Adsorption of the Superheavy Element Species on Gold Surface: Relativistic Density Functional Study

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Computational details



- shape-consistent small-core pseudopotential approach;
- highly accurate relativistic theory methods of the electron structure for simplest molecular compounds;
- two-component relativistic density functional theory for sufficiently large systems.

Simulation of superheavy element atom adsorption

N = 4 N = 19 N = 37 N = 37 N = 58 Convergence criteria

cluster – SHE atom binding energy and electrical charge on SHE atom should be stable with increasing of the cluster size.

Energetically preferable adatom position under cluster



Nihonium single atoms adsorption on gold surface



Nh/gold adsorption energy estimates lie within the range $106 \pm 10 \text{ kJ/mol}$. Experimental estimation for adsorption energy Tl/gold is $270 \pm 10 \text{ kJ/mol}$.

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Thallium single atoms adsorption on stable gold surface



Difference between Nh and Tl atoms adsorption energies Δ (DFT, present work) 99 ± 15 kJ/mol Δ (DFT, van Wüllen, 2012) 90 ± 15 kJ/mol

7th Period Subperiodic Structure





Without relativistic effects Q = +0.554 Q = -0.554

Cheolbeom Bae, et. al Chem. Phys. Lett. 37, 65 (2003)

Which element is the most electronegative in 7th period?

Astatine single atoms adsorption on gold surface



At/gold adsorption energy estimates lie within the range $130 \pm 10 \text{ kJ/mol}$. Experimental estimation for adsorption energy At/gold is $147 \pm 15 \text{ kJ/mol}$.

Semiempirical regularities



Μ	Nh	At	ΤI	In
∆H _{∟s} [kJ/mol]	66	28	-22	-62

Surface vacancy is formed, if partial molar solution enthalpy of the adsorbate M in the solid gold is negative.

Energy of surface vacancy formation for gold



On stable surface:	205 ± 10 kJ/mol	(DFT)
In vacation position:	270 ± 10 kJ/mol (E	xperimental)



Hg, Cn, Fl atoms adsorption on red selenium surface

PRELIMINARY





Structure and properties of NhOH, AtOH and TIOH



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AtOH adsorption on gold surface



Thank you for attention!