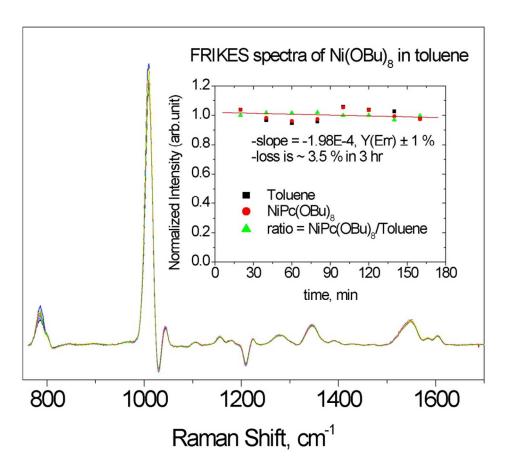
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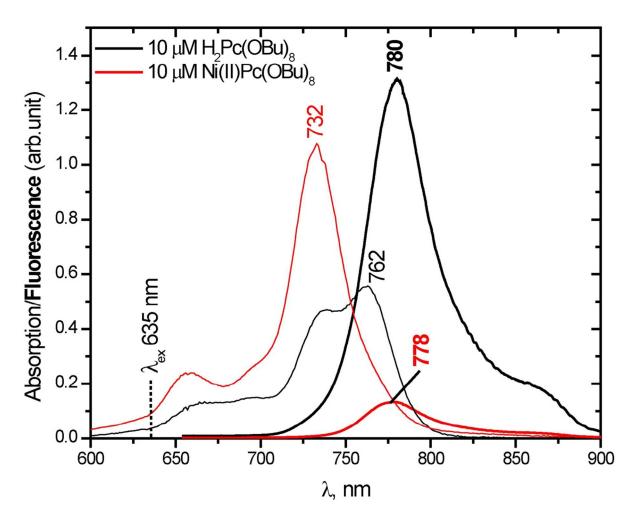
## Ultrafast Charge Transfer in Nickel Phthalocyanine Probed by Femtosecond Raman-Induced Kerr Effect Spectroscopy

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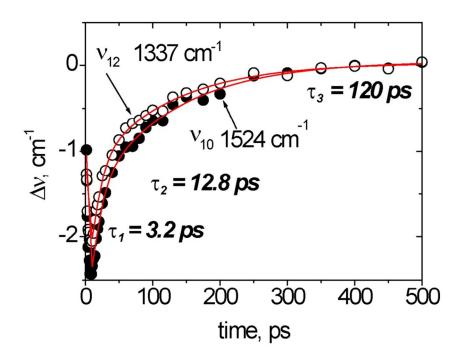
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**Figure S1.** To check the sample integrity, ground state FRIKES spectra of NiPc(OBu)<sub>8</sub> (in toluene, with a 796 nm pump) were measured periodically during the time-resolved experiment. Inset shows the intensity variation of the FRIKES band at 1551 cm<sup>-1</sup> [NiPc(OBu)<sub>8</sub>] and 1604 cm<sup>-1</sup> [toluene] and their ratio.



**Figure S2.** Absorption and emission (excited at 635 nm) spectra of octabutoxyphthalocyanine free base (black) and of the Ni(II) complex (red) in toluene.



**Figure S3.** Frequency evolution of the ground state modes of  $H_2Pc(OBu)_8$  in toluene. The red line corresponds to multi-exponential fit.