

Supporting Information

Systematic approach to the synthesis of cobalt-containing polyoxometalates for their application as energy storage materials

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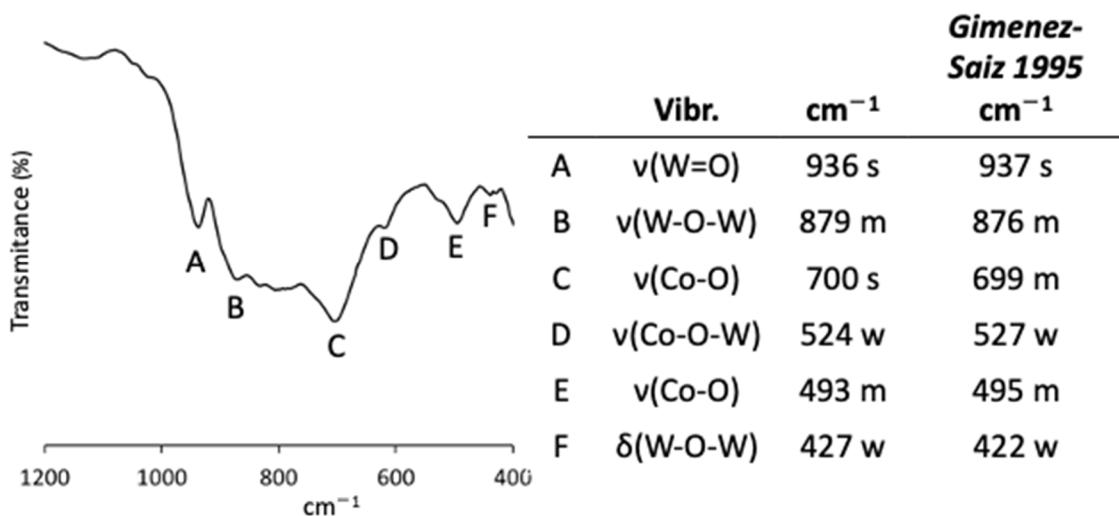


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Table S1. Fitting parameters for the PXRD pattern of $\text{K-Co}_2\text{W}_{11}$.

Lattice parameters	Agreement factors
Cubic, $Pm-3m$	$R_{\text{Bragg}} = 2.59$
$a = 10.71(2) \text{ \AA}$	$\chi^2 = 2.16$

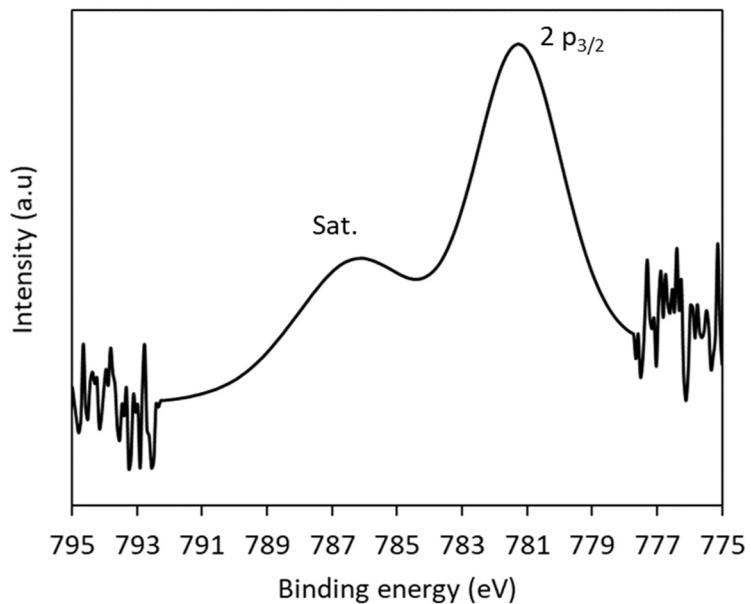


Figure S2. XPS spectrum of Co 2p peak for $\text{K-Co}_2\text{W}_{11}$.

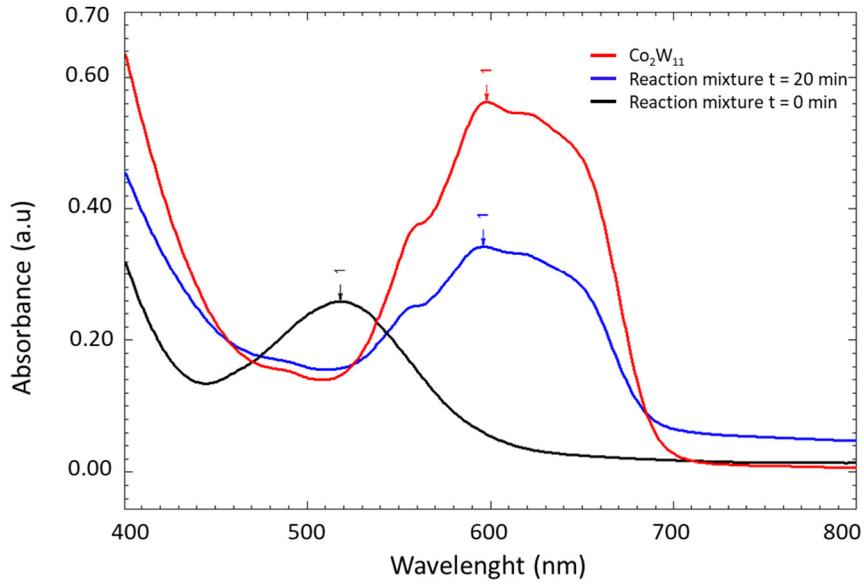


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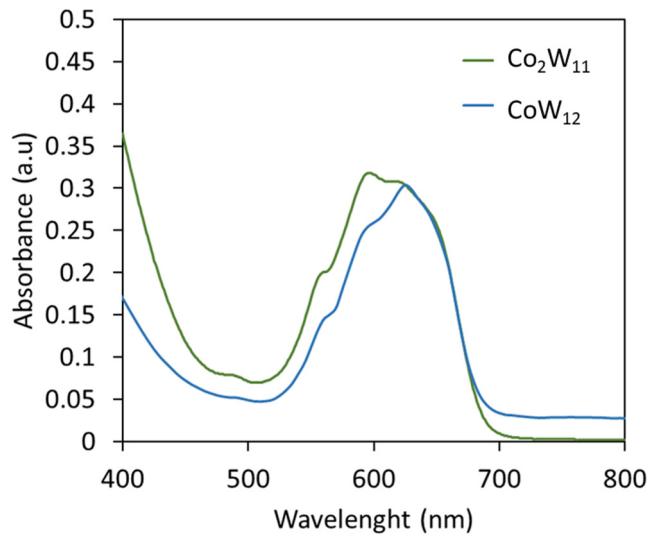


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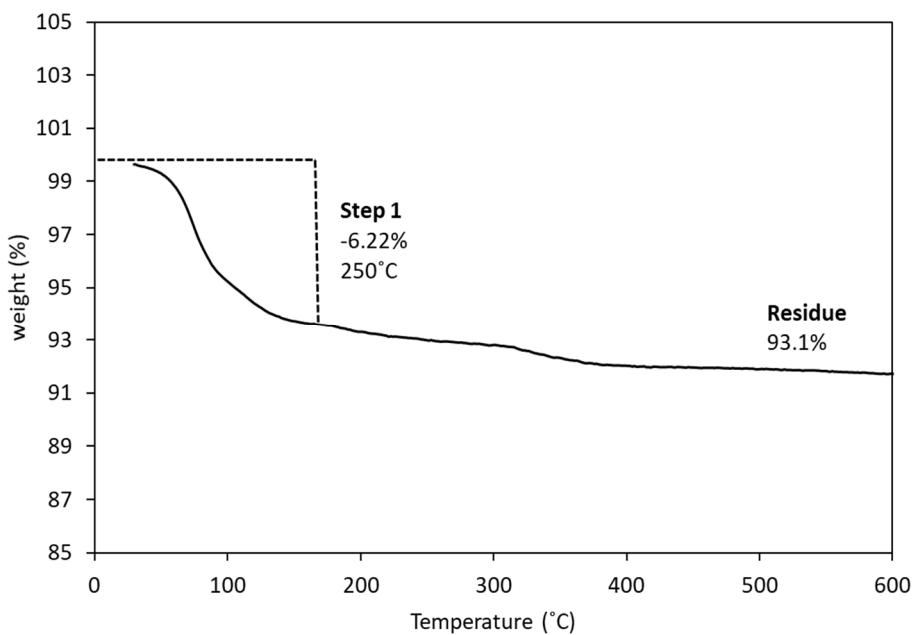


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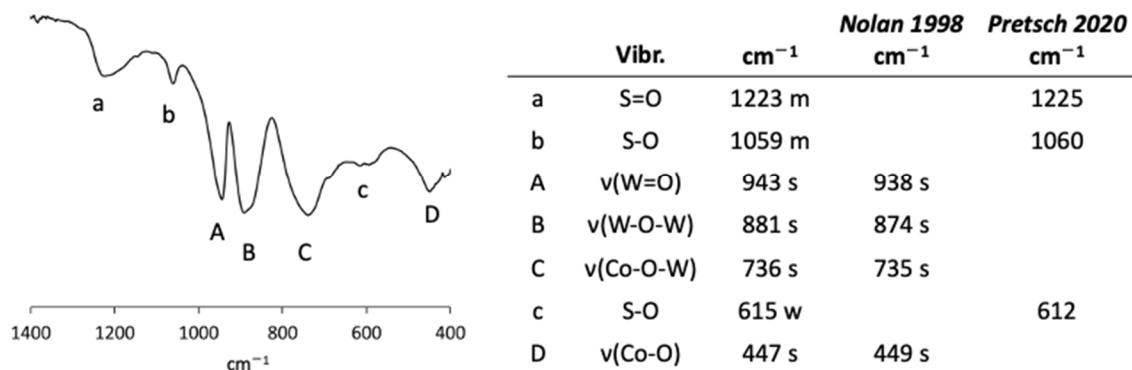


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Table S2. Yields of the reactions carried out at different pH conditions to evaluate the transition from Co_2W_{11} to CoW_{12} .

Acid	pH	Yield (%)
1M HCl	0	88±10
1M H_2SO_4	0	22±7
1M HCOOH (HForm)	2	-
1M CH_3COOH (HAc)	3	-
1M $\text{CH}_3\text{COOLi}/\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ (H/LiAc)	4.5	-

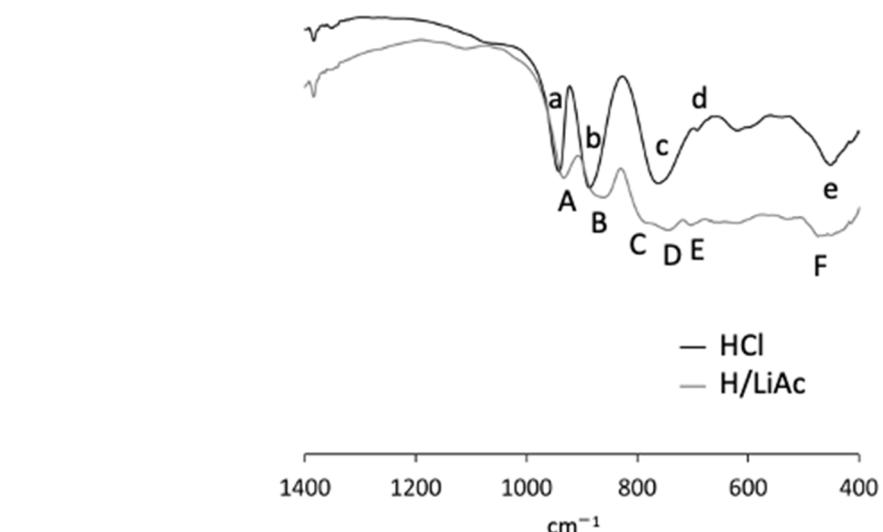


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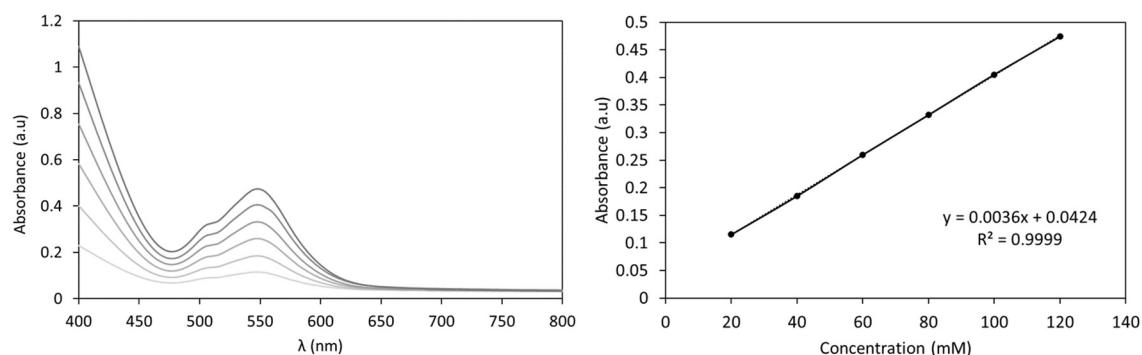


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