

Supplementary Information For:

Tetranuclear Ag(I) and Au(I) nano-sized $[L_2(R)_8 \rightarrow M_4]^{4+}$ ($M = Ag(I)$ and $Au(I)$; $R = C_2H_5$, CH_3 , H , F , Cl , Br , Ph and SiH_3) complexes: Nature and cooperativity of metal-ligand bonds

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Section S1: Detailed derivations, mathematical expressions, and example calculations of Cooperativity

Overview of Cooperativity Concept

Cooperativity refers to nonadditive effects in multicomponent systems where the formation of one bond influences subsequent interactions. Early theoretical studies [51–54] introduced the concept of pairwise nonadditivity and triad models. Full details and conceptual background are provided here for clarity.

Mathematical Formulation – Equations 4 & 5

For a noncyclic A–B–C arrangement, cooperative energy is defined as:

$$E_{\text{coop}} = SE_{\text{ABC}} - SE_{\text{AB}} - SE_{\text{BC}} - SE_{(\text{AC},\text{T})} \quad (\text{eq. S1})$$

or alternatively:

$$E_{\text{coop}} = SE_{\text{ABC}} - SE_{\text{AB}} - SE_{\text{BC}} \quad (\text{eq. S2})$$

See also refs [51–54] for the original derivations.

Interaction-Energy-Based Cooperativity (Equation 6)

To overcome limitations of Eqs. 4 & 5 for covalent bonds in metal complexes, the following approach was used [47, 59 and 60]:

$$\Delta IE_{\text{coop}} = \Delta IE_{\text{A-B}} = \Delta IE_{\text{B-C}} \quad (\text{eq. S3})$$

where: $\Delta IE_{\text{A-B}} = IE_{\text{A-BC}}^{\text{ABC}} - IE_{\text{A-B}}^{\text{AB}}$ and $\Delta IE_{\text{B-C}} = IE_{\text{AB-C}}^{\text{ABC}} - IE_{\text{B-C}}^{\text{ABC}}$

Positive values indicate anti-cooperativity.

ABA' Fragmentation Scheme

In tetranuclear NHC complexes, fragments A and C are identical ligands, allowing $\text{ABC} \rightarrow \text{ABA}'$ redefinition:

$$IE_{A-B}^{ABA'}, IE_{B-A'}^{ABA'}, IE_{A-BA'}^{ABA'} \text{ and } IE_{AB-A'}^{ABA'}$$

This preserves chemical equivalence and allows meaningful decomposition of interaction energies.

Alternative schemes (ligand-only or full-core) were tested but provided less clarity.

Calculated Cooperativity Energies (Table S1)

All ΔIE_{coop} values for $[L_2(R)_8 \rightarrow M_4]^{4+}$ complexes are summarized here. Positive values indicate anti-cooperativity.

Examples:

$$[L_2(F)_8 \rightarrow Ag_4]^{4+}: 175.85 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

$$[L_2(F)_8 \rightarrow Au_4]^{4+}: 229.49 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

Cooperativity Data

Key ΔIE_{coop} values for all $[L_2(R)_8 \rightarrow M_4]^{4+}$ complexes are summarized in Table 2 of the main text.

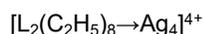
Table S1. The calculated M–C bond lengths (Å) of $[L_2(R)_8 \rightarrow M_3]^{4+}$; M= Ag(I), Au(I); R = C₂H₅, CH₃, H, F, Cl, Br, Ph, and SiH₃ at the PBE-D3/def2-SVP level of theory.

R	M-C _(NHC) bond Length					
	Ag ₁ -C _{(NHC)1}	Ag ₂ -C _{(NHC)1}	Ag ₂ -C _{(NHC)2}	Au ₁ -C _{(NHC)1}	Au ₂ -C _{(NHC)1}	Au ₂ -C _{(NHC)2}
C ₂ H ₅	2.09	2.67	2.10	2.05	2.71	2.05
CH ₃	2.10	2.66	2.13	2.06	2.73	2.06
H	2.11	2.68	2.13	2.06	2.73	2.06
F	2.11	2.70	2.13	2.06	2.76	2.06
Cl	2.10	2.69	2.13	2.06	2.74	2.06
Br	2.10	2.68	2.13	2.05	2.74	2.06
SiH ₃	2.10	2.67	2.12	2.05	2.73	2.06
Ph	2.10	2.70	2.14	2.05	2.76	2.07

Table S2. Comparison of gas-phase and acetonitrile-calculated interaction energies for $[L_2(Ph)_8 \rightarrow Au_4]^{4+}$ and $[L_2(Ph)_8 \rightarrow Ag_4]^{4+}$ complexes.

Complex	IE-AB	IE-BA'	IE-A-BA'	IE-AB-A'	IE-Tot
$[L_2(Ph)_8 \rightarrow Au_4]^{4+}$ -Gas	-702.36	-702.36	-414.70	-414.70	-1117.06
$[L_2(Ph)_8 \rightarrow Au_4]^{4+}$ -Acetonitrile-CPCM	-926.25	-926.25	-897.01	-897.01	-1823.27
$[L_2(Ph)_8 \rightarrow Au_4]^{4+}$ -Acetonitrile-IEFCPCM	-927.10	-927.10	-898.3197961	-898.32	-1825.42
$[L_2(Ph)_8 \rightarrow Au_4]^{4+}$ -Acetonitrile-SMD	-876.21	-876.21	-846.49	-846.49	-1722.7
$[L_2(Ph)_8 \rightarrow Ag_4]^{4+}$ -Gas	-580.32	-580.32	-347.18	-347.18	-927.498
$[L_2(Ph)_8 \rightarrow Ag_4]^{4+}$ -Acetonitrile-SMD	-767.567	-767.57	-765.86	-765.86	-1533.43

Atomic coordinates



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N	-2.530391000	-2.998900000	0.966791000
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[L₂(Cl)₈→Ag₄]⁴⁺

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[L₂(Br)₈→Ag₄]⁴⁺

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[L₂(Cl)₈→Au₄]⁴⁺

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[L₂(Br)₈→Au₄]⁴⁺

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[L₂(Ph)₈→Au₄]⁴⁺

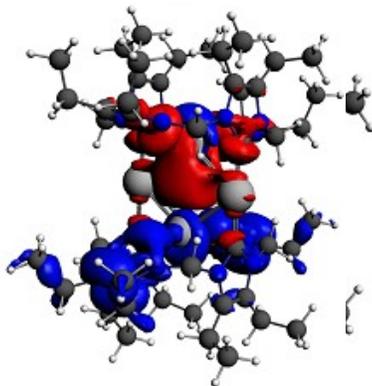
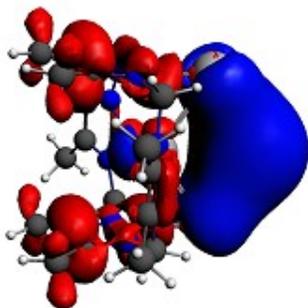
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Component A-B of $[L_2(C_2H_5)_8 \rightarrow Ag_4]^{4+}$

Component A-BA' of $[L_2(C_2H_5)_8 \rightarrow Ag_4]^{4+}$

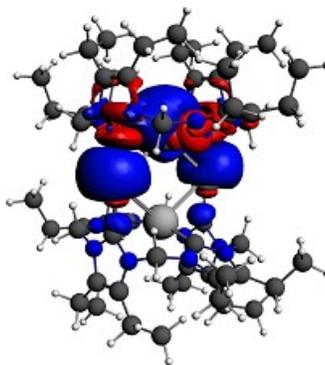
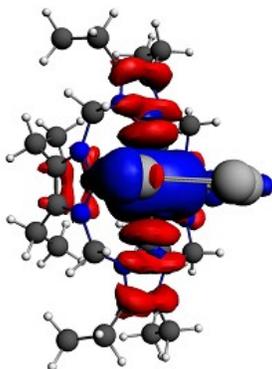
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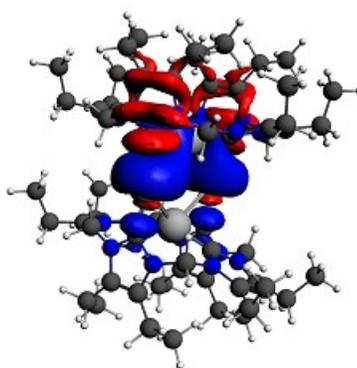
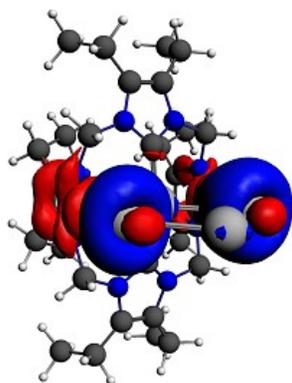
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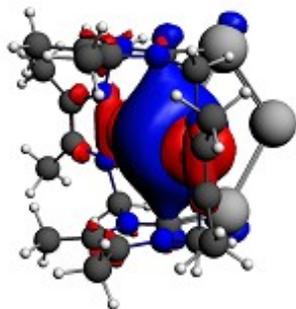


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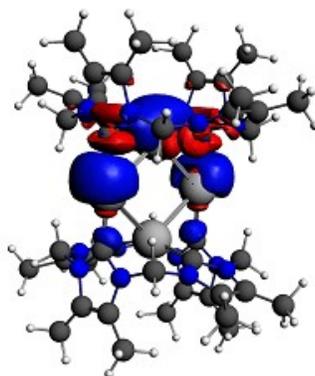
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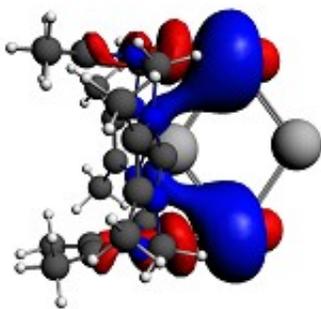


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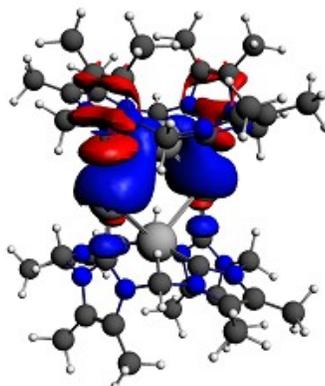


Component
A-B of
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 $g_4]^{4+}$
Component
A-BA' of
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 $g_4]^{4+}$

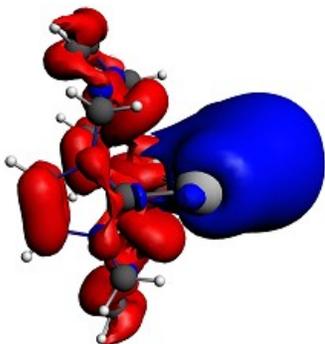
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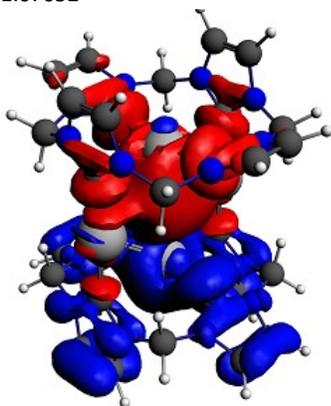
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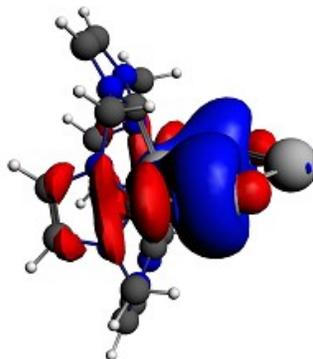


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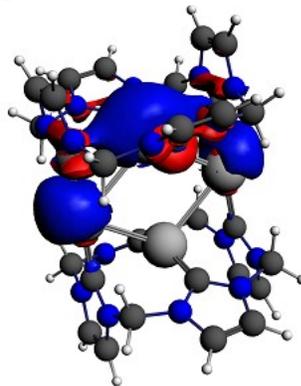


Component
A-B of
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 $]^{4+}$
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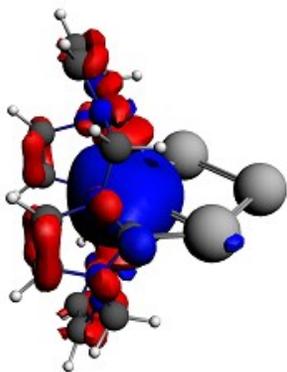
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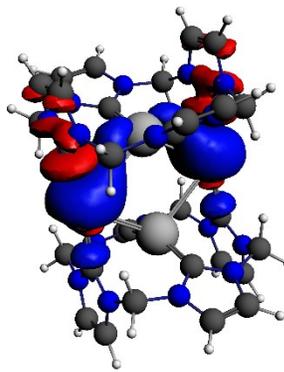
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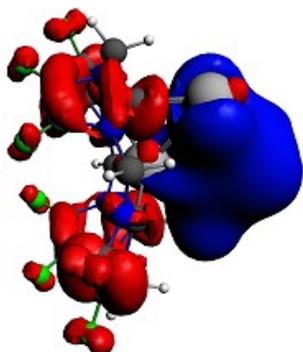
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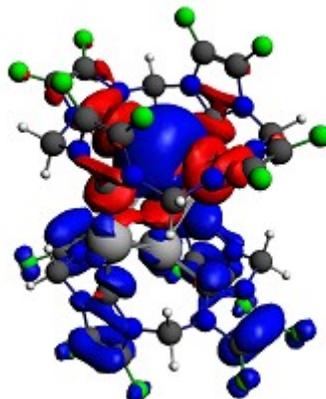
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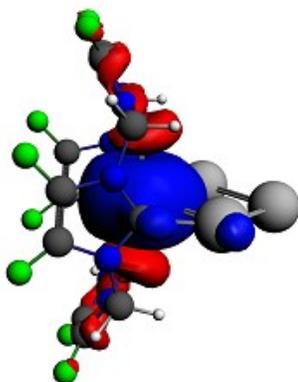
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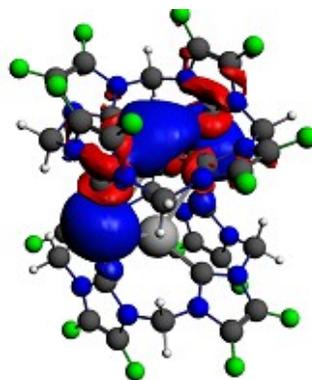
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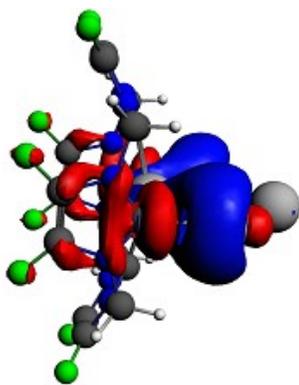
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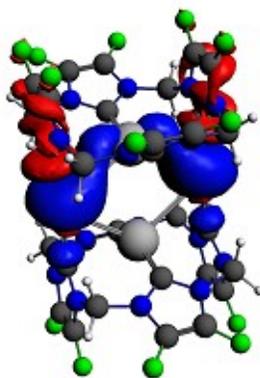
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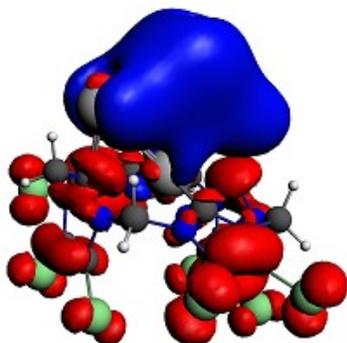
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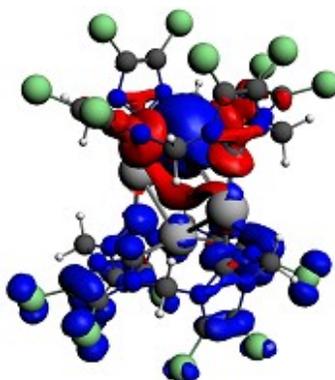
Component
A-B of
 $[L_2(F)_8 \rightarrow Ag_4]^{4+}$

Component
A-BA' of
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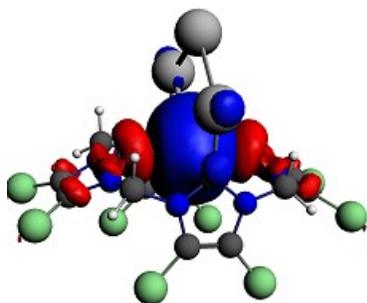


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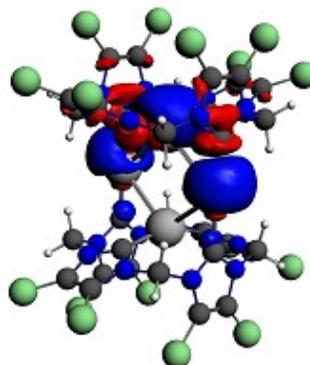


Component
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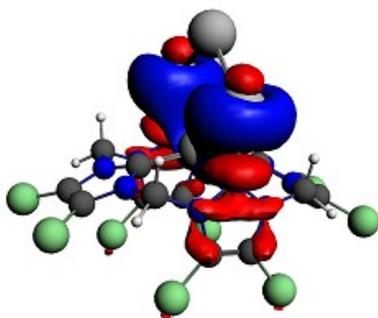
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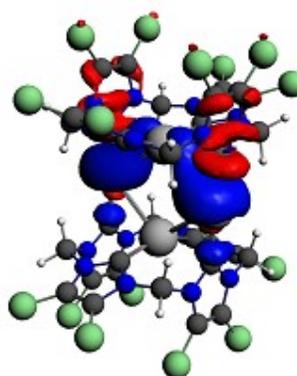
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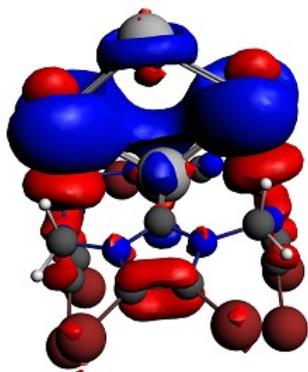
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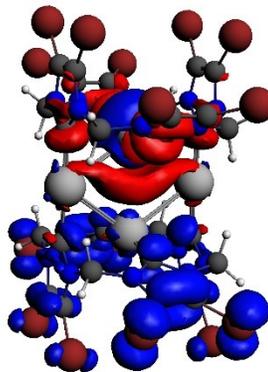
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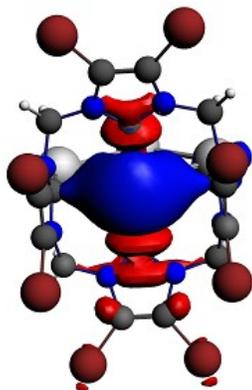


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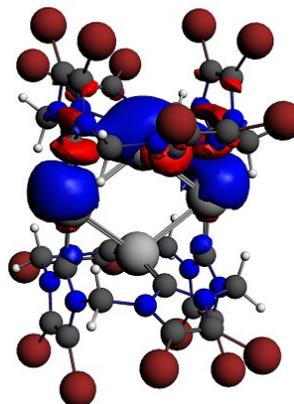


Component
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Component
A-BA' of
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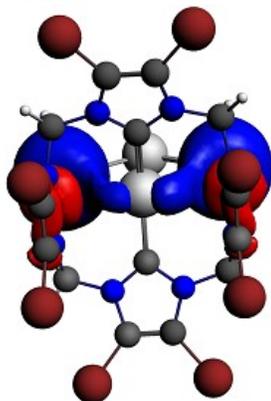
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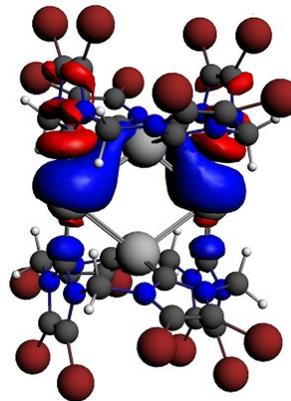
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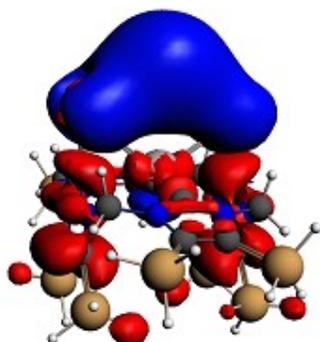
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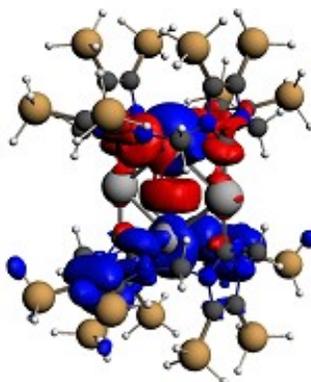
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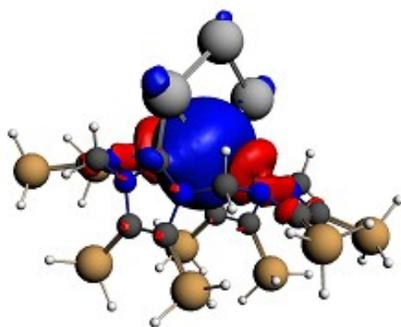
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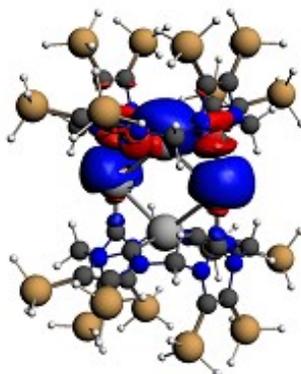
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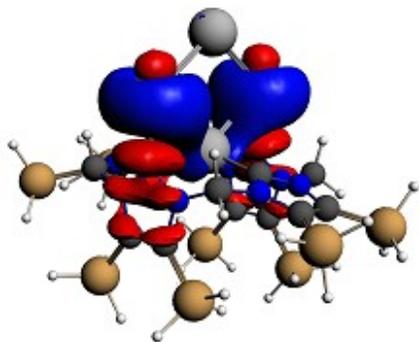
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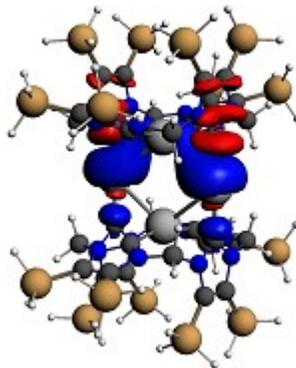
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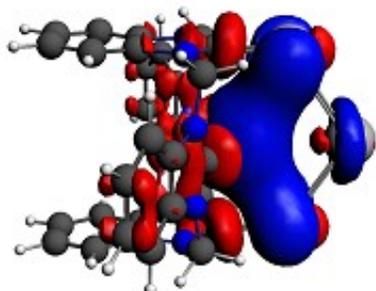


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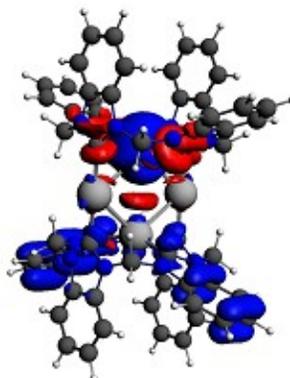


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Component
A-BA' of
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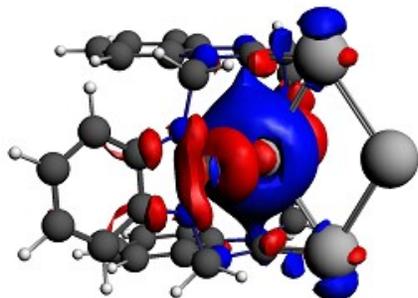


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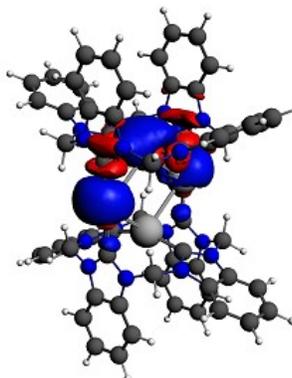


Component
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Component
A-BA' of
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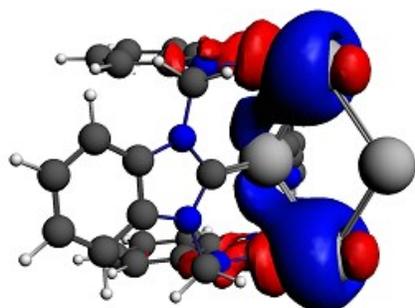
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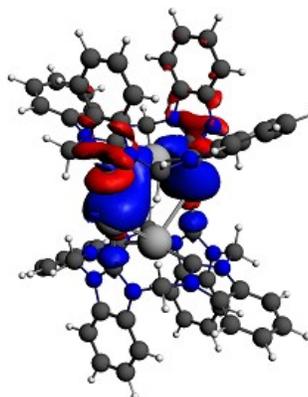
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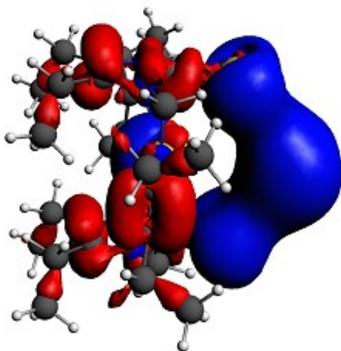
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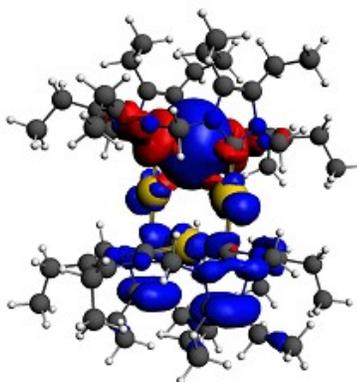
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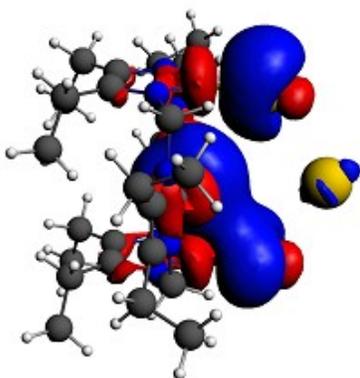
$\Delta\rho_1$ $\Delta E = -110.69$ kcal/mol
v: 1.56918



$\Delta E = -153.43$ kcal/mol
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v: 0.94413



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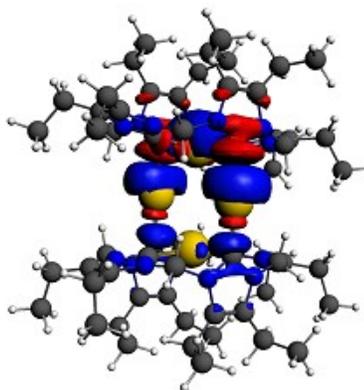
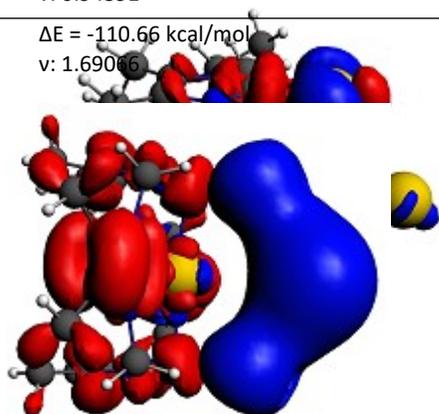


Figure S1:
The deformation density between the M^{4+} and $L_2(R)_8$ fragments, along with the principal energy contributions in the $[L_2(R)_8 \rightarrow Ag_4]^{4+}$ complexes (where R = C_2H_5 , CH_3 , H, F, Cl, Br, SiH_3 and Ph), based on the A-B and A-BA' components

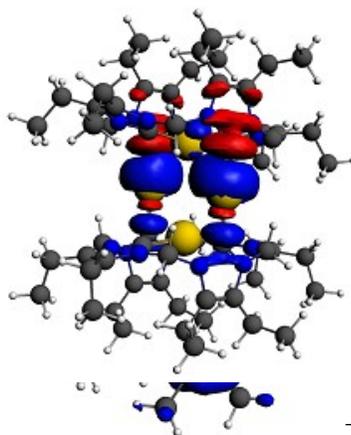
Component A-B of $[L_2(C_2H_5)_8 \rightarrow Au_4]^{4+}$

Component A-BA' of $[L_2(C_2H_5)_8 \rightarrow Au_4]^{4+}$

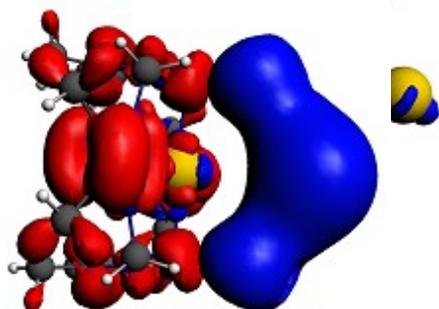
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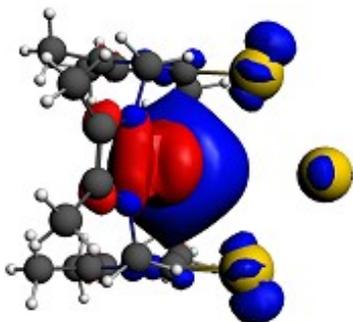
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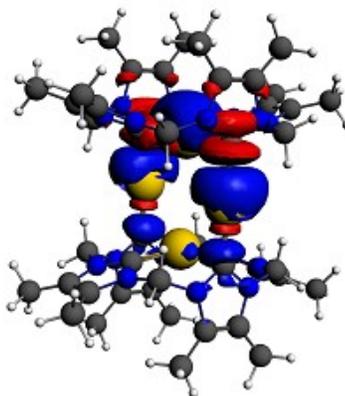
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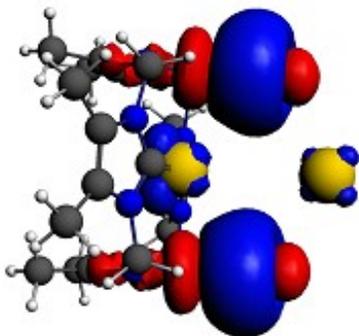


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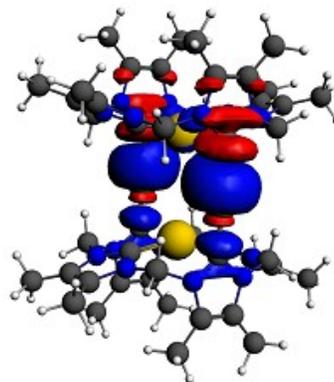


Component
A-B of
 $[L_2(CH_3)_8 \rightarrow A$
 $u_4]^{4+}$
Component
A-BA' of
 $[L_2(CH_3)_8 \rightarrow A$
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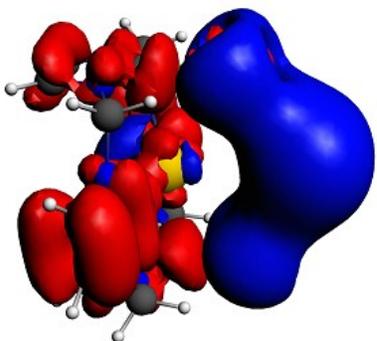
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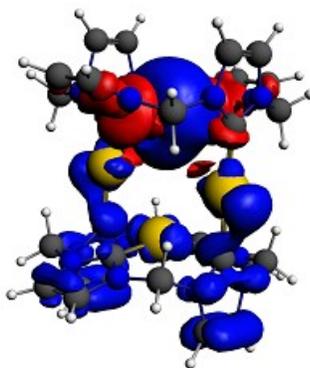
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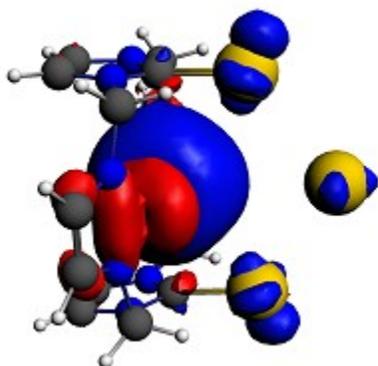


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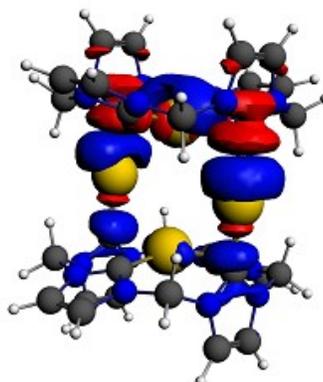


Component
A-B of
 $[L_2(H)_8 \rightarrow Au_4]$
 $]^{4+}$
Component
A-BA' of
 $[L_2(H)_8 \rightarrow Au_4]$
 $]^{4+}$

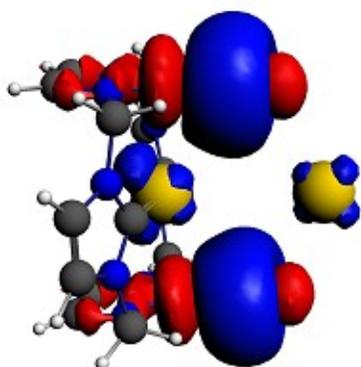
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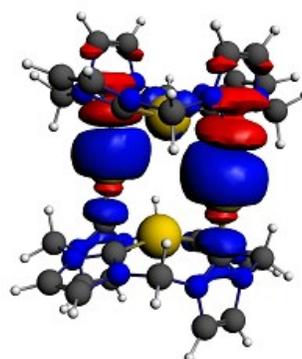
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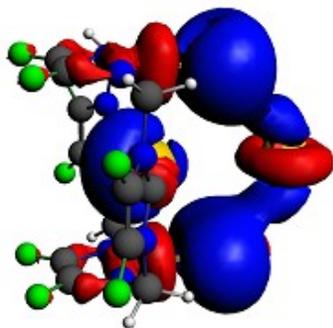
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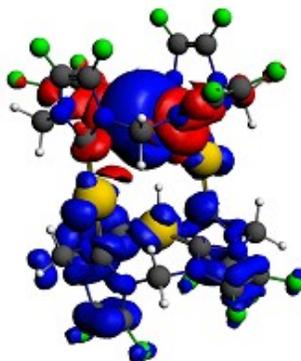
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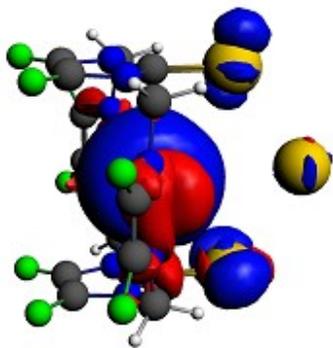
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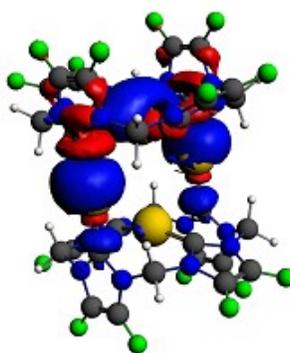
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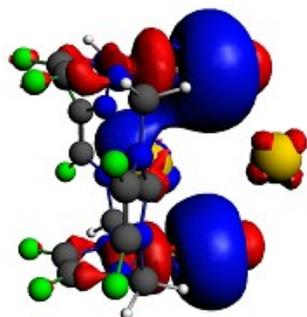
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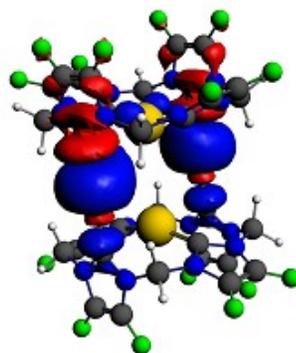
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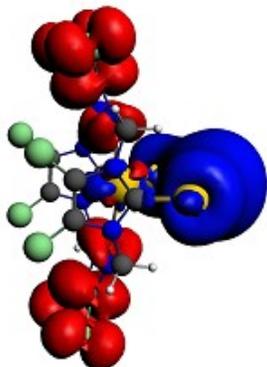


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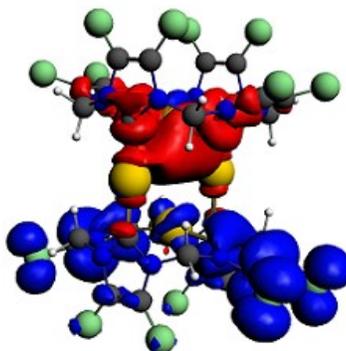


Component
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 $^{4+}$
Component
A-BA' of
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 $^{4+}$

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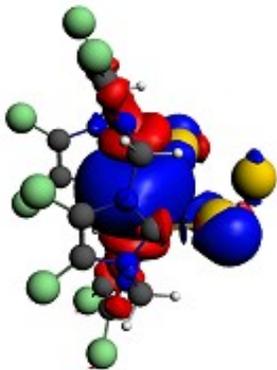


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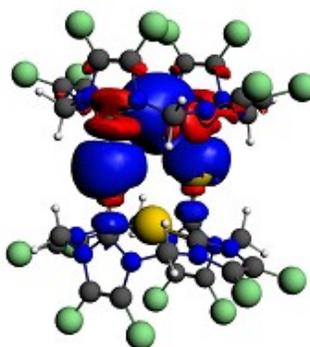


Component
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Component
A-BA' of
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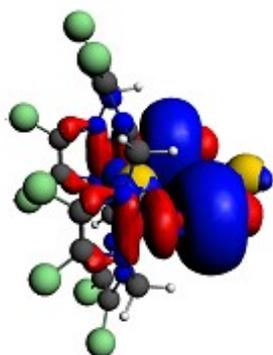
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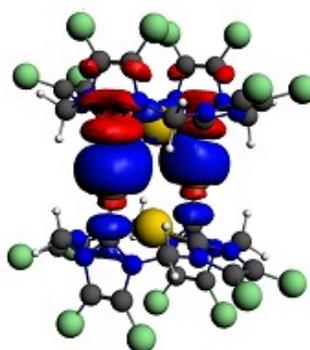
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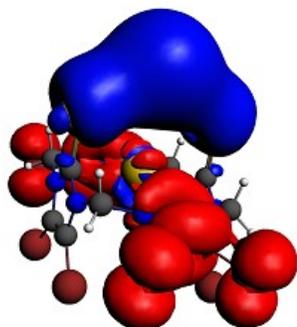
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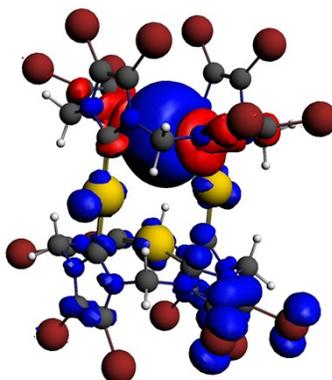
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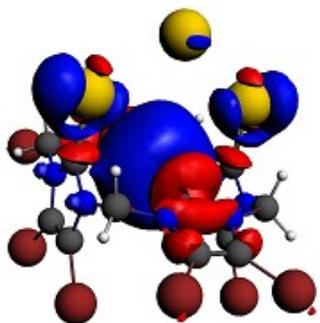
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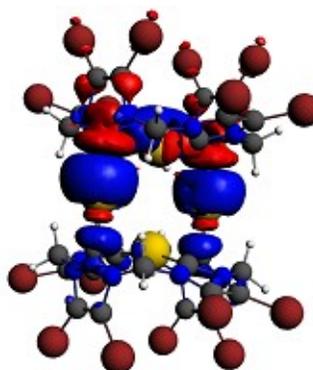
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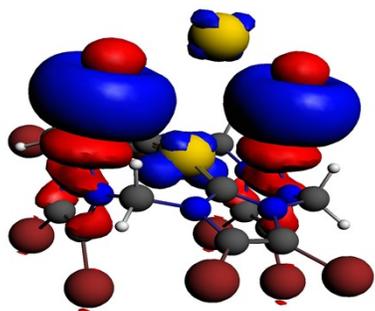
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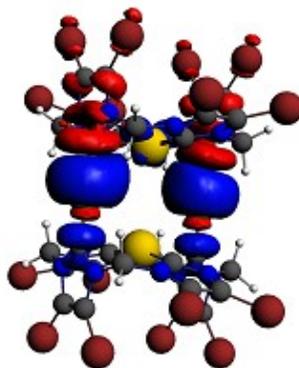
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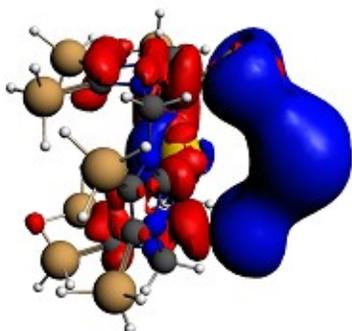


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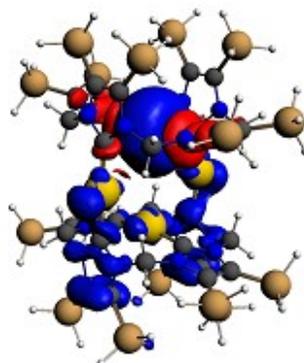


Component
A-B of
[L₂(Br)₈→Au
₄]⁴⁺
Component
A-BA' of
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₄]⁴⁺

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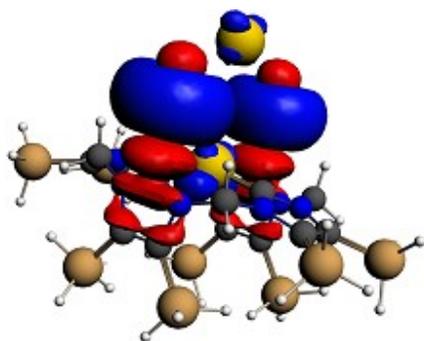


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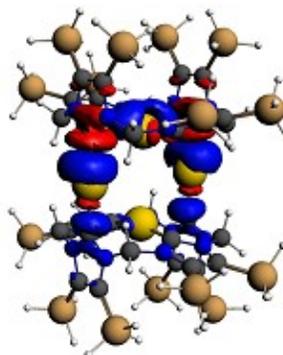


Component
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Component
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Au₄]⁴⁺

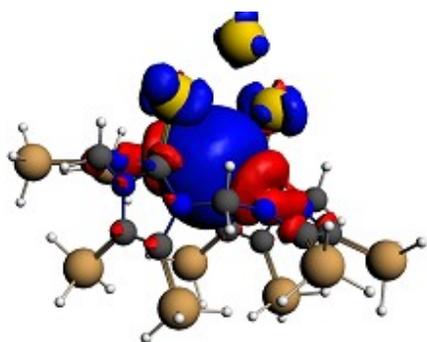
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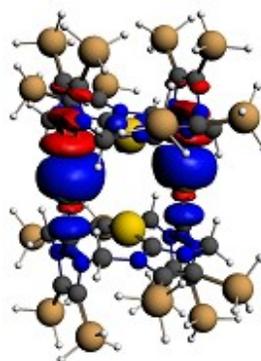
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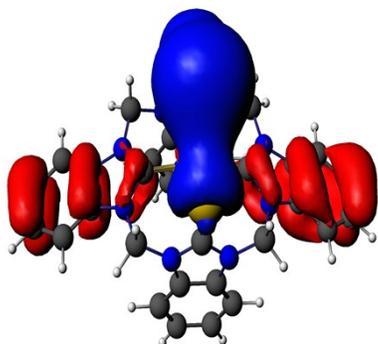
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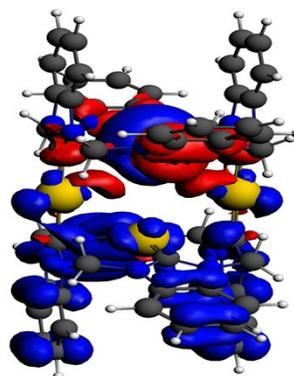
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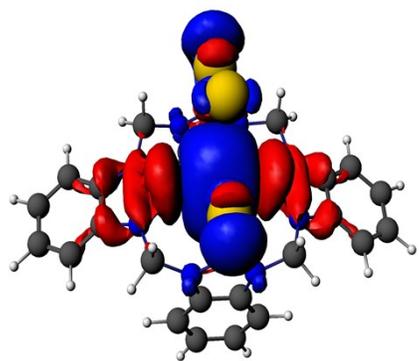
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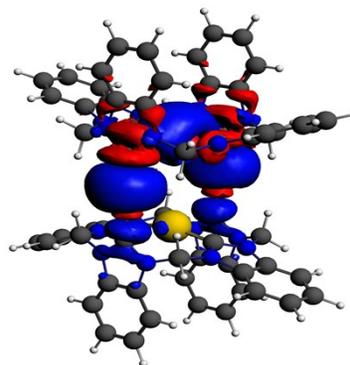
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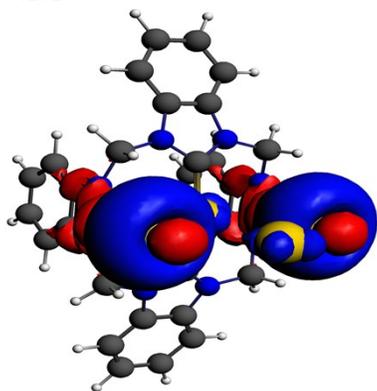
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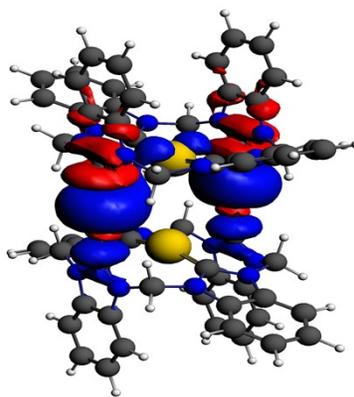
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$\Delta\rho_3$ $\Delta E = -69.85$ kcal/mol
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$\Delta E = -46.74$ kcal/mol
v: 0.59253



Component
A-B of
[L₂(Ph)₈→Au
₄]⁴⁺
Component
A-BA' of
[L₂(Ph)₈→Au
₄]⁴⁺

Figure S2: The deformation density between the M^{4+} and $L_2(R)_8$ fragments, along with the principal energy contributions in the $[L_2(R)_8 \rightarrow Au_4]^{4+}$ complexes (where $R = C_2H_5, CH_3, H, F, Cl, Br, SiH_3$ and Ph), based on the A–B and A–BA' components.