## Photophysical Pathways of Cytosine in Aqueous Solution



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**Figure SD-1. Select radial distribution function plots.** The radial distribution, g(r), is plotted with respect to r, the radial distance from the selected cytosine atom, in Angstroms, for each cytosine geometry and state-specific partial atomic charge set, as described in the text. Particular cytosine geometry and charge set are given at the top of each plot. Line colors correspond to the different cytosine-water atom pairs: black = O-HW, red = N3-HW, green = H1-OW, magenta = H7-OW, blue = H8-OW, where HW and OW are water hydrogen and oxygen, respectively, and O, N3, H1, H7 and H8 are cytosine atoms, as defined in the text. GS HF charges are the CHELPG charges derived from the HF density of the S<sub>0</sub>-min geometry. MRCI S<sub>0</sub> and S<sub>1</sub> charges are the CHELPG charges derived from the MRCI S<sub>0</sub> and S<sub>1</sub> densities, respectively, for the specific geometry given in the plot.



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#### S<sub>0</sub>-min, GS HF charges

|                         | $g_{\max 1}$             | $r_{\rm max1}$    | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\min 1}$ | $g_{\rm max2}$ | $r_{\rm max2}$    |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|
| O-HW                    | 1.32                     | 1.85              | 0.35         | 2.45         | 0.96           | 3.15              |
| N3-HW                   | 0.65                     | 1.95              | 0.20         | 2.55         | 1.09           | 5.55              |
| H1-OW                   | 0.93                     | 2.05              | 0.41         | 2.55         | 1.02           | 5.15              |
| H7-OW                   | 0.61                     | 2.15              | 0.54         | 2.55         | 1.10           | 3.55              |
| H8-OW                   | 0.63                     | 2.15              | 0.52         | 2.55         | 0.98           | 3.45              |
|                         |                          |                   |              |              |                |                   |
| S <sub>0</sub> -min, Ml | RCI S <sub>0</sub> chai  | rges              |              |              |                |                   |
|                         | $g_{\max 1}$             | $r_{\rm max1}$    | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\min 1}$ | $g_{\rm max2}$ | $r_{\rm max2}$    |
| O-HW                    | 1.00                     | 1.85              | 0.38         | 2.45         | 0.94           | 3.15              |
| N3-HW                   | 0.56                     | 1.95              | 0.21         | 2.55         | 1.10           | 5.75              |
| H1-OW                   | 0.93                     | 2.05              | 0.40         | 2.65         | 1.00           | 5.25              |
| H7-OW                   | 0.60                     | 2.15              | 0.53         | 2.55         | 1.15           | 3.55              |
| H8-OW                   | 0.82                     | 2.05              | 0.43         | 2.55         | 1.02           | 3.55              |
|                         |                          |                   |              |              |                |                   |
| $S_0$ -min, MF          | RCI S <sub>1</sub> charg | ges               |              |              |                |                   |
|                         | $g_{\max 1}$             | $r_{\rm max1}$    | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\min 1}$ | $g_{\max 2}$   | $r_{\rm max2}$    |
| O-HW                    | 0.31                     | 2.05              | 0.31         | 2.15         | 1.00           | 3.35              |
| N3-HW                   | 0.87                     | 1.95              | 0.18         | 2.55         | 1.10           | 5.45              |
| H1-OW                   | 1.06                     | 1.95              | 0.38         | 2.55         | 1.06           | 5.35              |
| H7-OW                   | 0.61                     | 2.15              | 0.55         | 2.45         | 1.13           | 3.45              |
| H8-OW                   | 0.64                     | 2.05              | 0.47         | 2.45         | 1.04           | 3.55              |
| Twist ci01,             | MRCI S <sub>0</sub> cl   | harges            |              |              |                |                   |
| ,                       | $g_{\rm max1}$           | $r_{\rm max1}$    | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\min 1}$ | $g_{\rm max2}$ | $r_{\rm max2}$    |
| O-HW                    | 1.26                     | 1.85              | 1.26         | 2.35         | 0.96           | 4.25              |
| N3-HW                   | 0.62                     | 1.95              | 0.18         | 2.55         | 1.11           | 5.45              |
| H1-OW                   | 0.92                     | 1.95              | 0.40         | 2.55         | 1.02           | 5.55              |
| H7-OW                   | 0.62                     | 2.15              | 0.52         | 2.45         | 1.09           | 7.25              |
| H8-OW                   | 0.61                     | 2.15              | 0.54         | 2.45         | 1.01           | 7.25              |
| T                       |                          | IC shares         | _            |              |                |                   |
| 1 W1St C101-            | FU.Ig, MRC               | $1 S_1$ charges   | 8            |              |                |                   |
| O HW                    | 8  max 1                 | / <sub>max1</sub> | 8min1        | $7_{min1}$   | 8 max2         | / <sub>max2</sub> |
|                         | 0.70                     | 1.00              | 0.37         | 2.33         | 0.97           | 4.15              |
|                         | 0.41                     | 2.05              | 0.21         | 2.33         | 1.11           | 5.45<br>5.55      |
| П1-UW                   | 0.81                     | 2.05              | 0.42         | 2.33         | 1.05           | 3.33<br>2 ==      |
|                         | 0.72                     | 2.05              | 0.40         | 2.45         | 1.13           | 3.33<br>2.55      |
| по-Ом                   | 0.87                     | 2.05              | 0.45         | 2.33         | 1.05           | 3.33              |

**Table SD-1. Select radial distribution function data.** The first and second peaks of the radial distribution function g(r),  $g_{max1}$  and  $g_{max2}$ , respectively, and their respective radial distances from designated cytosine atoms,  $r_{max1}$  and  $r_{max2}$ , as well as the minimum g(r) between these two maxima,  $g_{min}$ , and its radial distance  $r_{min}$ , are given for select cytosine-water atom pairs, as defined in the text, for each cytosine geometry and state-specific partial atomic charge set. GS HF charges are the CHELPG charges derived from the HF density of the S<sub>0</sub>-min geometry. MRCI S<sub>0</sub> and S<sub>1</sub> charges are the CHELPG charges derived from the MRCI S<sub>0</sub> and S<sub>1</sub> densities, respectively, for the specific geometry given.

### Twist *ci*01+0.1g, GS HF charges

|             | $g_{\max 1}$        | $r_{\rm max1}$ | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\min 1}$             | $g_{\max 2}$ | $r_{\rm max2}$ |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| O-HW        | 1.26                | 1.85           | 0.32         | 2.45                     | 0.97         | 3.15           |
| N3-HW       | 0.62                | 1.95           | 0.18         | 2.55                     | 1.11         | 5.45           |
| H1-OW       | 0.98                | 1.95           | 0.41         | 2.55                     | 1.02         | 5.55           |
| H7-OW       | 0.60                | 2.15           | 0.53         | 2.45                     | 1.07         | 3.55           |
| H8-OW       | 0.60                | 2.15           | 0.55         | 2.45                     | 1.00         | 3.55           |
| Twist-ts, 0 | GS HF ch            | arges          |              |                          |              |                |
|             | $g_{\max 1}$        | $r_{\rm max1}$ | $g_{\min 1}$ | <i>r</i> <sub>min1</sub> | $g_{\max 2}$ | $r_{\rm max2}$ |
| O-HW        | 1.29                | 1.85           | 0.32         | 2.45                     | 0.97         | 3.15           |
| N3-HW       | 0.59                | 1.95           | 0.19         | 2.55                     | 1.09         | 5.55           |
| H1-OW       | 0.91                | 2.05           | 0.38         | 2.55                     | 0.99         | 5.15           |
| H7-OW       | 0.60                | 2.15           | 0.52         | 2.45                     | 1.08         | 3.45           |
| H8-OW       | 0.66                | 2.15           | 0.53         | 2.45                     | 0.97         | 3.35           |
| Twist-ts, I | MRCI S <sub>1</sub> | charges        |              |                          |              |                |
|             | $g_{\max 1}$        | $r_{\rm max1}$ | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\min 1}$             | $g_{\max 2}$ | $r_{\rm max2}$ |
| O-HW        | 0.38                | 2.05           | 0.35         | 2.25                     | 0.98         | 4.05           |
| N3-HW       | 0.37                | 2.05           | 0.25         | 2.55                     | 1.09         | 5.75           |
| H1-OW       | 0.84                | 2.05           | 0.42         | 2.55                     | 1.03         | 5.35           |
| H7-OW       | 0.68                | 2.05           | 0.48         | 2.55                     | 1.12         | 3.45           |
| H8-OW       | 0.63                | 2.05           | 0.51         | 2.45                     | 1.05         | 3.35           |
| Min1, GS    | HF charg            | ges            |              |                          |              |                |
|             | $g_{\max 1}$        | $r_{\rm max1}$ | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\min 1}$             | $g_{\max 2}$ | $r_{\rm max2}$ |
| O-HW        | 1.61                | 1.75           | 0.32         | 2.45                     | 0.99         | 3.05           |
| N3-HW       | 0.66                | 1.95           | 0.22         | 2.55                     | 1.09         | 5.65           |
| H1-OW       | 0.90                | 2.05           | 0.42         | 2.65                     | 1.02         | 5.05           |
| H7-OW       | 0.62                | 2.15           | 0.51         | 2.45                     | 1.09         | 3.45           |
| H8-OW       | 0.67                | 2.05           | 0.51         | 2.55                     | 0.98         | 3.45           |
| Min1, MR    | $CI S_1 cha$        | arges          |              |                          |              |                |
|             | $g_{\max 1}$        | $r_{\rm max1}$ | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\rm min1}$           | $g_{\max 2}$ | $r_{\rm max2}$ |
| O-HW        | 1.05                | 3.95           | 0.85         | 5.15                     | 1.05         | 7.35           |
| N3-HW       | 0.50                | 1.95           | 0.24         | 2.55                     | 1.09         | 5.55           |
| H1-OW       | 1.12                | 1.95           | 0.37         | 2.55                     | 1.03         | 5.45           |
| H7-OW       | 0.58                | 2.15           | 0.52         | 2.35                     | 1.08         | 3.45           |
| H8-OW       | 0.58                | 2.15           | 0.51         | 2.55                     | 1.02         | 3.45           |

Table SD-1 continued.

### Sofa-ts1, GS HF charges

|             | $g_{\max 1}$        | $r_{\rm max1}$ | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\rm min1}$ | $g_{\max 2}$ | $r_{\rm max2}$ |
|-------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| O-HW        | 1.40                | 1.85           | 0.33         | 2.45           | 0.99         | 3.15           |
| N3-HW       | 0.74                | 1.95           | 0.20         | 2.55           | 1.11         | 5.55           |
| H1-OW       | 0.96                | 2.05           | 0.41         | 2.55           | 1.04         | 5.25           |
| H7-OW       | 0.68                | 2.05           | 0.52         | 2.45           | 1.06         | 3.45           |
| H8-OW       | 0.70                | 2.05           | 0.50         | 2.55           | 1.01         | 3.45           |
| Sofa-ts1, N | MRCI S <sub>1</sub> | charges        |              |                |              |                |
|             | $g_{\max 1}$        | $r_{\rm max1}$ | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\min 1}$   | $g_{\max 2}$ | $r_{\rm max2}$ |
| O-HW        | 0.58                | 1.95           | 0.36         | 2.45           | 1.00         | 4.15           |
| N3-HW       | 1.09                | 5.65           | 0.99         | 7.15           | 1.03         | 8.75           |
| H1-OW       | 1.00                | 1.95           | 0.39         | 2.55           | 1.01         | 5.25           |
| H7-OW       | 0.71                | 2.05           | 0.49         | 2.55           | 1.05         | 3.45           |
| H8-OW       | 0.63                | 2.15           | 0.50         | 2.55           | 1.07         | 3.45           |
| Sofa-ts2, C | GS HF ch            | arges          |              |                |              |                |
|             | $g_{\max 1}$        | $r_{\rm max1}$ | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\min 1}$   | $g_{\max 2}$ | $r_{\rm max2}$ |
| O-HW        | 1.30                | 1.85           | 0.32         | 2.45           | 0.97         | 3.15           |
| N3-HW       | 0.87                | 1.95           | 0.20         | 2.55           | 1.13         | 5.45           |
| H1-OW       | 0.94                | 1.95           | 0.42         | 2.55           | 1.01         | 5.15           |
| H7-OW       | 0.79                | 2.05           | 0.53         | 2.45           | 1.03         | 3.45           |
| H8-OW       | 0.67                | 2.05           | 0.51         | 2.45           | 1.05         | 3.45           |
| Sofa-ts2, M | MRCI S <sub>1</sub> | charges        |              |                |              |                |
|             | $g_{\max 1}$        | $r_{\rm max1}$ | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\min 1}$   | $g_{\max 2}$ | $r_{\rm max2}$ |
| O-HW        | 0.59                | 1.95           | 0.38         | 2.35           | 0.97         | 3.95           |
| N3-HW       | 1.11                | 5.65           | 0.99         | 7.15           | 1.03         | 8.55           |
| H1-OW       | 1.07                | 1.95           | 0.36         | 2.55           | 0.98         | 5.55           |
| H7-OW       | 0.68                | 2.05           | 0.53         | 2.45           | 1.05         | 3.45           |
| H8-OW       | 0.74                | 2.05           | 0.45         | 2.55           | 1.05         | 3.45           |
| Sofa-min,   | GS HF c             | harges         |              |                |              |                |
|             | $g_{max1}$          | $r_{\rm max1}$ | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\min 1}$   | $g_{\max 2}$ | $r_{\rm max2}$ |
| O-HW        | 1.34                | 1.85           | 0.33         | 2.45           | 0.93         | 4.35           |
| N3-HW       | 0.92                | 1.95           | 0.20         | 2.55           | 1.11         | 5.55           |
| H1-OW       | 0.94                | 1.95           | 0.41         | 2.55           | 0.98         | 5.15           |
| H7-OW       | 0.78                | 2.05           | 0.52         | 2.45           | 1.04         | 3.55           |
| H8-OW       | 0.69                | 2.05           | 0.51         | 2.45           | 1.00         | 3.45           |

Table SD-1 continued.

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### Sofa-min, MRCI S<sub>1</sub> charges

|                    | $g_{\max 1}$ | $r_{\rm max1}$          | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\min 1}$ | $g_{max2}$   | $r_{\rm max2}$ |
|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| O-HW               | 0.60         | 1.95                    | 0.38         | 2.45         | 0.96         | 4.05           |
| N3-HW              | 1.10         | 5.75                    | 0.99         | 7.15         | 1.03         | 8.85           |
| H1-OW              | 0.96         | 1.95                    | 0.41         | 2.65         | 1.09         | 6.75           |
| H7-OW              | 0.81         | 2.05                    | 0.47         | 2.55         | 1.03         | 3.55           |
| H8-OW              | 0.60         | 2.15                    | 0.50         | 2.45         | 1.03         | 3.35           |
| Sofa <i>ci</i> 01, | GS HF cha    | arges                   |              |              |              |                |
|                    | $g_{max1}$   | $r_{\rm max1}$          | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\min 1}$ | $g_{max2}$   | $r_{\rm max2}$ |
| O-HW               | 1.36         | 1.85                    | 0.33         | 2.45         | 0.94         | 3.15           |
| N3-HW              | 0.97         | 1.95                    | 0.20         | 2.55         | 1.11         | 5.45           |
| H1-OW              | 0.94         | 1.95                    | 0.42         | 2.55         | 0.99         | 5.15           |
| H7-OW              | 0.77         | 2.05                    | 0.50         | 2.45         | 1.02         | 3.45           |
| H8-OW              | 0.69         | 2.05                    | 0.52         | 2.45         | 0.99         | 3.45           |
| Sofa <i>ci</i> 01+ | -0.1g, MR0   | CI S <sub>1</sub> charg | ges          |              |              |                |
|                    | $g_{\max 1}$ | $r_{\rm max1}$          | $g_{\min 1}$ | $r_{\min 1}$ | $g_{\max 2}$ | $r_{\rm max2}$ |
| O-HW               | 0.59         | 1.95                    | 0.41         | 2.45         | 0.94         | 4.15           |
| N3-HW              | 1.10         | 5.65                    | 0.99         | 7.15         | 1.03         | 8.75           |
| H1-OW              | 0.85         | 2.05                    | 0.47         | 2.65         | 0.97         | 5.25           |
| H7-OW              | 0.83         | 2.05                    | 0.45         | 2.55         | 1.05         | 3.45           |
| H8-OW              | 0.61         | 2.15                    | 0.51         | 2.45         | 1.04         | 3.25           |

Table SD-1 continued.