

## Supporting Information:

### ***In situ* investigation of molecular kinetics and particle formation of water-dispersible titania nanocrystals**

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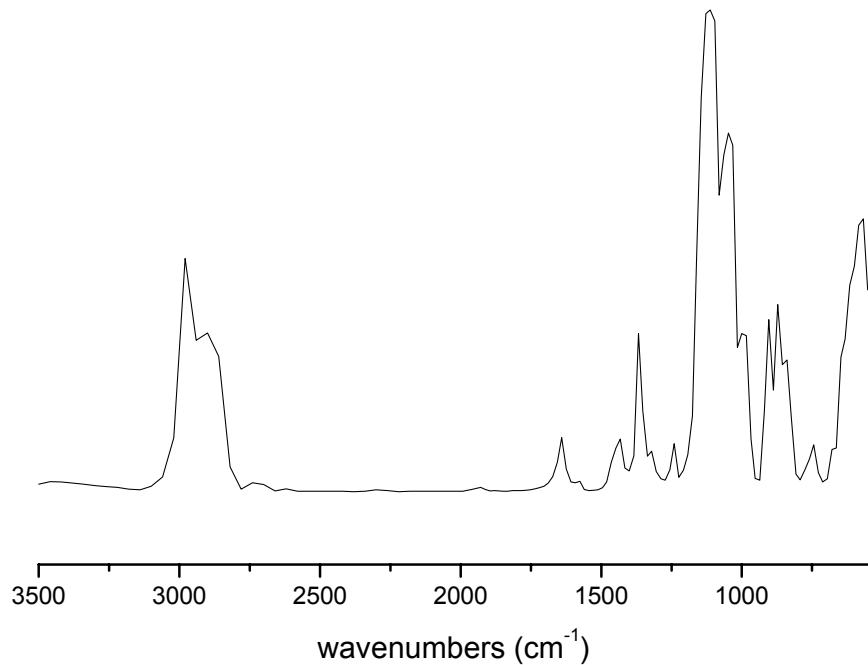


Fig. SI\_1: Simulated IR spectrum of  $\text{Ti}(\text{OEt})_2\text{Cl}_2$ .<sup>1</sup>

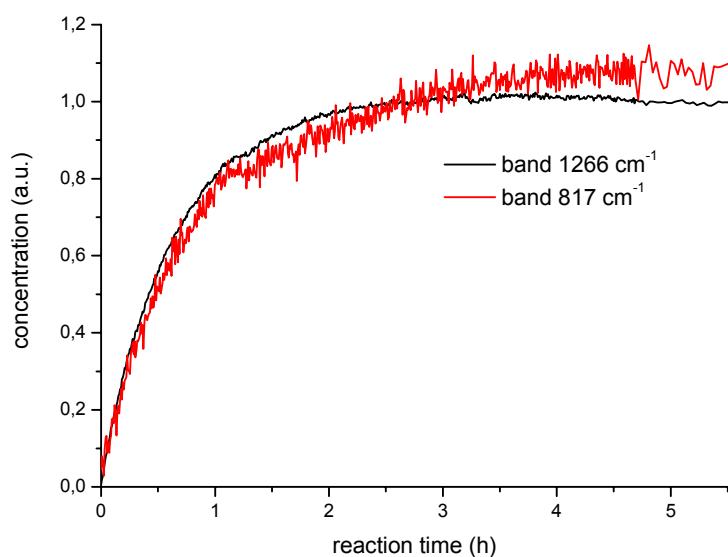


Fig. SI\_2: Comparison of the normalized kinetics of benzyl chloride, as obtained from the baseline-corrected IR band at  $1266 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $817 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (black line), respectively.

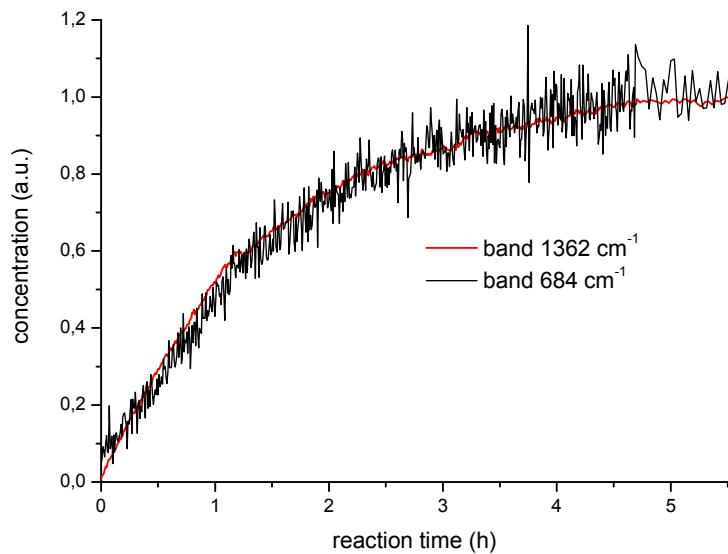


Fig. SI\_3: Comparison of the normalized kinetics of benzyl ether, as obtained from the baseline-corrected IR band at  $1362\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $684\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (black line), respectively.

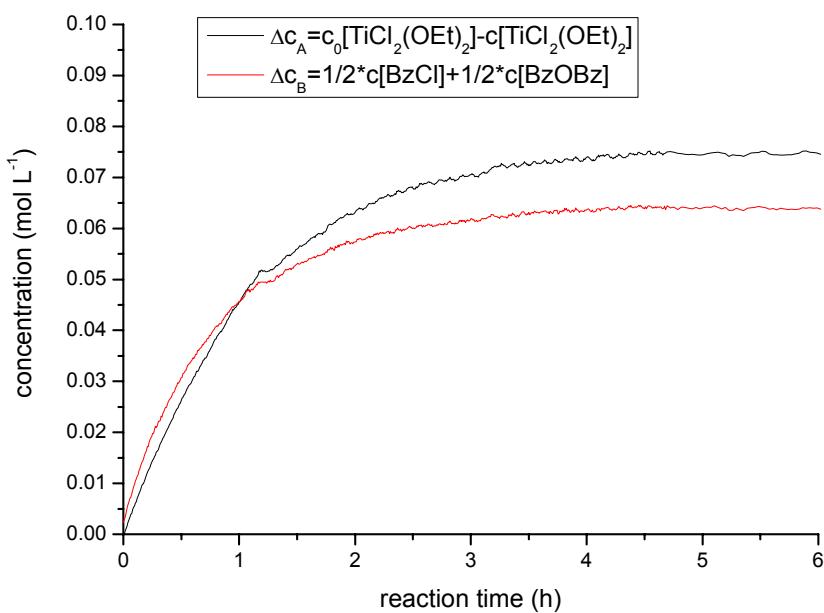


Fig. SI\_4: Comparison of the consumption of the  $\text{TiCl}_2(\text{OEt})_2$  species with the formation of organic side products (as determined from the in-situ FTIR measurements).

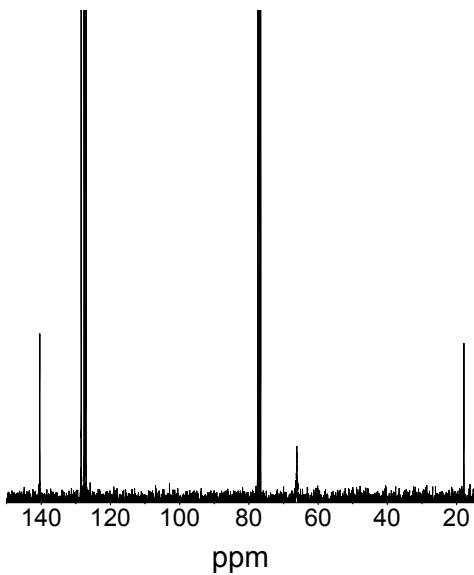


Fig. SI\_5: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of the reaction solution after 0.5 h:  
 $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (75 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS) 65.4 ppm, (-CH<sub>2</sub>-), benzyl alcohol).

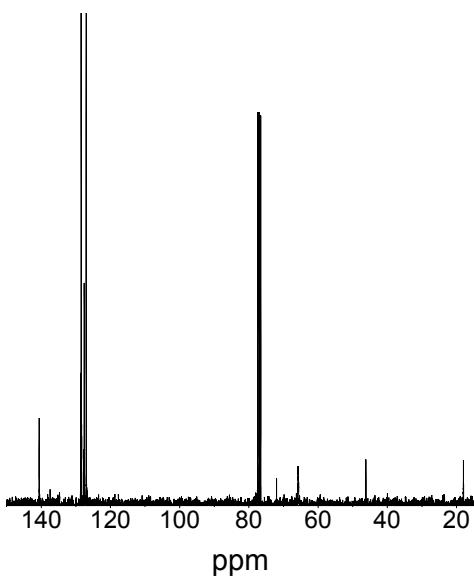


Fig. SI\_6: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of the reaction solution after 8 h:  
 $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (75 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; TMS) 65.4 ppm, (-CH<sub>2</sub>-), benzyl alcohol), 46.2 ppm, (-CH<sub>2</sub>-), benzyl chloride), 72.0 ppm (-CH<sub>2</sub>-), benzyl ether).

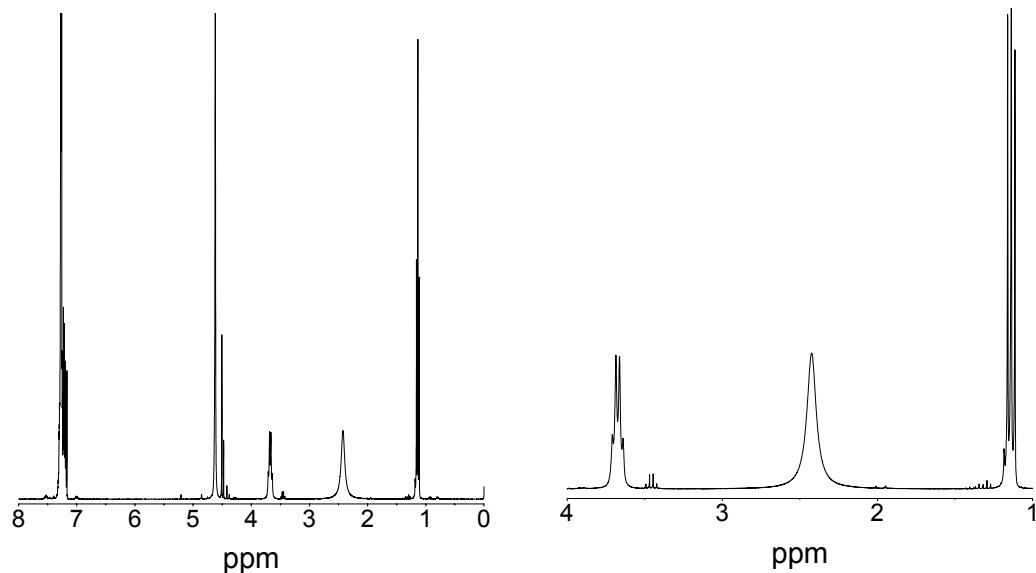


Fig. SI\_7a, b:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of the reaction solution (left: overview, right: magnified region 1-4 ppm):  
 $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ; TMS) 1.12 ppm (-CH<sub>3</sub>-, ethanol), 3.64 ppm (-CH<sub>2</sub>-, ethanol).

## References

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