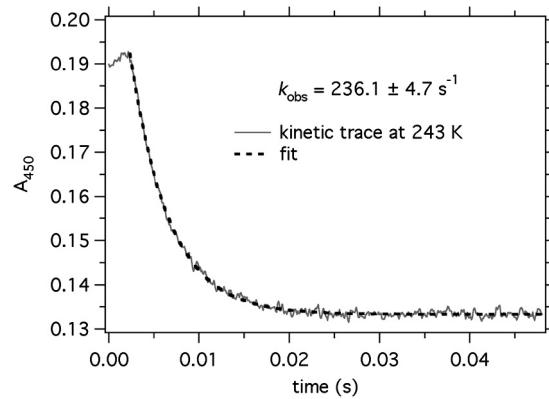
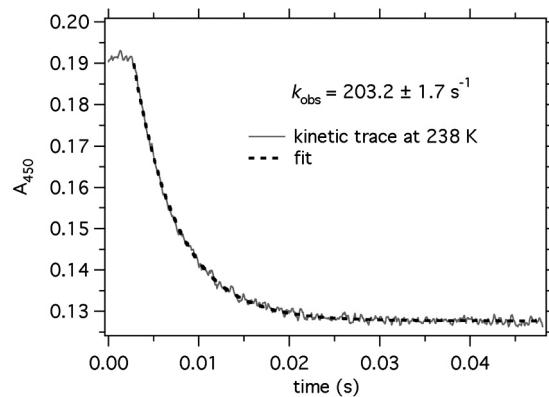


# Supporting Information

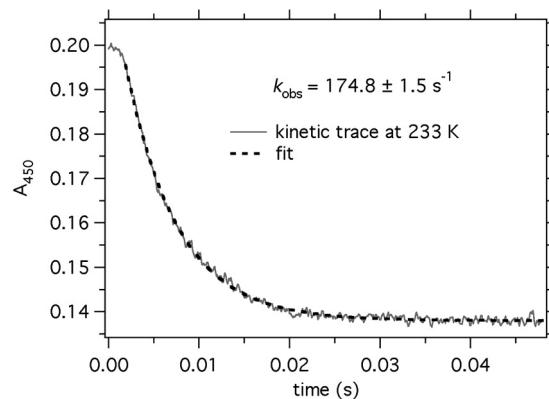
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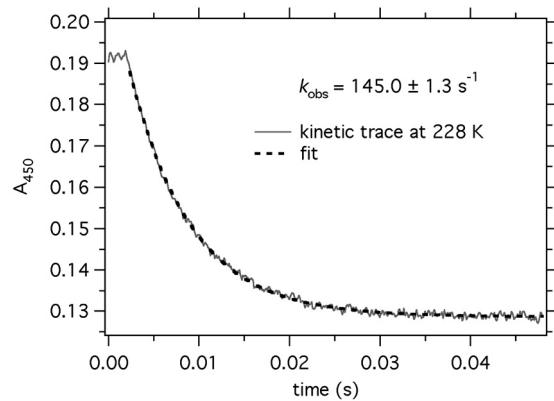
**Fig. S1.** Kinetic trace and single exponential fit of the data at 243 K. Values of  $k_{\text{obs}}$  in Figs. S1–S6 are the mean of eight determinations for each figure.



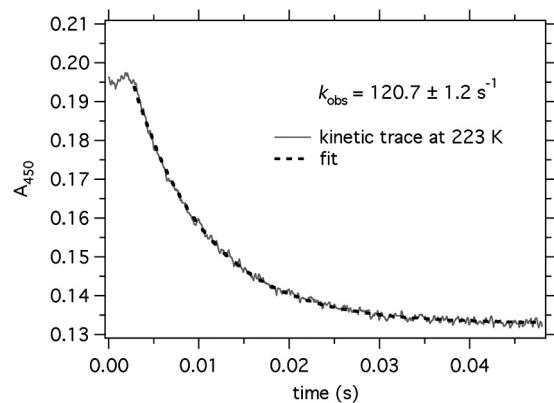
**Fig. S2.** Kinetic trace and single exponential fit of the data at 238 K.



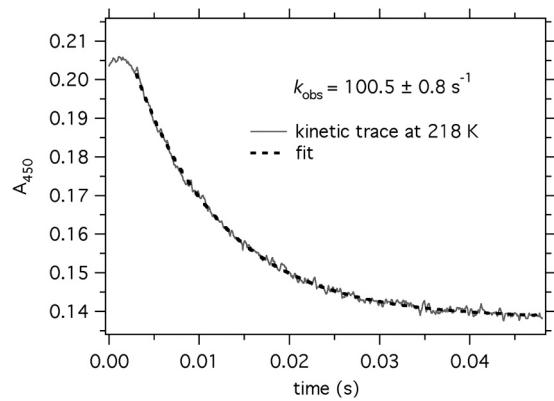
**Fig. S3.** Kinetic trace and single exponential fit of the data at 233 K.



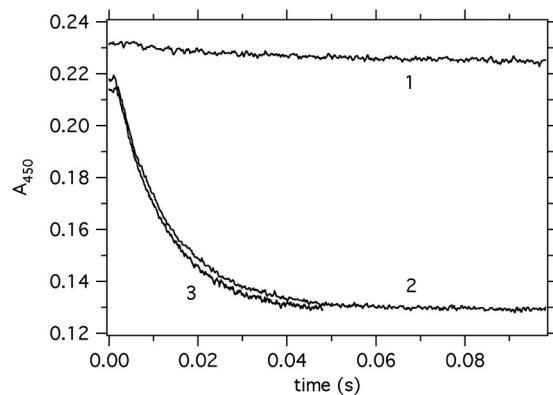
**Fig. S4.** Kinetic trace and single exponential fit of the data at 228 K.



**Fig. S5.** Kinetic trace and single exponential fit of the data at 223 K.



**Fig. S6.** Kinetic trace and single exponential fit of the data at 218 K.



**Fig. S7.** Kinetics traces acquired at 450 nm, 218 K,  $\{[\text{Ni}(\text{pyN}_2^{\text{Me}2})(\text{OH})]^{1-}\} = 0.1 \text{ mM}$  and  $[\text{CO}_2] = 1 \text{ mM}$  in DMF. Trace 1—no  $\text{CO}_2$ , 800 equiv of water; trace 2—800 equiv water; trace 3—no water.

**Table S1. Observed ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ ) and second-order ( $\text{M}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ) rate constants at temperatures**

T, °C	k <sub>obs</sub> (at $[\text{CO}_2] = 1 \text{ mM}$ )						Average	
-30	232.5	234.1	243	236.9	243.5	233.5	233.2	231.8
-35	202.7	201.6	202	203.1	205.2	203.2	206.2	201.7
-40	175	176.2	174.2	172.6	175.5	172.7	175.7	176.5
-45	144.1	142.2	145.9	145.8	144.8	146	145	145.9
-50	120.7	120.8	118.9	121.5	119.1	121	120.9	122.5
-55	100.3	101	100.6	99.25	101.1	99.72	101.7	100.7
T, °C	T, K	k	$k_2 = k/\text{CO}_2$	$k_2/T$	$\ln(k_2/T)$	1/T		
-30	243	236.1	236,100	971.60	6.88	0.0041		
-35	238	203.2	203,200	853.78	6.75	0.0042		
-40	233	174.8	174,800	750.21	6.62	0.0043		
-45	228	145.0	145,000	635.96	6.46	0.0044		
-50	223	120.7	120,700	541.26	6.29	0.0045		
-55	218	100.5	100,500	461.01	6.13	0.0046		
T, °C			[CO <sub>2</sub> ], M					
		0.00025	0.0005	0.00075	0.001	0.0015	0.002	0.0025
-30	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}$	125.2	203.4	231.3	272.8			
		121.9	203.0	237.4	279.1			
		123.0	203.0	236.1	298.2			
		120.3	207.0	240.2	285.1			
	Average	122.6	204.1	236.3	283.8			
-38	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}$	132.0	183.6	204.2	269.0	332.4		
		134.5	182.2	205.6	274.5	341.4		
		136.1	179.4	203.4	278.2			
		133.1	180.0	208.2	273.8			
		130.1		207.0	278.5			
	Average	133.2	181.3	205.7	274.8	336.9		
-45	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}$	93.21	135.4	151.5	205.4	258.2		
		95.95	135.7	150.7	207.5	252.6		
		90.53	137.6	157.4	216.1	247.7		
		91.00	139.3	157.7	216.7	254.9		
		91.30	137.0	154.9	203.3	257.4		
	Average	92.40	137.0	154.0	209.8	254.2		
-50	$k_{\text{obs}}, \text{s}^{-1}$	82.57		101.6	165.0	188.2	229.3	
		84.25		101.0	167.8	188.0	227.3	
		83.52		101.8	165.2	194.7	231.1	
		84.23		102.1	167.4	197.6	234.4	
	Average	83.6		101.6	163.8	192.1	230.5	

**Table S2. Comparison of experimental and computed structural metrics**

Method/basis set	[Ni(pyN <sub>2</sub> <sup>Me2</sup> )(OH)] <sup>-</sup>			[Ni(pyN <sub>2</sub> <sup>Me2</sup> )(OCO <sub>2</sub> H)] <sup>-</sup> (P2*)					
	Ni—N(py)	Ni—N(amide)	Ni—O1	Ni—N(py)	Ni—N(amide)	Ni—O2	C—O1	C—O2	C=O3
experimental*	1.826(3)	1.911(2)	1.825(3)	1.817(4)	1.896(4)	1.871(4)	1.293(6)	1.253(7)	1.286(7)
B3LYP/6-31G(d)	1.816	1.926, 1.929	1.791	1.816	1.916	1.856	1.375	1.286	1.236
(DMF solvation)	1.820	1.917, 1.923	1.803	1.818	1.913	1.864	1.375	1.284	1.237
B3LYP/DGDZVP	1.845	1.955, 1.959	1.822	1.838	1.947	1.883	1.383	1.287	1.239
(DMF Solvation)	1.847	1.941, 1.956	1.843	1.839	1.942	1.896	1.384	1.284	1.241
BP86/6-31G(d)	1.790	1.897, 1.903	1.786	1.793	1.894	1.857	1.387	1.300	1.247
(DMF solvation)	1.792	1.898, 1.890	1.794	1.795	1.891	1.862	1.385	1.300	1.247
BP86/DGDZVP	1.819	1.931, 1.938	1.823	1.819	1.930	1.888	1.396	1.301	1.249
(DMF solvation)	1.822	1.919, 1.932	1.838	1.822	1.927	1.896	1.396	1.299	1.251

\*Both experimental structures and all calculated P2 geometries are C<sub>s</sub> symmetric.