

Supporting Information for:

Ring Contraction of Six-membered Metallabenzynes to Five-membered Metal-carbene Complexes: A Comparison with Organic Analogues

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Table S2: Natural atomic orbital occupancies on the selected atoms (C1 and M) in **1C**, **2C**, **3C**, **1M**, **2M** and **3M** (M = Fe, Ru and Os) at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

Figure S1: Plots of the ten frontier MOs of **1Fe**. Eigen values are given in eV at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

Figure S2: Plots of the ten frontier MOs of **1Ru**. Eigen values are given in eV at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

Figure S3: Plots of the ten frontier MOs of **2Fe**. Eigen values are given in eV at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

Figure S4: Plots of the ten frontier MOs of **2Ru**. Eigen values are given in eV at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

Figure S5: Plots of the ten frontier MOs of **3Fe**. Eigen values are given in eV at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

Figure S6: Plots of the ten frontier MOs of **3Ru**. Eigen values are given in eV at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

Figure S7: Plots of the ten frontier MOs of **3Os**. Eigen values are given in eV at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

Figure S8: Plots of the ten frontier MOs of **2Os'**. Eigen values are given in eV at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

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1C

E1 = -230.673568a.u

E2 = -230.7340687a.u

6	0.000000000	0.633552000	-1.246642000
6	0.000000000	-0.633552000	-1.246642000
6	0.000000000	-1.473906000	-0.135104000
6	0.000000000	-0.707165000	1.065241000
6	0.000000000	0.707165000	1.065241000
6	0.000000000	1.473906000	-0.135104000
1	0.000000000	-2.574644000	-0.131563000
1	0.000000000	-1.241260000	2.030596000
1	0.000000000	1.241260000	2.030596000
1	0.000000000	2.574644000	-0.131563000

2C

E1 = -230.618142a.u

E2 = -230.689684a.u

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6	0.000000000	0.731331000	-1.276065000
1	0.000000000	1.365404000	-2.174621000
6	0.000000000	-1.197939000	0.014027000
1	0.000000000	-2.231389000	0.377653000
6	0.000000000	-0.731331000	-1.276065000
1	0.000000000	-1.365404000	-2.174621000
6	0.000000000	0.000000000	2.224314000

3C

E1 = -230.621547a.u

E2 = -230.6942356a.u

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6	-0.651036000	-0.764451000	-0.000725000
1	-1.467741000	1.736057000	-0.001004000
6	0.683988000	-1.178482000	-0.000419000
1	1.009897000	2.180151000	-0.000148000
6	1.459277000	-0.015578000	0.000074000
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E1 = -3062.808009a.u

E2 = -3063.047259a.u

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6	1.247868000	-0.010131000	-1.092876000
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1	0.926035000	0.016671000	2.258820000
17	-1.876805000	-0.017613000	-1.598426000
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1	0.011581000	-2.959791000	1.068095000
26	-0.055668000	-0.000951000	-0.087513000
15	-0.516930000	2.169325000	-0.037538000
15	-0.521213000	-2.169299000	-0.001587000

2Fe

E1 = -3062.825532a.u

E2 = -3063.077726a.u

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6	3.414271000	0.687058000	0.273730000
6	2.115837000	1.110104000	0.415424000
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1	-0.235554000	-2.584893000	1.889062000
26	-0.535879000	0.000124000	0.000045000
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15	-0.775145000	-2.139708000	0.640724000

3Fe

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1Ru

E1 = -1894.102396a.u

E2 = -1894.357048a.u

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15	-0.402173000	-2.283184000	-0.448668000
44	-0.074825000	0.021921000	-0.107516000

2Ru

E1 = -1894.11654 a.u

E2 = -1894.37252 a.u

6	-3.578495000	0.738648000	-0.020378000
6	-3.578444000	-0.738913000	0.019738000
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6	-1.387489000	-0.000050000	-0.000312000
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10s

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6	1.351478000	-0.005517000	-1.195581000
6	1.416496000	-0.009057000	1.308976000
1	3.460373000	-0.021352000	2.019814000
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17	-2.117751000	0.012501000	-1.484812000
17	-1.551570000	0.001381000	1.907782000
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3Os

E1 = -1889.874715 a.u

E2 = -1890.116592 a.u

6	3.283610000	0.425863000	0.991844000
6	3.871605000	-0.073184000	-0.244279000
6	2.894081000	-0.516629000	-1.120815000
6	1.600164000	-0.247011000	-0.588764000
6	1.915018000	0.378473000	0.974653000
1	3.876161000	0.749861000	1.860975000
1	4.953704000	-0.086973000	-0.448924000
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76	-0.138733000	-0.025095000	-0.060383000
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2Fe'

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E2 = -3063.005298a.u

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1	-3.170611000	0.000000000	1.486572000
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E2 = -1894.287784 a.u

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1	2.860277000	1.093453000	-0.451926000
1	3.270946000	0.000000000	1.410557000
1	2.860277000	-1.093453000	-0.451926000
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1	-3.270946000	0.000000000	1.410557000
1	-2.860277000	-1.093453000	-0.451926000
44	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.566515000
15	2.350443000	0.000000000	0.308259000
15	-2.350443000	0.000000000	0.308259000

2Os'

E1 = -1889.854634 a.u

E2 = -1890.089058 a.u

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6	0.000000000	0.000000000	-1.515667000
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17	0.000000000	-2.056590000	1.477680000
1	2.869219000	1.093567000	-0.544545000
1	3.295162000	0.000000000	1.314337000
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1	-3.295162000	0.000000000	1.314337000
1	-2.869219000	-1.093567000	-0.544545000
76	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.485512000
15	2.365175000	0.000000000	0.220343000
15	-2.365175000	0.000000000	0.220343000

Table S2: Natural atomic orbital occupancies on C1 in **1C**, **2C**, **3C**, **1M**, **2M** and **3M** (M = Fe, Ru and Os) at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

	s	p_x	p_y	p_z
1C	0.95	1.11	0.95	0.96
2C	1.59	1.24	0.13	0.70
3C	1.47	1.18	0.63	0.68
1Fe	1.11	1.00	0.67	0.83
2Fe	1.02	0.98	0.89	1.02
3Fe	1.08	1.05	0.77	0.87
1Ru	1.10	1.04	0.69	0.75
2Ru	0.97	0.99	0.86	1.04
3Ru	1.06	1.09	0.81	0.79
1Os	1.10	1.08	0.76	0.77
2Os	0.97	1.03	0.90	1.05
3Os	1.06	1.14	0.87	0.82

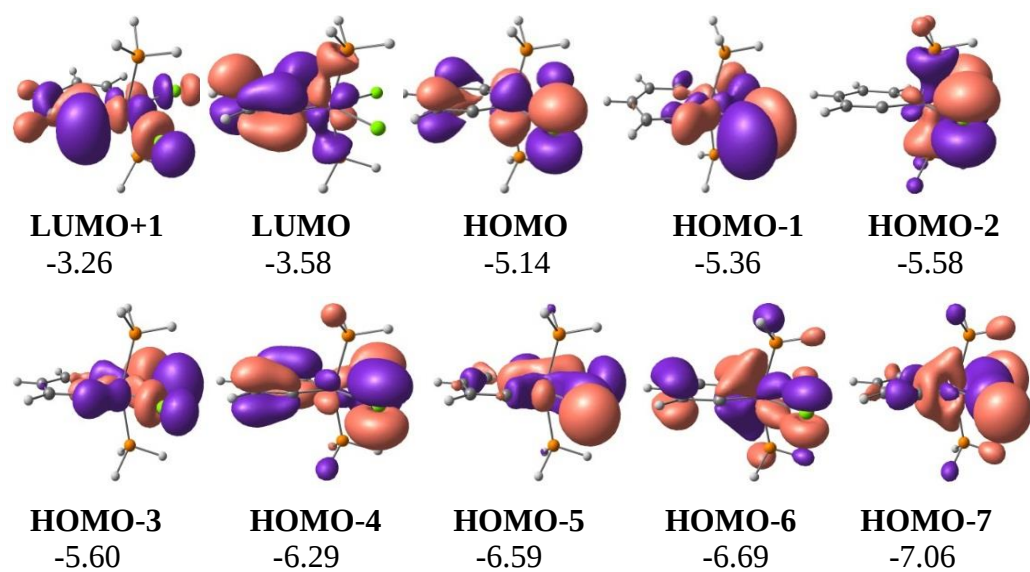


Figure S1: Plots of the ten frontier MOs of **1Fe**. Eigen values are given in eV at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

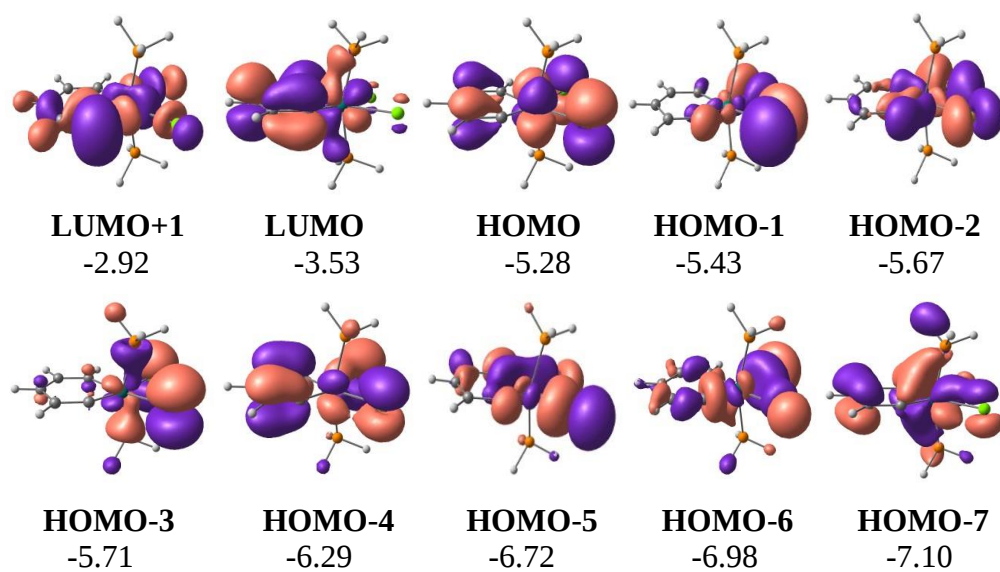


Figure S2: Plots of the ten frontier MOs of **1Ru**. Eigen values are given in eV at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

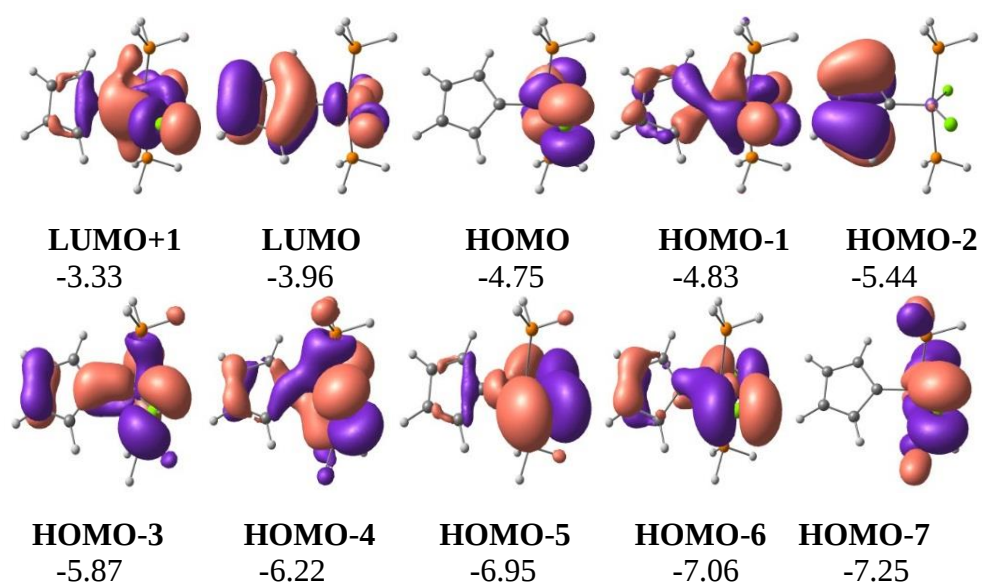


Figure S3: Plots of the ten frontier MOs of **2Fe**. Eigen values are given in eV at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

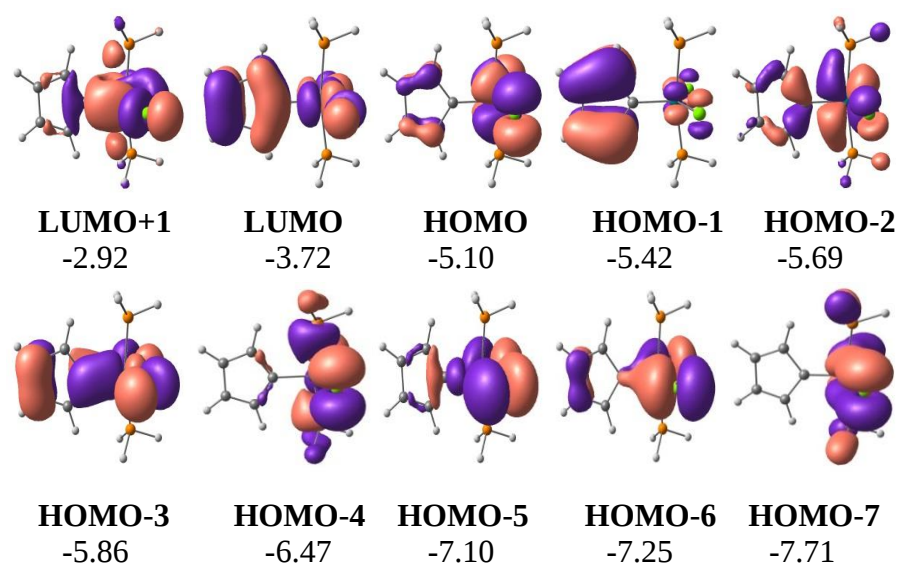


Figure S4: Plots of the ten frontier MOs of **2Ru**. Eigen values are given in eV at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

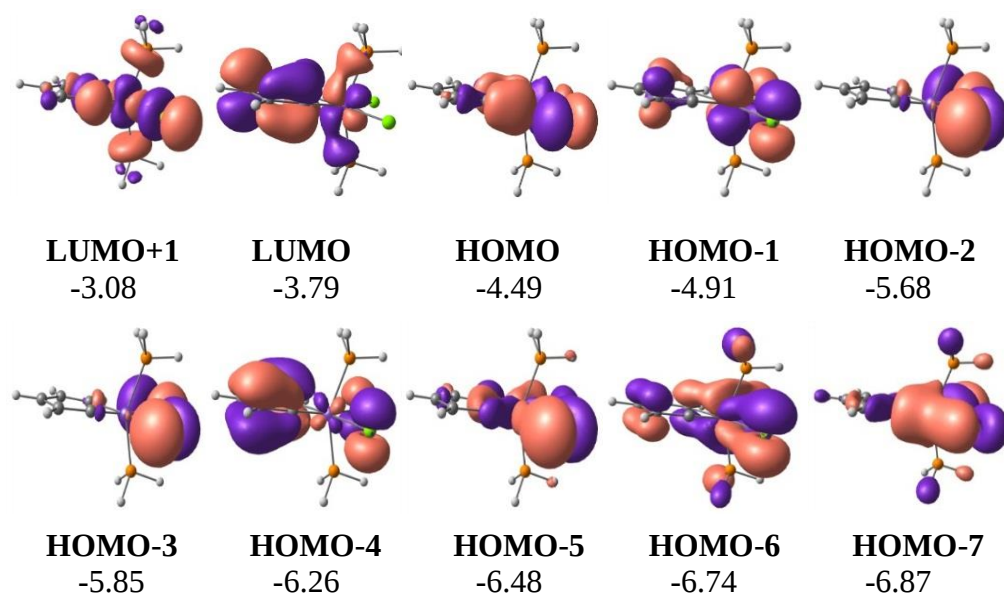


Figure S5: Plots of the ten frontier MOs of **3Fe**. Eigen values are given in eV at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

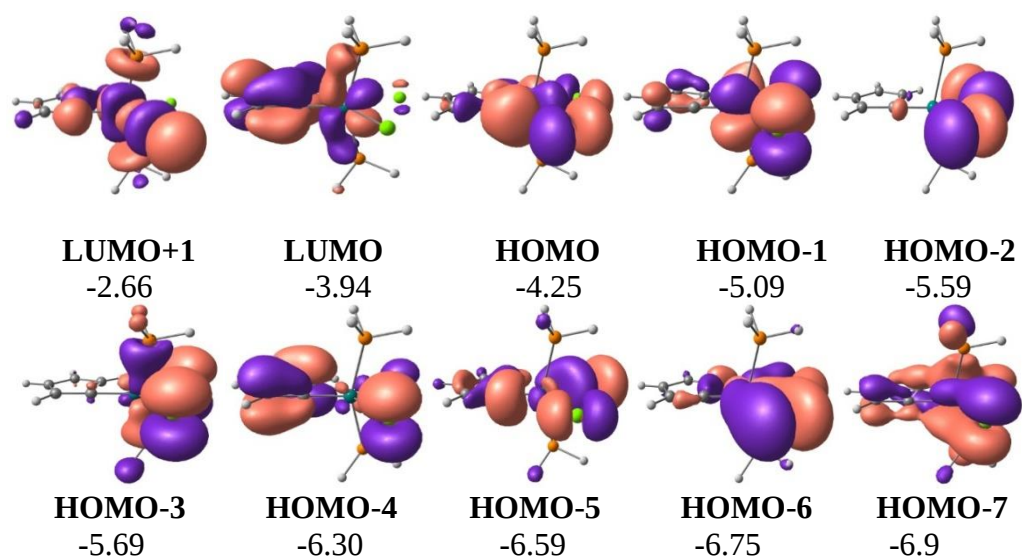


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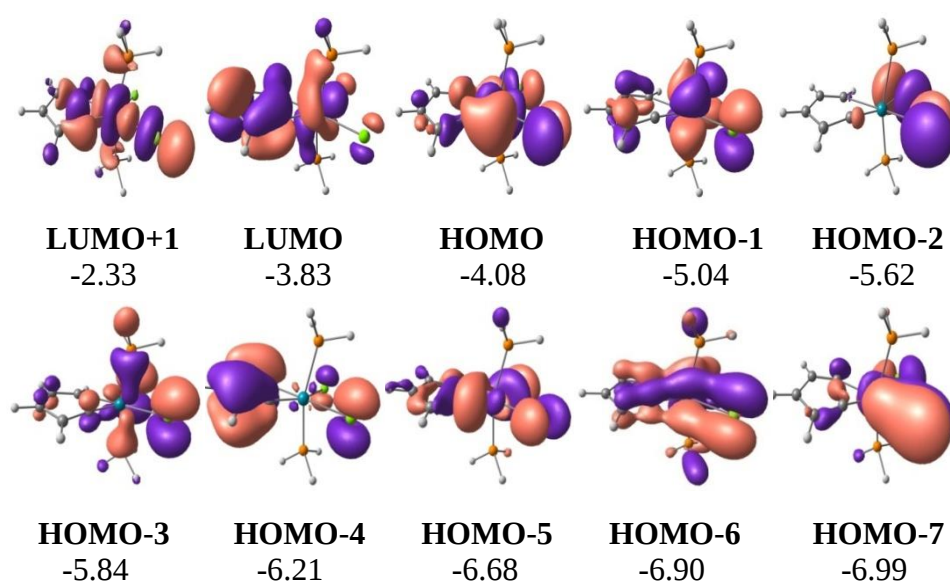


Figure S7: Plots of the ten frontier MOs of **3Os**. Eigen values are given in eV at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.

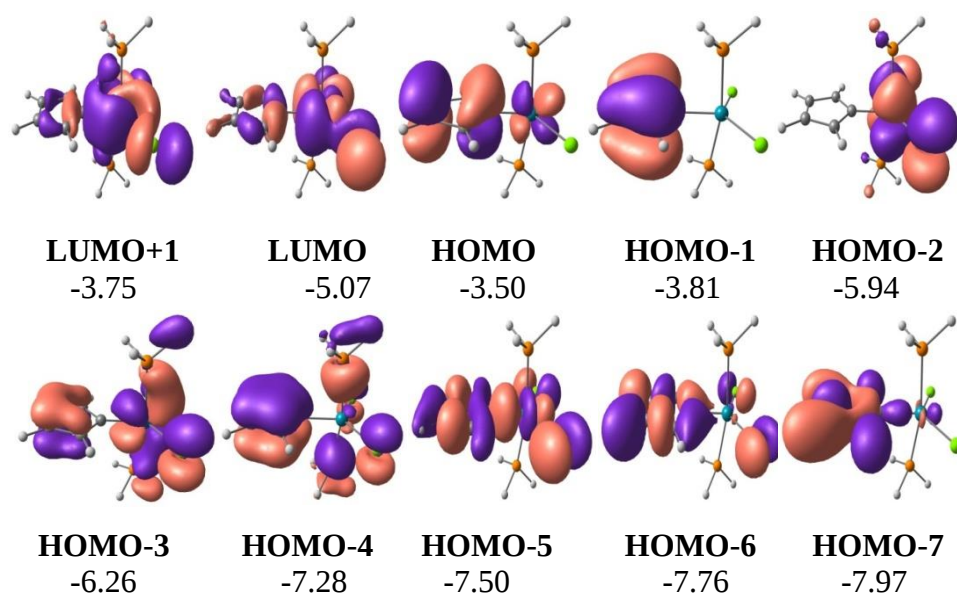


Figure S8: Plots of the ten frontier MOs of **2Os'**. Eigen values are given in eV at the BP86/def2-SVP level of theory.