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Perspectives on the energy landscape of Au-Cl binary system from

the structural phase diagram of $Au_x Cl_y (x + y = 20)$

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Fig. S1 Optimized structures and relative stability of $Au_{12}Cl_8$ - Au_{20} at TPSS/Def2-TZVP (Au) and 6-311G* (Cl) level of theory. Au, yellow, Cl, green.



Fig. S2 Optimized structures and relative stability of Au₅Cl₁₅-Au₁₁Cl₉ at TPSS/Def2-TZVP (Au) and 6-311G^{*} (Cl) level of theory. Au, yellow, Cl, green. When $x \le 9$, the multiplicity of the molecule is shown in the bracket.



Fig. S3 Superatomic-molecule model and AdNDP localized natural bonding orbitals of 17I.

6 × 16c-2e super LPs + 4 × 17c-2e super-s bonds



Fig. S4 Superatomic-molecule model and AdNDP localized natural bonding orbitals of 18I.

6 × 16c-2e super LPs + 4 × 17c-2e super-s bonds



Fig. S5 Superatomic-molecule model and AdNDP localized natural bonding orbitals of 19I.