

Figure 1: Schematic drawing of the frontier orbitals of 9Me-Gua as predicted by PCM/M052X/6-31+G(d,p) calculations

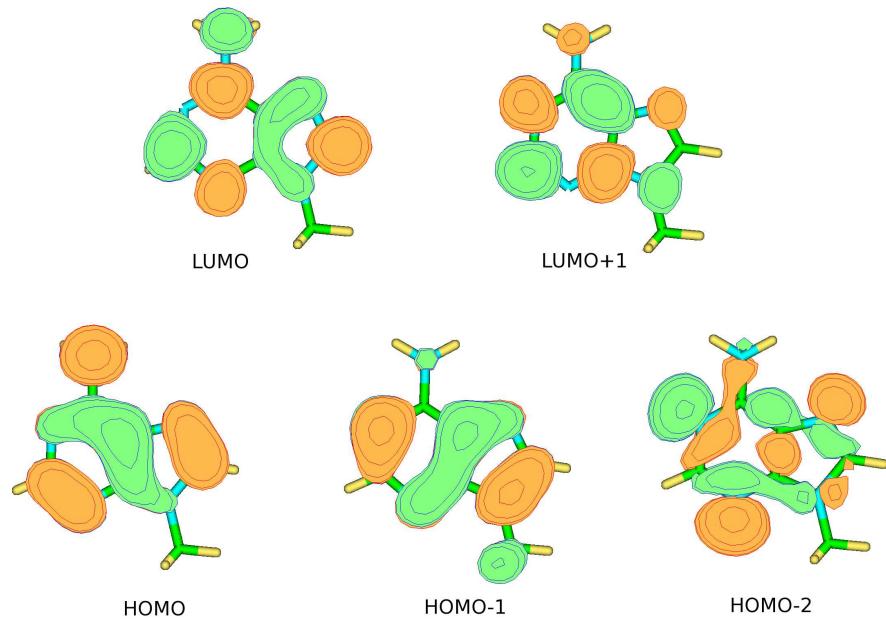


Figure 2: Schematic drawing of the frontier orbitals of 9Me-Ade as predicted by PCM/M052X/6-31+G(d,p) calculations

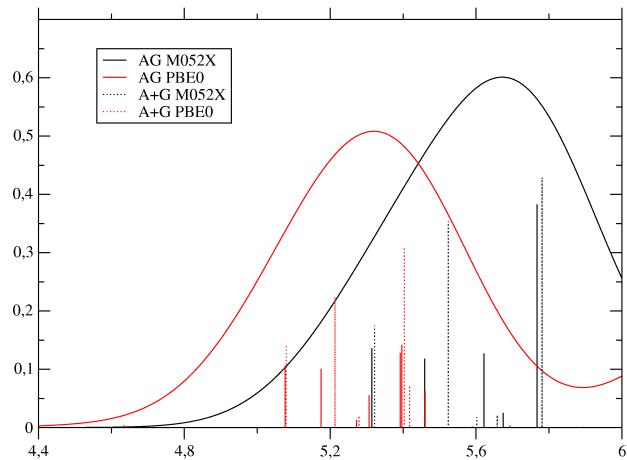


Figure 3: Comparison between the absorption spectra of AG computed by using LR-PCM/TD-PBE0/6-31G(d) or LR-PCM/TD-M052X/6-31G(d) calculations by using the geometry optimized at the PCM/PBE0/6-31G(d) level. The transitions of a mixture of the isolate monomers are also shown. The spectra are obtained by convoluting the stick spectra with a phenomenological gaussian with a HWMH of 0.20 eV.

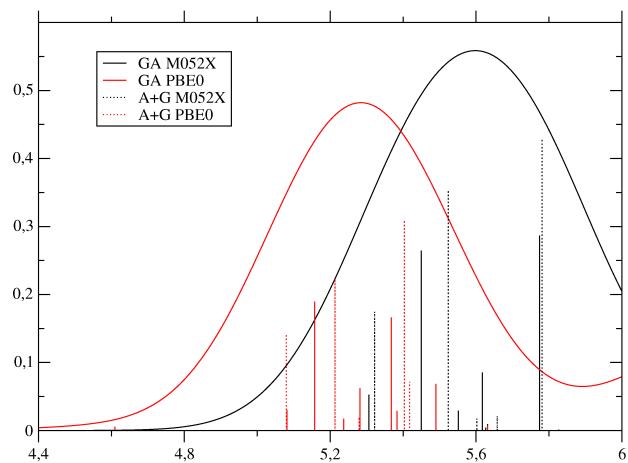


Figure 4: Comparison between the absorption spectra of GA computed by using LR-PCM/TD-PBE0/6-31G(d) or LR-PCM/TD-M052X/6-31G(d) calculations by using the geometry optimized at the PCM/PBE0/6-31G(d) level. The transitions of a mixture of the isolate monomers are also shown. The spectra are obtained by convoluting the stick spectra with a phenomenological gaussian with a HWMH of 0.20 eV.

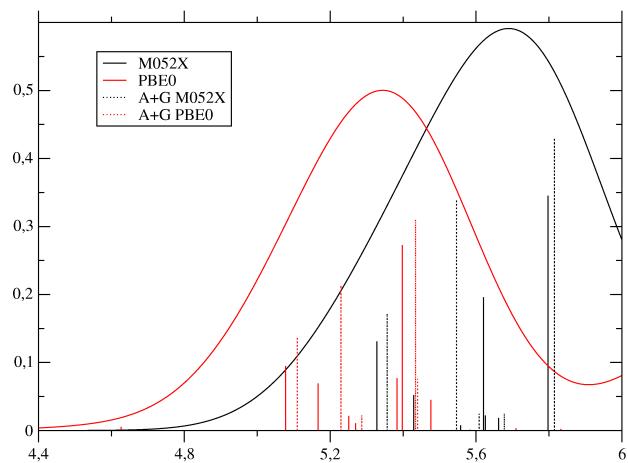


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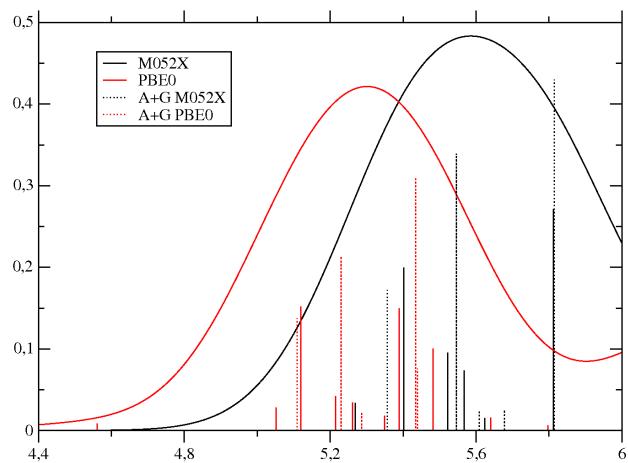


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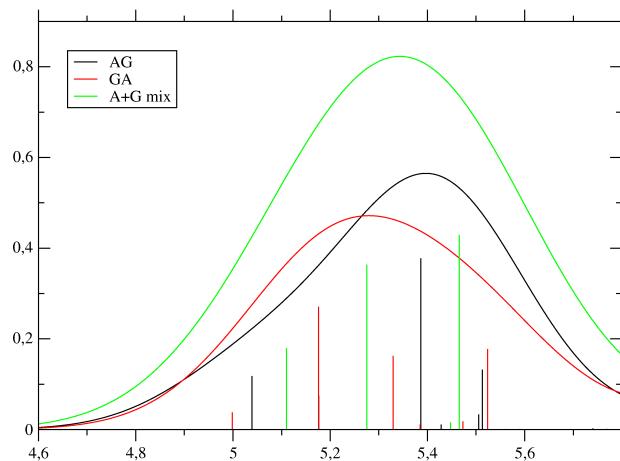


Figure 7: Comparison between the absorption spectra of AG (in black) and GA (in red) dimers with that of the isolated monomers. computed at the LR-PCM/CAM-B3LYP/6-31+G(d)//PCM/M052X/6-31G(d) level. The spectra are obtained by convoluting the stick spectra with a phenomenological gaussian with a HWMH of 0.20 eV.

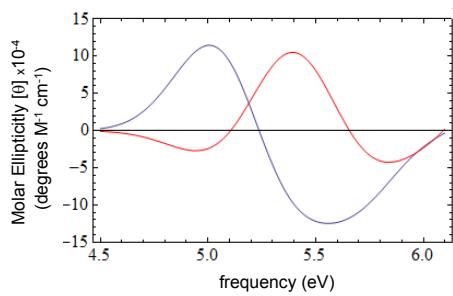


Figure 8: Comparison between the ECD spectra of AG (in red) and GA (in black) dimers, computed at the LR-PCM/M052X/6-31+G(d,p)//PCM/M052X/6-31G(d) level and convoluted by a phenomenological gaussian with HWMH of 0.20 eV

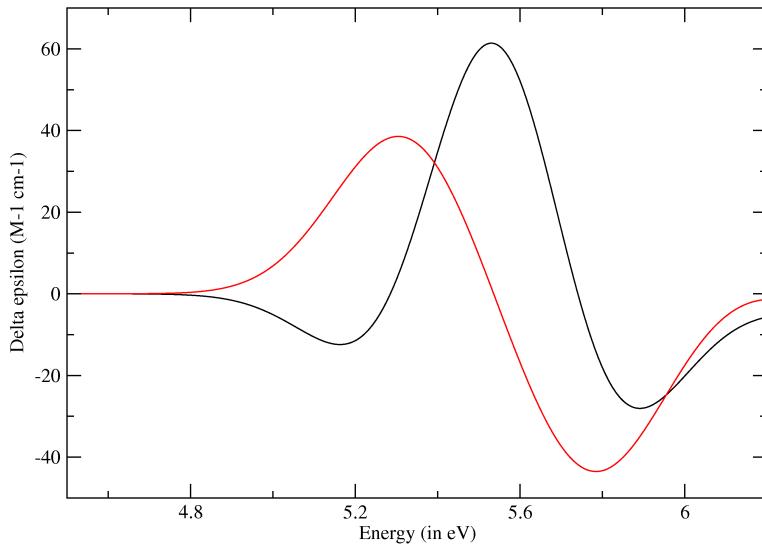


Figure 9: Comparison between the ECD spectra of AG (in red) and GA (in black) dimers, computed at the LR-PCM/PBE0/6-31+G(d,p)//PCM/M052X/6-31G(d) level and convoluted by a phenomenological gaussian with HWMH of 0.20 eV

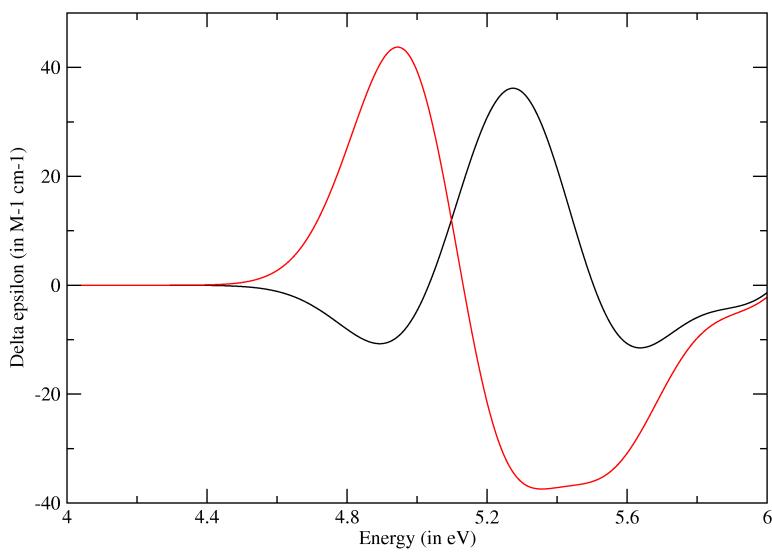


Figure 10: Comparison between the ECD spectra of AG (in red) and GA (in black) dimers, computed at the LR-PCM/CAM-B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p)//PCM/M052X/6-31G(d) level and convoluted by a phenomenological gaussian with HWMH of 0.20 eV

Table 1: Main features of the lowest energy excited states of AG related to the  $\pi\pi^*$  transitions of the monomer, according tp PCM-TDM052X/6-31+G(d,p) calculations on the minimum provided by PCM/PBE0/6-31G(d) partial geometry optimizations of B-DNA like AG. NonEquilibrium Solvation

| State                                      | 1              | 2               | 3              | 4             |
|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| LR Results                                 |                |                 |                |               |
| VEE  | 5.14           | 5.29            | 5.51           | 5.60          |
| O.St                                       | 0.13           | 0.13            | 0.38           | 0.14          |
| KS excitations involved in the transitions |                |                 |                |               |
|  | 0.57 G-H→G-L   | 0.61 A-H→A-L    | 0.43 G-H→A-L   | 0.43 G-H→A-L  |
|  | 0.25 G-H→A-L   | -0.23 G-H→G-L1  | 0.29 A-H→A-L   | -0.33 G-H→G-L |
|  | -0.26 G-H→G-L1 |                 | 0.32 G-H→G-L1  | 0.34 G-H→G-L1 |
| $\mathbf{Q}_m$                             |                |                 |                |               |
| 9Me-A                                      | 0.02           | 0.01            | -0.32          | -0.46         |
| 9Me-G                                      | -0.02          | -0.01           | 0.32           | 0.46          |
| $\mathbf{v}_m$                             |                |                 |                |               |
| 9Me-A                                      | 0.10           | 0.46            | 0.51           | 0.65          |
| 9Me-G                                      | 0.42           | 0.28            | 0.49           | 0.92          |
| SS Results                                 |                |                 |                |               |
| VEE  | 5.10           | 5.38            | 5.19           | 5.32          |
| O.St                                       | 0.10           | 0.07            | 0.02           | 0.09          |
| $\mu$                                      | 9.20           | 8.20            | 13.3           | 12.8          |
| KS excitations involved in the transitions |                |                 |                |               |
|  | 0.57 G-H→G-L   | 0.58 A-H →A-L   | 0.50 G-H→A-L   | 0.54 A-H→A-L  |
|  | 0.26 G-H→A-L   | -0.26 G-H →G-L1 | -0.28 G-H →G-L | 0.40 G-H→H-L  |
|  | -0.24 G-H→G-L1 | -0.27 G-H →G-L  |                |               |
| $\mathbf{Q}_m$                             |                |                 |                |               |
| 9Me-A                                      | 0.02           | -0.01           | -0.47          | -0.37         |
| 9Me-G                                      | -0.02          | 0.01            | 0.47           | 0.37          |
| $\mathbf{v}_m$                             |                |                 |                |               |
| 9Me-A                                      | 0.09           | 0.41            | 0.54           | 0.53          |
| 9Me-G                                      | 0.38           | 0.29            | 0.56           | 0.57          |

Table 2: Main features of the lowest energy excited states of GA related to the  $\pi\pi^*$  transitions of the monomer, according to PCM-TDM052X/6-31+G(d,p) calculations on the minimum provided by PCM/PBE0/6-31G(d) partial geometry optimizations of B-DNA like AG. NonEquilibrium Solvation

| State                                      | 1              | 2             | 3             | 4             |
|--|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| LR Results                                 |                |               |               |               |
| VEE  | 5.13           | 5.30          | 5.46          | 5.64          |
| O.St                                       | 0.04           | 0.33          | 0.19          | 0.18          |
| KS excitations involved in the transitions |                |               |               |               |
|  | 0.50 G-H→G-L   | 0.61 A-H→A-L  | 0.50 G-H→G-L1 | 0.41 G-H→G-L  |
|  | -0.30 G-H→G-L1 | 0.25 G-H→A-L  | 0.41 G-H→G-L  | -0.40 G-H→A-L |
|  | 0.26 G-H→A-L   |               |               | 0.23 G-H→G-L1 |
|  | 0.23 A-H→A-L   |               |               |               |
| $Q_m$                                      |                |               |               |               |
| 9Me-A                                      | -0.10          | -0.08         | -0.30         | -0.56         |
| 9Me-G                                      | 0.10           | 0.08          | 0.30          | 0.56          |
| $v_m$                                      |                |               |               |               |
| 9Me-A                                      | 0.16           | 0.54          | 0.45          | 0.70          |
| 9Me-G                                      | 0.54           | 0.17          | 0.58          | 0.87          |
| SS Results                                 |                |               |               |               |
| VEE  | 5.12           | 5.38          | a             | a             |
| O.St                                       | 0.03           | 0.22          |               |               |
| $\mu$                                      | 13.3           | 12.2          |               |               |
| KS excitations involved in the transitions |                |               |               |               |
|  | 0.50 G-H→G-L   | 0.59 A-H →A-L |               |               |
|  | 0.28 G-H→A-L   | 0.31 G-H →A-L |               |               |
|  | -0.28 G-H→G-L1 |               |               |               |
|  | -0.22 A-H→A-L  |               |               |               |
| $Q_m$                                      |                |               |               |               |
| 9Me-A                                      | -0.12          | -0.14         |               |               |
| 9Me-G                                      | 0.12           | 0.14          |               |               |
| $v_m$                                      |                |               |               |               |
| 9Me-A                                      | 0.20           | 0.55          |               |               |
| 9Me-G                                      | 0.47           | 0.23          |               |               |

Notes: a: convergence to S<sub>2</sub>

Cartesian coordinates of the B-DNA like AG minima. PBE0/6-31G(d) partial geometry optimizations.

| Atomic Number | X         | Y         | Z         |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 7             | 2.971542  | 0.592119  | -0.186165 |
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| 7             | 2.884252  | -1.436599 | 0.784856  |
| 6             | 1.888018  | -1.318537 | -0.157822 |
| 6             | 1.923973  | -0.066051 | -0.773317 |
| 6             | 0.883460  | -2.196845 | -0.605396 |
| 7             | 0.043382  | -1.778525 | -1.566544 |
| 6             | 0.192652  | -0.538363 | -2.048675 |
| 7             | 1.089185  | 0.386395  | -1.715161 |
| 6             | 3.427045  | 1.930998  | -0.494016 |
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| 1             | 3.606433  | 2.486070  | 0.429067  |
| 1             | 4.345439  | 1.902877  | -1.086937 |
| 1             | 4.348100  | 0.004612  | 1.338410  |
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| 1             | -0.107863 | -3.937475 | -0.331773 |
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| 1             | -0.525504 | -0.250163 | -2.814220 |
| 7             | -0.826188 | 2.426898  | 0.281065  |
| 6             | 0.072002  | 2.314633  | 1.313734  |
| 7             | 0.035473  | 1.155276  | 1.919292  |
| 6             | -0.972366 | 0.476176  | 1.272326  |
| 6             | -1.515880 | 1.250427  | 0.250614  |
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| 1             | -4.616752 | -1.440831 | -0.852200 |
| 1             | -4.441088 | -0.024494 | -1.773518 |

Cartesian coordinates of the B-DNA like GA minima. PBE0/6-31G(d) partial geometry optimizations.

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| 6             | -1.277349 | -2.087818 | 0.439909  |
| 7             | -0.441747 | -1.722197 | 1.519300  |
| 6             | -0.270096 | -0.462044 | 2.025446  |
| 7             | -0.900581 | 0.592345  | 1.559866  |
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| 1             | 1.322147  | 3.107620  | 1.479081  |
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| 7             | 1.017947  | -2.028507 | -2.340965 |
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| 1             | 3.684985  | -1.519887 | 1.089311  |
| 1             | 1.312906  | -0.996062 | 3.198304  |
| 1             | 0.822466  | 0.618359  | 3.297989  |

Cartesian coordinates of the B-DNA like AG minima. M052X/6-31G(d) partial geometry optimizations.

| Atomic Number | X         | Y         | Z         |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 7             | 2.951722  | 0.476790  | -0.258803 |
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| 6             | 0.702718  | -2.193169 | -0.585591 |
| 7             | -0.153501 | -1.730539 | -1.508801 |
| 6             | 0.048722  | -0.503443 | -2.010519 |
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| 1             | 0.888247  | 3.110845  | 1.592140  |
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| 1             | -4.514058 | -1.368825 | -0.896054 |
| 1             | -4.338658 | 0.069861  | -1.783817 |

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| 7             | -2.458715 | 1.293529  | 0.058523  |
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| 6             | -1.291746 | -2.028315 | 0.427665  |
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| 1             | -2.912647 | 3.247042  | -0.472622 |
| 1             | -3.070090 | 2.898886  | 1.265384  |
| 1             | -3.909118 | 1.158482  | -1.505770 |
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| 1             | 0.148490  | -2.532043 | 1.789833  |
| 7             | 0.771537  | -0.443730 | 3.015811  |
| 7             | 1.628273  | 2.046045  | -0.418223 |
| 6             | 0.730269  | 2.153951  | -1.447292 |
| 7             | 0.457815  | 1.021156  | -2.045205 |
| 6             | 1.214982  | 0.102064  | -1.352374 |
| 6             | 1.955251  | 0.719423  | -0.345273 |
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| 7             | 2.153714  | -1.927915 | -0.587263 |
| 6             | 2.844611  | -1.191633 | 0.296146  |
| 7             | 2.797560  | 0.119610  | 0.506974  |
| 6             | 2.064593  | 3.088543  | 0.493988  |
| 1             | 3.140385  | 3.015082  | 0.635217  |
| 1             | 1.818816  | 4.054609  | 0.060471  |
| 1             | 1.559954  | 2.976084  | 1.452887  |
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| 1             | -0.227095 | -1.569704 | -2.692373 |
| 1             | 3.519794  | -1.751708 | 0.934639  |
| 1             | 1.491196  | -1.149278 | 3.052616  |
| 1             | 1.104279  | 0.487612  | 3.213528  |