

*Supplementary Information for*  
**Methanol as a sensitive probe for spatial and temporal variations of the  
proton-to-electron mass ratio**

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Transition, $J_K$	Transition (MHz)		$K_\mu$
	Experiment	BELGI	
$1_1 \rightarrow 1_1 A^\mp$	834.267(2)	834.280	-1.03(5)
$3_1 \rightarrow 3_1 A^\mp$	5 005.32079(20)	5 005.302	-1.03(5)
$5_1 \rightarrow 6_0 A^+$	6 668.5192(8)	6 668.567	-42.(2)
$9_{-1} \rightarrow 8_{-2} E$	9 936.202(4)	9 936.137	11.5(6)
$2_0 \rightarrow 3_{-1} E$	12 178.597(4)	12 178.587	-33.(2)
$2_1 \rightarrow 3_0 E$	19 967.3961(2)	19 967.376	-5.9(3)
$9_2 \rightarrow 10_1 A^+$	23 121.0242(5)	23 120.916	-11.7(6)
$3_2 \rightarrow 3_1 E$	24 928.707(7)	24 928.726	17.9(9)
$4_2 \rightarrow 4_1 E$	24 933.468(2)	24 933.502	17.9(9)
$2_2 \rightarrow 2_1 E$	24 934.382(5)	24 934.399	17.9(9)
$5_2 \rightarrow 5_1 E$	24 959.0789(4)	24 959.120	17.9(9)
$6_2 \rightarrow 6_1 E$	25 018.1225(4)	25 018.173	17.8(9)
$7_2 \rightarrow 7_1 E$	25 124.8719(4)	25 124.929	17.7(9)
$8_2 \rightarrow 8_1 E$	25 294.4165(2)	25 294.480	17.6(9)
$9_2 \rightarrow 9_1 E$	25 541.3979(4)	25 541.464	17.3(9)
$10_2 \rightarrow 10_1 E$	25 878.2661(4)	25 878.334	17.0(9)
$12_2 \rightarrow 12_1 E$	26 847.233(50)	26 847.296	16.2(8)
$13_2 \rightarrow 13_1 E$	27 472.531(30)	27 472.581	15.7(8)
$14_2 \rightarrow 14_1 E$	28 169.462(30)	28 169.502	15.1(8)
$15_2 \rightarrow 15_1 E$	28 905.812(30)	28 905.833	14.5(7)
$8_2 \rightarrow 9_1 A^-$	28 969.942(50)	28 969.965	-9.5(5)
$16_2 \rightarrow 16_1 E$	29 636.936(10)	29 636.948	14.0(7)
$17_2 \rightarrow 17_1 E$	30 308.034(10)	30 308.026	13.4(7)
$4_{-1} \rightarrow 3_0 E$	36 169.265(30)	36 169.259	9.7(5)
$7_{-2} \rightarrow 8_{-1} E$	37 703.700(30)	37 703.761	-4.3(2)
$6_2 \rightarrow 5_3 A^+$	38 293.268(50)	38 293.273	-15.1(8)
$6_2 \rightarrow 5_3 A^-$	38 452.677(50)	38 452.632	-15.0(8)
$7_0 \rightarrow 6_1 A^+$	44 069.410(10)	44 069.364	5.2(3)
$5_{-1} \rightarrow 4_0 E$	84 521.169(10)	84 521.169	3.6(2)
$7_2 \rightarrow 6_3 A^-$	86 615.600(5)	86 615.578	-7.2(4)
$7_2 \rightarrow 6_3 A^+$	86 902.949(5)	86 902.919	-7.2(4)
$8_0 \rightarrow 7_1 A^+$	95 169.463(10)	95 169.388	1.88(9)
$11_{-1} \rightarrow 10_{-2} E$	104 300.414(7)	104 300.334	0.18(5)
$3_1 \rightarrow 4_0 A^+$	107 013.803(5)	107 013.836	-3.6(2)
$0_0 \rightarrow 1_{-1} E$	108 893.963(7)	108 893.948	-4.6(2)
$6_{-1} \rightarrow 5_0 E$	132 890.692(10)	132 890.759	1.9(1)
$9_0 \rightarrow 8_1 A^+$	146 618.794(50)	146 618.696	0.87(5)
$8_0 \rightarrow 8_{-1} E$	156 488.868(10)	156 488.905	-3.5(2)
$2_1 \rightarrow 3_0 A^+$	156 602.413(10)	156 602.400	-2.8(1)
$7_0 \rightarrow 7_{-1} E$	156 828.533(10)	156 828.520	-3.5(2)
$6_0 \rightarrow 6_{-1} E$	157 048.625(10)	157 048.621	-3.5(2)
$5_0 \rightarrow 5_{-1} E$	157 179.017(10)	157 178.991	-3.5(2)
$4_0 \rightarrow 4_{-1} E$	157 246.056(10)	157 246.066	-3.5(2)
$1_0 \rightarrow 1_{-1} E$	157 270.851(10)	157 270.836	-3.5(2)
$3_0 \rightarrow 3_{-1} E$	157 272.369(10)	157 272.342	-3.5(2)
$2_0 \rightarrow 2_{-1} E$	157 276.058(10)	157 276.023	-3.5(2)
$8_{-1} \rightarrow 7_0 E$	229 758.760(50)	229 758.757	0.68(5)

Table I. Methanol ( $^{12}\text{CH}_3^{16}\text{OH}$ ) maser transitions and accurate rest frequencies taken from Table 1 of Müller *et al.* [4]. The third column shows the calculated frequencies using the constants listed in Table III. In the fourth column the sensitivity coefficients,  $K_\mu$ , of the transitions are listed. The  $K_\mu$ -coefficients are obtained by scaling the 119 molecular constants using the relations listed in Table III. The error in the last digit of the  $K_\mu$ -coefficients are quoted in brackets, and is conservatively taken to be 5% if  $K_\mu \geq 1$  or 0.05 if  $K_\mu < 1$ . The error in the sensitivity coefficients has 3 sources: (i) errors due to the uncertainty in the determination of the molecular constants. As the simulations reproduce almost all transitions  $< 50$  kHz for  $^{12}\text{CH}_3^{16}\text{OH}$ , this error is negligible small. (ii) Errors due to inexactness of the scaling relations of higher order constants. Many of the higher-order constants are products of torsional and rotational operators and can be considered as effective constants after the van Vleck transformations of the vibration-rotation-torsion Hamiltonian [3]. These higher order parameters may also be fairly correlated. Therefore, the exact relationships between the higher order parameters and the moments of inertia (and masses) are not obvious. As a check we have calculated the  $K_\mu$  coefficients by scaling only the first 7, or the first 31 constants of the parameters listed in Table III. The obtained  $K_\mu$  coefficients when scaling 7 or 31 constants typically agree within 5% or 0.5% of those obtained when all 119 constants are scaled, respectively. Thus, even if the scaling relations of the higher order constants are not exact, the effect of these on the obtained  $K_\mu$  coefficients is small. (iii) Errors due to neglecting the  $\mu$  dependence of the torsional potential. Within the Born-Oppenheimer approximation the torsional potential,  $V_3$ , is independent of the mass of the nuclei and hence of  $\mu$ . It is known however that  $V_3$  does vary between isotopologues. For instance for  $^{12}\text{CH}_3^{16}\text{OH}$  the torsional potential  $V_3 \approx 373 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and for  $^{12}\text{CD}_3^{16}\text{OD}$   $V_3 \approx 362 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . A reliable model for this variation is not available. As a check, we have assumed  $V_3$  to be a linear function of  $I_{red} = I_{a1}I_{a2}/I_a$ ;  $V_3 = V_3(^{12}\text{CH}_3^{16}\text{OH}) - 19.4(I_{red} - I_{red}(^{12}\text{CH}_3^{16}\text{OH}))$ . As  $I_{red}$  is directly proportional to  $\mu$ , this introduces a  $\mu$  dependence in the potential. We found that the  $K_\mu$  coefficients calculated by including the linear scaling for  $V_3$  are typically 3% smaller than those obtained when the potential is assumed to be independent of  $\mu$ .

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	Experiment	BELGI	
$1_1 \rightarrow 1_1 A^\mp$	834.267(2)	834.280	-1.03(5)
$2_1 \rightarrow 2_1 A^\mp$	2502.7785(10)	2502.768	-1.03(5)
$3_1 \rightarrow 3_1 A^\mp$	5005.32079(20)	5005.302	-1.03(5)
$2_0 \rightarrow 3_{-1} E$	12178.595(3)	12178.587	-33.(2)
$2_1 \rightarrow 3_0 E$	19967.3961(2)	19967.376	-5.9(3)
$2_2 \rightarrow 2_1 E$	24934.382(5)	24934.400	17.9(9)
$4_{-1} \rightarrow 3_0 E$	36169.265(30)	36169.259	9.7(5)
$1_0 \rightarrow 0_0 A^+$	48372.4558(7)	48372.460	-1.00(5)
$1_0 \rightarrow 0_0 E$	48376.892(10)	48376.887	-1.00(5)
$1_0 \rightarrow 2_{-1} E$	60531.489(10)	60531.477	-7.4(4)
$1_1 \rightarrow 2_0 E$	68305.640(20)	68305.629	-2.4(1)
$2_1 \rightarrow 1_1 A^+$	95914.309(5)	95914.311	-1.00(5)
$2_{-1} \rightarrow 1_{-1} E$	96739.362(5)	96739.359	-1.00(5)
$2_0 \rightarrow 1_0 A^+$	96741.375(5)	96741.372	-1.00(5)
$2_0 \rightarrow 1_0 E$	96744.550(5)	96744.546	-1.00(5)
$2_1 \rightarrow 1_1 E$	96755.511(5)	96755.502	-1.00(5)
$2_1 \rightarrow 1_1 A^-$	97582.804(7)	97582.799	-1.00(5)
$3_1 \rightarrow 4_0 A^+$	107013.803(5)	107013.836	-3.6(2)
$0_0 \rightarrow 1_{-1} E$	108893.963(7)	108893.948	-4.6(2)
$2_2 \rightarrow 1_1 E$	121689.975(10)	121689.901	2.9(1)
$3_1 \rightarrow 2_1 A^+$	143865.801(10)	143865.796	-1.00(5)
$3_0 \rightarrow 2_0 E$	145093.707(10)	145093.755	-1.00(5)
$3_{-1} \rightarrow 2_{-1} E$	145097.370(10)	145097.436	-1.00(5)
$3_0 \rightarrow 2_0 A^+$	145103.152(10)	145103.186	-1.00(5)
$3_1 \rightarrow 2_1 E$	145131.855(10)	145131.865	-1.00(5)
$3_1 \rightarrow 2_1 A^-$	146368.342(50)	146368.329	-1.00(5)
$2_1 \rightarrow 3_0 A^+$	156602.413(10)	156602.400	-2.8(1)
$1_0 \rightarrow 1_{-1} E$	157270.851(10)	157270.836	-3.5(2)
$3_0 \rightarrow 3_{-1} E$	157272.369(10)	157272.342	-3.5(2)
$2_0 \rightarrow 2_{-1} E$	157276.058(10)	157276.023	-3.5(2)
$1_1 \rightarrow 1_0 E$	165050.195(10)	165050.175	-1.59(8)
$2_1 \rightarrow 2_0 E$	165061.156(10)	165061.131	-1.59(8)
$3_1 \rightarrow 3_0 E$	165099.271(10)	165099.241	-1.59(8)
$3_2 \rightarrow 2_1 E$	170060.581(10)	170060.591	1.77(9)
$4_1 \rightarrow 3_1 A^+$	191810.509(10)	191810.504	-1.00(5)
$4_0 \rightarrow 3_0 E$	193415.367(10)	193415.325	-1.00(5)
$4_{-1} \rightarrow 3_{-1} E$	193441.610(10)	193441.601	-1.00(5)
$4_0 \rightarrow 3_0 A^+$	193454.361(10)	193454.360	-1.00(5)
$4_1 \rightarrow 3_1 A^-$	195146.760(10)	195146.792	-1.00(5)

Table II. Accurately known methanol ( $^{12}\text{CH}_3^{16}\text{OH}$ ) transitions and corresponding frequencies detected or potentially detectable in dark clouds taken from Table 2 of Müller *et al.* [4]. The third column shows the calculated frequencies using the constants listed in Table III. In the fourth column the sensitivity coefficients,  $K_\mu$ , of the transitions are listed. The  $K_\mu$ -coefficients are obtained by scaling the 119 molecular constants using the relations listed in Table III. The error in the last digit of the  $K_\mu$ -coefficients are quoted in brackets, and is conservatively taken to be 5% if  $K_\mu \geq 1$  or 0.05 if  $K_\mu < 1$ .

Term order $\{nlm\}$	Operator	Parameter		$^{12}\text{CH}_3^{16}\text{OH}$	$\mu$ dependence
		In BELGI	Literature		
{220}	$P_\gamma^2$	FPARA	$F$	27.64684641(28)	$\mu^{-1}$
	$(1 - \cos 3\gamma)/2$	V3	$V_3$	373.554746(12)	$\mu^0$
{211}	$P_\gamma P_a$	RHORHO	$\rho$	0.8102062230(37)	$\mu^0$
	$P_a^2$	OA	$A$	4.2537233(71)	$\mu^{-1}$
{202}	$P_b^2$	B	$B$	0.8236523(70)	$\mu^{-1}$
	$P_c^2$	C	$C$	0.7925575(71)	$\mu^{-1}$
{440}	$\{P_a, P_b\}$	DAB	$D_{ab}$	-0.0038095(38)	$\mu^{-1}$
	$P_\gamma^4$	AK4	$F_m(k_4)$	-8.976763(48) $\times 10^{-3}$	$\mu^{-2}$
{431}	$(1 - \cos 6\gamma)/2$	V6	$V_6$	-1.319650(85)	$\mu^0$
	$P_a^3 P_a$	AK3	$\rho_m(k_3)$	-3.504714(14) $\times 10^{-2}$	$\mu^{-1}$
{422}	$P_\gamma^2 P^2$	GV	$F_J(G_v)$	-1.373(31) $\times 10^{-4}$	$\mu^{-2}$
	$P_a^2 P_a^2$	AK2	$F_K(k_2)$	-5.188031(18) $\times 10^{-2}$	$\mu^{-2}$
{431}	$P_\gamma^2 \{P_a, P_b\}$	DELTA	$F_{ab}(\Delta_{ab})$	3.112(23) $\times 10^{-3}$	$\mu^{-2}$
	$2P_\gamma^2(P_b^2 - P_c^2)$	C1	$F_{bc}(c_1)$	-0.1955(97) $\times 10^{-4}$	$\mu^{-2}$
{422}	$(1 - \cos 3\gamma)P^2$	FV	$V_{3J}(F_v)$	-2.4324(69) $\times 10^{-3}$	$\mu^{-1}$
	$(1 - \cos 3\gamma)P_a^2$	AK5	$V_{3K}(k_5)$	1.117844(23) $\times 10^{-2}$	$\mu^{-1}$
{422}	$(1 - \cos 3\gamma)\{P_a, P_b\}$	ODAB	$V_{3ab}(d_{ab})$	9.07791(65) $\times 10^{-3}$	$\mu^{-1}$
	$(1 - \cos 3\gamma)(P_b^2 - P_c^2)$	C2	$V_{3bc}(c_2)$	-8.698(21) $\times 10^{-5}$	$\mu^{-1}$

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Term order $\{nlm\}$	Operator	Parameter	$^{12}\text{CH}_3^{16}\text{OH}$	$\mu$ dependence
			In BELGI	
{413}	$\sin 3\gamma \{P_a, P_c\}$	DAC	$D_{3ac}(D_{ac})$	$5.177(29) \times 10^{-2} \mu^{-1}$
	$\sin 3\gamma \{P_b, P_c\}$	DBC	$D_{3bc}(D_{bc})$	$0.538(12) \times 10^{-3} \mu^{-1}$
	$P_\gamma P_a P^2$	ALV	$\rho_J(L_v)$	$-2.305(54) \times 10^{-4} \mu^{-1}$
	$P_\gamma P_a^3$	AK1	$\rho_K(k_1)$	$-3.4254(13) \times 10^{-2} \mu^{-1}$
	$P_\gamma (P_a^2 P_b + P_b P_c^2)$	ODELTA	$\rho_{ab}(d_{ab})$	$4.496(33) \times 10^{-3} \mu^{-1}$
	$P_\gamma \{P_a, (P_b^2 - P_c^2)\}$	C4	$\rho_{bc}(c_4)$	$-0.7047(94) \times 10^{-4} \mu^{-1}$
{404}	$-P^4$	DJ	$\Delta_J$	$1.688465(31) \times 10^{-6} \mu^{-2}$
	$-P^2 P_a^2$	DJK	$\Delta_{JK}$	$9.20(25) \times 10^{-5} \mu^{-2}$
	$-P_a^4$	DK	$\Delta_K$	$8.524(10) \times 10^{-3} \mu^{-2}$
	$-2P^2(P_b^2 - P_c^2)$	ODELN	$\delta_J$	$5.9414(33) \times 10^{-8} \mu^{-2}$
	$-\{P_a^2, (P_b^2 - P_c^2)\}$	ODELK	$\delta_K$	$5.7361(89) \times 10^{-5} \mu^{-2}$
	$\{P_a, P_b\} P^2$	DABJ	$D_{abJ}$	$-0.548(23) \times 10^{-7} \mu^{-2}$
{660}	$\{P_a^3, P_b\}$	DABK	$D_{abK}$	$1.443(11) \times 10^{-3} \mu^{-2}$
	$P_\gamma^6$	AK4B	$F_{mm}(k_{4B})$	$1.01639(75) \times 10^{-5} \mu^{-3}$
	$(1 - \cos 9\gamma)/2$	V9	$V_9$	$-0.05126(34) \mu^0$
	$P_\gamma^5 P_a$	AK3B	$\rho_{mm}(k_{3B})$	$6.7042(35) \times 10^{-5} \mu^{-2}$
	$P_\gamma^4 P^2$	AMV	$F_{mJ}(M_v)$	$9.215(14) \times 10^{-8} \mu^{-3}$
	$P_\gamma^4 P_a^2$	BK1	$F_{mK}(K_1)$	$1.79670(69) \times 10^{-4} \mu^{-3}$
{651}	$P_\gamma^4 \{P_a, P_b\}$	DELTAB	$F_{mab}(\Delta_{ab})$	$0.773(54) \times 10^{-6} \mu^{-3}$
	$2P_\gamma^4 (P_b^2 - P_c^2)$	C3	$F_{mbc}(c_3)$	$0.214(18) \times 10^{-7} \mu^{-3}$
	$\{(1 - \cos 3\gamma), P_\gamma^2\} P^2$	AK7J	$V_{3mJ}(k_{7J})$	$9.4(16) \times 10^{-6} \mu^{-2}$
	$(1 - \cos 6\gamma) P^2$	ANV	$V_{6J}(N_v)$	$2.64(53) \times 10^{-5} \mu^{-1}$
	$(1 - \cos 6\gamma) P_a^2$	BK2	$V_{6K}(K_2)$	$-1.3905(25) \times 10^{-4} \mu^{-1}$
	$(1 - \cos 6\gamma) \{P_a, P_b\}$	ODAB6	$V_{6ab}(dd_{ab})$	$-0.388(16) \times 10^{-4} \mu^{-1}$
{642}	$(1 - \cos 6\gamma) (P_b^2 - P_c^2)$	C11	$V_{6bc}(c_{11})$	$-3.3840(70) \times 10^{-5} \mu^{-1}$
	$\sin 6\gamma \{P_a, P_c\}$	DAC6	$D_{6ac}$	$3.401(58) \times 10^{-4} \mu^{-1}$
	$P_\gamma^3 P_a P^2$	AK3J	$\rho_{mJ}(k_{3J})$	$7.875(69) \times 10^{-7} \mu^{-2}$
	$P_\gamma^3 P_a^3$	AK3K	$\rho_{mK}(k_{3K})$	$2.51512(70) \times 10^{-4} \mu^{-2}$
	$P_\gamma^3 \{P_a^2, P_b\}$	ODELTB	$\rho_{mab}(\delta_{ab})$	$1.61(11) \times 10^{-6} \mu^{-2}$
	$P_\gamma^3 \{P_a, (P_b^2 - P_c^2)\}$	C12	$\rho_{mbc}(c_{12})$	$6.903(52) \times 10^{-7} \mu^{-2}$
{633}	$\{(1 - \cos 3\gamma), P_a P^2 P_\gamma\}$	AK6J	$\rho_{3J}(k_{6J})$	$2.11(27) \times 10^{-5} \mu^{-1}$
	$\{(1 - \cos 3\gamma), P_a^3 P_\gamma\}$	AK6K	$\rho_{3K}(k_{6K})$	$0.385(63) \times 10^{-4} \mu^{-1}$
	$P_\gamma^2 P^4$	GVJ	$F_{JJ}(g_v)$	$0.5243(22) \times 10^{-9} \mu^{-3}$
	$P_\gamma^2 P_a^2 P^2$	AK2J	$F_{JK}(k_{2J})$	$1.769(19) \times 10^{-6} \mu^{-3}$
	$P_\gamma^2 \{P_a, P_b\} P^2$	DELTAJ	$F_{Jab}$	$2.75(21) \times 10^{-9} \mu^{-3}$
	$2P_\gamma^2 P^2 (P_b^2 - P_c^2)$	C1J	$F_{Jbc}(c_5)$	$\mu^{-3}$
{624}	$P_\gamma^2 P_a^4$	AK2K	$F_{KK}(k_{2K})$	$1.94907(47) \times 10^{-4} \mu^{-3}$
	$P_\gamma^2 \{P_a^3, P_b\}$	DELTAK	$F_{Kab}$	$8.29(59) \times 10^{-7} \mu^{-3}$
	$P_\gamma^2 \{P_a^2, (P_b^2 - P_c^2)\}$	C1K	$F_{Kbc}(c_8)$	$1.518(15) \times 10^{-6} \mu^{-3}$
	$(1 - \cos 3\gamma) P^4$	OFV	$V_{3JJ}(f_v)$	$9.149(21) \times 10^{-9} \mu^{-2}$
	$(1 - \cos 3\gamma) P_a^2 P^2$	AK5J	$V_{3JK}(k_{5J})$	$7.6(26) \times 10^{-6} \mu^{-2}$
	$(1 - \cos 3\gamma) \{P_a, P_b\} P^2$	ODABJ	$V_{3Jab}(d_{abJ})$	$-2.027(17) \times 10^{-7} \mu^{-2}$
{615}	$2(1 - \cos 3\gamma) (P_b^2 - P_c^2) P^2$	C2J	$V_{3Jbc}(c_{2J})$	$1.251(43) \times 10^{-9} \mu^{-2}$
	$(1 - \cos 3\gamma) P_a^4$	AK5K	$V_{3KK}(f_k)$	$0.78(10) \times 10^{-4} \mu^{-2}$
	$(1 - \cos 3\gamma) \{P_a^3, P_b\}$	ODABK	$V_{3Kab}(d_{abK})$	$-1.538(79) \times 10^{-7} \mu^{-2}$
	$(1 - \cos 3\gamma) \{P_a^2, (P_b^2 - P_c^2)\}$	C2K	$V_{3Kbc}(c_9)$	$7.232(86) \times 10^{-6} \mu^{-2}$
	$\sin 3\gamma P^2 \{P_a, P_c\}$	DACJ	$D_{3acJ}$	$-2.888(23) \times 10^{-7} \mu^{-2}$
	$\sin 3\gamma P^2 \{P_b, P_c\}$	DBCJ	$D_{3bcJ}$	$-1.070(58) \times 10^{-8} \mu^{-2}$
{606}	$\sin 3\gamma \{P_a^3, P_c\}$	DACK	$D_{3acK}$	$0.70(10) \times 10^{-6} \mu^{-2}$
	$\sin 3\gamma \{P_a^2, \{P_b, P_c\}\}$	DBCK	$D_{3bcK}$	$-0.585(70) \times 10^{-6} \mu^{-2}$
	$P_\gamma P_a P^4$	OLV	$\rho_{JJ}(l_v)$	$0.8961(62) \times 10^{-9} \mu^{-2}$
	$P_\gamma P_a^3 P^2$	AK1J	$\rho_{JK}(\lambda_v)$	$1.231(14) \times 10^{-6} \mu^{-2}$
	$P_\gamma P^2 \{P_a^2, P_b\}$	DAGJ	$\rho_{Jab}$	$1.91(18) \times 10^{-9} \mu^{-2}$
	$P_\gamma P^2 \{P_a, (P_b^2 - P_c^2)\}$	C4J	$\rho_{Jbc}(c_7)$	$0.426(33) \times 10^{-9} \mu^{-2}$
{880}	$P_\gamma P_a^5$	AK1K	$\rho_{KK}(l_k)$	$7.9805(24) \times 10^{-5} \mu^{-2}$
	$P_\gamma \{P_a^3, (P_b^2 - P_c^2)\}$	C4K	$\rho_{Kbc}(c_{7K})$	$1.119(16) \times 10^{-6} \mu^{-2}$
	$P^6$	HJ	$H_J$	$-1.191(16) \times 10^{-12} \mu^{-3}$
	$P^4 P_a^2$	HJK	$H_{JK}$	$4.781(40) \times 10^{-10} \mu^{-3}$
	$P_a^4 P^2$	HKJ	$H_{KJ}$	$2.336(37) \times 10^{-7} \mu^{-3}$
	$P_a^6$	HK	$H_K$	$1.35675(51) \times 10^{-5} \mu^{-3}$
{871}	$P^2 \{P_a^2, (P_b^2 - P_c^2)\}$	OHJK	$h_{JK}$	$0.427(31) \times 10^{-9} \mu^{-3}$
	$\{P_a^4, (P_b^2 - P_c^2)\}$	OHK	$h_K$	$2.928(54) \times 10^{-7} \mu^{-3}$
{880}	$P_\gamma^8$	AK4C	$F_{mmmm}(k_{4BB})$	$-0.5887(30) \times 10^{-7} \mu^{-4}$
{871}	$P_\gamma^7 P_a$	AK3C	$\rho_{mmmm}(k_{3BB})$	$-0.3447(19) \times 10^{-6} \mu^{-3}$

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Term order $\{nlm\}$	Operator	Parameter	$^{12}\text{CH}_3^{16}\text{OH}$	$\mu$ dependence
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{862}	$P_\gamma^6 P^2$	AK4BJ	$F_{mmJ}$	$-0.4129(60) \times 10^{-9}$
	$P_\gamma^6 P_a^2$	AK4BK	$F_{mmK}$	$-0.8527(55) \times 10^{-6}$
	$(1 - \cos 9\gamma)P^2$	V9J	$V_{9J}$	$-1.31(66) \times 10^{-6}$
	$(1 - \cos 9\gamma)\{P_a, P_b\}$	ODAB9	$V_{9ab}$	$-0.819(43) \times 10^{-4}$
{853}	$P_\gamma^5 P_a^2 P^2$	AK3BJ	$\rho_{mmJ}$	$-1.635(26) \times 10^{-9}$
	$P_\gamma^5 P_a^3$	AK3BK	$\rho_{mmK}$	$-1.1548(88) \times 10^{-6}$
{844}	$P_\gamma^4 P_a^2 P^2$	G4J2K2	$F_{mJK}(K_{1J})$	$-2.097(63) \times 10^{-9}$
	$P_\gamma^4 P_a^2 \{P_a, P_b\}$	DG4J	$F_{mJab}$	$-8.67(73) \times 10^{-12}$
	$P_\gamma^4 P_a^4$	G4K4	$F_{mKK}(K_{1K})$	$-0.9220(84) \times 10^{-6}$
	$P_\gamma^4 \{P_a^2, (P_b^2 - P_c^2)\}$	G4BCK	$F_{mKbc}$	$0.886(95) \times 10^{-10}$
{835}	$(1 - \cos 6\gamma)P^4$	C6J4	$V_{6JJ}(N_{vJ})$	$4.44(32) \times 10^{-10}$
	$(1 - \cos 6\gamma)P^2 P_a^2$	C6J2K2	$V_{6JK}$	$1.953(61) \times 10^{-7}$
	$(1 - \cos 6\gamma)P^2 \{P_a, P_b\}$	CABJ	$V_{6Jab}$	$3.50(15) \times 10^{-8}$
	$2(1 - \cos 6\gamma)P^2(P_b^2 - P_c^2)$	C6BCJ	$V_{6Jbc}$	$1.326(52) \times 10^{-9}$
	$(1 - \cos 6\gamma)P_a^4$	C6K4	$V_{6KK}$	$-3.143(66) \times 10^{-7}$
	$(1 - \cos 6\gamma)\{P_a^3, P_b\}$	CABK	$V_{6Kab}(dd_{abK})$	$2.26(21) \times 10^{-7}$
	$(1 - \cos 6\gamma)\{P_a^2, (P_b^2 - P_c^2)\}$	C6BCK	$V_{6Kbc}(c_{11K})$	$-1.351(43) \times 10^{-7}$
	$P_\gamma^3 P_a^3 P^2$	GAJ2K2	$\rho_{mJK}$	$-1.062(64) \times 10^{-9}$
{826}	$P_\gamma^3 P_a^5$	GAK4	$\rho_{mKK}$	$-4.305(48) \times 10^{-7}$
	$P_\gamma^3 \{P_a^3, (P_b^2 - P_c^2)\}$	AG3BCK	$\rho_{mKbc}$	$8.66(94) \times 10^{-11}$
	$\{(1 - \cos 3\gamma), P_a^3 P_\gamma\}P^2$	AK6JK	$\rho_{3JK}$	$5.58(22) \times 10^{-8}$
	$P_\gamma^2 P_a^2 P^4$	GJ4K2	$F_{JJK}$	$1.477(32) \times 10^{-12}$
{817}	$P_\gamma^2 P_a^4 P^2$	GJ2K4	$F_{JKK}$	$-1.90(20) \times 10^{-10}$
	$P_\gamma^2 P_a^2 \{P_a^3, P_b\}$	DELTJK	$F_{JKab}$	$4.53(59) \times 10^{-12}$
	$P_\gamma^2 P_a^6$	GK6	$F_{KKK}$	$-1.068(15) \times 10^{-7}$
	$P_\gamma^2 \{P_a^5, P_b\}$	DELTKK	$F_{KKab}$	$-0.89(11) \times 10^{-11}$
	$(1 - \cos 3\gamma)P_a^2 P_a^4$	FJ2K4	$V_{3JKK}$	$0.914(36) \times 10^{-7}$
	$(1 - \cos 3\gamma)P_a^6$	FK6	$V_{3KKK}$	$-1.00(46) \times 10^{-10}$
	$\sin 3\gamma P^4 \{P_a, P_c\}$	DACJJ	$D_{3acJJ}$	$-0.717(46) \times 10^{-11}$
	$\sin 3\gamma P^2 \{P_a^3, P_c\}$	DACJK	$D_{3acJK}$	$-1.593(30) \times 10^{-9}$
{10100}	$P_\gamma P_a^3 P^4$	AGJ4K2	$\rho_{JJK}$	$1.192(20) \times 10^{-12}$
	$P_\gamma P_a^7$	AGK6	$\rho_{KKK}(l_{KK})$	$-1.033(21) \times 10^{-8}$
{1091}	$P_\gamma^{10}$	AK4D	$F_{mmmm}$	$-0.940(20) \times 10^{-10}$
	$P_\gamma^9 P_a$	AK3D	$\rho_{mmmm}$	$-4.663(92) \times 10^{-10}$
{1082}	$P_\gamma^8 P_a^2$	AK4CK	$F_{mmMK}$	$-0.939(17) \times 10^{-9}$
	$P_\gamma^7 P_a^3$	AK3CK	$\rho_{mmMK}$	$-0.957(17) \times 10^{-9}$
{1073}	$P_\gamma^6 P_a^4$	AK4BK4	$F_{mmKK}$	$-4.915(82) \times 10^{-10}$
	$P_\gamma^5 P_a^5$	AK3BK4	$\rho_{mmKK}$	$-1.017(16) \times 10^{-10}$

Table III. Molecular constants used to simulate the torsional groundstate of  $^{12}\text{CH}_3^{16}\text{OH}$ , taken from ref. [? ]. The last column shows the dependence of these constants to the proton-to-electron mass ratio,  $\mu$ . The rotational, centrifugal and torsional constants  $A, B, C, D_{ab}, F$  and  $\rho$  are explicit functions of  $I_a, I_b$ , and  $I_c$  and are given in ref. [2]. The dependence of these constants on  $\mu$  can be obtained by realizing that all moments of inertia are directly proportional to  $\mu$ . Within the Born-Oppenheimer approximation the torsional potential,  $V_3$ , is independent of the mass of the nuclei and hence of  $\mu$ . The higher order constants can be considered as products of the first 7 constants.

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