



## Supporting Information

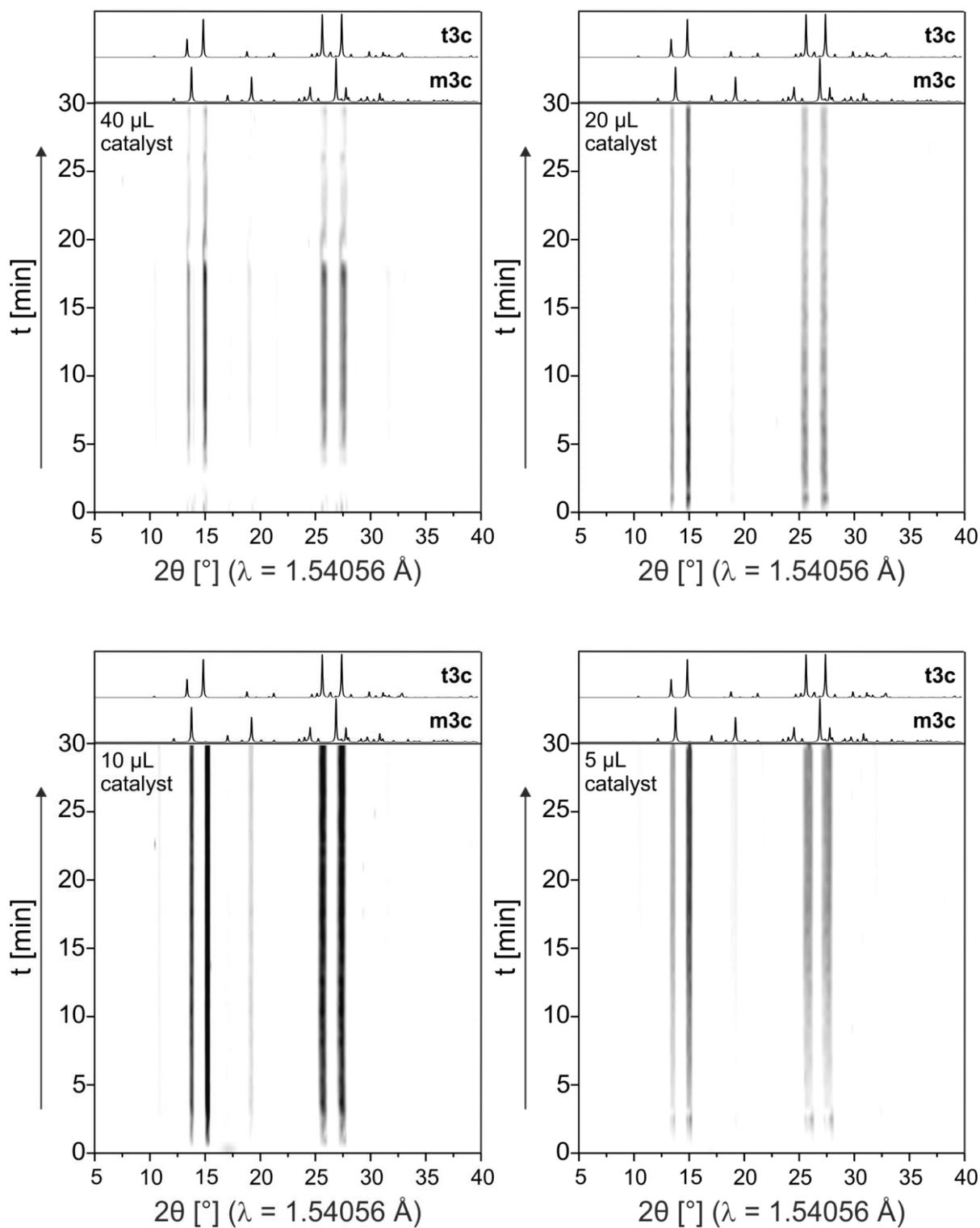
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### Unexpected polymorphism during a catalyzed mechanochemical Knoevenagel condensation

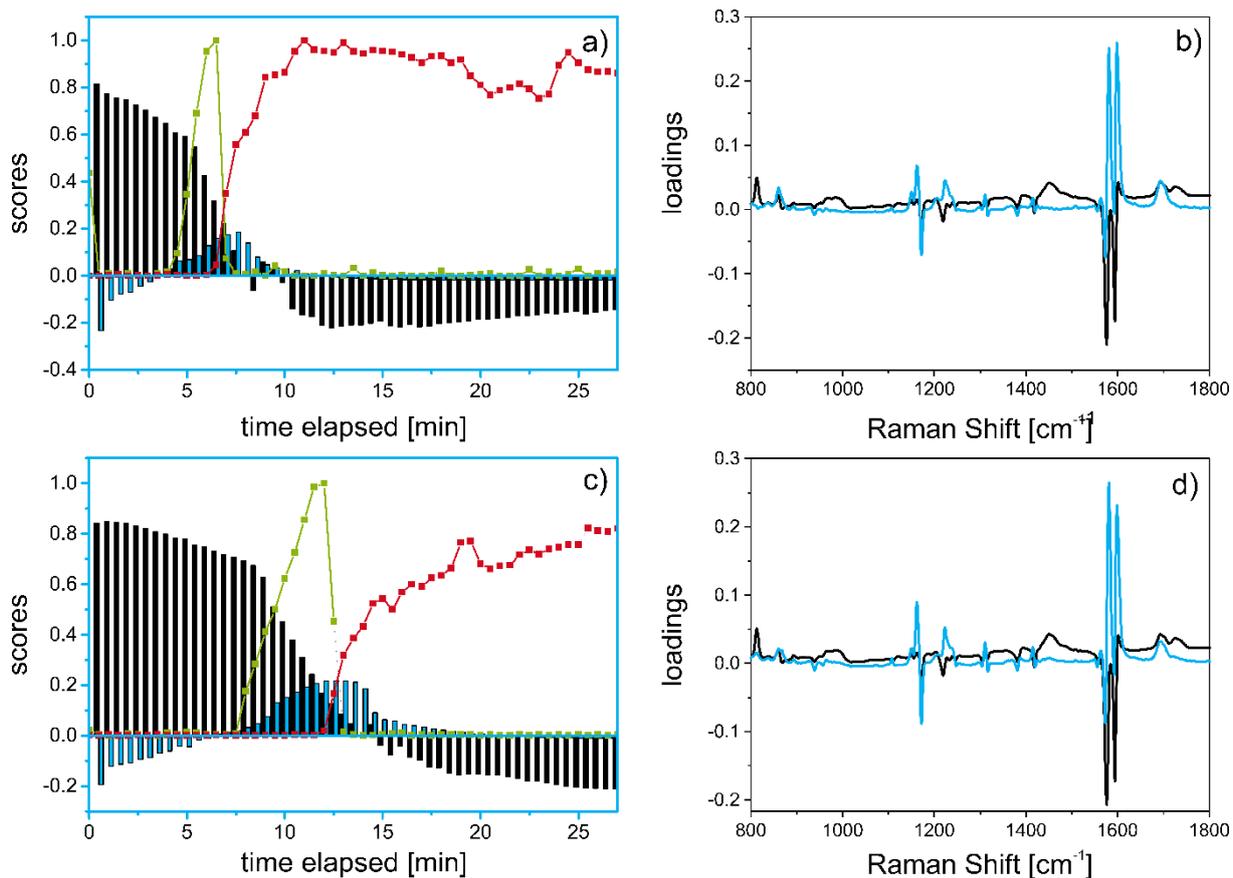
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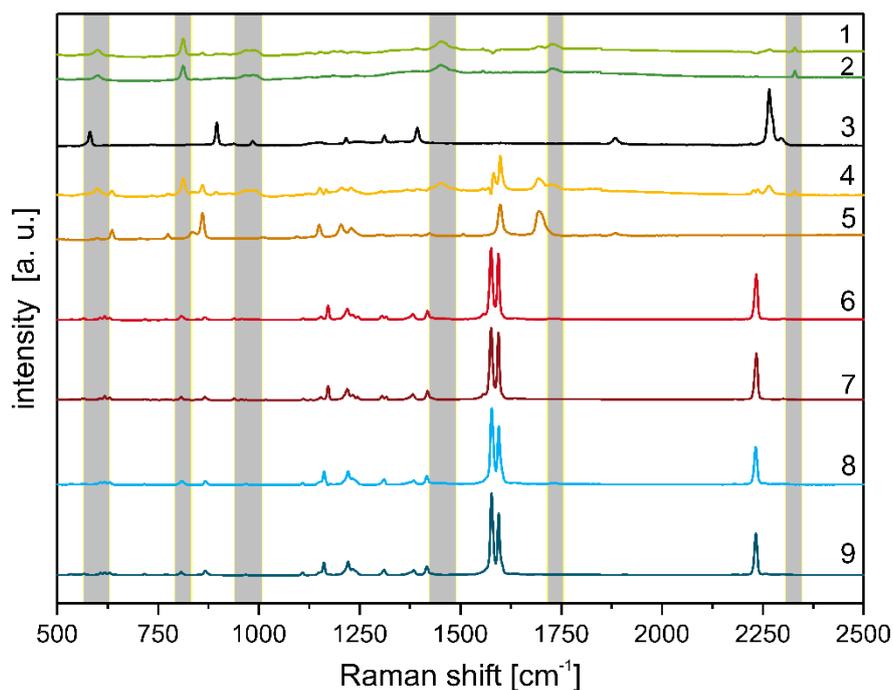
### XRPD data and multivariate data analysis



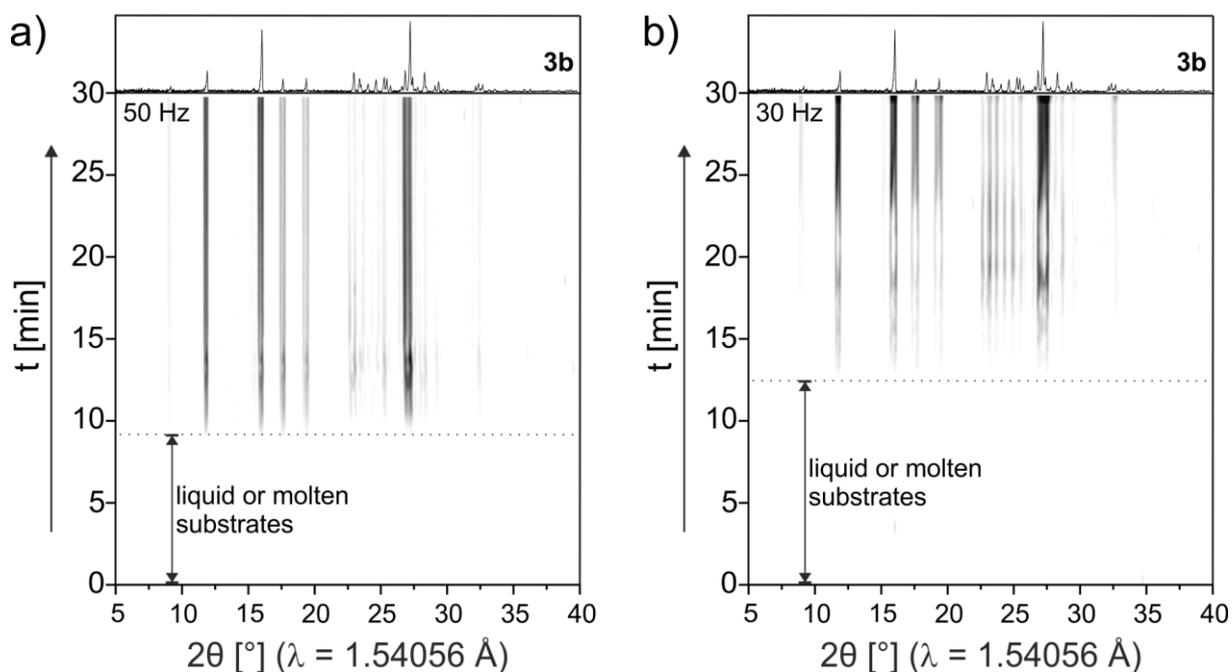
**Figure S1:** Time-resolved in situ XRPD pattern of the mechanochemical Knoevenagel condensation of **1a** and **2**. The amount of catalyst can be read in each top left corner.



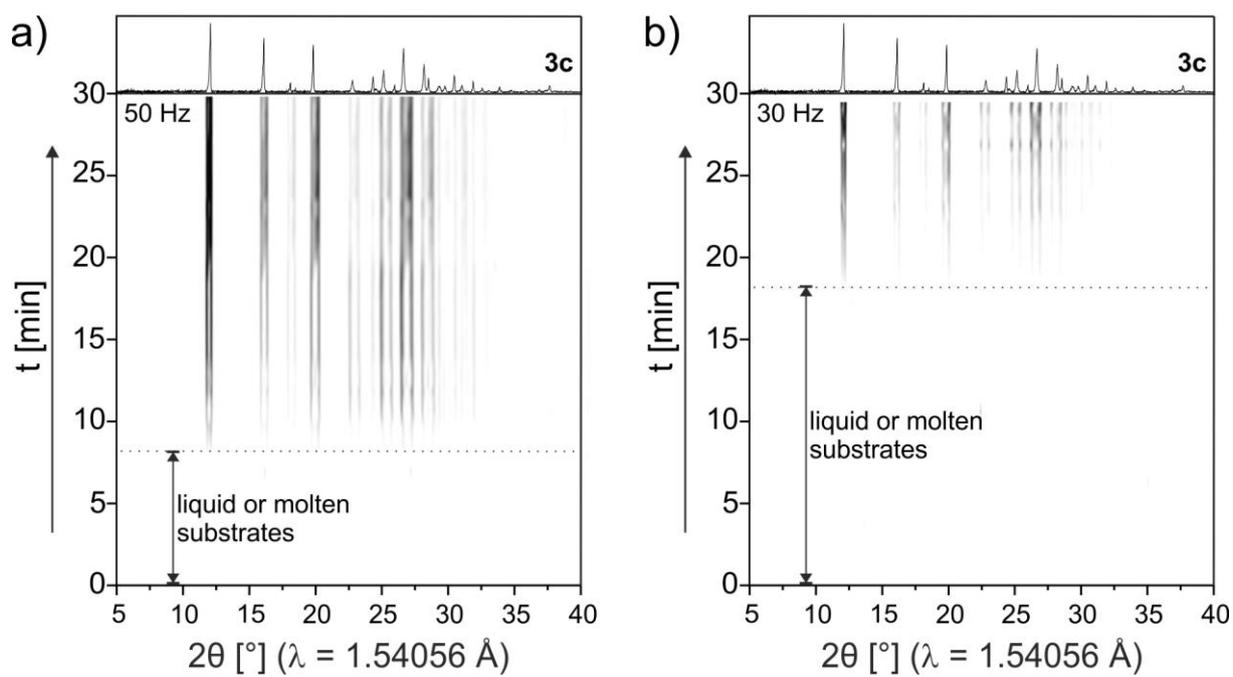
**Figure S2:** PCA of Raman spectra for the first 27 minutes of the reaction: a,b) Scores and loadings plots of the first (black) and second principal component (blue) for 50 Hz milling frequency, c,d) Scores and loadings plots of PC1 (black) and PC2 (blue) for 30 Hz milling frequency. For comparison, XRPD data are displayed with scatter angles  $2\theta = 13,87^\circ$  (green) and  $14,78^\circ$  (red) for the monoclinic and triclinic polymorph of fluorobenzylidene malononitrile (**3a**).



**Figure S3:** Comparison of the component spectra from MCR of the reaction with 30 Hz milling frequency (1, 4, 6, 8) and the Raman spectra of PMMA (2), malononitrile (3), fluorinated benzaldehyde (5), triclinic (7) and monoclinic fluorobenzylidene malonitrile (9). The spectra are sorted by spectral similarity for better identification. Shaded areas indicate the spectral contribution of PMMA contained in all spectra obtained by MCR.



**Figure S4:** Time-resolved in situ XRPD pattern of the mechanochemical Knoevenagel condensation of **1b** and **2** at a) 50 Hz and b) 30 Hz.



**Figure S5:** Time-resolved in situ XRPD pattern of the mechanochemical Knoevenagel condensation of **1c** and **2** at a) 50 Hz and b) 30 Hz.