

# Supporting Information

## **Synthesis and characterization of a butyltin Keggin ion with a rare 4-coordinate Ca center**

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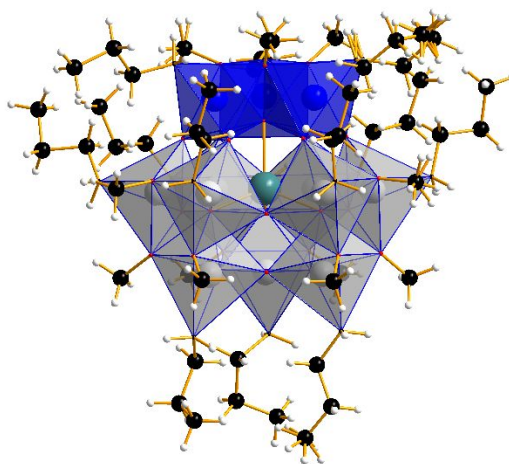
**Table S 1:** Bond Valence Sum for  $\beta\text{-CaSn}_{12}$

Assignment	Atom 1	Atom 2	d (Å)	BV	BVS
$\text{Ca}^{2+}$	Ca1	O1	2.288(19)	0.4	1.71
	Ca1	O3	2.263(16)	0.4	
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	Ca1	O2	2.31(2)	0.4	
$\text{O}^{2-}$	O1	Sn1	2.096(11)	0.6	2.16
	O1	Sn1	2.096(11)	0.6	
	O1	Sn2	2.129(19)	0.5	
	O1	Ca1	2.288(19)	0.4	
$\text{O}^{2-}$	O2	Sn3	2.097(13)	0.6	2.14
	O2	Sn3	2.097(13)	0.6	
	O2	Sn6	2.12(2)	0.6	
	O2	Ca1	2.31(2)	0.4	
$\text{O}^{2-}$	O3	Sn4	2.118(16)	0.6	2.16
	O3	Sn5	2.100(16)	0.6	
	O3	Sn4	2.118(16)	0.6	
	O3	Ca1	2.263(16)	0.4	
$\text{OH}^-$	O4	Sn1	2.075(16)	0.6	1.34
	O4	Sn5	2.031(17)	0.7	
$\text{OH}^-$	O5	Sn1	2.039(16)	0.7	1.35
	O5	Sn1	2.061(17)	0.7	
$\text{O}^{2-}$	O8	Sn2	2.039(17)	0.7	1.37
	O8	Sn3	2.050(16)	0.7	
$\text{OH}^-$	O11	Sn5	2.106(8)	0.6	1.16
	O11	Sn5	2.106(8)	0.6	
$\text{O}^{2-}$	O14	Sn6	2.02(2)	0.7	1.41
	O14	Sn7	2.047(19)	0.7	
$\text{OH}^-$	O15	Sn7	2.050(9)	0.7	1.35
	O15	Sn7	2.050(9)	0.7	
$\text{OH}^-$	O17	Sn3	2.071(19)	0.6	1.26
	O17	Sn4	2.08(2)	0.6	
$\text{OMe}^-$	O6	Sn1	2.171(16)	0.5	2.15
	O6	Sn2	2.139(18)	0.5	
	O6	C52	1.34(3)	1.1	
$\text{OMe}^-$	O7	Sn1	2.161(13)	0.5	1.74
	O7	Sn1	2.161(13)	0.5	
	O7	C51	1.50(4)	0.7	

OMe-	O9	Sn3	2.110(18)	0.6	1.99
	O9	Sn3	2.110(18)	0.6	
	O9	C54	1.45(5)	0.8	
OMe-	O10	Sn3	2.170(19)	0.5	1.74
	O10	Sn6	2.16(2)	0.5	
	O10	C53	1.49(4)	0.8	
OMe-	O12	Sn4	2.11(2)	0.6	1.90
	O12	Sn5	2.17(2)	0.5	
	O12	C50	1.45(4)	0.8	
OMe-	O13	Sn7	2.130(19)	0.5	1.76
	O13	Sn5	2.162(18)	0.5	
	O13	C56	1.51(3)	0.7	
OMe-	O16	Sn4	2.158(16)	0.5	1.92
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	O16	C55	1.40(3)	1.0	

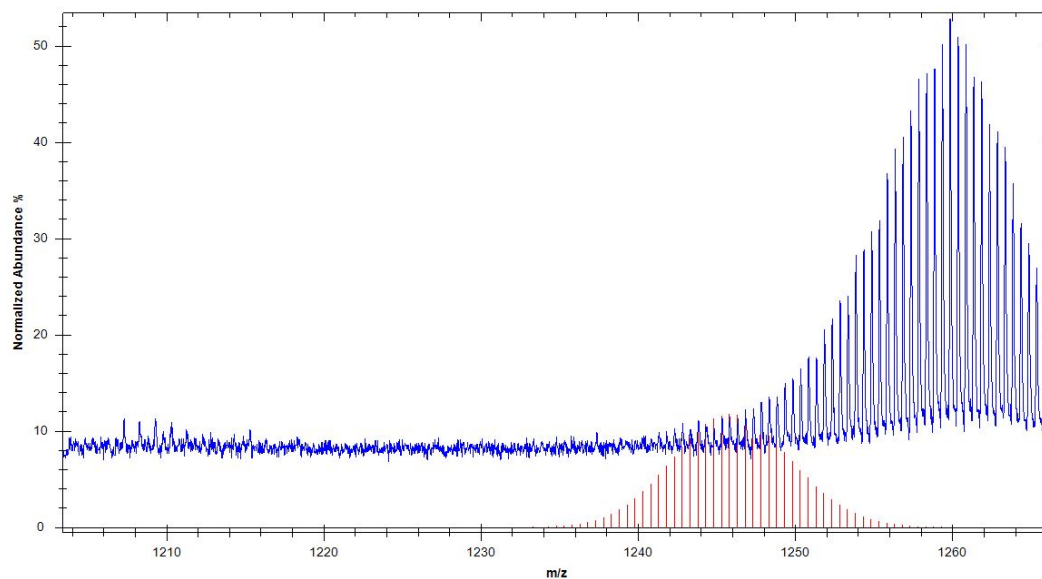
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	Na At%	Cl At%	Sn At%	Ca At%	Sn:Ca
Area 1	2.40	1.35	78.81	17.44	4.5
Area 2	1.54	1.83	81.67	14.96	5.5
Area 3	2.44	3.02	77.89	16.65	4.7

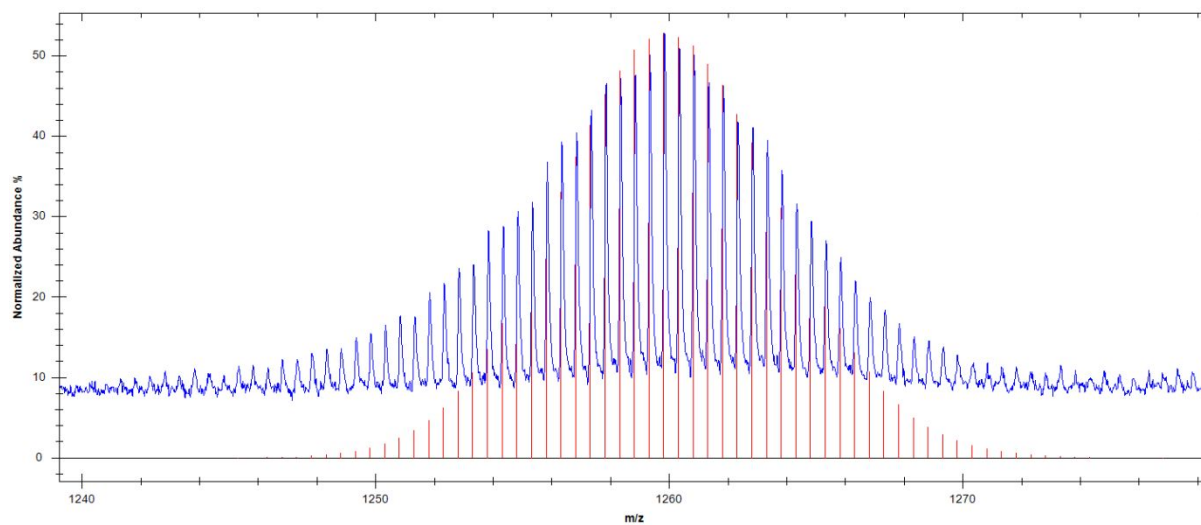


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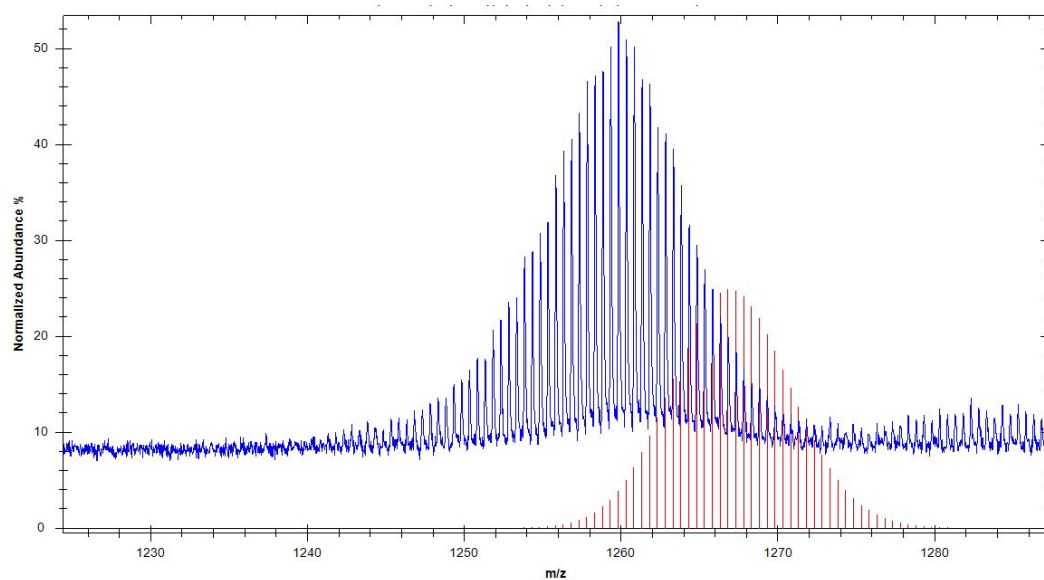
### Complete ESI-MS Peak Assignments



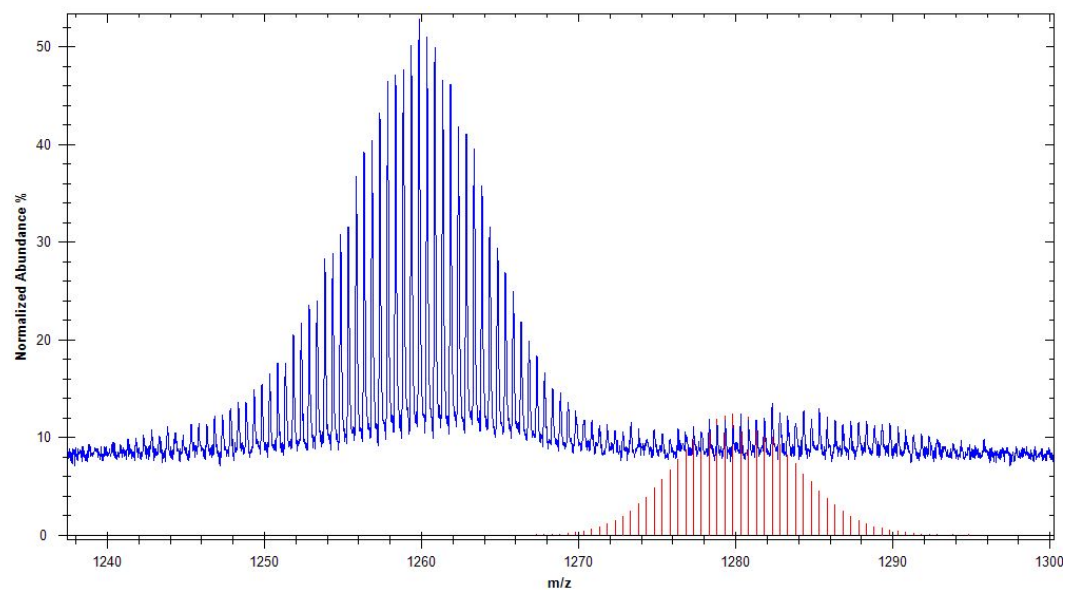
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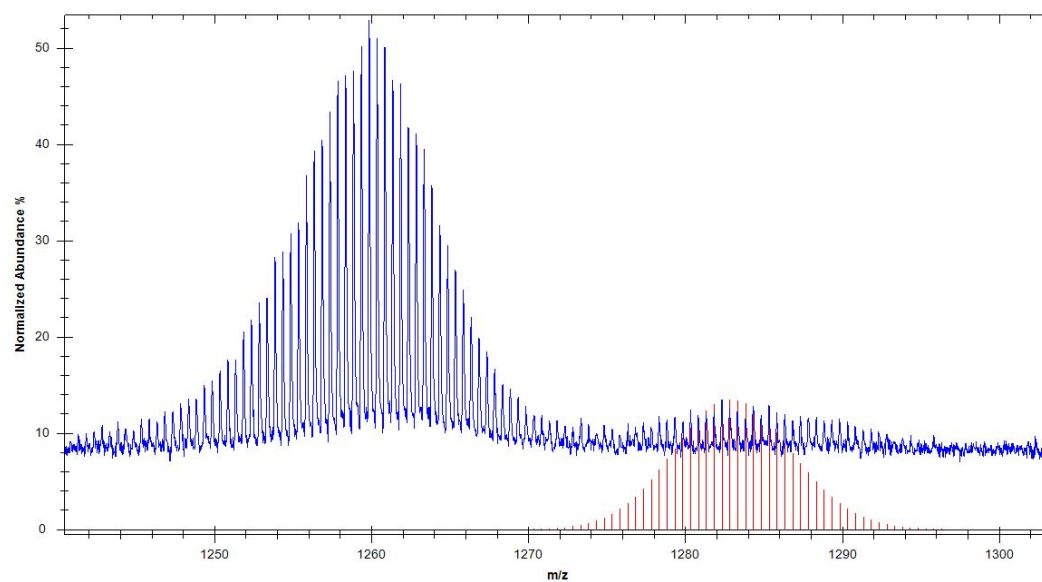
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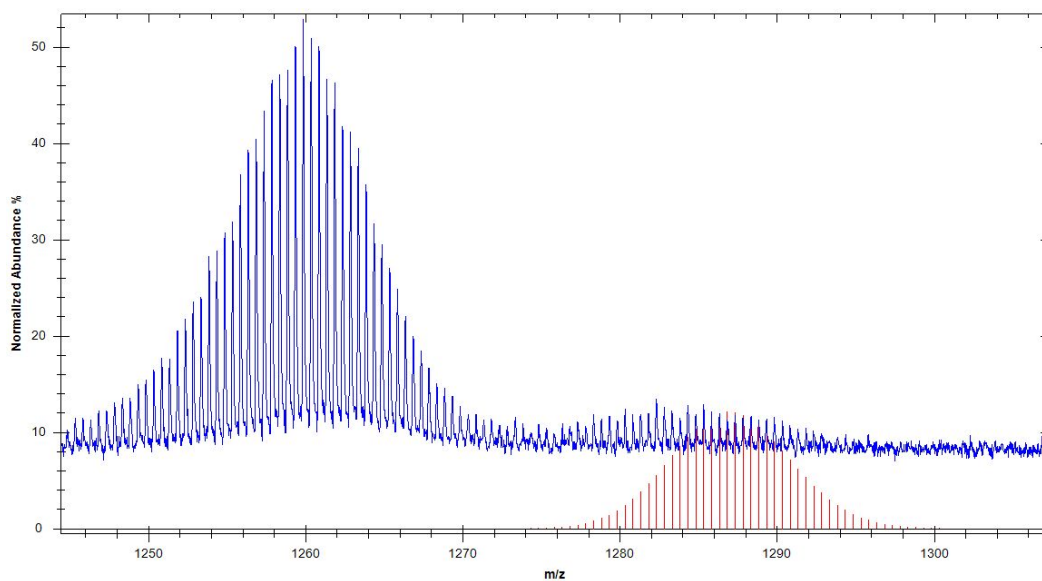
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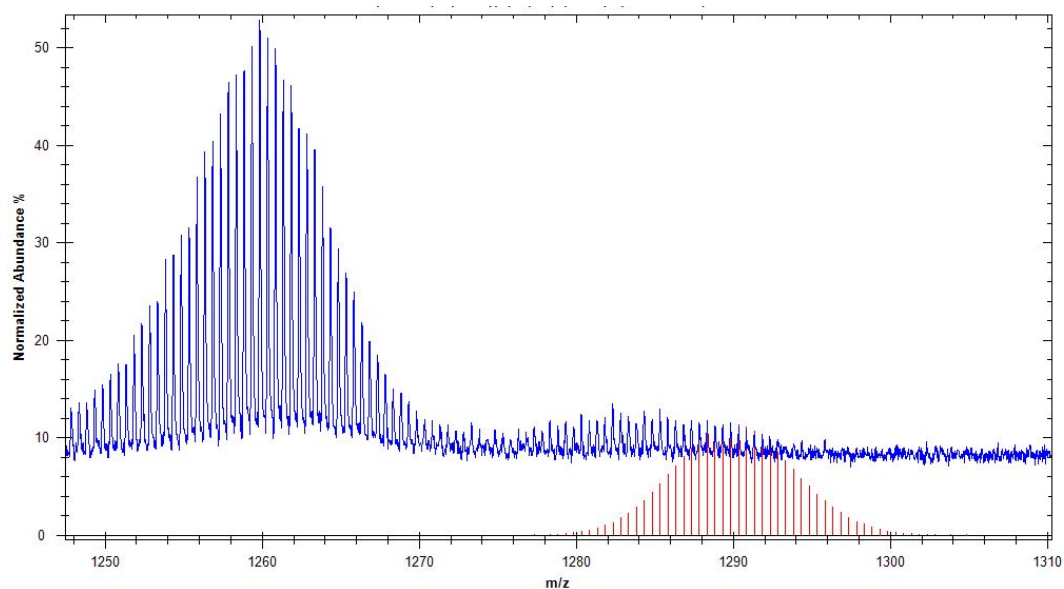
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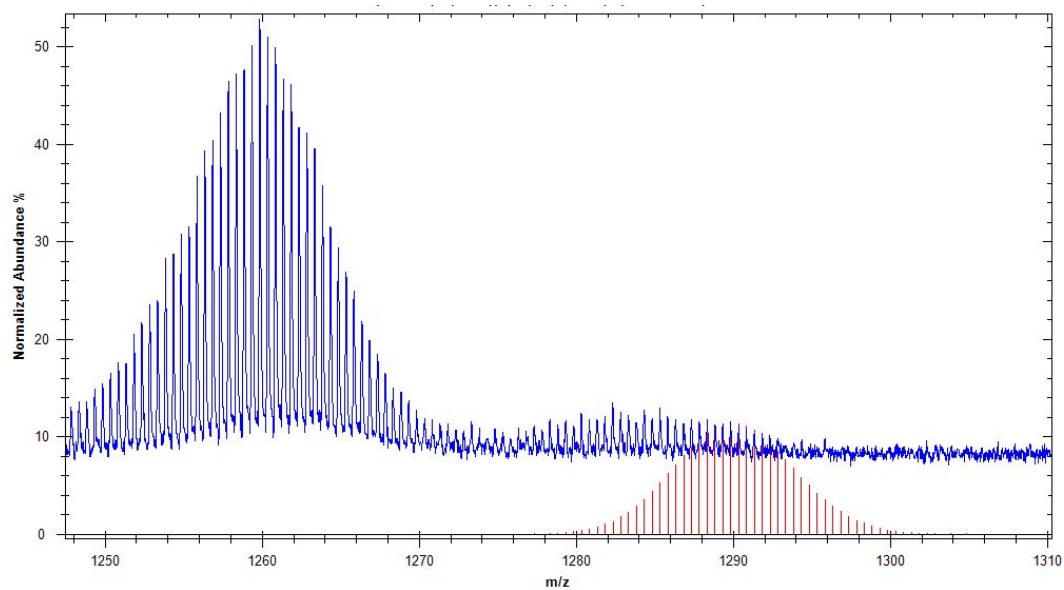
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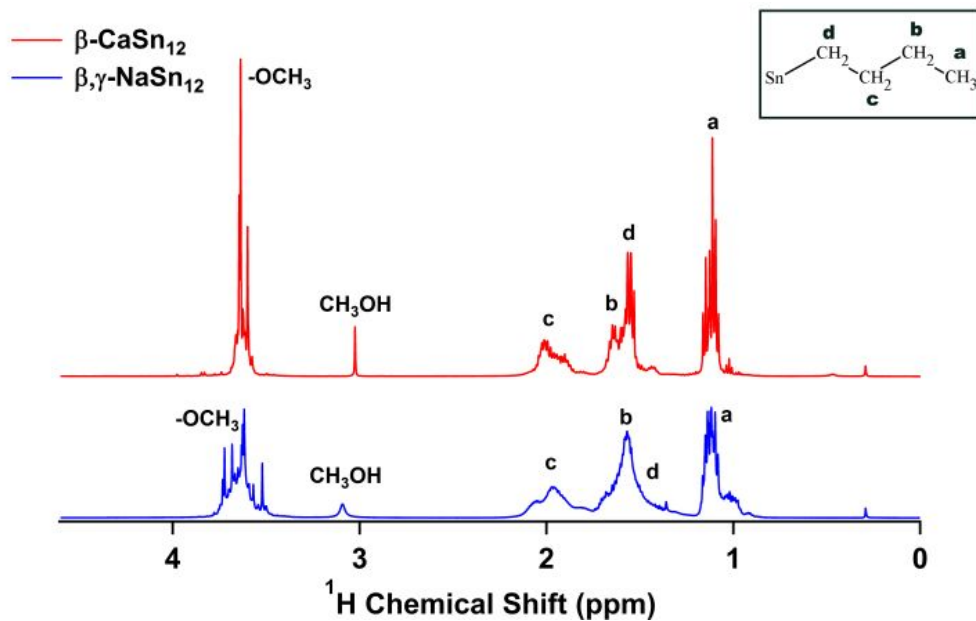


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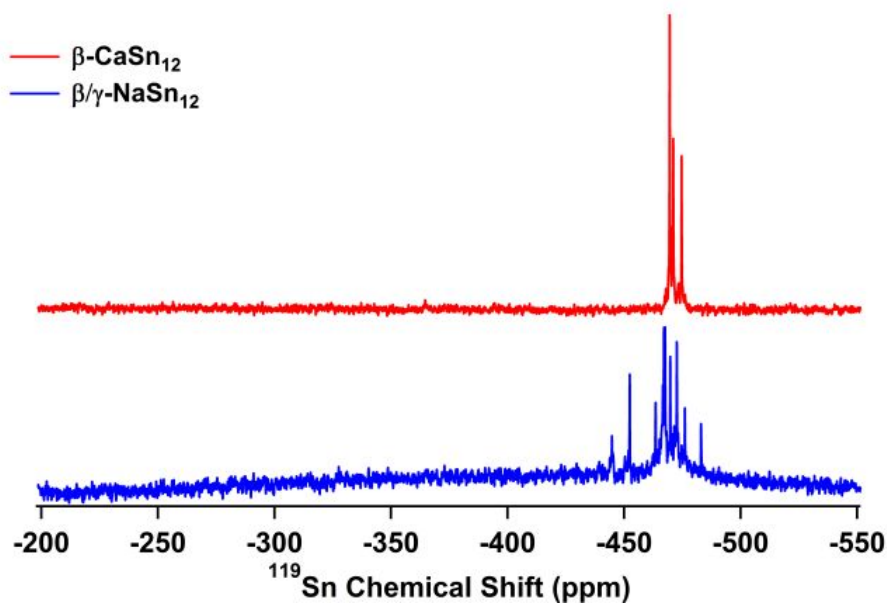


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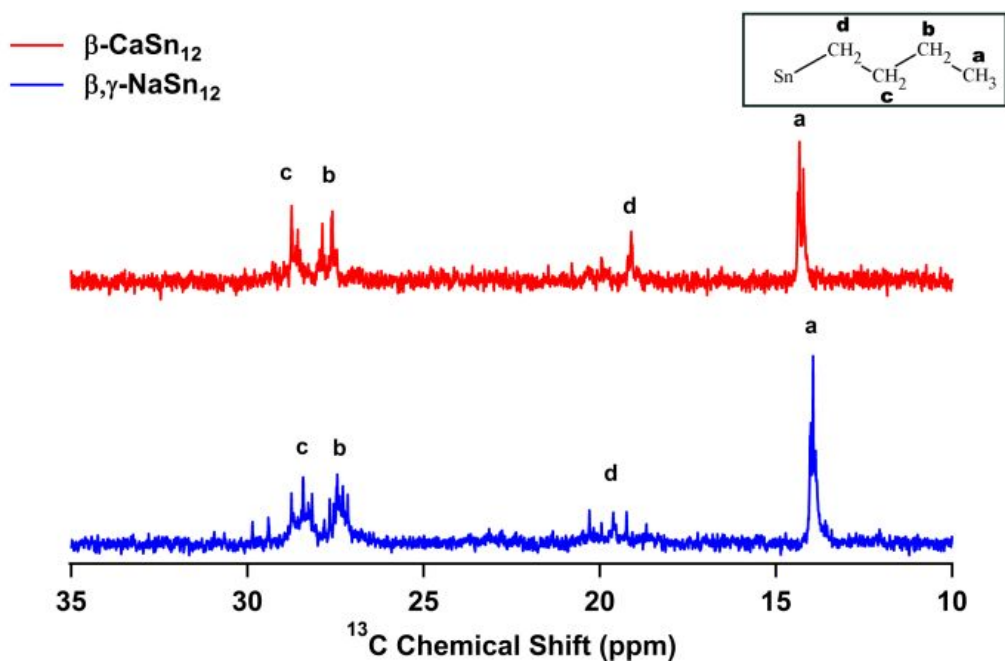




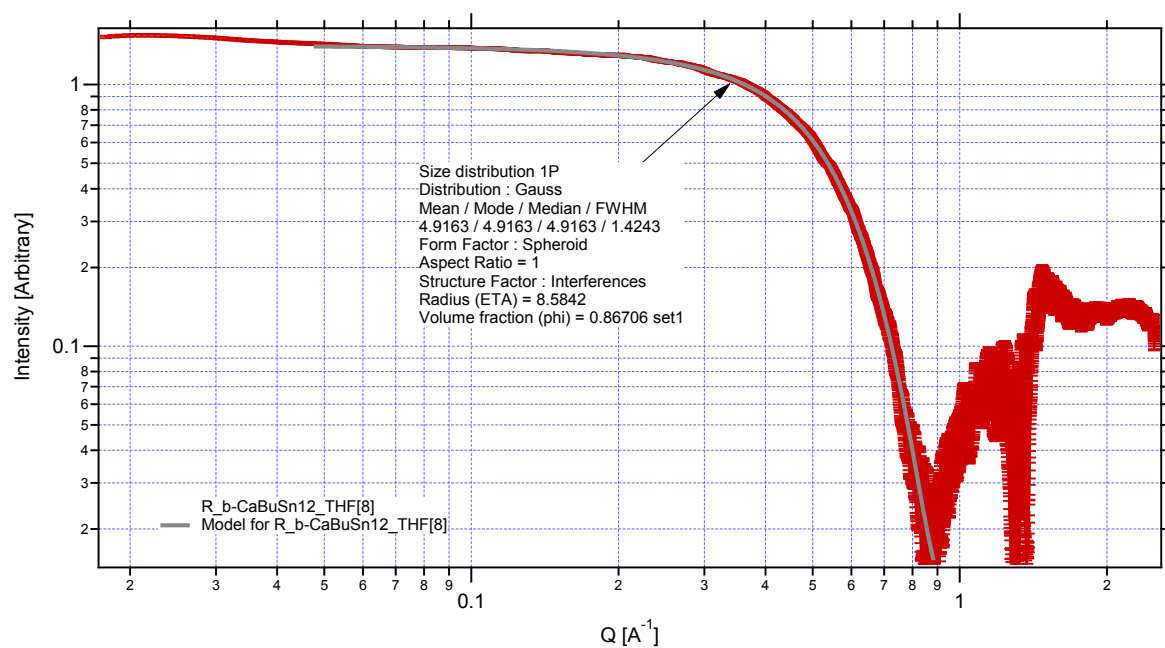
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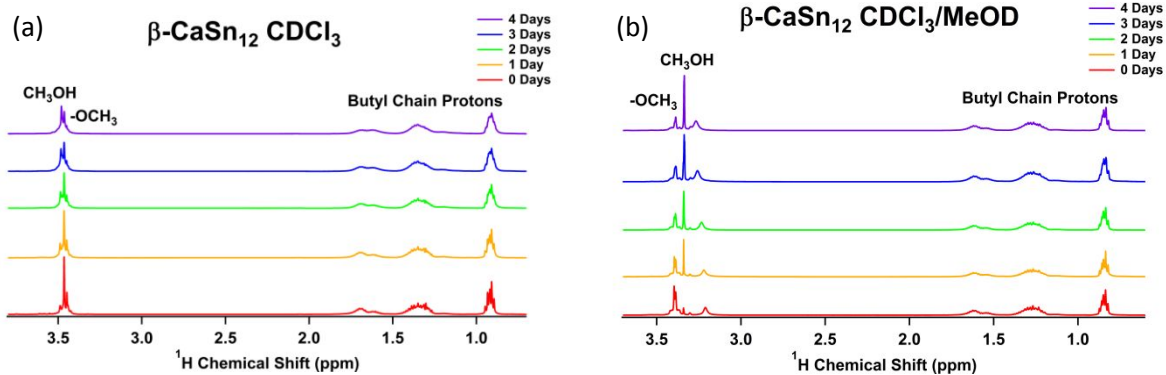
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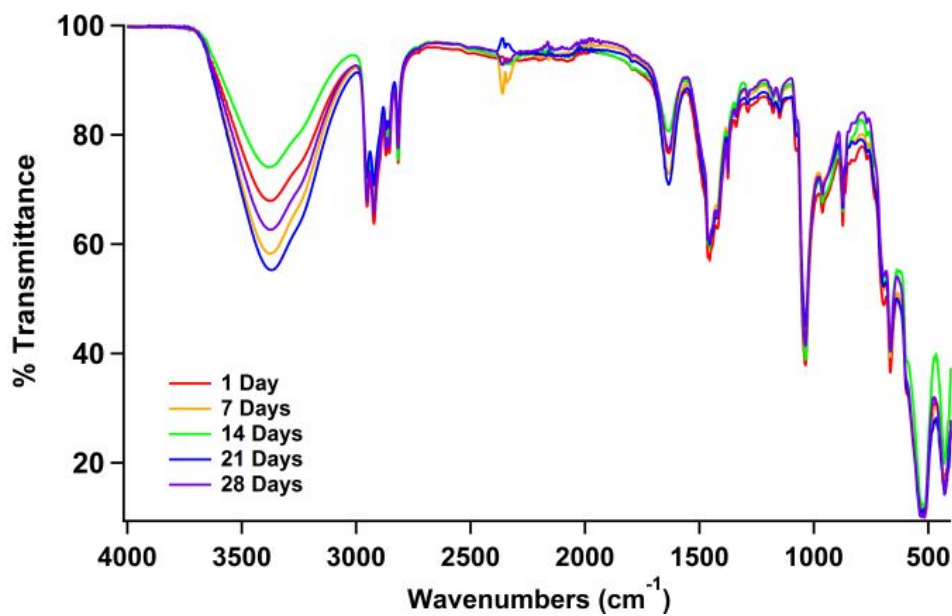
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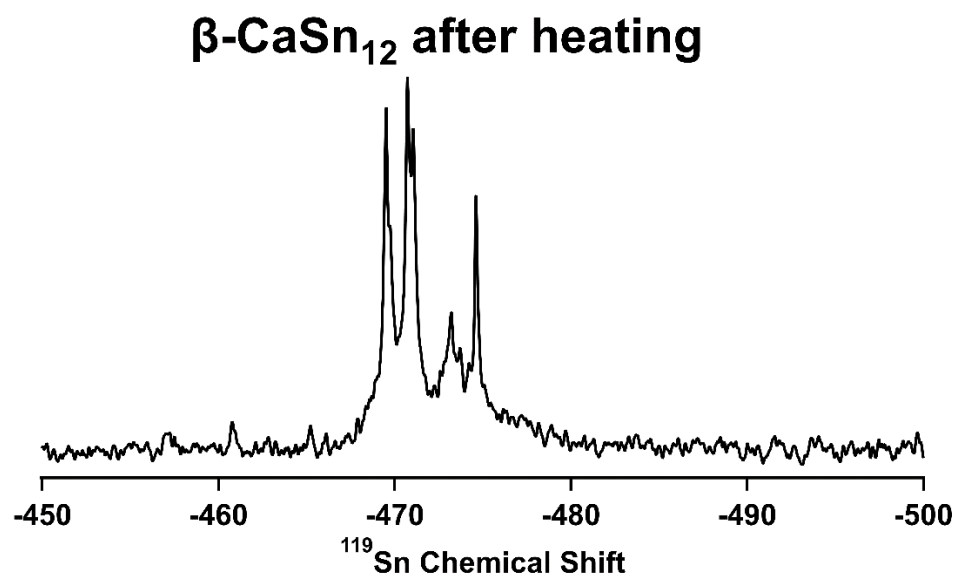
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