

Supplementary Information

A density functional study on cationic Au_nCu_m^+ clusters and their monocarbonyls

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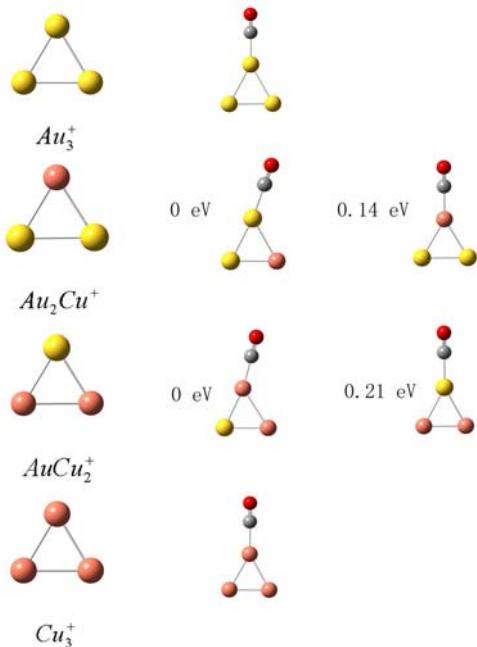


Figure S1. Isomers for Au_nCu_m^+ with $n+m=3$.

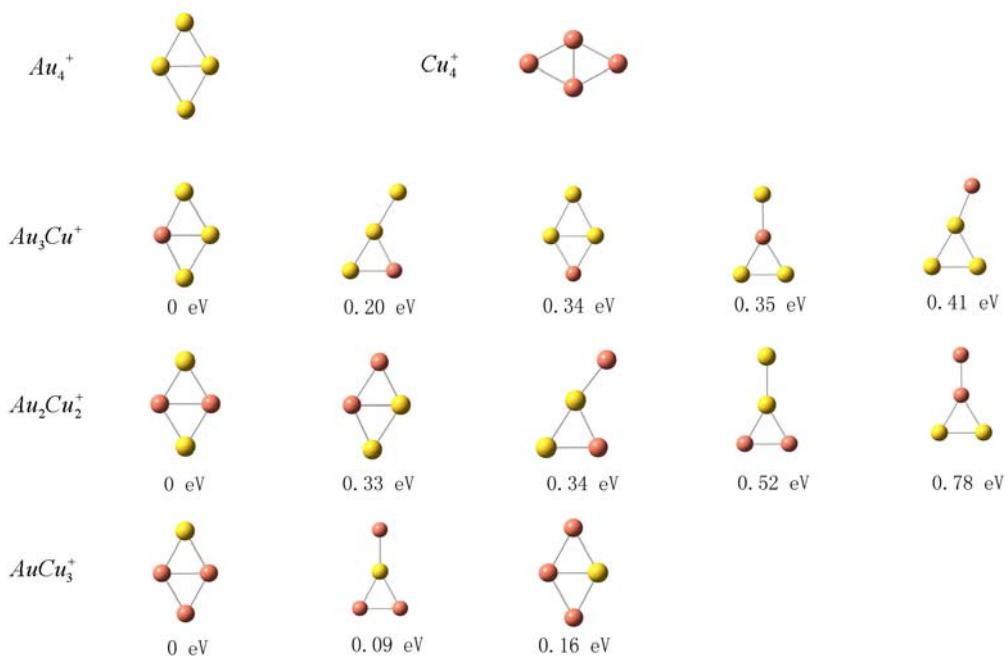


Figure S2. Isomers for $Au_nCu_m^+$ with $n+m=4$.

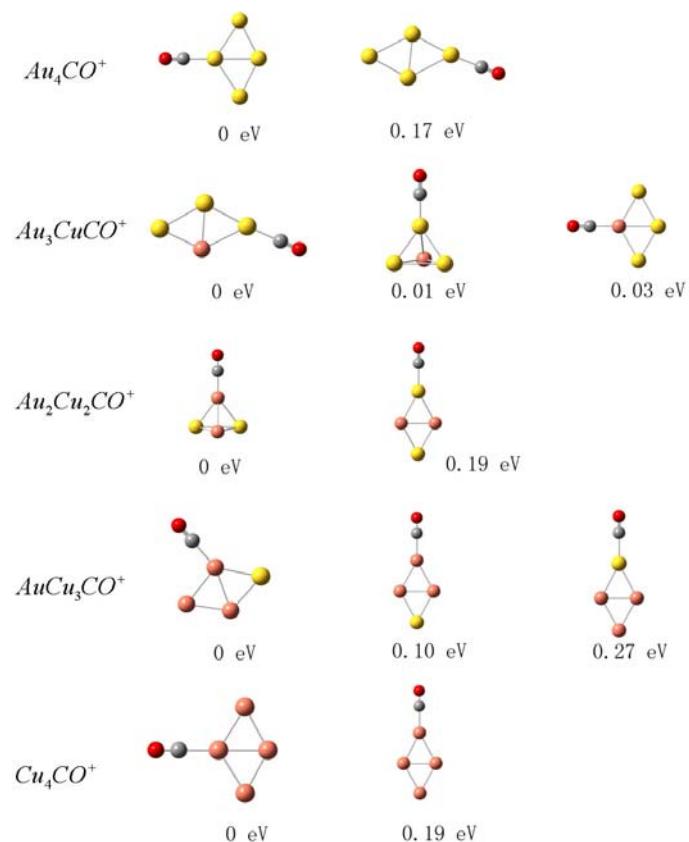


Figure S3. Isomers for Au_nCu_mCO+ with $n+m=4$.

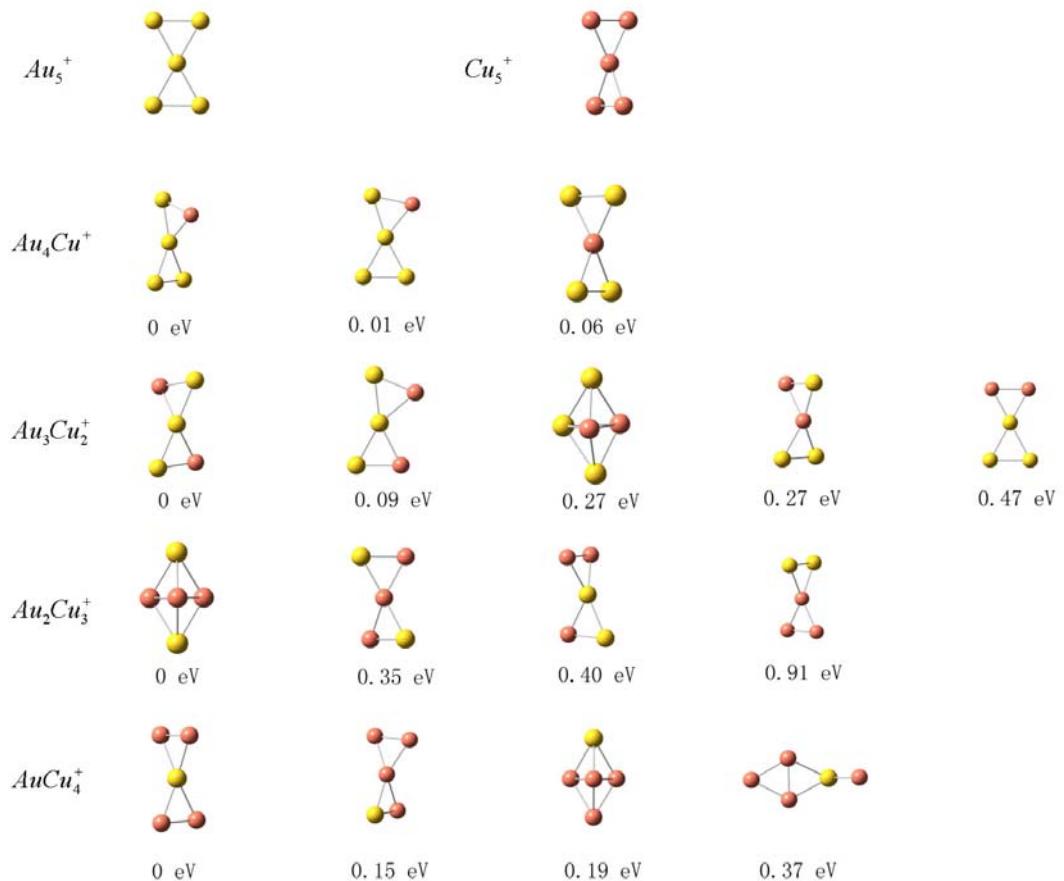


Figure S4. Isomers for $Au_nCu_m^+$ with $n+m=5$.

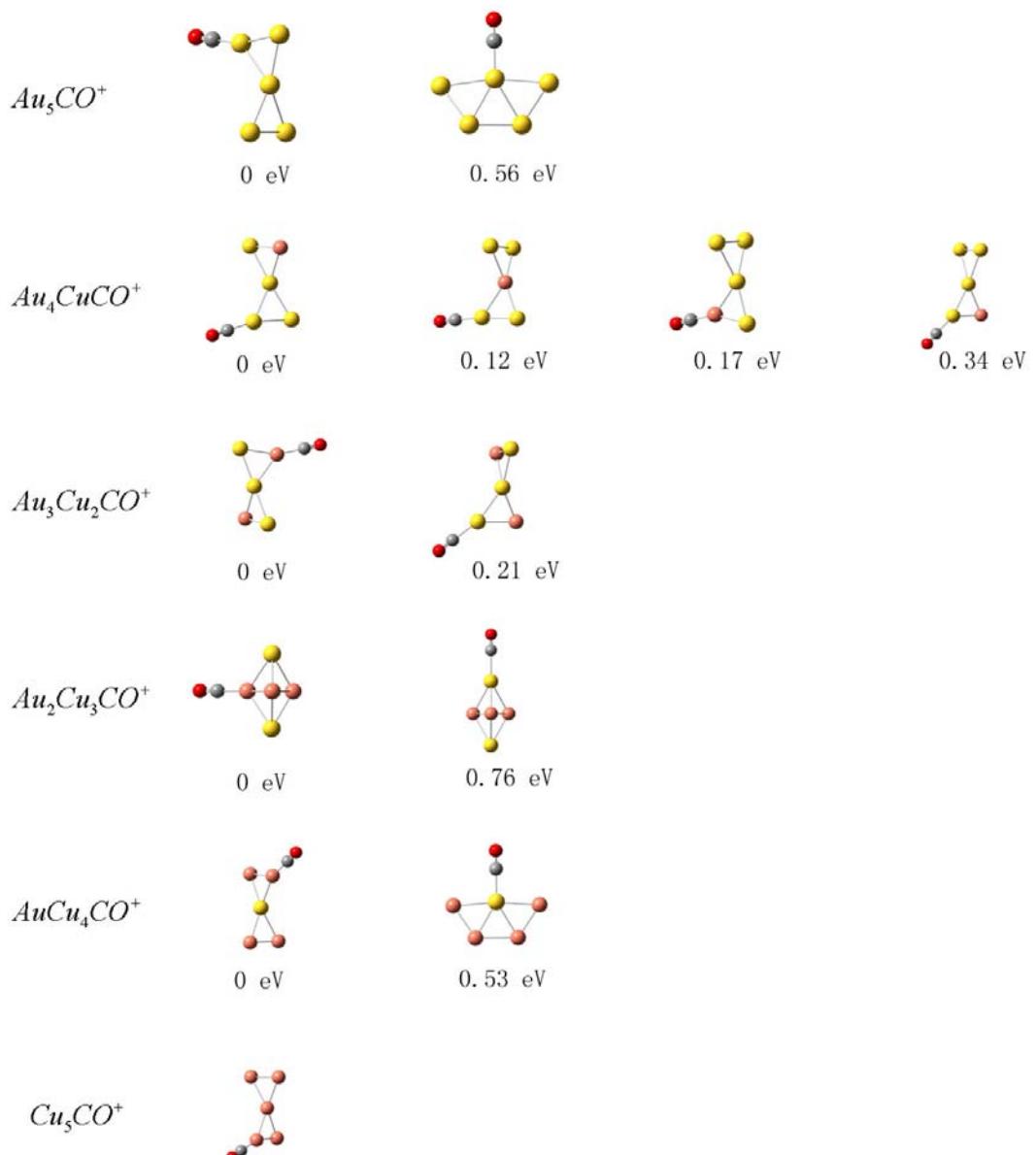
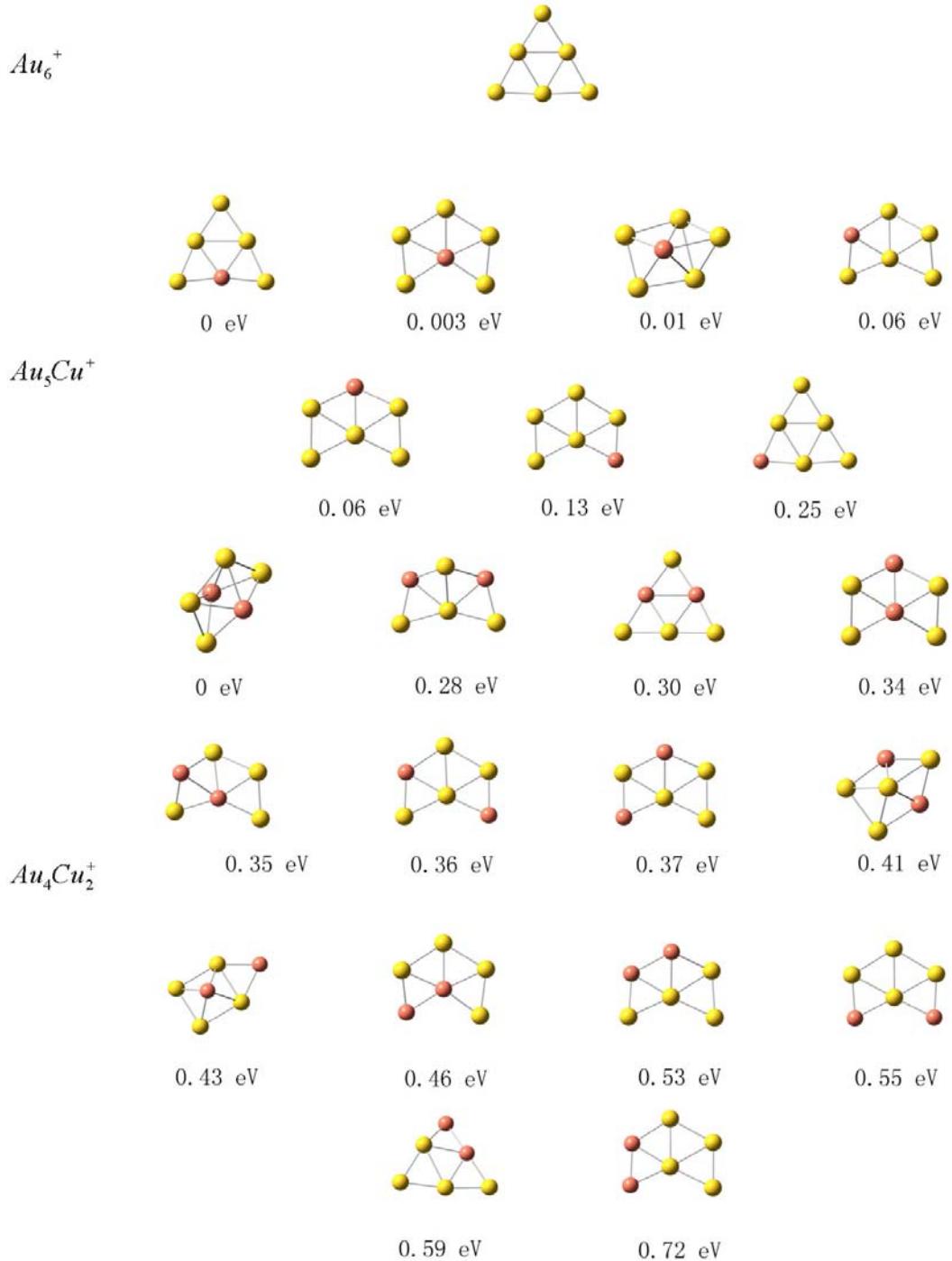
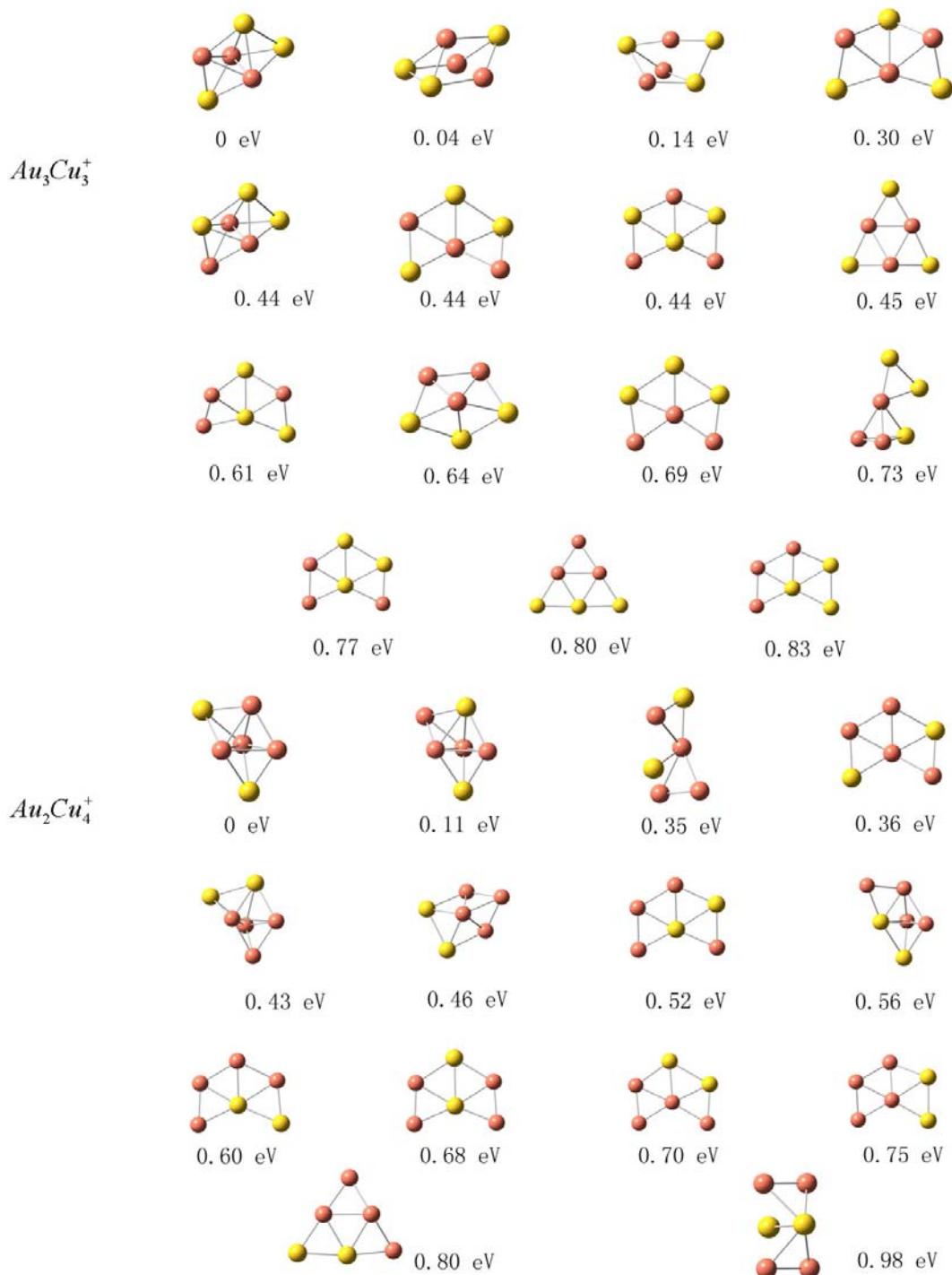


Figure S5. Isomers for $Au_nCu_mCO^+$ with $n+m=5$.





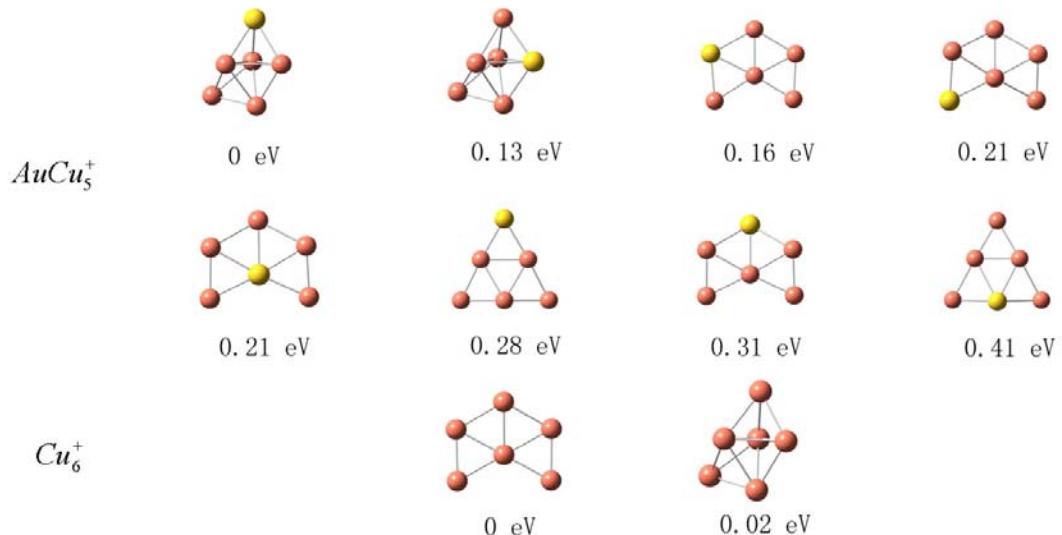
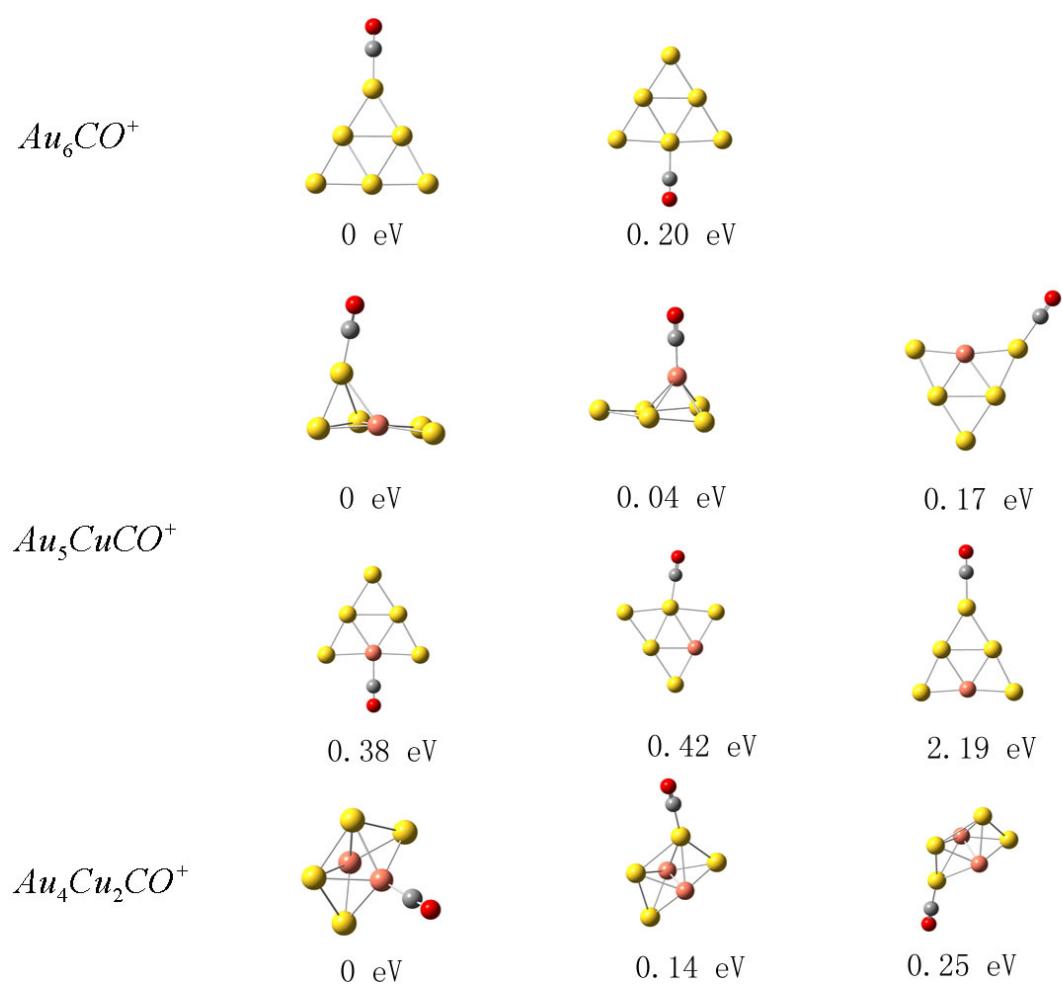


Figure S6. Isomers for $Au_nCu_m^+$ with $n+m=6$.



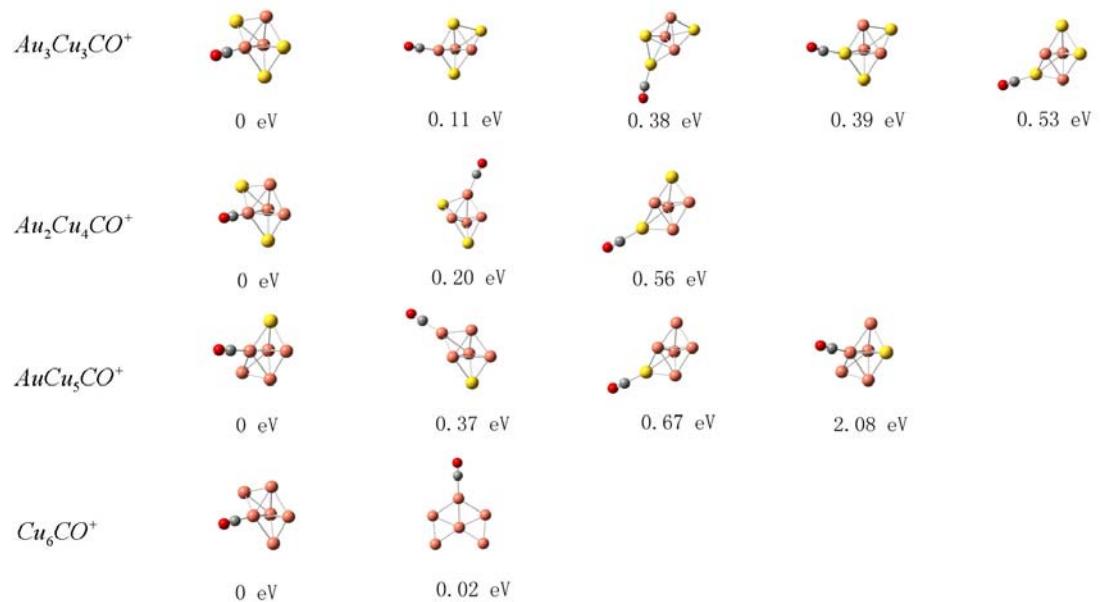


Figure S7. Isomers for $Au_nCu_mCO^+$ with $n+m=6$.

TABLE I: NBO charge on atoms of Au_nCu_m^+ and $\text{Au}_n\text{Cu}_m\text{CO}^+$ ($n+m=2$)

| No. | 1 | 2 | 3 (C atom) | 4 (O atom) |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Au_2^+ | 0.500 | 0.500 | | |
| Au_2CO^+ | 0.416 | 0.427 | 0.463 | -0.306 |
| AuCu^+ | (Au) 0.271 | (Cu) 0.729 | | |
| AuCuCO^+ | (Au) 0.293 | (Cu) 0.615 | 0.407 | -0.315 |
| Cu_2^+ | 0.500 | 0.500 | | |
| Cu_2^+ | 0.437 | 0.486 | 0.399 | -0.322 |

TABLE II: NBO charge on atoms of Au_nCu_m^+ and $\text{Au}_n\text{Cu}_m\text{CO}^+$ ($n+m=3$)

| No. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 (C atom) | 5 (O atom) |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------|------------|------------|------------|
| Au_3^+ | 0.333 | 0.333 | 0.333 | | |
| Au_3CO^+ | 0.262 | 0.262 | 0.347 | 0.448 | -0.319 |
| Au_2Cu^+ | 0.205 | 0.205 | (Cu) 0.590 | | |
| Au_2CuCO^+ | 0.285 | 0.002 | (Cu) 0.587 | 0.449 | -0.322 |
| AuCu_2^+ | (Au) -0.016 | 0.508 | 0.508 | | |
| AuCu_2CO^+ | (Au) -0.116 | (0.539 | 0.485 | 0.422 | -0.330 |
| Cu_3^+ | 0.333 | 0.333 | 0.333 | | |
| Cu_3^+ | 0.283 | 0.283 | 0.353 | 0.418 | -0.337 |

TABLE III: NBO charge on atoms of Au_nCu_m^+ and $\text{Au}_n\text{Cu}_m\text{CO}^+$ ($n+m=4$)

| No. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 (C atom) | 6 (O atom) |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------|------------|------------|------------|
| Au_4^+ | 0.291 | 0.209 | 0.291 | 0.209 | | |
| Au_4CO^+ | 0.346 | 0.220 | 0.109 | 0.220 | 0.434 | -0.329 |
| Au_3Cu^+ | 0.203 | 0.137 | 0.137 | (Cu) 0.524 | | |
| Au_3CuCO^+ | 0.050 | 0.042 | 0.260 | (Cu) 0.526 | 0.450 | -0.328 |
| Au_2Cu_2^+ | 0.062 | (Cu) 0.438 | 0.062 | (Cu) 0.438 | | |
| $\text{Au}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{CO}^+$ | -0.093 | (Cu) 0.591 | -0.093 | (Cu) 0.519 | 0.413 | -0.338 |
| AuCu_3^+ | (Au) -0.020 | 0.355 | 0.355 | 0.311 | | |
| AuCu_3CO^+ | (Au) -0.075 | 0.404 | 0.274 | 0.338 | 0.401 | -0.343 |
| Cu_4^+ | 0.249 | 0.251 | 0.249 | 0.251 | | |
| Cu_4^+ | 0.120 | 0.267 | 0.294 | 0.267 | 0.393 | -0.340 |

TABLE IV: NBO charge on atoms of Au_nCu_m^+ and $\text{Au}_n\text{Cu}_m\text{CO}^+$ ($n+m=5$)

| No. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6(C atom) | 7(O atom) |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Au_5^+ | 0.247 | 0.247 | 0.247 | 0.247 | 0.013 | | |
| Au_5CO^+ | 0.232 | 0.234 | 0.049 | 0.357 | 0.024 | 0.446 | -0.341 |
| Au_4Cu^+ | 0.027 | -0.051 | 0.227 | 0.229 | (Cu) 0.568 | | |
| Au_4CuCO^+ | -0.004 | -0.044 | 0.355 | 0.018 | (Cu) 0.568 | 0.449 | -0.341 |
| Au_3Cu_2^+ | -0.012 | (Cu) 0.569 | -0.114 | (Cu) 0.569 | -0.012 | | |
| $\text{Au}_3\text{Cu}_4\text{CO}^+$ | -0.068 | (Cu) 0.545 | -0.092 | (Cu) 0.567 | -0.026 | 0.419 | -0.345 |
| Au_2Cu_3^+ | (Au) -0.329 | 0.553 | 0.552 | 0.552 | (Au) -0.329 | | |
| $\text{Au}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{CO}^+$ | (Au) -0.316 | 0.539 | 0.539 | 0.494 | (Au) -0.316 | 0.407 | -0.347 |
| AuCu_4^+ | (Au) -0.310 | 0.328 | 0.328 | 0.328 | 0.328 | | |
| AuCu_4CO^+ | (Au) -0.328 | 0.300 | 0.301 | 0.257 | 0.416 | 0.390 | -0.336 |
| Cu_5^+ | 0.265 | 0.265 | 0.264 | 0.265 | -0.059 | | |
| Cu_5CO^+ | 0.349 | 0.140 | 0.250 | 0.250 | -0.051 | 0.417 | -0.355 |

| No. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7(C atom) | 8(O atom) |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Au ₆ ⁺ | 0.225 | 0.05 | 0.225 | 0.223 | 0.223 | 0.054 | | |
| Au ₆ CO ⁺ | 0.325 | 0.068 | 0.086 | 0.065 | 0.240 | 0.091 | 0.456 | 0.330 |
| Au ₅ Cu ⁺ | 0.065 | (Cu)0.500 | 0.066 | 0.057 | 0.057 | 0.255 | | |
| Au ₅ CuCO ⁺ | -0.036 | (Cu) 0.417 | 0.280 | 0.154 | -0.074 | 0.139 | 0.452 | -0.331 |
| Au ₄ Cu ₂ ⁺ | 0.050 | 0.048 | -0.070 | (Cu) 0.522 | (Cu) 0.523 | -0.071 | | |
| Au ₄ Cu ₄ CO ⁺ | 0.053 | 0.054 | -0.050 | (Cu) 0.476 | (Cu) 0.485 | -0.058 | 0.395 | -0.347 |
| Au ₃ Cu ₃ ⁺ | (Au) -0.107 | 0.417 | (Au) -0.080 | 0.506 | 0.501 | (Au) -0.237 | | |
| Au ₃ Cu ₃ CO ⁺ | (Au) -0.095 | 0.423 | (Au) -0.066 | 0.446 | 0.469 | (Au) -0.223 | 0.400 | -0.353 |
| Au ₂ Cu ₄ ⁺ | 0.245 | 0.245 | (Au) -0.221 | 0.477 | 0.477 | (Au) -0.222 | | |
| Au ₂ Cu ₄ CO ⁺ | 0.255 | 0.261 | (Au) -0.207 | 0.445 | 0.413 | (Au) -0.207 | 0.396 | -0.356 |
| AuCu ₅ ⁺ | (Au) -0.259 | 0.100 | 0.244 | 0.113 | 0.401 | 0.401 | | |
| AuCu ₅ CO ⁺ | (Au) -0.230 | 0.109 | 0.261 | 0.139 | 0.381 | 0.315 | 0.388 | -0.336 |
| Cu ₆ ⁺ | 0.137 | 0.230 | 0.274 | -0.052 | 0.137 | 0.274 | | |
| Cu ₆ CO ⁺ | 0.117 | 0.115 | 0.112 | 0.212 | 0.324 | 0.112 | 0.372 | -0.365 |

TABLE V: NBO charge on atoms of Au_nCu_m⁺ and Au_nCu_mCO⁺ (n+m=6)