

**Table 8.** Geometrical parameters for the optimized  $[(\text{CO})_2\text{Re}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4)\text{C}=\text{C}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4)\text{Re}[(\text{CO})_2]](\text{alkane})$  complexes, calculated at the B3LYP/ 6-31G\*, LANL2DZ level of theory

<b>DFT(B3LYP)</b>	<i>Interacting</i>				<i>C-H</i>	<i>Average</i>
	<i>Pair of</i>	<i>M-H</i>	<i>M-C</i>	<i>M-H-C</i>	<i>bound</i>	<i>C-H free</i>
	<i>Atoms</i>	<i>Distance</i>	<i>distance</i>	<i>angle</i>	<i>distance</i>	<i>distance</i>
Methane	Re <sub>1</sub> -C	1.979	2.740	120.688	1.138	1.091
	Re <sub>2</sub> -C		4.751			
Ethane	Re <sub>1</sub> -C1	2.031	2.813	122.901	1.133	1.092
	Re <sub>2</sub> -C2	2.016	2.818	124.552	1.134	1.091
Propane	Re <sub>1</sub> -C1	2.039	2.899	129.745	1.135	1.092
	Re <sub>2</sub> -C3	1.988	2.786	123.795	1.137	1.092
Butane	Re <sub>1</sub> -C1	1.988	2.771	122.737	1.135	1.093
	Re <sub>2</sub> -C4	1.993	2.780	123.256	1.134	1.093
Pentane	Re <sub>1</sub> -C1	1.993	2.850	129.057	1.138	1.091
	Re <sub>2</sub> -C5	2.024	2.910	132.085	1.136	1.091
Cyclopropane	Re <sub>1</sub> -C1	2.023	2.818	124.807	1.122	1.081
	Re <sub>2</sub> -C2	2.020	2.834	126.632	1.120	1.082
Cyclobutane	Re <sub>1</sub> -C1	1.94	2.75	123.90	1.15	1.090
Cyclopentane	Re <sub>1</sub> -C1	2.108	3.035	138.863	1.111	1.079
	Re <sub>2</sub> -C2	2.107	3.003	135.668	1.110	1.078

“M-H distance” and “M-C distance” are the distances between the designated Re atom (“M” = Re<sub>1</sub> or Re<sub>2</sub>) and the H and C atoms, respectively, of the C-H  $\sigma$ -bond that interacts most strongly with that particular Re atom (i.e. the C-H  $\sigma$ -bond that lies in closest proximity to that Re atom). The designations “C1”, “C2”, etc. indicate the position along the alkane chain / ring of the CH<sub>3</sub> / CH<sub>2</sub> group that is interacting with the designated Re atom. “M-H-C angle” is the angle between the Re atom and the aforementioned C-H bond. “C-H bound distance” is the length of the aforementioned C-H bond. “Average C-H free distance” is the average length of the remaining C-H bonds that are located on the same CH<sub>3</sub> (linear alkanes)/ CH<sub>2</sub> (cyclic alkanes) group as the interacting bond (in the case of cyclic alkanes, “Average C-H free distance” is simply one bond length, not an average of two lengths).