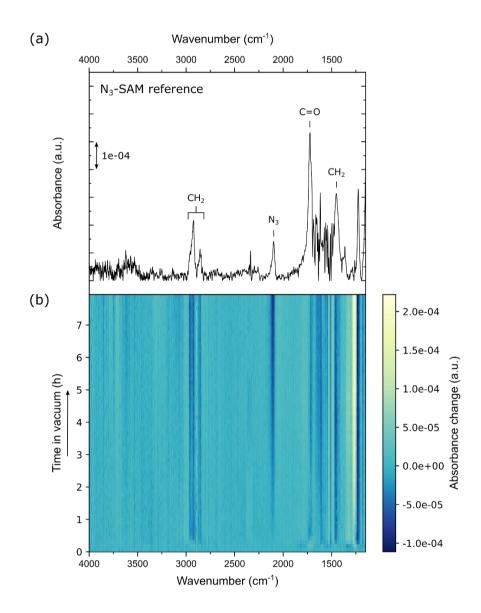
## **Supplementary**

## An IR spectroscopy study of the degradation of surface bound azido-groups in high vacuum

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**Figure 1** An ex situ transmission FTIR spectrum indicating the functional groups of the as-deposited  $N_3$ -SAM (a) and the time evolution of the change in IR absorption intensity in high vacuum at 1E-5 mbar and 150 °C over 8 h as measured by in situ FTIR (b). A decrease in absorbance and thus the disappearance of functional groups can be seen as dark blue regions, while an increase in absorbance and thus addition of functional groups is indicated in yellow.