

# Time-Resolved Spectroscopic and Density Functional Theory Study of the Photogeneration of a Bifunctional Quinone Methide in Neutral and Basic Aqueous Solutions

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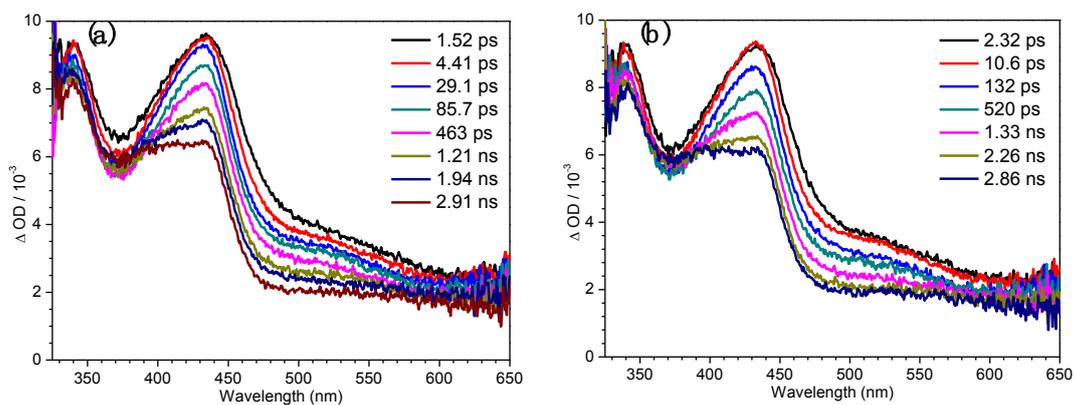
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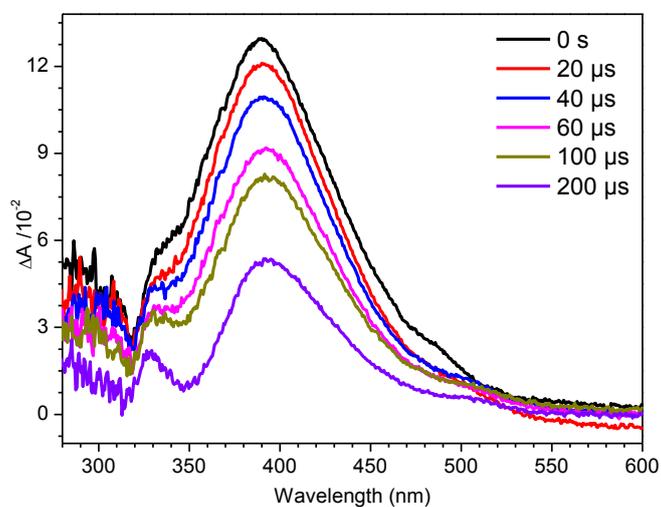
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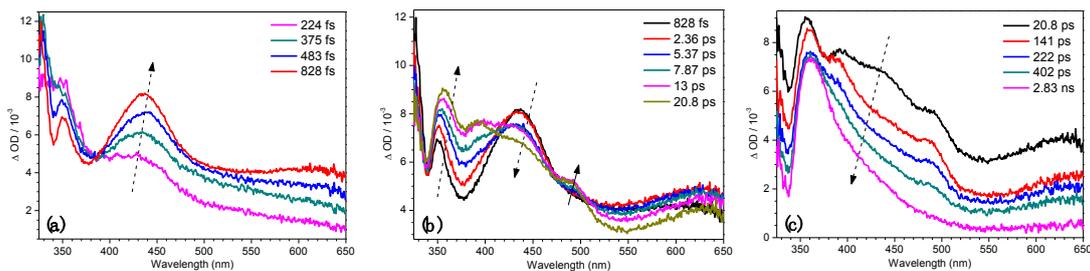
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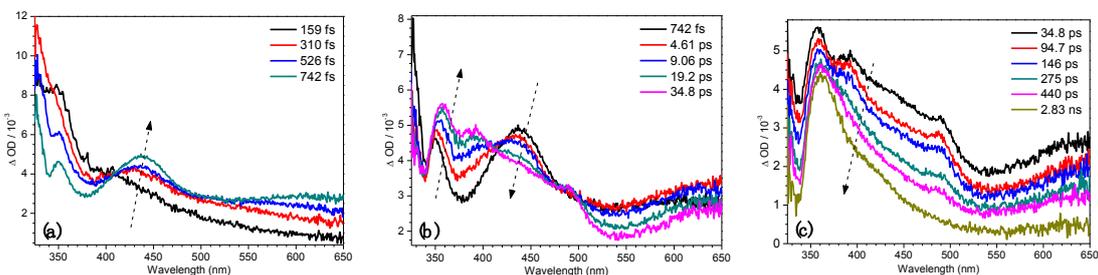
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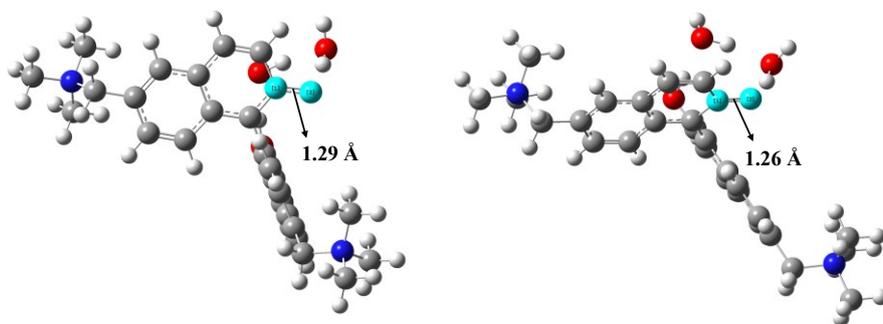
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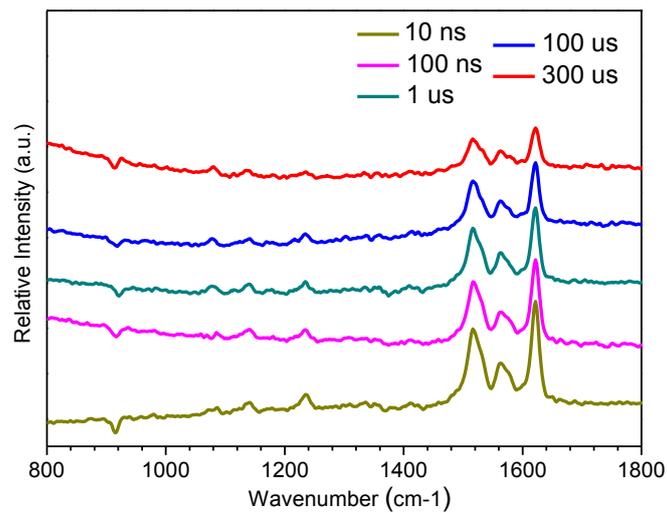
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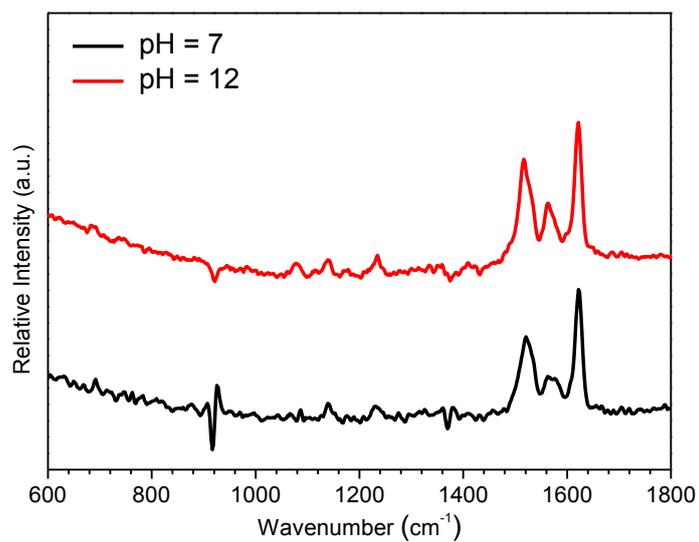
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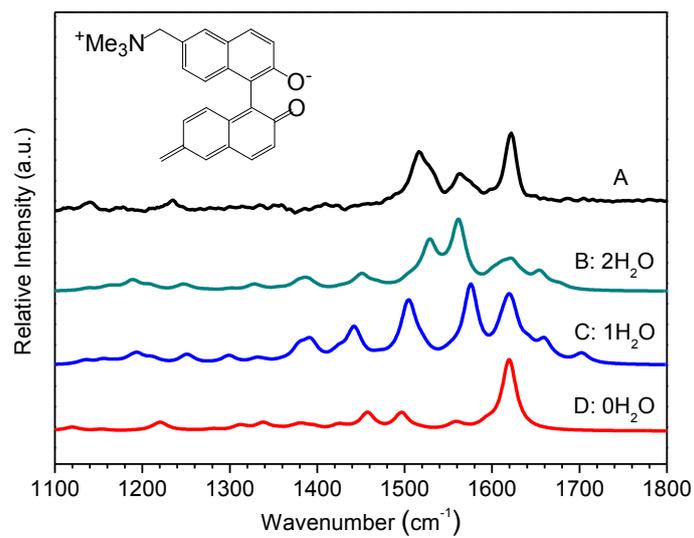
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