

Supporting Information

Argon adsorption on cationic gold clusters Au_n^+ ($n \leq 20$)

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1. Ar adsorption site isomers of Au_4Ar^+ and Au_6Ar^+

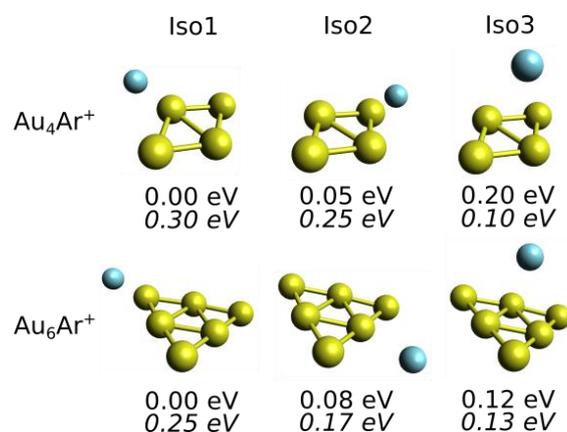


Figure S1. Ar adsorption site isomers of Au_4Ar^+ and Au_6Ar^+ clusters. The energies relative to the lowest energy adsorption site are presented below each structure, as well as the Ar adsorption energy (E_{ads} , in italics) of each isomer.

2. Optimized geometries of $Au_nAr_m^+$ ($n = 3 - 20$; $m = 1 - 5$) clusters

The coordinates of those clusters are available through Github at https://github.com/pferrari13/Au_nAr_m-XYZ-coordinates.git

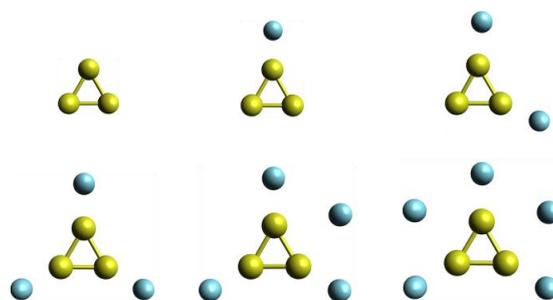


Figure S2. Optimized geometries of $Au_3Ar_m^+$ ($m = 0-5$).

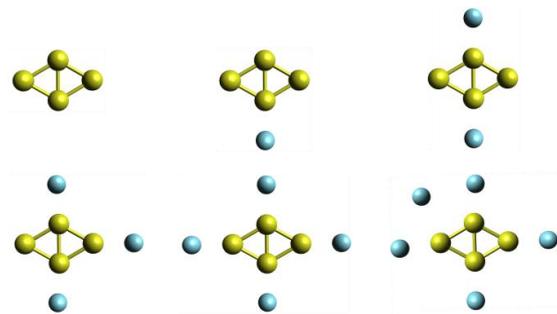


Figure S3. Optimized geometries of Au₄Ar_m⁺ ($m = 0-5$).

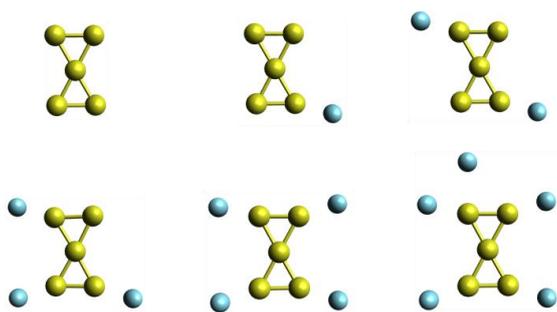


Figure S4. Optimized geometries of Au₅Ar_m⁺ ($m = 0-5$).

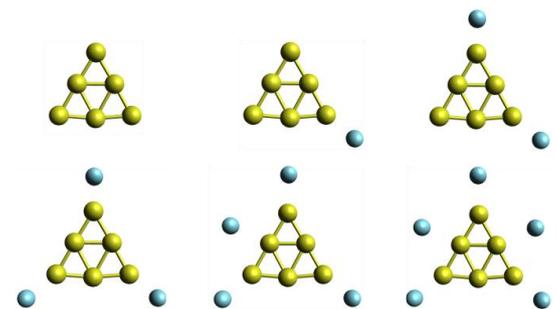


Figure S5. Optimized geometries of Au₆Ar_m⁺ ($m = 0-5$).

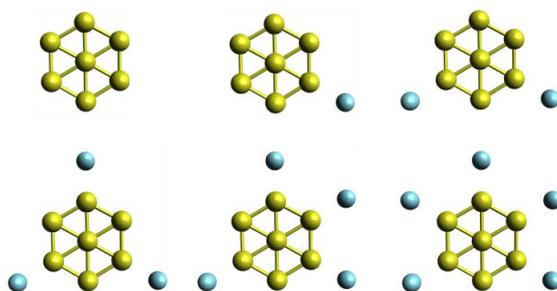


Figure S6. Optimized geometries of Au₇Ar_m⁺ ($m = 0-5$).

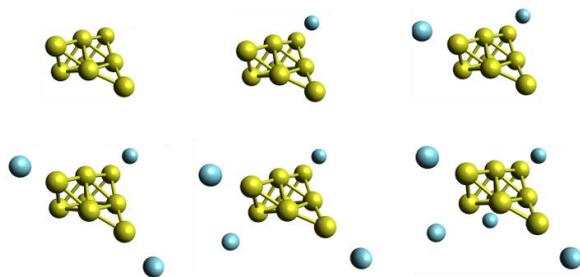


Figure S7. Optimized geometries of Au_8Ar_m^+ ($m = 0-5$).

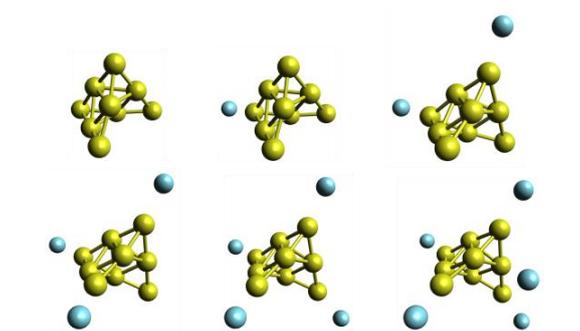


Figure S8. Optimized geometries of Au_9Ar_m^+ ($m = 0-5$).

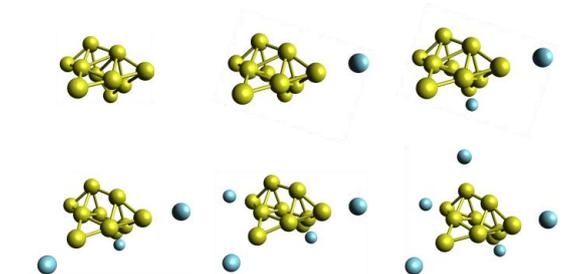


Figure S9. Optimized geometries of $\text{Au}_{10}\text{Ar}_m^+$ ($m = 0-5$).

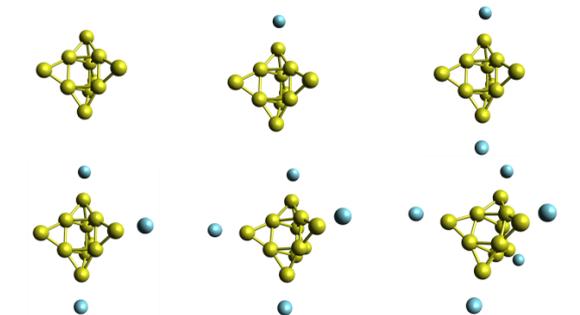


Figure S10. Optimized geometries of $\text{Au}_{11}\text{Ar}_m^+$ ($m = 0-5$).

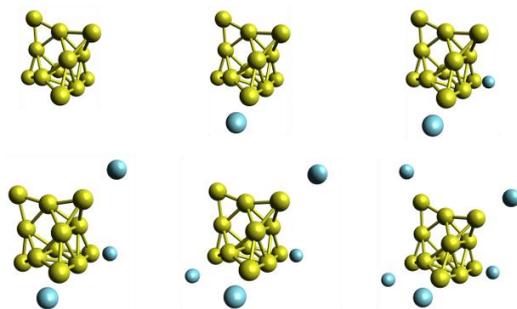


Figure S11. Optimized geometries of Au₁₂Ar_m⁺ ($m = 0-5$).

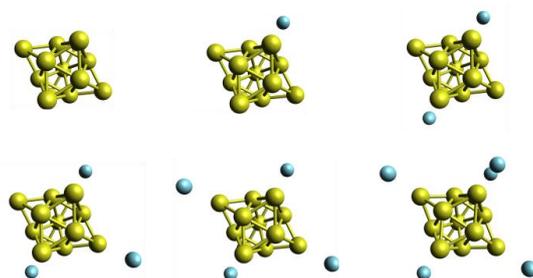


Figure S12. Optimized geometries of Au₁₃Ar_m⁺ ($m = 0-5$).

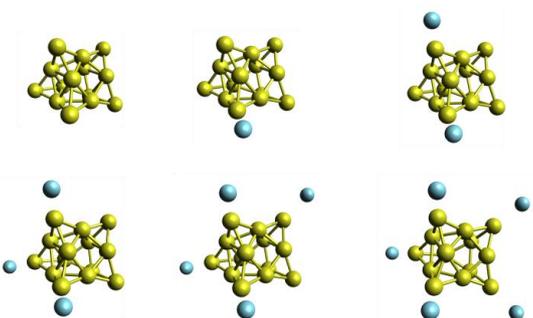


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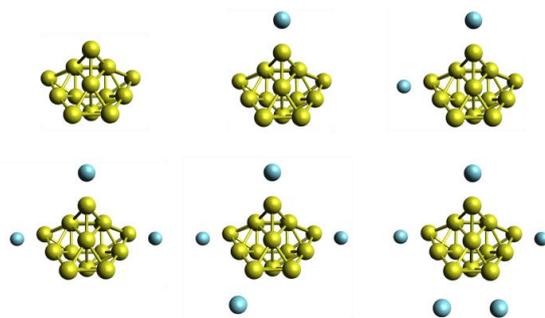


Figure S14. Optimized geometries of Au₁₅Ar_m⁺ ($m = 0-5$).

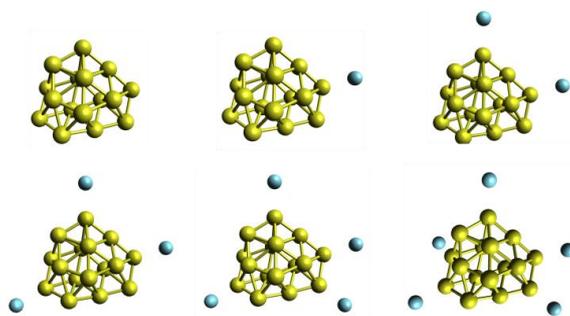


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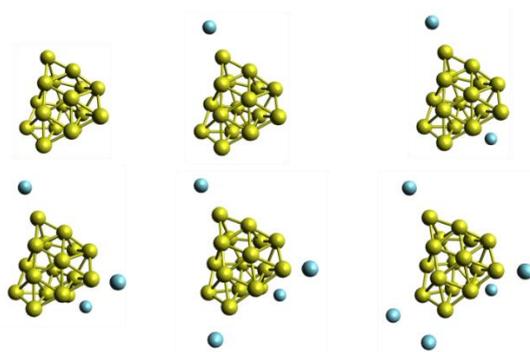


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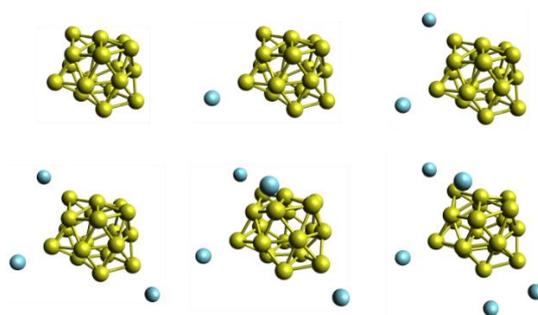


Figure S17. Optimized geometries of Au₁₈Ar_m⁺ ($m = 0-5$).

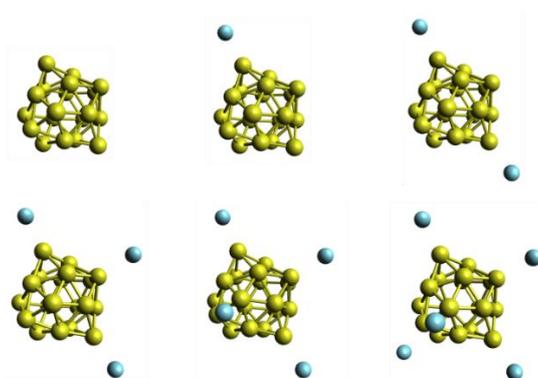


Figure S18. Optimized geometries of Au₁₉Ar_m⁺ ($m = 0-5$).

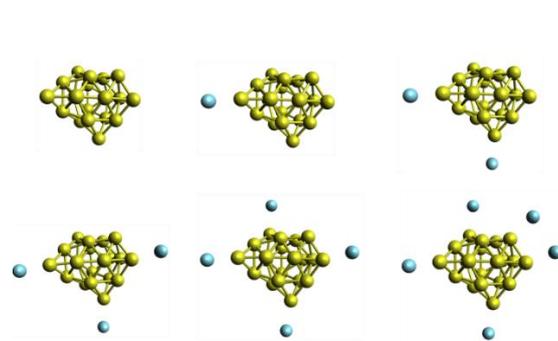


Figure S19. Optimized geometries of Au₂₀Ar_m⁺ ($m = 0-5$).