## **Supplementary Information**

Simulation of X-Ray Absorption Spectra with Orthogonality Constrained Density Functional Theory

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# 1 Optimized cartesian geometry of adenine

С	-1.970585	-1.395137	-0.045467
N	-1.881922	-0.101178	-0.187746
С	-0.530036	0.162042	-0.075212
С	0.194518	-1.008769	0.138884
N	-0.752839	-2.003591	0.155019
Н	-0.575304	-2.985001	0.288894
Н	-2.887084	-1.963704	-0.076026
С	0.220821	1.350420	-0.134877
N	1.548880	1.275830	0.014725
С	2.109044	0.076787	0.214691
N	1.515353	-1.110912	0.290953
Н	3.187892	0.080293	0.328711
N	-0.350021	2.556054	-0.336758
Н	-1.344255	2.632817	-0.451219
Н	0.231906	3.373853	-0.370895

## 2 Optimized cartesian geometry of thymine

С	-1.246495	0.412642	-0.003573
С	-2.507237	1.217084	-0.011848
Н	-3.117873	1.004161	-0.892346
Н	-2.252332	2.276314	-0.024950
Н	-3.115843	1.025528	0.874939
С	-1.217630	-0.931441	0.012635
N	-0.056489	-1.654192	0.020052
С	1.197028	-1.083944	0.011743
N	1.154191	0.288466	-0.004799
С	0.033038	1.117787	-0.013561
Н	2.050520	0.753906	-0.011435
0	0.171793	2.321663	-0.028248
0	2.217898	-1.730464	0.018397
Н	-2.125375	-1.524102	0.020825
Н	-0.070123	-2.660021	0.032219

### 3 Thymine Oxygen K-Edge

**Table S1** Calculated and experimental thymine oxygen core excitation energies in eV are shown in the table. All computations are performed using the def2-TZVP basis set and B3LYP functional. The largest contribution to the particle orbital  $(\phi_p)$  with reference to the ground state valence set is reported along with the hole orbital  $(\phi_h)$  for each transition. Relative oscillator strengths  $(f_{rel})$  are also reported

	OCDFT			Ех	periment
$\phi_h$	$\phi_{P}$	$\omega_{fi}$	$f_{rel}$	Peak	$\omega_{fi}$
$O_2$	81.8% $\pi_1^*$	531.05	1.000	A	531.4
$O_1$	64.0% $\pi_2^*$	532.08	0.968	В	532.3
$O_1$	71.2% $\pi_1^*$	533.38	0.146	$\mathrm{B}'$	≈ 533.8
$O_2$	$78.3\% \ \pi_2^*$	533.75	0.162	Б	$\sim$ 333.6
$O_1$	77.0% D <sub>1</sub>	534.74	0.008		
$O_2$	65.9% D <sub>1</sub>	534.85	0.042		
$O_2$	44.1% D <sub>3</sub>	535.28	0.020		
$O_1$	69.5% D <sub>3</sub>	535.46	0.098		
$O_2$	60.8% D <sub>2</sub>	535.53	0.085	C	535.7
$O_1$	76.0% $\pi_3^*$	536.12	0.222		
$O_2$	69.0% $\pi_3^*$	536.24	0.104		
$O_2$	86.3% D <sub>4</sub>	536.34	0.052		
$O_1$	$76.3\% D_2$	536.60	0.039		
$O_2$	44.4% D <sub>6</sub>	537.02	0.024		537.1
$O_1$	83.5% D <sub>4</sub>	537.10	0.047		
$O_2$	63.7% D <sub>5</sub>	537.21	0.021	D	
$O_1$	35.6% D <sub>7</sub>	537.45	0.054	D	
$O_2$	44.0% D <sub>7</sub>	537.67	0.073		
$O_1$	43.6% D <sub>5</sub>	537.72	0.036		
O <sub>1</sub>	70.7% D <sub>6</sub>	538.49	0.058		

### 4 Thymine Nitrogen K-Edge

**Table S2** Calculated and experimental thymine nitrogen core excitation energies in eV are shown in the table. All computations are performed using the def2-TZVP basis set and B3LYP functional. The largest contribution to the particle orbital  $(\phi_p)$  with reference to the ground state valence set is reported along with the hole orbital  $(\phi_h)$  for each transition. Relative oscillator strengths  $(f_{rel})$  are also reported

OCDFT			Exp	periment	
$\phi_h$	$\phi_{p}$	$\omega_{fi}$	$f_{rel}$	Peak	$\omega_{fi}$
N <sub>4</sub>	81.8% $\pi_1^*$	401.18	1.000	A	401.7
$N_3$	64.0% $\pi_2^*$	401.76	0.805	Α	401.7
$N_4$	78.3% $\pi_2^*$	402.50	0.087		
$N_3$	$77.0\% D_1$	403.09	0.863	В	402.7
$N_4$	65.9% D <sub>1</sub>	403.33	0.765		
$N_4$	44.1% D <sub>3</sub>	404.17	0.912	C	404.1
$N_4$	60.8% D <sub>2</sub>	404.94	0.144		
$N_3$	69.5% D <sub>3</sub>	405.09	0.374		
$N_4$	86.3% D <sub>4</sub>	405.31	0.864		405.5
$N_3$	76.0% $\pi_3^*$	405.41	0.333	D	403.3
$N_4$	69.0% $\pi_3^*$	405.62	0.183		
$N_3$	71.2% $\pi_1^*$	405.67	0.490		
$N_3$	76.3% D <sub>2</sub>	405.76	0.177		

### 5 Thymine Carbon K-Edge

**Table S3** Calculated and experimental thymine carbon core excitation energies in eV are shown in the table. All computations are performed using the def2-TZVP basis set and B3LYP functional. The largest contribution to the particle orbital  $(\phi_p)$  with reference to the ground state valence set is reported along with the hole orbital  $(\phi_h)$  for each transition. Relative oscillator strengths  $(f_{rel})$  are also reported

		OCDFT		Ex	periment
$\phi_h$	$\phi_{P}$	$\omega_{fi}$	$\mathbf{f}_{rel}$	Peak	$\omega_{fi}$
C <sub>8</sub>	92.1% $\pi_1^*$	284.90	0.372	A	284.9
$C_7$	95.9% $\pi_1^*$	285.98	0.698	В	285.9
$C_9$	75.4% $\pi_2^*$	286.56	0.036		
$C_8$	97.6% $\pi_2^*$	287.33	0.171		
$C_6$	$81.8\% \ \pi_1^*$	287.68	0.792	C	287.8
$C_9$	89.9% $\pi_1^*$	287.92	0.117		
$C_8$	48.1% D <sub>3</sub>	288.19	0.006		
$C_9$	87.7% D <sub>1</sub>	288.46	0.229		
$C_8$	53.9% D <sub>1</sub>	288.94	0.037		
$C_9$	$85.1\% D_3$	289.01	0.158		
$C_7$	94.2% $\pi_2^*$	289.06	0.289		
$C_5$	$64.0\% \ \pi_{2}^{\stackrel{-}{*}}$	289.14	1.000	D	289.4
$C_8$	$32.5\% D_3^2$	289.17	0.017		
$C_7$	90.3% D <sub>1</sub>	289.22	0.001		
$C_9$	63.1% $\pi_3^*$	289.26	0.333		
C <sub>9</sub>	$49.5\% D_2$	289.31	0.375		
$C_8$	67.1% D <sub>2</sub>	289.67	0.082		
$C_8$	$77.0\% D_4$	289.68	0.105		
$C_6$	$78.3\% \ \pi_2^*$	289.94	0.135		
C <sub>9</sub>	75.4% D <sub>4</sub>	290.14	0.023		
$C_8$	33.3% D <sub>5</sub>	290.31	0.119		
$C_5$	71.2% $\pi_1^*$	290.33	0.029		200.7
$C_9$	$30.5\% D_5^{1}$	290.43	0.047	E	290.7
$C_7$	$71.6\% D_3$	290.44	0.050		
$C_7$	41.5% D <sub>2</sub>	290.54	0.041		
$C_8$	38.1% D <sub>6</sub>	290.80	0.093		
$C_9$	$24.4\% D_6$	291.12	0.076		
$C_8$	61.2% D <sub>7</sub>	291.13	0.024		
C <sub>7</sub>	$45.5\% \ \pi_3^*$	291.42	0.018		
$C_7$	83.1% D <sub>4</sub>	291.44	0.001		
$C_9$	24.8% D <sub>5</sub>	291.45	0.289		
$C_6$	65.9% D <sub>1</sub>	291.59	0.036		
$C_7$	44.3% D <sub>5</sub>	291.83	0.055		

### 6 Adenine Nitrogen K-Edge

**Table S4** Calculated and experimental adenine nitrogen core excitation energies in eV are shown in the table. All computations are performed using the def2-TZVP basis set and B3LYP functional. The largest contribution to the particle orbital  $(\phi_p)$  with reference to the ground state valence set is reported along with the hole orbital  $(\phi_h)$  for each transition. Relative oscillator strengths  $(f_{rel})$  are also reported

	OCDFT			Ex	Experiment	
$\phi_h$	$\phi_p$	$\omega_{fi}$	$f_{rel}$	Peak	$\omega_{fi}$	
$\overline{N_4}$	81.0% $\pi_1^*$	399.14	0.851			
$N_3$	63.7% $\pi_1^*$	399.28	0.926	A	399.5	
$N_5$	92.6% $\pi_2^*$	399.42	1.000			
$N_5$	92.4% $\pi_1^*$	399.69	0.002	A'	$\approx 400.4$	
$N_4$	98.9% $\pi_2^*$	400.39	0.022	А	$\sim$ 400.4	
$N_3$	81.6% $\pi_2^*$	401.21	0.109	$\mathrm{B}'$	401.3	
$N_2$	82.1% $\pi_1^*$	401.43	0.364			
$N_3$	66.2% $\pi_3^*$	401.79	0.145			
$N_1$	69.3% $\pi_1^*$	401.81	0.594			
$N_4$	77.4% $\pi_3^*$	401.95	0.184			
$N_5$	$56.7\% \ \pi_3^*$	402.10	0.017	В	401.9	
$N_5$	$34.7\% \ \pi_3^*$	402.15	0.013			
$N_2$	78.4% D <sub>3</sub>	402.27	0.204			
$N_4$	$80.2\% D_2$	402.36	0.003			
$N_3$	$90.2\% D_2$	402.42	0.012			
$N_4$	83.4% D <sub>3</sub>	402.73	0.038			
$N_3$	69.0% D <sub>3</sub>	402.80	0.008			
$N_5$	36.4% D <sub>3</sub>	402.80	0.049			
$N_1$	74.8% $\pi_2^*$	403.08	0.122			
$N_5$	39.1% D <sub>5</sub>	403.18	0.030	С	403.0	
$N_4$	48.5% D <sub>4</sub>	403.22	0.033	C	403.0	
$N_1$	87.2% D <sub>2</sub>	403.25	0.418			
$N_3$	80.4% D <sub>4</sub>	403.32	0.074			
$N_2$	57.1% D <sub>6</sub>	403.34	0.918			
$N_5$	91.1% D <sub>6</sub>	403.38	0.052			
$N_2$	94.8% $\pi_3^*$	404.33	0.038			
$N_3$	$42.3\% D_8$	404.44	0.023			
$N_2$	87.1% $\pi_2^*$	404.55	0.011			
$N_3$	$59.8\% D_6$	404.71	0.059			
$N_5$	29.0% D <sub>5</sub>	404.73	0.031			
$N_4$	91.9% D <sub>10</sub>	404.79	0.253			
$N_2$	$56.6\% D_2$	404.97	0.115			

### 7 Adenine Carbon K-Edge

**Table S5** Calculated and experimental adenine carbon core excitation energies in eV are shown in the table. All computations are performed using the def2-TZVP basis set and B3LYP functional. The largest contribution to the particle orbital  $(\phi_p)$  with reference to the ground state valence set is reported along with the hole orbital  $(\phi_h)$  for each transition. Relative oscillator strengths  $(f_{rel})$  are also reported

OCDFT			Ех	periment	
$\phi_h$	$\phi_{P}$	$\omega_{fi}$	$f_{rel}$	Peak	$\omega_{fi}$
C <sub>10</sub>	92.6% $\pi_2^*$	286.32	0.298	A	286.4
$C_9$	$81.0\% \ \pi_1^*$	286.46	0.936	A	200.4
$C_{10}$	92.4% $\pi_1^*$	286.71	0.260		
$C_7$	82.1% $\pi_1^*$	286.86	0.893	В	286.8
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$C_6$	69.3% $\pi_1^*$	287.27	1.000	C	287.4
$C_8$	63.7% $\pi_1^*$	287.41	0.961		
$C_8$	81.6% $\pi_2^*$	287.86	0.000		
$C_{10}$	$34.7\% \ \pi_3^{\tilde{*}}$	287.93	0.092	C'	$\approx 288.0$
$C_9$	$98.9\% \ \pi_2^*$	288.02	0.026		
$C_6$	74.8% $\pi_2^*$	288.78	0.008		
$C_{10}$	$56.7\% \ \pi_3^*$	288.89	0.006		
$C_7$	$78.4\% D_3$	288.91	0.001	D	289.0
$C_{10}$	36.4% D <sub>3</sub>	289.16	0.038	D	209.0
$C_8$	$66.2\% \ \pi_3^*$	289.21	0.014		
	3				
$C_9$	77.4% $\pi_3^*$	289.41	0.016		
$\mathbf{C}_7$	$87.1\% \ \pi_2^*$	289.43	0.042	Е	
$C_7$	57.1% D <sub>6</sub>	289.66	0.329		
$C_{10}$	39.1% D <sub>5</sub>	289.82	0.029		
$C_9$	80.2% D <sub>2</sub>	289.98	0.266		
$C_8$	$90.2\% D_2$	290.06	0.044	F	
$C_9$	83.4% D <sub>3</sub>	290.14	0.166		
$C_6$	87.2% D <sub>2</sub>	290.15	0.035		
$C_7$	94.8% $\pi_3^*$	290.36	0.086		
$C_{10}$	91.1% D <sub>6</sub>	290.37	0.020		
$C_{10}$	61.6% D <sub>7</sub>	290.42	0.031		
$C_9$	48.5% D <sub>4</sub>	290.45	0.014	~	
$C_8$	69.0% D <sub>3</sub>	290.61	0.010	G	
$C_6$	77.2% $\pi_3^*$	290.66	0.060		
$C_7$	56.6% D <sub>2</sub>	290.77	0.064		
$C_9$	$61.7\% D_6$	290.94	0.018		