

## Supplementary Material

### Uranyl N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-Schiff Base Complex as Co-catalyst in Ethanol Electro-oxidation: Synthesis, Crystallographic, Spectroscopic, Electrochemical, and DFT Characterization, and Catalytic Investigation

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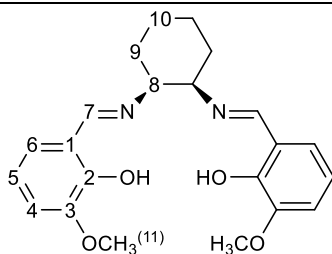
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	$\text{H}_2\text{L}$		$[\text{UO}_2(\text{L})\text{H}_2\text{O}]$	
	$\delta$ $^1\text{H}$		$\delta$ $^1\text{H}$	
	(multiplicity, $J$	$\delta$ $^{13}\text{C}$	(multiplicity, $J$	$\delta$ $^{13}\text{C}$
	Hz)		Hz)	
1	-	118.35	-	123.7
2	-	151.69	-	159.7
3	-	148.03	-	150.9
4	7.00 ( <i>m</i> )	117.68	7.22 ( <i>dd</i> , 7.8, 1.5)	116.5
5	6.79 ( <i>t</i> , 7.88)	114.55	6.61 ( <i>t</i> , 7.8)	115.4
6	7.00 ( <i>m</i> )	123.21	7.25 ( <i>dd</i> , 7.8, 1.5)	126.4
7	8.55 ( <i>s</i> )	165.29	9.40 ( <i>s</i> )	167.8
8	3.68 ( <i>d</i> , 5.68)	67.75	4.63-4.55 ( <i>m</i> )	70.6
9	1.80 ( <i>m</i> ), 1.55	30.42	2.40-2.20 ( <i>m</i> )	27.5
10	( <i>m</i> )	21.91	1.88-1.72 ( <i>m</i> ) 1.68-1.58 ( <i>m</i> )	21.4
11	3.74 ( <i>s</i> )	55.62	3.97 ( <i>s</i> )	56.1
OH	13.51 ( <i>s</i> )	-	-	-

*s* = singlet, *d* = doublet, *dd* = doublet of doublets, *t* = triplet, *m* = multiplet.

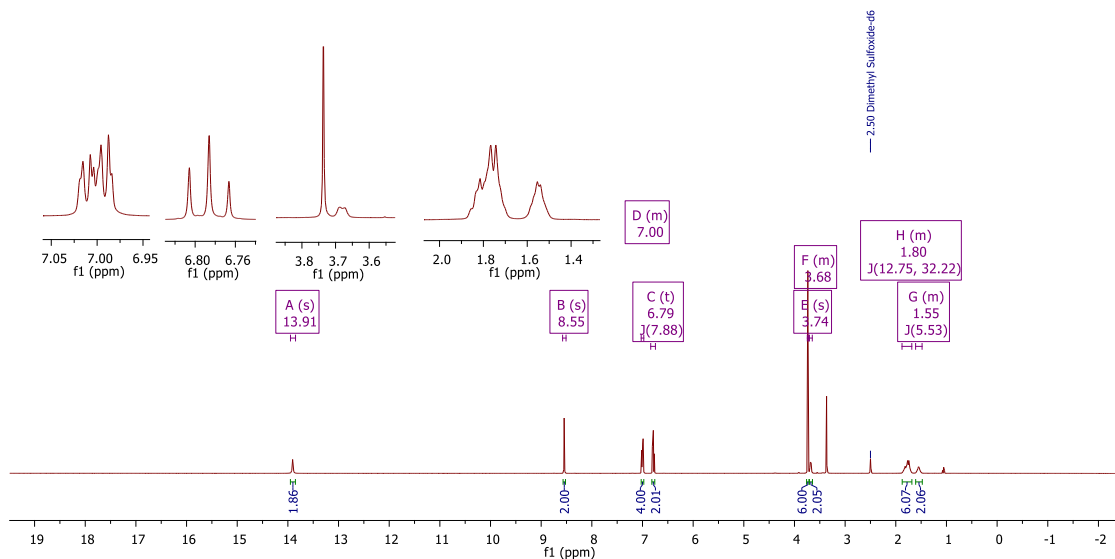


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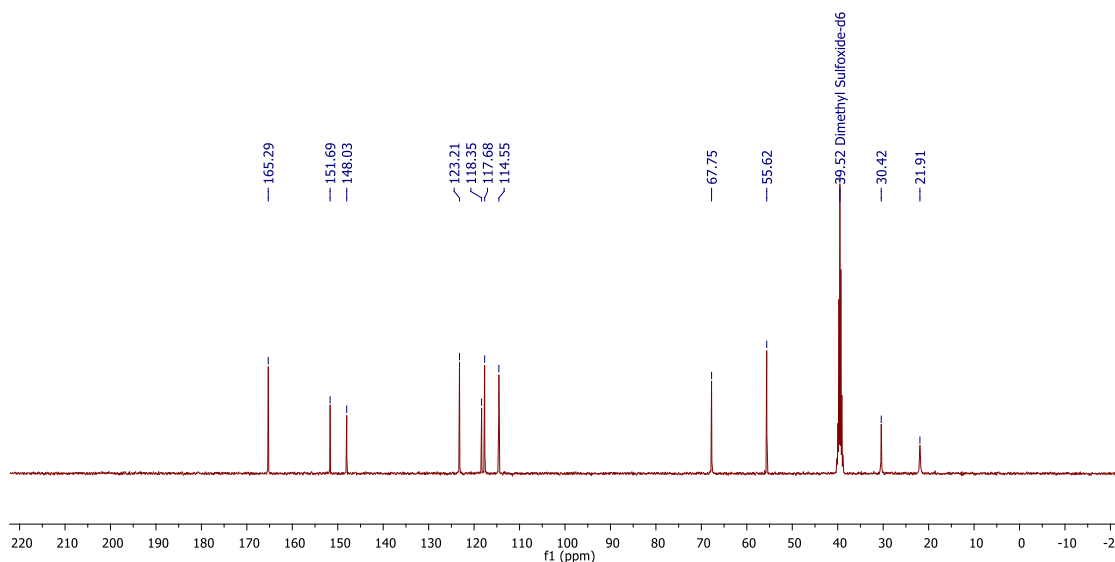
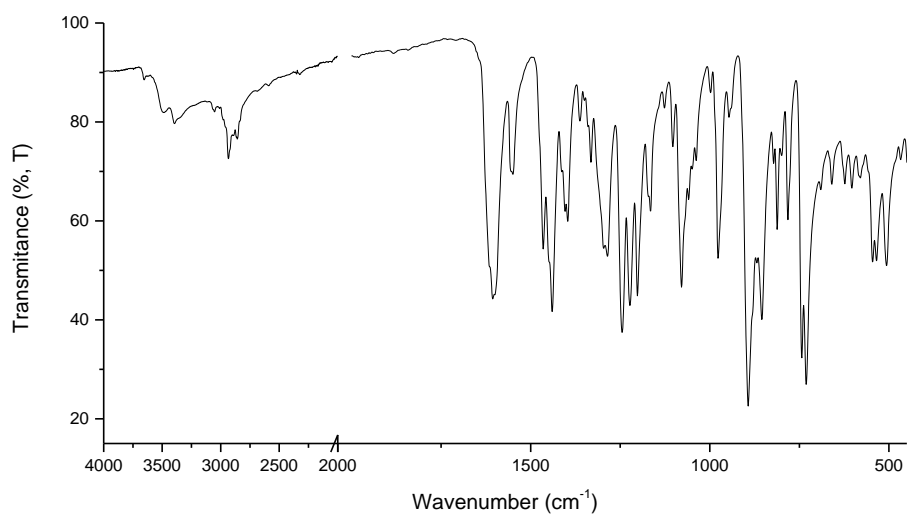
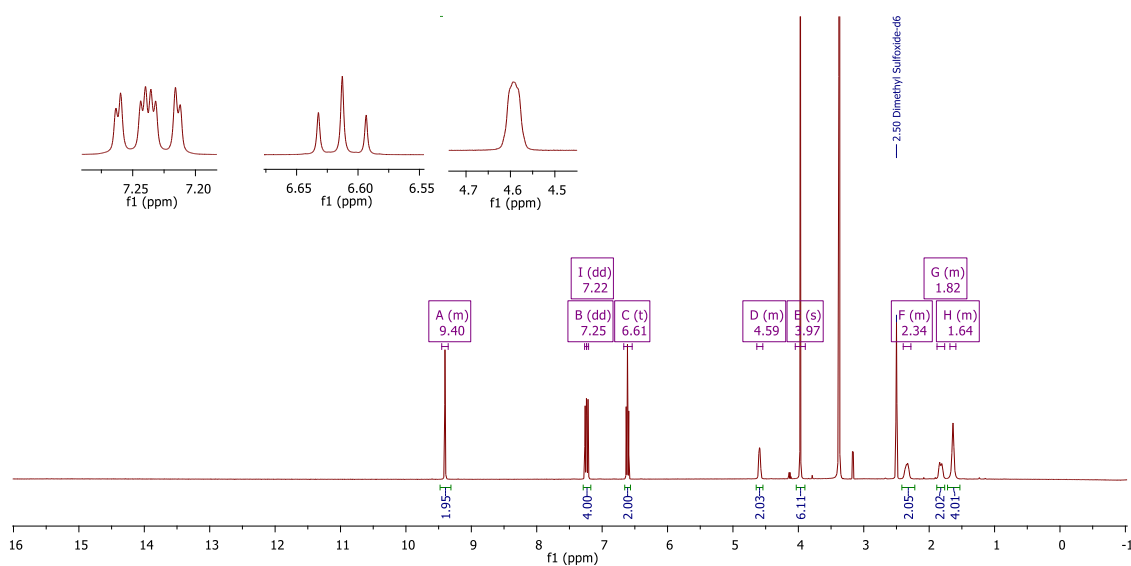


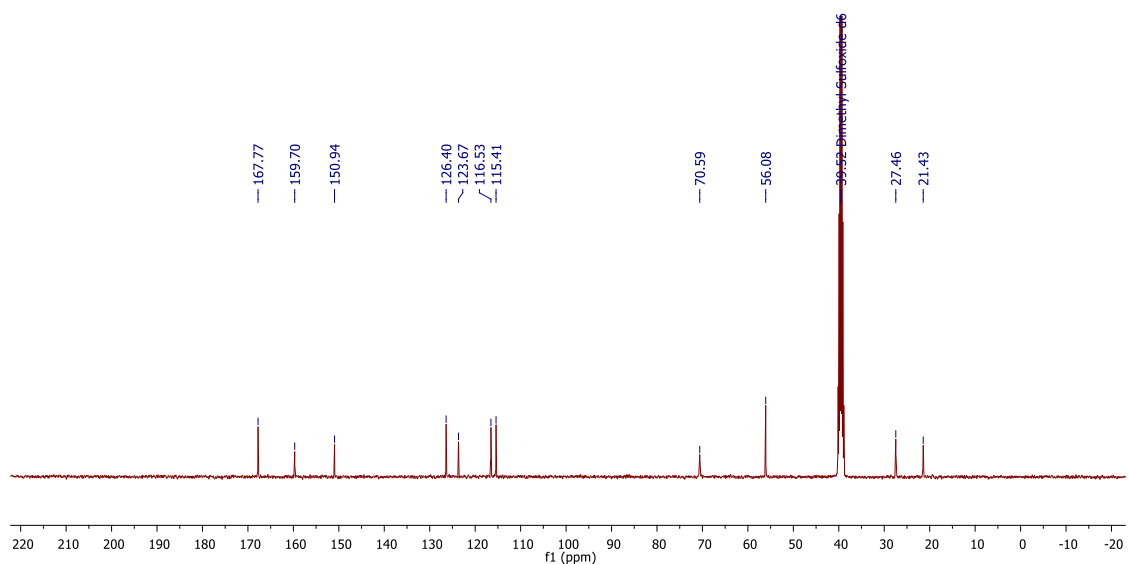
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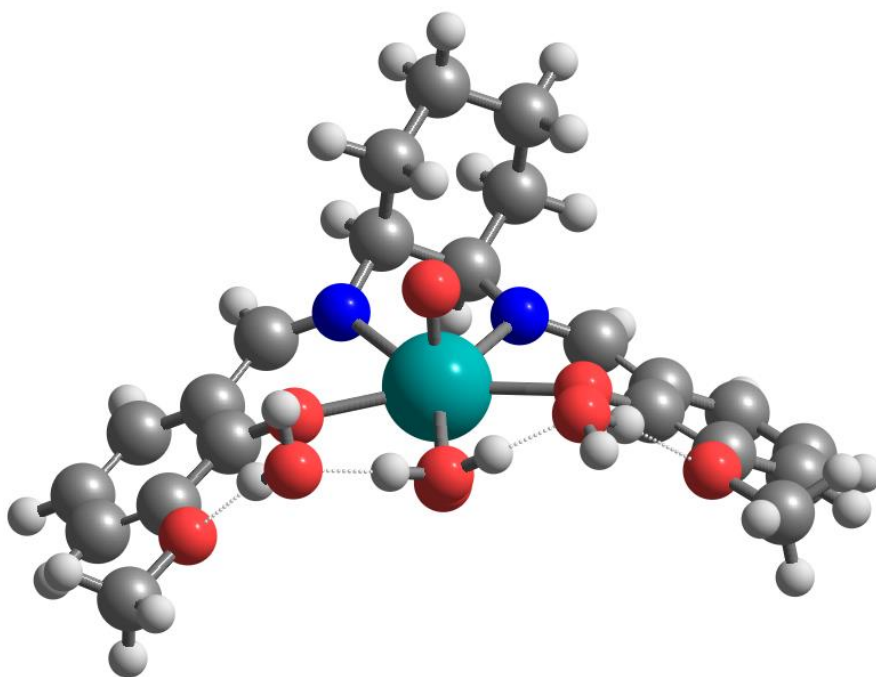
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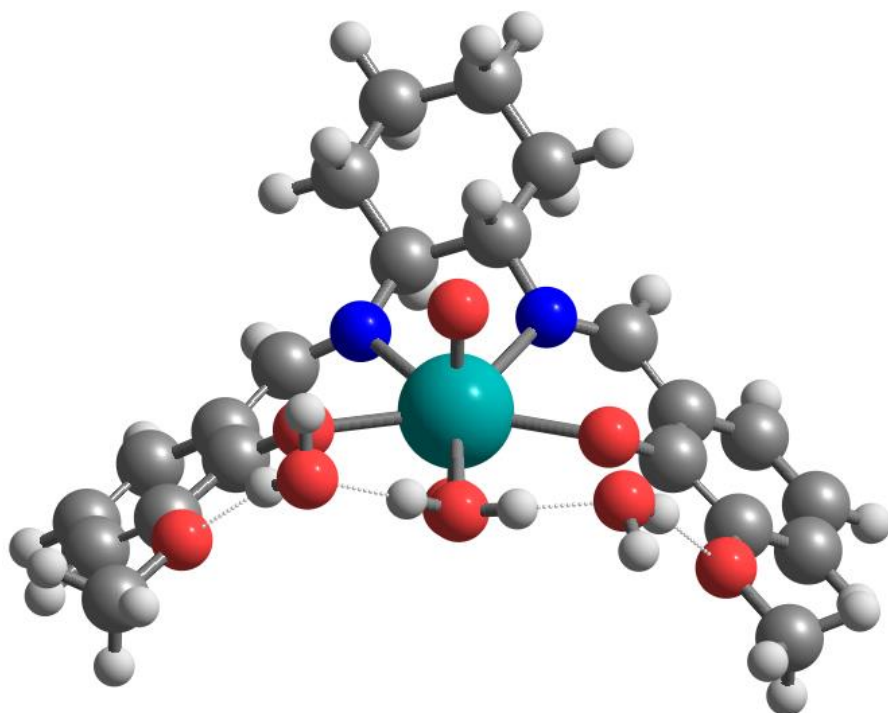
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**Figure S7.** Optimized geometry for *trans*-[UO<sub>2</sub>(3-OMe-*c*-salcn)(H<sub>2</sub>O)] at DKH-PBE/Def2-TZVPP-D3BJ//SARC-TZVPP level of theory.

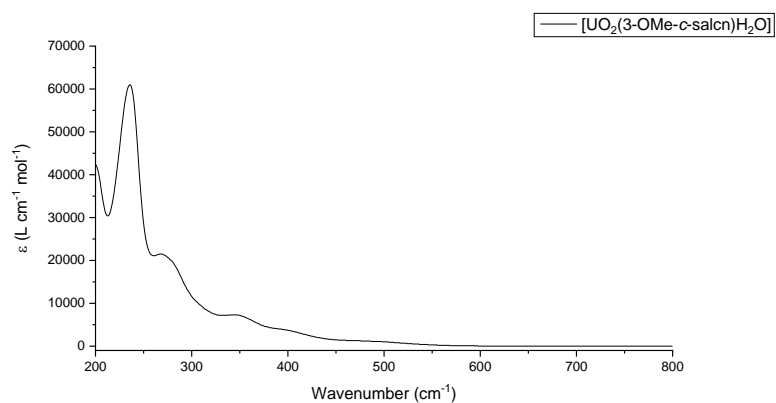
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Comp	Experimental				Theoretical $\lambda_{\text{m\acute{a}x}}$	Assignment
	Observed		G. A			
	$\lambda_{\text{m\acute{a}x}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{m\acute{a}x}}$	$\lambda_{\text{m\acute{a}x}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{m\acute{a}x}}$		
[UO <sub>2</sub> (L)H <sub>2</sub> O]					1003	LMCT ( $p\pi \rightarrow f\pi$ )
					835	LMCT
					616	LMCT ( $p\pi \rightarrow f\pi$ )
			482	33		-
	344	7311	401	1900	411	LMCT ( $p\pi \rightarrow f\pi$ ) $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$

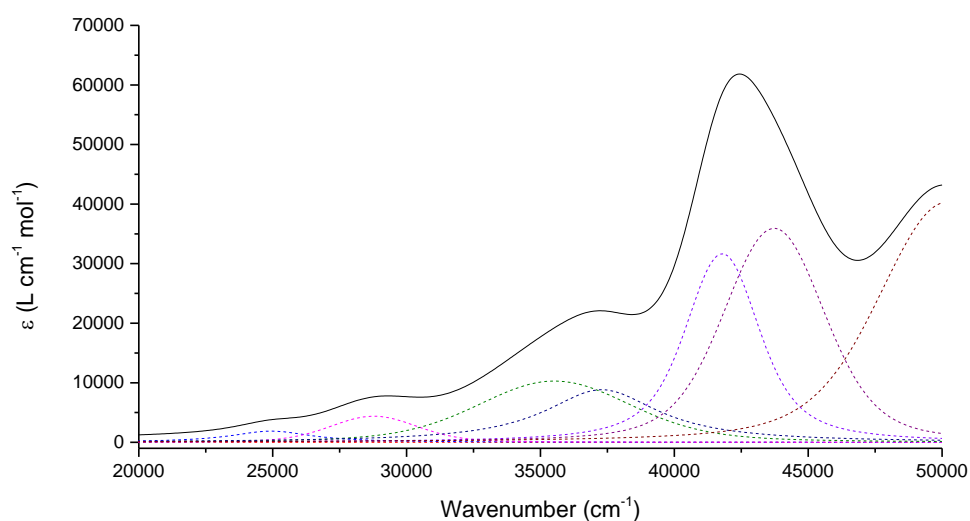


		347	4400	LMCT
		282	10300	LMCT
268	21500	268	8800	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ (N=C)
		239	31600	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ (C=C)
236	61000	229	35900	$\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ (C=C)

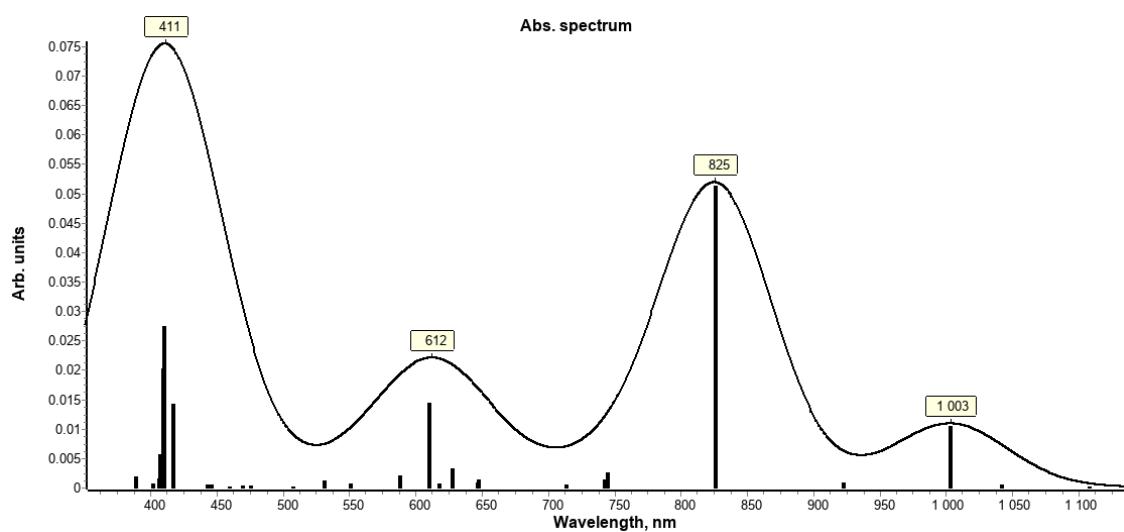
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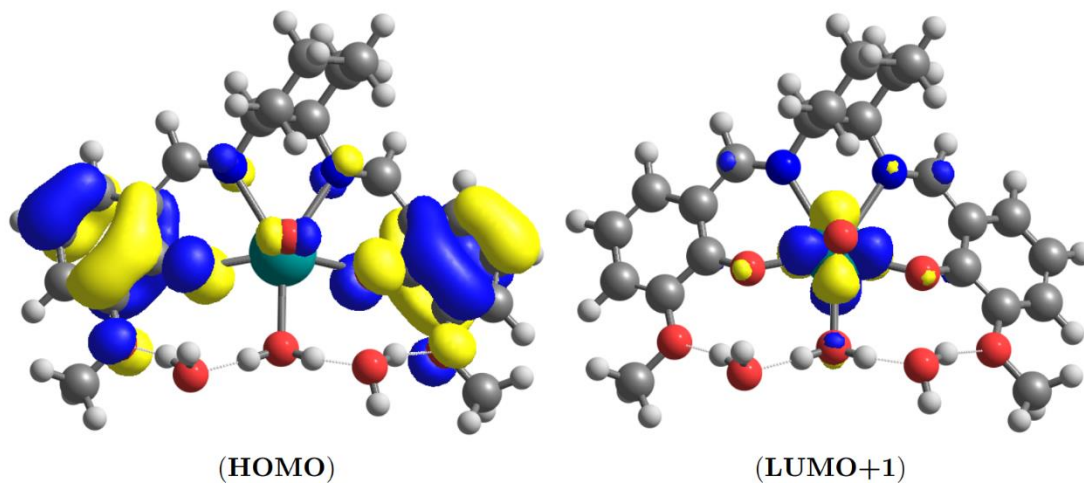
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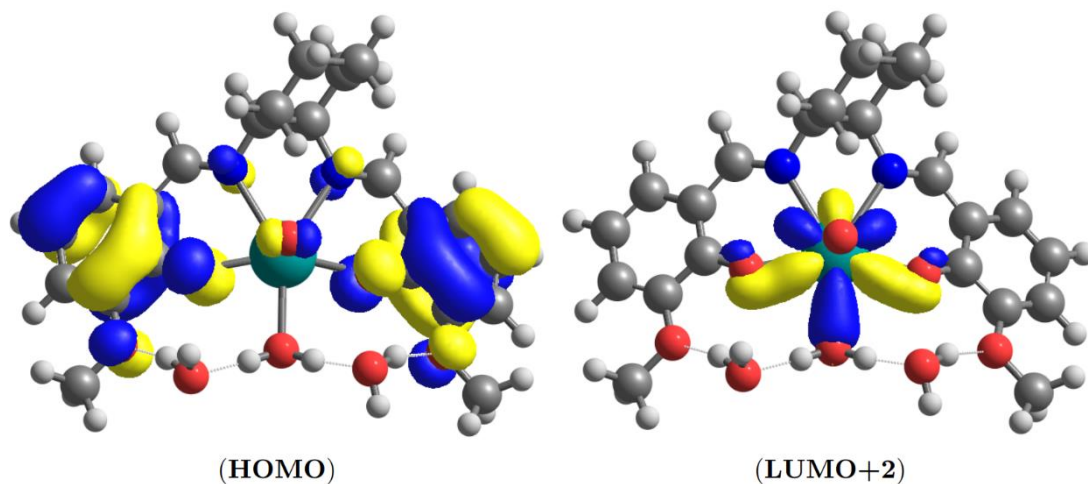
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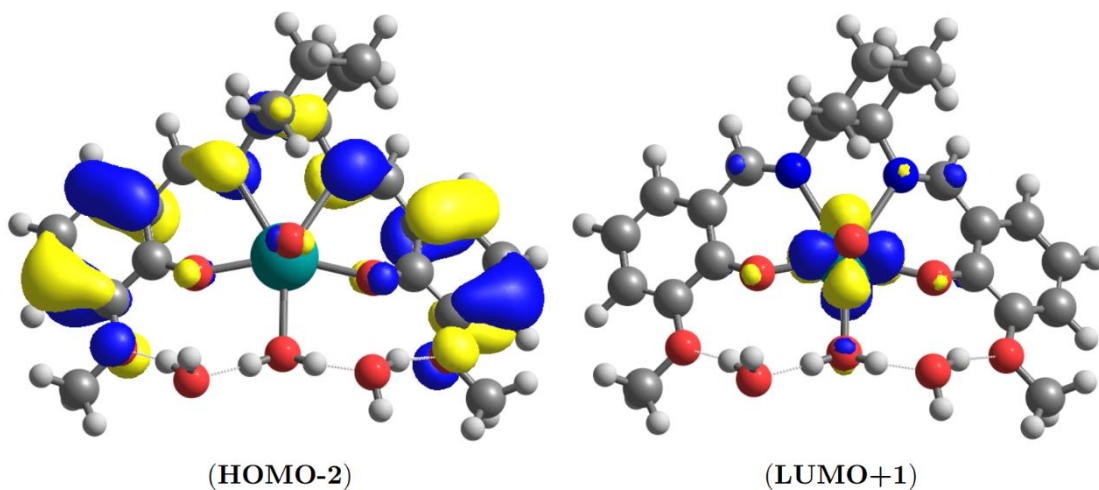
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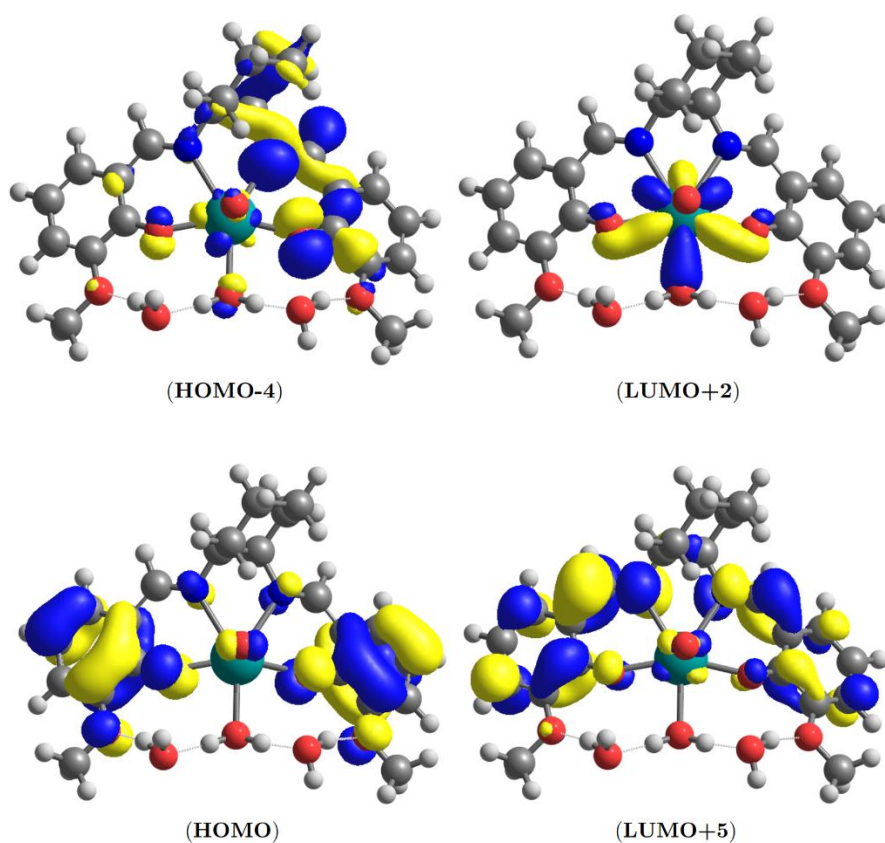
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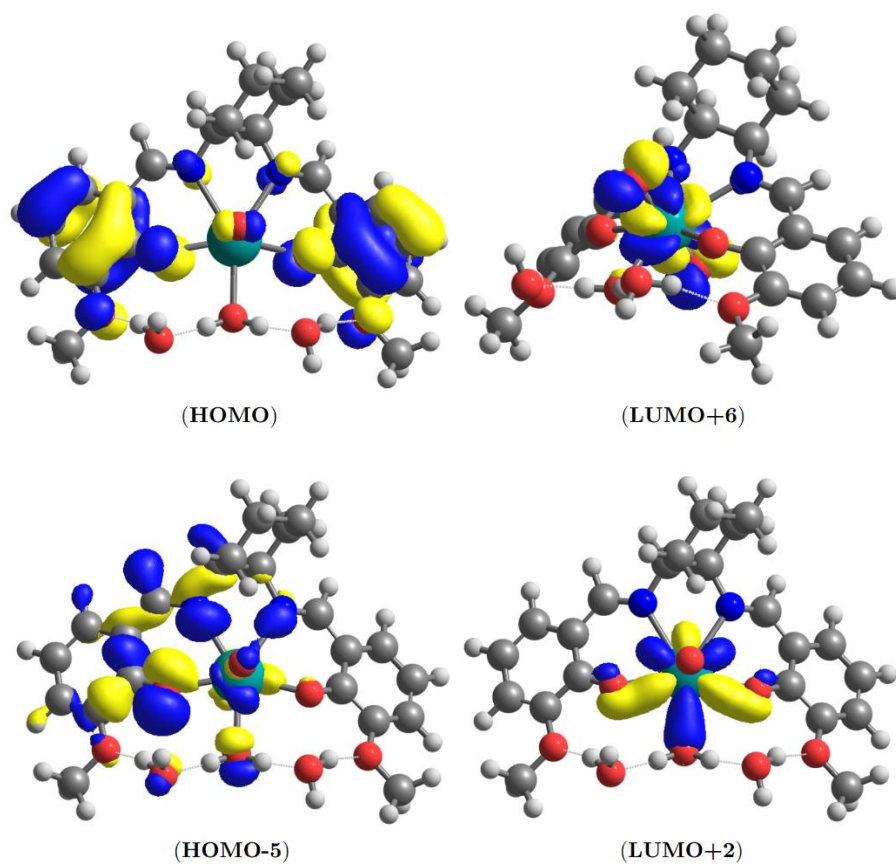


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**Figure S13.** Molecular orbitals involved at calculated light absorption process of [UO<sub>2</sub>(3-OMe-c-salcn)H<sub>2</sub>O] at 612 nm.





**Figure S14.** Molecular orbitals involved at calculated light absorption processes of  $[UO_2(3-OMe-c-salcn)H_2O]$  around 411 nm.