         | 0.000000  |           |           |
|        |          | C                                  |           |           |           | -2.156289                          | -0.301545 | 0.000008  | 0.464302  | -3.728319                         | 0.000000  |           |           |
|        |          | C                                  |           |           |           | -3.469194                          | -0.526845 | -0.000006 | 0.437948  | -2.396007                         | 0.000000  |           |           |
|        |          | H                                  |           |           |           | -3.868852                          | -1.533032 | -0.000001 | 1.348665  | -1.810168                         | 0.000000  |           |           |
|        |          | H                                  |           |           |           | -4.180664                          | 0.291995  | -0.000022 | -0.499110 | -1.849648                         | 0.000000  |           |           |
|        |          | C                                  |           |           |           | -1.528994                          | 1.057689  | 0.000003  | -0.750101 | -4.603247                         | 0.000000  |           |           |
|        |          | H                                  |           |           |           | -2.285034                          | 1.844999  | -0.000012 | -1.663969 | -4.006970                         | 0.000000  |           |           |
|        |          | H                                  |           |           |           | -0.897099                          | 1.196996  | -0.883205 | -0.762765 | -5.254208                         | 0.878468  |           |           |
|        |          | H                                  |           |           |           | -0.897117                          | 1.197011  | 0.883220  | -0.762765 | -5.254208                         | -0.878468 |           |           |
|        |          | X                                  |           |           |           | 1.615193                           | -0.092124 | -0.000001 | 0.000000  | 1.637244                          | 0.000000  |           |           |

**Table S135:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halogen-propene complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|       |          | Cl...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> |           |           | Br...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> |           |           | I...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> |           |           |           |
|-------|----------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|       |          | x                                  | y         | z         | x                                  | y         | z         | x                                 | y         | z         |           |
| MePoc | def2QZVP | H                                  | -2.747793 | -1.458953 | 0.000620                           | -3.706591 | -1.452225 | -0.000006                         | 4.313588  | -1.446665 | -0.000247 |
|       |          | C                                  | -2.333373 | -0.454990 | 0.000161                           | -3.282464 | -0.452316 | -0.000002                         | 3.883716  | -0.449206 | -0.000066 |
|       |          | C                                  | -3.167235 | 0.581964  | 0.000094                           | -4.106262 | 0.592666  | -0.000001                         | 4.701479  | 0.600521  | -0.000039 |
|       |          | H                                  | -4.240171 | 0.444328  | 0.000485                           | -5.180488 | 0.465460  | -0.000005                         | 5.776427  | 0.479520  | -0.000195 |
|       |          | H                                  | -2.796467 | 1.600347  | -0.000356                          | -3.725607 | 1.607397  | 0.000004                          | 4.314950  | 1.613031  | 0.000141  |
|       |          | C                                  | -0.842330 | -0.346698 | -0.000354                          | -1.790479 | -0.358378 | 0.000004                          | 2.391218  | -0.363785 | 0.000140  |
|       |          | H                                  | -0.520954 | 0.694652  | -0.000790                          | -1.458832 | 0.679747  | 0.000013                          | 2.053386  | 0.672407  | 0.000321  |
|       |          | H                                  | -0.413469 | -0.837911 | -0.876575                          | -1.365736 | -0.853391 | -0.876096                         | 1.969095  | -0.861293 | 0.876162  |
|       |          | H                                  | -0.412896 | -0.837366 | 0.875890                           | -1.365741 | -0.853407 | 0.876097                          | 1.968862  | -0.861071 | -0.875895 |
|       |          | X                                  | 2.893493  | 0.100779  | 0.000078                           | 2.053664  | 0.048988  | 0.000000                          | -1.627449 | 0.031677  | -0.000009 |
|       | AVTZ     | H                                  | -2.706902 | -1.464045 | -0.018994                          | -3.692644 | -1.446984 | 0.000273                          | -4.304063 | -1.435385 | 0.000000  |
|       |          | C                                  | -2.305411 | -0.456174 | 0.003213                           | -3.254778 | -0.451916 | 0.000074                          | -3.850652 | -0.447300 | 0.000000  |
|       |          | C                                  | -3.148048 | 0.578894  | -0.001278                          | -4.066036 | 0.605185  | 0.000038                          | -4.645197 | 0.622429  | 0.000000  |
|       |          | H                                  | -4.215501 | 0.421065  | -0.029229                          | -5.142810 | 0.491538  | 0.000208                          | -5.723631 | 0.525760  | 0.000000  |
|       |          | H                                  | -2.801017 | 1.611167  | 0.029261                           | -3.671514 | 1.615701  | -0.000161                         | -4.234705 | 1.626560  | 0.000000  |
|       |          | C                                  | -0.827722 | -0.337827 | 0.011136                           | -1.760309 | -0.377902 | -0.000154                         | -2.355239 | -0.396523 | 0.000000  |
|       |          | H                                  | -0.505783 | 0.701175  | -0.024796                          | -1.414790 | 0.656988  | -0.000364                         | -1.993323 | 0.632773  | 0.000000  |
|       |          | H                                  | -0.402620 | -0.843579 | -0.881319                          | -1.342375 | -0.879315 | -0.877454                         | -1.944589 | -0.904132 | -0.877235 |
|       |          | H                                  | -0.377563 | -0.866434 | 0.866635                           | -1.342125 | -0.879043 | 0.877184                          | -1.944589 | -0.904132 | 0.877236  |
|       |          | X                                  | 2.864498  | 0.101841  | -0.001175                          | 2.031228  | 0.051112  | 0.000016                          | 1.608518  | 0.033715  | 0.000000  |



**Table S136:** Cartesian coordinates of the geometries of halogen-propene complexes optimised with the DSD-PBEP86-D3BJ functional, in Å.

|      |          | Cl...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> |           |           | Br...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> |           |           | I...C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> |           |           |           |
|------|----------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|      |          | x                                  | y         | z         | x                                  | y         | z         | x                                 | y         | z         |           |
| Perp | def2QZVP | C                                  | 0.145684  | 0.882511  | 0.305448                           | -1.099276 | 1.345951  | -0.209853                         | 2.029621  | 0.254912  | 0.466608  |
|      |          | C                                  | -1.101663 | 0.533891  | -0.378744                          | -1.574943 | 0.277392  | 0.467154                          | 1.624305  | 1.344403  | -0.211243 |
|      |          | H                                  | -1.233685 | 0.881166  | -1.394856                          | -1.515415 | 0.286150  | 1.550261                          | 1.955877  | 0.263882  | 1.549498  |
|      |          | H                                  | 0.564045  | 1.830321  | -0.017826                          | -0.691049 | 2.201877  | 0.307997                          | 1.233364  | 2.211816  | 0.304072  |
|      |          | H                                  | 0.052878  | 0.859654  | 1.388659                           | -1.156189 | 1.390363  | -1.289774                         | 1.677612  | 1.384544  | -1.291213 |
|      |          | C                                  | -1.962278 | -0.562676 | 0.130061                           | -2.212244 | -0.907713 | -0.169112                         | 2.578960  | -0.978224 | -0.166543 |
|      |          | H                                  | -1.547681 | -1.541115 | -0.143946                          | -3.261046 | -0.972499 | 0.131287                          | 2.009095  | -1.856104 | 0.140789  |
|      |          | H                                  | -2.969049 | -0.509225 | -0.282631                          | -1.724088 | -1.825767 | 0.159378                          | 2.542938  | -0.902084 | -1.254099 |
|      |          | H                                  | -2.028673 | -0.541984 | 1.219838                           | -2.159726 | -0.851747 | -1.255199                         | 3.613198  | -1.140921 | 0.139650  |
|      |          | X                                  | 1.451277  | -0.358893 | -0.065284                          | 1.137894  | -0.129204 | -0.003802                         | -0.951498 | -0.069579 | -0.002295 |
|      | AVTZ     | C                                  | 0.144549  | 0.884782  | 0.305662                           | -1.088839 | 1.349010  | -0.209402                         | -1.624056 | 1.345655  | -0.210172 |
|      |          | C                                  | -1.103003 | 0.534183  | -0.379482                          | -1.563710 | 0.277991  | 0.467671                          | -2.024211 | 0.250792  | 0.465521  |
|      |          | H                                  | -1.233550 | 0.879024  | -1.397708                          | -1.502543 | 0.285913  | 1.551665                          | -1.961514 | 0.261450  | 1.550011  |
|      |          | H                                  | 0.564208  | 1.832487  | -0.019319                          | -0.678013 | 2.203852  | 0.310248                          | -1.262097 | 2.224331  | 0.307310  |
|      |          | H                                  | 0.052542  | 0.861153  | 1.389840                           | -1.146645 | 1.394748  | -1.290201                         | -1.684109 | 1.388003  | -1.291571 |
|      |          | C                                  | -1.963881 | -0.563834 | 0.130444                           | -2.206036 | -0.906138 | -0.169154                         | -2.587813 | -0.977158 | -0.167685 |
|      |          | H                                  | -1.546242 | -1.542954 | -0.141274                          | -3.258033 | -0.962563 | 0.126297                          | -3.628075 | -1.114196 | 0.141605  |
|      |          | H                                  | -2.970821 | -0.511873 | -0.285049                          | -1.725060 | -1.827441 | 0.164440                          | -2.035641 | -1.863236 | 0.151983  |
|      |          | H                                  | -2.032285 | -0.540243 | 1.221235                           | -2.147387 | -0.852525 | -1.256296                         | -2.550250 | -0.915157 | -1.255628 |
|      |          | X                                  | 1.452950  | -0.359317 | -0.065145                          | 1.131691  | -0.130490 | -0.004024                         | 0.953550  | -0.069753 | -0.002447 |

**Table S137:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $X^- \cdots C_3H_6$  BiDent complexes. All frequencies and intensities are in  $cm^{-1}$  and  $km\ mol^{-1}$  and zero-point energies are in  $kJ\ mol^{-1}$ .

|          | $Cl^- \cdots C_3H_6$ |          |                            |                                 | $Br^- \cdots C_3H_6$ |                            |                                 | $I^- \cdots C_3H_6$ |                            |                                 |
|----------|----------------------|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
|          | Mode                 | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $cm^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $km\ mol^{-1}$ ) | Symmetry             | Frequency<br>( $cm^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $km\ mol^{-1}$ ) | Symmetry            | Frequency<br>( $cm^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $km\ mol^{-1}$ ) |
| def2QZVP | $\omega_1$           | $a'$     | 90                         | 3.3256                          | $a'$                 | 79                         | 6.5627                          | $a'$                | 65                         | 3.7468                          |
|          | $\omega_2$           | $a'$     | 105                        | 24.6974                         | $a'$                 | 85                         | 2.0685                          | $a'$                | 73                         | 0.04                            |
|          | $\omega_3$           | $a''$    | 133                        | 0.104                           | $a''$                | 121                        | 0.004                           | $a''$               | 105                        | 0.051                           |
|          | $\omega_4$           | $a''$    | 224                        | 0.4346                          | $a''$                | 219                        | 0.4927                          | $a''$               | 214                        | 0.4669                          |
|          | $\omega_5$           | $a'$     | 446                        | 5.1353                          | $a'$                 | 442                        | 3.7719                          | $a'$                | 437                        | 2.7758                          |
|          | $\omega_6$           | $a''$    | 595                        | 15.9601                         | $a''$                | 594                        | 15.3112                         | $a''$               | 592                        | 14.6189                         |
|          | $\omega_7$           | $a'$     | 937                        | 5.925                           | $a'$                 | 937                        | 5.5184                          | $a'$                | 937                        | 5.0114                          |
|          | $\omega_8$           | $a'$     | 963                        | 1.3491                          | $a'$                 | 960                        | 1.3123                          | $a'$                | 957                        | 1.338                           |
|          | $\omega_9$           | $a''$    | 969                        | 17.6593                         | $a''$                | 967                        | 20.279                          | $a''$               | 964                        | 21.4298                         |
|          | $\omega_{10}$        | $a''$    | 1051                       | 24.382                          | $a''$                | 1047                       | 21.4968                         | $a''$               | 1043                       | 17.7694                         |
|          | $\omega_{11}$        | $a''$    | 1082                       | 2.1612                          | $a''$                | 1081                       | 2.5494                          | $a''$               | 1080                       | 3.0814                          |
|          | $\omega_{12}$        | $a'$     | 1208                       | 0.9062                          | $a'$                 | 1207                       | 0.5864                          | $a'$                | 1206                       | 0.3122                          |
|          | $\omega_{13}$        | $a'$     | 1336                       | 0.1639                          | $a'$                 | 1335                       | 0.1048                          | $a'$                | 1334                       | 0.1103                          |
|          | $\omega_{14}$        | $a'$     | 1415                       | 0.6794                          | $a'$                 | 1416                       | 0.5257                          | $a'$                | 1416                       | 0.4044                          |
|          | $\omega_{15}$        | $a'$     | 1455                       | 1.9559                          | $a'$                 | 1456                       | 1.5657                          | $a'$                | 1457                       | 1.2532                          |
|          | $\omega_{16}$        | $a'$     | 1501                       | 2.1762                          | $a'$                 | 1502                       | 2.9078                          | $a''$               | 1501                       | 1.8897                          |
|          | $\omega_{17}$        | $a''$    | 1507                       | 2.9097                          | $a''$                | 1504                       | 2.7595                          | $a'$                | 1502                       | 3.9248                          |
|          | $\omega_{18}$        | $a'$     | 1699                       | 15.6093                         | $a'$                 | 1701                       | 14.1942                         | $a'$                | 1704                       | 12.4485                         |
|          | $\omega_{19}$        | $a'$     | 3003                       | 97.8324                         | $a'$                 | 3009                       | 85.2186                         | $a'$                | 3017                       | 69.9263                         |
|          | $\omega_{20}$        | $a''$    | 3066                       | 41.2494                         | $a''$                | 3071                       | 37.5093                         | $a''$               | 3076                       | 31.3927                         |
|          | $\omega_{21}$        | $a'$     | 3088                       | 7.0437                          | $a'$                 | 3096                       | 22.5526                         | $a'$                | 3105                       | 29.6864                         |
|          | $\omega_{22}$        | $a'$     | 3096                       | 145.695                         | $a'$                 | 3107                       | 100.8075                        | $a'$                | 3119                       | 54.0079                         |
|          | $\omega_{23}$        | $a'$     | 3114                       | 40.1046                         | $a'$                 | 3120                       | 42.2127                         | $a'$                | 3128                       | 49.1996                         |
|          | $\omega_{24}$        | $a'$     | 3206                       | 17.3553                         | $a'$                 | 3213                       | 14.4542                         | $a'$                | 3221                       | 11.1601                         |
| AVTZ     |                      | zpe      | 211.1                      |                                 | zpe                  | 211.0                      |                                 | zpe                 | 210.9                      |                                 |
|          | $\omega_1$           | $a'$     | 90                         | 3.3751                          | $a'$                 | 83                         | 6.418                           | $a$                 | 69                         | 3.6386                          |
|          | $\omega_2$           | $a'$     | 105                        | 24.5551                         | $a'$                 | 88                         | 2.0604                          | $a$                 | 77                         | 0.0281                          |
|          | $\omega_3$           | $a''$    | 134                        | 0.0868                          | $a''$                | 131                        | 0.0326                          | $a$                 | 111                        | 0.1174                          |
|          | $\omega_4$           | $a''$    | 226                        | 0.4041                          | $a''$                | 223                        | 0.5105                          | $a$                 | 217                        | 0.5069                          |
|          | $\omega_5$           | $a'$     | 443                        | 5.3645                          | $a'$                 | 440                        | 4.2427                          | $a$                 | 435                        | 2.9781                          |
|          | $\omega_6$           | $a''$    | 596                        | 16.8573                         | $a''$                | 598                        | 16.5919                         | $a$                 | 593                        | 15.7184                         |
|          | $\omega_7$           | $a'$     | 936                        | 5.8282                          | $a'$                 | 936                        | 5.5367                          | $a$                 | 936                        | 4.8944                          |
|          | $\omega_8$           | $a'$     | 961                        | 1.6435                          | $a'$                 | 960                        | 1.5335                          | $a$                 | 956                        | 1.5468                          |
|          | $\omega_9$           | $a''$    | 978                        | 14.9906                         | $a''$                | 977                        | 15.5232                         | $a$                 | 972                        | 17.6738                         |
|          | $\omega_{10}$        | $a''$    | 1049                       | 24.9763                         | $a''$                | 1048                       | 21.2081                         | $a$                 | 1042                       | 17.0956                         |
|          | $\omega_{11}$        | $a''$    | 1083                       | 2.1346                          | $a''$                | 1082                       | 2.5958                          | $a$                 | 1081                       | 3.2452                          |
|          | $\omega_{12}$        | $a'$     | 1207                       | 0.9157                          | $a'$                 | 1206                       | 0.6648                          | $a$                 | 1205                       | 0.3379                          |
|          | $\omega_{13}$        | $a'$     | 1333                       | 0.198                           | $a'$                 | 1332                       | 0.1917                          | $a$                 | 1331                       | 0.226                           |
|          | $\omega_{14}$        | $a'$     | 1415                       | 0.4255                          | $a'$                 | 1416                       | 0.2645                          | $a$                 | 1416                       | 0.188                           |
|          | $\omega_{15}$        | $a'$     | 1454                       | 2.0865                          | $a'$                 | 1455                       | 1.9789                          | $a$                 | 1456                       | 1.443                           |
|          | $\omega_{16}$        | $a'$     | 1503                       | 2.3185                          | $a'$                 | 1503                       | 2.874                           | $a$                 | 1503                       | 0.9617                          |
|          | $\omega_{17}$        | $a''$    | 1509                       | 1.9791                          | $a''$                | 1506                       | 1.3298                          | $a$                 | 1503                       | 3.9995                          |
|          | $\omega_{18}$        | $a'$     | 1696                       | 17.1664                         | $a'$                 | 1697                       | 15.6412                         | $a$                 | 1700                       | 13.4432                         |
|          | $\omega_{19}$        | $a'$     | 3001                       | 97.9615                         | $a'$                 | 3006                       | 89.8712                         | $a$                 | 3013                       | 73.7342                         |
|          | $\omega_{20}$        | $a''$    | 3063                       | 39.0963                         | $a''$                | 3067                       | 35.4061                         | $a$                 | 3072                       | 30.3294                         |
|          | $\omega_{21}$        | $a'$     | 3086                       | 12.5406                         | $a'$                 | 3091                       | 24.3528                         | $a$                 | 3099                       | 30.5143                         |
|          | $\omega_{22}$        | $a'$     | 3095                       | 133.2193                        | $a'$                 | 3103                       | 97.3228                         | $a$                 | 3113                       | 51.9914                         |
|          | $\omega_{23}$        | $a'$     | 3111                       | 44.2773                         | $a'$                 | 3115                       | 50.3489                         | $a$                 | 3123                       | 56.9595                         |
|          | $\omega_{24}$        | $a'$     | 3204                       | 16.9612                         | $a'$                 | 3209                       | 14.347                          | $a$                 | 3217                       | 11.4101                         |
|          |                      | zpe      | 211.0                      |                                 | zpe                  | 211.0                      |                                 | zpe                 | 210.8                      |                                 |

**Table S138:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $X^- \cdots C_3H_6$  Bif complexes. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  and zero-point energies are in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

|          | $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |          |                                   |                                       | $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |                                   |                                       | $\text{I}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |                                   |                                       |
|----------|-------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|          | Mode                                      | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Symmetry                                  | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Symmetry                                 | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) |
| def2QZVP | $\omega_1$                                | $a''$    | 43                                | 1.2728                                | $a$                                       | 39                                | 0.5398                                | $a''$                                    | 44                                | 0.282                                 |
|          | $\omega_2$                                | $a'$     | 64                                | 3.0224                                | $a$                                       | 63                                | 0.7519                                | $a'$                                     | 57                                | 0.5467                                |
|          | $\omega_3$                                | $a'$     | 104                               | 24.6244                               | $a$                                       | 81                                | 7.6758                                | $a'$                                     | 66                                | 3.1355                                |
|          | $\omega_4$                                | $a''$    | 202                               | 0.1794                                | $a$                                       | 201                               | 0.3111                                | $a''$                                    | 203                               | 0.4013                                |
|          | $\omega_5$                                | $a'$     | 419                               | 0.9361                                | $a$                                       | 420                               | 1.0745                                | $a'$                                     | 421                               | 1.1874                                |
|          | $\omega_6$                                | $a''$    | 608                               | 8.228                                 | $a$                                       | 606                               | 8.2096                                | $a''$                                    | 604                               | 7.7897                                |
|          | $\omega_7$                                | $a''$    | 893                               | 50.6949                               | $a$                                       | 898                               | 49.9987                               | $a''$                                    | 902                               | 47.6077                               |
|          | $\omega_8$                                | $a'$     | 940                               | 1.2677                                | $a$                                       | 940                               | 1.8601                                | $a'$                                     | 940                               | 2.8243                                |
|          | $\omega_9$                                | $a'$     | 951                               | 21.4307                               | $a$                                       | 952                               | 20.3009                               | $a'$                                     | 952                               | 19.2858                               |
|          | $\omega_{10}$                             | $a''$    | 1050                              | 2.9706                                | $a$                                       | 1049                              | 3.5426                                | $a''$                                    | 1047                              | 3.9063                                |
|          | $\omega_{11}$                             | $a''$    | 1105                              | 8.446                                 | $a$                                       | 1099                              | 7.4151                                | $a''$                                    | 1093                              | 5.6876                                |
|          | $\omega_{12}$                             | $a'$     | 1204                              | 0.641                                 | $a$                                       | 1204                              | 0.5144                                | $a'$                                     | 1204                              | 0.3745                                |
|          | $\omega_{13}$                             | $a'$     | 1306                              | 30.5497                               | $a$                                       | 1311                              | 26.3507                               | $a'$                                     | 1316                              | 22.9852                               |
|          | $\omega_{14}$                             | $a'$     | 1405                              | 4.0862                                | $a$                                       | 1407                              | 4.3634                                | $a'$                                     | 1409                              | 4.529                                 |
|          | $\omega_{15}$                             | $a'$     | 1447                              | 2.7751                                | $a$                                       | 1448                              | 2.3439                                | $a'$                                     | 1449                              | 1.6275                                |
|          | $\omega_{16}$                             | $a''$    | 1465                              | 7.612                                 | $a$                                       | 1467                              | 8.3916                                | $a''$                                    | 1471                              | 9.6868                                |
|          | $\omega_{17}$                             | $a'$     | 1489                              | 33.5786                               | $a$                                       | 1490                              | 37.3231                               | $a'$                                     | 1491                              | 42.4944                               |
|          | $\omega_{18}$                             | $a'$     | 1698                              | 21.5049                               | $a$                                       | 1699                              | 20.637                                | $a'$                                     | 1701                              | 19.3801                               |
|          | $\omega_{19}$                             | $a'$     | 3031                              | 50.1636                               | $a$                                       | 3033                              | 45.1303                               | $a'$                                     | 3035                              | 37.6464                               |
|          | $\omega_{20}$                             | $a'$     | 3116                              | 43.9359                               | $a$                                       | 3117                              | 7.8204                                | $a''$                                    | 3115                              | 7.0271                                |
|          | $\omega_{21}$                             | $a''$    | 3118                              | 8.4973                                | $a$                                       | 3118                              | 39.9743                               | $a'$                                     | 3118                              | 39.9232                               |
|          | $\omega_{22}$                             | $a'$     | 3126                              | 32.7956                               | $a$                                       | 3129                              | 30.5254                               | $a'$                                     | 3133                              | 28.5791                               |
|          | $\omega_{23}$                             | $a'$     | 3152                              | 26.2691                               | $a$                                       | 3159                              | 17.8014                               | $a'$                                     | 3162                              | 9.129                                 |
|          | $\omega_{24}$                             | $a'$     | 3215                              | 30.5834                               | $a$                                       | 3218                              | 29.0673                               | $a'$                                     | 3222                              | 26.5615                               |
|          | zpe                                       |          | 210.3                             |                                       | zpe                                       | 210.2                             |                                       | zpe                                      | 210.3                             |                                       |
| AVTZ     | $\omega_1$                                | $a''$    | 52                                | 1.0124                                | $a$                                       | 53                                | 0.3315                                | $a$                                      | 46                                | 0.1901                                |
|          | $\omega_2$                                | $a'$     | 60                                | 3.0465                                | $a$                                       | 57                                | 0.825                                 | $a$                                      | 57                                | 0.3549                                |
|          | $\omega_3$                                | $a'$     | 103                               | 24.3815                               | $a$                                       | 81                                | 7.3887                                | $a$                                      | 68                                | 3.1313                                |
|          | $\omega_4$                                | $a''$    | 205                               | 0.2291                                | $a$                                       | 205                               | 0.4266                                | $a$                                      | 204                               | 0.5304                                |
|          | $\omega_5$                                | $a'$     | 416                               | 0.9681                                | $a$                                       | 417                               | 0.9936                                | $a$                                      | 418                               | 1.1251                                |
|          | $\omega_6$                                | $a''$    | 608                               | 7.6445                                | $a$                                       | 609                               | 7.2091                                | $a$                                      | 605                               | 7.0751                                |
|          | $\omega_7$                                | $a''$    | 892                               | 49.4245                               | $a$                                       | 898                               | 48.2667                               | $a$                                      | 903                               | 46.5684                               |
|          | $\omega_8$                                | $a'$     | 938                               | 0.8403                                | $a$                                       | 938                               | 1.3823                                | $a$                                      | 938                               | 2.194                                 |
|          | $\omega_9$                                | $a'$     | 949                               | 22.7808                               | $a$                                       | 949                               | 22.1513                               | $a$                                      | 949                               | 21.0195                               |
|          | $\omega_{10}$                             | $a''$    | 1050                              | 2.5651                                | $a$                                       | 1049                              | 2.4947                                | $a$                                      | 1048                              | 2.901                                 |
|          | $\omega_{11}$                             | $a''$    | 1104                              | 7.9709                                | $a$                                       | 1102                              | 6.6347                                | $a$                                      | 1095                              | 5.2412                                |
|          | $\omega_{12}$                             | $a'$     | 1202                              | 0.5873                                | $a$                                       | 1202                              | 0.4672                                | $a$                                      | 1202                              | 0.3839                                |
|          | $\omega_{13}$                             | $a'$     | 1304                              | 33.8674                               | $a$                                       | 1308                              | 31.3063                               | $a$                                      | 1312                              | 26.0076                               |
|          | $\omega_{14}$                             | $a'$     | 1404                              | 3.5657                                | $a$                                       | 1406                              | 4.016                                 | $a$                                      | 1408                              | 4.388                                 |
|          | $\omega_{15}$                             | $a'$     | 1446                              | 2.1845                                | $a$                                       | 1447                              | 1.6558                                | $a$                                      | 1448                              | 1.2094                                |
|          | $\omega_{16}$                             | $a''$    | 1469                              | 8.1368                                | $a$                                       | 1471                              | 9.0434                                | $a$                                      | 1473                              | 10.242                                |
|          | $\omega_{17}$                             | $a'$     | 1491                              | 33.3839                               | $a$                                       | 1492                              | 36.3066                               | $a$                                      | 1493                              | 41.9456                               |
|          | $\omega_{18}$                             | $a'$     | 1695                              | 22.0115                               | $a$                                       | 1697                              | 21.0559                               | $a$                                      | 1699                              | 20.0712                               |
|          | $\omega_{19}$                             | $a'$     | 3028                              | 49.9034                               | $a$                                       | 3029                              | 45.2616                               | $a$                                      | 3031                              | 38.6468                               |
|          | $\omega_{20}$                             | $a'$     | 3111                              | 45.5815                               | $a$                                       | 3111                              | 7.7554                                | $a$                                      | 3110                              | 6.6684                                |
|          | $\omega_{21}$                             | $a''$    | 3112                              | 8.1116                                | $a$                                       | 3112                              | 44.5505                               | $a$                                      | 3113                              | 42.8188                               |
|          | $\omega_{22}$                             | $a'$     | 3123                              | 33.2938                               | $a$                                       | 3125                              | 31.8617                               | $a$                                      | 3129                              | 29.7519                               |
|          | $\omega_{23}$                             | $a'$     | 3148                              | 28.2179                               | $a$                                       | 3151                              | 21.621                                | $a$                                      | 3156                              | 11.1743                               |
|          | $\omega_{24}$                             | $a'$     | 3211                              | 30.0037                               | $a$                                       | 3214                              | 28.3083                               | $a$                                      | 3218                              | 26.2627                               |
|          | zpe                                       |          | 210.1                             |                                       | zpe                                       | 210.1                             |                                       | zpe                                      | 210.1                             |                                       |

**Table S139:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $X^- \cdots C_3H_6$  HApp complexes. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  and zero-point energies are in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

| $\text{Cl}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |               |          |                                   |                                       |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                           | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) |
| def2QZVP                                  | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 32                                | 4.1982                                |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 78                                | 0.152                                 |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 111                               | 26.4963                               |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 210                               | 0.4785                                |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 437                               | 0.3888                                |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 622                               | 7.8004                                |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 936                               | 10.0601                               |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 958                               | 1.1021                                |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a''$    | 1002                              | 46.5108                               |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $a''$    | 1052                              | 0.3398                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a''$    | 1073                              | 3.8172                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 1192                              | 0.6881                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a'$     | 1322                              | 0.7359                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $a'$     | 1403                              | 1.5228                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a'$     | 1472                              | 0.3741                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{16}$ | $a''$    | 1490                              | 4.1846                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{17}$ | $a'$     | 1506                              | 8.8291                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{18}$ | $a'$     | 1703                              | 1.0886                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{19}$ | $a'$     | 3021                              | 69.8356                               |
|                                           | $\omega_{20}$ | $a'$     | 3061                              | 221.428                               |
|                                           | $\omega_{21}$ | $a''$    | 3073                              | 35.8006                               |
|                                           | $\omega_{22}$ | $a'$     | 3106                              | 27.2675                               |
|                                           | $\omega_{23}$ | $a'$     | 3154                              | 18.428                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{24}$ | $a'$     | 3178                              | 65.2542                               |
|                                           |               | zpe      | 210.5                             |                                       |
| AVTZ                                      | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 31                                | 4.0342                                |
|                                           | $\omega_2$    | $a''$    | 78                                | 0.1228                                |
|                                           | $\omega_3$    | $a'$     | 110                               | 26.0547                               |
|                                           | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 209                               | 0.4926                                |
|                                           | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 434                               | 0.4543                                |
|                                           | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 622                               | 6.872                                 |
|                                           | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 935                               | 9.5394                                |
|                                           | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 955                               | 1.2702                                |
|                                           | $\omega_9$    | $a''$    | 1003                              | 45.0913                               |
|                                           | $\omega_{10}$ | $a''$    | 1055                              | 0.0986                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{11}$ | $a''$    | 1074                              | 3.7523                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 1190                              | 0.8803                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{13}$ | $a'$     | 1319                              | 0.5526                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{14}$ | $a'$     | 1403                              | 1.6437                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{15}$ | $a'$     | 1470                              | 0.6298                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{16}$ | $a''$    | 1492                              | 4.2594                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{17}$ | $a'$     | 1508                              | 8.3546                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{18}$ | $a'$     | 1700                              | 0.9019                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{19}$ | $a'$     | 3018                              | 70.581                                |
|                                           | $\omega_{20}$ | $a'$     | 3063                              | 216.8383                              |
|                                           | $\omega_{21}$ | $a''$    | 3069                              | 34.6115                               |
|                                           | $\omega_{22}$ | $a'$     | 3102                              | 27.1834                               |
|                                           | $\omega_{23}$ | $a'$     | 3150                              | 17.8764                               |
|                                           | $\omega_{24}$ | $a'$     | 3176                              | 65.1027                               |
|                                           |               | zpe      | 210.3                             |                                       |

**Table S140:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  BiDent complexes. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  and zero-point energies are in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

| $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |               |          |                                   |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                       | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$    | <i>a</i> | 41                                | 0.1128                                |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | <i>a</i> | 44                                | 0.0778                                |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | <i>a</i> | 45                                | 0.0005                                |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | <i>a</i> | 211                               | 0.4897                                |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | <i>a</i> | 426                               | 1.0148                                |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | <i>a</i> | 595                               | 12.8786                               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | <i>a</i> | 939                               | 2.8068                                |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | <i>a</i> | 948                               | 40.1101                               |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | <i>a</i> | 950                               | 2.6525                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | <i>a</i> | 1034                              | 11.7839                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | <i>a</i> | 1077                              | 3.5817                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | <i>a</i> | 1201                              | 0.2079                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{13}$ | <i>a</i> | 1332                              | 0.0015                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{14}$ | <i>a</i> | 1414                              | 1.4506                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{15}$ | <i>a</i> | 1459                              | 0.3585                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{16}$ | <i>a</i> | 1493                              | 5.0208                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{17}$ | <i>a</i> | 1505                              | 11.4552                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{18}$ | <i>a</i> | 1711                              | 12.1385                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{19}$ | <i>a</i> | 3043                              | 21.8158                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{20}$ | <i>a</i> | 3103                              | 15.8139                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{21}$ | <i>a</i> | 3134                              | 4.9312                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{22}$ | <i>a</i> | 3153                              | 15.13                                 |
|                                       | $\omega_{23}$ | <i>a</i> | 3164                              | 13.5783                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{24}$ | <i>a</i> | 3248                              | 12.0585                               |
|                                       |               | zpe      | 211.0                             |                                       |

**Table S141:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $\text{Br}\cdots\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  Bif complexes. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  and zero-point energies are in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

| $\text{Br}\cdots\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |               |          |                                   |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                       | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) |
| def2QZVP                              | $\omega_1$    | <i>a</i> | 32                                | 0.0955                                |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | <i>a</i> | 37                                | 0.0224                                |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | <i>a</i> | 68                                | 0.6047                                |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | <i>a</i> | 220                               | 0.8778                                |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | <i>a</i> | 427                               | 0.6077                                |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | <i>a</i> | 590                               | 11.7722                               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | <i>a</i> | 937                               | 4.9739                                |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | <i>a</i> | 945                               | 2.3969                                |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | <i>a</i> | 948                               | 43.6421                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | <i>a</i> | 1031                              | 11.0996                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | <i>a</i> | 1074                              | 3.678                                 |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | <i>a</i> | 1197                              | 0.5516                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{13}$ | <i>a</i> | 1331                              | 0.1301                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{14}$ | <i>a</i> | 1407                              | 3.7194                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{15}$ | <i>a</i> | 1459                              | 0.3626                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{16}$ | <i>a</i> | 1488                              | 6.9108                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{17}$ | <i>a</i> | 1505                              | 29.6201                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{18}$ | <i>a</i> | 1712                              | 11.4085                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{19}$ | <i>a</i> | 3030                              | 32.9991                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{20}$ | <i>a</i> | 3078                              | 19.1419                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{21}$ | <i>a</i> | 3125                              | 15.1872                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{22}$ | <i>a</i> | 3153                              | 15.6986                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{23}$ | <i>a</i> | 3164                              | 9.2861                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{24}$ | <i>a</i> | 3247                              | 12.452                                |
|                                       | zpe           |          | 210.6                             |                                       |
| AVTZ                                  | $\omega_1$    | <i>a</i> | 31                                | 0.0852                                |
|                                       | $\omega_2$    | <i>a</i> | 39                                | 0.0295                                |
|                                       | $\omega_3$    | <i>a</i> | 73                                | 0.7249                                |
|                                       | $\omega_4$    | <i>a</i> | 215                               | 0.987                                 |
|                                       | $\omega_5$    | <i>a</i> | 424                               | 0.6078                                |
|                                       | $\omega_6$    | <i>a</i> | 591                               | 10.9561                               |
|                                       | $\omega_7$    | <i>a</i> | 936                               | 4.6135                                |
|                                       | $\omega_8$    | <i>a</i> | 942                               | 2.7319                                |
|                                       | $\omega_9$    | <i>a</i> | 946                               | 42.1971                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{10}$ | <i>a</i> | 1029                              | 10.8894                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{11}$ | <i>a</i> | 1074                              | 3.4411                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{12}$ | <i>a</i> | 1195                              | 0.6207                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{13}$ | <i>a</i> | 1328                              | 0.1627                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{14}$ | <i>a</i> | 1406                              | 3.7796                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{15}$ | <i>a</i> | 1458                              | 0.3344                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{16}$ | <i>a</i> | 1490                              | 7.4678                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{17}$ | <i>a</i> | 1506                              | 30.6022                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{18}$ | <i>a</i> | 1710                              | 11.5241                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{19}$ | <i>a</i> | 3026                              | 34.2603                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{20}$ | <i>a</i> | 3072                              | 18.2904                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{21}$ | <i>a</i> | 3119                              | 15.5744                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{22}$ | <i>a</i> | 3149                              | 16.3262                               |
|                                       | $\omega_{23}$ | <i>a</i> | 3160                              | 8.1191                                |
|                                       | $\omega_{24}$ | <i>a</i> | 3243                              | 12.6428                               |
|                                       | zpe           |          | 210.3                             |                                       |

**Table S142:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $I\cdots C_3H_6$  End complexes. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  and zero-point energies are in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

| $I\cdots C_3H_6$ |               |          |                                   |                                       |
|------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                  | Mode          | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) |
| def2QZVP         | $\omega_1$    | $a$      | 20                                | 0.0559                                |
|                  | $\omega_2$    | $a$      | 36                                | 0.0374                                |
|                  | $\omega_3$    | $a$      | 41                                | 0.8143                                |
|                  | $\omega_4$    | $a$      | 209                               | 0.062                                 |
|                  | $\omega_5$    | $a$      | 426                               | 0.955                                 |
|                  | $\omega_6$    | $a$      | 593                               | 8.0162                                |
|                  | $\omega_7$    | $a$      | 938                               | 2.8575                                |
|                  | $\omega_8$    | $a$      | 947                               | 4.5714                                |
|                  | $\omega_9$    | $a$      | 975                               | 11.9345                               |
|                  | $\omega_{10}$ | $a$      | 1032                              | 10.9936                               |
|                  | $\omega_{11}$ | $a$      | 1076                              | 2.6461                                |
|                  | $\omega_{12}$ | $a$      | 1199                              | 0.4448                                |
|                  | $\omega_{13}$ | $a$      | 1329                              | 0.9645                                |
|                  | $\omega_{14}$ | $a$      | 1413                              | 2.0084                                |
|                  | $\omega_{15}$ | $a$      | 1457                              | 2.8267                                |
|                  | $\omega_{16}$ | $a$      | 1491                              | 5.4449                                |
|                  | $\omega_{17}$ | $a$      | 1504                              | 18.3376                               |
|                  | $\omega_{18}$ | $a$      | 1710                              | 19.4154                               |
|                  | $\omega_{19}$ | $a$      | 3043                              | 23.7136                               |
|                  | $\omega_{20}$ | $a$      | 3104                              | 14.9856                               |
|                  | $\omega_{21}$ | $a$      | 3130                              | 8.4104                                |
|                  | $\omega_{22}$ | $a$      | 3153                              | 20.9241                               |
|                  | $\omega_{23}$ | $a$      | 3163                              | 11.0151                               |
|                  | $\omega_{24}$ | $a$      | 3247                              | 11.4304                               |
|                  |               | zpe      | 210.8                             |                                       |
| AVTZ             | $\omega_1$    | $a'$     | 15                                | 0.08                                  |
|                  | $\omega_2$    | $?a$     | 39                                | 0.0405                                |
|                  | $\omega_3$    | $?a$     | 41                                | 0.6796                                |
|                  | $\omega_4$    | $a''$    | 210                               | 0.0987                                |
|                  | $\omega_5$    | $a'$     | 423                               | 0.8709                                |
|                  | $\omega_6$    | $a''$    | 592                               | 9.138                                 |
|                  | $\omega_7$    | $a'$     | 936                               | 1.3273                                |
|                  | $\omega_8$    | $a'$     | 945                               | 6.2952                                |
|                  | $\omega_9$    | $a''$    | 967                               | 14.69                                 |
|                  | $\omega_{10}$ | $a''$    | 1030                              | 11.4866                               |
|                  | $\omega_{11}$ | $a''$    | 1076                              | 2.7679                                |
|                  | $\omega_{12}$ | $a'$     | 1197                              | 0.5239                                |
|                  | $\omega_{13}$ | $a'$     | 1326                              | 1.2198                                |
|                  | $\omega_{14}$ | $a'$     | 1413                              | 1.7253                                |
|                  | $\omega_{15}$ | $a'$     | 1455                              | 3.5909                                |
|                  | $\omega_{16}$ | $a''$    | 1493                              | 5.4904                                |
|                  | $\omega_{17}$ | $a'$     | 1506                              | 18.2022                               |
|                  | $\omega_{18}$ | $a'$     | 1707                              | 20.0401                               |
|                  | $\omega_{19}$ | $a'$     | 3040                              | 24.1209                               |
|                  | $\omega_{20}$ | $a''$    | 3100                              | 15.0809                               |
|                  | $\omega_{21}$ | $a'$     | 3126                              | 8.436                                 |
|                  | $\omega_{22}$ | $a'$     | 3149                              | 23.0115                               |
|                  | $\omega_{23}$ | $a'$     | 3159                              | 9.2513                                |
|                  | $\omega_{24}$ | $a'$     | 3242                              | 11.6235                               |
|                  |               | zpe      | 210.5                             |                                       |

**Table S143:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $X\cdots C_3H_6$  MePoc complexes. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  and zero-point energies are in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

|          | $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |          |                                   |                                       | $\text{Br}\cdots\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |                                   |                                       | $\text{I}\cdots\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |                                   |                                       |
|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|          | Mode                                  | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Symmetry                              | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Symmetry                             | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) |
| def2QZVP | $\omega_1$                            | <i>a</i> | 20                                | 0.079                                 | <i>?a</i>                             | 20                                | 0.0806                                | <i>a</i>                             | 21                                | 0.0831                                |
|          | $\omega_2$                            | <i>a</i> | 23                                | 0.0104                                | <i>?a</i>                             | 22                                | 0.0094                                | <i>a</i>                             | 21                                | 0.0134                                |
|          | $\omega_3$                            | <i>a</i> | 40                                | 0.0036                                | <i>a'</i>                             | 36                                | 0.007                                 | <i>a</i>                             | 36                                | 0.0128                                |
|          | $\omega_4$                            | <i>a</i> | 207                               | 0.4187                                | <i>a''</i>                            | 207                               | 0.3943                                | <i>a</i>                             | 207                               | 0.3915                                |
|          | $\omega_5$                            | <i>a</i> | 426                               | 1.1582                                | <i>a'</i>                             | 426                               | 1.1643                                | <i>a</i>                             | 426                               | 1.1782                                |
|          | $\omega_6$                            | <i>a</i> | 592                               | 12.2359                               | <i>a''</i>                            | 592                               | 12.1579                               | <i>a</i>                             | 592                               | 12.1511                               |
|          | $\omega_7$                            | <i>a</i> | 939                               | 2.5281                                | <i>a'</i>                             | 939                               | 2.5413                                | <i>a</i>                             | 939                               | 2.5625                                |
|          | $\omega_8$                            | <i>a</i> | 944                               | 42.8544                               | <i>a''</i>                            | 944                               | 42.6101                               | <i>a</i>                             | 944                               | 42.0521                               |
|          | $\omega_9$                            | <i>a</i> | 948                               | 3.6776                                | <i>a'</i>                             | 948                               | 3.7509                                | <i>a</i>                             | 948                               | 3.9908                                |
|          | $\omega_{10}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1032                              | 13.857                                | <i>a''</i>                            | 1032                              | 13.6076                               | <i>a</i>                             | 1031                              | 13.4908                               |
|          | $\omega_{11}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1073                              | 1.8674                                | <i>a''</i>                            | 1071                              | 2.0735                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1070                              | 1.9694                                |
|          | $\omega_{12}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1199                              | 0.0705                                | <i>a'</i>                             | 1199                              | 0.064                                 | <i>a</i>                             | 1199                              | 0.0654                                |
|          | $\omega_{13}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1331                              | 0.1392                                | <i>a'</i>                             | 1331                              | 0.1655                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1331                              | 0.2382                                |
|          | $\omega_{14}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1411                              | 3.2964                                | <i>a'</i>                             | 1410                              | 3.9346                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1410                              | 5.3478                                |
|          | $\omega_{15}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1458                              | 1.3927                                | <i>a'</i>                             | 1458                              | 1.59                                  | <i>a</i>                             | 1458                              | 2.0681                                |
|          | $\omega_{16}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1492                              | 1.1432                                | <i>a''</i>                            | 1489                              | 0.7833                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1487                              | 0.4597                                |
|          | $\omega_{17}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1503                              | 12.8384                               | <i>a'</i>                             | 1503                              | 12.368                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1502                              | 11.1487                               |
|          | $\omega_{18}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1712                              | 14.15                                 | <i>a'</i>                             | 1712                              | 14.5944                               | <i>a</i>                             | 1711                              | 15.6492                               |
|          | $\omega_{19}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3044                              | 27.3135                               | <i>a'</i>                             | 3044                              | 28.7347                               | <i>a</i>                             | 3043                              | 31.2958                               |
|          | $\omega_{20}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3107                              | 7.9256                                | <i>a''</i>                            | 3107                              | 7.5366                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3106                              | 6.8344                                |
|          | $\omega_{21}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3132                              | 6.7525                                | <i>a'</i>                             | 3132                              | 6.4031                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3131                              | 5.8054                                |
|          | $\omega_{22}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3152                              | 17.3752                               | <i>a'</i>                             | 3152                              | 17.2831                               | <i>a</i>                             | 3152                              | 16.8631                               |
|          | $\omega_{23}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3163                              | 11.6452                               | <i>a'</i>                             | 3163                              | 11.7399                               | <i>a</i>                             | 3163                              | 11.8019                               |
|          | $\omega_{24}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3246                              | 14.7671                               | <i>a'</i>                             | 3246                              | 14.8847                               | <i>a</i>                             | 3246                              | 15.0772                               |
|          | zpe                                   |          | 210.5                             |                                       | zpe                                   | 210.4                             |                                       | zpe                                  | 210.4                             |                                       |
| AVTZ     | $\omega_1$                            | <i>a</i> | 20                                | 0.0654                                | <i>a</i>                              | 19                                | 0.0839                                | <i>a</i>                             | 20                                | 0.0847                                |
|          | $\omega_2$                            | <i>a</i> | 22                                | 0.0249                                | <i>a</i>                              | 36                                | 0.0738                                | <i>a</i>                             | 29                                | 0.0088                                |
|          | $\omega_3$                            | <i>a</i> | 43                                | 0.0033                                | <i>a</i>                              | 40                                | 0.0208                                | <i>a</i>                             | 40                                | 0.0158                                |
|          | $\omega_4$                            | <i>a</i> | 208                               | 0.4197                                | <i>a</i>                              | 209                               | 0.1655                                | <i>a</i>                             | 209                               | 0.4124                                |
|          | $\omega_5$                            | <i>a</i> | 424                               | 1.1754                                | <i>a</i>                              | 424                               | 1.2455                                | <i>a</i>                             | 424                               | 1.2029                                |
|          | $\omega_6$                            | <i>a</i> | 590                               | 11.9308                               | <i>a</i>                              | 592                               | 11.0221                               | <i>a</i>                             | 592                               | 11.9221                               |
|          | $\omega_7$                            | <i>a</i> | 938                               | 1.8415                                | <i>a</i>                              | 938                               | 2.0286                                | <i>a</i>                             | 938                               | 1.9198                                |
|          | $\omega_8$                            | <i>a</i> | 942                               | 42.0289                               | <i>a</i>                              | 942                               | 43.1401                               | <i>a</i>                             | 942                               | 41.4191                               |
|          | $\omega_9$                            | <i>a</i> | 946                               | 4.3667                                | <i>a</i>                              | 946                               | 4.6931                                | <i>a</i>                             | 946                               | 4.7203                                |
|          | $\omega_{10}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1030                              | 15.0572                               | <i>a</i>                              | 1030                              | 12.9544                               | <i>a</i>                             | 1029                              | 14.0871                               |
|          | $\omega_{11}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1074                              | 1.4805                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1075                              | 3.519                                 | <i>a</i>                             | 1072                              | 1.8757                                |
|          | $\omega_{12}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1198                              | 0.0465                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1197                              | 0.0515                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1197                              | 0.0263                                |
|          | $\omega_{13}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1328                              | 0.1581                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1328                              | 0.1846                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1328                              | 0.2702                                |
|          | $\omega_{14}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1411                              | 3.1695                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1411                              | 4.1865                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1410                              | 5.2323                                |
|          | $\omega_{15}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1457                              | 1.5464                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1459                              | 2.4296                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1457                              | 2.2216                                |
|          | $\omega_{16}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1494                              | 0.9726                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1493                              | 4.4447                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1491                              | 0.5444                                |
|          | $\omega_{17}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1504                              | 12.282                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1504                              | 13.5711                               | <i>a</i>                             | 1503                              | 10.8879                               |
|          | $\omega_{18}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1709                              | 14.6456                               | <i>a</i>                              | 1709                              | 14.9167                               | <i>a</i>                             | 1709                              | 16.3323                               |
|          | $\omega_{19}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3040                              | 28.4007                               | <i>a</i>                              | 3044                              | 38.2326                               | <i>a</i>                             | 3040                              | 32.2625                               |
|          | $\omega_{20}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3103                              | 7.3404                                | <i>a</i>                              | 3099                              | 15.541                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3102                              | 6.7874                                |
|          | $\omega_{21}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3127                              | 6.5937                                | <i>a</i>                              | 3127                              | 9.1614                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3127                              | 5.5378                                |
|          | $\omega_{22}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3148                              | 18.6231                               | <i>a</i>                              | 3148                              | 17.3731                               | <i>a</i>                             | 3148                              | 18.0589                               |
|          | $\omega_{23}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3159                              | 10.4608                               | <i>a</i>                              | 3160                              | 10.3317                               | <i>a</i>                             | 3159                              | 10.9123                               |
|          | $\omega_{24}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3241                              | 15.2505                               | <i>a</i>                              | 3241                              | 15.3822                               | <i>a</i>                             | 3241                              | 15.6187                               |
|          | zpe                                   |          | 210.3                             |                                       | zpe                                   | 210.4                             |                                       | zpe                                  | 210.3                             |                                       |



**Table S144:** Calculated harmonic frequencies and mode assignments for the  $X\cdots C_3H_6$  Perp complexes. All frequencies and intensities are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and  $\text{km mol}^{-1}$  and zero-point energies are in  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$ .

|          | $\text{Cl}\cdots\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |          |                                   |                                       | $\text{Br}\cdots\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |                                   |                                       | $\text{I}\cdots\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ |                                   |                                       |
|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|          | Mode                                  | Symmetry | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Symmetry                              | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) | Symmetry                             | Frequency<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | Intensity<br>( $\text{km mol}^{-1}$ ) |
| def2QZVP | $\omega_1$                            | <i>a</i> | 91                                | 1.1185                                | <i>a</i>                              | 107                               | 1.2351                                | <i>a</i>                             | 94                                | 0.2726                                |
|          | $\omega_2$                            | <i>a</i> | 117                               | 1.9072                                | <i>a</i>                              | 153                               | 1.7897                                | <i>a</i>                             | 143                               | 0.2365                                |
|          | $\omega_3$                            | <i>a</i> | 286                               | 6.644                                 | <i>a</i>                              | 198                               | 5.3498                                | <i>a</i>                             | 161                               | 11.0808                               |
|          | $\omega_4$                            | <i>a</i> | 405                               | 3.0687                                | <i>a</i>                              | 226                               | 0.2644                                | <i>a</i>                             | 226                               | 0.3251                                |
|          | $\omega_5$                            | <i>a</i> | 538                               | 4.4411                                | <i>a</i>                              | 423                               | 0.2871                                | <i>a</i>                             | 425                               | 0.4774                                |
|          | $\omega_6$                            | <i>a</i> | 630                               | 86.2164                               | <i>a</i>                              | 634                               | 8.054                                 | <i>a</i>                             | 625                               | 12.3364                               |
|          | $\omega_7$                            | <i>a</i> | 883                               | 4.4166                                | <i>a</i>                              | 934                               | 12.0901                               | <i>a</i>                             | 934                               | 9.0311                                |
|          | $\omega_8$                            | <i>a</i> | 917                               | 8.8271                                | <i>a</i>                              | 952                               | 2.4303                                | <i>a</i>                             | 952                               | 2.6477                                |
|          | $\omega_9$                            | <i>a</i> | 1009                              | 0.6689                                | <i>a</i>                              | 975                               | 47.6393                               | <i>a</i>                             | 969                               | 67.1585                               |
|          | $\omega_{10}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1092                              | 1.5176                                | <i>a</i>                              | 995                               | 10.9681                               | <i>a</i>                             | 1011                              | 9.1808                                |
|          | $\omega_{11}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1179                              | 4.1001                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1069                              | 2.9508                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1073                              | 6.0389                                |
|          | $\omega_{12}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1235                              | 0.4849                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1208                              | 0.529                                 | <i>a</i>                             | 1207                              | 0.2467                                |
|          | $\omega_{13}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1264                              | 18.7216                               | <i>a</i>                              | 1325                              | 11.2881                               | <i>a</i>                             | 1326                              | 8.7509                                |
|          | $\omega_{14}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1397                              | 1.555                                 | <i>a</i>                              | 1410                              | 10.0188                               | <i>a</i>                             | 1411                              | 9.6029                                |
|          | $\omega_{15}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1427                              | 6.8112                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1453                              | 14.5862                               | <i>a</i>                             | 1455                              | 11.0392                               |
|          | $\omega_{16}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1486                              | 5.508                                 | <i>a</i>                              | 1484                              | 9.087                                 | <i>a</i>                             | 1486                              | 8.7238                                |
|          | $\omega_{17}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1494                              | 11.0992                               | <i>a</i>                              | 1500                              | 20.2302                               | <i>a</i>                             | 1500                              | 21.1504                               |
|          | $\omega_{18}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1504                              | 2.2667                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1650                              | 126.6081                              | <i>a</i>                             | 1664                              | 118.6545                              |
|          | $\omega_{19}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3008                              | 9.9561                                | <i>a</i>                              | 3049                              | 7.2497                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3051                              | 8.8409                                |
|          | $\omega_{20}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3083                              | 15.6722                               | <i>a</i>                              | 3117                              | 3.3201                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3124                              | 5.6122                                |
|          | $\omega_{21}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3108                              | 12.5788                               | <i>a</i>                              | 3149                              | 6.7566                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3135                              | 7.0757                                |
|          | $\omega_{22}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3135                              | 15.027                                | <i>a</i>                              | 3169                              | 4.8866                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3163                              | 3.7763                                |
|          | $\omega_{23}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3177                              | 1.5803                                | <i>a</i>                              | 3184                              | 6.9539                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3175                              | 6.9858                                |
|          | $\omega_{24}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3208                              | 11.9783                               | <i>a</i>                              | 3271                              | 0.8533                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3261                              | 1.4483                                |
|          | zpe                                   |          | 213.4                             |                                       | zpe                                   | 213.2                             |                                       | zpe                                  | 212.8                             |                                       |
| AVTZ     | $\omega_1$                            | <i>a</i> | 92                                | 1.1763                                | <i>a</i>                              | 108                               | 1.2002                                | <i>a</i>                             | 94                                | 0.2335                                |
|          | $\omega_2$                            | <i>a</i> | 118                               | 1.8108                                | <i>a</i>                              | 154                               | 1.5493                                | <i>a</i>                             | 147                               | 0.7951                                |
|          | $\omega_3$                            | <i>a</i> | 283                               | 6.9152                                | <i>a</i>                              | 200                               | 5.0315                                | <i>a</i>                             | 160                               | 10.0406                               |
|          | $\omega_4$                            | <i>a</i> | 403                               | 3.0727                                | <i>a</i>                              | 228                               | 0.2612                                | <i>a</i>                             | 227                               | 0.3023                                |
|          | $\omega_5$                            | <i>a</i> | 535                               | 4.5075                                | <i>a</i>                              | 420                               | 0.2706                                | <i>a</i>                             | 420                               | 0.4652                                |
|          | $\omega_6$                            | <i>a</i> | 625                               | 87.0184                               | <i>a</i>                              | 631                               | 8.1829                                | <i>a</i>                             | 622                               | 12.8423                               |
|          | $\omega_7$                            | <i>a</i> | 883                               | 4.7567                                | <i>a</i>                              | 933                               | 10.5114                               | <i>a</i>                             | 933                               | 8.8051                                |
|          | $\omega_8$                            | <i>a</i> | 917                               | 8.5177                                | <i>a</i>                              | 950                               | 3.0602                                | <i>a</i>                             | 949                               | 3.5498                                |
|          | $\omega_9$                            | <i>a</i> | 1009                              | 0.7624                                | <i>a</i>                              | 975                               | 44.82                                 | <i>a</i>                             | 967                               | 58.176                                |
|          | $\omega_{10}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1092                              | 1.4988                                | <i>a</i>                              | 992                               | 13.8016                               | <i>a</i>                             | 1009                              | 13.817                                |
|          | $\omega_{11}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1178                              | 4.3052                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1069                              | 2.8649                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1073                              | 5.4689                                |
|          | $\omega_{12}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1235                              | 0.4754                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1206                              | 0.4333                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1204                              | 0.2451                                |
|          | $\omega_{13}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1263                              | 18.5705                               | <i>a</i>                              | 1322                              | 9.5319                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1324                              | 7.9071                                |
|          | $\omega_{14}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1397                              | 1.2338                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1411                              | 9.3903                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1412                              | 8.711                                 |
|          | $\omega_{15}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1426                              | 7.0627                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1453                              | 13.6381                               | <i>a</i>                             | 1454                              | 11.0283                               |
|          | $\omega_{16}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1487                              | 5.5099                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1485                              | 9.2658                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1487                              | 8.9138                                |
|          | $\omega_{17}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1495                              | 10.7199                               | <i>a</i>                              | 1502                              | 20.563                                | <i>a</i>                             | 1502                              | 21.2402                               |
|          | $\omega_{18}$                         | <i>a</i> | 1506                              | 2.3479                                | <i>a</i>                              | 1647                              | 114.4989                              | <i>a</i>                             | 1661                              | 110.0241                              |
|          | $\omega_{19}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3005                              | 10.0683                               | <i>a</i>                              | 3046                              | 7.8265                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3046                              | 9.5962                                |
|          | $\omega_{20}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3079                              | 15.7583                               | <i>a</i>                              | 3114                              | 3.3553                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3112                              | 4.8872                                |
|          | $\omega_{21}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3106                              | 12.312                                | <i>a</i>                              | 3144                              | 6.7619                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3140                              | 6.4835                                |
|          | $\omega_{22}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3131                              | 15.1623                               | <i>a</i>                              | 3165                              | 4.4507                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3159                              | 3.8524                                |
|          | $\omega_{23}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3175                              | 1.3666                                | <i>a</i>                              | 3179                              | 6.6381                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3172                              | 6.7468                                |
|          | $\omega_{24}$                         | <i>a</i> | 3204                              | 12.0851                               | <i>a</i>                              | 3266                              | 0.8843                                | <i>a</i>                             | 3257                              | 1.4496                                |
|          | zpe                                   |          | 213.2                             |                                       | zpe                                   | 212.9                             |                                       | zpe                                  | 212.5                             |                                       |

**Table S145:** Energies, Intensities and Franck-Condon factors calculated from ezSpectrum 3.0 for photodetachment of the  $\text{Br}^- \cdots \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  Bif complex. Notation for the transtion,  $5_0^1$  indicates the transition in  $\omega_5$  from  $v'' = 0$  to  $v' = 1$  with modes numbered according to Table S141. The band origin is the ADE from in text.

| $E$<br>eV | Intensity | FCF       | Assignment      | $E$<br>eV | Intensity | FCF       | Assignment      |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| 3.5630    | 1.59E-01  | 3.98E-01  | ADE             | 3.9870    | 2.73E-04  | 1.65E-02  | $18_0^2$        |
| 3.6156    | 1.06E-04  | -1.03E-02 | $5_0^1$         | 3.9907    | 8.31E-04  | -2.88E-02 | $5_0^1 19_0^1$  |
| 3.6629    | 3.42E-04  | -1.85E-02 | $4_0^1 6_0^1$   | 4.0023    | 9.35E-04  | -3.06E-02 | $5_0^1 21_0^1$  |
| 3.6682    | 1.42E-04  | -1.19E-02 | $5_0^2$         | 4.0060    | 9.09E-04  | 3.02E-02  | $5_0^1 22_0^1$  |
| 3.6790    | 4.61E-03  | 6.79E-02  | $7_0^1$         | 4.0071    | 1.05E-04  | -1.02E-02 | $7_0^2 18_0^1$  |
| 3.6798    | 2.92E-04  | -1.71E-02 | $8_0^1$         | 4.0074    | 4.91E-04  | 2.21E-02  | $5_0^1 23_0^1$  |
| 3.7172    | 7.31E-04  | -2.70E-02 | $4_0^1 10_0^1$  | 4.0171    | 2.11E-04  | -1.45E-02 | $6_0^1 20_0^1$  |
| 3.7228    | 2.80E-03  | -5.29E-02 | $4_0^1 11_0^1$  | 4.0550    | 7.76E-04  | 2.79E-02  | $8_0^1 19_0^1$  |
| 3.7317    | 2.62E-03  | -5.12E-02 | $5_0^1 7_0^1$   | 4.0658    | 3.04E-04  | 1.74E-02  | $7_0^1 21_0^1$  |
| 3.7324    | 1.27E-04  | -1.13E-02 | $5_0^1 8_0^1$   | 4.0666    | 2.26E-04  | 1.50E-02  | $8_0^1 21_0^1$  |
| 3.7374    | 2.73E-04  | 1.65E-02  | $14_0^1$        | 4.0695    | 4.10E-04  | 2.02E-02  | $7_0^1 22_0^1$  |
| 3.7438    | 5.07E-04  | -2.25E-02 | $15_0^1$        | 4.0703    | 3.40E-03  | 5.83E-02  | $8_0^1 22_0^1$  |
| 3.7497    | 7.88E-04  | 2.81E-02  | $17_0^1$        | 4.0708    | 1.04E-03  | 3.22E-02  | $7_0^1 23_0^1$  |
| 3.7638    | 3.45E-04  | -1.86E-02 | $5_0^1 12_0^1$  | 4.0811    | 4.52E-04  | 2.13E-02  | $7_0^1 24_0^1$  |
| 3.7744    | 1.41E-03  | -3.76E-02 | $4_0^1 16_0^1$  | 4.0863    | 4.41E-04  | 2.10E-02  | $12_0^1 19_0^1$ |
| 3.7750    | 2.99E-04  | -1.73E-02 | $18_0^1$        | 4.0979    | 6.80E-04  | 2.61E-02  | $12_0^1 21_0^1$ |
| 3.7802    | 2.29E-04  | -1.51E-02 | $5_0^1 13_0^1$  | 4.1016    | 7.86E-04  | -2.80E-02 | $12_0^1 22_0^1$ |
| 3.7951    | 1.90E-03  | 4.36E-02  | $7_0^2$         | 4.1180    | 1.09E-04  | -1.04E-02 | $13_0^1 22_0^1$ |
| 3.7967    | 2.84E-04  | -1.69E-02 | $8_0^2$         | 4.1194    | 1.08E-03  | 3.29E-02  | $13_0^1 23_0^1$ |
| 3.8023    | 7.43E-04  | 2.73E-02  | $5_0^1 17_0^1$  | 4.1241    | 7.72E-04  | 2.78E-02  | $14_0^1 21_0^1$ |
| 3.8210    | 1.20E-04  | 1.09E-02  | $6_0^1 16_0^1$  | 4.1286    | 2.07E-04  | -1.44E-02 | $16_0^1 20_0^1$ |
| 3.8237    | 1.05E-04  | 1.02E-02  | $10_0^1 11_0^1$ | 4.1292    | 1.49E-04  | -1.22E-02 | $14_0^1 23_0^1$ |
| 3.8272    | 2.53E-04  | 1.59E-02  | $7_0^1 12_0^1$  | 4.1355    | 1.36E-04  | 1.17E-02  | $15_0^1 23_0^1$ |
| 3.8276    | 1.03E-03  | -3.22E-02 | $5_0^1 18_0^1$  | 4.1364    | 1.34E-04  | 1.16E-02  | $17_0^1 21_0^1$ |
| 3.8294    | 3.33E-04  | 1.82E-02  | $11_0^2$        | 4.1394    | 1.26E-04  | -1.12E-02 | $14_0^1 24_0^1$ |
| 3.8437    | 6.32E-04  | -2.51E-02 | $7_0^1 13_0^1$  | 4.1415    | 1.10E-04  | -1.05E-02 | $17_0^1 23_0^1$ |
| 3.8477    | 1.70E-04  | -1.31E-02 | $5_0^1 7_0^2$   | 4.1458    | 1.24E-03  | 3.52E-02  | $15_0^1 24_0^1$ |
| 3.8665    | 1.36E-04  | -1.16E-02 | $8_0^1 17_0^1$  | 4.1517    | 2.48E-04  | 1.57E-02  | $17_0^1 24_0^1$ |
| 3.8809    | 2.61E-04  | 1.62E-02  | $11_0^1 16_0^1$ | 4.1617    | 2.03E-04  | -1.43E-02 | $18_0^1 21_0^1$ |
| 3.8910    | 1.41E-03  | -3.76E-02 | $7_0^1 18_0^1$  | 4.1668    | 9.26E-04  | -3.04E-02 | $18_0^1 23_0^1$ |
| 3.9111    | 1.27E-04  | 1.13E-02  | $7_0^3$         | 4.3249    | 1.22E-04  | 1.11E-02  | $19_0^1 21_0^1$ |
| 3.9396    | 6.98E-04  | 2.64E-02  | $13_0^1 18_0^1$ | 4.3365    | 2.96E-04  | 1.72E-02  | $21_0^2$        |
| 3.9497    | 4.04E-04  | 2.01E-02  | $21_0^1$        | 4.3439    | 5.64E-04  | 2.38E-02  | $22_0^2$        |
| 3.9534    | 2.13E-04  | -1.46E-02 | $22_0^1$        | 4.3466    | 4.31E-04  | 2.08E-02  | $23_0^2$        |
| 3.9651    | 1.09E-03  | 3.31E-02  | $24_0^1$        | 4.3671    | 2.36E-04  | 1.54E-02  | $24_0^2$        |
| 3.9705    | 6.38E-04  | -2.53E-02 | $4_0^1 20_0^1$  |           |           |           |                 |

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