Placing gold on a π^+ -surface: Ligand design and impact on reactivity

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1. General Considerations

All experiments were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen using standard Schlenk techniques or inside a glovebox unless otherwise noted. Diethylether (Et₂O) and hexanes were dried using potassium and distilled under nitrogen. Dichloromethane (CH₂Cl₂) was dried using calcium hydride and distilled under

nitrogen. The starting material 5-bromo-6-diphenylphosphinoacenaphthenee,¹ Nmethylacridone,² 10-bromo-9-oxa-10-boraanthracene,³ compound **A**,² and 2-(phenylethynyl)phenylboronic acid were prepared according to literature procedures. Xanthone, tetrafluoroboric acid diethyl ether complex (HBF₄•Et₂O) and trimethylsilyl trifluoromethanesulfonate (TMSOTf) were obtained commerically and used without further purification. Mass spectrometry analyses were performed in-house at the Center for Mass Spectrometry at Texas A&M University. Elemental analyses were performed by Atlantic Microlab (Norcross, GA).



1.1 NMR spectroscopy

NMR spectra were recorded at room temperature using a Varian Inova 500 FT NMR (499.41 MHz for ¹H) spectrometer, a Bruker Avance 500 NMR spectrometer (500.13 MHz for ¹H and 125.76 MHz for ¹³C), or a Bruker Ascend 400 NMR (400.20 MHz for ¹H, 128.36 MHz for ¹¹B and 161.96 MHz for ³¹P) spectrometer. Chemical shifts are given in ppm. ¹H and ¹³C signals were referenced to residual ¹H or ¹³C solvent signals.⁴ ¹¹B signals are referenced using BF₃·Et₂O solution as external standard (0.0 ppm). The ³¹P signals are referenced using an 85% H₃PO₄ aqueous solution as external standard (0.0 ppm). The following abbreviations are used in the compilation of NMR data provided for each compound:

• s, singlet; brs, broad singlet; d, doublet; dd, doublet of doublet; ddd, doublet of doublet of doublet; t, triplet; td, triplet of doublet; m, multiplet.

• ^mJ_{X-Y}, coupling constant between nucleus X and Y separated by m bonds. The nuclei involved in the coupling reported are: ¹H for H, ¹¹B for B, ¹³C for C and ³¹P for P.

1.2 Single crystal X-ray diffraction measurement

The crystallographic measurements were performed at 110 K using a Bruker D8 Venture (Cu source) or Bruker D8 Quest (Mo source) diffractometer equipped with Photon III detectors. Semi-empirical absorption corrections were applied using the Bruker SADABS software package.⁵ The structures were solved by direct methods with SHELXT⁶ to locate all non-hydrogen atoms. Subsequent refinement using a difference map on F² with the SHEXL package⁷ allowed for the location of the remaining non-hydrogen atoms which were refined anisotropically. H atoms were added in calculated positions using a riding model. CCDC 2191151-2191157 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif, or by emailing <u>data_request@ccdc.cam.ac.uk</u>.

1.3 Quantum chemical computations

All calculations were performed using DFT methods as implemented in the Gaussian 16 software⁸ or ADF

2017 program for energy decomposition analyses.⁹ Optimizations were carried out using the crystal structures as initial guesses. The level of theory employed was as follows: Functional: MPW1PW91; Basis sets: mixed with cc-pVTZ-PP for Au, 6-311G+(2d,p) for Ni,¹⁰ 6-31G(d,p) for P/Cl and 6-31G(d') for C/H/B/N/O. Frequency calculations, which were conducted using at the same level of theory, found no imaginary frequencies. NBO analyses were performed with the NBO 7.0 program.¹¹ The resulting electrostatic potential surface maps and NBOs were visualized using the GaussView 6.0 program. The Mutliwfn program was also used to identify the positions of maximum electrostatic potential ($V_{s, max}$).¹² EDA analyses were performed using the ADF 2017 program, the PBE-D3(BJ) functional and the TZ2P basis set.⁹

2. **Experimental Procedures**

2.1 Syntheses

2.1.1 Synthesis of 1_{xant}



bromo-6-diphenylphosphinoacenaphthene (1.06 g, 2.6 mmol) in anhydrous Et₂O (20 mL) at -78 The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes then gradually warmed to ambient °C. temperature. After stirring for another hour, the resulting solution was cooled to -78 °C and xanthone (608 mg, 3.1 mmol) was added in one portion as a solid. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for another hour and then warmed to ambient temperature. After stirring for 18 hours, the reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution (30 mL). The aqueous phase was then extracted with CH₂Cl₂(3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄ and brought to dryness under vacuum to afford a pale-yellow residue which was washed with minimal acetonitrile to give the pure product as a white solid (1.13 g, 2.1 mmol, 81% yield). Single crystals suitable for X-ray crystal structure analysis were grown by slow evaporation of a CH_2Cl_2 solution of $\mathbf{1}_{xant}$ under an ambient atmosphere. ¹H NMR (400.20 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ = 8.79 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.54 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.16 (d, J = 1.9 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.10-7.15 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.04-7.10 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 6.96 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 4H, Ar-*H*), 6.75 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 6.60 (td, J = 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.32-6.40 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 3.47-3.54 (m, 2H, -CH₂), 3.40-3.47 (m, 2H, -CH₂), 2.12 (brs, 1H, -OH). ${}^{13}C{^1H} \text{ NMR} (100.60 \text{ MHz}, \text{ CDCl}_3) \delta: 151.06 (d, J = 3.6 \text{ Hz}), 149.76(s), 148.43 (d, J = 1.4 \text{ Hz}), 141.97 (d$ (s), 141.24 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 139.48 (s), 139.28 (s), 134.27 (d, J = 2.2 Hz), 134.01 (d, J = 28.9 Hz), 132.71 (d, J = 20.37 Hz), 131.55 (s), 129.23 (s), 129.17 (s), 128.30 (d, J = 27.7 Hz), 127.49 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 127.30 (s), 126.44 (d, J = 2.9 Hz), 122.63 (s), 120.20 (s), 118.81 (s), 116.25 (s), 73.45 (d, J = 9.4 Hz), 30.44 (s), 29.68 (s). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (161.96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = -11.38. HRMS (ESI): [M-OH]⁺ C₃₇H₂₆OP calc. 517.1716 m/z, found 517.1700 m/z; [M+H]⁺ C₃₇H₂₈O₂P calc. 535.1821 m/z, found 535.1810 m/z; [M+Na]⁺ C₃₇H₂₇NaO₂P calc. 557.1641 m/z, found 557.1626 m/z; [M+K]⁺ C₃₇H₂₇KO₂P calc. 573.1380 m/z, found 573.1363 m/z. Elemental Analysis calculated: C: 83.13, H: 5.09, found: C: 82.83, H: 5.02.

N-butyllithium (2.5 M hexanes, 1.02 mL, 3.1 mmol) was slowly added to a solution of 5-

2.1.2 Synthesis of 1_{acr}



N-butyllithium (2.5 M hexanes, 1.02 mL, 3.1 mmol) was slowly added to a solution of 5bromo-6-diphenylphosphinoacenaphthene (1.06 g, 2.6 mmol) in anhydrous Et₂O (20 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and then gradually warmed to ambient temperature. After stirring for another hour, the resulting solution was cooled to -78 °C and Nmethyl acridone (648 mg, 3.1 mmol) was added in one portion as a solid. The reaction mixture

was stirred at -78 °C for another hour and then warmed to ambient temperature. After stirring for 18 hours, the reaction was guenched with a saturated agueous ammonium chloride solution (30 mL). The agueous phase was then extracted with CH₂Cl₂(3 x 10 mL). The combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄ and brought to dryness under vacuum to afford a pale orange residue which was washed with a minimal amount of acetonitrile to give the pure product as a pale-yellow solid (925 mg, 1.7 mmol, 65% yield). ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, *d*₆-DMSO) δ = 8.67 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.54 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.19 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.05 (t, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 6.89-7.02 (m, 9H, Ar-*H*), 6.41 (d, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 6.30 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 6.21 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 4H, Ar-*H*), 5.16 (s, 1H, Ar₃C-O*H*), 3.59 (s, 3H, N-*Me*), 3.42-3.47 (m, 2H, -C*H*₂), 3.37-3.42 (m, 2H, -C*H*₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.76 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) δ : 149.46 (s), 147.23 (s), 141.53 (s), 140.55 (d, J = 4.4 Hz), 140.41 (d, J = 8.3 Hz), 139.618 (d, J = 22.4 Hz), 136.63 (d, J = 2.5 Hz), 133.88 (d, J = 28.2 Hz), 132.03 (d, J = 20.7 Hz), 131.01 (s), 130.24 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 128.23 (d, J = 28.9 Hz), 127.55 (s), 127.24 (d, J = 5.5 Hz), 127.02 (s), 126.33 (d, J = 3.2 Hz), 119.54 (s), 118.45 (s), 118.35 (s), 111.89 (s), 74.15 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, Ar₃C-OH), 33.53 (s, N-CH₃), 29.75 (s, -CH₂), 28.92 (s, -CH₂). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (162.00 MHz, CD₂Cl₂) $\delta = -12.90$. HRMS (ESI): [M-OH]⁺ C₃₈H₂₉NP calc. 530.2032 m/z, found 530.2037 m/z; [M+H]⁺ C₃₈H₃₁NOP calc. 548.2138 m/z, found 548.2150 m/z.

2.1.3 Synthesis of 1xant-AuCl



(tht)AuCl (60 mg, 0.19 mmol) was added to a solution of 1_{xant} (100 mg, 0.19 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 hour, during which a white powdery solid gradually formed. The product was then collected and washed with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 2 mL) to afford the pure product as an off-white solid (149 mg, 0.18 mmol, 93% yield). ¹H NMR (400.20 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ = 7.42-7.58 (m, 12H, Ar-H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.23-

7.40 (brs, 1H, -OH), 7.15-7.22 (m, 3H, Ar-H), 7.07 (d, J = 7.8, 2H, Ar-H), 6.86 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 6.72 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 3.31-3.38 (m, 2H, -CH₂), 3.22-3.30 (m, 2H, -CH₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.76 MHz, d₆-DMSO) δ : 151.67 (d, J = 3.5 Hz), 148.38 (s), 146.82 (s), 142.34 (d, J = 10.9 Hz), 141.85 (s), 140.48 (d, J = 10.5 Hz), 132.99 (s), 132.65 (d, J = 13.5 Hz), 130.79 (d, J = 13.7 Hz), 130.19 (s), 129.51 (s), 129.46 (s), 128.89 (d, J = 11.2 Hz), 128.35 (s), 122.95 (s), 121.09 (s), 120.56 (s), 120.48 (s), 118.47 (d, J = 12.6 Hz), 115.39 (s), 72.54 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 29.50 (s), 29.01 (s). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (162.00 MHz, d₆-DMSO) $\delta = 40.56$.

2.1.4 Synthesis of [2_{xant}]BF₄



HBF₄•Et₂O (52% w/w in Et₂O, 59 mg, 0.37 mmol) was added to a solution of 1_{xant} (200 mg, 0.37 mmol) in Et₂O (10mL) at ambient temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 hour during which a pale green solid gradually formed. The solid was then collected through filtration and washed with Et₂O (2 x 10 mL) to afford the pure product as a white solid (208 mg, 0.34 mmol, 93% yield). Single crystals suitable for X-ray crystal structure analysis were grown

by layering hexane in a CH₂Cl₂ solution of [2_{xant}]BF₄ under an ambient atmosphere. ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 8.41$ (dd, J = 9.3, 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 8.14 (dd, J = 7.4, 3.5 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.70 (d, J = 7.1 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.54-7.60 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 7.50 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.31-7.42 (m, 8H, Ar-H), 7.19-7.26 (m, 4H, Ar-H), 6.66-6.72 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 6.22-6.27 (m, 2H, Ar-H), 3.81-3.89 (m, 2H, -CH₂), 3.69-3.78 (m, 2H, -CH₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 156.06$ (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 152.29 (d, J = 4.6 Hz), 147.79 (s), 139.54 (d, J = 23.7 Hz), 138.47 (d, J = 11.7 Hz), 136.98 (d, J = 2.7 Hz), 134.80 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 133.86 (s), 133.72 (s), 133.12 (s), 133.05 (s), 130.71 (d, J = 3.6 Hz), 129.95 (s),129.85 (s), 128.97 (d, J = 4.6 Hz), 128.88 (s), 125.11 (d, J = 11.9Hz), 124.30 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 123.72 (s), 119.86 (s), 117.25 (d, J = 3.0 Hz), 117.00 (s), 116.39 (s), 106.72 (s), 106.04 (s), 64.18 (d, J = 48.1 Hz), 32.64 (s), 31.46 (s). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (161.96 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 51.99$. **Elemental Analysis** calculated: C: 72.53, H: 4.34, found: C: 72.37, H: 4.48.

2.1.5 Synthesis [2acr]BF4



HBF₄•Et₂O (52% w/w in Et₂O, 58 mg, 0.36 mmol) was added to a solution of $\mathbf{1}_{acr}$ (200 mg, 0.36 mmol) in Et₂O (10mL) at ambient temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 hour during which a white powdery solid gradually formed. The solid was then collected through filtration and washed with Et₂O (2 x 10 mL) to afford the pure product as a pale-yellow solid (214 mg, 0.35 mmol, 95% yield). Single crystals suitable for X-ray crystal structure analysis were

grown by layering hexane in a CH₂Cl₂ solution of [2_{acr}]BF₄ under an ambient atmosphere. ¹H NMR (400.09 MHz, d₃-MeCN) δ = 8.10 (dd, *J* = 9.6, 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.90-7.95 (m, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.82 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 0.74 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.70 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.55-7.61 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.30-7.37 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 7.16-7.29 (m, 6H, Ar-*H*), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 6.70 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 6.49 (ddd, *J* = 7.9, 3.1, 1.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 3.78-3.84 (m, 2H, -*CH*₂), 3.72-3.78 (m, 2H, -*CH*₂), 3.40 (d, *J* = 0.83 Hz, 3H, N-*Me*). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100.60 MHz, d₃-MeCN) δ = 156.17 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 148.25 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 143.90 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 140.18 (s), 139.93 (s), 139.26 (s), 139.14 (s), 136.32 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 134.77 (d, *J* = 3.5 Hz), 134.00 (s), 133.95 (s), 132.99 (d, *J* = 16.1 Hz) 130.79 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 130.22 (d, *J* = 3.7 Hz), 129.85 (s), 129.73 (s), 128.37 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 124.41 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz), 123.76 (s), 122.25 (s), 122.08 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 114.29 (d, *J* = 2.9 Hz), 109.78 (s), 108.95 (s), 70.07 (d, *J* = 41.6 Hz), 33.81 (s), 32.75 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz), 31.67 (s). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (161.96 MHz, d₃-MeCN) δ = 50.01. Elemental Analysis calculated: C: 73.92, H: 4.73, found: C: 74.05, H: 4.86.

2.1.6 Synthesis of [3_{xant}]OTf



TMSOTf (29 mg, 0.13 mmol) was added to a solution of 1_{xant} -AuCl (100 mg, 0.13 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂(10mL) at ambient temperature. An immediate color change from colorless to deep purple ensued. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 hour and then brought to dryness under vacuum to afford a purple oil. This oil was then triturated in Et₂O (20 mL) to give a solid which was washed by Et₂O (3 x 10 mL) and dried under vacuum to give the pure product as a purple

solid (134 mg, 0.16 mmol, 92% yield). Single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were grown by layering hexanes on a CH₂Cl₂ solution of [**3**_{xant}]OTf at room temperature. ¹H NMR (499.33 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.34 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 8.25 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.87 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.60-7.72 (m, 7H, Ar-*H*), 7.57 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.41 (td, *J* = 7.9, 3.9 Hz, 4H, Ar-*H*), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 6.96 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 3.76 (brs, 4H, -C*H*₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.56 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 176.28 (s), 160.39 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz), 157.98 (s), 155.68 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 144.84 (s), 144.57 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz), 140.94 (d, *J* = 11.4 Hz), 137.08 (s), 136.28 (s), 132.03 (d, *J* = 11.9 Hz), 131.34 (s), 130.71 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz), 130.39 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz), 129.92 (s), 124.59 (s), 123.39 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 122.32 (d, *J* = 37.5 Hz), 121.62 (s), 120.30 (d, *J* = 16.6 Hz), 120.03 (s), 118.59 (d, *J* = 317.5 Hz), 110.61 (s), 109.71 (s), 31.21 (s), 30.68 (s). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (161.96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 30.46. **Elemental Analysis** calculated: C: 50.77, H: 2.92, found: C: 50.45, H: 2.87.

2.1.7 Synthesis of [3acr]BF4



Method 1: (tht)AuCl (60 mg, 0.19 mmol) was added to a solution of 1_{acr} (103 mg, 0.19 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 hour before being treated with HBF₄•Et₂O (52% w/w in Et₂O, 31 mg, 0.19 mmol). The solution was stirred for another hour and brought to dryness under vacuum to afford an orange residue. This residue was washed with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL), affording the pure product as an orange solid

(134 mg, 0.16 mmol, 88% yield). Single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were grown by layering hexanes on a CH₂Cl₂ solution of [**3**_{acr}]BF₄ under an ambient atmosphere. ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.53 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 8.19 (dd, *J* = 9.3, 1.7 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.63 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.37-7.47 (m, 3H, Ar-*H*), 7.27-7.37 (m, 5H, Ar-*H*), 7.21 (dd, *J* = 7.9, 2.6 Hz, 4H, Ar-*H*), 7.14 (dd, *J* = 16.0, 7.7 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 6.85 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 4.99 (s, 3H, N-*Me*), 3.67 (brs, 4H, -CH₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 161.11 (s), 154.30 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz), 151.61 (s), 141.70 (s), 141.17 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 140.66 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz), 138.48 (s), 136.56 (s), 134.13 (d, *J* = 14.5 Hz), 132.47 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 131.89 (d, *J* = 11.3 Hz), 130.21 (s), 129.69 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz), 129.51 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz), 128.02 (s), 127.43 (s), 126.13 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz), 121.39 (s), 120.61 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 119.43 (s), 119.36 (s), 118.94 (s), 39.40 (s), 30.63 (s), 30.54 (s). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (162.00 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 30.66. Elemental Analysis calculated: C: 53.71, H: 3.44, found: C: 53.44, H: 3.52.

Method 2: (tht)AuCl (51 mg, 0.16 mmol) was added to a solution of $[2_{acr}]BF_4$ (100 mg, 0.16 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10mL) at ambient temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred for 1 hour during which solution turned from colorless to deep orange. Upon completion, the resulting mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure, washed with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL), and dried under vacuum to afford the pure product as an orange solid (124 mg,

0.13 mmol, 82% yield).

2.1.8 Synthesis of [3_{acr}]OTf



(tht)AuCl (60 mg, 0.19 mmol) was added to a solution of 1_{acr} (103 mg, 0.19 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour before being treated with TMSOTf (49 mg, 0.22 mmol). After stirring for another hour, the solution was brought to dryness under vacuum to afford a residue which was washed by Et₂O (3 x 10 mL) to give the pure product as an orange solid (123 mg, 0.15 mmol, 76% yield). ¹H NMR

(500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 8.53 (d, *J* = 9.5 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 8.18 (ddd, *J* = 9.2, 6.2, 2.4 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.64 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.43 (t, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.40 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.31-7.36 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 7.21 (td, *J* = 7.6, 2.3 Hz, 4H, Ar-*H*), 7.13 (dd, *J* = 16.2, 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 6.84 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 6.82 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 5.00 (s, 3H, N-*Me*), 3.67 (brs, 4H, -CH₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 161.21 (s), 154.32 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 151.64 (s), 141.70 (s), 141.18 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 140.65 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 138.49 (s), 136.61 (s), 134.16 (d, *J* = 14.3 Hz), 132.47 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 131.85 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 130.29 (s), 129.79 (s), 129.66 (s), 129.57 (s), 129.47 (s), 127.97 (s), 127.44 (s), 126.10 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 121.39 (s), 120.61 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 121.43 (s), 120.71 (q, *J* = 319.7 Hz), 120.62 (d, *J* = 12.5 Hz), 119.45 (s), 119.34 (s), 118.90 (s), 39.57 (s), 30.64 (s), 30.55 (s). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (162.00 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 30.65.

2.1.9 Synthesis of 5



N-butyllithium (2.5 M hexanes, 1.02 mL, 3.1 mmol) was slowly added to a solution of 5bromo-6-diphenylphosphinoacenaphthene (1.06 g, 2.6 mmol) in anhydrous Et₂O (20 mL) at -78 °C. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and then gradually warmed to ambient temperature over the course of 15 minutes. After stirring for another hour at room temperature, the resulting solution was cooled to -78 °C and an Et₂O (10mL) solution of 10-

bromo-9-oxa-10-boraanthracene (800 mg, 3.1 mmol) was slowly added. The reaction mixture was stirred at -78 °C for another hour then allowed to warm to ambient temperature. After stirring for 18 hours, the reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous ammonium chloride solution (30 mL) and the aqueous phase was extracted with $CH_2Cl_2(3 \times 10 \text{ mL})$. The combined organic phases were dried over MgSO₄ and brought to dryness under vacuum to afford a pale-yellow residue which was washed with minimal acetonitrile to give the pure product as a white solid (0.98 g, 1.9 mmol, 72% yield). ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.59 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.54 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.42 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.15 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 6.95-7.02 (m, 8H, Ar-*H*), 6.84-6.90 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 6.52-6.61 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 3.48 (brs, 4H, -CH₂). ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128.36 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : -3.31. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 158.20 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 151.46(s), 151.44(s), 145.19 (s), 144.88 (s), 142.61 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz), 138.32 (d, *J* = 11.7 Hz), 134.46 (d, *J* = 5.0 Hz), 132.88 (s), 132.75 (s), 132.36 (s), 130.48 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 121.71 (s), 120.43 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 115.46 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 31.68 (s), 30.94 (s). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (161.96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 6.95. HRMS (ESI): [M+H]⁺ C₃₆H₂₇BOP calc. 517.1887 m/z, found 517.1885 m/z; [M+Na]⁺ C₃₆H₂₆BNaOP calc. 539.1707 m/z

2.1.10 Synthesis 6

(tht)AuCl (62 mg, 0.19 mmol) was added to a solution of **5** (100 mg, 0.19 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 hour and brought to mL) to afford the pure product as a white solid (125 mg, 0.17 mmol, 86% yield). Single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were grown by slow evaporation of a CH₂Cl₂ solution of **6** in air. ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 7.51-7.57 (m, 3H, Ar-*H*), 7.49 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.44 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.26-7.37 (m, 4H, Ar-*H*), 7.19 (td, *J* = 8.2, 2.4 Hz, 4H, Ar-*H*), 7.08-7.16 (m, 6H, Ar-*H*), 6.76 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 3.53 (brs, 4H, -CH₂). ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (128.36 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 49.62. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) δ: 159.94 (s), 153.34 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz), 147.48 (d, *J* = 2.5 Hz), 139.93 (d, *J* = 11.0 Hz), 139.12 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 136.76 (d, *J* = 15.7 Hz), 136.25 (s), 135.61 (s), 134.19 (s), 134.09 (s), 131.34 (d, *J* = 2.7 Hz), 131.13 (s), 130.62 (s), 128.98 (d, *J* = 11.8 Hz), 125.52 (brs), 122.34 (s), 120.45 (s), 120.20 (s), 120.00 (s), 119.16 (d, *J* = 10.8 Hz), 117.89 (s), 30.45 (s), 30.29 (s). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (161.96 MHz, CDCl₃) δ = 26.10 ppm. Elemental Analysis calculated: C: 57.74, H: 3.50, found: C: 57.44, H: 3.38.

2.1.11 Synthesis of [4_{Xant}]OTf



This compound was prepared by adding (tht)AuCl (70 mg, 0.22 mmol) to a solution of **A** (100 mg, 0.22 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10mL). The resulting mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 1 hour before being treated with TMSOTf (55.6 mg, 0.25 mmol). After stirring for another hour, the solution was brought to dryness under vacuum to afford an orange residue. This residue was washed with Et₂O (3 x 10 mL), affording the pure product

as a bright yellow solid (149 mg, 0.18 mmol, 82% yield). Single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were grown by layering Et₂O in a MeCN solution of [4_{xant}]OTf under an ambient atmosphere. ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 8.42$ (ddd, J = 8.8, 6.0, 2.3 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 8.33 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H, Ar-H), 7.99-8.05 (m, 1H, Ar-H), 7.97 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.85 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-H), 7.50-7.61 (m, 7H, Ar-H), 7.44 (td, J = 7.9, 2.8 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 7.35 (dd, J = 13.7, 8.1 Hz, 4H, Ar-H). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (125.76 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 172.77$ (d, J = 6.6 Hz), 158.34 (s), 144.57 (s), 136.04 (d, J = 14.6 Hz), 135.06 (d, J = 5.1 Hz), 134.40 (d, J = 13.9 Hz), 133.10 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 132.93 (d, J = 2.8 Hz), 132.28 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 131.94 (d, J = 8.2 Hz), 130.52 (s), 129.85 (d, J = 11.9 Hz), 129.37 (s), 128.71 (s), 128.24 (s), 127.37 (s), 126.86 (s), 125.76 (s), 121.68 (s), 120.70 (s), 119.13 (s). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (162.00 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta = 24.46$.

2.2 NMR spectra





Figure S3. ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}_{xant}$ in CDCl₃.



Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}_{acr}$ in d_6 -DMSO.



Figure S6. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}_{acr}$ in d_6 -DMSO.



Figure S7. ¹H NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}_{xant}$ -AuCl in d₆-DMSO.





Figure S9. ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}_{xant}$ -AuCl in d₆-DMSO.



Figure S10. 1H NMR spectrum of $[\textbf{2}_{xant}]BF_4$ in CDCl3





Figure S12. $^{31}P\{^{1}H\}$ NMR spectrum of $[\textbf{2}_{xant}]BF_{4}$ in CDCl₃



Figure S13. ¹H NMR spectrum of $[2_{acr}]BF_4$ in d_3 -MeCN.



Figure S14. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of $[2_{acr}]BF_4$ in d_3 -MeCN.



Figure S15. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectrum of $[2_{acr}]BF_4$ in d_3 -MeCN.



Figure S16. ¹H NMR spectrum of $[\mathbf{3}_{xant}]$ OTf in CDCl₃.





Figure S18. ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of [**3**_{xant}]OTf in CDCl₃.





Figure S22. ¹H NMR spectrum of [**3**_{acr}]OTf in CDCl₃



Figure S24. ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of [**3**_{acr}]OTf in CDCl₃







Figure S28. ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of **5** in CDCl₃





Figure S32. ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of **6** in CDCl₃



Figure S33. ¹H NMR spectrum of $[4_{xant}]$ OTf in CDCl₃



190180170160150140130120110100908070605040302010ppmFigure S34. $^{13}C{^{1}H}$ NMR spectrum of [$\mathbf{4}_{xant}$]OTf in CDCl3



3. Catalytic Studies

3.1 Cycloisomerization of 2-(phenylethynyl)phenylboronic acid



2-(Phenylethynyl)phenylboronic acid (**a**, 22 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in d_3 -MeCN (0.5 mL) in the presence of the catalyst (2 µmol, 2 mol%). The mixture was then transferred to an NMR tube and the conversion was measured by *in situ* ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Between measurements, the NMR tube was immersed in an oil bath kept at 50°C. The NMR spectroscopic data corresponding to **b** were consistent with previous literature values.¹³ ¹H NMR (499.32 MHz, d3-MeCN) δ : 7.99 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.89–7.94 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.61 (td, J = 7.5, 1.4 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.51 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 7.44-7.49 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.36–7.41 (m, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.00 (s, 1H, ArCH=C).



Figure S36. ¹H NMR spectra obtained with [3_{xant}]OTf as the catalyst (2 mol%). The resulting spectrum was collected 2 hours after the start of the reaction. Integration of the ¹H resonance afforded a conversion of 99%.



Figure S38. ¹H NMR spectra obtained with **6** as the catalyst (2 mol%). The resulting spectrum was collected 2 hours after the start of the reaction. Integration of the ¹H resonance afforded a conversion of 6.5%.





8.9 8.8 8.7 8.6 8.5 8.4 8.3 8.2 8.1 8.0 7.9 7.8 7.7 7.6 7.5 7.4 7.3 7.2 7.1 7.0 6.9 6.8 6.7 6.6 6.5 6.4 6.3 6.2 ppm

Figure S40. ¹H NMR spectra obtained with **PPh₃AuCl** as the catalyst (2 mol%). The resulting spectrum was collected 2 hours after the start of the reaction, showing no conversion.



3.2 Cycloisomerization of propargyl amide



Model propargyl amide (c, 14 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in CDCl₃ (0.5 mL) in the presence of the catalyst (2 μ mol, 2 mol%). The mixture was then transferred to an NMR tube and the conversion was measured by *in situ* ¹H NMR spectroscopy. ¹H NMR (499.32 MHz, CDCl₃) δ : 4.62 (td, *J* = 2.9, 2.7 Hz, 1H, -C=CH₂), 4.39 (t, J = 2.7 Hz, 2H, -NCH₂), 4.21 (td, J = 2.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H, -C=CH₂), 1.24 (s, 9H, -CCH₃).



Figure S 42. ¹H NMR spectra obtained with $[\mathbf{3}_{xant}]$ OTf as the catalyst (2 mol%). The resulting spectrum was collected 20 mins after the start of the reaction. Integration of the ¹H resonance afforded a conversion of 99%.





9.5 8.5 8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 9.0 4.0 3.5 3.0 ppm Figure S 44. ¹H NMR spectra obtained with **6** as the catalyst (2 mol%). The resulting spectrum was collected 20 mins after the start of the reaction. Integration of the ¹H resonance afforded a conversion of 1%.



3.3 Cycloisomerization of Diethyl 2-allyl-2-(2-propynyl)malonate



2-(Phenylethynyl)phenylboronic acid (**e**, 24 mg, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in CDCl₃ (0.5 mL) in the presence of the catalyst (2 μ mol, 2 mol%). The mixture was then transferred to an NMR tube and the conversion was measured by *in situ* ¹H NMR spectroscopy. Between measurements, the NMR tube was immersed in an oil bath kept at 50°C. The NMR spectroscopic data corresponding to **f** were consistent with previous literature values.¹⁴



Figure S 46. ¹H NMR spectra obtained with $[\mathbf{3}_{xant}]$ OTf as the catalyst (2 mol%). The resulting spectrum was collected 1 hour after the start of the reaction. Integration of the ¹H resonance afforded a conversion of 69%.





hour after the start of the reaction. Integration of the ¹H resonance afforded a conversion of 0%.



4. DFT Simulation

4.1 Geometry optimized structure

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С	-2.24804	2.593575	1.97177	н	1.082222	2.597555	-0.93978
С	-2.98813	0.95951	-1.32195	Н	1.673755	4.88228	-1.65358

С	-4.24601	1.326413	-0.82493	Н	-0.10985	6.575489	-2.01999
С	-5.38239	1.185303	-1.61876	Н	-2.49133	5.951476	-1.67626
С	-5.27162	0.681395	-2.91371	Н	-3.08815	3.672635	-0.97805
С	-4.02133	0.323963	-3.41632	Н	-2.87006	3.698263	3.705091
С	-2.88222	0.461722	-2.62651	Н	-2.08213	3.495035	1.391815
С	-1.03838	2.977232	-0.87286	Н	1.824133	-2.70275	-2.2916
С	0.298338	3.332909	-1.08449	Н	4.924013	-1.26282	0.316728
С	0.631202	4.623369	-1.49265	Н	3.289356	-4.58612	-2.98403
С	-0.3685	5.570362	-1.69899	Н	6.37579	-3.14289	-0.36008
С	-1.70528	5.221619	-1.50511	Н	5.56668	-4.81162	-2.01654
С	-2.04106	3.932698	-1.10188	Н	0.920169	1.743391	1.86637
С	2.466767	-0.72917	-0.55318	Н	1.718537	3.576715	3.319462
С	2.316904	0.382505	0.053684	Н	5.55785	3.386915	1.409841
С	3.278619	-1.85227	-0.9569	Н	4.064567	4.393121	3.1006
С	2.825679	-2.80139	-1.88409	Н	7.025712	1.149272	-0.78914
С	4.568697	-1.98718	-0.4105	Н	5.325056	0.994417	-2.34075
С	3.649344	-3.85774	-2.26258	0	-1.36993	-3.84343	0.995839
С	5.382642	-3.04775	-0.79032	0	6.423972	1.380879	-0.07392
С	4.927324	-3.98492	-1.71958	0	4.6553	1.291602	-1.71581
С	2.784247	1.518773	0.817675	Р	-1.45032	1.258127	-0.37604
С	1.938306	2.106851	1.769684				

4.2 General procedure used to determine the Gibbs free energy change upon exchnage of the alkyne substrate bewteen two gold complexes.

- (1) $[\mathbf{3}_{acr}-\mathbf{a}]^+ + [\mathbf{3}_{xant}]^+ \rightarrow [\mathbf{3}_{acr}]^+ + [\mathbf{3}_{xant}-\mathbf{a}]^+$ $\Delta G = (-3152.38784) + (-2456.731526) - (-2437.308747) - (-3171.80499) = -0.005628 \text{ a.u.}$ $= -3.53 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$
- (2) **6-a** + $[\mathbf{3}_{xant}]^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{6} + [\mathbf{3}_{xant}-\mathbf{a}]^+$ $\Delta G = (-3152.38784) + (-2424.266157) - (-2437.308747) - (-3139.33637) = -0.008879 a.u.$ = -5.57 kcal mol⁻¹
- (3) $[\mathbf{4}_{xant}-\mathbf{a}]^+ + [\mathbf{3}_{xant}]^+ \rightarrow [\mathbf{4}_{xant}]^+ + [\mathbf{3}_{xant}-\mathbf{a}]^+$ $\Delta G = (-3152.38784) + (-2206.378918) - (-2437.308747) - (-2921.448304) = -0.009706 a.u.$ $= -6.09 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$



4.3 Natural bond orbital (NBO) analysis

Selected donor and acceptor NBOs and E_{SOPT} values (kcal/mol) for $\boldsymbol{6}.$ SOPT stands for second order perturbation theory.



Determination of NBO deletion energy using the above second order perturbation

Energy of deletion :	-2424.710142333
Total SCF energy :	-2424.718437256
Energy change :	0.008295 a.u., 5.205 kcal/mol

4.4 Energy decomposition analysis

[H₃PAuCl-Xant]⁺:



4.650042
.633875
4.632931
4.698600

Au	-1.52177	-0.15103	-0.26469	н	0.810075	2.610538	2.666673
С	1.131608	2.602518	1.628942	н	1.007237	4.71933	1.378305
С	1.245086	3.767458	0.914924	н	1.749249	4.669958	-0.98745
С	1.674725	3.737995	-0.43503	н	2.325012	2.518573	-2.10061
С	2.001339	2.554888	-1.06643	н	2.791928	-1.96529	-2.13533
С	2.484304	-2.08345	-1.10234	Н	2.674575	-4.20597	-1.05595
С	2.410167	-3.31799	-0.48951	н	1.963658	-4.44328	1.308007
С	1.998698	-3.45594	0.859342	н	1.337998	-2.44039	2.628098
С	1.648506	-2.35042	1.590864	н	1.025928	0.079821	2.695334
С	1.343656	0.120925	1.654665	н	-1.472	-1.27803	2.674721
С	1.447822	1.359941	1.013885	н	-3.38789	-0.39442	2.286011
С	1.890543	1.369058	-0.33924	н	-1.69901	0.857818	2.712367
С	1.700002	-1.06018	0.995183	0	2.223285	0.232706	-0.95795
С	2.132728	-0.95712	-0.35721	Р	-2.0417	-0.24474	1.906738
Cl	-0.86607	-0.042	-2.42972				

	hartree	eV	kcal/mol	kJ/mol
Pauli Repulsion				
Kinetic (Delta T^0):	0.266915269304841	7,2631	167.49	700.79
Delta V^Pauli Coulomb:	-0.206837764209463	-5.6283	-129.79	-543.05
Delta V^Pauli LDA-XC:	-0.052411216244069	-1.4262	-32.89	-137.61
Delta V^Pauli GGA-Exchange:	0.013509162175851	0.3676	8.48	35.47
Delta V^Pauli GGA-Correlation:	-0.004686630622771	-0.1275	-2.94	-12.30
Total Pauli Renulsion:	0 016488820404388	A 1187	10 35	/3 20
(Total Pauli Repulsion -	0.010400020404500	0.4407	10.55	45.25
Delta E^Pauli in BB paper)				
Steric Interaction				
Pauli Repulsion (Delta E^Pauli):	0.016488820404388	0.4487	10.35	43.29
Electrostatic Interaction:	-0.008621118678661	-0.2346	-5.41	-22.63
(Electrostatic Interaction =				1000
Delta V_elstat in the BB paper)				
Total Steric Interaction:	0.007867701725727	0.2141	4.94	20.66
(Total Steric Interaction =				
Delta E^O in the BB paper)				
Orbital Interactions				
A:	-0.009224534792025	-0.2510	-5.79	-24.22
Total Orbital Interactions:	-0.009224534791990	-0.2510	-5.79	-24.22
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Alternative Decomposition Urb.int.	0.075011561554036	7 5050	172 07	754 14
Kinetic:	-0.275811501554830	-7.5052	-1/3.0/	-724.14
Coulomb;	0.235780248993887	0.4101	147.90	019.00
XC:	0.030800777768959	0.8381	19.55	80.87
Total Orbital Interactions:	-0.009224534791990	-0.2510	-5.79	-24.22
Residu (E=Steric+OrbInt+Res):	-0.00000065963119	-0.0000	-0.00	-0.00
Dispersion Energy:	-0.011271252843513	-0.3067	-7.07	-29.59
Total Bonding Energy:	-0.012628151872895	-0.3436	-7.92	-33.16

[H₃PAuCl-Acr]⁺:



Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-1534.078717
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-1534.061078
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-1534.060133
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-1534.127796

Au	1.661284	0.001039	-0.20141	Н	-1.6161	-4.58506	1.665826
С	-1.48442	-2.45707	1.802457	Н	-2.20559	-4.54903	-0.75135
С	-1.68964	-3.637	1.143339	Н	-2.4129	-2.4759	-1.97765
С	-2.02093	-3.61297	-0.23274	Н	-2.41669	2.472168	-1.9782
С	-2.12881	-2.4352	-0.93491	Н	-2.21233	4.545919	-0.7524
С	-2.13245	2.432151	-0.93546	Н	-1.62263	4.583389	1.664698
С	-2.02624	3.610247	-0.23358	Н	-1.25923	2.441425	2.864104
С	-1.69485	3.635093	1.142454	Н	-1.67068	-0.86809	-2.82231
С	-1.48787	2.455622	1.801846	Н	-1.67183	0.865276	-2.82249
С	-1.40412	-0.00067	1.773071	н	-3.23682	-0.00243	-2.65306
С	-1.5906	-1.21495	1.11579	Н	-1.17515	-0.00037	2.837212
С	-1.90484	-1.20019	-0.28257	Н	1.417731	1.078179	2.7463
С	-1.59232	1.213178	1.115497	н	1.418902	-1.07466	2.747041
С	-1.90661	1.197634	-0.28284	Н	3.262743	0.00268	2.524849
С	-2.17222	-0.0017	-2.39978	Ν	-1.99205	-0.00142	-0.94117
Cl	1.26448	0.000259	-2.43707	Р	1.951913	0.001797	2.014473
Н	-1.25587	-2.44227	2.864727				

	hartree	eV	kcal/mol	kJ/mol
Pauli Repulsion				
Kinetic (Delta T^0):	0.255144606446611	6.9428	160.11	669.88
Delta V^Pauli Coulomb:	-0.194507146382749	-5.2928	-122.06	-510.68
Delta V^Pauli LDA-XC:	-0.054149682775582	-1.4735	-33,98	-142.17
Delta V^Pauli GGA-Exchange:	0.014625080473262	0.3980	9.18	38.40
Delta V^Pauli GGA-Correlation:	-0.005043669720991	-0.1372	-3.16	-13.24
Total Pauli Repulsion:	0 0160601000/0551	0 4373	10.09	42 10
/Total Pauli Repulsion -	0.010003100040551	0.4373	10.00	42.15
Delta E [^] Pauli in BB paper)				
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Pauli Repulsion (Delta E [^] Pauli):	0.016069188040551	0.4373	10.08	42.19
Electrostatic Interaction:	-0.010845975977986	-0.2951	-6.81	-28,48
(Electrostatic Interaction =				
Delta V elstat in the BB paper)				
Total Steric Interaction:	0.005223212062565	0.1421	3.28	13.71
(Total Steric Interaction =				
Delta E^O in the BB paper)				
Orbital Interactions				
Α:	-0.009358612493731	-0.2547	-5.87	-24.57
Tatal Ochital Tatarations.	0.000359612403765	0.2547	 E 07	
Total Orbital Interactions:	-0.009558012495705	-0.254/	-2.8/	-24.57
Alternative Decomposition Orb.Int.				
Kinetic:	-0.259103563699290	-7.0506	-162.59	-680.28
Coulomb:	0.222117632895755	6.0441	139.38	583.17
XC:	0.027627318309771	0.7518	17.34	72.54
Total Orbital Interactions:	-0 000358612403765	-0.2547	-5.87	-24 57
fotat of official interactions.	0.005550512455765	0.2547	5.67	24.57
Residu (E=Steric+OrbInt+Res):	0.000000111708272	0.0000	0.00	0.00
Dispersion Energy:	-0.012027598447602	-0.3273	-7.55	-31.58
Total Bonding Energy:	-0.016162887170530	-0.4398	-10.14	-42.44
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H₃PAuCl-OxaB:



Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-1501.656400
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-1501.640880
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-1501.639936
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-1501.703346

Au	-2.18933	-0.55516	-0.17951	Н	-0.61874	1.66981	1.595954
В	1.552715	-0.08416	1.217811	Н	-0.91382	3.934751	0.641939
С	0.146912	2.093892	0.95088	Н	0.849462	4.890455	-0.83308
С	-0.02013	3.359563	0.419865	н	2.900691	3.576924	-1.34687
С	0.974932	3.89605	-0.41264	Н	5.57107	0.115031	-1.15537
С	2.120421	3.175759	-0.70767	н	6.289953	-2.15815	-0.44094
С	4.949937	-0.49363	-0.5057	Н	4.840651	-3.51615	1.057112
С	5.338068	-1.75899	-0.10055	Н	2.673705	-2.59097	1.834605
С	4.520215	-2.52679	0.743878	Н	0.770714	-0.65186	1.931458
С	3.312217	-2.00913	1.173468	Н	0.544248	-2.12078	-0.47174
С	1.297512	1.318679	0.67492	Н	-0.58897	-2.24375	-2.29058
С	2.271137	1.896167	-0.16285	Н	0.498613	-0.45102	-1.82549
С	2.872132	-0.72355	0.784986	0	3.420853	1.257838	-0.5064
С	3.723258	0.012825	-0.0606	Р	-0.37835	-1.36187	-1.21177
Cl	-4.02089	0.2791	0.872649				

4.5 [Xant]⁺ and [Acr]⁺ model



С	3.635796	0.6519	-2.8E-05	С	-2.34585	-1.42405	0.000002
С	2.48974	1.404906	0.00002	Н	-2.531	2.487761	-3.9E-05
С	1.217814	0.764457	0.000036	Н	-2E-06	2.538882	0.000024
С	1.179698	-0.65997	0.000067	Н	4.605748	1.132759	-6.1E-05
С	2.34585	-1.42405	-1.8E-05	Н	2.530999	2.48776	0.000024
С	3.559722	-0.76194	-0.00007	Н	2.27995	-2.50438	-0.00002
С	0.000001	1.452987	0.000027	Н	4.475988	-1.34058	-0.00011
С	-1.1797	-0.65997	0.000031	Н	-4.60575	1.132761	-6.4E-05
С	-1.21781	0.764456	0.000006	Н	-4.47599	-1.34058	-5.4E-05
С	-2.48974	1.404906	-0.00002	Н	-2.27995	-2.50438	0.000019
С	-3.6358	0.6519	-3.7E-05	0	0	-1.31394	0.000046
С	-3.55972	-0.76194	-3.1E-05				



С	-3.64047	-0.97101	0.039124	Н	2.440329	-2.73749	-0.06309
С	-2.45823	-1.65445	-0.02735	Н	-2.9E-05	-2.72267	-0.11668
С	-1.21535	-0.95751	-0.04055	Н	-4.58538	-1.4991	0.053052
С	-1.20631	0.477191	-0.00599	Н	-2.44035	-2.73746	-0.06314
С	-2.44393	1.1562	0.081768	Н	-2.48931	2.231403	0.161128
С	-3.62129	0.441934	0.105153	Н	-4.55758	0.98206	0.183643
С	-1.6E-05	-1.63813	-0.07694	Н	4.585353	-1.49913	0.053108
С	1.2063	0.477165	-0.006	Н	4.557573	0.982027	0.183614
С	1.215329	-0.95753	-0.04054	Н	2.489293	2.231385	0.161029
С	2.458202	-1.65448	-0.02732	Н	0.000887	3.078457	0.832674
С	3.64045	-0.97104	0.039153	Н	0.873549	2.940647	-0.7156
С	3.621284	0.441908	0.105138	Н	-0.87416	2.940878	-0.71424
С	2.443925	1.15618	0.081726	Ν	-2E-06	1.144588	-0.05318
С	0.000078	2.619717	-0.15792				



Figure S 50. Selected molecular orbital of $[Xant]^+$ and $[Acr]^+$ and corresponding orbital energies in a.u. The isovalues used to draw the orbitals are set as 0.02.

4.6 %V_{Bur} and steric map of $[3_{xant}]^+$, $[3_{acr}]^+$, 6 and $[4_{xant}]^+$

The buried volumes and the steric maps of gold complexes were obtained using the SambVca 2 Web application: "https://www.molnac.unisa.it/OMtools/sambvca2.1/".¹⁵ The input files of the optimized structures were in the XYZ format. For all structures, sphere radius = 3.5 Å, SambVca. mesh spacing was 0.10, all H atoms were omitted, and bond radii were scaled by 1.17. As described by Nolan and coworker, %V_{Bur} is correlated to the cone angle.¹⁶



Figure S 51. Buried volumes and the steric maps of [3_{xant}]⁺



%V Free	%V Buried	% V Tot/V Ex
36.6	63.4	99.9

Quadrant	Vf	Vb	V t	%V f	%V b
SW	12.8	32.1	44.9	28.4	71.6
NW	11.8	33.1	44.9	26.3	73.7
NE	18.9	25.9	44.9	42.2	57.8
SE	22.2	22.6	44.9	49.5	50.5

Figure S 52. Buried volumes and the steric maps of $[\mathbf{3}_{acr}]^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$



%V Free	%V Buried	% V Tot/V Ex
34.4	65.6	99.9

Quadrant	Vf	Vb	V t	%V f	%V b
SW	11.9	32.9	44.9	26.6	73.4
NW	9.0	35.9	44.9	20.0	80.0
NE	20.1	24.8	44.9	44.7	55.3
SE	20.8	24.1	44.9	46.3	53.7

Figure S 53. Buried volumes and the steric maps of 6



%V Free	%V Buried	% V Tot/V Ex
39.8	60.2	99.9

Quadrant	Vf	Vb	V t	%V f	%V b
SW	15.4	29.5	44.9	34.3	65.7
NW	13.1	31.7	44.9	29.2	70.8
NE	21.0	23.8	44.9	46.9	53.1
SE	21.9	23.0	44.9	48.8	51.2

Figure S 54. Buried volumes and the steric maps of $[\mathbf{4}_{xant}]^+$

4.7 Electronic parameter of [2'xant]⁺-Ni(CO)₃, [2'acr]⁺-Ni(CO)₃, 5'-Ni(CO)₃, L-Ni(CO)₃
 ([2'xant]⁺, [2'acr]⁺ and 5': Open-form of [2xant]⁺, [2acr]⁺ and 5; L: AcePPh₂)

[**2'**_{xant}]⁺-Ni(CO)₃:



 $v(CO) = 2085.44 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ 2116.59 cm⁻¹ 2170.42 cm⁻¹

Р	-1.30191	-0.48093	0.149235	Н	0.428045	6.491416	-1.27871
С	1.591823	0.663816	-2.59093	Н	-0.3476	6.51309	0.28793
Н	0.845134	1.436669	-2.4884	С	-1.54429	5.502981	-1.2555
С	1.896453	0.167448	-3.82627	Н	-2.39552	5.969352	-0.75664
Н	1.384318	0.544405	-4.70125	Н	-1.5917	5.811717	-2.30216
С	2.872199	-0.83328	-3.96985	С	-0.85123	-0.22362	1.912078
Н	3.101405	-1.22273	-4.95362	С	-0.9978	0.997351	2.571796
С	3.549327	-1.31325	-2.87741	Н	-1.32427	1.874639	2.028226
Н	4.318563	-2.06886	-2.96175	С	-0.74805	1.096868	3.93302
С	4.592719	-1.37483	1.631444	Н	-0.87359	2.049547	4.433391
Н	5.331449	-2.11495	1.355917	С	-0.35965	-0.02339	4.655441
С	4.418443	-0.9619	2.929537	Н	-0.17949	0.05298	5.720834
Н	5.040725	-1.38392	3.708746	С	-0.21393	-1.24178	4.009078
С	3.432225	-0.01785	3.262685	Н	0.081679	-2.12233	4.566016
Н	3.290538	0.267139	4.296424	С	-0.45157	-1.33832	2.645911
С	2.638852	0.522898	2.290343	Н	-0.33838	-2.29261	2.145928
Н	1.855813	1.223198	2.544752	С	-3.12908	-0.70487	0.265338
С	2.242838	0.179217	-1.43058	С	-3.7976	-1.28622	-0.81336
С	3.241871	-0.80071	-1.62079	Н	-3.23902	-1.60495	-1.68486
С	2.803801	0.149637	0.934058	С	-5.17114	-1.4667	-0.78177
С	3.78236	-0.82555	0.644337	Н	-5.67287	-1.91712	-1.62919
С	1.250612	1.92114	0.077388	С	-5.89605	-1.08667	0.338393
С	2.05162	2.996572	0.46109	Н	-6.96752	-1.23983	0.370758
Н	3.061757	2.787034	0.790227	С	-5.23978	-0.52114	1.420533
С	1.672677	4.337362	0.326394	Н	-5.79675	-0.23243	2.303356
Н	2.357661	5.122121	0.621329	С	-3.86661	-0.32507	1.383815
С	0.460336	4.601032	-0.2501	Н	-3.37504	0.113406	2.241579
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[**2'**acr]⁺-Ni(CO)₃:



 $v(CO) = 2072.29 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ 2115.80 cm⁻¹ 2168.88 cm⁻¹

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5′-Ni(CO)₃:

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	v(CO) =

 $CO) = 2096.78 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ 2098.18 cm⁻¹ 2158.40 cm⁻¹

Р	-1.34511	-0.54659	0.099555	н	-0.05454	6.569483	-1.01213
С	1.832765	0.824502	-2.58822	Н	-0.857514	6.48928	0.541852
Н	0.960005	1.461601	-2.51055	С	-1.959275	5.460505	-1.05554
С	2.317055	0.484725	-3.83029	Н	-2.845503	5.875976	-0.57162
Н	1.827042	0.84305	-4.72667	Н	-1.994575	5.783373	-2.099
С	3.445479	-0.33276	-3.92955	С	-0.938394	-0.41042	1.885392
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Н	1.942001	5.227003	0.851561	С	-3.922655	-0.69452	1.323464
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L-Ni(CO)₃:



 $v(CO) = 2047.10 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ 2052.20 cm⁻¹ 2111.07 cm⁻¹

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Н	-2.53803	-3.80754	-0.23957	С	3.040362	-3.33067	-1.05383
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С	0.32288	0.796467	4.112959	0	0.770719	4.054404	-0.81546
Н	-0.3385	0.520401	4.930045				

5. Crystal Structures



Figure S 55. Molecular structure of 1_{xant} . Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are set at 50% probability.



Figure S 56. Molecular structure of [4_{xant}]OTf. Hydrogen atoms, counter anion and co-crystallized solvent are omitted for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are set at 50% probability.

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