

# Supramolecular Association Between $\gamma$ -Cyclodextrin and Preyssler-Type Polyoxotungstate

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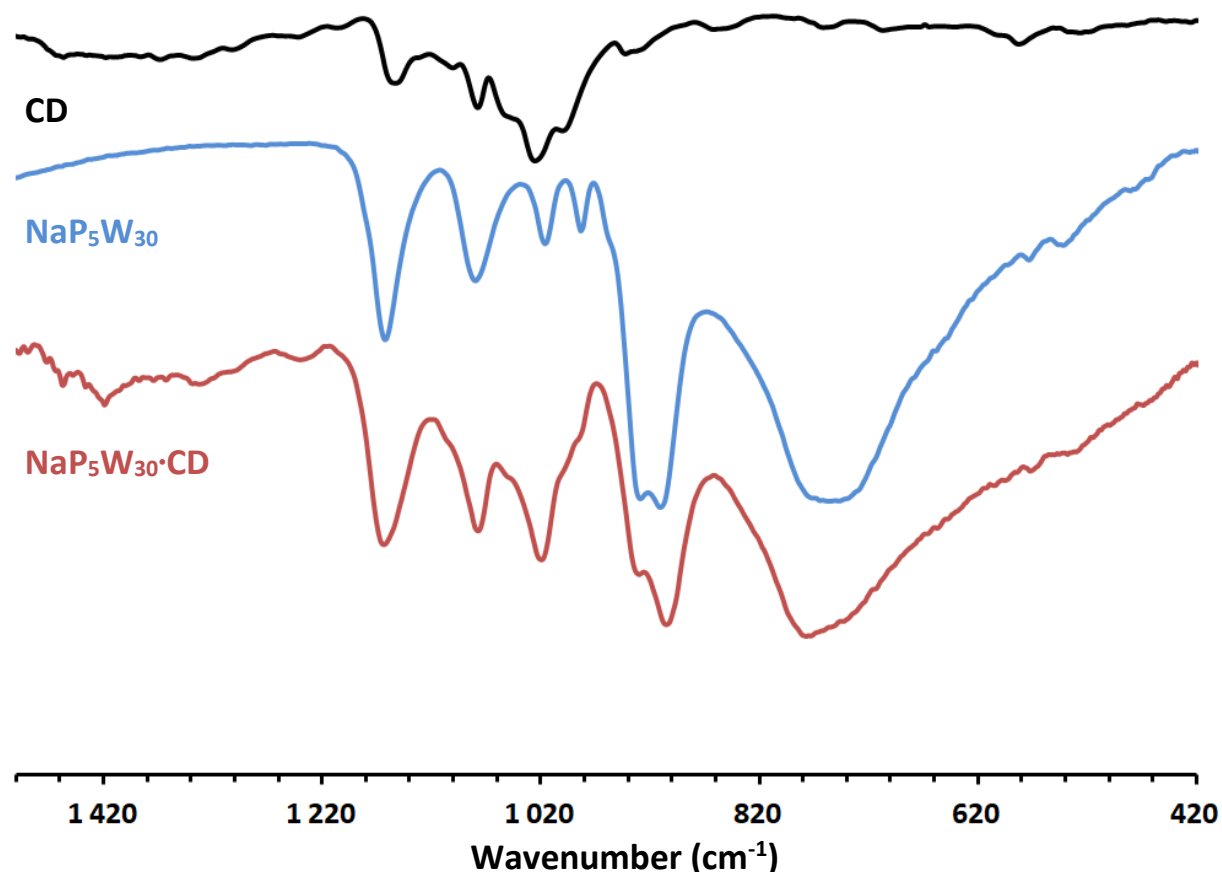
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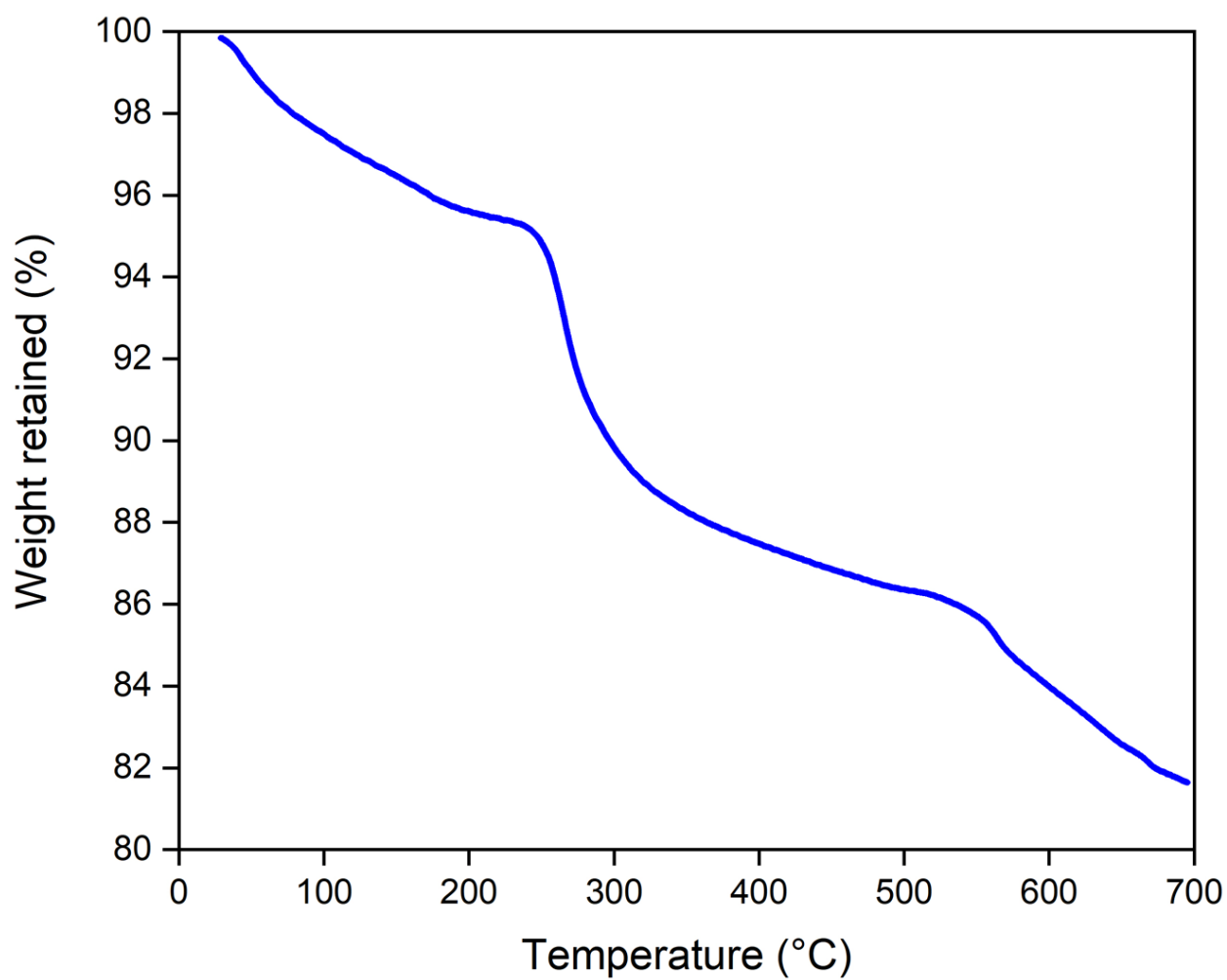
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## 1. FT-IR Spectra



**Figure S1.** FT-IR spectrum of compound  $\text{NaP}_5\text{W}_{30}\cdot\text{CD}$ , in comparison with the spectra of the precursor  $\text{K}_{14}\text{Na}[\text{P}_5\text{W}_{30}\text{O}_{110}]\cdot 32\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $\text{NaP}_5\text{W}_{30}$ ) and of the  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin (CD). From  $\text{NaP}_5\text{W}_{30}\cdot\text{CD}$ , the ratio of the bands of CD compared to that of the POM clearly increases (see the 1020 cm<sup>-1</sup> band).

## 2. Thermogravimetric analysis



**Figure S2.** Thermogravimetric curve of freshly prepared  $\text{NaP}_5\text{W}_{30}\bullet\text{CD}$ .

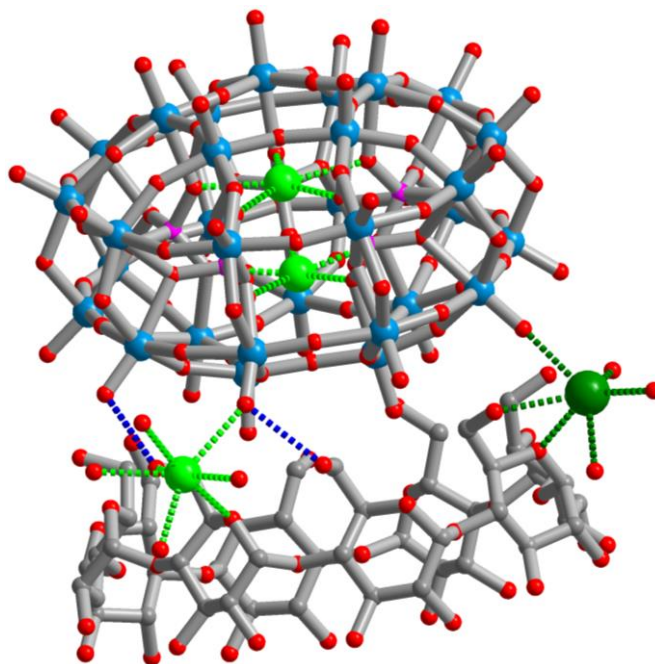
### 3. Single crystal X-ray diffraction

#### 3.1. Selected crystallographic parameters of the single-crystal X-ray diffraction structural analysis

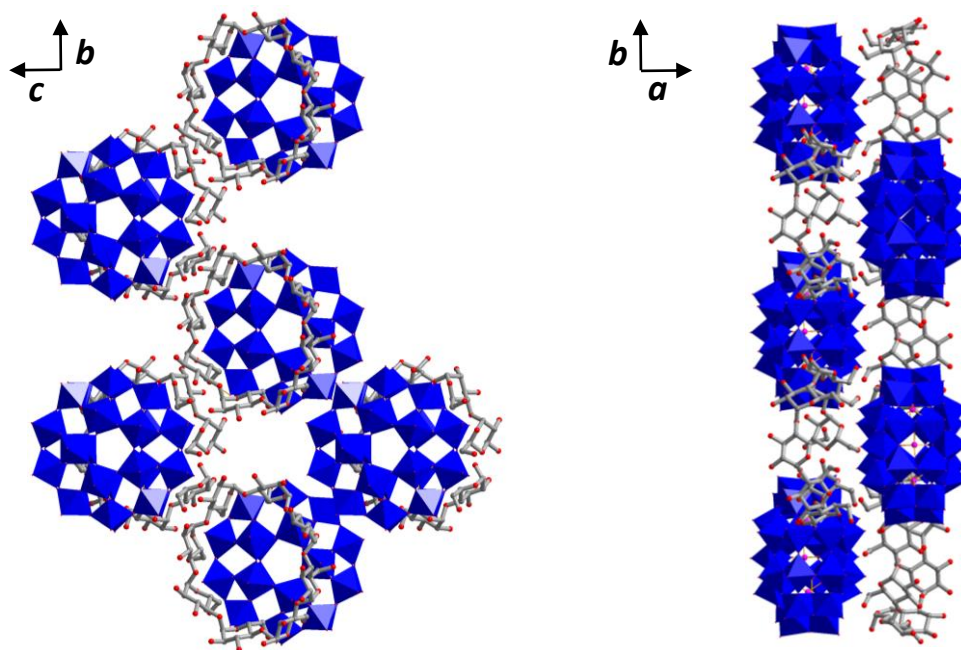
**Table S1.** Crystal data for NaP<sub>5</sub>W<sub>30</sub>•1CD.

Identification code	NaP <sub>5</sub> W <sub>30</sub> •1CD
Empirical formula	C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>55</sub> K <sub>4.88</sub> Na <sub>6</sub> O <sub>185.25</sub> P <sub>5</sub> W <sub>30</sub>
Formula weight	9594.82
Temperature/K	200
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>
<i>a</i> /Å	40.522
<i>b</i> /Å	20.995
<i>c</i> /Å	25.108
<i>α</i> /°	90
<i>β</i> /°	98.55
<i>γ</i> /°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	21124.3
<i>Z</i>	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	3.017
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	16.521
<i>F</i> (000)	17114.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.15 × 0.12 × 0.1
Radiation	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)
2 $\theta$ range for data collection/°	4.01 to 56.824
Index ranges	-54 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 54
	-28 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 28
	-33 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 33
Reflections collected	390618
Independent reflections	105407
	<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0726
	<i>R</i> <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0603
Data/restraints/parameters	105407/62/2345
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.049
Final <i>R</i> indexes [ <i>I</i> ≥ 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0490
	<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1182
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0546
	<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1228
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	3.95/-3.76
Flack parameter	0.111(9)

### 3.2. Structural views of POM•1CD arrangement



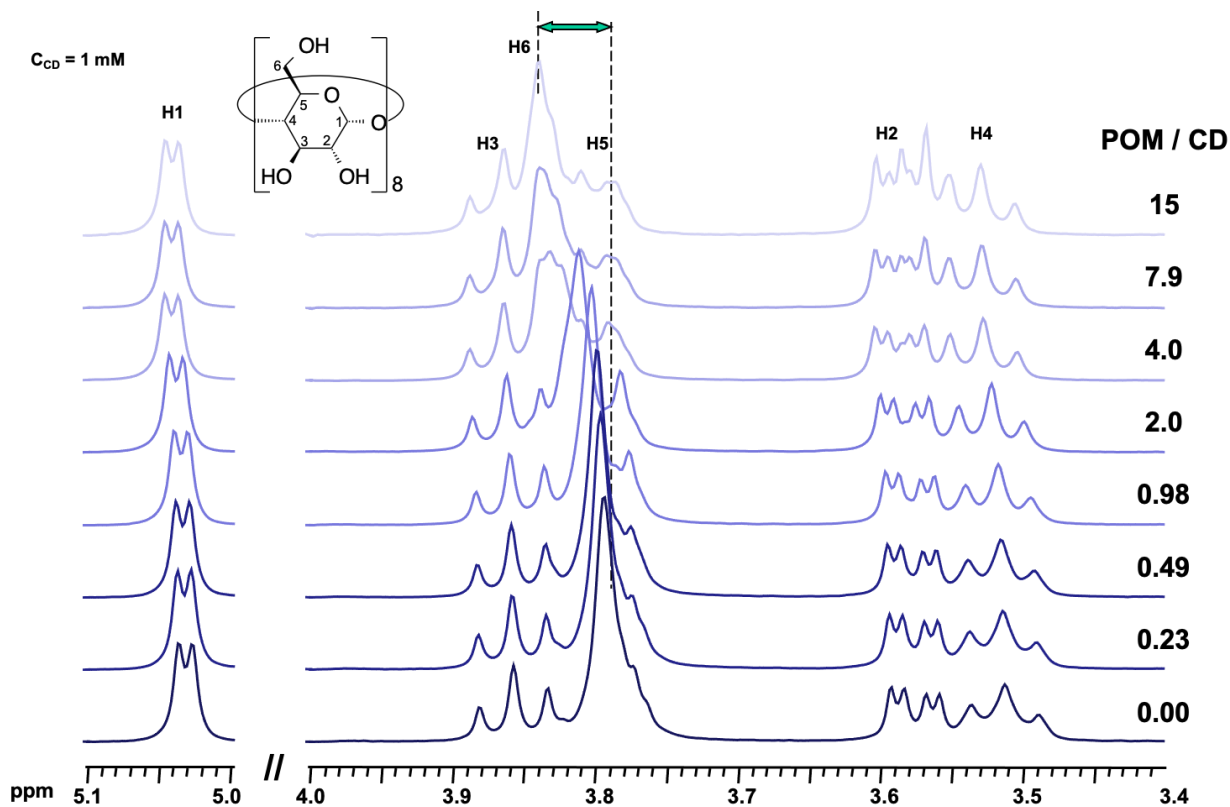
**Figure S3.** Structural representation of the **POM•1CD** arrangement showing the involvement of the potassium cations (dark-green spheres) and sodium cations (light-green spheres) within the POM••• $\gamma$ -CD interactions in addition to the hydrogen bonds (dotted blue sticks).



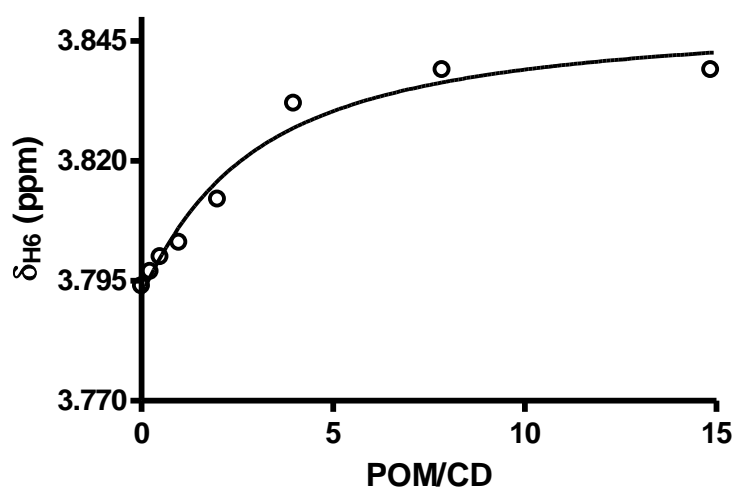
**Figure S4.** Representation of the  $\{\text{NaP}_5\text{W}_{30}\} \cdot 1\text{CD}$  structure showing chains of the POM and of the CD running along the  $a$  and  $c$  axes. The supramolecular host-guest assembly are alternately stacked through short and long intermolecular interactions involving the primary face of the  $\gamma$ -CD. These chains are mutually connected through the sodium/potassium counterions to give the monoclinic cell. Color code: blue polyhedral represent the W-O framework of the  $\{\text{NaP}_5\text{W}_{30}\}^{14-}$  POM; the cyclodextrin are represented by grey sticks.

## 4. NMR data

### 4.1. $^1\text{H}$ NMR titration

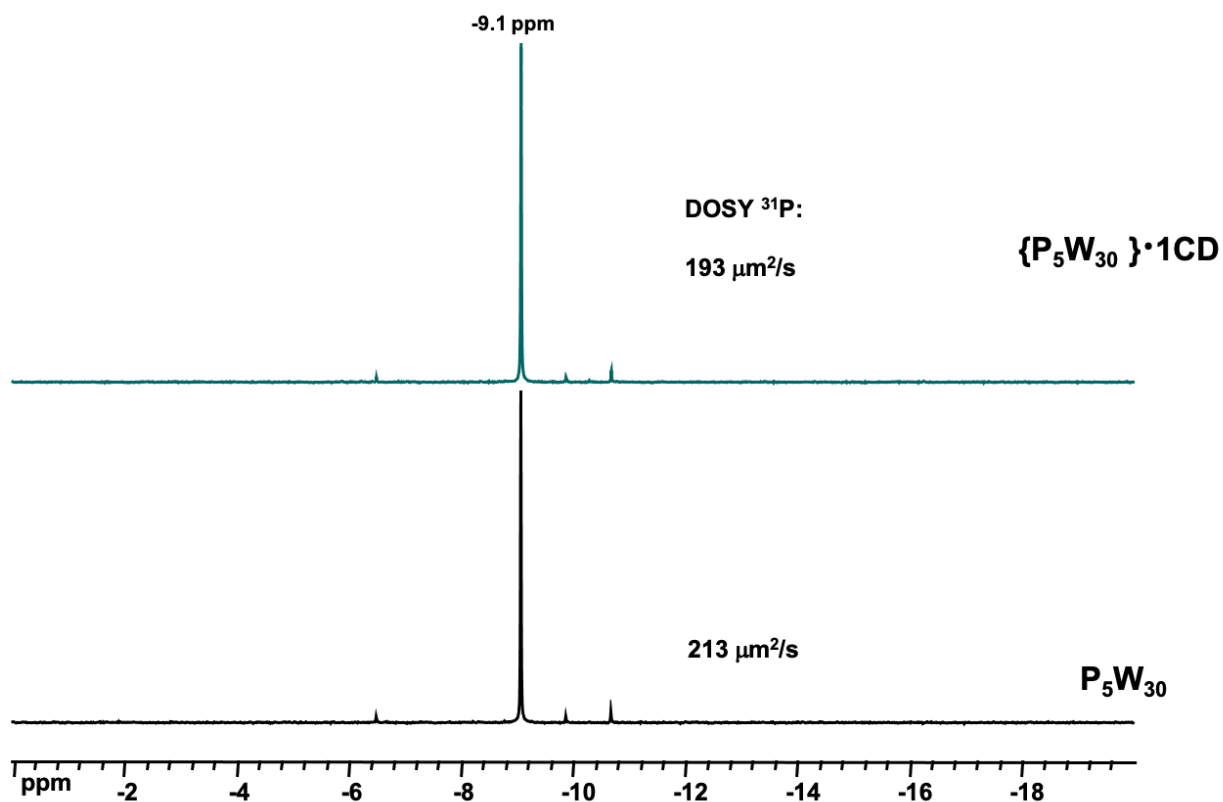


**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of  $\gamma$ -CD aqueous solution (3 mM) containing variable amounts of  $\text{K}_{14}\text{Na}[\text{P}_5\text{W}_{30}\text{O}_{110}]$ , showing effect on signal  $\text{H}_6$  as a result of complex formation on the primary rim of the CD.



**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR titration curve of  $\gamma$ -CD with the POM. A plot of the chemical shifts of the higher field  $\text{H}_6$  proton of the  $\gamma$ -CD as a function of POM/CD molar ratio was used to estimate the association constant  $K$  ( $430 \pm 60 \text{ M}^{-1}$ ) for the 1:1 complex.

## 4.2. $^{31}\text{P}$ NMR



**Figure S7.**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectra of  $\text{K}_{14}\text{Na}[\text{P}_5\text{W}_{30}\text{O}_{110}]$  and  $\{\text{NaP}_5\text{W}_{30}\} \cdot \text{1CD}$  aqueous solutions showing no effect on the POM signal.



## 5. Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy

### 5.1. Warburg coefficient

Short Warburg impedance  $Z_w$  is defined as:

$$Z_w = \frac{\sigma_w}{(i\omega)^\beta} \tanh[(i\tau_w\omega)^\beta] \quad \text{Eq. S1}$$

With ZView software, the same impedance is calculated using:

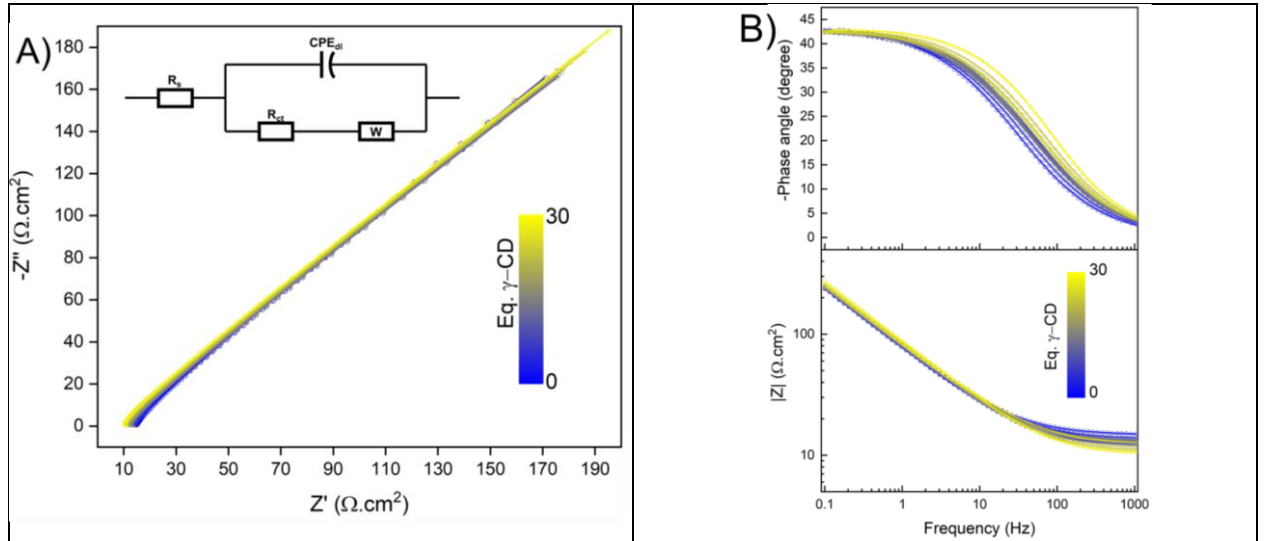
$$Z_w = \frac{R_w}{(i\tau_w\omega)^\beta} \tanh[(i\tau_w\omega)^\beta] \quad \text{Eq. S2}$$

By comparing Eq. S1 to Eq. S2, Warburg coefficient  $\sigma_w$  is deduced as follows:

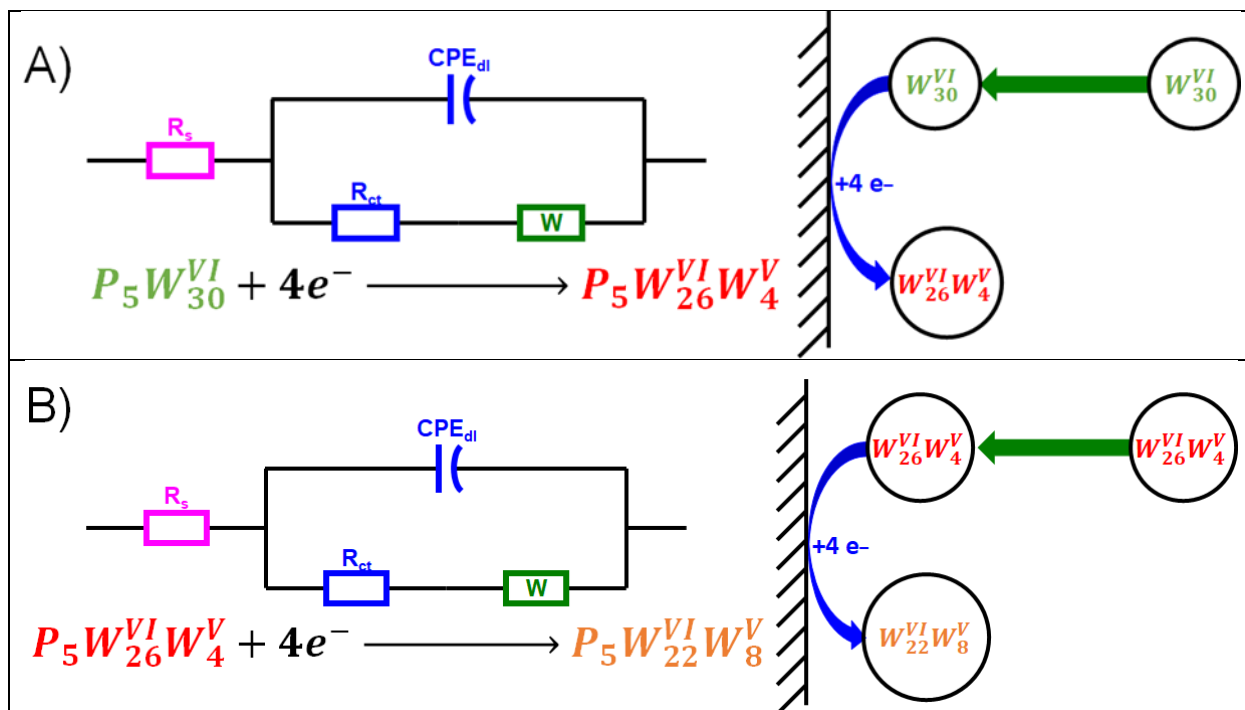
$$\sigma_w = \frac{R_w}{(\tau_w)^\beta} \quad \text{Eq. S3}$$

Given the fact that  $\beta$  was also fitted for EIS data analysis, the comparison of  $R_w$  and  $\tau_w$  values cannot be justified.

### 5.2. EIS data



**Figure S8.** A) Nyquist diagram and B) Bode diagram of the  $\text{NaP}_5\text{W}_{30}$  anion (1 mmol.L<sup>-1</sup>, glassy carbon working electrode) in the presence of increasing amounts of  $\gamma$ -CD (from 0 to 30 equivalents). The experiments have been performed at -0.43 V vs Ag/AgCl in 50:50 (v:v) HCl (0.1 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>):NaCl (0.9 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>) aqueous solution.



**Figure S9.** Correspondence of equivalent electric circuit to the proposed schematic mechanism of the electrochemical processes at A) -0.29 and B) -0.43V vs Ag/AgCl. (For better interpretation, the reader is referred to the online version).

**Table S2.** Electrochemical parameters calculated using ZView software for POM and POM-CD reduction reactions at A) -0.29 and B) -0.43 V *vs* Ag/AgCl.

A)	Eq. $\gamma$ -CD	$R_s$ ( $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$ )	$Q$ ( $\text{mF} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-\alpha}$ )	$\alpha$	$R_{ct}$ ( $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$ )	$R_w$ ( $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-\beta}$ )	$\tau_w$ (s)	$\beta$
First cathodic peak	0	14.8	1.67	0.740	24.2	921	16.5	0.457
	0.5	13.7	1.32	0.761	18.3	883	16.8	0.460
	1	12.1	1.19	0.771	18.6	1844	79.7	0.468
	1.5	12.6	0.88	0.801	17.0	1871	81.8	0.475
	2	13.2	0.95	0.790	15.2	1831	81.0	0.472
	3	12.9	0.87	0.799	14.7	1753	72.0	0.473
	4	12.2	0.80	0.809	14.0	1786	75.8	0.476
	5	11.6	0.73	0.820	13.5	1794	75.5	0.478
	10	10.9	0.61	0.841	13.2	1788	67.7	0.482
	20	10.6	0.55	0.851	14.1	1793	65.4	0.483
	30	10.5	0.51	0.859	14.6	1833	59.6	0.486

B)	Eq. $\gamma$ -CD	$R_s$ ( $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$ )	$Q$ ( $\text{mF} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-\alpha}$ )	$\alpha$	$R_{ct}$ ( $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$ )	$R_w$ ( $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-\beta}$ )	$\tau_w$ (s)	$\beta$
Second cathodic peak	0	14.7	2.03	0.737	30.5	1679	68.3	0.457
	0.5	13.6	1.84	0.742	26.3	1809	87.9	0.456
	1	12.0	1.59	0.759	20.8	1740	86.8	0.455
	1.5	12.6	1.57	0.756	21.2	1939	102.9	0.456
	2	13.1	1.56	0.754	20.0	1845	97.5	0.455
	3	12.8	1.60	0.749	21.9	1877	98.3	0.454
	4	12.2	1.53	0.753	20.7	1807	89.1	0.456
	5	11.5	1.41	0.762	18.5	1825	91.5	0.457
	10	10.8	1.24	0.775	16.0	1857	94.0	0.460
	20	10.4	1.11	0.786	15.7	1810	82.2	0.463
	30	10.2	0.97	0.800	14.8	1787	78.9	0.466