## **Supplementary information**

## Second-order optical properties of inorganic metal clusters [MoS<sub>4</sub>Cu<sub>4</sub>X<sub>2</sub>Py<sub>2</sub>] (M= Mo, W; X= Br, I)

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## Contents

$WS_4Cu_4Br_2Py_6(1)$				$WS_4Cu_4I_2Py_6(2)$			
	x	у	Z.		X	у	Z.
W	0.0000	0.0000	0.0382	W	0.0000	0.0000	0.0599
Br	4.1627	-1.6029	1.6927	Ι	4.2407	-1.6659	1.9338
Br	-4.1627	1.6029	1.6927	Ι	-4.2407	1.6659	1.9338
Cu	1.6653	2.1881	0.0014	Cu	2.2284	-1.6596	0.1242
Cu	2.2106	-1.6600	0.0963	Cu	-1.6550	-2.2008	0.0158
Cu	-1.6653	-2.1881	0.0014	Cu	-2.2284	1.6596	0.1242
Cu	-2.2106	1.6600	0.0963	Cu	1.6550	2.2008	0.0158
S	1.8694	0.2225	-1.2324	S	0.2410	-1.8772	1.3128
S	-0.2373	1.8791	1.2961	S	-0.2410	1.8772	1.3128
S	-1.8694	-0.2225	-1.2324	S	-1.8737	-0.2277	-1.2035
S	0.2373	-1.8791	1.2961	S	1.8737	0.2277	-1.2035
Ν	1.6464	3.6967	-1.4459	Ν	2.8637	-3.0970	-1.2005
Ν	3.2515	2.7441	1.1566	Ν	3.2436	2.7669	1.1551
Ν	2.8448	-3.1249	-1.1974	Ν	1.5849	3.7166	-1.4141
Ν	-1.6464	-3.6967	-1.4459	Ν	-2.8637	3.0970	-1.2005
Ν	-3.2515	-2.7441	1.1566	Ν	-3.2436	-2.7669	1.1551
Ν	-2.8448	3.1249	-1.1974	Ν	-1.5849	-3.7166	-1.4141
С	2.2479	3.4887	-2.6389	С	2.0068	-3.5784	-2.1256
С	2.3908	4.4867	-3.6005	С	2.3823	-4.5054	-3.0957
С	1.8981	5.7653	-3.3264	С	3.7062	-4.9483	-3.1312
С	1.2742	5.9907	-2.0966	С	4.6024	-4.4424	-2.1864
С	1.1694	4.9360	-1.1921	С	4.1442	-3.5283	-1.2395
С	4.3357	1.9465	1.2814	С	4.3690	2.0207	1.2010
С	5.4577	2.3134	2.0241	С	5.4872	2.3894	1.9481
С	5.4740	3.5518	2.6669	С	5.4549	3.5776	2.6784
С	4.3518	4.3782	2.5505	С	4.2911	4.3531	2.6410
С	3.2698	3.9376	1.7935	С	3.2156	3.9126	1.8748
С	1.9937	-3.6537	-2.1015	С	2.1992	3.5490	-2.6070
С	2.3855	-4.5989	-3.0468	С	2.3068	4.5658	-3.5535
С	3.7210	-5.0074	-3.0794	С	1.7632	5.8200	-3.2632
С	4.6102	-4.4535	-2.1547	С	1.1288	6.0041	-2.0319
С	4.1349	-3.5256	-1.2294	С	1.0609	4.9330	-1.1430
С	-2.2479	-3.4887	-2.6389	С	-2.0068	3.5784	-2.1256
С	-2.3908	-4.4867	-3.6005	С	-2.3823	4.5054	-3.0957
С	-1.8981	-5.7653	-3.3264	С	-3.7062	4.9483	-3.1312
С	-1.2742	-5.9907	-2.0966	С	-4.6024	4.4424	-2.1864
С	-1.1694	-4.9360	-1.1921	С	-4.1442	3.5283	-1.2395

**1.** Table 1S. Cartesian coordinates (Å) of three model clusters,  $WS_4Cu_4Br_2Py_6$  (1),  $WS_4Cu_4I_2Py_6$  (2) and  $MoS_4Cu_4Br_2Py_6$  (3).

Supplementary Material (ESI) for <i>PCCP</i>							
C	1 2257	1 0465	$1.18 \odot uie OWh$ 1.2014	C	1 2600	2 0207	1 2010
C	-4.3331 5 1577	-1.940J	1.2014		-4.3090 5 1070	-2.0207	1.2010
C C	-5.4577	-2.3134	2.0241	C	-5.48/2	-2.3894	1.9481
C	-5.4740	-3.3318	2.0009	C	-5.4549	-3.3770	2.0784
C	-4.3519	-4.3/82	2.5505	C	-4.2911	-4.3531	2.6410
C	-3.2699	-3.9376	1.7935	C	-3.2156	-3.9126	1.8748
C	-1.9937	3.6537	-2.1015	C	-2.1992	-3.5490	-2.6070
C	-2.3855	4.5989	-3.0468	C	-2.3068	-4.5658	-3.5535
С	-3.7210	5.0074	-3.0794	С	-1.7632	-5.8200	-3.2632
C	-4.6102	4.4535	-2.1547	С	-1.1288	-6.0041	-2.0319
C	-4.1349	3.5255	-1.2294	С	-1.0609	-4.9330	-1.1430
$MoS_4Cu_4Br_2Pv_6 (3)$							
	x	y	Z.				
Мо	0.0000	0.0000	0.0417				
Br	4.4390	0.2829	1.6930				
Br	-4.4390	-0.2829	1.6930				
Cu	2.6890	-0.5838	0.0753				
Cu	0.5850	2.6712	0.0099				
Cu	-2.6890	0.5838	0.0753				
Cu	-0.5850	-2.6712	0.0099				
S	1.6073	0.9985	-1.2190				
Š	-1.6073	-0.9985	-1.2190				
Š	-1.0241	1.6186	1.2825				
Š	1.0241	-1.6186	1.2825				
N	3.8943	-1.6421	-1.2062				
N	-1.7955	-3.8359	1.1719				
Ν	0.0689	-4.0443	-1.4277				
Ν	-3.8943	1.6421	-1.2062				
N	1.7955	3.8359	1.1719				
N	-0.0689	4.0443	-1.4277				
C	3,3560	-2.4892	-2.1082				
Č	4.1209	-3.1893	-3.0385				
C C	5,5040	-2,9949	-3.0583				
C	6.0653	-2.1065	-2.1376				
C	5,2329	-1.4581	-1.2267				
C C	-3,1182	-3.5761	1.2757				
C	-3.9865	-4.3792	2.0145				
C C	-3.4818	-5,4993	2.6757				
C	-2.1127	-5.7680	2.5821				
C	-1.3112	-4.9158	1.8277				
C C	-0 5631	-4 1193	-2.6207				
C C	-0 2550	-5 0788	-3 5829				
C	0.2330	-6.0131	-3 3090				
C	1 4061	-5 9445	-2.0786				
C	1.0391	-4.9508	-1.1734				

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С	-3.3560	2.4892	-2.1082			
С	-4.1209	3.1893	-3.0385			
С	-5.5040	2.9949	-3.0583			
С	-6.0653	2.1065	-2.1376			
С	-5.2329	1.4581	-1.2267			
С	3.1182	3.5761	1.2757			
С	3.9865	4.3792	2.0145			
С	3.4818	5.4993	2.6757			
С	2.1127	5.7680	2.5821			
С	1.3112	4.9158	1.8277			
С	0.5631	4.1193	-2.6207			
С	0.2550	5.0788	-3.5829			
С	-0.7474	6.0131	-3.3090			
С	-1.4061	5.9445	-2.0786			
С	-1.0391	4.9508	-1.1734			

Supplementary Material (ESI) for PCCP

2. Fig. 1S HRS experimental setup.



LP, long pass filter; HW, half-wave plate; P, polarizer; BS, beam splitter; EM, energy meter; L, lens; S, sample cell; CL, collection lens; M, monochromator; PMT, photo-multiplied tube; DO, digital oscilloscope.

**3. Fig. 2S** Illustrations of the orbital-pair transitions and corresponding CT routes involved in the intense lowest-energy electronic excitation.



 $H-7 \rightarrow L+7$ , LLCT