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Heterolytic Bond Activation at Gold: Evidence for Gold(III) H-B, H-Si Complexes, H-H and H-C Cleavage

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Supporting Information

1. Experimental.

When required, manipulations were performed using standard Schlenk techniques under dry argon or using a nitrogen-filled MBraun Unilab glovebox equipped with a high capacity recirculator (<1.0 ppm O₂ and H₂O). Argon was purified by passing through columns of supported P₂O₅ with moisture indicator and of activated 4 Å molecular sieves. Anhydrous solvents were freshly distilled from the appropriate drying agents and degassed. Triethylsilane (99%), pinacolborane (97%), 1,4cyclohexadiene (97%), diethyl 1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-3,5-pyridinedicarboxylate (95%), 1benzyl-1,4-dihydronicotinamide (97%) and cycloheptatriene (95%) were obtained by Sigma Aldrich and dried, when necessary. CD₂Cl₂ (Apollo Scientific), was freeze-pump-thaw degassed over CaH₂, distilled and stored over activated 4Å molecular sieves. (C^N^C)AuC₆F₅^{S1} and [H(OEt₂)₂][H₂N{B(C₆F₅)₃}²]^{S2} were synthesized according to literature procedures.

Experiments with H_2 were performed on a dedicated Schlenk line interfaced with a Parker Domnic Hunter hydrogen generator (H_2 purity >99.9995%) at 1 atmosphere.

¹H, ¹H{¹⁹F} ¹H PGSE, ¹⁹F, ¹⁹F{¹H}, ¹³C{¹H}, ¹H COSY, ¹H NOESY, ¹H, ¹³C HMQC, and ¹H, ¹³C HMBC NMR experiments have been recorded on a Bruker DPX–300 spectrometer equipped with a ¹H,BB smartprobe and Z-gradients. ¹H NMR spectra are referenced to the residual protons of the deuterated solvent. ¹³C NMR spectra are referenced to the D-coupled ¹³C signals of the solvent. ¹⁹F NMR spectra are referenced to an external standard of CFCl₃.

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2. Reactions with HBPin

Reaction with HBPin in the presence of Et_2O :



1·OEt₂ was generated at room temperature in the glovebox by reacting 5 mg of $(C^N^C)AuC_6F_5$ and 1 equivalent of $[H(OEt_2)_2][H_2N(B(C_6F_5)_3)_2]$ within a screw cap NMR tube in CD_2Cl_2 . The NMR tube was then inserted into a cold bath at $-78^{\circ}C$ and a solution of HBPin (3 equivalents in CD_2Cl_2) was injected through the septum of the NMR tube by a micrometric syringe. The solution was quickly shaken and inserted into the pre-cooled NMR probe and analyzed at $-60^{\circ}C$. Quantitative conversion of **1·OEt**₂ into **2** was observed upon warming the sample up to $-20^{\circ}C$ for 30 minutes.

Reaction with HBPin under base-free conditions:



1-OEt₂ was generated at room temperature in the glovebox by reacting 7.5 mg of (C^N^C)AuC₆F₅ and 1 equivalent of [H(OEt₂)₂][H₂N(B(C₆F₅)₃)₂] within a J-Young NMR tube in C₆D₅Cl. The tube was then dried under vacuum to remove any trace of Et₂O and redissolved in CD₂Cl₂. The resultant solution was transferred into a screw-cap NMR tube and inserted in a cold bath at -78°C. A solution containing 1 molar equivalents of HBPin was injected through the septum and the sample was quickly shaken before inserting the tube in the precooled NMR probe at -70°C. The first ¹H NMR spectrum revealed the formation of a mixture of **3** (80%) and **2** (20%). Data for **3**: ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 203 K, *J* values in Hz): 8.35 (t, ³*J*_{HH}=8.1, 1H, H1), 8.06 (br d, 3H, H2+H5'), 7.93 (d, ³*J*_{HH}=8.1, 1H, H2'), 7.70 (d, partially overlapped with **2**, H5), 7.48 (d, partially overlapped with **2**, H6), 6.49 (s, 1H, H8), 5.62 (br s, NH₂), 1.27 (s, 9H, CMe₃), 1.12 (s, 9H, CMe₃'), 1.08 ppm (s, 12H, 10). ¹⁹F NMR (275.55 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 203 K, *J* values in Hz): -119.1 (br s, 2F, *o*-F C₆F₅), -130.9 (br s, *o*-F [H₂N{B(C₆F₅)₃]), -136.4 (br s, *o*-F [H₂N{B(C₆F₅)₃]), -150.9 (t, ³*J*_{FF}=21.0, 1F, *p*-F C₆F₅), -159.1 (br t *p*-F [H₂N{B(C₆F₅)₃]), -157.9 (m, 2F, *m*-F C₆F₅), -164.7 ppm (br s, *m*-F [H₂N{B(C₆F₅)₃])).



Figure S1. Evolution of the ¹H NMR spectrum of $1 \cdot OEt_2$ (CD₂Cl₂, 213K) upon the addition of 3 equivalents of HBPin and warming up to -20 °C.



Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of **3** (CD₂Cl₂, 203K); red trace denotes traces of **2**.

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Figure S3. A section of the ¹H NOESY NMR spectrum of 5 (CD₂Cl₂, 203K); red trace denotes traces of 2.



1.OEt₂ was generated at room temperature in the glovebox by reacting 5 mg of (C^N^C)AuC₆F₅ and 1 equivalent of $[H(OEt_2)_2][H_2N(B(C_6F_5)_3)_2]$ within a screw cap NMR tube in CD_2Cl_2 . The NMR tube was then inserted into a cold bath at -78° C and a solution of HSiEt₃ in CD₂Cl₂ was injected through the septum of the NMR tube by a micrometric syringe. The solution was quickly shaken and inserted into the pre-cooled NMR probe and analyzed. The experiment has been performed under different experimental conditions: when 8 molar equivalents of HSiEt₃ are used at -30° C, 2 and 5 were obtained in a molar 2/5 ratio >95/5; when the amount of silane was decreased to 2 equivalents and the temperature lowered to -60°C, the 2/5 ratio amounted to 85/15. Due to the poor signal to noise ratio, ¹³C NMR data for **5** are obtained indirectly through HMBC and HMQC experiments. Data for 3: ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 213 K, J values in Hz): δ 8.13 (t, ${}^{3}J_{HH}=7.9$, 1H, H1), 8.00 (d, ${}^{3}J_{HH}=7.9$, 1H, H1), 7.79 (d, partially overlapped with 2, H5), 7.61 (d, partially overlapped with 2, H2'), 7.52 (AB system, 4H, H5'+H6'), 7.35 (dd, ${}^{3}J_{HH}=8.1$, ⁴J_{HH}=2.0, 1H, H6), 6.96 (dd, ⁴J_{HH}=5.0, ⁴J_{HH}=1.7, 1H, H8), 1.33 (s, 9H, ^tBu'), 1.16 (s, 9H, ^tBu), 0.20 ppm (ps q, ${}^{4}J_{HH}$ =5.0, ${}^{4}J_{HE}$ =5.7, 1H, Au–H). ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR (300.13 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 213 K): 170.5 (s, C9), 167.1 (s, C3), 162.5 (s, C3'), 154.1 (s, C7), 152.3 (s, C7'), 145.0 (s, C4), 141.6 (s, C1), 141.5 (s, C4'), 130.6 (s, C8), 129.3 (s, C5' or C6'), 125.8 (s, C5), 125.1 (s, C6' or C5'), 124.3 (s, C6), 124.0 (s, C2'), 119.3 (s, C2), 35.0 (s, CMe₃ + CMe₃'), 31.3 (s, CMe₃'), 30.7 ppm (s, CMe₃). ¹⁹F NMR (275.55 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 213 K, J values in Hz): -120.2 (m, 2F, o-F C₆F₅), -159.7 (t, ${}^{3}J_{\text{FF}}=20.7, 1\text{F}, p-\text{F}C_{6}\text{F}_{5}), -162.7 \text{ ppm (m, 2F, }m-\text{F}C_{6}\text{F}_{5}).$

Reaction with HSiEt₃ under base-free conditions:



1•**OEt**₂ was generated at room temperature in the glovebox by reacting 7.5 mg of (C^N^C)AuC₆F₅ and 1 equivalent of $[H(OEt_2)_2][H_2N(B(C_6F_5)_3)_2]$ within a J-Young NMR tube in C₆D₅Cl. The tube was then dried under vacuum to remove any trace of Et₂O and the residue was dissolved in CD₂Cl₂. The resultant solution was transferred into a screw-cap NMR tube and inserted into a cold bath at -78 °C. A solution containing 2 molar equivalents of HSiEt₃ was injected through the septum. The sample was quickly shaken before inserting the tube into the precooled NMR probe at -60 °C.

Data for 4: ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 203 K, *J* values in Hz): 8.33 (t, ³*J*_{HH}=8.1, 1H, H1), 8.07 (d, ³*J*_{HH}=8.1, 1H, H1), 7.90 (br m, 3H, H5'+H2'), 7.74 (br m, 3H, H6'+H5), 7.49 (br d, 1H, H6), 6.63 (s, 1H, H8), 5.62 (br s, 2H, NH₂), 1.32 (s, 9H, CMe₃'), 1.26 (br s, 1H, Au–*H*–Si), 1.13 (s, 9H, CMe₃), 0.85 (m, partially overlapped with HSiEt₃, H11), 0.85 ppm (br m, 6H, H10). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (300.13 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 203 K): 161.1 (s, C3), 159.2 (s, C3'), 156.8 (s, C7), 156.2 (s, C7'), 150.6 (s, C9), 147.4 (br d, ¹*J*_{CF}=234.5, *o*–C [H₂N{B(C₆F₅)₃]), 144.7 (s, C1), 139.5 (s, C4), 138.8 (br d, ¹*J*_{CF}=245.5, *p*–C [H₂N{B(C₆F₅)₃]), 136.4 (br d, ¹*J*_{CF}=245.5, *p*–C [H₂N{B(C₆F₅)₃]), 134.5 (s, C4'), 130.6 (s, C8), 129.7 (s, C5'), 127.8 (s, C6'), 127.4 (s, C6), 126.2 (s, C2'), 120.2 (s, C2), 35.7 (s, CMe₃), 35.4 (s, CMe₃'), 30.8 (s, CMe₃'), 30.5 (s, CMe₃), 6.96 (s, C11), 2.0 ppm (s, C10).



Figure S4. A section of the ¹H NMR spectrum obtained after mixing $1 \cdot OEt_2$ and HSiEt₃ (CD₂Cl₂, 213K); * denote traces of reduction products.



Figure S5. A section of the ¹H NMR spectrum obtained after mixing **1**•**OEt**₂ and HSiEt₃ (CD₂Cl₂, 213K); * denote traces of reduction products.



Figure S6. Sections of the ¹H, ¹H{¹⁹F}, ¹⁹F, ¹⁹F{¹H} and ¹H COSY NMR spectra obtained after mixing **1** and HSiEt₃ (CD₂Cl₂, 213K) showing the scalar coupling pattern of the hydride signal in complex **5**.



Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum obtained after mixing **1** and HSiEt₃ (CD₂Cl₂, 203K); red signals correspond to traces of hydride **2**, blue signals are relative to unreacted (C^N^C)AuC₆F₅. * denotes free HSiEt₃.



Figure S8. A section of the ¹H NOESY NMR spectrum obtained after mixing **1** and HSiEt₃ (CD₂Cl₂, 203K) showing the presence of chemical exchange between free and bound HSiEt₃.



Figure S9. Evolution of the ¹H NMR spectrum of **4** (CD₂Cl₂, 203K) upon the addition of 3 equivalents of 2butyne. The boxes highlight spectral change for the 5', 6' and H8 regions.



Figure S10. Evolution of the ¹H NMR spectrum of **4** (CD₂Cl₂, 203K) upon the addition of 3 equivalents of 2-butyne.

4. Reactions with H₂

Reaction with H_2 in the presence of Et_2O :



1.OEt₂ was generated at room temperature in the glovebox by reacting 7.5 mg of (C^N^C)AuC₆F₅ and 1 equivalent of $[H(OEt_2)_2][H_2N(B(C_6F_5)_3)_2]$ within a J-Young NMR tube in CD₂Cl₂. Successively, the sample was interfaced to the vacuum line, freeze-pump-thaw degassed 3 times and exposed to H₂ (1 atm) for 1 minute at 77 K. The frozen solution was allowed to melt at 195 K and transferred into the pre-cooled NMR probe at 223 K.

Reaction with H_2 under base-free conditions:



1.OEt₂ was generated at room temperature in the glovebox by reacting 7.5 mg of (C^N^C)AuC₆F₅ and 1 equivalent of $[H(OEt_2)_2][H_2N(B(C_6F_5)_3)_2]$ within a J-Young NMR tube in C₆D₅Cl. The tube was then dried under vacuum to remove any trace of Et₂O and redissolved in CD₂Cl₂. Successively, the sample was interfaced to the vacuum line, freeze-pump-thaw degassed 3 times and exposed to H₂ (1 atm) for 1 minute at 77 K. The frozen solution was allowed to melt at 195 K and transferred into the pre-cooled NMR probe at 223 K. No reaction was observed over the course of several hours, so the sample was warmed up to room temperature and left reacting for 1 week.



Figure S11. Evolution of three sections of the ¹H NMR of $1 \cdot OEt_2$ (a) upon exposure to H₂ at -20 °C after 2

hours (b) and 4 hours (c).



Figure S12. A section of the ¹⁹F NMR spectrum obtained during the reaction of $1 \cdot OEt_2$ with H₂ (CD₂Cl₂, 253K). Asterisk denote inert minor impurity in H₂N[B(C₆F₅)₃]₂⁻.



Figure S13. Kinetic profile of the reaction between $1 \cdot OEt_2$ and H_2 in CD2Cl2 at -20 °C.



Figure S14. Evolution of the ¹H NMR spectrum of the mixture obtained after reacting $1 \cdot OEt_2$ and H_2 in CD_2Cl_2 at -20 °C by exposing the sample to room temperature (5 x 2 minutes); green circles denote protonated 2,6-biarylpyridine ligand.



Figure S15. A section of the ¹H NOESY NMR spectrum of the mixture obtained after reacting $1 \cdot OEt_2$ and H₂ in CD₂Cl₂ at -20 °C by exposing the sample to room temperature (5 x 2 minutes).



Figure S16. ¹H NMR spectrum obtained after the reaction between 1 and H₂ at room temperature.

5. Reactions with Hantzsch ester *Reaction in the presence of Et₂O:*



1•OEt₂ was generated at room temperature in the glovebox by reacting 5 mg of $(C^N^C)AuC_6F_5$ and 1 equivalent of $[H(OEt_2)_2][H_2N(B(C_6F_5)_3)_2]$ within a screw cap NMR tube in CD₂Cl₂. The NMR tube was then inserted into a cold bath at $-78^{\circ}C$ and a solution of diethyl 1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-3,5-pyridinedicarboxylate (2 equivalents in CD₂Cl₂) was injected through the septum of the NMR tube by a micrometric syringe. The solution was quickly shaken and inserted into the pre-cooled NMR probe and analyzed at -60°C. Quantitative conversion of **1** into **2** was observed instantaneously.

Reaction under base-free conditions:



1.OEt₂ was generated at room temperature in the glovebox by reacting 5 mg of $(C^N^C)AuC_6F_5$ and 1 equivalent of $[H(OEt_2)_2][H_2N(B(C_6F_5)_3)_2]$ within a J-Young NMR tube in C_6D_5Cl . The tube was then dried under vacuum to remove any trace of Et_2O and redissolved in CD_2Cl_2 . The resultant solution was transferred into a screw-cap NMR tube and inserted in a cold bath at -78°C. A solution containing 2 molar equivalents 1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-3,5-pyridinedicarboxylate was injected through the septum and the sample was quickly shaken before inserting the tube in the precooled NMR probe at -70°C.



Figure S17. ¹H NMR spectrum obtained after the reaction between $1 \cdot OEt_2$ and 1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-3,5-pyridinedicarboxylate at $-50^{\circ}C$ (CD₂Cl₂).

6. Reaction with 1,4-Dihydro-N-benzylnicotinamide



1-OEt₂ was generated at room temperature in the glovebox by reacting 5 mg of (C^N^C)AuC₆F₅ and 1 equivalent of [H(OEt₂)₂][H₂N(B(C₆F₅)₃)₂] within a screw cap NMR tube in CD₂Cl₂. The NMR tube was then inserted into a cold bath at -78° C and a solution of diethyl 1,4-dihydro-N-benzylnicotinamide (1 equivalent in CD₂Cl₂) was injected through the septum of the NMR tube by a micrometric syringe. The solution was quickly shaken and inserted into the pre-cooled NMR probe and analyzed at -30°C. Data for 7: ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 243 K, *J* values in Hz): 8.24 (t, ³*J*_{HH}=7.9, 1H, H1), 8.07 (d, ³*J*_{HH}=7.9, 1H, H2), 7.72 (d, ³*J*_{HH}=8.5, 1H, H5), 7.60 (t, ³*J*_{HH}=7.9, 1H, H2²), 7.52-7.38 (m, 8H, H5²+H6+H6+*m*-Ph+*p*-Ph), 7.22 (d, ³*J*_{HH}=7.2, 2H, *o*-Ph), 6.71 (s, 1H, H13), 6.51 (s, 1H, H8), 5.77 (d, 1H, ³*J*_{HH}=8.7,

H15), 5.69 (br s, 2H, NH₂ AB₂⁻), 5.08 (br s, 2H, H10), 4.86 (br d, 1H, H14), 4.29 (s, 2H, H16), 2.66 (s, 2H, N–*CH*₂), 1.30 (s, 9H, CMe₃⁻), 1.15 ppm (s, overlapped with Et₂O, CMe₃).



Figure S18. Evolution of the ¹H NMR spectrum of **7** (a, CD₂Cl₂, 243K) 30 minutes after mixing **1** and 1,4dihydro-N-benzylnicotinamide (b).

7. Reaction with 1,4-cyclohexadiene



1•**OEt**₂ was generated at room temperature in the glovebox by reacting 5 mg of $(C^N^C)AuC_6F_5$ and 1 equivalent of $[H(OEt_2)_2][H_2N(B(C_6F_5)_3)_2]$ within a J-Young NMR tube in CD_2Cl_2 and mixed with 8 equivalents of 1,4-cyclohexadiene. The progress of the reaction was monitored by ¹H NMR over the period of two weeks.



Figure S19. Kinetic profile for the reaction between 1 and 1,4-cyclohexadiene in CD₂Cl₂ at RT.



Figure S20. ¹H NMR spectrum obtained after 14 days from the mixing of $1 \cdot OEt_2$ and 1,4-cyclohexadiene in CD_2Cl_2 at RT.

8. Reaction with cycloheptatriene

1•**OEt**₂ was generated at room temperature in the glovebox by reacting 7.5 mg of (C^N^C)AuC₆F₅ and 1 equivalent of $[H(OEt_2)_2][H_2N(B(C_6F_5)_3)_2]$ within a Screw cap NMR tube in CD₂Cl₂. Successively, the sample was inserted in a cold bath at -78°C and 2 equivalents of cycloheptatriene were injected by using a microsyringe. The sample was then inserted in the pre-cooled NMR probe at -50 °C and the reaction was monitored by gradually increasing the temperature of the NMR probe.



Figure S21. Thermal evolution of the ¹H NMR spectrum of $1 \cdot OEt_2$ upon the reaction with 2 equivalents of cycloheptatriene in CD_2Cl_2 .



cycloheptatriene in CD_2Cl_2 (T=25°C); squares denote unidentified Au(III) side products, asterisk denote inert minor impurity of AB_2^- .

9. Computational.

Computational studies were performed for model systems lacking the *t*Bu substituents at the Au-bound phenyl rings. Me₃SiH was used as a model for Et₃SiH. All calculations were done using Gaussian 09.^{S3} Structures were optimized at the B3LYP^{S4-S6}/def2-SVP^{S7} level (with a corresponding ECP at Au^{S8}) for the gas phase. The nature of stationary points was checked by vibrational analyses. Improved single-point energies were obtained with M06^{S9}/cc-pVTZ^{S10-S13} (and using the corresponding ECP at Au^{S14,S15}) including a PCM(CH₂Cl₂) solvent correction.^{S16-S18} These were combined with the thermal corrections (enthalpy and entropy) at 250 K, 1 bar, obtained from the B3LYP/def2-SVP vibrational analyses. Entropy contributions to the free energy were scaled by a factor of 0.67 to account for reduced freedom in solution.^{S19,S20}

Name	Formula	Hcorr 250 K	TScorr 250 K	Eelec	G	on scale	Grel kcal/mol
LAuAr_+	C23H12AuF5N	0.30953	0.06361	-1572.76947	-1572.50256	-1572.50256	(0)
LAuAr_OMe2_+	C25H18AuF5NO	0.39624	0.07072	-1727.77613	-1727.42728	-1572.51668	-8.86
LAuAr_H_transC	C23H13AuF5N	0.31696	0.06463	-1573.53618	-1573.26252	-1573.26252	(0)
LAuAr_H_cisC	C23H13AuF5N	0.31729	0.06359	-1573.54762	-1573.27293	-1573.27293	-6.53
dimer1_HtransC+	C46H25Au2F10N2	0.62781	0.10693	-3146.35102	-3145.79485	-1573.29229	-18.68
dimer2_HtransC+	C46H25Au2F10N2	0.62809	0.10591	-3146.35174	-3145.79461	-1573.29204	-18.53
dimer1_HtransN+	C46H25Au2F10N2	0.62838	0.10636	-3146.31358	-3145.75646	-1573.25390	5.41
dimer2_HtransN+	C46H25Au2F10N2	0.62833	0.10763	-3146.31314	-3145.75693	-1573.25437	5.12
H2							
H2	H2	0.01263	0.01259	-1.17079	-1.16660		
OMe2	C2H6O	0.08336	0.02415	-154.97778	-154.91060		
OMe2_H+	C2H7O	0.09709	0.02542	-155.37210	-155.29204	-310.20264	
OMe2_2_H+	C4H13O2	0.17968	0.03687	-310.37865	-310.22367	-310.22367	-13.20
Au(+) + H2 + OMe2						-1728.57977	(0)
LAuAr_H2_+	C23H14AuF5N	0.32572	0.06408	-1573.94205	-1573.65926	-1728.56986	6.21
LAuAr_H2_+OMe2_transTS	C25H20AuF5NO	0.41052	0.07395	-1728.92525	-1728.56428	-1728.56428	9.72
LAuArH_HOMe2_+	C25H20AuF5NO	0.41446	0.07344	-1728.92827	-1728.56301	-1728.56301	10.51
AuH + HOMe2(+)						-1728.55456	15.82
Au(+) + H2 + 2 OMe2						-1883.49037	(0)
LAuAr_H2_+	C23H14AuF5N	0.32572	0.06408	-1573.94205	-1573.65926	-1883.48047	6.21
LAuAr_H2_+OMe2_transTS	C25H20AuF5NO	0.41052	0.07395	-1728.92525	-1728.56428	-1883.47488	9.72
LAuArH_HOMe2_+	C25H20AuF5NO	0.41446	0.07344	-1728.92827	-1728.56301	-1883.47362	10.51
AuH + H[OMe2]2(+)						-1883.48620	2.62
HSiMe3							
HSiMe3	C3H10Si	0.12410	0.03051	-409.79628	-409.69262		
SiMe3_+	C3H9Si	0.11543	0.03136	-408.99189	-408.89748		
SiMe3_+_OMe2	C5H15OSi	0.20326	0.03865	-564.03202	-563.85466		
Au(+) + HSiMe3						-1982.19519	
AuH + Me3Si(+)						-1982.16000	22.08
Au(+) + HSiMe3 + OMe2						-2137.10579	(0)
LAuAr_HSiMe3_+	C26H22AuF5NSi	0.43570	0.07670	-1982.58791	-1982.20360	-2137.11421	-5.28

Table S1. Total and relative energies for species studied.^a

Name	Formula	<i>Н</i> согг 250 К	TScorr 250 K	Eelec	G	on scale	Grel kcal/mol
LAuAr_HSiMe3_+OMe2_transTS	C28H28AuF5NOSi	0.52117	0.08304	-2137.57270	-2137.10718	-2137.10718	-0.87
AuH + Me3SiOMe2(+)						-2137.11718	-7.15
HBPin							
HBPin	C6H13BO2	0.19684	0.03338	-411.74078	-411.56630		
BPin+	C6H12BO2	0.18594	0.03369	-410.86753	-410.70417		
BPin+_OMe2	C8H18BO3	0.27520	0.04241	-565.97125	-565.72447		
Au(+) + HBPin						-1984.06886	
AuH + BPin(+)						-1983.96669	64.11
Au(+) + HBPin + OMe2						-2138.97946	(0)
LAuAr_HBPin_+	C29H25AuBF5NO2	0.50879	0.08088	-1984.52461	-1984.07001	-2138.98062	-0.72
LAuAr_HBPinOMe2_+	C31H31AuBF5NO3	0.59356	0.08604	-2139.51810	-2138.98219	-2138.98219	-1.71
AuH + Me2OBPin(+)						-2138.98699	-4.72
PyCar							
PyCarH	C11H15NO4	0.26520	0.04931	-783.64280	-783.41064		
PyCar+	C11H14NO4	0.25568	0.04818	-782.88613	-782.66274		
Au(+) + PyCarH						-2355.91320	(0)
LAuAr_+_PyCar_TS	C34H27AuF5N2O4	0.57195	0.09173	-2356.41783	-2355.90735	-2355.90735	3.67
AuH + PyCar(+)						-2355.92526	-7.57
Ph3CH							
Ph3CH	C19H16	0.30230	0.04678	-733.30709	-733.03614		
Ph3C+	C19H15	0.29160	0.04435	-732.50741	-732.24552		
Au(+) + Ph3CH						-2305.53870	
AuH + Ph3C(+)						-2305.50805	19.24
CHDH							
CHDH	С6Н8	0.12616	0.02654	-233.30295	-233.19457		
CHD+	C6H7	0.11467	0.02663	-232.50622	-232.40938		
Au(+) + CHDH						-1805.69713	(0)
LAuAr_+_CHDH_react	C29H20AuF5N	0.43755	0.07880	-1806.07574	-1805.69098	-1805.69098	3.86
LAuAr_+_CHDH_TS	C29H20AuF5N	0.43255	0.07293	-1806.05498	-1805.67128	-1805.67128	16.22
LAuArH_CHD+_prod	C29H20AuF5N	0.43335	0.07670	-1806.05418	-1805.67222	-1805.67222	15.63
AuH + CHD(+)						-1805.67190	15.83
BnH							
BnH	C7H8	0.13288	0.03110	-271.42979	-271.31775		
Bn+	C7H7	0.12209	0.02784	-270.58824	-270.48480		
Au(+) + BnH						-1843.82031	
AuH +Bn(+)						-1843.74733	45.80

^a Chosen reference values in bold. Free energies calculated as G = Eelec + Hcorr - 0.67 TScorr.

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