

# Electronic Supplementary Information

for

## Spectroscopy and Photochemistry of Copper Nitrate Clusters

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## Complete Partial Cross Sections

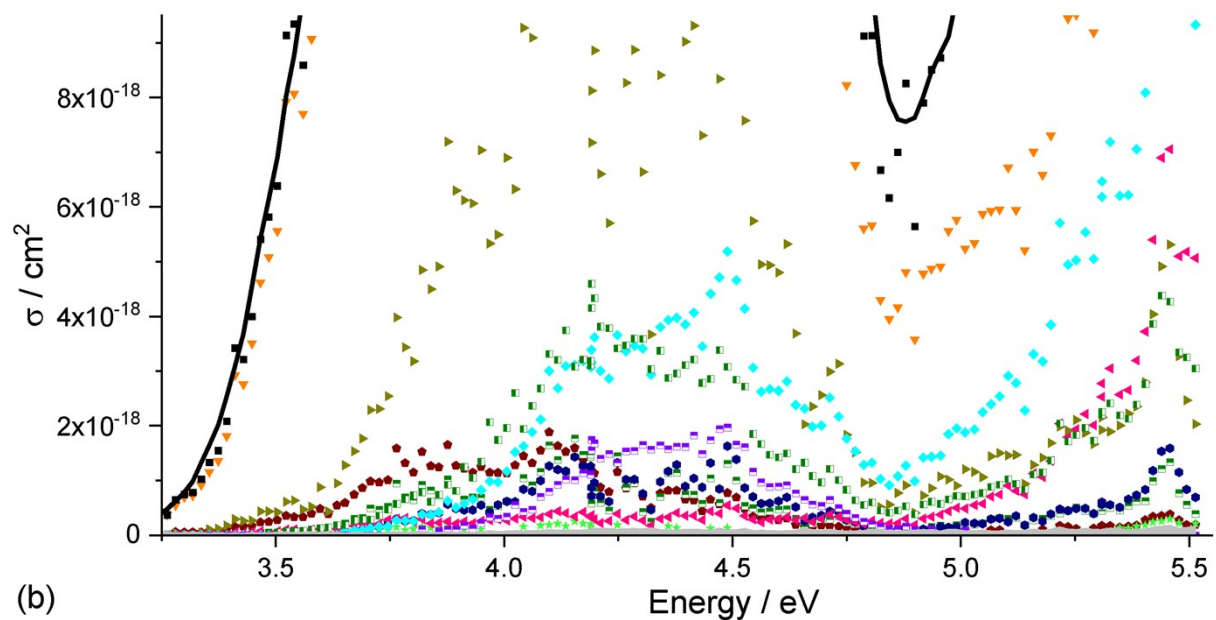
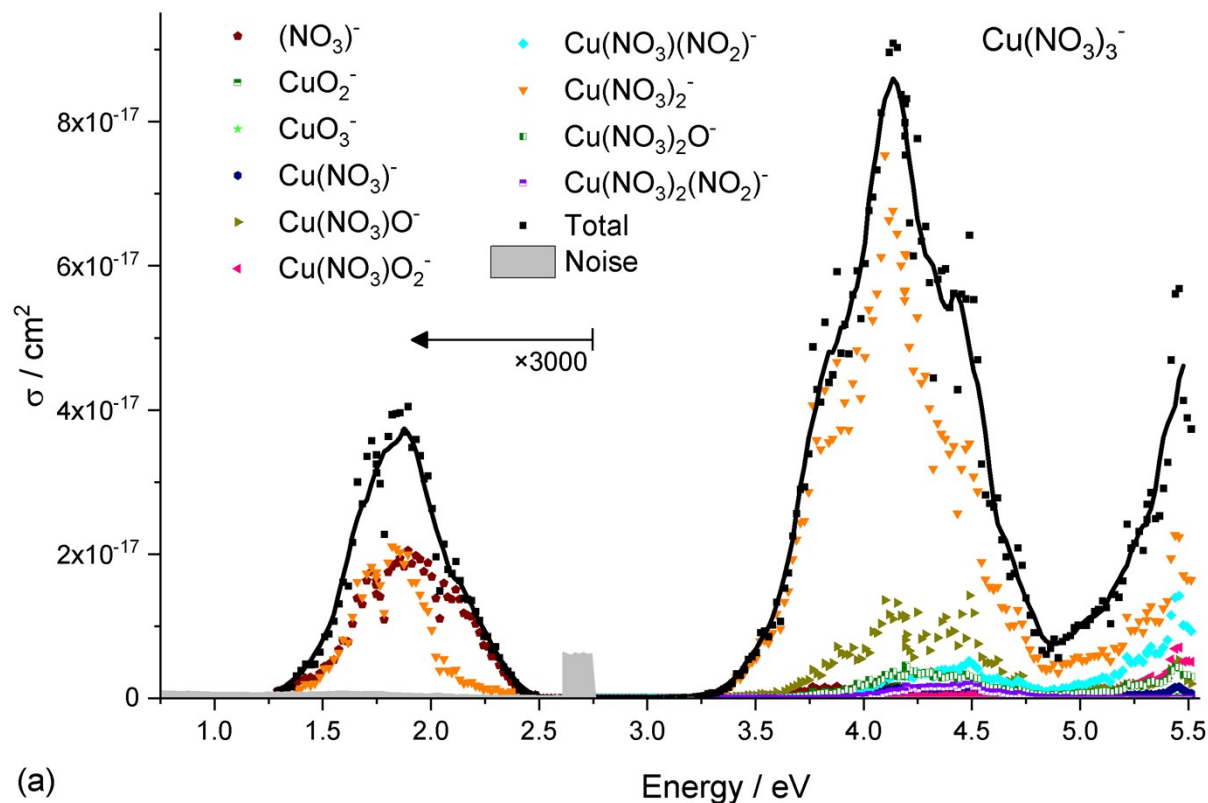
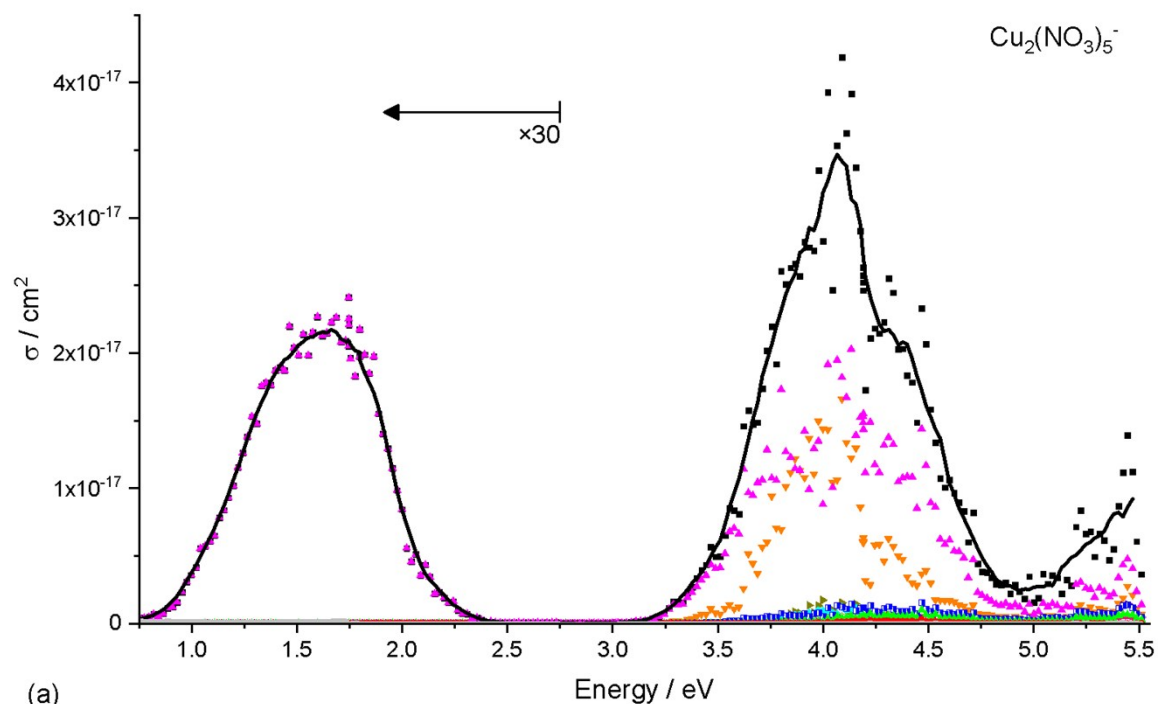
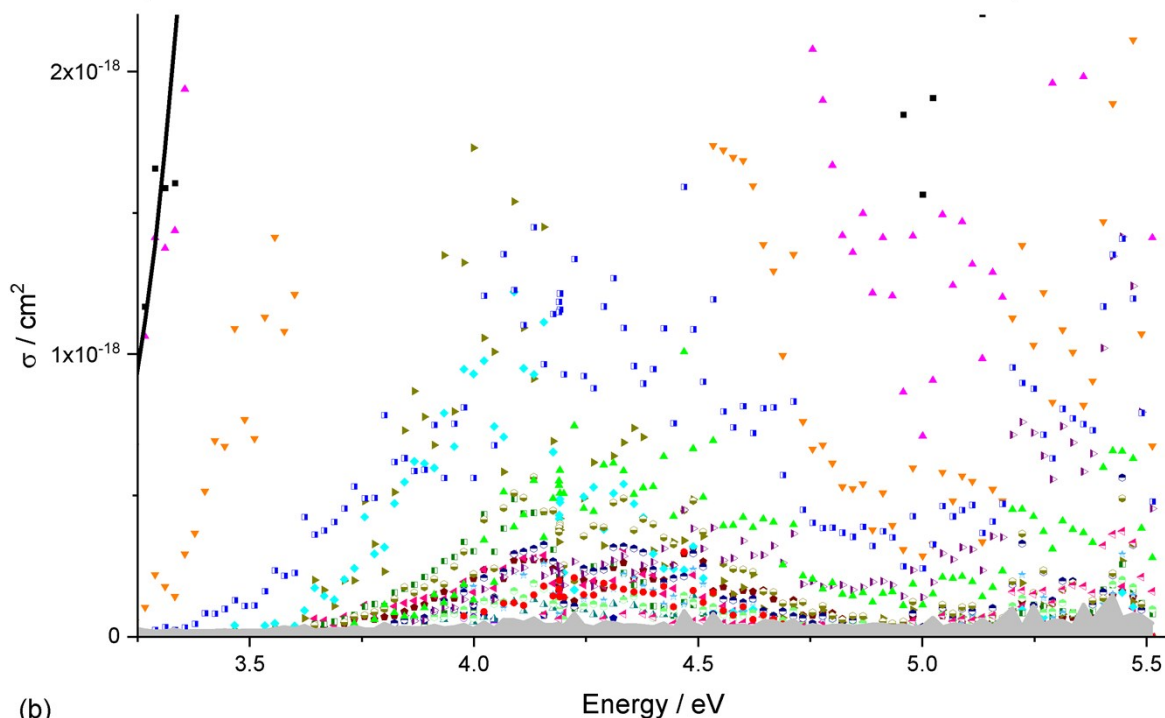
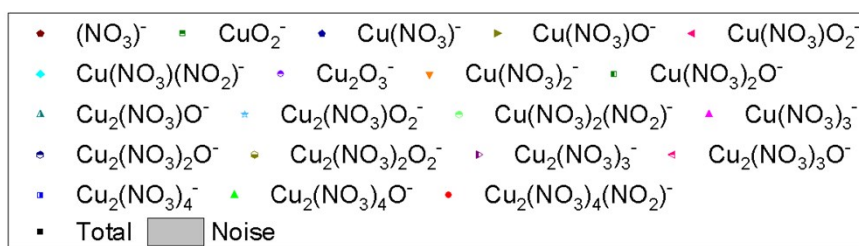


FIGURE S1. The partial cross sections of the detected fragments from  $\text{Cu(II)(NO}_3)_3^-$  in addition to the total dissociation cross section using a running average over eight points with values below 2.75 eV multiplied by 30 in a) and the UV absorption enlarged in b).

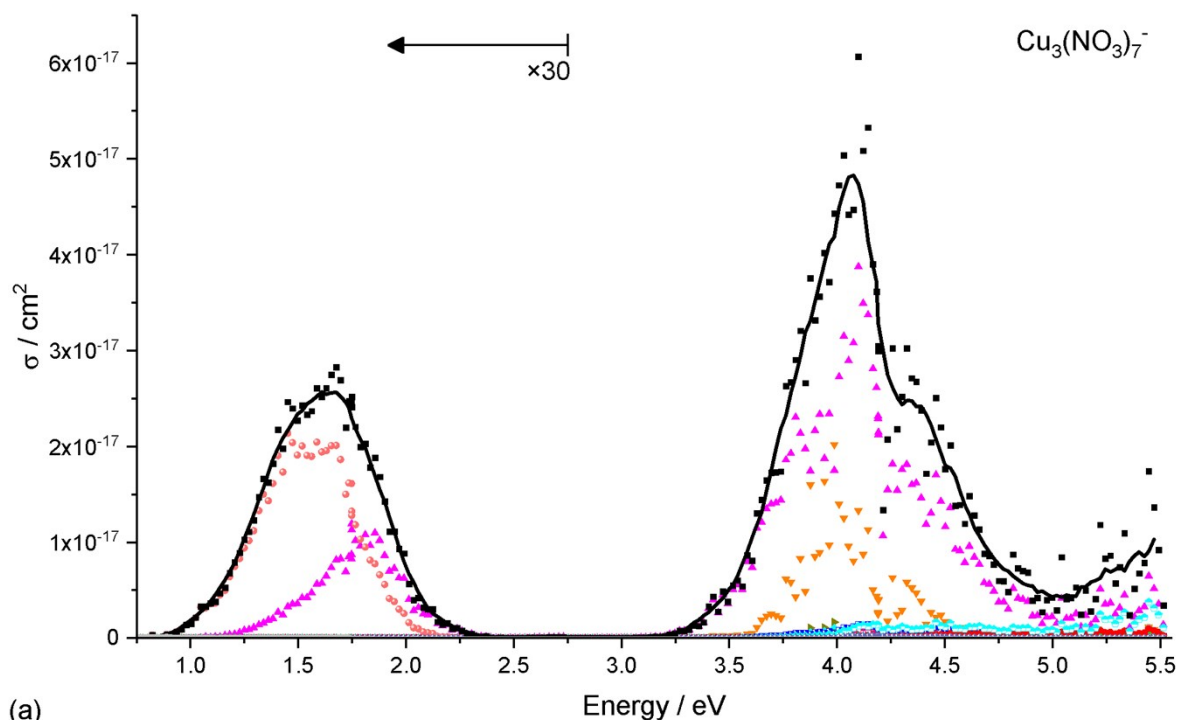


(a)

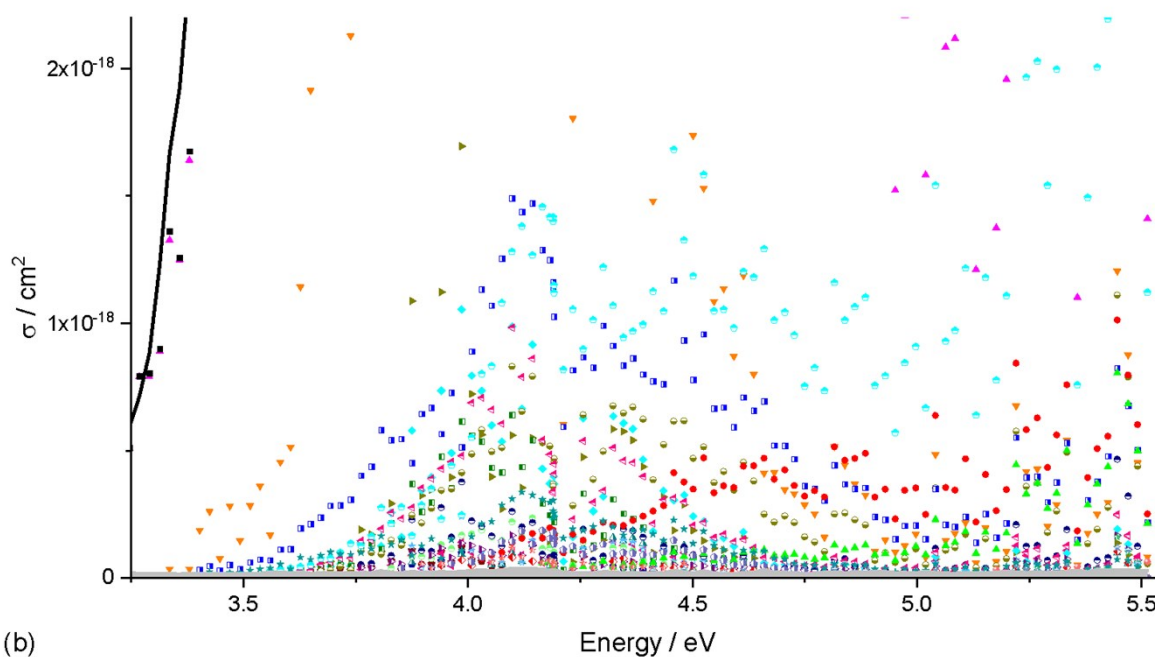
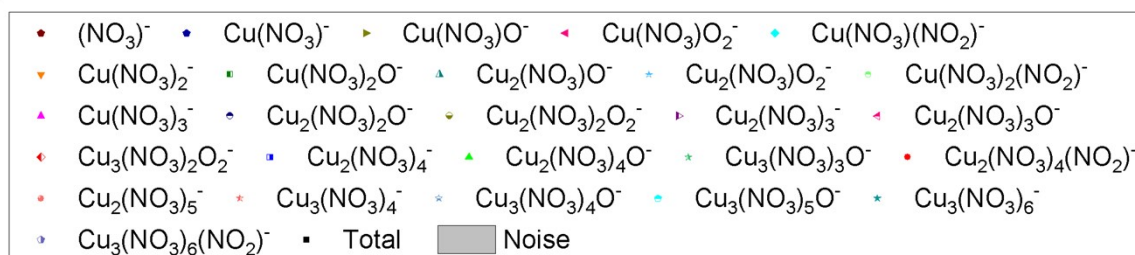


(b)

FIGURE S2. The partial cross sections of the detected fragments from  $\text{Cu(II)}_2(\text{NO}_3)_5^-$  in addition to the total dissociation cross section using a running average over eight points with values below 2.75 eV multiplied by 30 in a) and the UV absorption enlarged in b).



(a)



(b)

FIGURE S3. The partial cross sections of the detected fragments from Cu(II)<sub>3</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>7</sub><sup>-</sup> in addition to the total dissociation cross section using a running average over eight points with values below 2.75 eV multiplied by 30 in a) and the UV absorption enlarged in b).

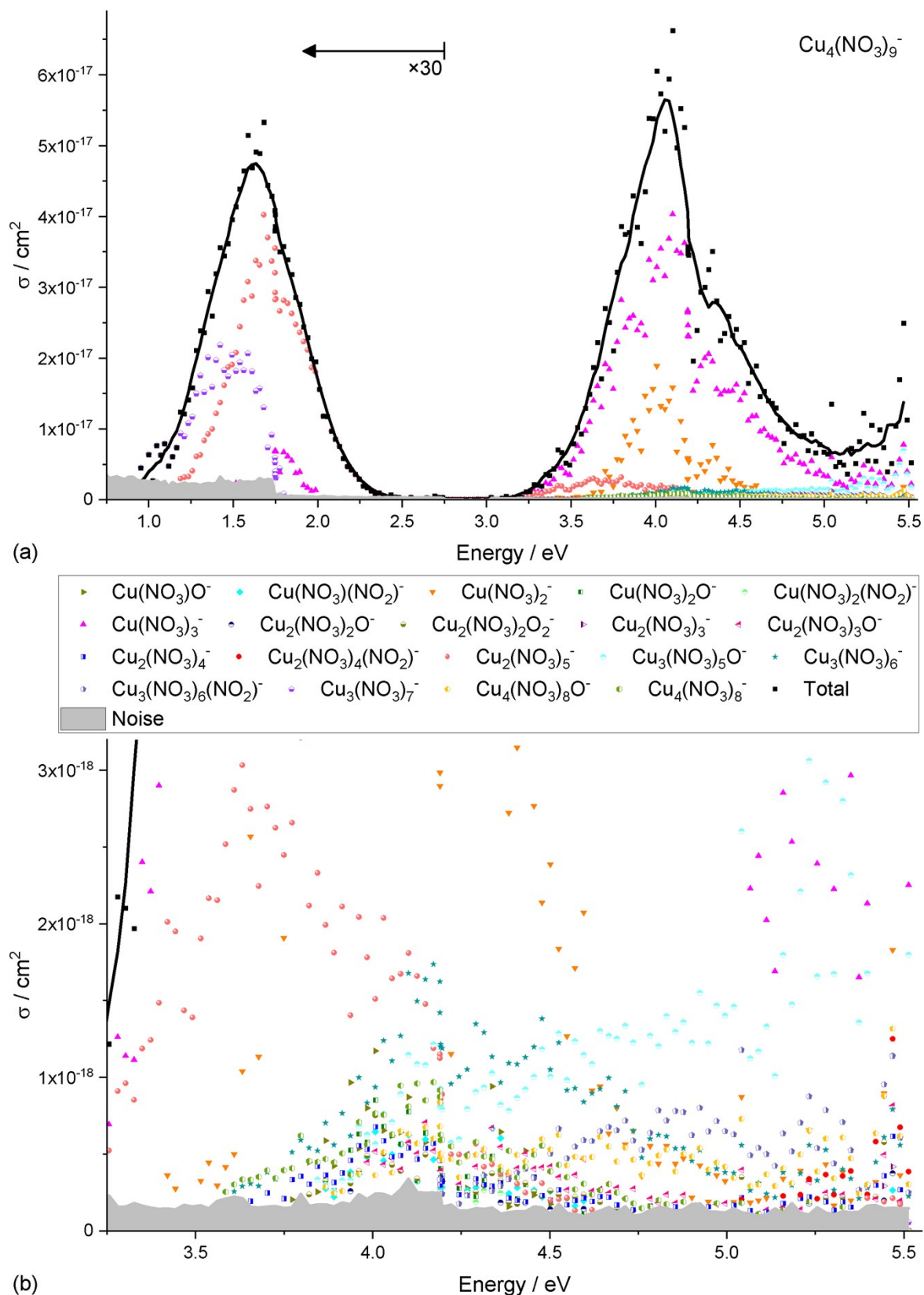


FIGURE S4. The partial cross sections of the detected fragments from  $\text{Cu}(\text{II})_4(\text{NO}_3)_9^-$  in addition to the total dissociation cross section using a running average over eight points with values below 2.75 eV multiplied by 30 in a) and the UV absorption enlarged in b).

TABLE S1. Benchmarking of the calculated transition energies  $E$  (in eV) and the corresponding oscillator strengths  $f$  in  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_3^-$  with the TD-DFT functional TD-BMK against the EOM-CCSD method across multiple basis sets.

6-31+g*		BMK		aug-cc-pVTZ		EOM-CCSD		aug-cc-pVDZ	
$E$	$f$	$E$	$f$	$E$	$f$	$E$	$f$	$E$	$f$
1.08	0.0007	1.13	0.0006	1.17	0.0006	1.36	0.0000	1.49	0.0002
1.30	0.0001	1.32	0.0001	1.33	0.0001	1.44	0.0013	1.54	0.0011
1.47	0.0000	1.49	0.0001	1.52	0.0001	1.78	0.0001	1.88	0.0002
1.47	0.0001	1.50	0.0001	1.54	0.0001	1.78	0.0002	1.89	0.0001
4.02	0.0002	4.02	0.0001	4.08	0.0001	4.28	0.0001	4.30	0.0001
4.02	0.0000	4.02	0.0000	4.08	0.0000	4.28	0.0000	4.30	0.0000
4.11	0.0000	4.11	0.0000	4.16	0.0000	4.33	0.0000	4.37	0.0000
4.27	0.0000	4.27	0.0000	4.28	0.0000	4.54	0.0004	4.56	0.0003
4.27	0.0000	4.27	0.0000	4.29	0.0000	4.55	0.0001	4.57	0.0001
4.43	0.0001	4.43	0.0000	4.44	0.0000	4.76	0.0000	4.79	0.0000
4.45	0.0025	4.45	0.0006	4.50	0.0007	4.76	0.0000	4.79	0.0000
4.46	0.0007	4.46	0.0003	4.51	0.0003	4.85	0.0010	4.87	0.0007
4.68	0.0355	4.70	0.0009	4.74	0.0010	4.90	0.0000	4.94	0.0000
4.72	0.0207	4.90	0.0520	4.93	0.0536	5.16	0.0837	5.24	0.0797
4.83	0.0414	4.93	0.0002	4.98	0.0003	5.36	0.0471	5.41	0.0008
4.94	0.0000	5.03	0.0368	5.07	0.0375	5.41	0.0001	5.45	0.0433
5.04	0.0028	5.10	0.0005	5.15	0.0005	5.53	0.0023	5.55	0.0009
5.12	0.0004	5.11	0.0027	5.15	0.0025	5.58	0.0012	5.57	0.0022
5.13	0.0001	5.29	0.0036	5.32	0.0037	5.60	0.0008	5.66	0.0038
5.47	0.0000	5.48	0.0000	5.51	0.0000	5.86	0.0539	5.91	0.0454
5.47	0.0000	5.48	0.0000	5.51	0.0000	5.90	0.0000	5.92	0.0000
5.50	0.0007	5.51	0.0001	5.53	0.0001	5.90	0.0000	5.92	0.0008
5.50	0.0009	5.72	0.0008	5.76	0.0008	5.92	0.0029	5.95	0.0072
5.60	0.0696	5.79	0.0662	5.80	0.0659	6.03	0.0027	6.11	0.0012
5.74	0.0002	5.88	0.0014	5.91	0.0013	6.09	0.0003	6.11	0.0000
5.85	0.0014	5.89	0.0001	5.92	0.0001	6.09	0.0000	6.12	0.0022
5.87	0.0001	5.89	0.0000	5.92	0.0000				
5.88	0.0001	5.94	0.0014	5.98	0.0008				
5.90	0.0001	5.96	0.0002	6.02	0.0009				
5.94	0.0010	6.09	0.0003	6.11	0.0002				
5.99	0.0008	6.11	0.0021	6.19	0.0021				
6.11	0.0024	6.21	0.0015	6.23	0.0018				

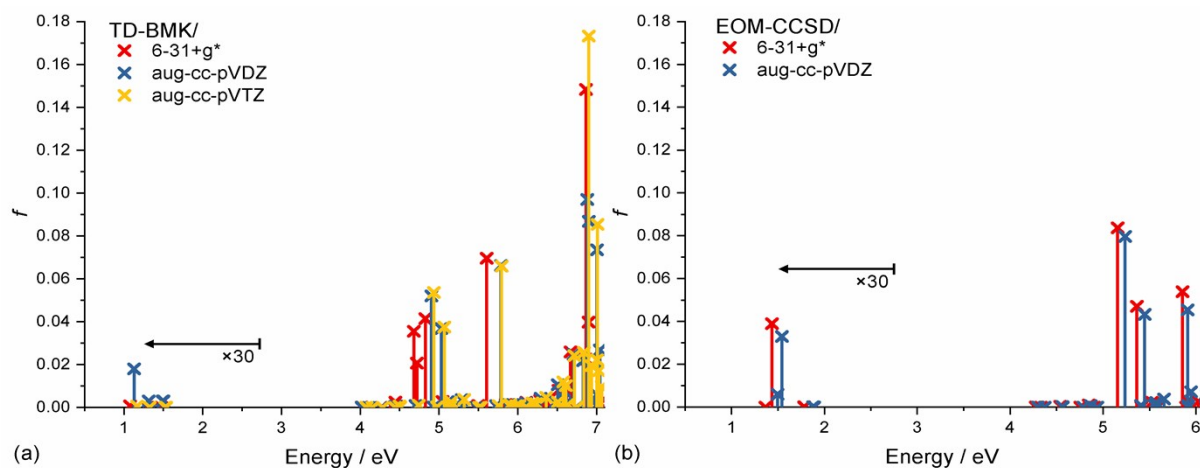


Figure S5. Benchmarking of the calculated transition energies and the corresponding oscillator strengths  $f$  in  $\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_3^-$  with a) the TD-DFT functional TD-BMK and b) the EOM-CCSD method across multiple basis sets. The section below 2.75 eV has been scaled for better visibility.

**The optimized structure and zero-point corrected energy of the calculated ions and molecules on the B3LYP/def2TZVP level of theory in Å at the lowest possible spin multiplicity *M* (unless otherwise noted).**

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