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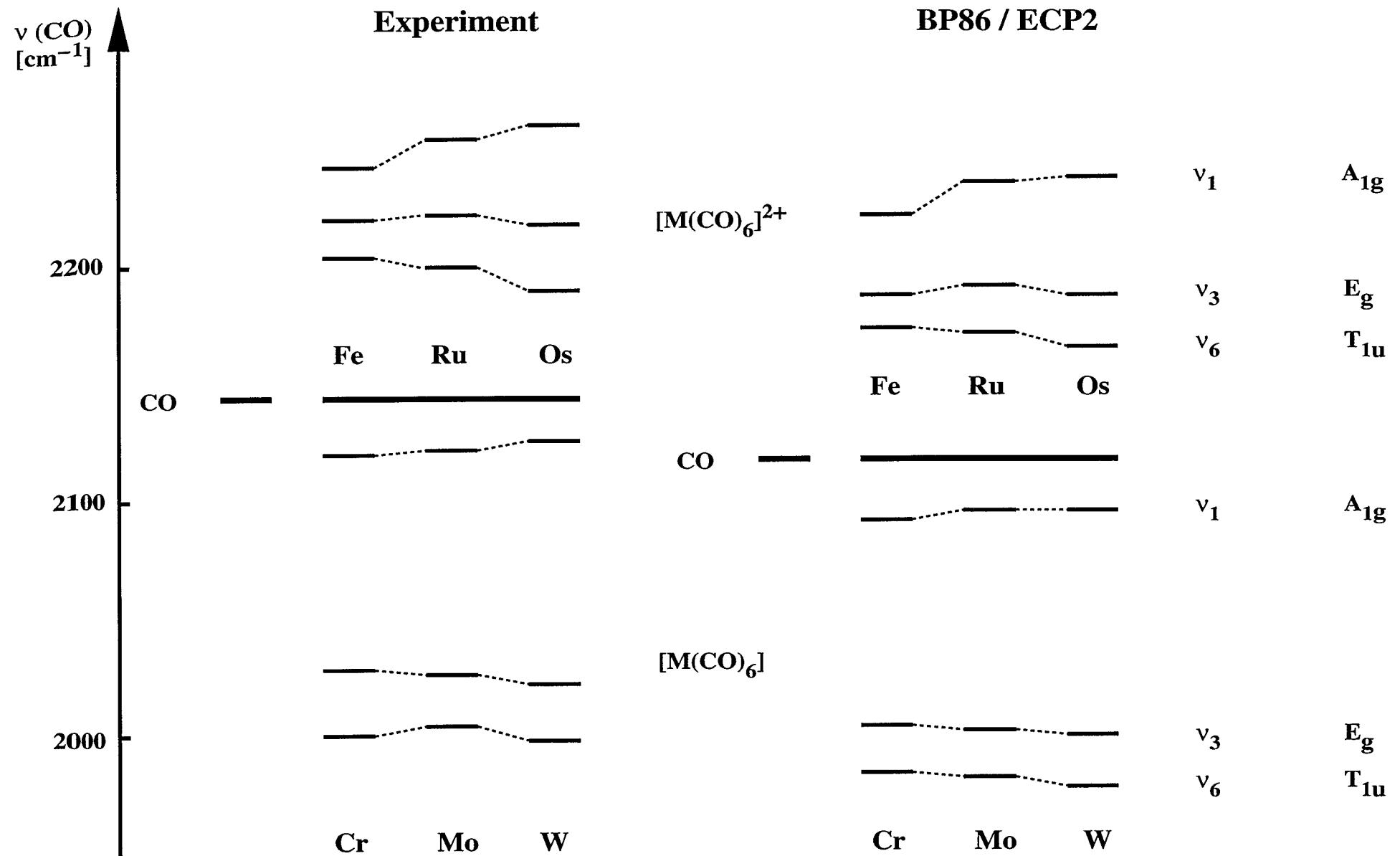
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**Table S1. Vibrational frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>) for [M(CO)<sub>6</sub>] (M = Cr, Mo, W)**

			Exp. <sup>a</sup> (vapor)	Exp. <sup>a,b</sup> (solution)	$\Delta\nu_s^c$	BP86 ECP1	$\Delta\nu^d$	BP86 ECP2	$\Delta\nu^d$
<b>[Cr(CO)<sub>6</sub>]</b>									
A <sub>1g</sub>	v <sub>1</sub>	[CO]	2119	2112	- 7	2100	-19	2091	-28
A <sub>1g</sub>	v <sub>2</sub>	[MC]	379	381	+ 2	401	22	397	18
E <sub>g</sub>	v <sub>3</sub>	[CO]	2027	2018	- 9	2017	-10	2003	-24
E <sub>g</sub>	v <sub>4</sub>	[MC]	391	394	+ 3	407	16	404	13
T <sub>1g</sub>	v <sub>5</sub>	[δMCO]	364			358	- 6	365	1
T <sub>1u</sub>	v <sub>6</sub>	[CO]	2000	1984	-16	1999	- 1	1983	-17
T <sub>1u</sub>	v <sub>7</sub>	[δMCO]	668	665	- 3	691	23	688	20
T <sub>1u</sub>	v <sub>8</sub>	[MC]	441	444	+ 3	458	17	458	17
T <sub>1u</sub>	v <sub>9</sub>	[δCMC]	97	103	+ 6	103	6	98	1
T <sub>2g</sub>	v <sub>10</sub>	[δMCO]	532			533	1	535	3
T <sub>2g</sub>	v <sub>11</sub>	[δCMC]	90	101	+11	91	1	89	- 1
T <sub>2u</sub>	v <sub>12</sub>	[δMCO]	511			521	10	520	9
T <sub>2u</sub>	v <sub>13</sub>	[δCMC]	68			62	- 6	61	7
<b>[Mo(CO)<sub>6</sub>]</b>									
A <sub>1g</sub>	v <sub>1</sub>	[CO]	2121	2117	- 4	2102	- 9	2095	-26
A <sub>1g</sub>	v <sub>2</sub>	[MC]	391	402	+11	416	25	412	21
E <sub>g</sub>	v <sub>3</sub>	[CO]	2025	2019	- 6	2013	-12	2002	-23
E <sub>g</sub>	v <sub>4</sub>	[MC]	381	392	+11	402	21	398	17
T <sub>1g</sub>	v <sub>5</sub>	[δMCO]	342			341	- 1	340	- 2
T <sub>1u</sub>	v <sub>6</sub>	[CO]	2003	1986	-17	1993	-10	1981	-22
T <sub>1u</sub>	v <sub>7</sub>	[δMCO]	596	593	- 3	611	15	602	6
T <sub>1u</sub>	v <sub>8</sub>	[MC]	367	367	0	396	29	389	22
T <sub>1u</sub>	v <sub>9</sub>	[δCMC]	82	91	+ 9	88	6	81	- 1
T <sub>2g</sub>	v <sub>10</sub>	[δMCO]	477			478	1	474	- 3
T <sub>2g</sub>	v <sub>11</sub>	[δCMC]	79	91	+12	84	5	79	0
T <sub>2u</sub>	v <sub>12</sub>	[δMCO]	507			516	9	513	6
T <sub>2u</sub>	v <sub>13</sub>	[δCMC]	60			61	1	56	- 4
<b>[W(CO)<sub>6</sub>]</b>									
A <sub>1g</sub>	v <sub>1</sub>	[CO]	2126	2117	- 9	2102	-24	2095	-31
A <sub>1g</sub>	v <sub>2</sub>	[MC]	426	427	+ 1	434	8	430	4
E <sub>g</sub>	v <sub>3</sub>	[CO]	2021	2010	-11	2010	-11	1999	-22
E <sub>g</sub>	v <sub>4</sub>	[MC]	410	412	+ 2	419	9	415	5
T <sub>1g</sub>	v <sub>5</sub>	[δMCO]	362			349	-13	350	-12
T <sub>1u</sub>	v <sub>6</sub>	[CO]	1998	1977	-21	1990	- 8	1977	-21
T <sub>1u</sub>	v <sub>7</sub>	[δMCO]	587	583	- 4	588	1	581	- 6
T <sub>1u</sub>	v <sub>8</sub>	[MC]	374	374	0	388	14	382	8
T <sub>1u</sub>	v <sub>9</sub>	[δCMC]	82	92	+10	84	2	78	- 4
T <sub>2g</sub>	v <sub>10</sub>	[δMCO]	482			472	-10	468	-14
T <sub>2g</sub>	v <sub>11</sub>	[δCMC]	81	92	+11	86	5	81	0
T <sub>2u</sub>	v <sub>12</sub>	[δMCO]	521			523	2	520	- 1
T <sub>2u</sub>	v <sub>13</sub>	[δCMC]	61			62	1	56	- 5

a Reference 47.

b CCl<sub>4</sub> solution for M = Cr, Mo; CS<sub>2</sub> solution for M = W.c  $\Delta\nu_s$  = difference between the experimental gas phase and solution values.d  $\Delta\nu$  = difference between the calculated and the experimental gas phase values.



**Figure S1.** Experimental versus calculated CO stretching frequencies for  $[\text{M}(\text{CO})_6]$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Cr}, \text{Mo}, \text{W}$ ) and  $[\text{M}(\text{CO})_6]^{2+}$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Fe}, \text{Ru}, \text{Os}$ ). See Tables S1 and 5.