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Cyclohexamer [-(D-Phe-azaPhe-Ala)₂]: good candidate to formulate supramolecular organogels.

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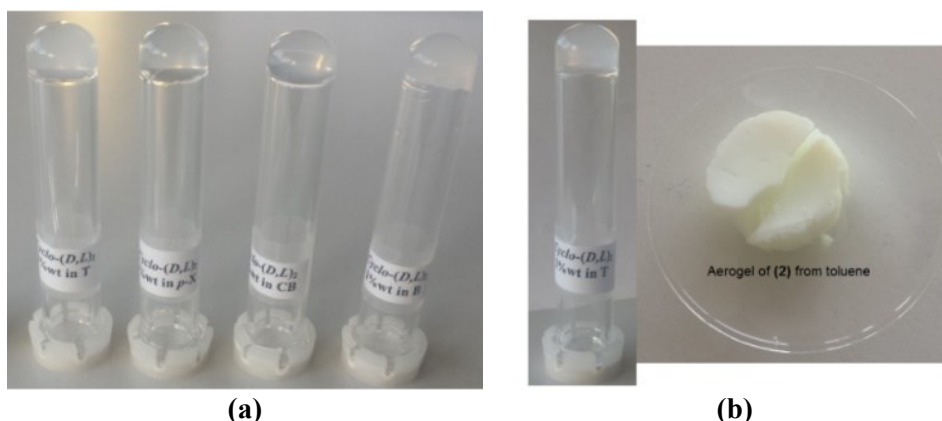


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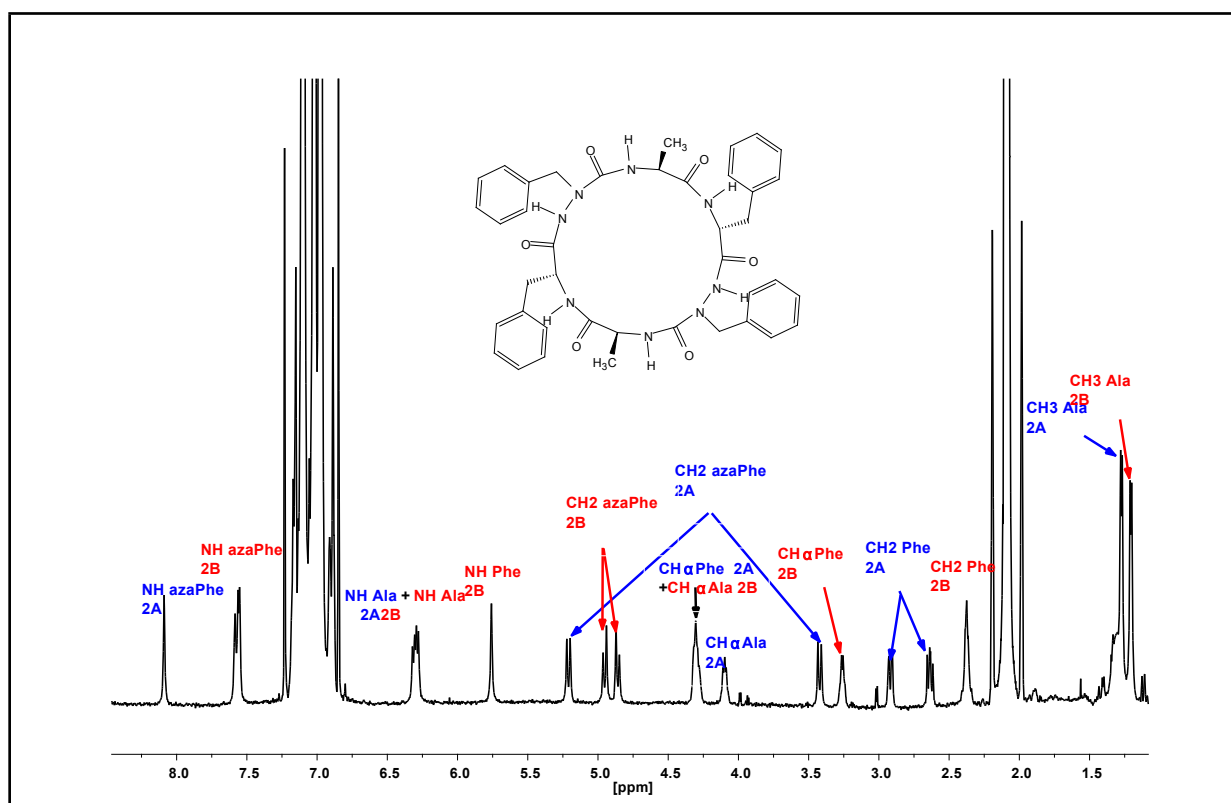


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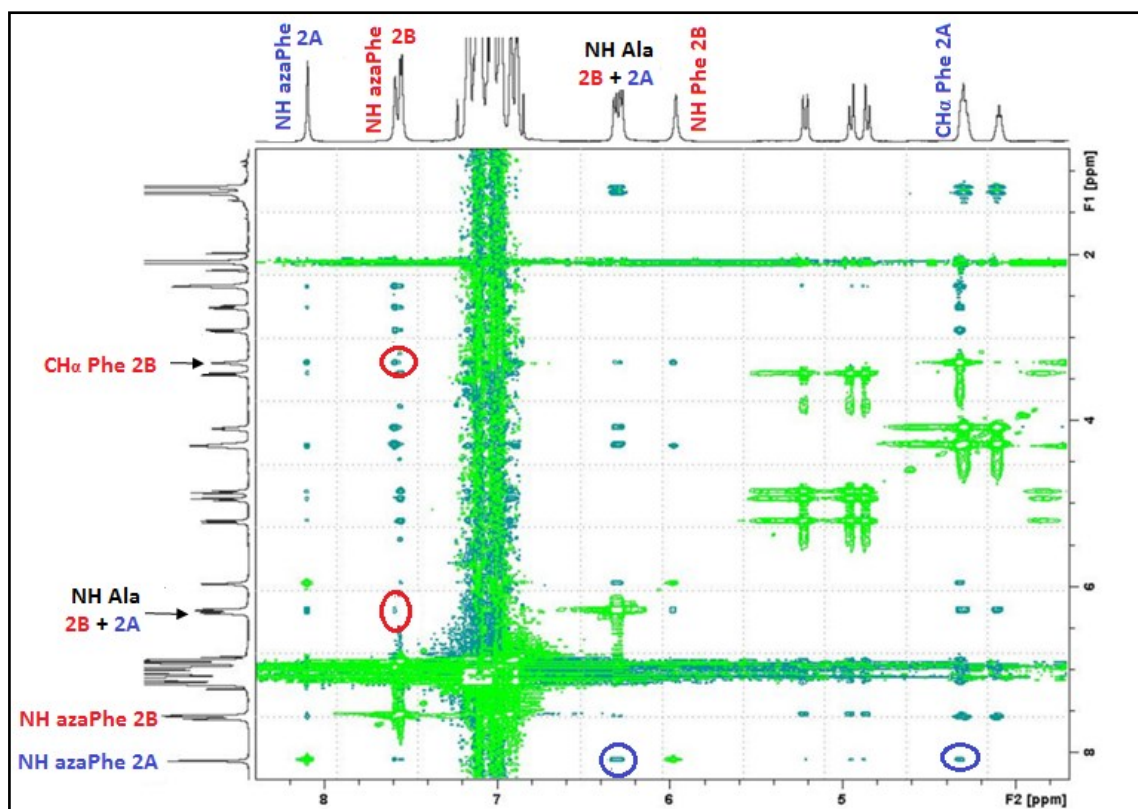


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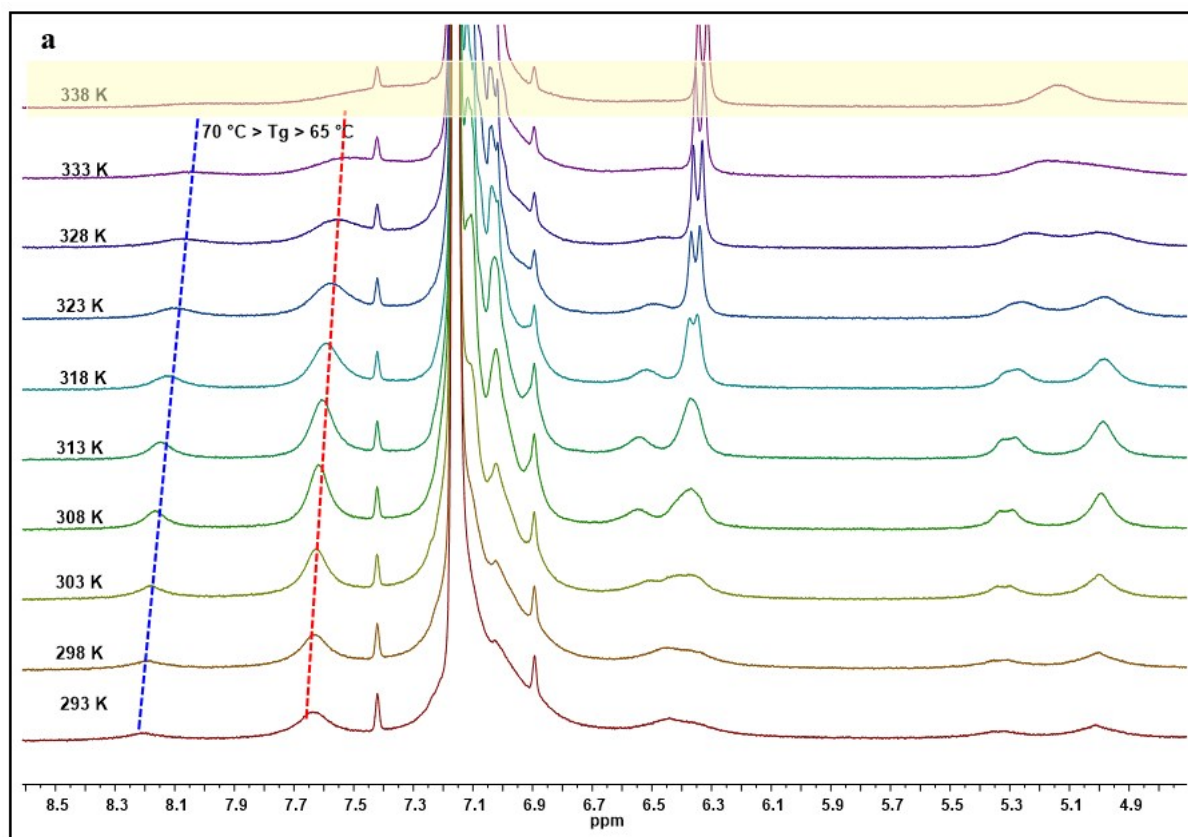


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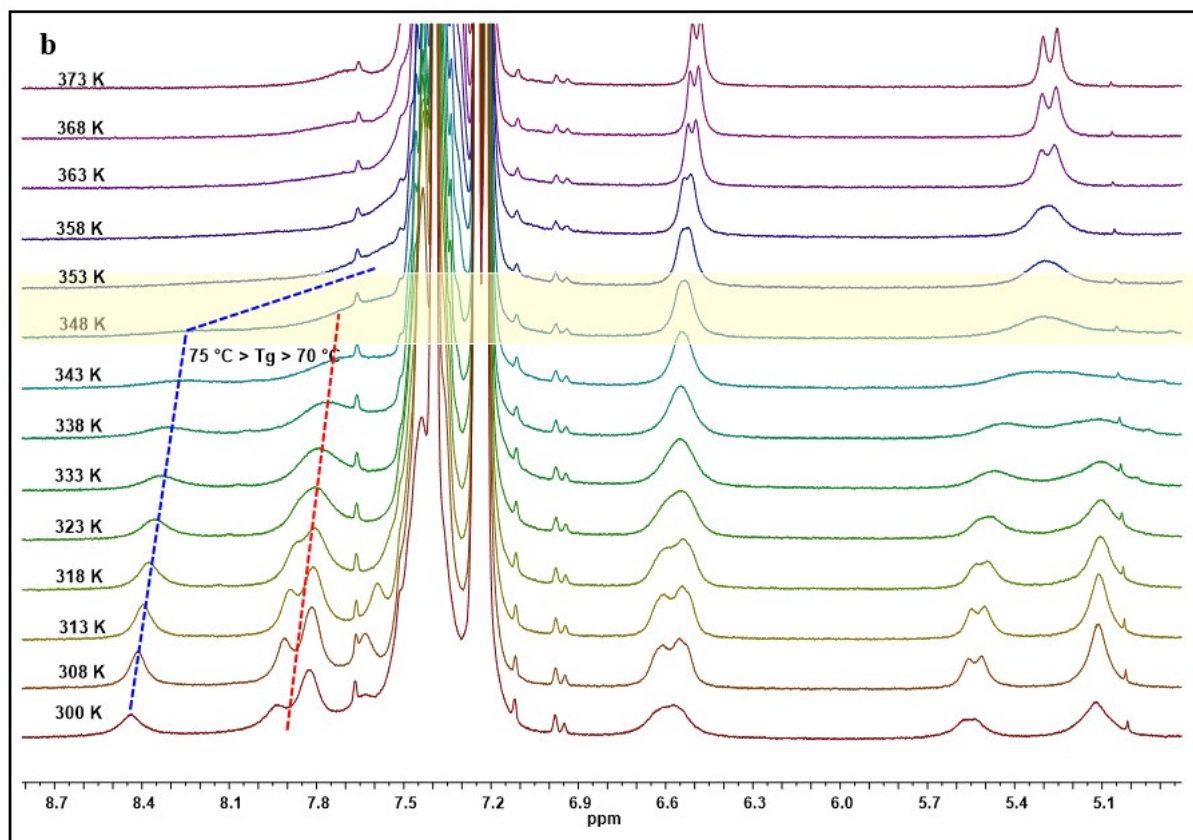


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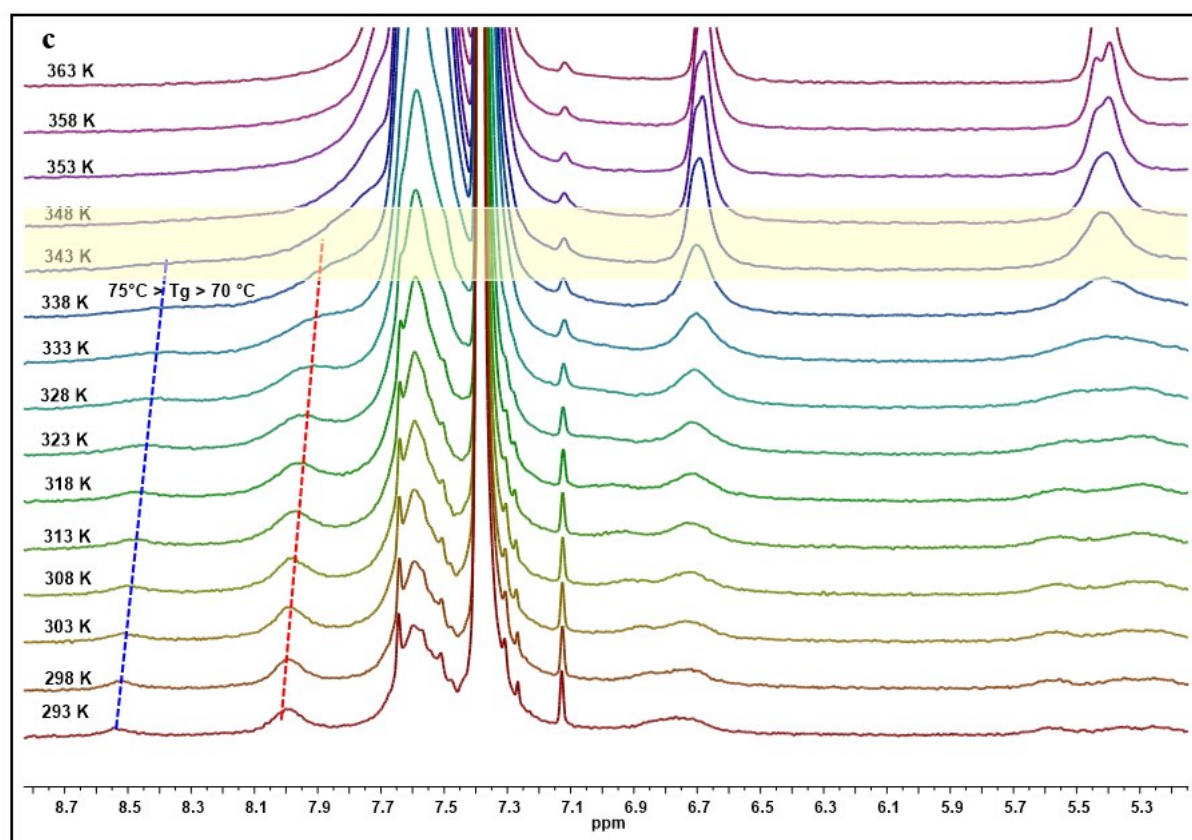


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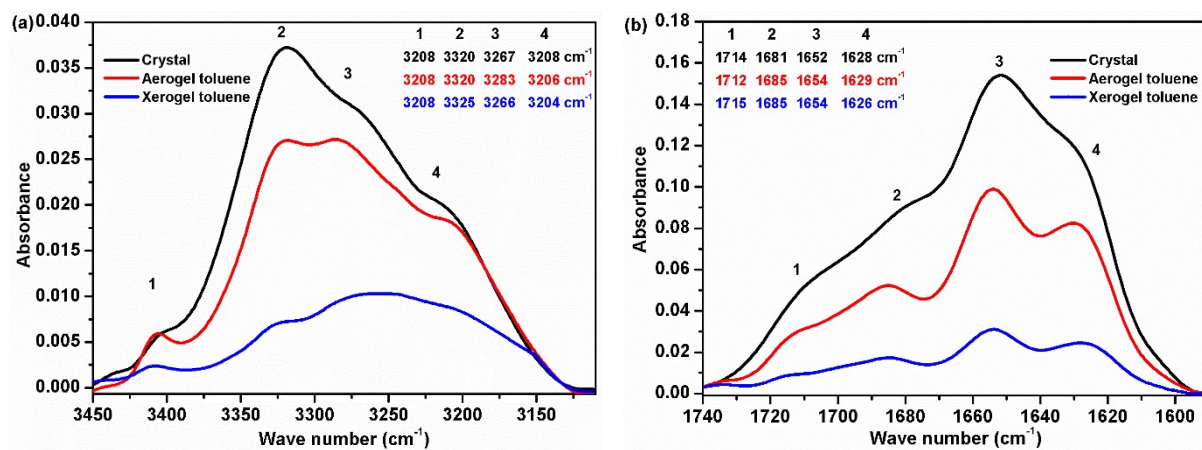


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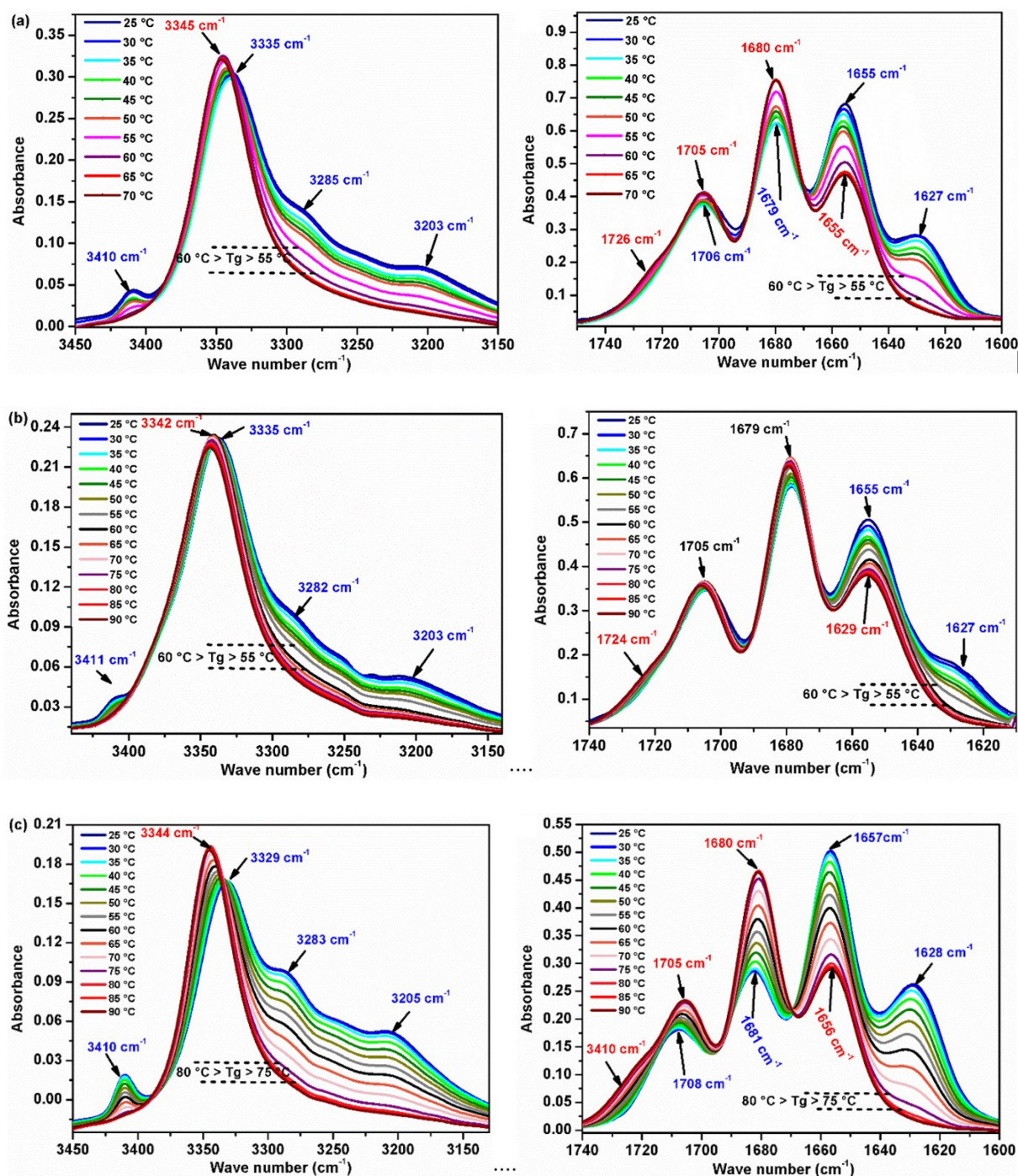


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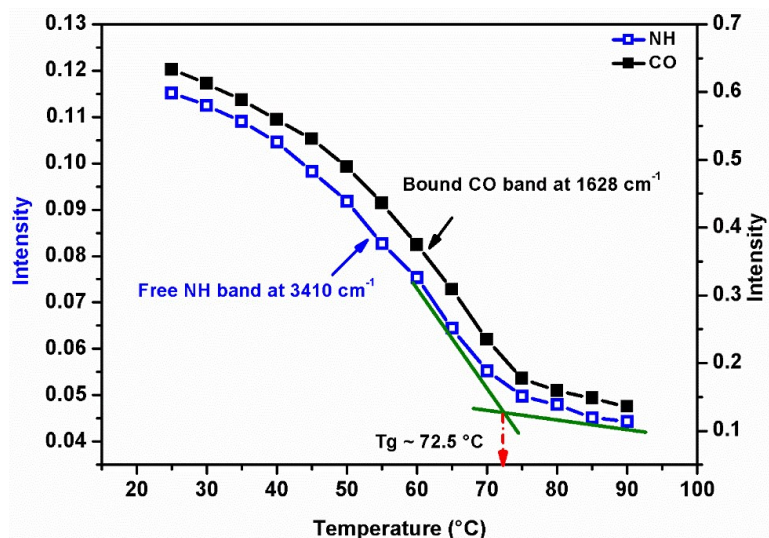


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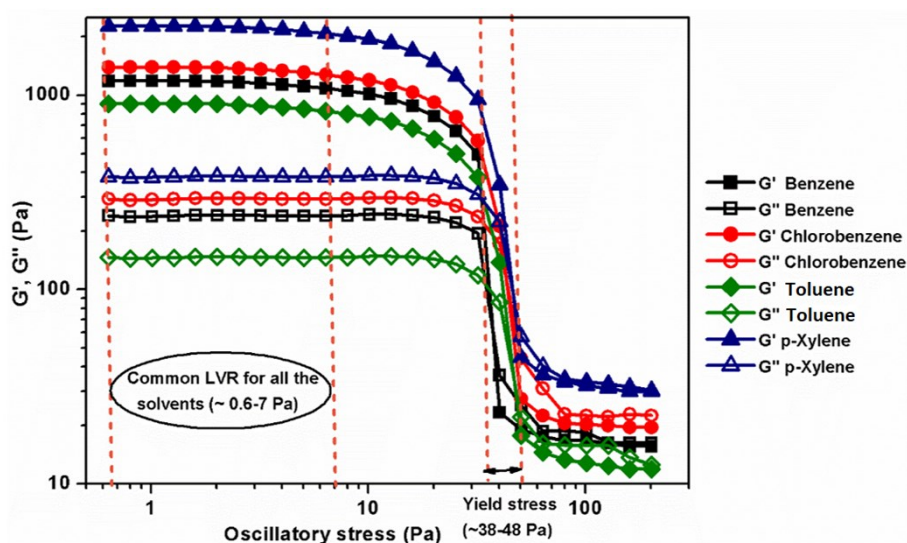


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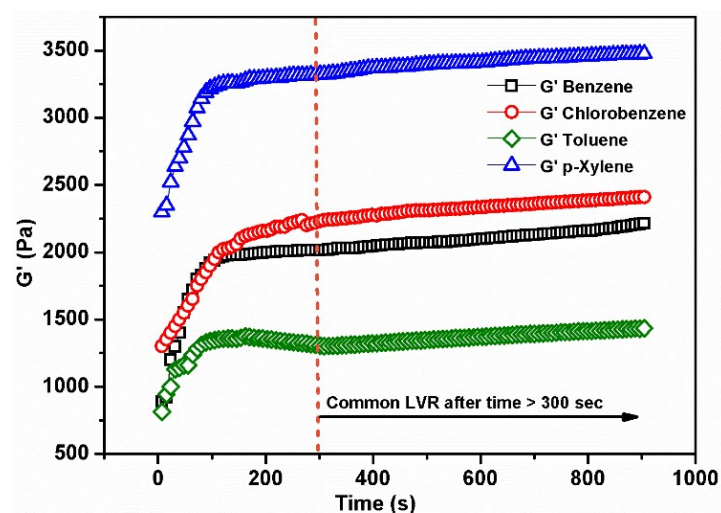


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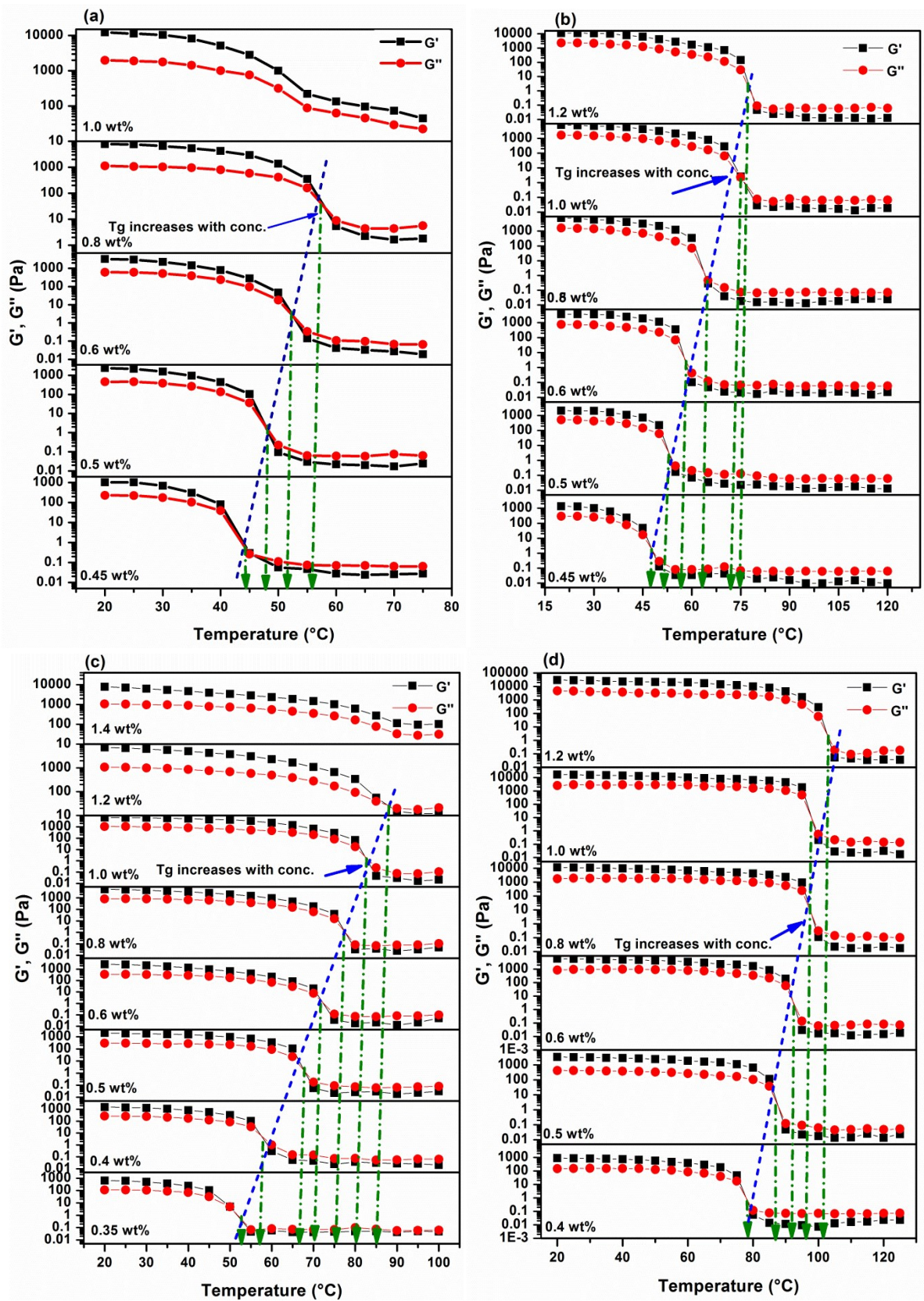


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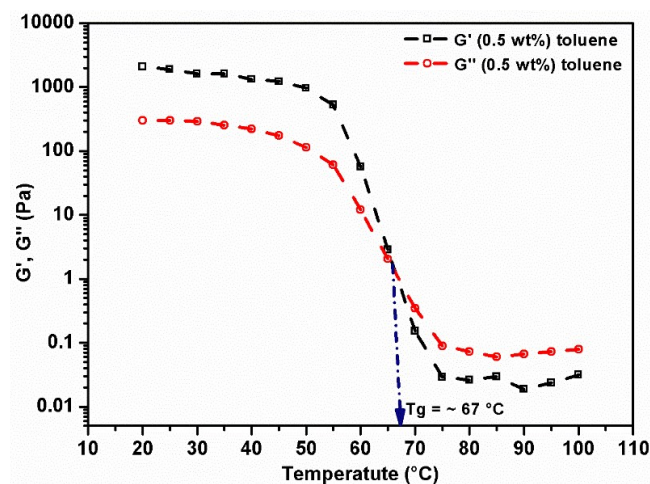


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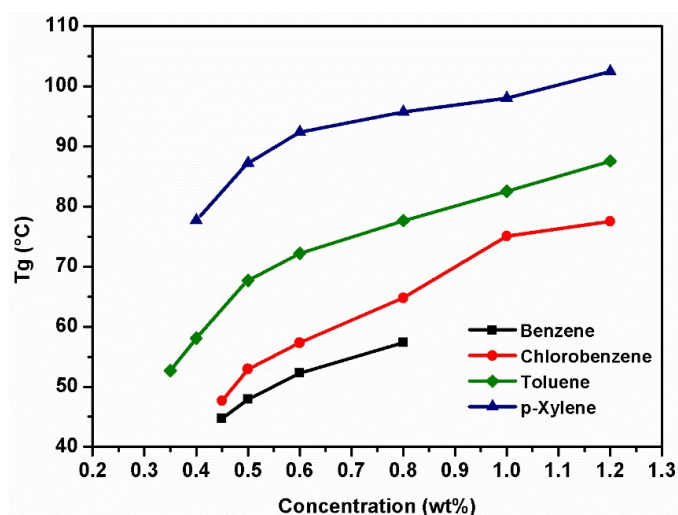


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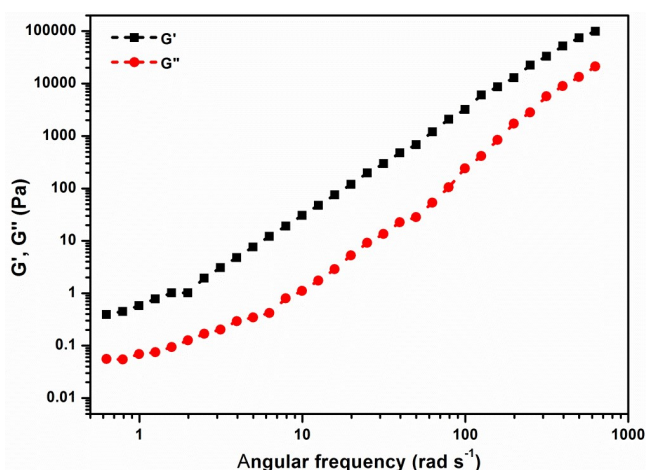


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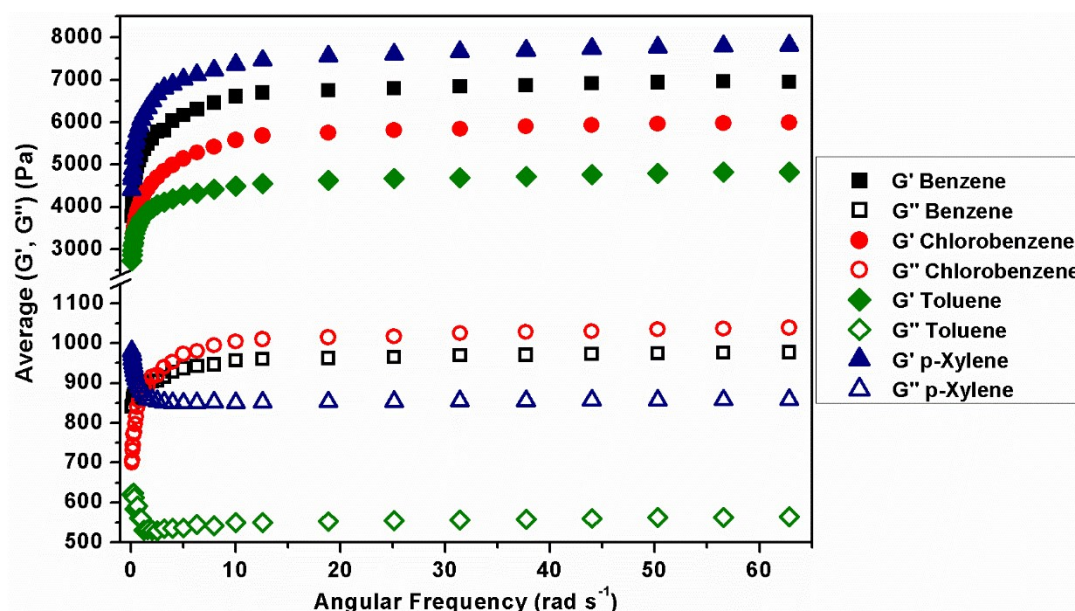


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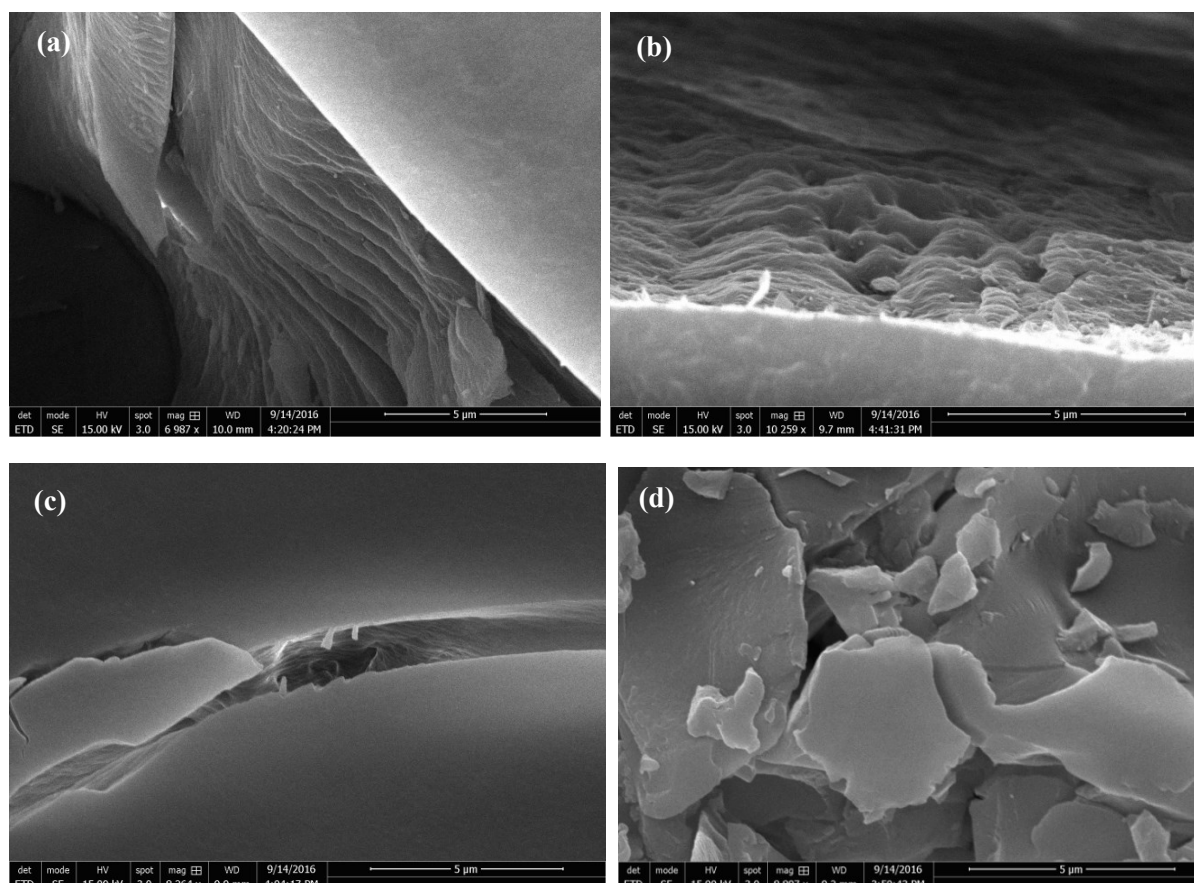


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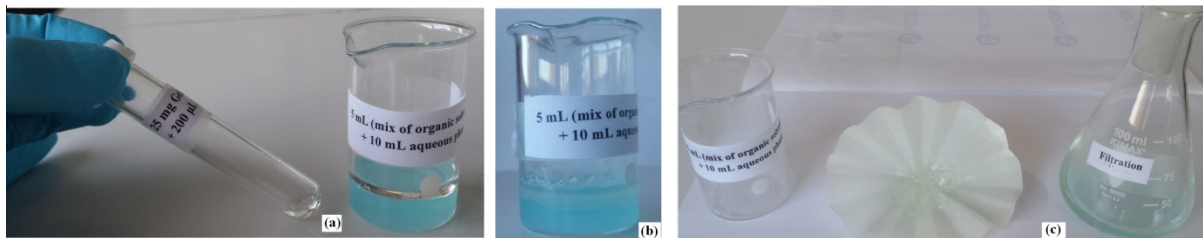


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Table S1. % of recovered organic solvent from (water/organic) mixture by PSG method

Organic solvent	% Organic solvent recovered
Toluene	96
Benzene	94
<i>p</i> -Xylene	82
Chlorobenzene	77
Mixture	84