

## Supplementary Information

### Computational Studies on Structural and Optical Properties of Single-stranded DNA Encapsulated Silver/Gold cluster

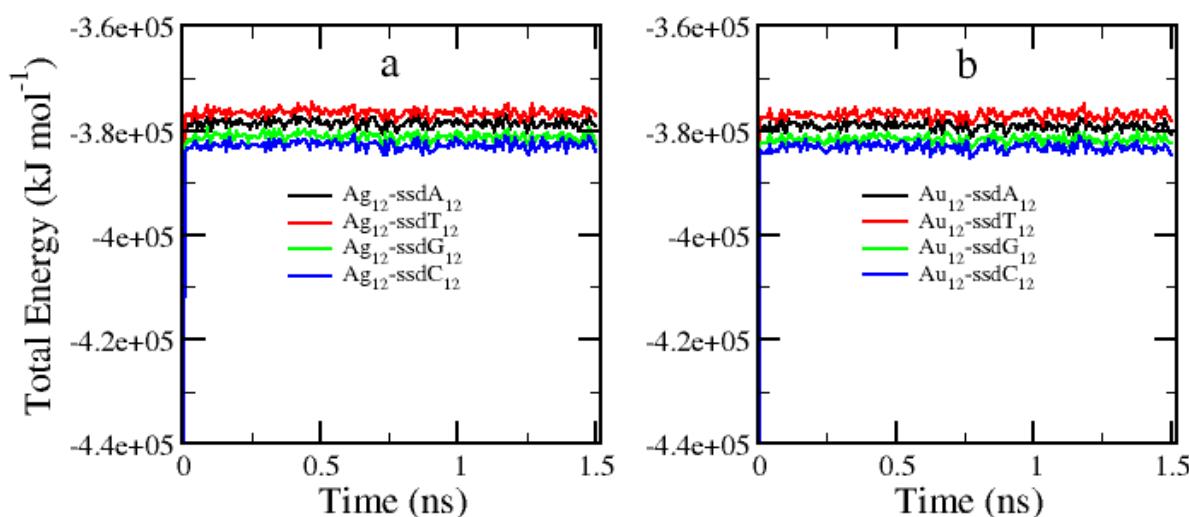
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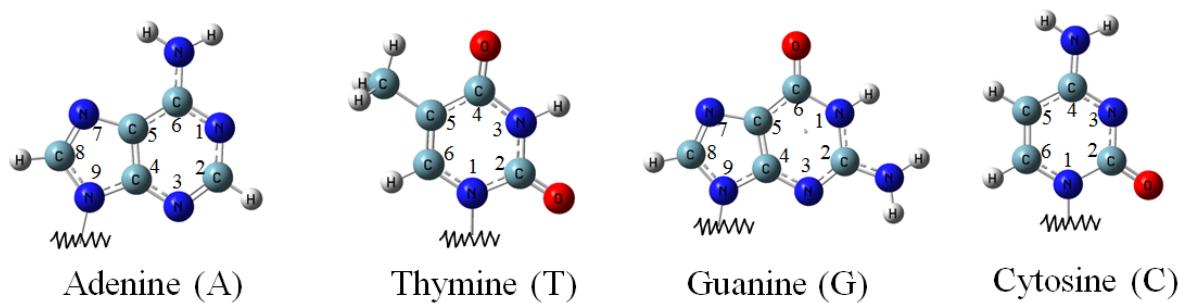
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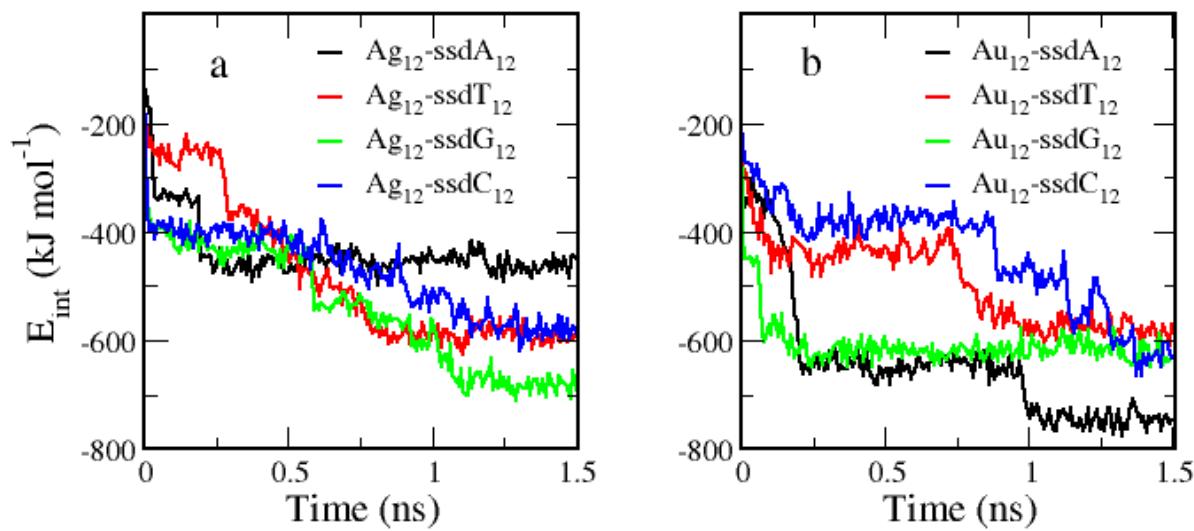
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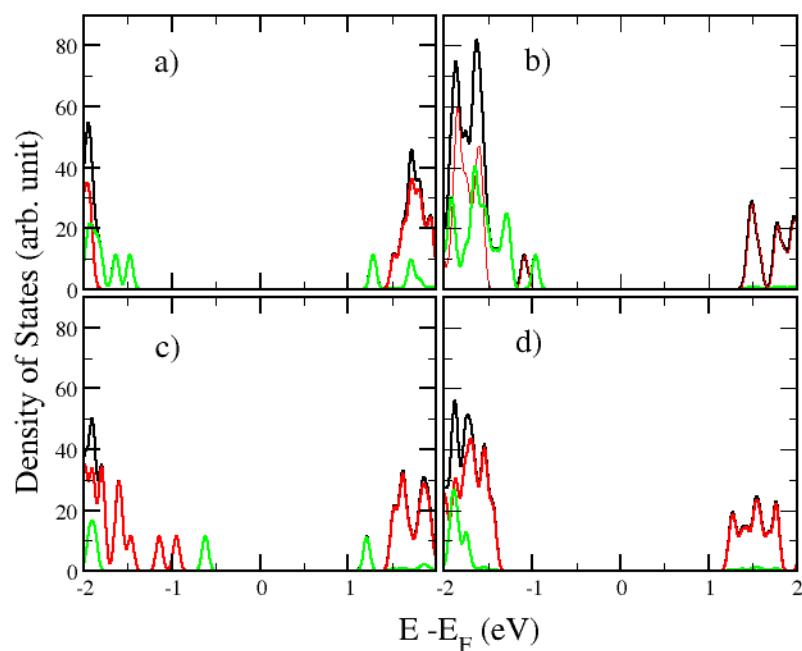
**Figure S1.** Total energies of (a) Ag<sub>12</sub>-ssDNA and (b) Au<sub>12</sub>-ssDNA composites during the NPT simulation.



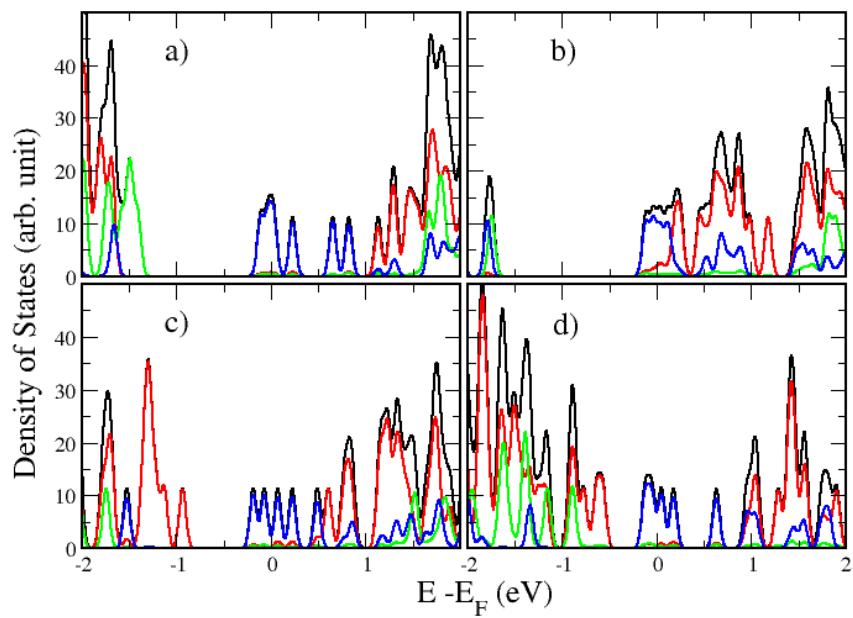
**Figure S2.** Optimized geometry of nucleobases (Adenine, Thymine, Guanine and Cytosine). The labeling used in this paper given here.



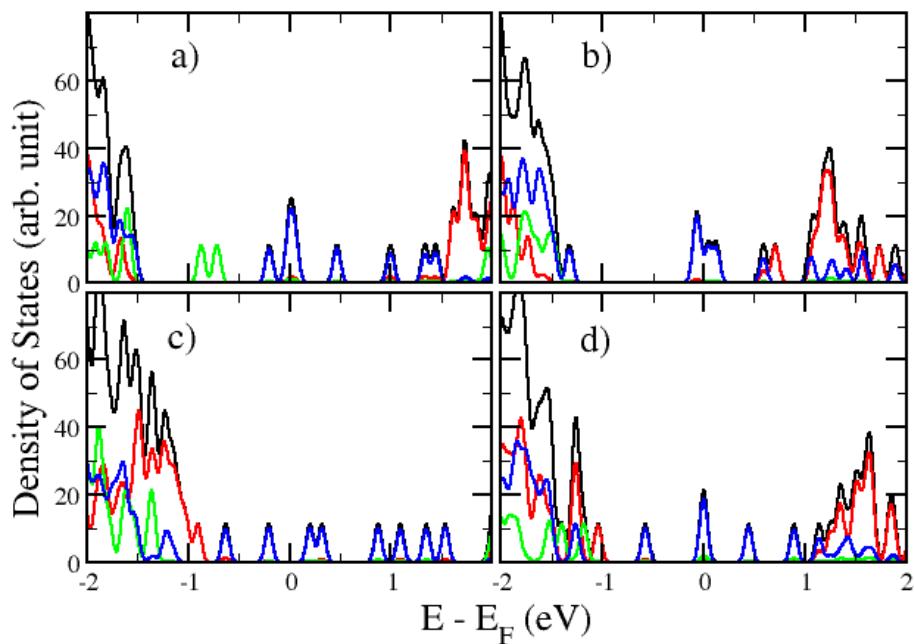
**Figure S3.** Interaction Energies ( $E_{int}$ ) between  $M_{12}$  ( $M=\text{Ag}$  or  $\text{Au}$ ) and ssDNA of (a)  $\text{Ag}_{12}$ -ssDNA and (b)  $\text{Au}_{12}$ -ssDNA composites during NPT simulation.



**Figure S4.** Electronic total density of states (DOS) and projected density of states (pDOS) of (a) ssdA<sub>12</sub>, (b) ssdT<sub>12</sub>, (c) ssdG<sub>12</sub> and (d) ssdC<sub>12</sub> (black, red and green denote DOS, pDOS of nucleobase and backbone respectively). The energy ( $E$ ) is scaled with respect to the Fermi energy ( $E_F$ ).



**Figure S5.** Electronic total density of states (DOS) and projected density of states (pDOS) of (a) Ag<sub>12</sub>-ssdA<sub>12</sub>, (b) Ag<sub>12</sub>-ssdT<sub>12</sub>, (c) Ag<sub>12</sub>-ssdG<sub>12</sub> and (d) Ag<sub>12</sub>-ssdC<sub>12</sub> (black, red, green and blue lines denote total DOS, pDOS of base, backbone and metal respectively). The energy (E) is scaled with respect to the Fermi energy ( $E_F$ ).



**Figure S6.** Electronic total density of states (DOS) and projected density of states (pDOS) of (a) Au<sub>12</sub>-ssdA<sub>12</sub>, (b) Au<sub>12</sub>-ssdT<sub>12</sub>, (c) Au<sub>12</sub>-ssdG<sub>12</sub> and (d) Au<sub>12</sub>-ssdC<sub>12</sub> (black, red, green and blue lines denote total DOS, pDOS of base, backbone and metal respectively). The energy (E) is scaled with respect to the Fermi energy ( $E_F$ ).