

Supplementary Material:  
Efficient vibrationally correlated calculations using  $n$ -mode  
expansion-based kinetic energy operators

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## Results and discussion

Table S1: Deviations of the ground state energy as well as the fundamental and first overtone excitation energies for the triatomic test molecules. Calculated for KEO approximations based on different  $n$ -mode expansions of the  $G$  matrix and  $V_{\text{ep}}$ , the Taylor-expansion based KEO variant 2M[G,V]2T as well as the full vibrational polyspherical KEO. Deviations are given relative to the full KEO. Calculated with FVCI. Wave numbers are reported in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

|                  | state                             | full    | 3M[G,V] | 2M[G,V] | 1M[G,V] | 2M[G,V]2T |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| H <sub>2</sub> O | GS                                | 4651.05 | 0.00    | 0.00    | -0.04   | 0.42      |
|                  | $\nu_{\text{b}}$                  | 1597.09 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.15   | 1.19      |
|                  | $2\nu_{\text{b}}$                 | 3157.00 | -0.00   | 0.01    | -0.44   | 3.17      |
|                  | $\nu_{\text{s}}$                  | 3669.87 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.06   | 0.94      |
|                  | $\nu_{\text{as}}$                 | 3767.77 | -0.00   | -0.00   | -0.01   | 1.14      |
|                  | $2\nu_{\text{s}}$                 | 7227.91 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.09   | 2.61      |
|                  | $2\nu_{\text{as}}$                | 7275.63 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.06   | 3.01      |
|                  | MAD                               | -       | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.12    | 1.78      |
| H <sub>2</sub> S | GS                                | 3343.10 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.01   | 0.16      |
|                  | $\nu_{\text{b}}$                  | 1183.63 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.02   | 0.44      |
|                  | $2\nu_{\text{b}}$                 | 2356.30 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.06   | 1.10      |
|                  | $\nu_{\text{s}}$                  | 2658.75 | 0.00    | 0.00    | -0.00   | 0.40      |
|                  | $\nu_{\text{as}}$                 | 2676.08 | 0.00    | -0.00   | -0.00   | 0.46      |
|                  | $2\nu_{\text{s}}$                 | 5227.48 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.01   | 1.23      |
|                  | $2\nu_{\text{as}}$                | 5231.61 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.01   | 1.28      |
|                  | MAD                               | -       | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.02    | 0.72      |
| F <sub>2</sub> O | GS                                | 1150.88 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.08   | 0.01      |
|                  | $\nu_{\text{b}}$                  | 470.75  | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.07   | 0.03      |
|                  | $\nu_{\text{as}}$                 | 855.27  | 0.00    | -0.00   | 0.02    | 0.03      |
|                  | $2\nu_{\text{b}}, \nu_{\text{s}}$ | 935.58  | -0.00   | -0.00   | -0.07   | -0.05     |
|                  | $\nu_{\text{s}}, 2\nu_{\text{b}}$ | 946.56  | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.13   | 0.15      |
|                  | $2\nu_{\text{s}}$                 | 1701.44 | 0.00    | -0.00   | 0.02    | 0.07      |
|                  | $2\nu_{\text{as}}$                | 1784.19 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.10   | 0.37      |
|                  | MAD                               | -       | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.07    | 0.10      |
| HOF              | GS                                | 3012.11 | 0.00    | 0.00    | -0.03   | 0.39      |
|                  | $\nu_{\text{OF}}$                 | 905.60  | 0.00    | 0.00    | -0.05   | 0.00      |
|                  | $\nu_{\text{b}}$                  | 1364.03 | 0.00    | 0.00    | -0.05   | 1.08      |
|                  | $2\nu_{\text{OF}}$                | 1793.79 | 0.00    | 0.00    | -0.10   | 0.01      |
|                  | $2\nu_{\text{b}}$                 | 2709.26 | 0.00    | 0.00    | -0.08   | 2.90      |
|                  | $\nu_{\text{OH}}$                 | 3595.86 | 0.00    | 0.00    | -0.07   | 1.80      |
|                  | $2\nu_{\text{OH}}$                | 7016.11 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.06   | 5.86      |
|                  | MAD                               | -       | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.06    | 1.72      |
| SO <sub>2</sub>  | GS                                | 1551.13 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.01   | 0.00      |
|                  | $\nu_{\text{b}}$                  | 513.70  | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.02   | 0.01      |
|                  | $2\nu_{\text{b}}$                 | 1027.13 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.03   | 0.02      |
|                  | $\nu_{\text{s}}$                  | 1170.64 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.04   | 0.01      |
|                  | $\nu_{\text{as}}$                 | 1393.15 | 0.00    | -0.00   | 0.01    | 0.01      |
|                  | $2\nu_{\text{s}}$                 | 2334.29 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.08   | 0.01      |
|                  | $2\nu_{\text{as}}$                | 2551.82 | -0.00   | 0.00    | -0.03   | 0.02      |
|                  | MAD                               | -       | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.03    | 0.01      |

Table S2: Deviations of the vibrational ground state energy as well as the fundamental and first overtone excitation energies below  $4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ . Calculated for KEO approximations based on different  $n$ -mode expansions of the  $G$  matrix and  $V_{\text{ep}}$ , the Taylor expansion-based 2M[G,V]2T KEO variant as well as the full vibrational polyspherical KEO. Deviations are given relative to the full KEO. Calculated with VCC[3]. Wave numbers are reported in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

| state    | full    | 3M[G,V] | 2M[G,V] | 1M[G,V] | 2M[G,V]2T |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| GS       | 5773.68 | -0.00   | -0.06   | 1.96    | 0.63      |
| $\nu_4$  | 1167.94 | -0.00   | -0.06   | -0.31   | 1.12      |
| $\nu_6$  | 1247.15 | -0.00   | -0.05   | 1.57    | -0.15     |
| $\nu_3$  | 1499.42 | -0.00   | 0.02    | -0.22   | 1.42      |
| $\nu_2$  | 1749.62 | 0.00    | 0.02    | -0.62   | 0.20      |
| $2\nu_4$ | 2329.09 | -0.01   | -0.11   | -1.69   | 3.57      |
| $2\nu_6$ | 2491.44 | 0.00    | -0.13   | 3.82    | -0.84     |
| $\nu_1$  | 2782.07 | 0.01    | -0.03   | 0.05    | 2.97      |
| $\nu_5$  | 2843.06 | -0.01   | -0.05   | 0.15    | 0.98      |
| $2\nu_3$ | 3001.10 | -0.01   | 0.04    | -0.15   | 2.89      |
| $2\nu_2$ | 3479.55 | 0.00    | 0.05    | -1.31   | 0.51      |
| MAX      | -       | 0.01    | 0.13    | 3.82    | 3.57      |
| MAD      | -       | 0.00    | 0.06    | 1.08    | 1.39      |

Table S3: Deviations of the vibrational ground state energy as well as the fundamental and first overtone excitation energies below  $4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ . Calculated for KEO approximations based on different  $n$ -mode expansions of the  $G$  matrix and  $V_{\text{ep}}$ , the Taylor expansion-based 2M[G,V]2T KEO variant as well as the full vibrational polyspherical KEO. Deviations are given relative to the full KEO. Calculated with VCC[3]. Wave numbers are reported in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

| state           | full    | 3M[G,V] | 2M[G,V] | 1M[G,V] | 2M[G,V]2T |
|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| GS              | 5346.45 | -0.00   | -0.01   | -0.13   | 0.26      |
| GS <sup>-</sup> | 9.98    | -0.00   | -0.00   | -0.00   | -0.06     |
| $\nu_4^+$       | 260.40  | -0.00   | -0.00   | -0.12   | 0.02      |
| $\nu_4^-$       | 370.63  | -0.00   | -0.01   | -0.24   | -0.33     |
| $2\nu_4^+$      | 569.80  | -0.00   | -0.03   | -0.43   | -0.46     |
| $2\nu_4^-$      | 774.94  | -0.00   | -0.04   | -0.72   | -0.71     |
| $\nu_3^+$       | 877.39  | -0.00   | -0.01   | -0.09   | -0.03     |
| $\nu_3^-$       | 892.39  | -0.00   | -0.01   | -0.07   | 0.07      |
| $\nu_6^+$       | 1270.63 | 0.00    | 0.02    | -0.39   | 3.16      |
| $\nu_6^-$       | 1290.74 | 0.00    | 0.03    | -0.44   | 3.56      |
| $\nu_2^+$       | 1398.10 | -0.00   | -0.02   | 0.94    | -4.26     |
| $\nu_2^-$       | 1406.68 | -0.00   | -0.04   | 1.06    | -4.61     |
|                 | 1738.04 | -0.00   | -0.01   | -0.19   | 0.01      |
|                 | 1762.29 | -0.00   | -0.02   | -0.22   | 0.15      |
| $2\nu_6^+$      | 2522.30 | 0.00    | 0.04    | -0.27   | 6.11      |
| $2\nu_6^-$      | 2580.92 | 0.00    | 0.07    | -0.63   | 5.64      |
| $2\nu_2^+$      | 2776.90 | 0.00    | -0.00   | 1.25    | -8.53     |
| $2\nu_2^-$      | 2878.86 | 0.00    | -0.09   | 2.26    | -10.09    |
| $\nu_1^+$       | 3611.46 | -0.00   | -0.02   | -0.22   | 1.04      |
| $\nu_5^+$       | 3615.43 | 0.00    | 0.00    | 0.11    | 2.29      |
| $\nu_5^-$       | 3625.12 | 0.00    | 0.01    | 0.05    | 2.28      |
| $\nu_1^-$       | 3627.52 | 0.00    | -0.09   | 0.10    | -0.62     |
| MAX             | -       | 0.00    | 0.09    | 2.26    | 10.09     |
| MAD             | -       | 0.00    | 0.03    | 0.45    | 2.47      |

Table S4: Deviations of the vibrational ground state energy as well as fundamental and first overtone excitation energies below  $4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for *trans*-HCOOH. Calculated for KEO approximations based on different static-grid  $n$ -mode expansions of the  $G$  matrix and  $V_{\text{ep}}$ , the Taylor expansion-based 2M[G,V]2T KEO variant as well as the full vibrational polyspherical KEO. Deviations are given relative to the full KEO. Calculated with VCC[3]. Wave numbers are reported in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

| state    | full    | 3M[G,V] | 2M[G,V] | 1M[G,V] | 2M[G,V]2T |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| GS       | 7328.25 | -0.01   | -0.05   | 1.21    | 0.95      |
| $\nu_7$  | 624.72  | -0.01   | -0.01   | 0.26    | 0.14      |
| $\nu_9$  | 636.90  | -0.03   | -0.03   | -0.15   | 0.26      |
| $\nu_8$  | 1031.34 | -0.00   | -0.03   | -0.23   | 0.78      |
| $\nu_6$  | 1106.33 | -0.06   | -0.04   | -0.44   | 0.33      |
| $2\nu_9$ | 1216.49 | -0.35   | -0.37   | -0.51   | 1.31      |
| $2\nu_7$ | 1268.69 | -0.03   | -0.01   | 0.58    | 0.21      |
| $\nu_5$  | 1300.84 | 0.30    | 0.29    | 0.49    | -0.38     |
| $\nu_4$  | 1375.47 | 0.05    | 0.04    | -0.41   | 0.81      |
| $\nu_3$  | 1775.47 | -0.01   | -0.03   | -0.17   | -0.08     |
| $2\nu_8$ | 2057.62 | -0.01   | -0.07   | -0.36   | 1.91      |
| $2\nu_6$ | 2207.71 | -0.03   | 0.00    | -0.95   | 0.67      |
| $2\nu_5$ | 2493.15 | -0.04   | -0.03   | -0.79   | 1.12      |
| $2\nu_4$ | 2758.31 | 0.19    | 0.17    | 1.19    | 1.35      |
| $\nu_2$  | 2940.96 | 0.08    | 0.07    | 0.02    | 1.68      |
| $2\nu_3$ | 3545.57 | -0.03   | -0.05   | -0.33   | -0.18     |
| $\nu_1$  | 3568.13 | 0.00    | 0.02    | -0.27   | 2.79      |
| MAX      | -       | 0.35    | 0.37    | 1.21    | 2.79      |
| MAD      | -       | 0.07    | 0.08    | 0.49    | 0.88      |

Table S5: Deviations of the vibrational ground state energy as well as fundamental and first overtone excitation energies below  $4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for *trans*-HCOOH. Calculated for the 1M[G,V] KEO approximation with different coefficient screening thresholds (given in the column labels) as well as the full vibrational polyspherical KEO. Deviations are given relative to the full KEO. Calculated with VCC[3]. Wave numbers are reported in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

| state    | full    | 0.0   | $10^{-9}$ | $10^{-8}$ | $10^{-7}$ | $10^{-6}$ | $10^{-5}$ | 1.0   |
|----------|---------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| GS       | 7328.25 | 1.21  | 1.21      | 1.21      | 1.21      | 1.20      | -0.58     | 21.01 |
| $\nu_7$  | 624.72  | 0.26  | 0.26      | 0.26      | 0.26      | 0.37      | -4.95     | 2.36  |
| $\nu_9$  | 636.90  | -0.15 | -0.15     | -0.15     | -0.15     | -0.16     | -1.63     | -0.49 |
| $\nu_8$  | 1031.34 | -0.23 | -0.23     | -0.23     | -0.23     | -0.21     | -0.63     | 12.26 |
| $\nu_6$  | 1106.33 | -0.44 | -0.44     | -0.44     | -0.44     | -0.43     | 0.27      | 4.19  |
| $2\nu_9$ | 1216.49 | -0.51 | -0.51     | -0.51     | -0.51     | -0.57     | -2.72     | 13.54 |
| $2\nu_7$ | 1268.69 | 0.58  | 0.58      | 0.58      | 0.58      | 0.79      | -10.16    | 4.31  |
| $\nu_5$  | 1300.84 | 0.49  | 0.49      | 0.49      | 0.49      | 0.47      | -2.03     | -4.74 |
| $\nu_4$  | 1375.47 | -0.41 | -0.41     | -0.41     | -0.41     | -0.47     | -3.60     | 14.39 |
| $\nu_3$  | 1775.47 | -0.17 | -0.17     | -0.17     | -0.17     | -0.18     | 1.15      | 9.87  |
| $2\nu_8$ | 2057.62 | -0.36 | -0.36     | -0.36     | -0.36     | -0.30     | -1.23     | 35.86 |
| $2\nu_6$ | 2207.71 | -0.95 | -0.95     | -0.95     | -0.95     | -0.93     | 0.95      | 8.81  |
| $2\nu_5$ | 2493.15 | -0.79 | -0.79     | -0.79     | -0.80     | -0.84     | -2.81     | 18.50 |
| $2\nu_4$ | 2758.31 | 1.19  | 1.19      | 1.19      | 1.19      | 1.14      | -7.27     | 28.01 |
| $\nu_2$  | 2940.96 | 0.02  | 0.02      | 0.02      | 0.02      | 0.01      | 1.07      | 14.75 |
| $2\nu_3$ | 3545.57 | -0.33 | -0.33     | -0.33     | -0.33     | -0.33     | 3.38      | 4.83  |
| $\nu_1$  | 3568.13 | -0.27 | -0.27     | -0.27     | -0.27     | -0.26     | -1.56     | 15.48 |

Table S6: Deviations of the vibrational ground state energy as well as fundamental and first overtone excitation energies below  $4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for *trans*-HCOOH. Calculated for the 2M[G,V] KEO approximation with different coefficient screening thresholds (given in the column labels) as well as the full vibrational polyspherical KEO. Deviations are given relative to the full KEO. Calculated with VCC[3]. Wave numbers are reported in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

| state    | full    | 0.0   | $10^{-9}$ | $10^{-8}$ | $10^{-7}$ | $10^{-6}$ | $10^{-5}$ | 1.0   |
|----------|---------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| GS       | 7328.25 | -0.05 | -0.05     | -0.05     | -0.05     | -0.06     | -2.03     | 21.01 |
| $\nu_7$  | 624.72  | -0.01 | -0.01     | -0.01     | -0.01     | 0.11      | -5.33     | 2.36  |
| $\nu_9$  | 636.90  | -0.03 | -0.03     | -0.03     | -0.03     | -0.04     | -1.47     | -0.49 |
| $\nu_8$  | 1031.34 | -0.03 | -0.03     | -0.03     | -0.03     | 0.00      | -0.43     | 12.26 |
| $\nu_6$  | 1106.33 | -0.04 | -0.04     | -0.04     | -0.04     | -0.02     | 0.44      | 4.19  |
| $2\nu_9$ | 1216.49 | -0.37 | -0.37     | -0.37     | -0.37     | -0.45     | -2.33     | 13.54 |
| $2\nu_7$ | 1268.69 | -0.01 | -0.01     | -0.01     | -0.01     | 0.22      | -11.03    | 4.31  |
| $\nu_5$  | 1300.84 | 0.29  | 0.29      | 0.29      | 0.29      | 0.28      | -2.32     | -4.74 |
| $\nu_4$  | 1375.47 | 0.04  | 0.04      | 0.04      | 0.04      | -0.03     | -3.40     | 14.39 |
| $\nu_3$  | 1775.47 | -0.03 | -0.03     | -0.03     | -0.03     | -0.03     | 1.14      | 9.87  |
| $2\nu_8$ | 2057.62 | -0.07 | -0.07     | -0.07     | -0.07     | 0.01      | -0.85     | 35.86 |
| $2\nu_6$ | 2207.71 | 0.00  | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.04      | 1.49      | 8.81  |
| $2\nu_5$ | 2493.15 | -0.03 | -0.03     | -0.03     | -0.03     | -0.07     | -2.42     | 18.50 |
| $2\nu_4$ | 2758.31 | 0.17  | 0.17      | 0.17      | 0.17      | 0.04      | -8.04     | 28.01 |
| $\nu_2$  | 2940.96 | 0.07  | 0.07      | 0.07      | 0.07      | 0.08      | 1.19      | 14.75 |
| $2\nu_3$ | 3545.57 | -0.05 | -0.05     | -0.05     | -0.05     | -0.06     | 3.00      | 4.83  |
| $\nu_1$  | 3568.13 | 0.02  | 0.02      | 0.02      | 0.02      | 0.05      | -1.54     | 15.48 |

Table S7: Deviations of the vibrational ground state energy as well as fundamental and first overtone excitation energies below  $4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for *trans*-HCOOH. Calculated for the 3M[G,V] KEO approximation with different coefficient screening thresholds (given in the column labels) as well as the full vibrational polyspherical KEO. Deviations are given relative to the full KEO. Calculated with VCC[3]. Wave numbers are reported in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

| state    | full    | 0.0   | $10^{-9}$ | $10^{-8}$ | $10^{-7}$ | $10^{-6}$ | $10^{-5}$ | 1.0   |
|----------|---------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| GS       | 7328.25 | -0.01 | -0.01     | -0.01     | -0.01     | -0.04     | -2.03     | 21.01 |
| $\nu_7$  | 624.72  | -0.01 | -0.01     | -0.01     | -0.01     | 0.10      | -5.34     | 2.36  |
| $\nu_9$  | 636.90  | -0.03 | -0.03     | -0.03     | -0.03     | -0.04     | -1.47     | -0.49 |
| $\nu_8$  | 1031.34 | -0.00 | -0.00     | -0.00     | -0.00     | 0.03      | -0.42     | 12.26 |
| $\nu_6$  | 1106.33 | -0.06 | -0.06     | -0.06     | -0.06     | -0.03     | 0.43      | 4.19  |
| $2\nu_9$ | 1216.49 | -0.35 | -0.35     | -0.35     | -0.35     | -0.44     | -2.30     | 13.54 |
| $2\nu_7$ | 1268.69 | -0.03 | -0.03     | -0.03     | -0.02     | 0.20      | -11.05    | 4.31  |
| $\nu_5$  | 1300.84 | 0.30  | 0.30      | 0.30      | 0.30      | 0.29      | -2.32     | -4.74 |
| $\nu_4$  | 1375.47 | 0.05  | 0.05      | 0.05      | 0.05      | -0.03     | -3.40     | 14.39 |
| $\nu_3$  | 1775.47 | -0.01 | -0.01     | -0.01     | -0.01     | -0.02     | 1.14      | 9.87  |
| $2\nu_8$ | 2057.62 | -0.01 | -0.01     | -0.01     | -0.01     | 0.07      | -0.82     | 35.86 |
| $2\nu_6$ | 2207.71 | -0.03 | -0.03     | -0.03     | -0.03     | 0.00      | 1.45      | 8.81  |
| $2\nu_5$ | 2493.15 | -0.04 | -0.04     | -0.04     | -0.04     | -0.08     | -2.45     | 18.50 |
| $2\nu_4$ | 2758.31 | 0.19  | 0.19      | 0.19      | 0.19      | 0.06      | -8.01     | 28.01 |
| $\nu_2$  | 2940.96 | 0.08  | 0.08      | 0.08      | 0.08      | 0.08      | 1.18      | 14.75 |
| $2\nu_3$ | 3545.57 | -0.03 | -0.03     | -0.03     | -0.03     | -0.04     | 3.01      | 4.83  |
| $\nu_1$  | 3568.13 | 0.00  | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.02      | -1.55     | 15.48 |

Table S8: Deviations of the vibrational ground state energy as well as fundamental and first overtone excitation energies below  $4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for *trans*-HCOOH, the 1M[G,V] and 2M[G,V] KEO variants and different maximum total polynomial orders of the functions in the fitting basis (FBMO) for the KEO  $n$ -mode expansions. Deviations are given relative to the full KEO. Calculated with VCC[3]. Wave numbers are reported in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

| state    | full    | FBMO (1M[G,V] KEO) |       |        |       |        |
|----------|---------|--------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
|          |         | 12                 | 10    | 8      | 6     | 4      |
| GS       | 7328.25 | 1.21               | 1.90  | -2.08  | 10.12 | -14.41 |
| $\nu_7$  | 624.72  | 0.26               | 0.36  | -0.17  | 1.46  | -2.15  |
| $\nu_9$  | 636.90  | -0.15              | 1.20  | -6.70  | 16.58 | -31.32 |
| $\nu_8$  | 1031.34 | -0.23              | -0.19 | -0.39  | 0.28  | -1.06  |
| $\nu_6$  | 1106.33 | -0.44              | -0.07 | -2.21  | 3.75  | -9.42  |
| $2\nu_9$ | 1216.49 | -0.51              | 2.54  | -11.81 | 23.91 | -43.79 |
| $2\nu_7$ | 1268.69 | 0.58               | 0.80  | -0.28  | 3.03  | -4.34  |
| $\nu_5$  | 1300.84 | 0.49               | 0.04  | -1.07  | 9.99  | -27.30 |
| $\nu_4$  | 1375.47 | -0.41              | -0.50 | -0.79  | 1.96  | -5.46  |
| $\nu_3$  | 1775.47 | -0.17              | -0.13 | -0.36  | 0.46  | -1.50  |
| $2\nu_8$ | 2057.62 | -0.36              | -0.29 | -0.66  | 0.60  | -1.72  |
| $2\nu_6$ | 2207.71 | -0.95              | -0.59 | -3.39  | 5.88  | -19.47 |
| $2\nu_5$ | 2493.15 | -0.79              | -0.39 | -2.90  | 6.74  | -13.18 |
| $2\nu_4$ | 2758.31 | 1.19               | 1.00  | -0.45  | 5.75  | -16.59 |
| $\nu_2$  | 2940.96 | 0.02               | 0.12  | -1.29  | -2.32 | -1.39  |
| $2\nu_3$ | 3545.57 | -0.33              | -0.21 | -0.72  | 2.18  | -3.39  |
| $\nu_1$  | 3568.13 | -0.27              | -0.02 | -0.97  | 0.55  | -2.40  |
| MAX      | -       | 1.21               | 2.54  | 11.81  | 23.91 | 43.79  |
| MAD      | -       | 0.49               | 0.61  | 2.13   | 5.62  | 11.70  |
| state    | full    | FBMO (2M[G,V] KEO) |       |        |       |        |
|          |         | 12                 | 10    | 8      | 6     | 4      |
| GS       | 7328.25 | -0.05              | 0.65  | -3.50  | 9.20  | -16.49 |
| $\nu_7$  | 624.72  | -0.01              | 0.10  | -0.46  | 1.28  | -2.75  |
| $\nu_9$  | 636.90  | -0.03              | 1.33  | -6.89  | 17.18 | -32.72 |
| $\nu_8$  | 1031.34 | -0.03              | 0.01  | -0.20  | 0.56  | -1.12  |
| $\nu_6$  | 1106.33 | -0.04              | 0.36  | -2.05  | 4.53  | -10.85 |
| $2\nu_9$ | 1216.49 | -0.37              | 2.94  | -12.65 | 25.85 | -47.69 |
| $2\nu_7$ | 1268.69 | -0.01              | 0.21  | -0.94  | 2.69  | -5.41  |
| $\nu_5$  | 1300.84 | 0.29               | -0.43 | -0.90  | 8.83  | -26.10 |
| $\nu_4$  | 1375.47 | 0.04               | -0.10 | -0.26  | 2.15  | -5.07  |
| $\nu_3$  | 1775.47 | -0.03              | 0.02  | -0.23  | 0.68  | -1.58  |
| $2\nu_8$ | 2057.62 | -0.07              | 0.01  | -0.40  | 1.05  | -2.01  |
| $2\nu_6$ | 2207.71 | 0.00               | 0.40  | -2.74  | 7.46  | -9.32  |
| $2\nu_5$ | 2493.15 | -0.03              | 0.38  | -2.31  | 7.85  | -13.82 |
| $2\nu_4$ | 2758.31 | 0.17               | -0.27 | -1.04  | 6.43  | -17.25 |
| $\nu_2$  | 2940.96 | 0.07               | 0.10  | -0.96  | -2.09 | -1.26  |
| $2\nu_3$ | 3545.57 | -0.05              | 0.07  | -0.47  | 2.33  | -3.48  |
| $\nu_1$  | 3568.13 | 0.02               | 0.26  | -1.01  | 1.13  | 0.62   |
| MAX      | -       | 0.37               | 2.94  | 12.65  | 25.85 | 47.69  |
| MAD      | -       | 0.08               | 0.45  | 2.18   | 5.96  | 11.62  |

Table S9: Deviations of the vibrational ground state energy as well as fundamental and first overtone excitation energies below  $4000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for *trans*-HCOOH, the 2M[G,V] KEO variant, coefficient screening with a threshold of  $10^{-7}$  and different maximum total polynomial orders of the functions in the fitting basis (FBMO, stated in the column labels) for the fitting of the two-mode coupling terms in  $G_{ij}$  and  $V_{\text{ep}}$ . Deviations are given relative to the full KEO. Calculated with VCC[3]. Wave numbers are reported in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

| state    | full    | 12    | 10    | 8     | 6     | 4     |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| GS       | 7328.25 | -0.05 | -0.03 | -0.20 | 0.34  | -0.84 |
| $\nu_7$  | 624.72  | -0.01 | 0.00  | -0.04 | 0.11  | -0.29 |
| $\nu_9$  | 636.90  | -0.03 | 0.00  | -0.32 | 0.68  | -1.58 |
| $\nu_8$  | 1031.34 | -0.03 | -0.02 | -0.04 | 0.05  | -0.26 |
| $\nu_6$  | 1106.33 | -0.04 | 0.00  | -0.24 | 0.55  | -1.39 |
| $2\nu_9$ | 1216.49 | -0.37 | -0.08 | -1.34 | 2.00  | -4.71 |
| $2\nu_7$ | 1268.69 | -0.01 | 0.00  | -0.08 | 0.24  | -0.61 |
| $\nu_5$  | 1300.84 | 0.29  | 0.04  | 0.69  | -0.78 | 1.69  |
| $\nu_4$  | 1375.47 | 0.04  | -0.01 | 0.12  | -0.13 | 0.18  |
| $\nu_3$  | 1775.47 | -0.03 | -0.02 | -0.04 | 0.03  | -0.15 |
| $2\nu_8$ | 2057.62 | -0.07 | -0.06 | -0.10 | 0.10  | -0.61 |
| $2\nu_6$ | 2207.71 | 0.00  | 0.05  | -0.27 | 0.94  | -2.39 |
| $2\nu_5$ | 2493.15 | -0.03 | -0.01 | -0.17 | 0.44  | -1.24 |
| $2\nu_4$ | 2758.31 | 0.17  | -0.03 | 0.49  | -0.63 | 1.33  |
| $\nu_2$  | 2940.96 | 0.07  | 0.02  | 0.11  | 0.04  | -0.04 |
| $2\nu_3$ | 3545.57 | -0.05 | -0.05 | -0.07 | 0.03  | -0.25 |
| $\nu_1$  | 3568.13 | 0.02  | -0.05 | -0.05 | 0.39  | -0.84 |