

# **Polynuclear Gold (I) Complexes in Photoredox Catalysis: Understanding their Reactivity through Characterization and Kinetic Analysis**

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## A. General Information

MeCN, MeOH, *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA), and all other reagents were purchased from commercial suppliers (Sigma Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, and Fisher) and used with no further purification unless otherwise noted.

**Light source:** Unless otherwise noted, was one UVA (365 nm) LED, which was purchased from LedEngin.

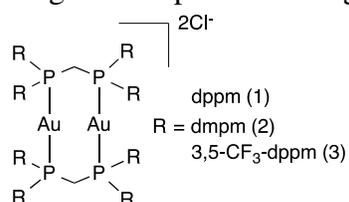
**UV-Vis Absorption Spectra:** Were recorded on a Cary-100 spectrophotometer, using MeCN as solvent in a 1 cm x 1cm quartz cuvette.

**NMR:** All  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 400 spectrometer. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are reported in ppm from the solvent.

**Optical rotation:** Were measured using an Anton Paar MCP 500 Modular Circular Polarimeter at 589 nm with 0.1 dm/2 mL sample cell.

## B. General Procedure for the Preparation of $\text{Au}_x$ Complexes (GPB)

Phosphine based polynuclear Au(I) complexes were synthesized according to previously described methods <sup>[1]</sup>. For complexes bearing trifluoromethylsulfonate ( $\text{OTf}$ ) counterions, counterion exchange was performed by addition of  $\text{AgOTf}$  and filtration to remove  $\text{AgCl}$ . This was performed to get spectra for complexes 3 and 4. All photocatalysis was performed using the complexes bearing chloride counterions.



### $[\text{Au}_2(\text{dppm})_2]\text{Cl}_2$ (1)

Synthesized according to GPB and characterized according to previously described methods <sup>[1]</sup>.  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR were standardized using 85% phosphonic acid as reference.

### $[\text{Au}_2(\text{dmpm})_2]\text{Cl}_2$ (2)

Synthesized according to GPB.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR: (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  = 3.05 (quin,  $J$  = 5.3 Hz, 4 H), 1.83 (td,  $J$  = 3.8, 1.9 Hz, 24 H) ppm.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  = 31.5 (t,  $J$  = 15.4 Hz, 2 X  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 14.9 (quin,  $J$  = 10.3 Hz, 8 X  $\text{CH}_3$ ) ppm.

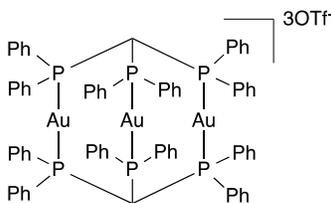
### $[\text{Au}_2(3,5\text{-CF}_3\text{-dppm})_2](\text{OTf})_2$ (3)

Synthesized according to GPB.

$^1\text{H}$  NMR: (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  = 8.28 - 8.24 (m, 16 H), 8.23 (br. s, 8 H), 5.04 (quin,  $J$  = 5.7 Hz, 4 H) ppm.

$^{13}\text{C}$  NMR: (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  = 135.31 (br. s., 16 X CH), 133.58 (quinq,  $J$  = 34.6, 3.3 Hz, 16 X C), 130.57 (quin,  $J$  = 16.3 Hz, 8 X C), 128.93 (s, 8 X CH), 123.65 (q,  $J$  = 274.0 Hz, 16 X C), 121.98 (q,  $J$  = 320.2 Hz, 2 X C), 26.18 (t,  $J$  = 15.0 Hz, 2 X  $\text{CH}_2$ ) ppm.

$^{31}\text{P}$  NMR: (121MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ )  $\delta$  = 40.19 (s, 4 X P) ppm.



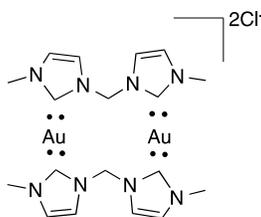
**[Au<sub>3</sub>(tppm)<sub>2</sub>](OTf)<sub>3</sub> (4)**

Synthesized according to GPB.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 8.14 (br. s., 24 H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 12 H), 7.26 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 24 H), 2.15 (s, 2 H) ppm.

<sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 135.5 (24 X CH), 133.9 (12 X CH), 130.0 (24 X CH), 126.6 (12 X C), 30.9 (2 X CH) ppm.

<sup>31</sup>P NMR: (121MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 45.79 (s, 6 X P) ppm.



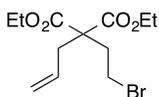
**[Au<sub>2</sub>(bmimm)<sub>2</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub> (5)**

[Au<sub>2</sub>(bmimm)<sub>2</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub> was synthesized using a modified procedure reported by Crabtree<sup>[2]</sup>. To a high pressure reaction flask (dried, under inert atmosphere, equipped with magnetic stirrer) was added sodium acetate (62 mg, 0.75 mmol, 2.2eq), followed by 1,1'-dimethyl-3,3'-methylene-diimidazolium diiodide (177 mg, 0.41 mmol, 1.2eq) and chloro(dimethylsulfide)gold(I) (100 mg, 0.34 mmol, 1eq). DMF was then added, the reaction vessel capped and heated to 160°C for 1.5 hours. The solution was filtered while still hot (Caution: Let cool to 100°C before opening reaction flask). The filtrate was washed once with DMF, acetone, and diethyl ether. 131mg (94%) of the desired complex was recovered and used as is for photocatalysis without further purification.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR: (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ = 7.71 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 4 H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 4 H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 2 H), 6.26 (d, *J* = 14.0 Hz, 2 H), 3.94 (12 H) ppm.

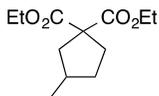
<sup>13</sup>C NMR: (101MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ = 185.8 (4 X C), 125.6 (4 X CH), 122.7 (4 X CH), 63.9 (2 X CH<sub>2</sub>), 38.9 (4 X CH<sub>3</sub>).

### C. Procedures for the Preparation of Starting Materials and Products



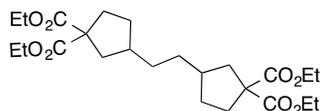
#### diethyl 2-allyl-2-(2-bromoethyl)malonate (6)

Synthesized according to previously described methods and characterized according to NMR comparison<sup>[1]</sup>.



#### diethyl 3-methylcyclopentane-1,1-dicarboxylate (7a)

Synthesized according to GPD and characterized according to NMR comparison<sup>[1]</sup>.



#### tetraethyl 3,3'-(ethane-1,2-diyl)bis(cyclopentane-1,1-dicarboxylate) (7b)

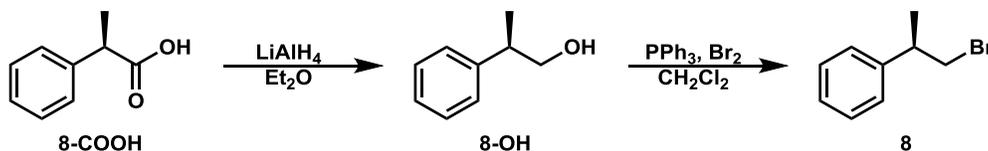
Synthesized according to GPD.

**IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>):** 2981(m), 2938(m), 1730(vs), 1257(s), 1177(m).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR:** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 4.16 (qd,  $J$  = 7.1, 0.7 Hz, 8 H), 2.42 (dd,  $J$  = 13.2, 7.1 Hz, 2 H), 2.32 – 2.22 (m, 2 H), 2.16 – 2.06 (m, 2 H), 1.96 – 1.79 (m, 4 H), 1.66 (ddd,  $J$  = 13.2, 9.9, 1.7 Hz, 2 H), 1.41 – 1.27 (m, 4 H), 1.23 (t,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 14 H, 4 X Ester CH<sub>3</sub>'s + 2H under t) ppm.

**<sup>13</sup>C NMR:** (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 172.7 (2 X C), 172.7 (2 X C), 61.2 (4 X CH<sub>2</sub>), 59.9 (2 X C), 40.7 (2 X CH<sub>2</sub>), 39.9 (2 X CH), 34.1 (2 X CH<sub>2</sub>), 33.7 (2 X CH<sub>2</sub>), 32.1 (2 X CH<sub>2</sub>), 14.0 (4 X CH<sub>3</sub>) ppm.

**HRMS (EI):**  $m/z$  calc'd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>8</sub> [M<sup>+</sup>], 454.2567; found, 454.2560.



#### (*R*)-(1-bromopropan-2-yl)benzene (8)

To a flame-dried 100 mL round bottomed flask was added 50 mL of diethyl ether, cooled to 0°C using an ice bath, and added LiAlH<sub>4</sub> (15.0 mmol, 3.0 equiv.). (*R*)-(-)-2-phenylpropanoic acid (5.0 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in a minimum of diethyl ether was added dropwise to the solution. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred for 1 hour. Upon completion, the reaction was quenched by slow dropwise addition 0.5 mL of water, then dropwise addition of 0.5 mL of a 15% NaOH aqueous solution, and 1.5 mL of water. This solution was allowed to stir for 30 minutes and was then transferred to a separatory funnel. The ethereal phase was washed 2 times with a saturated sodium bicarbonate solution, then brine, then dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, concentrated *in vacuo*, and characterized by NMR comparison<sup>[3]</sup>.

To a flame-dried 100 mL round bottomed flask was added PPh<sub>3</sub> (5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) and 50 mL of dichloromethane. The solution was cooled to 0°C using an ice bath and bromine (5.5 mmol, 1.1 equiv.) was added. After stirring for 30 minutes, a white

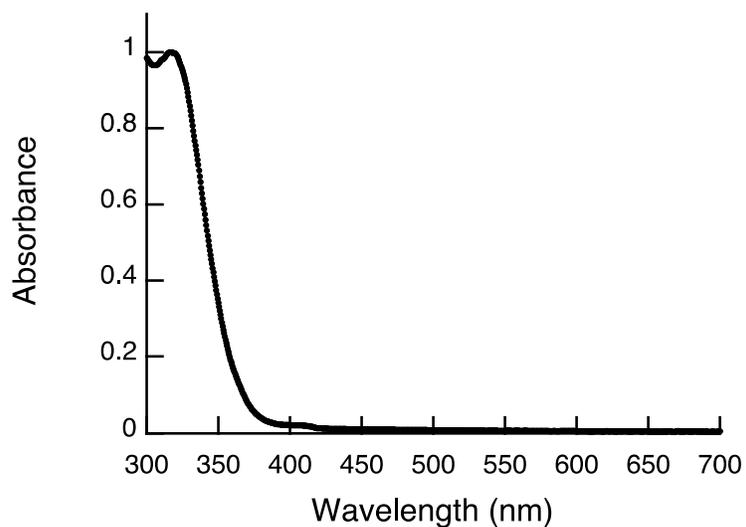
precipitate formed, indicating the presence of a phosphonium bromide intermediate. (*R*)-2-phenylpropan-1-ol (0.5 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in a minimum of dichloromethane was added dropwise to this solution, allowed to warm to room temperature, and then refluxed overnight. Upon completion, the solution was added silica, concentrated *in vacuo*, and dry packed upon a flash column. The column was eluted (0%-2% EtOAc:Hexane) where relevant fractions were combined and concentrated *in vacuo*. The product was isolated as an oil (832 mg, 4.2 mmol) with a yield of 84% over both steps and characterized according to NMR comparison <sup>[4]</sup>.

$[\alpha]_D^{23} = +16.6^\circ$  (c 1.0, CHCl<sub>3</sub>).

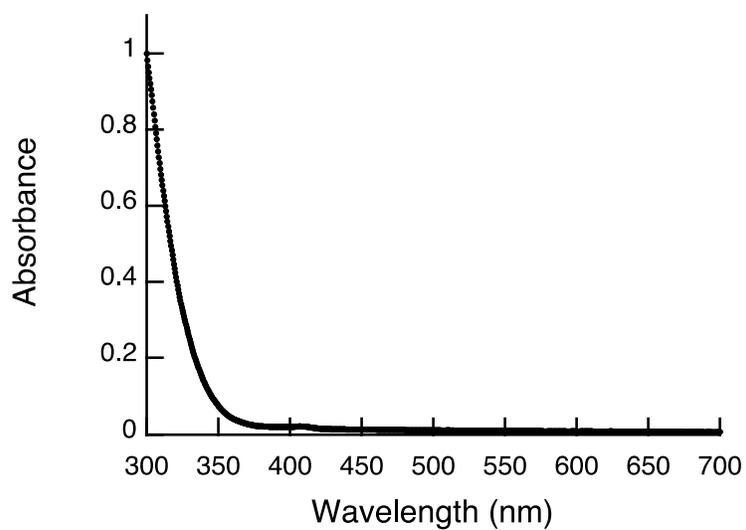
#### **D. General Procedure for the Photocatalyzed Reduction**

To an 8 mL pyrex screw-top reaction vessel was added the Au<sub>x</sub> complex (0.01 mmol, 0.05 equiv.), bromoalkane (0.20 mmol, 1.00 equiv.), MeCN/MeOH (1:1, 1 mL, 0.2 M), DIPEA (1.00 mmol, 5.00 equiv.) and degassed under argon by sparging. The reaction mixtures were then irradiated with a UVA LED (365 nm) for 0.1-20 hours. The solutions rapidly became dark yellow, red, or brown. Upon reaction completion, the resulting mixtures were concentrated *in vacuo*, and the crude mixtures were placed in a separatory funnel containing EtOAc, washed with 1 M HCl, sat. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, and brine, then dried over sodium sulfate, filtered, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The products were analyzed with <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR.

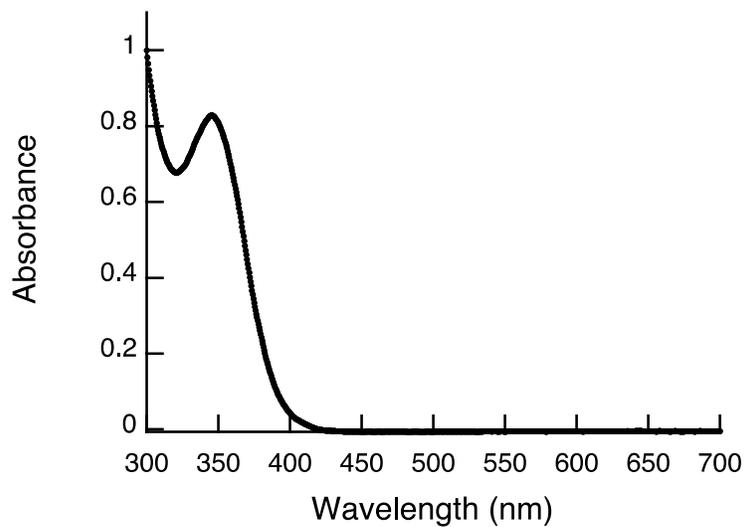
### E. Absorption Spectra of the Au<sub>x</sub> Complexes



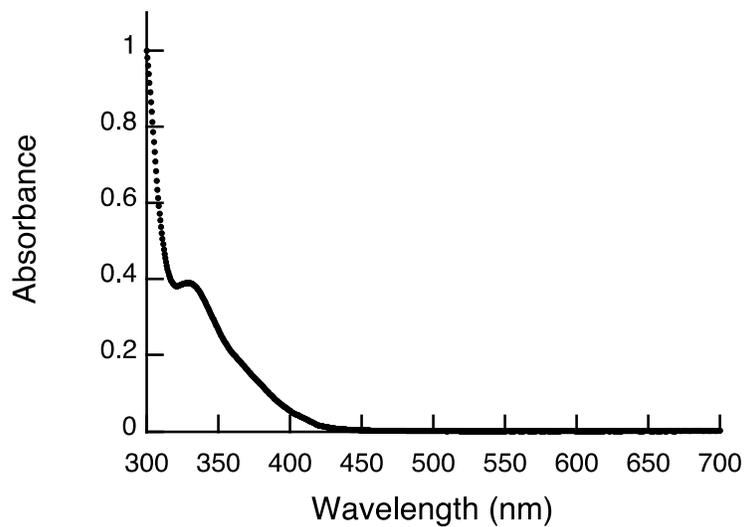
**Figure S1.** Absorption spectrum of  $3.3 \times 10^{-3}$  mM  $\text{Au}_2(\text{dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (**1**) in MeCN.



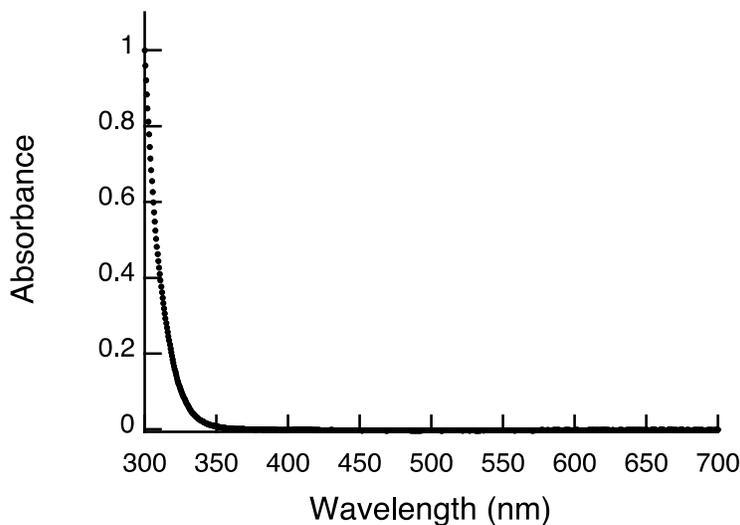
**Figure S2.** Absorption spectrum of 0.20 mM  $\text{Au}_2(\text{dmpm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (**2**) in MeCN.



**Figure S3.** Absorption spectrum of 0.12 mM Au<sub>2</sub>(3,5-CF<sub>3</sub>-dppm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (**3**) in MeCN.



**Figure S4.** Absorption spectrum of 6.1 x 10<sup>-2</sup> mM Au<sub>2</sub>(tppm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (**4**) in MeCN.

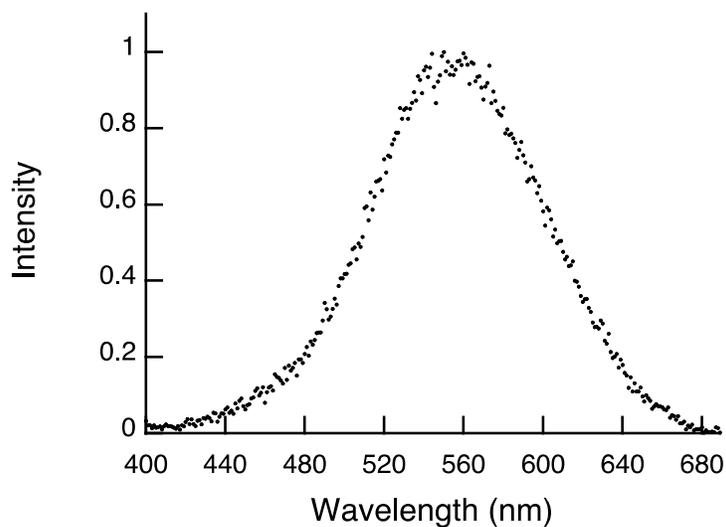


**Figure S5.** Absorption spectrum of 1.02 mM  $\text{Au}_2(\text{bmimm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (**5**) in MeCN.

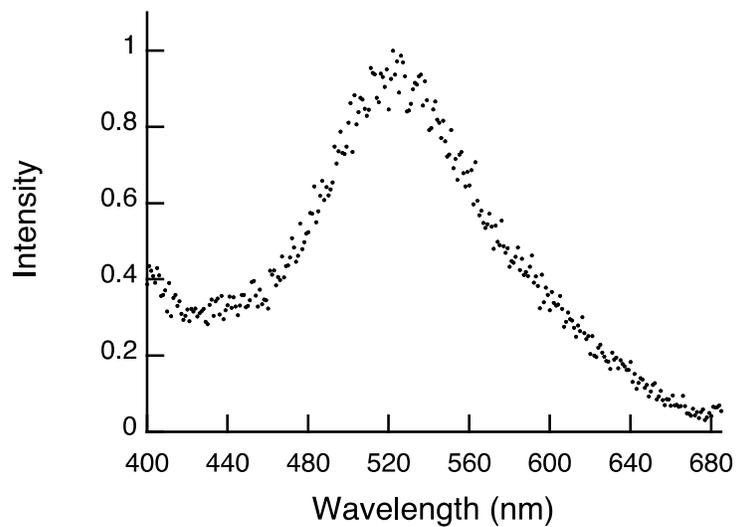
### F. 77 K Phosphorescence Spectra of the $\text{Au}_x$ Complexes

#### *Determination of Triplet Energies ( $E_T^*$ )*

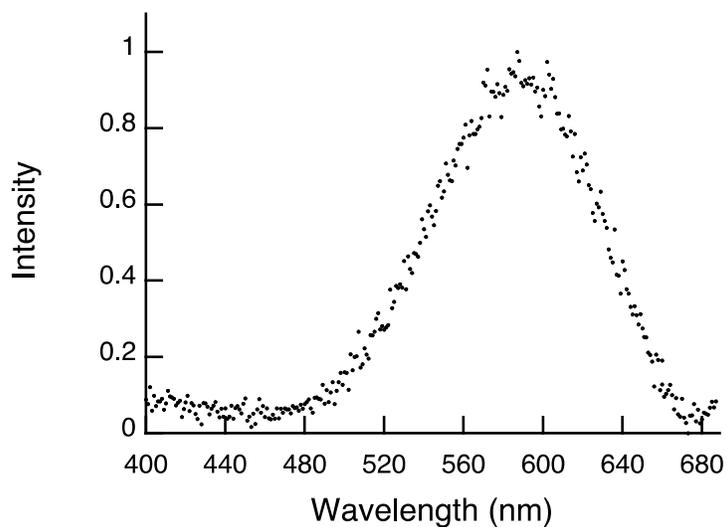
The low temperature phosphorescence measurements, from which the triplet energy of the  $\text{Au}_x$  complexes was determined, were carried out in a Photon Technology International (PTI) spectrofluorimeter. Cooling to 77K was accomplished using a quartz cold finger and liquid  $\text{N}_2$ . Spectra of the  $\text{Au}_x$  complexes were recorded from ethanol:methanol (1:1) glass in a quartz EPR tube. None of the emission spectra of the  $\text{Au}_x$  complexes exhibited fine structure. Therefore we have estimated the energy of the  $(0-0)_{T-S}$  transition from the emission maxima. This most likely results in the triplet energy value being underestimated.



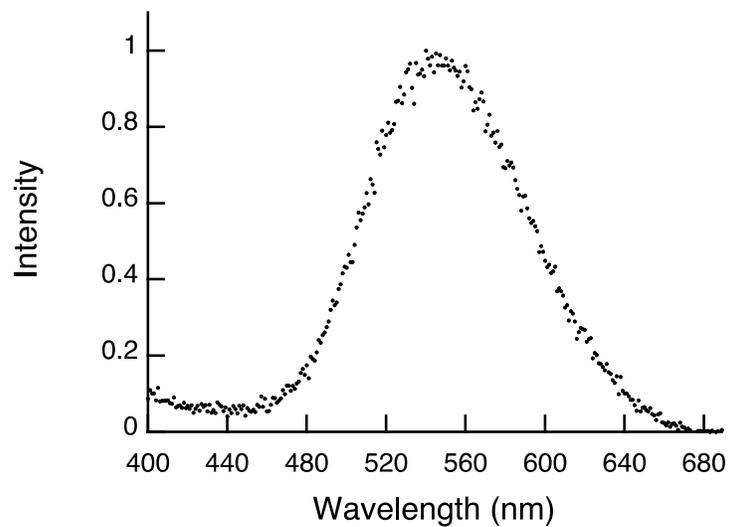
**Figure S6.** 77 K phosphorescence spectrum of  $\text{Au}_2(\text{dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (**1**) in EtOH:MeOH glass.



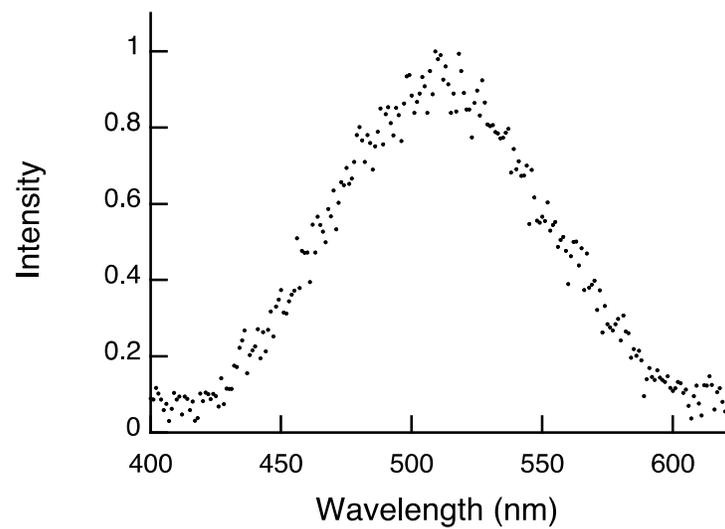
**Figure S7.** 77 K phosphorescence spectrum of  $\text{Au}_2(\text{dmpm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (**2**) in EtOH:MeOH glass.



**Figure S8.** 77 K phosphorescence spectrum of  $\text{Au}_2(3,5\text{-CF}_3\text{-dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (**3**) in EtOH:MeOH glass.



**Figure S9.** 77 K phosphorescence spectrum of  $\text{Au}_2(\text{tppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (**4**) in EtOH:MeOH glass.

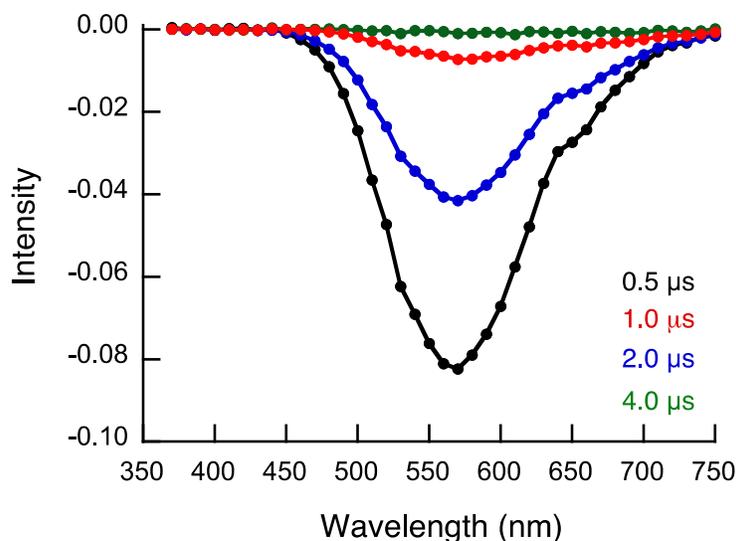


**Figure S10.** 77 K phosphorescence spectrum of  $\text{Au}_2(\text{bmimm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (**5**) in EtOH:MeOH glass.

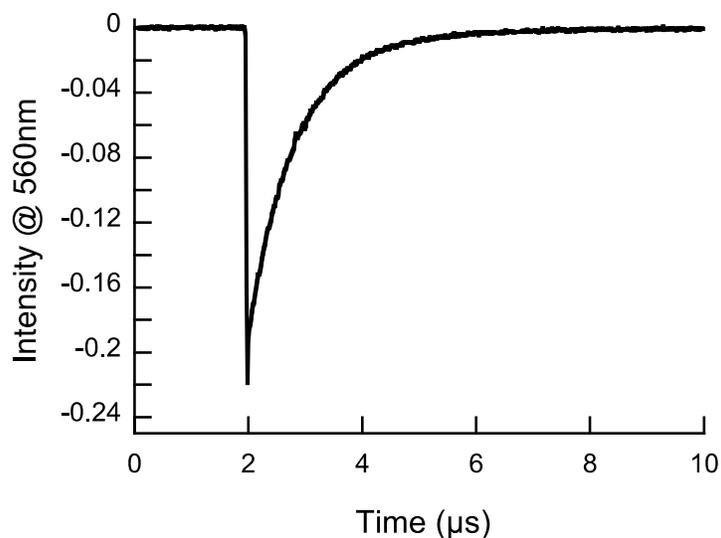
### G. Laser Flash Photolysis Data of the Au<sub>x</sub> Complexes

Experiments were performed using either a Q-switched Nd:YAG-laser (355 nm, 10 mJ/pulse) or an excimer laser (308 nm, 10 mJ/pulse) in a LFP-111 laser-flash photolysis (LFP) system (Luzchem Research Inc., Ottawa, Canada) and 1 cm x 1 cm quartz cuvette (Luzchem). Samples of the Au<sub>x</sub> complexes were prepared in MeCN with a total volume of 3 mL and an absorbance of ~0.1 at 308 or 355 nm. The samples were degassed with N<sub>2</sub> for 30 minutes prior to use. The substrates used in the quenching studies were also prepared in MeCN and were degassed for the duration of the experiment.

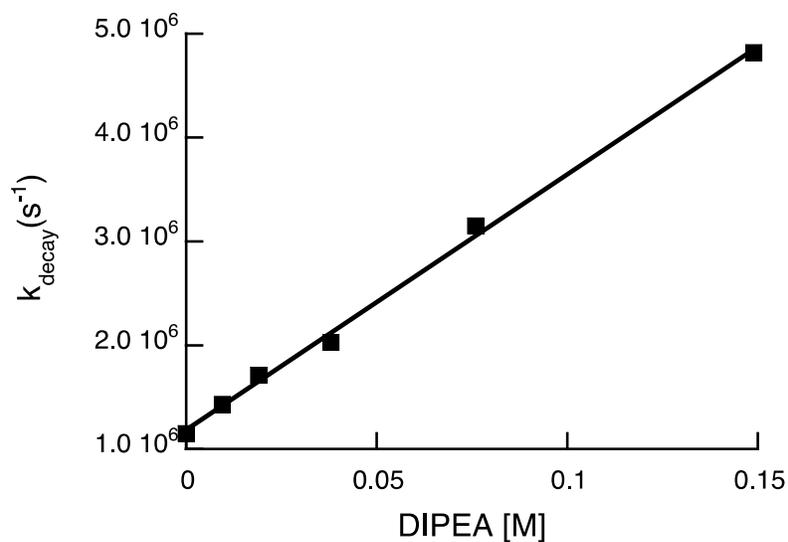
#### Au<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1)



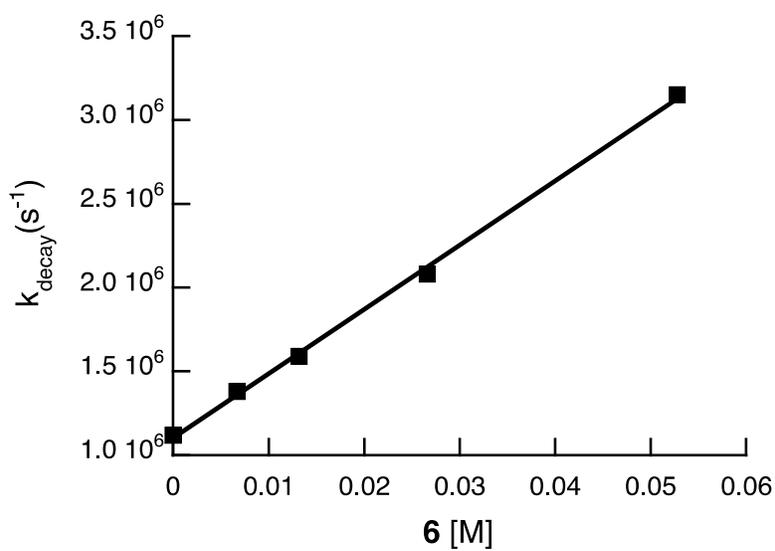
**Figure S11.** Transient emission spectrum showing the <sup>3</sup>Au<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> signal obtained upon laser pulse excitation (355 nm, 10 mJ) of a Au<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> sample which had been purged of oxygen.



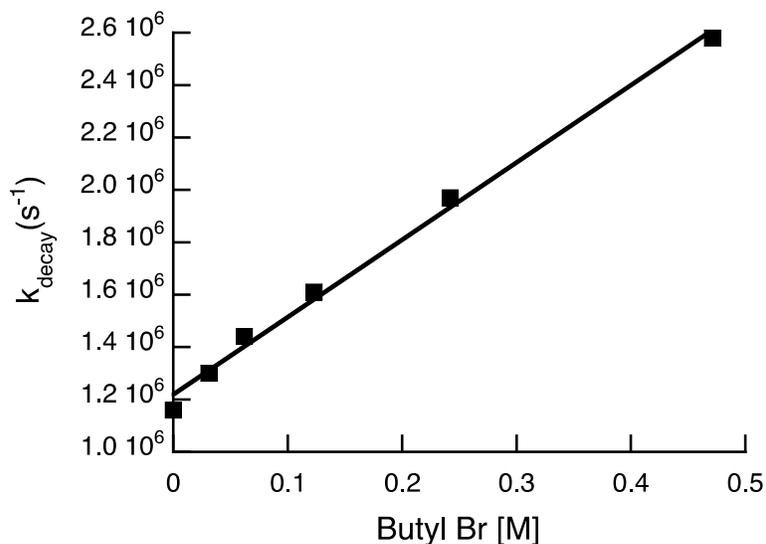
**Figure S12.** Decay trace of <sup>3</sup>Au<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 560 nm obtained upon laser pulse excitation (355 nm, 10 mJ) of a Au<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> sample which had been purged of oxygen.



**Figure S13.** Kinetic quenching plot showing the quenching of  ${}^3\text{Au}_2(\text{dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  by DIPEA. The slope of this plot corresponds to bimolecular rate constant.

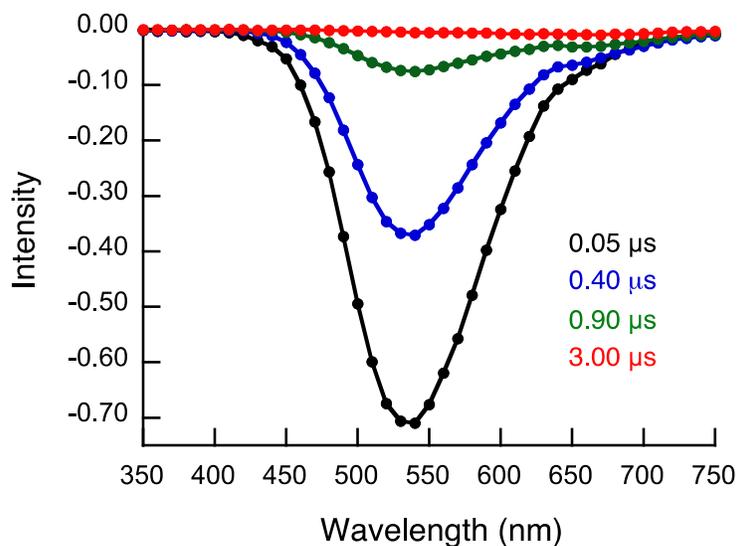


**Figure S14.** Kinetic quenching plot showing the quenching of  ${}^3\text{Au}_2(\text{dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  by substrate **6**. The slope of this plot corresponds to bimolecular rate constant.

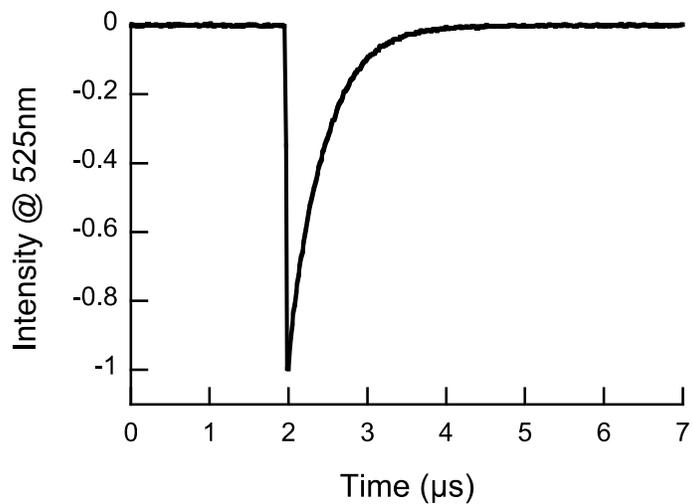


**Figure S15.** Kinetic quenching plot showing the quenching of  $^3\text{Au}_2(\text{dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  by butyl bromide. The slope of this plot corresponds to bimolecular rate constant.

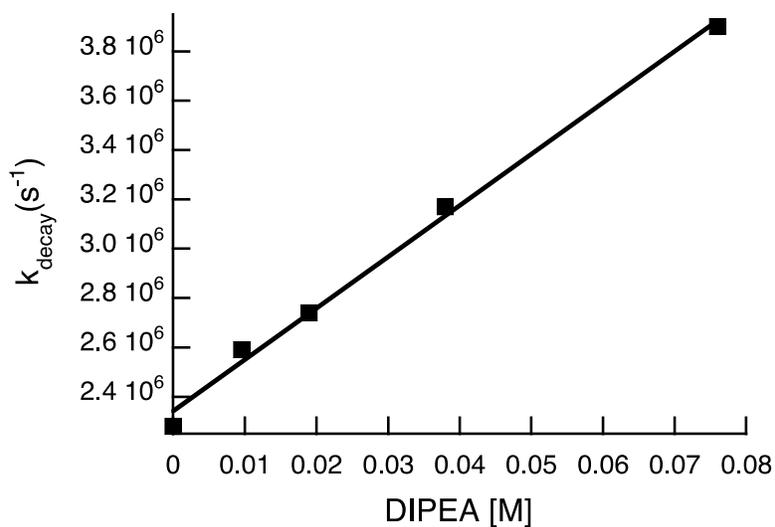
**$\text{Au}_2(\text{dmpm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2)**



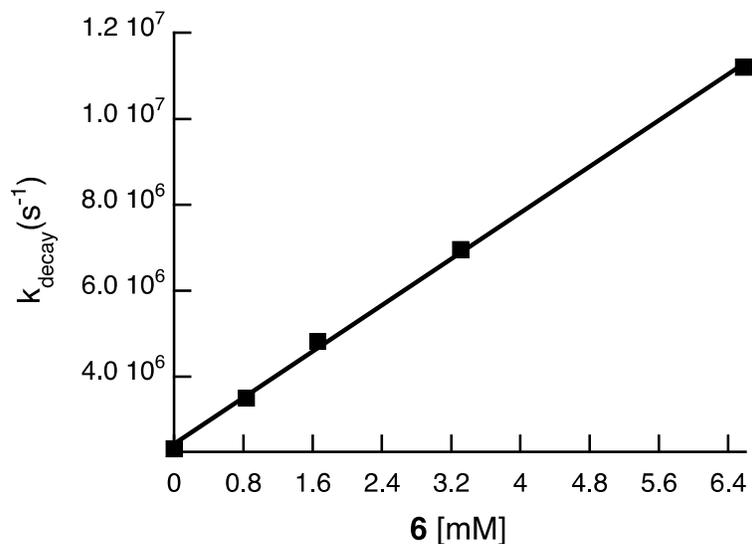
**Figure S16.** Transient emission spectrum showing the  $^3\text{Au}_2(\text{dmpm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  signal obtained upon laser pulse excitation (308 nm, 10 mJ) of a  $\text{Au}_2(\text{dmpm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  sample which had been purged of oxygen.



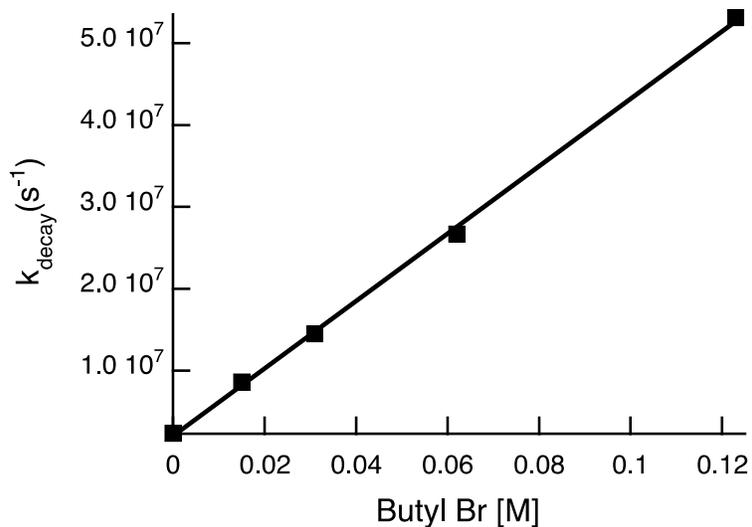
**Figure S17.** Decay trace of  $^3\text{Au}_2(\text{dmpm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 525 nm obtained upon laser pulse excitation (308 nm, 10 mJ) of a  $\text{Au}_2(\text{dmpm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  sample which had been purged of oxygen.



**Figure S18.** Kinetic quenching plot showing the quenching of  $^3\text{Au}_2(\text{dmpm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  by DIPEA. The slope of this plot corresponds to bimolecular rate constant

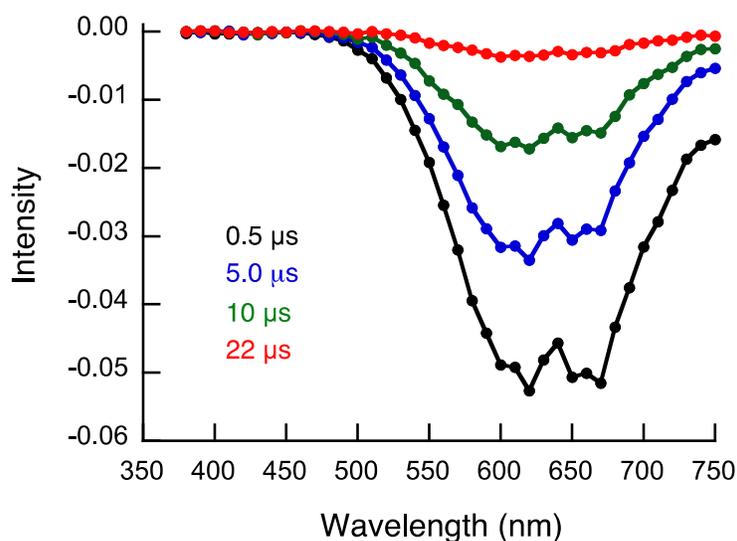


**Figure S19.** Kinetic quenching plot showing the quenching of  ${}^3\text{Au}_2(\text{dmpm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  by substrate **6**. The slope of this plot corresponds to bimolecular rate constant.

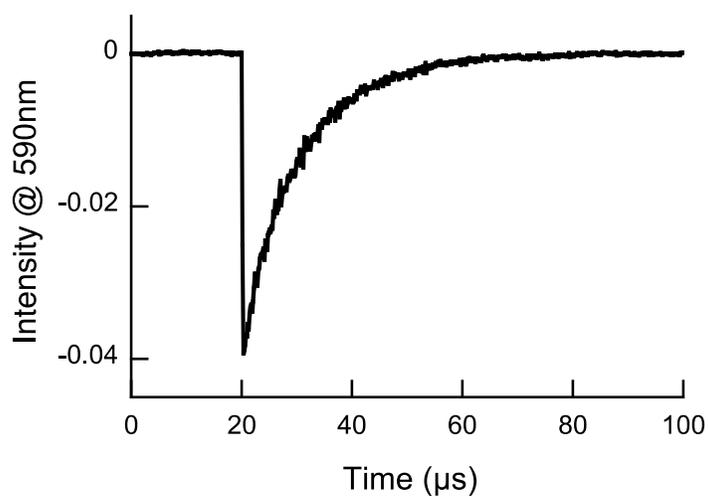


**Figure S20.** Kinetic quenching plot showing the quenching of  ${}^3\text{Au}_2(\text{dmpm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  by butyl bromide. The slope of this plot corresponds to bimolecular rate constant.

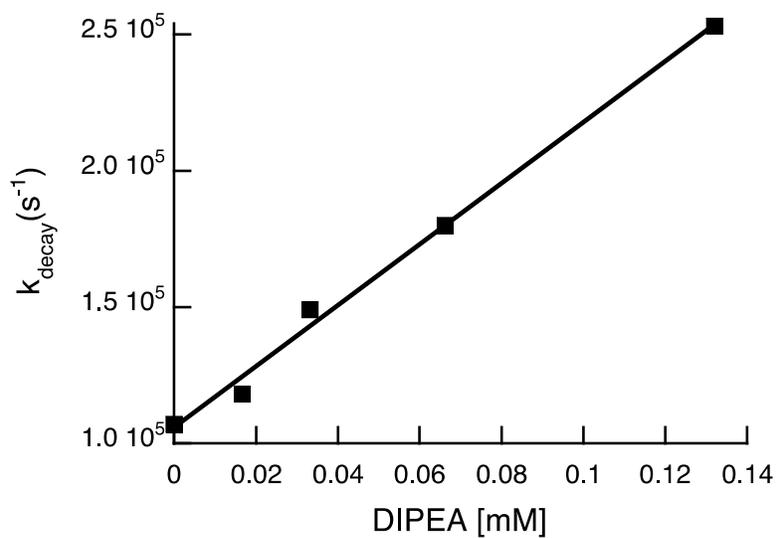
$\text{Au}_2(3,5\text{-CF}_3\text{-dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (3)



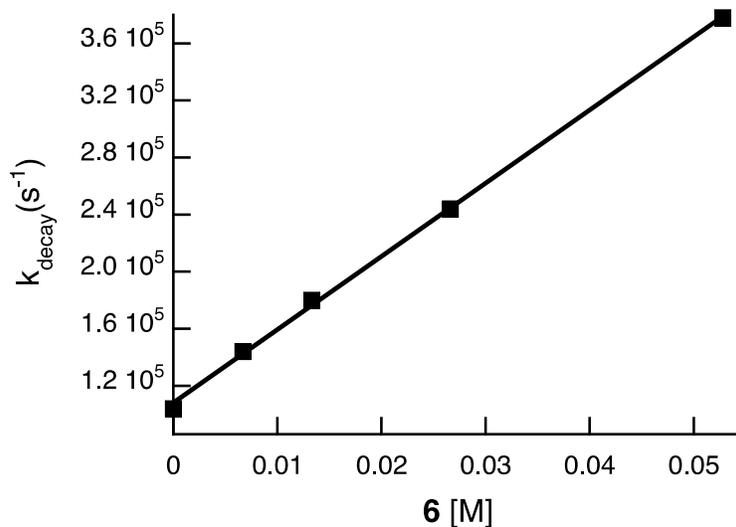
**Figure S21.** Transient emission spectrum showing the  $^3\text{Au}_2(3,5\text{-CF}_3\text{-dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  signal obtained upon laser pulse excitation (355 nm, 10 mJ) of a  $\text{Au}_2(3,5\text{-CF}_3\text{-dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  sample which had been purged of oxygen.



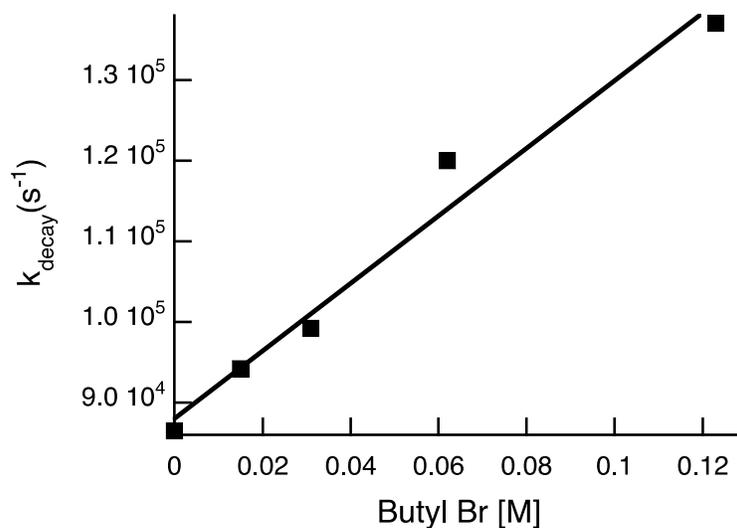
**Figure S22.** Decay trace of  $^3\text{Au}_2(3,5\text{-CF}_3\text{-dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 590 nm obtained upon laser pulse excitation (355 nm, 10 mJ) of a  $\text{Au}_2(3,5\text{-CF}_3\text{-dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  sample which had been purged of oxygen.



**Figure S23.** Kinetic quenching plot showing the quenching of  ${}^3\text{Au}_2(3,5\text{-CF}_3\text{-dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  by DIPEA. The slope of this plot corresponds to bimolecular rate constant.

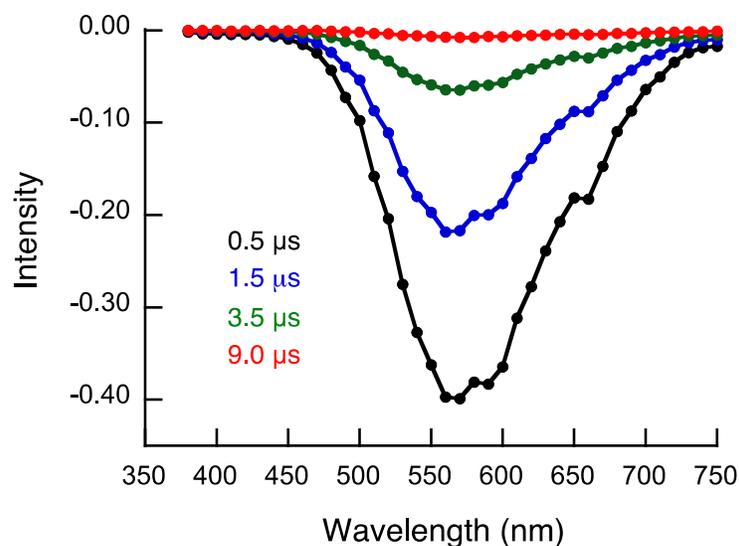


**Figure S24.** Kinetic quenching plot showing the quenching of  ${}^3\text{Au}_2(3,5\text{-CF}_3\text{-dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  by substrate **6**. The slope of this plot corresponds to bimolecular rate constant.

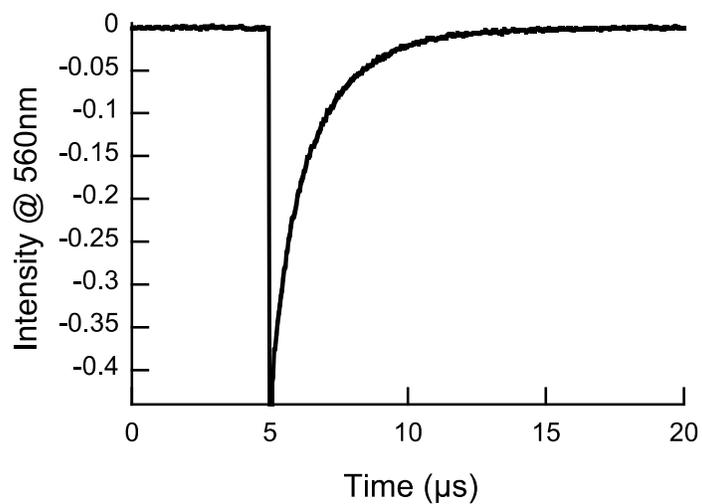


**Figure S25.** Kinetic quenching plot showing the quenching of  ${}^3\text{Au}_2(3,5\text{-CF}_3\text{-dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  by butyl bromide. The slope of this plot corresponds to bimolecular rate constant.

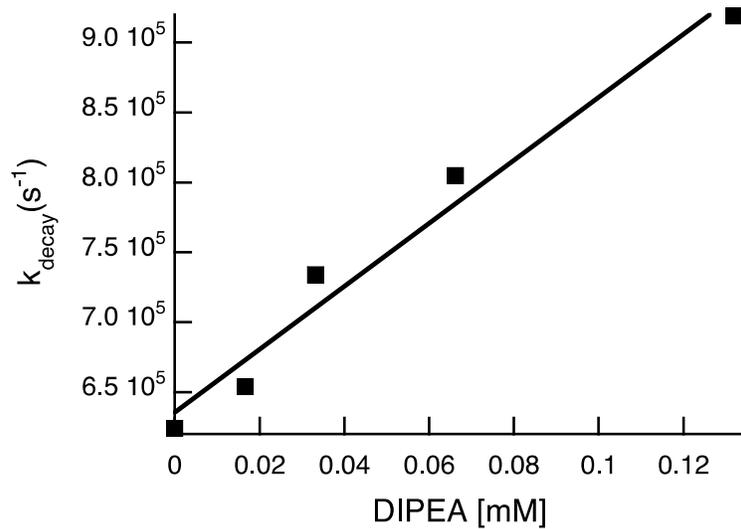
**$\text{Au}_2(\text{tppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (4)**



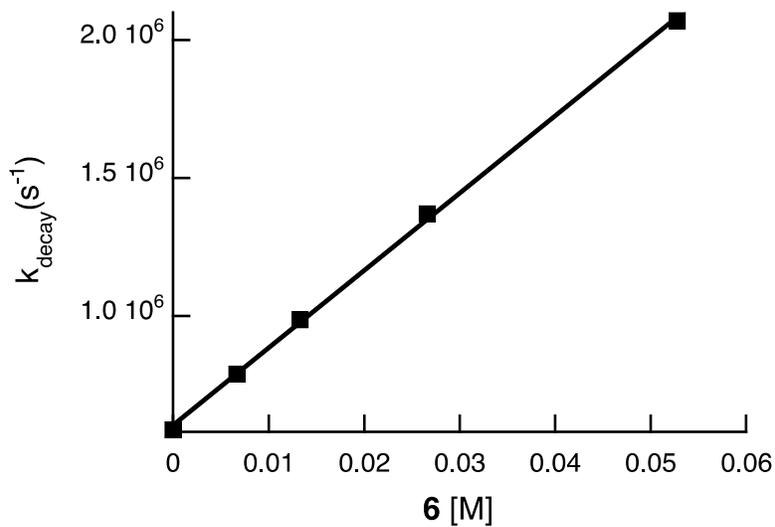
**Figure S26.** Transient emission spectrum showing the  ${}^3\text{Au}_2(\text{tppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  signal obtained upon laser pulse excitation (355 nm, 10 mJ) of a  $\text{Au}_2(\text{tppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  sample which had been purged of oxygen.



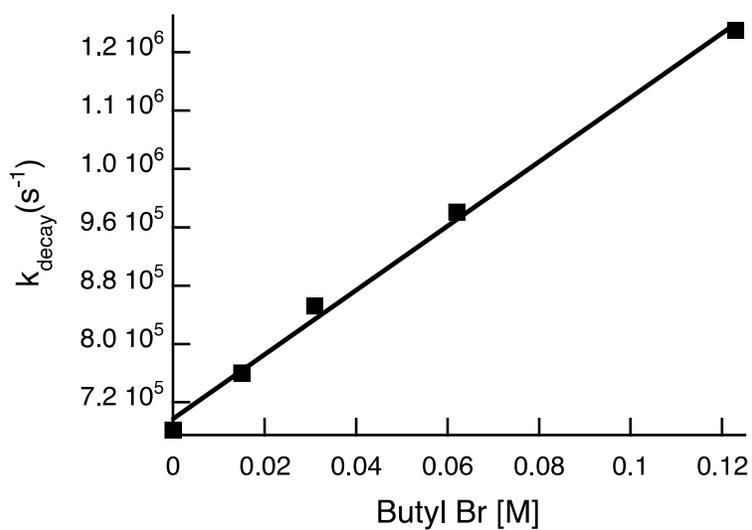
**Figure S27.** Decay trace of  ${}^3\text{Au}_2(\text{tppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  at 560 nm obtained upon laser pulse excitation (355 nm, 10 mJ) of a  $\text{Au}_2(\text{tppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  sample which had been purged of oxygen.



**Figure S28.** Kinetic quenching plot showing the quenching of  ${}^3\text{Au}_2(\text{tppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  by DIPEA. The slope of this plot corresponds to bimolecular rate constant.

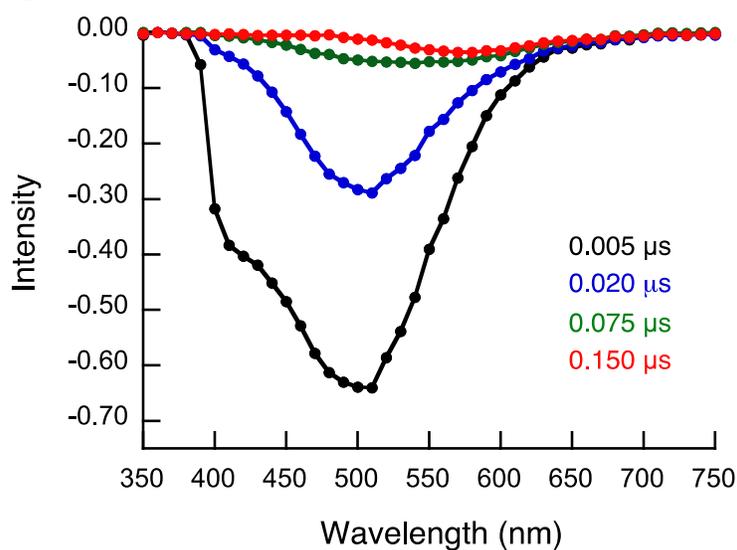


**Figure S29.** Kinetic quenching plot showing the quenching of  ${}^3\text{Au}_2(\text{tppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  by substrate **6**. The slope of this plot corresponds to bimolecular rate constant.

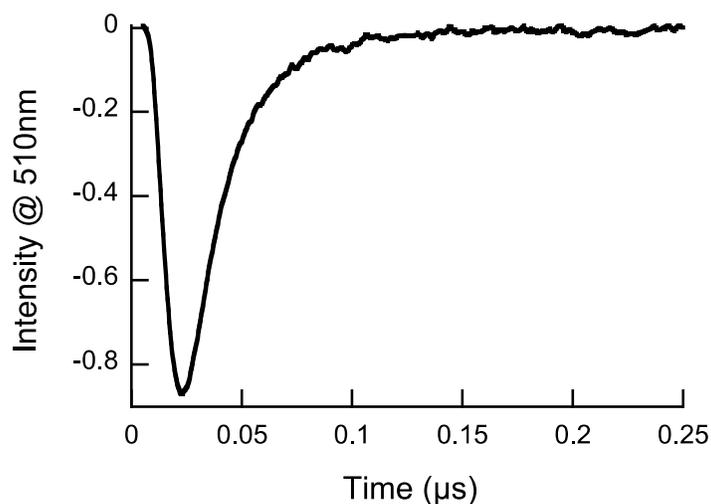


**Figure S30.** Kinetic quenching plot showing the quenching of  ${}^3\text{Au}_2(\text{tppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  by butyl bromide. The slope of this plot corresponds to bimolecular rate constant.

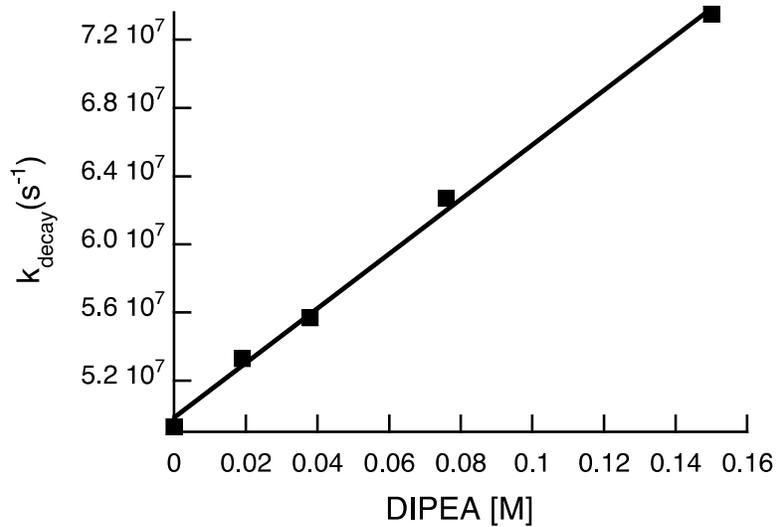
**Au<sub>2</sub>(bmimm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5)**



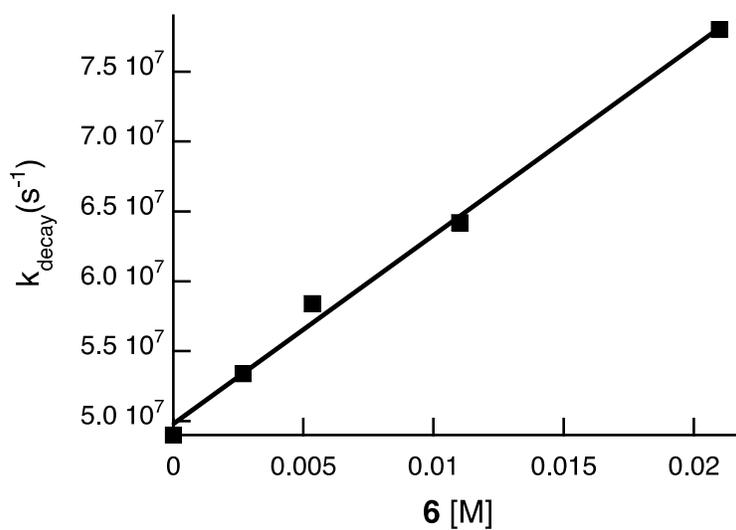
**Figure S31.** Transient emission spectrum showing the <sup>3</sup>Au<sub>2</sub>(bmimm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> signal obtained upon laser pulse excitation (308 nm, 10 mJ) of a Au<sub>2</sub>(bmimm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> sample which had been purged of oxygen.



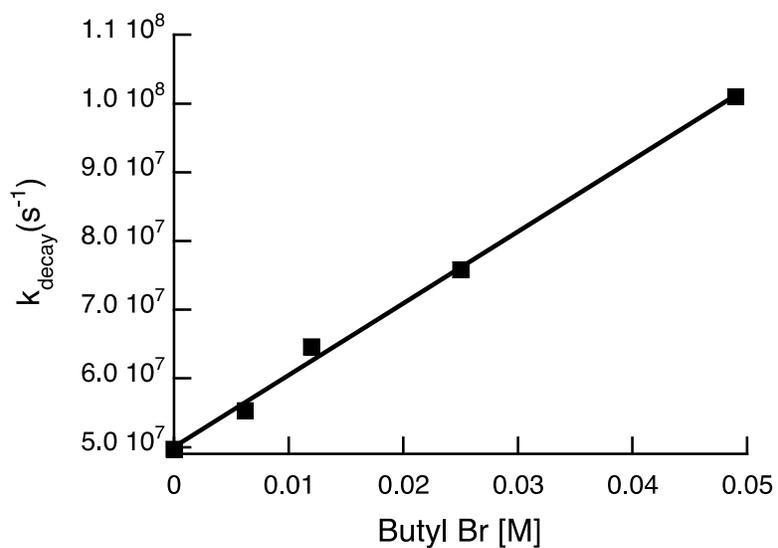
**Figure S32.** Decay trace of <sup>3</sup>Au<sub>2</sub>(bmimm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at 510 nm obtained upon laser pulse excitation (308 nm, 10 mJ) of a Au<sub>2</sub>(bmimm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> sample which had been purged of oxygen.



**Figure S33.** Kinetic quenching plot showing the quenching of  ${}^3\text{Au}_2(\text{bmimm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  by DIPEA. The slope of this plot corresponds to bimolecular rate constant.



**Figure S34.** Kinetic quenching plot showing the quenching of  ${}^3\text{Au}_2(\text{bmimm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  by substrate **6**. The slope of this plot corresponds to bimolecular rate constant.

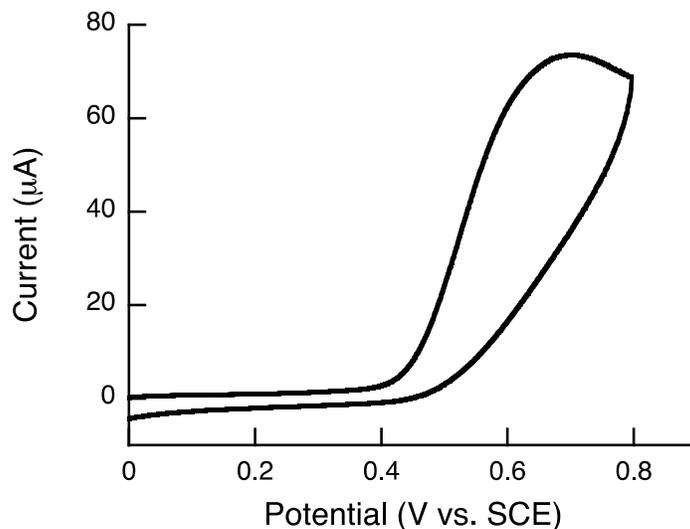


**Figure S35.** Kinetic quenching plot showing the quenching of  ${}^3\text{Au}_2(\text{bmimm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  by butyl bromide. The slope of this plot corresponds to bimolecular rate constant.

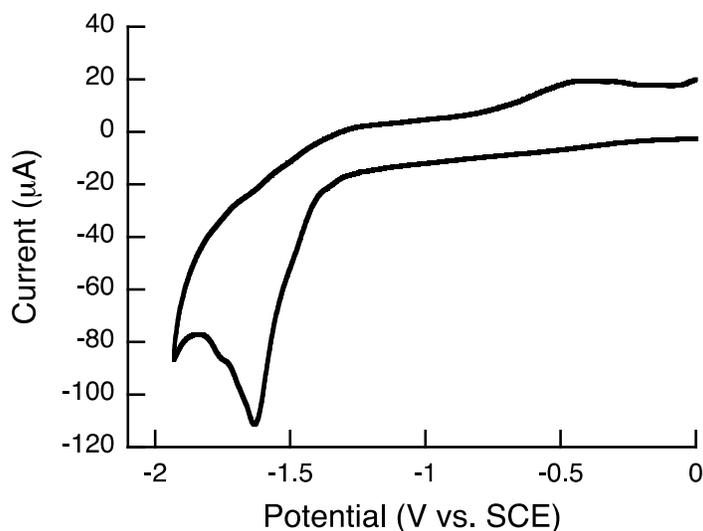
## H. Cyclic Voltammetry Measurements of the Au<sub>x</sub> Complexes

**Conditions for cyclic voltammetry measurements:** scan rate = 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>; 0.5-2.0 mM Au (I) complex in Ar degassed MeCN containing 100 mM Bu<sub>4</sub>NClO<sub>4</sub> supporting electrolyte; Pt wire working electrode; Pt wire counter electrode; Ag wire pseudo-reference electrode; Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup> redox couple as internal reference (0.41 V vs. SCE); oxidation and reduction potential reported as peak anodic ( $E_{pa}$ ) and peak cathodic ( $E_{pc}$ ) potentials due to their irreversible nature.

### Au<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (1)

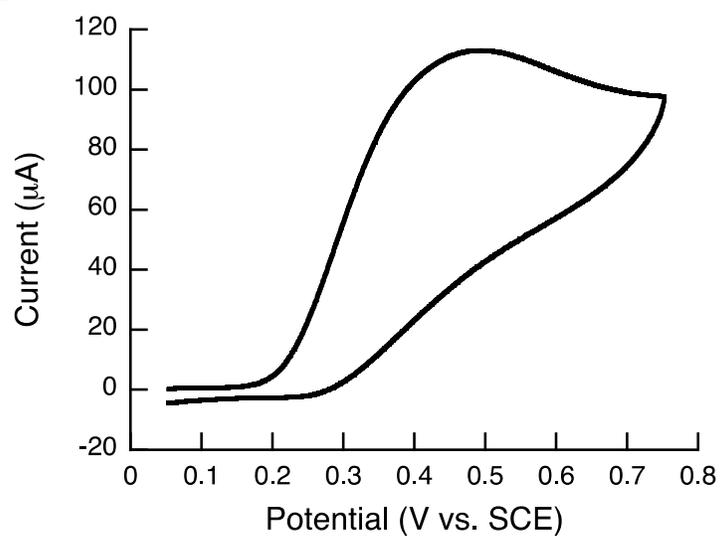


**Figure S36.** Cyclic voltammogram of Au<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> [Anodic Scan].

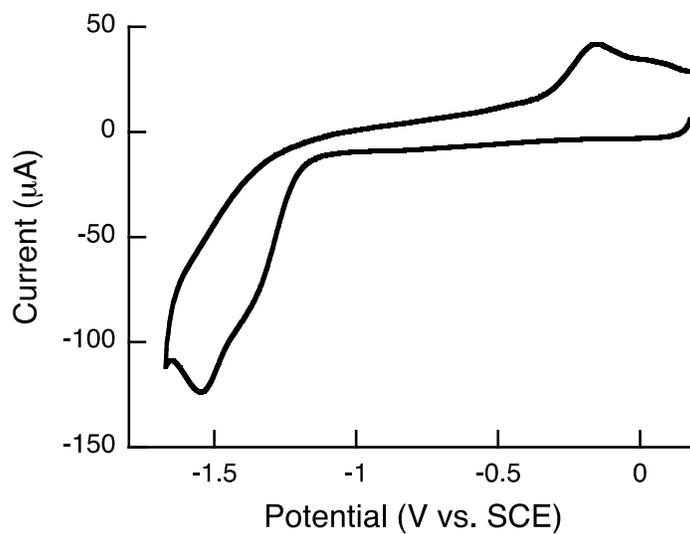


**Figure S37.** Cyclic voltammogram of Au<sub>2</sub>(dppm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> [Cathodic Scan].

**Au<sub>2</sub>(dmpm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (2)**

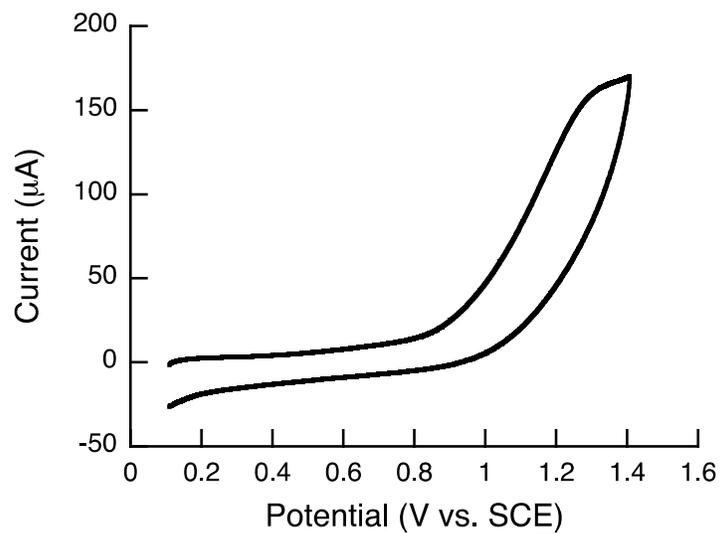


**Figure S38.** Cyclic voltammogram of Au<sub>2</sub>(dmpm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> [Anodic Scan].

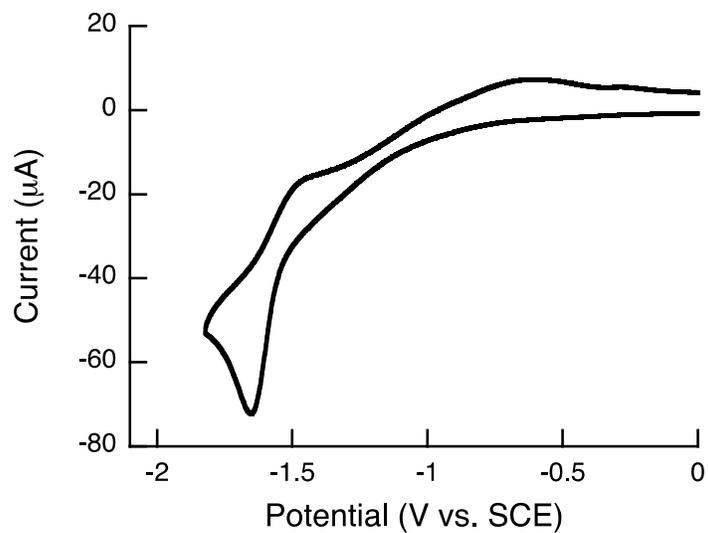


**Figure S39.** Cyclic voltammogram of Au<sub>2</sub>(dmpm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> [Cathodic Scan].

$\text{Au}_2(3,5\text{-CF}_3\text{-dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  (3)

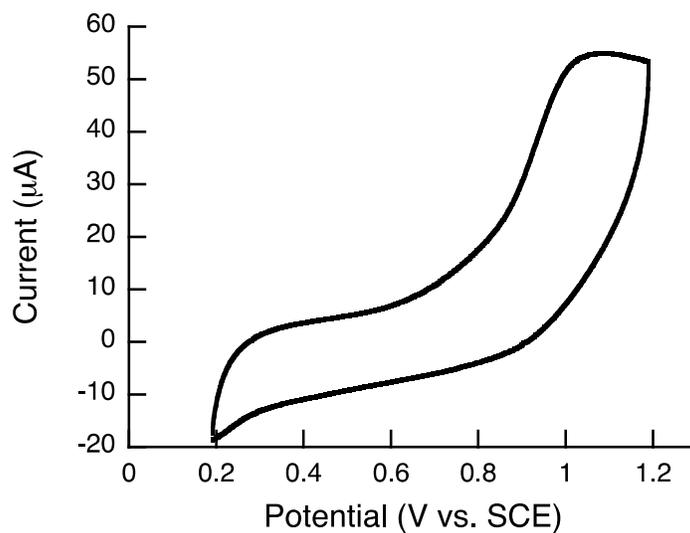


**Figure S40.** Cyclic voltammogram of  $\text{Au}_2(3,5\text{-CF}_3\text{-dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  [Anodic Scan].

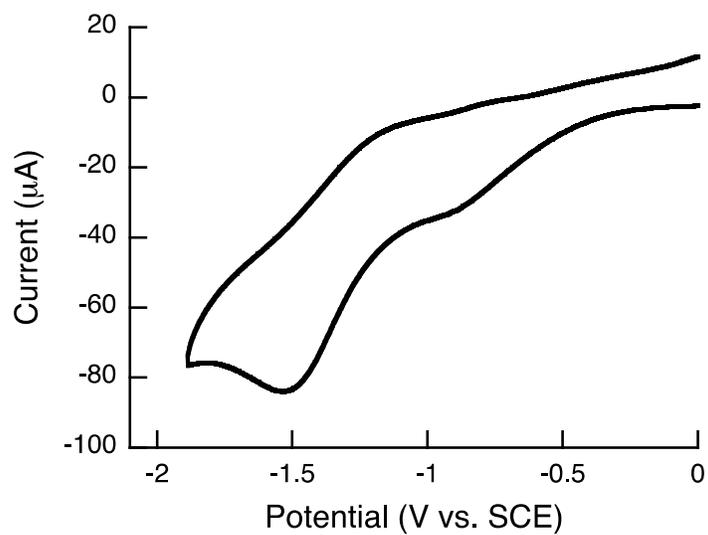


**Figure S41.** Cyclic voltammogram of  $\text{Au}_2(3,5\text{-CF}_3\text{-dppm})_2\text{Cl}_2$  [Cathodic Scan].

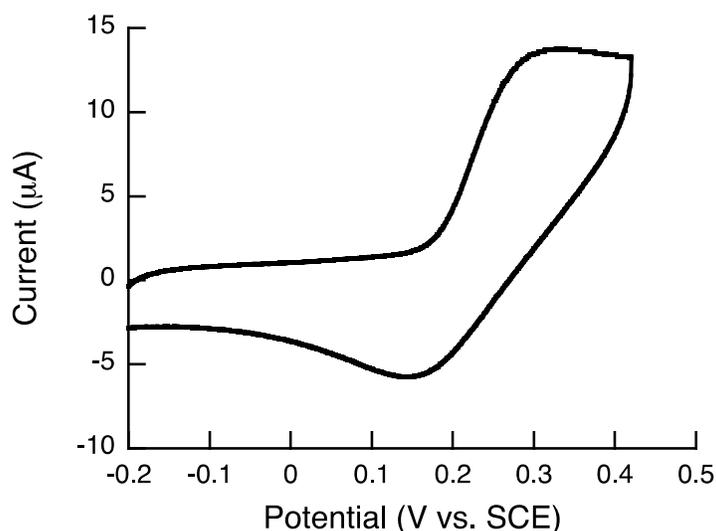
**Au<sub>2</sub>(tppm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (4)**



**Figure S42.** Cyclic voltammogram of Au<sub>2</sub>(tppm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> [Anodic Scan].



**Figure S43.** Cyclic voltammogram of Au<sub>2</sub>(tppm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> [Cathodic Scan].

**Au<sub>2</sub>(bmimm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (5)****Figure S44.** Cyclic voltammogram of Au<sub>2</sub>(bmimm)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> [Anodic Scan].

**Calculating the excited state redox potentials of the Au<sub>x</sub> complexes:** Using the triplet energy ( $E_T^*$ ) and ground state oxidation ( $E_{pa}$ ) and reduction ( $E_{pc}$ ) potentials of the Au<sub>x</sub> complexes we can determine their corresponding excited state oxidation ( $E_{ox}^*$ ) and reduction ( $E_{red}^*$ ) potentials using the following equations:

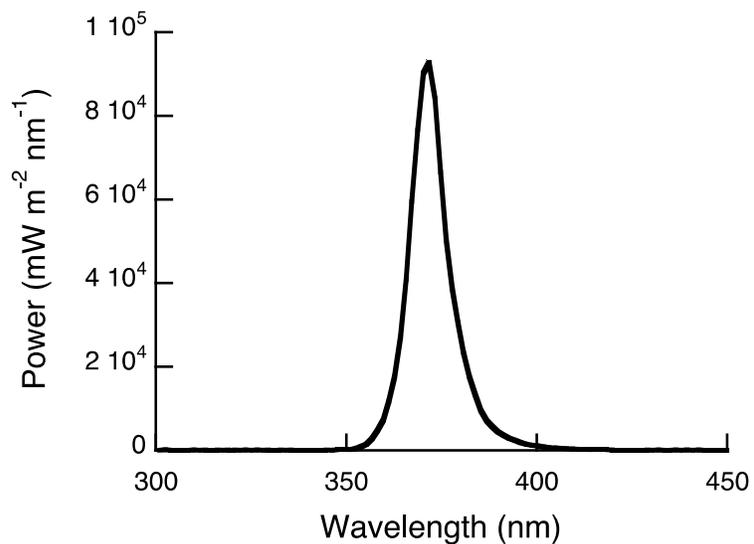
$$E_{ox}^* = E_{pa} - E_T^*$$

$$E_{red}^* = E_{pc} + E_T^*$$

**Table S1. Excited State Redox Potentials of the Polynuclear Gold (I) Complexes.**

Catalyst	$E_T^*$ (V)	$E_{pa}$ (V vs SCE)	$E_{pc}$ (V vs SCE)	$E_{ox}^*$ (V vs SCE)	$E_{red}^*$ (V vs SCE)
(1) Au <sub>2</sub> (dppm) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	2.23	0.70	-1.63	-1.53	0.60
(2) Au <sub>2</sub> (dmpm) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	2.36	0.49	-1.77	-1.87	0.59
(3) Au <sub>2</sub> (3,5-CF <sub>3</sub> -dppm) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	2.10	1.41	-1.65	-0.69	0.45
(4) Au <sub>3</sub> (tppm) <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub>	2.28	1.09	-1.54	-1.19	0.74
(5) Au <sub>2</sub> (bmimm) <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	2.44	0.34	-	-2.10	-

### I. Power Spectrum of 365 nm LED



**Figure S45.** Spectral power of the 365 nm LED (LZ4-40U600)

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