

## Electronic Supplementary Information

for

Synthesis of Cyclic Olefin Copolymers (COCs) by Ethylene Copolymerisations with  
Cyclooctene, Cycloheptene, and with Tricyclo[6.2.1.0(2,7)]undeca-4-ene: Effect of Cyclic  
Monomer Structures on Thermal Properties

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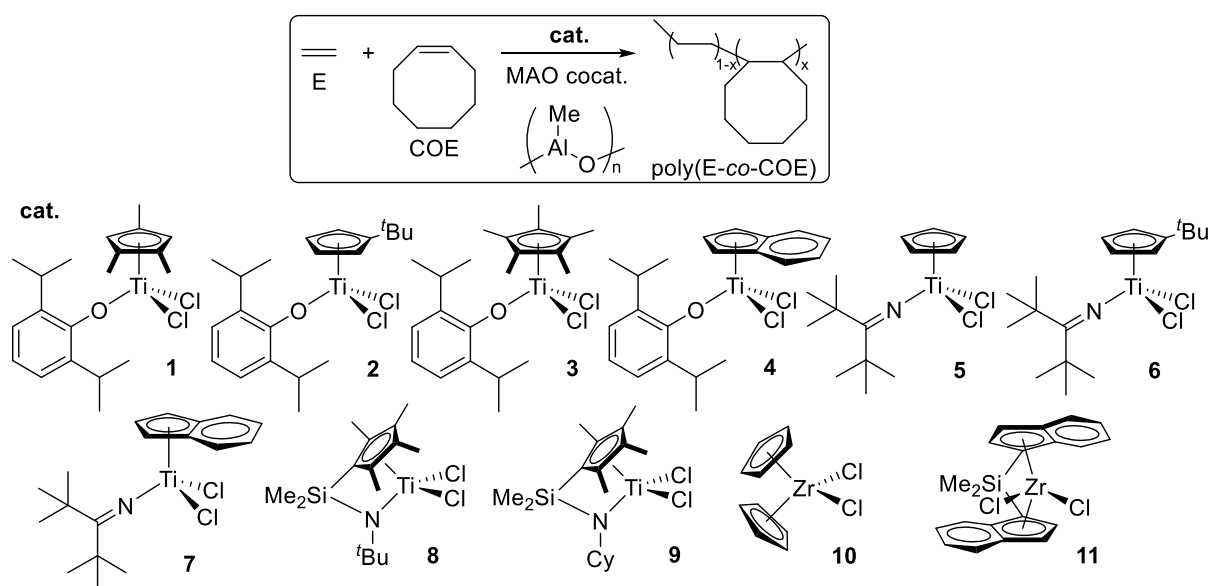
**Table S1.** Copolymerization of ethylene (E) with cyclooctene (COE) by **1-9** - MAO catalysts.<sup>a</sup> Additional results (1).

| run             | cat.                | COE                    | E     | temp. | yield | activity <sup>c</sup> | $M_n^d$ | $M_w/$  | cont. <sup>e</sup> | $T_g(T_m)^f$    |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                 | ( $\mu\text{mol}$ ) | conc. <sup>b</sup> / M | / atm | / °C  | / mg  |                       |         | $M_n^d$ | / mol%             | / °C            |
| 1               | <b>1</b> (1.5)      | 2.5                    | 2     | 25    | 78    | 312                   | 59000   | 1.35    | -                  | 38 (129)        |
| 2               | <b>1</b> (1.0)      | 5.0                    | 2     | 25    | 42.5  | 255                   | 35200   | 1.40    | -                  | 38 (127)        |
| S1              | <b>1</b> (1.0)      | 5.0                    | 2     | 25    | 48.4  | 251                   | 37100   | 1.53    |                    | 28 (126)        |
| 3               | <b>2</b> (1.5)      | 2.5                    | 2     | 25    | 74.4  | 298                   | 32600   | 1.36    | -                  | 40 <sup>j</sup> |
| 4               | <b>2</b> (1.0)      | 2.5                    | 4     | 25    | 124   | 742                   | 48300   | 1.29    | -                  | 32 <sup>j</sup> |
| S2              | <b>2</b> (1.0)      | 2.5                    | 4     | 25    | 123   | 736                   | 52500   | 1.35    | -                  | 31 <sup>j</sup> |
| 5               | <b>2</b> (1.5)      | 5.0                    | 2     | 25    | 57.7  | 231                   | 20700   | 1.62    | 43.7 <sup>h</sup>  | 44 <sup>j</sup> |
| 6 <sup>g</sup>  | <b>2</b> (1.5)      | 5.0                    | 2     | 25    | 81.5  | 326                   | 10000   | 1.77    | -                  | 46 (115)        |
| S3 <sup>g</sup> | <b>2</b> (1.5)      | 5.0                    | 2     | 25    | 82.0  | 328                   | 9830    | 2.03    |                    | 42 (115)        |
| 7               | <b>3</b> (0.2)      | 5.0                    | 4     | 25    | 146   | 4380                  | 318000  | 1.47    | 22.5               | 6               |
| 26              | <b>3</b> (0.05)     | 1.0                    | 4     | 25    | 89.2  | 10700                 | 1260000 | 2.05    | 7.0                | (70)            |
| 27              | <b>3</b> (0.2)      | 2.5                    | 4     | 25    | 228   | 6850                  | 863000  | 1.89    | 16.1               | -15 (32)        |
| S4              | <b>3</b> (0.2)      | 2.5                    | 4     | 25    | 245   | 7360                  | 759000  | 1.37    | 16.7 <sup>i</sup>  | -17 (32)        |
| 28              | <b>3</b> (0.2)      | 2.5                    | 4     | 50    | 122   | 3660                  | 423000  | 1.49    | 17.4 <sup>i</sup>  | -14 (32)        |
| 8               | <b>3</b> (0.5)      | 5.0                    | 2     | 25    | 138   | 1660                  | 239000  | 1.57    | 28.0               | 32              |
| 9 <sup>g</sup>  | <b>3</b> (0.5)      | 5.0                    | 2     | 25    | 202   | 2420                  | 218000  | 2.21    | -                  | 13 <sup>j</sup> |
| S5              | <b>3</b> (0.5)      | 5.0                    | 2     | 25    | 241   | 2890                  | 374000  | 1.50    | -                  | 12 <sup>j</sup> |
| 10              | <b>3</b> (0.5)      | 7.5                    | 2     | 25    | 114   | 1360                  | 141000  | 1.57    | 28.1               | 36              |
| S6              | <b>3</b> (0.5)      | 7.5                    | 2     | 25    | 112   | 1340                  | 131000  | 1.34    | 29.3 <sup>i</sup>  | 38              |
| 11              | <b>4</b> (1.0)      | 2.5                    | 2     | 25    | 83.5  | 501                   | 5600    | 1.24    | -                  | 14 <sup>j</sup> |
| S7              | <b>4</b> (1.0)      | 2.5                    | 2     | 25    | 72.0  | 432                   | 6310    | 1.30    |                    | 17 <sup>j</sup> |
| 12              | <b>4</b> (1.0)      | 5.0                    | 2     | 25    | 100   | 602                   | 5700    | 1.21    | -                  | 18 <sup>j</sup> |
| S8              | <b>4</b> (1.0)      | 5.0                    | 2     | 25    | 90.3  | 542                   | 4240    | 1.19    |                    | 20 <sup>j</sup> |
| 13              | <b>5</b> (0.01)     | 5.0                    | 4     | 25    | 250   | 150000                | 1670000 | 1.72    | -                  | (69)            |
| S9              | <b>5</b> (0.01)     | 5.0                    | 4     | 25    | 215   | 129000                | 1360000 | 1.78    |                    | (70)            |
| 14              | <b>5</b> (0.01)     | 5.0                    | 2     | 25    | 127   | 76400                 | 1650000 | 2.52    | 16.0 <sup>i</sup>  | -20 (48)        |
| S10             | <b>5</b> (0.01)     | 5.0                    | 2     | 25    | 103   | 61900                 | 2430000 | 2.40    | 16.0 <sup>i</sup>  | -20 (46)        |
| 15              | <b>5</b> (0.03)     | 7.5                    | 2     | 25    | 148   | 29700                 | 1210000 | 2.30    | 20.2               | -5              |
| S11             | <b>5</b> (0.03)     | 7.5                    | 2     | 25    | 142   | 28400                 | 1330000 | 2.22    | 20.2               | -5.2            |
| 16              | <b>6</b> (0.01)     | 5.0                    | 4     | 25    | 290   | 174000                | 1470000 | 1.48    | -                  | (71)            |
| S12             | <b>6</b> (0.01)     | 5.0                    | 4     | 25    | 290   | 174000                | 1130000 | 2.06    |                    | (71)            |
| 17              | <b>6</b> (0.01)     | 5.0                    | 2     | 25    | 201   | 121000                | 3050000 | 2.15    | 16.3 <sup>i</sup>  | -19 (56)        |
| 18              | <b>6</b> (0.02)     | 7.5                    | 2     | 25    | 119   | 35800                 | 2540000 | 2.15    | 20.4               | -5.5            |
| S13             | <b>6</b> (0.02)     | 7.5                    | 2     | 25    | 109   | 32600                 | 1570000 | 2.08    | 20.4               | -2.9            |

**Table S1.** Continued.

|     |                  |     |   |    |      |       |         |      |     |                   |
|-----|------------------|-----|---|----|------|-------|---------|------|-----|-------------------|
| 19  | <b>7</b> (0.01)  | 5.0 | 4 | 25 | 139  | 83100 | 2270000 | 2.56 | 2.6 | (105)             |
| S14 | <b>7</b> (0.01)  | 5.0 | 4 | 25 | 125  | 75200 | 2660000 | 2.48 | 2.6 | (106)             |
| 20  | <b>7</b> (0.01)  | 5.0 | 2 | 25 | 110  | 66100 | 1700000 | 3.09 | -   | (92)              |
| S15 | <b>7</b> (0.01)  | 5.0 | 2 | 25 | 124  | 74300 | 2010000 | 2.51 |     | (92)              |
| 21  | <b>7</b> (0.01)  | 7.5 | 2 | 25 | 98.9 | 59300 | 1050000 | 2.30 | 7.2 | -17 (76)          |
| 22  | <b>8</b> (1.0)   | 5.0 | 4 | 25 | 121  | 726   | 143000  | 1.73 |     | (66)              |
| S16 | <b>8</b> (1.0)   | 5.0 | 4 | 25 | 135  | 810   | 148000  | 1.82 |     | (67)              |
| 23  | <b>8</b> (1.0)   | 2.5 | 2 | 25 | 94.4 | 566   | 161000  | 1.54 |     | (77) <sup>y</sup> |
| 24  | <b>8</b> (1.0)   | 5.0 | 2 | 25 | 55.1 | 331   | 155000  | 1.36 | 9.9 | (59) <sup>y</sup> |
| S17 | <b>8</b> (1.0)   | 2.5 | 2 | 25 | 74.7 | 448   | 150000  | 1.56 |     | (76)              |
| 25  | <b>9</b> (0.5)   | 2.5 | 2 | 25 | 52.1 | 625   | 372000  | 1.24 | -   | (41) <sup>y</sup> |
| S18 | <b>9</b> (0.5)   | 2.5 | 2 | 25 | 39.3 | 472   | 443000  | 1.25 |     | 44 <sup>i</sup>   |
| 26  | <b>9</b> (0.5)   | 5.0 | 2 | 25 | 133  | 1590  | 314000  | 1.39 | -   | (55) <sup>y</sup> |
| S19 | <b>9</b> (0.5)   | 5.0 | 2 | 25 | 111  | 1340  | 371000  | 1.67 |     | 46 <sup>i</sup>   |
| 27  | <b>10</b> (0.05) | 5.0 | 2 | 25 | 137  | 16500 | 290000  | 2.18 | -   | (133)             |
| 28  | <b>11</b> (0.01) | 2.5 | 2 | 25 | 105  | 63000 | 2500    | 4.12 |     | (103,124)         |
| 29  | <b>11</b> (0.02) | 5.0 | 2 | 25 | 122  | 36600 | 1700    | 3.95 |     | (108)             |
| S20 | <b>11</b> (0.02) | 5.0 | 2 | 25 | 119  | 35700 | 1600    | 4.39 |     | (110)             |
| 30  | <b>11</b> (0.05) | 7.5 | 2 | 25 | 96.2 | 11500 | 820     | 5.18 |     | (98)              |
| S21 | <b>11</b> (0.05) | 7.5 | 2 | 25 | 115  | 13800 | 1100    | 4.08 |     | (99)              |

<sup>a</sup>Conditions: toluene + COE total 10 mL, d-MAO (prepared by removing toluene and AlMe<sub>3</sub> from the commercially available TMAO-S) 3.0 mmol. <sup>b</sup>Initial COE concentration (mol/L). <sup>c</sup>Activity = kg-polymer/mol-M·h (M = Ti or Zr). <sup>d</sup>GPC data in *o*-dichlorobenzene vs polystyrene standards. <sup>e</sup>COE content (mol%) estimated by <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra. <sup>f</sup>By DSC thermograms. <sup>g</sup>Al<sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>3</sub> (500 equiv) and [Ph<sub>3</sub>C][B(C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>] (1.5 equiv) were used instead of d-MAO. <sup>h</sup>COE content in the whole polymer estimated by the <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum. <sup>i</sup>Estimated on the basis of the plots of *T*<sub>g</sub> and COE content. <sup>j</sup>Small *T*<sub>m</sub> shoulder at ca.120 °C was also observed on the DSC thermogram.



**Table S2.** Copolymerization of ethylene (E) with cyclooctene (COE) by Cp\*TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-*i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) (3) - MAO catalyst (ethylene 4 atm, COE 5.0 M, 25 °C).<sup>a</sup> Additional results (2).

| run | 3<br>/ μmol | MAO<br>/ mmol | time<br>/ min | yield<br>/ mg | activity <sup>b</sup> | M <sub>n</sub> <sup>c</sup><br>×10 <sup>-4</sup> | M <sub>w</sub> /<br>M <sub>n</sub> <sup>c</sup> | cont. <sup>d</sup><br>/ mol% | T <sub>g</sub> (T <sub>m</sub> ) <sup>e</sup><br>/ °C |
|-----|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|
| 35  | 0.5         | 1.0           | 10            | 87.4          | 1050                  | 23.4   | 1.31  | 28.9 <sup>f</sup>            | 36  |
| S22 | 0.5         | 1.0           | 10            | 84.8          | 1020                  | 22.5   | 1.32  | 28.7 <sup>f</sup>            | 35  |
| 8   | 0.5         | 3.0           | 10            | 138           | 1660                  | 23.9   | 1.57  | 28.0                         | 32  |
| 36  | 0.5         | 5.0           | 10            | 171           | 2050                  | 37.9   | 1.53  | 27.5 <sup>f</sup>            | 30  |
| S23 | 0.5         | 5.0           | 10            | 195           | 2340                  | 19.9   | 1.63  | 24.5 <sup>f</sup>            | 17  |
| 36  | 0.5         | 3.0           | 5             | 111           | 2670                  | 31.9   | 1.34  | 27.7 <sup>f</sup>            | 31  |
| S24 | 0.5         | 3.0           | 5             | 114           | 2730                  | 30.5   | 1.38  | 28.7 <sup>f</sup>            | 35  |
| 8   | 0.5         | 3.0           | 10            | 138           | 1660                  | 23.9   | 1.57  | 28.0                         | 32  |
| 38  | 0.5         | 3.0           | 15            | 193           | 1550                  | 31.9   | 1.41  | 27.5 <sup>f</sup>            | 30  |
| S25 | 0.5         | 3.0           | 15            | 222           | 1770                  | 26.1   | 1.55  | 27.5 <sup>f</sup>            | 30  |

<sup>a</sup> Conditions: toluene + COE total 10 mL, COE 5.0 M, d-MAO (prepared by removing toluene and AlMe<sub>3</sub> from the commercially available TMAO-S). <sup>b</sup> Activity = kg-polymer/mol-Ti·h. <sup>c</sup> GPC data in *o*-dichlorobenzene vs polystyrene standards. <sup>d</sup> COE content (mol%) estimated by <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra. <sup>e</sup> By DSC thermograms. <sup>f</sup> Estimated on the basis of the plots of T<sub>g</sub> and COE content.

**Table S3.** Copolymerization of ethylene (E) with cycloheptene (CHP) by Cp\*TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-*i*-Pr<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) (3)-d-MAO catalyst.<sup>a</sup> Additional results.

| run | cat. 3<br>/ μmol | CHP<br>conc. <sup>b</sup> / M | E<br>/ atm | temp<br>/ °C | yield<br>/ mg | activity <sup>c</sup> | M <sub>n</sub> <sup>d</sup><br>×10 <sup>-4</sup> | M <sub>w</sub> /<br>M <sub>n</sub> <sup>d</sup> | cont. <sup>e</sup><br>/ mol% | T <sub>g</sub> (T <sub>m</sub> ) <sup>f</sup><br>/ °C |
|-----|------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|
| 43  | 0.001            | 1.0                           | 4          | 25           | 77.7          | 466000                | 244  | 1.36  | 10.3                         | -67   |
| 44  | 0.01             | 2.5                           | 2          | 25           | 69.6          | 41800                 | 132  | 1.77  | 32.3                         | -5  |
| S26 | 0.01             | 2.5                           | 2          | 25           | 68.4          | 41000                 | 164  | 1.58  | 31.7 <sup>g</sup>            | -10   |
| 45  | 0.01             | 5.0                           | 2          | 25           | 63.3          | 38000                 | 174  | 1.54  | 35.7                         | 9   |
| S27 | 0.01             | 5.0                           | 2          | 25           | 62.4          | 37400                 | 201  | 1.58  | 35.2 <sup>g</sup>            | 9   |
| 46  | 0.01             | 5.0                           | 4          | 50           | 161           | 96500                 | 308  | 1.34  | 32.8 <sup>g</sup>            | -4  |
| 47  | 0.02             | 7.5                           | 2          | 25           | 92.6          | 27800                 | 178  | 1.54  | 37.1                         | 17  |

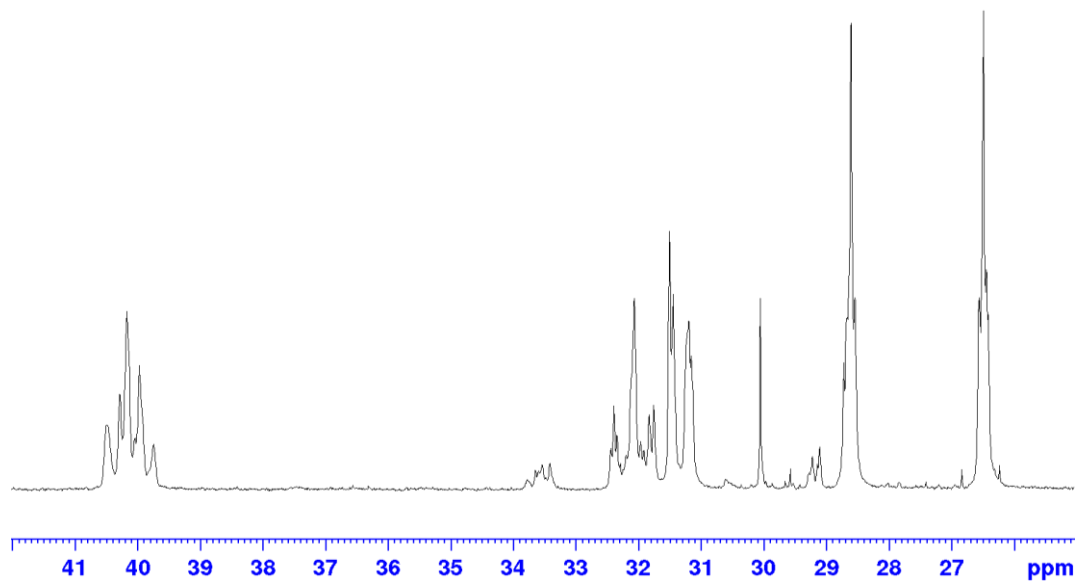
<sup>a</sup> Conditions: toluene + CHP total 10 mL, d-MAO 3.0 mmol, 10 min. <sup>b</sup> Initial CHP concentration (mol/L). <sup>c</sup> Activity = kg-polymer/mol-Ti·h. <sup>d</sup> GPC data in *o*-dichlorobenzene vs polystyrene standards. <sup>e</sup> CHP content (mol%) estimated by <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra. <sup>f</sup> By DSC thermograms. <sup>g</sup> Estimated on the basis of the plots of T<sub>g</sub> and CHP content.

**Table S4.** Copolymerization of ethylene (E) and tricyclo[6.2.1.0(2,7)]undeca-4-ene (TCUE) by (1,2,4-Me<sub>3</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>2</sub>)TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-<sup>i</sup>Pr<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) (**1**)-d-MAO catalyst.<sup>a</sup> Additional results.

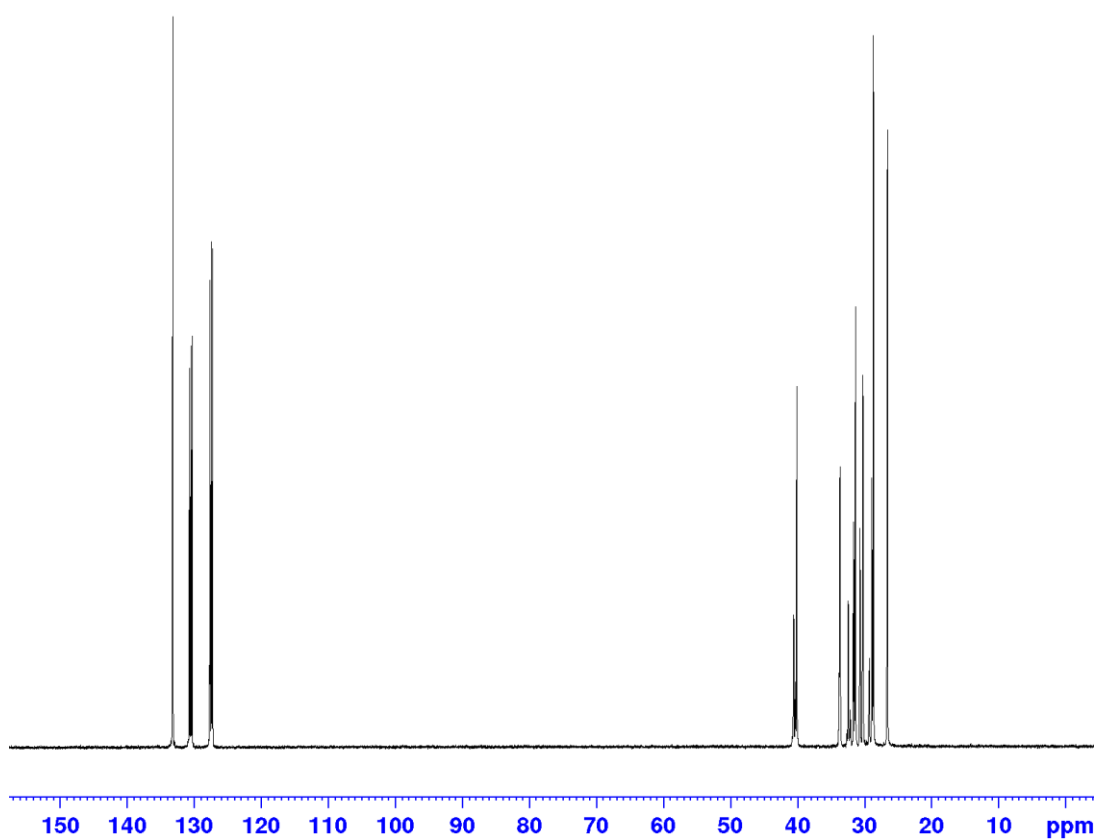
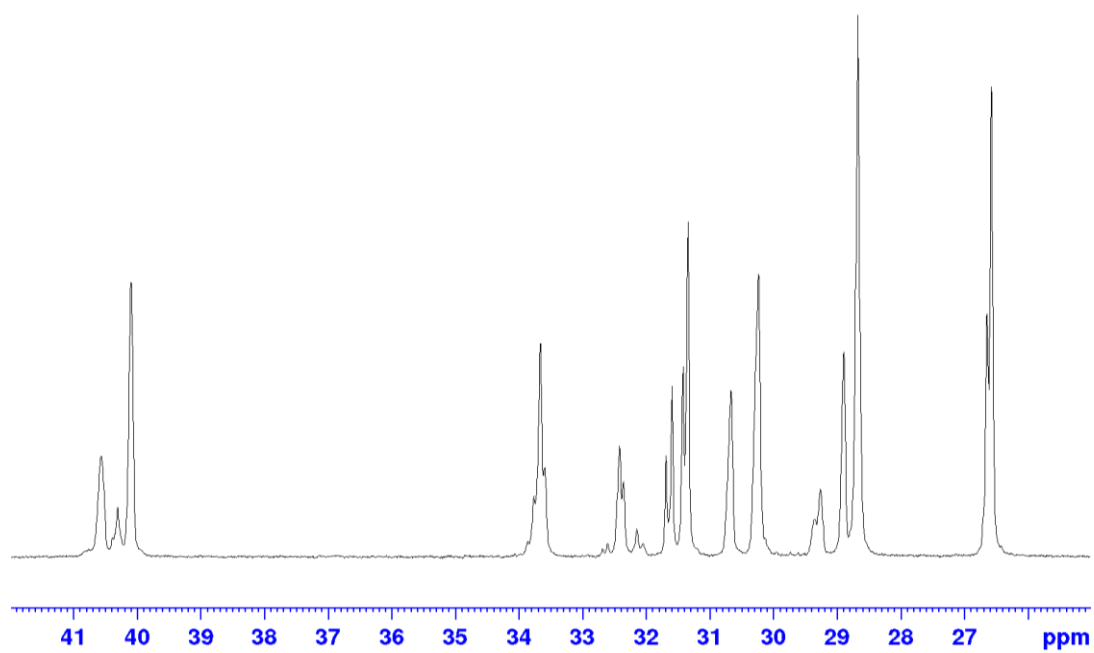
| run | cat. <b>1</b><br>/ μmol | TCUE<br>conc. <sup>b</sup> / M | E<br>/ atm | yield<br>/ mg | activity <sup>c</sup> | $M_n^d$<br>×10 <sup>-4</sup> | $M_w/$<br>$M_n^d$ | cont. <sup>e</sup><br>/ mol % | $T_g$ ( $T_m$ ) <sup>f</sup><br>/ °C |
|-----|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 48  | 0.02                    | 1.0                            | 4          | 74.8          | 22400                 | 20.4                         | 1.53              | 19.5                          | 43                                   |
| 49  | 0.1                     | 1.0                            | 2          | 98.7          | 5920                  | 6.16                         | 1.52              | 26.5                          | 64                                   |
| 50  | 0.5                     | 2.5                            | 2          | 155           | 1860                  | 2.34                         | 1.68              | 35.1                          | 116                                  |
| S28 | 0.5                     | 2.5                            | 2          | 140           | 1670                  | 2.08                         | 2.04              | 34.6 <sup>g</sup>             | 111                                  |
| 51  | 0.8                     | 5.0                            | 2          | 204           | 1530                  | 1.38                         | 2.10              | 38.8                          | 130                                  |
| S29 | 0.8                     | 5.0                            | 2          | 231           | 1730                  | 1.65                         | 1.81              | 39.4 <sup>g</sup>             | 134                                  |
| 52  | 0.5                     | 5.0                            | 2          | 222           | 1640                  | 1.59                         | 2.02              | 40.0 <sup>g</sup>             | 137                                  |

<sup>a</sup>Conditions: toluene + TCUE total 10 mL, 25 °C, 10 min, d-MAO (prepared by removing toluene and AlMe<sub>3</sub> from the commercially available TMAO-212) 3.0 mmol. <sup>b</sup>Initial TCUE concentration (mol/L). <sup>c</sup>Activity= kg-polymer/mol-Ti·h. <sup>d</sup>GPC data in *o*-dichlorobenzene vs polystyrene standards. <sup>e</sup>TCUE content (mol%) estimated by <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra. <sup>f</sup>By DSC thermograms. <sup>g</sup>Estimated on the basis of the plots of  $T_g$  and TCUE content. <sup>h</sup>d-MAO 2.0 mmol. <sup>i</sup>d-MAO 1.0 mmol.

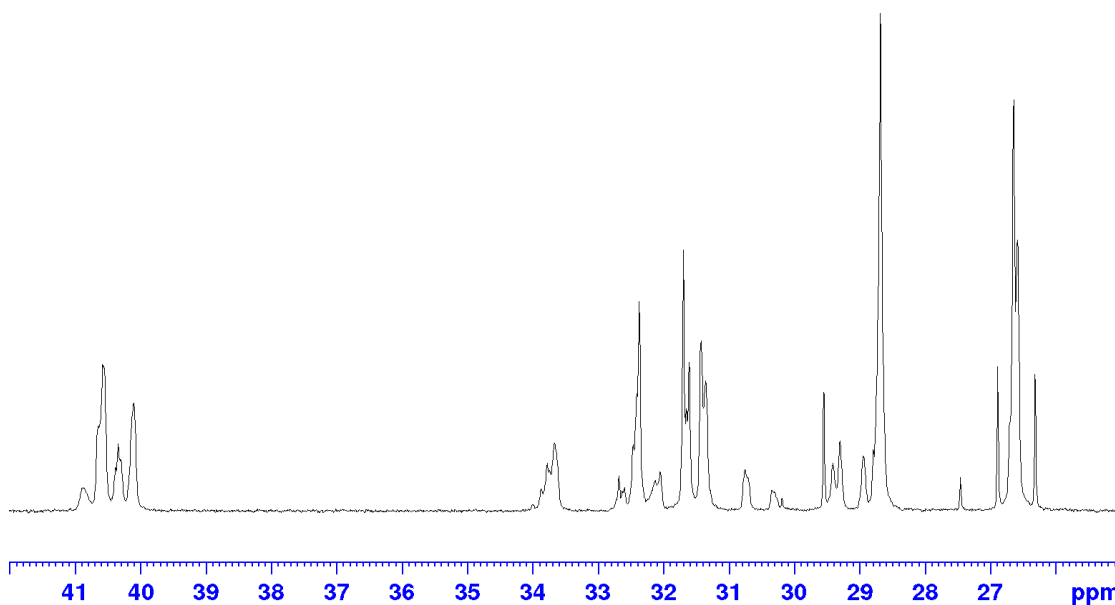
**2. Selected  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra for resultant copolymers including assignment of resonances and estimation of comonomer contents.**



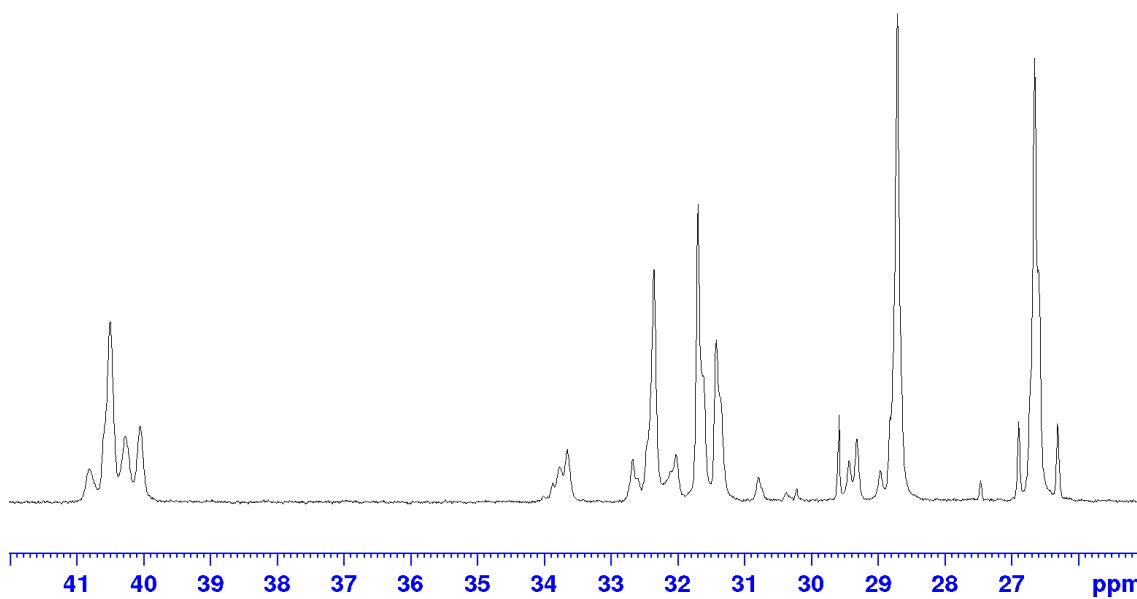
**Figure S1.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane- $d_2$  at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-COE) prepared by  $(^i\text{BuC}_5\text{H}_4)\text{TiCl}_2(\text{O}-2,6\text{-Cl}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)$  (**2**) - MAO catalyst [run 5, Table 1, COE 43.7 mol% (COE content in the whole polymer)].



**Figure S2.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene- $d_4$  at 130 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-COE) prepared by  $\text{Cp}^*\text{TiCl}_2(\text{O}-2,6\text{-Cl}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)$  (**3**) - MAO catalyst (run 7, Table 1, COE 22.5 mol%).

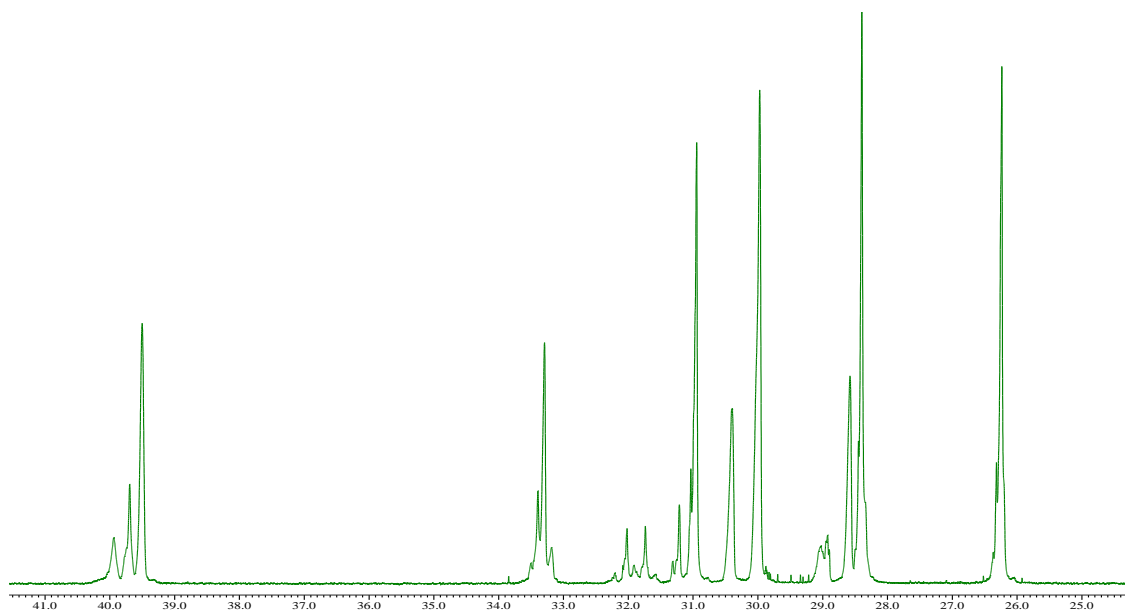


**Figure S3.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene- $d_4$  at 130 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-COE) prepared by  $\text{Cp}^*\text{TiCl}_2(\text{O}-2,6\text{-Cl}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)$  (**3**) - MAO catalyst (run 8, Table 1, COE 28.0 mol%).

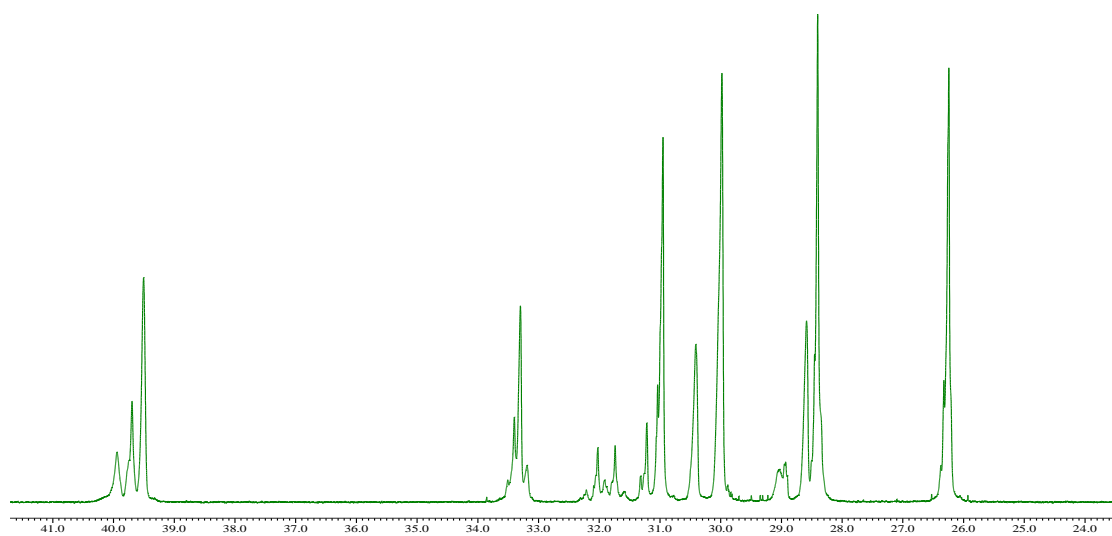


**Figure S4.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene- $d_4$  at 130 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-COE) prepared by  $\text{Cp}^*\text{TiCl}_2(\text{O}-2,6\text{-Cl}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)$  (**3**) - MAO catalyst (run 10, Table 1, COE 28.1 mol%).

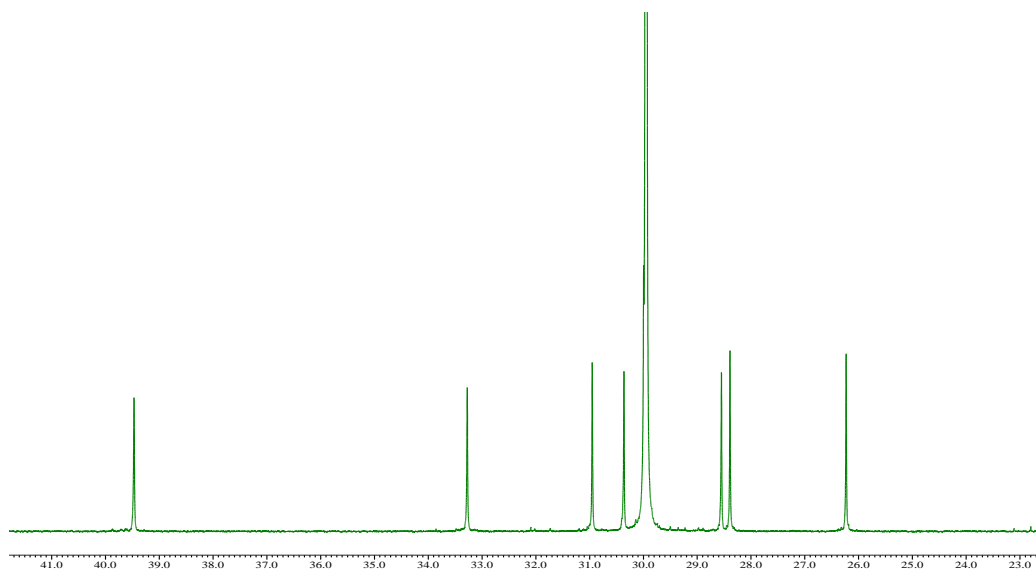




**Figure S5.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene-*d*<sub>4</sub>/bromobenzene-*d*<sub>5</sub> at 150 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-COE) prepared by CpTiCl<sub>2</sub>(N=C<sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>2</sub>) (**5**) - MAO catalyst (run 15, Table 1, COE 20.2 mol%).



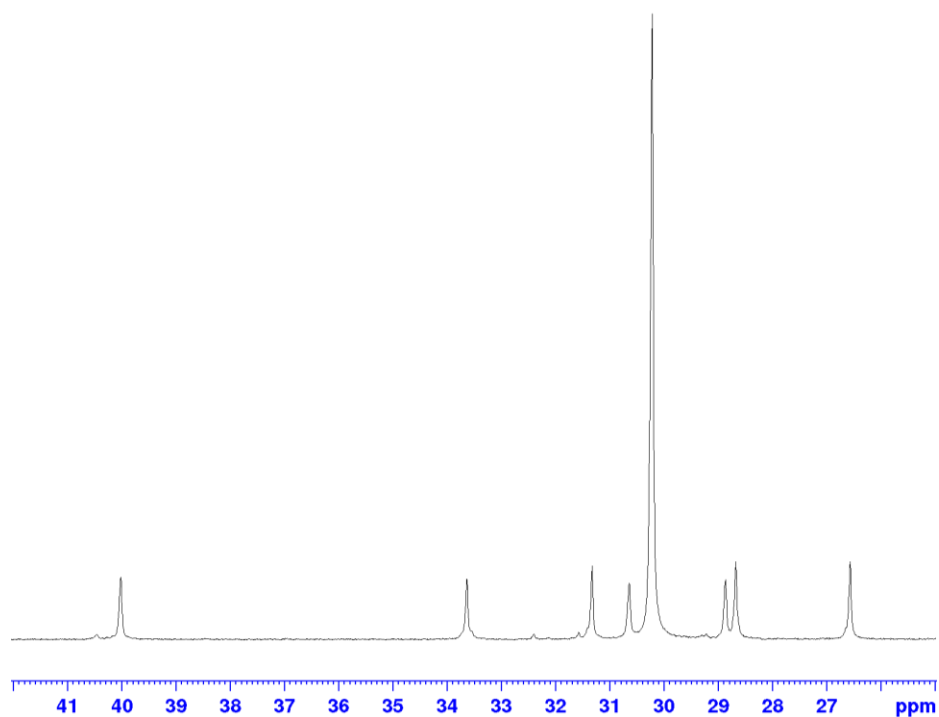
**Figure S6.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene-*d*<sub>4</sub>/bromobenzene-*d*<sub>5</sub> at 150 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-COE) prepared by (<sup>t</sup>BuC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)TiCl<sub>2</sub>(N=C<sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>2</sub>) (**6**) - MAO catalyst (run 18, Table 1, COE 20.4 mol%).



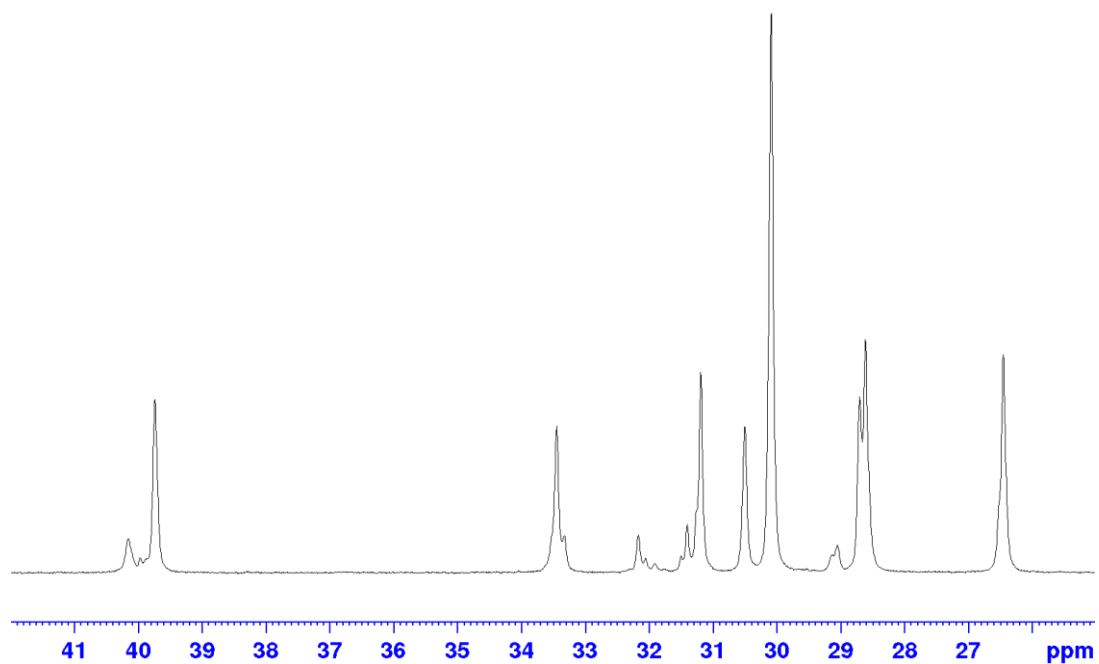
**Figure S7.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene-*d*<sub>4</sub>/bromobenzene-*d*<sub>5</sub> at 150 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-COE) prepared by (indenyl)TiCl<sub>2</sub>(N=C<sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>2</sub>) (**7**) - MAO catalyst (run 19, Table 1, COE 2.6 mol%).



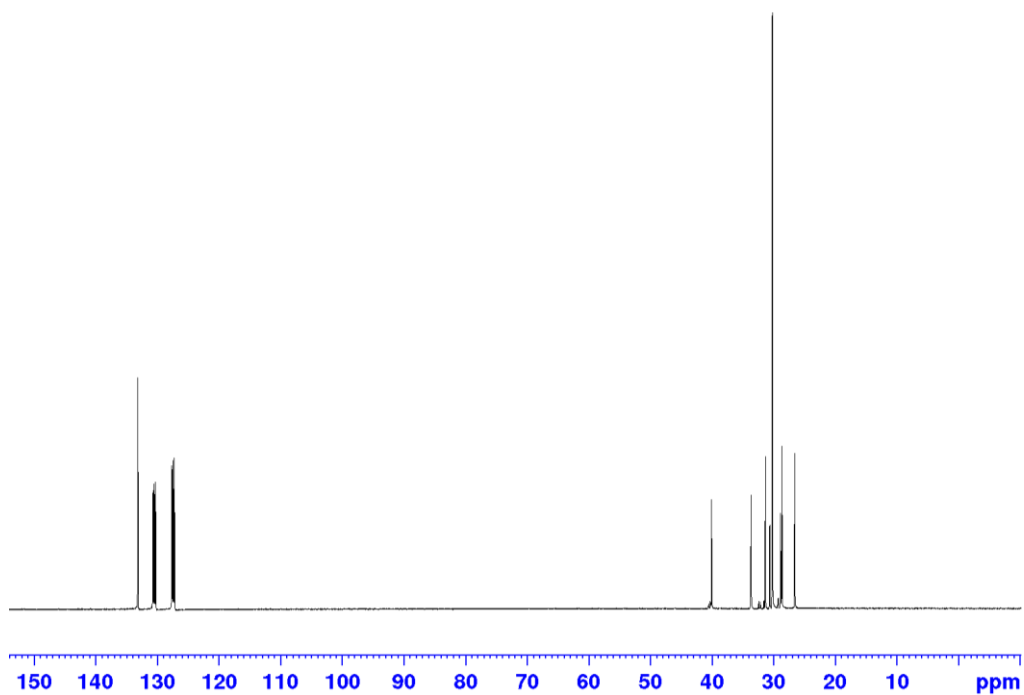
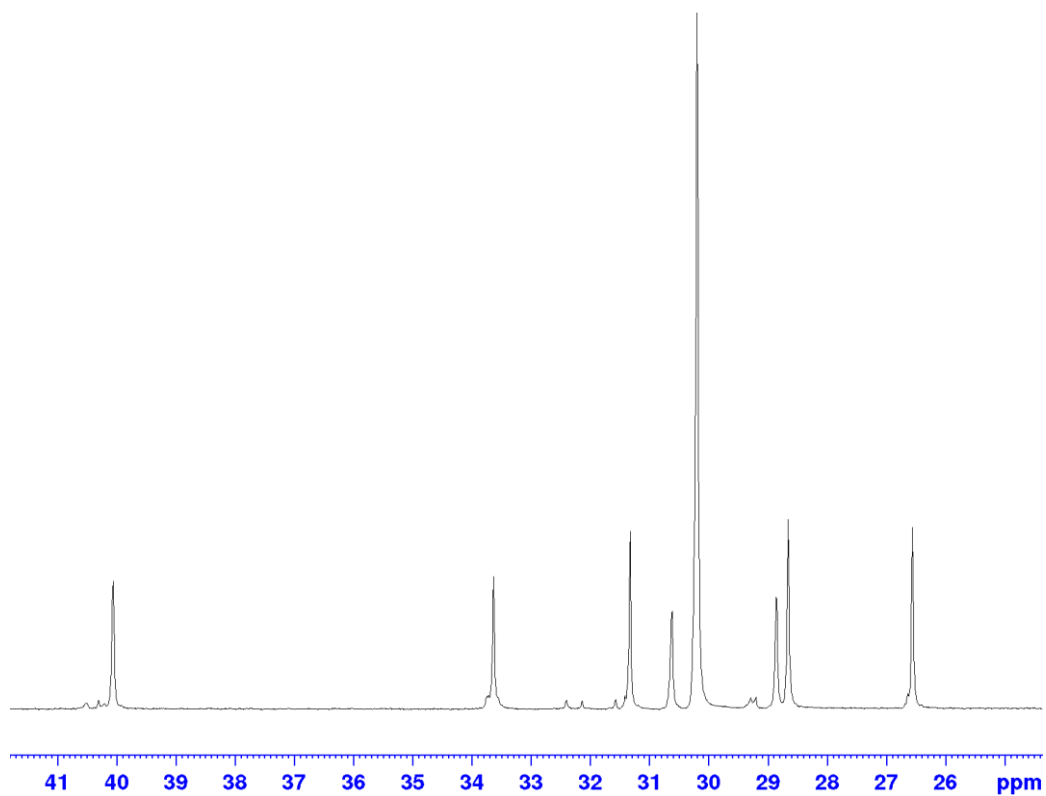
**Figure S8.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene-*d*<sub>4</sub>/bromobenzene-*d*<sub>5</sub> at 150 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-COE) prepared by (indenyl)TiCl<sub>2</sub>(N=C<sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>2</sub>) (**7**) - MAO catalyst (run 21, Table 1, COE 7.2 mol%).



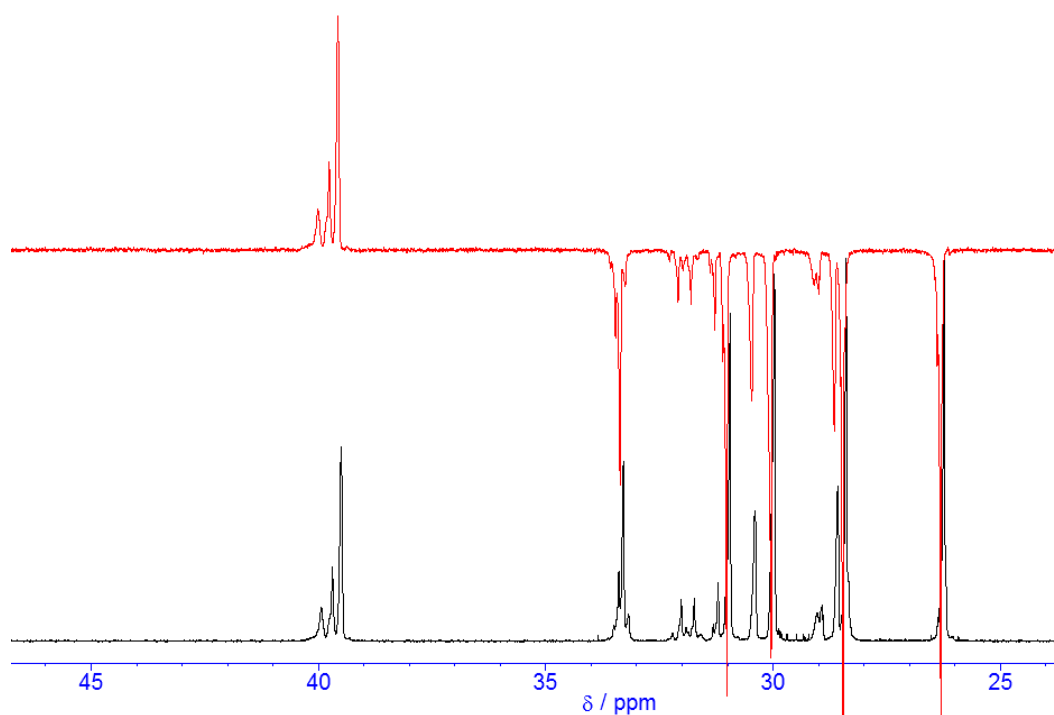
**Figure S9.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene-*d*<sub>4</sub> at 130 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-COE) prepared by Cp\*TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) (**3**) - MAO catalyst (run 31, Table 2, COE 7.0 mol%).



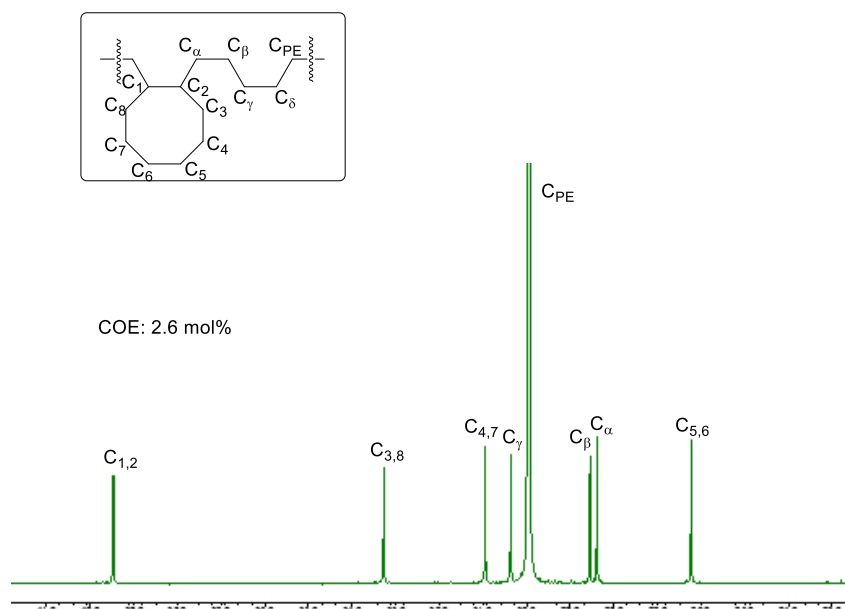
**Figure S10.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-COE) prepared by Cp\*TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) (**3**) - MAO catalyst (run 32, Table 2, COE 16.1 mol%).



**Figure S11.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene-*d*<sub>4</sub> at 130 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-COE) prepared by [Me<sub>2</sub>Si(C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>4</sub>)(N<sup>i</sup>Bu)]TiCl<sub>2</sub> (**8**) - MAO catalyst (run 24, Table 1, COE 9.9 mol%).

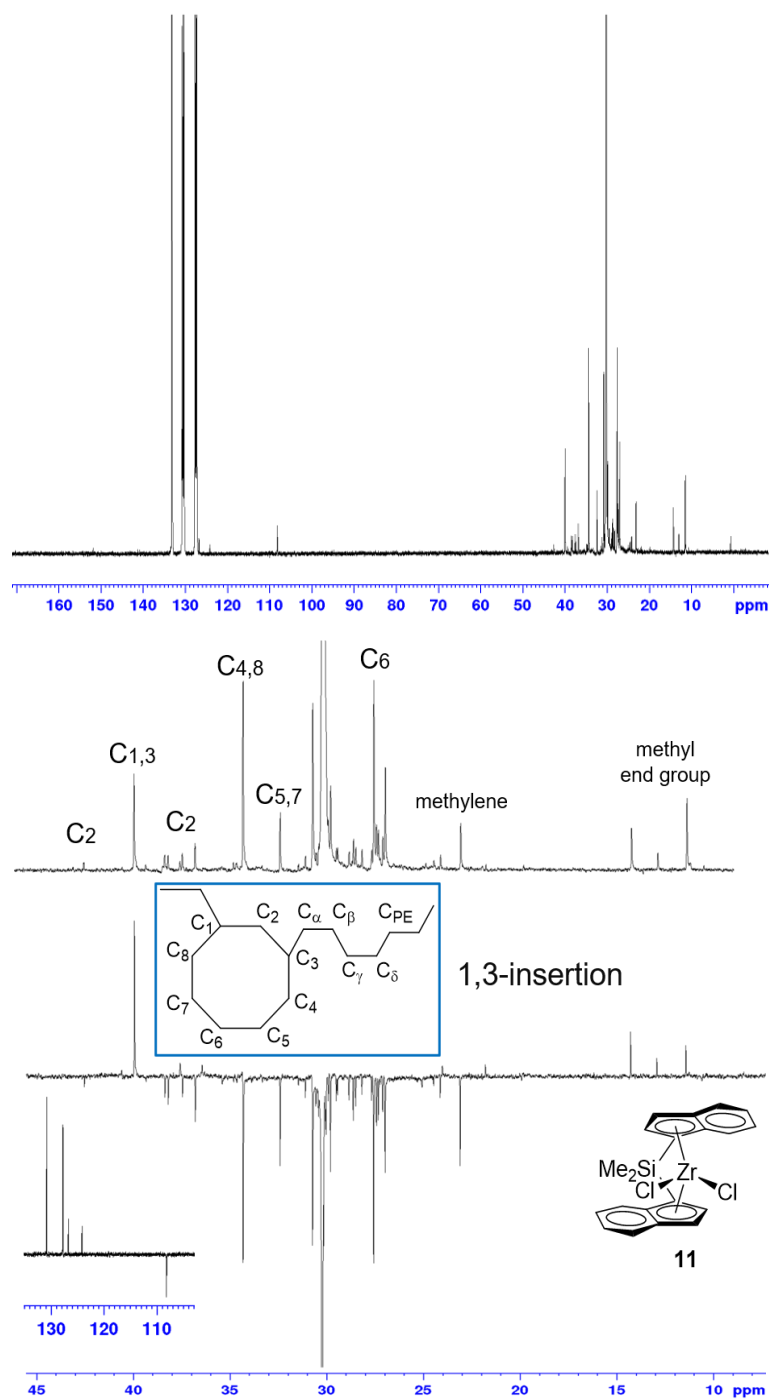


**Figure S12.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and the dept spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene- $d_4$ /bromobenzene- $d_5$  at 150 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-COE) prepared by  $\text{CpTiCl}_2(\text{N}=\text{C}^t\text{Bu}_2)$  (**5**) - MAO catalyst (run 15, Table 1, COE 20.2 mol%).

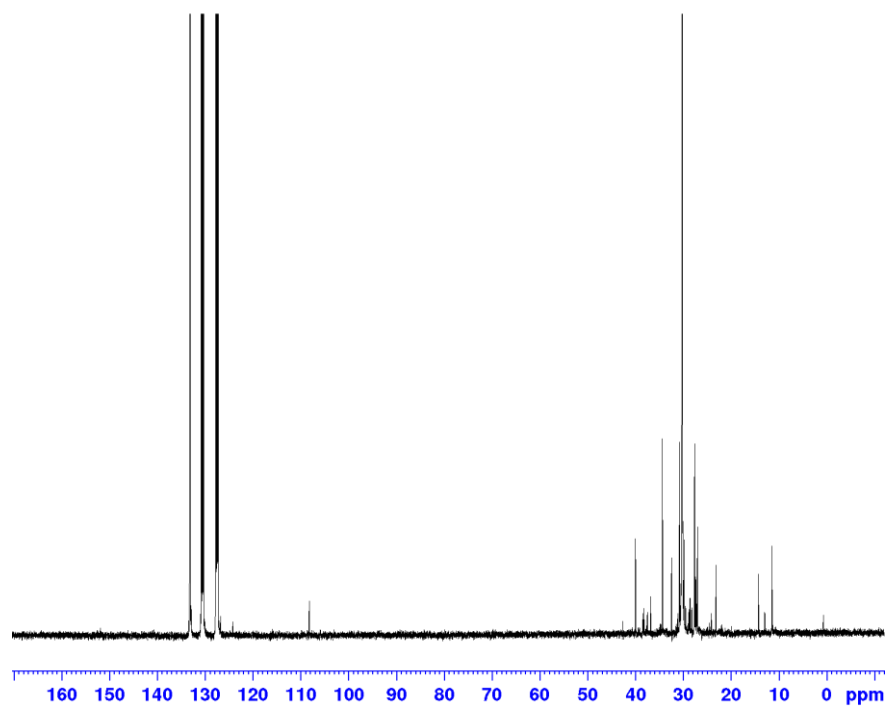
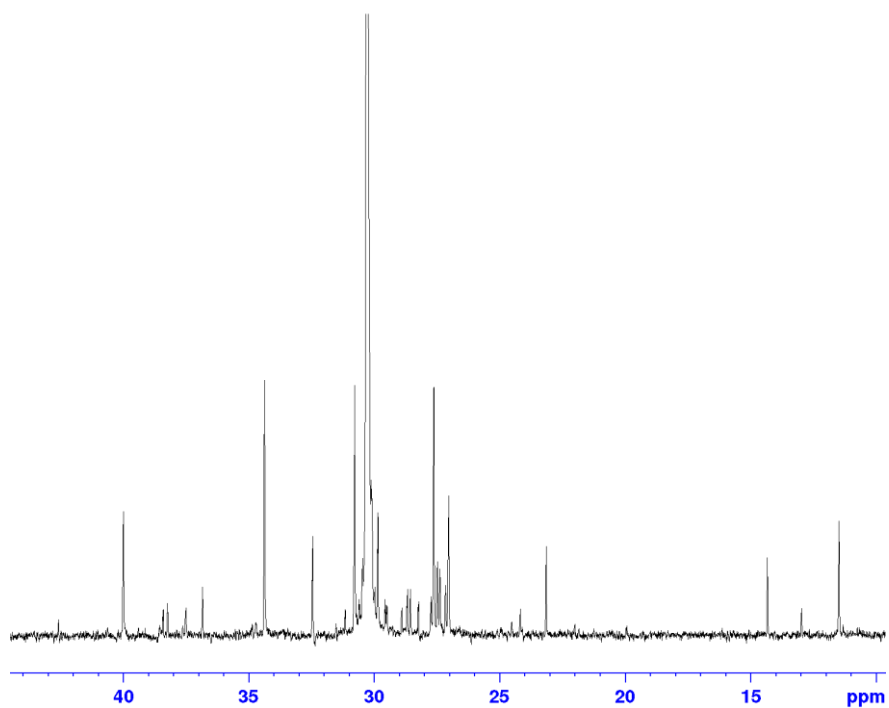


(spectrum, run 19, Table 1)

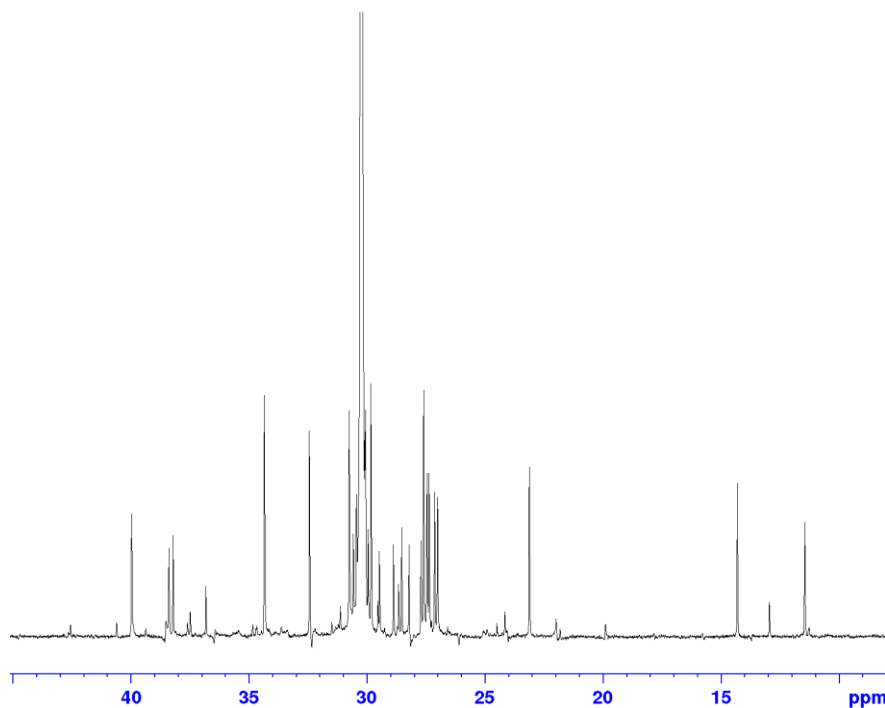
$$\text{COE (mol\%)} = \frac{(C_{1,2} + C_{3,8} + C_{4,7} + C_{5,6})/8}{(C_{1,2} + C_{3,8} + C_{4,7} + C_{5,6})/8 + (C_{\alpha} + C_{\beta} + C_{\gamma} + C_{\text{PE}})/2} \times 100$$



**Figure S13.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and the dept spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene- $d_4$  at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-co-COE) prepared by  $[\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(\text{Ind})_2]\text{ZrCl}_2$  (**11**) - MAO catalyst (run 28, Table 1).

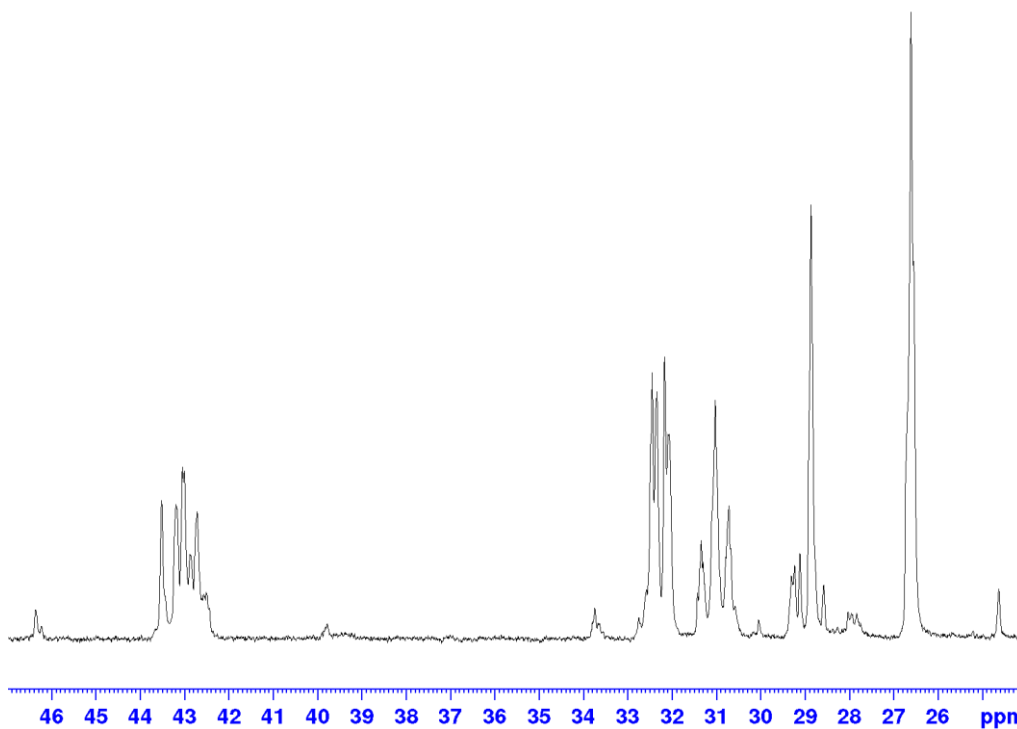


**Figure S14.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene- $d_4$  at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-COE) prepared by  $[\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(\text{Ind})_2]\text{ZrCl}_2$  (**11**) - MAO catalyst (run 29, Table 1).

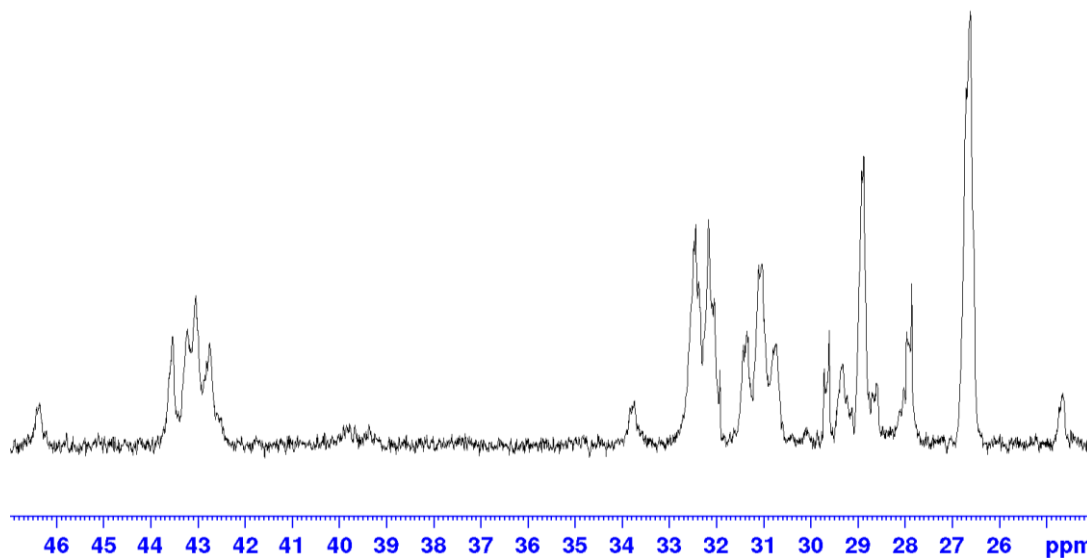


**Figure S15.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene- $d_4$  at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-COE) prepared by  $[\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(\text{Ind})_2]\text{ZrCl}_2$  (**11**) - MAO catalyst (run S21).

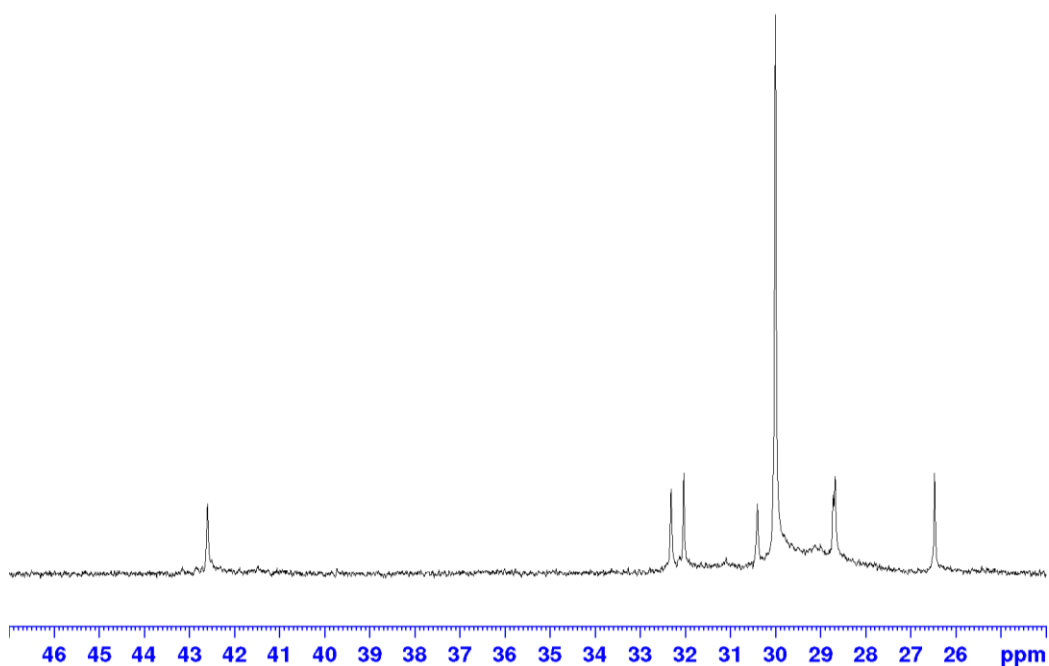




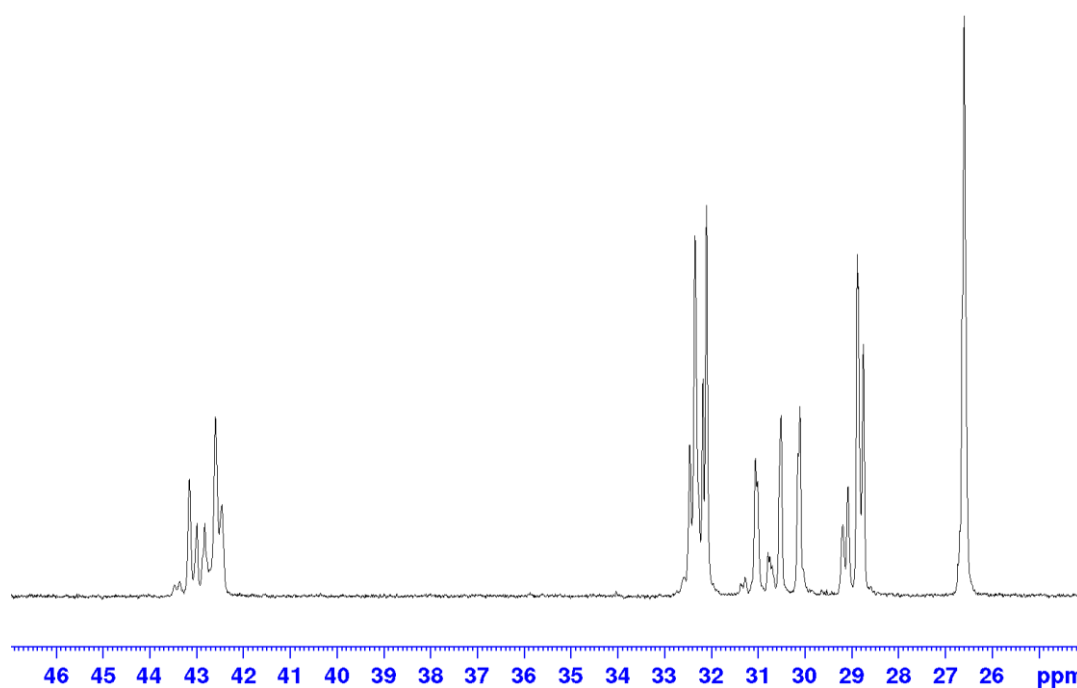
**Figure S16.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-CHP) prepared by (<sup>t</sup>BuC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) (**2**) - MAO catalyst (run 40, Table 3, CHP 38.6 mol%).



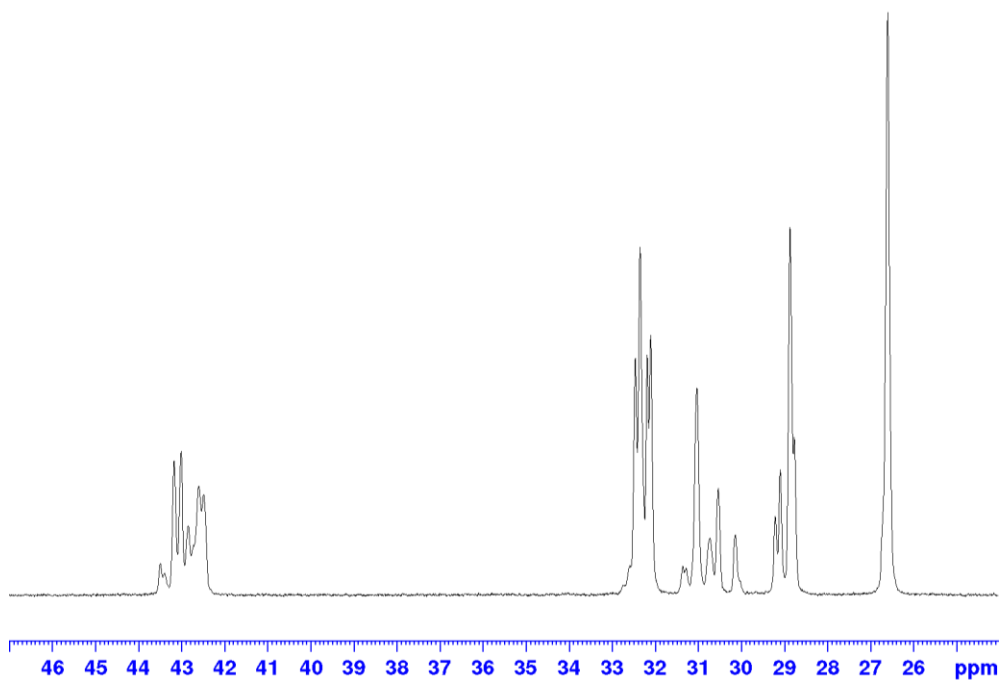
**Figure S17.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-CHP) prepared by (<sup>t</sup>BuC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) (**2**) - MAO catalyst (run 42, Table 3, CHP 40.8 mol%).



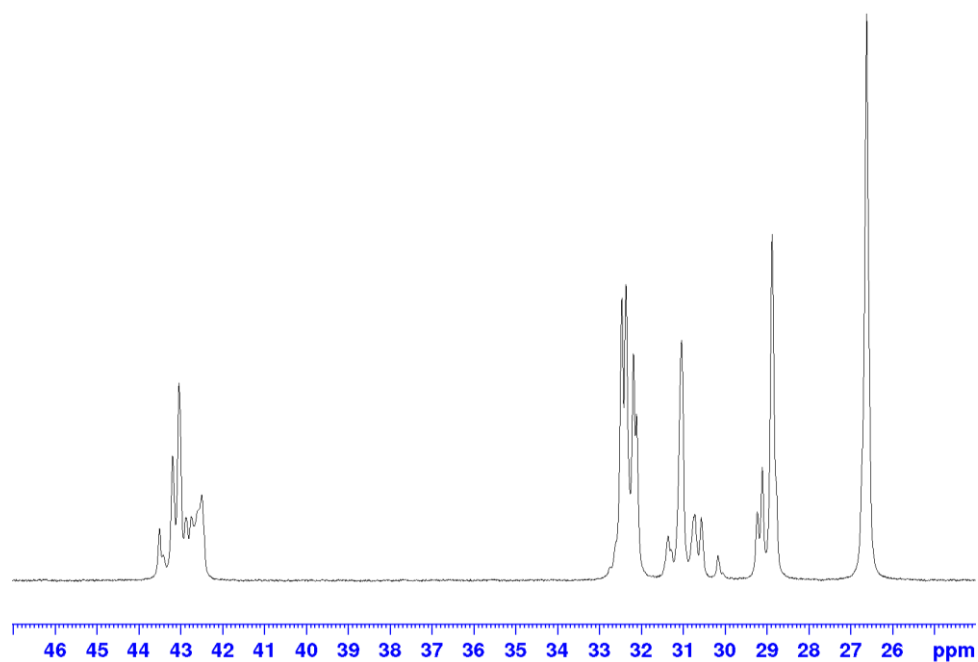
**Figure S18.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene-*d*<sub>4</sub> at 130 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-CHP) prepared by Cp\*TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) (**3**) - MAO catalyst (run 43, Table 3, CHP 10.3 mol%).



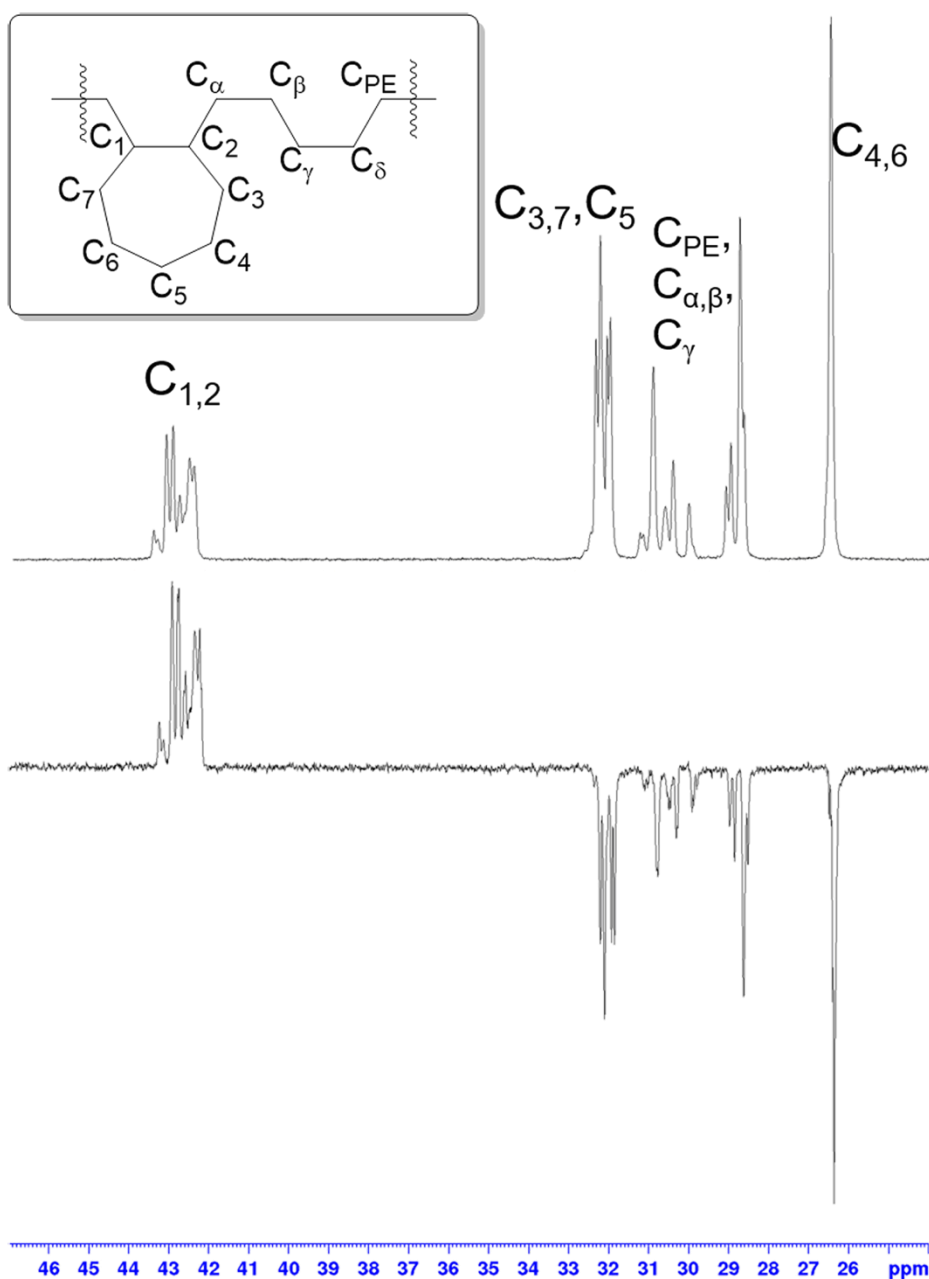
**Figure S19.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-CHP) prepared by Cp\*TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) (**3**) - MAO catalyst (run 44, Table 3, CHP 32.3 mol%).



**Figure S20.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane- $d_2$  at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-CHP) prepared by  $\text{Cp}^*\text{TiCl}_2(\text{O}-2,6\text{-Cl}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)$  (**3**) - MAO catalyst (run 45, Table 3, CHP 35.7 mol%).

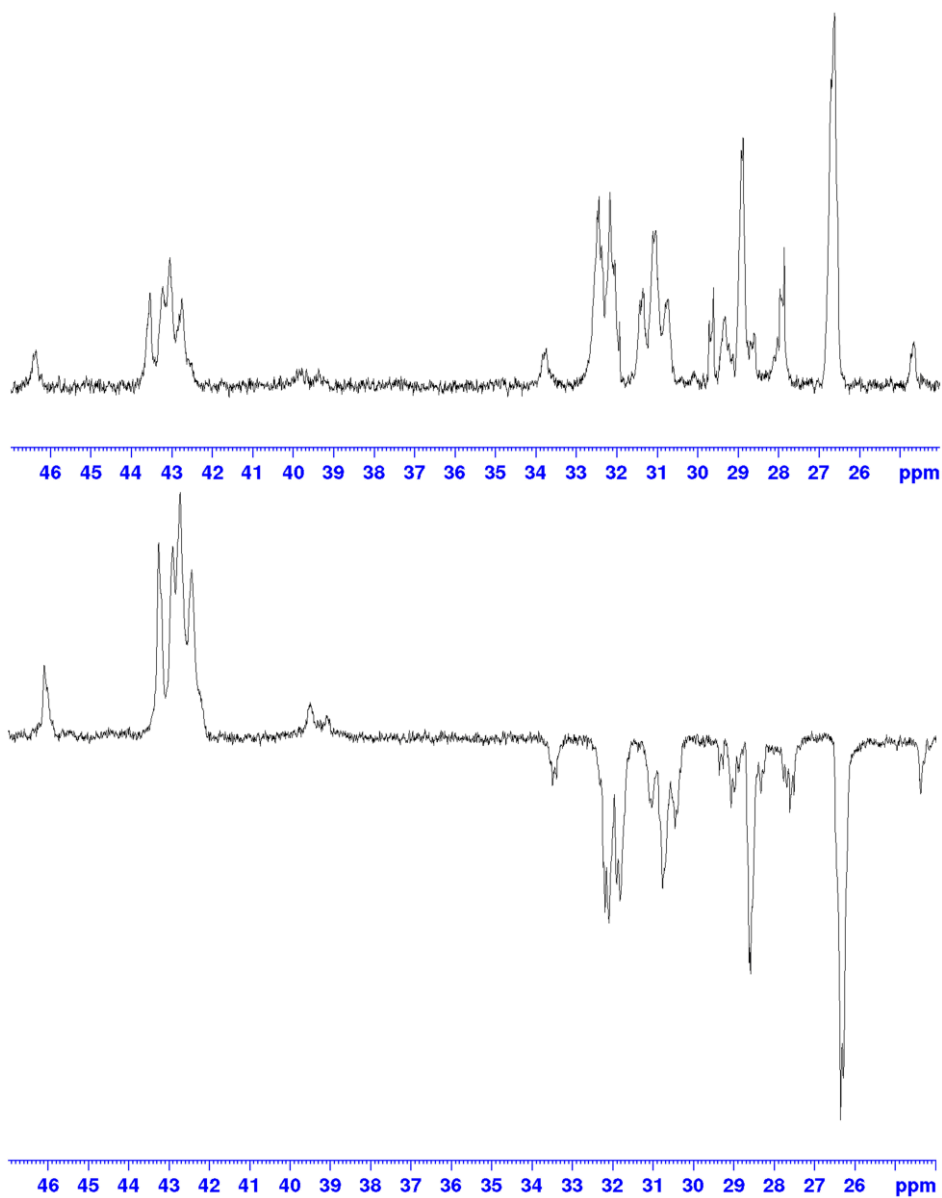


**Figure S21.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane- $d_2$  at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-CHP) prepared by  $\text{Cp}^*\text{TiCl}_2(\text{O}-2,6\text{-Cl}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)$  (**3**) - MAO catalyst (run 47, Table 3, CHP 37.1 mol%).

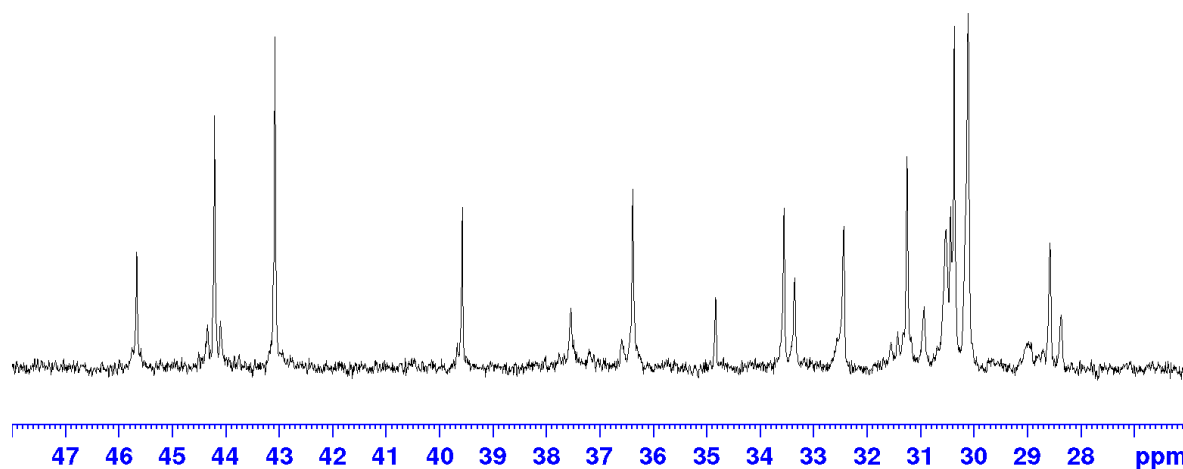


**Figure S22.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR and the dept spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane- $d_2$  at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-CHP) prepared by  $\text{Cp}^*\text{TiCl}_2(\text{O}-2,6\text{-Cl}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)$  (**3**) - MAO catalyst (run 45, Table 3, CHP 35.7 mol%).

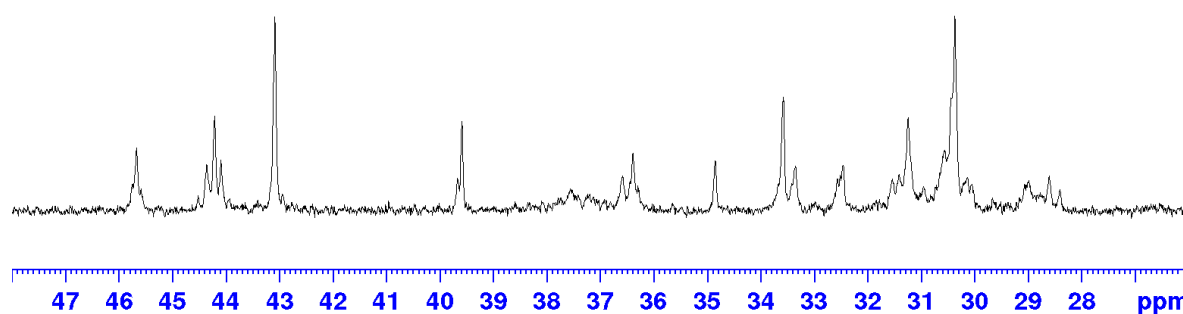
$$\text{CHP (mol\%)} = \frac{(\text{C}_{1,2} + \text{C}_{7,3} + \text{C}_{4,6} + \text{C}_5)/7}{(\text{C}_{1,2} + \text{C}_{7,3} + \text{C}_{4,6} + \text{C}_5)/7 + (\text{C}_{\alpha,\beta} + \text{C}_\gamma + \text{C}_{\text{PE}})/2} \times 100$$



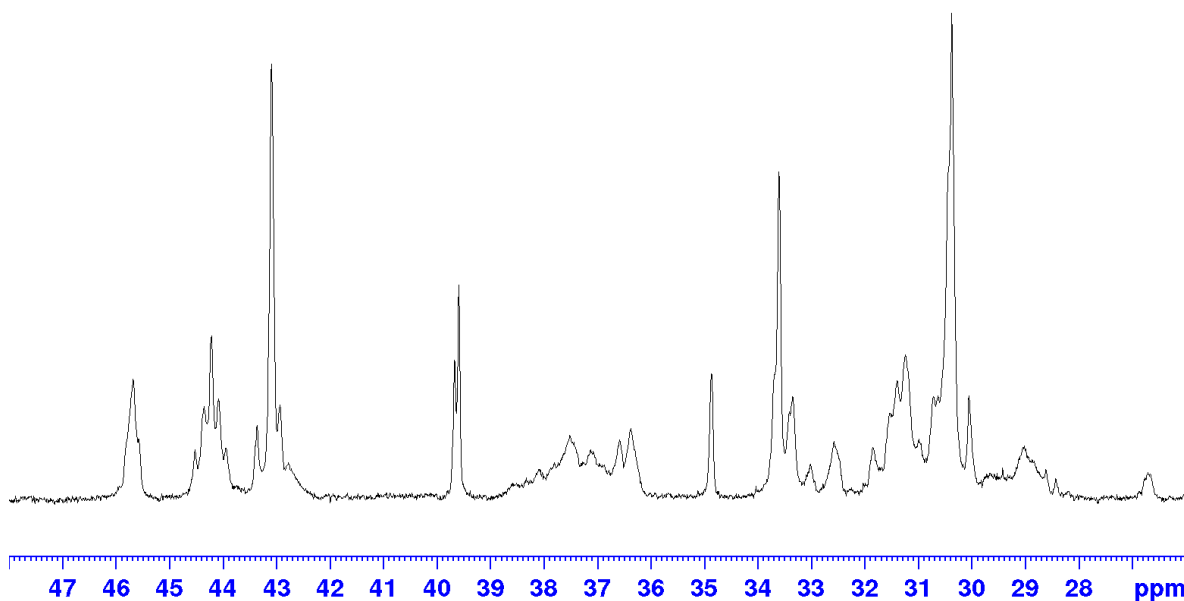
**Figure S23.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane- $d_2$  at 110 °C) and the dept spectrum for poly(ethylene-*co*-CHP) prepared by ( $t\text{-BuC}_5\text{H}_4$ ) $\text{TiCl}_2(\text{O}-2,6\text{-Cl}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_3)$  (**2**) - MAO catalyst (run 42, Table 3, CHP 40.8 mol%).



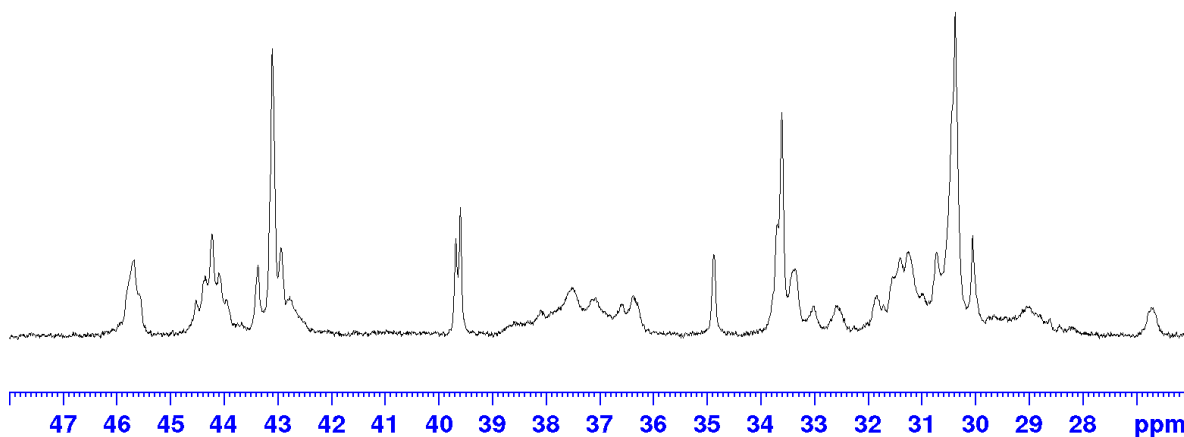
**Figure S24.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-TCUE) prepared by (1,2,4-Me<sub>3</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>2</sub>)TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) (**1**) - MAO catalyst (run 48, Table 4, TCUE 19.5 mol%).



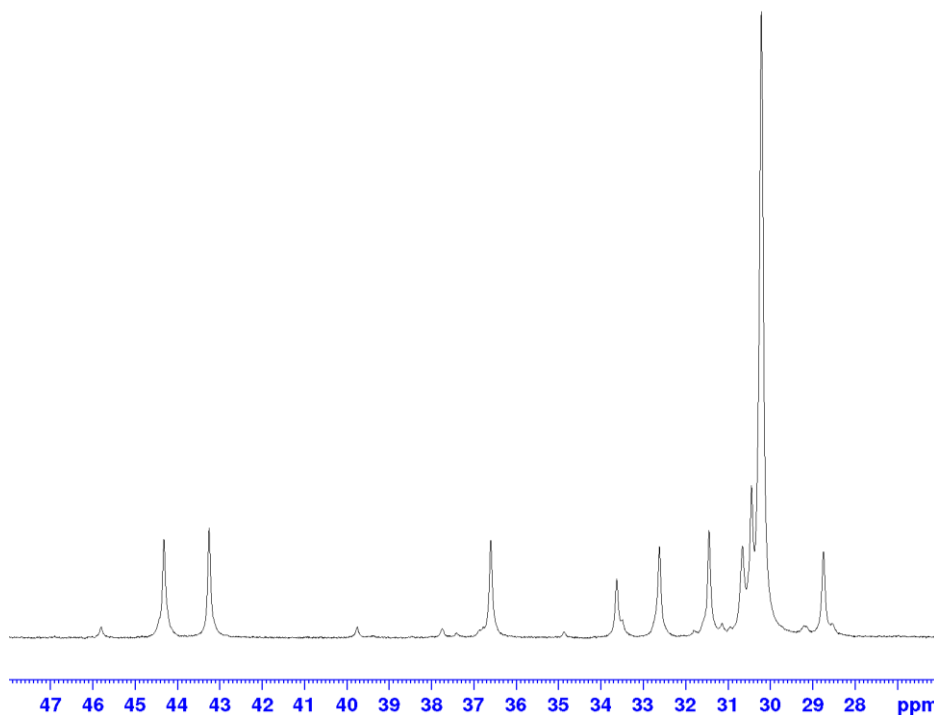
**Figure S25.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-TCUE) prepared by (1,2,4-Me<sub>3</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>2</sub>)TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) (**1**) - MAO catalyst (run 49, Table 4, TCUE 26.5 mol%).



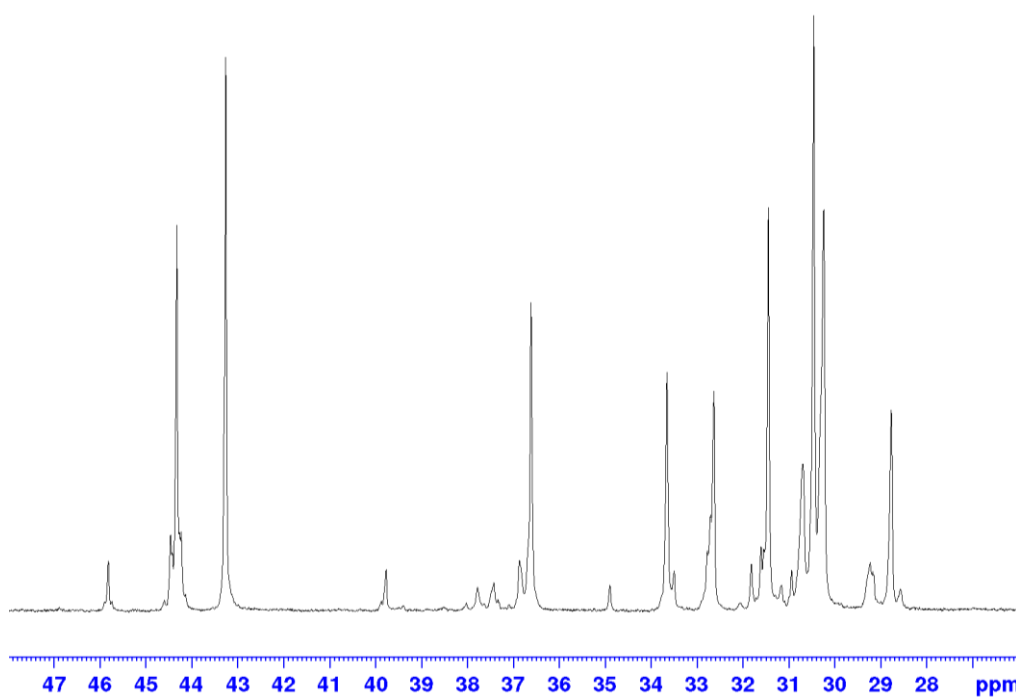
**Figure S26.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-TCUE) prepared by (1,2,4-Me<sub>3</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>2</sub>)TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) (**1**) - MAO catalyst (run 50, Table 4, TCUE 35.1 mol%).



**Figure S27.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-TCUE) prepared by (1,2,4-Me<sub>3</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>2</sub>)TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) (**1**) - MAO catalyst (run 51, Table 4, TCUE 38.8 mol%).

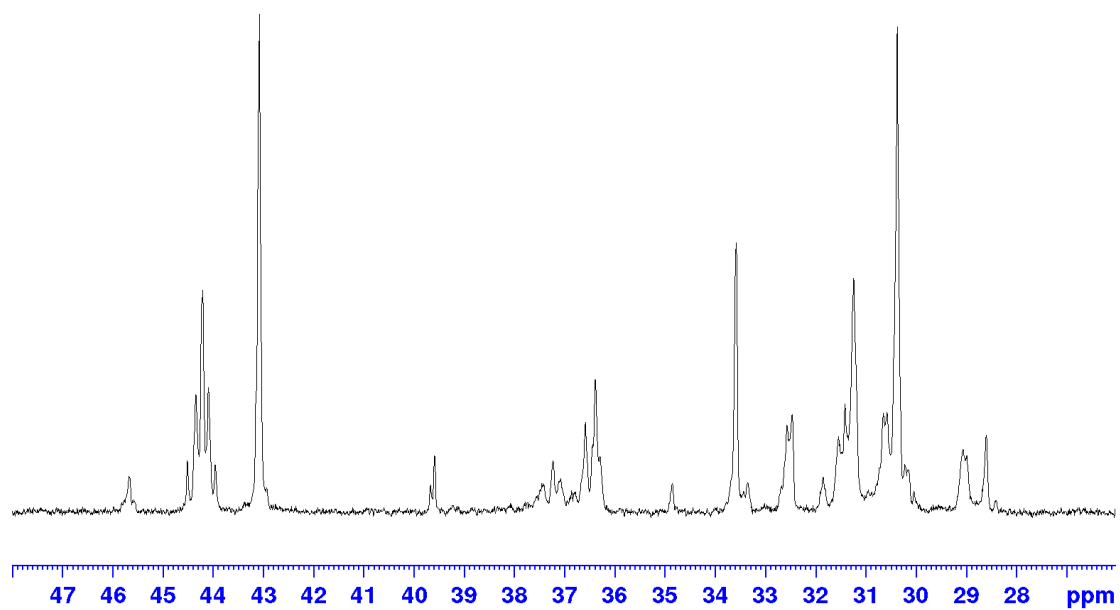


**Figure S28.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene-*d*<sub>4</sub> at 130 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-TCUE) prepared by CpTiCl<sub>2</sub>(N=C<sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>2</sub>) (**5**) - MAO catalyst (run 56, Table 4, TCUE 9.4 mol%).

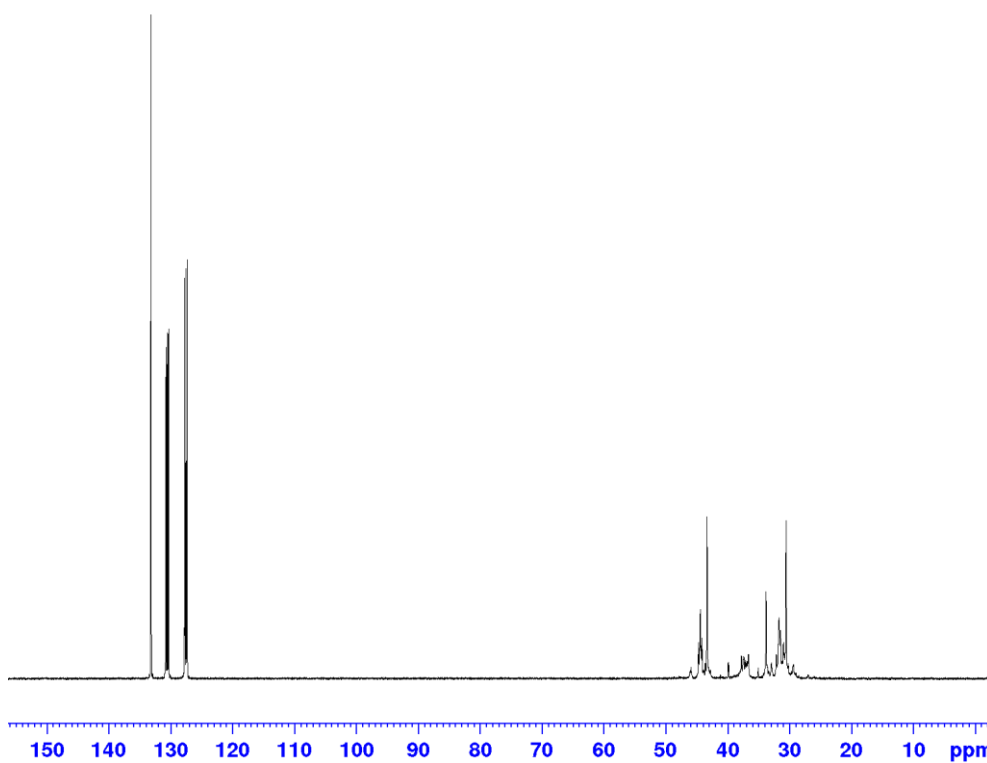
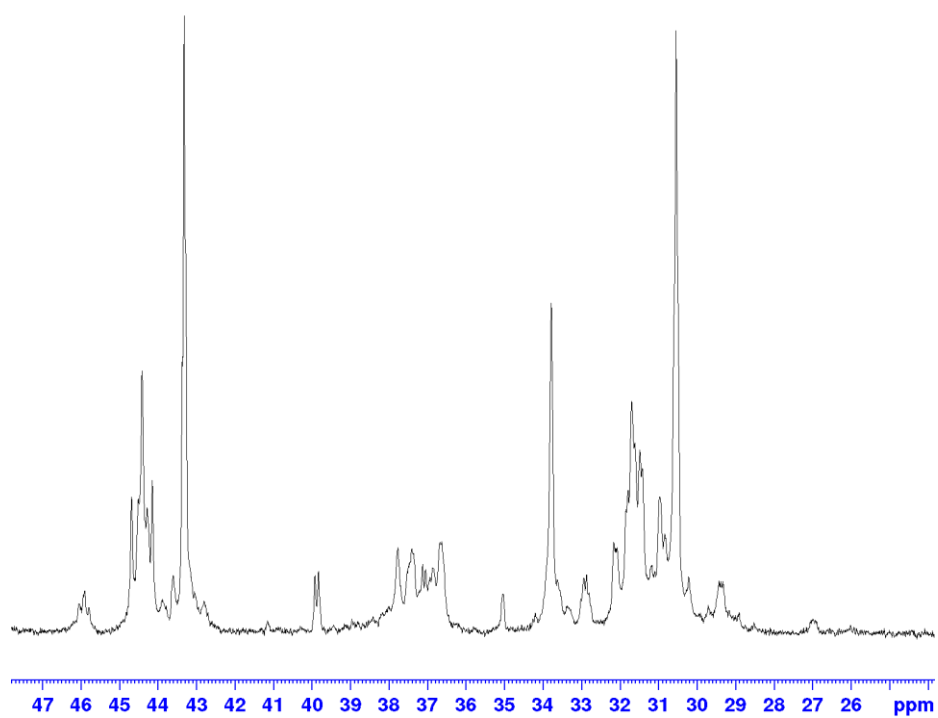


**Figure S29.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in *o*-dichlorobenzene-*d*<sub>4</sub> at 130 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-TCUE) prepared by CpTiCl<sub>2</sub>(N=C<sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>2</sub>) (**5**) - MAO catalyst (run 57, Table 4, TCUE 20.7 mol%).

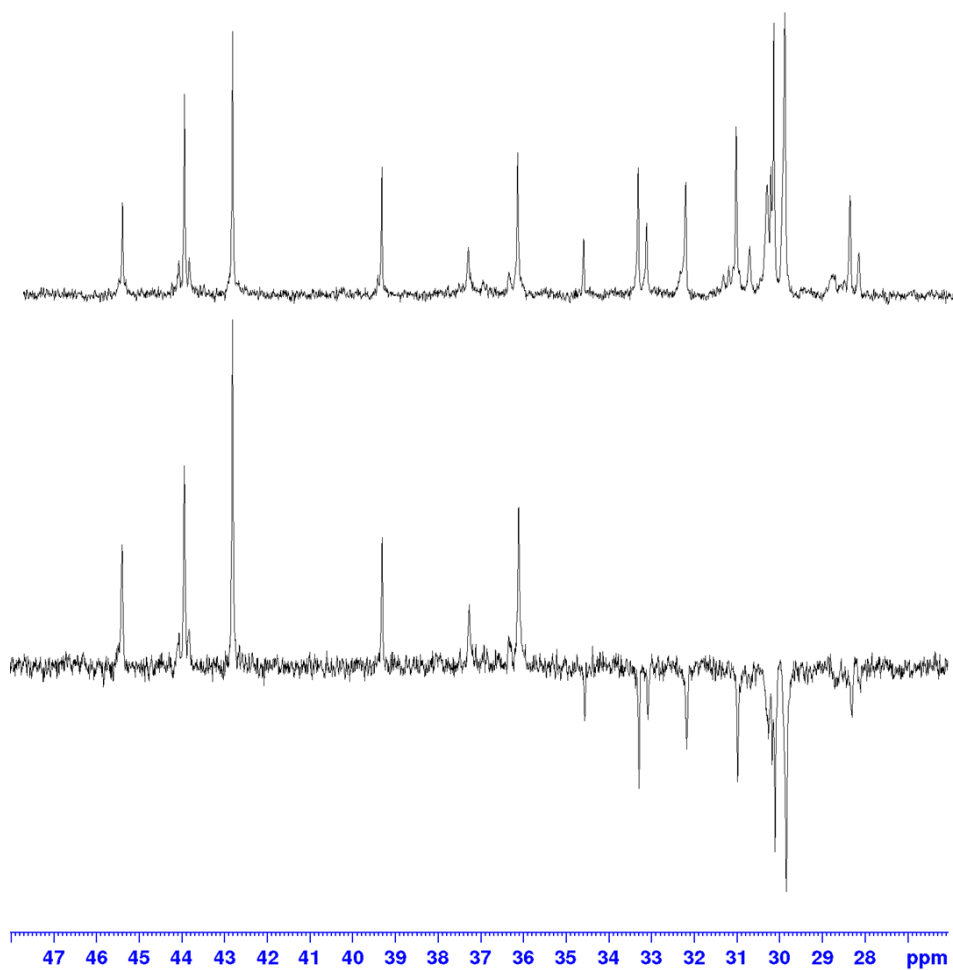




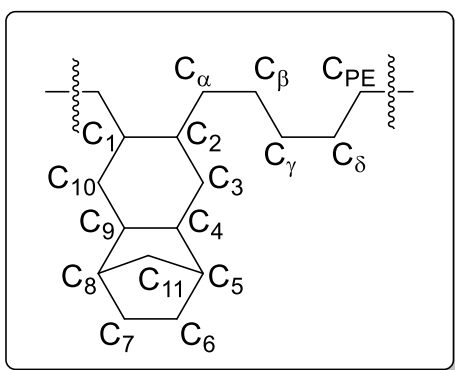
**Figure S30.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-TCUE) prepared by CpTiCl<sub>2</sub>(N=C<sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>2</sub>) (**5**) - MAO catalyst (run 58, Table 4, TCUE 31.7 mol%).



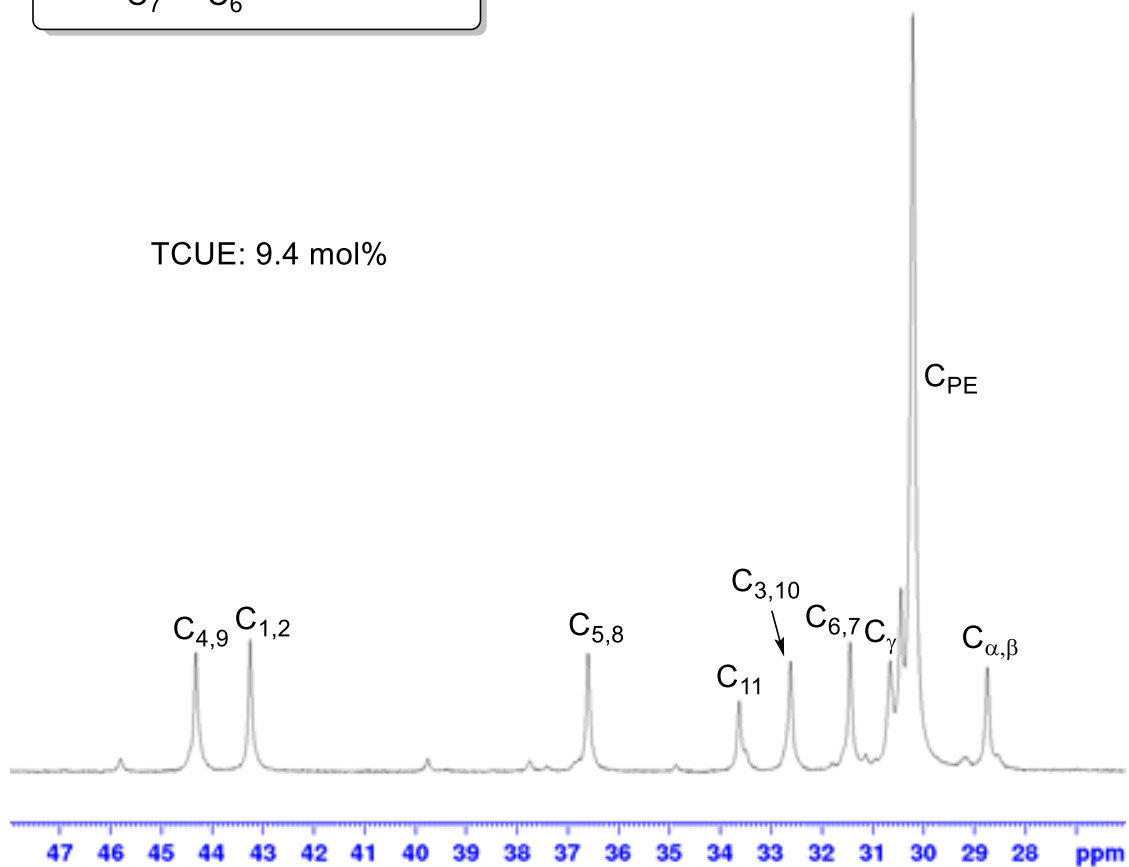
**Figure S31.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-TCUE) prepared by CpTiCl<sub>2</sub>(N=C<sup>t</sup>Bu<sub>2</sub>) (**5**) - MAO catalyst (run 62, Table 4, TCUE 40.7 mol%).



**Figure S32.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR and the dept spectrum (in 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane-*d*<sub>2</sub> at 110 °C) for poly(ethylene-*co*-TCUE) prepared by (1,2,4-Me<sub>3</sub>C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>2</sub>)TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) (**1**) - MAO catalyst (run 48, Table 4, TCUE 19.5 mol%).

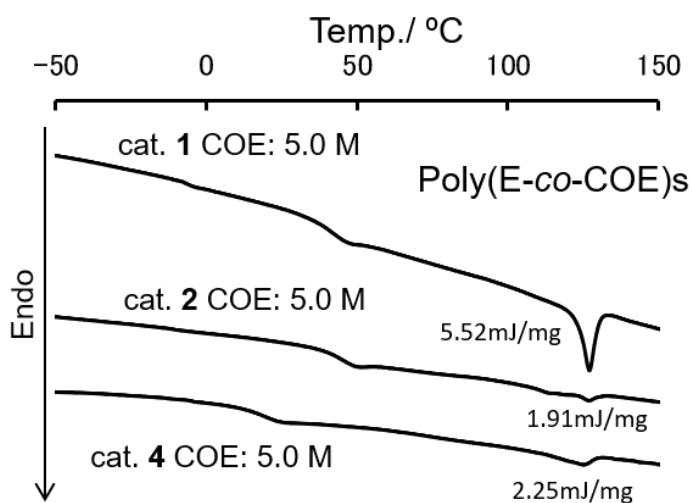


TCUE: 9.4 mol%

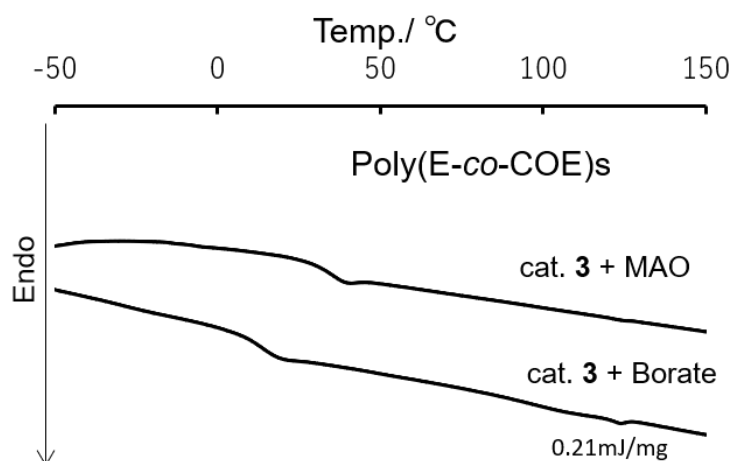


$$\text{TCUE (mol\%)} = \frac{(C_{1,2} + C_{3,10} + C_{4,9} + C_{5,8} + C_{6,7} + C_{11})/11}{(C_{1,2} + C_{3,10} + C_{4,9} + C_{5,8} + C_{6,7} + C_{11})/11 + (C_{\alpha,\beta} + C_{\gamma} + C_{PE})/2} \times 100$$

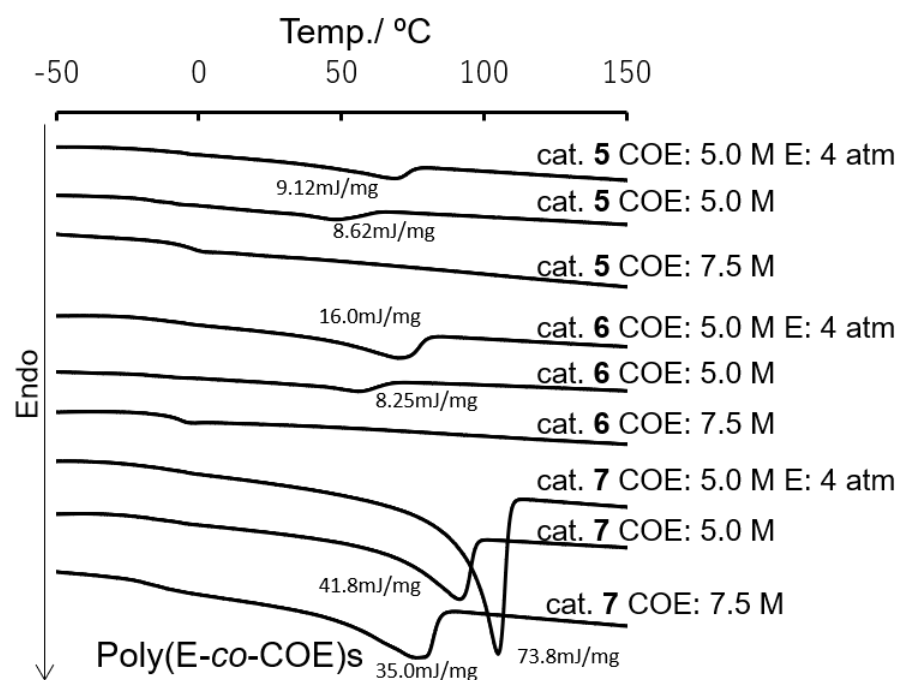
### 3. DSC thermograms in the copolymers.



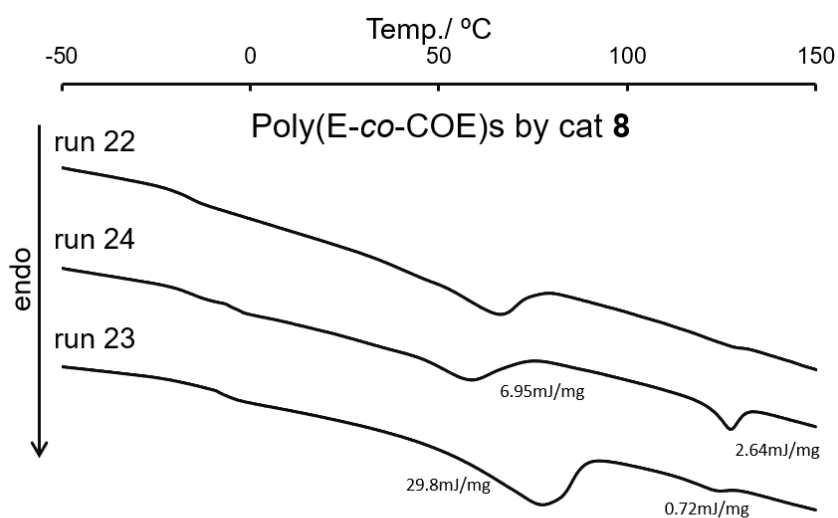
**Figure S33.** DSC thermograms of polymers prepared by **1**, **2**, **4** - MAO catalysts in ethylene polymerization in the presence of COE. Detailed results are shown in Table 1 (runs 2, 5, 12).



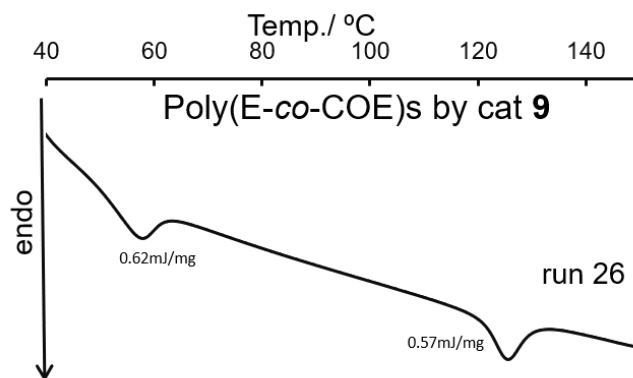
**Figure S34.** DSC thermograms of poly(ethylene-co-COE)s prepared by Cp\*TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-Cl<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) (**3**) - MAO or borate catalysts. Detailed results are shown in Table 1 (runs 8, 9).



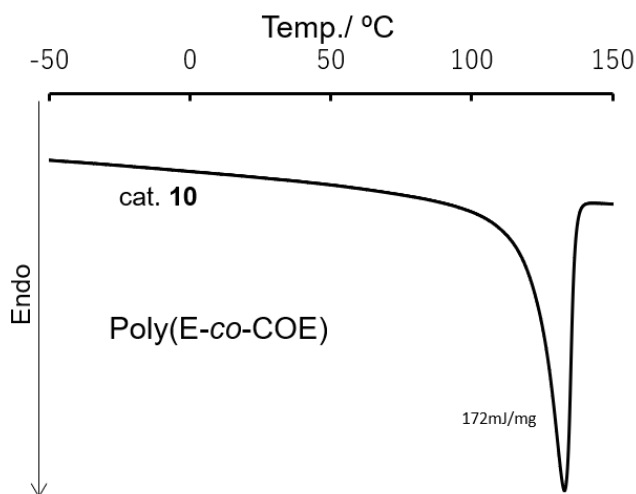
**Figure S35.** Detailed results are shown in Table 1 (runs 13-21).



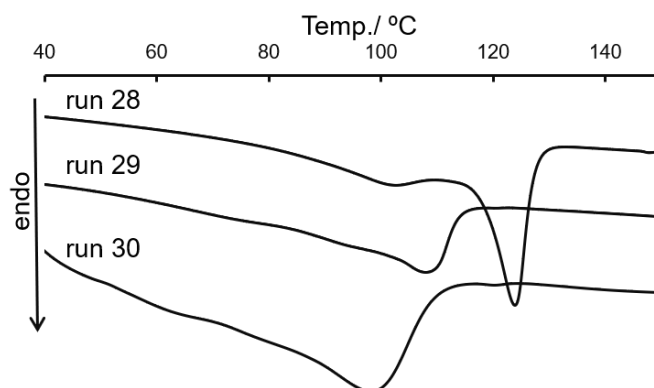
**Figure S36.** DSC thermograms of polymers prepared by **8** - MAO catalysts in ethylene polymerization in the presence of COE. Detailed results are shown in Table 1 (runs 22-24).



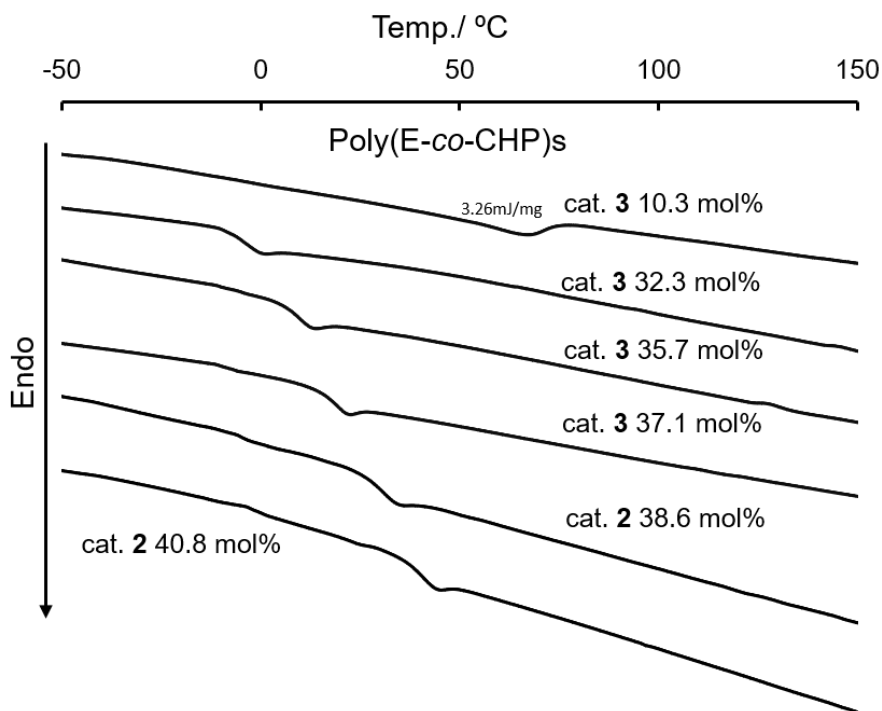
**Figure S37.** DSC thermograms of polymers prepared by **9** - MAO catalysts in ethylene polymerization in the presence of COE. Detailed results are shown in Table 1 (run 26).



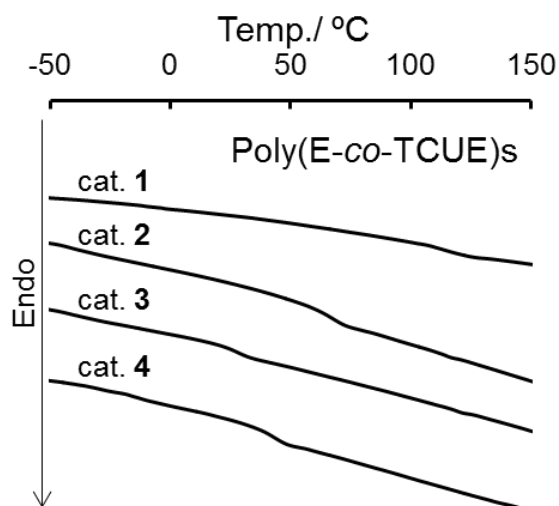
**Figure S38.** DSC thermograms of polymers prepared by **10** - MAO catalyst in ethylene polymerization in the presence of COE. Detailed results are shown in Table 1 (run 27).



**Figure S39.** DSC thermograms of polymers prepared by **11** - MAO catalyst in ethylene polymerization in the presence of COE. Detailed results are shown in Table 1 (runs 28-30).

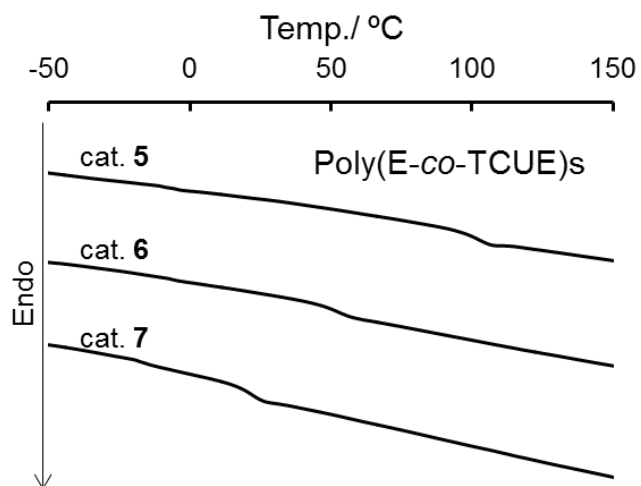


**Figure S40.** DSC thermograms for poly(ethylene-*co*-CHP)s prepared by Cp\*TiCl<sub>2</sub>(O-2,6-*i*Pr<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>) [Cp\* = *t*BuC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (**2**), Cp\* (**3**)] – d-MAO catalysts. CHP content: 10.3 mol% (run 43, Table 3), 32.3 mol % (run 44), 35.7 mol% (run 45), 37.1 mol% (run 47), 38.6 mol% (run 40), and 40.8 mol% (run 42).

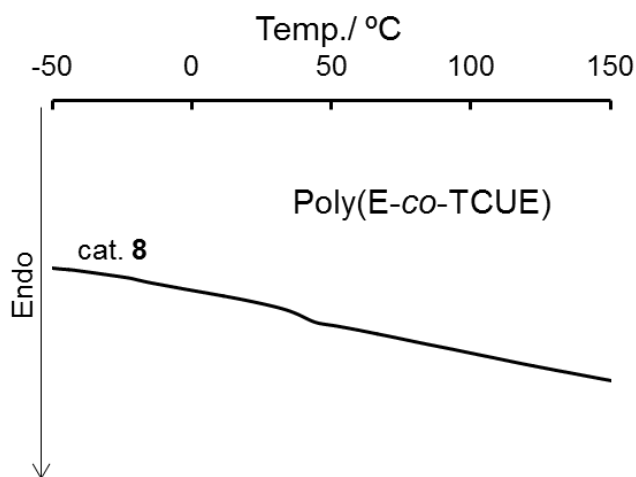


**Figure S41.** DSC thermograms of polymers prepared by **1-4** - MAO catalysts in ethylene polymerization in the presence of TCUE. Detailed results are shown in Table 4 (runs S28,53-55).



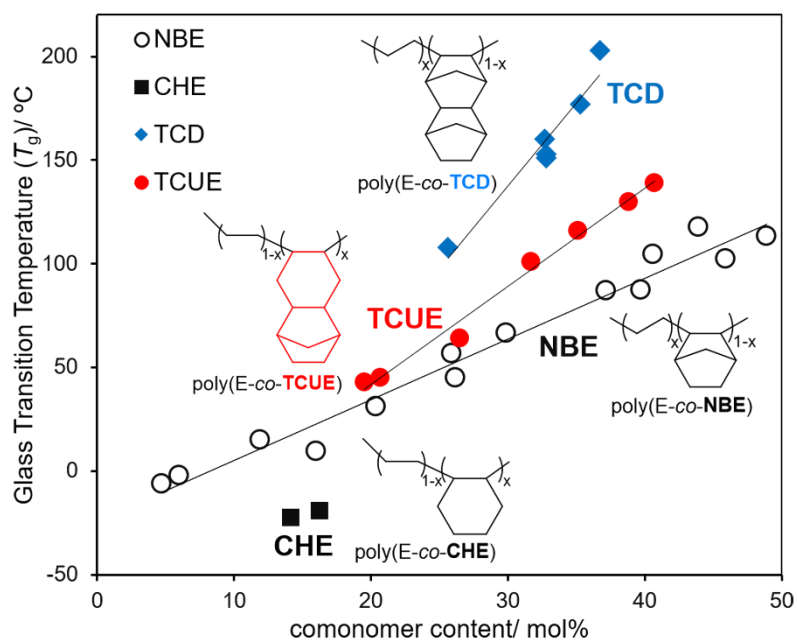


**Figure S42.** DSC thermograms of polymers prepared by **5-7** - MAO catalysts in ethylene polymerization in the presence of TCUE. Detailed results are shown in Table 4 (runs 62-64).



**Figure S43.** DSC thermograms of polymers prepared by **8** - MAO catalysts in ethylene polymerization in the presence of TCUE. Detailed results are shown in Table 4 (runs 65).

**4. Plots of glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) vs comonomer content (mol%) in ethylene copolymers with norbornene (NBE), tetracyclododecene (TCD), and with tricyclo[6.2.1.0(2,7)]undeca-4-ene (TCUE).**



**Figure S44.** Plots of glass transition temperature ( $T_g$ ) vs comonomer content (mol%) in ethylene copolymers with norbornene (NBE, cited from: K. Nomura, *Chin. J. Polym. Sci.*, 2008, **26**, 513-523.), tetracyclododecene (TCD, cited from: W. Apisuk, H. Ito, and K. Nomura, *J. Polym. Sci. Part A: Polym. Chem.*, 2016, **54**, 2662-2667.), and with tricyclo[6.2.1.0(2,7)]-undeca-4-ene (TCUE).