

Supporting Information

**Cubic Aromaticity in Octahedral NbTcAu₄ Featuring a
Stable Nb-Tc Quadruple Bond plus four additional
delocalized interactions**

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Figure S1. Valence canonical molecular orbital contours for the C_{4v} -NbTcAu₄ structure at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level. (Isovalue density = 0.02)

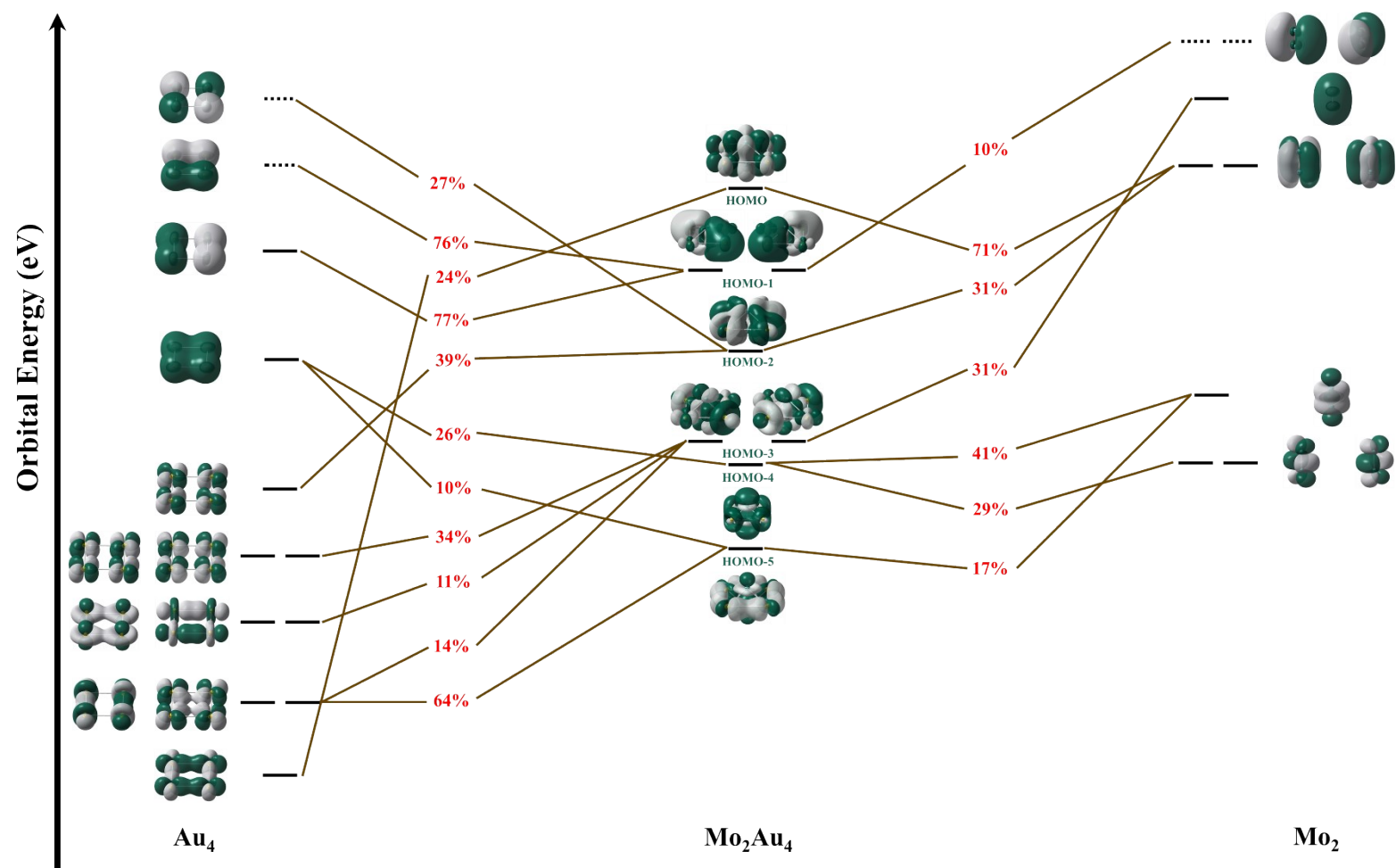


Figure S2. Qualitative orbital correlation diagram of the interactions between the $D_{\infty h}$ -Mo₂ fragment and the C_{4v} -Au₄ fragment in the C_{4v} -Mo₂Au₄.

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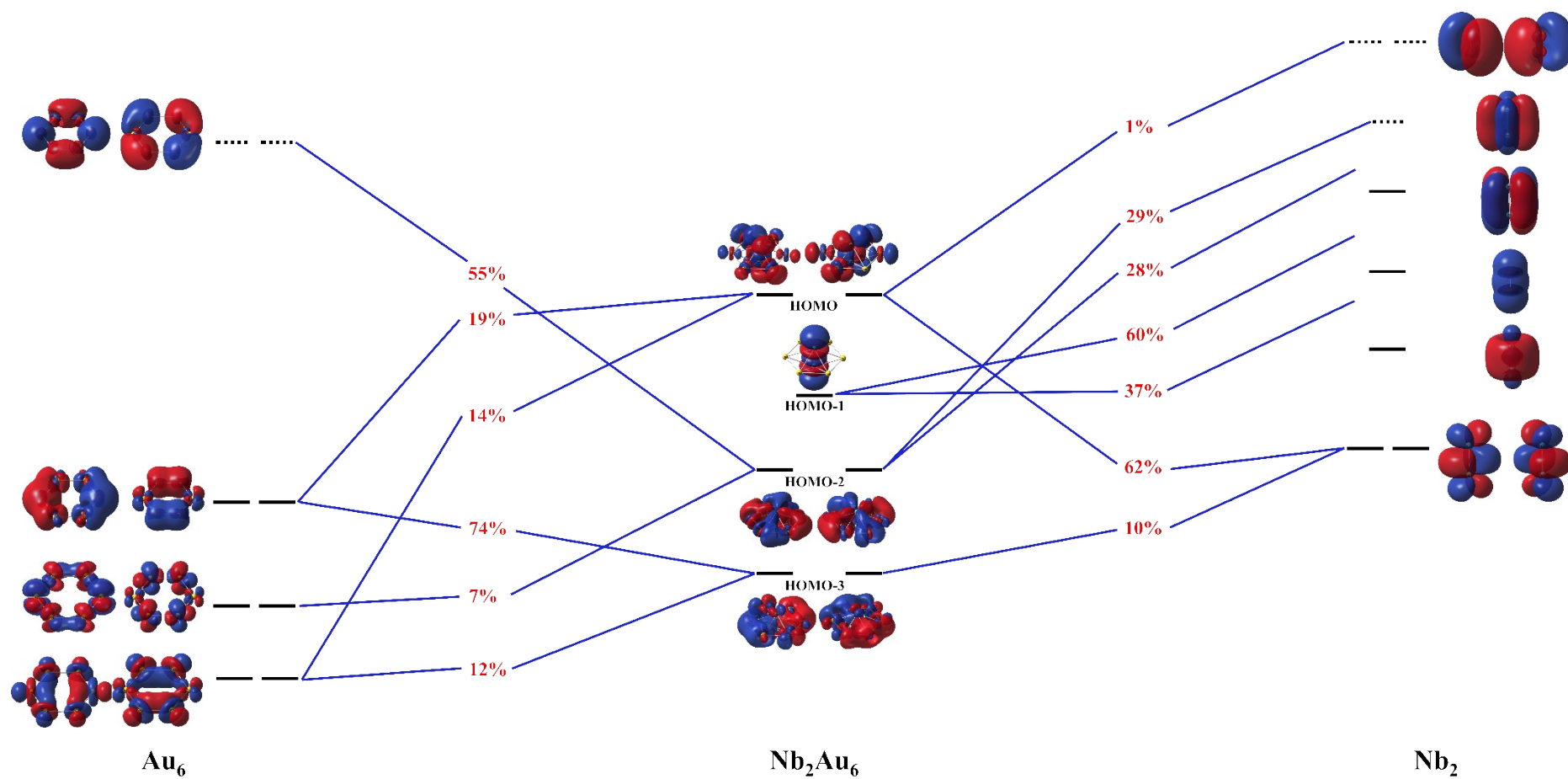


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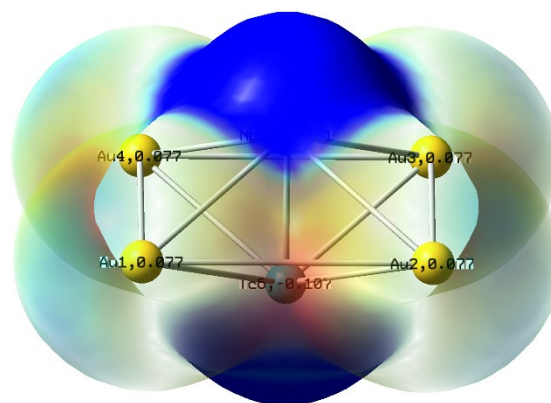


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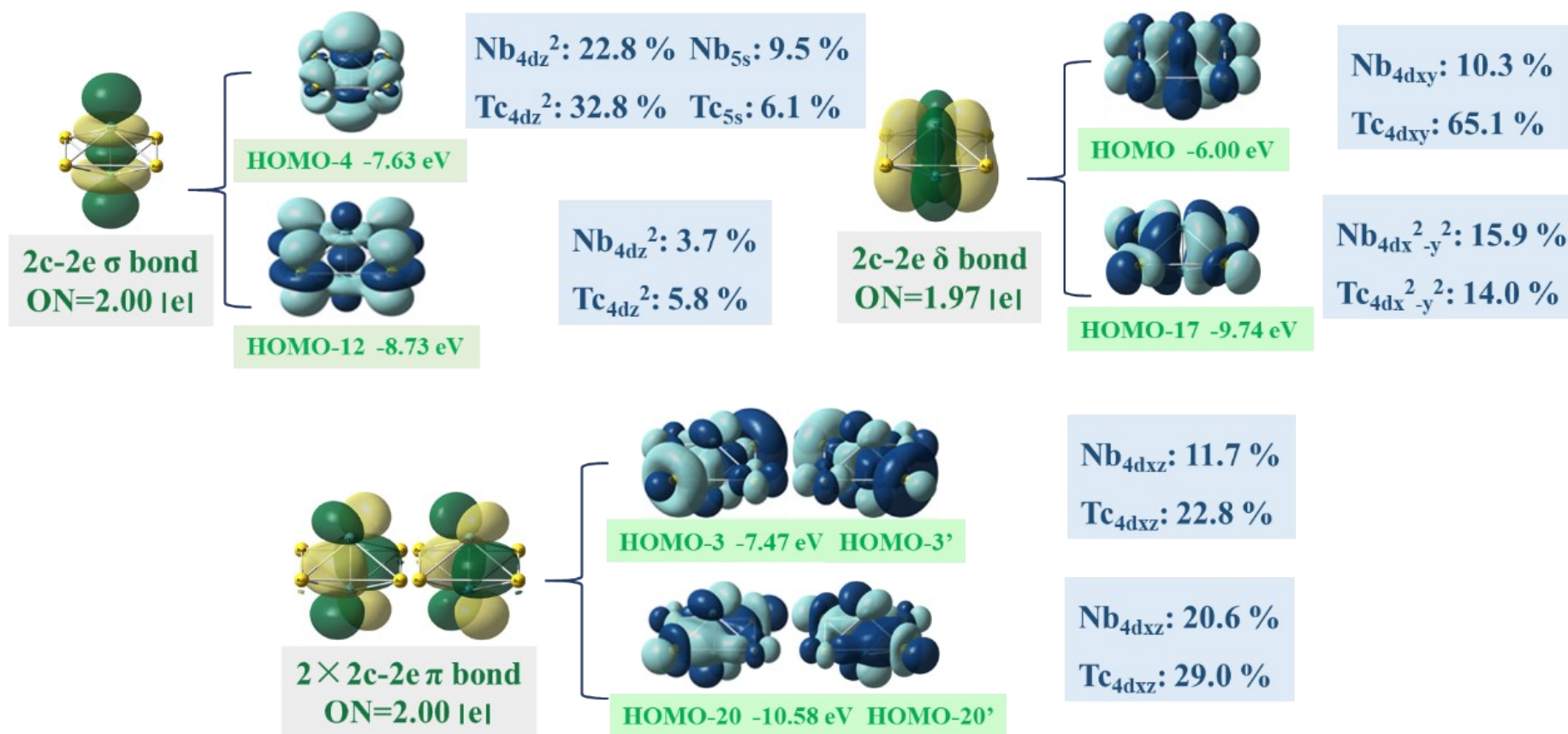
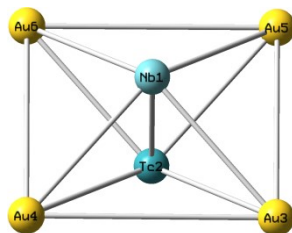
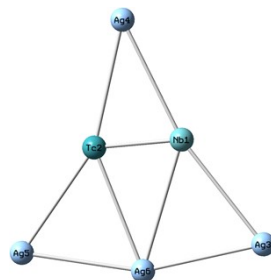


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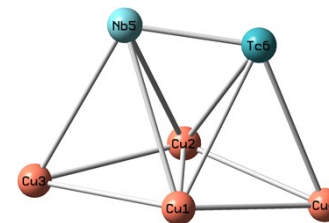
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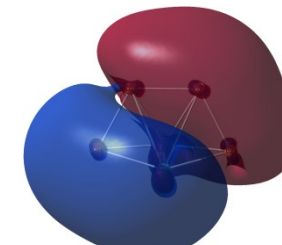
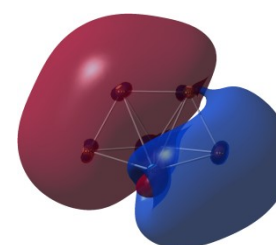
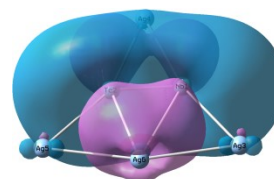
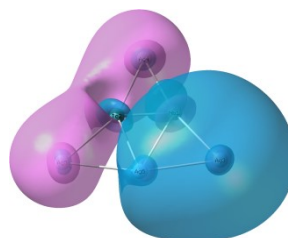
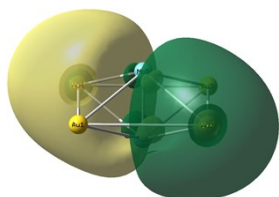
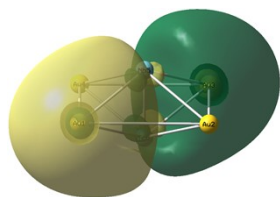
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Cu₄



NbTc



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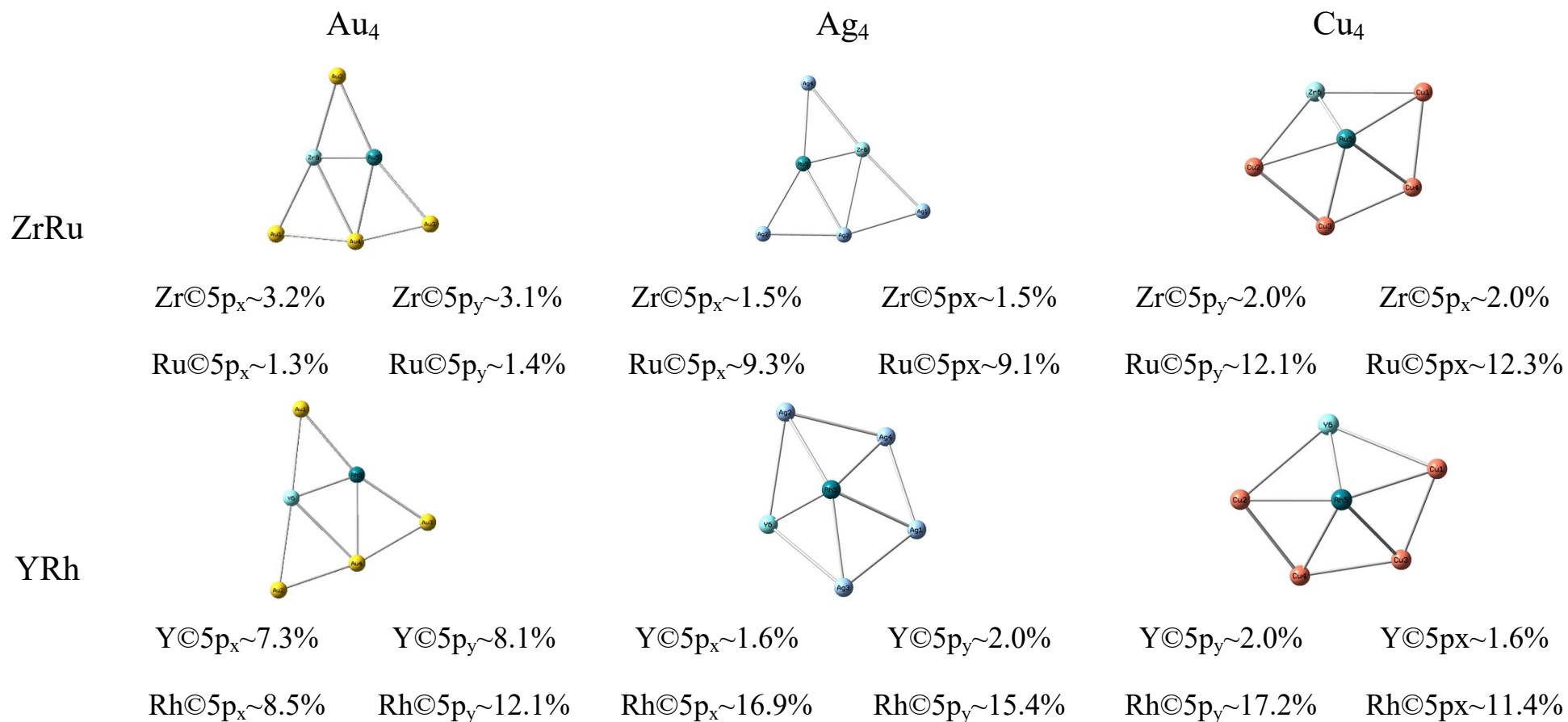


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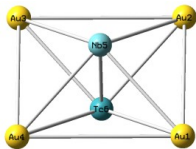
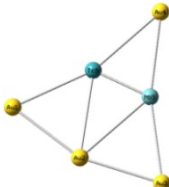
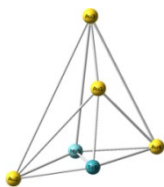
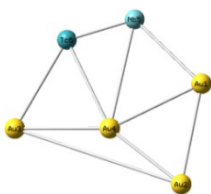
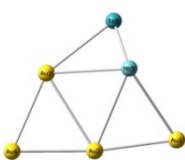
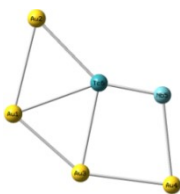
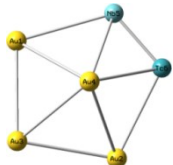
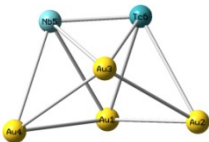
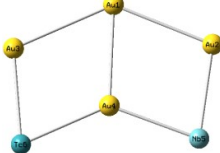
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IV  1.920 Å C_s, ΔE=24.3	V  1.959 Å C₁, ΔE=25.3	VI  1.908 Å C_s, ΔE=25.8
VII  1.959 Å C₁, ΔE=36.5	VIII  2.046 Å C_s, ΔE=38.0	IX  4.580 Å C_s, ΔE=168.6

Table S2. Symmetry-breaking study of C_{4v} -NbTcAu₄ corresponding to conformer I at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

Multiplicity	1	3	5	7	9
ΔE (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	0.0	15.4	49.3	86.3	151.4

Table S3. Energy differences (ΔE , kcal·mol⁻¹) for the conformer II (ΔE II-I) and triplet state (ΔE T-S) relative to the global minimum (conformer I, Singlet).

Method/Basis set	ΔE II-I (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	ΔE T-S (kcal·mol ⁻¹)
TPSSH/Def2-TZVP	3.3	4.0
PBE0/Def2-QZVP	99.3	2.2
M06-L/Def2-TZVP	1.9	6.0
HSE06/Def2-TZVP	0.2	1.2

Table S4. The energy of the structure NbTcAu₄ in different multiplicity at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

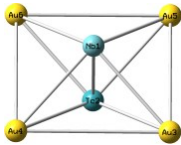
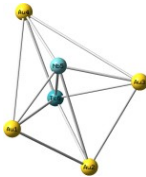
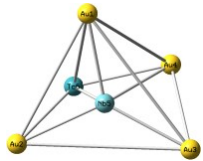
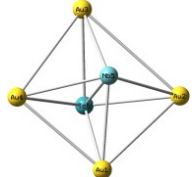
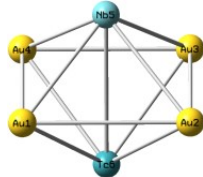
Multiplicity	1	3	5	7	9
Diagrams					
Distance (Å)	1.980	2.102	2.410	2.582	2.666
ΔE (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	0.0	1.2	16.8	26.9	34.5

Table S5. The Nb-Tc bond length, WBI and Mayer bond index results of C_{4v} -NbTcAu₄ calculated at different methods and basis set level.

Methond/Basis set	R _{Nb-Tc} (Å)	WBI	Mayer
B3LYP/Def2-TZVP	2.000	3.999	3.762
CCSD/Def2-TZVP	1.998	3.733	3.706
TPSSH/Def2-TZVP	2.013	3.979	3.807
PBE0/Def2-TZVP	1.980	4.054	3.875
PBE0/Def2-QZVP	1.967	4.100	4.176
CAM-B3LYP-D3/Def2-TZVP	1.971	4.001	3.793
B2PLYP-D3/Def2-TZVP	2.059	3.890	3.699
M06-L/Def2-TZVP	2.013	4.058	3.856
HSE06/Def2-TZVP	1.985	4.050	3.696

Table S6. The lowest-lying isomer of D_{4h} - Mo_2Au_4 with energy in $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$. The distance between Mo_2 is also given. These structures are re-optimized and filtrated at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

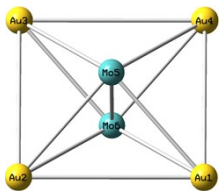
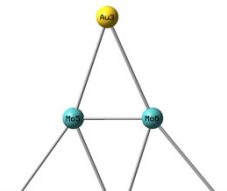
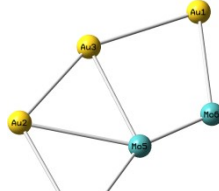
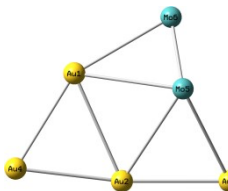
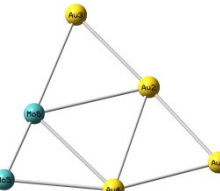
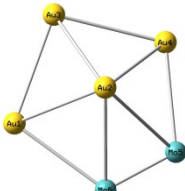
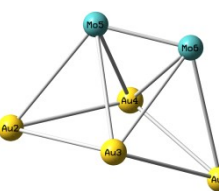
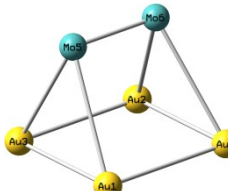
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V  1.926 Å C_1, $\Delta E=26.17$	VI  1.932 Å C_s, $\Delta E=35.15$	VII  1.982 Å C_1, $\Delta E=40.48$	VIII  1.906 Å C_1, $\Delta E=40.86$

Table S7. The lowest-lying isomer of C_1 -ZrRuAu₄ with energy in kcal·mol⁻¹. The distance between Zr-Ru is also given. These structures are re-optimized and filtrated at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

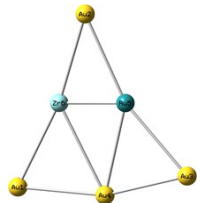
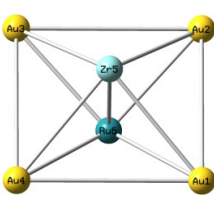
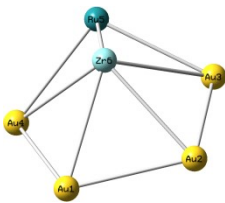
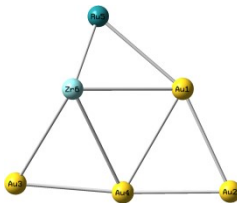
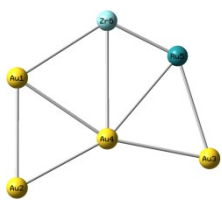
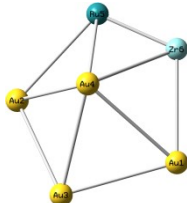
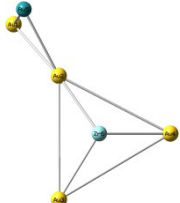
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V  1.996 Å C_1, $\Delta E=24.50$	VI  2.046 Å C_s, $\Delta E=35.17$	VII  4.829 Å C_1, $\Delta E=120.03$	

Table S8. The lowest-lying isomer of C_1 -YRhAu₄ with energy in kcal·mol⁻¹. The distance between Y-Rh is also given. These structures are re-optimized and filtrated at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

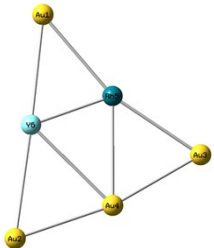
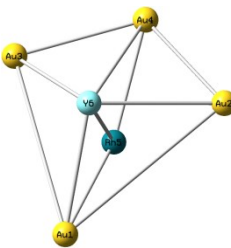
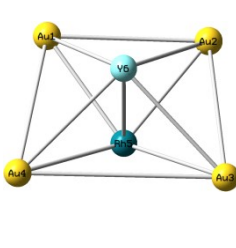
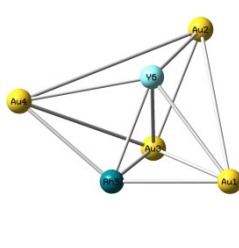
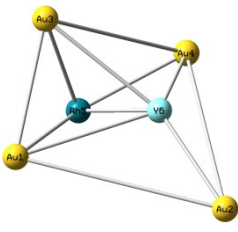
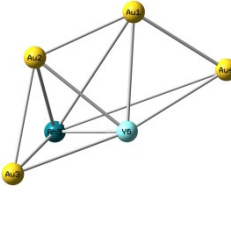
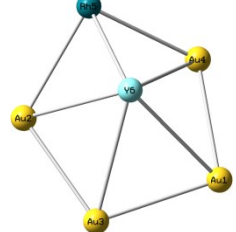
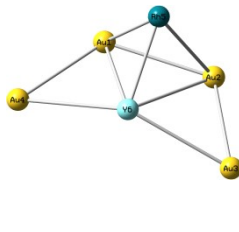
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V  2.392 Å C_1, $\Delta E=8.61$	VI  2.276 Å C_s, $\Delta E=10.83$	VII  2.356 Å C_1, $\Delta E=11.91$	VIII  2.329 Å C_1, $\Delta E=14.11$

Table S9. The lowest-lying isomer of C_1 -NbTcAg₄ with energy in kcal·mol⁻¹. The distance between Nb-Tc is also given. These structures are re-optimized and filtrated at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

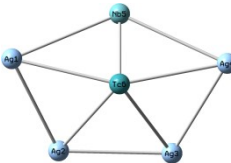
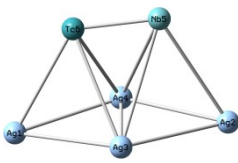
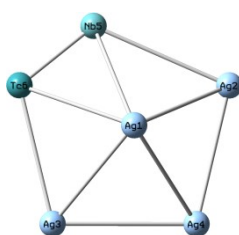
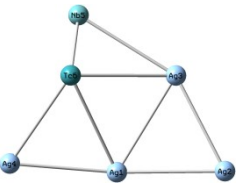
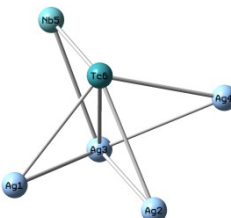
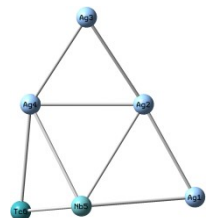
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V  1.942 Å C_s, $\Delta E=17.70$	VI  1.963 Å C_s, $\Delta E=17.91$	VII  1.944 Å C_1, $\Delta E=19.69$	

Table S10. The lowest-lying isomer of C_1 -ZrRuAg₄ with energy in kcal·mol⁻¹. The distance between Zr-Ru is also given. These structures are re-optimized and filtrated at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

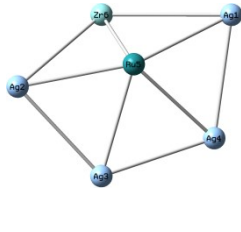
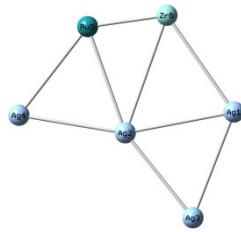
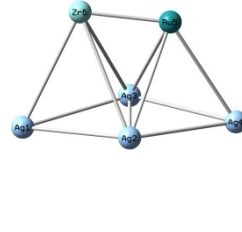
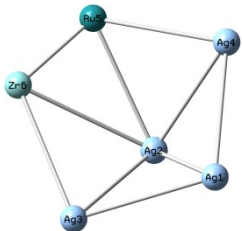
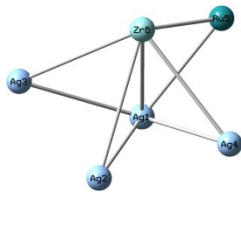
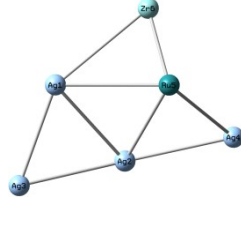
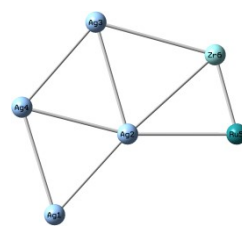
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V  2.017 Å C₁, ΔE=13.62	VI  2.064 Å C_s, ΔE=14.66	VII  2.016 Å C₁, ΔE=15.91	VIII  2.014 Å C₁, ΔE=19.84

Table S11. The lowest-lying isomer of C_1 -YRhAg₄ with energy in kcal·mol⁻¹. The distance between Y-Rh is also given. These structures are re-optimized and filtrated at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

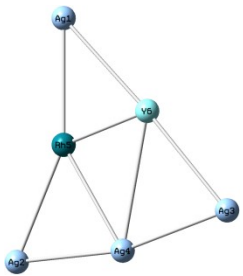
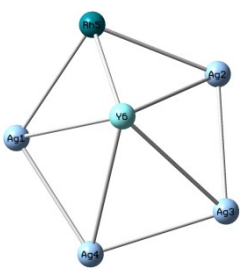
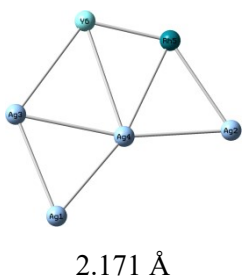
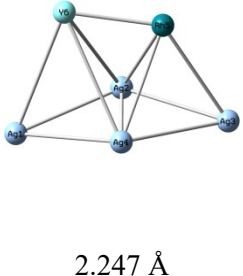
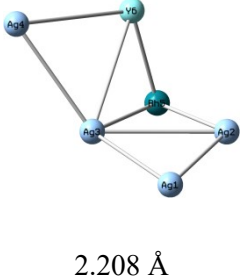
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Table S12. The lowest-lying isomer of C_1 -NbTcCu₄ with energy in kcal·mol⁻¹. The distance between Nb-Tc is also given. These structures are re-optimized and filtrated at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

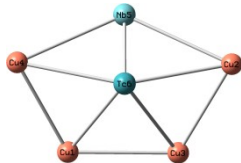
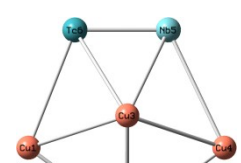
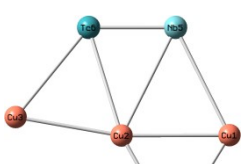
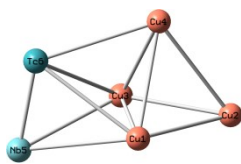
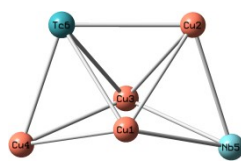
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V  1.936 Å C₁, ΔE=7.84	VI  1.985 Å C_s, ΔE=8.34	VII  4.076 Å C₁, ΔE=129.60	

Table S13. The lowest-lying isomer of C_1 -ZrRuCu₄ with energy in kcal·mol⁻¹. The distance between Zr-Ru is also given. These structures are re-optimized and filtrated at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

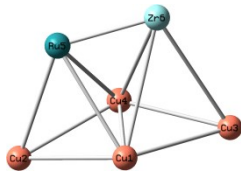
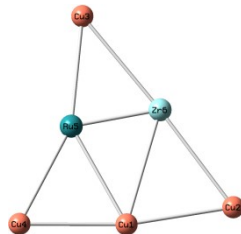
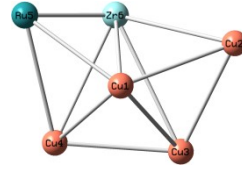
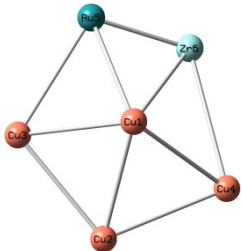
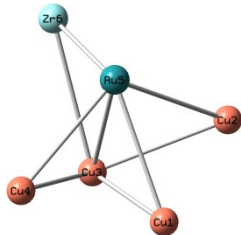
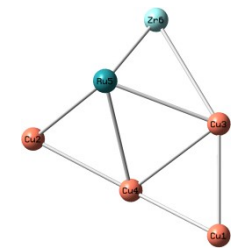
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V  2.029 Å C₁, ΔE=8.54	VI  2.056 Å C₁, ΔE=8.79	VII  2.033 Å C₁, ΔE=15.09	

Table S14. The lowest-lying isomer of C_1 -YRhCu₄ with energy in kcal·mol⁻¹. The distance between Y-Rh is also given. These structures are re-optimized and filtrated at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

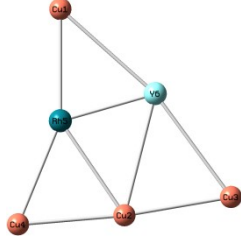
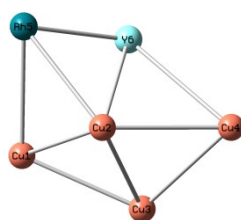
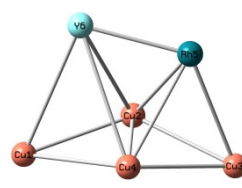
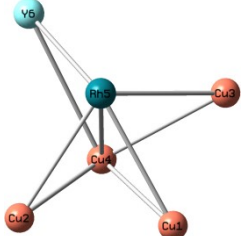
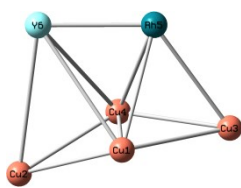
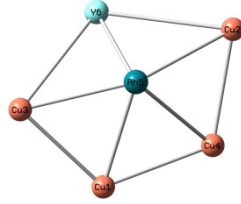
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V  2.252 Å C₁, ΔE=7.75	VI  2.265 Å C_s, ΔE=16.27	VII  2.249 Å C₁, ΔE=17.91	

Table S15. The energy of the structure D_{4h} - Mo_2Au_4 in different multiplicity at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

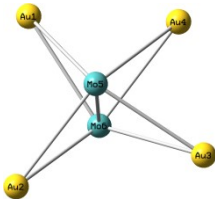
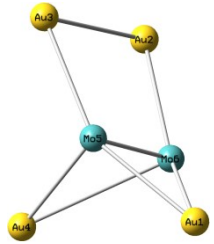
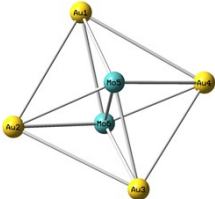
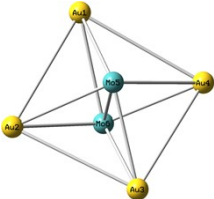
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ΔE ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	0.0	3.9	21.8	42.7	37.4

Table S16. The energy of the structure ZrRuAu₄ in different multiplicity at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

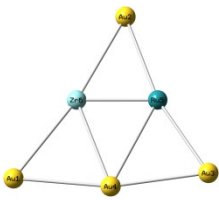
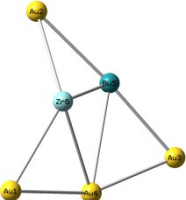
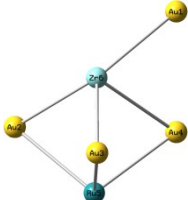
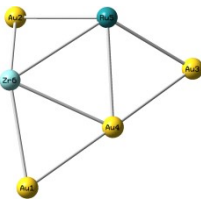
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Diagrams					
Distance (Å)	2.030	2.182	2.370	2.852	2.958
ΔE (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	0.0	17.1	36.5	36.0	86.6

Table S17. The energy of the structure YRhAu₄ in different multiplicity at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

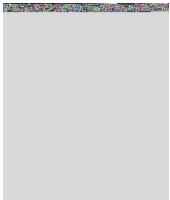
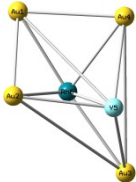
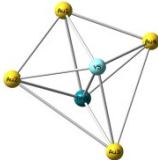
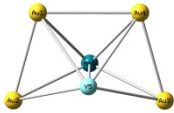
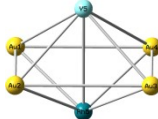
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Diagrams					
Distance (Å)	2.225	2.479	2.799	3.019	3.181
ΔE (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	0.0	8.0	25.0	68.7	134.8

Table S18. The energy of the structure NbTcAg₄ in different multiplicity at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

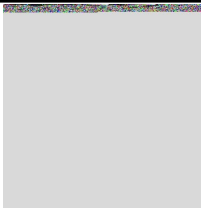
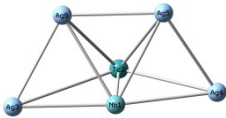
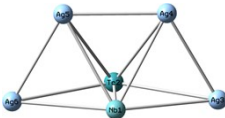
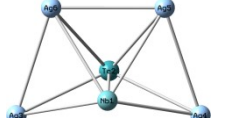
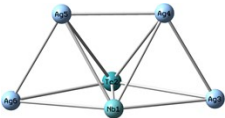
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Diagrams					
Distance (Å)	1.940	2.084	2.128	2.517	2.689
ΔE (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	0.0	8.5	21.1	39.7	39.8

Table S19. The energy of the structure ZrRuAg₄ in different multiplicity at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

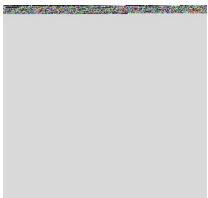
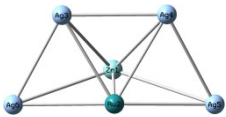
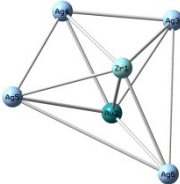
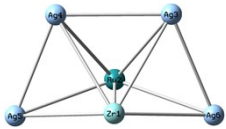
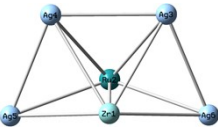
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Diagrams					
Distance (Å)	2.015	2.076	2.295	2.455	2.811
ΔE (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	0.0	10.7	31.2	45.1	75.9

Table S20. The energy of the structure YRhAg₄ in different multiplicity at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

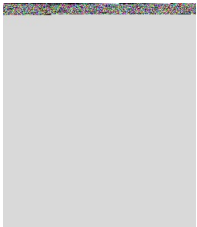
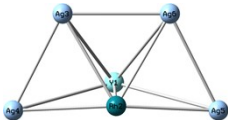
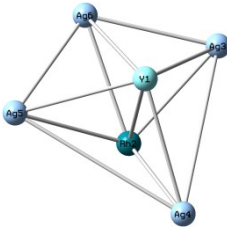
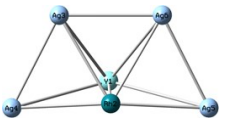
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Diagrams					
Distance (Å)	2.219	2.293	2.684	2.820	2.797
ΔE (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	0.0	10.4	34.0	69.0	143.4

Table S21. The energy of the structure NbTcCu₄ in different multiplicity at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

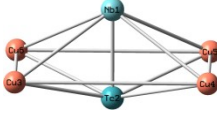
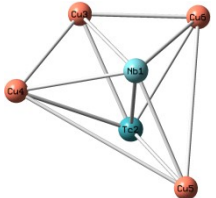
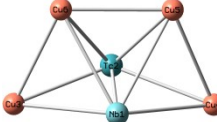
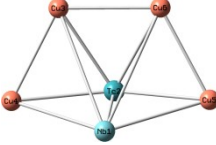
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Diagrams					
Distance (Å)	1.976	2.035	2.176	2.443	2.898
ΔE (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	0.0	10.1	18.5	25.2	38.4

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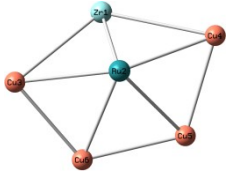
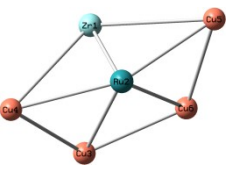
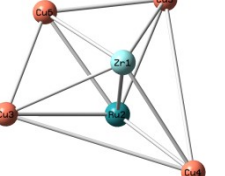
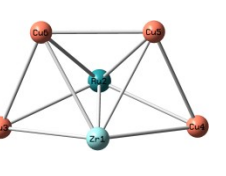
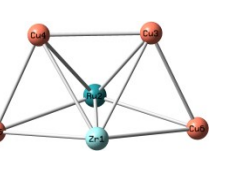
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Diagrams					
Distance (Å)	2.059	2.099	2.323	2.660	2.775
ΔE (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	0.0	6.0	24.5	35.7	67.0

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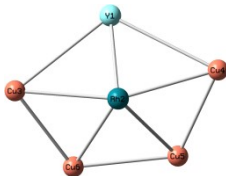
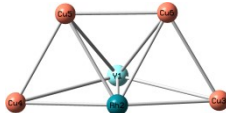
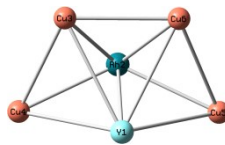
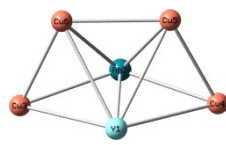
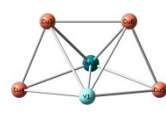
Multiplicity	1	3	5	7	9
Diagrams					
Distance (Å)	2.250	2.323	2.706	2.810	3.098
ΔE (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	0.0	6.7	28.0	63.1	122.0

Table S24. The orbital component analysis results of C_{4v} -NbTcAu₄ calculated at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

C_{4v} -NbTcAu ₄	HOMO	HOMO-1		HOMO-2
Diagrams				
Energy/eV	-6.00	-6.17		-6.75
Component	$Au_4@5d_{x^2-y^2} \sim 21.9\%$ $Nb@4d_{xy} \sim 10.3\%$ $Tc@4d_{x^2-y^2} \sim 65.1\%$	$Au_4@6s \sim 54.5\%$ $Nb@5p_x \sim 11.3\%$ $Nb@4d_{xz} \sim 3.3\%$ $Tc@5p_x \sim 10.0\%$ $Tc@4d_{xz} \sim 10.7\%$	$Au_4@6s \sim 54.9\%$ $Nb@5p_y \sim 11.3\%$ $Nb@4d_{yz} \sim 3.2\%$ $Tc@5p_y \sim 10.0\%$ $Tc@4d_{yz} \sim 10.7\%$	$Au_4@6s \sim 25.1\%$ $Au_4@5d_{xy} \sim 36.7\%$ $Nb@4d_{x^2-y^2} \sim 15.3\%$ $Tc@4d_{x^2-y^2} \sim 19.8\%$

C _{4v} -NbTcAu ₄	HOMO-3		HOMO-4	HOMO-19
Diagrams				
Energy/eV	-7.47		-7.63	-10.43
Component	Au ₄ ©5d _{xy} ~ 12.3% Au ₄ ©5d _{x²-y²} ~ 32.1% Au ₄ ©5d _{z²} ~ 10.7% Nb©4d _{xz} ~ 11.7% Tc©4d _{xz} ~ 22.8%	Au ₄ ©5d _{xy} ~ 12.3% Au ₄ ©5d _{x²-y²} ~ 32.1% Au ₄ ©5d _{z²} ~ 10.7% Nb©4d _{yz} ~ 11.7% Tc©4d _{yz} ~ 22.8%	Au ₄ ©6s ~ 15.3% Nb©5s ~ 9.5% Nb©4d _{z²} ~ 22.8% Tc©5s ~ 6.1% Tc©4d _{z²} ~ 32.8%	Au ₄ ©6s ~ 14.9% Au ₄ ©5d _{x²-y²} ~ 30.4% Au ₄ ©5d _{z²} ~ 9.6% Nb©5s ~ 9.0% Nb©4d _{z²} ~ 5.8% Nb©5p _z ~ 3.2% Tc©5s ~ 7.4% Tc©4d _{z²} ~ 8.8% Tc©5p _z ~ 3.0%

The coefficient of each orbital is given by the contribution of the Au₄, Nb and Tc fragments.

Table S25. The orbital component analysis results of D_{6h} - Nb_2Au_6 calculated at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

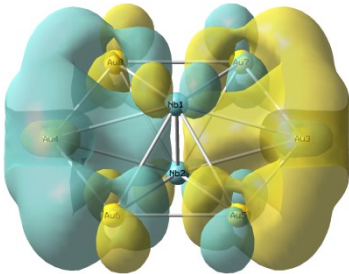
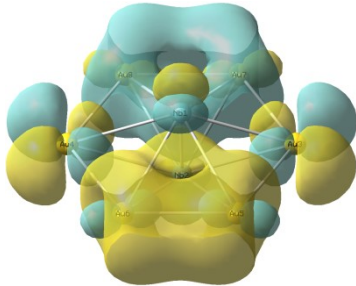
D_{6h} - Nb_2Au_6	HOMO-3	
Diagrams		
Energy/eV	-7.40	
Component	$Nb_2 \odot 4d_{xz} \sim 9.9\%$	$Nb_2 \odot 4d_{xz} \sim 9.9\%$
	$Nb_2 \odot 5p_{x,y} \sim 7.5\%$	$Nb_2 \odot 5p_{x,y} \sim 7.5\%$
	$Au_6 \odot 6s \sim 23.5\%$	$Au_6 \odot 6s \sim 21.5\%$
	$Au_6 \odot 5d_{xy} \sim 44.6\%$	$Au_6 \odot 5d_{x^2-y^2} \sim 43.8\%$

Table S26. Vertical electron affinity of the D_{6h} -Nb₂Au₆ and C_{4v} -NbTcAu₄ clusters at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

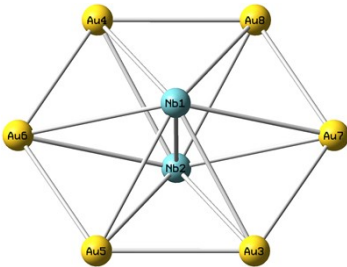
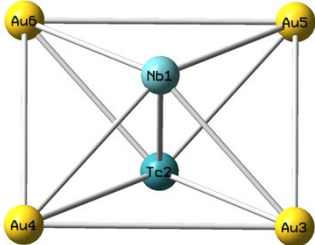
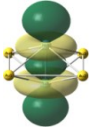
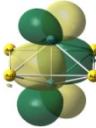
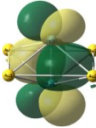
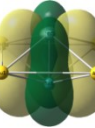
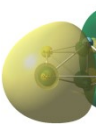
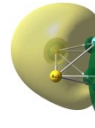
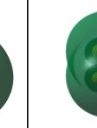
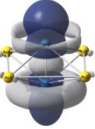
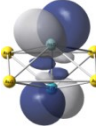
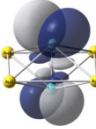
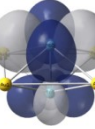
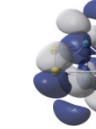
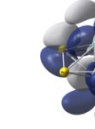
Cluster	D_{6h} -Nb ₂ Au ₆	D_{6h} -Nb ₂ Au ₆ ⁻	C_{4v} -NbTcAu ₄	C_{4v} -NbTcAu ₄ ⁻
Structure				
Electronic Energy /a.u.	-928.5774233	-928.6414583	-680.8218021	-680.8821058
VEA /(kcal·mol ⁻¹)	40.2		37.8	

Table S27. (a) Bonding / Antibonding molecular orbitals governing Nb-Tc bonding with occupation numbers (isovalue = 0.02).

							
2c-2e σ bond ON=2.00 e	2 $\times$ 2c-2e π bond ON=2.00 e		2c-2e δ bond ON=1.97 e	2 $\times$ 4c-2e π bond ON=1.98 e		6c-2e σ bond ON=2.00 e	6c-2e δ bond ON=2.00 e
							
2c-2e σ^* bond ON=0.03 e	2 $\times$ 2c-2e π^* bond ON=0.17 e		2c-2e δ^* bond ON=0.10 e	2 $\times$ 4c-2e π^* bond ON=0.04 e		6c-2e σ^* bond ON=0.01 e	6c-2e δ^* bond ON=0.01 e

(b): Effective bond order calculation parameters (η_a : antibonding orbital occupation; η_b : bonding orbital occupation).

$$EBO_{NbTc} = \eta_b - \eta_a / 2 = 7.43$$

Table S28. The bond length $R_{M-M'}$, ω_e , AIP-AEA, $\rho(\text{BCP})$, $\nabla^2\rho$, $H(r)$ and EBO data of $C_{4v}\text{-NbTcAu}_4$, RhSc, Mo_2 and W_2 dimers.

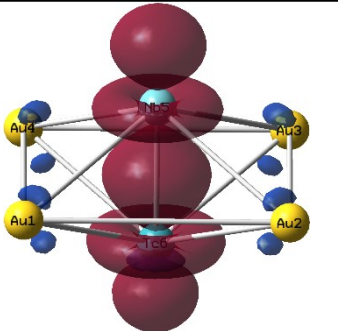
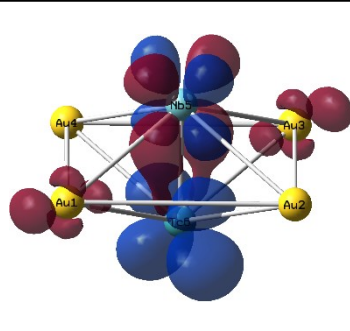
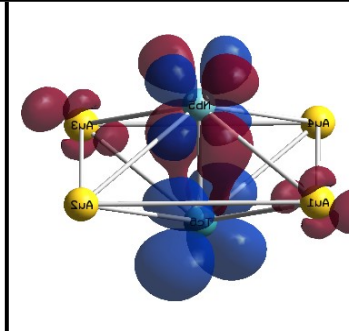
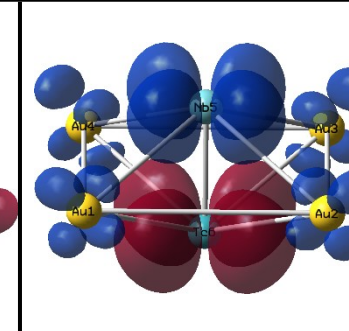
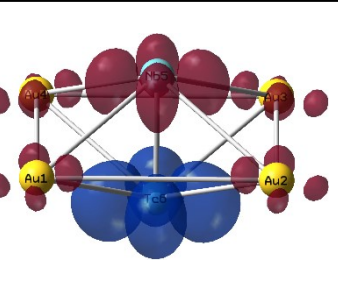
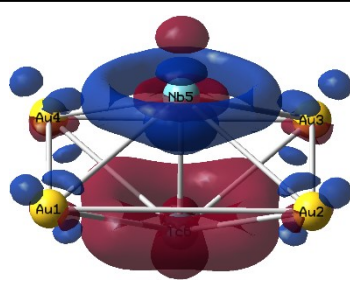
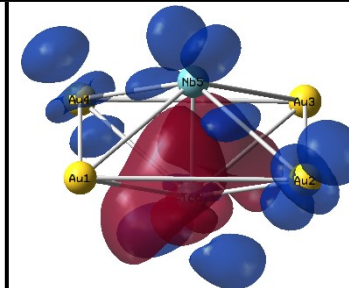
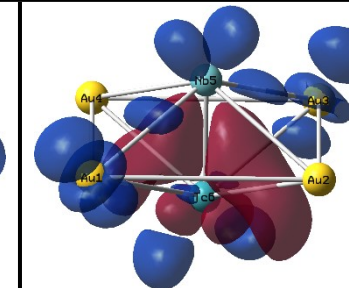
Property/Systems	$C_{4v}\text{-NbTcAu}_4$	RhSc	Mo_2	W_2
$R_{M-M'}[\text{\AA}]$	1.980	1.961	1.887	1.991
$\omega_e[\text{cm}^{-1}]$	512.43	498.65	597.99	420.64
AIP [eV]	6.90	6.48	6.73	6.54
AEA [eV]	2.05	0.53	0.69	1.05
ρ	0.248	0.186	0.298	0.255
$\nabla^2\rho$	0.674	0.778	0.898	0.783
$H(r)$	-0.192	-0.972	-0.262	-0.194
EBO	7.43	5.7	5.2	5.2

Table S29. Plot of the EDA-NOCV pair of the main intrinsic interaction energy(ΔE_{int}) at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

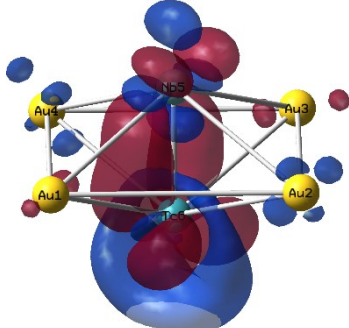
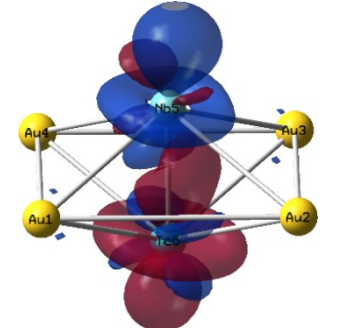
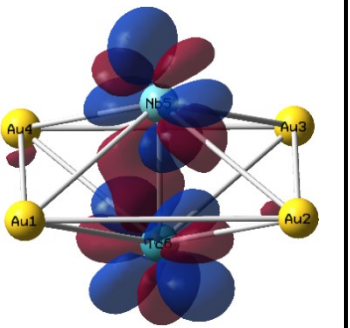
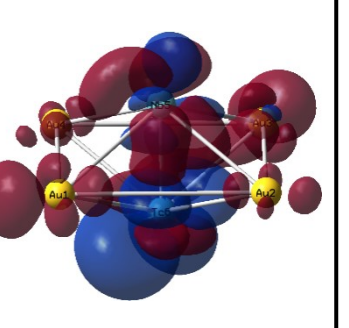
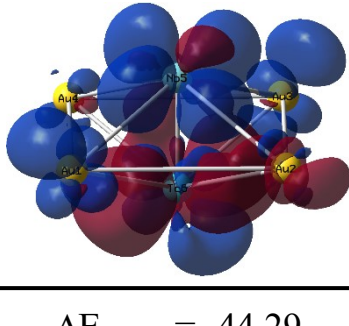
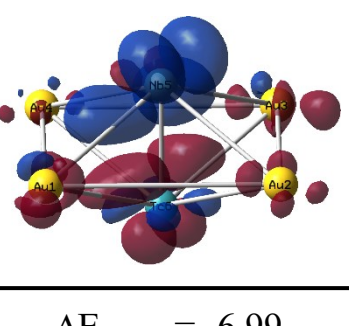
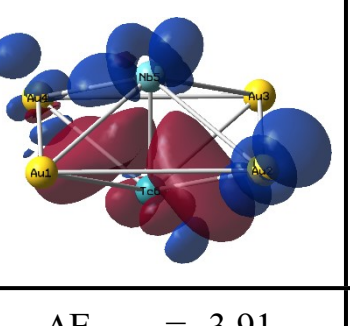
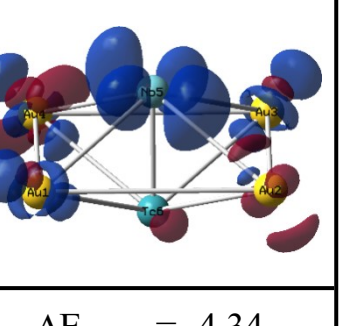
Scheme	Fragmentation	Multiplicity	$\Delta E_{\text{int}} / (\text{kcal} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1})$	Charge Flow Direction
A	$^1[\text{NbAu}_4]^+ + ^1[\text{Tc}]^-$	Singlet	-2081.18	
B	$^2[\text{NbAu}_4] + ^2[\text{Tc}]$	Doublet	-1147.25	
C	$^3[\text{NbAu}_4]^+ + ^3[\text{Tc}]^-$	Triplet	-1865.33	
D	$^4[\text{NbAu}_4] + ^4[\text{Tc}]$	Quartet	-1109.51	
E	$^5[\text{NbAu}_4]^+ + ^5[\text{Tc}]^-$	Quintet	-1868.91	blue $\rightarrow$ red
F	$^6[\text{NbAu}_4] + ^6[\text{Tc}]$	Sextet	-1176.32	
G	$^7[\text{NbAu}_4]^+ + ^7[\text{Tc}]^-$	Septet	-2181.07	
H	$^8[\text{NbAu}_4] + ^8[\text{Tc}]$	Octet	-1512.11	
I	$^9[\text{NbAu}_4]^+ + ^9[\text{Tc}]^-$	Nonet	-2299.32	

The energy order is consistent with the orbital interactions shown in Figure 1 of the main text.

Scheme A. [NbAu₄]⁺ fragment and [Tc]⁻ fragment NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-1}} = -575.76$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-2}} = -140.98$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-3}} = -140.98$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-4}} = -92.02$
Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}} = -29.43$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}} = -26.76$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}} = -8.53$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}} = -8.53$
$\Delta E = -1022.99 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$				

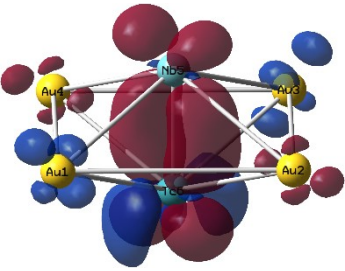
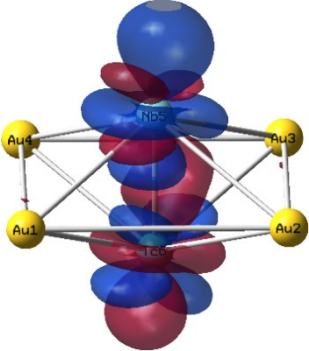
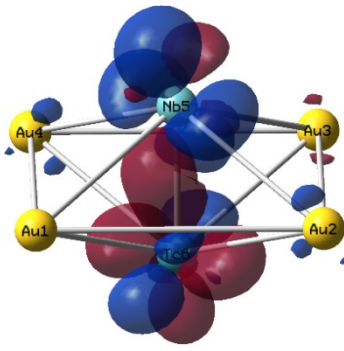
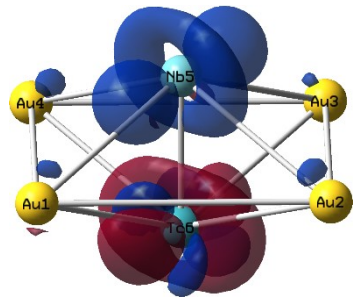
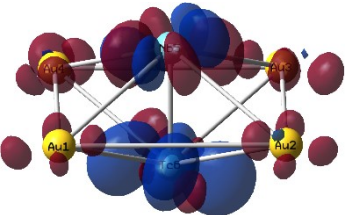
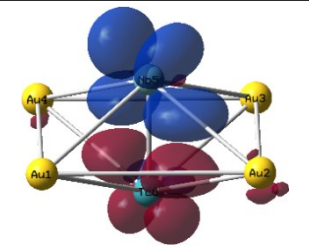
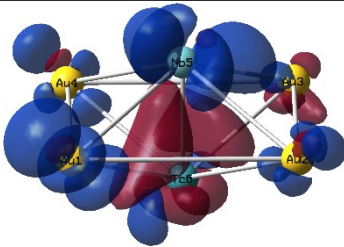
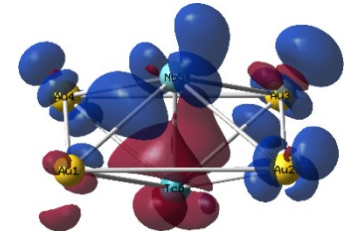
Scheme B. $^2[\text{NbAu}_4]$ fragment and $^2[\text{Tc}]$ fragment α NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
Energy / ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-1}\alpha} = -243.43$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-2}\alpha} = -102.46$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-3}\alpha} = -70.84$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-4}\alpha} = -38.41$
Diagrams				
Energy / ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\alpha} = -44.29$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\alpha} = -6.99$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\alpha} = -3.91$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\alpha} = -4.34$

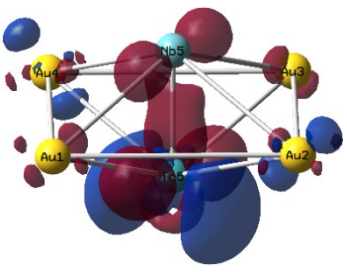
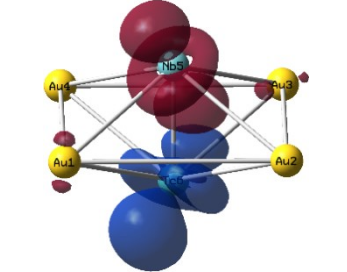
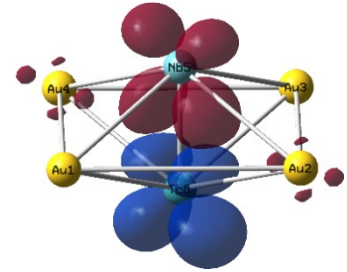
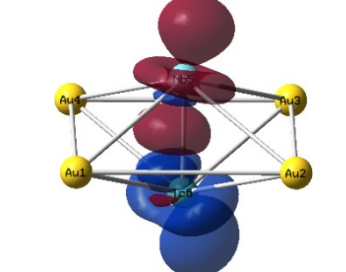
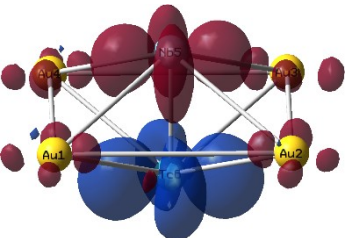
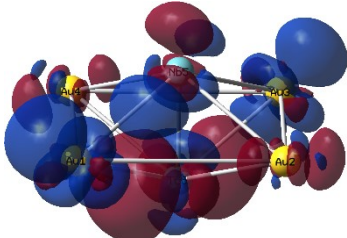
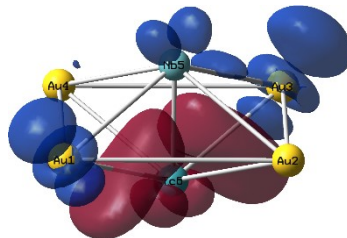
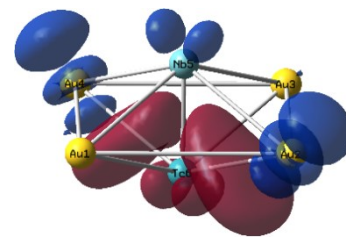
Scheme B. $^2[\text{NbAu}_4]$ fragment and $^2[\text{Tc}]$ fragment β NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
Energy / ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-1}\beta} = -127.01$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-2}\beta} = -59.61$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-3}\beta} = -57.00$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-4}\beta} = -15.43$
Diagrams				
Energy / ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\alpha} = -20.50$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\alpha} = -7.85$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\alpha} = -3.23$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\alpha} = -3.90$
$\Delta E(\alpha+\beta) = -809.20 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$				

Scheme C. $^3[\text{NbAu}_4]^+$ fragment and $^3[\text{Tc}]^-$ fragment α NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-1}\alpha} = -260.08$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-2}\alpha} = -114.80$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-3}\alpha} = -75.36$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-4}\alpha} = -58.53$
Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\alpha} = -16.94$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\alpha} = -20.40$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\alpha} = -4.34$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\alpha} = -5.64$

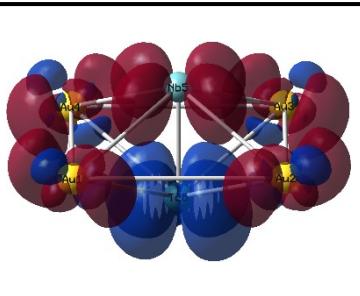
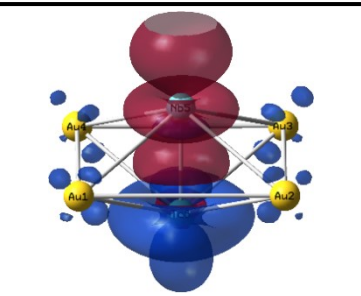
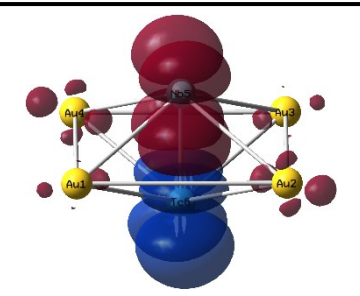
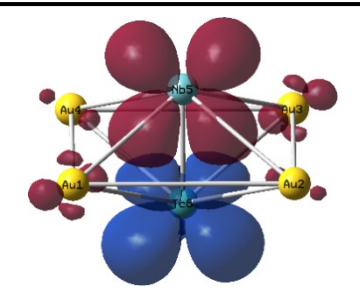
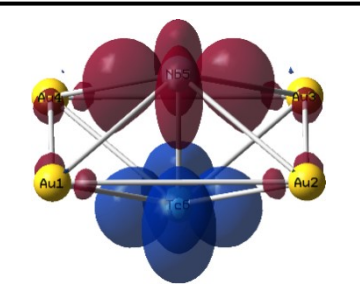
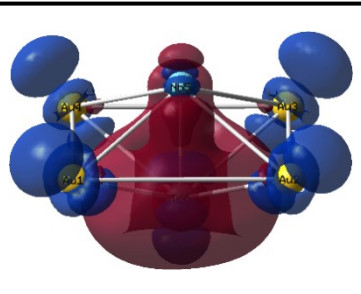
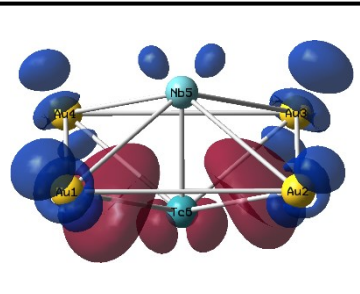
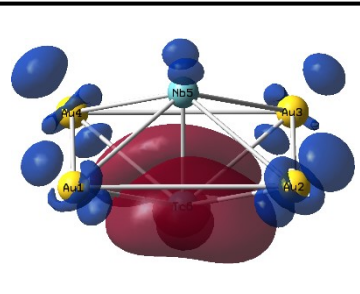
Scheme C. $^3[\text{NbAu}_4]^+$ fragment and $^3[\text{Tc}]^-$ fragment β NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
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Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\beta} = -16.50$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\beta} = -10.44$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\beta} = -3.87$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\beta} = -3.64$
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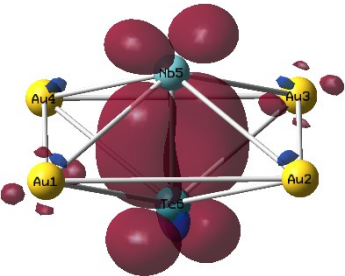
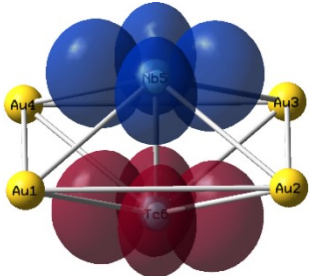
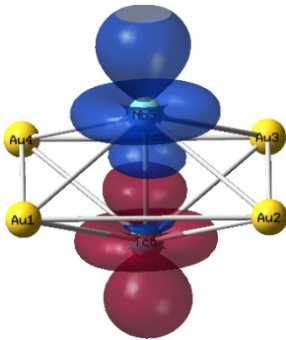
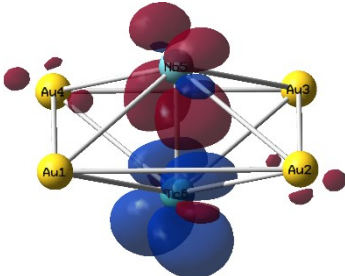
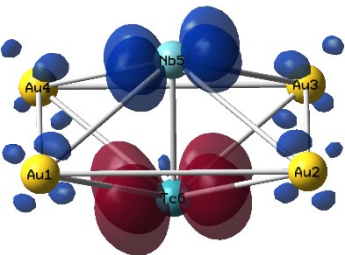
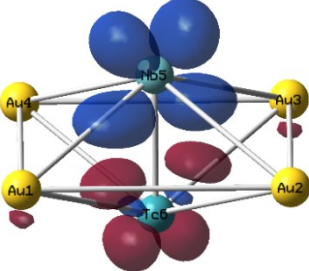
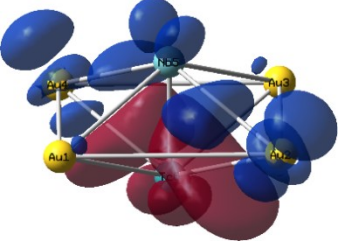
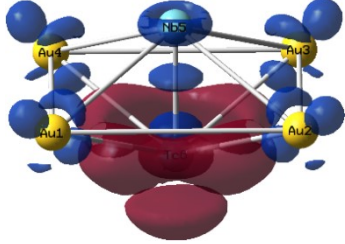
Scheme D. $^4[\text{NbAu}_4]$ fragment and $^4[\text{Tc}]$ fragment α NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
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Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\alpha} = -41.60$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\alpha} = -10.19$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\alpha} = -4.01$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\alpha} = -14.90$

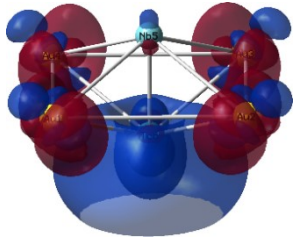
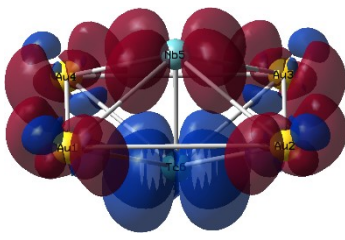
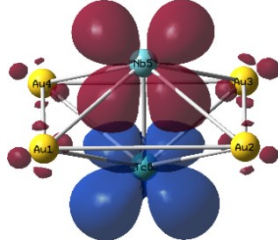
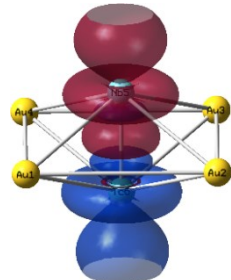
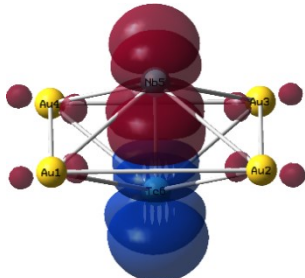
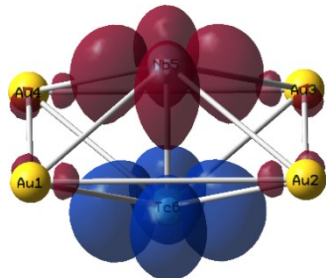
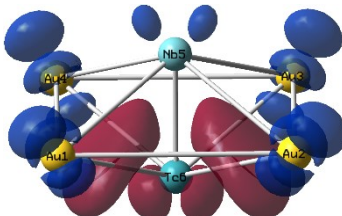
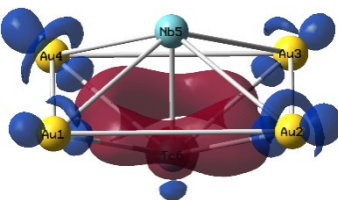
Scheme D. $^4[\text{NbAu}_4]$ fragment and $^4[\text{Tc}]$ fragment β NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-1}\beta} = -66.51$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-2}\beta} = -82.79$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-3}\beta} = -55.84$	$\Delta_{\text{orb-4}\beta} = -55.22$
Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\alpha} = -19.04$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\alpha} = -15.83$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\alpha} = -2.92$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\alpha} = -2.81$
$\Delta E(\alpha+\beta) = -899.49 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$				

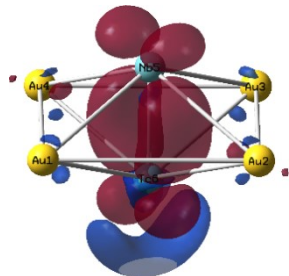
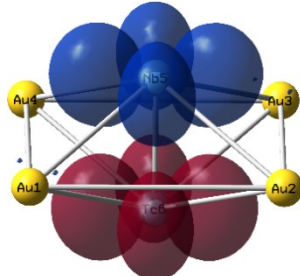
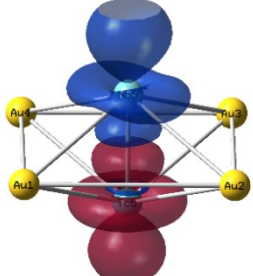
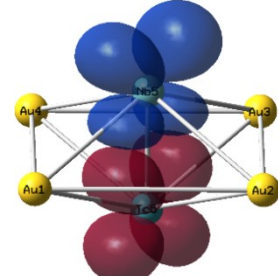
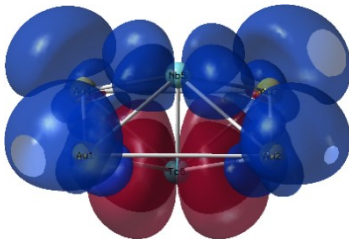
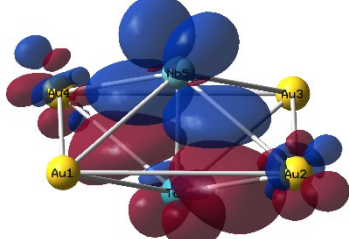
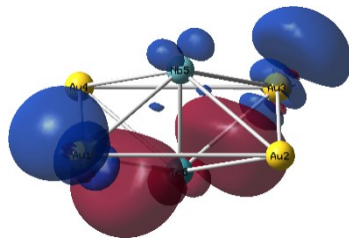
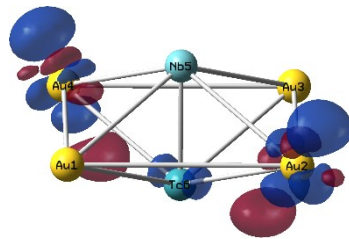
Scheme E. $^5[\text{NbAu}_4]^+$ fragment and $^5[\text{Tc}]^-$ fragment α NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-1}\alpha} = -322.63$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-2}\alpha} = -73.83$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-3}\alpha} = -118.28$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-4}\alpha} = -58.68$
Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\alpha} = -41.90$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\alpha} = -11.41$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\alpha} = -4.74$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\alpha} = -17.85$

Scheme E. $^5[\text{NbAu}_4]^+$ fragment and $^5[\text{Tc}]^-$ fragment β NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-1}\beta} = -229.88$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-2}\beta} = -65.03$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-3}\beta} = -55.89$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-4}\beta} = -94.91$
Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\beta} = -55.05$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\beta} = -15.08$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\beta} = -3.08$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\beta} = -11.41$
$\Delta E(\alpha+\beta) = -1179.65 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$				

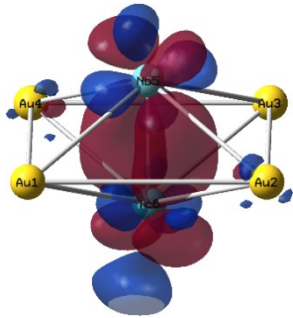
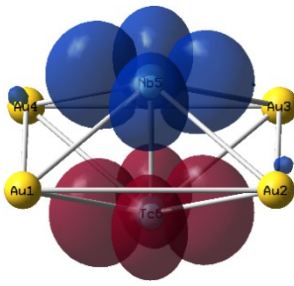
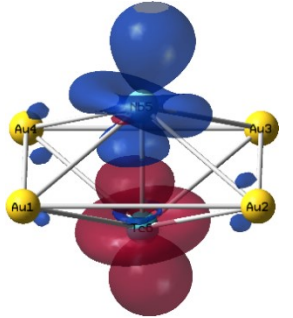
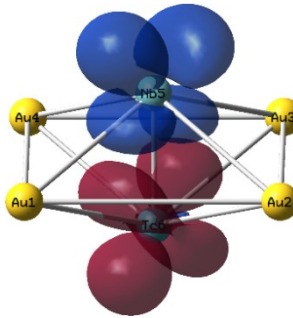
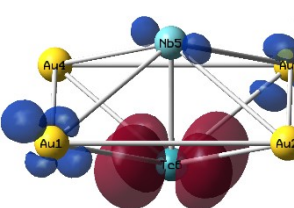
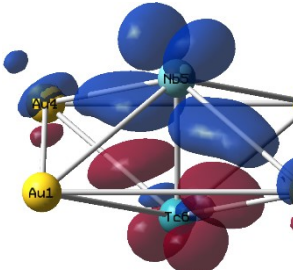
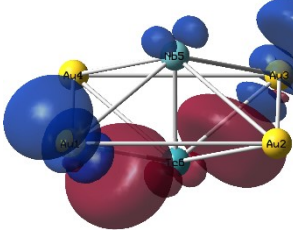
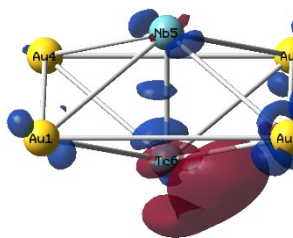
Scheme F. $^6[\text{NbAu}_4]$ fragment and $^6[\text{Tc}]$ fragment α NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-1}\alpha} = -273.13$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-2}\alpha} = -69.21$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-3}\alpha} = -128.58$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-4}\alpha} = -85.59$
Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\alpha} = -39.98$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\alpha} = -5.97$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\alpha} = -3.83$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\alpha} = -1.07$

Scheme F. $^6[\text{NbAu}_4]$ fragment and $^6[\text{Tc}]$ fragment β NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
Energy / ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-1}\beta} = -193.75$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-2}\beta} = -70.91$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-3}\beta} = -57.52$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-4}\beta} = -86.93$
Diagrams				
Energy / ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\alpha} = -58.07$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\alpha} = -18.71$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\alpha} = -1.86$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\alpha} = -2.45$
$\Delta E(\alpha+\beta) = -1097.56 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$				

Scheme G. $^7[\text{NbAu}_4]^+$ fragment and $^7[\text{Tc}]^-$ fragment α NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-1}\alpha} = -272.44$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-2}\alpha} = -75.49$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-3}\alpha} = -118.19$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-4}\alpha} = -85.63$
Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\alpha} = -44.28$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\alpha} = -6.19$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\alpha} = -3.55$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\alpha} = -13.96$

Scheme G. $^7[\text{NbAu}_4]^+$ fragment and $^7[\text{Tc}]^-$ fragment β NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
Energy / ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-1}\beta} = -211.48$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-2}\beta} = -69.78$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-3}\beta} = -92.36$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-4}\beta} = -74.16$
Diagrams				
Energy / ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\beta} = -59.63$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\beta} = -115.89$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\beta} = -17.70$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\beta} = -1.74$
$\Delta E(\alpha+\beta) = -1262.47 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$				

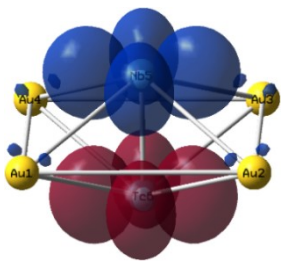
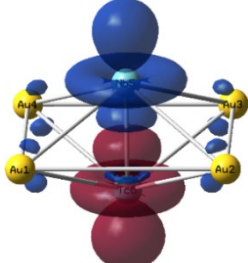
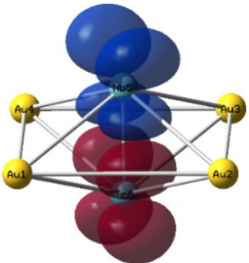
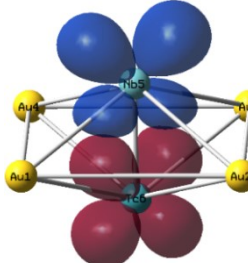
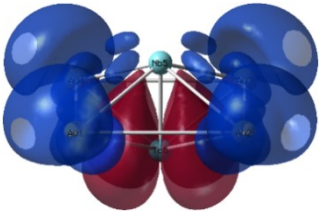
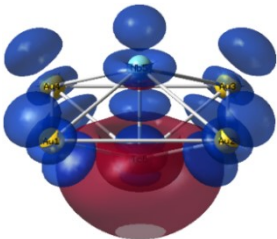
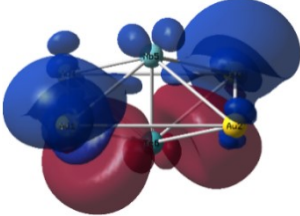
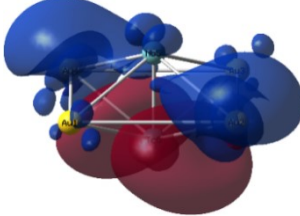
Scheme H. $^8[\text{NbAu}_4]$ fragment and $^8[\text{Tc}]$ fragment α NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
Energy / ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-1}\alpha} = -67.27$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-2}\alpha} = -140.57$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-3}\alpha} = -85.43$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-4}\alpha} = -85.43$
Diagrams				
Energy / ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\alpha} = -41.76$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\alpha} = -25.75$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\alpha} = -3.62$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\alpha} = -3.62$

Scheme H. $^8[\text{NbAu}_4]$ fragment and $^8[\text{Tc}]$ fragment β NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
Energy / ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-1}\beta} = -192.23$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-2}\beta} = -71.03$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-3}\beta} = -102.11$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-4}\beta} = -86.47$
Diagrams				
Energy / ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\alpha} = -58.53$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\alpha} = -84.96$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\alpha} = -19.13$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\alpha} = -2.47$
$\Delta E(\alpha+\beta) = -1070.38 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$				

Scheme I. $^9[\text{NbAu}_4]^+$ fragment and $^9[\text{Tc}]^-$ fragment α NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
Energy / ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-1}\alpha} = -67.49$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-2}\alpha} = -148.79$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-3}\alpha} = -84.72$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-4}\alpha} = -84.72$
Diagrams				
Energy / ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\alpha} = -40.58$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\alpha} = -26.61$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\alpha} = -3.42$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\alpha} = -3.42$

Scheme I. $^9[\text{NbAu}_4]^+$ fragment and $^9[\text{Tc}]^-$ fragment β NOCV orbitals

Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-1}\beta} = -136.17$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-2}\beta} = -70.81$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-3}\beta} = -79.56$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-4}\beta} = -77.40$
Diagrams				
Energy / (kcal·mol ⁻¹)	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-5}\beta} = -58.84$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-6}\beta} = -99.70$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-7}\beta} = -153.39$	$\Delta E_{\text{orb-8}\beta} = -20.52$
$\Delta E(\alpha+\beta) = -1156.14 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$				

Table S30. Topological parameters from ELF analysis at the bond critical points for the D_{6h} -Nb₂Au₆, C_{4v} -NbTcAu₄, and D_{4h} -Mo₂Au₄ clusters.

System	D_{6h} -Nb ₂ Au ₆	C_{4v} -NbTcAu ₄	D_{4h} -Mo ₂ Au ₄
G(r)	0.273	0.360	0.408
V(r)	-0.420	-0.552	-0.632

Table S31. AdNDP-based comparison of 5p orbital participation elucidating distinct bonding nature in D_{6h} -Nb₂Au₆, C_{4v} -NbTcAu₄ and D_{4h} -Mo₂Au₄ systems at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

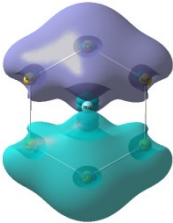
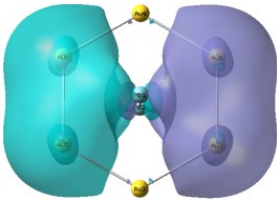
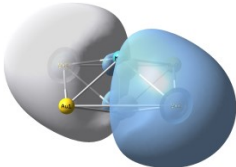
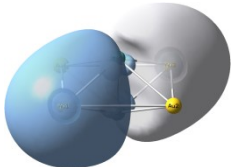
	D_{6h} -Nb ₂ Au ₆		C_{4v} -NbTcAu ₄		D_{4h} -Mo ₂ Au ₄	
Diagrams						
Component	Nb ₂ @5p _y ~22.5%	Nb ₂ @5p _x ~22.5%	Nb@5p _y ~16.3% Tc@5p _y ~14.3%	Nb@5p _x ~16.3% Tc@5p _x ~14.3%	Mo ₂ @5p _y ~31.4%	Mo ₂ @5p _x ~31.4%

Table S32. Atomic charge evaluation in all-metal clusters with Au/Ag/Cu Ligands.

	NPA _{Nb} (e)	NPA _{Tc} (e)	Mulliken _{Nb} (e)	Mulliken _{Tc} (e)
C _{4v} -NbTcAu ₄	0.214	-0.429	-0.201	-0.107
C _{4v} -NbTcAg ₄	-0.176	-0.760	0.609	-0.093
C _{4v} -NbTcCu ₄	-0.355	-0.788	0.315	0.043

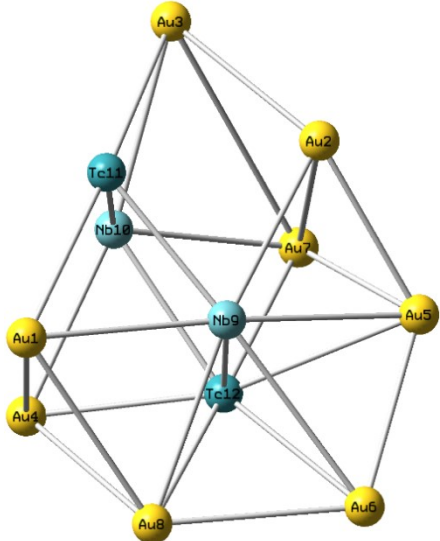
Table S33. Cartesian coordinates of C_{4v}-NbTcAu₄ obtained at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

Coordinate (Å) ¹ NbTcAu ₄			
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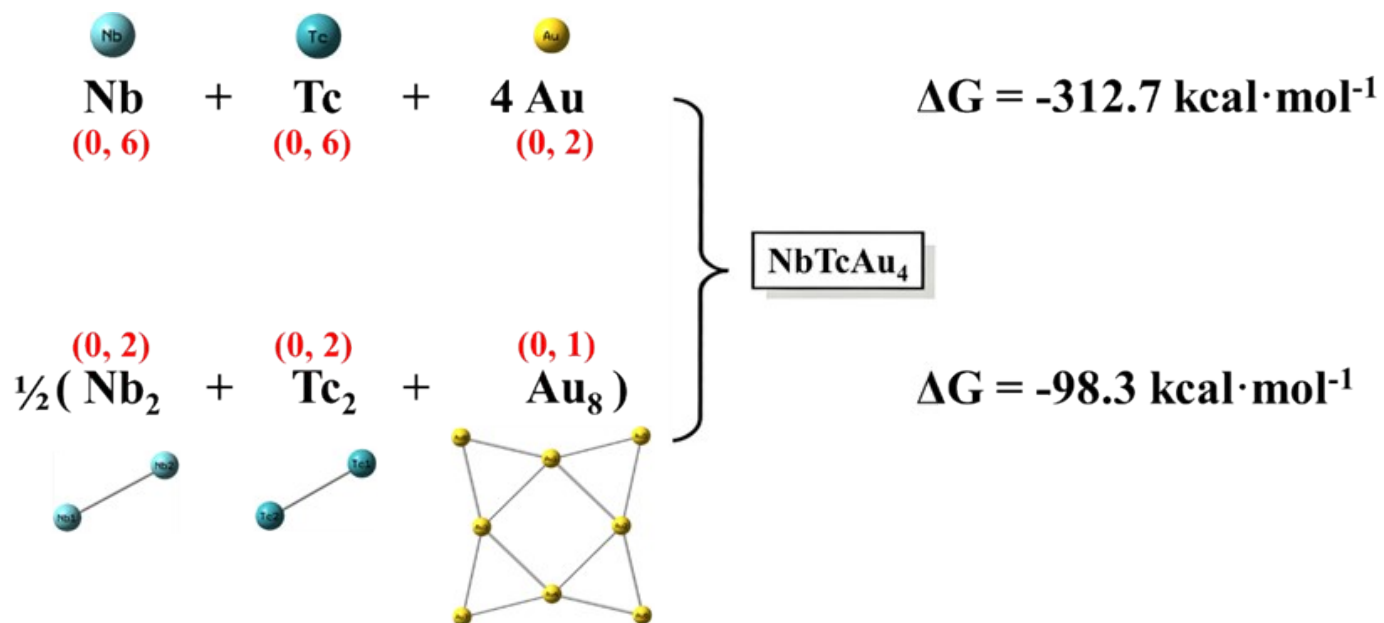
Table S34. Cartesian coordinates of D_{4h} - Mo_2Au_4 obtained at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

Coordinate ($\text{\AA}$) $^1 \text{Mo}_2\text{Au}_4$			
Au	0.00000000	2.56353300	0.00376600
Au	-2.56353300	0.00000000	0.00376600
Au	0.00000000	-2.56353300	0.00376600
Au	2.56353300	0.00000000	0.00376600
Mo	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.99911700
Mo	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.58088300

Table S35. Cartesian coordinates of Nb₂Tc₂Au₈ obtained at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

Coordinate (Å) ¹ Nb ₂ Tc ₂ Au ₈				
	Au	1.20273000	2.53704800	-1.36302200
	Au	-2.17527500	-0.97263000	-1.24289700
	Au	-3.73490600	1.08312100	-0.04284500
	Au	1.48669200	2.02881900	1.70945100
	Au	-0.27581000	-2.72522100	-0.41754100
	Au	2.41777000	-2.38533300	-0.32480800
	Au	-1.48940900	-1.27604000	1.94265200
	Au	3.12534100	0.37878600	-0.21360700
	Nb	0.41167200	-0.11435200	-1.05902100
	Nb	-1.05784100	1.31426900	0.99097800
	Tc	-1.29325900	1.76097100	-1.05086700
	Tc	0.88580800	-0.45892600	1.02869400

Scheme S1. Two possible reactions and thermodynamic values for the generation of C_{4v} -NbTcAu₄ at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level. The values in parentheses denote the charge and spin multiplicity (charge, multiplicity).



Scheme S2. Thermodynamic energy of dimerization reaction of C_{4v} -NbTcAu₄ at the PBE0/Def2-TZVP level.

