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Supporting Information

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The side-arm effect controlled stereodivergent polymerization of 1-butene

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1. Experimental Section

1.1 General.

All manipulations of oxygen/water sensitive materials were performed under a dry argon atmosphere using a glove-box or standard Schlenk techniques. Liquid 1-butene was purified by activated 4Å molecular sieves and stored in a pressure resistant bottle before use. All dry solvents were redistilled after collected from the solvent purification system and then stored over activated 4 Å molecular sieves in a glovebox. Deuterated solvents used for NMR spectroscopy were dried and distilled prior to use. Chromatographic tetrahydrofuran (THF) was purchased from Honeywell LTD for the analysis of GPC measurements. LDPE-2426H was purchased from CHN Energy Xinjiang Chemical Co. Ltd. All other chemicals were commercially available and used without appropriate purification. Reactions were monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC) using silicycle pre-coated silica gel plates. Flash column chromatography was performed over silica gel (200-300 mesh).

1.2 Methouds.

NMR

¹H NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-400 spectrometer in chloroform-d. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with the internal chloroform signal at 7.26 ppm as a standard. The data are being reported as (s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, m = multiplet or unresolved, brs = broad singlet, coupling constant(s) in Hz, integration). ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AV-400 spectrometer in chloroform-d. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm with the internal chloroform signal at 77.0 ppm as a standard. The quantitative ¹³C NMR spectra of poly(1-butene)s were recorded according to known references. ^{1,2}

GPC

Molecular weights (M_n s) and dispersities (D) of the polymers were determined by gel permeation chromatography (GPC, Agilent 1260 LC, USA) using THF as the eluent (flow rate: 1 mL/min, at 40 °C) and the sample concentration was 1 mg/mL. The curve

was calibrated using monodisperse polystyrene standards covering the molecular weight rage from 580 to 460000 Da.

XRD

X-Ray crystallographic data were collected using a Bruker AXSD8 X-ray diffractometer.

HRMS

High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were carried out with a Bruker ESI-Q-TOF MS/MS.

EA

Elemental analysis (EA) was performed by the Analytical Laboratory of Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry (CAS).

DSC

Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) measurements were performed on DSC 3500 Sirius. The temperature was calibrated with $C_{10}H_{16}$, indium, tin, bismuth and zinc standard. Measurements were performed under N_2 atmosphere with a flow rate of 20 mL/min. Each sample with a mass of 10 mg was used for the measurement. The typical procedures for the measurements of samples were as follows: in the first heating scan, samples were heated from -80 °C to 200 °C at a heating rate of 10 K/min. In the second heating scan, samples were cooled to -80 °C at 10 K/min and kept at -80 °C for 20 min to eliminate any thermal history, and subsequently reheated to 200 °C at 10 K/min.

WAXD

Wide-angle X-ray diffraction (WAXD) was measured by X-Ray Diffractometer on a D8 Advance, Bruker.

Stress-Strain

Polymers were melt-pressed at 10 to 30 °C above their respective melting point to fabricate the dog-bone-shaped tensile-test specimens, which were subsequently aged for 24 hours prior to mechanical testing. The test specimens showed 12 mm gauge length, 2 mm width, and thickness of 0.6 mm. Stress-strain experiments were performed at 50 m/min using a Universal Test Machine (KEZHUN, KZ-SSBC-500) at room temperature.

1.3 Computational Details of Steric Maps

Corresponding DFT computations were carried out with the Gaussian 16 (Revision A.03) program.³ Geometry optimizations and frequency calculations were performed using the B3LYP density functional^{4,5} with Grimme's D3(BJ) dispersion.⁶ The 6-31G(d,p)^{7–9} basis set was adopted for all of the atoms. Frequency analysis was conducted at the same level of theory at 298.15K to confirm the stationary points as minima with zero imaginary frequencies. The steric map for analyzing catalytic pocket was built with SambVca 2.¹⁰

1.4 General Procedure of Polymerization of 1-Butene

After heat-drying a 50 mL sealed tube (equipped with a rubber stopper and magnetic stirrer) at 110 °C under vacuum and replacing the atmosphere with argon three times, connect the tube to a 1-butene gas supply. Once cooled to room temperature, place it in a low-temperature reactor set to -20 °C to condense liquid 1-butene. At this temperature, inject the alkylaluminum and titanium catalyst solution via syringe, stir for 5 min, and add the [Ph₃C][B(C₆F₅)₄] solution (when using methylaluminoxane as co-catalyst, [Ph₃C][B(C₆F₅)₄] did not need to be added, and the operation sequence was monomer-(M)MAO-catalysts). Seal with a PTFE plug and react at the specified temperature. After the required time, vent residual gas, pour the mixture into acidified ethanol to quench, stir thoroughly, filter, collect the polymer, and dry in a vacuum oven at 60 °C to constant weight.

2. Supplementary Table

Table S1. Polymerization of 1-butene with reported tridentate [O-NX] titanium complexes.^a

| Entry | Cat. | Co-cat. | Al/Ti/B | Solvent | Time (min) | Yield (g) | Act.b |
|-------|------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | 7a | MMAO | 500/1/0 | toluene | 120 | 0.73 | 0.37 |
| 2 | 7a | $AlEt_3/[Ph_3C][B(C_6F_5)_4]$ | 25/1/1 | toluene | 30 | 0.02 | 0.04 |
| 3 | 7a | $AlEt_3/[Ph_3C][B(C_6F_5)_4]$ | 25/1/1 | DCM | 30 | n.p. | n.r. |
| 4 | 7 b | MMAO | 500/1/0 | toluene | 120 | 0.73 | 0.37 |
| 5 | 7c | MMAO | 500/1/0 | toluene | 120 | 0.08 | 0.04 |
| 6 | 7d | MMAO | 500/1/0 | toluene | 120 | 0.92 | 0.46 |
| 7 | 7e | MMAO | 500/1/0 | toluene | 120 | n.p. | n.r. |

^aReaction conditions: 1-butene (2.4–2.5 g), 7 (0.01 mmol in 2 mL toluene), co-catalyst, 25 °C, 30–120 min, in a sealed tube, quenched by acidified ethanol until the set time. ^bActivity is in unit of 10⁵ g·mol⁻¹·h⁻¹.

Initially, reported representative tridentate [O·NX] titanium complexes derived from 2-heteroatom substituted ethylamine, such as **7a**–**7e**, were tested in 1-butene polymerization because of their known performance in ethylene polymerization. However, these reported complexes with side-arms bearing different heteroatoms all exhibited low activity, which may be due to the strong side-arm donors derived from alkylamines leading to lower Lewis acidity in the titanium center, resulting in weak coordination ability with monomers. Of note, alkylamine derived catalyst **7a** was not compatible with the alkyl aluminium/[Ph₃C][B(C₆F₅)₄] co-catalyst system (Table S1, entries 2, 3), while arylamine derived catalyst **6a** was exactly the opposite.

3. Synthesis and NMR Data of Ligands L6a-L6e.

General procedure for the synthesis of ligands (taking **L6a** as an example): To a solution of 1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (10.0 mmol, 2.24 g) and 2-(methylthio)aniline (15.0 mmol, 2.09 g) in toluene (50 mL) was added 4-methylbenzenesulfonic acid hydrate (0.5 mmol, 0.10 g) at room temperature. The flask was equipped with a water separator. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 4 days and the progress was monitored by TLC. Then, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give yellow solid **L6a** (6.0 mmol, 2.08 g, 60% yield). The ligands **L6b–L6d** were all synthesized as in the steps described above.

Synthesis of **L6e**: To a solution of 1,3-diphenylpropane-1,3-dione (10.0 mmol, 2.24 g) and 8-aminoquinoline (15.0 mmol, 2.16 g) in xylene (50 mL) was added 4-methylbenzenesulfonic acid hydrate (3 mmol, 0.57 g) at room temperature. The flask was equipped with a water separator. The reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 4 days and the progress was monitored by TLC. Then, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel to give yellow solid **L6e** (6.6 mmol, 2.31 g, 66% yield).

Synthesis of L6a: L6a was obtained in a yield of 60%.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.79 (s, 1H), 8.02 – 8.00 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.24 (m, 8H), 7.26 – 7.24 (m, 1H), 6.99 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.78 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.17 (s, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.8, 161.4, 139.8, 138.0, 136.0, 132.3, 131.3, 129.7, 128.5, 128.3, 128.2, 127.4, 127.1, 125.1(1), 125.0(7), 124.9, 97.6, 15.8.

ESI-MS Calcd for $[C_{22}H_{20}NOS]^+$ (M + H⁺) 346.1260, found 346.1260.

Synthesis of L6b: L6b was obtained in a yield of 73%.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.74 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.31 (m, 8H), 6.94 (td, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.85 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.56 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.39 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.4, 160.9, 151.2, 140.1, 136.3, 131.1, 129.5, 128.7, 128.4, 128.2, 128.0, 127.3, 124.5, 123.4, 119.9, 110.8, 97.4, 55.7.

ESI-MS Calcd for $[C_{22}H_{20}NO_2]^+$ (M + H⁺) 330.1489, found 330.1490.

Synthesis of L6c: L6c was obtained in a yield of 81%.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.75 (s, 1H), 7.98 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.48 – 7.33 (m, 8H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (td, J = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.38 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.09 (s, 1H), 2.83 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.3, 160.3, 146.0, 140.2, 136.5, 133.3, 131.1, 129.5, 128.5, 128.3, 127.8, 127.3, 124.3, 123.8, 122.0, 119.0, 97.2, 43.60.

ESI-MS Calcd for $[C_{23}H_{22}N_2NaO]^+$ (M + Na⁺) 365.1624, found 365.1642.

Synthesis of L6d: **L6d** was obtained in a yield of 90%.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 12.79 (s, 1H), 7.98 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 2H), 7.47 – 7.33 (m, 8H), 6.84 (dd, J = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.24 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.08 (s, 1H), 4.58 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 3.20 (t, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.4, 161.3, 151.9, 139.9, 136.2, 131.1, 129.6, 128.4, 128.3, 128.1, 127.7, 127.3, 123.3, 121.8, 120.5, 120.1, 96.9, 71.7, 30.2.

ESI-MS Calcd for $[C_{23}H_{20}NO_2]^+$ (M + H⁺) 342.1489, found 342.1452.

Synthesis of L6e: L6e was obtained in a yield of 66%.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 13.72 (s, 1H), 9.09 (dd, J = 4.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (dd, J = 8.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.06 – 8.04 (m, 2H), 7.53 – 7.35 (m, 10H), 7.08 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.49 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.22 (s, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 189.9, 158.9, 149.6, 140.6, 140.0, 136.6, 136.6, 136.0, 131.3, 129.7, 128.8, 128.6, 128.3, 128.1, 127.6, 125.9, 121.8, 121.5, 118.4, 99.9.

ESI-MS Calcd for $[C_{24}H_{18}N_2NaO]^+$ (M + Na⁺) 373.1311, found 342.1316.

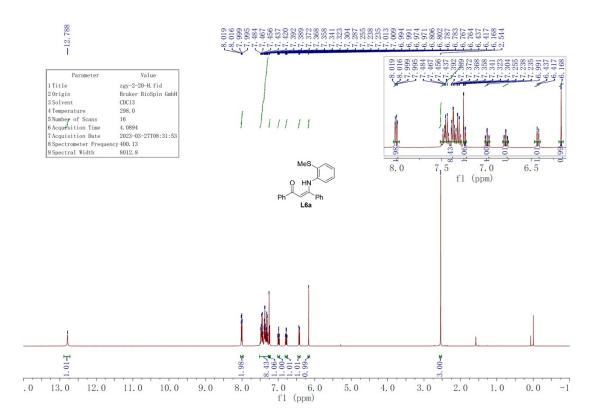


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of L6a.

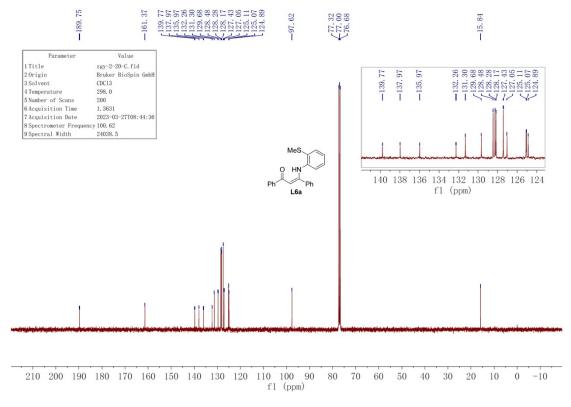


Figure S2. ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of L6a.

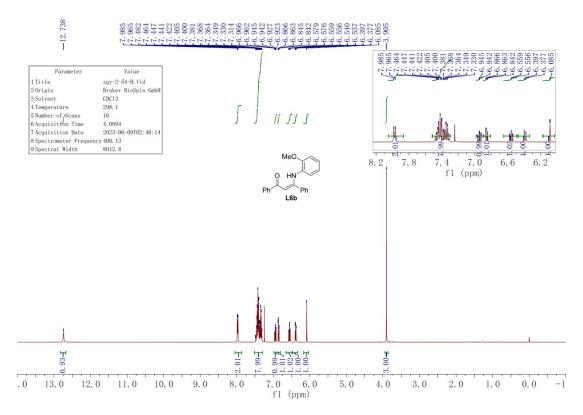


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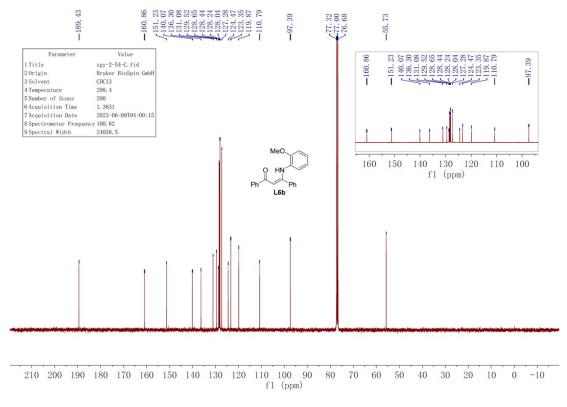


Figure S4. 13 C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of L6b.

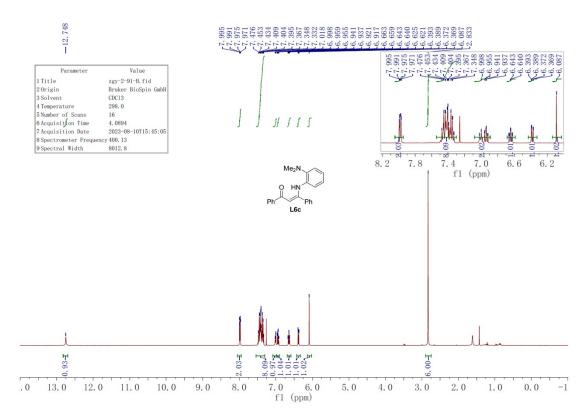


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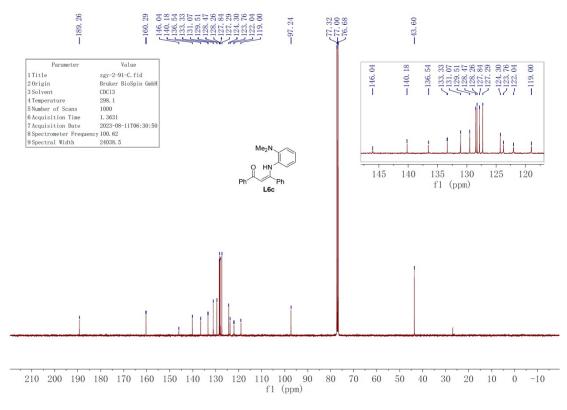


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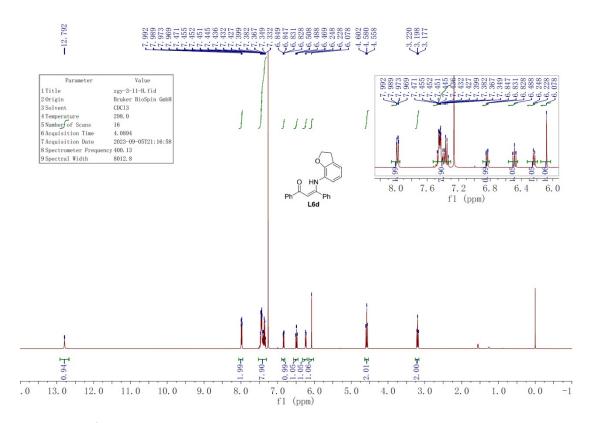


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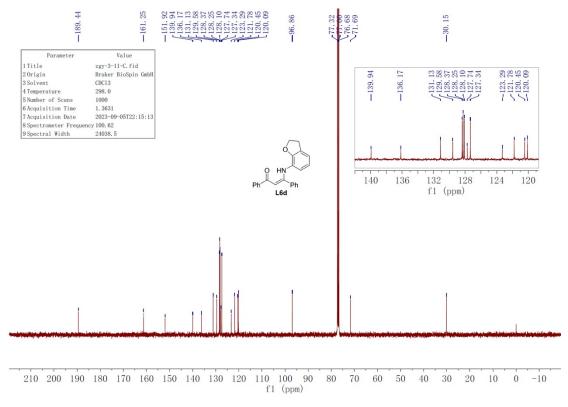


Figure S8. ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of L6d.

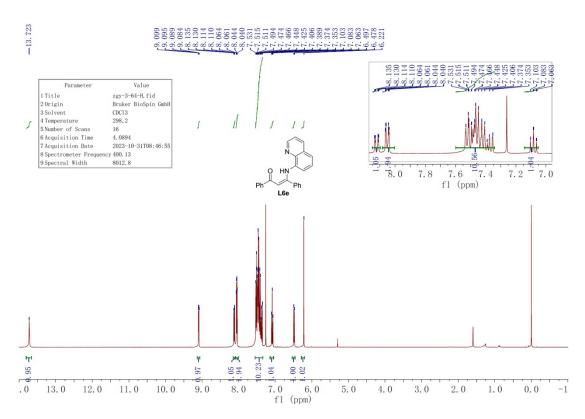


Figure S9. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of L6e.

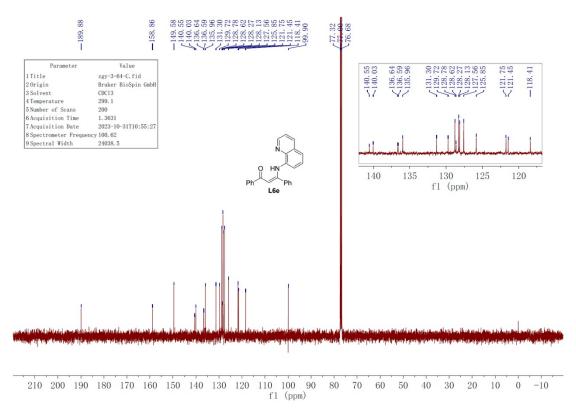


Figure S10. ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of L6e.

4. Synthesis and NMR Data of Tridentate [O-NX] Titanium Complexes 6a-6e.

Method A (for **6a**, **6b**, **6d** and **6e**): TiCl₄ (1 equiv)/DCM Method B (for **6c**): KH (2 equiv)/THF, then TiCl₄ (1 equiv)/DCM

General procedure for the synthesis of 6a, 6b, 6d and 6e (Taking 6a as an example, Method A): To a solution of ligand L6a (0.2 mmol, 69.1 mg) in dry DCM (5 mL) was added dropwise a solution of TiCl₄ (0.2 mmol, 37.9 mg) in dry DCM (1 mL) at room temperature. The solution was stirred for 3 h and filtered to remove the insoluble solid. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and added dropwise to 10 mL of hexane. The black solid precipitated from hexane was obtained and collected to yield complex 6a (84.4 mg, 85%). Complexes 6b, 6d and 6e were synthesized as above. Synthesis of 6c (Method B): To a suspension of potassium hydride (KH) (0.4 mmol, 16.0 mg) in dry THF (1 mL) was added a solution of **L6c** (0.2 mmol, 68.5 mg) in THF (5 mL) at -78 °C. The resulting suspension was warmed to room temperature and stirred for 3 h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue was dissolved in dry DCM (5 mL), and a solution of TiCl₄ (0.2 mmol, 37.9 mg) in dry DCM (1 mL) was added dropwise into above deprotonated ligand solution at room temperature. The solution was stirred for 12 h and filtered to remove the sylvite and other insoluble solid. The filtrate was concentrated under vacuum and then added dropwise to 10 mL of hexane. The black solid precipitated from hexane was obtained and collected to yield complex 6c (67.9 mg, 69%).

Synthesis of 6a (Method A): 6a was obtained in a yield of 85%.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.98 – 7.95 (m, 2H), 7.59 – 7.55 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.47 (m, 3H), 7.42 – 7.28 (m, 5H), 7.08 (td, J = 7.6, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 – 6.88 (m, 1H), 6.85 (s, 1H), 6.45 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 174.0, 173.9, 152.2, 138.7, 133.1, 131.8, 131.2, 130.6, 130.1, 129.2(1), 129.1(7), 129.1, 128.7, 128.1, 127.7, 125.3, 112.5, 27.6.

Anal. calcd. for C₂₂H₁₈Cl₃NOSTi: C 52.99; H 3.64. Found: C 51.87; H 3.63.

Synthesis of 6b (Method A): 6b was obtained in a yield of 75%.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.93 – 7.91 (m, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.49 –7.37 (m, 7H), 7.15 – 7.09 (m, 2H), 6.70 – 6.66 (m, 2H), 6.22 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.4, 170.4, 153.1, 137.3, 135.9, 133.1, 131.4, 130.9, 129.4, 129.2, 128.5, 128.0, 127.8, 123.9, 123.6, 112.6, 112.3, 65.30.

Anal. calcd. for C₂₂H₁₈Cl₃NO₂Ti: C 54.75; H 3.76. Found: C 54.57; H 3.63.

Synthesis of 6c (Method B): 6c was obtained in a yield of 69%.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.96 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.55 (t, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.47 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 3H), 7.43 – 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.15 – 7.10 (m, 1H), 6.83 – 6.79 (m, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.33 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 3.60 (s, 6H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 175.2, 171.1, 148.8, 144.0, 137.5, 133.0, 132.2, 131.0, 129.4, 129.1, 128.3, 128.2, 128.1, 126.8, 123.3, 118.8, 112.0, 56.3.

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Anal. calcd. for C₂₃H₂₁Cl₃N₂OTi: C 55.74; H 4.27. Found: C 55.94; H 4.53.

Synthesis of 6d (Method A): 6d was obtained in a yield of 67%.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) $\delta 7.87 - 7.85$ (m, 2H), 7.55 - 7.41 (m, 8H), 6.96 (dd, J = 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (s, 1H), 5.81 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 5.51 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.45 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 171.2, 169.0, 152.4, 137.6, 132.7, 131.4, 130.8, 130.0, 129.6, 129.1, 127.5, 127.1, 125.7, 124.5, 124.0, 120.8, 112.2, 81.5, 30.14.

Anal. calcd. for C₂₃H₁₈Cl₃NO₂Ti: C 55.85; H 3.67. Found: C 56.14; H 3.85.

Synthesis of 6e (Method A): **6e** was obtained in a yield of 76%.

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.72 (dd, J = 4.8, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 8.43 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (dd, J = 8.4, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 3H), 7.38 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 7.31 – 7.30 (m, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (s, 1H), 6.67 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 173.1, 171.4, 151.6, 143.7, 142.4, 140.0, 138.3, 133.0, 132.1, 130.4, 129.4, 129.1, 128.0, 127.7, 127.3, 125.6, 124.4, 122.6, 112.2.

Anal. calcd. for $C_{24}H_{17}Cl_3N_2OTi \cdot 1.5$ CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 equiv. DCM in the tested sample): C 48.54; H 3.19. Found: C 48.11; H 3.05.

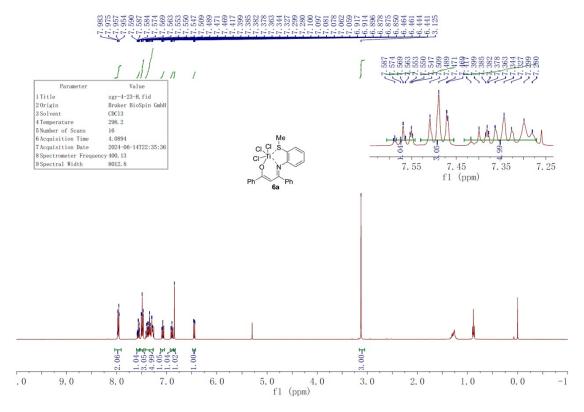


Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of 6a.

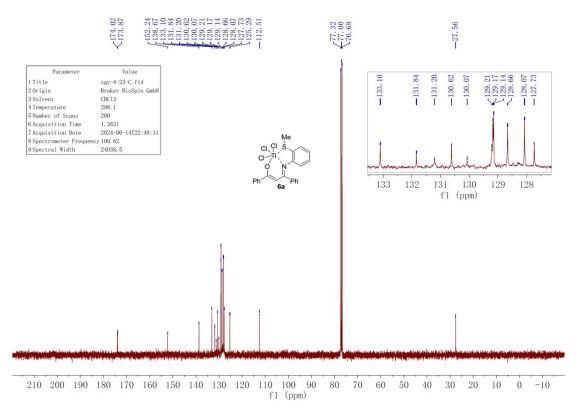


Figure S12. ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of 6a.

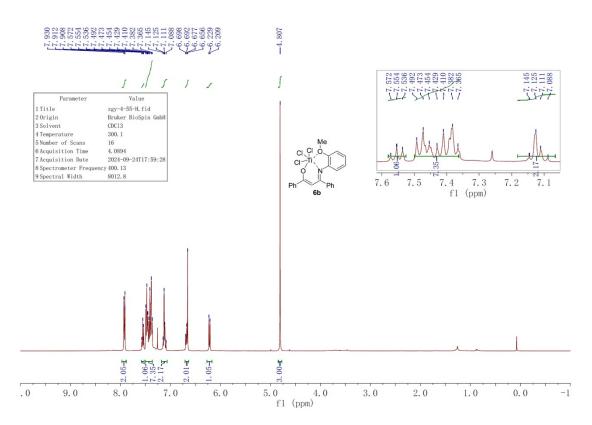


Figure S13. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of **6b**.

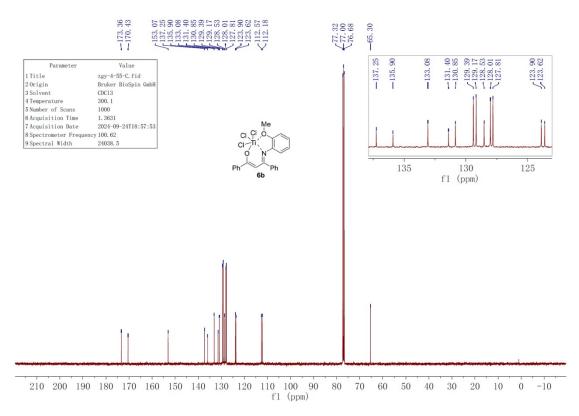


Figure S14. ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of 6b.

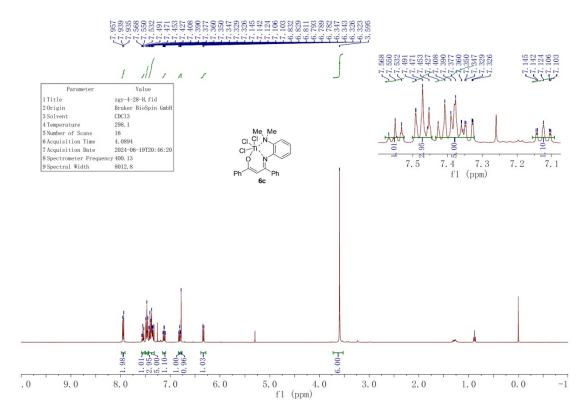


Figure S15. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of 6c.

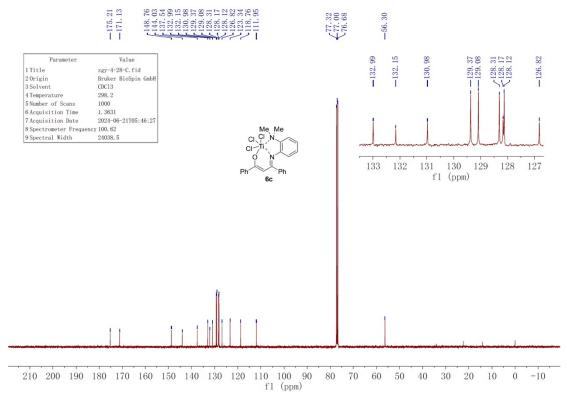


Figure S16. ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of 6c

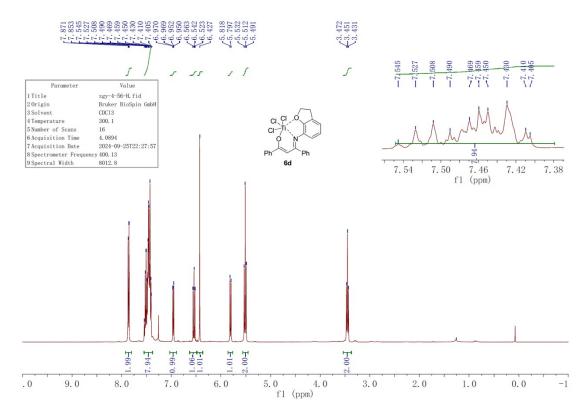


Figure S17. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of 6d.

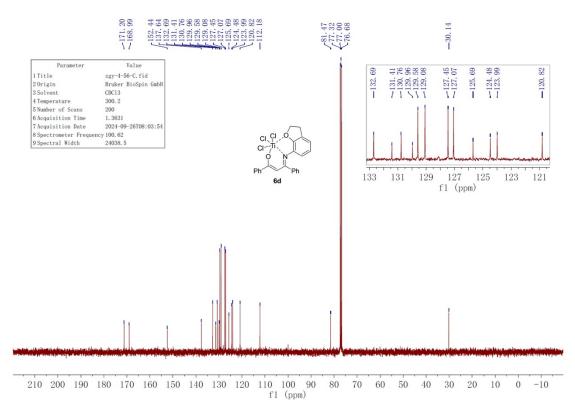


Figure S18. ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of 6d.

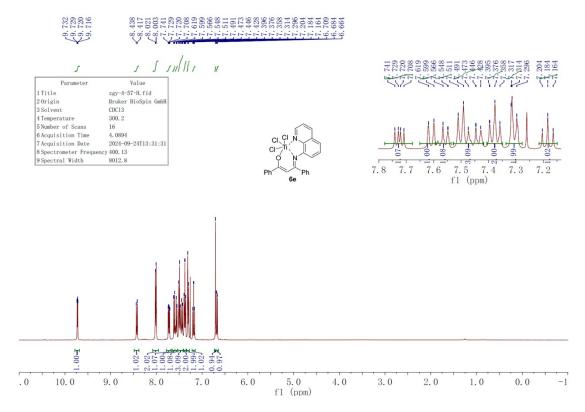


Figure S19. ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of 6e.

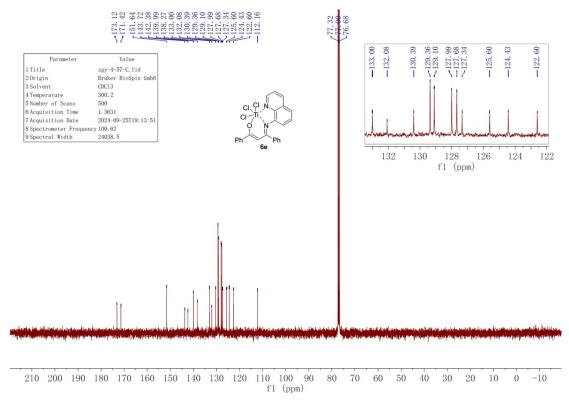


Figure S20. 13 C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, 298 K, CDCl₃) of 6e.

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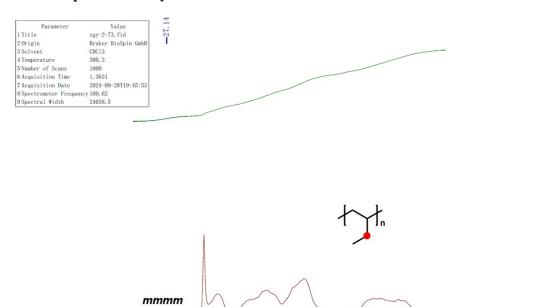


Figure S21. Quantitative ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K) of the poly(1-butene) generated by complex **6a** from Table 1, Entry 10 or Table 2, Entry 1.

f1 (ppm)

26.6

26.8

27.0

26. 4

26.2

26.0

25.8

25.6

25.4

25. 2

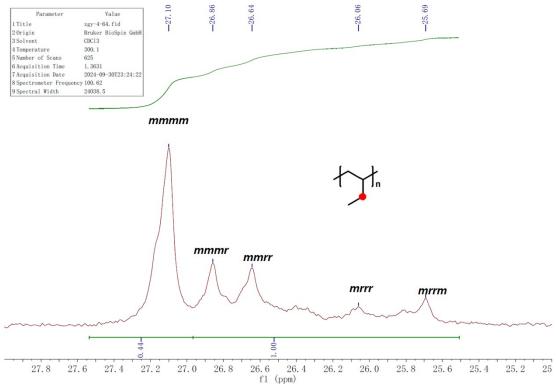


Figure S22. Quantitative ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K) of the poly(1-butene) generated by complex **6b** from Table 2, Entry 2.

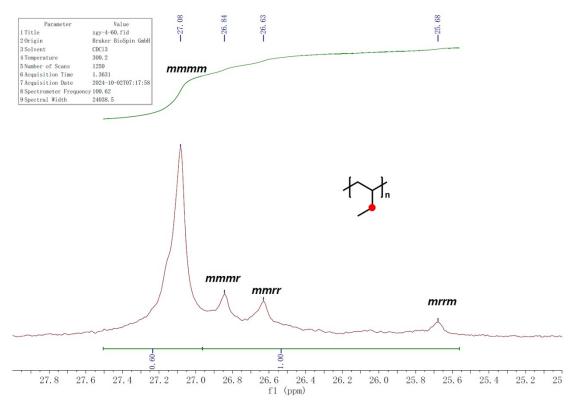


Figure S23. Quantitative ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K) of the poly(1-butene) generated by complex **6d** from Table 2, Entry 5.

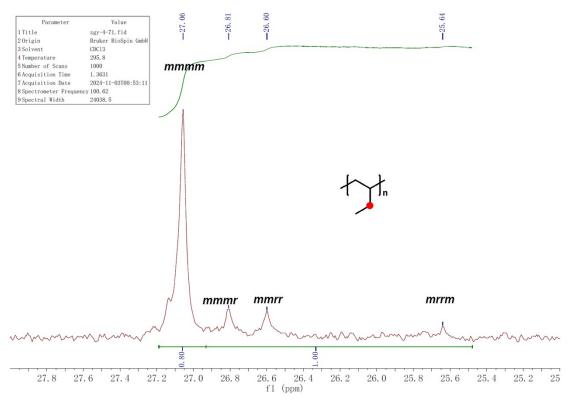


Figure S24. Quantitative ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K) of the poly(1-butene) generated by complex **6d** from Table 2, Entry 6.

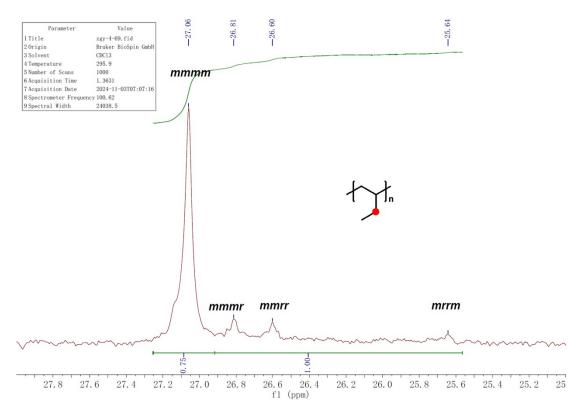


Figure S25. Quantitative ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K) of the poly(1-butene) generated by complex **6d** from Table 2, Entry 7.

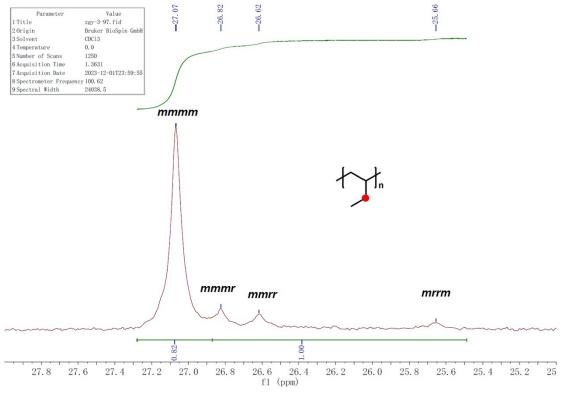


Figure S26. Quantitative ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K) of the poly(1-butene) generated by complex **6e** from Table 2, Entry 8.

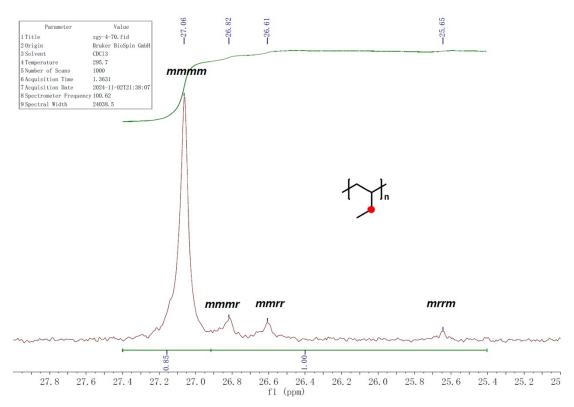


Figure S27. Quantitative ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K) of the poly(1-butene) generated by complex **6e** from Table 2, Entry 9.

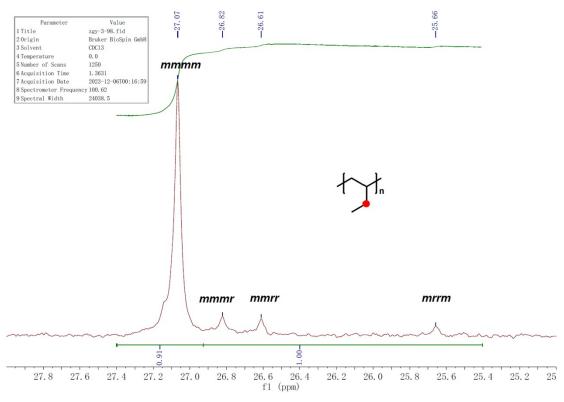
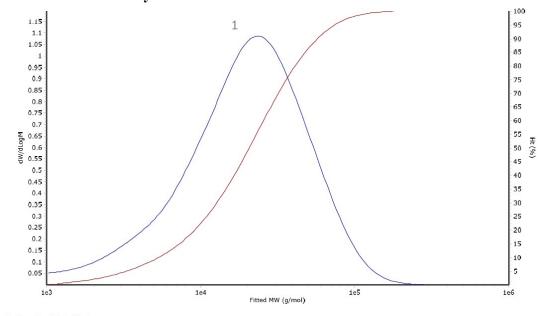


Figure S28. Quantitative ¹³C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, CDCl₃, 298 K) of the poly(1-butene) generated by complex **6e** from Table 2, Entry 10.

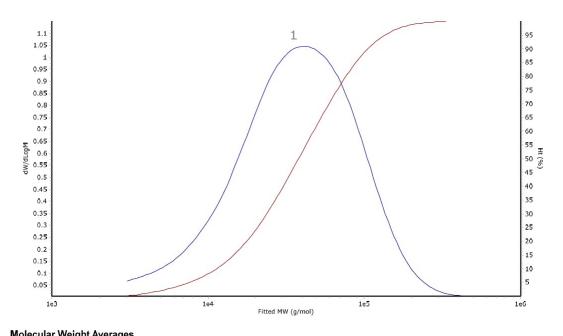
6. GPC Traces of Polymers



| Wicheculai Wei | giit Averages | | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| Peak | Mp (g/mol) | Mn (g/mol) | Mw (g/mol) | Mz (g/mol) | Mz+1 (g/mol) | Mv (g/mol) | PD |
| Peak 1 | 23934 | 11483 | 27243 | 48200 | 72798 | 44948 | 2.372 |

| Peak Trace Informatio | n | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Peak | Trace | Peak Max RT (mins) | Peak Area (mV.s) | Peak Height (mV) |
| Peak 1 | RI | 8.07500 | 351548.910 | 6929.555 |

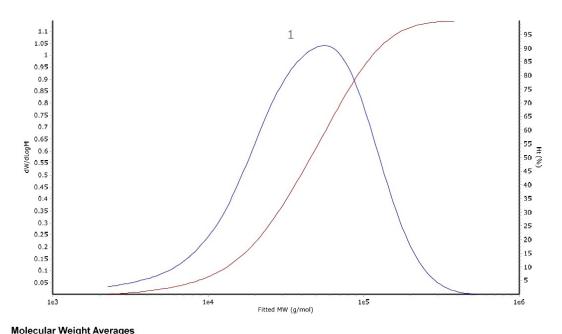
Figure S29. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 1, Entry 1).



| wolecular weigi | iit Averages | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| Peak | Mp (g/mol) | Mn (g/mol) | Mw (g/mol) | Mz (g/mol) | Mz+1 (g/mol) | Mv (g/mol) | PD |
| Peak 1 | 42306 | 24202 | 50672 | 88447 | 133780 | 82468 | 2.094 |

| Peak Trace Informatio | n | | 10 | 20 |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Peak | Trace | Peak Max RT (mins) | Peak Area (mV.s) | Peak Height (mV) |
| Peak 1 | RI | 7.85833 | 378197.804 | 7308.349 |

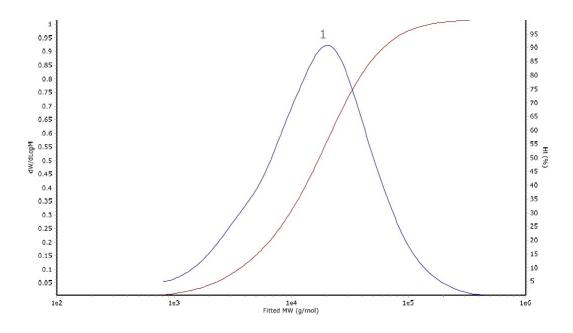
Figure S30. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 1, Entry 2).



| Molecular Wei | gnt Averages | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------|
| Peak | Mp (g/mol) | Mn (g/mol) | Mw (g/mol) | Mz (g/mol) | Mz+1 (g/mol) | Mv (g/mol) | PD |
| Peak 1 | 57070 | 27147 | 60277 | 104590 | 156117 | 97723 | 2.22 |

| Peak Trace Informat | ion | | | |
|---------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Peak | Trace | Peak Max RT (mins) | Peak Area (mV.s) | Peak Height (mV) |
| Peak 1 | RI | 7.74167 | 750497.712 | 14548.597 |

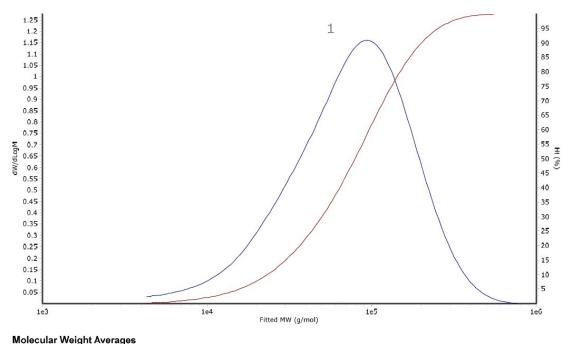
Figure S31. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 1, Entry 3).



| Molecular Wei | ght Averages | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| Peak | Mp (g/mol) | Mn (g/mol) | Mw (g/mol) | Mz (g/mol) | Mz+1 (g/mol) | Mv (g/mol) | PD |
| Peak 1 | 20688 | 8832 | 27904 | 71935 | 146198 | 63494 | 3.159 |

| Peak Trace Informatio | n | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Peak | Trace | Peak Max RT (mins) | Peak Area (mV.s) | Peak Height (mV) |
| Peak 1 | RI | 8.13333 | 560476.615 | 9329.281 |

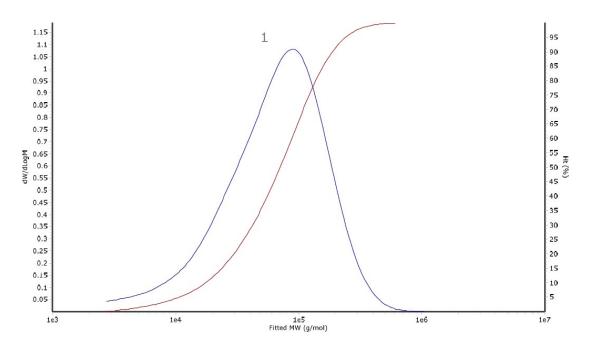
Figure S32. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 1, Entry 4).



| morocalar more | J.110711701141900 | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| Peak | Mp (g/mol) | Mn (g/mol) | Mw (g/mol) | Mz (g/mol) | Mz+1 (g/mol) | Mv (g/mol) | PD |
| Peak 1 | 93749 | 48515 | 99528 | 162985 | 233765 | | 2.051 |

| Peak Trace Information | n | | | |
|------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Peak | Trace | Peak Max RT (mins) | Peak Area (mV.s) | Peak Height (mV) |
| Peak 1 | RI | 7.54167 | 353117.368 | 7723.577 |

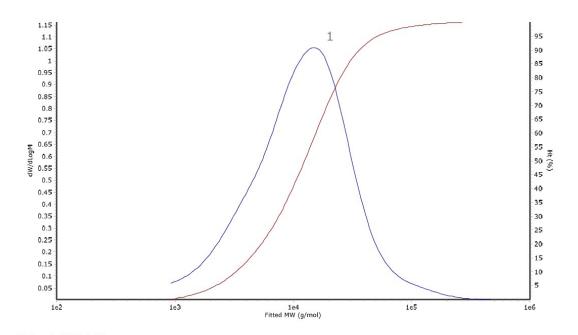
Figure S33. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 1, Entry 5).



| Molecular Wei | ght Averages | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------|
| Peak | Mp (g/mol) | Mn (g/mol) | Mw (g/mol) | Mz (g/mol) | Mz+1 (g/mol) | Mv (g/mol) | PD |
| Peak 1 | 89772 | 36926 | 91137 | 159272 | 240239 | 148804 | 2.468 |

| Peak Trace Information | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Peak | Trace | Peak Max RT (mins) | Peak Area (mV.s) | Peak Height (mV) | | | | |
| Peak 1 | RI | 7.56667 | 477069.830 | 9706.252 | | | | |

Figure S34. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 1, Entry 6).



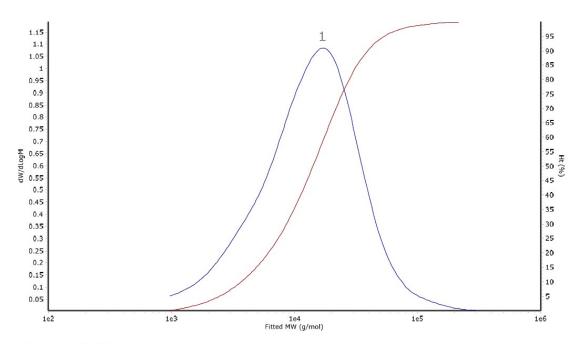
 Molecular Weight Averages

 Peak
 Mp (g/mol)
 Mn (g/mol)
 Mw (g/mol)
 Mz (g/mol)
 Mz+1 (g/mol)
 Mv (g/mol)
 PD

 Peak 1
 15498
 7445
 18514
 49726
 128548
 42435
 2.487

| Peak Trace Information | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| Peak | Trace | Peak Max RT (mins) | Peak Area (mV.s) | Peak Height (mV) | | | |
| Peak 1 | RI | 8.25833 | 444656.094 | 8344.652 | | | |

Figure S35. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 1, Entry 7).



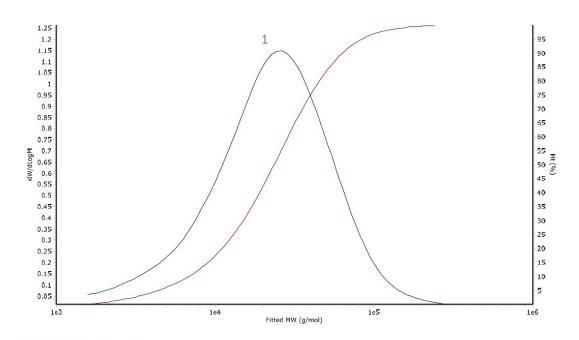
 Molecular Weight Averages

 Peak
 Mp (g/mol)
 Mn (g/mol)
 Mw (g/mol)
 Mz (g/mol)
 Mz+1 (g/mol)
 Mv (g/mol)
 PD

 Peak 1
 17532
 8314
 19653
 42933
 89128
 38181
 2.364

| Peak Trace Peak Max RT (mins) Peak Area (mV.s) Peak Height (mV) Peak 1 RI 8.20833 403098 433 9584 | reak trace illiotiliation | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--|--|--|
| Peak 1 RI 8 20833 403098 433 0581 | Peak | Trace | Peak Max RT (mins) | Peak Area (mV.s) | Peak Height (mV) | | | |
| 1 Cak 1 (1) 0.2000 40000.400 5001. | Peak 1 | RI | 8.20833 | 493998.433 | 9581.289 | | | |

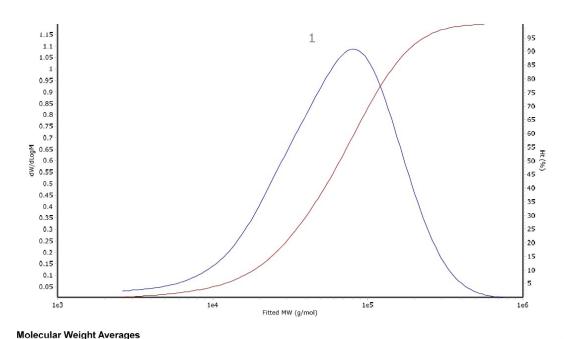
Figure S36. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 1, Entry 8).



| Molecular Weight Averages | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------|--|
| Peak | Mp (g/mol) | Mn (g/mol) | Mw (g/mol) | Mz (g/mol) | Mz+1 (g/mol) | Mv (g/mol) | PD | |
| Peak 1 | 26023 | 14407 | 31255 | 57692 | 96307 | 53057 | 2 169 | |

| Peak Trace Information | n | | | |
|------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Peak | Trace | Peak Max RT (mins) | Peak Area (mV.s) | Peak Height (mV) |
| Peak 1 | RI | 8.04167 | 439712.869 | 9187.797 |

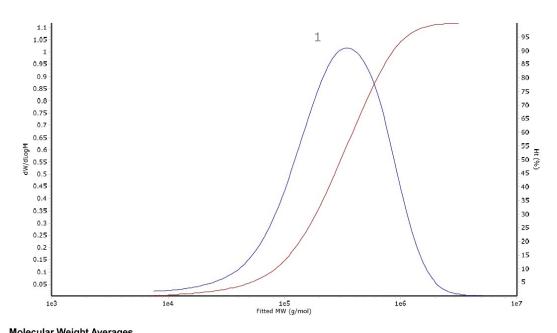
Figure S37. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 1, Entry 9).



| Molecular Weig | Wolecular Weight Averages | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------|--|
| Peak | Mp (g/mol) | Mn (g/mol) | Mw (g/mol) | Mz (g/mol) | Mz+1 (g/mol) | Mv (g/mol) | PD | |
| Peak 1 | 82325 | 37541 | 86255 | 150745 | 228960 | 140580 | 2.298 | |
| • | | | | | | | | |

| Peak Trace Information | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Peak | Trace | Peak Max RT (mins) | Peak Area (mV.s) | Peak Height (mV) | | | | |
| Peak 1 | RI | 7.60000 | 505034.052 | 10313.134 | | | | |

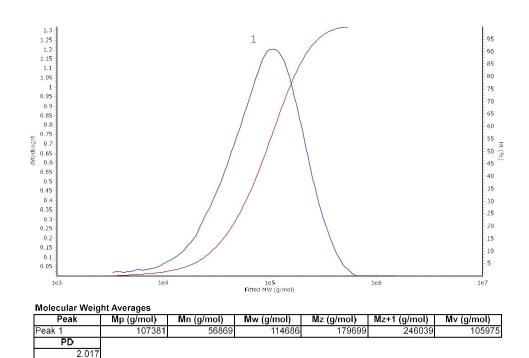
Figure S38. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 1, Entry 10 or Table 2, Entry 1).



| Wiolecular vvei | wolectial weight Averages | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------|--|--|
| Peak | Mp (g/mol) | Mn (g/mol) | Mw (g/mol) | Mz (g/mol) | Mz+1 (g/mol) | Mv (g/mol) | PD | | |
| Peak 1 | 347450 | 163152 | 415028 | 754216 | 1214197 | 698860 | 2.544 | | |

| Peak Trace Informatio | n | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Peak | Trace | Peak Max RT (mins) | Peak Area (mV.s) | Peak Height (mV) |
| Peak 1 | RI | 7.05000 | 665983.959 | 12872.983 |

Figure S39. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 1, Entry 11).



| Peak Trace Informatio | n | | |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|
| Peak | Trace | Peak Max RT (mins) | Peak Area (mV.s) |
| Peak 1 | RI | 7.49520 | 4491.969 |
| Peak Height (mV) | | | |
| 9 | 6.827 | | |

Figure S40. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 2).

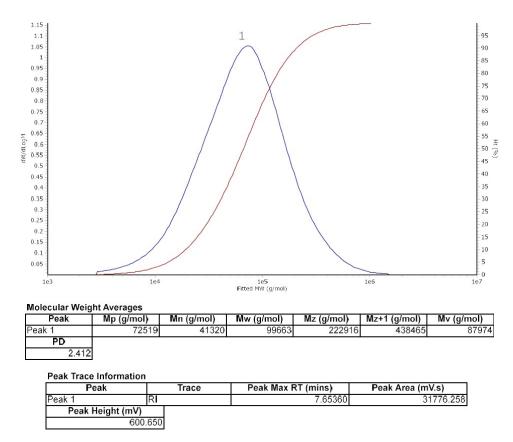


Figure S41. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 5).

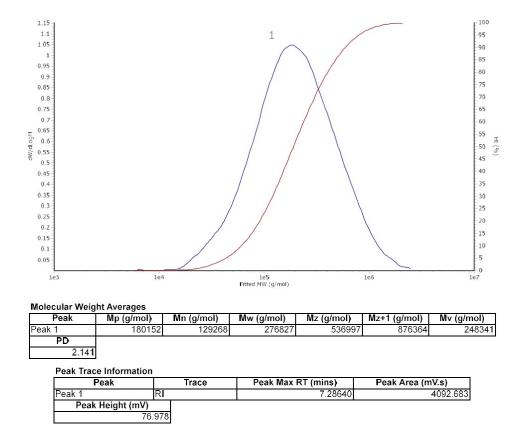
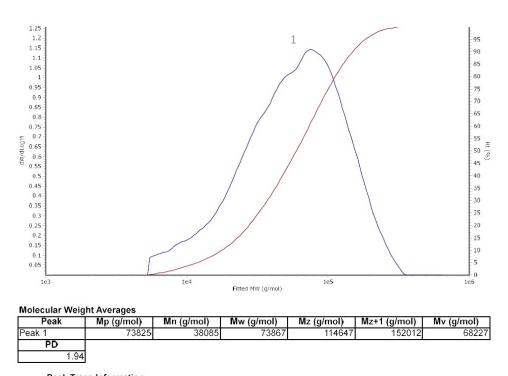
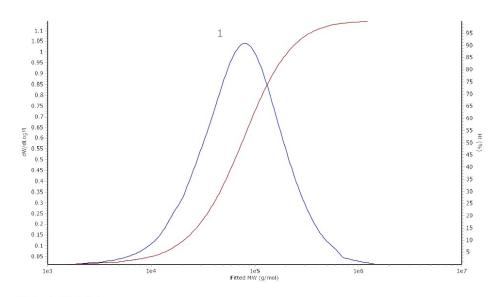


Figure S42. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 6).



| Peak Trace Information | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Peak | Trace | Peak Max RT (mins) | Peak Area (mV.s) | | | | | | |
| Peak 1 | RI | 7.64640 | 1882.094 | | | | | | |
| Peak Height (mV) | | • | | | | | | | |
| 38 | .592 | | | | | | | | |

Figure S43. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 7).



| Peak | Mp (g/mol) | Mn (g/mol) | Mw (g/mol) | Mz (g/mol) | Mz+1 (g/mol) | Mv (g/mol) |
|--------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Peak 1 | 79286 | 40990 | 114611 | 266912 | 526811 | 100424 |
| PD | | | | | | |
| 2.796 | | | | | | |

| Peak | Trace | Peak Max RT (mins) | Peak Area (mV.s) |
|-----------------|--------|--------------------|------------------|
| Peak 1 | RI | 7.61760 | 28014.612 |
| Peak Height (m\ | ′) | • | |
| 52 | 22.960 | | |

Figure S44. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 8).

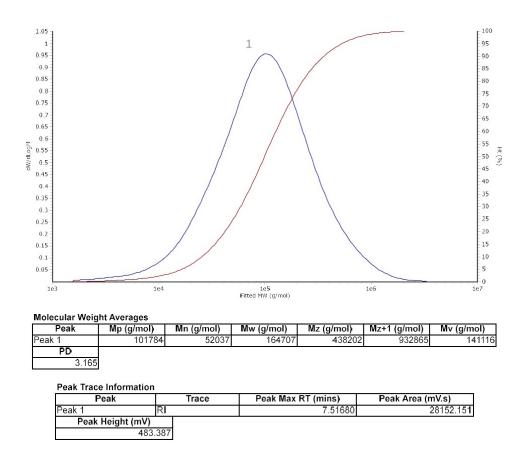


Figure S45. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 9).

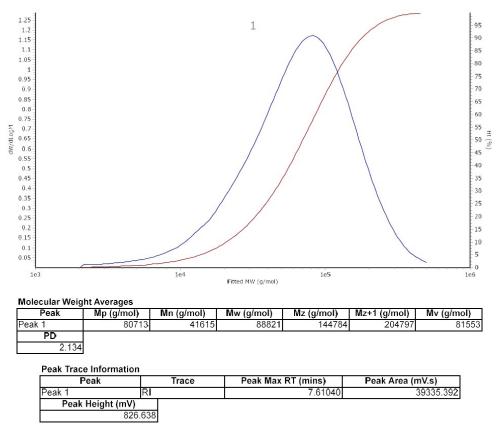


Figure S46. GPC trace of the poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 10).

7. DSC Data of Polymers

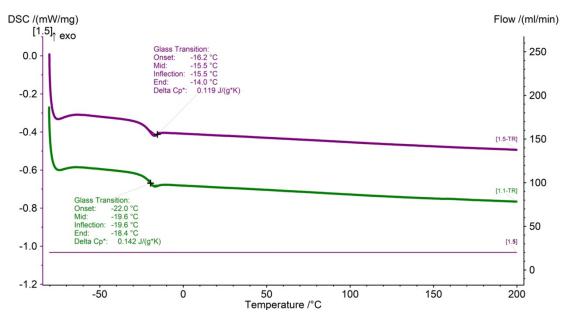


Figure S47. DSC data of the poly(1-butene) (Table 1, Entry 10 or Table 2, Entry 1).

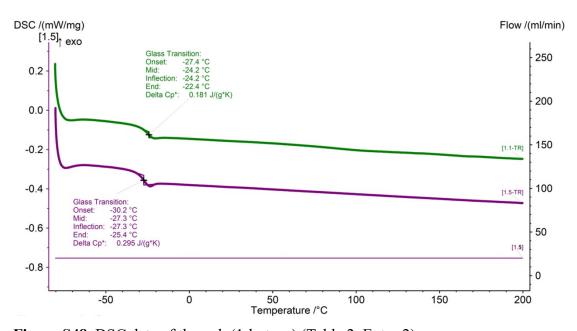


Figure S48. DSC data of the poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 2).

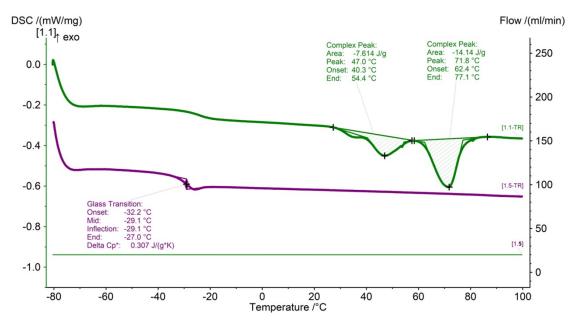


Figure S49. DSC data of the poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 5).

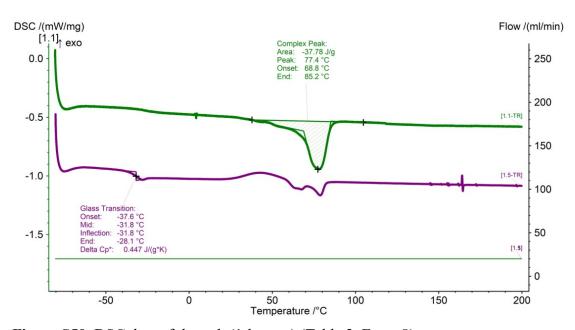


Figure S50. DSC data of the poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 8).

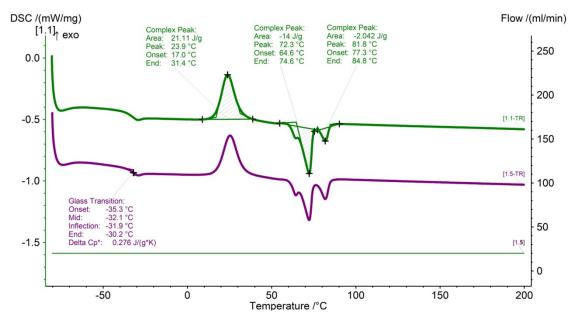


Figure S51. DSC data of the poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 10).

8. WAXD data of Polymers

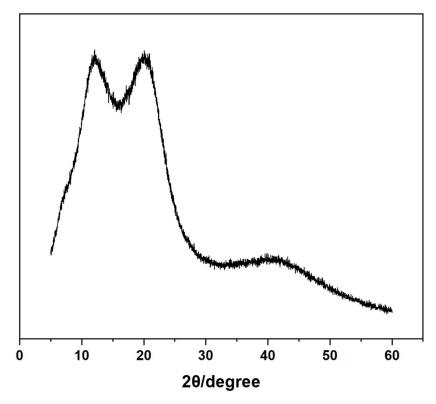


Figure S52. The WAXD spectrum of the poly(1-butene) (Table 1, Entry 10 or Table 2, Entry 1).

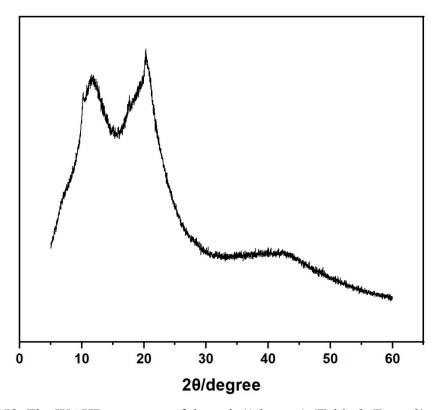


Figure S53. The WAXD spectrum of the poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 2).

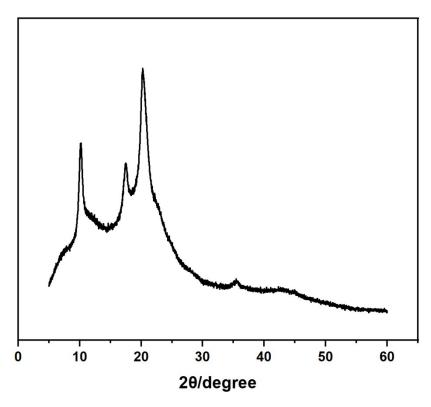


Figure S54. The WAXD spectrum of the poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 5).

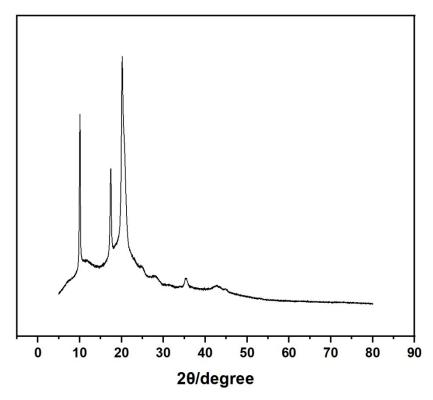


Figure S55. The WAXD spectrum of the poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 8).

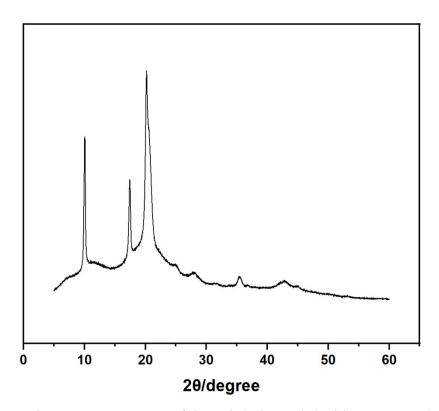


Figure S56. The WAXD spectrum of the poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 10).

9. Tensile-tests of Polymers

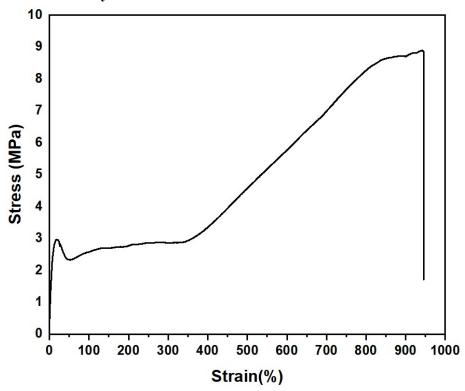


Figure S57. Tensile stress-strain curves for poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 5). Yield stress = 2.9 MPa. Stress at break = 8.9 MPa, 946%.

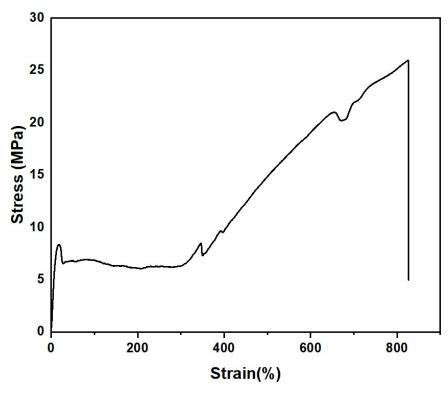


Figure S58. Tensile stress-strain curves for poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 8). Yield stress = 8.3 MPa. Stress at break = 26.0 MPa, 837%.

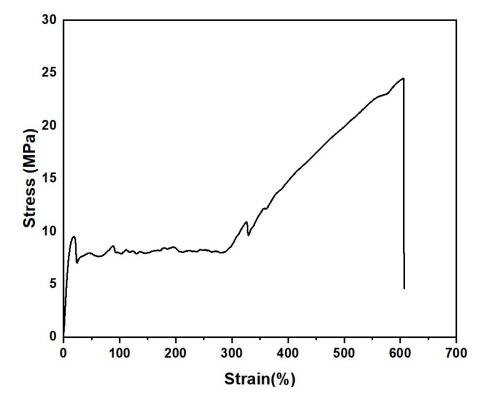


Figure S59. Tensile stress-strain curves for poly(1-butene) (Table 2, Entry 10). Yield stress = 9.5 MPa. Stress at break = 20.5 MPa, 513%.

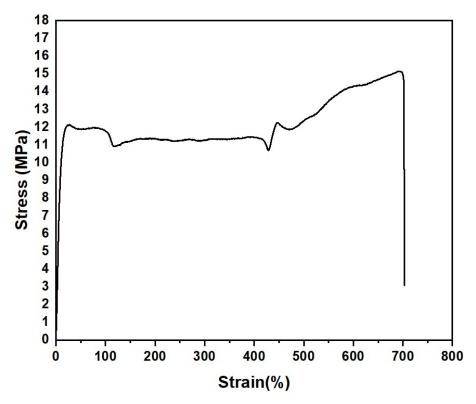
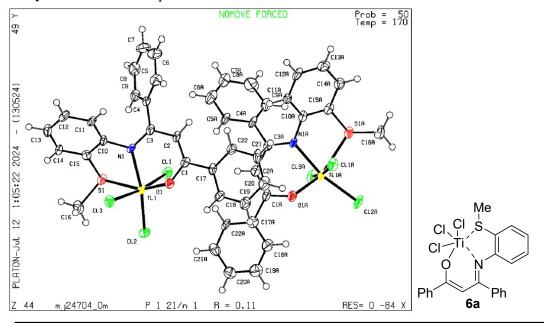


Figure S60. Tensile stress-strain curves for commercial LDPE. Yield stress = 12.1 MPa. Stress at break = 15.1 MPa, 703%.

10. Crystal Data

X-ray Structure of Complex **6a**. CCDC Number = 2412497.



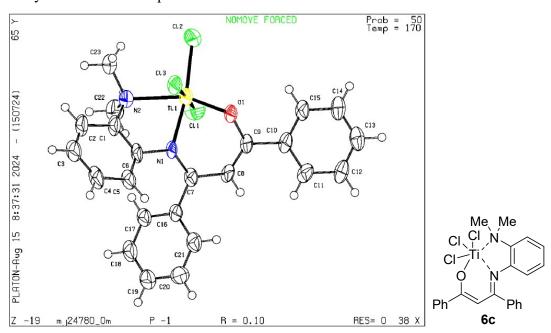
Bond precision: C-C = 0.0140 AWavelength=1.34139 Cell: a=23.9688(16) b=8.5432(6)c=30.1063(18)beta=113.366(3) alpha=90 gamma=90 Temperature: 170 K Calculated Reported 5659.3(7) Volume 5659.3(7) P 1 21/n 1 P 21/n Space group Hall group -P 2yn -P 2yn C22 H18 Cl3 N O S Ti [+ Moiety formula C22 H18 Cl3 N O S Ti solvent] C22 H18 Cl3 N O S Ti [+ C22 H18 Cl3 N O S Ti Sum formula solvent] 498.68 Mr 498.65 1.171 1.171 Dx,g cm-3 8 Mu (mm-1)3.988 3.988 F000 2032.0 2032.0 F000' 2047.81 h, k, lmax 29,10,36 29,10,36 10739 Nref 10803 Tmin, Tmax 0.533,0.819 0.273, 0.751 Tmin' 0.483

Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin = 0.273 Tmax = 0.751 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 0.994 Theta(max)= 54.955

S = 1.140 Npar= 526

X-ray Structure of Complex **6c**. CCDC Number = 2412499.



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0121 A Wavelength=1.34139

Cell: a=8.607(2) b=9.769(3) c=14.479(4)

alpha=99.660(12) beta=99.136(12) gamma=105.067(13)

Temperature: 170 K

| | Calculated | Reported |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Volume | 1132.4(5) | 1132.5(5) |
| Space group | P -1 | P -1 |
| Hall group | -P 1 | -P 1 |
| Moiety formula | C23 H21 C13 N2 O Ti | C23 H21 C13 N2 O Ti |
| Sum formula | C23 H21 C13 N2 O Ti | C23 H21 C13 N2 O Ti |
| Mr | 495.64 | 495.67 |
| Dx,g cm-3 | 1.454 | 1.454 |
| Z | 2 | 2 |
| Mu (mm-1) | 4.430 | 4.430 |
| F000 | 508.0 | 508.0 |
| F000' | 511.42 | |
| h, k, lmax | 10,11,17 | 10,11,17 |
| Nref | 4363 | 4284 |
| Tmin, Tmax | 0.542,0.801 | 0.251,0.751 |
| Tmin' | 0.409 | |

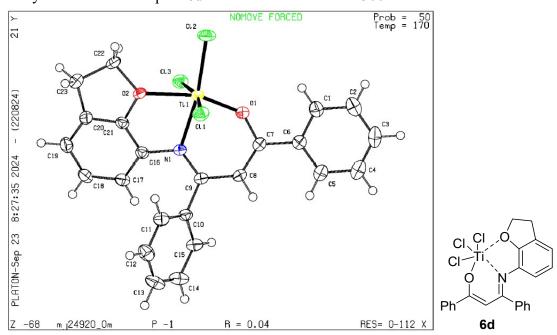
Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.251 Tmax=0.751 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 0.982 Theta(max)= 55.274

R(reflections) = 0.0996(2150) wR2(reflections) = 0.3127(4284)

S = 1.000 Npar= 273

X-ray Structure of Complex **6d**. CCDC Number = 2412500.



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0036 AWavelength=1.34139 Cell: a=9.8830(3)b=11.2698(3)c=14.4470(4)alpha=105.467(1) beta=94.575(1) gamma=115.251(1) 170 K Temperature: Calculated Reported Volume 1367.64(7) 1367.63(7) Space group P -1 P -1 Hall group -P 1 -P 1 C23 H18 Cl3 N O2 Ti [+ Moiety formula 0.5(C23 H18 Cl3 N O2 Ti) solvent] C23 H18 C13 N O2 Ti [+ C11.50 H9 C11.50 NO.50 O Sum formula solvent] Ti0.50 Mr 494.60 247.32 1.201 1.201 Dx, g cm-33.680 Mu (mm-1)3.680 F000 504.0 504.0 F000' 507.46 h, k, lmax 12,13,17 12, 13, 17 Nref 5221 5108 0.562,0.832 0.544,0.751 Tmin, Tmax Tmin' 0.509

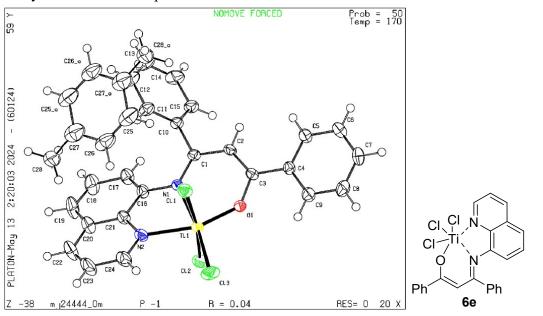
Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.544 Tmax=0.751 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 0.978 Theta(max)= 55.008

R(reflections) = 0.0391(4820) wR2(reflections) = 0.1105(5108)

S = 1.060 Npar= 271

X-ray Structure of Complex **6e**. CCDC Number = 2412502.



Bond precision: C-C = 0.0037 AWavelength=1.34139

Cell: a=9.7237(2)b=11.7183(3)c=14.3455(3)

alpha=108.652(1) beta=109.153(1) gamma=92.134(1)

170 K Temperature:

Calculated Reported Volume 1444.45(6) 1444.44(6) Space group P-1P -1 Hall group -P 1 -P 1 2(C24 H17 C13 N2 O Ti), C7 C24 H17 C13 N2 O Ti, C3.5 Moiety formula

H8 [+ solvent]

C55 H42 C16 N4 O2 Ti2 [+ C27.50 H21 Cl3 N2 O Ti Sum formula solvent]

549.71 1099.37 Mr 1.264 1.264 Dx,g cm-3 Z 1 2 Mu (mm-1)3.509 3.509 F000 562.0 562.0 F000' 565.53

h, k, lmax 11, 14, 17 11,14,17 Nref 5501 5464

Tmin, Tmax 0.578,0.839 0.429,0.751

Tmin' 0.524

Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.429 Tmax=0.751 AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 0.993 Theta(max) = 54.921

wR2(reflections)= R(reflections) = 0.0389(4677) 0.1064 (5464)

S = 1.070Npar= 317

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