Supporting Information

Hierarchical self-assembly of a radical naphthalenediimide-based N-

heterocyclic carbene-Au(I) macrocycle

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1. Material and methods

All the synthetic experiments were performed using standard Schlenk techniques. Starting materials and reagents were AR grade quality, which were purchased from commercial sources and used without further purification unless otherwise noted. Compounds anti-atropisomer (anti-A)^[1] and $^{n}Bu_{4}N[CuBr_{2}]^{[2]}$ were synthesized according to reported procedure. Column chromatography purification was performed in the air over silica gel (200-300 mesh). The ¹H and ¹³C{¹H} and 2D NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AVANCE III 400 and JEOL 400 spectrometers. Chemical shifts (δ) are expressed in ppm downfield from tetramethylsilane (TMS) using the residual protonated solvent peaks (¹H NMR: 2.50 ppm for DMSO-*d*₆; ¹³C{¹H} NMR: 39.52 ppm for DMSO d_6) as an internal standard. Mass spectra were obtained with a Bruker microTOF-Q II mass spectrometer (Bruker Daltonics Corp., USA) in the electrospray ionization (ESI) mode. Elemental analysis was conducted by an Elementar vario EL cube instrument. The UV-Vis experiments were conducted on an Agilent Cary-100 spectrophotometer. The continuous wave (CW) EPR spectra were obtained using an X-band Bruker E500 spectrometer at room temperature. The microwave frequency was 9.8 GHz and the modulation amplitude was 0.1 mT. All calculations were performed with the Gaussian(R) 09 program optimizer.^[3] The theoretical approach is based on the framework of density functional theory (DFT).^[4,5] The geometry optimizations were performed at B3LYP level using SDD basis set for Au element and the 6-31G* basis set for all of the other atoms. Multiwfn 3.8 was used to analyze the wave functions.^[6]

2. Synthesis and characterization of compound [H2-1](BF4)2



A 50 mL Schlenk flask was charged with *anti*-A (360 mg, 0.459 mmol) and 1-phenylimidazole (200 mg, 1.377 mmol). To this was added DMF (3 mL) and the reaction mixture was heated to 110°C for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to ambient temperature, then ethyl acetate (30 mL) was added to the mixture and led to an

orange precipitation. The solid was isolated by filtration and washed with ethyl acetate (3 × 5 mL) and dried *in vacuo*. The orange solid obtained was transferred to a bottle containing 10 mL methanol. Upon addition of a solution of NH₄BF₄ (192 mg, 1.836 mmol) in methanol (10 mL) to this solution, the tetrafluoroborate salt [H₂-1](BF₄)₂ precipitated immediately. The precipitated solid was collected by filtration, washed with small portions of cold methanol and dried *in vacuo*. Yield: 446 mg (0.41 mmol, 89%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 9.83 (s, 1H, H1), 8.62 (s, 2H, H18), 8.27 (s, 1H, H2), 7.88 (s, 1H, H3), 7.75 – 7.71 (m, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H, H21), 7.64 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H, H22), 7.59 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H, H23), 7.41 (s, 2H, H13, H14), 7.36 – 7.26 (m, 5H, H6, H7, H10), 5.33 (s, 2H, H4), 2.46 (s, 3H, H12) ppm. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 162.9(C16), 139.4, 139.1, 139.0, 135.6(C1), 134.7, 133.8, 131.0, 130.3, 130.2, 129.9, 129.7, 129.5, 128.9, 128.4, 126.6(C3), 126.4(C20), 123.3(C3), 121.9, 121.7, 121.1, 51.9, 18.4 ppm. Elem. Anal. Calcd for C₆₀H₄₄O₄N₆B₂F₈, C 78.91, H 4.08, N 7.73; Found, C 78.86, H 4.05, N 7.70. HRMS (ESI, positive ions): *m/z* = 456.1836 (calcd for [H₂-1]²⁺ 456.1707).



Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of [H₂-1](BF₄)₂ (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).



Figure S2. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of [H₂-1](BF₄)₂ (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).



Figure S3. HR-ESI mass spectrum of $[H_2-1](BF_4)_2$ with isotope distribution for selected peaks (experimental in red, calculated in blue).



Figure S4. The packing motif of $[H_2-1]^{2+}$. Hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for the sake of clarity. Color scheme: C, gray; N, light blue; O, red.

3. Synthesis and characterization of complexes [M-1]BF4 (M = Ag, Au).

3.1 Synthesis and characterization of complex [Ag-1]BF₄.



To a mixture of $[H_2-1](BF_4)_2$ (100 mg, 0.092 mmol) and Ag₂O (48 mg, 0.184 mmol) was added 25 mL of acetonitrile. The reaction mixture was then heated to 70°C for 48 h under exclusion of light. After cooling to ambient temperature, the obtained suspension was filtered slowly through a short pad of Celite to obtain a clear solution. The filtrate was concentrated to 2 mL and ethyl acetate (30 mL) was added. A pale yellow precipitate formed, which was

isolated by filtration, washed with diethyl ether and dried *in vacuo* to afford the complex [Ag-1]BF₄. Yield: 88 mg (0.079 mmol, 86%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 8.56 (s, 2H, H18), 7.79 (s, 1H, H2), 7.57 (s, 2H, H3), 7.52 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H, H23), 7.46 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H, H14), 7.43 – 7.39 (m, 3H, H10, H13), 7.33 (s, 1H, H21), 7.16 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, H7), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H, H6), 5.23 (s, 2H, H4), 2.46 (s, 3H, H12) ppm. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ = 178.5(C1), 171.6, 162.9(C16), 139.6, 139.4, 139.0, 138.4, 135.7(C5), 131.0, 130.8, 130.2, 129.6(C13), 129.3, 128.7, 128.2, 127.9, 126.3(C17), 123.9(C14), 123.2(C2), 122.6(C3), 59.1, 53.8(C4), 24.4(C12) ppm. Elem. Anal. Calcd for $C_{60}H_{42}O_4N_6AgBF_4$, C 65.09, H 3.80, N 7.60; Found, C 64.95, H 3.75, N 7.55. HRMS (ESI, positive ions): m/z = 1019.2207 (calcd for [Ag-1]⁺ 1019.2313).



Figure S5. ¹H NMR spectrum of [Ag-1]BF₄ (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).



Figure S6. ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectrum of [Ag-1]BF₄ (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).



Figure S7. ¹H-¹³C HMBC NMR spectrum of [Ag-1]BF₄ (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).



Figure S8. ¹H-¹³C HSQC NMR spectrum of [Ag-1]BF₄ (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).



Figure S9. HR-ESI mass spectrum of [Ag-1]BF₄ with isotope distribution for selected peaks (experimental in red, calculated in blue).



Figure S10. (a) Orientation of the diethyl ether molecules (sticks model) trapped inside the hollow cavity of [Ag-1]⁺. (b) Orientation of the two dimethyl formamide molecules (space-filling model) trapped inside the hollow cavity of cation [Ag-1]⁺. Color scheme: C, gray; H, white; N, light blue; O, red; Ag, pink; B, dark yellow; F, bright green.

3.2 Synthesis and characterization of complex [Au-1]BF₄.



A solution of [Ag-1]BF₄ (160 mg, 0.145 mmol) in acetonitrile (25 mL) was added solid [AuCl(THT)] (65 mg, 0.202 mmol). Immediately after the addition the mixture turned from light yellow to dark purple. The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 24 h and was then slowly filtered through a pad of Celite until a clear light yellow filtrate was obtained. The filtrate was

concentrated to 1 mL and diethyl ether (30 mL) was added. A pale yellow precipitate formed, which was isolated by filtration, washed with diethyl ether and dried *in vacuo* to afford the complex [Au-1]BF₄. Yield: 142 mg (0.123 mmol, 82%). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 8.55$ (s, 2H, H18),

7.77 (s, 1H, H2), 7.71 (s, 1H,H3), 7.55 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, H13, H14), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 3H, H10, H22, H23), 7.36 – 7.28 (m, 2H, H21), 7.14 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H, H7), 6.92 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, H6), 5.19 (s, 2H, H4), 2.46 (s, 3H, H12) ppm. ¹³C{¹H} NMR (100 MHz, DMSO- d_6): $\delta = 180.3$ (C1), 162.9(C16), 139.0, 138.7, 137.9, 135.0(C5), 131.0, 130.8(C18), 130.1, 129.8, 129.3(C13), 128.8, 128.2, 128.1, 127.6, 126.2, 125.1, 124.0(C2), 122.0(C3), 51.3, 8.3 ppm. Elem. Anal. Calcd for C₆₀H₄₂O₄N₆AuBF₄, C 60.29, H 3.54, N 7.03; Found, C 60.17, H 3.50, N 6.98. HRMS (ESI, positive ions): m/z = 1107.2862 (calcd for [Au-1]⁺ 1107.2928).



Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectrum of [Au-1]BF₄ (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).



Figure S12. ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectrum of [Au-1]BF₄ (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).



Figure S13. ¹H-¹³C HMBC NMR spectrum of [Au-1]BF₄ (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).



Figure S14. ¹H-¹³C HSQC NMR spectrum of [Au-1]BF₄ (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆).



Figure S15. HR-ESI mass spectrum of [Au-1]BF₄ with isotope distribution for selected peaks (experimental in red, calculated in blue).



Figure S16. (a) Orientation of the DMF molecules (sticks model) trapped inside the hollow cavity of α -[Au-1]⁺. (b) Orientation of the DMF molecules (space-filling model) trapped inside the hollow cavity of cation α -[Au-1]⁺. (c) The crystal-packing diagram of α -[Au-1]⁺. Color scheme: C, gray; N, light blue; O, red; Au, light orange.



Figure S17. (a) Hexamer of NHC-Au(I) complex β -[Au-1]BF₄. (b) The crystal-packing diagram of β -[Au-1]BF₄. Hydrogen atoms and anions are omitted for clarity.

4. Synthesis and characterization of complex salt [Au-1][CuBr₂]



[Au-1]BF₄ (20 mg, 0.017 mmol) dissolved in acetonitrile (1.5 mL) and ^{*n*}Bu₄N[CuBr₂] (10 mg, 0.022 mmol) dissolved in acetonitrile (0.5 mL) were mixed, and an emissive solid precipitated in a few seconds. The precipitate was filtered after stirring for 10 min and washed thoroughly with water and acetonitrile, dried in air to give [Au-1][CuBr₂] as a gray solid (10 mg, yield: 44%). The crystalline powder solid was subject to powder X-ray diffraction measurement. HRMS (ESI, positive ions): m/z = 1107.2862 (calcd for [Au-1]⁺ 1107.2928); HRMS (ESI, negative ions): m/z = 222.7747 (calcd for [CuBr₂]⁻ 222.7648).



Figure S18. HR-ESI mass spectrum of [Au-1][CuBr₂] with isotope distribution for selected peaks (experimental in red, calculated in blue).



Figure S19. Packing diagrams of the single crystal structures of [Au-1][CuBr₂]. Color scheme: C, gray; N, light blue; O, red; Au, light orange; Cu, turquoise; Br, rose.

5. Crystallization protocols

5.1 Co-crystallization of [Au-1]BF4 with pyrene



[Au-1]BF₄ (20 mg, 0.017 mmol) and pyrene (10 mg, 0.05 mmol) were dissolved in DMF (1.0 mL) to afford a red solution. After stirring the solution overnight, diethyl ether was diffused slowly into the DMF solution to afford red crystals (Pyr-[Au-1]BF₄) suitable for crystallographic studies.

5.2 Co-crystallization of [Au-1]BF4 with naphthalene



[Au-1]BF₄ (20 mg, 0.017 mmol) and naphthalene (10 mg, 0.078 mmol) were dissolved in MeCN (1.0 mL) to afford a dark green solution. After stirring the solution overnight, diethyl ether was diffused slowly into the MeCN solution to afford green crystals (Nap \subset [Au-1]BF₄) suitable for crystallographic studies.

¹H NMR titration experiments were performed in order to determine the binding affinity of [Au-1]BF₄ by adding increasing amounts of naphthalene to a CD₃CN solution of [Au-1]BF₄. Upon the consecutive addition of the solution of naphthalene, the signal assigned to the proton of the NDI core shifts upfield gradually. Then, the association constants (K) were calculated to be 16 ± 2.27 M⁻¹ by nonlinear least-square analysis using the online software Bindfit.



Figure S20 A stacked plot of the ¹H NMR titration (400 MHz, 298 K) of naphthalene into a solution of [Au-1]BF₄ in CD₃CN (c = 0.75 mM).



Figure S21 Non-linear least-squares fitting of the chemical shift changes of NDI-protons during titration experiments of [Au-1]BF₄ with naphthalene.



Figure S22. The calculated energy diagrams and molecular orbital diagrams of [Au-1]BF₄, Pyr-[Au-1]BF₄ and Nap⊂[Au-1]BF₄.

6. Electrochemical studies of [H2-1](BF4)2 and [Au-1]BF4

Cyclic voltammetry (CV) and differential pulse voltammetry (DPV) experiments were carried out using a CHI660E electrochemical workstation (CH Instruments, Inc). All CV experiments were performed using a glassy carbon working electrode (0.071 cm^2). The electrode surface was polished routinely with 0.05 µm alumina-water slurry on a felt surface immediately before use. The counter electrode was a platinum wire and the reference electrode was an Ag/AgCl electrode. All experiments were carried out under an atmosphere of argon in degassed and anhydrous acetonitrile solution containing ["Bu₄N]PF₆ (0.1 M) at a scan rate of 100 mV s⁻¹.



Figure S23. Cyclic voltammograms of [H₂-1](BF₄)₂ at different scan rates in CH₃CN.



Figure S24. Differential pulse voltammogram of (a) $[H_2-1](BF_4)_2$ and (b) $[Au-1]BF_4$. All the experiments were performed at 25°C in Ar-purged MeCN solution ($c = 10^{-4}$ M) with 0.1 M ["Bu₄N]PF₆ as the supporting electrolyte.

7. Formation and characterization of radical anion [Au-1]'

 $CoCp_2$ (5 mg, 0.037 mmol) was added to a MeCN (2.0 mL) solution of [Au-1]BF₄ (20 mg, 0.017 mmol) at ambient temperature. The reaction mixture was further stirred for 5 h. Filtration through a plug of Celite afforded a brown black solution. diethyl ether was diffused slowly into the clear solution to afford dark crystals suitable for crystallographic studies. Elem. Anal. Calcd for $C_{60}H_{42}O_4N_6Au$, C 65.02, H 3.82, N 7.59; Found, C 64.85, H 3.66, N 7.50.



Figure S25. (a) Atomic number on NDI skeleton. (b) Spin density calculation of [Au-1].

8. NMR monitoring of redox process



Figure S26. Sections of the ¹H NMR spectra (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆, 298 K) of (a) [Au-1]BF₄, (b) [Au-1]BF₄+ CoCp₂ (1.0 equiv.) and (c) [Au-1]BF₄+ CoCp₂ (1.0 equiv.)+ AgNTf₂ (1.2 equiv.).

9. X-ray crystallography

The crystals of all the compounds were selected for single-crystal X-ray diffraction. All data for crystal structure determinations were collected with a Bruker APEX-II CCD diffractometer. Reduction of data and semiempirical absorption correction were done using SADABS program. The structures were solved by direct methods, which revealed the position of all non-hydrogen atoms. These atoms were refined on F^2 by a full matrix least-squares procedure using anisotropic displacement parameters.^[7] All hydrogen atoms were assigned to ideal positions and refined using a riding model. A number of disordered solvent molecules could not be restrained properly and were therefore removed using the SQUEEZE route.

Empirical formula	$C_{66}H_{58}Br_2N_8O_6$
Formula weight	1219.02
Temperature (K)	150
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_{1}/c$
<i>a</i> (Å)	14.1932(12)
<i>b</i> (Å)	13.1909(9)
<i>c</i> (Å)	16.8635(14)
α (°)	90
β(°)	113.991(3)
γ (°)	90
Volume (Å ³)	2884.3(4)
Ζ	2
$\rho_{\rm calc} (g \cdot {\rm cm}^{-3})$	1.404
$\mu (\text{mm}^{-1})$	1.466
F(000)	1256.0
Crystal size (mm ³)	0.21 imes 0.2 imes 0.2
Radiation	Mo K α (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection (°)	4.432 to 50.666
Index ranges	$17 \ge h \ge -17, 15 \ge k \ge -15, 20 \ge l \ge -2$
Reflections collected	27449
Independent reflections	5216 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0667, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0524$]
Data/restraints/parameters	5216/32/373
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.054
Final <i>R</i> indexes $[I \ge 2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0868, wR_2 = 0.2446$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.1107, wR_2 = 0.2667$
Largest diff. peak/hole (e Å ⁻³)	0.76/-1.54
CCDC	2225597

Table S1. Crystal and refinement data for [H₂-1]Br₂.

Empirical formula	$C_{148}H_{147}Ag_2B_2F_8N_{20}O_{17}$
Formula weight	2867.21
Temperature/K	150
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	PĪ
a/Å	18.8525(10)
b/Å	20.5694(10)
c/Å	20.6759(11)
α/°	63.2750(10)
β/°	79.415(2)
γ/°	71.5460(10)
Volume/Å ³	6785.0(6)
Z	2
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.403
µ/mm ⁻¹	0.374
F(000)	2974.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 imes 0.2 imes 0.19
Radiation	Mo K α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	4.486 to 50.11
Index ranges	$-22 \le h \le 22, -24 \le k \le 24, -24 \le l \le 24$
Reflections collected	93596
Independent reflections	23953 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0944, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0939$]
Data/restraints/parameters	23953/248/1796
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.035
Final <i>R</i> indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0734, wR_2 = 0.1835$
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.1383, wR_2 = 0.2203$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.85/-0.75
CCDC	2225599

Table S2. Crystal and refinement data for [Ag-1]BF₄.

Empirical formula	$C_{72}H_{70}Au_{2}BF_{4}N_{10}O_{8}$
Formula weight	1487.15
Temperature/K	180
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	PĪ
a/Å	18.8792(7)
b/Å	20.6936(8)
c/Å	20.9007(9)
α/°	62.8430(10)
β/°	80.4630(10)
γ/°	70.4420(10)
Volume/Å ³	6845.3(5)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.443
µ/mm ⁻¹	2.223
F(000)	3024.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.23 \times 0.22 \times 0.21$
Radiation	Mo K α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	4.632 to 50.728
Index ranges	$-22 \le h \le 22, -24 \le k \le 24, -25 \le l \le 25$
Reflections collected	130391
Independent reflections	25016 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0289, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0221$]
Data/restraints/parameters	25016/256/1787
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.018
Final <i>R</i> indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0340, wR_2 = 0.0875$
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0417, wR_2 = 0.0920$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.69/-1.09
CCDC	2225600

Table S3. Crystal and refinement data for α -[Au-1]BF₄.

Empirical formula	$C_{60}H_{42}AuBF_4N_6O_4$
Formula weight	1194.77
Temperature/K	180
Crystal system	trigonal
Space group	R3
a/Å	32.0842(14)
b/Å	32.0842(14)
c/Å	32.4821(16)
a/°	90
β/°	90
γ/°	120
Volume/Å ³	28957(3)
Z	1
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.233
µ/mm ⁻¹	3.347
F(000)	10728.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.23 \times 0.22 \times 0.21$
Radiation	Ga K α (λ = 1.34139)
2Θ range for data collection/°	3.64 to 113.9
Index ranges	$-24 \le h \le 21, -34 \le k \le 40, -40 \le l \le 35$
Reflections collected	48908
Independent reflections	12982 [$R_{int} = 0.0388, R_{sigma} = 0.0343$]
Data/restraints/parameters	12982/267/606
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.079
Final <i>R</i> indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0692, wR_2 = 0.2070$
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0840, wR_2 = 0.2187$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.66/-2.03
CCDC	2225601

Table S4. Crystal and refinement data for β -[Au-1]BF₄.

Empirical formula	$C_{60}H_{44}AuBr_2CuN_6O_4$
Formula weight	1333.94
Temperature/K	180
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2/ <i>c</i>
a/Å	15.6670(14)
b/Å	12.7990(11)
c/Å	15.7277(14)
α/°	90
β/°	101.677(3)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	3088.5(5)
Z	2
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.434
µ/mm ⁻¹	4.057
F(000)	1312.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.23 \times 0.22 \times 0.21$
Radiation	Mo K α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	5.198 to 50.812
Index ranges	$-18 \le h \le 18, -14 \le k \le 15, -18 \le l \le 18$
Reflections collected	27255
Independent reflections	5676 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0579, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0492$]
Data/restraints/parameters	5676/63/279
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.115
Final <i>R</i> indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0808, wR_2 = 0.1918$
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0965, wR_2 = 0.1990$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	3.52/-2.34
CCDC	2225602

Table S5. Crystal and refinement data for [Au-1][CuBr₂].

Empirical formula	$C_{79}H_{58}AuBF_4N_7O_5$ ·(H2O)0.5
Formula weight	1478.10
Temperature/K	220
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P21/n
a/Å	11.2997(3)
b/Å	26.5107(7)
c/Å	23.5697(8)
α/°	90
β/°	91.4860(10)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	7058.2(4)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.391
µ/mm ⁻¹	2.152
F(000)	2984.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 imes 0.14 imes 0.12
Radiation	Mo K α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	3.784 to 50.748
Index ranges	$-13 \le h \le 13, -30 \le k \le 31, -28 \le l \le 28$
Reflections collected	41778
Independent reflections	12921 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0575, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0666$]
Data/restraints/parameters	12912/124/881
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.035
Final <i>R</i> indexes [$l \ge 2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0539, wR_2 = 0.1485$
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	$R1 = 0.0971, wR_2 = 0.1749$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.07/-0.60
CCDC	2225603

Table S6. Crystal and refinement data for Pyr-[Au-1]BF4

Empirical formula	$C_{153}H_{116}Au_2B_2F_8N_{16}O_8$
Formula weight	2874.16
Temperature/K	230
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	$P\overline{1}$
a/Å	15.991(4)
b/Å	21.435(6)
c/Å	21.946(5)
a/°	89.388(8)
β/°	76.692(8)
γ/°	70.171(8)
Volume/Å ³	6868(3)
Z	2
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.390
µ/mm ⁻¹	2.208
F(000)	2900.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.12 \times 0.09 \times 0.06$
Radiation	Mo K α (λ = 0.71073)
2Θ range for data collection/°	3.742 to 50.204
Index ranges	$-19 \le h \le 18, -25 \le k \le 25, -23 \le l \le 26$
Reflections collected	100952
Independent reflections	24110 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0886, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0859$]
Data/restraints/parameters	24110/213/1710
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.017
Final <i>R</i> indexes [$I \ge 2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0635, wR_2 = 0.1630$
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.1087, wR_2 = 0.1889$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.90/-1.27
CCDC	2225604

Table S7. Crystal and refinement data for Nap⊂[Au-1]BF₄

Empirical formula	$C_{60}H_{42}AuN_6O_4$
Formula weight	1107.96
Temperature/K	220
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
a/Å	20.1490(17)
b/Å	9.3955(7)
c/Å	26.588(2)
α/°	90
β/°	90.208(2)
$\gamma/^{\circ}$	90
Volume/Å ³	5033.4(7)
Z	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.462
µ/mm ⁻¹	2.977
F(000)	2220.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.15 \times 0.1 \times 0.08$
Radiation	Mo K α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	5.02 to 52.782
Index ranges	$-25 \le h \le 25, -11 \le k \le 11, -33 \le l \le 27$
Reflections collected	14263
Independent reflections	5125 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0642, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0863$]
Data/restraints/parameters	5125/0/322
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.042
Final <i>R</i> indexes [$I \ge 2\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0534, wR_2 = 0.1269$
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0909, wR_2 = 0.1429$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.32/-1.19
CCDC	2225605

 Table S7. Crystal and refinement data for [Au-1].

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