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Isomeric Forms, Polarizabilities, and Optical Absorption Spectra of Ag₁₁ SERDAR OGUT, JUAN C. IDROBO¹, University of Illinois at Chicago, KAROLY NEMETH, JULIUS JELLINEK², Chemistry Division, Argonne National Laboratory — First principles based computational results on the atomic structures, static polarizabilities, and optical absorption spectra of eight low-energy isomers of Ag₁₁ are presented and discussed. The computations were performed using the static and time-dependent formalisms of the density functional theory. Comparison of the computed spectra with those measured for Ag₁₁ embedded in Ar and Ne matrices³ shows that it is the spectrum of the lowest energy isomer that exhibits the best overall agreement with the experiment. The theoretical analysis indicates that the *d* electrons play a more important role in optical transitions in Ag₁₁ than in smaller Ag_{*n*}, *n* ≤ 8, clusters.⁴

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