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Surface ligands are essential components of nanomaterial identity, as they passivate the surfaces of many nanomaterials. Traditionally, ligands were considered for their size- and shape-directing properties in nanoparticles. Besides their usage in syntheses to control the morphologies of the nanomaterials, various ligands were used in tuning the surface functionality of nanomaterials for many applications, ranging from drug targeting to nanosensors. Recently, identities of the surface ligands were found to influence nanomaterial chemical and physical properties, including enhancement of stability, catalytic behaviors, and photoluminescence. These old and new ligand-controllable properties (achieved by various ligand modification through synthetic organic chemistry routes) necessitate a fundamental understanding of the ligand effect on the nanomaterials. In order to take another stride towards having a fundamental understanding of the ligands on nanomaterials, we study influences of phosphine and halide ligands on undecagold nanoclusters (Au_{11}NCs). With the small size, the suite of atomically precise Au_{11}NCs is easily accessible synthetically and theoretically. In addition, the ligand influences are intensified due to having majority of the gold atoms oriented on the surface of Au_{11}NCs interacting with surface molecules. Systematically altering the type and composition of the surface ligands, which are subsequently characterized and compared with the local and overall electronic structures of computationally modelled Au_{11}NCs , provides critical information about the ligand's role in nanomaterials. Further, several overarching theories are suggested to elucidate the influence of the ligand identities on the enhancement of photoluminescence properties in Au_{11}NCs . From this work, the mechanisms underlying ligand influence on Au_{11}NCs can be translated to commonly used, larger nanoparticles and in the design of next-generation applications of nanomaterials.

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Motivation

On September 12, 1962, President John F. Kennedy (**Figure 1**) delivered his iconic “We Choose to Go to the Moon” speech in which he expressed his vision to have a man land on the moon and return safely back to earth.¹ On July 20, 1969, President Kennedy’s vision would be realized when Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin successfully stepped onto the lunar surface. Even after Apollo 11’s moon landing mission fulfilled President Kennedy’s vision, the speech “We Choose to Go to the Moon” inspires scientists and engineers all over the world to expand the boundaries of the human universe and knowledge.



Figure 1. Picture of President John F. Kennedy (left) and Richard Feynman (right). President Kennedy was known for his inspirational speech that led to exploding growth in the space program, and Feynman for his lecture resulting in flourishing research in nanotechnology. The inset pictures show the success in the Apollo program in 1962 and the manipulation of atoms by IBM in 1989, respectively.^{1,2}

Approximately three years before President Kennedy’s speech in Texas, a near-legendary physicist by the name of Richard Feynman (**Figure 1**) delivers his “There’s Plenty of Room at the Bottom” lecture at the American Physical Society in which he envisions technology developed to manipulate matter on an atomic scale.³ Similar to President Kennedy’s speech, Feynman’s lecture is credited with starting the era of nanotechnology. In his talk, Feynman emphasizes the incredible economic potential in miniaturizing the large complicated machines and devices to a system several hundred atoms large. Furthermore, he recognized the enormous potential of new nanotechnology devices resulting from the laws of quantum mechanics in infinitesimal systems. The following decades of explosive growth in nanoscience and nanotechnology demonstrates the accuracy of visionary Richard Feynman. Beginning about a half century after Feynman’s speech, nanotechnology has since been incorporated into many commercial products ranging from cosmetics and solar cells to clothing and medications – and the potential is only getting larger (**Figure 2**).⁴⁻⁶

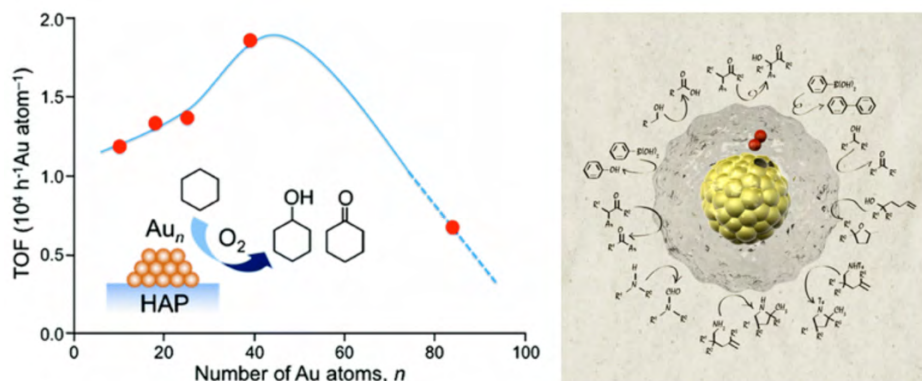


Figure 2. Aerobic oxidation of organic molecules catalyzed by gold nanoclusters. The efficiencies of these nanomaterials can be tuned for the suited applications. On the left, the turnover frequency (TOF) of cyclohexane to cyclohexanone is highly dependent on the size of the gold cluster on the surface of hydroxyapatite.⁷ On the right, the catalytic application of these new nanomaterials can be applied in broad species of organic molecules.⁸ Both figures are from the reference 4 and 5, respectively.

Among the many nanomaterials that can be comprised of nearly every element on the periodic table, gold nanoclusters (AuNCs) and nanoparticles (AuNPs) are particularly interesting because they display a rich array of chemical, catalytic, electronic, and optical properties that can be tailored for a range of applications in nanotechnology (e.g., nanomedicine, catalysis, nanoelectronics, biological imaging and sensing).⁹⁻¹¹ Detailed investigation into structure-property relationships of these materials has been made possible by recent advances in syntheses and characterization technologies.¹²⁻¹⁵ Additionally, advances in theoretical chemistry have allowed us to understand the unique chemistry of gold nanoclusters and nanoparticles that is not observed in bulk gold.^{16, 17} Bulk gold is a simple monovalent 6s-metal with high electric and thermal conductivity. Confining the electrons in the delocalized conduction band of bulk gold into nanometer scales causes discretization of the electron states. With the enhanced relativistic effect of elemental gold, gold atoms have contracted 6s orbitals with expanded 5d orbitals. This becomes an active component in gold's unique coordination chemistry (e.g. aurophilicity) often observed in gold complexes and gold nanoparticles.^{18, 19} Just as Feynman had anticipated, the emergence of the law of quantum mechanics becomes more apparent as the energy states of AuNPs become more quantized. The finite energy levels, which are sensitive to size, shape and symmetry point group of the AuNCs, are important in defining many physical and chemical properties of the AuNCs.²⁰

Unlike the shape and size of the gold core, the importance of surface ligands on the properties of AuNPs have only recently begun to be studied, even though most solvated noble metal NPs are passivated by at least a monolayer of organic ligands.^{21, 22} Ligands are traditionally considered morphology-directing agents, used to synthesize NP cores of various sizes and shapes.²³⁻²⁵ More recent work has noted the significant impact of the ligand on the electronic

structure of NPs as well as their catalytic and emission properties.²⁶⁻³⁰ With limitless tunability of various ligands, it is important to understand the influence of surface ligands on NPs. However, the complicated nature of surface ligands makes it harder to separate ligand-only influences from other NP parameters, such as size and shape. In this work, we control the variations on the surface while holding the gold core constant using experimental techniques combined with theoretical predictions. From the acquisition of data, we will be able to elucidate the influence of ligands and detail how the ligand influences the overall properties of NPs.

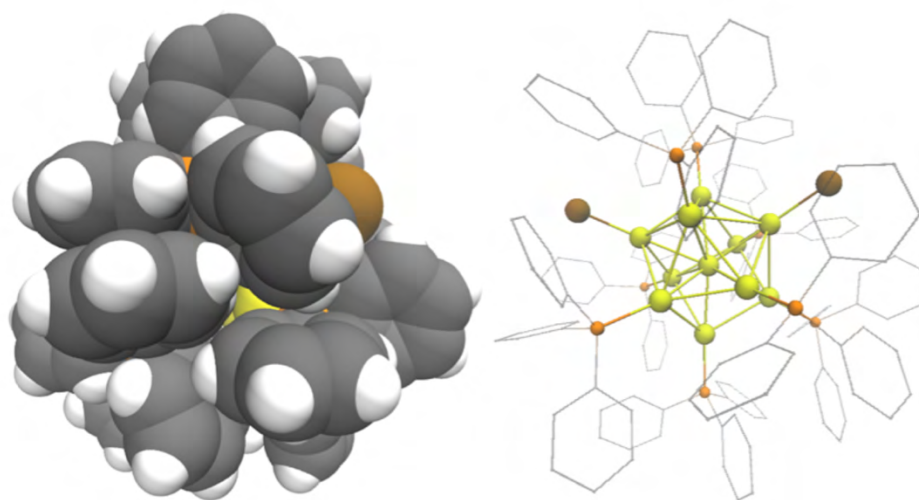


Figure 3. Structure of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$, which is one of many phosphine-halide-protected undecagold nanoclusters. The gold core is passivated by the surface ligands described with the Van der Waals model (left). With emphasis on the geometry of the gold core and the binding moieties of the ligands, the same gold cluster was shown using the ball-and-stick model (right). The colors represent elements: Au (yellow), Br (brown), P (orange), C (grey), H (white).

Here, various phosphine-halide-protected undecagold nanoclusters (Au_{11}NCs) were synthesized and characterized as well as computationally modelled using density functional theory (DFT). This particular suite of nanoclusters was studied for several reasons. First, Au_{11}NCs passivated by phosphine and halide are one of the smallest gold clusters having at least one gold

atom surrounded by a neighboring metal atom.³¹ This small size, coupled with the number of transition metal atoms in the core, allows Au₁₁NCs to be easily accessed both experimentally and theoretically. This small size also makes the gold nanoparticles comparatively more sensitive to small variations in structure than larger nanomaterials. These differences allow for easier separation using column chromatography as well as crystallization, which is useful for determining their crystal structures. With a minimal number of gold atoms and precisely known atomic coordination, relatively inexpensive computational models can be used to calculate the electronic structures of the Au₁₁NCs. Secondly, the phosphine-halide-protected Au₁₁NCs can be synthesized with different numbers and types of surface ligands without greatly altering the core geometry. The halogens on Au₁₁NCs can be chlorine, which has a comparably high electronegativity compared to gold atoms (Cl: 3.16 to Au: 2.54), or bromine and iodine, which have electronegativities near that of gold (Br: 2.96 and I: 2.66). The systemic differences in electronegativity among halide ligands can direct local electronic densities, providing crucial information of subtle ligand identity on the properties of gold nanoclusters. Furthermore, the phosphine:halide ligand ratio on the surface can be controlled to elucidate the effect of different bonding types between ligands and the gold surface defined in Green's covalent bond classification (**Figure 4**).^{32, 33} The assembly of a monolayer with different bonding types on the surface of the nanomaterials will interfere with the electronic structures of the bare metal clusters.

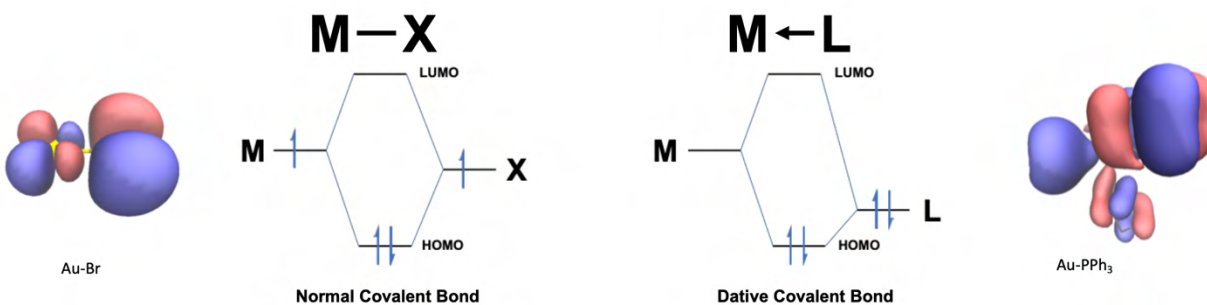


Figure 4. Molecular orbital diagrams of Green's covalent bond classification.^{32, 33} Halogens are known as X-type ligands (X), which donate one electron and accept one electron from the metal (M), contrary to L-type phosphine ligands (L), which donate a lone pair to the metal center, producing a dative bond. Kohn-sham orbitals depict the electron density of gold complexes bound to either bromine or triphenylphosphine (PPh₃) at the highest occupied molecular orbital states.

Previously synthesized and studied diphenylphosphinopropane (dppp) capped clusters, Au₁₁(dppp)₅³⁺, are included in this work to correlate properties of Au₁₁NCs without X-type ligands to other Au₁₁NCs.³⁴ Additionally, unlike the gold clusters capped with thiolated ligands, the gold clusters passivated with phosphine or halides have a simple on-top gold-ligand binding motif. The presence of an identical gold-ligand binding motif in various reported phosphine-halide capped clusters suggests that the ligand-gold interaction in Au₁₁NCs can be translated to other gold clusters with different core geometries or size.^{31, 35} By experimentally observing the optoelectronic properties of Au₁₁NCs using various ligands and correlating them to theoretically established electronic structures of the Au₁₁NCs, we are able to gain an understanding of the mechanisms underlying the ligand-gold cluster binding interaction.

Through this work, the fundamental and mechanistic understanding of ligand-nanocluster interaction and ligand-based nanomaterial properties can be applied to designing new noble metal nanomaterials. As the more recent body of work in nanoscience has demonstrated, improving the

surface properties of nanomaterials can lead to sophisticated nanomaterials with many applications, ranging from bioimaging dyes to catalysts. As Feynman had envisioned seven decades ago, many possibilities for nanotechnology exist in a very small world, stemming from its large surface area. It is our hope that this work can provide humanity with “a small step for nanomaterial surface modification, and one giant step for new customizable nanomaterials having different ligands to suit their application purposes.”

1.2 Research Objectives

A key goal in the development of nanomaterials is to understand the influence of surface ligands on the nanomaterial structure and their resulting optoelectronic properties. The synthesis and characterization of atomically precise nanoclusters can be significantly less challenging than larger nanoparticles, in part due to knowing the precise location of individual atoms as well as having the ability to computationally model them. Therefore, successful nanoparticle technologies can be enhanced by incorporating well-studied characterization of the analogous nanoclusters. Importantly, in order to correlate ligand influences to nanoparticle behavior, one must be able to measure the differentiating parameter without altering multiple variables.

Here, I chose to study the optoelectronic properties of phosphine-halide-protected Au₁₁NCs. Identities and structures of some phosphine-halide-protected Au₁₁NCs have been reported previously, and a few of the reported Au₁₁NCs has been rigorously studied more recently.^{12, 17, 36-39} With their small size, stability, and non-toxicity, modified Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺ were demonstrated as highly useful labeling agents in various biochemical molecules.⁴⁰⁻⁴³ With less

stability, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ has been shown to be very useful in catalysts as well as a template for various nanoclusters.^{44, 45} Along with many potential applications, the suite of phosphine-halide-protected Au_{11}NCs is desirable starting point to study ligand-nanocluster interaction and the resulting chemical properties of the AuNCs . The extensive studies on the mononuclear gold(I) precursors of these Au_{11}NCs provides basic and direct interaction between singular gold atom and ligands, which can be compared to the interactions between gold atoms and ligands.⁴⁶⁻⁵⁰ Also, phosphine-halide-protected Au_{11}NCs are one of the smallest gold nanoclusters with a center gold atom that is only bound by neighboring gold atoms, which makes them an easy system on which to perform computational calculations. In addition to these Au_{11}NCs , there are libraries of analogous phosphine-halide-protected gold nanoclusters reported, where both halides and phosphines are bound in an on-top position to the surface gold atoms.^{12, 31, 38} These different sizes and shapes of phosphine-halide-protected gold nanoclusters can be used in the future to compare with this study to translate some ligand-dependent properties to slightly different systems. Further, the easily distinguishable differences between halide and phosphine, as well as smaller differences between three halides without changing much of the nanocluster system can provide in-depth information regarding the magnitude of ligand influence on the properties of nanoclusters. My overarching research goals are twofold: i) assigning the emergent electronic structures in phosphine-halide-protected Au_{11}NCs as a function of different surface ligands and ii) correlating the electronic structures to empirically determined nanocluster properties to aid understanding of ligand-based properties in gold nanomaterials.

To accomplish these objectives, we established reproducible and well-controlled conditions to synthesize phosphine-halide-protected Au_{11}NCs with different amounts and types of halide ligands. In order to systematically understand the influence of surface ligands on the

electronic structures of phosphine-halide-protected Au₁₁NCs, each cluster was purified and analyzed using X-ray diffractometry (XRD) before computationally modelling the nanocluster structure. With the use of the CP2K software package, each nanocluster was translated and calculated using density functional theory (DFT).⁵¹ As a result, these calculations allowed for the correlation of nanocluster electronic structures to changes in surface ligands.

By establishing a theoretical portrayal of phosphine-halide-protected Au₁₁NCs, we can further understand and modify the optoelectronic properties of the clusters by altering the identity of the surface ligands. Further, by systematically comparing the theoretical understanding of the clusters and their observed optoelectrical properties, we can confirm the degree of surface ligand influence on nanomaterials. Our initial studies show that we can decouple the influences of individual ligand components and correlate such changes to the differences in nanocluster behaviors including their optoelectronic properties. The ability to understand ligand-based properties on overall nanomaterial properties will allow us to develop design rules to systematically tune the optoelectric properties of noble metal nanomaterials.

2.0 Experimental

2.1 Materials

Gold (III) chloride trihydrate ($\text{HAuCl}_4 \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 99.9%), triphenylphosphine (PPh_3 , 99%), 1,3-Bis(diphenylphosphino)propane (dppp, 97%), triphenylarsine (AsPh_3 , 97%), triphenylantimony (SbPh_3 , 99%), triphenylbismuth (BiPh_3 , 98%), chloro(dimethylsulfide) gold(I) ($\text{Au}(\text{Me}_2\text{S})\text{Cl}$, 99%), and octane (>99.0%) were purchased from Sigma Aldrich (St. Louis, MO). Dichloromethane (DCM, >99.8%), pentane (99.0%), hexane (99.0%), dimethyl sulfide (Me_2S , >99%), diethyl ether (Et_2O , 99.5%), potassium bromide (KBr, >99.0%), potassium cyanide (KCN, $\geq 98\%$), absolute ethanol (EtOH), and silica gel of various mesh sizes (SiO_2 , mesh = 60, 100-200) were purchased from Thermo Fisher Scientific (Pittsburgh, PA). Chloro(triphenylphosphine) gold(I) ($\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Cl}$, 99.9%), bromo(triphenylphosphine) gold(I) ($\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Br}$, 99.99%), potassium iodide (KI, >99.0%), and sodium borohydride (NaBH_4 , 99.99%) were purchased from Alfa Aesar (Haverhill, MA). Styrene divinylbenzene beads with 40-80 μm , also known as Bio-Beads S-X1, were purchased from Bio-Rad (Hercules, CA).

All chemicals were used as received. Prior to use, all glassware and Teflon-coated stir bars were washed with aqua regia (3:1 ratio of concentrated HCl to HNO_3) and rinsed with copious amounts of water prior to drying. *Caution: aqua regia is highly toxic and corrosive and should only be used with proper personal protective equipment and training. Aqua regia should be handled only inside a fume hood.*

2.2 Nanoparticle Synthesis and Post-Synthetic Modification

2.2.1 Synthesis of Mononuclear Precursors

2.2.1.1 Chloro(dimethylsulfide) Gold(I)

Au(Me₂S)Cl was prepared according to a literature procedure.⁵² 0.500 g (1.3 mmol) of HAuCl₄·3H₂O was fully dissolved in 10 mL of degassed EtOH. Rapid addition of 5 mL of degassed EtOH containing 295 μL (4.0 mmol) of Me₂S in the stirring the gold solution produced white precipitate. After allowing the reaction to stir for two hours, the solution was cooled down to near 0°C. The precipitate was washed with excess EtOH and dissolved in small amount of DCM. The Au(Me₂S)Cl crystals were collected using solvent-solvent diffusion of EtOH in DCM at cold temperature.

2.2.1.2 Chloro(triphenylphosphine) Gold(I)

Au(PPh₃)Cl was prepared according to a literature procedure.⁵⁰ 0.380 g (1 mmol) of HAuCl₄·3H₂O was fully dissolved in acetone and EtOH mixture (1:1 v/v). Rapid addition of 3 mL of purified DCM containing 0.525 g (2 mmol) of PPh₃ in the stirring the gold solution produced white precipitate. After allowing the reaction to stir for several hours, the precipitate was collected and washed with excess EtOH. The Au(PPh₃)Cl crystals were collected by dissolving the white precipitate in DCM and using both solvent-solvent diffusion of EtOH in DCM and slow evaporation.

2.2.1.3 Bromo(triphenylphosphine) Gold(I)

Au(PPh₃)Br was synthesized by KBr halide anion exchange on Au(PPh₃)Cl. An organic layer of 2 mL DCM containing 100 mg of Au(PPh₃)Cl (0.2 mmol) was mixed with 2 mL of aqueous layer containing 238 mg KBr (2 mmol). Prior to extracting out the organic layer, the mixture was stirred violently for several hours. The Au(PPh₃)Br crystals were collected by solvent-solvent diffusion of EtOH in DCM and slow evaporation.

2.2.1.4 Iodo(triphenylphosphine) Gold(I)

Au(PPh₃)I was synthesized similar to the preparation of Au(PPh₃)Br. An organic layer of 2 mL DCM containing 100 mg of Au(PPh₃)Cl (0.2 mmol) was mixed with 2 mL of aqueous layer containing 332 mg KI (2 mmol). Prior to extracting out the organic layer, the mixture was stirred violently for several hours. The Au(PPh₃)I crystals were collected by solvent-solvent diffusion of EtOH in DCM and slow evaporation.

2.2.1.5 Bis(chlorogold(I)) 1, 3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane

Au₂(dppp)Cl₂ was prepared according to a literature procedure.⁵³ 0.500 g (1.3 mmol) of HAuCl₄·3H₂O was fully dissolved in 8 mL of EtOH. Rapid addition of 2 mL of EtOH containing 0.530 mg (1.3 mmol) of dppp in the stirring the gold solution produced white precipitate. After allowing the reaction to stir for several hours, the precipitate was collected and washed with excess EtOH. The Au₂(dppp)Cl₂ crystals were collected by dissolving the white precipitate in DCM before using both solvent-solvent diffusion of EtOH in DCM and slow evaporation for the crystallization.

2.2.1.6 Chloro(triphenylarsine) Gold(I)

Au(AsPh₃)Cl was synthesized similar to the preparation of Au(PPh₃)Cl.⁵⁰ 0.250 g (0.635 mmol) of HAuCl₄·3H₂O was fully dissolved in acetone and EtOH mixture (1:1 v/v). Rapid addition of 3 mL of purified DCM containing 0.200 mg (0.635 mmol) of AsPh₃ in the stirring the gold solution produced white precipitate. After allowing the reaction to stir for several hours, the precipitate was collected and washed with excess EtOH. The crude Au(AsPh₃)Cl was dissolved in DCM and crystallized using both solvent-solvent diffusion of EtOH in DCM and slow evaporation

2.2.1.7 Chloro(triphenylstibine) Gold(I)

Au(SbPh₃)Cl was prepared according to a literature procedure.⁵⁴ 5 mL of DCM containing 50 mg (0.17 mmol) of Au(Me₂S)Cl and 60 mg (0.17 mmol) of SbPh₃ was prepared in an amber vial. The solution was left to stir under dark for 80 minutes before completely drying under vacuum to remove Me₂S. The precipitate containing crude Au(SbPh₃)Cl was solvated in DCM and repeated washed with excess EtOH. The Au(SbPh₃)Cl crystals were collected using both solvent-solvent diffusion of EtOH in DCM and slow evaporation.

2.2.2 Synthesis of Gold Nanoparticles

2.2.2.1 Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺

Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺ was prepared according to a literature procedure.⁴⁵ 50 mg (0.1 mmol) of Au(PPh₃)Cl was fully dissolved in 2 mL of DCM to produce clear solution. Rapid addition of 0.3 mL EtOH containing 1.05 mg (0.07 mmol) of NaBH₄ in the stirring Au(PPh₃)Cl solution produced a dark brownish-red solution. After allowing the reaction to stir overnight, the crude sample was precipitated from 50 mL pentane. The supernatant was removed, and the orange pellet was

resuspended in minimum amount of DCM. This precipitation was repeated and further purified by column chromatography that was prepared with silica gel and solvent mixture of 20:1 DCM:EtOH. The dark orange band containing $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ was collected and monitored using UV-Vis. More pure sample of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ was attained via evaporative crystallization using 5:1 DCM:octane.

2.2.2.2 $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$

$\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$ was prepared similar to the $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ procedure. 55 mg (0.1 mmol) of $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Br}$ was fully dissolved in 2 mL of DCM to produce a clear solution. Rapid addition of 0.3 mL EtOH containing 1.05 mg (0.07 mmol) of NaBH_4 in the stirring $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Br}$ solution produced a dark brownish-red solution. After allowing the reaction to stir overnight, the crude sample was precipitated from 50 mL pentane. The supernatant was removed, and the orange pellet was resuspended in minimum amount of DCM. This precipitation was repeated and further purified by column chromatography that was prepared with silica gel and solvent mixture of 20:1 DCM:EtOH. The dark orange band containing $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$ was collected and monitored using UV-Vis. More pure sample of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$ was attained via evaporative crystallization using 5:1 DCM:octane.

2.2.2.3 $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$

$\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$ was prepared by KI halide anion exchange on $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$. Crude product of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ was synthesized using 50 mg of $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Cl}$ (0.1 mol) prior to removal of excess triphenylphosphine and chlorine ions. The dried $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ product was then resuspended with 2 mL of DCM and 2 mL of nanopure water containing 166 mg (1 mmol) of KI was added. This solution was mixed vigorously for 2 hours before the aqueous layer was removed,

and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$ was purified by column chromatography that was prepared with silica gel and solvent mixture of 20:1 DCM:EtOH.

2.2.2.4 $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$

$\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_3$ was prepared according to a literature procedure.⁴⁵ 50 mg (0.1 mmol) of $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Cl}$ was added to 2.8 mL of EtOH. 0.3 mL EtOH containing 1.05 mg (0.07 mmol) of NaBH_4 was slowly dripped in the stirring cloudy white solution produced a dark brownish-red solution. After allowing the reaction to stir for two hours, the crude sample was precipitated from 50 mL hexane overnight. The supernatant was removed, and the orange pellet was resuspended in minimum amount of DCM. After running through a simple vacuum filtration, further purification of the crude $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ was performed by multiple precipitation and resuspension using hexane and DCM, respectively. The $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ crystals were collected using solvent-solvent diffusion of hexane in DCM under -20°C .

2.2.2.5 $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$

$\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$ was prepared by KBr halide anion exchange on $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$. Crude product of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ was synthesized using 50 mg of $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Cl}$ (0.1 mol) prior to removal of excess triphenylphosphine and chlorine ions. The dried $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ product was then resuspended with 2 mL of DCM and 2 mL of nanopure water containing 119 mg (1 mmol) of KBr was added. This solution was mixed vigorously for 2 hours before the aqueous layer was removed, and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{I}_3$ was purified by column chromatography that was prepared with silica gel and solvent mixture of 20:1 DCM:EtOH.

2.2.2.6 Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇I₃

Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₃ was prepared similar to Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺. 59 mg (0.1 mmol) of Au(PPh₃)I was fully dissolved in 2 mL of DCM to produce a clear solution. Rapid addition of 0.3 mL EtOH containing 1.05 mg (0.07 mmol) of NaBH₄ in the stirring Au(PPh₃)I solution produced a dark red-brownish solution. After allowing the reaction to stir for 90 minutes, the crude sample was precipitated from 50 mL pentane. The supernatant was removed, and the orange pellet was resuspended in a minimum amount of DCM. This precipitation was repeated and further purified by column chromatography that was prepared with silica gel and solvent mixture of 20:1 DCM:EtOH. The dark orange band containing Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₂⁺ was collected and monitored using UV-Vis. More pure sample of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₂⁺ was attained via evaporative crystallization using 5:1 DCM:octane.

2.2.2.7 Au₁₁NCs with Cyanide Group

Au₁₁NCs with a cyanide group were prepared by KCN cyanide anion exchange on Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺. Crude product of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺ was synthesized using 50 mg of Au(PPh₃)Cl (0.1 mmol) prior to removal of excess triphenylphosphine and chlorine ions. The dried Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺ product was then resuspended with 2 mL of DCM and 2 mL of nanopure water containing 65 mg (1 mmol) of KCN was added. This solution was mixed vigorously for 2 hours before the aqueous layer was removed, and Au₁₁NCs with cyanide were purified by column chromatography that was prepared with silica gel and solvent mixture of 20:1 DCM:EtOH.

2.2.2.8 Au₁₁(dppp)₅³⁺

Au₁₁(dppp)₅³⁺ was prepared according to a literature procedure.³¹ 35 mg (0.048 mmol) of Au₂(dppp)Cl₂ was added to 7.5 mL of EtOH. The white cloudy solution containing Au₂(dppp)Cl₂

was stirred 15 minutes prior to the addition of 2.5 mg NaBH_4 (0.066 mmol) in 2.5 mL of EtOH, which produced a dark brown solution. After heating up the solution to 70 °C overnight, the crude $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_5^{3+}$ sample was washed with hexane multiple times. The sample was further purified by column chromatography prepared with biobeads S-X1 and DCM. The brown band containing $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_5^{3+}$ was collected and monitored using UV-Vis. More pure sample of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_5^{3+}$ was attained via evaporative crystallization using 5:1 DCM:octane.

2.2.2.9 $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{dppp})_4\text{Cl}_4^+$

$\text{Au}_{13}(\text{dppp})_4\text{Cl}_4^+$ was prepared with two step synthesis according to a literature procedure.⁵⁵ 40 mg (0.055 mmol) of $\text{Au}_2(\text{dppp})\text{Cl}_2$ was added to 35 mL of EtOH and mixed with 8.74 mg of NaBH_4 (0.23 mmol) in 5 mL EtOH. The dark brown solution was stirred for 2 hours, followed by the removal of insoluble precipitates. The remaining solution was dried and redissolved in 10 mL of EtOH containing 0.25 mL of 37.7% w/w HCl (~ 3 mmol) solution. After 68 hours of stirring, the crude $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{dppp})_4\text{Cl}_4^+$ solution was dried and resuspended in minimal amount of DCM for column chromatography that was prepared with biobead S-X1 and DCM. The dark red band containing $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{dppp})_4\text{Cl}_4^+$ was collected and monitored using UV-Vis. More pure sample of $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{dppp})_4\text{Cl}_4^+$ was attained via evaporative crystallization using 5:1 DCM:octane.

2.2.2.10 $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$

$\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$ was prepared in a similar manner to $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$. 54 mg (0.1 mmol) of chloro(triphenylarsine) gold (I) was fully dissolved in 2 mL of DCM to produce a clear solution. Rapid addition of 0.3 mL EtOH containing 1.14 mg (0.07 mmol) of NaBH_4 in the stirring chloro(triphenylarsine) gold (I) solution produced a dark brownish solution. After allowing the reaction to stir for 90 minutes, the crude sample was precipitated from 50 mL of pentane. The

supernatant was removed, and the brown pellet was resuspended in minimum amount of DCM. This precipitation was repeated and further purified by column chromatography that was prepared with biobead S-X1 and DCM. The dark red band containing $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$ was collected and monitored using UV-Vis. More pure sample of $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$ was attained via evaporative crystallization using 5:1 DCM:octane.

2.2.2.11 $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{SbPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$

$\text{Au}_{13}(\text{SbPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$ was prepared according to a literature procedure.⁵⁴ 50 mg (0.17 mmol) of $\text{Au}(\text{Me}_2\text{S})\text{Cl}$ was fully dissolved in 2 mL of DCM to produce a clear solution which was then mixed with 60 mg (0.17 mmol) of SbPh_3 in 3 mL of DCM. After stirring 80 minutes in the dark, the solution was fully dried to remove any remaining Me_2S . In the fully dried $\text{Au}(\text{SbPh}_3)\text{Cl}$, additional 16.66 mg of SbPh_3 (0.05 mmol) was added with 5 mL of DCM. Dropwise addition of 0.83 mL EtOH solution containing 1.58 mg of NaBH_4 (0.04 mmol) in the stirring $\text{Au}(\text{SbPh}_3)\text{Cl}$ solution produced a dark brown solution. After allowing the reaction to stir for 6 hours, the crude sample was washed with hexane multiple times. The sample was further purified by column chromatography prepared with Bio-Beads S-X1 and DCM. The brown band containing $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{SbPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$ was collected and monitored using UV-Vis. More pure sample of $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{SbPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$ was attained via evaporative crystallization using 5:1 DCM:octane.

2.3 Extinction Spectroscopy

Purified Au(I) precursors and AuNCs were suspended in DCM or EtOH and characterized by UV-vis-NIR extinction spectroscopy using a Cary 5000 spectrophotometer (Agilent, Inc.) in quartz cuvettes (Starna Cells, Inc.) with a 1 cm path length. All spectra were baseline corrected with respect to the spectrum of the solvent (DCM or EtOH).

2.4 Electrospray Ionization Mass Spectroscopy

A small amount of purified and dried AuNCs was suspended in 15 μL of MeOH and characterized by electrospray ionization mass spectroscopy (ESI-MS) through direct injection on Shimadzu instrument LCMS-2020. The spray voltage was 3.2-4.0 kV, supplied with a flow rate of 3.00 $\mu\text{L min}^{-1}$. All the ions were detected in negative mode from 500 to 5000 m/z

2.5 Single Crystal X-Ray Diffraction

The X-ray diffraction intensity data were collected on a Bruker Apex II diffractometer equipped with CCD detector, using Cu IMuS micro-focus radiation ($\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$). The frames were integrated with the Bruker SAINT software package using a narrow-frame algorithm. Data were corrected for absorption effects using the multi-scan method (SADABS). All the structural solutions and refinements were performed with the SHELXTL suite of programs. Crystal data, data collection parameters, and refinement data are summarized in **Table A1**.

2.6 Photoluminescence Spectroscopy

Purified Au(I) precursors and AuNCs were suspended in DCM or EtOH and characterized by photoluminescence spectroscopy using a Horiba Jobin-Yvon NanoLog spectrometer with 450 W xenon source and a Symphony II InGaAs array detector. Excitation gratings were blazed at 330 nm with 1200 grooves/mm and emission gratings blazed at 780 nm with 100 grooves/mm. All spectra were corrected for gratings, lamp, and detector response. A dark off-set was used for all measurements. A 780 nm NIR cut-on filter (Oriel Instruments) was used in all measurements to block the excitation source. Quartz cuvettes with 1.0 cm × 0.4 cm dimensions (Hellma, Inc.) were used for these analyses.

Particles and standards were excited at 360 nm using an excitation slit width of 5 nm and an emission slit width of 10 nm. Emission was measured from 750 to 1500 nm, using a 30 s integration time with the InGaAs array operating in high dynamic range. For emission/excitation contour maps, the excitation measurements ranged from 300 to 600 nm with 3 nm slits, and the emission measurement ranged from 750 to 1500 nm with 3 nm slits. A 10 s integration time was used with the InGaAs array operating in high sensitivity mode.

2.7 Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)

Infrared vibrational data for Au(I) precursors and AuNCs were collected using Bruker VERTEX-70LS FTIR microscope. Pressed KBr pellets containing each sample were prepared for the IR measurement within the range of 4000-400 cm^{-1} . Additionally, a drop of DCM containing

the sample was sandwiched between two NaCl salt plates for liquid phase FTIR measurement. The raw spectra were correct with a background correction.

2.8 Raman Spectroscopy

Raman samples were prepared prior to the experiment by dropping and drying Au(I) precursors and AuNCs in DCM on microscope glass slides. Raman shifts for Au(I) precursor and AuNCs were measured using Renishaw inVia Raman microscope. Dried samples were radiated with 633 nm laser operating at 50 mW CW and measured using 1800 1/mm grating and Renishaw CCD Camera. Different timescale (~ 10-15 seconds) and laser power output (10-50%) was used for various samples.

3.0 Computational Details

All density functional theory (DFT) calculations were performed using CP2K package.⁵¹ The exchange-correlation energy was described by the generalized-gradient approximation with Perdew-Burke-Ernzerh (PBE) exchange-correlation energy functional.⁵⁶ The wavefunctions were expanded in an optimized double- ζ valence potential molecularly optimized basis sets in their short range variant (DZVP-MOLOPT-SR-GTH) with the complementary planewave cut-off of 320 rydberg (Ry) for electron density.⁵¹ Core electrons for Au and halogen atoms have been modelled by norm-conserving scalar relativistic Godeker-Theta-Hutter (GTH) pseudopotentials.⁵⁷ Additionally, dispersion interactions were corrected using third order density functional tight binding (DFTB3) methods.⁵⁸ The Au(I) precursors were placed in a cubic simulation box of 20 Å while AuNCs were placed in a box size ranging from 40 to 50 Å, which is large enough to separate periodic replica of Au(I) precursors and AuNCs. Structure optimizations were performed using the original crystal structure of each Au(I) precursors and AuNCs with a convergence criterion of 0.023 eV/Å for a residual force and without a symmetry constraint. To further validate the relaxed structure from the DFT optimization, molecular dynamics (MD) simulations were performed on the previously relaxed structure in a canonical (NVT) ensemble with temperature at 300 K. MD simulations were performed for 125 fs scale with 0.5 fs timesteps, which lead to convergence of potential energy and constant quantity of the system. Fully relaxed geometries of each Au(I) precursors and AuNCs were then used to calculate single point energy, projected density of states (PDOS), Kohn-Sham (KS) orbitals, and total electron density. Calculated discrete PDOS were broaden with Gaussian functions having width of 0.07 eV. The Bader charge analyses of individual atoms on the molecules was evaluated by assigning the calculated electron density captured in the

zero flux surfaces onto the atom's electron charge density. The optical absorption calculations were performed from the relaxed structure using time dependent density functional theory (TDDFT) implemented in CP2K.⁵⁹ Same parameters were used to calculate optical transitions, which were then broadened with Gaussian functions having width of 0.02 eV. Visualization of computational results were done with use of matplotlib package and Visual Molecular Dynamics (VMD) software.^{60, 61}

4.0 Results

4.1 Experimental Characterization of Gold Precursors and Nanoclusters

Both gold(I) precursors and phosphine capped AuNCs were synthesized and purified (see **Section 2.2** for experimental details). Using single crystal X-ray diffractometry (SC-XRD), geometry and type of AuNCs were confirmed and analyzed. Experimental optoelectrical measurements, such as absorption, photoluminescence, and vibrational spectroscopy, were used to elucidate the influence of different ligands on overall nanoparticle properties.

4.1.1 Crystal Structures

After the syntheses and purification, the atomic coordination of Au₁₁NCs were identified using SC-XRD (**Figure 5**). Due to low-quality crystals, the X-ray diffraction patterns had large errors for the coordination of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Cl₃ and Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₂⁺, especially for the lighter elements like carbon and hydrogen. Even with the low resolution of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Cl₃ and Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₂⁺, X-ray diffraction patterns provided the coordinates for the heavier atoms: gold, halogen, and phosphorous. For Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Br₃, many crystallization attempts yielded no representable crystal to be measured using SC-XRD to produce a reasonable data set. Some crystals structures of previously solved crystal, including Au₁₁(dppp)₅³⁺ and Au(I) precursors, were referenced and used here when they had matching unit cell data from the X-ray diffraction.^{34, 50}

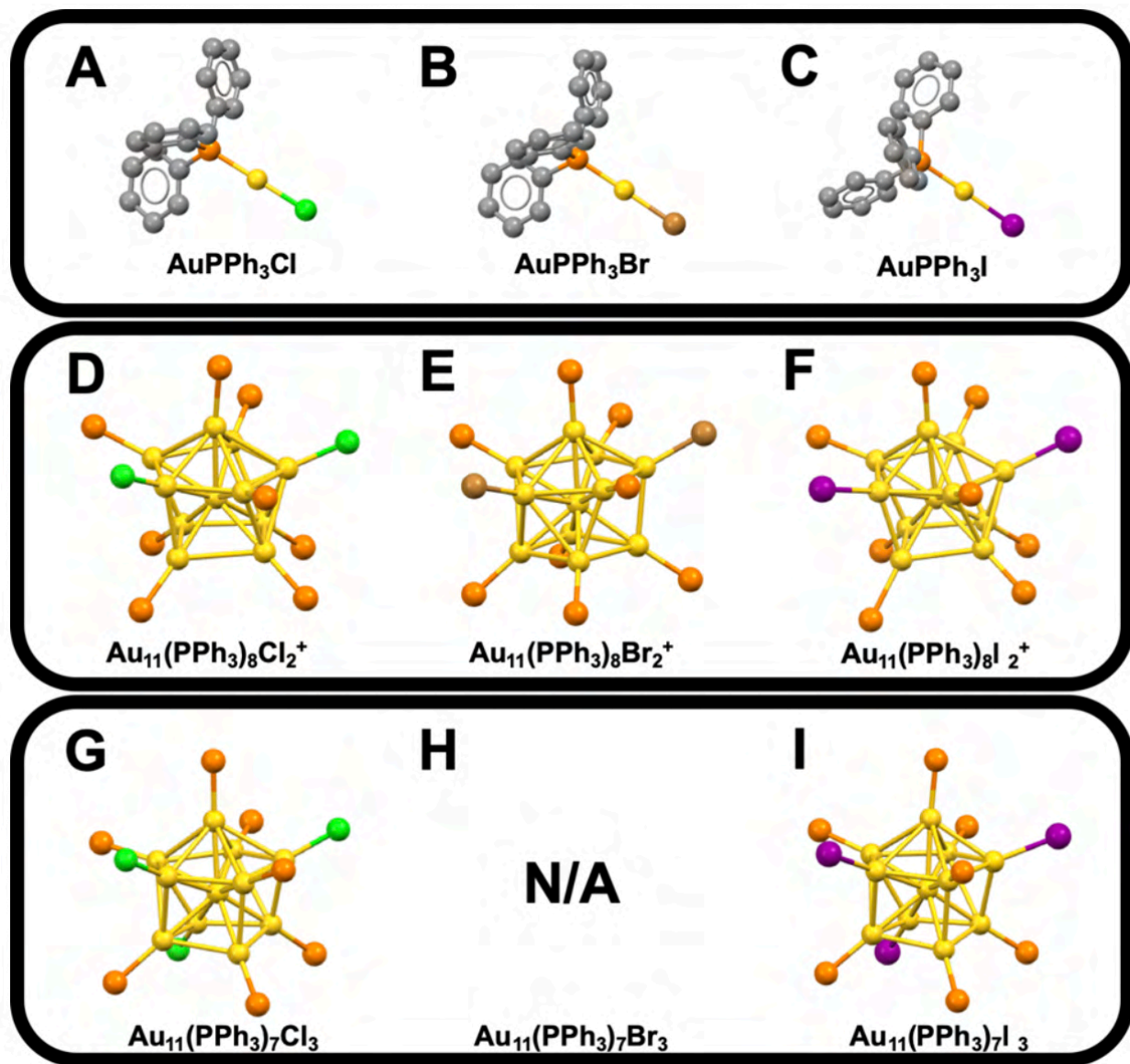


Figure 5. Crystal structure of Au(I) precursors and Au₁₁NCs. The previously reported crystal structures of A) Au(PPh₃)Cl, B) Au(PPh₃)Br, and C) Au(PPh₃)I were used to match the unit cell of Au(I) precursor crystals. The crystal structure of D) Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺, E) Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺, F) Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₂⁺, G) Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Cl₃, and I) Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇I₃ were collected using SC-XRD. H) Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Br₃ is left blank due to lack of quality crystal structure.

The crystal structures of the Au(I) precursors and Au₁₁NCs show that the coordination of the ligands on the adjacent gold atom does not change much among different species. The P-Au-

X angle are very close to 180° as well as center Au – surface Au – ligands in the clusters are approximately 180° . Among the Au_{11}NCs , the geometries of the gold core remain very similar: one center gold atom surrounded by the neighboring ten gold atoms, keeping the cluster of the gold core in a pseudospherical shape. The ten surface gold atoms are bound to either halide or phosphine ligands. Among the three $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$), the overall structures do not change at all. Similarly, with the identical structures among $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{X}_3$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ and I), it is safe to assume a similar $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$ structure. In addition to having a different coordination of ligands, the gold core geometries of the $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{X}_3$ are slightly different by having symmetry of C_1 and C_3 , respectively.⁴⁵

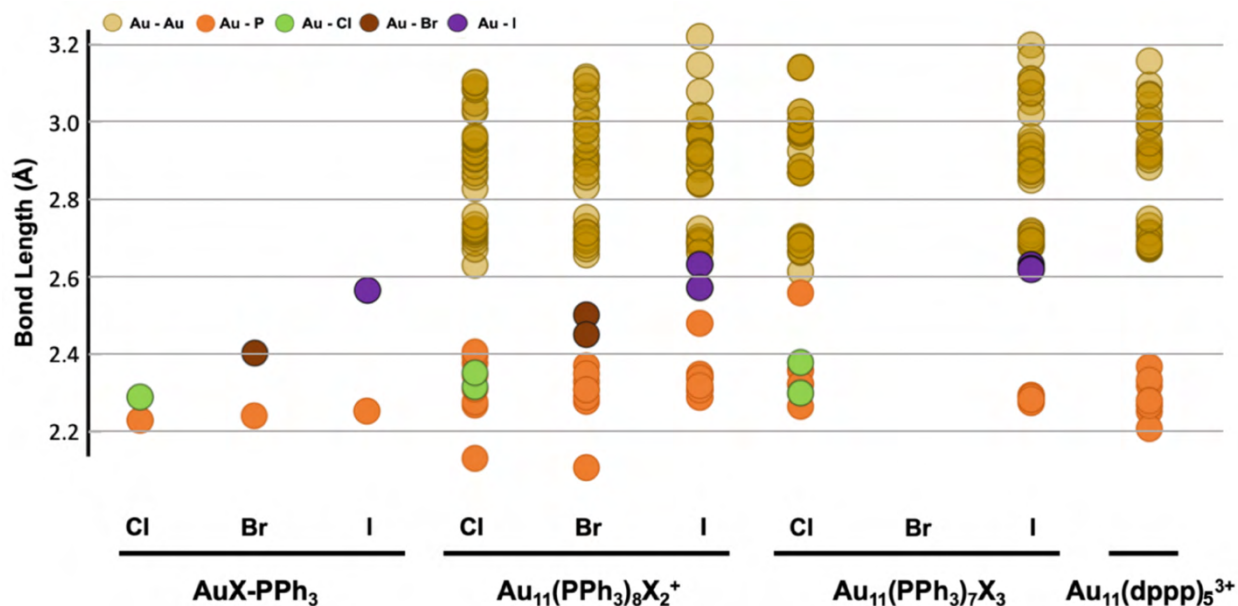


Figure 6. Distribution plots of bonding distance in mononuclear gold precursors and nanoclusters measured from their crystal structures. Color indicates bonds between two elements: gold-gold (yellow), gold-phosphorous (orange), gold-chlorine (green), gold-bromine (brown), and gold-iodine (purple). From left to right: $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Cl}$, $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Br}$, $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{I}$, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{I}_3$, and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_5^{3+}$. The bonding distance plot of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$ was left blank due to lack of its crystal structure.

From the crystal structure of each Au(I) precursor and Au₁₁NC, the bonding lengths between atoms can be plotted to give further insight into the nature of the bonding. For all the compounds, including both Au(I) precursors and Au₁₁NCs, the lengths of the Au-X bonds increase as the atomic radius of the halogen expands. Interestingly, the distance between the Au-P bonds remain uninfluenced by the type of halogen in the system. The average Au-P bonds are slightly larger in the Au₁₁NCs compared to when they are present in mononuclear gold precursors. Similarly, the slight increases in bond length are observed for the gold-phosphorous bonds across the precursors and nanoclusters, but the degree of expansion is rather obscure. Unlike the previously mentioned gold-halogen and gold-phosphorous bonds, the bond lengths among gold atoms in the core have a wide range of lengths, varying from 2.6 to 3.2 Å. For all the Au₁₁NCs, shorter bonds exist between the center gold atom to the neighboring gold atoms while longer bonds form between surface gold atoms to its neighboring surface atoms. The distribution of bonds between gold atoms indicates that each gold atom is in a slightly different environment.

4.1.2 Absorption Spectrum

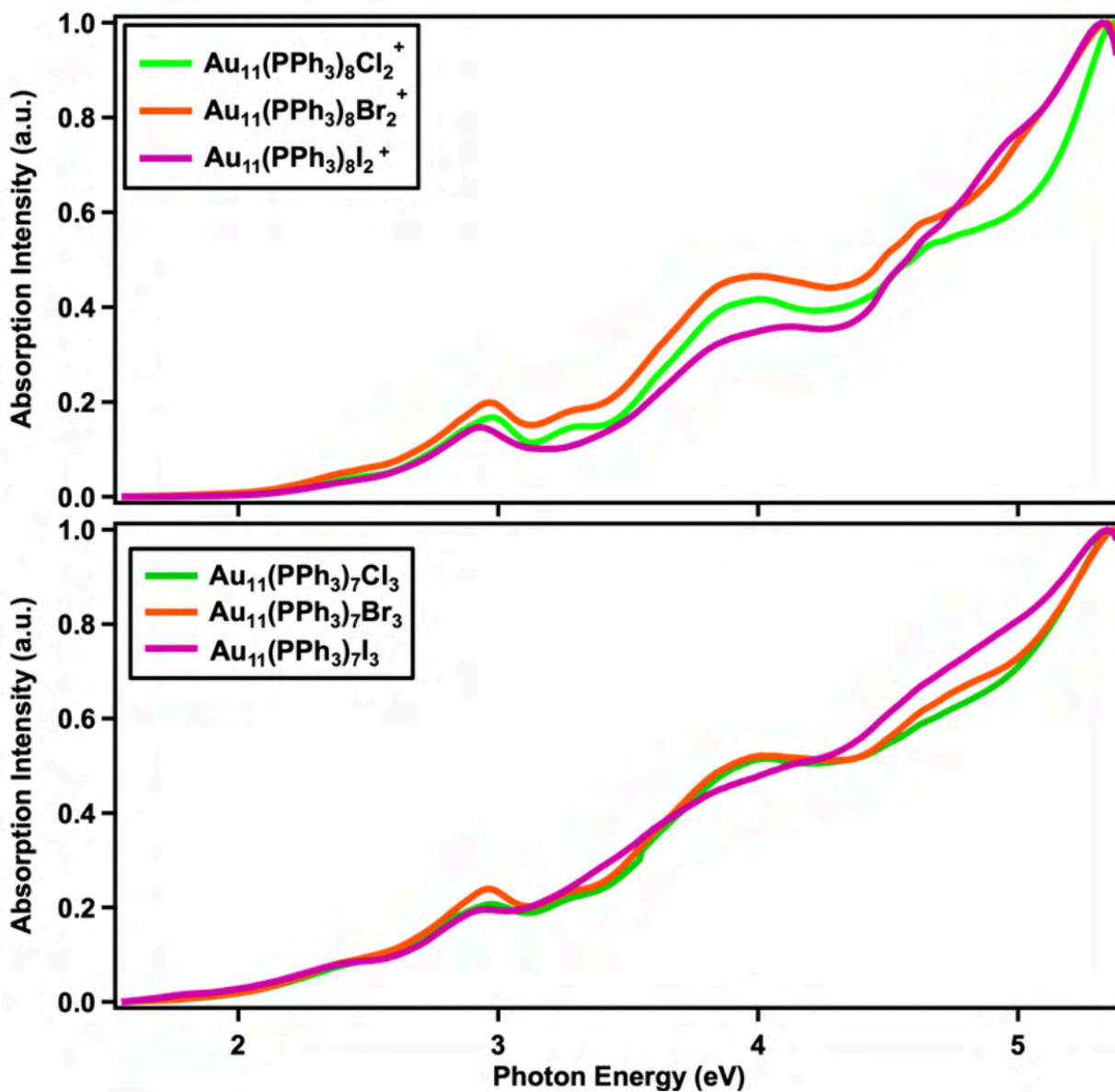


Figure 7. Normalized absorption spectra of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{X}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{X}_3$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br},$ and I) with different quantity and types of halides.

All the Au_{11}NCs solvated in DCM have a similar reddish orange color that is indistinguishable with the naked eye. Using the extinction spectroscopy, the absorption features of Au_{11}NCs in the visible to UV regions were measured. The absorption spectrum of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$

appears to absorb light slightly before 2 eV and shows characteristic absorptions near 2.98, 3.30, 3.85 and 4.70 eV. This pattern, consistent with previous reports, can be assigned to the distorted icosahedral geometry in the gold core (**Figure 7**).^{17, 45} As the halogen on gold core becomes heavier, the absorption peak at 2.98 nm redshifts slightly to 2.90 nm. Other features like quenching of small bump at 3.30 nm and broadening of peak at 3.85 nm is also noticeable. The difference between absorption features of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺ to Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Cl₃ is much harder to detect. For Au₁₁NCs capped with chlorine, there is a minor red shift in the peak at 2.98 for Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Cl₃ compounds followed by a peak shoulder feature near 3.85. Similarly, Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Br₃'s absorption spectrum is virtually indistinguishable from Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺, as it only has subtle differences after the 4 eV region. Unlike Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Cl₃ and Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Br₃, absorption features of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇I₃ is more distinguishable from the rest of the Au₁₁NCs. Taken together, these observations confirm that the excitation pathways of nanoclusters are almost identical to each other except for very minor changes in features caused by the differences in their geometry and surface ligand orientations.

4.1.3 Photoluminescence Spectrum

In addition to the observation of excitation pathways in the absorption spectrum, the photoluminescence spectrum can be used to evaluate the relaxation pathways of gold nanoclusters. By exciting the nanoclusters at 3.44 eV, the quantum yield (Φ) in the NIR regions of each nanocluster was calculated based on the two-dimensional emission profiles relative to a [Yb(tropolone)₄]⁻ standard in optically dilute conditions, shown in the following equation:

$$\frac{\Phi_x}{\Phi_r} = \frac{A_r(\lambda_r)}{A_x(\lambda_x)} \times \frac{I(\lambda_r)}{I(\lambda_x)} \times \frac{n_x^2}{n_r^2} \times \frac{D_x}{D_r} \quad (1)$$

where A and I refer to the absorbance and intensity of the excitation light at the wavelength λ , n is the refractive index, and D is the luminescence intensity integrated from 750 nm (1.65 eV) to 1500 nm (0.827 eV). The subscript x denotes the sample while r is the reference (i.e., [Yb(tropolone)₄]⁻). The [Yb(tropolone)₄]⁻ standard was synthesized using a dry dimethyl sulfoxide solution as previously reported in Zhang et al., producing $\Phi_r = 0.019$. A minimum of five data sets using fresh standards of different concentrations were measured prior to making a calibration curve of extinction area versus emission area.⁶² The slope of the calibration is forced to go through the origin, representing A_r/D_r in equation 1. With refractive index values of $n_x = 1.3617$ (ethanol) and $n_r = 1.4793$ (DMSO), the Φ of each nanocluster was calculated and is listed in the inset table of **Figure 8**.

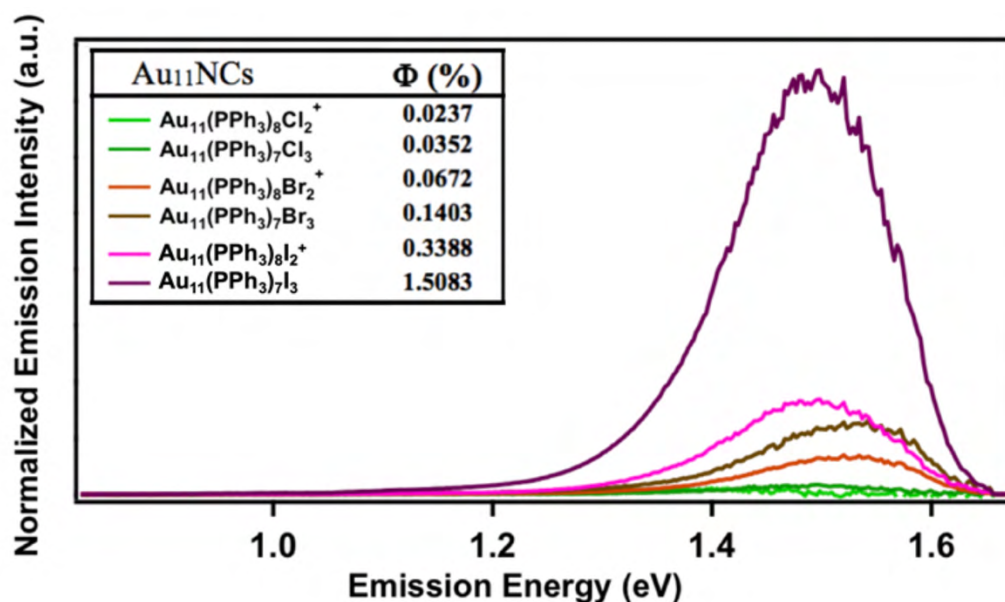


Figure 8. Emission spectra of Au₁₁NCs excited at 3.44 eV. The emission spectra are normalized to their quantum yield (Φ) and plotted afterwards to compare their emission profile. The inset table shows each nanocluster and their quantum yield data.

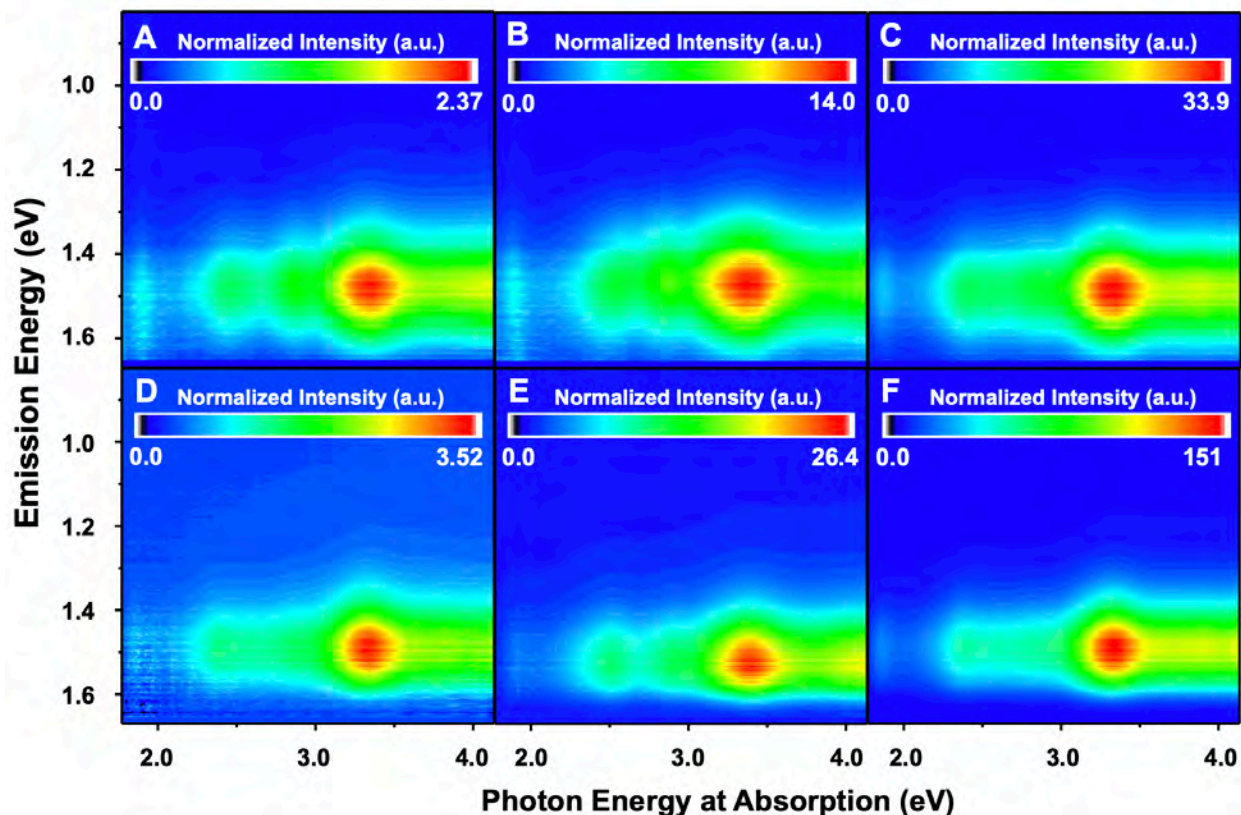


Figure 9. Photoluminescence maps of undecagold nanoclusters A) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$, B) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$, C) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$, D) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$, E) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$, and F) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{I}_3$. The X-axis shows the photon energy applied to the nanoclusters ranging from 1.8 to 4.1 eV, and the Y-axis shows the photon energy collected from emissions ranging from 0.82 to 1.7 eV. The intensities of each sample are normalized to its own quantum yield. Intense emissions are shown with a red color, while low to no emissions are marked with blue.

After normalizing each emission profile to their own Φ , the same emission spectra are plotted in **Figure 8**. Each gold cluster has a unique Φ , increasing from $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ to $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{I}_3$. For all the Au_{11}NCs , the emission peak appears close to 1.5 eV. This similarity in the emission peak across all Au_{11}NCs as well as their features are obvious in **Figure 9**, which shows contour maps of emission with varying excitation for each Au_{11}NCs . The first small peak arises short of the excitation photon energy at 2.0 eV, followed by three larger island-like peaks appearing at 2.5, 2.9, and 3.4 eV. Since the maximum emission peak of all the Au_{11}NCs occurs at

3.4 eV, an increase in excitation energy does not increase the intensities of the emissions occurring at higher photon energy in the system. These similar emission features indicate that the relaxation pathways for these nanoclusters are identical, and the difference in the surface ligands is contributing to the increase in Φ .

4.2 Computational Characterization of Gold(I) Precursors and Nanoclusters

Based on the Au(I) precursors and Au₁₁NCs structures collected from SC-XRD (see **Section 4.1.1** for experimental details), computational models were geometrically optimized. The relaxed structures were used to elucidate more information about the electronic structures of the systems. Computationally analyzed electronic behaviors were provided as an addition to experimental observables to correlate the influence of ligands on Au₁₁NCs properties.

4.2.1 Validation of Theory

CP2K executes the first principle molecular dynamics calculation using a mix of Gaussian and plane wave approaches.⁵¹ The Gaussian approach is to describe the wave-function with combination of Gaussian, while the electron density is calculated on a grid using plane wave approach. Having the mixture of two approaches together, CP2K has efficient algorithm that requires smaller memory.¹⁷ With known crystal structures, the computational model is optimized using DFT, which maps out the electron density and product Gaussian functions onto the real-space integration grids. Further, CP2K implements multi-grid system to represent the product Gaussians, which allows plotting smoother Gaussian functions on a grid. The parameters of multi-

grid are important in convergence of the calculation which is shown in **Figure 10**. The finer grid requires higher planewave cutoff and results in the overall accuracy of the calculation. Additionally, to ensure not to truncate the planewaves by the edge of the box, the size of the simulation box was always at least two times larger than the Au₁₁NCs including the ligand shell, providing more than 2 nm size from the edge of the Au₁₁ NCs in all three dimensions.

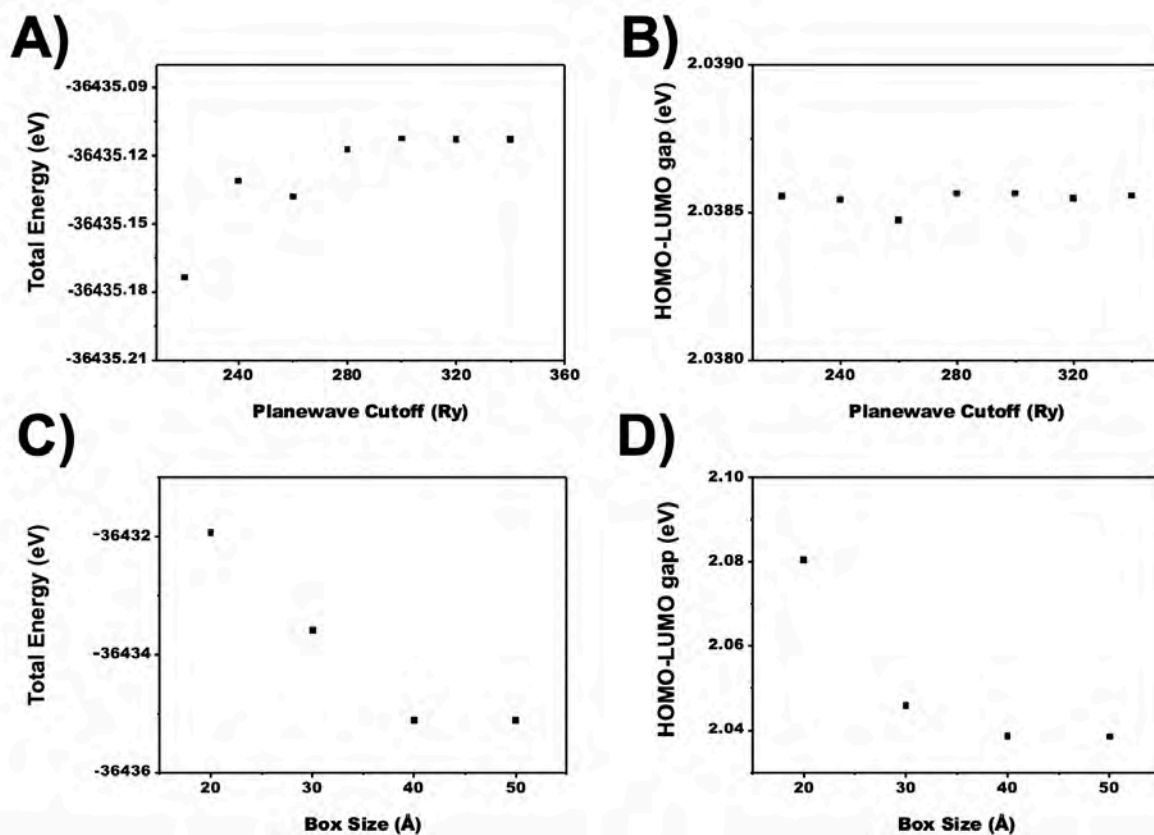


Figure 10. Single point calculation on Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺ with various calculation parameters. A) total energy and B) energy of HOMO-LUMO gap resulting from change in the planewave cutoffs in addition to C) Total energy and D) energy of HOMO-LUMO gap as a function of simulation box size.

After optimizing the geometries of the Au₁₁NCs in the established size of the simulation box with the planewave cutoffs, MD calculations of canonical ensemble were completed to validate the globally optimized structure. In the canonical (NVT) ensemble, the system containing Au₁₁NCs is in contact with a heat bath at 300 K. With both the number of the particles and volume

of the system box held constant, the energies can transfer from in and out of the system to the heat bath, meaning that the potential energy of the Au₁₁NCs is no longer conserved. The sum of the energies stored in the Au₁₁NCs and the heat bath, labeled as constant quantity, should be in or close to equilibrium if the geometry of the Au₁₁NC is in the global minimum energy. After 125 fs of MD simulation, the constant quantity converges with less than 0.1 eV differences, indicating that the initial Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺ is fully optimized to the global minimum energy (**Figure 11**). The potential energy of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺ converges quickly with slight increase in its value, likely due to the transfer of heat from the heat bath. The geometries of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺ throughout the 125 fs MD simulation show almost no changes, except for small movements of phenyl rings on the PPh₃.

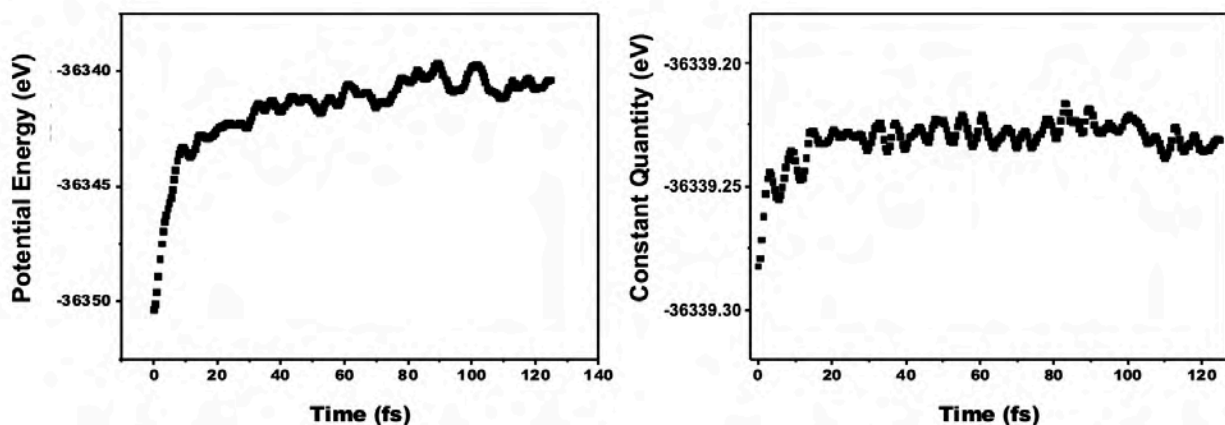


Figure 11. Converging potential energy of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺ and constant quantity from the MD simulation of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺ over simulated time. The MD simulation in canonical ensemble at 300 K was simulated for 125 fs with 0.5 fs timesteps.

Previous theoretical studies on noble metal nanostructures often focus heavily on the binding moieties of the ligands while neglecting the rest of the ligands' geometries for inexpensive calculation time.^{17, 55, 63} In this study, the PPh₃ ligands were initially replaced with trimethylphosphine (PMe₃) for computationally relaxed structure (**Figure 12**). While the fully optimized geometries for trimethyl phosphine capped nanoclusters show similar gold cores as the

original crystal structure, the angle at which ligands are aligned with the gold on the surface show several distortions. The optimization of the Au₁₁NCs with full ligand shells, including the phenyl rings on the phosphorous, provide much closer geometries to what is observed experimentally. To acknowledge the ligand-ligand interaction among phenyl rings, all the computational models used in this study contain full phenyl rings in PPh₃.

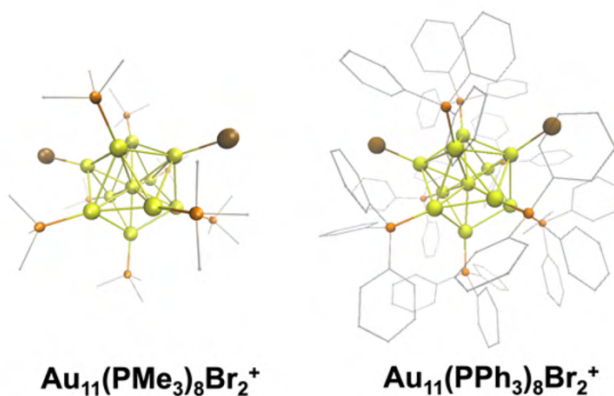


Figure 12. Geometries of the Au₁₁(PMe₃)₈Br₂⁺ and Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺ after completing geometry optimization. The symmetry and geometry of the gold core in the optimized geometry of Au₁₁NCs are highly indistinguishable, but the ligands on the gold surface shows major distortion in Au₁₁(PMe₃)₈Br₂⁺.

4.2.2 Relaxed Geometry and Bond Lengths

The relaxed geometries and symmetries of mononuclear Au(I) precursors and P-Au₁₁NCs do not deviate much from the original crystal structure of each chemical (**Figure 5**). In general, all bonds expanded 1-5% compared to their crystal structure after the optimization. This expansion is expected from PBE functional, which overestimates bonding energy due to self-interactions.

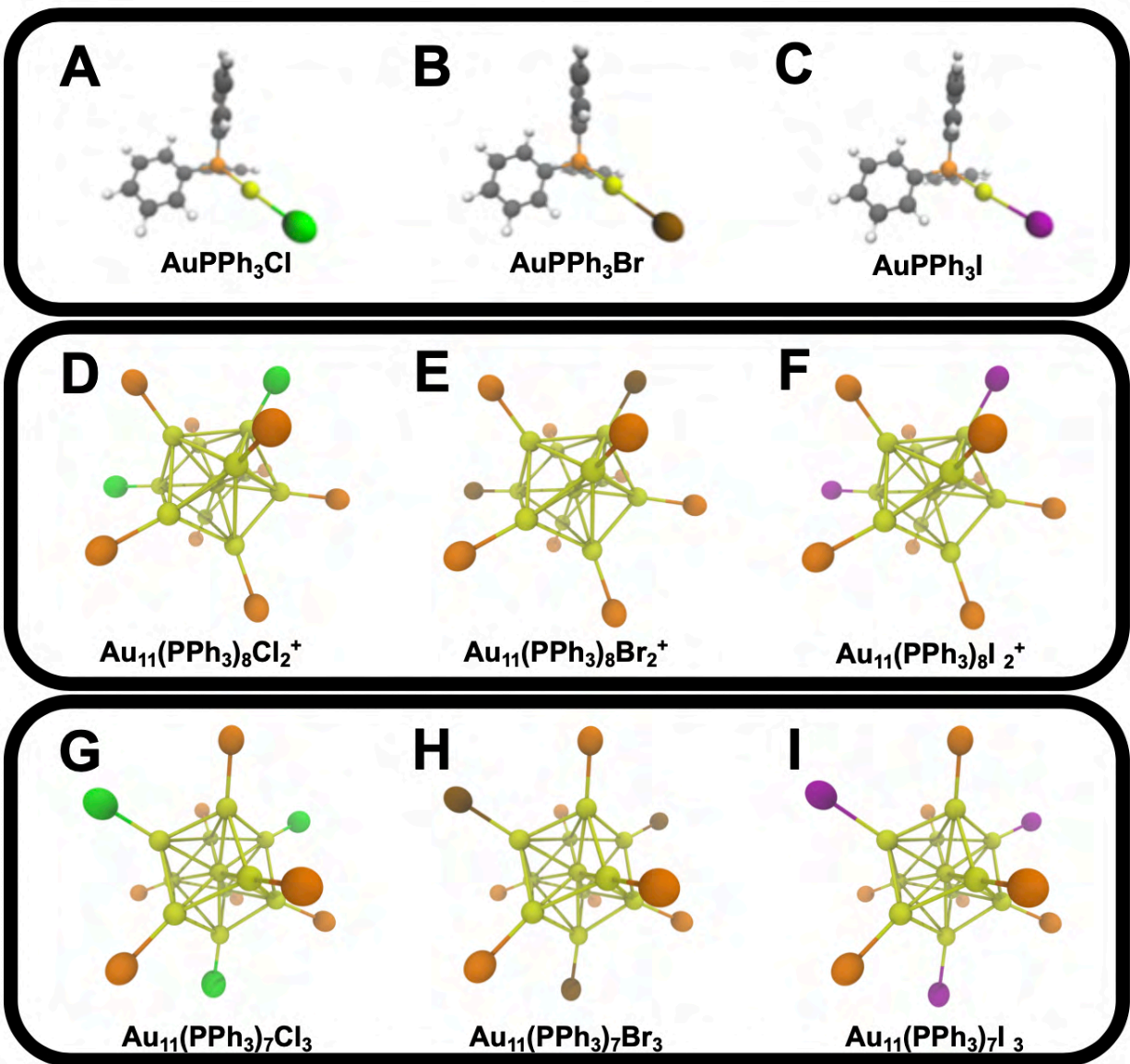


Figure 13. Relaxed geometries of mononuclear gold precursor (A) AuPPh_3Cl , (B) AuPPh_3Br , (C) AuPPh_3I and undecagold nanoclusters (D) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$, (E) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$, (F) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$, (G) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$, (H) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$, and (I) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{I}_3$. Phenyl rings of triphenylphosphine (PPh_3) in nanoclusters are omitted from the figure for clarity. Au, yellow; P, orange; Cl, green; Br, brown; I, purple.

The fully relaxed geometries of mononuclear gold precursors and gold nanoclusters can be analyzed further by plotting the individual bonding between two atoms (**Figure 13**). Besides the slight expansion of the bond lengths for all the bonds, the general trends of bond distances are

identical to their crystal structures (see **section 4.1.1**). Even the wide range of the bond lengths in Au-Au bonding and the visible separation in the length distributions from center to neighboring gold atoms and surface to other surface gold atoms are present in the computational model of Au_{11}NCs . The major difference between the crystal structure and the computational model is the heterogeneity of the Au-P bond in crystal data. This range of Au-P ligands is likely due to the thermal vibration, whereas the computationally optimized structure does not consider the thermal vibration in calculating the minimum energy point. This correlation between the optimized geometry of the computational model and the crystal structure, combined with the MD simulation, indicates the strong agreement between the theory and the experiment.

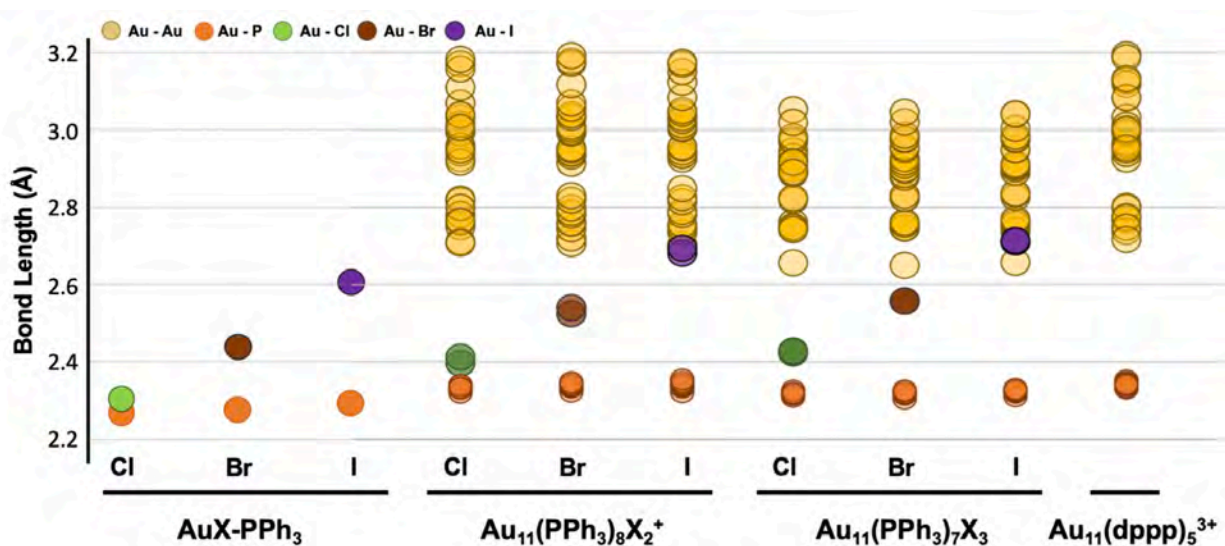


Figure 14. Distribution plots of bonding distance in mononuclear gold precursors and nanoclusters. Color indicates the bonds between two elements: gold-gold (yellow), gold-phosphorous (orange), gold-chlorine (green), gold-bromine (brown), and gold-iodine (purple). From left to right: $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Cl}$, $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Br}$, $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{I}$, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{I}_3$, and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_5^{3+}$.

4.2.3 Bader Charge

Having elucidated fully relaxed geometries of each molecule, the electron densities can be calculated for each grid point. Using Bader analyses, the electron densities are captured by zero flux surface and can be assigned to the nearby atom. The sum of the collected electron densities for each atom becomes the Bader charge of individual atoms. The Bader charges of individual atoms, especially those near the metal core, are evaluated to correlate effects of surface ligands on charge densities (Figure 15).

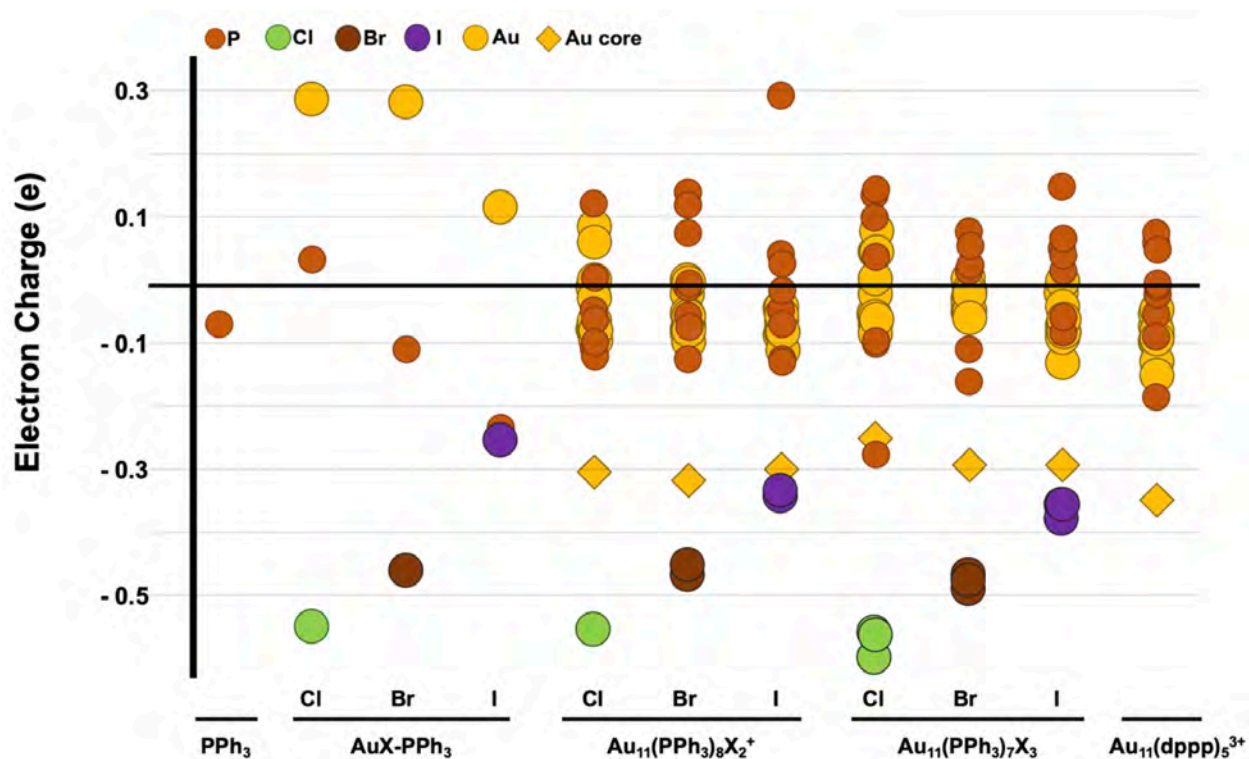


Figure 15. Electron charge distribution plots of atoms in the Au(I) precursors and Au₁₁NCs. Each element is denoted by a color: phosphorous (orange), chlorine (green), bromine (brown), iodine (purple), and gold (yellow). The center gold atom is distinguished with a diamond shape. From left to right: PPh₃, Au(PPh₃)Cl, Au(PPh₃)Br, Au(PPh₃)I, Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺, Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺, Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₂⁺, Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Cl₃, Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Br₃, Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇I₃, and Au₁₁(dppp)₅³⁺.

Similar to the trend observed for bond length, the charge of the halogen atom is directly related to the size and electronegativity of the halogen atom. As the electronegativity of the halogen increases, the charge on the halogen shows a gradually increasing trend. While there are almost no differences among the charges of chlorine or bromine in the precursors and nanoclusters, the negative charge on iodine atoms, shown as a purple dot in **Figure 15**, seems to increase as the number of iodine atoms increases in the system of $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{I}$, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$, and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{I}_3$. Due to less electronegativity, phosphorous and gold atoms are more susceptible to their surroundings, especially in the mononuclear gold precursor. In comparison to the slightly negative charge on the phosphorous atom in PPh_3 , the charge on phosphorous in PPh_3 bound on gold halide transitions from positive to negative as the halide moves from chlorine to iodine. This halide-dependent phosphorous charge trend is not apparent in nanocluster cases where the charge of phosphorous on PPh_3 normally falls somewhere near neutral. The influence of halogens on the charge of the gold core is much more obvious, notably on the gold atoms that are adjacent to the halogen atoms (**Figure 16**). Unlike most of the gold atoms in the core possessing neutral or slightly negative charges, the gold atoms neighboring the chloride ligands show electron deficiency, which is due to the direct influence of the highly electronegative chlorine atoms. Once the chloride ligands are replaced with bromide and iodide ligands, gold bound to the halogen atom shows neutral and negative charges, respectively. The gold atoms that are not directly bound to the halogen atom display very subtle changes in their charges as a function of halogens. Plotted as yellow diamonds in **Figure 15**, the charges on the gold atom in the center of the nanocluster core are relatively independent from various ligands and have the most negative values compared to all the other gold atoms in the metal core.

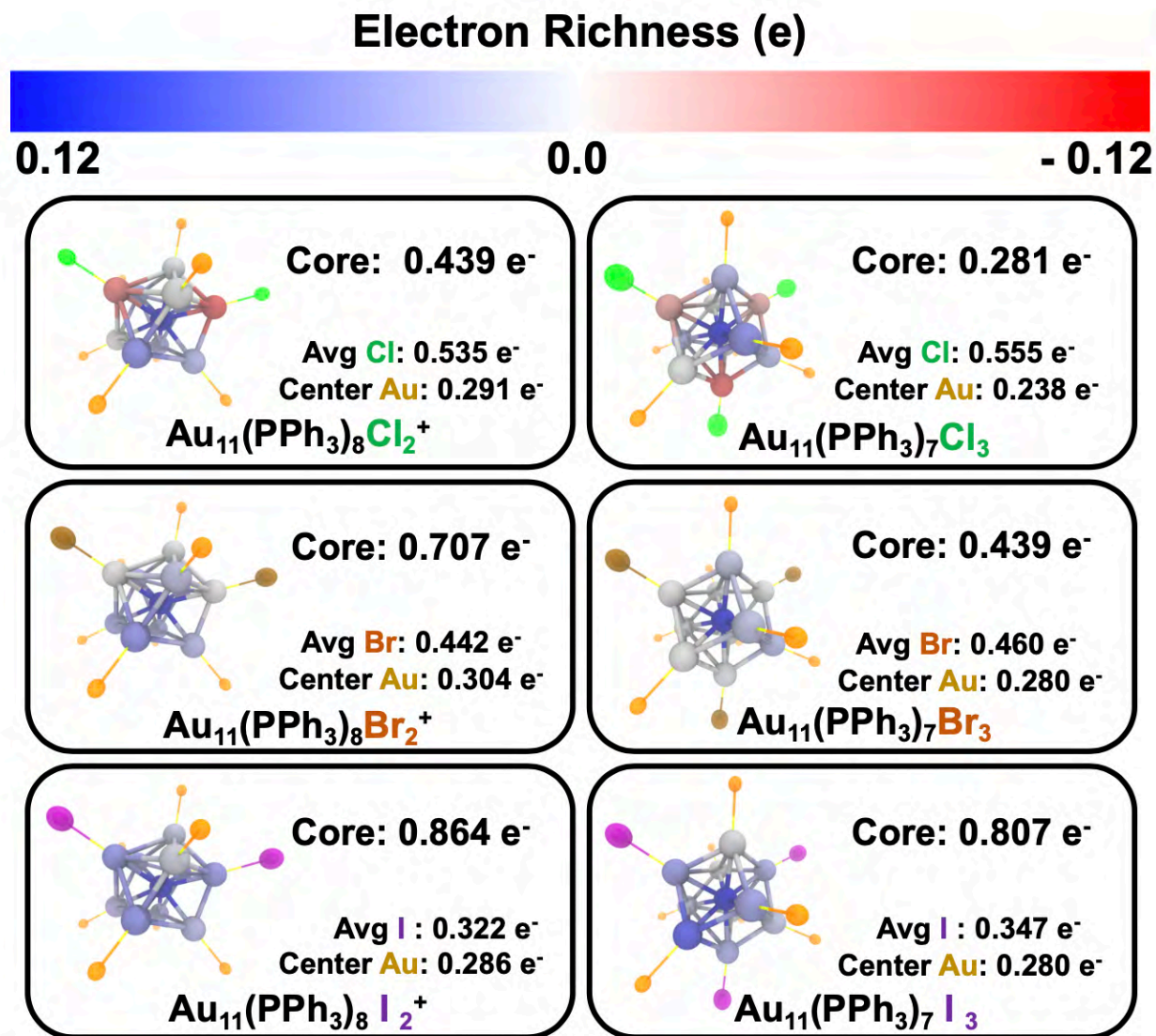


Figure 16. Relaxed structures of phosphine-halide-protected Au_{11}NCs with Bader charges projected on gold atoms. The blue color indicates an electron rich atom whereas the red color indicates an electron poor atom. The core charges of each cluster were calculated by adding up the Bader charges of each gold atom. The electron richness of the center gold atom and an average electron richness for the halide atoms are also denoted below.

4.2.4 Projected Density of States

Projected density of state (PDOS) calculation is a useful way of describing the electronic structure by the electron energy states and the possible states that electrons can occupy at specific energy. In a simple and small molecule like $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Br}$, the PDOS shows highly quantized energy levels even after some degree of Gaussian broadening has been considered (**Figure 17**). Each discrete energy level is visualized with a different color to illustrate the contributions of atomic orbitals (AO) at each energy state. For instance, the electron density at the HOMO state of $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Br}$ is mostly located on the gold and bromine, as the majority of the HOMO peak consists of yellow and brown colors. The HOMO state of $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Br}$ also contains more states per energy compared to neighboring states, which is an indicator that the HOMO state has two degenerate states.

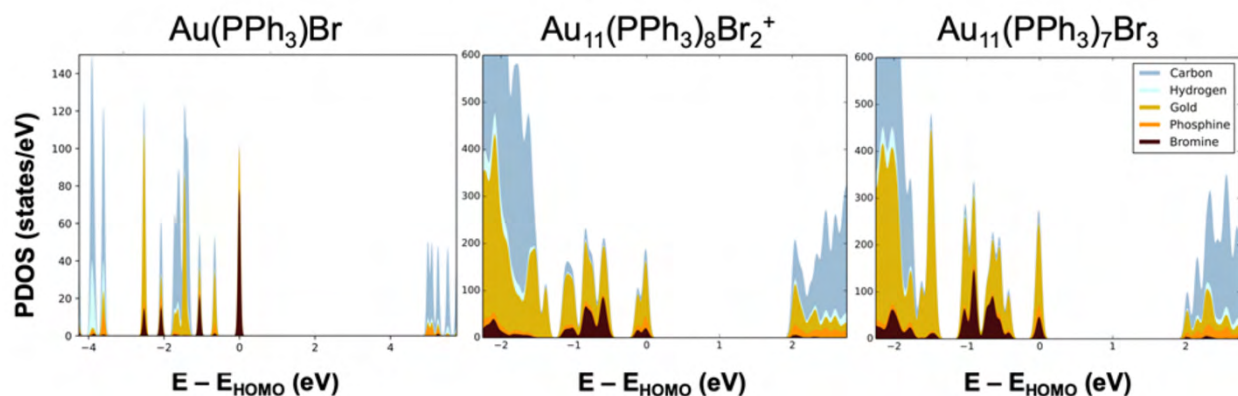


Figure 17. PDOS of $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Br}$, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$, and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$. The x-axis denotes energy states with reference to HOMO level. The y-axis shows possible electronic occupancy for the specific energy states. Different colors were used to describe the elemental contributions: carbon (dark blue), hydrogen (light blue), gold (yellow), phosphorous (orange), and bromide (brown). Each state in PDOS was broadened with 0.05 eV.

Having more atoms incorporated to the system, PDOS of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$ both display increased states per energy and more continuous states compared to

Au(I) precursors. While having more continuous lower occupied energy states, due to their small sizes, Au₁₁NCs still contain molecule-like discrete energy levels, especially near the HOMO region. There is a major decrease in the energy of HOMO-LUMO gap in Au₁₁NCs (1.94 eV for Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺) compared to Au(I) precursors (4.46 eV for Au(PPh₃)Cl), which is also evidenced by appearance of absorption features of Au₁₁NCs in the visible spectrum (see **section 4.1.2**). Interestingly, the HOMO-LUMO gap between the two Au₁₁NCs are virtually indistinguishable, as well as the other general trends observed in the PDOS of two Au₁₁NCs.

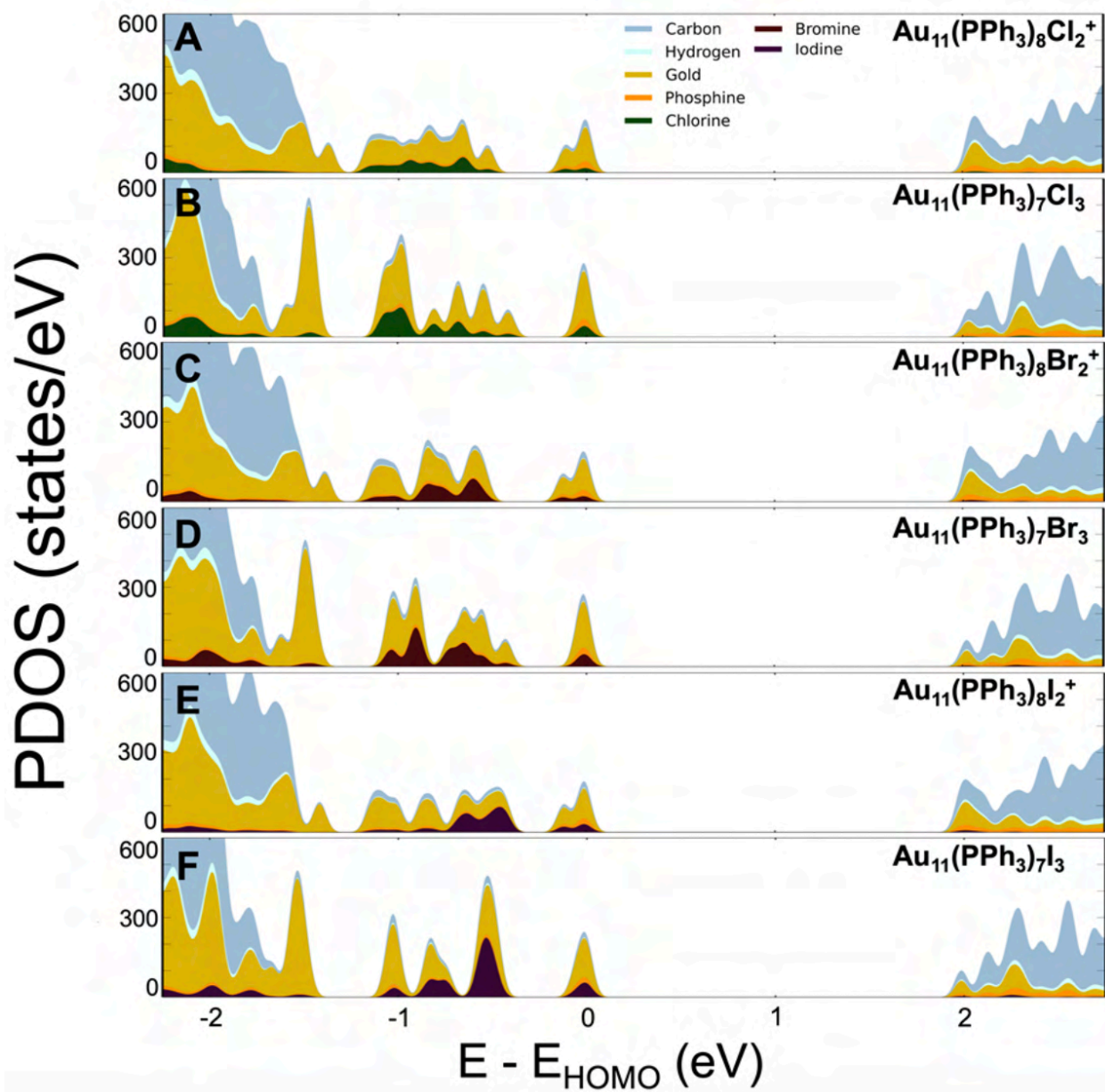


Figure 18. PDOS of undecagold clusters A) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$, B) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$, C) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$, D) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$, E) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$, and F) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{I}_3$ near HOMO-LUMO regions. Energies are represented respect to the energies at HOMO. Colors represent different elemental contribution to the orbital energy level.

Comparing across the nanoclusters, general features are very alike, including the HOMO-LUMO gaps among all the nanoclusters, which are approximately 2 eV. There are a few degenerate orbitals at the HOMO state, which are composed of AOs of gold and halogen. After a small

separation in energy, the HOMO state is followed by the islands of energy states near HOMO – 0.75 eV, also composed mainly of gold and halogen AOs. Further down in the occupied MO, more continuous states constitute large portions of orbital contributions from gold and PPh₃, whereas unoccupied MO states are mostly consisting of MOs from PPh₃. Among these general features of Au₁₁NC's electronic structures, there are minor differences observed between the PDOS of Au₁₁NCs. The differences will be discussed further (see **Section 5.3** for more discussion of PDOS).

4.2.5 Orbital Diagram

Apart from the observation of AO contributions in different energy levels, electron density calculations can be used to display Kohn-Sham (KS) orbitals in three dimensions. Represented as red and blue, the two phases in the molecular orbitals provide information on localization of electrons and the type of the bonding at specific energy levels, especially near the frontier orbitals.

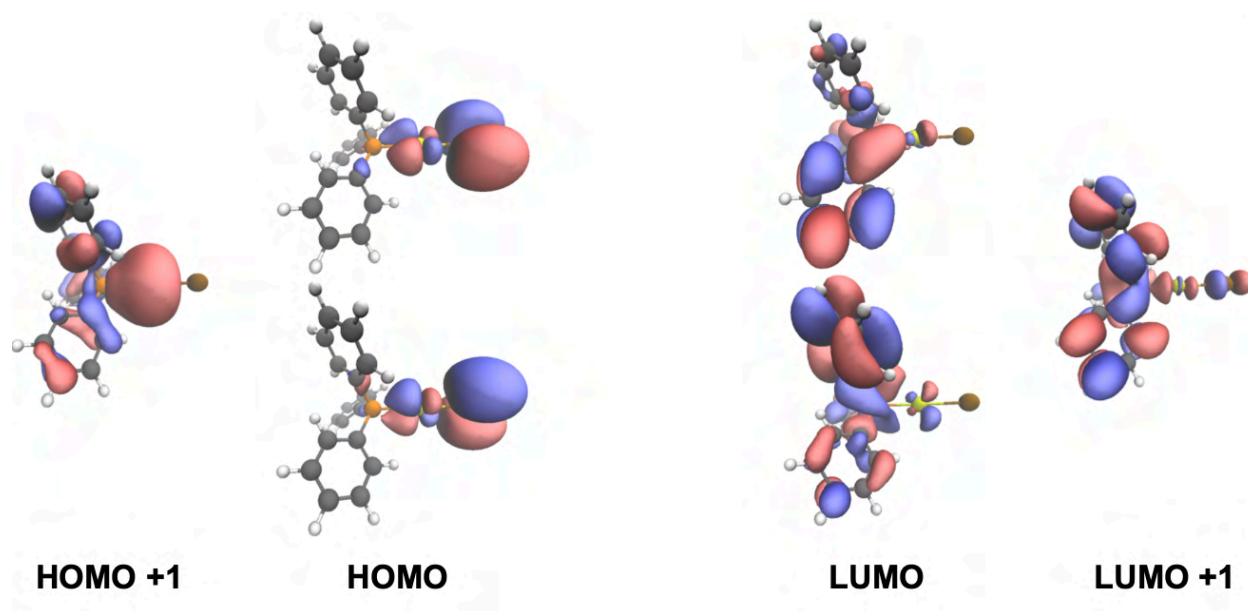


Figure 19. Orbital diagrams of Au(PPh₃)Br near the frontier orbitals. HOMO and LUMO states are doubly degenerate. The orbitals were displayed with isosurface value of 0.02. The blue and red colors indicate differences in their phase.

Just as it was in PDOS, the additional gold atoms in Au₁₁NCs add more complication to the orbital diagrams of Au₁₁NCs compared to what is observed with Au(I) precursors. The HOMO of the Au₁₁NCs shows partially distorted superatomic p-orbital, which is propagated through the core of nanoclusters and interacts with the p-orbitals of bromide and phosphorous on the same plain that bromide is on (**Figure 20**).¹⁷ This HOMO diagram is one of the three degenerate orbitals for Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈X₂⁺. As seen in **Figure 19**, even with changes in their halogen moieties, the orbital structures are virtually indistinguishable besides the slight enlargement of p-orbitals on the halogens. These orbital similarities among the set of 2-halogen nanoclusters also exist for all the energy levels calculated.

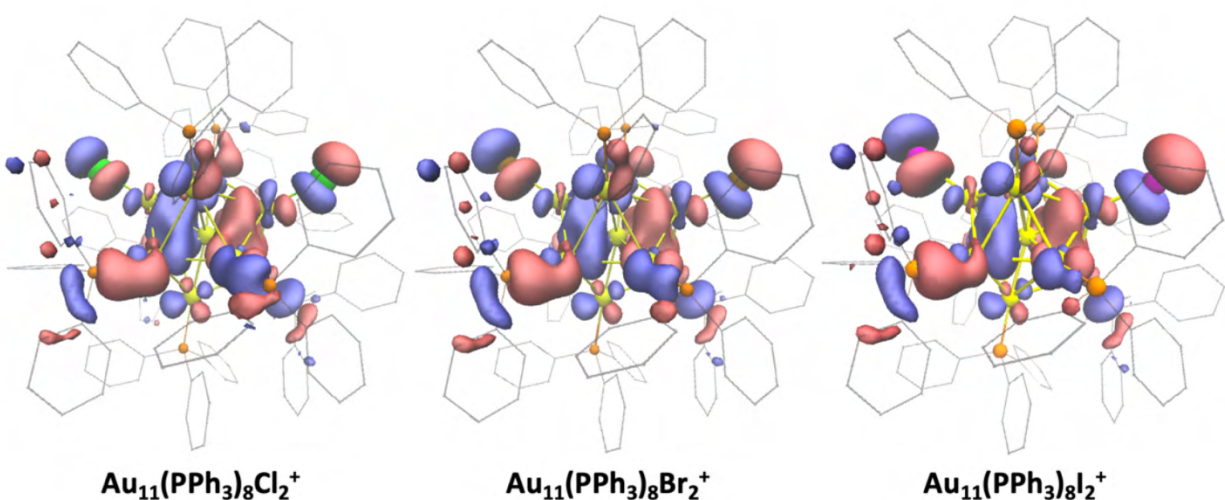


Figure 20. One of three degenerate Highest-Occupied-Molecular-Orbital representations of a) Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺, b) Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺, and c) Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₂⁺. The orbitals were displayed with an isosurface value of 0.02. The blue and red colors indicate differences in their phase.

With increasing symmetry, Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇X₃ compounds show more degenerate molecular orbitals compared to Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈X₂⁺. However, as previously observed with similar elemental contribution on PDOS (**Figure 18**), the overall trends orbital diagrams for both Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈X₂⁺ and Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇X₃ near the frontier orbitals are comparable to each other (**Figure 21**). First, in the low-energy occupied orbital near the -2eV corresponding to the energy of HOMO, major orbital

contributions originate from π -conjugated bonds in phenyl rings, which have almost no direct interaction with the d orbitals of gold that are responsible for the d-band. There are minor contributions from π -bonding between gold's d-orbitals and the halogen's p-orbitals. At the edge of this d-band, electron density is mostly localized in the gold core and has almost no participation from the orbitals of ligands. As the molecular orbital gets energetically closer to the HOMO, π^* orbitals from gold and π -donating halide ligands start to fill up. Even with only a few halogen atoms, especially compared to the number of gold atoms in Au₁₁NCs, the electron density of the halide dominates the energy states as seen in both PDOS and KS orbital. Another interesting behavior of this molecular orbital is that the weak π^* bond starting from the halides to the adjacent gold atom propagates through the d-orbitals in the gold core to the p orbitals in other halides. Some of the d-orbital propagation in the gold core reaches the phosphorous atoms and form a σ^* interaction. In the HOMO of the phosphine-halide-capped Au₁₁NCs, the overall orbital interaction behaves similarly, except that the gold core has now occupied the super atomic p-orbital, which is visualized in the center gold.

Unlike the localized electron densities near the HOMO, electron density of the LUMO spreads out on the surfaces of the gold core as well as on the PPh₃ (**Figure 22**). The d and p-orbitals of surface gold atoms donate their electron density to the empty d-orbitals of the phosphorous, which produces π -back-bonding as displayed by the KS orbital and the appearance of d-orbitals in phosphorous. As electrons are promoted further into unoccupied orbitals, more electron densities from gold transfer to unoccupied s and d orbitals of phosphine and π^* orbitals of phenyl rings.

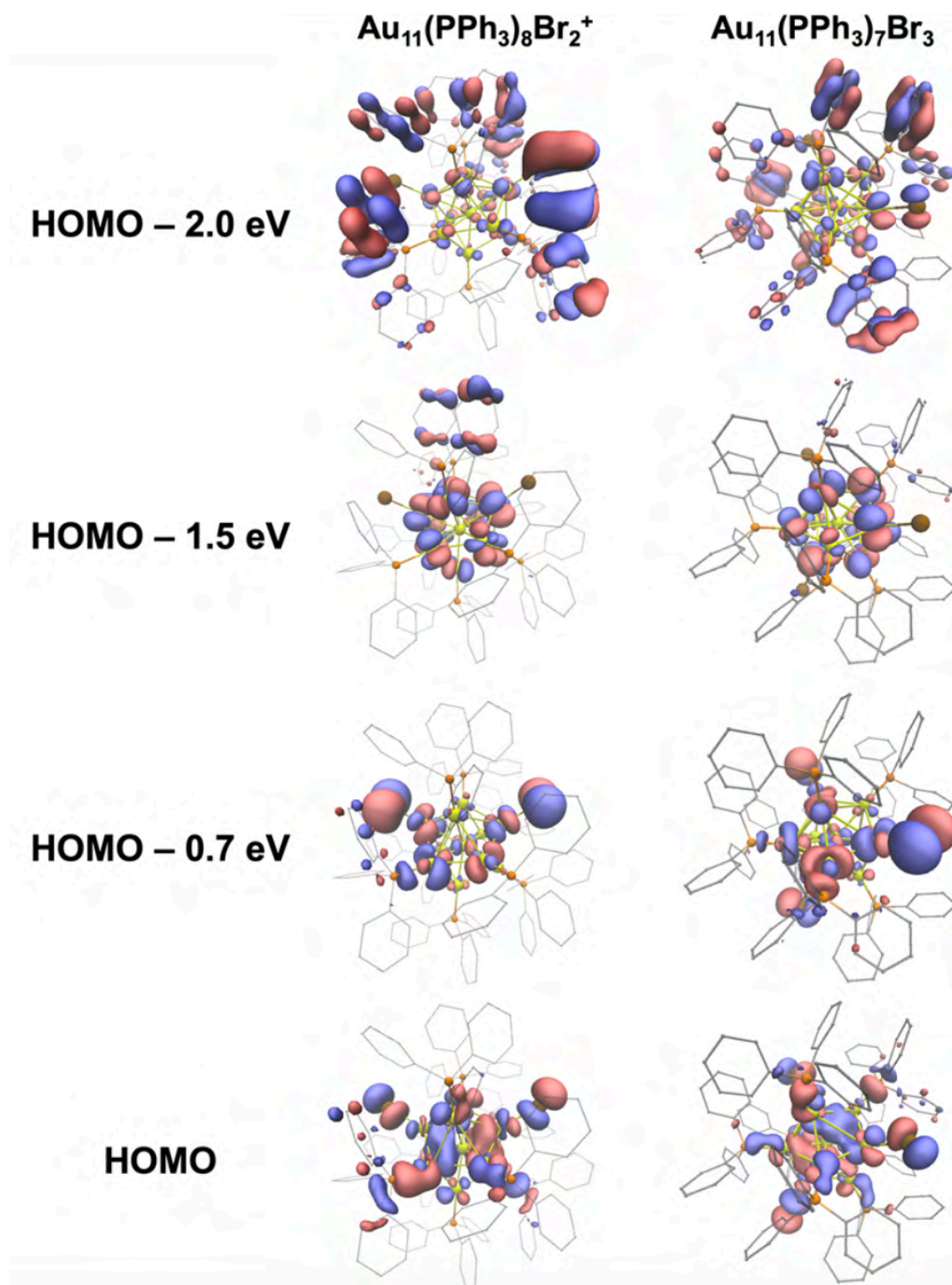


Figure 21. Kohn-Sham orbital representations of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$ at different energies near HOMO. The labels on the left indicates approximate energies of represented orbitals respect to HOMO energy.

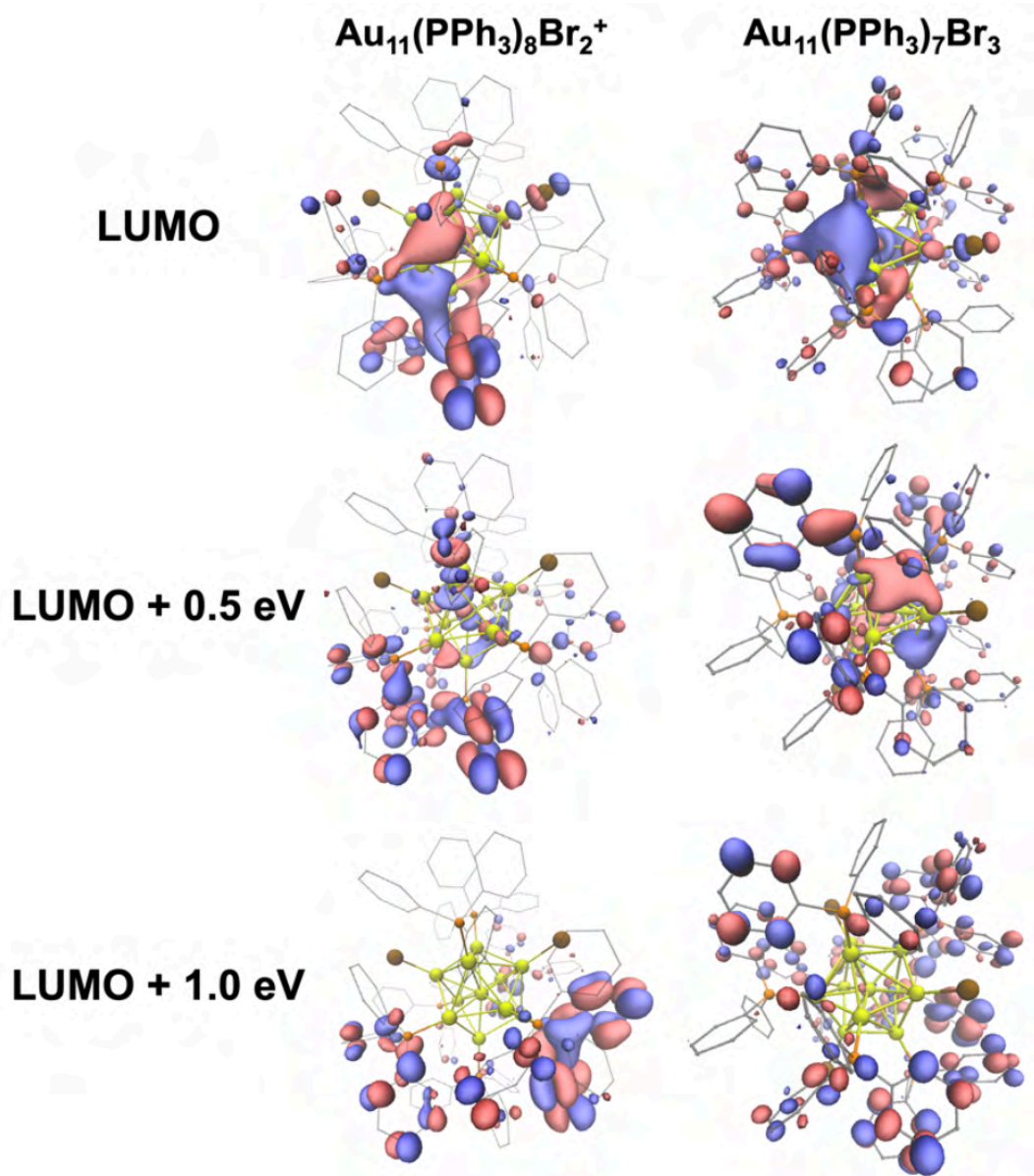


Figure 22. Kohn-Sham orbital representations of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$ at different energies near LUMO. The labels on the left indicates approximate energies of represented orbitals respect to LUMO energy.

4.2.6 Computed Extinction Spectrum

With TDDFT, transitions from occupied energy states to unoccupied energy states and their oscillator strength is calculated, which was used to simulate the absorption spectrum (**Figure 23**). The noticeable shifts in the absorption energy between simulated and experimental spectra is due to the overestimation of the transition energy in TDDFT, which has been reported previously, including the systems containing gold nanoclusters of similar sizes.³⁴ However, the general features in the experimentally collected spectra exist in the simulated spectra, which is a good indicator that the simulated spectra of Au₁₁NCs can be used to describe the electronic structure of the nanoclusters as a function of incoming energies.

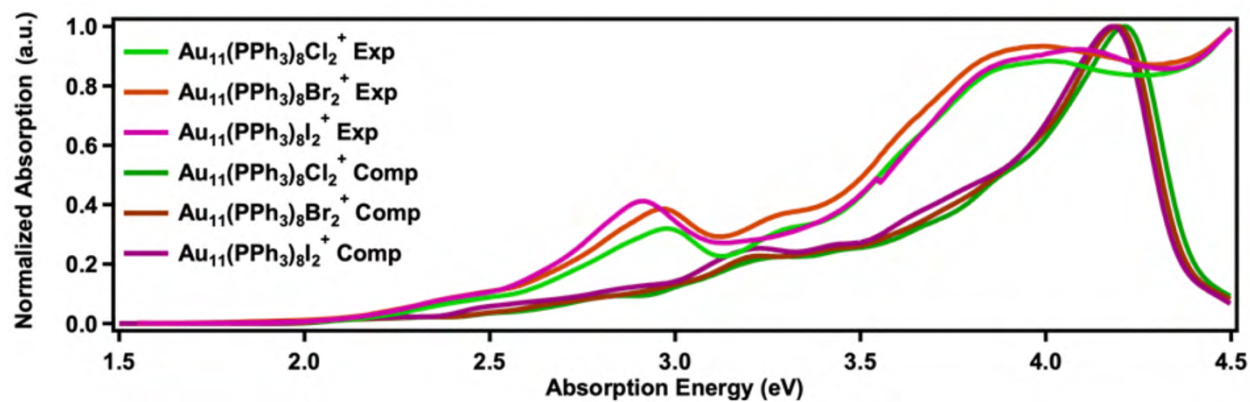


Figure 23. Direct comparison of experimentally collected absorptions and simulated absorptions of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈X₂⁺. The chlorine, bromine, and iodine capped Au₁₁NCs are indicated by color green, brown, and purple, respectively. The experimentally collected spectrum is lightly colored compared to the simulated collected spectrum of similar shade of color. The simulated spectrum of nanoclusters was broadened with 0.02 eV to closely match the features seen in the experimental result.

While the HOMO-LUMO gap of the Au₁₁NCs are near the 2 eV regions, the visible absorption of the nanoclusters in the simulated spectrum starts to appear around 2.4 eV. The major contributor of this initial absorptions is still occurring near the frontier orbitals, which shows the

superatomic p-orbitals to the superatomic d-orbital transitions (**Figure 24**).⁶⁴ This superatomic p-orbitals to the superatomic d-orbital transitions continue to play a major role in the increasing absorption intensity following the first frontier orbital transitions near 2.4 eV. Near the 3.0 eV, the electrons from the HOMO states reaches higher unoccupied states where the majority of the electron density is localized in the phenyl rings of the PPh₃. Additionally, the orbitals with energy levels below the HOMO states begin to participate in the excitation to the LUMO states. The simulated absorption spectrum shows that the combination of these two different electronic transitions leads up to the peak near 3.2 eV, which is much more pronounced in the experimental absorption spectra slightly before 3.0 eV. The halide ligands' induced peak shift observed in the experimental absorption spectra is also present in the simulated spectrum but to a much smaller degree as seen in **Figure 23**. The halide ligands play no role in the peaks near the 4.2 eV because the transitions are mostly composed of the d-band near the HOMO -1.5 eV to higher energy unoccupied orbitals (**Figure 24**).

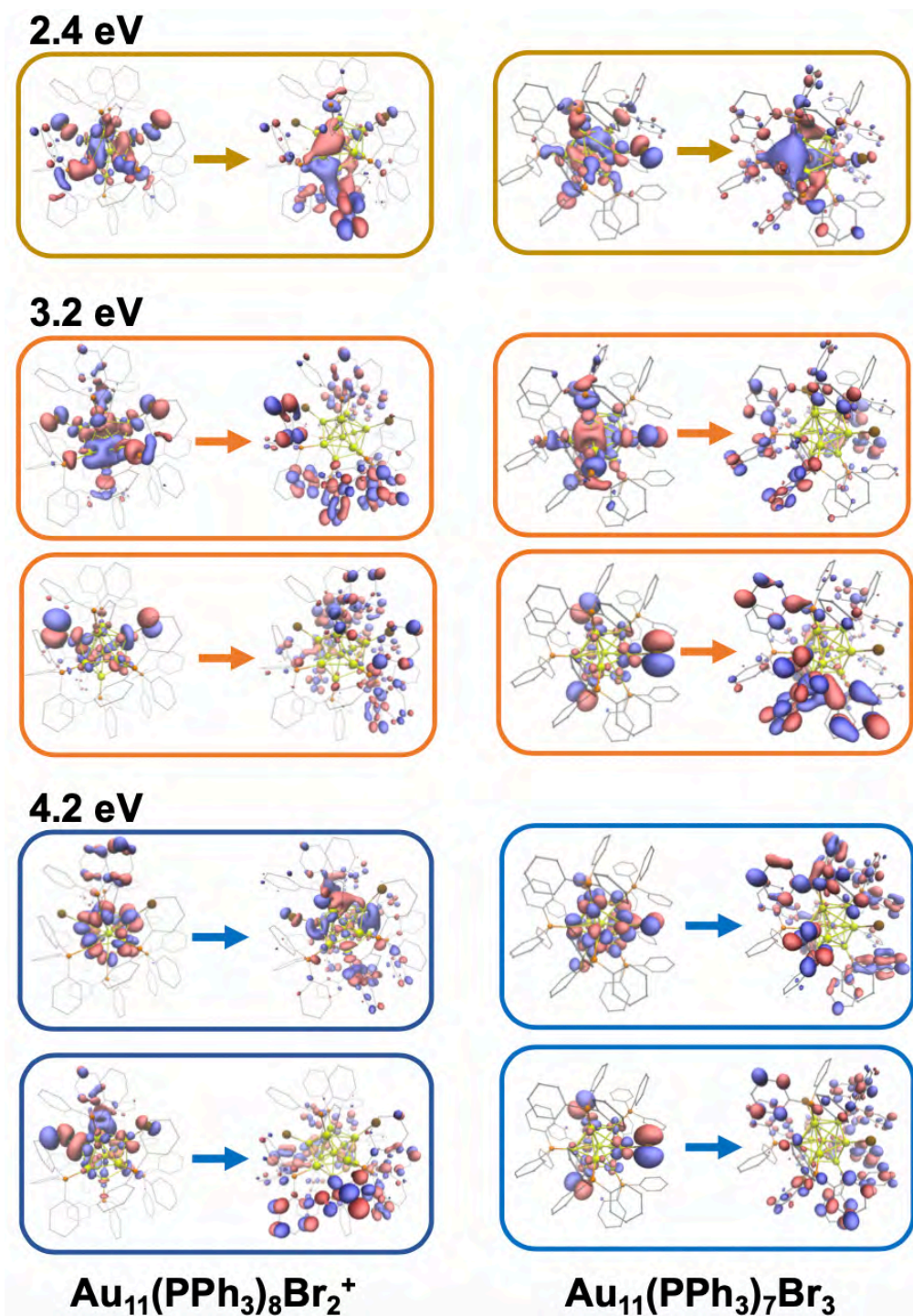


Figure 24. The major electronic transition of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺ and Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Br₃ at the various excitation energies. The electronic transitions from occupied to unoccupied orbitals with most contributing oscillator strength at A) 2.4 eV, B) 3.2 eV, and C) 4.2 eV were described. The excitation energies are labeled on the top of each transitions.

5.0 Discussion

5.1 Structures and Symmetries of Phosphine Gold Products

Upon reduction with strong reductant like NaBH_4 , mononuclear gold precursors undergo nucleation and form AuNCs. The composition of the AuNCs is influenced by the identity of the initial precursors as well as reduction procedures. We synthesized $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ using previously reported procedures that use $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Cl}$ as the initial precursor and vary the solvent and the amount of reducing agent to produce clusters of different compositions (see **Section 2.2.2.1** and **Section 2.2.2.4** for experimental details). The resulting $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ clusters are very similar in structure. They each have a gold core (a single gold atom in the center surrounded by ten gold atoms) and PPh_3 and chlorine surface ligands (coordinated to the ten outer gold atoms in an on-top position). The clusters have the same number of total ligands, but the ratio of halide to phosphine ligands is different. With an additional halide atom on the surface of the cluster, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ has higher symmetry of C_{3v} compared to C_1 symmetry for $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ (**Figure 25**).

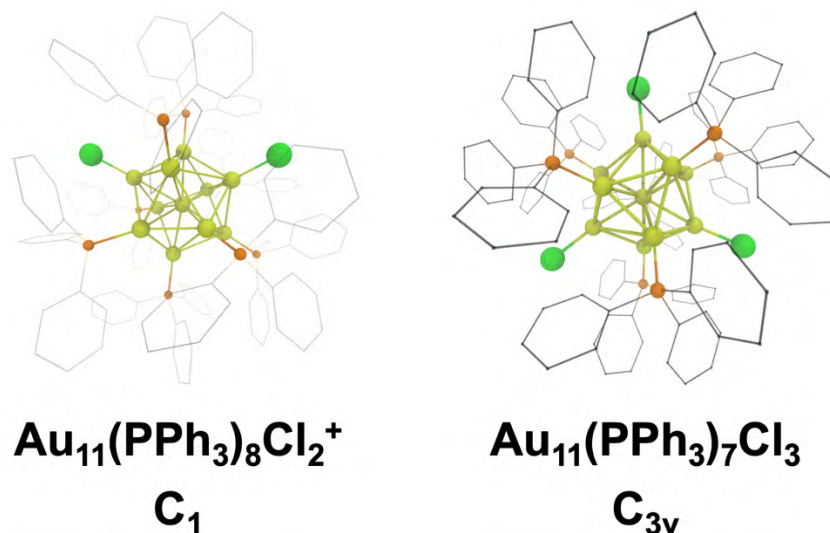


Figure 25. Computational models based on the crystal structures of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$. Both the crystal structures and computationally relaxed models have the same symmetry for each nanocluster. With the primal axis going through the plane of the page, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ has C_1 while $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ has C_{3v} symmetry.

We next varied the identity of the halide ligands on the cluster surface with halogens such as bromide and iodide to create other $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{X}_3$ clusters, which exhibit the same symmetry as $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$, respectively. For these Au_{11}NCs , the cluster symmetry and ligand orientations seem to play a larger role than the identity of the halide ligands in the overall core geometry, including the bond lengths shown in both **Figure 6** and **Figure 13**. Although the average bond length between the gold atoms in $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{X}_3$ is roughly 2.880 Å, which is about equal to the gold-gold bond lengths in a bulk FCC structure, the trends in variability of the gold-gold bond lengths are different in $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{X}_3$. The bond distributions of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ are much more variable compared to $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{X}_3$ due to the lower symmetry of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ compared to $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{X}_3$. In addition, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ exhibits shorter bond lengths between the center gold atom and neighboring gold atoms and longer bond lengths between surface gold atoms to other

surface gold atoms. This difference still exists in the $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{X}_3$ system but is harder to distinguish.

Outside the gold core, the lengths of the gold-halide bonds seem to be mostly dependent on the atomic radii. However, the bond lengths of the phosphine-gold bonds are almost independent of the identity and number of halogens bound to the surface of the gold nanoclusters. Interestingly, all the gold-ligand bonds are longer in the Au_{11}NCs compared to the $\text{Au}(\text{I})$ precursors. This trend is expected because unlike the +1 oxidation state of gold in the mononuclear gold precursor, the collective gold atoms in the Au_{11}NCs nanoclusters are more neutral. Thus, the surface of the Au_{11}NCs is more electron rich, promoting more electron-electron repulsion between the gold and the ligands.

5.2 Stabilities and Charges on Undecagold Clusters

While the Au_{11}NCs were observed to have the same symmetry and geometry for each of the different halides (i.e., all of the $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ clusters have the same symmetry and geometry, and all of the $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{X}_3$ clusters have the same symmetry and geometry), the synthetic approach for each of these nanoclusters varied. The $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ synthesis involves reduction of $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Cl}$ by NaBH_4 in DCM and is similar to the synthesis to $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$, which involves reduction of $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Br}$ in DCM (see **Section 2.2.2.1** and **Section 2.2.2.2** for the synthetic detail). On the other hand, the reduction of $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{I}$ produces a mixture of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{I}_3$, and during the filtration process, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$ becomes $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{I}_3$ (**Section 2.2.2.6**). Therefore, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$ was synthesized by anion exchange of

$\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ with use of KI (**Section 2.2.2.3**). $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ was synthesized in a similar way to $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$, but the reduction of $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Cl}$ occurred in ethanol with a higher concentration of reducing agent NaBH_4 (**Section 2.2.2.4**). Finally, anion exchange of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ with KBr produced $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$ (**Section 2.2.2.5**).

Previous works on chlorinated Au_{11}NCs observed different stability and reactivity of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$.^{38, 45, 65} $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ was shown to be stable for months at room temperature, whereas $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ rapidly decomposes within hours in room temperature, even though the only difference between these two clusters is one ligand. After several months of decomposition, the X-ray diffraction data of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ suggests that the major decomposition product consists of a biicosahedral cluster with 25 gold atoms, as two 13 gold atom icosahedral clusters share one gold atom (**Figure A3**). Konishi *et al.* observed similar structures for rod-like Au_{25}NC when Au_{11}NCs was treated with alkane thiols.⁶⁶ Interestingly, near the edges of the cluster, the suggested structure has PPh_3 and chlorine bound to the gold on-top, while chlorine near the center of the cluster is bound in a staple motif. The properties of this new structure and its stability compared to $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ may be of future interest, but since both the cluster size and ligand structures change, this new decomposed product was not considered further in this study. The stability of the iodinated Au_{11}NCs contrasts with the stability of the chlorinated clusters, where the $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$ product degrades to $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{I}_3$, while the $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{I}_3$ product is stable for a longer period of time.

Previous work hypothesizes two major possibilities for the stability of the Au_{11}NCs : steric stabilization or core charge induced by the ligands.³⁸ With three phenyl groups on a phosphorous, PPh_3 is considered a sterically bulky ligand. In addition, the phenyl rings can interact with other phenyl rings on the surface through π -stacking, which makes it much more difficult for other

species to adsorb to the gold surface as seen in **Figure 3**. Thus, the bulky PPh₃ ligands are important for the stability of the clusters, and most similarly-sized clusters synthesized using phosphine-based ligands are made with PPh₃-like bulky ligands. Computationally, the importance of π -stacking among PPh₃ ligands is observed in how the ligands are bound to the surface of the nanoclusters. When the phenyl rings and their interactions are not considered on the gold nanocluster surfaces, the bonding angle between gold and the ligands becomes highly distorted (**Figure 12**). Having the phenyl rings on Au₁₁NCs, the Tolman cone angle of PPh₃ is larger and all the ligands on the surface are coordinated in an on-top position, showing an almost 180° angle between the two bonds connecting the center gold atom to surface gold to the ligand moieties. Further, the π -stacking and steric hinderances among the phenyl rings also induced the halogen ligands to coordinate in an on-top position as well. However, considering the enhanced stability of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇I₃ compared to that of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₂⁺ (which has one less phenyl ring), the steric stability of PPh₃ does not seem to play as much of a role in the cluster stability compared to the charge of the gold core.

As seen in **Figure 15**, electron charges on the halogen ligands are highly dependent on the identity of the halogen atoms. Strongly electronegative chlorine atoms are more charged than less electronegative iodine atoms, as they withdraw more electron density from the gold core. The increase in the number of halogens on the surface does not appreciably change the individual halogen charges, but an increased number of halogens on the surface pulls more electron density away from the gold core. The direct influence of the halides on the gold core is shown in **Figure 16**, where the gold atoms adjacent to chlorine atoms are electron poor, gold atoms bound to bromine have roughly neutral charge, and the gold atoms bound to iodine are electron rich. The changes in electron density of the gold atoms adjacent to halide ligands are propagated to nearby

gold atoms and influence the overall charge of the gold core. However, the charge propagation is much less noticeable on the center gold atom, which has a consistent value for its charge, even with the various surface ligands. The consistency of the charge of the center gold atom compared with the changes of the charges of the surface gold atoms indicates that the halide ligands more easily influence charges on the surface layer of the gold nanoclusters. By changing the charges propagated throughout the surface of the gold, and that there is a range of surface charges specific to the nanomaterial, the ligands can alter the stability and reactivity of the nanoparticles. Another possibility is that the ionic and dative bonds of the halide and phosphine ligands, respectively, lead to an electron richness of the surface that is directly related to the lability of the coordinating ligands. In the case of Au₁₁NCs, surface gold charges seem to be more important for determining the cluster stability than the sterics of the ligands.

5.3 Molecular Orbitals and Energy States

The electron behaviors in the phosphine-halide-protected Au₁₁NCs at various energy levels can be elucidated using the electronic structure described by PDOS and MO. PDOS depicts the possible energy states electrons can occupy at each energy level. The orbital contributions at different energy states can be labeled differentially, such as elemental AO contribution shown in **Figure 17** and orbital angular momentum shown in **Figure 26**. Complimentary to the PDOS depictions, MO illustrates the electronic structure at specific energies in three dimensions, describing the location of the electron density related to the location of atoms. Having both PDOS and MO, each Au₁₁NC and their electronic structures, in both local and general energies, are described as a function of ligands.

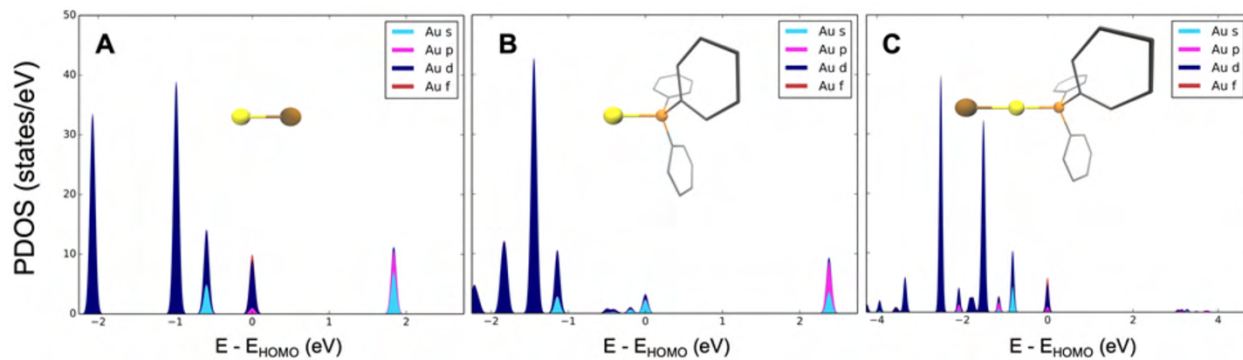


Figure 26. PDOS of gold's orbital angular momentum in A) AuBr and B) Au(I)PPh₃⁺ and C) Au(PPh₃)Br. Pictured as insets are all the geometries of the molecules were optimized before the calculation of PDOS. The energies in PDOS are represented with respect to their energies at the HOMO.

First, the electronic structure of mononuclear gold precursor is considered. Mononuclear gold precursors, such as Au(PPh₃)Cl, have been rigorously studied both experimentally and computationally to observe the strong relativistic behaviors of gold atoms bound to electron withdrawing chloride and electron donating phosphorous.⁶⁷ Without any interactions, gold cations have empty 6s orbitals and fully occupied 5d orbitals. The introduction of an X-type halogen ligand induces major interaction between its p-orbitals and the d-orbitals corresponding to gold (**Figure 4**). In addition to gold's d-orbitals, a small s-orbital characteristic appears at the HOMO as well as a considerable amount of p-orbital characteristics in the occupied regions slightly below HOMO (\sim HOMO $-$ 0.7eV), indicating gold's strong s-p-d hybridization (**Figure 26A**).¹⁸ On the other hand, regions near the HOMO of gold cations bound by L-type PPh₃ display a significant amount of s-orbital character (**Figure 26B**). This is due to the presence of dative bonding with electron donating PPh₃, which partially fills up the empty 6s orbitals in gold cations. While some of the electron densities are constantly showing the π -bonds of conjugated phenyl rings near the HOMO regions of Au(I)PPh₃⁺, the electron densities on phosphorous are either absent or shifted more

towards the gold atom (**Figure 26**). The excited states of the L-type ligand also exhibit nearly opposite influences on electron densities compared to the excited states of the X-type ligands. The immediate LUMO of X-type ligands with gold cations has most of the electron density localized at both gold and the ligand, creating a π^* -bonding structure between the two atom centers. The increase in excitation energy drives the majority of electron density to move from the more electronegative X-type ligand to the metal center. In the excited states of Au(I)PPh_3^+ , the gold atom retains some portion of the electron density, but the majority of the electron density is now localized in phosphorous and in the π^* orbitals of the conjugated phenyl rings. The electron density near gold and phosphorous atoms shows σ^* -bonding in the LUMO state, and a further increase in energy states reduces the size of the localized orbital on the metal center.

The combination of both X-type and L-type ligands on a single gold atom appears to have the features of each ligand on the electronic structure of the metal center, especially in the ground state where the electron density of gold is partially taken by the L-type and partially donated by the X-type (**Figure A26**). The HOMO and HOMO + 1 of gold's angular orbital momentum in $\text{Au(PPh}_3\text{)Br}$ resembles what is observed with the HOMO and HOMO + 1 of AuBr . The features shown in the lower energy states of gold PDOS appear to be closer to that of Au(I)PPh_3^+ . However, the PDOS of $\text{Au(PPh}_3\text{)Br}$ shows a much larger HOMO-LUMO gap, indicating that the coexistence of electron density donating and accepting ligands on the gold atom synergistically enhances the stability of gold complexes. Additionally, the contribution of gold's AO in the LUMO is very low compared to that of AuBr and Au(I)PPh_3^+ . Even when the general behavior of the excited MO, featuring both X and L-type ligand influences, is observed in $\text{Au(PPh}_3\text{)Br}$, the shift of the electron densities from X-type to gold to L-type ligands happens much more rapidly, resulting in gold's low electron density contribution in the LUMO (**Figure 19**).

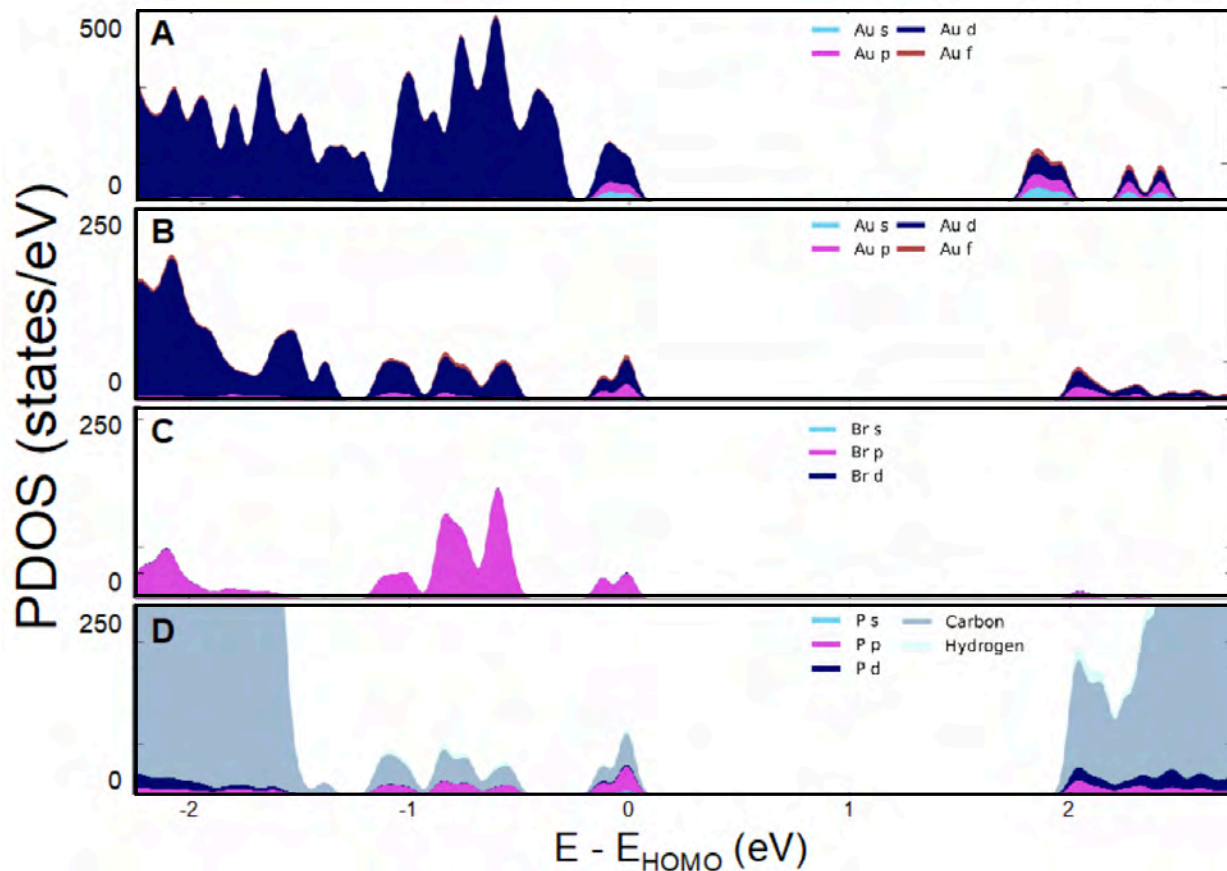


Figure 27. PDOS of orbital angular momentum of A) gold in Au_{11}^{3+} , B) gold, C) Br, D) organic elements of PPh_3 in $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$. The PDOS of bare Au_{11}NCs with the same core geometry as $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$ is modelled in A) for comparison. Unlike the rest of the elements, the orbital angular momentums of carbon and hydrogen were combined.

When looking at the bare gold nanocluster without any ligands on the surface, the collection of gold orbitals forms super atomic orbitals (**Figure A29**). To make a reasonable comparison between the pure gold cluster and ligated gold clusters, the initial geometries of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ or $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{X}_3$ were considered with +3 charges on the clusters to fulfill the super atomic electron counts.²⁰ As the AO of gold in the bare Au_{11}NCs ($\text{Au}_{11}^{3+}\text{s}$) mixes with other AO of gold atoms in the clusters, the PDOS of $\text{Au}_{11}^{3+}\text{s}$ show increase in the occupancies per each energy states as well as more continuous energy states that can be occupied. The PDOS of the

Au_{11}^{3+} shows a considerable amount of contribution from gold's s- and p- orbitals in addition to the d-orbital characters appearing in the frontier orbitals, signifying the s-p-d hybridization of gold atoms as they interact with neighboring gold atoms. Through the hybridization of multiple AOs in the NC, the Au_{11}NC shows fully filled super atomic p-orbitals in the HOMO and unoccupied super atomic d-orbitals in the LUMO. With the lack of symmetry in the structure of the Au_{11}^{3+} , the super atomic orbitals of the bare Au_{11}NCs display some degree of distortion. However, still having pseudospherical geometries, the Au_{11}^{3+} has electronic densities that are well-propagated in all directions.

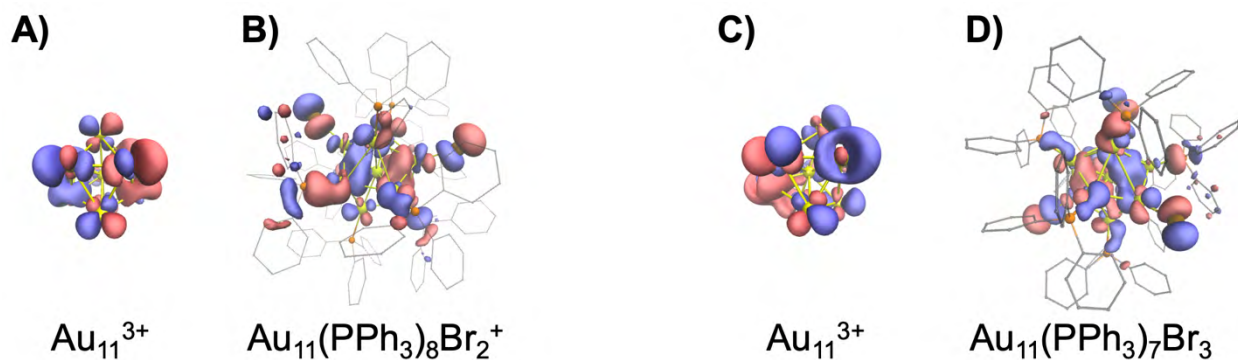


Figure 28. The HOMO of the gold core with or without ligands for $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$. A) Au_{11} in $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$, B) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$, C) Au_{11} in $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$, and D) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$.

The electronic densities of the Au_{11}^{3+} are modified when bromine and phosphine ligands are added on the surface. On the local scale, the X and L-type ligands are interacting with the adjacent gold AO similar to the ligand interactions in mononuclear gold complexes: the X-type ligands are sharing electron density with the gold's s-p-d hybridized orbital, whereas L-type ligands are providing electron density to the gold's s-p-d hybridized orbital. These profound influences on local electronic structure have been demonstrated by the Bader charges of the gold

atoms (see **Section 4.2.3**). The uneven distribution of the electron densities on the gold core of Au₁₁NCs leads to a change in the electronic structure as further evidenced by the direct comparison of PDOS of bare 11 gold atoms (**Figure 28**). Color-coded according to the orbital angular momentum contributions of the gold atoms, PDOS of gold in Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺ shows a slight increase in the HOMO-LUMO energy gap compared to that of Au₁₁³⁺ (**Figure 27**). Furthermore, the decrease in the occupiable states per energy and increase in the distribution of gold's s- and p-orbital angular momentum in Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺ indicates that the HOMO states observed in Au₁₁³⁺ are spread out to lower energy in the presence of the surface ligands. The addition of these ligands also promotes further hybridization of s- and p-orbitals with the d-band in Au₁₁³⁺, while shifting the d-band to even lower energies. Similar changes in the electronic structure are observed with Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇X₃ compared to bare Au₁₁³⁺, highlighting the ligand's ability to manipulate and stabilize the electronic structure of noble metal nanoparticles (**Figure A24**).

While the replacement of the halide for a single PPh₃ ligand in Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇X₃, regardless of the halogen, resulted in a comparable electronic structure to Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈X₂⁺, the stability between the analogous Au₁₁NCs is highly dependent on the type of halide ligands (see **Section 5.2** for stability of Au₁₁NCs). As discussed previously, the local charges induced by the adjacent halogen ligands are likely to be responsible for the different trends in the stability of Au₁₁NCs, especially because there are almost no differences in the size of the HOMO-LUMO gaps. General trends of the PDOS among Au₁₁NCs are also very similar, but with some minor noticeable features among the Au₁₁NCs (**Figure 18**). The narrow peaks in the PDOS Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇X₃ compared to Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈X₂⁺ indicate the increase in degeneracies in various energy states due to Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇X₃ having more symmetry. In addition, the extra halide ligand in Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇X₃ not only prompts more halogen AO contribution in the HOMO regions but also draws more electron densities

toward adjacent gold atoms (**Figure 21**). While additional L- type ligand in $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ results in lower electron densities in the HOMO regions, more electron density appears in the LUMO region where the majority of the MO contribution is from the PPh_3 and the neighboring gold atoms.

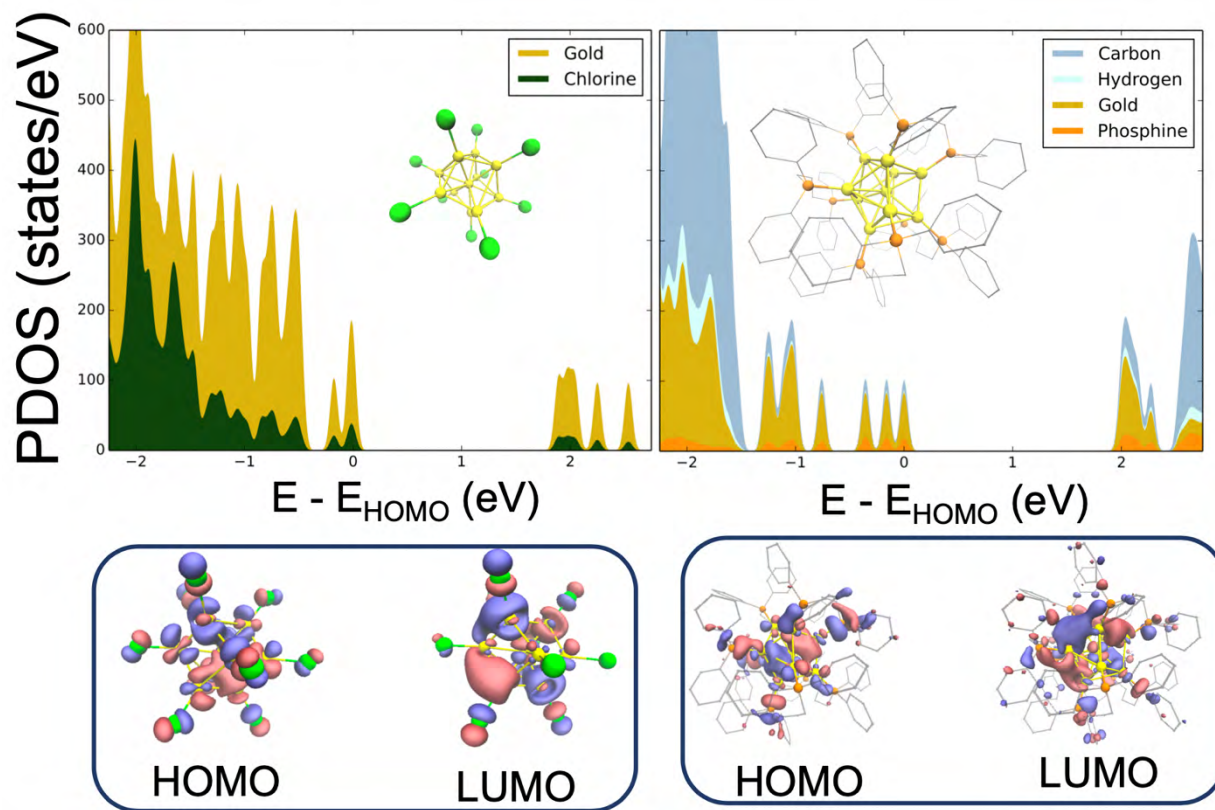


Figure 29. PDOS of all X-type ligands ($\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_{10}^{7-}$, left) and all L-type ligands ($\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_4\text{Cl}_2^+$, right) with computationally optimized structures depicted in the insets. Figures below represent the electron density of the frontier orbitals for each Au_{11}NC .

The influences of the X- and L- type ligands are much more apparent in Au_{11}NCs passivated with either all X-type ligands ($\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_{10}^{7-}$) or all L-type ligands ($\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_5^{3+}$) (**Figure 29**). $\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_{10}^{7-}$ is a geometrically optimized computational model of hypothetical Au_{11}NC , where the PPh_3 on $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ is replaced with chloride ligands containing negative charges. $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_5^{3+}$ is a Au_{11}NC synthesized with bidentate phosphine ligands dppp , where phosphines are separated by propane (**Figure A2**). With correct electron counts, both of the Au_{11}NCs display

super atomic orbitals in their frontier orbitals. Only capped with X-type ligands, $\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_{10}^{7-}$ has massive gold and chlorine AO contributions in the HOMO regions while $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_5^{3+}$ obtains much of the electronic contributions from the dppp at the LUMO. However, unlike the electron density localized on X-type ligands in the HOMO and L-type ligands in the LUMO during the frontier orbitals of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ or $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{X}_3$, the electron densities of $\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_{10}^{7-}$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_5^{3+}$ exist on X- and L- type ligands, respectively, for both the HOMO and LUMO states. Therefore, $\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_{10}^{7-}$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_5^{3+}$ lack the charge transfer between the metal core and the surrounding ligands during the change in energy levels.

Compared to the discernable changes caused by the ratio of X- type and L- type ligands, the difference in the electronic structures of Au_{11}NCs as a function of change in X-type ligands, from chloride to iodide, is much less noticeable. With the same number of valance electrons in their p-orbital, the only difference among the halogen ligands lies in their principal quantum numbers, which contributes to different energy levels when interacting with gold's atomic orbitals. Having the valance electrons in 5p orbitals, iodine's interaction with the gold core occurs much closer to the HOMO of the Au_{11}NCs at HOMO – 0.5 eV, whereas bromine's 4p and chlorine's 3p orbitals contributes most near the HOMO – 0.75 eV and HOMO – 1.0 eV, respectively (**Figure 18**). Even with the same number of electrons participating in the gold-halogen interaction, the 5p orbitals in iodine have larger radial distribution functions compared to the 4p and 3p orbitals of the other halogens. This results in larger electron distributions near the halogens in $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$ as opposed to $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$ or $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ (**Figure 20**).

5.4 Absorption

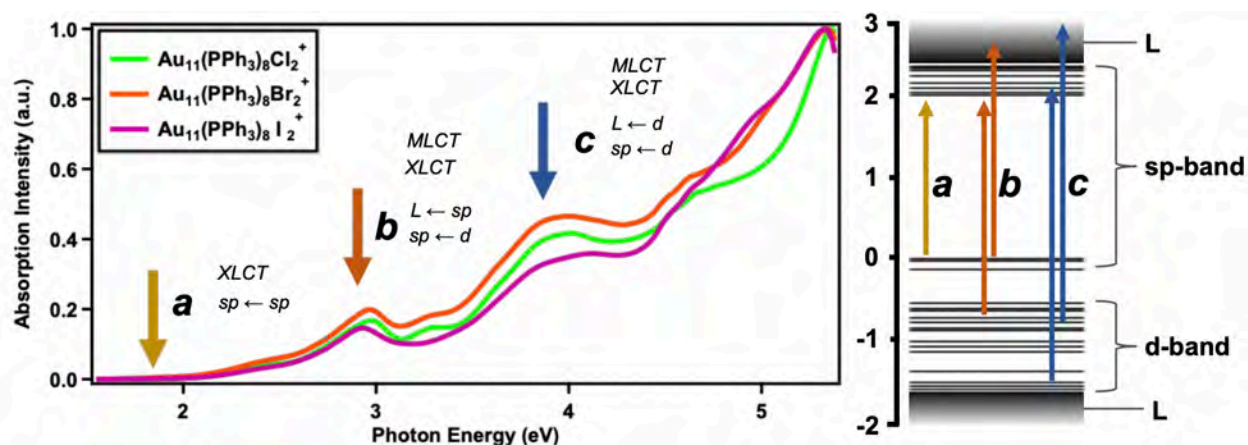


Figure 30. Experimental absorption spectrum with KS orbital energy level diagram for model $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$. The arrows in the absorption spectrum correspond to the major contributing transitions in KS orbital energy level diagram. The type of charge transfers and the major orbitals involved in the transitions are also provided in the spectrum: halogen-to-ligand charge transfer (XLCT), metal-to-ligand charge transfer (MLCT), gold's sp-bands (sp), d-band (d), and PPh_3 (L).

With more molecular-like electronic structure, the Au_{11}NCs have very distinct absorption spectra in the visible range. The electron transitions in the energy levels of Au_{11}NCs are responsible for the translucent red brown color (see **Section 4.1.2**). Having small sizes with defined atomic coordination, the transitions of the electronic levels can be simulated using TDDFT (see **Section 4.2.6**).⁵⁹ Besides the ~ 0.5 eV blueshift in the simulated absorption spectra, both absorption spectra contain the same electronic transition features: appearance of a peak with frontier orbital transitions at 2 eV (**Figure 30a**), metal to ligand charge transfer (MLCT) and halogen to ligand charge transfer (XLCT) around 2.9 eV (**Figure 30b**), MLCT of D-band around 3.8 eV (**Figure 30c**), and ligand to ligand charge transfer (L'LCT) for even higher energy levels. The minor red shift (~ 0.02 eV) of the peak at 2.9 eV among the three $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ clusters also matches with the energy levels in PDOS.⁶⁸ However, almost the indistinguishable spectral features of both

$\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{X}_3$ implies that the electron transitions are heavily dependent on the geometry of the gold core.^{17, 69} This result is also due to the fact that the electron density contribution near the HOMO region is coming from the gold core.⁶⁴

5.5 Emission

Once Au_{11}NCs are excited with electromagnetic radiation ranging near the visible regions (1.8 – 4.3 eV), the nanoclusters were shown to emit light at NIR region (1.2 – 1.6 eV) (**Figure 8**). This enhanced NIR emission from gold nanoclusters have been repeatedly reported in previous literature, which includes gold nanoclusters capped with halogen-phosphine ligands.³¹ Many previous studies of luminescent gold nanoclusters indicate that the mechanism of PL is influenced by a variety of nanocluster properties like size, shape, composition, and surfaces.³⁰ To the extent to which these variables affect the PL mechanism is not fully elucidated, due to the complexity of the system and the mechanism.

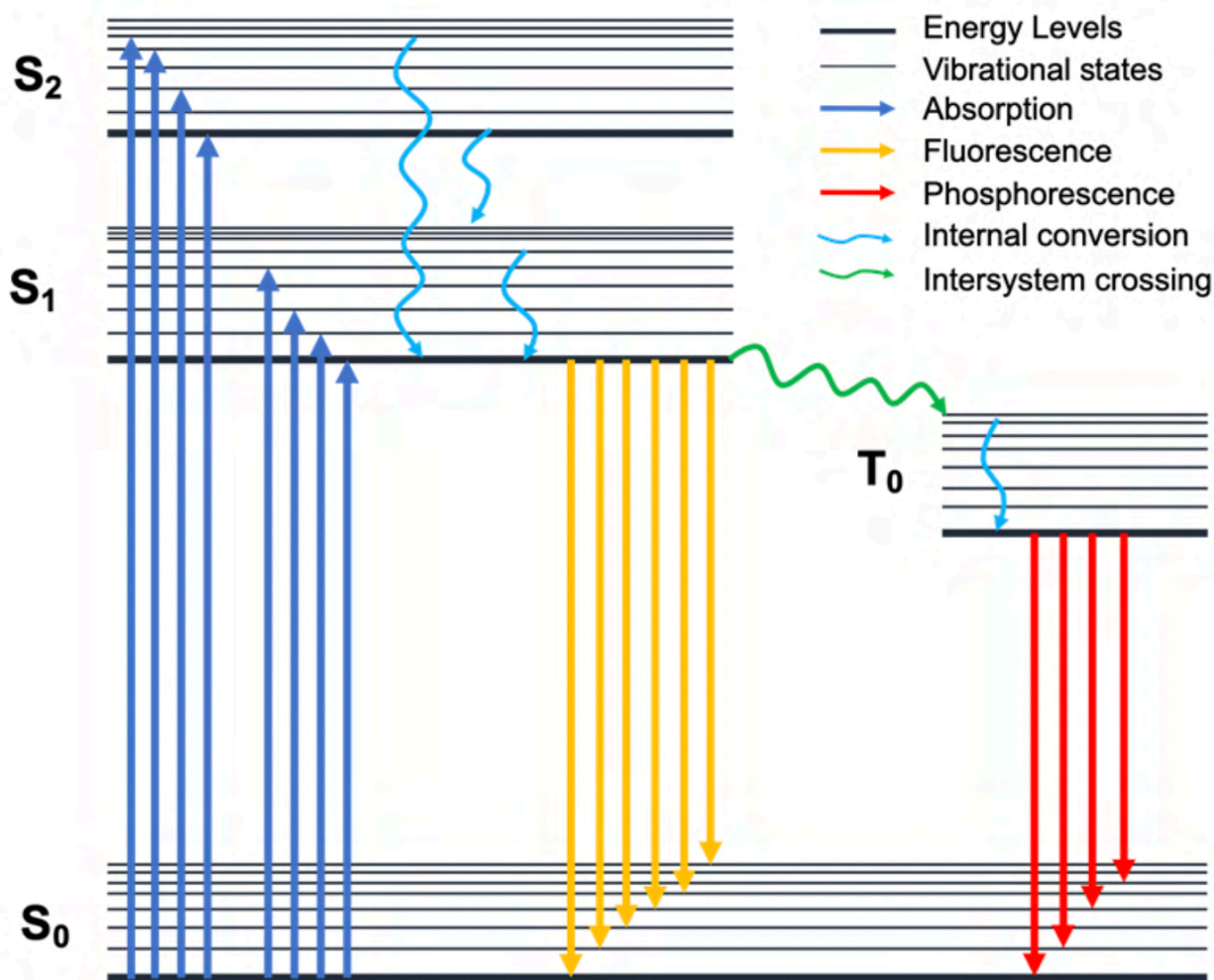


Figure 31. Jablonski diagram describing excitation and emission pathways. S_n and T_n denote the singlet and triplet states, respectively, where n denotes the excited energy levels with $n = 0$ being the ground state. Smaller energy levels between S_n indicates possible vibrational levels for internal conversion (IC) to occur.

Unlike the promotion of the ground state electrons to unoccupied excited states ($S_n \leftarrow S_0$) observed in the absorption properties, emission properties initially begin with the excited states of the electron that ends with the ground state electron ($S_n \rightarrow S_0$). As seen in the Jablonski diagram, there are many mechanisms to which the excited electron can pursue.⁷⁰ Depending on the size of the gaps between the energies of excited states, the excited electron can enter different excited

states via non-radiative processes called internal conversion (IC). Kasha's rule states that the excited electron must relax down to the lowest unoccupied energy state as long as the energy gaps between the excited states are relatively close ($S_n \rightarrow S_1$).⁷¹ Once the excitation reaches the energy minima allowed by the internal conversion, the electron can be either relax down to the ground state via fluorescence or phosphorescence producing a photon as a consequence. Fluorescence is simply an excited electron returning back to the ground state ($S_1 \rightarrow S_0$), whereas phosphorescence requires intersystem crossing (ISC), which is a non-radiative process of an excited electron in singlet states transfer to triplet state ($S_1 \rightarrow T_n$). After IC in the excited triplet states ($T_n \rightarrow T_1$), the electron emits a photon as phosphorescence ($T_1 \rightarrow S_0$). Because of these additional pathways that the electron takes during ISC, phosphorescence tends to have an increased lifetime of the excited state electron and decreased energy of the emitted photon.

Unlike the previously reported identical gold core $Au_{11}(dppp)_5^{3+}$ having no emission properties, phosphine-halide-capped $Au_{11}NCs$ emit photons with an emission peak near 1.5 eV when excited with UV and visible light.³¹ As shown in **Figure 8**, the quantum yield (Φ) of this emission varies from 0.0237% for $Au_{11}(PPh_3)_8Cl_2^+$ to 1.51% for $Au_{11}(PPh_3)_7I_3$ (**Figure 9**). This drastic difference in Φ as a function of different ligands in $Au_{11}NCs$ suggests that emission of $Au_{11}NCs$ is highly influenced by the identity of the ligands.

5.5.1 Triplet States of the Undecagold Nanoclusters

With photon emission on the microsecond timescale as well as energy of photon energy being much lesser than the HOMO-LUMO gap, we can reasonably assume that the emission pathway is phosphorescence (**Table A4**). In addition to having similar molecular orbitals as well

as excitation pathways, the similarity of the features described in two-dimensional emission contour maps of Au₁₁NCs indicate that the difference in the Φ of emission depends on certain Au₁₁NCs having different probabilities of ISC (**Figure 9**). According to Kasha's rule, the excited electrons in any unoccupied molecular orbital relaxes down to LUMO state non-radiatively if there are no major energy gaps in unoccupied molecular orbitals.⁷¹ Since there are no discrete transitions in LUMO of ligated Au₁₁NCs, excited electrons will have vibrational relaxation down to the LUMO before going through the ISC process (**Figure 31**). Additionally, we observe an extremely strong correlation between energy transition described by a computational approach in PDOS to features shown in the two-dimensional emission contour maps (**Figure 32**). In the emission map of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺, first weak peak appears right before 2.0 eV, which matches with the energies of the HOMO-LUMO gap. Emission appears again but strongly at 2.3 eV, 2.6 eV, and 3.0 eV, each corresponding to the three peaks located near -0.7 eV in PDOS.

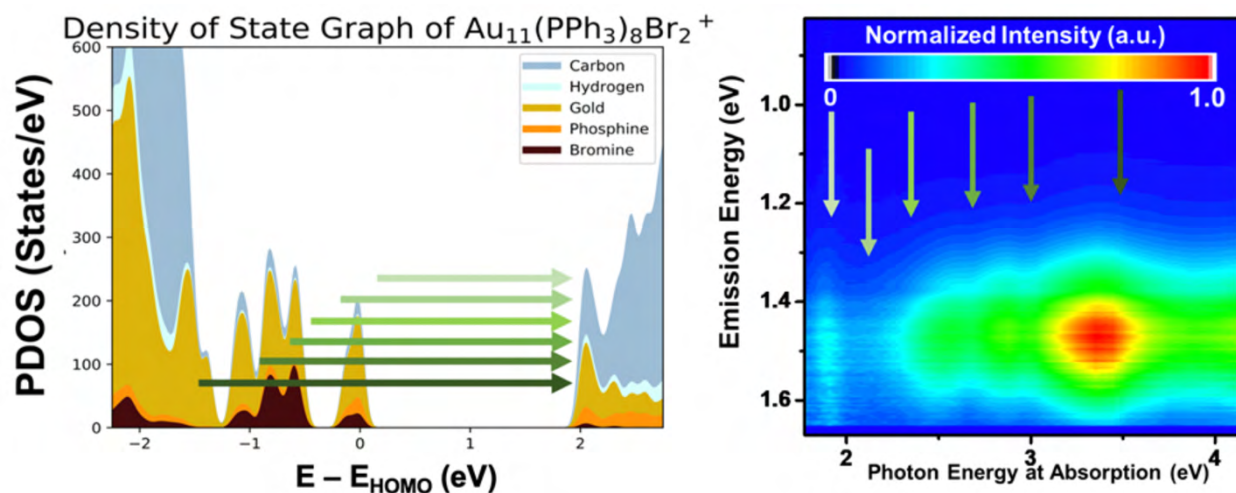


Figure 32. The direct comparison of PDOS and two-dimensional emission contour map of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺. The energy gap between ground state to LUMO in PDOS and the features observed in the emission map show high correlation, indicating the importance of LUMO in triplet state emission of Au₁₁NCs.

5.5.2 Ligand Factors in the Relaxation Pathways

From the electronic behaviors observed from the DFT calculation and experimental data, we can propose three hypotheses of ligand properties that influence the promotion of triplet states in gold clusters: 1) heaviness of the ligand, 2) softness of the ligand, and 3) ligand's type, categorized by Green's covalent bond classification. These classifications are not mutually exclusive but are rather more likely to be related to each other.

The effect of the heavy (halogen) atom substitution is shown previously with many organic molecules. El-Sayed *et al.* observed the increase in phosphorescence in various organic systems by substituting a lighter halogen with a heavier halogen.^{72, 73} Many of his works indicate that the increase in phosphorescence with the presence of a heavy atom in a molecular system is due to the enhanced spin-orbit coupling, which is called the heavy atom effect. The spin-orbit coupling leads to an increase in the rate of spin-forbidden process and ISC, which allows an excited electron to experience change in the multiplicity and generates phosphorescence. While most of the electron density is removed from the halides in the LUMO, a small amount of π -orbitals are observed on the halide atom (**Figure 22**). This small amount of contribution from the halides is sufficient to promote an increase in phosphorescence.

To understand the extent of the heavy atom effect from the ligand on the increased phosphorescence, we tested phosphorescence of Au₁₁NCs with lighter pseudo halogen cyanide. While there is no crystal structure to confirm the exact coordination of atoms in halogen cyanide, C=N stretch in IR and Raman suggests the presence of CN on the Au₁₁NCs, which is evidenced

by the similar absorption spectrum to other already defined Au₁₁NCs (**Figure A4**). If the heavy atom effect of the ligand is the only contributor in the ISC process, the Au₁₁NCs capped with the cyanide ligand should have almost no emission. However, Au₁₁NCs with presence of cyanide show phosphorescence with Φ of 0.067%, which falls between the Φ of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺ (0.024%) and Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Cl₃ (0.140%) (**Figure 33**).

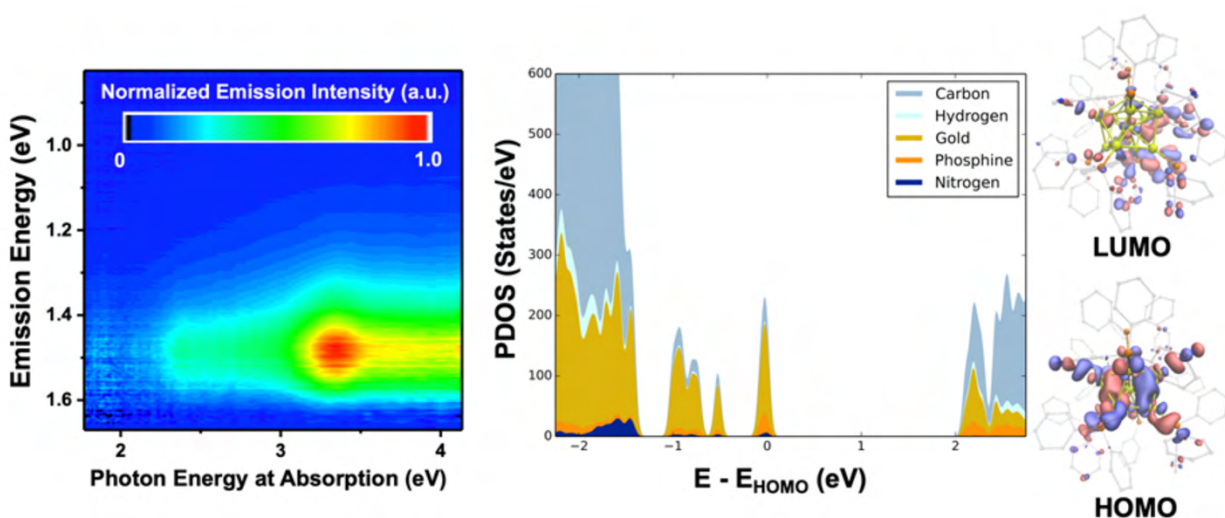


Figure 33. Emission spectrum of cyanide substituted Au₁₁NCs (Left) and PDOS calculation of geometrically optimized Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈(CN)₂⁺ similar to Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺ (Middle). KS orbital at HOMO and LUMO states of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈(CN)₂⁺ are described (Right). The emission shows highly similar features to the other halogen base Au₁₁NCs with Φ of 0.067%.

This difference in these emissions is where hard soft acid base theory (HASAB) comes into play.⁷⁴ Although cyanide is lighter than chlorine or bromine, cyanide is considered a soft base, meaning that cyanide has a large ionic radius and is easily polarizable. The polarizability is an important parameter for the mixing of the orbitals. Having soft (pseudo) halide ligands bound to gold clusters with PPh₃, which is also considered a soft ligand, the overall Au₁₁NCs polarizability amplifies. This polarizability allows efficient charge transfer in the clusters when illuminated by light.⁷⁵ When the electron density in the Au₁₁NCs is more polarized, it will take a longer time to

relax, providing more time for the rate of ISC to increase.^{73, 76} While Φ of Au₁₁NCs with the presence of cyanide is in between chlorinated and brominated Au(PPh₃)₈X₂⁺, and with cyanide being softer than chlorine and bromine, we conclude that both the heavy atom effect and softness of the ligand atoms are contributing to the phosphorescence intensity. Thus iodine, being both the softest base and the heaviest atom, has an extremely intense phosphorescence compared to any other clusters.

Finally, the type of ligands under covalent bond classification is an important factor in phosphorescence.³² Konishi *et al.* reports that there is no photoluminescence from Au₁₁(dppp)₅³⁺.³¹ Although Au₁₁(dppp)₅³⁺ has the same gold core as studied in this work, the PDOS of the Au₁₁NCs shows a drastic difference with the lack of X-type ligands. X-type ligands, especially the σ -acceptor and π -donor ligands, govern the HOMO regions of Au₁₁NCs, allowing efficient charge transfer ability. X-type dominates the HOMO region while L-type becomes a major electron density contributor in the LUMO. As previous works on transition metal complex have observed, this MLCT/XLCT from the HOMO to the LUMO plays an important role in phosphorescence.⁷⁷
⁷⁸ Many researchers have published observations on ¹MLCT behaviors from HOMO to LUMO followed by ³MLCT in singlet excited states to triplet excited states, leading to an increase in phosphorescence.^{79, 80} This finding implies that phosphine ligands are not just a protective ligand with dative bonding on the gold surface but are actively contributing to the properties of AuNCs.

6.0 Conclusion

In conclusion, we synthesized a suite of phosphine-halide-protected Au₁₁NCs with varying surface ligands. By systematically changing the surface ligands while holding the geometry of the nanoclusters' gold core constant, the ligand-based influence on the properties of nanoclusters were studied with the use of two complementary methods, i.e., calculation of the electronic structures using DFT and measurement of optoelectrical properties using absorption and emission spectroscopy. Using both methods, we demonstrate that by changing the amounts and types of the ligands, the electronic structures of Au₁₁NCs as well as their optical properties change. Specifically, we analyzed the relaxation pathways of excited electrons in Au₁₁NCs using their emission properties to hypothesize the origin of phosphorescence in nanoclusters and the influence of ligands on those origins.

Ultimately, surface ligands are anticipated to be a valuable tool to control the chemical and physical properties of nanomaterials. From this work, we have demonstrated that the identities of the ligands determine not only the charge of the adjacent metal atoms and their neighboring surface metal atoms to induce chemical changes such as stability and reactivity of the nanoclusters but also the overall electronic structure of the nanocluster and resulting physical properties. Through further studies, the mechanistic knowledge gained from halide and phosphine ligands on the gold core can be applied to other metals as well as other larger nanoparticles, leading to a more generalizable theory for designing and tuning nanomaterial properties for different applications. We anticipate that complete understanding of ligand-based properties on nanomaterials will be pivotal in the development and implementation of next-generation nanomaterials

7.0 Future Work: Influence of Pnictogen Ligands on AuNCs

With the evidence provided from both experimental data and computational models, we conclude that the L-type of ligands in Au₁₁NCs are not just passive bystanders when it comes to nanocluster properties. To elucidate further on the nanocluster properties that are affected by the L-type of the ligands, similar studies with AuNCs passivated with some systematical changes in the L-types of ligands can be conducted. Although there are many methods to add systematic variation to the L-type ligands, the modification of pnictogen binding moieties, phosphorous to bismuth, are chosen for the future study with regards to understand the influence of the L-type ligands. The pnictogen series is comprised of non-metal (N, P), metalloid (As, Sb), and metal (Bi) elements going vertically down the periodic table which contain the same pentavalent electrons in their outermost p-orbital and are therefore chemically similar. Since there are only a small number of noble metal nanoparticles synthesized with ligands containing metalloid or metal binding groups, the new nanoclusters with new chemical and physical properties can be of much interest in next-generation nanomaterials.

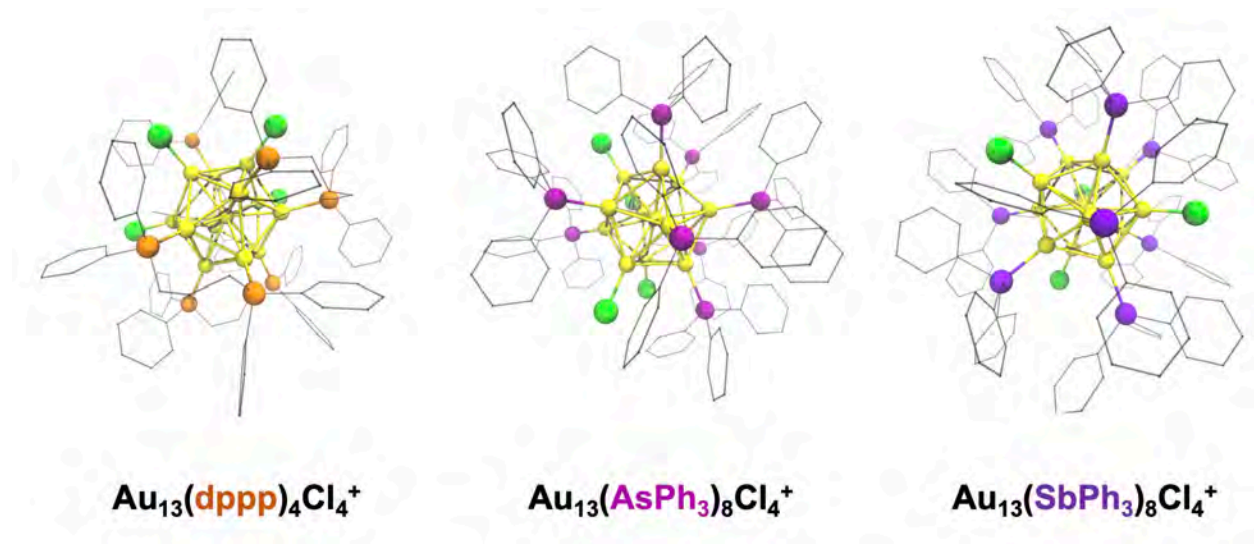


Figure 34. Computationally relaxed model based on the crystal structure of A) $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{dppp})_4\text{Cl}_4^+$, B) $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$, and C) $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{SbPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$. All three Au_{13}NCs contain same number of gold, pnictogen, and chlorine atoms.

Since many AuNCs capped with pnictide ligands are synthesized by reducing the Au(I) precursors already containing Au -pnictogen bonding, three different Au(I) precursors, $\text{Au}(\text{LPh}_3)\text{Cl}$ ($\text{L} = \text{P}, \text{As}, \text{and Sb}$), were synthesized according to the previous reports and reduced to produce AuNCs .^{54, 55} While the reduction of $\text{Au}(\text{AsPh}_3)\text{Cl}$ and $\text{Au}(\text{SbPh}_3)\text{Cl}$ created $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$ and $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{SbPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$, respectively, the reduction of $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Cl}$ produced the Au_{11}NCs . In order to make reasonable comparisons between the ligand binding moiety influence on the same icosahedral Au_{13}NCs , $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Cl}$ was replaced with $\text{Au}_2(\text{dppp})\text{Cl}_2$ to produce $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{dppp})_4\text{Cl}_4^+$. Shown in **Figure 34**, the three Au_{13}NCs have the same icosahedral gold geometry in the core and the same number of pnictogen and chlorine atoms on the surface. However, the orientation of the pnictide and chloride ligands on the surface vary with respect to the identity of the pnictogen, but the different orientation does not alter the absorption spectrum of the Au_{13}NCs .

In the absorption spectrum of Au_{11}NCs , the ligand identities seem to play a minor role in the absorption properties, rather the transitions of MLCT are heavily influenced by the metal core.

In the Au₁₃NCs, the major features in absorption spectrum originate from the icosahedral geometry of the core with minor shifts in the peaks that are derived from the ligands on the surface. The difference in absorption features is more apparent after 4.5 eV, where most of the transitions are related to LLCT. Emission spectra also indicate similar relaxation pathways with very similar emission features. Unfortunately, the Φ of the phosphorescence has not been studied rigorously, which will be very useful in elucidating the influence of L-type ligands on the emission properties.

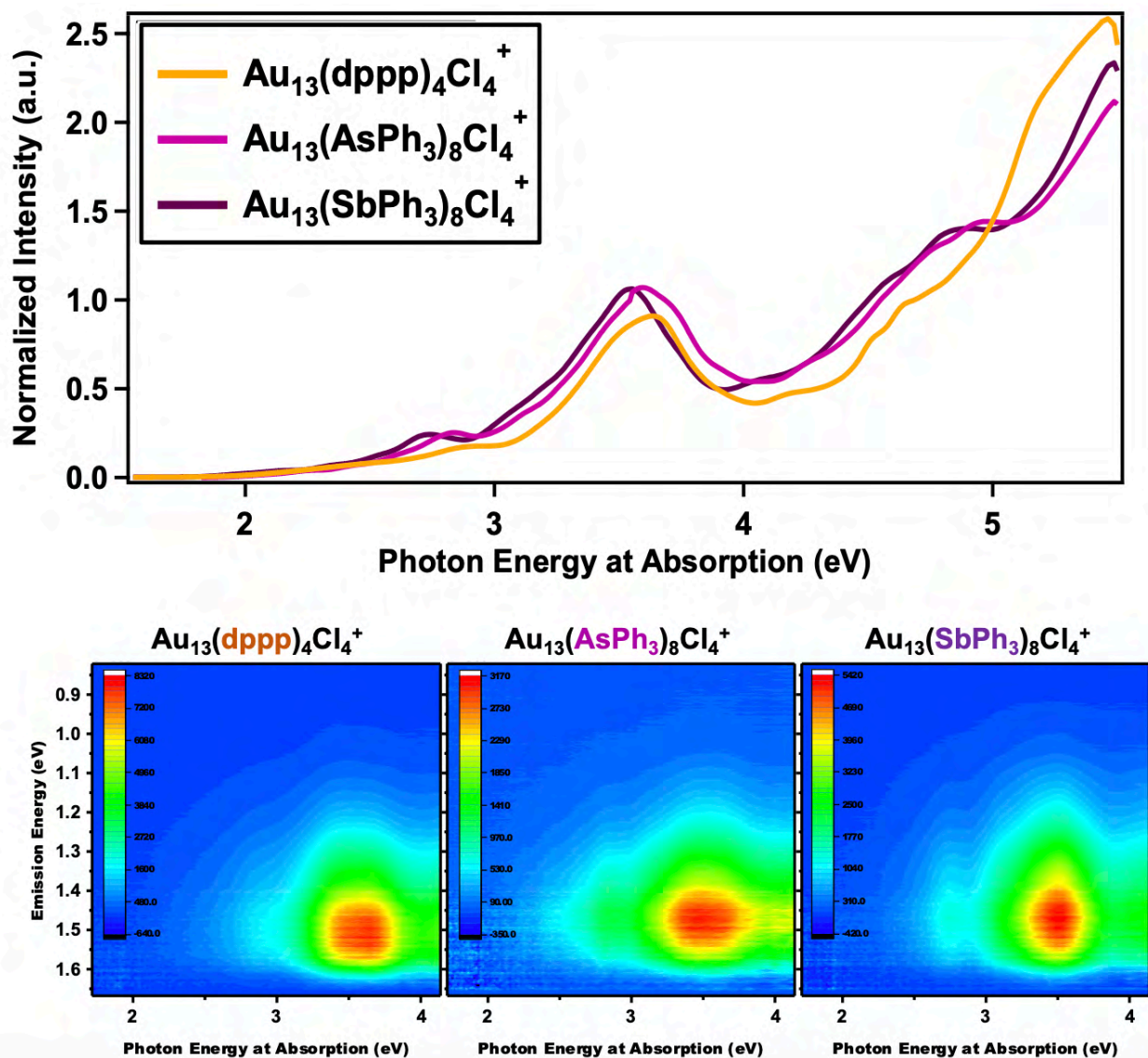


Figure 35. Absorption (top) and emission (bottom) spectra of Au₁₃NCs. The characteristic features of absorption and emission spectrum does not see affected by the ligand's identities or the orientation of the ligands on the surface. Unlike the emission spectra from Au₁₁NCs, the emission spectrum of Au₁₃NCs was not normalized by their Φ .

While the experimental data seems to be very close to what was observed in Au₁₁NC systems, where change in the halide ligands only leads to minor changes in the electronic structure of Au₁₁NCs, the computational data of Au₁₃NCs indicates that the L-type ligand identity and the orientation of these L-type ligands play a huge role in the new electronic structure of Au₁₃NCs

(Figure A31). The Bader charge analysis show similar ligand induced local charges on gold atoms adjacent to halogen atoms as well as ligand-independent center gold atom observed in Au₁₁NCs (Figure 36). However, the charge trend of the gold core differs drastically among three Au₁₃NCs, making the extent of the influence with respect to the identities of pnictogen ligands comparably hard to interpret. Additionally, the vast differences in electronic structures shown in PDOS suggest that the separation of the influences based on the ligand orientations and the influences originating from the ligand identities is the initial step in the understanding the ligand-based properties.

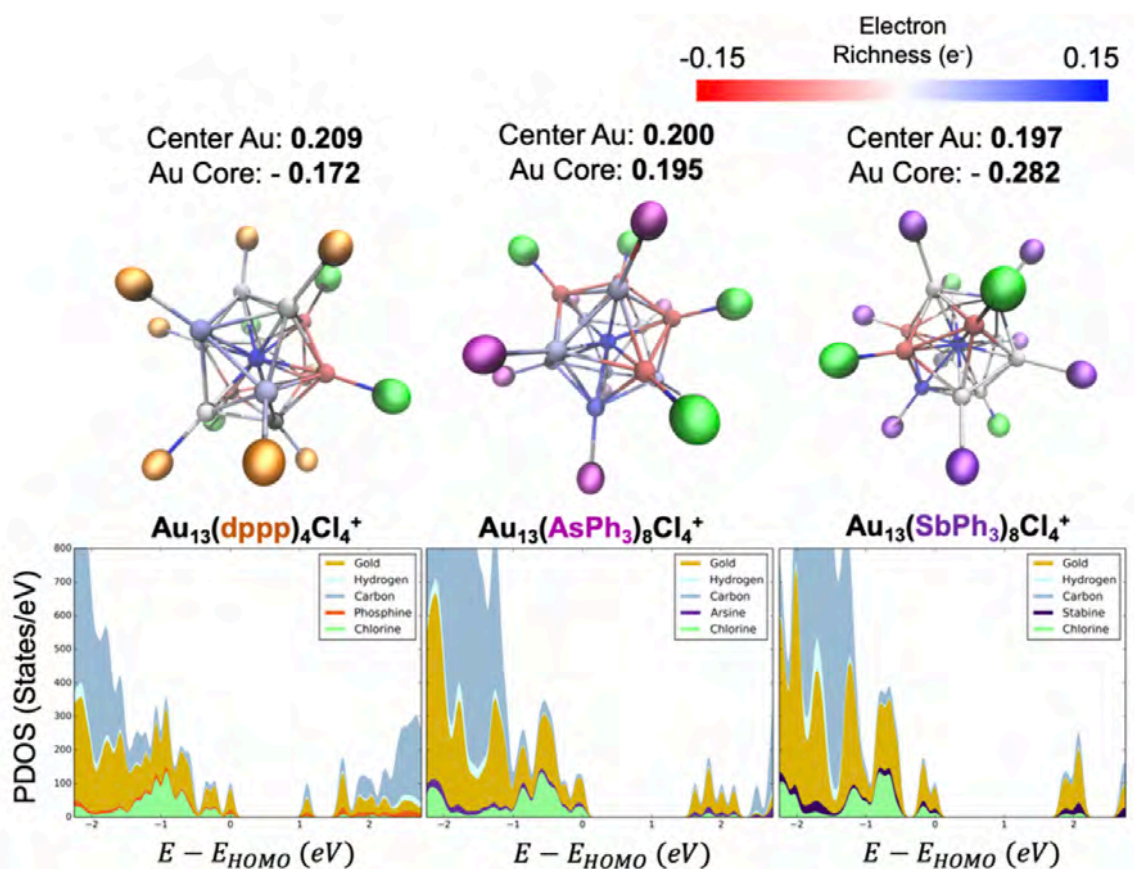


Figure 36. Bader charge (top) and PDOS (bottom) of Au₁₃NCs with different ligand structures. Bader charges were projected on the gold atoms inside the icosahedral core. Binding moieties of the ligands adjacent to the gold atoms were marked with color: P (orange), As (light purple), Sb (dark purple), and Cl (green). PDOS of Au₁₃NCs depict the electronic structures near the frontier orbitals. Different elemental AOs were indicated with colors.

To fully elucidate the complicated nature of ligands on AuNCs observed in the current sets of Au₁₃NCs, some additional studies, including syntheses and analyses of other pnictide capped Au₁₃NPs with comparable ligand orientations (P, As to Sb-like orientation, or vice versa) as well as new Au₁₃(BiPh₃)₈Cl₄⁺, are highly desirable. The studies consisting of Au₁₃NP with different ligand orientation will provide a robust understanding of both binding-moiety-dependent and orientation-dependent influences of the L-type ligands on the properties of metallic nanoclusters. The new Au₁₃(BiPh₃)₈Cl₄⁺ can provide further information in the different classification of matter (organic, metalloid, and metal) with regards to their interaction with metallic nanoclusters. Furthermore, these new suites of nanoclusters may turn out to be highly applicable. While Au-Sb bond in Au(SbPh₃)Cl is sensitive to light, the same bond in Au₁₁(SbPh₃)₈Cl₄⁺ is stable in natural light, yet the strength of the Au-Sb bonds in Au₁₁(SbPh₃)₈Cl₄⁺ are still weak compared to Au-P bonds, making stibine capped AuNCs useful for initiators for different reactions or the base for new nanostructures.⁵⁴ We expect that the bismuth capped AuNCs will likely expose the bare gold surface even better, which can possibly lead to new gold-driven chemistry. With previous knowledge of halogen ligands and new knowledge from the pnictogen ligands in hand, various architecture and properties of nanomaterials can be designed for their appropriate use, hopefully taking more steps to fulfill what Richard Feynman had envisioned seven decades ago.

Appendix A

Table A1 (continued). Crystallographic data for Au(I) precursor and AuNCs.

| Compound | Au(PPh ₃)Cl | Au(PPh ₃)Br | Au(PPh ₃)I |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|
| Empirical formula | C ₁₈ H ₁₅ AuPCL | C ₁₈ H ₁₅ AuPBr | C ₁₈ H ₁₅ AuPI |
| Formula weight | 494.72 | 539.17 | 586.16 |
| Temperature (K) | 230 | 230 | 230 |
| Crystal system | Orthorhombic | Orthorhombic | Orthorhombic |
| Space group | P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ | P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ | P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ |
| <i>a</i> (Å) | 10.17 | 10.10 | 10.18 |
| <i>b</i> (Å) | 12.38 | 12.50 | 12.53 |
| <i>c</i> (Å) | 13.08 | 13.47 | 13.87 |
| α (deg) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| β (deg) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| γ (deg) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| <i>V</i> (Å ³) | 1646.8 | 1700.6 | 1769.2 |

| Compound | Au(SMe ₂)Cl | Au(AsPh ₃)Cl | Au(SbPh ₃)Cl |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Empirical formula | C ₂ H ₆ AuSCL | C ₁₈ H ₁₅ AuAsCl | C ₁₈ H ₁₅ AuSbCl |
| Formula weight | 294.56 | 538.66 | 585.49 |
| Temperature (K) | 230 | 230 | 230 |
| Crystal system | Orthorhombic | Orthorhombic | Orthorhombic |
| Space group | P2 ₁ /c | P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ | P2 ₁ 2 ₁ 2 ₁ |
| <i>a</i> (Å) | 6.141 | 10.25 | 10.92 |
| <i>b</i> (Å) | 14.88 | 12.26 | 12.01 |
| <i>c</i> (Å) | 6.455 | 13.31 | 12.68 |
| α (deg) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| β (deg) | 95.71 | 90 | 90 |
| γ (deg) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| <i>V</i> (Å ³) | 586.9 | 1672.6 | 1663.0 |

| Compound | Au ₁₁ (PPh ₃) ₈ Cl ₂ ⁺ | Au ₁₁ (PPh ₃) ₈ Br ₂ ⁺ | Au ₁₁ (PPh ₃) ₈ I ₂ ⁺ |
|-------------------|---|---|--|
| Empirical formula | C ₁₄₄ H ₁₂₀ Au ₁₁ P ₈ Cl ₂ | C ₁₄₄ H ₁₂₀ Au ₁₁ P ₈ Br ₂ | C ₁₄₄ H ₁₂₀ Au ₁₁ P ₈ I ₂ |
| Formula weight | 4335.91 | 4424.81 | 4518.81 |
| Temperature (K) | 298 | 230 | 150 |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Triclinic |
| Space group | P2 ₁ /c | P2 ₁ /c | P-1 |
| <i>a</i> (Å) | 22.641(4) | 22.6474(17) | 18.5494(10) |
| <i>b</i> (Å) | 18.395(2) | 18.4886(12) | 25.986(2) |

| | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| c (Å) | 34.574(4) | 34.547(2) | 33.8120(19) |
| α (deg) | 90 | 90 | 82.798(5) |
| β (deg) | 95.959(10) | 95.971(5) | 90 |
| γ (deg) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| V (Å ³) | 14321(3) | 14386.9(17) | 16169.8(18) |
| Z value | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| ρ_{calc} (g/cm ³) | 2.011 | 2.084 | 1.856 |
| μ (Cu K α) (mm ⁻¹) | 22.133 | 22.713 | 22.297 |
| Radiation (λ , Å) | CuK α (λ = 1.54178) | CuK α (λ = 1.54178) | CuK α (λ = 1.54178) |
| F(000) | 8028.0 | 8329.0 | 8316.0 |
| Crystal size, mm ³ | 0.320 × 0.280 × 0.031 | 0.202 × 0.182 × 0.033 | 0.374 × 0.242 × 0.064 |
| θ_{max} (°) | 104.252 | 65.542 | 108.764 |
| Reflections collected | 43966 | 26968 | 119137 |
| Independent reflections | 14312 | 5129 | 38385 |
| Data/parameters | 14312/85 | 5129/640 | 38385/354 |
| Goodness of fit F ² | 1.639 | 0.991 | 1.169 |
| Final R indices [I > 2 σ (I)] | R ₁ = 0.2806 wR ₂ = 0.5926 | R ₁ = 0.0665 wR ₂ = 0.1771 | R ₁ = 0.2496 wR ₂ = 0.4849 |
| R indices (data) | R ₁ = 0.4384 wR ₂ = 0.6429 | R ₁ = 0.0904 wR ₂ = 0.2012 | R ₁ = 0.4181 wR ₂ = 0.6090 |
| Largest diff. peak and hole (e \cdot Å ⁻³) | 8.27 and -5.00 | 1.66 and - 1.18 | 4.76 and - 2.79 |

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|--|---|--|--|
| Compound | Au ₁₁ (PPh ₃) ₇ Cl ₃ | Au ₂₅ (PPh ₃) ₁₀ Cl ₇ | Au ₁₁ (PPh ₃) ₇ l ₃ |
| Empirical formula | C ₁₂₆ H ₁₀₅ Au ₁₁ P ₇ Cl ₃ | C ₁₈₀ H ₁₅₀ Au ₂₅ P ₁₀ Cl ₇ | C ₁₂₆ H ₁₀₅ Au ₁₁ P ₇ l ₃ |
| Formula weight | 4109.07 | 7795.34 | 4383.41 |
| Temperature (K) | 293 | 149.99 | 230 |
| Crystal system | P2 ₁ /c | P2 ₁ /n | P2 ₁ /c |
| Space group | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic |
| a (Å) | 16.011(5) | 26.450(3) | 18.2154(8) |
| b (Å) | 26.339(8) | 29.702(2) | 26.2280(10) |
| c (Å) | 16.467(5) | 26.801(3) | 27.0521(11) |
| α (deg) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| β (deg) | 112.685(10) | 99.626(7) | 91.758(3) |
| γ (deg) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| V (Å ³) | 6407.(3) | 20758(3) | 12918.2(9) |
| Z value | 2 | 50 | 4 |
| ρ_{calc} (g/cm ³) | 2.130 | 1.754 | 2.254 |
| μ (Cu K α) (mm ⁻¹) | 24.760 | 33.817 | 29.619 |
| Radiation (λ , Å) | CuK α (λ = 1.54178) | CuK α (λ = 1.54178) | CuK α (λ = 1.54178) |
| F(000) | 3772 | 8976.0 | 7976.0 |
| Crystal size, mm ³ | 0.254 × 0.341 × 0.024 | 0.262 × 0.282 × 0.034 | 0.368 × 0.470 × 0.053 |

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|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| θ_{\max} (°) | 50.45 | 109.39 | 108.798 |
| Reflections collected | 37787 | 61249 | 72535 |
| Independent reflections | 6829 | 24373 | 15799 |
| Data/parameters | 6829/112 | 24373/379 | 15799/1084 |
| Goodness of fit F^2 | 1.216 | 2.097 | 1.447 |
| Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] | $R_1 = 0.1405$ $wR_2 = 0.3083$ | $R_1 = 0.2036$ $wR_2 = 0.4817$ | $R_1 = 0.0889$ $wR_2 = 0.2295$ |
| R indices (data) | $R_1 = 0.3898$ $wR_2 = 0.3849$ | $R_1 = 0.3391$ $wR_2 = 0.5348$ | $R_1 = 0.1191$ $wR_2 = 0.2484$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole ($e \cdot \text{\AA}^{-3}$) | 3.348 and -2.457 | 11.02 and -4.91 | 7.11 and -4.05 |

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|---|--|---|--|
| Compound | $\text{Au}_2(\text{dppp})\text{Cl}_2$ | $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_5^{3+}$ | $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$ |
| Empirical formula | $\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{26}\text{Au}_2\text{P}_2\text{Cl}_2$ | $\text{C}_{135}\text{H}_{130}\text{Au}_{11}\text{P}_{10}$ | $\text{C}_{144}\text{H}_{120}\text{Au}_{13}\text{As}_8\text{Cl}_4$ |
| Formula weight | 877.3 | 4228.93 | 5152.34 |
| Temperature (K) | 149.99 | 232.58 | 230 |
| Crystal system | Orthorhombic | Triclinic | Monoclinic |
| Space group | Pbcn | P-1 | $P2_1/n$ |
| a (Å) | 19.3978(7) | 16.2727(11) | 16.8208(8) |
| b (Å) | 14.2120(6) | 16.4346(13) | 29.8849(16) |
| c (Å) | 19.6453(7) | 32.134(3) | 26.4313(18) |
| α (deg) | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| β (deg) | 90 | 90 | 91.833(5) |
| γ (deg) | 90 | 118.437(6) | 90 |
| V (Å ³) | 5415.8(4) | 7556.8(11) | 13279.9(13) |
| Z value | 8 | 2 | 4 |
| ρ_{calc} (g/cm ³) | 2.152 | 1.858 | 2.577 |
| $\mu(\text{Cu K}\alpha)$ (mm ⁻¹) | 23.115 | 20.827 | 29.579 |
| Radiation (λ , Å) | $\text{CuK}\alpha$ ($\lambda = 1.54178$) | $\text{CuK}\alpha$ ($\lambda = 1.54178$) | $\text{CuK}\alpha$ ($\lambda = 1.54178$) |
| F(000) | 3280.0 | 3918.0 | 9372.0 |
| Crystal size, mm ³ | $1.224 \times 0.558 \times 0.543$ | $0.328 \times 0.273 \times 0.041$ | $0.222 \times 0.22 \times 0.047$ |
| θ_{\max} (°) | 117.852 | 117.97 | 130.136 |
| Reflections collected | 15143 | 62399 | 101464 |
| Independent reflections | 3859 | 21179 | 16220 |
| Data/parameters | 3859/298 | 21179/190 | 16220/226 |
| Goodness of fit F^2 | 1.049 | 1.121 | 1.387 |
| Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] | $R_1 = 0.0407$ $wR_2 = 0.1229$ | $R_1 = 0.2294$ $wR_2 = 0.4510$ | $R_1 = 0.1852$ $wR_2 = 0.4669$ |
| R indices (data) | $R_1 = 0.0434$ $wR_2 = 0.1262$ | $R_1 = 0.4965$ $wR_2 = 0.5773$ | $R_1 = 0.3266$ $wR_2 = 0.5123$ |
| Largest diff. peak and hole ($e \cdot \text{\AA}^{-3}$) | 1.96 and -1.68 | 3.36 and -2.35 | 4.07 and -2.57 |

Table A2 (continued). Summary of Au-Au and Au-ligand bond distances (Å) of AuNCs compared to the computational models.

| Au(PPh₃)Cl Crystal (Å) | | Au(PPh₃)Br Crystal (Å) | | Au(PPh₃)I Crystal (Å) | |
|---|--------|---|--------|--|--------|
| Au-P | Au-X | Au-P | Au-X | Au-P | Au-X |
| 2.2903 | 2.2314 | 2.4031 | 2.2407 | 2.5633 | 2.2534 |

| Au(PPh₃)Cl Computational (Å) | | Au(PPh₃)Br Computational (Å) | | Au(PPh₃)I Computational (Å) | |
|---|--------|---|--------|--|--------|
| Au-P | Au-X | Au-P | Au-X | Au-P | Au-X |
| 2.3058 | 2.2695 | 2.4403 | 2.2769 | 2.6076 | 2.2932 |

| Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺ Crystal (Å) | | | Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺ Crystal (Å) | | | Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₂⁺ Crystal (Å) | | |
|--|------|------|--|------|------|---|------|------|
| Au-Au | Au-P | Au-X | Au-Au | Au-P | Au-X | Au-Au | Au-P | Au-X |
| 2.626 | 2.32 | 2.13 | 2.654 | 2.50 | 2.28 | 2.689 | 2.63 | 2.31 |
| 2.668 | 2.35 | 2.27 | 2.896 | 2.45 | 2.29 | 2.972 | 2.57 | 2.29 |
| 2.684 | | 2.28 | 3.062 | | 2.37 | 2.873 | | 2.35 |
| 2.696 | | 2.31 | 2.669 | | 2.33 | 2.685 | | 2.34 |
| 2.705 | | 2.35 | 3.108 | | 2.35 | 2.682 | | 2.31 |
| 2.711 | | 2.38 | 2.904 | | 2.31 | 2.965 | | 2.34 |
| 2.714 | | 2.39 | 2.974 | | 2.31 | 2.676 | | 2.32 |
| 2.720 | | 2.40 | 2.725 | | 2.11 | 2.912 | | 2.48 |
| 2.730 | | | 2.711 | | | 2.701 | | |
| 2.753 | | | 2.889 | | | 2.962 | | |
| 2.822 | | | 2.749 | | | 2.837 | | |
| 2.852 | | | 2.827 | | | 2.688 | | |
| 2.863 | | | 2.886 | | | 3.010 | | |
| 2.880 | | | 2.692 | | | 2.693 | | |
| 2.898 | | | 2.987 | | | 2.955 | | |
| 2.901 | | | 2.689 | | | 3.211 | | |
| 2.914 | | | 3.084 | | | 2.960 | | |
| 2.918 | | | 2.698 | | | 2.906 | | |
| 2.937 | | | 2.906 | | | 2.881 | | |
| 2.949 | | | 3.021 | | | 2.685 | | |
| 2.953 | | | 3.012 | | | 3.071 | | |
| 2.957 | | | 2.678 | | | 2.901 | | |
| 3.020 | | | 2.852 | | | 2.721 | | |
| 3.026 | | | 2.864 | | | 2.920 | | |
| 3.042 | | | 2.710 | | | 2.835 | | |
| 3.075 | | | 3.056 | | | 2.914 | | |
| 3.076 | | | 2.930 | | | 3.138 | | |
| 3.080 | | | 2.947 | | | 3.010 | | |

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| 3.093 | 2.971 | 2.662 |
| 3.094 | 3.102 | 2.838 |

| Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺ Computational (Å) | | | Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺ Computational (Å) | | | Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₂⁺ Computational (Å) | | |
|--|--------|--------|--|--------|--------|---|--------|--------|
| Au-Au | Au-P | Au-X | Au-Au | Au-P | Au-X | Au-Au | Au-P | Au-X |
| 2.8159 | 2.3965 | 2.3302 | 2.7058 | 2.5244 | 2.3231 | 2.7037 | 2.6814 | 2.3223 |
| 2.7607 | 2.4123 | 2.3361 | 2.7206 | 2.5397 | 2.3337 | 2.7349 | 2.6944 | 2.3332 |
| 2.7486 | | 2.3359 | 2.7439 | | 2.3368 | 2.7366 | | 2.3371 |
| 2.8201 | | 2.3199 | 2.758 | | 2.3373 | 2.7469 | | 2.3391 |
| 2.7814 | | 2.3384 | 2.7596 | | 2.3373 | 2.7563 | | 2.3403 |
| 2.7654 | | 2.3401 | 2.7791 | | 2.3412 | 2.7802 | | 2.3434 |
| 2.7994 | | 2.3396 | 2.7855 | | 2.3462 | 2.7891 | | 2.3487 |
| 2.7116 | | 2.332 | 2.7974 | | 2.3463 | 2.8134 | | 2.3545 |
| 2.7623 | | | 2.817 | | | 2.8247 | | |
| 2.7078 | | | 2.8297 | | | 2.8485 | | |
| 3.031 | | | 2.9134 | | | 2.9248 | | |
| 2.9569 | | | 2.932 | | | 2.9336 | | |
| 2.925 | | | 2.9388 | | | 2.9343 | | |
| 3.069 | | | 2.9394 | | | 2.9422 | | |
| 3.1702 | | | 2.9475 | | | 2.9529 | | |
| 3.004 | | | 2.952 | | | 2.9553 | | |
| 3.0011 | | | 2.9909 | | | 3.0021 | | |
| 2.9405 | | | 2.9949 | | | 3.0027 | | |
| 2.9929 | | | 3.0013 | | | 3.005 | | |
| 3.1096 | | | 3.009 | | | 3.0117 | | |
| 3.1571 | | | 3.0315 | | | 3.0235 | | |
| 2.9169 | | | 3.0325 | | | 3.0308 | | |
| 2.9581 | | | 3.0382 | | | 3.0429 | | |
| 3.0138 | | | 3.0554 | | | 3.0495 | | |
| 3.0391 | | | 3.0688 | | | 3.0833 | | |
| 3.0382 | | | 3.1157 | | | 3.123 | | |
| 2.9477 | | | 3.1718 | | | 3.1504 | | |
| 3.1816 | | | 3.177 | | | 3.1685 | | |
| 3.0058 | | | 3.1917 | | | 3.1736 | | |

| Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Cl₃ Crystal (Å) | | | Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Br₃ Crystal (Å) | | | Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇I₃ Crystal (Å) | | |
|--|-------|-------|--|------|------|---|-------|-------|
| Au-Au | Au-P | Au-X | Au-Au | Au-P | Au-X | Au-Au | Au-P | Au-X |
| 2.611 | 2.378 | 2.358 | N/A | N/A | N/A | 2.682 | 2.628 | 2.294 |
| 2.955 | 2.3 | 2.324 | | | | 2.676 | 2.619 | 2.280 |
| 2.955 | 2.3 | 2.324 | | | | 3.065 | 2.616 | 2.277 |
| 2.92 | | 2.358 | | | | 2.683 | | 2.290 |
| 2.663 | | 2.265 | | | | 3.190 | | 2.296 |
| 2.881 | | 2.324 | | | | 2.618 | | 2.290 |
| 2.863 | | 2.557 | | | | 2.943 | | 2.285 |

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| 3.132 | | 2.710 |
| 2.659 | | 2.888 |
| 2.864 | | 2.915 |
| 3.134 | | 2.677 |
| 2.864 | | 3.044 |
| 2.663 | | 3.014 |
| 2.863 | | 3.103 |
| 3.132 | | 2.694 |
| 2.881 | | 2.955 |
| 2.701 | | 2.845 |
| 2.964 | | 3.160 |
| 2.972 | | 2.715 |
| 2.701 | | 2.895 |
| 2.964 | | 3.104 |
| 2.972 | | 2.856 |
| 2.693 | | 2.704 |
| 2.969 | | 3.068 |
| 2.969 | | 2.869 |
| 2.678 | | 2.910 |
| 3.02 | | 2.690 |
| 2.999 | | 3.095 |
| 2.695 | | 2.934 |
| 3.02 | | 2.898 |
| 2.678 | | 2.866 |

| Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Cl₃ Computational (Å) | | | Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Br₃ Computational(Å) | | | Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇I₃ Computational (Å) | | |
|--|--------|--------|---|--------|--------|---|--------|--------|
| Au-Au | Au-P | Au-X | Au-Au | Au-P | Au-X | Au-Au | Au-P | Au-X |
| 2.76 | 2.4235 | 2.3183 | 2.6492 | 2.5568 | 2.3044 | 2.6578 | 2.71 | 2.3116 |
| 2.7485 | 2.4249 | 2.3194 | 2.7447 | 2.557 | 2.3154 | 2.7393 | 2.7113 | 2.3202 |
| 2.7493 | 2.4281 | 2.3158 | 2.7464 | 2.5576 | 2.3182 | 2.741 | 2.7133 | 2.3225 |
| 2.6554 | | 2.3101 | 2.747 | | 2.3192 | 2.7532 | | 2.3244 |
| 2.8176 | | 2.3154 | 2.7555 | | 2.3193 | 2.7557 | | 2.3245 |
| 2.7452 | | 2.3261 | 2.7555 | | 2.3242 | 2.763 | | 2.3261 |
| 2.7492 | | 2.3187 | 2.761 | | 2.3251 | 2.7689 | | 2.3302 |
| 2.8227 | | | 2.8216 | | | 2.826 | | |
| 2.823 | | | 2.8233 | | | 2.8331 | | |
| 2.7415 | | | 2.8314 | | | 2.8358 | | |
| 2.9691 | | | 2.8773 | | | 2.8896 | | |
| 2.945 | | | 2.8837 | | | 2.8898 | | |
| 2.9081 | | | 2.8946 | | | 2.8995 | | |
| 2.9313 | | | 2.8961 | | | 2.9044 | | |
| 2.9746 | | | 2.8985 | | | 2.9069 | | |
| 2.9819 | | | 2.9079 | | | 2.9116 | | |
| 2.899 | | | 2.9168 | | | 2.9476 | | |
| 2.886 | | | 2.9252 | | | 2.9493 | | |

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| 3.0513 | 2.9495 | 2.974 |
| 3.0185 | 2.9542 | 2.9766 |
| 2.8931 | 2.9748 | 2.9828 |
| 2.9178 | 2.9773 | 2.9835 |
| 2.9146 | 2.9865 | 3.0027 |
| 2.916 | 3.0198 | 3.0402 |
| 2.8906 | 3.0446 | 3.0409 |

| Au₁₁(dppp)₅³⁺ | | | |
|---|--------|------------------|--------|
| Crystal (Å) | | Computational(Å) | |
| Au-Au | Au-P | Au-Au | Au-P |
| 2.7287 | 2.3198 | 2.7977 | 2.3388 |
| 2.9189 | 2.2539 | 2.7668 | 2.3374 |
| 2.8785 | 2.3684 | 2.7715 | 2.3424 |
| 3.0877 | 2.2693 | 2.7752 | 2.3516 |
| 2.7101 | 2.2109 | 2.7377 | 2.3304 |
| 2.9125 | 2.2717 | 2.7715 | 2.3463 |
| 3.1495 | 2.2703 | 2.8023 | 2.3346 |
| 2.9187 | 2.3343 | 2.7745 | 2.3438 |
| 3.0384 | 2.2826 | 2.7474 | 2.3402 |
| 3.064 | 2.2817 | 2.7165 | 2.3418 |
| 2.6693 | | 3.1177 | |
| 2.7033 | | 3.1941 | |
| 2.9114 | | 2.9239 | |
| 2.672 | | 2.9387 | |
| 2.9286 | | 2.9627 | |
| 2.6751 | | 3.1853 | |
| 2.9963 | | 3.1268 | |
| 2.7119 | | 3.0815 | |
| 2.9073 | | 2.9603 | |
| 2.9808 | | 3.0315 | |
| 2.6876 | | 3.0104 | |
| 2.9064 | | 2.9675 | |
| 2.9117 | | 2.9921 | |
| 2.7463 | | 3.0837 | |
| 2.8968 | | 2.9477 | |
| 2.9856 | | 2.9989 | |
| 2.6789 | | 3.0019 | |
| 3.0074 | | 2.9536 | |
| 3.0615 | | 3.1319 | |

Table A3 (continued). Summary of Bader charges of AuNCs.

| Atom | PPh ₃ Charge (e ⁻) | Au(PPh ₃)Cl Charge (e ⁻) | Au(PPh ₃)Br Charge (e ⁻) | Au(PPh ₃)I Charge (e ⁻) |
|------|--|---|---|--|
| Au | - | -0.298012 | -0.294313 | -0.12804 |
| X | - | 0.531875 | 0.443641 | 0.220838 |
| P | 0.055884 | -0.043966 | 0.09566 | 0.238725 |
| C | 0.191171 | 0.109852 | 0.099114 | -0.278621 |
| C | 0.151428 | 0.056849 | 0.055023 | 0.099295 |
| C | -0.09222 | -0.141079 | 0.045944 | 0.149755 |
| C | -0.007161 | 0.114507 | -0.374576 | 0 |
| C | 0.098004 | -0.044669 | 0.16685 | 0.045403 |
| C | -0.218734 | 0.275164 | 0 | 0 |
| C | -0.199413 | -0.079388 | -0.024388 | -0.359532 |
| C | 0.058501 | 0 | 0 | 0.006067 |
| C | -0.2696 | -0.049525 | 0.335173 | 0 |
| C | -0.240061 | 0.151442 | -0.003747 | 0.116209 |
| C | -0.313977 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C | 0.125987 | -0.086884 | 0.065634 | 0.225042 |
| C | -0.186961 | -0.599168 | -0.000936 | 0.032998 |
| C | 0.039596 | 0.407343 | 0.216262 | 0 |
| C | 0 | -0.032914 | -0.316814 | 0.00293 |
| C | 0 | -0.377345 | 0.044805 | -0.18643 |
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| Au | 0.062919 | 0.063098 | 0.06063 |

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| Au | -0.0728 | -0.010299 | 0.06734 |
| Au | 0.04929 | 0.042982 | 0.041202 |
| Au | 0.080151 | 0.082421 | 0.095819 |
| Au | 0.065338 | 0.064805 | 0.067066 |
| P | 0.034484 | -0.087389 | -0.303553 |
| P | 0.094568 | -0.000692 | -0.053349 |
| P | -0.134088 | -0.151727 | 0.035328 |
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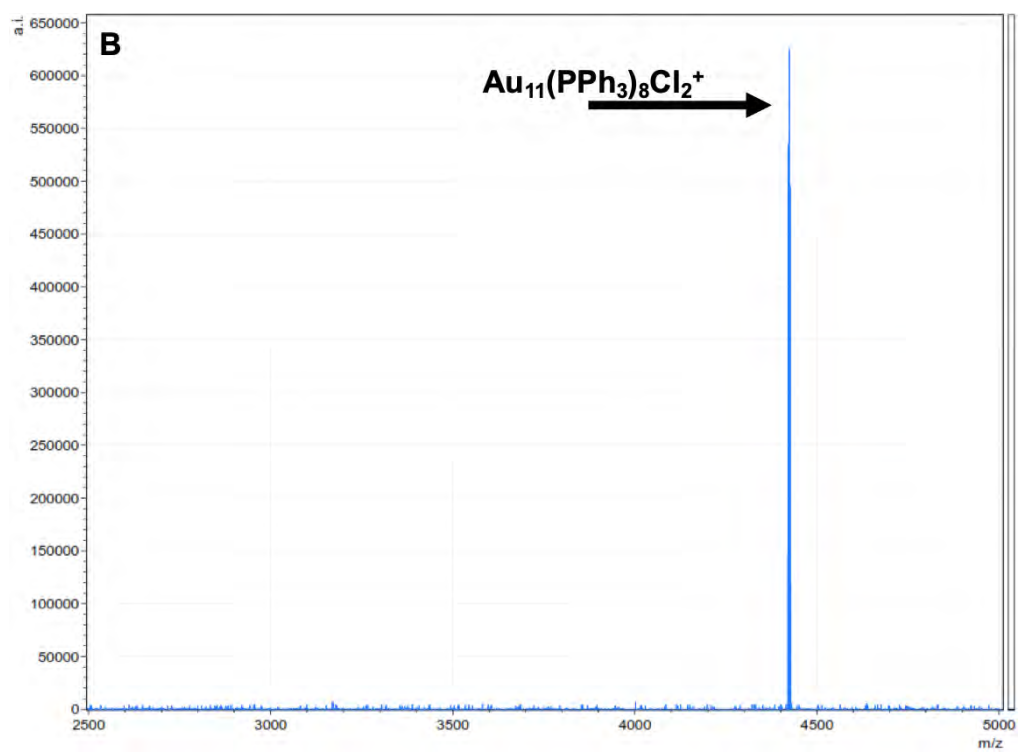
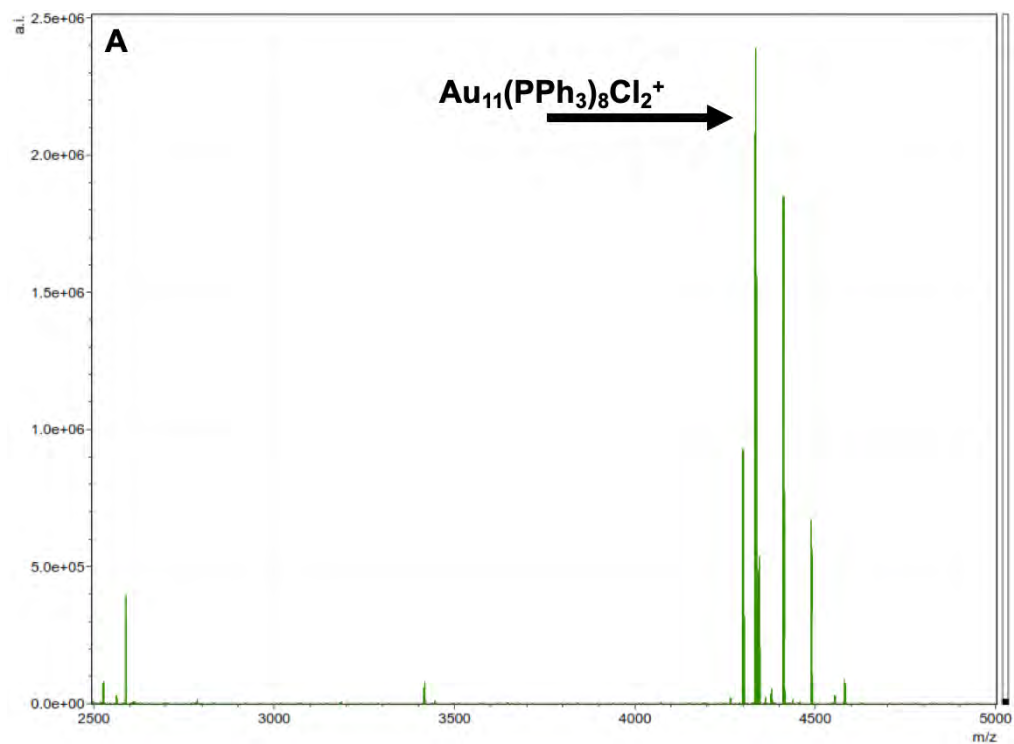
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Table A4. Life time (τ) of emissions of AuNCs.

| AuNP | Φ (a.u.) | τ_{obs} (μ s) | τ_{rad} (μ s) |
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| Au ₁₁ (PPh ₃) ₈ Cl ₂ ⁺ | 0.023% | 2.1 | 9130 |
| Au ₁₁ (PPh ₃) ₈ Br ₂ ⁺ | 0.067% | 2.8 | 4180 |
| Au ₁₁ (PPh ₃) ₈ I ₂ ⁺ | 0.339% | 3.4 | 1003 |

τ_{obs} : Observed lifetime

τ_{rad} : Radiative lifetime



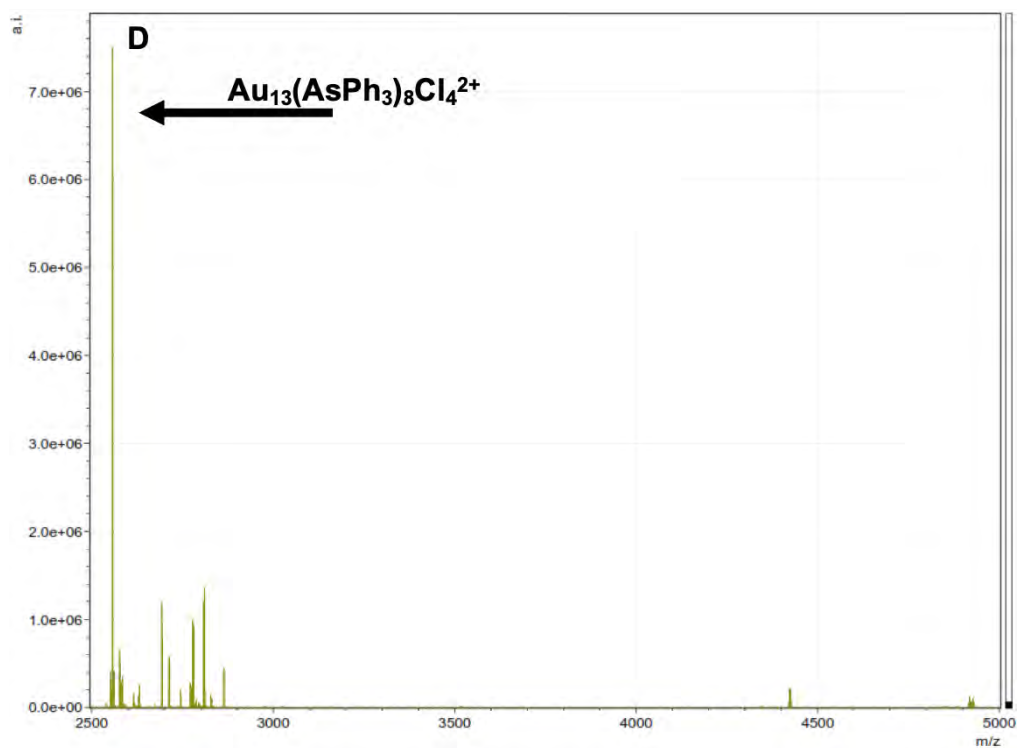
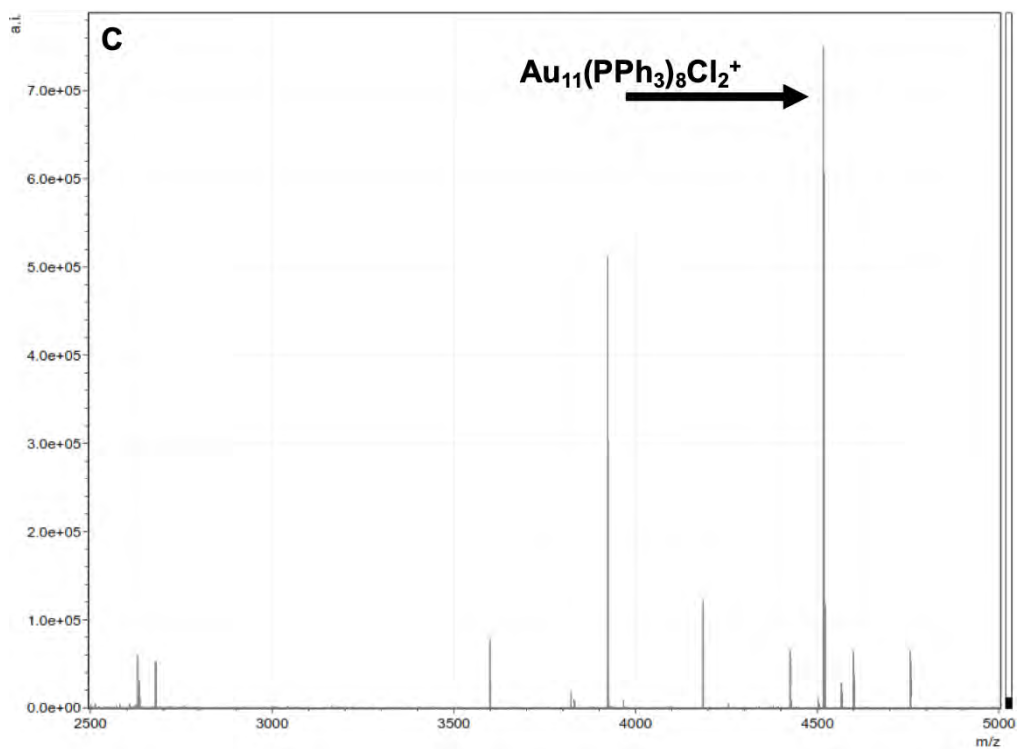


Figure A1. ESI spectrum showing the existence of A) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$, B) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$, and C) $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$, and D) $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^{2+}$.

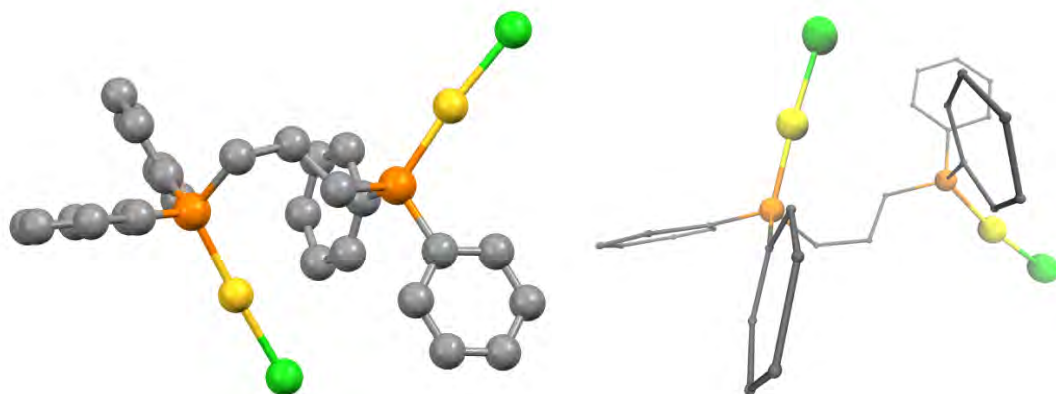


Figure A2. The crystal and computation structure of dppp.

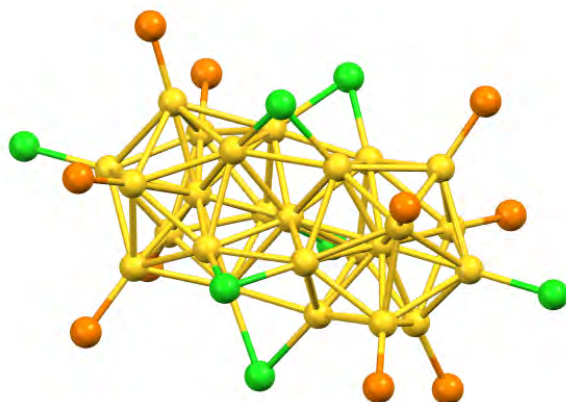


Figure A3. Crystal structure of decomposed product Au_{25}NC from $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$. Purified $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ solution was left to decompose after three months, other impurities were removed and the major product Au_{25}NC was crystallized. X-ray diffraction data suggests that the Au_{25}NC is passivated with phosphine and halide ligands.

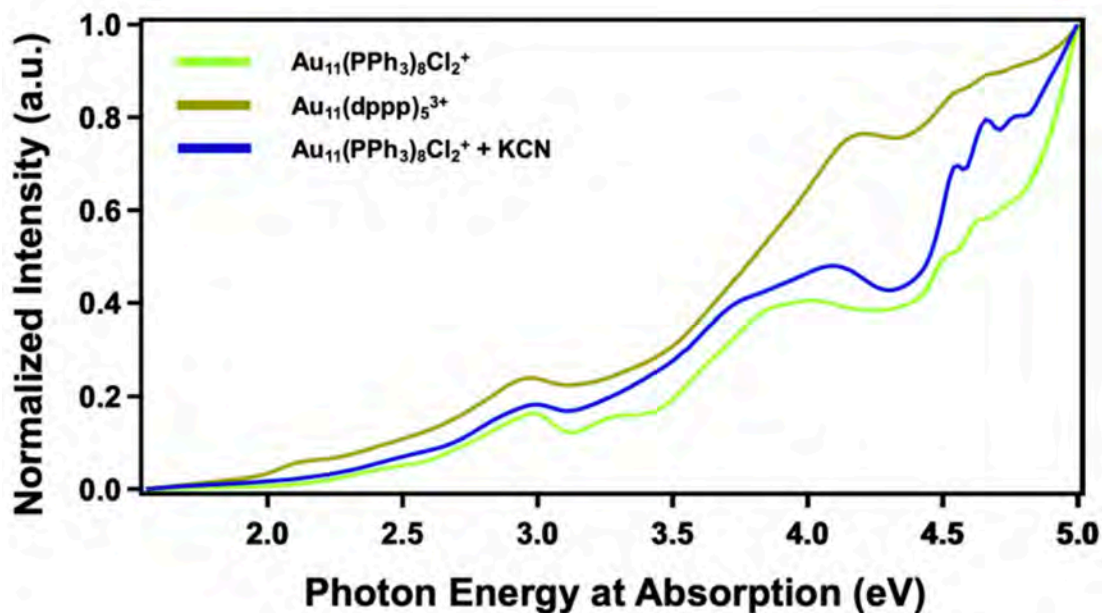


Figure A4. Absorption spectrum of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_5^{3+}$ and Au_{11}NC with CN^- . Comparing to the $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$, the other AuNCs has similar absorption features, especially near 3.0 and 4.0 eV.

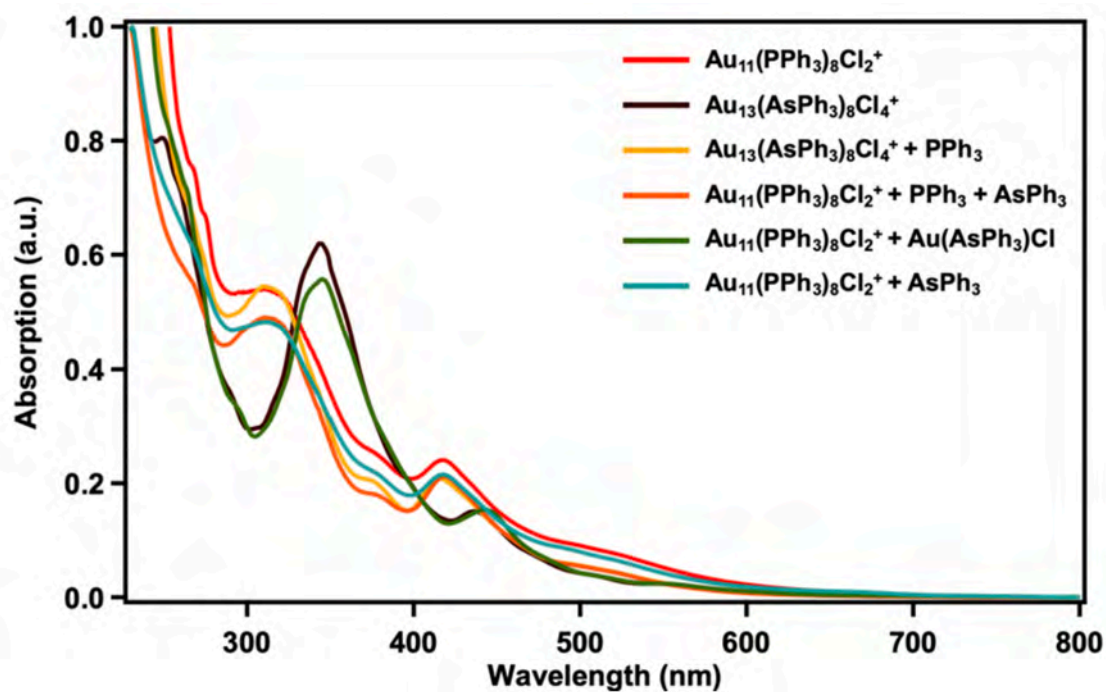


Figure A5. Absorption spectrum of Au_{11}NCs with addition of other ligands. In the presence of PPh_3 ligands, the $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$ seems to produce Au_{11}NCs , whereas AsPh_3 ligands does not indicate any changes in the absorption features of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$. Interestingly, in the presence of $\text{Au}(\text{AsPh}_3)\text{Cl}$, $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ appears to show absorption features that resemble Au_{13}NCs .

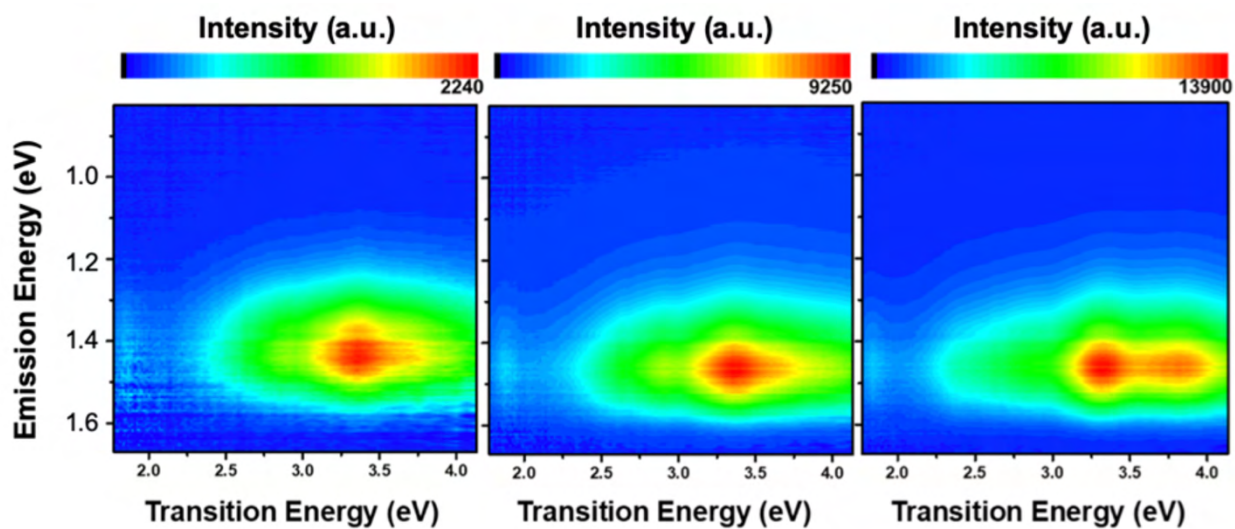


Figure A6. Emission maps of Au₁₁NCs in DCM. Compared to the same Au₁₁NCs solvated in the ethanol, the emission maps show less pronounced features. However, the Φ collected from the Au₁₁NCs in DCM is much higher than that of Au₁₁NCs in ethanol.

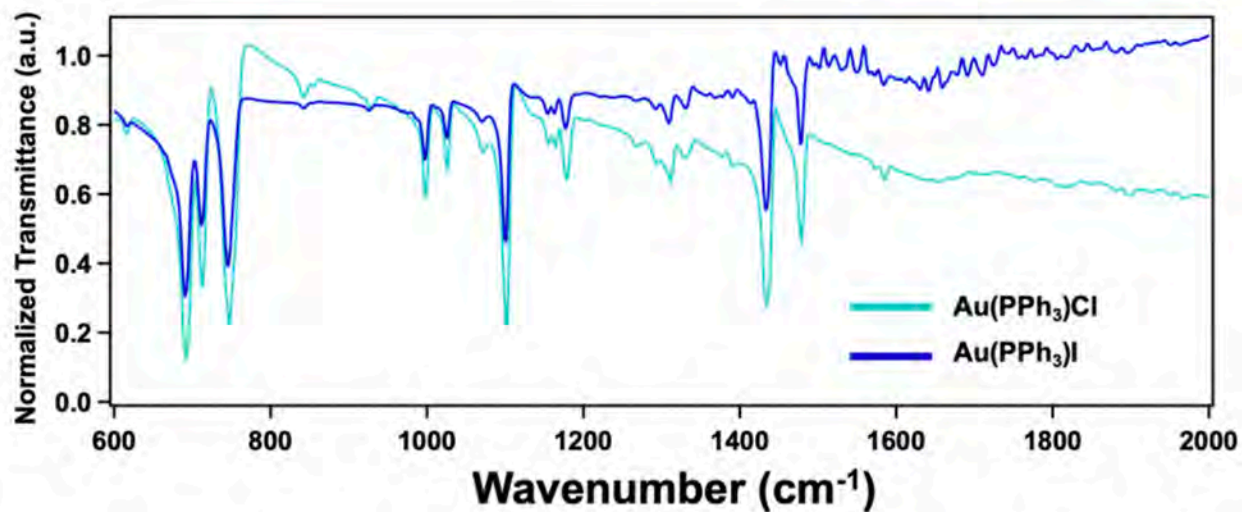


Figure A7. FTIR spectrum comparing the features in KBr pallet containing Au(PPh₃)Cl and Au(PPh₃)I.

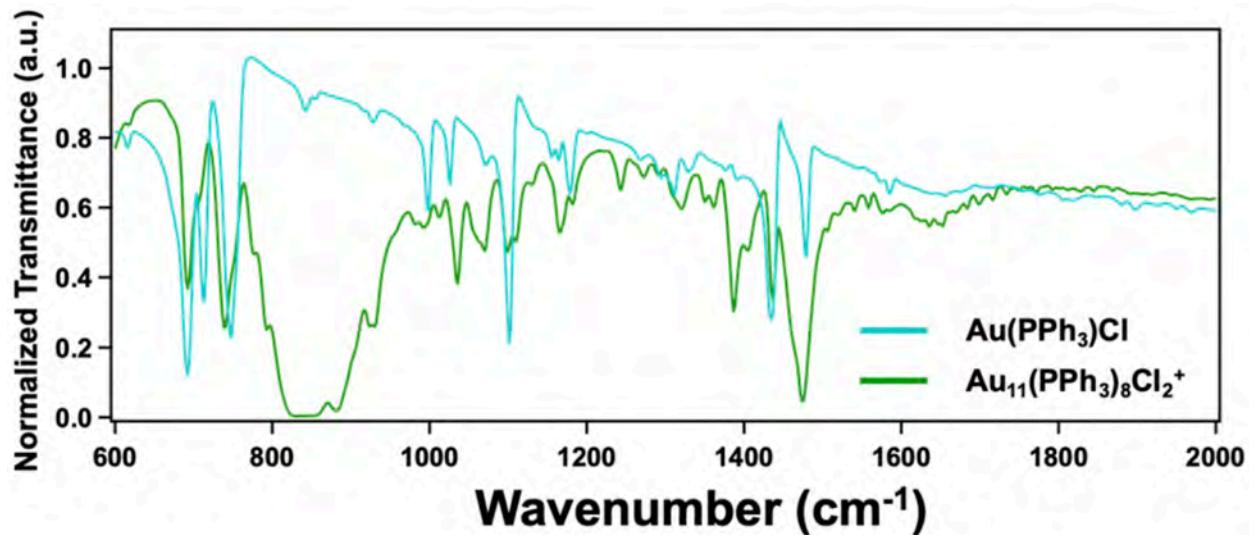


Figure A8. FTIR spectrum comparing the features in KBr pallet containing Au(PPh₃)Cl and Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺.

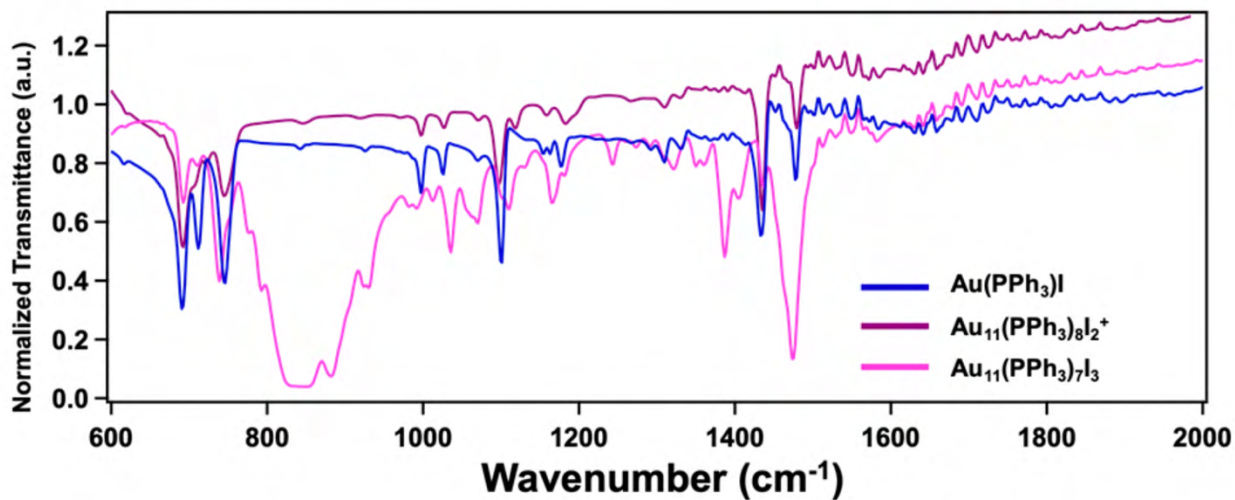


Figure A9. FTIR spectrum comparing the features in KBr pallet containing Au(PPh₃)I, Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₂⁺, and Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇I₃.

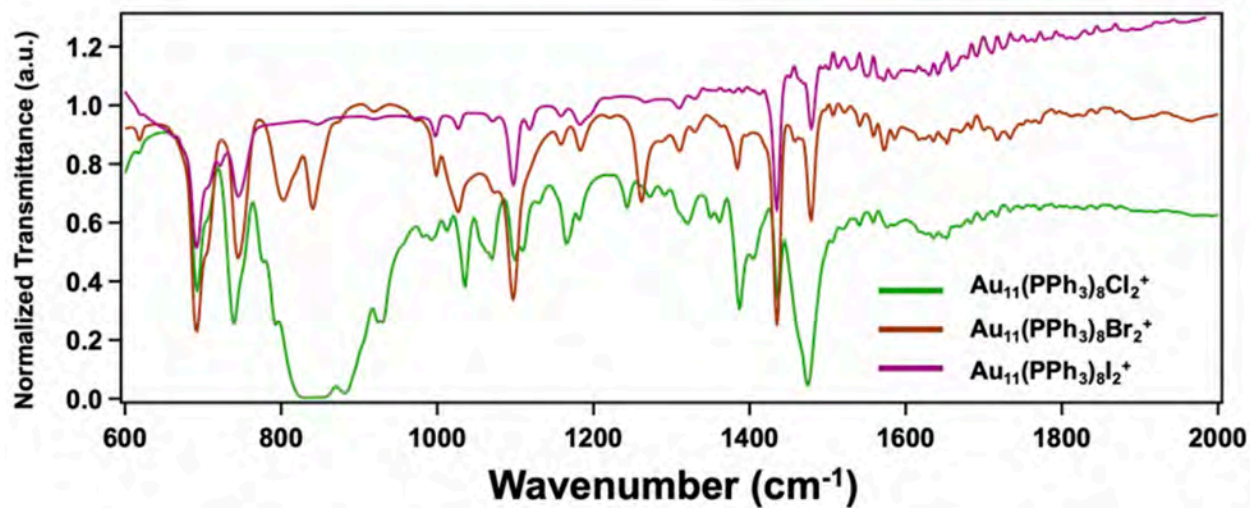


Figure A10. FTIR spectrum comparing the features in KBr pallet containing Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺, Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺, and Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₂⁺.

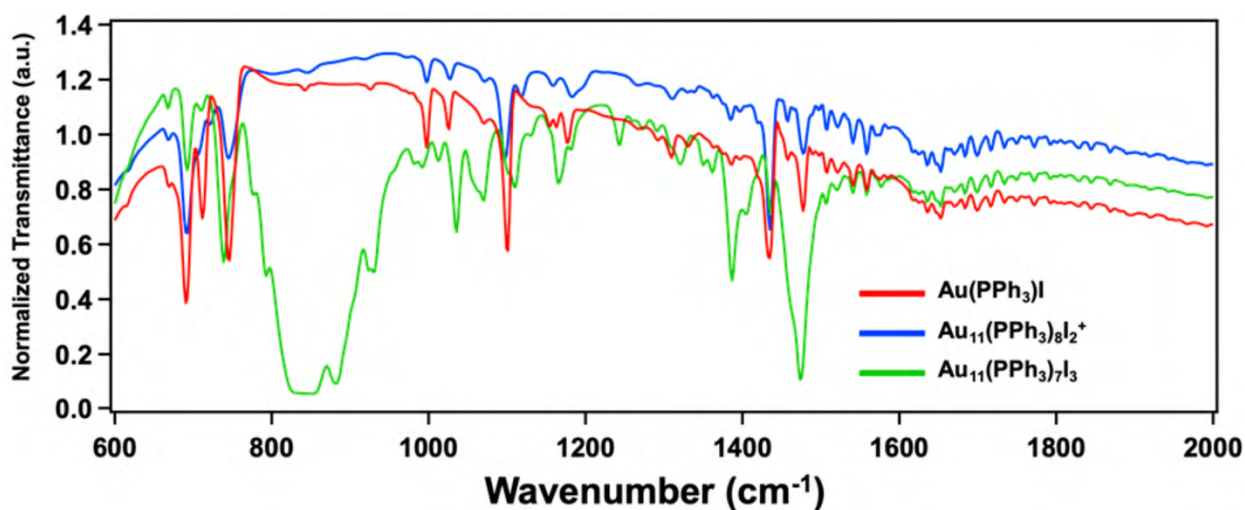


Figure A11. FTIR spectrum comparing the features in DCM solution containing Au(PPh₃)I, Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₂⁺, and Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇I₃.

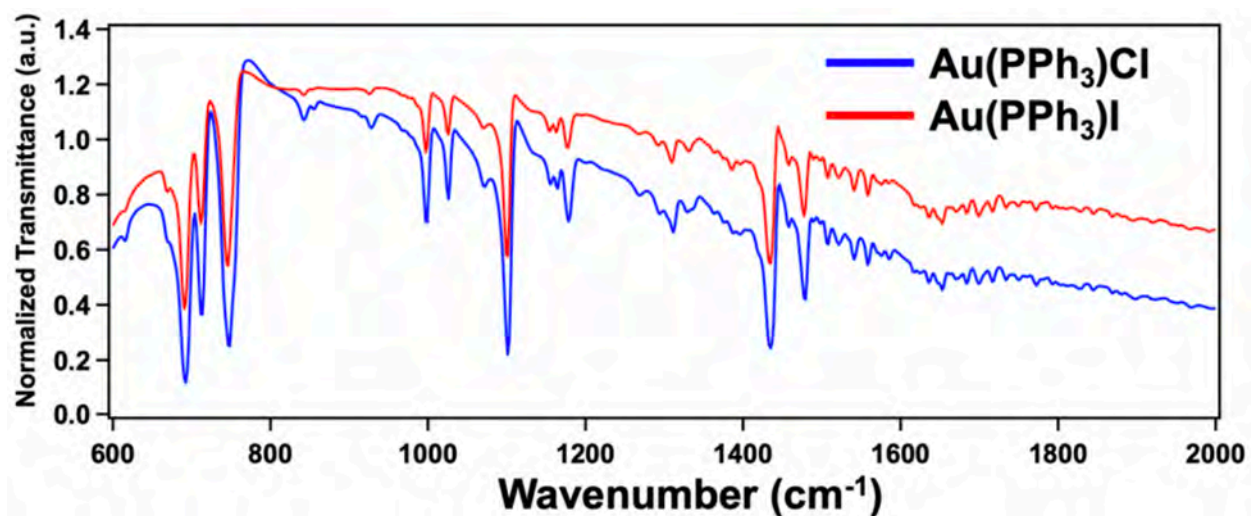


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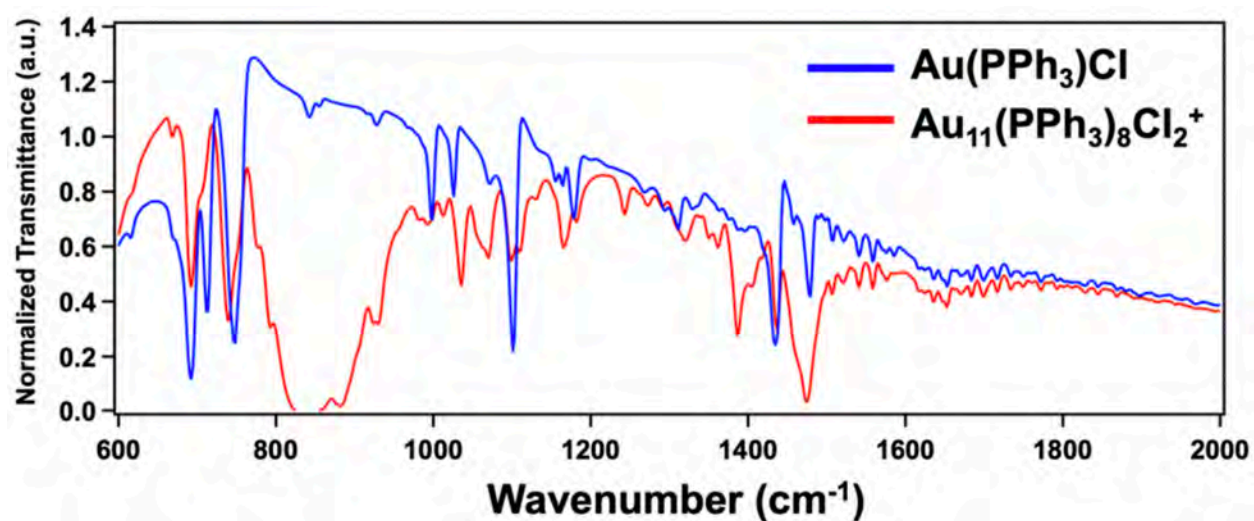


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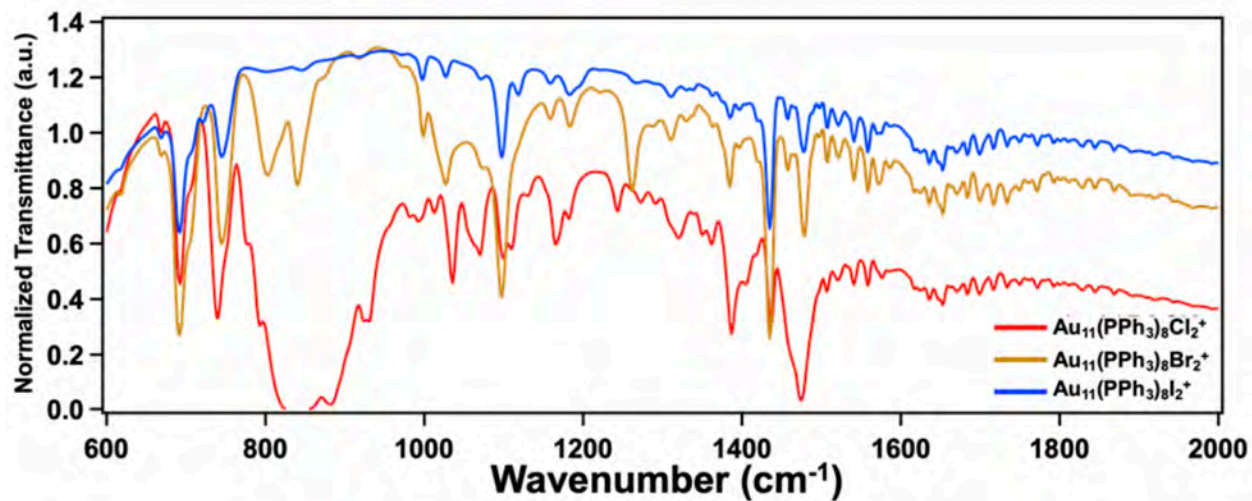


Figure A14. FTIR spectrum comparing the features in DCM solution containing Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺, Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺, and Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₂⁺.

Following **Figures** are comparing Raman features among the Au(I) precursors and AuNCs. Lower Raman shift range contains many features resulting from metal to organic (M-S, M-P) and metal to halogen (M-X) vibrations.

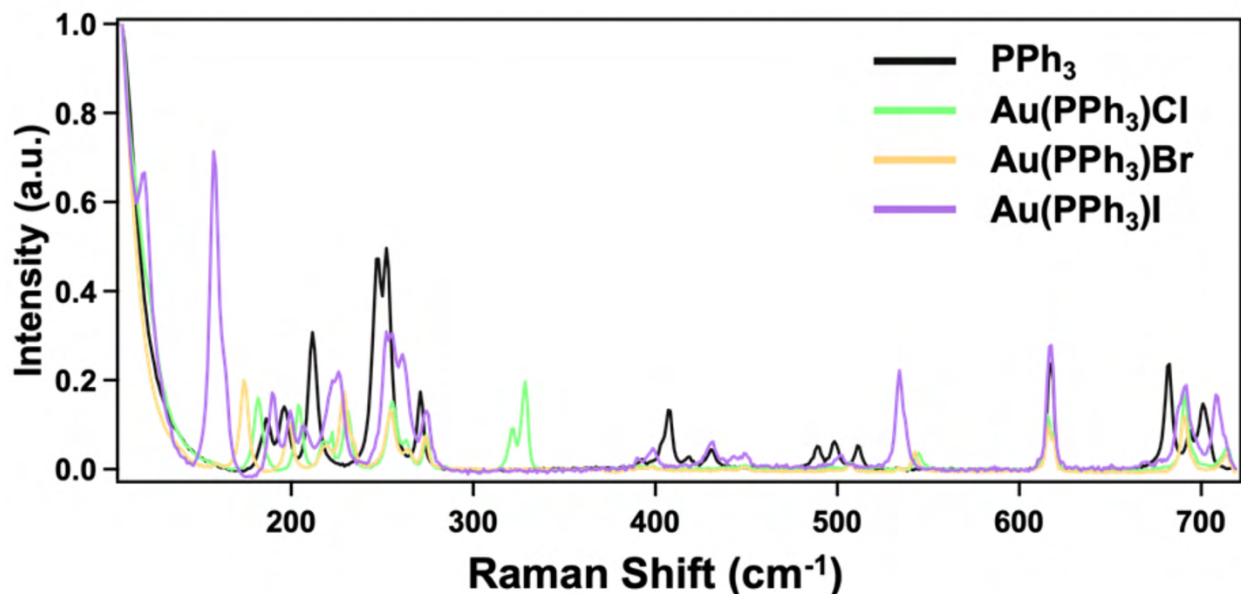


Figure A15. Raman spectra of PPh₃ and Au(PPh₃)X (X = Cl, Br, I) at low Raman shifts.

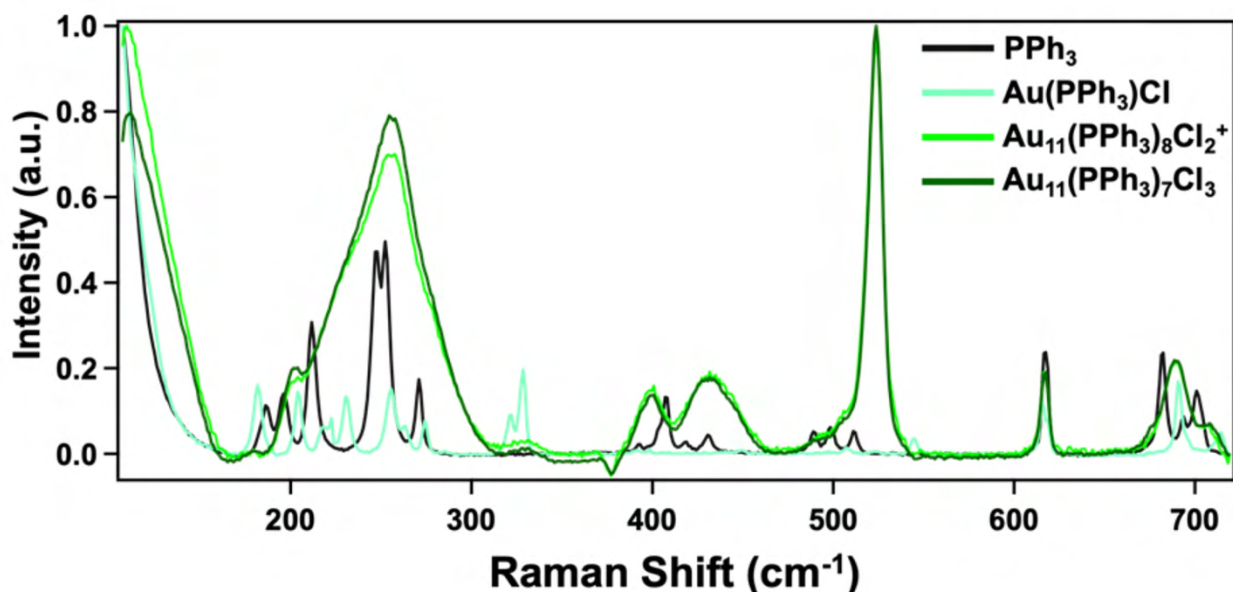


Figure A16. Raman spectra of PPh₃, Au(PPh₃)Cl, Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Cl₂⁺, and Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Cl₃ at low Raman shifts.

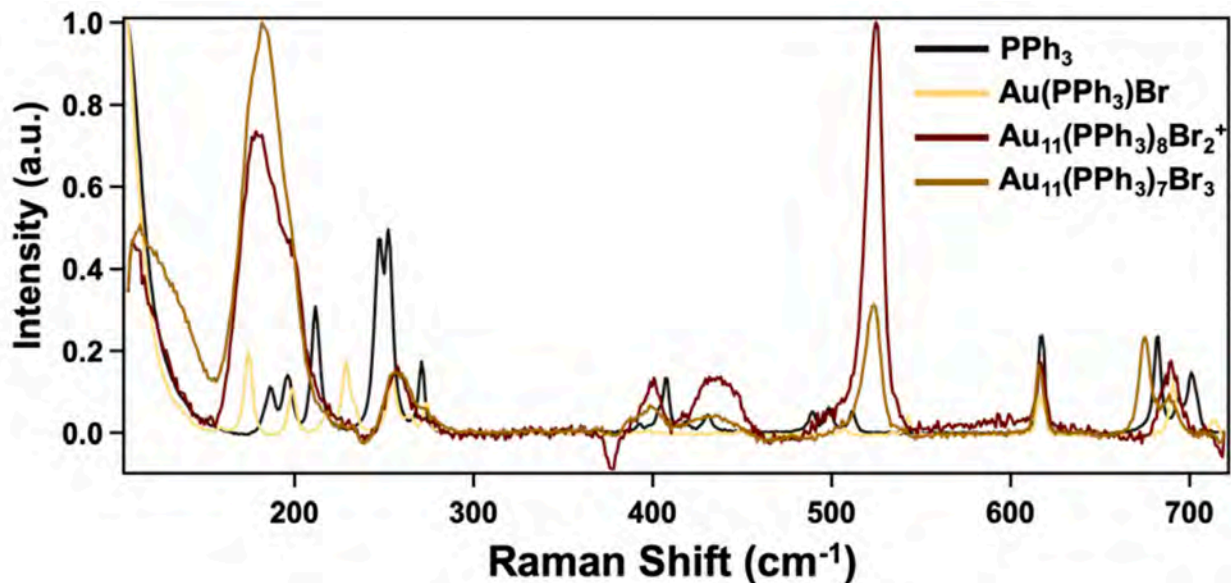


Figure A17. Raman spectra of PPh₃, Au(PPh₃)Br, Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈Br₂⁺, and Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Br₃ at low Raman shifts.

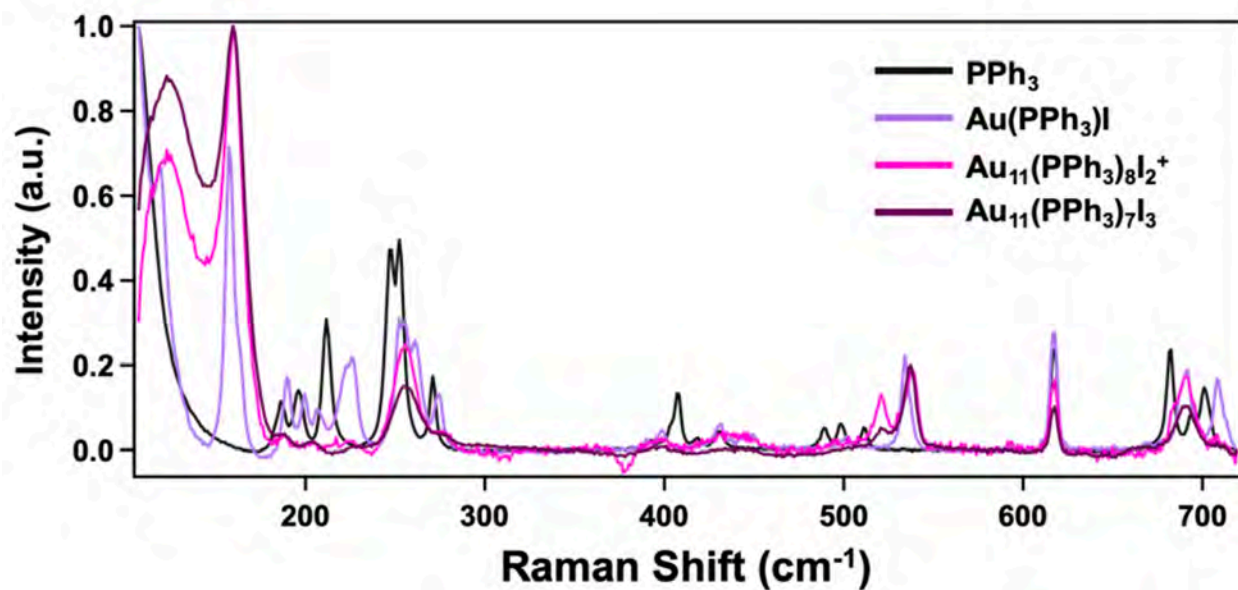


Figure A18. Raman spectra of PPh₃, Au(PPh₃)I, Au₁₁(PPh₃)₈I₂⁺, and Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇I₃ at low Raman shifts.

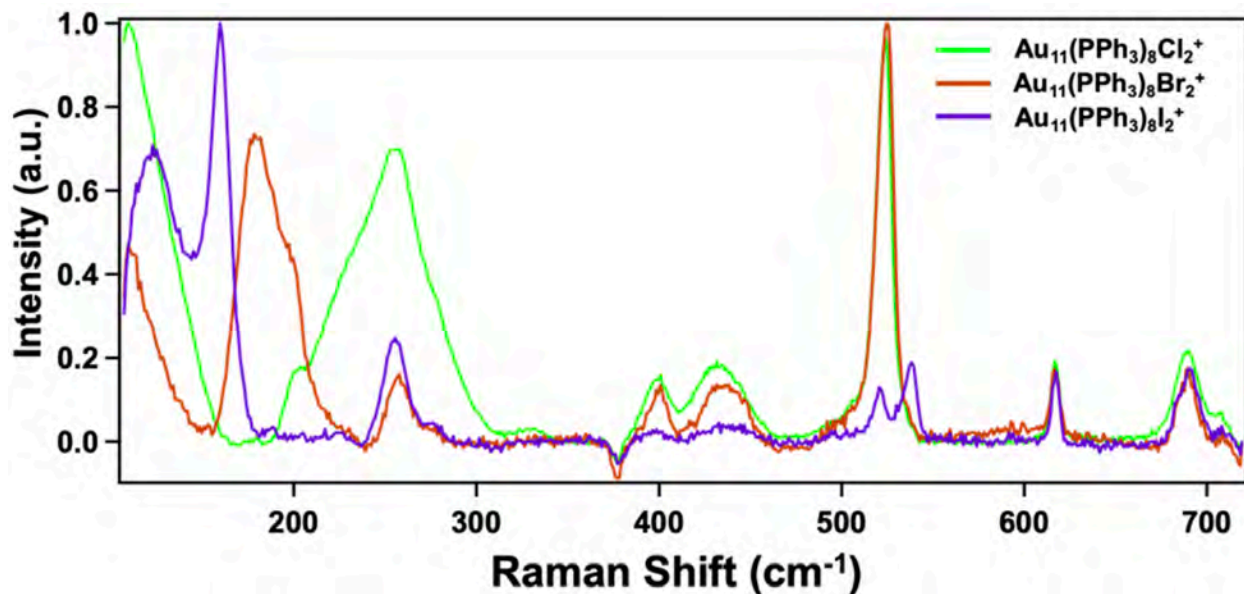


Figure A19. Raman spectra directly comparing the features of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$) in low Raman shifts.

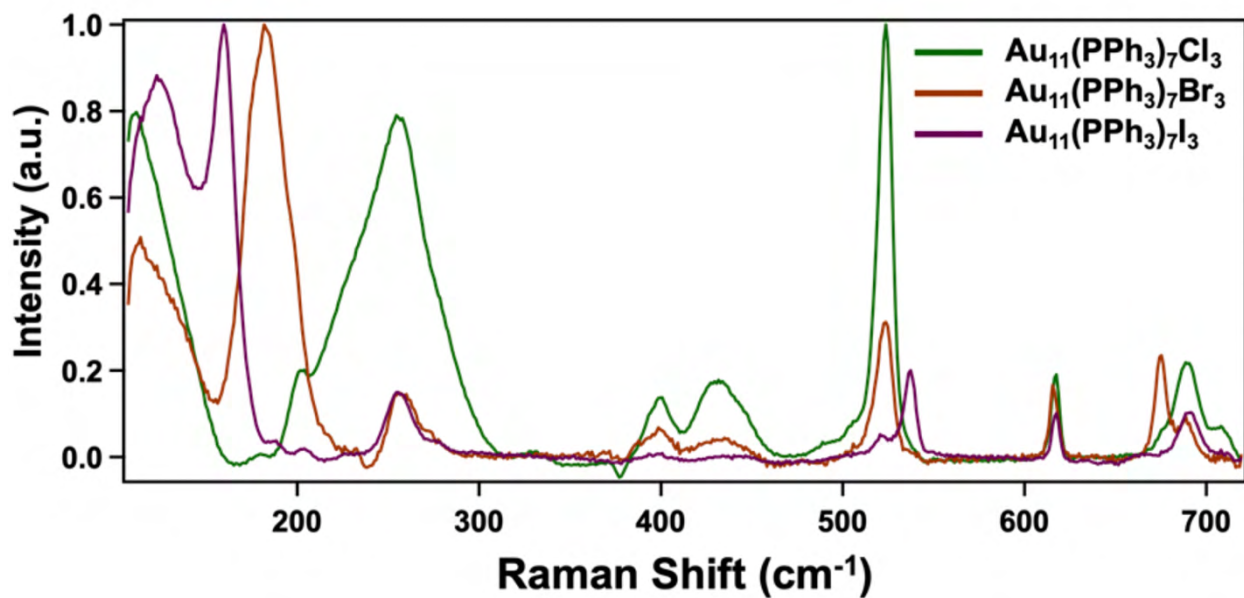


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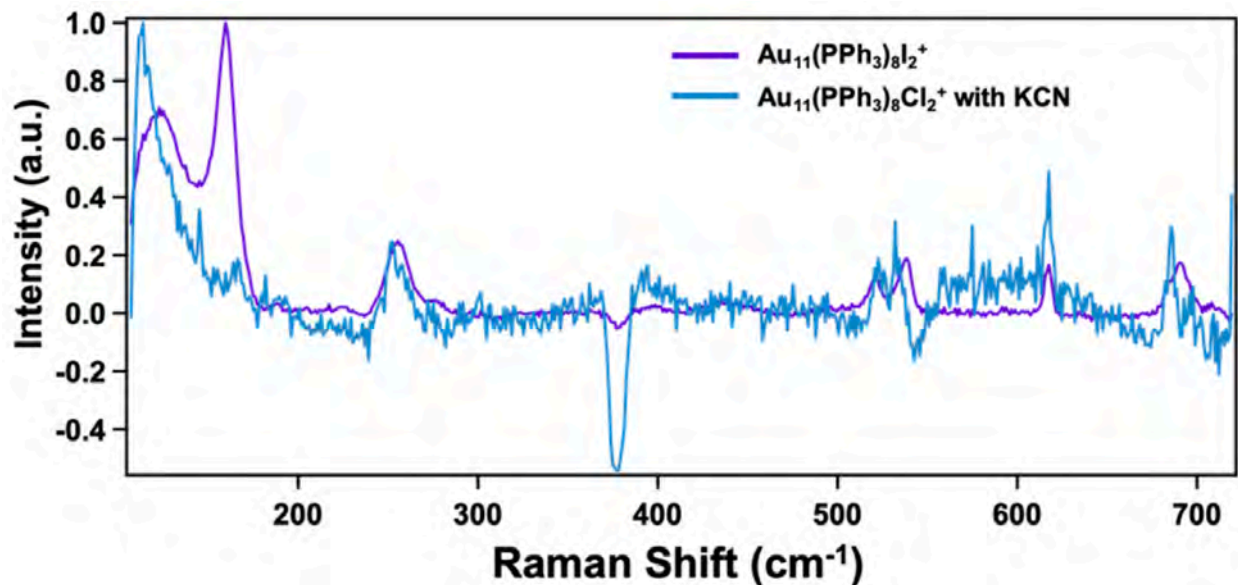


Figure A21. Raman spectra directly comparing the features between $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ with KCN in low Raman shifts.

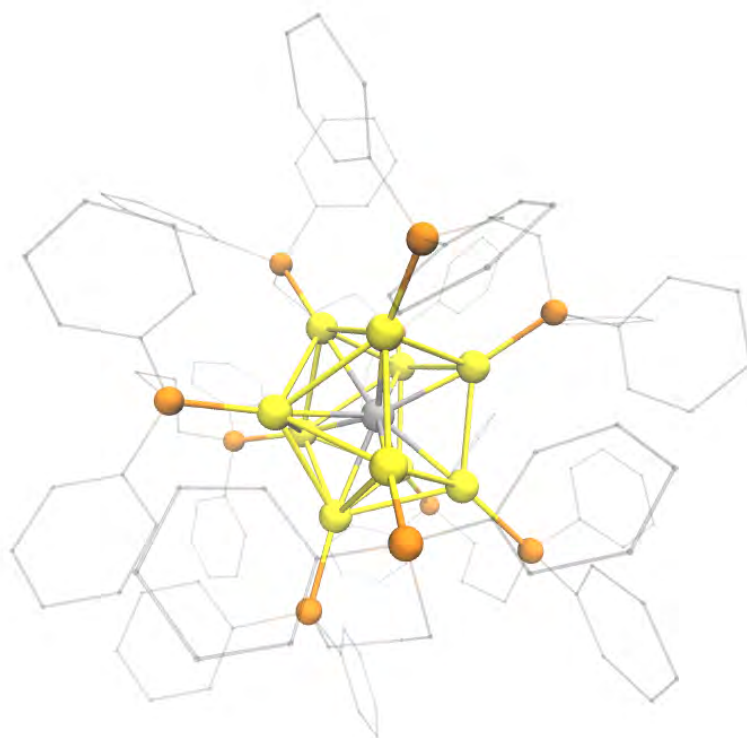


Figure A22. Fully optimized geometries of $\text{PtAu}_{10}(\text{dppp})_5^{2+}$. The $\text{PtAu}_{10}\text{NC}$ structure was based off of previously reported structure, which has much difficulty in syntheses.⁸¹ However, this new alloy cluster can provide very important insight to the influences of the core metal in small metallic clusters.

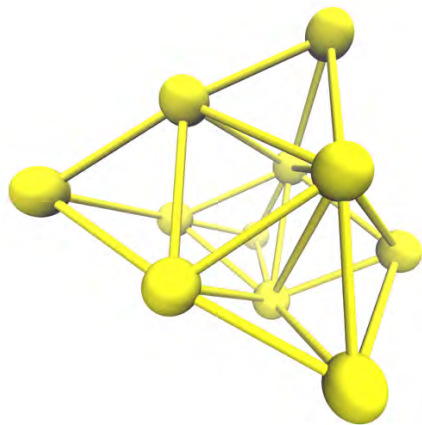


Figure A23. Fully optimized geometries of Au_{11}^{3+} . Due to the large change in the geometries of fully relaxed structure of Au_{11}^{3+} compared to the gold core in $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ or $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{X}_3$, several calculations regarding the electronic structure of the gold core was done using single point calculations.

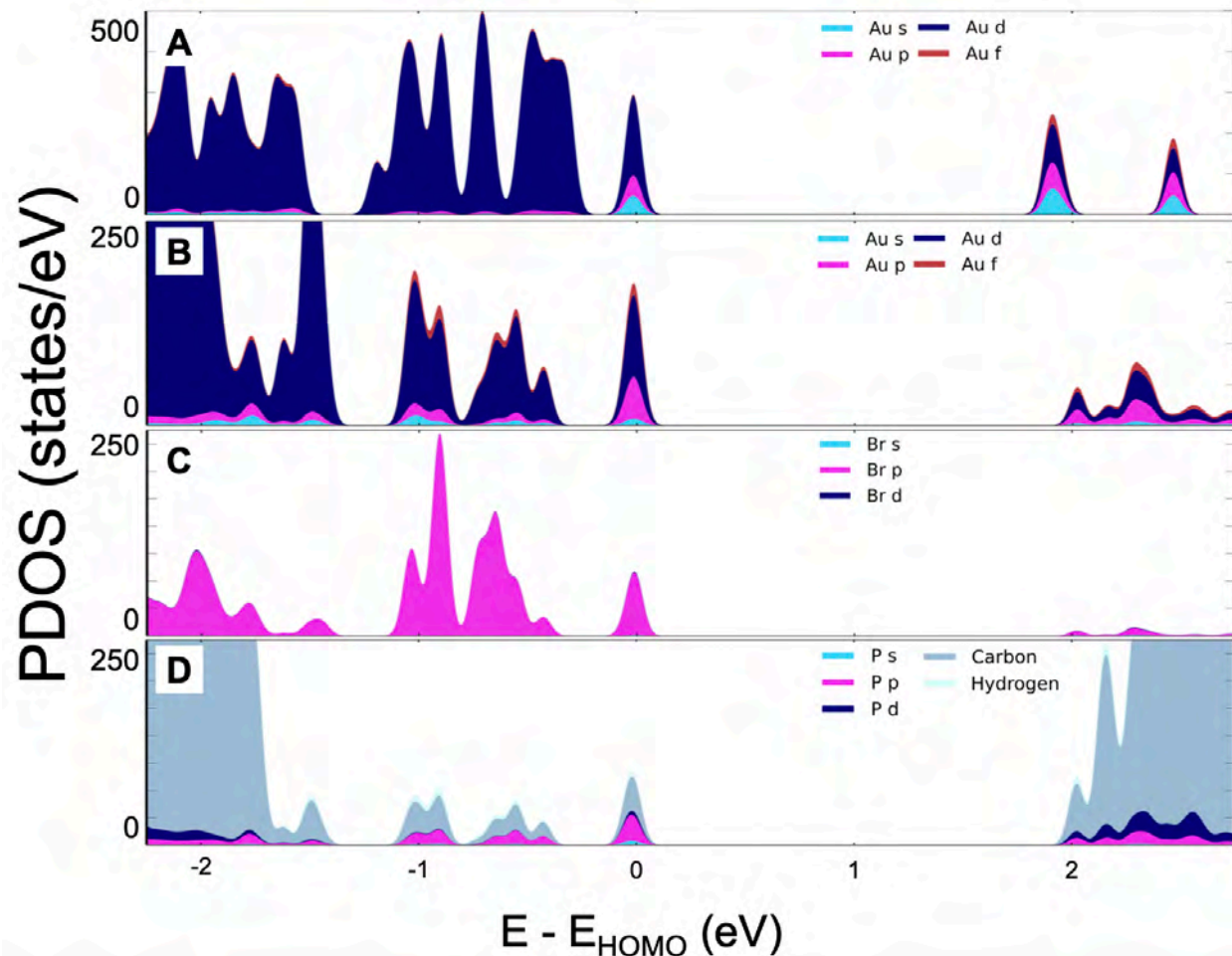


Figure A24. Orbital angular momentum PDOS of A) gold in Au_{11}^{3+} , B) gold, C) Br, and D) organic elements of PPh_3 in $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$. The PDOS of bare Au_{11}NCs with the same core geometry as $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_3$ is modelled in A) for comparison. Unlike the rest of the elements, the orbital angular momentums of carbon and hydrogen were combined.

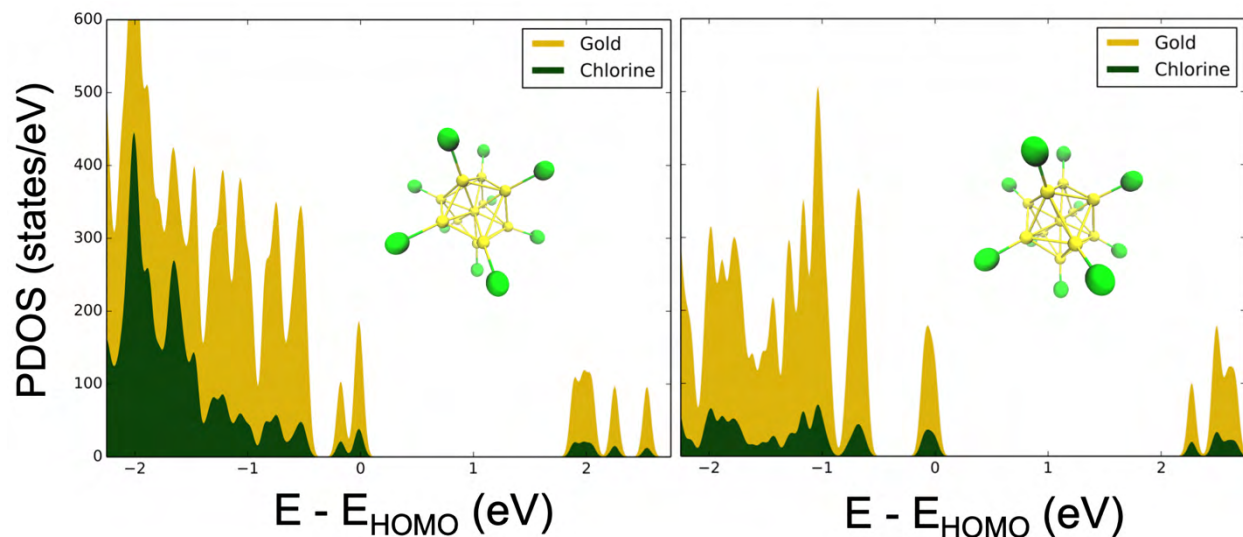
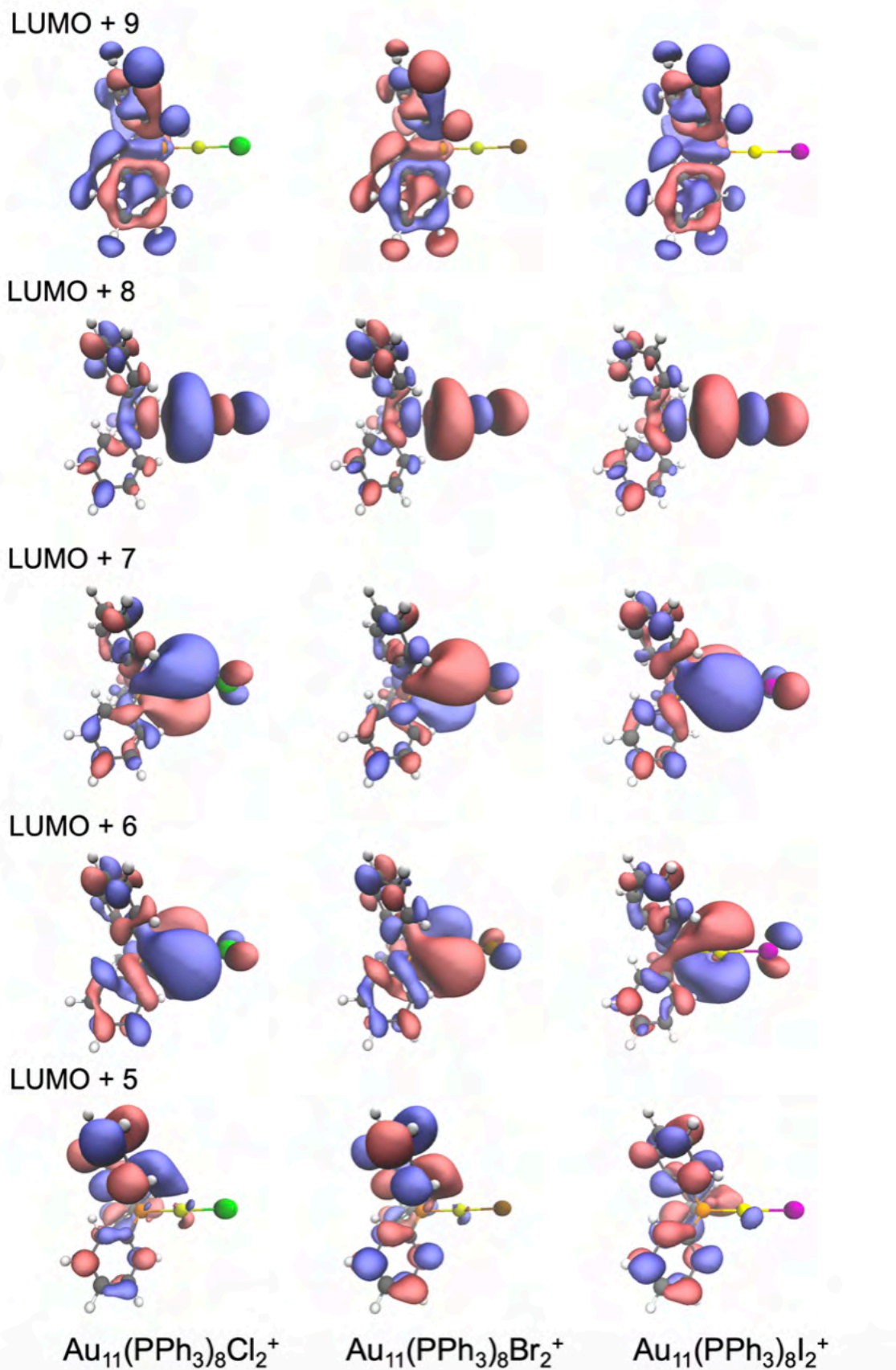
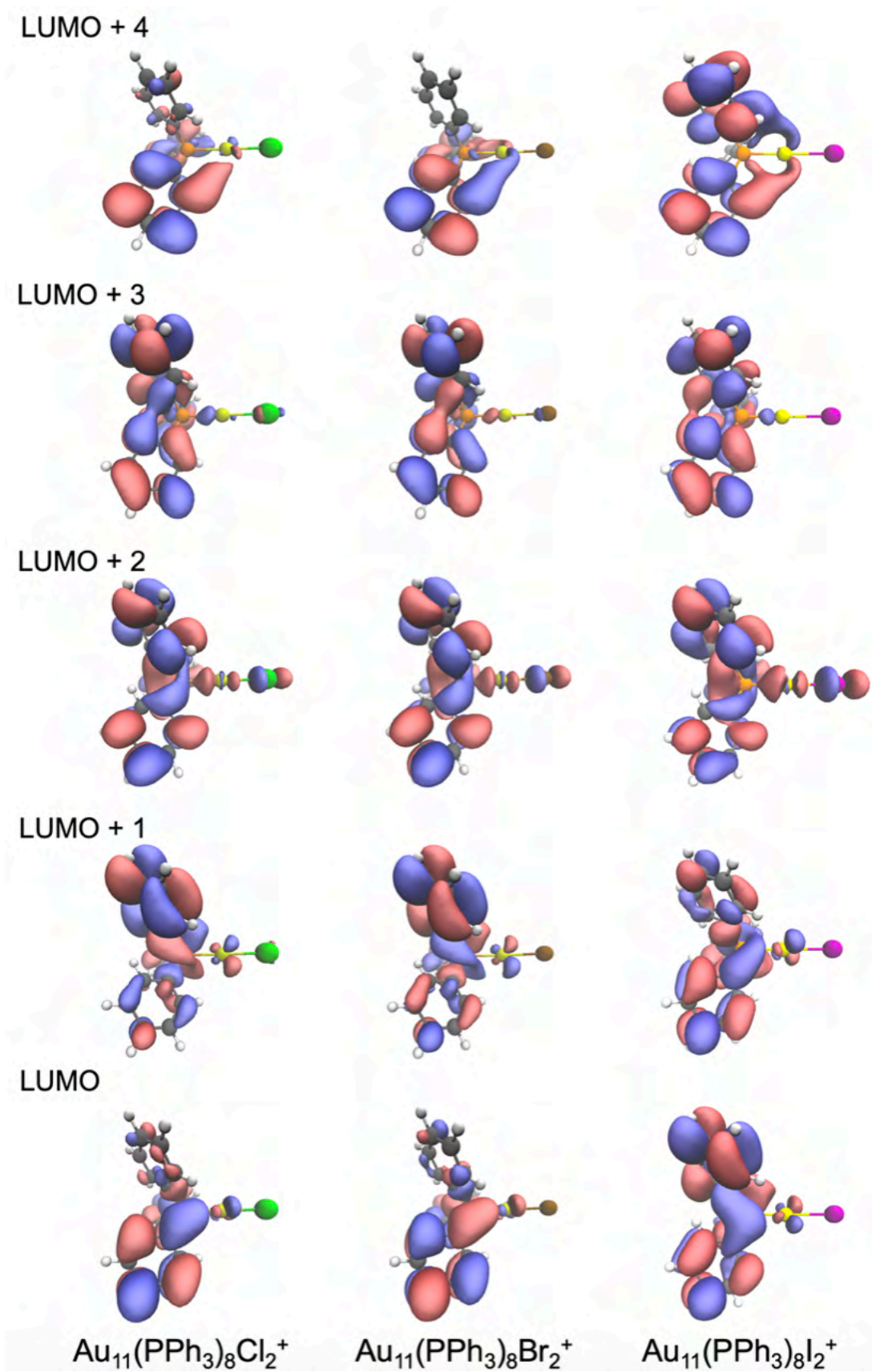


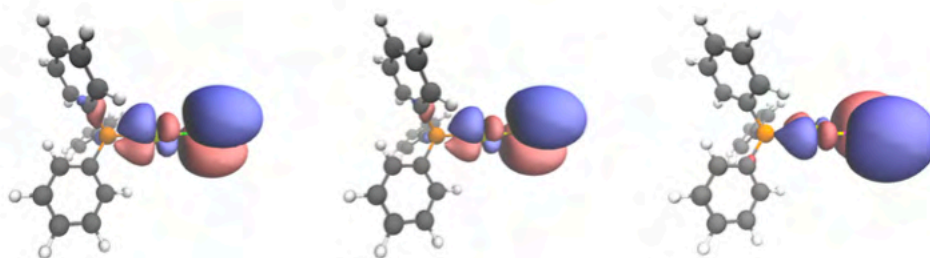
Figure A25. PDOS of theoretical compound $\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_{10}^{7-}$ by substituting phosphine ligands with chlorine on the geometrically optimized $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$ (left) and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ (right). The insets depict the structural differences among the two compounds. With higher symmetry in the core, $\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_{10}^{7-}$ derived from $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$ shows features indicating much stable energy levels such as broadening of HOMO-LUMO gap.

Following **Figures** describe KS orbitals of each Au(I) precursors and AuNCs at different energy levels near their frontier orbitals. They are labeled with orbital numbers as computer output printed out. However, different orbital number could still be close enough in energy to be considered degenerate orbitals.

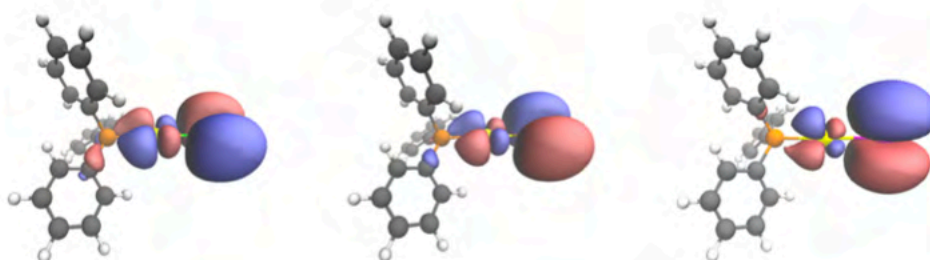




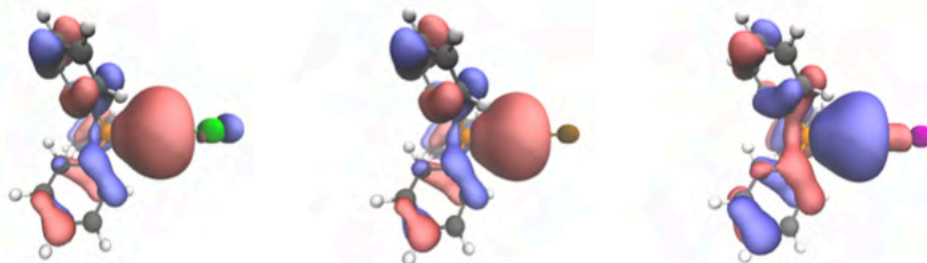
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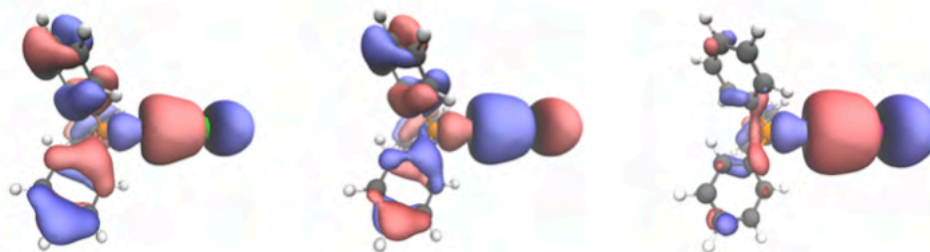
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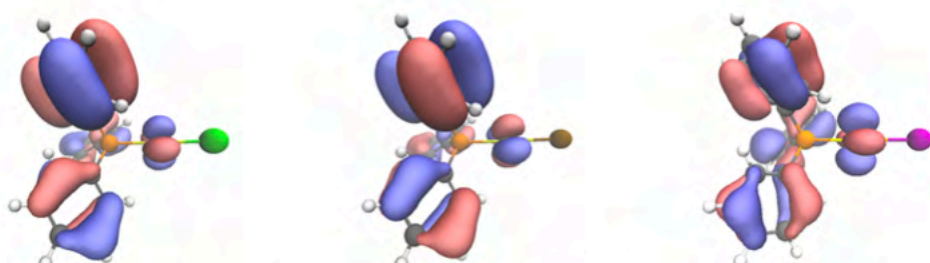
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$\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$

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$\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$

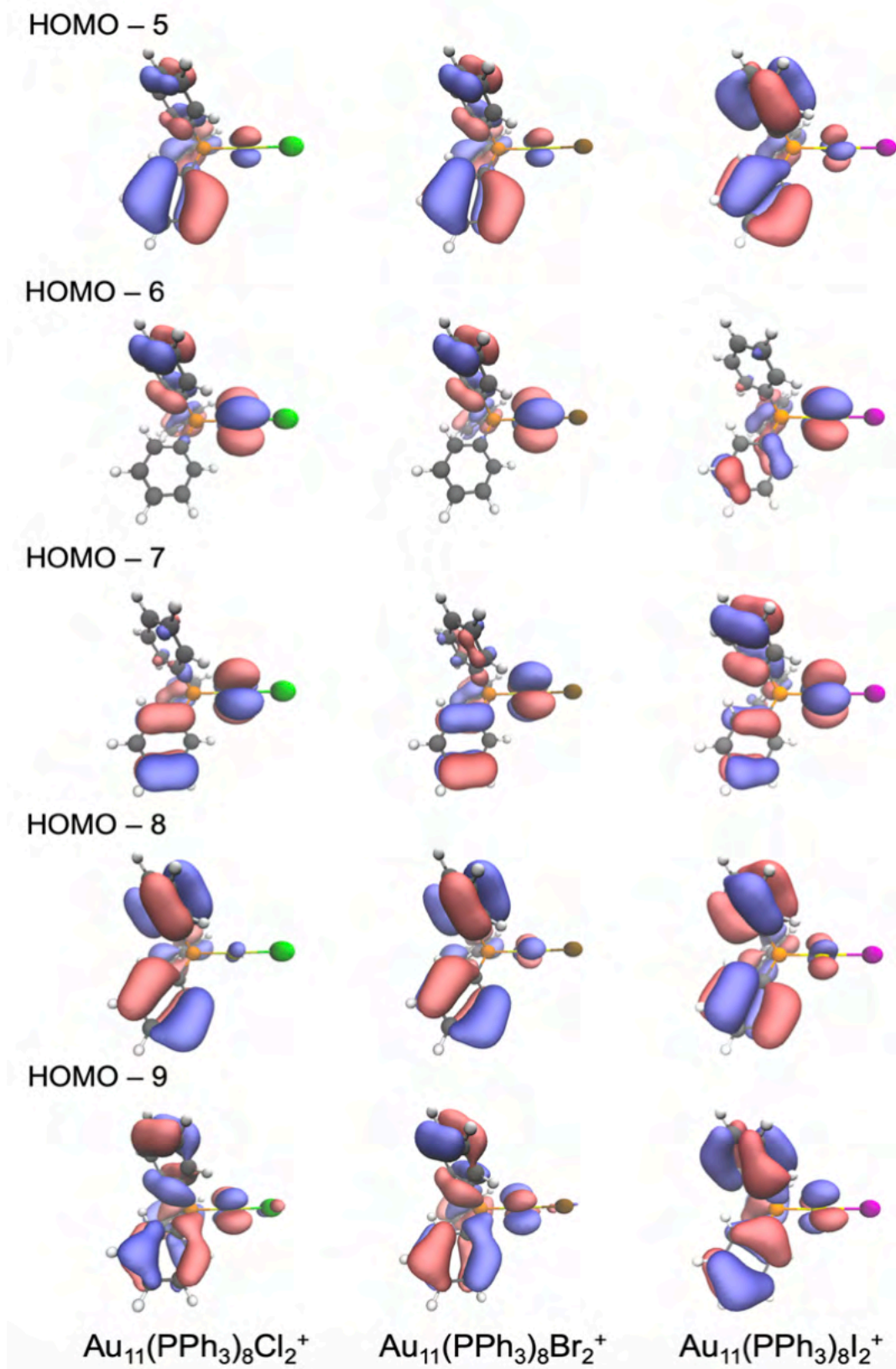
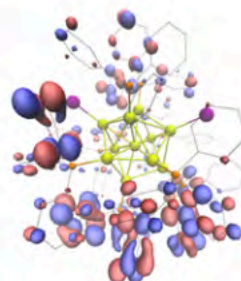
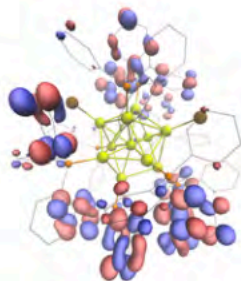
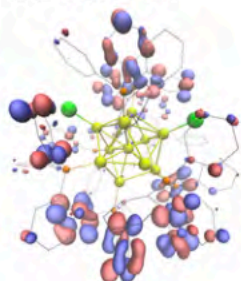
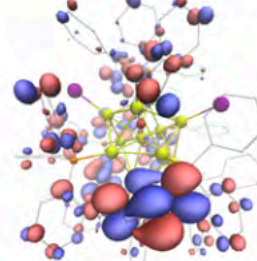
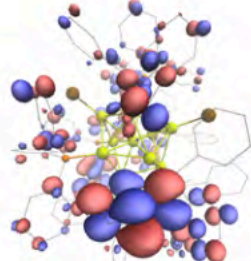
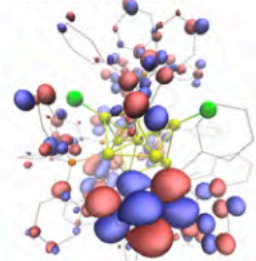


Figure A26. KS orbitals of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ near the frontier orbitals.

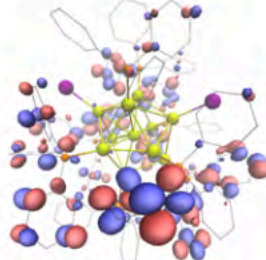
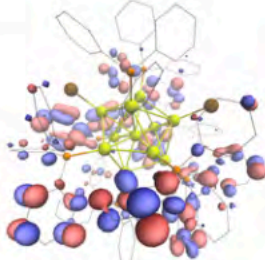
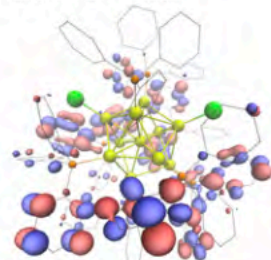
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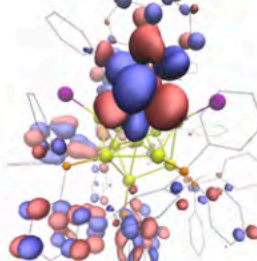
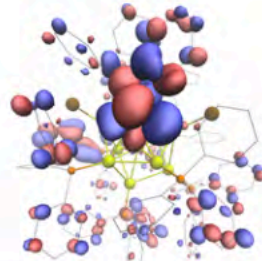
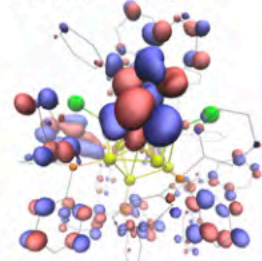
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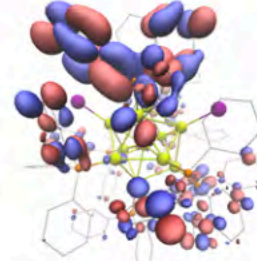
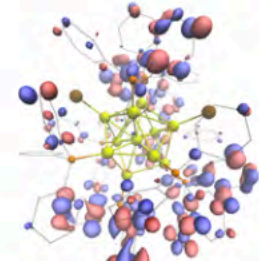
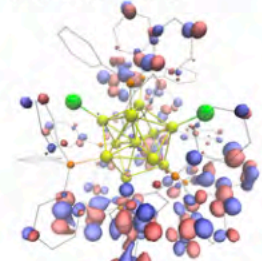
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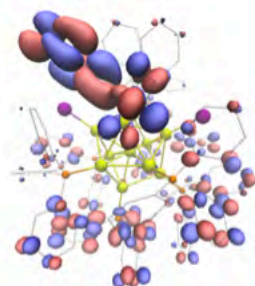
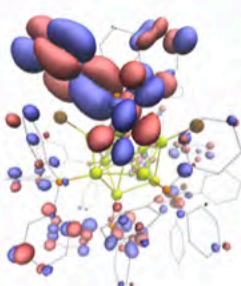
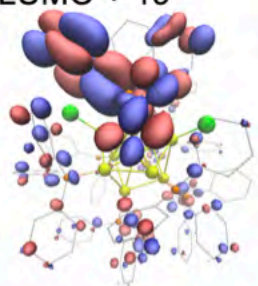


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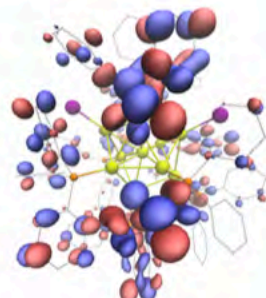
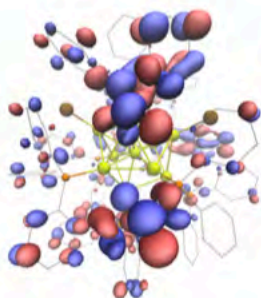
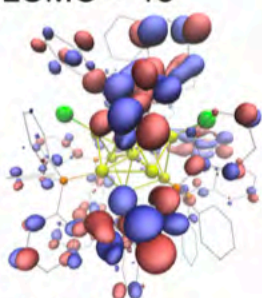
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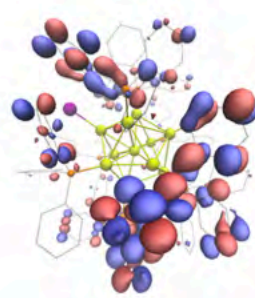
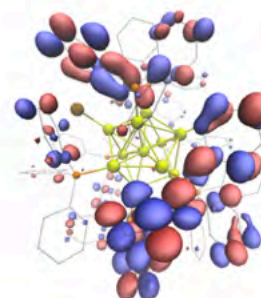
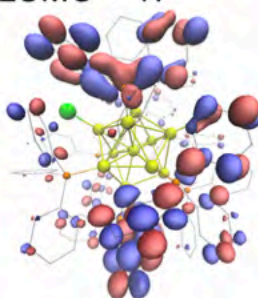
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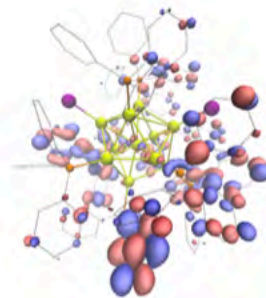
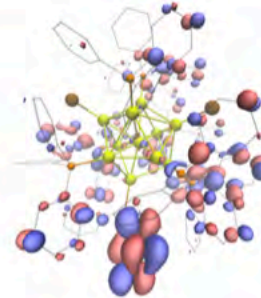
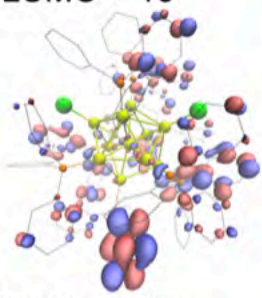
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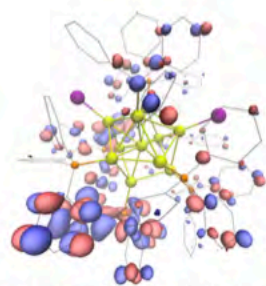
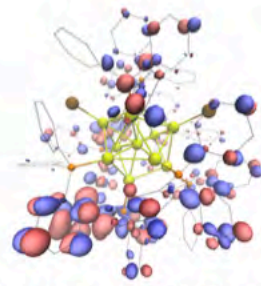
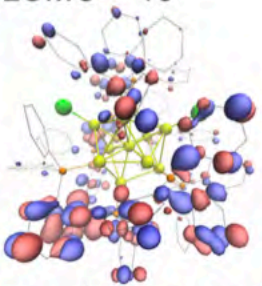
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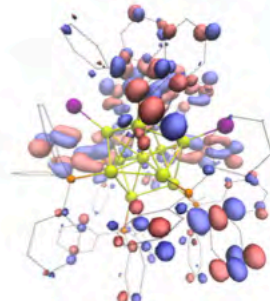
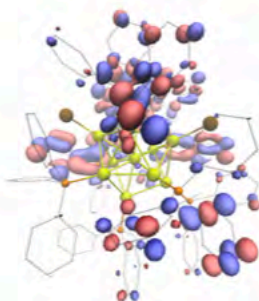
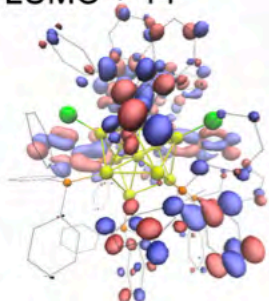


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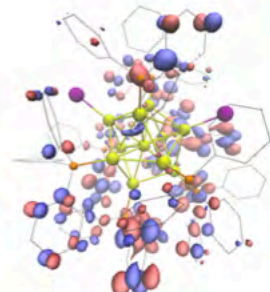
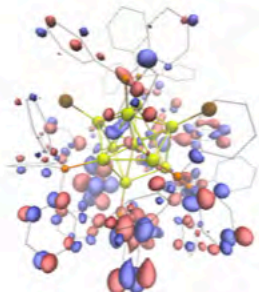
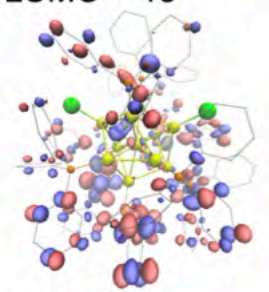
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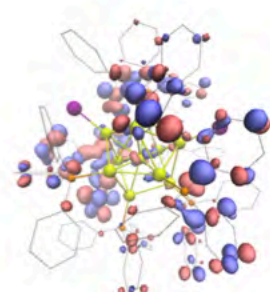
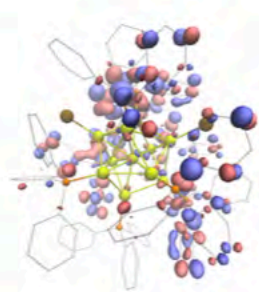
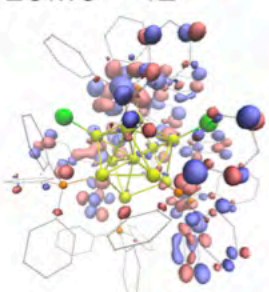
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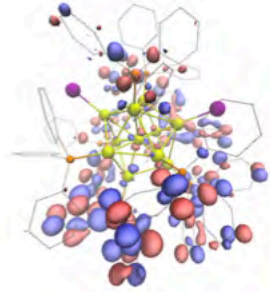
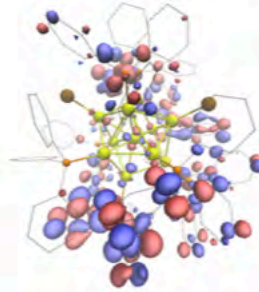
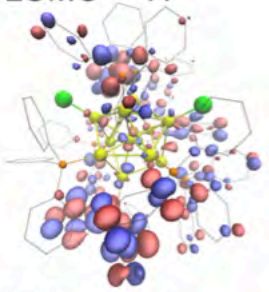
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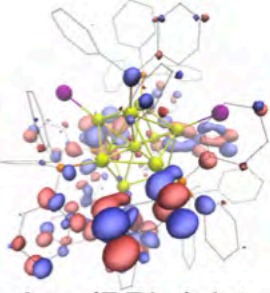
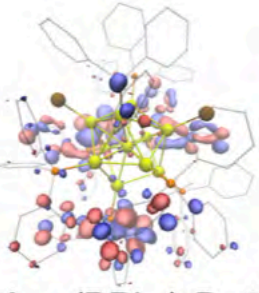
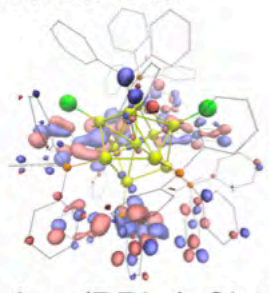
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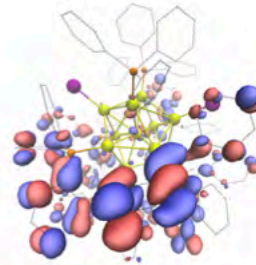
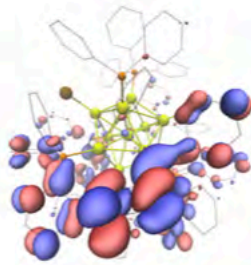
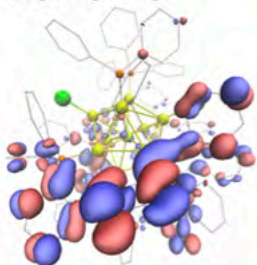


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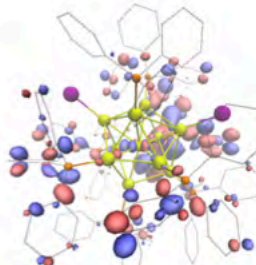
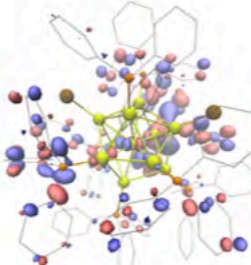
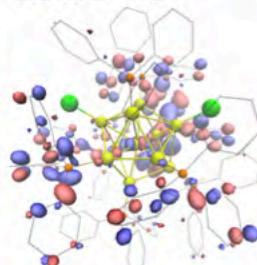
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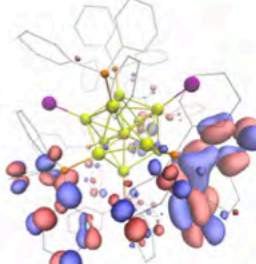
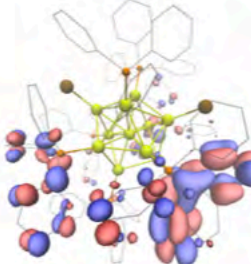
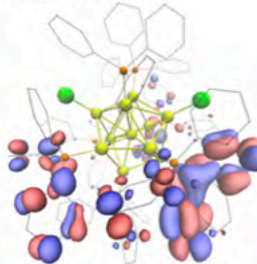
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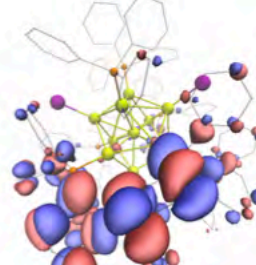
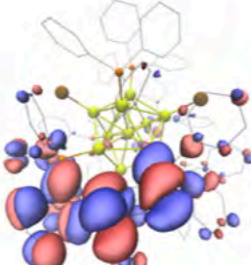
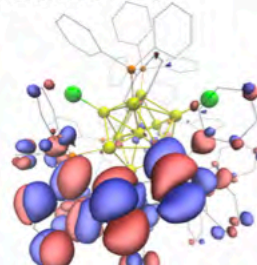
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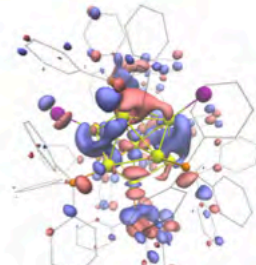
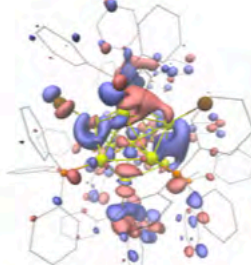
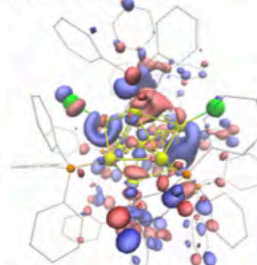
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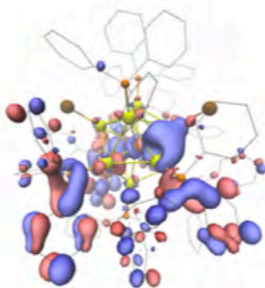


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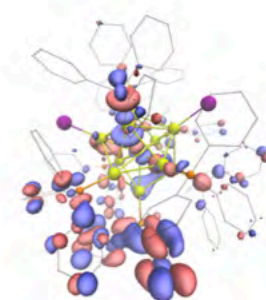
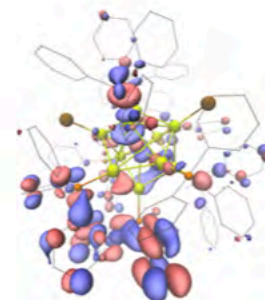
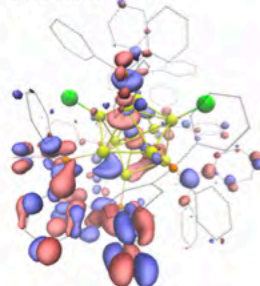
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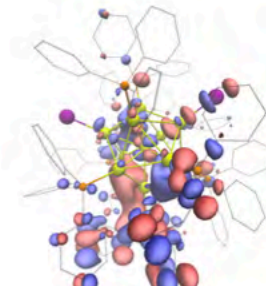
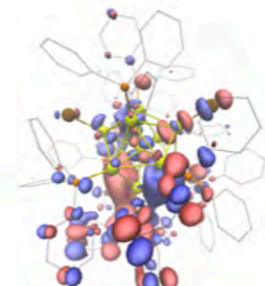
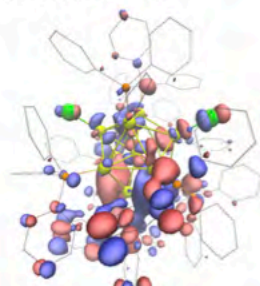
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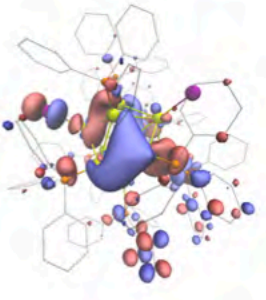
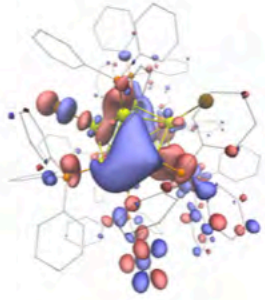
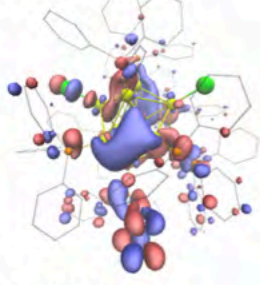
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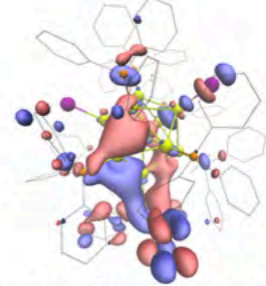
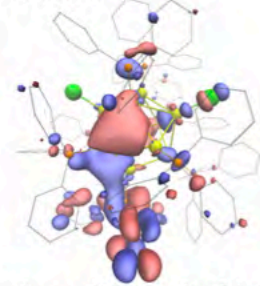
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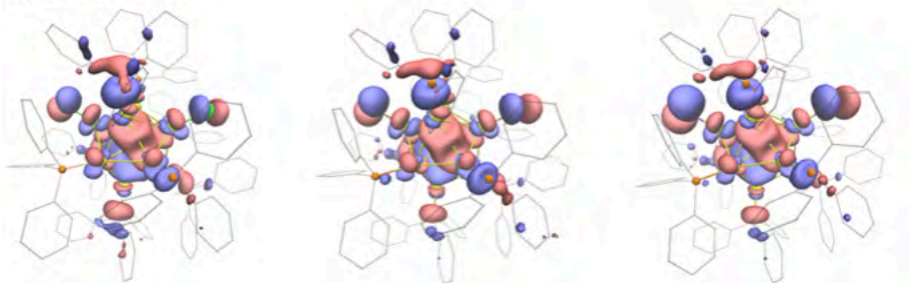


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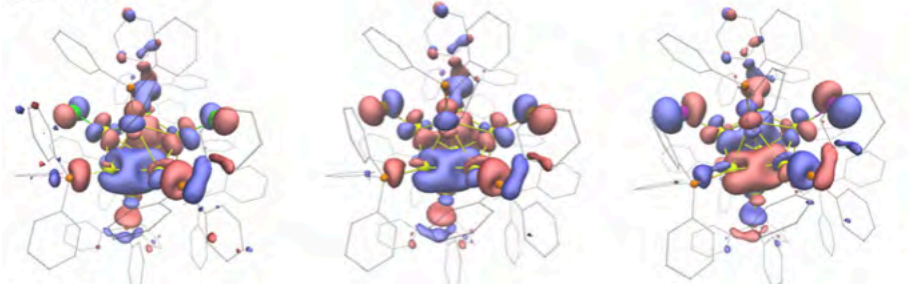
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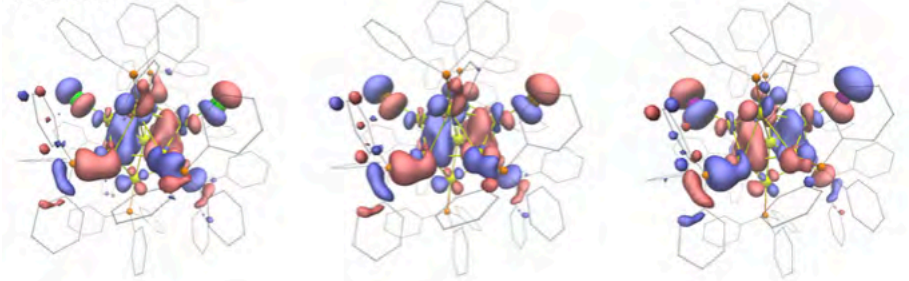
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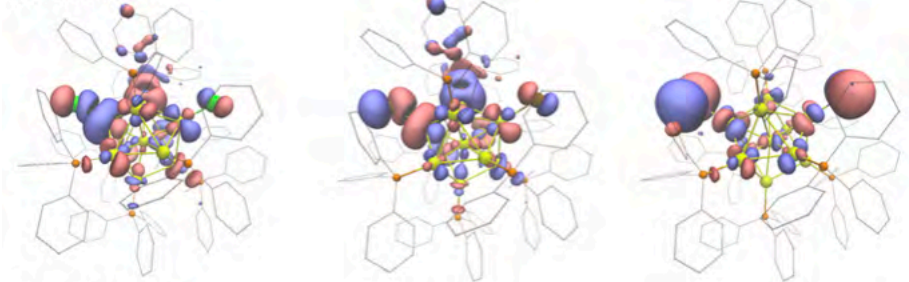
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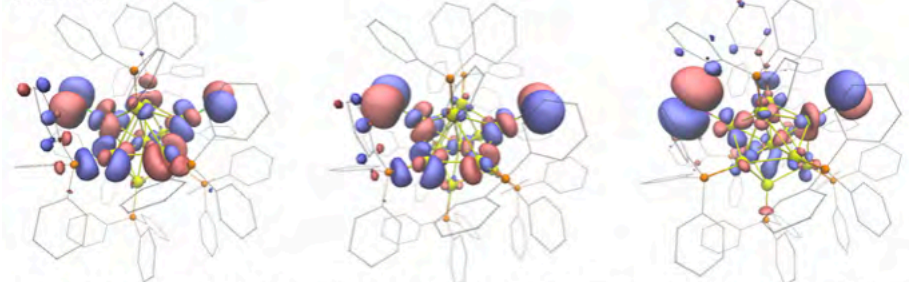
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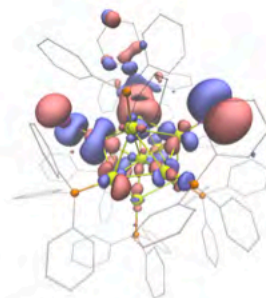
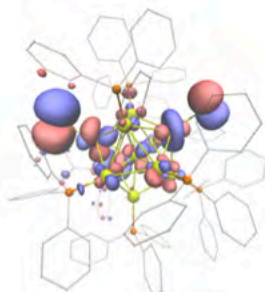
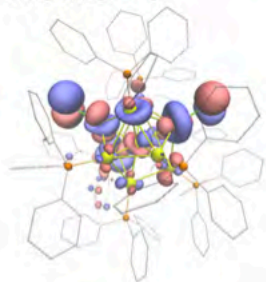


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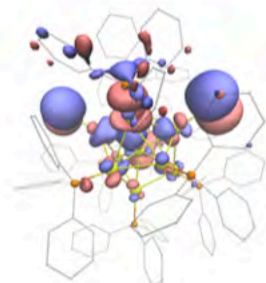
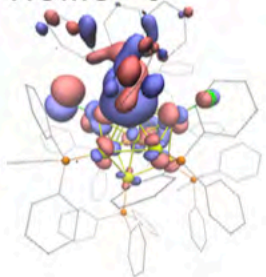
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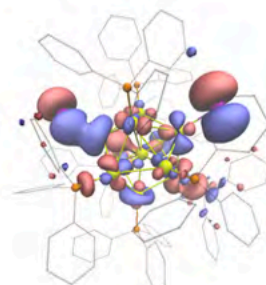
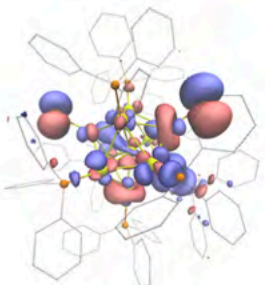
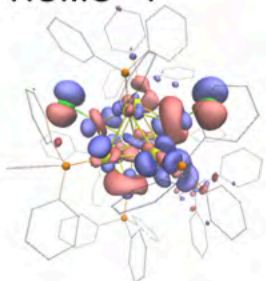
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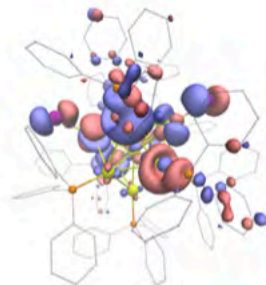
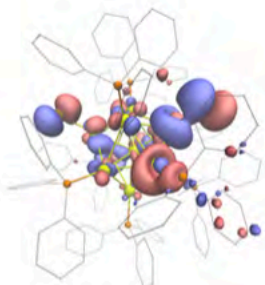
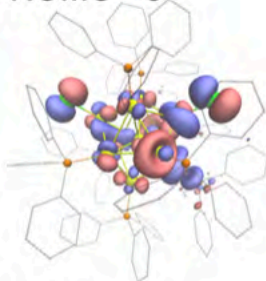
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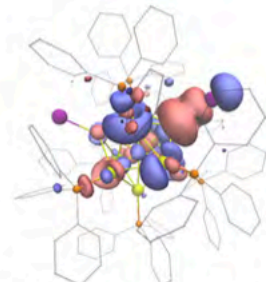
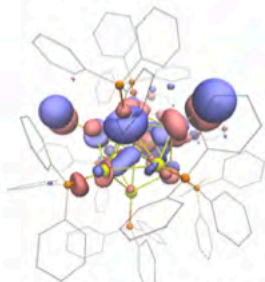
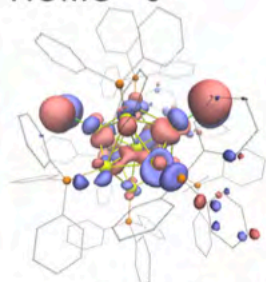
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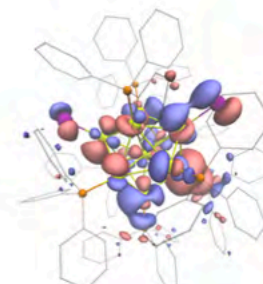
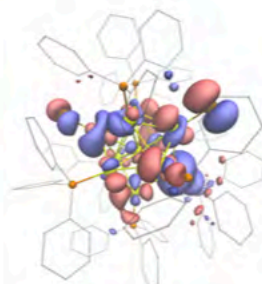
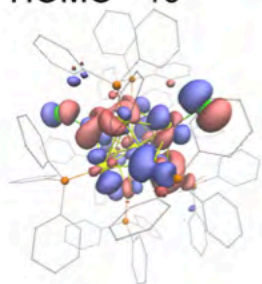


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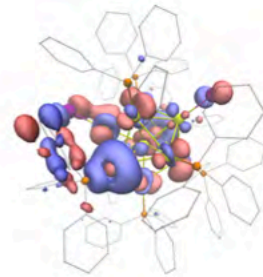
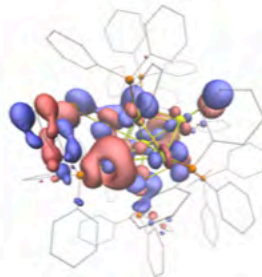
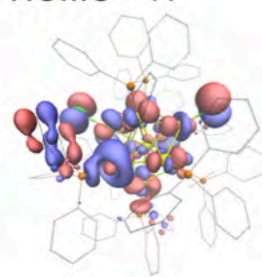
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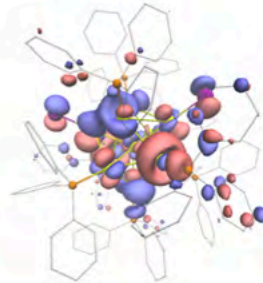
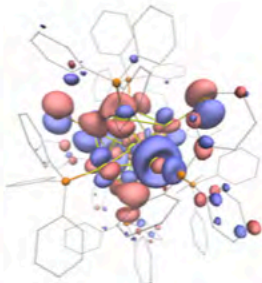
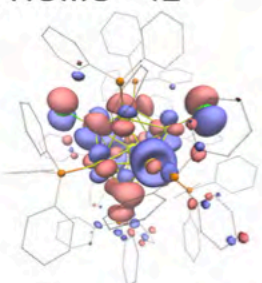
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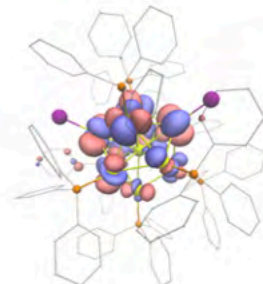
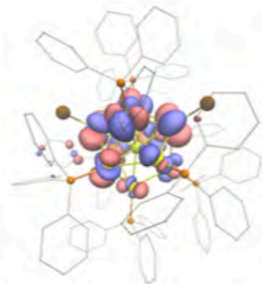
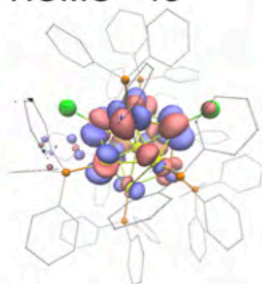
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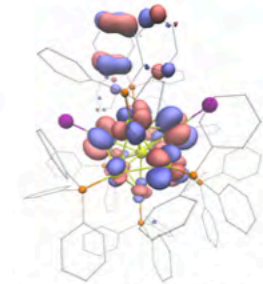
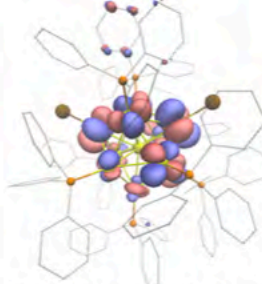
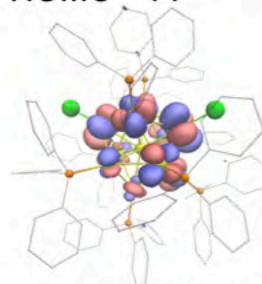
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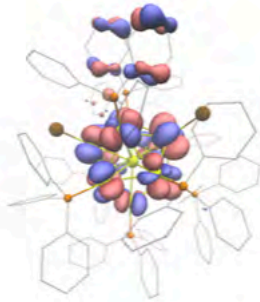
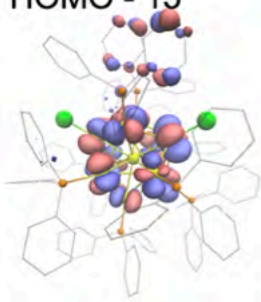


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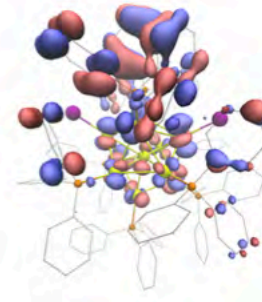
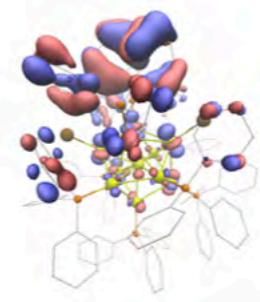
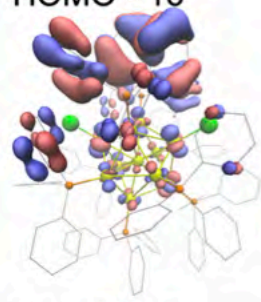
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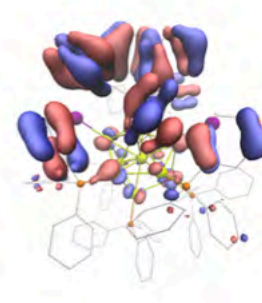
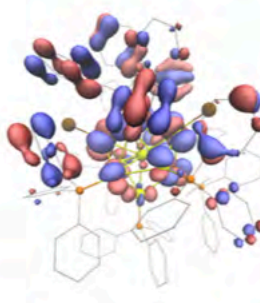
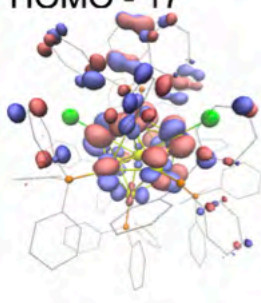
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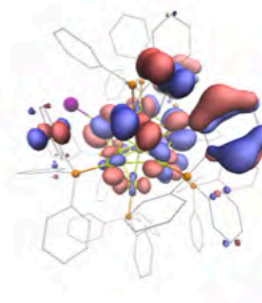
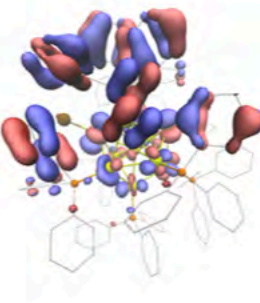
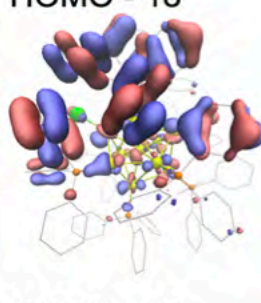
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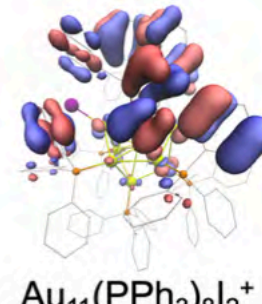
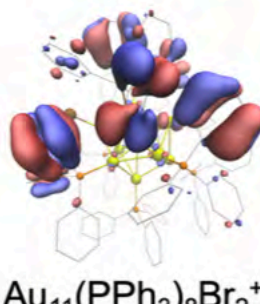
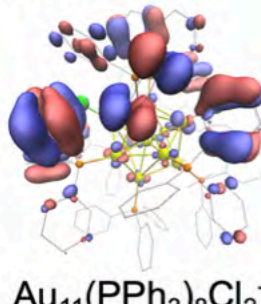
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HOMO - 19



$\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$

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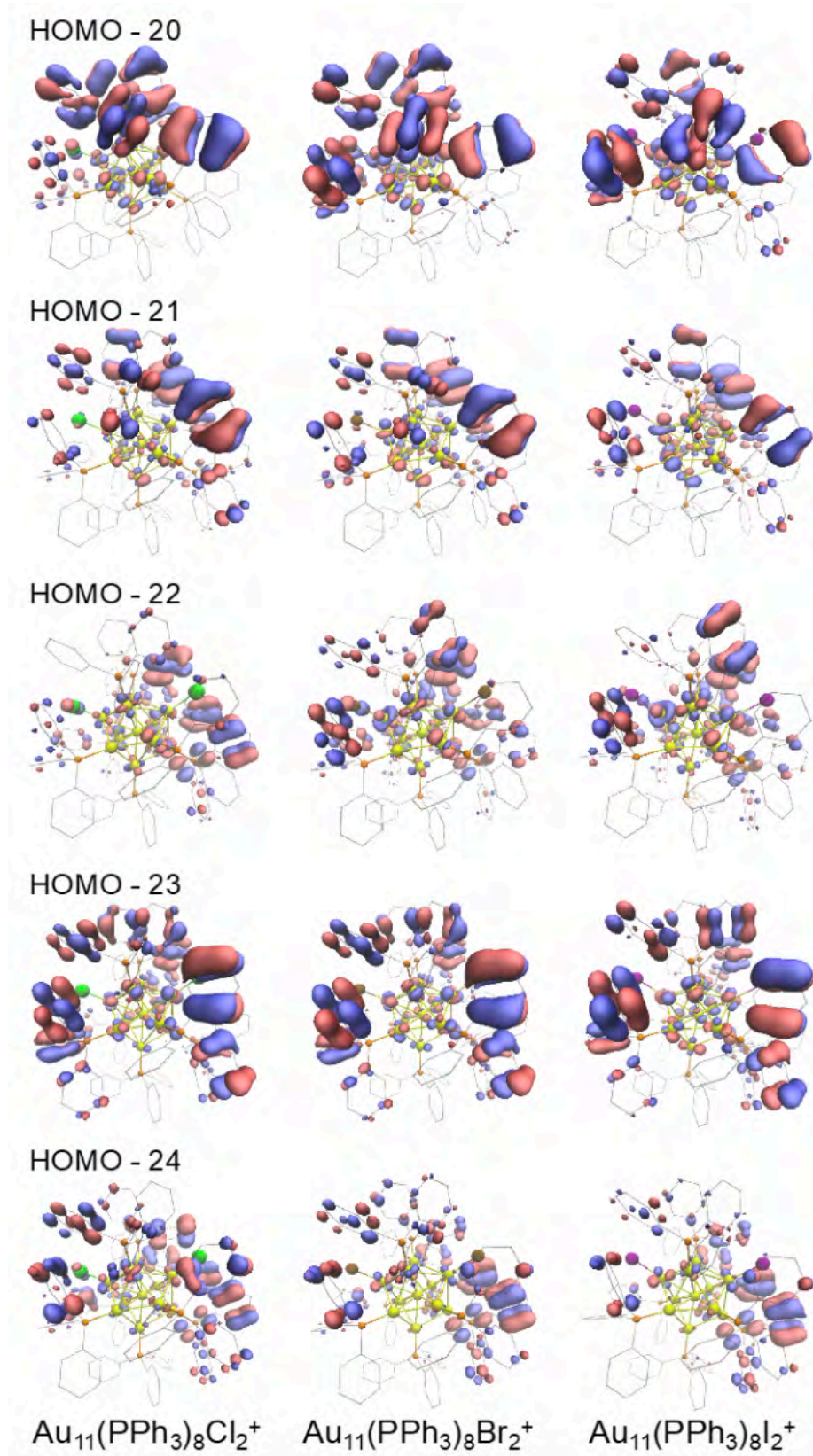
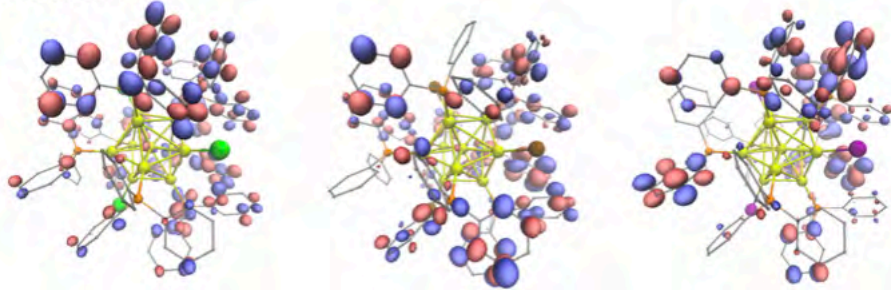
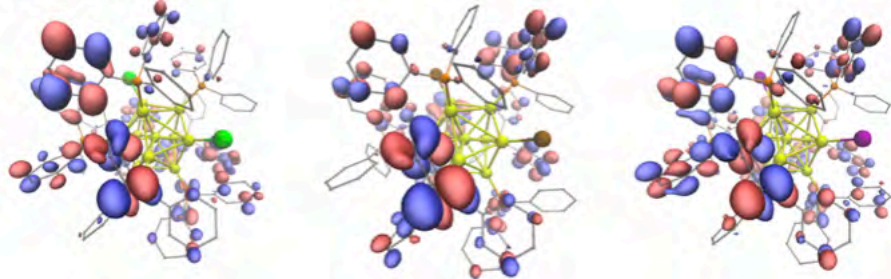


Figure A27. KS orbitals of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{X}_2^+$ near the frontier orbitals.

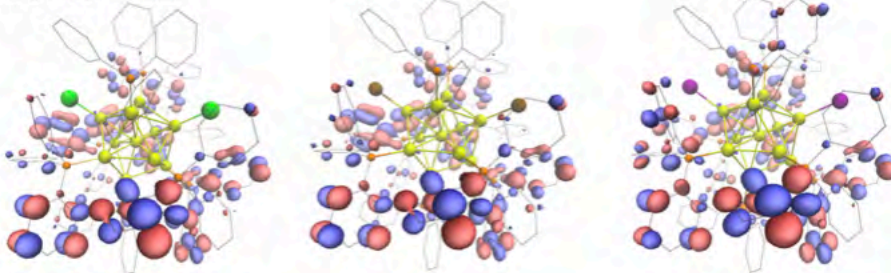
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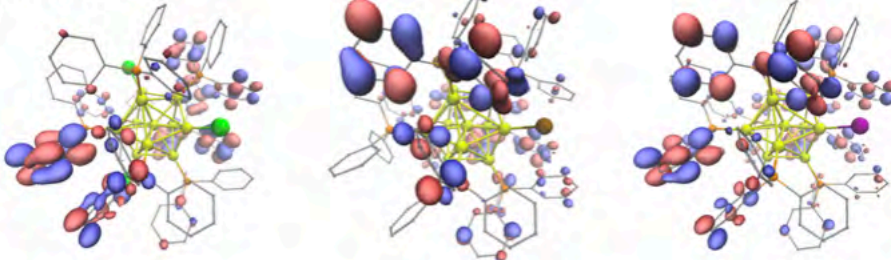
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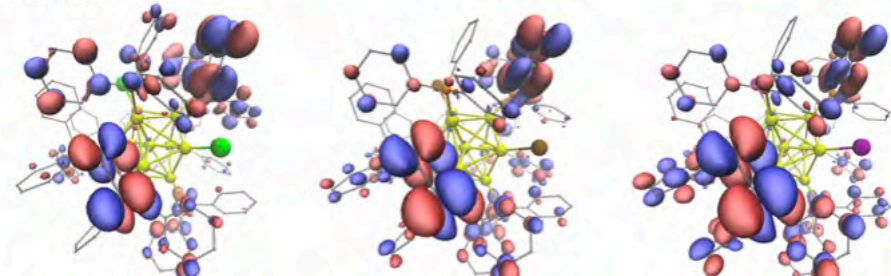
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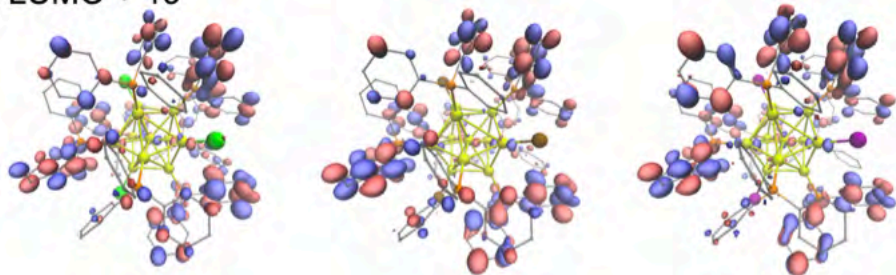


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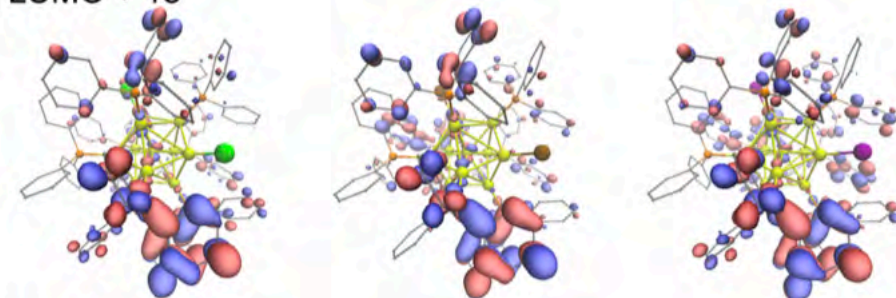
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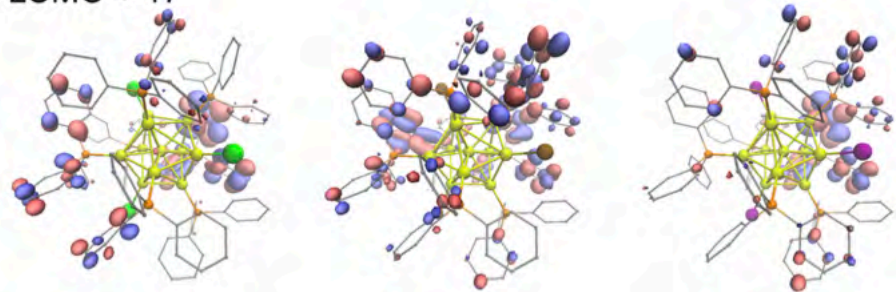
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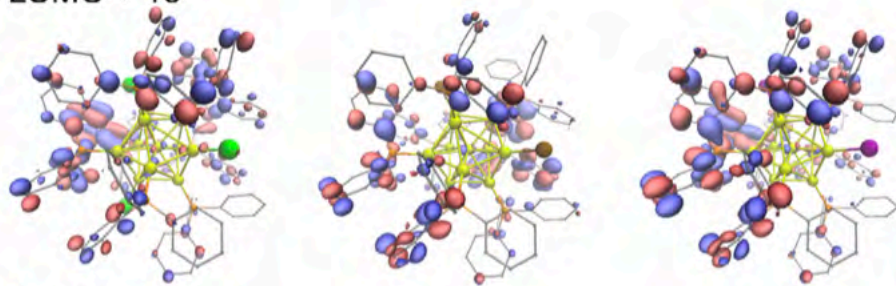
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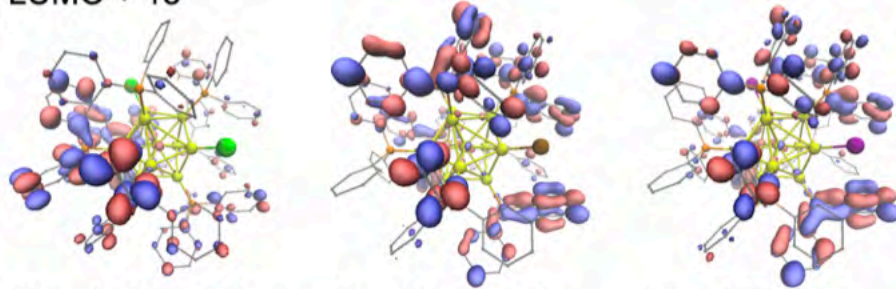
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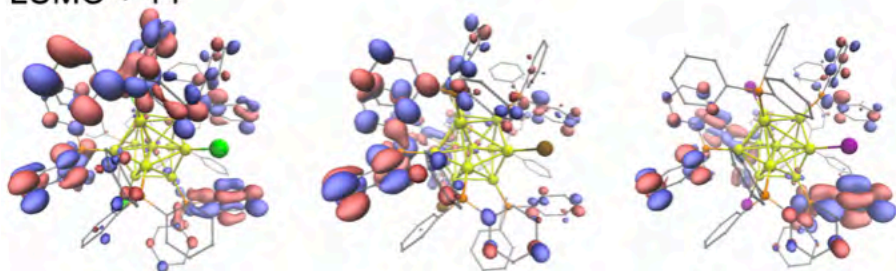


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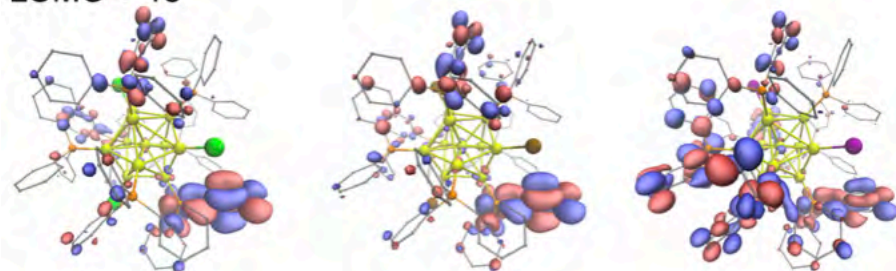
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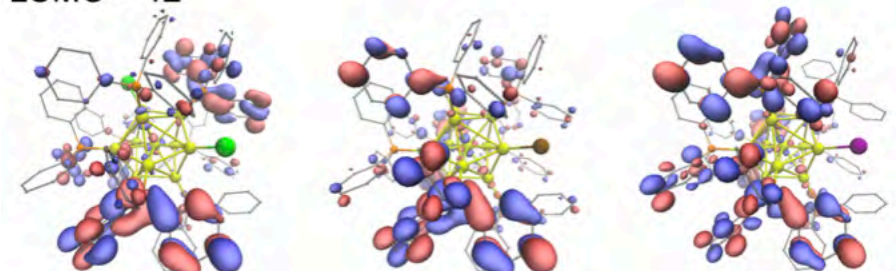
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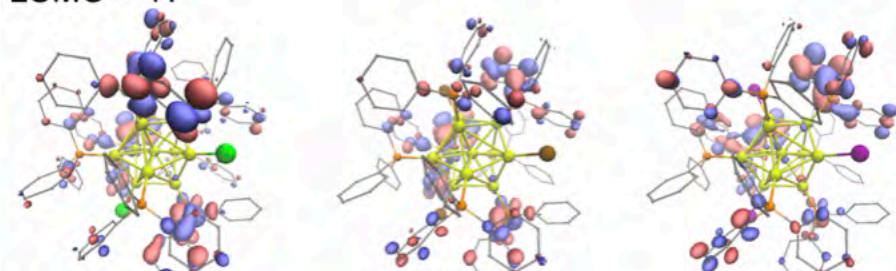
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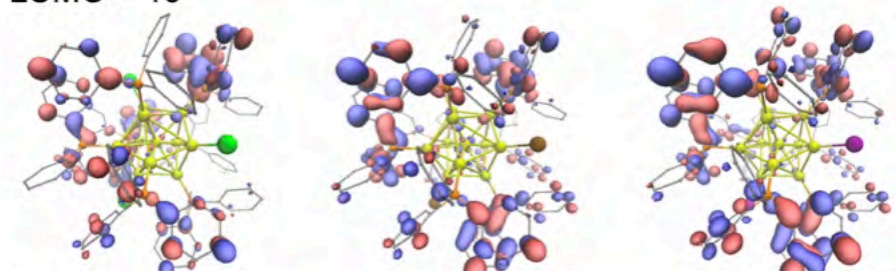
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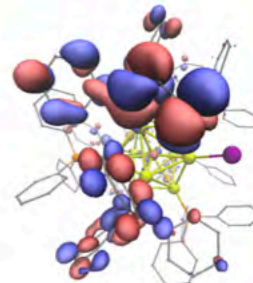
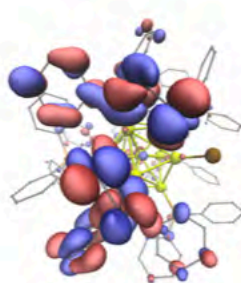
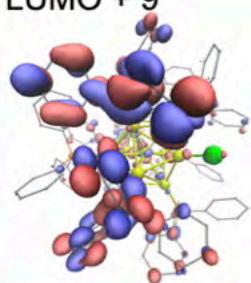


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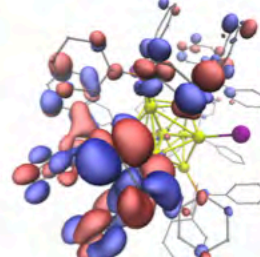
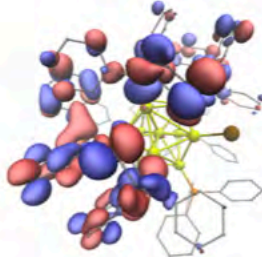
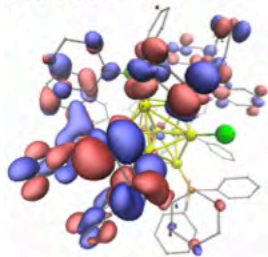
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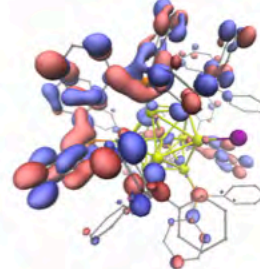
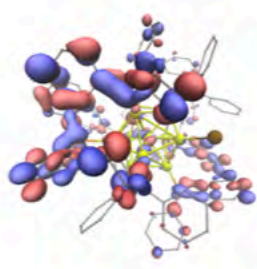
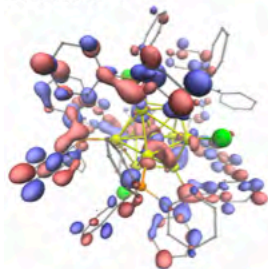
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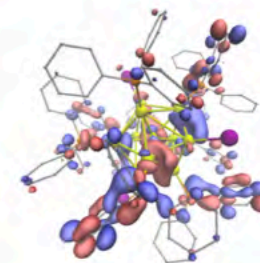
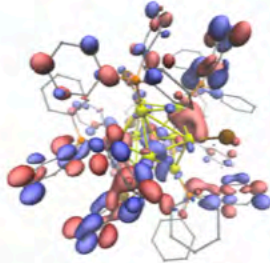
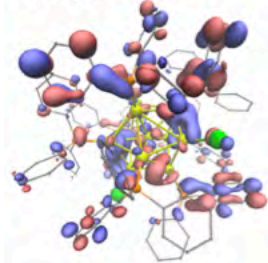
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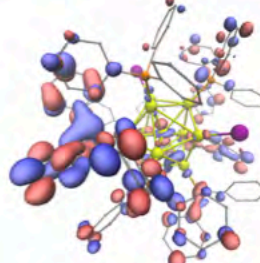
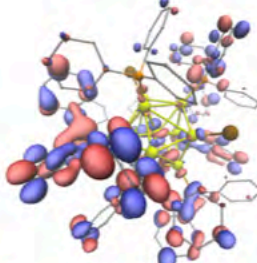
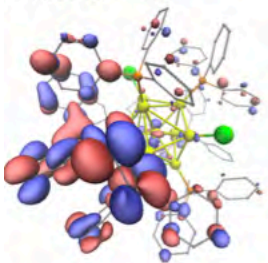
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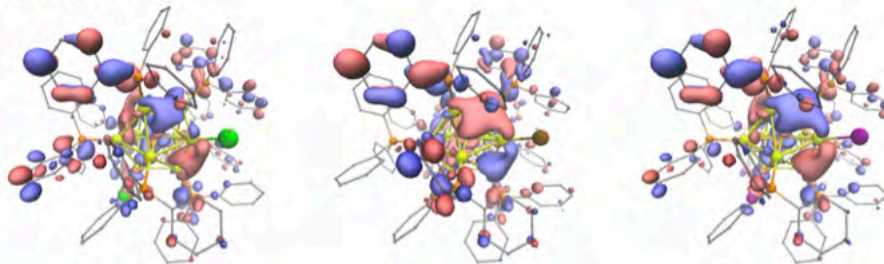


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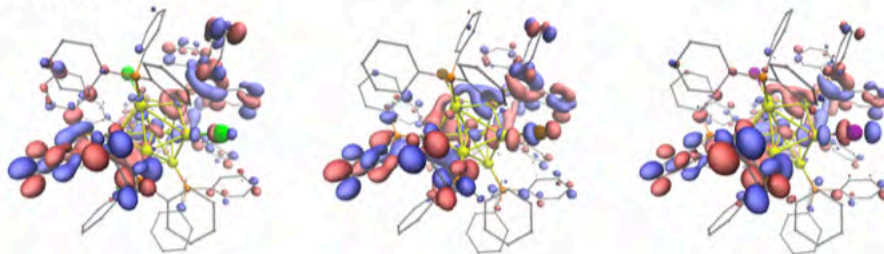
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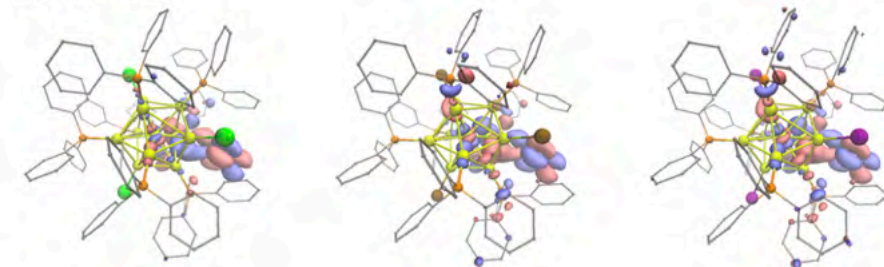
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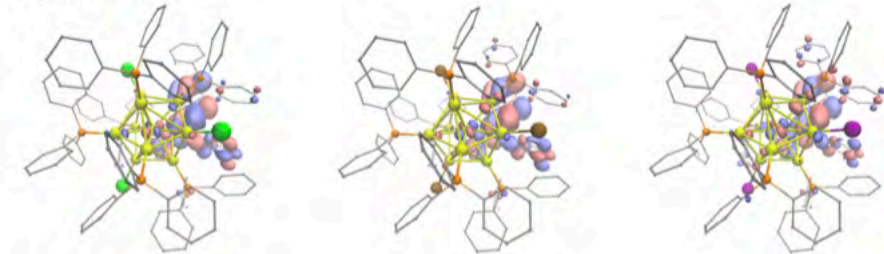
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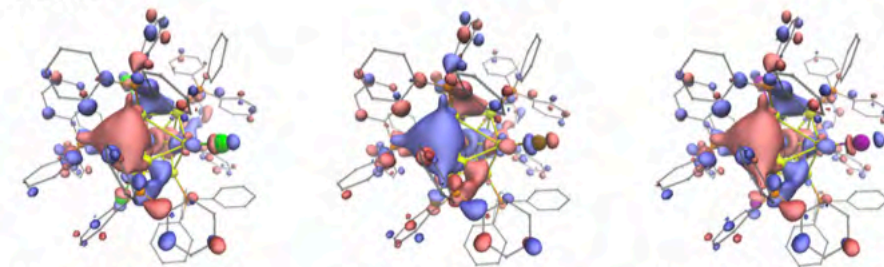
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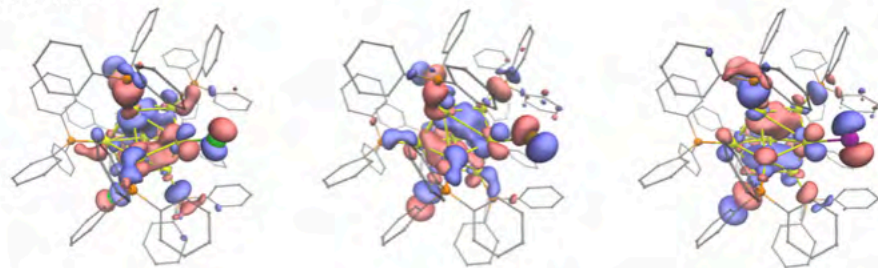


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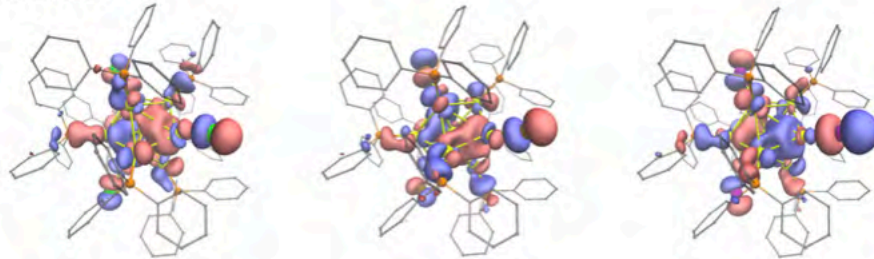
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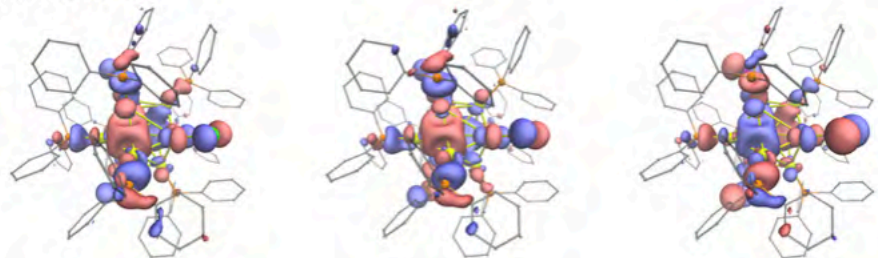
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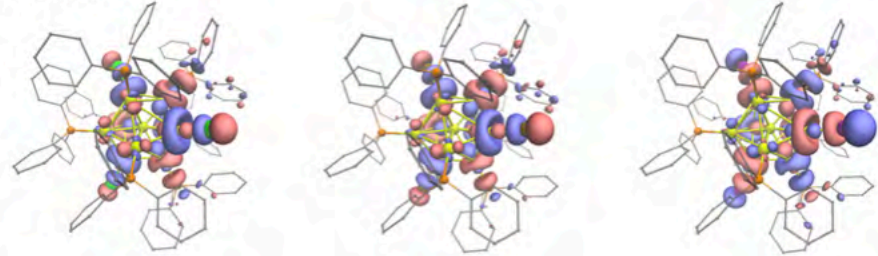
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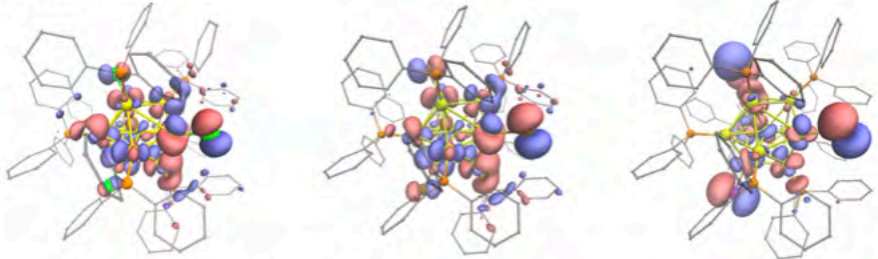
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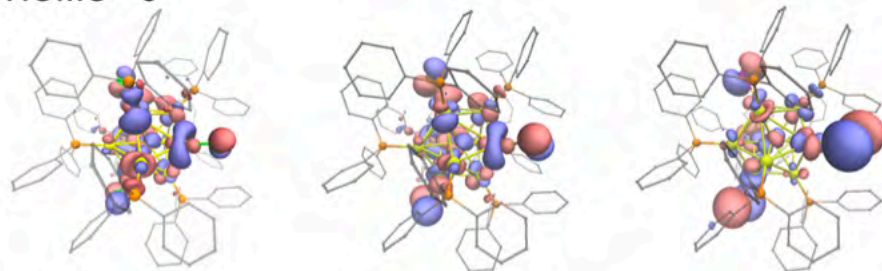


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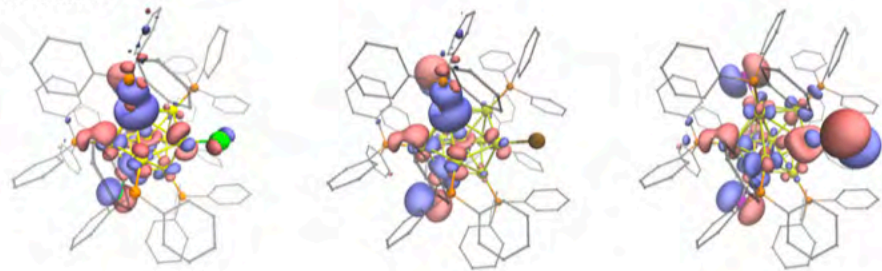
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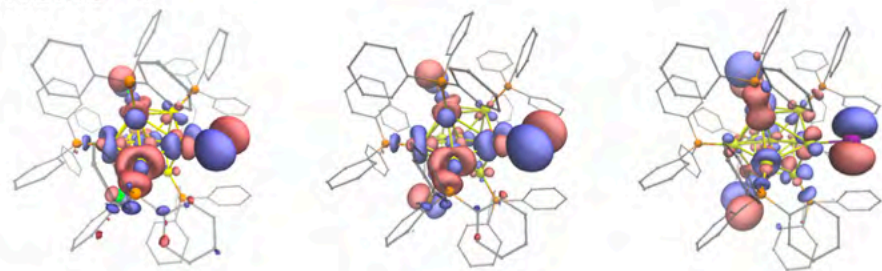
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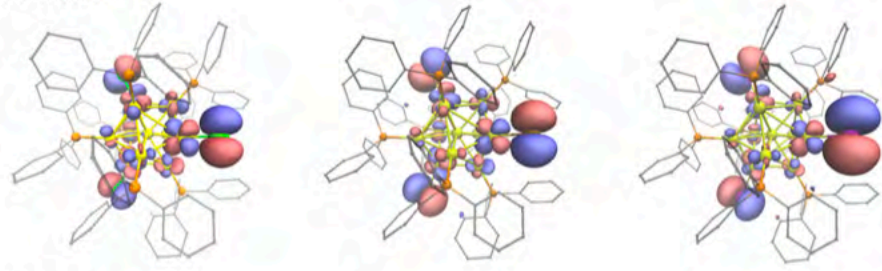
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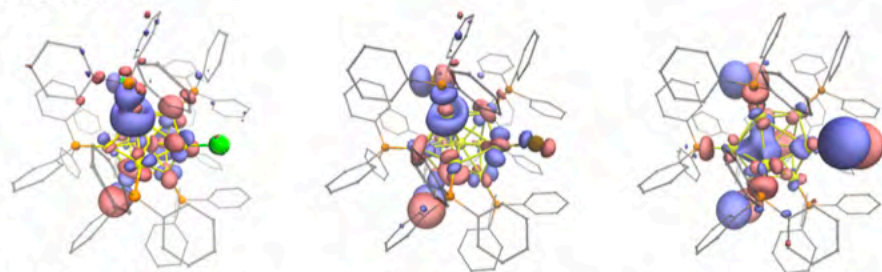
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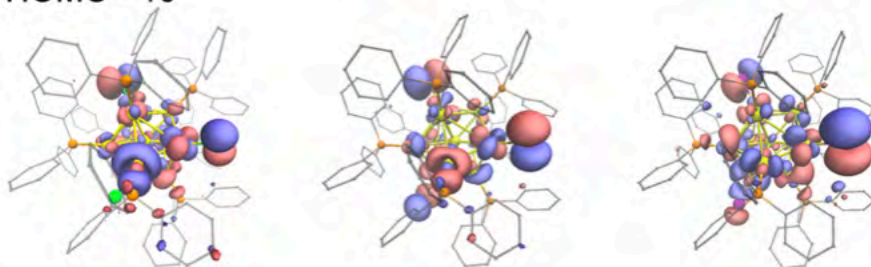


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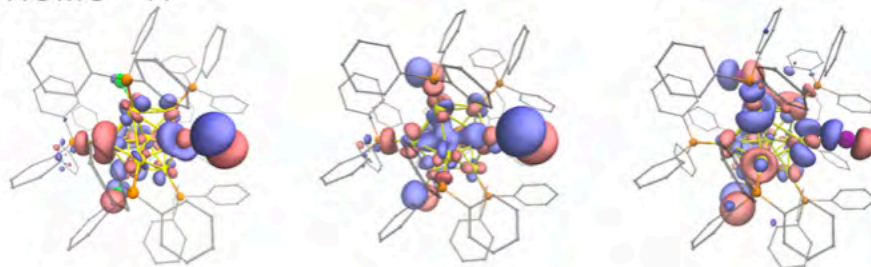
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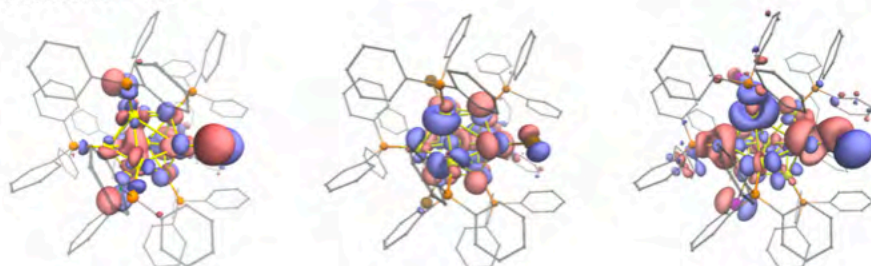
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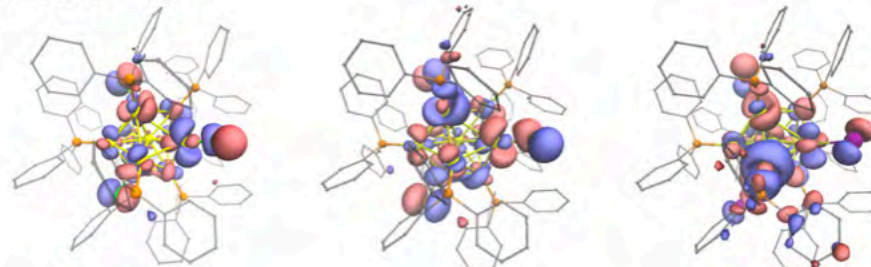
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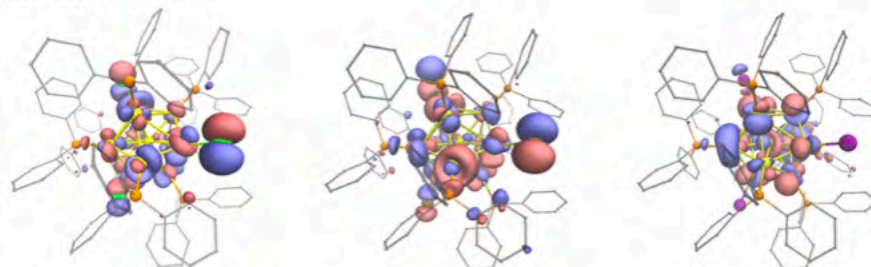
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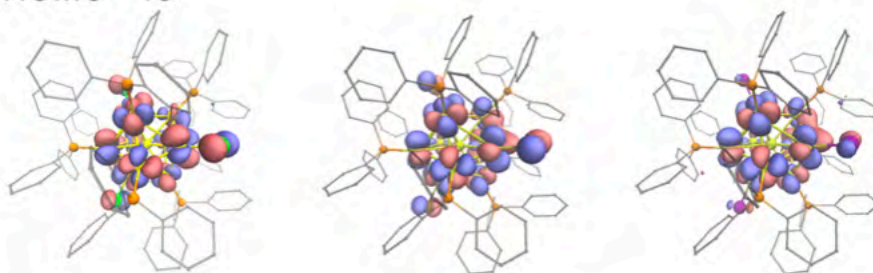


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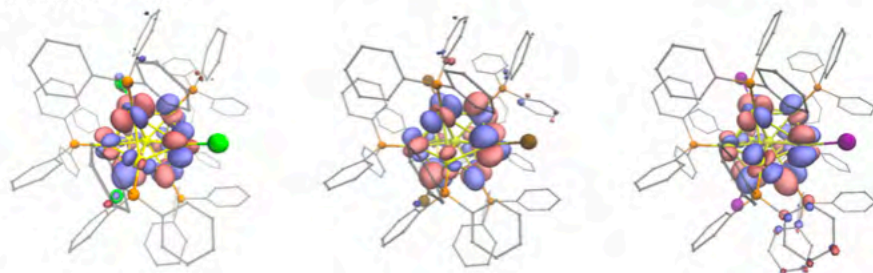
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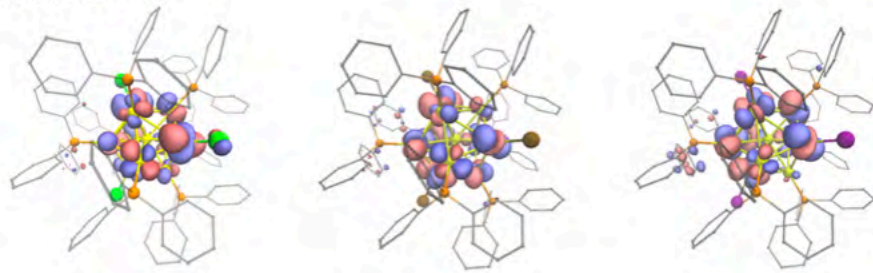
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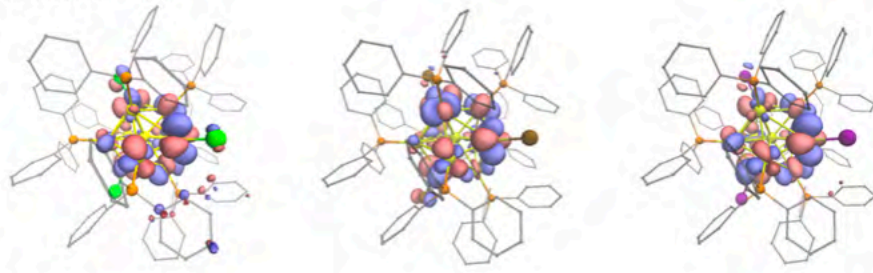
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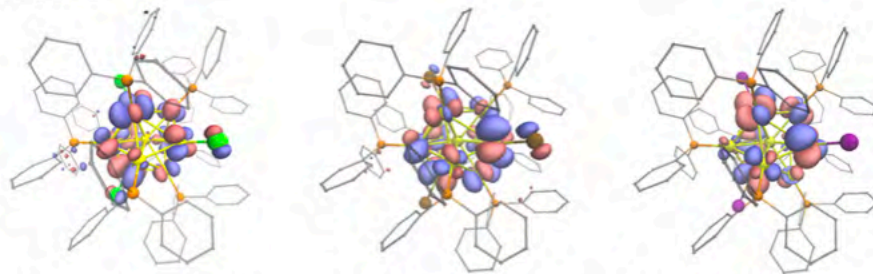
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HOMO - 18



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Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Br₃

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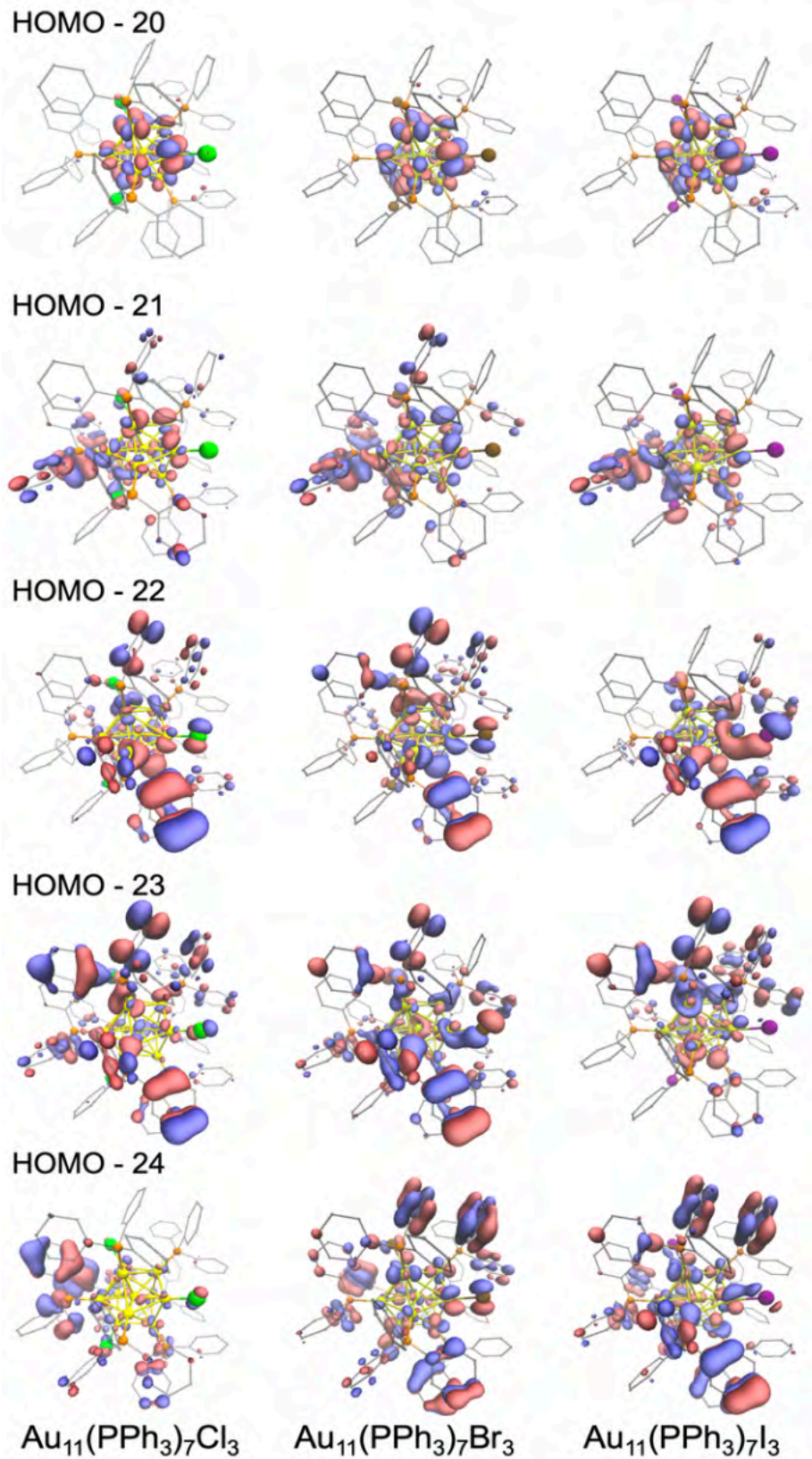
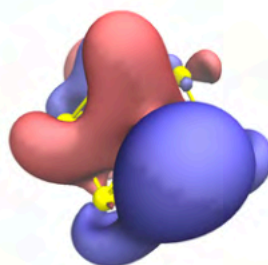
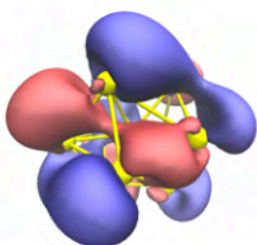
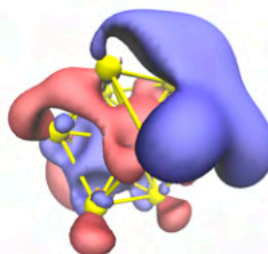


Figure A28. KS orbitals of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{X}_3$ near the frontier orbitals.

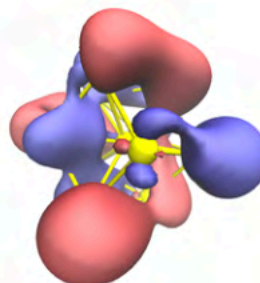
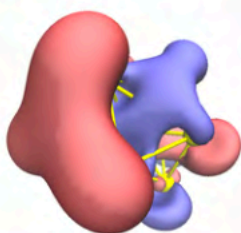
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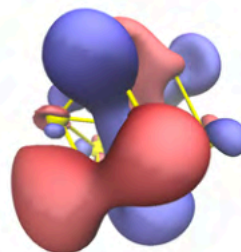
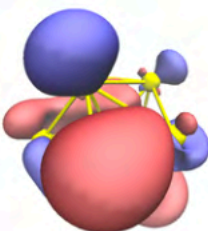
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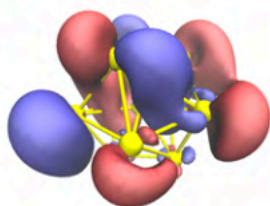
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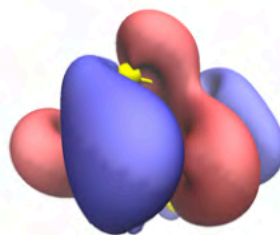
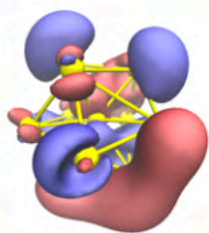
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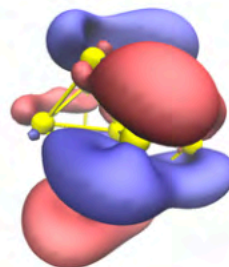
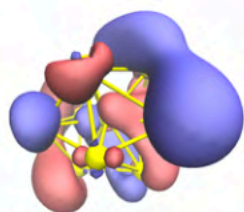
Au₁₁³⁺

Au₁₁³⁺

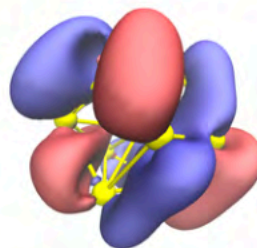
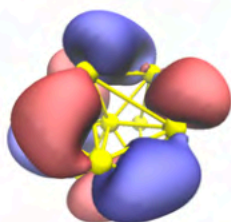
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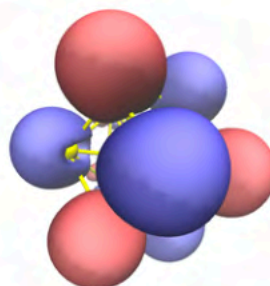
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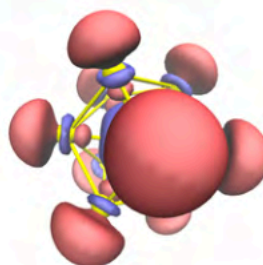
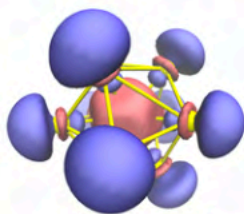
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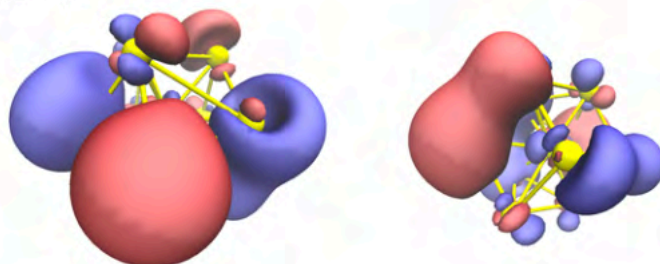
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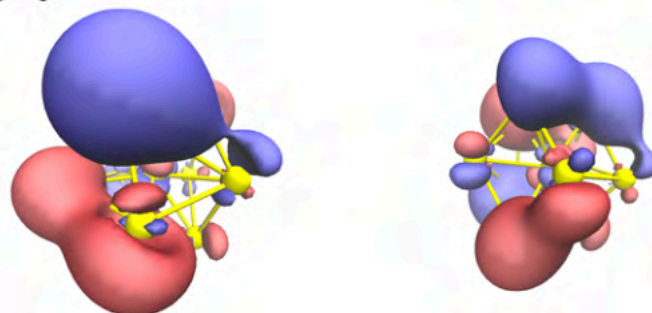
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Au₁₁³⁺

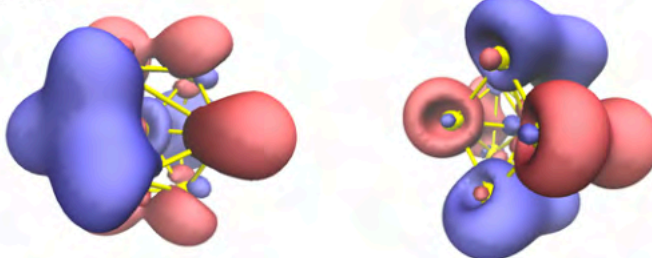
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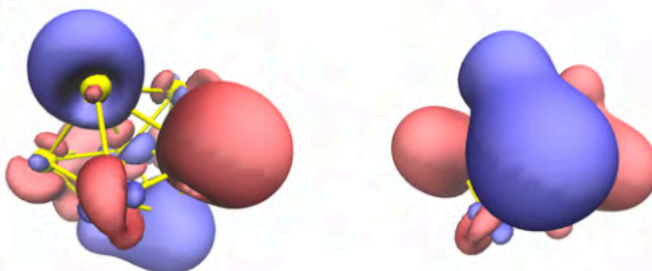
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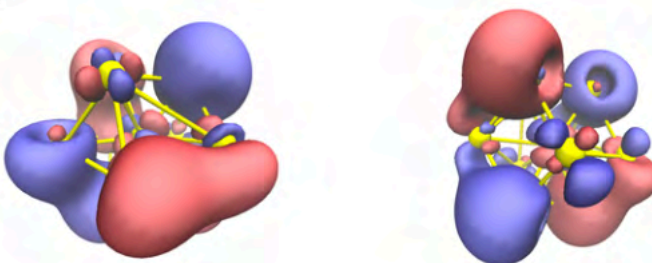
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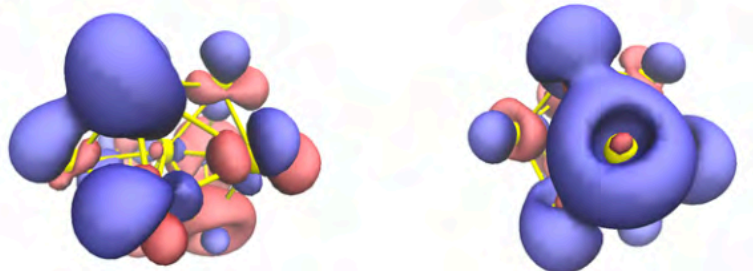
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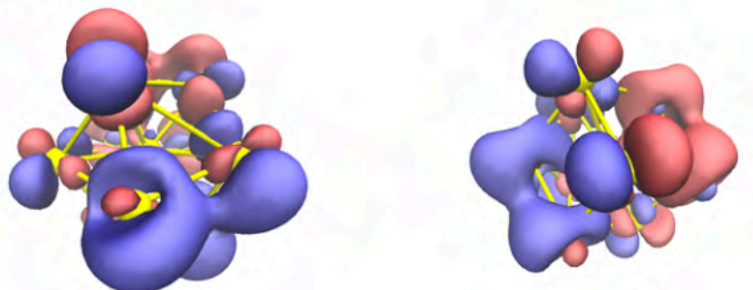
Au_{11}^{3+}

Au_{11}^{3+}

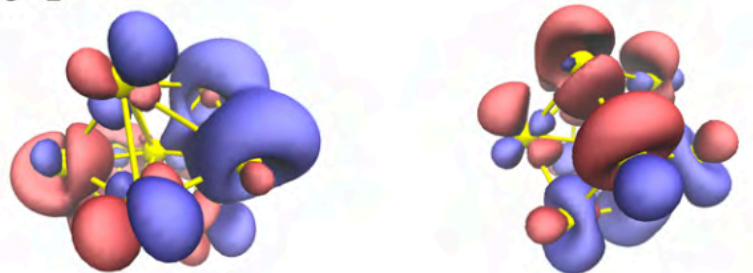
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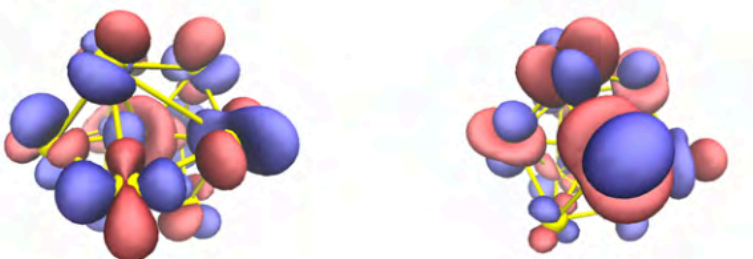
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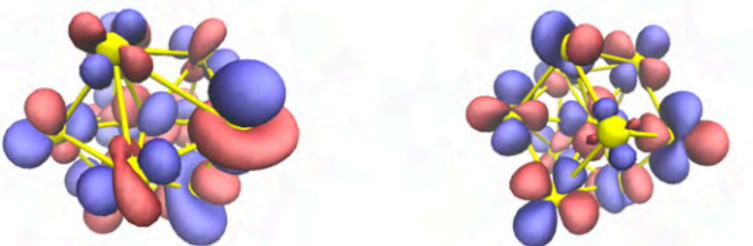
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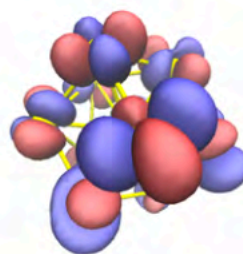
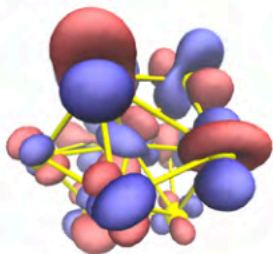
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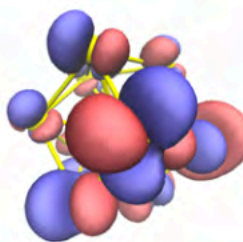
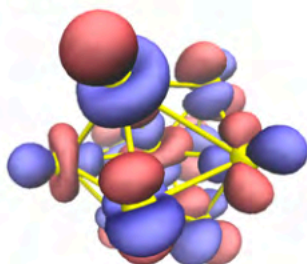
Au_{11}^{3+}

Au_{11}^{3+}

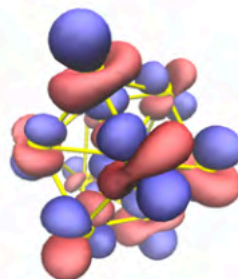
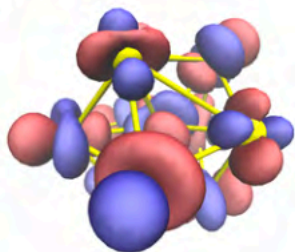
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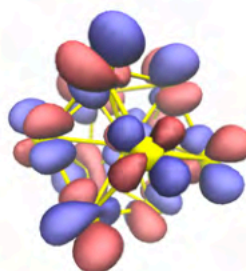
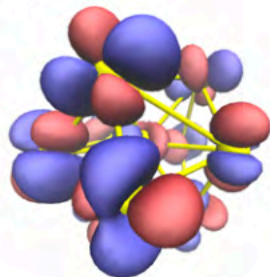
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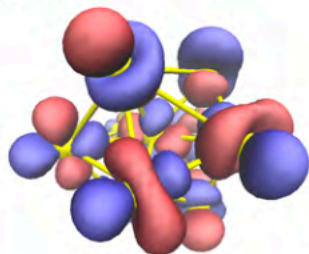
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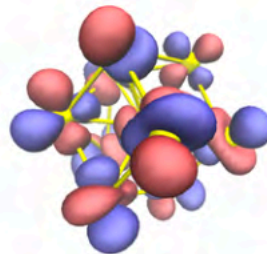
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Au₁₁³⁺



Au₁₁³⁺

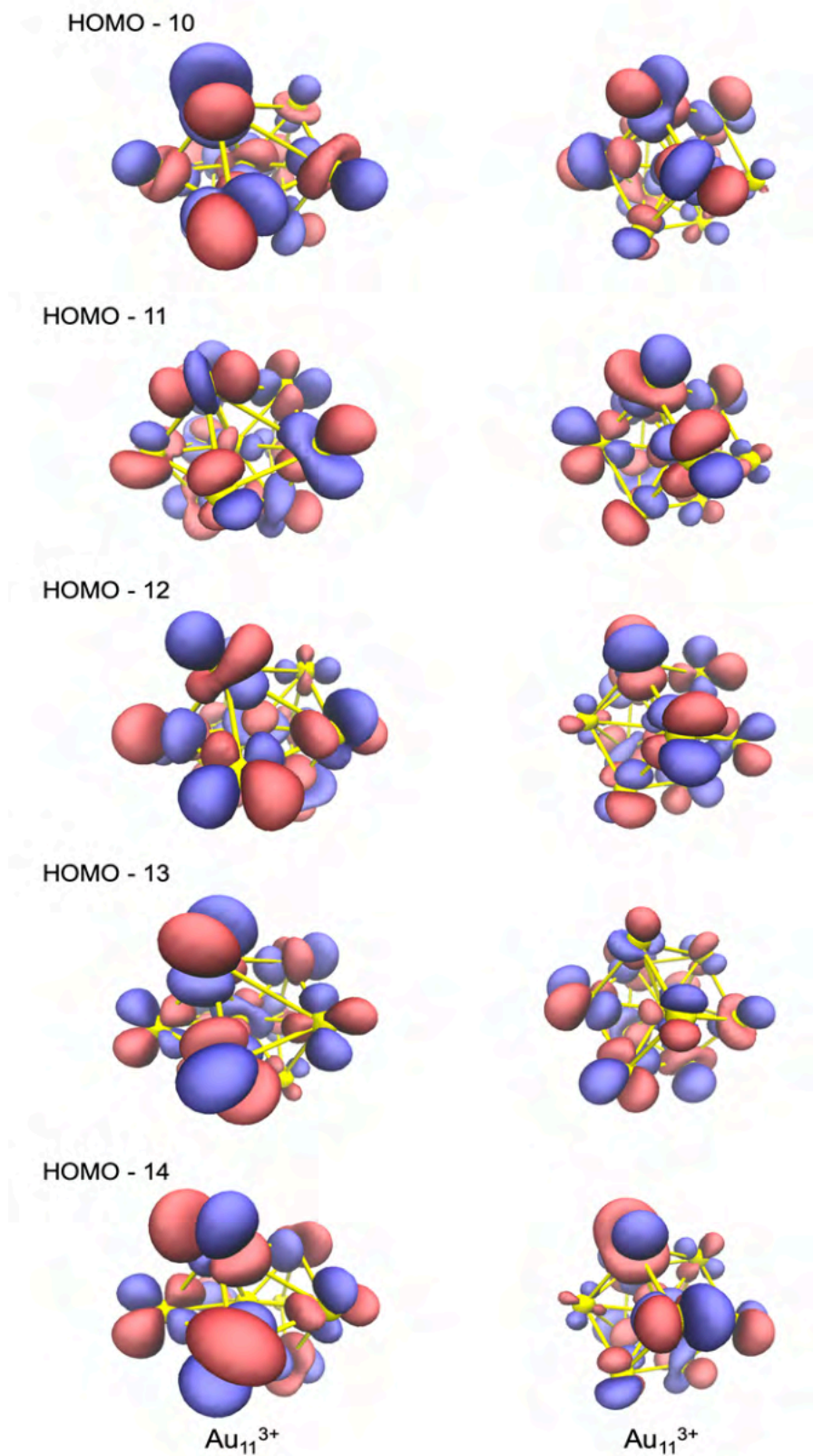
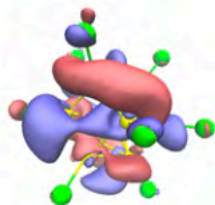
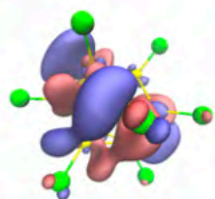


Figure A29. KS orbitals of Au_{11}^{3+} with $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$ core (left) and $\text{Au}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3$ core (right) near the frontier orbitals.

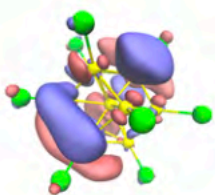
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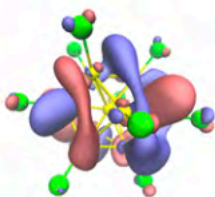
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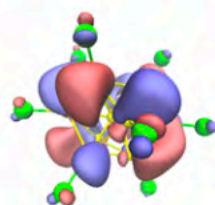
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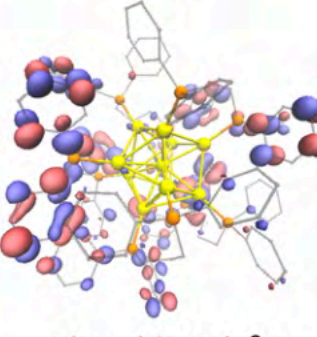
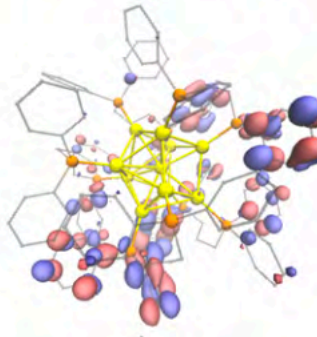
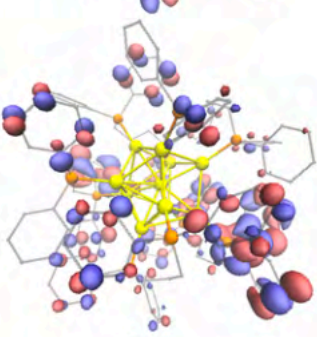
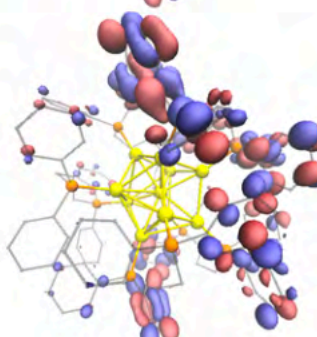
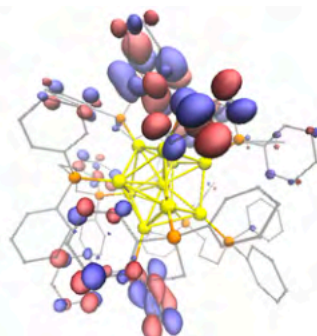
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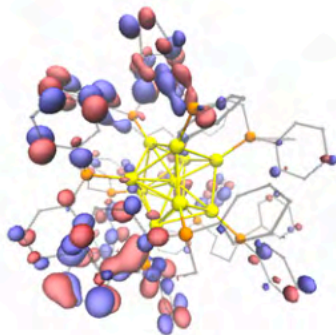
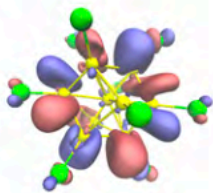


$\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_{10}^{7-}$

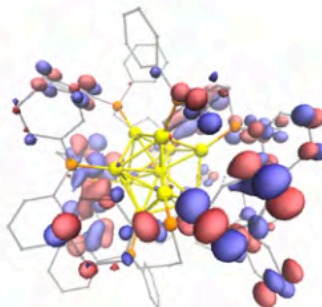


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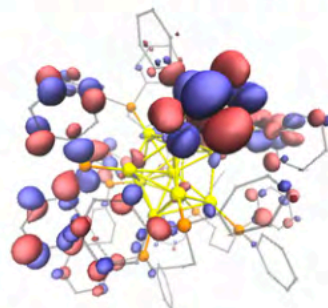
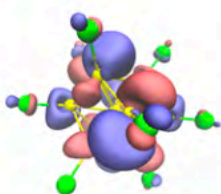
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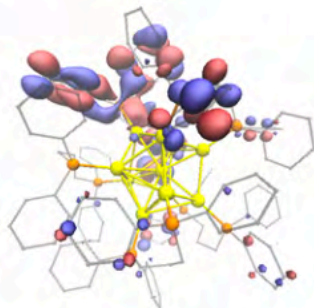
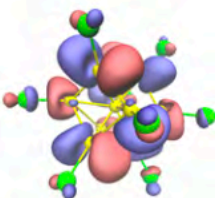
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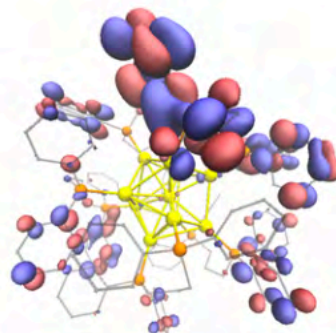
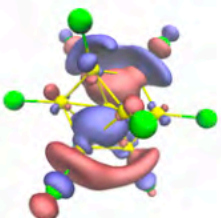
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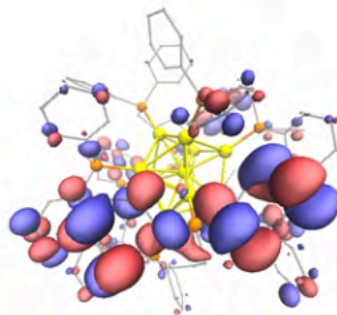
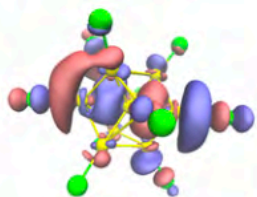
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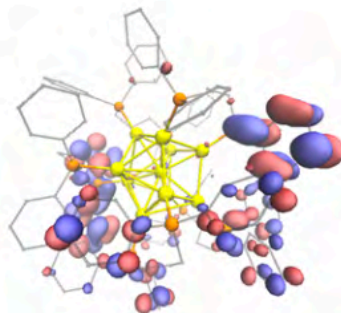
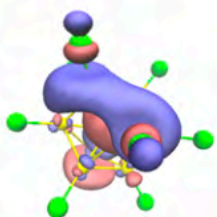
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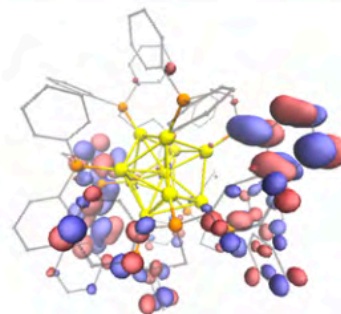
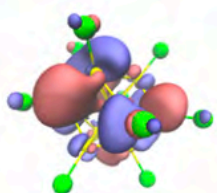
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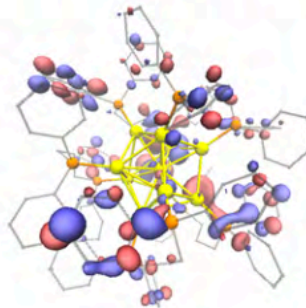
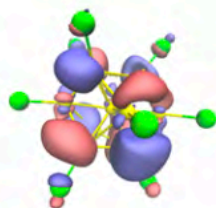
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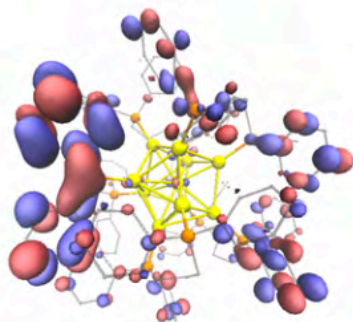
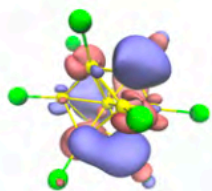
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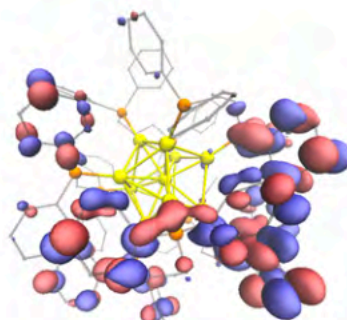
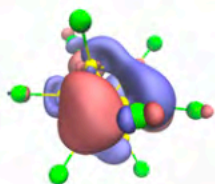
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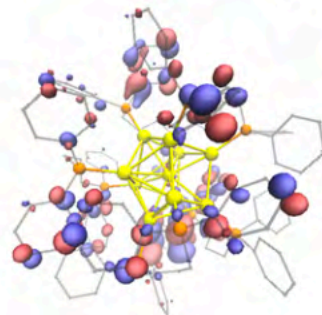
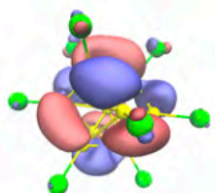
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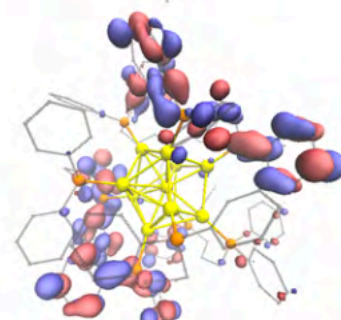
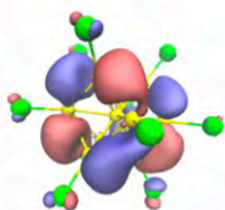
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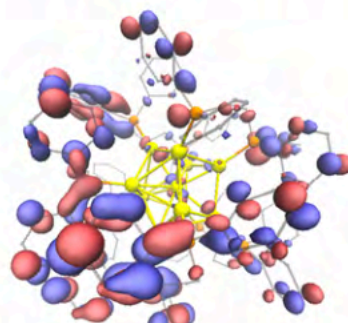
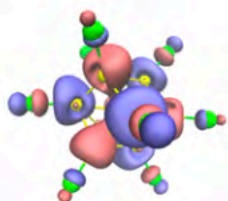
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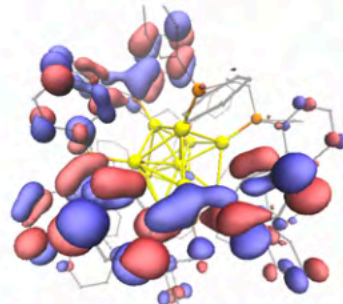
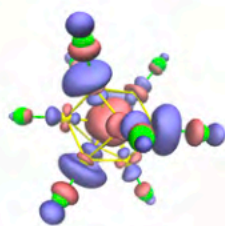
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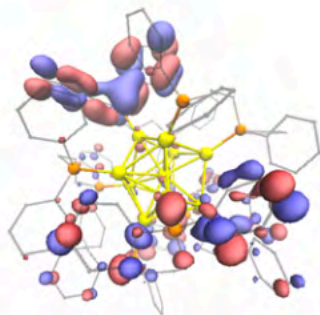
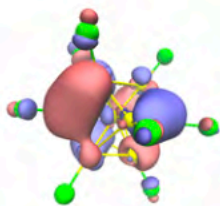
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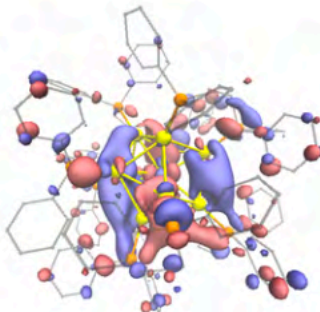
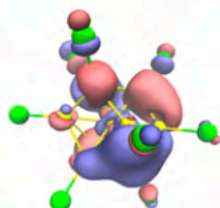
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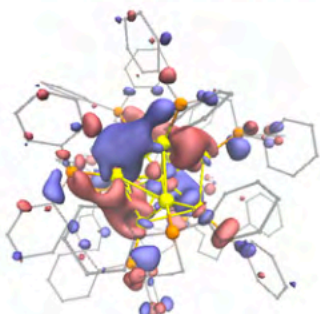
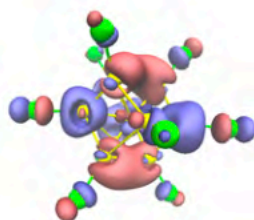
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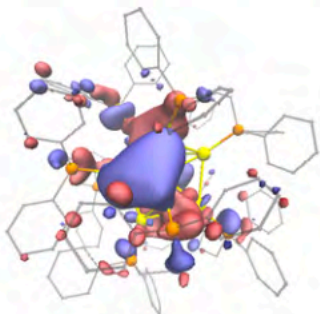
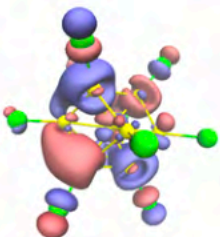
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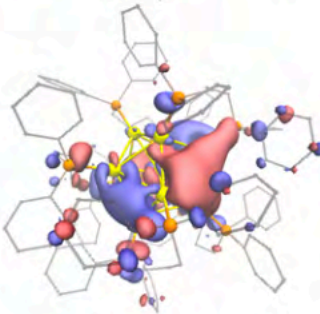
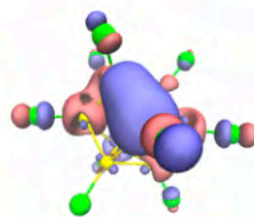
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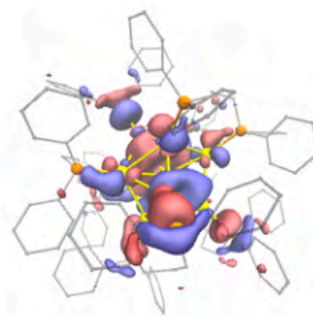
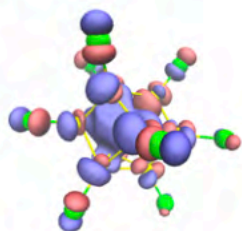
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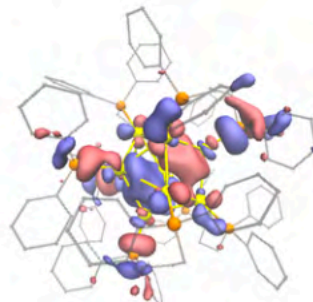
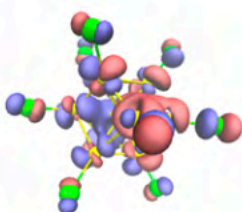
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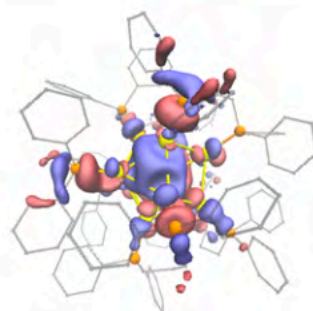
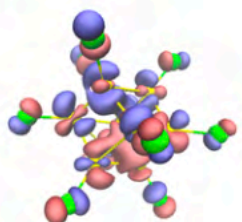
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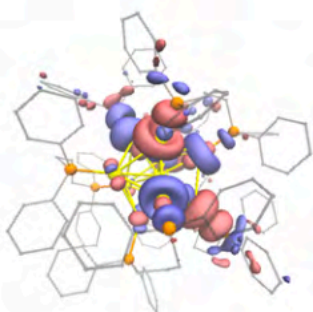
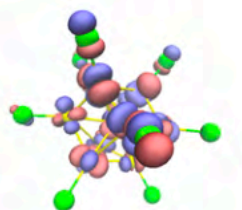
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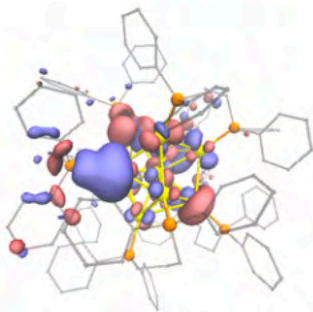
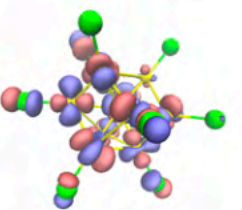
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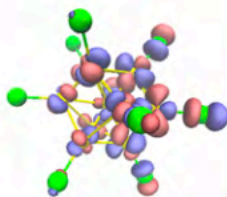
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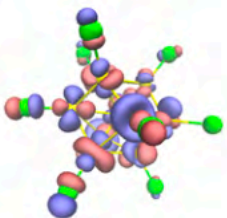
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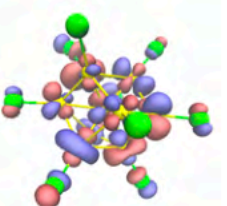
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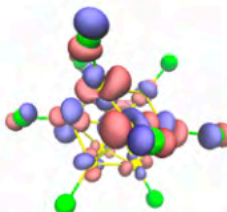
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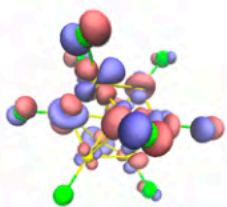
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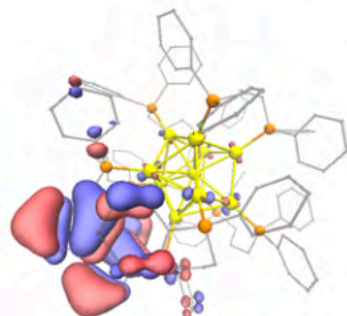
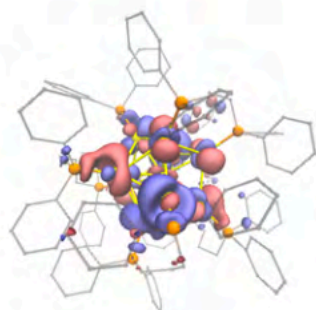
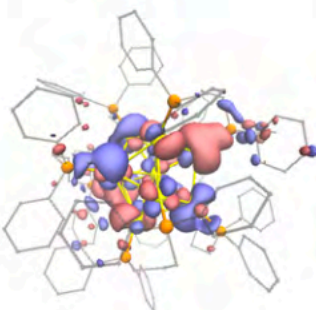
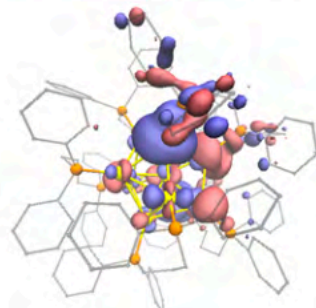
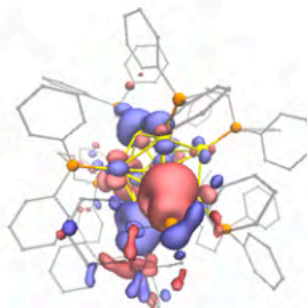
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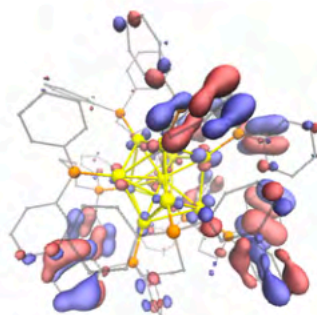
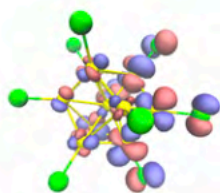


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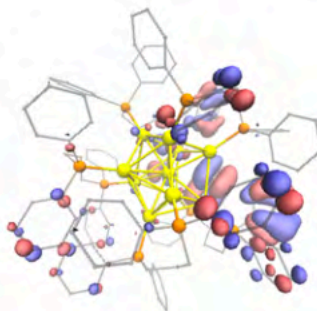
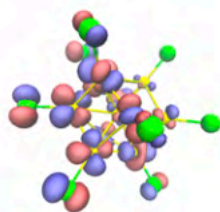


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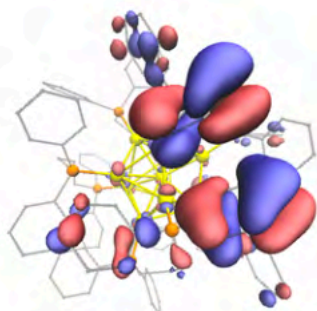
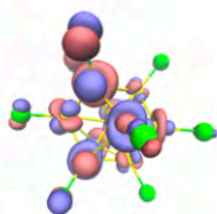
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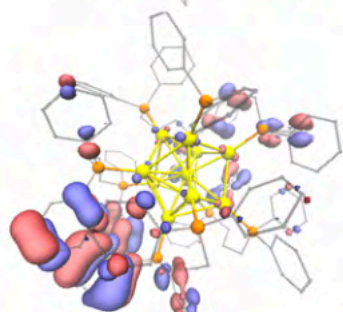
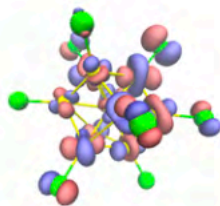
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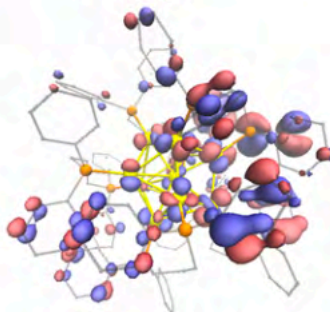
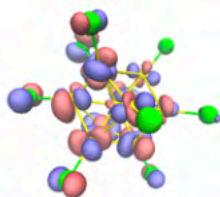
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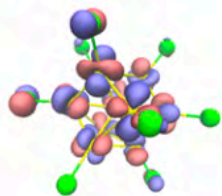
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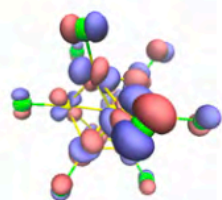
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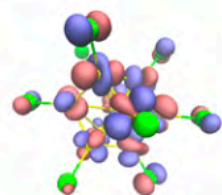
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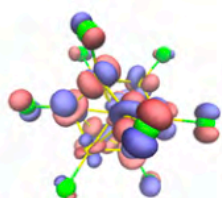
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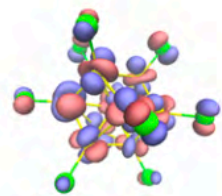
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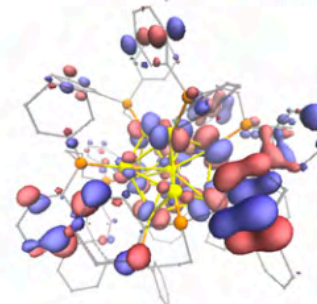
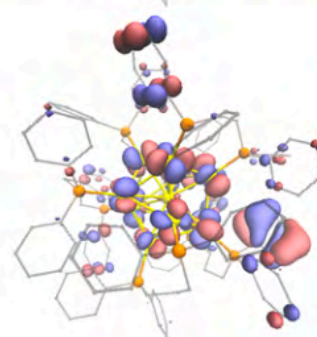
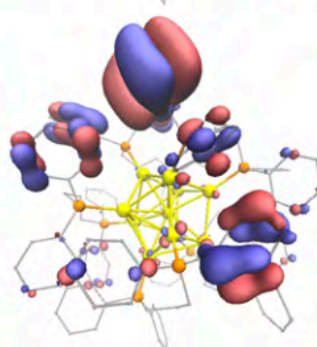
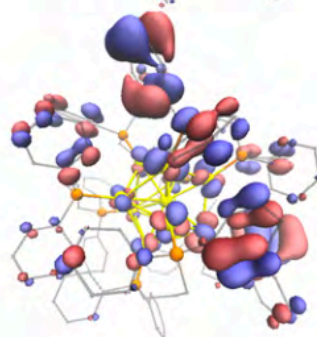
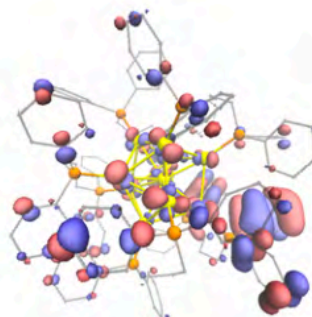
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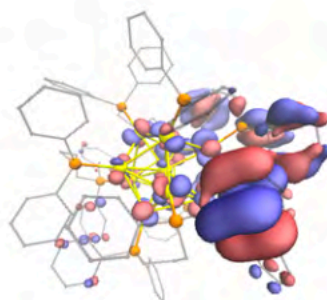
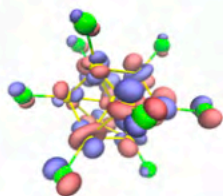


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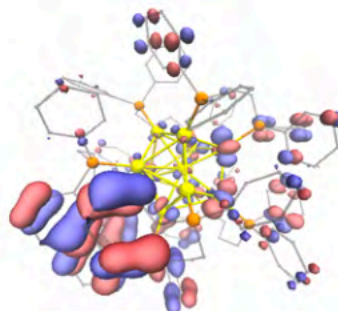
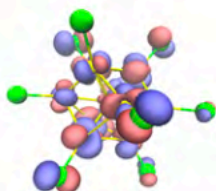


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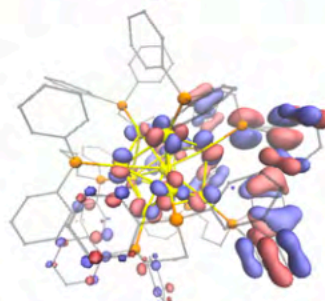
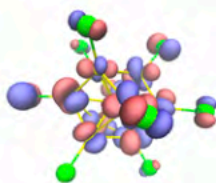
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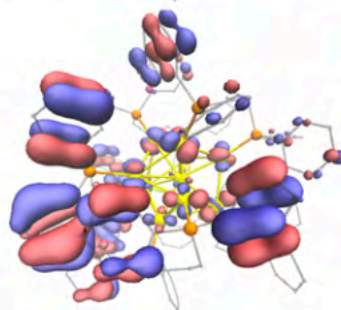
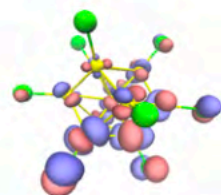
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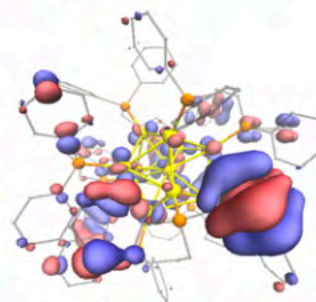
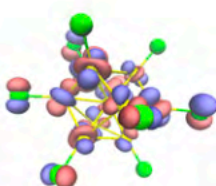
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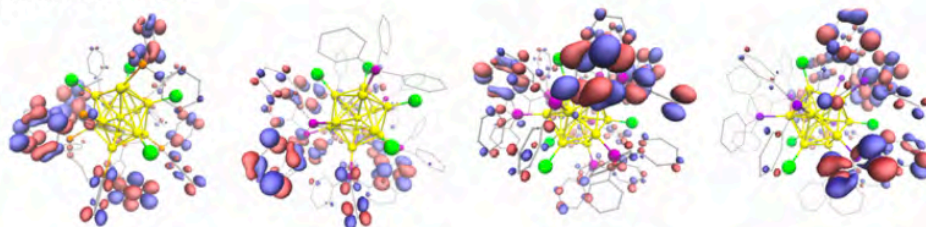


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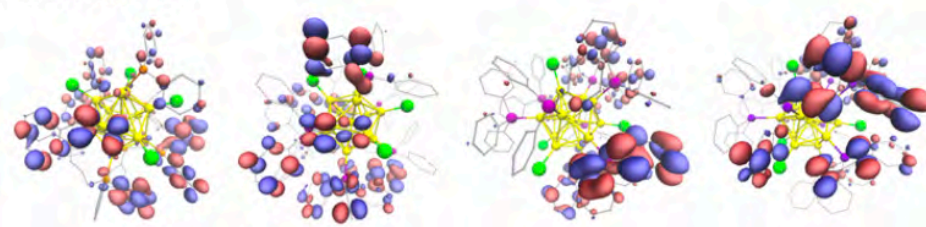
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Figure A30. KS orbitals of $\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_{10}^{7-}$ and $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_5^{3+}$ near their frontier orbitals.

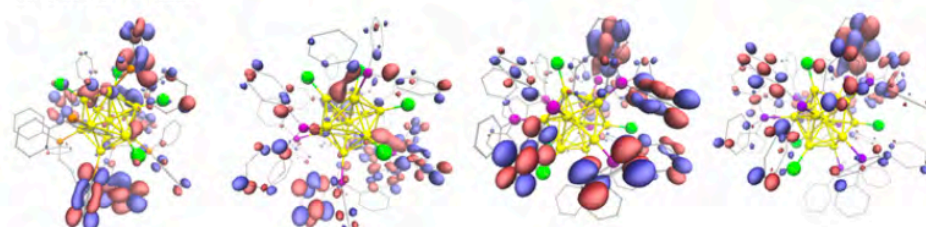
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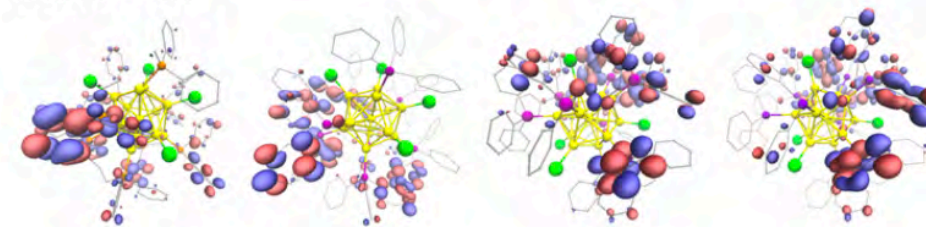
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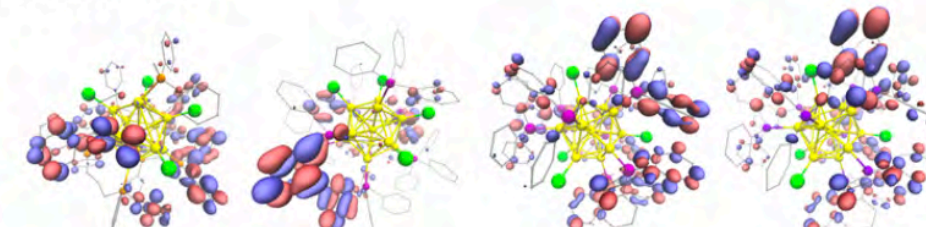
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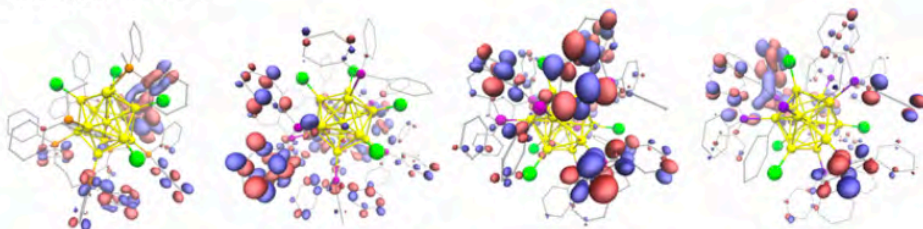
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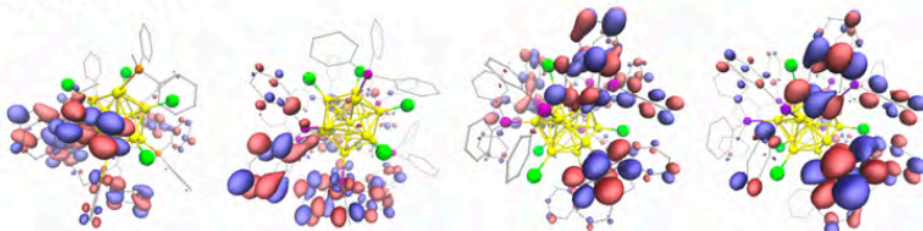
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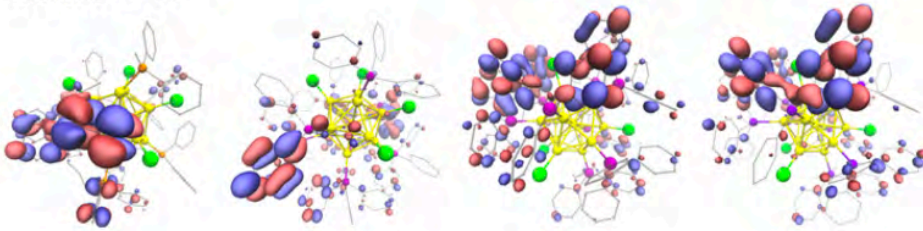
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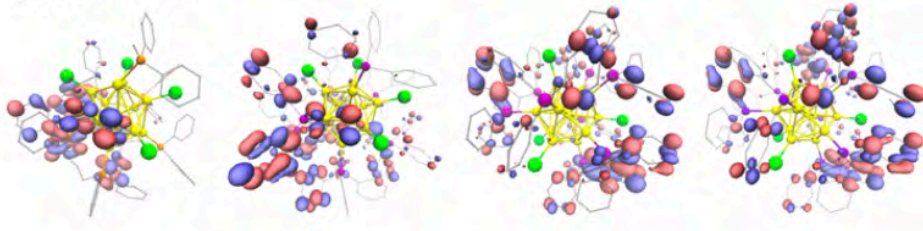
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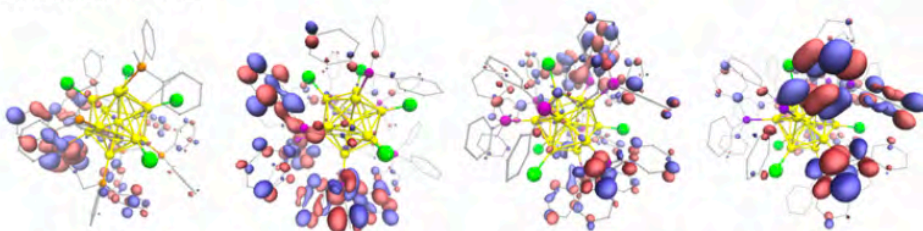
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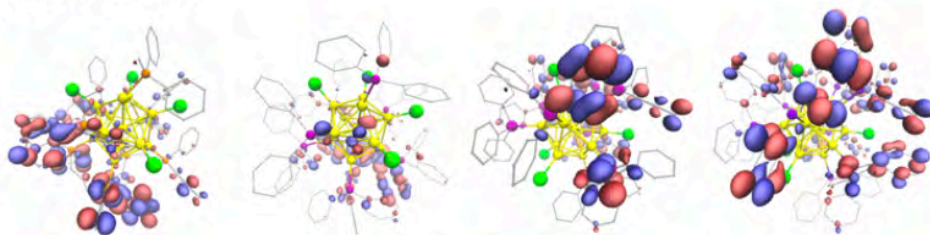
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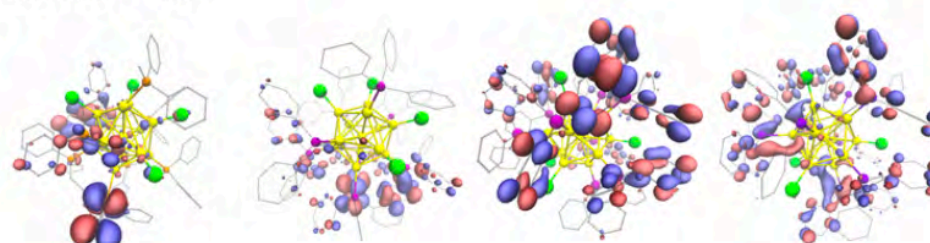
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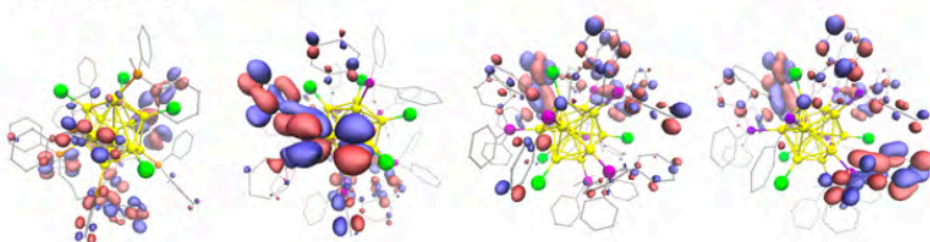
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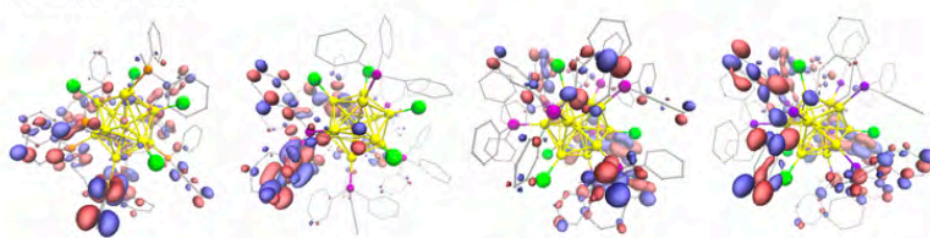
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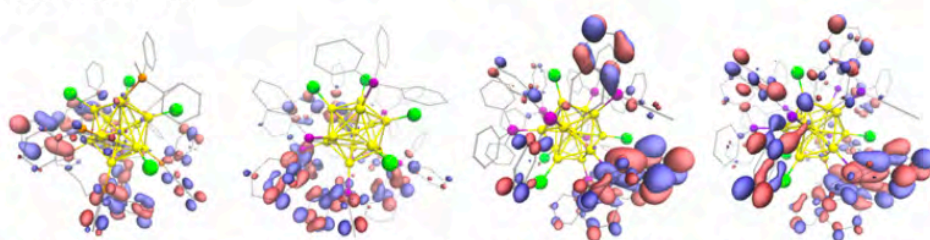
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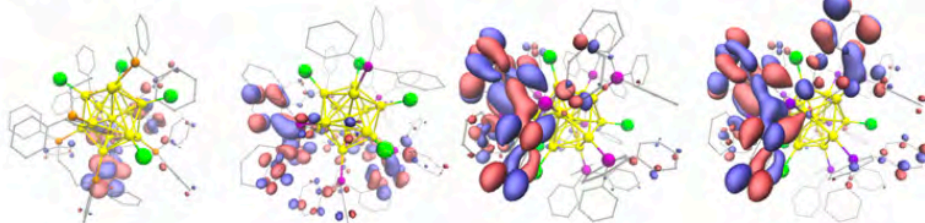
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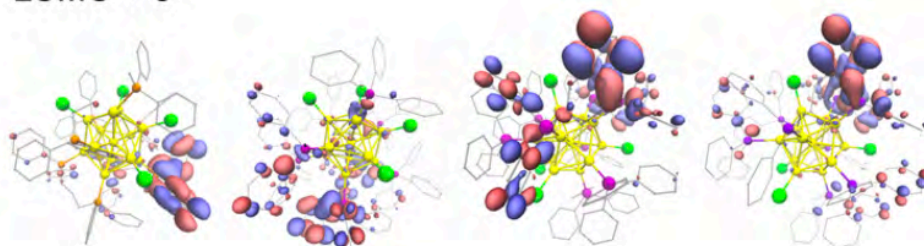
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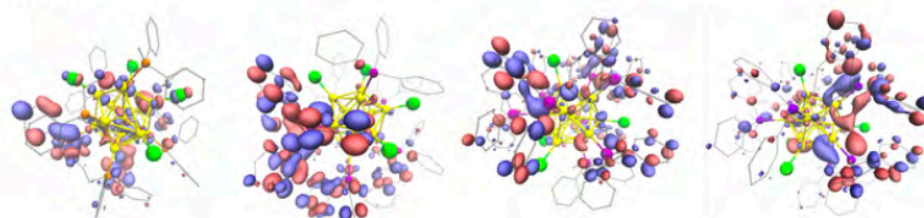
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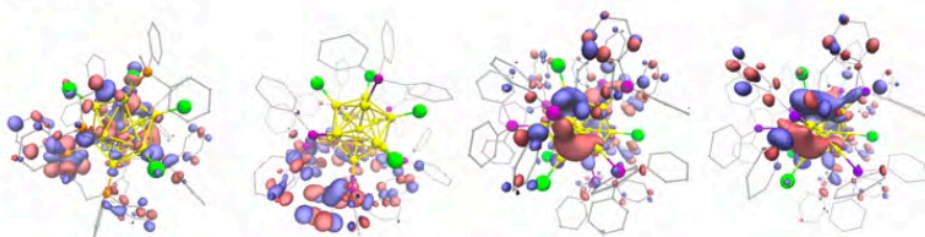
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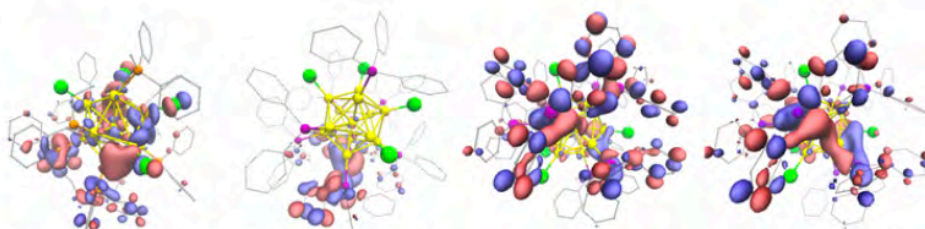
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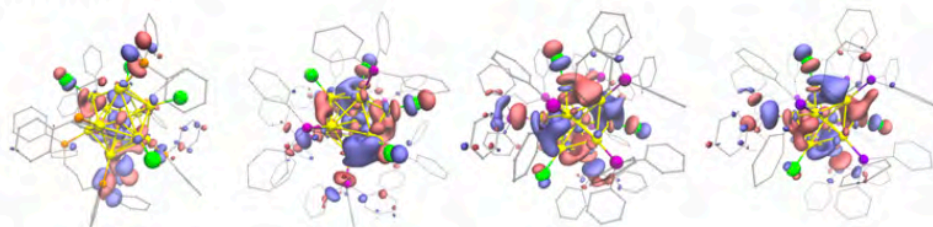
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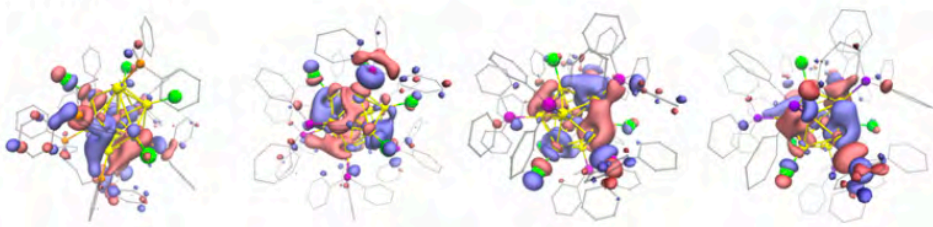
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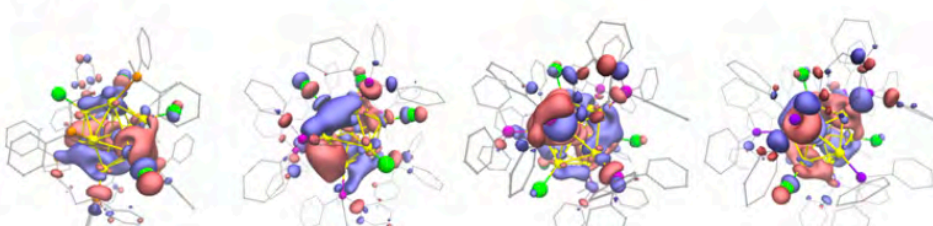
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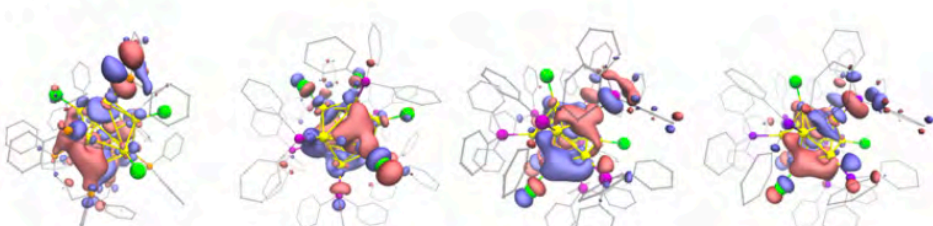
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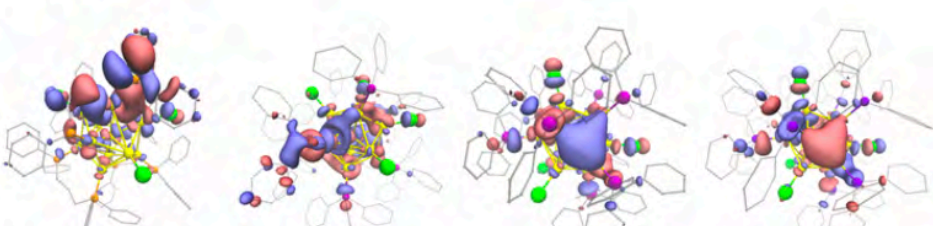
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LUMO



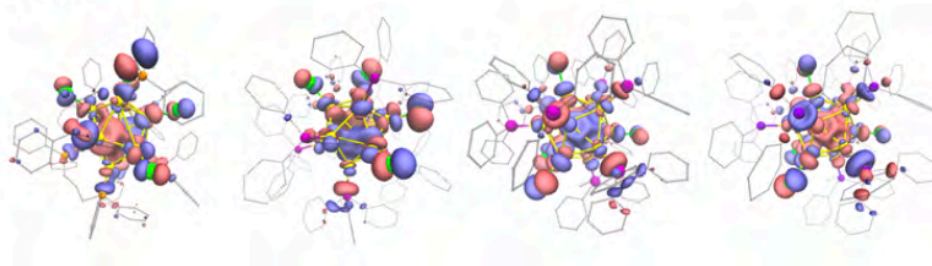
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$\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$

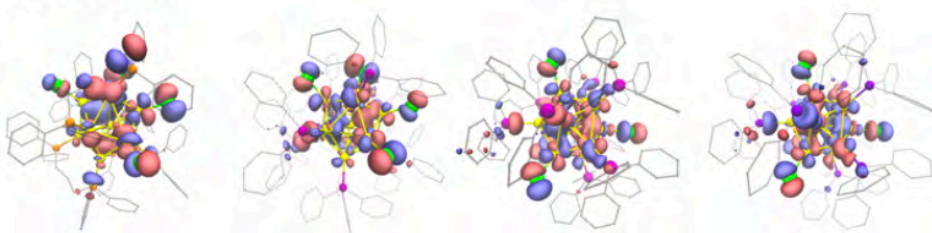
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$\text{Au}_{13}(\text{SbPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$

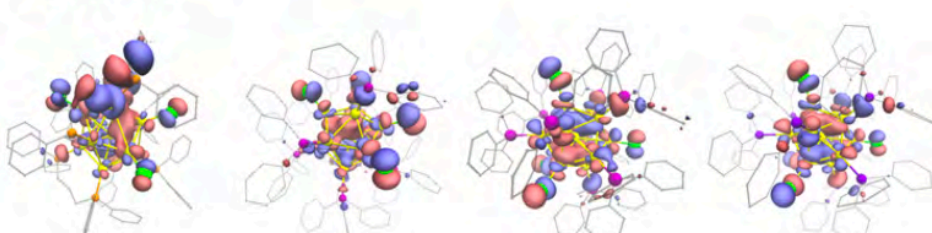
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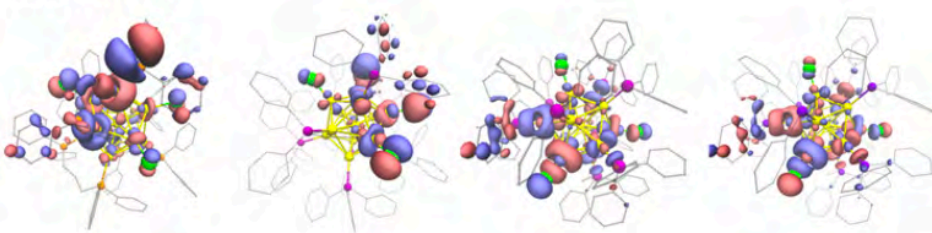
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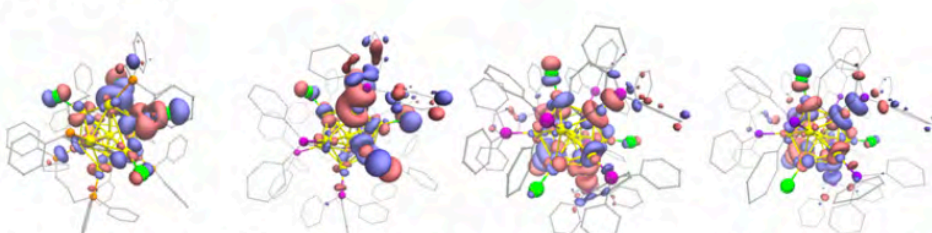
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HOMO - 4



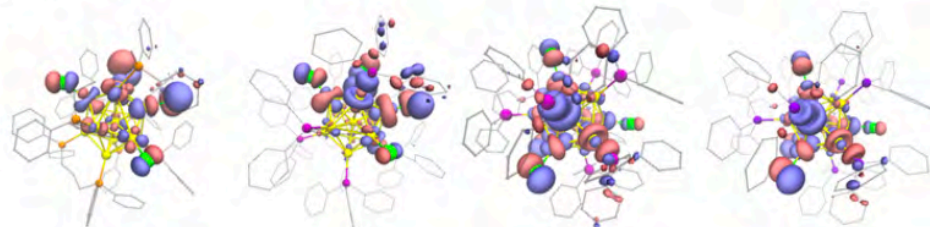
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$\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$

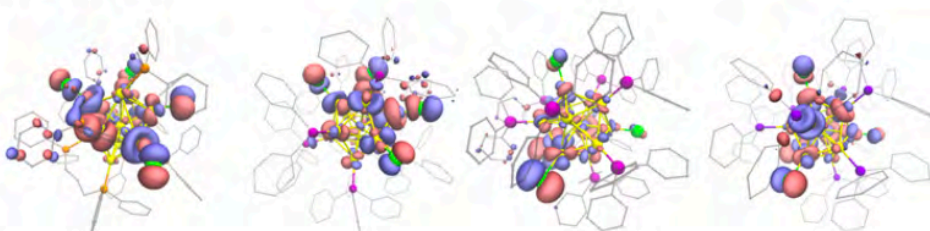
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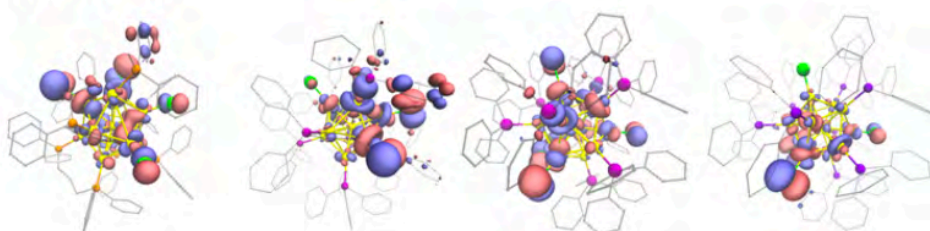
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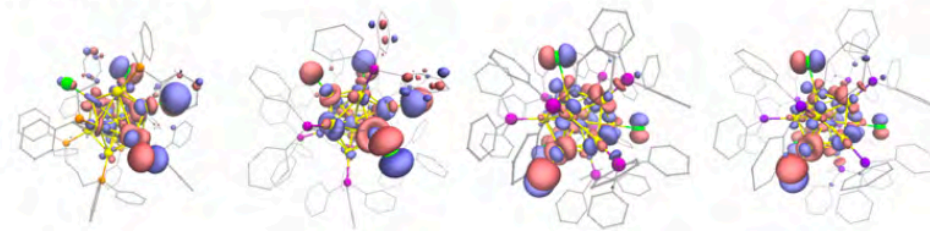
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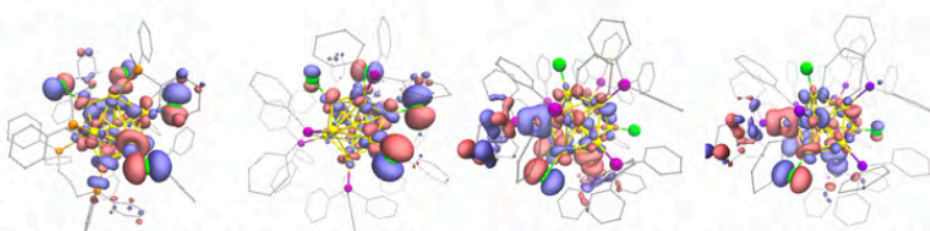
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HOMO - 9



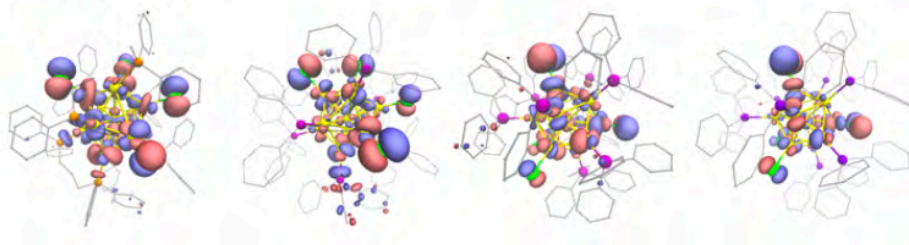
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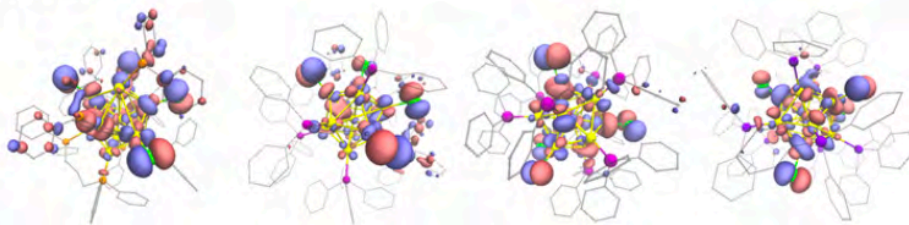
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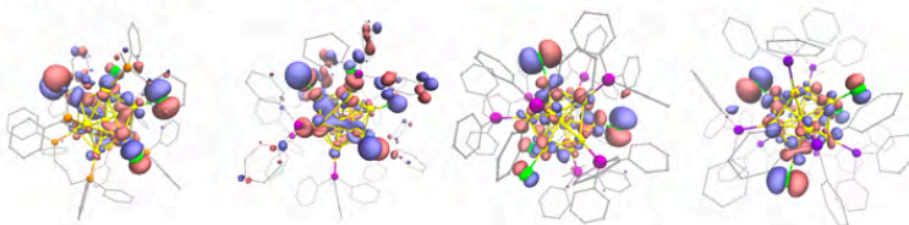
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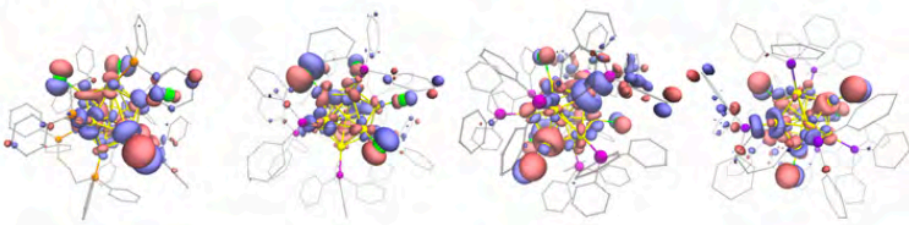
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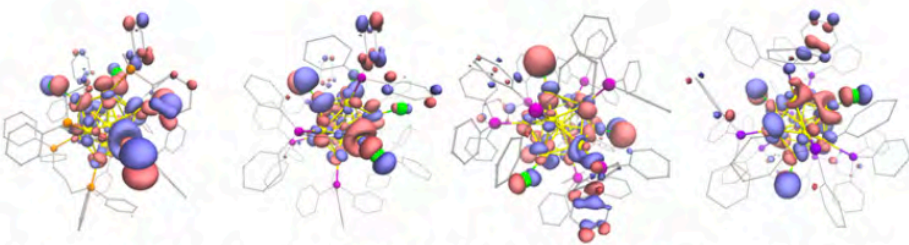
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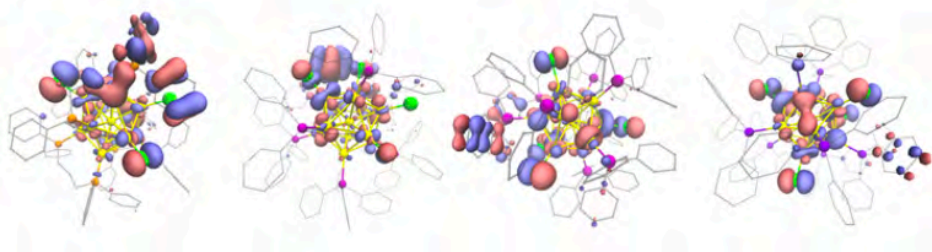
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$\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$

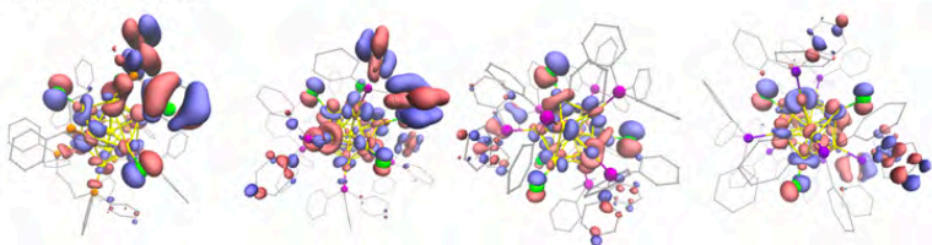
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$\text{Au}_{13}(\text{SbPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$

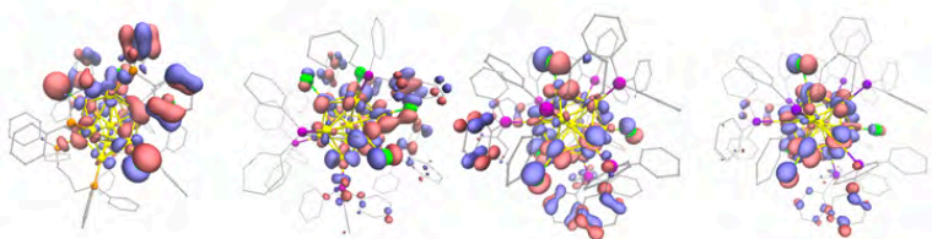
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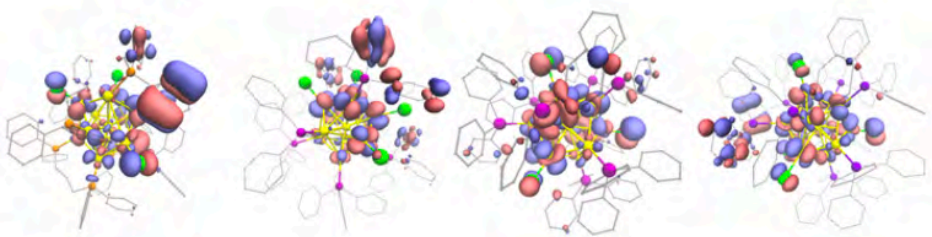
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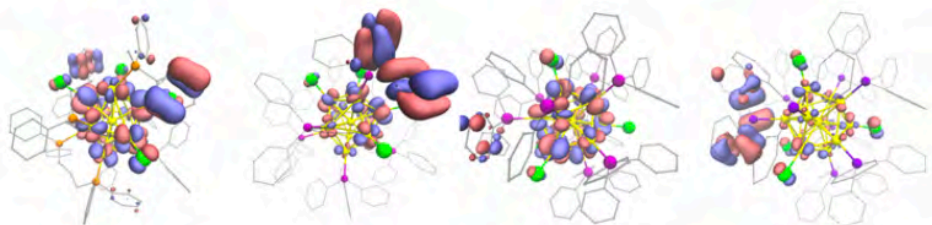
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HOMO - 18



HOMO - 19



$\text{Au}_{13}(\text{dppp})_4\text{Cl}_4^+$

$\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$

$^*\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$

$\text{Au}_{13}(\text{SbPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$

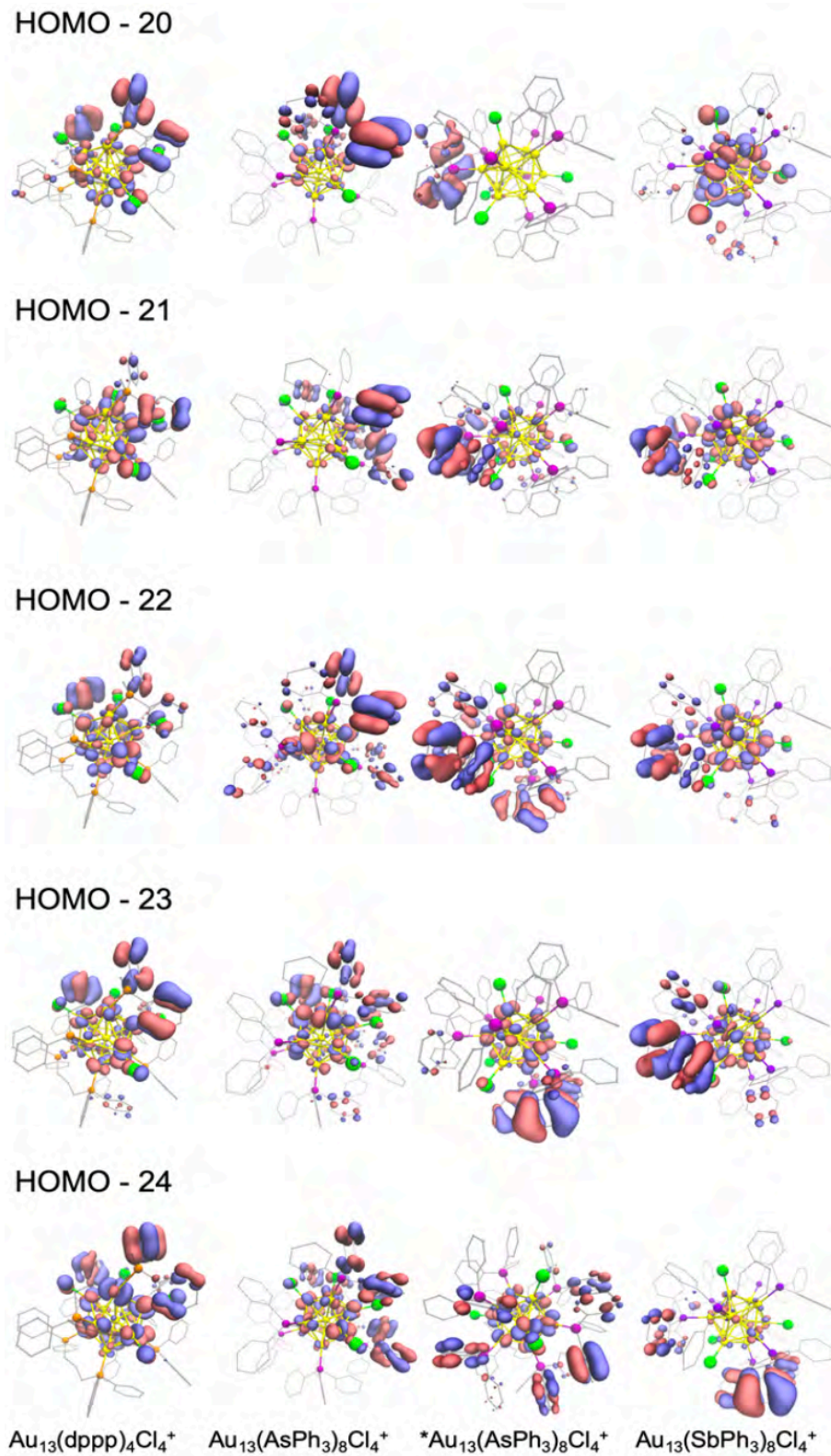


Figure A31. KS orbitals of Au_{13}NCs with different pnictide ligands. $^*\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$ represents the $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$ with similar halide orientation with $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{SbPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$.

Following **Figures** are the lists of xyz coordination of geometrically optimized structures using CP2K Quickstep method. Information on the calculation method is in Computational Details section.

Coordinates of optimized structure of PPh₃

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| P | 20.8229836 | 19.92949182 | 21.36067085 |
| C | 19.19651728 | 19.70273086 | 20.52341567 |
| C | 21.45457939 | 21.47218384 | 20.57887313 |
| C | 21.86592199 | 18.66031191 | 20.52563256 |
| C | 19.01150603 | 18.97267250 | 19.33811800 |
| C | 20.76701924 | 22.20643185 | 19.60073106 |
| C | 22.59110083 | 18.87814579 | 19.34192374 |
| C | 18.07524743 | 20.29322736 | 21.13374190 |
| C | 22.70904171 | 21.93673576 | 21.01605800 |
| C | 21.93143950 | 17.39444546 | 21.13301145 |
| C | 17.74058950 | 18.84919508 | 18.77134314 |
| C | 21.33066321 | 23.36524246 | 19.05835615 |
| C | 23.35087655 | 17.85044884 | 18.77690416 |
| C | 16.80773016 | 20.18181880 | 20.55909570 |
| C | 23.27698794 | 23.08354735 | 20.46244984 |
| C | 22.68228529 | 16.36525366 | 20.56226830 |
| C | 16.63754050 | 19.45755033 | 19.37552749 |
| C | 22.58766142 | 23.80329303 | 19.48090001 |
| C | 23.39557908 | 16.59081681 | 19.38185059 |
| H | 19.86565406 | 18.49697460 | 18.85565068 |
| H | 19.79204436 | 21.86500826 | 19.25334182 |
| H | 22.56070561 | 19.85582040 | 18.86006261 |
| H | 18.19852385 | 20.84371283 | 22.06875203 |
| H | 23.25276257 | 21.38479505 | 21.78569200 |
| H | 21.38912528 | 17.21688763 | 22.06392187 |
| H | 17.61263690 | 18.27670354 | 17.85097230 |
| H | 20.78800479 | 23.92101586 | 18.29168628 |
| H | 23.90829074 | 18.03245912 | 17.85629044 |
| H | 15.95010902 | 20.65208019 | 21.04291361 |
| H | 24.25943045 | 23.41837109 | 20.80001171 |
| H | 22.71564616 | 15.38703373 | 21.04515465 |
| H | 15.64632796 | 19.36152757 | 18.93085667 |
| H | 23.02727550 | 24.70508956 | 19.05388258 |
| H | 23.98810595 | 15.78947923 | 18.93882562 |

Figure A32. Optimized coordinates of PPh₃.

Coordinates of optimized structure of AuCl

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Au | 3.867713656 | 4.999999987 | 4.999999997 |
| Cl | 6.132203821 | 5.000000003 | 4.999999994 |

Figure A33. Optimized coordinates of AuCl.

Coordinates of optimized structure for Au-PPh₃

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Au | 9.973610909 | 8.495954277 | 8.289537581 |
| P | 8.174189928 | 7.180426902 | 7.850062329 |
| C | 8.469961483 | 6.195892431 | 6.384619955 |
| C | 8.824570125 | 6.853768990 | 5.190025803 |
| C | 8.891565248 | 6.120011143 | 4.016280563 |
| C | 8.629115800 | 4.744547431 | 4.020129752 |
| C | 8.324500683 | 4.083454026 | 5.204297333 |
| C | 8.245040639 | 4.808040017 | 6.397725383 |
| C | 6.747343897 | 8.244897256 | 7.578775361 |
| C | 6.261894066 | 8.968540075 | 8.684536208 |
| C | 5.132596464 | 9.766446187 | 8.538975204 |
| C | 4.494290030 | 9.856410556 | 7.297515428 |
| C | 4.981837883 | 9.148320904 | 6.199001695 |
| C | 6.108800340 | 8.337079836 | 6.332889361 |
| C | 7.767783622 | 6.164915297 | 9.273556448 |
| C | 6.500344089 | 5.545485782 | 9.270058651 |
| C | 6.056481413 | 4.879279557 | 10.41092411 |
| C | 6.862604313 | 4.855719819 | 11.55043707 |
| C | 8.128649091 | 5.452159254 | 11.54783856 |
| C | 8.592160047 | 6.105747129 | 10.40962925 |
| H | 9.031767631 | 7.924511958 | 5.174376878 |
| H | 9.118628078 | 6.597388774 | 3.050433670 |
| H | 8.658746594 | 4.220455262 | 3.051119993 |
| H | 8.143985630 | 3.008178965 | 5.195799508 |
| H | 7.992591064 | 4.301667235 | 7.327718250 |
| H | 6.755811204 | 8.893563843 | 9.654032299 |
| H | 4.745838535 | 10.32180318 | 9.392500935 |
| H | 3.607853196 | 10.47787511 | 7.188913493 |
| H | 4.484823758 | 9.221426132 | 5.231064756 |
| H | 6.471447075 | 7.771689666 | 5.476576066 |
| H | 5.851526023 | 5.614995904 | 8.395954256 |
| H | 5.071393961 | 4.414471693 | 10.42389510 |
| H | 6.508927083 | 4.438841166 | 12.51098605 |
| H | 8.682227050 | 5.461581592 | 12.50606906 |
| H | 9.563257862 | 6.601965689 | 10.42284818 |

Figure A34. Optimized coordinates of Au-PPh₃.

Coordinates of optimized structure for Au(PPh₃)Cl

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Au | 11.82402954 | 10.51778375 | 11.10076117 |
| Cl | 13.87264131 | 11.36042954 | 11.74081244 |
| P | 9.792764895 | 9.727331842 | 10.46853808 |
| C | 9.811902494 | 8.782042930 | 8.909214081 |
| C | 10.66663009 | 9.218085183 | 7.883323079 |
| C | 10.65505109 | 8.577411427 | 6.644671206 |
| C | 9.802544251 | 7.491860335 | 6.423820651 |
| C | 8.965890372 | 7.042741829 | 7.447622792 |
| C | 8.966860768 | 7.684003493 | 8.688891207 |
| C | 8.581402259 | 11.05922022 | 10.17279206 |
| C | 8.525846792 | 12.12526330 | 11.08694742 |
| C | 7.605509542 | 13.15666779 | 10.90261931 |
| C | 6.747313038 | 13.14337656 | 9.798681792 |
| C | 6.809249587 | 12.09306565 | 8.880881758 |
| C | 7.719481175 | 11.04948593 | 9.066688819 |
| C | 8.999738071 | 8.634327494 | 11.69316178 |
| C | 7.604946008 | 8.564099945 | 11.83881869 |
| C | 7.045459744 | 7.698379886 | 12.78116590 |
| C | 7.870346212 | 6.904281542 | 13.58229052 |
| C | 9.259168457 | 6.972919982 | 13.44018411 |
| C | 9.824549947 | 7.838589161 | 12.50352342 |
| H | 11.34811610 | 10.05133468 | 8.062641268 |
| H | 11.31932395 | 8.920188717 | 5.851177769 |
| H | 9.794773214 | 6.989801620 | 5.456112900 |
| H | 8.304720707 | 6.191921128 | 7.279863438 |
| H | 8.309048936 | 7.327905144 | 9.481826752 |
| H | 9.215353786 | 12.15353232 | 11.93191196 |
| H | 7.568482144 | 13.98207069 | 11.61393584 |
| H | 6.037615696 | 13.95729624 | 9.646951170 |
| H | 6.151031592 | 12.08396966 | 8.011627645 |
| H | 7.767416484 | 10.23702618 | 8.341988043 |
| H | 6.959139188 | 9.194509031 | 11.22669746 |
| H | 5.962151779 | 7.653228209 | 12.89596122 |
| H | 7.430322013 | 6.240585082 | 14.32723087 |
| H | 9.906097269 | 6.363947182 | 14.07167350 |
| H | 10.90918880 | 7.915623979 | 12.41005739 |

Figure A35. Optimized coordinates of Au(PPh₃)Cl.

Coordinates of optimized structure for Au(PPh₃)Br

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Au | 11.83711336 | 10.52015143 | 11.01079786 |
| Br | 14.01530938 | 11.42090904 | 11.64241930 |
| P | 9.786524755 | 9.724144885 | 10.42288941 |
| C | 9.781112257 | 8.750596527 | 8.878264392 |
| C | 10.57263555 | 9.197605834 | 7.805846861 |
| C | 10.56536987 | 8.507717265 | 6.592975941 |
| C | 9.784652716 | 7.356708000 | 6.445080029 |
| C | 9.007227916 | 6.900795943 | 7.512294927 |

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C | 9.001219108 | 7.594629055 | 8.725212547 |
| C | 8.587584854 | 11.07158328 | 10.14714116 |
| C | 8.477115445 | 12.06231066 | 11.13825353 |
| C | 7.570955449 | 13.11073136 | 10.98265884 |
| C | 6.780992073 | 13.18986570 | 9.829982665 |
| C | 6.899585058 | 12.21588159 | 8.836725811 |
| C | 7.796140593 | 11.15485992 | 8.993211757 |
| C | 9.007589977 | 8.658511507 | 11.68271997 |
| C | 7.612434584 | 8.572550759 | 11.82276237 |
| C | 7.057300659 | 7.715460866 | 12.77566153 |
| C | 7.886197197 | 6.945007139 | 13.59654862 |
| C | 9.274815681 | 7.038066577 | 13.46939637 |
| C | 9.835881771 | 7.892770573 | 12.51923537 |
| H | 11.20153797 | 10.08086376 | 7.930081927 |
| H | 11.18261751 | 8.86247119 | 5.767006144 |
| H | 9.788954523 | 6.812616754 | 5.499549389 |
| H | 8.403634169 | 5.998703821 | 7.405851070 |
| H | 8.397171164 | 7.228677267 | 9.555239376 |
| H | 9.108970415 | 12.01480342 | 12.02684582 |
| H | 7.490319757 | 13.87447726 | 11.75712656 |
| H | 6.081503486 | 14.01718569 | 9.702259894 |
| H | 6.296160163 | 12.27802842 | 7.930659638 |
| H | 7.883472593 | 10.39926659 | 8.212813297 |
| H | 6.961184908 | 9.180197916 | 11.19323162 |
| H | 5.974186242 | 7.654767550 | 12.88172033 |
| H | 7.449644363 | 6.280968599 | 14.34380475 |
| H | 9.927642302 | 6.458149722 | 14.12243900 |
| H | 10.92012714 | 7.986521135 | 12.43699597 |

Figure A36. Optimized coordinates of Au(PPh₃)Br.

Coordinates of optimized structure for Au(PPh₃)I

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Au | 11.74580169 | 10.50918284 | 11.05927540 |
| I | 14.00242746 | 11.58477694 | 11.80097004 |
| P | 9.700388827 | 9.687409942 | 10.42718906 |
| C | 9.712865864 | 8.716952329 | 8.884802281 |
| C | 10.50858024 | 9.183420944 | 7.824673695 |
| C | 10.53553042 | 8.493473379 | 6.613331728 |
| C | 9.783961410 | 7.324284640 | 6.455308239 |
| C | 9.001137283 | 6.850526835 | 7.510754161 |
| C | 8.962560651 | 7.542766332 | 8.723953231 |
| C | 8.532170935 | 11.05858015 | 10.13989342 |
| C | 8.435633723 | 12.04438785 | 11.13752613 |
| C | 7.571371187 | 13.12499075 | 10.97314839 |
| C | 6.811200997 | 13.24392331 | 9.804870784 |
| C | 6.919400358 | 12.27656809 | 8.803515988 |
| C | 7.772748410 | 11.18167076 | 8.969126767 |
| C | 8.897209324 | 8.628505239 | 11.67351736 |
| C | 7.500832608 | 8.571973907 | 11.80859988 |

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C | 6.927784072 | 7.740233205 | 12.77239443 |
| C | 7.738594901 | 6.962101493 | 13.60338578 |
| C | 9.129186669 | 7.018942117 | 13.47301728 |
| C | 9.709481342 | 7.851955001 | 12.51518760 |
| H | 11.11539955 | 10.08065245 | 7.959859402 |
| H | 11.15836115 | 8.860536739 | 5.797392763 |
| H | 9.816978520 | 6.778048433 | 5.511870893 |
| H | 8.422588652 | 5.933444945 | 7.395556179 |
| H | 8.359087012 | 7.161315097 | 9.547936709 |
| H | 9.053607019 | 11.97149445 | 12.03431839 |
| H | 7.502574198 | 13.88284143 | 11.75391714 |
| H | 6.142635028 | 14.09550807 | 9.671640412 |
| H | 6.339584356 | 12.37010522 | 7.885269891 |
| H | 7.854179422 | 10.43159861 | 8.182039750 |
| H | 6.863363782 | 9.186230352 | 11.17118792 |
| H | 5.843253602 | 7.705555768 | 12.87772950 |
| H | 7.284086551 | 6.322469404 | 14.36120423 |
| H | 9.765998660 | 6.427140071 | 14.13054308 |
| H | 10.79539919 | 7.918802138 | 12.42987503 |

Figure A37. Optimized coordinates of Au(PPh₃)I.

Coordinates of optimized structure for Au₂(dppp)Cl

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Au | 18.81178760 | 17.10617845 | 20.20741049 |
| Au | 20.47689569 | 18.31237436 | 22.89006972 |
| P | 19.81689284 | 18.34081118 | 18.58062543 |
| P | 19.13102072 | 20.14749876 | 22.81263871 |
| Cl | 17.53971108 | 15.94349358 | 21.76182483 |
| Cl | 21.98643901 | 16.54492069 | 22.99678456 |
| C | 19.45213272 | 16.45612119 | 16.59961522 |
| H | 19.79244071 | 15.75980875 | 17.36808272 |
| C | 19.32271441 | 17.82259087 | 16.90384671 |
| C | 21.63953036 | 18.32693268 | 18.51725863 |
| C | 21.05605926 | 21.57978392 | 24.22532366 |
| H | 21.39067158 | 20.59622095 | 24.55884959 |
| C | 19.39894949 | 20.13556813 | 18.70167230 |
| H | 20.00189335 | 20.66294804 | 17.94731812 |
| H | 18.33898397 | 20.25594875 | 18.42921628 |
| C | 17.62390352 | 20.06279930 | 23.83243987 |
| C | 19.97973818 | 21.67525023 | 23.32946578 |
| C | 18.52876308 | 20.46149012 | 21.10574631 |
| H | 17.98554853 | 19.53671119 | 20.84780119 |
| H | 17.79057105 | 21.27723061 | 21.10686082 |
| C | 18.85662196 | 18.70333510 | 15.9165403 |
| H | 18.74127034 | 19.76672892 | 16.1250456 |
| C | 22.31228602 | 18.88796825 | 17.41654717 |
| H | 21.75064245 | 19.29578106 | 16.57413792 |
| C | 16.68629769 | 19.05207673 | 23.55453102 |
| H | 16.85766722 | 18.33143471 | 22.75225399 |
| C | 24.43738562 | 18.34733437 | 18.44296884 |

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| H | 25.52775050 | 18.35923083 | 18.41173236 |
| C | 21.70188081 | 22.73241558 | 24.67568032 |
| H | 22.53418178 | 22.64700524 | 25.37438593 |
| C | 21.29217896 | 23.98818140 | 24.22227020 |
| H | 21.80457536 | 24.88811260 | 24.56470293 |
| C | 19.67386602 | 20.71161386 | 20.10500238 |
| H | 20.61714143 | 20.29010883 | 20.49228950 |
| H | 19.85027175 | 21.79367744 | 20.01897700 |
| C | 15.34549996 | 19.77978490 | 25.43732411 |
| H | 14.46306436 | 19.66336734 | 26.06806715 |
| C | 23.77224725 | 17.78002683 | 19.53055981 |
| H | 24.32694406 | 17.34524400 | 20.36215832 |
| C | 19.56589185 | 22.94260696 | 22.88539960 |
| H | 18.72658846 | 23.04109045 | 22.19630826 |
| C | 23.70556473 | 18.89546140 | 17.38278029 |
| H | 24.22292301 | 19.32199791 | 16.52255697 |
| C | 22.37467720 | 17.75997540 | 19.56622992 |
| H | 21.87078699 | 17.29947427 | 20.41661594 |
| C | 17.41958948 | 20.91966699 | 24.92519457 |
| H | 18.15193627 | 21.69015951 | 25.16551968 |
| C | 16.28432668 | 20.77252308 | 25.72547005 |
| H | 16.13982770 | 21.43258074 | 26.58155614 |
| C | 15.54852811 | 18.92302294 | 24.35106998 |
| H | 14.83175652 | 18.13105471 | 24.13173651 |
| C | 20.22503116 | 24.09135258 | 23.32534491 |
| H | 19.90475098 | 25.07042964 | 22.96725320 |
| C | 18.67201151 | 16.86656686 | 14.34749660 |
| H | 18.41585861 | 16.49452054 | 13.35516365 |
| C | 18.52629332 | 18.22267042 | 14.64533707 |
| H | 18.14957903 | 18.91174443 | 13.88870395 |
| C | 19.13789565 | 15.98462350 | 15.32749652 |
| H | 19.24303676 | 14.92268888 | 15.10381907 |

Figure A38. Optimized coordinates of Au₂(dppp)Cl₂.

Coordinates of optimized structure for Au₂(dppp)Cl₂ in different orientation

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Au | 18.50448759 | 17.22704066 | 21.18348873 |
| Au | 19.94647782 | 23.57794497 | 19.73118550 |
| Cl | 18.56162878 | 14.92734539 | 20.98536623 |
| Cl | 19.04331016 | 24.71269311 | 21.54014081 |
| P | 18.51052981 | 19.49484879 | 21.30815928 |
| P | 20.79554247 | 22.35513435 | 18.00752847 |
| C | 20.05796411 | 20.21180406 | 20.63384701 |
| H | 19.98844590 | 21.31037062 | 20.72354270 |
| H | 20.88516150 | 19.87564422 | 21.27703596 |
| C | 20.29445538 | 19.81811319 | 19.17176639 |
| H | 20.58760336 | 18.75864754 | 19.12328687 |
| H | 19.35858351 | 19.89810888 | 18.59630782 |
| C | 21.37924615 | 20.66929592 | 18.49169873 |
| H | 21.73235130 | 20.18335996 | 17.56959009 |

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| H | 22.25014615 | 20.78954040 | 19.15277176 |
| C | 18.33619513 | 20.20620520 | 22.97365461 |
| C | 17.57436782 | 19.49655556 | 23.91687988 |
| H | 17.16212821 | 18.52151303 | 23.65336374 |
| C | 17.35030228 | 20.03228453 | 25.18537215 |
| H | 16.75034299 | 19.47674600 | 25.90659607 |
| C | 17.89505762 | 21.27338909 | 25.52917768 |
| H | 17.71637382 | 21.69107334 | 26.52077878 |
| C | 18.66731344 | 21.97616712 | 24.60184181 |
| H | 19.09421940 | 22.94732842 | 24.85462365 |
| C | 18.88563618 | 21.45037068 | 23.32650767 |
| H | 19.46381696 | 22.04092136 | 22.61746919 |
| C | 17.20186176 | 20.27471603 | 20.29379332 |
| C | 16.80883799 | 21.60724576 | 20.49961221 |
| H | 17.27497747 | 22.21599011 | 21.27406121 |
| C | 15.80080387 | 22.16580291 | 19.71032430 |
| H | 15.49693692 | 23.19882942 | 19.88479089 |
| C | 15.18651701 | 21.40626974 | 18.71031670 |
| H | 14.38646643 | 21.84023819 | 18.10850167 |
| C | 15.59066919 | 20.08838471 | 18.48587235 |
| H | 15.12480663 | 19.49360526 | 17.69944089 |
| C | 16.58951655 | 19.52150670 | 19.27904012 |
| H | 16.88771832 | 18.48293678 | 19.12543209 |
| C | 19.58514435 | 22.03437581 | 16.68371072 |
| C | 18.25257038 | 22.43915711 | 16.84852304 |
| H | 17.95210163 | 22.94620099 | 17.76574770 |
| C | 17.31262324 | 22.18567835 | 15.84694210 |
| H | 16.27997511 | 22.50498728 | 15.98711238 |
| C | 17.69428833 | 21.52228465 | 14.68079770 |
| H | 16.95981006 | 21.32599246 | 13.89890291 |
| C | 19.02068530 | 21.10821320 | 14.51305391 |
| H | 19.32059869 | 20.58960412 | 13.60167526 |
| C | 19.96421274 | 21.36291330 | 15.50779689 |
| H | 20.99889967 | 21.04920327 | 15.36145197 |
| C | 22.23096311 | 23.12965312 | 17.19398039 |
| C | 22.03998316 | 23.96690754 | 16.08307859 |
| H | 21.04277690 | 24.09390284 | 15.66203600 |
| C | 23.12395923 | 24.63317500 | 15.50933053 |
| H | 22.95906771 | 25.28377957 | 14.64963173 |
| C | 24.40807425 | 24.46935015 | 16.03448493 |
| H | 25.25161210 | 24.99568398 | 15.58721448 |
| C | 24.60548082 | 23.63997660 | 17.14128969 |
| H | 25.60456596 | 23.51030178 | 17.55884814 |
| C | 23.52278693 | 22.97852264 | 17.72446989 |
| H | 23.69494750 | 22.35535439 | 18.60186485 |

Figure A39. Optimized coordinates of Au₂(dppp)Cl₂ in different orientation.

Coordinates of optimized structure for Au(SbPh₃)Cl

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Au | 11.98610360 | 10.56495925 | 11.19289660 |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cl | 14.03368463 | 11.37871839 | 11.85303448 |
| As | 9.845260712 | 9.737669161 | 10.52009399 |
| C | 9.812498447 | 8.686281042 | 8.866116224 |
| C | 10.64981585 | 9.078138859 | 7.814493515 |
| C | 10.59639309 | 8.393752048 | 6.597327934 |
| C | 9.723063435 | 7.313292160 | 6.438062206 |
| C | 8.901145231 | 6.915880847 | 7.495340777 |
| C | 8.941350812 | 7.602796467 | 8.711406147 |
| C | 8.505162022 | 11.12664613 | 10.16868182 |
| C | 8.348521299 | 12.14620521 | 11.11599211 |
| C | 7.409037739 | 13.15605104 | 10.89647069 |
| C | 6.644407831 | 13.15920850 | 9.725648817 |
| C | 6.812593672 | 12.14753401 | 8.778099639 |
| C | 7.740076240 | 11.12447955 | 8.997972252 |
| C | 8.963502701 | 8.585003373 | 11.83618765 |
| C | 7.568692239 | 8.534986291 | 11.94021656 |
| C | 6.976071406 | 7.685944315 | 12.87899725 |
| C | 7.774222158 | 6.894694314 | 13.70973135 |
| C | 9.166928295 | 6.953157005 | 13.60799411 |
| C | 9.765794725 | 7.799675159 | 12.67203677 |
| H | 11.34723915 | 9.907435730 | 7.945819318 |
| H | 11.24399009 | 8.700360811 | 5.775679389 |
| H | 9.687696407 | 6.774348549 | 5.491080754 |
| H | 8.226464980 | 6.066537729 | 7.379956175 |
| H | 8.300027868 | 7.289722925 | 9.535096763 |
| H | 8.965621433 | 12.16254296 | 12.01599178 |
| H | 7.283349026 | 13.94910275 | 11.63438831 |
| H | 5.922208485 | 13.95681716 | 9.547458578 |
| H | 6.229022774 | 12.15657657 | 7.856726543 |
| H | 7.872703072 | 10.34179051 | 8.251180823 |
| H | 6.944998858 | 9.165900779 | 11.30553785 |
| H | 5.889607192 | 7.650928169 | 12.96620900 |
| H | 7.309427526 | 6.240330485 | 14.44746498 |
| H | 9.791501006 | 6.348112257 | 14.26575354 |
| H | 10.85322277 | 7.858826237 | 12.60187792 |

Figure A40. Coordinates for optimized structure of Au(AsPh₃)Cl.

Coordinates of optimized structure for Au(SbPh₃)Cl

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Au | 11.98610360 | 10.56495925 | 11.19289660 |
| Cl | 14.03368463 | 11.37871839 | 11.85303448 |
| As | 9.845260712 | 9.737669161 | 10.52009399 |
| C | 9.812498447 | 8.686281042 | 8.866116224 |
| C | 10.64981585 | 9.078138859 | 7.814493515 |
| C | 10.59639309 | 8.393752048 | 6.597327934 |
| C | 9.723063435 | 7.313292160 | 6.438062206 |
| C | 8.901145231 | 6.915880847 | 7.495340777 |
| C | 8.941350812 | 7.602796467 | 8.711406147 |
| C | 8.505162022 | 11.12664613 | 10.16868182 |
| C | 8.348521299 | 12.14620521 | 11.11599211 |

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| C | 7.409037739 | 13.15605104 | 10.89647069 |
| C | 6.644407831 | 13.15920850 | 9.725648817 |
| C | 6.812593672 | 12.14753401 | 8.778099639 |
| C | 7.740076240 | 11.12447955 | 8.997972252 |
| C | 8.963502701 | 8.585003373 | 11.83618765 |
| C | 7.568692239 | 8.534986291 | 11.94021656 |
| C | 6.976071406 | 7.685944315 | 12.87899725 |
| C | 7.774222158 | 6.894694314 | 13.70973135 |
| C | 9.166928295 | 6.953157005 | 13.60799411 |
| C | 9.765794725 | 7.799675159 | 12.67203677 |
| H | 11.34723915 | 9.907435730 | 7.945819318 |
| H | 11.24399009 | 8.700360811 | 5.775679389 |
| H | 9.687696407 | 6.774348549 | 5.491080754 |
| H | 8.226464980 | 6.066537729 | 7.379956175 |
| H | 8.300027868 | 7.289722925 | 9.535096763 |
| H | 8.965621433 | 12.16254296 | 12.01599178 |
| H | 7.283349026 | 13.94910275 | 11.63438831 |
| H | 5.922208485 | 13.95681716 | 9.547458578 |
| H | 6.229022774 | 12.15657657 | 7.856726543 |
| H | 7.872703072 | 10.34179051 | 8.251180823 |
| H | 6.944998858 | 9.165900779 | 11.30553785 |
| H | 5.889607192 | 7.650928169 | 12.96620900 |
| H | 7.309427526 | 6.240330485 | 14.44746498 |
| H | 9.791501006 | 6.348112257 | 14.26575354 |
| H | 10.85322277 | 7.858826237 | 12.60187792 |

Figure A41. Coordinates for optimized structure of Au(SbPh₃)Cl.

Coordinates of optimized structure for Au(BiPh₃)Cl

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Au | 12.34779549 | 10.87947780 | 11.40561352 |
| Cl | 14.21617587 | 11.91207817 | 12.25335204 |
| Bi | 10.07385420 | 9.855379535 | 10.52988960 |
| C | 9.912574484 | 8.642074431 | 8.628695550 |
| C | 10.66894235 | 9.001965903 | 7.509479033 |
| C | 10.56751252 | 8.244586828 | 6.337358279 |
| C | 9.723284648 | 7.131723521 | 6.292400847 |
| C | 8.977594877 | 6.771798645 | 7.417588064 |
| C | 9.069441309 | 7.527438885 | 8.591980135 |
| C | 8.503910037 | 11.43706911 | 10.18449942 |
| C | 8.300989473 | 12.38873939 | 11.19004724 |
| C | 7.377956431 | 13.41983550 | 10.99026510 |
| C | 6.675438097 | 13.50627459 | 9.784941167 |
| C | 6.885054429 | 12.55507027 | 8.783197331 |
| C | 7.798072424 | 11.51211934 | 8.981107081 |
| C | 8.956505586 | 8.494040255 | 11.93441532 |
| C | 7.559642414 | 8.522800469 | 11.96546721 |
| C | 6.868928549 | 7.650320906 | 12.81419225 |
| C | 7.575278948 | 6.757836968 | 13.62498594 |
| C | 8.972345638 | 6.738670582 | 13.59442670 |
| C | 9.668490404 | 7.607701347 | 12.74810849 |

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| H | 11.34609700 | 9.857849359 | 7.539252191 |
| H | 11.15691666 | 8.523418167 | 5.463094478 |
| H | 9.652887371 | 6.539093245 | 5.380316432 |
| H | 8.323907420 | 5.898777719 | 7.388053971 |
| H | 8.490058090 | 7.235417845 | 9.468705746 |
| H | 8.860107283 | 12.34465027 | 12.12648187 |
| H | 7.217394244 | 14.16035858 | 11.77492383 |
| H | 5.970116405 | 14.32158662 | 9.621856898 |
| H | 6.344580943 | 12.62446926 | 7.838159807 |
| H | 7.959161827 | 10.77682317 | 8.190924680 |
| H | 7.003929045 | 9.224989827 | 11.34177434 |
| H | 5.778735408 | 7.671670175 | 12.84116847 |
| H | 7.036260172 | 6.079823222 | 14.28775589 |
| H | 9.526619871 | 6.046883606 | 14.22913304 |
| H | 10.75959803 | 7.588085569 | 12.73817945 |

Figure A42. Optimized coordinates of Au(BiPh₃)Cl.

Coordinates of optimized structure for Au₁₁³⁺

| | | | |
|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Au | 21.40353316 | 19.63679396 | 21.54486392 |
| Au | 19.2134999 | 23.04088317 | 18.69991458 |
| Au | 19.17821652 | 20.32315852 | 17.89578355 |
| Au | 18.76576921 | 18.84592723 | 20.48898181 |
| Au | 19.44962396 | 21.70085924 | 21.18856689 |
| Au | 17.19240366 | 21.1534543 | 19.65946803 |
| Au | 21.1811281 | 18.50411054 | 18.83638821 |
| Au | 18.70718476 | 17.61087964 | 18.01917487 |
| Au | 19.11882095 | 19.72513255 | 23.0820024 |
| Au | 21.48174163 | 21.47768993 | 19.17052184 |
| Au | 23.49434261 | 19.70685889 | 19.74363861 |

Figure A43. Coordinates for optimized structure of Au₁₁³⁺.

Coordinates of optimized structure for Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Cl₂⁺

| | | | |
|----|----------|----------|----------|
| Au | 19.90878 | 20.20860 | 20.12783 |
| Au | 18.57571 | 22.25516 | 18.72639 |
| Au | 20.77734 | 20.55001 | 17.52964 |
| Au | 18.61293 | 17.98236 | 21.08659 |
| Au | 19.11329 | 22.46111 | 21.62666 |
| Au | 17.18870 | 20.51274 | 20.62269 |
| Au | 20.87281 | 17.81588 | 19.13147 |
| Au | 18.26080 | 19.04658 | 18.18610 |
| Au | 20.30302 | 20.02215 | 22.80413 |
| Au | 21.46482 | 22.45803 | 19.74169 |
| Au | 22.54641 | 19.77612 | 20.56160 |
| P | 17.23159 | 23.74818 | 17.54564 |

| | | | |
|----|----------|----------|----------|
| P | 21.38772 | 20.73102 | 15.28201 |
| P | 14.96831 | 20.45002 | 21.29208 |
| P | 17.71404 | 15.96224 | 21.83998 |
| P | 20.70259 | 20.00272 | 25.10978 |
| P | 21.66683 | 15.75992 | 18.34990 |
| P | 24.83922 | 19.38193 | 20.72198 |
| P | 22.51519 | 24.53333 | 19.99405 |
| Cl | 16.80397 | 18.05433 | 16.53924 |
| Cl | 18.48206 | 24.45624 | 22.79456 |
| C | 19.43811 | 24.57130 | 16.10881 |
| H | 19.96330 | 24.41158 | 17.05161 |
| C | 20.13975 | 24.99783 | 14.98402 |
| H | 21.21286 | 25.17276 | 15.05330 |
| C | 19.47397 | 25.17066 | 13.76762 |
| H | 20.03002 | 25.48403 | 12.88326 |
| C | 18.10228 | 24.92382 | 13.68042 |
| H | 17.58359 | 25.04443 | 12.72872 |
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Figure A44. Coordinates for optimized structure of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_2^+$.

Coordinates of optimized structure for Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Br₂⁺

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Figure A45. Optimized coordinates of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{Br}_2^+$.

Coordinates of optimized structure for $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{I}_2^+$

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| H | 26.64793 | 26.89131 | 18.63720 |
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| H | 27.90712 | 24.76481 | 18.32043 |
| C | 26.21578 | 23.51403 | 18.80920 |
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| H | 24.36066 | 22.53307 | 19.31868 |
| C | 24.15854 | 24.67720 | 19.37864 |
| C | 24.98064 | 20.16764 | 18.05316 |
| H | 23.89417 | 20.26734 | 18.11539 |
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| H | 25.08136 | 20.89458 | 16.03040 |
| C | 27.03556 | 20.37614 | 16.79140 |
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| H | 28.84303 | 19.80431 | 17.83625 |
| C | 27.09584 | 19.58378 | 19.07918 |
| H | 27.67342 | 19.24661 | 19.94006 |
| C | 25.69707 | 19.70293 | 19.16652 |

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| H | 26.76505 | 14.77995 | 20.30644 |
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| H | 24.66739 | 15.68931 | 23.96686 |
| C | 24.72308 | 17.25185 | 22.49268 |
| H | 24.12550 | 17.93187 | 23.09898 |
| C | 25.19920 | 17.66278 | 21.23291 |
| C | 25.08743 | 21.67702 | 22.21924 |
| H | 24.13003 | 21.95416 | 21.77626 |
| C | 25.74725 | 22.56699 | 23.06820 |
| H | 25.30295 | 23.54065 | 23.27630 |
| C | 26.96231 | 22.19887 | 23.65143 |
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| C | 27.50869 | 20.93582 | 23.39497 |
| H | 28.45008 | 20.64154 | 23.86136 |
| C | 26.85233 | 20.04585 | 22.54272 |
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| C | 25.64102 | 20.41888 | 21.93710 |

Figure A46. Optimized coordinates of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8\text{I}_2^+$.

Coordinates of optimized structure for $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$

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| Au | 19.58353254 | 18.92271761 | 22.28971813 |
| Au | 19.20128704 | 21.84526822 | 21.93151249 |
| Au | 21.81690058 | 22.25344552 | 19.87327386 |
| Au | 21.58161141 | 20.17161425 | 17.75142331 |
| Au | 19.05516892 | 22.75569063 | 19.14897558 |
| Au | 17.36409180 | 19.90638850 | 20.62253502 |
| Au | 18.54597021 | 20.40185580 | 17.54576347 |
| Au | 22.20523644 | 19.98319071 | 21.61227136 |
| Au | 18.66484780 | 17.87081332 | 18.98604684 |
| Au | 21.45964855 | 17.89001674 | 19.72397718 |
| Cl | 17.98830582 | 24.85567090 | 18.57877751 |
| Cl | 23.96129010 | 20.05578788 | 23.28293830 |
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| P | 17.24143986 | 20.66700712 | 15.63824971 |
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| C | 20.29220589 | 22.76869805 | 27.57373488 |

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| H | 20.01913014 | 23.09271452 | 28.57923707 |

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Figure A47. Optimized coordinates of Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Cl₃.

Coordinates of optimized structure for Au₁₁(PPh₃)₇Br₃

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| Au | 21.57121183 | 20.17295132 | 17.74069273 |
| Au | 19.01733342 | 22.72619317 | 19.10519847 |
| Au | 17.36812531 | 19.85629733 | 20.62832074 |
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| Au | 21.48471819 | 17.88005357 | 19.70399098 |
| Br | 17.91655129 | 24.92963828 | 18.41943166 |
| Br | 24.19320853 | 20.17009321 | 23.19845361 |
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Figure A48. Optimized coordinates of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Br}_3^+$.

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Figure A49. Optimized coordinates of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{I}_3^+$.

Coordinates of optimized structure for $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8(\text{CN})_2^+$

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| C | 23.28667 | 26.58177 | 23.42702 |
| H | 23.60603 | 27.58701 | 23.70414 |
| C | 23.06405 | 26.27281 | 22.08640 |
| H | 23.20158 | 27.04239 | 21.32731 |
| C | 22.65218 | 24.98073 | 21.71883 |
| C | 20.35841 | 26.29093 | 19.87743 |
| H | 20.05361 | 25.82496 | 20.81727 |
| C | 19.56048 | 27.28761 | 19.31716 |
| H | 18.64845 | 27.58935 | 19.82821 |
| C | 19.91274 | 27.87549 | 18.09917 |
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| C | 21.06641 | 27.45827 | 17.43264 |
| H | 21.33472 | 27.89777 | 16.47162 |
| C | 21.87346 | 26.46180 | 17.98483 |
| H | 22.76073 | 26.12966 | 17.44720 |
| C | 21.53418 | 25.88525 | 19.21972 |
| C | 24.85756 | 25.89128 | 19.14667 |
| H | 24.32539 | 26.82998 | 19.29489 |
| C | 26.19706 | 25.91675 | 18.75606 |
| H | 26.69619 | 26.87458 | 18.60630 |
| C | 26.90081 | 24.72193 | 18.56709 |
| H | 27.94904 | 24.74781 | 18.26665 |

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| C | 26.25761 | 23.49907 | 18.76119 |
| H | 26.79411 | 22.56192 | 18.61788 |
| C | 24.91252 | 23.47171 | 19.13391 |
| H | 24.40254 | 22.51811 | 19.26951 |
| C | 24.20032 | 24.66138 | 19.33648 |
| C | 25.00571 | 20.17090 | 18.01197 |
| H | 23.92185 | 20.29348 | 18.07621 |
| C | 25.68103 | 20.50401 | 16.83569 |
| H | 25.12063 | 20.90042 | 15.99110 |
| C | 27.06438 | 20.33889 | 16.74836 |
| H | 27.59003 | 20.59826 | 15.82816 |
| C | 27.77748 | 19.85006 | 17.84877 |
| H | 28.85897 | 19.72277 | 17.78959 |
| C | 27.10995 | 19.54214 | 19.03447 |
| H | 27.68188 | 19.19210 | 19.89352 |
| C | 25.71509 | 19.69307 | 19.12464 |
| C | 25.89497 | 16.74428 | 20.40343 |
| H | 26.22438 | 17.01330 | 19.40179 |
| C | 26.14644 | 15.45693 | 20.88770 |
| H | 26.67463 | 14.74332 | 20.25484 |
| C | 25.72110 | 15.08625 | 22.16414 |
| H | 25.93039 | 14.08423 | 22.54029 |
| C | 25.00979 | 15.99933 | 22.95088 |
| H | 24.66279 | 15.72197 | 23.94680 |
| C | 24.73866 | 17.27709 | 22.46715 |
| H | 24.16891 | 17.97555 | 23.07906 |
| C | 25.20655 | 17.67052 | 21.19952 |
| C | 25.13774 | 21.68709 | 22.18127 |
| H | 24.17964 | 21.96959 | 21.74389 |
| C | 25.80533 | 22.57154 | 23.03053 |
| H | 25.36578 | 23.54668 | 23.24058 |
| C | 27.01972 | 22.19592 | 23.60987 |
| H | 27.54341 | 22.88471 | 24.27334 |
| C | 27.55927 | 20.93132 | 23.34724 |
| H | 28.50013 | 20.63093 | 23.81031 |
| C | 26.89605 | 20.04770 | 22.49401 |
| H | 27.31121 | 19.05589 | 22.31099 |
| C | 25.68388 | 20.42747 | 21.89363 |
| N | 16.07982 | 18.31944 | 15.86002 |
| N | 18.12103 | 25.52481 | 23.29108 |
| H | 20.24536 | 11.38157 | 20.22665 |

Figure A50. Optimized coordinates of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_8(\text{CN})_2^+$.

Coordination of optimized structure for $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_5^{3+}$

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| Au | 19.66715 | 20.17576 | 20.05392 |
| Au | 17.51003 | 19.58978 | 18.37143 |
| Au | 17.25234 | 20.28302 | 21.40015 |
| Au | 18.16299 | 22.46074 | 19.60968 |
| Au | 20.33646 | 21.62324 | 17.78268 |

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| Au | 21.78416 | 18.42440 | 20.41756 |
| Au | 18.56327 | 17.60912 | 20.26974 |
| Au | 19.86548 | 19.02825 | 22.57225 |
| Au | 19.73352 | 21.94875 | 22.15158 |
| Au | 22.09113 | 21.39688 | 20.16515 |
| P | 15.34700 | 19.37850 | 17.50734 |
| P | 15.07527 | 20.48502 | 22.22662 |
| P | 16.97081 | 24.31819 | 18.82506 |
| P | 20.24295 | 22.91024 | 15.81679 |
| P | 21.29800 | 17.31556 | 16.26681 |
| P | 23.48003 | 16.80477 | 20.34142 |
| P | 17.98825 | 15.48694 | 21.05456 |
| P | 20.09364 | 17.84277 | 24.58118 |
| P | 20.50174 | 23.53870 | 23.68724 |
| P | 23.97932 | 22.70701 | 20.61507 |
| C | 14.90930 | 20.44965 | 16.10847 |
| C | 13.71165 | 21.17823 | 16.02404 |
| H | 12.98076 | 21.14401 | 16.83237 |
| C | 13.43862 | 21.94553 | 14.88783 |
| H | 12.50617 | 22.50727 | 14.82628 |
| C | 14.34671 | 21.97864 | 13.82513 |
| H | 14.12264 | 22.56883 | 12.93599 |
| C | 15.54027 | 21.25281 | 13.90315 |
| H | 16.25840 | 21.27762 | 13.08310 |
| C | 15.82544 | 20.50220 | 15.04262 |
| H | 16.77105 | 19.96184 | 15.11208 |
| C | 14.92607 | 17.68756 | 16.97082 |
| C | 15.68659 | 16.61594 | 17.46456 |
| H | 16.54542 | 16.82056 | 18.10684 |
| C | 15.34774 | 15.30149 | 17.14014 |
| H | 15.93597 | 14.47700 | 17.54334 |
| C | 14.25806 | 15.04938 | 16.30383 |
| H | 13.99135 | 14.02315 | 16.04913 |
| C | 13.50947 | 16.11338 | 15.78878 |
| H | 12.66429 | 15.91705 | 15.12840 |
| C | 13.83671 | 17.42942 | 16.12023 |
| C | 14.17896 | 19.71859 | 18.89558 |
| H | 13.14343 | 19.51601 | 18.57992 |
| H | 14.437800 | 18.93801 | 19.62871 |
| C | 14.33556 | 21.11417 | 19.51839 |
| H | 13.75469 | 21.84761 | 18.94016 |
| H | 15.38671 | 21.43939 | 19.44766 |
| C | 13.89425 | 21.21391 | 20.98719 |
| H | 12.89418 | 20.77986 | 21.13297 |
| H | 13.81994 | 22.27481 | 21.26215 |
| C | 14.35436 | 18.94386 | 22.87625 |
| C | 12.97253 | 18.69887 | 22.95915 |
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| C | 12.50158 | 17.54592 | 23.59081 |
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| C | 13.39993 | 16.63244 | 24.15127 |
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| C | 14.77365 | 16.85957 | 24.05577 |
| H | 15.47935 | 16.14286 | 24.47575 |
| C | 15.24830 | 18.00133 | 23.41229 |

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| C | 15.00353 | 21.65999 | 23.62999 |
| C | 16.11508 | 22.47767 | 23.89357 |
| H | 17.02294 | 22.36406 | 23.29594 |
| C | 16.06333 | 23.43567 | 24.90880 |
| H | 16.92928 | 24.07206 | 25.09477 |
| C | 14.90248 | 23.58241 | 25.67238 |
| H | 14.85703 | 24.33531 | 26.45986 |
| C | 13.79874 | 22.75679 | 25.43053 |
| H | 12.89641 | 22.85998 | 26.03400 |
| C | 13.84771 | 21.79721 | 24.41708 |
| H | 12.98335 | 21.15400 | 24.24839 |
| C | 15.43131 | 24.71894 | 19.71188 |
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| C | 13.13418 | 25.50114 | 19.81808 |
| H | 12.23806 | 25.86115 | 19.31181 |
| C | 13.14937 | 25.37591 | 21.21018 |
| H | 12.26433 | 25.63741 | 21.79087 |
| C | 14.30043 | 24.91397 | 21.85507 |
| H | 14.31864 | 24.80018 | 22.93927 |
| C | 15.43146 | 24.57920 | 21.11007 |
| H | 16.31580 | 24.19338 | 21.61648 |
| C | 17.96404 | 25.85170 | 18.91360 |
| C | 19.33291 | 25.77712 | 19.21874 |
| H | 19.78324 | 24.80327 | 19.42485 |
| C | 20.10868 | 26.93740 | 19.25327 |
| H | 21.17123 | 26.87408 | 19.49157 |
| C | 19.52714 | 28.17930 | 18.98925 |
| H | 20.13318 | 29.08535 | 19.01438 |
| C | 18.16119 | 28.26158 | 18.69910 |
| H | 17.70169 | 29.23030 | 18.50129 |
| C | 17.38173 | 27.10528 | 18.66274 |
| H | 16.31460 | 27.18343 | 18.44870 |
| C | 16.47847 | 24.13745 | 17.05056 |
| H | 15.53918 | 23.56311 | 17.05615 |
| H | 16.25777 | 25.13314 | 16.63486 |
| C | 17.50318 | 23.37871 | 16.19785 |
| H | 17.66905 | 22.39476 | 16.66684 |
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| C | 23.00070 | 25.92170 | 16.05343 |
| H | 23.19223 | 26.75820 | 16.72626 |
| C | 23.82483 | 25.71097 | 14.94381 |
| H | 24.65994 | 26.38378 | 14.74828 |
| C | 23.57477 | 24.63332 | 14.09066 |
| H | 24.21264 | 24.46676 | 13.22193 |
| C | 22.50335 | 23.77002 | 14.33707 |
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| C | 19.62788 | 20.60520 | 14.37047 |

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| C | 19.24369 | 19.89218 | 13.23301 |
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| H | 18.76784 | 19.99989 | 11.12863 |
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| C | 19.63497 | 22.65886 | 13.07725 |
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| C | 18.82239 | 16.50582 | 15.31726 |
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| C | 17.93803 | 15.70450 | 14.59413 |
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| C | 18.41573 | 14.59530 | 13.89050 |
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| C | 23.69317 | 19.99734 | 13.36295 |
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| H | 23.06180 | 18.66549 | 11.78442 |
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| H | 21.76858 | 17.18734 | 13.28721 |
| C | 22.58762 | 16.29442 | 17.09269 |
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| H | 23.31864 | 17.04328 | 17.43209 |
| C | 22.03387 | 15.46861 | 18.26547 |
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| H | 24.63428 | 14.21066 | 21.35978 |
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| C | 25.00146 | 15.46639 | 24.50193 |
| H | 25.38087 | 15.17696 | 25.48233 |
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| H | 23.54997 | 18.10286 | 22.90198 |
| C | 24.97931 | 17.43772 | 19.50793 |
| C | 26.14971 | 16.66448 | 19.42181 |
| H | 26.20231 | 15.68103 | 19.89114 |
| C | 27.26430 | 17.15616 | 18.74156 |
| H | 28.16693 | 16.54810 | 18.67334 |
| C | 27.22668 | 18.42538 | 18.15295 |

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| C | 26.07353 | 19.20673 | 18.25071 |
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| C | 24.95342 | 18.71491 | 18.92392 |
| H | 24.05020 | 19.32564 | 18.99853 |
| C | 16.20361 | 15.12319 | 21.10576 |
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| C | 13.92103 | 15.85135 | 20.71287 |
| H | 13.22069 | 16.62924 | 20.40913 |
| C | 13.45121 | 14.59402 | 21.09302 |
| H | 12.38099 | 14.38532 | 21.08732 |
| C | 14.35460 | 13.59880 | 21.48241 |
| H | 13.98887 | 12.61564 | 21.78019 |
| C | 15.72628 | 13.85597 | 21.48166 |
| H | 16.42026 | 13.06083 | 21.75781 |
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| C | 19.13887 | 12.91153 | 20.64505 |
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| C | 19.56581 | 11.86952 | 19.81694 |
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| C | 19.54684 | 12.02137 | 18.42712 |
| H | 19.86852 | 11.19984 | 17.78603 |
| C | 19.11782 | 13.22626 | 17.86249 |
| H | 19.11023 | 13.35806 | 16.77999 |
| C | 18.70680 | 14.27313 | 18.68642 |
| H | 18.40387 | 15.22344 | 18.24377 |
| C | 18.58042 | 15.32569 | 22.79215 |
| H | 18.03790 | 16.12913 | 23.31555 |
| H | 18.23257 | 14.38037 | 23.23679 |
| C | 20.10153 | 15.50806 | 22.93108 |
| H | 20.46746 | 16.18150 | 22.13789 |
| H | 20.60598 | 14.54422 | 22.76679 |
| C | 20.56897 | 16.07421 | 24.28053 |
| H | 21.66856 | 16.07593 | 24.30154 |
| H | 20.24018 | 15.44657 | 25.12215 |
| C | 18.59555 | 17.85844 | 25.62271 |
| C | 18.25795 | 16.83550 | 26.52487 |
| H | 18.86854 | 15.93595 | 26.60723 |
| C | 17.12879 | 16.95839 | 27.33812 |
| H | 16.87621 | 16.15866 | 28.03497 |
| C | 16.33021 | 18.10375 | 27.26750 |
| H | 15.45022 | 18.19467 | 27.90449 |
| C | 16.65397 | 19.12283 | 26.36809 |
| H | 16.02393 | 20.00916 | 26.28647 |
| C | 17.77220 | 18.99508 | 25.54489 |
| H | 18.00153 | 19.76918 | 24.81113 |
| C | 21.42566 | 18.49081 | 25.64781 |
| C | 21.68277 | 17.95023 | 26.91877 |
| H | 21.04941 | 17.16039 | 27.32451 |
| C | 22.75370 | 18.42594 | 27.67758 |
| H | 22.95219 | 17.99832 | 28.66071 |
| C | 23.56625 | 19.45022 | 27.17999 |
| H | 24.40135 | 19.81977 | 27.77627 |
| C | 23.30086 | 20.00659 | 25.92655 |
| H | 23.92454 | 20.81091 | 25.53820 |

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| C | 22.23390 | 19.53075 | 25.16240 |
| H | 22.02301 | 19.96421 | 24.18265 |
| C | 19.49108 | 25.05027 | 23.78358 |
| C | 18.70968 | 25.39704 | 22.67004 |
| H | 18.68838 | 24.73453 | 21.80276 |
| C | 17.96322 | 26.57572 | 22.67204 |
| H | 17.37018 | 26.83985 | 21.79632 |
| C | 17.97285 | 27.40604 | 23.79485 |
| H | 17.38509 | 28.32452 | 23.79960 |
| C | 18.73600 | 27.05783 | 24.91453 |
| H | 18.74152 | 27.70384 | 25.79270 |
| C | 19.49789 | 25.88756 | 24.91195 |
| H | 20.08659 | 25.62347 | 25.79120 |
| C | 20.72542 | 22.95502 | 25.39126 |
| C | 21.77699 | 23.38282 | 26.21865 |
| H | 22.52759 | 24.08353 | 25.85391 |
| C | 21.87310 | 22.90890 | 27.52868 |
| H | 22.69271 | 23.24513 | 28.16419 |
| C | 20.92780 | 22.00819 | 28.02561 |
| H | 21.01061 | 21.63903 | 29.04797 |
| C | 19.88265 | 21.57428 | 27.20653 |
| H | 19.15017 | 20.85798 | 27.57894 |
| C | 19.78362 | 22.04387 | 25.89751 |
| H | 18.97691 | 21.69629 | 25.25208 |
| C | 22.16793 | 24.07964 | 23.11976 |
| H | 22.58881 | 24.82193 | 23.81364 |
| H | 22.78523 | 23.17229 | 23.19996 |
| C | 22.15189 | 24.61919 | 21.67924 |
| H | 21.37505 | 24.09210 | 21.10122 |
| H | 21.86329 | 25.68068 | 21.69227 |
| C | 23.47955 | 24.46512 | 20.92216 |
| H | 24.30458 | 25.01181 | 21.40292 |
| H | 23.37640 | 24.89364 | 19.91315 |
| C | 25.19460 | 22.82244 | 19.26244 |
| C | 24.71453 | 22.94495 | 17.94679 |
| H | 23.64006 | 22.94748 | 17.75248 |
| C | 25.61235 | 23.05398 | 16.88386 |
| H | 25.23097 | 23.17433 | 15.87054 |
| C | 26.99043 | 23.01944 | 17.11973 |
| H | 27.68869 | 23.09633 | 16.28570 |
| C | 27.47123 | 22.88217 | 18.42424 |
| H | 28.54481 | 22.85201 | 18.61198 |
| C | 26.57876 | 22.78769 | 19.49486 |
| H | 26.96550 | 22.67923 | 20.50759 |
| C | 24.94019 | 22.14275 | 22.05807 |
| C | 25.06787 | 20.75728 | 22.26312 |
| H | 24.55133 | 20.06361 | 21.59777 |
| C | 25.85460 | 20.27051 | 23.30726 |
| H | 25.95513 | 19.19500 | 23.45057 |
| C | 26.50851 | 21.15670 | 24.16769 |
| H | 27.12197 | 20.77440 | 24.98412 |
| C | 26.37826 | 22.53477 | 23.97827 |
| H | 26.89180 | 23.23137 | 24.64135 |
| C | 25.60379 | 23.02701 | 22.92527 |
| H | 25.53335 | 24.10505 | 22.78310 |

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| H | 19.09560 | 18.87242 | 13.28946 |
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Figure A51. Optimized coordinates of $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{dppp})_5^{3+}$.

Coordination of initial structure of $\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_{10}^{7-}$

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| Au | 19.90877862 | 20.20860000 | 20.12783347 |
| Au | 18.57571110 | 22.25515720 | 18.72639437 |
| Au | 20.77733884 | 20.55000886 | 17.52964060 |
| Au | 18.61293008 | 17.98235738 | 21.08658713 |
| Au | 19.11329412 | 22.46110961 | 21.62665890 |
| Au | 17.18870331 | 20.51274013 | 20.62268542 |
| Au | 20.87280640 | 17.81588265 | 19.13147075 |
| Au | 18.26079751 | 19.04658317 | 18.18609700 |
| Au | 20.30301829 | 20.02215082 | 22.80412635 |
| Au | 21.46481518 | 22.45802711 | 19.74168940 |
| Au | 22.54640946 | 19.77611583 | 20.56159637 |
| Cl | 17.23159045 | 23.74818132 | 17.54564242 |
| Cl | 21.38771830 | 20.73101799 | 15.28201322 |
| Cl | 14.96830787 | 20.45002078 | 21.29207907 |
| Cl | 17.71404467 | 15.96223573 | 21.83997948 |
| Cl | 20.70258666 | 20.00272345 | 25.10977731 |
| Cl | 21.66682796 | 15.75992247 | 18.34989879 |
| Cl | 24.83922288 | 19.38192574 | 20.72198439 |
| Cl | 22.51518825 | 24.53332764 | 19.99405288 |
| Cl | 16.80397020 | 18.05432516 | 16.53923938 |
| Cl | 18.48205773 | 24.45623838 | 22.79456221 |

Figure A52. Initial coordinates of $\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_{10}^{7-}$.

Coordination of optimized structure of $\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_{10}^{7-}$

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| Au | 19.9005844 | 20.12694349 | 19.84019069 |
| Au | 18.64754691 | 22.48465266 | 18.80879879 |
| Au | 20.27014874 | 20.84765808 | 16.99897946 |
| Au | 18.34691343 | 17.84309274 | 20.57977411 |
| Au | 18.98746657 | 22.16734026 | 21.74903309 |
| Au | 17.08542967 | 20.48072865 | 20.41584243 |
| Au | 21.07987938 | 17.59468947 | 19.48569461 |
| Au | 18.83465921 | 18.43079947 | 17.76167935 |
| Au | 20.70730549 | 19.96237557 | 22.52719508 |
| Au | 21.67572810 | 22.20309557 | 19.12824732 |
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Figure A53. Optimized coordinates of $\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_{10}^{7-}$.

Coordination of optimized structure of $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{dppp})_4\text{Cl}_4^+$

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Figure A54. Optimized coordinates of $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{dppp})_4\text{Cl}_4^+$.

Coordination of optimized structure for $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$

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Figure A55. Optimized coordinates of $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$.

Coordinates of the optimized structure for Au₁₃(AsPh₃)₈Cl₄⁺ with different ligand orientation

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Figure A56. Optimized coordinates of $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{AsPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$ with different ligand orientation.

Coordinates of the optimized structure for $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{SbPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$

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Figure A57. Optimized coordinates of $\text{Au}_{13}(\text{SbPh}_3)_8\text{Cl}_4^+$.

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