

Supporting Information for:

**Multicopper Models for the Laccase Active Site:
Effect of Nuclearity on Electrocatalytic Oxygen Reduction**

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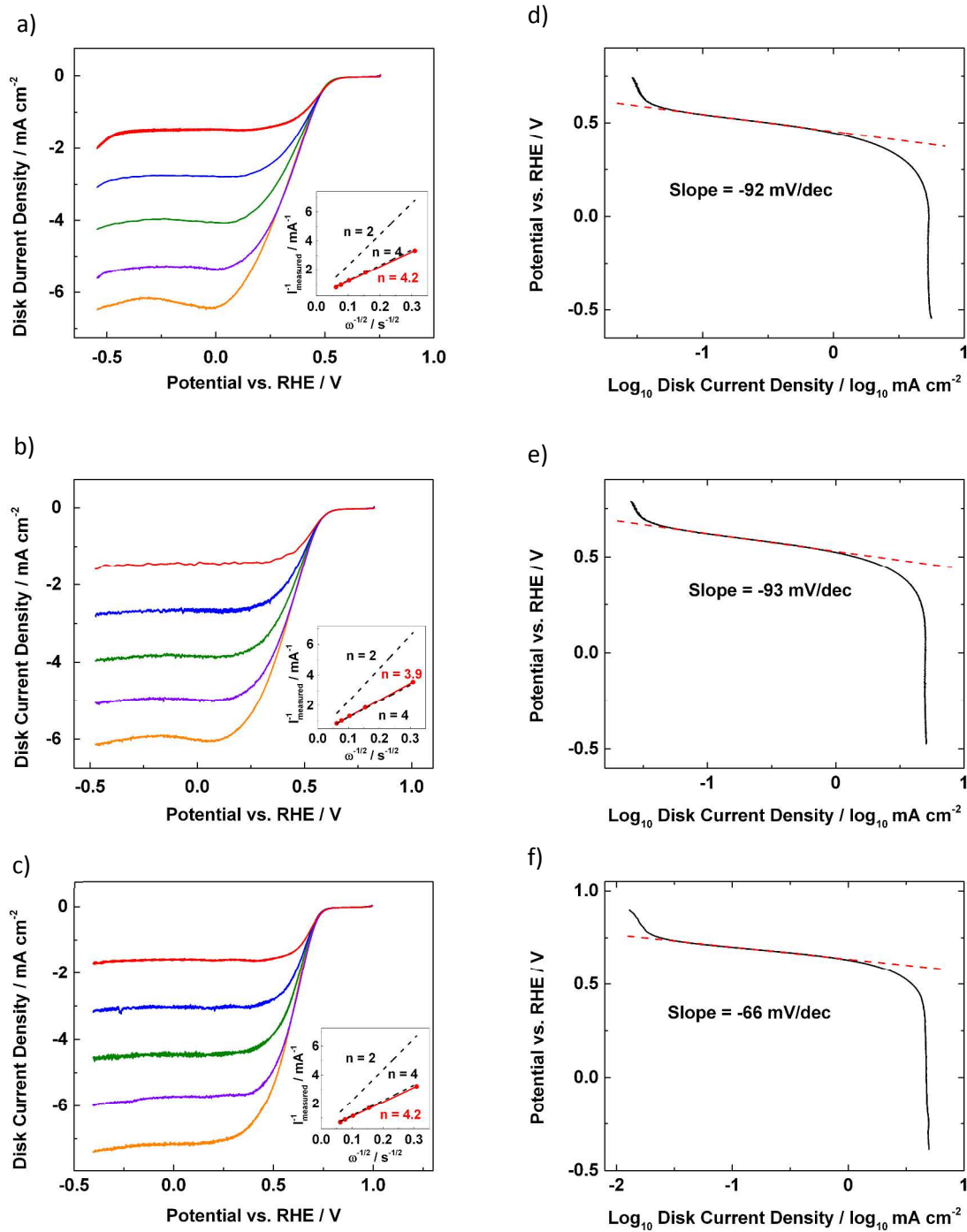


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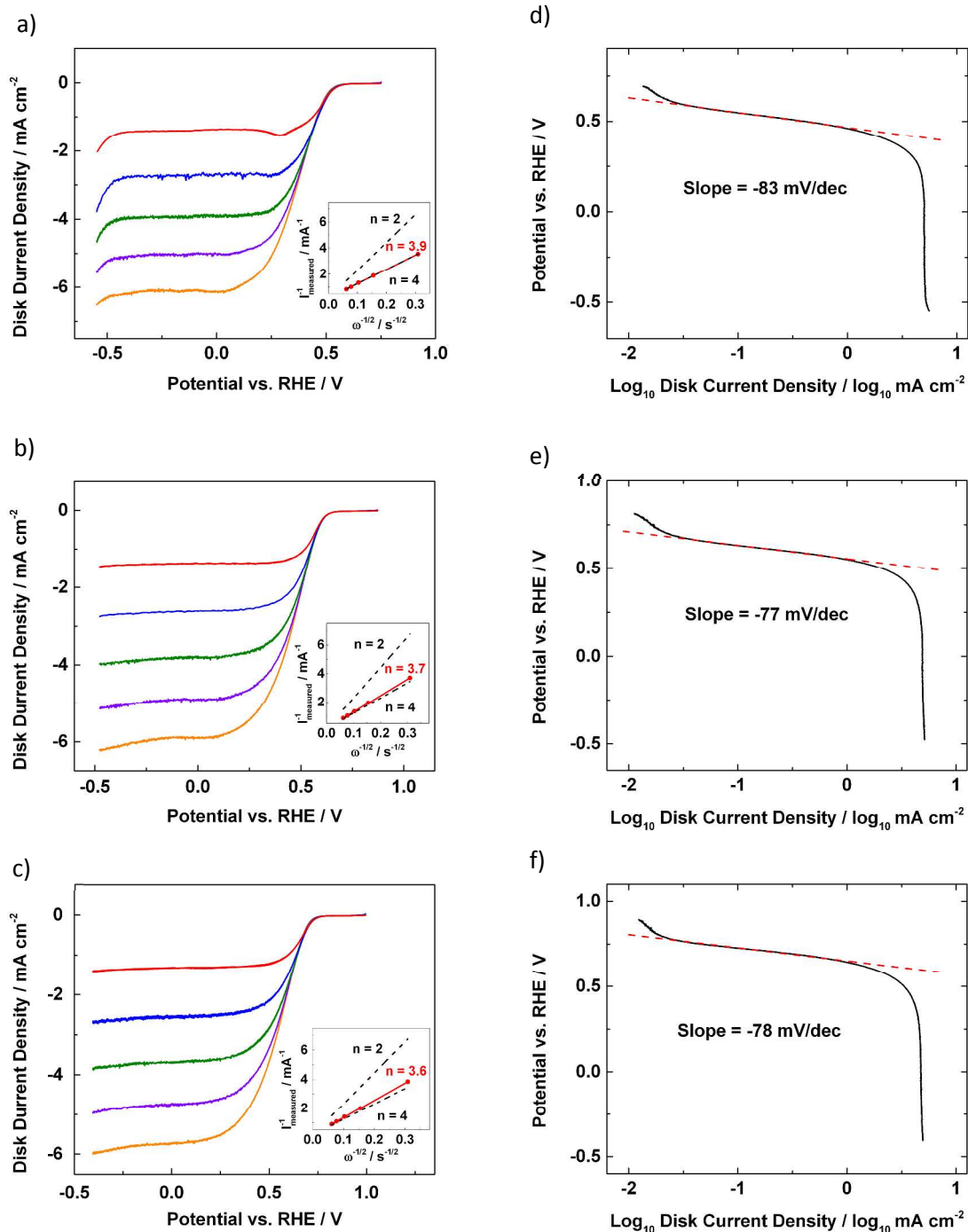


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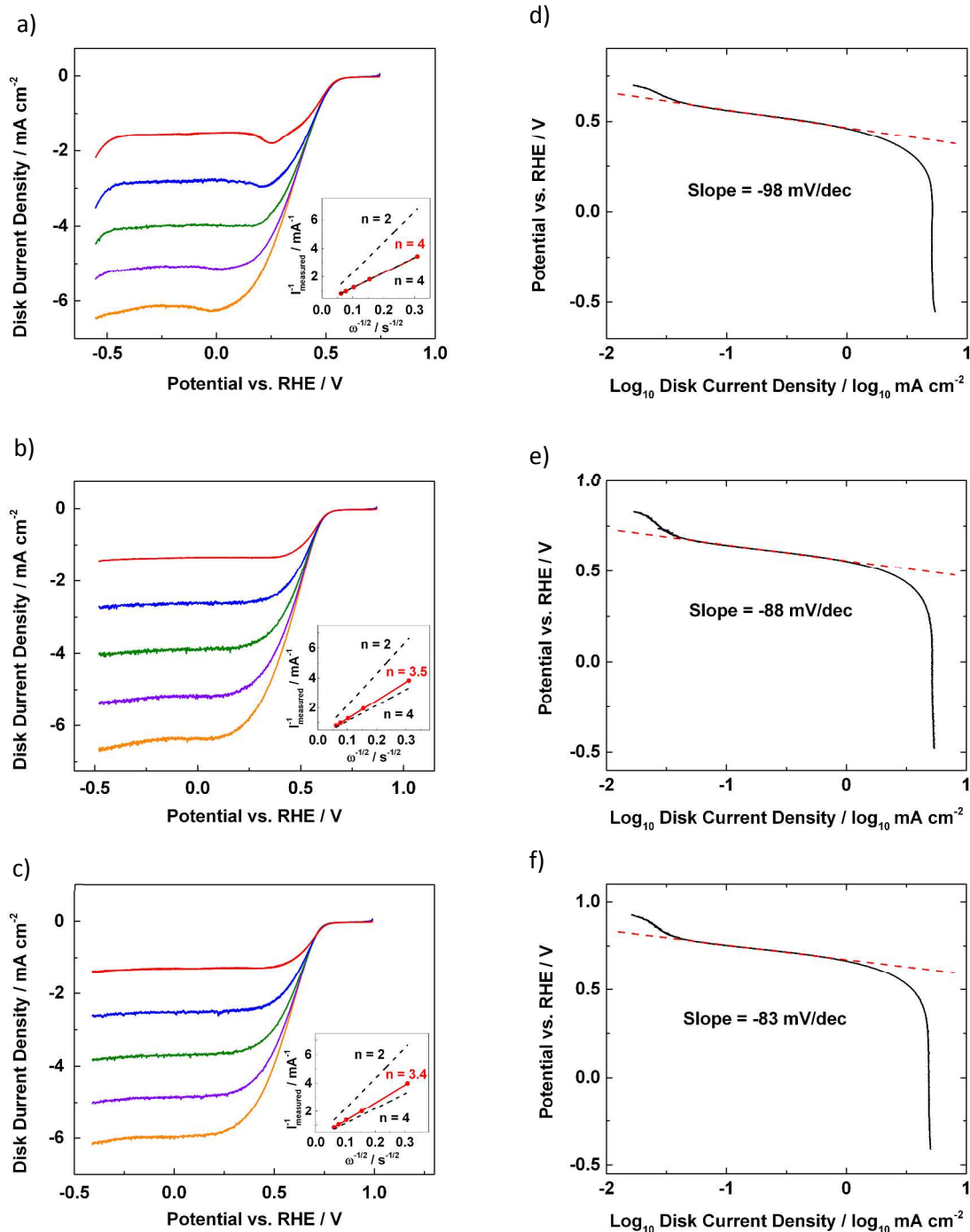


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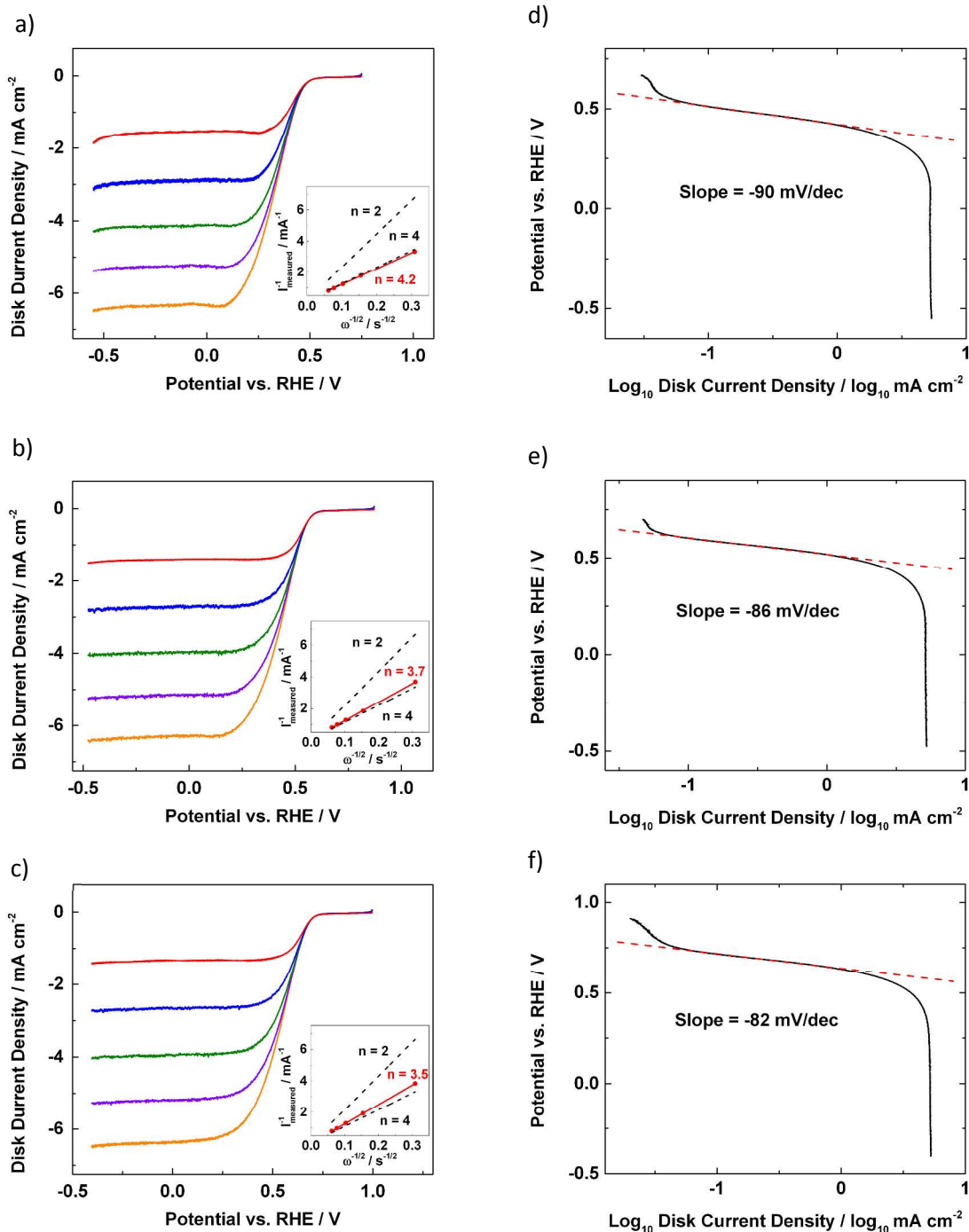


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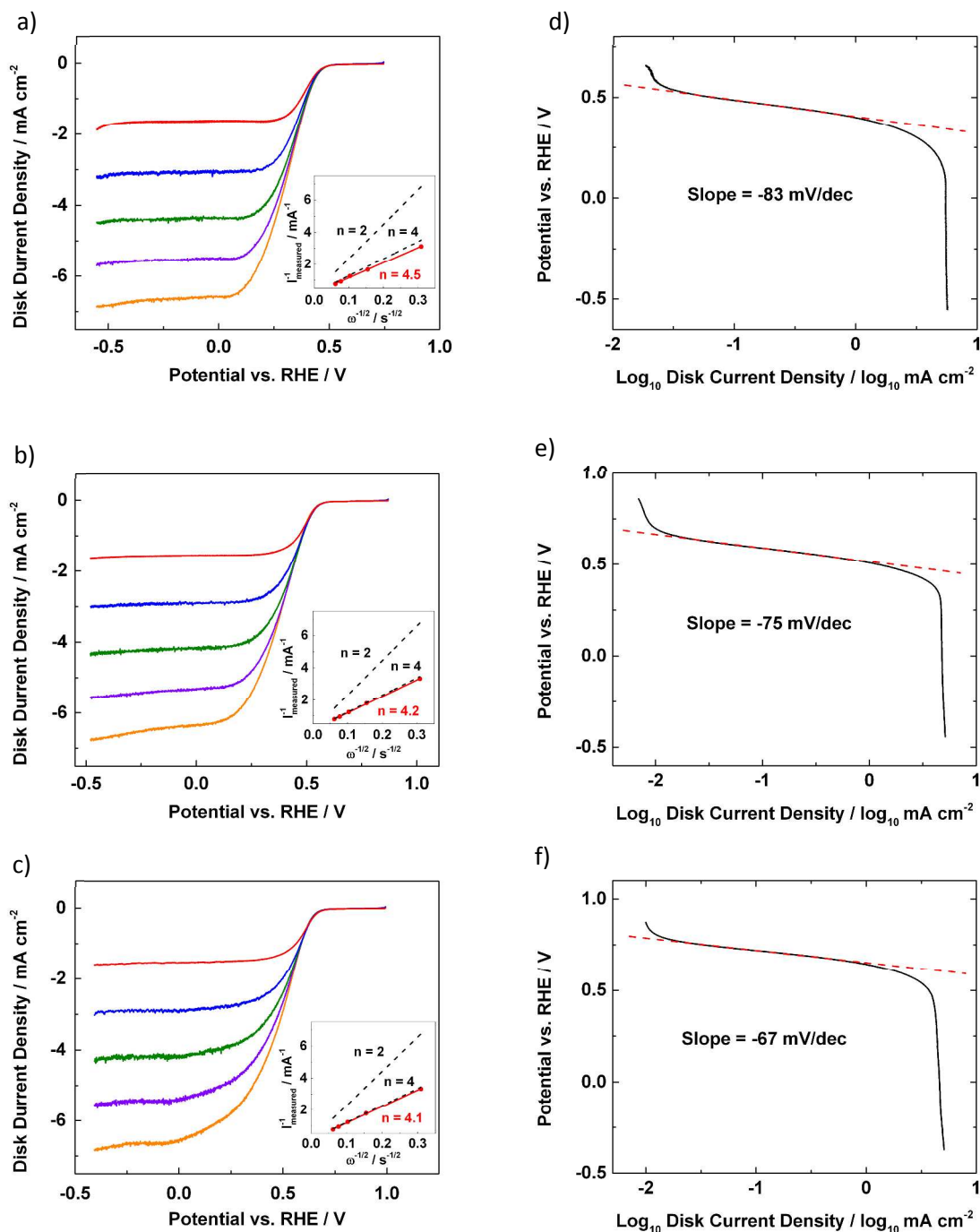


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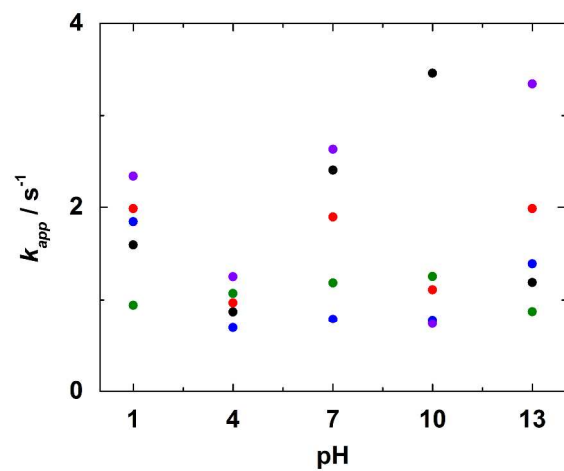


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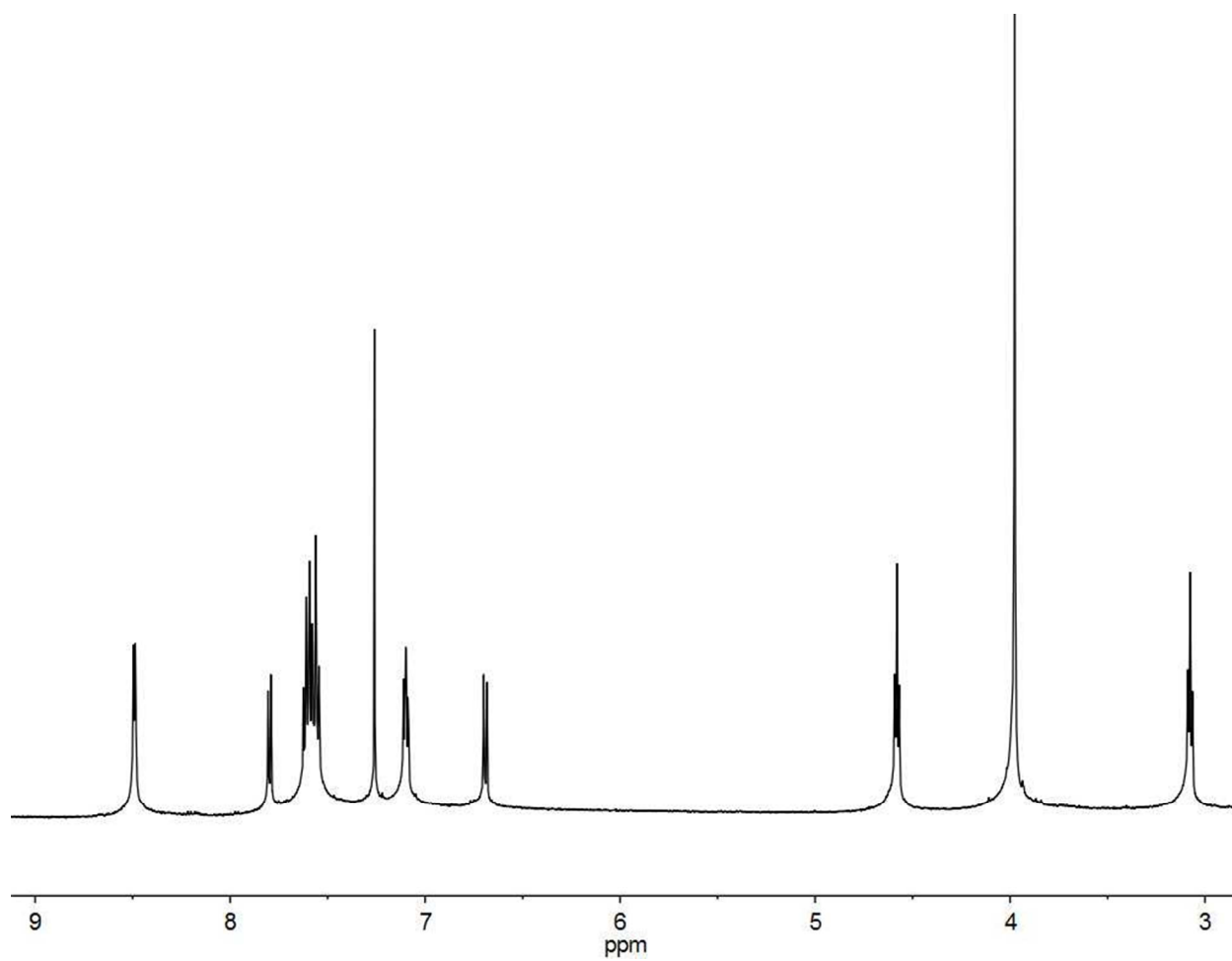


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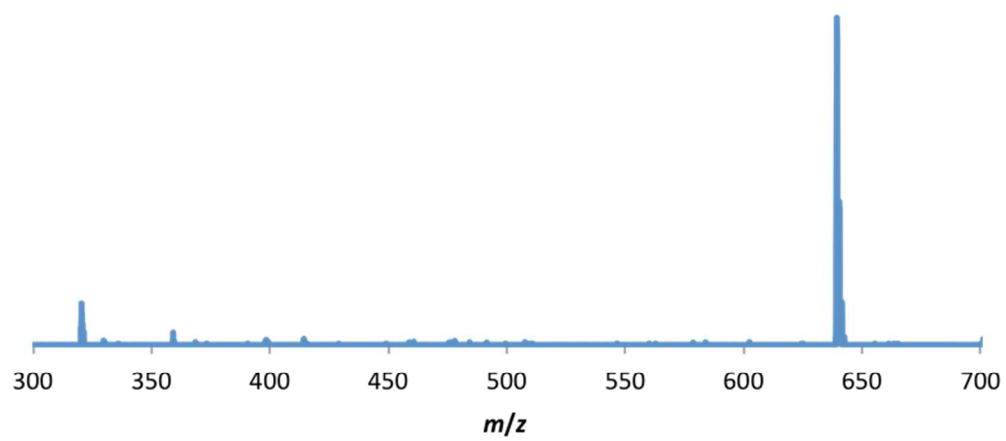


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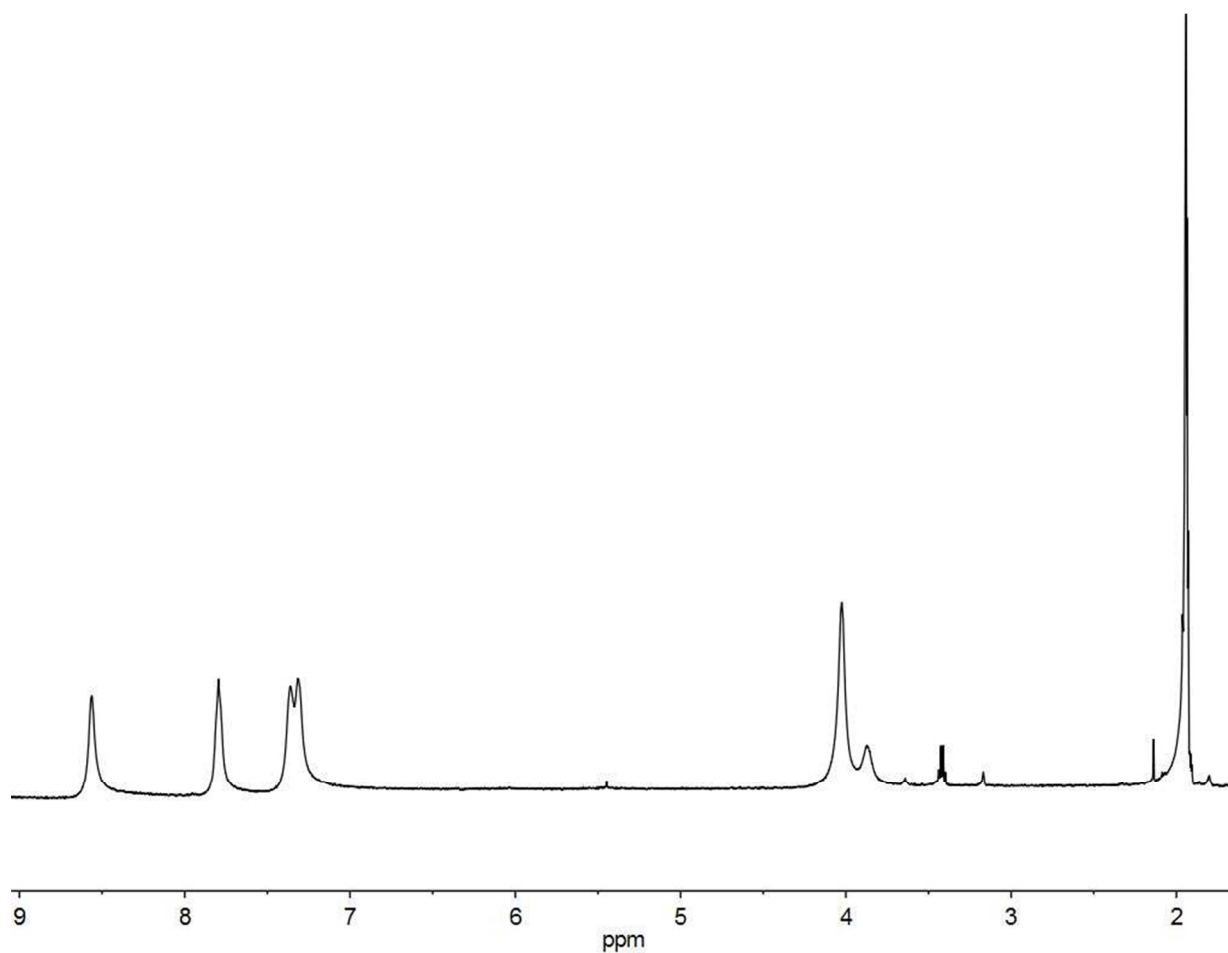


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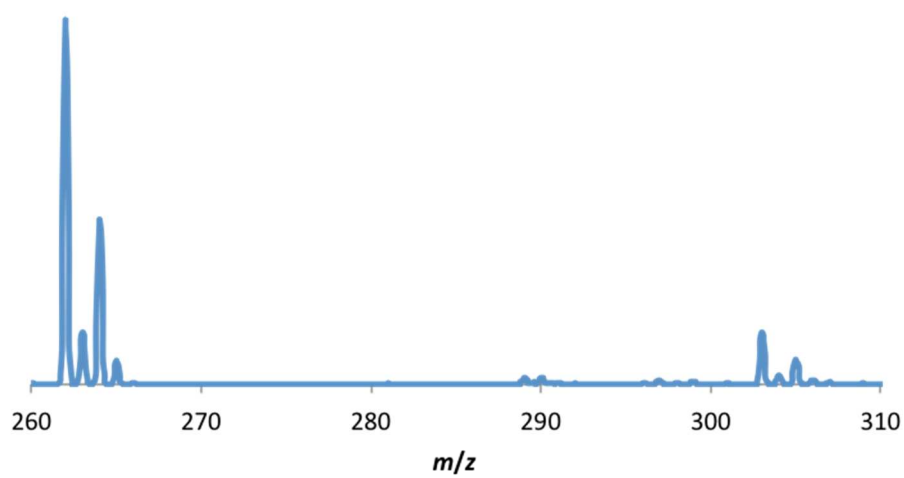


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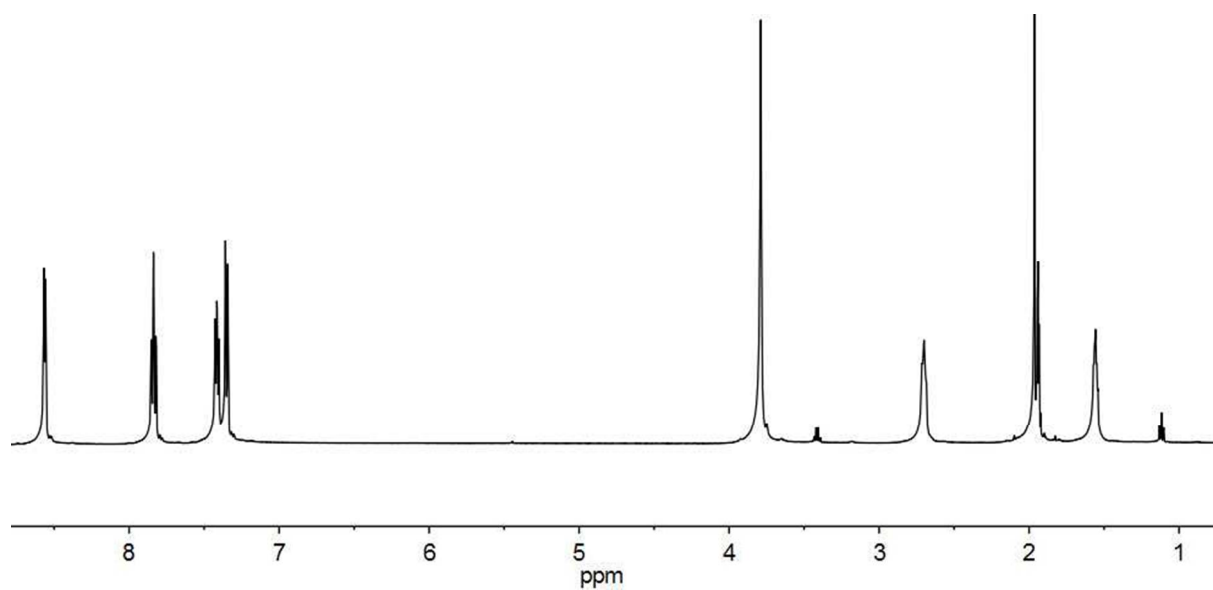


Fig. S11. ^1H NMR spectrum of $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{MeCN})_2(\mathbf{2})](\text{BF}_4)_2$ in CD_3CN . Resonances at 3.42, 1.12 ppm are from residual Et_2O .

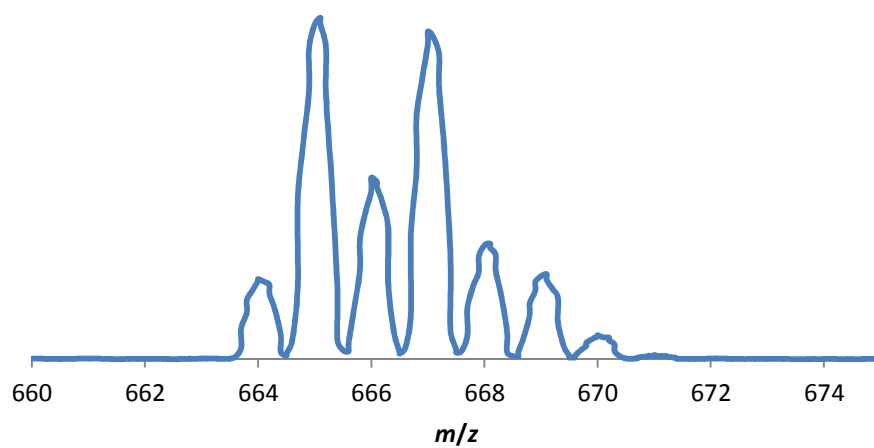


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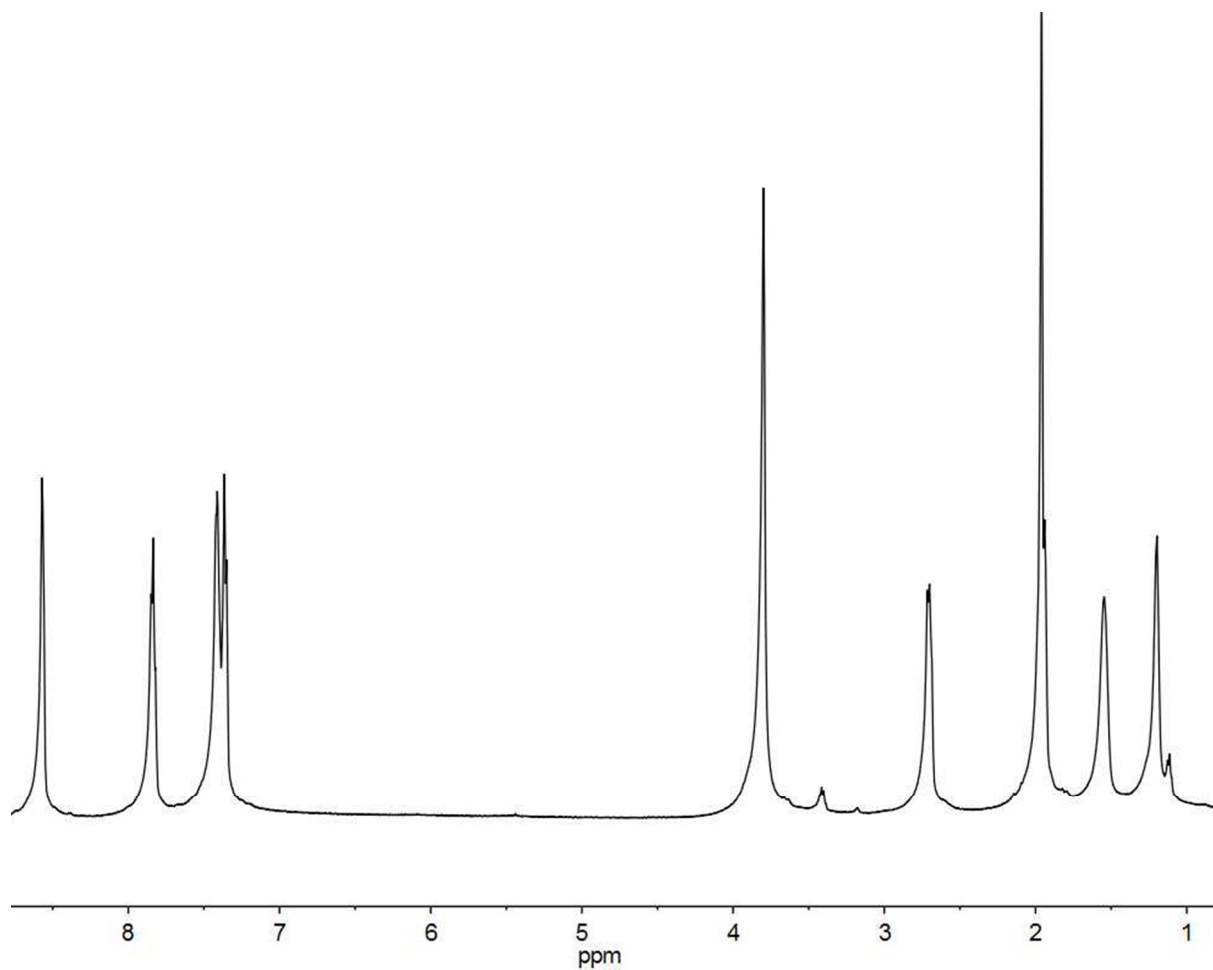


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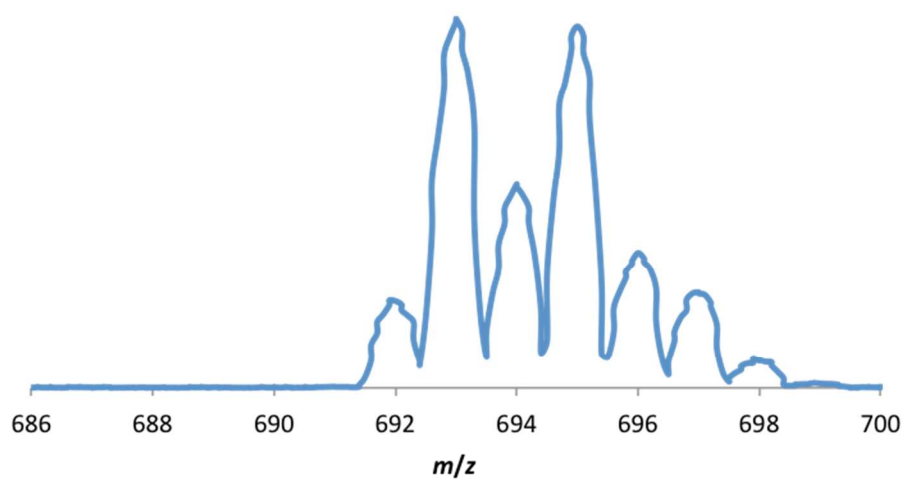


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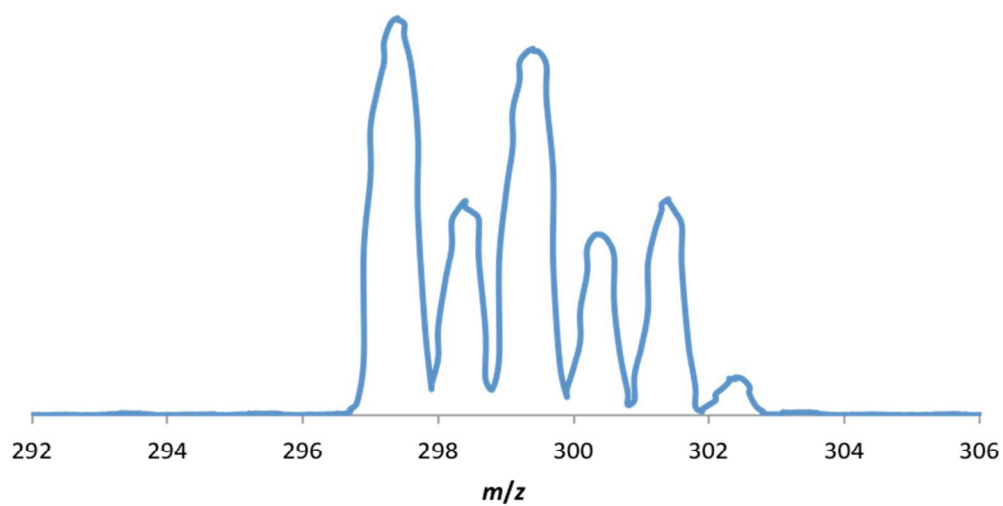


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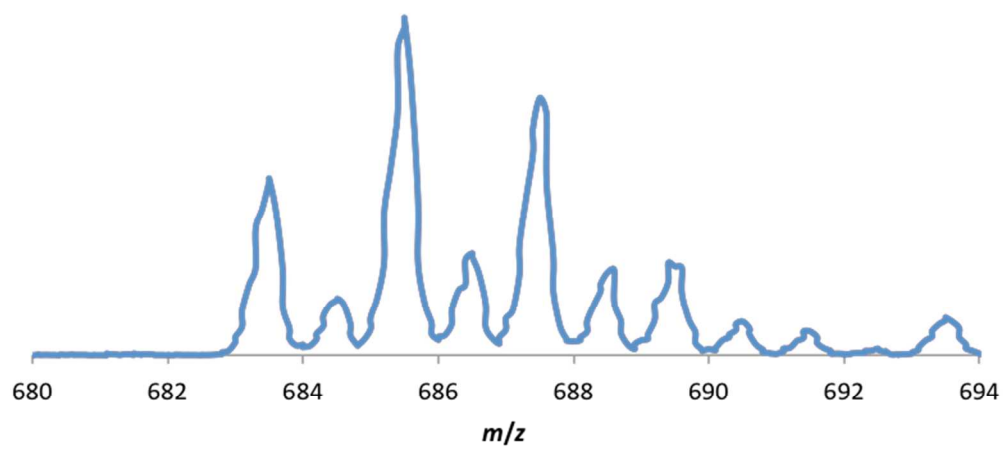


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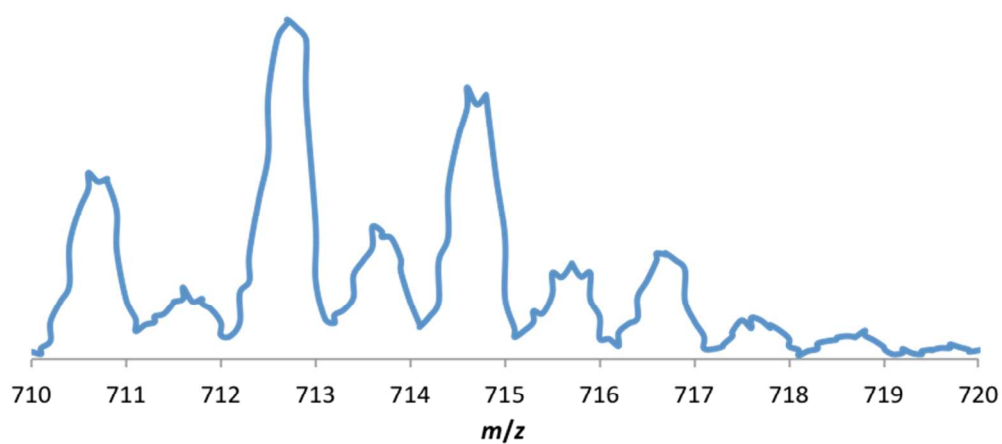


Fig. S17. Positive ion ESI mass spectrum of $[\text{Cu}_2\text{Cl}_4(\mathbf{3})]$.

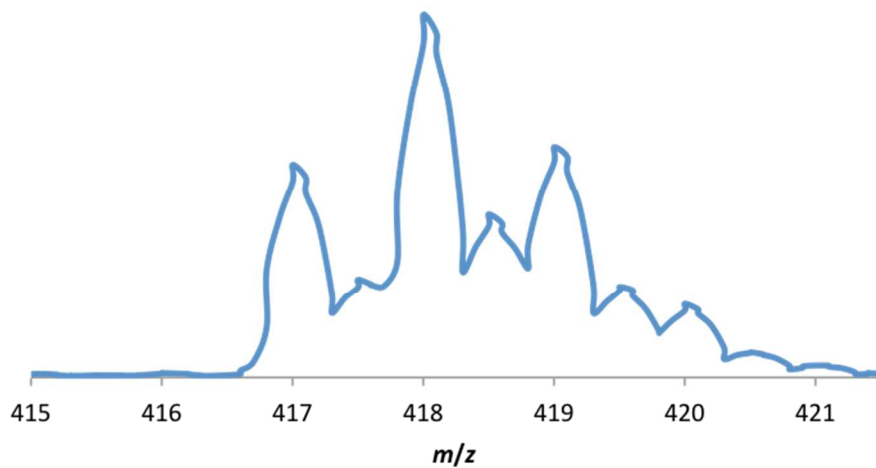
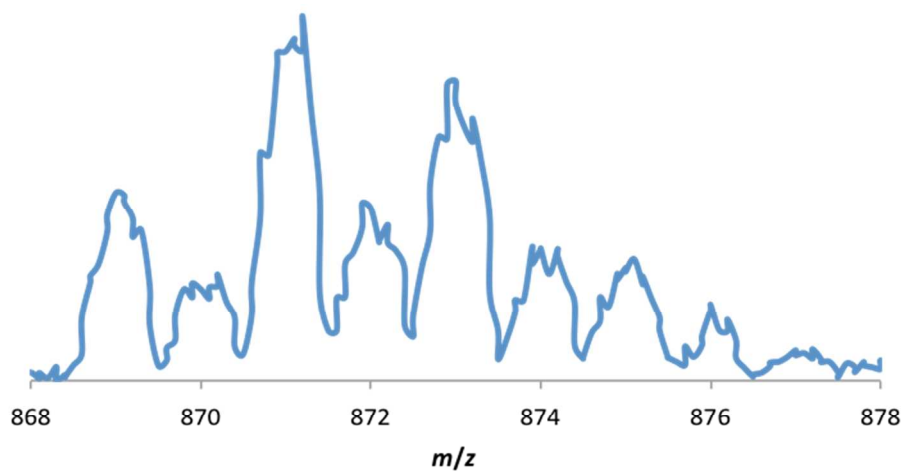


Fig. S18. Partial positive ion ESI mass spectra of $[\text{Cu}_2\text{Cl}_4(\mathbf{4})]$.

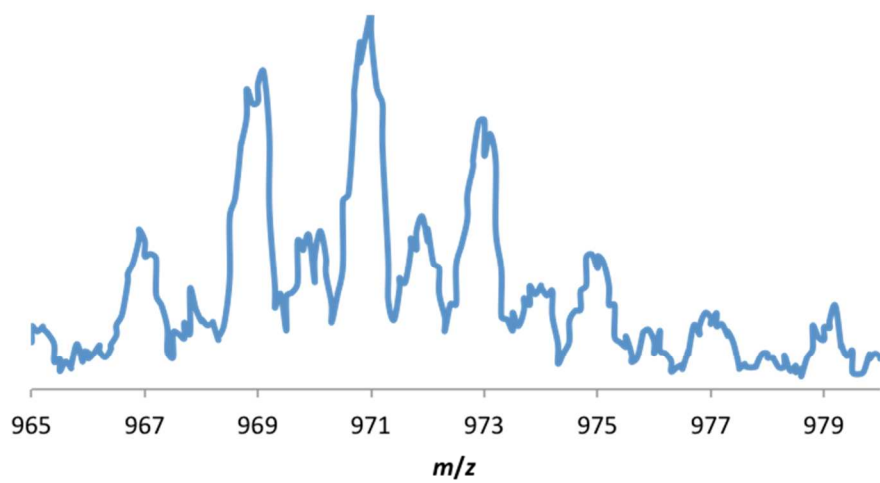


Fig. S19. Positive ion ESI mass spectrum of $[\text{Cu}_3\text{Cl}_6(\mathbf{4})]$.

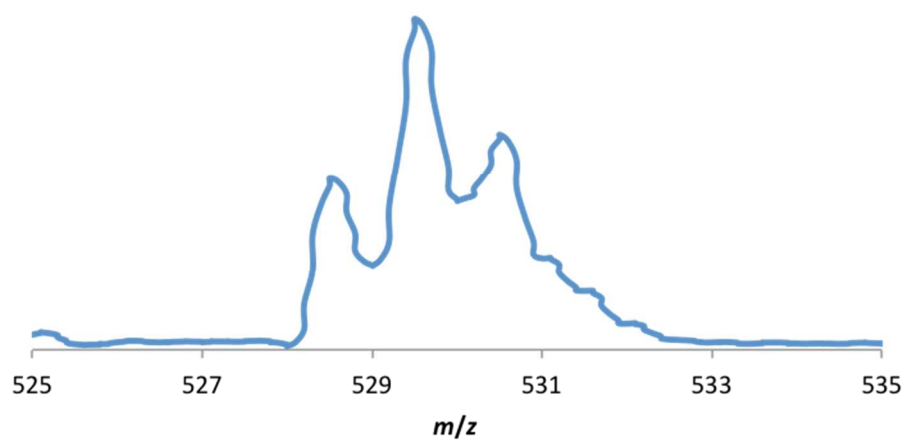
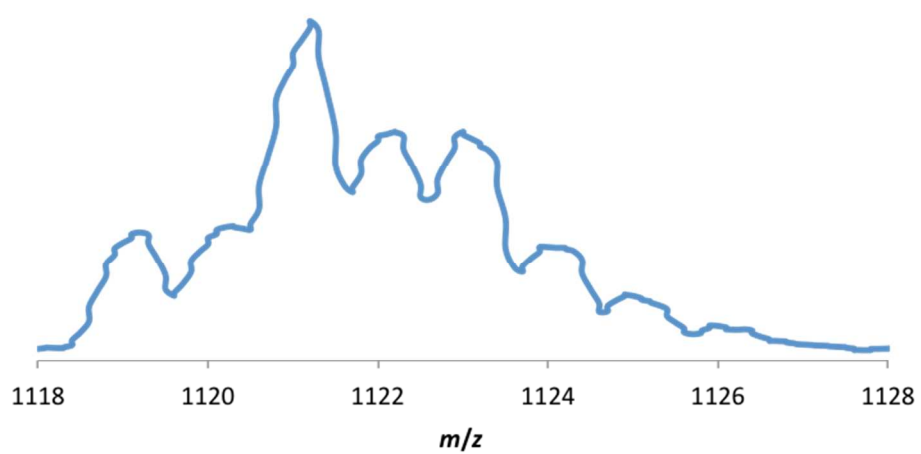


Fig. S20. Partial positive ion ESI mass spectra of $[\text{Cu}_2\text{Ag}(\text{NO}_3)_5(\mathbf{4})]$.

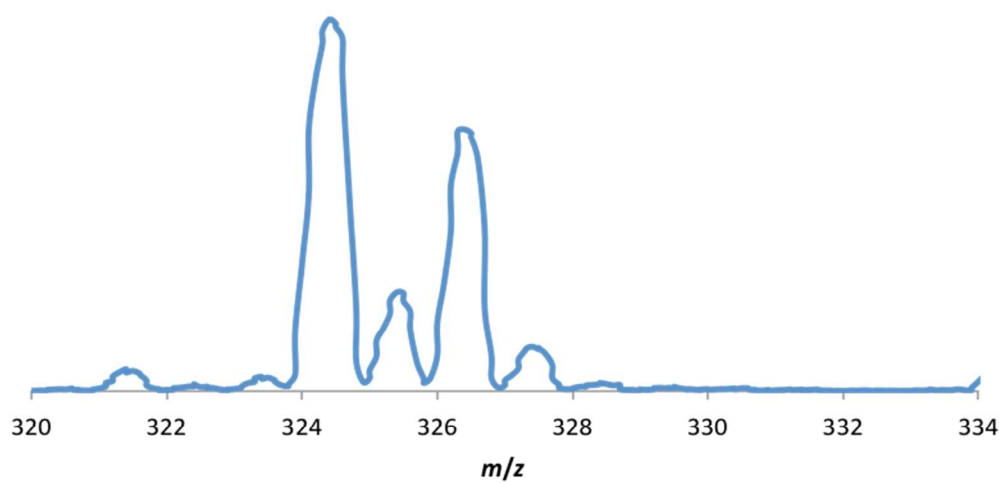


Fig. S21. Positive ion ESI mass spectrum of $[\text{Cu}(\text{NO}_3)_2(\mathbf{1})]$.

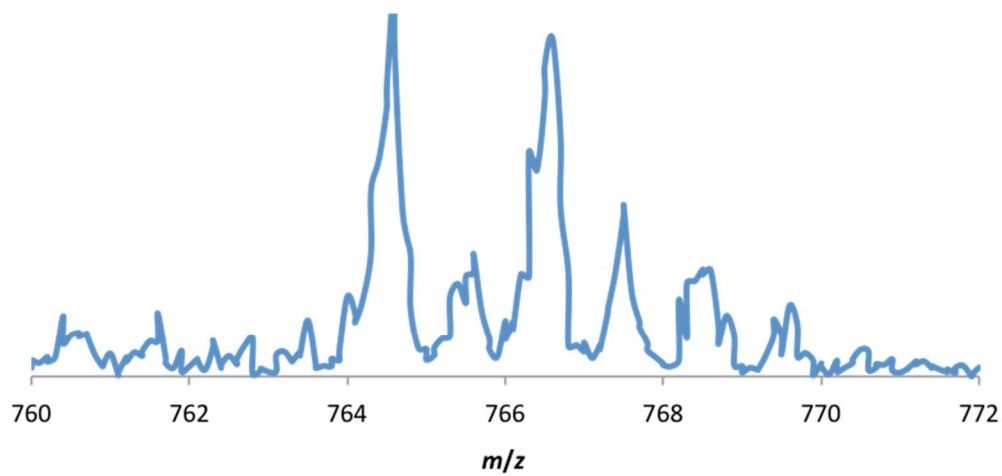


Fig. S22. Positive ion ESI mass spectrum of $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{NO}_3)_4(\mathbf{2})]$.

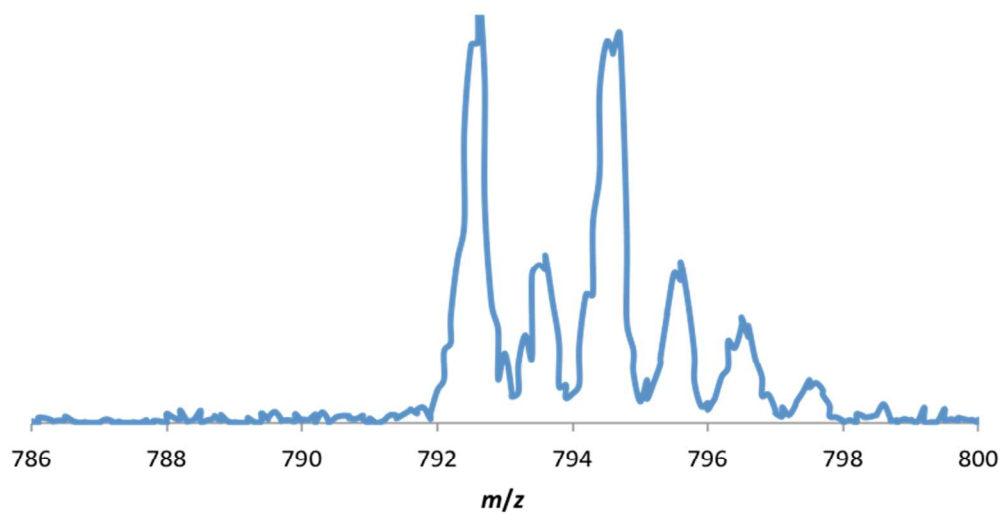


Fig. S23. Positive ion ESI mass spectrum of $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{NO}_3)_4(\mathbf{3})]$.

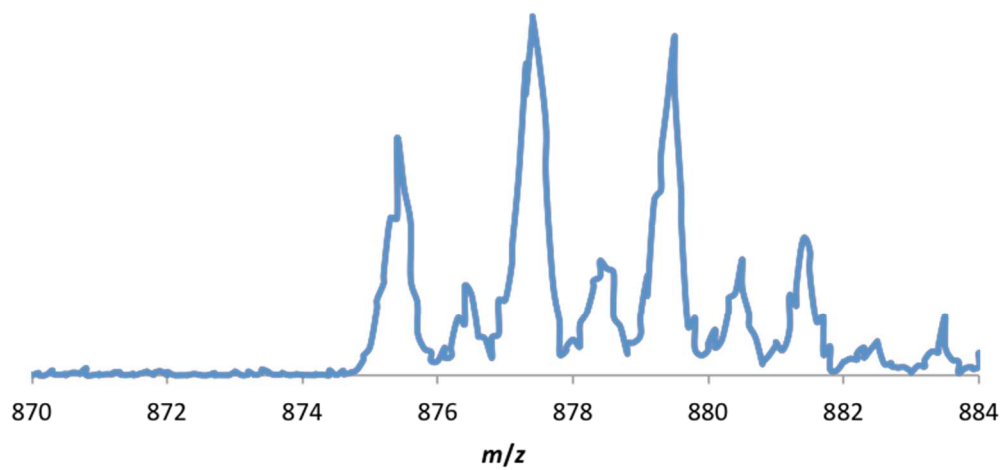


Fig. S24. Positive ion ESI mass spectrum of $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{ClO}_4)_4(\mathbf{2})]$.

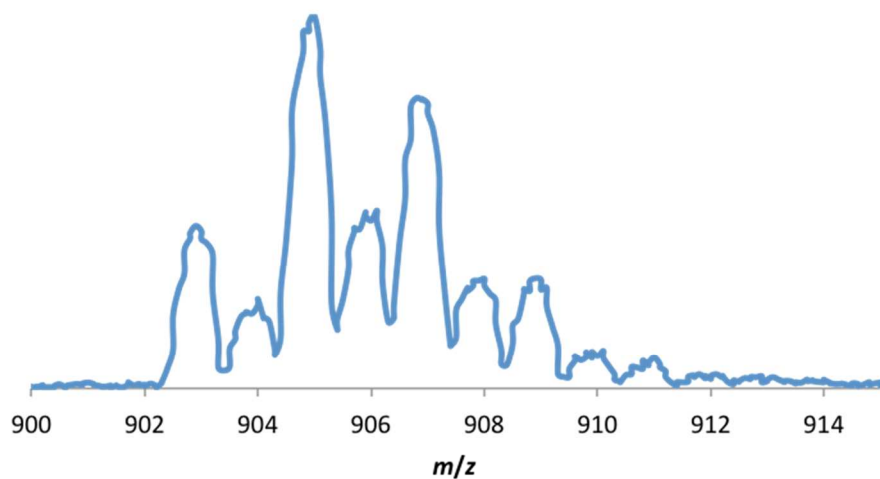


Fig. S25. Positive ion ESI mass spectrum of $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{ClO}_4)_4(\mathbf{3})]$.

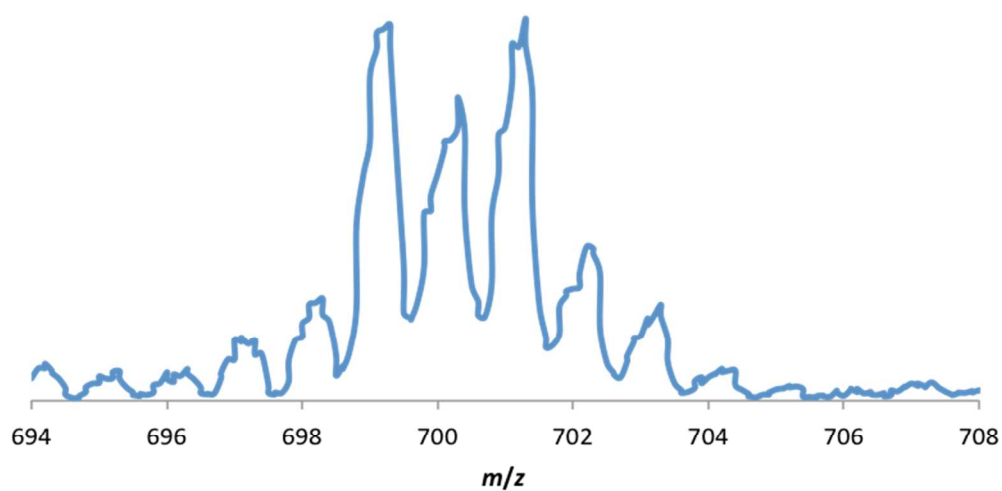


Fig. S26. Positive ion ESI mass spectrum of $[\text{Cu}_4(\text{OH})_4(\mathbf{2})_2](\text{BF}_4)_4$.

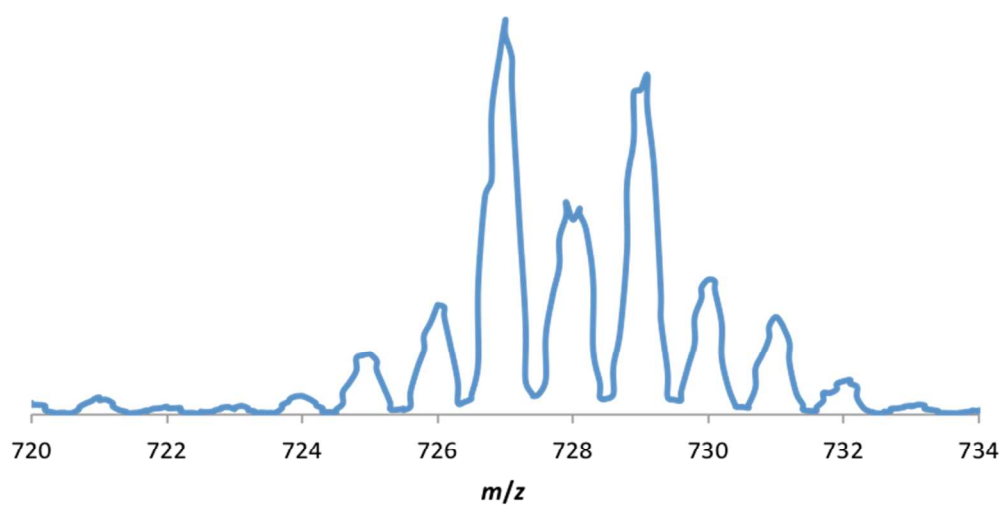


Fig. S27. Positive ion ESI mass spectrum of $[\text{Cu}_4(\text{OH})_4(\mathbf{3})_2](\text{BF}_4)_4$.

Table S1. Crystal Data and Structure Refinement.

	[Cu ₂ Cl ₄ (3)]·2H ₂ O	[Cu ₄ (OH) ₄ (3) ₂](BF ₄) ₄ ·4MeCN·4H ₂ O
formula mass (amu)	813.61	2000.21
space group	P2(1)/c	P $\bar{1}$
Z	2	1
a (Å)	11.361(2)	9.8961(8)
b (Å)	11.795(2)	16.716(1)
c (Å)	14.008(2)	16.885(1)
α (°)	90	62.202(1)
β (°)	105.165(2)	87.664(1)
γ (°)	90	73.505(1)
V (Å ³)	1811.6(5)	2355.2(3)
T (K)	183(2)	168(2)
λ (Å)	0.71073	0.71073
ρ_c (g cm ⁻³)	1.492	1.410
μ (cm ⁻¹)	15.07	9.8
$R(F)^a$	0.0374	0.0431
$R_w(F^2)^b$	0.1094	0.1257

^a $R(F) = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$ for $F_o^2 > 2\sigma(F_o^2)$.

^b $R_w(F_o^2) = [\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma w F_o^4]$, $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_o^2) + (q(F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3)^2 + r((F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3)$ for $F_o^2 \geq 0$; $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_o^2)$ for $F_o^2 < 0$.

For [Cu₂Cl₄(**3**)], q = 0.0640, r = 0.5623. For [Cu₄(OH)₄(**3**)₂](BF₄)₄, q = 0.0750, r = 0.

Table S2. Hydrogen bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for [Cu₄(OH)₄(**3**)₂](BF₄)₄·4MeCN·4H₂O.

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
O(2)-H(2)...F(4)	0.83(1)	2.10(2)	2.879(5)	155(4)
O(2)-H(2)...F(4B)	0.83(1)	2.14(2)	2.95(2)	165(4)
O(1)-H(1)...F(3)#2	0.82(1)	2.17(2)	2.960(8)	160(3)
O(1)-H(1)...F(3B)#2	0.82(1)	2.07(2)	2.87(1)	164(3)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x+1,-y+1,-z #2 x-1,y,z