

Photochemical Evaluation of the Norrish-type Decomposition of Aldehydes as CO Donors for the Carbonylation of Hydrocarbons

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1. Results Kinetic Fitting

Table S1. Kinetic rate constants extracted by fitting depending on the sacrificial aldehydes and light intensity setting (LI). Values for k_{1-9} are in 10^{-5} s^{-1} .

Ligand	Substrate	LI	Rep.	k_1	k_2	k_3	k_4	k_5	k_6	k_7	k_7	k_8	k_9
PMe ₃	Acetaldehyde	80.5	1	-	-	-	0.3	-	0.1	0.4	48.9	8	$9.4 \cdot 10^3$
PMe ₃	Acetaldehyde	189.5	1	-	-	-	2	-	0.3	$4.0 \cdot 10^2$	5.9	24	$1.9 \cdot 10^4$
PMe ₃	Acetaldehyde	388.2	1	-	-	-	1.1	-	0.3	29.1	80.9	$4.9 \cdot 10^2$	$2.2 \cdot 10^3$
PMe ₃	Acetaldehyde	825.1	1	-	-	-	2.2	-	0.5	0.4	$2.3 \cdot 10^2$	21.2	$1.5 \cdot 10^3$
PMe ₃	Benzaldehyde	80.5	1	0.8	0	0	$1.1 \cdot 10^3$	0.3	0.1	32.9	6.7	$2.2 \cdot 10^2$	$4.4 \cdot 10^3$
PMe ₃	Benzaldehyde	80.5	2	0.6	0	0.1	$1.2 \cdot 10^3$	0.3	0	14.4	$3.6 \cdot 10^2$	$3.7 \cdot 10^4$	$1.4 \cdot 10^3$
PMe ₃	Benzaldehyde	80.5	3	0.9	0	0	$1.7 \cdot 10^6$	0.7	$3.2 \cdot 10^6$	6.3	$1.3 \cdot 10^3$	2.8	12
PMe ₃	Benzaldehyde	189.5	1	1.4	0	0	$1.3 \cdot 10^5$	0.9	$1.8 \cdot 10^5$	0	$2.9 \cdot 10^5$	47.4	0.6
PMe ₃	Benzaldehyde	189.5	2	1.3	0	0.2	79.2	1.3	5.8	0.4	$7.9 \cdot 10^2$	32.6	0.6
PMe ₃	Benzaldehyde	189.5	3	1.6	0	0.1	68.5	1.5	0.1	29.4	$6.7 \cdot 10^4$	21.7	54.5
PMe ₃	Benzaldehyde	388.2	1	2.2	0	0.2	66.6	1.9	0	$1.5 \cdot 10^3$	$4.7 \cdot 10^2$	$3.1 \cdot 10^2$	$1.2 \cdot 10^5$
PMe ₃	Benzaldehyde	825.1	1	12.9	0.1	0.1	$7.7 \cdot 10^2$	1	36.1	$5.1 \cdot 10^2$	$1.7 \cdot 10^2$	$2.0 \cdot 10^2$	$2.4 \cdot 10^4$
PMe ₃	Cis-4-Hept.	80.5	1	0.2	0	0	$>10^8$	0	1.6	$9.0 \cdot 10^2$	$8.3 \cdot 10^2$	0	$>10^8$
PMe ₃	Cis-4-Hept.	189.5	1	0.3	0	0	0	0	$1.0 \cdot 10^3$	$>10^8$	$8.9 \cdot 10^6$	7.4	$>10^8$
PMe ₃	Cis-4-Hept.	388.2	1	1.0	0	0.1	$2.6 \cdot 10^2$	0	0.1	$1.4 \cdot 10^3$	$9.2 \cdot 10^2$	$2.3 \cdot 10^2$	$4.3 \cdot 10^4$

PMe ₃	Cis-4-Hept.	825.1	1	1.4	0	0.1	0.4	0	1.4	2.8	0.5	4.7·10 ³	8.8·10 ⁶
PMe ₃	CHA	80.5	1	0.5	0.1	0.1	29.5	0.2	3	13.5	2.8·10 ²	9.2·10 ²	2.1·10 ⁴
PMe ₃	CHA	189.5	1	0.6	0.3	0.1	31.5	0.3	0	9.3	8.2	6.2	34.6
PMe ₃	CHA	388.2	1	1.3	0.4	0.3	26.6	0.4	2.8	61.4	1.3	7.7	6.7·10 ²
PMe ₃	CHA	825.1	1	6.0	1.9	0.9	78.9	0.9	0.3	2.8	14.9	52.4	3.1·10 ²
PMe ₃	Octanal	80.5	1	0.3	0	0.2	0.7	0	0	0.4	0.1	3.2·10 ⁵	>10 ⁸
PMe ₃	Octanal	189.5	1	0.6	0	0.3	0.6	0	0	1.1·10 ²	1.5·10 ²	0.3	2.1·10 ⁵
PMe ₃	Octanal	388.2	1	1.1	0	0.4	0	0	0	>10 ⁸	>10 ⁸	0	>10 ⁸
PMe ₃	Octanal	825.1	1	2.4	0	1.1	0.4	0	0	1.1·10 ⁷	>10 ⁸	2.1·10 ³	>10 ⁸
-	Benzaldehyde	80.5	1	2.5	0.1	0.1	2.9·10 ²	0.1	0	38.1	0	>10 ⁸	4.3·10 ³
-	Benzaldehyde	189.5	1	6.8	0	0.4	4.3·10 ²	0.1	0.1	1.6·10 ²	0	7.6·10 ⁴	1.2·10 ⁴
-	Benzaldehyde	388.2	1	11.3	0	1	5.9·10 ²	0.3	1	18.5	8.2	48.6	1.2·10 ³
-	Benzaldehyde	825.1	1	37.9	0	0.4	0	0.9	1.2	62.5	1.0·10 ³	6.3·10 ²	1.8·10 ³
-	Benzaldehyde	80.5 (glass)	1	1.2	0	0		0	6.3·10 ⁴	0	2.0·10 ⁵	0	>10 ⁸
-	Benzaldehyde	189.5 (glass)	1	0.9	0	0.1		0	0	3.7	1.8·10 ³	2.4·10 ²	46.8
-	Benzaldehyde	388.2 (glass)	1	2.2	0	0		0	14.3	2.4·10 ²	0	11.9	1.7·10 ⁴
PMe ₃	Benzaldehyde	189.5 (glass)	1	0.5	0	0	3.7·10 ⁷	0.1	1.5·10 ⁴	0.1	2.5·10 ³	1.8·10 ²	0.2

2. Reference Experiments

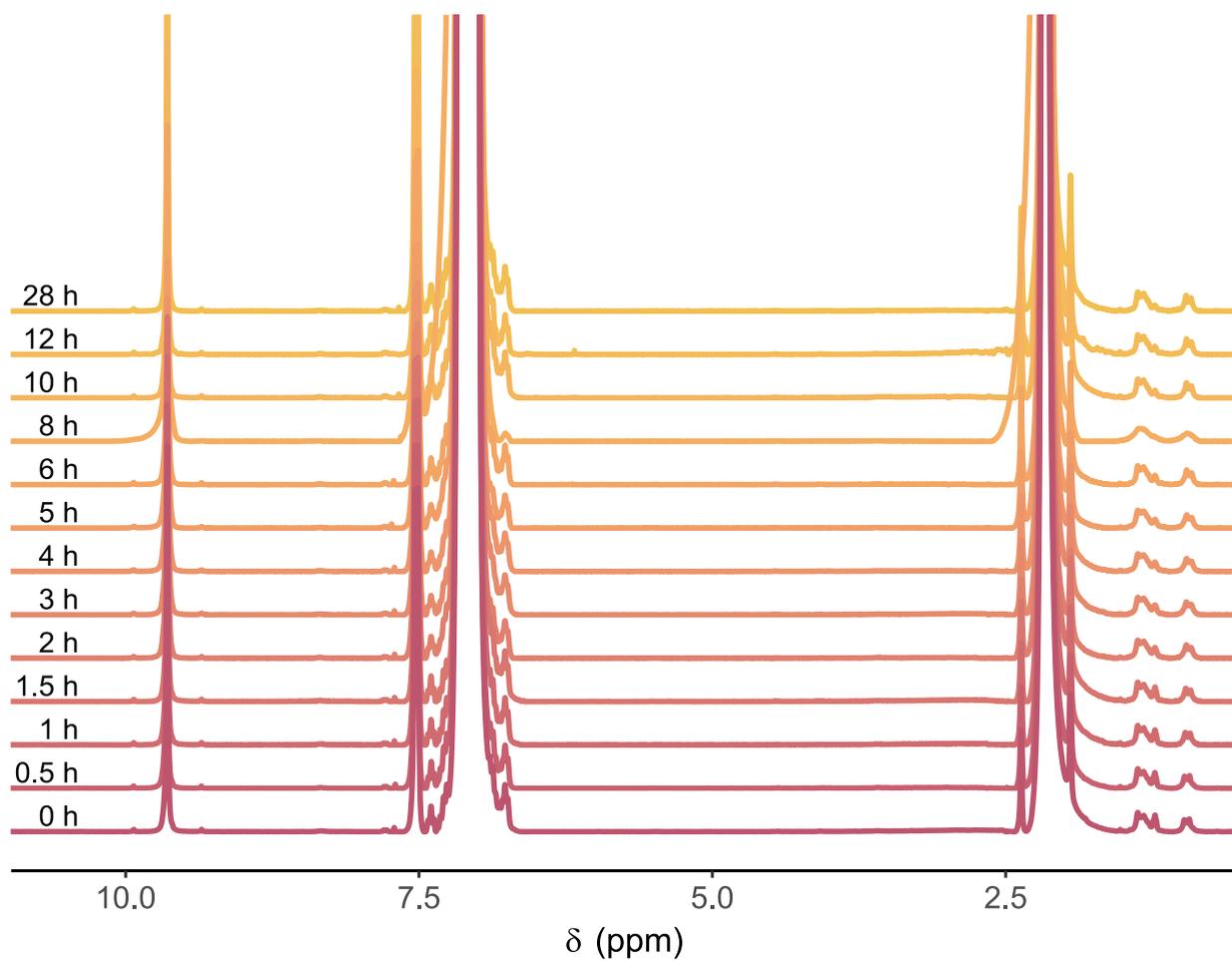


Figure S1. ¹H NMR spectra of the thermally driven carbonylation of toluene using benzaldehyde as CO source and $[\text{Rh}(\text{PMe}_3)_2(\text{Cl})(\text{CO})]$ as catalyst at 50 °C. No reaction is visible.

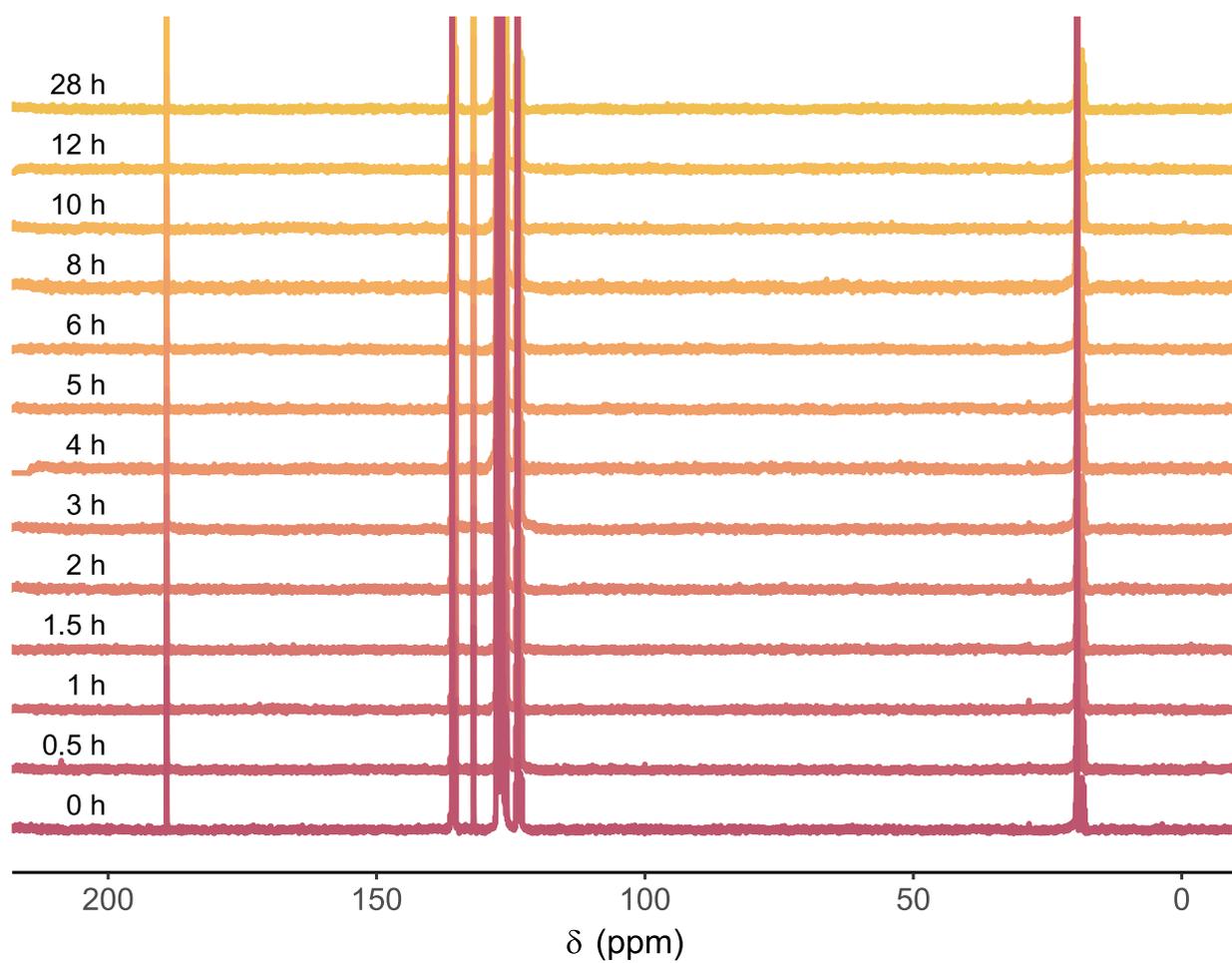


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR spectra of the thermally driven carbonylation of toluene using benzaldehyde as CO source and $[\text{Rh}(\text{PMe}_3)_2(\text{Cl})(\text{CO})]$ as catalyst at 50 °C. No reaction is visible.

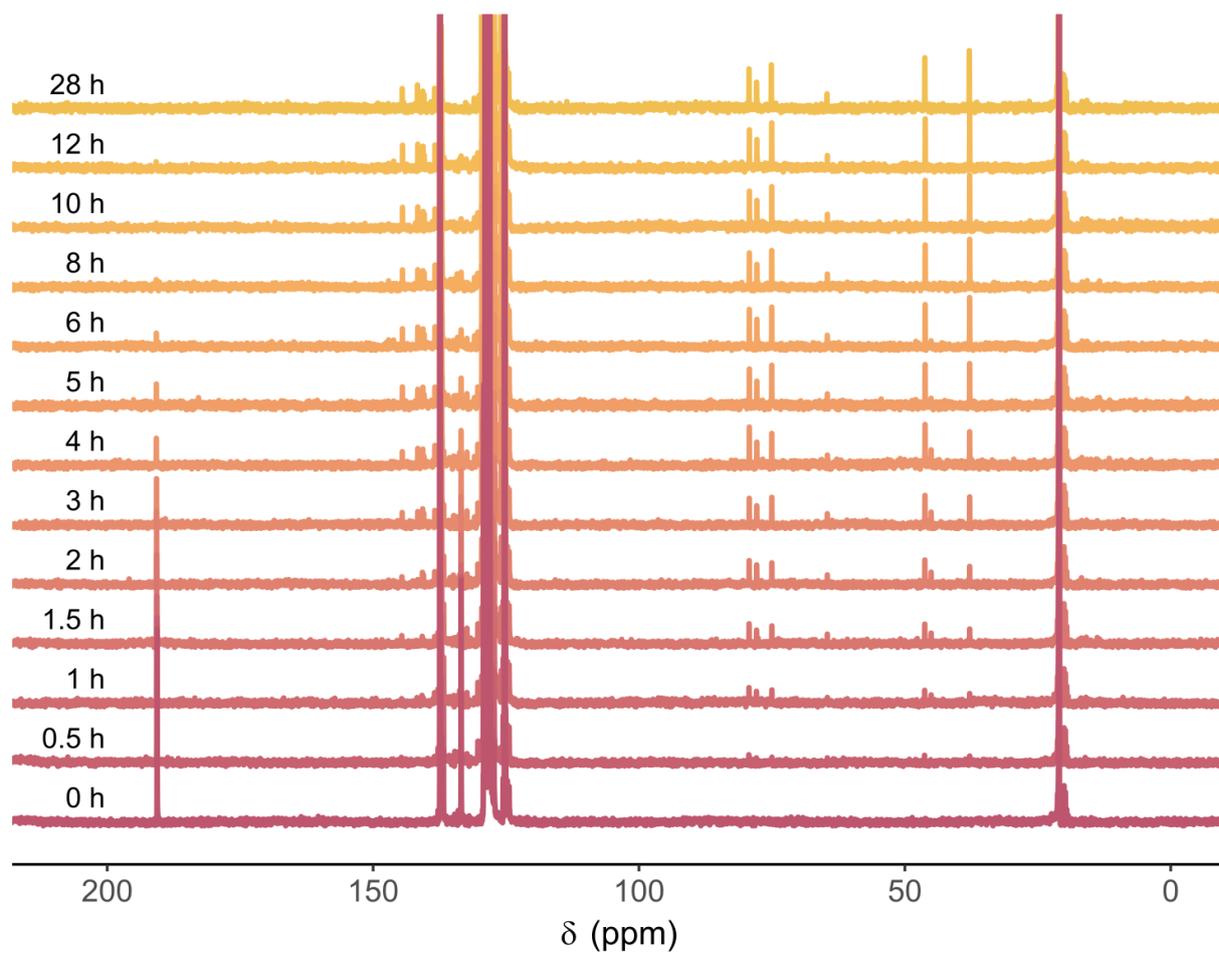


Figure S3. ^{13}C NMR spectra of the photocatalytic carbonylation of toluene using benzaldehyde as CO source and $[\text{Rh}(\text{PMe}_3)_2(\text{Cl})(\text{CO})]$ as catalyst at a photon flux density of $825.1 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$.

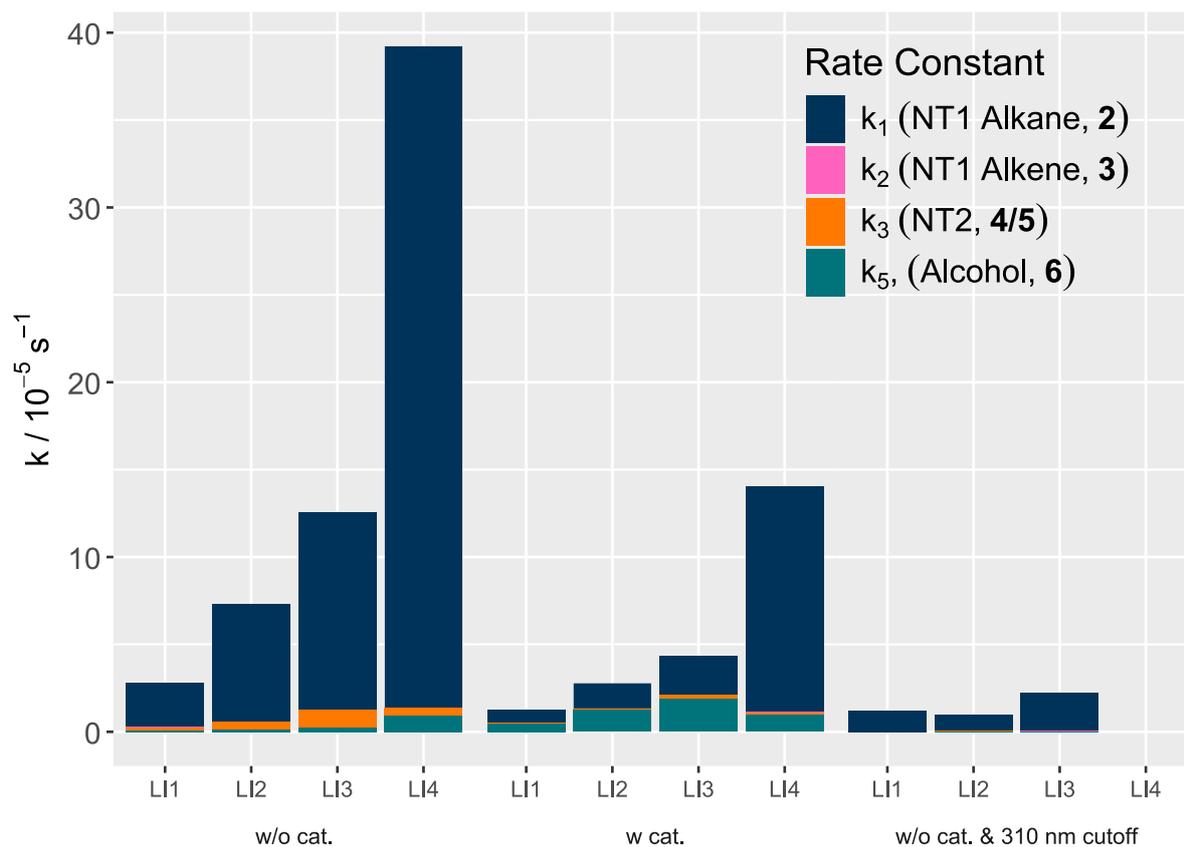


Figure S4. Regular rate constants as extracted by the kinetic fitting procedure for the light-driven decomposition and reaction of benzaldehyde depending on the photon flux density (LI, see **Table S1** for values). Three different reaction conditions (without $[\text{Rh}(\text{PMe}_3)_2(\text{Cl})(\text{CO})]$, with $[\text{Rh}(\text{PMe}_3)_2(\text{Cl})(\text{CO})]$ and without $[\text{Rh}(\text{PMe}_3)_2(\text{Cl})(\text{CO})]$ and an 8 mm window glass) are compared.

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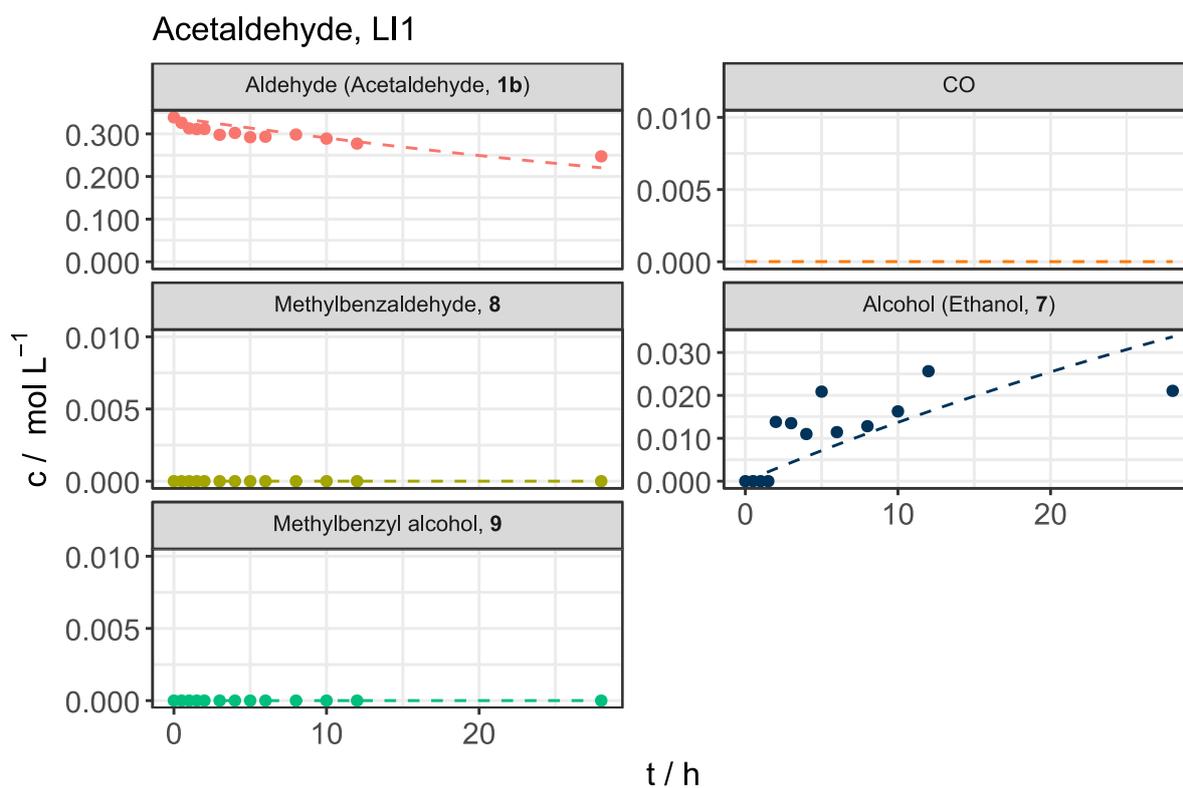


Figure S5. Concentration-time profiles for different species for the light-driven activation of acetaldehyde and the subsequent carbonylation of toluene at a photon flux density of $80.5 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$.

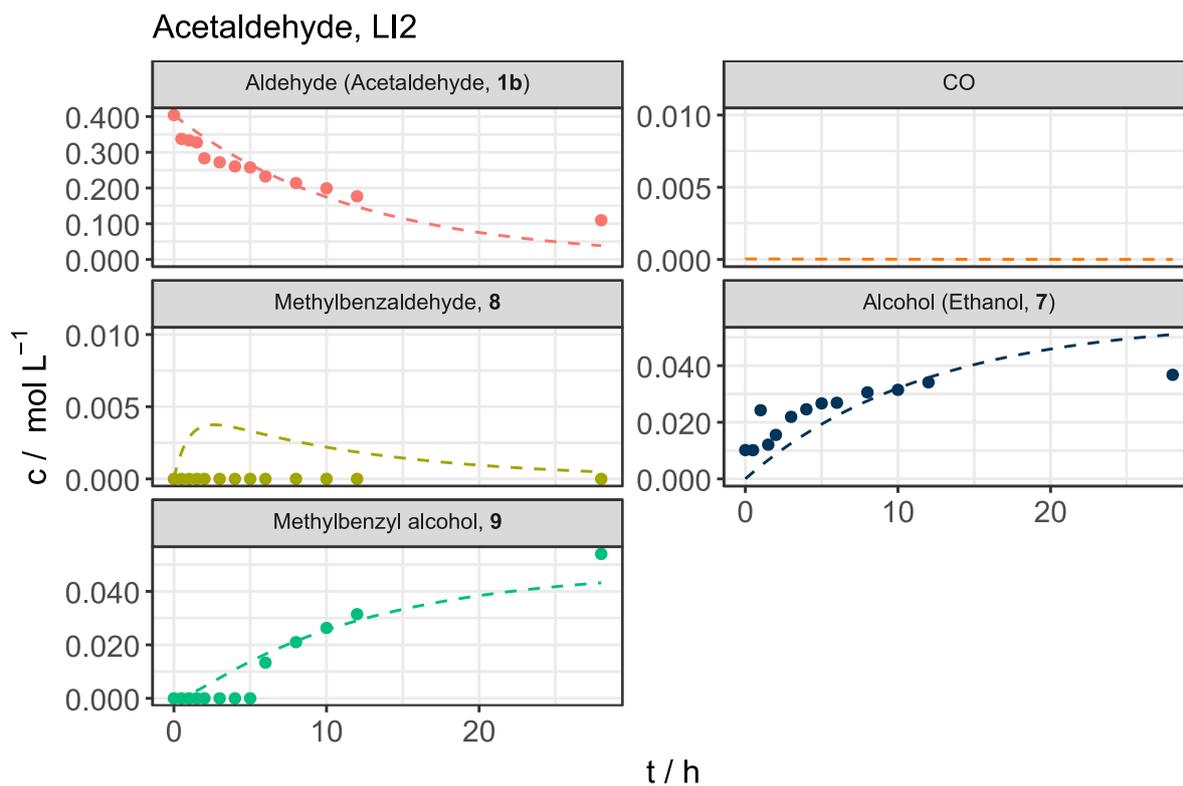


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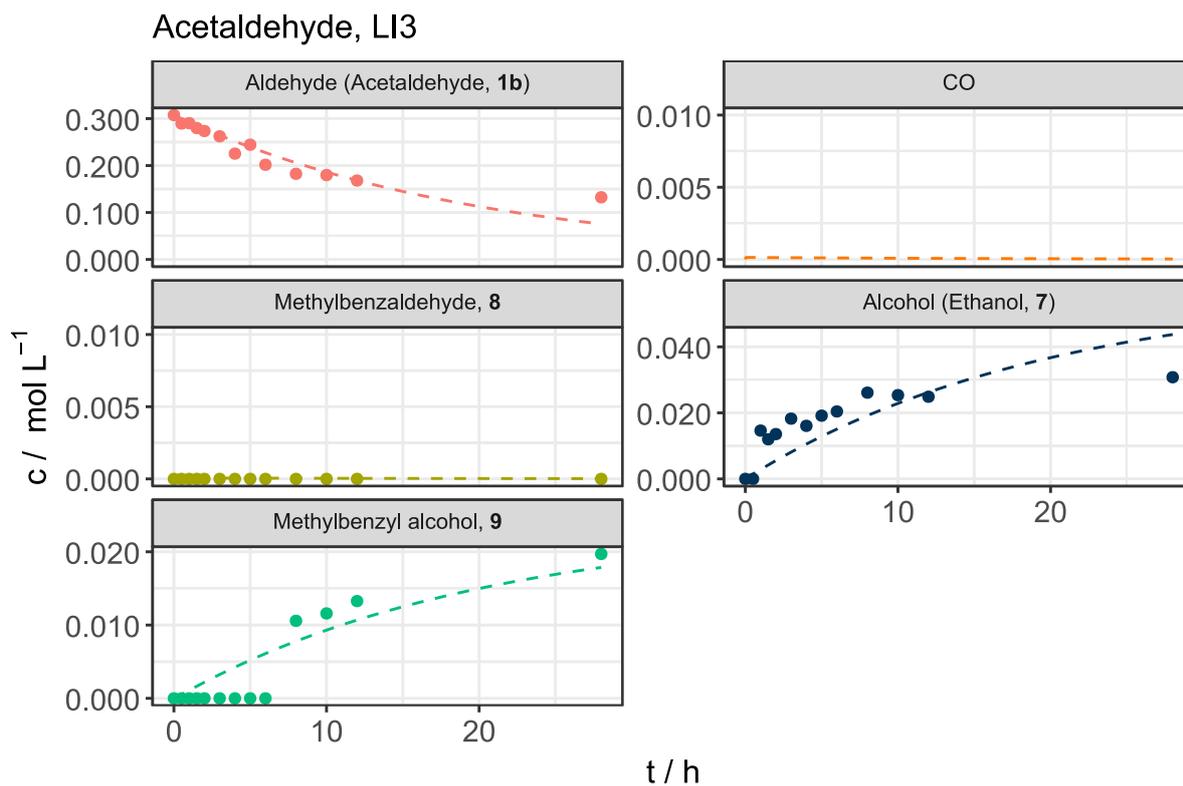


Figure S7. Concentration-time profiles for different species for the light-driven activation of acetaldehyde and the subsequent carbonylation of toluene at a photon flux density of $388.2 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$.

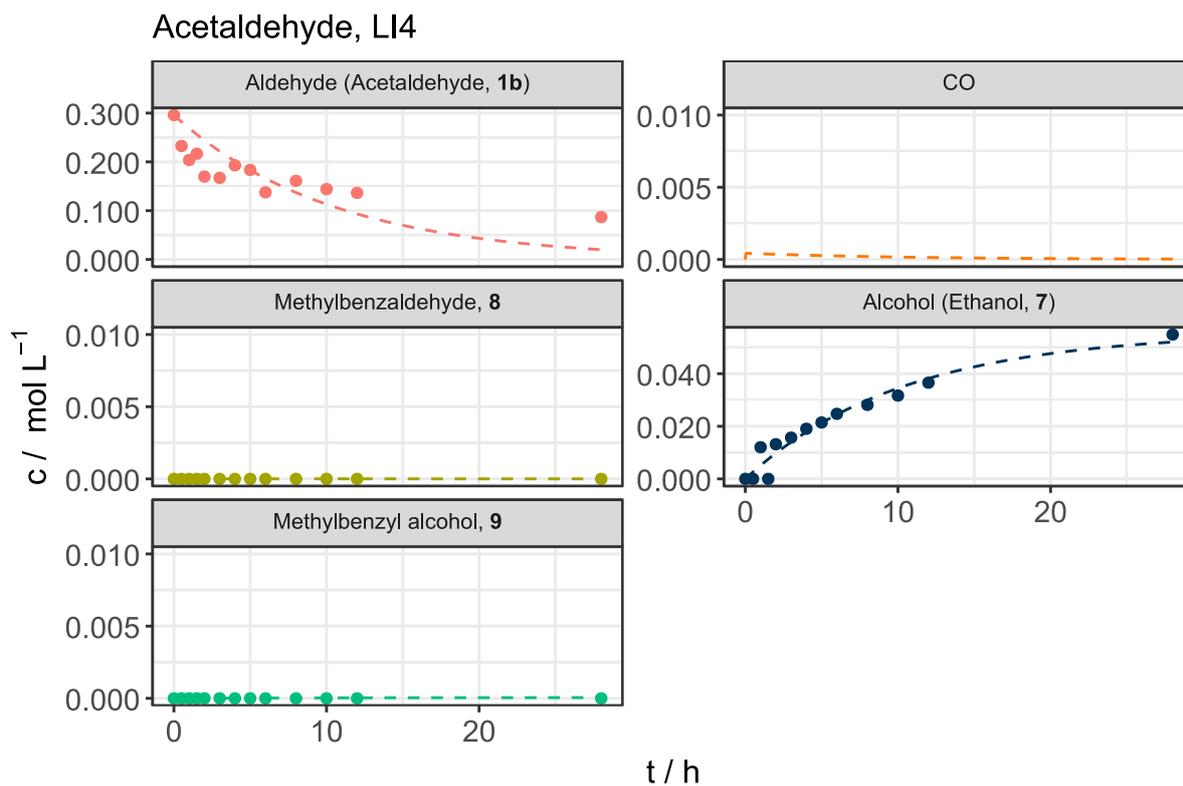


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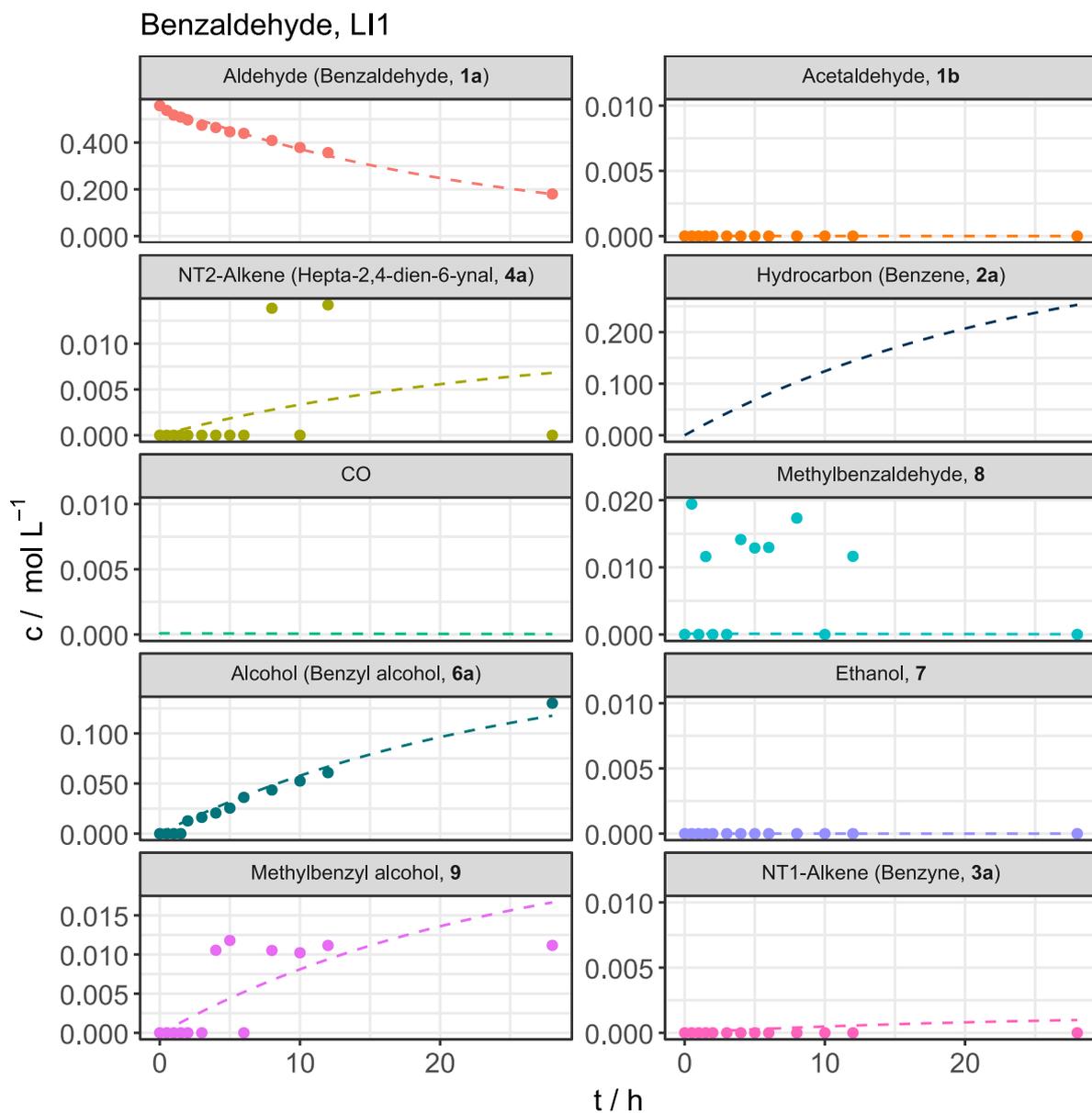


Figure S9. Concentration-time profiles for different species for the light-driven activation of benzaldehyde and the subsequent carbonylation of toluene at a photon flux density of $80.5 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$.

Benzaldehyde, LI1

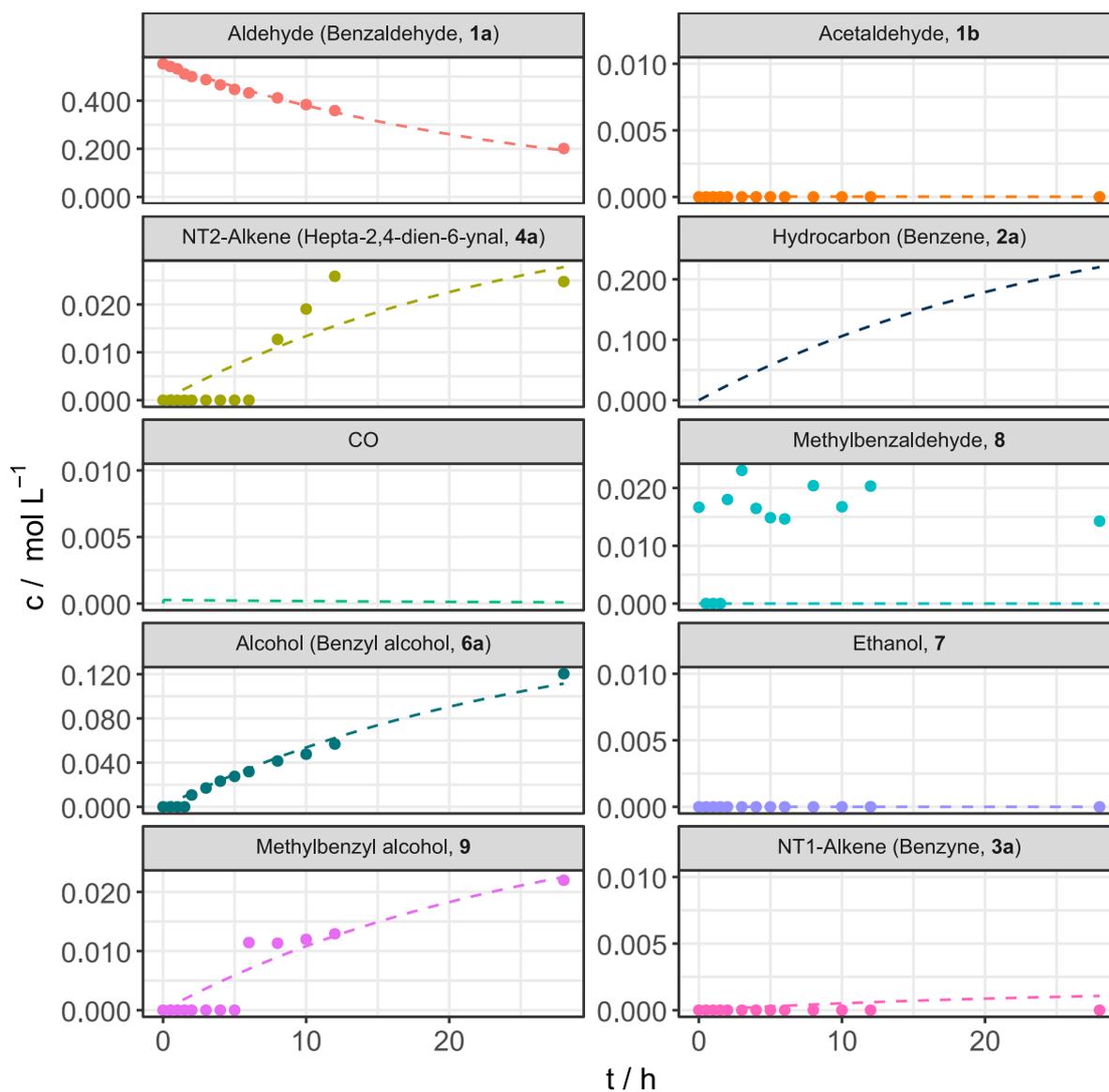


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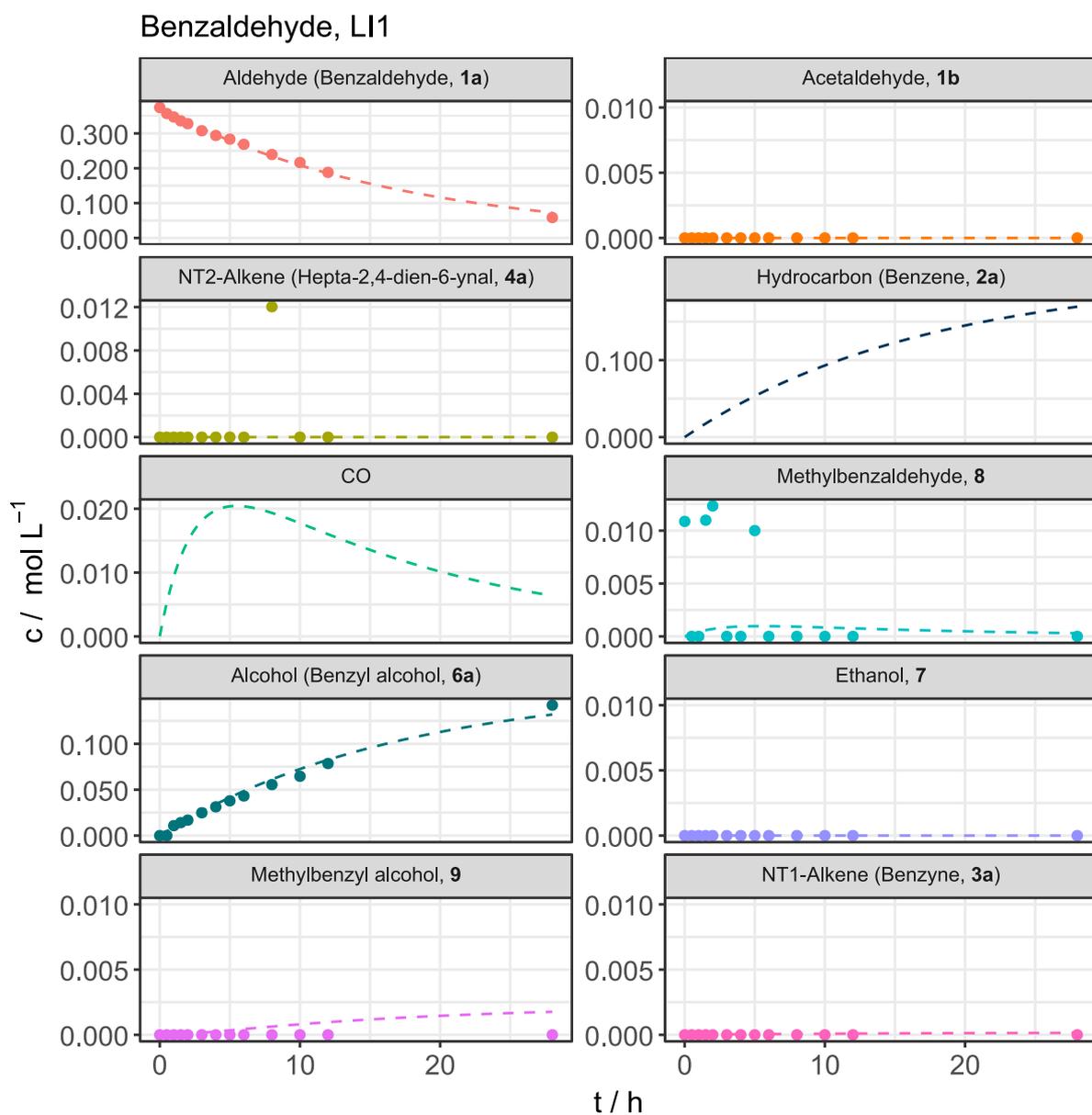


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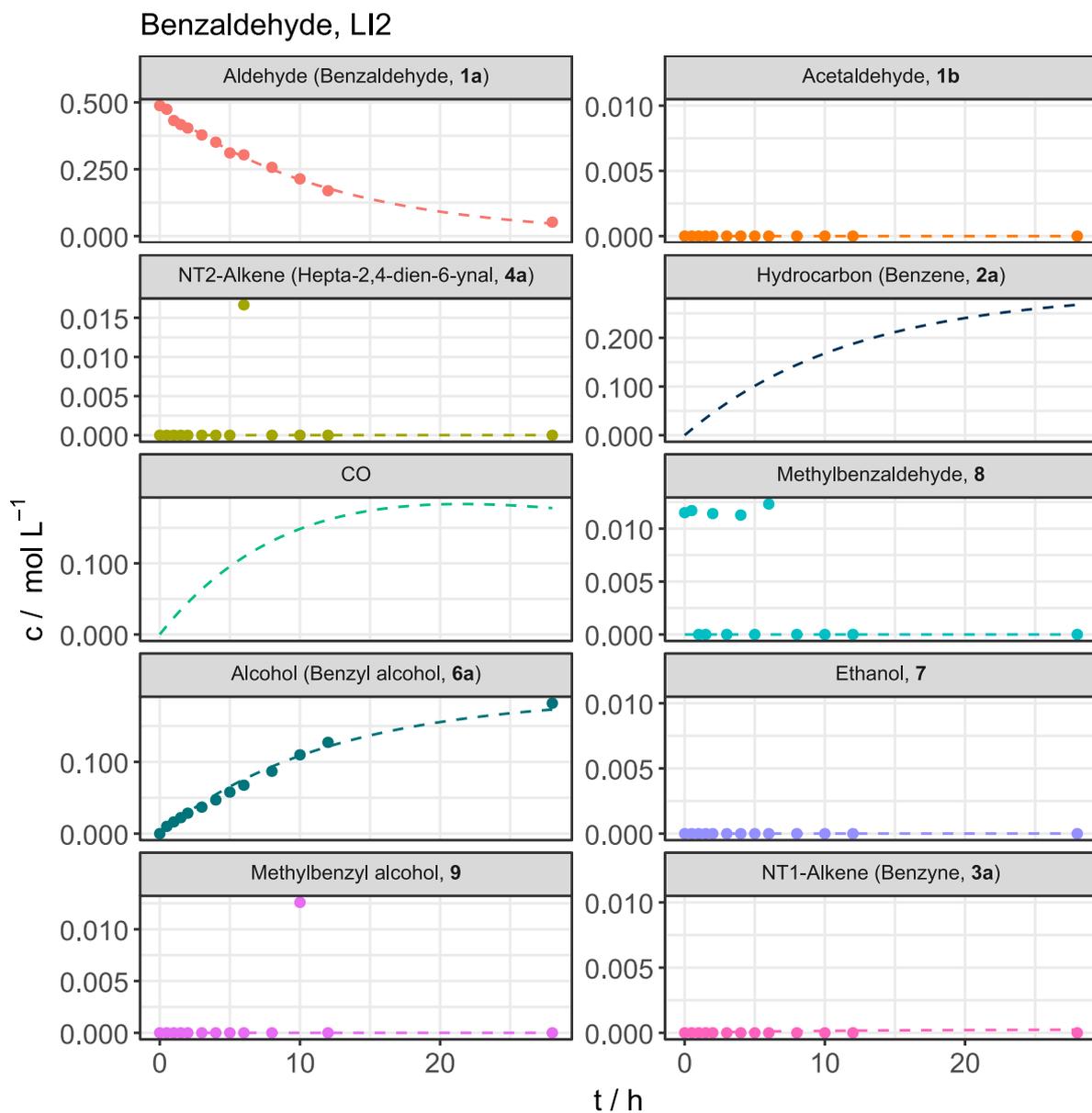


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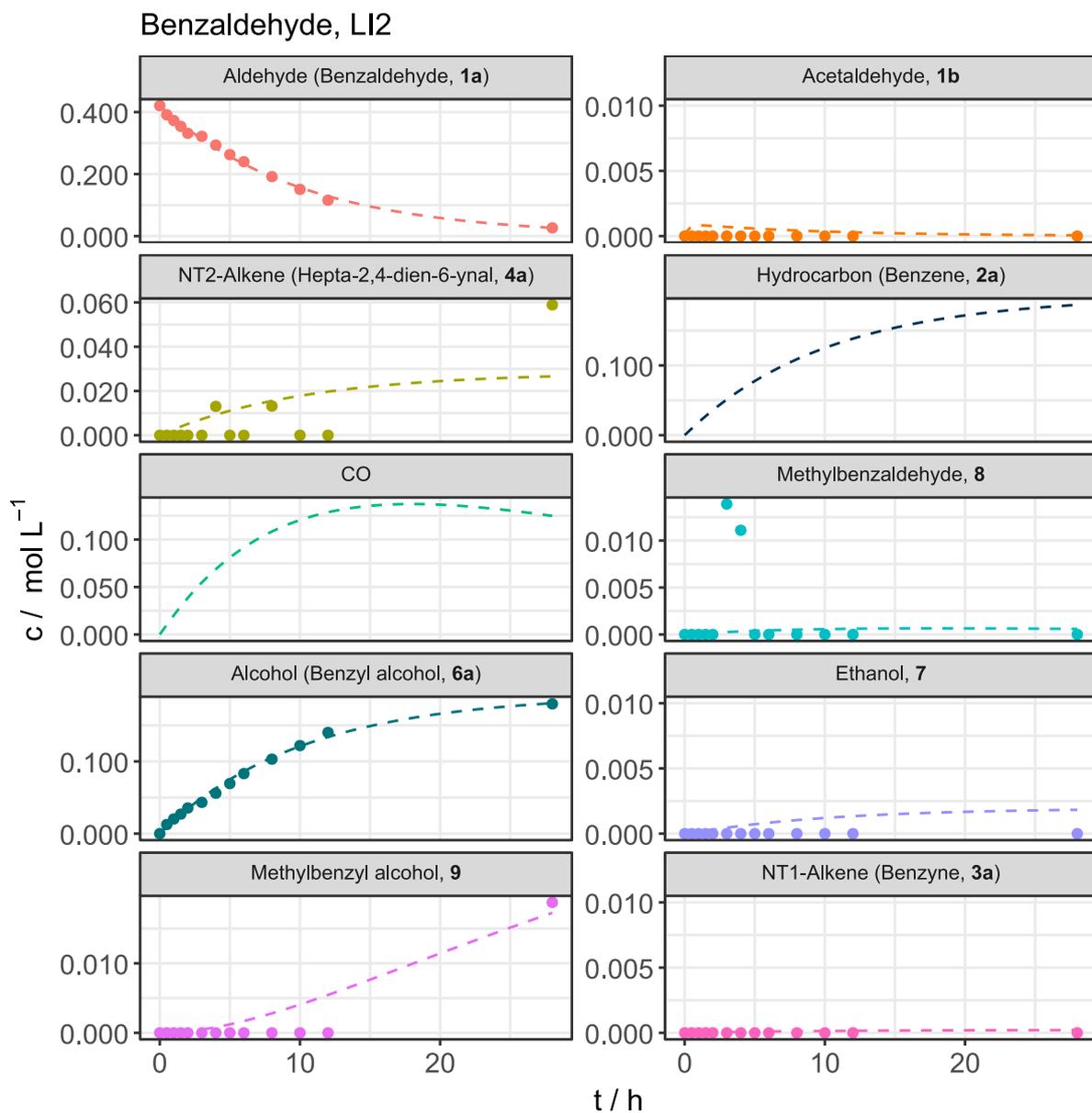


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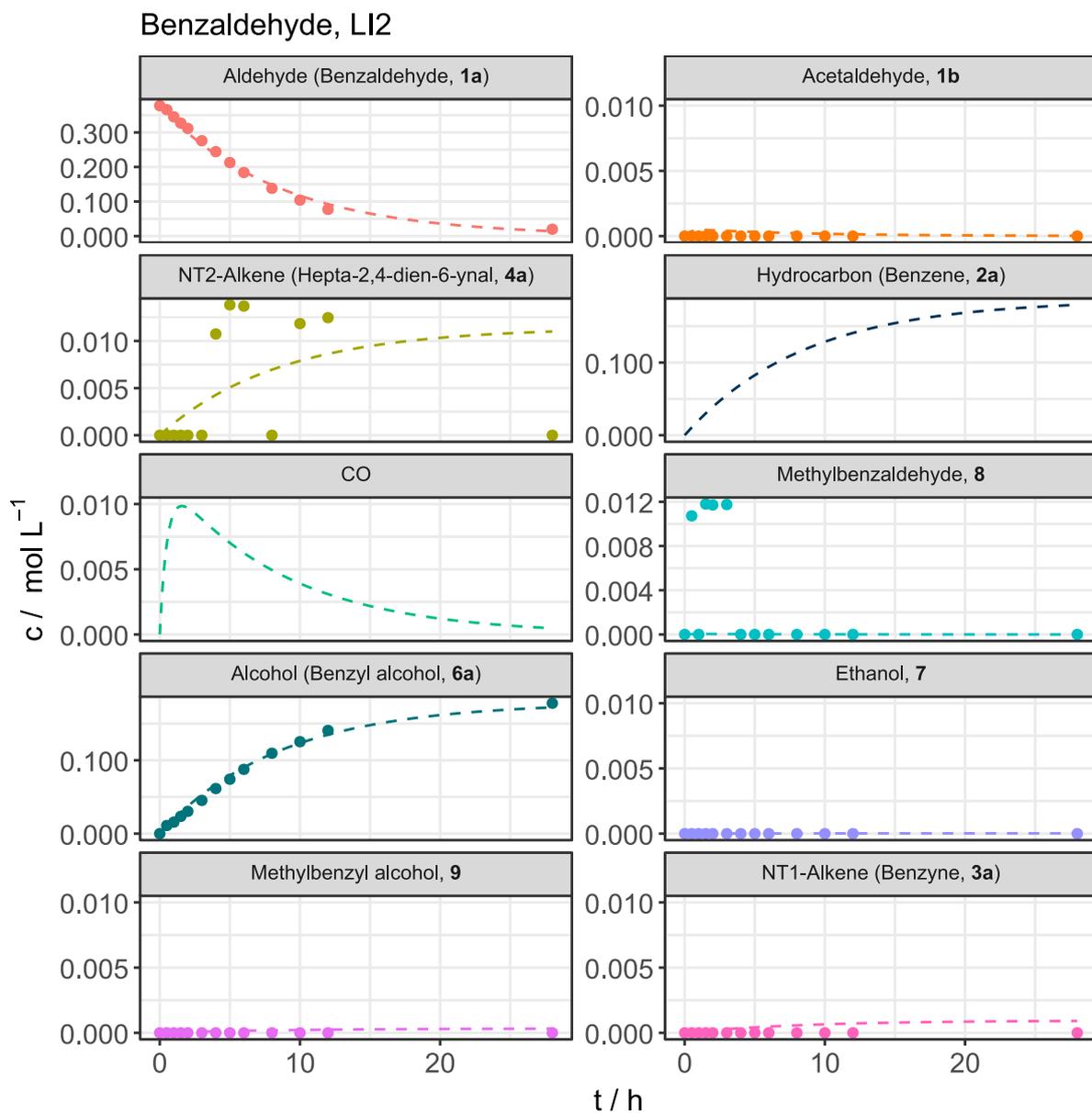


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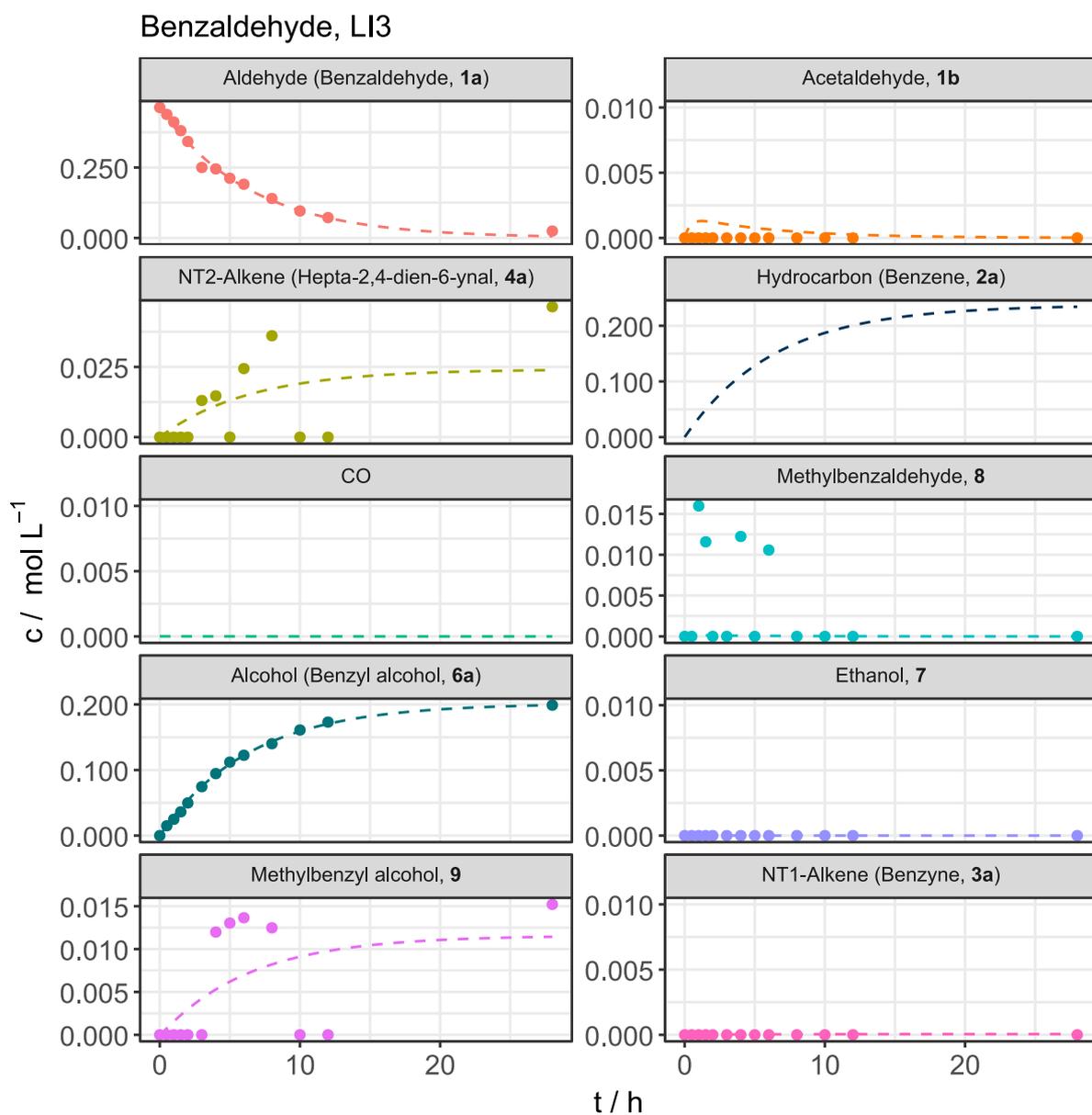


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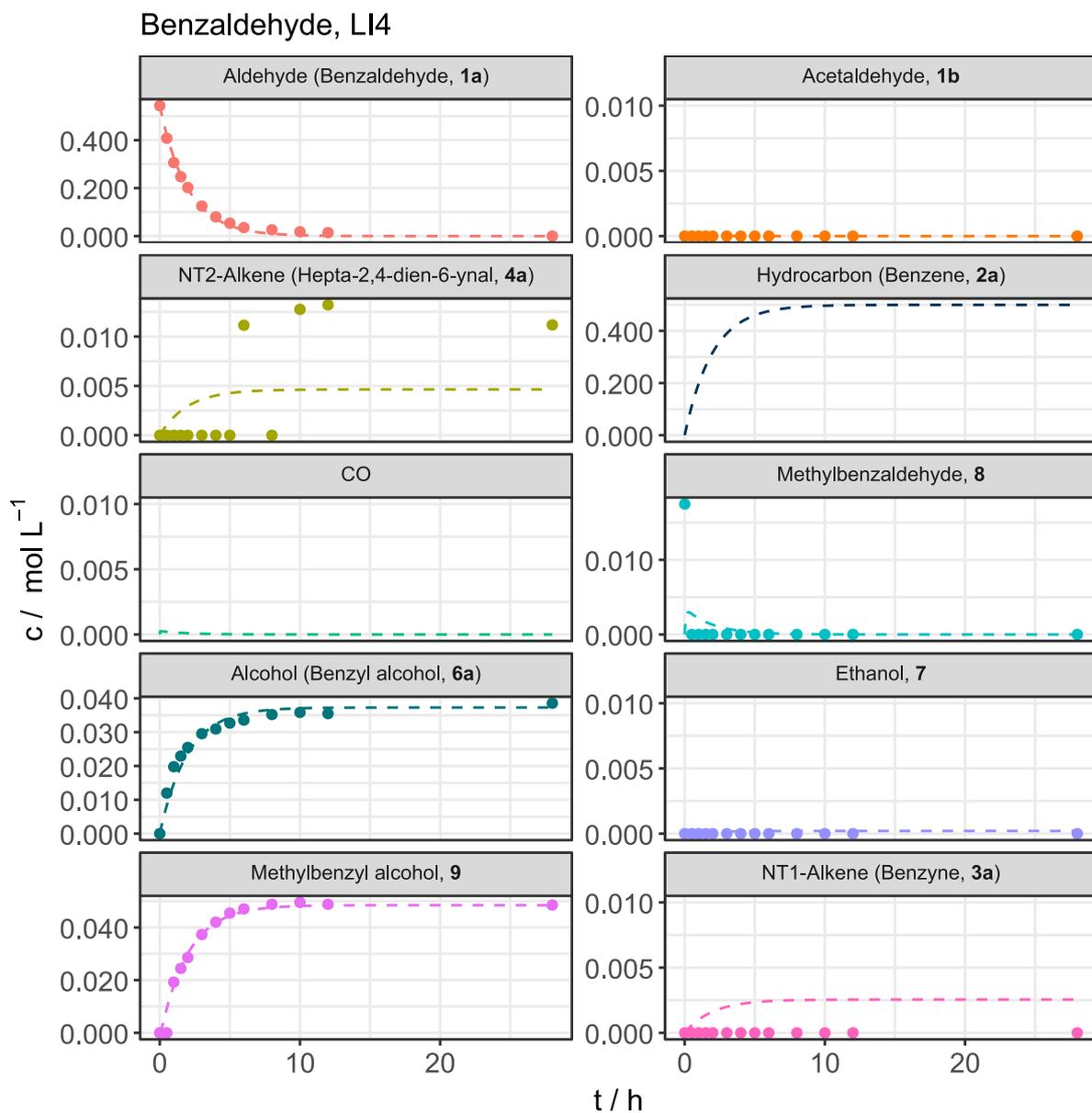


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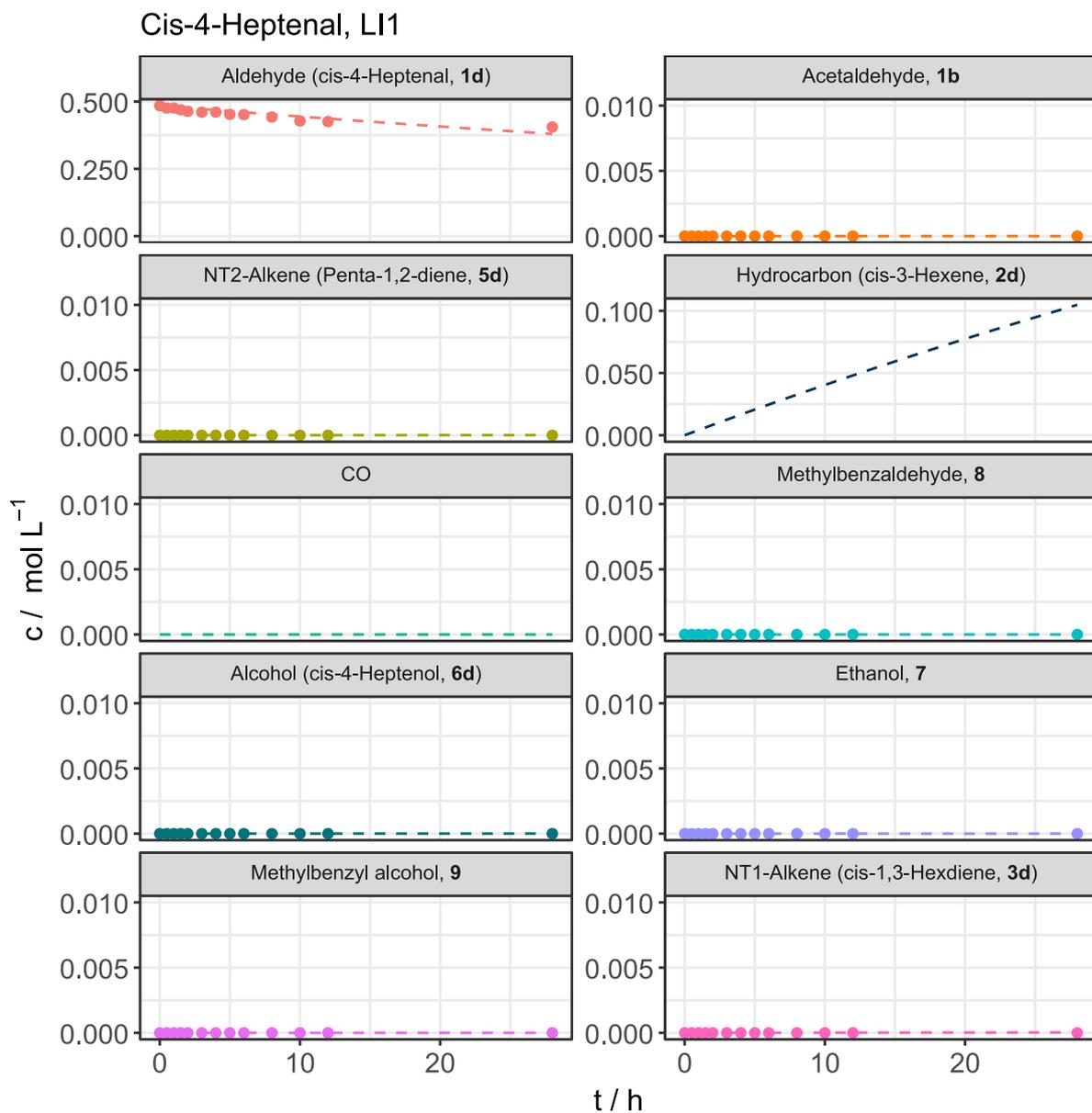


Figure S17. Concentration-time profiles for different species for the light-driven activation of cis-4-heptenal and the subsequent carbonylation of toluene at a photon flux density of $80.5 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$.

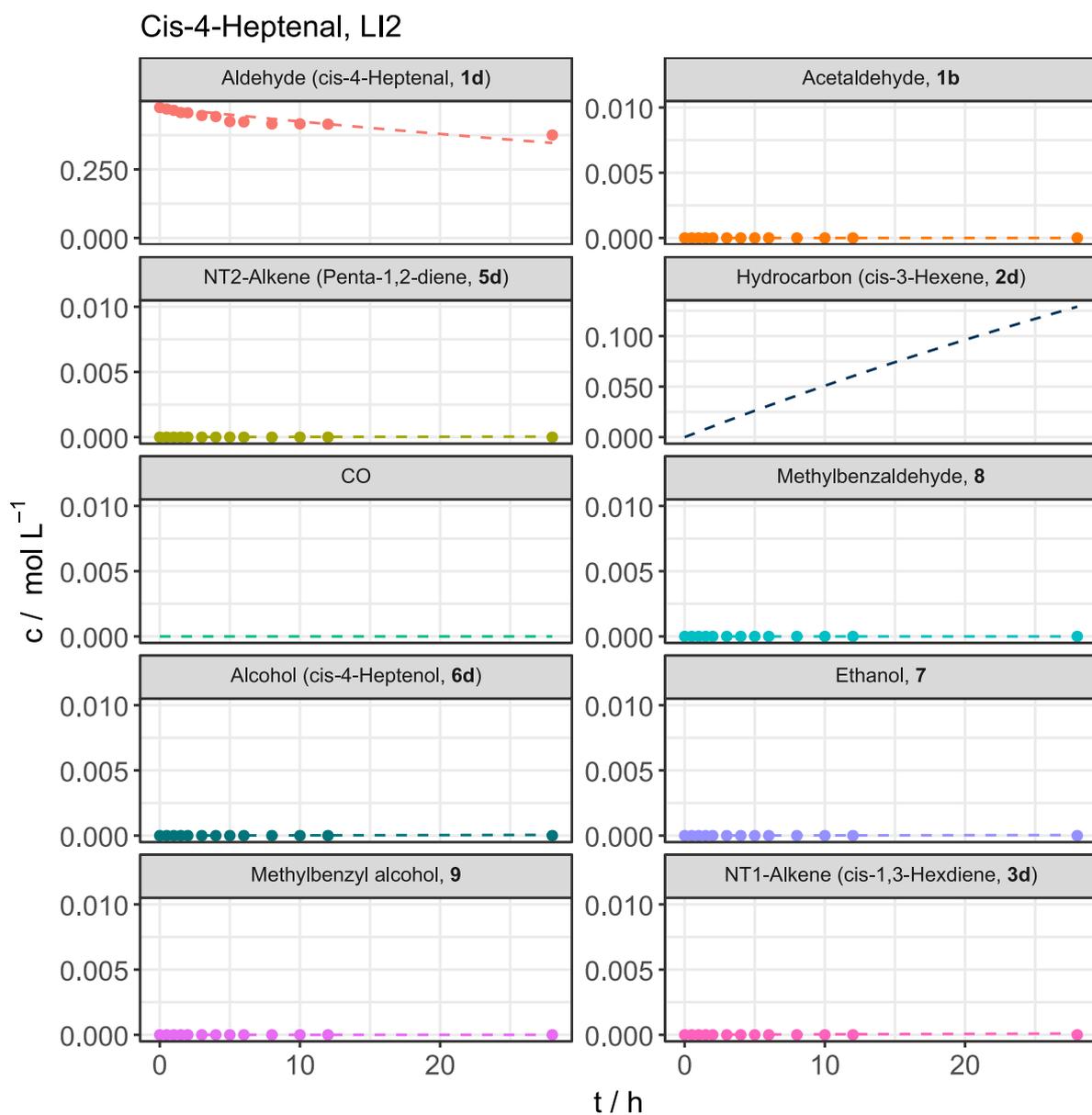


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Cis-4-Heptenal, LI3

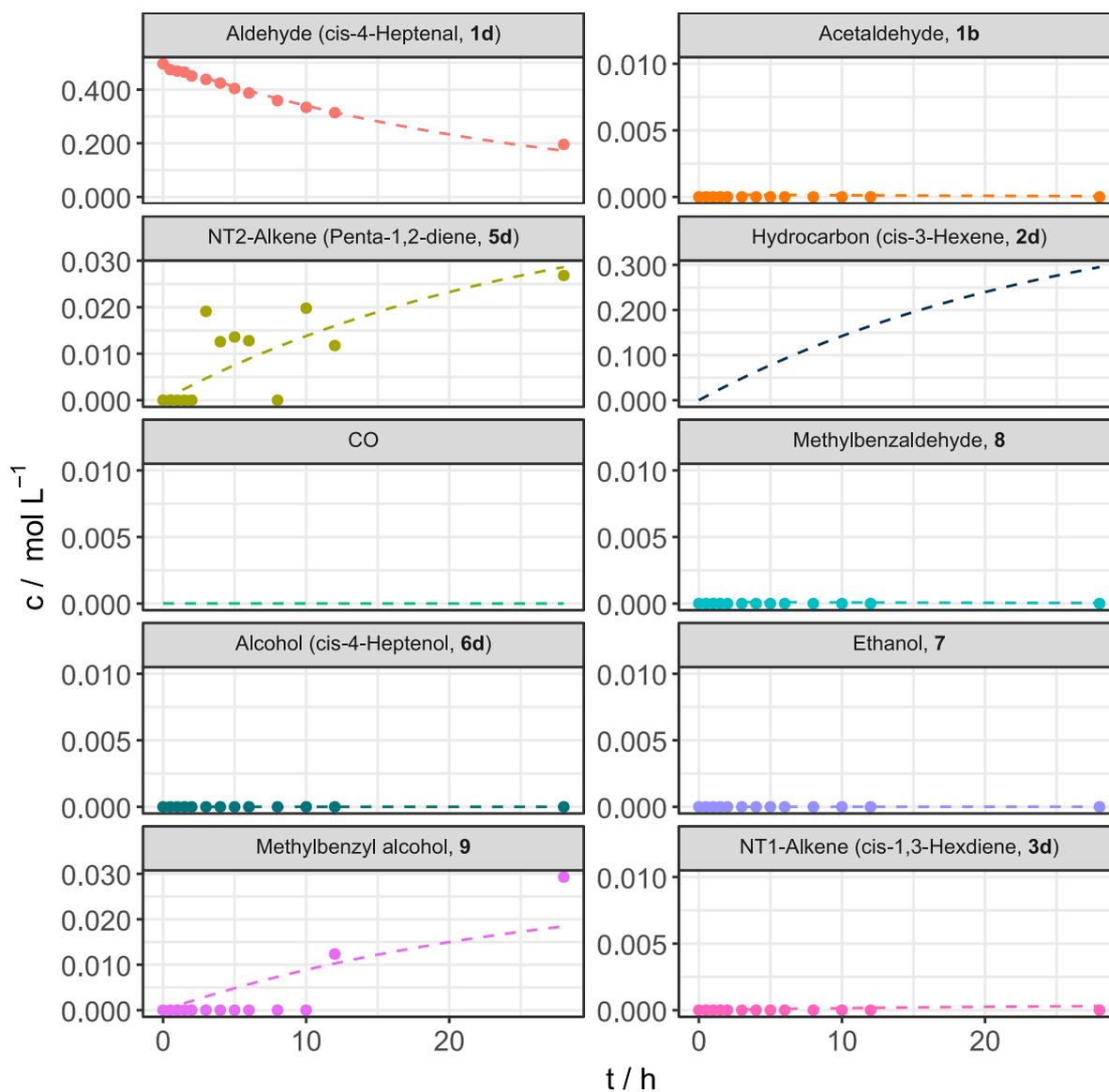


Figure S19. Concentration-time profiles for different species for the light-driven activation of cis-4-heptenal and the subsequent carbonylation of toluene at a photon flux density of $388.2 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$.

Cis-4-Heptenal, LI4

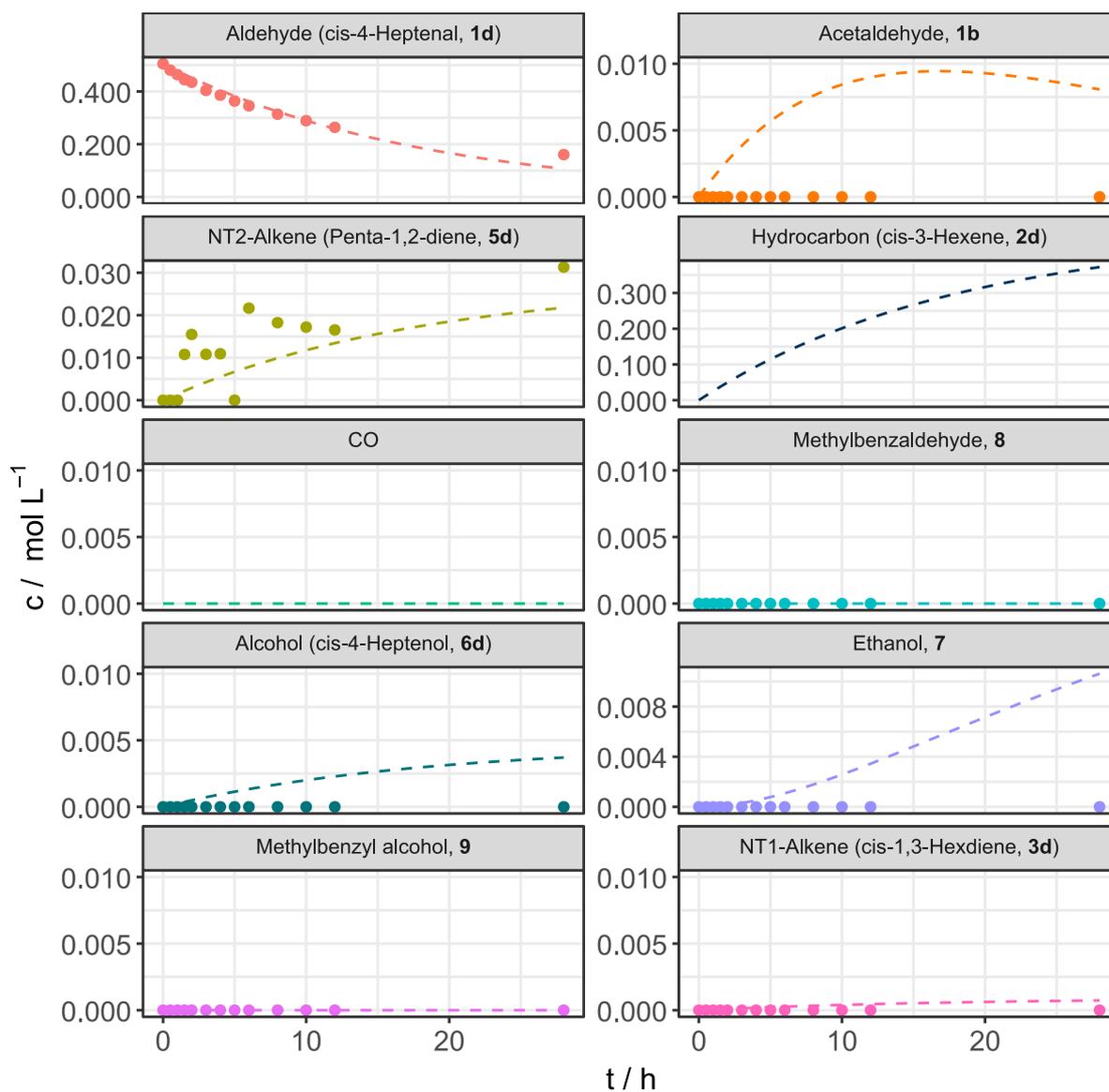


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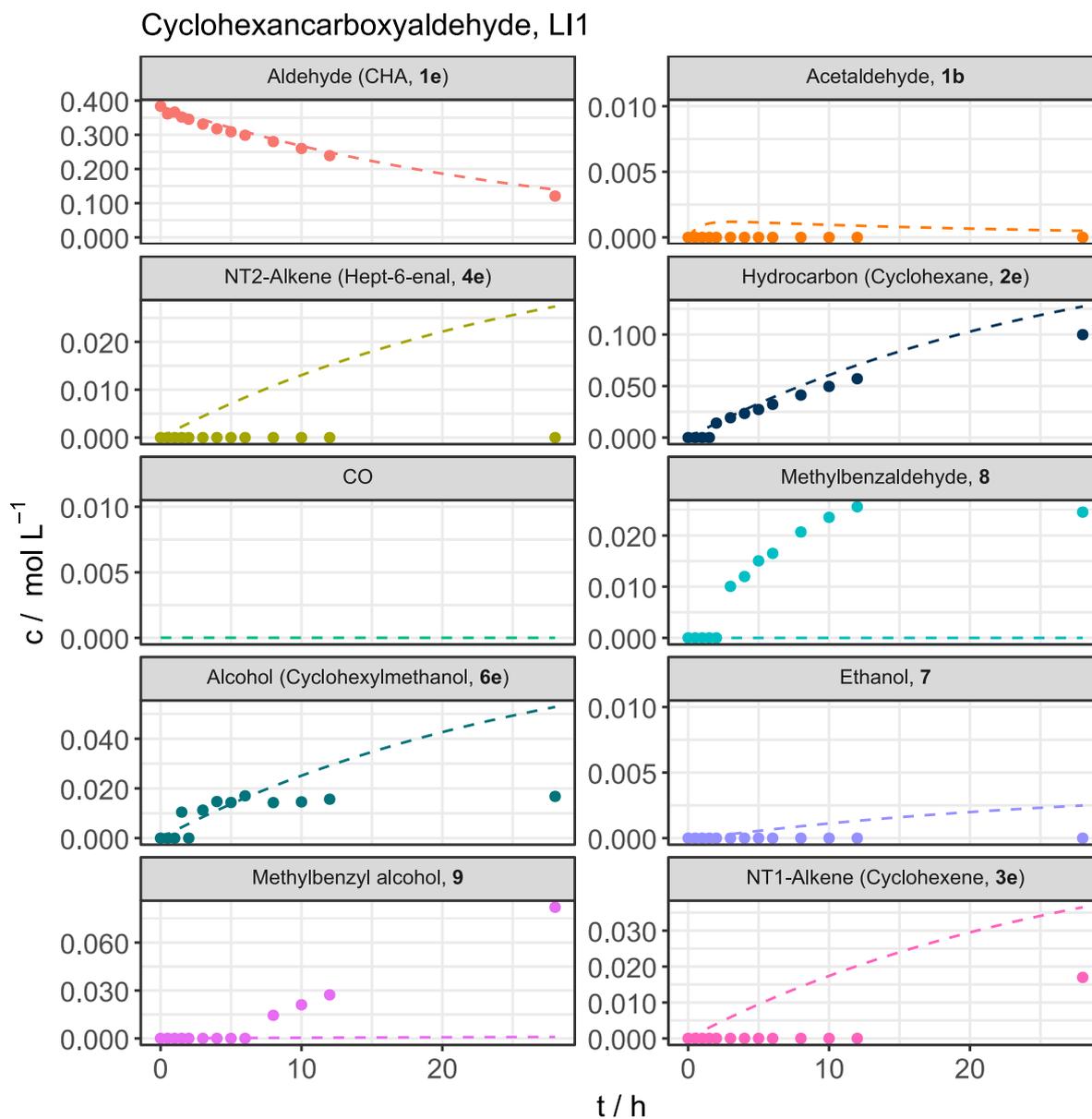


Figure S21. Concentration-time profiles for different species for the light-driven activation of cyclohexancarboxyaldehyde and the subsequent carbonylation of toluene at a photon flux density of $80.5 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$.

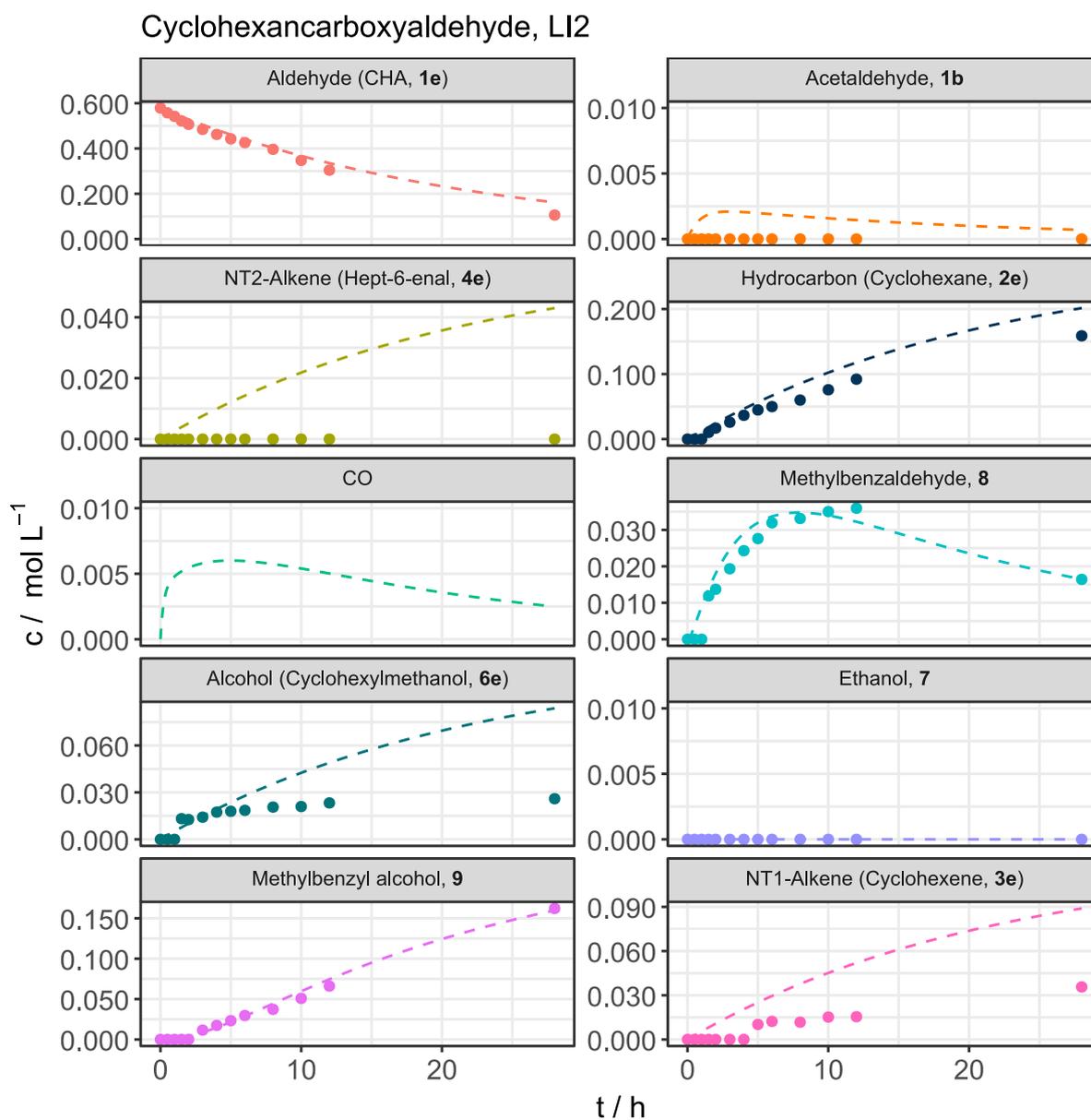


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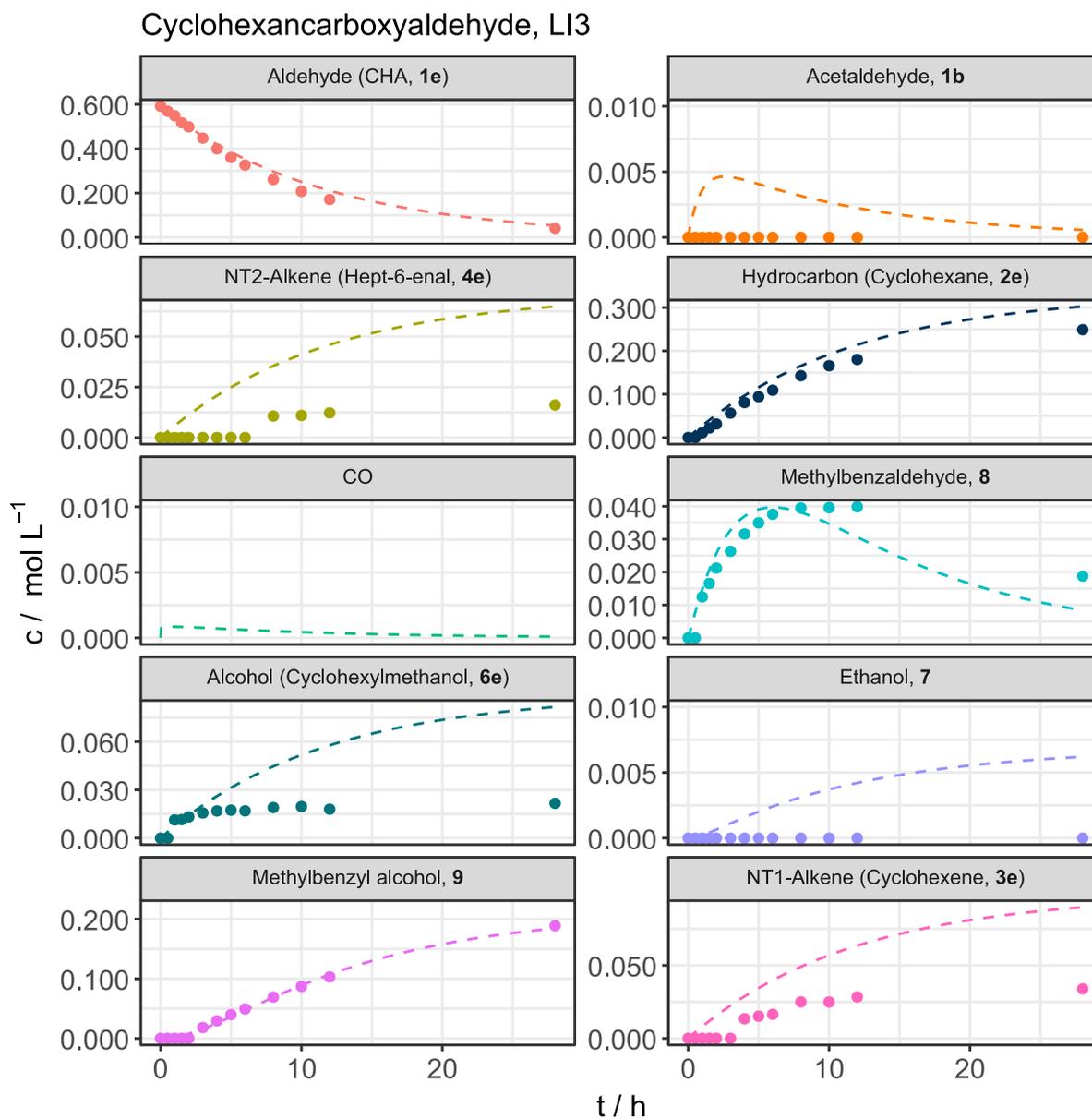


Figure S23. Concentration-time profiles for different species for the light-driven activation of cyclohexancarboxyaldehyde and the subsequent carbonylation of toluene at a photon flux density of $388.2 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$.

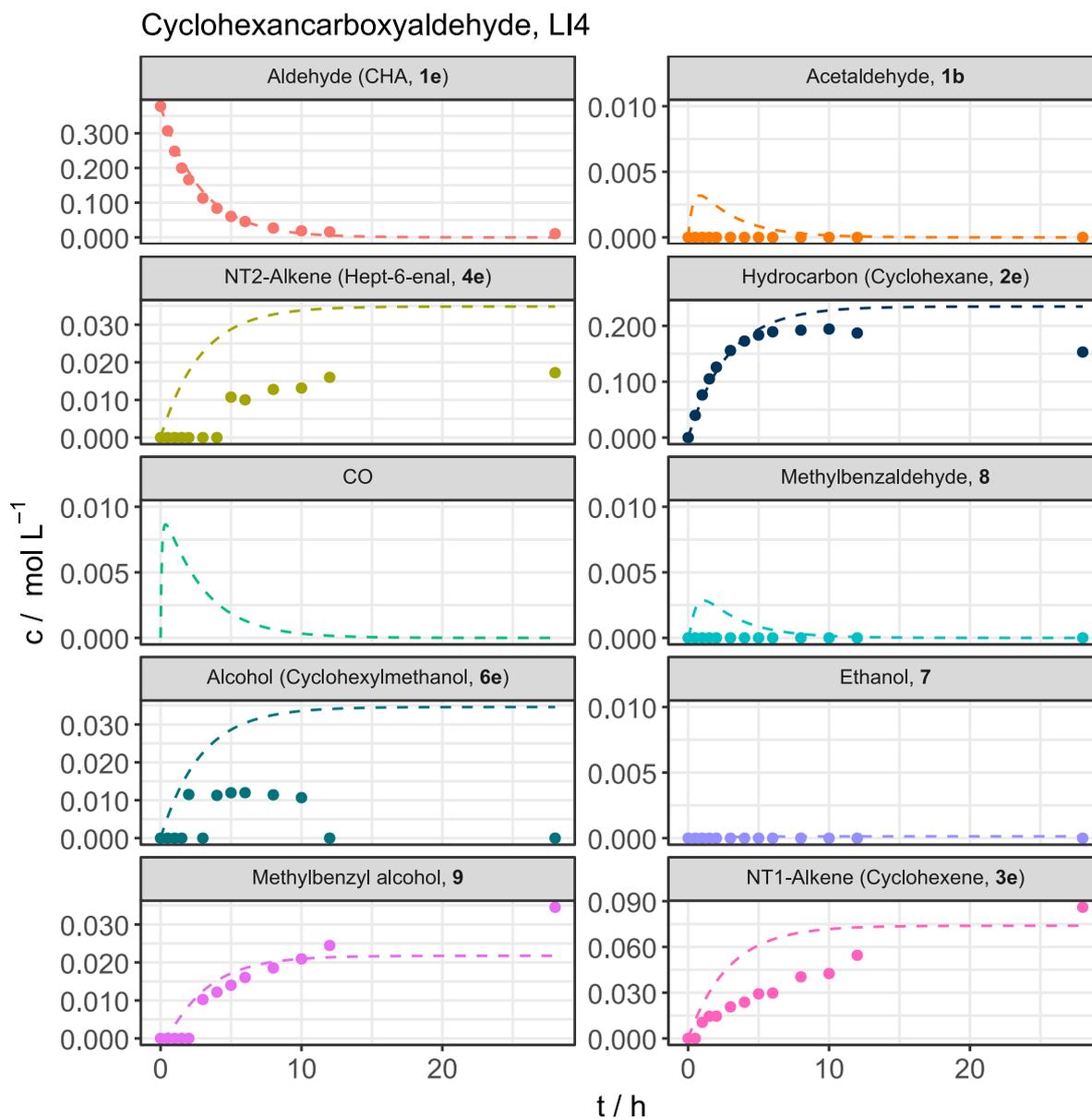


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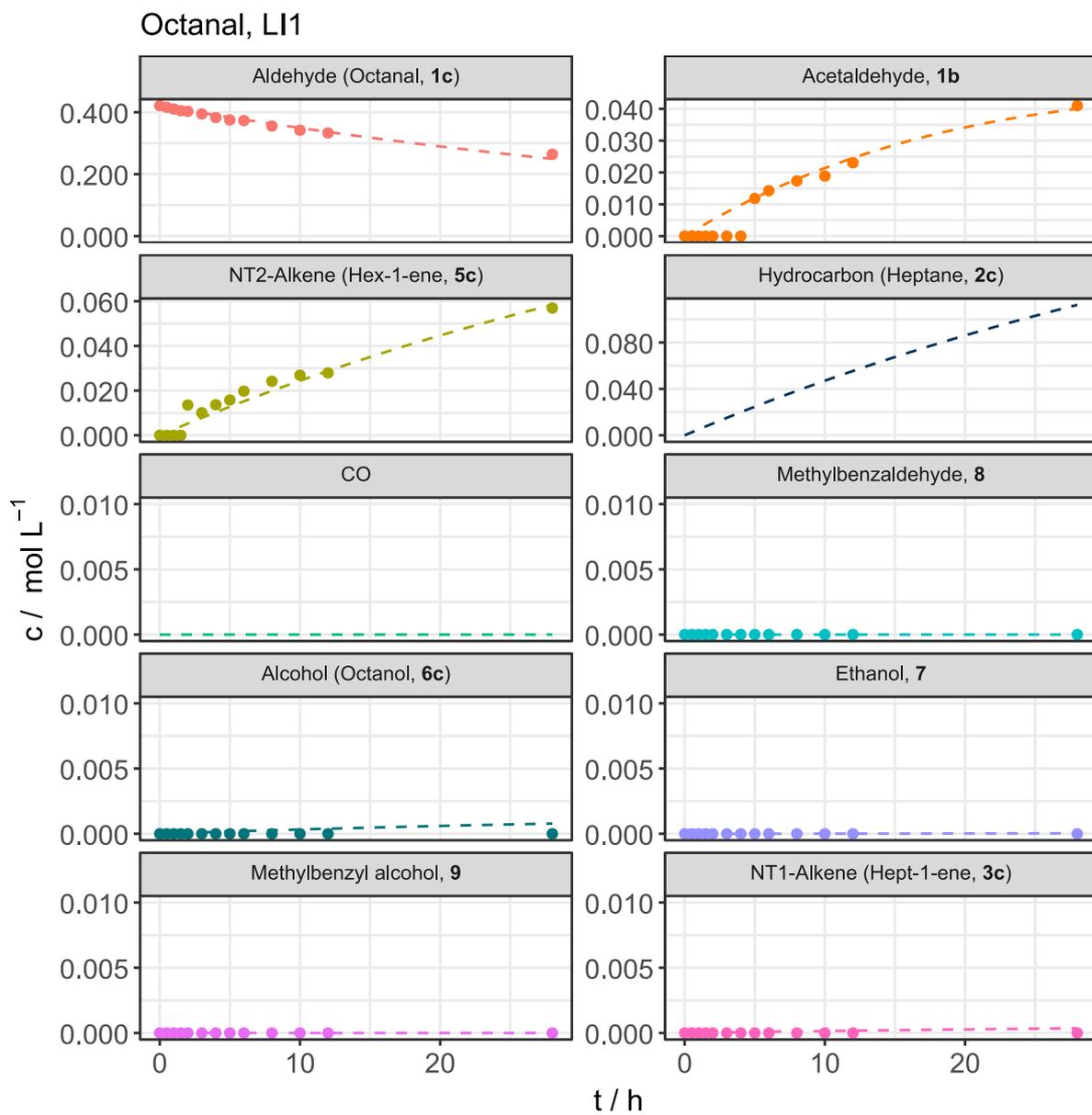


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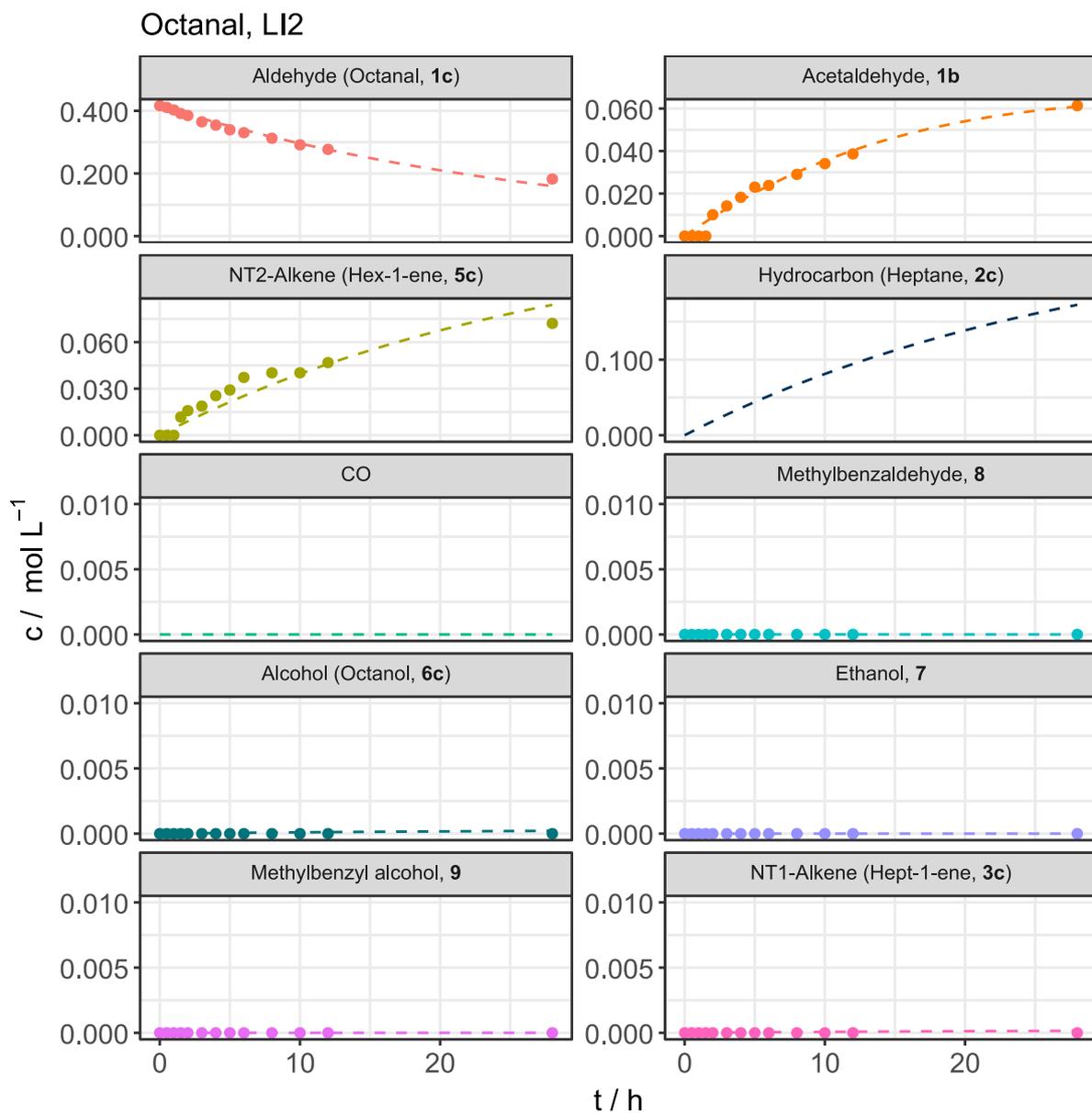


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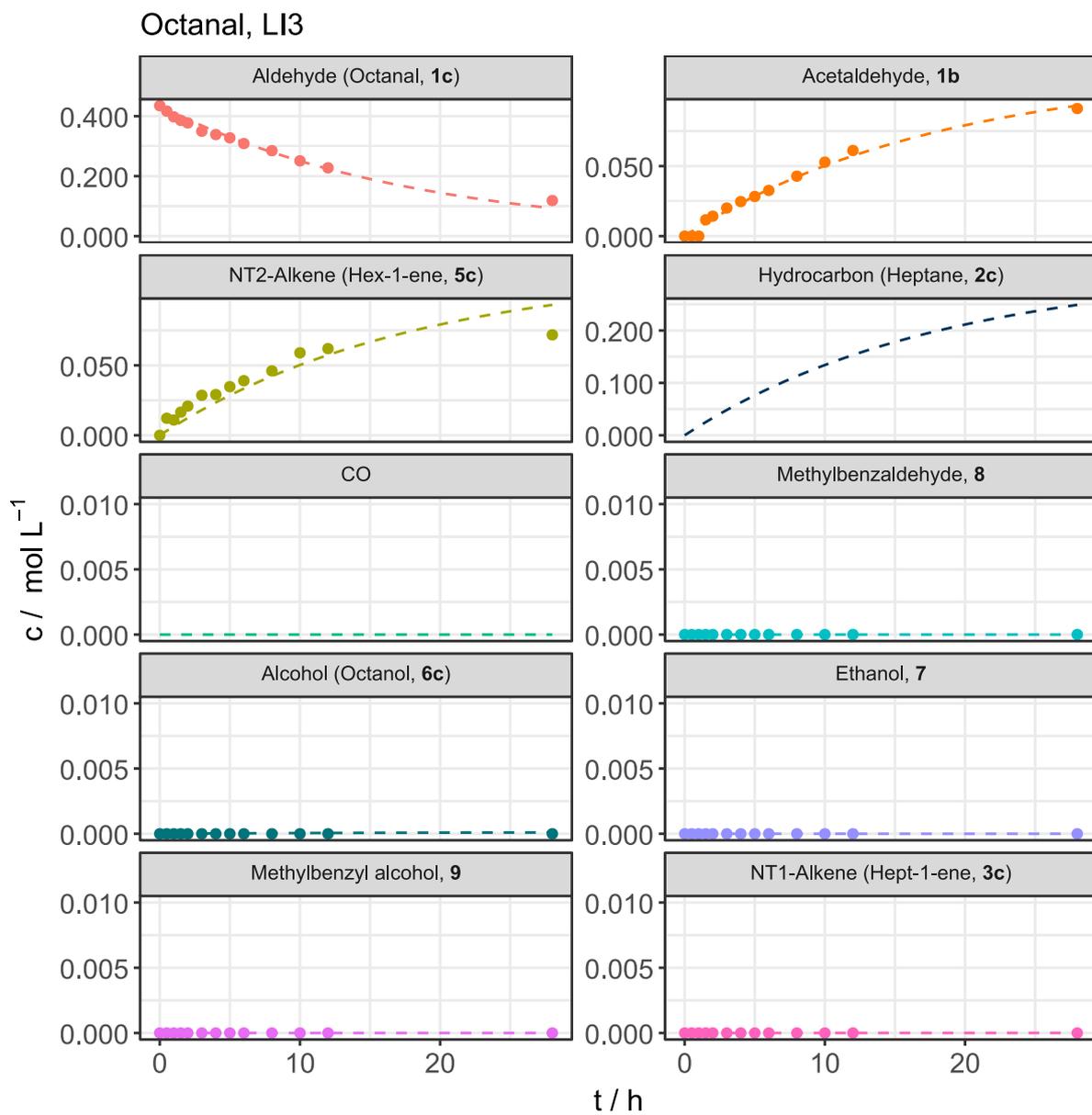


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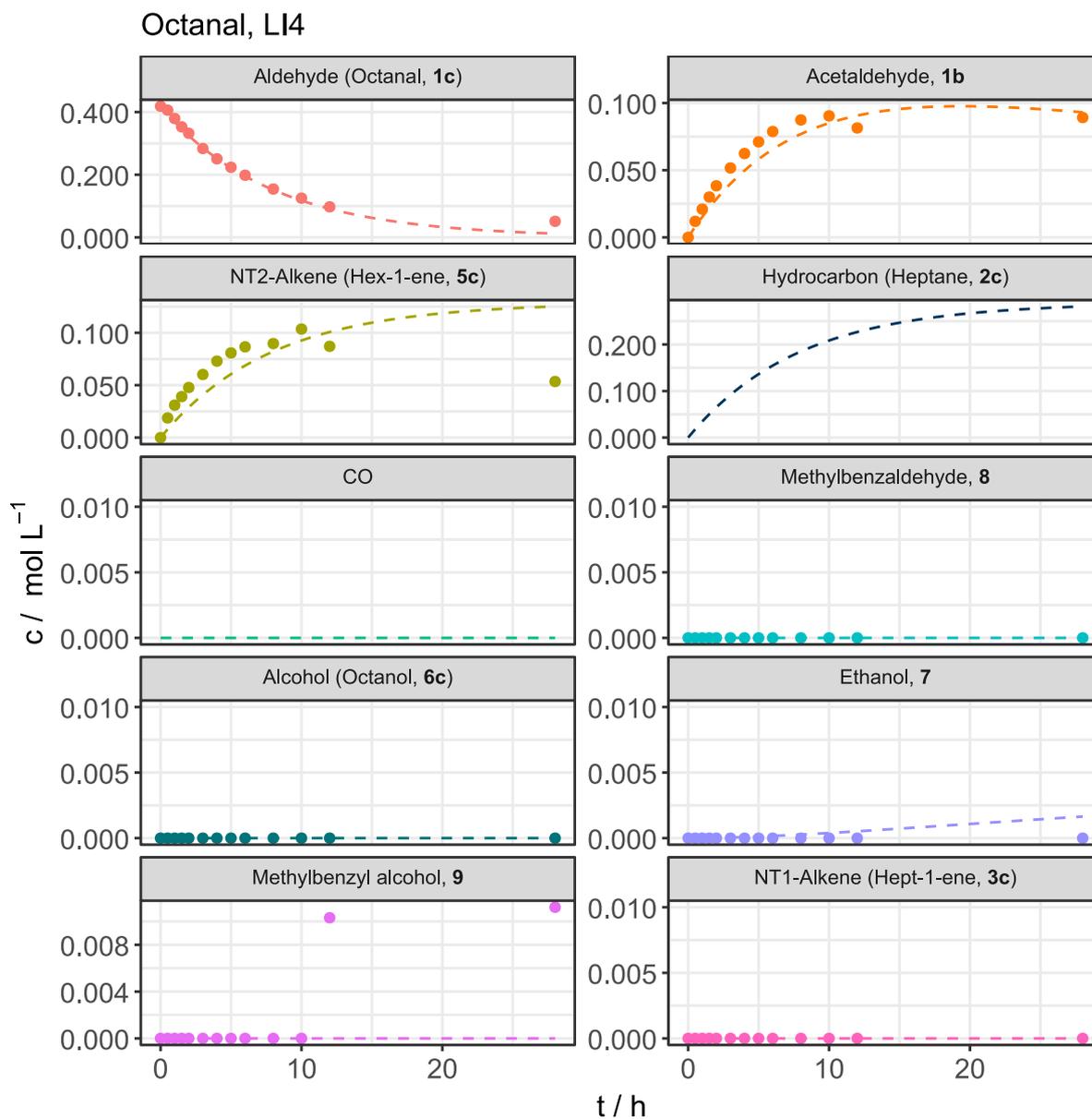


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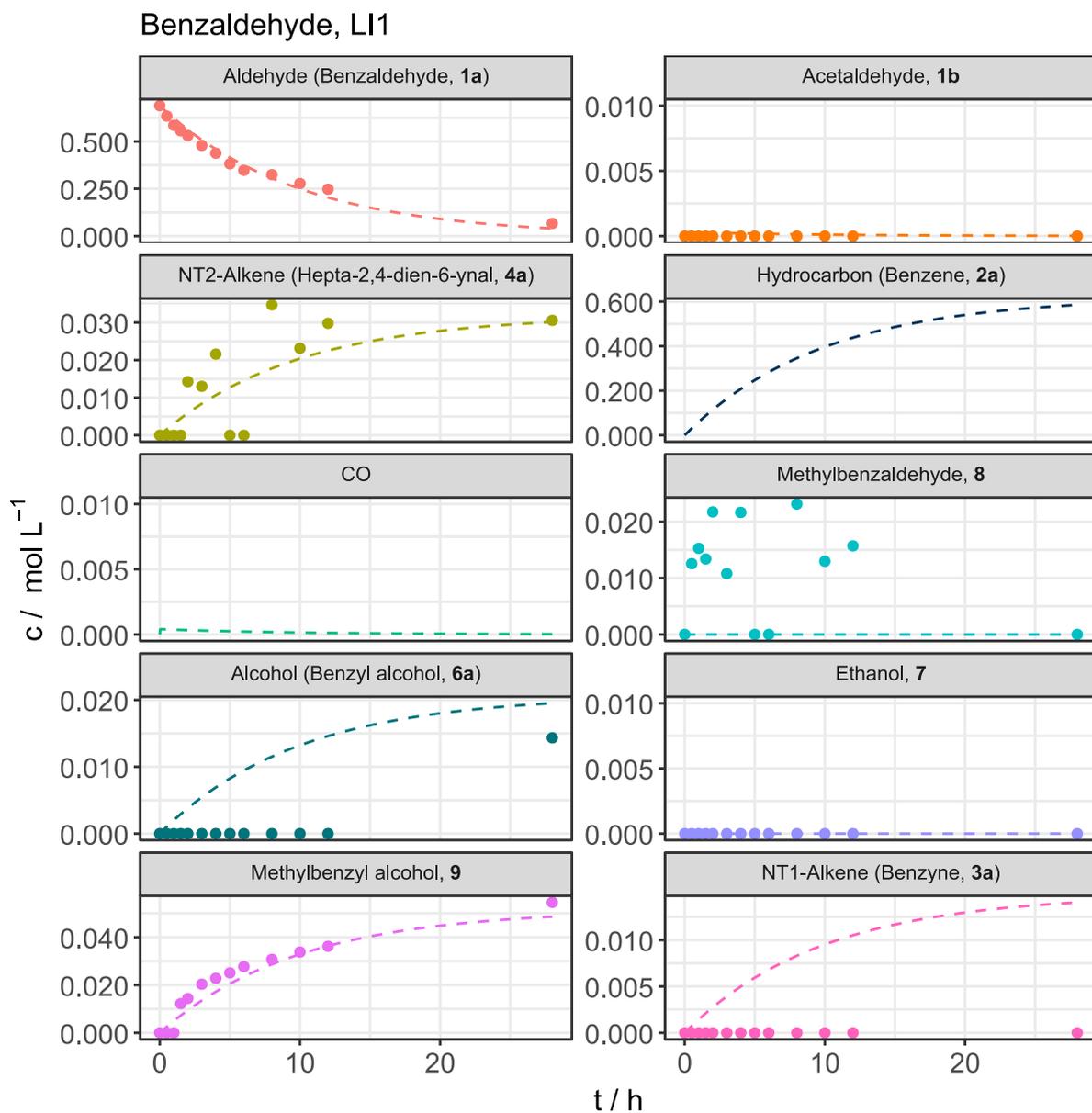


Figure S29. Concentration-time profiles for different species for the light-driven activation of benzaldehyde and the subsequent carbonylation of toluene with no C-H activation catalyst present at a photon flux density of $80.5 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$.

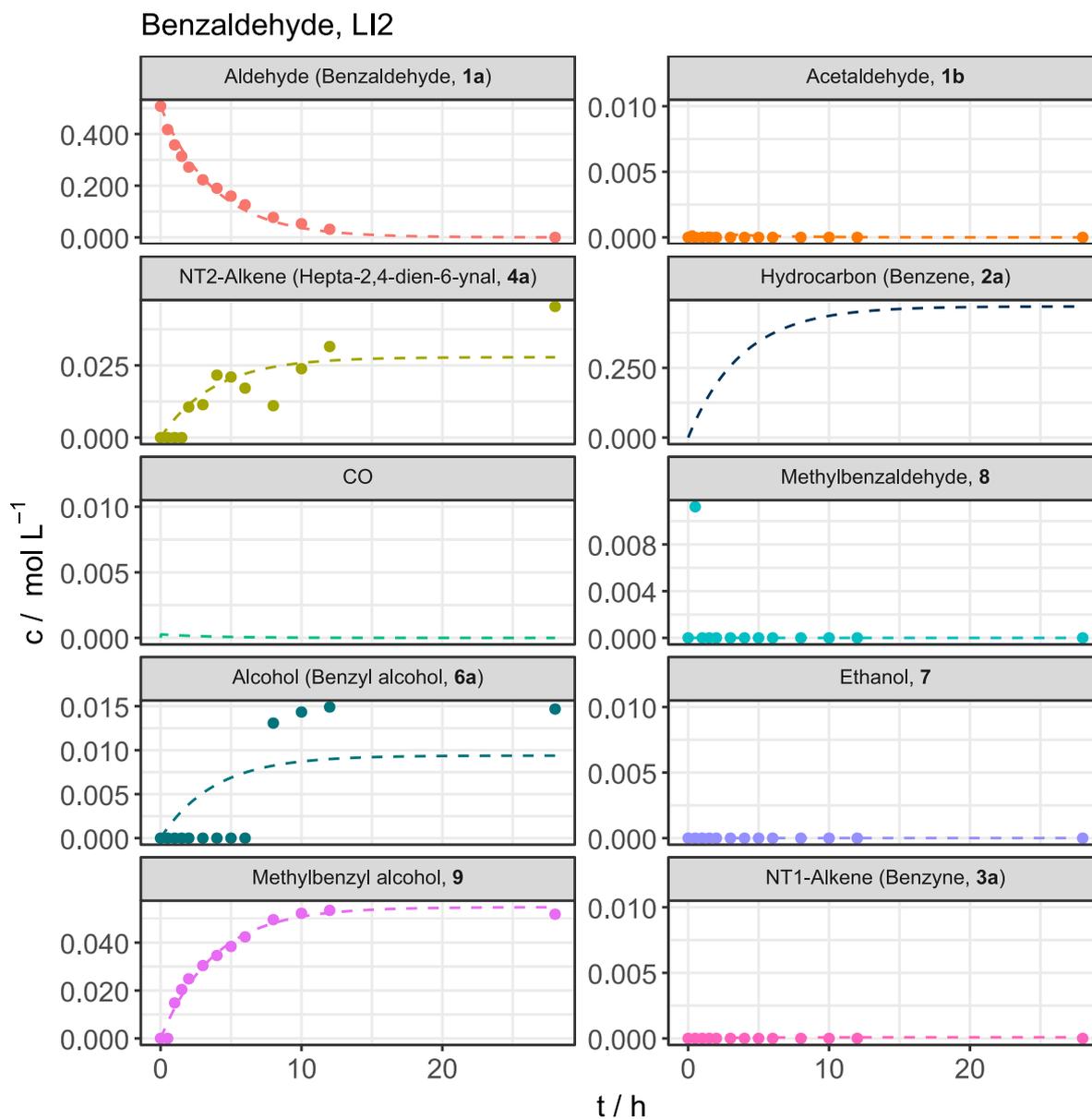


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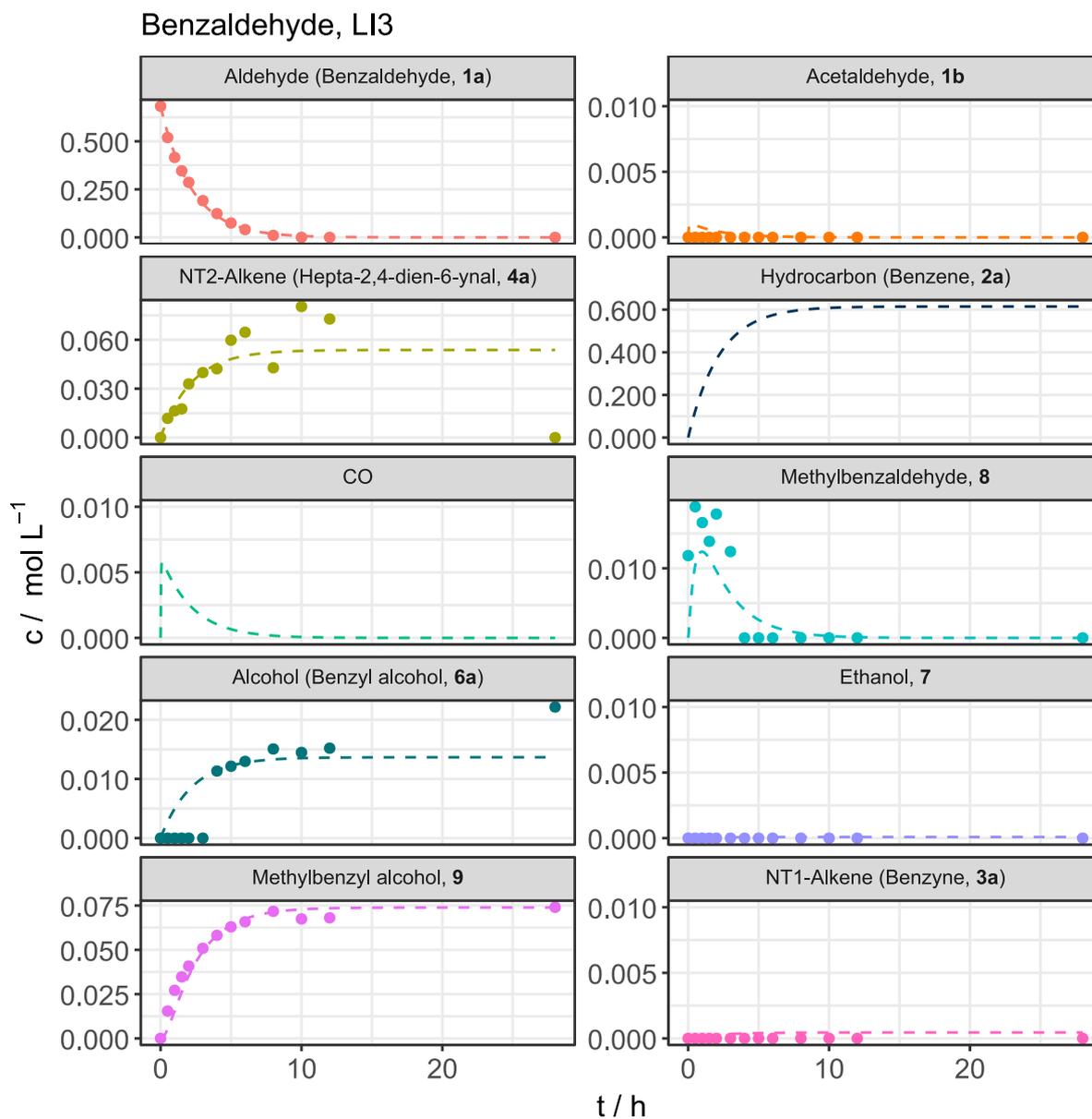


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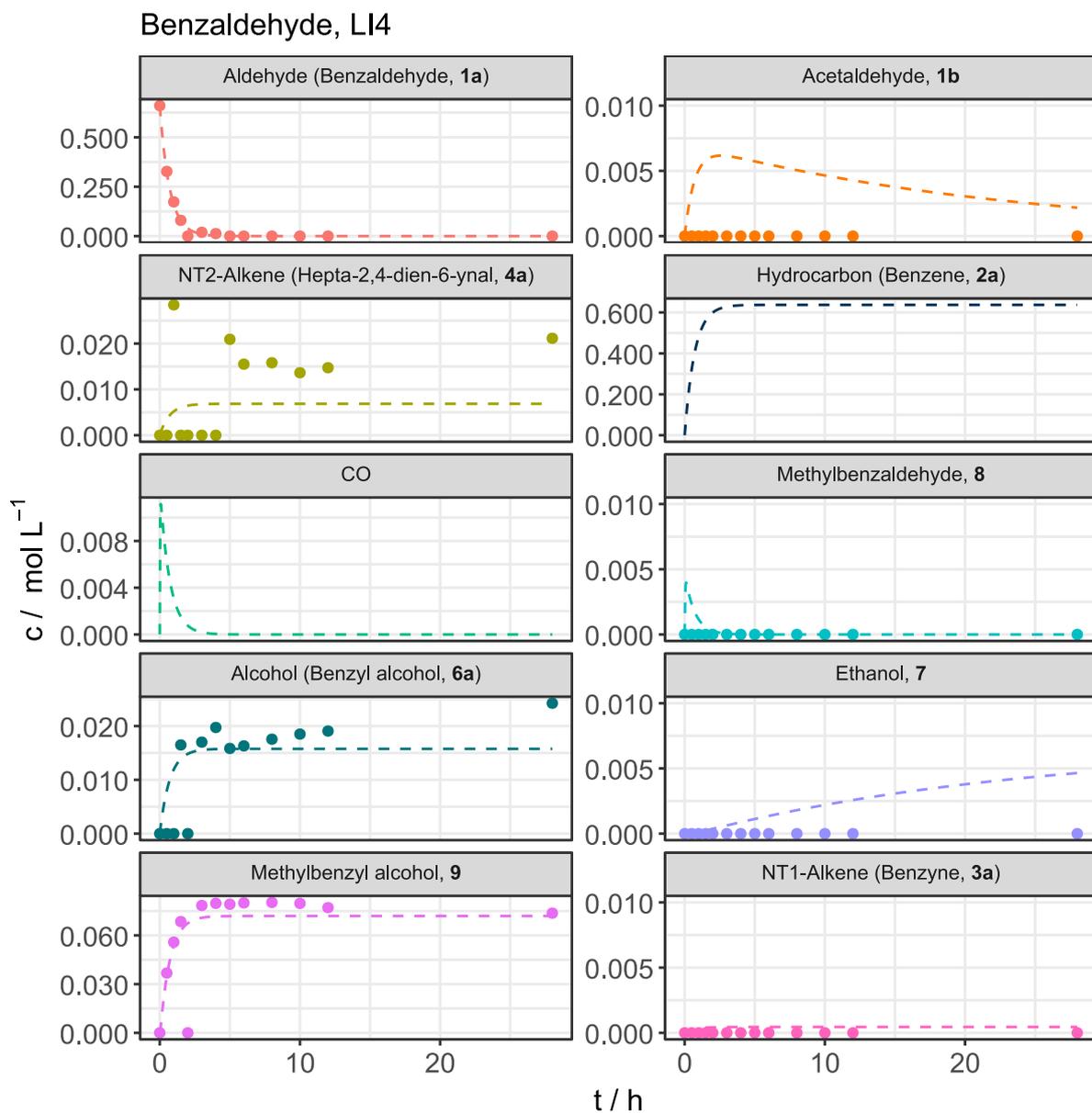


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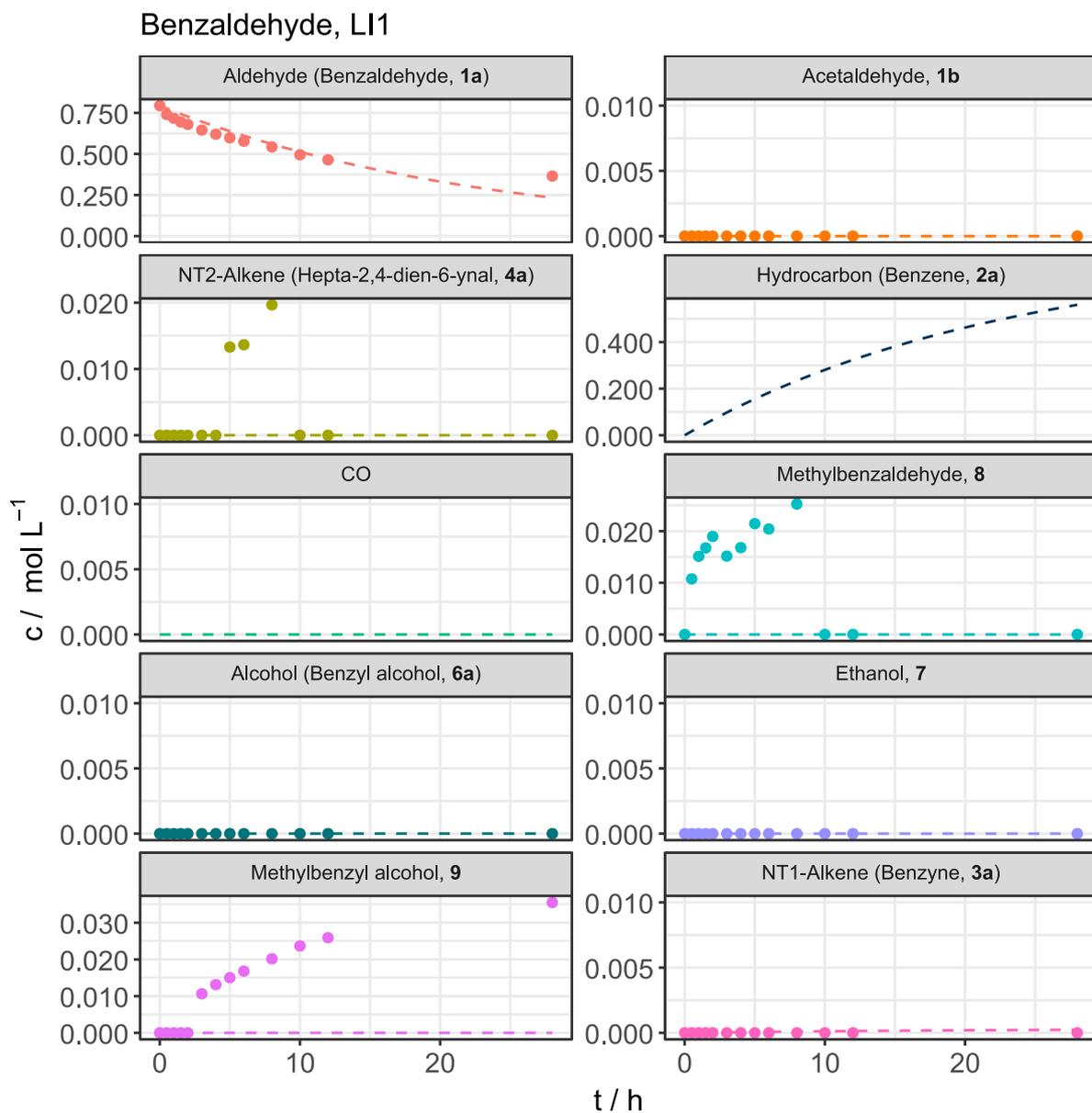


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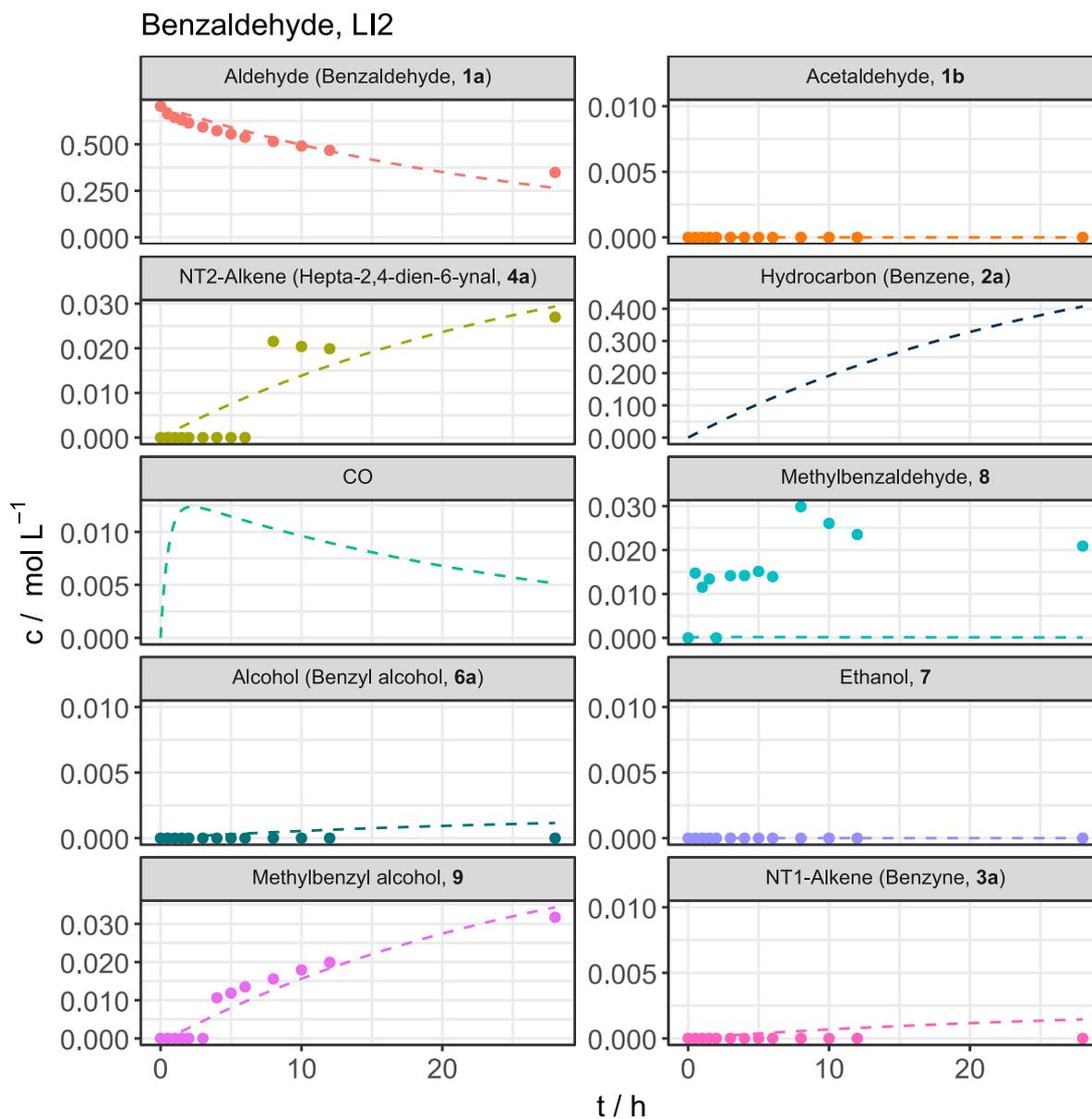


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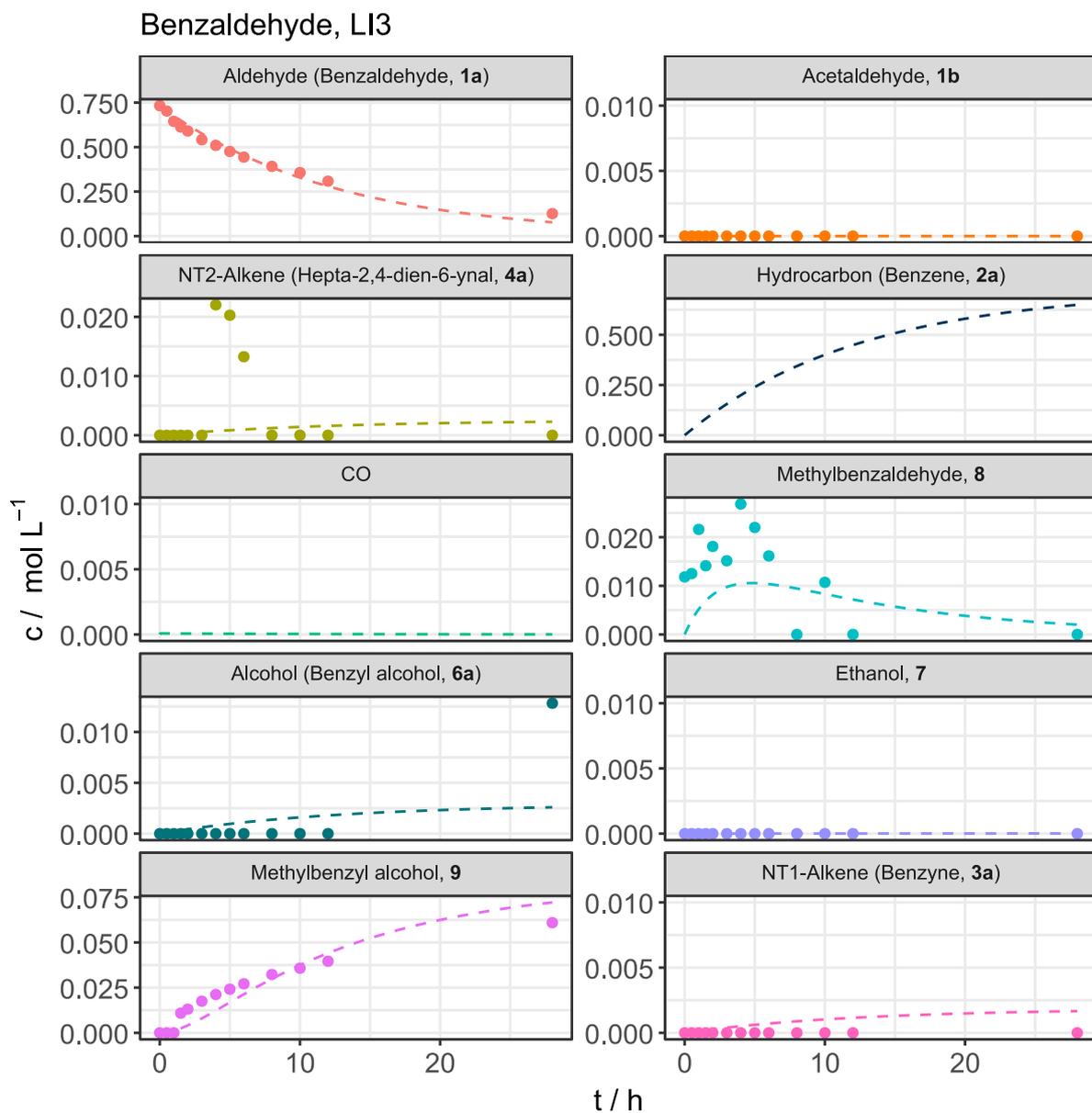


Figure S35. Concentration-time profiles for different species for the light-driven activation of benzaldehyde and the subsequent carbonylation of toluene with no C-H activation catalyst present at a photon flux density of $388.2 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$. The irradiation took place through an 8 mm window glass block.

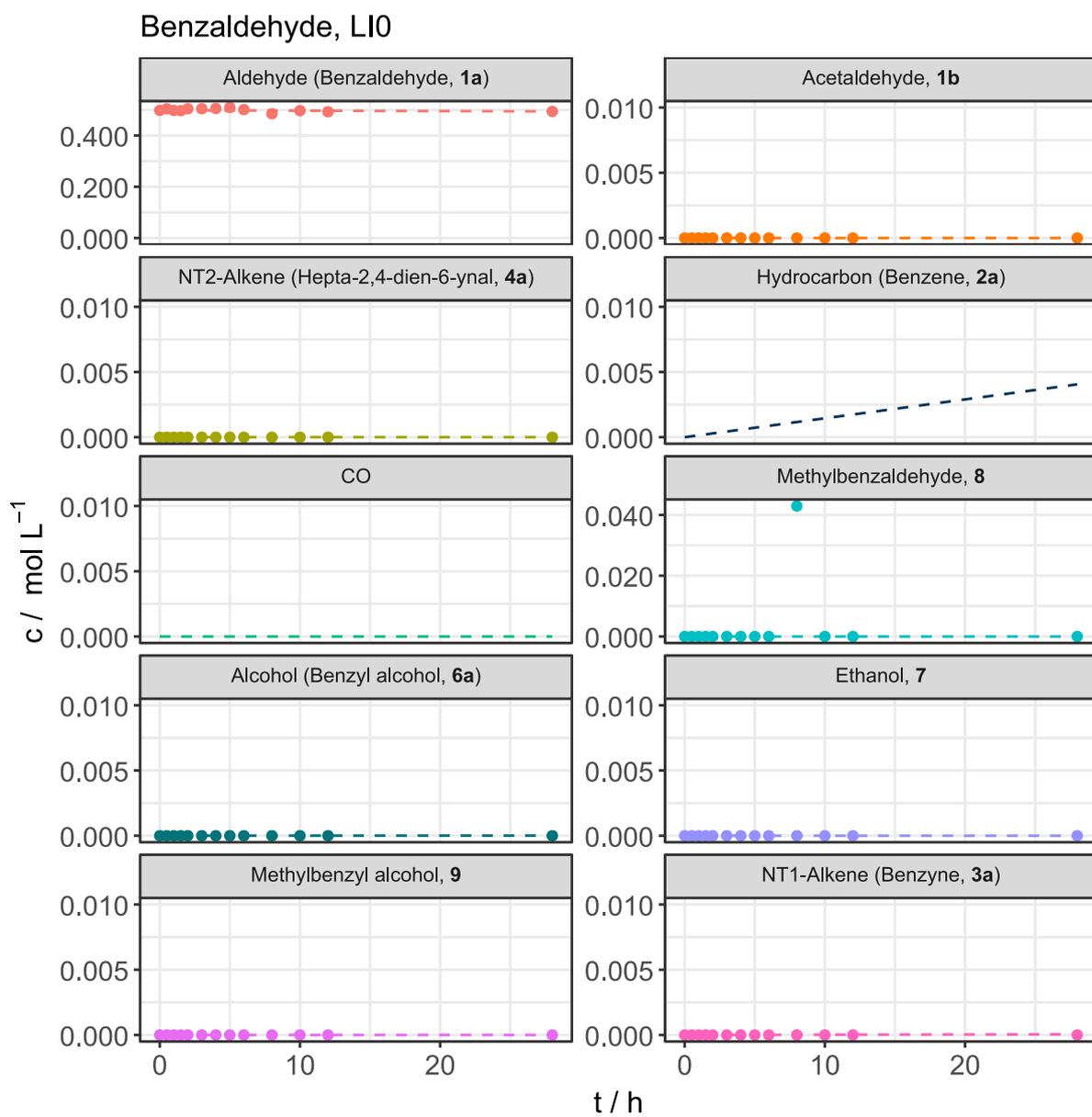


Figure S36. Concentration-time profiles for different species for the thermal activation of benzaldehyde at 50 °C.

4. Additional NMR Spectra

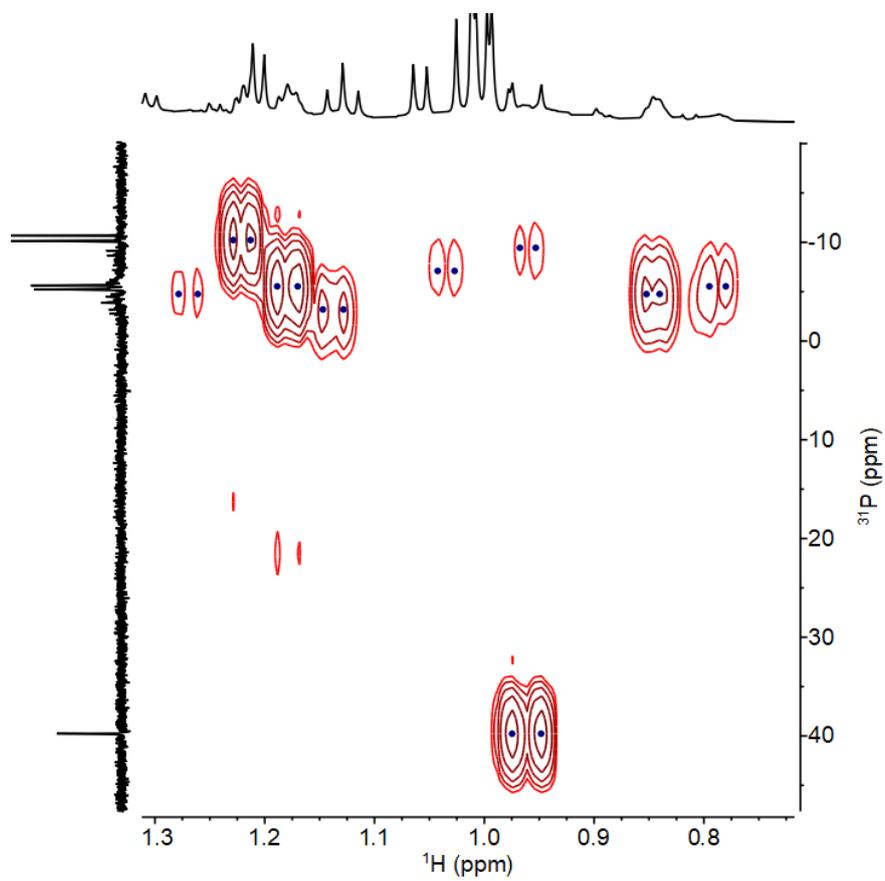


Figure S37. ^1H - ^{31}P -HMBC spectrum after 240 minutes for the light-driven activation of acetaldehyde and the subsequent carbonylation of toluene at a photon flux density of $189.6 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$.

5. DFT-Calculated NMR Shifts and $^1J_{\text{Rh,P}}$ Coupling Constants

Table S2. DFT calculated ^{31}P NMR shifts and $^1J_{\text{Rh,P}}$ coupling constants for different Rh-phosphine complexes. All calculations were done with benzene as an implicit solvent. The shifts were referenced to H_3PO_4 and corrected by dividing by a factor of 1.073.

Complex	$\delta(\text{P1})$	$\delta(\text{P2})$	$\delta(\text{P3})$	$\delta(\text{P4})$	$^1J_{\text{Rh,P1}}$	$^1J_{\text{Rh,P2}}$	$^1J_{\text{Rh,P3}}$	$^1J_{\text{Rh,P4}}$
	-9.7	-9.7	-	-	-157	-157	-	-
	20.9	87.3	-	-	-268	-286	-	-
	21.8	57.4	-	-	-303	-409	-	-
	-19.8	23.6	-	-	-101	-234	-	-
	-15.0	89.7	-	-	-126	-321	-	-
	-12.0	-3.4	-	-	-111	-155	-	-
	-17.0	70.2	-	-	-119	-353	-	-
	-20.2	-1.2	-	-	-186	-65	-	-
	-3.8	-5.9	15.2	-	-185	-190	-262	-
	-12.4	-12.7	-22.2	-	-150	-151	-172	-
	23.9	23.4	23.5	23.9	-323	-317	-317	-323
	-6.6	-7.6	15.0	59.1	-233	-193	-276	-292
	231.6	231.6	-	-	-118	-141	-141*	-118*

* $^1J_{\text{Rh1,P2}}$ and $^1J_{\text{Rh2,P1}}$, respectively

6. UV/Vis spectra

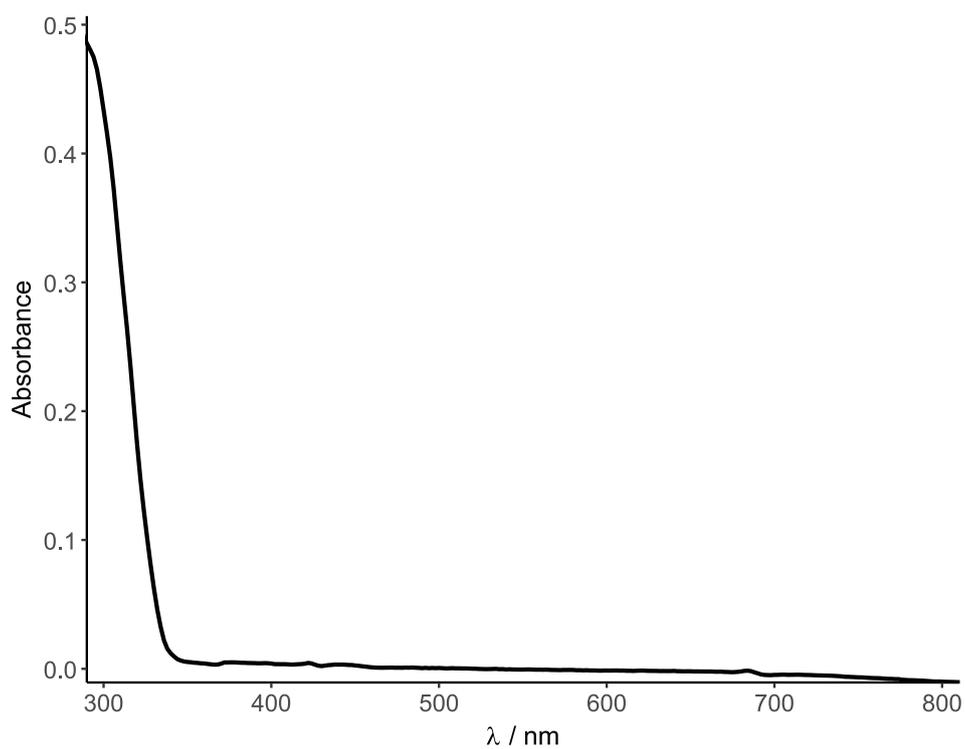


Figure S38. UV/Vis absorption spectrum of acetaldehyde in toluene.

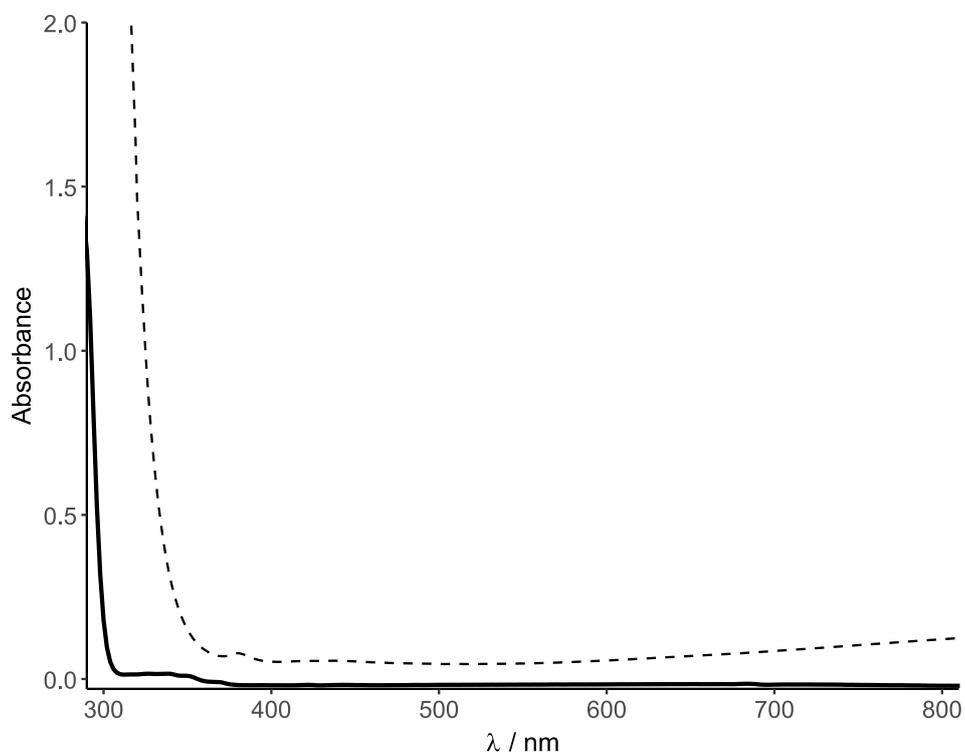


Figure S39. UV/Vis absorption spectrum of benzaldehyde in toluene. The dashed line indicates the absorption spectrum of the 8 mm window glass.

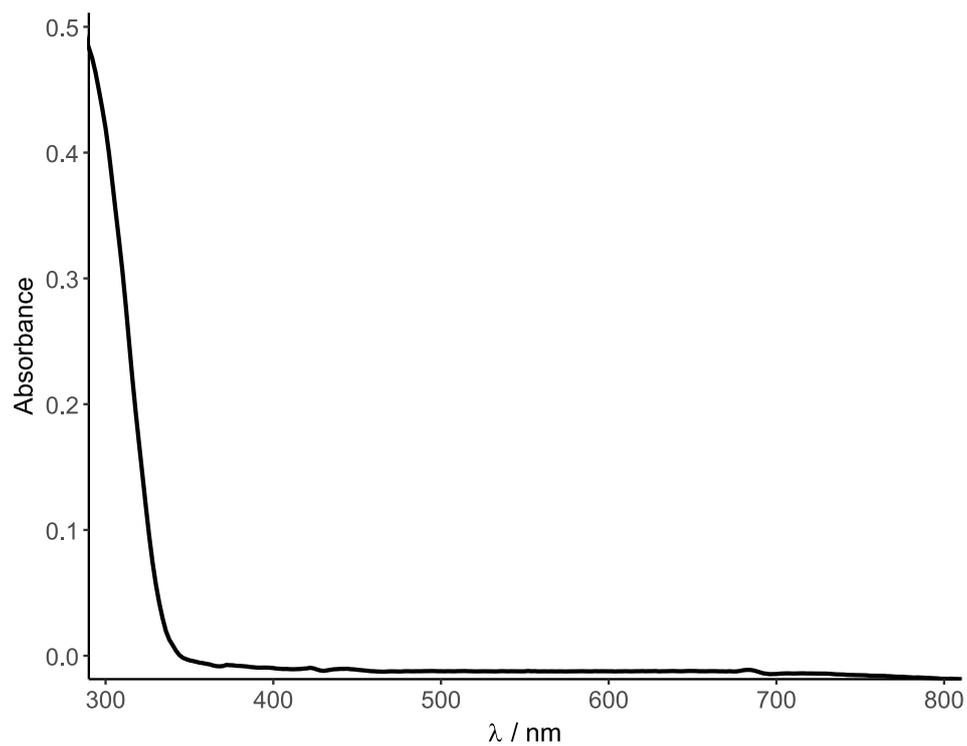


Figure S40. UV/Vis absorption spectrum of cis-4-heptenal in toluene.

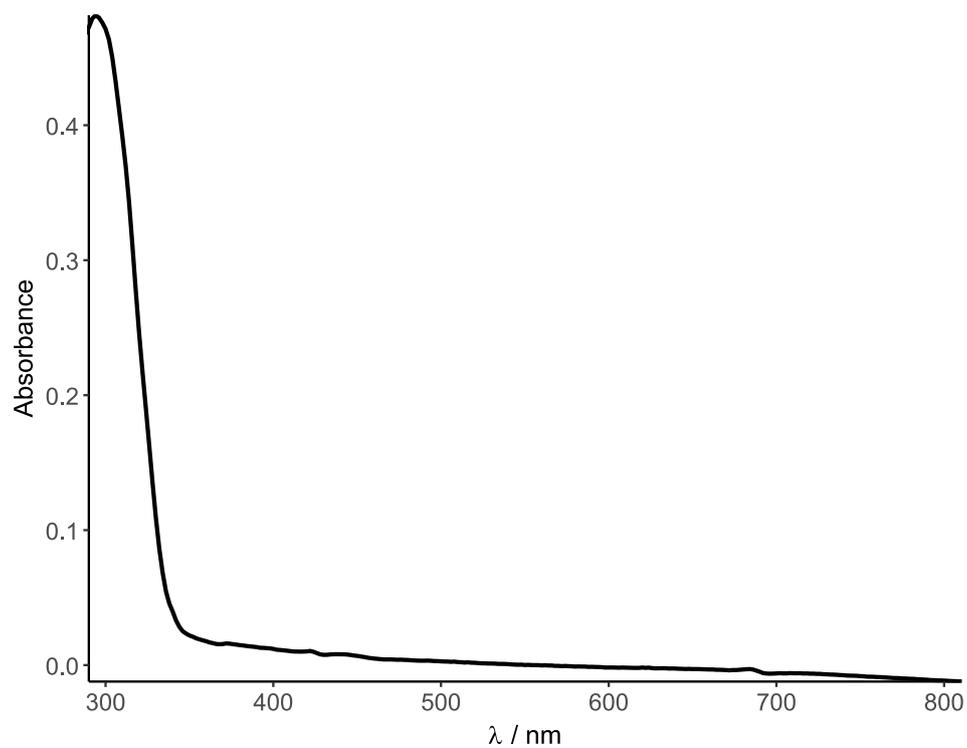


Figure S41. UV/Vis absorption spectrum of cyclohexylcarbaldehyde in toluene.

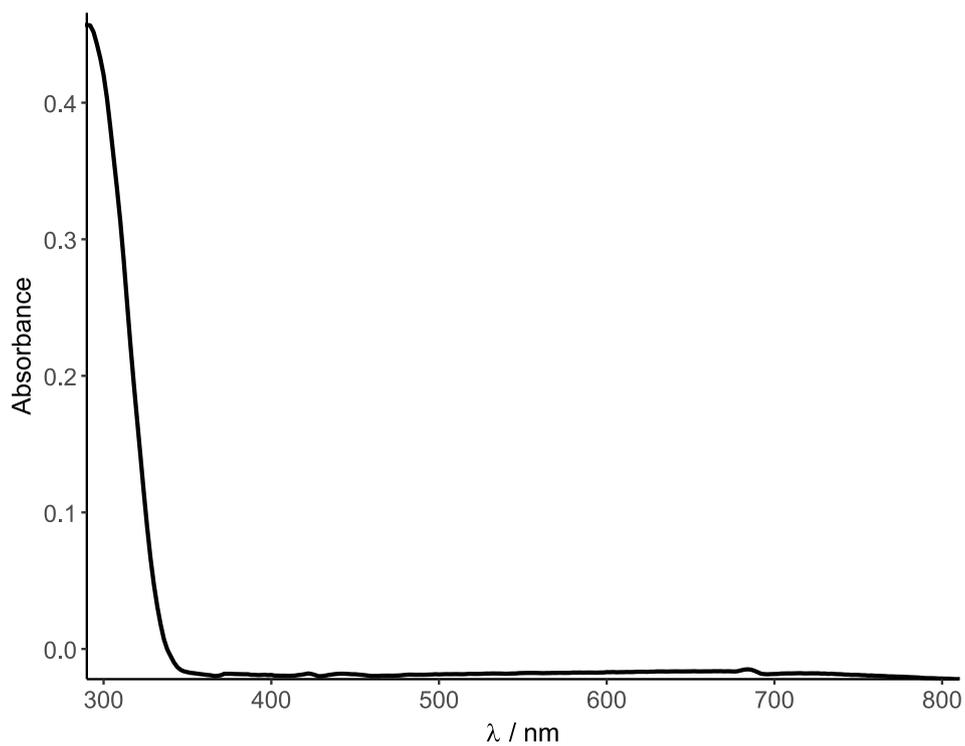


Figure S42. UV/Vis absorption spectrum of octanal in toluene.

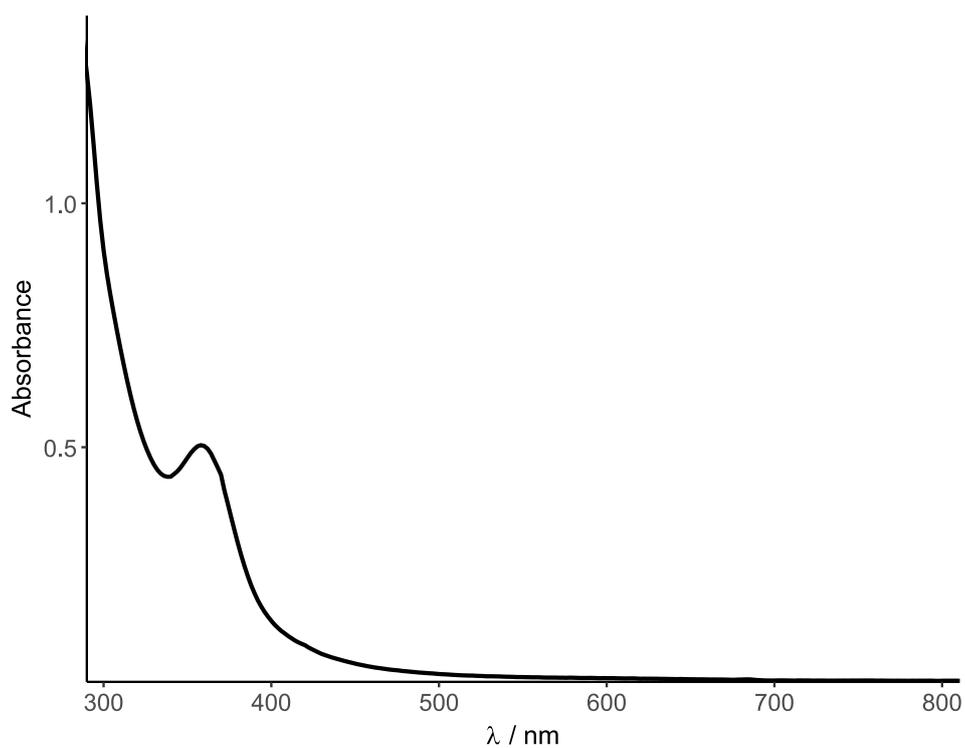


Figure S43. UV/Vis absorption spectrum of $[\text{Rh}(\text{Cl})(\text{CO})(\text{PMe}_3)_2]$ in toluene.

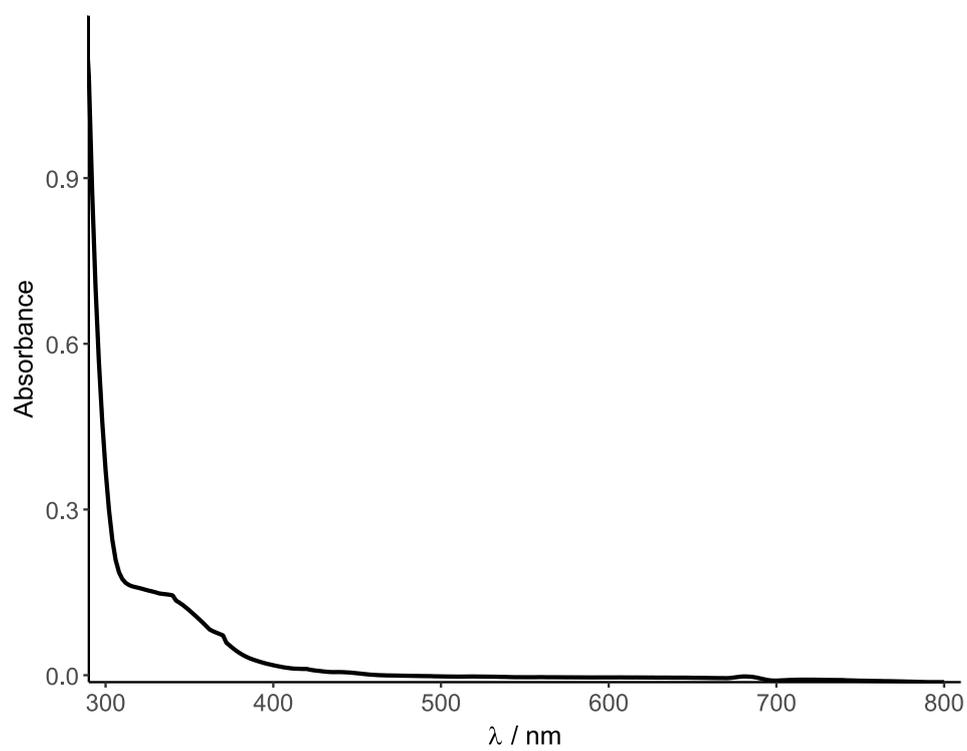


Figure S44. UV/Vis absorption spectrum of the diluted reaction mixture containing benzaldehyde and $[\text{Rh}(\text{Cl})(\text{CO})(\text{PMe}_3)_2]$ in toluene (1:2500).