

Figure B.1 Sites of addition of Lewis bases to Re_3Cl_9 and the structure of $[Re_3Cl_{12}]^{3-}$.

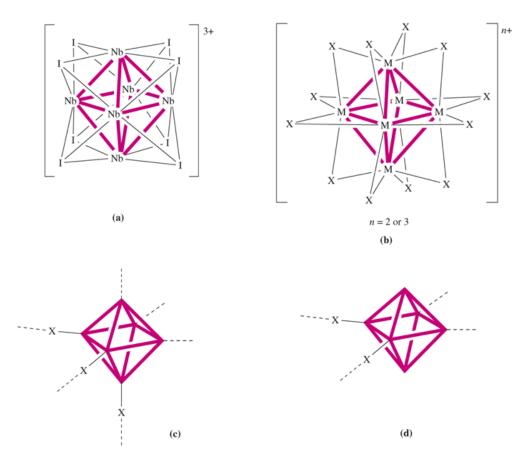


Figure B.2 (a) $[Nb_6I_8]^{3+}$ unit found in Nb_6I_{11} ; (b) $[M_6X_{12}]^{n+}$ (n = 2 or 3) unit found in compounds of type M_6X_{14} and M_6X_{15} (M = Nb, Ta); (c) 3D network seen for M_6X_{15} ; (d) 2D sheet structure observed for M_6X_{14} .