

# **Excited-State Methods Based on State-Averaged Long-Range CASSCF Short-Range DFT**

## **Supporting Information**

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# 1 States included in the state-averaged CASSCF-DFT calculations for Thiel’s benchmark set

Table 1: States included in the state-averaged CASSCF-DFT calculations. Point-group symmetry was not exploited.

| Molecule                                | CAS     | SA roots |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| ethene ( $D_{2h}$ )                     | ( 2, 2) | 2        |
| E-butadiene ( $C_{2h}$ )                | ( 4, 4) | 3        |
| <i>all</i> -E-hexatriene ( $C_{2h}$ )   | ( 6, 6) | 3        |
| <i>all</i> -E-octatetraene ( $C_{2h}$ ) | ( 8, 8) | 3        |
| cyclopropene ( $C_{2v}$ )               | ( 4, 3) | 3        |
| cyclopentadiene ( $C_{2v}$ )            | ( 4, 4) | 3        |
| norbornadiene ( $C_{2v}$ )              | ( 4, 4) | 5        |
| benzene ( $D_{2h}$ )                    | ( 6, 6) | 11       |
| naphthalene ( $D_{2h}$ )                | (10,10) | 15       |
| furan ( $C_{2v}$ )                      | ( 6, 5) | 4        |
| pyrrole ( $C_{2v}$ )                    | ( 6, 5) | 4        |
| imidazole ( $C_s$ )                     | ( 8, 7) | 6        |
| pyridine ( $C_{2v}$ )                   | ( 8, 7) | 11       |
| pyrazine ( $D_{2h}$ )                   | (10, 8) | 16       |
| pyrimidine ( $C_{2v}$ )                 | (12, 9) | 13       |
| pyridazine ( $C_{2v}$ )                 | (12, 9) | 13       |
| <i>s</i> -triazine ( $C_{2v}$ )         | (12, 9) | 19       |
| <i>s</i> -tetrazine ( $D_{2h}$ )        | (14,10) | 21       |
| formaldehyde ( $C_{2v}$ )               | ( 6, 4) | 4        |
| acetone ( $C_{2v}$ )                    | ( 6, 5) | 4        |
| <i>p</i> -benzoquinone ( $D_{2h}$ )     | (12,10) | 18       |
| formamide ( $C_s$ )                     | ( 6, 4) | 4        |
| acetamide ( $C_s$ )                     | ( 6, 4) | 4        |
| propanamide ( $C_s$ )                   | ( 6, 4) | 4        |
| cytosine ( $C_s$ )                      | (14,11) | 11       |
| thymine ( $C_s$ )                       | (16,12) | 11       |
| uracil ( $C_s$ )                        | (14,10) | 11       |
| adenine ( $C_s$ )                       | (18,13) | 8        |

## 2 Vertical singlet excitation energies using CASSCF-DFT methods.

### 2.1 CI-DFT method

Table 2: Vertical singlet excitation energies in eV using CI-based CASSCF-DFT methods with complex-translated (ct) functionals. CC3 and icMRCC2 results taken from Refs. 1, 2 and 3. The latter is denoted by an asterisk.

| Molecule                         | State                          | Type                       | LDA  | PBE  | PBE0 | srLDA | srPBE | srPBE0 | Ref.              |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|--------|-------------------|
| ethene                           | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.80 | 6.94 | 7.85 | 7.91  | 7.96  | 7.91   | 8.37              |
| E-butadiene                      | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>u</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 4.50 | 4.64 | 5.22 | 6.41  | 6.45  | 6.40   | 6.22 <sup>*</sup> |
|                                  | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>g</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.34 | 6.29 | 7.73 | 6.60  | 6.58  | 7.07   | 6.57 <sup>*</sup> |
| <i>all</i> -E-hexatriene         | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>u</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 3.49 | 3.61 | 4.13 | 5.50  | 5.53  | 5.46   | 5.59 <sup>*</sup> |
|                                  | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>g</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.04 | 5.02 | 6.25 | 5.45  | 5.44  | 5.88   | 5.56 <sup>*</sup> |
| <i>all</i> -E-octatetraene       | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>g</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 4.17 | 4.16 | 3.93 | 4.66  | 4.65  | 5.04   | 4.79 <sup>*</sup> |
|                                  | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>u</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 2.85 | 2.95 | 2.59 | 4.88  | 4.91  | 4.83   | 4.97 <sup>*</sup> |
| cyclopropene                     | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1</sub>  | $\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.71 | 6.72 | 8.05 | 6.71  | 6.73  | 7.07   | 6.90              |
|                                  | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.61 | 5.83 | 6.95 | 6.78  | 6.84  | 6.93   | 7.10              |
| cyclopentadiene                  | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 4.44 | 4.53 | 4.99 | 5.65  | 5.66  | 5.59   | 5.73              |
|                                  | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.11 | 6.07 | 7.33 | 6.51  | 6.50  | 6.95   | 6.61              |
|                                  | 3 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 7.00 | 7.19 | 8.36 | 8.63  | 8.67  | 8.76   | 8.69              |
| norbornadiene                    | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 4.47 | 4.58 | 5.74 | 5.63  | 5.64  | 5.69   | 5.64              |
|                                  | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.16 | 5.25 | 6.54 | 6.75  | 6.77  | 6.98   | 6.49              |
|                                  | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.03 | 6.18 | 7.36 | 7.89  | 7.90  | 7.98   | 7.64              |
|                                  | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.59 | 6.68 | 8.04 | 7.90  | 7.93  | 8.18   | 7.71              |
| benzene                          | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.15 | 5.12 | 6.26 | 5.01  | 5.01  | 5.39   | 5.07              |
|                                  | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.70 | 5.84 | 6.75 | 6.19  | 6.23  | 6.19   | 6.68              |
|                                  | 1 <sup>1</sup> E <sub>1u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.51 | 5.62 | 6.57 | 7.56  | 7.58  | 7.71   | 7.45              |
|                                  | 2 <sup>1</sup> E <sub>2g</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 7.99 | 7.90 | 9.62 | 8.19  | 8.17  | 8.81   | 8.43              |
| naphthalene <sup>a</sup><br>TODO | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 4.10 | 4.10 | 4.10 | 4.23  | 4.23  | 4.56   | 4.27              |
|                                  | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.40 | 6.40 | 6.40 | 4.91  | 4.93  | 4.93   | 5.03              |
|                                  | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>g</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.70 | 5.70 | 5.70 | 5.87  | 5.87  | 6.33   | 5.98              |
|                                  | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2g</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 8.51 | 8.51 | 8.51 | 6.04  | 6.03  | 6.37   | 6.07              |
|                                  | 3 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>g</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.70 | 6.70 | 6.70 | 6.67  | 6.66  | 7.17   | 6.90              |
|                                  | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 8.04 | 8.04 | 8.04 | 6.59  | 6.60  | 6.75   | 6.33              |
|                                  | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 8.05 | 8.05 | 8.05 | 6.49  | 6.51  | 6.64   | 6.57              |
|                                  |                                |                            |      |      |      |       |       |        |                   |

| Molecule   | State                          | Type                    | LDA  | PBE  | PBE0  | srLDA | srPBE | srPBE0 | Ref.  |
|------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| furan      | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2g</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.34 | 6.34 | 6.34  | 6.47  | 6.50  | 6.56   | 6.79  |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 7.73 | 7.73 | 7.73  | 7.79  | 7.78  | 8.41   | 8.12  |
|            | 4 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 8.97 | 8.97 | 8.97  | 8.54  | 8.56  | 8.80   | 8.44  |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.15 | 6.14 | 7.52  | 6.48  | 6.48  | 6.93   | 6.62  |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.44 | 5.53 | 6.20  | 6.43  | 6.46  | 6.48   | 6.60  |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.84 | 6.96 | 8.28  | 8.53  | 8.55  | 8.78   | 8.53  |
| pyrrole    | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.99 | 5.99 | 7.34  | 6.26  | 6.26  | 6.64   | 6.40  |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.60 | 5.70 | 6.53  | 6.54  | 6.56  | 6.67   | 6.71  |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.64 | 6.73 | 8.04  | 8.22  | 8.23  | 8.47   | 8.17  |
| imidazole  | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'              | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.58 | 5.66 | 6.76  | 6.45  | 6.46  | 6.72   | 6.58  |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> A''             | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 6.24 | 6.29 | 8.04  | 6.69  | 6.74  | 7.34   | 6.82  |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'              | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.52 | 6.59 | 7.93  | 6.87  | 6.89  | 7.17   | 7.10  |
|            | 4 <sup>1</sup> A'              | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.88 | 6.94 | 8.46  | 8.50  | 8.52  | 8.84   | 8.45  |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> A''             | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 7.34 | 7.46 | 9.37  | 7.79  | 7.84  | 8.48   | 7.93  |
| pyridine   | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 4.98 | 4.98 | 6.07  | 5.11  | 5.01  | 5.59   | 5.15  |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1</sub>  | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.56 | 4.69 | 6.44  | 4.96  | 4.89  | 5.49   | 5.05  |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.63 | 5.75 | 6.82  | 6.35  | 6.52  | 6.39   | 6.85  |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub>  | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.72 | 4.84 | 6.78  | 5.45  | 5.28  | 6.17   | 5.50  |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.98 | 6.05 | 7.34  | 7.69  | 7.71  | 7.94   | 7.59  |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.89 | 6.01 | 7.09  | 7.80  | 7.86  | 7.99   | 7.70  |
|            | 4 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 8.22 | 8.15 | 9.97  | 8.43  | 8.26  | 9.05   | 8.68  |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 8.41 | 8.30 | 10.34 | 8.57  | 8.36  | 9.26   | 8.77  |
| pyrazine   | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 4.63 | 4.64 | 5.54  | 4.99  | 4.99  | 5.70   | 4.99* |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub> | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 3.57 | 3.70 | 5.11  | 4.10  | 4.16  | 4.59   | 4.24  |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2g</sub> | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.96 | 5.07 | 7.82  | 5.63  | 5.69  | 6.24   | 5.76* |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>u</sub>  | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.13 | 4.25 | 6.18  | 5.03  | 5.09  | 5.70   | 5.08* |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.70 | 5.84 | 7.05  | 6.54  | 6.57  | 6.58   | 7.07  |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>g</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 7.25 | 7.48 | 10.41 | 7.73  | 7.84  | 8.77   | 8.37* |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.69 | 6.75 | 8.44  | 8.17  | 8.19  | 8.52   | 8.05  |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.25 | 6.34 | 7.49  | 8.08  | 8.10  | 8.30   | 8.06  |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1g</sub> | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.50 | 5.62 | 7.05  | 6.61  | 6.68  | 7.42   | 6.78* |
| pyrimidine | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.17 | 5.17 | 6.37  | 5.33  | 5.33  | 5.76   | 5.36  |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1</sub>  | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 3.87 | 3.97 | 5.71  | 4.57  | 4.60  | 5.13   | 4.50  |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub>  | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.11 | 4.22 | 6.13  | 5.00  | 5.03  | 5.63   | 4.93  |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.76 | 5.88 | 7.07  | 6.55  | 6.59  | 6.65   | 7.06  |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.24 | 6.34 | 7.58  | 7.82  | 7.83  | 8.10   | 7.74  |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.27 | 6.33 | 7.80  | 8.11  | 8.13  | 8.39   | 8.01  |
| pyridazine | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1</sub>  | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 3.19 | 3.34 | 4.85  | 3.74  | 3.80  | 4.24   | 3.92  |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.07 | 5.06 | 6.18  | 5.15  | 5.15  | 5.57   | 5.22  |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub>  | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 3.65 | 3.79 | 5.74  | 4.38  | 4.44  | 5.03   | 4.49  |

| Molecule               | State                            | Type                       | LDA  | PBE  | PBE0  | srLDA | srPBE | srPBE0 | Ref.  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| <i>s</i> -triazine     | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.60 | 5.68 | 6.63  | 6.41  | 6.44  | 6.46   | 6.93  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub>    | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 5.46 | 5.55 | 7.34  | 5.68  | 5.72  | 6.26   | 5.74  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.99 | 6.12 | 7.43  | 7.68  | 7.71  | 7.91   | 7.55  |
|                        | 3 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.00 | 6.07 | 7.47  | 7.91  | 7.94  | 8.19   | 7.82  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1</sub>    | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 5.89 | 5.97 | 8.21  | 6.40  | 6.43  | 7.07   | 6.41  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub> '  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.78 | 5.74 | 7.27  | 5.70  | 5.70  | 7.01   | 5.71  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub> '' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 3.99 | 4.04 | 5.81  | 4.87  | 4.92  | 5.52   | 4.78  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> E'''              | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 4.08 | 4.14 | 5.74  | 4.85  | 4.91  | 5.50   | 4.81  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub> '' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 4.17 | 4.26 | 5.74  | 4.87  | 4.93  | 5.52   | 4.76  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub> '  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.41 | 6.53 | 7.81  | 6.84  | 6.86  | 6.24   | 7.41  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> E'                | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.18 | 6.27 | 7.60  | 8.15  | 8.16  | 8.48   | 8.04  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> E'                | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 8.54 | 8.72 | 10.80 | 9.31  | 9.31  | 10.10  | 9.44  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> E''               | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 6.75 | 6.88 | 9.02  | 7.47  | 7.62  | 8.43   | 7.80  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> E'''              | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 6.75 | 6.88 | 9.02  | 7.47  | 7.62  | 8.43   | 7.80  |
| <i>s</i> -tetrazine    | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>u</sub>    | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 2.81 | 2.93 | 4.63  | 3.74  | 3.80  | 4.40   | 3.79  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1g</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 3.88 | 4.02 | 5.54  | 4.64  | 4.75  | 5.31   | 4.97  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub>   | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.28 | 6.43 | 7.78  | 7.92  | 7.94  | 8.19   | 7.45  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2g</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 4.73 | 4.77 | 6.39  | 5.37  | 5.39  | 5.97   | 5.34  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub>   | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 4.73 | 4.72 | 5.70  | 5.08  | 5.08  | 5.49   | 5.12  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 1.76 | 1.86 | 2.95  | 2.40  | 2.46  | 2.84   | 2.53  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>u</sub>    | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 5.21 | 5.30 | 6.94  | 5.30  | 5.37  | 5.86   | 5.46  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1g</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 5.78 | 5.81 | 8.05  | 6.85  | 6.87  | 7.65   | 6.87  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub>   | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.69 | 6.94 | 9.83  | 6.75  | 6.78  | 6.84   | 7.79  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2g</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 5.03 | 5.21 | 7.27  | 5.88  | 5.98  | 6.78   | 6.23  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub>   | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.85 | 6.91 | 8.65  | 7.86  | 8.01  | 8.90   | 8.51  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 6.22 | 6.33 | 8.59  | 6.59  | 6.66  | 7.35   | 6.67  |
|                        | 3 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1g</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 6.11 | 6.16 | 8.36  | 6.59  | 6.65  | 7.43   | 7.08  |
|                        | 3 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 6.11 | 6.16 | 8.36  | 6.59  | 6.65  | 7.43   | 7.08  |
| formaldehyde           | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub>    | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 3.74 | 3.82 | 5.43  | 4.28  | 4.27  | 4.54   | 3.95  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1</sub>    | $\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 8.65 | 8.74 | 10.44 | 9.08  | 9.08  | 9.37   | 9.18  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 8.07 | 8.25 | 9.39  | 9.10  | 9.11  | 9.67   | 10.45 |
| acetone                | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub>    | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 4.21 | 4.22 | 5.91  | 4.77  | 4.74  | 5.15   | 4.40  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1</sub>    | $\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 8.74 | 8.79 | 10.53 | 9.11  | 9.11  | 9.72   | 9.17  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 7.79 | 7.93 | 9.20  | 8.92  | 8.93  | 9.24   | 9.65  |
| <i>p</i> -benzoquinone | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1g</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 2.23 | 2.31 | 3.67  | 2.85  | 2.89  | 3.32   | 2.75  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>u</sub>    | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 2.27 | 2.34 | 3.72  | 3.08  | 3.10  | 3.54   | 2.85  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3g</sub>   | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 3.15 | 3.19 | 3.75  | 4.45  | 4.47  | 4.51   | 4.59  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub>   | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 3.49 | 3.55 | 4.24  | 5.57  | 5.58  | 5.70   | 5.62  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3g</sub>   | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.11 | 6.24 | 7.20  | 7.21  | 7.21  | 7.58   | 7.27  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 4.78 | 4.88 | 7.20  | 5.85  | 5.87  | 6.55   | 5.82  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 4.78 | 4.88 | 7.20  | 5.85  | 5.87  | 6.55   | 5.82  |
| formamide              | 1 <sup>1</sup> A''               | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 5.30 | 5.33 | 6.99  | 5.63  | 5.67  | 6.30   | 5.65  |

| Molecule    | State              | Type                    | LDA  | PBE  | PBE0  | srLDA | srPBE | srPBE0 | Ref.  |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| acetamide   | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.48 | 6.50 | 7.75  | 7.65  | 7.65  | 8.13   | 7.24  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 9.90 | 9.99 | 11.39 | 10.51 | 10.53 | 11.00  | 10.93 |
|             | 1 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.30 | 5.31 | 7.02  | 5.74  | 5.76  | 6.42   | 5.69  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.43 | 6.45 | 7.80  | 7.68  | 7.69  | 8.19   | 7.67  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 9.27 | 9.37 | 10.80 | 10.08 | 10.11 | 10.59  | 10.50 |
| propanamide | 1 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.31 | 5.32 | 7.04  | 5.77  | 5.78  | 6.44   | 5.72  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.38 | 6.40 | 7.78  | 7.68  | 7.68  | 8.19   | 7.62  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 9.13 | 9.24 | 10.68 | 9.86  | 9.92  | 10.40  | 10.06 |
| cytosine    | 1 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.51 | 4.56 | 6.92  | 5.12  | 5.17  | 5.76   | 5.16  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 4.12 | 4.18 | 5.45  | 4.75  | 4.75  | 5.18   | 4.72  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.82 | 4.91 | 6.92  | 5.60  | 5.64  | 6.39   | 5.52  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 4.33 | 4.39 | 5.96  | 5.59  | 5.60  | 6.06   | 5.61  |
|             | 4 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.33 | 5.39 | 6.69  | 6.67  | 6.70  | 7.13   | 6.61  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.56 | 5.65 | 7.77  | 5.96  | 6.00  | 6.73   | 5.97  |
|             | 4 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.78 | 5.89 | 8.15  | 6.68  | 6.75  | 7.47   | 6.83  |
|             | 1 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.42 | 4.46 | 6.36  | 5.00  | 5.03  | 5.69   | 4.98  |
| thymine     | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 4.06 | 4.12 | 5.30  | 5.36  | 5.38  | 5.70   | 5.34  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.01 | 5.06 | 7.08  | 6.41  | 6.45  | 7.20   | 6.49  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.19 | 5.26 | 6.65  | 6.36  | 6.36  | 6.91   | 6.34  |
|             | 4 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.10 | 5.15 | 6.83  | 6.66  | 6.70  | 7.16   | 6.71  |
|             | 1 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.36 | 4.41 | 6.31  | 4.98  | 5.00  | 5.65   | 4.90  |
| uracil      | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 4.18 | 4.24 | 5.46  | 5.48  | 5.49  | 5.83   | 5.44  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.43 | 5.50 | 7.66  | 6.34  | 6.37  | 7.98   | 6.32  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.08 | 5.13 | 6.83  | 6.32  | 6.32  | 6.87   | 6.29  |
|             | 4 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.26 | 5.33 | 6.74  | 6.80  | 6.83  | 7.30   | 6.84  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.98 | 5.04 | 7.07  | 7.09  | 7.11  | 7.85   | 6.87  |
|             | 4 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 6.14 | 6.22 | 8.50  | 7.18  | 7.21  | 7.11   | 7.12  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 3.97 | 4.04 | 5.28  | 5.12  | 5.13  | 5.56   | 5.18  |
| adenine     | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 4.34 | 4.44 | 6.31  | 5.34  | 5.36  | 5.61   | 5.39  |
|             | 1 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.52 | 4.59 | 6.13  | 5.30  | 5.35  | 5.99   | 5.34  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.18 | 5.21 | 6.66  | 5.87  | 5.92  | 6.55   | 5.96  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.45 | 5.50 | 7.24  | 6.22  | 6.29  | 6.97   | 6.34  |
|             | 4 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 4.98 | 5.10 | 7.25  | 6.73  | 6.74  | 7.15   | 6.53  |
|             |                    |                         |      |      |       |       |       |        |       |

<sup>d</sup>Subscript labels of B species are inline with IUPAC convention[4] but deviate from Ref. 1.

## 2.2 State-averaged CAS-DFT method

Table 3: Vertical singlet excitation energies in eV using state-averaged (SA) CASSCF-DFT methods with complex-translated (ct) functionals. CC3 and icMRCC2 results taken from Refs. 1, 2 and 3. The latter is denoted by an asterisk.

| Molecule                   | State        | Type                       | LDA  | PBE  | PBE0  | srLDA | srPBE | srPBE0 | Ref. |
|----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|
| ethene                     | 1 $^1B_{1u}$ | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.66 | 6.68 | 7.51  | 7.87  | 7.91  | 7.89   | 8.37 |
| E-butadiene                | 1 $^1B_u$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 4.29 | 4.33 | 4.97  | 6.35  | 6.38  | 6.38   | 6.58 |
|                            | 2 $^1A_g$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.83 | 6.81 | 8.63  | 6.64  | 6.63  | 7.09   | 6.77 |
| <i>all</i> -E-hexatriene   | 1 $^1B_u$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.77 | 6.77 | 8.90  | 5.44  | 5.46  | 5.45   | 5.58 |
|                            | 2 $^1A_g$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.56 | 5.56 | 7.28  | 5.50  | 5.49  | 5.91   | 5.72 |
| <i>all</i> -E-octatetraene | 2 $^1A_g$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 4.70 | 4.70 | 3.93  | 4.69  | 4.69  | 5.06   | 4.97 |
|                            | 1 $^1B_u$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.95 | 5.96 | 2.59  | 4.82  | 4.84  | 4.81   | 4.94 |
| cyclopropene               | 1 $^1B_1$    | $\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.84 | 6.88 | 8.05  | 6.89  | 6.90  | 7.24   | 6.90 |
|                            | 1 $^1B_2$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.43 | 5.56 | 6.56  | 6.72  | 6.78  | 6.89   | 7.10 |
| cyclopentadiene            | 1 $^1B_2$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 4.09 | 4.10 | 4.64  | 5.61  | 5.63  | 5.59   | 5.73 |
|                            | 2 $^1A_1$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 7.14 | 6.56 | 8.38  | 6.53  | 6.53  | 6.97   | 6.61 |
|                            | 3 $^1A_1$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 7.14 | 7.17 | 8.45  | 8.58  | 8.62  | 8.74   | 8.69 |
| norbornadiene              | 1 $^1A_2$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 4.36 | 4.42 | 5.28  | 5.64  | 5.64  | 5.70   | 5.64 |
|                            | 1 $^1B_2$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 4.99 | 5.05 | 6.29  | 6.73  | 6.75  | 6.97   | 6.49 |
|                            | 2 $^1B_2$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.99 | 6.05 | 7.27  | 7.82  | 7.83  | 7.95   | 7.64 |
|                            | 2 $^1A_2$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.32 | 6.36 | 7.49  | 7.88  | 7.90  | 8.17   | 7.71 |
| benzene                    | 1 $^1B_{2u}$ | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.26 | 5.27 | 6.97  | 5.05  | 5.06  | 5.43   | 5.07 |
|                            | 1 $^1B_{1u}$ | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.18 | 5.21 | 6.17  | 6.18  | 6.22  | 6.20   | 6.68 |
|                            | 1 $^1E_{1u}$ | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.47 | 5.50 | 6.71  | 7.50  | 7.52  | 7.70   | 7.45 |
|                            | 2 $^1E_{2g}$ | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 8.81 | 8.84 | 10.48 | 8.51  | 8.51  | 9.01   | 8.43 |
| naphthalene <sup>a</sup>   | 1 $^1B_{2u}$ | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 4.10 | 4.10 |       | 4.27  | 4.28  |        | 4.27 |
|                            | 1 $^1B_{1u}$ | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.40 | 6.40 |       | 4.93  | 4.95  |        | 5.03 |
|                            | 2 $^1A_g$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.70 | 5.70 |       | 5.96  | 5.96  |        | 5.98 |
|                            | 1 $^1B_{2g}$ | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 8.51 | 8.51 |       | 6.45  | 6.47  |        | 6.07 |
|                            | 3 $^1A_g$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.70 | 6.70 |       | 6.80  | 6.79  |        | 6.90 |
|                            | 2 $^1B_{2u}$ | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 8.04 | 8.04 |       | 6.55  | 6.56  |        | 6.33 |
|                            | 2 $^1B_{1u}$ | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 8.05 | 8.05 |       | 6.45  | 6.47  |        | 6.57 |
|                            | 2 $^1B_{2g}$ | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.34 | 6.34 |       | 6.08  | 6.08  |        | 6.79 |
|                            | 3 $^1B_{2u}$ | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 7.73 | 7.73 |       | 7.95  | 7.95  |        | 8.12 |
|                            | 4 $^1B_{1u}$ | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 8.97 | 8.97 |       | 8.51  | 8.52  |        | 8.44 |
| furan                      | 2 $^1A_1$    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.68 | 6.67 | 8.60  | 6.60  | 6.61  | 7.01   | 6.62 |

| Molecule   | State                          | Type                    | LDA  | PBE  | PBE0  | srLDA | srPBE | srPBE0 | Ref. |
|------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|
| pyrrole    | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.25 | 5.28 | 6.20  | 6.50  | 6.52  | 6.54   | 6.60 |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 7.81 | 7.83 | 9.73  | 8.56  | 8.58  | 8.79   | 8.53 |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.45 | 6.45 | 8.31  | 6.38  | 6.39  | 6.74   | 6.40 |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.83 | 5.86 | 7.03  | 6.60  | 6.62  | 6.69   | 6.71 |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 7.57 | 7.58 | 9.46  | 8.26  | 8.28  | 8.49   | 8.17 |
| imidazole  | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'              | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.05 | 6.08 | 7.27  | 6.78  | 6.80  | 6.91   | 6.58 |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> A''             | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 6.91 | 6.95 | 8.36  | 7.05  | 7.07  | 7.59   | 6.82 |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'              | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 7.88 | 7.89 | 9.52  | 6.92  | 6.93  | 7.29   | 7.10 |
|            | 4 <sup>1</sup> A'              | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.84 | 6.83 | 8.77  | 8.51  | 8.53  | 8.82   | 8.45 |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> A''             | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 7.83 | 7.88 | 9.52  | 8.37  | 8.39  | 8.97   | 7.93 |
| pyridine   | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.38 | 5.38 | 7.12  | 5.27  | 5.28  | 5.65   | 5.15 |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1</sub>  | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.09 | 5.14 | 6.40  | 5.20  | 5.24  | 5.69   | 5.05 |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.74 | 6.75 | 8.24  | 6.36  | 6.39  | 6.40   | 6.85 |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub>  | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.71 | 5.78 | 7.36  | 6.20  | 6.23  | 6.79   | 5.50 |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 8.56 | 5.89 | 7.18  | 7.74  | 7.75  | 7.99   | 7.59 |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 7.43 | 7.43 | 9.32  | 7.77  | 7.79  | 7.99   | 7.70 |
|            | 4 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.87 | 5.89 | 7.18  | 8.84  | 8.84  | 9.31   | 8.68 |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 8.56 | 8.53 | 10.87 | 8.65  | 8.64  | 9.29   | 8.77 |
| pyrazine   | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.35 | 5.34 | 7.02  | 5.36  | 5.37  | 5.72   | 5.02 |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub> | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.01 | 4.11 | 5.73  | 4.07  | 4.13  | 4.60   | 4.24 |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2g</sub> | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.52 | 5.61 | 7.52  | 5.66  | 5.73  | 6.30   | 5.74 |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>u</sub>  | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.81 | 4.94 | 6.98  | 5.43  | 5.48  | 6.09   | 5.05 |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.37 | 5.40 | 6.28  | 6.58  | 6.62  | 6.61   | 7.07 |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>g</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 7.76 | 7.86 | 10.16 | 7.96  | 8.01  | 8.70   | 8.69 |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.04 | 6.06 | 7.38  | 8.36  | 8.36  | 8.67   | 8.05 |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub> | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.97 | 5.98 | 7.20  | 8.09  | 8.10  | 8.33   | 8.06 |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1g</sub> | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 6.52 | 6.64 | 9.10  | 7.31  | 7.38  | 8.14   | 6.75 |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.62 | 5.61 | 7.43  | 5.40  | 5.41  | 5.85   | 5.36 |
| pyrimidine | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1</sub>  | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.42 | 4.50 | 6.14  | 4.37  | 4.43  | 5.04   | 4.50 |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub>  | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.83 | 4.93 | 6.79  | 5.03  | 5.08  | 5.74   | 4.93 |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 7.91 | 7.89 | 9.61  | 6.49  | 6.53  | 6.59   | 7.06 |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.27 | 6.28 | 7.63  | 7.79  | 7.80  | 8.06   | 7.74 |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.17 | 6.20 | 7.71  | 8.05  | 8.07  | 8.35   | 8.01 |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1</sub>  | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 3.59 | 3.71 | 5.23  | 3.64  | 3.75  | 4.26   | 3.92 |
| pyridazine | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.46 | 5.45 | 7.22  | 5.32  | 5.32  | 5.70   | 5.22 |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub>  | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 4.38 | 4.52 | 6.38  | 4.48  | 4.60  | 5.29   | 4.49 |
|            | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.77 | 5.80 | 10.21 | 6.52  | 6.55  | 6.54   | 6.93 |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub>  | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.65 | 5.74 | 7.77  | 5.57  | 5.63  | 6.21   | 5.74 |
|            | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.85 | 5.87 | 7.00  | 7.73  | 7.74  | 7.96   | 7.55 |
|            | 3 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.16 | 6.18 | 7.05  | 8.02  | 8.04  | 8.29   | 7.82 |
|            |                                |                         |      |      |       |       |       |        |      |

| Molecule               | State                            | Type                       | LDA   | PBE   | PBE0  | srLDA | srPBE | srPBE0 | Ref.  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| <i>s</i> -triazine     | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1</sub>    | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 6.57  | 6.66  | 8.85  | 6.55  | 6.64  | 7.35   | 6.41  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub> '  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.95  | 5.94  | 7.44  | 5.56  | 5.53  | 6.05   | 5.71  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub> '' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 4.61  | 4.72  | 6.89  | 4.53  | 4.55  | 5.25   | 4.78  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> E''               | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 4.51  | 4.62  | 6.75  | 4.49  | 4.52  | 5.21   | 4.81  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub> '' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 4.29  | 4.40  | 6.53  | 4.50  | 4.52  | 5.22   | 4.76  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub> '  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.37  | 6.36  | 7.86  | 6.68  | 6.67  | 6.80   | 7.41  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> E'                | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.67  | 6.71  | 8.46  | 8.04  | 8.03  | 8.34   | 8.04  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> E'                | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 9.22  | 9.19  | 11.65 | 9.64  | 9.63  | 10.21  | 9.44  |
| <i>s</i> -tetrazine    | 2 <sup>1</sup> E''               | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 7.57  | 7.72  | 10.44 | 7.26  | 7.36  | 8.23   | 7.80  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>u</sub>    | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 3.44  | 4.53  | 5.58  | 3.84  | 3.96  | 4.69   | 3.79  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1g</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 4.59  | 5.35  | 6.92  | 4.60  | 4.74  | 5.39   | 4.97  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub>   | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.54  | 9.54  | 6.58  | 7.76  | 8.13  | 8.87   | 7.45  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2g</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 5.24  | 5.18  | 7.62  | 5.30  | 5.36  | 6.01   | 5.34  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub>   | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.46  | 4.83  | 7.21  | 5.27  | 5.35  | 5.92   | 5.12  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 2.07  | 3.09  | 3.73  | 2.31  | 2.39  | 2.89   | 2.53  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>u</sub>    | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 5.82  | 6.44  | 8.18  | 5.41  | 5.38  | 6.01   | 5.46  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1g</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 6.53  | 7.47  | 9.37  | 6.52  | 6.60  | 7.49   | 6.87  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub>   | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 7.33  | 9.14  | 10.74 | 6.89  | 6.92  | 6.93   | 7.79  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2g</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 5.77  | 6.75  | 8.66  | 5.86  | 6.03  | 6.98   | 6.23  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>2u</sub>   | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 7.59  | 8.56  | 10.69 | 8.78  | 8.80  | 9.14   | 8.51  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 7.27  | 7.98  | 10.11 | 6.75  | 6.89  | 7.60   | 6.67  |
|                        | 3 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1g</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 6.44  | 7.04  | 9.51  | 8.04  | 8.15  | 9.09   | 7.08  |
| formaldehyde           | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub>    | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 4.19  | 4.23  | 5.54  | 3.68  | 3.71  | 4.19   | 3.95  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1</sub>    | $\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 9.11  | 9.13  | 10.48 | 8.71  | 8.70  | 9.24   | 9.18  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 9.17  | 9.10  | 9.57  | 9.01  | 9.02  | 9.09   | 10.45 |
| acetone                | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>2</sub>    | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 4.64  | 4.65  | 6.04  | 4.15  | 4.16  | 4.67   | 4.40  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1</sub>    | $\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 9.04  | 9.06  | 10.47 | 8.61  | 8.62  | 9.17   | 9.17  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>1</sub>    | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 8.58  | 8.56  | 9.20  | 8.56  | 8.59  | 8.81   | 9.65  |
| <i>p</i> -benzoquinone | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1g</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 2.74  | 2.81  | 4.66  | 2.66  | 2.72  | 3.27   | 2.75  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> A <sub>u</sub>    | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 2.75  | 2.82  | 4.67  | 2.88  | 2.92  | 3.50   | 2.85  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3g</sub>   | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 4.43  | 4.45  | 5.82  | 4.99  | 5.02  | 5.03   | 4.59  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>1u</sub>   | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 6.21  | 6.20  | 7.93  | 5.49  | 5.50  | 5.66   | 5.62  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3g</sub>   | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 5.69  | 5.72  | 7.18  | 7.30  | 7.28  | 7.66   | 7.27  |
|                        | 1 <sup>1</sup> B <sub>3u</sub>   | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 5.59  | 5.66  | 8.48  | 5.83  | 5.86  | 6.68   | 5.82  |
| formamide              | 1 <sup>1</sup> A''               | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 6.08  | 6.10  | 7.49  | 5.91  | 5.92  | 6.44   | 5.65  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'                | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 7.17  | 7.19  | 8.69  | 7.62  | 7.63  | 8.09   | 8.27  |
|                        | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'                | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 10.08 | 10.09 | 11.85 | 10.34 | 10.37 | 10.84  | 10.93 |
| acetamide              | 1 <sup>1</sup> A''               | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$      | 6.10  | 6.11  | 7.56  | 5.97  | 5.97  | 6.52   | 5.69  |
|                        | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'                | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$    | 7.11  | 7.15  | 8.70  | 7.65  | 7.65  | 8.14   | 7.67  |

| Molecule    | State              | Type                    | LDA  | PBE  | PBE0  | srLDA | srPBE | srPBE0 | Ref.  |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| propanamide | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 9.41 | 9.44 | 11.15 | 9.83  | 9.88  | 10.38  | 10.50 |
|             | 1 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 6.10 | 6.11 | 7.57  | 5.96  | 5.96  | 6.51   | 5.72  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 7.06 | 7.10 | 8.66  | 7.66  | 7.66  | 8.16   | 7.62  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 9.26 | 9.30 | 11.01 | 9.65  | 9.70  | 10.22  | 10.06 |
| cytosine    | 1 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.36 | 5.41 | 7.32  | 5.44  | 5.43  | 5.96   | 5.16  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 4.35 | 4.38 | 5.78  | 4.74  | 4.74  | 5.11   | 4.72  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.63 | 5.71 | 7.76  | 6.21  | 5.66  | 6.89   | 5.52  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.34 | 5.38 | 7.19  | 5.65  | 5.66  | 6.08   | 5.61  |
|             | 4 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.55 | 5.59 | 7.42  | 6.68  | 6.71  | 7.11   | 6.61  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 6.13 | 6.15 | 7.77  | 6.56  | 6.20  | 7.06   | 5.97  |
|             | 4 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 7.16 | 7.22 | 9.08  | 7.68  | 6.71  | 8.25   | 6.83  |
|             | 1 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.34 | 5.33 | 6.56  | 5.48  | 5.47  | 6.00   | 4.98  |
| thymine     | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 4.62 | 4.68 | 6.14  | 5.37  | 5.40  | 5.70   | 5.34  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 6.70 | 6.71 | 8.27  | 6.91  | 6.90  | 7.50   | 6.49  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.91 | 5.94 | 7.83  | 6.49  | 6.51  | 6.98   | 6.34  |
|             | 4 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.23 | 6.29 | 8.00  | 6.54  | 6.63  | 7.03   | 6.71  |
| uracil      | 1 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.19 | 5.19 | 6.51  | 5.31  | 5.30  | 5.94   | 4.90  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 4.65 | 4.71 | 6.20  | 5.46  | 5.48  | 5.81   | 5.44  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 6.62 | 6.64 | 9.48  | 6.51  | 6.51  | 7.03   | 6.32  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.86 | 5.91 | 7.81  | 6.81  | 6.80  | 7.83   | 6.29  |
|             | 4 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.29 | 6.35 | 8.16  | 6.95  | 7.00  | 7.44   | 6.84  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 7.66 | 7.68 | 9.33  | 6.94  | 7.07  | 7.78   | 6.87  |
|             | 4 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 7.36 | 7.39 | 8.17  | 7.03  | 7.03  | 7.36   | 7.12  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 5.27 | 5.29 | 5.79  | 5.32  | 5.34  | 5.58   | 5.18  |
| adenine     | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 4.49 | 4.52 | 7.02  | 5.20  | 5.21  | 5.59   | 5.39  |
|             | 1 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.15 | 5.23 | 7.15  | 5.46  | 5.50  | 6.10   | 5.34  |
|             | 2 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 5.95 | 6.00 | 8.73  | 6.08  | 6.12  | 6.67   | 5.96  |
|             | 3 <sup>1</sup> A'' | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   | 6.40 | 6.46 | 8.90  | 6.56  | 6.62  | 7.23   | 6.34  |
|             | 4 <sup>1</sup> A'  | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ | 6.52 | 6.55 | 7.66  | 6.80  | 6.81  | 7.17   | 6.53  |
|             |                    |                         |      |      |       |       |       |        |       |

<sup>d</sup>Subscript labels of B species are inline with IUPAC convention[4] but deviate from Ref. 1.

### 2.3 CAS-LDA type singlet excitation energies

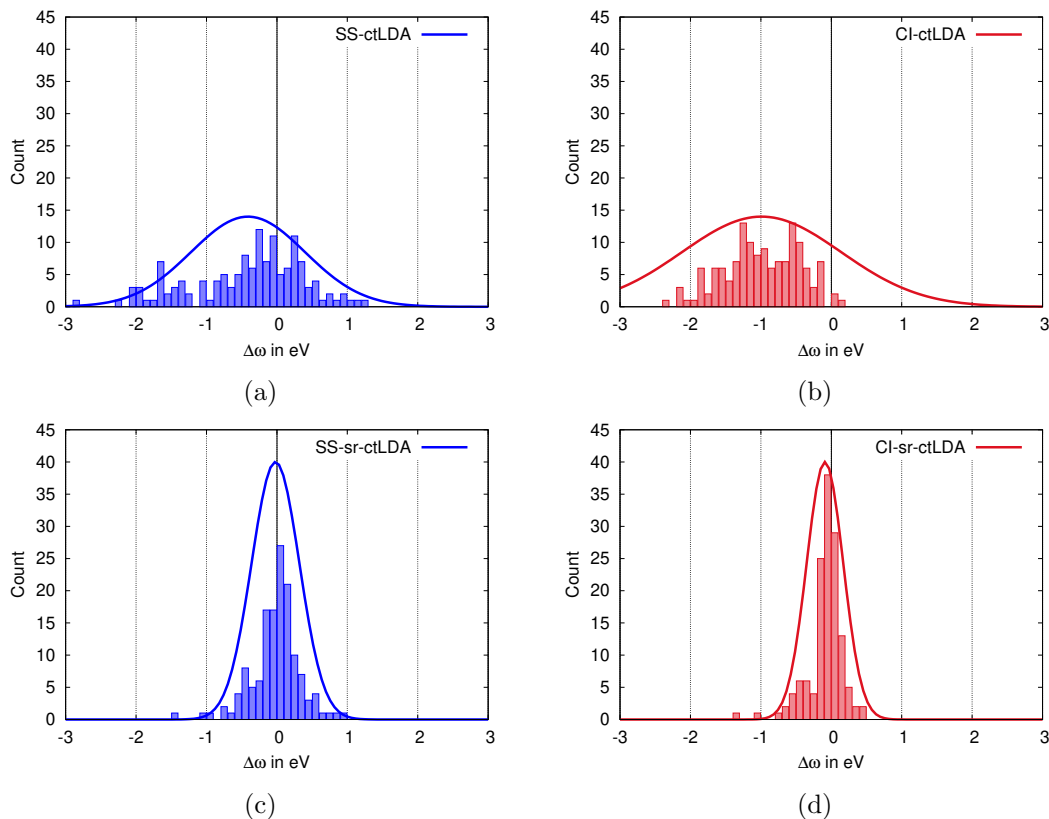


Figure 1: Histogram of CAS-LDA deviations from the CC3 and icMRCC2 reference for 139 singlet excitation energies from Thiel's benchmark set.[1, 5, 2, 3].

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