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**Surface Ligand Length Influences Kinetics of H-atom Uptake in  
Polyoxovanadate-alkoxide Clusters**

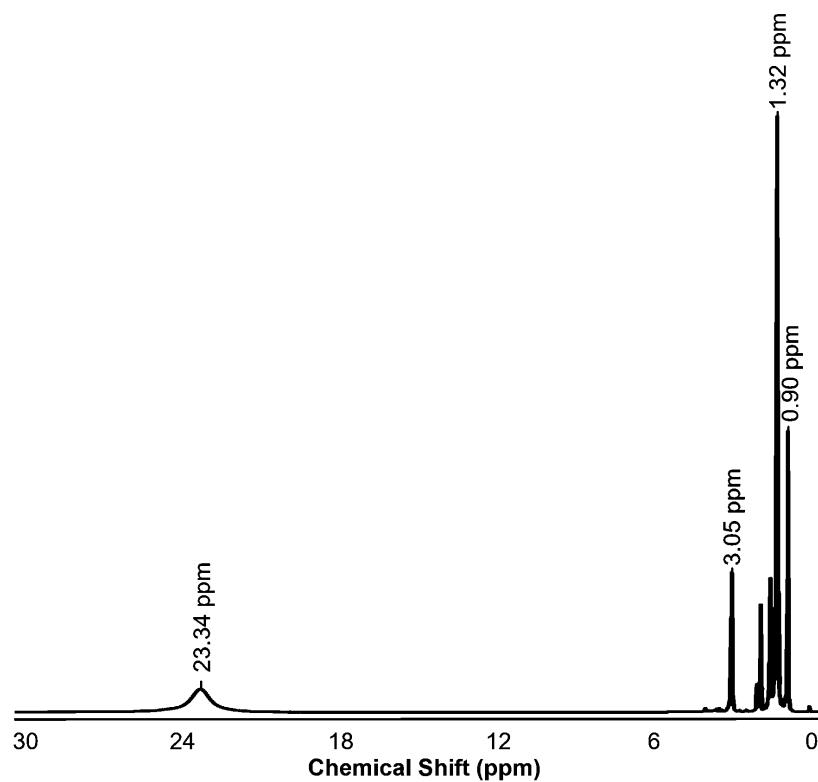
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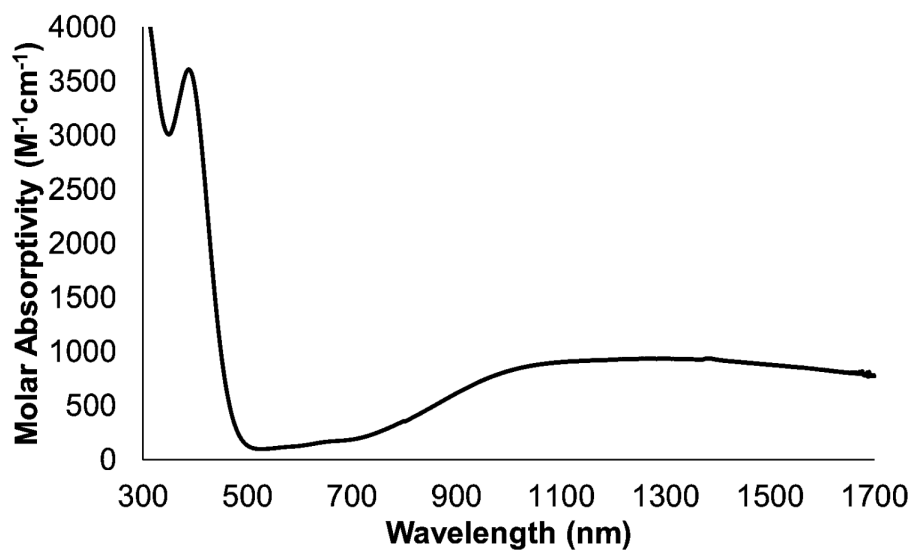
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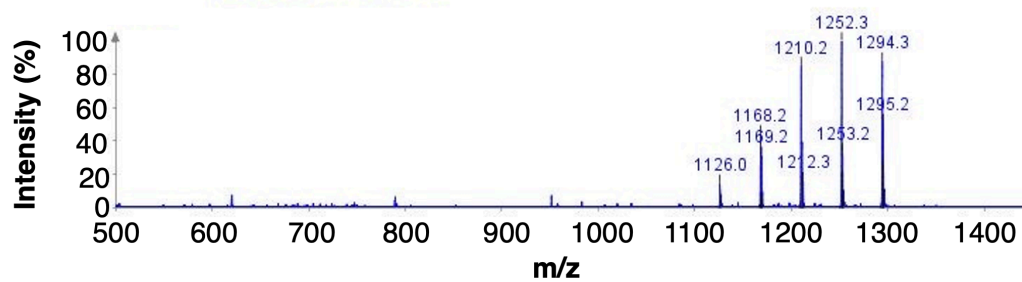
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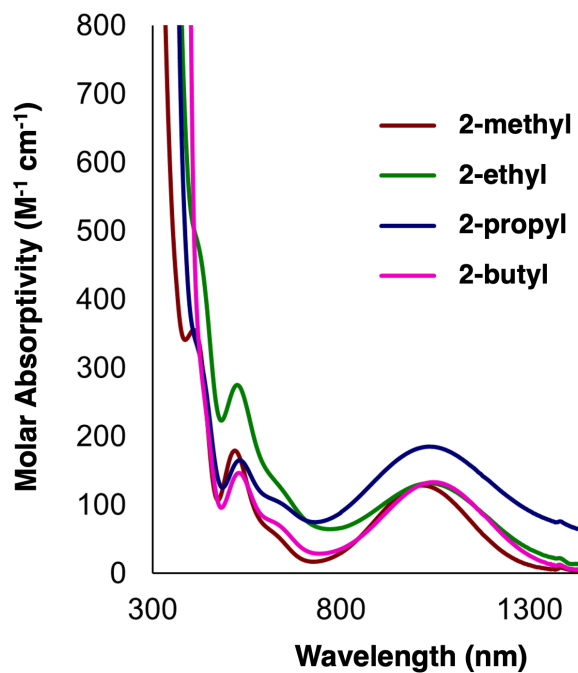
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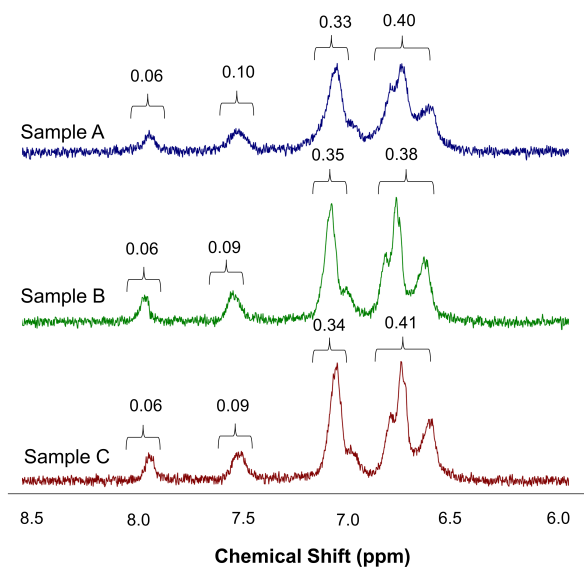
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**Figure S4.** Electronic absorption spectra of 2-methyl, 2-ethyl, 2-propyl and 2-butyl in acetonitrile at 21 °C



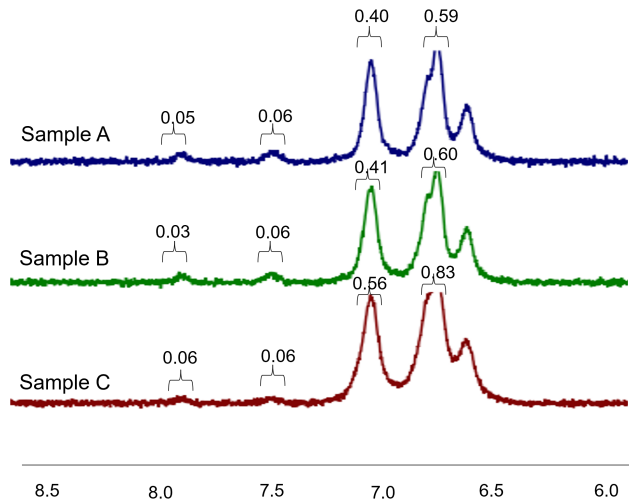
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**Table S1.**  $\text{BDFE}(\text{O-H})_{\text{adj}}$  calculated from equilibrium reactions of **1-methyl** with Hydz after 6 hours using the equation outlined in the Experimental section.

Trial	Hydz					Azobenzene <sup>b</sup>				Avg. Conc.	$\text{BDFE}_{\text{adj}}$ (kcal/mol)
	7.16 ppm (4 H)		6.77 ppm (6 H)		Avg. Conc.	7.91 ppm (4 H)		7.58 ppm (6 H)			
	Integral	Relative Conc. <sup>a</sup>	Integral	Relative Conc. <sup>a</sup>		Integral	Relative Conc. <sup>a</sup>	Integral	Relative Conc. <sup>a</sup>		
A	0.33	0.08	0.40	0.07	<b>0.08</b>	0.06	0.02	0.10	0.02	<b>0.02</b>	<b>59.9</b>
B	0.35	0.09	0.38	0.06	<b>0.08</b>	0.06	0.02	0.09	0.02	<b>0.02</b>	<b>59.9</b>
C	0.34	0.09	0.41	0.07	<b>0.08</b>	0.06	0.02	0.09	0.02	<b>0.02</b>	<b>59.9</b>
										<b>Avg.</b>	<b>59.9</b>
										<b>Error</b>	<b>0.1</b>

<sup>a</sup> Relative concentration of either Hydz or azobenzene was determined by dividing the integral by the number of protons a given signal(s) corresponds with.

<sup>b</sup> Integration of the N-H resonance of Hydz was omitted in this study due to potential broadening of the resonance by H-bonding with  $2\text{-V}_6\text{O}_8^{2-}$ .



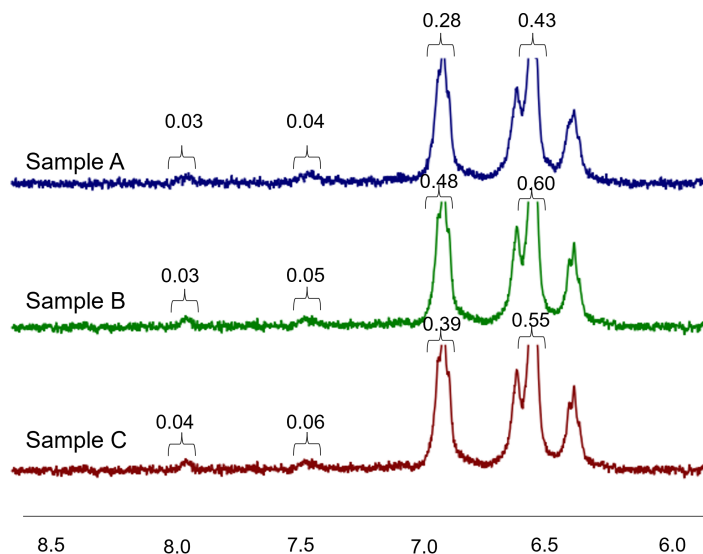
**Figure S6.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of equilibrium reaction solutions with **1-ethyl** and Hydz after 7 days in  $\text{THF-}d_8$  at  $21\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

**Table S2.**  $\text{BDFE}(\text{O-H})_{\text{adj}}$  calculated from equilibrium reactions of **1-ethyl** with Hydz after 7 days using the equation outlined in the Experimental section.

Trial	Hydz					Azobenzene <sup>b</sup>				Avg. Conc.	$\text{BDFE}_{\text{adj}}$ (kcal/mol)
	7.16 ppm (4 H)		6.77 ppm (6 H)		Avg. Conc.	7.91 ppm (4 H)		7.58 ppm (6 H)			
	Integral	Relative Conc. <sup>a</sup>	Integral	Relative Conc. <sup>a</sup>		Integral	Relative Conc. <sup>a</sup>	Integral	Relative Conc. <sup>a</sup>		
A	0.40	0.10	0.59	0.01	<b>0.09</b>	0.05	0.01	0.06	0.01	<b>0.01</b>	<b>59.8</b>
B	0.41	0.10	0.60	0.10	<b>0.10</b>	0.03	0.01	0.06	0.01	<b>0.01</b>	<b>59.7</b>
C	0.56	0.14	0.83	0.14	<b>0.14</b>	0.06	0.02	0.06	0.02	<b>0.01</b>	<b>59.7</b>
										<b>Avg.</b>	<b>59.7</b>
										<b>Error</b>	<b>0.1</b>

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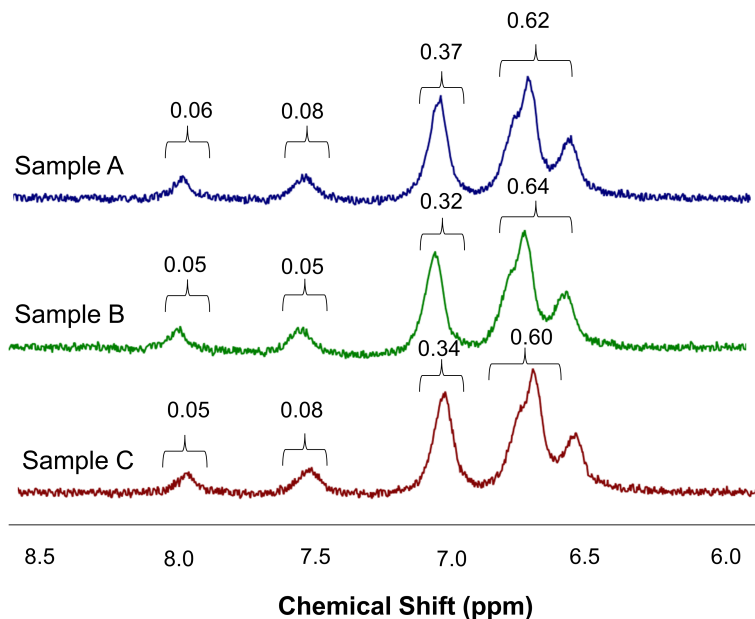
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**Table S3.**  $\text{BDFE}(\text{O-H})_{\text{adj}}$  calculated from equilibrium reactions of **1-propyl** with Hydz after 7 days using the equation outlined in the Experimental section.

Trial	Hydz					Azobenzene <sup>b</sup>				Avg. Conc.	BDFE <sub>adj</sub> (kcal/mol)
	7.16 ppm (4 H)		6.77 ppm (6 H)		Avg. Conc.	7.91 ppm (4 H)		7.58 ppm (6 H)			
	Integral	Relative Conc. <sup>a</sup>	Integral	Relative Conc. <sup>a</sup>		Integral	Relative Conc. <sup>a</sup>	Integral	Relative Conc. <sup>a</sup>		
A	0.28	0.07	0.43	0.07	<b>0.07</b>	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.01	<b>0.01</b>	<b>59.7</b>
B	0.41	0.10	0.60	0.10	<b>0.10</b>	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.01	<b>0.01</b>	<b>59.6</b>
C	0.39	0.10	0.55	0.09	<b>0.09</b>	0.04	0.01	0.06	0.01	<b>0.01</b>	<b>59.7</b>
										<b>Avg.</b>	<b>59.7</b>
										<b>Error</b>	<b>0.1</b>

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**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of equilibrium reaction solutions with **1-butyl** and Hydz after 7 days in  $\text{THF-}d_8$  at  $21\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

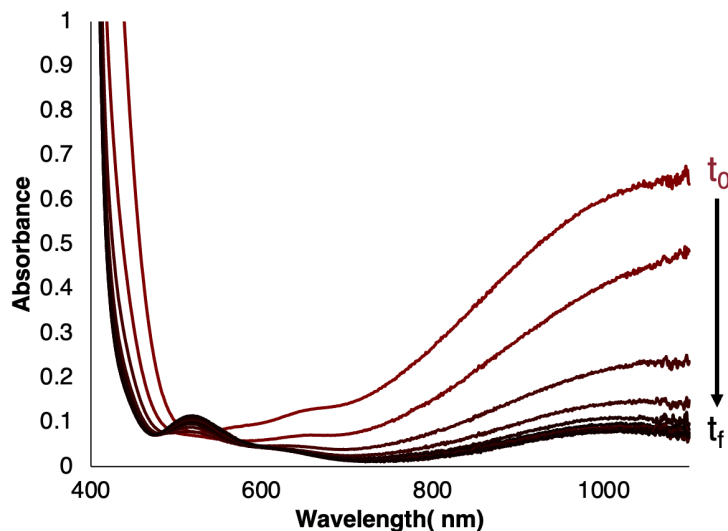
**Table S4.**  $\text{BDFE}(\text{O-H})_{\text{adj}}$  calculated from equilibrium reactions of **1-butyl** with Hydz after 7 days using the equation outlined in the Experimental section

Trial	Hydz					Azobenzene <sup>b</sup>				Avg. Conc.	BDFE <sub>adj</sub> (kcal/mol)
	7.16 ppm (4 H)		6.77 ppm (6 H)		Avg. Conc.	7.91 ppm (4 H)		7.58 ppm (6 H)			
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B	0.32	0.08	0.64	0.11	<b>0.09</b>	0.04	0.01	0.05	0.01	<b>0.01</b>	<b>59.8</b>
C	0.37	0.09	0.62	0.10	<b>0.10</b>	0.06	0.02	0.08	0.01	<b>0.01</b>	<b>59.8</b>
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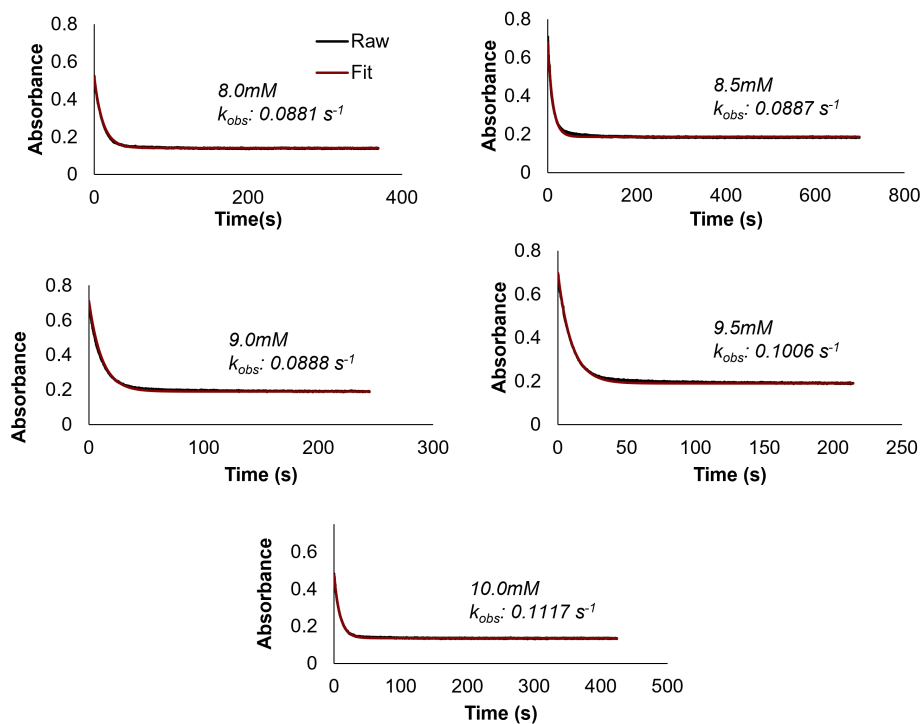
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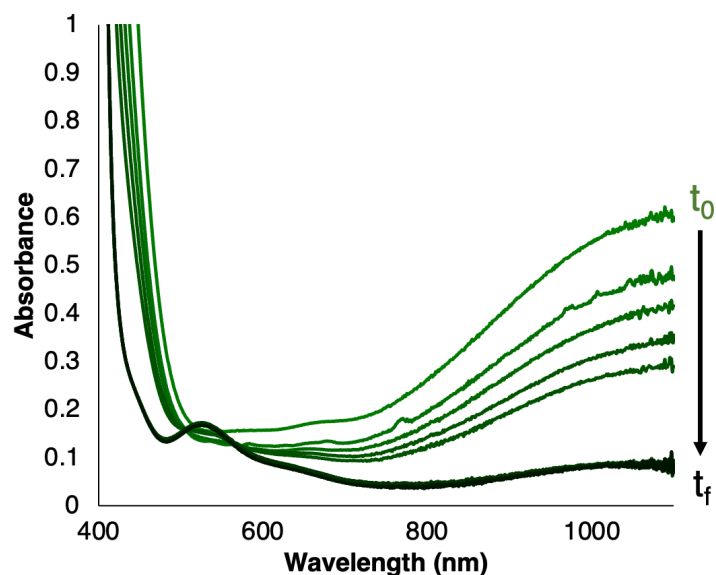




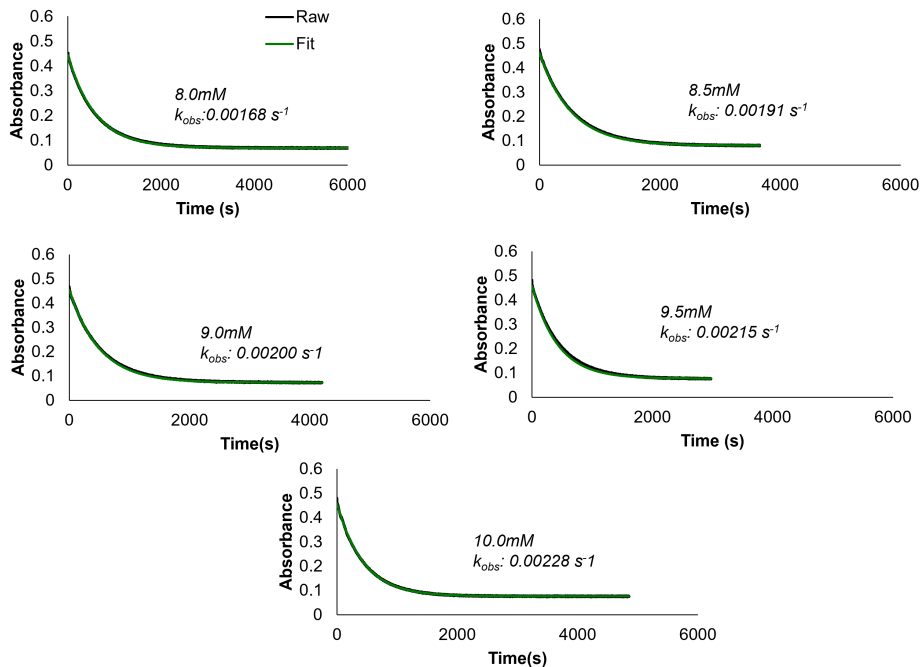
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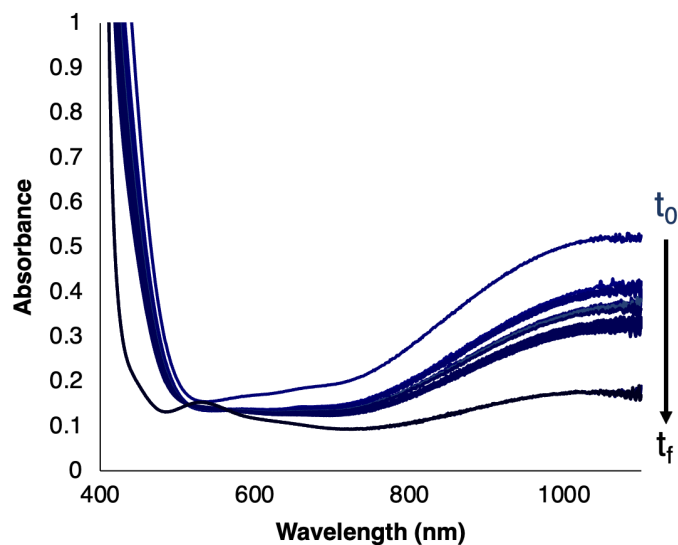
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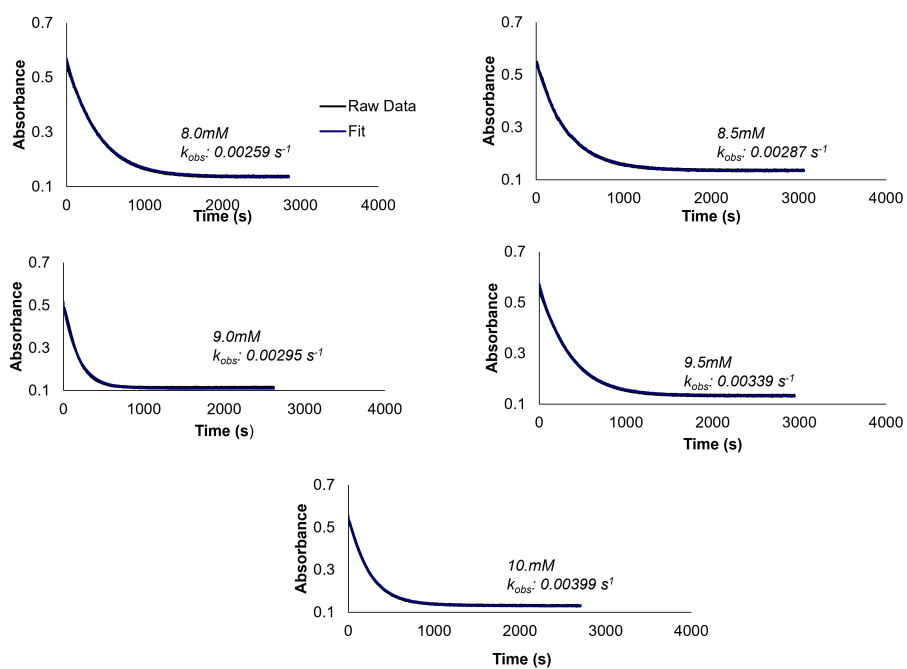
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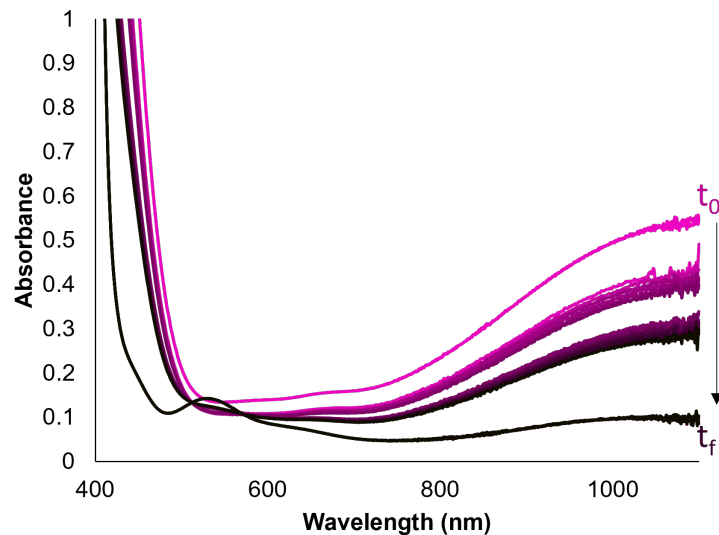
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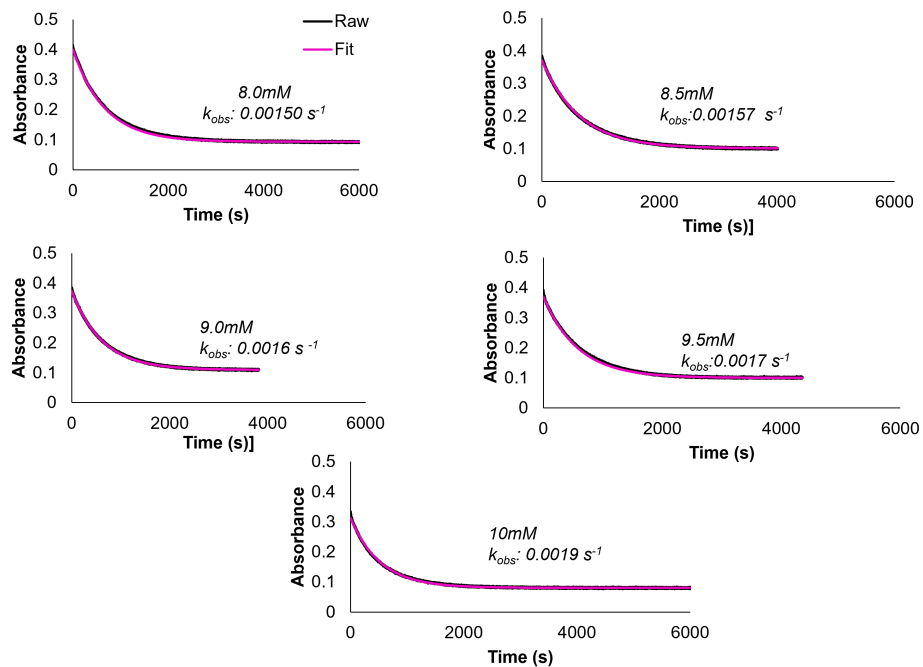
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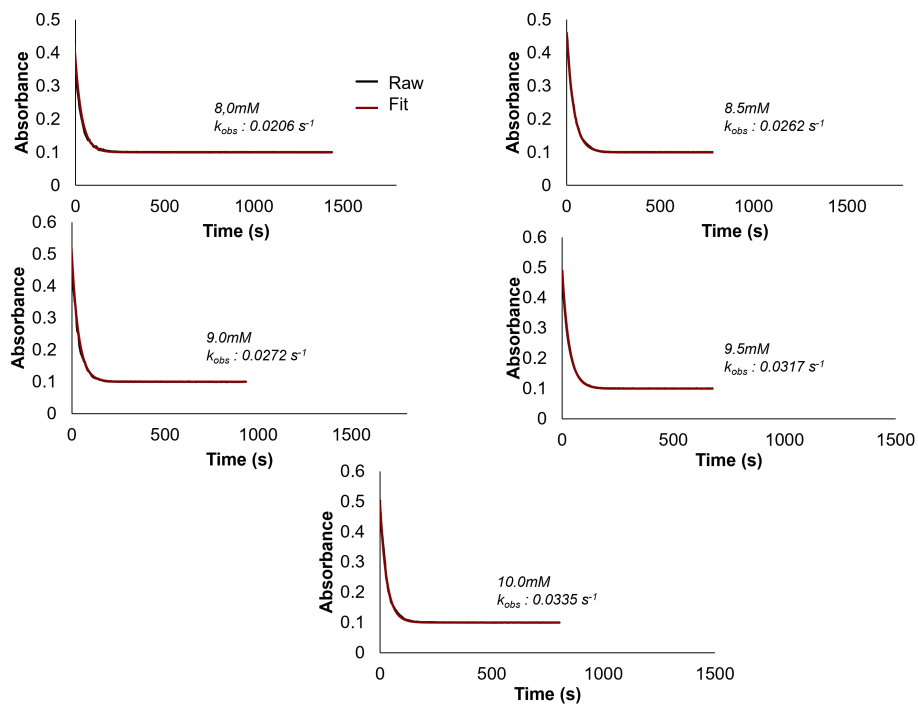
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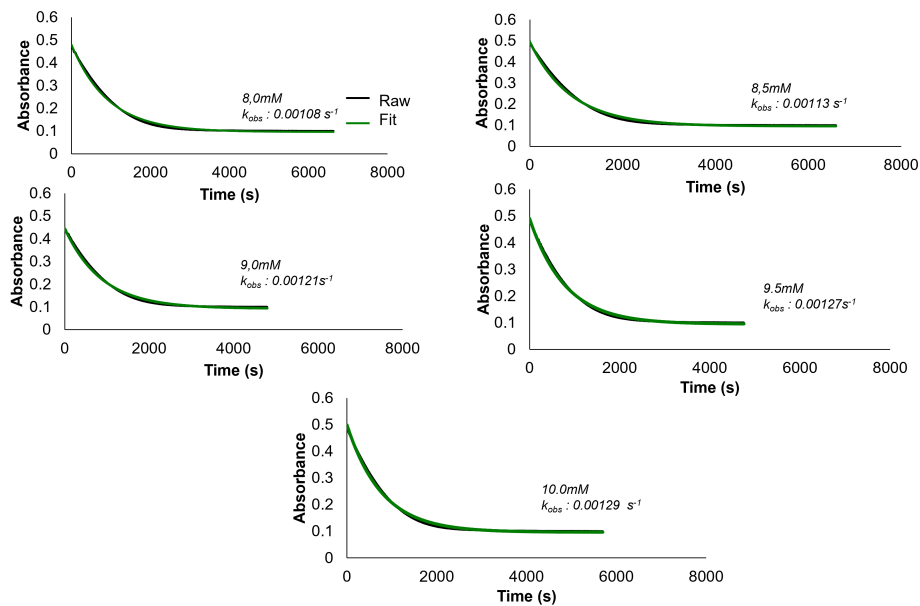
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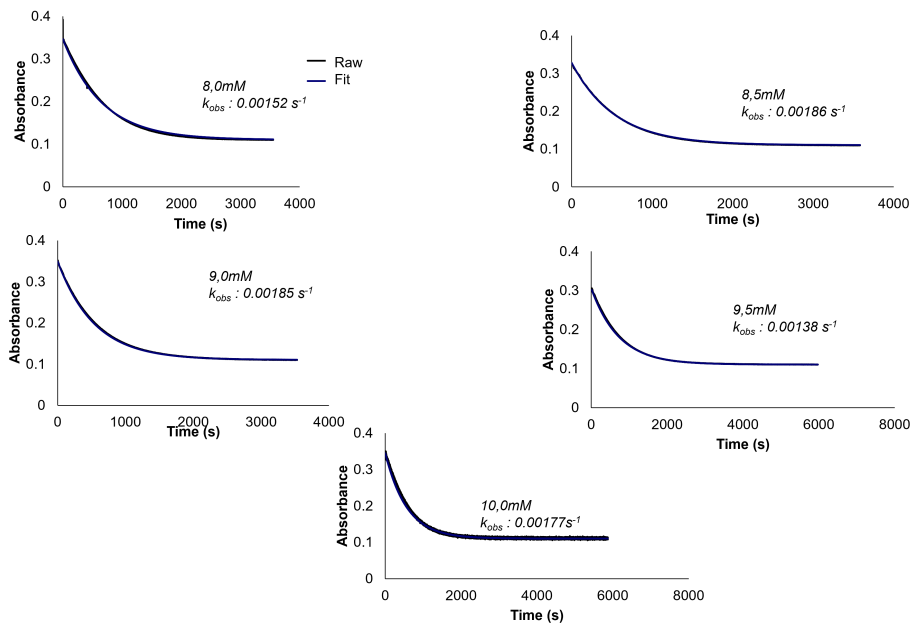
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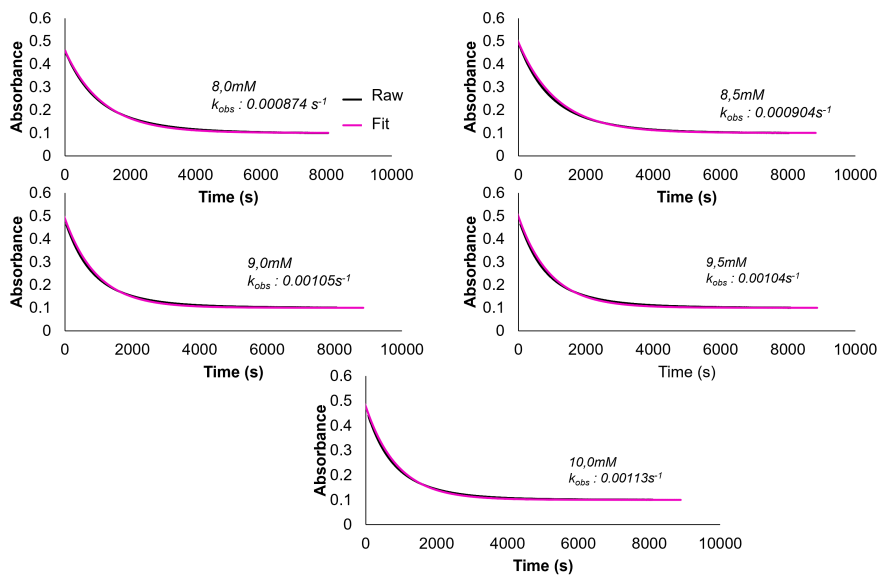
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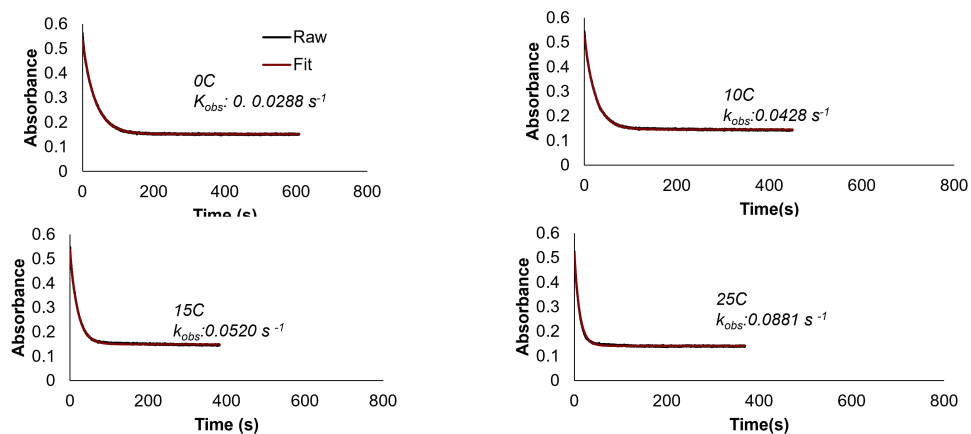
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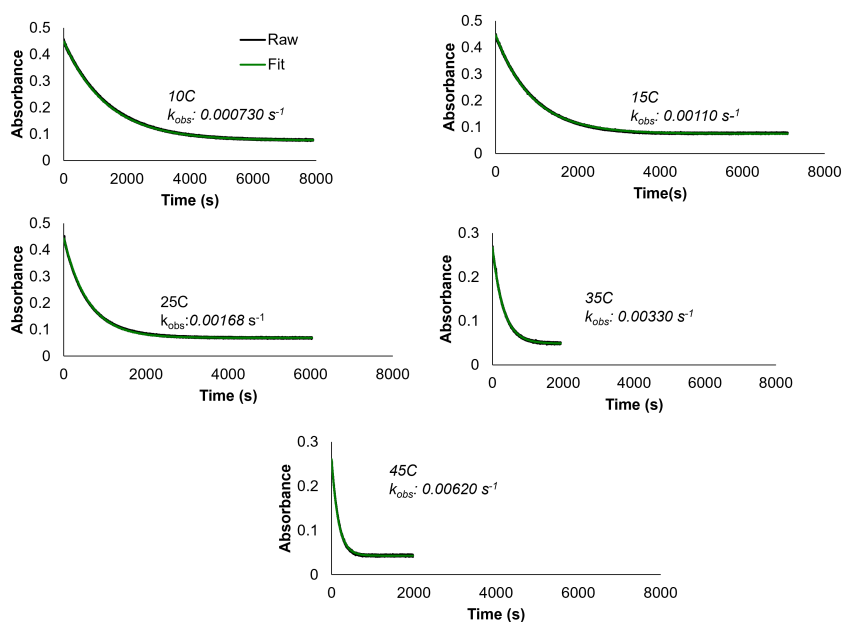
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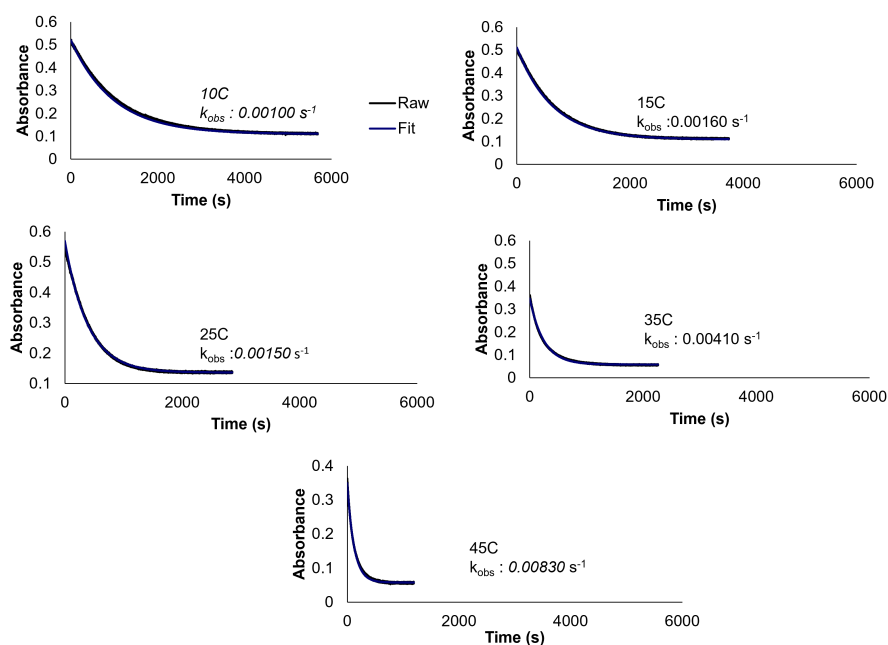
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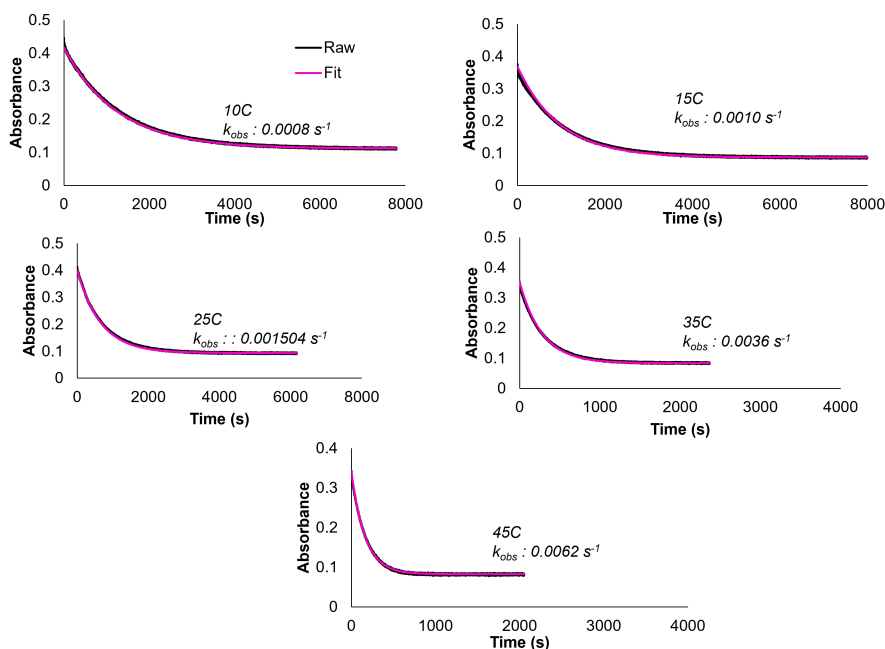
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