

## Assessment of an effective quasirelativistic methodology designed to study astatine chemistry in aqueous solution

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### Electronic supplementary information

#### Section 1. Tables

**Table S1** Calculated spectroscopic constants of At, HAt and At<sub>2</sub> species from literature (if available, the contribution of spin-orbit interactions is given in parentheses)

		DK-CASPT2 + RASSI-SO <sup>a</sup>	2c DK6-B3LYP <sup>b</sup>	2c DK6-B3LYP/PP <sup>b</sup>
<b>At</b>	<i>IE</i> (eV)	9.13 (-0.79)	9.24 (-0.85)	9.27 (-0.81)
	<i>EA</i> (eV)	2.22 (-0.82)	2.30 (-0.82)	2.37 (-0.77)
		2c CCSD(T)/RECP <sup>c</sup>	4c B3LYP <sup>d</sup>	4c CCSD(T) <sup>e</sup>
<b>HAt</b>	<i>D<sub>e</sub></i> (eV)	2.19 (-0.68)	2.31	2.45 (-0.71)
	<i>R<sub>e</sub></i> (Å)	1.738 (+0.031)	1.743	1.718 (+0.029)
	<i>ω<sub>e</sub></i> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	1924 (-182)	1947	1992 (-173)
		4c B3LYP <sup>d</sup>	4c CCSD(T) <sup>f</sup>	2c DK6-B3LYP <sup>b</sup>
<b>At<sub>2</sub></b>	<i>D<sub>e</sub></i> (eV)	0.54	0.63	0.64 (-1.09)
	<i>R<sub>e</sub></i> (Å)	3.112	3.046	3.058 (+0.179)
	<i>ω<sub>e</sub></i> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	102	108	107 (-46)

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**Table S2** Log  $K$  values computed at different levels of theory for three complexation reactions

Reaction	B3LYP/mAVDZ <sup>a</sup>		Experiment
	CPCM-UAHF <sup>b</sup>	CPCM-UAKS <sup>c</sup>	
$\text{At}^+ + \text{Br}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{AtBr}$	-6.4	-4.9	$3.0 \pm 0.2$
$\text{At}^+ + 2\text{Br}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{AtBr}_2^-$	2.0	4.5	$4.1 \pm 0.3$
$\text{AtCl} + \text{Cl}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{AtCl}_2^-$	8.7	9.7	$0.4 \pm 0.3$

<sup>a</sup> Gas phase free energy of reaction based on B3LYP/mAVDZ calculations. <sup>b</sup> Solvation free energies based on CPCM-UAHF calculations. <sup>c</sup> Solvation free energies based on CPCM-UAKS calculations.

**Table S3** Computed values of Log  $K_{exc}$  based on B3LYP/mAVDZ and CPCM-UAKS calculations

Log $K_{exc}$ X <sup>-</sup> /Y <sup>-</sup>	$\text{AtX} + \text{Y}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{AtY} + \text{X}^-$		$\text{AtOX} + \text{Y}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{AtOY} + \text{X}^-$	
	Cl <sup>-</sup> /Br <sup>-</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup> /SCN <sup>-</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup> /Br <sup>-</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup> /SCN <sup>-</sup>
	2.0	-0.5	0.8	-0.2
Log $K_{exc}$ X <sup>-</sup> /Y <sup>-</sup>	$\text{AtX}_2 + 2\text{Y}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{AtY}_2 + 2\text{X}^-$		$\text{AtOX}_2 + 2\text{Y}^- \rightleftharpoons \text{AtOY}_2 + 2\text{X}^-$	
	Cl <sup>-</sup> /Br <sup>-</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup> /SCN <sup>-</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup> /Br <sup>-</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup> /SCN <sup>-</sup>
	1.6	-1.2	0.7	-4.0

## Section 2. Exponents and contraction coefficients of the modified aug-cc-pVDZ-PP basis set for astatine

### mAVDZ

S				
304.031000	0.0010310	0.0004960	0.0000000	0.0000000
22.4085000	-0.1018690	-0.0387430	0.0000000	0.0000000
14.0490000	0.5632730	0.2490070	0.0000000	0.0000000
7.5895000	-1.1045120	-0.5516910	0.0000000	0.0000000
1.8949400	1.0263640	0.8155580	0.0000000	0.0000000
0.9523580	0.3833240	0.2868020	0.0000000	0.0000000
0.3170410	0.0113590	-0.8682780	1.0000000	0.0000000
0.1224900	-0.0011400	-0.4694960	0.0000000	1.0000000
S				
0.0404000	1.0000000			

P				
12.0093000	0.1631810	-0.0583630	0.0000000	0.0000000
8.0330000	-0.4244130	0.1606310	0.0000000	0.0000000
2.2239300	0.7031340	-0.3589420	0.0000000	0.0000000
1.0213300	0.4641680	-0.1621230	0.0000000	0.0000000
0.3012660	0.0302600	0.6248880	0.0000000	0.5562930
0.0999030	-0.0026180	0.5397840	1.0000000	0.5296780
P				
0.0313000	1.0000000			
D				
21.3084000	0.0061410	0.0000000		
7.0207600	-0.0706690	0.0000000		
2.7689800	0.3190200	0.0000000		
1.3731400	0.5044700	0.0000000		
0.6368040	0.2924810	0.0000000		
0.2593000	0.0514950	1.0000000		
D				
0.1073000	1.0000000			