Ti(IV)-Trisphenolate Catalyst Systems For the Ring-Opening Copolymerization of Cyclohexene Oxide and Carbon Dioxide

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 ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $C_6D_6,$ 298K) δ (ppm) 6.72 (s, 3H), 6.65 (s, 3H), 5.65 (br s, 3H), 3.51 (s, 6H), 2.13 (s, 9H), 2.11 (s, 9H).



¹³C {¹H} NMR (101 MHz, C₆D₆, 298K) δ (ppm) 151.96, 131.72, 129.48, 128.78, 124.96, 122.38, 56.91, 20.56, 15.94.



Figure S3: ¹H NMR spectrum of H₃L^{tBu} ligand (400 MHz, C₆D₆, 298K)

¹H NMR (400 MHz, C₆D₆, 298K) δ (ppm) 7.47 (s, 3H) 7.00 (s, 3H), 6.75 (br s, 3H), 3.41 (s, 6H), 1.56 (s, 27H), 1.34 (s, 27H).



Figure S4: ¹³**C** {¹**H**} **NMR spectrum of of H**₃L^{tBu} **ligand (126 MHz, C**₆**D**₆, **298K)** ¹³C {¹H} NMR (126 MHz, C₆D₆, 298K) δ (ppm) 152.13, 142.42, 136.94, 125.81, 124.23, 122.49, 56.75, 35.25, 33.41, 31.87, 30.02.



Figure S5: ¹H NMR spectrum of complex 2 (ATP)^{Me}TiOⁱPr (400 MHz, C₆D₆, 298K)



Figure S6: ${}^{13}C {}^{1}H MR$ spectrum of complex 2 (ATP)^{Me}TiOⁱPr (126 MHz, C₆D₆, 298K)



Figure S7: ¹H NMR spectrum of complex 1 (ATP)^{tBu}TiOⁱPr (400 MHz, C₆D₆, 298K)



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Figure S12: ^{13}C { ^{1}H } NMR spectrum of dimer (L^MeTi)_2O (126 MHz, C_6D_6, 298K)

Entry	Cat	Cocat	Conv. (%)	PCHC(%)	CC(%)	Polyether(%)
1 ^a	Ti(OiPr)₄	-	8	<1	<1	>99
2 ^b	Ti(OiPr) ₄	PPNCI	18	<1	<1	>99
3 ^c	-	PPNCI	14	<1	>99	<1

Table S1. ROCOP of CO $_2$ and CHO with catalyst precursors.

Conditions: 80 °C, $CO_2 = 40$ bar, time = 16 h. °[cat]/[cocat]/[CHO] = 1/0/2000,

^b[cat]/[cocat]/[CHO] = 1/1/2000, ^c[cat]/[cocat]/[CHO] = 0/1/2000.



Figure S13: Stacked ¹H NMR Spectra of complex 2 heated for 24 h at temperatures ranging 80-120 °C. (d_2 -tetrachloroethane)



Figure S14: Representative ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, C_6D_6 , 298K) of the crude product from the copolymerisation of CO_2 with CHO at different temperatures. Polyether resonances were not observed.



Figure S15: Molecular structure of the product of the reaction between complex 2 and PPh4Cl. The hydrogen atoms are not illustrated. Titanium (light blue), Oxygen (red), Nitrogen (Dark blue), Chlorine (Green), Phosphorus (Orange).

The molecular structure of **2.PPh₄Cl** was solved using SHELXT¹ and least-square refined using SHELXL² in Olex2.³ This structure is included as connectivity only and therefore bond lengths should not be considered as accurate. Hydrogen atoms were treated by constrained refinement. Displacement parameters were added using the EADP command for the PPh₄ counter ion and one highly disordered solvent molecule of THF. In addition 81.6 electrons were excluded from the lattice using the Olex solvent mask feature,⁴ which was believed to be two highly disordered THF molecules.



Figure S16: Illustrates a possible catalytic cycle, involving the Ti(IV) dimer complex (4) to rationalize the formation of PCHC and cyclic carbonates.

Table S2: Experimental details

Local code	002rwfk19			
Chemical formula	$C_{30}H_{37}CINO_4Ti \cdot C_{24}H_{20}P \cdot C_4H_8O$			
M _r	970.43			
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 ₁			
Temperature (K)	150			
a, b, c (Å)	11.7978 (4), 20.5515 (5), 12.6554 (4)			
β (°)	115.944 (4)			
$V(Å^3)$	2759.23 (17)			
Ζ	2			
Radiation type	Cu <i>K</i> α			
$\mu (mm^{-1})$	2.39			
Crystal size (mm)	0.137 imes 0.090 imes 0.018			
Diffractometer	SuperNova, Dual, Cu at home/near, Atlas			
Absorption correction	Multi-scan <i>CrysAlis PRO</i> 1.171.39.46 (Rigaku Oxford Diffraction, 2018) Empirical absorption correction using spherical harmonics, implemented in SCALE3 ABSPACK scaling algorithm.			
T_{\min}, T_{\max}	0.867, 1.000			
No. of measured, independent and observed $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections	11705, 5557, 4162			
R _{int}	0.060			
θ_{\max} (°)	51.8			
$(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{\text{max}} (\text{\AA}^{-1})$	0.510			
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.072, 0.189, 1.02			
No. of reflections	5557			
No. of parameters	459			
No. of restraints	1			
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained			
$\Delta \rho_{\rm max}, \Delta \rho_{\rm min} (e {\rm \AA}^{-3})$	0.52, -0.70			
Absolute structure	Flack x determined using 1287 quotients [(I+)-(I-)]/[(I+)+(I-)] (Parsons, Flack and Wagner, Acta Cryst. B69 (2013) 249-259).			
Absolute structure parameter	-0.032 (10)			

Computer programs: *CrysAlis PRO* 1.171.39.46 (Rigaku OD, 2018), *SHELXT* (Sheldrick, 2015), *SHELXL* (Sheldrick, 2015), Olex2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009).

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