

Supporting Information

DFT/TDDFT Investigation on the Electronic Structures and Photophysical Properties of Phosphorescent Ir(III) Complexes with Conjugated/Non-conjugated Carbene Ligands

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Benchmark calculations for different density functionals

In order to find a method that would allow for reliable prediction of structure parameters, the ground-state geometries of **2b**, **3a** and **3b** were fully optimized at PBE0, B3LYP¹⁷ and CAM-B3LYP¹⁸ levels with the same basis set based on their single-crystal X-ray structures,¹⁰ respectively. The partial key parameters of geometrical structures are tabulated in Table S1, along with the experimental values.

Generally, the calculated bond distances are elongated as compared with the corresponding X-ray data. This can be attributed to the crystal packing effect which is not taken into account in our calculation. Compared with the crystal data of **2b**, **3a** and **3b**, the Ir-N/Ir-C bond lengths calculated at B3LYP level are drastically overestimated, especially the Ir-N1 and Ir-N2 bond lengths deviating from the experimental values by ~0.110 and 0.070 Å, respectively. Therefore, the B3LYP functional is not reliable in predicting the structures of the herein studied Ir(III) complexes. The CAM-B3LYP functional gives better Ir-C bond lengths (deviation within 0.035 Å) than the B3LYP functional, however, the Ir-N1 and Ir-N2 bond lengths are still overestimated by ~0.070 and 0.050 Å respectively. However, the PBE0 functional performs much better than B3LYP and CAM-B3LYP in predicting the metal-related bond lengths. The Ir-C bond lengths calculated at PBE0 level are in quite good agreement with the experimental data (within 0.020 Å), and about 0.060 and 0.030 Å of deviation from the experimental values are revealed for the two Ir-N bond lengths, respectively. Besides, the three functionals give an excellent accuracy in predicting the metal-related bond angles. Overall, the hybrid PBE0 functional predict more satisfactory bond length and bond angles (gives more satisfactory geometry parameters) for these Ir(III) complexes compared with B3LYP and CAM-B3LYP functionals. Therefore, we will discuss in detail the geometrical structures of the studied complexes obtained at PBE0 level.

Table S1 Selected optimized bond length (in Å) and bond angles (in °) of **2b**, **3a** and **3b** in ground-state at PBE0, B3LYP and CAM-B3LYP levels, respectively, along with the experimental data

	2b				3a				3b			
	PBE0	B3LYP	CAM-B3LYP	Exptl. ^a	PBE0	B3LYP	CAM-B3LYP	Exptl. ^a	PBE0	B3LYP	CAM-B3LYP	Exptl. ^a
Ir-C1	2.044	2.068	2.059	2.057	2.026	2.048	2.039	2.030	2.042	2.066	2.057	2.037
Ir-C2	2.038	2.059	2.051	2.041	2.027	2.045	2.038	2.027	2.038	2.059	2.051	2.024
Ir-C3	2.061	2.086	2.076	2.041	2.034	2.056	2.049	2.023	2.059	2.084	2.074	2.057
Ir-C4	2.037	2.056	2.046	2.042	2.021	2.038	2.030	2.023	2.040	2.060	2.050	2.025
Ir-N1	2.247	2.308	2.270	2.212	2.202	2.252	2.222	2.154	2.241	2.300	2.265	2.174
Ir-N2	2.165	2.200	2.178	2.129	2.128	2.162	2.142	2.103	2.175	2.213	2.187	2.137
C1-Ir-C2	87.8	87.9	87.8	87.2	78.9	78.8	78.9	79.2	87.6	87.8	87.6	86.9
C3-Ir-C4	86.9	87.0	86.9	86.3	78.8	78.7	78.8	78.6	86.6	86.7	86.6	86.3
N1-Ir-N2	75.0	74.1	74.7	75.5	75.7	75.0	75.4	76.3	74.9	73.9	74.6	75.8
C1-Ir-C3	175.1	175.7	175.4	174.4	169.7	170.2	169.8	168.7	174.7	175.2	175.0	173.8
C2-Ir-N2	171.2	170.7	171.2	171.1	169.5	169.1	169.5	170.8	170.9	170.3	170.8	170.3
C4-Ir-N1	175.8	175.0	175.4	174.7	173.6	173.1	173.5	175.1	176.0	175.3	175.6	177.5
C1-Ir-N1-N2	91.2	91.3	91.3	92.7	98.9	98.9	98.8	97.3	90.9	91.1	91.0	91.0
C4-Ir-C1-C2	-88.0	-88.4	-88.2	-89.5	-91.8	-91.9	-91.7	-88.0	-88.0	-88.3	-88.2	-87.7
N2-Ir-C3-C4	101.0	101.1	100.8	99.6	-87.5	98.5	-87.3	-90.7	-87.2	101.6	-87.0	-86.7

^a Experimental data from Ref. [10]

Table S2 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) of different fragments in the ground state for the related ligands

MO ^a		<i>E</i>	MO composition(%) ^b				Assign
			F-ph	NHC	-CH ₃		
fpmb	L	-0.31	98	2	0		π*(F-ph)
	H	-3.43	9	89	2		π(NHC)
			2F-ph	NHC	-CH ₃		
dfpmb	L	-0.18	90	10	0		π*(2F-ph)
	H	-3.29	8	89	2		π(NHC)
			F-ph	NHC	-CH ₃	-CH ₂	
fbmb	L	-0.19	98	1	0	1	π*(F-ph)
	H	-3.40	2	95	2	1	π(NHC)
			2F-ph	NHC	-CH ₃	-CH ₂	
dfbmb	L	-0.12	98	1	0	2	π*(2F-ph)
	H	-3.22	2	95	2	1	π(NHC)
			N3	py	-CF ₃		
fptz	L	-1.67	31	69	0		π*(N3+py)
	H	-7.32	49	50	1		π(N3+py)
			N3	py	-tBu	-CF ₃	
bptz	L	-1.48	33	66	2	0	π*(N3+py)
	H	-7.18	47	52	0	0	π(N3+py)

^a H = HOMO; L= LUMO; ^b F-ph = 4-fluorophenyl; 2F-ph = 2,4-fluorophenyl; NHC = benzimidazolyl; N3 = triazolyl; py = pyridyl; -tBu = tert-butyl.

Table S3 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) of different fragments in the ground state for complex **1a**

MO ^a	Energy	MO composition(%)					Assign
		Ir	fpmb1	fpmb2	fptz	-CF ₃	
L+6	0.07	7	79	11	3	0	$\pi^*(\text{fpmb})$
L+4	-0.26	1	95	2	1	0	$\pi^*(\text{fpmb1})$
L+3	-0.75	5	1	93	1	0	$\pi^*(\text{fpmb2})$
L+2	-0.87	7	91	1	1	0	$\pi^*(\text{fpmb1})$
L+1	-1.04	1	1	1	97	0	$\pi^*(\text{fptz})$
L	-1.57	3	1	1	96	0	$\pi^*(\text{fptz})$
H	-5.52	27	17	54	2	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fpmb})$
H-1	-5.91	11	50	36	3	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fpmb})$
H-2	-6.23	29	11	22	37	1	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fpmb}+\text{fptz})$
H-3	-6.30	16	33	44	6	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fpmb})$
H-4	-6.57	34	49	8	10	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fpmb1})$
H-5	-6.74	8	3	42	46	1	$\pi(\text{fpmb2}+\text{fptz})$

^a H = HOMO; L= LUMO.

Table S4 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) of different fragments in the ground state for complex **1b**

MO ^a	Energy	MO composition(%)					Assign
		Ir	fbmb1	fbmb2	fptz	-CF ₃	
L+5	0.23	1	24	75	0	0	$\pi^*(\text{fbmb})$
L+4	0.13	7	85	6	1	0	$\pi^*(\text{fbmb1})$
L+3	-0.47	4	51	45	0	0	$\pi^*(\text{fbmb})$
L+2	-0.89	5	43	50	2	0	$\pi^*(\text{fbmb})$
L+1	-1.00	0	2	1	96	0	$\pi^*(\text{fptz})$
L	-1.56	2	1	1	96	0	$\pi^*(\text{fptz})$
H	-5.66	36	14	48	3	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fbmb})$
H-1	-5.88	36	36	19	9	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fbmb})$
H-2	-6.27	4	14	81	1	0	$\pi(\text{fbmb})$
H-3	-6.34	12	41	34	13	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fbmb}+\text{fptz})$
H-4	-6.40	35	17	13	35	1	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fbmb}+\text{fptz})$
H-5	-6.69	8	67	19	6	0	$\pi(\text{fbmb})$

^a H = HOMO; L= LUMO.

Table S5 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) of different fragments in the ground state for complex **2a**

MO ^a	Energy	MO composition(%)					Assign
		Ir	dfpmb1	dfpmb2	fptz	-CF ₃	
L+5	-0.12	1	2	97	0	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfpmb2})$
L+4	-0.31	1	96	2	1	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfpmb1})$
L+3	-0.74	6	3	90	1	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfpmb2})$
L+2	-0.89	8	87	2	2	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfpmb1})$
L+1	-1.13	1	1	1	97	0	$\pi^*(\text{fptz})$
L	-1.67	3	1	1	96	0	$\pi^*(\text{fptz})$
H	-5.76	28	16	53	2	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfpmb})$
H-1	-6.08	15	38	44	4	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfpmb})$
H-2	-6.35	14	25	42	19	1	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfpmb}+\text{fptz})$
H-3	-6.36	21	31	22	24	1	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfpmb}+\text{fptz})$
H-4	-6.67	27	59	5	9	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfpmb1})$
H-5	-6.80	6	5	49	39	1	$\pi(\text{dfpmb2}+\text{fptz})$

^a H = HOMO; L= LUMO.

Table S6 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) of different fragments in the ground state for complex **2b**

MO ^a	Energy	MO composition(%)					Assign
		Ir	dfbmb1	dfbmb2	fptz	-CF ₃	
L+5	0.15	2	90	7	0	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfbmb1})$
L+4	0.08	10	73	14	3	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfbmb})$
L+3	-0.55	4	46	50	0	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfbmb})$
L+2	-0.97	5	48	45	2	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfbmb})$
L+1	-1.1	0	2	1	96	0	$\pi^*(\text{fptz})$
L	-1.67	2	1	1	96	0	$\pi^*(\text{fptz})$
H	-5.88	38	14	45	3	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfbmb})$
H-1	-6.05	37	30	21	11	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfbmb})$
H-2	-6.27	2	10	88	1	0	$\pi(\text{dfbmb})$
H-3	-6.52	33	13	4	49	1	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fptz})$
H-4	-6.56	6	53	39	1	0	$\pi(\text{dfbmb})$
H-5	-6.67	1	85	13	1	0	$\pi(\text{dfbmb})$
H-9	-7.19	29	25	23	23	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfbmb}+\text{fptz})$

^a H = HOMO; L= LUMO.

Table S7 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) of different fragments in the ground state for complex **3a**

MO ^a	Energy	MO composition(%)					Assign
		Ir	fpmb1	fpmb2	bptz	CF3	
L+6	0.12	7	80	10	3	0	$\pi^*(\text{fpmb})$
L+4	-0.22	1	95	2	1	0	$\pi^*(\text{fpmb1})$
L+3	-0.70	5	1	92	1	0	$\pi^*(\text{fpmb2})$
L+2	-0.83	7	91	1	1	0	$\pi^*(\text{fpmb1})$
L+1	-0.87	1	2	1	96	0	$\pi^*(\text{bptz})$
L	-1.45	2	1	1	96	0	$\pi^*(\text{bptz})$
H	-5.47	27	17	54	2	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fpmb})$
H-1	-5.86	12	48	36	3	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fpmb})$
H-2	-6.16	27	10	21	40	1	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fpmb}+\text{bptz})$
H-3	-6.25	16	34	44	5	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fpmb})$
H-4	-6.51	33	46	8	13	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fpmb1})$
H-5	-6.68	10	5	40	44	1	$\pi(\text{fpmb2}+\text{bptz})$

^a H = HOMO; L= LUMO.

Table S8 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) of different fragments in the ground state for complex **3b**

MO ^a	Energy	MO composition(%)					Assign
		Ir	fbmb1	fbmb2	bptz	CF3	
L+5	0.30	2	42	55	1	0	$\pi^*(\text{fbmb})$
L+4	0.18	3	81	15	1	0	$\pi^*(\text{fbmb})$
L+3	-0.44	4	47	50	0	0	$\pi^*(\text{fbmb})$
L+2	-0.86	5	47	45	3	0	$\pi^*(\text{fbmb})$
L+1	-0.93	0	3	2	95	0	$\pi^*(\text{bptz})$
L	-1.41	2	1	1	95	0	$\pi^*(\text{bptz})$
H	-5.60	35	15	48	2	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fbmb})$
H-1	-5.84	37	33	20	10	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fbmb})$
H-2	-6.22	6	7	82	4	0	$\pi(\text{fbmb2})$
H-3	-6.32	30	12	17	40	1	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fbmb}+\text{bptz})$
H-4	-6.37	11	47	37	5	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fbmb})$
H-6	-6.66	19	14	37	29	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{fbmb}+\text{bptz})$

^a H = HOMO; L= LUMO.

Table S9 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) of different fragments in the ground state for complex **4a**

MO ^a	Energy	MO composition(%)					Assign
		Ir	dfpmb1	dfpmb2	bptz	CF3	
L+5	-0.08	1	2	97	0	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfpmb2})$
L+4	-0.27	1	95	2	1	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfpmb1})$
L+3	-0.70	6	3	90	1	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfpmb2})$
L+2	-0.85	8	87	3	2	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfpmb1})$
L+1	-1.04	1	1	1	97	0	$\pi^*(\text{bptz})$
L	-1.49	2	1	1	96	0	$\pi^*(\text{bptz})$
H	-5.71	28	17	53	2	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfpmb})$
H-1	-6.02	16	37	43	4	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfpmb})$
H-2	-6.28	19	5	36	39	1	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfpmb2}+\text{bptz})$
H-3	-6.31	16	51	27	6	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfpmb})$
H-4	-6.62	28	57	5	10	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfpmb1})$
H-5	-6.73	8	5	48	38	1	$\pi(\text{dfpmb2}+\text{bptz})$

^a H = HOMO; L= LUMO.

Table S10 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) of different fragments in the ground state for complex **4b**

MO ^a	Energy	MO composition(%)					Assign
		Ir	dfbmb1	dfbmb2	bptz	CF3	
L+5	0.19	2	91	7	0	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfbmb1})$
L+4	0.14	9	73	15	3	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfbmb})$
L+3	-0.51	4	46	50	0	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfbmb})$
L+2	-0.93	5	48	45	2	0	$\pi^*(\text{dfbmb})$
L+1	-1.01	0	2	1	96	0	$\pi^*(\text{bptz})$
L	-1.49	2	1	1	95	0	$\pi^*(\text{bptz})$
H	-5.83	38	14	45	3	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfbmb})$
H-1	-5.99	38	30	20	12	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfbmb})$
H-2	-6.23	2	10	88	1	0	$\pi(\text{dfbmb})$
H-3	-6.44	32	13	4	51	1	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{bptz})$
H-6	-6.75	19	18	40	23	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfbmb}+\text{bptz})$
H-9	-7.12	26	29	25	20	0	$d(\text{Ir})+\pi(\text{dfbmb}+\text{bptz})$

^a H = HOMO; L= LUMO.

Table S11 Selected calculated wavelength (nm)/energies (eV), oscillator strength (*f*), major contribution and transition characters for **1a-4a** in CH₂Cl₂ media, along with the experimental data for **3a**

	state	λ/E	<i>f</i>	Configuration ^a	Assignment	Exptl ^b
1a	S ₁	373/3.32	0.0004	H→L(96%)	d(Ir)+π(fpmb)→π*(fptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₂	329/3.77	0.0533	H-1→L(84%)	d(Ir)+π(fpmb)→π*(fptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₇	298/4.15	0.0573	H-3→L(79%)	d(Ir)+π(fpmb)→π*(fptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₁₁	277/4.48	0.1463	H-1→L+3(80%)	d(Ir)+π(fpmb)→π*(fpmb2)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
	S ₁₇	262/4.73	0.1614	H→L+6(33%)	d(Ir)+π(fpmb)→π*(fpmb)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
				H-2→L+3(16%)	d(Ir)+π(fpmb+fptz)→π*(fpmb2)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
2a	S ₁	360/3.44	0.0007	H→L(96%)	d(Ir)+π(dfpm)→π*(fptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₂	325/3.82	0.0667	H-1→L(82%)	d(Ir)+π(dfpm)→π*(fptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₇	296/4.18	0.0311	H-3→L(45%)	d(Ir)+π(dfpm+fptz)→π*(fptz)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
	S ₉	282/4.40	0.0617	H-1→L+2(60%)	d(Ir)+π(dfpm)→π*(dfpm1)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
	S ₁₂	272/4.56	0.1985	H-1→L+3(77%)	d(Ir)+π(dfpm)→π*(dfpm2)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
	S ₂₄	250/4.95	0.2435	H-3→L+3(37%)	d(Ir)+π(dfpm+fptz)→π*(dfpm2)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
				H→L+5(27%)	d(Ir)+π(dfpm)→π*(dfpm2)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
3a	S ₁	367/3.38	0.0004	H→L(97%)	d(Ir)+π(fpmb)→π*(bptz)/MLCT/LLCT	356
	S ₂	325/3.81	0.0808	H-1→L(83%)	d(Ir)+π(fpmb)→π*(bptz)/MLCT/LLCT	318
	S ₇	295/4.20	0.0804	H-3→L(75%)	d(Ir)+π(fpmb)→π*(bptz)/MLCT/LLCT	298
	S ₁₀	278/4.47	0.0826	H-1→L+3(55%)	d(Ir)+π(fpmb)→π*(fpmb2)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
				H-1→L+1(21%)	d(Ir)+π(fpmb)→π*(bptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₁₂	271/4.58	0.1207	H-5→L(65%)	π(fpmb2+bptz)→π*(bptz)/LLCT/IL	
	S ₁₆	262/4.70	0.1420	H→L+6(31%)	d(Ir)+π(fpmb)→π*(fpmb)/MLCT/LLCT	
				H-2→L+3(21%)	d(Ir)+π(fpmb+bptz)→π*(fpmb2)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
	S ₂₃	252/4.93	0.1617	H-4→L+2(45%)	d(Ir)+π(fpmb1)→π*(fpmb1)/MLCT/IL	
4a	S ₁	348/3.56	0.0007	H→L(96%)	d(Ir)+π(dfpm)→π*(bptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₂	316/3.92	0.0964	H-1→L(81%)	d(Ir)+π(dfpm)→π*(bptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₈	282/4.40	0.0790	H-1→L+2(61%)	d(Ir)+π(dfpm)→π*(dfpm1)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
	S ₁₁	272/4.55	0.1593	H-1→L+3(76%)	d(Ir)+π(dfpm)→π*(dfpm2)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
	S ₁₄	262/4.73	0.0972	H-2→L+1(62%)	d(Ir)+π(dfpm2+bptz)→π*(bptz)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
	S ₂₂	251/4.94	0.2637	H-3→L+3(29%)	d(Ir)+π(dfpm)→π*(dfpm2)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
				H-4→L+1(25%)	d(Ir)+π(dfpm1)→π*(bptz)/MLCT/LLCT	

^a H = HOMO; L= LUMO; ^b Experimental data from Ref. [10]

Table S12 Selected calculated wavelength (nm)/energies (eV), oscillator strength (*f*), major contribution and transition characters for **1b-4b** in CH₂Cl₂ media, along with the experimental data for **2b** and **3b**

	state	λ /E	f	Configuration ^a	Assignment	Exptl ^b
1b	S ₁	361/3.43	0.0004	H→L(95%)	d(Ir)+ π (fbmb)→ π^* (fptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₂	343/3.62	0.0581	H-1→L(94%)	d(Ir)+ π (fbmb)→ π^* (fptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₆	293/4.23	0.4525	H-1→L+2(62%)	d(Ir)+ π (fbmb)→ π^* (fbmb)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
				H-1→L+1(32%)	d(Ir)+ π (fbmb)→ π^* (fptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₁₀	278/4.46	0.0637	H-5→L(57%)	π (fbmb)→ π^* (fptz)/LLCT	
	S ₁₃	267/4.64	0.0436	H-3→L+2(47%)	d(Ir)+ π (fbmb+fptz)→ π^* (fbmb)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
				H-3→L+1(27%)	d(Ir)+ π (fbmb)→ π^* (fptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₁₈	258/4.81	0.1814	H-2→L+2(55%)	π (fbmb)→ π^* (fbmb)/LLCT/IL	
2b	S ₁	349/3.55	0.0002	H→L(93%)	d(Ir)+ π (dfbmb)→ π^* (fptz)/MLCT/LLCT	363
	S ₂	337/3.68	0.0601	H-1→L(92%)	d(Ir)+ π (dfbmb)→ π^* (fptz)/MLCT/LLCT	316
	S ₃	306/4.05	0.0284	H-3→L(82%)	d(Ir)+ π (fptz)→ π^* (fptz)/MLCT/IL	
	S ₆	289/4.30	0.5070	H-1→L+2(64%)	d(Ir)+ π (dfbmb)→ π^* (dfbmb)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	293
				H-1→L+1(27%)	d(Ir)+ π (dfbmb)→ π^* (fptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₁₀	276/4.50	0.0291	H-4→L(37%)	π (dfbmb)→ π^* (fptz)/LLCT	
				H-5→L(27%)	π (dfbmb)→ π^* (fptz)/LLCT	
	S ₁₃	264/4.69	0.0465	H-3→L+2(34%)	d(Ir)+ π (fptz)→ π^* (dfbmb)/MLCT/LLCT	
				H-3→L+1(31%)	d(Ir)+ π (fptz)→ π^* (fptz)/MLCT/IL	
	S ₂₀	252/4.91	0.1489	H→L+4(25%)	d(Ir)+ π (dfbmb)→ π^* (dfbmb)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
H-9→L(17%)				d(Ir)+ π (dfbmb+fptz)→ π^* (fptz)/MLCT/LLCT/IL		
3b	S ₁	350/3.54	0.0006	H→L(95%)	d(Ir)+ π (fbmb)→ π^* (bptz)/MLCT/LLCT	363
	S ₂	333/3.72	0.0791	H-1→L(94%)	d(Ir)+ π (fbmb)→ π^* (bptz)/MLCT/LLCT	322
	S ₆	294/4.22	0.4854	H-1→L+2(56%)	d(Ir)+ π (fbmb)→ π^* (fbmb)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	298
				H-1→L+1(39%)	d(Ir)+ π (fbmb)→ π^* (bptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₉	274/4.52	0.0516	H-6→L(46%)	d(Ir)+ π (fbmb+bptz)→ π^* (bptz)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
	S ₁₄	262/4.73	0.0911	H-2→L+1(28%)	π (fbmb2)→ π^* (bptz)/LLCT	
H-6→L(23%)				d(Ir)+ π (fbmb+bptz)→ π^* (bptz)/MLCT/LLCT/IL		
H-2→L+2(21%)				π (fbmb2)→ π^* (fbmb)/LLCT		
S ₁₉	254/4.87	0.2156	H-3→L+2(42%)	d(Ir)+ π (fbmb+bptz)→ π^* (fbmb)/MLCT/LLCT/IL		
			H-3→L+1(20%)	d(Ir)+ π (fbmb+bptz)→ π^* (bptz)/MLCT/LLCT/IL		
4b	S ₁	339/3.66	0.0002	H→L(92%)	d(Ir)+ π (dfbmb)→ π^* (bptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₂	328/3.78	0.0817	H-1→L(90%)	d(Ir)+ π (dfbmb)→ π^* (bptz)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₃	299/4.15	0.0296	H-3→L(79%)	d(Ir)+ π (bptz)→ π^* (dfbmb)/MLCT/LLCT	
	S ₅	289/4.29	0.4453	H-1→L+1(45%)	d(Ir)+ π (dfbmb)→ π^* (dfbmb)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
				H-1→L+2(37%)	d(Ir)+ π (dfbmb)→ π^* (dfbmb)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
	S ₉	274/4.52	0.0611	H-6→L(41%)	d(Ir)+ π (dfbmb+bptz)→ π^* (bptz)/MLCT/LLCT/IL	
	S ₁₂	265/4.68	0.0568	H-3→L+2(36%)	d(Ir)+ π (bptz)→ π^* (bptz)/MLCT/IL	
				H-3→L+1(33%)	d(Ir)+ π (bptz)→ π^* (dfbmb)/MLCT/LLCT	
S ₂₀	250/4.96	0.1419	H-9→L(67%)	d(Ir)+ π (dfbmb+bptz)→ π^* (dfbmb)/MLCT/LLCT/IL		

^a H = HOMO; L = LUMO; ^b Experimental data from Ref. [10]

Table S13 Calculated emission wavelengths (λ , in nm) for **2b**, **3a** and **3b** at PBE0, M06-2X, M05-2X, B3LYP, and CAM-B3LYP levels, respectively, together with the experimental values

	PBE0		M06-2X		M05-2X		B3LYP		CAM-B3LYP		Exptl^b
	λ	Configuration ^a	λ	Configuration ^a	λ	Configuration ^a	λ	Configuration ^a	λ	Configuration ^a	
2b	521	H-2→L(50%) H→L(31%)	451	H→L(49%) H-2→L(41%)	473	H-2→L(40%) H→L(48%)	513	H-2→L(48%) H→L(34%)	524	H-2→L(53%) H→L(29%)	458
3a	518	H-2→L(56%) H→L(15%)	449	H-2→L(75%) H→L(8%)	469	H-2→L(74%) H→L(6%)	511	H-2→L(51%) H→L(24%)	520	H-2→L(58%) H→L(7%)	461
3b	510	H-2→L(53%) H→L(23%)	442	H-2→L(51%) H→L(28%)	461	H-2→L(51%) H→L(27%)	503	H-2→L(49%) H→L(27%)	512	H-2→L(58%) H→L(18%)	460

^a H = HOMO; L = LUMO; ^b Experimental data from Ref. [10]

TD-DFT was used to calculate the phosphorescent spectra in CH₂Cl₂ media on the basis of the lowest triplet state (T₁) geometries. In order to find a method that would allow for reliable prediction of emission properties, five different density functionals (PBE0, B3LYP, CAM-B3LYP, M05-2X²¹ and M06-2X²²) were performed on the emission properties of **2b**, **3a** and **3b**, respectively. The results are summarized in Table S13, together with the available experimental values. It shows that the PBE0, B3LYP and CAM-B3LYP significantly overestimate the emission wavelengths by >43 nm of **2b**, **3a** and **3b** compared with the corresponding experimental data. While the M06-2X functional gives improved results for **2b** (deviation of 7 nm) and relatively larger discrepancy from the experimental data by 12 and 18 nm for **3a** and **3b**, respectively. The best results are obtained at M05-2X level with smaller discrepancy of 8 and 1 nm **3a** and **3b**, and relatively larger deviation of 15 nm for **2b**, respectively. Overall, we would employ the M05-2X functional for further emission spectra calculations of all the studied complexes.

Table S14 Frontier molecular orbital energies (eV) and compositions (%) of **1a–4a** and **1b–4b** in the excited states, respectively

MO ^a		<i>E</i>	MO composition(%)				Assign
			Ir	fpmb1	fpmb2	fptz	
1a	L+11	1.33	56	21	14	8	d(Ir)+π*(fpmb)
	L	-1.85	3	1	1	95	π*(fptz)
	H-2	-6.08	20	2	16	62	d(Ir)+π(fpmb2+fptz)
			Ir	dfpmb1	dfpmb2	fptz	
2a	L+13	1.42	62	23	15	1	d(Ir)+π*(dfpmb)
	L	-1.93	3	1	1	95	π*(fptz)
	H-2	-6.19	12	2	24	61	d(Ir)+π(dfpmb2+fptz)
			Ir	fpmb1	fpmb2	bptz	
3a	L+11	1.36	53	22	13	11	d(Ir)+π*(fpmb)
	L	-1.75	3	1	1	95	π*(bptz)
	H-2	-6.00	17	2	16	65	d(Ir)+π(fpmb2+bptz)
			Ir	dfpmb1	dfpmb2	bptz	
4a	L+13	1.44	61	20	16	3	d(Ir)+π*(dfpmb)
	L	-1.77	3	1	1	95	π*(bptz)
	H-2	-6.10	8	5	33	54	π(dfpmb2+bptz)
			Ir	fbmb1	fbmb2	fptz	
1b	L+14	1.61	86	1	7	5	d(Ir)
	L	-1.84	2	1	1	95	π*(fptz)
	H	-5.64	35	16	43	6	d(Ir)+π(fbmb)
	H-2	-6.18	22	18	4	56	d(Ir)+π(fbmb1+fptz)
			Ir	dfbmb1	dfbmb2	fptz	
2b	L+14	1.54	86	1	6	6	d(Ir)
	L	-1.94	2	1	1	95	π*(fptz)
	H	-5.86	36	16	37	10	d(Ir)+π(dfbmb+fptz)
	H-2	-6.31	24	18	4	53	d(Ir)+π(dfbmb1+fptz)
			Ir	fbmb1	fbmb2	bptz	
3b	L+14	1.67	86	1	8	5	d(Ir)
	L	-1.69	2	1	1	95	π*(bptz)
	H	-5.58	34	17	42	7	d(Ir)+π(fbmb)
	H-2	-6.11	23	18	4	55	d(Ir)+π(fbmb1+bptz)
			Ir	dfbmb1	dfbmb2	bptz	
4b	L+14	1.58	86	1	6	6	d(Ir)
	L	-1.78	2	1	1	95	π(bptz)
	H	-5.80	36	17	34	13	d(Ir)+π(dfbmb+bptz)
	H-2	-6.22	2	11	82	5	π(dfbmb)
	H-3	-6.23	23	20	11	45	d(Ir)+π(dfbmb+bptz)

^a H = HOMO; L = LUMO.

Table S15: The xyz coordinates for the optimized structures for **2b** in the S₀ and T₁ states

2b	S₀			T₁		
Ir	-0.10459100	-0.20606600	-0.19415000	-0.08428300	-0.21196800	-0.18547200
N	-0.13901200	0.20511800	-2.40271700	-0.24351200	0.16319600	-2.35120600
N	0.81840300	1.73944500	-0.41705300	0.68842000	1.74648000	-0.39788600
N	1.36857400	2.66185200	0.37595200	1.23160700	2.67266300	0.36959900
N	1.42582300	3.42661400	-1.75033000	1.11014500	3.53800100	-1.74108100
N	2.72529600	-0.71989700	0.65889400	2.80211600	-0.58025400	0.57243500
N	2.40564500	-1.85888700	-1.15210700	2.47957700	-1.70462400	-1.24817100
N	-3.09037700	0.14463600	-0.50229400	-3.09355600	-0.05573500	-0.45166400
N	-2.34097500	1.69686100	0.80702300	-2.42174900	1.57371400	0.80586400
C	-0.59393000	-0.59762500	-3.37442300	-0.67277300	-0.62798100	-3.32287300
H	-0.97637200	-1.55994600	-3.04836900	-0.94972400	-1.63598800	-3.02379000
C	-0.58194200	-0.24795700	-4.71588900	-0.77469100	-0.25343900	-4.66437200
H	-0.96695600	-0.94200400	-5.45568600	-1.13659100	-0.97611900	-5.38754600
C	-0.07037200	0.99841400	-5.07913100	-0.39644700	1.07277600	-5.05935400
H	-0.04642100	1.30583600	-6.12068200	-0.46977900	1.38354200	-6.09601600
C	0.41033000	1.83582500	-4.08806000	0.06124500	1.91618600	-4.09523300
H	0.82789200	2.81476100	-4.29766600	0.37784600	2.93252000	-4.30911000
C	0.36390000	1.40880300	-2.75830900	0.14682200	1.47780700	-2.73383000
C	0.86549200	2.21716700	-1.67204900	0.62586900	2.26802100	-1.70541100
C	1.71603700	3.64393600	-0.46181100	1.45623500	3.71170700	-0.47708800
C	2.32547100	4.91743700	0.02772400	1.99177600	5.00652800	0.05835400
C	-0.00415700	-0.44958100	1.82583400	0.09801800	-0.43261300	1.83616600
C	-1.13000300	-0.82304600	2.58045800	-0.98743400	-0.84347800	2.63047500
H	-2.08358700	-1.02425500	2.10371600	-1.94807800	-1.08280400	2.18643500
C	-1.05334400	-0.96546800	3.95575300	-0.86158200	-0.97497200	4.00271600
C	0.12146600	-0.76609400	4.66284000	0.32766900	-0.72707300	4.66995100
H	0.17604900	-0.88063800	5.73851500	0.42164000	-0.83316400	5.74379400
C	1.23022300	-0.42369400	3.90986800	1.39736500	-0.34755800	3.88002800
C	1.20459100	-0.26268800	2.52601100	1.32119900	-0.19609800	2.49623400
C	2.47717200	0.11807600	1.82716500	2.56025100	0.22837200	1.76243100
H	2.44787500	1.16572000	1.51041300	2.49585100	1.28120200	1.46734900
H	3.32242200	-0.01305700	2.50324600	3.42803900	0.10900600	2.41176600
C	3.93287900	-1.33381100	0.37892900	4.03172300	-1.11849500	0.23562800
C	5.16878100	-1.32505300	1.01958500	5.28855300	-1.04777500	0.83030700
H	5.33941200	-0.75443500	1.92648800	5.46045500	-0.48341500	1.74091400
C	6.18599900	-2.07708400	0.44300700	6.32485300	-1.72865900	0.20209400
H	7.16427500	-2.09268300	0.91397600	7.31974000	-1.69487400	0.63580400
C	5.97879900	-2.81148100	-0.73320700	6.11553500	-2.45335400	-0.97989700
H	6.79954600	-3.38392100	-1.15489700	6.95151700	-2.96845300	-1.44350100
C	4.74480500	-2.81866200	-1.37398900	4.86077700	-2.52225600	-1.57440300
H	4.58993300	-3.38232500	-2.28860800	4.70526400	-3.07663200	-2.49444800
C	3.72753800	-2.06697200	-0.79393000	3.82385000	-1.84213900	-0.94256000

C	1.78726700	-1.01963800	-0.27220300	1.85076600	-0.91708400	-0.33191300
C	1.79664200	-2.50357200	-2.29059800	1.86414500	-2.36065800	-2.37854000
H	0.72429100	-2.56385900	-2.12115200	0.81728000	-2.54241600	-2.14729000
H	2.18930100	-3.52086200	-2.37426700	2.35562400	-3.32452400	-2.53528100
H	2.00702800	-1.95728200	-3.21572000	1.95148300	-1.75490900	-3.28553200
C	-1.02989900	-2.01912200	-0.29169000	-0.89588700	-2.08636400	-0.24038800
C	-0.42649500	-3.18691400	0.21397900	-0.20025200	-3.20160700	0.26540900
H	0.53467000	-3.13911600	0.71531900	0.76976300	-3.08159300	0.73649700
C	-1.03942300	-4.42314400	0.10709800	-0.73084500	-4.47751800	0.19474200
C	-2.27969000	-4.59232700	-0.48993300	-1.97479000	-4.73709400	-0.36075300
H	-2.75608500	-5.56159700	-0.57196800	-2.38846200	-5.73678100	-0.41331000
C	-2.88620800	-3.44124600	-0.95559700	-2.67049000	-3.63726200	-0.82597400
C	-2.31446500	-2.17031200	-0.86869700	-2.18206000	-2.33004900	-0.77830100
C	-3.14130300	-1.01470900	-1.37294600	-3.09618500	-1.24440400	-1.28480900
H	-2.85520100	-0.69821000	-2.38304500	-2.86408400	-0.94468300	-2.31348500
H	-4.18514900	-1.32704100	-1.43069500	-4.11925800	-1.62363100	-1.29424800
C	-4.19713800	0.88811800	-0.12793100	-4.23611600	0.64040000	-0.09209900
C	-5.55098600	0.79585900	-0.43623700	-5.58467200	0.46457600	-0.38707500
H	-5.93917900	0.02821000	-1.09809700	-5.93388500	-0.34333900	-1.02207200
C	-6.39638200	1.73690300	0.14229800	-6.47651300	1.37705000	0.16658700
H	-7.45972300	1.69646400	-0.07416200	-7.53719800	1.27239700	-0.04104100
C	-5.90711700	2.73490300	0.99650400	-6.03739100	2.42847500	0.98315600
H	-6.59919900	3.45125600	1.42888900	-6.76477500	3.12144000	1.39519000
C	-4.55339200	2.82766500	1.30116800	-4.68912400	2.60489600	1.27428000
H	-4.17388700	3.60062600	1.96168400	-4.34898300	3.42203400	1.90233500
C	-3.70957500	1.88695100	0.71956800	-3.79903800	1.69074200	0.71964600
C	-1.95171400	0.63362200	0.05283100	-1.98207000	0.51192700	0.07841700
C	-1.51672200	2.50424300	1.68268300	-1.62925300	2.45467700	1.63888600
H	-0.49178800	2.14645800	1.66217300	-0.62628700	2.05282500	1.74930700
H	-1.90517200	2.43664000	2.70369400	-2.09878500	2.52420500	2.62464800
H	-1.53390600	3.54742900	1.35180300	-1.56911900	3.45212600	1.19201200
F	1.40088200	5.88714700	0.15698700	1.00288600	5.72849700	0.61429600
F	3.25504100	5.37106600	-0.82178200	2.54264600	5.74264500	-0.90576000
F	2.89975400	4.75337700	1.22572200	2.91257200	4.79218100	1.00566700
F	-2.15795100	-1.31137500	4.63663800	-1.92893000	-1.35775700	4.72154900
F	2.39485000	-0.23360200	4.56410900	2.57424100	-0.10926000	4.49549400
F	-0.41373500	-5.50650600	0.59102600	-0.02058200	-5.50871200	0.67488300
F	-4.10428400	-3.56473100	-1.52569300	-3.89342000	-3.85179400	-1.35580300

Table S16: The xyz coordinates for the optimized structures for **3a** in the S_0 and T_1 states

3a	S_0			T_1		
Ir	-0.29365200	0.37864300	-0.10854300	-0.26642300	0.39978900	-0.07864400
N	-0.13725300	-1.18889400	1.32192300	-0.17857500	-1.12590100	1.34523200
N	-0.77426700	-1.54194100	2.43677100	-0.88046600	-1.48600700	2.40090400
N	0.85462800	-3.06315600	2.01343000	0.70175000	-3.10163200	2.03475100
N	1.37010900	-0.86401200	-0.84120000	1.35151600	-0.85686900	-0.81229700
N	1.49254300	2.66632300	-0.11128300	1.58708600	2.63652500	-0.09855900
N	1.72110600	1.78614900	1.86887100	1.82843300	1.73310500	1.86919600
N	-3.11563600	-0.16125300	-0.52670300	-3.09063000	-0.06920700	-0.55359600
N	-2.10252500	-1.57793800	-1.82957900	-2.08516000	-1.51639700	-1.83183000
C	-0.55653500	-3.43794300	4.02189300	-0.84458200	-3.43273100	3.94319700
C	-0.14520200	-2.66288600	2.81263000	-0.30838900	-2.65886000	2.77557500
C	0.82234900	-2.10322900	1.08628600	0.78196300	-2.12777900	1.09591700
C	1.67591200	-1.92895500	-0.06766400	1.59848500	-2.01100100	-0.01959800
C	2.74354500	-2.77906600	-0.36339500	2.64791000	-2.92767200	-0.35513000
H	2.91258700	-3.61186500	0.30912200	2.73583600	-3.80740400	0.27364000
C	3.54537000	-2.54095400	-1.47427900	3.49435900	-2.68764100	-1.39790900
C	3.21830800	-1.41684800	-2.25257000	3.26279900	-1.46232000	-2.13154400
H	3.79725200	-1.15440600	-3.13233500	3.89555300	-1.18248400	-2.96669200
C	2.14436200	-0.61674100	-1.90807500	2.20333200	-0.61787300	-1.79750500
H	1.86989200	0.25367400	-2.49688300	2.01721500	0.28573900	-2.37391500
C	4.72876500	-3.42783100	-1.84933100	4.62914700	-3.61289300	-1.81045400
C	4.50980200	-3.98818100	-3.26428500	4.40410700	-4.08021300	-3.25854100
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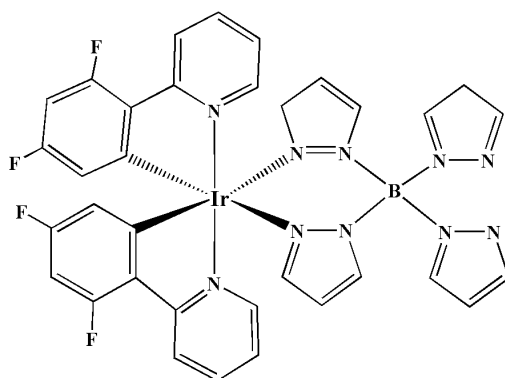
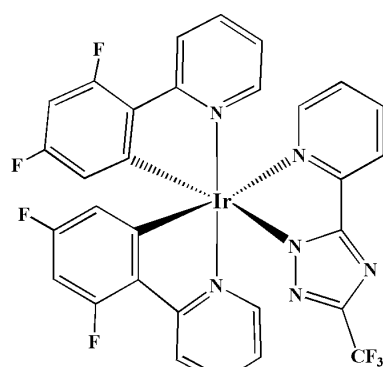
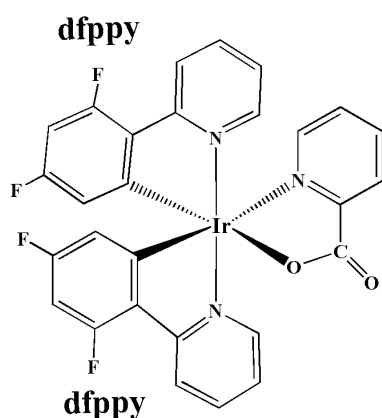
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Table S17: The xyz coordinates for the optimized structures for **3b** in the S₀ and T₁ states

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Scheme S1. Schematic structures of FIrpic, Fir6 and FIrtaz.

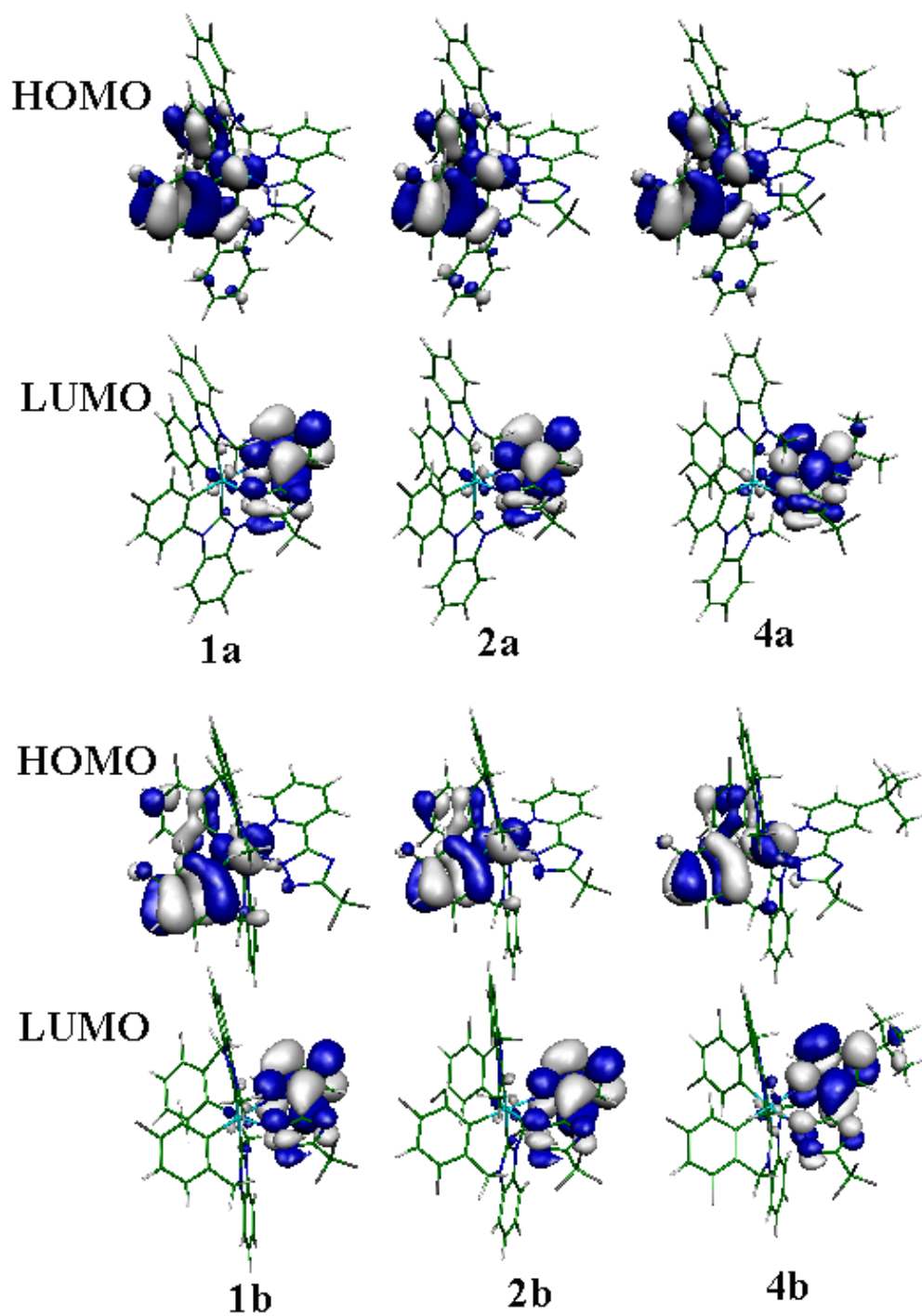


Figure S1. Calculated HOMO and LUMO surfaces for the studied complexes obtained from DFT calculations at their S_0 optimized geometries.