



Table 5. M–CO and C–O Bond Lengths (Å) of M(CO)₅

method	Fe(CO) ₅				Ru(CO) ₅				Os(CO) ₅			
	M–C _{ax}	M–C _{eq}	C–O _{ax}	C–O _{eq}	M–C _{ax}	M–C _{eq}	C–O _{ax}	C–O _{eq}	M–C _{ax}	M–C _{eq}	C–O _{ax}	C–O _{eq}
LDA	1.769	1.789	1.145	1.149	1.934	1.931	1.142	1.147	2.003	1.988	1.140	1.147
NL-SCF	1.819	1.816	1.153	1.157	1.983	1.980	1.149	1.154	2.061	2.050	1.147	1.153
NL-SCF+QR	1.817	1.813	1.153	1.156	1.968	1.960	1.150	1.157	2.000	1.975	1.147	1.156
MRCI ^a	1.798	1.835										
MCPF ^b	1.878	1.847	1.168	1.177								
exp ^c	1.807	1.827	1.152	1.152	1.950 ^d	1.969 ^d	1.143	1.143	1.990 ^e	1.943 ^e	1.142	1.142

^a Reference 41. ^b Reference 39. ^c Fe(CO)₅ from ref 41, Ru(CO)₅ from ref 42, Os(CO)₅ from ref 43. ^d Estimated errors are 0.01 Å for Ru–CO bonds. ^e Estimated errors are 0.02 Å for Os–CO bonds.