

Supplementary Information

KINETICS OF ADSORPTION OF CARBOXYLIC ACIDS ONTO TITANIUM DIOXIDE

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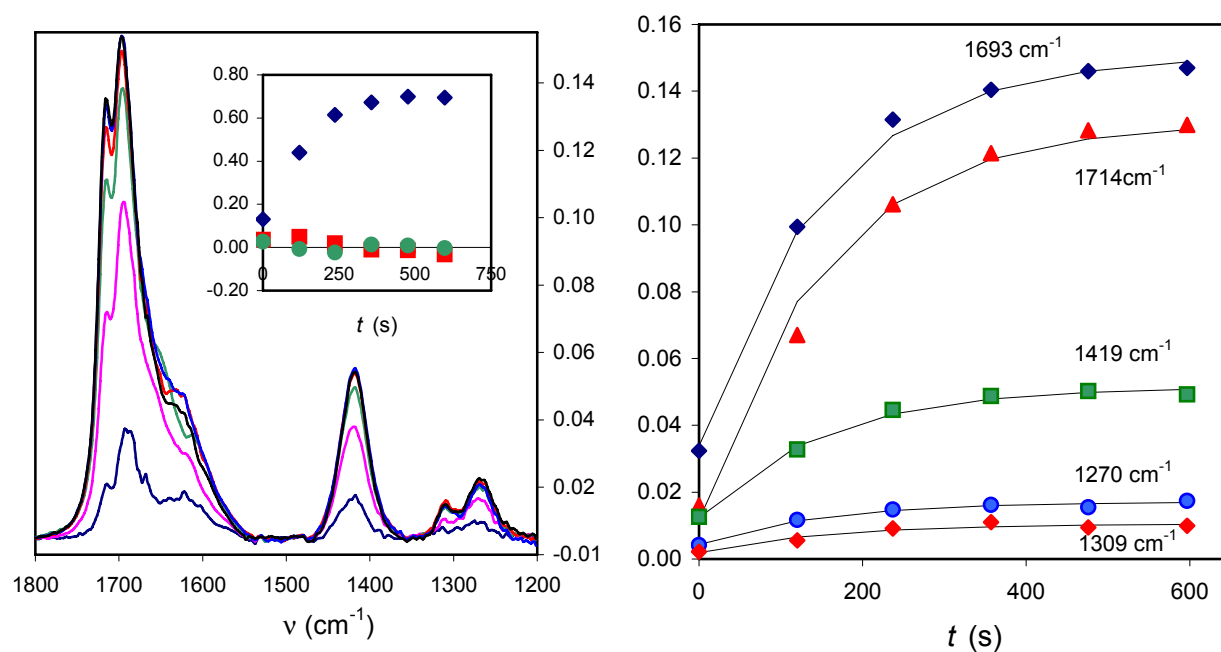
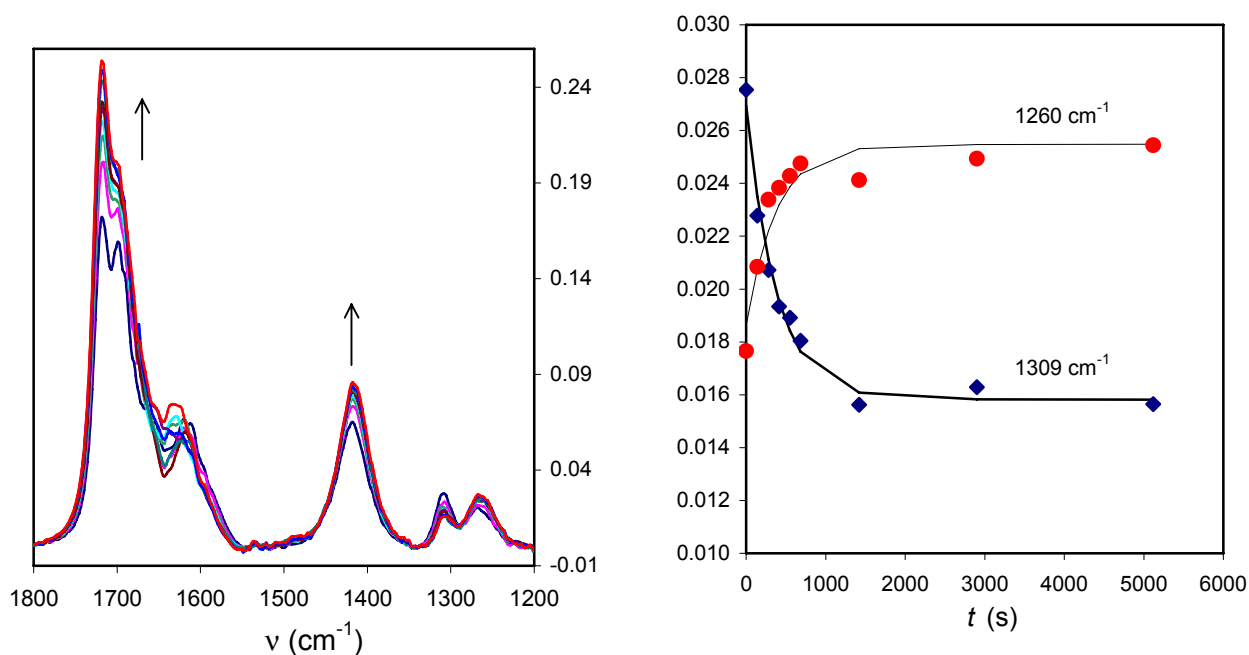
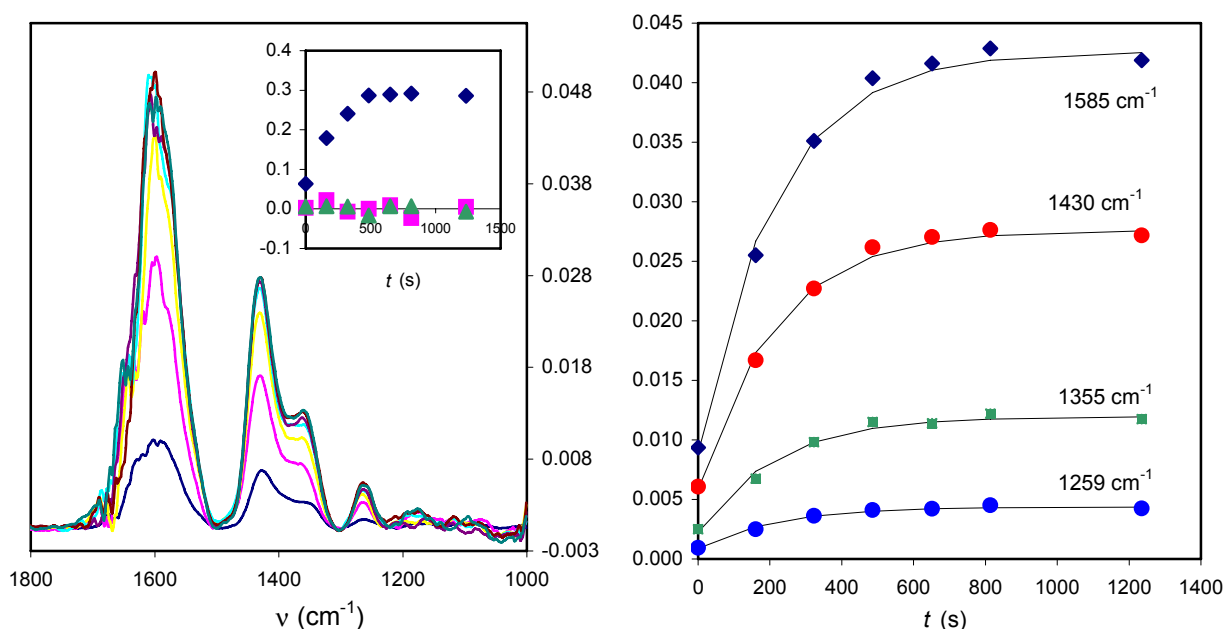


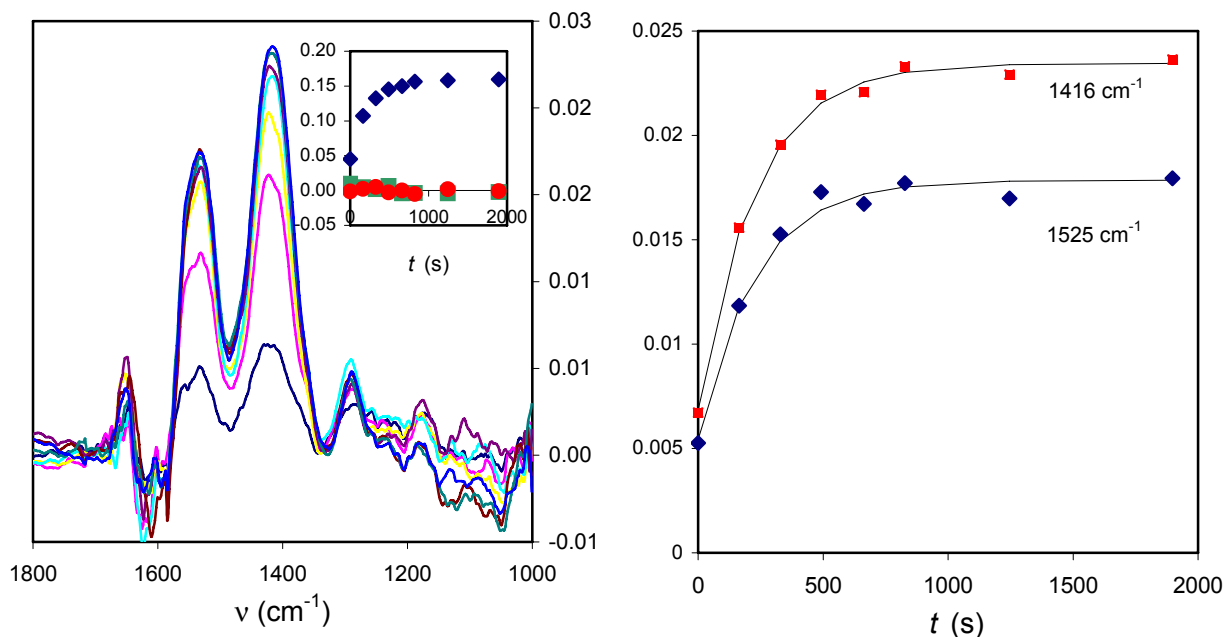
Figure SI 1: Left: IR spectral changes during de adsorption of oxalic acid on a TiO₂ film. Inset: contribution of the eigenvectors to the spectra at each time. Right: spectral traces at selected wavenumbers. $k_{obs} = 6.5 \pm 0.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Concentration: 1.75×10^{-5} M. pH, 4.0, T 25.0 °C, I 0.01 M (NaCl).



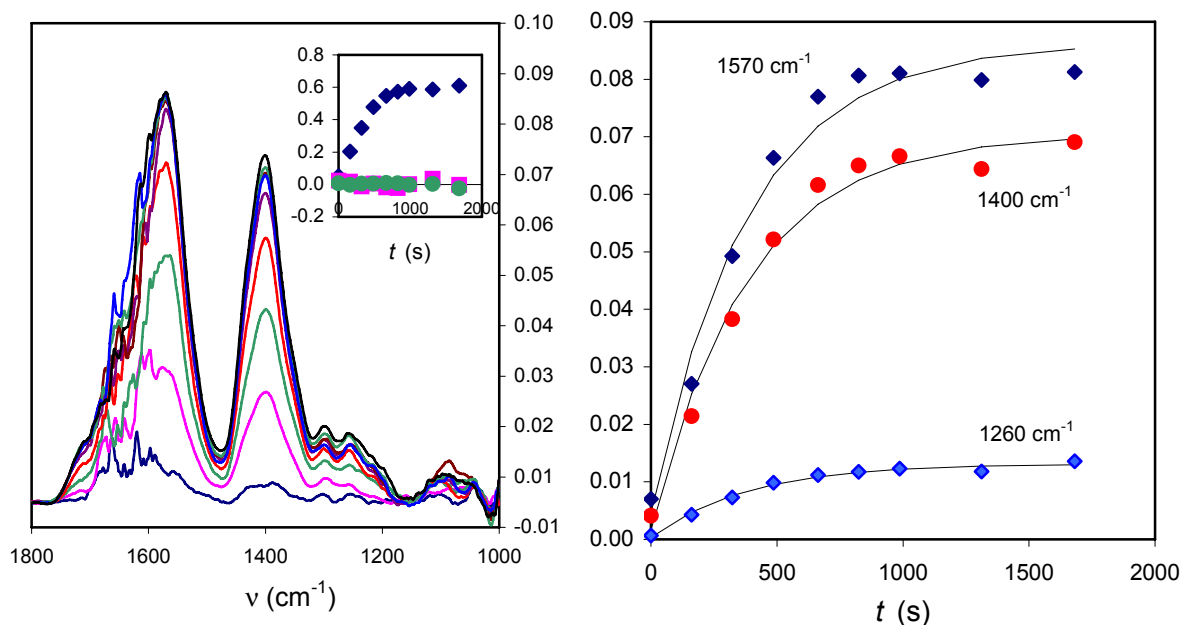
Figures SI 2: **Left:** IR spectral changes during de adsorption of oxalic acid on a TiO_2 film. **Right:** spectral traces at selected wavenumbers. $k_{obs} = 2.6 \pm 0.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Concentration: $1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$. pH, 4.0, T 25.0 $^\circ\text{C}$. Note that the primary adsorption process was not recorded.



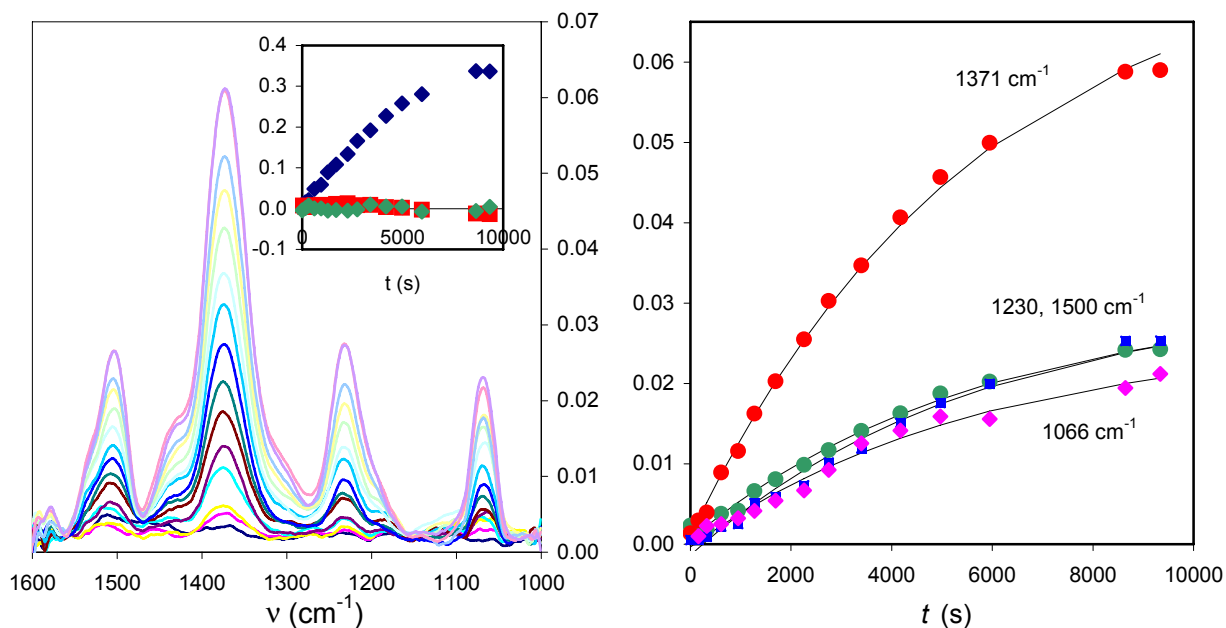
Figures SI 3: **Left:** IR spectral changes during de adsorption of malonic acid on a TiO_2 film. **Inset:** contribution of the eigenvectors to the spectra at each time. **Right:** spectral traces at selected wavenumbers. $k_{obs} = 5.3 \pm 0.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Concentration: $1.39 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$. pH, 4.0, T 25.0 $^\circ\text{C}$. 0.01 M (NaCl).



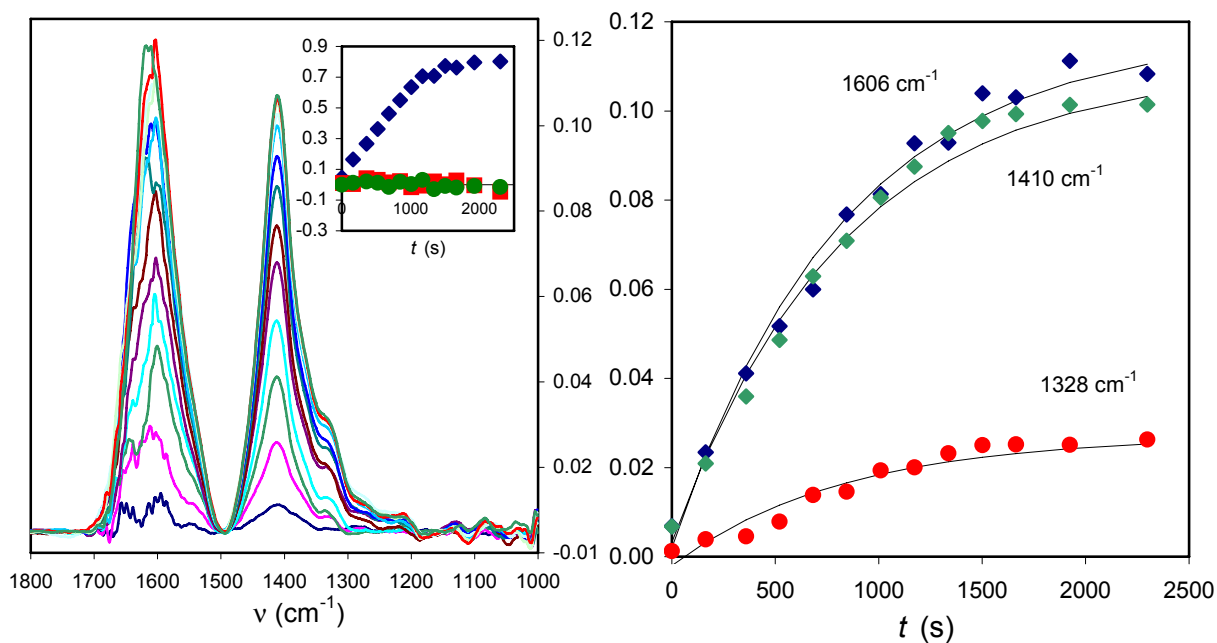
Figures SI 4: **Left:** IR spectral changes during de adsorption of succinic acid on a TiO₂ film. **Right:** spectral traces at selected wavenumbers. **Inset:** contribution of the eigenvectors to the spectra at each time. $k_{obs} = 4.3 \pm 0.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Concentration: $1.16 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$. pH, 4.0, T 25.0 °C. I 0.01 M (NaCl).



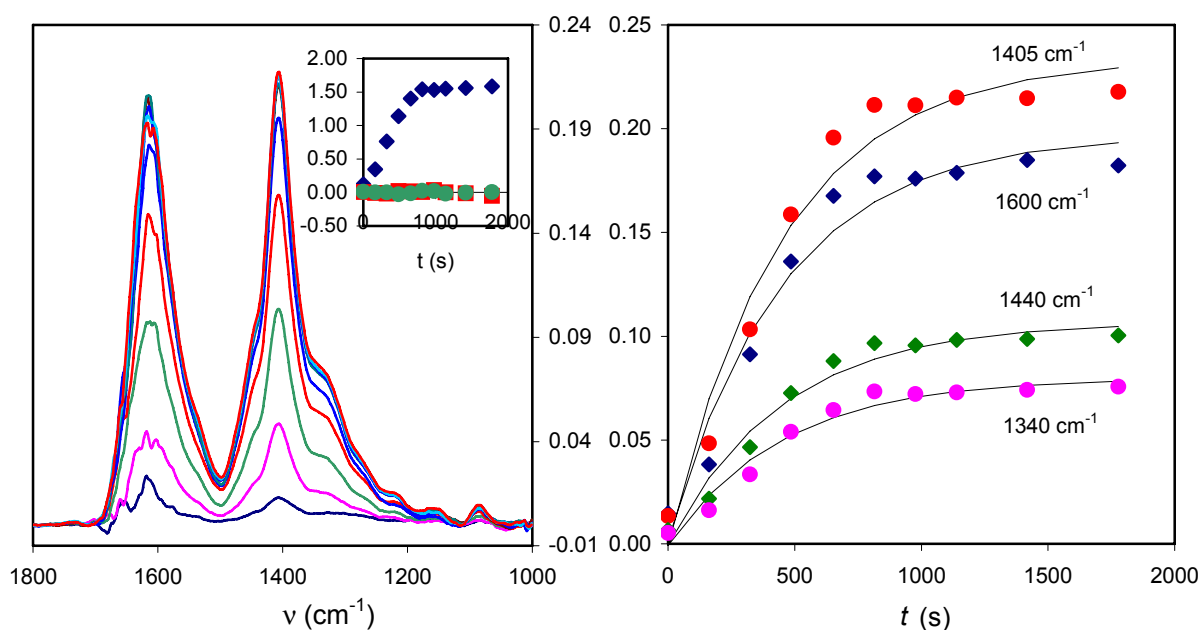
Figures SI 5: **Left:** IR spectral changes during de adsorption of citric acid on a TiO₂ film. **Inset:** contribution of the eigenvectors to the spectra at each time. **Right:** spectral traces at selected wavenumbers. $k_{obs} = 3.1 \pm 0.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Concentration: $1.08 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$. pH, 4.0, T 25.0 °C. I 0.01 M (NaCl).



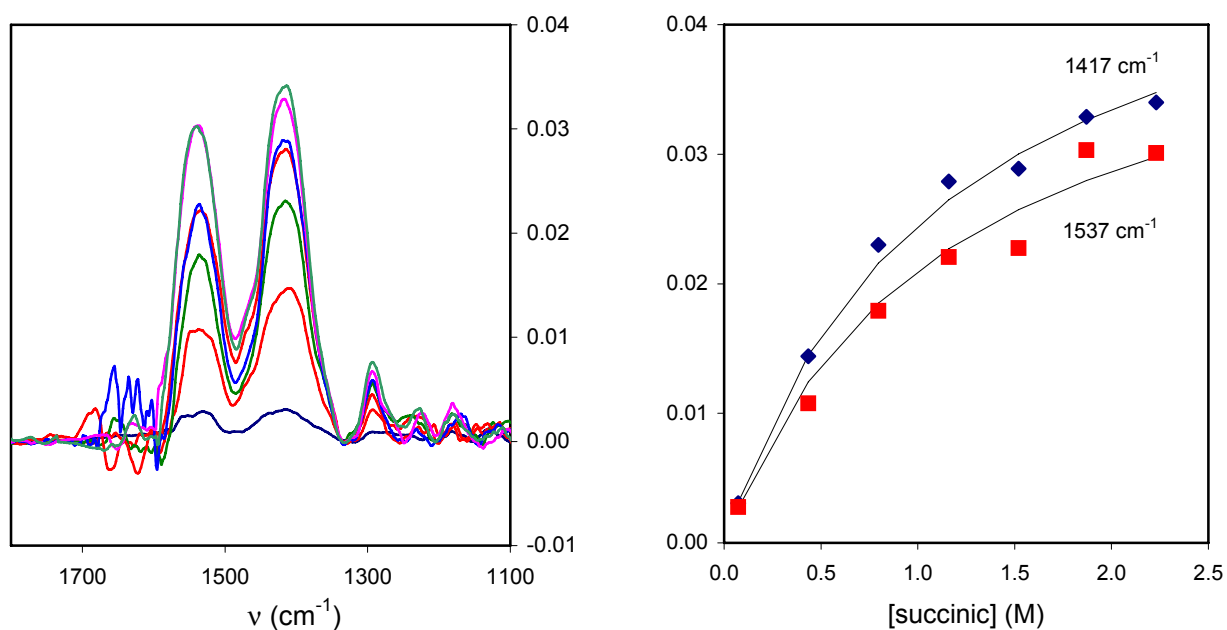
Figures SI 6: **Left:** IR spectral changes during de adsorption of gallic acid on a TiO₂ film. **Inset:** contribution of the eigenvectors to the spectra at each time. **Right:** spectral traces at selected wavenumbers. $k_{obs} = 2.0 \pm 0.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Concentration: $6.66 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$. pH, 4.0, T 25.0 °C. I 0.01 M (NaCl).



Figures SI 7: **Left:** IR spectral changes during de adsorption of EDTA on a TiO₂ film. **Inset:** contribution of the eigenvectors to the spectra at each time. **Right:** spectral traces at selected wavenumbers. $k_{obs} = 1.9 \pm 0.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Concentration: $7.42 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$. pH, 4.0, T 25.0 °C. I 0.01 M (NaCl).



Figures SI 8: **Left:** IR spectral changes during de-adsorption of TTHA on a TiO₂ film. **Inset:** contribution of the eigenvectors to the spectra at each time. **Right:** spectral traces at selected wavenumbers. $k_{obs} = 2.2 \pm 0.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Concentration: $1.70 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$, pH, 4.0, $T 25.0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. $I 0.01 \text{ M}$ (NaCl).



Figures SI 9: **Left:** spectra of succinic acid at different concentrations in equilibrium with a TiO₂ film. Concentrations: $6 \times 10^{-7} - 2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$, pH, 4.0, $T 25.0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$. $I 0.01 \text{ M}$ (NaCl). **Right:** absorbance values at 1417 cm^{-1} and 1537 cm^{-1} vs. concentration. Solid line fitted with a Langmuir equation, $K_L 1.0 \pm 0.5 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}$, $R^2 0.992$ and 0.971 respectively.