

## Supporting Information

### Electronic structure of $\beta$ -RbSm(MoO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> and chemical bonding in molybdates

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### Structural cif file

**Table 1S.** Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2$ ) of  $\beta$ -RbSm(MoO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>B</i> <sub>iso</sub>
Rb	0.5	0.2721 (3)	0.25	1.2 (3)
Sm	0	0.00564 (19)	0.25	2.0 (2)
Mo	0.5163 (9)	0.09785 (14)	0.9848 (4)	1.0 (2)
O1	0.703 (4)	0.0909 (16)	0.141 (3)	1.5 (4)
O2	0.726 (4)	0.0879 (14)	0.823 (3)	1.5 (4)
O3	0.304 (4)	0.0248 (11)	0.025 (4)	1.5 (4)
O4	0.413 (4)	0.1770 (11)	0.976 (2)	1.5 (4)

**Table 2S.** Main bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of  $\beta$ -RbSm(MoO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

Rb—O2 <sup>i</sup>	3.06 (3)	Sm—O3 <sup>vi</sup>	2.76 (3)
Rb—O4 <sup>ii</sup>	2.88 (2)	Mo—O1 <sup>vii</sup>	1.58 (2)
Rb—O4 <sup>iii</sup>	2.95 (2)	Mo—O2	1.70 (2)
Sm—O1 <sup>iv</sup>	2.38 (3)	Mo—O3 <sup>vii</sup>	1.79 (2)
Sm—O2 <sup>v</sup>	2.34 (2)	Mo—O4	1.59 (2)
Sm—O3	2.41 (3)		

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x+3/2, -y+1/2, z-1/2$ ; (ii)  $x, y, z-1$ ; (iii)  $-x+1/2, -y+1/2, z-1/2$ ; (iv)  $x-1, y, z$ ; (v)  $-x+1, -y, -z+1$ ; (vi)  $-x, -y, -z$ ; (vii)  $x, y, z+1$ .

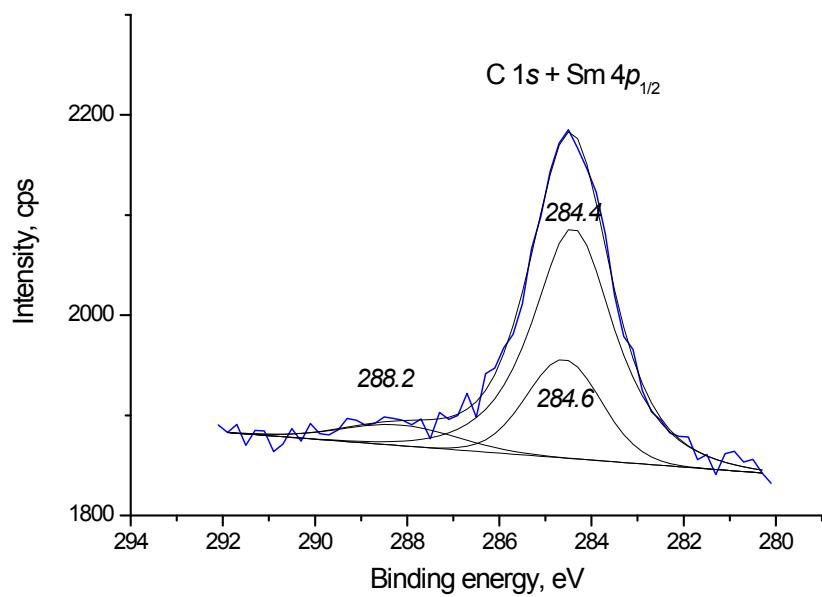


Fig. 1S. Superposition of C 1s and Sm 4p<sub>1/2</sub> lines.

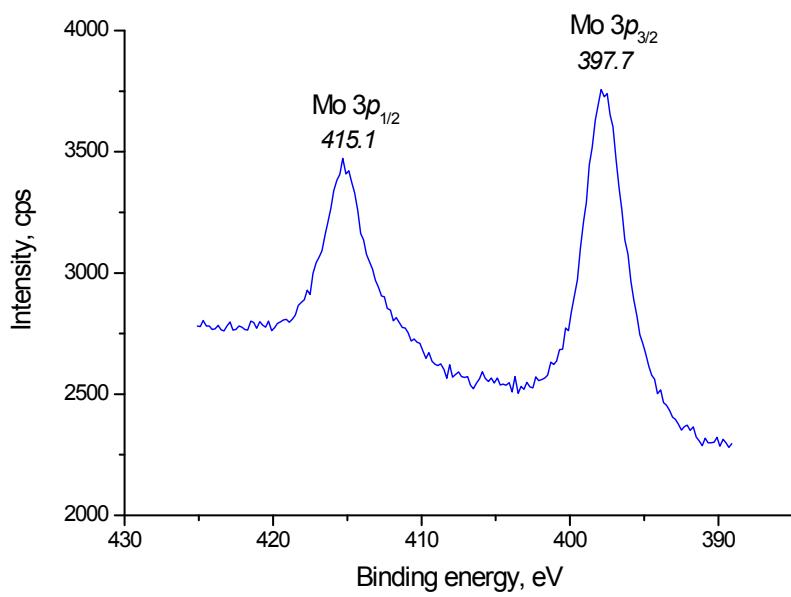


Fig. 2S. Detailed spectrum of Mo 3p doublet.

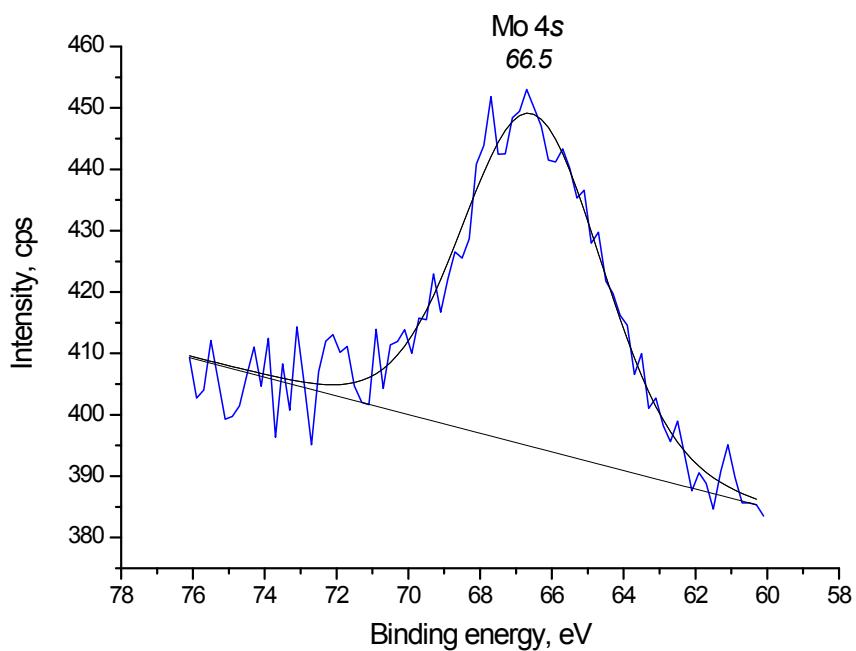


Fig. 3S. Detailed spectrum of Mo 4s core level.

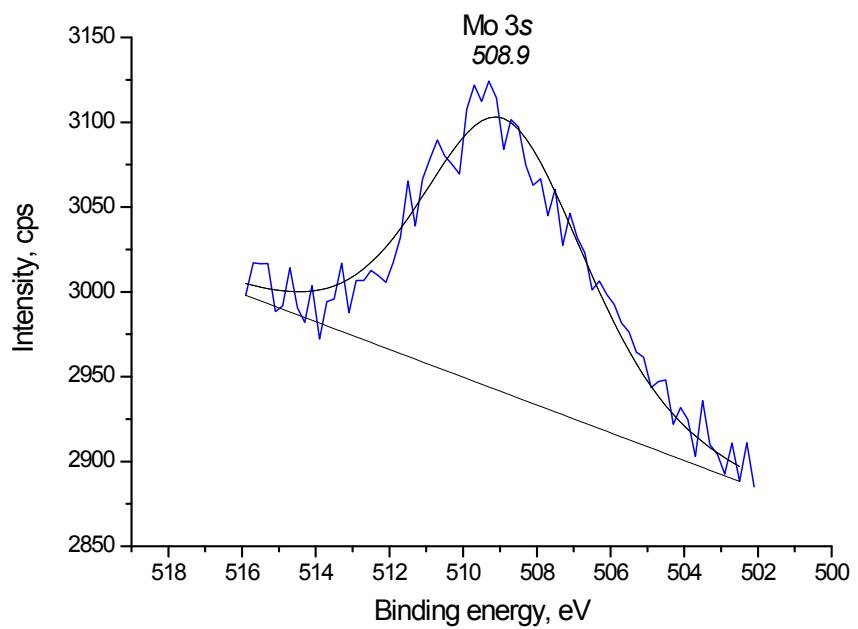


Fig. 4S. Detailed spectrum of Mo 3s core level.

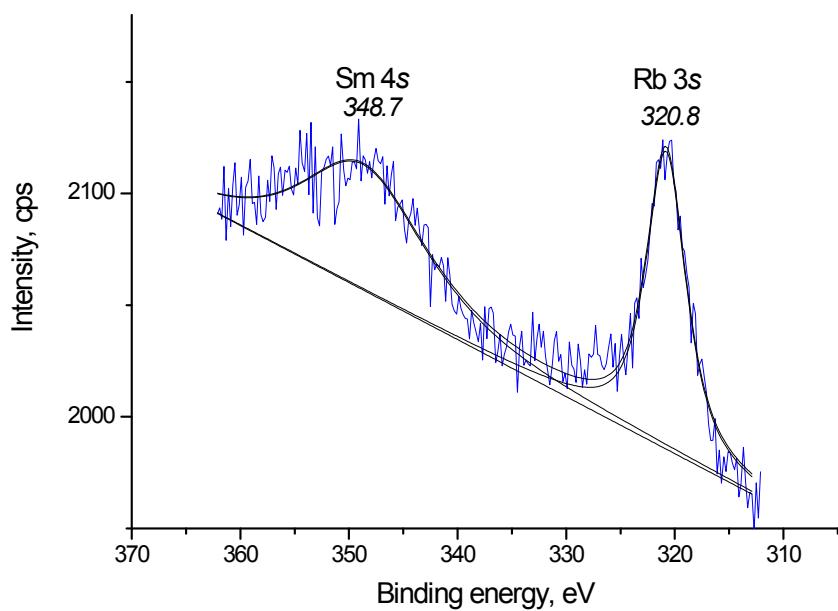


Fig. 5S. Detailed spectrum of Rb 3s and Sm 4s core levels.

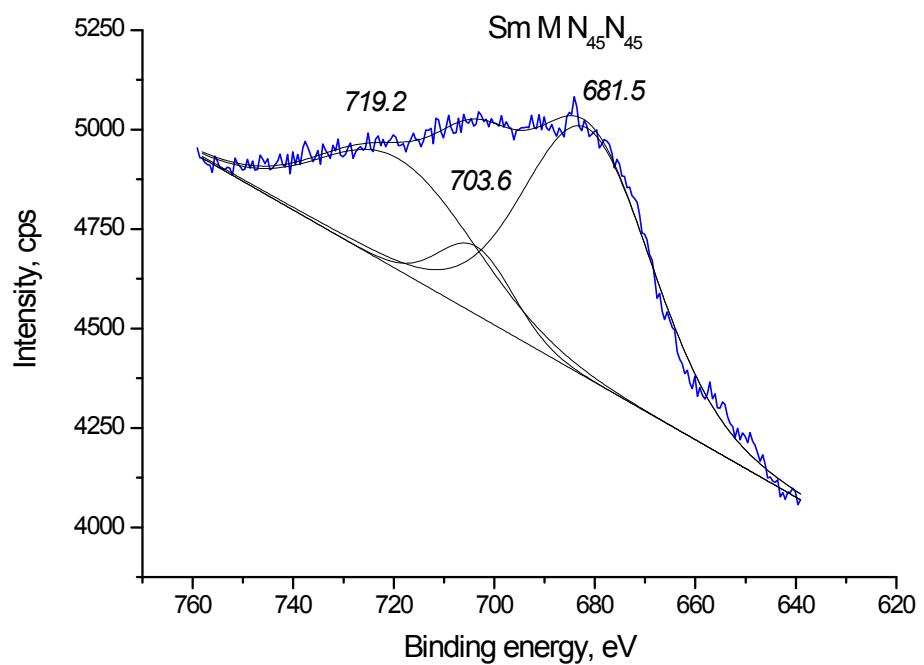


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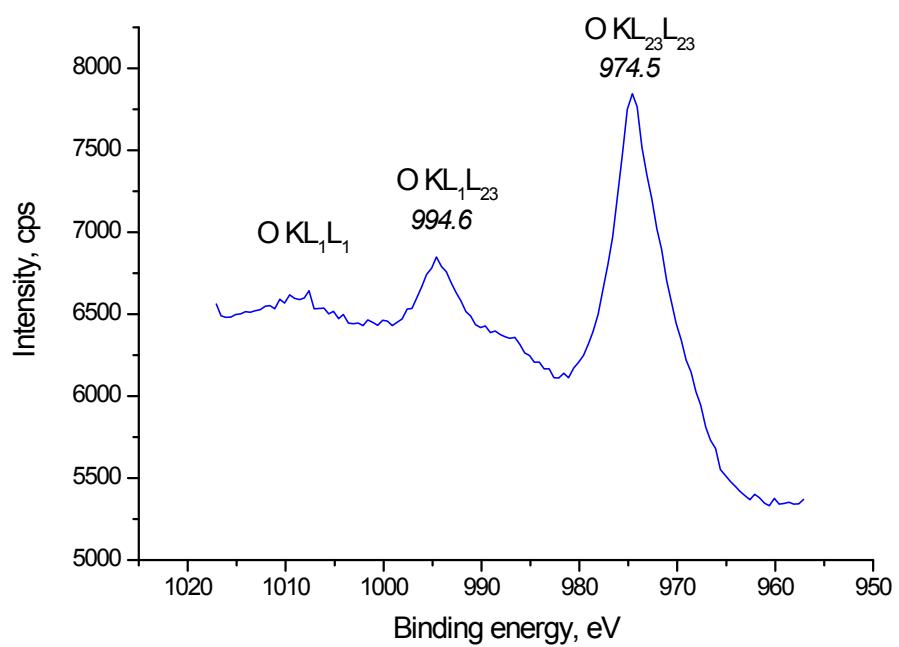


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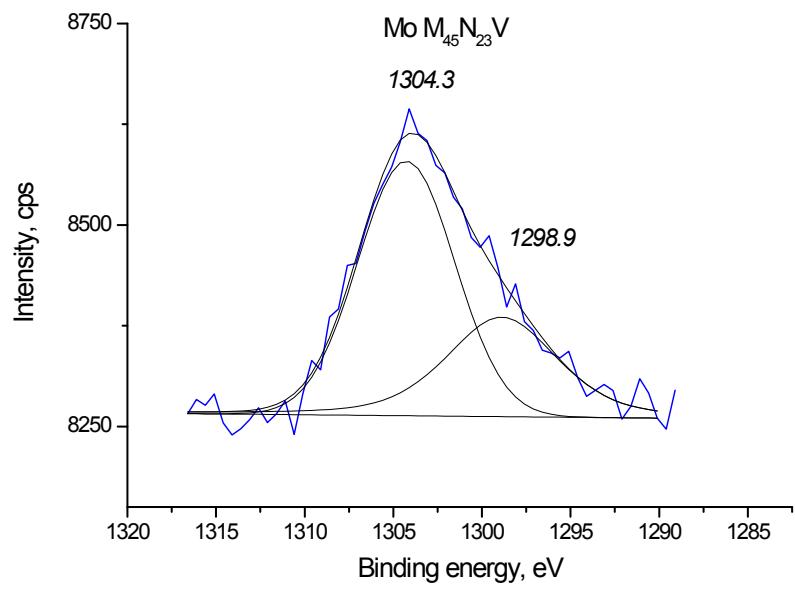


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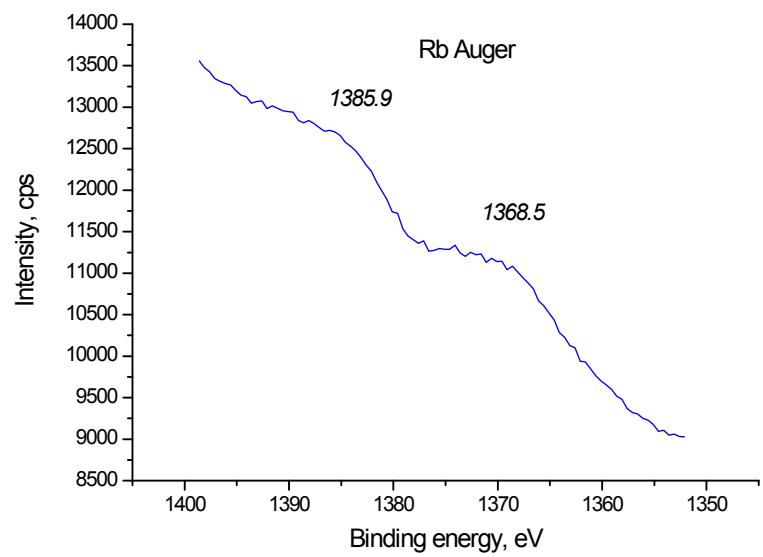


Fig. 9S.