

## **Deciphering the electrochemical sensing capability of novel Ga<sub>12</sub>As<sub>12</sub> nanocluster towards chemical warfare phosgene gas: Insight from DFT**

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**Table S1:** The interaction distance of phosgene atoms with the most closed Gallium and Arsenide atoms of the nanocluster calculated at B3LYP-D3/6-31G(d, p) level of theory.

System	D(Ga)		D(As)	
	IA	ID	IA	ID
Surface- Ga <sub>12</sub> As <sub>12</sub>				
MS1	Ga <sub>9</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	3.21	As <sub>19</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	3.23
MS2	Ga <sub>2</sub> -Cl <sub>26</sub>	3.56	As <sub>13</sub> -C <sub>25</sub>	3.38
MS3	Ga <sub>10</sub> -Cl <sub>27</sub>	3.46	As <sub>22</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	3.29
MS4	Ga <sub>11</sub> -Cl <sub>26</sub>	3.44	As <sub>22</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	3.21
MS5	Ga <sub>3</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	2.57	As <sub>14</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	3.57
MS6	Ga <sub>3</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	2.83	As <sub>15</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	3.42
MS7	Ga <sub>6</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	2.55	As <sub>13</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	3.58
MS8	Ga <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>25</sub>	3.33	As <sub>19</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	3.43
MS9	Ga <sub>6</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	2.85	As <sub>13</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	3.48
MS10	Ga <sub>11</sub> -Cl <sub>26</sub>	3.52	As <sub>22</sub> -C <sub>25</sub>	3.37

D (Ga) = distance of gas with closest Ga atom of the nanocluster, D (As) = distance of gas with closest As atom of the nanocluster, IA=interacted atoms, ID=interaction distance. The distance is measured in Å<sup>0</sup>.

**Table S2:** The calculated second order perturbation energy (**E<sup>2</sup> Kcal/mol**) for the remaining transitions of the studied system.

Type	Donor	Type	Acceptor	E <sup>2</sup> (kcal/mol)	E (j) – E (i)	F (i,j)
<b>MS1</b>						
σ	Ga <sub>4</sub> -As <sub>21</sub>	σ *	Ga <sub>5</sub> -As <sub>19</sub>	9.31	0.51	0.062
σ	Ga <sub>4</sub> -As <sub>21</sub>	π*	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.27	0.35	0.009
π	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	π*	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.54	0.4	0.014
π	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	σ*	Ga <sub>9</sub> -As <sub>18</sub>	0.82	0.82	0.025
<b>MS2</b>						
σ	Ga <sub>4</sub> -As <sub>21</sub>	σ*	Ga <sub>5</sub> -As <sub>19</sub>	9.67	0.5	0.062
σ	Ga <sub>1</sub> -As <sub>13</sub>	π*	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.11	0.37	0.006
π	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	π*	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.57	0.41	0.014
π	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	σ*	Ga <sub>1</sub> -As <sub>13</sub>	0.33	0.53	0.012
<b>MS3</b>						
σ	Ga <sub>11</sub> -As <sub>23</sub>	σ*	Ga <sub>10</sub> -As <sub>21</sub>	9.81	0.5	0.063
σ	Ga <sub>10</sub> -As <sub>23</sub>	π*	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.4	0.36	0.011
π	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	π*	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.66	0.39	0.015

$\pi$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	$\sigma^*$	Ga <sub>9</sub> -As <sub>23</sub>	0.43	0.55	0.014
<b>MS4</b>						
$\sigma$	Ga <sub>10</sub> -As <sub>22</sub>	$\sigma^*$	Ga <sub>11</sub> -As <sub>24</sub>	10.11	0.5	0.064
$\sigma$	Ga <sub>10</sub> -As <sub>23</sub>	$\pi^*$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.09	0.34	0.005
$\pi$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	$\pi^*$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.62	0.39	0.015
$\pi$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	$\sigma^*$	Ga <sub>9</sub> -As <sub>23</sub>	0.23	0.56	0.011
<b>MS5</b>						
$\sigma$	Ga <sub>3</sub> -As <sub>16</sub>	$\sigma^*$	Ga <sub>12</sub> -As <sub>22</sub>	9.99	0.51	0.064
$\sigma$	Ga <sub>3</sub> -As <sub>15</sub>	$\pi^*$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.09	0.35	0.005
$\pi$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	$\pi^*$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.6	0.42	0.015
$\pi$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	$\sigma^*$	Ga <sub>3</sub> -As <sub>15</sub>	0.24	0.57	0.011
<b>MS6</b>						
$\sigma$	Ga <sub>3</sub> -As <sub>14</sub>	$\sigma^*$	Ga <sub>3</sub> -As <sub>15</sub>	9.85	0.53	0.065
$\sigma$	Ga <sub>3</sub> -As <sub>15</sub>	$\pi^*$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.07	0.34	0.004
$\pi$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	$\pi^*$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.66	0.39	0.015
$\pi$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	$\sigma^*$	Ga <sub>12</sub> -As <sub>15</sub>	0.11	0.54	0.007
<b>MS7</b>						
$\sigma$	Ga <sub>6</sub> -As <sub>18</sub>	$\sigma^*$	Ga <sub>9</sub> -As <sub>23</sub>	9.76	0.51	0.064
$\sigma$	Ga <sub>6</sub> -As <sub>18</sub>	$\pi^*$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.11	0.33	0.005
$\pi$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	$\pi^*$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.74	0.38	0.016
$\pi$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	$\sigma^*$	Ga <sub>6</sub> -As <sub>18</sub>	0.13	0.55	0.008
<b>MS8</b>						
$\sigma$	Ga <sub>9</sub> -As <sub>19</sub>	$\sigma^*$	Ga <sub>6</sub> -As <sub>13</sub>	11.09	0.49	0.066
$\sigma$	Ga <sub>6</sub> -As <sub>13</sub>	$\pi^*$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.1	0.43	0.006
$\pi$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	$\sigma^*$	Ga <sub>5</sub> -As <sub>19</sub>	0.21	0.58	0.01
<b>MS9</b>						
$\sigma$	Ga <sub>9</sub> -As <sub>18</sub>	$\sigma^*$	Ga <sub>6</sub> -As <sub>13</sub>	9.88	0.49	0.063
$\sigma$	Ga <sub>6</sub> -As <sub>19</sub>	$\pi^*$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.75	0.37	0.015
$\pi$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	$\sigma^*$	Ga <sub>6</sub> -As <sub>18</sub>	0.33	0.57	0.013
<b>MS10</b>						
$\sigma$	Ga <sub>10</sub> -As <sub>23</sub>	$\sigma^*$	Ga <sub>11</sub> -As <sub>24</sub>	9.87	0.5	0.063
$\sigma$	Ga <sub>11</sub> -As <sub>22</sub>	$\pi^*$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.2	0.36	0.008
$\pi$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	$\pi^*$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	0.58	0.4	0.014
$\pi$	C <sub>25</sub> -O <sub>28</sub>	$\sigma^*$	Ga <sub>12</sub> -As <sub>22</sub>	0.29	0.55	0.012

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**Table S3:** Thermodynamics parameters of the studied system include heat capacity ( $C_V$ ), entropy (S), electronic energy ( $E_0$ ), zero-point energy ( $E_{ZPE}$ ), Thermal correction for enthalpy ( $H_{corr}$ ) and Gibbs energy ( $G_{corr}$ ). All parameters are in Hartree. Here,  $\Delta_f H^0$  and  $\Delta_f G^0$  are enthalpy and Gibbs energy of formation at 298K temperature.

Parameters	Ga <sub>12</sub> As <sub>12</sub>	Phosgene	MS1
$C_V$	127.924	11.85	145.54
S	273.207	67.80	307.499
$E_0$	-49881.8826	-1033.7155	-50915.6365
$E_{ZPE}$	0.0257	0.0104	0.0372
$E_{tot}$	0.0697	0.0144	0.0870
$H_{corr}$	0.0707	0.0153	0.0880
$G_{corr}$	-0.0591	-0.0168	-0.0581
$E_0+E_{ZPE}$	-49881.8569	-1033.7050	-50915.5992
$E_0+E_{tot}$	-49881.8129	-1033.7010	-50915.5494
$E_0+H_{corr}$	-49881.8119	-1033.7001	-50915.5485
$E_0+G_{corr}$	-49881.9417	-1033.7323	-50915.6946
$\Delta_f H^0$ (298K)			-22.8441 kcal/mol
$\Delta_f G^0$ (298K)			-12.8537 kcal/mol

  

Parameters	Ga <sub>12</sub> As <sub>12</sub>	Phosgene	MS2
$C_V$	127.924	11.85	145.657
S	273.207	67.80	308.205
$E_0$	-49881.8826	-1033.7155	-50915.6337
$E_{ZPE}$	0.0257	0.0104	0.0371
$E_{tot}$	0.0697	0.0144	0.0870
$H_{corr}$	0.0707	0.0153	0.0879
$G_{corr}$	-0.0591	-0.0168	-0.0584
$E_0+E_{ZPE}$	-49881.8569	-1033.7050	-50915.5965
$E_0+E_{tot}$	-49881.8129	-1033.7010	-50915.5467
$E_0+H_{corr}$	-49881.8119	-1033.7001	-50915.5457
$E_0+G_{corr}$	-49881.9417	-1033.7323	-50915.6922
$\Delta_f H^0$ (298K)			-21.1185 kcal/mol
$\Delta_f G^0$ (298K)			-11.3382 kcal/mol

Parameters	Ga <sub>12</sub> As <sub>12</sub>	Phosgene	MS3
C <sub>V</sub>	127.924	11.85	145.596
S	273.207	67.80	312.922
E <sub>0</sub>	-49881.8826	-1033.7155	-50915.6305
E <sub>ZPE</sub>	0.0257	0.0104	0.0370
E <sub>tot</sub>	0.0697	0.0144	0.0870
H <sub>corr</sub>	0.0707	0.0153	0.0879
G <sub>corr</sub>	-0.0591	-0.0168	-0.0606
E <sub>0</sub> +E <sub>ZPE</sub>	-49881.8569	-1033.7050	-50915.5934
E <sub>0</sub> +E <sub>tot</sub>	-49881.8129	-1033.7010	-50915.5434
E <sub>0</sub> +H <sub>corr</sub>	-49881.8119	-1033.7001	-50915.5425
E <sub>0</sub> +G <sub>corr</sub>	-49881.9417	-1033.7323	-50915.6912
Δ <sub>r</sub> H <sup>0</sup> (298K)			-19.0916 kcal/mol
Δ <sub>r</sub> G <sup>0</sup> (298K)			-10.7183 kcal/mol

Parameters	Ga <sub>12</sub> As <sub>12</sub>	Phosgene	MS4
C <sub>V</sub>	127.924	11.85	145.573
S	273.207	67.80	309.659
E <sub>0</sub>	-49881.8826	-1033.7155	-50915.6279
E <sub>ZPE</sub>	0.0257	0.0104	0.0370
E <sub>tot</sub>	0.0697	0.0144	0.0869
H <sub>corr</sub>	0.0707	0.0153	0.0878
G <sub>corr</sub>	-0.0591	-0.0168	-0.0592
E <sub>0</sub> +E <sub>ZPE</sub>	-49881.8569	-1033.7050	-50915.5908
E <sub>0</sub> +E <sub>tot</sub>	-49881.8129	-1033.7010	-50915.5409
E <sub>0</sub> +H <sub>corr</sub>	-49881.8119	-1033.7001	-50915.5400
E <sub>0</sub> +G <sub>corr</sub>	-49881.9417	-1033.7323	-50915.6871
Δ <sub>r</sub> H <sup>0</sup> (298K)			-17.5241 kcal/mol
Δ <sub>r</sub> G <sup>0</sup> (298K)			-8.1775 kcal/mol

Parameters	Ga <sub>12</sub> As <sub>12</sub>	Phosgene	MS5
C <sub>V</sub>	127.924	11.85	145.414
S	273.207	67.80	312.114
E <sub>0</sub>	-49881.8826	-1033.7155	-50915.6309
E <sub>ZPE</sub>	0.0257	0.0104	0.0371

$E_{\text{tot}}$	0.0697	0.0144	0.0870
$H_{\text{corr}}$	0.0707	0.0153	0.0880
$G_{\text{corr}}$	-0.0591	-0.0168	-0.0602
$E_0+E_{\text{ZPE}}$	-49881.8569	-1033.7050	-50915.5937
$E_0+E_{\text{tot}}$	-49881.8129	-1033.7010	-50915.5438
$E_0+H_{\text{corr}}$	-49881.8119	-1033.7001	-50915.5428
$E_0+G_{\text{corr}}$	-49881.9417	-1033.7323	-50915.6911
$\Delta_f H^0$ (298K)			-19.3157 kcal/mol
$\Delta_r G^0$ (298K)			-10.7007 kcal/mol

Parameters	$\text{Ga}_{12}\text{As}_{12}$	Phosgene	MS6
$C_V$	127.924	11.85	145.449
S	273.207	67.80	308.549
$E_0$	-49881.8826	-1033.7155	-50915.6321
$E_{\text{ZPE}}$	0.0257	0.0104	0.0373
$E_{\text{tot}}$	0.0697	0.0144	0.0870
$H_{\text{corr}}$	0.0707	0.0153	0.0880
$G_{\text{corr}}$	-0.0591	-0.0168	-0.0585
$E_0+E_{\text{ZPE}}$	-49881.8569	-1033.7050	-50915.5948
$E_0+E_{\text{tot}}$	-49881.8129	-1033.7010	-50915.5450
$E_0+H_{\text{corr}}$	-49881.8119	-1033.7001	-50915.5440
$E_0+G_{\text{corr}}$	-49881.9417	-1033.7323	-50915.6906
$\Delta_f H^0$ (298K)			-20.0674 kcal/mol
$\Delta_r G^0$ (298K)			-10.3895 kcal/mol

Parameters	$\text{Ga}_{12}\text{As}_{12}$	Phosgene	MS7
$C_V$	127.924	11.85	145.406
S	273.207	67.80	311.407
$E_0$	-49881.8826	-1033.7155	-50915.6310
$E_{\text{ZPE}}$	0.0257	0.0104	0.0371
$E_{\text{tot}}$	0.0697	0.0144	0.0870
$H_{\text{corr}}$	0.0707	0.0153	0.0880
$G_{\text{corr}}$	-0.0591	-0.0168	-0.0599
$E_0+E_{\text{ZPE}}$	-49881.8569	-1033.7050	-50915.5939
$E_0+E_{\text{tot}}$	-49881.8129	-1033.7010	-50915.5440

$E_0+H_{\text{corr}}$	-49881.8119	-1033.7001	-50915.5430
$E_0+G_{\text{corr}}$	-49881.9417	-1033.7323	-50915.6910
$\Delta_f H^0$ (298K)			-19.4173 kcal/mol
$\Delta_r G^0$ (298K)			-10.5922 kcal/mol

Parameters	$\text{Ga}_{12}\text{As}_{12}$	Phosgene	MS8
$C_V$	127.924	11.85	145.542
S	273.207	67.80	307.471
$E_0$	-49881.8826	-1033.7155	-50915.6324
$E_{\text{ZPE}}$	0.0257	0.0104	0.0372
$E_{\text{tot}}$	0.0697	0.0144	0.0870
$H_{\text{corr}}$	0.0707	0.0153	0.0880
$G_{\text{corr}}$	-0.0591	-0.0168	-0.0580
$E_0+E_{\text{ZPE}}$	-49881.8569	-1033.7050	-50915.5951
$E_0+E_{\text{tot}}$	-49881.8129	-1033.7010	-50915.5453
$E_0+H_{\text{corr}}$	-49881.8119	-1033.7001	-50915.5444
$E_0+G_{\text{corr}}$	-49881.9417	-1033.7323	-50915.6905
$\Delta_f H^0$ (298K)			-20.2732 kcal/mol
$\Delta_r G^0$ (298K)			-10.2740 kcal/mol

Parameters	$\text{Ga}_{12}\text{As}_{12}$	Phosgene	MS9
$C_V$	127.924	11.85	145.505
S	273.207	67.80	309.109
$E_0$	-49881.8826	-1033.7155	-50915.6329
$E_{\text{ZPE}}$	0.0257	0.0104	0.0371
$E_{\text{tot}}$	0.0697	0.0144	0.087039
$H_{\text{corr}}$	0.0707	0.0153	0.0879
$G_{\text{corr}}$	-0.0591	-0.0168	-0.0588
$E_0+E_{\text{ZPE}}$	-49881.8569	-1033.7050	-50915.5958
$E_0+E_{\text{tot}}$	-49881.8129	-1033.7010	-50915.5459
$E_0+H_{\text{corr}}$	-49881.8119	-1033.7001	-50915.5450
$E_0+G_{\text{corr}}$	-49881.9417	-1033.7323	-50915.6918
$\Delta_f H^0$ (298K)			-20.6397 kcal/mol
$\Delta_r G^0$ (298K)			-11.1293 kcal/mol

Parameters	Ga <sub>12</sub> As <sub>12</sub>	Phosgene	MS10
C <sub>V</sub>	127.924	11.85	145.659
S	273.207	67.80	310.981
E <sub>0</sub>	-49881.8826	-1033.7155	-50915.630953
E <sub>ZPE</sub>	0.0257	0.0104	0.037098
E <sub>tot</sub>	0.0697	0.0144	0.087031
H <sub>corr</sub>	0.0707	0.0153	0.087975
G <sub>corr</sub>	-0.0591	-0.0168	-0.059782
E <sub>0</sub> +E <sub>ZPE</sub>	-49881.8569	-1033.7050	-50915.593855
E <sub>0</sub> +E <sub>tot</sub>	-49881.8129	-1033.7010	-50915.543922
E <sub>0</sub> +H <sub>corr</sub>	-49881.8119	-1033.7001	-50915.542978
E <sub>0</sub> +G <sub>corr</sub>	-49881.9417	-1033.7323	-50915.690735
Δ <sub>r</sub> H <sup>0</sup> (298K)			-19.3652 kcal/mol
Δ <sub>r</sub> G <sup>0</sup> (298K)			-10.4127 kcal/mol

**Equations (1-5)** used to calculate the global indices of reactivity for the studied system.

$$\eta = \frac{I - A}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$\mu = \frac{-(I + A)}{2} \quad (2)$$

$$\omega = \frac{\mu^2}{2\eta} \quad (3)$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2\eta} \quad (4)$$

$$\Delta N_{max} = \frac{-\mu}{\eta} \quad (5)$$