

Supplementary Material for:

Benchmark assessment of collinear, mixed-reference, and spin-adapted variants of spin-flip time-dependent density functional theory, for closed- and open-shell molecules

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Table S1: Vertical transition energies for the QUEST 1 data set.

Molecule	State ^a	Excitation Energy (eV) ^b				Error (eV) ^c		
		TD- B3LYP	spin-flip ^d		TBE	TD- B3LYP	spin-flip ^d	
			SF	SA-SF			SF	SA-SF
acetaldehyde	¹ A''(V; n → π*)	4.29	4.43	4.60	4.31	-0.02	0.12	0.29
	³ A''(V; n → π*)	3.67	3.09	3.80	3.97	-0.30	-0.88	-0.18
acetylene	¹ Σ _u ⁻ (V; π → π*)	6.60	6.21	6.94	7.10	-0.50	-0.89	-0.16
	¹ Δ _u (V; π → π*)	6.76	6.88	7.08	7.44	-0.68	-0.56	-0.36
ammonia	¹ A ₂ (R; n → 3s)	5.96	6.00	7.18	6.59	-0.63	-0.59	0.59
	¹ E(R; n → 3p)	7.21	7.36	7.60	8.16	-0.95	-0.80	-0.56
	³ A ₂ (R; n → 3s)	5.69	5.99	6.55	6.31	-0.63	-0.32	0.24
carbon monoxide	¹ Π(V; n → π*)	8.55	7.09	8.24	8.49	0.06	-1.40	-0.25
	¹ Σ ⁻ (V; π → π*)	9.64	8.35	9.44	9.92	-0.28	-1.57	-0.48
	³ Π(V; n → π*)	6.01	6.75	6.14	6.28	-0.27	0.47	-0.14
cyclopropene	¹ B ₁ (V; σ → π*)	6.15	6.09	6.40	6.68	-0.53	-0.59	-0.28
	¹ B ₂ (V; π → π*)	6.38	6.37	6.50	6.79	-0.41	-0.42	-0.29
	³ B ₂ (V; π → π*)	4.08	4.56	4.06	4.38	-0.30	0.18	-0.32
diazomethane	¹ A ₂ (V; π → π*)	3.02	2.95	3.11	3.14	-0.12	-0.19	-0.03
	¹ B ₁ (R; π → 3s)	5.16	4.66	5.58	5.54	-0.38	-0.88	0.04
	¹ A ₁ (V; π → π*)	5.93	4.99	5.86	5.90	0.03	-0.91	-0.04
	³ A ₂ (V; π → π*)	2.58	1.85	2.63	2.79	-0.21	-0.94	-0.16
dinitrogen	¹ Π _g (V; n → π*)	9.29	8.40	9.13	9.34	-0.05	-0.94	-0.21
	¹ Σ _u ⁻ (V; π → π*)	9.34	8.50	9.37	9.88	-0.54	-1.38	-0.51
	³ Σ _u ⁺ (V; π → π*)	7.51	7.44	7.85	7.70	-0.19	-0.26	0.15
ethylene	¹ B _{3u} (R; π → 3s)	6.63	6.59	6.72	7.39	-0.76	-0.80	-0.67
	¹ B _{1u} (V; π → π*)	7.18	7.23	7.31	7.93	-0.75	-0.70	-0.62
	³ B _{1u} (V; π → π*)	4.42	4.81	4.29	4.54	-0.12	0.27	-0.25
formaldehyde	¹ A ₂ (V; n → π*)	3.94	4.09	4.22	3.98	-0.04	0.11	0.24
	¹ B ₂ (R; n → 3s)	6.38	6.40	6.88	7.23	-0.85	-0.83	-0.35
	³ A ₂ (V; n → π*)	3.27	2.69	3.39	3.58	-0.31	-0.89	-0.19
formamide	¹ A''(V; n → π*)	5.57	5.16	5.38	5.65	-0.08	-0.49	-0.27
	¹ A'(R; n → 3s)	6.11	6.56	6.87	6.81	-0.70	-0.25	0.06
	³ A''(V; n → π*)	5.05	4.99	5.51	5.38	-0.33	-0.39	0.13
hydrogen chloride	¹ Π(CT)	7.35	7.54	7.81	7.84	-0.49	-0.30	-0.03
hydrogen sulfide	¹ A ₂ (R; n → 4p)	5.75	5.75	5.90	6.18	-0.43	-0.43	-0.28
	¹ B ₁ (R; n → 4s)	5.97	5.85	6.45	6.24	-0.27	-0.39	0.21
	³ A ₂ (R; n → 4p)	5.42	5.72	6.05	5.81	-0.39	-0.09	0.23
ketene	¹ A ₂ (V; π → π*)	3.89	3.94	4.13	3.85	0.04	0.09	0.28
	¹ B ₁ (R; n → 3s)	5.63	5.54	5.93	6.01	-0.38	-0.47	0.08
	³ A ₂ (V; n → π*)	3.53	3.07	3.65	3.77	-0.25	-0.70	0.12
methanamine	¹ A''(V; n → π*)	5.12	5.27	5.42	5.23	-0.11	0.04	0.19
	³ A''(V; n → π*)	4.20	3.90	4.50	4.65	-0.45	-0.75	-0.15
nitrosomethane	¹ A''(V; n → π*)	1.92	1.94	1.99	1.96	-0.05	-0.02	0.03
	¹ A'(V; n, n → π*, π*)	5.60	4.74	4.75	4.76	0.84	-0.03	-0.01
	³ A''(V; n → π*)	0.86	1.37	0.89	1.16	-0.30	0.21	-0.27
streptocyanine-C1	¹ B ₂ (V; π → π*)	7.90	7.43	7.13	7.13	0.77	0.30	0.00
	³ B ₂ (V; π → π*)	5.11	5.74	5.28	5.52	-0.41	0.22	-0.24
thioformaldehyde	¹ B ₁ (R; n → 3s)	2.23	2.24	2.46	2.22	0.01	0.02	0.24
	¹ B ₂ (R; n → 4s)	5.40	4.80	5.86	5.96	-0.56	-1.16	-0.10
	³ A ₂ (V; n → π*)	1.67	2.06	1.93	1.95	-0.28	0.11	-0.02
water	¹ B ₁ (R; n → 3s)	6.93	6.81	8.14	7.62	-0.69	-0.81	0.51
	¹ A ₂ (R; n → 3p)	8.34	8.38	8.53	9.41	-1.07	-1.03	-0.88
	³ B ₁ (R; n → 3s)	6.58	6.68	7.33	7.25	-0.67	-0.57	0.08
MAE						0.40	0.55	0.25
RMSE						0.48	0.67	0.31
Mean						-0.33	-0.46	-0.10

^aCharacterized as valence (V), Rydberg (R), or charge transfer (CT), according to Ref. 1.^bTDDFT calculations use the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set and TBE values are from Ref. 1.^cRelative to TBE values [Eq. (16)].^dUsing the BH&HLYP functional.

Table S2: Vertical transition energies for the QUEST 3 data set.

Molecule	State	Excitation Energy (eV) ^a					Error (eV) ^b			
		TD- B3LYP	spin-flip ^c			TBE	TD- B3LYP	spin-flip ^c		
			SF	MRSF	SA-SF			SF	MRSF	SA-SF
acetone	¹ A ₂ (n → π*)	4.43	4.58	4.35	4.78	4.47	-0.04	0.11	-0.12	0.31
	¹ B ₂ (n → 3s)	5.76	5.96	6.02	6.45	6.46	-0.70	-0.50	-0.44	-0.01
	³ A ₂ (n → π*)	3.84	3.27	3.44	3.99	4.13	-0.29	-0.86	-0.69	-0.14
acrolein	¹ A''(n → π*)	3.59	3.86	3.58	3.99	3.78	-0.19	0.08	-0.20	0.21
	¹ A'(π → π*)	6.20	5.60	6.24	6.42	6.69	-0.49	-1.09	-0.45	-0.27
	³ A''(n → π*)	3.06	2.53	2.83	3.40	3.51	-0.45	-0.98	-0.68	-0.11
benzene	¹ B _{2u} (π → π*)	5.42	4.40	5.41	5.54	5.06	0.36	-0.66	0.35	0.48
	¹ B _{1u} (π → π*)	6.03	5.87	6.29	6.30	6.45	-0.42	-0.58	-0.16	-0.15
	³ B _{1u} (π → π*)	4.19	3.81	4.57	4.66	4.16	0.03	-0.35	0.41	0.50
butadiene	¹ B _u (π → π*)	5.70	5.70	5.77	5.59	6.22	-0.52	-0.52	-0.45	-0.63
	¹ B _g (π → 3s)	5.96	5.80	5.93	5.98	6.33	-0.37	-0.53	-0.40	-0.35
	³ B _u (π → π*)	3.17	3.62	3.12	3.47	3.36	-0.19	0.26	-0.24	0.11
cyanoacetylene	¹ Σ ⁻ (π → π*)	5.15	4.96	5.44	5.46	5.80	-0.65	-0.84	-0.36	-0.34
	¹ Δ(π → π*)	5.31	5.54	5.51	5.75	6.07	-0.76	-0.53	-0.56	-0.32
	³ Σ ⁺ (π → π*)	4.15	4.66	5.09	5.22	4.44	-0.29	0.22	0.65	0.78
cyanoformaldehyde	¹ A''(n → π*)	3.72	3.90	3.58	4.03	3.81	-0.09	0.09	-0.23	0.22
	¹ A''(π → π*)	5.48	6.33	6.45	6.72	6.46	-0.98	-0.13	-0.01	0.26
	³ A''(n → π*)	3.07	2.46	2.65	3.25	3.44	-0.37	-0.98	-0.79	-0.19
cyanogen	¹ Σ _u ⁻ (π → π*)	5.65	5.41	5.99	6.08	6.39	-0.74	-0.98	-0.40	-0.31
	¹ Δ _u (π → π*)	5.86	6.10	6.06	6.36	6.66	-0.80	-0.56	-0.60	-0.30
cyclopentadiene	¹ B ₂ (π → π*)	5.13	5.15	5.24	5.19	5.54	-0.41	-0.39	-0.30	-0.35
	¹ A ₂ (π → 3s)	5.34	5.38	5.42	5.38	5.78	-0.44	-0.40	-0.36	-0.40
	³ B ₂ (π → π*)	3.11	3.54	3.07	3.35	3.31	-0.20	0.23	-0.24	0.04
cyclopropenone	¹ B ₁ (n → π*)	4.00	4.06	4.02	4.24	4.26	-0.26	-0.20	-0.24	-0.02
	¹ A ₂ (n → π*)	5.50	4.76	5.31	5.37	5.55	-0.05	-0.79	-0.24	-0.18
	³ B ₁ (n → π*)	3.60	2.98	3.43	3.76	3.93	-0.33	-0.95	-0.50	-0.17
cyclopropenethione	¹ A ₂ (n → π*)	3.04	2.70	3.41	3.14	3.41	-0.37	-0.71	0.00	-0.27
	¹ B ₁ (n → π*)	3.40	3.18	3.50	3.39	3.45	-0.05	-0.27	0.05	-0.06
	³ A ₂ (n → π*)	2.87	2.40	3.02	3.07	3.28	-0.41	-0.88	-0.26	-0.21
diacetylene	¹ Σ _u ⁻ (π → π*)	4.72	4.56	4.68	5.09	5.33	-0.61	-0.77	-0.65	-0.24
	¹ Δ _u (π → π*)	4.84	5.09	4.80	5.29	5.60	-0.76	-0.51	-0.80	-0.31
furan	¹ A ₂ (π → 3s)	5.53	5.47	5.56	5.68	6.09	-0.56	-0.62	-0.53	-0.41
	¹ B ₂ (π → π*)	5.98	5.84	6.07	6.03	6.37	-0.39	-0.53	-0.30	-0.34
	³ B ₂ (π → π*)	4.05	4.36	3.85	4.14	4.20	-0.15	0.16	-0.35	-0.06
glyoxal	¹ A _u (n → π*)	2.57	3.14	3.12	3.10	2.88	-0.31	0.26	0.24	0.22
	³ A _u (n → π*)	1.97	2.09	2.52	2.60	2.49	-0.52	-0.40	0.03	0.11
imidazole	¹ A''(π → 3s)	5.16	5.13	5.74	5.39	5.71	-0.55	-0.58	0.03	-0.32
	¹ A'(π → π*)	5.93	5.85	6.27	6.13	6.41	-0.48	-0.56	-0.14	-0.28
	³ A'(π → π*)	4.54	4.90	5.66	4.67	4.73	-0.19	0.17	0.93	-0.06
isobutene	¹ B ₁ (π → 3s)	5.71	5.90	6.16	6.02	6.46	-0.75	-0.56	-0.30	-0.44
	¹ A ₁ (π → 3p)	6.38	6.63	6.40	6.50	7.01	-0.63	-0.38	-0.61	-0.51
	³ A ₁ (π → π*)	4.35	4.78	5.99	4.29	4.53	-0.18	0.25	1.46	-0.24
methylene cyclopropene	¹ B ₂ (π → π*)	4.08	4.37	4.38	5.25	4.28	-0.20	0.09	0.10	0.97
	¹ B ₁ (π → 3s)	4.90	4.94	5.09	5.71	5.44	-0.54	-0.50	-0.35	0.27
	³ B ₂ (π → π*)	3.11	3.57	3.15	3.44	3.49	-0.38	0.08	-0.34	-0.05

^aTDDFT calculations use the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set and TBE values are from Ref. 2.

^bRelative to TBE values [Eq. (16)].

^cUsing the BH&HLYP functional.

Table S3: Continuation of Table S2.

Molecule	State	Excitation Energy (eV) ^a					Error (eV) ^b			
		TD-B3LYP	spin-flip ^c			TBE	TD-B3LYP	spin-flip ^c		
			SF	MRSF	SA-SF			SF	MRSF	SA-SF
propynal	¹ A''(<i>n</i> → π^*)	3.72	3.91	3.58	4.04	3.80	-0.08	0.11	-0.22	0.24
	¹ A''(π → π^*)	4.70	5.49	5.58	5.87	5.54	-0.84	-0.05	0.04	0.33
	³ A''(<i>n</i> → π^*)	3.12	2.49	2.70	3.31	3.47	-0.35	-0.98	-0.77	-0.16
pyrazine	¹ B _{3u} (<i>n</i> → π^*)	3.99	4.50	4.51	4.46	4.15	-0.16	0.35	0.36	0.31
	¹ A _u (<i>n</i> → π^*)	4.70	4.65	5.46	5.29	4.98	-0.28	-0.33	0.48	0.31
	³ B _{3u} (<i>n</i> → π^*)	3.28	4.11	3.89	3.96	3.59	-0.31	0.52	0.30	0.37
pyridazine	¹ B ₁ (<i>n</i> → π^*)	3.64	4.02	4.00	3.98	3.83	-0.19	0.19	0.17	0.15
	¹ A ₂ (<i>n</i> → π^*)	4.16	4.08	4.49	4.88	4.37	-0.21	-0.29	0.12	0.51
	³ B ₁ (<i>n</i> → π^*)	2.83	3.49	3.16	3.30	3.19	-0.36	0.30	-0.03	0.11
pyridine	¹ B ₁ (<i>n</i> → π^*)	4.82	4.97	4.95	5.29	4.95	-0.13	0.02	0.00	0.34
	¹ B ₂ (π → π^*)	5.11	5.58	5.20	5.77	5.14	-0.03	0.44	0.06	0.63
	³ A ₁ (π → π^*)	4.12	4.82	4.11	4.61	4.30	-0.18	0.52	-0.19	0.31
pyrimidine	¹ B ₁ (<i>n</i> → π^*)	4.31	4.68	4.78	4.86	4.44	-0.13	0.24	0.34	0.42
	¹ A ₂ (<i>n</i> → π^*)	4.63	4.78	5.15	5.20	4.85	-0.22	-0.07	0.30	0.35
	³ B ₁ (<i>n</i> → π^*)	3.79	4.57	4.34	4.54	4.09	-0.30	0.48	0.25	0.45
pyrrole	¹ A ₂ (π → 3s)	4.73	4.73	5.25	4.91	5.24	-0.51	-0.51	0.01	-0.33
	¹ B ₁ (π → 3p)	5.44	5.45	5.79	5.64	6.00	-0.56	-0.55	-0.21	-0.36
	³ B ₂ (π → π^*)	4.36	4.66	5.19	4.45	4.51	-0.15	0.15	0.68	-0.06
tetrazine	¹ B _{3u} (<i>n</i> → π^*)	2.31	2.81	2.82	2.75	2.47	-0.16	0.34	0.35	0.28
	¹ A _u (<i>n</i> → π^*)	3.46	3.70	4.28	4.03	3.69	-0.23	0.01	0.59	0.34
	³ B _{3u} (<i>n</i> → π^*)	1.56	2.35	2.23	2.28	1.85	-0.29	0.50	0.38	0.43
thioacetone	¹ A ₂ (<i>n</i> → π^*)	2.56	2.59	2.43	2.84	2.53	0.03	0.06	-0.10	0.31
	¹ B ₂ (<i>n</i> → 4s)	4.90	4.49	5.14	5.64	5.56	-0.66	-1.07	-0.42	0.08
	³ A ₂ (<i>n</i> → π^*)	2.10	2.44	1.84	2.34	2.33	-0.23	0.11	-0.49	0.01
thiophene	¹ A ₁ (π → π^*)	5.67	5.67	5.48	5.66	5.64	0.03	0.03	-0.17	0.02
	¹ A ₂ (π → 3s)	5.79	5.79	5.68	5.82	5.98	-0.19	-0.19	-0.30	-0.16
	³ B ₂ (π → π^*)	3.79	4.11	3.62	3.92	3.97	-0.18	0.14	-0.35	-0.05
thiopropynal	¹ A''(<i>n</i> → π^*)	2.01	2.00	1.88	2.21	2.03	-0.02	-0.03	-0.15	0.18
	³ A''(<i>n</i> → π^*)	1.50	1.91	1.35	1.80	1.80	-0.30	0.11	-0.46	0.00
triazine	¹ A'' ₁ (<i>n</i> → π^*)	4.48	4.48	5.04	4.67	4.72	-0.24	-0.24	0.32	-0.05
	¹ A'' ₂ (<i>n</i> → π^*)	4.59	4.97	5.17	4.87	4.75	-0.16	0.22	0.42	0.12
	³ A'' ₂ (<i>n</i> → π^*)	3.99	4.36	4.74	4.89	4.33	-0.34	0.03	0.41	0.56
MAE							0.34	0.42	0.35	0.27
RMSE							0.41	0.50	0.43	0.33
Mean							-0.33	-0.23	-0.10	0.03

^aTDDFT calculations use the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set and TBE values are from Ref. 2.

^bRelative to TBE values [Eq. (16)].

^cUsing the BH&HLYP functional.

Table S4: Vertical transition energies for exotic molecules in the QUEST 4 data set.

Molecule	State	Excitation Energy (eV) ^a				Errors (eV) ^b		
		TD-B3LYP	spin-flip ^c		TBE	TD-B3LYP	spin-flip ^c	
			SF	SA-SF			SF	SA-SF
CF ₂ O	¹ A ₂	7.09	6.97	7.74	7.31	-0.22	-0.34	0.43
	³ A ₂	6.56	5.91	6.77	7.06	-0.50	-1.15	-0.29
CCl ₂	¹ B ₁	2.62	2.64	2.49	2.59	0.03	0.05	-0.10
	¹ A ₂	4.16	3.42	4.26	4.40	-0.24	-1.02	-0.14
	³ B ₁	1.12	1.66	1.15	1.22	-0.10	0.44	-0.07
CCIF	¹ A''	3.59	3.58	3.38	3.55	0.04	0.03	-0.17
CF ₂	¹ B ₁	5.11	4.97	4.78	5.09	0.02	-0.12	-0.31
	³ B ₁	2.52	3.36	2.62	2.77	-0.25	0.59	-0.15
CF ₂ N ₂	¹ B ₁	3.49	3.69	3.63	3.74	-0.25	-0.05	-0.11
	³ B ₁	2.59	3.14	2.75	3.03	-0.44	0.11	-0.28
CHFO	¹ A''	5.91	5.53	6.31	5.96	-0.05	-0.43	0.35
	³ A''	5.27	4.61	5.40	5.73	-0.46	-1.12	-0.33
HCCl	¹ A''	1.95	2.10	1.96	1.98	-0.03	0.12	-0.02
HCF	¹ A''	2.47	2.62	2.47	2.49	-0.02	0.13	-0.02
HCP	¹ Σ ⁻	4.67	3.99	4.73	4.84	-0.17	-0.85	-0.11
	¹ Δ	4.67	4.68	4.84	5.15	-0.48	-0.47	-0.31
HPO	¹ A''	2.44	2.57	2.47	2.47	-0.03	0.10	0.00
HPS	¹ A''	1.57	1.60	1.70	1.59	-0.02	0.01	0.11
HSiF	¹ A''	3.08	3.30	3.01	3.05	0.03	0.25	-0.04
SiCl ₂	¹ B ₁	3.97	4.03	3.74	3.91	0.06	0.12	-0.17
	³ B ₁	2.41	2.86	2.60	2.48	-0.07	0.38	0.12
CH ₂ Si	¹ A ₂	2.18	2.14	1.94	2.11	0.07	0.03	-0.17
	¹ B ₂	3.93	3.64	3.75	3.78	0.15	-0.14	-0.03
MAE						0.16	0.35	0.17
RMSE						0.23	0.50	0.21
Mean						-0.13	-0.15	-0.08

^aTDDFT calculations use the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set and TBE values are from Ref. 3.

^bRelative to TBE values [Eq. (16)].

^cUsing the BH&HLYP functional.

Table S5: Vertical transition energies for radicals in the QUEST 4 data set.

Molecule	State	Excitation Energy (eV) ^a						Error (eV) ^b				
		LR-TDDFT			spin-flip ^c		TBE	LR-TDDFT			spin-flip ^c	
		B3LYP	BH&HLYP	ω B97M-V	SA-SF	SF		B3LYP	BH&HLYP	ω B97M-V	SA-SF	SF
allyl	² B ₁	3.94	4.34	3.88	3.54	3.53	3.43	0.51	0.91	0.45	0.11	0.10
	⁴ A ₂	–	–	–	5.73	5.47	6.01	–	–	–	–0.28	–0.54
BeF	² Π	4.16	4.20	4.01	3.54	3.63	4.15	0.01	0.05	–0.14	–0.61	–0.52
BeH	² Π	2.58	2.61	2.19	2.29	2.23	2.49	0.09	0.12	–0.30	–0.20	–0.26
	² Π	4.86	5.17	4.64	6.25	6.08	6.45	–1.59	–1.28	–1.81	–0.20	–0.37
	⁴ Π	–	–	–	5.90	5.61	5.88	–	–	–	0.02	–0.26
BH ₂	² B ₁	1.34	1.34	0.94	1.08	1.18	1.18	0.16	0.16	–0.24	–0.10	0.00
	⁴ A ₂	–	–	–	5.78	5.63	5.36	–	–	–	0.43	0.28
CH	² Δ	3.23	3.23	3.08	3.01	1.73	2.94	0.29	0.29	0.14	0.07	–1.21
	² Σ [–]	3.54	3.23	3.22	3.30	3.05	3.31	0.23	–0.08	–0.09	–0.01	–0.26
	⁴ Σ [–]	–	–	–	1.03	0.95	0.72	–	–	–	0.31	0.23
CH ₃	² A' ₁	5.21	5.74	5.08	6.13	6.14	5.86	–0.65	–0.12	–0.78	0.27	0.28
	² E'	6.22	6.85	6.16	7.05	7.15	6.96	–0.74	–0.11	–0.80	0.09	0.19
CN	² Π	1.21	1.21	0.92	0.56	0.81	1.38	–0.17	–0.17	–0.46	–0.82	–0.57
	⁴ Σ ⁺	–	–	–	6.89	6.62	6.04	–	–	–	0.85	0.58
CO ⁺	² Π	3.38	3.86	3.26	2.46	2.66	3.26	0.12	0.60	0.00	–0.80	–0.60
	⁴ Σ ⁺	–	–	–	6.73	7.61	7.28	–	–	–	–0.55	0.33
F ₂ BO	² B ₁	1.01	0.91	0.91	0.71	0.66	0.71	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.00	–0.05
F ₂ BS	² B ₁	0.64	0.61	0.34	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.16	0.13	–0.14	0.00	0.00
H ₂ BO	² B ₁	2.42	2.16	2.25	0.97	1.02	2.17	0.25	–0.01	0.08	–1.20	–1.15
HCO	² A''	2.26	2.40	2.09	2.39	2.29	2.09	0.17	0.31	0.00	0.30	0.19
	² A'	5.03	5.82	4.90	6.20	6.06	5.45	0.42	0.37	–0.55	0.75	0.61
	⁴ A''	–	–	–	6.11	5.70	6.39	–	–	–	–0.26	–0.67
HOC	² A''	1.11	1.06	0.81	0.85	0.82	0.93	0.18	0.13	–0.12	–0.08	–0.11
	⁴ A''	–	–	–	3.93	3.76	3.84	–	–	–	0.09	–0.09
H ₂ PO	² A''	2.71	2.89	2.67	2.14	1.92	2.81	–0.10	0.08	–0.14	–0.67	–0.89
	² A'	4.36	4.24	4.28	4.63	4.84	4.21	0.15	0.03	0.07	0.42	0.63
	⁴ A''	–	–	–	5.83	5.43	6.32	–	–	–	–0.49	–0.89
H ₂ PS	² A''	1.23	1.25	1.15	0.84	0.83	1.15	0.08	0.10	0.00	–0.31	–0.34
	⁴ A''	–	–	–	4.93	4.71	5.12	–	–	–	–0.19	–0.41
NH ₂	² A ₁	2.36	2.34	2.33	2.10	2.18	2.12	0.24	0.22	0.21	–0.02	0.06
	⁴ B ₁	–	–	–	7.59	7.29	7.29	–	–	–	0.30	0.00
CH ₃ NO ₂	² B ₂	1.95	2.58	2.33	2.04	1.76	2.05	–0.10	0.53	0.28	–0.01	–0.29
	⁴ A ₂	–	–	–	4.13	3.48	4.34	–	–	–	–0.21	–0.86
PH ₂	² A ₁	2.93	2.98	2.63	2.71	2.85	2.77	0.16	0.21	–0.14	–0.06	0.08
	⁴ A ₂	–	–	–	6.26	7.10	6.16	–	–	–	0.10	0.93
	² A''	3.30	3.44	3.14	2.96	2.96	3.31	–0.01	0.13	–0.17	–0.35	–0.35
vinyl	² A'	4.51	4.83	4.32	4.25	4.31	4.69	–0.18	0.14	–0.37	–0.44	–0.38
	⁴ A'	–	–	–	4.28	4.06	4.56	–	–	–	–0.28	–0.50
MAE								0.28	0.27	0.31	0.31	0.37
RMSE								0.43	0.39	0.48	0.44	0.50
Mean								–0.03	0.13	–0.20	–0.16	–0.20

^aTDDFT calculations use the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set and TBE values are from Ref. 3. Five of the QUEST 4 species have been removed and are considered separately in Table 4.

^bRelative to TBE values [Eq. (16)].

^cUsing the BH&HLYP functional.

Table S6: Vertical transition energies for the QUEST 5 data set.

Molecule	State ^a	Excitation Energy (eV) ^b				Error (eV) ^c		
		TD-B3LYP	spin-flip ^d		TBE	TD-B3LYP	spin-flip ^d	
			SA-SF	SF			SA-SF	SF
aza-naphthalene	¹ B _{3g} (V; n → π*)	2.80	3.57	3.60	3.14	-0.34	0.43	0.46
	¹ B _{2u} (V; π → π*)	4.15	4.31	3.91	4.28	-0.13	0.03	-0.37
benzoquinone	¹ B _{1g} (V; n → π*)	2.51	3.24	3.26	2.82	-0.31	0.42	0.44
	³ B _{1g} (V; n → π*)	2.04	2.95	2.42	2.58	-0.54	0.37	-0.16
cyclopentadienethione	¹ A ₂ (V; n → π*)	1.58	1.81	1.70	1.70	-0.12	0.11	0.00
	¹ B ₂ (V; π → π*)	2.25	2.98	2.49	2.63	-0.38	0.35	-0.14
	¹ A ₁ (V; π → π*)	5.03	4.84	3.69	4.96	0.07	-0.12	-1.27
	³ A ₂ (V; n → π*)	1.08	1.44	0.92	1.47	-0.39	-0.03	-0.55
cyclopentadienone	¹ A ₂ (V; n → π*)	2.73	3.18	3.29	2.94	-0.21	0.24	0.35
	¹ B ₂ (V; π → π*)	3.08	3.84	3.59	3.58	-0.41	0.26	0.01
	³ B ₂ (V; π → π*)	1.88	2.21	2.34	2.29	-0.14	-0.08	0.05
diazirine	¹ B ₁ (V; n → π*)	3.95	3.92	3.89	4.09	-0.47	-0.17	-0.20
	¹ A ₂ (V; σ → π*)	6.80	5.72	6.34	7.27	-0.07	-1.55	-0.93
	¹ B ₂ (R; n → 3s)	7.37	7.34	7.21	7.44	-0.47	-0.10	-0.23
	¹ A ₁ (R; n → 3p)	7.56	8.01	7.51	8.03	-0.40	-0.02	-0.52
	³ B ₁ (V; n → π*)	3.09	3.10	3.44	3.49	-0.32	-0.39	-0.05
hexatriene	¹ B _u (V; π → π*)	5.05	4.51	4.94	5.37	-0.56	-0.86	-0.43
	¹ A _u (R; π → 3s)	5.23	5.59	4.98	5.79	-0.49	-0.20	-0.81
	¹ B _g (R; π → 3p)	5.45	5.72	5.27	5.94	-0.22	-0.22	-0.67
	³ B _u (V; π → π*)	2.51	2.92	2.99	2.73	-0.38	0.19	0.26
maleimide	¹ B ₁ (V; n → π*)	3.42	4.59	4.41	3.80	-0.36	0.79	0.61
	¹ A ₂ (V; n → π*)	4.16	4.89	5.09	4.52	-0.26	0.37	0.57
	¹ B ₂ (V; π → π*)	4.63	5.25	5.15	4.89	-0.19	0.36	0.26
	¹ B ₂ (V; π → π*)	6.02	6.13	6.28	6.21	-0.55	-0.08	0.07
	³ B ₁ (V; n → π*)	3.02	3.54	3.89	3.57	0.21	-0.03	0.32
naphthalene	¹ B _{3u} (V; π → π*)	4.48	4.56	3.95	4.27	-0.36	0.29	-0.32
	¹ B _{2u} (V; π → π*)	4.54	4.81	4.88	4.90	-0.45	-0.09	-0.02
	¹ A _u (R; π → 3s)	5.20	5.53	5.13	5.65	-0.37	-0.12	-0.52
	¹ B _{1g} (V; π → π*)	5.47	5.89	5.23	5.84	-0.08	0.05	-0.61
nitroxyl	¹ A''(V; n → π*)	1.66	1.76	1.72	1.74	-0.62	0.02	-0.02
	¹ A'(R)	5.65	6.25	4.32	6.27	-0.62	-0.02	-1.95
	³ A''(V; n → π*)	0.55	0.61	1.12	0.88	-0.33	-0.27	0.24
octatetraene	¹ B _u (V; π → π*)	4.40	3.89	4.24	4.78	-0.38	-0.89	-0.54
	¹ A _g (V; π → π*)	4.86	4.91	4.38	4.90	-0.04	0.01	-0.52
	³ B _u (V; π → π*)	2.12	2.59	2.60	2.36	-0.25	0.23	0.24
streptocyanine-C3	¹ B ₂ (V; π → π*)	5.79	4.77	5.15	4.82	0.97	-0.05	0.33
	³ B ₂ (V; π → π*)	3.13	3.26	3.53	3.44	-0.31	-0.18	0.09
streptocyanine-C5	¹ B ₂ (V; π → π*)	4.70	3.55	4.01	3.64	1.06	-0.09	0.37
	³ B ₂ (V; π → π*)	2.23	2.40	2.54	2.47	-0.24	-0.07	0.07
thioacrolein	¹ A''(V; n → π*)	2.08	2.34	2.21	2.11	-0.03	0.23	0.10
	³ A''(V; n → π*)	1.62	1.98	1.35	1.91	-0.29	0.07	-0.56
MAE						0.35	0.26	0.40
RMSE						0.41	0.39	0.51
Mean						-0.24	-0.02	-0.16

^aCharacterized as valence (V) or Rydberg (R), according to Ref. 4.

^bTDDFT calculations use the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set and TBE values are from Ref. 4.

^cRelative to TBE values [Eq. (16)].

^dUsing the BH&HLYP functional.

Table S7: Tuned range separation parameters for the QUEST 6 molecules, used in TD-LRC- ω_{GDD} PBE calculations.

Molecule	ω (bohr ⁻¹) ^a
aminobenzonitrile	0.312
aniline	0.317
azulene	0.300
β -dipeptide	0.307
benzonitrile	0.319
benzothiadiazole	0.310
DMABN	0.302
dimethylaniline	0.305
dipeptide	0.315
hydrogen chloride	0.439
nitroaniline	0.317
nitrobenzene	0.325
nitrodimethylaniline	0.306
nitropyridine N-oxide	0.330
N-phenylpyrrole	0.297
phthalazine	0.312
quinoxaline	0.310
twisted DMABN	0.302
twisted PP	0.297

^aLRC- ω PBE/aug-cc-pVTZ

Table S8: Vertical transition energies for the QUEST 6 data set of intramolecular ^1CT excitations.

Molecules	State	Excitation Energy (eV) ^a				Error (eV) ^b		
		SA-SF ^c	LR-TDDFT		TBE	SA-SF ^c	LR-TDDFT	
			B3LYP	LRC- ω PBE ^d			B3LYP	LRC- ω PBE ^d
aminobenzonitrile	$A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	5.09	5.10	5.17	5.09	0.00	0.01	0.08
aniline	$A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	5.30	5.44	5.65	5.50	-0.20	-0.06	0.15
azulene	$A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	3.48	3.74	3.78	3.85	-0.37	-0.11	-0.08
azulene	$B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.73	4.76	4.75	4.50	0.23	0.25	0.25
β -dipeptide	$A''(n_1 \rightarrow \pi_2^*)$	8.39	7.27	8.67	8.90	-0.43	-1.70	-0.23
benzonitrile	$A_2(\pi_{\text{CN}} \rightarrow \pi^*)$	7.07	6.21	6.73	7.05	0.02	-0.84	-0.32
benzothiadiazole	$B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	3.86	3.99	4.29	4.29	-0.43	-0.30	0.00
DMABN	$A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.88	4.88	4.95	4.86	0.02	0.02	0.09
dimethylaniline	$B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.71	4.51	4.66	4.39	0.32	0.12	0.27
	$A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	5.48	5.06	5.47	5.40	0.08	-0.34	0.07
dipeptide	$A''(n_1 \rightarrow \pi^*)$	7.90	6.34	7.87	8.15	-0.25	-1.81	-0.28
hydrogen chloride	$\Pi(n \rightarrow \sigma^*)$	7.81	7.35	8.08	7.84	-0.03	-0.49	0.24
nitroaniline	$A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.16	4.12	4.69	4.40	-0.24	-0.28	0.29
nitrobenzene	$A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.98	4.89	5.33	5.41	-0.43	-0.52	-0.08
nitrodimethylaniline	$A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	3.95	3.86	4.30	4.14	-0.19	-0.28	0.16
nitropyridine <i>N</i> -oxide	$A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	3.63	4.13	4.30	4.10	-0.47	0.03	0.20
<i>N</i> -phenylpyrrole	$B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	5.12	4.79	5.28	5.32	-0.20	-0.53	-0.04
	$A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	5.74	5.04	5.62	5.85	-0.10	-0.81	-0.23
phthalazine	$A_2(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.23	3.54	3.95	3.91	0.32	-0.37	0.04
quinoxaline	$B_2(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.71	4.21	4.69	4.64	0.07	-0.42	0.05
	$A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	5.11	5.93	5.95	5.66	-0.55	0.27	0.29
twisted DMABN	$A_2(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.41	3.20	3.93	4.11	0.30	-0.91	-0.18
	$B_1(n \rightarrow \pi^*)$	4.70	3.87	4.75	4.74	-0.04	-0.87	0.01
twisted PP	$B_2(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	5.54	4.34	5.41	5.58	-0.04	-1.24	-0.17
	$A_1(\pi \rightarrow \pi^*)$	5.57	4.44	5.96	5.64	-0.07	-1.20	0.32
MAE						0.22	0.55	0.16
RMSE						0.28	0.74	0.19
Mean						-0.11	-0.50	-0.03

^aTDDFT calculations use the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set except where noted, and TBE values are from Ref. 5.

^bRelative to TBE values [Eq. (16)].

^cUsing the BH&HLYP functional.

^dUsing GDD tuning for ω .⁶

Table S9: Vertical transition energies for bicyclic systems (QUEST 7 data set).

Molecule	State ^a	Excitation Energy (eV) ^b				Error (eV) ^c		
		TD- B3LYP	spin-flip ^d		TBE	TD- B3LYP	spin-flip ^d	
			SA-SF	SF			SA-SF	SF
azulene	¹ B ₂ (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	2.46	2.37	2.45	2.17	0.29	0.20	0.28
	¹ A ₁ (CT; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	3.74	3.48	3.11	3.84	-0.10	-0.36	-0.73
	¹ B ₂ (CT; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	4.55	4.73	3.88	4.49	0.06	0.24	-0.61
	¹ A ₂ (R)	4.76	4.81	4.59	4.86	-0.10	-0.05	-0.27
	¹ A ₁ (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	4.91	4.93	4.98	4.91	0.00	0.02	0.07
	³ B ₂ (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	2.00	2.15	2.11	2.19	-0.19	-0.04	-0.08
BOD	¹ B ₂ (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	4.29	3.92	4.14	4.52	-0.23	-0.60	-0.38
	¹ A ₁ (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	4.98	4.99	4.37	4.91	0.07	0.08	-0.54
	¹ A ₂ (V; $n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	5.13	5.09	4.75	5.28	-0.15	-0.19	-0.53
	¹ B ₁ (V; $n/\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*$)	5.50	5.57	5.10	5.83	-0.33	-0.26	-0.73
	³ B ₂ (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	2.50	2.77	2.80	2.74	-0.24	0.03	0.06
BTD	¹ B ₂ (CT; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	3.99	3.86	3.36	4.23	-0.24	-0.37	-0.87
	¹ A ₁ (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	4.59	4.45	4.67	4.36	0.23	0.09	0.31
	¹ A ₂ (V; $n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	4.66	5.04	4.77	4.80	-0.14	0.24	-0.03
	¹ B ₁ (V; $n/\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*$)	5.18	5.63	5.37	5.42	-0.25	0.21	-0.05
	³ A ₁ (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	3.22	3.24	3.36	3.49	-0.27	-0.25	-0.13
DPP	¹ B _u (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	3.60	3.64	3.80	3.54	0.06	0.10	0.26
	¹ A _u (V; $n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	3.75	3.75	3.82	3.86	-0.11	-0.11	-0.04
	¹ A _g (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	3.91	4.26	4.08	3.91	0.00	0.35	0.17
	¹ B _g (V; $n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	4.05	4.71	4.55	4.31	-0.26	0.40	0.24
	³ B _u (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	1.73	2.06	2.11	1.93	-0.20	0.13	0.18
FF	¹ A _u (R)	5.04	5.17	4.91	5.43	-0.40	-0.26	-0.52
	¹ B _u (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	5.26	5.23	5.23	5.46	-0.20	-0.23	-0.23
	¹ B _g (R)	5.52	5.58	5.26	5.86	-0.34	-0.28	-0.60
	³ B _u (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	5.77	5.60	4.19	5.99	-0.22	-0.39	-1.80
	³ B _u (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	3.35	3.60	3.68	3.58	-0.23	0.02	0.10
phthalazine	¹ A ₂ (CT; $n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	3.54	3.43	3.69	3.87	-0.33	-0.44	-0.18
	¹ B ₁ (CT; $n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	4.00	4.23	3.86	4.28	-0.28	-0.05	-0.42
	¹ B ₂ (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	4.79	5.30	4.52	5.15	-0.36	0.15	-0.63
	¹ B ₁ (CT; $n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	5.15	5.72	5.49	5.74	-0.59	-0.02	-0.25
	³ A ₂ (CT; $n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	3.28	3.93	3.35	3.63	-0.35	0.30	-0.28
PP	¹ A _u (R)	4.11	4.36	4.08	4.55	-0.44	-0.19	-0.47
	¹ B _g (R)	4.23	4.55	4.26	4.75	-0.52	-0.20	-0.49
	¹ A _u (R)	4.61	4.89	4.62	5.13	-0.52	-0.24	-0.51
	¹ B _g (R)	4.78	5.27	4.98	5.15	-0.37	0.12	-0.17
	³ B _u (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	3.62	3.87	3.94	3.84	-0.22	0.03	0.10
quinoxaline	¹ B ₁ (V; $n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	3.57	4.12	4.10	3.79	-0.22	0.33	0.31
	¹ A ₁ (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	4.21	4.71	4.16	4.26	-0.05	0.45	-0.10
	¹ B ₂ (CT; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	4.51	5.11	4.22	4.59	-0.08	0.52	-0.37
	¹ A ₂ (V; $n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	4.84	5.56	5.33	5.09	-0.25	0.48	0.25
	³ B ₁ (V; $n \rightarrow \pi^*$)	3.06	3.70	3.83	3.35	-0.29	0.35	0.48
TTF	¹ B _{3u} (V; $\pi \rightarrow \sigma^*$)	2.51	3.01	3.08	2.79	-0.28	0.22	0.29
	¹ B _{2u} (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	3.30	3.47	3.64	3.74	-0.44	-0.27	-0.10
	¹ B _{1g} (V; $\pi \rightarrow \sigma^*$)	3.64	3.88	4.05	3.98	-0.34	-0.10	0.07
	¹ B _{2g} (mixed)	3.74	4.12	4.07	4.05	-0.31	0.07	0.02
	³ B _{1u} (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	2.74	2.91	2.72	2.99	-0.25	-0.08	-0.27
TT	¹ B _u (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	4.91	5.00	4.46	4.96	-0.05	-0.04	-0.50
	¹ B _u (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	5.01	5.22	5.00	5.22	-0.21	0.00	-0.22
	¹ B _g (R)	5.16	5.43	5.07	5.41	-0.25	-0.02	-0.34
	¹ A _u (R)	5.16	5.50	5.18	5.52	-0.36	0.02	-0.30
	³ B _u (V; $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$)	3.28	3.59	3.64	3.47	-0.19	0.12	0.17
MAE					0.24	0.20	0.34	
RMSE					0.28	0.25	0.45	
Mean					-0.22	0.01	-0.20	

^aCharacterized as valence (V), Rydberg (R), or charge transfer (CT), according to Ref. 7.^bTDDFT calculations use the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set and TBE values are from Ref. 7.^cRelative to TBE values [Eq. (16)].^dUsing the BH&HLYP functional.

Table S10: Error statistics for vertical transition energies (from the singlet ground state) in cyclazine derivatives.

Molecule ^a	State	TBE ^b (eV)	Error (eV) ^c		
			spin-flip ^d		TD- B3LYP
			SF	SA-SF	
1	S ₁	2.72	0.20	0.28	0.23
	T ₁	2.94	-0.02	0.27	-0.21
2	S ₁	0.98	0.03	0.08	0.29
	T ₁	1.11	-0.18	0.09	-0.04
3	S ₁	1.56	0.06	0.09	0.27
	T ₁	1.66	-0.24	0.12	-0.10
4	S ₁	2.18	0.19	0.09	0.23
	T ₁	2.30	-0.17	0.13	-0.17
5	S ₁	2.13	0.12	0.13	0.25
	T ₁	2.23	-0.24	0.14	-0.15
6	S ₁	0.83	-0.06	0.01	0.30
	T ₁	0.90	-0.33	0.05	-0.03
7	S ₁	0.69	-0.11	-0.03	0.30
	T ₁	0.74	-0.36	0.01	-0.02
8	S ₁	0.55	-0.18	-0.05	0.30
	T ₁	0.58	-0.39	-0.03	-0.01
9	S ₁	1.26	0.07	0.14	0.31
	T ₁	1.46	-0.25	0.15	-0.10
10	S ₁	1.52	-0.34	0.72	0.30
	T ₁	1.83	-0.24	0.68	-0.11
MAE			0.19	0.16	0.19
RMSE			0.25	0.22	0.21
Mean			0.15	-0.12	0.09

^aNumbering corresponds to Fig. 20.

^bFrom Ref. 8.

^cRelative to TBE values [Eq. (16)]. All calculations use the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set.

^dUsing the BH&HLYP functional.