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## **Y@Cu<sub>15</sub>. A Novel Spherical Aromatic 18-*ce* Bare Superatomic Molecular Cluster**

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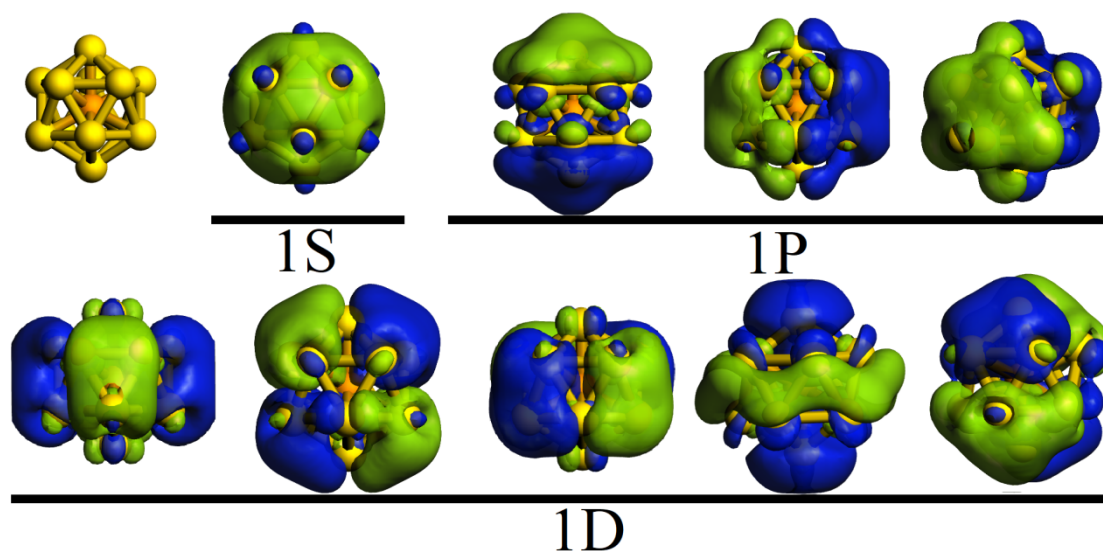


Figure S1. Superatomic orbitals for the  $W@Au_{12}$  cluster, denoting a  $1S^21P^61D^{10}$  electronic shells structure.

Table S1. Energy decomposition analysis for the  $Y^{3+}-Cu_{15}^{3-}$  and  $W^{3+}-Au_{12}^{3-}$  interaction. Values in kcal/mol.

	$Y@Cu_{15}$		$W@Au_{12}$	
$\Delta E_{\text{Pauli}}$	405.9		544.0	
$\Delta E_{\text{elstat}}$	-864.9	55.7% <sup>a</sup>	-889.4	43.7% <sup>a</sup>
$\Delta E_{\text{orb}}$	-679.2	43.7% <sup>a</sup>	-1135.0	55.8% <sup>a</sup>
$\Delta E_{\text{disp}}$	-9.0	0.6% <sup>a</sup>	-9.1	0.4% <sup>a</sup>
$\Delta E_{\text{int}}$	-1147.3		-1489.5	
$\Delta\rho_1$	-104.7	15.4% <sup>b</sup>	-149.8	13.2% <sup>b</sup>
$\Delta\rho_1$	-100.5	14.8% <sup>b</sup>	-131.6	11.6% <sup>b</sup>
$\Delta\rho_3$	-98.4	14.5% <sup>b</sup>	-104.0	9.2% <sup>b</sup>
$\Delta\rho_4$	-96.0	14.1% <sup>b</sup>	-97.1	8.6% <sup>b</sup>
$\Delta\rho_5$	-91.5	13.5% <sup>b</sup>	-91.7	8.1% <sup>b</sup>
$\Delta\rho_6$	-16.4	2.4% <sup>b</sup>		

<sup>a</sup>Percentage contribution to stabilizing terms. <sup>b</sup>Percentage contribution to  $\Delta E_{\text{orb}}$  term.

Table S2. Optimized coordinates for the studied species in a MultiXYZ format. Values in Angstrom (Å).

16			
Y@Cu15			
Cu	2.094900162	1.326400100	1.018164211
Cu	0.000000000	1.215400092	2.502864325
Cu	-2.094900162	1.326400100	1.018164211
Cu	0.000000000	2.720800207	0.599364181
Cu	-2.094900162	-1.326400100	1.018164211
Cu	2.094900162	-1.326400100	1.018164211
Cu	-1.229300096	1.990700151	-1.410335973
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Cu	0.000000000	-1.215400092	2.502864325
Cu	2.527500193	0.000000000	-1.074335947
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Cu	-2.527500193	0.000000000	-1.074335947
Cu	-1.229300096	-1.990700151	-1.410335973
Cu	0.000000000	0.000000000	-2.559536059
Cu	1.229300096	-1.990700151	-1.410335973
Y	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.053864139
13			
W@Au12			
W	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
Au	0.000000000	2.452382530	1.223394298
Au	-2.332354546	-0.757827859	-1.223394298
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Au	0.000000000	-2.452382530	-1.223394298
Au	-1.441474593	1.984019388	-1.223394298
Au	2.332354546	-0.757827859	-1.223394298
Au	-2.332354546	0.757827859	1.223394298
Au	1.441474593	-1.984019388	1.223394298
Au	1.441474593	1.984019388	-1.223394298
Au	0.000000000	0.000000000	2.739801448
Au	0.000000000	0.000000000	-2.739801448
Au	-1.441474593	-1.984019388	1.223394298