## **Supporting Information**

## Incorporation of Polyoxotungstate Complexes in Silica Spheres and In Situ Formation of Tungsten Trioxide Nanoparticles

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Figure S1. TGA spectra of (a) SEP-2, (b) SEP-3 and (c) SEP-4.



Figure S2. IR spectra of (a) POM-2 , SEP-2, and SEP-2/SiO<sub>2</sub>; (b) POM-3 , SEP-3, and SEP-3/SiO<sub>2</sub>; and (c) POM-4 , SEP-4, and SEP-4/SiO<sub>2</sub> in KBr.



Figure S3. ζ potentials of S-1 (left) and CTAB/SEP-1 aggregates (right) in water.



Figure S4. TEM images of (a) W-2, (b) W-3, (c) W-4, (d) W-5, (e) W-SEP-2/SiO<sub>2</sub>, (f) W-SEP-3/SiO<sub>2</sub>,

(g)  $WO_3$  from W-SEP-3/SiO<sub>2</sub>; and (h)  $WO_3$  from W-SEP-4/SiO<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S5.** Distribution of particle size of (a) S-1 and (b) WO<sub>3</sub>, counted from the statistic of Figure 3a and 3g, respectively.



Figure S6. (a) XRD patterns and (b) Raman spectra of W-SEP-2/SiO<sub>2</sub>, W-SEP-3/SiO<sub>2</sub> and



Figure S7. N<sub>2</sub> absorption curves, BET surface area and pore distribution of W'-2.



Figure S8. XRD pattern of W-5 in the low angle region.

Name	SEP-1	SEP -2	SEP -3	SEP -4
Anticipated Chemical Formula	$(C_{38}H_{80}N)_9EuW_{10}O_{36}\cdot 9H_2O$	$(C_{38}H_{80}N)_{12}EuP_5W_{30}O_{110}$	$(C_{38}H_{80}N)_{14}NaP_5W_{30}O_{110}$	$(C_{38}H_{80}N)_3PW_{12}O_{40}\cdot 5H_2O$
Molecular Weight	7687.9	14194.5	15167.7	4620.3
Calculated Water Content (wt.%)	2.1	0.0	0.0	2.0
TGA, Found Water Loss (wt.%)	1.6	0.4	0.2	1.5
Anticipated Inorganic Residual	Eu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> WO <sub>3</sub>	Eu <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> WO <sub>3</sub>	Na <sub>2</sub> O WO <sub>3</sub>	WO <sub>3</sub>
Anticipated Residual Formula	EuW <sub>10</sub> O <sub>31.5</sub>	EuW <sub>30</sub> O <sub>91.5</sub>	NaW <sub>10</sub> O <sub>90.5</sub>	W <sub>12</sub> O <sub>36</sub>
Calculated Residual (wt.%)	32.5	50.2	46.1	60.2
TGA, Found Residual (wt.%)	32.4 (840 °C)	50.7 (>600 °C)	45.4 (>600 °C)	59.7 (>600 °C)
EA, Calculated (wt.%)	C 53.43; H 9.68; N 1.64	C 38.58; H 6.82; N 1.18	C 42.13; H 7.44; N 1.29	C 29.64; H 5.45; N 0.91
EA, Found (wt.%)	C 52.98; H 9.76; N 1.63	C 38.98; H 6.47; N 0.96	C 42.66; H 7.03; N 0.93	C 29.35; H 5.07; N 0.66
Venue	Figure 1	Figure S1a	Figure S1b	Figure S1c

 Table S1 Summary of EA and TGA for Chemical Composition of Synthesized Complexes.

<b>POM-1</b> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	POM-2 (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	POM-3 (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	POM-4(cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Vibration Assignments
	1161,1089,1061, 1021	1085,1051,1016	1082	v (P-O <sub>a</sub> )
945	983,939	940	984	$v_{\rm as}$ (W-Od)
895	914	914,885	891	$v_{as}$ (W-O <sub>b</sub> -W)
843,778,703	779	806,736	803	$v_{\rm as}$ (W-O <sub>c</sub> -W)
SEP-1 (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	SEP-2 (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	SEP-3 (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	SEP-4 (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Vibration Assignments
3427				<i>v</i> (O–H) of H <sub>2</sub> O
2956	2956	2956	2955	$v_{\rm as}$ (C–H) of CH <sub>3</sub>
2920	2921	2920	2920	$v_{\rm as}$ (C–H) of CH <sub>2</sub>
2850	2851	2851	2851	$v_{\rm s}$ (C–H) of CH <sub>2</sub>
1630				$\delta$ (O-H) of H <sub>2</sub> O
1487	1485	1485		$\delta$ (C–H) of CH <sub>2</sub> N
1468	1468	1468	1463	$\delta$ (C–H) of CH $_2$
1379	1378	1379	1377	$\delta$ (C–H) of CH $_3$
	1062,1018	1055,1086,1012	1080	v (P-O <sub>a</sub> )
941	942	939	978	v <sub>as</sub> (W-Od)
924	915	893, 910	895	$v_{as}$ (W-O <sub>b</sub> -W)
839,802,774	789	803,780,741	818	$v_{\rm as}$ (W-O <sub>c</sub> -W)
SEP-1/SiO <sub>2</sub> (S-5)(cm <sup>-1</sup> )	SEP-2/SiO <sub>2</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	SEP-3/SiO <sub>2</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	SEP-4/SiO <sub>2</sub> (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Vibration Assignments
3297			3402	v (O-H) of H <sub>2</sub> O
2958	2956	2956	2956	$v_{\rm as}$ (C–H) of CH <sub>3</sub>
2920	2924	2924	2922	$v_{\rm as}$ (C–H) of CH <sub>2</sub>
2850	2854	2853	2852	$v_{\rm s}$ (C–H) of CH <sub>2</sub>
1487				$\delta$ (C–H) of CH <sub>2</sub> N
1468	1469	1468	1468	$\delta$ (C–H) of CH $_2$
1082	1101	1097	1088	combination of $v$ (P-O <sub>a</sub> ), $v_{as}$ (Si-O-Si)
867,890,939,960	953,938,918,900	955,937,918,900	947,918	combination of v(Si-O-H), v <sub>as</sub> (W-Od), v <sub>as</sub> (W-O <sub>b</sub> -W)
777,796,818	804,,	800,,	800,742,721	combination of $v_{s}$ (Si-O-Si), $v_{as}$ (W-O <sub>c</sub> -W)

Table S2. Summary of IR vibration assignments of POMs, SEPs and SEP/SiO2 hybrid spheres.

**Table S3.** EA data of SEP-1/SiO<sub>2</sub> (S-2), SEP-2/SiO<sub>2</sub>, SEP-3/SiO<sub>2</sub> and corresponding W-SEP-1/SiO<sub>2</sub> (W-2), W-SEP-2/SiO<sub>2</sub>, W-SEP-3/SiO<sub>2</sub>.

	C (%)	H (%)	N (%)
S-2	8.90	2.35	0.55
W-2		0.40	
S-SEP-2/SiO <sub>2</sub>	12.56	2.91	0.45
W-SEP-2/SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.39	0.33	
S-SEP-3/SiO <sub>2</sub>	11.69	2.85	0.54
W-SEP-3/SiO <sub>2</sub>	0.33	0.42	

Table S4. BET surface area and pore distribution of W-SEP-1/SiO<sub>2</sub>.

	BET m <sup>2</sup> /g	Mesopore width (nm)	Micropore width (nm)
S-1	16.8		
S-2	12.5		
S-3	16.0		
S-4	8.0		
S-5	4.6		
W-0	85		0.8
W-1	184	2.0	
W-2	205	2.5	
W-3	326	2.1	
W-5	395	2.2	
W'-2	459	2.9	0.7
W-SEP-2/SiO <sub>2</sub>	410	2.4	0.8
W-SEP-3/SiO <sub>2</sub>	527	1.8	0.7