

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### Dynamics of the Excited State of $[\text{Ir}(\text{ppy})_2\text{bpy}]^+$ with triple Phosphorescence

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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION:** the optimized geometry of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{ppy})_2\text{bpy}]^+$ , emission curves of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{ppy})_2\text{bpy}]^+$  at excitation wavelength 355 nm in various solvents and the best-fitted exponential curves and picosecond measurements on decay curves of  $[\text{Ir}(\text{ppy})_2\text{bpy}]^+$  in toluene/CHCl<sub>3</sub> volume ratio 1:1 and CHCl<sub>3</sub>.

#### Captions of figures

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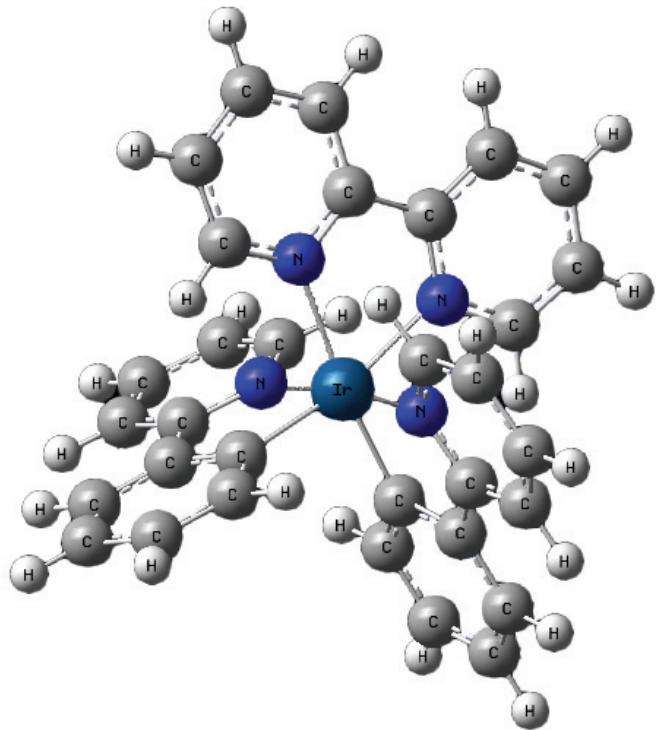
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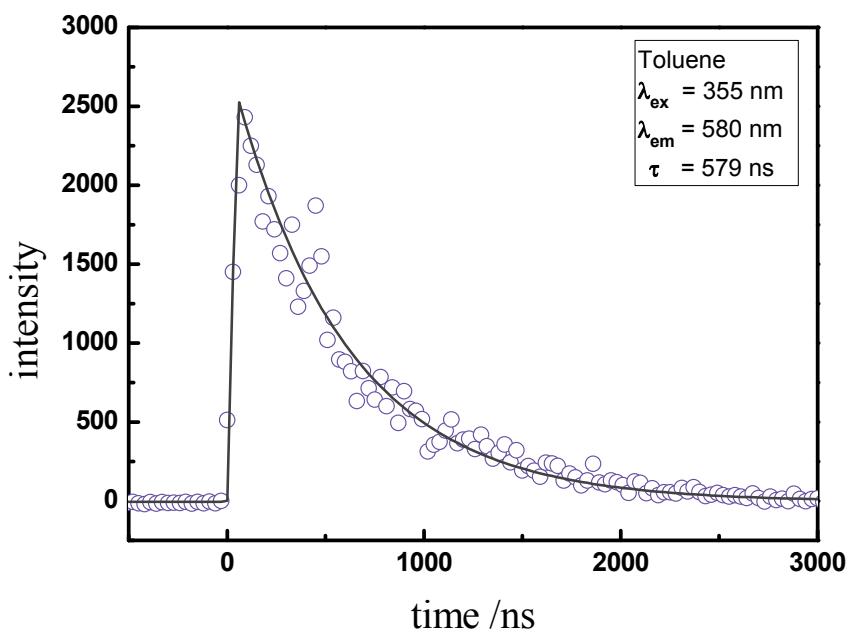
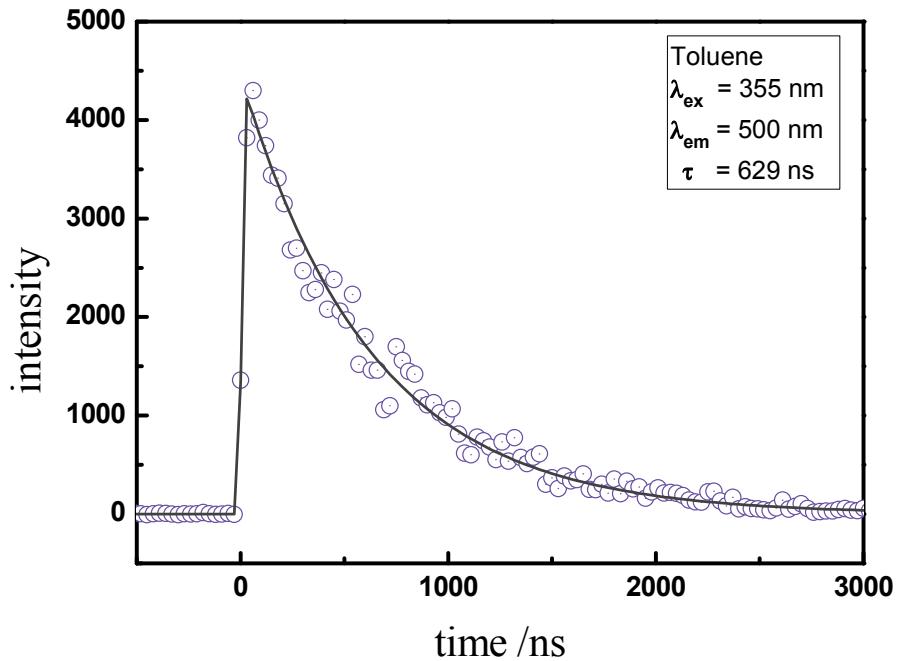


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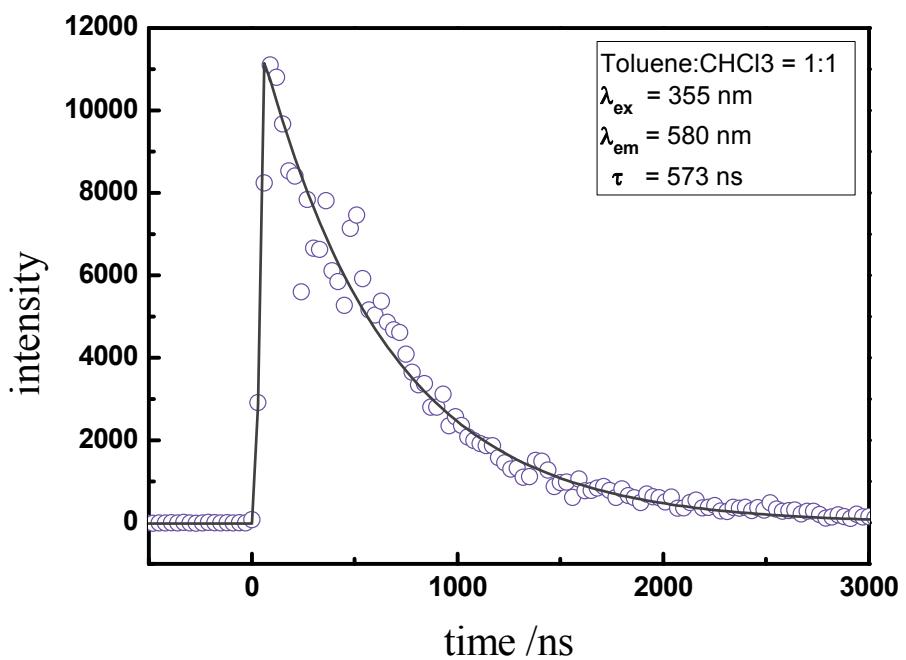
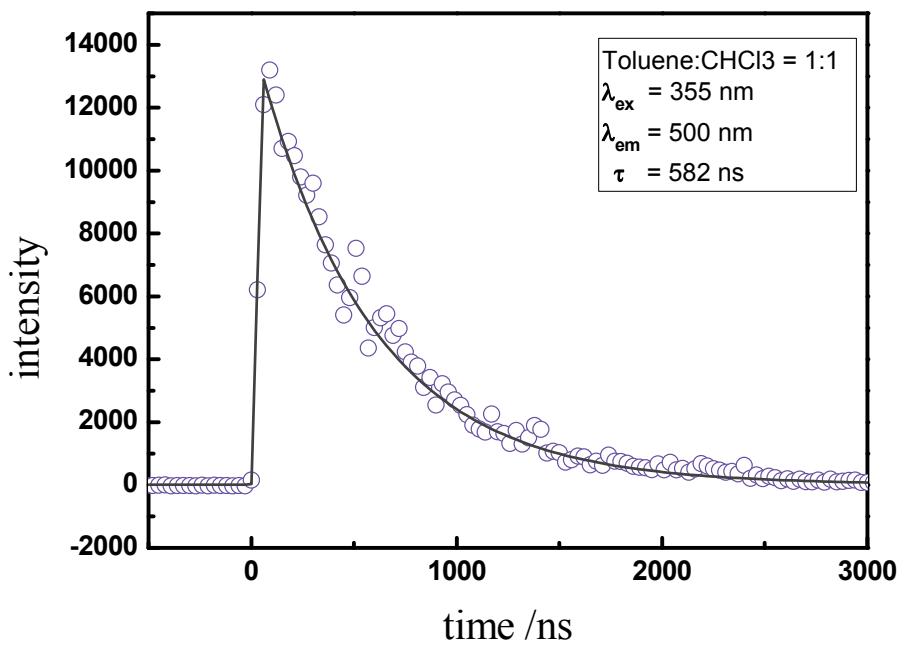


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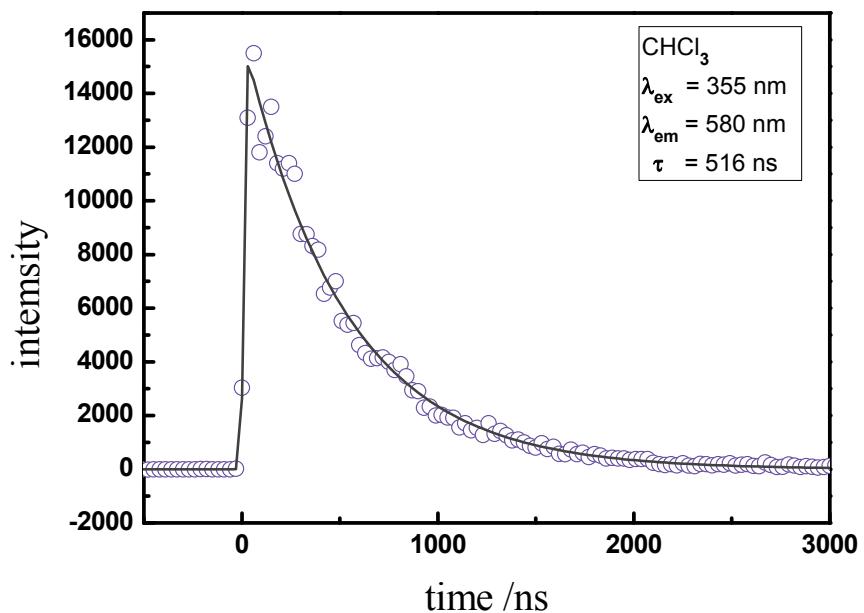
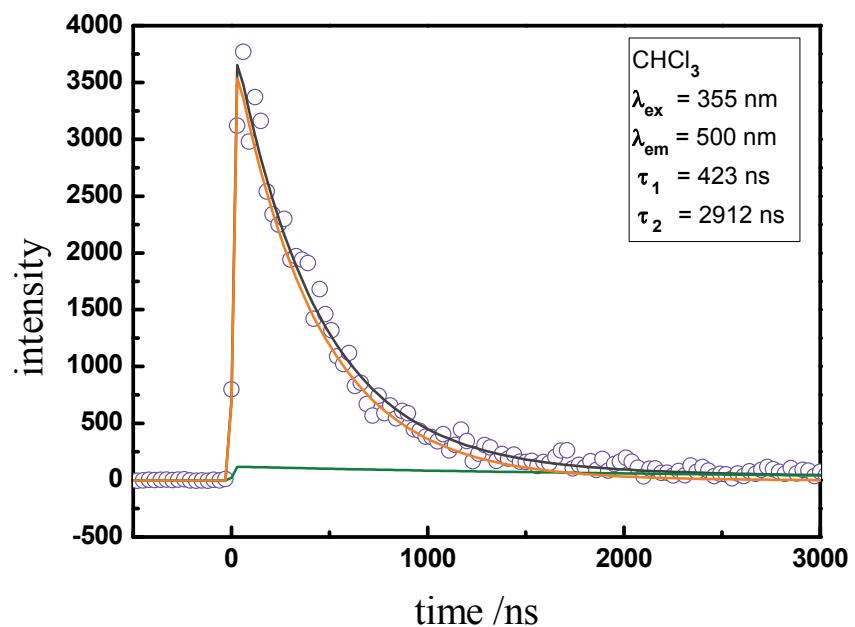


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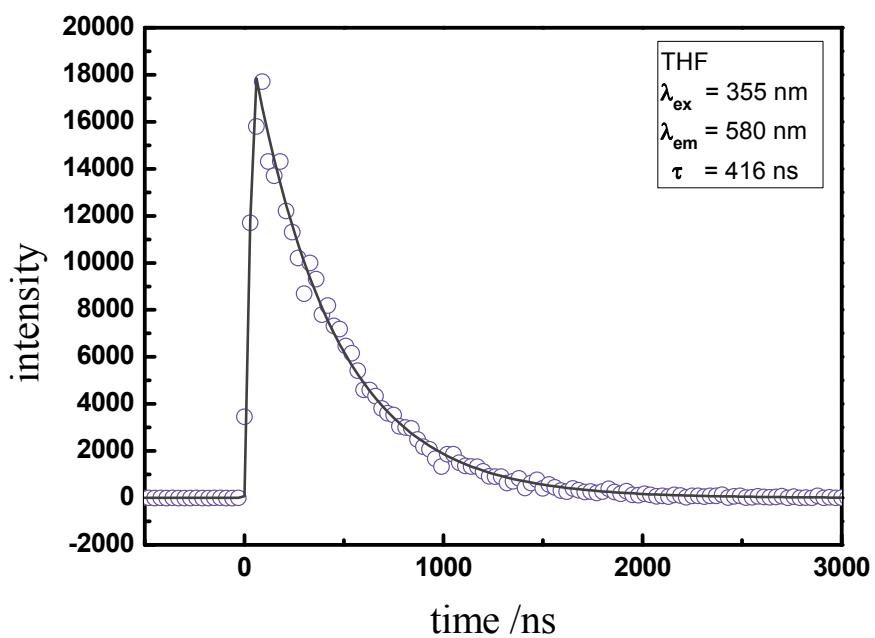
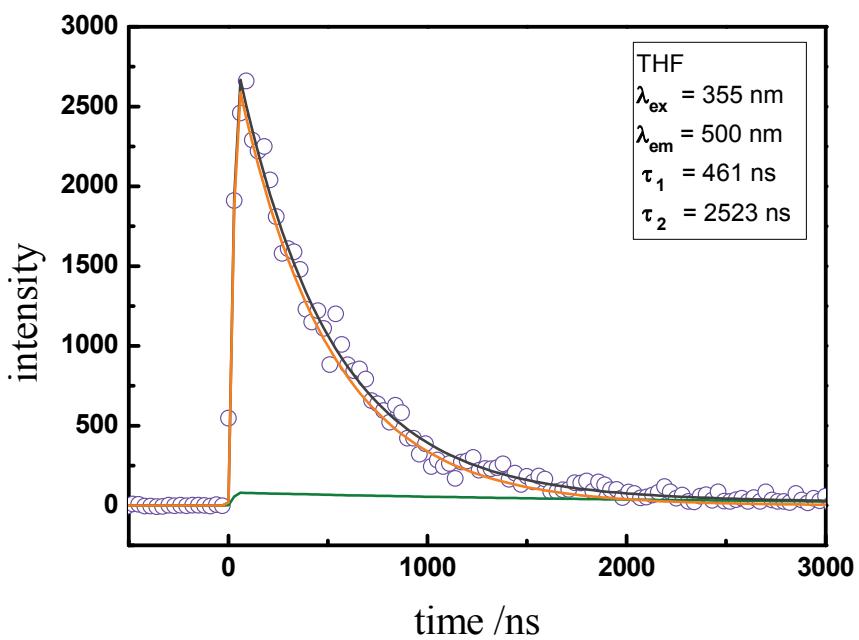


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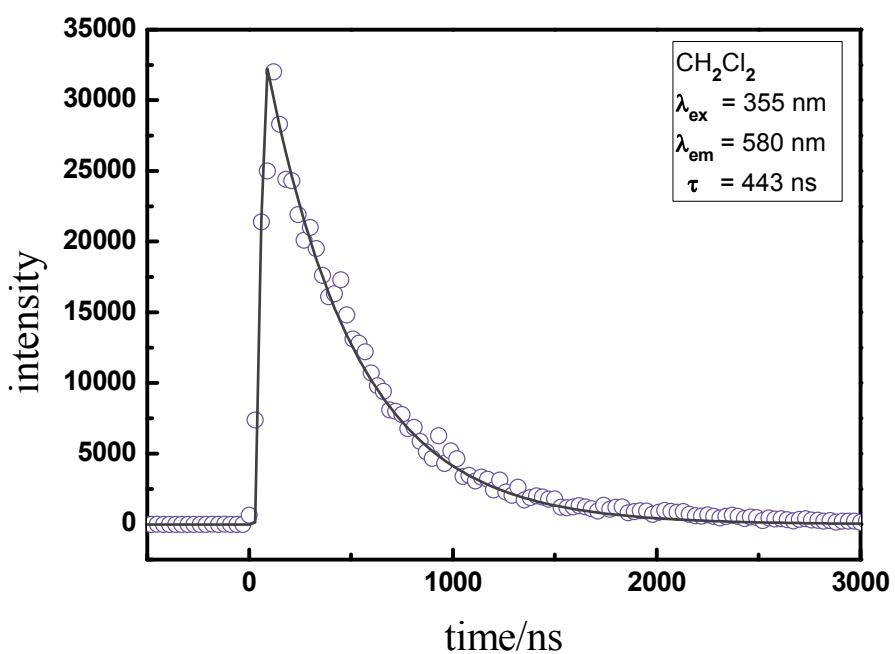
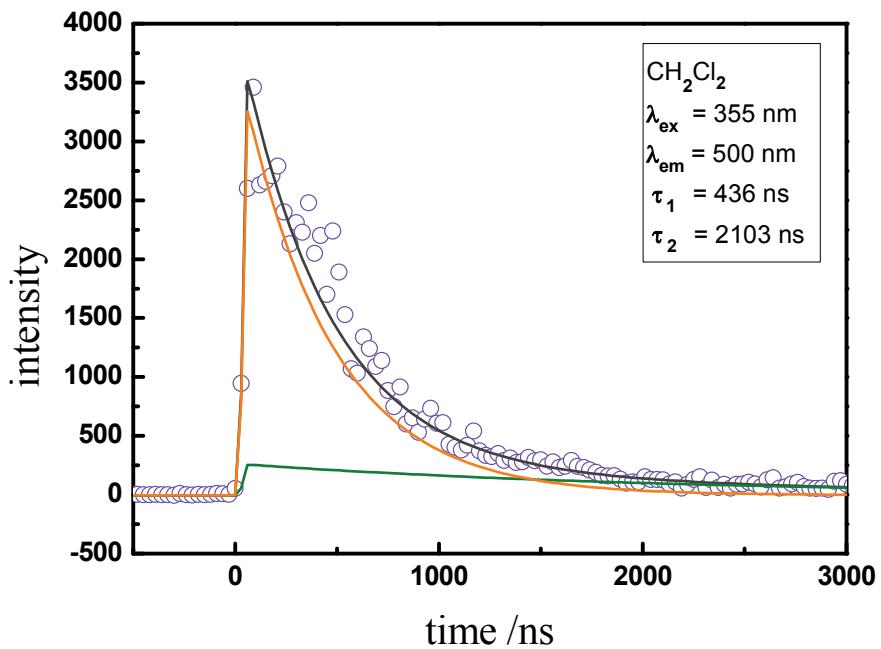


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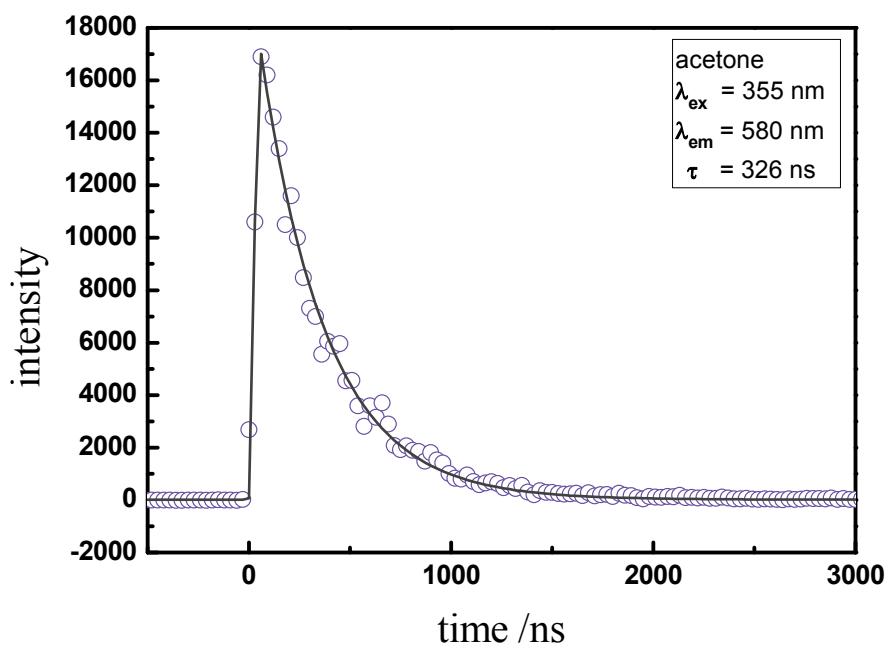
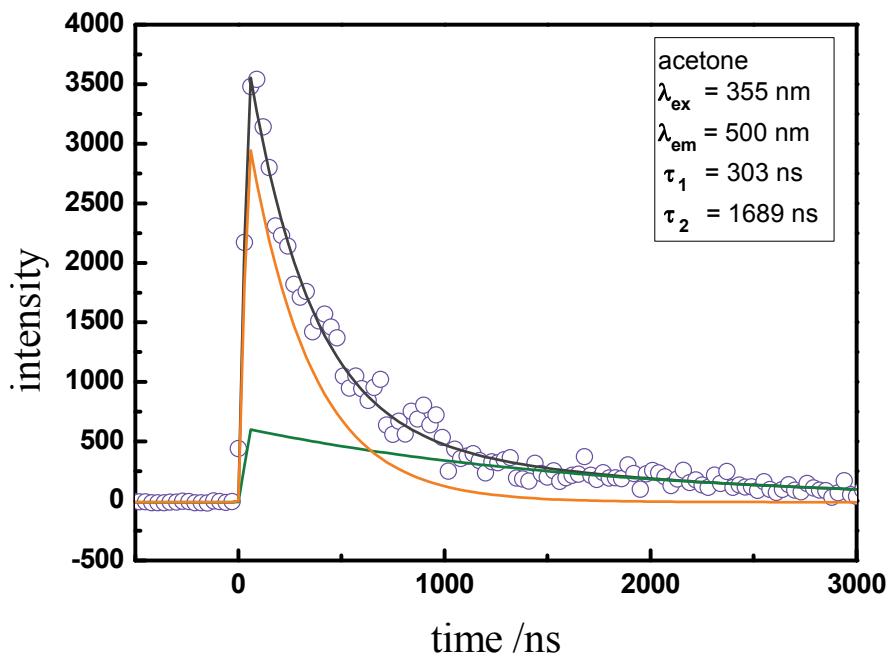


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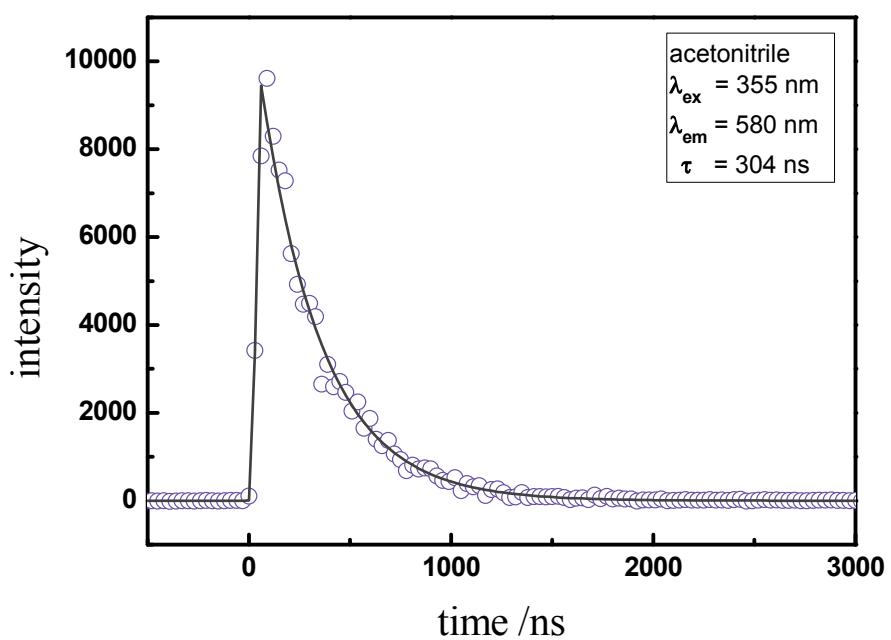
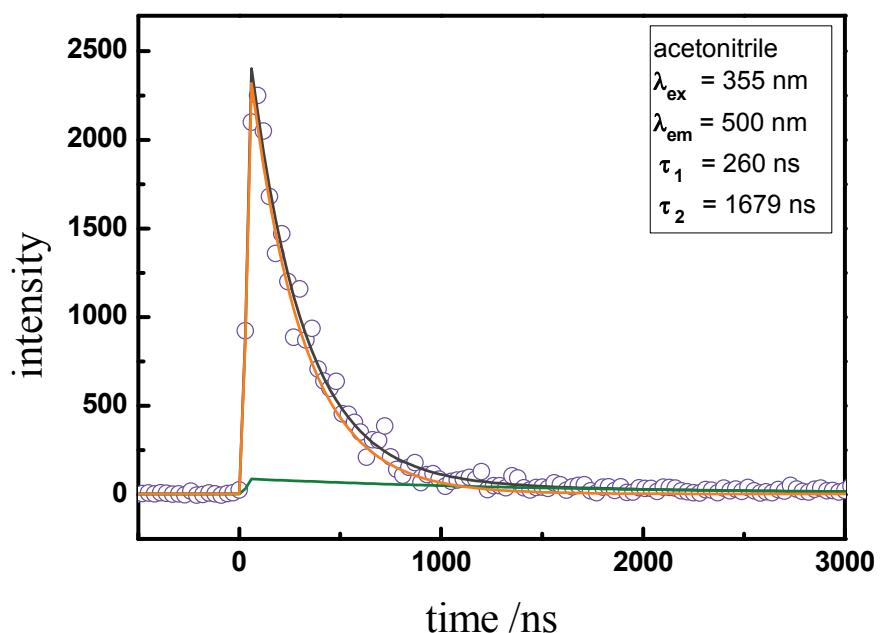


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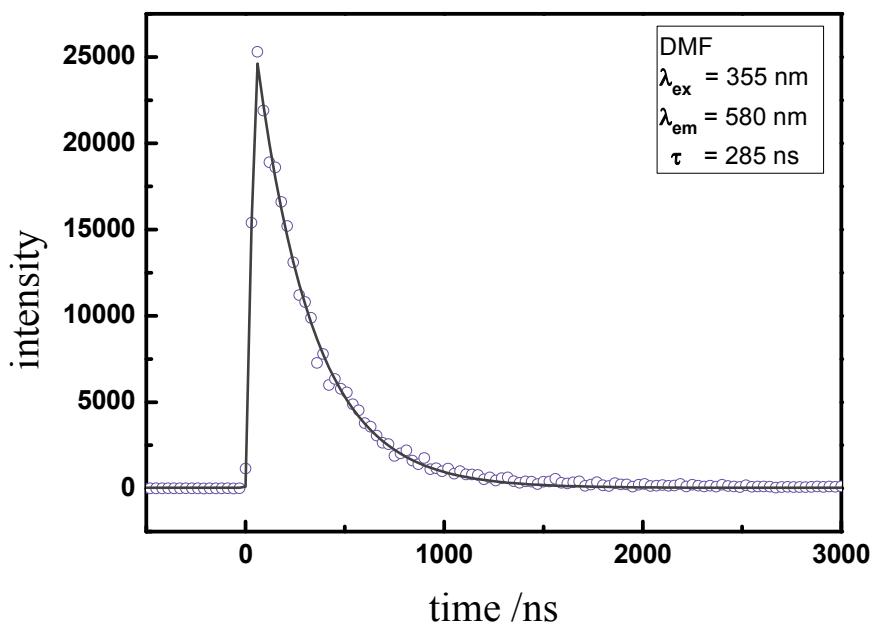
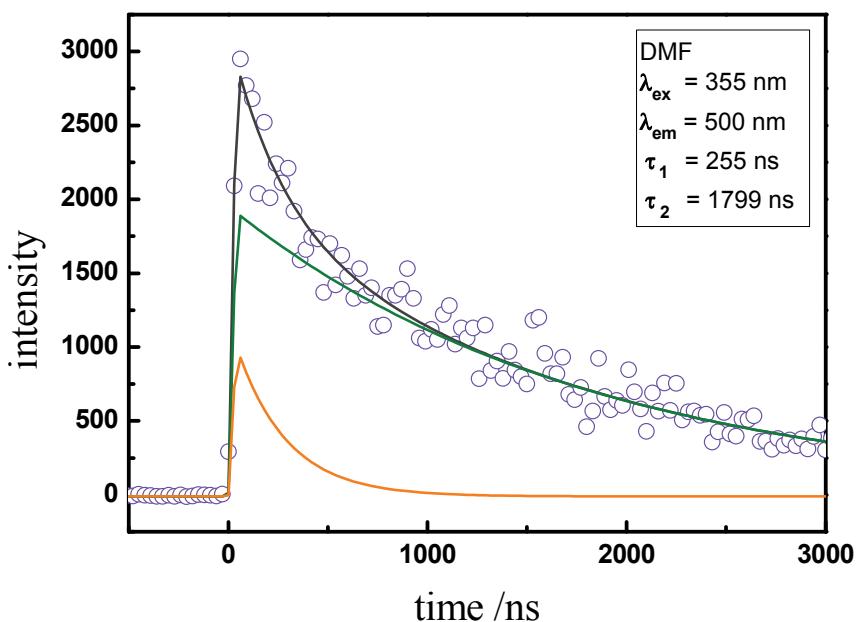


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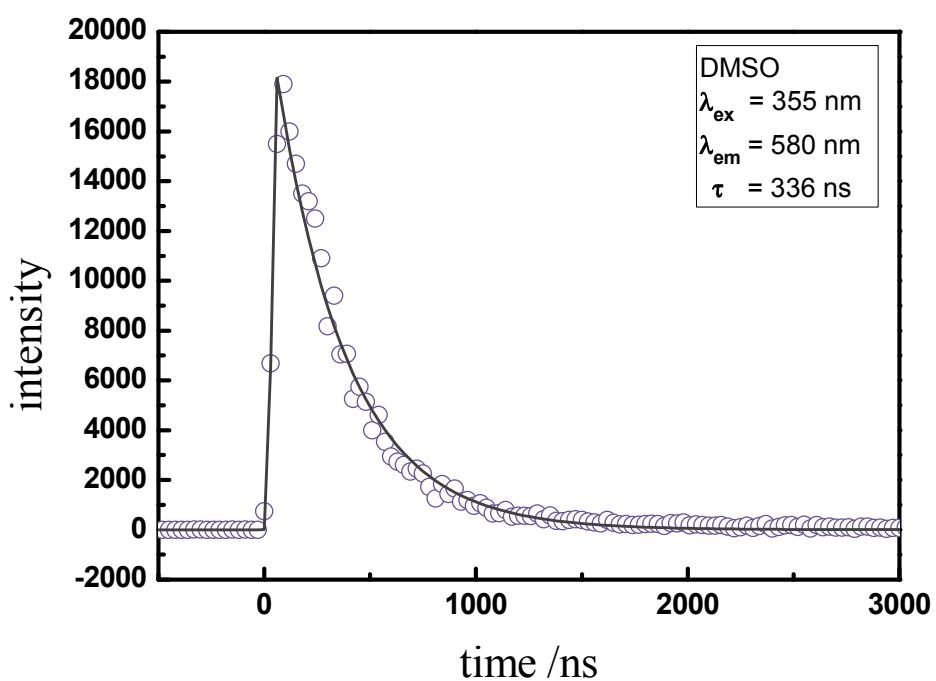
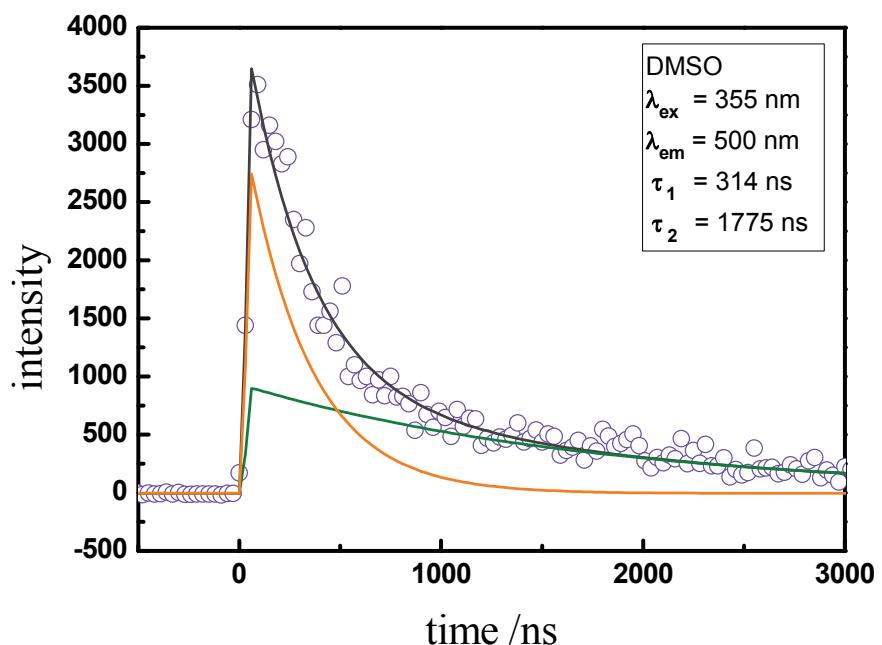


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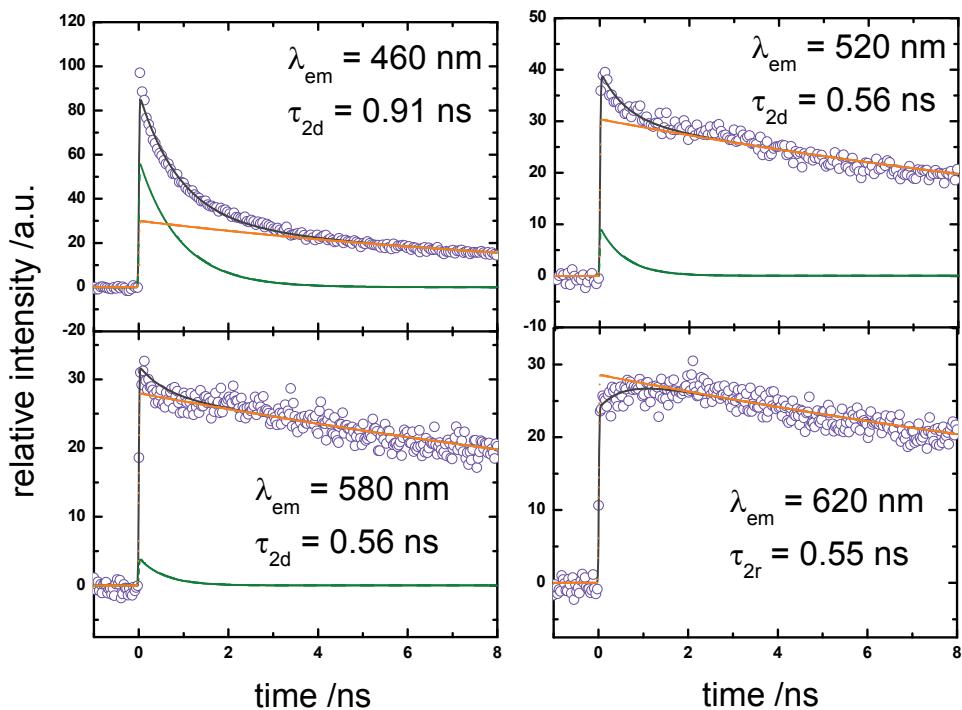


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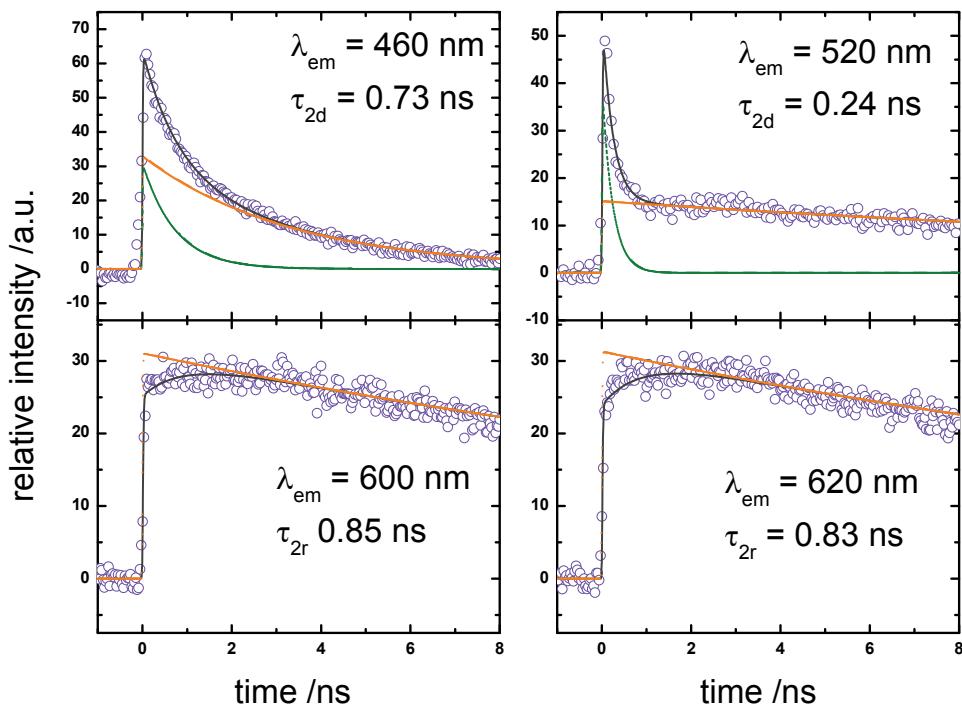


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