

## Supporting information

### Metal-substituted tungstosulfates with Keggin structure: Synthesis and Characterization

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## Experimental

### *Preparation of (n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N)<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[SW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>] (SW<sub>11</sub>)*

(n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N)<sub>2</sub>[SW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>] (1.35 g) prepared by using the reported method,<sup>S1</sup> was dissolved in 90 mL of acetone, and 0.9 mL of 1 M KHCO<sub>3</sub> was added. The formed white precipitation were separated by filtration, and then 40 mL of water containing 1.5 g of n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr was added to the filtrate to generate a pale-yellow precipitate. If the precipitate was oily, it was washed with Et<sub>2</sub>O under sonication to obtain a powdery precipitate. The precipitate was washed with water and ethanol and dried in air. The final crystalline product was obtained by recrystallization from dry acetone (Yield: 1.1 g). Anal. Calcd for (n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N)<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[SW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]: C 21.06, H 4.03, N 1.53, S 0.88%. Found; C 20.55, H 3.80, N 1.52, S 0.94%.

### *Preparation of the tetra-butylammonium salt of metal-substituted tungstosulfates, [SMW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]<sup>n-</sup> (M=Mn, Co, Ni, Cu)(SMW<sub>11</sub>)*

(n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N)<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[SW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>] (0.948 g) was dissolved in 120 mL of acetone, and then 3.0 mL of 0.2 M metal-nitrate stock solution was added. After stirring the solution for 10 min, 70 mL of water containing 1.0 g of n-Bu<sub>4</sub>NBr was added to afford a precipitate. It was collected by filtration and washed with a plenty of water and ethanol. Fine crystals were obtained by recrystallization from acetone. Yields: 0.92 g (M=Mn); 0.95 g (M=Co); 0.89 g (M=Ni); and 0.93 g (M=Cu). Calcd for (n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N)<sub>4</sub>[SMnW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]; C 20.74, H 3.97, N 1.51, S 0.86%. Found; C, 20.22, H 3.83, N 1.52, S 0.89%. Calcd for (n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N)<sub>4</sub>[SCoW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]; C 20.72, H 3.96, N 1.51, S 0.86%. Found; C 20.41, H 3.83, N 1.50, S 0.52%. Calcd for (n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N)<sub>4</sub>[SNiW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]; C 20.72, H 3.96, N 1.50, S 0.86%. Found; C, 20.61, H 3.85, N 1.48, S 0.87%. Calcd for (n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N)<sub>4</sub>[SCuW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]; C 20.69, H 3.96, N 1.50, S 0.86%. Found; C 20.90, H 3.68, N 1.47, S 0.87%.

## Apparatus and reagents

X-ray single-crystal crystallographic data were collected with a Rigaku Saturn 724 diffractometer using multilayer mirror monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation. The linear absorption coefficients,  $\mu$  values, for Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation are 116.904 cm<sup>-1</sup> for SW<sub>11</sub>, 112.191 cm<sup>-1</sup> for SMnW<sub>11</sub>, 112.728 cm<sup>-1</sup> for SCoW<sub>11</sub>, 114.980 cm<sup>-1</sup> for SNiW<sub>11</sub> and 114.076 cm<sup>-1</sup> for SCuW<sub>11</sub>. An empirical absorption correction was applied, which resulted in transmission factors ranging from 0.203 to 0.311 for SW<sub>11</sub>, from 0.202 to 0.291 for SMnW<sub>11</sub>, from 0.363 to 0.508 for SCoW<sub>11</sub>, from 0.265 to 0.317 for SCoW<sub>11</sub> and from 0.261 to 0.320 for SCuW<sub>11</sub>. The data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. The structure was solved by direct methods<sup>S2</sup> and expanded using Fourier techniques. The cations and solvent molecules were omitted by the SQUEEZE procedure<sup>S3</sup> because it was not important to elucidate the interaction between the POMs and the tetra-alkyl ammonium cations.<sup>17</sup> The final cycle of full-matrix least-squares refinement<sup>S4</sup> on F<sup>2</sup> was based on 649 observed reflections for SW<sub>11</sub>, 668 observed reflections for SMnW<sub>11</sub>, 669 observed reflections for SCoW<sub>11</sub>, 668 observed reflections for SNiW<sub>11</sub>, and 675 observed reflections for SCuW<sub>11</sub>, and 19 variable parameters and converged (largest parameter shift was 0.00 times its esd) with unweighted and weighted agreement factors of:

$R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o| = 0.0934$  for SW<sub>11</sub>, 0.0726 for SMnW<sub>11</sub>, 0.0417 for SCoW<sub>11</sub>, 0.0489 for SNiW<sub>11</sub>, and 0.0362 for SCuW<sub>11</sub>

$wR_2 = [\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2) / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2} = 0.2189$  for SW<sub>11</sub>, 0.1755 for SMnW<sub>11</sub>, 0.1056 for SCoW<sub>11</sub>, 0.1151 for SNiW<sub>11</sub>, and 0.0866 for SCuW<sub>11</sub>

The goodness of fits<sup>S5</sup> were 1.28 for SW<sub>11</sub>, 1.21 for SMnW<sub>11</sub>, 1.08 for SCoW<sub>11</sub>, 1.13 for SNiW<sub>11</sub>, and 1.03 for SCuW<sub>11</sub>. Unit weights were used. The maximum and minimum peaks on the final difference Fourier map corresponded to 1.64 and -0.90 e/ $\text{\AA}^3$  for SW<sub>11</sub>, 1.06 and -0.76 e/ $\text{\AA}^3$  for SMnW<sub>11</sub>, 1.69 and -1.23 e/ $\text{\AA}^3$  for SCoW<sub>11</sub>, 1.85 and -1.18 e/ $\text{\AA}^3$  for SNiW<sub>11</sub> and 0.96 and -0.75 e/ $\text{\AA}^3$  for SCuW<sub>11</sub>.

Neutral atom scattering factors were taken from the International Tables for Crystallography (IT), Vol. C, Table 6.1.1.4 5.<sup>S6</sup> Anomalous dispersion effects were included in F<sub>calc</sub>;<sup>S7</sup> the values for D<sub>f</sub>' and D<sub>f</sub>' were those of Creagh and McAuley.<sup>S8</sup> The values for the mass attenuation coefficients are those of Creagh and Hubbell.<sup>S9</sup> All calculations were performed using the Rigaku Corporation

CrystalStructure9 crystallographic software package except for refinement, which was performed using SHELXL Version 2016/6SHELXL97.<sup>S10</sup>

Elemental analyses was carried out with PERKIN ELMER Series II CHNS/O Analyzer 2400. ESI-MS spectra were obtained in CH<sub>3</sub>CN in anion mode with a Thermo Fisher Scientific LTQ Orbitrap XL instrument, and ionization was achieved by applying 5 kV. Spectrophotometric measurements were carried out by using a Jasco FT/IR-4100 IR spectrometer, a Horiba-Jobin Yvon HR-800 instrument with a 514.5 nm Ar laser for excitation for Raman, and a Jasco V-670 for UV-Vis spectrophotometry.

Voltammetric measurements were carried out with a BAS 50 W (Bioanalytical Systems, BAS) electrochemical workstation. A standard three-electrode arrangement was employed: a glassy carbon disk electrode with a surface area of 0.071 cm<sup>2</sup> was used as working electrode, platinum wire was used as the counter electrode, and Ag/Ag<sup>+</sup> (0.01 M AgNO<sub>3</sub> in CH<sub>3</sub>CN) was used as the reference electrode. The silver wire was put in 0.01 M AgNO<sub>3</sub> containing CH<sub>3</sub>CN in a double-jacketed system separated by sintered glass. Unless otherwise stated, the scan rate for voltammetric experiments was 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. The measured potential versus Ag/Ag<sup>+</sup> was converted to the Fc/Fc<sup>+</sup> (Fc = ferrocene) scale using data derived from voltammograms of the oxidation of ferrocene. Prior to each measurement, the glassy carbon electrode (GCE) was polished with an aqueous 0.1-μm diamond slurry and washed with distilled water. The sample solution was always purged with nitrogen or argon gas to remove dissolved oxygen. All electrochemical measurements were made at 25.0±0.2°C.

Tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate, [n-Bu<sub>4</sub>N][PF<sub>6</sub>], recrystallized at least twice from ethanol, was used as the electrolyte in the electrochemical experiments. Acetonitrile (CH<sub>3</sub>CN) of LC-MS grade were purchased from WAKO and used as received from the manufacturer for ESI-MS and electrochemical measurements. Other reagents were of analytical grade and were used as received.

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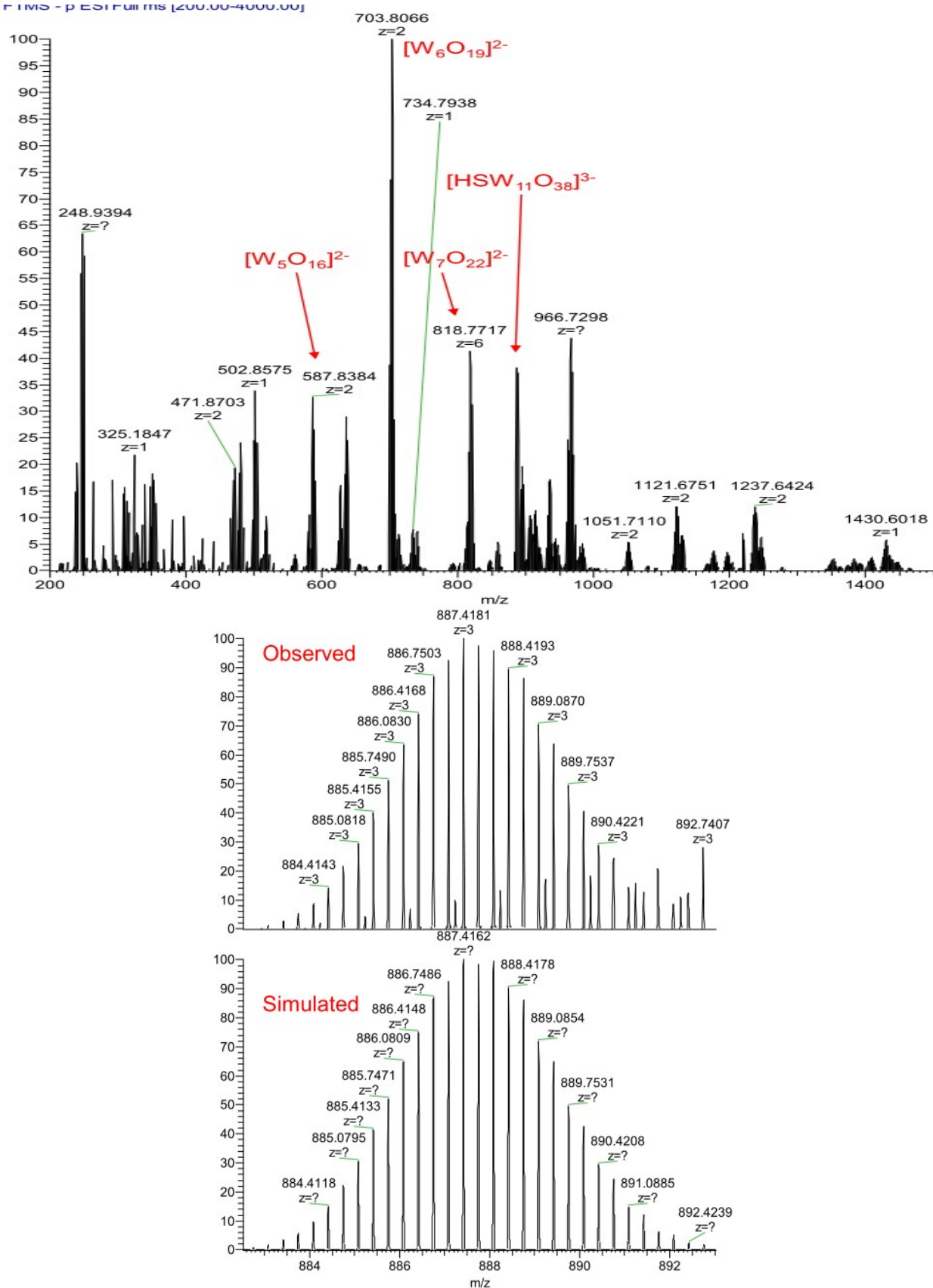
**Table S1** Crystallographic data for [SW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]<sup>6-</sup>, [SMnW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]<sup>4-</sup>, [SCoW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]<sup>4-</sup>, [SNiW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]<sup>4-</sup> and [SCuW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]<sup>4-</sup>.

Formula	SW <sub>11</sub> O <sub>39</sub>	SMnW <sub>11</sub> O <sub>39</sub>	SCoW <sub>11</sub> O <sub>39</sub>	SNiW <sub>11</sub> O <sub>39</sub>	SCuW <sub>11</sub> O <sub>39</sub>
FW(g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	2678.39	2733.32	2737.32	2737.09	2741.93
Crystal system	cubic	cubic	cubic	cubic	cubic
Space group	<i>Im</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i> (229)	<i>Im</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i> (229)	<i>Im</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i> (229)	<i>Im</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i> (229)	<i>Im</i> $\bar{3}$ <i>m</i> (229)
a(Å)	17.565	17.864	17.854	17.747	17.805
V(Å <sup>3</sup> )	5419(5)	5701(9)	5691(8)	5590(8)	5645(8)
Z	2	2	2	2	2
d <sub>calcd</sub> g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.641	1.592	1.597	1.626	1.574
No. observations (all data)	42711	43310	43956	43725	43579
GOF	1.282	1.211	1.084	1.134	1.030
final R indices(I>2.00σ(I)) <sup>a</sup>	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0934 wR <sub>2</sub> =0.2188	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0726 wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1739	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0417 wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1054	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0489 wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1147	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0362 wR <sub>2</sub> =0.0859
final R indices(all data) <sup>b</sup>	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0931 wR <sub>2</sub> =0.2189	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0753 wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1755	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0419 wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1056	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0495 wR <sub>2</sub> =0.1151	R <sub>1</sub> =0.0373 wR <sub>2</sub> =0.0866

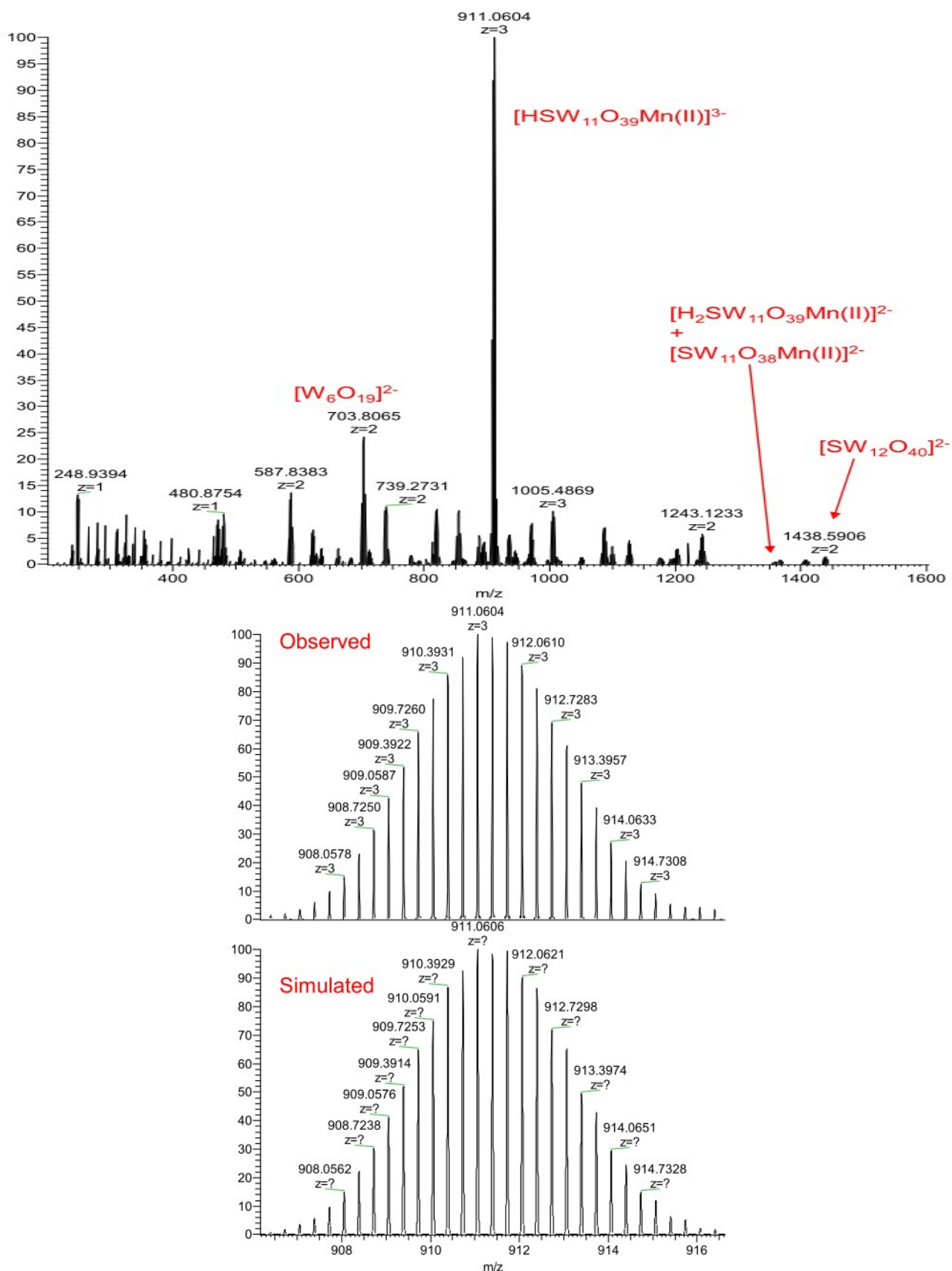
<sup>a</sup>R<sub>1</sub>= $\sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$  (I > 2.00 σ (I)). <sup>b</sup>wR<sub>2</sub> = [ $\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2) / \sum w(F_o^2)^2$ ]<sup>1/2</sup>.

**Table S2** Observed and calculated ionic molecular weights per anion charge (m/z) of POMs in ESI-MS spectra.

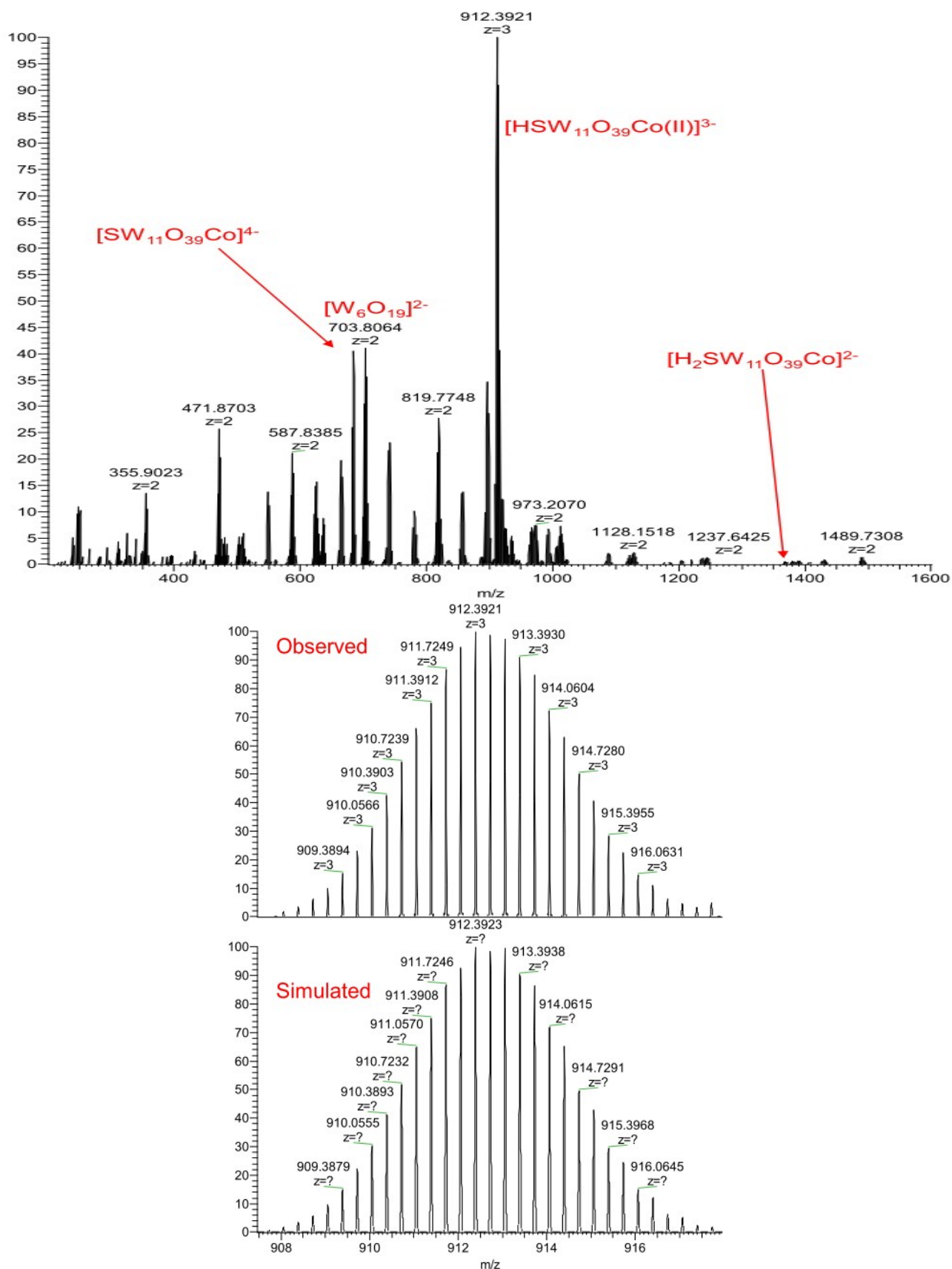
POMs	Calculated m/z	Observed m/z
H[SW <sub>11</sub> O <sub>38</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup>	887.4182	887.4181
H[SMn <sup>II</sup> W <sub>11</sub> O <sub>39</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup>	911.0606	911.0604
H[SCo <sup>II</sup> W <sub>11</sub> O <sub>39</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup>	912.3923	912.3921
H[SNi <sup>II</sup> W <sub>11</sub> O <sub>39</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup>	912.7265	912.7259
[SCu <sup>III</sup> W <sub>11</sub> O <sub>39</sub> ] <sup>3-</sup>	914.0556	914.0547



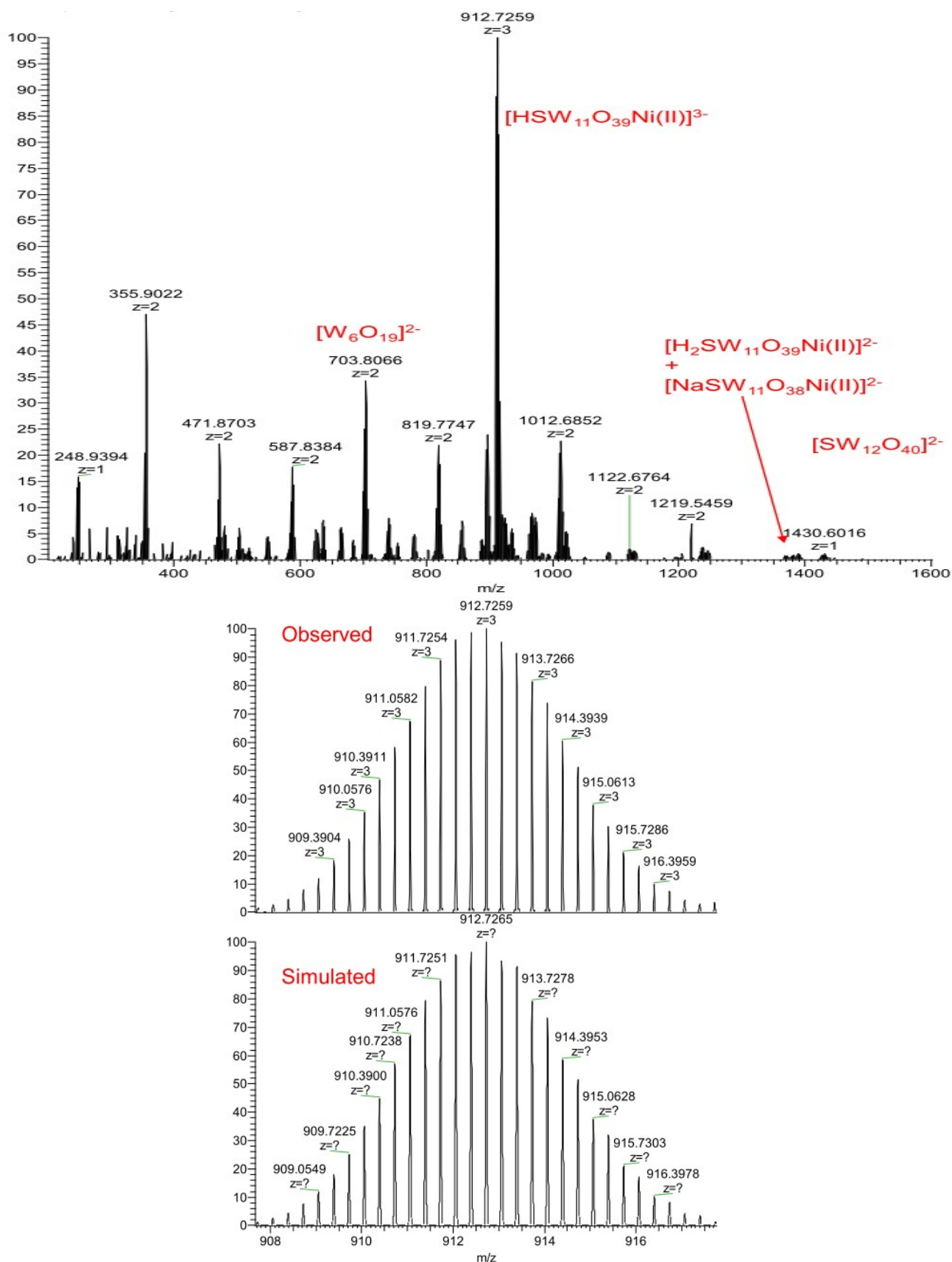
**Figure S1** ESI-MS spectra of  $(Bu_4N)_4H_2[SW_{11}O_{39}]$  dissolved in  $CH_3CN$ . (top) Spectrum between  $m/z$  of 200 and 1500 and (bottom) expansion of the profile assignable to  $[HSW_{11}O_{38}]^{3-}$ .



**Figure S2** ESI-MS spectra of  $(Bu_4N)_4[SMnW_{11}O_{39}]$  dissolved in  $CH_3CN$ . (top) Spectrum between  $m/z$  of 200 and 1600 and (bottom) expansion of the profile assignable to  $[HSMnW_{11}O_{39}]^{3-}$ .

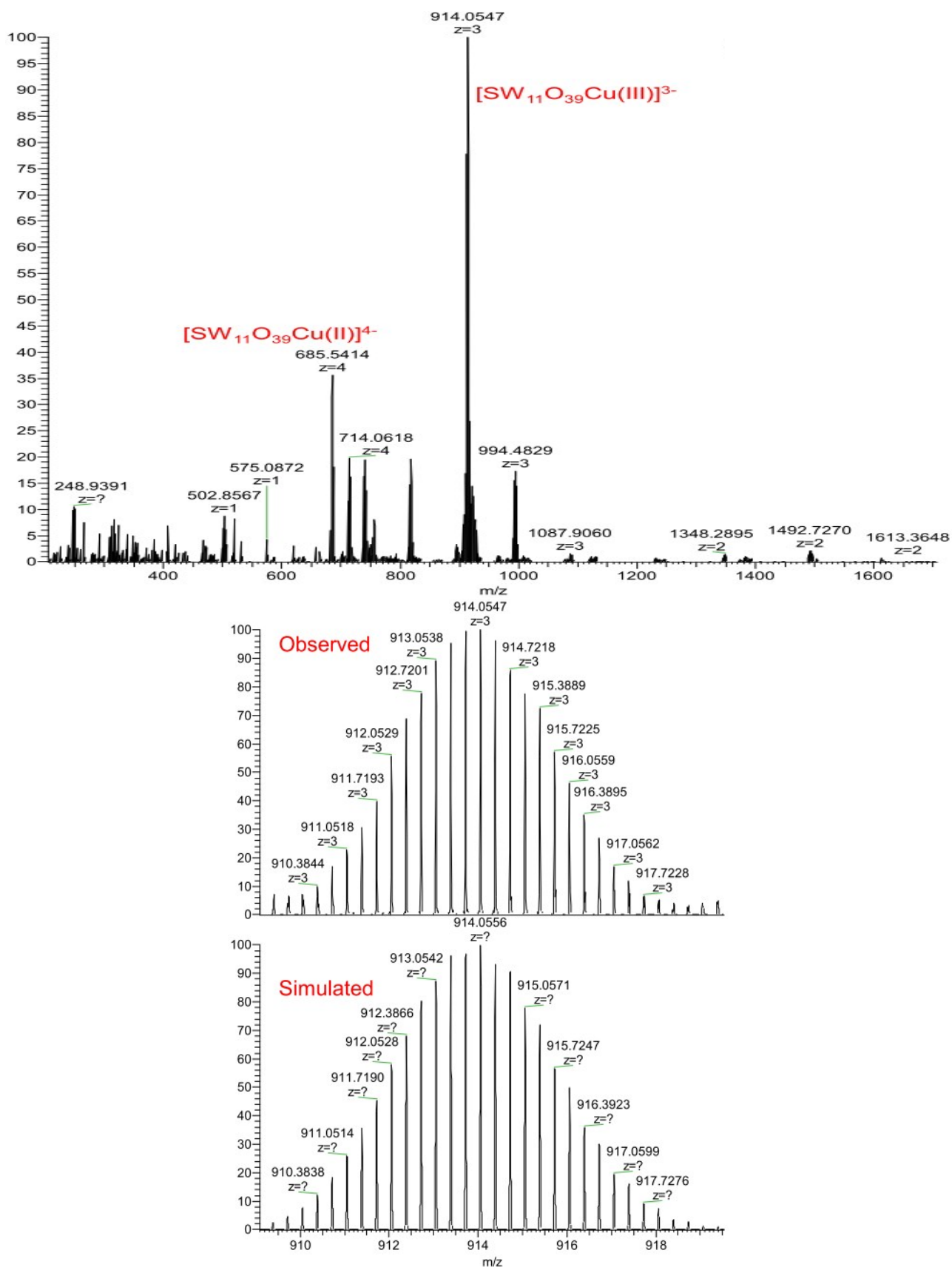


**Figure S3** ESI-MS spectra of  $(Bu_4N)_4[SCoW_{11}O_{39}]$  dissolved in  $CH_3CN$ . (top) Spectrum between  $m/z$  of 200 and 1600 and (bottom) expansion of the profile assignable to  $[HSCoW_{11}O_{39}]^{3-}$ .

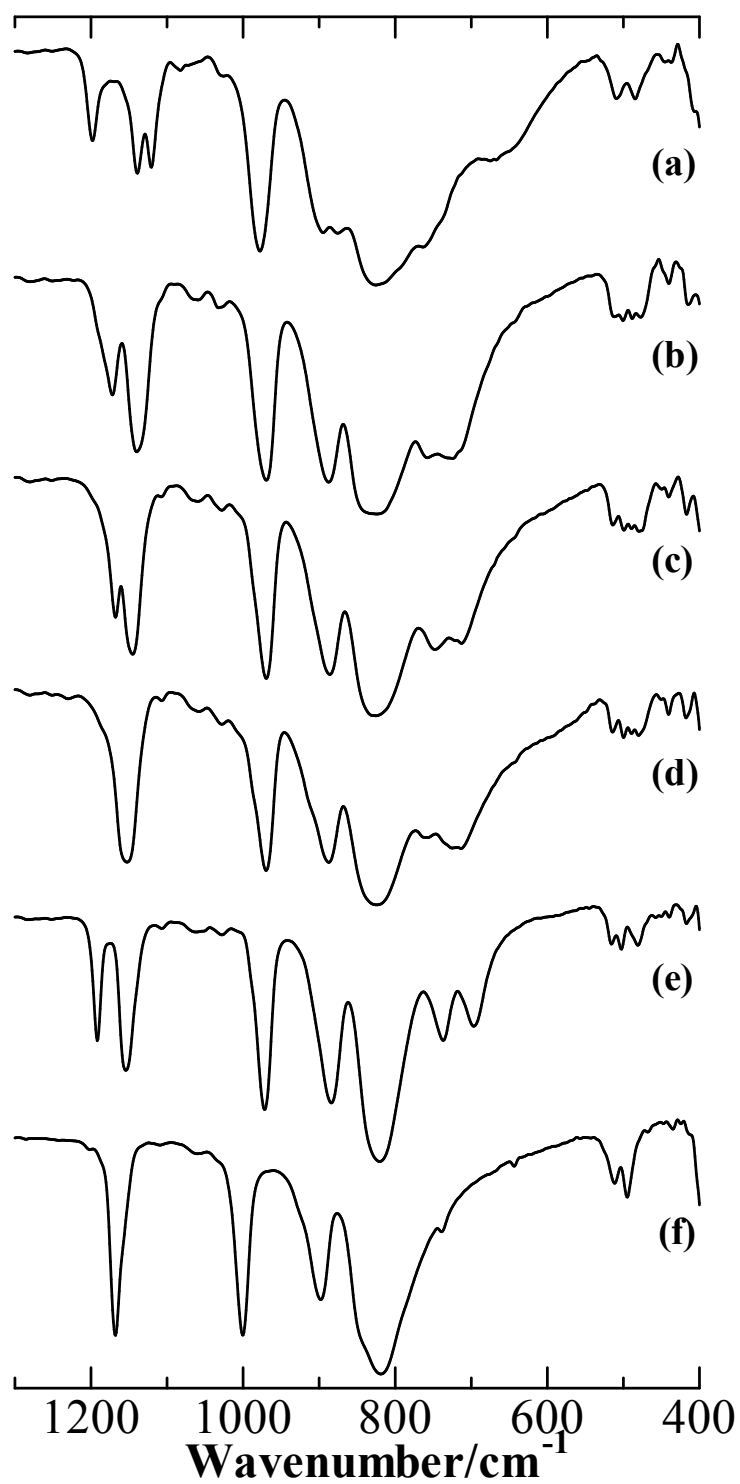


**Figure S4** ESI-MS spectra of  $(Bu_4N)_4[SNiW_{11}O_{39}]$  dissolved in  $CH_3CN$ . (top) Spectrum between  $m/z$  of 200 and 1600 and (bottom) expansion of the profile assignable to  $[HSNiW_{11}O_{39}]^{3-}$ .

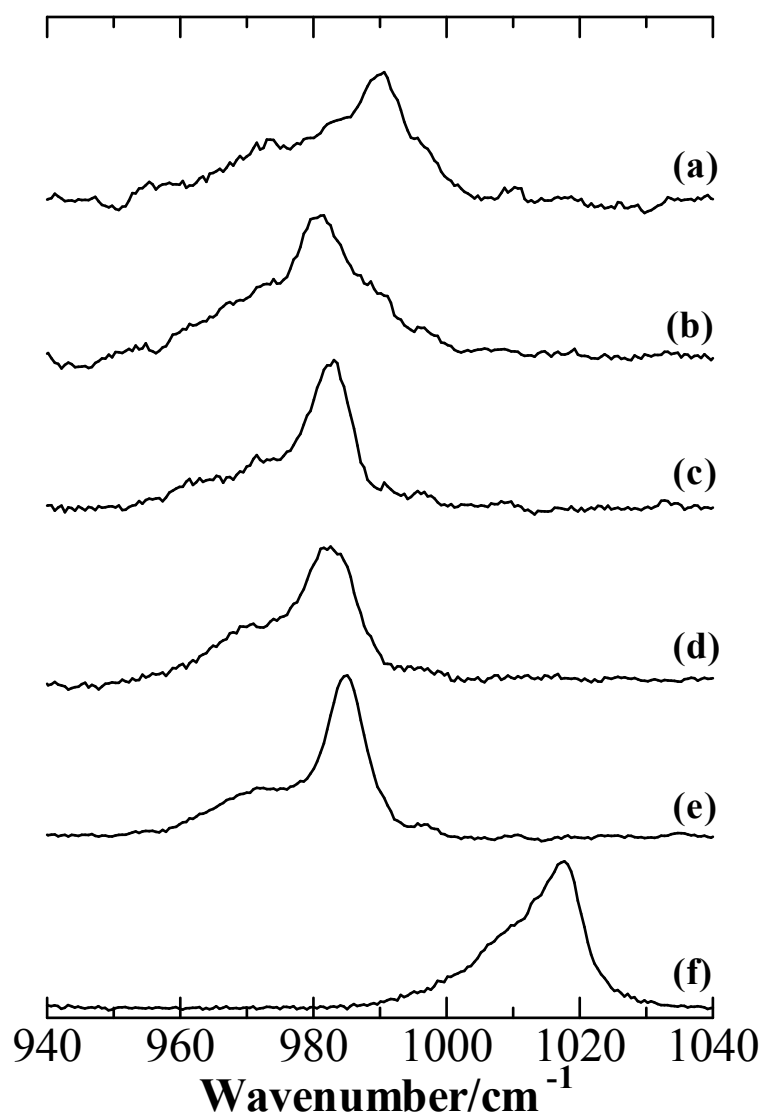




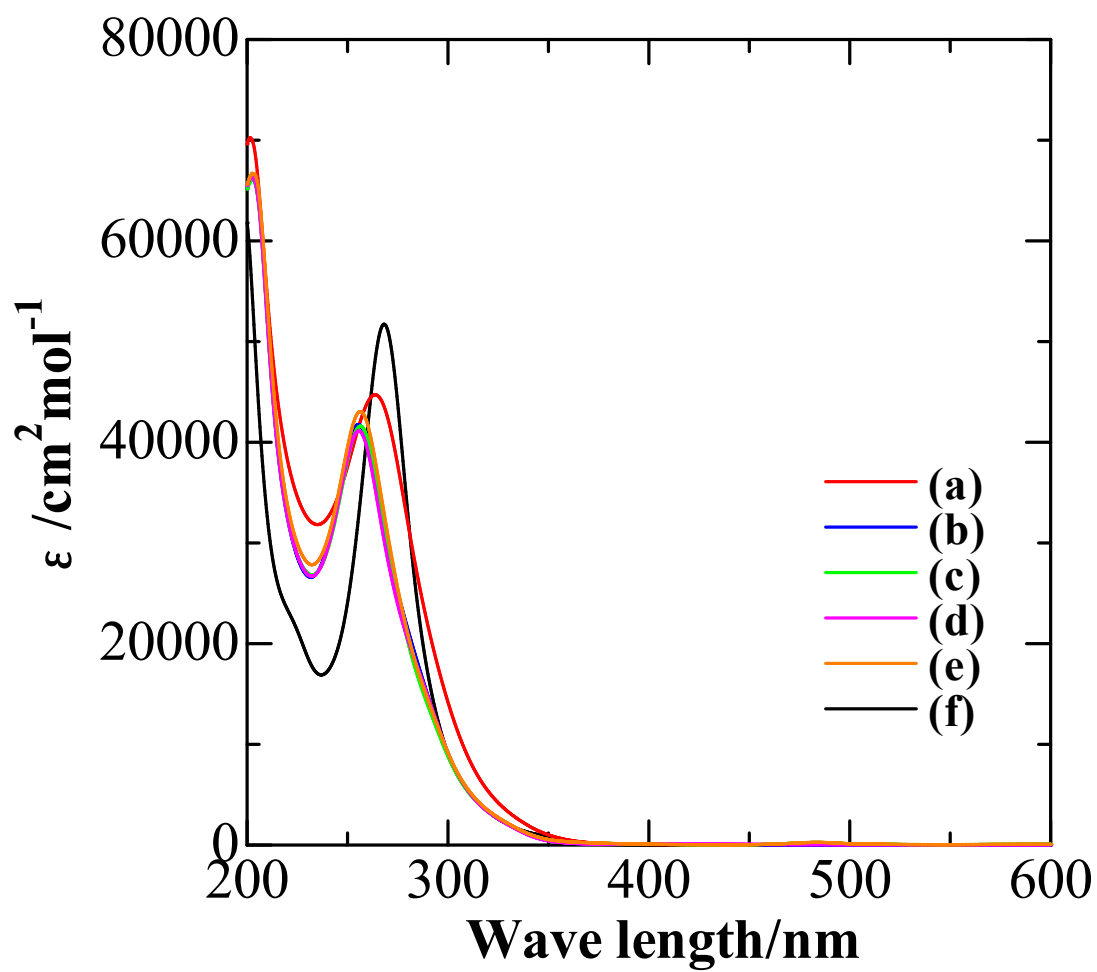
**Figure S5** ESI-MS spectra of  $(Bu_4N)_4[SCuW_{11}O_{39}]$  dissolved in  $CH_3CN$ . (top) Spectrum between  $m/z$  of 200 and 1600 and (bottom) expansion of the profile assignable to  $[SCuW_{11}O_{39}]^{3-}$ .



**Figure S6** IR spectra of the tetra-butyl ammonium salts of (a) [SW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]<sup>6-</sup>, (b) [SMnW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]<sup>4-</sup>, (c) [SCoW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]<sup>4-</sup>, (d) [SNiW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]<sup>4-</sup>, (e) [SCuW<sub>11</sub>O<sub>39</sub>]<sup>4-</sup> and (f) [SW<sub>12</sub>O<sub>40</sub>]<sup>2-</sup>.



**Figure S7** Raman spectra of the tetra-butyl ammonium salts of (a)  $[\text{SW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{6-}$ , (b)  $[\text{SMnW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{4-}$ , (c)  $[\text{SCoW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{4-}$ , (d)  $[\text{SNiW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{4-}$ , (e)  $[\text{SCuW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{4-}$  and (f)  $[\text{SW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]^{2-}$ .



**Figure S8** UV-Vis spectra of (a)  $[\text{SW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{6-}$ , (b)  $[\text{SMnW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{4-}$ , (c)  $[\text{SCoW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{4-}$ , (d)  $[\text{SNiW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{4-}$ , and (e)  $[\text{SCuW}_{11}\text{O}_{39}]^{4-}$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  and (f)  $[\text{SW}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]^{2-}$  in acetone. **Fi**