

# Excited-State Absorption of DNA bases in the gas phase and in chloroform solution: a comparative quantum mechanical study. Supplementary Information

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## S1 Results

### IPs

Table S1: First ionization energy of the four nucleobases (FC geometries) in gas phase.

	CCSD [eV]	CC3 [eV]	CAM-B3LYP
Adenine	8.257	8.236	8.38
Cytosine	8.683	8.616	8.82
Guanine	7.858	7.799	7.97
Thymine	9.045	8.930	9.44

### SS1.1 ESA summary

Table S2: Summary of energy region and number of excited states (in parenthesis) computed with various methods for a particular target state of all four nucleobases.

	State	EOM-CC3	EOM-CCSD	CAM-B3LYP
Thymine	1 $\pi$	4.08(50)	4.15(50)	4.13(43)
	1n	4.30(51)	4.40(51)	4.25(45)
Cytosine	1 $\pi$	3.95(44)	4.3(51)	4.05(43)
	1n	3.51(43)	3.8(50)	3.74(43)
Adenine	L <sub>a</sub>	1.69(17)	2.71(39)	3.02(43)
	L <sub>b</sub>	1.79(19)	2.84(39)	2.96(42)
	1n	1.75(18)	2.73(39)	3.10(43)
Guanine	L <sub>a</sub>	1.7(14)	2.56(28)	3.17(43)
	L <sub>b</sub>	1.2(12)	2.02(25)	2.73(41)
	1n	1.1(11)	2.03(26)	2.71(42)

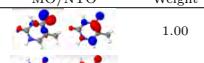
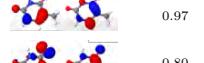
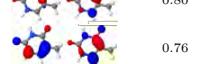
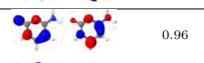
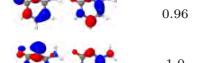
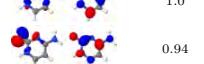
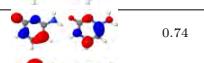
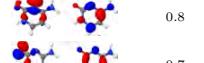
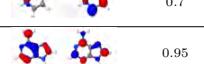
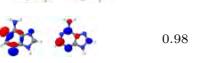
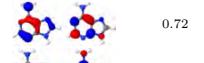
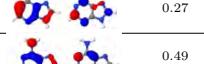
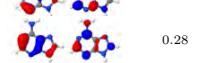
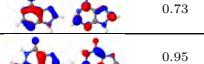
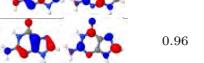
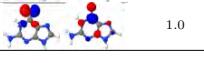
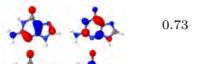
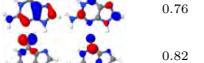
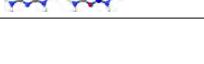
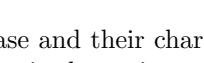
Molecule	Method	State				MO/NTO	Weight
		Sym	Energy	f×100	Character		
Thymine	CAM-B3LYP	1A''	5.13	0.00	1n/nπ*		1.00
		1A'	5.25	17.5	1π/ππ*		0.97
	CCSD	1A''	5.26 (5.01)	0.00	1n/nπ*		0.80
		1A'	5.51 (5.28)	20.7 (15.9)	1π/ππ*		0.76
Cytosine	CAM-B3LYP	1A'	4.98	6.56	1π/ππ*		0.96
		1A''	5.29	0.19	1n/nπ*		1.0
		3A''	5.92	0.01	2n/nπ*		0.94
	CCSD	1A'	4.99 (4.76)	6.57 (5.09)	1π/ππ*		0.74
		1A''	5.46 (5.20)	0.26 (0.21)	1n/nπ*		0.8
		6A''	6.34	0.00	n/nπ*		0.7
Adenine	CAM-B3LYP	1A'	5.34	27.7	L <sub>a</sub> /ππ*		0.95
		1A''	5.35	0.06	1n/nπ*		0.98
		2A'	5.49	1.32	L <sub>b</sub> /ππ*		0.72
	CCSD	1A'	5.41 (5.24)	0.56 (0.55)	L <sub>b</sub> /ππ*		0.49
		1A''	5.51 (5.28)	0.18 (0.11)	1n/nπ*		0.28
		2A'	5.53 (5.31)	29.7 (26.31)	L <sub>a</sub> /ππ*		0.78
Guanine	CAM-B3LYP	1A'	5.13	14.8	L <sub>a</sub> /ππ*		0.95
		2A'	5.57	33.7	L <sub>b</sub> /ππ*		0.96
		3A''	5.59	0.00	nπ*		1.0
	CCSD	1A'	5.21 (5.03)	16.6 (13.43)	L <sub>a</sub> /ππ*		0.73
		2A'	5.751 (5.51)	34.8 (30.42)	L <sub>b</sub> /ππ*		0.76
		3A'' (1A'')	5.750 (5.61)	0.00	nπ*		0.82

Figure S1: Excited states considered for each molecule in gas phase and their characterization via Natural Transition Orbitals. Energies in eV. The EOM-CC3 data is shown in parenthesis beside the corresponding EOM-CCSD values.

## SS1.2 Comparison with RASPT2/ANO-L results

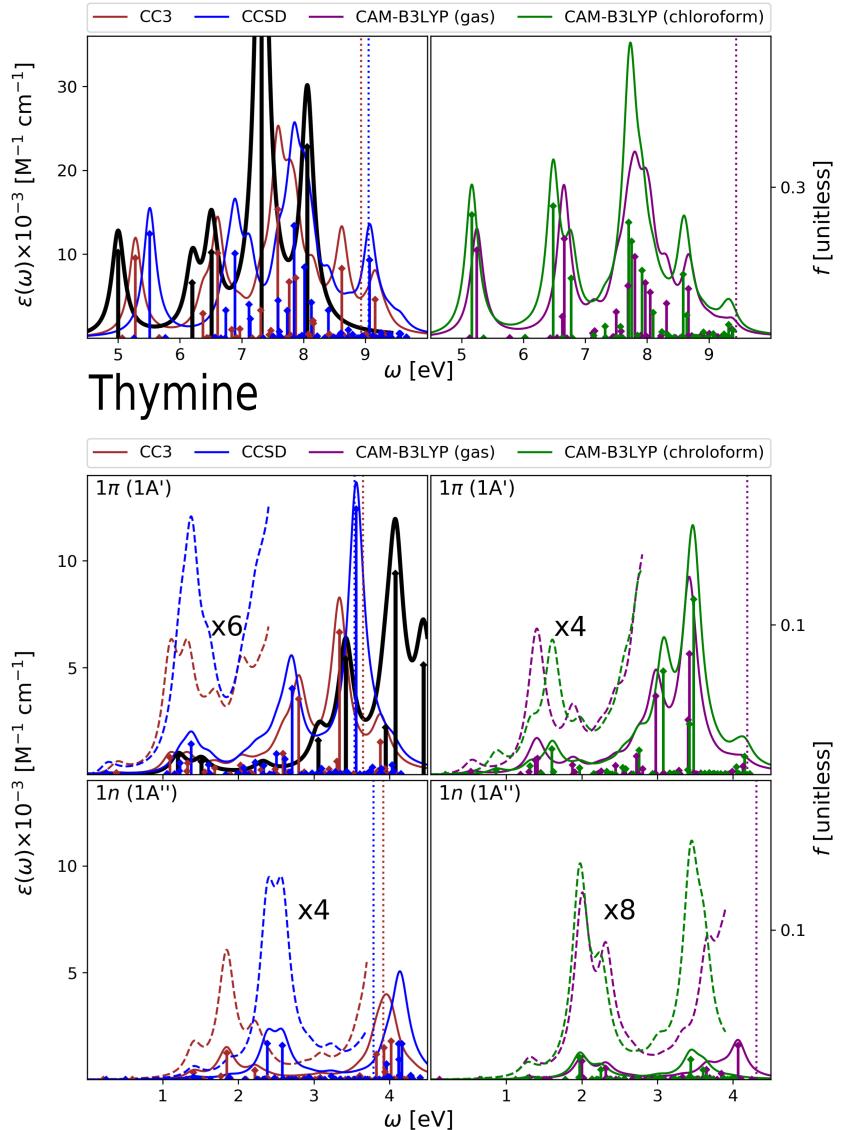


Figure S2: Thymine. Comparison of our results with RASPT2 (in thick black) from Ref. [1]. The top panels refer to OPA and the middle and bottom panels to ESA (notice the excited state labels).

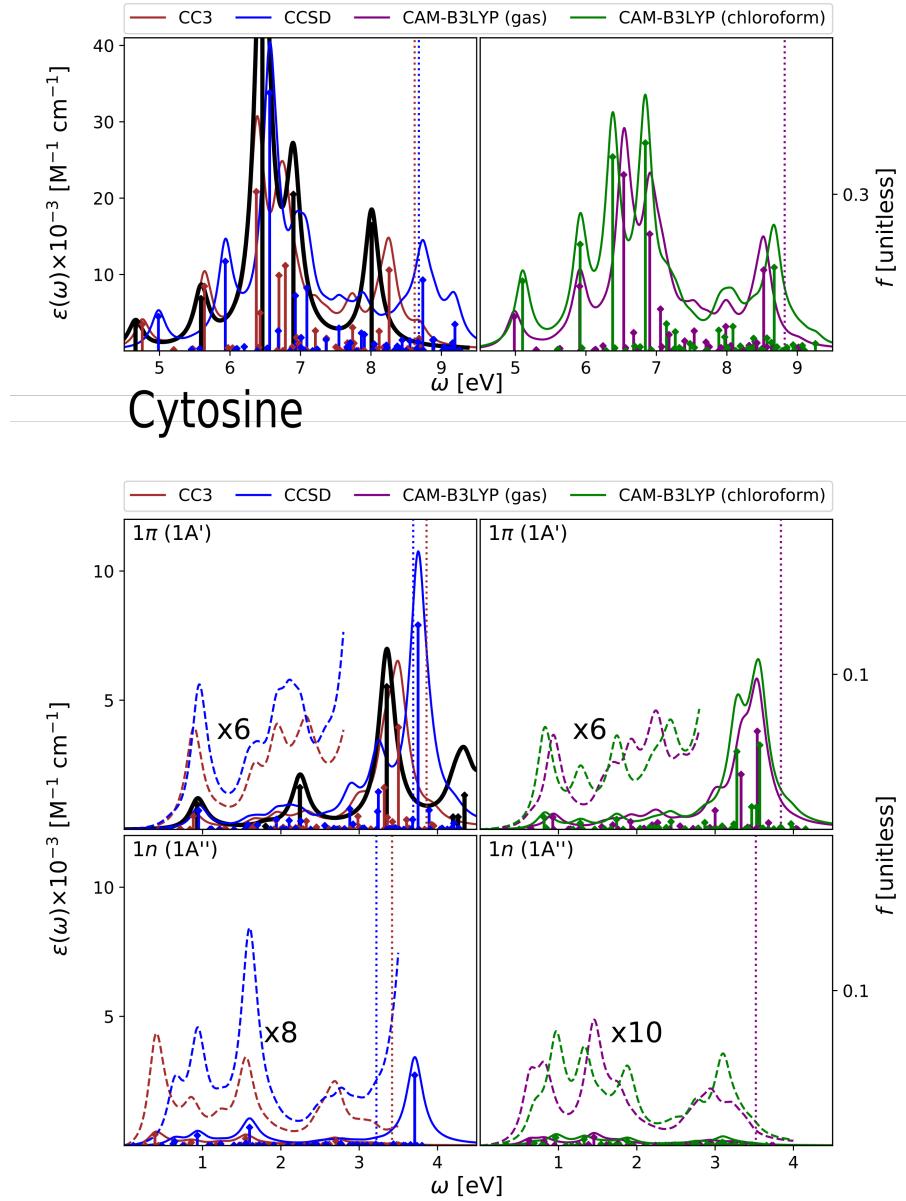


Figure S3: Cytosine. Comparison of our results with RASPT2 (in thick black) from Ref. [1]. The top panels refer to OPA and the middle and bottom panels to ESA (notice the excited state labels).

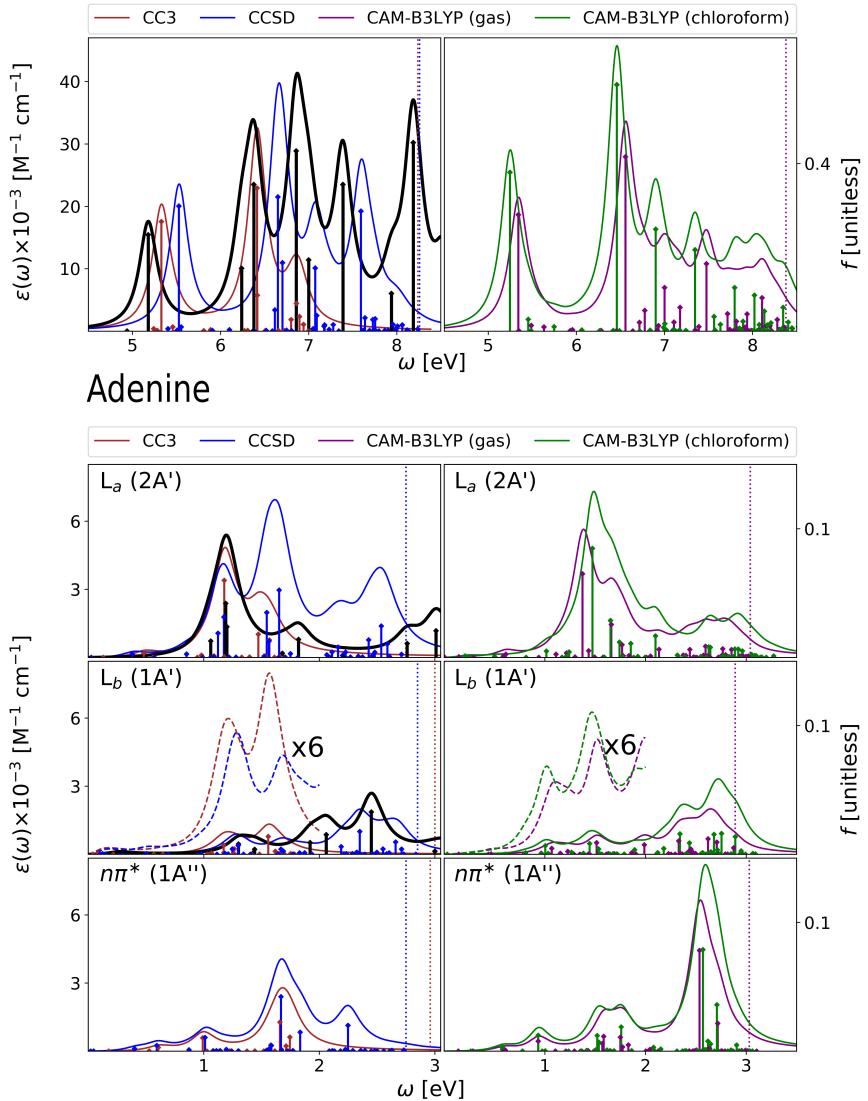


Figure S4: Adenine. Comparison of our results with RASPT2 (in thick black) from Ref. [1]. The top panels refer to OPA and the middle and bottom panels to ESA (notice the excited state labels).

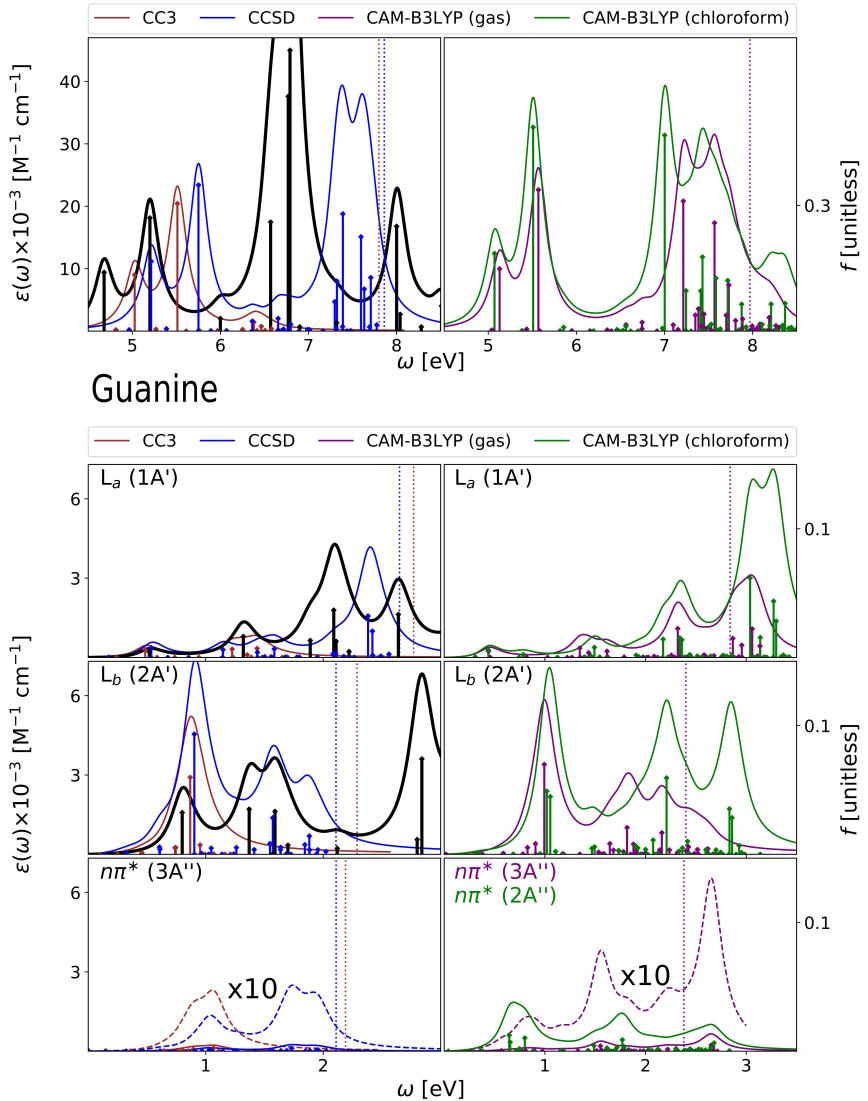


Figure S5: Guanine. Comparison of our results with RASPT2 (in thick black) from Ref. [1]. The top panels refer to OPA and the middle and bottom panels to ESA (notice the excited state labels).

### SS1.3 One-photon Absorption: Comparison with Experiment

Computed OPA spectra for the four nucleobases are compared with available experimental results in Figures S6–S9. Computed spectra have been red-shifted by an amount specified by the inset in the Figures so to approximately overlap the lowest-energy computed and experimental bands; their shape nicely compare with the low-energy part of the experimental spectra. Data in the figures clearly suggest that the employed levels of electronic structure theory overestimate the excitation energies of the bright states, EOM-CC3 generally being the most accurate. However, it is not possible to precisely define the error of the electronic calculations. In fact, the experimental spectrum of adenine was measured at  $\sim$ 500 K, and the one adopted to compare with thymine was actually measured for 1-methyl-thymine at 370 K. Spectra for cytosine and guanine were obtained at lower temperatures, but in any case it is known that they arise from a contribution of a mixture of different tautomers [2, 3]. On the contrary, the computed spectra were obtained considering a single tautomer for each nucleobase at 0 K, neglecting both vibronic and non-adiabatic effects, and simply broadening the stick electronic intensities with a phenomenological Lorentzian. For instance, it is well known that vibronic effects usually induce a red-shift by 0.1–0.2 eV of the spectral maximum at room temperature, and analytical expressions of the first spectral moment suggest that larger red-shifts should occur at larger temperatures [4].

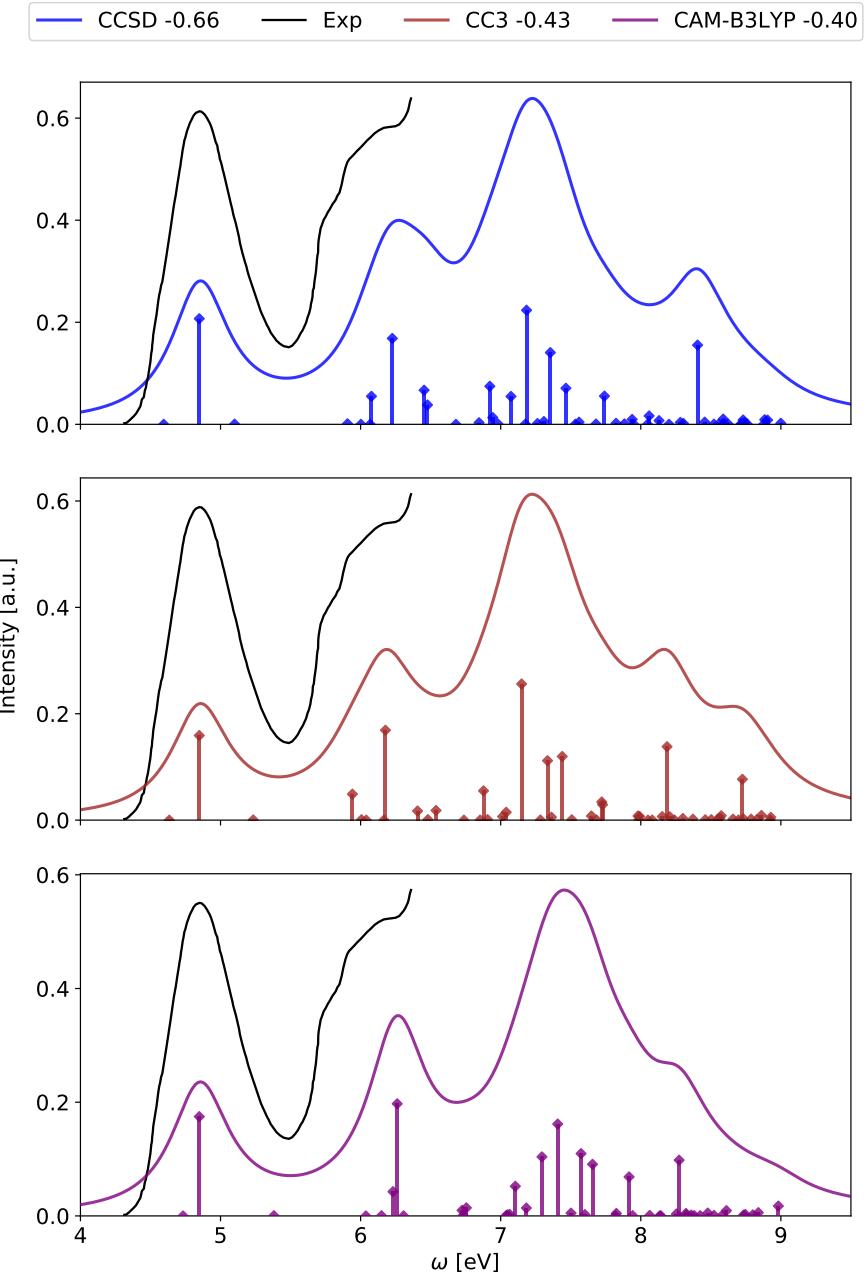


Figure S6: Thymine. Comparison of our results for OPA with experimental spectrum for 1-methyl-thymine in vapor phase at 370K taken from Ref. [5].

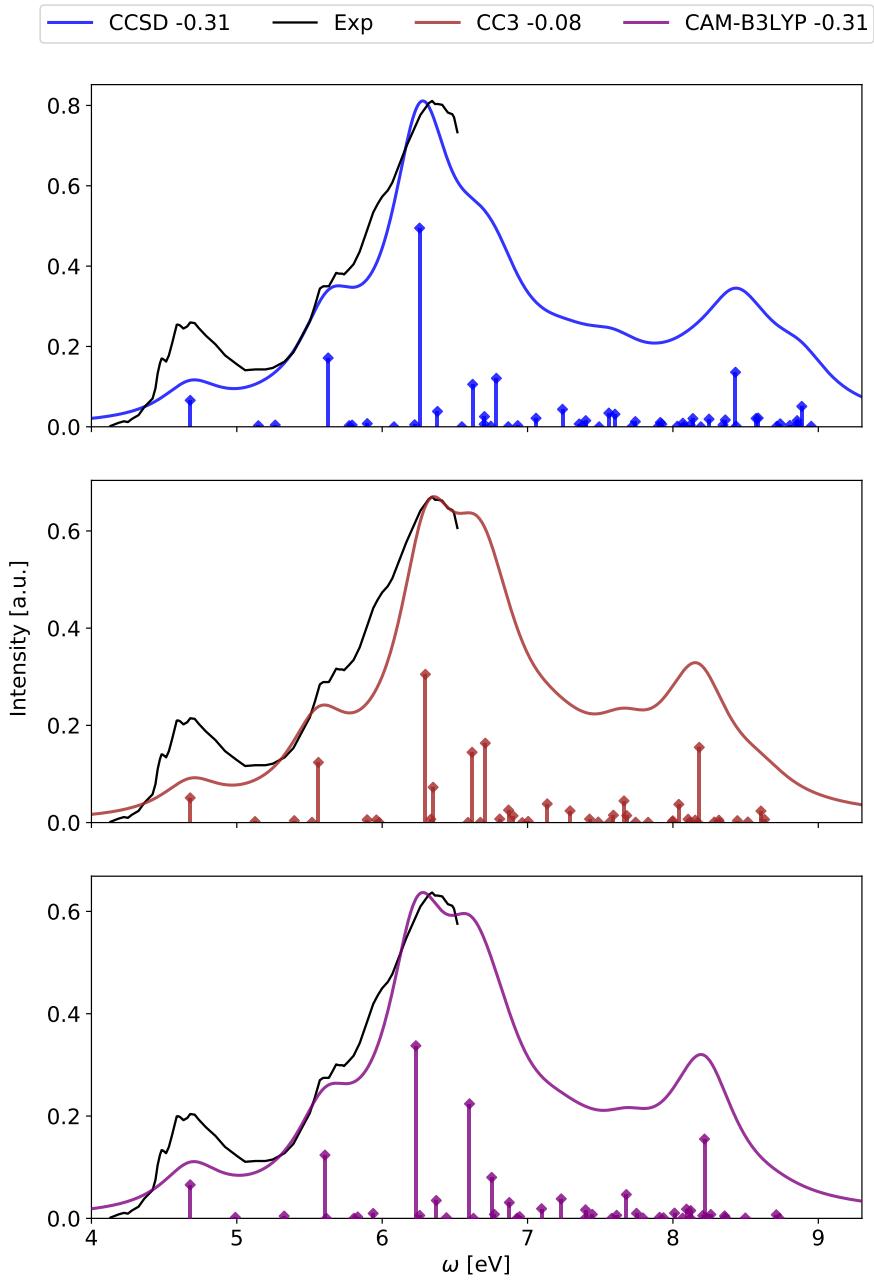


Figure S7: Cytosine. Comparison of our results for OPA with the experimental spectrum measured in an Argon matrix at low-temperature taken from Ref. [2].

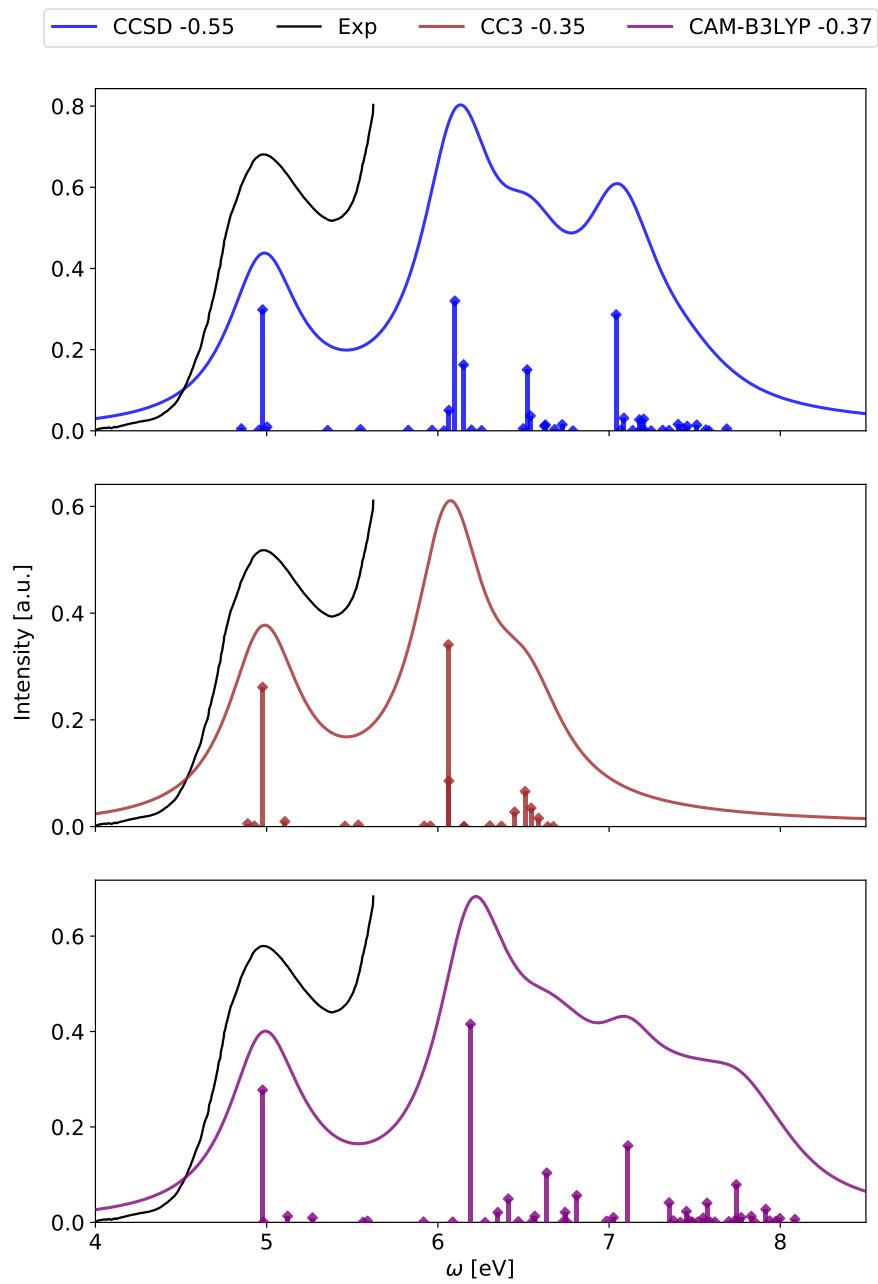


Figure S8: Adenine. Comparison of our results for OPA with the experimental spectrum in vapor phase at 500K taken from Ref. [5].

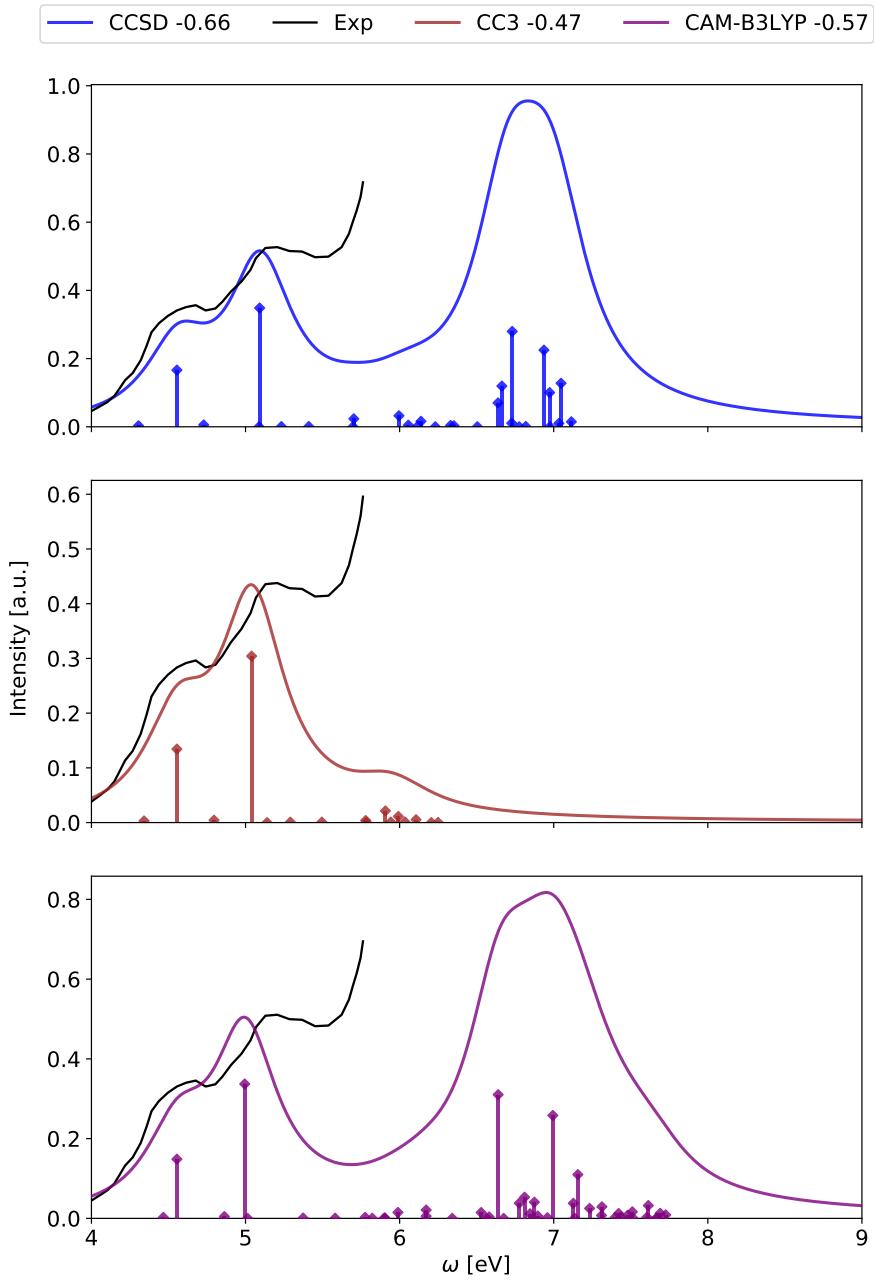


Figure S9: Guanine. Comparison of our results for OPA with the experimental spectrum in nitrogen matrix at 15 K taken from Ref. [3].

#### SS1.4 PCM/OPA at gas-phase versus PCM optimized ground-state geometry

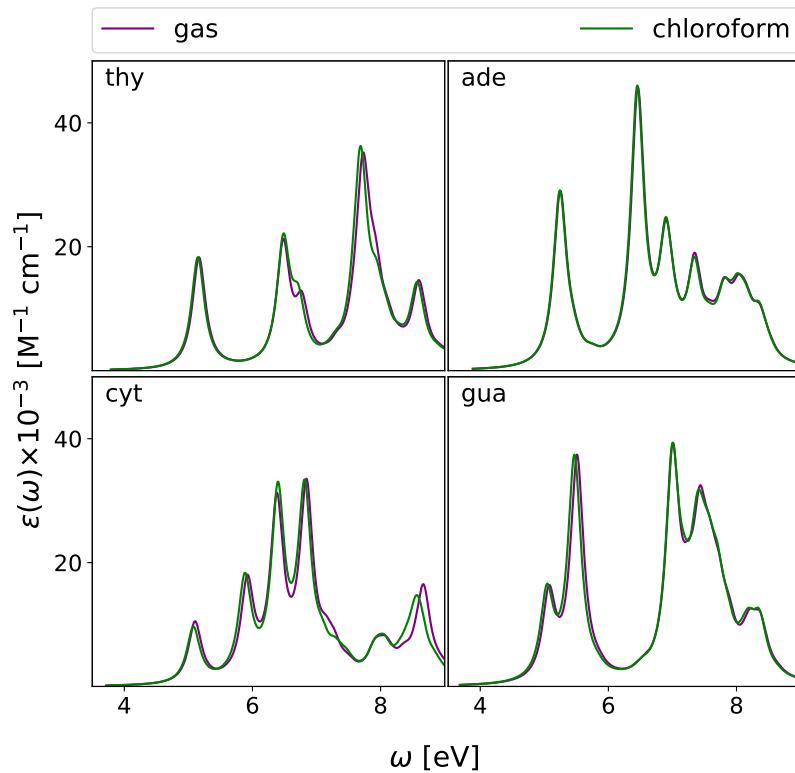


Figure S10: PCM/TD-CAMB3LYP OPA using gas-phase and PCM optimized geometries for the ground state.

### SS1.5 Experimental transition absorption spectra

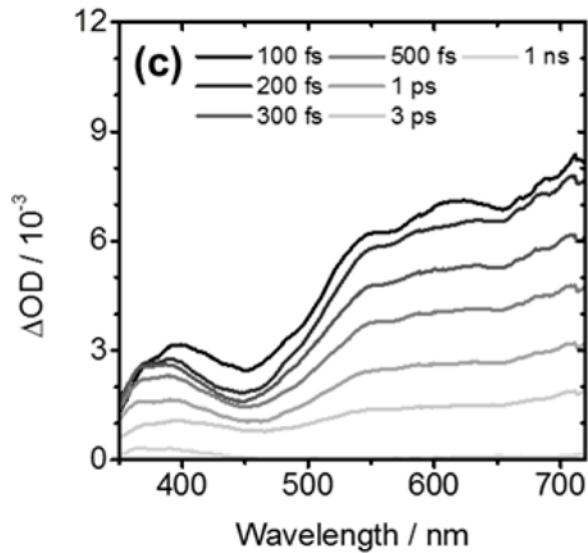


Figure S11: Thymine. TEA spectra recorded in chloroform after 260 nm excitation for 3',5'-Di-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-2'-deoxythymidine, reproduced with permission from *Is UV-Induced Electron-Driven Proton Transfer Active in a Chemically Modified A·T DNA Base Pair?*, J. Phys. Chem. B 2017, 121, 4448-4455 [6], main text.

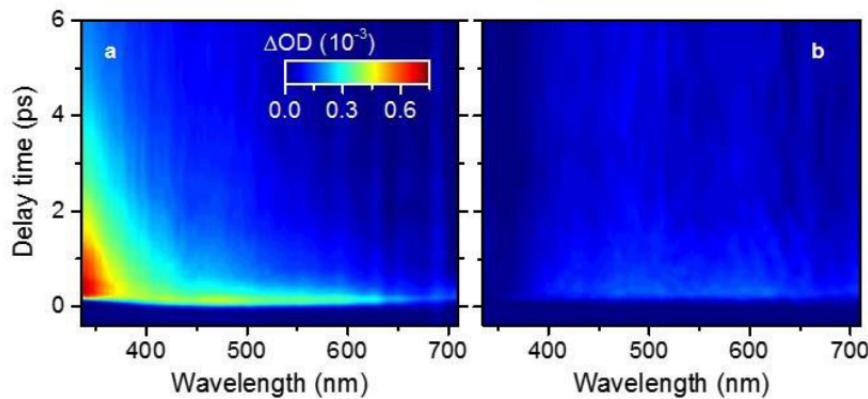


Figure S12: Cytosine and Guanine. Transient absorption maps after 260 nm excitation of (a) 2',3',5'-Tri-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-guanosine and (b) 3',5'-Di-O-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl)-2'-deoxycytidine, measured separately and scaled according to their actinometric factors to a concentration  $c = 5.6$  mM. Both absorption maps are shown on the same intensity scale. Reproduced with permission from *Ultraviolet Absorption Induces Hydrogen-Atom Transfer in G-C Watson-Crick DNA Base Pairs in Solution*, Angew. Chem. Int. Ed., 54(49), 14719-14722, 2015 (see ESI file) [7].

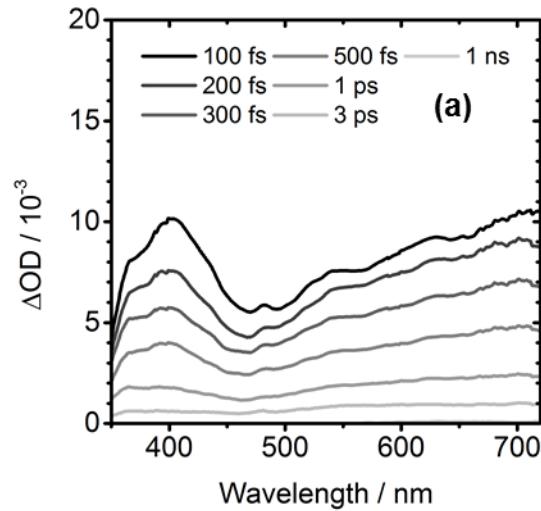


Figure S13: Adenine. TEAS measurements after 260 nm excitation of the 8-tert-butyl-9-ethyladenine in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  ( $c_0 = 50$  mM). Reproduced with permission from: *Is UV-Induced Electron-Driven Proton Transfer Active in a Chemically Modified A-T DNA Base Pair?*, J. Phys. Chem. B 2017, 121, 4448-4455 (SI) [6]. Please notice that  $\text{CHCl}_3$  also absorbs in that region (see SI in the same paper).

## SS1.6 Cartesian coordinates

#Thymine, ground state opt Cs sym cam-b3lyp/6-311+G(d,p)

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6 1.355869 -0.978682 0.000000  
7 1.196269 0.390701 0.000000  
6 -0.000000 1.114923 0.000000  
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8 2.430202 -1.531746 0.000000  
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1 -1.925568 -1.704714 0.000000  
1 -3.357798 0.287281 0.000000  
1 -2.627877 1.645382 0.875945  
1 -2.627877 1.645382 -0.875945

#Cytosine, ground state opt Cs sym cam-b3lyp/6-311+G(d,p)

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6 -1.219007 0.431513 0.000000  
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1 -0.176634 -2.791533 -0.000000  
1 3.159550 0.551294 -0.000000  
1 2.235310 2.025069 -0.000000

#Adenine, ground state opt Cs sym cam-b3lyp/6-311+G(d,p)

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6 1.353886 0.171290 0.000000  
6 0.000000 0.543282 0.000000  
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1 3.301658 0.761362 0.000000

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#Guanine CAM-B3LYP in gas ground state opt Cs sym

0 1

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#thymine ground-state opt cam-b3lyp/6-311+G(d,p) (pcm,solvent=chloroform)

0 1

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6	1.348122	-0.978122	0.000000
7	1.193813	0.389891	0.000000
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#Cytosine ground-state opt cam-b3lyp/6-311+G(d,p) (pcm,solvent=chloroform)
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Planar pi-pi\* (pseudo) minima

Adenine

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Cytosine

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#### Non-planar pi-pi\* minima (true absolute minima)

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##### Ade

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H

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## S2 Basis set comparison

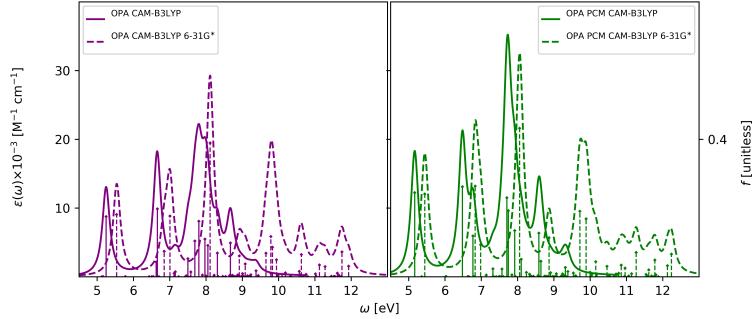


Figure S14: Thymine. Comparison of CAMB3LYP OPA using two different basis sets: aug-cc-pVDZ and 6-31G\*.

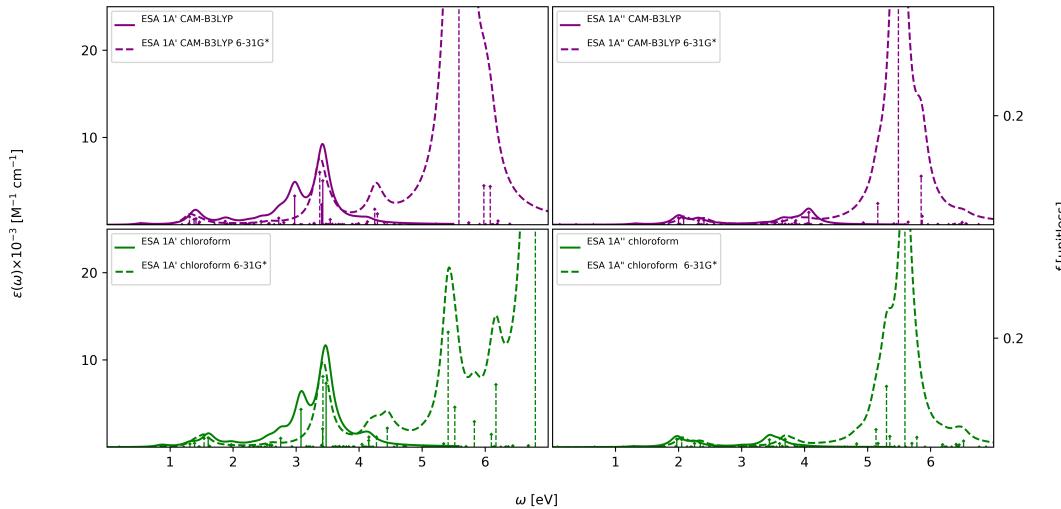


Figure S15: Thymine. CAMB3LYP ESA of S<sub>2</sub> (left) and S<sub>1</sub> (right) computed using the aug-cc-pVDZ and 6-31G\* basis sets.

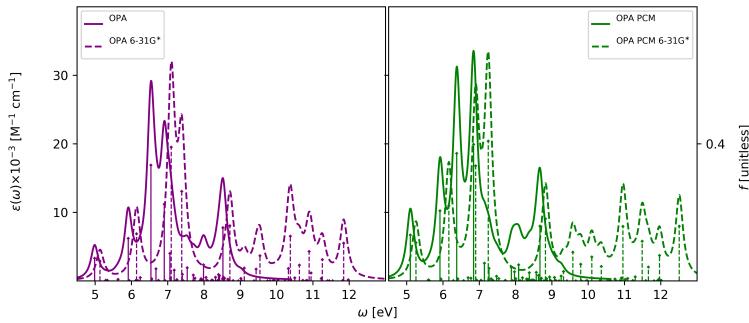


Figure S16: Cytosine. Comparison of OPA computed at CAMB3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ and CAMB3LYP/6-31G\* levels of theory.

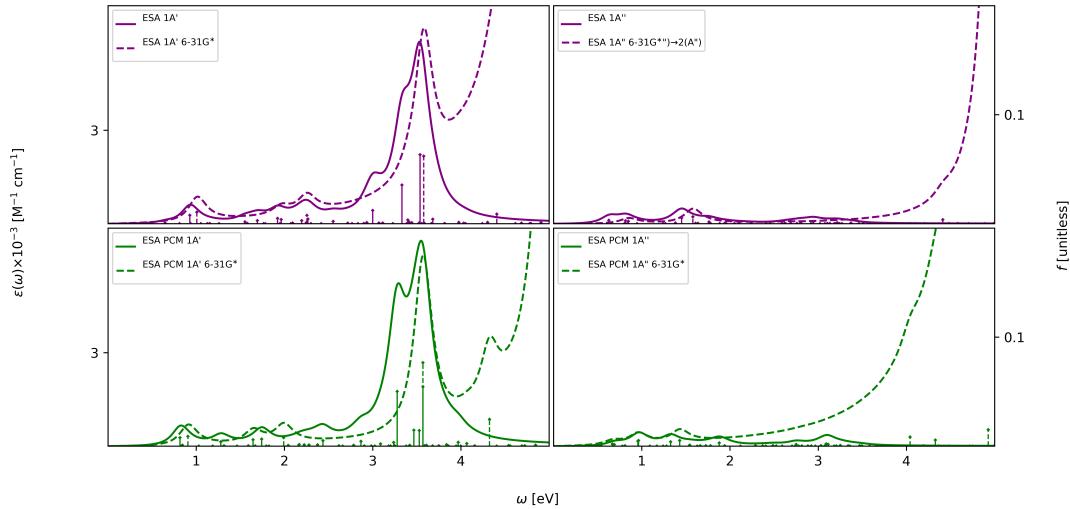


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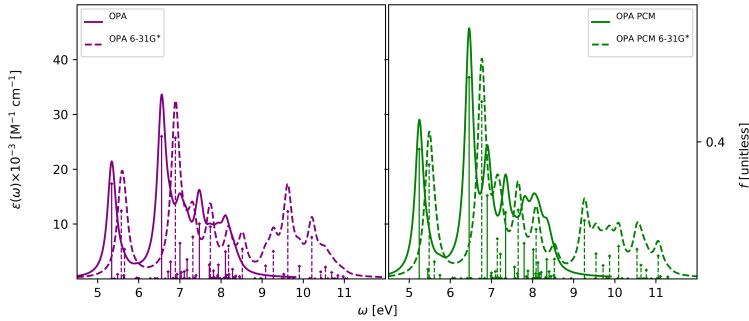


Figure S18: Adenine. Comparison of CAMB3LYP OPA using the aug-cc-pVDZ and 6-31G\* basis sets.

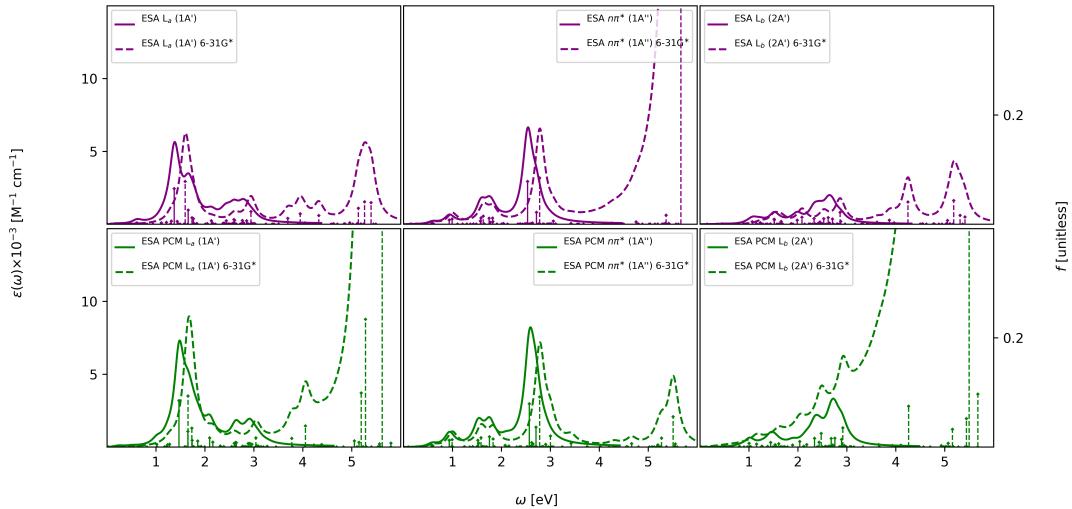


Figure S19: Adenine. Comparison of CAMB3LYP ESA using the aug-cc-pVDZ and 6-31G\* basis sets.

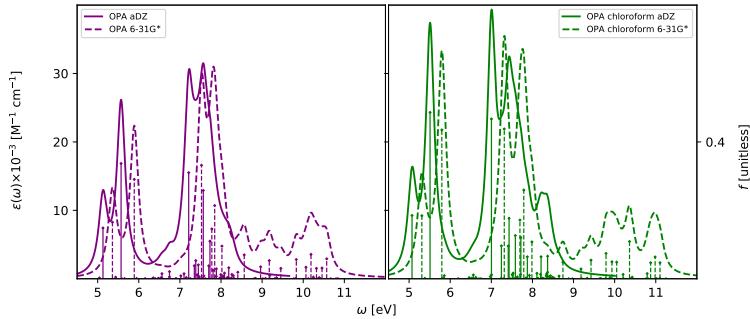


Figure S20: Guanine. Comparison of OPA computed at CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ and CAM-B3LYP/6-31G\* levels of theory.

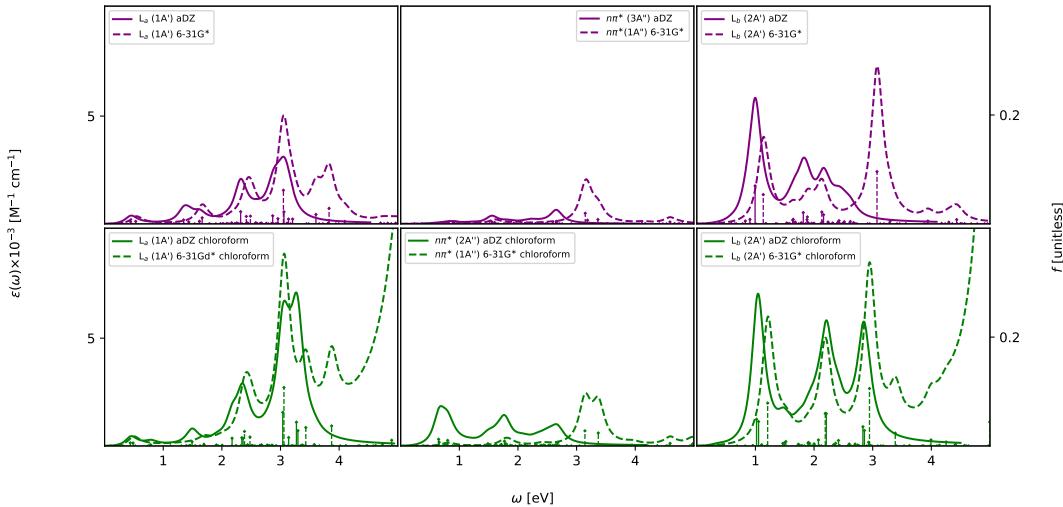


Figure S21: Guanine. Comparison of CAM-B3LYP ESA computed using the aug-cc-pVDZ and CAM-B3LYP/6-31G\* basis sets.

**S3 Tamm-Danoff (TDA) results: ESA from quadratic response versus ESA from maximum-overlap-method**

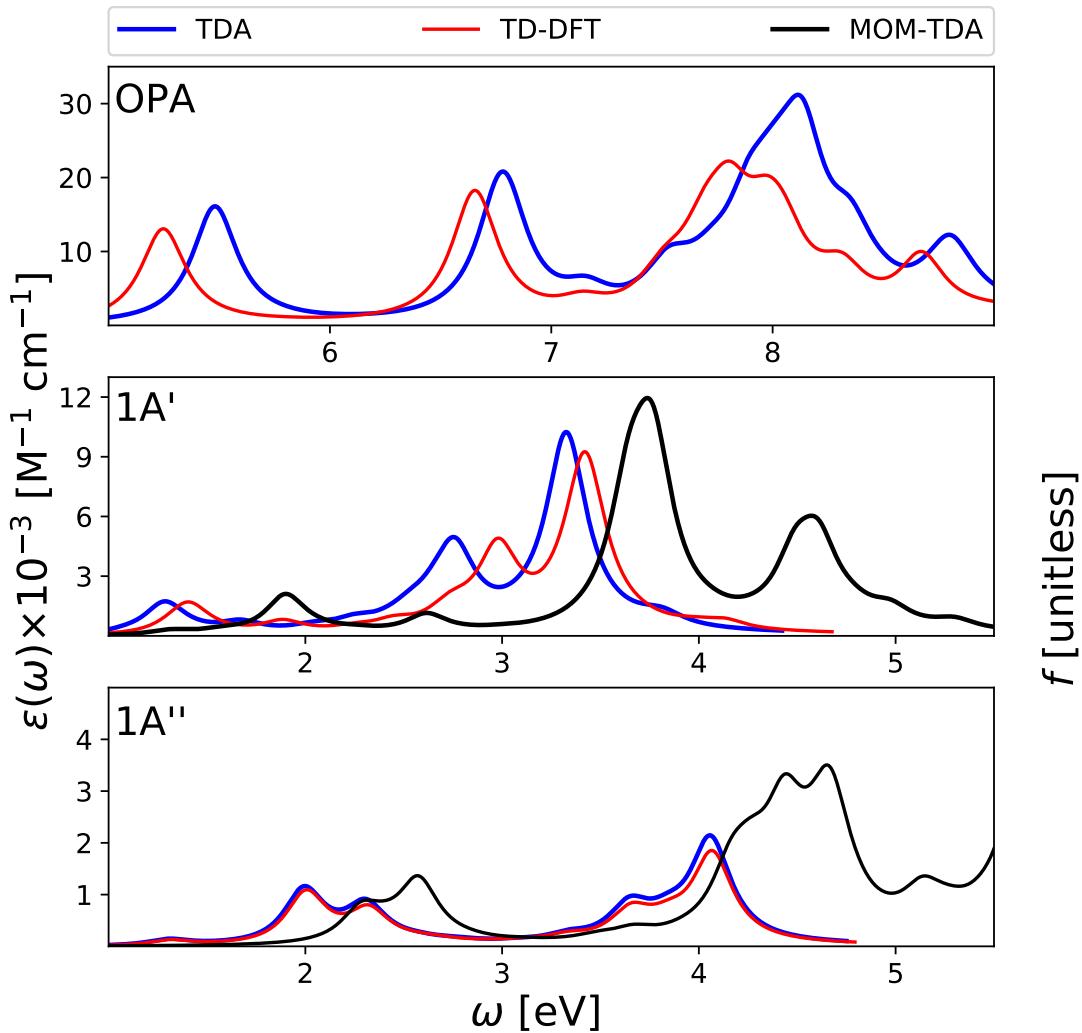


Figure S22: Thymine. Comparison of TDA and TDDFT results using the CAMB3LYP functional for OPA, as well as TDA ESA from quadratic response theory and OPA of MOM-optimized excited states. [8]

Table S3: Thymine. MOM-TDA/CAM-B3LYP ESA results.

$1n$		$1\pi$	
$\omega_j$	$f \times 100$	$\omega_j$	$f \times 100$
0.31	0.00	0.78	0.00
1.42	0.00	1.31	0.31
2.28	0.84	1.57	0.28
2.40	0.20	1.90	2.66
2.57	1.59	2.06	0.11
2.83	0.03	2.25	0.16
3.10	0.02	2.28	0.00
3.48	0.12	2.61	1.21
3.66	0.24	2.99	0.09
3.93	0.06	3.09	0.01
4.06	0.00	3.43	0.02
4.16	0.01	3.46	0.14
4.20	0.01	3.64	7.81
4.27	1.17	3.76	11.4
4.37	0.00	4.01	0.11
4.44	2.81	4.07	0.16
4.58	0.42	4.21	0.00
4.67	3.31	4.28	0.14
4.77	0.14	4.46	0.01

## S4 TABLES OF RAW DATA

### SS4.1 Thymine

Table S4: Thymine. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ OPA excitation energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) computed with the Tamm-Dancoff approximation (CIS), at TDDFT level in gas phase and at TDDFT in non-equilibrium PCM (chloroform). First IP is 9.44 eV.

One-Photon Absorption ( $S_0 \rightarrow S_n$ )											
TDA (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Dalton)			TDDFT PCM (Dalton)		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
0→1	5.15	0.00	0→1	5.13	0.00	0→1A''	5.13	0.00	0→1A'	5.16	24.47
0→2	5.48	21.48	0→2	5.25	17.48	0→1A'	5.25	17.47	0→1A''	5.36	0.00
0→3	5.79	0.06	0→3	5.78	0.04	0→2A''	5.78	0.04	0→2A''	6.03	0.10
0→4	6.45	0.00	0→4	6.44	0.00	0→3A''	6.43	0.00	0→2A'	6.48	26.21
0→5	6.56	0.06	0→5	6.55	0.04	0→4A''	6.55	0.04	0→3A''	6.62	0.01
0→6	6.72	0.01	0→6	6.63	4.28	0→2A'	6.63	4.27	0→4A''	6.64	0.01
0→7	6.76	13.44	0→7	6.66	19.72	0→3A'	6.66	19.73	0→3A'	6.77	11.86
0→8	6.80	14.11	0→8	6.72	0.01	0→5A''	6.70	0.01	0→5A''	6.79	0.03
0→9	7.14	0.08	0→9	7.13	0.98	0→4(A')	7.12	0.98	0→4(A')	7.14	0.49
0→10	7.14	1.85	0→10	7.13	0.09	0→6A''	7.13	0.09	0→5A'	7.32	2.31
0→11	7.17	2.00	0→11	7.16	1.43	0→5A'	7.15	1.42	0→6A''	7.33	0.13
0→12	7.44	0.01	0→12	7.44	0.01	0→7A''	7.43	0.01	0→7A''	7.49	0.08
0→13	7.45	0.10	0→13	7.45	0.09	0→8A''	7.45	0.19	0→8A''	7.55	0.06
0→14	7.48	0.31	0→14	7.48	0.31	0→9A''	7.46	0.26	0→9(A'')	7.57	2.27
0→15	7.52	6.57	0→15	7.51	5.27	0→6A'	7.50	5.22	0→10A''	7.61	0.00
0→16	7.60	1.61	0→16	7.59	1.48	0→10A''	7.58	1.39	0→6A'	7.70	22.97
0→17	7.72	5.08	0→17	7.70	12.04	0→7A'	7.69	10.39	0→7A'	7.75	19.23
0→18	7.89	13.50	0→18	7.81	15.66	0→8A'	7.80	16.16	0→11A''	7.85	0.50
0→19	7.92	0.52	0→19	7.92	0.48	0→11A''	7.90	0.49	0→8A'	7.92	13.44
0→20	8.00	12.44	0→20	7.99	10.34	0→9A'	7.97	10.96	0→9A'	8.10	5.08
0→21	8.01	0.27	0→21	8.01	0.25	0→12A''	8.00	0.23	0→10A'	8.24	1.25
0→22	8.13	27.90	0→22	8.06	8.71	0→10A'	8.05	9.08	0→11A'	8.33	0.72
0→23	8.22	0.04	0→23	8.22	0.03	0→13A''	8.22	0.03	0→12A''	8.36	0.21
0→24	8.24	0.18	0→24	8.23	0.47	0→11A'	8.22	0.44	0→13A''	8.39	0.03
0→25	8.35	11.37	0→25	8.32	6.83	0→12A'	8.31	6.87	0→14A''	8.44	0.13
0→26	8.35	0.05	0→26	8.35	0.05	0→14A''	8.34	0.05	0→15A''	8.57	0.33
0→27	8.48	1.37	0→27	8.47	0.10	0→13A'	8.46	0.09	0→12A'	8.59	12.69
0→28	8.55	0.01	0→28	8.55	0.01	0→15A''	8.53	0.00	0→16A''	8.60	0.04
0→29	8.60	0.04	0→29	8.60	0.04	0→16A''	8.54	0.03	0→13A'	8.64	4.52
0→30	8.68	0.99	0→30	8.66	2.76	0→14A'	8.65	0.34	0→17A''	8.75	0.17
0→31	8.74	0.35	0→31	8.68	7.41	0→15A'	8.67	9.81	0→14A'	8.79	0.10
0→32	8.75	0.68	0→32	8.73	0.13	0→17A''	8.72	0.44	0→18A''	8.80	0.07
0→33	8.77	0.24	0→33	8.74	0.34	0→16A'	8.72	0.13	0→19A''	8.83	0.00
0→34	8.79	0.04	0→34	8.77	0.23	0→18A''	8.76	0.16	0→15A'	8.85	0.09
0→35	8.80	10.76	0→35	8.78	0.04	0→19A''	8.78	0.05	0→16A'	8.91	1.18
0→36	8.83	0.04	0→36	8.83	0.03	0→20A''	8.82	0.04	0→20A''	8.96	0.06
0→37	8.89	1.18	0→37	8.89	0.50	0→17A'	8.88	0.50	0→21A''	9.00	0.03
0→38	8.93	0.09	0→38	8.93	0.08	0→21A''	8.92	0.09	0→17A'	9.07	0.86
0→39	8.99	0.09	0→39	8.98	0.07	0→22A''	8.98	0.07	0→22A''	9.09	0.00
0→40	9.03	0.99	0→40	9.02	0.99	0→18A'	9.01	0.93	0→23A''	9.21	0.15
0→41	9.15	0.17	0→41	9.14	0.17	0→23A''	9.13	0.14	0→18A'	9.24	0.81
0→42	9.16	0.25	0→42	9.15	0.24	0→19IA'	9.14	0.26	0→24A''	9.29	0.24
0→43	9.21	0.19	0→43	9.21	0.18	0→24A'	9.20	0.18	0→19A'	9.32	2.69
0→44	9.26	0.59	0→44	9.25	0.55	0→25A''	9.24	0.58	0→25A''	9.35	0.01
0→45	9.30	0.25	0→45	9.30	0.23	0→20A'	9.38	1.74	0→20A'	9.39	1.53

Table S5: Thymine. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ ESA transition energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) from  $1A' = \pi\pi^*$ , computed with the Tamm-Dancoff approximation (CIS), TDDFT and TDDFT in non-equilibrium PCM (chloroform).

ESA: $S_2(1A') \rightarrow S_n$											
TDA (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Dalton)			TDDFT PCM (Dalton)		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
2→3	0.31	0.13	2→3	0.54	0.20	1A'→2A''	0.53	0.20	1A'→1A''	0.19	0.00
2→4	0.97	0.00	2→4	1.19	0.00	1A'→3A''	1.19	0.00	1A'→2A''	0.86	0.30
2→5	1.08	0.15	2→5	1.31	0.16	1A'→4A''	1.30	0.17	1A'→2A'	1.32	0.57
2→6	1.24	0.11	2→6	1.38	0.99	1A'→2A'	1.38	0.97	1A'→3A''	1.46	0.04
2→7	1.28	1.83	2→7	1.41	1.09	1A'→3A'	1.41	1.07	1A'→4A''	1.47	0.01
2→8	1.32	0.28	2→8	1.47	0.12	1A'→5A''	1.46	0.11	1A'→3A'	1.61	1.70
2→9	1.66	0.00	2→9	1.88	0.60	1A'→4A'	1.88	0.63	1A'→5A''	1.63	0.17
2→10	1.66	0.56	2→10	1.88	0.00	1A'→6A''	1.88	0.00	1A'→4A'	1.97	0.43
2→11	1.69	0.11	2→11	1.91	0.16	1A'→5A'	1.91	0.15	1A'→5A'	2.16	0.05
2→12	1.96	0.00	2→12	2.19	0.00	1A'→7A''	2.19	0.00	1A'→6A''	2.16	0.00
2→13	1.97	0.00	2→13	2.20	0.00	1A'→8A''	2.20	0.00	1A'→7A''	2.33	0.19
2→14	2.00	0.07	2→14	2.23	0.08	1A'→9A''	2.22	0.07	1A'→8A''	2.38	0.00
2→15	2.05	0.28	2→15	2.26	0.20	1A'→6A'	2.26	0.21	1A'→9A''	2.41	0.01
2→16	2.12	0.00	2→16	2.35	0.00	1A'→10A''	2.33	0.00	1A'→10A''	2.45	0.00
2→17	2.24	0.62	2→17	2.45	0.55	1A'→7A'	2.45	0.59	1A'→6A'	2.54	0.45
2→18	2.41	0.21	2→18	2.57	0.03	1A'→8A'	2.56	0.03	1A'→7A'	2.58	0.37
2→19	2.44	0.01	2→19	2.67	0.01	1A'→11A''	2.65	0.02	1A'→11A''	2.68	0.01
2→20	2.53	0.98	2→20	2.74	1.19	1A'→9A'	2.73	1.21	1A'→8A'	2.76	1.61
2→21	2.53	0.00	2→21	2.76	0.00	1A'→12A''	2.75	0.00	1A'→9A'	2.94	0.05
2→22	2.65	1.00	2→22	2.82	0.37	1A'→10A'	2.81	0.37	1A'→10A'	3.08	6.92
2→23	2.75	0.16	2→23	2.98	0.09	1A'→13A''	2.97	0.09	1A'→11A'	3.17	0.08
2→24	2.76	4.98	2→24	2.98	5.45	1A'→11A'	2.98	5.24	1A'→12A''	3.19	0.01
2→25	2.87	0.07	2→25	3.08	0.02	1A'→12A'	3.07	0.02	1A'→13A''	3.22	0.07
2→26	2.87	0.01	2→26	3.10	0.01	1A'→14A''	3.09	0.01	1A'→14A''	3.27	0.01
2→27	3.00	0.06	2→27	3.23	0.04	1A'→13A'	3.22	0.04	1A'→15A''	3.40	0.31
2→28	3.07	0.15	2→28	3.30	0.16	1A'→15A''	3.29	0.25	1A'→12A'	3.42	3.36
2→29	3.12	0.23	2→29	3.35	0.20	1A'→16A''	3.30	0.06	1A'→16A''	3.43	0.00
2→30	3.20	0.17	2→30	3.41	9.04	1A'→14A'	3.41	3.65	1A'→13A'	3.48	11.71
2→31	3.27	0.04	2→31	3.43	4.55	1A'→15A'	3.43	8.05	1A'→17A''	3.58	0.02
2→32	3.27	0.03	2→32	3.48	0.01	1A'→17A''	3.47	0.09	1A'→14A'	3.63	0.07
2→33	3.29	0.06	2→33	3.50	0.04	1A'→16A'	3.48	0.01	1A'→18A''	3.63	0.02
2→34	3.31	0.00	2→34	3.52	0.06	1A'→18A''	3.51	0.05	1A'→19A''	3.66	0.00
2→35	3.32	12.93	2→35	3.53	0.01	1A'→19A''	3.53	0.01	1A'→15A'	3.69	0.11
2→36	3.35	0.12	2→36	3.58	0.08	1A'→20A''	3.58	0.09	1A'→16A'	3.75	0.07
2→37	3.42	0.05	2→37	3.64	0.01	1A'→17A'	3.63	0.01	1A'→20A''	3.80	0.04
2→38	3.46	0.04	2→38	3.69	0.04	1A'→21A''	3.67	0.04	1A'→21A''	3.84	0.05
2→39	3.51	0.03	2→39	3.73	0.03	1A'→22A''	3.73	0.03	1A'→17A'	3.91	0.02
2→40	3.55	0.03	2→40	3.78	0.02	1A'→18A'	3.76	0.01	1A'→22A''	3.93	0.00
2→41	3.67	0.00	2→41	3.90	0.00	1A'→23A''	3.89	0.00	1A'→23A''	4.05	0.50
2→42	3.68	0.03	2→42	3.91	0.03	1A'→19A'	3.90	0.05	1A'→18A'	4.08	0.06
2→43	3.73	0.06	2→43	3.96	0.04	1A'→24A''	3.95	0.05	1A'→24A''	4.12	0.01
2→44	3.78	0.23	2→44	4.01	0.20	1A'→25A''	3.99	0.18	1A'→19A'	4.15	1.19
2→45	3.82	0.57	2→45	4.06	0.58	1A'→20A'	4.13	0.54	1A'→25A''	4.18	0.01
2→46	3.88	0.01	2→46	4.11	0.01				1A'→20A'	4.22	0.03

Table S6: Thymine. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ ESA transition energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) from  $1\text{A}'' = n\pi^*$  computed in the Tamm-Dancoff approximation (CIS), TDDFT and TDDFT with non-equilibrium PCM (chloroform).

ESA: $S_1/1\text{A}'/n\pi^* \rightarrow S_n$											
TDA (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Dalton)			TDDFT PCM (Dalton)		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
1→2	0.33	0.00	1→2	0.12	0.00	1A''→1A'	0.12	0.00	1A''→2A''	0.67	0.00
1→3	0.64	0.00	1→3	0.66	0.00	1A''→2A'	0.65	0.00	1A''→2A'	1.12	0.00
1→4	1.30	0.16	1→4	1.31	0.15	1A''→3A''	1.31	0.14	1A''→3A''	1.27	0.01
1→5	1.41	0.00	1→5	1.43	0.00	1A''→4A''	1.42	0.00	1A''→4A''	1.28	0.08
1→6	1.57	0.00	1→6	1.50	0.00	1A''→2A'	1.50	0.00	1A''→3A'	1.41	0.00
1→7	1.61	0.00	1→7	1.53	0.00	1A''→3A'	1.53	0.00	1A''→5A''	1.43	0.00
1→8	1.65	0.00	1→8	1.59	0.00	1A''→5A''	1.57	0.00	1A''→4A'	1.78	0.01
1→9	1.99	1.31	1→9	2.00	0.05	1A''→4A'	1.99	0.05	1A''→5A'	1.96	0.13
1→10	1.99	0.05	1→10	2.00	1.28	1A''→6A''	2.00	1.22	1A''→6A''	1.97	1.46
1→11	2.02	0.09	1→11	2.03	0.08	1A''→5A'	2.02	0.09	1A''→7A''	2.14	0.02
1→12	2.29	0.00	1→12	2.31	0.00	1A''→7A''	2.31	0.00	1A''→8A''	2.19	0.00
1→13	2.30	0.94	1→13	2.32	0.95	1A''→8A''	2.32	0.73	1A''→9A''	2.21	0.00
1→14	2.33	0.03	1→14	2.35	0.02	1A''→9A''	2.33	0.09	1A''→10A''	2.25	0.66
1→15	2.37	0.02	1→15	2.38	0.02	1A''→6A'	2.37	0.02	1A''→6A'	2.35	0.00
1→16	2.45	0.01	1→16	2.46	0.01	1A''→10A'	2.45	0.01	1A''→7A'	2.39	0.01
1→17	2.57	0.06	1→17	2.57	0.04	1A''→10A'	2.45	0.00	1A''→11A''	2.49	0.00
1→18	2.74	0.05	1→18	2.68	0.06	1A''→7A'	2.56	0.05	1A''→8A'	2.56	0.00
1→19	2.77	0.00	1→19	2.79	0.00	1A''→8A'	2.67	0.06	1A''→9A'	2.74	0.04
1→20	2.85	0.01	1→20	2.86	0.00	1A''→11A''	2.77	0.00	1A''→10A'	2.89	0.00
1→21	2.86	0.01	1→21	2.88	0.01	1A''→9A''	2.84	0.00	1A''→11A'	2.97	0.06
1→22	2.98	0.00	1→22	2.93	0.01	1A''→12A''	2.87	0.01	1A''→12A''	3.00	0.00
1→23	3.07	0.04	1→23	3.10	0.04	1A''→10A'	2.92	0.01	1A''→13A''	3.03	0.11
1→24	3.08	0.00	1→24	3.10	0.00	1A''→13A''	3.09	0.04	1A''→14A''	3.08	0.00
1→25	3.20	0.00	1→25	3.19	0.01	1A''→11A'	3.09	0.00	1A''→15A''	3.21	0.01
1→26	3.20	0.00	1→26	3.22	0.00	1A''→12A'	3.18	0.01	1A''→12A'	3.23	0.01
1→27	3.33	0.18	1→27	3.35	0.17	1A''→14A''	3.21	0.00	1A''→16A''	3.24	0.00
1→28	3.40	0.00	1→28	3.42	0.00	1A''→13A'	3.33	0.16	1A''→13A'	3.29	0.00
1→29	3.45	0.00	1→29	3.47	0.00	1A''→15A''	3.40	0.00	1A''→17A''	3.39	0.00
1→30	3.52	0.02	1→30	3.53	0.00	1A''→16A'	3.41	0.00	1A''→14A'	3.43	0.22
1→31	3.59	0.01	1→31	3.55	0.01	1A''→14A'	3.52	0.01	1A''→18A''	3.44	1.33
1→32	3.60	0.00	1→32	3.60	0.00	1A''→15A'	3.54	0.01	1A''→19A''	3.47	0.00
1→33	3.62	0.01	1→33	3.61	0.01	1A''→17A''	3.59	0.01	1A''→15A'	3.50	0.00
1→34	3.64	0.75	1→34	3.64	0.01	1A''→16A'	3.59	0.00	1A''→16A'	3.55	0.01
1→35	3.65	0.00	1→35	3.65	0.81	1A''→18A''	3.63	0.00	1A''→20A''	3.60	0.64
1→36	3.68	0.15	1→36	3.70	0.11	1A''→19A''	3.65	0.66	1A''→21A'	3.65	0.14
1→37	3.74	0.00	1→37	3.76	0.01	1A''→20A'	3.69	0.11	1A''→17A'	3.71	0.00
1→38	3.78	0.01	1→38	3.80	0.01	1A''→17A'	3.75	0.01	1A''→22A''	3.73	0.00
1→39	3.84	0.43	1→39	3.85	0.46	1A''→21A'	3.79	0.01	1A''→23A''	3.85	0.01
1→40	3.88	0.01	1→40	3.90	0.01	1A''→22A'	3.85	0.39	1A''→18A'	3.88	0.04
1→41	3.99	0.00	1→41	4.02	0.00	1A''→18A'	3.88	0.02	1A''→24A'	3.93	0.00
1→42	4.01	0.02	1→42	4.02	0.02	1A''→23A'	4.00	0.00	1A''→19A'	3.96	0.00
1→43	4.06	2.63	1→43	4.08	2.62	1A''→19A'	4.01	0.02	1A''→25A'	3.99	0.04
1→44	4.10	0.01	1→44	4.12	0.01	1A''→24A'	4.07	2.27	1A''→20A'	4.03	0.03
1→45	4.15	0.01	1→45	4.17	0.01	1A''→25A'	4.11	0.02			
1→46	4.21	0.01	1→46	4.23	0.01	1A''→20A'	4.25	0.00			

Table S7: Thymine. CCSD/aug-cc-pVDZ OPA and ESA transition energies ( $\omega$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ).

$S_0 \rightarrow S_n$	OPA		ESA(n $\pi^*$ /S <sub>1</sub> )			ESA( $\pi\pi^*$ /S <sub>2</sub> )		
	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	$S_1 \rightarrow S_n$	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	$S_2 \rightarrow S_n$	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$
0 → 1	5.258	0.00	1 → 2	0.253	0.00	2 → 3	0.253	0.11
0 → 2	5.512	20.70	1 → 3	0.506	0.00	2 → 4	1.058	0.05
0 → 3	5.764	0.04	1 → 4	1.312	0.00	2 → 5	1.155	0.00
0 → 4	6.570	0.11	1 → 5	1.408	0.16	2 → 6	1.220	0.23
0 → 5	6.666	0.00	1 → 6	1.473	0.00	2 → 7	1.229	0.76
0 → 6	6.732	0.00	1 → 7	1.483	0.00	2 → 8	1.378	2.04
0 → 7	6.741	5.49	1 → 8	1.632	0.00	2 → 9	1.606	0.65
0 → 8	6.890	16.84	1 → 9	1.859	0.03	2 → 10	1.629	0.04
0 → 9	7.117	6.69	1 → 10	1.883	0.13	2 → 11	1.833	0.00
0 → 10	7.141	3.80	1 → 11	2.086	0.00	2 → 12	1.997	0.08
0 → 11	7.344	0.00	1 → 12	2.251	0.01	2 → 13	2.074	0.43
0 → 12	7.509	0.32	1 → 13	2.328	0.01	2 → 14	2.095	0.03
0 → 13	7.586	7.46	1 → 14	2.349	0.02	2 → 15	2.131	0.00
0 → 14	7.607	1.33	1 → 15	2.385	2.40	2 → 16	2.226	0.81
0 → 15	7.643	0.10	1 → 16	2.479	0.08	2 → 17	2.328	0.01
0 → 16	7.737	5.47	1 → 17	2.581	2.28	2 → 18	2.336	0.58
0 → 17	7.840	0.04	1 → 18	2.590	0.04	2 → 19	2.415	0.01
0 → 18	7.848	22.36	1 → 19	2.668	0.00	2 → 20	2.460	0.00
0 → 19	7.926	0.16	1 → 20	2.713	0.01	2 → 21	2.506	1.38
0 → 20	7.972	0.55	1 → 21	2.760	0.00	2 → 22	2.618	1.02
0 → 21	8.018	14.06	1 → 22	2.871	0.00	2 → 23	2.685	0.14
0 → 22	8.129	7.08	1 → 23	2.939	0.15	2 → 24	2.711	5.74
0 → 23	8.197	0.03	1 → 24	2.965	0.00	2 → 25	2.832	0.00
0 → 24	8.223	0.42	1 → 25	3.086	0.00	2 → 26	2.892	0.03
0 → 25	8.344	0.06	1 → 26	3.146	0.01	2 → 27	2.975	0.09
0 → 26	8.404	5.53	1 → 27	3.229	0.22	2 → 28	3.036	0.01
0 → 27	8.487	0.20	1 → 28	3.289	0.01	2 → 29	3.090	0.02
0 → 28	8.547	0.09	1 → 29	3.344	0.00	2 → 30	3.101	0.40
0 → 29	8.602	0.96	1 → 30	3.355	0.00	2 → 31	3.200	0.01
0 → 30	8.613	0.01	1 → 31	3.453	0.00	2 → 32	3.211	0.04
0 → 31	8.712	0.01	1 → 32	3.465	0.01	2 → 33	3.283	0.17
0 → 32	8.723	1.65	1 → 33	3.536	0.01	2 → 34	3.353	0.05
0 → 33	8.794	0.73	1 → 34	3.607	0.06	2 → 35	3.434	0.19
0 → 34	8.865	0.01	1 → 35	3.687	0.00	2 → 36	3.457	0.07
0 → 35	8.946	0.38	1 → 36	3.710	0.00	2 → 37	3.558	17.74
0 → 36	8.968	0.17	1 → 37	3.811	0.00	2 → 38	3.609	0.01
0 → 37	9.069	15.53	1 → 38	3.862	0.01	2 → 39	3.674	0.02
0 → 38	9.120	0.43	1 → 39	3.928	0.03	2 → 40	3.708	0.02
0 → 39	9.186	0.03	1 → 40	3.962	1.03	2 → 41	3.740	0.22
0 → 40	9.220	0.02	1 → 41	3.994	0.18	2 → 42	3.747	0.03
0 → 41	9.252	1.03	1 → 42	4.001	0.02	2 → 43	3.776	0.47
0 → 42	9.259	0.21	1 → 43	4.029	0.01	2 → 44	3.869	0.05
0 → 43	9.288	0.02	1 → 44	4.122	2.38	2 → 45	3.873	0.06
0 → 44	9.380	0.08	1 → 45	4.126	1.34	2 → 46	3.883	0.01
0 → 45	9.384	0.10	1 → 46	4.136	0.28	2 → 47	3.893	0.38
0 → 46	9.394	0.85	1 → 47	4.146	0.00	2 → 48	3.911	0.00
0 → 47	9.404	0.35	1 → 48	4.165	2.38	2 → 49	4.029	0.03
0 → 48	9.423	0.06	1 → 49	4.282	0.27	2 → 50	4.036	0.64
0 → 49	9.541	0.00	1 → 50	4.290	0.00	2 → 51	4.058	0.22
0 → 50	9.548	0.91	1 → 51	4.311	0.00	2 → 52	4.151	0.04
0 → 51	9.569	0.83	1 → 52	4.405	0.12			
0 → 52	9.663	0.21						

Table S8: Thymine: CC3/aug-cc-pVDZ OPA and ESA transition energies ( $\omega$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ).

$S_0 \rightarrow S_n$	OPA		ESA (n $\pi^*$ /S <sub>1</sub> )			ESA (π $\pi^*$ /S <sub>2</sub> )		
	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	$S_1 \rightarrow S_n$	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	$S_2 \rightarrow S_n$	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$
0 → 1	5.066	0.00	1 → 2	0.213	0.00	2 → 3	0.385	0.11
0 → 2	5.280	15.91	1 → 3	0.599	0.00	2 → 4	1.094	1.13
0 → 3	5.665	0.04	1 → 4	1.307	0.00	2 → 5	1.158	0.04
0 → 4	6.373	4.89	1 → 5	1.371	0.00	2 → 6	1.192	0.00
0 → 5	6.438	0.08	1 → 6	1.406	0.47	2 → 7	1.319	0.21
0 → 6	6.472	0.00	1 → 7	1.532	0.00	2 → 8	1.329	0.77
0 → 7	6.598	0.00	1 → 8	1.543	0.01	2 → 9	1.558	0.14
0 → 8	6.609	16.91	1 → 9	1.772	0.21	2 → 10	1.632	0.00
0 → 9	6.838	1.72	1 → 10	1.846	1.78	2 → 11	1.690	0.44
0 → 10	6.912	0.10	1 → 11	1.904	0.00	2 → 12	1.890	0.00
0 → 11	6.970	1.82	1 → 12	2.103	0.00	2 → 13	2.005	0.00
0 → 12	7.169	0.00	1 → 13	2.219	0.62	2 → 14	2.029	0.61
0 → 13	7.285	0.02	1 → 14	2.242	0.00	2 → 15	2.058	0.13
0 → 14	7.309	5.51	1 → 15	2.272	0.00	2 → 16	2.165	0.13
0 → 15	7.338	0.10	1 → 16	2.379	0.11	2 → 17	2.191	0.02
0 → 16	7.445	0.67	1 → 17	2.404	0.00	2 → 18	2.301	0.31
0 → 17	7.471	1.48	1 → 18	2.515	0.00	2 → 19	2.435	0.00
0 → 18	7.581	25.60	1 → 19	2.648	0.00	2 → 20	2.487	0.35
0 → 19	7.715	0.03	1 → 20	2.700	0.02	2 → 21	2.514	0.00
0 → 20	7.766	11.18	1 → 21	2.728	0.00	2 → 22	2.592	1.40
0 → 21	7.794	0.55	1 → 22	2.805	0.00	2 → 23	2.659	0.15
0 → 22	7.871	11.97	1 → 23	2.873	0.08	2 → 24	2.799	5.05
0 → 23	7.939	0.07	1 → 24	3.013	0.00	2 → 25	2.836	0.00
0 → 24	8.079	0.78	1 → 25	3.050	0.00	2 → 26	2.873	0.15
0 → 25	8.116	0.02	1 → 26	3.086	0.14	2 → 27	2.879	0.03
0 → 26	8.153	3.42	1 → 27	3.092	0.07	2 → 28	3.132	0.01
0 → 27	8.159	2.91	1 → 28	3.346	0.01	2 → 29	3.138	0.00
0 → 28	8.412	0.78	1 → 29	3.352	0.00	2 → 30	3.144	0.03
0 → 29	8.418	0.08	1 → 30	3.357	0.01	2 → 31	3.203	0.34
0 → 30	8.423	0.69	1 → 31	3.417	0.00	2 → 32	3.233	0.02
0 → 31	8.483	0.00	1 → 32	3.447	0.00	2 → 33	3.305	0.88
0 → 32	8.513	0.02	1 → 33	3.519	0.01	2 → 34	3.339	9.50
0 → 33	8.585	0.67	1 → 34	3.552	0.00	2 → 35	3.358	0.06
0 → 34	8.619	13.81	1 → 35	3.572	0.01	2 → 36	3.392	0.05
0 → 35	8.638	0.63	1 → 36	3.606	0.23	2 → 37	3.452	0.09
0 → 36	8.672	0.02	1 → 37	3.666	0.01	2 → 38	3.524	0.03
0 → 37	8.732	0.31	1 → 38	3.738	0.00	2 → 39	3.612	0.02
0 → 38	8.804	0.17	1 → 39	3.826	1.68	2 → 40	3.656	0.00
0 → 39	8.892	0.07	1 → 40	3.869	0.00	2 → 41	3.701	0.04
0 → 40	8.935	0.09	1 → 41	3.914	0.00	2 → 42	3.716	0.01
0 → 41	8.980	0.15	1 → 42	3.929	2.12	2 → 43	3.726	0.06
0 → 42	8.995	0.38	1 → 43	3.940	0.50	2 → 44	3.810	0.02
0 → 43	9.006	0.83	1 → 44	4.024	2.55	2 → 45	3.849	0.23
0 → 44	9.090	0.18	1 → 45	4.063	0.02	2 → 46	3.878	2.17
0 → 45	9.129	0.02	1 → 46	4.091	0.00	2 → 47	3.884	0.25
0 → 46	9.157	7.68	1 → 47	4.098	0.05	2 → 48	3.940	0.40
0 → 47	9.164	0.24	1 → 48	4.153	0.00	2 → 49	3.981	0.00
0 → 48	9.219	0.19	1 → 49	4.194	0.00	2 → 50	4.014	0.02
0 → 49	9.261	0.10	1 → 50	4.227	0.01	2 → 51	4.075	0.02
0 → 50	9.293	0.88	1 → 51	4.288	0.18	2 → 52	4.080	0.09
0 → 51	9.355	0.00	1 → 52	4.294	0.09			
0 → 52	9.360	0.53						

## SS4.2 Cytosine

Table S9: Cytosine. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ OPA excitation energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ): computed in the Tamm-Dancoff approximation (CIS), with TDFT in gas phase, and with non-equilibrium PCM (chloroform). First IP is 8.82 eV.

OPA ( $S_0 \rightarrow S_n$ )											
TDA (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Dalton)			TDDFT PCM (Dalton)		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
0→1	5.17	8.34	0→1	4.99	6.57	0→1A'	4.98	6.56	0→1A'	5.10	13.37
0→2	5.32	0.22	0→2	5.30	0.19	0→1A"	5.30	0.19	0→1A"	5.60	0.27
0→3	5.64	0.47	0→3	5.64	0.44	0→2A'	5.63	0.44	0→2A'	5.92	20.42
0→4	5.94	0.03	0→4	5.91	12.38	0→2A"	5.91	12.37	0→2A"	5.94	0.52
0→5	6.07	11.68	0→5	5.92	0.01	0→3A"	5.92	0.01	0→3A"	6.29	0.02
0→6	6.12	0.01	0→6	6.11	0.01	0→4A"	6.11	0.02	0→3A'	6.38	37.17
0→7	6.15	0.30	0→7	6.15	0.31	0→5A"	6.14	0.28	0→4A"	6.41	0.55
0→8	6.26	0.99	0→8	6.26	0.94	0→6A"	6.24	0.96	0→5A"	6.56	0.01
0→9	6.58	0.58	0→9	6.54	33.95	0→3A'	6.54	33.75	0→6A"	6.69	0.90
0→10	6.66	15.51	0→10	6.58	0.57	0→7A'	6.56	0.57	0→7A"	6.77	0.76
0→11	6.75	18.89	0→11	6.69	3.40	0→4A'	6.68	3.49	0→4A'	6.84	39.84
0→12	6.76	0.16	0→12	6.75	0.12	0→8A"	6.75	0.12	0→8A"	6.93	0.22
0→13	6.95	0	0→13	6.91	22.84	0→5A'	6.91	22.39	0→5A'	7.14	5.17
0→14	6.99	19.99	0→14	6.95	0.00	0→9A"	6.93	0	0→9A"	7.26	0.46
0→15	7.09	0.86	0→15	7.07	7.46	0→6A'	7.06	8.01	0→6A'	7.27	3.65
0→16	7.13	25.72	0→16	7.08	0.81	0→10A"	7.08	0.78	0→10A"	7.33	0.61
0→17	7.20	12.83	0→17	7.18	3.20	0→7A'	7.18	3.10	0→11A"	7.38	0.15
0→18	7.25	0.00	0→18	7.25	0.00	0→11A"	7.23	0.02	0→7A'	7.48	1.36
0→19	7.28	0.41	0→19	7.27	0.38	0→12A"	7.25	0.34	0→12A"	7.54	0.63
0→20	7.42	4.00	0→20	7.42	1.92	0→8A'	7.40	1.89	0→13A"	7.72	0.14
0→21	7.56	4.10	0→21	7.56	3.80	0→9A'	7.54	3.81	0→8A'	7.89	3.95
0→22	7.72	2.04	0→22	7.72	1.73	0→13A"	7.70	0.05	0→9A'	7.97	2.65
0→23	7.72	0.05	0→23	7.72	0.04	0→10A'	7.70	1.67	0→14A"	8.01	0.62
0→24	7.77	0.87	0→24	7.77	0.80	0→14A"	7.75	0.78	0→10A'	8.09	4.67
0→25	7.90	0.01	0→25	7.90	0.00	0→15A'	7.88	0.01	0→15A"	8.13	0.04
0→26	7.94	0.35	0→26	7.93	0.36	0→11A'	7.92	0.60	0→11A'	8.19	0.91
0→27	8.02	9.59	0→27	7.99	4.91	0→12A'	7.98	4.66	0→16A"	8.30	0.52
0→28	8.08	0.62	0→28	8.07	0.93	0→13A'	8.05	0.98	0→12A'	8.34	0.45
0→29	8.10	0.08	0→29	8.10	0.07	0→16A"	8.10	0.07	0→17A"	8.35	0.35
0→30	8.24	0.23	0→30	8.24	0.22	0→17A"	8.21	0.20	0→13A'	8.38	2.40
0→31	8.27	0.04	0→31	8.26	0.11	0→14A'	8.24	0.12	0→18A"	8.48	0.25
0→32	8.33	1.62	0→32	8.32	1.09	0→15A'	8.32	1.03	0→19A"	8.52	0.03
0→33	8.39	0.06	0→33	8.38	0.05	0→18A"	8.37	0.04	0→14A'	8.57	2.45
0→34	8.42	2.09	0→34	8.41	1.76	0→16A'	8.40	1.80	0→15A'	8.63	1.59
0→35	8.45	2.30	0→35	8.44	1.59	0→19A"	8.43	0.02	0→16A'	8.67	15.99
0→36	8.45	0.03	0→36	8.45	0.02	0→17A'	8.43	1.52	0→17A'	8.69	0.47
0→37	8.51	0.57	0→37	8.51	0.53	0→20A"	8.51	0.55	0→20A"	8.71	0.74
0→38	8.60	0.01	0→38	8.52	15.45	0→18A'	8.52	15.50	0→21A"	8.78	0
0→39	8.62	3.31	0→39	8.57	0.79	0→21A"	8.54	0.01	0→22A"	8.85	0.21
0→40	8.68	9.39	0→40	8.60	0.01	0→19A'	8.57	0.75	0→18A'	8.85	0.64
0→41	8.71	6.08	0→41	8.68	0.16	0→22A"	8.66	0.47	0→19A'	8.94	1.14
0→42	8.73	0.50	0→42	8.73	0.47	0→20A'	8.67	0.14	0→23A"	8.96	0.11
0→43	8.85	0.06	0→43	8.85	0.06	0→23A"	8.80	0.06	0→20A'	9.07	1.01
0→44	8.94	3.66	0→44	8.93	3.19	0→24A"	9.02	0.70	0→24A"	9.10	0.12
0→45	8.98	0.41	0→45	8.96	0.32	0→25A"	9.04	0	0→25A"	9.26	1.37

Table S10: Cytosine. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ ESA transition energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) from  $1A''S_2/n\pi^*/S_2$ , computed in the Tamm-Dancoff approximation (CIS), with TDDFT in gas phase, and (TDDFT in non-equilibrium PCM (chloroform).

ESA: $S_2 (1A'')$ → $S_n$											
TDA (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Dalton)			TDDFT PCM (Dalton)		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
2→3	0.32	0.00	2→3	0.35	0.00	1A''→2A''	0.34	0.00	1A''→2A'	0.32	0.00
2→4	0.62	0.34	2→4	0.62	0.00	1A''→2A'	0.62	0.00	1A''→2A''	0.35	0.00
2→5	0.74	0.00	2→5	0.63	0.31	1A''→3A''	0.63	0.32	1A''→3A'	0.69	0.15
2→6	0.80	0.28	2→6	0.82	0.27	1A''→4A''	0.82	0.27	1A''→3A'	0.78	0.00
2→7	0.83	0.04	2→7	0.85	0.03	1A''→5A''	0.84	0.03	1A''→4A''	0.81	0.02
2→8	0.94	0.01	2→8	0.96	0.01	1A''→6A''	0.95	0.01	1A''→5A''	0.96	0.51
2→9	1.26	0.00	2→9	1.24	0.00	1A''→3A'	1.24	0.00	1A''→6A''	1.09	0.00
2→10	1.34	0.03	2→10	1.28	0.00	1A''→7A''	1.27	0.00	1A''→7A''	1.17	0.00
2→11	1.42	0.04	2→11	1.39	0.06	1A''→4A'	1.38	0.06	1A''→4A'	1.24	0.00
2→12	1.44	0.52	2→12	1.45	0.53	1A''→8A''	1.45	0.53	1A''→8A''	1.33	0.40
2→13	1.63	0.03	2→13	1.61	0.02	1A''→5A'	1.61	0.03	1A''→5A'	1.54	0.08
2→14	1.67	0.09	2→14	1.65	0.03	1A''→9A''	1.64	0.03	1A''→9A''	1.66	0.01
2→15	1.77	0.01	2→15	1.77	0.15	1A''→6A'	1.76	0.16	1A''→6A'	1.67	0.00
2→16	1.81	0.06	2→16	1.79	0.01	1A''→10A''	1.78	0.01	1A''→10A''	1.73	0.03
2→17	1.88	0.01	2→17	1.88	0.01	1A''→7A'	1.88	0.01	1A''→11A''	1.78	0.03
2→18	1.93	0.02	2→18	1.95	0.02	1A''→11A'	1.94	0.01	1A''→7A'	1.88	0.29
2→19	1.95	0.02	2→19	1.98	0.01	1A''→12A''	1.96	0.02	1A''→12A''	1.94	0.04
2→20	2.10	0.02	2→20	2.12	0.02	1A''→8A'	2.11	0.02	1A''→13A''	2.12	0.00
2→21	2.24	0.01	2→21	2.26	0.01	1A''→9A'	2.24	0.01	1A''→8A'	2.29	0.01
2→22	2.40	0.00	2→22	2.42	0.00	1A''→13A'	2.41	0.00	1A''→9A'	2.37	0.02
2→23	2.40	0.00	2→23	2.42	0.00	1A''→10A'	2.41	0.00	1A''→14A''	2.41	0.00
2→24	2.45	0.00	2→24	2.47	0.00	1A''→14A'	2.46	0.00	1A''→10A'	2.49	0.04
2→25	2.58	0.01	2→25	2.60	0.01	1A''→15A''	2.59	0.01	1A''→15A'	2.53	0.01
2→26	2.62	0.02	2→26	2.64	0.02	1A''→11A'	2.62	0.03	1A''→11A'	2.59	0.00
2→27	2.70	0.04	2→27	2.69	0.04	1A''→12A'	2.69	0.03	1A''→16A''	2.70	0.00
2→28	2.75	0.03	2→28	2.77	0.03	1A''→13A'	2.76	0.02	1A''→12A'	2.74	0.00
2→29	2.78	0.07	2→29	2.80	0.07	1A''→16A''	2.80	0.08	1A''→17A''	2.75	0.14
2→30	2.92	0.00	2→30	2.94	0.00	1A''→17A''	2.92	0.00	1A''→13A'	2.78	0.00
2→31	2.94	0.18	2→31	2.97	0.17	1A''→14A'	2.94	0.18	1A''→18A''	2.88	0.01
2→32	3.01	0.00	2→32	3.02	0.01	1A''→15A'	3.02	0.00	1A''→19A''	2.92	0.01
2→33	3.06	0.01	2→33	3.09	0.01	1A''→18A''	3.08	0.01	1A''→14A'	2.97	0.00
2→34	3.09	0.02	2→34	3.12	0.02	1A''→16A'	3.10	0.02	1A''→15A'	3.03	0.04
2→35	3.13	0.01	2→35	3.15	0.01	1A''→19A'	3.13	0.01	1A''→16A'	3.07	0.00
2→36	3.13	0.00	2→36	3.15	0.00	1A''→17A'	3.13	0.02	1A''→17A'	3.09	0.21
2→37	3.19	0.08	2→37	3.21	0.08	1A''→20A''	3.21	0.09	1A''→20A'	3.11	0.16
2→38	3.28	0.00	2→38	3.23	0.02	1A''→18A'	3.23	0.02	1A''→21A''	3.18	0.00
2→39	3.30	0.03	2→39	3.28	0.00	1A''→21A'	3.24	0.00	1A''→22A''	3.25	0.00
2→40	3.35	0.03	2→40	3.31	0.00	1A''→19A'	3.27	0.01	1A''→18A'	3.25	0.05
2→41	3.39	0.01	2→41	3.38	0.05	1A''→22A''	3.37	0.00	1A''→19A'	3.34	0.03
2→42	3.41	0.00	2→42	3.43	0.00	1A''→20A'	3.37	0.06	1A''→23A''	3.36	0.00
2→43	3.53	0.00	2→43	3.55	0.00	1A''→23A'	3.51	0.00	1A''→20A'	3.47	0.04
2→44	3.61	0.11	2→44	3.63	0.10	1A''→24A'	3.72	0.00	1A''→24A''	3.50	0.00
2→45	3.65	0.03	2→45	3.66	0.04	1A''→25A''	3.74	0.00	1A''→25A''	3.66	0.00

Table S11: Cytosine. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ ESA transition energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) from  $S_1/1A'/\pi\pi^*$ , computed with the Tamm-Dancoff approximation (CIS), TDDFT in gas phase and TDDFT in non-equilibrium PCM (chloroform)

ESA: $S_1(1A')$ → $S_n$											
TDA (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Dalton)			TDDFT PCM (Dalton)		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
1→2	0.15	0.00	1→2	0.31	0.00	1A'→1A''	0.31	0.00	1A'→1A''	0.50	0.00
1→3	0.47	0.05	1→3	0.66	0.07	1A'→2A'	0.65	0.07	1A'→2A'	0.82	0.77
1→4	0.77	0.00	1→4	0.93	0.79	1A'→2A'	0.93	0.78	1A'→2A''	0.84	0.09
1→5	0.90	0.76	1→5	0.94	0.00	1A'→3A''	0.94	0.00	1A'→3A''	1.19	0.00
1→6	0.95	0.00	1→6	1.13	0.01	1A'→4A''	1.13	0.00	1A'→3A'	1.28	0.40
1→7	0.98	0.02	1→7	1.16	0.02	1A'→5A''	1.15	0.02	1A'→4A''	1.31	0.00
1→8	1.09	0.01	1→8	1.27	0.01	1A'→6A''	1.26	0.01	1A'→5A''	1.46	0.00
1→9	1.41	0.02	1→9	1.55	0.18	1A'→3A'	1.55	0.17	1A'→6A''	1.59	0.02
1→10	1.49	0.05	1→10	1.59	0.02	1A'→7A''	1.58	0.02	1A'→7A''	1.67	0.02
1→11	1.58	0.37	1→11	1.70	0.27	1A'→4A'	1.69	0.28	1A'→4A'	1.74	0.64
1→12	1.59	0.00	1→12	1.76	0.00	1A'→8A''	1.76	0.00	1A'→8A''	1.82	0.00
1→13	1.78	0.00	1→13	1.92	0.46	1A'→5A'	1.92	0.49	1A'→5A'	2.04	0.06
1→14	1.82	0.49	1→14	1.96	0.00	1A'→9A''	1.95	0.00	1A'→9A''	2.16	0.00
1→15	1.92	0.07	1→15	2.08	0.00	1A'→6A'	2.07	0.00	1A'→6A'	2.17	0.14
1→16	1.96	0.09	1→16	2.10	0.07	1A'→10A''	2.09	0.07	1A'→10A''	2.22	0.11
1→17	2.03	0.22	1→17	2.19	0.26	1A'→7A'	2.20	0.28	1A'→11A'	2.28	0.10
1→18	2.08	0.02	1→18	2.26	0.04	1A'→11A''	2.25	0.09	1A'→7A'	2.38	0.11
1→19	2.11	0.49	1→19	2.29	0.49	1A'→12A''	2.27	0.43	1A'→12A''	2.44	0.49
1→20	2.25	0.02	1→20	2.43	0.01	1A'→8A'	2.42	0.01	1A'→13A''	2.62	0.03
1→21	2.39	0.32	1→21	2.57	0.21	1A'→9A'	2.55	0.21	1A'→8A'	2.78	0.08
1→22	2.55	0.02	1→22	2.73	0.01	1A'→13A''	2.72	0.05	1A'→9A'	2.87	0.44
1→23	2.55	0.06	1→23	2.73	0.05	1A'→10A'	2.72	0.01	1A'→14A''	2.90	0.02
1→24	2.60	0.00	1→24	2.78	0.00	1A'→14A''	2.77	0.00	1A'→10A'	2.98	0.02
1→25	2.73	0.03	1→25	2.91	0.02	1A'→15A''	2.90	0.02	1A'→15A''	3.02	0.00
1→26	2.77	0.17	1→26	2.95	0.16	1A'→11A'	2.93	0.11	1A'→11A'	3.09	0.21
1→27	2.85	1.37	1→27	3.00	1.16	1A'→12A'	3.00	1.22	1A'→16A''	3.20	0.01
1→28	2.91	0.06	1→28	3.08	0.07	1A'→13A'	3.07	0.07	1A'→12A'	3.24	0.34
1→29	2.93	0.10	1→29	3.11	0.06	1A'→16A''	3.11	0.06	1A'→17A''	3.25	0.02
1→30	3.07	0.00	1→30	3.25	0.00	1A'→17A'	3.23	0.00	1A'→13A'	3.28	5.02
1→31	3.10	0.06	1→31	3.28	0.16	1A'→15A'	3.33	3.55	1A'→18A''	3.38	0.00
1→32	3.16	3.28	1→32	3.33	3.61	1A'→18A''	3.39	0.00	1A'→19A''	3.42	0.07
1→33	3.21	0.00	1→33	3.40	0.00	1A'→16A'	3.41	0.13	1A'→14A'	3.47	1.45
1→34	3.25	0.09	1→34	3.43	0.10	1A'→19A''	3.44	0.03	1A'→15A'	3.53	1.43
1→35	3.28	0.12	1→35	3.46	0.11	1A'→17A'	3.44	0.09	1A'→16A'	3.57	5.44
1→36	3.28	0.04	1→36	3.46	0.03	1A'→20A''	3.53	0.06	1A'→17A'	3.59	0.04
1→37	3.34	0.09	1→37	3.52	0.05	1A'→18A'	3.54	6.33	1A'→20A''	3.61	0.08
1→38	3.43	0.02	1→38	3.54	7.67	1A'→21A'	3.56	0.01	1A'→21A'	3.68	0.01
1→39	3.45	0.39	1→39	3.59	0.02	1A'→19A'	3.58	0.06	1A'→22A''	3.75	0.00
1→40	3.51	4.11	1→40	3.62	0.01	1A'→22A''	3.68	0.01	1A'→18A'	3.75	0.03
1→41	3.54	3.90	1→41	3.69	0.45	1A'→20A'	3.68	0.42	1A'→19A'	3.84	0.13
1→42	3.56	0.01	1→42	3.74	0.02	1A'→23A''	3.82	0.00	1A'→23A''	3.86	0.00
1→43	3.68	0.00	1→43	3.86	0.00	1A'→24A''	4.03	0.05	1A'→20A'	3.97	0.36
1→44	3.76	0.24	1→44	3.94	0.23	1A'→25A''	4.05	0.00	1A'→24A''	4.00	0.00
1→45	3.81	0.39	1→45	3.97	0.27				1A'→25A''	4.16	0.02

Table S12: Cytosine. CCSD/aug-cc-pVDZ OPA and ESA transition energies ( $\omega$ ) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ).

Transition	OPA		ESA( $S_1$ )			ESA( $S_2$ )		
	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Transition	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Transition	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$
0 → 1	4.985	6.58	1 → 2	0.469	0.00	2 → 3	0.116	0.00
0 → 2	5.454	0.26	1 → 3	0.585	0.04	2 → 4	0.480	0.00
0 → 3	5.570	0.42	1 → 4	0.950	1.21	2 → 5	0.626	0.11
0 → 4	5.934	17.14	1 → 5	1.095	0.01	2 → 6	0.645	0.26
0 → 5	6.079	0.27	1 → 6	1.114	0.02	2 → 7	0.749	0.00
0 → 6	6.099	0.42	1 → 7	1.218	0.00	2 → 8	0.933	0.65
0 → 7	6.203	0.79	1 → 8	1.402	0.00	2 → 9	1.075	0.00
0 → 8	6.387	0.00	1 → 9	1.544	0.03	2 → 10	1.110	0.00
0 → 9	6.529	0.51	1 → 10	1.579	0.31	2 → 11	1.232	0.10
0 → 10	6.563	49.47	1 → 11	1.701	0.29	2 → 12	1.400	0.02
0 → 11	6.686	3.83	1 → 12	1.870	0.01	2 → 13	1.474	0.01
0 → 12	6.854	0.01	1 → 13	1.943	0.65	2 → 14	1.553	0.01
0 → 13	6.928	10.57	1 → 14	2.022	0.03	2 → 15	1.555	0.15
0 → 14	7.007	0.64	1 → 15	2.024	0.01	2 → 16	1.600	1.17
0 → 15	7.009	2.54	1 → 16	2.069	0.00	2 → 17	1.637	0.00
0 → 16	7.053	0.14	1 → 17	2.106	0.57	2 → 18	1.719	0.04
0 → 17	7.091	12.07	1 → 18	2.189	0.05	2 → 19	1.784	0.01
0 → 18	7.173	0.02	1 → 19	2.253	0.53	2 → 20	1.910	0.03
0 → 19	7.238	0.30	1 → 20	2.380	0.00	2 → 21	2.092	0.00
0 → 20	7.364	2.13	1 → 21	2.561	0.24	2 → 22	2.207	0.00
0 → 21	7.546	4.35	1 → 22	2.676	0.06	2 → 23	2.230	0.00
0 → 22	7.661	0.70	1 → 23	2.700	0.00	2 → 24	2.252	0.00
0 → 23	7.684	0.19	1 → 24	2.721	0.01	2 → 25	2.345	0.00
0 → 24	7.706	1.53	1 → 25	2.814	0.03	2 → 26	2.411	0.00
0 → 25	7.798	0.00	1 → 26	2.880	1.32	2 → 27	2.453	0.08
0 → 26	7.865	3.41	1 → 27	2.922	0.33	2 → 28	2.572	0.08
0 → 27	7.907	3.13	1 → 28	3.041	0.06	2 → 29	2.593	0.04
0 → 28	8.026	0.11	1 → 29	3.063	0.08	2 → 30	2.752	0.00
0 → 29	8.047	1.29	1 → 30	3.221	0.00	2 → 31	2.765	0.13
0 → 30	8.206	0.14	1 → 31	3.235	1.15	2 → 32	2.776	0.06
0 → 31	8.219	1.07	1 → 32	3.245	2.42	2 → 33	2.882	0.01
0 → 32	8.229	0.63	1 → 33	3.351	0.00	2 → 34	2.921	0.02
0 → 33	8.336	0.13	1 → 34	3.390	0.05	2 → 35	2.928	0.00
0 → 34	8.374	0.89	1 → 35	3.397	0.05	2 → 36	2.971	0.06
0 → 35	8.382	0.09	1 → 36	3.440	0.05	2 → 37	2.989	0.00
0 → 36	8.425	0.40	1 → 37	3.458	0.10	2 → 38	3.044	0.00
0 → 37	8.443	2.06	1 → 38	3.513	0.00	2 → 39	3.100	0.01
0 → 38	8.498	0.00	1 → 39	3.570	0.00	2 → 40	3.196	0.00
0 → 39	8.554	1.90	1 → 40	3.665	0.02	2 → 41	3.212	0.09
0 → 40	8.650	0.45	1 → 41	3.682	0.63	2 → 42	3.282	0.00
0 → 41	8.666	1.71	1 → 42	3.752	13.18	2 → 43	3.288	0.00
0 → 42	8.736	13.58	1 → 43	3.757	0.00	2 → 44	3.424	0.01
0 → 43	8.741	0.15	1 → 44	3.893	1.24	2 → 45	3.438	0.09
0 → 44	8.878	2.08	1 → 45	3.907	0.00	2 → 46	3.566	0.01
0 → 45	8.892	2.17	1 → 46	4.036	0.01	2 → 47	3.590	0.00
0 → 46	9.020	0.11	1 → 47	4.059	0.07	2 → 48	3.656	0.05
0 → 47	9.044	0.74	1 → 48	4.125	0.00	2 → 49	3.706	0.00
0 → 48	9.110	0.33	1 → 49	4.175	0.04	2 → 50	3.709	4.54
0 → 49	9.160	1.52	1 → 50	4.178	0.01	2 → 51	3.738	0.00
0 → 50	9.163	0.67	1 → 51	4.208	0.39	2 → 52	3.803	0.00
0 → 51	9.192	5.08	1 → 52	4.272	0.08			
0 → 52	9.257	0.12						

Table S13: Cytosine. CC3/aug-cc-pVDZ ESA transition energies ( $\omega$ ) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ).

Transition	OPA		ESA( $S_1$ )			ESA( $S_2$ )		
	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Transition	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Transition	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$
0 → 1	4.756	5.09	1 → 2	0.446	0.00	2 → 3	0.269	0.00
0 → 2	5.202	0.21	1 → 3	0.715	0.04	2 → 4	0.392	0.71
0 → 3	5.472	0.40	1 → 4	0.838	0.00	2 → 5	0.436	0.00
0 → 4	5.594	0.05	1 → 5	0.882	0.85	2 → 6	0.771	0.01
0 → 5	5.638	12.38	1 → 6	1.217	0.03	2 → 7	0.834	0.00
0 → 6	5.973	0.58	1 → 7	1.280	0.00	2 → 8	0.855	0.19
0 → 7	6.037	0.55	1 → 8	1.301	0.00	2 → 9	1.172	0.01
0 → 8	6.057	0.00	1 → 9	1.618	0.11	2 → 10	1.209	0.00
0 → 9	6.374	30.50	1 → 10	1.655	0.02	2 → 11	1.224	0.10
0 → 10	6.411	0.68	1 → 11	1.670	0.27	2 → 12	1.465	0.01
0 → 11	6.427	7.27	1 → 12	1.911	0.00	2 → 13	1.493	0.02
0 → 12	6.667	0.03	1 → 13	1.939	0.59	2 → 14	1.550	0.45
0 → 13	6.695	14.46	1 → 14	1.996	0.00	2 → 15	1.584	0.04
0 → 14	6.752	0.05	1 → 15	2.030	0.13	2 → 16	1.682	0.00
0 → 15	6.786	16.34	1 → 16	2.128	0.02	2 → 17	1.743	0.00
0 → 16	6.885	0.73	1 → 17	2.189	0.10	2 → 18	1.775	0.01
0 → 17	6.946	2.57	1 → 18	2.221	0.09	2 → 19	1.838	0.02
0 → 18	6.977	1.39	1 → 19	2.284	0.03	2 → 20	1.879	0.00
0 → 19	7.040	0.00	1 → 20	2.325	0.53	2 → 21	2.009	0.01
0 → 20	7.081	0.24	1 → 21	2.455	0.14	2 → 22	2.167	0.00
0 → 21	7.212	3.85	1 → 22	2.613	0.03	2 → 23	2.301	0.00
0 → 22	7.369	2.41	1 → 23	2.747	0.05	2 → 24	2.360	0.00
0 → 23	7.503	0.72	1 → 24	2.806	0.01	2 → 25	2.437	0.00
0 → 24	7.563	0.11	1 → 25	2.883	0.03	2 → 26	2.465	0.07
0 → 25	7.639	0.02	1 → 26	2.911	0.07	2 → 27	2.538	0.02
0 → 26	7.667	1.52	1 → 27	2.984	0.84	2 → 28	2.556	0.03
0 → 27	7.740	4.46	1 → 28	3.002	0.14	2 → 29	2.618	0.08
0 → 28	7.759	1.45	1 → 29	3.064	0.05	2 → 30	2.703	0.28
0 → 29	7.820	0.07	1 → 30	3.149	0.02	2 → 31	2.871	0.00
0 → 30	7.906	0.06	1 → 31	3.317	0.00	2 → 32	2.874	0.01
0 → 31	8.073	0.15	1 → 32	3.320	2.69	2 → 33	2.915	0.00
0 → 32	8.076	0.36	1 → 33	3.360	0.77	2 → 34	2.979	0.01
0 → 33	8.117	3.75	1 → 34	3.425	0.49	2 → 35	2.990	0.01
0 → 34	8.181	0.69	1 → 35	3.436	0.00	2 → 36	3.028	0.02
0 → 35	8.193	0.04	1 → 36	3.474	0.07	2 → 37	3.045	0.00
0 → 36	8.230	0.50	1 → 37	3.491	0.02	2 → 38	3.055	0.02
0 → 37	8.248	0.00	1 → 38	3.501	6.58	2 → 39	3.159	0.05
0 → 38	8.258	15.48	1 → 39	3.605	0.62	2 → 40	3.191	0.02
0 → 39	8.361	0.11	1 → 40	3.637	0.07	2 → 41	3.196	0.00
0 → 40	8.393	0.49	1 → 41	3.642	0.01	2 → 42	3.317	0.00
0 → 41	8.398	0.00	1 → 42	3.763	0.01	2 → 43	3.390	0.00
0 → 42	8.520	0.39	1 → 43	3.836	0.00	2 → 44	3.480	0.05
0 → 43	8.592	0.12	1 → 44	3.926	0.30	2 → 45	3.505	0.03
0 → 44	8.682	2.37	1 → 45	3.951	0.23			
0 → 45	8.707	0.64						

### SS4.3 Adenine

Table S14: Adenine. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ OPA excitation energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ), computed with the Tamm-Dancoff approximation (CIS), TDDFT in gas phase and TDDFT with non-equilibrium PCM (chloroform). First IP is 8.38 eV. Note the inversion of the state ordering in TDA, and the relatively large intensity of  $L_b$ .

OPA											
TDA (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Dalton)			TDDFT PCM (Dalton)		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
0→1	5.37	0.07	0→1 $L_a$	5.34	27.76	1A'L <sub>a</sub>	5.34	27.75	1A'L <sub>a</sub>	5.25	37.85
0→2	5.54	25.82	0→2 $n\pi^*$	5.35	0.06	1A''n $\pi^*$	5.35	0.06	2A'L <sub>b</sub>	5.45	2.79
0→3	5.57	9.56	0→3 $L_b$	5.49	1.31	2A'L <sub>b</sub>	5.49	1.32	1A''n $\pi^*$	5.48	0.07
0→4	5.64	0.96	0→4	5.64	0.96	2A''	5.63	0.96	2A''	5.75	1.06
0→5	5.95	0.01	0→5	5.93	0.09	3A''	5.93	0.05	3A''	6.06	0.25
0→6	5.98	0.37	0→6	5.96	0.23	4A''	5.95	0.28	4A''	6.26	0.08
0→7	6.31	0.12	0→7	6.28	0.10	5A''	6.28	0.10	5A''	6.42	0.13
0→8	6.47	0.11	0→8	6.47	0.10	6A''	6.45	0.09	3A'	6.46	58.79
0→9	6.65	0	0→9	6.56	41.68	3A'	6.56	41.55	6A''	6.49	0.08
0→10	6.72	20.57	0→10	6.65	0.00	7A''	6.64	0	4A'	6.72	0
0→11	6.79	8.21	0→11	6.72	1.99	4A'	6.72	2.09	7A''	6.84	0.14
0→12	6.82	25.87	0→12	6.78	5.07	5A'	6.78	4.93	5A'	6.90	24.30
0→13	6.86	0.18	0→13	6.86	0.17	8A''	6.84	0.16	6A'	6.99	0.85
0→14	6.93	0.01	0→14	6.92	0.53	9A''	6.92	0.21	8A''	7.00	1.74
0→15	6.98	2.07	0→15	6.94	0.98	10A''	6.93	1.30	9A''	7.02	0.27
0→16	7.09	8.48	0→16	7.00	10.28	6A'	7.00	10.37	7A'	7.10	0.34
0→17	7.13	0.25	0→17	7.10	0.11	11A''	7.10	0.14	10A''	7.13	0
0→18	7.15	0.01	0→18	7.11	2.09	7A'	7.11	2.12	11A''	7.17	0.25
0→19	7.23	3.39	0→19	7.14	0.13	12A''	7.12	0.08	12A''	7.24	0.12
0→20	7.25	16.41	0→20	7.19	5.85	8A'	7.18	5.64	8A'	7.35	19.38
0→21	7.36	0.27	0→21	7.36	0.25	13A''	7.35	0.25	9A'	7.56	3.45
0→22	7.42	1.63	0→22	7.41	0.94	9A'	7.39	1.01	13A''	7.58	0.17
0→23	7.70	26.74	0→23	7.48	16.06	10A'	7.48	16.07	10A'	7.64	1.55
0→24	7.76	0.40	0→24	7.73	4.09	11A'	7.72	4.13	11A'	7.80	10.36
0→25	7.77	3.97	0→25	7.75	0.37	14A''	7.74	0.35	14A''	7.85	0.65
0→26	7.80	0.03	0→26	7.79	0.03	15A''	7.78	0.04	15A''	7.87	0.28
0→27	7.83	2.40	0→27	7.82	2.63	12A'	7.82	2.32	12A'	7.89	2.31
0→28	7.87	0.06	0→28	7.84	0.20	13A'	7.83	0.42	16A''	8.00	0.04
0→29	7.89	0.12	0→29	7.86	0.06	16A''	7.85	0.08	13A'	8.02	8.53
0→30	7.89	3.88	0→30	7.88	0.11	17A''	7.88	0.09	17A''	8.05	0.13
0→31	7.94	0.05	0→31	7.92	2.04	14A'	7.92	0.91	14A'	8.08	1.51
0→32	7.97	0.08	0→32	7.94	2.94	15A'	7.94	4.05	18A''	8.10	0.10
0→33	8.00	0.18	0→33	7.97	0.08	18A''	7.96	0.06	19A''	8.13	0.29
0→34	8.02	4.23	0→34	8.00	0.16	19A''	7.98	0.10	15A'	8.13	4.73
0→35	8.07	0.17	0→35	8.07	0.15	20A''	8.06	0.18	16A'	8.17	1.44
0→36	8.12	0.35	0→36	8.11	8.69	21A''	8.10	0.37	20A''	8.19	0.06
0→37	8.15	7.49	0→37	8.12	0.35	16A'	8.11	7.91	17A'	8.21	1.92
0→38	8.17	4.10	0→38	8.15	0.40	17A'	8.14	1.03	21A''	8.30	0.04
0→39	8.23	0.01	0→39	8.20	1.14	18A'	8.20	1.28	22A''	8.33	0.57
0→40	8.24	0.52	0→40	8.23	0.01	22A''	8.22	0	18A'	8.35	5.66
0→41	8.30	3.21	0→41	8.30	2.93	19A'	8.28	2.75	23A''	8.39	0.03
0→42	8.32	0.23	0→42	8.32	0.17	23A''	8.30	0.34	19A'	8.40	2.11
0→43	8.36	0.28	0→43	8.35	0.31	24A''	8.34	0.23	24A''	8.45	0.73
0→44	8.39	0.84	0→44	8.37	5.79	20A'	8.36	0.83	20A'	8.52	1.05
0→45	8.45	18.04	0→45	8.39	3.58	25A''	8.45	0.63	25A''	8.55	0.31

Table S15: Adenine. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ ESA transition energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) from  $L_a/1A'$ , computed in the Tamm-Danoff approximation (CIS), with TDDFT in gas phase, and and TDDFT with non-equilibrium PCM (chloroform).

TDA (Turbomole) - S <sub>2</sub>			TDDFT (Turbomole) - S <sub>1</sub>			TDDFT (Dalton) - 1A'			TDDFT PCM (Dalton) 1A'		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
2 → 3	0.03	0.01	1 → 2	0.01	0.00	1A'→1A''	0.01	0.00	1A'→2A'	0.21	0.11
2 → 4	0.10	0.00	1 → 3	0.15	0.05	1A'→2A'	0.15	0.05	1A'→1A''	0.24	0.00
2 → 5	0.41	0.11	1 → 4	0.30	0.01	1A'→2A''	0.29	0.01	1A'→2A''	0.50	0.07
2 → 6	0.44	0.07	1 → 5	0.59	0.05	1A'→3A''	0.59	0.09	1A'→3A''	0.81	0.00
2 → 7	0.77	0.00	1 → 6	0.62	0.30	1A'→4A''	0.61	0.25	1A'→4A''	1.02	0.49
2 → 8	0.93	0.30	1 → 7	0.94	0.00	1A'→5A''	0.94	0.00	1A'→5A''	1.17	0.01
2 → 9	1.11	0.01	1 → 8	1.13	0.24	1A'→6A''	1.11	0.25	1A'→3A'	1.21	0.07
2 → 10	1.18	3.02	1 → 9	1.21	0.34	1A'→3A'	1.21	0.34	1A'→6A''	1.24	0.42
2 → 11	1.25	0.26	1 → 10	1.31	0.04	1A'→7A''	1.30	0.03	1A'→4A'	1.47	8.47
2 → 12	1.28	2.32	1 → 11	1.37	6.70	1A'→4A'	1.37	6.50	1A'→7A''	1.59	0.02
2 → 13	1.32	0.01	1 → 12	1.44	0.42	1A'→5A'	1.43	0.52	1A'→5A'	1.65	2.87
2 → 14	1.39	0.01	1 → 13	1.52	0.02	1A'→8A''	1.49	0.02	1A'→6A'	1.74	1.18
2 → 15	1.44	0.01	1 → 14	1.58	0.00	1A'→9A''	1.58	0.00	1A'→8A''	1.76	0.00
2 → 16	1.54	4.60	1 → 15	1.59	0.01	1A'→10A''	1.59	0.01	1A'→9A''	1.77	0.02
2 → 17	1.59	0.10	1 → 16	1.66	2.79	1A'→6A'	1.66	2.56	1A'→7A'	1.85	1.08
2 → 18	1.61	0.07	1 → 17	1.76	0.00	1A'→11A''	1.76	0.01	1A'→10A''	1.88	0.00
2 → 19	1.69	0.99	1 → 18	1.77	1.04	1A'→7A'	1.77	0.98	1A'→11A''	1.92	0.07
2 → 20	1.71	0.00	1 → 19	1.79	0.14	1A'→12A''	1.78	0.12	1A'→12A''	1.99	0.00
2 → 21	1.82	0.04	1 → 20	1.85	0.15	1A'→8A'	1.83	0.13	1A'→8A'	2.10	1.67
2 → 22	1.88	0.19	1 → 21	2.02	0.00	1A'→13A''	2.01	0.00	1A'→9A'	2.32	0.17
2 → 23	2.16	0.17	1 → 22	2.07	0.13	1A'→9A'	2.05	0.10	1A'→13A''	2.33	0.00
2 → 24	2.21	0.16	1 → 23	2.14	0.69	1A'→10A'	2.13	0.62	1A'→10A'	2.39	0.05
2 → 25	2.23	0.07	1 → 24	2.39	0.19	1A'→11A'	2.37	0.17	1A'→11A'	2.55	0.06
2 → 26	2.25	0.46	1 → 25	2.41	0.21	1A'→14A''	2.40	0.15	1A'→14A''	2.60	0.01
2 → 27	2.29	0.17	1 → 26	2.45	0.53	1A'→15A''	2.44	0.61	1A'→15A''	2.63	0.81
2 → 28	2.32	0.00	1 → 27	2.48	0.01	1A'→12A'	2.48	0.02	1A'→12A'	2.64	0.78
2 → 29	2.34	0.00	1 → 28	2.50	0.00	1A'→13A'	2.49	0.00	1A'→16A''	2.75	0.00
2 → 30	2.35	0.02	1 → 29	2.52	0.00	1A'→16A''	2.51	0.00	1A'→13A'	2.77	0.15
2 → 31	2.40	0.05	1 → 30	2.54	0.03	1A'→17A''	2.54	0.00	1A'→17A''	2.81	0.00
2 → 32	2.43	0.03	1 → 31	2.58	0.38	1A'→14A'	2.57	0.16	1A'→14A'	2.83	0.06
2 → 33	2.46	0.04	1 → 32	2.60	0.61	1A'→15A'	2.60	0.86	1A'→18A''	2.86	0.01
2 → 34	2.48	1.23	1 → 33	2.62	0.11	1A'→18A''	2.62	0.11	1A'→19A''	2.88	0.03
2 → 35	2.53	0.00	1 → 34	2.66	0.00	1A'→19A''	2.64	0.01	1A'→15A'	2.89	0.65
2 → 36	2.58	0.16	1 → 35	2.72	0.01	1A'→20A''	2.72	0.01	1A'→16A'	2.92	0.64
2 → 37	2.61	0.60	1 → 36	2.77	0.75	1A'→21A''	2.76	0.15	1A'→20A''	2.95	0.00
2 → 38	2.63	0.80	1 → 37	2.78	0.17	1A'→16A'	2.77	0.67	1A'→17A'	2.96	0.50
2 → 39	2.69	0.04	1 → 38	2.80	0.19	1A'→17A'	2.79	0.20	1A'→21A''	3.05	0.22
2 → 40	2.70	0.91	1 → 39	2.86	0.57	1A'→18A'	2.85	0.61	1A'→22A''	3.08	0.14
2 → 41	2.76	0.07	1 → 40	2.89	0.06	1A'→22A''	2.88	0.05	1A'→18A'	3.10	0.13
2 → 42	2.78	0.17	1 → 41	2.95	0.07	1A'→19A'	2.94	0.09	1A'→23A''	3.14	0.01
2 → 43	2.82	0.11	1 → 42	2.97	0.12	1A'→23A''	2.96	0.17	1A'→19A'	3.16	0.01
2 → 44	2.85	0.14	1 → 43	3.01	0.13	1A'→24A''	3.00	0.07	1A'→24A''	3.20	0.00
2 → 45	2.90	0.82	1 → 44	3.03	0.12	1A'→20A'	3.02	0.11	1A'→20A'	3.27	0.11

Table S16: Adenine. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ ESA transition energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) from  $n\pi^*/1A''$ , computed in the Tamm-Dancoff approximation (CIS), at TDDFT level in gas phase, and TDDFT with non-equilibrium PCM (chloroform)

TDA (Turbomole) - S <sub>1</sub>			TDDFT (Turbomole) - S <sub>2</sub>			TDDFT (Dalton) - 1A''			TDDFT PCM (Dalton) - 1A''		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
1 → 2	0.17	0.00	2 → 3	0.14	0.00	1A''→2A'	0.14	0.00	1A''→2A''	0.26	0.00
1 → 3	0.20	0.00	2 → 4	0.29	0.00	1A''→2A''	0.29	0.00	1A''→3A'	0.58	0.30
1 → 4	0.27	0.00	2 → 5	0.58	0.18	1A''→3A''	0.58	0.15	1A''→4A'	0.78	0.00
1 → 5	0.58	0.08	2 → 6	0.62	0.05	1A''→4A''	0.61	0.08	1A''→5A'	0.93	1.23
1 → 6	0.61	0.15	2 → 7	0.93	0.78	1A''→5A''	0.93	0.77	1A''→3A'	0.97	0.00
1 → 7	0.94	0.81	2 → 8	1.12	0.00	1A''→6A''	1.10	0.00	1A''→6A''	1.00	0.02
1 → 8	1.10	0.00	2 → 9	1.21	0.00	1A''→3A'	1.21	0.00	1A''→4A'	1.24	0.00
1 → 9	1.28	0.00	2 → 10	1.30	0.00	1A''→7A''	1.29	0.00	1A''→7A''	1.35	0.00
1 → 10	1.35	0.00	2 → 11	1.37	0.00	1A''→4A'	1.37	0.00	1A''→5A'	1.41	0.05
1 → 11	1.42	0.04	2 → 12	1.44	0.04	1A''→5A'	1.43	0.04	1A''→6A'	1.50	0.09
1 → 12	1.45	0.00	2 → 13	1.51	0.01	1A''→8A'	1.49	0.01	1A''→8A''	1.52	1.21
1 → 13	1.49	0.01	2 → 14	1.57	1.09	1A''→9A''	1.57	0.59	1A''→9A''	1.54	0.69
1 → 14	1.56	0.03	2 → 15	1.59	0.78	1A''→10A''	1.58	1.14	1A''→7A'	1.62	0.08
1 → 15	1.61	1.64	2 → 16	1.65	0.01	1A''→6A'	1.65	0.01	1A''→10A''	1.64	0.02
1 → 16	1.71	0.00	2 → 17	1.75	1.30	1A''→11A''	1.75	1.08	1A''→11A'	1.69	0.03
1 → 17	1.76	0.32	2 → 18	1.76	0.00	1A''→7A'	1.76	0.00	1A''→12A''	1.76	1.88
1 → 18	1.78	1.31	2 → 19	1.79	0.17	1A''→12A''	1.77	0.32	1A''→8A'	1.86	0.04
1 → 19	1.86	0.07	2 → 20	1.84	0.46	1A''→8A'	1.83	0.48	1A''→9A'	2.08	0.29
1 → 20	1.88	0.45	2 → 21	2.01	0.00	1A''→13A''	2.00	0.00	1A''→13A''	2.09	0.01
1 → 21	1.99	0.00	2 → 22	2.06	0.15	1A''→9A'	2.04	0.14	1A''→10A'	2.15	0.16
1 → 22	2.05	0.09	2 → 23	2.13	0.01	1A''→10A'	2.13	0.01	1A''→11A'	2.31	0.00
1 → 23	2.33	0.02	2 → 24	2.38	0.00	1A''→11A'	2.37	0.00	1A''→14A''	2.37	0.01
1 → 24	2.38	0.03	2 → 25	2.40	0.03	1A''→14A''	2.39	0.03	1A''→15A''	2.39	0.01
1 → 25	2.40	0.00	2 → 26	2.45	0.01	1A''→15A'	2.43	0.01	1A''→12A'	2.41	0.01
1 → 26	2.42	0.01	2 → 27	2.47	0.00	1A''→12A'	2.47	0.01	1A''→16A''	2.52	0.01
1 → 27	2.46	0.00	2 → 28	2.50	0.01	1A''→13A'	2.48	0.01	1A''→13A'	2.54	0.04
1 → 28	2.50	0.25	2 → 29	2.52	0.28	1A''→16A'	2.50	0.08	1A''→17A''	2.57	7.89
1 → 29	2.52	7.59	2 → 30	2.54	7.65	1A''→17A'	2.54	7.83	1A''→14A'	2.59	0.12
1 → 30	2.52	0.00	2 → 31	2.57	0.02	1A''→14A'	2.57	0.04	1A''→18A''	2.62	0.78
1 → 31	2.57	0.05	2 → 32	2.60	0.02	1A''→15A'	2.59	0.01	1A''→19A'	2.65	0.56
1 → 32	2.60	0.07	2 → 33	2.62	0.08	1A''→18A'	2.61	0.10	1A''→15A'	2.65	0.00
1 → 33	2.63	0.19	2 → 34	2.65	0.18	1A''→19A'	2.64	0.20	1A''→16A'	2.68	0.00
1 → 34	2.65	0.00	2 → 35	2.72	2.30	1A''→20A'	2.72	2.16	1A''→20A''	2.71	3.60
1 → 35	2.70	2.33	2 → 36	2.76	0.00	1A''→21A''	2.75	0.01	1A''→17A'	2.72	0.00
1 → 36	2.75	0.01	2 → 37	2.77	0.00	1A''→16A'	2.76	0.00	1A''→21A''	2.82	0.00
1 → 37	2.78	0.00	2 → 38	2.80	0.01	1A''→17A'	2.79	0.00	1A''→22A''	2.85	0.08
1 → 38	2.80	0.00	2 → 39	2.85	0.00	1A''→18A'	2.85	0.00	1A''→18A'	2.86	0.00
1 → 39	2.86	0.01	2 → 40	2.88	0.01	1A''→22A'	2.87	0.01	1A''→23A'	2.90	0.47
1 → 40	2.87	0.00	2 → 41	2.95	0.00	1A''→19A'	2.93	0.00	1A''→19A'	2.92	0.00
1 → 41	2.93	0.00	2 → 42	2.97	0.03	1A''→23A''	2.96	0.04	1A''→24A''	2.96	0.00
1 → 42	2.95	0.02	2 → 43	3.00	0.02	1A''→24A'	2.99	0.07	1A''→20A'	3.04	0.01
1 → 43	2.99	0.02	2 → 44	3.02	0.00	1A''→20A'	3.01	0.02	1A''→25A''	3.06	0.01
1 → 44	3.02	0.05	2 → 45	3.04	0.05	1A''→25A'	3.10	0.00			

Table S17: Adenine. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ ESA transition energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) from  $L_b/2A'$ , computed in the Tamm-Danoff approximation at TDDFT level in gAs phase, and with TDDFT in non-equilibrium PCM (chloroform).

TDA (Turbomole) - S <sub>3</sub>			TDDFT (Turbomole) - S <sub>3</sub>			TDDFT (Dalton) - 2A'			TDDFT PCM (Dalton) - 2A'		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
3 → 4	0.07	0.00	3 → 4	0.15	0.00	2A' → 2A''	0.15	0.00	2A' → 1A''	0.03	0.00
3 → 5	0.38	0.07	3 → 5	0.44	0.00	2A' → 3A''	0.44	0.00	2A' → 2A''	0.29	0.01
3 → 6	0.41	0.07	3 → 6	0.48	0.03	2A' → 4A''	0.47	0.03	2A' → 3A''	0.61	0.00
3 → 7	0.74	0.00	3 → 7	0.79	0.00	2A' → 5A''	0.79	0.00	2A' → 4A''	0.81	0.11
3 → 8	0.90	0.00	3 → 8	0.98	0.08	2A' → 6A''	0.96	0.07	2A' → 5A''	0.96	0.00
3 → 9	1.08	0.10	3 → 9	1.07	0.45	2A' → 3A'	1.07	0.46	2A' → 3A'	1.00	0.66
3 → 10	1.15	0.89	3 → 10	1.16	0.07	2A' → 7A''	1.15	0.07	2A' → 6A''	1.03	0.06
3 → 11	1.22	0.11	3 → 11	1.23	0.22	2A' → 4A'	1.23	0.22	2A' → 4A'	1.27	0.15
3 → 12	1.25	0.59	3 → 12	1.30	0.01	2A' → 5A'	1.29	0.01	2A' → 7A''	1.38	0.08
3 → 13	1.29	0.02	3 → 13	1.37	0.00	2A' → 8A''	1.35	0.00	2A' → 5A'	1.44	0.83
3 → 14	1.36	0.00	3 → 14	1.43	0.00	2A' → 9A''	1.43	0.00	2A' → 6A'	1.53	0.41
3 → 15	1.41	0.00	3 → 15	1.45	0.00	2A' → 10A''	1.44	0.00	2A' → 8A''	1.55	0.01
3 → 16	1.51	0.00	3 → 16	1.51	0.88	2A' → 6A'	1.51	0.90	2A' → 9A'	1.57	0.00
3 → 17	1.56	0.00	3 → 17	1.61	0.00	2A' → 11A''	1.61	0.00	2A' → 7A'	1.65	0.01
3 → 18	1.58	0.00	3 → 18	1.62	0.01	2A' → 7A'	1.62	0.01	2A' → 10A''	1.67	0.02
3 → 19	1.66	0.10	3 → 19	1.65	0.05	2A' → 12A''	1.63	0.04	2A' → 11A''	1.72	0.03
3 → 20	1.68	0.15	3 → 20	1.70	0.03	2A' → 8A'	1.69	0.04	2A' → 12A''	1.79	0.01
3 → 21	1.79	0.07	3 → 21	1.87	0.11	2A' → 13A''	1.86	0.11	2A' → 8A'	1.89	0.35
3 → 22	1.85	0.02	3 → 22	1.92	0.02	2A' → 9A'	1.90	0.02	2A' → 9A'	2.11	0.01
3 → 23	2.13	0.33	3 → 23	1.99	0.76	2A' → 10A'	1.99	0.74	2A' → 13A''	2.12	0.13
3 → 24	2.18	0.06	3 → 24	2.24	0.05	2A' → 11A'	2.23	0.04	2A' → 10A'	2.18	0.45
3 → 25	2.20	0.33	3 → 25	2.26	0.00	2A' → 14A''	2.25	0.00	2A' → 11A'	2.34	1.58
3 → 26	2.22	0.16	3 → 26	2.31	0.00	2A' → 15A''	2.29	0.01	2A' → 14A''	2.40	0.00
3 → 27	2.26	1.13	3 → 27	2.33	1.07	2A' → 12A'	2.33	1.04	2A' → 15A''	2.42	0.01
3 → 28	2.29	0.01	3 → 28	2.36	0.01	2A' → 13A'	2.34	0.05	2A' → 12A'	2.44	0.88
3 → 29	2.31	0.01	3 → 29	2.38	0.01	2A' → 16A''	2.36	0.02	2A' → 16A''	2.55	0.00
3 → 30	2.32	0.45	3 → 30	2.40	0.00	2A' → 17A''	2.40	0.00	2A' → 13A'	2.57	0.13
3 → 31	2.37	0.09	3 → 31	2.43	0.35	2A' → 14A'	2.43	0.21	2A' → 17A''	2.60	0.00
3 → 32	2.40	0.26	3 → 32	2.46	0.25	2A' → 15A'	2.45	0.40	2A' → 14A'	2.62	0.08
3 → 33	2.43	0.04	3 → 33	2.48	0.15	2A' → 18A''	2.47	0.16	2A' → 18A''	2.65	0.15
3 → 34	2.45	0.19	3 → 34	2.51	0.07	2A' → 19A''	2.50	0.06	2A' → 19A''	2.68	0.11
3 → 35	2.50	0.01	3 → 35	2.58	0.00	2A' → 20A''	2.58	0.00	2A' → 15A'	2.68	1.55
3 → 36	2.55	0.06	3 → 36	2.62	1.31	2A' → 21A''	2.61	0.00	2A' → 16A'	2.71	0.34
3 → 37	2.58	0.12	3 → 37	2.63	0.00	2A' → 16A'	2.62	1.20	2A' → 20A''	2.74	0.00
3 → 38	2.60	0.21	3 → 38	2.66	0.11	2A' → 17A'	2.65	0.18	2A' → 17A'	2.75	1.62
3 → 39	2.66	0.06	3 → 39	2.71	0.89	2A' → 18A'	2.71	0.94	2A' → 21A''	2.85	0.02
3 → 40	2.67	0.41	3 → 40	2.74	0.01	2A' → 22A''	2.73	0.01	2A' → 22A''	2.88	0.00
3 → 41	2.73	0.06	3 → 41	2.81	0.02	2A' → 19A'	2.79	0.02	2A' → 18A'	2.89	1.36
3 → 42	2.75	0.01	3 → 42	2.83	0.01	2A' → 23A''	2.82	0.01	2A' → 23A''	2.93	0.00
3 → 43	2.79	0.01	3 → 43	2.86	0.01	2A' → 24A''	2.85	0.00	2A' → 19A'	2.95	0.26
3 → 44	2.82	0.02	3 → 44	2.88	1.51	2A' → 20A'	2.87	0.50	2A' → 24A''	2.99	0.01
3 → 45	2.87	1.56	3 → 45	2.90	0.18	2A' → 25A''	2.96	0.00	2A' → 20A'	3.07	0.06
3 → 46	2.91	0.00	3 → 46	2.99	0.00				2A' → 25A''	3.09	0.03

Table S18: Adenine. CCSD/aug-cc-pVDZ OPA and ESA transition energies ( $\omega$ ) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ).

OPA			ESA(S <sub>1</sub> )			ESA(S <sub>2</sub> )			ESA(S <sub>3</sub> )		
Trans.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$
0 → 1	5.406	0.52	1 → 2	0.103	0.00	2 → 3	0.021	0.00	3 → 4	0.026	0.00
0 → 2	5.509	0.17	1 → 3	0.124	0.04	2 → 4	0.047	0.00	3 → 5	0.380	0.27
0 → 3	5.530	29.83	1 → 4	0.149	0.00	2 → 5	0.401	0.19	3 → 6	0.572	0.00
0 → 4	5.556	0.96	1 → 5	0.503	0.04	2 → 6	0.593	0.44	3 → 7	0.851	0.26
0 → 5	5.910	0.11	1 → 6	0.695	0.01	2 → 7	0.872	0.10	3 → 8	0.990	0.00
0 → 6	6.102	0.32	1 → 7	0.975	0.04	2 → 8	1.011	1.06	3 → 9	1.060	0.01
0 → 7	6.381	0.13	1 → 8	1.114	0.00	2 → 9	1.081	0.03	3 → 10	1.088	0.05
0 → 8	6.520	0.14	1 → 9	1.184	0.07	2 → 10	1.109	0.03	3 → 11	1.123	1.88
0 → 9	6.590	0.00	1 → 10	1.211	0.02	2 → 11	1.144	0.02	3 → 12	1.174	3.14
0 → 10	6.618	5.05	1 → 11	1.247	0.41	2 → 12	1.195	0.13	3 → 13	1.220	0.01
0 → 11	6.653	31.99	1 → 12	1.298	0.68	2 → 13	1.241	0.01	3 → 14	1.279	0.02
0 → 12	6.704	16.28	1 → 13	1.344	0.00	2 → 14	1.300	0.02	3 → 15	1.522	0.09
0 → 13	6.750	0.20	1 → 14	1.403	0.00	2 → 15	1.543	0.06	3 → 16	1.545	3.49
0 → 14	6.809	0.07	1 → 15	1.645	0.03	2 → 16	1.566	0.18	3 → 17	1.564	1.26
0 → 15	7.052	0.53	1 → 16	1.668	0.40	2 → 17	1.585	0.44	3 → 18	1.647	0.00
0 → 16	7.075	15.03	1 → 17	1.688	0.25	2 → 18	1.668	4.23	3 → 19	1.652	5.23
0 → 17	7.094	3.67	1 → 18	1.770	0.00	2 → 19	1.673	0.11	3 → 20	1.706	0.01
0 → 18	7.177	1.18	1 → 19	1.775	0.00	2 → 20	1.727	0.01	3 → 21	1.750	0.29
0 → 19	7.182	1.47	1 → 20	1.829	0.11	2 → 21	1.771	0.04	3 → 22	1.813	0.00
0 → 20	7.236	0.34	1 → 21	1.873	0.11	2 → 22	1.834	1.47	3 → 23	2.065	0.20
0 → 21	7.280	1.52	1 → 22	1.936	0.01	2 → 23	2.086	0.01	3 → 24	2.092	0.00
0 → 22	7.343	0.00	1 → 23	2.189	0.59	2 → 24	2.113	0.04	3 → 25	2.110	0.42
0 → 23	7.595	28.61	1 → 24	2.215	0.00	2 → 25	2.131	0.00	3 → 26	2.162	0.80
0 → 24	7.622	0.17	1 → 25	2.233	0.04	2 → 26	2.183	0.01	3 → 27	2.201	0.15
0 → 25	7.640	3.13	1 → 26	2.286	0.04	2 → 27	2.222	0.00	3 → 28	2.205	0.19
0 → 26	7.692	0.10	1 → 27	2.324	0.16	2 → 28	2.226	0.13	3 → 29	2.227	0.41
0 → 27	7.731	2.73	1 → 28	2.329	0.00	2 → 29	2.248	0.00	3 → 30	2.227	0.00
0 → 28	7.735	0.07	1 → 29	2.350	1.77	2 → 30	2.248	2.00	3 → 31	2.269	0.03
0 → 29	7.756	2.88	1 → 30	2.350	0.04	2 → 31	2.290	0.04	3 → 32	2.337	0.09
0 → 30	7.757	0.27	1 → 31	2.393	0.00	2 → 32	2.358	0.04	3 → 33	2.374	0.03
0 → 31	7.799	0.00	1 → 32	2.460	0.04	2 → 33	2.395	0.04	3 → 34	2.427	1.36
0 → 32	7.867	0.14	1 → 33	2.498	0.15	2 → 34	2.448	0.00	3 → 35	2.458	0.12
0 → 33	7.904	0.10	1 → 34	2.551	0.41	2 → 35	2.479	0.03	3 → 36	2.480	0.40
0 → 34	7.957	1.58	1 → 35	2.582	0.03	2 → 36	2.501	0.00	3 → 37	2.536	2.44
0 → 35	7.988	0.48	1 → 36	2.604	0.11	2 → 37	2.557	0.00	3 → 38	2.589	1.05
0 → 36	8.010	1.13	1 → 37	2.660	0.95	2 → 38	2.610	0.00	3 → 39	2.607	0.07
0 → 37	8.066	1.43	1 → 38	2.712	0.40	2 → 39	2.628	0.06	3 → 40	2.711	0.24
0 → 38	8.119	0.24	1 → 39	2.731	0.01	2 → 40	2.732	0.08			
0 → 39	8.137	0.02	1 → 40	2.835	0.00						
0 → 40	8.241	0.48									

Table S19: Adenine. CC3/aug-cc-pVDZ OPA and ESA transition energies ( $\omega$ ) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ).

OPA			ESA(S <sub>1</sub> )			ESA(S <sub>2</sub> )			ESA(S <sub>3</sub> )		
Transit.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Transit.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Transit.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Transit.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$
0 → 1	5.244	0.55	1 → 2	0.040	0.00	2 → 3	0.047	0.00	3 → 4	0.130	0.00
0 → 2	5.284	0.11	1 → 3	0.086	0.04	2 → 4	0.177	0.00	3 → 5	0.481	0.32
0 → 3	5.331	26.13	1 → 4	0.216	0.01	2 → 5	0.528	0.01	3 → 6	0.559	0.01
0 → 4	5.461	0.94	1 → 5	0.567	0.00	2 → 6	0.606	0.28	3 → 7	0.944	0.00
0 → 5	5.812	0.09	1 → 6	0.645	0.01	2 → 7	0.991	1.03	3 → 8	0.980	0.17
0 → 6	5.890	0.29	1 → 7	1.030	0.00	2 → 8	1.027	0.00	3 → 9	1.086	0.03
0 → 7	6.275	0.09	1 → 8	1.066	0.10	2 → 9	1.132	0.00	3 → 10	1.088	0.11
0 → 8	6.311	0.11	1 → 9	1.172	0.70	2 → 10	1.135	0.01	3 → 11	1.177	0.05
0 → 9	6.416	34.10	1 → 10	1.174	0.13	2 → 11	1.223	0.01	3 → 12	1.177	5.99
0 → 10	6.419	8.56	1 → 11	1.263	0.04	2 → 12	1.223	0.00	3 → 13	1.328	0.01
0 → 11	6.508	0.00	1 → 12	1.263	0.42	2 → 13	1.374	0.00	3 → 14	1.396	0.03
0 → 12	6.507	0.00	1 → 13	1.414	0.00	2 → 14	1.442	0.01	3 → 15	1.472	1.80
0 → 13	6.658	0.14	1 → 14	1.482	0.00	2 → 15	1.519	0.01	3 → 16	1.533	0.10
0 → 14	6.726	0.09	1 → 15	1.558	1.38	2 → 16	1.580	0.47	3 → 17	1.568	1.35
0 → 15	6.803	2.74	1 → 16	1.619	0.23	2 → 17	1.615	0.01	3 → 18	1.612	0.01
0 → 16	6.864	6.59	1 → 17	1.655	0.03	2 → 18	1.659	2.25	3 → 19	1.665	0.06
0 → 17	6.899	3.47	1 → 18	1.698	0.01	2 → 19	1.712	0.40	3 → 20	1.699	0.00
0 → 18	6.943	1.57	1 → 19	1.751	0.05	2 → 20	1.745	1.09			
0 → 19	6.996	0.00	1 → 20	1.785	0.01						
0 → 20	7.029	0.00									

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Table S20: Guanine. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ OPA excitation energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ), computed in the Tamm-Dancoff approximation (CIS), with TDDFT in gas phase, and TDDFT in non-equilibrium PCM (chloroform). First IP is 7.97 eV.

TDA (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Dalton)			TDDFT PCM (Dalton)		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
0→1	5.05	0.27	0→1	5.05	0.26	0→1A''	5.04	0.25	0→1A' L <sub>a</sub>	5.07	18.52
0→2	5.29	18.77	0→2 L <sub>a</sub>	5.13	14.86	0→1A' L <sub>a</sub>	5.13	14.85	0→1A''	5.38	0.12
0→3	5.45	0.47	0→3	5.45	0.46	0→2A''	5.44	0.46	0→2A' L <sub>b</sub>	5.51	48.63
0→4	5.61	0.00	0→4 L <sub>b</sub>	5.57	33.72	0→2A' L <sub>b</sub>	5.57	33.70	0→2A'' n $\pi^*$	5.82	0.08
0→5	5.74	39.85	0→5 n $\pi^*$	5.59	0.00	0→3A'' n $\pi^*$	5.59	0.00	0→3A''	5.86	0.90
0→6	5.96	0.08	0→6	5.96	0.08	0→4A''	5.95	0.08	0→4A''	6.20	0.03
0→7	6.16	0.07	0→7	6.16	0.05	0→5A''	6.16	0.05	0→5A''	6.46	0.34
0→8	6.40	0.40	0→8	6.35	0.25	0→6A''	6.35	0.26	0→6A''	6.47	0.07
0→9	6.42	0.00	0→9	6.42	0.04	0→7A''	6.40	0.03	0→3A'	6.53	0.16
0→10	6.49	0.01	0→10	6.47	0.14	0→3A'	6.48	0.14	0→4A'	6.56	1.12
0→11	6.50	0.78	0→11	6.48	0.01	0→8A''	6.48	0.01	0→7A''	6.62	0.00
0→12	6.67	1.72	0→12	6.56	1.49	0→4A'	6.56	1.50	0→8A''	6.70	0.00
0→13	6.76	0.59	0→13	6.75	2.11	0→9A''	6.75	0.54	0→9A''	6.98	0.66
0→14	6.77	2.08	0→14	6.75	0.55	0→5A'	6.75	2.09	0→5A'	7.00	46.72
0→15	6.93	0.02	0→15	6.93	0.02	0→10A''	6.92	0.01	0→10A''	7.24	0.14
0→16	7.12	0.96	0→16	7.11	1.63	0→6A'	7.10	1.47	0→6A'	7.25	9.62
0→17	7.15	0.00	0→17	7.14	0.00	0→11A''	7.14	0.00	0→11A''	7.30	0.00
0→18	7.17	0.33	0→18	7.16	0.34	0→12A''	7.16	0.36	0→7A'	7.41	9.58
0→19	7.26	0.00	0→19	7.21	31.17	0→7A'	7.21	31.02	0→8A'	7.43	17.68
0→20	7.31	28.20	0→20	7.26	0.00	0→13A''	7.25	0.00	0→12A''	7.46	0.00
0→21	7.38	19.17	0→21	7.36	3.05	0→8A'	7.35	3.81	0→9A'	7.51	1.19
0→22	7.42	5.79	0→22	7.39	5.83	0→9A'	7.39	5.31	0→13A''	7.53	1.64
0→23	7.45	1.79	0→23	7.42	1.14	0→14A''	7.42	1.16	0→10A'	7.58	12.63
0→24	7.48	0.22	0→24	7.45	4.14	0→10A'	7.45	4.06	0→14A''	7.60	0.22
0→25	7.55	0.26	0→25	7.48	0.62	0→15A''	7.47	0.59	0→15A''	7.63	0.52
0→26	7.56	4.12	0→26	7.54	0.19	0→16A''	7.53	0.17	0→11A'	7.72	12.07
0→27	7.68	12.33	0→27	7.57	25.83	0→11A'	7.57	25.81	0→16A''	7.84	0.26
0→28	7.72	0.03	0→28	7.71	4.11	0→12A'	7.70	3.78	0→12A'	7.88	6.41
0→29	7.75	22.47	0→29	7.72	0.02	0→17A''	7.71	0.02	0→13A'	7.93	1.00
0→30	7.82	7.38	0→30	7.73	11.00	0→13A'	7.73	10.98	0→17A''	7.94	0.02
0→31	7.89	13.15	0→31	7.82	2.00	0→14A'	7.81	2.50	0→14A'	8.11	1.59
0→32	7.91	0.94	0→32	7.90	2.96	0→18A''	7.88	0.72	0→18A''	8.12	0.09
0→33	7.93	4.78	0→33	7.90	0.89	0→15A'	7.89	2.90	0→15A'	8.14	0.10
0→34	8.01	0.19	0→34	7.99	1.35	0→19A''	7.97	0.23	0→19A''	8.20	1.30
0→35	8.03	1.85	0→35	8.00	0.24	0→16A'	8.00	1.22	0→16A'	8.21	6.43
0→36	8.03	0.34	0→36	8.01	0.16	0→20A''	8.01	0.28	0→20A''	8.26	0.08
0→37	8.07	2.11	0→37	8.06	0.68	0→17A'	8.05	0.78	0→21A''	8.28	0.03
0→38	8.11	0.01	0→38	8.09	1.82	0→18A'	8.08	1.65	0→22A''	8.34	0.83
0→39	8.12	2.86	0→39	8.11	0.01	0→21A''	8.09	0.00	0→17A'	8.34	1.39
0→40	8.23	0.38	0→40	8.20	3.35	0→22A''	8.18	0.30	0→18A'	8.37	6.60
0→41	8.24	1.52	0→41	8.23	0.37	0→19A'	8.19	3.22	0→23A''	8.41	0.64
0→42	8.24	0.11	0→42	8.24	0.10	0→23A''	8.24	0.00	0→19A'	8.44	0.87
0→43	8.26	0.05	0→43	8.26	0.05	0→24A''	8.24	0.08	0→24A''	8.46	0.15
0→44	8.31	0.82	0→44	8.27	1.25	0→20A'	8.27	1.27	0→25A''	8.50	0.42
0→45	8.32	3.78	0→45	8.31	0.73	0→25A''	8.30	0.88	0→20A'	8.65	0.78
0→46	8.41	0.82	0→46	8.41	0.73						
0→47	8.44	0.11	0→47	8.44	0.08						
0→48	8.46	0.50	0→48	8.46	0.47						
0→49	8.51	0.75	0→49	8.49	0.24						
0→50	8.51	0.03	0→50	8.51	0.03						
0→51	8.52	0.00	0→51	8.52	0.00						
0→52	8.55	0.06	0→52	8.55	0.05						
0→53	8.60	0.01	0→53	8.59	3.81						
0→54	8.61	0.03	0→54	8.60	0.02						
0→55	8.61	1.08	0→55	8.60	3.11						
0→56	8.64	4.24	0→56	8.61	0.02						
0→57	8.68	4.57	0→57	8.66	3.69						

Table S21: Guanine. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ ESA transition energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) from  $S_{3A''}$  ( $n\pi^*$ ), computed in the Tamm-Dancoff approximation, TDDFT in gas phase and TDDFT in non-equilibrium PCM (chloroform). Estimated first IP is 2.38 eV. Note the different state number for the initial state at TDA and TDDFT level.

TDA (Turbomole)			TDDFT(Turbomole)			TDDFT(Dalton)			TDDFT/PCM(Dalton)		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
4→5	0.13	0.00	5→6	0.37	0.00	3A''→4A''	0.36	0.00	3A''→4A''	0.34	0.59
4→6	0.35	0.00	5→7	0.57	0.04	3A''→5A''	0.57	0.04	3A''→5A''	0.60	26.96
4→7	0.55	0.03	5→8	0.76	0.08	3A''→6A''	0.76	0.07	3A''→6A''	0.61	3.67
4→8	0.79	0.08	5→9	0.83	0.04	3A''→7A''	0.81	0.03	3A''→3A'	0.67	0.00
4→9	0.81	0.03	5→10	0.89	0.00	3A''→3A'	0.89	0.00	3A''→4A'	0.71	2.75
4→10	0.88	0.06	5→11	0.89	0.07	3A''→8A''	0.89	0.08	3A''→7A''	0.76	18.04
4→11	0.89	0.00	5→12	0.97	0.00	3A''→4A'	0.98	0.00	3A''→8A''	0.84	0.07
4→12	1.06	0.01	5→13	1.16	0.03	3A''→9A''	1.16	0.02	3A''→9A''	1.12	1.30
4→13	1.15	0.02	5→14	1.17	0.02	3A''→5A'	1.16	0.04	3A''→5A'	1.15	0.00
4→14	1.16	0.03	5→15	1.34	0.01	3A''→10A''	1.33	0.01	3A''→10A''	1.39	0.24
4→15	1.32	0.01	5→16	1.52	0.02	3A''→6A'	1.52	0.02	3A''→6A'	1.39	0.10
4→16	1.51	0.03	5→17	1.55	0.27	3A''→11A''	1.55	0.40	3A''→11A''	1.45	7.15
4→17	1.54	0.26	5→18	1.57	0.01	3A''→12A''	1.57	0.04	3A''→7A'	1.56	0.77
4→18	1.56	0.02	5→19	1.63	0.00	3A''→7A'	1.63	0.00	3A''→8A'	1.58	5.03
4→19	1.65	0.00	5→20	1.67	0.00	3A''→13A''	1.66	0.00	3A''→12A''	1.60	0.16
4→20	1.70	0.00	5→21	1.77	0.03	3A''→8A'	1.76	0.02	3A''→9A'	1.65	0.08
4→21	1.77	0.02	5→22	1.80	0.01	3A''→9A'	1.80	0.01	3A''→13A''	1.67	0.02
4→22	1.81	0.01	5→23	1.83	0.11	3A''→14A''	1.83	0.10	3A''→10A'	1.73	15.56
4→23	1.84	0.11	5→24	1.86	0.00	3A''→10A'	1.86	0.00	3A''→14A''	1.75	0.05
4→24	1.87	0.01	5→25	1.89	0.00	3A''→15A''	1.88	0.00	3A''→15A''	1.78	0.20
4→25	1.94	0.00	5→26	1.95	0.00	3A''→16A''	1.95	0.00	3A''→11A'	1.86	0.00
4→26	1.94	0.00	5→27	1.98	0.01	3A''→11A'	1.98	0.01	3A''→16A''	1.99	1.31
4→27	2.07	0.05	5→28	2.12	0.03	3A''→12A'	2.11	0.03	3A''→12A'	2.02	0.10
4→28	2.11	0.03	5→29	2.13	0.03	3A''→17A''	2.12	0.03	3A''→13A'	2.07	0.35
4→29	2.14	0.00	5→30	2.14	0.00	3A''→13A'	2.14	0.00	3A''→17A''	2.08	2.77
4→30	2.21	0.09	5→31	2.23	0.14	3A''→14A'	2.22	0.14	3A''→14A'	2.25	0.04
4→31	2.28	0.06	5→32	2.31	0.03	3A''→18A''	2.30	0.02	3A''→18A''	2.26	0.00
4→32	2.30	0.01	5→33	2.31	0.01	3A''→15A'	2.30	0.02	3A''→15A'	2.28	0.00
4→33	2.32	0.00	5→34	2.40	0.00	3A''→19A''	2.39	0.01	3A''→19A''	2.34	2.02
4→34	2.39	0.01	5→35	2.41	0.00	3A''→16A'	2.41	0.00	3A''→16A'	2.35	0.04
4→35	2.41	0.00	5→36	2.43	0.06	3A''→20A''	2.42	0.04	3A''→20A''	2.40	2.90
4→36	2.41	0.05	5→37	2.47	0.00	3A''→17A'	2.47	0.01	3A''→21A''	2.42	0.86
4→37	2.46	0.01	5→38	2.50	0.00	3A''→18A'	2.50	0.00	3A''→22A''	2.48	1.01
4→38	2.50	0.00	5→39	2.52	0.00	3A''→21A''	2.50	0.00	3A''→17A'	2.49	0.00
4→39	2.51	0.00	5→40	2.61	0.01	3A''→22A''	2.59	0.05	3A''→18A'	2.51	0.04
4→40	2.62	0.18	5→41	2.64	0.17	3A''→19A'	2.60	0.02	3A''→23A''	2.55	1.42
4→41	2.63	0.03	5→42	2.65	0.63	3A''→23A''	2.65	0.46	3A''→19A'	2.58	0.00
4→42	2.63	0.61	5→43	2.67	0.00	3A''→24A''	2.66	0.28	3A''→24A''	2.61	5.90
4→43	2.65	0.00	5→44	2.68	0.02	3A''→20A'	2.68	0.03	3A''→25A''	2.64	0.02
4→44	2.70	0.00	5→45	2.72	0.00	3A''→25A''	2.71	0.00	3A''→20A'	2.79	0.03
4→45	2.71	0.00	5→46	2.82	0.00						
4→46	2.80	0.00	5→47	2.85	0.04						
4→47	2.83	0.05	5→48	2.87	0.13						
4→48	2.85	0.14	5→49	2.90	0.00						
4→49	2.90	0.00	5→50	2.92	0.09						
4→50	2.90	0.10	5→51	2.93	3.21						
4→51	2.91	3.15	5→52	2.96	0.01						
4→52	2.94	0.01	5→53	3.00	0.00						
4→53	2.99	0.04	5→54	3.01	0.02						
4→54	3.00	0.00	5→55	3.01	0.03						
4→55	3.00	0.00	5→56	3.02	0.01						
4→56	3.03	0.04	5→57	3.08	0.03						
4→57	3.07	0.01	5→58	3.11	0.00						
4→58	3.14	0.26	5→59	3.15	0.26						
4→59	3.14	0.00	5→60	3.17	0.02						
4→60	3.15	0.02									

Table S22: Guanine. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ ESA transition energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) from  $S_{1A'}$  ( $L_a$ ), computed using the Tamm-Dancoff approximation (CIS), TDDFT in gas phase, TDDFT with non-equilibrium PCM (chloroform). Estimated first IP is 2.84 eV.

TDA (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Dalton)			TDDFT/PCM (Dalton)		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
2 → 3	0.16	0.02	2 → 3	0.32	0.03	1A'→2A''	0.31	0.03	1A'→1A''	0.31	0.00
2 → 4	0.32	0.00	2 → 4	0.44	0.48	1A'→2A'	0.44	0.48	1A'→2A'	0.44	0.57
2 → 5	0.45	0.47	2 → 5	0.46	0.00	1A'→3A''	0.46	0.00	1A'→2A''	0.74	0.02
2 → 6	0.67	0.00	2 → 6	0.83	0.00	1A'→4A''	0.82	0.00	1A'→3A''	0.79	0.22
2 → 7	0.87	0.00	2 → 7	1.03	0.00	1A'→5A''	1.03	0.00	1A'→4A''	1.12	0.01
2 → 8	1.10	0.00	2 → 8	1.22	0.00	1A'→6A''	1.22	0.00	1A'→5A''	1.39	0.02
2 → 9	1.13	0.01	2 → 9	1.29	0.01	1A'→7A''	1.27	0.01	1A'→6A''	1.40	0.01
2 → 10	1.20	0.01	2 → 10	1.34	0.72	1A'→3A'	1.35	0.73	1A'→3A'	1.46	0.10
2 → 11	1.21	0.61	2 → 11	1.35	0.01	1A'→8A''	1.35	0.01	1A'→4A'	1.49	0.78
2 → 12	1.38	0.44	2 → 12	1.43	0.38	1A'→4A'	1.43	0.36	1A'→7A''	1.54	0.03
2 → 13	1.47	0.03	2 → 13	1.62	0.45	1A'→9A''	1.62	0.03	1A'→8A''	1.63	0.02
2 → 14	1.48	0.97	2 → 14	1.62	0.03	1A'→5A'	1.62	0.48	1A'→9A''	1.91	0.17
2 → 15	1.64	0.03	2 → 15	1.80	0.03	1A'→10A''	1.79	0.03	1A'→5A'	1.93	0.06
2 → 16	1.83	0.05	2 → 16	1.98	0.03	1A'→6A'	1.97	0.03	1A'→10A''	2.17	0.00
2 → 17	1.86	0.01	2 → 17	2.01	0.00	1A'→11A''	2.01	0.00	1A'→6A'	2.17	1.42
2 → 18	1.87	0.00	2 → 18	2.03	0.00	1A'→12A''	2.03	0.00	1A'→11A''	2.23	0.00
2 → 19	1.97	0.00	2 → 19	2.08	0.09	1A'→7A'	2.08	0.08	1A'→7A'	2.34	1.51
2 → 20	2.01	0.08	2 → 20	2.13	0.00	1A'→13A''	2.12	0.00	1A'→8A'	2.36	1.37
2 → 21	2.09	0.01	2 → 21	2.23	0.02	1A'→8A'	2.22	0.02	1A'→12A''	2.39	0.02
2 → 22	2.13	0.10	2 → 22	2.26	0.14	1A'→9A'	2.26	0.17	1A'→9A'	2.44	0.22
2 → 23	2.16	0.01	2 → 23	2.29	0.00	1A'→14A''	2.29	0.00	1A'→13A''	2.46	0.00
2 → 24	2.19	0.03	2 → 24	2.32	2.46	1A'→10A'	2.32	2.24	1A'→10A'	2.51	0.10
2 → 25	2.25	0.00	2 → 25	2.35	0.02	1A'→15A''	2.34	0.02	1A'→14A''	2.53	0.00
2 → 26	2.26	2.35	2 → 26	2.41	0.00	1A'→16A''	2.40	0.00	1A'→15A''	2.56	0.01
2 → 27	2.39	0.21	2 → 27	2.44	0.20	1A'→11A'	2.44	0.17	1A'→11A'	2.65	0.10
2 → 28	2.43	0.20	2 → 28	2.58	0.11	1A'→12A'	2.57	0.13	1A'→16A''	2.77	0.16
2 → 29	2.45	0.53	2 → 29	2.59	0.18	1A'→17A''	2.58	0.19	1A'→12A'	2.81	0.09
2 → 30	2.53	0.07	2 → 30	2.60	0.06	1A'→13A'	2.60	0.05	1A'→13A'	2.86	0.16
2 → 31	2.60	0.10	2 → 31	2.69	0.14	1A'→14A'	2.68	0.13	1A'→17A''	2.87	0.01
2 → 32	2.61	0.00	2 → 32	2.77	0.12	1A'→18A''	2.76	0.00	1A'→14A'	3.04	6.17
2 → 33	2.64	0.10	2 → 33	2.77	0.00	1A'→15A'	2.76	0.08	1A'→18A''	3.05	0.01
2 → 34	2.71	0.08	2 → 34	2.86	1.60	1A'→19A''	2.84	0.06	1A'→15A'	3.07	0.05
2 → 35	2.73	1.03	2 → 35	2.87	0.04	1A'→16A'	2.87	1.48	1A'→19A''	3.13	0.00
2 → 36	2.73	0.02	2 → 36	2.88	0.03	1A'→20A''	2.88	0.01	1A'→16A'	3.14	1.55
2 → 37	2.78	0.00	2 → 37	2.93	0.06	1A'→17A'	2.93	0.05	1A'→20A''	3.18	0.03
2 → 38	2.82	0.00	2 → 38	2.96	1.32	1A'→18A'	2.96	0.95	1A'→21A''	3.21	0.00
2 → 39	2.83	0.51	2 → 39	2.98	0.00	1A'→21A''	2.96	0.00	1A'→22A''	3.27	0.01
2 → 40	2.94	0.04	2 → 40	3.07	2.36	1A'→22A''	3.05	0.01	1A'→17A'	3.27	4.37
2 → 41	2.95	1.25	2 → 41	3.10	0.03	1A'→19A'	3.06	2.21	1A'→18A'	3.30	2.82
2 → 42	2.95	0.14	2 → 42	3.11	0.09	1A'→23A''	3.11	0.10	1A'→23A''	3.34	0.01
2 → 43	2.97	0.01	2 → 43	3.13	0.01	1A'→24A''	3.12	0.02	1A'→19A'	3.37	0.18
2 → 44	3.02	0.00	2 → 44	3.14	0.94	1A'→20A'	3.14	0.89	1A'→24A''	3.39	0.02
2 → 45	3.03	2.56	2 → 45	3.18	0.00	1A'→25A''	3.17	0.00	1A'→25A''	3.42	0.05
2 → 46	3.12	0.04	2 → 46	3.28	0.02				1A'→20A'	3.58	0.26
2 → 47	3.15	0.02	2 → 47	3.31	0.01						
2 → 48	3.17	0.02	2 → 48	3.33	0.01						
2 → 49	3.21	1.03	2 → 49	3.36	1.58						
2 → 50	3.22	0.00	2 → 50	3.38	0.00						
2 → 51	3.23	0.00	2 → 51	3.39	0.00						
2 → 52	3.26	0.01	2 → 52	3.42	0.01						
2 → 53	3.31	0.06	2 → 53	3.46	2.83						
2 → 54	3.31	0.00	2 → 54	3.47	0.18						
2 → 55	3.32	2.39	2 → 55	3.47	0.19						
2 → 56	3.35	0.13	2 → 56	3.48	0.00						
2 → 57	3.39	0.01	2 → 57	3.53	0.05						
2 → 58	3.45	0.00	2 → 58	3.57	2.71						
2 → 59	3.45	2.51	2 → 59	3.61	0.00						
2 → 60	3.47	0.21	2 → 60	3.63	0.18						

Table S23: Guanine. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ ESA transition energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) from  $S_{2A'}$  ( $L_b$ ), computed with Tamm-Dancoff approximation (CIS), TDDFT and TDDFT in non-equilibrium PCM (chloroform). Estimated first IP is 2.4 eV.

TDA (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Turbomole)			TDDFT (Dalton)			TDDFT/PCM (Dalton)		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
4 → 5	0.13	0.00	4 → 5	0.02	0.00	2A' → 3A''	0.02	0.00	2A' → 2A''	0.31	0.00
4 → 6	0.35	0.00	4 → 6	0.39	0.00	2A' → 4A''	0.38	0.00	2A' → 3A''	0.35	0.07
4 → 7	0.55	0.03	4 → 7	0.59	0.08	2A' → 5A''	0.59	0.08	2A' → 4A''	0.69	0.01
4 → 8	0.79	0.08	4 → 8	0.78	0.01	2A' → 6A''	0.78	0.02	2A' → 5A''	0.95	0.03
4 → 9	0.81	0.03	4 → 9	0.85	0.54	2A' → 7A''	0.83	0.53	2A' → 6A''	0.96	0.00
4 → 10	0.88	0.06	4 → 10	0.91	0.83	2A' → 3A'	0.91	0.82	2A' → 3A'	1.02	4.90
4 → 11	0.89	0.00	4 → 11	0.91	0.00	2A' → 8A''	0.91	0.00	2A' → 4A'	1.05	4.48
4 → 12	1.06	0.01	4 → 12	0.99	7.09	2A' → 4A'	0.99	6.98	2A' → 7A''	1.11	0.22
4 → 13	1.15	0.02	4 → 13	1.18	0.02	2A' → 9A''	1.18	0.04	2A' → 8A''	1.19	0.00
4 → 14	1.16	0.03	4 → 14	1.19	0.04	2A' → 5A'	1.18	0.02	2A' → 9A''	1.47	0.46
4 → 15	1.32	0.01	4 → 15	1.36	0.01	2A' → 10A''	1.35	0.01	2A' → 5A'	1.49	0.58
4 → 16	1.51	0.03	4 → 16	1.54	0.16	2A' → 6A'	1.53	0.16	2A' → 10A''	1.73	0.29
4 → 17	1.54	0.26	4 → 17	1.57	0.00	2A' → 11A''	1.57	0.00	2A' → 6A'	1.74	0.27
4 → 18	1.56	0.02	4 → 18	1.60	0.04	2A' → 12A''	1.59	0.04	2A' → 11A''	1.79	0.08
4 → 19	1.65	0.00	4 → 19	1.65	0.83	2A' → 7A'	1.64	0.83	2A' → 7A'	1.90	0.64
4 → 20	1.70	0.00	4 → 20	1.69	0.35	2A' → 13A''	1.68	0.32	2A' → 8A'	1.92	0.49
4 → 21	1.77	0.02	4 → 21	1.79	0.29	2A' → 8A'	1.78	0.19	2A' → 12A''	1.95	0.01
4 → 22	1.81	0.01	4 → 22	1.82	1.82	2A' → 9A'	1.82	2.07	2A' → 9A'	2.00	0.38
4 → 23	1.84	0.11	4 → 23	1.85	0.00	2A' → 14A'	1.85	0.00	2A' → 13A''	2.02	0.00
4 → 24	1.87	0.01	4 → 24	1.88	0.77	2A' → 10A'	1.88	0.78	2A' → 10A'	2.07	1.10
4 → 25	1.94	0.00	4 → 25	1.91	0.15	2A' → 15A''	1.90	0.17	2A' → 14A''	2.09	0.00
4 → 26	1.94	0.00	4 → 26	1.97	0.01	2A' → 16A''	1.96	0.01	2A' → 15A''	2.13	0.02
4 → 27	2.07	0.05	4 → 27	2.00	0.12	2A' → 11A'	2.00	0.12	2A' → 11A'	2.21	5.93
4 → 28	2.11	0.03	4 → 28	2.14	0.28	2A' → 12A'	2.13	0.16	2A' → 16A''	2.33	0.24
4 → 29	2.14	0.00	4 → 29	2.15	0.32	2A' → 17A''	2.14	0.34	2A' → 12A'	2.37	0.49
4 → 30	2.21	0.09	4 → 30	2.16	1.82	2A' → 13A'	2.16	1.68	2A' → 13A'	2.42	1.01
4 → 31	2.28	0.06	4 → 31	2.25	0.30	2A' → 14A'	2.24	0.34	2A' → 17A''	2.43	0.05
4 → 32	2.30	0.01	4 → 32	2.33	0.19	2A' → 18A''	2.32	0.04	2A' → 14A'	2.60	0.35
4 → 33	2.32	0.00	4 → 33	2.33	0.02	2A' → 15A'	2.32	0.16	2A' → 18A''	2.61	0.00
4 → 34	2.39	0.01	4 → 34	2.43	0.71	2A' → 19A''	2.40	0.26	2A' → 15A'	2.63	0.00
4 → 35	2.41	0.00	4 → 35	2.43	0.22	2A' → 16A'	2.43	0.58	2A' → 19A''	2.69	0.04
4 → 36	2.41	0.05	4 → 36	2.45	0.05	2A' → 20A''	2.44	0.00	2A' → 16A'	2.70	0.34
4 → 37	2.46	0.01	4 → 37	2.49	0.05	2A' → 17A'	2.49	0.06	2A' → 20A''	2.75	0.16
4 → 38	2.50	0.00	4 → 38	2.52	0.50	2A' → 18A'	2.52	0.37	2A' → 21A''	2.77	0.00
4 → 39	2.51	0.00	4 → 39	2.54	0.04	2A' → 21A''	2.52	0.05	2A' → 22A''	2.83	0.00
4 → 40	2.62	0.18	4 → 40	2.63	0.41	2A' → 22A''	2.61	0.16	2A' → 17A'	2.83	3.53
4 → 41	2.63	0.03	4 → 41	2.66	0.22	2A' → 19A'	2.62	0.42	2A' → 18A'	2.86	2.84
4 → 42	2.63	0.61	4 → 42	2.67	0.00	2A' → 23A''	2.67	0.01	2A' → 23A''	2.90	0.00
4 → 43	2.65	0.00	4 → 43	2.69	0.01	2A' → 24A''	2.68	0.00	2A' → 19A'	2.93	0.67
4 → 44	2.70	0.00	4 → 44	2.71	0.05	2A' → 20A'	2.70	0.05	2A' → 24A''	2.95	0.12
4 → 45	2.71	0.00	4 → 45	2.74	0.01	2A' → 25A''	2.73	0.01	2A' → 25A''	2.99	0.00
4 → 46	2.80	0.00	4 → 46	2.84	0.03				2A' → 20A'	3.14	0.01
4 → 47	2.83	0.05	4 → 47	2.87	0.03						
4 → 48	2.85	0.14	4 → 48	2.89	0.05						
4 → 49	2.90	0.00	4 → 49	2.92	1.94						
4 → 50	2.90	0.10	4 → 50	2.94	0.00						
4 → 51	2.91	3.15	4 → 51	2.95	0.00						
4 → 52	2.94	0.01	4 → 52	2.98	0.00						
4 → 53	2.99	0.04	4 → 53	3.02	1.42						
4 → 54	3.00	0.00	4 → 54	3.03	0.04						
4 → 55	3.00	0.00	4 → 55	3.03	1.75						
4 → 56	3.03	0.04	4 → 56	3.04	0.14						
4 → 57	3.07	0.01	4 → 57	3.10	0.33						
4 → 58	3.14	0.26	4 → 58	3.13	2.70						
4 → 59	3.14	0.00	4 → 59	3.17	0.01						
4 → 60	3.15	0.02	4 → 60	3.19	0.33						

Table S24: Guanine. CC3/aug-cc-pVDZ ESA transition energies ( $\omega$ ) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ )

Trans.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$
0 → 1	4.814	0.30	2 → 3	0.241	0.03	4 → 5	0.100	0.00	5 → 6	0.151	0.00
0 → 2	5.027 L <sub>a</sub>	13.43	2 → 4	0.485	0.59	4 → 6	0.251	0.00	5 → 7	0.357	0.00
0 → 3	5.268	0.43	2 → 5	0.585	0.00	4 → 7	0.456	0.12	5 → 8	0.640	0.00
0 → 4	5.512 L <sub>b</sub>	30.42	2 → 6	0.736	0.00	4 → 8	0.739	0.51	5 → 9	0.645	0.01
0 → 5	5.612 $n\pi^*$	0.00	2 → 7	0.942	0.00	4 → 9	0.745	0.52	5 → 10	0.768	0.00
0 → 6	5.763	0.08	2 → 8	1.225	0.64	4 → 10	0.868	5.98	5 → 11	0.804	0.03
0 → 7	5.968	0.08	2 → 9	1.230	0.03	4 → 11	0.903	0.00	5 → 12	0.853	0.02
0 → 8	6.252	0.38	2 → 10	1.353	0.20	4 → 12	0.952	0.72	5 → 13	0.895	0.14
0 → 9	6.257	0.04	2 → 11	1.389	0.01	4 → 13	0.995	0.00	5 → 14	0.967	0.00
0 → 10	6.380	2.13	2 → 12	1.438	0.70	4 → 14	1.066	0.03	5 → 15	1.066	0.24
0 → 11	6.415	0.09	2 → 13	1.480	0.01	4 → 15	1.165	0.00	5 → 16	1.110	0.00
0 → 12	6.464	1.12	2 → 14	1.552	0.04	4 → 16	1.210	0.01			
0 → 13	6.507	0.12	2 → 15	1.651	0.00						
0 → 14	6.579	0.53	2 → 16	1.695	0.03						
0 → 15	6.678	0.00									
0 → 16	6.722	0.03									

Table S25: Guanine: CCSD/aug-cc-pVDZ ESA transition energies ( $\omega$ ) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ )

Trans.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\omega$ [eV]	$f \times 100$
0 → 1	4.965	0.30	2 → 3	0.174	0.02	4 → 5	0.005	0.00	5 → 6	0.140	0.01
0 → 2	5.214 L <sub>a</sub>	16.62	2 → 4	0.533	0.00	4 → 6	0.145	0.00	5 → 7	0.318	0.16
0 → 3	5.388	0.54	2 → 5	0.537	0.74	4 → 7	0.323	0.00	5 → 8	0.606	0.56
0 → 4	5.747 $n\pi^*$	0.00	2 → 6	0.677	0.00	4 → 8	0.610	0.01	5 → 9	0.610	0.39
0 → 5	5.751 L <sub>b</sub>	34.83	2 → 7	0.855	0.00	4 → 9	0.615	0.00	5 → 10	0.903	9.34
0 → 6	5.892	0.07	2 → 8	1.143	0.02	4 → 10	0.908	0.00	5 → 11	0.903	0.00
0 → 7	6.070	0.08	2 → 9	1.147	0.60	4 → 11	0.908	0.02	5 → 12	0.965	0.07
0 → 8	6.357	0.03	2 → 10	1.440	0.40	4 → 12	0.969	0.01	5 → 13	1.025	0.00
0 → 9	6.362	2.35	2 → 11	1.441	0.01	4 → 13	1.030	0.11	5 → 14	1.047	0.48
0 → 10	6.655	3.00	2 → 12	1.502	0.06	4 → 14	1.051	0.04	5 → 15	1.140	0.01
0 → 11	6.655	0.24	2 → 13	1.562	0.02	4 → 15	1.145	0.00	5 → 16	1.239	0.03
0 → 12	6.716	0.48	2 → 14	1.584	0.66	4 → 16	1.243	0.00	5 → 17	1.261	0.52
0 → 13	6.777	0.17	2 → 15	1.677	0.03	4 → 17	1.265	0.03	5 → 18	1.413	0.36
0 → 14	6.798	1.61	2 → 16	1.776	0.02	4 → 18	1.418	0.01	5 → 19	1.547	0.83
0 → 15	6.891	0.01	2 → 17	1.798	0.02	4 → 19	1.551	0.00	5 → 20	1.571	2.84
0 → 16	6.990	0.39	2 → 18	1.950	0.02	4 → 20	1.576	0.00	5 → 21	1.636	0.36
0 → 17	7.012	0.31	2 → 19	2.084	0.27	4 → 21	1.640	0.03	5 → 22	1.638	0.54
0 → 18	7.164	0.02	2 → 20	2.108	0.30	4 → 22	1.643	0.00	5 → 23	1.685	0.02
0 → 19	7.298	7.00	2 → 21	2.173	0.04	4 → 23	1.689	0.04	5 → 24	1.726	0.00
0 → 20	7.323	11.94	2 → 22	2.175	0.07	4 → 24	1.731	0.21	5 → 25	1.844	0.75
0 → 21	7.387	1.07	2 → 23	2.222	0.00	4 → 25	1.849	0.01	5 → 26	1.882	1.42
0 → 22	7.390	27.96	2 → 24	2.264	0.01	4 → 26	1.887	0.03	5 → 27	1.884	0.34
0 → 23	7.436	0.00	2 → 25	2.382	3.22	4 → 27	1.889	0.01	5 → 28	1.942	0.00
0 → 24	7.478	0.10	2 → 26	2.419	2.04	4 → 28	1.946	0.10	5 → 29	1.955	0.35
0 → 25	7.596	22.48	2 → 27	2.421	0.17	4 → 29	1.960	0.07	5 → 30	2.023	0.22
0 → 26	7.633	10.03	2 → 28	2.479	0.01	4 → 30	2.027	0.01			
0 → 27	7.635	0.00	2 → 29	2.492	0.10						
0 → 28	7.693	1.00	2 → 30	2.560	0.25						
0 → 29	7.707	12.76									
0 → 30	7.774	1.47									

Table S26: Guanine. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ and CAM-B3LYP/6-31G\*  
 ESA transition energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) from  $S_{1A'}$  ( $L_a$ )  
 and  $S_{1A''}$  ( $n\pi^*$ ) : (section 1)  $S_{1A'}$  ( $L_a$ ) at CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ; (sec-  
 tion 2)  $S_{1A'}$  ( $L_a$ ) at CAM-B3LYP/6-31G\*; (section 3)  $S_{1A''}$  ( $n\pi^*$ ) at CAM-  
 B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ, (section 4)  $S_{1A''}$  ( $n\pi^*$ ) at CAM-B3LYP/6-31G\*

$S_{1A'}$ ( $L_a$ ) aDZ			$S_{1A'}$ ( $L_a$ ) 6-31G*			$S_{1A''}$ ( $n\pi^*$ ) aDZ			$S_{1A''}$ ( $n\pi^*$ ) 6-31G*		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
1A'→2A"	0.31	0.03	1A'→1A"	0.30	0.00	1A"→1A'	0.09	0.02	1A"→2A"	0.23	0.00
1A'→2A'	0.44	0.48	1A'→2A'	0.53	0.46	1A"→2A"	0.40	10.44	1A"→2A"	0.88	0.05
1A'→3A"	0.46	0.00	1A'→2A"	1.18	0.00	1A"→2A'	0.53	0.57	1A"→3A"	0.91	0.17
1A'→4A"	0.82	0.00	1A'→3A"	1.20	0.01	1A"→3A"	0.55	0.04	1A"→4A"	1.24	0.01
1A'→5A"	1.03	0.00	1A'→4A"	1.54	0.00	1A"→4A"	0.91	18.61	1A"→3A'	1.37	0.00
1A'→6A"	1.22	0.00	1A'→3A'	1.66	1.12	1A"→5A"	1.11	3.08	1A"→5A"	1.60	0.27
1A'→7A"	1.27	0.01	1A'→5A"	1.90	0.00	1A"→6A"	1.31	0.00	1A"→4A'	1.87	0.00
1A'→3A'	1.35	0.73	1A'→4A'	2.17	0.18	1A"→7A"	1.36	0.04	1A"→6A"	1.93	0.13
1A'→8A"	1.35	0.01	1A'→6A"	2.22	0.00	1A"→3A'	1.43	18.90	1A"→7A"	1.97	0.00
1A'→4A'	1.43	0.36	1A'→7A"	2.27	0.00	1A"→8A"	1.44	0.01	1A"→5A'	2.12	0.00
1A'→9A"	1.62	0.03	1A'→5A'	2.42	1.37	1A"→4A'	1.52	1.33	1A"→6A'	2.19	0.00
1A'→5A'	1.62	0.48	1A'→6A'	2.49	1.42	1A"→9A"	1.70	1.18	1A"→8A"	2.34	0.01
1A'→10A"	1.79	0.03	1A'→8A"	2.64	0.00	1A"→5A'	1.71	0.00	1A"→7A'	2.37	0.00
1A'→6A'	1.97	0.03	1A'→7A'	2.66	0.10	1A"→10A"	1.87	9.07	1A"→9A"	2.50	0.05
1A'→11A"	2.01	0.00	1A'→9A"	2.79	0.01	1A"→6A'	2.06	0.07	1A"→10A"	2.67	0.00
1A'→12A"	2.03	0.00	1A'→10A"	2.96	0.00	1A"→11A"	2.10	0.21	1A"→8A'	2.75	0.00
1A'→7A'	2.08	0.08	1A'→8A'	3.05	6.18	1A"→12A"	2.11	1.33	1A"→9A'	2.91	0.00
1A'→13A"	2.12	0.00	1A'→9A'	3.21	0.88	1A"→7A'	2.17	0.14	1A"→11A"	3.15	1.96
1A'→8A'	2.22	0.02	1A'→11A"	3.44	0.00	1A"→13A"	2.21	3.46	1A"→12A"	3.19	0.68
1A'→9A'	2.26	0.17	1A'→12A"	3.48	0.00	1A"→8A'	2.31	0.17	1A"→10A'	3.31	0.00
1A'→14A"	2.29	0.00	1A'→10A'	3.60	1.73	1A"→9A'	2.34	2.71	1A"→13A"	3.36	0.81
1A'→10A'	2.32	2.24	1A'→13A"	3.66	0.00	1A"→14A"	2.38	0.02	1A"→14A"	3.43	0.01
1A'→15A"	2.34	0.02	1A'→14A"	3.72	0.00	1A"→10A'	2.41	0.00	1A"→11A'	3.52	0.00
1A'→16A"	2.40	0.00	1A'→11A'	3.82	0.16	1A"→15A"	2.43	2.51	1A"→12A'	3.53	0.00
1A'→11A'	2.44	0.17	1A'→12A'	3.83	2.85	1A"→16A"	2.49	6.33	1A"→15A"	3.65	0.00
1A'→12A'	2.57	0.13	1A'→15A"	3.94	0.00	1A"→11A'	2.53	0.47	1A"→16A"	3.70	0.00
1A'→17A"	2.58	0.19	1A'→16A"	3.99	0.00	1A"→12A"	2.66	0.00	1A"→13A'	3.80	0.00
1A'→13A'	2.60	0.05	1A'→13A'	4.10	0.45	1A"→17A"	2.67	0.30	1A"→17A"	4.12	0.11
1A'→14A'	2.68	0.13	1A'→17A"	4.41	0.00	1A"→13A'	2.69	0.00	1A"→18A"	4.17	0.00
1A'→18A"	2.76	0.00	1A'→18A"	4.46	0.00	1A"→14A'	2.77	0.00	1A"→14A'	4.18	0.00
1A'→15A'	2.76	0.08	1A'→14A'	4.47	0.01	1A"→18A"	2.84	3.66	1A"→15A'	4.41	0.00
1A'→19A"	2.84	0.06	1A'→15A'	4.71	0.14	1A"→15A'	2.85	0.00	1A"→19A"	4.47	0.00
1A'→16A'	2.87	1.48	1A'→19A"	4.77	0.02	1A"→19A"	2.93	3.51	1A"→16A'	4.53	0.00
1A'→20A"	2.88	0.01	1A'→16A'	4.83	0.11	1A"→16A'	2.95	0.13	1A"→20A"	4.59	0.47
1A'→17A'	2.93	0.05	1A'→20A"	4.89	0.02	1A"→20A"	2.97	0.03	1A"→17A'	4.67	0.00
1A'→18A'	2.96	0.95	1A'→17A'	4.96	0.11	1A"→17A'	3.01	0.02	1A"→21A"	4.68	0.01
1A'→21A"	2.96	0.00	1A'→21A"	4.97	0.00	1A"→18A'	3.04	0.14	1A"→18A'	4.73	0.01
1A'→22A"	3.05	0.01	1A'→18A'	5.03	0.06	1A"→21A"	3.05	3.55	1A"→22A"	4.76	0.00
1A'→19A'	3.06	2.21	1A'→22A"	5.06	0.01	1A"→22A"	3.14	1.05	1A"→19A'	4.80	0.03
1A'→23A"	3.11	0.10	1A'→19A'	5.10	0.09	1A"→19A'	3.15	0.08	1A"→20A'	4.92	0.00
1A'→24A"	3.12	0.02	1A'→20A'	5.21	0.07	1A"→23A"	3.20	0.44	1A"→23A"	5.02	0.00
1A'→20A'	3.14	0.89	1A'→23A"	5.31	0.00	1A"→24A"	3.20	0.47	1A"→24A"	5.14	0.00
1A'→25A"	3.17	0.00	1A'→24A"	5.44	0.00	1A"→20A'	3.22	0.00	1A"→25A"	5.19	0.01
			1A'→25A"	5.49	0.11	1A"→25A"	3.26	0.38			

## SS4.5 ESA from $\pi\pi^*$

Table S27: ESA from the 1A' state at  $\pi\pi^*$  minima. CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ excitation energies ( $\Delta E$ , eV) and oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) for Cytosine, Thymine, Adenine, Guanine.

Cytosine			Thymine			Adenine			Guanine		
Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$	Trans.	$\Delta E$	$f \times 100$
$\rightarrow 1A''$	0.84	0.00	$\rightarrow 1A''$	0.63	0.00	$\rightarrow 1A''$	0.45	0.00	$\rightarrow 2A'$	0.55	0.77
$\rightarrow 2A'$	0.90	1.44	$\rightarrow 2A''$	1.32	0.43	$\rightarrow 2A'$	0.64	0.50	$\rightarrow 1A''$	0.55	0.03
$\rightarrow 2A''$	0.98	0.00	$\rightarrow 2A'$	1.75	0.47	$\rightarrow 2A''$	0.81	0.03	$\rightarrow 2A''$	1.02	0.19
$\rightarrow 3A''$	1.60	0.17	$\rightarrow 3A'$	1.87	2.22	$\rightarrow 3A''$	1.32	0.40	$\rightarrow 3A''$	1.26	0.00
$\rightarrow 4A''$	1.74	0.00	$\rightarrow 3A''$	1.89	0.04	$\rightarrow 4A''$	1.48	0.05	$\rightarrow 4A''$	1.35	0.00
$\rightarrow 3A'$	2.01	0.27	$\rightarrow 4A''$	1.92	0.00	$\rightarrow 5A''$	1.51	0.61	$\rightarrow 5A''$	1.61	0.11
$\rightarrow 5A''$	2.08	0.00	$\rightarrow 5A''$	2.05	0.19	$\rightarrow 3A'$	1.66	9.78	$\rightarrow 6A''$	1.62	0.00
$\rightarrow 6A''$	2.27	0.06	$\rightarrow 4A'$	2.39	0.15	$\rightarrow 6A''$	1.70	0.00	$\rightarrow 3A'$	1.66	0.18
$\rightarrow 4A'$	2.29	0.11	$\rightarrow 6A''$	2.56	0.00	$\rightarrow 4A'$	1.88	0.60	$\rightarrow 4A'$	1.74	1.20
$\rightarrow 7A''$	2.41	0.08	$\rightarrow 7A''$	2.75	0.20	$\rightarrow 7A''$	1.89	0.00	$\rightarrow 7A''$	1.76	0.00
$\rightarrow 5A'$	2.49	0.93	$\rightarrow 8A''$	2.83	0.00	$\rightarrow 8A''$	2.01	0.02	$\rightarrow 8A''$	1.85	0.00
$\rightarrow 8A''$	2.74	0.01	$\rightarrow 5A'$	2.85	0.01	$\rightarrow 5A'$	2.07	0.83	$\rightarrow 9A''$	2.14	0.08
$\rightarrow 6A'$	2.87	0.51	$\rightarrow 9A''$	2.96	0.01	$\rightarrow 9A''$	2.21	0.14	$\rightarrow 10A''$	2.44	0.00
$\rightarrow 9A''$	2.87	0.01	$\rightarrow 10A''$	3.07	0.00	$\rightarrow 6A'$	2.24	3.97	$\rightarrow 5A'$	2.55	0.51
$\rightarrow 10A''$	2.93	0.03	$\rightarrow 6A'$	3.13	0.85	$\rightarrow 10A''$	2.34	0.01	$\rightarrow 11A''$	2.56	0.00
$\rightarrow 11A''$	3.02	0.21	$\rightarrow 7A'$	3.24	0.23	$\rightarrow 7A'$	2.38	0.27	$\rightarrow 6A'$	2.60	2.66
$\rightarrow 12A''$	3.12	0.49	$\rightarrow 11A''$	3.24	0.02	$\rightarrow 11A''$	2.84	0.00	$\rightarrow 7A'$	2.65	0.36
$\rightarrow 7A'$	3.16	0.53	$\rightarrow 8A'$	3.27	0.73	$\rightarrow 8A'$	2.85	0.05	$\rightarrow 8A'$	2.73	0.59
$\rightarrow 8A'$	3.26	2.97	$\rightarrow 9A'$	3.47	0.64	$\rightarrow 12A''$	2.87	0.01	$\rightarrow 12A''$	2.75	0.01
$\rightarrow 9A'$	3.28	4.05	$\rightarrow 12A''$	3.57	0.02	$\rightarrow 9A'$	2.89	0.11	$\rightarrow 13A''$	2.80	0.01
$\rightarrow 13A''$	3.31	0.00	$\rightarrow 10A'$	3.65	0.38	$\rightarrow 10A'$	2.92	0.22	$\rightarrow 9A'$	2.87	0.40
$\rightarrow 10A'$	3.36	0.94	$\rightarrow 13A''$	3.67	0.05	$\rightarrow 13A''$	2.92	0.55	$\rightarrow 10A'$	2.88	0.23
$\rightarrow 14A''$	3.59	0.07	$\rightarrow 11A'$	3.72	6.46	$\rightarrow 11A'$	3.08	0.16	$\rightarrow 14A''$	2.94	0.00
$\rightarrow 15A''$	3.60	0.00	$\rightarrow 14A''$	3.78	0.15	$\rightarrow 14A''$	3.13	0.04	$\rightarrow 15A''$	3.01	0.05
$\rightarrow 11A'$	3.63	1.79	$\rightarrow 12A'$	3.91	0.08	$\rightarrow 15A''$	3.18	0.11	$\rightarrow 11A'$	3.04	0.18
$\rightarrow 16A''$	3.73	0.00	$\rightarrow 15A''$	3.94	0.09	$\rightarrow 16A''$	3.21	0.01	$\rightarrow 12A'$	3.09	0.18
$\rightarrow 12A'$	3.80	0.06	$\rightarrow 16A''$	3.95	0.04	$\rightarrow 12A''$	3.24	0.64	$\rightarrow 16A''$	3.11	0.00
$\rightarrow 17A''$	3.88	0.03	$\rightarrow 17A''$	4.04	0.00	$\rightarrow 17A''$	3.27	0.35	$\rightarrow 13A'$	3.24	0.05
$\rightarrow 13A'$	3.90	0.08	$\rightarrow 18A''$	4.07	0.01	$\rightarrow 13A''$	3.38	0.74	$\rightarrow 17A''$	3.41	0.00
$\rightarrow 14A'$	3.94	0.00	$\rightarrow 19A''$	4.12	0.00	$\rightarrow 14A'$	3.45	0.03	$\rightarrow 18A''$	3.43	0.00
$\rightarrow 15A'$	4.05	0.24	$\rightarrow 13A'$	4.14	0.41	$\rightarrow 18A''$	3.48	0.05	$\rightarrow 14A'$	3.47	5.27
$\rightarrow 16A'$	4.08	5.84	$\rightarrow 20A''$	4.15	0.01	$\rightarrow 15A''$	3.51	0.29	$\rightarrow 19A''$	3.48	0.04
$\rightarrow 18A''$	4.09	0.00	$\rightarrow 14A'$	4.34	0.92	$\rightarrow 19A''$	3.51	0.01	$\rightarrow 15A'$	3.53	0.72
$\rightarrow 19A''$	4.18	0.03	$\rightarrow 15A'$	4.37	1.11	$\rightarrow 20A''$	3.58	0.00	$\rightarrow 16A'$	3.59	1.78
$\rightarrow 17A'$	4.19	0.93	$\rightarrow 21A''$	4.43	0.58	$\rightarrow 16A'$	3.62	0.05	$\rightarrow 20A''$	3.60	0.00
$\rightarrow 20A''$	4.25	0.02	$\rightarrow 16A'$	4.46	12.62	$\rightarrow 21A''$	3.66	0.02	$\rightarrow 21A''$	3.64	0.02
$\rightarrow 18A'$	4.30	33.29	$\rightarrow 22A''$	4.53	0.00	$\rightarrow 17A'$	3.75	0.97	$\rightarrow 22A''$	3.75	0.00
$\rightarrow 19A'$	4.37	256.39	$\rightarrow 17A'$	4.53	125.71	$\rightarrow 22A''$	3.75	0.01	$\rightarrow 17A'$	3.76	0.06
$\rightarrow 21A''$	4.43	0.02	$\rightarrow 23A''$	4.54	0.07	$\rightarrow 18A'$	3.87	0.14	$\rightarrow 18A'$	3.80	0.16
$\rightarrow 22A''$	4.52	0.01	$\rightarrow 18A'$	4.54	62.43	$\rightarrow 23A''$	3.89	0.06	$\rightarrow 23A''$	3.82	0.00
$\rightarrow 23A''$	4.52	0.01	$\rightarrow 24A''$	4.62	0.00	$\rightarrow 24A''$	3.92	0.23	$\rightarrow 24A''$	3.84	0.03
$\rightarrow 24A''$	4.59	0.00	$\rightarrow 19A'$	4.65	0.24	$\rightarrow 19A'$	3.95	0.47	$\rightarrow 25A''$	3.92	0.01
$\rightarrow 20A'$	4.63	0.11	$\rightarrow 20A'$	4.72	8.01	$\rightarrow 25A''$	3.96	0.00	$\rightarrow 19A'$	3.93	0.53
$\rightarrow 20A'$	4.63	0.10	$\rightarrow 25A''$	4.83	0.03	$\rightarrow 20A'$	4.05	0.03	$\rightarrow 20A'$	4.01	2.45
$\rightarrow 25A''$	4.70	0.04									

## S5 Additional figures

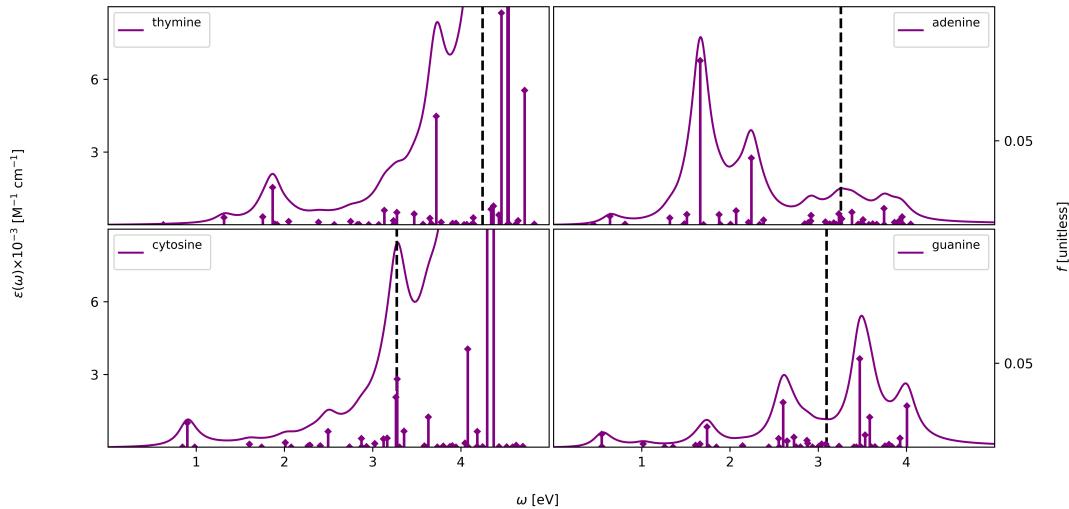


Figure S23: CAMB3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ ESA in solution computed, at the non-equilibrium level, applying PCM in chloroform from  $\pi\pi^*$  state at the  $\pi\pi^*$ -minima for four nucleobases. A vertical dashed line indicates the estimated value of the first ionization energy in the excited state for ESA. This was obtained as difference of the IE of the ground state and the energy of  $\pi\pi^*$  state. Structures were optimised in gas-phase.

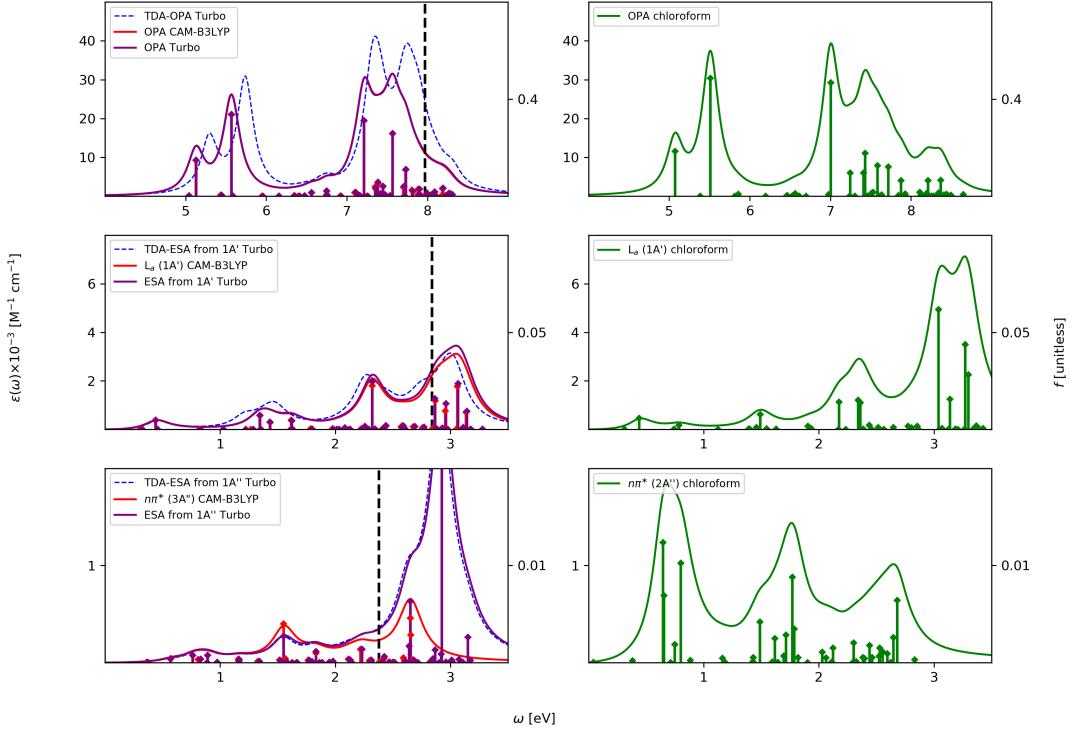


Figure S24: Guanine. OPA and ESA computed at CAMB3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ level of theory. A vertical dashed line indicates the first ionisation energy for OPA and the estimated value of the first ionisation energy in the excited state for ESA, obtained as IE of the ground state minus the energy of  $1\pi$  and  $1n$ .

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