

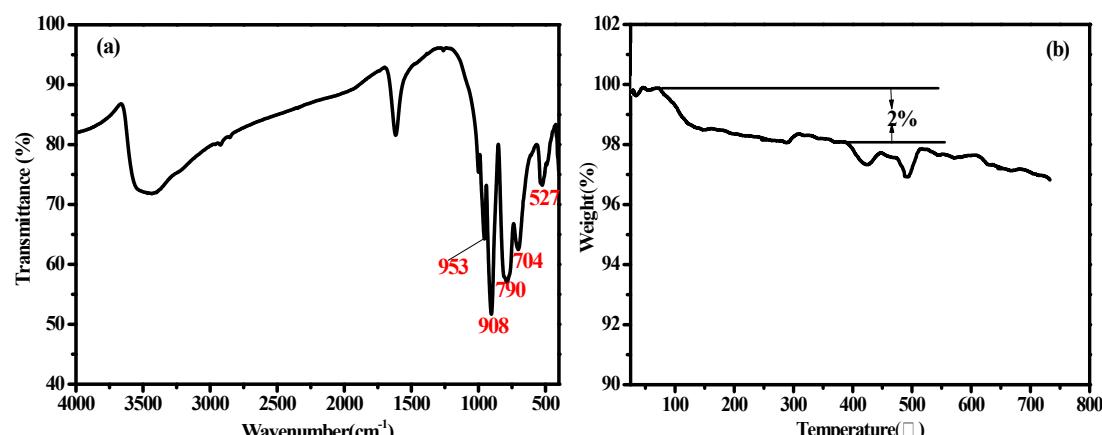
# A Detailed Study on Working Mechanism of Heteropoly Acid Modified TiO<sub>2</sub> Photoanode for Efficient Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells

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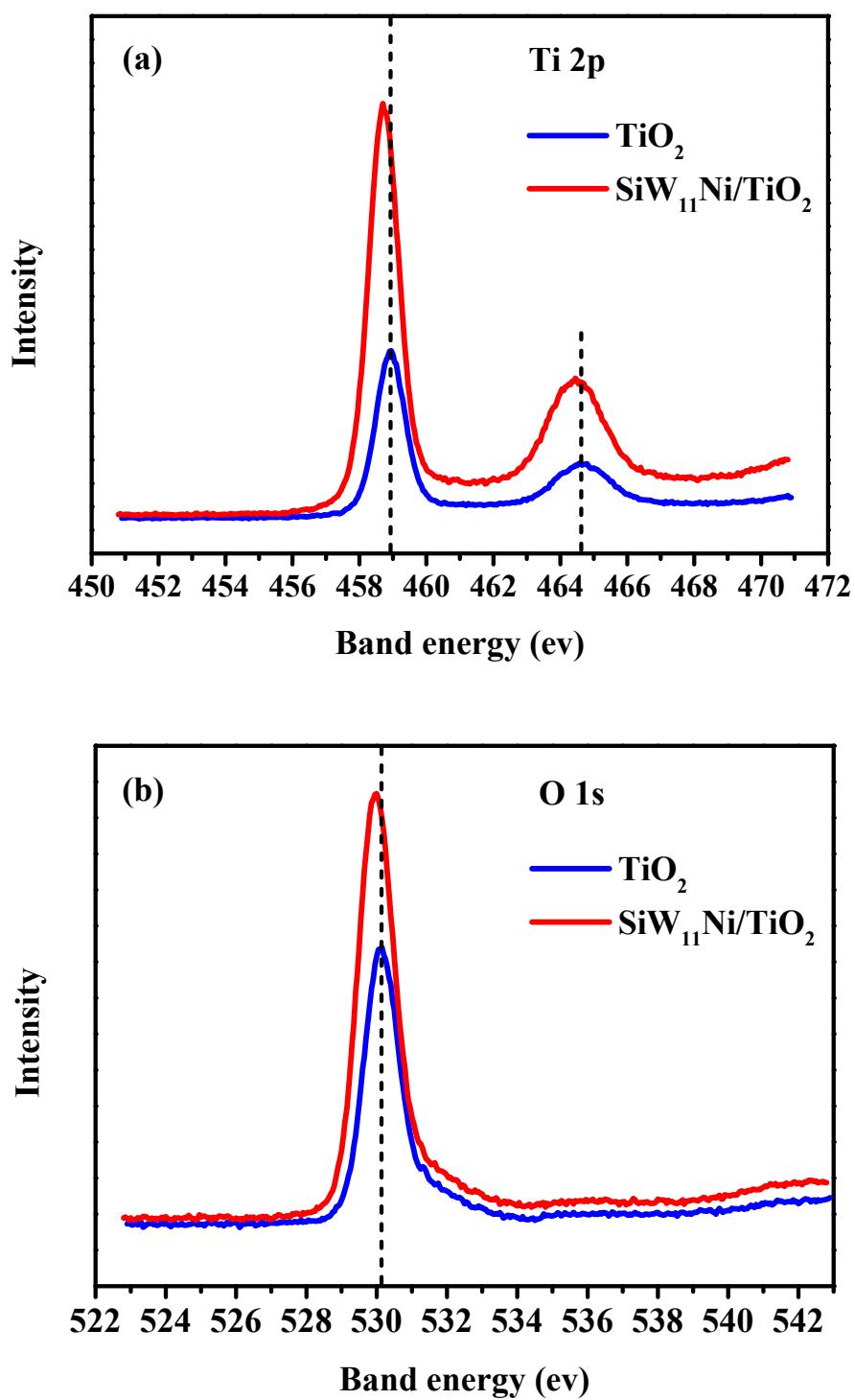
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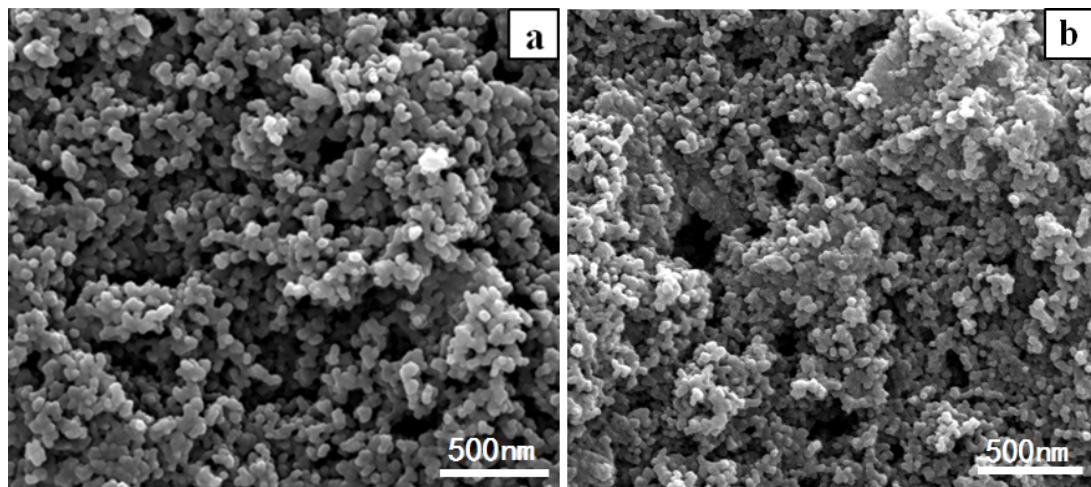
## Supporting Information



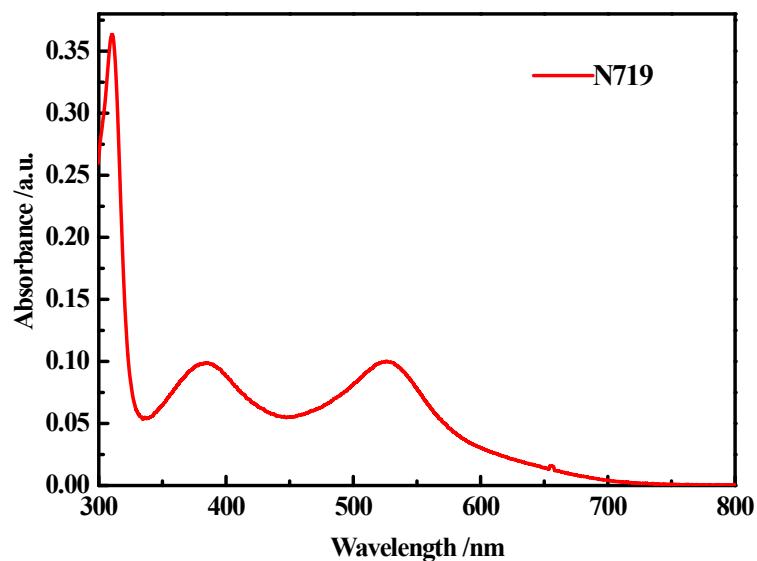
**Figure S1.** (a) FT-IR spectrum of SiW<sub>11</sub>Ni and (b) TG spectrum of SiW<sub>11</sub>Ni.



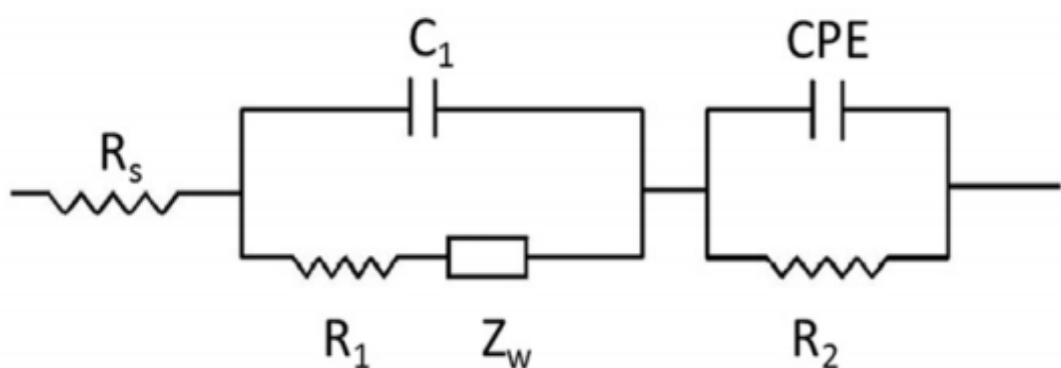
**Figure S2.** (a) High resolution XPS survey spectra of the Ti 2p region, (b) of the O 1s region.



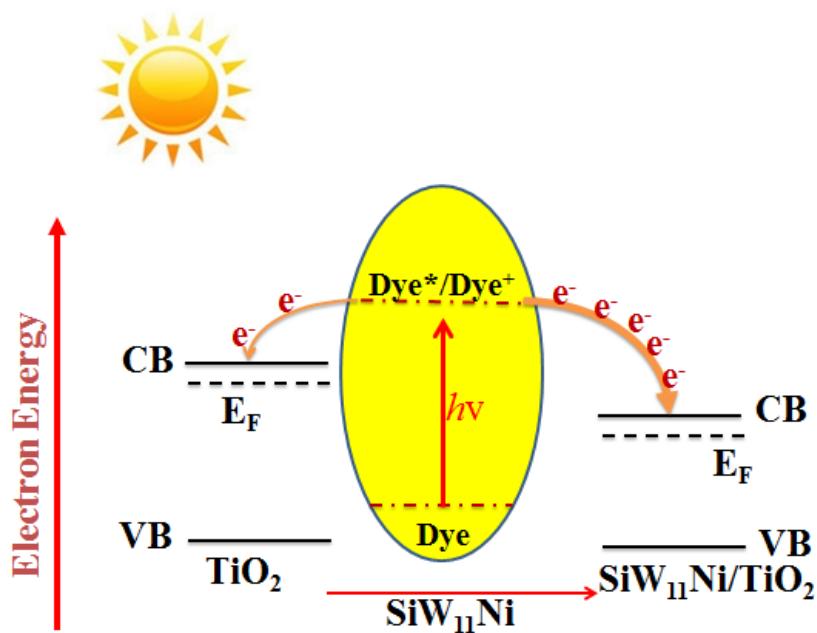
**Figure S3.** SEM images of TiO<sub>2</sub> (a) and SiW<sub>11</sub>Ni/TiO<sub>2</sub> (b).



**Figure S4.** The absorption spectra of N719.



**Figure S5.** Equivalent circuit used to fit the impedance measurements on the DSSCs.



**Scheme S1.** The schematic energy level diagram for the electrode interface. (VB=valence band, CB= conduction band)