## **Supporting Information for**

## Composition-defined Nanosized Assemblies that Contain Heterometallic Early 4d/5d-Transition-Metals

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**Figure S1.** Full range (240–480 nm) UV-vis spectral change of TPM-DPAG1 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/THF = 2/1(v/v) upon the additions of a) ZrCl<sub>4</sub> (0, 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60, 66, 72, 78, 84, and 90 eq.), b) NbCl<sub>5</sub> (0, 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5, 6, and 6.5 eq.), c) MoCl<sub>5</sub> (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 eq.), d) HfCl<sub>4</sub> (0, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, 96, and 108 eq.), and e) WCl<sub>6</sub> (0, 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5, 6, 6.5 eq.) in the presence of HMPA (300 eq.) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 245 K. The inserts are magnifications around the isosbestic point.



**Figure S2.** a) Full range ( $\sim 1 \times 10^{-3}$  M) and b) magnification ( $\sim 1 \times 10^{-4}$  M) of the titration and fitting curves of TPM-DPAG1 with TaCl<sub>5</sub> (black circles and line), WCl<sub>6</sub> (green circles and line), NbCl<sub>5</sub> (red circles and line), MoCl<sub>5</sub> (blue circles and line), ZrCl<sub>4</sub> (orange circles and line), and HfCl<sub>4</sub> (purple circles and line) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/THF = 2/1( $\nu/\nu$ ) in the presence of HMPA (300 eq.) under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 245 K.

**Equation S1.** *K* values were estimated by the following equations, wherein  $[H]_0$ ,  $[G]_0$ ,  $\Delta A_{obs}$ , *b*, and  $\Delta \varepsilon$  refer to the initial concentration of the imines in TPM-DPAG1, the initial concentration of the metal chlorides, the observed differential absorbance, the optical path (1.0 cm), and the differential molar extinction coefficient of the complexes and TPM-DPAG1, respectively.<sup>S1</sup>

$$\Delta A_{\rm obs} = \frac{b\Delta\varepsilon}{2K} (X - \{X^2 - 4K^2 [H]_0 [G]_0\}^{1/2})$$
$$X = 1 + K [H]_0 + K [G]_0$$



**Figure S3.** UV-vis spectral change of TPM-DPAG4 in  $CH_2Cl_2/THF = 2/1(v/v)$  upon the additions of a) ZrCl<sub>4</sub> (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 30, 32, and 34 eq.), b) NbCl<sub>5</sub> (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 eq.), c) MoCl<sub>5</sub> (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, and 22 eq.), d) HfCl<sub>4</sub> (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 30, 32, and 34 eq.), e) TaCl<sub>5</sub> (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 eq.), and f) WCl<sub>6</sub> (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 eq.), under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 245 K.



**Figure S4.** Relationship between log *K* and the saturation equivalents of TPM-DPAG4 and metal chlorides (R = 0.98).



**Figure S5.** Representative structural illustration of a) a monodentate (stoichiometric coordination) mode, and b) a multidentate mode between imine moieties in a DPA dendrimer and a metal ion in solution.



**Figure S6.** a) Full range (280–600 nm) and b) magnifications around the isosbestic points (340–400 nm) of the UV-vis spectral change of TPM-DPAG4 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/THF = 2/1(v/v) upon the addition of ZrCl<sub>4</sub> (0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 eq.; blue lines), (6, 8, 10, and 12 eq.; green lines), (16, 20, 24, and 28 eq.; orange lines), and (36, 44, 52, and 60 eq.; red lines) in the presence of py (14 eq.) and 3-Clpy (240 eq.), under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 245 K.



**Figure S7.** a) Full range (280–600 nm) and b) magnifications around the isosbestic points (340–400 nm) of the UV-vis spectral change of TPM-DPAG4 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/THF = 2/1(v/v) upon the addition of NbCl<sub>5</sub> (0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 eq.; blue lines), (6, 8, 10, and 12 eq.; green lines), (16, 20, 24, and 28 eq.; orange lines), and (36, 44, 52, and 60 eq.; red lines) in the presence of py (20 eq.) and 3-Clpy (600 eq.), under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 245 K.



**Figure S8.** a) Full range (280–600 nm) and b) magnifications around the isosbestic points (340–400 nm) of the UV-vis spectral change of TPM-DPAG4 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/THF = 2/1(v/v) upon the addition of MoCl<sub>5</sub> (0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 eq.; blue lines), (6, 8, 10, and 12 eq.; green lines), (16, 20, 24, and 28 eq.; orange lines), and (36, 44, 52, and 60 eq.; red lines) in the presence of py (4 eq.) and 3-Clpy (40 eq.), under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 245 K.



**Figure S9.** a) Full range (280–600 nm) and b) magnifications around the isosbestic points (340–400 nm) of the UV-vis spectral change of TPM-DPAG4 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/THF = 2/1(v/v) upon the addition of HfCl<sub>4</sub> (0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 eq.; blue lines), (6, 8, 10, and 12 eq.; green lines), (16, 20, 24, and 28 eq.; orange lines), and (36, 44, 52, and 60 eq.; red lines) in the presence of py (12 eq.) and 3-Clpy (210 eq.), under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 245 K.



**Figure S10.** a) Full range (280–600 nm) and b) magnifications around the isosbestic points (340–400 nm) of the UV-vis spectral change of TPM-DPAG4 in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/THF = 2/1(v/v) upon the addition of WCl<sub>6</sub> (0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 eq.; blue lines), (6, 8, 10, and 12 eq.; green lines), (16, 20, 24, and 28 eq.; orange lines), and (36, 44, 52, and 60 eq.; red lines) in the presence of py (40 eq.) and 3-Clpy (900 eq.), under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at 245 K.



**Figure S11.** Relationship between the ionic potential of  $Zr^{IV}$ , Nb<sup>V</sup>, Hf<sup>IV</sup>, Ta<sup>V</sup>, W<sup>VI</sup> (black circles), and Mo<sup>V</sup> (red circle) and the optimal amount of a) py (R = 0.96) and b) 3-Clpy (R = 0.99) with the approximate line estimated except for the point of MoCl<sub>5</sub>.



**Figure S12.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of a) TPM-DPAG1 with py (1 eq.) and 3-Clpy (1 eq.), as well as b) in the presence of TaCl<sub>5</sub> (2 eq.) in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/THF- $d_8 = 2/1(v/v)$ , under an atmosphere of N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature.



**Figure S13.** XPS spectra of the crude mixture composed of  $M^{n+}Cl_n$  (M = Ta<sup>V</sup>, Nb<sup>V</sup>, Mo<sup>V+</sup>, Zr<sup>IV</sup>) on the GMC in the range around the binding energies of a) Ta, b) Nb, c) Mo, and d) Zr with fitting curves. The marked peaks (#) of 230.4 and 233.4 eV indicate reductive species of Mo, which was generated during the mixing.

Region	Binding energy	Sum of areas (A)	Mole ratio
	/ eV		$A_{\rm M}^{a}/A_{\rm Ta}^{a} \times A_{\rm Ta}^{b}/A_{\rm M}^{b} \times n^{d}$
Ta $4f_{7/2}^a$	26.5	1126.6±54.2	1
Ta $4f_{5/2}aa$	28.3		
Nb $3d_{5/2}^a$	207.8	3178.2±119.1	2.6±0.2
Nb $3d_{3/2}aa$	210.6		
Mo $3d_{5/2}^a$	232.2	6862.1±114.3	4.1±0.2
Mo $3d_{3/2}^{a}$	235.5		
$\operatorname{Zr} 3d_{5/2}a$	183.4	7442.1±74.0	8.9±0.4
$\operatorname{Zr} 3d_{3/2}aa$	185.7		
Ta $4\mathbf{f}_{7/2}^{b}$	26.7	11687.2±103.4	$1^d$
Ta $4f_{5/2}^{b}$	28.5		
Nb $3d_{5/2}^{b}$	207.8	13969.0±88.6	1 1 <b>2</b> d
Nb $3d_{3/2}^b$	210.5		1.12"
Mo $3d_{5/2}^b$	232.3	17944.8±236.5 <sup>c</sup>	1.03 <sup>d</sup>
Mo $3d_{3/2}^b$	235.7		
$\operatorname{Zr} 3d_{5/2}{}^{b}$	183.3	9775.6±32.7	1 12 <i>d</i>
$\operatorname{Zr} 3d_{3/2}^{b}$	185.6		1.13"

Table S1. Summary of XPS data

<sup>*a*</sup> in the assembly composed of  $M^{n+}Cl_n$  (M = Ta<sup>V</sup>, Nb<sup>V</sup>, Mo<sup>V</sup>, Zr<sup>IV</sup>) and TPM-DPAG4 on the GMC. <sup>*b*</sup> in the crude mixture composed of  $M^{n+}Cl_n$  (M = Ta<sup>V</sup>, Nb<sup>V</sup>, Mo<sup>V</sup>, Zr<sup>IV</sup>) on the GMC. <sup>*c*</sup> including the areas of reductive species. <sup>*d*</sup> *n* refers mole ratio in the crude mixture.



**Figure S14.** HAADF-STEM image in the heterometallic assemblies composed of  $M^{n+}Cl_n$  (M = Ta<sup>V</sup>, Nb<sup>V</sup>, Mo<sup>V</sup>, Zr<sup>IV</sup>) and TPM-DPAG4 on the GMC. The inset is a high-resolution image.



**Figure S15.** Wide range HAADF-STEM and EDS mapping images of Ta (light blue), Nb (green), Mo (yellow), Zr (red), and C (grey) on the assemblies composed of  $M^{n+}Cl_n$  (M = Ta<sup>V</sup>, Nb<sup>V</sup>, Mo<sup>V</sup>, Zr<sup>IV</sup>) and TPM-DPAG4 on the GMC.



**Figure S16.** a) HAADF-STEM and EDS mapping images of Ta (light blue), Nb (green), Mo (yellow), Zr (red), and C (grey); b) EDS spectrum of the crude mixture composed of  $M^{n+}Cl_n$  (M = Ta<sup>V</sup>, Nb<sup>V</sup>, Mo<sup>V</sup>, Zr<sup>IV</sup>) on the GMC with fitting curves.

Metal	$E/\mathrm{keV}$	Area (A)	Mole ratio
			$A_{\rm M}a/A_{\rm Ta}a \times A_{\rm Ta}b/A_{\rm M}b \times n^c$
Ta <sup>a</sup>	1.74	8.41±0.29	1
Nb <sup>a</sup>	2.15	4.47±0.37	1.7±0.2
Mo <sup>a</sup>	2.30, 2.40	7.85±0.34, 1.95±0.34	4.4±0.3
Zr <sup>a</sup>	2.05	8.18±0.34	8.3±0.5
Ta <sup>b</sup>	1.74	476.46±3.37	1°
Nb <sup>b</sup>	2.15	304.25±4.38	$2.0^{c}$
Mo <sup>b</sup>	2.30, 2.40	388.41±3.66, 113.70±3.66	$4.0^{c}$
$Zr^b$	2.05	444.50±3.99	8.0 <sup>c</sup>

Table S2. Summary of EDS data

<sup>*a*</sup> in the assembly composed of  $M^{n+}Cl_n$  (M = Ta<sup>V</sup>, Nb<sup>V</sup>, Mo<sup>V</sup>, Zr<sup>IV</sup>) and TPM-DPAG4 on the GMC. <sup>*b*</sup> in the crude mixture composed of  $M^{n+}Cl_n$  (M = Ta<sup>V</sup>, Nb<sup>V</sup>, Mo<sup>V</sup>, Zr<sup>IV</sup>) on the GMC. <sup>*c*</sup> *n* refers mole ratio in the crude mixture.



**Figure S17.** XPS spectra of MoO<sub>3</sub>, MoCl<sub>5</sub>, MoCl<sub>3</sub>, MoO<sub>2</sub>, MoS<sub>2</sub>, Mo<sub>2</sub>C, and Mo on GMC. Binding energies were calibrated for C1s of GMC (284.5 eV).

Sampla	Binding energy / eV <sup>a</sup>		
Sample —	Mo 3d <sub>5/2</sub>	Mo 3d <sub>3/2</sub>	
MoO <sub>3</sub>	232.9	236.0	
MoCl <sub>5</sub>	232.1	235.3	
MoCl <sub>3</sub>	230.2	233.4	
$MoO_2$	229.5	232.7	
$MoS_2$	229.4	232.6	
Mo <sub>2</sub> C	228.9	232.1	
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Table S3. Summary of XPS data for Mo samples

<sup>a</sup> Calibrated for C1s of GMC (284.5 eV)

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**Figure S18.** XPS spectra of i) the heterometallic assembly composed of  $M^{n+}Cl_n$  (M = Ta<sup>V</sup>, Nb<sup>V</sup>, Mo<sup>V</sup>, Zr<sup>IV</sup>) and TPM-DPAG4 on GMC and ii) the product after the reaction under an atmosphere of H<sub>2</sub> at 773 K. The spectra cover the range of binding energies of a) Ta, b) Nb, and c) Zr with fitting curves.

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Table S4. Summary of XPS data for the product <sup>a</sup>			
Region	Binding energy / eV		
Ta 4f <sub>7/2</sub>	26.7		
Ta 4f <sub>5/2</sub>	28.7		
Nb 3d <sub>5/2</sub>	207.7		
Nb 3d <sub>3/2</sub>	210.4		
Mo 3d <sub>5/2</sub>	229.5, 232.9		
Mo 3d <sub>3/2</sub>	232.9, 236.1		
Zr 3d <sub>5/2</sub>	182.9		
Zr 3d <sub>3/2</sub>	185.3		

<sup>*a*</sup> the product of the assembly composed of  $M^{n+}Cl_n$  (M = Ta<sup>V</sup>, Nb<sup>V</sup>, Mo<sup>V</sup>, Zr<sup>IV</sup>) and TPM-DPAG4 on the GMC after the reaction under an atmosphere of H<sub>2</sub> at 773 K.

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