

**Supporting information:**

**Accurate incorporation of hyperfine coupling in diabatic potential models using the Effective Relativistic Coupling by Asymptotic Representation approach**

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In this supporting information we provide the representation for the hyperfine coupling matrices of dipole-dipole Eq. (12) and quadrupole Eq. (13) operators for the  ${}^2P_{3/2}$  and  ${}^2P_{1/2}$  states of the Iodine atom referenced in Sec. III.A. The matrices are given in the spinor basis  $|j^I, m_j^I, i^I, m_i^I\rangle$  with  $j^I = 3/2$  and  $i^I = 5/2$  for the  ${}^2P_{3/2}$  state and  $j^I = 1/2$  and  $i^I = 5/2$  for the  ${}^2P_{1/2}$  state.

Representation of the effective hyperfine dipole-dipole operator for the  ${}^2P_{1/2}$  state.

$$\mathbf{H}^{\text{md}} = A_I^{\text{md}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{5}{4} & \sqrt{\frac{5}{4}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sqrt{\frac{5}{4}} & \frac{3}{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{3}{4} & \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & -\frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \sqrt{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{2} & -\frac{3}{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{4} & \sqrt{\frac{5}{4}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{\frac{5}{4}} & -\frac{5}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{5}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$



