

LARGE-SCALE COUPLED CLUSTER CALCULATIONS FOR THE TWO RENNER-TELLER COMPONENTS OF HCCO

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CCSD(T) calculations with basis sets of up to 282 contracted Gaussian-type orbitals have been carried out in order to establish accurate equilibrium structures for the trans-bent lower (${}^2A''$) and linear upper (${}^2A'$) Renner-Teller components of HCCO: a) ${}^2A''$: $r_e(\text{CH}) = 1.0709 \text{ \AA}$, $R_{1e}(\text{CC}) = 1.2975 \text{ \AA}$, $R_{2e}(\text{CO}) = 1.1710 \text{ \AA}$, $\alpha_e(\text{HCC}) = 134.1^\circ$, and $\beta_e(\text{CCO}) = 169.3^\circ$; b) ${}^2A'$ (${}^2\Pi$): $r_e = 1.0604 \text{ \AA}$, $R_{1e} = 1.2600 \text{ \AA}$, and $R_{2e} = 1.1834 \text{ \AA}$. The barrier height to linearity of the ${}^2A''$ component is predicted to be 637 cm^{-1} .