

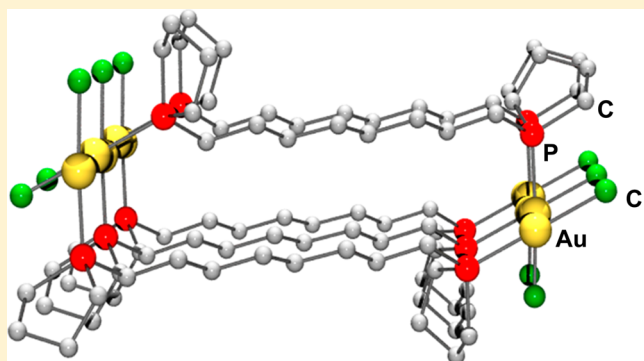
Selective Formation of Gold(I) Bis-Phospholane Macrocycles, Polymeric Chains, and Nanotubes

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Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: A series of highly flexible bis-phospholane ligands **3a–g** with 5–11 methylene groups in the backbone was synthesized and fully characterized by mass spectrometry and NMR (^1H , ^{13}C , ^{31}P) and IR spectroscopy. Gold bis-phospholane macrocycles containing 16 ($[\text{Au}_2\text{Cl}_2(\mu\text{-3a})_2]$, **4**), 20 ($[\text{Au}_2\text{Cl}_2(\mu\text{-3c})_2]$, **5**), 24 ($[\text{Au}_2\text{Cl}_2(\mu\text{-3e})_2]$, **6**), and 28 ($[\text{Au}_2\text{Cl}_2(\mu\text{-3g})_2]$, **7**) atoms in the ring were obtained in one step from $[\text{AuCl}(\text{tht})]$ (tht = tetrahydrothiophene) and **3a,c,e,g** in excellent yield. In addition, three polymers resulting from aurophilic interactions, i.e., zigzag chains in $[\text{Au}_2\text{Cl}_2(\mu\text{-3b})_x]$ (**8**) and nanotubes in $[\text{Au}_2\text{Cl}_2(\mu\text{-3d})_x]$ (**9**) and $[\text{Au}_2\text{Cl}_2(\mu\text{-3f})_x]$ (**10**), with Au...Au distances of 309.41(2), 330.24(6), and 335.82(3) pm, respectively, were obtained. Halide abstraction of **4–7** with AgBF_4 led to macrocycles $[\text{Au}_2(\mu\text{-3a})_2](\text{BF}_4)_2$ (**11**), $[\text{Au}_2(\mu\text{-3c})_2](\text{BF}_4)_2$ (**12**), $[\text{Au}_2(\mu\text{-3e})_2](\text{BF}_4)_2$ (**13**), and $[\text{Au}_2(\mu\text{-3g})_2](\text{BF}_4)_2$ (**14**). In **12**, the monomers are connected by strong aurophilic interactions (Au...Au 296.57(1) pm) in the solid state with formation of a polymeric chain. All complexes were fully characterized by NMR (^1H , ^{13}C , ^{31}P) and IR spectroscopy, mass spectrometry, and X-ray diffraction.



INTRODUCTION

In supramolecular chemistry, the targeted synthesis of macrocycles, chains, and tubes is of interest for developing new materials with useful optical and electronic properties.^{1,2} Gold(I) cations are predestined for predictable molecular assemblies due to their favored linear geometry and the potential for aurophilic interactions.³ The strength of this closed-shell interaction is similar to that of a hydrogen bond^{3d,4} and can be fine-tuned by the choice of counterions⁵ or the number of carbon atoms in the backbone of bis-phosphine ligands.⁶ Understanding this phenomenon is of importance for the targeted synthesis of gold(I)-rich chains, rings, and tubes. For example, ultrathin gold nanowires were obtained by reducing oleylamine–AuCl complexes formed by aurophilic interaction.⁷

The selective formation of gold(I) bis-phosphine macrocycles is largely unexplored. The majority of the published gold(I) bis-phosphine-containing macrocycles were prepared by a multistep synthesis starting from preorganized dinuclear gold(I) bis-phosphine complexes with mostly linear and rigid bridging ligands. The bis-phosphine ligands $\text{R}_2\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PR}_2$ ($n = 1, 2$; R = phenyl, cyclohexyl) have been intensely studied in the formation of macrocycles with additional bridging ligands, such as bipyridyls,⁹ dithiolates,¹⁰ diisocyanides,¹¹ diacetylides,^{11b,12} *trans,trans*-muconates,¹³ and a second bis-phosphine.¹⁴ Even though bis-phospholanes are “privileged ligands”,¹⁵ gold(I) phospholane complexes are largely unexplored and bis-phospholanes have not been used as bridging

ligands for the construction of gold phosphine macrocycles.¹⁶ Furthermore, only a small number of publications deal with long and highly flexible bridging units in bis-phosphine ligands.¹⁷ Pioneering work by Shaw et al. demonstrated the unusual coordination behavior of $(^t\text{Bu})_2\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{P}(^t\text{Bu})_2$ ($n = 5–12$),¹⁸ and gold bis-phosphine macrocycles with $\text{Ph}_2\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PPh}_2$ ($n \geq 5$) have been described by Schmidbauer et al.,¹⁹ Puddephatt et al.,^{9a,12b,c,f,i,20} Kelleher et al.,²¹ Hill et al.,²² Alvarez-Falcón et al.,²³ and Balch et al.²⁴

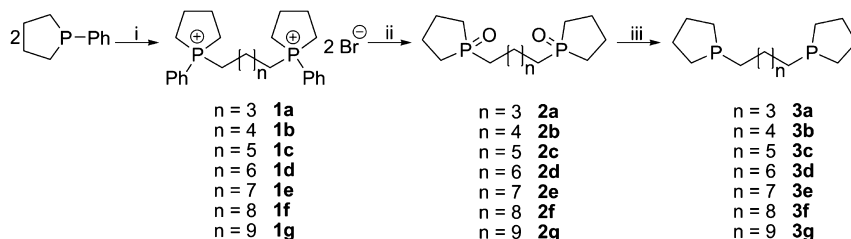
We here report the first high-yield one-step synthesis of gold(I) bis-phospholane complexes. Depending on the counterions and the carbon-chain length of the bis-phosphine ligands used, gold(I) bis-phospholane macrocycles, polymeric chains, and nanotubes are selectively formed without using high-dilution techniques.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Synthesis of Bis-Phospholane Ligands. New bis-phospholanes with 5–11 methylene groups in the backbone were synthesized by using a modified strategy published by Haddow et al. in 2009 (Scheme 1).²⁵ Two equivalents of 1-phenylphospholane²⁶ was treated with 1,*n*-dibromoalkanes ($n = 5–11$) in acetonitrile to give the corresponding bis-phospholanium salts **1a–g** in quantitative yield as white solids. Oxidative cleavage of the P–phenyl bond by aqueous sodium

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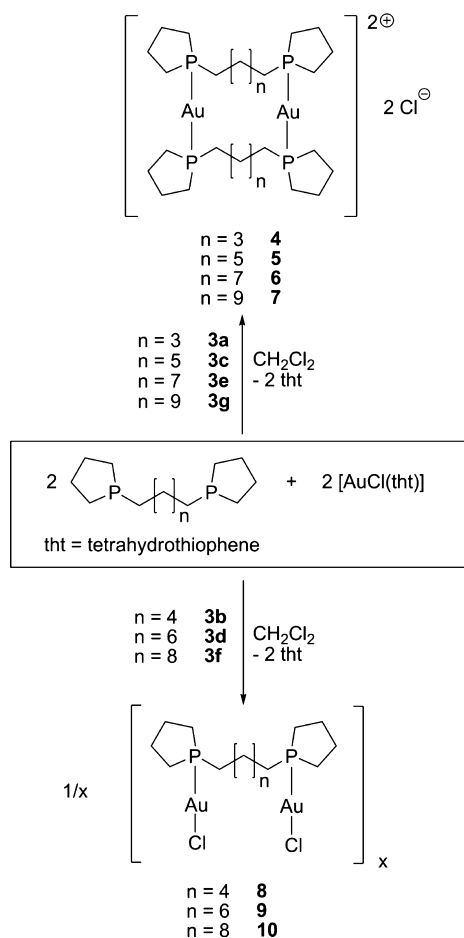
Scheme 1. Synthesis of Bis-Phospholanes 3a–g^a

^a(i) 1,(n+2)-Dibromoalkane, MeCN, 80 °C, 48 h; (ii) 20% NaOH(aq), 80 °C, 20 h; (iii) LiAlH₄/SiMe₃Cl, THF, room temperature, 10 h.

hydroxide solution led to the bis-phospholane oxides **2a–g**. Reduction to the corresponding bis-phospholanes **3a–g** was carried out with a mixture of lithium aluminum hydride and trimethylsilyl chloride in tetrahydrofuran.²⁷ Ligands with an even number of carbon atoms in the backbone (**3b,d,f**) were obtained as white solids and those with an odd number (**3a,c,e,g**) as highly viscous oils.

Gold(I) Bis-Phospholane Complexes: Selective Formation of Macrocycles, Chains, and Tubes. Addition of [AuCl(tht)] (tht = tetrahydrothiophene) to a solution of bis-phospholane **3a,c,e,g** in dichloromethane led to 16- (**4**), 20- (**5**), 24- (**6**), and 28-membered (**7**) macrocycles in excellent yield by self-assembly under thermodynamic control (Scheme 2).

Scheme 2. Synthesis of Gold(I) Complexes



All complexes were obtained as white solids and are soluble in common organic solvents such as dichloromethane, chloroform, and acetonitrile. Compounds **4–7** are air and light stable and were fully characterized by NMR and IR spectroscopy, mass spectrometry, elemental analysis, and X-ray crystallography. In the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra a downfield shift is observed on coordination, from ca. –27 ppm (free ligands) to sharp signals at ca. 37 ppm (macrocycles). In the mass spectra (ESI⁺ mode), [M – Cl]⁺ peaks are observed. The molecular structures (Figure 1) display a [2 + 1] coordination mode for gold(I). Selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 1.

Compounds **4**, **5**, and **7** form isolated macrocycles in the solid state. Each gold atom exhibits almost linear coordination by two phospholane moieties (P–Au–P 169.37(8)–175.32(3)°) and additionally weakly coordinating terminal chlorido ligands. The Au–Cl interactions decrease with increasing length of the backbone from 280.7(2) pm in **4** to

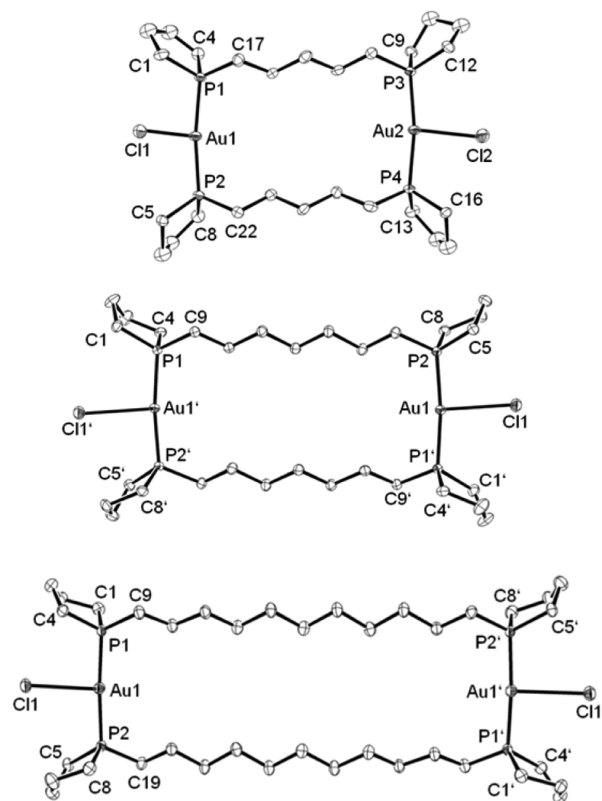


Figure 1. Molecular structures of **4** (top), **5** (middle), and **7** (bottom). Ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level, and H atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity.

Table 1. Selected Bond Lengths (pm) and Angles (deg) for 4–7^a

	4	5	6 ^b	7
Au1–P1	229.9(2)	229.71(8)	230.0(2) [229.5(2)]	229.2(1)
Au1–P2	229.9(2)	229.40(8)	230.6(2) [230.0(2)]	229.6(1)
Au1–Cl1	280.7(2)	290.26(7)	292.4(2) [304.1(2)]	294.1(2)
Au2–P3	228.7(2)		229.7(2) [229.8(2)]	
Au2–P4	229.4(2)		229.3(2) [230.1(2)]	
Au2–Cl2	284.5(2)			
P1–Au1–P2	169.37(8)	172.77(3)	167.35(6) [167.62(6)]	175.32(3)
P3–Au2–P4	170.14(8)		170.07(6) [167.75(6)]	

^aOmitted values are generated by symmetry. ^bValues for the second independent molecule are given in brackets.

294.1(2) pm in 7, resulting in longer Au–Cl bonds (cf. Au–Cl 250 pm in [AuCl(PPh₃)₂])²⁸ and an increase of the P–Au–P bond angles from 4 (169.37(8)°) to 7 (175.32(3)°). The Au–P bond lengths and P–Au–P bond angles are in agreement with similar structures described in the literature (Au–P 230.7(2) and 231.1(2) pm, P–Au–P 172.1(1) and 174.2(1)° in [Au₂{μ-Ph₂P(CH₂)₆PPh₂}₂](SbF₆)₂]²¹ [Au₂Cl₂(μ-Ph₂PCH₂PPh₂)₂], reported by Schmidbaur et al. in 1977, exhibits similar bond lengths (P1–Au 232.7(3) pm, P2–Au 228.8(3) pm, Au–Cl 277.1(4) pm) and a smaller P1–Au–P2 bond angle (155.9(1)°), presumably due to strong, supported Au···Au contacts (296.2(1) pm).^{14a} The intramolecular Au···Au distances are 850.4 (4), 1099.5 (5), 1339.0 and 1373.6 (6), and 1593.1 pm (7).

In compound 6, the macrocycles are connected by chlorido bridges in the solid state. 6 crystallizes in the triclinic space group *P* $\bar{1}$ with two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit (Figure 2). It forms two polymeric chains along the *b* axis that differ in the position of the chlorido bridges. In one

polymer, a symmetrical chlorido bridge (Au–Cl–Au 179.4(2)°; Au–Cl 304.1(2), 304.7(2) pm) is observed, while a nonsymmetrical (Au–Cl 292.4(2), 326.5(2) pm), slightly bent (169.8(2)°) chlorido bridge is observed in the latter. In 1986, Schmidbaur et al. reported the molecular structure of the [Au₂{Ph₂PC(CH₂)₂PPh₂}₂Cl] cation, with the second chloride anion as a discrete and isolated anion in the crystal.²⁹

The 2:2 reaction of [AuCl(tht)] with 3b,d,f was carried out under the same conditions as for the ligands 3a,c,e,g (Scheme 2). The ³¹P{¹H} NMR signal of the reaction mixture at ca. 37 ppm suggested the formation of macrocycles. However, instead of the expected macrocycles the X-ray analysis of the crystals obtained showed 2:1 complexes (Au:L) with each phosphorus atom coordinated to an Au–Cl unit in a linear fashion (compounds 8–10, Figures 3 and 4). A solution of the crystals in CD₂Cl₂ gave a signal at ca. 24 ppm in the ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra, which was not observed in the reaction mixture. The ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra of the filtrates showed no signals for the free ligands (ca. –27 ppm) and only one at ca. 34 ppm (see the Supporting Information). The hypothesis that this signal belongs to a four-coordinate gold(I) complex is based on reasons of stoichiometry and the observation that the reaction of 2 equiv of 3g with 1 equiv of [AuCl(tht)] resulted in the same chemical shift. Crystals of [Au₂Cl₂(μ-3b)] (8) were obtained as colorless needles from dichloromethane/toluene at room temperature. The monomeric unit of 8 exhibits an *anti* conformation of the AuCl groups. These monomers form zigzag chains through unsupported intermolecular Au···Au interactions (309.41(2) pm) (Figure 3). Auophilic interactions are common in gold(I)-based polymers.^{11b,24,30} The bond lengths and angles of 8 (Table 2) are comparable to those of the related compound [Au₂{μ-Ph₂P(CH₂)₇PPh₂}Cl₂] (Au–P 219.5(6), 222.0(5) pm, Au–Cl 239.2(6), 232.7(5) pm, Au···Au 326.4(2) pm).^{24b}

In 9 and 10 (Figure 4), each gold atom is involved in two auophilic interactions, one of which is slightly stronger (330.24(6), 335.82(3) pm) than the other (each 351.06(1) pm) (Table 2), with formation of nanotubes in the solid state. It is known that gold atoms can participate in more than one

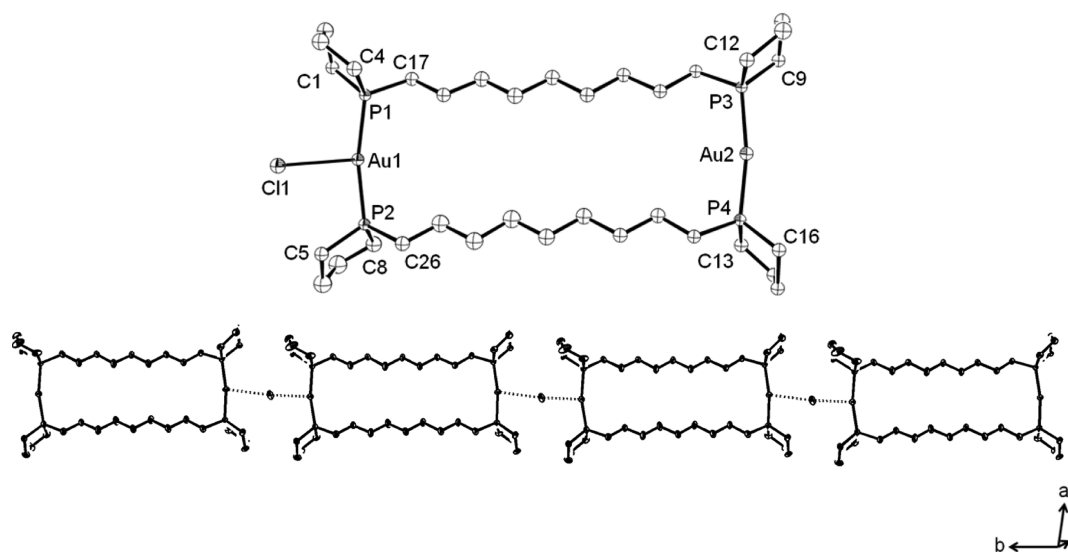


Figure 2. (top) Molecular structure of the cation of 6. (bottom) View along the *b* axis. Ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level, and H atoms, solvent molecules, and the second counterion are omitted for clarity. Only one of the two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit is shown.

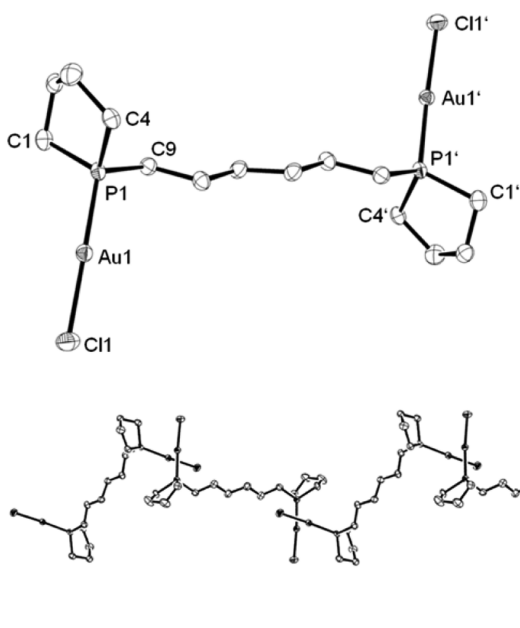


Figure 3. (top) Molecular structure of **8**. (bottom) Polymeric chain formed through auriphilic interactions, viewed along the *b* axis. Ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level, and H atoms are omitted for clarity.

auriphilic interaction,^{3c} resulting in longer Au...Au distances. The angles between the two P–Au–Cl axes are 71.27(4)° (**9**) and 67.40(5)° (**10**). Similar complexes, such as [Au₂(μ-Ph₂PCH₂CH₂PPh₂)Cl₂], form dimers with Au...Au interactions of 318.9 pm.³¹

Due to the weaker *trans* effect of the chlorido ligand in comparison to phosphorus, the Au–P bonds in **8–10** are significantly shorter than those of the macrocycles **4–7**.³¹ The intramolecular Au...Au distances increase with an increasing

Table 2. Selected Bond Lengths (pm) and Angles (deg) in **8–10**

	8	9	10
Au1–P1	223.2(1)	223.6(3)	222.6(1)
Au2–P2	224.0(1)	223.5(3)	223.3(2)
Au1–Cl1	229.9(1)	231.3(3)	229.3(2)
Au2–Cl2	231.2(1)	230.4(3)	230.0(2)
Au1...Au2	309.41(2)	330.24(6)	335.82(3)
Au1...Au2'		351.06(1)	351.06(1)
P1–Au1–Cl1	174.15(4)	175.70(9)	178.67(6)
P2–Au2–Cl2	174.07(4)	178.5(1)	177.30(6)

number of carbon atoms in the backbone, and the P–Au–Cl bond angle becomes closer to 180° on going from **8** to **10**.

A similar influence of the number of methylene units in the backbone of flexible bis-phosphine ligands was also observed by others. For Ph₂P(CH₂)_nPPh₂ (*n* = 1–6), crystals of macrocycles [Au₄{μ-Ph₂P(CH₂)_nPPh₂}₂(μ-NC₅H₄C₅H₄N)₂](CF₃CO₂)₄ were obtained with *n* = 1, 3, 5, but not in the case of even numbers (*n* = 2, 4, 6).^{9a} Furthermore, Brandys et al. reported formation of macrocycles for [Au₂{μ-Ph₂P(CH₂)₃PPh₂}₂](CF₃CO₂)₂ and [Au₂{μ-Ph₂P(CH₂)₅PPh₂}₂](CF₃CO₂)₂, but a polymeric structure for the complex with 1,4-bis(diphenylphosphino)butane.^{20a} This phenomenon is due to the preferred *anti* orientation of the two phosphorus lone pairs of electrons when *n* is even.³²

Halide Abstraction. Auriphilic interactions are important tools for creating supramolecular assemblies.^{3c–e} Puddephatt and co-workers connected the gold(I) complexes bis[μ-1,3-diphenylphosphinopropane-κ²-P,P']digold(I) bis(trifluoroacetate) and bis[μ-1,5-diphenylphosphinopentane-κ²-P,P']digold(I) bis(trifluoroacetate) with K[Au(CN)₂].^{20a} As direct gold–gold contacts in gold(I) bis-phosphine complexes have not yet been reported, we replaced the chloride anions in

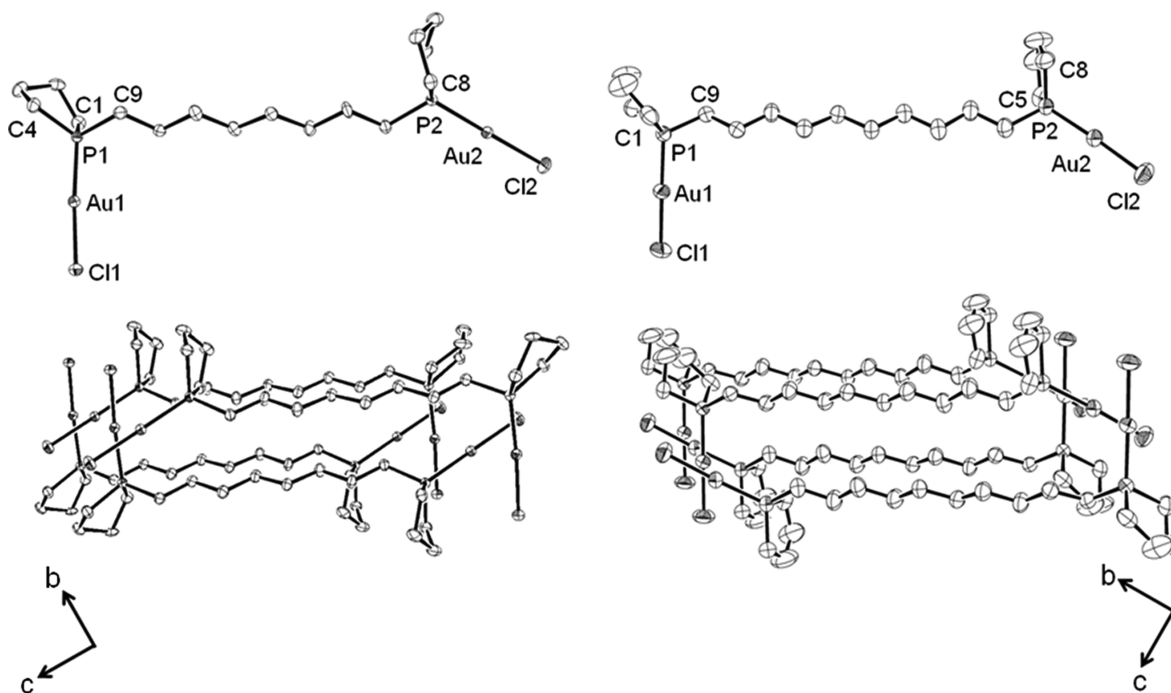
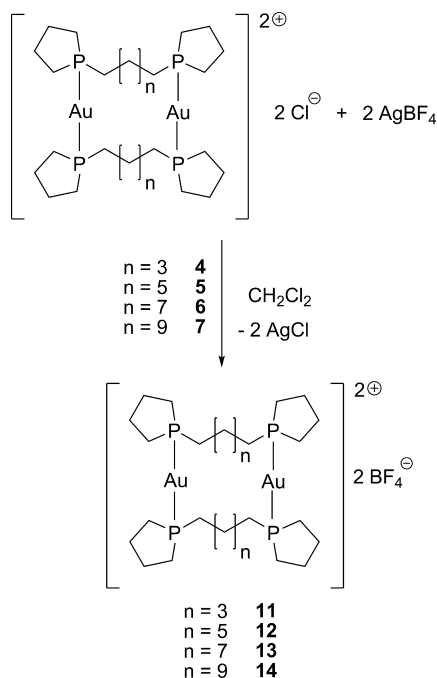


Figure 4. (top) Molecular structures of **9** (left) and **10** (right). (bottom) Nanotubes formed via auriphilic interactions, viewed along the *a* axis. Ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level, and H atoms are omitted for clarity.

4–7 with weakly coordinating BF_4^- anions (Scheme 3), expecting the formation of gold–gold interactions. Isolated

Scheme 3. Synthesis of Macrocycles 11–14



macrocycles $[\text{Au}_2(\mu\text{-3a})_2](\text{BF}_4)_2$ (11), $[\text{Au}_2(\mu\text{-3e})_2](\text{BF}_4)_2$ (13), and $[\text{Au}_2(\mu\text{-3g})_2](\text{BF}_4)_2$ (14) were formed in the case of $n = 3, 7, 9$ (Figure 5), while 1,7-bis(phospholano)heptane (3c) as ligand gave the first gold(I) bis-phosphine chain based on aurophilic interactions (12; Figure 6).

Selected bond lengths and angles for 11–14 are given in Table 3. The Au–P bond lengths and P–Au–P bond angles are in the same ranges as for macrocycles 4–7. The anion–cation interaction increases from 11 (Au–F 346.1 pm) to 13 (Au–F 317.6 pm) and 14 (Au–P 299.5 pm). The opposite trend was observed for the terminal chlorido ligands in 4–7. The $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectra of complexes 11–14 exhibit singlets at ca. 40 ppm, shifted downfield by ca. 3 ppm in comparison to macrocycles 4–7 due to the more weakly coordinating anions. In the mass spectra, $[\text{M} - \text{BF}_4]^+$ ions are observed, indicating that the macrocyclic structures are also retained in solution. In contrast to the case for 11, 13, and 14, the single monomers in $[\text{Au}_2(\mu\text{-3c})_2](\text{BF}_4)_2$ (12) are connected through short Au...Au contacts of 296.61(1) pm to form the first bis-phospholane gold(I) polymeric chain. The P–Au–P axes in each monomer are twisted by $83.3(1)^\circ$ (Figure 6). The Au–P bond lengths (230.98(7), 231.16(7) pm) are in the same range as in 11, 13, and 14, but the strong intermolecular aurophilic interaction results in smaller P–Au–P angles ($169.62(3)^\circ$, $168.21(3)^\circ$). As in 11, 13, and 14, the tetrafluoroborate anions are isolated in the solid state.

Intramolecular and intermolecular aurophilic interactions were observed in eight-membered metallacycles of thiouracilate complexes containing bridging bis(diphenylphosphino)methane (dppm) ligands,^{8b} *O,O'*-dialkyldithiophosphate ligands,^{8c,33} and mixtures of dithiolates and dppm³⁴ or dithiocarbamates³⁵ and have also been the focus of theoretical calculations.³⁶ On the other hand, gold(I) macrocycles bearing only bis-phosphine ligands do not show intermolecular

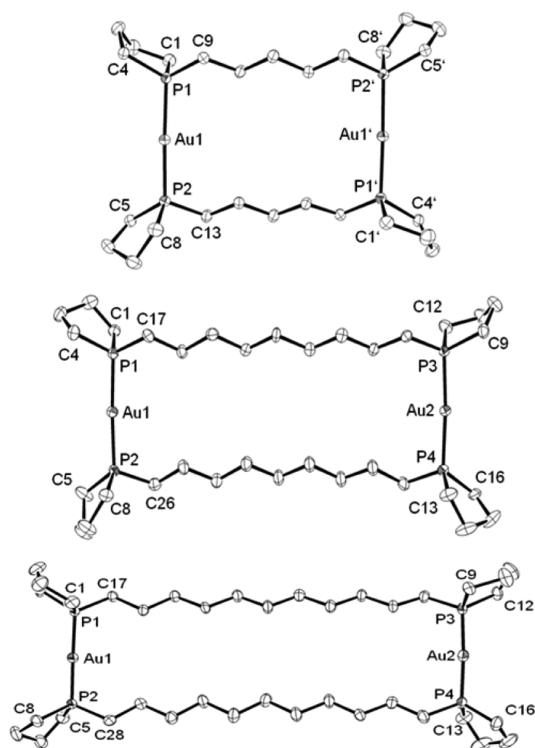


Figure 5. Molecular structures of 11 (top), 13 (middle), and 14 (bottom). Ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level, and H atoms and BF_4^- groups are omitted for clarity.

aurophilic interactions even with weakly coordinating anions such as nitrate,³⁷ trifluoromethanesulfonate,³⁸ bis- and tris-(trichlorogermyl)aurate(I),³⁹ halides and perchlorates,⁴⁰ cyanoborohydride,⁴¹ tetrafluoroborate,⁴² and hexafluorophosphate.⁴³ Apparently, the widely used diphenyl-substituted bis-phosphines are sterically too demanding to allow a direct intermolecular aurophilic interaction between single monomers, even with weakly coordinating anions. On the other hand, gold(I) complexes such as $[\text{Au}_2\{\mu\text{-Me}_2\text{P}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{PMe}_2\}_2]\text{X}_2$ ($n = 1, 2$; $\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}, \text{ClO}_4$) show only an intramolecular aurophilic interaction.⁴⁰

To the best of our knowledge, compound 12 is the first gold(I) macrocycle bearing only bis-phosphine ligands that forms a polymeric chain via aurophilic interactions in the solid state. Twisting of the backbone is necessary to decrease the steric interaction of the phospholane moieties and to allow aurophilic interaction and seems to be preferred with 1,7-bis(phospholano)heptane (3c).

CONCLUSION

A new class of highly flexible bis-phospholanes with long alkylene spacers (5–11 methylene groups) was prepared and shown to demonstrate unusual coordination behavior toward gold(I) which is highly dependent on backbone chain length. Ligands 3a,c,e,g (odd number of carbon atoms in the alkylene spacer) formed macrocycles 4–7 in a one-step reaction with $[\text{AuCl}(\text{tht})]$ in excellent yield. Bis-phospholanes 3b,d,f (even number of carbon atoms in the alkylene spacer) resulted in chains (8) or nanotubes (9 and 10; Scheme 2). Anion exchange of 4–7 with AgBF_4 gave isolated macrocycles (11, 13, 14) or the first bis-phosphine gold(I) chain based on aurophilic interactions (12) and demonstrated the importance of the counterion. The reported results are essential for a deeper

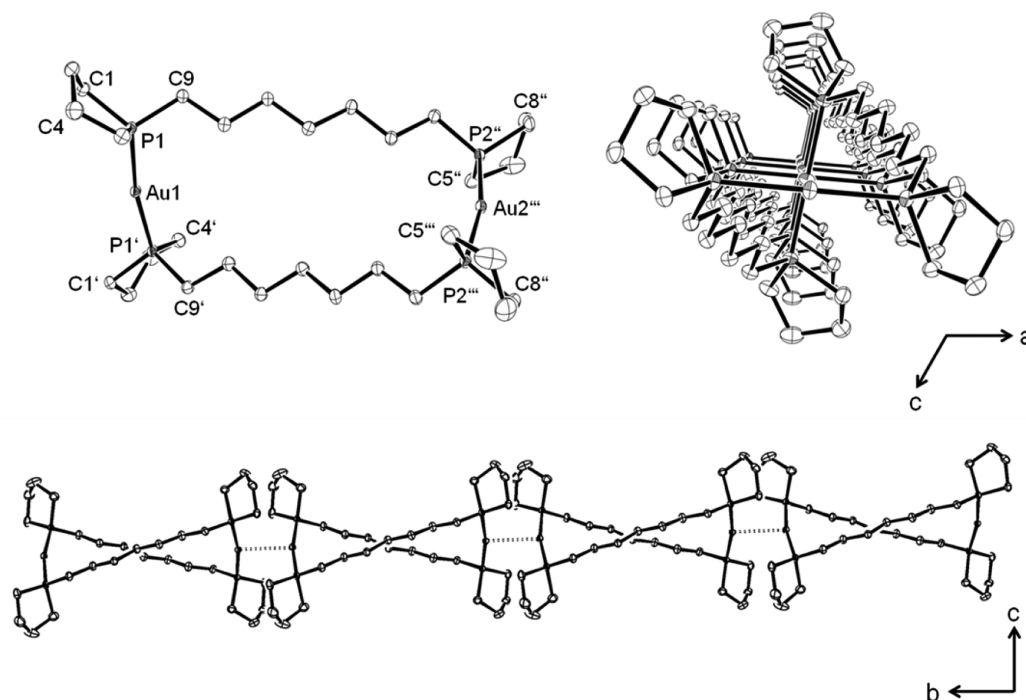


Figure 6. (top left) Monomeric unit of **12**. (top right) View along the *b* axis. (bottom) polymeric structure along the *b* axis in the solid state. Ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level, and H atoms and BF_4^- groups are omitted for clarity.

Table 3. Selected Bond Lengths (pm) and Angles (deg) in **11–14**^a

	11	12	13	14
Au1–P1	231.02(8)	230.98(7)	229.3(1)	229.3(1)
Au1–P2	230.79(8)	231.16(7)	229.9(1)	229.2(1)
Au2–P3			230.4(1)	230.2(1)
Au2–P4			230.4(1)	230.2(1)
Au1...Au2		296.61(1)		
P1–Au1–P2	177.12(3)	169.62(3)	176.46(5)	173.77(4)
P3–Au2–P4		168.21(3)	174.94(6)	176.37(4)

^aOmitted values are generated by symmetry.

understanding of the influence of the carbon-chain length of bis-phosphine ligands and the anions on aurophilic interactions in gold(I) complexes.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Methods. All reactions were carried out in a nitrogen atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques⁴⁴ and anhydrous solvents. The latter were purified using an MB SPS-800 solvent purification system from MBRAUN or as mentioned in the literature.⁴⁵ 1-Phenylphospholane^{46,47} and $[\text{AuCl}(\text{tht})]$ ⁴⁸ were prepared according to the literature. All other chemicals were used as purchased. NMR spectra were recorded at 298 K on a Bruker AVANCE DRX 400 spectrometer. The chemical shifts of ^1H , ^{11}B , ^{13}C , and ^{31}P NMR spectra are reported in parts per million at 400.12, 128.38, 162.02, and 100.63 MHz, respectively, and utilizing tetramethylsilane as an internal standard and referencing to the unified scale.⁴⁹ FTIR spectra were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum 2000 FTIR spectrometer, scanning between 400 and 4000 cm^{-1} , by using KBr pellets. Mass spectra were recorded on an ESQUIRE 3000 plus spectrometer (ESI) or a Finnigan MAT 8200 spectrometer (EI). Elemental analyses were carried out with a Heraeus VARIO EL oven. The melting points were measured in sealed capillaries using a variable heater from Gallenkamp.

X-ray Crystallography and Data Collection. Data for compounds **4–14** were collected on an Oxford Diffraction CCD Xcalibur-S diffractometer (data reduction with CrysAlis Pro,⁵⁰ including the program SCALE 3 ABSPACK⁵¹ for empirical absorption correction) using Mo $K\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 71.073$ pm) and ω -scan rotation. The structures were solved with the SIR tool,⁵² and the refinement of all non-hydrogen atoms was performed with SHELXL97.⁵³ Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were refined by constrained methods using the riding model. The refinement was carried out with the least-squares method on F^2 . Final *R* indices were calculated as follows: $R1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ and $wR2 = \{ \sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)]^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2 \}^{1/2}$. The structure figures were drawn with the program ORTEP.⁵⁴ In **9**, disordered solvent molecules and counterions were removed by the SQUEEZE command.⁵⁵ CCDC 985575 (**4**), 985576 (**5**), 985577 (**6**), 985582 (**7**), 985579 (**8**), 985578 (**9**), 985584 (**10**), 985581 (**11**), 985580 (**12**), 985583 (**13**), 985585 (**14**) contain crystal structures of the compounds in this paper.

Synthesis Procedures. General Synthesis of 1a–g. Dibromoalkane (4.00 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of 1-phenylphospholane (8.00 mmol) in acetonitrile (30 mL). After the mixture was stirred for 2 days at 80 °C, volatile compounds were removed under vacuum. The resulting white solids (**1a–g**) were used without further purification.

1,5-Bis(phenylphospholanium)pentane dibromide (1a): yield 2.2 g (99%); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2) δ 50.4 ppm (s); ^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2) δ 8.10 (m, 4H), 7.73 (m, 2H), 7.66 (m, 4H), 3.17 (m, 8H), 2.62 (m, 4H), 2.35 (m, 4H), 2.04 (m, 4H), 1.72 (m, 6H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2) δ 134.2 (d, $^4\text{J}(\text{C},\text{P}) = 2.8$ Hz), 132.3 (d, $^2\text{J}(\text{C},\text{P}) = 9.6$ Hz), 130.1 (d, $^3\text{J}(\text{C},\text{P}) = 12.1$ Hz), 119.9 (d, $^1\text{J}(\text{C},\text{P}) = 76.2$ Hz), 29.8 (t, $^3\text{J}(\text{C},\text{P}) = 16.8$ Hz), 26.3 (d, $^2\text{J}(\text{C},\text{P}) = 5.9$ Hz), 22.9 (d, $^1\text{J}(\text{C},\text{P}) = 51.2$ Hz), 22.7 (d, $^1\text{J}(\text{C},\text{P}) = 44.6$ Hz), 20.7 (d, $^2\text{J}(\text{C},\text{P}) = 4.0$ Hz); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2927 (s), 2361 (m), 1653 (s), 1635 (m), 1438 (w), 1405 (m), 1266 (m), 1120 (s), 1025 (m), 875 (w), 750 (m), 693 (m), 538 cm^{-1} (w); MS (ESI+), MeOH) m/z 477.1 $[\text{M} - \text{Br}]^+$, 199.0 $[\text{M} - 2\text{Br}]^{2+}$; mp 167 °C. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{36}\text{Br}_2\text{P}_2$: C, 53.78; H, 6.50. Found: C, 53.72; H, 6.49.

1,6-Bis(phenylphospholanium)hexane dibromide (1b): yield 2.3 g (99%); $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2) δ 50.0 ppm (s); ^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2)

201 [M - C₆H₁₂OP]⁺ (25), 173 [C₉H₁₈OP]⁺ (20), 159 [C₈H₁₆OP]⁺ (30), 118 [C₅H₁₀OP]⁺ (60), 104 [C₄H₈OP]⁺ (50); MS (ESI(+), CHCl₃, MeOH) *m/z* 333 [M + H]⁺; mp 101 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₃₄O₂P₂: C, 61.43; H, 10.31. Found: C, 61.31; H, 9.90.

1,10-Bis(1-phospholano)decane (2f): yield 1.1 g (87%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ 70.9 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.08–1.28 ppm (m, 36H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ 31.0 (d, ³J(C,P) = 13.6 Hz), 30.9 (d, ¹J(C,P) = 61.9 Hz), 29.3 (s), 29.1 (s), 27.0 (d, ²J(C,P) = 64.7 Hz), 24.6 (d, ²J(C,P) = 7.7 Hz), 22.2 ppm (d, ²J(C,P) = 4.0 Hz); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2946 (m), 2918 (m), 2848 (m), 1635 (m), 1474 (w), 1404 (w), 1266 (w), 1168 (s), 1118 (w), 1022 (w), 883 (w), 782 (w), 701 (w), 520 cm⁻¹ (w); MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 346 [M]⁺ (15), 243 [M - C₄H₈OP]⁺ (95), 229 [M - C₅H₁₀OP]⁺ (100), 118 [C₅H₁₁OP]⁺ (100), 104 [C₄H₉OP]⁺ (70), mp 141 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₃₆O₂P₂: C, 62.41; H, 10.47. Found: C, 62.21; H, 10.46.

1,11-Bis(1-phospholano)undecane (2g): yield 1.2 g (98%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ 70.8 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.02–1.13 ppm (m, 38H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ 30.9 (d, ³J(C,P) = 13.4 Hz), 30.9 (d, ¹J(C,P) = 61.8 Hz), 29.4 (s), 29.2 (s), 29.1 (s), 27.0 (d, ¹J(C,P) = 64.4 Hz), 24.5 (d, ²J(C,P) = 8.0 Hz), 22.1 ppm (d, ²J(C,P) = 4.0 Hz); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2918 (s), 2894 (s), 1268 (m), 1168 (s), 1118 (m), 1059 (m), 865 (m), 724 (m), 700 cm⁻¹ (m); MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 360 [M]⁺ (16), 257 [M - C₄H₈OP]⁺ (100), 243 [M - C₅H₁₀OP]⁺ (75), 118 [C₅H₁₁OP]⁺ (44); mp 92 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₃₈O₂P₂: C, 63.31; H, 10.63. Found: C, 63.24; H, 10.78.

General Synthesis of 3a–g. 2a–g (1.0 mmol) was added to a suspension of lithium aluminum hydride (0.057 mg; 1.5 mmol), and trimethylsilyl chloride (0.16 mg; 1.5 mmol) in thf (20 mL) and stirred for 10 h at room temperature. Degassed methanol was added at 0 °C, volatile compounds were removed under vacuum, and the residue was extracted with *n*-hexane (3 × 10 mL). The *n*-hexane was removed, and the crude product was purified by bulb-to-bulb distillation.

1,5-Bis(1-phospholano)pentane (3a): yield 0.2 g (82%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ -26.8 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.85–1.56 (m, 12H), 1.51–1.18 (m, 14H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ 32.8 (t, ³J(C,P) = 11.6 Hz), 28.8 (d, ²J(C,P) = 15.5 Hz), 27.8 (d, ²J(C,P) = 3.8 Hz), 26.6 (d, ¹J(C,P) = 15.4 Hz), 25.9 ppm (d, ¹J(C,P) = 11.4 Hz); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2927 (s), 2857 (s), 1446 (m), 1417 (m), 1302 (w), 1263 (w), 1181 (w), 1110 (m), 1027 (w), 834 (w), 740 (m, CH), 697 (m), 668 (w), 514 cm⁻¹ (w); MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 244 [M]⁺ (5), 157 [M - C₄H₈P]⁺ (100), 87 [C₄H₈P]⁺ (10). Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₂₆P₂: C, 63.91; H, 10.73. Found: C, 64.03; H, 10.64.

1,6-Bis(1-phospholano)hexane (3b): yield 0.2 g (77%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ -26.9 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.91–1.13 (m, 28H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ 30.9 (d, ³J(C,P) = 11.6 Hz), 28.8 (d, ²J(C,P) = 15.3 Hz), 27.7 (d, ²J(C,P) = 3.8 Hz), 26.6 (d, ¹J(C,P) = 15.1 Hz), 25.8 ppm (d, ¹J(C,P) = 11.2 Hz); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2927 (s), 2856 (m), 2360 (m), 2342 (m), 1700 (w), 1559 (w), 1457 (w), 1419 (w), 1262 (m), 1108 (s), 1023 (s), 803 (m), 669 (w), 459 cm⁻¹ (w); MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 258 [M]⁺ (10), 171 [M - C₄H₈P]⁺ (100), 87 [C₄H₈P]⁺ (20); mp 47 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₈P₂: C, 65.09; H, 10.93. Found: C, 65.10; H, 10.75.

1,7-Bis(1-phospholano)heptane (3c): yield 0.22 g (81%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ -26.9 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.78–1.52 (m, 12H), 1.42–1.15 ppm (m, 18H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ 31.1 (d, ³J(C,P) = 11.5 Hz), 29.1 (s), 28.9 (d, ²J(C,P) = 15.6 Hz), 27.7 (d, ²J(C,P) = 3.7 Hz), 26.8 (d, ¹J(C,P) = 15.4 Hz), 25.9 ppm (d, ¹J(C,P) = 11.5 Hz); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2854 (s), 1459 (m), 1448 (m), 1301 (m), 1258 (m), 1110 (m), 1059 (m), 950 (m), 869 (m), 836 (m), 800 (m), 713 (m), 670 (m), 654 cm⁻¹ (m); MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 272 [M]⁺ (10), 185 [M - C₄H₈P]⁺ (100), 174 [M - C₇H₁₄]⁺ (68). Anal. Calcd for C₁₅H₃₀P₂: C, 66.18; H, 11.11. Found: C, 65.91; H, 11.16.

1,8-Bis(1-phospholano)octane (3d): yield 0.21 g (72%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ -26.8 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.71–1.34 (m, 32H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ 31.2 (d, ³J(C,P) = 11.1 Hz), 29.3 (s), 28.9 (d, ²J(C,P) = 15.1 Hz), 27.8 (d, ²J(C,P) = 3.0 Hz), 26.8 (d, ¹J(C,P) = 15.1 Hz), 25.9 ppm (d, ¹J(C,P) = 11.1 Hz); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2845 (s), 1471 (m), 1445 (m), 1410 (m), 1303 (m), 1255 (m), 1170 (w), 1109 (m), 1069 (m), 977 (m), 865 (m), 844 (m), 770 (w), 732

(m), 648 (s), 509 (w), 459 cm⁻¹ (w); MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 286 [M]⁺ (20), 199 [M - C₄H₈P]⁺ (80), 174 [M - C₆H₁₂P]⁺ (100); mp 53 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₃₂P₂: C, 67.11; H, 11.26. Found: C, 66.72; H, 10.91.

1,9-Bis(1-phospholano)nonane (3e): yield 0.25 g (83%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ -26.8 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.82–1.52 (m, 12H), 1.46–1.11 (m, 22H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ 31.2 (d, ³J(C,P) = 11.6 Hz), 29.3 (s), 28.8 (d, ²J(C,P) = 14.9 Hz), 27.7 (d, ²J(C,P) = 3.7 Hz), 26.8 (d, ¹J(C,P) = 15.1 Hz), 25.8 ppm (d, ¹J(C,P) = 11.2 Hz); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2906 (s), 2859 (s), 1462 (s), 1448 (s), 1415 (m), 1301 (m), 1256 (m), 1173 (w), 1110 (s), 1061 (m), 1028 (m), 836 (m), 714 (m), 669 (m), 655 (m), 511 (w), 470 cm⁻¹ (w); MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 300 [M]⁺ (10), 213 [M - C₄H₈P]⁺ (75), 102 [C₅H₁₁P]⁺ (100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₇H₃₄P₂: C, 67.97; H, 11.41. Found: C, 67.84; H, 11.39.

1,10-Bis(1-phospholano)decane (3f): yield 0.23 g (74%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ -26.8 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.86–1.59 (m, 12H), 1.49–1.19 (m, 24H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ 31.3 (d, ³J(C,P) = 11.6 Hz), 29.5 (s), 29.4 (s), 28.9 (d, ²J(C,P) = 14.6 Hz), 27.8 (d, ²J(C,P) = 3.4 Hz), 26.8 (d, ¹J(C,P) = 14.9 Hz), 25.9 ppm (d, ¹J(C,P) = 10.6 Hz); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2915 (s), 2848 (s), 1465 (w), 1262 (s), 1100 (s), 805 (s), 713 (w), 498 cm⁻¹ (w); MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 314 [M]⁺ (10), 227 [M - C₄H₈P]⁺ (50), 174 [M - C₈H₁₃P]⁺ (100), 157 [M - C₉H₁₈P]⁺ (10), 102 [C₅H₁₁P]⁺ (40); mp 58 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₃₆P₂: C, 68.76; H, 11.54. Found: C, 68.56; H, 11.08.

1,11-Bis(1-phospholano)undecane (3g): yield 0.23 g (69%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ -26.8 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 1.87–1.58 (m, 12H), 1.50–1.17 ppm (m, 26H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ 31.3 (d, ³J(C,P) = 12.0 Hz), 29.6 (s), 29.5 (s), 29.4 (s), 28.9 (d, ²J(C,P) = 15.1 Hz), 27.8 (d, ²J(C,P) = 3.0 Hz), 26.8 (d, ¹J(C,P) = 15.1 Hz), 25.9 ppm (d, ¹J(C,P) = 11.1 Hz); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2929 (s), 2853 (s), 1173 (w), 1110 (m), 1027 (w), 909 (m), 837 (m), 730 cm⁻¹ (w); MS (EI) *m/z* (%) 329 [M]⁺ (9), 241 [M - C₄H₈P]⁺ (42), 174 [M - C₉H₁₅P]⁺ (83), 102 [C₅H₁₁P]⁺ (100). Anal. Calcd for C₁₉H₃₈P₂: C, 69.48; H, 11.66. Found: C, 69.49; H, 11.71.

General Synthesis of 4–7. [AuCl(tht)] (0.160 g, 0.5 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of the bis-phospholane (3a,c,e,g) (0.5 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL). After the mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, volatile compounds were removed under vacuum. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (1 mL), and the products precipitated as white solids by addition of *n*-hexane (20 mL). Suitable crystals for X-ray diffraction could be obtained from saturated dichloromethane–toluene solutions at room temperature as colorless prisms (4), needles (5, 6) or plates (7).

Bis[μ-1,5-bis(1-phospholano)pentane-κ²P,P']digold(II) dichloride (4): yield 226 mg (95%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ 37.2 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.51 (m, 8H), 2.05 (m, 8H), 1.82 (m, 24H), 1.61 ppm (m, 12H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ 32.7 (br s), 28.6 (br s), 27.4 (br s), 26.9 (br s), 26.4 ppm (br s); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2854 (s), 1637 (w), 1458 (w), 1408 (m), 1303 (w), 1260 (w), 1113 (m), 1078 (m), 1023 (m), 858 (m), 790 (w), 697 (w), 514 cm⁻¹ (m); MS (ESI(+), MeOH) *m/z* 917.3 [M - Cl]⁺, 685.3 [Au(3a)₂]⁺; MS (ESI(-), MeOH) *m/z* 743.0 [Au₂Cl₃(3a)]⁻; mp 199 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₅₂Au₂Cl₂P₄: C, 32.75; H, 5.50. Found: C, 32.52; H, 5.62.

Bis[μ-1,7-bis(1-phospholano)heptane-κ²P,P']digold(II) dichloride (5): yield 240 mg (95%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 37.3 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.39 (m, 8H), 2.01 (m, 8H), 1.85 (m, 16H), 1.76 (m, 8H), 1.62 (m, 8H), 1.45 (m, 8H), 1.35 ppm (m, 4H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 31.2 (br s), 29.9 (br s), 28.7 (br s), 27.1 (br s), 26.6 ppm (br s); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2922 (s), 2853 (s), 1611 (w), 1466 (m), 1445 (m), 1405 (m), 1302 (w), 1261 (w), 1113 (m), 1082 (s), 1068 (m), 1025 (m), 950 (w), 877 (m), 717 (m), 701 (m), 497 cm⁻¹ (m); MS (ESI(+), MeOH) *m/z* 973.1 [M - Cl]⁺, 773.2 [Au(3c)₂ + MeOH]⁺, 469.1 [Au(3c)]⁺; mp 151 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₆₀Au₂Cl₂P₄: C, 35.69; H, 5.99. Found: C, 35.98; H, 6.22.

Bis[μ-1,9-bis(1-phospholano)nonane-κ²P,P']digold(II) dichloride (6): yield 240 mg (90%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 36.3 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.52 (m, 8H), 2.06 (m, 8H), 1.84 (m, 20H), 1.76 (m, 8H), 1.62 (m, 8H), 1.31 ppm (m, 16H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR

(CD₂Cl₂) δ 31.6 (s), 31.0 (s), 30.3 (br s), 28.8 (br s), 28.1 (br s), 26.8 (s), 26.2 ppm (br s); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2919 (s), 2859 (s), 1625 (w), 1467 (m), 1445 (m), 1406 (m), 1302 (w), 1260 (m), 1112 (m), 1073 (s), 1025 (m), 916 (w), 860 (m), 790 (w), 718 (m), 698 (m), 514 (m), 492 cm⁻¹ (m); MS (ESI(+), MeOH, CHCl₃): m/z 1029.1 [M - Cl]⁺, 497.1 [Au(3e)]⁺; mp 94 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₃₄H₆₈Au₂Cl₂P₄: C, 38.32; H, 6.43. Found: C, 37.71; H, 6.40.

Bis[μ -1,11-bis(1-phospholano)undecane- κ^2P,P']digold(II) dichloride (7): yield 256 mg (95%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 37.1 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 3.00–2.60 (m, 4H), 2.55–2.25 (m, 8H), 2.20–1.72 (m, 28H), 1.72–1.22 ppm (m, 36H); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2922 (s), 2851 (s), 1631 (w), 1447 (m), 1109 (m), 1056 (s), 853 (w), 800 (w), 715 (m), 688 cm⁻¹ (m); MS (ESI(+), MeOH, CH₂Cl₂): m/z 1085.4 [M - Cl]⁺, 525.3 [Au(3g)]⁺; mp 127 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₃₈H₇₆Au₂Cl₂P₄: C, 40.69; H, 6.83. Found: C, 40.51; H, 6.93.

General Synthesis of 8–10. [AuCl(tht)] (96 mg; 0.30 mmol) was added to the bis-phospholane **3b,d,f** (0.15 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL). After the mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, volatile compounds were removed under vacuum. Suitable crystals for X-ray diffraction could be obtained from saturated dichloromethane–toluene solutions at room temperature as colorless needles.

[μ -1,6-Bis(1-phospholano)hexane- κ^2P,P']digold(II) dichloride (8): yield 103 mg (95%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ 23.5 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ 2.19 (m, 4H), 1.94 (m, 10H), 1.80 (m, 4H), 1.61 ppm (m, 10H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃) δ 29.7 (s), 27.9 (d, J(C,P) = 33.4 Hz), 26.4 (bs), 26.3 (d, J(C,P) = 37.4 Hz), 25.5 ppm (s); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2925 (s), 2853 (m), 1637 (w), 1446 (m), 1410 (m), 1304 (w), 1260 (w), 1111 (m), 1026 (m), 855 (m), 702 (s), 517 cm⁻¹ (w); MS (ESI(+), MeOH) m/z 455.2 [Au(3b)]⁺; MS (ESI(-), MeOH) m/z 757.1 [M + Cl]⁻; mp 237 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₂₈Au₂Cl₂P₂: C, 23.25; H, 3.90. Found: C, 22.99; H, 3.93.

[μ -1,8-Bis(1-phospholano)octane- κ^2P,P']digold(II) dichloride (9): yield 107 mg (95%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 24.6 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.17 (m, 4H), 1.92 (m, 12H), 1.77 (m, 4H), 1.63 (m, 4H), 1.46 (m, 4H), 1.24 ppm (m, 4H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 30.3 (d, J(C,P) = 14.5 Hz), 28.7 (s), 28.2 (d, J(C,P) = 33.4 Hz), 26.4 (s), 26.0 ppm (d, J(C,P) = 10.0 Hz); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2922 (s), 2850 (m), 1636 (m), 1464 (w), 1446 (w), 1413 (w), 1262 (s), 1085 (s), 1027 (s), 856 (m), 804 (s), 715 (w), 516 (w), 459 cm⁻¹ (w); MS (ESI(+), CH₂Cl₂, MeCN) m/z 483.3 [Au(3d)]⁺; MS (ESI(-), MeOH) m/z 785.1 [Au₂Cl₃(3d)]⁻; mp 208 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₆H₃₂Au₂Cl₂P₂: C, 25.58; H, 4.29. Found: C, 25.36; H, 4.47.

[μ -1,10-Bis(1-phospholano)decane- κ^2P,P']digold(II) dichloride (10): yield 105 mg (90%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 24.5 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.14 (m, 4H), 1.88 (m, 12H), 1.74 (m, 4H), 1.55 (m, 4H), 1.38 (m, 4H), 1.22 ppm (m, 8H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 31.4 (d, J(C,P) = 78.8 Hz), 30.5 (d, J(C,P) = 14.6 Hz), 28.9 (d, J(C,P) = 8.4 Hz), 28.2 (d, J(C,P) = 33.2 Hz), 26.5 (s), 26.4 (s), 26.1 ppm (d, J(C,P) = 11.6 Hz); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2921 (s), 2849 (s), 1637 (w), 1461 (s), 1445 (m), 1411 (s), 1304 (w), 1260 (m), 1115 (s), 1068 (m), 1027 (m), 858 (m), 806 (m), 1072 (m), 858 (m), 717 (m), 529 (m), 517 cm⁻¹ (w); MS (ESI(+), CH₂Cl₂, MeOH) m/z 511.1 [Au(3f)]⁺; mp 215 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₁₈H₃₆Au₂Cl₂P₂: C, 27.74; H, 4.66. Found: C, 28.50; H, 4.99.

1:2 Reaction (Au:L) of [AuCl(tht)] with 3g. [AuCl(tht)] (48 mg; 0.15 mmol) was added to the bis-phospholane **3g** (98.4 mg 0.3 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL). After the mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature, all volatile compounds were removed under vacuum. ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 34.4 (s); MS (ESI(+), CH₂Cl₂, MeCN) m/z 525.2 [Au(3g)]⁺.

General Synthesis of 11–14. AgBF₄ (58.4 mg; 0.30 mmol) was added to 4–7 (0.15 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL). After the mixture was stirred for 1 h at room temperature, AgCl was filtered off and all volatile compounds were removed under vacuum. The obtained solid was dissolved in dichloromethane (1 mL) and the product obtained by the addition of *n*-hexane (20 mL). Suitable crystals for X-ray diffraction could be obtained from saturated dichloromethane–toluene or dichloromethane–*n*-hexane solutions at room temperature as colorless prisms (**11**, **12**, **14**) or plates (**13**).

Bis[μ -1,5-bis(1-phospholano)pentane- κ^2P,P']digold bis(tetrafluoroborate) (11): yield 67 mg (85%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 40.7 ppm (s); ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ -1.2 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.19 (m, 8H), 1.94 (m, 32H), 1.66 (m, 12H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 32.5 (t, J(C,P) = 8.2 Hz), 27.9 (t, J(C,P) = 15.6 Hz), 27.2 (s), 26.7 (s), 25.7 ppm (t, J(C,P) = 17.2 Hz); ¹³C{¹H, ³¹P} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 32.5 (s), 27.9 (s), 27.2 (s), 26.7 (s), 25.7 ppm (s); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2939 (s), 2858 (s), 1447 (m), 1420 (m), 1408 (m), 1262 (m), 1212 (w), 1048 (s), 857 (m), 803 (m), 721 (m), 702 (m), 671 (w), 519 (m), 497 cm⁻¹ (m); MS (ESI(+), CH₂Cl₂, MeCN) m/z 969.3 [M - BF₄]⁺, 441.1 [Au(3a)]⁺; mp 269 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₅₂Au₂B₂F₈P₄: C, 29.57; H, 4.96. Found: C, 29.04; H, 5.32.

Bis[μ -1,7-bis(1-phospholano)heptane- κ^2P,P']digold(II) bis(tetrafluoroborate) (12): yield 71 mg (85%); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 40.2 ppm (s); ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ -1.2 ppm (s); ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.20 (m, 8H), 1.98 (m, 32H), 1.65 (m, 8H), 1.49 (m, 8H), 1.38 ppm (m, 4H); ¹³C{¹H, ³¹P} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 30.9 (br s), 29.5 (br s), 28.0 (br s), 27.0 (br s), 26.7 (br s), 25.8 ppm (br s); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2925 (s), 2888 (s), 2861 (s), 1467 (s), 1444 (m), 1413 (s), 1318 (w), 1302 (w), 1282 (m), 1254 (w), 1183 (m), 1028 (s), 951 (s), 854 (s), 727 (s), 697 (m), 519 (s), 501 cm⁻¹ (m); MS (ESI(+), CH₂Cl₂, MeCN) m/z 1025.3 [M - BF₄]⁺, 469.2 [Au(3c)]⁺; mp 219 °C. Anal. Calcd for C₃₀H₆₀Au₂B₂F₈P₄: C, 32.40; H, 5.44. Found: C, 32.53; H, 5.47.

Bis[μ -1,9-bis(1-phospholano)nonan- κ^2P,P']digold bis(tetrafluoroborate) (13): compound **13** could not be isolated in pure form and was, therefore, only characterized by ³¹P{¹H}, ¹¹B{¹H} NMR, and ESI-MS; ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 40.4 ppm (s); ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ -1.1 ppm (s); MS (ESI(+), MeOH) m/z 1081.5 [M - BF₄]⁺.

Bis[μ -1,11-bis(1-phospholano)undecane- κ^2P,P']digold(II) bis(tetrafluoroborate) (14): ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 39.4 ppm (s); ¹¹B{¹H} NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ -1.2 ppm (s), ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂) δ 2.30–2.14 (m, 8H), 2.08–1.81 (m, 32H), 1.68–1.20 ppm (m, 36H); IR (KBr disk) $\tilde{\nu}$ 2919 (s), 2850 (s), 1468 (m), 1447 (m), 1409 (m), 1305 (w), 1259 (w), 1083 (s), 949 (w), 858 (m), 757 (m), 721 (m), 699 (s) 520 cm⁻¹ (m), MS (ESI(+), CH₂Cl₂, MeCN) m/z 1137.3 [M - BF₄]⁺, 525.2 [Au(3g)]⁺; mp 201 °C. Anal. Calcd C₄₀H₈₀Au₂B₂Cl₄F₈P₄: C, 34.46; H, 5.57. Found: C, 34.95; H, 5.64.

■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

📄 Supporting Information

Figures, tables, and CIF files giving X-ray crystallographic details and ¹H, ¹¹B, ¹³C, and ³¹P NMR spectra. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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