

## Supporting Information for:

# Confined fast and ultrafast dynamics of a photochromic proton-transfer dye within a zeolite nanocage

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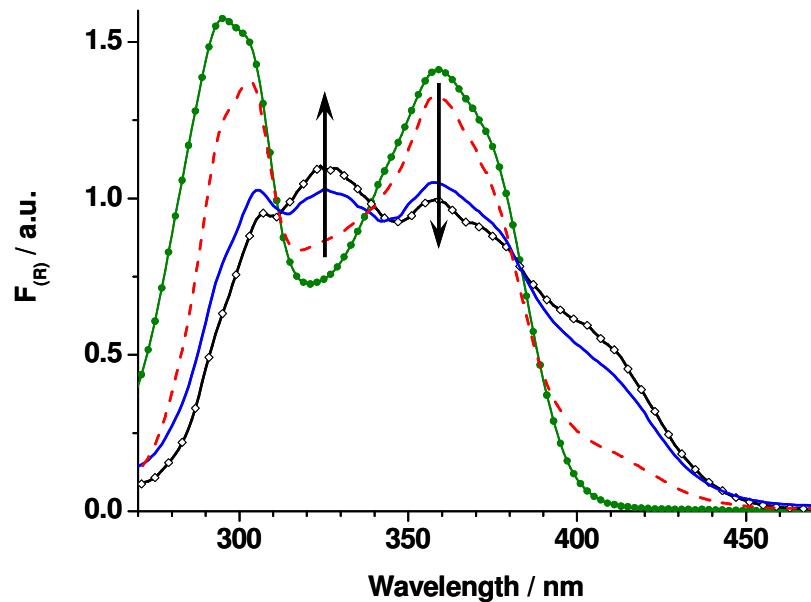
**Table S1.** Values of the emission decay time constants ( $\tau_i$ ) and their normalized amplitudes ( $A_i$ ) at different emission wavelengths obtained from a global fit (3-exponential,  $\chi^2 < 1.1$ ) of the fluorescence decays of SAA in DCM solution upon excitation at 371 nm.

$\lambda_{\text{emiss.}} / \text{nm}$	$\tau_1 < 10 \text{ ps}$	$\tau_2 = 58 \text{ ps}$	$\tau_3 = 1.2 \text{ ns}$
	$A_1 / \%$	$A_2 / \%$	$A_3 / \%$
450	97	2	1
490	70	29	1
520		100	
550		100	
600		100	
650		100	
690		100	

**Table S2.** Effect of the initial SAA concentration in the synthesis of the SAA/NaX composite on the ps - ns fluorescence decays after excitation at 433 nm and observed at 480 nm. The values of decay times ( $\tau_i$ ) and normalized (to 100) fractional contributions ( $C_i = \tau_i \times A_i$ ; where  $A_i$  is pre-exponential factor) are from the multiexponential fit.

dilution / 1:X	$\tau_1$ / ns	$C_1$ / %	$\tau_2$ / ns	$C_2$ / %	$\tau_3$ / ns	$C_3$ / %
1	0.18	16	0.9	42	2.7	42
$10^2$	0.18	10	1.0	37	3.1	53
$10^3$	0.18	4	1.3	29	4.2	67
$10^4$	0.17	2	1.2	28	4.4	69
$10^5$	0.23	3	1.4	25	4.8	72

**Figure S1.** Changes in the relative diffuse transmittance intensities of SAA zwitterion and enol bands during consecutive cleaning of SAA/NaX composite with pure DCM. The absorption spectrum of SAA in DCM solution (—•—) is shown for reference.



**Figure S2.** Emission spectra of SAA/NaX composite in DCM suspension upon excitation at 330 (---), 370 (—) and 410 (—○—) nm.

