

## Supporting information for the paper

### **Dinuclear Rhenium pyridazine complexes containing bridging chalcogenide anions: synthesis, characterization and computational study**

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**Table S1.** A List of Computed Molecular Orbital Energies [eV] for the Complexes [Re<sub>2</sub>(μ-X)<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>6</sub>(μ-pydz)], X = OPh (**1a**), SPh (**2a**), SePh (**3a**), TePh (**4a**), OMe (**1b**), SMe (**2b**), SeMe (**3b**), TeMe (**4b**)<sup>a</sup>

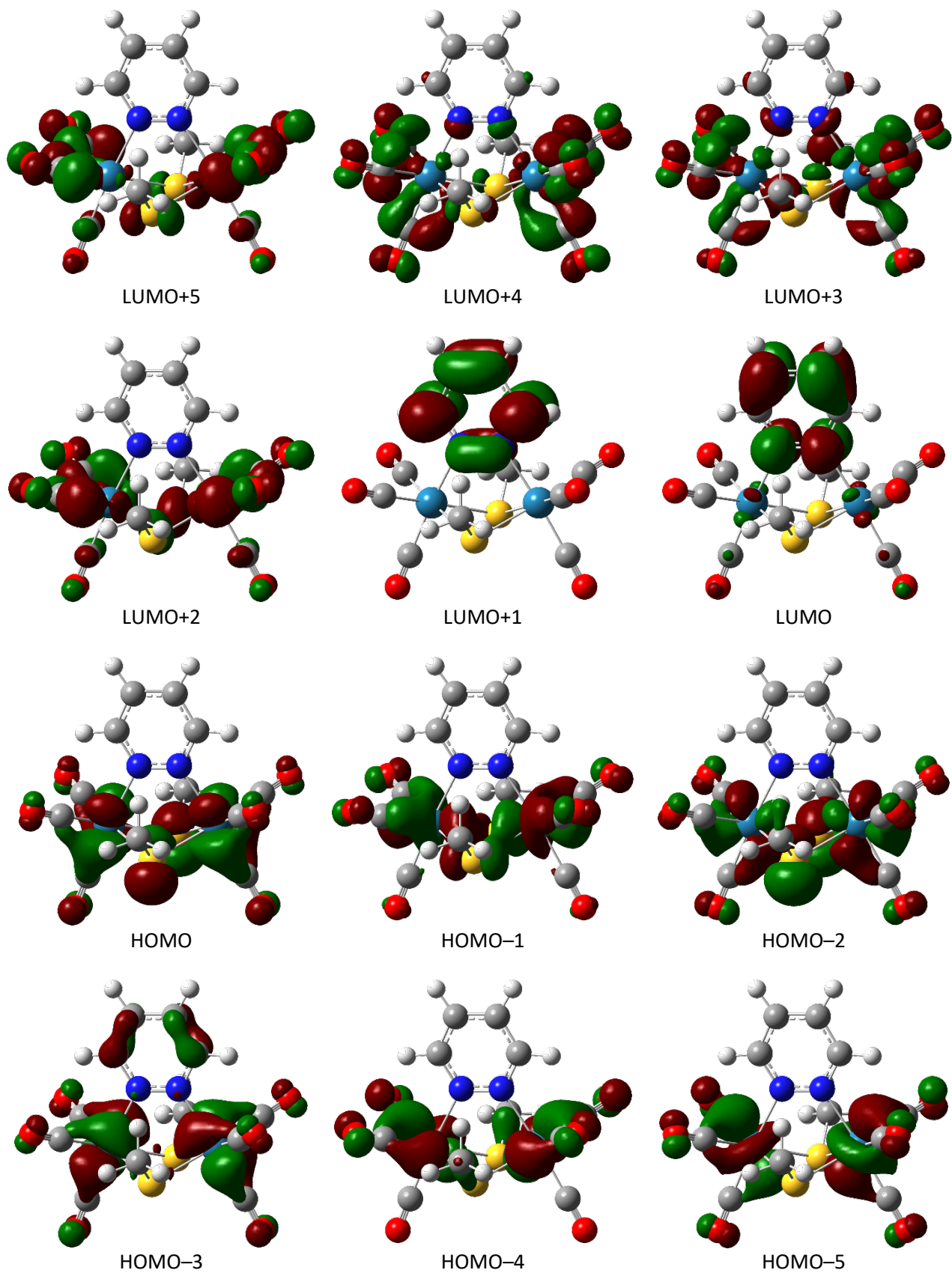
		<b>1a</b>	<b>2a</b>	<b>3a</b>	<b>4a</b>	<b>1b</b>	<b>2b</b>	<b>3b</b>	<b>4b</b>
“e <sub>g</sub> ”	LUMO + 5	-0.38	-0.55	-0.55	-0.59	-0.25	-0.31	-0.35	-0.47
	LUMO + 4	-0.75	-0.78	-0.79	-0.83	-0.60	-0.60	-0.63	-0.69
	LUMO + 3	-0.77	-1.02	-1.08	-1.09	-0.75	-1.06	-1.14	-1.13
	LUMO + 2	-0.99	-1.04	-1.22	-1.39	-0.96	-1.06	-1.20	-1.34
π* pydz	LUMO + 1	-2.52	-2.40	-2.36	-2.31	-2.44	-2.46	-2.44	-2.39
	LUMO	-3.36	-3.22	-3.18	-3.13	-3.27	-3.28	-3.25	-3.21
“t <sub>2g</sub> ” (+ π Ph)	HOMO	-6.31	-6.27	-6.23	-6.09	-6.15	-6.37	-6.29	-6.13
	HOMO - 1	<u>-6.42</u>	<u>-6.40</u>	-6.45	-6.43	-6.30	-6.42	-6.45	-6.46
	HOMO - 2	-6.44	-6.46	<u>-6.50</u>	-6.55	-6.63	-6.53	-6.65	-6.67
	HOMO - 3	<u>-6.48</u>	-6.78	-6.77	-6.76	-6.98	-6.99	-6.95	-6.89
	HOMO - 4	-6.81	-6.93	-6.98	<u>-7.00</u>	-7.01	-7.00	-6.98	-7.00
	HOMO - 5	<u>-7.00</u>	-7.05	-7.02	-7.03	-7.05	-7.07	-7.09	-7.09
	HOMO - 6	<u>-7.02</u>	-7.19	-7.15	-7.10				
	HOMO - 7	-7.11	<u>-7.35</u>	<u>-7.38</u>	<u>-7.37</u>				
	HOMO - 8	-7.16	<u>-7.36</u>	<u>-7.38</u>	<u>-7.38</u>				
	HOMO - 9	-7.20	<u>-7.38</u>	<u>-7.41</u>	<u>-7.41</u>				

<sup>a</sup> Data for **1a** and **1b** are taken from our previous work (ref. S1).

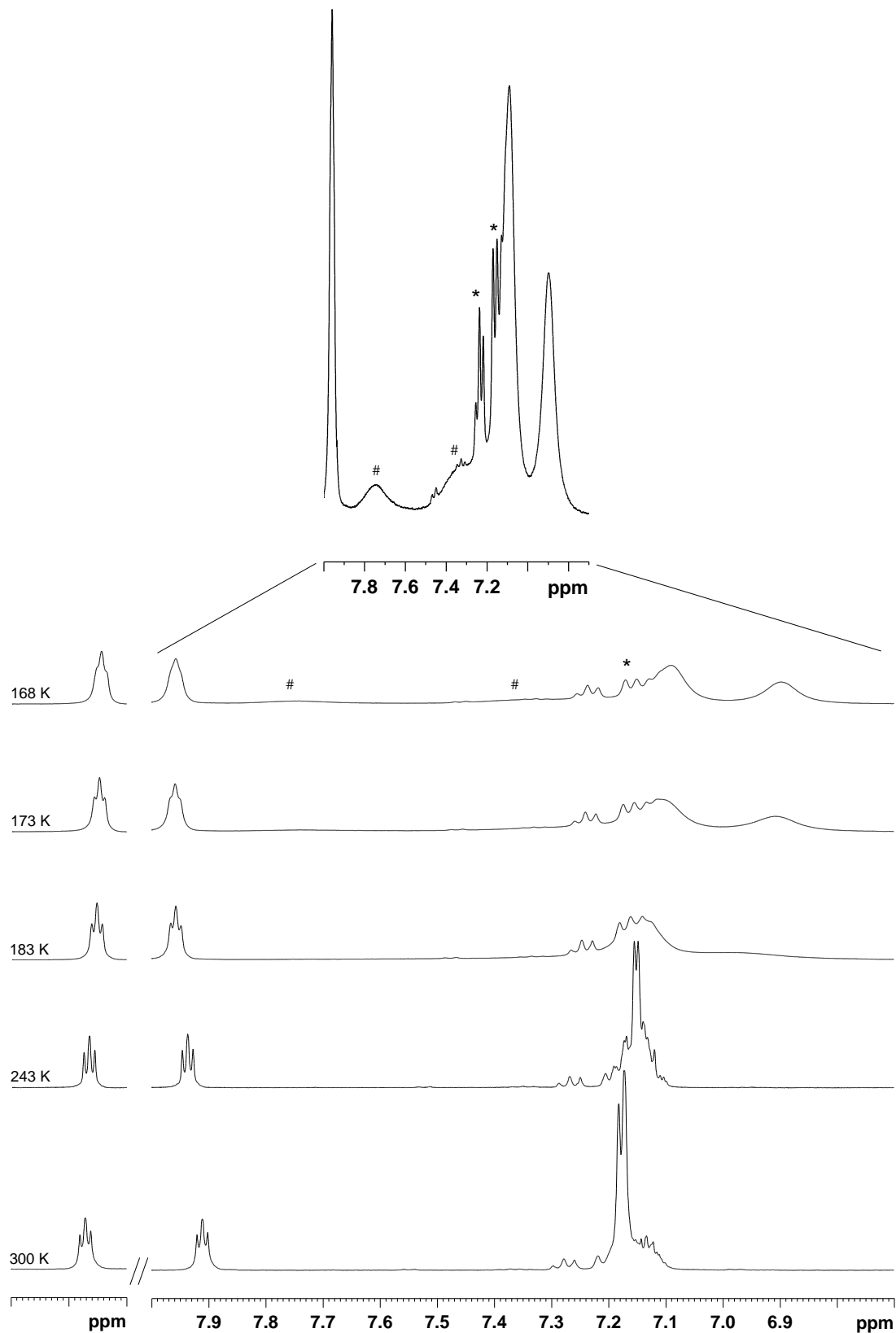
**Table S2.** Computed Excitation Energies [nm, eV] and Oscillator Strengths ( $f$ , in parenthesis) for the Complexes  $[\text{Re}_2(\mu\text{-X})_2(\text{CO})_6(\mu\text{-pydz})]$ , X = OPh (**1a**), SPh (**2a**), SePh (**3a**), TePh (**4a**), OMe (**1b**), SMe (**2b**), SeMe (**3b**), TeMe (**4b**)<sup>a</sup>

	<b>1a</b>	<b>2a</b>	<b>3a</b>	<b>4a</b>	<b>1b</b>	<b>2b</b>	<b>3b</b>	<b>4b</b>
<i>Gas-phase values</i>								
$\lambda_{\text{d-d}} (f)$	256, 4.84 (0.020)	262, 4.73 (0.057)	258, 4.80 (0.028)	262, 4.73 (0.184)	257, 4.83 (0.068)	237, 5.23 (0.061) 282, 4.40 (0.067)	238, 5.22 (0.049) 288, 4.30 (0.028)	252, 4.91 (0.050)
$\lambda_{\text{MLCT}} (f)$	387, 3.20 (0.130) 409, 3.03 (0.028) 544, 2.28 (0.057)	368, 3.37 (0.047) 403, 3.08 (0.024) 415, 2.99 (0.059) 528, 2.35 (0.029)	363, 3.42 (0.042) 404, 3.07 (0.028) 418, 2.97 (0.051) 509, 2.44 (0.028)	359, 3.45 (0.033) 408, 3.04 (0.031) 413, 3.00 (0.056) 499, 2.48 (0.017)	265, 4.68 (0.030) 401, 3.09 (0.156) 564, 2.20 (0.048)	359, 3.46 (0.031) 398, 3.11 (0.139) 404, 3.07 (0.029) 540, 2.30 (0.045)	300, 4.13 (0.035) 382, 3.24 (0.031) 404, 3.07 (0.155) 518, 2.39 (0.037)	313, 3.96 (0.046) 402, 3.09 (0.032) 408, 3.04 (0.141) 507, 2.45 (0.023)
<i>Dichloromethane solution values (PCM)<sup>b</sup></i>								
$\lambda_{\text{MLCT}} (f)$	285, 4.35 (0.022) 327, 3.79 (0.015) 351, 3.54 (0.171) 408, 3.04 (0.010) 441, 2.81 (0.072)	328, 3.78 (0.036) 353, 3.51 (0.026) 371, 3.34 (0.072) 397, 3.12 (0.057) 442, 2.81 (0.045)	326, 3.80 (0.035) 358, 3.46 (0.029) 374, 3.31 (0.057) 397, 3.13 (0.065) 431, 2.88 (0.042)	324, 3.83 (0.021) 364, 3.40 (0.030) 372, 3.33 (0.032) 392, 3.16 (0.080) 427, 2.90 (0.026)	297, 4.17 (0.031) 361, 3.43 (0.188) 463, 2.68 (0.061)	318, 3.90 (0.029) 371, 3.34 (0.205) 447, 2.77 (0.066)	340, 3.64 (0.030) 376, 3.30 (0.200) 435, 2.85 (0.054)	359, 3.45 (0.032) 380, 3.26 (0.186) 429, 2.89 (0.034)

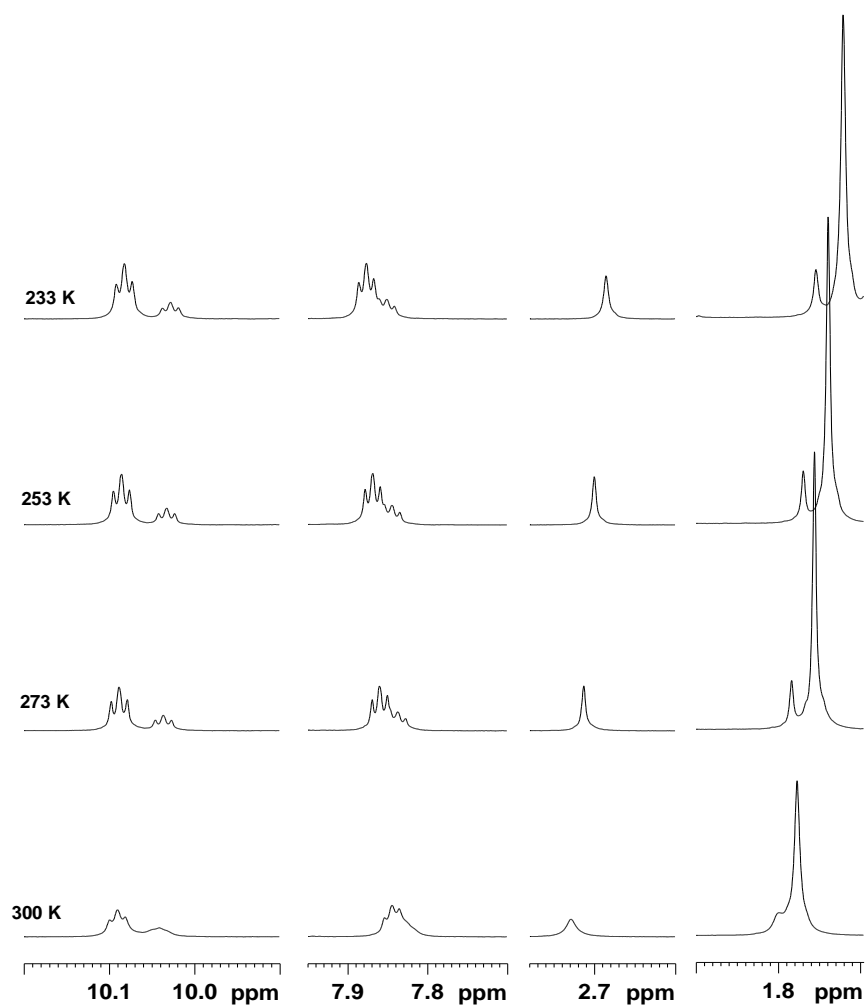
<sup>a</sup>  $\lambda_{\text{d-d}}$  and  $\lambda_{\text{MLCT}}$  refer to the higher and lower energy bands, respectively. Data for **1a** and **1b** in the gas phase are taken from our previous work (ref. S1). <sup>b</sup> The higher energy band  $\lambda_{\text{d-d}}$  is almost unaffected by solvation. As a consequence, only the PCM  $\lambda_{\text{MLCT}}$  values are reported.



**Figure S1.** Isodensity surface plots of some relevant molecular orbitals of  $[\text{Re}_2(\mu\text{-SMe})_2(\text{CO})_6(\mu\text{-pydz})]$  2b.



**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR at variable temperature (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 9.4 T) for disulfide derivative **2a** (the sharp signals overlapping the phenyl signals and marked with an asterisk are due to an impurity). Inset: 10x enhancement of the 168 K trace, range 8.2-6.6 ppm.



**Figure S3.** Selected aromatic and aliphatic regions of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR variable temperature spectra of a solution of **3b** ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 9.4 T).

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