

# Supporting Information

## Photoelectron Spectroscopy of Doubly and Singly Charged Group VIB Dimetalate Anions: $M_2O_7^{2-}$ , $MM'O_7^{2-}$ , and $M_2O_7^-$ ( $M, M' = Cr, Mo, W$ )

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**Table S1.** Vertical detachment energies of  $M_2O_7^{2-}$  ( $M = Cr, Mo, W$ ) calculated using the generalized Koopman's theorem and tentative assignment of the experimental photoelectron spectra.

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**Table S3.** Vertical detachment energies of  $W_2O_7^-$  calculated using the generalized Koopman's theorem and tentative assignment of the experimental photoelectron spectrum.

**Figure S1.** Photoelectron spectra for  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$  at (a) 266 nm, (b) 193 nm, and (c) 157 nm.

**Figure S2.** Photoelectron spectra for  $Mo_2O_7^{2-}$  at (a) 266 nm, (b) 193 nm, and (c) 157 nm.

**Figure S3.** Photoelectron spectra for  $W_2O_7^{2-}$  at (a) 193 nm and (b) 157 nm.

**Figure S4.** Photoelectron spectra for  $CrMoO_7^{2-}$  at (a) 266 nm, (b) 193 nm, and (c) 157 nm.

**Figure S5.** Photoelectron spectra for  $CrWO_7^{2-}$  at (a) 266 nm, (b) 193 nm, and (c) 157 nm.

**Figure S6.** Photoelectron spectra for  $MoWO_7^{2-}$  at (a) 193 nm and (b) 157 nm.

**Table S1.** VDEs of  $M_2O_7^{2-}$  ( $M = Cr, Mo, W$ ) calculated using the generalized Koopman's theorem and tentative assignment of the experimental photoelectron spectra.

species	theor VDE <sup>a</sup>		assignment <sup>b</sup>	
	MO	VDE (eV)	feature	expt VDE (eV)
$Cr_2O_7^{2-}$	$a_{2g}$	1.42	X	~1.30
	$a_{1u}$	1.42		
	$e_u$	1.50		
	$e_g$	2.17	A	2.04 (5)
	$a_{2u}$	2.84	B	2.65 (5)
	$e_u$	2.87		
	$a_{1g}$	2.96		
	$a_{2u}$	3.85	C	3.40 (5)
$Mo_2O_7^{2-}$	$e_g$	4.22		
	$a_{1g}$	4.29		
	$a_{2g}$	1.93	X	~2.2
	$a_{1u}$	1.93		
	$e_u$	2.12	A	~2.5
	$e_g$	2.24		
	$a_{2u}$	2.65	B	3.05 (5)
	$a_{1g}$	2.80		
$W_2O_7^{2-}$	$e_u$	2.90		
	$a_{2u}$	3.82	C	3.82 (5)
	$a_{1g}$	4.34	D	4.47 (5)
	$e_g$	4.35		
	$(1a_{2g})^2$	1.97	X	~2.3
	$(1a_{1u})^2$	1.98		
	$(7e_u)^4$	2.21	A	~2.6
	$(6e_g)^4$	2.29		
$W_2O_7^{2-}$	$(7a_{2u})^2$	2.79	B	3.0-3.6
	$(8a_{1g})^2$	3.05		
	$(6e_u)^4$	3.09		
	$(6a_{2u})^2$	4.20	C	4.3-4.7
	$(5e_g)^4$	4.26		
	$(7a_{1g})^2$	4.43		

<sup>a</sup>The ground state electronic configuration for the  $W_2O_7^{2-}$  ( $D_{3d}, ^1A_{1g}$ ) dianion (**1** in Figure 4) is:

$(7a_{1g})^2(5e_g)^4(6a_{2u})^2(8a_{1g})^2(7a_{2u})^2(6e_g)^4(7e_u)^4(1a_{1u})^2(1a_{1u})^2(1a_{2g})^2$ . Similar electronic configurations are found for  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$  and  $Mo_2O_7^{2-}$  with  $D_{3d}$  symmetry.

<sup>b</sup>Numbers in parentheses represent the experimental uncertainties in the last digit.

**Table S2.** VDEs of  $\text{CrMoO}_7^{2-}$  calculated using the generalized Koopman's theorem and tentative assignment of the experimental photoelectron spectrum. Experimental VDEs for  $\text{CrWO}_7^{2-}$  and  $\text{MoWO}_7^{2-}$  are also included.

species	theor VDE <sup>a</sup>		assignment <sup>b</sup>	
	MO	VDE (eV)	feature	exp VDE (eV)
$\text{CrMoO}_7^{2-}$	$a_2$	1.68	X	1.85 (5)
	$a_2$	1.73		
	e	1.86		
	e	2.15	A	2.24 (5)
	$a_1$	2.49	B	2.55 (5)
	e	2.96	C	2.96 (3)
	$a_1$	3.19		
	$a_1$	3.74	D	3.61 (3)
	e	4.32	E	4.15 (5)
	$a_1$	4.48		
$\text{CrWO}_7^{2-}$			X	1.94 (4)
			A	2.39 (5)
			B	2.81 (5)
			C	3.15 (5)
			D	3.94 (3)
$\text{MoWO}_7^{2-}$			X	2.40 (5)
			A	2.65 (5)
			B	~3.0
			C	3.15 (5)
			D	4.17 (5)
		E	~4.6	

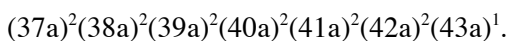
<sup>a</sup>The ground state electronic configuration for the mixed dianion  $\text{CrMoO}_7^{2-}$  with  $C_{3v}$  linear geometry is  $(a_1)^2(e)^4(a_1)^2(a_1)^2(e)^4(a_1)^2(e)^4(e)^4(a_2)^2(a_2)^2$ .

<sup>b</sup>Numbers in parentheses represent the experimental uncertainties in the last digit.

**Table S3.** VDEs of  $W_2O_7^-$  calculated using the generalized Koopman's theorem and tentative assignment of the experimental photoelectron spectrum.

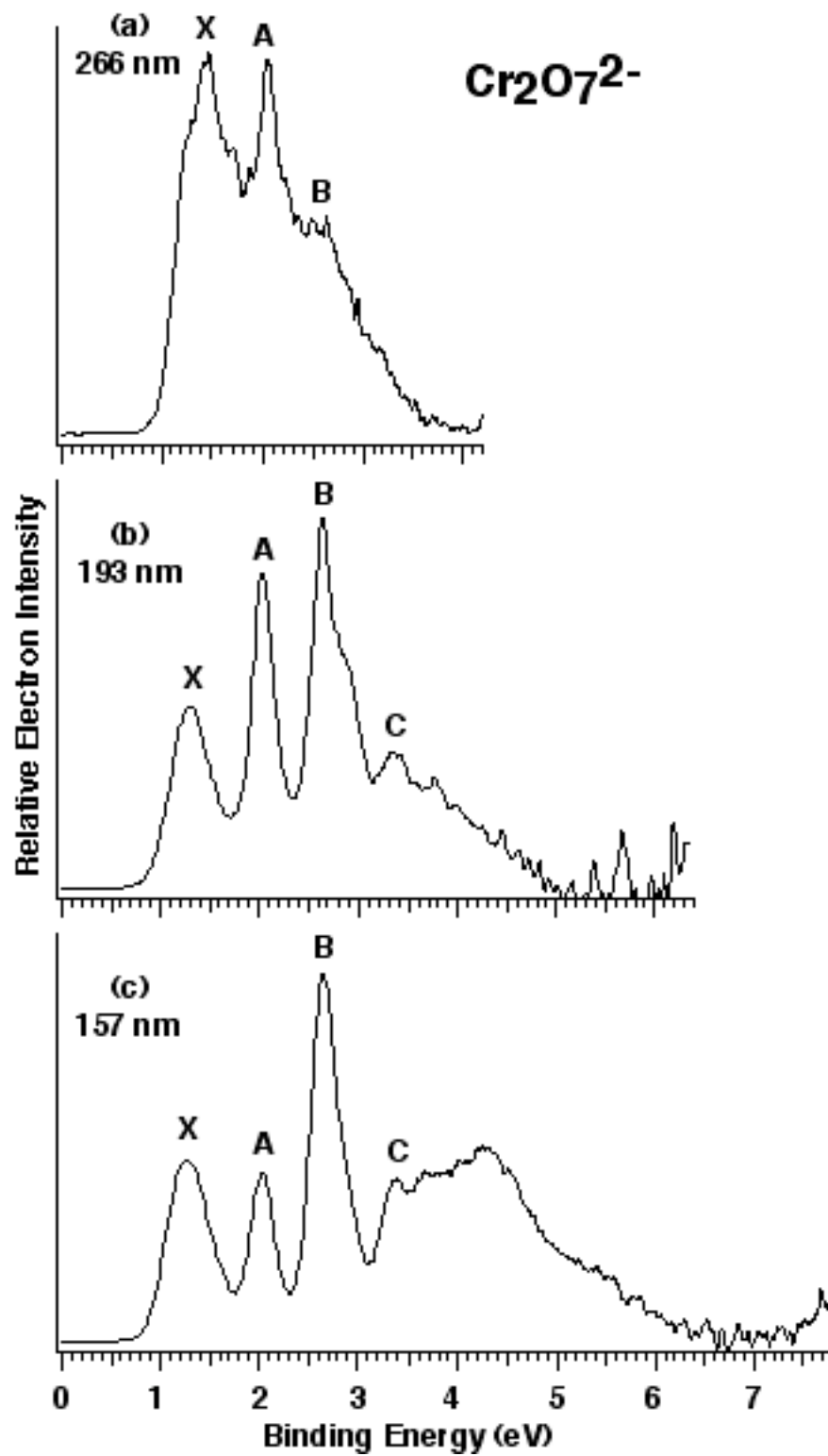
	theor VDE <sup>a</sup>				assignment <sup>b</sup>	
	MO	VDE (eV)	MO	VDE (eV)	feature	exp VDE (eV)
$W_2O_7^-$			43a ( $\alpha$ )	6.61	X	~6.7
	42a ( $\beta$ )	6.61				
	41a ( $\beta$ )	6.77				
	40a ( $\beta$ )	6.93	42a ( $\alpha$ )	6.94	A	~7.2
	39a ( $\beta$ )	7.03	41a ( $\alpha$ )	7.02		
	38a ( $\beta$ )	7.17	40a ( $\alpha$ )	7.10		
	37a ( $\beta$ )	7.31	39a ( $\alpha$ )	7.26		
			38a ( $\alpha$ )	7.40		
	36a ( $\beta$ )	7.58	37a ( $\alpha$ )	7.73	B	7.62 (5)
	35a ( $\beta$ )	7.66				
34a ( $\beta$ )	7.90	36a ( $\alpha$ )	7.82			

<sup>a</sup>The ground state electronic configuration for the  $W_2O_7^-$  ( $C_7, ^2A$ ) anion (**2a** in Figure 4) is:

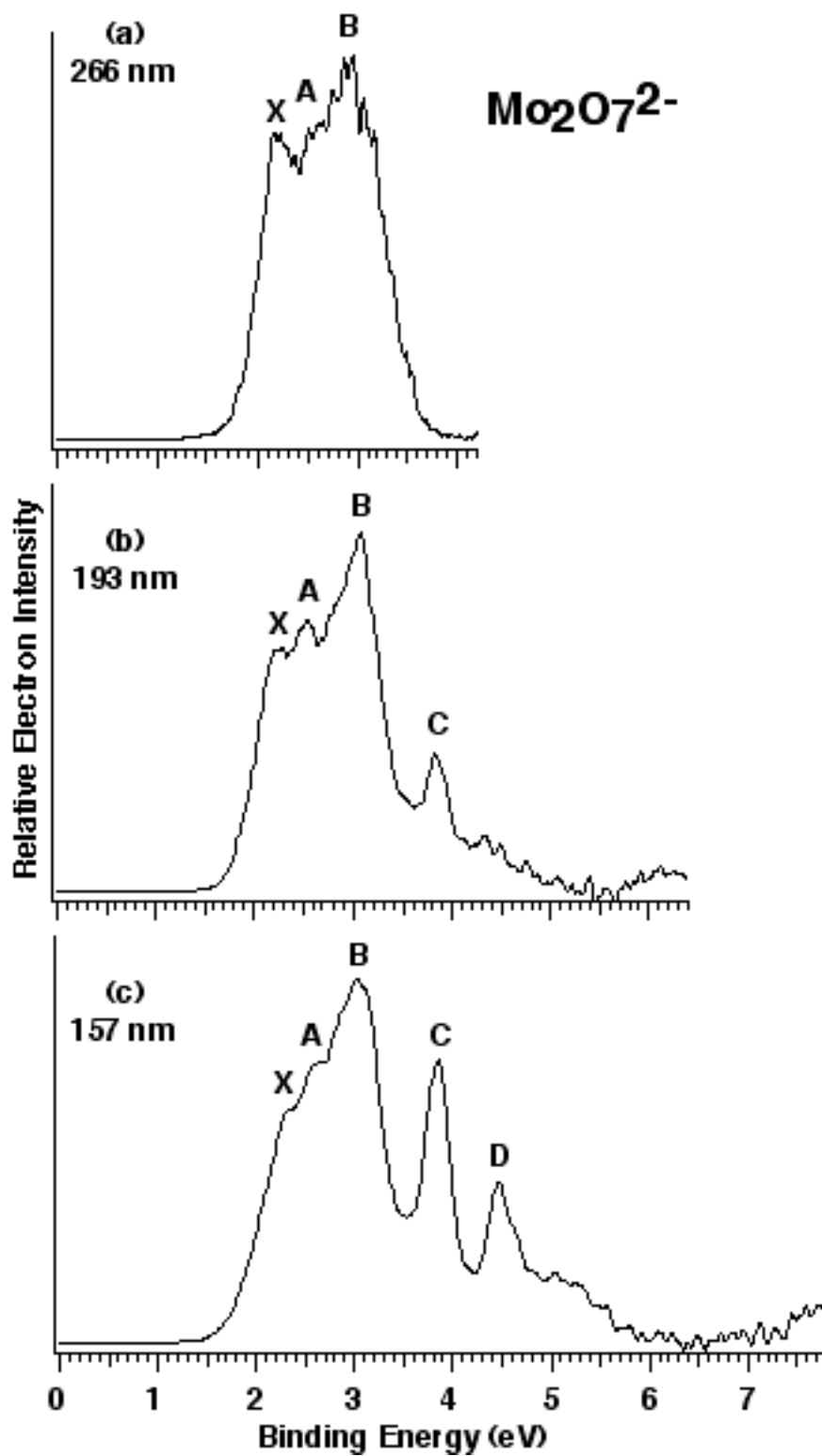


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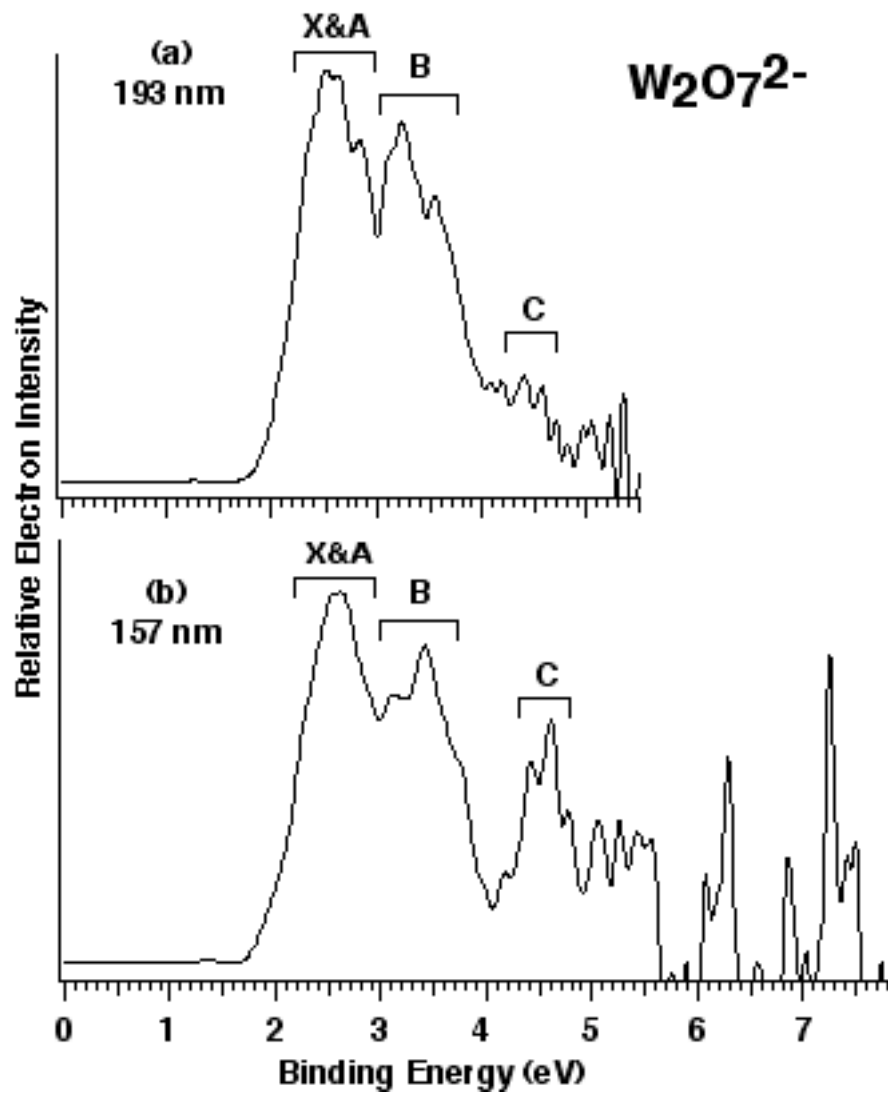
**Figure S1.** Photoelectron spectra for  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$  at (a) 266 nm, (b) 193 nm, and (c) 157 nm.



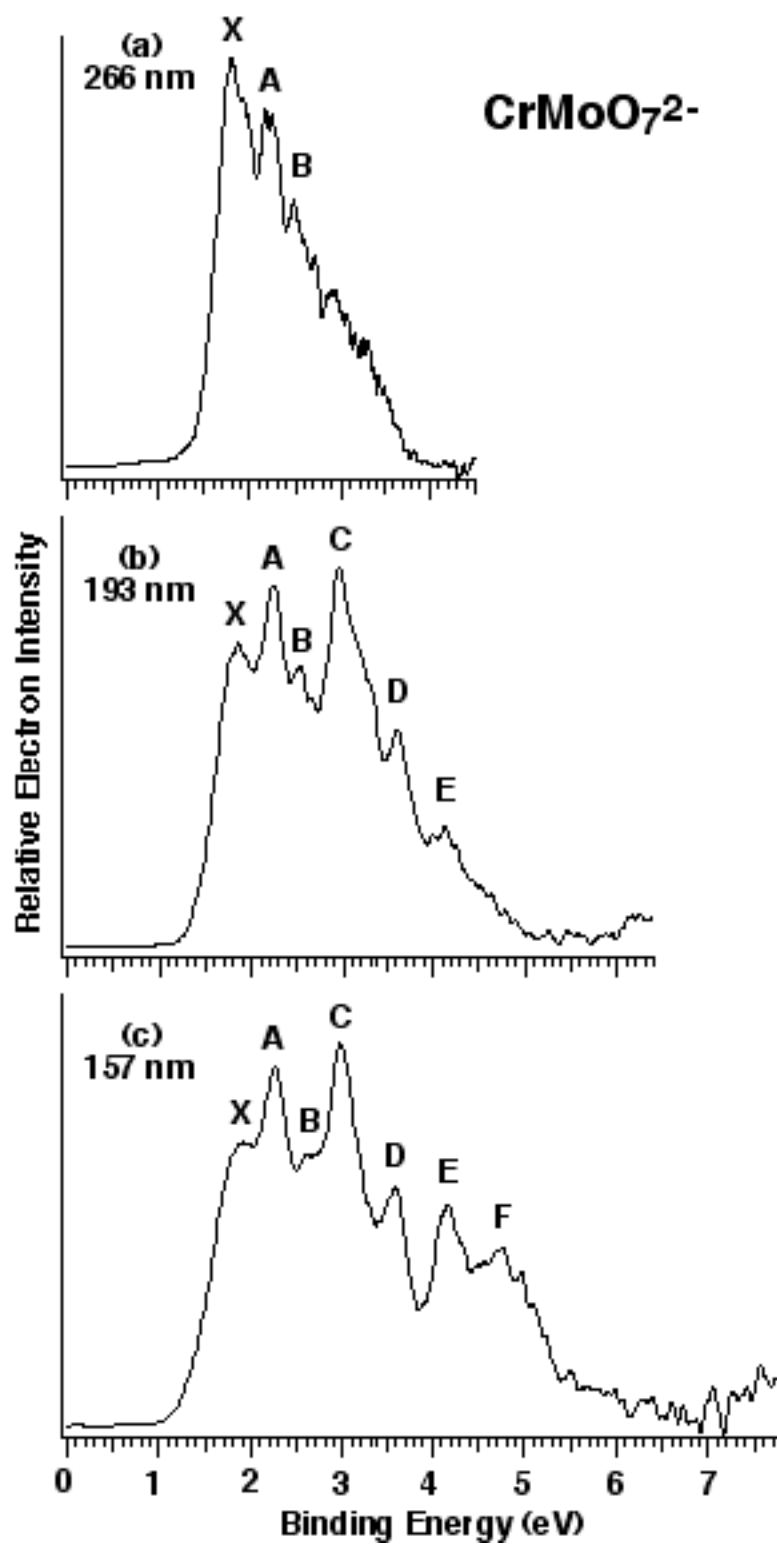
**Figure S2.** Photoelectron spectra for  $\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$  at (a) 266 nm, (b) 193 nm, and (c) 157 nm.



**Figure S3.** Photoelectron spectra for  $W_2O_7^{2-}$  at (a) 193 nm and (b) 157 nm.

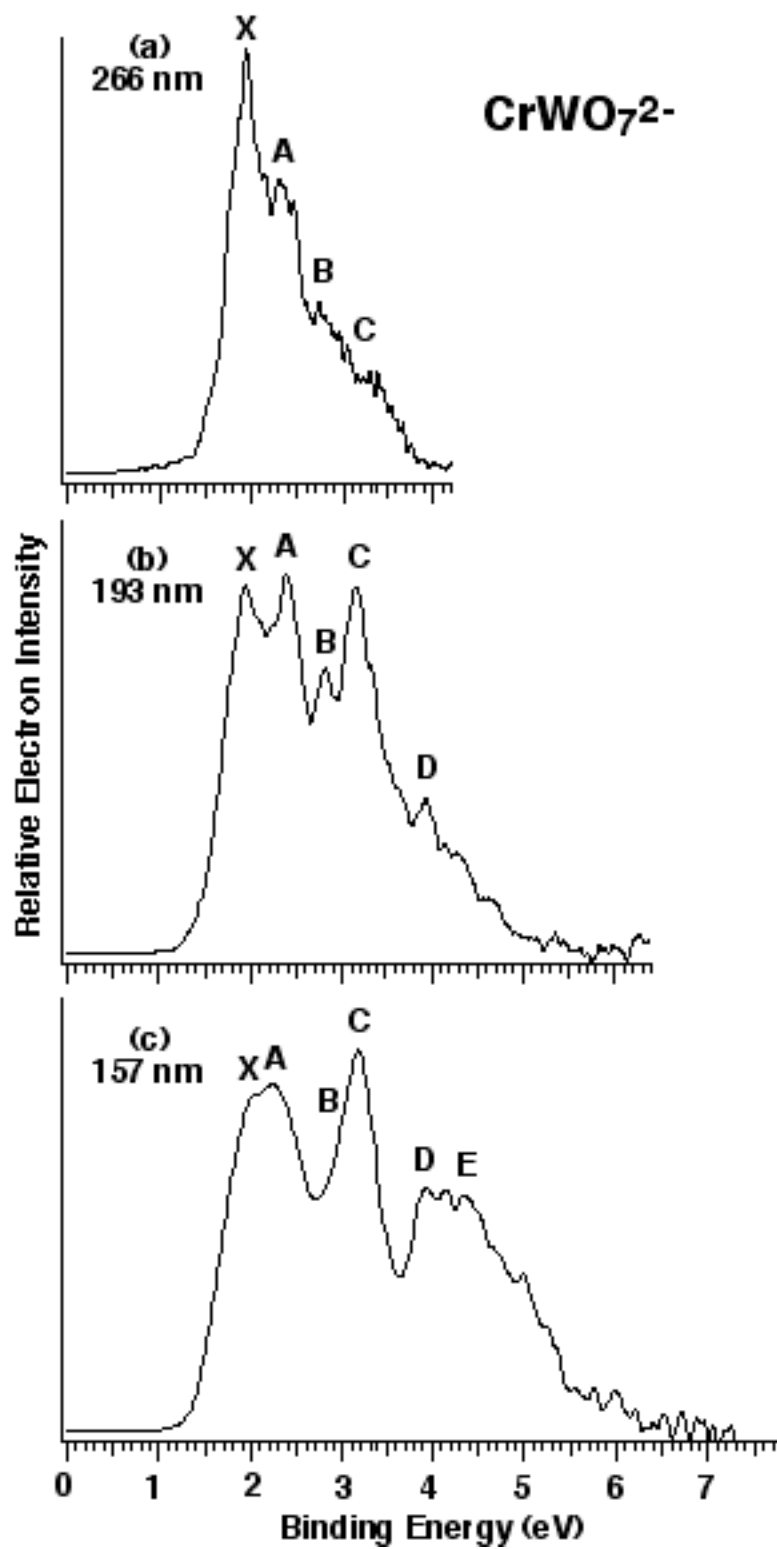


**Figure S4.** Photoelectron spectra for  $\text{CrMoO}_7^{2-}$  at (a) 266 nm, (b) 193 nm, and (c) 157 nm.





**Figure S5.** Photoelectron spectra for  $\text{CrWO}_7^{2-}$  at (a) 266 nm, (b) 193 nm, and (c) 157 nm.



**Figure S6.** Photoelectron spectra for  $\text{MoWO}_7^{2-}$  at (a) 193 nm and (b) 157 nm.

