

**Investigation of the cooperative-effects of Lewis- and Brønstedt acids in homogeneously catalyzed
OME fuel synthesis by inline-NMR monitoring**

Supporting Information

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1. NMR measurement cycle

The NMR measurements were started with an initial shim on sample, and then ^1H NMR spectra were acquired. This process was repeated ten times before conducting another shim on sample. This entire cycle of measurements and shimming was repeated up to a maximum of 50 times. (Fig. S1)

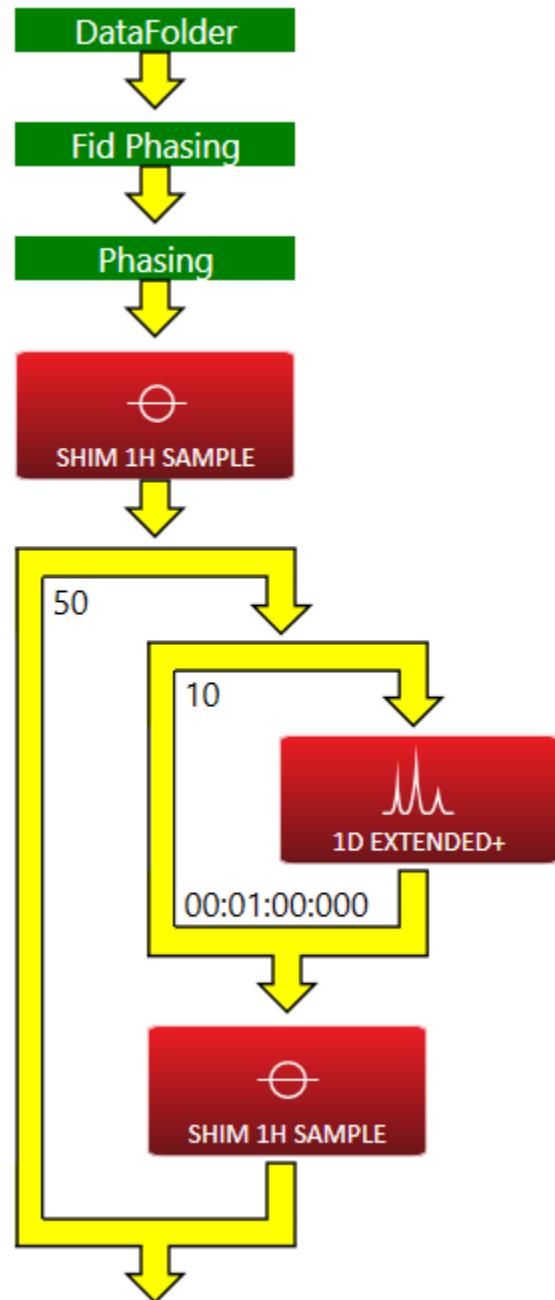


Figure S1: Analytic cycle of the online NMR measurements.

2. ^1H NMR measurements at selected reaction times

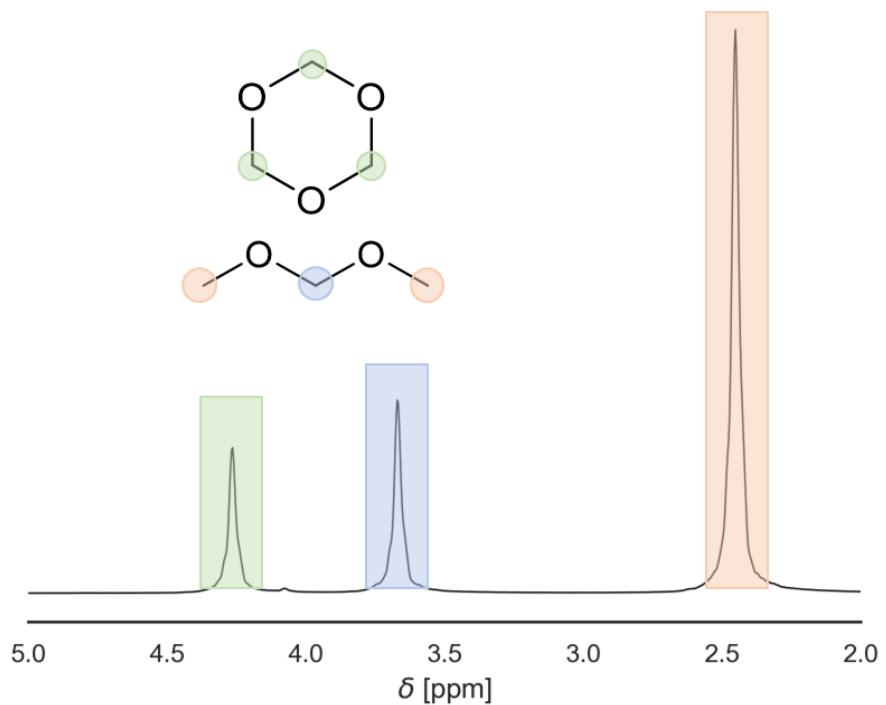


Figure S2: ^1H NMR spectrum after reactor loading, dimethoxy methane 150 g, trioxane 44.4 g, ZnCl_2 17.5 mmol L $^{-1}$, 20 °C (43 MHz).

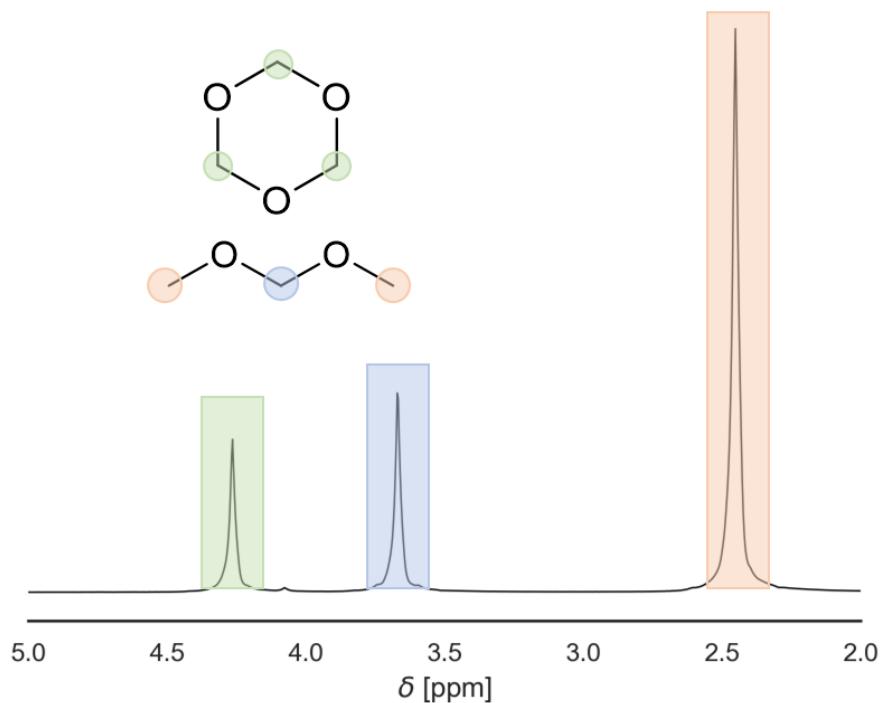


Figure 3: ^1H NMR spectrum after 20 min prior to the addition of the Brønsted acid catalyst, dimethoxy methane 150 g, trioxane 44.4 g, ZnCl_2 17.5 mmol L $^{-1}$, 20 °C (43 MHz).

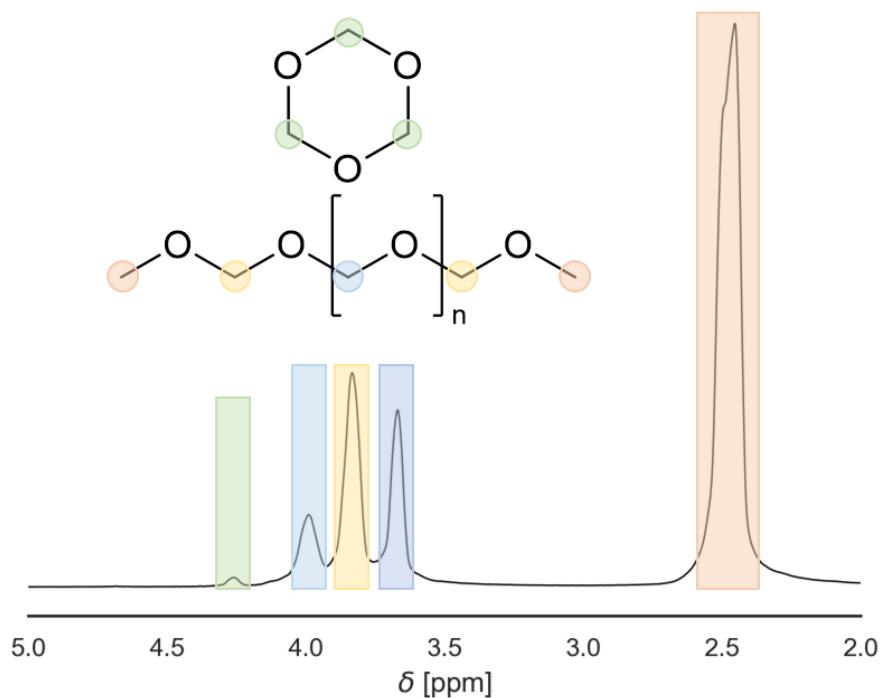


Figure 4: ^1H NMR spectrum after 120 min at equilibrium conditions, dimethoxy methane 150 g, trioxane 44.4 g, triflic acid 13.5 mmol L $^{-1}$, ZnCl_2 17.5 mmol L $^{-1}$, 20 °C (43 MHz).

3. Kinetic fitting of molar share over time

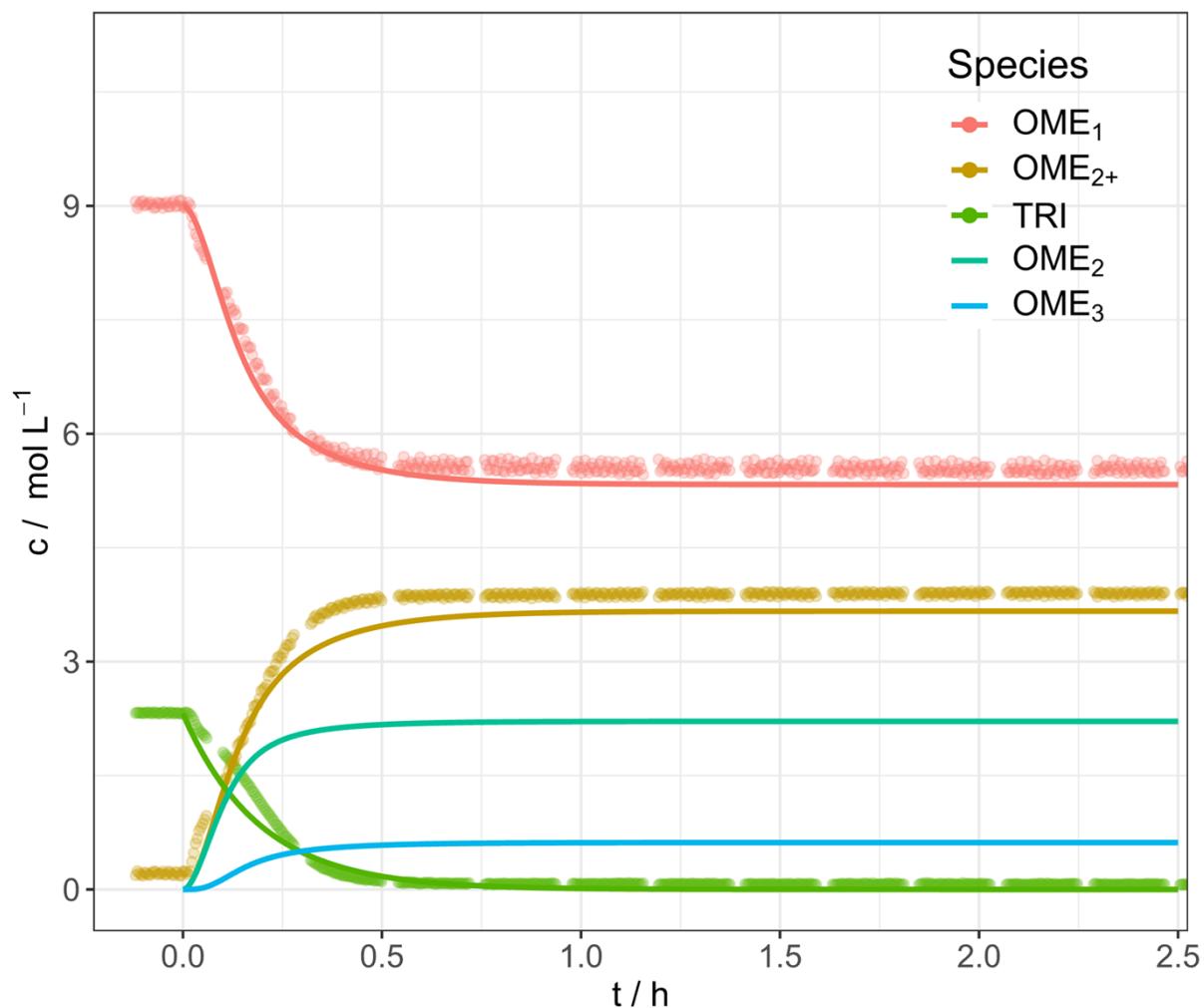


Figure 6: Experimentally extracted concentrations of OME_x over time with kinetic fits, dimethoxy methane 150 g, trioxane 44.4 g, triflic acid 13.5 mmol L $^{-1}$, ZnCl_2 2.9 mmol L $^{-1}$, 20 °C.