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Supplementary Materials for

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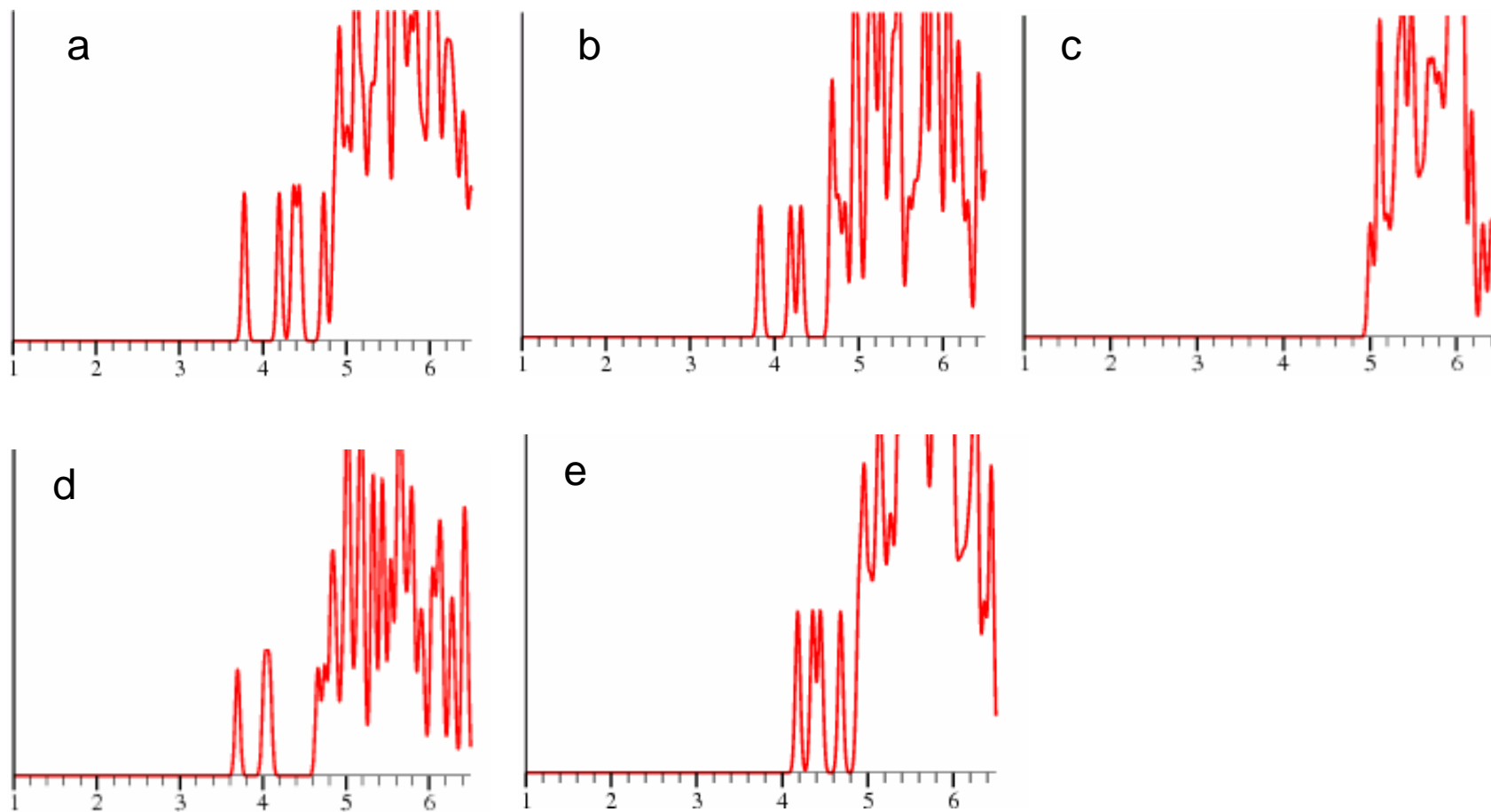
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Fig. 3. Simulated anion photoelectron spectra [based on the density-functional theory (DFT) calculation with the PBEPBE/LANL2DZ functional and basis set] for all of the candidate lowest-energy isomers of Au₁₅⁻ (A), Au₁₆⁻ (B), Au₁₇⁻ (C), and Au₁₈⁻ (D) identified in Fig. 3 A–D, respectively.

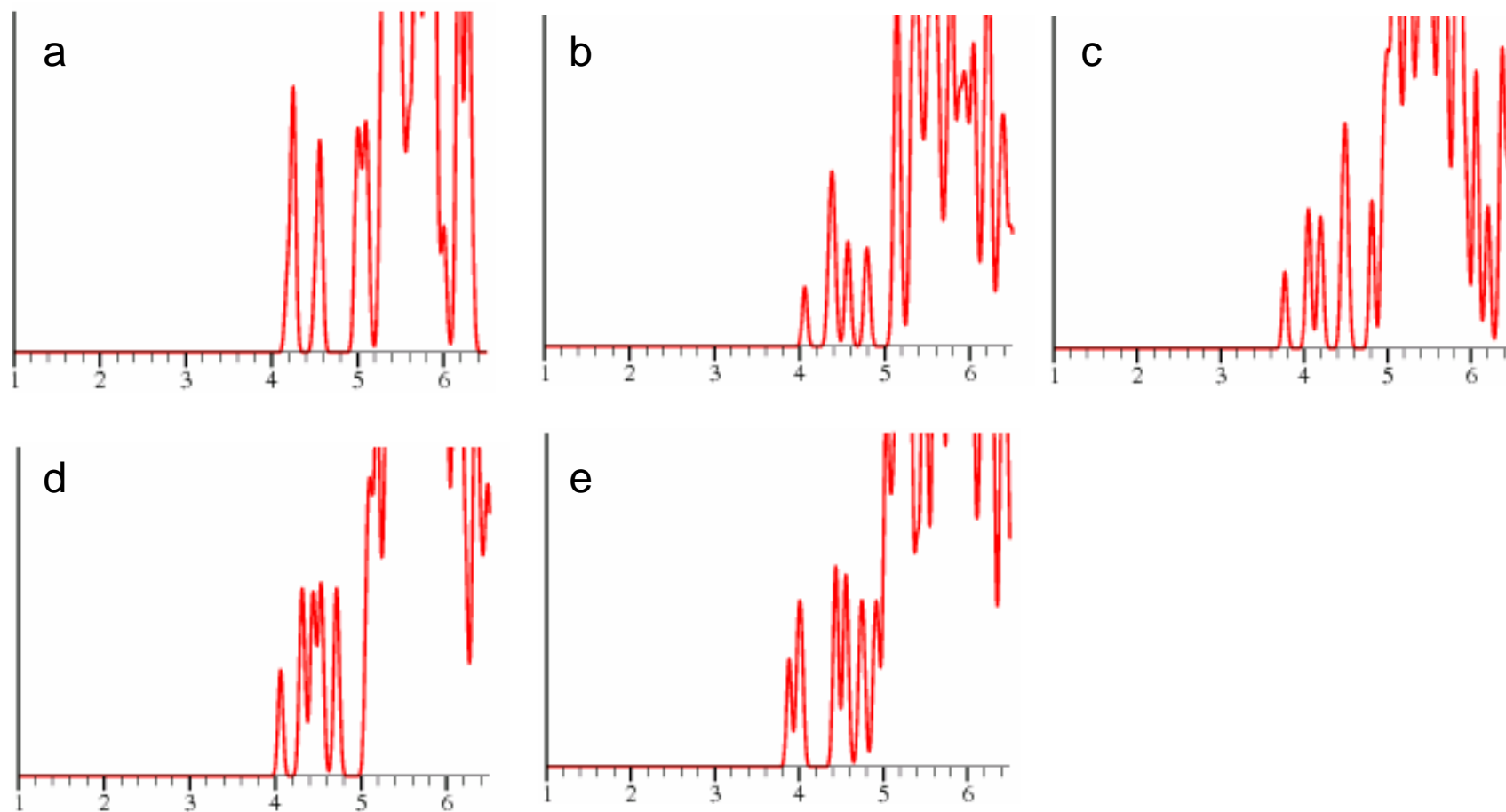
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Simulated Anion Photoelectron Spectra



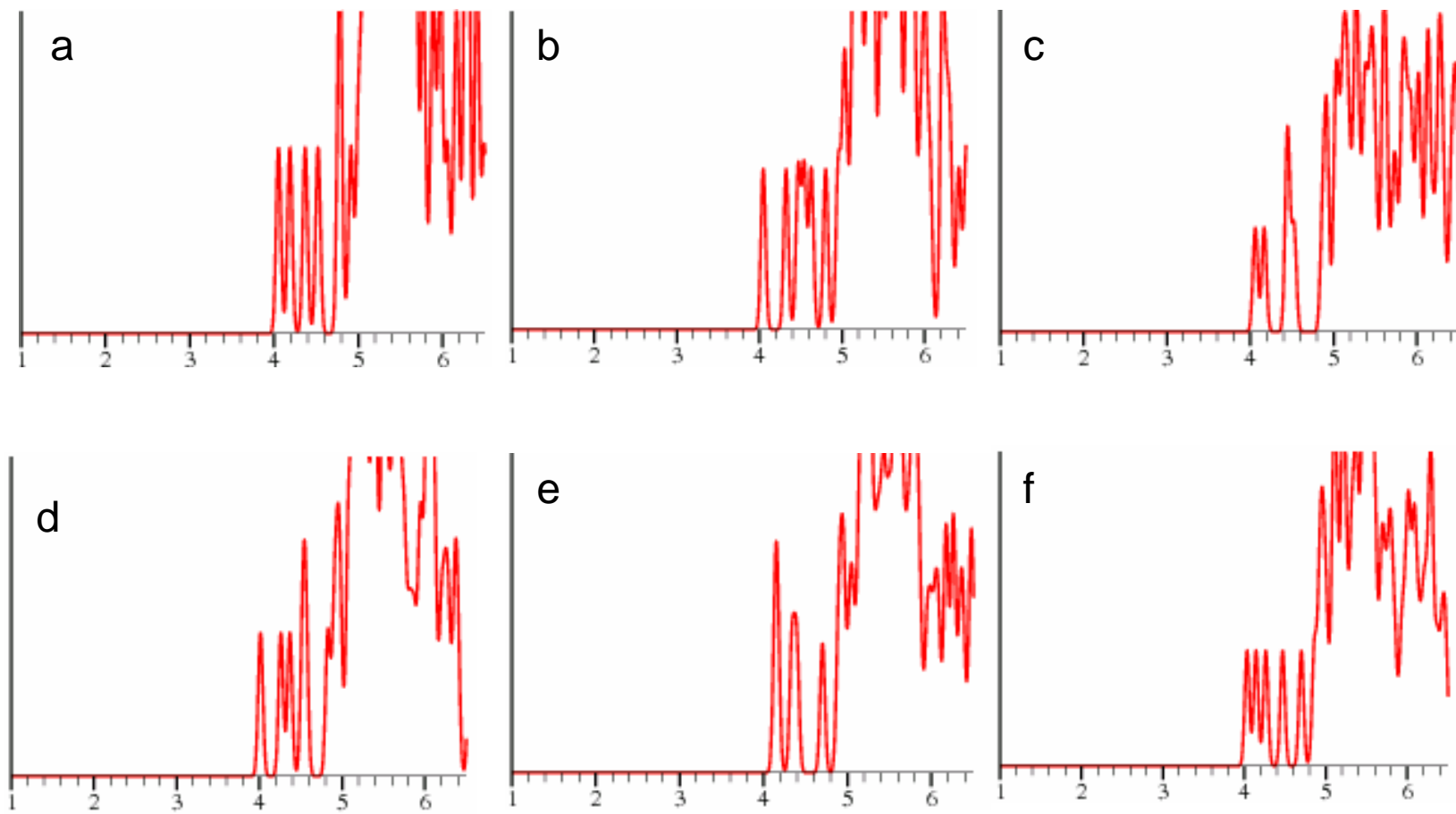
Au_{15}^- (top 5)

Figure 4A



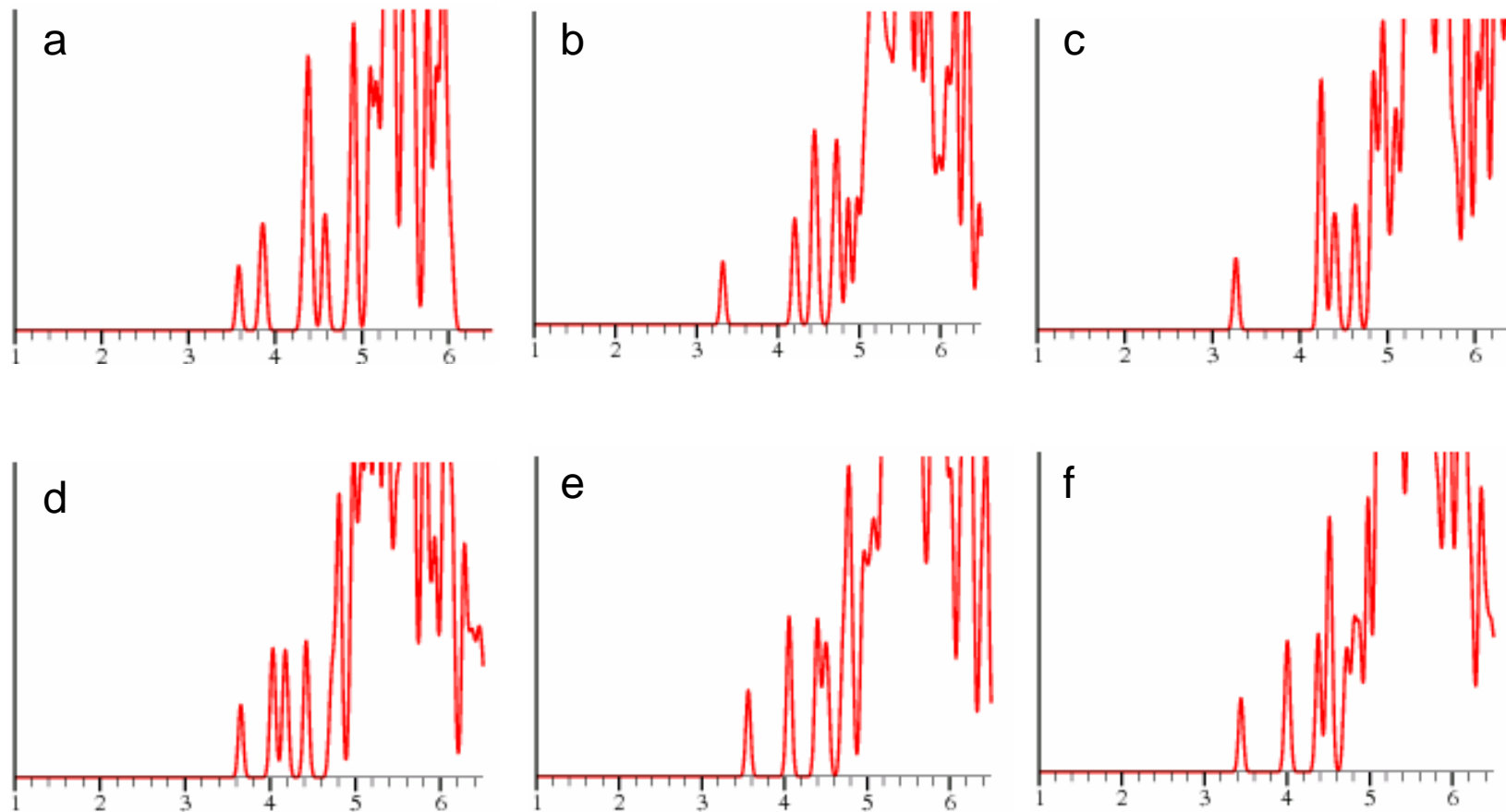
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Figure 4B



Au_{17}^- (top 6)

Figure 4C



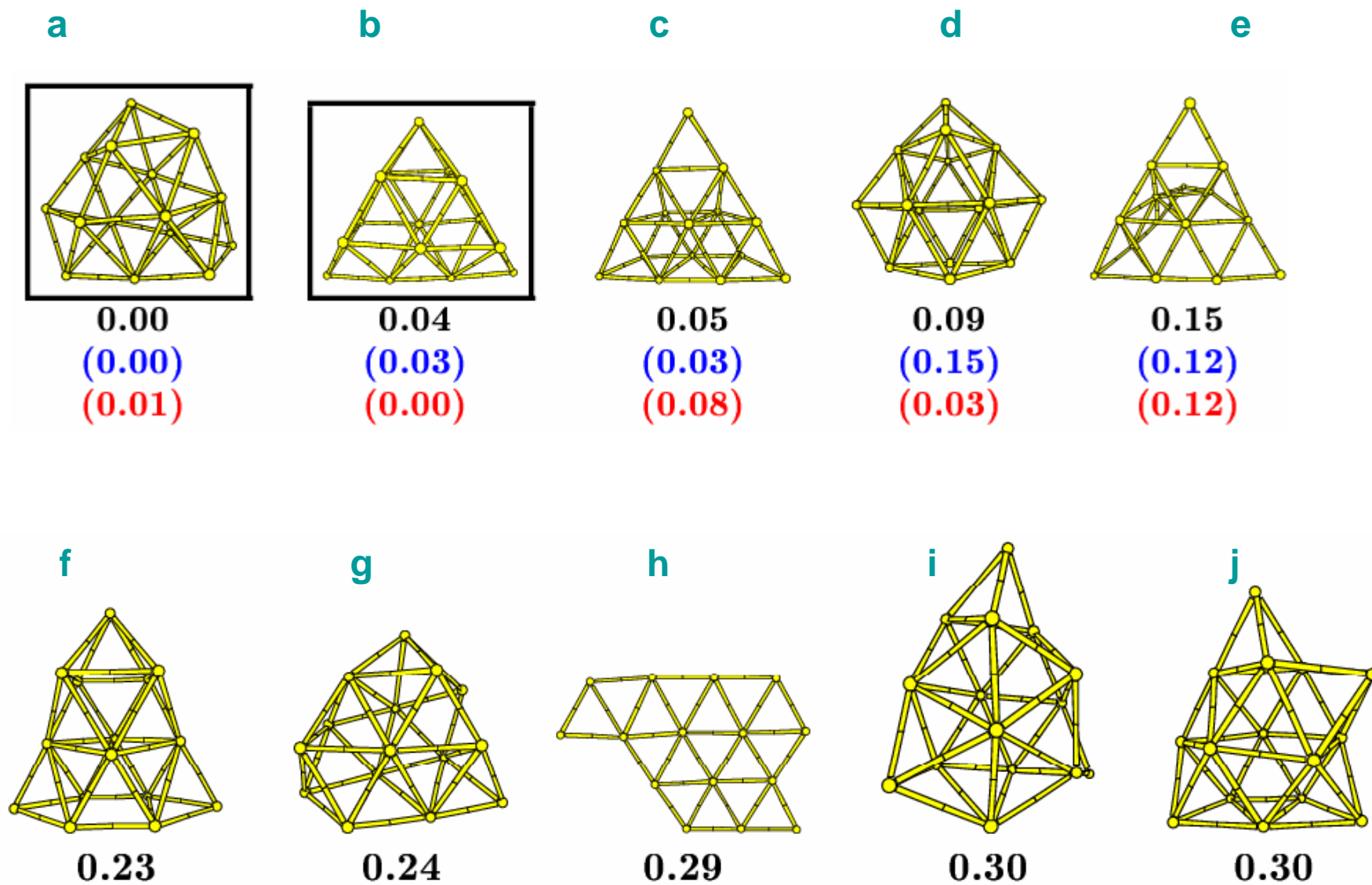
Au₁₈⁻ (top 6)

Figure 4D

Fig. 4. Top-10 lowest-energy isomers of Au₁₅⁻ (A), Au₁₆⁻ (B), Au₁₇⁻ (C), Au₁₈⁻ (D), and Au₁₉⁻ (E) obtained from a basin-hopping global search combined with DFT optimization and total-energy calculation. The energy values (in eV) given beneath each isomer are the relative energy with respect to the leading lowest-energy isomer. The energy values in black are based on the PBE exchange-correlation functional (1), and the double numerical basis set with polarization functions, implemented in the DMOL³ package (2). Those isomers with their energy value within 0.2 eV from the leading lowest-energy isomer are all regarded as candidates for the lowest-energy structure to be compared with experimental data. Relative energies among these candidate lowest-energy isomers are further evaluated by using a modest and a large basis sets. The energy values in blue are based on optimization with the PBEPBE/LANL2DZ functional/basis set, implemented in the GAUSSIAN 03 package (3), and the energy values in red are based on single-point calculations at the PBEPBE/SDD+Au(2f)//PBEPBE/LANL2DZ level of theory, implemented in the GAUSSIAN 03 package (3). Here "SDD+Au(2f)" denotes the Stuttgart/Dresden ECP valence basis (4, 5) augmented by two sets of *f* polarization functions (exponents = 1.425, 0.468). The isomers enclosed by a black frame also are highlighted in Fig. 1B.

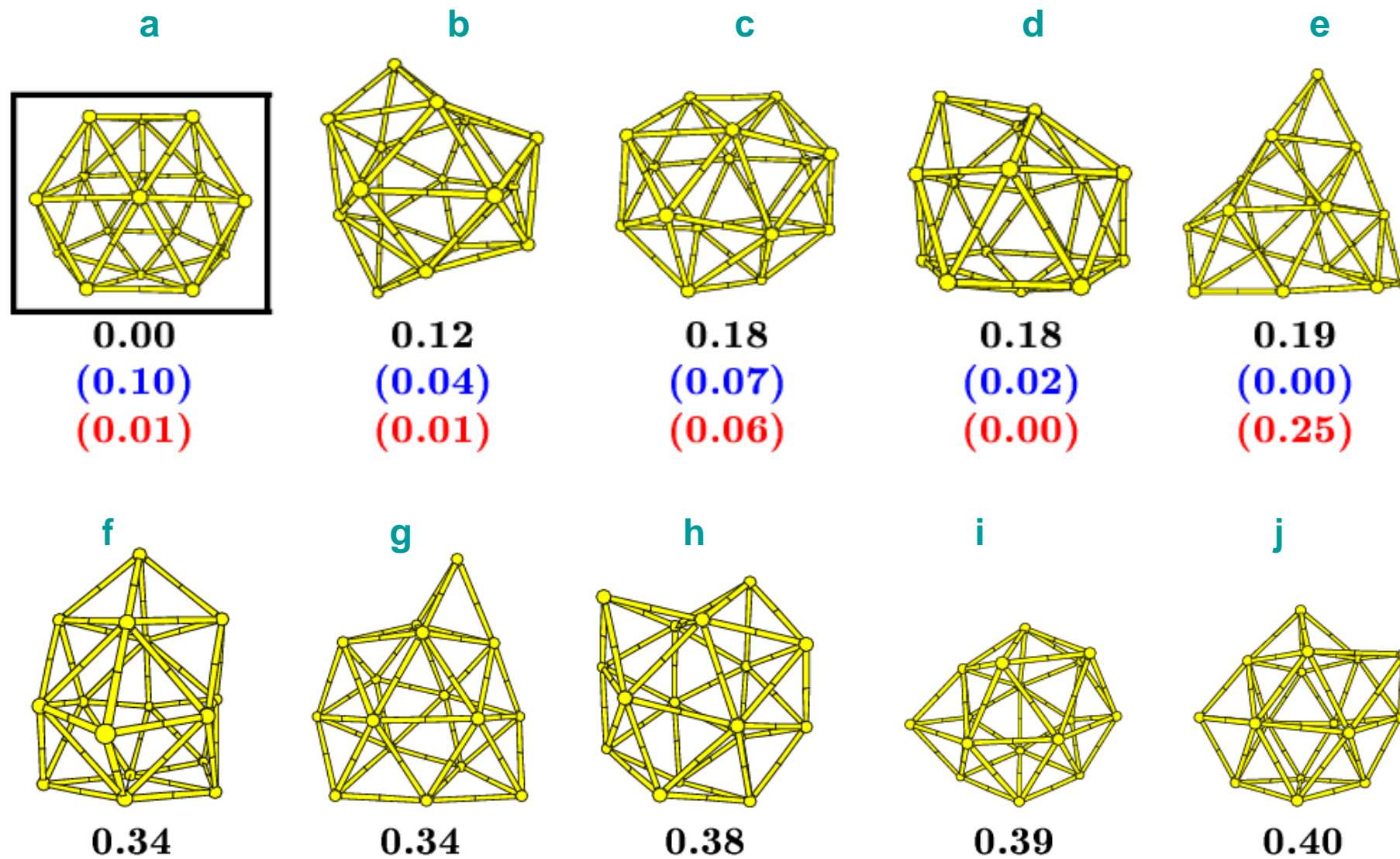
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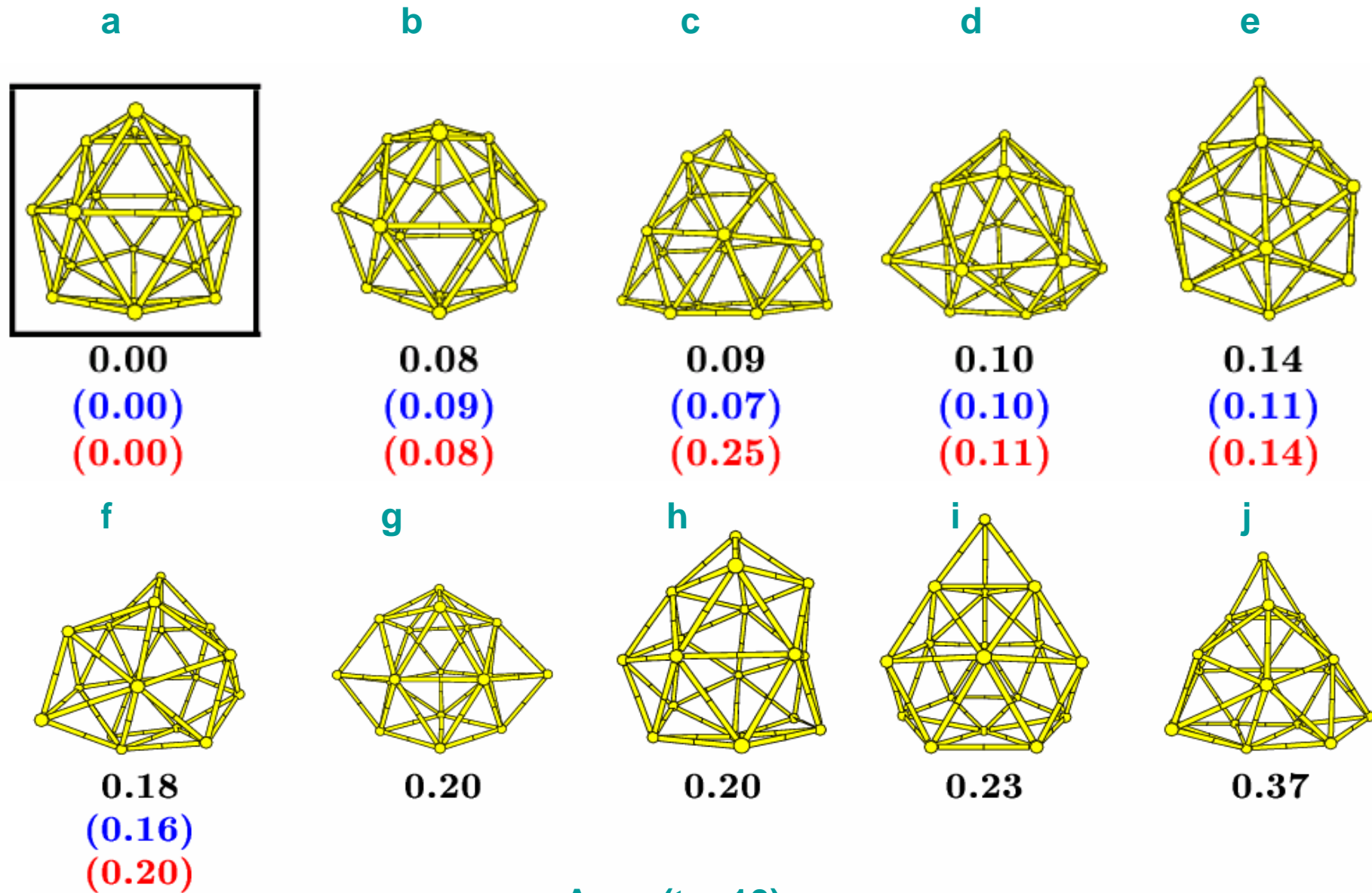
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Figure 3A



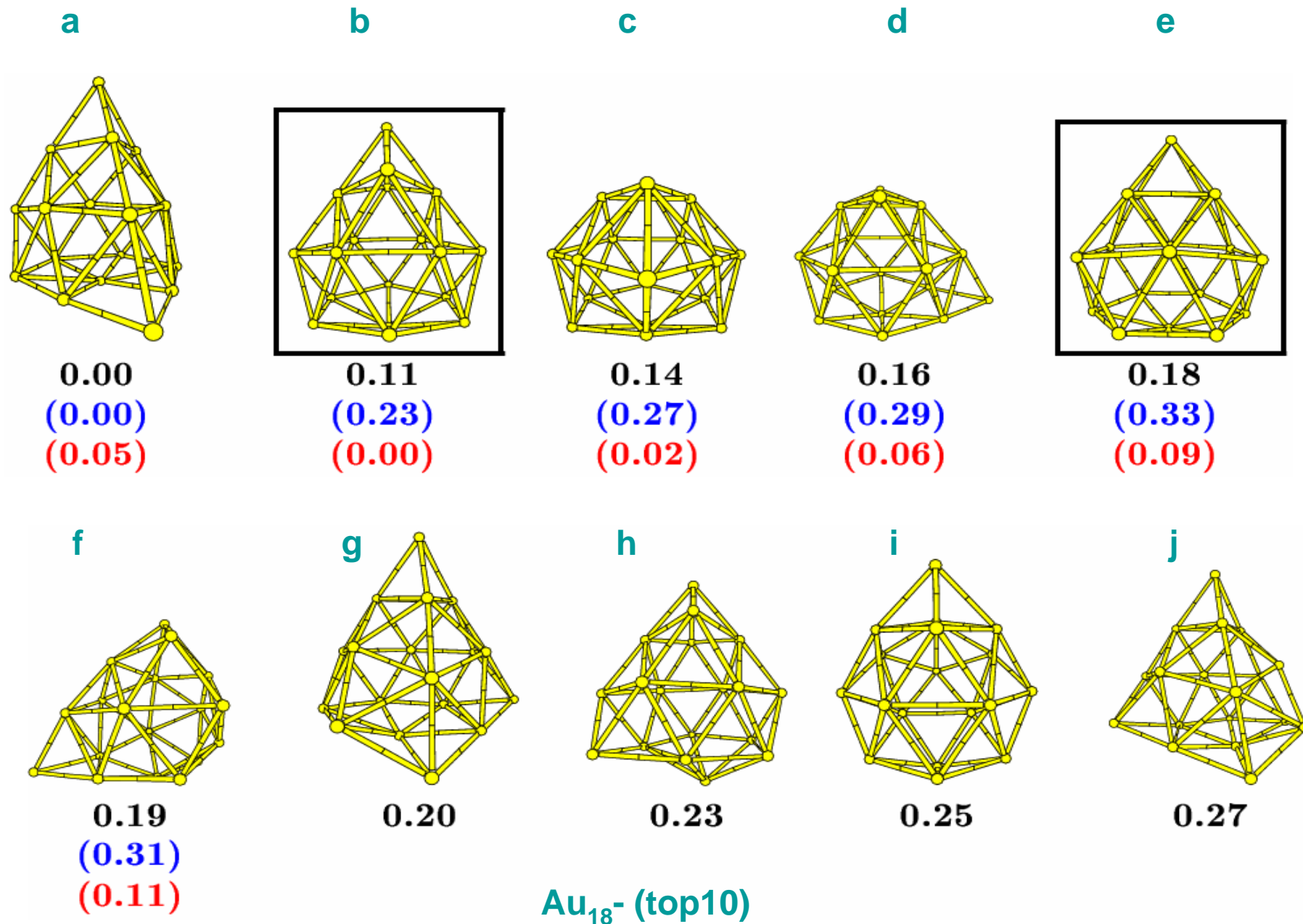
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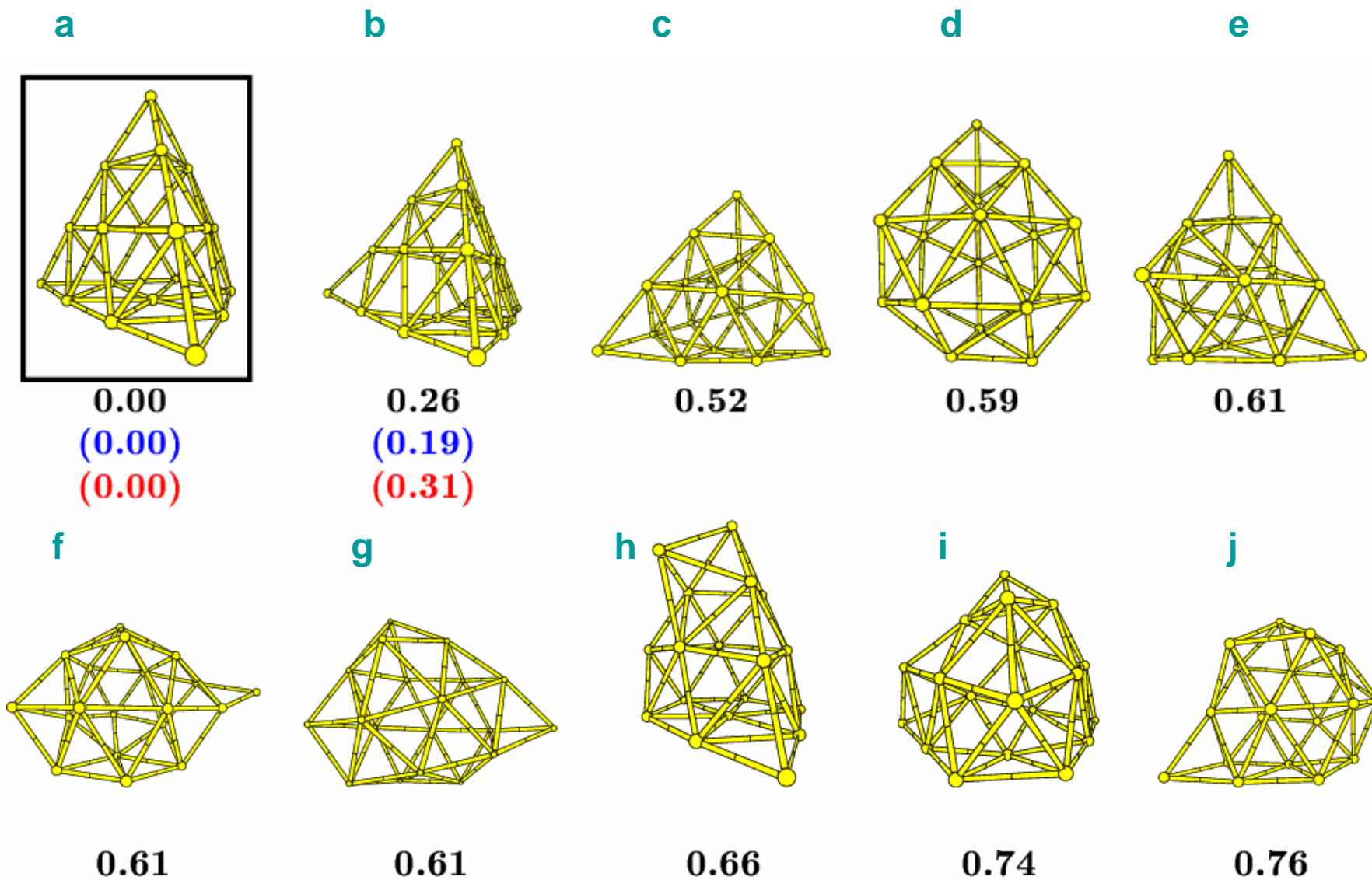
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Figure 3C



Au₁₈⁻ (top10)

Figure 3D



Au₁₉⁻ (top10)

Figure 3E

Table 2. The experimental adiabatic detachment energies (ADEs) for Au_n^- ($n = 15\text{--}19$) measured from the threshold of the first photoelectron band

Isomer	ADE, eV
Au_{15}^-	3.61 ± 0.03
Au_{16}^-	3.99 ± 0.03
Au_{17}^-	4.03 ± 0.03
Au_{18}^-	3.24 ± 0.03
Au_{19}^-	3.71 ± 0.03