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# Chiroptical activity of Au<sub>13</sub> clusters: experimental and theoretical understandings of the origin of helical charge movements

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### I. Experimental Details

### A. Materials

Methanol (99.5%), acetonitrile (99%), and diethyl ether (99%) were purchased from Kanto Chemical Co., Inc. Ethanol (99%), tetramethylammonium chloride, and potassium hexafluorophosphate were obtained from Fujifilm Wako Pure Chemical Corporation. Sodium borohydride was obtained from TCI Co., Ltd. (R,R)-1,2-Bis[(2-methoxyphenyl)(phenylphosphino)]ethane (R,R -DIPAMP,  $\geq$ 95%) and (S,S)-1,2-bis[(2methoxyphenyl)(phenylphosphino)]ethane (S,S -DIPAMP, 95%) were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich. All reagents were used as received. The precursors Au<sub>2</sub>(R,R-DIPAMP)Cl<sub>2</sub> and Au<sub>2</sub>(S,S-DIPAMP)Cl<sub>2</sub> were prepared from AuCl(SMe<sub>2</sub>) according to the literature with some modifications.<sup>[1,2]</sup>

### **B.** Syntheses

[Au<sub>13</sub>(*R*,*R*-DIPAMP)<sub>5</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (**2**-*R*·(PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub>): Tetramethylammonium chloride (77.8 mg, 710 µmol) and Au<sub>2</sub>(*R*,*R*-DIPAMP)Cl<sub>2</sub> (65.6 mg, 71 µmol) were added to ethanol (12 mL), and the mixture, to which an ethanolic solution (1 mL) of sodium borohydride (5.4 mg, 140 µmol) was added dropwise, was stirred for 3 h at 25 °C. Subsequently, the resulting brownish solution was treated with 12 N HCl (125 µL), and stirring continued for an additional 24 h. After this time, the resulting mixture was dried in vacuo, the residue was redissolved in methanol, treated with excess potassium hexafluorophosphate to give a red precipitate, which was collected by filtration. The red solid was then washed with diethyl ether and methanol, and further purified by vapor diffusion of diethyl ether into an acetonitrile solution to give **2**-*R*·(PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> as red crystals (17.6 mg, 30 % based on Au). ESI-MS (m/z): 1641.2 ([M–3PF<sub>6</sub>]<sup>3+</sup>). Elemental analysis: calcd (%) for **2**-*R*·(PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (C<sub>140</sub>H<sub>140</sub>Au<sub>13</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>18</sub>O<sub>10</sub>P<sub>13</sub>): C 31.38, H 2.63; found: C 31.00, H 2.53; no nitrogen was found. The antipode (**2**-*S*·(PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub>) was prepared (21.1 mg, 36 % based on Au) and characterized similarly. Elemental analysis: calcd (%) for **2**-*S*·(PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (C<sub>140</sub>H<sub>140</sub>Au<sub>13</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>18</sub>O<sub>10</sub>P<sub>13</sub>): C 31.38, H 2.63; found: C 31.12, H 2.46; no nitrogen was found.

### C. Measurements

Optical absorption and circular dichroism spectra were recorded using JASCO V-670 and JASCO J-760 spectrometers, respectively. Circularly polarized luminescence and photoluminescence spectra (uncorrected) were measured using JASCO CPL-300 spectrometer. Corrected photoluminescence spectra were obtained using JASCO FP-8700 spectrometer. Photoluminescence quantum yields were determined relative to anthracene in ethanol. Crystal structure data were collected on a Bruker SMART Apex II CCD diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). All crystal structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods on  $F^2$  using APEX 2 software. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were located at calculated positions and refined isotropically. ESI mass spectrometry was performed using a Bruker micrOTOF-HS mass spectrometer.

#### **II.** Computational Details

All calculations were performed using density functional theory (DFT) and time-dependent DFT (TDDFT) methods with a TURBOMOLE package.<sup>[3]</sup> The cluster model  $[Au_{13}(PH_3)_{10}Cl_2]^{3+}$  ( $\theta = 36^{\circ}$ ) was obtained from a ground-state geometry-optimization calculation with the crystallographically determined structure  $[Au_{13}(PMe_2Ph)_{10}Cl_2]^{3+}$ ,<sup>[4]</sup> following a replacement of the hydrocarbon groups with hydrogen atoms. The other structure models of  $[Au_{13}(PH_3)_{10}Cl_2]^{3+}$  with various torsion angles were built from the twisting of the two equatorial Au<sub>5</sub> rings with PH<sub>3</sub> ligands of the model ( $\theta = 36^{\circ}$ ) around the axial axis. Ground- and excited-state calculations were performed at the B3LYP level of theory<sup>[5,6]</sup> using the def-SV(P) basis set.<sup>[7]</sup> The default 60-electron relativistic effective core potential (ECP)<sup>[8]</sup> was employed for the Au atoms, and the resolution of identity (RI) approximation for coulomb interactions<sup>[9]</sup> was used to speed up the calculations.

## **III. Experimental Results**

## A. ORTEP Drawing of 2-R·(PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub>



**Fig. S1.** ORTEP drawing for  $2-R \cdot (PF_6)_3$ . Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. For clarity, hydrogen atoms are omitted.

# B. Crystal Data of 2-R·(PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub>

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for  $2-R \cdot (PF_6)_3$ .

| Empirical formula                         | $C_{140}H_{140}Au_{13}Cl_2F_{18}O_{10}P_{13}\\$                                   |                               |  |
|---|---|-------------------------------|--|
| Formula weight                            | 5358.59 g/mol   |                               |  |
| Temperature                               | 90(0) K   |                               |  |
| Wavelength                                | 0.71073 Å   |                               |  |
| Crystal size                              | 0.40 x 0.45 x 0.63 mm   | 3                             |  |
| Crystal system                            | Orthorhombic  |                               |  |
| Space group                               | $P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$  |                               |  |
| Unit cell dimensions                      | a = 18.902(2) Å   | $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$         |  |
|   | b = 30.413(3) Å   | $\beta = 90^{\circ}$          |  |
|   | c = 31.212(3) Å   | $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$         |  |
| Volume                                    | 17943.(3) Å <sup>3</sup>  |                               |  |
| Ζ   | 4   |                               |  |
| Density (calculated)                      | 1.984 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>   |                               |  |
| Absorption coefficient                    | 10.792 mm <sup>-1</sup>   |                               |  |
| <i>F</i> (000)                            | 9912  |                               |  |
| Theta range for data collection           | 0.94 to 27.57°  |                               |  |
| Index ranges                              | $-24 \le h \le 22, -28 \le k \le$   | $\leq 39, -39 \leq l \leq 40$ |  |
| Reflections collected                     | 104645  |                               |  |
| Independent reflections                   | 41260 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0753]  |                               |  |
| Completeness to theta = $27.57^{\circ}$   | 99.7 %  |                               |  |
| Absorption correction                     | Multi-scan  |                               |  |
| Max. and min. transmission                | 0.0990 and 0.0560   |                               |  |
| Refinement method                         | Full-matrix least-squar   | tes on $F^2$                  |  |
| Data / restraints / parameters            | 41260 / 2818 / 1535   |                               |  |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                  | 1.020   |                               |  |
| Reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$         | 30087   |                               |  |
| Final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ | $R_1 = 0.0747, wR_2 = 0.$   | 1617                          |  |
| R indices (all data)                      | $R_1 = 0.1109, wR_2 = 0.$   | 1785                          |  |
| Largest diff. peak and hole               | Largest diff. peak and hole $3.014 \text{ and } -3.282 \text{ e}^{\text{Å}^{-3}}$ |                               |  |

## C. ORTEP Drawing of 2-S·(PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub>



**Fig. S2.** ORTEP drawing for  $2-S \cdot (PF_6)_3$ . Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. For clarity, hydrogen atoms are omitted.

# D. Crystal Data of 2-S·(PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub>

**Table S2.** Crystal data and structure refinement for  $2-S \cdot (PF_6)_3$ .

| Empirical formula                         | $C_{140}H_{140}Au_{13}Cl_2F_{18}O_{10}P_{13}\\$ |                                   |  |  |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Formula weight                            | 5358.59 g/mol                                   |                                   |  |  |
| Temperature                               | 90(0) K   |                                   |  |  |
| Wavelength                                | 0.71073 Å                                       |                                   |  |  |
| Crystal size                              | 0.29 x 0.52 x 0.58 mm                           | 3                                 |  |  |
| Crystal system                            | Orthorhombic                                    |                                   |  |  |
| Space group                               | $P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$                              |                                   |  |  |
| Unit cell dimensions                      | a = 18.927(2) Å                                 | $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$             |  |  |
|   | b = 30.464(3) Å                                 | $\beta = 90^{\circ}$              |  |  |
|   | c = 31.269(4) Å                                 | $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$             |  |  |
| Volume                                    | 18029.(3) Å <sup>3</sup>                        |                                   |  |  |
| Ζ   | 4   |                                   |  |  |
| Density (calculated)                      | 1.974 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>                         |                                   |  |  |
| Absorption coefficient                    | 10.741 mm <sup>-1</sup>                         |                                   |  |  |
| <i>F</i> (000)                            | 9912  |                                   |  |  |
| Theta range for data collection           | $0.93$ to $27.52^\circ$                         |                                   |  |  |
| Index ranges                              | $-24 \le h \le 23, -39 \le k \le$               | $37, -40 \le l \le 15$            |  |  |
| Reflections collected                     | 104813  |                                   |  |  |
| Independent reflections                   | 41247 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0811]                |                                   |  |  |
| Completeness to theta = $27.52^{\circ}$   | 99.7 %  |                                   |  |  |
| Absorption correction                     | Multi-scan                                      |                                   |  |  |
| Max. and min. transmission                | 0.1470 and 0.0620                               |                                   |  |  |
| Refinement method                         | Full-matrix least-squar                         | tes on $F^2$                      |  |  |
| Data / restraints / parameters            | 41247 / 2626 / 1536                             |                                   |  |  |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                  | 1.023   |                                   |  |  |
| Reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$         | 28138   |                                   |  |  |
| Final <i>R</i> indices $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ | $R_1 = 0.0799, wR_2 = 0.$                       | 1670                              |  |  |
| R indices (all data)                      | $R_1 = 0.1288, wR_2 = 0.$                       | 1899                              |  |  |
| Largest diff. peak and hole               | 4.033 and -2.925 $e{\mbox{\AA}^{-3}}$           | 4.033 and -2.925 eÅ <sup>-3</sup> |  |  |

### E. Angles and Distances



**Fig. S3.** Angles ( $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ ) and distances ( $d_1$  and  $d_2$ ) of pentagonal anti-prism units of (a) **1**, (b) **2**-*R*, (c) **2**-*S*, and (d) [Au<sub>13</sub>(PMe<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>3+</sup>. Areas relating to cross-linked diphosphines are shaded in aqua.

## F. Photoluminescence Spectra



Fig. S4. Photoluminescence spectra ( $\lambda_{ex} = 495 \text{ nm}$ ) of the PF<sub>6</sub> salts of 1 (black), 2-R (red) and 2-S (blue) in acetonitrile.

## **IV.** Computational Results

## A. Absorption Spectra



Fig. S5. Calculated absorption of  $[Au_{13}(PH_3)_{10}Cl_2]^{3+}$  on the variation of  $\theta$  from 36° to 0°.

### B. Molecular Orbital and Transition Data



**Fig. S6.** Kohn-Sham (KS) orbital energy level diagram of  $[Au_{13}(PH_3)_{10}Cl_2]^{3+}$  ( $\theta = 18^\circ$ ). KS orbital is relative to the HOMO energy and is drawn to indicate the relative contributions (line length with color labels) of the atomic orbitals of Au (6sp) in green, Au (5d) in blue, P (3p) in red, Cl (3p) in yellow and miscellaneous in gray. H – X and L + Y represent HOMO – X and LUMO + Y, respectively.



**Fig. S7.** Selected molecular orbitals of  $[Au_{13}(PH_3)_{10}Cl_2]^{3+}$  ( $\theta = 18^{\circ}$ ).



**Fig. S8.** (a) Normalized magnitudes of the rotatory strength (black), electric transition dipole moment (red) and magnetic transition dipole moment (blue) at  $36^{\circ} \ge \theta \ge 0^{\circ}$ , and (b) the electric (red) and magnetic (blue) transition dipole moments at  $\theta = 18^{\circ}$  for excitation  $I_x$  of  $[Au_{13}(PH_3)_{10}Cl_2]^{3+}$ . In part b, schematic representation of the helical charge movement is shown as a helical purple arrow, the magnitudes of the moments relative to those for excitation  $I_y$  are given near the respective arrow tips, and dashed line indicates the position of the *xy*-cutplanes given in Fig. S11.



**Fig. S9.** Transition wavelengths of two types of the *z*-axis-oriented excitations (excitations  $II_z$  and  $II_z$ ) upon variation in  $\theta$  from 36° to 0° (blue and orange lines). The orders of singlet excitations are given in light green. The entry numbers in Tables 2 and S9 are given in parentheses.



**Fig. S10.** Overall views of the transition densities for (a) excitation  $I_y$  and (b) excitation  $II_z$  of  $[Au_{13}(PH_3)_{10}Cl_2]^{3+}$  at three representative  $\theta$ . Electron (red) and hole (blue) distributions are displayed with isovalues of  $\pm 0.0003$  a.u.



**Fig. S11.** (a) *xy*-Cutplane (within ±0.00015 a.u. range) and (b) overall (with ±0.0003 a.u. isovalues) views of the transition densities for excitation  $I_x$  of  $[Au_{13}(PH_3)_{10}Cl_2]^{3+}$  at three representative  $\theta$ . Red-colored and blue-colored areas represent electron increase and decrease during the electron excitation, respectively. The position of the *xy*-cutplanes in part a (*z* = -0.25) is provided as the dashed line in Fig. S8. Pink and aqua arrows schematically indicate charge translations and rotations, respectively.



**Fig. S12.** (a) *xy*-Cutplane (z = +1.0; within  $\pm 0.00015$  a.u. range), (b) *yz*-cutplane (x = 0.0; within  $\pm 0.00015$  a.u. range) and (c) overall (with  $\pm 0.0003$  a.u. isovalues) views of the transition densities for excitation II<sub>z</sub>' of  $[Au_{13}(PH_3)_{10}Cl_2]^{3+}$  at three representative  $\theta$ . Red-colored and blue-colored areas represent electron increase and decrease during the electron excitation, respectively. The position of the *xy*-cutplanes in part a (z = +1.0) is provided as the dashed line in Fig. 5c(ii). Pink and aqua arrows schematically indicate charge translations and rotations, respectively.

| θ (°) | $\Delta E (\mathrm{eV})$ | $E_{\rm L} ({\rm eV})^{a}$ | $E_{\rm H} ({\rm eV})^{a}$ | $E_{\text{H-L}} (\text{eV})^{a}$ |
|-------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 36    | 0.00                     | -9.56                      | -12.41                     | 2.85                             |
| 35    | 0.00                     | -9.56 [ 0.00]              | -12.41 [ 0.00]             | 2.85 [ 0.00]                     |
| 30    | 0.06                     | -9.56 [ 0.00]              | -12.40 [+0.01]             | 2.84 [-0.01]                     |
| 24    | 0.26                     | -9.56 [ 0.00]              | -12.39 [+0.02]             | 2.83 [-0.02]                     |
| 18    | 0.57                     | -9.55 [+0.01]              | -12.37 [+0.04]             | 2.82 [-0.03]                     |
| 12    | 0.91                     | -9.55 [+0.01]              | -12.36 [+0.05]             | 2.81 [-0.04]                     |
| 6     | 1.20                     | -9.55 [+0.01]              | -12.34 [+0.07]             | 2.79 [-0.06]                     |
| 0     | 1.32                     | -9.55 [+0.01]              | -12.34 [+0.07]             | 2.79 [-0.06]                     |

**Table S3.** Torsion angles ( $\theta$ ), relative energies ( $\Delta E$ ), LUMO ( $E_L$ ) and HOMO ( $E_H$ ) energies, and HOMO–LUMO gap energies ( $E_{H-L}$ ) of [Au<sub>13</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>3+</sup>.

<sup>*a*</sup> Differences from the value for  $\theta = 36^{\circ}$  are given in square brackets.

|  | Fable S4. Kohn-Sham orbitals, | energies, a | and atomic orbit | al contributions o | f [Au <sub>13</sub> (PH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>10</sub> C | $[l_2]^{3+}$ ( $\theta = 18^\circ$ ). |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
|--|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------------------------|

| МО     | Orbital<br>index | Orbital energy (eV) /<br>Relative energy (eV) | % Au ( <i>sp</i> ) | % Au ( <i>d</i> ) | % P ( <i>p</i> ) | % Cl (p) |
|--------|------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------|
| LUMO+4 | 234a             | -9.07 / 3.30                                  | 64                 | 10                | 10               | 2        |
| LUMO+3 | 233a             | -9.07 / 3.30                                  | 64                 | 10                | 10               | 2        |
| LUMO+2 | 232a             | -9.25 / 3.11                                  | 61                 | 13                | 5                | 14       |
| LUMO+1 | 231a             | -9.55 / 2.82                                  | 67                 | 10                | 10               | 0        |
| LUMO   | 230a             | -9.55 / 2.82                                  | 67                 | 10                | 10               | 0        |
|        |                  |   |                    |                   |                  |          |
| HOMO   | 229a             | -12.37 / 0.00                                 | 38                 | 21                | 0                | 35       |
| HOMO-1 | 228a             | -12.48 / -0.11                                | 24                 | 21                | 6                | 44       |
| HOMO-2 | 227a             | -12.48 / -0.11                                | 24                 | 21                | 6                | 44       |
| HOMO-3 | 226a             | -12.74 / -0.36                                | 7                  | 15                | 0                | 74       |
| HOMO-4 | 225a             | -12.74 / -0.36                                | 7                  | 15                | 0                | 74       |
| HOMO-5 | 224a             | -13.15 / -0.78                                | 22                 | 47                | 16               | 8        |
| HOMO-6 | 223a             | -13.22 / -0.85                                | 31                 | 12                | 14               | 37       |
| HOMO-7 | 222a             | -13.22 / -0.85                                | 31                 | 12                | 14               | 37       |

| Excitation index | Energy (eV) /<br>Wavelength (nm) | Oscillator<br>strength   | Rotatory strength $(10^{-40} \text{ esu}^2 \cdot \text{cm}^2)$ | Dominant transition                           | Nature of transition   |
|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|--|
| 1                | 2.16 / 575                       | $2.149 \times 10^{-10}$  | -1.439 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>                                      | 229a→230a                                     | H→L  |
| 2                | 2.16 / 575                       | $8.603 \times 10^{-9}$   | $6.598 \times 10^{-6}$   | 229a→231a                                     | $H \rightarrow L+1$  |
| 3                | 2.34 / 529                       | $5.272 \times 10^{-7}$   | $1.574 \times 10^{-4}$   | 228a→230a, 227a→231a                          | $\text{H-1}{\rightarrow}\text{L}, \text{H-2}{\rightarrow}\text{L+1}$   |
| 4                | 2.34 / 529                       | $1.439 \times 10^{-8}$   | $6.909 \times 10^{-6}$   | 227a→230a, 228a→231a                          | $\text{H-2}{\rightarrow}\text{L}, \text{H-1}{\rightarrow}\text{L+1}$   |
| 5                | 2.39 / 520                       | $1.884 \times 10^{-2}$   | $5.126 	imes 10^{0}$   | 228a→231a, 227a→230a                          | $\text{H-1}{\rightarrow}\text{L+1}, \text{H-2}{\rightarrow}\text{L}$   |
| 6                | 2.39 / 519                       | $1.888 \times 10^{-2}$   | $5.095 	imes 10^{0}$   | 227a→231a, 228a→230a                          | $\text{H-2}{\rightarrow}\text{L+1}, \text{H-1}{\rightarrow}\text{L}$   |
| 7                | 2.56 / 485                       | $6.679 \times 10^{-3}$   | $1.722 \times 10^{0}$  | 228a→232a, 229a→233a                          | H-1 $\rightarrow$ L+2, H $\rightarrow$ L+3   |
| 8                | 2.56 / 485                       | $6.671 \times 10^{-3}$   | $1.715 	imes 10^{0}$   | 227a→232a, 229a→234a                          | H-2 $\rightarrow$ L+2, H $\rightarrow$ L+4   |
| 9                | 2.60 / 476                       | $4.349 \times 10^{-3}$   | -4.314 × 10 <sup>-1</sup>                                      | 229a→232a, 228a→233a,<br>227a→234a            | $H \rightarrow L+2, H-1 \rightarrow L+3, H-2 \rightarrow L+4$  |
| 10               | 2.64 / 470                       | $1.920 \times 10^{-7}$   | $1.792 \times 10^{-3}$   | 226a→230a, 225a→231a                          | $H-3\rightarrow L, H-4\rightarrow L+1$   |
| 11               | 2.64 / 470                       | 7.555× 10 <sup>-8</sup>  | $6.966 \times 10^{-4}$   | 225a→230a, 226a→231a                          | $\text{H-4}{\rightarrow}\text{L},\text{H-3}{\rightarrow}\text{L+1}$  |
| 12               | 2.64 / 469                       | $2.281 \times 10^{-4}$   | $1.808 	imes 10^{0}$   | 225a→231a, 226a→230a                          | $\text{H-4}{\rightarrow}\text{L+1}, \text{H-3}{\rightarrow}\text{L}$   |
| 13               | 2.64 / 469                       | $2.257 \times 10^{-4}$   | $1.803 	imes 10^{0}$   | 226a→231a, 225a→230a                          | $H-3\rightarrow L+1, H-4\rightarrow L$   |
| 14               | 2.69 / 460                       | $5.137 \times 10^{-2}$   | $-1.663 \times 10^{0}$   | 229a→233a, 228a→232a                          | $H\rightarrow L+3, H-1\rightarrow L+2$   |
| 15               | 2.69 / 460                       | $5.135 \times 10^{-2}$   | $-1.707 \times 10^{0}$   | 229a→234a, 227a→232a                          | $H \rightarrow L+4, H-2 \rightarrow L+2$   |
| 16               | 2.75 / 451                       | $1.735 \times 10^{-8}$   | $2.655 \times 10^{-5}$   | 228a→234a, 227a→233a                          | H-1 $\rightarrow$ L+4, H-2 $\rightarrow$ L+3   |
| 17               | 2.77 / 448                       | $6.790 \times 10^{-8}$   | $-6.370 \times 10^{-5}$  | 227a→233a, 228a→234a                          | $H-2\rightarrow L+3, H-1\rightarrow L+4$   |
| 18               | 2.77 / 448                       | $4.516 \times 10^{-7}$   | $-2.555 \times 10^{-4}$  | 227a→234a, 228a→233a                          | $\text{H-2}{\rightarrow}\text{L+4}, \text{H-1}{\rightarrow}\text{L+3}$   |
| 19               | 2.81 / 441                       | $3.373 \times 10^{-4}$   | $-6.450 \times 10^{0}$   | 226a→232a                                     | H-3→L+2  |
| 20               | 2.81 / 441                       | $3.378 \times 10^{-4}$   | $-6.454 \times 10^{0}$   | 225a→232a                                     | H-4→L+2  |
| 21               | 2.95 / 420                       | $1.562 \times 10^{-8}$   | $8.238 \times 10^{-6}$   | 224a→230a                                     | H-5→L  |
| 22               | 2.95 / 420                       | $1.428 \times 10^{-8}$   | $6.761 \times 10^{-5}$   | 224a→231a                                     | H-5→L+1  |
| 23               | 3.04 / 408                       | $1.348 \times 10^{-2}$   | $-4.787 \times 10^{1}$   | 225a→233a, 226a→234a                          | $H-4\rightarrow L+3, H-3\rightarrow L+4$   |
| 24               | 3.06 / 406                       | 6.714 × 10 <sup>-7</sup> | -1.979 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>                                      | 225a→233a, 226a→234a,<br>223a→230a, 222a→231a | H-4 $\rightarrow$ L+3, H-3 $\rightarrow$ L+4,<br>H-6 $\rightarrow$ L, H-7 $\rightarrow$ L+1  |
| 25               | 3.06 / 406                       | $1.064 \times 10^{-9}$   | -9.290 × 10 <sup>-7</sup>                                      | 226a→233a, 225a→234a,<br>223a→231a, 222a→230a | $H-3 \rightarrow L+3, H-4 \rightarrow L+4, H-6 \rightarrow L+1, H-7 \rightarrow L$   |
| 26               | 3.07 / 404                       | $4.539 \times 10^{-2}$   | $-5.648 \times 10^{0}$   | 224a→232a, 227a→234a,<br>228a→233a            | $\begin{array}{l} \text{H-5} \rightarrow \text{L+2, H-2} \rightarrow \text{L+4,} \\ \text{H-1} \rightarrow \text{L+3} \end{array}$   |
| 27               | 3.09 / 402                       | $1.063 \times 10^{-8}$   | $1.806 \times 10^{-5}$   | 222a→230a, 223a→231a,<br>226a→233a, 225a→234a | H-7→L, H-6→L+1,<br>H-3→L+3, H-4→L+4  |
| 28               | 3.09 / 402                       | 3.671 × 10 <sup>-7</sup> | -5.642 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>                                      | 223a→230a, 222a→231a,<br>226a→234a, 225a→233a | $\begin{array}{l} \text{H-6} \rightarrow \text{L}, \text{H-7} \rightarrow \text{L+1}, \\ \text{H-3} \rightarrow \text{L+4}, \text{H-4} \rightarrow \text{L+3} \end{array}$ |
| 29               | 3.16 / 393                       | $4.180 \times 10^{-2}$   | $2.852 \times 10^{0}$  | 223a→231a, 222a→230a,<br>224a→233a            | $\begin{array}{l} \text{H-6} \rightarrow \text{L+1, H-7} \rightarrow \text{L,} \\ \text{H-5} \rightarrow \text{L+3} \end{array}$   |
| 30               | 3.16 / 393                       | $4.192 \times 10^{-2}$   | $2.787 	imes 10^{0}$   | 222a→231a, 223a→230a,<br>224a→234a            | $\begin{array}{l} \text{H-7} \rightarrow \text{L+1, H-6} \rightarrow \text{L,} \\ \text{H-5} \rightarrow \text{L+4} \end{array}$   |

**Table S5.** Excited states, energies, oscillator strengths, rotatory strengths and primary orbital-orbital transitions of  $[Au_{13}(PH_3)_{10}Cl_2]^{3+}$  ( $\theta = 18^{\circ}$ ). H – X and L + Y represent HOMO – X and LUMO + Y, respectively.

**Table S6.** Torsion angles ( $\theta$ ), transition wavelengths ( $\lambda$ ), rotatory strengths (R), magnitudes of electric transition dipole moments ( $|\mu|$ ) and magnitudes of magnetic transition dipole moments (|m|) for excitation  $I_x$  of  $[Au_{13}(PH_3)_{10}Cl_2]^{3+}$ .

| $\theta$ (°) | $\lambda$ (nm) | $R (10^{-40} \operatorname{esu}^2 \cdot \operatorname{cm}^2)^a$ | $ \boldsymbol{\mu} $ (D) <sup><i>a</i></sup> | $ \boldsymbol{m} $ ( $\mu_{ m B}$ ) <sup>a</sup> |
|--------------|----------------|---|--|--|
| 36           | 524            | 0.000 [0.000]   | 1.551 [1.075]                                | 0.000 [0.000]                                    |
| 35           | 524            | 0.449 [0.088]   | 1.551 [1.075]                                | 0.003 [0.081]                                    |
| 30           | 523            | 2.579 [0.503]   | 1.537 [1.065]                                | 0.018 [0.472]                                    |
| 24           | 522            | 4.475 [0.873]   | 1.498 [1.038]                                | 0.032 [0.841]                                    |
| 18           | 520            | 5.126 [1.000]   | 1.443 [1.000]                                | 0.038 [1.000]                                    |
| 12           | 517            | 4.287 [0.836]   | 1.383 [0.959]                                | 0.033 [0.872]                                    |
| 6            | 516            | 2.274 [0.444]   | 1.334 [0.924]                                | 0.018 [0.480]                                    |
| 0            | 515            | 0.000 [0.000]   | 1.311 [0.909]                                | 0.000 [0.000]                                    |

<sup>*a*</sup> Normalized magnitudes against the magnitude for  $\theta = 18^{\circ}$  are given in square brackets.

**Table S7.** Torsion angles ( $\theta$ ), transition wavelengths ( $\lambda$ ), rotatory strengths (R), magnitudes of electric transition dipole moments ( $|\mu|$ ) and magnitudes of magnetic transition dipole moments (|m|) for excitation I<sub>y</sub> of [Au<sub>13</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>3+</sup>.

| $\theta$ (°) | $\lambda$ (nm) | $R (10^{-40} \text{ esu}^2 \cdot \text{cm}^2)^a$ | $ \boldsymbol{\mu} $ (D) <sup><i>a</i></sup> | $ \boldsymbol{m}  (\mu_{\mathrm{B}})^{a}$ |
|--------------|----------------|--|--|---|
| 36           | 524            | 0.000 [0.000]                                    | 1.552 [1.074]                                | 0.000 [0.000]                             |
| 35           | 524            | 0.444 [0.087]                                    | 1.551 [1.074]                                | 0.003 [0.081]                             |
| 30           | 523            | 2.555 [0.501]                                    | 1.538 [1.065]                                | 0.018 [0.471]                             |
| 24           | 522            | 4.443 [0.872]                                    | 1.499 [1.038]                                | 0.032 [0.840]                             |
| 18           | 519            | 5.095 [1.000]                                    | 1.444 [1.000]                                | 0.038 [1.000]                             |
| 12           | 517            | 4.262 [0.837]                                    | 1.386 [0.959]                                | 0.033 [0.872]                             |
| 6            | 516            | 2.261 [0.444]                                    | 1.337 [0.926]                                | 0.018 [0.480]                             |
| 0            | 515            | 0.000 [0.000]                                    | 1.313 [0.909]                                | 0.000 [0.000]                             |

<sup>*a*</sup> Normalized magnitudes against the magnitude for  $\theta = 18^{\circ}$  are given in square brackets.

**Table S8.** Torsion angles ( $\theta$ ), transition wavelengths ( $\lambda$ ), rotatory strengths (R), magnitudes of electric transition dipole moments ( $|\mu|$ ) and magnitudes of magnetic transition dipole moments (|m|) for excitation II<sub>z</sub> of [Au<sub>13</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>3+</sup>.

| $\theta$ (°) | $\lambda$ (nm) | $R (10^{-40} \text{ esu}^2 \cdot \text{cm}^2)^a$ | $ \boldsymbol{\mu} $ (D) <sup><i>a</i></sup> | $ \boldsymbol{m} $ ( $\mu_{\mathrm{B}}$ ) $^{a}$ |
|--------------|----------------|--|--|--|
| 36           | 413            | 0.000 [0.000]                                    | 0.000 [0.000]                                | 0.459 [0.962]                                    |
| 35           | 413            | -1.524 [0.032]                                   | 0.036 [0.033]                                | 0.459 [0.962]                                    |
| 30           | 412            | -9.428 [0.197]                                   | 0.221 [0.204]                                | 0.460 [0.964]                                    |
| 24           | 410            | -21.27 [0.444]                                   | 0.493 [0.456]                                | 0.465 [0.976]                                    |
| 18           | 408            | -47.87 [1.000]                                   | 1.082 [1.000]                                | 0.477 [1.000]                                    |
| 12           | 404            | 10.36 [0.217]                                    | 0.349 [0.322]                                | 0.321 [0.672]                                    |
| 6            | 403            | 0.494 [0.010]                                    | 0.015 [0.014]                                | 0.357 [0.748]                                    |
| 0            | 402            | 0.000 [0.000]                                    | 0.000 [0.000]                                | 0.356 [0.747]                                    |

<sup>*a*</sup> Normalized magnitudes against the magnitude for  $\theta = 18^{\circ}$  are given in square brackets.

| Entry           | $\theta$ (°) | $\lambda$ (nm) | $R (10^{-40} \text{ esu}^2 \cdot \text{cm}^2)$ | $ \boldsymbol{\mu} $ (D) | $ \boldsymbol{m} $ ( $\mu_{	ext{B}}$ ) |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| Excitation IIz' |              |                |  |                          |  |
| 4'              | 36           | 397            | 0.000  | 3.304                    | 0.000                                  |
| 5'              | 18           | 404            | -5.648   | 1.975                    | 0.031                                  |
| 6'              | 0            | 413            | 0.000  | 1.145                    | 0.001                                  |

Table S9. Selected singlet excitation data for [Au<sub>13</sub>(PH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sup>3+</sup>.

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