

Supporting Information

**Synthesis and characterization of 0D - 3D copper-containing tungstobismuthates obtained from the lacunary precursor  $\text{Na}_9[\text{B-}\alpha\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33}]$**

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# 1 Literature survey

**Table S1.** Reported Cu substituted tungstobismuthates prepared from the  $[\text{B-}\alpha\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33}]^{9-}$  precursor.

Polyoxometalate	Main structural motif	Ref.
$[\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{B-}\alpha\text{-XW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2]^{n-}$ (X = As, Sb, Se, Te; n = 10 for Te and Se, 12 for Sb, As)	$\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{O}_3$	1
$\text{Na}_{12}[\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{B-}\alpha\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2] \cdot 47\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{O}_3$	2
$\text{Na}_{12}[\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{B-}\alpha\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2]$	$\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{O}_3^3$	4
$\text{Na}_{12}[\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{B-}\alpha\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2] \cdot 29\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{O}_3$	5
$2\text{D-}\text{Na}_5(\text{TEOA-H})_4[(\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O}))_3(\text{B-}\alpha\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2]$	$\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{O}_3$	3
$\text{Na}_{10}[\text{Cu}_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{B-}\alpha\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2] \cdot 43\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Cu}_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$	5
$\text{Na}_{12}[\{\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}_3(\text{B-}\alpha\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2] \cdot 42\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{O}_3$	6
$2\text{D-}[\text{enH}_2]_5[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2][\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}_2(\text{WO}_2)_2(\text{B-}\beta\text{-SbW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2] \cdot 16\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Cu}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{W}_2\text{O}_4$	3
$2\text{D-}[\text{enH}_2]_5[\text{Cu}^{\text{II}}(\text{en})_2][\text{Cu}^{\text{I}}_2(\text{WO}_2)_2(\text{B-}\beta\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2] \cdot 22\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Cu}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{W}_2\text{O}_4$	3
$\text{Na}_8[\text{Bi}_2\text{W}_{20}\text{Cu}_2\text{O}_{68}(\text{OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6] \cdot 26\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Cu}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{W}_2\text{O}_4$	5
$\text{Na}_6\text{H}_4[\text{Bi}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{W}_{20}\text{O}_{70}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6] \cdot 36\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{Cu}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{W}_2\text{O}_4$	7
$\text{KNa}_3[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\{\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\}_2(\text{H}_2\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42})] \cdot 16\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42}\text{-M}_x$	8
$\{\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4\}_2\{\text{Cu}_2(\mu\text{-OH})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6\}(\text{H}_2\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42}) \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42}\text{-M}_x$	9
$(\text{NH}_4)_8[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{H}_2\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42}] \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42}\text{-M}_x$	10
$\text{Na}_8[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{H}_2\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42})] \cdot 30\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42}\text{-M}_x$	11
$3\text{D-}[\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6][\{\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\}_2\{\text{Cu}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4\text{H}_4\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42}\}] \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42}\text{-M}_x$	12
$1\text{D-}[\text{Na}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_8][\text{Na}_8(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{20}][\text{Cu}(\text{en})_2][\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42}] \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42}\text{-M}_x$	13
$\text{Na}_2\text{Cu}_3(\text{CuOH})[\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{40}(\text{OH})_2] \cdot 32\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42}\text{-M}_x$	14
$\text{Na}_{12}[(\text{Na}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2)_6(\text{B-}\alpha\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2]$	Various	15
$[\text{H}_2\text{bipy}][\text{Cu}(\text{bipy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2][\text{Cu}(\text{bipy})_3][\text{H}_3\text{BiW}_{18}\text{O}_{60}] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$		16

## 2 Crystallographic and structural characterization

Single-crystals were selected and mounted on a glass fiber loop with Infineum oil. The crystal was placed in a dry N<sub>2</sub> gas stream and X-ray diffraction intensity data were collected at 183 K, on an Oxford Xcalibur Ruby CCD single crystal diffractometer equipped with an Enhance Mo X-ray source (Mo K $\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.7107 \text{ \AA}$ ) and a graphite monochromator. An Oxford Instruments Cryojet system was used for cooling the crystal. All data processing and a numerical absorption correction were carried out using CrysAlisPro, Version 1.171.36.32, Agilent (2014). The WinGX software package was employed for structure solution and refinement. An initial structure solution was obtained from SHELXT (2014/4),<sup>17</sup> and refined with SHELXL (2014/7).<sup>17</sup> For structure validation, PLATON was used.<sup>18</sup> CIF files were modified and checked for errors with EnCIFer 1.5.<sup>19</sup> Hydrogen atoms could not be located from the difference Fourier maps and were therefore not refined. Low angle reflections, attenuated by the beamstop, were omitted, as well as reflections above 55°. After subsequent assignment of residual electron density with partially occupied crystal water molecules, no more voids were observed. Residual electron density below  $1 \text{ e}^- \text{ \AA}^{-3}$  was generally considered as noise. For the structurally related compounds **Cu-1**, **Cu-2** and **Cu-3**, an identical labelling scheme for W atoms was used. Rigid bond restraints (RIGU) have been applied in all refinements.

The three highest remaining electron density peaks in the structure **Cu-3** were located between 4.23 and  $5.96 \text{ e}^- \text{ \AA}^{-3}$ , at distances from W atoms of less than  $1.0 \text{ \AA}$ . Despite several attempts to perform an analytical and Gaussian absorption correction, the sizes of these peaks could not be diminished. For the structures **Cu-1**, **Cu-2**, and **Cu-4 – Cu-6** the highest remaining electron density peaks were between  $1.3$  and  $3.0 \text{ e}^- \text{ \AA}^{-3}$ .

This is in agreement with residual electron density peaks found for other reported polyoxometalate structures with characteristic values of  $2.35\text{--}4.34 \text{ e}^- \text{ \AA}^{-3}$ .<sup>20–22</sup>

Details on the crystal structures as well as the crystallographic information files (CIF) may be obtained from the Fachinformationszentrum Karlsruhe, D-76344 Eggenstein-Leopoldshafen, Germany (Fax: +49 7247 808 666; email [crysdata@fiz-karlsruhe.de](mailto:crysdata@fiz-karlsruhe.de)), by citing the depository numbers CSD-431217 (**Cu-1**), CSD-431215 (**Cu-2**), CSD-431213 (**Cu-3**), CSD-431218 (**Cu-4**), CSD-431216 (**Cu-5**), and CSD-431214 (**Cu-6**).

**Table S2.** Summary of the crystal structure refinements for **Cu-1** – **Cu-6**.

	<b>Cu-1</b>	<b>Cu-2</b>	<b>Cu-3</b>	<b>Cu-4</b>	<b>Cu-5</b>	<b>Cu-6</b>
Empirical formula	Bi <sub>2</sub> ClCu <sub>2</sub> H <sub>83</sub> Na <sub>11</sub> O <sub>11.5</sub> W <sub>20</sub>	Bi <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>2.5</sub> H <sub>66</sub> K <sub>3</sub> Na <sub>7</sub> O <sub>103.5</sub> W <sub>20</sub>	Bi <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> H <sub>43</sub> K <sub>2.5</sub> Na <sub>5.5</sub> O <sub>91.5</sub> W <sub>20</sub>	Bi <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>3</sub> H <sub>48</sub> Na <sub>6</sub> O <sub>91</sub> Rb <sub>6</sub> W <sub>18</sub>	Bi <sub>2</sub> ClCu <sub>3.82</sub> H <sub>15.93</sub> K <sub>9.18</sub> O <sub>82</sub> W <sub>18</sub>	CuH <sub>26</sub> K <sub>4</sub> Na <sub>4</sub> O <sub>66</sub> W <sub>12</sub>
Formula weight (g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	6378.04	6289.80	6016.84	6072.76	5692.17	3600.12
Temperature (K)	183	183	183	183	183	183
Wavelength ( $\lambda/\text{\AA}$ )	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Tetragonal	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>m</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{4}$ 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>m</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>
<i>a</i> ( $\text{\AA}$ )	13.0484(2)	12.1737(3)	11.5922(3)	13.2273(7)	16.6507(3)	13.1440(3)
<i>b</i> ( $\text{\AA}$ )	17.4970(4)	18.8865(5)	17.4118(5)	19.3688(5)	16.6610(3)	11.5894(2)
<i>c</i> ( $\text{\AA}$ )	23.2335(4)	22.3984(5)	20.5750(6)	18.1322(5)	13.7954(2)	19.0984(5)
$\alpha$ (°)	80.2569(17)	93.782(2)	95.335(2)	90	89.9885(13)	90
$\beta$ (°)	89.1164(14)	95.696(2)	93.951(2)	98.083(3)	89.9890(12)	103.752(2)
$\gamma$ (°)	71.4112(17)	99.016(2)	105.546(3)	90	89.9652(13)	90
<i>V</i> ( $\text{\AA}^3$ )	4950.93(16)	5043.6(2)	3964.5(2)	4599.3(3)	3827.08(10)	2825.88(11)
<i>Z</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2
<i>F</i> (000)	5634	5493	5232	4966	4944	3258
<i>M</i> (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	27.289	26.987	34.374	30.187	33.192	25.138
$\rho_{\text{calc}}$ (g/cm <sup>-3</sup> )	4.278	4.142	5.041	4.385	4.940	4.230
Crystal size (mm)	0.22 x 0.10 x 0.06	0.30 x 0.16 x 0.06	0.26 x 0.12 x 0.04	0.28 x 0.10 x 0.07	0.20 x 0.11 x 0.05	0.20 x 0.12 x 0.05
Reflections collected/unique	98674/22727	53429/23139	38976/18204	43254/10866	31680/4603	28159/6481
Unique observed reflections	18994	18536	13677	8254	4424	6002
$\theta$ range (°)	2.57-32.90	2.444-27.500	2.445-27.500	2.9090-30.5550	2.466-27.499	2.770-27.497
Data/restraints/parameters	22727/2295/1396	23139/2280/1420	18204/2076/1159	10866/1491/670	4603/774/342	6481/519/394
Goodness-of-fit	1.059	1.062	1.031	1.030	0.927	1.047
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup> [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0325	0.0410	0.0460	0.0610	0.0224	0.0236
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> (all data)	0.0745	0.1058	0.1091	0.1712	0.0622	0.0641

[a] = *R*(*F*) [*I* > 2 $\sigma$ (*I*) reflections] ; [b] = *wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) (all data)

**Table S3.** List of selected bond lengths for **Cu-1a** (left) and **Cu-1b** (right; ax. = axial, ter. = terminal, eq. = equatorial)

Cu-1a						Cu-1b					
Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å
W(1A)-O(8A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.198(6)	W(4A)-O(1A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.250(6)	W(7A)-O(23A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.241(6)	W(1B)-O(30B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.190(6)	W(4B)-O(11B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.248(6)	W(7B)-O(19B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.216(6)
W(1A)-O(17A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.732(6)	W(4A)-O(34A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.715(6)	W(7A)-O(30A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.717(6)	W(1B)-O(18B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.731(6)	W(4B)-O(26B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.717(6)	W(7B)-O(28B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.732(6)
W(1A)-O(35A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.807(6)	W(4A)-O(31A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.944(6)	W(7A)-O(18A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.001(6)	W(1B)-O(12B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.803(7)	W(4B)-O(9B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.880(7)	W(7B)-O(1B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.971(6)
W(1A)-O(32A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.814(6)	W(4A)-O(3A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.900(6)	W(7A)-O(19A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.024(7)	W(1B)-O(17B) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.052(6)	W(4B)-O(29B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.892(6)	W(7B)-O(4B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.960(6)
W(1A)-O(16A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.093(6)	W(4A)-O(10A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.898(7)	W(7A)-O(14A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.906(6)	W(1B)-O(20B) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.069(7)	W(4B)-O(2B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.937(7)	W(7B)-O(23B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.944(6)
W(1A)-O(9A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.024(6)	W(4A)-O(15A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.955(6)	W(7A)-O(22A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.799(7)	W(1B)-O(8B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.811(6)	W(4B)-O(16B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.956(6)	W(7B)-O(10B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.817(7)
W(2A)-O(8A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.306(6)	W(5A)-O(1A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.228(6)	W(8A)-O(23A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.229(6)	W(2B)-O(30B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.298(6)	W(5B)-O(11B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.206(6)	W(8B)-O(19B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.252(6)
W(2A)-O(26A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.714(7)	W(5A)-O(33A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.732(6)	W(8A)-O(25A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.740(6)	W(2B)-O(24B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.713(7)	W(5B)-O(35B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.735(6)	W(8B)-O(22B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.727(6)
W(2A)-O(15A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.872(7)	W(5A)-O(3A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.016(6)	W(8A)-O(4A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.885(6)	W(2B)-O(13B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.921(6)	W(5B)-O(3B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.787(7)	W(8B)-O(14B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.930(6)
W(2A)-O(13A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.026(6)	W(5A)-O(5A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.822(7)	W(8A)-O(6A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.947(6)	W(2B)-O(20B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.873(7)	W(5B)-O(4B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.889(6)	W(8B)-O(5B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.876(7)
W(2A)-O(7A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.944(6)	W(5A)-O(14A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.917(6)	W(8A)-O(12A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.932(7)	W(2B)-O(16B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.892(6)	W(5B)-O(6B) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.013(7)	W(8B)-O(1B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.926(6)
W(2A)-O(16A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.837(6)	W(5A)-O(24A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.970(7)	W(8A)-O(18A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.910(6)	W(2B)-O(25B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.972(6)	W(5B)-O(29B) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.018(6)	W(8B)-O(7B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.944(7)
W(3A)-O(8A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.296(6)	W(6A)-O(1A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.196(6)	W(9A)-O(23A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.260(7)	W(3B)-O(30B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.306(6)	W(6B)-O(11B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.283(7)	W(9B)-O(19B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.220(6)
W(3A)-O(29A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.716(7)	W(6A)-O(28A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.725(7)	W(9A)-O(21A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.711(7)	W(3B)-O(27B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.721(6)	W(6B)-O(32B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.713(7)	W(9B)-O(33B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.732(7)
W(3A)-O(20A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.954(6)	W(6A)-O(10A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.010(6)	W(9A)-O(2A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.946(6)	W(3B)-O(13B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.937(7)	W(6B)-O(2B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.917(6)	W(9B)-O(15B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.884(6)
W(3A)-O(6A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.894(6)	W(6A)-O(24A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.956(6)	W(9A)-O(20A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.894(6)	W(3B)-O(21B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.988(6)	W(6B)-O(6B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.913(6)	W(9B)-O(23B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.961(6)
W(3A)-O(9A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.881(6)	W(6A)-O(2A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.869(6)	W(9A)-O(12A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.923(6)	W(3B)-O(14B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.886(7)	W(6B)-O(15B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.947(6)	W(9B)-O(21B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.846(6)
W(3A)-O(7A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.931(6)	W(6A)-O(13A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.860(6)	W(9A)-O(19A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.904(6)	W(3B)-O(17B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.853(7)	W(6B)-O(25B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.889(6)	W(9B)-O(5B) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.015(6)
W(10A)-O(11A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.735(7)	Cu(1A)-O(17A) <sub>ap.</sub>	2.195(6)	Bi(1A)-O(8A)	2.144(6)	W(10B)-O(31B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.736(7)	Cu(1B)-O(38B) <sub>ap.</sub>	2.9303(1)	Bi(1B)-O(30B)	2.146(6)
W(10A)-O(27A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.742(6)	Cu(1A)-O(36A) <sub>ap.</sub>	2.9241(1)	Bi(1A)-O(23A)	2.150(6)	W(10B)-O(34B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.755(6)	Cu(1B)-O(18B) <sub>ap.</sub>	2.216(7)	Bi(1B)-O(11B)	2.157(6)
W(10A)-O(31A)	1.949(6)	Cu(1A)-Cl(1A)	2.280(3)	Bi(1A)-O(1A)	2.150(6)	W(10B)-O(7B)	1.940(7)	Cu(1B)-O(37B)	1.973(6)	Bi(1B)-O(19B)	2.135(6)
W(10A)-O(4A)	2.004(6)	Cu(1A)-O(37A)	1.964(6)			W(10B)-O(8B)	2.098(6)	Cu(1B)-O(36B)	1.982(7)		
W(10A)-O(32A)	2.129(6)	Cu(1A)-O(22A)	1.929(7)			W(10B)-O(9B)	2.006(6)	Cu(1B)-O(10B)	1.934(6)		
W(10A)-O(35A)	2.121(6)	Cu(1A)-O(5A)	1.956(6)			W(10B)-O(12B)	2.152(7)	Cu(1B)-O(3B)	1.957(6)		

**Table S4.** List of selected bond lengths for **Cu-2** (ax. = axial, ter. = terminal, eq. = equatorial).

Cu-2a						Cu-2b					
Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å
W(1A)-O(6A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.197(9)	W(4A)-O(18A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.244(9)	W(7A)-O(4A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.227(9)	W(1B)-O(13B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.197(8)	W(4B)-O(12B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.243(8)	W(7B)-O(1B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.257(8)
W(1A)-O(28A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.733(9)	W(4A)-O(23A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.703(9)	W(7A)-O(17A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.736(10)	W(1B)-O(25B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.746(8)	W(4B)-O(21B) <sub>ter.</sub>	2.337(8)	W(7B)-O(27B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.715(9)
W(1A)-O(1A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.069(9)	W(4A)-O(25A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.883(9)	W(7A)-O(10A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.959(9)	W(1B)-O(6B) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.040(9)	W(4B)-O(15B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.881(9)	W(7B)-O(2B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.967(8)
W(1A)-O(2A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.035(10)	W(4A)-O(8A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.964(9)	W(7A)-O(15A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.959(8)	W(1B)-O(8B) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.081(8)	W(4B)-O(20B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.937(9)	W(7B)-O(5B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.990(9)
W(1A)-O(19A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.823(8)	W(4A)-O(13A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.916(9)	W(7A)-O(20A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.801(9)	W(1B)-O(32B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.809(8)	W(4B)-O(23B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.998(8)	W(7B)-O(16B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.967(8)
W(1A)-O(11A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.819(9)	W(4A)-O(29A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.924(9)	W(7A)-O(27A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.029(9)	W(1B)-O(33B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.815(9)	W(4B)-O(31B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.904(9)	W(7B)-O(19B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.814(9)
W(2A)-O(6A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.288(9)	W(5A)-O(18A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.207(9)	W(8A)-O(4A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.266(8)	W(2B)-O(13B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.300(8)	W(5B)-O(12B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.218(8)	W(8B)-O(1B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.243(8)
W(2A)-O(24A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.708(10)	W(5A)-O(14A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.716(9)	W(8A)-O(16A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.707(10)	W(2B)-O(26B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.709(9)	W(5B)-O(17B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.729(8)	W(8B)-O(35B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.716(9)
W(2A)-O(2A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.872(9)	W(5A)-O(7A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.784(10)	W(8A)-O(15A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.906(9)	W(2B)-O(23B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.842(8)	W(5B)-O(11B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.998(9)	W(8B)-O(2B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.918(8)
W(2A)-O(30A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.932(9)	W(5A)-O(10A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.922(9)	W(8A)-O(35A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.927(9)	W(2B)-O(6B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.870(8)	W(5B)-O(15B) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.038(8)	W(8B)-O(3B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.925(8)
W(2A)-O(26A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.971(9)	W(5A)-O(13A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.988(9)	W(8A)-O(12A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.939(10)	W(2B)-O(10B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.955(8)	W(5B)-O(16B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.876(9)	W(8B)-O(4B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.922(9)
W(2A)-O(8A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.885(9)	W(5A)-O(22A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.013(10)	W(8A)-O(32A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.910(10)	W(2B)-O(24B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.983(9)	W(5B)-O(18B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.822(9)	W(8B)-O(7B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.924(8)
W(3A)-O(6A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.328(9)	W(6A)-O(18A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.290(9)	W(9A)-O(4A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.255(8)	W(3B)-O(13B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.337(8)	W(6B)-O(12B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.276(9)	W(9B)-O(1B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.251(8)
W(3A)-O(3A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.720(9)	W(6A)-O(31A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.750(10)	W(9A)-O(33A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.718(9)	W(3B)-O(22B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.730(8)	W(6B)-O(34B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.731(10)	W(9B)-O(29B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.727(9)
W(3A)-O(1A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.854(9)	W(6A)-O(5A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.915(9)	W(9A)-O(5A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.878(9)	W(3B)-O(3B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.901(9)	W(6B)-O(9B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.900(9)	W(9B)-O(4B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.992(8)
W(3A)-O(30A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.937(10)	W(6A)-O(22A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.903(10)	W(9A)-O(27A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.884(10)	W(3B)-O(8B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.859(9)	W(6B)-O(11B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.908(9)	W(9B)-O(5B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.923(8)
W(3A)-O(21A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.976(9)	W(6A)-O(29A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.976(9)	W(9A)-O(32A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.984(10)	W(3B)-O(10B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.931(9)	W(6B)-O(20B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.973(9)	W(9B)-O(9B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.901(8)
W(3A)-O(12A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.878(10)	W(6A)-O(26A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.875(9)	W(9A)-O(21A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.891(9)	W(3B)-O(14B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.993(8)	W(6B)-O(24B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.874(9)	W(9B)-O(14B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.861(9)
W(10A)-O(9A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.741(10)	Cu(1A)-O(27B) <sub>ap.</sub>	2.5525(1)	Bi(1A)-O(18A)	2.134(8)	W(10B)-O(30B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.752(9)	Cu(1B)-O(17A) <sub>ap.</sub>	2.846(11)	Bi(1B)-O(1B)	2.128(8)
W(10A)-O(34A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.762(8)	Cu(1A)-O(28A) <sub>ap.</sub>	2.302(9)	Bi(1A)-O(4A)	2.137(8)	W(10B)-O(28B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.737(9)	Cu(1B)-O(25B) <sub>ap.</sub>	2.191(8)	Bi(1B)-O(12B)	2.141(9)
W(10A)-O(11A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.122(9)	Cu(1A)-O(36A)	1.984(10)	Bi(1A)-O(6A)	2.129(9)	W(10B)-O(7B)	1.971(8)	Cu(1B)-O(18B)	1.934(9)	Bi(1B)-O(13B)	2.117(8)
W(10A)-O(19A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.119(8)	Cu(1A)-O(37A)	1.966(12)			W(10B)-O(31B)	1.971(8)	Cu(1B)-O(19B)	1.931(8)		
W(10A)-O(25A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.995(8)	Cu(1A)-O(7A)	1.976(10)			W(10B)-O(32B)	2.131(8)	Cu(1B)-O(36B)	1.991(9)		
W(10A)-O(35A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.949(9)	Cu(1A)-O(20A)	1.939(8)			W(10B)-O(33B)	2.108(9)	Cu(1B)-O(37B)	2.001(9)		

**Table S5.** List of selected bond lengths for **Cu-3** (ax. = axial, ter = terminal, eq. = equatorial).

<b>Cu-3a</b>						<b>Cu-3b</b>					
<b>Bond</b>	<b>d / Å</b>	<b>Bond</b>	<b>d / Å</b>	<b>Bond</b>	<b>d / Å</b>	<b>Bond</b>	<b>d / Å</b>	<b>Bond</b>	<b>d / Å</b>	<b>Bond</b>	<b>d / Å</b>
W(1A)-O(28A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.229(11)	W(4A)-O(18A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.231(11)	W(7A)-O(37A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.217(11)	W(1B)-O(37B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.181(11)	W(4B)-O(9B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.241(10)	W(7B)-O(3B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.249(11)
W(1A)-O(10A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.749(12)	W(4A)-O(34A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.725(11)	W(7A)-O(17A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.748(11)	W(1B)-O(6B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.719(11)	W(4B)-O(18B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.745(10)	W(7B)-O(24B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.730(11)
W(1A)-O(1A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.807(11)	W(4A)-O(2A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.917(11)	W(7A)-O(5A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.958(11)	W(1B)-O(1B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.826(11)	W(4B)-O(7B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.894(11)	W(7B)-O(10B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.948(10)
W(1A)-O(21A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.807(11)	W(4A)-O(9A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.902(12)	W(7A)-O(6A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.936(11)	W(1B)-O(2B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.787(11)	W(4B)-O(19B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.955(11)	W(7B)-O(11B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.994(11)
W(1A)-O(14A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.064(11)	W(4A)-O(25A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.895(11)	W(7A)-O(7A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.936(11)	W(1B)-O(33B) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.000(11)	W(4B)-O(25B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.897(11)	W(7B)-O(12B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.966(10)
W(1A)-O(19A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.040(12)	W(4A)-O(22A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.992(12)	W(7A)-O(13A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.794(11)	W(1B)-O(34B) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.106(11)	W(4B)-O(27B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.903(11)	W(7B)-O(23B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.800(11)
W(2A)-O(28A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.271(11)	W(5A)-O(18A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.222(12)	W(8A)-O(37A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.218(10)	W(2B)-O(37B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.283(10)	W(5B)-O(9B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.225(11)	W(8B)-O(3B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.258(10)
W(2A)-O(35A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.765(13)	W(5A)-O(33A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.729(12)	W(8A)-O(29A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.711(11)	W(2B)-O(26B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.703(12)	W(5B)-O(28B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.738(11)	W(8B)-O(31B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.719(10)
W(2A)-O(15A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.925(12)	W(5A)-O(4A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.790(11)	W(8A)-O(3A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.922(12)	W(2B)-O(13B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.948(10)	W(5B)-O(10B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.900(10)	W(8B)-O(4B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.918(11)
W(2A)-O(16A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.978(12)	W(5A)-O(6A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.942(11)	W(8A)-O(5A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.952(12)	W(2B)-O(19B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.877(11)	W(5B)-O(21B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.804(11)	W(8B)-O(12B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.932(11)
W(2A)-O(14A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.868(12)	W(5A)-O(11A) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.014(12)	W(8A)-O(8A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.937(12)	W(2B)-O(20B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.960(11)	W(5B)-O(25B) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.003(10)	W(8B)-O(14B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.926(11)
W(2A)-O(22A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.850(12)	W(5A)-O(9A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.968(11)	W(8A)-O(20A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.899(11)	W(2B)-O(33B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.878(11)	W(5B)-O(15B) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.003(11)	W(8B)-O(30B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.942(11)
W(3A)-O(28A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.299(11)	W(6A)-O(18A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.260(12)	W(9A)-O(37A) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.284(11)	W(3B)-O(37B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.316(10)	W(6B)-O(9B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.267(11)	W(9B)-O(3B) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.233(10)
W(3A)-O(26A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.746(12)	W(6A)-O(32A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.695(13)	W(9A)-O(36A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.736(12)	W(3B)-O(29B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.735(11)	W(6B)-O(32B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.736(11)	W(9B)-O(16B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.717(11)
W(3A)-O(3A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.920(11)	W(6A)-O(11A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.890(12)	W(9A)-O(7A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.868(12)	W(3B)-O(13B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.922(11)	W(6B)-O(15B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.908(11)	W(9B)-O(4B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.975(10)
W(3A)-O(15A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.922(12)	W(6A)-O(16A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.888(12)	W(9A)-O(8A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.941(11)	W(3B)-O(14B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.884(11)	W(6B)-O(17B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.934(11)	W(9B)-O(11B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.922(11)
W(3A)-O(19A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.884(12)	W(6A)-O(25A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.969(11)	W(9A)-O(23A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.900(12)	W(3B)-O(34B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.838(11)	W(6B)-O(20B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.867(11)	W(9B)-O(17B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.897(10)
W(3A)-O(23A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.942(12)	W(6A)-O(27A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.887(12)	W(9A)-O(27A) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.902(11)	W(3B)-O(22B) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.028(11)	W(6B)-O(27B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.954(11)	W(9B)-O(22B) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.841(11)
W(10A)-O(30A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.731(13)	Cu(1A)-O(24B) <sub>ap.</sub>	2.461(13)	Bi(1A)-(O18A)	2.121(11)	W(10B)-O(5B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.715(11)	Cu(1B)-O(17A) <sub>ap.</sub>	2.648(13)	Bi(1B)-O(3B)	2.132(10)
W(10A)-O(31A) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.735(13)	Cu(1A)-O(10A) <sub>ap.</sub>	2.231(12)	Bi(1A)-(O28A)	2.131(11)	W(10B)-O(8B) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.763(12)	Cu(1B)-O(6B) <sub>ap.</sub>	2.202(11)	Bi(1B)-O(9B)	2.144(10)
W(10A)-O(1A)	2.124(11)	Cu(1A)-O(13A)	1.972(11)	Bi(1A)-O(37A)	2.160(10)	W(10B)-O(1B)	2.047(11)	Cu(1B)-O(36B)	1.979(12)	Bi(1B)-O(37B)	2.133(11)
W(10A)-O(20A)	1.998(12)	Cu(1A)-O(4A)	1.942(12)			W(10B)-O(2B)	2.198(11)	Cu(1B)-O(35B)	2.012(12)		
W(10A)-O(21A)	2.134(11)	Cu(1A)-O(12A)	1.986(12)			W(10B)-O(7B)	1.970(11)	Cu(1B)-O(21B)	1.953(11)		
W(10A)-O(2A)	1.983(12)	Cu(1A)-O(24A)	1.971(11)			W(10B)-O(30B)	1.962(11)	Cu(1B)-O(23B)	1.937(11)		



**Table S6.** Bond valence sum (BVS) values for the transition metal centers of **Cu-1**, **Cu-2**, and **Cu-3**.

<b>Cu-1</b>							
<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>	<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>	<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>	<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>
Bi1A	3.2237	W5A	5.8989	Bi1B	3.2093	W5B	6.0019
Cu1A	2.0848	W6A	6.0164	Cu1B	2.0261	W6B	5.9893
W1A	6.0207	W7A	5.9626	W1B	6.0439	W7B	5.9726
W2A	5.9993	W8A	5.9488	W2B	6.0151	W8B	5.9693
W3A	5.9868	W9A	6.0197	W3B	5.9700	W9B	5.9289
W4A	5.9632	W10A	5.9618	W4B	6.0305	W10B	5.9143

<b>Cu-2</b>							
<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>	<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>	<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>	<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>
Bi1A:	3.1824	W5A	6.0483	Bi1B	3.2099	W5B	5.9139
Cu1A:	1.9099	W6A	5.8529	Cu1B	1.9768	W6B	5.9641
W1A	5.9611	W7A	5.8400	W1B	5.9471	W7Bv	5.8783
W2A	6.0447	W8A	5.9944	W2B	6.0712	W8B	5.9760
W3A	6.0040	W9A	6.0923	W3B	5.8620	W9B	5.9739
W4A	6.0379	W10A	5.8905	W4B	5.9172	W10B	5.8848

<b>Cu-3</b>							
<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>	<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>	<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>	<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>
Bi1A	3.1953	W5A	5.9571	Bi1B	3.1872	W5B	5.9215
Cu1A	1.9381	W6A	6.1850	Cu1B	1.9426v	W6B	5.9367
W1A	5.9577	W7A	5.8286	W1B	6.1474v	W7B	5.9117
W2A	5.9520	W8A	5.9810	W2B	6.0669	W8B	5.8887
W3A	5.8540	W9A	6.0381	W3B	5.9293	W9B	6.1306
W4A	5.9347	W10A	5.9226	W4B	5.9761	W10B	6.0228

**Table S7.** List of selected bond lengths for **Cu-4** (left) and **Cu-5** (right).

Cu-4						Cu-5					
Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å
W(1)-O(8) <sub>ax</sub>	2.255(14)	W(4)-O(11) <sub>ax</sub>	2.233(14)	W(7)-O(13) <sub>ax</sub>	2.258(15)	W(1)-O(4) <sub>ax</sub>	2.259(8)	W(2)-O(3) <sub>ax</sub>	2.260(8)	W(3)-O(3) <sub>ax</sub>	2.227(9)
W(1)-O(22) <sub>ter</sub>	1.724(14)	W(4)-O(31) <sub>ter</sub>	1.729(17)	W(7)-O(29) <sub>ter</sub>	1.728(16)	W(1)-O(10) <sub>ter</sub>	1.730(10)	W(2)-O(13) <sub>ter</sub>	1.726(10)	W(3)-O(15) <sub>ter</sub>	1.728(10)
W(1)-O(9) <sub>eq</sub>	1.879(13)	W(4)-O(6) <sub>eq</sub>	1.853(13)	W(7)-O(10) <sub>eq</sub>	1.835(13)	W(1)-O(16) <sub>eq</sub>	1.824(9)	W(2)-O(2) <sub>eq</sub>	1.845(10)	W(3)-O(12) <sub>eq</sub>	1.955(10)
W(1)-O(1) <sub>eq</sub>	1.849(13)	W(4)-O(17) <sub>eq</sub>	1.989(14)	W(7)-O(12) <sub>eq</sub>	1.893(15)	W(1)-O(19) <sub>eq</sub>	1.966(7)	W(2)-O(14) <sub>eq</sub>	1.918(4)	W(3)-O(5) <sub>eq</sub>	1.932(9)
W(1)-O(5) <sub>eq</sub>	1.948(12)	W(4)-O(38) <sub>eq</sub>	1.993(14)	W(7)-O(18) <sub>eq</sub>	1.965(12)	W(1)-O(7) <sub>eq</sub>	2.005(9)	W(2)-O(12) <sub>eq</sub>	1.966(11)	W(3)-O(1) <sub>eq</sub>	2.013(9)
W(1)-O(4) <sub>eq</sub>	1.985(12)	W(4)-O(36) <sub>eq</sub>	1.924(6)	W(7)-O(19) <sub>eq</sub>	1.985(13)	W(1)-O(5) <sub>eq</sub>	1.912(9)	W(2)-O(9) <sub>eq</sub>	1.974(10)	W(3)-O(6) <sub>eq</sub>	1.828(9)
W(2)-O(11) <sub>ax</sub>	2.230(13)	W(5)-O(11) <sub>ax</sub>	2.274(12)	W(8)-O(13) <sub>ax</sub>	2.278(18)	W(4)-O(3) <sub>ax</sub>	2.269(9)	W(5)-O(4) <sub>ax</sub>	2.296(13)	Cu(1)-O(8) <sub>ap</sub>	2.234(14)
W(2)-O(21) <sub>ter</sub>	1.717(13)	W(5)-O(34) <sub>ter</sub>	1.722(13)	W(8)-O(32) <sub>ter</sub>	1.73(2)	W(4)-O(17) <sub>ter</sub>	1.727(10)	W(5)-O(8) <sub>ter</sub>	1.720(13)	Cu(1)-O(6) <sub>eq</sub>	1.951(10)
W(2)-O(2) <sub>eq</sub>	1.824(12)	W(5)-O(3) <sub>eq</sub>	1.913(13)	W(8)-O(19) <sub>eq</sub>	1.900(16)	W(4)-O(9) <sub>eq</sub>	1.944(10)	W(5)-O(7) <sub>eq</sub>	1.889(9)	Cu(1)-O(16) <sub>eq</sub>	1.959(10)
W(2)-O(3) <sub>eq</sub>	1.989(12)	W(5)-O(16) <sub>eq</sub>	1.929(16)	W(8)-O(23) <sub>eq</sub>	1.907(17)	W(4)-O(1) <sub>eq</sub>	1.904(10)	W(5)-O(11) <sub>eq</sub>	1.911(9)	Cu(1)-Cu(4)	2.76(2)
W(2)-O(17) <sub>eq</sub>	1.912(16)	W(5)-O(27) <sub>eq</sub>	1.901(5)	W(9)-O(35) <sub>ax</sub>	2.243(16)	W(4)-O(18) <sub>eq</sub>	1.908(3)	Bi(1)-O(3)	2.114(8)	Cu(1)-Cu(3)	2.871(12)
W(2)-O(9) <sub>eq</sub>	1.978(15)	W(5)-O(38) <sub>eq</sub>	1.890(18)	W(9)-O(33) <sub>ter</sub>	1.694(19)	W(4)-O(11) <sub>eq</sub>	1.917(9)	Bi(1)-O(4)	2.080(12)	Cu(4)-O(16) <sub>eq</sub>	2.058(11)
W(3)-O(8) <sub>ax</sub>	2.269(17)	W(6)-O(35) <sub>ax</sub>	2.257(13)	W(9)-O(14) <sub>eq</sub>	1.842(13)	Cu(2)-O(2) <sub>eq</sub>	1.935(10)	Cu(3)-O(2) <sub>eq</sub>	1.970(14)	Cu(4)-Cu(1)	2.76(2)
W(3)-O(26) <sub>ter</sub>	1.693(18)	W(6)-O(30) <sub>ter</sub>	1.727(14)	W(9)-O(15) <sub>eq</sub>	1.910(6)	Cu(2)-Cl	2.557(13)	Cu(3)-O(6)	2.121(14)		
W(3)-O(16) <sub>eq</sub>	1.915(15)	W(6)-O(7) <sub>eq</sub>	1.827(12)	W(9)-O(24) <sub>eq</sub>	1.981(14)			Cu(2)-Cu(3)	2.755(13)		
W(3)-O(4) <sub>eq</sub>	1.930(14)	W(6)-O(12) <sub>eq</sub>	1.954(16)	W(9)-O(25) <sub>eq</sub>	1.946(15)						
Cu(1)-O(39)	2.22(3)	W(6)-O(28) <sub>eq</sub>	1.960(14)	Cu(1)-Cu(2)	4.8831(42)						
Cu(1)-O(14)	1.932(14)	W(6)-O(25) <sub>eq</sub>	1.965(18)	Cu(2)-Cu(2)	4.8333(27)						
Cu(1)-O(6)	1.936(13)	Bi(1)-O(11)	2.111(12)								
Cu(2)-O(40)	2.170(15)	Bi(1)-O(8)	2.092(19)								
Cu(2)-O(1)	1.930(13)	Bi(2)-O(13)	2.82(2)								
Cu(2)-O(2)	1.952(14)	Bi(2)-O(35)	2.099(13)								
Cu(2)-O(10)	1.928(13)										

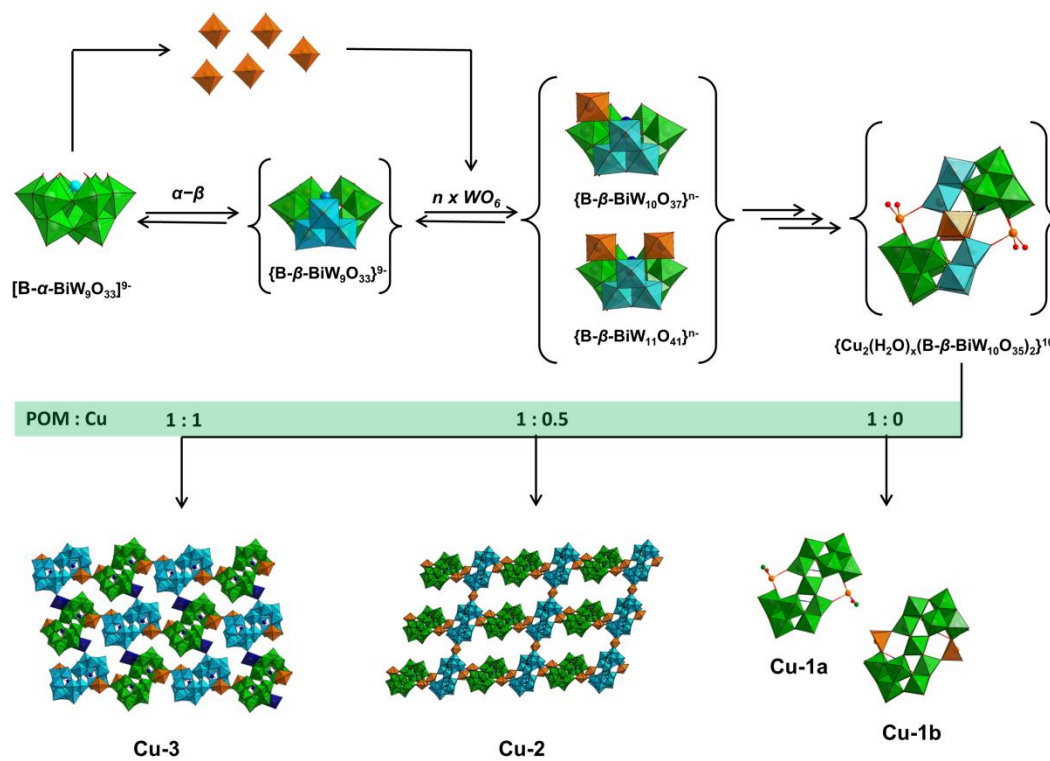
**Table S8.** BVS values for **Cu-4** and **Cu-5**.

<b>Cu-4</b>					
<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>	<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>	<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>
Bi1	3.3133	W3	6.0345	W9	6.0987
Bi2	3.3683	W4	5.7934	W10	5.9270
Cu1	2.0968	W5	6.0465		
Cu2	2.1038	W6	5.8981		
W1	6.0325	W7	5.9672		
W2	5.9913	W8	6.0710		
<b>Cu-5</b>					
<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>	<b>Atom</b>	<b>BVS-Value</b>		
Bi1	3.2899	W4	5.9701		
Cu1	2.0147	W5	6.1400		
Cu2	2.1030				
W1	5.9084				
W2	5.9256				
W3	5.8974				

**Table S9.** List of selected bond lengths (left) and BVS values (right) for **Cu-6**.

Cu-6						Cu-6						
Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å	Bond	d / Å	Atom	BVS-Value	Atom	BVS-Value	Atom	BVS-Value	
W(1)-O(15) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.238(4)	W(4)-O(13) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.723(5)	Cu(1)-O(12)	2.4727(0)		Bi1A	3.2237	W5A	5.8989	Bi1B	3.2093
W(1)-O(10) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.736(5)	W(4)-O(9) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.777(4)	Cu(1)-O(9)	1.907(5)		Cu1A	2.0848	W6A	6.0164	Cu1B	2.0261
W(1)-O(3) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.878(4)	W(4)-O(3)	2.329(4)	Cu(1)-OW <sub>1</sub>	1.962(5)		W1A	6.0207	W7A	5.9626	W1B	6.0439
W(1)-O(4) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.959(4)	W(4)-O(2)	2.078(4)		W2A		5.9993	W8A	5.9488	W2B	6.0151	
W(1)-O(6) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.105(4)	W(4)-O(7)	1.948(4)		W3A		5.9868	W9A	6.0197	W3B	5.9700	
W(1)-O(8) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.789(4)	W(4)-O(9)	1.777(4)		W4A		5.9632	W10A	5.9618	W4B	6.0305	
W(2)-O(15) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.264(4)	W(5)-O(21) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.747(4)		W5B		6.0019					
W(2)-O(20) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.717(4)	W(5)-O(11) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.745(5)		W6B		5.9893					
W(2)-O(2) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.830(4)	W(5)-O(5)	2.213(4)		W7B		5.9726					
W(2)-O(5) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.898(4)	W(5)-O(8)	2.198(4)		W8B		5.9693					
W(2)-O(4) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.933(4)	W(5)-O(16)	1.959(4)		W9B	5.9289						
W(2)-O(17) <sub>eq.</sub>	2.043(4)	W(5)-O(18)	1.887(4)		W10B	5.9143						
W(3)-O(15) <sub>ax.</sub>	2.243(4)	W(6)-O(12) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.749(4)									
W(3)-O(19) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.716(4)	W(6)-O(14) <sub>ter.</sub>	1.747(4)									
W(3)-O(1) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.949(4)	W(6)-O(7)	1.891(5)									
W(3)-O(6) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.877(5)	W(6)-O(3)	2.236(4)									
W(3)-O(17) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.875(4)	W(6)-O(16)	1.912(4)									
W(3)-O(18) <sub>eq.</sub>	1.967(4)	W(6)-O(5)	2.265(4)									

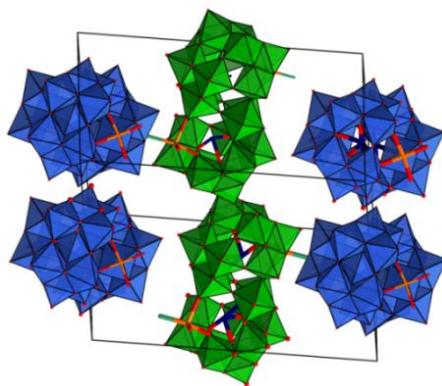
### 3 POMs based on a {B-β-BiW<sub>10</sub>O<sub>37</sub>} subunit



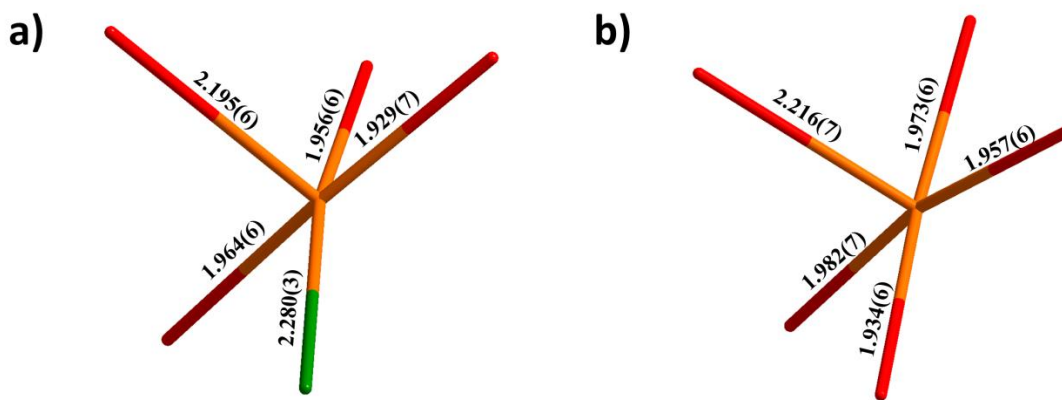
**Figure S1.** Schematic formation of Cu substituted Krebs-type POMs.

In all of the Krebs-type structures **Cu-1**, **Cu-2**, and **Cu-3**, the first coordination sphere of the Bi heteroatom is located in a pyramidal coordination environment with Bi–O bond lengths in the range between 2.117(8) Å and 2.160(10) Å and angles between (84.2–88.7°) for the the Bi–O<sub>ax</sub> bonds. The same labeling scheme was used for tungsten atoms in the structures **Cu-1** – **Cu-3**. The tungsten atoms W(1)–W(9) represent the hypothetical {BiW<sub>10</sub>O<sub>37</sub>} unit where they are in a distorted octahedral coordination environment with W–O bond lengths between 1.695(13) Å and 1.765(13) Å (terminal oxygen atoms), between 1.783(10) Å and 2.198(11) Å (equatorial O atoms), and between 1.735(10) Å and 2.337(8) Å for the axial oxygen atoms. The tungsten atom W(10) as a part of the transition metal core, displays a slightly different coordination environment with W–O bonds ranging from 1.715(11) Å to 2.198(11) Å. Intermetallic W···W distances are in the range of 3.2425(1) Å to 3.5010(1) Å between edge sharing WO<sub>6</sub> octahedra and between 3.6368(1) Å and 3.7137(1) Å for corner sharing WO<sub>6</sub> octahedra. The W···W

distance to the ligand bridging  $\text{WO}_6$  octahedron of W(10) is slightly longer ( $3.5479(1) \text{ \AA}$  –  $3.9417(1) \text{ \AA}$ ). The oxidation state of the metal cations of the polyanion was checked by BVS analysis,<sup>23</sup> and an oxidation state of +II for Cu, +VI for W and +III for Bi was confirmed (Table S3-Table S5 and Table S6).



**Figure S2.** Arrangement of the polyanions **Cu-1a** (green) and **Cu-1b** (blue) in the unit cell; crystal water molecules and counter-cations have been omitted for clarity.



**Figure S3.** Coordination geometry of Cu(II) cations in the transition metal belt of **Cu-1a** (a) and **Cu-1b** (b).

The Cu center of **Cu-1b** is found in an almost square pyramidal coordination environment. It is coordinated by two water ligands with Cu–O bond lengths of  $1.982(7) \text{ \AA}$  and  $1.973(6) \text{ \AA}$  as well as by two oxygen atoms of the  $[\text{B-}\beta\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33}]^{9-}$  subunit with slightly shorter Cu–O bond lengths

(1.957(6) Å and 1.934(6) Å). A fifth oxygen atom is located in the apical position with a Cu–O bond length of 2.216(7) Å. In the coordination sphere of **Cu-1a**, one of the crystal water molecules is substituted by a chloride ligand which leads to a distortion of the square pyramidal coordination geometry. The Cl<sup>−</sup> ion is found at a distance of 2.280(3) Å from the Cu (II) center, coplanar with the coordinating water ligand (1.964(6) Å) and the two terminal oxygen atoms of the {B-β-BiW<sub>9</sub>O<sub>33</sub>} subunit at 1.956(6) Å and 1.929(7) Å, respectively. The apical position of the distorted pyramid is occupied by another oxygen atom of the subunit at 2.195(6) Å (Figure S3). The presence of the Cl<sup>−</sup> ligand leads to slightly shorter Cu–O bonds. A total of 11 Na<sup>+</sup> counter-cations and 83 crystal water molecules have been refined between the two isolated polyanions **Cu-1a** and **Cu-2b** which are not connected by additional Cu(II) cations. Each Na<sup>+</sup> site was found to be fully occupied.

The two POM monomers in the 1D-chains of **Cu-2** and **Cu-3** are bridged via the Cu(II) ion of the transition metal belt to a terminal oxygen atom of the adjacent monomer (Figure 2). The two CuO<sub>6</sub> octahedra of the monomers are shown in orange. The resulting 1D-chains are connected into a 2D layer by additional chain-bridging Cu(II) cations (orange octahedra). Figure 2 provides an overview of the connectivity in the layers of **Cu-2** and **Cu-3**.

The bridging Cu atom in **Cu-2** is located on the  $\bar{1}$  symmetry site, and its octahedral coordination environment contains four crystal water molecules in the equatorial plane with an average Cu–O bond length of 1.966 Å. The axial positions of the CuO<sub>6</sub> octahedron are occupied by the terminal oxygen atoms of the tungsten atom at a distance of 2.3294(1) Å. Bridging in **Cu-3** occurs via 2 Cu atoms and through terminal oxygen atoms of different tungsten centers of the repeating unit compared to the arrangement in **Cu-2**, thus resulting in a different 2D network from **Cu-2**. The Cu...Cu distances between the copper atoms of the polyanions **Cu-1**, **Cu-2**, and **Cu-3** are generally in the same range between 10.0269(1) Å and 10.276(3) Å.

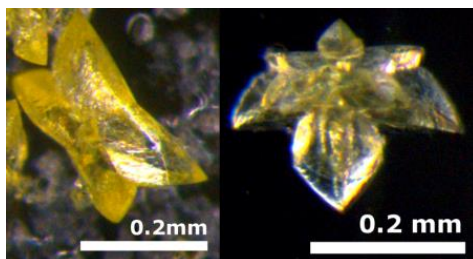
## 4 POMs based on the $[\text{B-}\alpha\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33}]^{9-}$ building block

### 4.1 Detailed structural analysis of Cu-4 and Cu-5

**Cu-4** and **Cu-5** crystallize in the monoclinic space group  $P2_1/m$  and in the tetragonal space group  $P\bar{4}2_1m$ , respectively. Crystal structure refinement reveals the presence of a tungstobismuthate of the type  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})\text{M}(\text{Q})_3(\text{B-}\alpha\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2]^{n-}$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Rb}, \text{K}$  or  $\text{Cu}$ ;  $\text{Q} = \text{H}_2\text{O}$  or  $\text{Cl}$ ;  $n = 12$ ). While  $\text{M}$  and  $\text{Q}$  can be defined clearly in **Cu-4**, disorder in the transition metal belt of **Cu-5** indicates that it is composed of polyanions with different belt compositions (§4.2). **Cu-5** consists of single polyanions linked into a 3D-network, while the polyanions in **Cu-4** crystallize without  $\text{Cu-O-W}$  bridging.

The polyanions constituting **Cu-4** and **Cu-5** are isostructural. The Bi heteroatom coordinates to 3 oxygen atoms with Bi–O bond lengths between 2.080(12) Å and 2.114(8) Å and Bi–O bond angles between 86.1(3) and 88.3(7)°. All tungsten atoms exhibit distorted octahedral coordinations with bond lengths between 1.693(18) Å and 1.730(10) Å for the terminal oxygen atoms, 1.824(9) Å and 2.013(9) Å for equatorial O atoms, and between 2.227(9) Å and 2.296(13) Å for the axial oxygen atoms. Intermetallic  $\text{W}\cdots\text{W}$  distances between edge sharing  $\text{WO}_6$  octahedra are in the range of 3.3163(8) Å to 3.3431(7) Å and range from 3.6910(8) Å to 3.7153(11) Å for corner sharing  $\text{WO}_6$  octahedra.

The fully occupied Cu(II) positions Cu(1) and Cu(2) in **Cu-4** and **Cu-5** form a triangle with Cu–Cu angles between 59.326(43)° and 60.337(38)° and interatomic  $\text{Cu}\cdots\text{Cu}$  distances between 4.8831(42) Å and 4.935(24) Å. Interatomic distances in **Cu-5** between the fully occupied Cu(II) positions and the disordered Cu(II) sites Cu(3) and Cu(4) are between 2.755(13) Å and 2.871(12) Å.

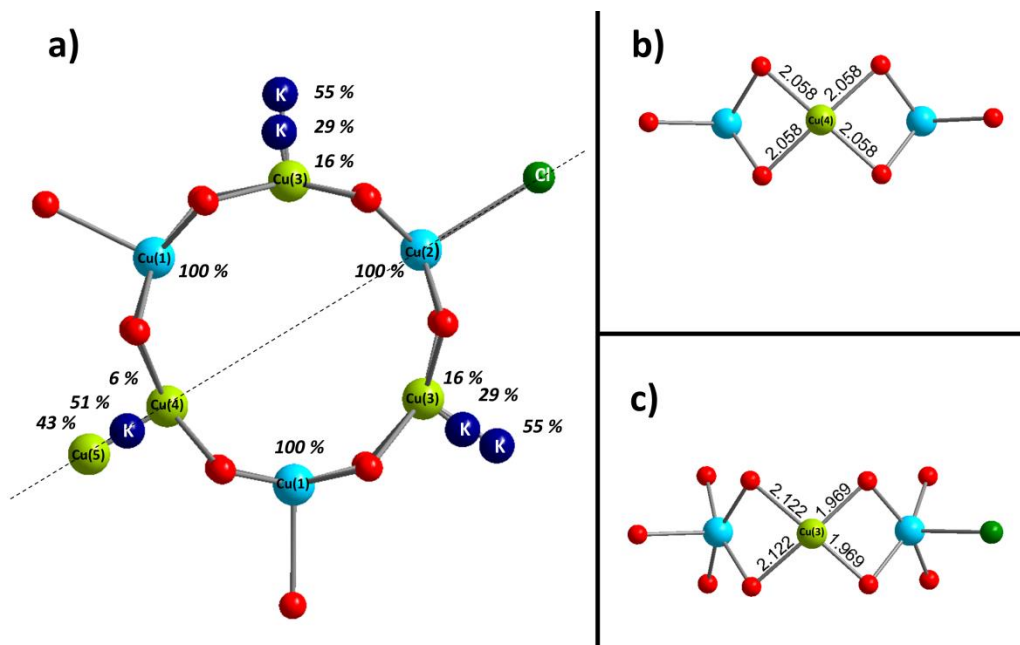


**Figure S4.** Representative image of **Cu-5** crystals recorded on a stereomicroscope.



## 4.2 Detailed description of the Cu/K disorder in Cu-5

While **Cu-4** does not display disorder, the transition metal belt of  $3D\text{-K}_{6.56}\text{Cu}_{0.43}\text{H}_{2.20}[(\text{Cu}_3\text{Cl})(\text{K}_{2.62}\text{Cu}_{0.38}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{B-}\alpha\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2]\cdot 13\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**Cu-5**) shows a high degree of disorder. This renders the unambiguous assignment of counter-cations difficult.



**Figure S5.** (a) Ball and stick representation of the transition metal core of **Cu-5**. (b) Coordination environment of Cu(4). (c) Coordination environment of Cu(5). Color code: O = red = O, Cl = dark green, K = dark blue, Cu (disordered) = green, Cu (100 %) = blue.

Compared to **Cu-4** where cavities between Cu atoms are fully occupied by  $\text{Rb}^+$  cations, the cavities in **Cu-5** are occupied with  $\text{K}^+$ , Cu(II) cations and coordinating water ligands which are found on disordered positions. The water ligands of the disordered Cu(II) cations have not been included in the model. This disorder is indicated by residual electron density maxima in the cavities between Cu(1) and Cu(2) and between Cu(1) and Cu(1'), respectively, which are less than  $1.0 \text{ \AA}$  apart. Given the position of the electron density maxima in the cavities between Cu(1) and Cu(1') with distances to O atoms between  $1.970(14)$  and  $2.121(14) \text{ \AA}$  and the square planar coordination geometry, the peak was refined as Cu atom Cu(3). The electron density maximum between Cu(2) and Cu(1) was found in a similar coordination environment with Q–O bond lengths of  $2.058(11) \text{ \AA}$  and it was therefore refined as Cu(4). The occupancies of the only

partially occupied Cu(3) and Cu(4) sites were refined to 0.160(04) for Cu(3) and 0.065(04) for Cu(4) which indeed is very small. In the cavity where Cu(4) is located, another electron density maximum without a specific coordination environment or characteristic bond distances was found. In line with the overall Cu content determined by elemental analysis this electron density was refined as Cu(5) with occupancy 0.425(04) This assignment is supported by the atomic displacement parameters which are in agreement with this atom type.

The cavities between Cu(2)/Cu(1) and Cu(1)/Cu(1) are alternatively filled with  $K^+$  and Cu(II) cations. They were summed up to 1 using the linear restraints (SUMP instruction).

### 4.3 Analytical characterization of Cu-5

#### 4.3.1 Magnetic susceptibility of Cu-5

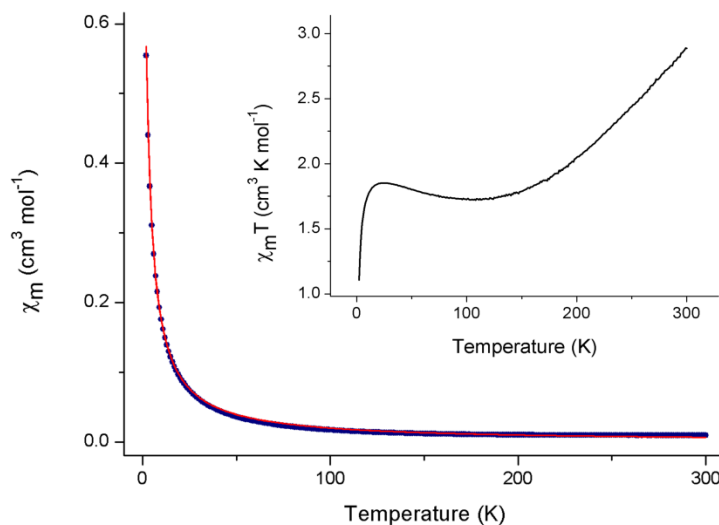
Fitting the data using the Curie-Weiss law (1) did not lead to satisfactory results at low temperature. Using a model which was previously reported and used to fit the data for the 3D network structure  $\text{Na}_9[\text{Cu}_3\text{Na}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_9(\text{B}-\alpha\text{-AsW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2]$  provided better results (2).<sup>24,25</sup>

$$\chi_m = \frac{C}{T - \Theta} \quad (1)$$

$\chi_m$  = molar magnetic susceptibility, C = Curie constant, T = Temperature,  $\Theta$  = Curie temperature

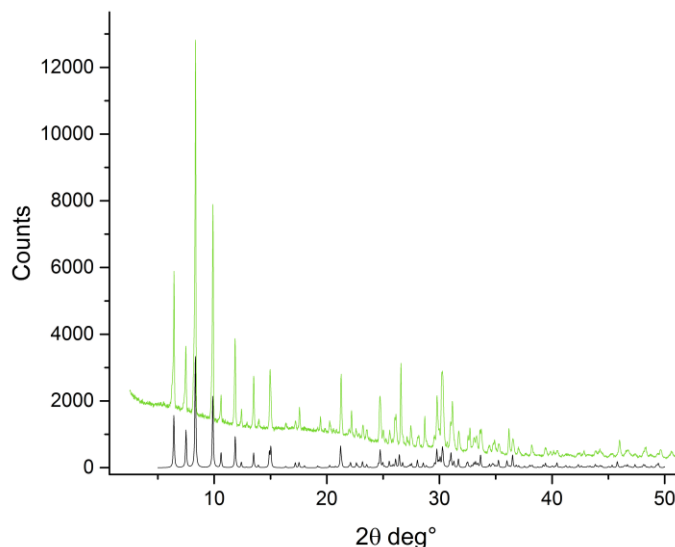
$$\chi_m = \frac{Ng^2\beta^2}{4k(T-\Theta)} \left( \frac{1 + 5 \exp\left(\frac{3J}{kT}\right)}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{3J}{kT}\right)} \right) \quad (2)$$

The best least squares fit is achieved with the spin-exchange factor  $J = -7500 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , a Curie temperature  $\Theta = -1.58 \text{ K}$  and a Landé g tensor  $g = 4.65$ , ( $\beta$  = Bohr magneton).



**Figure S6.** Temperature dependence  $\chi_m$  vs. T of **Cu-5** between 2 and 200 K at 500 Oe (**inset:**  $\chi_m \times T$  vs. T).

### 4.3.2 Powder X-ray diffractogram of Cu-5



**Figure S7.** PXRD pattern of **Cu-5** (Cu  $K_{\alpha 1}$ ): calculated (black), measured (green).

### 4.3.3 High resolution mass spectrometry of Cu-5

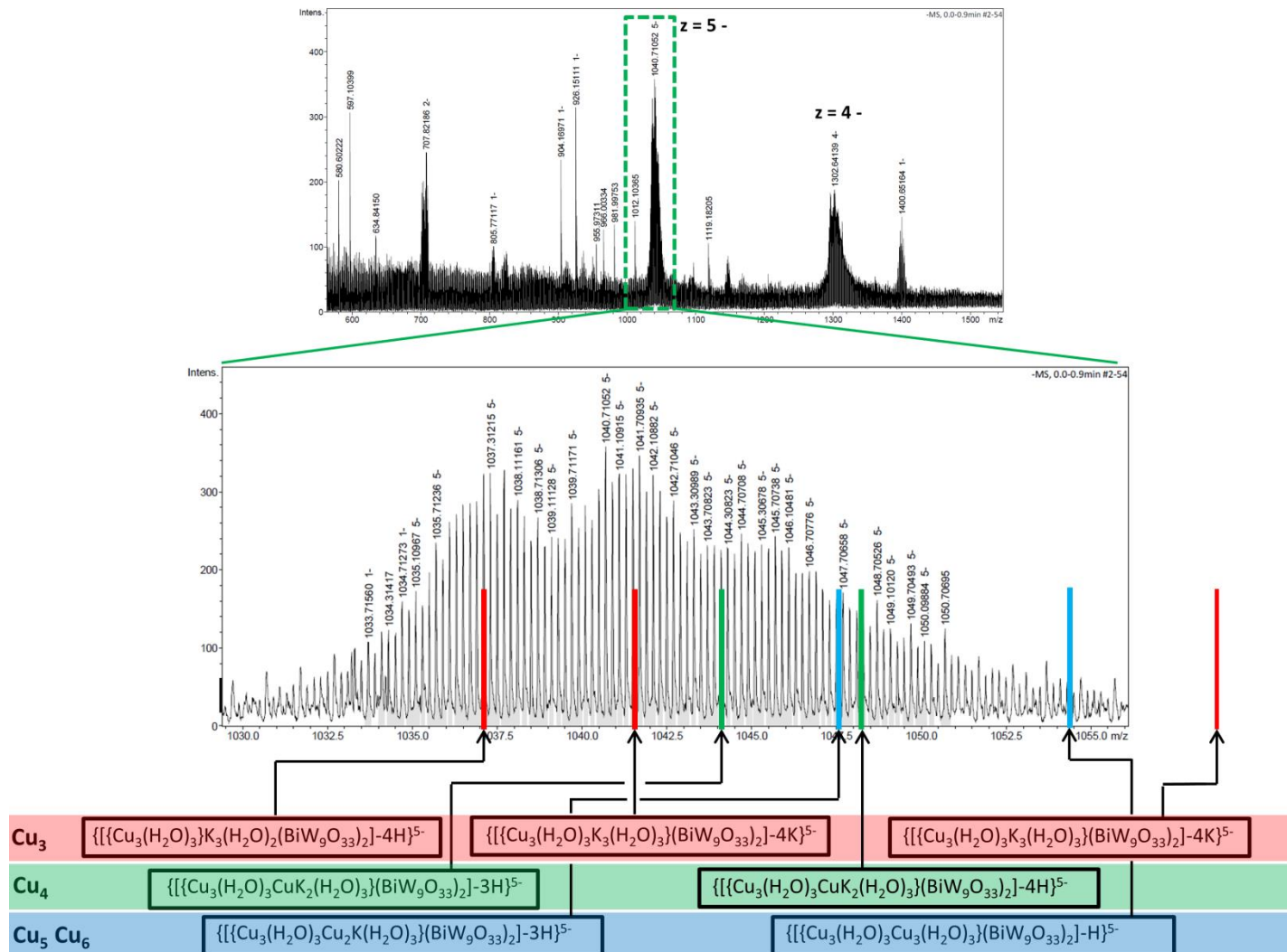
The average structural information obtained from single crystal X-ray structure determination leaves the question open as to whether the polyanions  $\{\text{Cu}_5(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4\text{Cl}(\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2\}$  and  $\{\text{Cu}_6(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5\text{Cl}(\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2\}$  truly exist. The distinction between polyanions with different cores should in principle be possible by high resolution mass spectrometry through their specific masses giving rise to distinct signals. The distribution of the different polyanion species was estimated from the refined site occupancies in the transition metal belt. However, it is only possible to give a maximum percentage of  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{Cl}(\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2]^{12-}$  (62%) if the remaining polyanions have a  $[\text{Cu}_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{Cl}(\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2]^{10-}$  structure (38%). Polyanions with a Cu5 or Cu6 core are not considered in this limiting case. A determination of the actual distribution requires follow-up studies. The occurrence of polyanions with a Cu5 or Cu6 core cannot be calculated from the refined occupancies (Table S10). The HR-ESI-MS peak with  $z = 5^-$  was analyzed in detail. The polyanion  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2]^{12-}$  contains cavities which are filled alternately with  $\text{K}^+$  or  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  cations. Whether these cations should be considered as part of the structure is unresolved from structural data, but important for the assignment of specific peaks to polyanion structures. A large number of different  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_x\text{Cl}_{3-x}\text{Cu}_y\text{K}_{3-y}(\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2] - a \cdot \text{K} \cdot b \cdot \text{H} \}^{5-}$  ( $x = 0-3$ ,  $y = 0-3$ ) polyanions may be detected and potassium adducts may form with the polyanions, i.e.

the values of  $a$  and  $b$  need to be adjusted to an overall polyanion charge of 5-. Due to the formation of  $K^+$  adducts and an unknown number of water ligands or  $Cl^-$  coordinating to the transition metal core, a variety of species may be detected. This leads to an overlap of the signals from the different species and does not allow the unambiguous identification of a specific polyanion.

**Table S10.** List of possible species to be observed in the HR-ESI MS of **Cu-5**.

Fragment	Mass	Occurrence <sup>[a]</sup>
$\{Cu_3(H_2O)_2Cl(BiW_9O_{33})_2\}^{12-}$	5044.52	max. 62%
$\{Cu_4(H_2O)_3Cl(BiW_9O_{33})_2\}^{10-}$	5126.46	max. 38%
$\{Cu_5(H_2O)_4Cl(BiW_9O_{33})_2\}^{8-}$	5208.40	---
$\{Cu_6(H_2O)_5Cl(BiW_9O_{33})_2\}^{7-}$	5272.44	---

[a] Assuming the scenario of only polyanions with Cu3 and Cu4 cores being present.



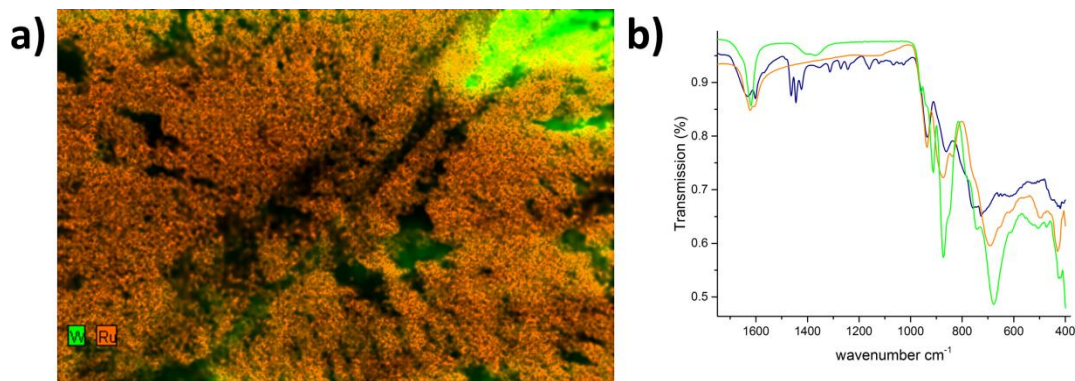
**Figure S8.** HR-ESI-MS of Cu-5 with positions of different possible heteropolyanions with their possible K/H adducts; blue = Cu<sub>5</sub>, Cu<sub>6</sub> cores, green = Cu<sub>4</sub> cores, red = Cu<sub>3</sub> cores.

## 5 Photocatalytic properties of Cu-5

All catalytic tests were performed in 10 mL headspace vials, sealed with a natural rubber septum (VWR) and a crimp cap (Supelco). Catalytic test solutions were irradiated under stirring with a blue LED (460 nm 4650 Lux). O<sub>2</sub> evolution was monitored with a Clark sensor (OX-N) from Unisense and quantified by GC (Agilent Technologies 7820A gas chromatograph, with helium 6.0 purity). H<sub>2</sub> evolution was monitored with a Clark-type H<sub>2</sub> sensitive sensor (H2-NP) from Unisense and quantified by GC (Varian CP 3800 Gas Chromatograph). The sensors were calibrated prior to each experiment with a two point calibration using a sample with known concentrations of O<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>. In order to quantify the amount of hydrogen produced during catalysis, gas samples from the headspace were analyzed by gas chromatography.

### 5.1 Photocatalytic O<sub>2</sub> evolution

[Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub> was used as photosensitizer (PS) and Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> as sacrificial electron acceptor. The catalytic activity was tested in three different buffer solutions (acetate pH = 4.75; NaPi pH = 7.0; borate pH = 8.0 at 100 μM buffer concentration). This covers a pH range in which O<sub>2</sub> evolution has been reported previously for similar polyoxometalate-based water oxidation catalysts. The formation of a solid precipitate (POM-PS complex) was observed in all photocatalytic tests. Previous studies have investigated such POM-PS complex formation through electrostatic interactions of the negatively charged polyanion and the positively charged photosensitizer cation [Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> in more detail.<sup>26–32</sup> The observed characteristic FT-IR bands of the POM-PS complex can be assigned to the polyanion and to the ruthenium sensitizer, respectively. The elemental composition was analyzed by an EDX mapping which indicates the presence of larger tungsten containing domains, probably due to residual undissolved **Cu-5** (Figure S9).



**Figure S9.** (a) EDX mapping of the PS-complex (magnification 230x) showing the distribution of W and Ru. (b) FT-IR spectrum of the PS complex of **Cu-5** (blue) vs. pristine **Cu-5** (orange) and  $\text{Na}_9[\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33}] \cdot 19.5 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$  (green).

## 5.2 Photocatalytic $\text{H}_2$ evolution

An ascorbate buffer system at pH 4 was prepared in demineralized water (8.0 mL), and ascorbic acid (88.0 mg, 0.499 mmol) and sodium ascorbate (98.0 mg, 0.494 mmol) were added for a total buffer concentration of 0.12 M.  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1 mM) was used as photosensitizer according to previous standard protocols.<sup>32,33</sup> The catalyst was dissolved in 1.0 mL of the prepared buffer solution and added dropwise, affording turbid solutions in the presence of the photosensitizer due to POM-PS complex formation (see Figure S1). This phenomenon was observed in catalytic tests with **Cu-5** as well as in catalytic tests with  $[\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33}]^{9-}$ . All catalytic tests were prepared under exclusion of light and purged with Ar gas for 15 min prior to irradiation with a blue LED ( $\lambda = 470 \text{ nm}$ , 4650 LUX).



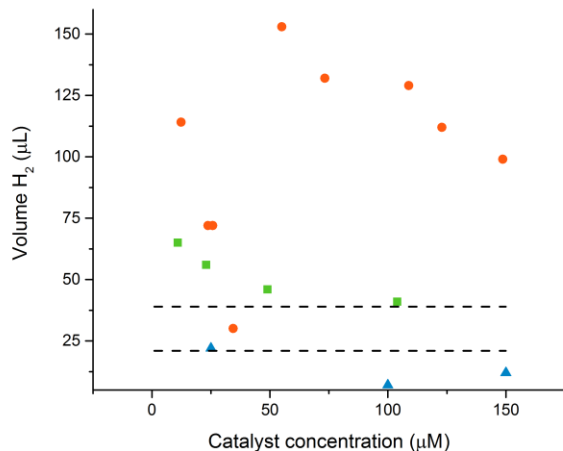
**Table S11.** Results of photocatalytic tests with **Cu-5**, **BiW<sub>9</sub>**, and blank measurements.

Compound	Concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	H <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu\text{L}$ )	TON <sup>[a]</sup>
<b>Cu-5</b>	10.7	65.2	16.4
<b>Cu-5</b>	23.0	55.9	1.6
<b>Cu-5</b>	48.6	46.4	5.5
<b>Cu-5</b>	104.0	40.1	0.5
Blank <sub>(max)</sub>	---	39.1	---
Blank <sub>(min)</sub>	---	29.9	---
<b>BiW<sub>9</sub></b>	12.3	114.1	34.4
<b>BiW<sub>9</sub></b>	23.8	41.0	8.8
<b>BiW<sub>9</sub></b>	25.8	41.1	8.1
<b>BiW<sub>9</sub></b>	55.1	152.8	11.3
<b>BiW<sub>9</sub></b>	73.3	131.7	7.0
<b>BiW<sub>9</sub></b>	108.9	128.6	4.6
<b>BiW<sub>9</sub></b>	122.8	112.1	3.4
<b>BiW<sub>9</sub></b>	148.7	99.5	2.4
CuSO <sub>4</sub>	25.0	21.9	0
CuSO <sub>4</sub>	100.0	7.03	0
CuSO <sub>4</sub>	150.0	12.2	0

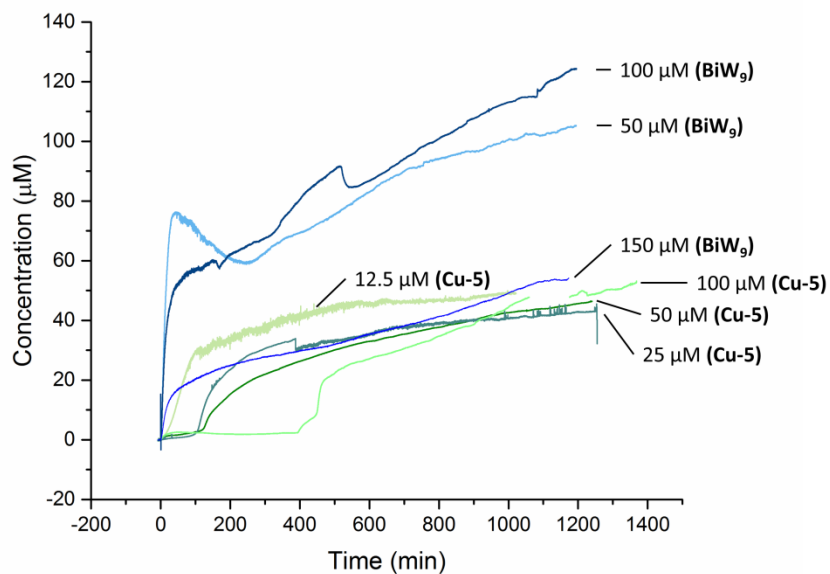
[a] TONs were calculated after subtraction of the background contribution to the total amount of H<sub>2</sub>.

For **Cu-5** concentrations in the range of 12.5 – 100  $\mu\text{M}$ , formation of 41 to 65  $\mu\text{L}$  H<sub>2</sub> was observed, i.e. values slightly above the background in the absence of catalyst (Table S11). The highest TON was obtained for 10.7  $\mu\text{M}$  **Cu-5** (TON = 31.2). Reference experiments with the lacunary precursor [B- $\alpha$ -BiW<sub>9</sub>O<sub>33</sub>]<sup>9-</sup> afforded an approximately three-fold higher catalytic activity at a catalyst concentration of 50.0  $\mu\text{M}$  with respect to molar H<sub>2</sub> formation and an approx. double TON compared to **Cu-5**. Catalytic tests with lower **BiW<sub>9</sub>** concentrations ( $\leq 50$   $\mu\text{M}$ ) show a high variance due to difficulties in sample preparation for the particularly low amounts of catalyst (approximately 0.2-0.5 mg). The lower evolved H<sub>2</sub> quantities and TONs for **Cu-5** compared to **BiW<sub>9</sub>** shows that Cu-functionalization is not a straightforward strategy to improve tungstobismuthate based H<sub>2</sub> evolution catalysts. The POM-PS complex (cf. above) of **Cu-5** and [Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> photosensitizer can be considered as potential active species according to previous studies.<sup>28,30,31</sup> Therefore, it was collected by centrifugation, air dried and characterized by FT-IR spectroscopy and EDX analysis (Figure S9). Catalyst recycling experiments were then performed in a fresh solution of ascorbate buffer with [Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub>, where the POM-PS complex (497  $\mu\text{g}$ ) was added instead of the pristine catalyst and dispersed by sonication for 30 min. Subtraction of

the background  $\text{H}_2$  formation by  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]^{2+}$  demonstrated that no additional  $\text{H}_2$  amounts are formed in the presence of the recycled catalyst.



**Figure S10.**  $\text{H}_2$  yields quantified by GC analysis of **Cu-5** (green),  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (blue), and **BiW<sub>9</sub>** (red); the dotted line shows the maximal/minimal amount of  $\text{H}_2$  formed in absence of catalyst. Conditions: ascorbate buffer (1.2 M, pH = 4.0),  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3]\text{Cl}_2$  (1 mM), irradiation by LED (460 nm 4650 LUX).

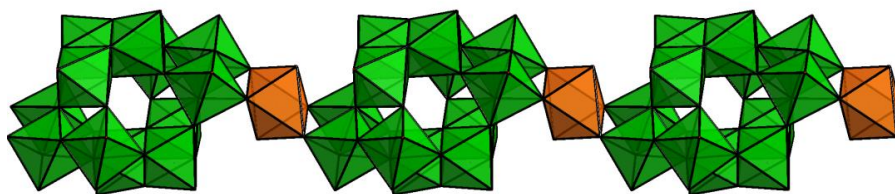


**Figure S11.** Time dependent  $\text{H}_2$  evolution measured with a  $\text{H}_2$  sensitive Clark-type sensor: 50-150  $\mu\text{M}$   $[\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33}]^{9-}$  (blue), 12.5-100  $\mu\text{M}$  **Cu-5** (green).

## 6 The structure of Cu(II) bridged paratungstate B (Cu-6)

The paratungstate B structure is composed of two different subunit types, namely the cap-type  $\{\text{HW}_3\text{O}_{13}\}$  in which three  $\text{WO}_6$  octahedra share a common O atom (W–O bond lengths, terminal: 1.716(4)-1.736(5) Å; axial 2.238(4)-2.264(4) Å; equatorial: 1.789(4)-2.105(4) Å) and a  $\{\text{W}_3\text{O}_{14}\}$  unit of three edge sharing  $\text{WO}_6$  octahedron without any shared oxygen atom (Figure S12; W–O bond lengths, terminal: 1.723(5)-1.777(4) Å; equatorial: 1.777(4)-2.329(4) Å). Bridging of monomeric  $[\text{H}_2\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{40}]^{10-}$  units occurs via coordination to a Cu(II) ion with Jahn-Teller distorted octahedral coordination geometry.

A total of 4 sodium and 4 potassium counter-cations were refined according to their coordination geometry. Charge balance is achieved by taking into account two hydrogen atoms coordinating to the oxygen atoms O(15) inside of the polyanion. The presence of hydrogen atoms was established earlier by neutron diffraction studies.<sup>34</sup>



**Figure S12.** Polyhedral ball-and stick representation of **Cu-6**.

## 7 Experimental

### 7.1 Preparation of single crystals

All chemicals were obtained commercially and used without further purification. The lacunary precursor  $\text{Na}_9[\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33}] \cdot 19.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was prepared according to published procedures and characterized by FT-IR spectroscopy.<sup>35</sup> Repeated syntheses of this precursor showed that these commonly used protocols may also result in the formation of  $[\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42}]^{12-}$  or  $[\text{Bi}_2\text{W}_{22}\text{O}_{76}]^{12-}$ . Furthermore this precursor may contain a small amount of an insoluble impurity which cannot be detected by IR or PXRD. It can be removed from the reaction mixture prior to the addition of the counter cation by filtration over celite. The repeated synthesis of this precursor has shown that it is difficult to isolate it phase pure. Polyanions which have been isolated instead, indicate that  $\alpha$ - $\beta$  isomerization or decomposition of the desired  $\text{Na}_9[\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33}] \cdot 19.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  precursor frequently occurs. Recrystallization for purification may therefore not be possible.

All reported procedures in the following resulted in the formation of at least one high quality single crystal for structure analysis. Formation of phase pure bulk material could **only** be confirmed for **Cu-5** by PXRD analysis.

### 7.2 Source of $\text{Na}_{12}[\text{Cu}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4\text{Cl}_2(\text{B-}\beta\text{-BiW}_{10}\text{O}_{35})_2] \cdot 36.5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ / $\text{Na}_{10}[\text{Cu}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6(\text{B-}\beta\text{-BiW}_{10}\text{O}_{35})_2] \cdot 36.5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**Cu-1**)

A solution of  $\text{Na}_9[\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33}] \cdot 19.5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (4.00 g, 1.65 mmol) was prepared in demineralized  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (40 mL). The starting material  $\text{Na}_9[\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33}] \cdot 19.5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  may contain minor amounts of an insoluble impurity which was removed by filtration over celite. A solution of  $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (20 mL, 2.4 mM) was added dropwise under vigorous stirring at room temperature, the colorless solution thereby becomes green. During the addition of the copper sulfate solution, a solid precipitated which was removed by centrifugation. A solution of saturated KCl was added dropwise to the stirred reaction mixture until a solid precipitated which re-dissolved after a few seconds. The green solution was left for crystallization, which led to the formation of crystals of **Cu-1**.

**7.3 Source of 2D- $\text{Na}_7\text{K}_3\text{Cu}_{0.5}\text{Cl}[\text{Cu}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{B-}\beta\text{-BiW}_{10}\text{O}_{35})_2]\cdot 29.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Cu-2), 2D- $\text{Na}_{5.5}\text{K}_{2.5}\text{Cu}[\text{Cu}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4(\text{B-}\beta\text{-BiW}_{10}\text{O}_{35})_2]\cdot 17.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Cu-3), and  $\text{Na}_6\text{Rb}_6[\text{Cu}_3(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{B-}\beta\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2]\cdot 21\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Cu-4) crystals**

Crystals of **Cu-2**, **Cu-3** and **Cu-4** were obtained from the same reaction mixture by adding different counter-cations.

A solution of  $\text{Na}_9[\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33}]\cdot 19.5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.00 g, 0.41 mmol) was prepared in demineralized  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (10 mL). The starting material  $\text{Na}_9[\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33}]\cdot 19.5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  may contain a small amount of an insoluble impurity which was removed by filtration over celite. A solution of  $\text{CuSO}_4\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (10 mL, 1.2 mM) was added dropwise to the stirred reaction mixture at room temperature. During the addition, the color changed to green. The pH after the addition was 5.3. The reaction mixture was divided into 2 parts of 10 mL.

**Cu-2 and Cu-3:** A saturated solution of KCl was added to the stirred reaction mixture until a solid precipitated which was removed by filtration over celite. The reaction mixture was left for crystallization. Crystals of **Cu-2** and **Cu-3** form simultaneously with an unidentified green slurry. The crystals were removed carefully from this slurry and stored in a saturated solution of KCl.

**Cu-4:** A solution of RbCl (1.0 M) was added dropwise to the stirred reaction mixture until a solid formed which was removed by filtration. The green solution was left for crystallization which led to the formation of crystals of **Cu-4**.

**7.4 Source of 3D- $\text{K}_{6.56}\text{Cu}_{0.43}\text{H}_{2.20}[(\text{Cu}_3\text{Cl})(\text{K}_{2.68}\text{Cu}_{0.38}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3(\text{B-}\alpha\text{-BiW}_9\text{O}_{33})_2)]\cdot 13\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Cu-5).**

A solution of  $\text{CuSO}_4\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (0.40 g, 1.60 mmol, 4.0 eq.) was prepared in demineralized  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (5 mL), the pH of this solution was 3.9. The precursor  $\text{Na}_9[\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33}]\cdot 19.5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1.00 g, 0.41 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was added as a solid in small portions at room temperature. The volume of the reaction mixture was increased to 10 mL by adding  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h, and a solid precipitate was removed by filtration through celite. The pH of the reaction mixture after stirring was 5.0. A saturated solution of KCl (2 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was left

for crystallization. Yellow crystals and a fine white precipitate formed overnight. The crystals were removed carefully from the reaction mixture (41.7 mg, 3.49 %). Elemental analysis: calc. for  $\text{Bi}_2\text{ClCu}_{3.81}\text{H}_{28.2}\text{K}_{9.18}\text{O}_{82}\text{W}_{18}$  (found): Bi 7.33 (7.68), Cl 0.62 (0.42), Cu 4.24 (4.29), W 58.01 (55.4), K 6.29 (6.12). (ATR FT-IR  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 1624, 1605, 935, 874, 837, 692, 496, 430.

### 7.5 Source of $1\text{D-Na}_4\text{K}_4\text{Cu}[\text{H}_2\text{W}_{12}\text{O}_{42}]\cdot 24\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (Cu-6).

A solution of  $\text{Na}_9[\text{BiW}_9\text{O}_{33}]\cdot 19.5 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$  (3.00 g, 1.24 mmol, 1.0 eq.) was prepared in demineralized  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (30 mL); all undissolved solids were removed by filtration. A solution of  $\text{CuSO}_4\cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (10 mL, 0.12 M) was added dropwise at room temperature and the color of the reaction mixture changed to green. A solid which precipitated during the addition was removed by filtration over celite. A saturated solution of KCl (0.75 mL) was added and the reaction mixture was left for crystallization. Colorless block-like crystals were observed in the reaction mixture after a few days.

### 7.6 Instrumentation

ATR FT-IR spectra were recorded with a Bruker VORTEX 70 spectrometer and a platinum ATR accessory with diamond cell. Elemental analyses were carried out by Mikroanalytisches Labor Pascher, Remagen, Germany. Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns were recorded on a STOE STADI P diffractometer in transmission mode (flat sample holders, Ge-monochromator and  $\text{Cu K}_{\alpha 1}$  radiation) using a position sensitive detector (Mythen K, DECTRIS).  $\text{H}_2$  evolution was monitored with a hydrogen sensitive Clark-type sensor (H2-NP) from Unisense. Prior to each measurement the sensor was calibrated with a two point calibration using a reference sample with a known concentration of  $\text{H}_2$ . Quantification of evolved  $\text{H}_2$  gas was obtained from headspace samples which were analyzed by gas chromatography (Varian CP 3800 Gas Chromatograph). Photographs of crystals have been made on a Leica M10 Wild stereomicroscope, equipped with a digital photocamera. Magnetization measurements were conducted on a 7 T Quantum Design MPMS XL SQUID at a magnetic field of 1.0 T in the temperature range 2–200 K in both zero field and field cooling modes. The mass susceptibility was calculated according to  $\chi = M/(\text{H}\cdot\text{m})$  (M: magnetization, H: field strength, m: sample mass).

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