

QUESTDB: A database of highly accurate excitation energies for the electronic structure community

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Abstract

We describe our efforts of the past few years to create a large set of more than 500 highly accurate vertical excitation energies of various natures ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$, $n \rightarrow \pi^*$, double excitation, Rydberg, singlet, doublet, triplet, etc.) in small- and medium-sized molecules. These values have been obtained using an incremental strategy which consists in combining high-order coupled cluster and selected configuration interaction calculations using increasingly large diffuse basis sets in order to reach high accuracy. One of the key aspects of the so-called QUEST database of vertical excitations is that it does not rely on any experimental values, avoiding potential biases inherently linked to experiments and facilitating theoretical cross comparisons. Following this composite protocol, we have been able to produce theoretical best estimates (TBEs) with the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set for each of these transitions, as well as basis set corrected TBEs (i.e., near the complete basis set limit) for some of them. The TBEs/aug-cc-pVTZ have been employed to benchmark a large number of (lower-order) wave function methods such as CIS(D), ADC(2), CC2, STEOM-CCSD, CCSD, CCSDR(3), CCSDT-3, ADC(3), CC3, NEVPT2, and so on (including spin-scaled variants). In order to gather the huge amount of data produced during the QUEST project, we have created a website (https://lcpq.github.io/QUESTDB_website) where one can easily test and compare the accuracy of a given method with respect to various variables such as the molecule size or its family, the nature of the excited states, the type of basis set, and so on. We hope that the present review will provide a useful summary of our effort so far and foster new developments around excited-state methods.

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1 | INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, there exist a very large number of electronic structure computational approaches, more or less expensive depending on their overall accuracy, able to quantitatively predict the absolute, and/or relative energies of electronic states in molecular systems.^{1–4} One important aspect of some of these theoretical methods is their ability to access the energies of electronic excited states, that is, states that have higher total energies than the so-called ground (i.e., lowest-energy) state.^{5–15} The faithful description of excited states is particularly challenging from a theoretical point of view but is key to a deeper understanding of photochemical and photophysical processes such as absorption, fluorescence, phosphorescence, chemiluminescence, and so on.^{16–22} For a given level of theory, ground-state methods are usually more accurate than their excited-state analogs. The reasons behind this are (at least) threefold: (i) accurately modeling the electronic structure of excited states usually requires larger one-electron basis sets (including diffuse functions most of the times) than their ground-state counterpart, (ii) excited states can be governed by different amounts of dynamic/static correlations, present very different physical natures ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$, $n \rightarrow \pi^*$, charge transfer, double excitation, valence, Rydberg, singlet, doublet, triplet, etc.), yet be very close in energy from one another, and (iii) one usually has to rely on response theory formalisms,^{23–30} which inherently introduce a ground-state “bias.” Hence, designing excited-state methods able to tackle simultaneously and on an equal footing all these types of excited states at an affordable cost remains an open challenge in theoretical computational chemistry as evidenced by the large number of review articles on this particular subject.^{5–15, 31}

When designing a new theoretical model, the first feature that one might want to test is its overall accuracy, that is, its ability to reproduce reference (or benchmark) values for a given system with a well-defined setup (same geometry, basis set, etc.). These values can be absolute and/or relative energies, geometrical parameters, physical or chemical spectroscopic properties extracted from experiments, high-level theoretical calculations, or any combination of these. To this end, the electronic structure community has designed along the years benchmark sets, that is, sets of molecules for which one can (very) accurately compute theoretical estimates and/or access solid experimental data for given properties. Regarding ground-state properties, two of the oldest and most employed sets are probably the Gaussian-1 and Gaussian-2 benchmark sets^{32–34} developed by the group of Pople in the 1990s. For example, the Gaussian-2 set gathers atomization energies, ionization energies, electron affinities, proton affinities, bond dissociation energies, and reaction barriers. This set was subsequently extended and refined.^{35, 36} Another very useful set for the design of methods able to catch dispersion effects³⁷ is the S22 benchmark set³⁸ (and its extended S66 version³⁹) of Hobza and collaborators which provides benchmark interaction energies for weakly interacting (noncovalent) systems. One could also mention the GW100 set^{40–42} (and its GW5000 extension⁴³) of ionization energies which has helped enormously the community to compare the implementation of *GW*-type methods for molecular systems.^{44–47} The extrapolated ab initio thermochemistry set designed to achieve high accuracy for enthalpies of formation of atoms and small molecules (without experimental data) is yet another successful example of benchmark set.^{48–50} More recently, let us mention the benchmark datasets of the *Simons Collaboration on the Many-Electron Problem* providing, for example, highly accurate ground-state energies for hydrogen chains⁵¹ as well as transition metal atoms and their ions and monoxides.⁵² Let us also mention the set of Zhao and Truhlar for small transition metal complexes employed to compare the accuracy of density-functional methods⁵³ for 3d transition-metal chemistry,⁵⁴ the MGCD84 molecular database of Mardirossian and Head-Gordon that they used to benchmark a total of 200 density functionals and design (using a combinatorial approach) the ω B97M-V functional,⁵⁵ and finally the popular GMTKN24,⁵⁶ GMTKN30,^{57, 58} and GMTKN55⁵⁹ databases for general main group thermochemistry, kinetics, and noncovalent interactions developed by Goerigk, Grimme, and their coworkers.

The examples of benchmark sets presented above are all designed for ground-state properties, and there exist specific protocols tailored to accurately model excited-state energies and properties as well. Indeed, benchmark datasets of excited-state energies and/or properties are less numerous than their ground-state counterparts but their number has been growing at a consistent pace in the past few years. Below, we provide a short description for some of them. One of the most characteristic examples is the benchmark set of vertical excitation energies proposed by Thiel and coworkers.^{60–63} The so-called Thiel (or Mülheim) set of excitation energies gathers a large number of excitation energies determined in 28 medium-sized organic CNOH molecules with a total of 223 valence excited states (152 singlet and 71 triplet states) for which theoretical best estimates (TBEs) were defined. In their first study, Thiel and collaborators performed CC2,^{64, 65} CCSD,^{25, 66–68} CC3,^{26, 69} and CASPT2^{5, 70–72} calculations (with the TZVP basis) on MP2/6-31G (d) geometries in order to provide (based on additional high-quality literature data) TBEs for these transitions. These TBEs were quickly refined with the larger aug-cc-pVTZ basis set.^{62, 63} In the same spirit, it is also worth mentioning

Gordon's set of vertical transitions (based on experimental values)⁷³ used to benchmark the performance of time-dependent density-functional theory (TD-DFT),^{74–77} as well as its extended version by Goerigk and coworkers who decided to replace the experimental reference values by CC3 excitation energies.^{78–80} For comparisons with experimental values, there also exist various sets of measured 0-0 energies used in various benchmarks, notably by the Furche,^{81, 82} Hättig,⁸³ and our^{84–86} groups for gas-phase compounds and by Grimme^{87, 88} and one of us^{89, 90} for solvated dyes. Let us also mention the new benchmark set of charge-transfer excited states recently introduced by Szalay and coworkers (based on equation-of-motion coupled cluster [EOM-CC] methods)⁹¹ as well as the Gagliardi-Truhlar set employed to compare the accuracy of multiconfiguration pair-density functional theory¹³ against the well-established CASPT2 method.⁹²

Following a similar philosophy and striving for chemical accuracy, we have recently reported in several studies highly accurate vertical excitations for small- and medium-sized molecules.^{15, 93–96} The so-called QUEST dataset of vertical excitations which we will describe in detail in the present review article is composed by 5 subsets (see Figure 1): (i) a subset of excitations in small molecules containing from 1 to 3 non-hydrogen atoms known as QUEST#1, (ii) a subset of double excitations in molecules of small and medium sizes known as QUEST#2, (iii) a subset of excitation energies for medium-sized molecules containing from 4 to 6 non-hydrogen atoms known as QUEST#3, (iv) a subset composed by more “exotic” molecules and radicals labeled as QUEST#4, and (v) a subset known as QUEST#5, specifically designed for the present article, gathering excitation energies in larger molecules as well as additional smaller molecules. One of the key aspects of the QUEST dataset is that it does not rely on any experimental values, avoiding potential biases inherently linked to experiments and facilitating in the process theoretical comparisons. Moreover, our protocol has been designed to be as uniform as possible, which means that we have designed a very systematic procedure for all excited states in order to make cross-comparison as straightforward as possible. Importantly, it allowed us to benchmark, in a very systematic and balanced way, a series of popular excited-state wave function methods partially

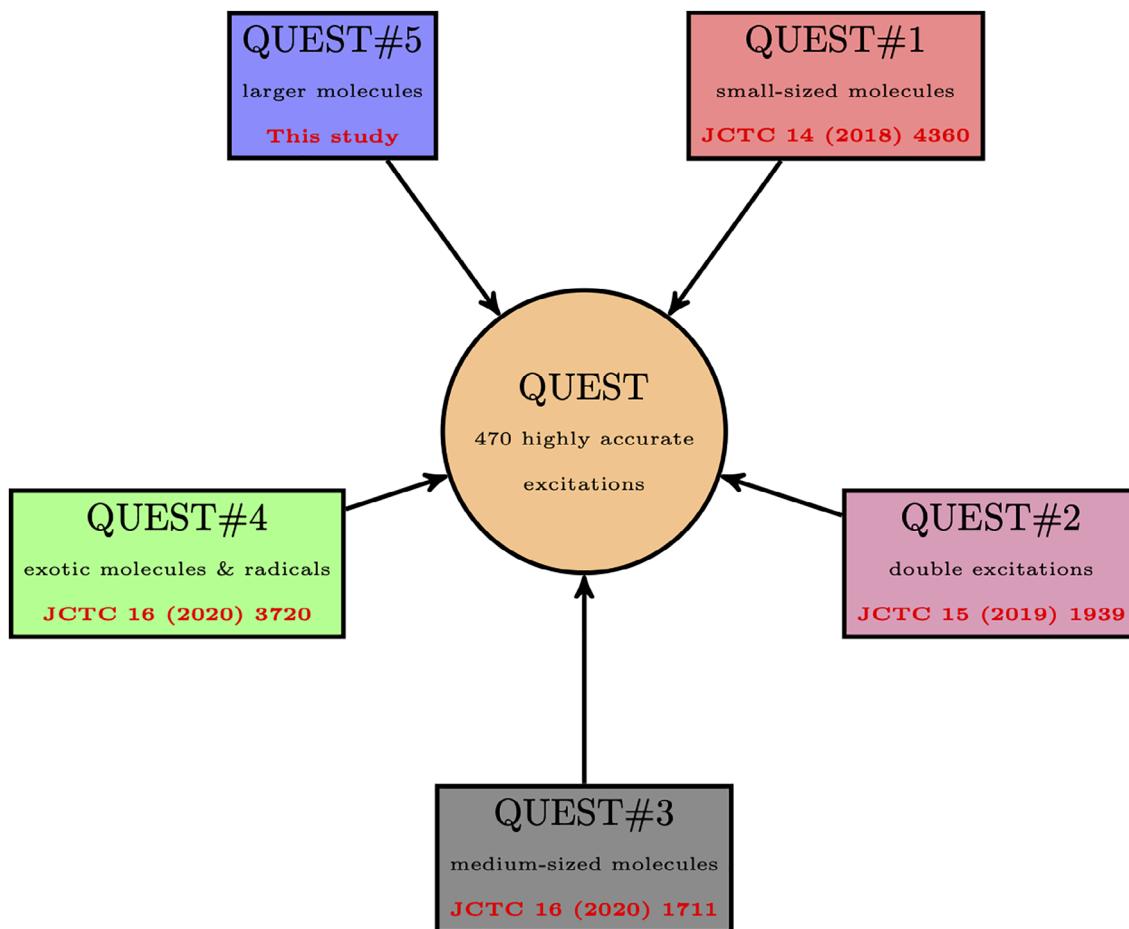


FIGURE 1 Composition of each of the five subsets making up the present QUEST dataset of highly accurate vertical excitation energies

or fully accounting for double and triple excitations as well as multiconfigurational methods (see below). In the same vein, as evoked above, we have also produced chemically accurate theoretical 0-0 energies^{84–86} which can be more straightforwardly compared to experimental data.^{81–83, 87–90, 97–99} We refer the interested reader to Ref. 86 for a review of the generic benchmark studies devoted to adiabatic and 0-0 energies performed in the past two decades.

The QUEST dataset has the particularity to be based to a large extent on selected configuration interaction (SCI) reference excitation energies as well as high-order linear-response (LR) CC methods such as LR-CCSDT and LR-CCSDTQ.^{25, 27, 29, 100–106} Recently, SCI methods have been a force to reckon with for the computation of highly accurate energies in small- and medium-sized molecules as they yield near full configuration interaction (FCI) quality energies for only a very tiny fraction of the computational cost of a genuine FCI calculation.^{15, 93–96, 107–128} Due to the fairly natural idea underlying these methods, the SCI family is composed of numerous members.^{94, 116–118, 129–155} Their fundamental philosophy consists, roughly speaking, in retaining only the most relevant determinants of the FCI space following a given criterion to slow down the exponential increase of the size of the CI expansion. Originally developed in the late 1960s by Bender and Davidson¹²⁹ as well as Whitten and Hackmeyer,¹³⁰ new efficient SCI algorithms have resurfaced recently. Three examples are iCI,^{151, 156–158} semistochastic heat-bath CI,^{116, 118–120, 141, 142} and *configuration interaction using a perturbative selection made iteratively* (CIPSI).^{131, 135, 137, 159} These flavors of SCI include a second-order perturbative (PT2) correction which is key to estimate the “distance” to the FCI solution (see below). The SCI calculations performed for the QUEST set of excitation energies rely on the CIPSI algorithm, which is, from a historical point of view, one of the oldest SCI algorithms. It was developed in 1973 by Huron et al.¹³¹ (see also Refs. 160–164). Recently, the determinant-driven CIPSI algorithm has been efficiently implemented¹⁵⁹ in the open-source programming environment QUANTUM PACKAGE enabling to perform massively parallel computations.^{127, 138, 145, 159} CIPSI is also frequently employed to provide accurate trial wave functions for quantum Monte Carlo calculations in molecules^{135–137, 139, 140, 143, 144, 165–170} and more recently for periodic solids.¹⁷¹ We refer the interested reader to Ref. 159 where one can find additional details regarding the implementation of the CIPSI algorithm.

The present article is organized as follows. In Section 2, we detail the specificities of our protocol by providing computational details regarding geometries, basis sets (reference and benchmarked), computational methods, and a new way of estimating rigorously the extrapolation error in SCI calculations which is tested by computing additional FCI values for five- and six-membered rings. We then describe in Section 3 the content of our five QUEST subsets providing for each of them the number of reference excitation energies, the nature and size of the molecules, the list of benchmarked methods, as well as other specificities. A special emphasis is placed on our latest (previously unpublished) add-on, QUEST#5, specifically designed for the present manuscript where we have considered, in particular but not only, larger molecules. Section 4 discusses the generation of the TBEs, whereas Section 5 proposes a comprehensive benchmark of various methods on the entire QUEST set which is composed by more than 400 excitations with, in addition, a specific analysis for each type of excited states. Section 6 describes the feature of the website that we have specifically designed to gather the entire data generated during these last few years. Thanks to this website, one can easily test and compare the accuracy of a given method with respect to various variables such as the molecule size or its family, the nature of the excited states, the size of the basis set, etc. Finally, we draw our conclusions in Section 7 where we discuss, in particular, future projects aiming at expanding and improving the usability and accuracy of the QUEST database.

2 | COMPUTATIONAL TOOLS

2.1 | Geometries

The ground-state structures of the molecules included in the QUEST dataset have been systematically optimized at the CC3/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory, except for a very few cases. As shown in Refs. 30, 172, CC3 provides extremely accurate ground- and excited-state geometries. These optimizations have been performed using DALTON 2017¹⁷³ and CFOUR 2.1¹⁷⁴ applying default parameters. For the open-shell derivatives belonging to QUEST#4,⁹⁶ the geometries are optimized at the UCCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ level using the GAUSSIAN16 program¹⁷⁵ and applying the “tight” convergence threshold. For the purpose of the present review article, we have gathered all the geometries in the Supporting information.

2.2 | Basis sets

For the entire set, we rely on the 6-31+G(d) Pople basis set,^{176–182} the augmented family of Dunning basis sets aug-cc-pVXZ (where X = D, T, Q, and 5),^{183–187} and sometimes its doubly- and triply-augmented variants, d-aug-cc-pVXZ and t-aug-cc-pVXZ respectively. Doubly- and triply-augmented basis sets are usually employed for Rydberg states where it is not uncommon to observe a strong basis set dependence due to the very diffuse nature of these excited states. These basis sets are available from the Basis Set Exchange website (<https://www.basissetexchange.org>).^{188–190}

2.3 | Computational methods

2.3.1 | Reference computational methods

In order to compute reference vertical energies, we have designed different strategies depending on the actual nature of the transition and the size of the system. For small molecules (typically 1–3 non-hydrogen atoms), we mainly resort to SCI methods which can provide near-FCI excitation energies for compact basis sets. Obviously, the smaller the molecule, the larger the basis we can afford. For larger systems (i.e., 4–6 non-hydrogen atom), one cannot afford SCI calculations anymore except in a few special occasions, and we then rely on LR-CC theory (LR-CCSDT and LR-CCSDTQ typically^{29, 101, 104–106}) to obtain accurate transition energies. In the following, we will omit the prefix LR for the sake of clarity, as equivalent values would be obtained with the EOM formalism.^{66, 67}

The CC calculations are performed with several codes. For closed-shell molecules, CC3^{26, 69} calculations are achieved with DALTON¹⁷³ and CFOUR.¹⁷⁴ CCSDT and CCSDTQ calculations are performed with CFOUR¹⁷⁴ and MRCC 2017,^{191, 192} the latter code being also used for CCSDTQP. The reported oscillator strengths have been computed in the LR-CC3 formalism only. For open-shell molecules, the CCSDT, CCSDTQ, and CCSDTQP calculations performed with MRCC^{191, 192} do consider an unrestricted Hartree–Fock wave function as reference but for a few exceptions. All excited-state calculations are performed, except when explicitly mentioned, in the frozen-core (FC) approximation using large cores for the third-row atoms.

All the SCI calculations are performed within the FC approximation using QUANTUM PACKAGE¹⁵⁹ where the CIPSI algorithm¹³¹ is implemented. Details regarding this specific CIPSI implementation can be found in Refs. 159, 167. A state-averaged formalism is employed, that is, the ground and excited states are described with the same set of determinants and orbitals, but different CI coefficients. Our usual protocol^{15, 93–96, 143, 144, 167} consists of performing a preliminary CIPSI calculation using Hartree–Fock orbitals in order to generate a CIPSI wave function with at least 10⁷ determinants. Natural orbitals are then computed based on this wave function, and a new, larger CIPSI calculation is performed with this new set of orbitals. This has the advantage to produce a smoother and faster convergence of the SCI energy toward the FCI limit. The CIPSI energy E_{CIPSI} is defined as the sum of the variational energy E_{var} (computed via diagonalization of the CI matrix in the reference space) and a PT2 correction E_{PT2} which estimates the contribution of the determinants not included in the CI space.¹³⁸ By linearly extrapolating this second-order correction to zero, one can efficiently estimate the FCI limit for the total energies. These extrapolated total energies (simply labeled as E_{FCI} in the remainder of the paper) are then used to compute vertical excitation energies.

Depending on the set, we estimated the extrapolation error via different techniques. For example, in Ref. 95, we estimated the extrapolation error by the difference between the transition energies obtained with the largest SCI wave function and the FCI extrapolated value. This definitely cannot be viewed as a true error bar, but it provides an idea of the quality of the FCI extrapolation and estimate. Below, we provide a much cleaner way of estimating the extrapolation error in SCI methods, and we adopt this scheme for the five- and six-membered rings considered in the QUEST#3 subset. The particularity of the current implementation is that the selection step and the PT2 correction are computed simultaneously via a hybrid semistochastic algorithm.^{138, 159} Moreover, a renormalized version of the PT2 correction (dubbed rPT2) has been recently implemented for a more efficient extrapolation to the FCI limit.¹⁵⁹ We refer the interested reader to Ref. 159 where one can find all the details regarding the implementation of the CIPSI algorithm. Note that all our SCI wave functions are eigenfunctions of the \hat{S}^2 spin operator which is, unlike ground-state calculations, paramount in the case of excited states.¹⁹³ In the case of ground-state calculations, this constraint can be relaxed without altering the final result (see, e.g., Ref. 127).

2.3.2 | Benchmarked computational methods

Using a large variety of codes, our benchmark effort consists in evaluating the accuracy of vertical transition energies obtained at lower levels of theory. For example, we rely on GAUSSIAN¹⁷⁵ and TURBOMOLE 7.3¹⁹⁴ for CIS(D)^{195, 196}; Q-CHEM 5.2¹⁹⁷ for EOM-MP2 [CCSD(2)]¹⁹⁸ and ADC(3)^{31, 199, 200}; Q-CHEM¹⁹⁷ and TURBOMOLE¹⁹⁴ for ADC(2)^{31, 201}; DALTON¹⁷³ and TURBOMOLE¹⁹⁴ for CC2^{64, 65}; DALTON¹⁷³ and GAUSSIAN¹⁷⁵ for CCSD^{25, 67, 68}; DALTON¹⁷³ for CCSDR(3)²⁰²; CFOUR¹⁷⁴ for CCSDT-3^{203, 204}; and ORCA²⁰⁵ for similarity-transformed EOM-CCSD (STEOM-CCSD).^{206, 207} In addition, we evaluate the spin-opposite scaling (SOS) variants of ADC(2), SOS-ADC(2), as implemented in both Q-CHEM²⁰⁸ and TURBOMOLE.²⁰⁹ Note that these two codes have distinct SOS implementations, as explained in Ref. 208. We also test the SOS and spin-component scaled (SCS) versions of CC2, as implemented in TURBOMOLE.^{194, 209} Discussion of various spin-scaling schemes can be found elsewhere.⁸⁸ For the STEOM-CCSD calculations, it was checked that the active character percentage was, at least, 98%. For radicals, we applied both the U (unrestricted) and RO (restricted open-shell) versions of CCSD and CC3 as implemented in the PSI4 code²¹⁰ to perform our benchmarks. Finally, the composite approach, ADC(2.5), which follows the spirit of Grimme's and Hobza's MP2.5 approach²¹¹ by averaging the ADC(2) and ADC(3) excitation energies, is also tested in the following.²¹²

For the double excitations composing the QUEST database, we have performed additional calculations using various multiconfigurational methods. In particular, state-averaged (SA) CASSCF and CASPT2^{70, 72} have been performed with MOLPRO (RS2 contraction level).²¹³ Concerning the NEVPT2 calculations (which are also performed with MOLPRO), the partially contracted (PC) and strongly contracted (SC) variants have been tested.^{214–216} From a strict theoretical point of view, we point out that PC-NEVPT2 is supposed to be more accurate than SC-NEVPT2 given that it has a larger number of perturbers and greater flexibility. PC-NEVPT2 calculations were also systematically performed for the QUEST#3. In the case of double excitations,⁹⁴ we have also performed calculations with multi-state (MS) CASPT2 (MS-MR formalism),²¹⁷ and its extended variant (XMS-CASPT2)²¹⁸ when there is a strong mixing between states with same spin and spatial symmetries. The CASPT2 calculations have been performed with level shift and IPEA parameters set to the standard values of 0.3 and 0.25 a.u., respectively. Large active spaces carefully chosen and tailored for the desired transitions have been selected. The definition of the active space considered for each system as well as the number of states in the state-averaged calculation is provided in their corresponding publication.

2.3.3 | Estimating the extrapolation error

In this section, we present our scheme to estimate the extrapolation error in SCI calculations. This new protocol is then applied to five- and six-membered ring molecules for which SCI calculations are particularly challenging even for small basis sets. Note that the present method does only apply to *state-averaged* SCI calculations where ground- and excited-state energies are produced during the same calculation with the same set of molecular orbitals, not to *state-specific* calculations where one computes solely the energy of a single state (like conventional ground-state calculations).

For the m th excited state (where $m = 0$ corresponds to the ground state), we usually estimate its FCI energy $E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)}$ by performing a linear extrapolation of its variational energy $E_{\text{var}}^{(m)}$ as a function of its rPT2 correction $E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(m)}$ ^{116, 159} using

$$E_{\text{var}}^{(m)} \approx E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)} - \alpha^{(m)} E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(m)}, \quad (1)$$

where $E_{\text{var}}^{(m)}$ and $E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(m)}$ are calculated with CIPSI and $E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)}$ is the FCI energy to be extrapolated. This relation is valid in the regime of a sufficiently large number of determinants where the second-order perturbational correction largely dominates. In theory, the coefficient $\alpha^{(m)}$ should be equal to one but, in practice, due to the residual higher-order terms, it deviates slightly from unity.

For the largest systems considered here, E_{rPT2} can be as large as 2 eV and, thus, the accuracy of the excitation energy estimates strongly depends on our ability to compensate the errors in the calculations. Here, we greatly enhance the compensation of errors by making use of our selection procedure ensuring that the rPT2 values of both states match as well as possible (a trick known as PT2 matching^{168, 169}), that is, $E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(0)} \approx E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(m)}$, and by using a common set of state-averaged natural orbitals with equal weights for the ground and excited states.

Using Equation (1) the estimated error on the CIPSI energy is calculated as

$$E_{\text{CIPSI}}^{(m)} - E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)} = \left(E_{\text{var}}^{(m)} + E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(m)} \right) - E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)} = \left(1 - \alpha^{(m)} \right) E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(m)} \quad (2)$$

and thus the extrapolated excitation energy associated with the m th excited state is given by

$$\Delta E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)} = \left[E_{\text{var}}^{(m)} + E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(m)} + (\alpha^{(m)} - 1) E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(m)} \right] - \left[E_{\text{var}}^{(0)} + E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(0)} + (\alpha^{(0)} - 1) E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(0)} \right]. \quad (3)$$

The slopes $\alpha^{(m)}$ and $\alpha^{(0)}$ deviating only slightly from the unity, the error in $\Delta E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)}$ can be expressed at leading order as $(\alpha^{(m)} - \alpha^{(0)}) \bar{E}_{\text{rPT2}} + \mathcal{O}[\bar{E}_{\text{rPT2}}^2]$, where $\bar{E}_{\text{rPT2}} = (E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(m)} + E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(0)})/2$ is the averaged second-order correction.

In the ideal case where one is able to fully correlate the CIPSI calculations associated with the ground and excited states, the fluctuations of $\Delta E_{\text{CIPSI}}^{(m)}(n)$ as a function of the iteration number n would completely vanish and the exact excitation energy would be obtained from the first CIPSI iterations. Quite remarkably, in practice, numerical experience shows that the fluctuations with respect to the extrapolated value $\Delta E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)}$ are small, zero-centered, and display a Gaussian-like distribution. In addition, as evidenced in Figure 2, these fluctuations are found to be (very weakly) dependent on the iteration number n (as far as not too close n values are considered). Hence, this weak dependency does not significantly alter our results and will not be considered here.

We thus introduce the following random variable

$$X^{(m)} = \frac{\Delta E_{\text{CIPSI}}^{(m)}(n) - \Delta E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)}}{\sigma(n)}, \quad (4)$$

where

$$\Delta E_{\text{CIPSI}}^{(m)}(n) = \left[E_{\text{var}}^{(m)}(n) + E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(m)}(n) \right] - \left[E_{\text{var}}^{(0)}(n) + E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(0)}(n) \right] \quad (5)$$

and $\sigma(n)$ is a quantity proportional to the average fluctuations of $\Delta E_{\text{CIPSI}}^{(m)}$. A natural choice for $\sigma^2(n)$, playing here the role of a variance, is

$$\sigma^2(n) \propto \left[E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(m)}(n) \right]^2 + \left[E_{\text{rPT2}}^{(0)}(n) \right]^2, \quad (6)$$

which vanishes in the large- n limit (as it should).

The histogram of $X^{(m)}$ resulting from the singlet and triplet excitation energies obtained at various iteration number n for the 13 five- and six-membered ring molecules is shown in Figure 2. To avoid transient effects, only excitation energies at sufficiently large n are retained in the dataset. The statistical criterion used to decide from which precise value of n the data should be kept is presented below. In the present example, the total number of values employed to construct

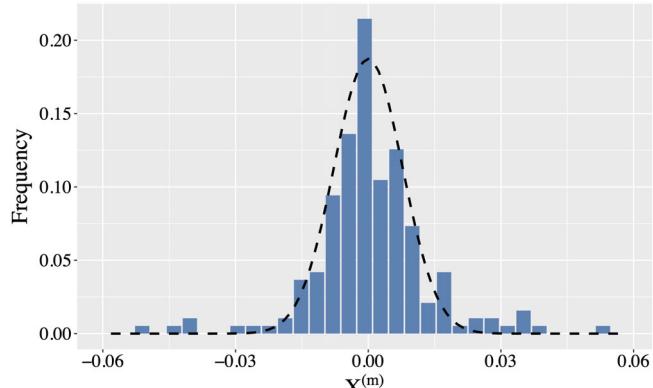


FIGURE 2 Histogram of the random variable $X^{(m)}$ (see Equation (4) in the main text for its definition). About 200 values of singlet and triplet excitation energies taken at various iteration number n for the 13 five- and six-membered ring molecules have been considered to build the present histogram. The number M of iterations kept at each calculation is chosen according to the statistical test presented in the text

the histogram of Figure 2 is about 200. The dashed line represents the best (in a least-squares sense) Gaussian fit reproducing the data. As clearly seen from Figure 2, the distribution can be fairly well described by a Gaussian probability distribution

$$P[X^{(m)}] \propto \exp\left[-\frac{X^{(m)2}}{2\sigma^*2}\right], \quad (7)$$

where σ^*2 is some “universal” variance depending only on the way the correlated selection of both states is done, not on the molecule considered in our set.

For each CIPSI calculation, an estimate of $\Delta E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)}$ is thus

$$\Delta E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^M \frac{\Delta E_{\text{CIPSI}}^{(m)}(n)}{\sigma(n)}}{\sum_{n=1}^M \frac{1}{\sigma(n)}}, \quad (8)$$

where M is the number of iterations that has been retained to compute the statistical quantities. Regarding the estimate of the error on $\Delta E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)}$ some caution is required since, although the distribution is globally Gaussian-like (see Figure 2), there exists some significant deviation from it and we must take this feature into account.

More precisely, we search for a confidence interval \mathcal{J} such that the true value of the excitation energy $\Delta E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)}$ lies within one standard deviation of $\Delta E_{\text{CIPSI}}^{(m)}$, that is, $P(\Delta E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)} \in [\Delta E_{\text{CIPSI}}^{(m)} \pm \sigma] | \mathcal{G}) = p = 0.6827$. In a Bayesian framework, the probability that $\Delta E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)}$ is in an interval \mathcal{J} is

$$P(\Delta E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)} \in \mathcal{J}) = P(\Delta E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)} \in I | \mathcal{G}) \times P(\mathcal{G}), \quad (9)$$

where $P(\mathcal{G})$ is the probability that the random variables considered in the latest CIPSI iterations are normally distributed. A common test in statistics of the normality of a distribution is the Jarque-Bera test J and we have

$$P(\mathcal{G}) = 1 - \chi_{\text{CDF}}^2(J, 2), \quad (10)$$

where $\chi_{\text{CDF}}^2(x, k)$ is the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of the χ^2 -distribution with k degrees of freedom. As the number of samples M is usually small, we use Student's t -distribution to estimate the statistical error. The inverse of the CDF of the t -distribution, t_{CDF}^{-1} , allows us to find how to scale the interval by a parameter

$$\beta = t_{\text{CDF}}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(1 + \frac{0.6827}{P(\mathcal{G})}\right), M\right] \quad (11)$$

such that $P(\Delta E_{\text{FCI}}^{(m)} \in [\Delta E_{\text{CIPSI}}^{(m)} \pm \beta\sigma]) = p$. Only the last $M > 2$ computed transition energies are considered. M is chosen such that $P(\mathcal{G}) > 0.8$ and such that the error bar is minimal. If all the values of $P(\mathcal{G})$ are below 0.8, M is chosen such that $P(\mathcal{G})$ is maximal. A Python code associated with this procedure is provided in the Supporting information.

The singlet and triplet FCI/6-31+G(d) excitation energies and their corresponding error bars estimated with the method presented above based on Gaussian random variables are reported in Table 1. For the sake of comparison, we also report the CC3 and CCSDT vertical energies from Ref. 95 computed in the same basis. We note that there is for the vast majority of considered states a very good agreement between the CC3 and CCSDT values, indicating that the CC values can be trusted. The estimated values of the excitation energies obtained via a three-point linear extrapolation considering the three largest CIPSI wave functions are also gathered in Table 1. In this case, the error bar is estimated via the extrapolation distance, that is, the difference in excitation energies obtained with the three-point linear extrapolation and the largest CIPSI wave function. This strategy has been considered in some of our previous works.^{95, 96, 127}

The deviation from the CCSDT excitation energies for the same set of excitations is depicted in Figure 3, where the red dots correspond to the excitation energies and error bars estimated via the present method, and the blue dots correspond to the excitation energies obtained via a three-point linear fit and error bars estimated via the extrapolation

TABLE 1 Singlet and triplet excitation energies (in eV) obtained at the CC3, CCSDT, and CIPSI levels of theory with the 6-31+G(d) basis set for various five- and six-membered rings

Molecule	Transition	CC3	CCSDT	CIPSI (Gaussian) ^a	CIPSI (3-point) ^b
Five-membered rings					
Cyclopentadiene	$^1B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	5.79	5.80	5.80 (2)	5.79 (2)
	$^3B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	3.33	3.33	3.32 (4)	3.29 (7)
Furan	$^1A_2(\pi \rightarrow 3s)$	6.26	6.28	6.31 (5)	6.37 (1)
	$^3B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.28	4.28	4.26 (4)	4.22 (7)
Imidazole	$^1A''(\pi \rightarrow 3s)$	5.77	5.77	5.78 (5)	5.96 (14)
	$^3A'(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.83	4.81	4.82 (7)	4.65 (22)
Pyrrole	$^1A_2(\pi \rightarrow 3s)$	5.25	5.25	5.23 (7)	5.31 (1)
	$^3B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.59	4.58	4.54 (7)	4.37 (23)
Thiophene	$^1A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	5.79	5.77	5.75 (8)	5.73 (9)
	$^3B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	3.95	3.94	3.98 (1)	3.99 (2)
Six-membered rings					
Benzene	$^1B_{2u}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	5.13	5.10	5.06 (9)	5.21 (7)
	$^3B_{1u}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.18	4.16	4.28 (6)	4.17 (7)
Cyclopentadienone	$^1A_2(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	3.03	3.03	3.08 (2)	3.13 (3)
	$^3B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	2.30	2.32	2.37 (5)	2.10 (25)
Pyrazine	$^1B_{3u}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.28	4.28	4.26 (9)	4.10 (25)
	$^3B_{3u}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	3.68	3.68	3.70 (3)	3.70 (1)
Tetrazine	$^1B_{3u}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	2.53	2.54	2.56 (5)	5.07 (16)
	$^3B_{3u}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	1.87	1.88	1.91 (3)	4.04 (49)
Pyridazine	$^1B_1(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	3.95	3.95	3.97 (10)	3.60 (43)
	$^3B_1(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	3.27	3.26	3.27 (15)	3.46 (14)
Pyridine	$^1B_1(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	5.12	5.10	5.15 (12)	4.90 (24)
	$^3A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.33	4.31	4.42 (85)	3.68 (105)
Pyrimidine	$^1B_1(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.58	4.57	4.64 (11)	2.54 (5)
	$^3B_1(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.20	4.20	4.55 (37)	2.18 (27)
Triazine	$^1A''_1(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.85	4.84	4.77 (13)	5.12 (51)
	$^3A''_2(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.40	4.40	4.45 (39)	4.73 (6)

^aExcitation energies and error bars (in eV) estimated via the novel statistical method based on Gaussian random variables (see Section 2.3.3). The error bars reported in parenthesis correspond to one standard deviation.

^bExcitation energies obtained via a three-point linear fit using the three largest CIPSI variational wave functions, and error bars (in eV) estimated via the extrapolation distance, that is, the difference in excitation energies obtained with the three-point linear extrapolation and the largest CIPSI wave function.

distance. These results contain a good balance between well-behaved and ill-behaved cases. For example, cyclopentadiene and furan correspond to well-behaved scenarios where the two flavors of extrapolations yield nearly identical estimates and the error bars associated with these two methods nicely overlap. In these cases, one can observe that our method based on Gaussian random variables provides almost systematically smaller error bars. Even in less idealistic situations (like in imidazole, pyrrole, and thiophene), the results are very satisfactory and stable. The six-membered rings represent much more challenging cases for SCI methods, and even for these systems the newly developed method provides realistic error bars, and allows to easily detect problematic events (like pyridine for instance). The present scheme has also been tested on smaller systems when one can tightly converge the CIPSI calculations. In such cases, the agreement is nearly perfect in every scenario that we have encountered. A selection of these results can be found in the Supporting information.

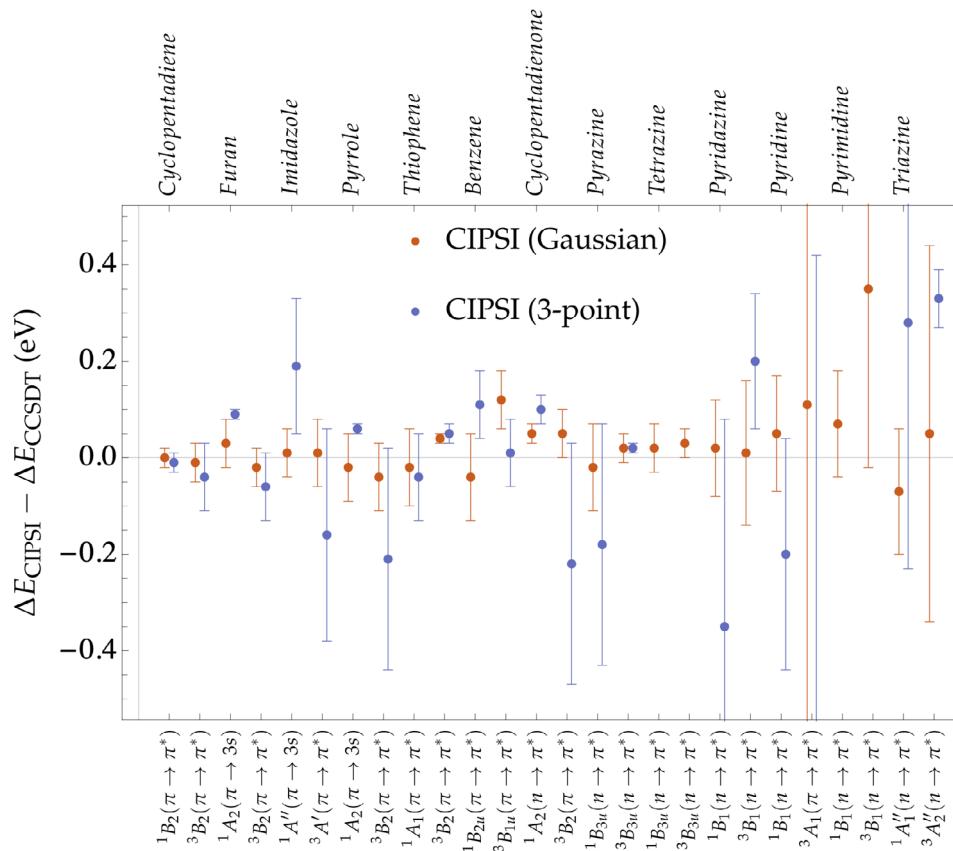


FIGURE 3 Deviation from the CCSDT excitation energies for the lowest singlet and triplet excitation energies (in eV) of five- and six-membered rings obtained at the CIPSI/6-31+G(d) level of theory. Red dots: excitation energies and error bars estimated via the present method (see Section 2.3.3). Blue dots: excitation energies obtained via a three-point linear fit using the three largest CIPSI wave functions, and error bars estimated via the extrapolation distance, that is, the difference in excitation energies obtained with the three-point linear extrapolation and the largest CIPSI wave function

3 | THE QUEST DATABASE

3.1 | Overview

The QUEST database gathers more than 500 highly accurate excitation energies of various natures (valence, Rydberg, $n \rightarrow \pi^*$, $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$, singlet, doublet, triplet, and double excitations) for molecules ranging from diatomics to molecules as large as naphthalene (see Figure 4). This set is also chemically diverse, with organic and inorganic systems, open- and closed-shell compounds, acyclic and cyclic systems, pure hydrocarbons and various heteroatomic structures, and so on. Each of the five subsets making up the QUEST dataset is detailed below. Throughout the present review, we report several statistical indicators: the mean signed error (MSE), mean absolute error (MAE), root-mean square error, and standard deviation of the errors, as well as the maximum positive [Max(+)] and maximum negative [Max(-)] errors.

3.2 | QUEST#1

The QUEST#1 benchmark set⁹³ consists of 110 vertical excitation energies (as well as oscillator strengths) from 18 molecules with sizes ranging from one to three non-hydrogen atoms (water, hydrogen sulfide, ammonia, hydrogen chloride, dinitrogen, carbon monoxide, acetylene, ethylene, formaldehyde, methanimine, thioformaldehyde, acetaldehyde, cyclopropene, diazomethane, formamide, ketene, nitrosomethane, and the smallest streptocyanine). For this set, we provided two sets of TBEs: (i) one obtained within the FC approximation and the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set, and (ii) another one including further corrections for basis set incompleteness and “all electron” effects. For the former set,

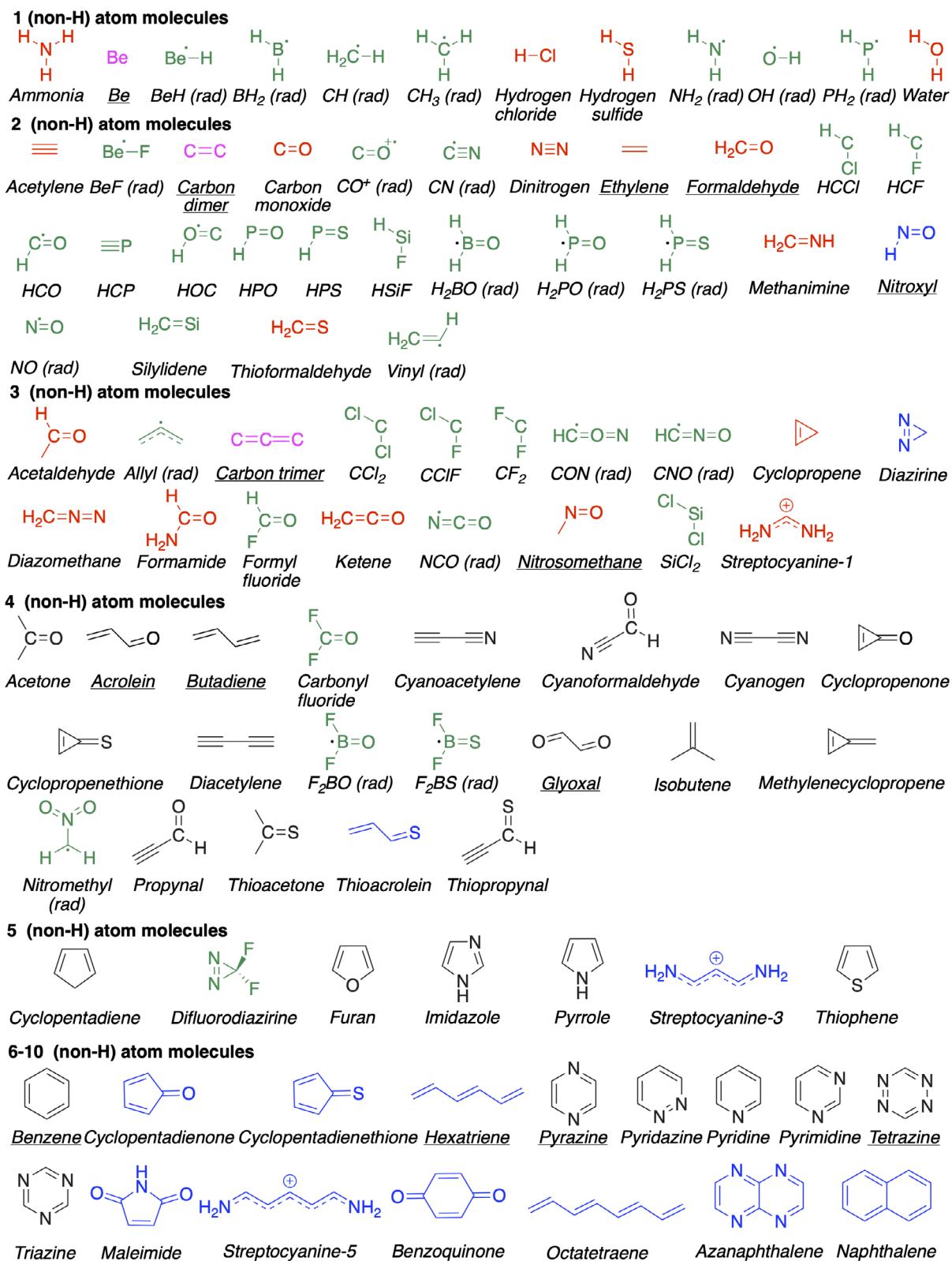


FIGURE 4 Molecules from each of the five subsets making up the present QUEST dataset of highly accurate vertical excitation energies: QUEST#1 (red), QUEST#2 (magenta and/or underlined), QUEST#3 (black), QUEST#4 (green), and QUEST#5 (blue)

we systematically employed FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ values to define our TBEs, except for a few cases. For the latter set, both the “all electron” correlation and the basis set corrections were systematically obtained at the CC3 level of theory and with the d-aug-cc-pV5Z basis for the nine smallest molecules, and slightly more compact basis sets for the larger

compounds. Our TBE/aug-cc-pVTZ reference excitation energies were employed to benchmark a series of popular excited-state wave function methods partially or fully accounting for double and triple excitations, namely CIS(D), CC2, CCSD, STEOM-CCSD, CCSDR(3), CCSDT-3, CC3, ADC(2), and ADC(3). Our main conclusions were that (i) ADC(2) and CC2 show strong similarities in terms of accuracy, (ii) STEOM-CCSD is, on average, as accurate as CCSD, the latter overestimating transition energies, (iii) CC3 is extremely accurate (with a mean absolute error of only ~ 0.03 eV) and that although slightly less accurate than CC3, CCSDT-3 could be used as a reliable reference for benchmark studies, and (iv) ADC(3) was found to be significantly less accurate than CC3 by overcorrecting ADC(2) excitation energies.

3.3 | QUEST#2

The QUEST#2 benchmark set⁹⁴ reports reference energies for double excitations. This set gathers 20 vertical transitions from 14 small- and medium-sized molecules (acrolein, benzene, beryllium atom, butadiene, carbon dimer and trimer, ethylene, formaldehyde, glyoxal, hexatriene, nitrosomethane, nitroxyl, pyrazine, and tetrazine). The TBEs of the QUEST#2 set are obtained with SCI and/or multiconfigurational (CASSCF, CASPT2, (X)MS-CASPT2, and NEVPT2) calculations depending on the size of the molecules and the level of theory that we could afford. An important addition to this second study was also the inclusion of various flavors of multiconfigurational methods (CASSCF, CASPT2, and NEVPT2) in addition to high-order CC methods including, at least, perturbative triples (CC3, CCSDT, CCSDTQ, etc.). Our results demonstrated that the error of CC methods is intimately linked to the amount of double-excitation character in the vertical transition. For “pure” double excitations (i.e., for transitions which do not mix with single excitations), the error in CC3 and CCSDT can easily reach 1 and 0.5 eV, respectively, while it goes down to a few tenths of an eV for more common transitions involving a significant amount of single excitations (such as the well-known A_g transition in butadiene or the E_{2g} excitation in benzene). The quality of the excitation energies obtained with CASPT2 and NEVPT2 was harder to predict as the overall accuracy of these methods is highly dependent on both the system and the selected active space. Nevertheless, these two methods were found to be more accurate for transitions with a very small percentage of single excitations (error usually below 0.1 eV) than for excitations dominated by single excitations where the error is closer to 0.1–0.2 eV.

3.4 | QUEST#3

The QUEST#3 benchmark set⁹⁵ is, by far, our largest set, and consists of highly accurate vertical transition energies and oscillator strengths obtained for 27 molecules encompassing 4, 5, and 6 non-hydrogen atoms (acetone, acrolein, benzene, butadiene, cyanoacetylene, cyanoformaldehyde, cyanogen, cyclopentadiene, cyclopropenone, cyclopropenethione, diacetylene, furan, glyoxal, imidazole, isobutene, methylenecyclopropene, propynal, pyrazine, pyridazine, pyridine, pyrimidine, pyrrole, tetrazine, thioacetone, thiophene, thiopropynal, and triazine) for a total of 238 vertical transition energies and 90 oscillator strengths with a reasonably good balance between singlet, triplet, valence, and Rydberg excited states. For these 238 transitions, we have estimated that 224 are chemically accurate for the aug-cc-pVTZ basis and for the considered geometry. To define the TBEs of the QUEST#3 set, we employed CC methods up to the highest technically possible order (CC3, CCSDT, and CCSDTQ), and, when affordable SCI calculations with very large reference spaces (up to hundred million determinants in certain cases), as well as one of the most reliable multiconfigurational methods, NEVPT2, for double excitations. Most of our TBEs are based on CCSDTQ (4 non-hydrogen atoms) or CCSDT (5 and 6 non-hydrogen atoms) excitation energies. For all the transitions of the QUEST#3 set, we reported at least CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ (sometimes with basis set extrapolation) and CC3/aug-cc-pVQZ transition energies as well as CC3/aug-cc-pVTZ oscillator strengths for each dipole-allowed transition. Pursuing our previous benchmarking efforts, we confirmed that CC3 almost systematically delivers transition energies in agreement with higher-level theoretical models (± 0.04 eV) except for transitions presenting a dominant double-excitation character where multiconfigurational methods like NEVPT2 have logically the edge. This settles down, at least for now, the debate by demonstrating the superiority of CC3 (in terms of accuracy) compared to methods like CCSDT-3 or ADC(3). For the latter model, this was further demonstrated in a recent study by two of the present authors.²¹²

3.5 | QUEST#4

The QUEST#4 benchmark set⁹⁶ consists of two subsets of excitations and oscillator strengths. An “exotic” subset of 30 excited states for closed-shell molecules containing F, Cl, P, and Si atoms (carbonyl fluoride, CCl_2 , CClF , CF_2 , difluorodiazirine, formyl fluoride, HCCl , HCF, HCP, HPO, HPS, HSiF , SiCl_2 , and silylidene) and a “radical” subset of 51 doublet-doublet transitions in 24 small radicals (allyl, BeF , BeH , BH_2 , CH, CH_3 , CN, CNO, CON, CO^+ , F_2BO , F_2BS , H_2BO , HCO, HOC, H_2PO , H_2PS , NCO, NH_2 , nitromethyl, NO, OH, PH_2 , and vinyl) characterized by open-shell electronic configurations and an unpaired electron. This represents a total of 81 high-quality TBEs, the vast majority being obtained at the FCI level with at least the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set. We additionally performed high-order CC calculations to ascertain these estimates. For the exotic set, these TBEs have been used to assess the performances of 15 “lower-order” wave function approaches, including several CC and ADC variants. Consistent with our previous works, we found that CC3 is very accurate, whereas the trends for the other methods are similar to that obtained on more standard CNOSH organic compounds. In contrast, for the radical set, even the refined ROCC3 method yields a comparatively large MAE of 0.05 eV. Likewise, the excitation energies obtained with CCSD are much less satisfying for open-shell derivatives (MAE of 0.20 eV with UCCSD and 0.15 eV with ROCCSD) than for closed-shell systems of similar size (MAE of 0.07 eV).

3.6 | QUEST#5

The QUEST#5 subset is composed of additional accurate excitation energies that we have produced for the present article. This new set gathers 13 new systems composed by small molecules as well as larger molecules (see blue molecules in Figure 4): aza-naphthalene, benzoquinone, cyclopentadienone, cyclopentadienethione, diazirine, hexatriene, maleimide, naphthalene, nitroxyl, octatetraene, streptocyanine-C3, streptocyanine-C5, and thioacrolein. For these new transitions, we report again quality vertical transition energies, the vast majority being of CCSDT quality, and we consider that, out of these 80 new transitions, 55 of them can be labeled as “safe,” that is, considered as chemically accurate or within 0.05 eV of the FCI limit for the given geometry and basis set. We refer the interested reader to the Supporting information for a detailed discussion of each molecule for which comparisons are made with literature data.

4 | THEORETICAL BEST ESTIMATES

We discuss in this section the generation of the TBEs obtained with the aug-cc-pVTZ basis. For the closed-shell compounds, the exhaustive list of TBEs can be found in Table 2 alongside various specifications: the molecule’s name, the excitation, its nature (valence, Rydberg, or charge transfer), its oscillator strength (when symmetry- and spin-allowed), and its percentage of single excitations % T_1 (computed at the LR-CC3 level). All these quantities are computed with the same aug-cc-pVTZ basis. Importantly, we also report the composite approach considered to compute the TBEs (see column “Method”). Following an ONIOM-like strategy,^{219, 220} the TBEs are computed as “A/SB + [B/TB – B/SB],” where A/SB is the excitation energy computed with a method A in a smaller basis (SB), and B/SB and B/TB are excitation energies computed with a method B in the small basis and target basis TB, respectively. Table 3 reports the TBEs for the open-shell molecules belonging to the QUEST#4 subset.

Talking about numbers, the QUEST database is composed of 551 excitation energies, including 302 singlet, 197 triplet, 51 doublet, 412 valence, and 176 Rydberg excited states. Among the valence transitions in closed-shell compounds, 135 transitions correspond to $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ excitations, 200 to $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ excitations, and 23 are doubly-excited states. In terms of molecular sizes, 146 excitations are obtained in molecules having in-between 1 and 3 non-hydrogen atoms, 97 excitations from 4 non-hydrogen atom compounds, 177 from molecules composed by 5 and 6 non-hydrogen atoms, and, finally, 68 excitations are obtained from systems with 7 to 10 non-hydrogen atoms. In addition, QUEST is composed by 24 open-shell molecules with a single unpaired electron. Among these excited states, 485 of them are considered as “safe,” that is, chemically accurate for the considered basis set and geometry. Besides this energetic criterion, we consider as “safe” transitions that are either: (i) computed with FCI or CCSDTQ, or (ii) in which the difference between CC3 and CCSDT excitation energies is small (i.e., around 0.03–0.04 eV) with a large % T_1 value.

TABLE 2 Theoretical best estimates TBEs (in eV), oscillator strengths f , percentage of single excitations $\%T_1$ involved in the transition (computed at the CC3 level) for the full set of closed-shell compounds of the QUEST database

#	Molecule	Excitation	Nature	$\%T_1$	f	TBE	Method	Safe?
1	Acetaldehyde	$^1A''(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	91	0.000	4.31	FCI/AVTZ	Y
2		$^3A''(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	97		3.97	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
3	Acetone	$^1A_2(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	91		4.47	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
4		$^1B_2(n \rightarrow 3s)$	R	90	0.000	6.46	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
5		$^1A_2(n \rightarrow 3p)$	R	90		7.47	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
6		$^1A_1(n \rightarrow 3p)$	R	90	0.004	7.51	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
7		$^1B_2(n \rightarrow 3p)$	R	91	0.029	7.62	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
8		$^3A_2(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	97		4.13	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
9		$^3A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		6.25	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
10	Acetylene	$^1\Sigma_u^-(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	96		7.10	FCI/AVTZ	Y
11		$^1\Delta_u(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	93		7.44	FCI/AVTZ	Y
12		$^3\Sigma_u^+(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	99		5.53	FCI/AVTZ	Y
13		$^3\Delta_u(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	99		6.40	FCI/AVTZ	Y
14		$^3\Sigma_u^-(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		7.08	FCI/AVTZ	Y
15		$^1A_u[F](\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	95		3.64	FCI/AVTZ	Y
16		$^1A_2[F](\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	95		3.85	FCI/AVTZ	Y
17	Acrolein	$^1A''(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	87	0.000	3.78	FCI/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
18		$^1A'(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	91	0.344	6.69	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
19		$^1A''(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	79	0.000	6.72	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	N
20		$^1A'(n \rightarrow 3s)$	R	89	0.109	7.08	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
21		$^1A'(\text{double})$	V	75	(n.d.)	7.87	FCI/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
22		$^3A''(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	97		3.51	FCI/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
23		$^3A'(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		3.94	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
24		$^3A'(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		6.18	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
25		$^3A''(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	92		6.54	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	N
26	Ammonia	$^1A_2(n \rightarrow 3s)$	R	93	0.086	6.59	FCI/AVTZ	Y
27		$^1E(n \rightarrow 3p)$	R	93	0.006	8.16	FCI/AVTZ	Y
28		$^1A_1(n \rightarrow 3p)$	R	94	0.003	9.33	FCI/AVTZ	Y
29		$^1A_2(n \rightarrow 3s)$	R	93	0.008	9.96	FCI/AVTZ	Y
30		$^3A_2(n \rightarrow 3s)$	R	98		6.31	FCI/AVTZ	Y

TABLE 2 (Continued)

#	Molecule	Excitation	Nature	%T ₁	f	TBE	Method	Safe?
31	Aza-naphthalene	$^1B_{3g}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	88		3.14	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
32		$^1B_{2u}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	86	0.190	4.28	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
33		$^1B_{1u}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	88	(n.d.)	4.34	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
34		$^1B_{2g}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	87		4.55	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
35		$^1B_{2g}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	84		4.89	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
36		$^1B_{1u}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	82	(n.d.)	5.24	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	N
37		$^1A_u(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	83		5.34	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
38		$^1B_{3u}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	88	0.028	5.68	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	N
39		$^1A_g(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	85		5.80	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
40		$^1A_u(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	84		5.92	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
41		$^1A_g(n \rightarrow 3s)$	R	90		6.50	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
42		$^3B_{3g}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	96		2.82	CC3/AVTZ	N
43		$^3B_{2u}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	97		3.67	CC3/AVTZ	N
44		$^3B_{3u}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	97		3.75	CC3/AVTZ	N
45		$^3B_{1u}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	97		3.77	CC3/AVTZ	N
46		$^3B_{2g}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	96		4.34	CC3/AVTZ	N
47		$^3B_{2g}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	95		4.61	CC3/AVTZ	N
48		$^3B_{3u}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	96		4.75	CC3/AVTZ	N
49		$^3A_u(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	96		4.87	CC3/AVTZ	N
50	Beryllium	$^1D(\text{double})$	R	32		7.15	FCI/AVTZ	Y
51	Benzene	$^1B_{2u}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	86		5.06	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
52		$^1B_{1u}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	92		6.45	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
53		$^1E_{1g}(\pi \rightarrow 3s)$	R	92		6.52	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
54		$^1A_{2u}(\pi \rightarrow 3p)$	R	93	0.066	7.08	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
55		$^1E_{2u}(\pi \rightarrow 3p)$	R	92		7.15	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
56		$^1E_{2g}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	73		8.28	FCI/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
57		$^1A_{1g}(\text{double})$	V	n.d.		10.55	XMS-CASPT2/AVTZ	N
58		$^3B_{1u}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		4.16	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
59		$^3E_{1u}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	97		4.85	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
60		$^3B_{2u}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		5.81	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
61	Benzoquinone	$^1B_{1g}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	85		2.82	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y

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62		$^1A_u(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	84		2.96	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
63		$^1A_g(\text{double})$	V	0		4.57	NEVPT2/AVTZ	N
64		$^1B_{3g}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	88		4.58	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	N
65		$^1B_{1u}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	88	0.471	5.62	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	N
66		$^1B_{3u}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	79	0.001	5.79	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	N
67		$^1B_{2g}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	76		5.95	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
68		$^1A_u(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	74		6.35	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	N
69		$^1B_{1g}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	83		6.38	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	N
70		$^1B_{2g}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	86		7.22	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
71		$^3B_{1g}(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	96		2.58	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
72		$^3A_u(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	95		2.72	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
73		$^3B_{1u}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	97		3.12	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
74		$^3B_{3g}(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	97		3.46	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
75	Butadiene	$^1B_u(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	93	0.664	6.22	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
76		$^1B_g(\pi \rightarrow 3s)$	R	94		6.33	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
77		$^1A_g(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	75		6.50	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
78		$^1A_u(\pi \rightarrow 3p)$	R	94	0.001	6.64	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
79		$^1A_u(\pi \rightarrow 3p)$	R	94	0.049	6.80	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
80		$^1B_u(\pi \rightarrow 3p)$	R	93	0.055	7.68	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
81		$^3B_u(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		3.36	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
82		$^3A_g(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		5.20	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
83		$^3B_g(\pi \rightarrow 3s)$	R	97		6.29	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
84	Carbon dimer	$^1\Delta_g(\text{double})$	R	0		2.09	FCI/AVTZ	Y
85		$^1\Sigma_g^+(\text{double})$	R	0		2.42	FCI/AVTZ	Y
86	Carbon monoxide	$^1\Pi(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	93	0.168	8.49	FCI/AVTZ	Y
87		$^1\Sigma^-(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	93		9.92	FCI/AVTZ	Y

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88		¹ Δ(π → π*)	V	91		10.06	FCI/AVTZ	Y
89		¹ Σ+(n. d.)	R	91	0.003	10.95	FCI/AVTZ	Y
90		¹ Σ+(n. d.)	R	92	0.200	11.52	FCI/AVTZ	Y
91		¹ Π(n. d.)	R	92	0.106	11.72	FCI/AVTZ	Y
92		³ Π(n → π*)	V	98		6.28	FCI/AVTZ	Y
93		³ Σ+(π → π*)	V	98		8.45	FCI/AVTZ	Y
94		³ Δ(π → π*)	V	98		9.27	FCI/AVTZ	Y
95		³ Σ-(π → π*)	V	97		9.80	FCI/AVTZ	Y
96		³ Σ+(n. d.)	R	98		10.47	FCI/AVTZ	Y
97	Carbon dimer	¹ Δ _g (double)	R	1		5.22	FCI/AVTZ	Y
98		¹ Σ _g ⁺ (double)	R	1		5.91	FCI/AVTZ	Y
99	Carbonylfluoride	¹ A ₂ (n → π*)	V	91		7.31	FCI/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
100		³ A ₂ (n → π*)	V	97		7.06	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
101	CCl ₂	¹ B ₁ (σ → π*)	V	93	0.002	2.59	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
102		¹ A ₂ (n. d.)	V	88		4.40	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
103		³ B ₁ (σ → π*)	V	98		1.22	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
104		³ A ₂ (n. d.)	V	96		4.31	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
105	CClF	¹ A ["] (σ → π*)	V	93	0.007	3.57	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
106	CF ₂	¹ B ₁ (σ → π*)	V	94	0.034	5.09	FCI/AVTZ	Y
107		³ B ₁ (σ → π*)	V	99		2.77	FCI/AVTZ	Y
108	Cyanoacetylene	¹ Σ-(π → π*)	V	94		5.80	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
109		¹ Δ(π → π*)	V	94		6.07	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
110		³ Σ+(π → π*)	V	98		4.44	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
111		³ Δ(π → π*)	V	98		5.21	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
112		¹ A ["] [F](π → π*)	V	93	0.004	3.54	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
113	Cyanoformaldehyde	¹ A ["] (n → π*)	V	89	0.001	3.81	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
114		¹ A ["] (π → π*)	V	91	0.000	6.46	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
115		³ A ["] (n → π*)	V	97		3.44	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
116		³ A'(π → π*)	V	98		5.01	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
117	Cyanogen	¹ Σ _u ⁻ (π → π*)	V	94		6.39	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
118		¹ Δ _u (π → π*)	V	93		6.66	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y

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119		$^3\Sigma_u^+(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		4.91	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
120		$^1\Sigma_u^- [F](\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	93		5.05	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
121	Cyclopentadiene	$^1B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	93	0.084	5.54	FCI/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
122		$^1A_2(\pi \rightarrow 3s)$	R	94		5.78	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
123		$^1B_1(\pi \rightarrow 3p)$	R	94	0.037	6.41	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
124		$^1A_2(\pi \rightarrow 3p)$	R	93		6.46	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
125		$^1B_2(\pi \rightarrow 3p)$	R	94	0.046	6.56	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
126		$^1A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	78	0.010	6.52	CCSDT/AVTZ	N
127		$^3B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		3.31	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
128		$^3A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		5.11	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
129		$^3A_2(\pi \rightarrow 3s)$	R	97		5.73	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
130		$^3B_1(\pi \rightarrow 3p)$	R	97		6.36	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
131	Cyclopentadienone	$^1A_2(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	88		2.94	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
132		$^1B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	91	0.004	3.58	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
133		$^1B_1(\text{double})$	V	3	0.000	5.02	NEVPT2/AVTZ	N
134		$^1A_1(\text{double})$	V	49	0.131	6.00	NEVPT2/AVTZ	N
135		$^1A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	73	0.090	6.09	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	N
136		$^3B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		2.29	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
137		$^3A_2(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	96		2.65	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
138		$^3A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		4.19	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
139		$^3B_1(\text{double})$	V	10		4.91	NEVPT2/AVTZ	N
140	Cyclopentadienethione	$^1A_2(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	87		1.70	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
141		$^1B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	85	0.000	2.63	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
142		$^1B_1(\text{double})$	V	1	0.000	3.16	NEVPT2/AVTZ	N
143		$^1A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	89	0.378	4.96	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
144		$^1A_1(\text{double})$	V	51	0.003	5.43	NEVPT2/AVTZ	N
145		$^3A_2(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	97		1.47	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
146		$^3B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	97		1.88	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y

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147		³ A ₁ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	98		2.51	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
148		³ B ₁ (double)	V	4		3.13	NEVPT2/AVTZ	N
149	Cyclopropene	¹ B ₁ ($\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	92	0.001	6.68	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
150		¹ B ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	95	0.071	6.79	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
151		³ B ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	98		4.38	FCI/AVTZ	Y
152		³ B ₁ ($\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	98		6.45	FCI/AVTZ	Y
153	Cyclopropanone	¹ B ₁ ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	87	0.000	4.26	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
154		¹ A ₂ ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	91		5.55	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
155		¹ B ₂ ($n \rightarrow 3s$)	R	90	0.003	6.34	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
156		¹ B ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	86	0.047	6.54	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
157		¹ B ₂ ($n \rightarrow 3p$)	R	91	0.018	6.98	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
158		¹ A ₁ ($n \rightarrow 3p$)	R	91	0.003	7.02	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
159		¹ A ₁ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	90	0.320	8.28	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
160		³ B ₁ ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	96		3.93	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
161		³ B ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	97		4.88	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
162		³ A ₂ ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	97		5.35	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
163		³ A ₁ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	98		6.79	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
164	Cyclopropenethione	¹ A ₂ ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	89		3.41	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
165		¹ B ₁ ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	84	0.000	3.45	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
166		¹ B ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	83	0.007	4.60	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
167		¹ B ₂ ($n \rightarrow 3s$)	R	91	0.048	5.34	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
168		¹ A ₁ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	89	0.228	5.46	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
169		¹ B ₂ ($n \rightarrow 3p$)	R	91	0.084	5.92	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
170		³ A ₂ ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	97		3.28	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
171		³ B ₁ ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	94		3.32	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
172		³ B ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	96		4.01	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
173		³ A ₁ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	98		4.01	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
174	Diacetylene	¹ Σ_u^- ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	94		5.33	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y

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175		$^1\Delta_u(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	94		5.61	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
176		$^3\Sigma_u^+(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		4.10	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
177		$^3\Delta_u(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		4.78	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
178	Diazirine	$^1B_1(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	92	0.002	4.09	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
179		$^1B_2(\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	90		7.27	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
180		$^1A_2(n \rightarrow 3s)$	R	93	0.000	7.44	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
181		$^1A_1(n \rightarrow 3p)$	R	93	0.132	8.03	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
182		$^3B_1(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		3.49	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
183		$^3B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		5.06	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
184		$^3A_2(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		6.12	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
185		$^3A_1(n \rightarrow 3p)$	R	98		6.81	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
186	Diazomethane	$^1A_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	90		3.14	FCI/AVTZ	Y
187		$^1B_1(\pi \rightarrow 3s)$	R	93	0.016	5.54	FCI/AVTZ	Y
188		$^1A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	91	0.234	5.90	FCI/AVTZ	Y
189		$^3A_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	97		2.79	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
190		$^3A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		4.05	FCI/AVTZ	Y
191		$^3B_1(\pi \rightarrow 3s)$	R	98		5.35	FCI/AVTZ	Y
192		$^3A_1(\pi \rightarrow 3p)$	R	98		6.82	FCI/AVTZ	Y
193		$^1A''[F](\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	87	0.000	0.71	FCI/AVTZ	Y
194	Difluorodiazirine	$^1B_1(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	93	0.002	3.74	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
195		$^1A_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	91		7.00	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
196		$^1B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	93	0.026	8.52	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
197		$^3B_1(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		3.03	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
198		$^3B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		5.44	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
199		$^3A_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		5.80	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
200	Dinitrogen	$^1\Pi_g(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	92		9.34	FCI/AVTZ	Y
201		$^1\Sigma_u^-(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	97		9.88	FCI/AVTZ	Y
202		$^1\Delta_u(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	95	0.000	10.29	FCI/AVTZ	Y
203		$^1\Sigma_g^+(n.d.)$	R	92		12.98	FCI/AVTZ	Y
204		$^1\Pi_u(n.d.)$	R	82	0.458	13.03	FCI/AVTZ	Y
205		$^1\Sigma_u^+(n.d.)$	R	92	0.296	13.09	FCI/AVTZ	Y

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206		¹ P _u (n. d.)	R	87	0.000	13.46	FCI/AVTZ	Y
207		³ S _u ⁺ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	99		7.70	FCI/AVTZ	Y
208		³ P _g ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	98		8.01	FCI/AVTZ	Y
209		³ D _u ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	99		8.87	FCI/AVTZ	Y
210		³ S _u ⁻ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	98		9.66	FCI/AVTZ	Y
211	Ethylene	¹ B _{3u} p3s	R	95	0.078	7.39	FCI/AVTZ	Y
212		¹ B _{1u} ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	95	0.346	7.93	FCI/AVTZ	Y
213		¹ B _{1g} ($\pi \rightarrow 3p$)	R	95		8.08	FCI/AVTZ	Y
214		¹ A _g (double)	V	20		12.92	FCI/AVTZ	Y
215		³ B _{1u} ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	99		4.54	FCI/AVTZ	Y
216		³ B _{3u} p3s	R	98		7.23	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
217		³ B _{1g} ($\pi \rightarrow 3p$)	R	98		7.98	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
218	Formaldehyde	¹ A ₂ ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	91		3.98	FCI/AVTZ	Y
219		¹ B ₂ ($n \rightarrow 3s$)	R	91	0.021	7.23	FCI/AVTZ	Y
220		¹ B ₂ ($n \rightarrow 3p$)	R	92	0.037	8.13	FCI/AVTZ	Y
221		¹ A ₁ ($n \rightarrow 3p$)	R	91	0.052	8.23	FCI/AVTZ	Y
222		¹ A ₂ ($n \rightarrow 3p$)	R	91		8.67	FCI/AVTZ	Y
223		¹ B ₁ (n. d.)	V	90	0.001	9.22	FCI/AVTZ	Y
224		¹ A ₁ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	90	0.135	9.43	FCI/AVTZ	Y
225		¹ A ₁ (double)	V	5	(n.d.)	10.35	FCI/AVTZ	Y
226		³ A ₂ ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	98		3.58	FCI/AVTZ	Y
227		³ A ₁ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	99		6.06	FCI/AVTZ	Y
228		³ B ₂ ($n \rightarrow 3s$)	R	97		7.06	FCI/AVTZ	Y
229		³ B ₂ ($n \rightarrow 3p$)	R	97		7.94	FCI/AVTZ	Y
230		³ A ₁ ($n \rightarrow 3p$)	R	97		8.10	FCI/AVTZ	Y
231		³ B ₁ (n. d.)	R	97		8.42	FCI/AVTZ	Y
232		¹ A''[F]($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	87	0.000	2.80	FCI/AVTZ	Y
233	Formamide	¹ A''($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	90	0.000	5.65	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
234		¹ A'($n \rightarrow 3s$)	R	88	0.001	6.77	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	N
235		¹ A'($n \rightarrow 3p$)	R	89	0.111	7.38	CCSDT/AVTZ	N
236		¹ A($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	89	0.251	7.63	FCI/AVTZ	N
237		³ A''($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	97		5.38	FCI/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CCS3/ AVDZ]	Y
238		³ A'($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	98		5.81	FCI/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CCS3/ AVDZ]	Y
239	Formylfluoride	¹ A''($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	91		5.96	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
240		³ A''($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	98	0.001	5.63	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
241	Furan	¹ A ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow 3s$)	R	93		6.09	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y

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#	Molecule	Excitation	Nature	%T ₁	f	TBE	Method	Safe?
242		¹ B ₂ (π → π [*])	V	93	0.163	6.37	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
243		¹ A ₁ (π → π [*])	V	92	0.000	6.56	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
244		¹ B ₁ (π → 3p)	R	93	0.038	6.64	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
245		¹ A ₂ (π → 3p)	R	93		6.81	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
246		¹ B ₂ (π → 3p)	R	93	0.007	7.24	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
247		³ B ₂ (π → π [*])	V	98		4.20	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
248		³ A ₁ (π → π [*])	V	98		5.46	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
249		³ A ₂ (π → 3s)	R	97		6.02	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
250		³ B ₁ (π → 3p)	R	97		6.59	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
251	Glyoxal	¹ A _u (n → π [*])	V	91	0.000	2.88	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
252		¹ B _g (n → π [*])	V	88		4.24	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
253		¹ A _g (double)	V	0	0.000	5.61	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
254		¹ B _g (n → π [*])	V	83		6.57	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
255		¹ B _u (n → 3p)	R	91	0.095	7.71	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
256		³ A _u (n → π [*])	V	97		2.49	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
257		³ B _g (n → π [*])	V	97		3.89	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
258		³ B _u (π → π [*])	V	98		5.15	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
259		³ A _g (π → π [*])	V	98		6.30	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
260	HCCl	¹ A " (σ → π [*])	V	94	0.003	1.98	FCI/AVTZ	Y
261	HCF	¹ A " (σ → π [*])	V	95	0.006	2.49	FCI/AVTZ	Y
262	HCP	¹ Σ ⁻ (π → π [*])	V	94		4.84	FCI/AVTZ	Y
263		¹ Δ(π → π [*])	V	94		5.15	FCI/AVTZ	Y
264		³ Σ ⁺ (π → π [*])	V	98		3.47	FCI/AVTZ	Y
265		³ Δ(π → π [*])	V	98		4.22	FCI/AVTZ	Y
266	Hexatriene	¹ B _u (π → π [*])	V	92	1.115	5.37	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
267		¹ A _g (π → π [*])	V	65		5.62	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	N
268		¹ A _u (π → 3s)	R	93	0.009	5.79	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
269		¹ B _g (π → 3p)	R	93		5.94	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
270		³ B _u (π → π [*])	V	97		2.73	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
271		³ A _g (π → π [*])	V	98		4.36	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y

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#	Molecule	Excitation	Nature	%T ₁	f	TBE	Method	Safe?
272	HPO	$^1A''(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	90	0.003	2.47	FCI/AVTZ	Y
273	HPS	$^1A''(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	90	0.001	1.59	FCI/AVTZ	Y
274	HSiF	$^1A''(\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	93	0.024	3.05	FCI/AVTZ	Y
275	Hydrogen chloride	$^1\Pi$	CT	94	0.056	7.84	FCI/AVTZ	Y
276	Hydrogen sulfide	$^1A_2(n \rightarrow 3p)$	R	94		6.18	FCI/AVTZ	Y
277		$^1B_1(n \rightarrow 3p)$	R	94	0.063	6.24	FCI/AVTZ	Y
278		$^3A_2(n \rightarrow 3p)$	R	98		5.81	FCI/AVTZ	Y
279		$^3B_1(n \rightarrow 3p)$	R	98		5.88	FCI/AVTZ	Y
280	Imidazole	$^1A''(\pi \rightarrow 3s)$	R	93	0.001	5.71	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
281		$^1A'(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	89	0.124	6.41	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
282		$^1A''(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	93	0.028	6.50	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
283		$^1A'(\pi \rightarrow 3p)$	R	88	0.035	6.83	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	N
284		$^3A'(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		4.73	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
285		$^3A''(\pi \rightarrow 3s)$	R	97		5.66	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
286		$^3A'(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	97		5.74	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
287		$^3A''(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	97		6.31	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
288	Isobutene	$^1B_1(\pi \rightarrow 3s)$	R	94	0.006	6.46	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
289		$^1A_1(\pi \rightarrow 3p)$	R	94	0.228	7.01	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
290		$^3A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		4.53	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
291	Ketene	$^1A_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	91		3.85	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
292		$^1B_1(n \rightarrow 3s)$	R	93	0.035	6.01	FCI/AVTZ	Y
293		$^1A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	92	0.154	7.25	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
294		$^1A_2(\pi \rightarrow 3p)$	R	94		7.18	FCI/AVTZ	Y
295		$^3A_2(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	91		3.77	FCI/AVTZ	Y
296		$^3A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	98		5.61	FCI/AVTZ	Y
297		$^3B_1(n \rightarrow 3p)$	R	98		5.79	FCI/AVTZ	Y
298		$^3A_2(\pi \rightarrow 3p)$	R	94		7.12	FCI/AVTZ	Y
299		$^1A''[F](\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	87	0.000	1.00	FCI/AVTZ	Y
300	Maleimide	$^1B_1(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	87	0.000	3.80	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
301		$^1A_2(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	85		4.52	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
302		$^1B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	V	88	0.025	4.89	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y

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303		¹ B ₂ (π → π [*])	V	89	0.373	6.21	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
304		¹ B ₂ (n → 3s)	R	89	0.034	7.20	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
305		³ B ₁ (n → π [*])	V	96		3.57	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
306		³ B ₂ (π → π [*])	V	98		3.74	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
307		³ B ₂ (π → π [*])	V	96		4.24	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
308		³ A ₂ (n → π [*])	V	96		4.32	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
309	Methanimine	¹ A''(n → π [*])	V	90	0.003	5.23	FCI/AVTZ	Y
310		³ A''(n → π [*])	V	98		4.65	FCI/AVTZ	Y
311	Methylenecyclopropene	¹ B ₂ (π → π [*])	V	85	0.011	4.28	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
312		¹ B ₁ (π → 3s)	R	93	0.005	5.44	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
313		¹ A ₂ (π → 3p)	R	93		5.96	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
314		¹ A ₁ (π → π [*])	V	92	0.224	6.12	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	N
315		³ B ₂ (π → π [*])	V	97		3.49	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
316		³ A ₁ (π → π [*])	V	98		4.74	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
317	Naphthalene	¹ B _{3u} (π → π [*])	V	85	0.000	4.27	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
318		¹ B _{2u} (π → π [*])	V	90	0.067	4.90	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
319		¹ A _u (π → 3s)	R	92		5.65	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
320		¹ B _{1g} (π → π [*])	V	84		5.84	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
321		¹ A _g (π → π [*])	V	83		5.89	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	N
322		¹ B _{3g} (π → 3p)	R	92		6.07	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
323		¹ B _{2g} (π → 3p)	R	92		6.09	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
324		¹ B _{3u} (π → π [*])	V	90	(n.d.)	6.19	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	N
325		¹ B _{1u} (π → 3s)	R	91	(n.d.)	6.33	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
326		¹ B _{2u} (π → π [*])	V	90	(n.d.)	6.42	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
327		¹ B _{1g} (π → π [*])	V	87		6.48	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y

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328		¹ A _g (π → π [*])	V	71		6.87	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
329		³ B _{2u} (π → π [*])	V	97		3.17	CC3/AVTZ	N
330		³ B _{3u} (π → π [*])	V	96		4.16	CC3/AVTZ	N
331		³ B _{1g} (π → π [*])	V	97		4.48	CC3/AVTZ	N
332		³ B _{2u} (π → π [*])	V	96		4.64	CC3/AVTZ	N
333		³ B _{3u} (π → π [*])	V	97		4.95	CC3/AVTZ	N
334		³ A _g (π → π [*])	V	97		5.49	CC3/AVTZ	N
335		³ B _{1g} (π → π [*])	V	95		6.17	CC3/AVTZ	N
336		³ A _g (π → π [*])	V	95		6.39	CC3/AVTZ	N
337	Nitrosomethane	¹ A ^{''} (n → π [*])	V	93	0.000	1.96	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
338		¹ A ['] (double)	V	2	0.000	4.76	FCI/AVTZ	Y
339		¹ A ['] (n. d.)	R	90	0.006	6.29	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
340		³ A ^{''} (n → π [*])	V	98		1.16	FCI/AVTZ	Y
341		³ A ['] (π → π [*])	V	98		5.60	FCI/AVTZ	Y
342		¹ A ^{''} [F](n → π [*])	V	92	0.000	1.67	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
343	Nitroxyl (HNO)	¹ A ^{''} (n → π [*])	V	93	0.000	1.74	FCI/AVTZ	Y
344		¹ A ['] (double)	V	0	0.000	4.33	FCI/AVTZ	Y
345		¹ A ['] (n. d.)	R	92	0.038	6.27	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
346		³ A ^{''} (n → π [*])	V	99		0.88	FCI/AVTZ	Y
347		³ A ['] (π → π [*])	V	98		5.61	FCI/AVTZ	Y
348	Octatetraene	¹ B _u (π → π [*])	V	91	1.557	4.78	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
349		¹ A _g (π → π [*])	V	63		4.90	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	N
350		³ B _u (π → π [*])	V	97		2.36	CC3/AVTZ	N
351		³ A _g (π → π [*])	V	98		3.73	CC3/AVTZ	N
352	Propynal	¹ A ^{''} (n → π [*])	V	89	0.000	3.80	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
353		¹ A ^{''} (π → π [*])	V	92	0.000	5.54	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
354		³ A ^{''} (n → π [*])	V	97		3.47	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
355		³ A ['] (π → π [*])	V	98		4.47	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
356	Pyrazine	¹ B _{3u} (n → π [*])	V	90	0.006	4.15	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
357		¹ A _u (n → π [*])	V	88		4.98	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
358		¹ B _{2u} (π → π [*])	V	86	0.078	5.02	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
359		¹ B _{2g} (n → π [*])	V	85		5.71	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
360		¹ A _g (n → 3s)	R	91		6.65	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
361		¹ B _{1g} (n → π [*])	V	84		6.74	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
362		¹ B _{1u} (π → π [*])	V	92	0.063	6.88	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
363		¹ B _{1g} (π → 3s)	R	93		7.21	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y

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364		¹ B _{2u} (n → 3p)	R	90	0.037	7.24	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
365		¹ B _{1u} (n → 3p)	R	91	0.128	7.44	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
366		¹ B _{1u} (π → π*)	V	90	0.285	7.98	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	N
367		¹ A _g (double)	V	12		8.04	NEVPT2/AVTZ	N
368		¹ A _g (π → π*)	V	71		8.69	CC3/AVTZ	N
369		³ B _{3u} (n → π*)	V	97		3.59	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
370		³ B _{1u} (π → π*)	V	98		4.35	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
371		³ B _{2u} (π → π*)	V	97		4.39	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
372		³ A _u (n → π*)	V	96		4.93	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
373		³ B _{2g} (n → π*)	V	97		5.08	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
374		³ B _{1u} (π → π*)	V	97		5.28	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
375	Pyridazine	¹ B ₁ (n → π*)	V	89	0.005	3.83	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
376		¹ A ₂ (n → π*)	V	86		4.37	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
377		¹ A ₁ (π → π*)	V	85	0.016	5.26	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
378		¹ A ₂ (n → π*)	V	86		5.72	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
379		¹ B ₂ (n → 3s)	R	88	0.001	6.17	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
380		¹ B ₁ (n → π*)	V	87	0.004	6.37	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
381		¹ B ₂ (π → π*)	V	90	0.010	6.75	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
382		³ B ₁ (n → π*)	V	97		3.19	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
383		³ A ₂ (n → π*)	V	96		4.11	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
384		³ B ₂ (π → π*)	V	98		4.34	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	N
385		³ A ₁ (π → π*)	V	97		4.82	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
386	Pyridine	¹ B ₁ (n → π*)	V	88	0.004	4.95	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
387		¹ B ₂ (π → π*)	V	86	0.028	5.14	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
388		¹ A ₂ (n → π*)	V	87		5.40	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y

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#	Molecule	Excitation	Nature	%T ₁	f	TBE	Method	Safe?
389		¹ A ₁ (π → π*)	V	92	0.010	6.62	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
390		¹ A ₁ (n → 3s)	R	89	0.011	6.76	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
391		¹ A ₂ (π → 3s)	R	93		6.82	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
392		¹ B ₁ (π → 3p)	R	93	0.045	7.38	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
393		¹ A ₁ (π → π*)	V	90	0.291	7.39	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
394		¹ B ₂ (π → π*)	V	90	0.319	7.40	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	N
395		³ A ₁ (π → π*)	V	98		4.30	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
396		³ B ₁ (n → π*)	V	97		4.46	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
397		³ B ₂ (π → π*)	V	97		4.79	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
398		³ A ₂ (π → π*)	V	97		5.04	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
399		³ A ₂ (n → π*)	V	95		5.36	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
400		³ B ₂ (π → π*)	V	97		6.24	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
401	Pyrimidine	¹ B ₁ (n → π*)	V	88	0.005	4.44	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
402		¹ A ₂ (n → π*)	V	88		4.85	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
403		¹ B ₂ (π → π*)	V	86	0.028	5.38	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
404		¹ A ₂ (n → π*)	V	86		5.92	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
405		¹ B ₁ (n → π*)	V	86	0.005	6.26	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
406		¹ B ₂ (n → 3s)	R	90	0.005	6.70	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
407		¹ A ₁ (π → π*)	V	91	0.036	6.88	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
408		³ B ₁ (n → π*)	V	96		4.09	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
409		³ A ₁ (π → π*)	V	98		4.51	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	N
410		³ A ₂ (n → π*)	V	96		4.66	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
411		³ B ₂ (π → π*)	V	97		4.96	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
412	Pyrrole	¹ A ₂ (π → 3s)	R	92		5.24	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
413		¹ B ₁ (π → 3p)	R	92	0.015	6.00	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y

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TABLE 2 (Continued)

#	Molecule	Excitation	Nature	%T ₁	f	TBE	Method	Safe?
414		¹ A ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow 3p$)	R	93		6.00	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
415		¹ B ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	92	0.164	6.26	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
416		¹ A ₁ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	86	0.001	6.30	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
417		¹ B ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow 3p$)	R	92	0.003	6.83	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
418		³ B ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	98		4.51	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
419		³ A ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow 3s$)	R	97		5.21	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
420		³ A ₁ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	97		5.45	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
421		³ B ₁ ($\pi \rightarrow 3p$)	R	97		5.91	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
422	SiCl ₂	¹ B ₁ ($\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	92	0.031	3.91	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
423		³ B ₁ ($\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	98		2.48	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
424	Silylidene	¹ A ₂ (n. d.)	R	92		2.11	FCI/AVTZ	Y
425		¹ B ₂ (n. d.)	R	88	0.033	3.78	FCI/AVTZ	Y
426	Streptocyanine-1	¹ B ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	88	0.347	7.13	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
427		³ B ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	98		5.52	FCI/AVTZ	Y
428	Streptocyanine-3	¹ B ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	87	0.755	4.82	FCI/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
429		³ B ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	98		3.44	FCI/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
430	Streptocyanine-5	¹ B ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	85	1.182	3.64	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
431		³ B ₂ ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	97		2.47	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
432	Tetrazine	¹ B _{3u} ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	89	0.006	2.47	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
433		¹ A _u ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	87		3.69	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
434		¹ A _g (double)	V	0		4.61	NEVPT2/AVTZ	N
435		¹ B _{1g} ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	83		4.93	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
436		¹ B _{2u} ($\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	85	0.055	5.21	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
437		¹ B _{2g} ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	81		5.45	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
438		¹ A _u ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	87		5.53	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
439		¹ B _{3g} (double)	V	0		6.15	NEVPT2/AVTZ	N
440		¹ B _{2g} ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	80		6.12	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
441		¹ B _{1g} ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	85		6.91	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
442		³ B _{3u} ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	97		1.85	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
443		³ A _u ($n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	V	96		3.45	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y

TABLE 2 (Continued)

#	Molecule	Excitation	Nature	%T ₁	f	TBE	Method	Safe?
444		³ B _{1g} (n → π*)	V	97		4.20	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
445		¹ B _{1u} (π → π*)	V	98		4.49	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	N
446		³ B _{2u} (π → π*)	V	97		4.52	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
447		³ B _{2g} (n → π*)	V	96		5.04	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
448		³ A _u (n → π*)	V	96		5.11	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
449		³ B _{3g} (double)	V	5		5.51	NEVPT2/AVTZ	N
450		³ B _{1u} (π → π*)	V	96		5.42	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
451	Thioacetone	¹ A ₂ (n → π*)	V	88		2.53	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
452		¹ B ₂ (n → 3s)	R	91	0.052	5.56	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
453		¹ A ₁ (π → π*)	V	90	0.242	5.88	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
454		¹ B ₂ (n → 3p)	R	92	0.028	6.51	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
455		¹ A ₁ (n → 3p)	R	91	0.023	6.61	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]	Y
456		³ A ₂ (n → π*)	V	97		2.33	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
457		³ A ₁ (π → π*)	V	98		3.45	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
458	Thioacrolein	¹ A''(n → π*)	V	86	0.000	2.11	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
459		³ A''(n → π*)	V	96		1.91	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
460	Thioformaldehyde	¹ A ₂ (n → π*)	V	89		2.22	FCI/AVTZ	Y
461		¹ B ₂ (n → 3s)	R	92	0.012	5.96	FCI/AVTZ	Y
462		¹ A ₁ (π → π*)	V	90	0.178	6.38	CCSDTQ/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
463		³ A ₂ (n → π*)	V	97		1.94	FCI/AVTZ	Y
464		³ A ₁ (π → π*)	V	98		3.43	FCI/AVTZ	Y
465		³ B ₂ (n → 3s)	R	97		5.72	FCI/AVDZ + [CCSDT/AVTZ – CCSDT/AVDZ]	Y
466		¹ A ₂ [F](n → π*)	V	87		1.95	FCI/AVTZ	Y
467	Thiophene	¹ A ₁ (π → π*)	V	87	0.070	5.64	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
468		¹ B ₂ (π → π*)	V	91	0.079	5.98	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
469		¹ A ₂ (π → 3s)	R	92		6.14	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
470		¹ B ₁ (π → 3p)	R	90	0.010	6.14	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
471		¹ A ₂ (π → 3p)	R	91		6.21	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
472		¹ B ₁ (π → 3s)	R	92	0.000	6.49	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
473		¹ B ₂ (π → 3p)	R	92	0.082	7.29	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
474		¹ A ₁ (π → π*)	V	86	0.314	7.31	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	N

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#	Molecule	Excitation	Nature	%T ₁	f	TBE	Method	Safe?
475		³ B ₂ (π → π*)	V	98		3.97	FCI/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
476		³ A ₁ (π → π*)	V	97		4.76	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
478		³ B ₁ (π → 3p)	R	96		5.93	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
478		³ A ₂ (π → 3s)	R	97		6.08	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
479	Thiopropynal	¹ A''(n → π*)	V	87	0.000	2.03	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
480		³ A''(n → π*)	V	97		1.80	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
481	Triazine	¹ A ₁ ''(n → π*)	V	88		4.72	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
482		¹ A ₂ ''(n → π*)	V	88	0.014	4.75	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
483		¹ E''(n → π*)	V	88		4.78	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
484		¹ A ₂ '(π → π*)	V	85		5.75	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
485		¹ A ₁ '(π → π*)	V	90		7.24	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
486		¹ E'(n → 3s)	R	90	0.016	7.32	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
487		¹ E''(n → π*)	V	82		7.78	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
488		¹ E'(π → π*)	V	90	0.451	7.94	CCSDT/AVTZ	Y
489		³ A ₂ ''(n → π*)	V	96		4.33	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
490		³ E''(n → π*)	V	96		4.51	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
491		³ A ₁ ''(n → π*)	V	96		4.73	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
492		³ A ₁ '(π → π*)	V	98		4.85	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
493		³ E'(π → π*)	V	96		5.59	CCSDT/6-31+G(d) + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/6-31+G(d)]	Y
494		³ A ₂ '(π → π*)	V	97		6.62	CCSDT/AVDZ + [CC3/AVTZ – CC3/AVDZ]	Y
495	Water	¹ B ₁ (n → 3s)	R	93	0.054	7.62	FCI/AVTZ	Y
496		¹ A ₂ (n → 3p)	R	93		9.41	FCI/AVTZ	Y
497		¹ A ₁ (n → 3s)	R	93	0.100	9.99	FCI/AVTZ	Y
498		³ B ₁ (n → 3s)	R	98		7.25	FCI/AVTZ	Y
499		³ A ₂ (n → 3p)	R	98		9.24	FCI/AVTZ	Y
500		³ A ₁ (n → 3s)	R	98		9.54	FCI/AVTZ	Y

Note: "Method" provides the protocol employed to compute the TBEs. The nature of the excitation is also provided: V, R, and CT stands for valence, Rydberg, and charge transfer, respectively. [F] indicates a fluorescence transition, that is, a vertical transition energy computed from an excited-state geometry. AVXZ stands for aug-cc-pVXZ.

5 | BENCHMARKS

In this section, we report a comprehensive benchmark of various lower-order methods on the entire set of closed-shell compounds belonging to the QUEST database. Statistical quantities are reported in Table 4 (the entire set of data can be found in the Supporting information). In addition, we also provide a specific analysis for each type of excited states. Hence, the statistical values are reported for various types of excited states and molecular sizes for the MSE and MAE.

TABLE 3 Theoretical best estimates TBEs (in eV) for the doublet–doublet transitions of the open-shell molecules belonging to QUEST#4

#	Molecule	Transition	TBE/aug-cc-pVTZ	Method
1	Allyl	2B_1	3.39	FCI/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]
2		2A_1	4.99	FCI/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]
3	BeF	$^2\Pi$	4.14	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
4		$^2\Sigma^+$	6.21	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
5	BeH	$^2\Pi$	2.49	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
6		$^2\Pi$	6.46	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
7	BH ₂	2B_1	1.18	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
8	CH	$^2\Delta$	2.91	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
9		$^2\Sigma^-$	3.29	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
10		$^2\Sigma^+$	3.98	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
11	CH ₃	$^2A_{1'}$	5.85	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
12		$^2E'$	6.96	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
13		$^2E'$	7.18	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
14		$^2A_{2''}$	7.65	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
15	CN	$^2\Pi$	1.34	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
16		$^2\Sigma^+$	3.22	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
17	CNO	$^2\Sigma^+$	1.61	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
18		$^2\Pi$	5.49	FCI/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]
19	CON	$^2\Pi$	3.53	FCI/aug-cc-pVDZ + [CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ – CCSDT/aug-cc-pVDZ]
20		$^2\Sigma^+$	3.86	CCSDTQ/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]
21	CO ⁺	$^2\Pi$	3.28	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
22		$^2\Sigma^+$	5.81	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
23	F ₂ BO	2B_1	0.73	FCI/aug-cc-pVDZ + [CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ – CCSDT/aug-cc-pVDZ]
24		2A_1	2.80	FCI/aug-cc-pVDZ + [CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ – CCSDT/aug-cc-pVDZ]
25	F ₂ BS	2B_1	0.51	FCI/aug-cc-pVDZ + [CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ – CCSDT/aug-cc-pVDZ]
26		2A_1	2.99	FCI/aug-cc-pVDZ + [CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ – CCSDT/aug-cc-pVDZ]
27	H ₂ BO	2B_1	2.15	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
28		2A_1	3.49	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
29	HCO	$^2A''$	2.09	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
30		$^2A'$	5.45	FCI/aug-cc-pVDZ + [CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ – CCSDT/aug-cc-pVDZ]
31	HOC	$^2A''$	0.92	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
32	H ₂ PO	$^2A''$	2.80	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
33		$^2A'$	4.21	FCI/aug-cc-pVDZ + [CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ – CCSDT/aug-cc-pVDZ]
34	H ₂ PS	$^2A''$	1.16	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
35		$^2A'$	2.72	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
36	NCO	$^2\Sigma^+$	2.89	FCI/aug-cc-pVDZ + [CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ – CCSDT/aug-cc-pVDZ]
37		$^2\Pi$	4.73	FCI/aug-cc-pVDZ + [CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ – CCSDT/aug-cc-pVDZ]
38	NH ₂	2A_1	2.12	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
39	Nitromethyl	2B_2	2.05	CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ
40		2A_2	2.38	CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ
41		2A_1	2.56	CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ
42		2B_1	5.35	CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ

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TABLE 3 (Continued)

#	Molecule	Transition	TBE/aug-cc-pVTZ	Method
43	NO	$^2\Sigma^+$	6.13	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
44		$^2\Sigma^+$	7.29	CCSDTQ/aug-cc-pVTZ
45	OH	$^2\Sigma^+$	4.10	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
46		$^2\Sigma^-$	8.02	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
47	PH ₂	2A_1	2.77	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
48	Vinyl	$^2A''$	3.26	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
49		$^2A''$	4.69	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
50		$^2A'$	5.60	FCI/aug-cc-pVTZ
51		$^2A'$	6.20	FCI/6-31+G(d) + [CCSDT/aug-cc-pVTZ – CCSDT/6-31+G(d)]

Note: These TBEs are obtained with the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set, and “Method” indicates the protocol employed to compute them.

The distribution of the errors in vertical excitation energies (with respect to the TBE/aug-cc-pVTZ reference values) is represented in Figure 5 for all the “safe” excitations having a dominant single excitation character (i.e., the double excitations are discarded). Similar graphs are reported in the Supporting information for specific sets of transitions and molecules. For the vast majority of the cases, the comparison between methods presented here is performed for Franck-Condon geometries only. Therefore, it is important to stress that the present method ranking might change significantly when moving away from the Franck-Condon region as most excited-state methods do not provide a uniform description of potential energy surfaces.

The most striking feature from the statistical indicators gathered in Table 4 is the overall accuracy of CC3 with MAEs and MSEs systematically below the chemical accuracy threshold (errors <0.043 eV or 1 kcal/mol), irrespective of the nature of the transition and the size of the molecule. CCSDR(3) are CCCSDT-3 can also be regarded as excellent performers with overall MAEs below 0.05 eV, though one would notice a slight degradation of their performances for the $n \rightarrow \pi^*$ excitations and the largest molecules of the database. The other third-order method, ADC(3), which enjoys a lower computational cost, is significantly less accurate and does not really improve upon its second-order analog, even for the largest systems considered here, an observation in line with a previous analysis by some of the authors.²¹² Nonetheless, ADC(3)’s accuracy improves in larger compounds, with a MAE of 0.24 eV (0.16 eV) for the subsets of the most compact (extended) compounds considered herein. The ADC(2.5) composite method introduced in Ref. 212, which corresponds to grossly average the ADC(2) and ADC(3) values, yields an appreciable accuracy improvement, as shown in Figure 4. Indeed, we note that the MAE of 0.07 eV obtained for “large” compounds is comparable to the one obtained with CCSDR(3) and CCSDT-3 for these molecules. All these third-order methods are rather equally efficient for valence and Rydberg transitions.

Concerning the second-order methods (which have the indisputable advantage to be applicable to larger molecules than the ones considered here), we have the following ranking in terms of MAEs: EOM-MP2 \approx CIS(D) < CC2 \approx ADC(2) < CCSD \approx STEOM-CCSD, which fits our previous conclusions on the specific subsets.^{93–96, 212} A very similar ranking is obtained when one looks at the MSEs. It is noteworthy that the performances of EOM-MP2 and CCSD are getting notably worse when the system size increases, while CIS(D) and STEOM-CCSD have a very stable behavior with respect to system size. Indeed, the EOM-MP2 MAE attains 0.42 eV for molecules containing between 7 and 10 non-hydrogen atoms, whereas the CCSD tendency to overshoot the transition energies yield a MSE of 0.22 eV for the same set (a rather large error).

For CCSD, this conclusion fits benchmark studies published by other groups.^{60, 207, 221–224} For example, Kánnár and Szalay obtained a MAE of 0.18 eV on Thiel’s set for the states exhibiting a dominant single excitation character. The CCSD degradation with system size might partially explain the similar (though less pronounced) trend obtained for CCSDR(3). Regarding the apparently better performances of STEOM-CCSD as compared to CCSD, we recall that several challenging states have been naturally removed from the STEOM-CCSD statistics because the active character percentage was lower than 98% (see above).

In contrast to EOM-MP2 and CCSD, the overall accuracy of CC2 and ADC(2) does significantly improve for larger molecules, the performances of the two methods being, as expected, similar.²⁰⁰ Let us note that these two methods show similar accuracies for singlet and triplet transitions, but are significantly less accurate for Rydberg transitions, as

TABLE 4 Mean signed error (MSE), mean absolute error (MAE), root-mean-square error (RMSE), standard deviation of the errors (SDE), as well as the maximum positive error [Max(+)] and negative error [Max(-)] with respect to the TBE/aug-cc-pVTZ for the entire QUEST database

	CIS(D)	CC2	EOM-MP2	STOEM-CCSD	CCSD	CCSDR(3)	CCSDT-3	CC3	SOS-ADC(2) ^a	SCS-CC2 ^a	SOS-ADC(2) ^b	ADC(2)	ADC(3)	ADC(2.5)
Count	429	431	427	360	431	259	251	431	430	430	430	426	423	423
Max(+)	1.06	0.63	0.80	0.59	0.80	0.43	0.26	0.19	0.87	0.84	0.76	0.73	0.64	0.60
Max(-)	-0.69	-0.71	-0.38	-0.56	-0.25	-0.07	-0.07	-0.09	-0.29	-0.24	-0.92	-0.46	-0.76	-0.79
MSE	0.13	0.02	0.18	-0.01	0.10	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.18	0.21	0.15	0.02	-0.01	-0.12
Singlet	0.10	-0.02	0.22	0.03	0.14	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.18	0.20	0.13	0.00	-0.04	-0.08
Triplet	0.19	0.08	0.14	-0.07	0.03				0.00	0.19	0.22	0.17	0.04	-0.18
valence	0.20	0.10	0.20	-0.06	0.10	0.06	0.05	0.00	0.19	0.24	0.20	0.02	0.04	-0.16
Rydberg	-0.04	-0.17	0.15	0.09	0.08	0.01	0.03	-0.01	0.16	0.12	0.01	0.02	-0.13	-0.02
$n \rightarrow \pi^*$	0.16	0.02	0.24	-0.03	0.17	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.26	0.32	0.22	0.05	-0.05	-0.01
$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$	0.25	0.17	0.20	-0.07	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.00	0.15	0.19	0.00	0.12	-0.27	-0.07
1-3 non-H	0.10	0.03	0.03	-0.02	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.13	0.16	0.11	-0.01	-0.17	-0.09
4 non-H	0.13	0.04	0.12	0.00	0.09	0.03	0.04	0.00	0.19	0.26	0.19	0.03	-0.04	-0.10
5-6 non-H	0.17	0.02	0.30	-0.01	0.11	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.21	0.20	0.14	0.03	0.03	-0.10
7-10 non-H	0.15	-0.03	0.42	-0.05	0.22	0.10	0.08	-0.01	0.26	0.29	0.19	0.05	-0.06	-0.02
SDE	0.24	0.20	0.21	0.13	0.12	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.20	0.22	0.08
RMSE	0.29	0.22	0.28	0.15	0.16	0.07	0.06	0.03	0.25	0.26	0.22	0.17	0.21	0.26
MAE	0.22	0.16	0.22	0.11	0.12	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.20	0.22	0.18	0.13	0.15	0.21
Singlet	0.22	0.16	0.25	0.10	0.14	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.21	0.22	0.17	0.14	0.16	0.20
Triplet	0.23	0.15	0.18	0.12	0.08			0.01	0.20	0.23	0.19	0.11	0.15	0.22
Valence	0.22	0.14	0.24	0.12	0.13	0.06	0.05	0.02	0.21	0.25	0.20	0.12	0.13	0.22
Rydberg	0.22	0.21	0.19	0.10	0.08	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.20	0.15	0.13	0.14	0.21	0.18
$n \rightarrow \pi^*$	0.18	0.08	0.28	0.08	0.17	0.07	0.07	0.01	0.26	0.32	0.22	0.11	0.10	0.14
$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$	0.27	0.19	0.21	0.14	0.11	0.06	0.04	0.02	0.18	0.21	0.20	0.12	0.16	0.28
1-3 non-H	0.23	0.19	0.13	0.10	0.07	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.18	0.20	0.19	0.14	0.19	0.24
4 non-H	0.22	0.19	0.15	0.11	0.11	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.19	0.26	0.22	0.13	0.18	0.23
5-6 non-H	0.21	0.12	0.30	0.12	0.13	0.06	0.05	0.01	0.22	0.21	0.15	0.11	0.11	0.07
7-10 non-H	0.24	0.11	0.42	0.12	0.23	0.10	0.08	0.02	0.27	0.29	0.19	0.12	0.14	0.16

Note: Only the “safe” TBEs are considered (see Table 2). For the MSE and MAE, the statistical values are reported for various types of excited states and molecular sizes. All quantities are given in eV. “Count” refers to the number of transitions considered for each method.

^aExcitation energies computed with TURBOMOLE.

^bExcitation energies computed with Q-CHEM.

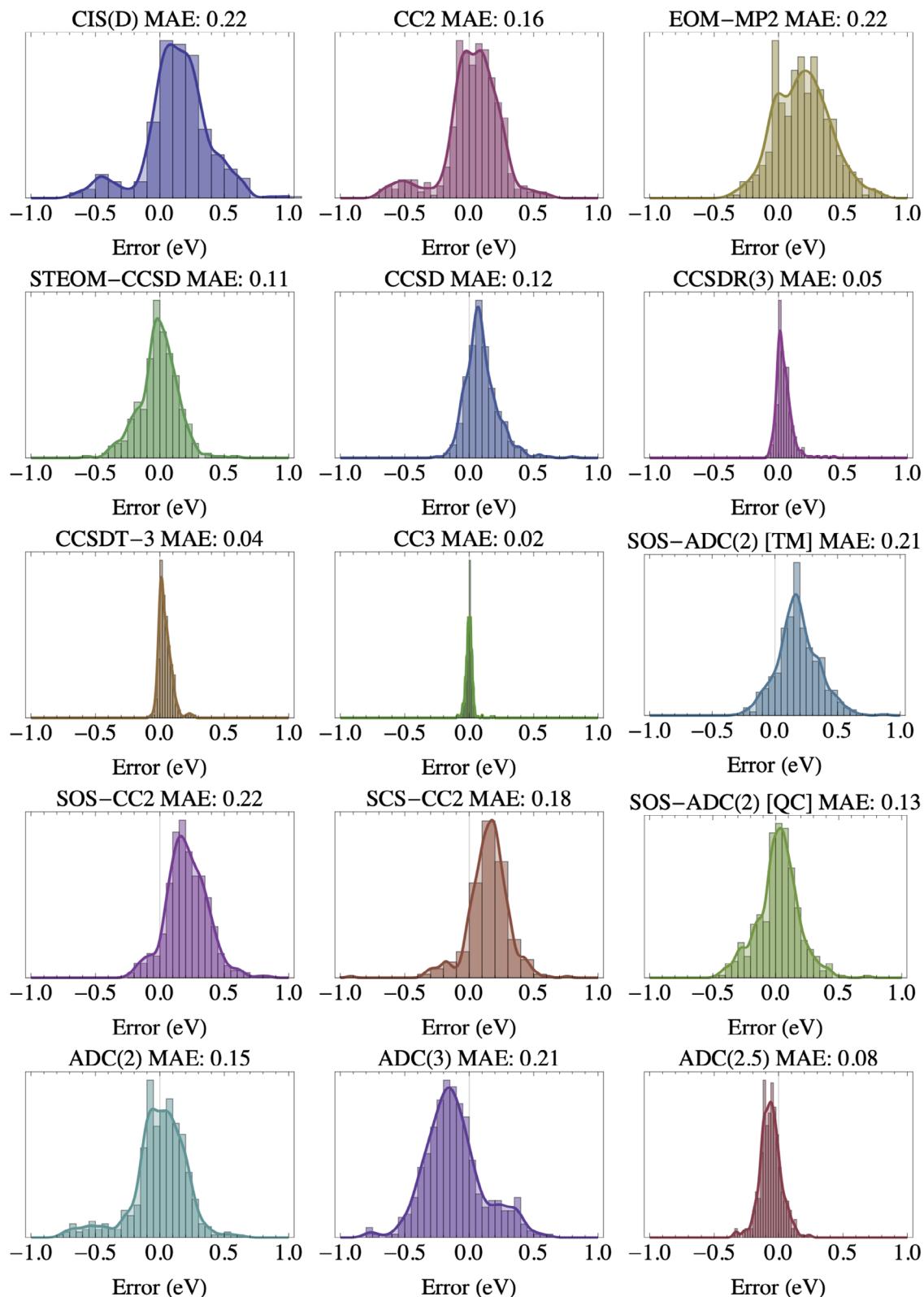


FIGURE 5 Distribution of the error (in eV) in excitation energies (with respect to the TBE/aug-cc-pVTZ values) for various methods for the entire QUEST database considering only closed-shell compounds. Only the “safe” TBEs are considered (see Table 2). See Table 4 for the values of the corresponding statistical quantities. QC and TM indicate that Q-CHEM and TURBOMOLE scaling factors are considered, respectively. The SOS-CC2 and SCS-CC2 approaches are obtained with the latter code

already pointed out previously.²²⁴ Therefore, both CC2 and ADC(2) offer an appealing cost-to-accuracy ratio for large compounds, which explains their popularity in realistic chemical scenarios.^{30, 82, 83, 88, 90, 99} For the scaled methods (SOS-ADC(2), SOS-CC2, and SCS-CC2), the TURBOMOLE scaling factors do not seem to improve things upon the unscaled versions, while the Q-CHEM scaling factors for ADC(2) provide a small, yet significant improvement for this set of molecules. Of course, one of the remaining open questions regarding all these methods is their accuracy for even larger systems.

6 | THE QUESTDB WEBSITE

Quite a large number of calculations were required for each of the QUEST articles.^{93–96, 212} Up to now, all the curated data were shared as supplementary information presented as a file in portable document format. This way of sharing data does not require too much effort for the authors, but it is obviously not optimal from the user's point of view. We have now addressed this problem by creating a database which contains all the vertical and fluorescence transition energies as well the corresponding molecular geometries. These data can be manipulated via a web application which allows to plot the statistical indicators (generated with the Plotly library) computed on selected subsets of molecules, methods, and basis sets. The application also gives the possibility to the user to import external data files, in order to compare the performance of methods that are not in our database. Both the web application and the data are hosted in a single GitHub repository (https://github.com/LCPQ/QUESTDB_website) and available at the following address: https://lcpq.github.io/QUESTDB_website. In this way, extending the database is as simple as adding new data files to the repository, together with the corresponding bibliographic references, and we strongly encourage users to contribute to enlarge this database via GitHub pull requests.

7 | CONCLUDING REMARKS

In the present review article, we have presented and extended the QUEST database of highly accurate excitation energies for molecular systems^{15, 93–96} that we started building in 2018 and that is now composed by more than 500 vertical excitations, many of which can be reasonably considered as within 1 kcal/mol (or less) of the FCI limit for the considered CC3/*aug-cc-pVTZ* geometry and basis set (*aug-cc-pVTZ*). In particular, we have detailed the specificities of our protocol by providing computational details regarding geometries, basis sets, as well as reference and benchmarked computational methods. The content of our five QUEST subsets has been presented in detail, and for each of them, we have provided the number of reference excitation energies, the nature and size of the molecules, the list of benchmarked methods, as well as other useful specificities. Importantly, we have proposed a new statistical method that produces much safer estimates of the extrapolation error in SCI calculations. This new method based on Gaussian random variables has been tested by computing additional FCI values for five- and six-membered rings. After having discussed the generation of our TBEs, we have reported a comprehensive benchmark for a significant number of methods on the entire QUEST set with, in addition, a specific analysis for each type of excited states. Finally, the main features of the website specifically designed to gather the entire data generated during these past few years have been presented and discussed.

Paraphrasing Thiel's conclusions,⁶⁰ we hope that not only the QUEST database will be used for further benchmarking and testing, but that other research groups will also improve it, providing not only corrections (inevitable in such a large dataset), but more importantly extensions with both improved estimates for some compounds and states, or new molecules. In this framework, we provide in the Supporting information a file with all our benchmark data.

Regarding future improvements and extensions, we would like to mention that although our present goal is to produce chemically accurate vertical excitation energies, we are currently devoting great efforts to obtain highly accurate excited-state properties^{225, 226} such as dipoles and oscillator strengths for molecules of small and medium sizes,^{227, 228} so as to complete previous efforts aiming at determining accurate excited-state geometries.^{172, 229} In this context, methods for which one has access to analytic nuclear gradients (e.g., ADC(2), CC2, and EOM-CCSD) and frequencies (e.g., TD-DFT) have an indisputable edge. Reference ground-state properties (such as correlation energies and atomization energies) are also being currently produced.^{127, 170} Additional reference energies for charge-transfer excited states^{78, 91} and transition metal compounds^{52, 54} would be a valuable addition to the present database. Besides this, because computing

500 (or so) excitation energies can be a costly exercise even with cheap computational methods, we are planning on developing a “diet set” (i.e., a much smaller set of excitation energies which can reproduce key results of the full QUEST database, including ranking of approximations) following the philosophy of the “diet GMTKN55” set proposed recently by Gould.²³⁰ We hope to report on this in the near future.

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