

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Trends in Structural, Electronic and Energetic Properties of Bimetallic
Vanadium Gold Clusters Au_nV with $n = 1-14$**

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Figure S1. MO shapes of AuV ($C_{\infty v}$)

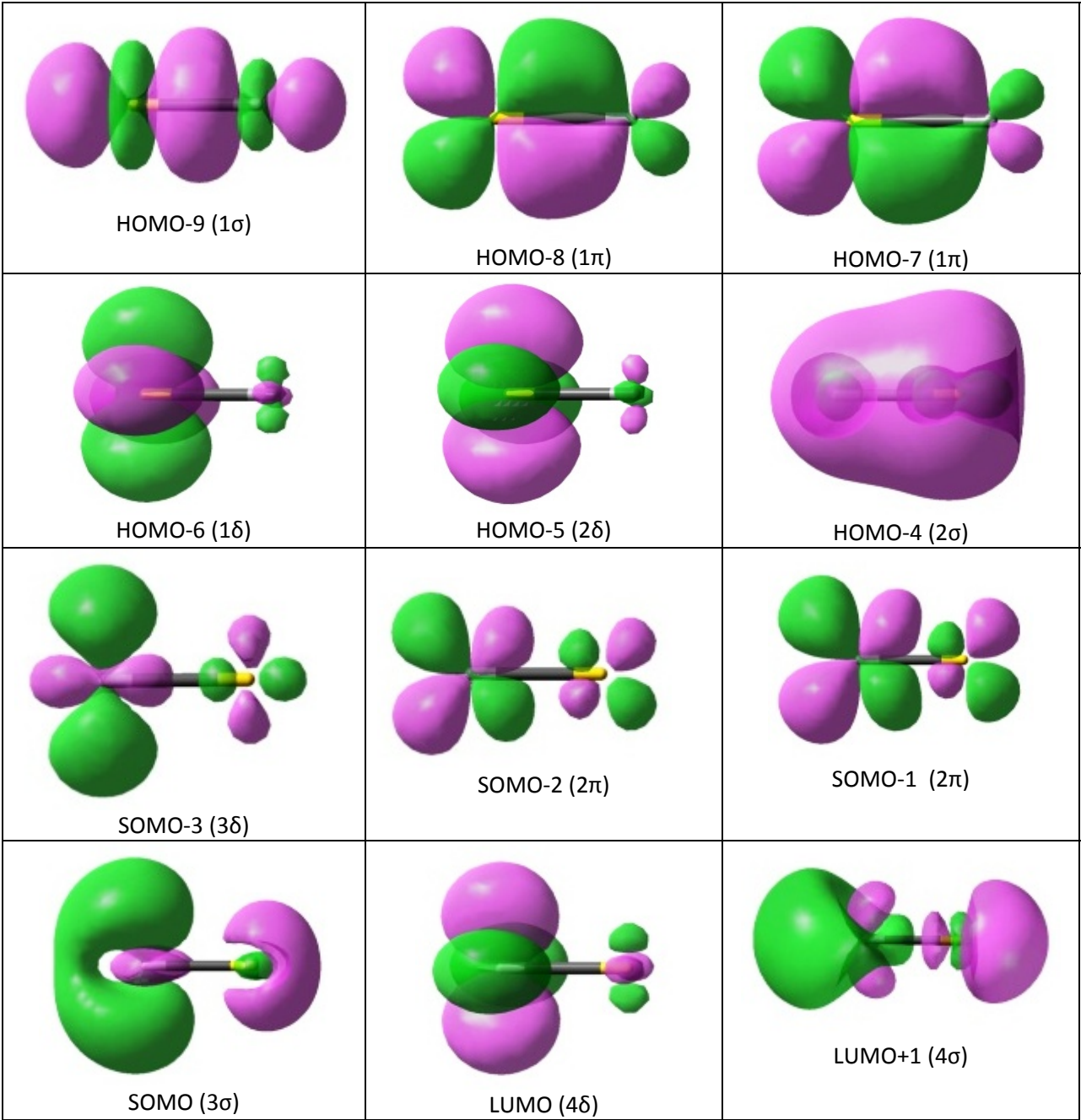


Figure S2. MO shapes of Au₃V giving rise from the interactions between valence AOs of V and Au atoms.

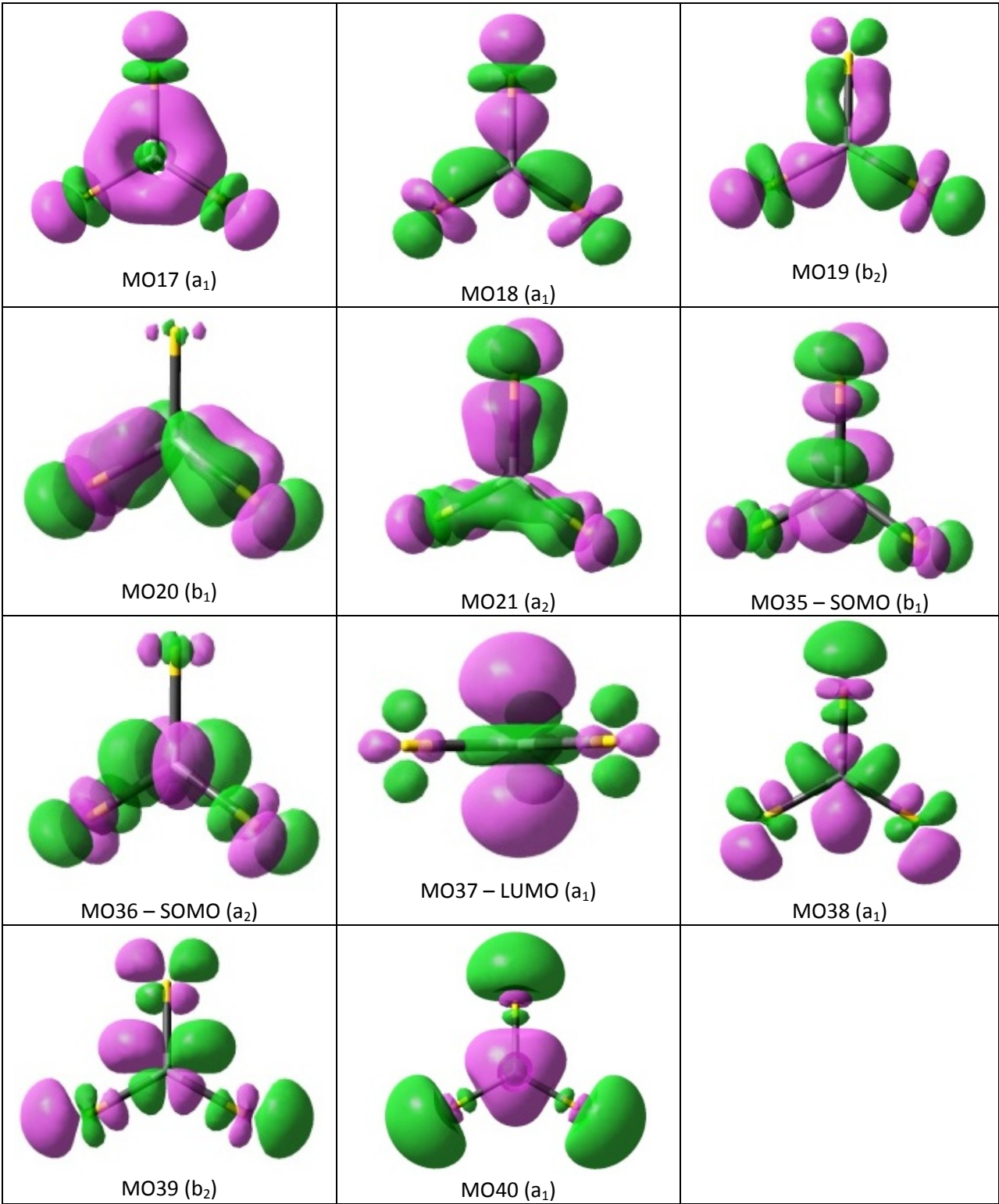
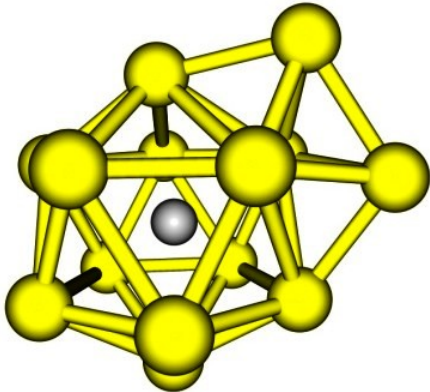
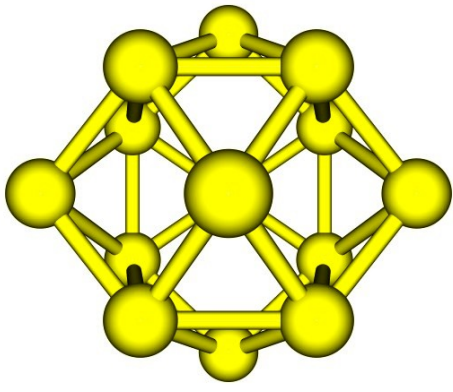
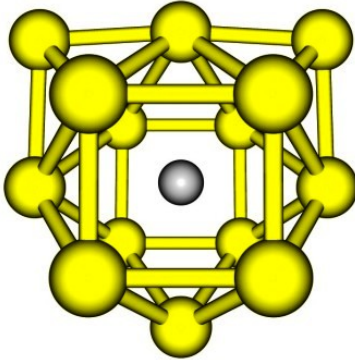
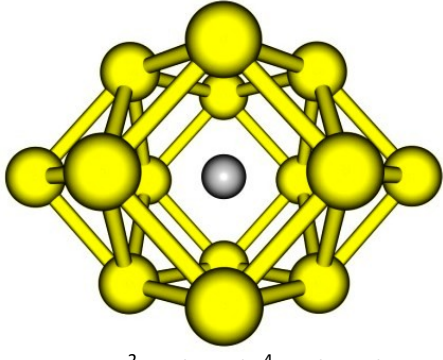
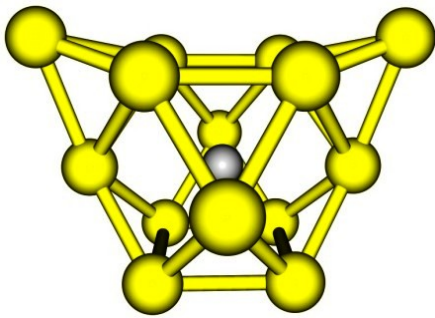
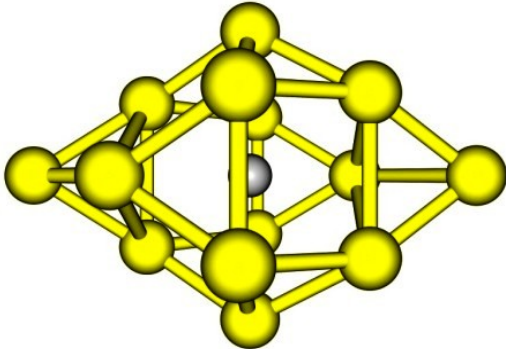
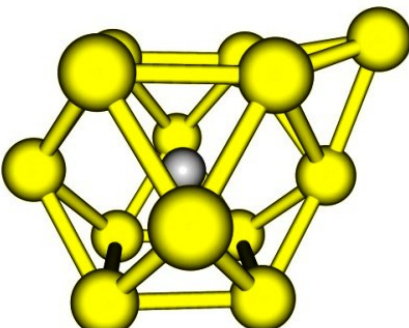
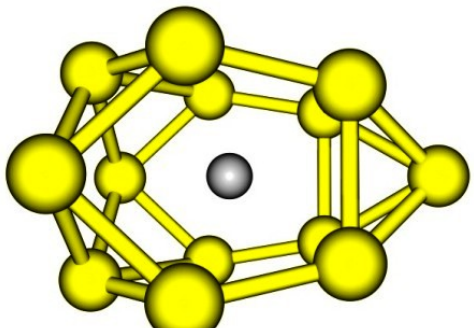
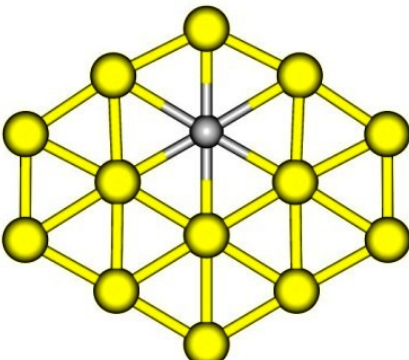
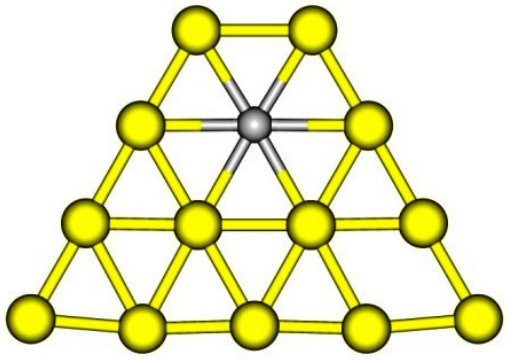
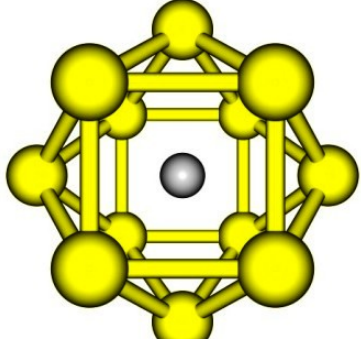
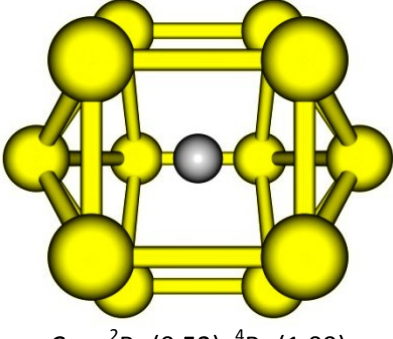
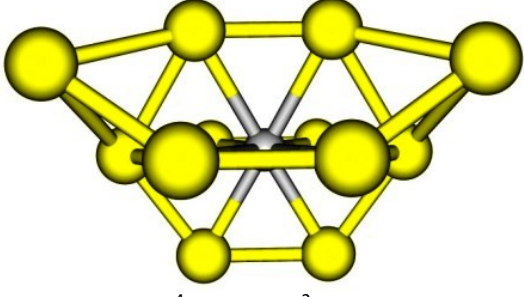
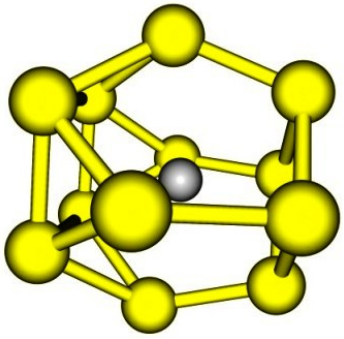
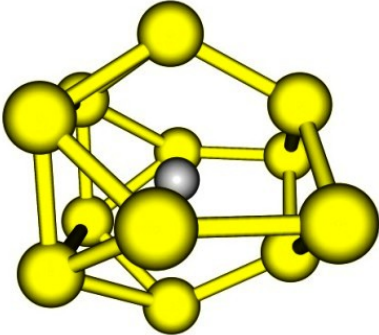
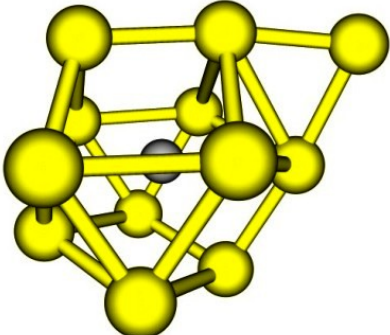
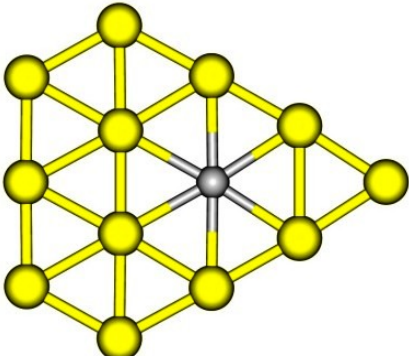
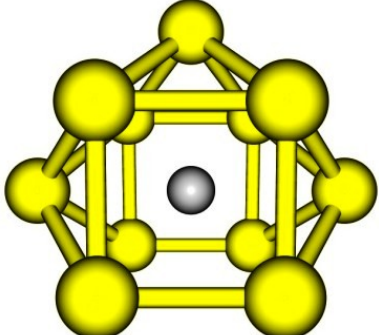
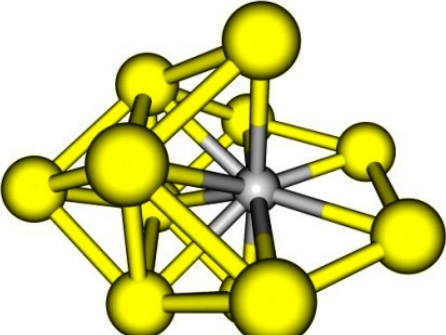
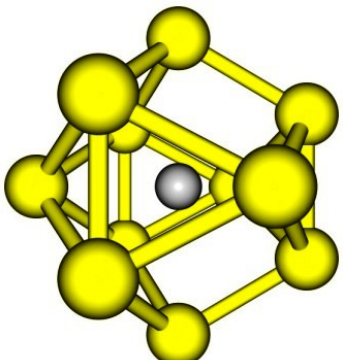
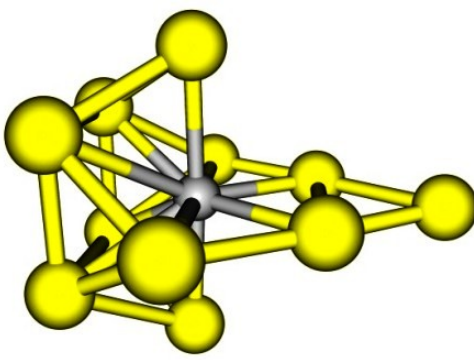
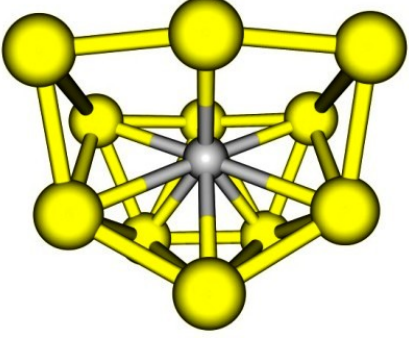
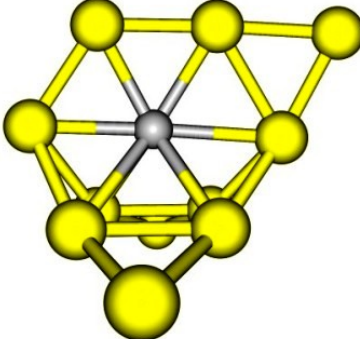
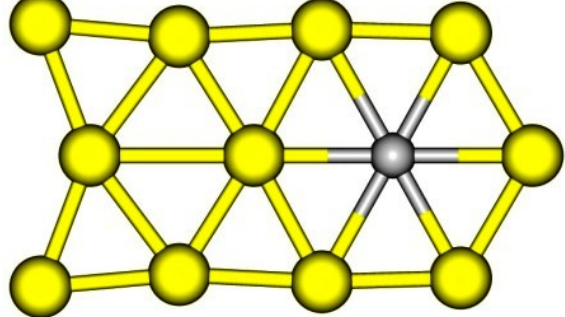
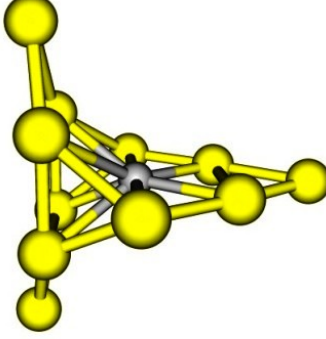
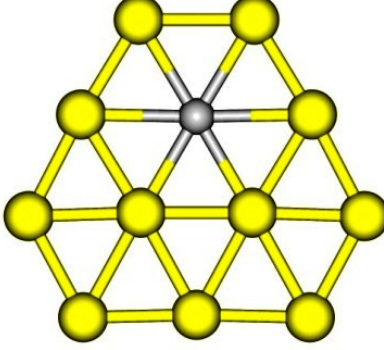
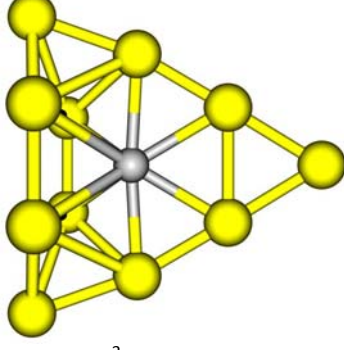


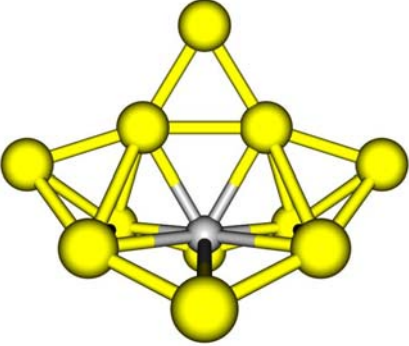
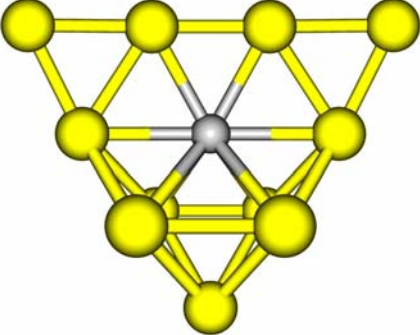
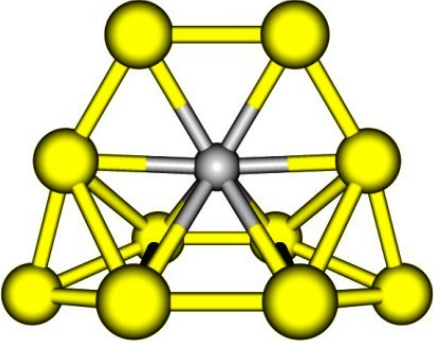
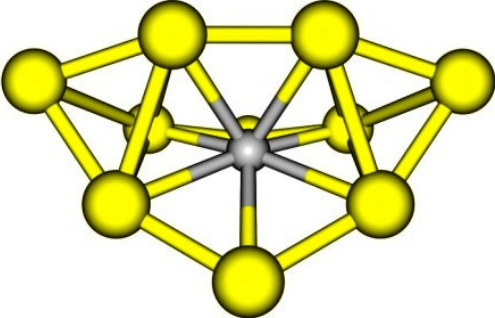
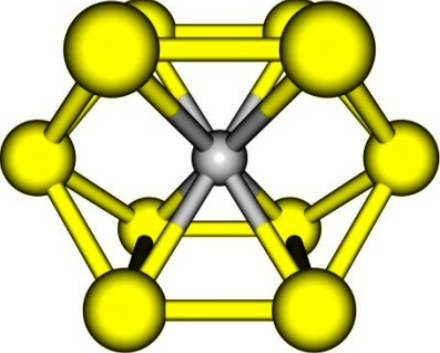
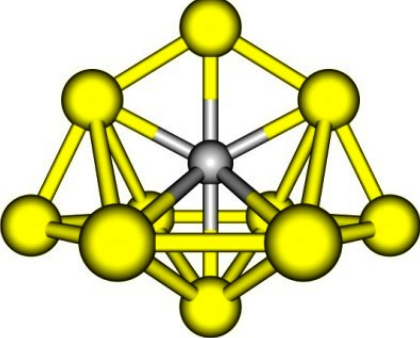
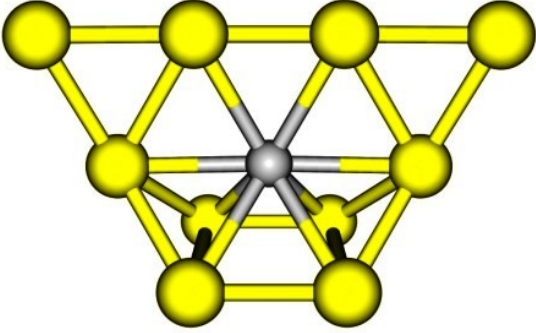
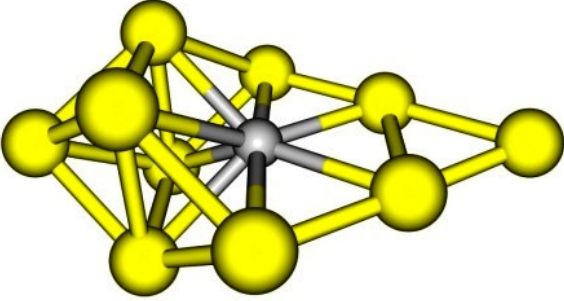
Figure S3. Selected Geometries and Relative Energies of Gold doped Vanadium Clusters Au_nV (BP86/LanL2DZ)

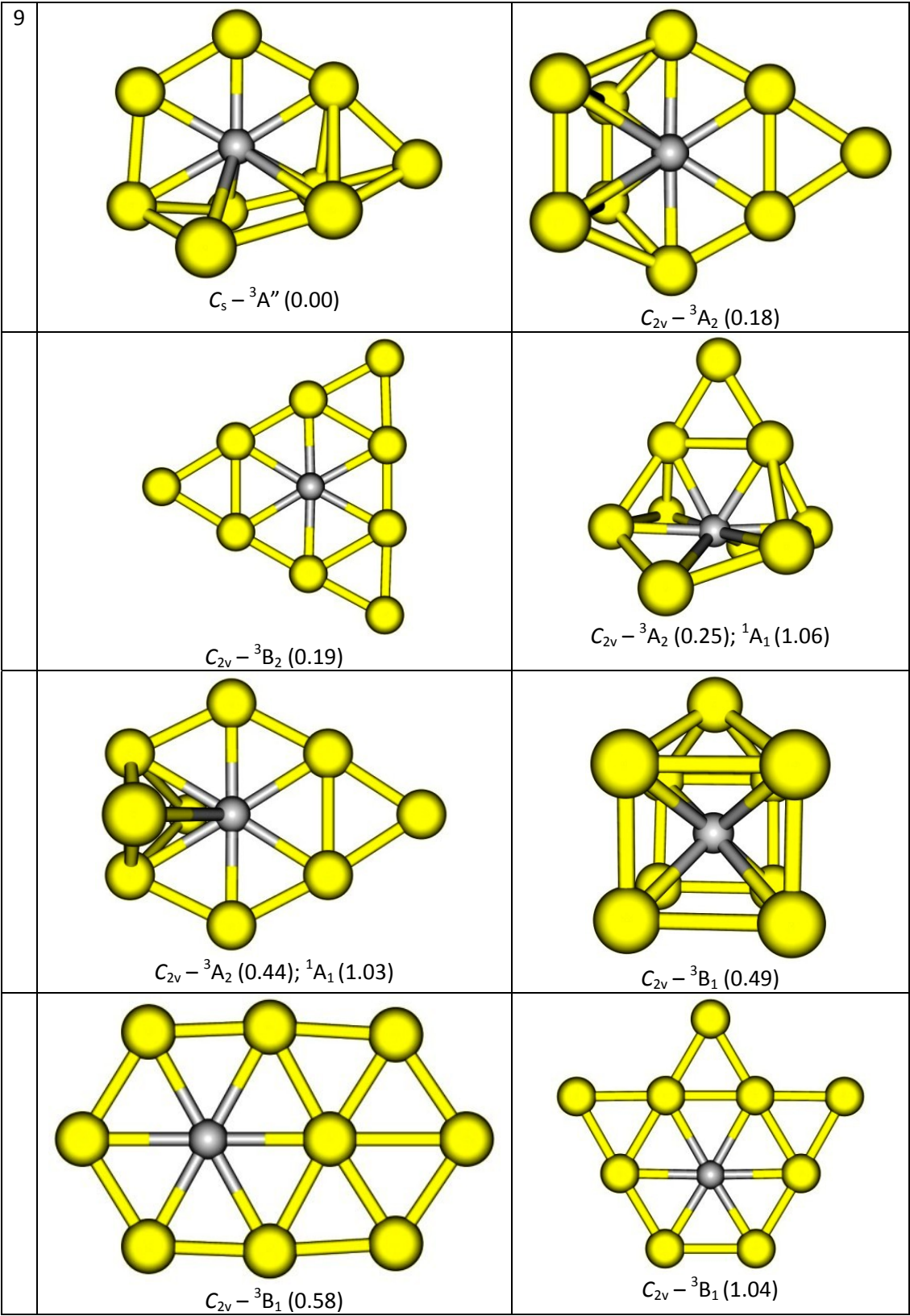
n	Structure, symmetry, electronic state and relative energy (eV)	
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		$D_{2d} - {}^2B_2 (0.09)$
		$C_{2v} - {}^2B_2 (0.18); {}^4B_2 (0.53)$
		$D_{4h} - {}^2A_{1g} (0.34); {}^4A_{2g} (0.63)$
13		$C_{2v} - {}^4B_2 (0.59); {}^2A_1 (0.63)$
		$C_{2h} - {}^4B_u (0.79); {}^2B_u (0.80)$

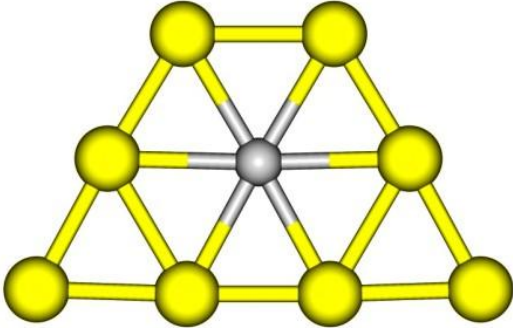
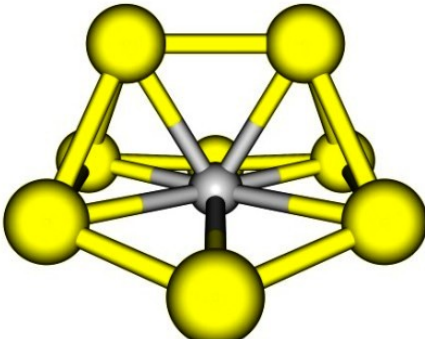
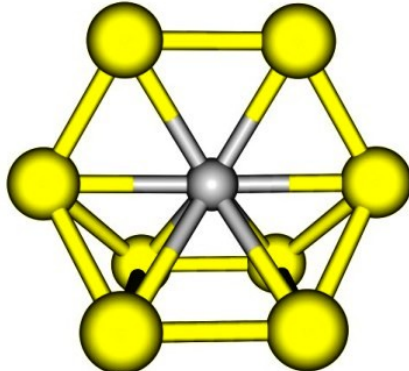
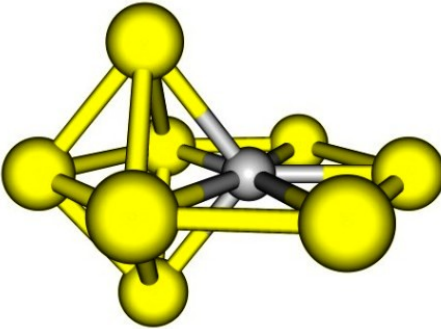
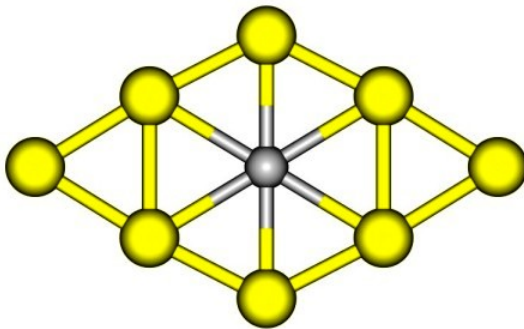
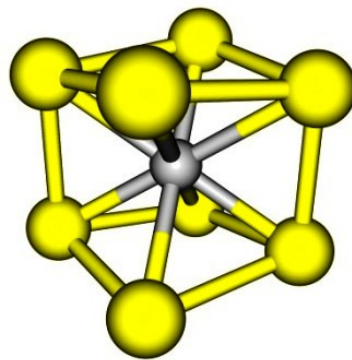
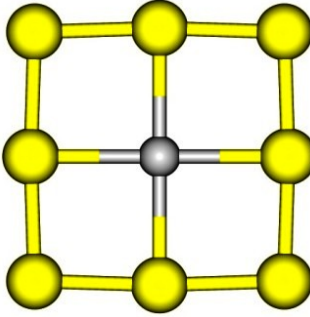
	$C_5 - ^1A' (0.00); ^3A'' (0.28)$  $C_5 - ^3A' (0.19); ^1A' (0.46)$	$C_{4v} - ^3B_1 (0.013); ^1A_1 (0.29)$  $C_{4v} - ^3B_1 (0.42)$
	 $C_{2v} - ^3A_2 (1.88)$	 $C_{2v} - ^3A_1 (1.97)$
12	 $D_{4h} - ^2A_{1g} (0.00); ^4A_{2g} (0.27)$	 $C_{2v} - ^2B_1 (0.52); ^4B_1 (1.09)$
	 $C_{2v} - ^4A_2 (0.67); ^2A_1 (0.80)$	 $C_{4v} - ^2B_1 (0.81)$

	 $C_{2v} - {}^4B_2$ (0.92)	 $C_{2v} - {}^4B_2$ (1.03); 2A_2 (1.07)
	 $C_{2v} - {}^4A_1$ (1.63); 2A_2 (1.83)	
11	 $C_{2v} - {}^3B_2$ (0.00); 1A_1 (0.46) [11-I]	 $C_{2v} - {}^3B_2$ (0.41)

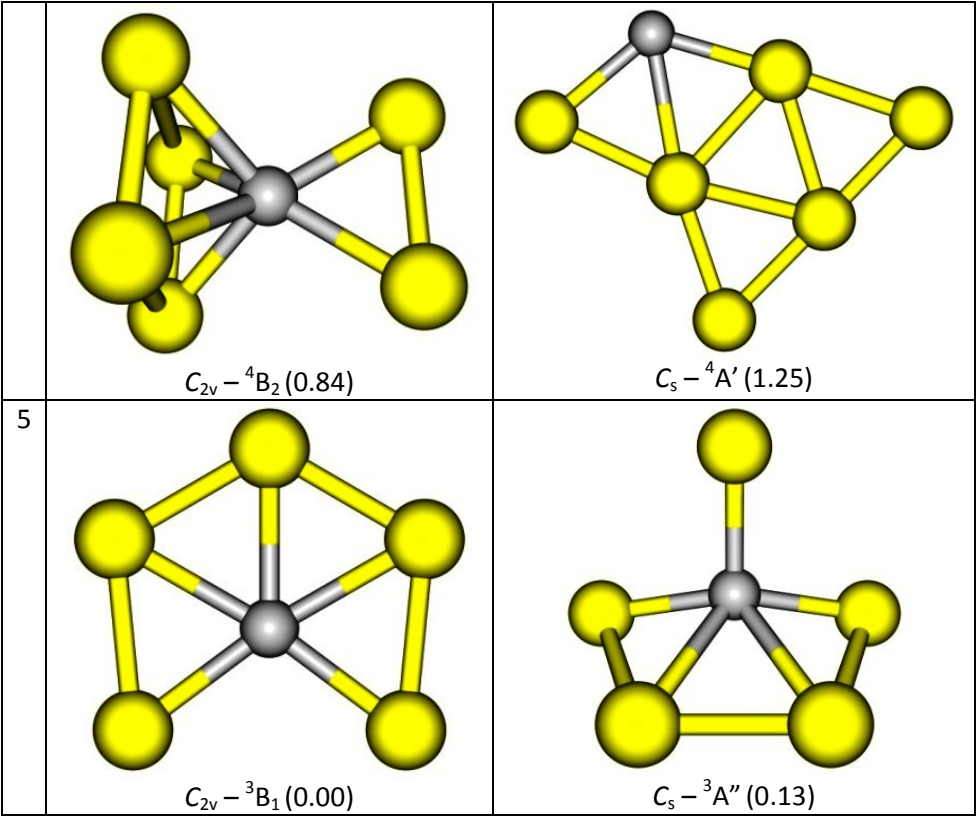
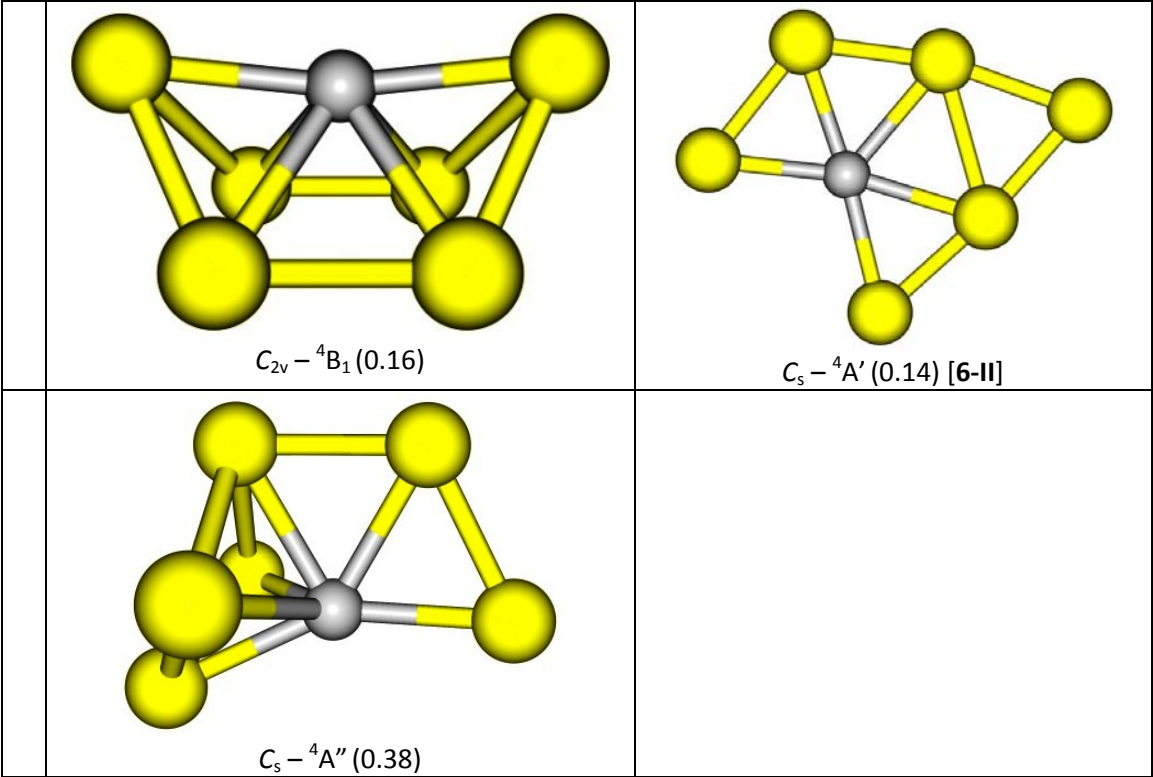
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 $C_{2v} - {}^3B_1$ (0.51); 1A_1 (0.87)	 $C_s - {}^3A''$ (0.73); ${}^1A'$ (1.75)	
 $C_{2v} - {}^3B_2$ (0.84)	 $C_{2v} - {}^3B_2$ (1.07)	
 $C_{2v} - {}^3B_2$ (1.14)	 $C_{2v} - {}^3A_2$ (0.46) [11-III]	

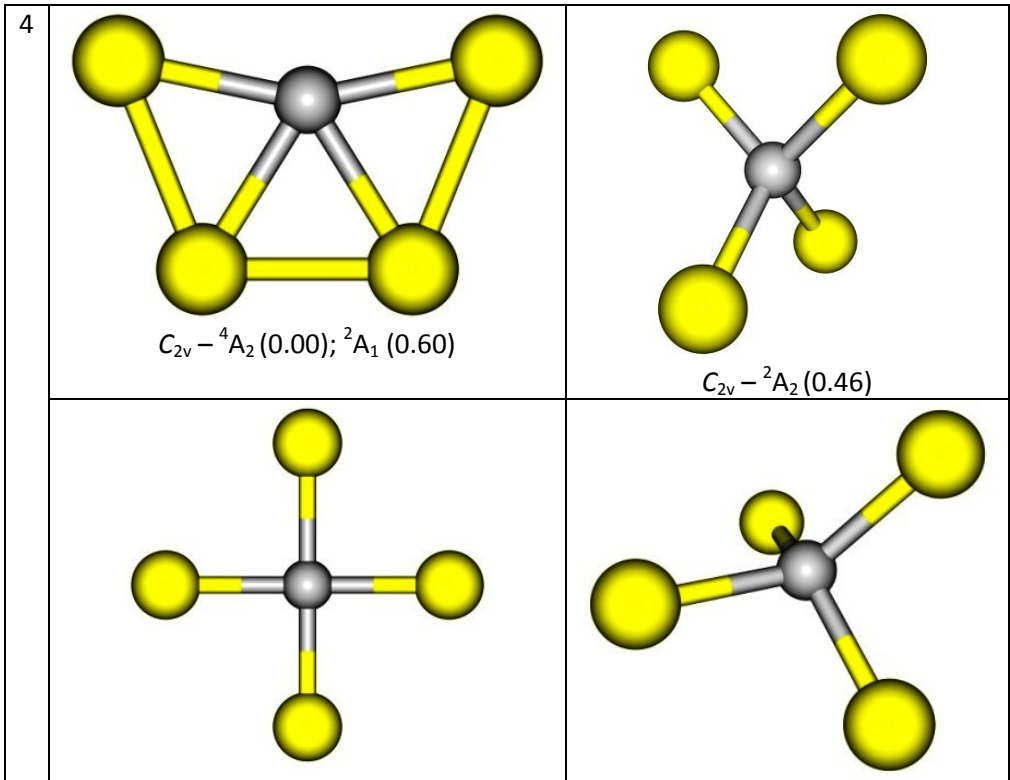
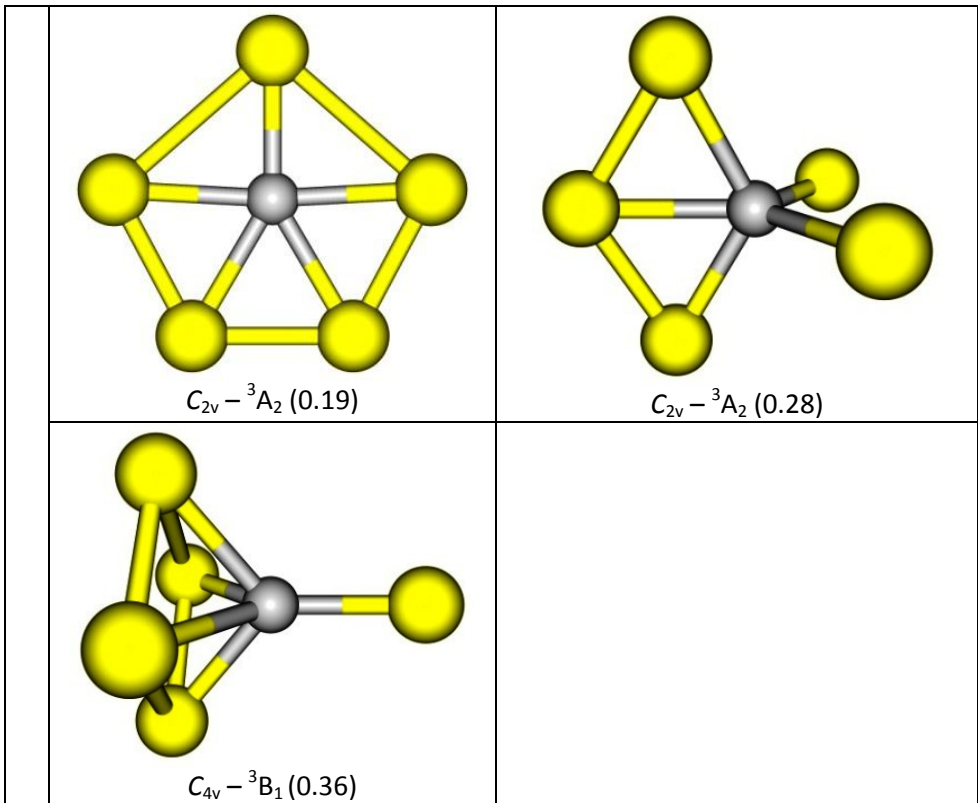
	 $C_{2v} - {}^3B_1 (1.13) [11-III]$	 $C_{2v} - {}^3A_2 (0.98)$
10	 $C_{2v} - {}^4A_2 (0.00); {}^2A_2 (0.23)$	 $C_{2v} - {}^2B_1 (0.025); {}^4A_2 (0.072)$
	 $D_{2h} - {}^4B_{2g} (0.05); {}^2B_{2g} (0.09)$	 $C_{2v} - {}^4B_2 (0.39); {}^2A_1 (0.44)$
	 $C_{2v} - {}^2A_2 (0.43)$	 $C_{2v} - {}^2A_2 (0.76)$



8	 $C_{2v} - {}^4B_2 (0.00); {}^2B_1 (0.53)$	 $C_{2v} - {}^4A_2 (0.15); {}^2A_2 (0.38)$
	 $C_{2v} - {}^4A_2 (0.20); {}^2A_1 (0.27)$	 $C_{2v} - {}^4B_1 (0.53); {}^2A_1 (0.76)$
	 $D_{2h} - {}^2B_{3u} (0.62)$	 $C_i - {}^4A_g (0.73); {}^2A_g (0.81)$
	 $D_{4h} - {}^4B_{2g} (0.86)$	

7	$C_{2v} - {}^3A_2$ (0.00) [7-I]	$C_{2v} - {}^3B_2$ (0.05) [7-II]
	$C_s - {}^3A''$ (0.30)	$C_{2v} - {}^3A_2$ (0.47); 1A_1 (0.87)
	$C_{2v} - {}^3B_2$ (0.57)	$C_s - {}^3A'$ (0.58)
6	$D_{2h} - {}^4B_{3g}$ (0.00); ${}^4B_{2g}$ (0.10); ${}^2B_{3g}$ (0.24)	$C_s - {}^4A''$ (0.15) [6-III]





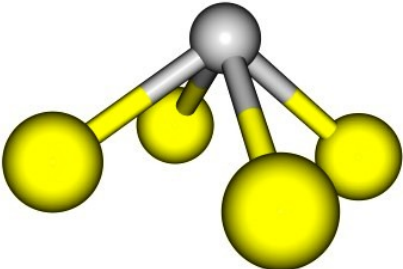
	$C_{2v} - {}^4B_{1g} (0.99)$	$D_{2d} - {}^4A_2 (1.01)$
	 $C_{4v} - {}^4A_2 (0.51); {}^2A_2 (0.91)$	

Table S1. The natural charges distributed on V of $V@Au_n^{0/+/-}$ clusters ($n = 1 - 14$) computed at BP86/cc-pVTZ-PP level of theory.

n	neutral	anion	cation
1	0.42	-0.34	1.11
2	0.64	0.06	0.86
3	0.23	-0.02	0.16
4	0.26	0.09	0.43
5	-0.16	-0.39	-0.08
6	-0.41	-0.60	-0.43
7	-0.31	-0.42	-0.16
8	-0.09	-0.18	-0.06
9	-1.62	-1.73	-1.65
10	-1.98	-1.90	-1.92
11	-3.59	-2.75	-3.56
12	-4.37	-4.09	-4.18
13	-4.04	-4.23	-4.25
14	-4.53	-4.31	-4.92

Table S2. Electronegativity of gold clusters as a function of cluster size estimated from the Mulliken formula, $EN = 0.187(IE + EA)$, where IE and EA are experimental ionization energy and electron affinity of gold clusters.

n	Expt IE ² (eV)	Expt ADE ³ (eV)	Mulliken Electronegativity (eV)
2	9.50	1.92	2.14
3	7.50	3.88	2.13
4	8.60	2.70	2.11
5	8.0	3.06	2.07
6	8.80	2.06	2.03
7	7.8	3.40	2.09
8	8.65	2.73	2.13
9	7.15	3.81	2.05
10	8.2	3.89	2.26
11	7.28	3.76	2.06
12	8.15	3.03	2.09
13	7.70	3.91	2.17
14	8.00	2.94	2.05
15	7.65		

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Table S3. Coordinates of selected species

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	79	-0.916560000	1.827275000	-1.575074000
	79	1.487683000	2.208747000	0.000000000
	79	0.045146000	-0.342160000	-2.930301000
	79	-1.396459000	-2.868667000	0.000000000
	79	0.045146000	-0.342160000	2.930301000
	79	0.992047000	-2.518748000	1.476984000
	79	0.992047000	-2.518748000	-1.476984000
	79	2.387675000	0.046093000	-1.444011000
	79	2.387675000	0.046093000	1.444011000
	23	0.051832000	-0.378785000	0.000000000
	79	-0.538721000	4.085885000	0.000000000
12-I	79	0.000000000	2.040275000	1.914781000
	79	2.040275000	0.000000000	1.914781000
	79	0.000000000	-2.040275000	1.914781000
	79	-2.040275000	0.000000000	1.914781000
	79	-2.027815000	2.027815000	0.000000000
	79	-2.027815000	-2.027815000	0.000000000
	79	2.027815000	-2.027815000	0.000000000
	79	2.027815000	2.027815000	0.000000000
	79	2.040275000	0.000000000	-1.914781000
	79	0.000000000	-2.040275000	-1.914781000
	79	-2.040275000	0.000000000	-1.914781000
	79	0.000000000	2.040275000	-1.914781000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000

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11-I	79	1.985506000	1.417363000	1.184597000
	79	0.000000000	2.856022000	-0.314063000
	79	-1.985506000	1.417363000	1.184597000
	79	-1.985506000	-1.417363000	1.184597000
	79	1.985506000	-1.417363000	1.184597000
	79	0.000000000	-2.856022000	-0.314063000
	79	2.059605000	-1.375723000	-1.663732000
	79	2.059605000	1.375723000	-1.663732000
	79	-2.059605000	1.375723000	-1.663732000
	79	-2.059605000	-1.375723000	-1.663732000
	79	0.000000000	0.000000000	2.661209000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	-0.301784000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	-0.301784000
10-I	79	0.000000000	2.648426000	1.385906000
	79	-2.315408000	-1.370405000	0.744792000
	79	0.000000000	-2.648426000	1.385906000
	79	2.315408000	-1.370405000	0.744792000
	79	2.315408000	1.370405000	0.744792000
	79	-2.315408000	1.370405000	0.744792000
	79	0.000000000	2.050724000	-1.309071000
	79	-1.821531000	0.000000000	-1.636364000
	79	0.000000000	-2.050724000	-1.309071000
	79	1.821531000	0.000000000	-1.636364000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.483159000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.483159000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.483159000
10-II	79	-1.493866000	2.257000000	0.620014000
	79	-1.493866000	-2.257000000	0.620014000
	79	-2.591208000	0.000000000	1.407601000
	79	1.493866000	-2.257000000	0.620014000
	79	1.493866000	2.257000000	0.620014000
	79	2.591208000	0.000000000	1.407601000
	79	0.000000000	3.908851000	-0.917354000
	79	0.000000000	-1.303411000	-1.802428000
	79	0.000000000	1.303411000	-1.802428000
	79	0.000000000	-3.908851000	-0.917354000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.495657000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.495657000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.495657000
10-III	79	1.323275000	1.866796000	1.421063000
	79	1.323275000	1.866796000	-1.421063000
	79	2.798985000	0.000000000	0.000000000
	79	-1.323275000	1.866796000	-1.421063000
	79	-2.798985000	0.000000000	0.000000000
	79	-1.323275000	1.866796000	1.421063000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
	79	1.323275000	-1.866796000	1.421063000
	79	-1.323275000	-1.866796000	1.421063000
	79	-1.323275000	-1.866796000	-1.421063000
	79	1.323275000	-1.866796000	-1.421063000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000

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9-I	79	1.396785000	-1.488001000	1.554856000
	79	1.396785000	-1.488001000	-1.554856000
	79	-0.007086000	-3.360193000	0.000000000
	79	-2.509435000	-2.242654000	0.000000000
	79	-3.035495000	0.430634000	0.000000000
	79	1.396785000	1.183006000	-1.440678000
	79	-1.140315000	2.293434000	0.000000000
	79	1.396785000	1.183006000	1.440678000
	23	-0.510454000	-0.406486000	0.000000000
	79	1.253803000	3.607115000	0.000000000
9-II	79	0.467300000	2.902351000	1.385077000
	79	1.086057000	0.546086000	2.685181000
	79	0.524202000	-1.867399000	-1.639568000
	79	-0.664577000	-3.760109000	0.000000000
	79	0.524202000	-1.867399000	1.639568000
	79	1.086057000	0.546086000	-2.685181000
	79	0.467300000	2.902351000	-1.385077000
	79	-1.831657000	1.583548000	0.000000000
	79	-1.822653000	-1.106648000	0.000000000
	23	0.599590000	0.420965000	0.000000000
9-III	79	0.000000000	1.389500000	2.276401000
	79	0.000000000	2.693062000	0.066129000
	79	0.000000000	-2.693062000	0.066129000
	79	0.000000000	1.284388000	-2.335970000
	79	0.000000000	-1.284388000	-2.335970000
	79	0.000000000	-1.389500000	2.276401000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	-0.002721000
	79	0.000000000	3.946425000	-2.282470000
	79	0.000000000	-3.946425000	-2.282470000
	79	0.000000000	0.000000000	4.552611000
8-I	79	0.000000000	1.371708000	2.822238000
	79	0.000000000	2.746084000	0.611490000
	79	0.000000000	-2.746084000	0.611490000
	79	0.000000000	1.289783000	-1.798448000
	79	0.000000000	-1.289783000	-1.798448000
	79	0.000000000	-1.371708000	2.822238000
	79	0.000000000	3.972502000	-1.715713000
	79	0.000000000	-3.972502000	-1.715713000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.552543000

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8-II	79	2.373051000	1.419189000	0.481368000
	79	-2.373051000	1.419189000	0.481368000
	79	0.000000000	2.657541000	0.805623000
	79	-2.373051000	-1.419189000	0.481368000
	79	2.373051000	-1.419189000	0.481368000
	79	0.000000000	-2.657541000	0.805623000
	79	-1.347603000	0.000000000	-1.842689000
	79	1.347603000	0.000000000	-1.842689000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.510610000
8-III	79	-1.462452000	1.344112000	-1.527361000
	79	1.462452000	1.344112000	-1.527361000
	79	0.000000000	2.698039000	0.361075000
	79	0.000000000	1.372863000	2.642660000
	79	0.000000000	-1.372863000	2.642660000
	79	1.462452000	-1.344112000	-1.527361000
	79	0.000000000	-2.698039000	0.361075000
	79	-1.462452000	-1.344112000	-1.527361000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.350257000
7-I	79	0.000000000	0.000000000	3.916003000
	79	0.000000000	1.441509000	1.698403000
	79	0.000000000	-1.441509000	1.698403000
	79	0.000000000	2.611979000	-0.610453000
	79	0.000000000	-2.611979000	-0.610453000
	79	0.000000000	1.336927000	-2.955320000
	79	0.000000000	-1.336927000	-2.955320000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	-0.622596000
7-II	79	0.000000000	3.716726000	-0.833590000
	79	0.000000000	1.316816000	-1.981461000
	79	0.000000000	-1.316816000	-1.981461000
	79	0.000000000	-3.716726000	-0.833590000
	79	0.000000000	-2.261021000	1.383825000
	79	0.000000000	0.000000000	2.799839000
	79	0.000000000	2.261021000	1.383825000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.215062000

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6-I	79	0.000000000	2.320921000	1.304657000
	79	0.000000000	0.000000000	2.695984000
	79	0.000000000	0.000000000	-2.695984000
	79	0.000000000	-2.320921000	1.304657000
	79	0.000000000	-2.320921000	-1.304657000
	79	0.000000000	2.320921000	-1.304657000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
5-I	79	0.000000000	2.273980000	0.873471000
	79	0.000000000	0.000000000	2.183683000
	79	0.000000000	2.063366000	-1.900764000
	79	0.000000000	-2.273980000	0.873471000
	79	0.000000000	-2.063366000	-1.900764000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	-0.443424000
5-II	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	-0.450340000
	79	0.000000000	0.000000000	2.204619000
	79	0.000000000	2.242713000	0.813285000
	79	1.939298000	0.000000000	-1.850038000
	79	-1.939298000	0.000000000	-1.850038000
	79	0.000000000	-2.242713000	0.813285000
5-III	79	0.638074000	-0.883482000	2.374631000
	79	0.572490000	1.665387000	1.316274000
	79	0.572490000	1.665387000	-1.316274000
	79	0.638074000	-0.883482000	-2.374631000
	79	-2.358076000	-1.401509000	0.000000000
	23	-0.121780000	-0.541840000	0.000000000
4-I	79	0.000000000	2.516071000	1.176551000
	79	0.000000000	1.313906000	-1.316172000
	79	0.000000000	-1.313906000	-1.316172000
	79	0.000000000	-2.516071000	1.176551000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.959137000
4-II	79	1.419559000	1.419559000	1.419559000
	79	-1.419559000	-1.419559000	1.419559000
	79	-1.419559000	1.419559000	-1.419559000
	79	1.419559000	-1.419559000	-1.419559000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
3-I	79	0.000000000	0.000000000	2.397640000
	79	0.000000000	2.077844000	-1.198723000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	-0.000667000
	79	0.000000000	-2.077844000	-1.198723000
2-I	79	0.000000000	2.387230000	-0.064238000
	79	0.000000000	-2.387230000	-0.064238000
	23	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.441287000