## **Supporting Information**

## Experimental and Theoretical Photoemission Study of Indole and its Derivatives in the Gas Phase

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18a′	19a′	20a'	21a'
1a″	22a'	23a'	24a'
25a'	26a'	2a″	3a″
4a″	5a″ (HOMO)		

**Figure S1.** Plot of HF/cc-pVTZ orbitals for indole (for assignment see Table S1).

Table S1. Vertical ionization potentials (eV) and pole strengths (PS) of indole calculated with HF, OVGF, P3 and P3+/cc-pVTZ models.

MO	Туре	КТ	OVGF	PS	P3	PS	P3+	PS
5a''	π	7.687	7.792	0.894	7.997	0.884	7.911	0.881
4a''	π	8.158	8.126	0.892	8.341	0.880	8.245	0.877
3a''	π	10.464	9.811	0.875	10.007	0.863	9.881	0.860
2a''	π	12.644	11.365	0.815	11.415	0.805	11.285	0.806
26a'	σ	13.069	11.652	0.896	11.890	0.885	11.677	0.878
25a'	σ	13.782	12.262	0.890	12.478	0.879	12.270	0.872
24a'	σ	14.916	13.350	0.884	13.502	0.873	13.291	0.866
23a'	σ	15.638	13.940	0.881	14.090	0.870	13.878	0.862
1a''	π	15.852	13.962	0.793	13.866	0.795	13.662	0.793
22a'	σ	16.177	14.518	0.873	14.571	0.863	14.371	0.856
21a'	σ	16.349	14.636	0.879	14.786	0.868	14.519	0.858
20a'	σ	17.616	15.696	0.855	15.762	0.846	15.583	0.840
19a'	σ	17.961	16.012	0.853	16.102	0.845	15.880	0.838
18a'	σ	19.795	17.677	0.840	17.717	0.834	17.482	0.827

18a	19a	20a	21a
22a	23a	24a	25a
26a	27a	28a	29a
30a	31a	32a (HOMO)	

**Figure S2.** Plot of HF/cc-pVTZ orbitals for 2,3-dihydro-7-azaindole (for assignment see Table S2).

Table S2. Vertical ionization potentials (eV) and pole strengths (PS) of 2,3-dihydro-7azaindole calculated with HF, OVGF, P3 and P3+/cc-pVTZ models.

Туре	KS	OVGF	PS	P3	PS	P3+	PS
π	7.951	7.802	0.897	8.008	0.887	7.916	0.884
π	10.117	9.614	0.885	9.923	0.873	9.823	0.871
n	11.072	9.496	0.891	9.639	0.879	9.382	0.870
π	11.751	10.653	0.877	10.678	0.869	10.540	0.865
σ	13.599	12.325	0.896	12.478	0.887	12.303	0.881
σ	14.453	13.140	0.888	13.192	0.879	13.035	0.874
σ	14.612	13.297	0.849	13.285	0.842	13.157	0.841
σ	14.867	13.620	0.892	13.539	0.884	13.423	0.880
σ	15.075	13.629	0.860	13.690	0.851	13.517	0.848
σ	15.429	13.684	0.879	13.789	0.868	13.581	0.861
σ	16.339	14.688	0.880	14.809	0.869	14.576	0.861
σ	17.285	15.492	0.867	15.576	0.858	15.388	0.853
σ	17.792	16.077	0.859	16.083	0.855	15.945	0.853
σ	18.372	16.459	0.856	16.529	0.849	16.345	0.844
σ	19.568	17.515	0.855	17.594	0.850	17.365	0.842
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31a'	3a″	32a'	4a″		
5a″	6a″				

**Figure S3.** Plot of HF/cc-pVTZ orbitals for 3-formylindole with the trans orientation of the formyl group (for assignment see Table S3).

Table S3. Vertical ionization potentials (eV) and pole strengths (PS) of 3-formylindole calculated with HF, OVGF, P3 and P3+/cc-pVTZ models.

MO	Туре	КТ	OVGF	PS	P3	PS	P3+	PS
6a''	π	8.166	8.178	0.891	8.444	0.881	8.354	0.878
5a''	π	8.604	8.556	0.888	8.779	0.877	8.684	0.874
4a''	π	10.678	9.961	0.876	10.234	0.864	10.105	0.860
32a'	n	11.315	9.749	0.871	9.581	0.869	9.339	0.862
3a''	π	13.029	11.737	0.819	11.794	0.805	11.663	0.805
31a'	σ	13.571	12.104	0.885	12.254	0.880	12.035	0.873
30a'	σ	14.023	12.498	0.884	12.694	0.878	12.485	0.871
2a"	π	14.272	13.226	0.840	13.126	0.829	13.012	0.829
29a'	σ	15.337	13.620	0.877	13.850	0.871	13.618	0.863
28a'	σ	16.359	14.398	0.862	14.554	0.860	14.247	0.849
27a'	σ	16.424	14.766	0.867	14.764	0.862	14.566	0.855
1a''	π	16.542	14.515	0.793	14.512	0.786	14.308	0.786
26a'	σ	16.637	14.810	0.865	14.798	0.863	14.514	0.854
25a'	σ	17.978	15.981	0.854	16.051	0.846	15.851	0.839
24a'	σ	18.022	15.907	0.853	16.040	0.850	15.775	0.841
23a'	σ	18.519	16.445	0.850	16.594	0.844	16.342	0.836
22a'	σ	19.978	17.802	0.848	17.879	0.843	17.637	0.835
21a'	σ	20.774	18.383	0.834	18.424	0.830	18.184	0.822



**Figure S4.** O 1s photoemission spectrum of 3-formylindole. Dotted lines: experimental data, bar: theoretical data computed by using the hybrid PW86x potential. Peak at 539.80 eV is due to the water present in the sample and/or the experimental chamber. 1



Figure S5. N-Auger spectrum of indole measured at photon energy 450 eV.

Table S4: Calculated double ionization energy values [eV] for indole and the percentage of the dominant reference CI configurations.

Dication states	MRCI/ANO-VT-TZ	Percentage of the dominant reference CI configurations for the dication states. Note: only percentages greater than 10% have been considered.
1 <sup>1</sup> A'	20.89	5a'' <sup>-2</sup> (76%)
2 <sup>1</sup> A'	21.38	4a'' <sup>-1</sup> 5a'' <sup>-1</sup> (42%)
3 <sup>1</sup> A'	22.42	4a'' <sup>-2</sup> (74%)
$4^{1}$ A'	25.06	3a <sup>**-1</sup> 5a <sup>**-1</sup> (27%), 5a <sup>**-2</sup> (16%)
1 <sup>3</sup> A'	20.71	4a <sup>**-1</sup> 5a <sup>**-1</sup> (93%)



**Figure S6.** Main CI vectors for double ionized first  $(1^1A')$ , second  $(2^1A')$  and third  $(3^1A')$  singlet states of indole. Only configurations greater than 10% have been considered.



Figure S7. Main CI vectors for double ionized fourth singlet  $(4^{1}A')$  and triplet state  $(1^{3}A')$  of indole. Only configurations greater than 10% have been considered.

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