

Supporting Information

Structures and magnetism of mono-palladium and mono-platinum doped $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}$ nanoclusters

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1. Experimental section

Reagents. All chemicals and reagents are commercially available and were used as received. The water used in all experiments was ultrapure (resistivity 18.2 MΩ cm), produced with a Milli-Q NANO pure water system. Toluene (99.5%), methanol (AR), dichloromethane (AR), petroleum ether (AR) and Sodium borohydride (NaBH_4 , 99.0%), were purchased from Sinopharm chemical reagent co., Ltd. Tetraoctylammonium bromide (TOAB, 98.0%), Sodium tetrachloropalladate (NaPdCl_4 , 98%) and Chloroplatinic acid hexahydrate ($\text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$) was obtained from Aladdin. 2-Phenylethanethiol ($\text{PhC}_2\text{H}_4\text{SH}$, 99.0%) and 1-hexanethiol ($\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_5\text{SH}$, 99.0%) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Tetrachloroauric(III) acid ($\text{HAuCl}_4 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$, 99.7%) were purchased from Shanghai chemical reagent co., Ltd.

Synthesis of the anion and neutral $\text{Au}_{25}(\text{SR})_{18}$. $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}]^-\text{TOA}^+$ was prepared via the previous method reported.¹ $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$ was synthesized through the controlled oxidation of $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}]^-\text{TOA}^+$ by O_2 in air.² $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{SC}_6\text{H}_{13})_{18}]^0$ was synthesized referring to the above methods.

Synthesis of $[\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pd}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$ and $[\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pt}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$. Both $[\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pd}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$ and $[\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pt}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$ nanoclusters were synthesized according to a reported method^{3,4,5} with some modifications.

The first step: $\text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_6 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.1036 g, 0.20 mmol), $\text{HAuCl}_4 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.329 g, 0.80 mmol) and TOAB (0.634 g, 1.16 mmol) were dissolved in 30 mL THF in a 125 mL tri-neck round bottom flask. After vigorously stirred for 60 min, the solution color changed from yellow to red. Then, phenylethanethiol (0.345 mL) was added to the flask at room temperature without changing the stirring speed. Stirring was continued for 10 min until the solution color changed from dark red to orange. After that, NaBH_4 (0.380 g, 10.0 mmol) dissolved in 5 mL cold water was added all at once. After stirred for additional 5 h, the aqueous phase was removed and the remaining

organic phase was washed with abundant water to remove water soluble impurities. Then the products in organic phase were precipitated out by the addition of CH₃OH.

The second step: the crude products were dissolved in a small amount of CH₂Cl₂ then separated by preparative thin-layer chromatography (dichloromethane: petroleum ether=2:3). The isolated mixture products of Au₂₅(PET)₁₈ and [Au₂₄Pt(PET)₁₈]⁰ were dissolved in 10 ml toluene and into the resulting solution 15 mL H₂O₂ (30 wt%) solution was added to selectively decompose the Au₂₅(PET)₁₈ nanoclusters. When the homo-gold nanoclusters was completely decomposed after about 10 hours, the alloy nanoclusters were further purified using PTLC.

The third step: high qualified single crystals of [Au₂₄Pt(PET)₁₈]⁰ were obtained by slowly diffusing methanol into the toluene solution of the purified product at 4 °C for 5 days.

The first step of [Au₂₄Pd(PET)₁₈]⁰ synthesis is similar to that of [Au₂₄Pt(PET)₁₈]⁰ except using Na₂PdCl₄ (0.0589 g, 0.20 mmol) instead of H₂PtCl₆·4H₂O (0.1036 g, 0.20 mmol) as the second metal source; and the remaining protocols are also similar to those of [Au₂₄Pt(PET)₁₈]⁰ synthesis except that the etching time by H₂O₂ was adjusted to ~3 hours.

2. Characterization.

The ultraviolet–visible–near-infrared absorption spectra were measured on a UV-2600 spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, Japan) at room temperature. Matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization time of flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF-MS) was performed on an autoflex Speed TOF/TOF mass spectrometer (Bruker) using Trans-2-[3-(4-tert-Butylphenyl)-2-methyl-2-propenylidene] malononitrile (DCTB) as the matrix. The diffraction data for PdAu₂₄(PET)₁₈ and PtAu₂₄(PET)₁₈ were collected at 130K on a Bruker APEX DUO X-ray diffractometer using Mo K α radiation (λ = 0.71073). NMR spectra were recorded on an agilent spectrometer (VNMR5600) using tetramethylsilane as an internal reference. The Pt and Au L₃-edge XAFS spectra were measured at the 1W1B beamline of Beijing Synchrotron Radiation Facility (BSRF), China.

3. Theoretical method.

In order to confirm the relative stability of the three isomers of Pt locating at core, inner-shell and out-shell for Au₂₄Pt(PET)₁₈, their single point energies were calculated using Density Functional Theory (DFT) with the hybrid functional B3LYP⁶⁻⁹ and all electron basis set 6-31g (d, p) for H, C, and S, pseudopotential basis set LANL2DZ for Au and Pt, as implemented in the Gaussian 09 program package.¹⁰ These three isomers were constructed by placing the Pt atom in the core, inner-shell, and outer-shell of Au₂₄Pt crystallized in this work, respectively.

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5. Supporting Figures

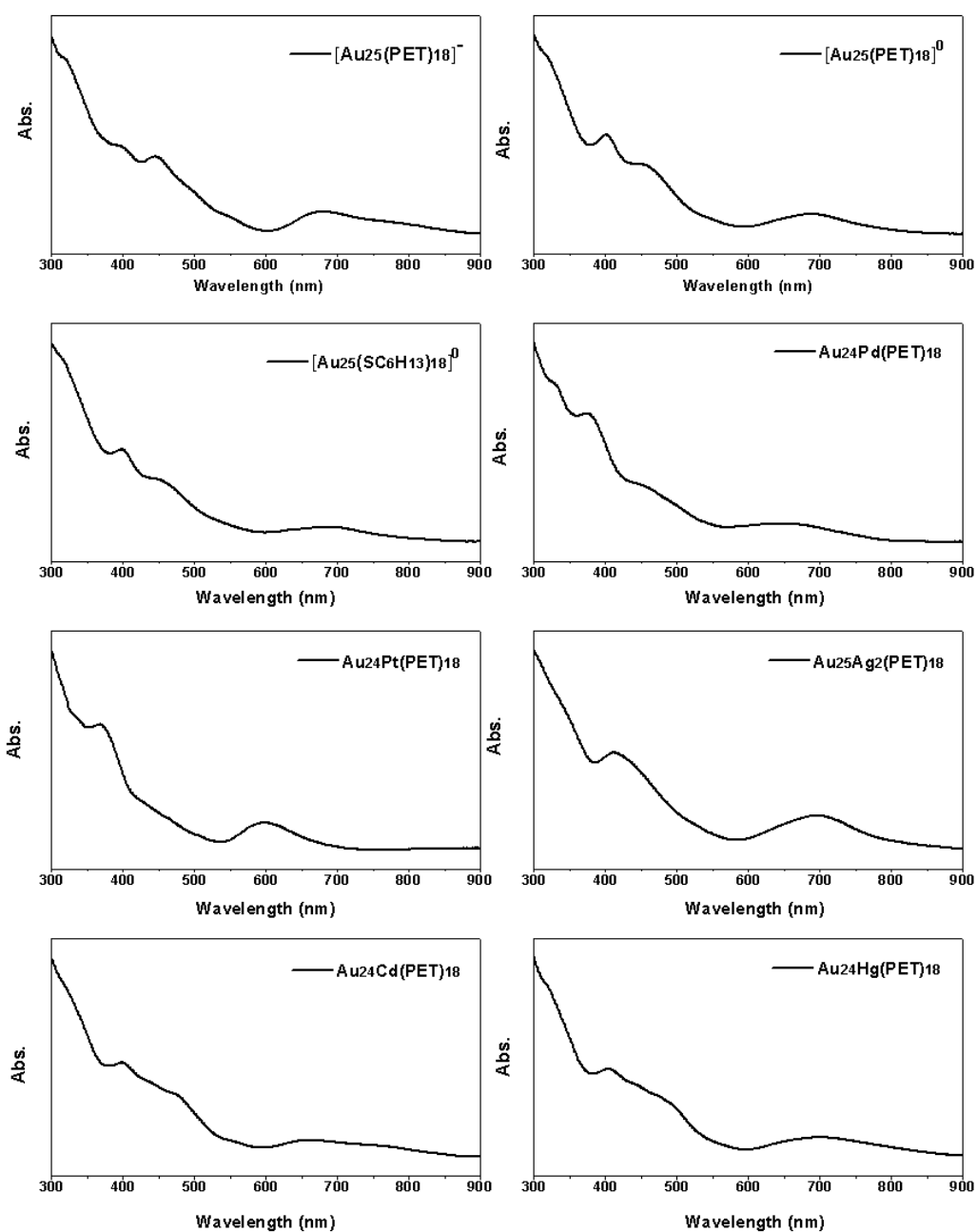


Figure S1 The ultraviolet–visible–near-infrared spectra of $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}]^{-}$, $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$, $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{SC}_6\text{H}_{13})_{18}]^0$, $\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pd}(\text{PET})_{18}$, $\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pt}(\text{PET})_{18}$, $\text{Au}_{25}\text{Ag}_2(\text{PET})_{18}$, $\text{Au}_{24}\text{Cd}(\text{PET})_{18}$ and $\text{Au}_{24}\text{Hg}(\text{PET})_{18}$.

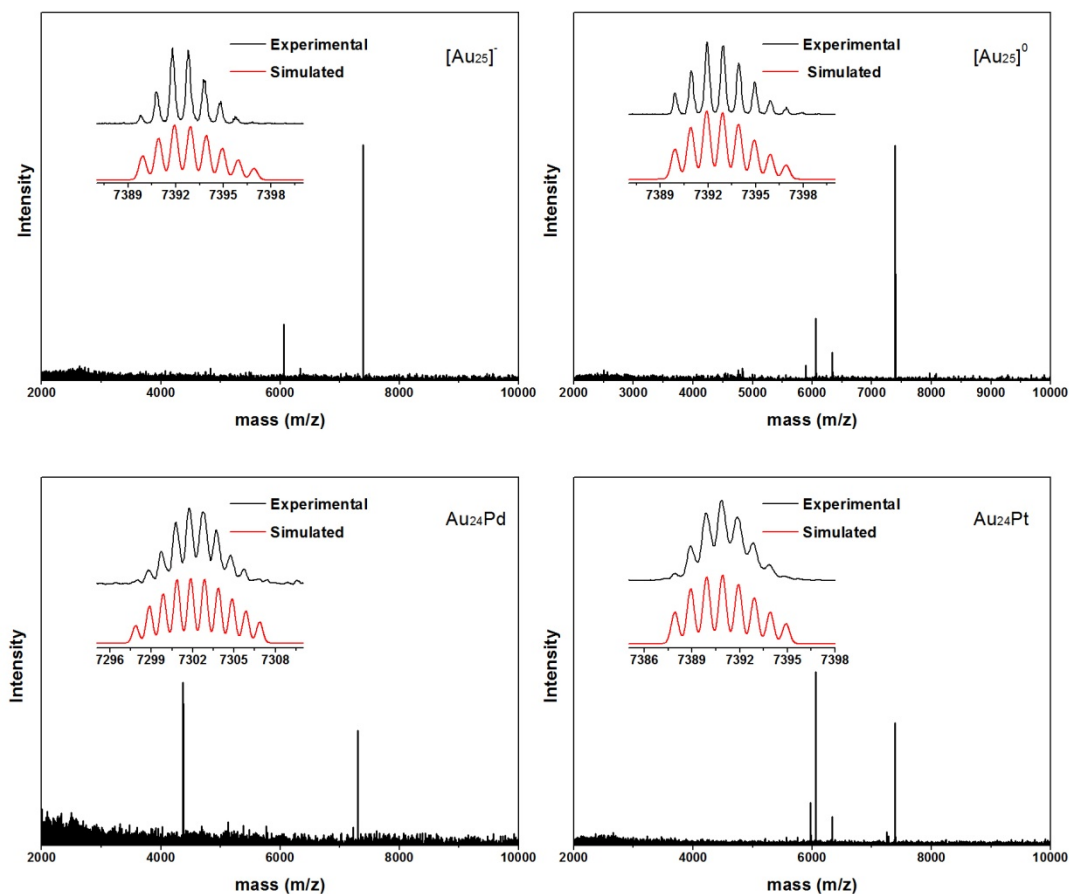


Figure S2 The matrix-assisted laser desorption ionization mass spectra of $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}]^{-}$, $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$, $\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pd}(\text{PET})_{18}$ and $\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pt}(\text{PET})_{18}$.

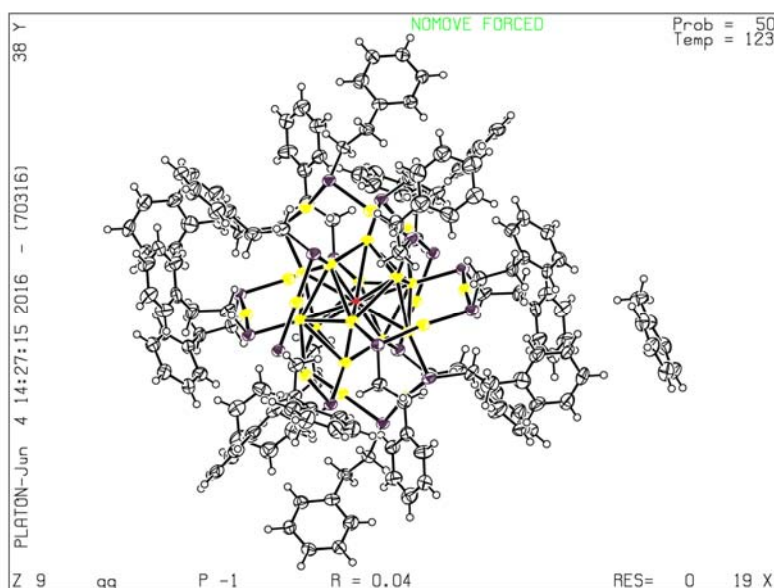


Figure S3 The total structure of $[\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pd}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$.

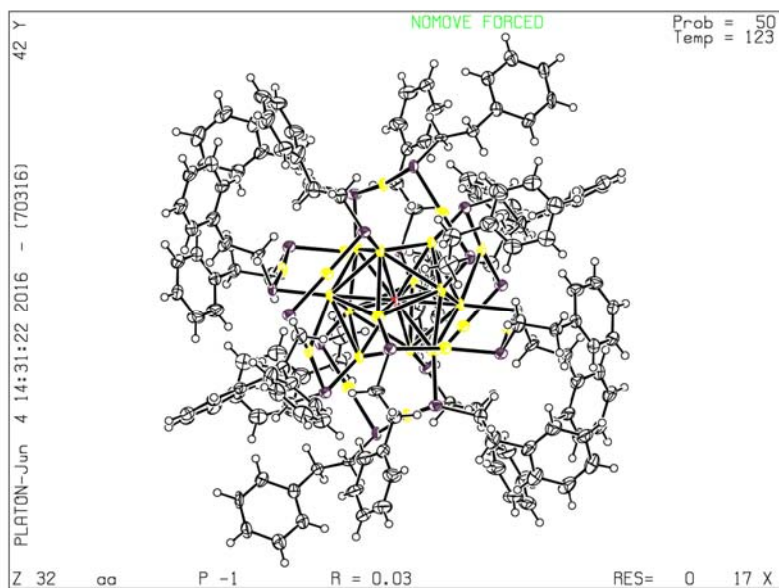


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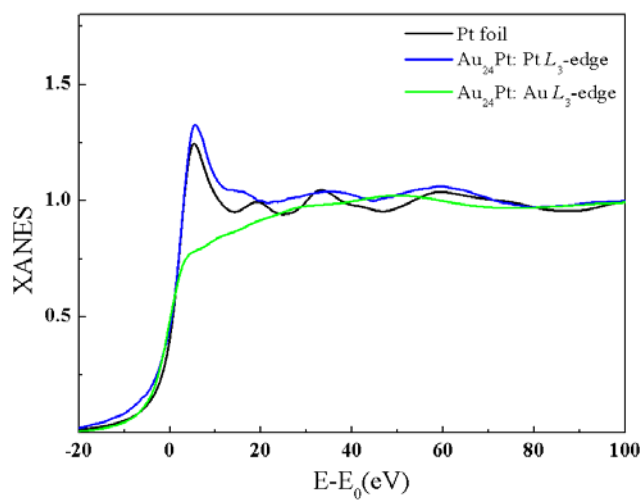


Figure S5 XANES of Pt foil and $\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pt}(\text{PET})_{18}$ nanoclusters.

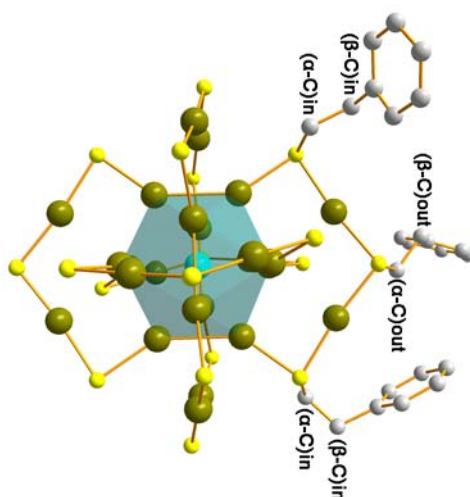


Figure S6 The illustration of $(\alpha\text{-CH}_2)_{\text{in}}$, $(\alpha\text{-CH}_2)_{\text{out}}$, $(\beta\text{-CH}_2)_{\text{in}}$, and $(\beta\text{-CH}_2)_{\text{out}}$ in Au_{25} family nanoclusters.

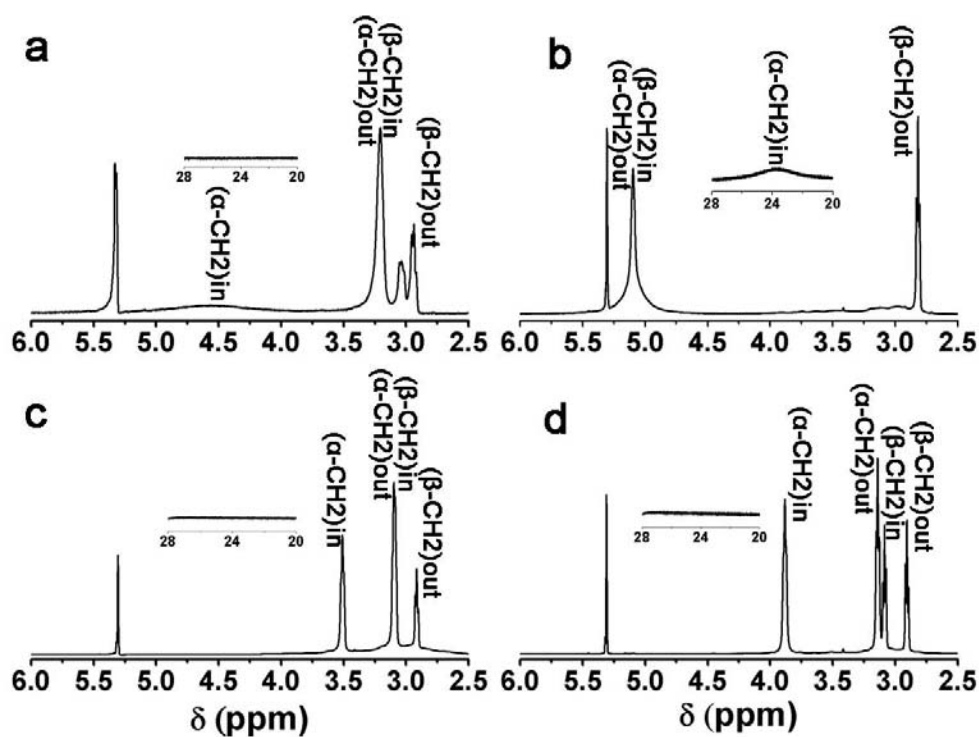


Figure S7 The ^1H NMR spectra of $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}]^-$ (a), $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$ (b), $[\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pd}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$ (c) and $[\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pt}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$ (d). (2.5ppm-6.0ppm)

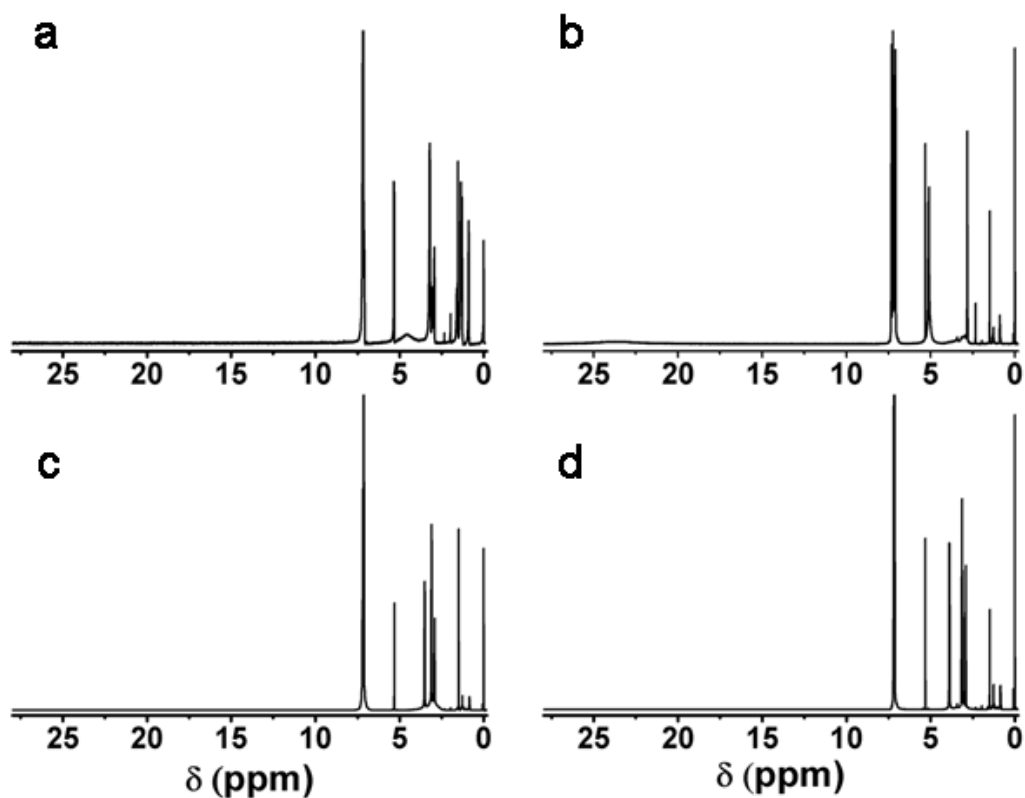


Figure S8 The ^1H NMR spectra of $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}]^-$ (a), $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$ (b), $[\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pd}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$ (c) and $[\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pt}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$ (d).

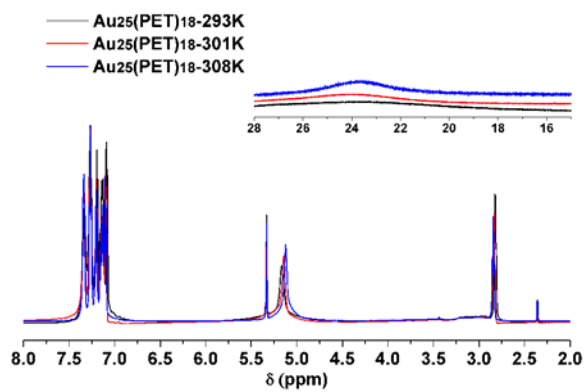


Figure S9 The temperature-dependent ^1H NMR spectra of neutral $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$.

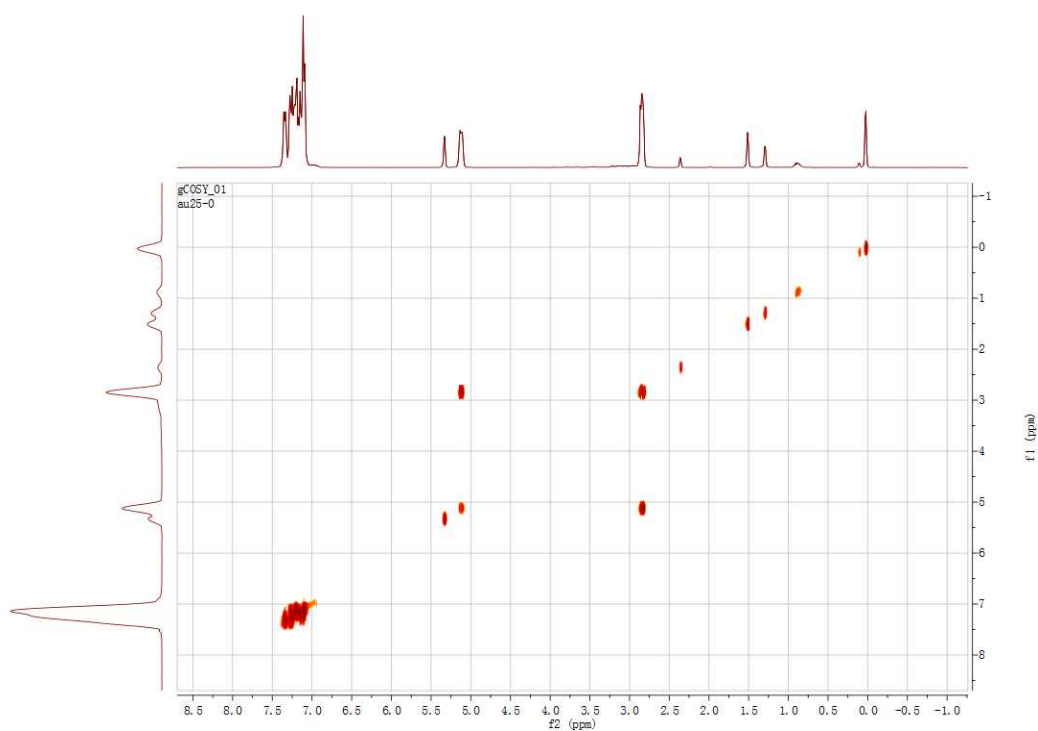


Figure S10 The 2D H-H COSY NMR spectrum of $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$.

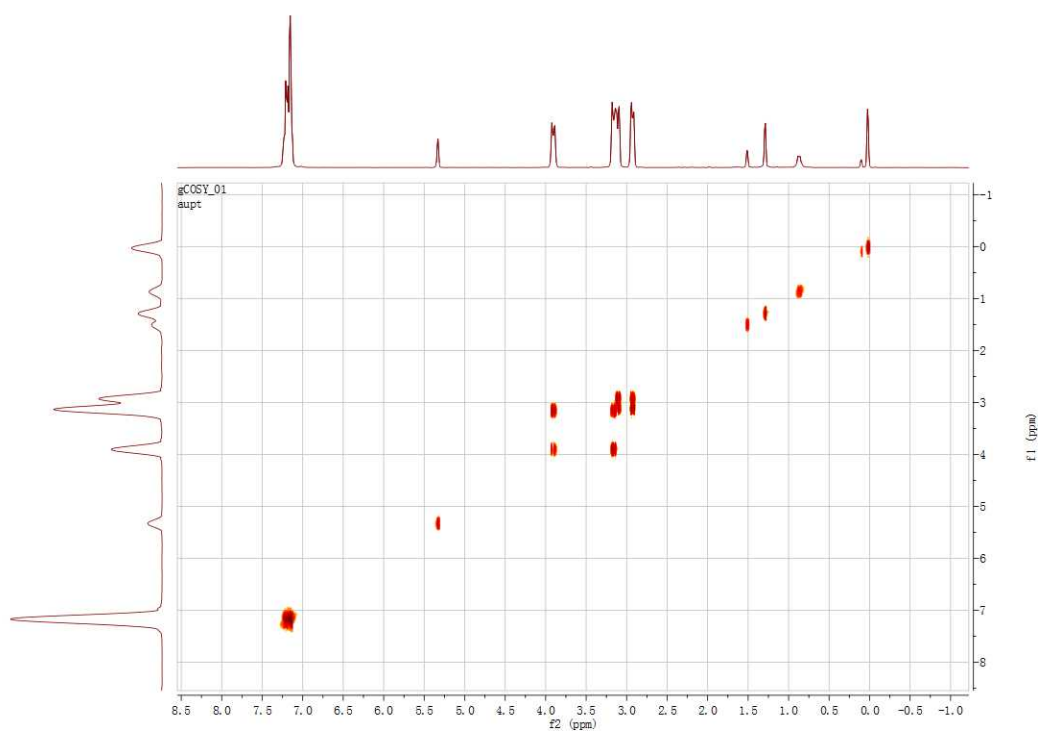


Figure S11 The 2D H-H COSY NMR spectrum of $[\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pt}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$.

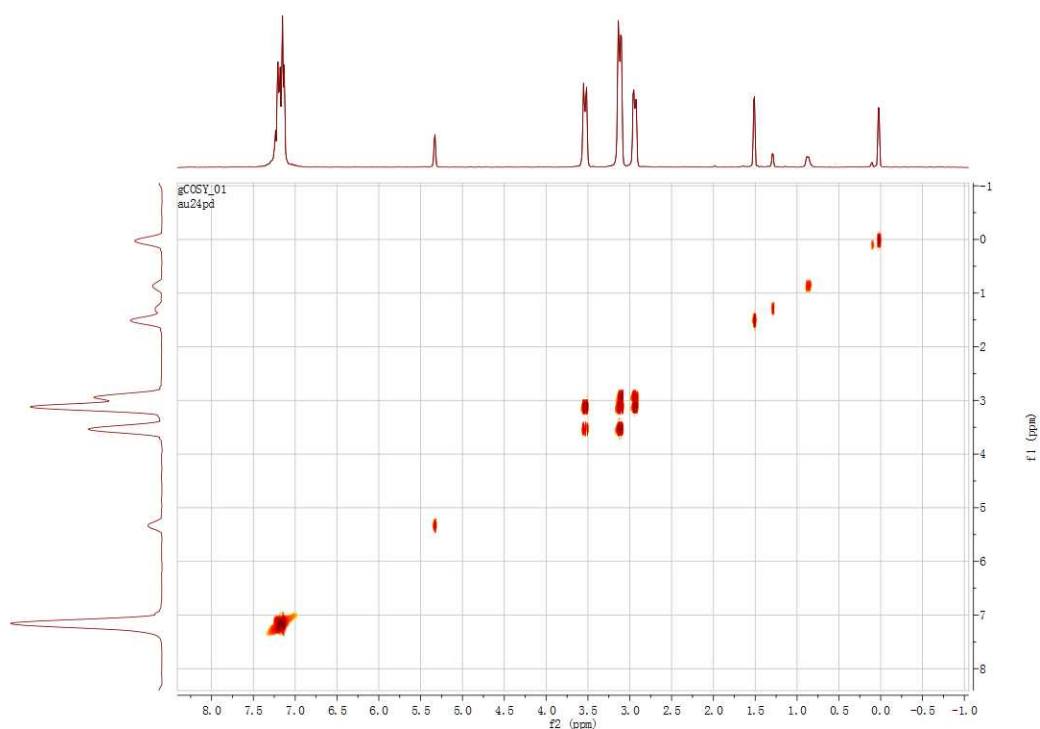


Figure S12 The 2D H-H COSY NMR spectrum of $[\text{Au}_{24}\text{Pd}(\text{PET})_{18}]^0$.

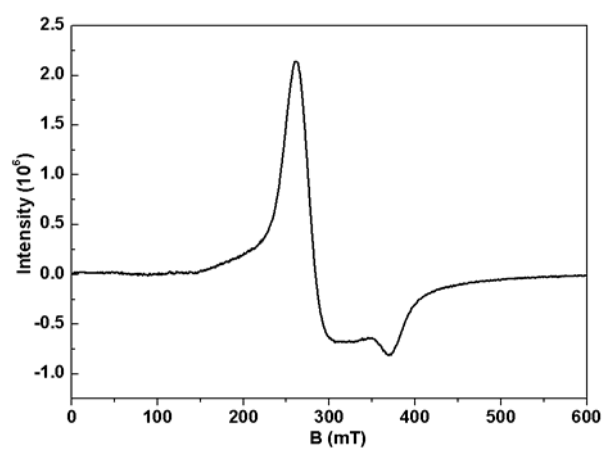


Figure S13 EPR signals of the $[\text{Au}_{25}(\text{SC}_6\text{H}_{13})_{18}]^0$.

Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for Au₂₄Pd(PET)₁₈.

Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0191 Å	Wavelength=0.71073	
Cell:	a=16.1244(15)	b=17.6398(17)	c=17.7651(19)
	alpha=65.152(2)	beta=64.342(2)	gamma=81.391(4)
Temperature:	123 K		
	Calculated	Reported	
Volume	4129.8(7)	4129.8(7)	
Space group	P -1	P -1	
Hall group	-P 1	-P 1	
Moiety formula	C ₁₄₄ H ₁₆₂ Au ₂₄ Pd S ₁₈ , 2(C ₇ H ₈)	C ₁₄₄ H ₁₆₂ Au ₂₄ Pd S ₁₈ , 2(C ₇ H ₈)	
Sum formula	C ₁₅₈ H ₁₇₈ Au ₂₄ Pd S ₁₈	C ₁₅₈ H ₁₇₈ Au ₂₄ Pd S ₁₈	
Mr	7487.78	7487.67	
Dx, g cm ⁻³	3.011	3.011	
Z	1	1	
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	21.596	21.596	
F000	3356.0	3356.0	
h,k,l _{max}	20,22,22	20,22,22	
Nref	18047	18037	
T _{min} , T _{max}	0.037,0.075	0.100,0.180	
Correction method= # Reported T Limits: T _{min} =0.100 T _{max} =0.180			
AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN			
Data completeness= 0.999		Theta(max)= 27.000	
R(reflections)= 0.0394(12898)		wR ₂ (reflections)= 0.0810(18037)	
S = 1.049	Npar= 908		

Table S2 Crystal data and structure refinement for Au₂₄Pt(PET)₁₈.

Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0172 Å	Wavelength=0.71073	
Cell:	a=16.1900(18)	b=17.7140(12)	c=17.8666(11)
	alpha=65.106(2)	beta=64.289(2)	gamma=81.343(2)
Temperature:	123 K		
	Calculated	Reported	
Volume	4184.5(6)	4184.5(6)	
Space group	P -1	P -1	
Hall group	-P 1	-P 1	
Moiety formula	C ₁₄₄ H ₁₆₂ Au ₂₄ Pt S ₁₈ , 2(C ₇ H ₈)	C ₁₄₄ H ₁₆₂ Au ₂₄ Pt S ₁₈ , 2(C ₇ H ₈)	
Sum formula	C ₁₅₈ H ₁₇₈ Au ₂₄ Pt S ₁₈	C ₁₅₈ H ₁₇₈ Au ₂₄ Pt S ₁₈	
Mr	7576.46	7576.36	
Dx, g cm ⁻³	3.007	3.007	
Z	1	1	
Mu (mm ⁻¹)	22.041	22.041	
F000	3388.0	3388.0	
h,k,l _{max}	20,22,22	20,22,22	
Nref	18279	17659	
T _{min} , T _{max}	0.006,0.010	0.070,0.090	
Correction method= # Reported T Limits: T _{min} =0.070 T _{max} =0.090			
AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN			
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