

## Supporting Information

# **Kinetic and Conformational Insights of Protein Adsorption onto Montmorillonite Revealed Using in Situ ATR-FTIR/2D-COS**

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26 Contains 3 tables and 9 figures. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at  
27 <http://pubs.acs.org>.

29 **Table S1** Pseudo-first order model parameters for each experimental concentration

Concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	$k_1 (\text{min}^{-1})$	RMSE
1.50	0.0274	$1.64 \times 10^{-2}$
3.75	0.0271	$2.37 \times 10^{-2}$
7.50	0.0311	$2.83 \times 10^{-2}$
15.0	0.0282	$3.56 \times 10^{-2}$

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31 **Table S2** Pseudo-second order model parameters for each experimental concentration

Concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	$k_2 (\text{min}^{-1})$	$q_e$	$h (\text{min}^{-1})$	RMSE
1.50	0.627	0.148	0.0137	$4.38 \times 10^{-3}$
3.75	0.246	0.264	0.0171	$9.34 \times 10^{-3}$
7.50	0.303	0.281	0.0239	$8.99 \times 10^{-3}$
15.0	0.323	0.306	0.0302	$9.64 \times 10^{-3}$

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33 **Table S3** Intraparticle diffusion model parameters for each experimental concentration

Concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	$k_d (\text{a.u. min}^{-1/2})$	RMSE
1.50	0.0150	$1.98 \times 10^{-2}$
3.75	0.0250	$2.49 \times 10^{-2}$
7.50	0.0280	$3.43 \times 10^{-2}$
15.0	0.0312	$4.13 \times 10^{-2}$

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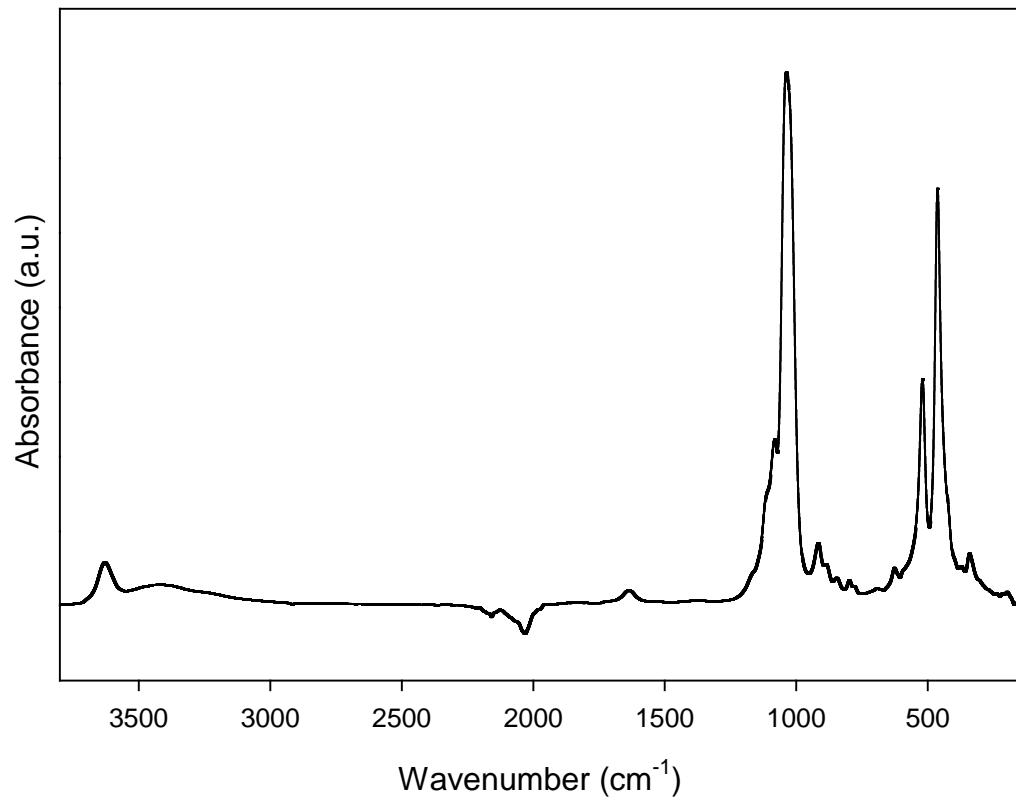
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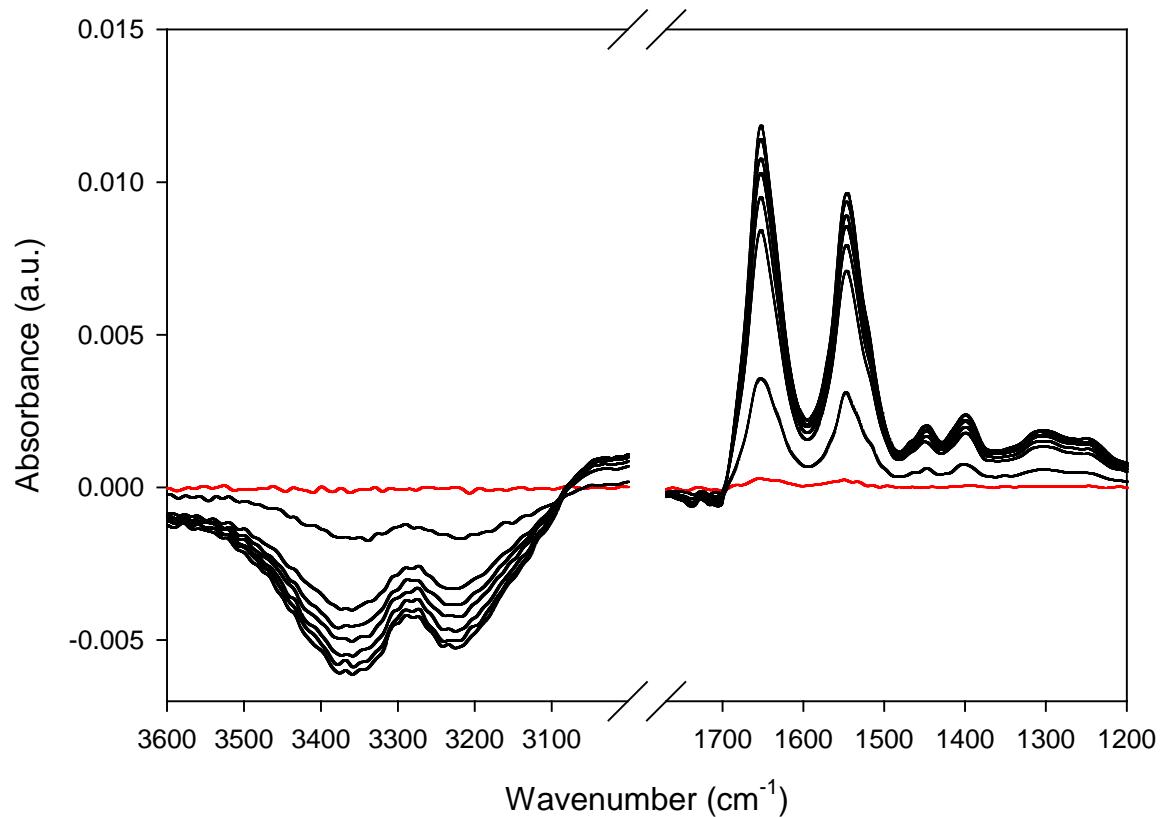
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43 **Figure S1.** FTIR spectrum of cleaned SWy-2 bentonite used in ATR-FTIR experiments



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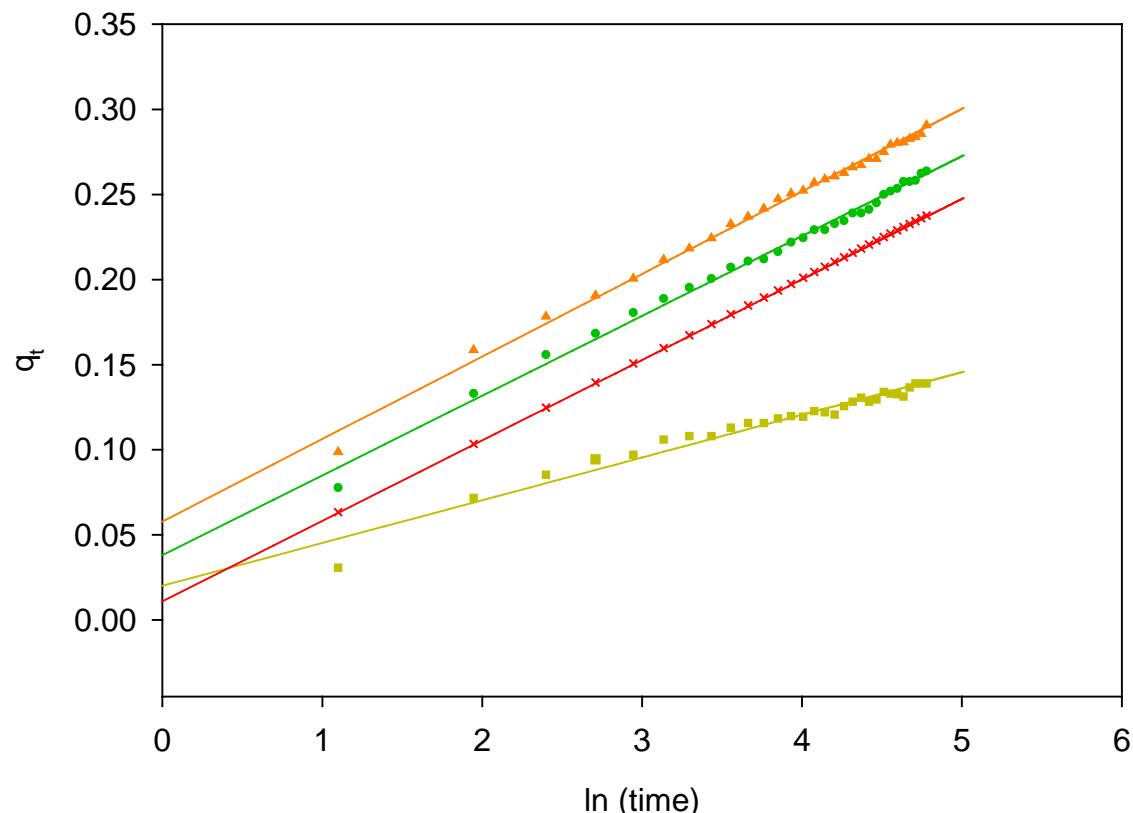
45 **Figure S2.** FTIR spectra from an adsorption experiment ( $[BSA] = 15.0 \mu M$ ). Shown spectra  
46 were collected at  $\approx 20$  minute intervals from  $t = 3$  minutes until  $t = 120$  minutes. The red line  
47 represents the FTIR spectrum of  $15.0 \mu M$  BSA over a bare diamond IRE.



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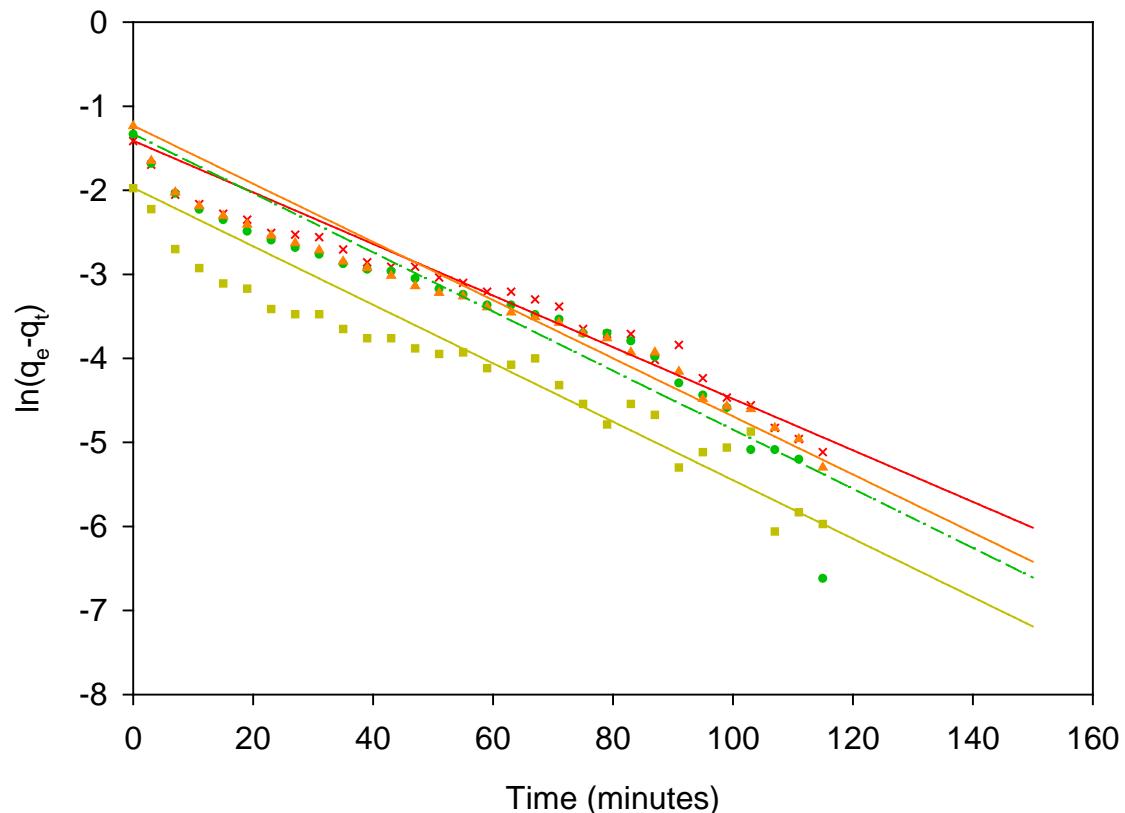
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50 **Figure S3.** Elovich rate plot ( $q_t$  vs.  $\ln(t)$ ) for each experimental BSA concentration. [BSA] =  
51 1.50 (yellow squares), 3.75 (red x), 7.50 (green circles) and 15.0  $\mu\text{M}$  (orange triangles). Linear  
52 regression for each set is shown as solid line of corresponding color.



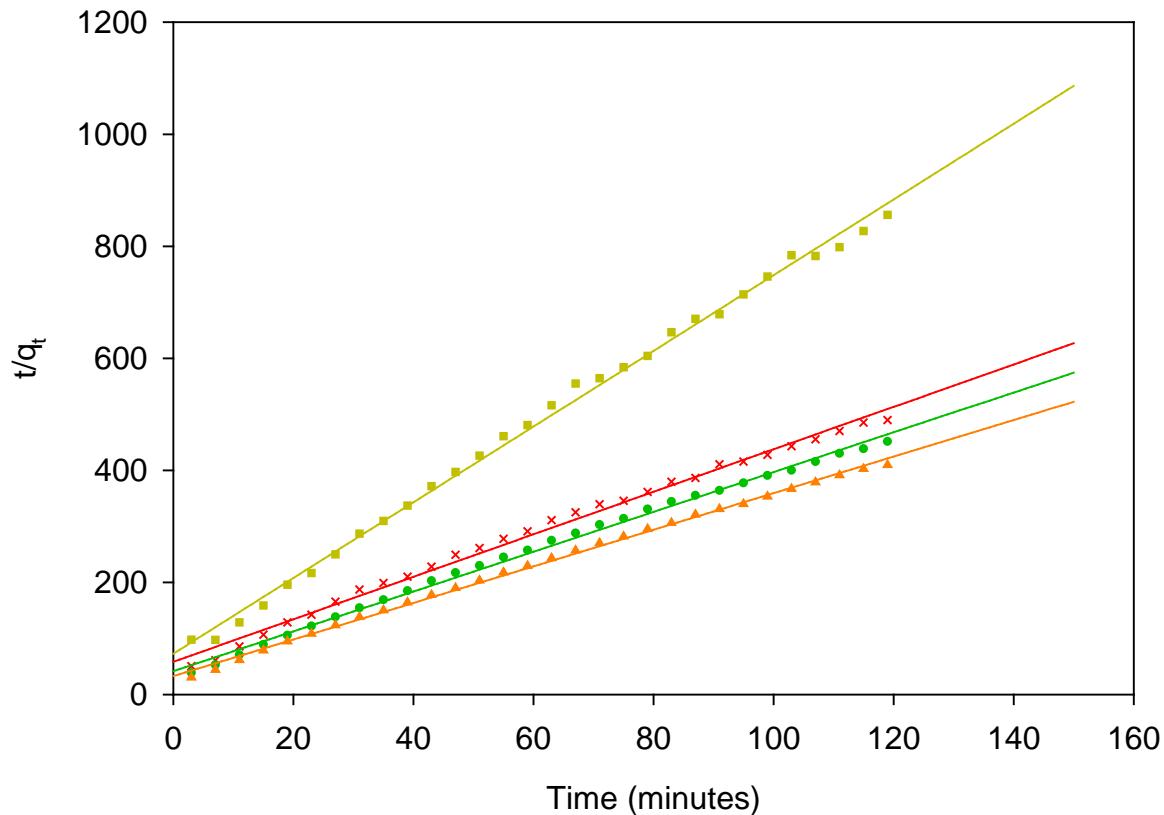
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56 **Figure S4.** Pseudo-first order rate plot ( $\ln(q_e - q_t)$  vs.  $t$ ) for each experimental BSA concentration.  
57  $[\text{BSA}] = 1.50$  (yellow squares), 3.75 (red x), 7.50 (green circles) and 15.0  $\mu\text{M}$  (orange triangles).  
58 Linear regression for each set is shown as solid line of corresponding color.



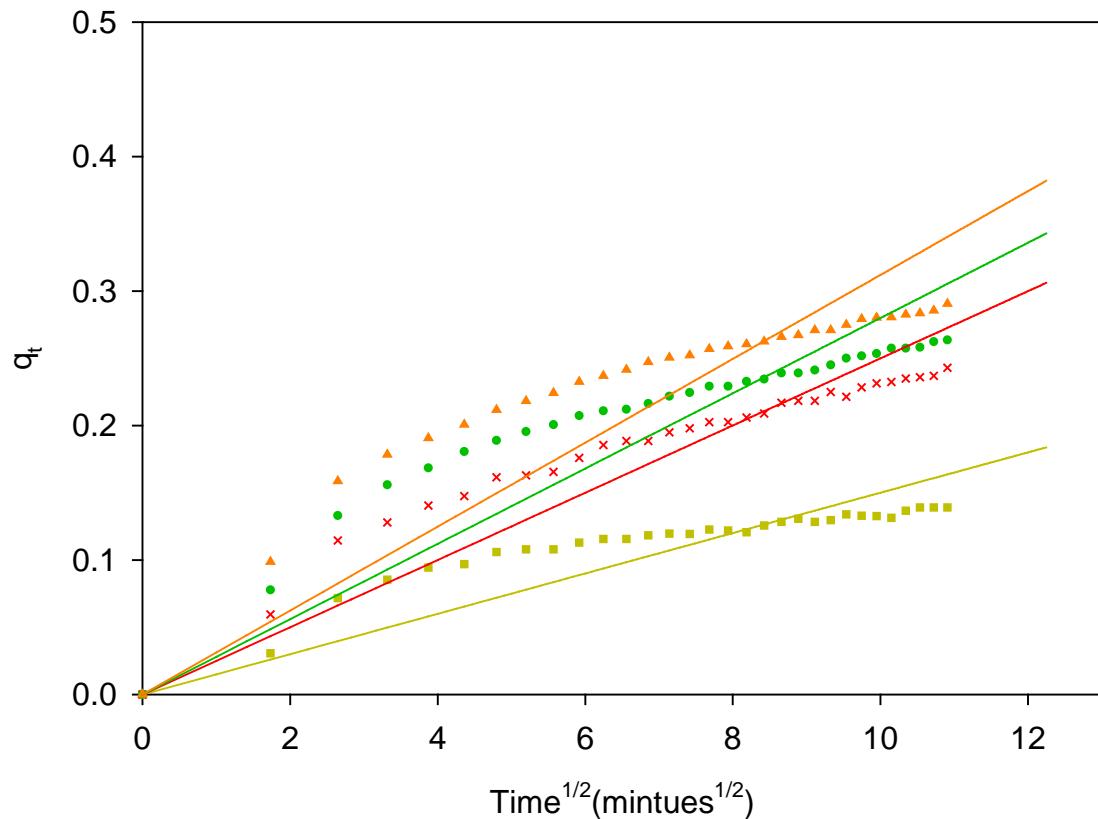
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60 **Figure S5.** Pseudo-second order rate plot ( $t/q_t$  vs.  $t$ ) for each experimental BSA concentration.  
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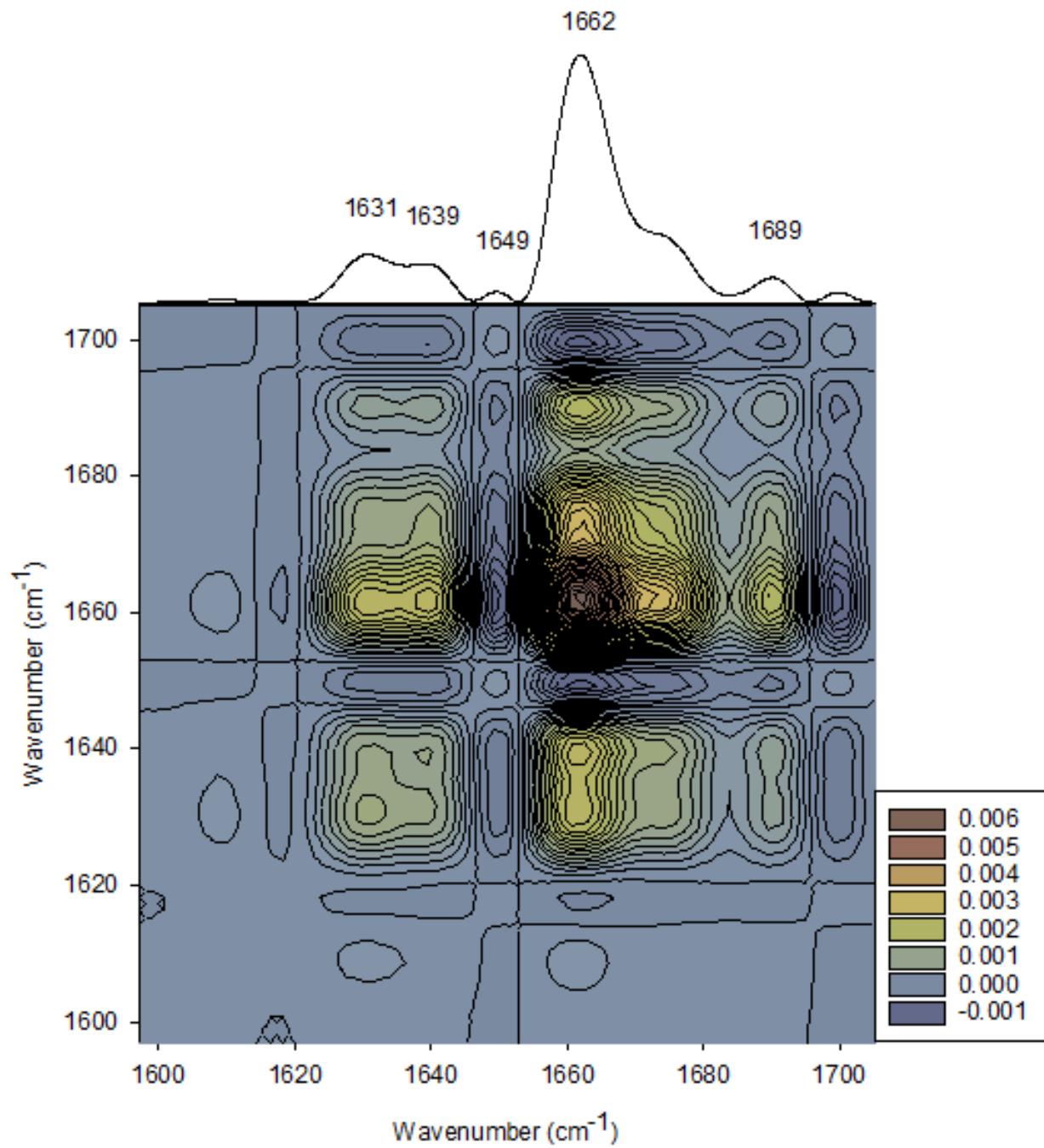
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66 **Figure S6.** Intraparticle diffusion rate plot ( $q_t$  vs.  $\sqrt{t}$ ) for each experimental BSA concentration.  
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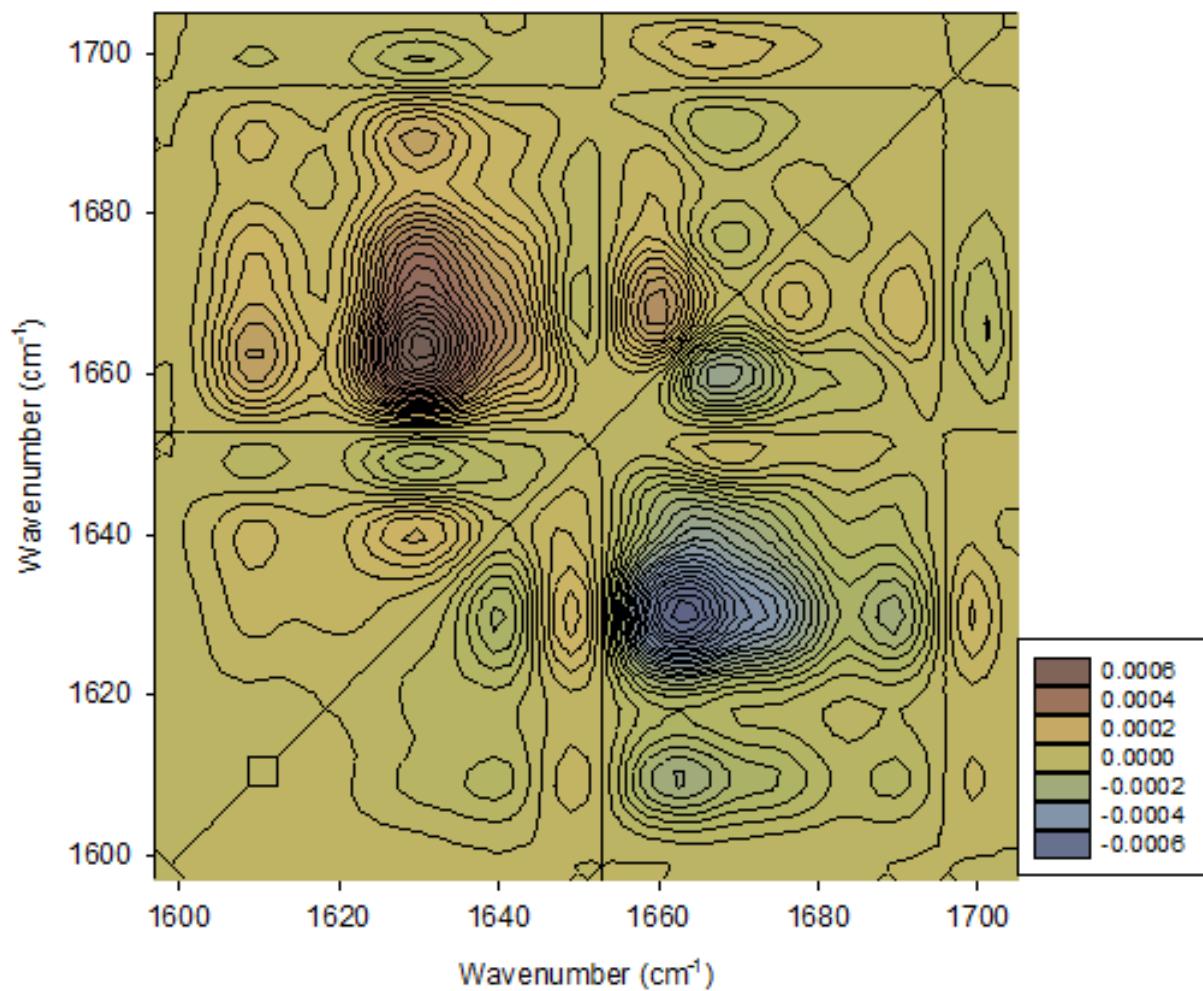
70 **Figure S7 a)** Synchronous 2D-COS plot for  $[BSA] = 1.50 \mu\text{M}$  with corresponding  
71 autocorrelation spectrum and labelled peaks in the amide I band. Legend presents correlation  
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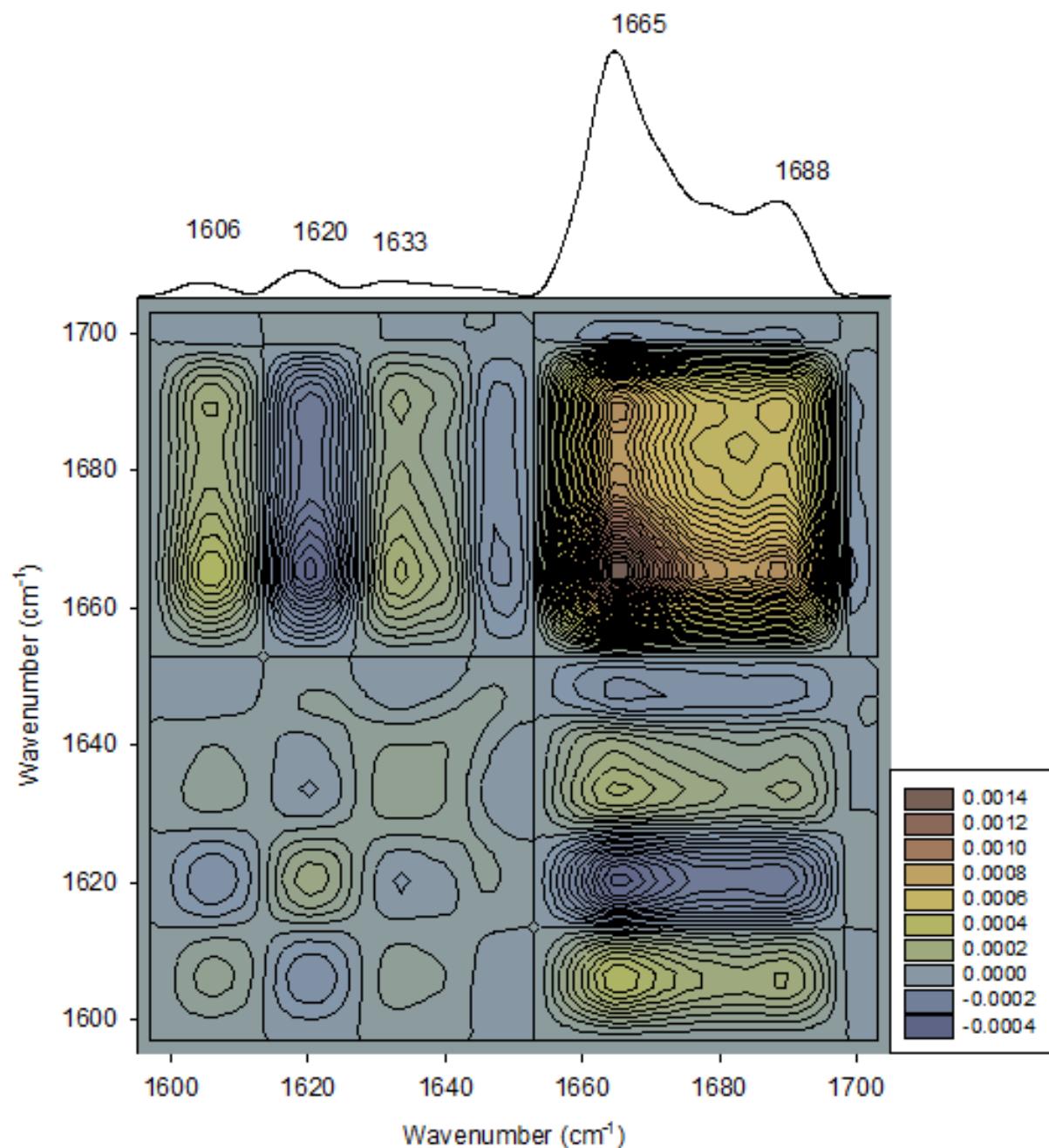
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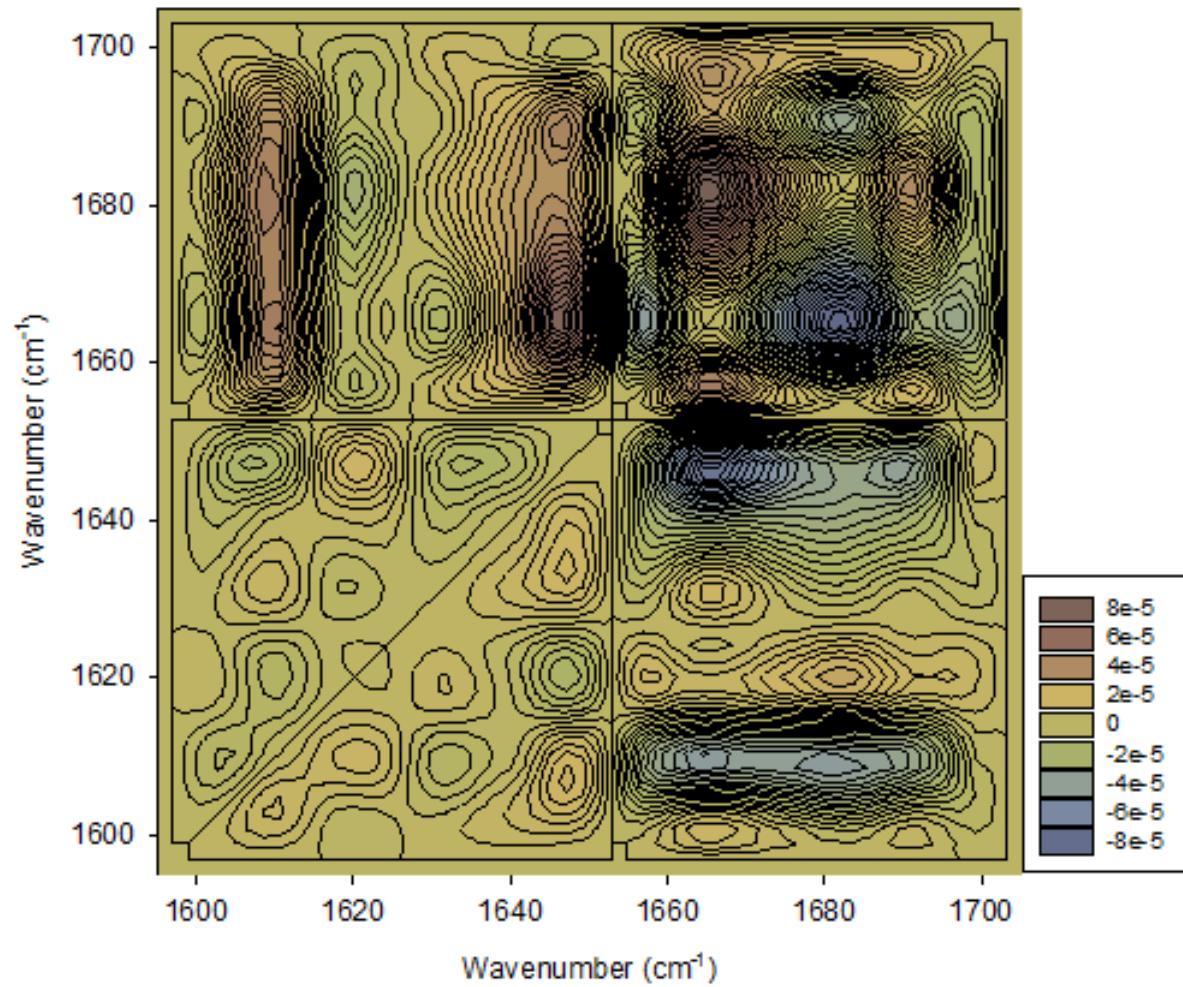
79 **Figure S8 a)** Synchronous 2D-COS plot for [BSA] = 7.50  $\mu\text{M}$  with corresponding  
80 autocorrelation spectrum and labelled peaks in the amide I band. Legend presents correlation  
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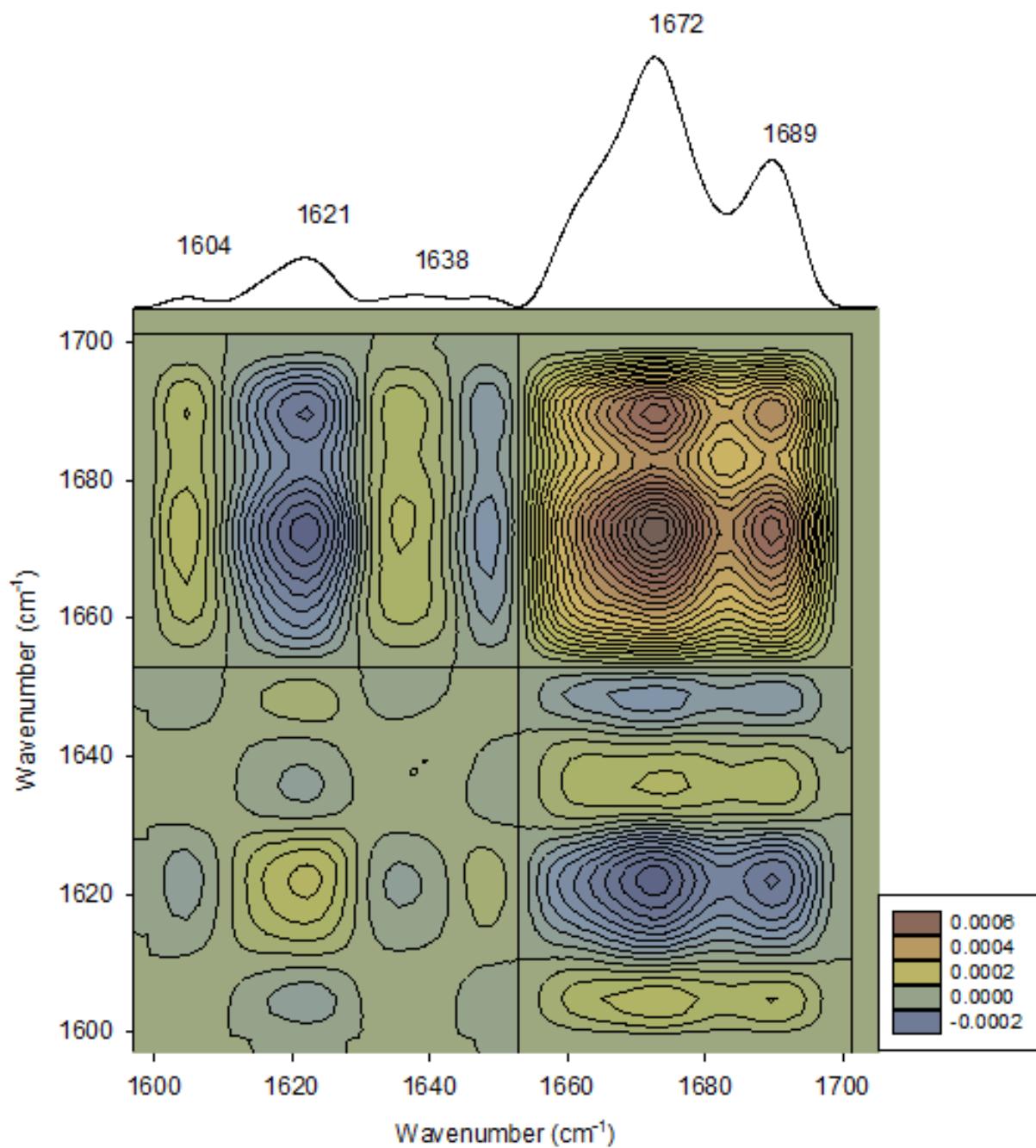
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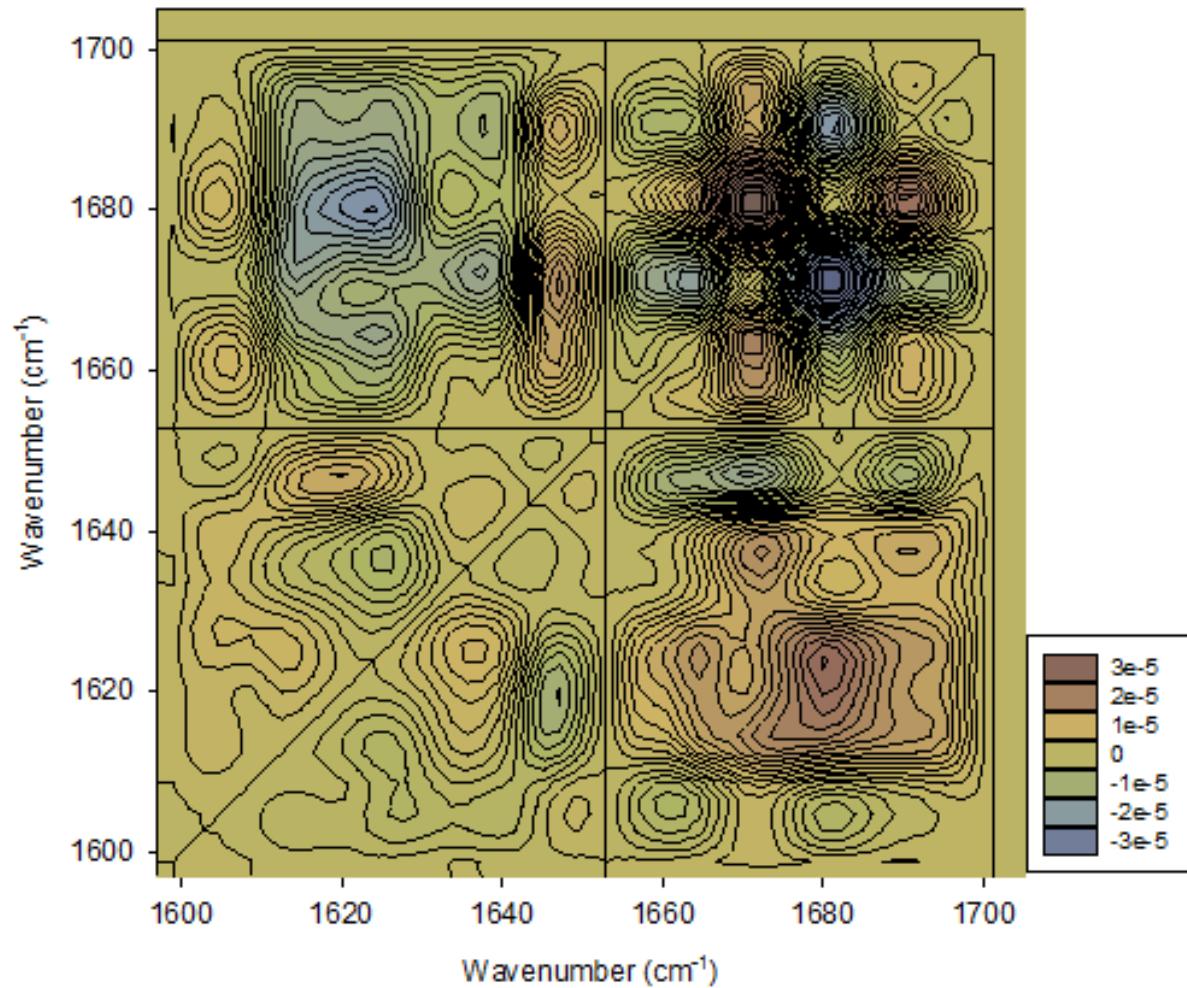
88 **Figure S9 a)** Synchronous 2D-COS plot for [BSA] = 15.0  $\mu\text{M}$  with corresponding  
89 autocorrelation spectrum and labelled peaks in the amide I band. Correlation values are shown in  
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93 **Figure S9 b)** Asynchronous 2D-COS plot for [BSA] = 15.0  $\mu$ M. Correlation values are shown in  
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