

# Forming Trifluoromethylmetallates: Competition Between Decarboxylation and C-F bond Activation of Group 11 Trifluoroacetate complexes, $[CF_3CO_2ML]^-$

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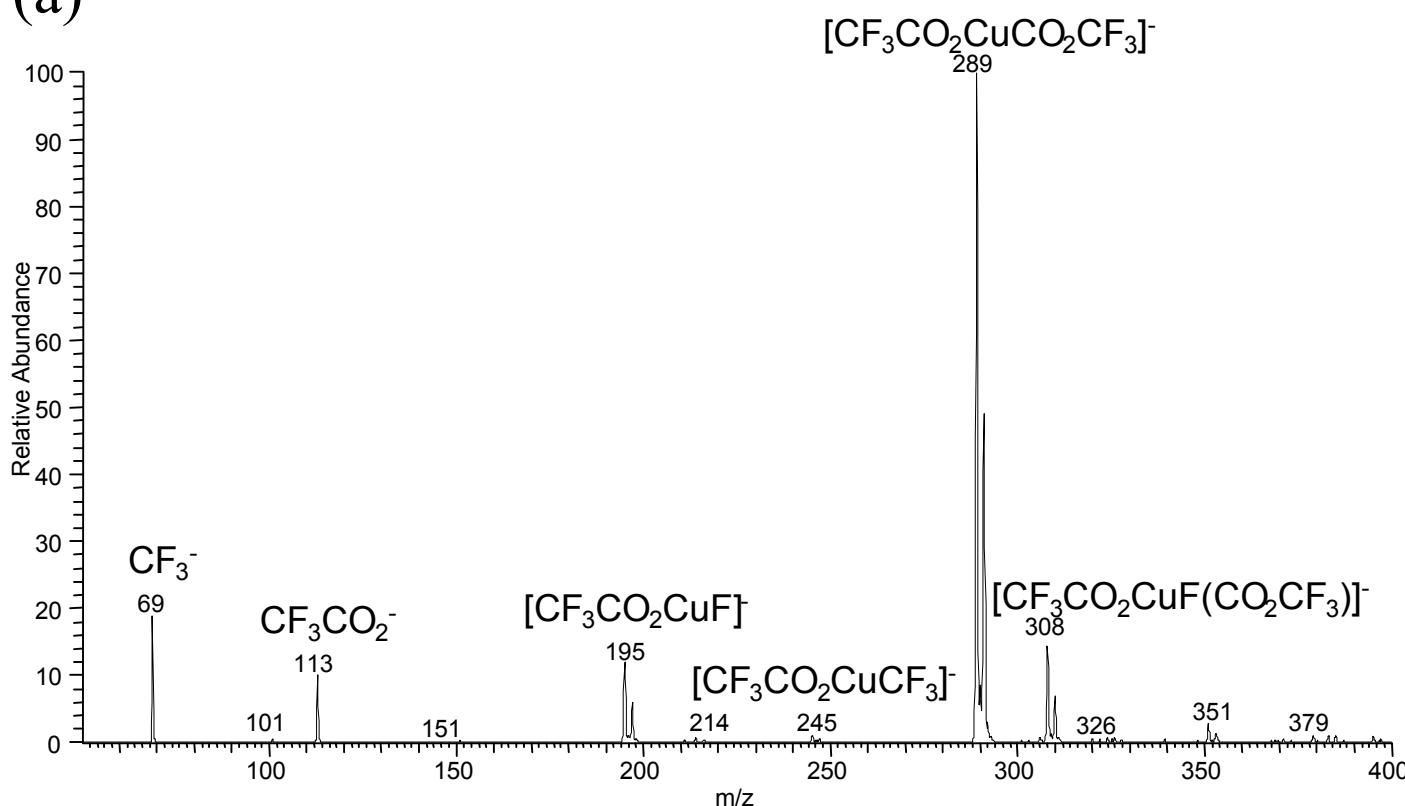
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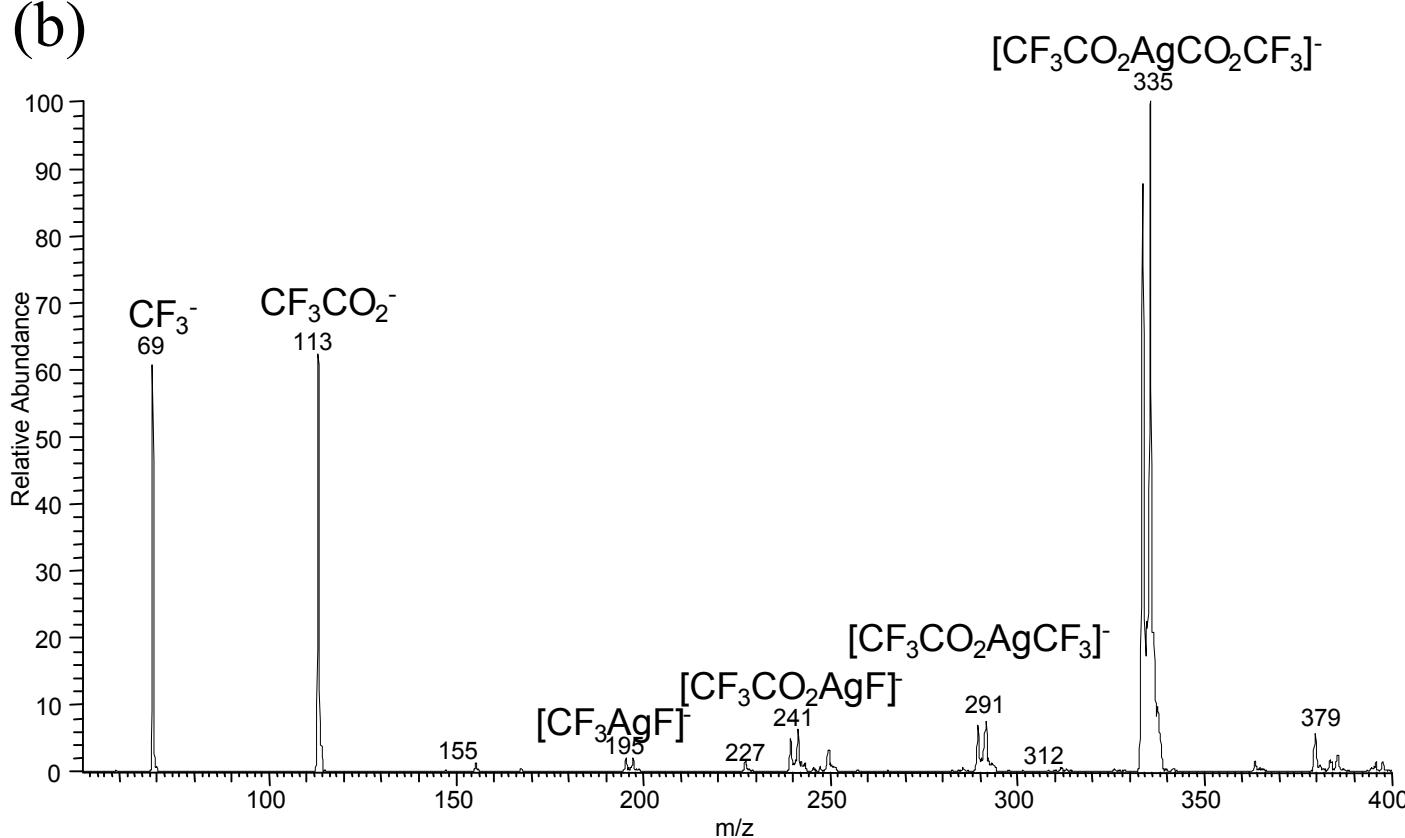
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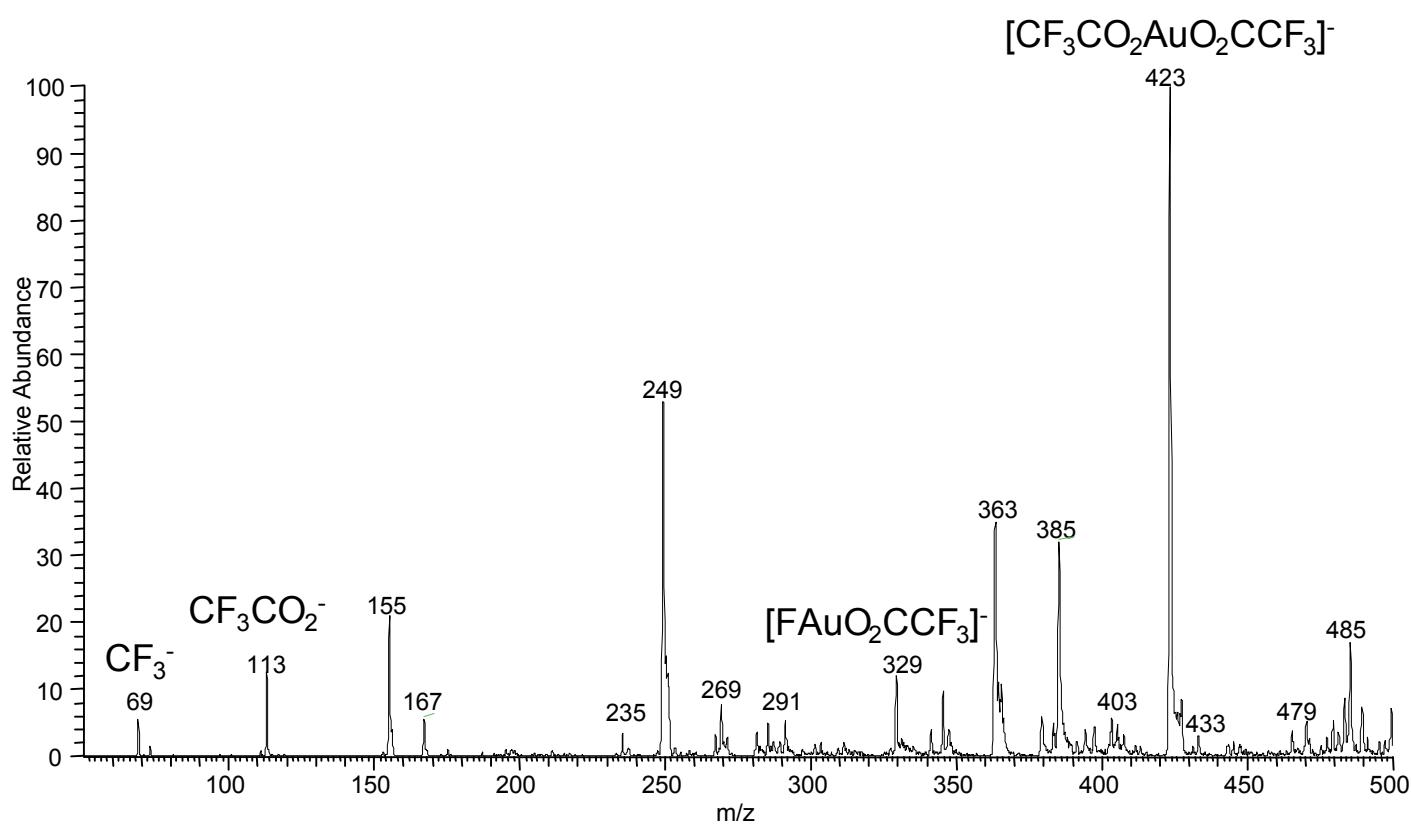


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(a)	Bond length/angle	Calc. B3LYP ( $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ )	Exp. <sup>1</sup> ( $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ )	Calc. MP2 ( $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ )	Calc. M06 ( $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ )
	C-F	1.34	1.325	1.34	1.32
	C-C	1.55	1.546	1.54	1.54
	C=O	1.20	1.192	1.21	1.20
	C-O	1.34	1.353	1.34	1.33
	C-C=O	123.6	126.8	123.8	123.9
	C-C-O	109.9	111.1	109.3	109.4
	C-C-F	110.4	109.5	110.3	110.6
	F-C-F	108.6	109.4	108.6	108.8

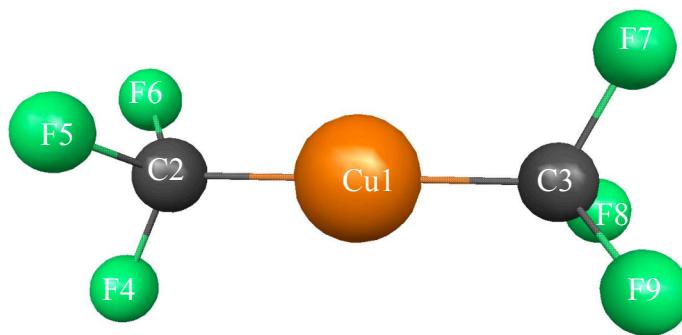
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(b)	Cu-O	1.87, 1.90, 1.87	1.842(4) <sup>2</sup>	1.84, 1.85, 1.85	1.86, 1.89, 1.86
(c)	Ag-O	2.14, 2.14, 2.13	2.450(4) <sup>3</sup>	2.17, 2.14, 2.16	2.15, 2.15, 2.14
(d)	Au-O	2.06, 2.11, 2.07	2.08(2) <sup>4</sup>	2.05, 2.09, 2.06	2.08, 2.13, 2.08

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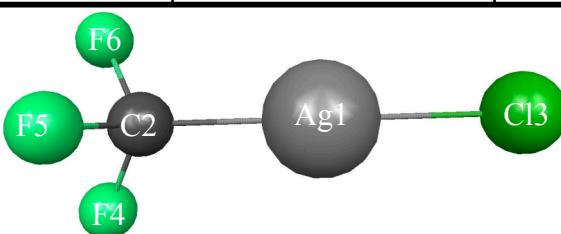
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(a)



Bond length/angle	Calc. B3LYP	Exp. <sup>1</sup>	Calc. MP2	Calc. M06
C2-Cu1	1.95, 1.95	1.970(6), 1.959(5)	1.91	1.94
C3-Cu1				
F-C	1.40	1.437(8), 1.419(7), 1.403(7)	1.40	1.38
C2-Cu1-C3	180	180.0(3)	180	179.9

(b)

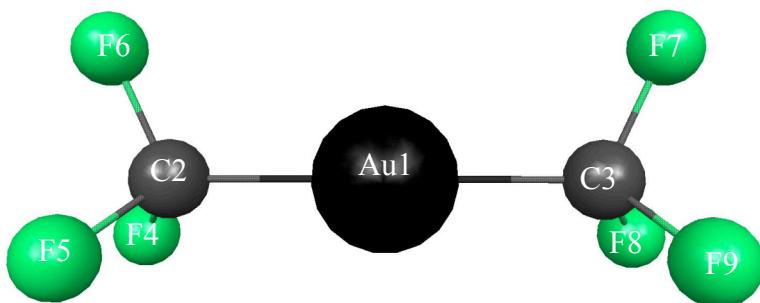


Bond length/angle	Calc. B3LYP	Exp. <sup>2</sup>	Calc. MP2	Calc. M06
C2-Ag1	2.12	2.072	2.12	2.14
Cl3-Ag1	2.38	2.339	2.36	2.37
C2-Ag1-Cl3	180	176.7	180	179.9
F-C2	1.40, 1.40, 1.40	1.340, 1.375, 1.375	1.40, 1.40, 1.40	1.38

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(c)



Bond length/angle	Calc. B3LYP	Exp. <sup>3</sup>	Calc. MP2	Calc. M06
C2-Au1	2.09, 2.09	2.059(6), 2.072(6)	2.07, 2.07	2.10
C3-Au1				
F-C	1.39		1.40	1.38
C2-Au1-C3	180	178.9(2) <sup>o</sup>	180	180

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(a)

Bond length(Å)/angle	B3LYP	Exp. <sup>1</sup>	MP2	Calc. M06	Previous theory <sup>2</sup>
Cu1-F	1.77	1.73	1.75	1.76	1.727
F2-Cu-F3	90°		90°	90°	
dihedral	180°		180°	180°	

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(b)

Bond length(Å)/angle	B3LYP	Exp. <sup>1</sup>	MP2	Calc. M06	Previous theory <sup>2</sup>
Ag1-F	1.94	1.889(2)	1.94	1.94	1.898
F2-Ag-F3	90°		90°	90°	
dihedral	180°		180°	180°	

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(c)

Bond length(Å)/angle	B3LYP	Exp. <sup>1,2</sup>	MP2	Calc. M06	Previous theory <sup>3</sup>
Au1-F	1.96	1.95(2) <sup>1</sup> , 1.915(3) <sup>2</sup> , 1.890(7) <sup>2</sup> , 1.946(7) <sup>2</sup> , 1.965(6) <sup>2</sup> , 1.893(8) <sup>2</sup>	1.95	1.96	1.919
F2-Au-F3	90°	87.1(2) <sup>o1</sup> , 92.9(2) <sup>o1</sup>	90°	90°	
dihedral	180°		180°	180°	

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(d)

Bond length(Å)/angle	B3LYP	Exp. <sup>1</sup>	MP2	Calc. M06
Cu1-F	1.77	1.745	1.76	1.75

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(e)

Bond length(Å)/angle	B3LYP	Exp. <sup>2</sup>	MP2	Calc. M06
Ag1-F	2.01	1.983	2.03	2.01

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(f)

Bond length(Å)/angle	B3LYP	Exp. <sup>3,4</sup>	MP2	Calc. M06
Au1-F	1.98	1.918449(5), 1.91844306(12)	1.97	1.99

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	Cu EA		Ag EA		Au EA	
	Exp	Calc B3LYP	MRCI/SA- CASSCF	Calc B3LYP	Exp	Calc B3LYP
MF <sub>2</sub>	-	3.69	2.881 <sup>4</sup>	4.68	-	4.92
MCl <sub>2</sub>	4.35±0.05 <sup>1</sup>	4.28	5.245 <sup>4</sup>	4.94	4.60±0.07 <sup>3</sup>	4.73
MBr <sub>2</sub>	4.35±0.05 <sup>1</sup>	4.24	6.349 <sup>4</sup>	4.73	4.46±0.07 <sup>3</sup>	4.55
MI <sub>2</sub>	4.256±0.010 <sup>2</sup>	4.20	6.739 <sup>4</sup>	4.51	4.226±0.010 <sup>2</sup> , 4.18± 0.07 <sup>3</sup>	4.42

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**Figure S5.** Comparison of experimental and calculated adiabatic electron affinities, Ea, for MX<sub>2</sub> (eV).

	Cu	Ag	Au
[CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> MO <sub>2</sub> CCF <sub>3</sub> ]	4.24	5.13	5.26
[CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> MCF <sub>3</sub> ]	4.42	4.77	5.09
[CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> MF]	4.07	4.99	5.06
[CF <sub>3</sub> MCF <sub>3</sub> ]	4.40	4.79	4.86
[CF <sub>3</sub> MF]	4.15	4.55	4.98
[FMF]	3.69	4.68	4.92
[CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> M]	2.02	2.20	3.03
[CF <sub>3</sub> M]	1.33	1.50	1.68
[FM]	1.51	1.73	2.42

CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub>	Neutral not stable
CF <sub>3</sub>	1.97
F	-3.52

**Figure S6.** B3LYP predicted adiabatic electron affinities, Ea (eV), relevant to this report.

Summary of B3LYP/SDD6-31+G(d) predicted Gibbs Free energies (in eV) for unimolecular reactions of  $[CF_3CO_2ML]^-$ . Values in parenthesis are thermicities of separated products.

L =	Reaction type	M =			
		Cu	Ag	Au	
CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub>	Decarboxylation <b>TS1</b> (eq 11)	1.99 (-0.20)	1.73 (-0.40)	2.20 (-1.12)	
	Secondary $\alpha$ -fluoride <b>TS2</b> /Metal(III)	1.14, 0.89, <i>a</i> ,	1.50, <i>b</i> , <i>a</i> ,	1.43, 0.88, <i>a</i> ,	
	Int. /carbene elim. <b>TS3</b> (eq 15)	(0.80)	(0.91)	(0.84)	
	Trifluoroacetate loss <sup>c</sup> (eq 13a)	(2.07)	(1.54)	(2.04)	
	Rearrangement <b>TS4</b> (eq 16)	1.69 (1.43)	1.39 (1.20)	1.65 (1.59)	
	Lactone <b>TS6</b> (eq 18)	2.22 (1.73)	2.29 (1.83)	2.26 (1.77)	
	Concerted <b>TS5</b> (eq 17)	1.81 (0.80)	-	1.91 (0.84)	
	Step-wise <b>TS7</b> (eq 19)	-	1.73 <sup>d</sup> , 1.17 (0.91)	-	
CF <sub>3</sub>	Primary $\alpha$ -fluoride <b>TS2</b> /Metal(III) Int. /carbene elim. <b>TS3</b> (eq 14)	1.34, 1.09, <i>a</i> , (1.01)	1.90, <i>b</i> , <i>a</i> , (1.31)	2.55, 2.00, <i>a</i> , (1.96)	
	Decarboxylation <b>TS1</b> (eq 11)	1.83 (-0.31)	1.77 (-0.25)	2.08 (-0.60)	
	Secondary $\alpha$ -fluoride <b>TS2</b> /Metal(III)	1.21, 0.95,	1.83, 1.64, <i>a</i> ,	1.90, 1.57,	
	Int./carbene elim. <b>TS3</b> (eq 15)	1.25, (0.69)	(0.95)	1.80, (0.87)	
	Trifluoroacetate loss <sup>c</sup> (eq 13a)	(1.53)	(1.32)	(1.45)	
	Rearrangement <b>TS4</b> (eq 16)	1.22 (1.19)	<i>e</i> , (1.08)	1.41 (1.33)	
	Lactone <b>TS6</b> (eq 18)	2.03 (1.62)	2.24 (1.88)	2.24 (1.80)	
	Concerted <b>TS5</b> (eq 17)	1.53 (0.69)	-	1.76 (0.87)	
	Step-wise <b>TS7</b> (eq 19)	-	1.71 <sup>d</sup> , 1.23 (0.95)	-	
F	Decarboxylation <b>TS1</b> (eq 11)	1.97 (-0.31)	1.72 (-0.36)	2.08 (-1.09)	
	Secondary $\alpha$ -fluoride <b>TS2</b> / Metal(III) int. /carbene elim. <b>TS3</b> (eq 15)	1.26, 1.09, 1.28, (0.97)	1.67, 1.65, <i>a</i> , (1.09)	1.42, 1.07, 1.66, (0.91)	
	Trifluoroacetate loss <sup>c</sup> (eq 13a)	(1.80)	(1.40)	(1.79)	
	Rearrangement <b>TS4</b> (eq 16)	1.35 (1.27)	1.29 (1.11)	1.48 (1.40)	
	Lactone <b>TS6</b> (eq 18)	2.21 (1.89)	2.35 (2.02)	2.27 (1.84)	
	Concerted <b>TS5</b> (eq 17)	1.75 (0.97)	-	1.81 (0.91)	
	Step-wise <b>TS7</b> (eq 19)	-	1.68 <sup>d</sup> , 1.18 (1.09)	-	

<sup>a</sup> Attempts to optimize the carbene elimination transition state (**TS3**) resulted in a carbene-insertion product.

<sup>b</sup> Attempts to optimize the Metal(III) intermediate resulted in a carbene-insertion product.

<sup>c</sup> Presumed to be barrierless.

<sup>d</sup> Estimate based on non-converged SCF wavefunction.

<sup>e</sup> No TS to isomerization found.

**Figure S7.** B3LYP basis set energetics for comparison.; SDD6-31+G(d)

**Table A.** Summary of M06/SDD6-31+G(d) predicted Gibbs Free energies (in eV) for unimolecular reactions of  $[CF_3CO_2ML]$ . Values in parenthesis are thermicities of separated products.

Reaction type		M =		
L =		Cu	Ag	Au
F	Decarboxylation <b>TS1</b> (eq 11)	1.86 (-0.30)	1.63 (-0.28)	1.95 (-0.92)
	Secondary $\alpha$ -fluoride <b>TS2</b> / Metal(III) int. /carbene elim. <b>TS3</b> (eq 15)	1.41, 1.48, 1.41, (1.18)	1.95, <i>a</i> , <i>a</i> , (1.41)	1.68, 1.40, 1.64, (1.18)
	Trifluoroacetate loss <sup>b</sup> (eq 13a)	(1.88)	(1.45)	(1.89)
	Rearrangement <b>TS4</b> (eq 16)	1.42 (1.35)	1.20 (1.14)	1.56 (1.47)
	Lactone <b>TS6</b> (eq 18)	2.36 (1.99)	2.44 (2.22)	2.41 (1.99)
	Concerted <b>TS5</b> (eq 17)	1.88 (1.18)	-	1.93 (1.18)
	Step-wise <b>TS7</b> (eq 19)	-	1.61, 1.34 (1.41)	-

<sup>a</sup> Ag(III) complex optimizes to a carbene-insertion product. Thus no elimination TS is found either.

<sup>b</sup> Presumed to be barrierless

**Table B.** Summary of MP2/SDD6-31+G(d) predicted Gibbs Free energies (in eV) for unimolecular reactions of  $[CF_3CO_2ML]$ . Values in parenthesis are thermicities of separated products.

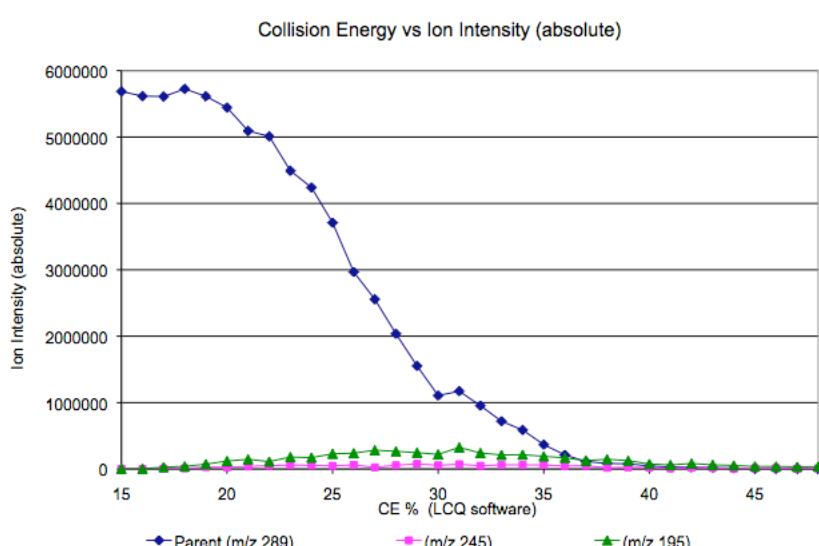
Reaction type		M =		
L =		Cu	Ag	Au
F	Decarboxylation <b>TS1</b> (eq 11)	2.66 (0.13)	2.24 (0.13)	2.79 (-0.69)
	Secondary $\alpha$ -fluoride <b>TS2</b> / Metal(III) int. /carbene elim. <b>TS3</b> (eq 15)	2.29, 1.76, 2.29, (0.91)	2.75, 3.05, <i>a</i> , (1.07)	2.41, 2.50, 2.99, (0.87)
	Trifluoroacetate loss <sup>b</sup> (eq 13a)	(1.38)	(1.11)	(1.54)
	Rearrangement <b>TS4</b> (eq 16)	1.27 (1.22)	1.06 ( <i>a</i> )	1.48 (1.42)
	Lactone <b>TS6</b> (eq 18)	2.94 (2.47)	3.04 (2.63)	3.01 (2.44)
	Concerted <b>TS5</b> (eq 17)	n/a (0.91)	-	n/a (0.87)
	Step-wise <b>TS7</b> (eq 19)	-	n/a, 1.21 (1.07)	-

<sup>a</sup> No stable F-bound linkage isomer located.

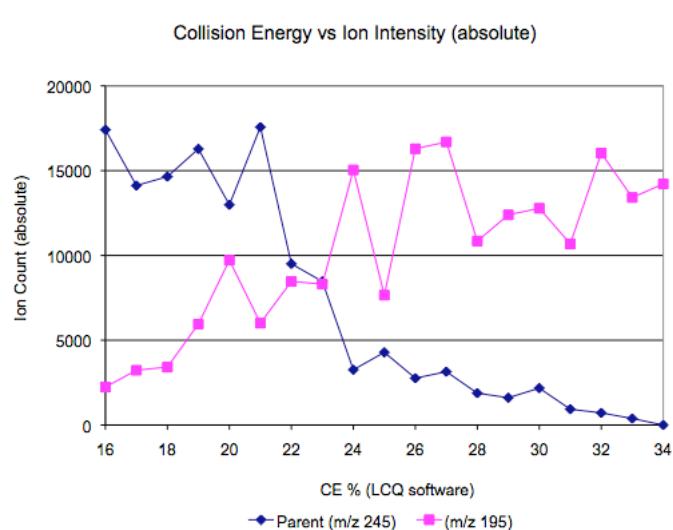
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**Figure S8.** Energies for decomposition of  $[CF_3CO_2MF]$ - calculated with (a) M06/SDD6-31+G(D) and (b) MP2/SDD6-31+G(d).

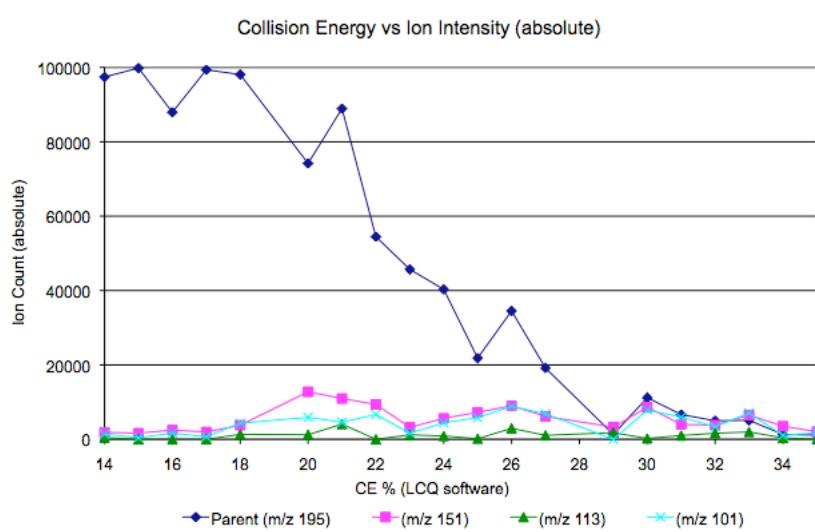
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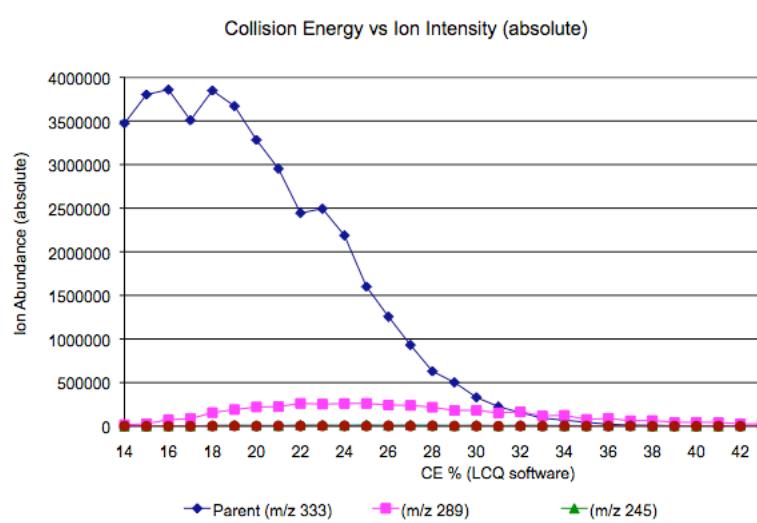


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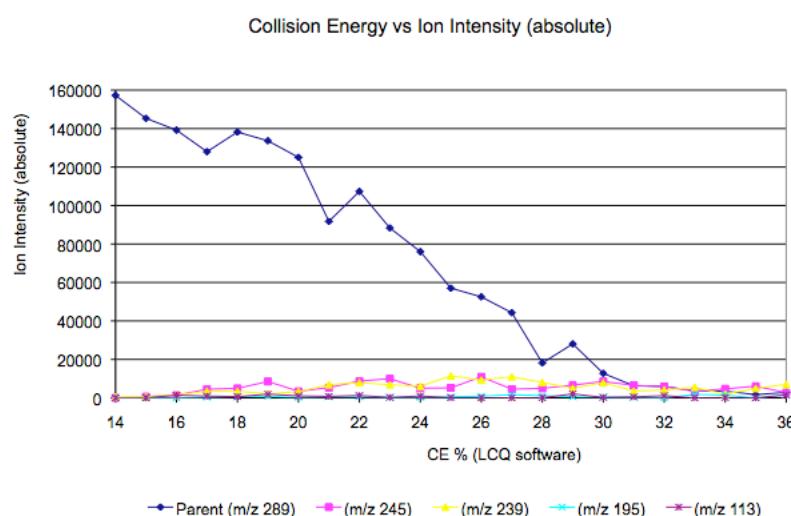


**Figure S9.** Energy resolved 3D quadrupole ion trap CID experiments on the precursor ions; (a)  $[(\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2)_2\text{Cu}]^-$ ,  $m/z$  289; (b)  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{CuCF}_3]^-$ ,  $m/z$  245; and (c)  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{CuF}]^-$ ,  $m/z$  195.      S14

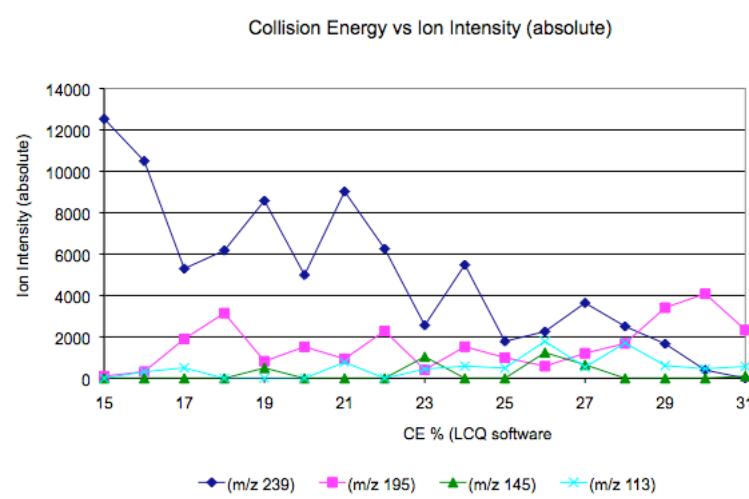
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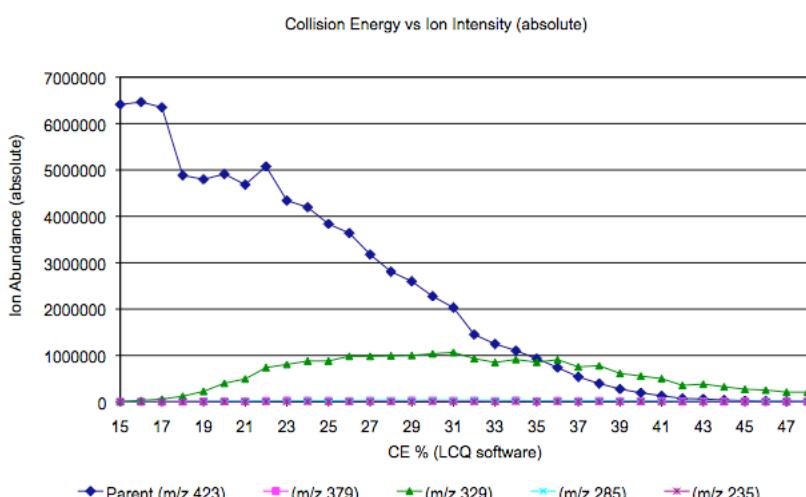


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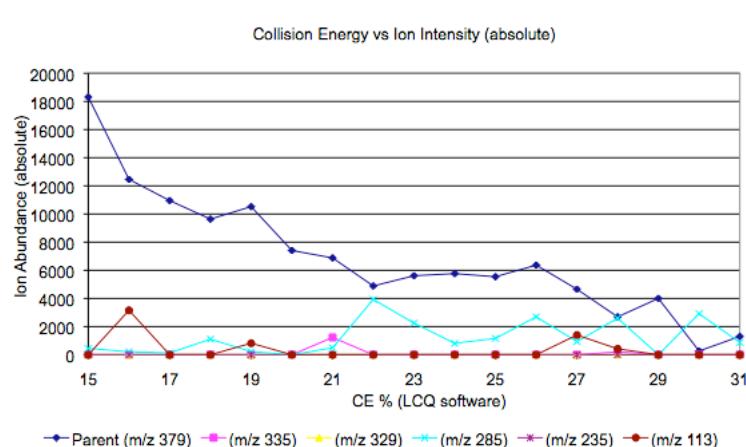


**Figure S10.** Energy resolved 3D quadrupole ion trap CID experiments on the precursor ions; (a)  $[(\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2)_2\text{Ag}]^-$ ,  $m/z$  333; (b)  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AgCF}_3]^-$ ,  $m/z$  289; and (c)  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AgF}]^-$ ,  $m/z$  239. S15

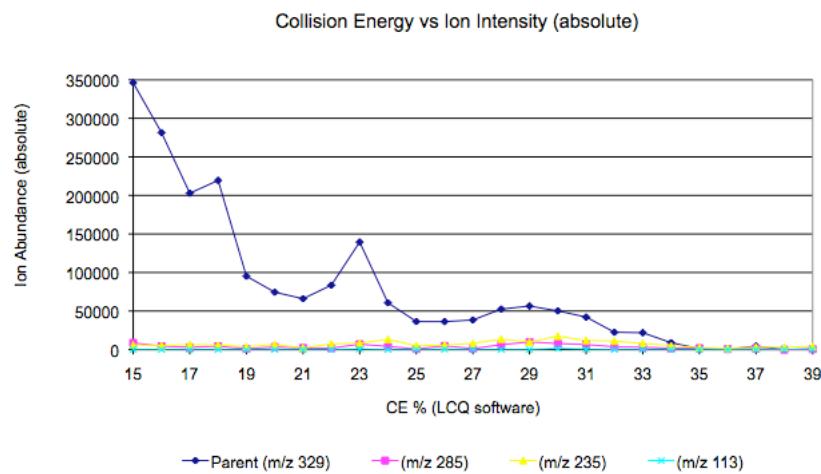
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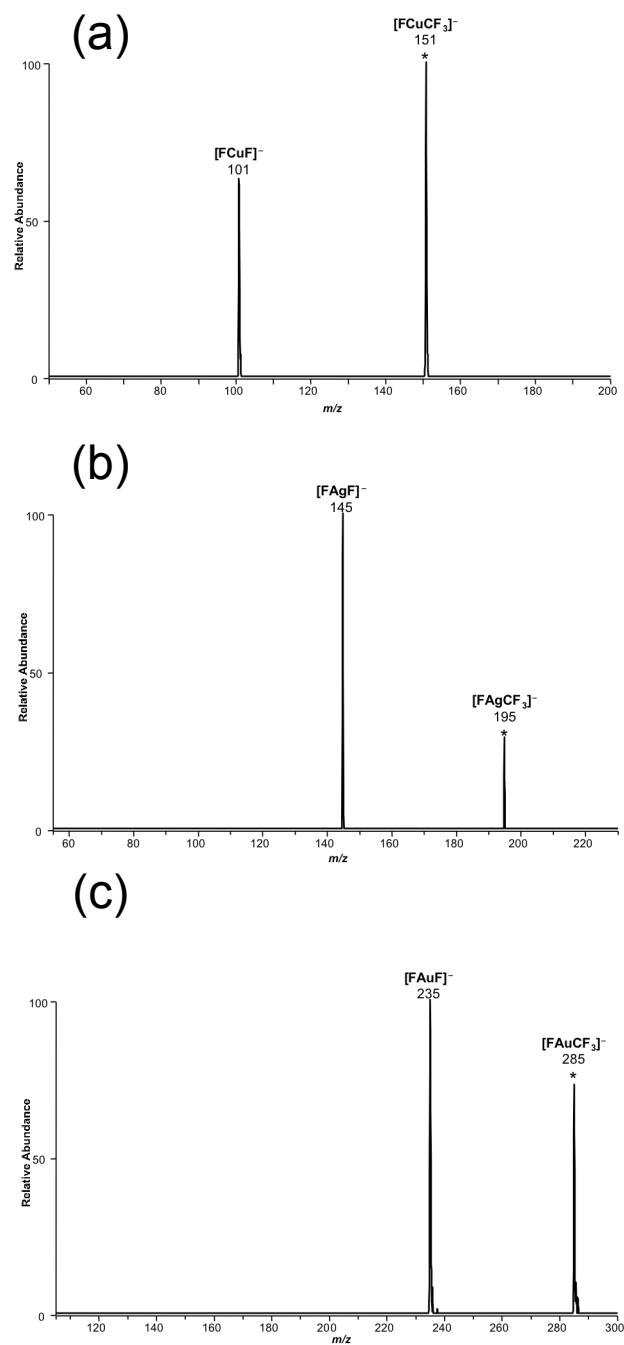
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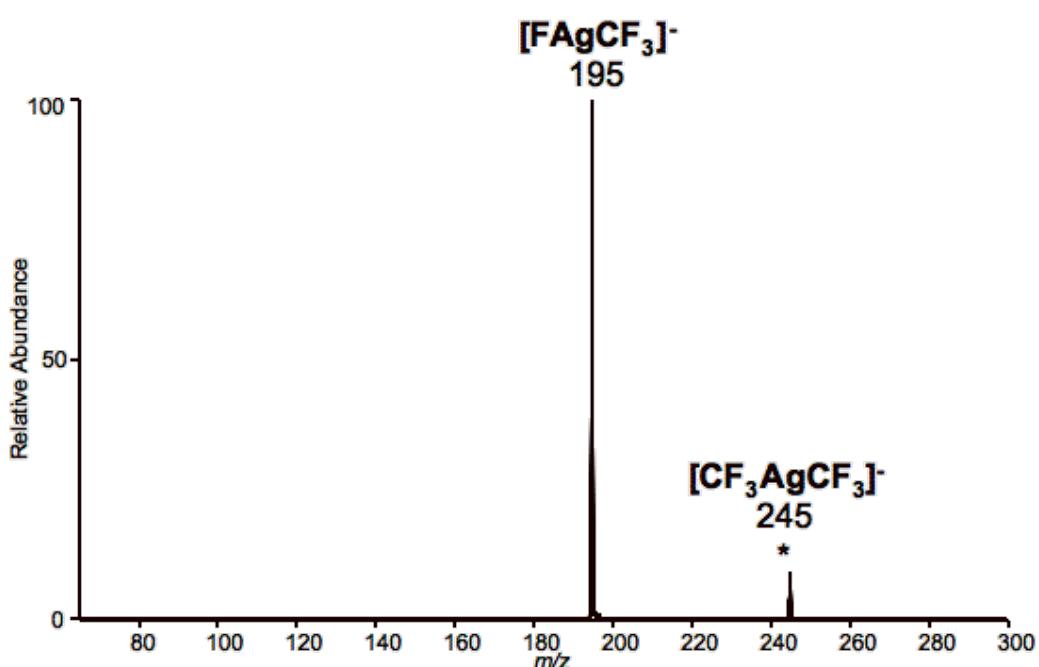
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**Figure S11.** Energy resolved 3D quadrupole ion trap CID experiments on the precursor ions; (a)  $[(\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2)_2\text{Au}]^-$ ,  $m/z$  423; (b)  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AuCF}_3]^-$ ,  $m/z$  379; and (c)  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AuF}]^-$ ,  $m/z$  329. S16



**Figure S12.** 3D quadrupole ion trap MS<sup>3</sup> spectra: CID of  $[FMCF_3]^-$ ; (a)  $M = ^{63}\text{Cu}$ ,  $m/z$  151 ; (b)  $M = ^{107}\text{Ag}$ ,  $m/z$  195 ; and (c)  $M = ^{197}\text{Au}$ ,  $m/z$  285. The mass selected ion is marked with an \* in each.



**Figure S13.** 3D quadrupole ion trap MS<sup>3</sup> spectra: Collision Induced dissociation of [CF<sub>3</sub>AgCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> (*m/z* 245); The mass selected ion is marked with an \* .

	M	Linkage Isomer	Complex	Solvent	E+ZPVE (a.u)	Rel. Energy ( $E_0$ , eV)
(a)	Cu	O-bound	$[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{CuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$	Methanol	-1249.993183	0.0
(b)	Cu	F-bound	$[\text{CO}_2\text{CF}_3\text{CuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$	Methanol	-1249.951828	+1.13
(c)	Cu	O-bound	$[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{CuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$	Gas-phase	-1249.923284	0.0
(d)	Cu	F-bound	$[\text{CO}_2\text{CF}_3\text{CuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$	Gas-phase	-1249.868823	+1.48
(e)	Ag	O-bound	$[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AgO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$	Methanol	-1199.629775	0.0
(f)	Ag	F-bound	$[\text{CO}_2\text{CF}_3\text{AgO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$	Methanol	-1199.602228	+0.75
(g)	Ag	O-bound	$[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AgO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$	Gas-phase	-1199.560121	0.0
(h)	Ag	F-bound	$[\text{CO}_2\text{CF}_3\text{AgO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$	Gas-phase	-1199.512526	+1.30
(i)	Au	O-bound	$[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$	Methanol	-1188.385457	0.0
(j)	Au	F-bound	$[\text{CO}_2\text{CF}_3\text{AuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$	Methanol	-1188.340027	+1.24
(k)	Au	O-bound	$[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$	Gas-phase	-1188.315829	0.0
(l)	Au	F-bound	$[\text{CO}_2\text{CF}_3\text{AuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$	Gas-phase	-1188.255897	+1.63

**Figure S14.** Linkage isomers calculated with and without solvent (implicit method). Energies are relative to O-bound isomer. Energies and vibrational frequencies are calculated at the optimization level (B3LYP/SDD6-31+G(d)).



[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>CuO<sub>2</sub>CCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Cu	29.0	0.00000900	-0.00003500	0.03710300
O	8.0	-1.82735705	0.38996601	0.04778900
O	8.0	-2.65326595	-1.72761297	-0.14772899
C	6.0	-2.73673201	-0.50856799	-0.04320100
C	6.0	-4.16100693	0.13610300	0.00082400
F	9.0	-5.14989901	-0.77056003	-0.15951000
F	9.0	-4.39003420	0.75835103	1.18929398
F	9.0	-4.32571077	1.07054198	-0.97242600
O	8.0	1.82740104	-0.39006501	0.04764400
O	8.0	2.65319896	1.72757602	-0.14773400
C	6.0	2.73670602	0.50853300	-0.04322900
C	6.0	4.16100502	-0.13606399	0.00085100
F	9.0	4.38972378	-0.75908500	1.18894804
F	9.0	4.32605982	-1.06982505	-0.97298199
F	9.0	5.14986897	0.77080899	-0.15857100

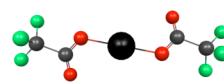
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[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>AgO<sub>2</sub>CCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Ag	47.0	0.00000900	-0.00012200	0.07707300
C	6.0	2.90829301	0.41974199	-0.06357900
C	6.0	4.38001394	-0.10944900	-0.02217900
O	8.0	2.06874990	-0.52809399	0.10510000
O	8.0	2.72960997	1.62256896	-0.24367200
F	9.0	4.66729498	-0.70077300	1.16889405
F	9.0	5.29624796	0.86785698	-0.20051900
F	9.0	4.60688666	-1.03850901	-0.98925000
C	6.0	-2.90833807	-0.41973099	-0.06366100
C	6.0	-4.38000298	0.10961000	-0.02218700
O	8.0	-2.72979498	-1.62258196	-0.24374400
O	8.0	-2.06868505	0.52800798	0.10501000
F	9.0	-5.29633379	-0.86755502	-0.20081399
F	9.0	-4.60676718	1.03896701	-0.98897302
F	9.0	-4.66724396	0.70062000	1.16907001

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1199.560121



[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>AuO<sub>2</sub>CCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Au	79.0	-0.00000400	0.00017800	0.13588400
C	6.0	2.89178300	0.44719601	-0.24529999
C	6.0	4.33522320	-0.11736200	-0.03783100
O	8.0	2.02583003	-0.38616100	0.21501000
O	8.0	2.75618601	1.53700805	-0.78207302
F	9.0	4.60378218	-0.34091300	1.27561295
F	9.0	5.28787518	0.72432202	-0.49297100
F	9.0	4.51101923	-1.29843998	-0.68607098
C	6.0	-2.89169693	-0.44717500	-0.24558800
C	6.0	-4.33524704	0.11701100	-0.03786300
O	8.0	-2.75593400	-1.53716099	-0.78195900
O	8.0	-2.02587295	0.38655701	0.21429200
F	9.0	-5.28767776	-0.72401702	-0.49466899
F	9.0	-4.51099300	1.29911900	-0.68418503
F	9.0	-4.60419703	0.33837399	1.27589297

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1188.315829



[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Cu]<sup>+</sup>

Cu	29.0	2.20085001	-0.00327500	-0.00001600
O	8.0	0.41562700	-1.09824896	-0.00012300
O	8.0	0.42971501	1.13305497	-0.00001200
C	6.0	-0.16550000	0.02222900	0.00018000
C	6.0	-1.71593595	0.00630100	-0.00005600
F	9.0	-2.23912501	1.24172103	-0.00490600
F	9.0	-2.17481089	-0.64476299	-1.09023499
F	9.0	-2.17481589	-0.63636202	1.09522998

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -723.547378



[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Ag]<sup>+</sup>

C	6.0	-0.66885799	0.03283000	-0.00031500
C	6.0	-2.22241902	0.00413400	-0.00028000
O	8.0	-0.09746000	1.15195298	-0.00007800
O	8.0	-0.10197400	-1.09263396	-0.00024200
F	9.0	-2.76195693	1.23403299	-0.00363400
F	9.0	-2.67814302	-0.64343703	1.09499896
F	9.0	-2.67951298	-0.65003002	-1.09056306
Ag	47.0	1.95786500	-0.00343500	-0.00002300

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -673.203938



[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Au]<sup>+</sup>

Au	79.0	-1.53599799	-0.03875900	-0.00029400
O	8.0	0.96158701	1.53290403	-0.25225699
C	6.0	1.24742198	0.37146899	-0.02634300
O	8.0	0.45408699	-0.63942897	0.17761999
C	6.0	2.73990297	-0.08845000	0.01387300
F	9.0	3.57058311	0.96220303	0.00837000
F	9.0	3.01295805	-0.84478301	-1.07307398
F	9.0	3.00323606	-0.82374501	1.11254799

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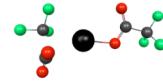
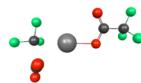


CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>

O	8.0	-1.54571700	-1.14396095	-0.00149500
O	8.0	-1.59529901	1.14322197	-0.00171600
C	6.0	-1.07194901	0.01113400	-0.00305800
C	6.0	0.51640499	0.01215900	-0.00122200
F	9.0	1.09096706	1.24702096	-0.04673000
F	9.0	1.03131902	-0.58899599	1.11817300
F	9.0	1.04009199	-0.67289603	-1.06573498

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -526.270494

**Figure S15.** DFT calculated Calculated Cartesian coordinates and energies (Hartrees) for [CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>MO<sub>2</sub>CCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> M = Cu, Ag and Au.



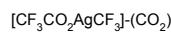
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Cu	29.0	0.59545302	-0.16266701	-0.34336901	Ag	47.0	-0.47446099	0.13700400	-0.04016800	Au	79.0	0.38633099	-0.21586099	-0.02529700
O	8.0	-1.24879801	0.29496101	-0.38957900	O	8.0	1.60859799	0.53687400	0.47020200	O	8.0	-1.67193699	-0.47828400	0.26737800
C	6.0	-2.11290598	-0.37980199	0.27220401	C	6.0	2.37107611	-0.24677500	-0.18606301	C	6.0	-2.46854496	0.41913000	-0.20282701
O	8.0	-1.97254705	-1.34751105	1.01317000	O	8.0	2.08113599	-1.12191105	-1.00335205	O	8.0	-2.23640609	1.45057499	-0.81453699
C	6.0	-3.55652308	0.17321000	0.03783600	C	6.0	3.88302493	0.00713800	0.11378900	C	6.0	-3.95254111	0.03523500	0.10269600
F	9.0	-3.93931603	0.02258500	-1.26011801	F	9.0	4.14004612	0.08600500	1.44408798	F	9.0	-4.16616011	-0.13345000	1.43217802
F	9.0	-4.48563004	-0.45349699	0.79198402	F	9.0	4.68582201	-0.96034801	-0.38102600	F	9.0	-4.82068491	0.97757399	-0.31888801
F	9.0	-3.64811110	1.49811900	0.32469401	F	9.0	4.29517221	1.18107903	-0.43979600	F	9.0	-4.30007315	-1.12635398	-0.50945002
O	8.0	0.208503699	-1.55446005	-1.22134602	O	8.0	-2.35886097	1.56114495	-1.31077194	O	8.0	2.50256395	-1.31977606	-1.38073504
C	6.0	2.54478598	-1.31668699	-0.11355800	C	6.0	-2.79036403	1.37620497	-0.19646800	C	6.0	2.69766593	-1.14155197	-0.18772000
O	8.0	0.309406209	-1.74544203	0.85676003	O	8.0	-3.29166007	1.81346703	0.79741400	O	8.0	3.02360106	-1.68275595	0.84356999
C	6.0	2.65727210	0.77509397	0.16571800	C	6.0	-2.86905098	-0.73636103	0.12756900	C	6.0	2.80600691	0.80583203	0.14468400
F	9.0	2.59729910	1.14749002	1.47951400	F	9.0	-2.77304506	-1.19135702	1.42510200	F	9.0	2.54240704	1.29034197	1.39602304
F	9.0	3.99773407	0.81962597	-0.15692100	F	9.0	-4.21283484	-0.82090098	-0.16462700	F	9.0	4.17258978	0.86568898	0.02917200
F	9.0	2.13069701	1.85746205	-0.54443502	F	9.0	-2.31095409	-1.75636899	-0.64962798	F	9.0	2.35433888	1.74653995	-0.74769199

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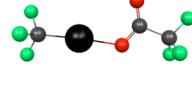
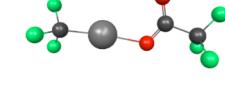
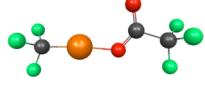
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### $\text{CO}_2$

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O	8.0	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.16979396
O	8.0	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.16979396

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -188.575853



### $[\text{CF}_3\text{CuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$

Cu	29.0	-0.20335500	-1.07428098	0.00000000	Ag	47.0	-0.96497399	-0.14191400	-0.00884000	Au	79.0	-0.79657102	-0.11456300	-0.00589000
O	8.0	1.75597799	1.52613902	0.00000000	O	8.0	1.14289999	-0.51384002	-0.01444800	O	8.0	1.29298699	-0.44531399	-0.01402200
O	8.0	-0.41026199	0.80959100	0.00000000	C	6.0	1.98227799	0.44666100	-0.01328100	C	6.0	2.15723491	0.50053900	-0.01298600
C	6.0	0.53586900	1.66773903	0.00000000	O	8.0	1.81472397	1.66453099	-0.01150400	O	8.0	2.02630210	1.71890795	-0.01159700
C	6.0	0.024559800	3.14833403	0.00000000	C	6.0	3.45532393	-0.08738700	0.00220400	C	6.0	3.60953593	-0.08585800	0.00258900
F	9.0	-1.32195997	3.28158593	0.00000000	F	9.0	3.69429988	-0.96539199	-1.00892901	F	9.0	3.81918192	-0.96946800	-1.00891100
F	9.0	0.48101300	3.82069206	1.09164405	F	9.0	4.37670708	0.89567399	-0.11580000	F	9.0	4.55967808	0.86874098	-0.11461700
F	9.0	0.48101300	3.82069206	-1.09164405	F	9.0	3.73353410	-0.74239302	1.16435301	F	9.0	3.86518192	-0.74915397	1.16427004
C	6.0	-0.15838300	-2.98785400	0.00000000	C	6.0	-3.06740999	0.04018200	0.00552800	C	6.0	-2.81237102	0.07828900	0.00708900
F	9.0	-1.41108596	-3.60815191	0.00000000	F	9.0	-3.574449293	1.15204406	-0.65810698	F	9.0	-3.29238296	1.21774399	-0.61443001
F	9.0	0.48101300	-3.57413101	-1.09222698	F	9.0	-3.75683594	-1.02103603	-0.57887602	F	9.0	-3.49880791	-0.95096397	-0.61958098
F	9.0	0.48101300	-3.57413101	1.09222698	F	9.0	-3.64302897	0.13306800	1.27029300	F	9.0	-3.38080907	0.12797700	1.27002597

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1061.332287

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -1010.971565

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies = -999.752370

**Figure S16:** Calculated Cartesian coordinates and energies (Hartrees) for species relevant to the fragmentation of  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{MO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$  M = Cu, Ag and Au.



[CF<sub>3</sub>Cu]<sup>-</sup>

Cu	29.0	1.24927902	-0.00001800	0.00042700
C	6.0	-0.66461301	-0.00001300	0.00015400
F	9.0	-1.19593704	-0.02939800	1.25892401
F	9.0	-1.19319105	1.10555899	-0.60472602
F	9.0	-1.19325304	-1.07609403	-0.65567702

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -534.970957



[CF<sub>3</sub>Ag]<sup>-</sup>

Ag	47.0	1.05947006	-0.00006100	0.00003500
C	6.0	-1.07610595	-0.00006500	0.00006000
F	9.0	-1.60514903	-0.65471798	-1.07495904
F	9.0	-1.60557401	-0.60352498	1.10438597
F	9.0	-1.60466003	1.25860405	-0.02961200

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -484.623448



[CF<sub>3</sub>Au]<sup>-</sup>

Au	79.0	0.72031897	0.00001700	0.00007200
C	6.0	-1.31546497	0.00000200	-0.00001500
F	9.0	-1.81465900	-1.06835794	-0.66149801
F	9.0	-1.81611502	-0.03874900	1.25536501
F	9.0	-1.81505203	1.10695696	-0.59448802

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -473.399612



[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Cu]<sup>-</sup>

C	6.0	0.36572000	0.49641401	-0.01064300
C	6.0	1.80597496	-0.13406600	-0.00251400
O	8.0	-0.52856398	-0.40773001	-0.00992700
O	8.0	0.29308599	1.72580397	-0.00548800
F	9.0	2.05317593	-0.80488998	1.15987206
F	9.0	2.79526902	0.78372699	-0.12850200
F	9.0	1.98651600	-1.03004801	-1.01236904
Cu	29.0	-2.50566292	-0.11233700	0.00107800

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -723.621611



[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Ag]<sup>-</sup>

C	6.0	-0.89933401	0.38964900	-0.01014100
C	6.0	-2.39478707	-0.10408000	-0.00319800
O	8.0	-0.72307599	1.61349297	-0.00580300
O	8.0	-0.08502800	-0.57791799	-0.00620500
F	9.0	-3.30057192	0.89557701	-0.14787400
F	9.0	-2.70892501	-0.73390597	1.16747904
F	9.0	-2.65371704	-0.99572802	-1.00113499
Ag	47.0	2.21698904	-0.05301100	0.00021000

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -673.284719



[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>Au]<sup>-</sup>

C	6.0	1.43114495	0.42818999	-0.01054600
C	6.0	2.90880394	-0.11614800	-0.00322700
O	8.0	0.59545898	-0.52848297	-0.00653200
O	8.0	1.29068005	1.65181899	-0.00601700
F	9.0	3.20481205	-0.74610198	1.17082000
F	9.0	3.84016800	0.85732901	-0.15581600
F	9.0	3.13805199	-1.01989496	-0.99589199
Au	79.0	-1.68070996	-0.03393600	0.00014000

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -662.049271

CF<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>

C	6.0	0.00146300	-0.00000500	0.55599600
F	9.0	-1.27552998	-0.00111600	-0.12320800
F	9.0	0.63630998	1.10431004	-0.12372700
F	9.0	0.63824499	-1.10319102	-0.12372900

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -337.636109

CF<sub>3</sub><sup>·</sup>

C	6.0	0.00000000	0.00007600	0.33049199
F	9.0	-0.00074100	1.26632202	-0.07345300
F	9.0	1.09713995	-0.63254499	-0.07343700
F	9.0	-1.09639800	-0.63382798	-0.07343700

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -337.563830

TS [CF<sub>3</sub>CuO<sub>2</sub>CCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → CO<sub>2</sub> + [CF<sub>3</sub>CuCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> (-288 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Cu	29.0	-0.37892300	0.14903800	-0.15562600
O	8.0	2.09678292	1.71091795	1.06302202
C	6.0	1.58504903	1.39031398	0.02810300
O	8.0	1.12968600	1.74735105	-1.04250503
C	6.0	1.80078705	-0.69183302	0.00013600
F	9.0	1.28455305	-1.65193498	-0.87216502
F	9.0	3.12707901	-0.61515802	-0.37720299
F	9.0	1.82321703	-1.29712903	1.22742200
C	6.0	-2.28659511	-0.06894900	0.07700200
F	9.0	-2.82670403	-0.20168102	-0.52866501
F	9.0	-2.71921301	-0.17426699	1.39609504
F	9.0	-3.06882095	0.96623200	-0.43241999

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1061.260345

TS [CF<sub>3</sub>AgO<sub>2</sub>CCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → CO<sub>2</sub> + [CF<sub>3</sub>AgCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> (-270 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Ag	47.0	0.38692501	0.00612000	-0.05508200
C	6.0	2.52184796	-0.04699700	0.04413500
O	8.0	-1.64102304	1.75757205	-1.1399295
C	6.0	-1.82856095	1.43083894	0.00687200
O	8.0	-2.04846811	1.75928605	1.14154398
C	6.0	-2.09708095	-0.64923102	0.01075700
F	9.0	-1.95255899	-1.35311997	1.18803298
F	9.0	-3.46216202	-0.56086498	-0.16225500
F	9.0	-1.70626903	-1.53808904	-0.99022800
F	9.0	3.16491008	1.03655398	-0.53722799
F	9.0	3.04830098	-0.08835100	1.32789302
F	9.0	3.10258007	-1.14392805	-0.58111900

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1010.105912

TS [CF<sub>3</sub>AuO<sub>2</sub>CCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → CO<sub>2</sub> + [CF<sub>3</sub>AuCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> (-289 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Au	79.0	0.37014699	0.02301200	-0.01959100
C	6.0	2.40659189	-0.06721300	0.02454200
O	8.0	-1.88301599	1.69876206	-1.14868903
C	6.0	-1.93033004	1.33826494	0.00812600
O	8.0	-0.202656889	1.69740403	1.15973604
C	6.0	-2.22656488	-0.63481301	0.00790900
F	9.0	-1.99882901	-1.37809205	1.14035797
F	9.0	-3.59841704	-0.53206497	-0.05705200
F	9.0	-1.90829196	-1.45250702	-0.15615902
F	9.0	3.02995610	0.99918801	-0.58019603
F	9.0	2.93958092	-0.10628900	1.29233003
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Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -999.676195

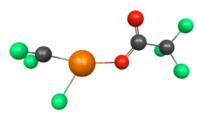
[CF<sub>3</sub>CuCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>(CO<sub>2</sub>)

C	6.0	1.93284404	2.62395597	-0.00264700
O	8.0	1.97328901	2.62368202	-1.17179799
O	8.0	1.90190196	2.67795491	1.16563904
Ag	47.0	-0.38259301	-0.52675700	0.00237100
C	6.0	-2.38667011	0.22252800	-0.00422000

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[CF<sub>3</sub>AgCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>(CO<sub>2</sub>)

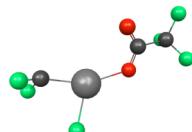
Ag	47.0	0.38692501	0.00612000	-0.05508200
C	6.0	2.52184796	-0.04699700	0.04413500
O	8.0	-1.64102304	1.75757205	-1.1399295
C	6.0</			



TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^- \rightarrow [\text{CF}_2(\text{F})\text{CuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$  ( $161 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )

Cu	29.0	1.18186998	-0.15662301	0.00667000
O	8.0	-1.43538105	1.66491997	-0.38579401
O	8.0	-0.72562099	-0.45292601	0.07112400
C	6.0	-1.58134103	0.47675100	-0.10554800
C	6.0	-3.04244804	-0.05877400	0.06988800
F	9.0	-3.34973598	-0.99689001	-0.86705899
F	9.0	-3.22881889	-0.64245200	1.28547502
F	9.0	-3.97773099	0.91329801	-0.03637800
C	6.0	2.88905191	0.47726199	0.31748199
F	9.0	2.43443608	-1.43460405	-0.88008898
F	9.0	3.74671412	-0.07522600	1.17006004
F	9.0	3.64426804	1.06639504	-0.60167700

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1061.278174



TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{AgO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^- \rightarrow [\text{CF}_2(\text{F})\text{AgO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$  ( $55 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )

Ag	47.0	-1.09070694	0.24228001	0.02519100
O	8.0	1.53237402	-1.44827497	-0.68211901
O	8.0	1.07533097	0.57900202	0.24377000
C	6.0	1.82055902	-0.36739501	-0.16256000
C	6.0	3.33717203	-0.05336300	0.06915900
F	9.0	3.71771908	1.10332203	-0.53601402
F	9.0	3.62034702	0.08626300	1.39521003
F	9.0	4.16012383	-1.02097797	-0.39820099
C	6.0	-2.85189700	-0.81351799	0.29775500
F	9.0	-2.34723496	1.78870296	-0.74271101
F	9.0	-3.77069211	-0.38972399	1.15740705
F	9.0	-3.53953409	-1.23728800	-0.75383598

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1010.900792



TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{AuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^- \rightarrow [\text{CF}_2(\text{F})\text{AuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$  ( $151 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ )

Au	79.0	-0.87871897	0.01490000	0.09678300
O	8.0	1.91852903	-1.57338703	-0.70101202
O	8.0	1.20126498	0.39196399	0.21110401
C	6.0	2.06190109	-0.46720999	-0.19284301
C	6.0	3.51587701	0.05794100	0.04651900
F	9.0	3.74050403	1.24228704	-0.57743597
F	9.0	3.76274395	0.25459599	1.37109995
F	9.0	4.45994520	-0.80273000	-0.39815101
C	6.0	-2.74073601	-0.47463599	0.19599000
F	9.0	-1.85400605	1.77380002	-1.06896901
F	9.0	-3.62880206	0.07350400	1.00493705
F	9.0	-3.43169308	-1.03347600	-0.77865303

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -999.659663



$[\text{CF}_2(\text{F})\text{CuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$

Cu	29.0	-1.56585598	0.72650898	-0.00041200
O	8.0	0.74596697	-1.44564402	-0.02768500
O	8.0	0.49192300	0.82076299	-0.01012000
C	6.0	1.13566196	-0.27251500	-0.01948600
C	6.0	2.68563795	-0.03575000	-0.00153800
F	9.0	3.08860493	0.79808903	-0.99625701
F	9.0	3.08516908	0.52881598	1.17212796
F	9.0	3.40354300	-1.17579305	-0.14265600
C	6.0	-2.13404894	-0.99262899	0.00435800
F	9.0	-2.10694909	2.48801708	0.00060300
F	9.0	-2.31530809	-1.77876604	1.06138301
F	9.0	-2.33470511	-1.77862501	-1.04915798

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1061.286757

$\text{CF}_2$

C	6.0	0.00000000	0.60527700	0.00000000
F	9.0	1.03800201	-0.20179801	0.00000000
F	9.0	-1.03800201	-0.20172000	0.00000000

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -237.701748

$[\text{CF}_2(\text{F})\text{AuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$

Au	79.0	-1.07735503	0.37688401	-0.00571000
O	8.0	1.60404003	-1.11600995	-1.24472201
O	8.0	1.15322900	0.36136800	0.43452901
C	6.0	1.88290799	-0.37926099	-0.29712701
C	6.0	3.39024806	-0.28801900	0.13161600
F	9.0	3.90289903	0.95103502	-0.09443000
F	9.0	3.56253600	-0.54844201	1.45754302
F	9.0	4.18521404	-1.16064799	-0.53339899
C	6.0	-2.36946988	-0.98396897	0.12524700
F	9.0	-0.70945102	2.34751391	-0.39627099
F	9.0	-3.06017995	-1.34645104	1.21071994
F	9.0	-2.81092811	-1.77959001	-0.84702897

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -999.678188'



$\text{CF}_2$

C	6.0	0.00000000	0.60527700	0.00000000
F	9.0	1.03800201	-0.20179801	0.00000000
F	9.0	-1.03800201	-0.20172000	0.00000000

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -237.701748

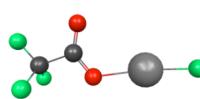
**Figure S18:** Calculated Cartesian coordinates and energies (Hartrees) relevant to fragmentation of  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{MF}]^-$  and  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{MCF}_3]^-$ , M = Cu, Ag and Au.



[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>CuF]<sup>-</sup>

Cu	29.0	-2.01542401	-0.10819000	-0.00051300
O	8.0	-0.16210400	-0.38041401	-0.00782700
O	8.0	0.68285900	1.74298894	-0.00568200
C	6.0	0.74707001	0.51695901	-0.01079600
C	6.0	2.16918898	-0.14082000	-0.00295800
F	9.0	3.16774392	0.75935501	-0.15541300
F	9.0	2.41016698	-0.79088598	1.17098403
F	9.0	2.32173109	-1.05845797	-0.99541998
F	9.0	-3.81256604	-0.02333600	0.00268100

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -823.558855



[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>AgF]<sup>-</sup>

Ag	47.0	-1.77701104	-0.08207500	-0.00497700
F	9.0	-3.80257201	0.06795600	0.01890500
C	6.0	1.17774606	0.45997500	-0.00245800
C	6.0	2.63548398	-0.11486700	0.00153600
O	8.0	1.04267299	1.68193603	-0.00296200
O	8.0	0.31769300	-0.48143801	-0.00219300
F	9.0	3.58586693	0.84748101	-0.02964700
F	9.0	2.86616611	-0.92106098	-1.07117701
F	9.0	2.87912107	-0.86294401	1.11301099

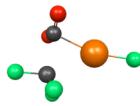
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[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>AuF]<sup>-</sup>

Au	79.0	-1.36149096	-0.06777700	-0.00459100
F	9.0	-3.34528804	0.16539800	0.04585000
C	6.0	1.55396295	0.50114298	-0.03096300
C	6.0	2.99162698	-0.11745900	0.00444400
O	8.0	1.44716895	1.72051501	-0.01962100
O	8.0	0.67540002	-0.43405300	-0.05009800
F	9.0	3.96051097	0.81347001	-0.14657000
F	9.0	3.18644595	-1.04282403	-0.97113800
F	9.0	3.23207498	-0.74041998	1.19181204

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -761.951124



TS [FCuO<sub>2</sub>CCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → CO<sub>2</sub> + [FCuCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> (-307 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Cu	29.0	-1.12474203	-0.00303200	-0.03165200
O	8.0	0.98594898	1.80927002	1.03831196
C	6.0	0.57277399	1.36296296	-0.00547400
O	8.0	0.14307600	1.67132294	-1.11222005
C	6.0	1.10949194	-0.58247000	-0.01743500
F	9.0	0.75721103	-1.55342805	-0.94359601
F	9.0	2.42637205	-0.31657699	-0.32620201
F	9.0	1.15900099	-1.22078800	1.19141901
F	9.0	-2.84350491	-0.51362598	0.26133800

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -823.486380

TS [FAgO<sub>2</sub>CCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → CO<sub>2</sub> + [FAgCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> (-277cm<sup>-1</sup>)

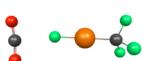
Ag	47.0	-1.06053102	-0.04967800	-0.00000400
O	8.0	1.03364503	1.77033305	1.15363204
C	6.0	1.00841403	1.42431700	-0.00336100
O	8.0	0.98627299	1.76829195	-1.16159904
C	6.0	1.42996395	-0.59478003	-0.00133100
F	9.0	1.17665100	-1.43456602	-1.07342505
F	9.0	2.79448891	-0.40711501	-0.05169200
F	9.0	1.24501503	-1.37361300	1.12519300
F	9.0	-3.09889293	-0.22374400	0.01015600

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -773.127222

TS [FAuO<sub>2</sub>CCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → CO<sub>2</sub> + [FAuCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> (-322 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Au	79.0	0.85253298	-0.01007300	-0.00716800
F	9.0	2.84175110	-0.33043000	0.06870500
O	8.0	-1.18113601	1.68506002	-1.15690196
C	6.0	-1.24630702	1.30844104	0.00253000
O	8.0	-1.33161902	1.70554602	1.14963198
C	6.0	-1.72613502	-0.57514000	0.00032800
F	9.0	-1.53722894	-1.34218299	1.11734700
F	9.0	-3.08376098	-0.35809100	-0.03710500
F	9.0	-1.48892105	-1.38361895	-1.08146703

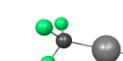
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -761.871875



[CF<sub>3</sub>CuF]<sup>-</sup>-(CO<sub>2</sub>)

C	6.0	-3.91547394	-0.07468400	-0.00857300
O	8.0	-3.90020394	-1.24669802	-0.00530800
O	8.0	-4.10760498	1.08161199	-0.01367300
Cu	29.0	0.34924400	0.07420200	0.01100600
C	6.0	2.25267005	-0.02599100	-0.00445500
F	9.0	2.92666793	1.18101501	-0.22542500
F	9.0	2.84537506	-0.49546599	1.17405295
F	9.0	2.80363989	-0.86651200	-0.97954798
F	9.0	-1.47443497	0.15572800	0.02101200

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -823.552450



[CF<sub>3</sub>AgF]<sup>-</sup>-(CO<sub>2</sub>)

C	6.0	3.86938596	0.40263700	-0.00220600
O	8.0	3.43277311	1.49190700	0.00326200
O	8.0	4.49955511	-0.58736497	-0.00828900
Ag	47.0	-0.23619901	-0.25791201	0.00197700
C	6.0	-2.29084802	0.17049800	-0.00166200
F	9.0	-2.71997404	1.05421102	-0.99278098
F	9.0	-3.12991095	-0.93076003	-0.18311501
F	9.0	-2.78682709	0.74909198	1.16752398
F	9.0	1.76687896	-0.71179801	0.00509700

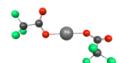
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -773.187983

[CF<sub>3</sub>AuF]<sup>-</sup>-(CO<sub>2</sub>)

C	6.0	3.99966192	0.42182499	-0.00385600
O	8.0	3.60347009	1.52470303	0.00501100
O	8.0	4.55555820	-0.61030799	-0.01346500
Au	79.0	-0.22001401	-0.19088300	0.00215500
C	6.0	-2.18946290	0.23023000	-0.00327100
F	9.0	-2.60289192	1.11298394	-0.99427402
F	9.0	-3.02719307	-0.86487103	-0.18343399
F	9.0	-2.67304611	0.81163502	1.16315305
F	9.0	1.77509701	-0.63171601	0.00790300

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -761.971125

**Figure S18:** Calculated Cartesian coordinates and energies (Hartrees) relevant to fragmentation of [CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>MF]<sup>-</sup> and [CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>MCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>, M = Cu, Ag and Au.



Conformer #2  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{CuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^\cdot$

Cu	29.0	0.24746600	-0.56048799	0.15854999
C	6.0	-2.51085711	-0.47836000	-0.20602100
C	6.0	-3.80587506	0.36856800	0.02057600
O	8.0	-1.47906494	0.14318199	0.23339400
O	8.0	-2.61838007	-1.57629597	-0.74060798
F	9.0	-4.02944422	0.59387600	1.34368503
F	9.0	-4.91393089	-0.23286000	-0.46407899
F	9.0	-3.72663403	1.58587205	-0.57925099
C	6.0	3.16493392	-0.82460499	0.09273000
C	6.0	3.28432608	0.72672498	-0.10872000
O	8.0	4.21100998	-1.46124995	0.15191500
O	8.0	1.96697402	-1.26743197	0.17640699
F	9.0	4.56184578	1.14596903	-0.21702100
F	9.0	2.63900495	1.14030600	-1.23405004
F	9.0	2.73404694	1.41067505	0.93313801

Conformer #2  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AgO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^\cdot$

Ag	47.0	-0.23174900	-0.49470699	-0.19241700
C	6.0	2.66387296	-0.28422001	0.29404899
C	6.0	4.05798388	0.36224401	0.00174100
O	8.0	1.74903798	0.24349600	-0.42599601
O	8.0	2.60205293	-1.17967403	1.13287199
F	9.0	4.43113089	0.17828500	-1.29385400
F	9.0	5.04578114	-0.15071900	0.76721001
F	9.0	4.04798603	1.70361197	0.22284400
C	6.0	-3.37664795	-0.76274902	-0.03098400
C	6.0	-3.40924311	0.79802102	0.13914301
O	8.0	-4.45958614	-1.34095800	-0.04120700
O	8.0	-2.20735788	-1.26376903	-0.14432199
F	9.0	-4.65518998	1.29181504	0.28582901
F	9.0	-2.69652510	1.20221198	1.22886395
F	9.0	-2.86170912	1.43020403	-0.93876499

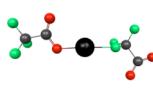
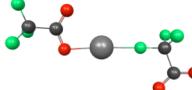
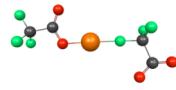
Conformer #2  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^\cdot$

Au	79.0	-0.20047501	-0.43367800	-0.14594500
C	6.0	2.68386698	-0.24240500	0.34430099
C	6.0	4.03329420	0.46991900	0.00632800
O	8.0	1.72653198	0.27449399	-0.34559301
O	8.0	2.68430901	-1.14654195	1.16657603
F	9.0	4.34346485	0.35888201	-1.31212795
F	9.0	5.07197523	-0.04556900	0.69719201
F	9.0	3.98779789	1.79683602	0.29417101
C	6.0	-3.27240205	-0.64256603	0.02217300
C	6.0	-3.29749298	0.92065603	0.14875400
O	8.0	-4.35497093	-1.21421397	0.00183500
O	8.0	-2.11382294	-1.19844306	-0.04615400
F	9.0	-4.55251789	1.39919496	0.2777299
F	9.0	-2.60019898	1.35542202	1.23036399
F	9.0	-2.75986505	1.52463496	-0.94481498

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1249.918158

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1199.553750

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1188.308464



TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{CuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^\cdot \rightarrow [\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{CuF}_3\text{CCO}_2]^\cdot$   
 (- 69 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Cu	29.0	0.00026700	0.18046699	-0.00074700
O	8.0	-1.82273996	0.54920101	-0.03435100
C	6.0	-2.64416695	-0.44049001	0.02390800
O	8.0	-2.42280793	-1.64220798	0.10183600
C	6.0	-4.12314415	0.05606800	-0.02158700
F	9.0	-4.38849688	0.71036500	-1.18168998
F	9.0	-4.39244480	0.91546202	0.99399000
F	9.0	-5.00825596	-0.95653999	0.07229900
C	6.0	4.17980909	0.97406602	-0.01756700
C	6.0	3.35410810	-0.38689801	0.05175100
O	8.0	5.40013695	0.73735100	-0.00712600
O	8.0	3.48569703	2.00181603	-0.06682100
F	9.0	3.54230690	-1.21834004	-0.98592198
F	9.0	3.52939010	-1.09694195	1.17826295
F	9.0	1.92096603	-0.14445600	0.02977600

TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AgO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^\cdot \rightarrow + [\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AgF}_3\text{CCO}_2]^\cdot$   
 (- 57 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Ag	47.0	-0.09389500	0.29240999	0.04585800
O	8.0	-2.18916702	0.85828000	0.04254200
C	6.0	-2.83687806	-0.24164499	-0.00564800
O	8.0	-2.39653611	-1.39275301	-0.04279400
C	6.0	-4.38080215	-0.02873100	-0.00665600
F	9.0	-4.77130795	0.77060801	-1.03083897
F	9.0	-4.79163408	0.56311899	1.14458704
F	9.0	-5.06577206	-1.18420398	-0.12349800
C	6.0	4.39359093	0.89536399	-0.09268400
C	6.0	3.52629495	-0.41975400	0.13355900
O	8.0	5.61059284	0.64319903	-0.05597700
O	8.0	3.72358489	1.92957497	-0.26419500
F	9.0	3.69732404	-1.36942601	-0.81048101
F	9.0	3.71481395	-1.01197195	1.33241999
F	9.0	2.13041091	-0.14514901	0.09981800

TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AgO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^\cdot \rightarrow + [\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AgF}_3\text{CCO}_2]^\cdot$   
 (- 19 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

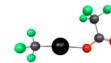
Au	79.0	0.07226100	0.13998900	-0.30770400
O	8.0	-1.91663694	0.49446899	0.04341600
C	6.0	-2.74624491	-0.48728499	-0.11265500
O	8.0	-2.55050492	-1.64332402	-0.44604599
C	6.0	-4.20143080	-0.00600600	0.18480600
F	9.0	-4.60463190	0.91762000	-0.72426099
F	9.0	-4.30490923	0.56162298	1.41050506
F	9.0	-5.08546877	-1.02129400	0.13977800
C	6.0	4.36517191	0.88841498	-0.12157700
C	6.0	3.29469895	-0.27099001	0.13888600
O	8.0	5.53383303	0.49028701	0.00400100
O	8.0	3.82738900	1.98113501	-0.36314800
F	9.0	3.70337510	-1.53344405	-0.02647800
F	9.0	2.69950509	-0.19426300	1.34774303
F	9.0	2.18421793	-0.15801200	-0.80125397

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1249.865706

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1199.510570

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1188.255522

**Figure S19.** DFT calculated Calculated Cartesian coordinates and energies (Hartrees) for species related to the isomerization of  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{MO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^\cdot$  M = Cu, Ag and Au.



**Conformer #2  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$**

```
Cu 29.0 0.82523799 0.49817801 0.00313900
C 6.0 2.61929488 -0.16113800 -0.00113500
F 9.0 3.20757103 -0.30145299 1.25681496
F 9.0 3.53985000 0.63052702 -0.69158298
F 9.0 2.79494691 -1.41962194 -0.57353503
C 6.0 -2.12219191 0.95551503 -0.00133600
C 6.0 -2.38741302 -0.59148300 -0.00021400
O 8.0 -3.10686207 1.68877101 -0.00686900
O 8.0 -0.88837200 1.28312695 0.00485400
F 9.0 -3.70209789 -0.90272200 -0.01135400
F 9.0 -1.83395100 -1.19745100 -1.08647501
F 9.0 -1.85389495 -1.19147098 1.09959805
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Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1061.328430

**Conformer #2  $[\text{CF}_3\text{AgO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$**

```
Ag 47.0 -0.73924899 -0.43714499 0.00238500
C 6.0 -2.72770500 0.25740501 -0.00164800
F 9.0 -3.31059408 0.39125901 1.25517297
F 9.0 -3.63185501 -0.54921103 -0.68806100
F 9.0 -2.91595697 1.50911498 -0.57647800
C 6.0 2.42900705 -0.90701401 -0.00181900
C 6.0 2.62408590 0.65171099 -0.00004600
O 8.0 3.45039797 -1.59117496 -0.00887500
O 8.0 1.21300697 -1.28721905 0.00537100
F 9.0 3.92129803 1.02795601 -0.00973300
F 9.0 2.04216194 1.23304999 -1.08687305
F 9.0 2.05996394 1.22786999 1.09897399
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Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1010.966423

**Conformer #2  $[\text{CF}_3\text{AuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$**

```
Au 79.0 -0.61187702 -0.35188001 0.000078900
C 6.0 -2.49357891 0.38622099 -0.00107700
F 9.0 -3.06683397 0.51595998 1.25313902
F 9.0 -3.41227603 -0.37632701 -0.70458800
F 9.0 -2.62102795 1.64781797 -0.55381799
C 6.0 2.51433700 -0.85269898 -0.00139800
C 6.0 2.72149491 0.70308298 -0.00015200
O 8.0 3.52858400 -1.54401696 -0.00528200
O 8.0 1.29832399 -1.25163805 0.00303300
F 9.0 4.02685881 1.05293596 -0.01126900
F 9.0 2.15268207 1.29071903 -1.08690798
F 9.0 2.17276907 1.28490806 1.10026705
```

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -999.746532

**TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^- \rightarrow [\text{CF}_3\text{CuF}_3\text{CCO}_2]^-$**   
 (- 66 cm<sup>-1</sup>, -30cm<sup>-1</sup>)

```
Cu 29.0 0.22987001 0.25966799 -0.07013200
C 6.0 -1.63326097 0.63606602 0.10412900
F 9.0 -2.21823907 1.19689095 -0.02271402
F 9.0 -1.96460199 1.51445997 1.12181699
F 9.0 -2.42351389 -0.47958899 0.36172700
C 6.0 3.94822788 0.96971399 -0.00075500
C 6.0 3.40038800 -0.51748800 0.01705400
O 8.0 5.18358517 1.03791702 -0.09914000
O 8.0 3.03361511 1.81008506 0.12356900
F 9.0 3.99637604 -1.41395295 -0.79334599
F 9.0 3.37251806 -1.06031406 1.25549698
F 9.0 2.04646611 -0.54753298 -0.41891801
```

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1061.286184

**TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{AuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^- \rightarrow [\text{CF}_3\text{AuF}_3\text{CCO}_2]^-$**  (- 23cm<sup>-1</sup>)

```
Au 79.0 -0.70596302 -0.03851300 -0.17292599
C 6.0 -2.68229198 0.11828800 0.19665700
C 6.0 3.57432508 0.81154197 0.06645600
C 6.0 2.60803008 -0.45660600 0.10275600
O 8.0 4.76889896 0.50098801 0.21235301
O 8.0 2.95929408 1.88391995 -0.06122800
F 9.0 3.13018489 -1.61949503 -0.31977400
F 9.0 2.07254601 -0.68104500 1.32601798
F 9.0 1.46649897 -0.27470401 -0.75299299
F 9.0 -3.00868511 1.13795495 1.05322599
F 9.0 -3.23063993 -1.00744796 0.76236802
F 9.0 -3.43600011 0.34739700 -0.92918903
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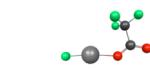
**Figure S20.** DFT calculated Calculated Cartesian coordinates and energies (Hartrees) for species related to the isomerization of  $[\text{CF}_3\text{MO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^-$  M = Cu, Ag and Au.



Conformer #2  $[\text{FCuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^\cdot$

Cu	29.0	-1.69082499	0.19305401	0.00017100
O	8.0	-0.11503300	1.19440496	0.00138100
C	6.0	1.58980095	-0.50439501	-0.00002200
C	6.0	1.14576101	1.00169396	-0.00028700
O	8.0	2.04300690	1.84201705	-0.00144300
F	9.0	-3.27483201	-0.65814900	-0.00091200
F	9.0	2.93402100	-0.65584600	-0.00348500
F	9.0	1.12278700	-1.17064297	-1.09128296
F	9.0	1.12877595	-1.16799903	1.09538996

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -823.554302



Conformer #2  $[\text{FAgO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^\cdot$

Ag	47.0	1.48566997	0.15424500	-0.00241900
O	8.0	-0.33604300	1.24792898	-0.00312900
C	6.0	-1.95068097	-0.53234798	-0.00011600
C	6.0	-1.58452201	0.99601102	0.00142700
O	8.0	-2.52742100	1.78615201	0.00710700
F	9.0	3.32310390	-0.70562202	0.00974200
F	9.0	-1.44458103	-1.17281604	-1.09157395
F	9.0	-3.28295708	-0.76048797	-0.00471800
F	9.0	-1.45196199	-1.17264295	1.09477603

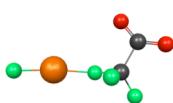
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -773.185852



Conformer #2  $[\text{FAuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^\cdot$

Au	79.0	-1.13483703	0.11185800	-0.00002200
F	9.0	-2.87782693	-0.85709101	0.00020300
C	6.0	1.84844899	0.97617197	-0.00000400
C	6.0	2.24237490	-0.54297000	0.00000000
O	8.0	2.77327800	1.78330100	0.00020900
O	8.0	0.59558398	1.24776995	-0.00020700
F	9.0	3.58335710	-0.72042501	-0.0015800
F	9.0	1.76714897	-1.19364202	1.09424698
F	9.0	1.76691103	-1.19379103	-1.09409595

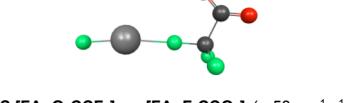
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -761.944458



TS  $[\text{FCuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^\cdot \rightarrow [\text{FCuF}_3\text{CCO}_2]^\cdot$  (- 33 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Cu	29.0	-1.78928196	0.07669000	-0.13011999
F	9.0	-3.50553012	0.22846700	0.33494601
C	6.0	2.20975304	0.76382202	0.01762900
C	6.0	1.23523903	-0.49676299	0.02565000
O	8.0	3.40209603	0.43475801	0.13893500
O	8.0	1.60455894	1.84571505	-0.06786800
F	9.0	1.72163200	-1.63285506	-0.49596101
F	9.0	0.75345403	-0.79189599	1.25397301
F	9.0	0.04888800	-0.25595501	-0.76570600

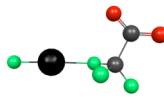
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TS  $[\text{FAgO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^\cdot \rightarrow [\text{FAgF}_3\text{CCO}_2]^\cdot$  (- 58 cm<sup>-1</sup>, -1)

Ag	47.0	1.76829600	0.05517100	-0.00008400
O	8.0	-3.93531489	0.63157201	-0.00119000
O	8.0	-2.01174212	1.87946904	0.00069500
C	6.0	-2.71047091	0.85051298	-0.00020300
C	6.0	-1.88388801	-0.50876600	0.00015300
F	9.0	-0.48347399	-0.29252601	-0.00013800
F	9.0	-2.09719706	-1.28384900	1.08757997
F	9.0	-2.09748793	-1.28488398	-1.08644497
F	9.0	3.79290199	0.11327600	-0.00008500

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -773.146196



TS  $[\text{FAuO}_2\text{CCF}_3]^\cdot \rightarrow [\text{FAuF}_3\text{CCO}_2]^\cdot$  (- 28 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Au	79.0	-1.23664999	0.01345300	-0.06333000
F	9.0	-3.14739203	0.27541700	0.38188100
C	6.0	2.93840098	0.81392199	0.00502100
C	6.0	2.03366494	-0.49887100	0.05644300
O	8.0	4.15190792	0.55148101	0.05622500
O	8.0	2.26940489	1.85976100	-0.03545800
F	9.0	2.56978703	-1.61970699	-0.44846699
F	9.0	1.58307695	-0.79039299	1.29481399
F	9.0	0.82701898	-0.33676401	-0.73176497

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -761.895577

**Figure S21.** DFT calculated Calculated Cartesian coordinates and energies (Hartrees) for species related to the isomerization of  $[\text{M}\text{O}_2\text{CCF}_3]^\cdot$  M = Cu, Ag and Au.



[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>CuF<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Cu	29.0	0.08160500	0.12763999	-0.03485200
O	8.0	5.38875389	-0.50366199	-0.09179700
O	8.0	4.46767378	1.59617805	0.01876900
C	6.0	4.49586821	0.35866401	-0.02644800
C	6.0	3.06478000	-0.34929901	0.03296100
F	9.0	1.96974003	0.60796499	-0.06524600
F	9.0	2.80760908	-1.21221197	-0.96664202
F	9.0	2.80988312	-0.99099702	1.19010997
O	8.0	-1.69533396	-0.41148701	-0.03121800
C	6.0	-2.61858201	0.48662999	-0.01416400
O	8.0	-2.52757001	1.70683503	-0.00070600
C	6.0	-4.03515577	-0.16814899	0.00472300
F	9.0	-4.24115896	-0.85040700	1.16184199
F	9.0	-4.19777679	-1.04942596	-0.10386595
F	9.0	-5.02342796	0.74268103	-0.09865300

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1249.868823



[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>AgF<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Ag	47.0	0.04411100	0.05135100	-0.08413500
O	8.0	5.56626987	-0.56666100	0.14149500
O	8.0	4.76510477	1.55153096	-0.22773799
C	6.0	4.72028399	0.33013701	-0.01755700
C	6.0	3.24421692	-0.27660200	0.07179600
F	9.0	2.22036505	0.70156503	-0.06486000
F	9.0	2.95635390	-1.17615700	-0.90119201
F	9.0	2.95606899	-0.87716699	1.25053406
O	8.0	-1.98272097	-0.67742598	-0.18177500
C	6.0	-2.75563192	0.31186599	0.06233100
O	8.0	-2.45859098	1.47982395	0.31503201
C	6.0	-4.26154518	-0.09004000	0.02115900
F	9.0	-4.54585218	-0.24057978	0.96484703
F	9.0	-4.59565503	-0.61953598	-1.18202996
F	9.0	-5.08489084	0.95492899	0.23846400

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1199.512526



[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>AuF<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Au	79.0	-0.04616500	-0.08905800	-0.09477100
O	8.0	-5.57713413	0.39728600	0.40344301
O	8.0	-4.63698483	-1.41235495	-0.64939803
C	6.0	-4.67776680	-0.32590401	-0.05588800
C	6.0	-3.24802303	0.37109700	0.14231300
F	9.0	-2.16280198	-0.59415102	0.03691300
F	9.0	-2.95507312	1.28130996	-0.80816197
F	9.0	-3.03112888	0.95242500	1.33165395
O	8.0	1.93693697	0.36853099	-0.33236000
C	6.0	2.81281090	-0.37934700	0.26078999
O	8.0	2.66591001	-1.36592901	0.96064597
C	6.0	4.24970818	0.16618700	-0.01325300
F	9.0	4.43011808	1.37194097	0.58362401
F	9.0	4.48666716	0.33140299	-1.33665502
F	9.0	5.20075893	-0.66035998	0.46201399

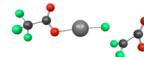
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TS [CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>CuF<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → [CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>CuF] + CF<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub> (- 374 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Cu	29.0	-0.01705700	0.28718299	0.04920100
O	8.0	5.29749107	-0.67837203	-0.04841400
O	8.0	4.88347721	1.61171901	0.20760000
C	6.0	4.63856983	0.44477800	0.06893800
C	6.0	3.56294298	-0.55210501	-0.06487000
F	9.0	1.75621700	0.70707601	0.04528300
F	9.0	3.15633106	-1.01431298	-1.21873295
F	9.0	3.11768794	-1.26244199	0.93917203
O	8.0	-1.79913104	-0.26563501	0.08309200
C	6.0	-2.79597807	0.52268499	-0.08068700
O	8.0	-2.84282088	1.72966099	-0.29122600
C	6.0	-4.14424419	-0.26483199	0.01887600
F	9.0	-4.28468895	-0.87365103	1.22756004
F	9.0	-4.22883797	-1.24084103	-0.92549998
F	9.0	-5.22617579	0.52745497	-0.14431401

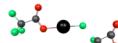
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1249.840990



TS [CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>AgF<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → [CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>AgF] + CF<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub> (- 382 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Ag	47.0	0.03061100	0.20030200	-0.14878900
O	8.0	-5.52811384	-0.63021398	0.19814900
O	8.0	-5.09134579	1.61718297	-0.30725101
C	6.0	-4.85560417	0.46827999	-0.05602000
C	6.0	-3.82194209	-0.55358201	0.15155900
F	9.0	-1.98715103	0.62707901	-0.13797900
F	9.0	-3.38541389	-0.90792900	1.33542001
F	9.0	-3.42279792	-1.37365794	-0.79024398
O	8.0	2.06602001	-0.40884700	-0.24782100
C	6.0	2.96383810	0.38927901	0.18735901
O	8.0	2.86862803	1.50586903	0.69062501
C	6.0	4.39355803	-0.22424901	0.01741500
F	9.0	4.67483902	-0.48695901	-1.28765297
F	9.0	4.52001286	-1.39914405	0.69208598
F	9.0	5.37392092	0.58900100	0.46854401

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1199.474886



TS [CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>AuF<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → [CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>AuF] + CF<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub> (- 366 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Au	79.0	0.01739600	0.18678600	0.05871100
O	8.0	-5.49220514	-0.69846100	-0.27515501
O	8.0	-4.91935301	1.52693403	-0.70711398
C	6.0	-4.77139807	0.38108000	-0.37847000
C	6.0	-3.76840091	-0.58967203	0.10878300
F	9.0	-1.94470704	0.63648200	0.26242399
F	9.0	-3.64061403	-0.90741903	1.36846495
F	9.0	-3.15001512	-1.42629099	-0.67931002
O	8.0	1.98133397	-0.37679100	-0.18510300
C	6.0	2.95697904	0.42243201	0.07177700
O	8.0	2.97145605	1.58489096	0.44864500
C	6.0	4.31924105	-0.31582901	-0.14036401
F	9.0	4.39231205	-0.93708599	-1.34457600
F	9.0	4.51014423	-1.27067602	0.81087399
F	9.0	5.37480211	0.52312702	-0.06884200

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1188.230813



[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>CuF<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

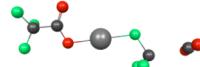
Cu	29.0	-0.08447100	0.26129699	0.05792400
O	8.0	5.36962605	-0.52583897	-0.05283900
O	8.0	4.80768585	1.77519000	0.20113000
C	6.0	4.60778379	0.61150497	0.07092500
C	6.0	3.89640999	-0.64142698	-0.07026700
F	9.0	1.68378997	0.64668298	0.05445300
F	9.0	3.43104601	-1.10701704	-1.22016799
F	9.0	3.42407478	-1.34643495	0.94781703
O	8.0	-1.87922001	-0.26367399	0.09194100
C	6.0	-2.87368989	0.50229902	-0.09222300
O	8.0	-2.92441392	1.72721395	-0.33083299
C	6.0	-4.22300100	-0.26602200	0.01775300
F	9.0	-4.35730219	-0.87938398	1.22516501
F	9.0	-4.31724215	-1.23979199	-0.92931402
F	9.0	-5.30712080	0.52695698	-0.13485400

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1249.844212



[CF<sub>3</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>AgF<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Ag	47.0	0.08461100	0.18377700	-0.15679500
O	8.0	-5.61261702	-0.48708501	0.19080700
O	8.0	-5.01994085	1.76991999	-0.28398201
C	6.0	-4.83589315	0.61782700	-0.05931700
C	6.0	-4.13929176	-0.63147599	0.16375101
F	9.0	-1.92490399	0.56898099	-0.15301800
F	9.0	-3.64210105	-1.00927103	1.33236599
F	9.0	-3.72352004	-1.43375003	-0.80602801
O	8.0	2.13293409	-0.38865101	-0.24939600
C	6.0	3.03356290	0.39207301	0.20731100
O	8.0	2.94940996	1.49545801	0.74166697
C	6.0	4.46024179	-0.22662801	0.02120100
F				



TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{CuF}_3\text{C CO}_2]^- \rightarrow [\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{CuF}]^- + \text{CF}_2 + \text{CO}_2$   
 (- 114 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Cu	29.0	-0.00727700	0.10230900	0.04395700
C	6.0	2.71388102	0.55209398	-0.02065400
C	6.0	4.13712978	-0.09306300	0.00727100
O	8.0	1.80181801	-0.34869599	0.04864900
O	8.0	2.62570190	1.77227294	-0.09322300
F	9.0	4.37102222	-0.72488701	1.18904197
F	9.0	5.12257814	0.81614000	-0.15117900
F	9.0	4.29395294	-1.01827598	-0.97488201
C	6.0	-5.21364212	0.56874597	0.08693400
C	6.0	-3.07384396	-0.58779401	-0.09055600
O	8.0	-5.40724897	0.78367001	-1.05897403
O	8.0	-5.35421991	0.52535301	1.25956595
F	9.0	-2.67021108	-1.17433798	-1.25468504
F	9.0	-1.84793305	0.51737797	0.05553200
F	9.0	-2.65813303	-1.46798003	0.86718899

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1249.853243

TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AgF}_3\text{C CO}_2]^- \rightarrow [\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AgF} \text{ CF}_2]^- + \text{CO}_2$  (- 51 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Ag	47.0	0.00467400	0.04250700	-0.03724100
C	6.0	3.15671611	-0.47053900	-0.02378100
F	9.0	2.11243391	0.66675699	-0.01427700
F	9.0	2.69616604	-1.16571295	-1.13650703
F	9.0	2.64320207	-1.22982299	0.02159297
O	8.0	-2.06018901	-0.55654401	-0.06874200
C	6.0	-2.86983705	0.42680201	0.02993200
O	8.0	-2.64217806	1.63137197	0.13177200
C	6.0	-4.35882616	-0.04805400	0.02235900
F	9.0	-4.63171911	-0.83509099	1.09752297
F	9.0	-4.65082884	-0.77659303	-1.08680499
F	9.0	-5.23659611	0.97767198	0.05719400
C	6.0	5.60474777	0.47317901	0.07018900
O	8.0	5.71442318	0.70242500	-1.07926500
O	8.0	5.76164484	0.34511700	1.22994304

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1199.494026  
 (non-converged structure)

TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AuF}_3\text{CCO}_2]^- \rightarrow [\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AuF}]^- + \text{CF}_2 + \text{CO}_2$  (-130 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Au	79.0	0.00246400	-0.02831400	-0.07619900
C	6.0	2.88189292	-0.52556598	0.01816700
C	6.0	4.32316208	0.07504200	0.07907400
O	8.0	2.00625205	0.42131200	0.05450600
O	8.0	2.74885511	-1.73593104	-0.07165100
F	9.0	4.62817621	0.71813703	-1.07984197
F	9.0	5.26297283	-0.87578601	0.26063001
F	9.0	4.46911716	0.97289598	1.08401000
C	6.0	-5.33596611	-0.63558400	0.08400300
C	6.0	-3.28768897	0.60318601	0.06540500
O	8.0	-5.42682791	-0.84528798	1.24512398
O	8.0	-5.59316015	-0.62695903	-1.07100499
F	9.0	-2.82456803	1.19126403	1.20035696
F	9.0	-2.05212593	-0.46122500	-0.18978600
F	9.0	-2.99068093	1.50241399	-0.91047299

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1188.241605

$[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{CuF}]^-(\text{CF}_2)(\text{CO}_2)$

Cu	29.0	0.18419400	0.09930200	0.09105500
C	6.0	-2.51817894	-0.57945400	-0.05497100
C	6.0	-3.97664809	-0.01555100	-0.00422100
O	8.0	-1.66374803	0.36236799	0.10137500
O	8.0	-2.36597490	-1.78414905	-0.22577700
F	9.0	-4.24781609	0.56873602	1.19443798
F	9.0	-4.91371012	-0.97096503	-0.19074699
F	9.0	-4.18636703	0.92930001	-0.95973402
C	6.0	4.27116919	-1.66906202	0.01846000
C	6.0	3.43209410	1.37393403	-0.09412500
O	8.0	4.22851801	-1.75528502	-1.14793801
O	8.0	4.37799406	-1.66056800	1.18397999
F	9.0	2.88654995	1.94248497	-1.18253100
F	9.0	2.01458406	-0.04034500	0.10389800
F	9.0	2.97936511	2.14435792	0.90972197

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1249.855398

$[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AgF}-\text{CF}_2]^-$

Ag	47.0	-0.93017298	0.23809101	-0.00647100
C	6.0	2.00416708	0.38355100	-0.01789000
C	6.0	3.42536902	-0.26918700	0.01835100
O	8.0	1.08383703	-0.50056601	0.02650100
O	8.0	1.93006599	1.60968804	-0.07423800
F	9.0	3.64195204	-0.91863102	1.19453299
F	9.0	4.42254782	0.63287503	-0.11629100
F	9.0	3.58925009	-1.18341506	0.97379500
C	6.0	-4.13382292	-0.11573200	-0.11819000
F	9.0	-3.48668408	-0.97059900	-0.02164900
F	9.0	-2.96978211	0.97668701	-0.01606800
F	9.0	-3.88254499	-0.76525301	1.08798301

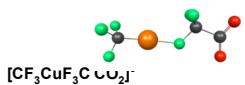
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$[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{AuF}]^-(\text{CF}_2)(\text{CO}_2)$

Au	79.0	0.12373500	0.06161600	-0.04983300
O	8.0	-1.89801002	0.33976200	0.22200900
C	6.0	-2.75409698	-0.51912802	-0.20955101
C	6.0	4.39344788	-1.70135903	0.25431001
C	6.0	3.60830498	1.34152198	0.02597200
O	8.0	4.64899778	-1.78163898	-0.88491601
O	8.0	4.20036697	-1.69434297	1.40861905
F	9.0	3.28813291	2.03823805	-1.06829500
F	9.0	2.13558197	-0.12370000	-0.26358899
F	9.0	2.95257092	1.97744095	1.00086904
O	8.0	-2.60647297	-1.57831597	-0.80168098
C	6.0	-4.20452595	-0.03816800	0.12188400
F	9.0	-4.38360405	0.15261100	1.45505905
F	9.0	-5.14298487	-0.92422199	-0.27494001
F	9.0	-4.49335003	1.14089799	-0.49034101

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1188.245106

**Figure S22.** DFT Calculated Cartesian coordinates and energies (Hartrees) for species related to the fragmentation of  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{MF}_3\text{CCO}_2]^-$  M = Cu, Ag and Au.



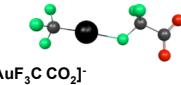
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 O 8.0 -3.47755504 1.59688699 -0.21061499  
 C 6.0 -3.49905992 0.36791301 -0.04559100  
 C 6.0 -2.06518888 -0.32506299 0.04802300  
 F 9.0 -0.98387903 0.62381601 -0.08894900  
 F 9.0 -1.81024504 -0.92517602 1.22812998  
 F 9.0 -1.81656206 -1.22894502 -0.92090499  
 C 6.0 2.85785294 -0.01323600 -0.01419100  
 F 9.0 3.34922290 -0.54504299 1.16758800  
 F 9.0 3.60249209 1.14298606 -0.19374400  
 F 9.0 3.33654308 -0.87219501 -0.99096799

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1061.284400



Ag 47.0 0.88450199 0.20859200 -0.03225300  
 O 8.0 -4.69101906 -0.58392799 -0.01111000  
 O 8.0 -3.86296010 1.55449295 0.03462000  
 C 6.0 -3.83033490 0.31392300 0.00665100  
 C 6.0 -2.36370897 -0.31466901 0.00791500  
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 C 6.0 2.97918701 -0.06903600 0.01841900  
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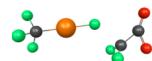
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 C 6.0 3.97025291 -0.31823900 -0.02271100  
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 F 9.0 1.46391594 -0.60290402 -0.07851300  
 F 9.0 2.26780701 0.99188000 1.19802201  
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 F 9.0 -3.14299989 1.26948798 -0.62280899  
 F 9.0 -3.25277710 0.22855200 1.28587699  
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Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -999.703283

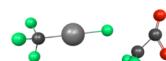
TS [CF3CuF3CCO2]-→[CF3CuF]- + CF2CO2 (- 370 cm<sup>-1</sup>)



Cu 29.0 -1.10073400 0.33687499 -0.00215700  
 O 8.0 4.25107002 -0.60261500 0.00040000  
 O 8.0 3.81545496 1.70012105 0.00143900  
 C 6.0 3.57824302 0.52389801 0.00084500  
 C 6.0 2.53963590 -0.51413602 0.00000700  
 F 9.0 0.70036799 0.71785501 0.00076400  
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 F 9.0 2.11880112 -1.10947299 1.08730197  
 C 6.0 -2.96588206 -0.05433800 0.00052600  
 F 9.0 -3.54932094 -0.19263899 1.26296496  
 F 9.0 -3.33347607 -1.23930299 -0.64295399  
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Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1061.251777

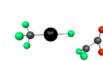
TS [CF3AgF3CCO2]-→[CF3AgF]- + CF2CO2 (- 369 cm<sup>-1</sup>)



Ag 47.0 -1.00768399 0.26028100 -0.00422000  
 O 8.0 4.59148407 -0.57425302 0.00845100  
 O 8.0 4.10712481 1.72193694 0.00722600  
 C 6.0 3.89236808 0.54238802 0.00549700  
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 F 9.0 1.02717197 0.62845302 -0.00940700  
 F 9.0 2.50525188 -1.14684606 -1.09222496  
 F 9.0 2.49385810 -1.14822900 1.08669698  
 C 6.0 -3.07354689 -0.10899900 0.00336500  
 F 9.0 -3.65101504 -0.23455299 1.26563394  
 F 9.0 -3.47249103 -1.27735603 -0.64336300  
 F 9.0 -3.85588789 0.87064201 -0.60497397

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1010.887964

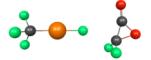
TS [CF3AuF3CCO2]-→[CF3AuF]- + CF2CO2 (- 374 cm<sup>-1</sup>)



Au 79.0 0.82136202 -0.22324200 -0.00353000  
 O 8.0 -4.74014711 0.65697700 0.01141200  
 O 8.0 -4.29931879 -1.64371705 0.01226900  
 C 6.0 -4.06560421 -0.46654201 0.00854800  
 C 6.0 -3.01967597 0.566652600 -0.00099300  
 F 9.0 -1.18966901 -0.67543203 -0.01250100  
 F 9.0 -2.60826492 1.15880406 -1.09243703  
 F 9.0 -2.59221601 1.16300297 1.08193398  
 C 6.0 2.78895903 0.20509601 0.00554400  
 F 9.0 3.35259700 0.33785099 1.26608002  
 F 9.0 3.13274598 1.38924897 -0.62982100  
 F 9.0 3.59436703 -0.74019301 -0.61205101

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -999.670050

[CF3CuF](CF2CO2)



Cu 29.0 -1.22815299 0.08376900 0.00006200  
 O 8.0 4.43786907 -0.02790800 -0.00012600  
 O 8.0 3.29850698 2.06277204 0.00000100  
 C 6.0 3.40632701 0.87948197 -0.00003300  
 C 6.0 3.04058290 -0.52110201 -0.00001800  
 F 9.0 0.59763598 0.13583300 0.00013300  
 F 9.0 2.74377394 -1.21165299 -1.09078896  
 F 9.0 2.74394608 -1.21167397 1.09078896  
 C 6.0 -3.13265705 0.01222500 -0.00002900  
 F 9.0 -3.76349902 0.61202502 1.09588003  
 F 9.0 -3.68690300 -1.27346301 -0.00649200  
 F 9.0 -3.76385307 0.62317002 -1.08955503

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1061.254126

[CF3AgF](CF2CO2)

Ag 47.0 1.10006201 0.10576600 -0.02246900  
 O 8.0 -4.75895977 -0.11617000 0.04356700  
 O 8.0 -3.72034311 2.02455997 0.01313900  
 C 6.0 -3.77251506 0.83705401 0.01692600  
 C 6.0 -3.33529496 -0.54296601 0.00852600  
 F 9.0 -0.94869101 0.21349099 -0.05161700  
 F 9.0 -2.98459005 -1.21861506 1.09229398  
 F 9.0 -3.03957391 -1.22227502 -1.08939898  
 C 6.0 3.19347501 -0.02648100 0.01668400  
 F 9.0 3.73264503 -1.15176797 -0.60879201  
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 F 9.0 3.87731290 1.02600300 -0.59272301

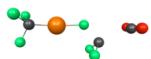
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1010.889448

[CF3AuF](CF2CO2)

Au 79.0 -0.88809699 0.17157499 0.00103900  
 O 8.0 4.87308884 -0.40097201 -0.00432400  
 O 8.0 4.15173912 1.86782598 -0.00307800  
 C 6.0 4.03307581 0.68544799 -0.00244400  
 C 6.0 3.40802789 -0.62081897 -0.00032300  
 F 9.0 1.12769794 0.50744700 0.00570700  
 F 9.0 2.98179889 -1.24160004 -1.08979106  
 F 9.0 2.98767996 -1.24083996 1.09188998  
 C 6.0 -2.87415195 -0.15976800 -0.00190600  
 F 9.0 -3.45263696 -0.28527400 1.25560296  
 F 9.0 -3.27805805 -1.31751704 -0.65600997  
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Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -999.672655

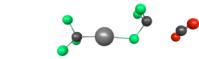
**Figure S23.** DFT Calculated Cartesian coordinates and energies (Hartrees) for species related to the fragmentation of [CF3MF3CCO2]- M = Cu, Ag and Au.



TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CuF}_3\text{CCO}_2] \rightarrow [\text{CF}_3\text{CuF}] + \text{CF}_2 + \text{CO}_2$  (- 79 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Cu	29.0	-1.06760800	-0.24374600	0.00003000
C	6.0	-2.97182393	-0.11567300	0.00016500
F	9.0	-3.60236812	-0.70782101	1.09331405
F	9.0	-3.60271192	-0.71063203	-1.09126306
F	9.0	-3.48288894	1.17827404	-0.00142100
C	6.0	4.28135204	-0.59882098	0.00053000
C	6.0	2.03783703	0.64403301	-0.00051200
O	8.0	4.41794014	-0.67255098	-1.16744995
O	8.0	4.41819000	-0.67003202	1.16863799
F	9.0	1.60859096	1.38011503	-1.07247496
F	9.0	0.82513601	-0.49538600	-0.00002600
F	9.0	1.60839605	1.38123596	1.07059705

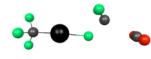
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1061.265368



TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{AgF}_3\text{CCO}_2] \rightarrow [\text{CF}_3\text{AgFCF}_2] + \text{CO}_2$  (- 25 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Ag	47.0	0.94919199	-0.11075300	-0.19539000
C	6.0	-2.26076388	0.35349101	0.40540299
F	9.0	-1.20414197	-0.22035401	-0.61387002
F	9.0	-1.84327996	1.68354797	0.41780201
F	9.0	-1.70108294	-0.14541900	1.58454800
C	6.0	3.05404305	-0.06040000	0.01819700
F	9.0	3.49797893	0.92414498	0.94859701
F	9.0	3.76272297	0.24044500	-1.19574797
F	9.0	3.64992690	-1.28162003	0.46896201
C	6.0	-4.66214800	-0.30843601	-0.30794501
O	8.0	-5.07537699	0.85760301	-0.63266200
O	8.0	-4.54686594	-1.55750895	-0.07024200

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1010.906611  
 (non-converged structure)



TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{AuF}_3\text{CCO}_2] \rightarrow [\text{CF}_3\text{AuF}] + \text{CF}_2 + \text{CO}_2$  (- 70 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

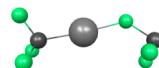
Au	79.0	-0.80469400	-0.16764100	-0.00932300
C	6.0	-2.81504703	-0.00293400	0.01151800
F	9.0	-3.36764503	0.09196600	1.27398801
F	9.0	-3.48121405	-1.06757200	-0.56612903
F	9.0	-3.30631590	1.10156298	-0.65477097
C	6.0	4.77881622	-0.58328497	0.01066100
C	6.0	2.52016306	0.69880801	0.00134000
O	8.0	4.91455889	-0.65315700	-1.15685296
O	8.0	4.90073490	-0.65359402	1.17970204
F	9.0	2.10154796	1.45703006	-1.05964005
F	9.0	1.31969595	-0.44142500	-0.03043100
F	9.0	2.08336592	1.41645205	1.08282399

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -999.683560

$[\text{CF}_3\text{CuF}](\text{CF}_2)(\text{CO}_2)$

Cu	29.0	0.84103698	-0.11870800	-0.03167500
C	6.0	2.74486399	-0.23744400	0.00426000
F	9.0	3.28056908	-1.37406397	-0.60631698
F	9.0	3.31633806	-0.26787800	1.27757597
F	9.0	3.42795110	0.80564702	-0.62145501
C	6.0	-3.47503090	-1.43856800	0.01212100
C	6.0	-2.27820897	1.40897298	0.02477700
O	8.0	-3.46719098	-1.49652100	1.18117404
O	8.0	-3.55550098	-1.46079302	-1.15542805
F	9.0	-1.70345199	2.01220798	1.08622396
F	9.0	-1.02062404	-0.07316500	-0.06218700
F	9.0	-1.76281500	2.08650303	-1.02210104

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1061.266040



$[\text{CF}_3\text{AgF}-\text{CF}_2]$

Ag	47.0	-0.56201297	1.55085683	-1.50032365
C	6.0	-2.61213493	2.03548908	-1.35350859
F	9.0	-3.17691779	1.82240748	-0.10016766
F	9.0	-3.44665885	1.31736946	-2.20594954
F	9.0	-2.93328977	3.35841870	-1.63019073
C	6.0	2.78344417	1.84412658	-1.55941463
F	9.0	2.23424911	2.94703007	-2.21320343
F	9.0	1.47389472	0.87195063	-1.66362464
F	9.0	2.62808704	2.21284890	-0.22809057

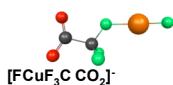
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -822.323568

$[\text{CF}_3\text{AuF}](\text{CF}_2)(\text{CO}_2)$

Au	79.0	-0.64235502	-0.08448000	-0.02685800
C	6.0	-2.65528488	-0.16816600	0.02578300
F	9.0	-3.23330212	0.43766201	1.12870002
F	9.0	-3.17962599	-1.45095897	0.04377900
F	9.0	-3.29138088	0.43053401	-1.04893005
C	6.0	3.86718702	-1.45109499	0.02448000
C	6.0	2.71055388	1.43121696	0.02476400
O	8.0	3.95707893	-1.48401797	-1.14210200
O	8.0	3.84932709	-1.49771500	1.19391203
F	9.0	2.19342303	2.13333392	-1.00301397
F	9.0	1.44460106	-0.04910600	-0.08316400
F	9.0	2.15073299	2.01587200	1.10230899

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -999.684139

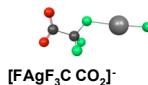
**Figure S23.** DFT Calculated Cartesian coordinates and energies (Hartrees) for species related to the fragmentation of  $[\text{CF}_3\text{MF}_3\text{CCO}_2]^-$  M = Cu, Ag and Au.



[FCuF<sub>3</sub>C CO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Cu	29.0	-1.86584902	0.19155701	-0.01722800
O	8.0	3.46441698	-0.47141501	-0.10384200
O	8.0	2.53391099	1.62233901	0.01192200
C	6.0	2.56326199	0.38327500	-0.03360400
C	6.0	1.13659000	-0.32803601	0.02795700
F	9.0	0.04609200	0.62050402	-0.03558300
F	9.0	0.88045400	-1.17274296	-0.98871899
F	9.0	0.90677297	-0.99963701	1.17436802
F	9.0	-3.61955595	-0.12523200	-0.00908000

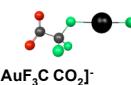
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -823.510729



[FAgF<sub>3</sub>C CO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Ag	47.0	1.66729105	0.13348800	-0.01374300
O	8.0	-3.89159989	-0.55480301	-0.10965100
O	8.0	-3.05966895	1.57947397	0.00500100
C	6.0	-3.02988601	0.33929601	-0.03825500
C	6.0	-1.56640697	-0.29441100	0.03080000
F	9.0	-0.53130502	0.67566597	-0.04749000
F	9.0	-1.31196404	-0.94822299	1.19004095
F	9.0	-1.27886903	-1.15495801	-0.97296101
F	9.0	3.65854192	-0.21033201	0.00016800

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -773.148727



[FAuF<sub>3</sub>C CO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Au	79.0	1.28338397	0.09157800	-0.02138400
O	8.0	-4.26859617	-0.45209900	-0.00638400
O	8.0	-3.30156708	1.62752402	0.04129400
C	6.0	-3.35327291	0.38954499	0.00782600
C	6.0	-1.93384695	-0.34685099	0.00801300
F	9.0	-0.83936501	0.58339000	-0.17794000
F	9.0	-1.63929403	-0.96099502	1.17051005
F	9.0	-1.75682294	-1.24512804	-0.97666502
F	9.0	3.22400308	-0.25440499	0.13020501

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -761.896958

TS [FCuF<sub>3</sub>C CO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → [FCuF]<sup>-</sup> + CF<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub> (- 358 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Cu	29.0	-2.02693200	0.21963400	0.00001900
O	8.0	3.27229500	-0.58566201	-0.00010300
O	8.0	2.85138392	1.72217500	-0.00006400
C	6.0	2.60368991	0.54880899	-0.00005200
C	6.0	1.58490896	-0.50418901	0.00001200
F	9.0	-0.26865301	0.73427999	0.00015800
F	9.0	1.15955198	-1.09564102	-1.08905900
F	9.0	1.15970302	-1.09565496	1.08913505
F	9.0	-3.75504589	-0.29067600	-0.00012200

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -823.475613

TS [FAgF<sub>3</sub>C CO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → [FAgF]<sup>-</sup> + CF<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub> (- 354 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Ag	47.0	1.79744804	0.16272800	0.00001700
O	8.0	-3.72604990	-0.58769703	-0.00012400
O	8.0	-3.31599593	1.72496104	-0.00008000
C	6.0	-3.06121397	0.55397397	-0.00006400
C	6.0	-2.06106997	-0.51315397	0.00001300
F	9.0	-0.19991100	0.70788401	0.00018100
F	9.0	-1.63395095	-1.10643995	1.09049797
F	9.0	-1.63377202	-1.10642695	1.09040904
F	9.0	3.75541496	-0.38293701	-0.00014500

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -773.105614

TS [FAuF<sub>3</sub>C CO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → [FAuF]<sup>-</sup> + CF<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub> (-369 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Au	79.0	-1.39551198	0.09038900	0.02162500
O	8.0	4.18060589	-0.43628100	-0.22831599
O	8.0	3.52600694	1.80922902	-0.10189200
C	6.0	3.40794992	0.61498600	-0.10293900
C	6.0	2.47703099	-0.51743799	0.01248500
F	9.0	0.56219798	0.54563701	0.32494500
F	9.0	1.96536696	-1.13294995	-1.02107298
F	9.0	2.27333498	-1.16539097	1.13068604
F	9.0	-3.32505012	-0.32613701	-0.27055901

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -761.865536

[FCuF]<sup>-</sup>(CF<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>)

Cu	29.0	2.10233498	0.20394000	0.00002600
O	8.0	-3.29143405	-0.48476401	-0.00057600
O	8.0	-2.76888895	1.83477795	-0.00047000
C	6.0	-2.54877806	0.66602200	-0.00035700
C	6.0	-1.80284703	-0.57520300	0.00006700
F	9.0	0.35264900	0.71471399	0.00152300
F	9.0	-1.33652306	-1.16036499	1.09147000
F	9.0	-1.33568001	-1.16005504	-1.09121704
F	9.0	3.83340096	-0.31199300	-0.00073700

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -823.476917

[FAgF]<sup>-</sup>(CF<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>)

Ag	47.0	-1.85570395	0.15218601	0.00064500
O	8.0	3.76336908	-0.49404499	-0.00479200
O	8.0	3.24871492	1.82683396	-0.00329900
C	6.0	3.02509093	0.65860599	-0.00252500
C	6.0	2.27215409	-0.57840002	-0.00007500
F	9.0	0.12988600	0.69448501	0.00782800
F	9.0	1.80315101	-1.16467500	-1.09022701
F	9.0	1.81013298	-1.16488397	1.09292996
F	9.0	-3.81673002	-0.39784300	-0.00497300

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -773.106433

[FAuF]<sup>-</sup>(CF<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub>)

Au	79.0	-1.46920002	0.06848500	0.02366400
O	8.0	4.25870419	-0.24824300	-0.20580100
O	8.0	3.40009499	1.96830904	-0.07933000
C	6.0	3.35817695	0.78070998	-0.08125600
C	6.0	2.82298589	-0.56382900	-0.01706100
F	9.0	0.49862599	0.41014901	0.31807601
F	9.0	2.30113292	-1.20583701	-1.05018401
F	9.0	2.58862209	-1.21503401	1.11238205
F	9.0	-3.42067003	-0.26396200	-0.26846299

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -761.867886

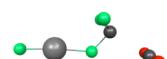
**Figure S24.** DFT Calculated Cartesian coordinates and energies (Hartrees) for species related to the fragmentation of [FMF<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> M = Cu, Ag and Au.



TS [FCuF<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → [FCuF]<sup>-</sup> + CF<sub>2</sub> + CO<sub>2</sub> (- 38 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Cu	29.0	-1.99669302	-0.32082900	-0.00016200
F	9.0	-3.79157996	-0.30465299	-0.00024500
C	6.0	3.36333799	-0.61332297	-0.00028600
C	6.0	1.06357205	0.73667997	0.00039800
O	8.0	3.47542310	-0.67562300	-1.16908002
O	8.0	3.47499204	-0.67760903	1.16843998
F	9.0	0.60436398	1.45847404	-1.07000005
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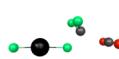
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -823.490607



TS [FAgF<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → [FAgFCF<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> + CO<sub>2</sub> (- 28 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Ag	47.0	1.75955296	-0.21776301	-0.02896400
F	9.0	3.79017210	-0.19865200	-0.10845900
C	6.0	-3.86002707	-0.59413999	-0.11540400
C	6.0	-1.46604395	0.70560598	0.11994000
O	8.0	-3.89245510	-0.98361999	0.99316603
O	8.0	-4.03931904	-0.32323200	-1.24514306
F	9.0	-1.04296196	1.35777605	1.26892698
F	9.0	-0.39974800	-0.44255599	0.09241600
F	9.0	-0.93506002	1.50797606	-0.88067198

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -773.125948  
 (non-converged structure)



TS [FAuF<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → [FAuF]<sup>-</sup> + CF<sub>2</sub> + CO<sub>2</sub> (- 82 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Au	79.0	1.37178898	-0.14747100	-0.04745800
F	9.0	3.34695101	0.05836400	0.09118100
C	6.0	-4.16000414	-0.54159498	-0.10123100
C	6.0	-1.91110897	0.63984698	0.15481199
O	8.0	-4.23677683	-0.97213000	0.99315798
O	8.0	-4.36582088	-0.25058001	-1.22472894
F	9.0	-1.45949495	1.05052197	1.37596798
F	9.0	-0.70773798	-0.44429600	-0.20253900
F	9.0	-1.52681303	1.65123403	-0.67791897

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -761.878938

[FCuF]<sup>-</sup>(CF<sub>2</sub>)(CO<sub>2</sub>)

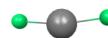
Cu	29.0	-1.99428499	-0.33959299	-0.00278600
F	9.0	-3.79003191	-0.34444699	-0.00468000
C	6.0	3.40606809	-0.64719498	-0.00464600
C	6.0	1.05375898	0.80260402	0.00674700
O	8.0	3.50086689	-0.68339300	-1.17418206
O	8.0	3.49071288	-0.71829098	1.16398096
F	9.0	0.57101703	1.51545799	-1.05806696
F	9.0	-0.11392400	-0.43747899	-0.00037000
F	9.0	0.57101202	1.50304794	1.07975996

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -823.490577

[FAgF-CF<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Ag	47.0	-0.84391701	-0.09696400	-0.07247200
F	9.0	-2.74540591	0.45905200	0.40108600
C	6.0	2.48026109	-0.12888899	-0.19505300
F	9.0	2.10248494	1.19823694	-0.40817499
F	9.0	1.10961401	-0.81742501	-0.66536200
F	9.0	2.28692007	-0.24757200	1.18095303

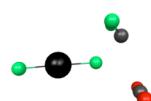
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -584.542750



TS [FAgF-CF<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> → [FAgF(CF<sub>2</sub>)<sup>-</sup>]

Ag	47.0	0.72839397	0.16075900	0.00005500
F	9.0	-0.59323800	1.75753200	0.00044800
C	6.0	-1.56093800	-0.68255699	-0.00008100
F	9.0	2.33465195	-1.12563205	-0.00029400
F	9.0	-2.27814007	-0.28406101	1.04940903
F	9.0	-2.27806091	-0.28372401	-1.04950094

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -584.528941



[FAuF]<sup>-</sup>(CF<sub>2</sub>)(CO<sub>2</sub>)

Au	79.0	-1.16442394	-0.14688900	-0.05077200
F	9.0	-3.12985611	-0.37973300	0.19185400
C	6.0	3.20626712	-1.45019698	0.06425700
C	6.0	2.11727190	1.48320496	0.15297800
O	8.0	3.48042107	-1.38122594	-1.07172799
O	8.0	3.00304794	-1.59834802	1.20726502
F	9.0	1.77815700	2.28782797	-0.87150699
F	9.0	0.86311400	0.03358100	-0.31622699
F	9.0	1.39752698	1.97418702	1.17624605

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -761.879649

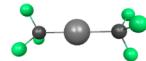
**Figure S24.** DFT Calculated Cartesian coordinates and energies (Hartrees) for species related to the fragmentation of [FMF<sub>3</sub>CCO<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> M = Cu, Ag and Au.



[CF<sub>3</sub>CuCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Cu	29.0	-0.00003100	0.00072700	-0.00099400
C	6.0	-1.95050395	0.00030000	-0.00016300
F	9.0	-2.55768204	1.17889094	0.44992301
F	9.0	-2.55722904	-0.20127600	-1.24546397
F	9.0	-2.55368209	-0.97955400	0.79738098
C	6.0	-1.95043004	0.00005700	0.00006800
F	9.0	2.55615401	-1.15968001	-0.49862501
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F	9.0	2.55532789	0.14719801	1.25396204

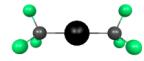
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -872.734923  
 Zero-point correction= 0.024244



[CF<sub>3</sub>AgCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Ag	47.0	-0.00000800	-0.00176500	0.00193900
C	6.0	-2.14146304	0.00042000	-0.00069000
F	9.0	-2.74462104	-0.53677499	-1.14143705
F	9.0	-2.74718904	-0.71586901	1.03555095
F	9.0	-2.73998904	1.25919795	0.10200100
C	6.0	2.14173794	0.00137900	-0.00053700
C	6.0	2.74781203	0.40084499	1.19330394
F	9.0	2.74068308	-1.23582697	-0.25312501
F	9.0	2.74316001	0.83644700	-0.94559997

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -822.376753  
 Zero-point correction= 0.023906



[CF<sub>3</sub>AuCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Au	79.0	0.00000000	0.00028000	-0.00003400
C	6.0	-2.08800411	-0.00008300	-0.00006700
F	9.0	-2.68125606	-0.67542303	-1.06325996
F	9.0	-2.68080592	-0.58391303	1.11632895
F	9.0	-2.68199396	1.25809097	-0.05277400
C	6.0	2.08799696	-0.00015700	0.00002900
F	9.0	2.68118000	-0.58725101	1.11440396
F	9.0	2.68111300	-0.67212403	-1.06543398
F	9.0	2.68176603	1.25832105	-0.04894300

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -811.172007  
 Zero-point correction= 0.024867



[FCuCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Cu	29.0	-0.88754898	-0.00009200	-0.00012200
C	6.0	1.01823604	0.00002900	-0.00006300
F	9.0	1.62790704	1.24405599	-0.21252300
F	9.0	1.62790406	-0.43778101	1.18360901
F	9.0	1.62830496	-0.80609399	-0.97079498
F	9.0	-2.70305991	0.00009600	0.00014400

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -634.967555  
 Zero-point correction= 0.013975



[FAgCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Ag	47.0	0.75497597	-0.00026800	-0.00012700
C	6.0	-1.34164596	-0.00003400	0.00000900
F	9.0	-1.94607198	-0.27626300	1.22976100
F	9.0	-1.94541502	1.20360696	-0.37519401
F	9.0	-1.94687796	-0.92639798	-0.85419399
F	9.0	2.79014492	0.00047700	0.00028400

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -584.602350  
 Zero-point correction= 0.013469



[FAuCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

Au	79.0	0.53109300	-0.00007500	0.00016100
C	6.0	-1.48357105	0.00009200	0.00001200
F	9.0	-2.07825208	1.25866306	-0.00163700
F	9.0	-2.07813001	-0.63031298	-1.08934903
F	9.0	-2.07927394	-0.62799299	1.09009194
F	9.0	2.56288695	0.00024000	-0.00052700

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -573.38677-  
 Zero-point correction= 0.014204

**Figure S25:** Calculated Cartesian coordinates and energies (Hartrees) of [CF<sub>3</sub>MF]<sup>-</sup> and [CF<sub>3</sub>MCF<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup>, M = Cu, Ag and Au.



TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CuCF}_3]^- \rightarrow [\text{CF}_2(\text{F})\text{CuCF}_3]^-$  (- 78 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Cu	29.0	0.16618700	0.06177400	0.00003100
C	6.0	-1.80659997	-0.12945201	-0.00008500
F	9.0	-2.30684710	-1.44363999	-0.00544700
F	9.0	-2.46537495	0.43678701	1.09634197
F	9.0	-2.46646810	0.44607100	-1.09094298
C	6.0	1.93340099	-0.54571497	-0.00018500
F	9.0	1.12826896	1.77340496	0.00041700
F	9.0	2.74519396	-0.48127899	1.05485106
F	9.0	2.74520111	-0.48028100	-1.05514002

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -872.679579



TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{AgCF}_3]^- \rightarrow [\text{CF}_2(\text{F})\text{AgCF}_3]^-$  (- 58 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Ag	47.0	-0.19509900	0.13639300	-0.00693600
C	6.0	1.93972802	-0.26901701	-0.00389700
F	9.0	2.71255898	0.48832500	-0.87646800
F	9.0	2.56697989	-0.07644100	1.22845304
F	9.0	2.30547905	-1.58537495	-0.33239099
C	6.0	-2.10935998	-0.56447703	-0.00203900
F	9.0	-2.91588712	-0.62011701	1.05931103
F	9.0	0.60294998	2.23689890	0.01134200
F	9.0	-2.93424201	-0.59990400	-1.05006695

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -822.300813



TS  $[\text{CF}_3\text{AuCF}_3]^- \rightarrow [\text{CF}_2(\text{F})\text{AuCF}_3]^-$  (-115 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Au	79.0	0.11899900	-0.04945600	0.000000500
C	6.0	-1.97942102	-0.12986100	-0.00003100
F	9.0	-2.54478192	-1.40453696	-0.00051300
F	9.0	-2.58081603	0.48068699	1.09181499
F	9.0	-2.58081102	0.48151100	-1.09141505
C	6.0	2.05992794	-0.45052600	-0.00009400
F	9.0	0.88316602	2.12616992	0.00030400
F	9.0	2.86249995	-0.43175301	1.05392599
F	9.0	2.86252403	-0.43103999	-1.05407500

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -811.079806

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -872.688420

$[\text{CF}_2(\text{F})\text{AgCF}_3]^-$

Ag	47.0	0.18393700	0.73700899	-0.00216400
C	6.0	-1.36545205	-0.79749697	-0.00373700
F	9.0	-0.94671798	-2.10582805	-0.22884400
F	9.0	-2.06343198	-0.88274300	1.19174898
F	9.0	-2.35233998	-0.60654098	-0.95529097
C	6.0	1.92671704	-0.33707500	0.00243500
F	9.0	-0.46585199	2.71773601	0.00364600
F	9.0	2.24231601	-1.11287606	1.06140804
F	9.0	2.25128794	-1.10219204	-1.06050003

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -822.306856

$[\text{CF}_2(\text{F})\text{AuCF}_3]^-$

Au	79.0	0.21178500	0.32520199	-0.00241000
C	6.0	-1.69394302	-0.65315098	-0.00176400
F	9.0	-1.61545503	-2.03463793	-0.16302601
F	9.0	-2.40738392	-0.49973401	1.16697705
F	9.0	-2.55551410	-0.25659901	-0.99620801
C	6.0	2.01286888	-0.30667499	0.00153700
F	9.0	-0.89620298	2.12169909	0.00705700
F	9.0	2.69648600	-0.77629000	1.07134795
F	9.0	2.70644689	-0.76910901	-1.06484497

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -811.092571

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -872.678844



TS  $[\text{CF}_2(\text{F})\text{CuCF}_3]^- \rightarrow \text{CF}_2 + [\text{FCuCF}_3]^-$  (-33 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Cu	29.0	0.17549101	0.74638700	-0.01955900
C	6.0	-1.55392897	-0.14583100	0.04396900
F	9.0	-1.78810406	-1.09553949	-0.94412702
F	9.0	-1.83930004	-0.83071798	1.22084403
F	9.0	-2.64950705	0.71924502	-0.08845400
C	6.0	1.49012804	-0.93882501	0.42909601
F	9.0	1.55155897	1.91018605	-0.25790200
F	9.0	1.41505599	-1.78114200	-0.62866700
F	9.0	2.78735900	-0.59994102	0.44595301

TS  $[\text{CF}_2(\text{F})\text{AuCF}_3]^- \rightarrow \text{CF}_2 + [\text{FAuCF}_3]^-$  (-108 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Au	79.0	0.22852699	0.51158100	-0.00115900
C	6.0	-1.55602801	-0.57043099	-0.00100000
C	6.0	1.69767201	-0.91560799	0.00026600
F	9.0	0.51691800	2.61222506	0.00222900
F	9.0	1.75884700	-1.75978100	1.06616497
F	9.0	1.76152396	-1.75791395	-1.06569397
F	9.0	-1.81221402	-1.23141301	1.18424904
F	9.0	-1.63696897	-1.55594897	-0.96475101
F	9.0	-2.68849611	0.19297899	-0.21153300

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -811.083512

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -634.908855

TS  $[\text{FAgCF}_3]^- \rightarrow [\text{CF}_2(\text{F})\text{AgF}]^-$  (- 51 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Ag	47.0	-0.50994599	-0.09522800	0.00000000
F	9.0	-2.48449302	-0.74314803	0.00000000
C	6.0	1.46353900	-0.50175798	0.00000000
F	9.0	-0.30507201	2.01917911	-0.00000100
F	9.0	2.23846197	-0.22211300	1.05677903
F	9.0	2.23846197	-0.22211300	-1.05677903

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -584.526793

TS  $[\text{FAuCF}_3]^- \rightarrow [\text{CF}_2(\text{F})\text{AuF}]^-$  (-125 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Au	79.0	-0.37800601	-0.15091699	0.00000000
F	9.0	-2.39921999	-0.23234899	0.00000100
C	6.0	1.51052701	-0.31080300	0.00000000
F	9.0	0.09370700	2.17542911	0.00000000
F	9.0	2.30827188	-0.20558099	1.05459499
F	9.0	2.30827308	-0.20558199	-1.05459499

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -573.293538

**Figure S26:** Calculated Cartesian coordinates and energies (Hartrees) relevant to the fragmentation of  $[\text{CF}_3\text{MF}]^-$  and  $[\text{CF}_3\text{MCF}_3]^-$ , M = Cu, Ag and Au.



[CF<sub>2</sub>(F)CuF]<sup>-</sup>

Cu	29.0	-0.53847200	-0.05177500	-0.00100600
F	9.0	-1.96928895	-1.26014996	0.02234200
C	6.0	1.25323200	-0.17157701	0.00442400
F	9.0	-1.28708899	1.67333806	-0.02605600
F	9.0	2.07642508	-0.03187400	1.06255698
F	9.0	2.07954001	-0.10010000	-1.05855095

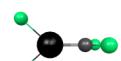
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[CF<sub>2</sub>(F)AgF]<sup>-</sup>

Ag	47.0	0.45246601	-0.07587800	-0.00007000
F	9.0	2.22140503	-1.17062497	0.00051000
C	6.0	-1.52244401	-0.27730399	0.00000200
F	9.0	1.08342898	1.92781997	-0.00074500
F	9.0	-2.32695699	-0.08901000	-1.05699205
F	9.0	-2.32579303	-0.08706400	1.05758905

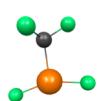
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[CF<sub>2</sub>(F)AuF]<sup>-</sup>

Au	79.0	-0.26356801	0.00000200	-0.00000500
F	9.0	-1.81318998	-1.38858604	-0.00006000
C	6.0	1.60533404	-0.00030800	-0.00004500
F	9.0	-1.81109905	1.38929904	0.00003100
F	9.0	2.43367600	-0.00032200	1.06413901
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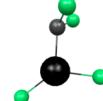
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -573.306183



TS [CF<sub>2</sub>(F)CuF]<sup>-</sup> → CF<sub>2</sub> + [FCuF]<sup>-</sup> (-40 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Cu	29.0	-0.66540200	0.28584501	0.08089400
F	9.0	-1.87748003	-1.00489295	-0.43668100
C	6.0	1.11538196	-0.68633997	0.26027000
F	9.0	-0.07259100	1.97344303	0.43078399
F	9.0	2.13637710	0.06214200	0.73041099
F	9.0	1.53675497	-1.00769103	-0.99639201

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -634.907978



TS [CF<sub>2</sub>(F)AuF]<sup>-</sup> → CF<sub>2</sub> + [FAuF]<sup>-</sup> (-161 cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Au	79.0	0.40404600	0.02768200	-0.00001200
F	9.0	-0.21998200	2.02095890	0.00032000
C	6.0	-1.51425695	-0.72713900	-0.00018200
F	9.0	2.25719500	-0.98076302	-0.00010300
F	9.0	-2.28707695	-0.39960000	1.06246805
F	9.0	-2.28725600	-0.39882100	-1.06245601

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -573.283137



[FCuF]<sup>-</sup>

Cu	29.0	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00008000
F	9.0	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.81214595
F	9.0	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.81188703

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -397.189505



[FAgF]<sup>-</sup>

Ag	47.0	0.00000000	0.00431800	0.00000000
F	9.0	2.04459310	0.02034200	0.00000000
F	9.0	-2.04459310	-0.04288900	0.00000000

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -346.819169

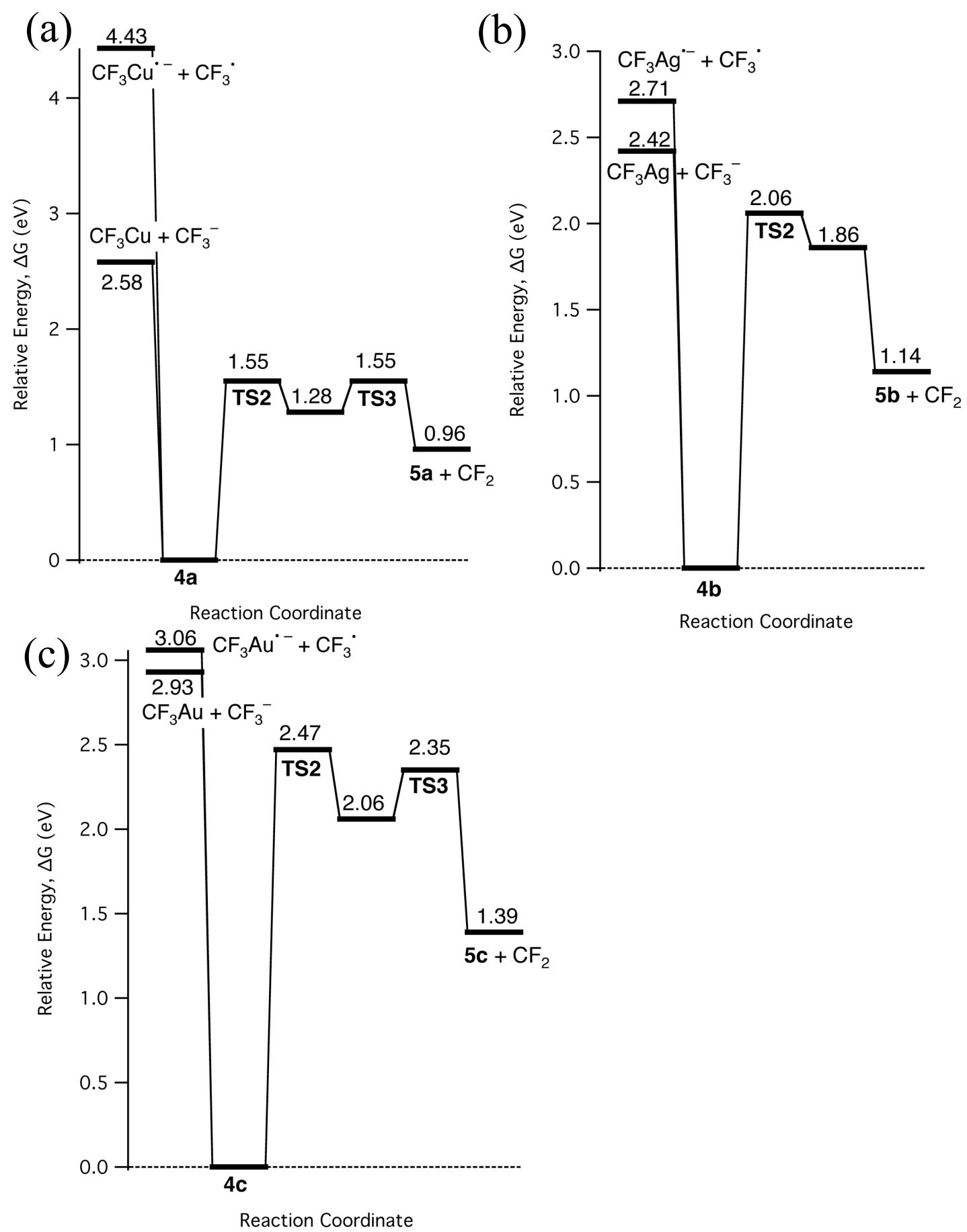


[FAuF]<sup>-</sup>

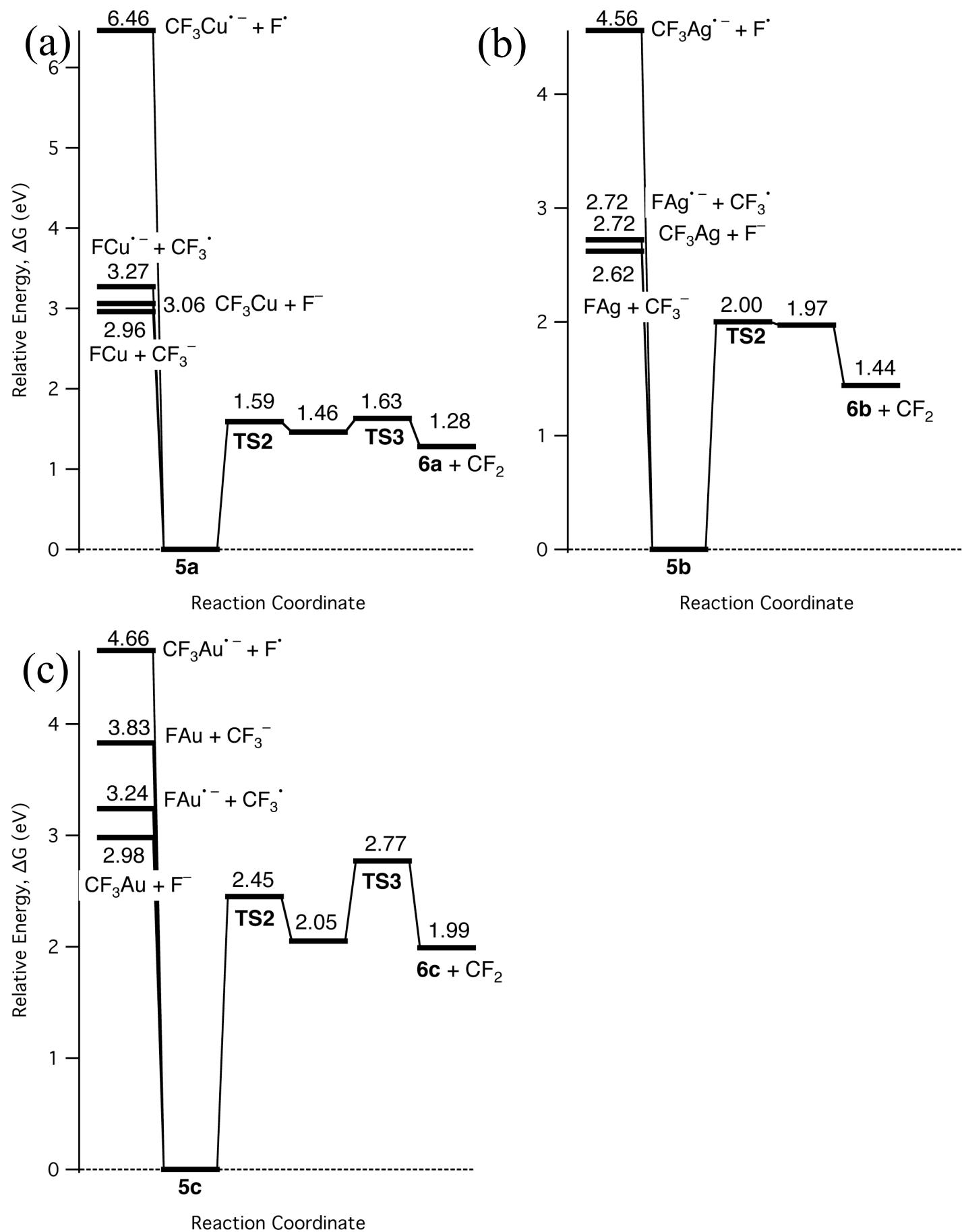
Au	79.0	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000300
F	9.0	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.01486397
F	9.0	0.00000000	0.00000000	2.01484108

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -335.581873

**Figure S27:** Calculated Cartesian coordinates and energies (Hartrees) of [CF<sub>2</sub>M(F)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> and [FMF]<sup>-</sup>, M = Cu, Ag and Au.

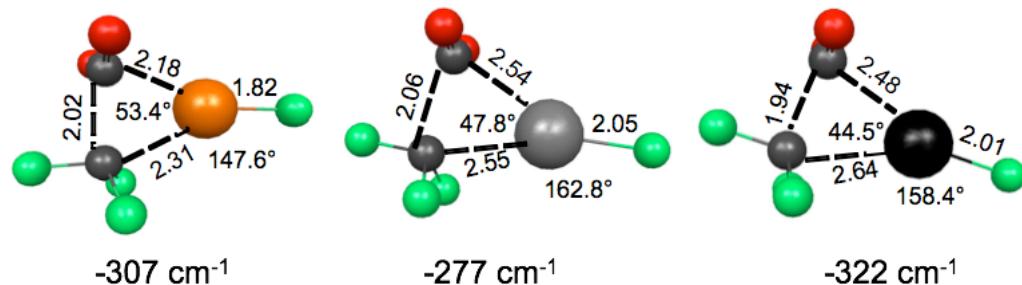


**Figure S28:** B3LYP/Def2-QZVP//B3LYP/SDD6-31+G(d) calculated Potential Energy Surfaces ( $\Delta G$ , eV) for fragmentation of  $[\text{CF}_3\text{MCF}_3]^-$ ; M = (a) Cu; (b) Ag and (c) Au.

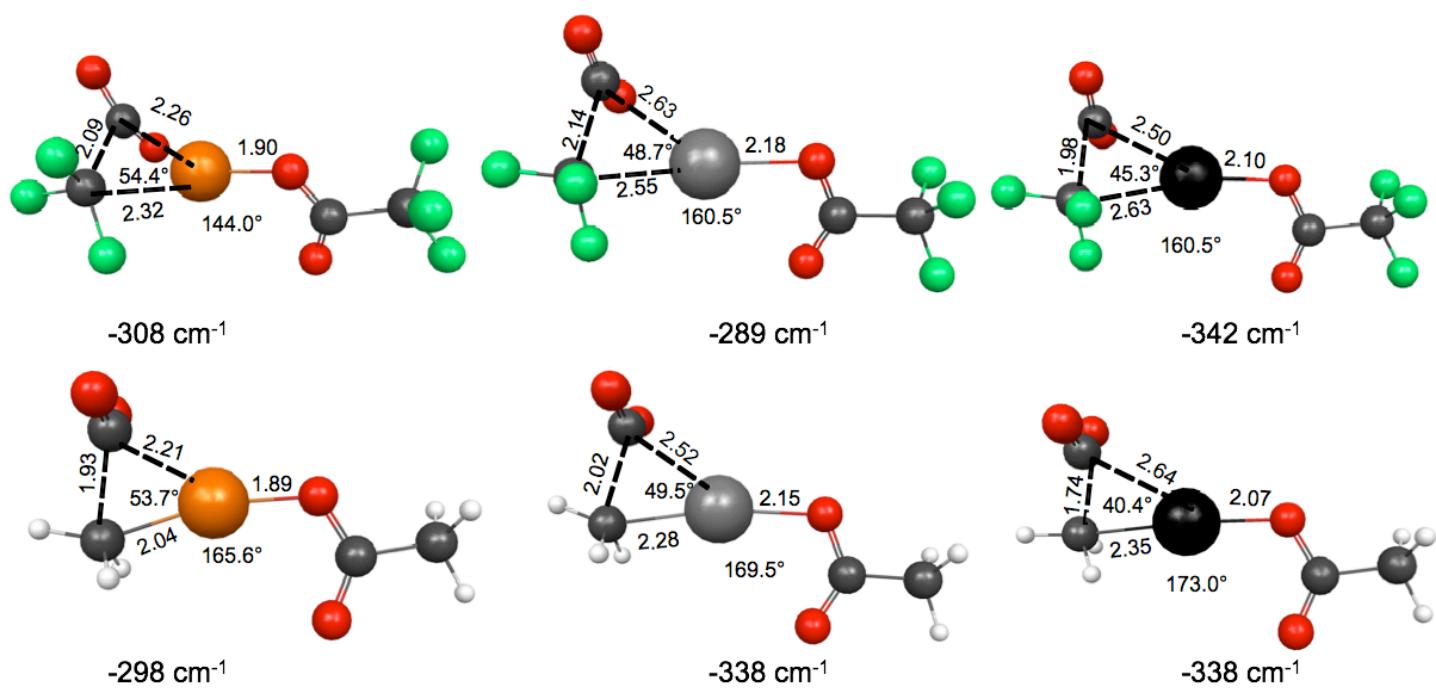


**Figure S29:** B3LYP/Def2-QZVP//B3LYP/SDD6-31+G(d) calculated Potential Energy Surfaces ( $\Delta G$ , eV) for fragmentation of  $[MCF_3]^-$ ; M = (a) Cu; (b) Ag and (c) Au.

(a)

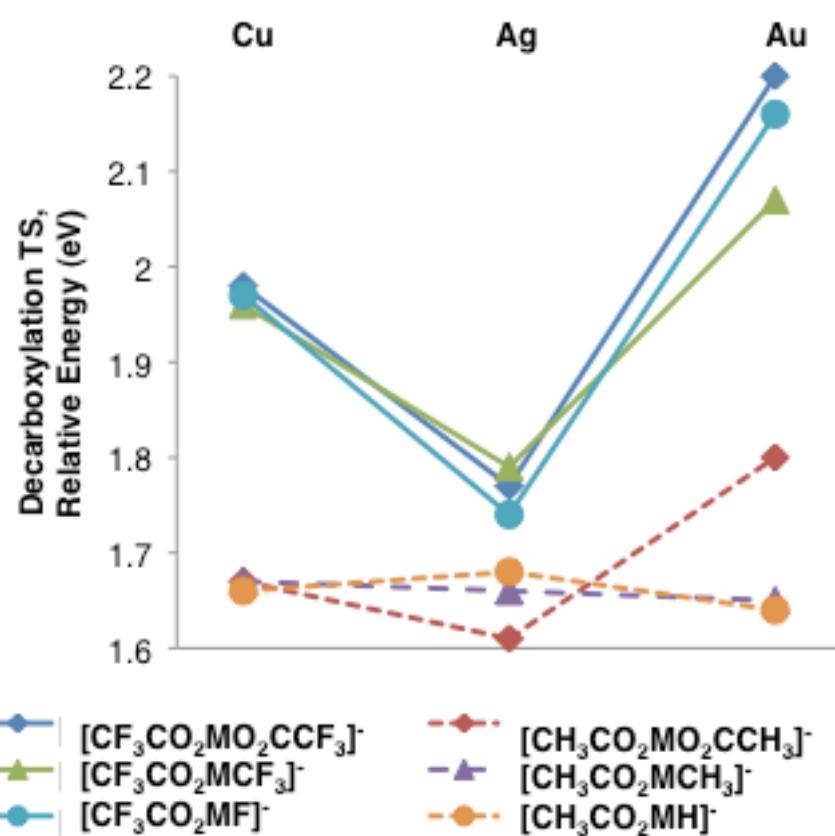


(b)



**Figure S30:** Decarboxylation TS comparison: (a)  $[\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{MF}]^-$ , M = Cu, Ag and Au; (b)  $[\text{CX}_3\text{CO}_2\text{MO}_2\text{CCX}_3]^-$ , X = F and H, M = Cu, Ag and Au.

	Cu	Ag	Au
[CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> MO <sub>2</sub> CCF <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1.98	1.77	2.20
[CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> MO <sub>2</sub> CCH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1.67	1.61	1.80
[CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> MCF <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1.96	1.79	2.07
[CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> MCH <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1.67	1.66	1.65
[CF <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> MF] <sup>-</sup>	1.97	1.74	2.16
[CH <sub>3</sub> CO <sub>2</sub> MH] <sup>-</sup>	1.66	1.68	1.64



**Figure S31:** Decarboxylation energy comparison, B3LYP/SDD6-31+G(d), E0, in eV. Energies for hydrocarbon analogues are taken from Ref 21c, d and g.