

Supplementary Materials: Improving the Catalytic Performance of Keggin [PW₁₂O₄₀]^{3−} for Oxidative Desulfurization: Ionic Liquids versus SBA-15 Composite

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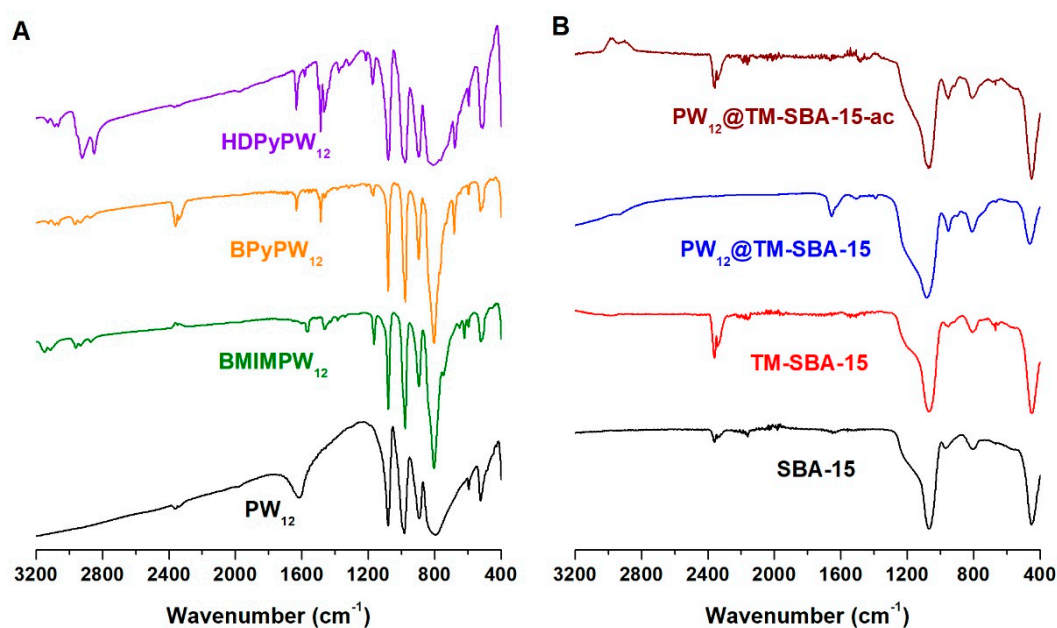


Figure S1. FT-IR spectra of (A) the PW₁₂-hybrids and (B) the starting SBA-15 support, the functionalized TMA-SBA-15 and the corresponding PW₁₂@TM-SBA-15 composite before and after catalysis.

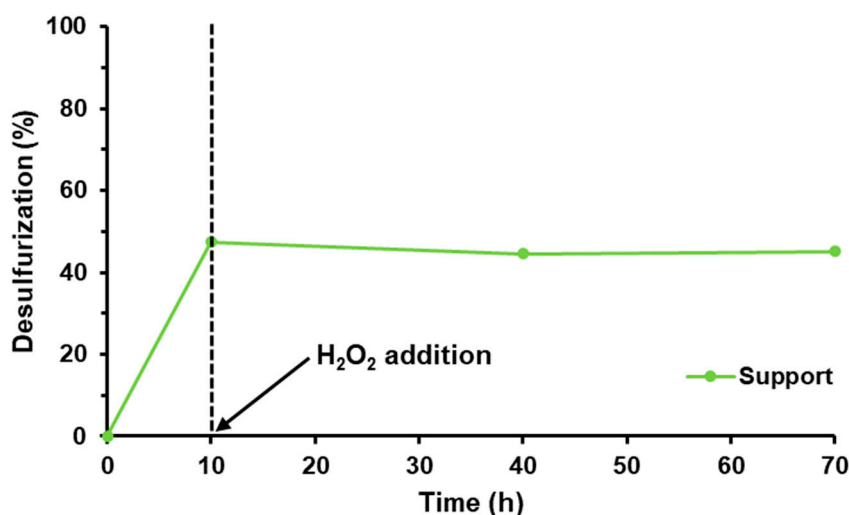


Figure S2. Kinetic profile for the blank experiment (without catalyst) using the ECODS system model diesel/[BMIM]PF₆.

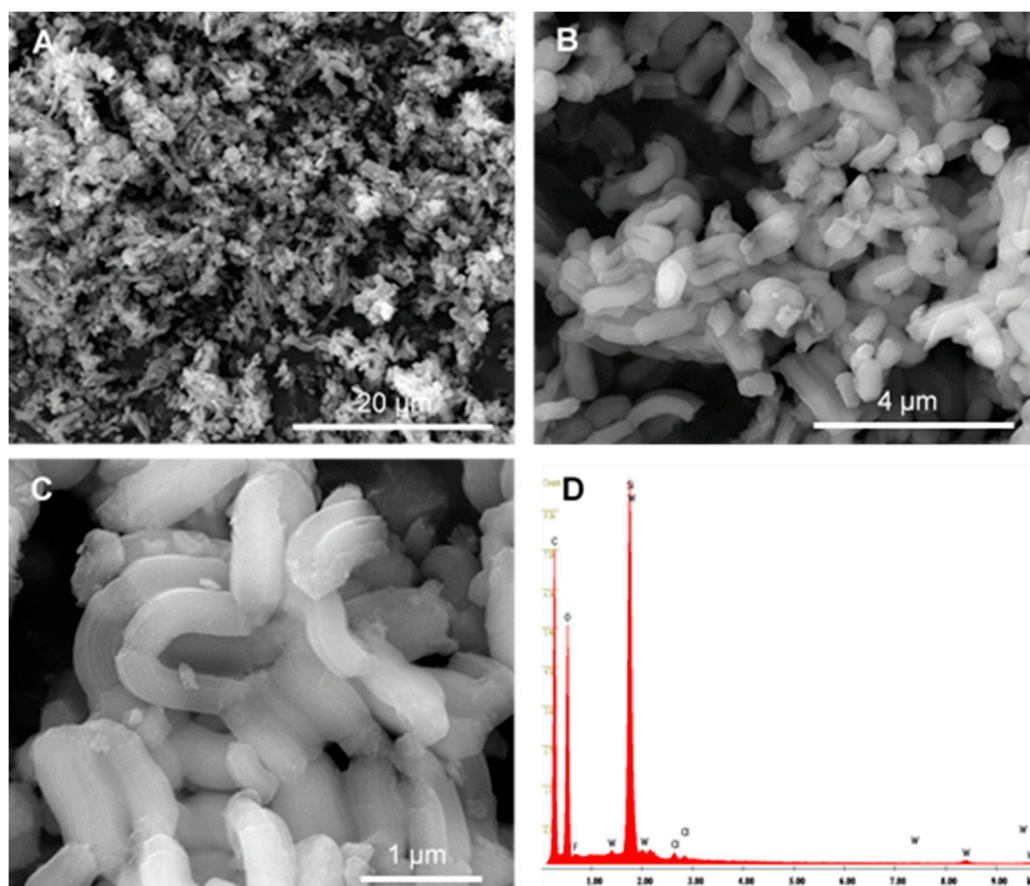


Figure S3. SEM images of the $\text{PW}_{12}\text{@TM-SBA-15-ac}$ material at different magnifications: (A) $\times 5000$, (B) $\times 25000$, (C) $\times 60000$ and (D) EDS spectrum.

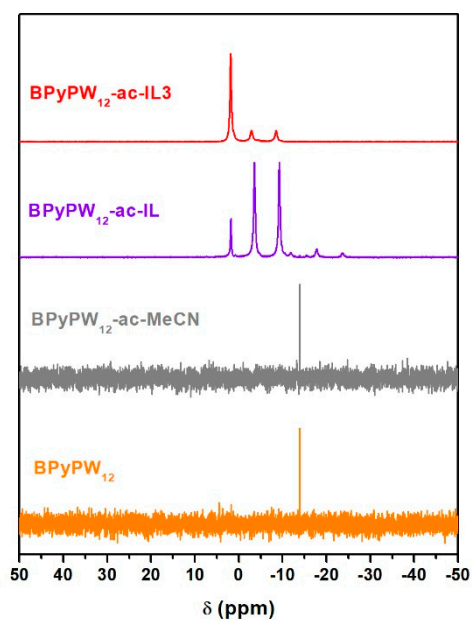


Figure S4. ^{31}P NMR spectra of $[\text{BPy}]_3\text{PW}_{12}$ before and after catalytic use (ac) using MeCN or IL.

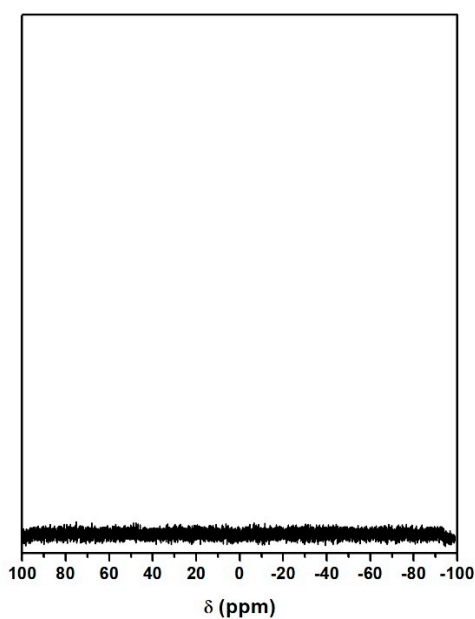


Figure S5. ^{31}P NMR spectrum of ionic liquid phase after catalytic use upon $\text{PW}_{12}\text{@TM-SBA-15}$ catalyst removal.

Table S1. Individual and total desulfurization percentages after the initial extraction from the multicomponent model diesel to the extractant phase (MeCN or IL) using TM-SBA-15, $[\text{BPy}]_3\text{PW}_{12}$ and $\text{PW}_{12}\text{@TM-SBA-15}$ as catalysts.

Catalyst	Desulfurization (%)					
	Solven					TOTA
	t	1-BT	DBT	4-MDBT	4,6-DMDBT	L
TM-SBA-15	MeCN	63	66	61	56	62
	IL	53	55	45	37	47
$[\text{BPy}]_3\text{PW}_{12}$	MeCN	61	65	60	54	60
	IL	66	58	45	34	51
$\text{PW}_{12}\text{@TM-SBA-15}$	MeCN	63	62	55	47	57
	IL	54	50	34	21	40