

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

**Polymorphism of  $\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PR}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$  clusters: Understanding C-H $\cdots\pi$  interaction and C-H $\cdots\text{Cl-C}$  van der Waals interaction on cluster assembly by surface modification**

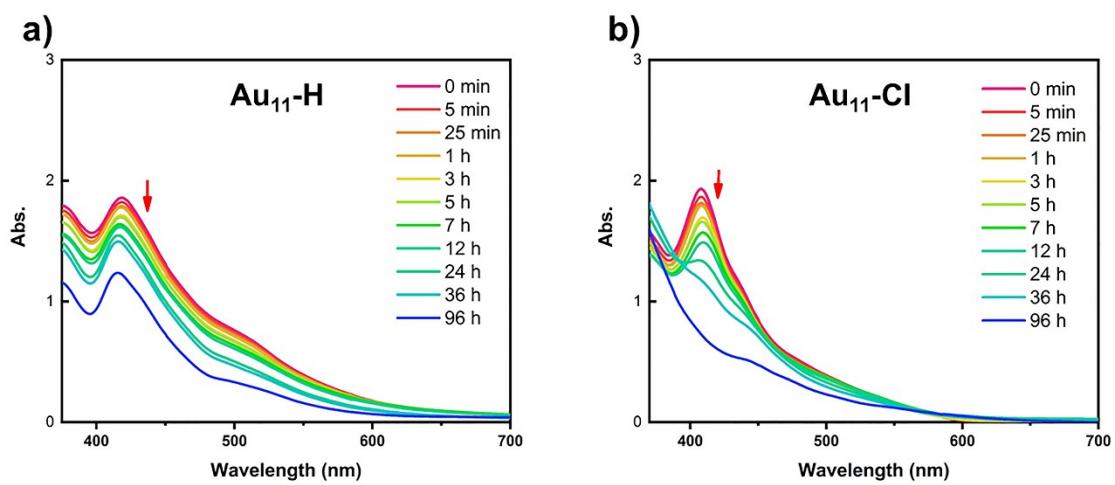
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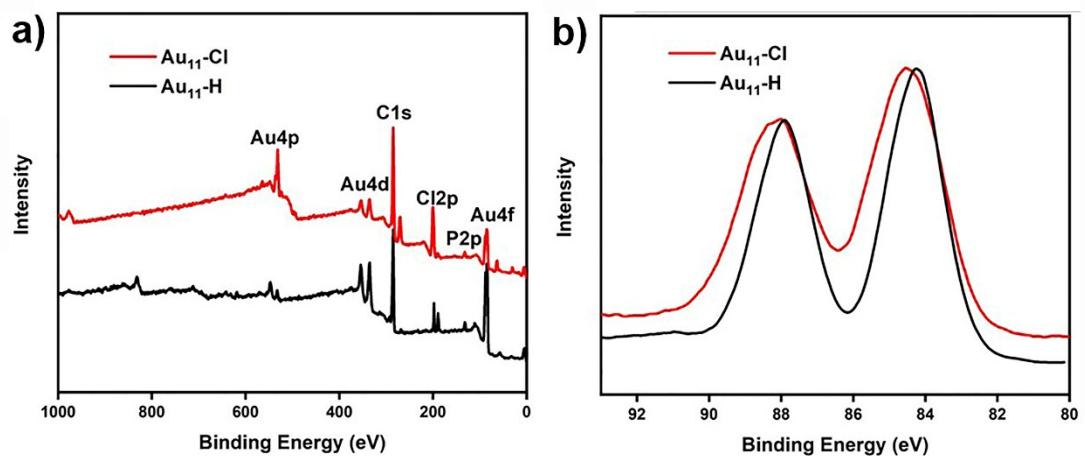
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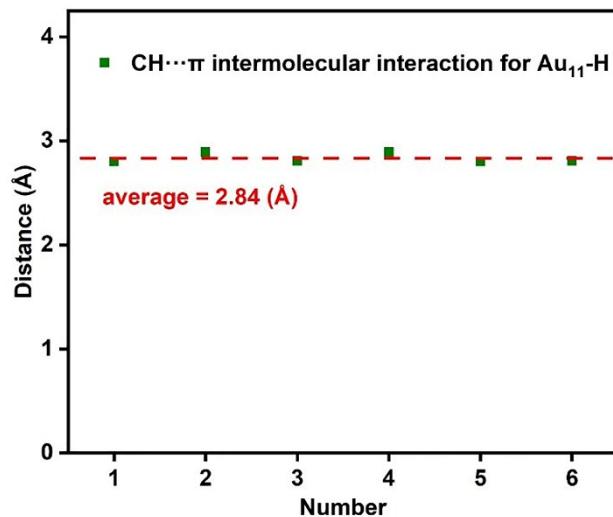
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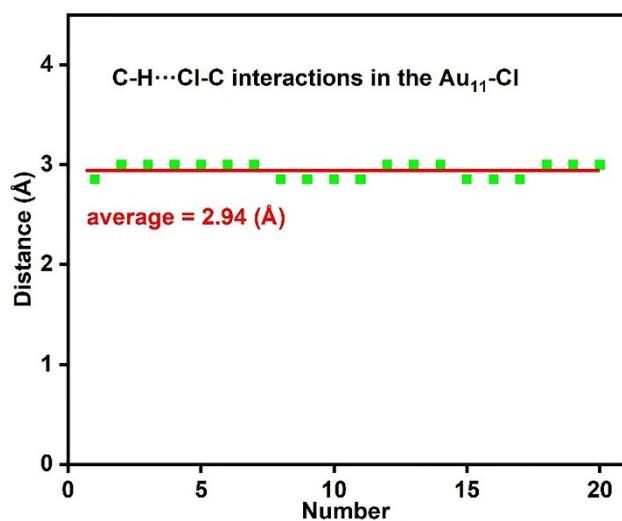
**Figure S1.** UV-vis spectra confirming the thermal stability of  $\text{Au}_{11}\text{-H}$  (a),  $\text{Au}_{11}\text{-Cl}$  (b) over time.



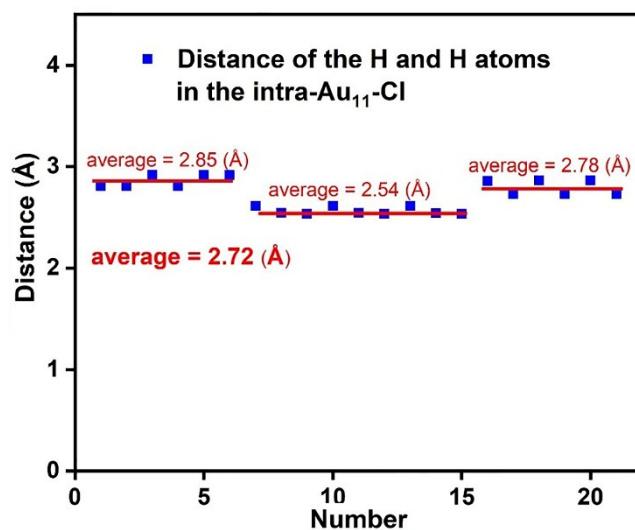
**Figure S2.** a) X-ray photoelectron spectra of  $\text{Au}_{11}\text{-Cl}$  and  $\text{Au}_{11}\text{-H}$ ; b) XPS of Au4f in the  $\text{Au}_{11}\text{-Cl}$  and  $\text{Au}_{11}\text{-H}$ .



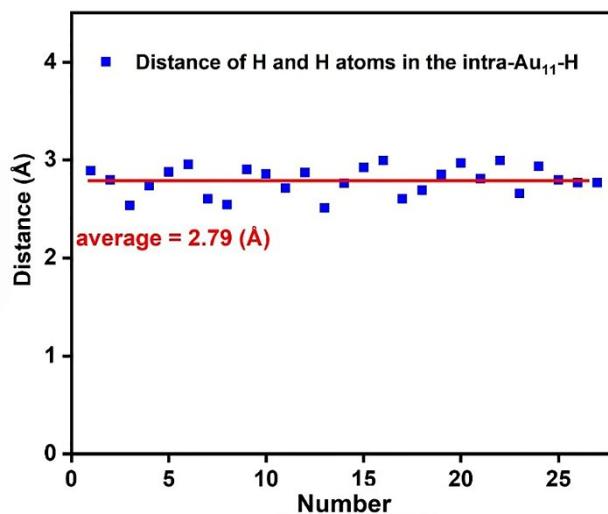
**Figure S3.** The statistical histogram of the  $\text{CH}\cdots\pi$  interactions for  $\text{Au}_{11}\text{-H}$ .

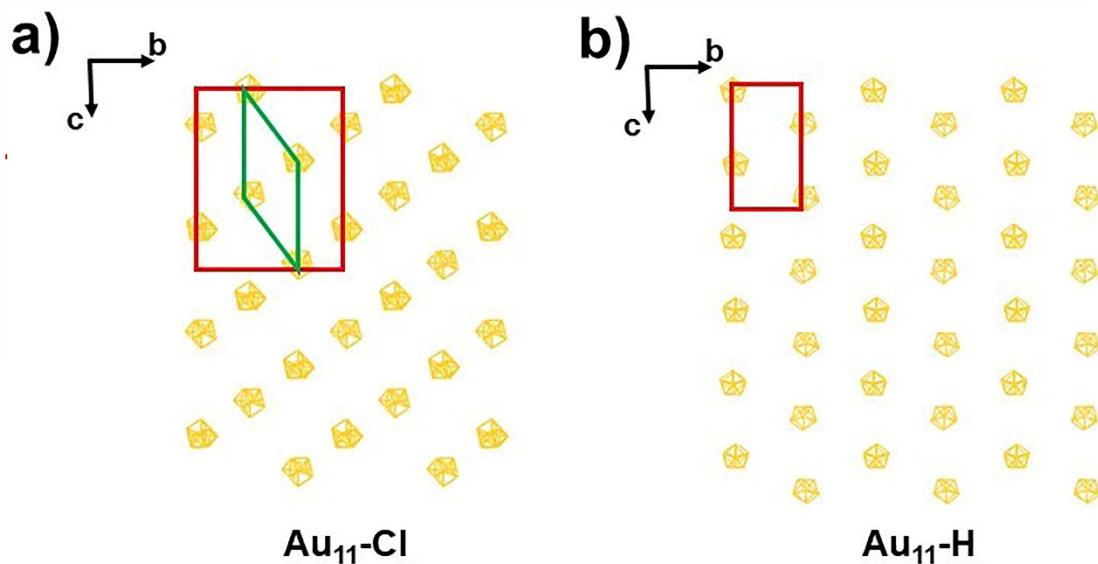


**Figure S4.** The statistical histogram of C-H...Cl-C interactions for  $\text{Au}_{11}\text{-Cl}$ .



**Figure S5.** The statistical histogram of the intra-D<sub>HH</sub> in the  $\text{Au}_{11}\text{-Cl}$ .





**Figure S7.** The superlattice of the  $\text{Au}_{11}\text{-Cl}$  (**T**) and  $\text{Au}_{11}\text{-H}$  (**M**) view from the a-axis.

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for the  $\text{Au}_{11}\text{-Cl}$  and  $\text{Au}_{11}\text{-H}^a$ .

Identification code	$\text{Au}_{11}(\text{PPh}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$	$\text{Au}_{11}(p\text{-ClPPH}_3)_7\text{Cl}_3$
Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{129}\text{H}_{112}\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_4\text{P}_7$	$\text{C}_{126}\text{H}_{84}\text{Au}_{11}\text{Cl}_{24}\text{P}_7$
Formula weight	4187.41 g mol <sup>-1</sup>	4832.200 g mol <sup>-1</sup>
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Trigonal
Space group	P2(1)/n	R-3
Length a	17.864(3) Å	27.949(4) Å
Length b	25.801(5) Å	27.949(4) Å
Length c	26.912(5) Å	34.439(5) Å
Angle alpha	90.00°	90.000°
Angle beta	91.809(3)°	90.000°
Angle gamma	90.00°	120.000°
volume	12398(4) Å <sup>3</sup>	23297.7(80) Å <sup>3</sup>
Formula units Z	4	6
Density	2.243	2.066

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#### References:

1. L. C. McKenzie, T. O. Zaikova and J. E. Hutchison, *J Am Chem Soc*, 2014, **136**, 13426-13435.