

## Supporting Information

### The dynamical temporal behaviors of guanine-cytosine coherent charge transfer

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Test calculations on the donor-acceptor complex using different functionals and basis sets to assess the validity of the computational approach used.

**Table S1** With the same basis set (TZVP), the maximum absorption peak of G-C was calculated by different functionals.

	B3LYP	CAM-B3LYP	PBEPBE	mPW1PW191	$\omega$ B97XD	Exp <sup>a</sup> .
G-C	259 nm	221 nm	344 nm	235 nm	221 nm	260 nm

**Table S2** With the same functional (B3LYP), the maximum absorption peak of G-C was calculated using different basis sets.

	TZVP	6-311++G (d)	6-31G (d,p)	cc-pVTZz	aug-cc-pVTZ	Exp <sup>a</sup> .
G-C	259 nm	258 nm	251 nm	252 nm	262 nm	260 nm

<sup>a</sup> Literature: [Miannay et al. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2007, 129, 14574-14575], [Lin et al. *J. Phys. Chem. B.*, 2015, 119, 25, 7994-8000] and [Banyasz et al. *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 2018, 20, 21381].

**Table S3** The oscillator strengths ( $f$ ) of G-C under different excited states (B3LYP/TZVP).

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	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>4</sub>	S <sub>5</sub>
$f$	0.0016	0.0082	0.0002	0.0959	0.0336

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**Table S4** The energy of photoexcitation from HOMO to LUMO+2 (B3LYP/TZVP).

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	HOMO	LUMO	LUMO+1	LUMO+2
Energy (a.u.)	0.185	0.043	0.007	0.010

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