## Supplementary Materials

## Pentacoordinated pyramidal structures and bonding properties of WN<sub>10</sub><sup>-/0</sup>: anion photoelectron spectroscopy and theoretical calculations

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**Fig. S1** Typical low-lying isomers of  $WN_{10}^{-/0}$  clusters optimized at the B3LYP-D3BJ/ma-TZVP. The relative energies were calculated at the same level. The brown/blue balls stand for W/N, respectively. The value in blue/red value stand ADE/VDE of corresponding cluster.



Fig. S2 DOS map of the  $WN_{10}$ . The dashed line represents the location of the HOMO.

WN <sub>2</sub> -	WN₂⁺	
WN₄ <sup>-</sup>	WN₄⁺	•••
WN6 <sup>-</sup>	WN6+	
WN8 <sup>-</sup>	WN8+	
WN <sub>10</sub> -	WN₁₀⁺	

**Fig. S3** HOMOs of  $W(N_2)_n^{-/0}$  (n=1-5) at the PBE0/ma-TZVP level. Isosurface value is 0.02.



**Fig. S4** Energy levels and diagrams of the molecular orbitals of the  $WN_{12}^{-/+}$  at the PBE0/ma-TZVP level. Isosurface value is 0.02.



Fig. S5 DOS map of the  $WN_{12}$ . The dashed line represents the location of the HOMO.

Table S1 The experimental VDEs of  $WN_{10}$  compared with computational values using the TD-PBE0 method

	VDE (eV)	VDE (eV)	Final	Final electronic
	(Expt.)	(Comput.) <sup>a</sup>	state	configuration <sup>c</sup>
	1.582	1.507 <sup>b</sup>	${}^{1}A_{1}$	$2B_1^2 19E^2 20E^2 14A_1^0$
А	2.53	2.46	<sup>3</sup> E	$2B_1^2 19E^1 20E^2 14A_1^1$
В	2.58	2.46	<sup>3</sup> E	$2B_1^2 19E^2 20E^1 14A_1^1$
С	2.62			
D	2.75	2.88	${}^{3}B_{1}$	$2B_1^{1}19E^220E^214A_1^{1}$
Е	2.80			
F	2.83			
G	2.99	3.16	${}^{1}B_{1}$	$2B_1^{1}19E^220E^214A_1^{1}$
Н	3.03			
I	3.08			
J	3.13	3.21	<sup>1</sup> E	$2B_1^2 19E^2 20E^1 14A_1^1$
K	3.17	3.21	<sup>1</sup> E	$2B_1^2 19E^1 20E^2 14A_1^1$
L	3.22			
M	3.25			
N	3.28			
0	3.33			
Р	3.38			

<sup>a</sup> The excited states of the one-electron-detached species were obtained from TDDFT calculations of the neutrals.

<sup>b</sup> The first VDE was obtained by the CCSD(T) method.

<sup>c</sup> The orbitals labeled in bold are the major electron detachment channels.

	WN <sub>10</sub>					W]	N <sub>10</sub>	
Isomers	10A	10B	10C	10D	10a	10b	10c	10d
T1	0.036	0.033	0.036	0.037	0.017	0.015	0.015	0.025

**Table S2** T1 diagnostic factors of  $WN_{10}^{-/0}$  clusters

Table S3 Cartesian atomic coordinates of the typical low-lying isomers of  $WN_{10}^{-}$  optimized with PBE0 functional

		<b>10A</b>				10B	
W	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.17064900	W	-0.00189100	-0.16403800	0.00000000
Ν	0.00000000	2.00596300	0.31834800	Ν	-0.00003300	-0.27835300	2.00269300
Ν	-2.00596300	0.00000000	0.31834800	Ν	-2.23246300	-0.50339400	0.00000000
Ν	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.78911700	Ν	-0.00003300	-0.27835300	-2.00269300
Ν	2.00596300	0.00000000	0.31834800	Ν	-0.40742500	1.76833600	0.00000000
Ν	0.00000000	-2.00596300	0.31834800	Ν	1.95642300	0.11719600	0.00000000
Ν	0.00000000	-3.12457300	0.40641700	Ν	3.07035200	0.29469300	0.00000000
Ν	0.00000000	3.12457300	0.40641700	Ν	-0.00003300	-0.35424700	3.12128200
Ν	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.91394400	Ν	-0.00003300	-0.35424700	-3.12128200
Ν	3.12457300	0.00000000	0.40641700	Ν	-0.64206700	2.86394900	0.00000000
Ν	-3.12457300	0.00000000	0.40641700	Ν	-1.72470300	-1.54146100	0.00000000
		<b>10C</b>				10D	
w							
vv	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.10495500	W	0.15851000	0.02995400	0.00000000
N	0.00000000 0.00000000	0.00000000 1.97072100	0.10495500 0.53403200	W N	0.15851000 1.15983900	0.02995400 1.41827700	0.00000000 1.42974500
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		10a				10b	
W	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.21690700	W	0.13636200	-0.15983600	0.00000000
Ν	0.00000000	2.02678600	0.26647000	Ν	0.13705100	-0.21243500	2.02278100
Ν	2.02678600	0.00000000	0.26647000	Ν	-1.58584500	-1.67736200	0.00000000
Ν	0.00000000	-2.02678600	0.26647000	Ν	0.13705100	-0.21243500	-2.02278100
Ν	-2.02678600	0.00000000	0.26647000	Ν	-1.34293700	1.13926700	0.00000000
Ν	0.00000000	0.00000000	-1.73186800	Ν	1.46395700	1.33315500	0.00000000
Ν	0.00000000	0.00000000	-2.84651700	Ν	2.22476200	2.14528200	0.00000000
Ν	0.00000000	3.13617400	0.30487200	Ν	0.13705100	-0.24913200	3.13224400
Ν	0.00000000	-3.13617400	0.30487200	Ν	0.13705100	-0.24913200	-3.13224400
Ν	-3.13617400	0.00000000	0.30487200	Ν	-2.16299800	1.88818200	0.00000000
Ν	3.13617400	0.00000000	0.30487200	Ν	-0.58668700	-2.21569800	0.00000000
		10c				10d	
W	-0.06130300	<b>10c</b>	0.0000000	W	0.0000000	<b>10d</b>	0.0000000
W	-0.06130300	<b>10c</b> 0.18576300	0.00000000	W N	0.00000000	<b>10d</b> 0.000000000 2.01650100	0.00000000
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