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 CH₂Cl₂/THF = 2/1(v/v) upon the additions of a) ZrCl₄ (0, 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60, 66, 72, 78, 84, and 90 eq.), b) NbCl₅ (0, 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5, 6, and 6.5 eq.), c) MoCl₅ (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 eq.), d) HfCl₄ (0, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, 96, and 108 eq.), and e) WCl₆ (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 N₂ 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 TaCl₅ (black circles and line), WCl₆ (green circles and line), NbCl₅ (red circles and line), MoCl₅ (blue circles and line), ZrCl₄ (orange circles and line), and HfCl₄ (purple circles and line) in CH₂Cl₂/THF = 2/1(ν/ν) in the presence of HMPA (300 eq.) under an atmosphere of N₂ at 245 K.

Equation S1. *K* values were estimated by the following equations, wherein $[H]_0$, $[G]_0$, ΔA_{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.^{S1}

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



Figure S3. UV-vis spectral change of TPM-DPAG4 in $CH_2Cl_2/THF = 2/1(v/v)$ upon the additions of a) ZrCl₄ (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 30, 32, and 34 eq.), b) NbCl₅ (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 eq.), c) MoCl₅ (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, and 22 eq.), d) HfCl₄ (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 30, 32, and 34 eq.), e) TaCl₅ (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 eq.), and f) WCl₆ (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 eq.), under an atmosphere of N₂ 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 CH₂Cl₂/THF = 2/1(v/v) upon the addition of ZrCl₄ (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 N₂ 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 CH₂Cl₂/THF = 2/1(v/v) upon the addition of NbCl₅ (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 N₂ 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 CH₂Cl₂/THF = 2/1(v/v) upon the addition of MoCl₅ (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 N₂ 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 CH₂Cl₂/THF = 2/1(v/v) upon the addition of HfCl₄ (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 N₂ 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 CH₂Cl₂/THF = 2/1(v/v) upon the addition of WCl₆ (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 N₂ at 245 K.



Figure S11. Relationship between the ionic potential of Zr^{IV} , Nb^V, Hf^{IV}, Ta^V, W^{VI} (black circles), and Mo^V (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 MoCl₅.



Figure S12. ¹H NMR spectra of a) TPM-DPAG1 with py (1 eq.) and 3-Clpy (1 eq.), as well as b) in the presence of TaCl₅ (2 eq.) in CD₂Cl₂/THF- $d_8 = 2/1(v/v)$, under an atmosphere of N₂ at room temperature.



Figure S13. XPS spectra of the crude mixture composed of $M^{n+}Cl_n$ (M = Ta^V, Nb^V, Mo^{V+}, Zr^{IV}) 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 2 d |
| Nb $3d_{3/2}^b$ | 210.5 | | 1.12" |
| Mo $3d_{5/2}^b$ | 232.3 | 17944.8±236.5 ^c | 1.03 ^d |
| 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

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

| Metal | E/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 ^a | 1.74 | 8.41±0.29 | 1 |
| Nb ^a | 2.15 | 4.47±0.37 | 1.7±0.2 |
| Mo ^a | 2.30, 2.40 | 7.85±0.34, 1.95±0.34 | 4.4±0.3 |
| Zr ^a | 2.05 | 8.18±0.34 | 8.3±0.5 |
| Ta ^b | 1.74 | 476.46±3.37 | 1° |
| Nb ^b | 2.15 | 304.25±4.38 | 2.0^{c} |
| Mo ^b | 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 ^c |

Table S2. Summary of EDS data

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



Figure S17. XPS spectra of MoO₃, MoCl₅, MoCl₃, MoO₂, MoS₂, Mo₂C, and Mo on GMC. Binding energies were calibrated for C1s of GMC (284.5 eV).

| Sampla | Binding energy / eV ^a | | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Sample — | Mo 3d _{5/2} | Mo 3d _{3/2} | |
| MoO ₃ | 232.9 | 236.0 | |
| MoCl ₅ | 232.1 | 235.3 | |
| MoCl ₃ | 230.2 | 233.4 | |
| MoO_2 | 229.5 | 232.7 | |
| MoS_2 | 229.4 | 232.6 | |
| Mo ₂ C | 228.9 | 232.1 | |
| Мо | 228.2 | 231.3 | |

Table S3. Summary of XPS data for Mo samples

^a Calibrated for C1s of GMC (284.5 eV)



Figure S18. XPS spectra of i) the heterometallic assembly composed of $M^{n+}Cl_n$ (M = Ta^V, Nb^V, Mo^V, Zr^{IV}) and TPM-DPAG4 on GMC and ii) the product after the reaction under an atmosphere of H₂ 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 ^a | | | |
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| Region | Binding energy / eV | | |
| Ta 4f _{7/2} | 26.7 | | |
| Ta 4f _{5/2} | 28.7 | | |
| Nb 3d _{5/2} | 207.7 | | |
| Nb 3d _{3/2} | 210.4 | | |
| Mo 3d _{5/2} | 229.5, 232.9 | | |
| Mo 3d _{3/2} | 232.9, 236.1 | | |
| Zr 3d _{5/2} | 182.9 | | |
| Zr 3d _{3/2} | 185.3 | | |

^{*a*} the product of the assembly composed of $M^{n+}Cl_n$ (M = Ta^V, Nb^V, Mo^V, Zr^{IV}) and TPM-DPAG4 on the GMC after the reaction under an atmosphere of H₂ at 773 K.

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