

Supporting Information

## **Syntheses, Structures and Ligand Binding Modes of Titanium-Oxide Complexes of 2-Picolinate**

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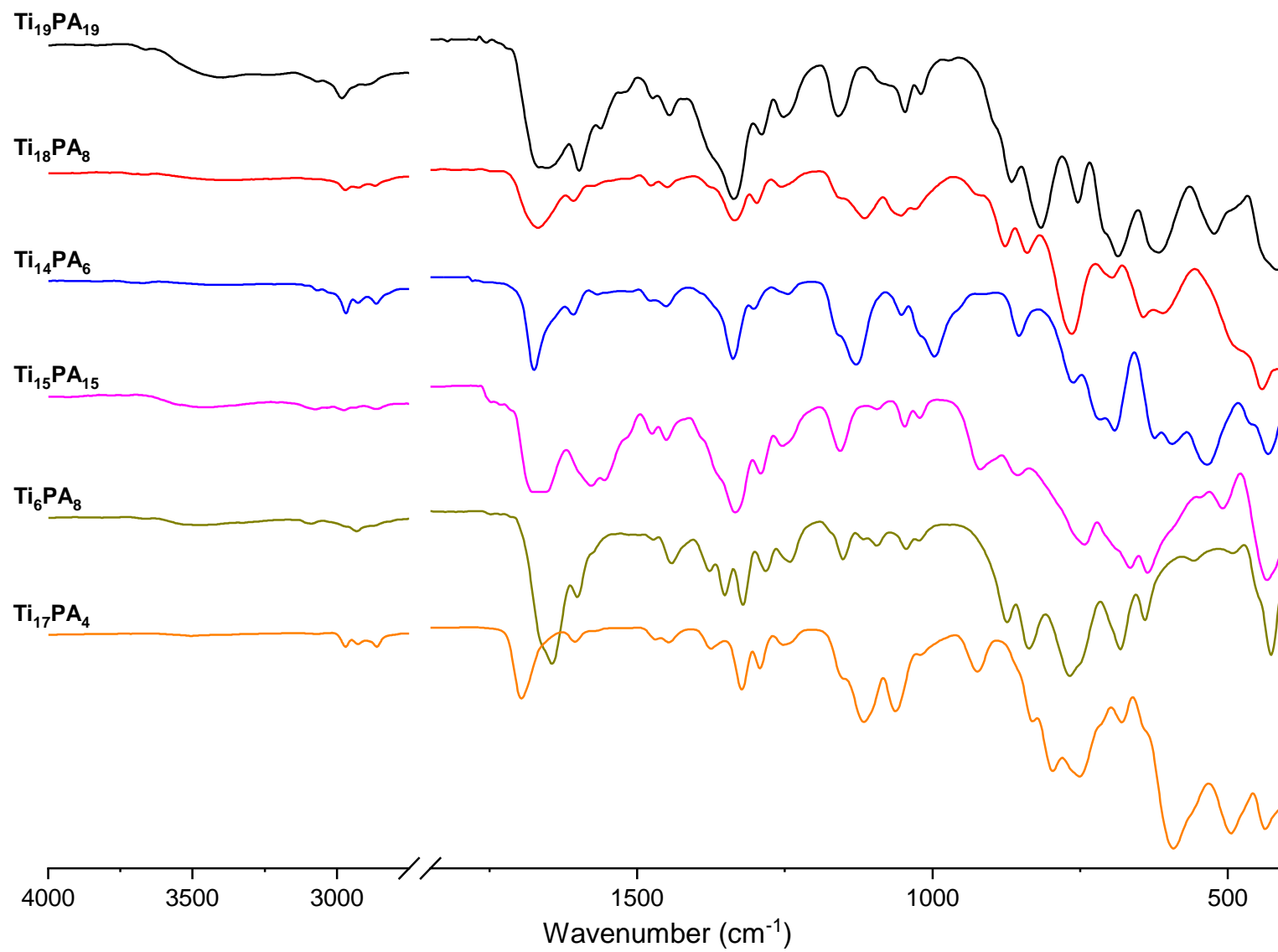
## S1. The table of crystallographic data

Compound	<b>Ti<sub>19</sub>(PA)<sub>19</sub></b>	<b>Ti<sub>18</sub>(PA)<sub>8</sub></b>	<b>Ti<sub>14</sub>(PA)<sub>6</sub></b>
Formula unit	Ti <sub>19</sub> O <sub>70</sub> N <sub>26.5</sub> C <sub>137</sub> H <sub>125.5</sub>	Ti <sub>18</sub> O <sub>61</sub> N <sub>8</sub> C <sub>69</sub> H <sub>92</sub>	Ti <sub>14</sub> O <sub>46</sub> N <sub>10</sub> C <sub>90</sub> H <sub>154</sub>
CCDC number	2126650	2126649	2126646
Moieties	[H <sub>4</sub> Ti <sub>19</sub> O <sub>30</sub> (O <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>19</sub> (OC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ](NC <sub>4</sub> H <sub>12</sub> )·6.5(NC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> )	[Ti <sub>18</sub> O <sub>22</sub> (O <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> (OCH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>18</sub> ]·2(O <sub>2</sub> CH) ·(OCH <sub>4</sub> )	[H <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>14</sub> O <sub>20</sub> (O <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> (OC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ) <sub>12</sub> ]·2(NC <sub>4</sub> H <sub>11</sub> )·2(NC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> )·2(OC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> )
Formula weight (g/mol)	4172.57	2871.09	2782.82
Crystal system	orthorhombic	cubic	monoclinic
Space group (Nr.)	<i>Pmn2<sub>1</sub></i>	<i>I432</i>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i>
a (Å)	22.0234(10)	32.0910(3)	19.4181(2)
b (Å)	15.8771(5)	32.0910(3)	16.6427(2)
c (Å)	28.8999(6)	32.0910(4)	20.1511(4)
α (°)	90	90	90
β (°)	90	90	107.688(2)
γ (°)	90	90	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	10105.4(6)	33048.3(9)	6204.36(17)
Z	2	6	2
Density <sub>calc</sub> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.282	0.829	1.489
Abs. Coeff. μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	6.691	5.639	7.946
Temperature (K)	173	173	173
Total reflections	35091	18693	44175
Min-max 2θ (°)	5.566 to 154.982	5.508 to 152.928	5.536 to 153.418
Unique reflections	13913	5244	12329
R <sub>1</sub> [I ≥ 2σ]	0.0704	0.0904	0.0706
wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.2147	0.3016	0.1953
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0575	0.0857	0.0838
Goodness of fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.038	1.041	1.049
Parameters	1208	255	742
Restraints	518	179	22
Largest diff. peak/hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.66/-0.43	0.60/-0.49	0.92/-0.72

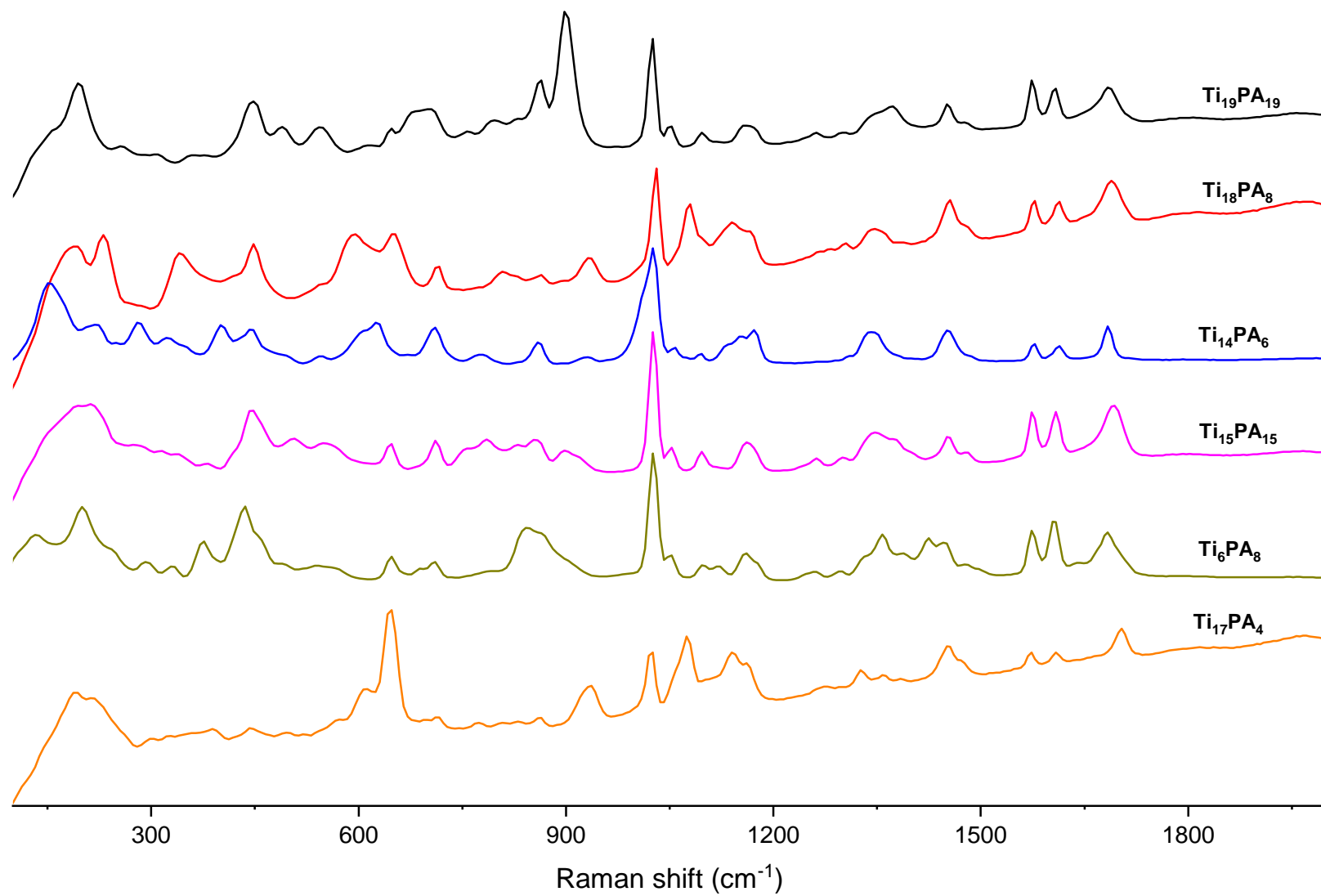
Compound	<b>Ti<sub>15</sub>(PA)<sub>15</sub></b>	<b>Ti<sub>6</sub>(PA)<sub>8</sub></b>	<b>Ti<sub>17</sub>(PA)<sub>4</sub></b>
Formula unit	Ti <sub>15</sub> O <sub>61</sub> N <sub>27</sub> C <sub>121</sub> H <sub>111</sub>	Ti <sub>6</sub> O <sub>28</sub> N <sub>12</sub> C <sub>60</sub> H <sub>60</sub>	Ti <sub>17</sub> O <sub>48</sub> N <sub>4</sub> C <sub>56</sub> H <sub>96</sub>
CCDC number	2126647	2126645	2126648
Moieties	[H <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>15</sub> O <sub>21</sub> (O <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>15</sub> (O <sub>2</sub> CH) <sub>5</sub> ](NC <sub>4</sub> H <sub>11</sub> )·11(NC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> )	Ti <sub>6</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (O <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>8</sub> (ONC <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	Ti <sub>17</sub> O <sub>24</sub> (O <sub>2</sub> NC <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>16</sub>
Formula weight (g/mol)	3637.33	1684.60	2407.1
Crystal system	triclinic	tetragonal	monoclinic
Space group (Nr.)	<i>P</i> -1	<i>I</i> -4	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>m</i>
a (Å)	15.9539(6)	15.2721(2)	14.1453(18)
b (Å)	17.4707(9)	15.2721(2)	25.9558(14)
c (Å)	29.0128(9)	15.8807(3)	14.178(2)
α (°)	89.709(3)	90	90
β (°)	80.240(3)	90	112.466(15)
γ (°)	81.263(4)	90	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	7875.3(6)	3703.97(12)	4810.3(11)
Z	2	2	2
Density <sub>calc</sub> (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.343	1.510	1.662
Abs. Coeff. μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	6.825	6.016	12.086
Temperature (K)	173	173	173
Total reflections	73602	5116	15616
Min-max 2θ (°)	5.924 to 153.186	8.032 to 152.328	6.762 to 156.22
Unique reflections	29824	3062	7758
R <sub>1</sub> [I>=2σ]	0.0831	0.0301	0.1015
wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.2729	0.0757	0.3121
R <sub>int</sub>	0.1059	0.0322	0.0544
Goodness of fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.944	1.013	1.021
Parameters	1725	243	641
Restraints	2097	0	180
Largest diff. peak/hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.57/-0.55	0.33/-0.30	1.48/-1.11

## S2. Additional characterization data

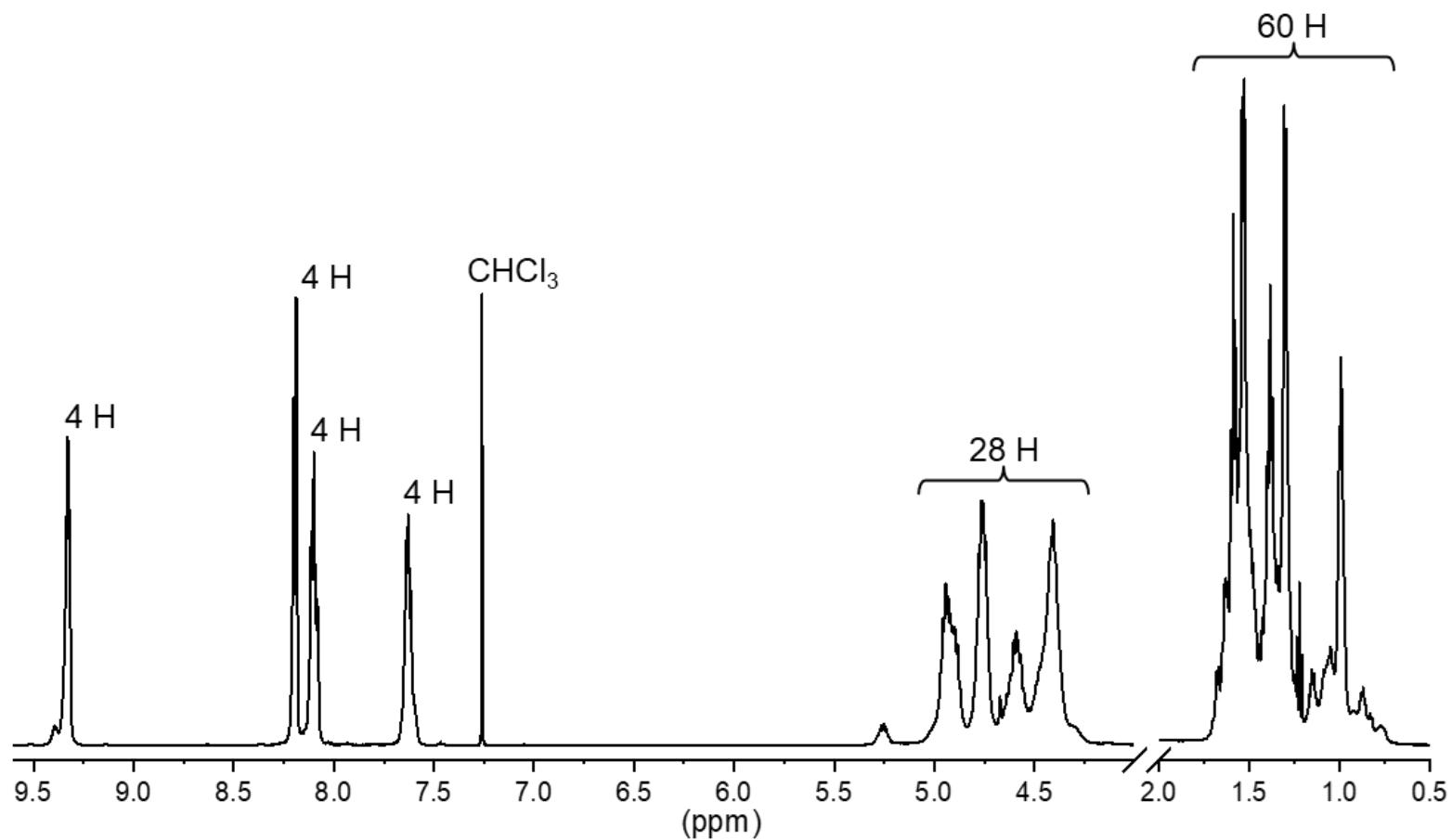
**FTIR spectra.** The FTIR spectra of the clusters are shown below.



**Raman spectra.** The representative Raman spectra of the clusters are shown below.

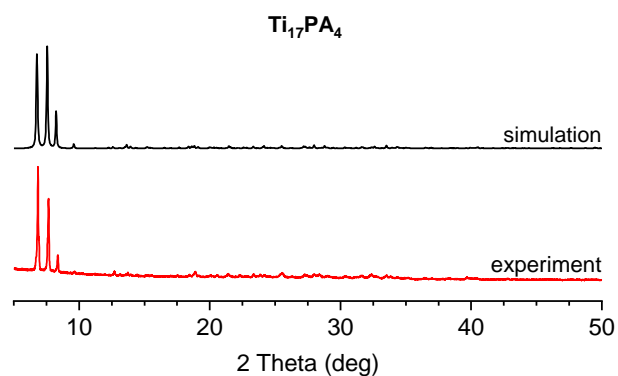
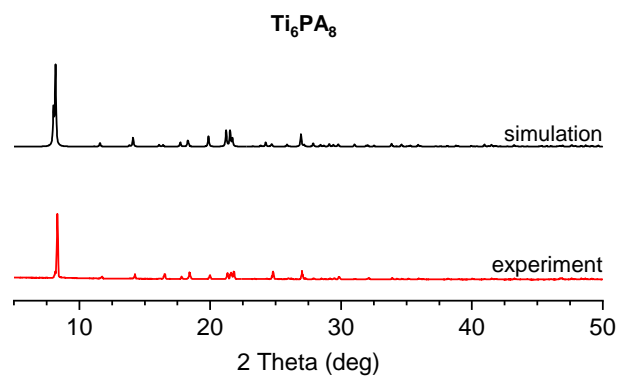
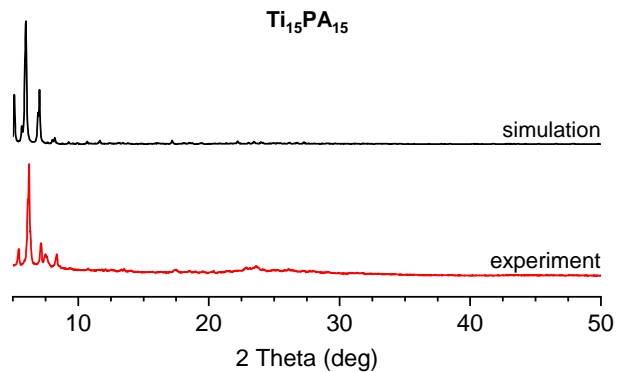
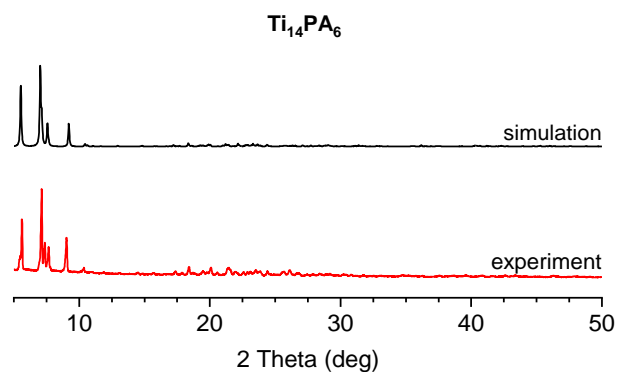
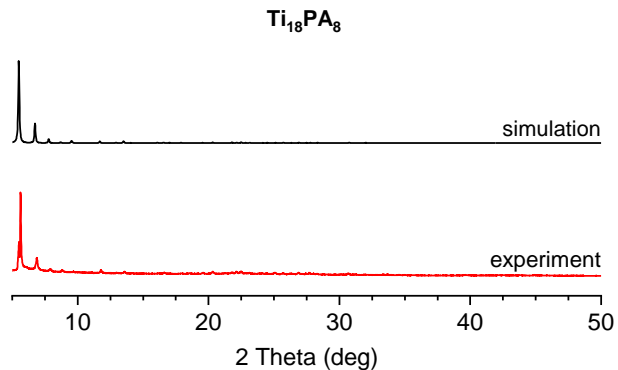
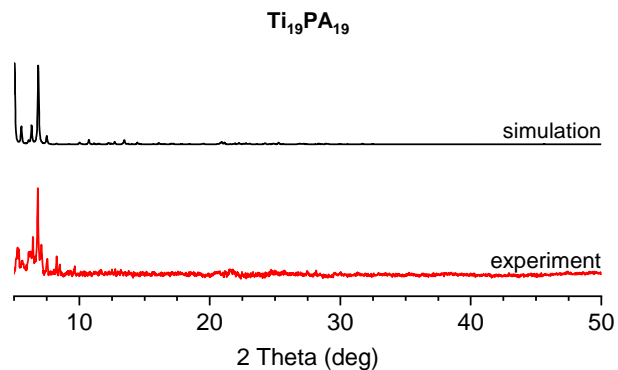


**$^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $\text{Ti}_{17}\text{PA}_4$ , measured on a Bruker AV-500 spectrometer using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as the solvent.



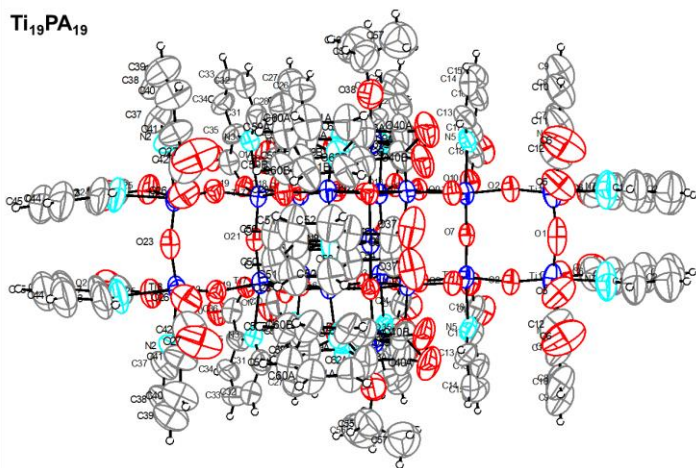
The peaks ranging 4-5.2 are assigned as CH and  $\text{CH}_2$ . Those ranging 1-1.8 are assigned as  $\text{CH}_3$ . According to the ratio of the two groups, i.e., 28 : 60, we postulate that  $\text{Ti}_{17}\text{PA}_4$  contains approximately 12 OEt and 4 OPr groups. However, there may be some uncertainties since some disordered alcohol solvent molecules may be present in the samples which could not be determined by SC-XRD.

**Powder X-ray diffraction data.** The spectra were recorded using a Rigaku SmartLab 9KW X-ray diffraction instrument.

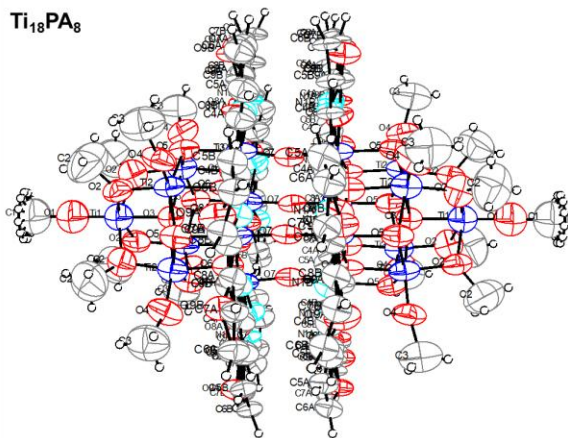


**Ellipsoidal model.** The ellipsoidal models the molecules showing 50% of probability

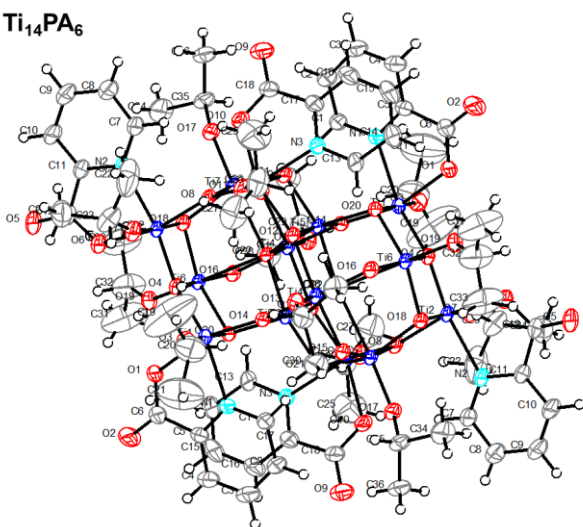
**Ti<sub>19</sub>PA<sub>19</sub>**



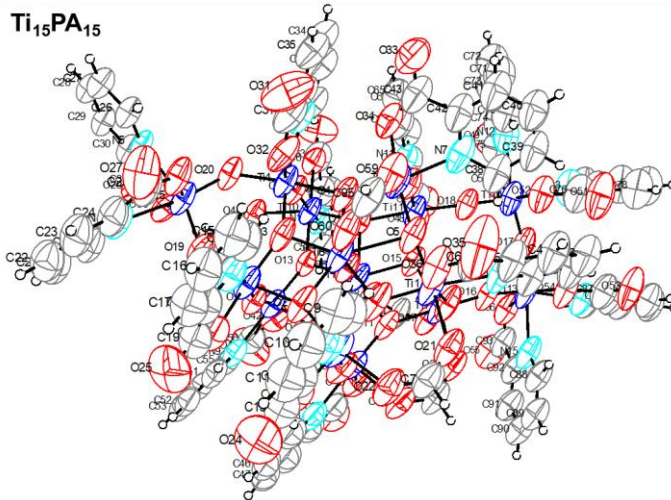
**Ti<sub>18</sub>PA<sub>8</sub>**



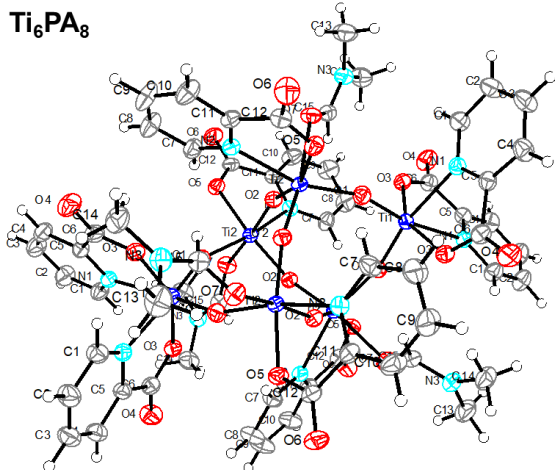
**Ti<sub>14</sub>PA<sub>6</sub>**



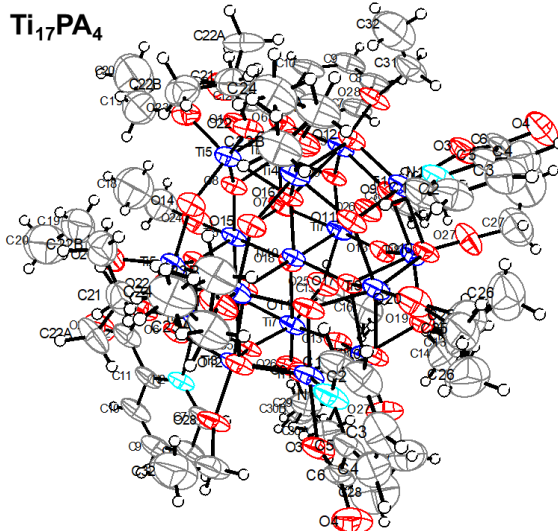
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**Ti<sub>6</sub>PA<sub>8</sub>**

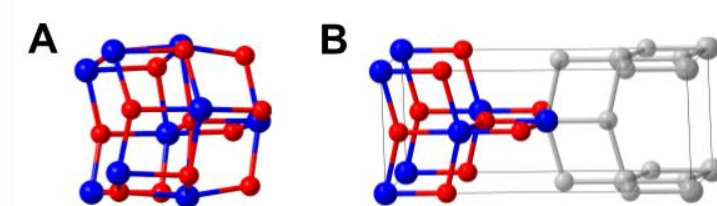


**Ti<sub>17</sub>PA<sub>4</sub>**

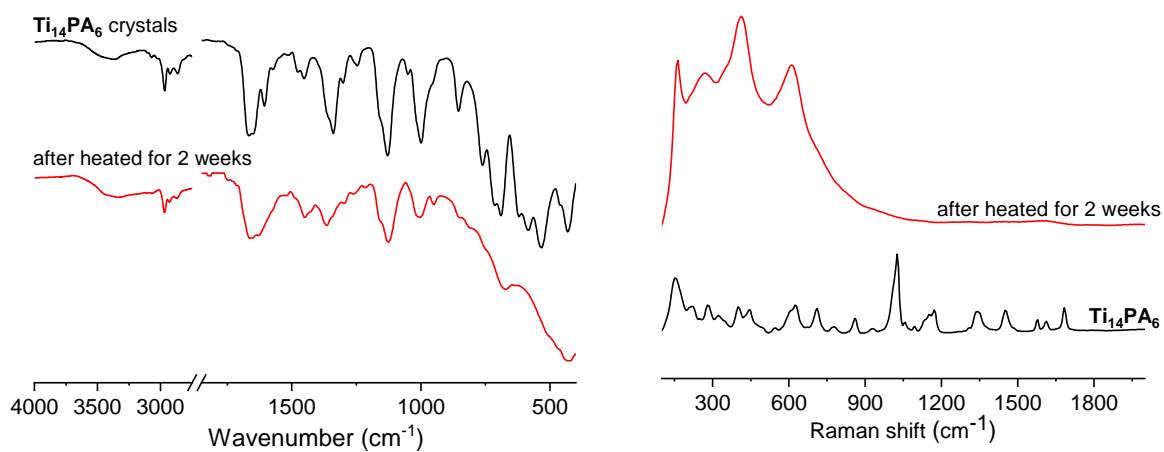




### S3. Supplementary figures and discussion



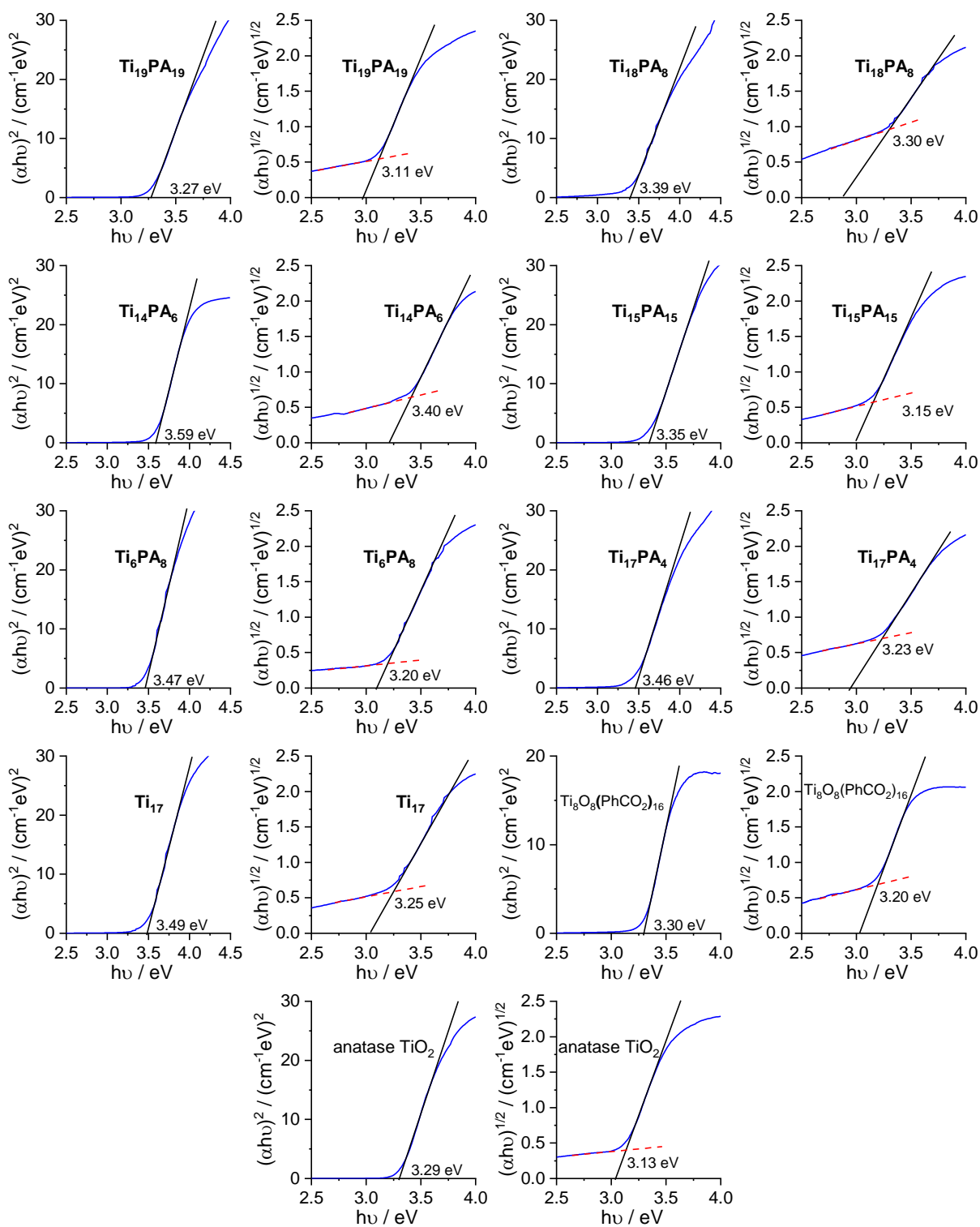
**Figure S1.** The structure of  $\text{Ti}_9\text{O}_{13}$  unit and  $\text{Ti}_7\text{O}_9$  half-cell of anatase  $\text{TiO}_2$ .



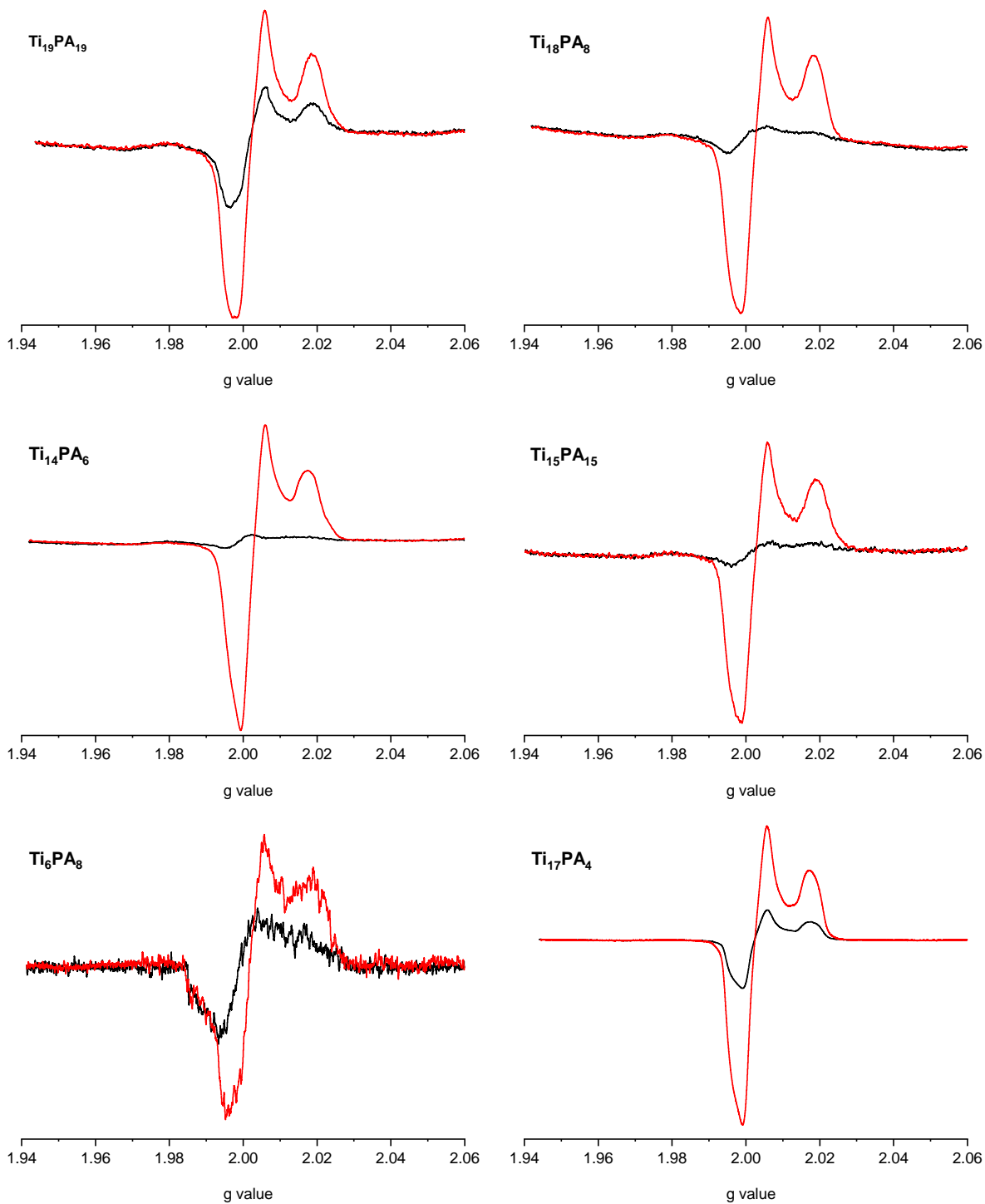
**Figure S2.** FTIR spectra and Raman spectra of the rutile  $\text{TiO}_2$  obtained by increasing the solvothermal reaction time of  $\text{Ti}_{14}\text{PA}_6$  to ca. 2 weeks.



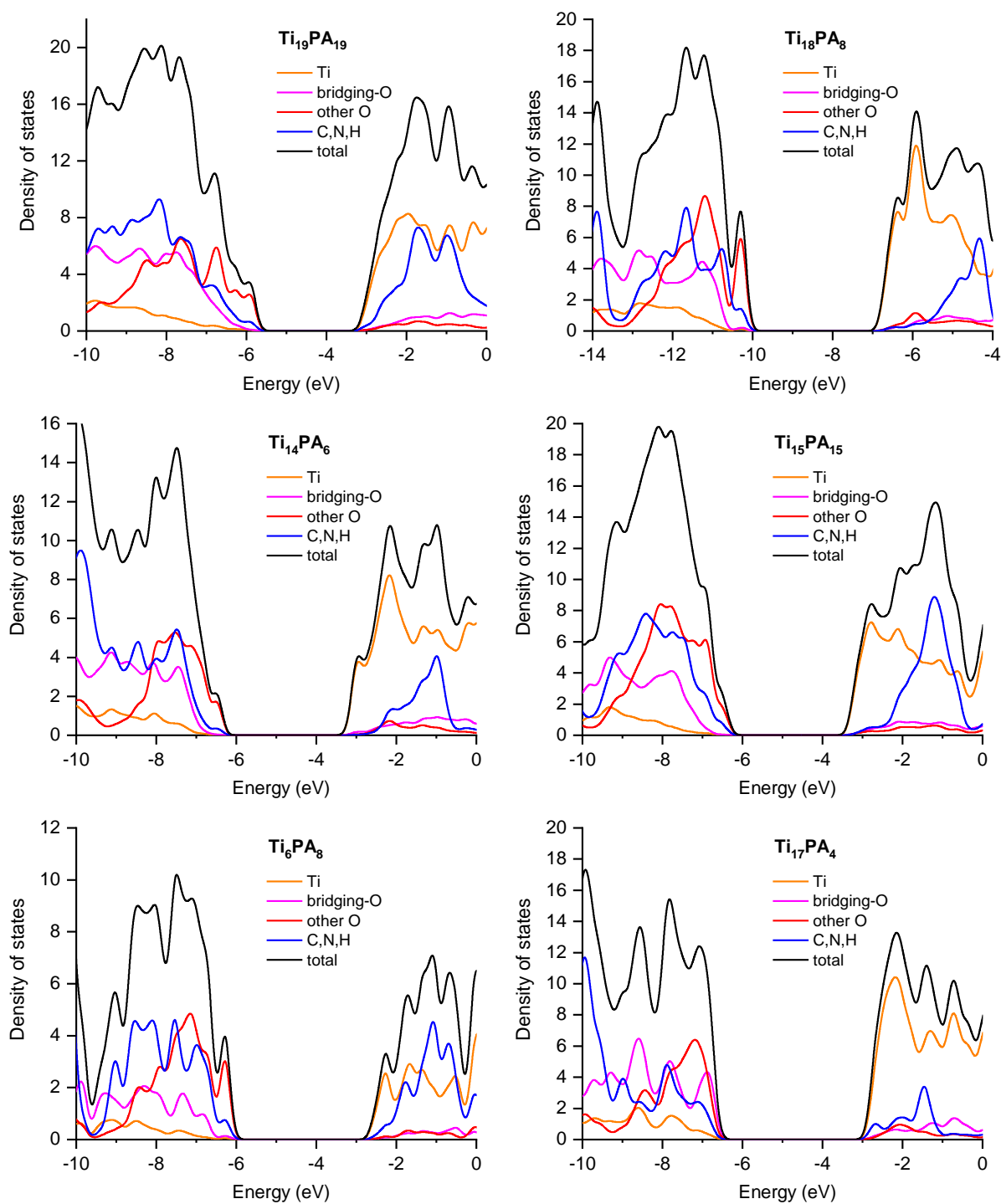
**Figure S3.** The photos of the crystals.



**Figure S4.** Calculations of direct band gap and indirect band gap values based on UV-vis diffuse reflectance spectra.



**Figure S5.** EPR spectra of the TOCs in dark (black) and after irradiation (red curve) under 1 atm  $N_2$ .



**Figure S6.** Density of states of the TOCs illustrating the contributions of various moieties to the frontier orbitals. Figure 8B is reproduced here for comparison.