

Supporting Information

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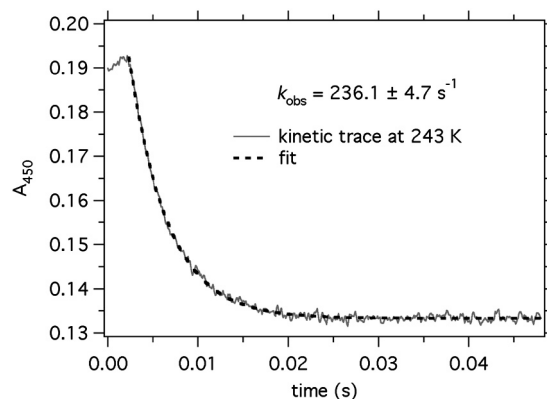


Fig. S1. Kinetic trace and single exponential fit of the data at 243 K. Values of k_{obs} in Figs. S1–S6 are the mean of eight determinations for each figure.

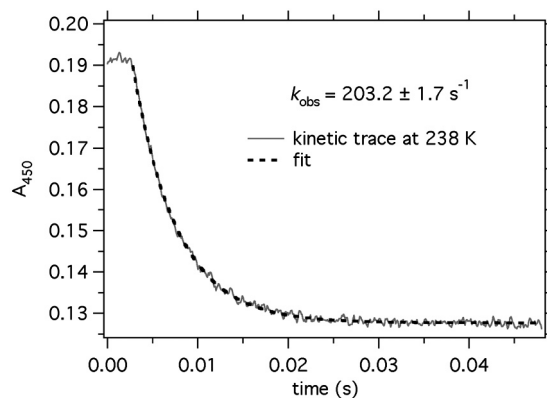


Fig. S2. Kinetic trace and single exponential fit of the data at 238 K.

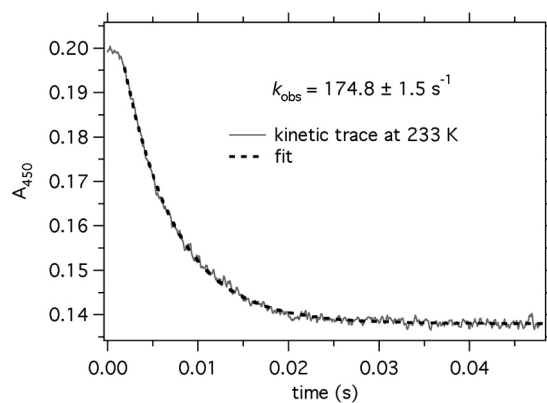


Fig. S3. Kinetic trace and single exponential fit of the data at 233 K.

Table S2. Comparison of experimental and computed structural metrics

Method/basis set	$[\text{Ni}(\text{pyN}_2^{\text{Me}_2})(\text{OH})]^-$			$[\text{Ni}(\text{pyN}_2^{\text{Me}_2})(\text{OCO}_2\text{H})]^-$ (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_s symmetric.