

Supplementary Information for
**Structure and properties of heterobimetallic Au···Ag and
Au···Cu interlocking thiolate [2]catenanes: a theoretical
comparison study with homometallic Au···Au
interlocking gold(I) thiolate [2]catenanes**

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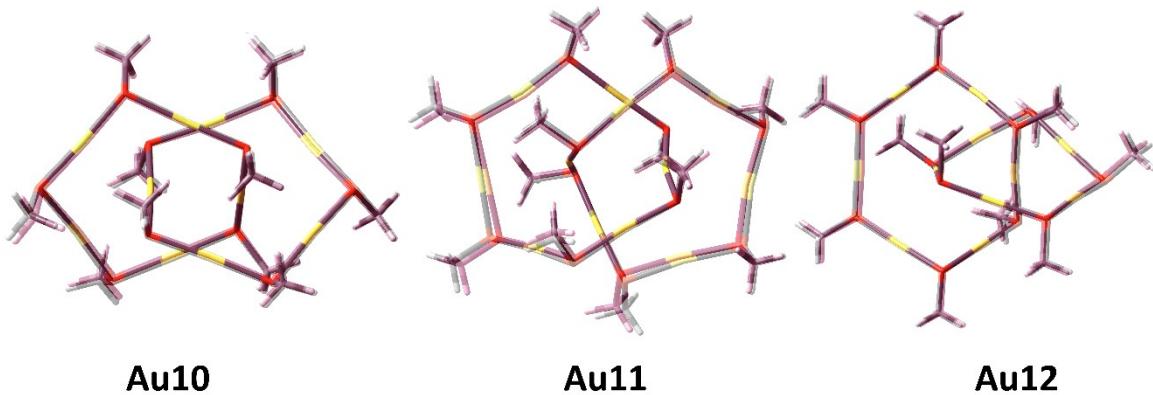


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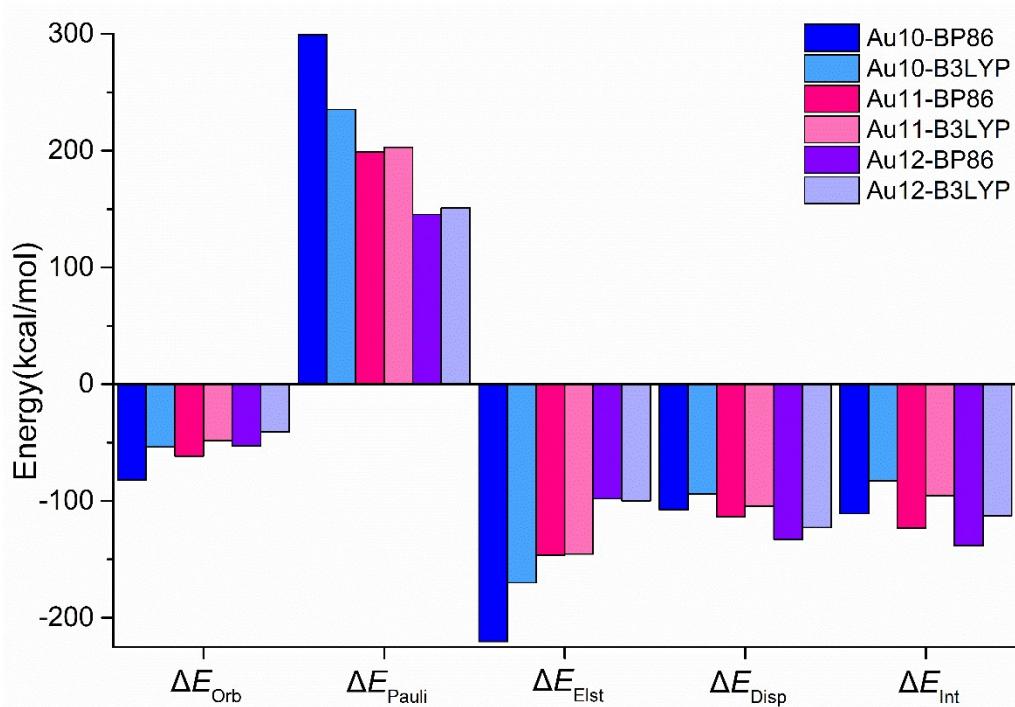


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Table S1 Results of energy decomposition analysis for **Au10-Au12** calculated by the DFT/BP86 method and for all complexes by the DFT/B3LYP method (kcal/mol).

Complex	Functional	ΔE_{Orb}	ΔE_{Pauli}	ΔE_{Elst}	ΔE_{Disp}	ΔE_{Steric}	ΔE_{Int}
Au10	BP86	-82.18	299.21	-220.34	-107.55	78.88	-110.86
Au11		-61.63	198.91	-146.59	-113.74	52.32	-123.05
Au12		-52.66	145.35	-98.13	-132.90	47.22	-138.34
Au10	B3LYP	-53.92	235.19	-169.99	-94.24	65.20	-82.96
Au11		-48.19	202.88	-145.43	-104.64	57.45	-95.37
Au12		-40.95	150.99	-99.87	-122.87	51.12	-112.70
Au5Ag5		-45.98	197.70	-147.26	-83.85	50.44	-79.39
Au5Ag6		-45.67	184.59	-134.88	-92.73	49.71	-88.69
Au6Ag5		-40.79	170.25	-125.25	-92.04	45.00	-87.83
Au6Ag6		-39.77	145.27	-102.68	-107.95	42.59	-105.13
Au5Cu5		-53.14	215.03	-158.98	-111.78	56.05	-108.87
Au5Cu6		-51.07	188.89	-134.40	-126.40	54.50	-122.98
Au6Cu5		-49.39	195.83	-141.26	-121.53	54.57	-116.34
Au6Cu6		-48.17	166.11	-115.88	-146.00	50.23	-143.93

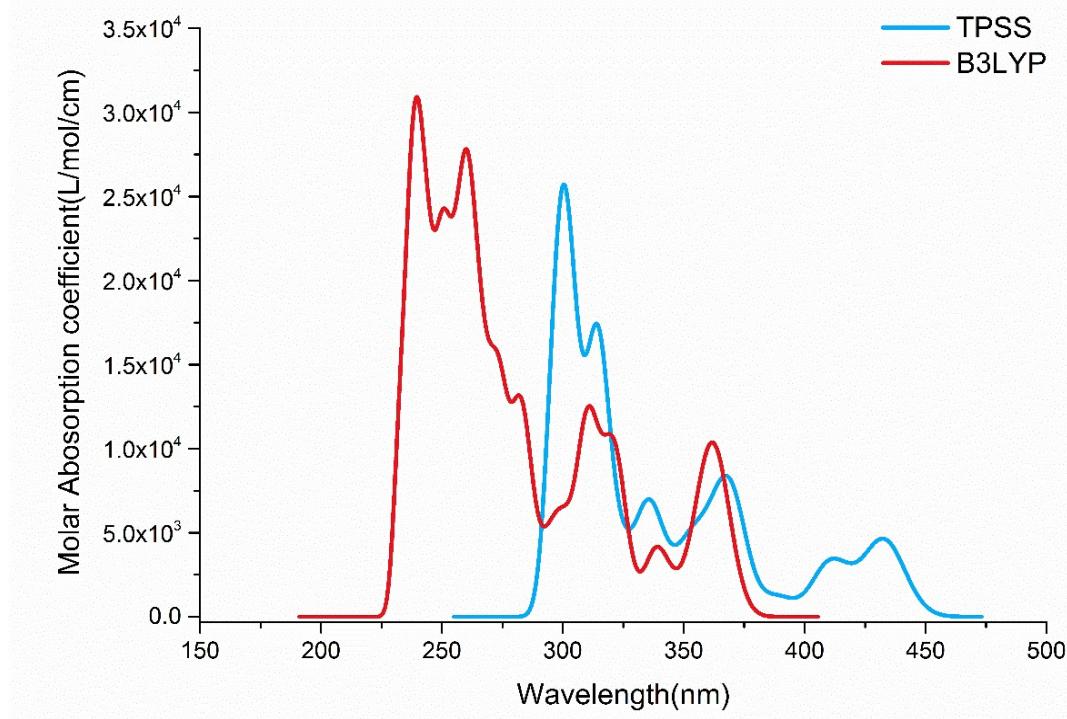


Fig. S3 Comparison for UV-Vis spectra of **Au10** simulated in ADF program (red) by TD-DFT/B3LYP method and in Gaussian program (blue) by TD-DFT/TPSS method.

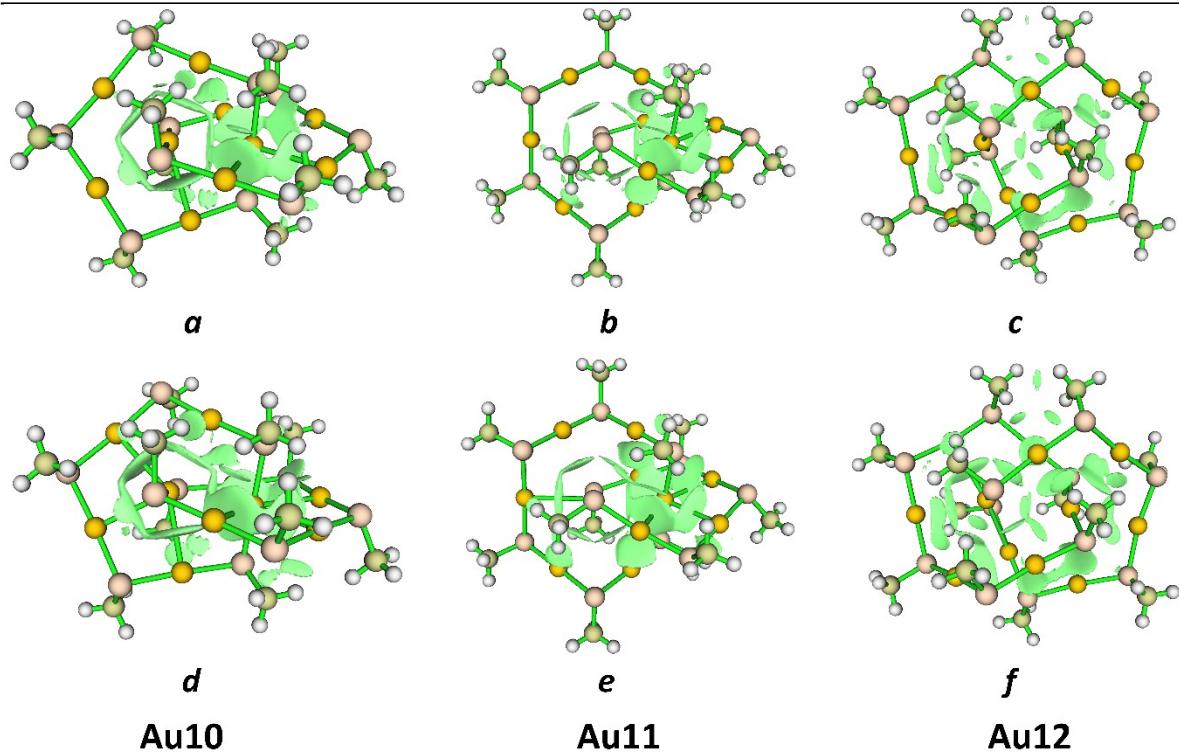


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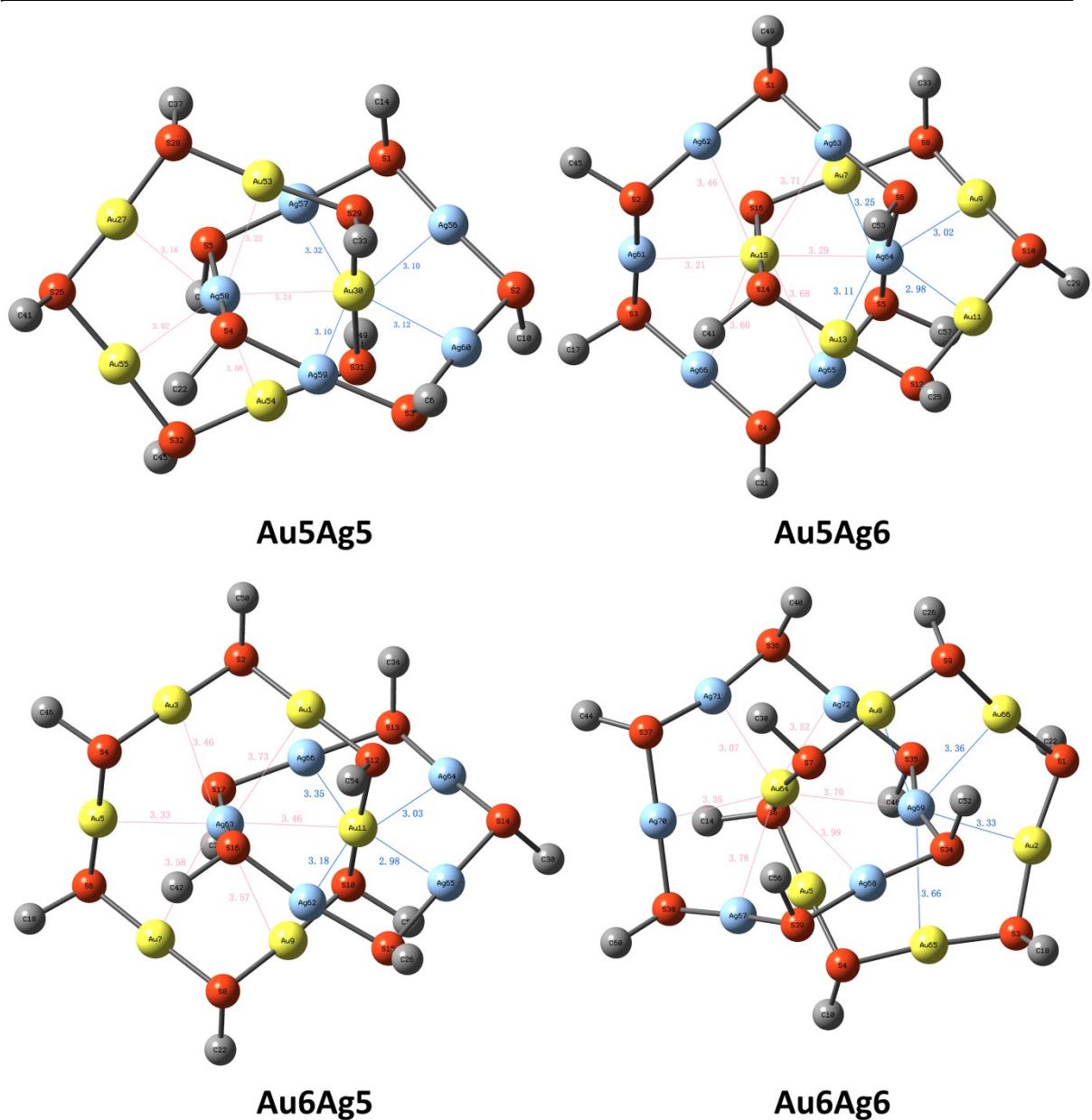


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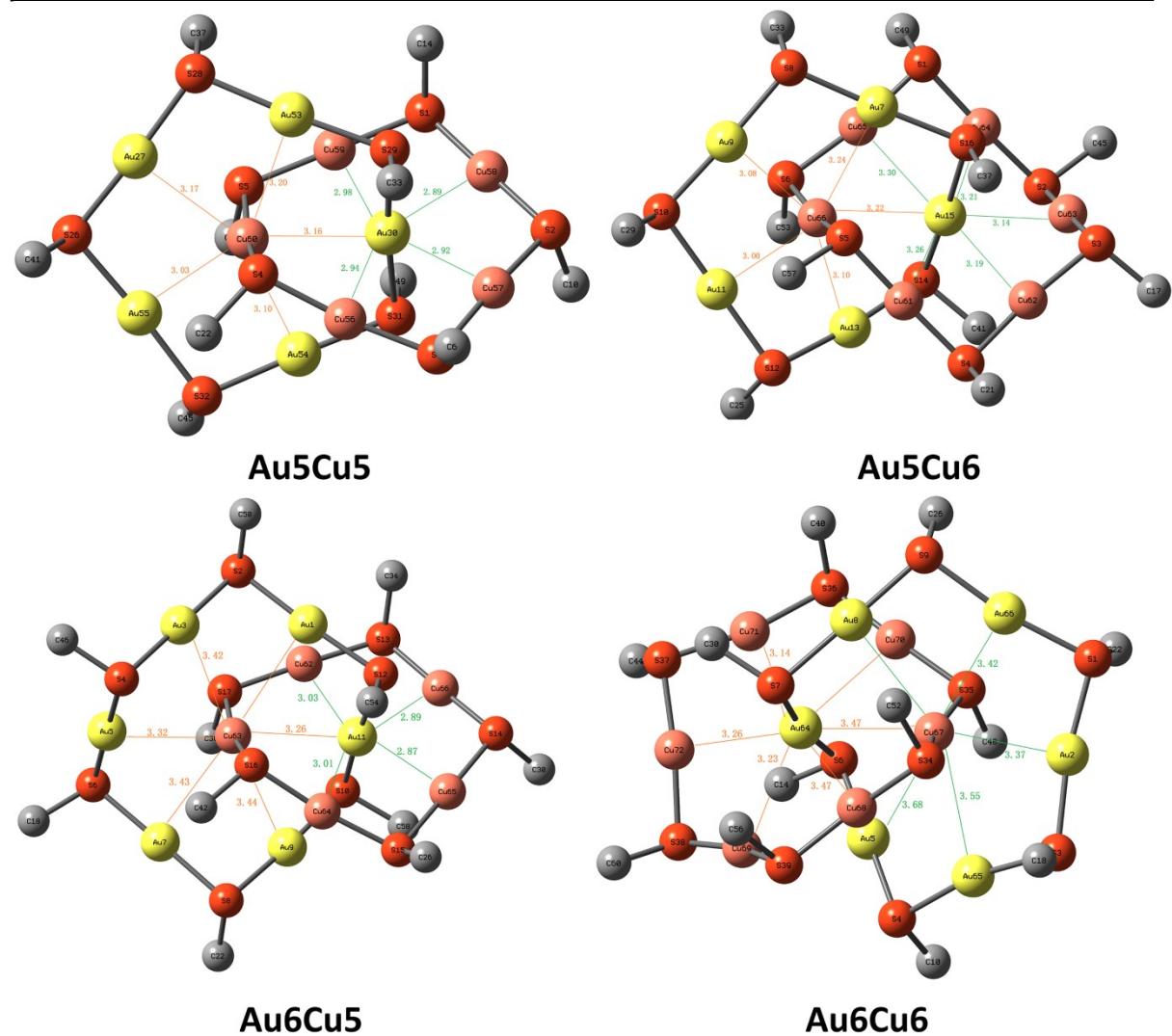


Fig S6 Optimized $\text{Au}\cdots\text{Cu}$ interlocking [2]catenanes. (Color code: yellow (Au), orange (Cu), red (S), gray (C). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.)

Table S2 Geometric parameters of Au \cdots Ag interlocking [2]catenanes.

Au5Ag5	Au5Ag6	Au6Ag5		Au6Ag6		
Au-S bond lengths (\AA)						
Au(27)-S(26)	2.37	Au(7)-S(8)	2.37	Au(1)-S(2)	2.37	Au(2)-S(1)
Au(55)-S(26)	2.37	Au(9)-S(8)	2.37	Au(3)-S(2)	2.37	Au(2)-S(3)
Au(55)-S(32)	2.37	Au(9)-S(10)	2.38	Au(3)-S(4)	2.37	Au(65)-S(3)
Au(54)-S(32)	2.37	Au(11)-S(10)	2.38	Au(5)-S(4)	2.37	Au(65)-S(4)
Au(54)-S(31)	2.37	Au(11)-S(12)	2.38	Au(5)-S(6)	2.37	Au(5)-S(4)
Au(30)-S(31)	2.39	Au(13)-S(12)	2.38	Au(7)-S(6)	2.36	Au(5)-S(6)
Au(30)-S(29)	2.38	Au(13)-S(14)	2.37	Au(7)-S(8)	2.37	Au(64)-S(6)
Au(53)-S(29)	2.37	Au(15)-S(14)	2.37	Au(9)-S(8)	2.37	Au(64)-S(7)
Au(53)-S(28)	2.37	Au(15)-S(16)	2.37	Au(9)-S(10)	2.35	Au(8)-S(7)
Au(27)-S(28)	2.37	Au(7)-S(16)	2.38	Au(11)-S(10)	2.39	Au(8)-S(9)
				Au(11)-S(12)	2.39	Au(66)-S(9)
				Au(1)-S(12)	2.36	Au(66)-S(1)
Ag-S bond lengths (\AA)						
Ag(56)-S(1)	2.43	Ag(61)-S(2)	2.42	Ag(62)-S(16)	2.42	Ag(67)-S(39)
Ag(56)-S(2)	2.43	Ag(62)-S(2)	2.42	Ag(63)-S(16)	2.42	Ag(68)-S(39)
Ag(60)-S(2)	2.43	Ag(62)-S(1)	2.42	Ag(63)-S(17)	2.42	Ag(68)-S(34)
Ag(60)-S(3)	2.42	Ag(63)-S(1)	2.42	Ag(66)-S(17)	2.43	Ag(69)-S(34)
Ag(59)-S(3)	2.42	Ag(63)-S(6)	2.40	Ag(66)-S(13)	2.43	Ag(69)-S(35)
Ag(59)-S(4)	2.41	Ag(64)-S(6)	2.48	Ag(64)-S(13)	2.42	Ag(72)-S(35)
Ag(58)-S(4)	2.45	Ag(64)-S(5)	2.48	Ag(64)-S(14)	2.44	Ag(72)-S(36)
Ag(58)-S(5)	2.47	Ag(65)-S(5)	2.39	Ag(65)-S(14)	2.43	Ag(71)-S(36)
Ag(57)-S(5)	2.41	Ag(65)-S(4)	2.42	Ag(65)-S(15)	2.43	Ag(71)-S(37)
Ag(57)-S(1)	2.41	Ag(66)-S(4)	2.42	Ag(62)-S(15)	2.43	Ag(70)-S(37)
		Ag(66)-S(3)	2.42			Ag(70)-S(38)
		Ag(61)-S(3)	2.42			Ag(67)-S(38)
Au \cdots Ag contacts (\AA) involving the Au atom at the center						
Au(30)-Ag(56)	3.10	Au(15)-Ag(61)	3.21	Au(11)-Ag(62)	3.18	Au(64)-Ag(67)
Au(30)-Ag(57)	3.32	Au(15)-Ag(62)	3.46	Au(11)-Ag(65)	2.98	Au(64)-Ag(68)
Au(30)-Ag(58)	3.24	Au(15)-Ag(63)	3.71	Au(11)-Ag(64)	3.03	Au(64)-Ag(69)
Au(30)-Ag(59)	3.10	Au(15)-Ag(64)	3.29	Au(11)-Ag(66)	3.35	Au(64)-Ag(70)
Au(30)-Ag(60)	3.12	Au(15)-Ag(65)	3.68	Au(11)-Ag(63)	3.46	Au(64)-Ag(71)
		Au(15)-Ag(66)	3.60			Au(64)-Ag(72)
Au \cdots Ag contacts (\AA) involving the Ag atom at the center						
Ag(58)-Au(30)	3.24	Ag(64)-Au(7)	3.25	Au(11)-Ag(63)	3.46	Au(2)-Ag(69)
Ag(58)-Au(54)	3.08	Ag(64)-Au(9)	3.02	Au(9)-Ag(63)	3.57	Au(65)-Ag(69)
Ag(58)-Au(55)	3.02	Ag(64)-Au(11)	2.98	Au(7)-Ag(63)	3.58	Au(5)-Ag(69)
Ag(58)-Au(27)	3.16	Ag(64)-Au(13)	3.11	Au(5)-Ag(63)	3.33	Au(64)-Ag(69)
Ag(58)-Au(53)	3.22	Au(15)-Ag(64)	3.29	Au(3)-Ag(63)	3.46	Au(8)-Ag(69)
				Au(1)-Ag(63)	3.73	Au(66)-Ag(69)
Au-S-Au bond angles ($^\circ$)						
Au(27)-S(28)-Au(53)	103.64	Au(7)-S(8)-Au(9)	104.86	Au(1)-S(2)-Au(3)	95.12	Au(2)-S(3)-Au(65)
Au(53)-S(29)-Au(30)	101.07	Au(9)-S(10)-Au(11)	103.47	Au(3)-S(4)-Au(5)	98.56	Au(65)-S(4)-Au(5)
Au(30)-S(31)-Au(54)	100.10	Au(11)-S(12)-Au(13)	100.66	Au(5)-S(6)-Au(7)	97.90	Au(5)-S(6)-Au(64)
						84.86

Au(54)-S(32)-Au(55)	103.98	Au(13)-S(14)-Au(15)	99.79	Au(7)-S(8)-Au(9)	93.88	Au(64)-S(7)-Au(8)	96.34
Au(55)-S262)-Au(27)	102.89	Au(15)-S(16)-Au(7)	99.59	Au(9)-S(10)-Au(11)	97.86	Au(8)-S(9)-Au(66)	104.70
S-Au-S bond angles (°)							
S(28)-Au(53)-S(29)	175.74	S(8)-Au(9)-S(10)	176.88	S(2)-Au(3)-S(4)	178.33	S(1)-Au(2)-S(3)	170.59
S(29)-Au(30)-S(31)	176.81	S(10)-Au(11)-S(12)	178.45	S(4)-Au(5)-S(6)	178.45	S(3)-Au(65)-S(4)	174.01
S(31)-Au(54)-S(32)	176.40	S(12)-Au(13)-S(14)	175.74	S(6)-Au(7)-S(8)	179.07	S(4)-Au(5)-S(6)	175.14
S(32)-Au(55)-S(26)	176.39	S(14)-Au(15)-S(16)	170.86	S(8)-Au(9)-S(10)	175.58	S(6)-Au(64)-S(7)	165.16
S(26)-Au(27)-S(28)	176.21	S(16)-Au(7)-S(8)	176.20	S(10)-Au(11)-S(12)	169.98	S(7)-Au(8)-S(9)	171.18
				S(12)-Au(1)-S(2)	175.94	S(9)-Au(66)-S(1)	173.85
Ag-S-Ag bond angles (°)							
Ag(56)-S(1)-Ag(57)	101.93	Ag(61)-S(2)-Ag(62)	96.39	Ag(62)-S(15)-Ag(65)	101.58	Ag(67)-S(39)-Ag(68)	97.13
Ag(57)-S(5)-Ag(58)	98.15	Ag(62)-S(1)-Ag(63)	90.46	Ag(65)-S(14)-Ag(64)	102.70	Ag(68)-S(34)-Ag(69)	97.85
Ag(58)-S(4)-Ag(59)	100.03	Ag(63)-S(6)-Ag(64)	89.90	Ag(64)-S(13)-Ag(66)	105.90	Ag(69)-S(35)-Ag(72)	99.59
Ag(59)-S(3)-Ag(60)	100.86	Ag(64)-S(5)-Ag(65)	93.97	Ag(66)-S(17)-Ag(63)	98.56	Ag(72)-S(36)-Ag(71)	103.28
Ag(56)-S(2)-Ag(56)	102.65	Ag(65)-S(5)-Ag(66)	87.67	Ag(63)-S(16)-Ag(62)	98.38	Ag(71)-S(37)-Ag(70)	100.30
		Ag(66)-S(3)-Ag(61)	95.21			Ag(70)-S(38)-Ag(67)	90.19
S-Ag-S bond angles (°)							
S(1)-Ag(56)-S(2)	174.15	S(1)-Ag(62)-S(2)	177.14	S(13)-Ag(64)-S(14)	176.96	S(34)-Ag(69)-S(35)	163.10
S(2)-Ag(60)-S(3)	173.21	S(2)-Ag(61)-S(3)	175.72	S(14)-Ag(65)-S(15)	175.11	S(35)-Ag(72)-S(36)	176.32
S(3)-Ag(59)-S(4)	172.42	S(3)-Ag(66)-S(4)	178.53	S(15)-Ag(62)-S(16)	172.98	S(36)-Ag(71)-S(37)	169.53
S(4)-Ag(58)-S(5)	170.29	S(4)-Ag(65)-S(5)	172.03	S(16)-Ag(63)-S(17)	172.66	S(37)-Ag(70)-S(38)	176.96
S(5)-Ag(57)-S(1)	176.81	S(5)-Ag(64)-S(6)	168.27	S(17)-Ag(66)-S(13)	175.94	S(38)-Ag(67)-S(39)	171.60
		S(6)-Ag(63)-S(1)	174.90			S(39)-Ag(68)-S(34)	169.30
Au-S-S-Au dihedral angles (°)							
Au(27)-S(26)-S(32)-Au(54)	-13.60	Au(7)-S(8)-S(10)-Au(11)	5.41	Au(1)-S(2)-S(4)-Au(5)	-85.84	Au(2)-S(3)-S(4)-Au(5)	26.29
Au(55)-S(32)-S(31)-Au(30)	29.87	Au(9)-S(10)-S(12)-Au(13)	-34.07	Au(3)-S(4)-S(6)-Au(7)	83.05	Au(65)-S(4)-S(6)-Au(64)	-92.50
Au(54)-S(31)-S(29)-Au(53)	-33.14	Au(11)-S(12)-S(14)-Au(15)	56.65	Au(5)-S(6)-S(8)-Au(9)	-77.34	Au(5)-S(6)-S(7)-Au(8)	109.59
Au(30)-S(29)-S(28)-Au(27)	28.00	Au(13)-S(14)-S(15)-Au(16)	-51.65	Au(7)-S(8)-S(10)-Au(11)	88.96	Au(64)-S(7)-S(9)-Au(66)	-57.87
Au(53)-S(28)-S(26)-Au(55)	-10.38	Au(15)-S(16)-S(8)-Au(9)	23.66	Au(9)-S(10)-S(12)-Au(1)	-89.99	Au(8)-S(9)-S(1)-Au(2)	-10.72
				Au(11)-S(12)-S(2)-Au(3)	76.50	Au(66)-S(1)-S(3)-Au(65)	24.52
Ag-S-S-Ag dihedral angles (°)							
Ag(56)-S(2)-S(3)-Ag(59)	-1.46	Ag(61)-S(3)-S(4)-Ag(65)	-81.02	Ag(62)-S(15)-S(14)-Ag(64)	-35.48	Ag(67)-S(39)-S(34)-Ag(69)	11.39
Ag(60)-S(3)-S(4)-Ag(58)	39.70	Ag(66)-S(4)-S(5)-Ag(64)	91.97	Ag(65)-S(14)-S(13)-Ag(66)	6.01	Ag(68)-S(34)-S(35)-Ag(72)	50.47
Ag(59)-S(4)-S(5)-Ag(57)	-47.20	Ag(65)-S(5)-S(6)-Ag(63)	-96.56	Ag(64)-S(13)-S(17)-Ag(63)	23.91	Ag(69)-S(35)-S(36)-Ag(71)	-38.72
Ag(58)-S(5)-S(1)-Ag(56)	33.10	Ag(64)-S(6)-S(1)-Ag(62)	73.39	Ag(66)-S(17)-S(16)-Ag(62)	-53.44	Ag(72)-S(36)-S(37)-Ag(70)	-23.32
Ag(57)-S(1)-S(2)-Ag(60)	-24.66	Ag(63)-S(1)-S(2)-Ag(61)	-86.50	Ag(63)-S(16)-S(15)-Ag(65)	60.20	Ag(71)-S(37)-S(38)-Ag(67)	80.55
		Ag(62)-S(2)-S(3)-Ag(66)	88.90			Ag(70)-S(38)-S(39)-Ag(68)	-75.74

Table S3 Geometric parameters of Au \cdots Cu interlocking [2]catenanes.

Au5Cu5	Au5Cu6		Au6Cu5		Au6Cu6		
Au-S bond length (Å)							
Au(27)-S(26)	2.37	Au(7)-S(8)	2.37	Au(1)-S(2)	2.37	Au(2)-S(1)	2.36
Au(27)-S(28)	2.37	Au(9)-S(8)	2.37	Au(3)-S(2)	2.37	Au(2)-S(3)	2.36
Au(53)-S(28)	2.37	Au(9)-S(10)	2.38	Au(3)-S(4)	2.37	Au(65)-S(3)	2.35
Au(53)-S(29)	2.36	Au(11)-S(10)	2.37	Au(5)-S(4)	2.37	Au(65)-S(4)	2.37
Au(30)-S(29)	2.39	Au(11)-S(12)	2.38	Au(5)-S(6)	2.37	Au(5)-S(4)	2.35
Au(30)-S(31)	2.40	Au(13)-S(12)	2.37	Au(7)-S(6)	2.37	Au(5)-S(6)	2.37
Au(54)-S(31)	2.36	Au(13)-S(14)	2.37	Au(7)-S(8)	2.38	Au(64)-S(6)	2.39
Au(54)-S(32)	2.37	Au(15)-S(14)	2.38	Au(9)-S(8)	2.37	Au(64)-S(7)	2.36
Au(55)-S(32)	2.37	Au(15)-S(16)	2.38	Au(9)-S(10)	2.34	Au(8)-S(7)	2.38
Au(55)-S(26)	2.37	Au(7)-S(16)	2.38	Au(11)-S(10)	2.41	Au(8)-S(9)	2.36
			Au(11)-S(12)	2.40	Au(66)-S(9)	2.36	
			Au(1)-S(12)	2.35	Au(66)-S(1)	2.36	
Cu-S bond length (Å)							
Cu(56)-S(3)	2.22	Cu(61)-S(4)	2.20	Cu(62)-S(17)	2.23	Cu(67)-S(34)	2.21
Cu(57)-S(3)	2.22	Cu(62)-S(4)	2.20	Cu(63)-S(17)	2.21	Cu(68)-S(34)	2.20
Cu(57)-S(2)	2.23	Cu(62)-S(3)	2.21	Cu(63)-S(16)	2.21	Cu(68)-S(39)	2.21
Cu(58)-S(2)	2.23	Cu(63)-S(3)	2.20	Cu(64)-S(16)	2.22	Cu(69)-S(39)	2.19
Cu(58)-S(1)	2.23	Cu(63)-S(2)	2.20	Cu(64)-S(15)	2.23	Cu(69)-S(38)	2.20
Cu(59)-S(1)	2.22	Cu(64)-S(2)	2.20	Cu(65)-S(15)	2.23	Cu(72)-S(38)	2.19
Cu(59)-S(5)	2.20	Cu(64)-S(1)	2.20	Cu(65)-S(14)	2.23	Cu(72)-S(37)	2.20
Cu(60)-S(5)	2.24	Cu(65)-S(1)	2.20	Cu(66)-S(14)	2.23	Cu(71)-S(37)	2.20
Cu(60)-S(4)	2.23	Cu(65)-S(6)	2.19	Cu(66)-S(13)	2.23	Cu(71)-S(36)	2.19
Cu(56)-S(4)	2.21	Cu(66)-S(6)	2.23	Cu(62)-S(13)	2.24	Cu(70)-S(36)	2.21
		Cu(66)-S(5)	2.23			Cu(70)-S(35)	2.20
		Cu(61)-S(5)	2.18			Cu(67)-S(35)	2.20
Au \cdots Cu contacts (Å) involving the Au atom at the center							
Au(30)-Cu(56)	2.94	Au(15)-Cu(61)	3.26	Au(11)-Cu(62)	3.03	Au(64)-Cu(67)	3.47
Au(30)-Cu(57)	2.92	Au(15)-Cu(62)	3.19	Au(11)-Cu(63)	3.26	Au(64)-Cu(68)	3.47
Au(30)-Cu(58)	2.89	Au(15)-Cu(63)	3.14	Au(11)-Cu(64)	3.01	Au(64)-Cu(69)	3.23
Au(30)-Cu(59)	2.98	Au(15)-Cu(64)	3.21	Au(11)-Cu(65)	2.87	Au(64)-Cu(70)	3.28
Au(30)-Cu(60)	3.16	Au(15)-Cu(65)	3.30	Au(11)-Cu(66)	2.89	Au(64)-Cu(71)	3.14
		Au(15)-Cu(66)	3.22			Au(64)-Cu(72)	3.26
Au \cdots Cu contacts (Å) involving the Cu atom at the center							
Cu(60)-Au(30)	3.16	Cu(66)-Au(7)	3.24	Au(11)-Cu(63)	3.26	Au(2)-Cu(67)	3.37
Cu(60)-Au(54)	3.10	Cu(66)-Au(9)	3.08	Au(9)-Cu(63)	3.44	Au(65)-Cu(67)	3.55
Cu(60)-Au(55)	3.03	Cu(66)-Au(11)	3.00	Au(7)-Cu(63)	3.43	Au(5)-Cu(67)	3.68
Cu(60)-Au(27)	3.17	Cu(66)-Au(13)	3.10	Au(5)-Cu(63)	3.32	Au(64)-Cu(67)	3.47
Cu(60)-Au(53)	3.20	Cu(66)-Au(15)	3.22	Au(3)-Cu(63)	3.42	Au(8)-Cu(67)	3.37
			Au(1)-Cu(63)	3.56	Au(66)-Cu(67)	3.42	
Au-S-Au bond angle (°)							
Au(27)-S(28)-Au(53)	103.54	Au(7)-S(8)-Au(9)	104.94	Au(1)-S(2)-Au(3)	90.59	Au(2)-S(3)-Au(65)	105.67
Au(53)-S(29)-Au(30)	99.84	Au(9)-S(10)-Au(11)	103.69	Au(3)-S(4)-Au(5)	92.77	Au(65)-S(4)-Au(5)	96.75
Au(30)-S(31)-Au(54)	98.19	Au(11)-S(12)-Au(13)	101.12	Au(5)-S(6)-Au(7)	92.96	Au(5)-S(6)-Au(64)	83.63

Au(54)-S(32)-Au(55)	104.17	Au(13)-S(14)-Au(15)	99.44	Au(7)-S(8)-Au(9)	89.46	Au(64)-S(7)-Au(8)	93.12
Au(55)-S262)-Au(27)	103.09	Au(15)-S(16)-Au(7)	98.69	Au(9)-S(10)-Au(11)	94.35	Au(8)-S(9)-Au(66)	102.17
S-Au-S bond angle (°)							
S(28)-Au(53)-S(29)	176.09	S(8)-Au(9)-S(10)	174.26	S(2)-Au(3)-S(4)	179.58	S(1)-Au(2)-S(3)	170.44
S(29)-Au(30)-S(31)	174.54	S(10)-Au(11)-S(12)	177.10	S(4)-Au(5)-S(6)	178.75	S(3)-Au(65)-S(4)	167.87
S(31)-Au(54)-S(32)	176.62	S(12)-Au(13)-S(14)	174.35	S(6)-Au(7)-S(8)	178.99	S(4)-Au(5)-S(6)	176.87
S(32)-Au(55)-S(26)	176.12	S(14)-Au(15)-S(16)	173.40	S(8)-Au(9)-S(10)	176.05	S(6)-Au(64)-S(7)	170.43
S(26)-Au(27)-S(28)	175.37	S(16)-Au(7)-S(8)	177.57	S(10)-Au(11)-S(12)	169.93	S(7)-Au(8)-S(9)	168.24
				S(12)-Au(1)-S(2)	175.66	S(9)-Au(66)-S(1)	171.24
Cu-S-Cu bond angle (°)							
Cu(56)-S(3)-Cu(57)	104.24	Cu(61)-S(4)-Cu(62)	92.00	Cu(62)-S(13)-Cu(66)	108.58	Cu(67)-S(34)-Cu(68)	79.85
Cu(57)-S(2)-Cu(58)	104.79	Cu(62)-S(3)-Cu(63)	97.11	Cu(66)-S(14)-Cu(67)	104.86	Cu(68)-S(39)-Cu(69)	106.52
Cu(58)-S(1)-Cu(59)	105.94	Cu(63)-S(2)-Cu(64)	94.05	Cu(65)-S(15)-Cu(64)	104.99	Cu(69)-S(38)-Cu(72)	97.85
Cu(59)-S(5)-Cu(60)	102.22	Cu(64)-S(1)-Cu(65)	91.03	Cu(64)-S(16)-Cu(63)	103.93	Cu(72)-S(37)-Cu(71)	101.20
Cu(56)-S(4)-Cu(56)	102.39	Cu(65)-S(6)-Cu(66)	93.86	Cu(63)-S(17)-Cu(62)	104.34	Cu(71)-S(36)-Cu(70)	106.68
		Cu(66)-S(5)-Cu(61)	96.11			Cu(70)-S(38)-Cu(67)	104.40
S-Cu-S bond angle (°)							
S(3)-Cu(56)-S(4)	169.96	S(3)-Cu(62)-S(4)	173.80	S(13)-Cu(66)-S(14)	174.71	S(34)-Cu(67)-S(35)	160.78
S(4)-Cu(60)-S(5)	168.22	S(4)-Cu(61)-S(5)	176.62	S(14)-Cu(65)-S(15)	178.54	S(35)-Cu(70)-S(36)	172.68
S(5)-Cu(59)-S(1)	173.99	S(5)-Cu(66)-S(6)	167.00	S(15)-Cu(64)-S(16)	173.79	S(36)-Cu(71)-S(37)	169.25
S(1)-Cu(58)-S(2)	178.82	S(6)-Cu(65)-S(1)	172.09	S(16)-Cu(63)-S(17)	167.21	S(37)-Cu(72)-S(38)	170.55
S(2)-Cu(57)-S(3)	172.10	S(1)-Cu(64)-S(2)	175.83	S(17)-Cu(62)-S(13)	175.06	S(38)-Cu(69)-S(39)	162.60
		S(2)-Cu(63)-S(3)	176.94			S(39)-Cu(68)-S(34)	157.63
Au-S-S-Au dihedral angles (°)							
Au(27)-S(26)-S(32)-Au(54)	-16.59	Au(7)-S(8)-S(10)-Au(11)	1.55	Au(1)-S(2)-S(4)-Au(5)	-90.06	Au(2)-S(3)-S(4)-Au(5)	7.50
Au(55)-S(32)-S(31)-Au(30)	32.20	Au(9)-S(10)-S(12)-Au(13)	-34.67	Au(3)-S(4)-S(6)-Au(7)	91.41	Au(65)-S(4)-S(6)-Au(64)	-75.09
Au(54)-S(31)-S(29)-Au(53)	-36.54	Au(11)-S(12)-S(14)-Au(15)	56.57	Au(5)-S(6)-S(8)-Au(9)	-85.15	Au(5)-S(6)-S(7)-Au(8)	108.07
Au(30)-S(29)-S(28)-Au(27)	28.89	Au(13)-S(14)-S(16)-Au(7)	-52.74	Au(7)-S(8)-S(10)-Au(11)	87.37	Au(64)-S(7)-S(9)-Au(66)	-59.17
Au(53)-S(28)-S(26)-Au(55)	-8.39	Au(15)-S(16)-S(8)-Au(9)	28.56	Au(9)-S(10)-S(12)-Au(1)	-86.89	Au(8)-S(9)-S(1)-Au(2)	-13.13
				Au(11)-S(12)-S(2)-Au(3)	76.52	Au(66)-S(1)-S(3)-Au(65)	34.64
Cu-S-S-Cu dihedral angles (°)							
Cu(56)-S(4)-S(5)-Cu(59)	-44.72	Cu(61)-S(4)-S(3)-Cu(63)	-73.88	Cu(62)-S(17)-S(16)-Cu(64)	-46.34	Cu(67)-S(34)-S(39)-Cu(69)	-17.21
Cu(60)-S(5)-S(1)-Cu(58)	24.02	Cu(62)-S(3)-S(2)-Cu(64)	79.63	Cu(63)-S(16)-S(15)-Cu(65)	52.66	Cu(68)-S(39)-S(38)-Cu(72)	-41.85
Cu(59)-S(1)-S(2)-Cu(57)	-10.49	Cu(63)-S(2)-S(1)-Cu(65)	-83.06	Cu(64)-S(15)-S(14)-Cu(66)	-30.86	Cu(69)-S(38)-S(37)-Cu(71)	49.14
Cu(58)-S(2)-S(3)-Cu(56)	-9.88	Cu(64)-S(1)-S(5)-Cu(66)	73.54	Cu(65)-S(14)-S(13)-Cu(62)	7.11	Cu(72)-S(37)-S(36)-Cu(70)	-22.41
Cu(57)-S(3)-S(4)-Cu(60)	44.25	Cu(65)-S(6)-S(5)-Cu(61)	-80.81	Cu(66)-S(13)-S(17)-Cu(63)	20.08	Cu(71)-S(36)-S(35)-Cu(67)	-33.68
		Cu(62)-S(5)-S(4)-Cu(62)	81.60			Cu(70)-S(35)-S(34)-Cu(68)	62.49

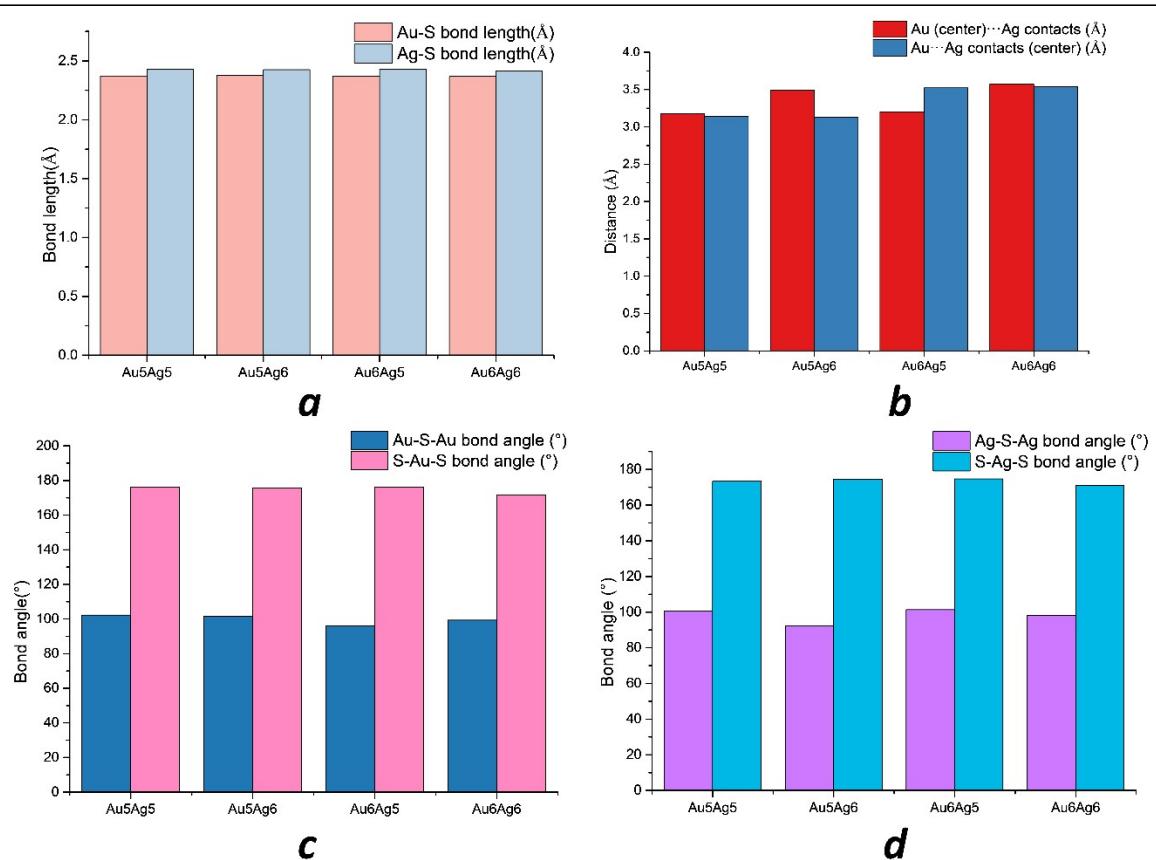


Fig S7 Comparison for the average geometric parameters of $\text{Au}\cdots\text{Ag}$ interlocking [2]catenanes: (a)Au-S and Ag-S bond length (Å); (b)Au···Ag contacts (Å) involving the Au atom at the center and Au···Ag contacts (Å) involving the Ag atom at the center; (c)Au-S-Au and S-Au-S bond angle (°); (d)Ag-S-Ag and S-Ag-S bond angle (°).

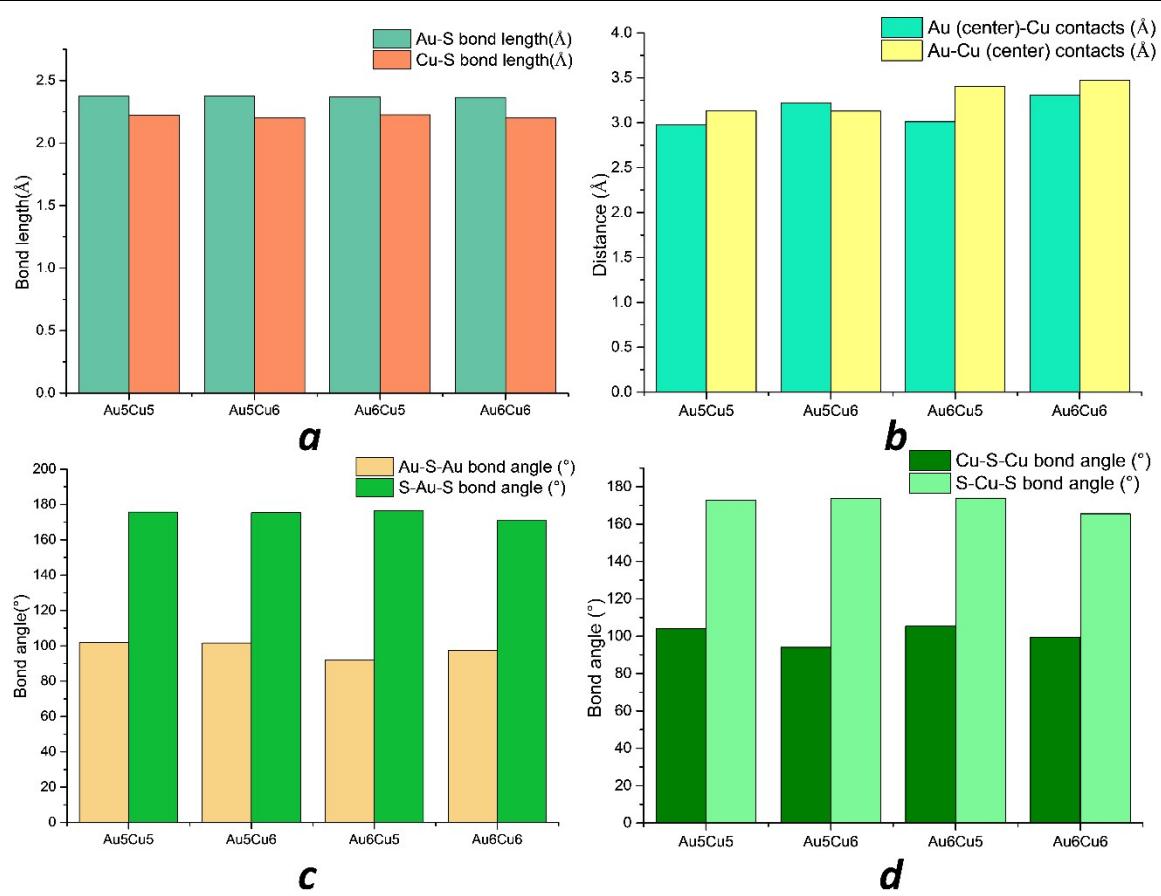


Fig S8 Comparison of the average geometric parameters of $\text{Au}\cdots\text{Cu}$ interlocking [2]catenanes: (a) Au-S and Cu-S bond length (Å); (b) Au...Cu contacts (Å) involving the Au atom at the center and Au...Cu contacts (Å) involving the Cu atom at the center; (c) Au-S-Au and S-Au-S bond angle (°); (d) Cu-S-Cu and S-Cu-S bond angle (°).

Table S4 Calculated stabilization energies (kcal/mol) of (MeSAu) and (MeSAg) units in Au \cdots Ag interlocking [2]catenanes.

	Au5Ag5	Au5Ag6	Au6Ag5	Au6Ag6
$E(MeSAu)_{Stable}$	-39.84	-39.92	-39.85	-39.16
$E(MeSAg)_{Stable}$	-35.88	-35.99	-36.08	-35.72

Table S5 Calculated stabilization energies (kcal/mol) of (MeSAu) and (MeSCu) units in Au \cdots Cu interlocking [2]catenanes.

	Au5Cu5	Au5Cu6	Au6Cu5	Au6Cu6
$E(MeSAu)_{Stable}$	-39.75	-39.88	-39.62	-39.10
$E(MeSCu)_{Stable}$	-41.35	-41.92	-41.40	-40.59

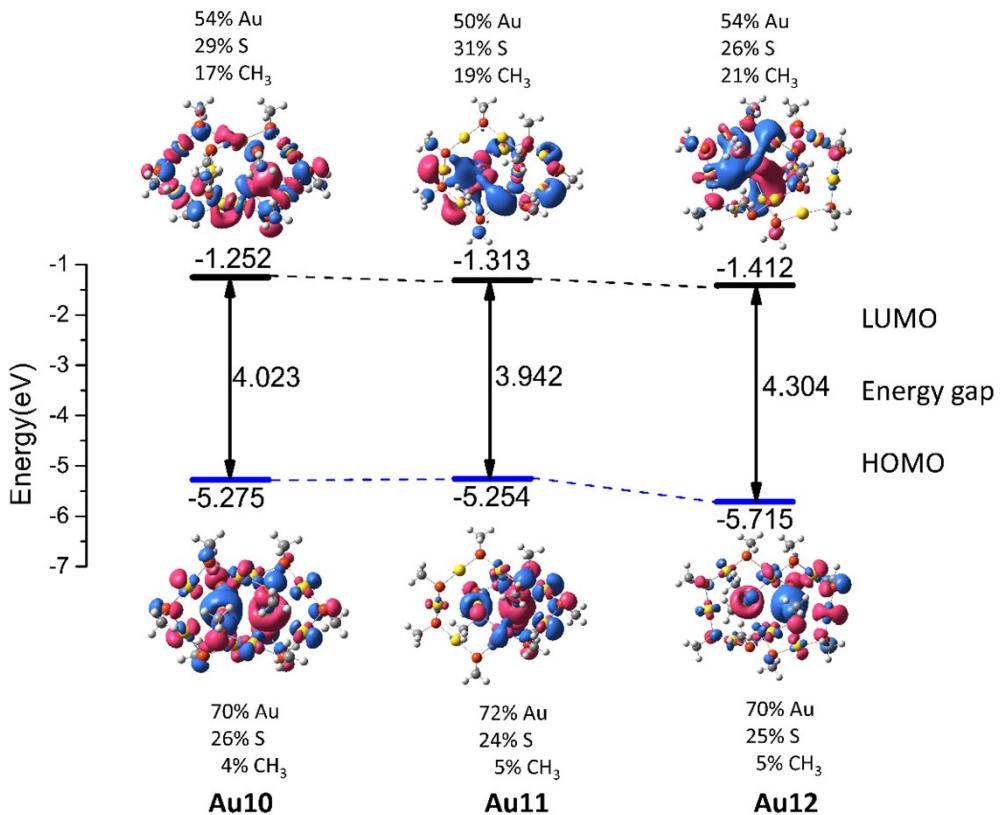


Fig S9 Calculated frontier molecular orbitals of Au \cdots Au interlocking [2]catenanes at their S_0 geometries. (color code: yellow (Au), red (S), gray (C), isoval. =0.020.)

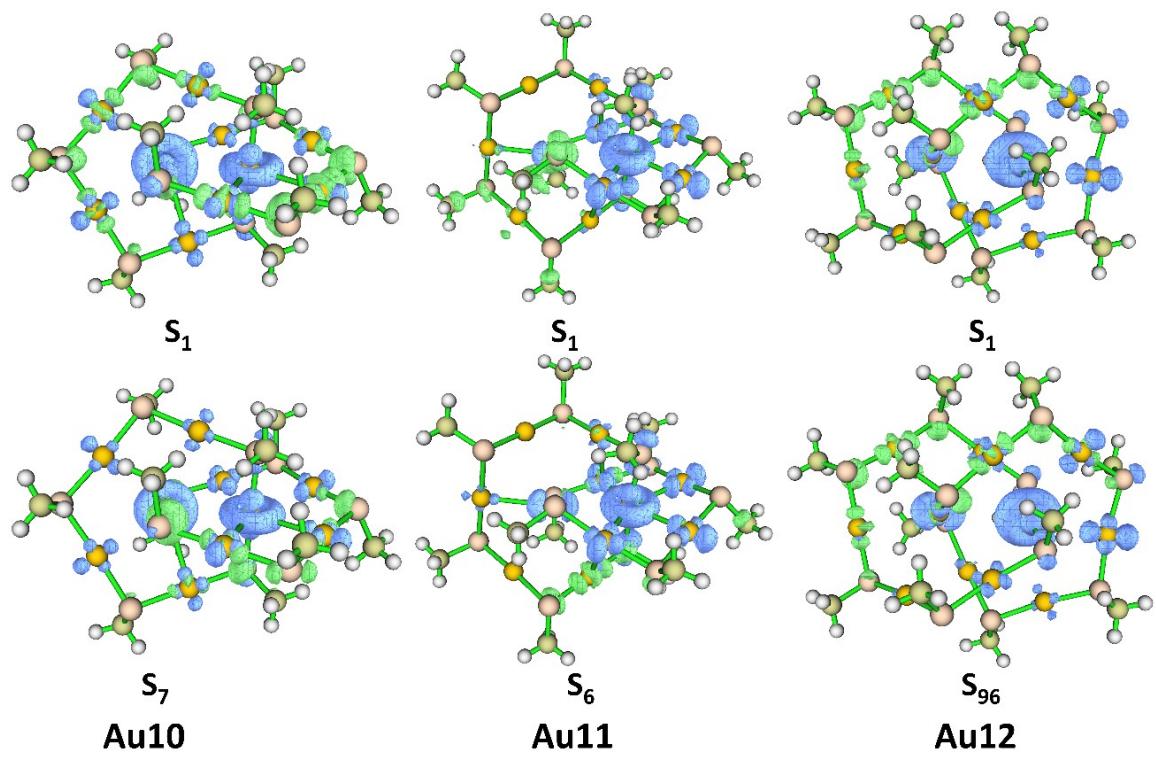


Fig S10 The holes (blue) and electrons (green) of $\text{Au}\cdots\text{Au}$ interlocking [2]catenanes calculated by TD-DFT/TPSS method. (color code: yellow (Au), pink (S), green (C), white (H), isoval.= 0.002.)

Table S6 H index (Å), t index (Å), D index (Å), S_r index (a.u.), Δσ index (Å) and E_c (eV) obtained by hole-electron analysis of all complexes.

		H ^a	t ^b	D ^c	S _r ^d	Δσ ^e	E _c ^f
Au5Ag5	S ₀ → S ₁	3.936	-0.722	1.058	0.55	0.901	3.55
	S ₀ → S ₁₆	4.197	-1.370	1.112	0.72	0.377	3.35
Au5Ag6	S ₀ → S ₁	3.700	0.297	2.764	0.52	1.010	3.40
	S ₀ → S ₁₂	4.184	-0.606	2.068	0.62	1.427	3.19
Au6Ag5	S ₀ → S ₁	4.164	1.534	4.276	0.41	1.250	2.76
	S ₀ → S ₂₁	4.517	-1.019	1.088	0.60	1.507	3.09
Au6Ag6	S ₀ → S ₁	3.576	1.784	4.165	0.45	0.535	3.05
	S ₀ → S ₃₄	4.450	-1.859	0.956	0.68	0.795	3.17
Au5Cu5	S ₀ → S ₁	3.752	0.850	3.447	0.43	1.027	3.30
	S ₀ → S ₂₇	3.989	-1.244	1.545	0.64	0.918	3.44
Au5Cu6	S ₀ → S ₁	3.889	-1.354	1.091	0.52	1.454	3.50
	S ₀ → S ₇	4.048	-2.054	0.955	0.63	1.347	3.46
Au6Cu5	S ₀ → S ₁	3.783	2.242	4.685	0.37	1.237	2.79
	S ₀ → S ₇	3.951	0.327	2.861	0.53	1.417	3.19
Au6Cu6	S ₀ → S ₁	3.357	-0.682	1.355	0.48	0.875	4.08
	S ₀ → S ₃₆	4.097	-1.842	0.383	0.62	0.664	3.51
Au10	S ₀ → S ₁	4.065	-1.401	1.067	0.60	1.230	3.50
	S ₀ → S ₇	3.811	-1.451	0.675	0.72	0.588	3.74
Au11	S ₀ → S ₁	3.846	0.574	3.181	0.55	0.945	3.21
	S ₀ → S ₆	4.012	-1.887	0.694	0.59	1.146	3.50
Au12	S ₀ → S ₁	4.065	-0.004	2.844	0.55	0.773	3.24
	S ₀ → S ₉₆	4.555	-2.131	0.459	0.71	1.352	3.12

^a H index is the RMSD of the hole and electron distribution.

^b t index represents the separation degree between holes and electrons, t > 0 indicates that the holes and electrons are separated sufficient due to CT, and t < 0 indicates the opposite.

^c D index is the distance between centroid of hole and centroid of hole

^d S_r index is the integral of S_r function. It can be used to measure the overlap degree between holes and electrons with the range of [0,1], where 1 represents complete coincidence of holes and electrons, and 0 represents no overlap.

^e Δσ index is the difference between RMSD of holes and electrons.

^f E_c is the coulomb attractive energy between electrons and holes, namely the exciton binding energy caused by the opposite electrical properties.

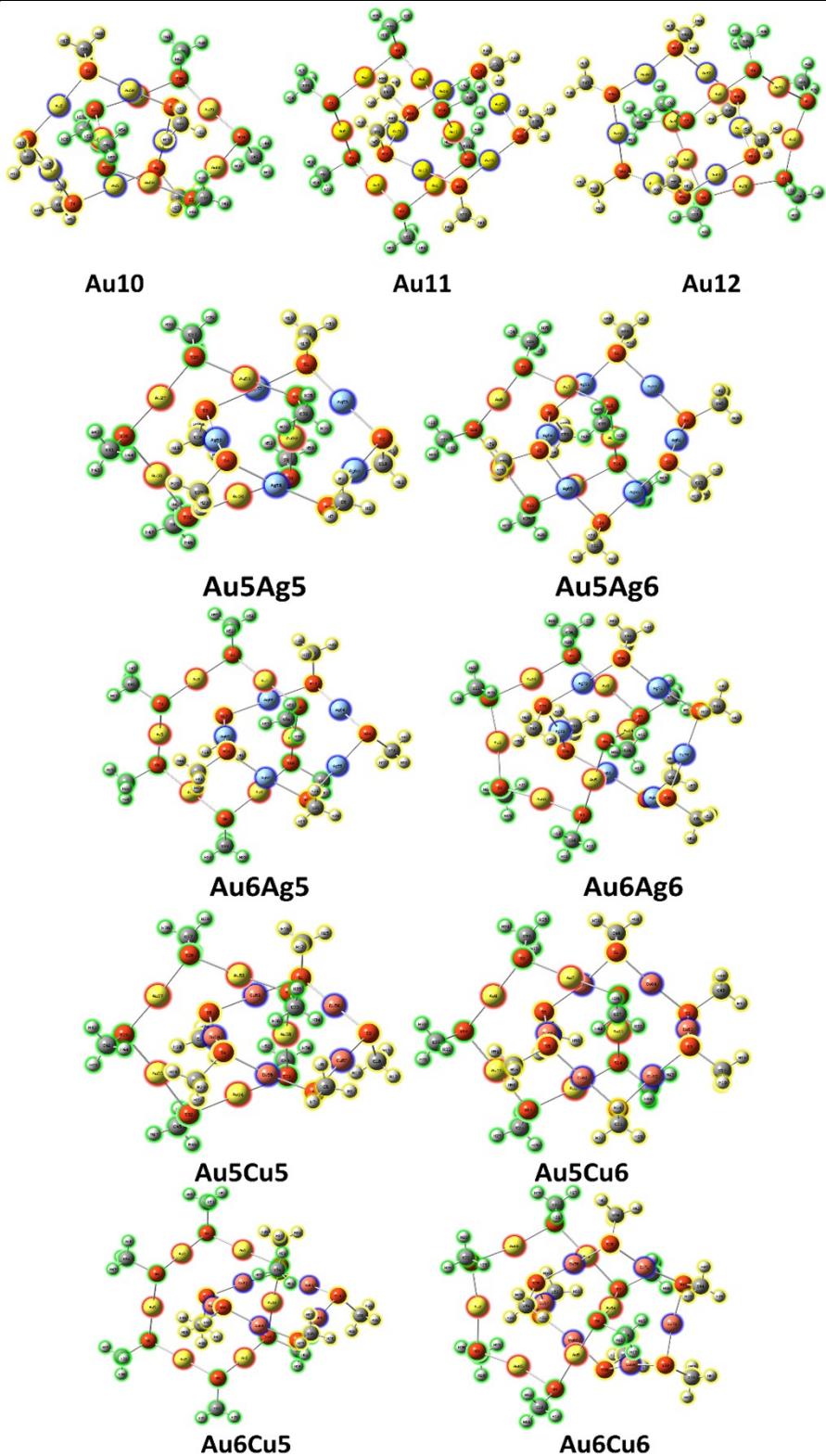


Fig S11 The atoms contained in the four fragments in the molecule during IFCT analysis (Partition color code: red (fragment 1), green (fragment 2), blue (fragment 3), yellow (fragment 4)).

Table S7 Information of the orbitals contributing more than 1% to the hole or electron in the main transition process of the complex. (“2” means occupied orbital with two electrons, (“0” means unoccupied orbital with no electron.)

complexes	excitation process	molecular orbital	occupancy	hole	electron
Au10	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	220	2	98.94%	0.00%
		221	0	0.00%	96.72%
		222	0	0.00%	2.33%
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_7$	219	2	15.78%	0.00%
		220	2	82.06%	0.00%
		222	0	0.00%	13.99%
		223	0	0.00%	1.22%
		224	0	0.00%	1.10%
		225	0	0.00%	1.02%
		226	0	0.00%	71.74%
Au11	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	227	0	0.00%	4.29%
		228	0	0.00%	4.92%
		242	2	98.89%	0.00%
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_6$	243	0	0.00%	91.49%
		244	0	0.00%	6.79%
		241	2	1.10%	0.00%
		242	2	97.83%	0.00%
		244	0	0.00%	1.40%
		245	0	0.00%	1.53%
		247	0	0.00%	9.24%
Au12	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	248	0	0.00%	1.20%
		249	0	0.00%	84.75%
		263	2	1.66%	0.00%
		264	2	97.48%	0.00%
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{96}$	265	0	0.00%	83.13%
		266	0	0.00%	15.72%
		248	2	3.77%	0.00%
		249	2	2.42%	0.00%
		251	2	1.33%	0.00%
		256	2	8.64%	0.00%
		257	2	1.70%	0.00%
		258	2	8.72%	0.00%
		259	2	4.13%	0.00%
		261	2	3.28%	0.00%
		262	2	50.47%	0.00%
		263	2	6.13%	0.00%
		264	2	5.22%	0.00%
		265	0	0.00%	3.48%
		266	0	0.00%	4.36%
		267	0	0.00%	1.15%
		269	0	0.00%	2.49%
		270	0	0.00%	8.74%

		271	0	0.00%	12.43%
		272	0	0.00%	1.14%
		273	0	0.00%	50.53%
		274	0	0.00%	3.14%
		275	0	0.00%	5.75%
		279	0	0.00%	4.29%
Au5Ag5	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	219	2	1.17%	0.00%
		220	2	98.20%	0.00%
		221	0	0.00%	98.42%
		215	2	1.81%	0.00%
		217	2	16.57%	0.00%
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{16}$	218	2	42.97%	0.00%
		219	2	20.62%	0.00%
		220	2	15.75%	0.00%
		221	0	0.00%	16.72%
		222	0	0.00%	43.77%
Au5Ag6	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	224	0	0.00%	3.08%
		225	0	0.00%	1.95%
		226	0	0.00%	20.00%
		227	0	0.00%	7.96%
		228	0	0.00%	4.09%
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{12}$	242	2	99.15%	0.00%
		243	0	0.00%	97.23%
		245	0	0.00%	1.58%
		239	2	1.02%	0.00%
		240	2	22.89%	0.00%
Au6Ag5	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	242	2	74.20%	0.00%
		243	0	0.00%	2.28%
		244	0	0.00%	21.96%
		249	0	0.00%	4.62%
		250	0	0.00%	57.64%
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{21}$	251	0	0.00%	9.96%
		242	2	98.86%	0.00%
		243	0	0.00%	97.50%
		238	2	1.75%	0.00%
		239	2	1.06%	0.00%
Au6Ag6	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	240	2	9.80%	0.00%
		241	2	49.36%	0.00%
		242	2	37.24%	0.00%
		243	0	0.00%	2.32%
		245	0	0.00%	2.79%
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{21}$	246	0	0.00%	3.82%
		247	0	0.00%	5.56%
		248	0	0.00%	47.23%
		250	0	0.00%	1.19%
		251	0	0.00%	36.11%
		263	2	2.13%	0.00%
		264	2	96.03%	0.00%

		265	0	0.00%	97.39%
		266	0	0.00%	1.70%
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{34}$	253	2	2.91%	0.00%
		254	2	2.34%	0.00%
		258	2	2.78%	0.00%
		259	2	3.54%	0.00%
		260	2	6.02%	0.00%
		261	2	2.02%	0.00%
		262	2	21.83%	0.00%
		263	2	53.08%	0.00%
		264	2	3.02%	0.00%
		265	0	0.00%	6.36%
		266	0	0.00%	7.81%
		267	0	0.00%	5.84%
		269	0	0.00%	3.61%
		270	0	0.00%	29.85%
		271	0	0.00%	41.27%
		272	0	0.00%	3.46%
Au5Cu5	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	220	2	99.14%	0.00%
		221	0	0.00%	97.82%
Au5Cu6	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{27}$	214	2	2.68%	0.00%
		215	2	1.08%	0.00%
		216	2	23.17%	0.00%
		217	2	30.94%	0.00%
		218	2	1.94%	0.00%
		219	2	26.73%	0.00%
		220	2	12.23%	0.00%
		221	0	0.00%	2.57%
		222	0	0.00%	25.61%
		223	0	0.00%	3.02%
		224	0	0.00%	28.85%
		225	0	0.00%	3.49%
		226	0	0.00%	15.46%
		227	0	0.00%	7.93%
		228	0	0.00%	1.61%
		229	0	0.00%	8.93%
		232	0	0.00%	1.15%
Au5Cu6	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	242	2	98.73%	0.00%
		243	0	0.00%	98.59%
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_7$	239	2	2.06%	0.00%
		240	2	4.95%	0.00%
		241	2	3.34%	0.00%
		242	2	86.45%	0.00%
		243	0	0.00%	3.93%
		244	0	0.00%	7.65%
		245	0	0.00%	2.98%
		246	0	0.00%	9.06%
		247	0	0.00%	71.87%

Au6Cu5	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	250	0	0.00%	2.82%
		242	2	99.36%	0.00%
		243	0	0.00%	97.84%
		244	0	0.00%	1.07%
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_7$	238	2	1.73%	0.00%
		240	2	79.65%	0.00%
		242	2	17.18%	0.00%
		243	0	0.00%	80.63%
		248	0	0.00%	15.98%
Au6Cu6	$S_0 \rightarrow S_1$	262	2	2.28%	0.00%
		264	2	96.41%	0.00%
		265	0	0.00%	99.02%
	$S_0 \rightarrow S_{36}$	250	2	2.94%	0.00%
		253	2	1.70%	0.00%
		254	2	9.33%	0.00%
		255	2	2.66%	0.00%
		258	2	2.70%	0.00%
		259	2	10.48%	0.00%
		260	2	42.40%	0.00%
		261	2	1.24%	0.00%
		262	2	7.58%	0.00%
		263	2	3.04%	0.00%
		264	2	13.61%	0.00%
		265	0	0.00%	18.12%
		266	0	0.00%	9.96%
		267	0	0.00%	1.98%
		268	0	0.00%	44.69%
		269	0	0.00%	8.56%
		270	0	0.00%	1.75%
		271	0	0.00%	6.65%
		272	0	0.00%	4.72%
		273	0	0.00%	3.03%

Table S8 The results of IFCT analysis of Au \cdots Ag interlocking [2]catenanes.

complexes	Au5Ag5		Au5Ag6		Au6Ag5		Au6Ag6	
	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₁	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₁₆	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₁	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₁₂	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₁	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₂₁	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₁	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₃₄
excitation process								
intrafragment electron redistribution of fragment 1	0.090	0.044	0.095	0.060	0.088	0.056	0.066	0.039
intrafragment electron redistribution of fragment 2	0.038	0.018	0.019	0.009	0.017	0.012	0.024	0.021
intrafragment electron redistribution of fragment 3	0.043	0.077	0.063	0.097	0.029	0.075	0.094	0.094
intrafragment electron redistribution of fragment 4	0.049	0.096	0.048	0.087	0.035	0.070	0.064	0.099
Net 1 \rightarrow 2	0.056	0.027	0.029	0.009	0.018	0.020	0.033	0.021
transferred electrons between fragments	Net 1 \rightarrow 3	-0.086	-0.059	-0.055	-0.008	-0.116	-0.076	-0.049
	Net 1 \rightarrow 4	-0.065	-0.080	-0.045	0.006	-0.105	-0.059	-0.023
	Net 2 \rightarrow 3	-0.108	-0.083	-0.051	-0.015	-0.067	-0.063	-0.074
	Net 2 \rightarrow 4	-0.093	-0.105	-0.043	-0.008	-0.062	-0.053	-0.048
	Net 3 \rightarrow 4	0.016	-0.017	0.002	0.018	0.010	0.015	0.021
								0.009

Table S9 The results of IFCT analysis of Au \cdots Cu interlocking [2]catenanes.

complexes	Au5Cu5		Au5Cu6		Au6Cu5		Au6Cu6	
	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₁	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₂₇	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₁	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₇	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₁	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₇	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₁	S ₀ \rightarrow S ₃₆
excitation process								
intrafragment electron redistribution of fragment 1	0.094	0.029	0.092	0.055	0.070	0.047	0.013	0.018
intrafragment electron redistribution of fragment 2	0.042	0.013	0.032	0.017	0.024	0.013	0.005	0.010
intrafragment electron redistribution of fragment 3	0.026	0.129	0.060	0.138	0.071	0.078	0.177	0.141
intrafragment electron redistribution of fragment 4	0.017	0.049	0.019	0.047	0.026	0.024	0.066	0.058
Net 1 \rightarrow 2	0.048	0.021	0.044	0.019	0.029	0.024	0.004	0.008
transferred electrons between fragments	Net 1 \rightarrow 3	-0.205	-0.148	-0.188	-0.092	-0.159	-0.210	-0.168
	Net 1 \rightarrow 4	-0.061	-0.033	-0.035	0.011	-0.048	-0.055	-0.072
	Net 2 \rightarrow 3	-0.205	-0.181	-0.177	-0.087	-0.142	-0.184	-0.130
	Net 2 \rightarrow 4	-0.069	-0.054	-0.044	-0.011	-0.050	-0.054	-0.057
	Net 3 \rightarrow 4	0.036	0.100	0.048	0.107	0.038	0.053	0.065
								0.101

Table S10 The results of IFCT analysis of Au \cdots Au interlocking [2]catenanes.

	Au10	Au11		Au12		
	S ₀ →S ₁	S ₀ →S ₇	S ₀ →S ₁	S ₀ →S ₆	S ₀ →S ₁	S ₀ →S ₉₆
excitation process						
intrafragment electron						
redistribution of fragment 1	0.085	0.109	0.086	0.088	0.092	0.059
intrafragment electron						
redistribution of fragment 2	0.037	0.050	0.011	0.011	0.036	0.051
intrafragment electron						
redistribution of fragment 3	0.085	0.061	0.094	0.087	0.084	0.079
intrafragment electron						
redistribution of fragment 4	0.038	0.024	0.035	0.033	0.032	0.055
transferred electrons	Net 1 -> 2	0.062	0.084	0.029	0.027	0.065
	Net 1 -> 3	-0.004	-0.046	-0.029	-0.034	-0.019
between fragments	Net 1 -> 4	0.056	0.019	0.033	0.030	0.057
	Net 2 -> 3	-0.064	-0.102	-0.043	-0.041	-0.077
	Net 2 -> 4	-0.004	-0.025	-0.006	-0.006	-0.002
	Net 3 -> 4	0.059	0.037	0.055	0.052	0.068
						0.033

Table S11 The contribution percentage of four fragments to holes and electrons in each molecule.

		Au10		Au11		Au12		Au5Ag5		Au5Ag6		Au6Ag5		Au6Ag6		Au5Cu5		Au5Cu6		Au6Cu5		Au6Cu6	
		S ₁	S ₇	S ₁	S ₆	S ₁	S ₉₆	S ₁	S ₁₆	S ₁	S ₁₂	S ₁	S ₂₁	S ₁	S ₃₄	S ₁	S ₂₇	S ₁	S ₇	S ₁	S ₇	S ₁	S ₃₆
1	hole	35.38%	35.98%	31.87%	32.32%	35.93%	23.90%	25.57%	16.09%	28.31%	25.74%	22.68%	19.42%	23.76%	16.49%	21.57%	10.84%	22.73%	20.48%	19.29%	13.07%	4.74%	6.74%
	electron	23.97%	30.21%	26.88%	27.25%	25.60%	24.77%	35.07%	27.22%	33.56%	23.34%	38.68%	28.97%	27.62%	23.68%	43.41%	26.82%	40.63%	26.68%	36.06%	36.35%	28.36%	27.11%
2	hole	13.90%	14.18%	7.42%	7.29%	13.10%	17.10%	10.41%	6.56%	9.19%	8.13%	7.72%	6.00%	9.58%	8.33%	9.95%	4.48%	9.03%	8.26%	7.91%	4.15%	2.13%	3.86%
	electron	26.86%	35.36%	15.38%	14.61%	27.46%	29.77%	36.05%	28.10%	21.13%	10.84%	21.12%	19.15%	25.07%	24.95%	42.13%	30.00%	35.63%	20.02%	29.80%	30.28%	21.24%	26.95%
3	hole	36.11%	35.75%	39.27%	38.87%	38.32%	35.74%	33.66%	34.72%	32.54%	34.53%	34.93%	38.99%	38.62%	37.89%	49.88%	63.29%	52.64%	54.20%	51.36%	62.42%	63.99%	65.59%
	electron	23.46%	17.20%	24.00%	22.34%	21.94%	22.01%	12.72%	22.20%	19.26%	28.15%	8.23%	19.16%	24.33%	24.72%	5.22%	20.44%	11.31%	25.51%	13.77%	12.56%	27.63%	21.45%
4	hole	14.62%	14.09%	15.04%	14.93%	12.66%	23.26%	30.36%	42.63%	27.81%	29.62%	33.40%	34.16%	28.05%	37.30%	18.60%	21.39%	15.60%	17.06%	20.22%	19.55%	29.13%	23.81%
	electron	25.72%	17.23%	23.08%	21.95%	25.00%	23.45%	16.16%	22.47%	17.10%	29.29%	10.59%	20.63%	22.98%	26.66%	9.25%	22.73%	12.43%	27.80%	12.85%	12.41%	22.78%	24.49%