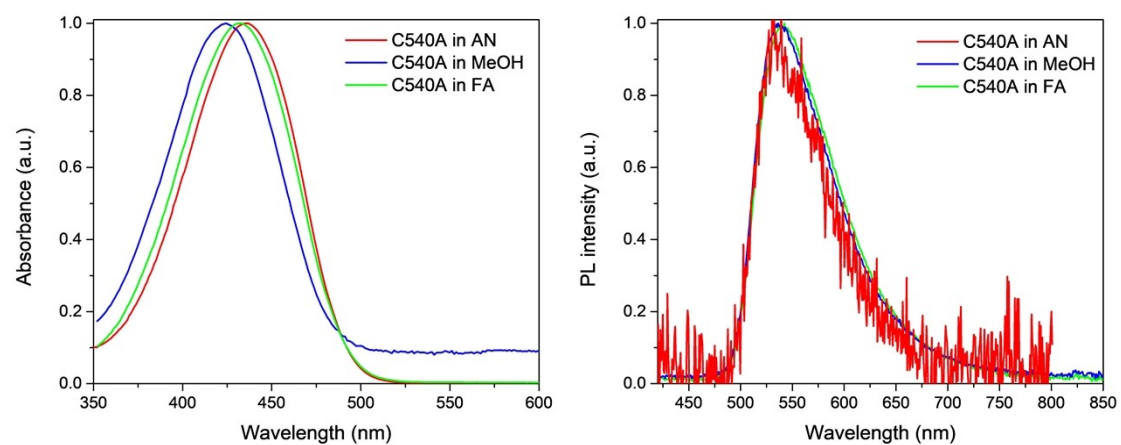


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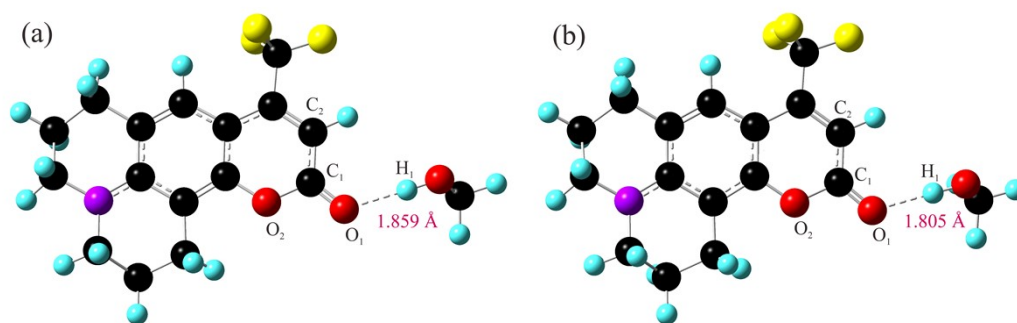
Unraveling the effect of solvents on the excited state dynamics of  
C540A by experimental and theoretical study

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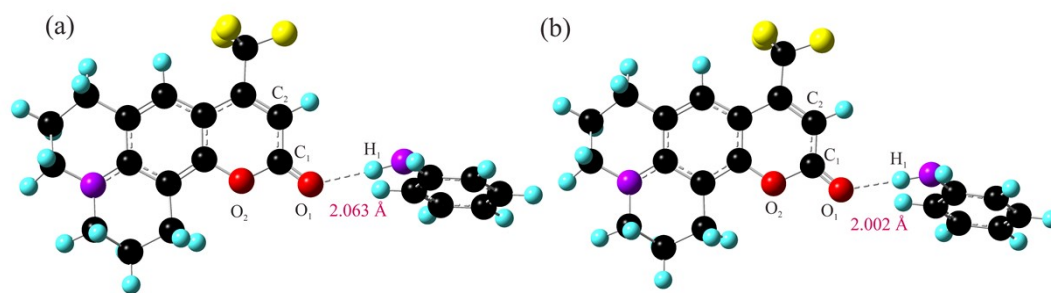
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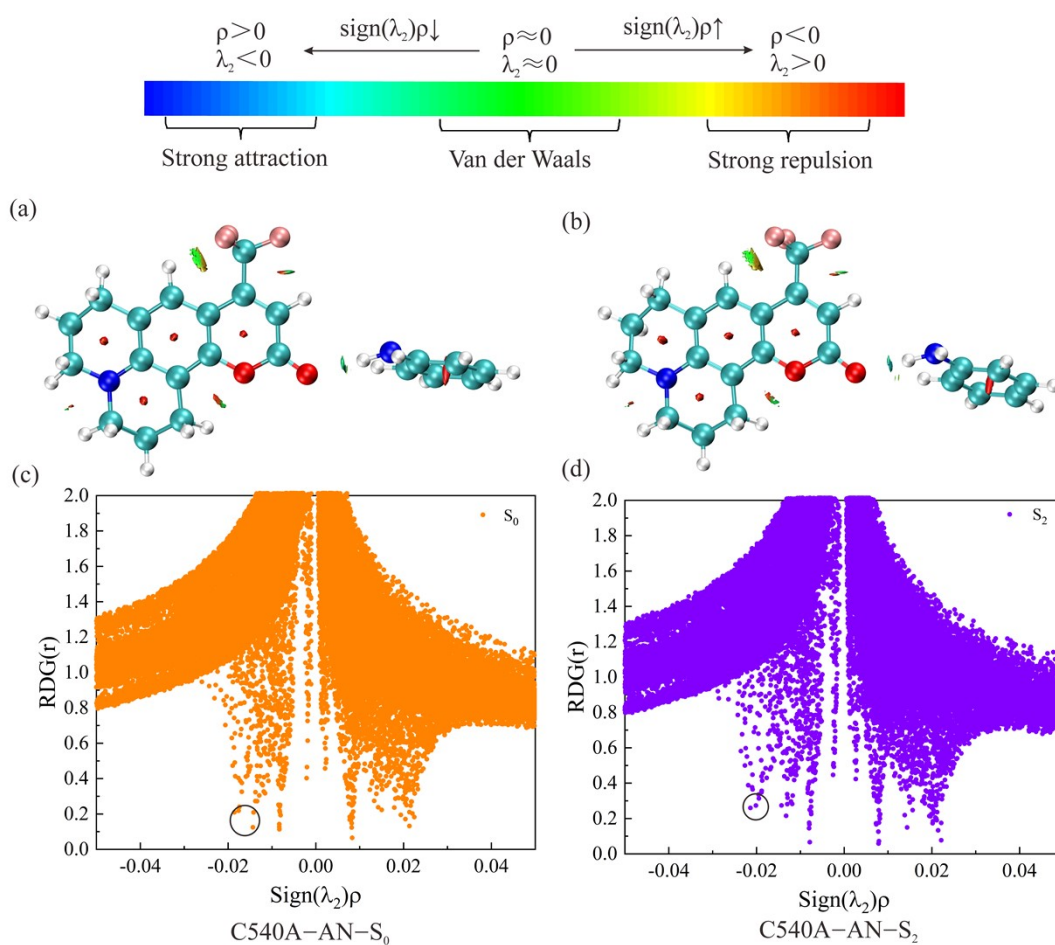
**Figure S1** Normalized steady-state absorption (left) and fluorescence (right) spectra of C540A in AN, MeOH, and FA solvents.



**Figure S2** Optimized geometric structures for the C540A-MeOH complex in S<sub>0</sub> (a) and S<sub>1</sub> (b) at the B3LYP/TZVP/IEF-PCM (MeOH) level.



**Figure S3** Optimized geometric structures for the C540A-AN complex in S<sub>0</sub> (a) and S<sub>2</sub> (b) at the B3LYP/TZVP/IEF-PCM (AN) level.



**Figure S4** NCI isosurface of the C540A-AN complex in  $S_0$  (a) and  $S_2$  state (b). Plots of  $\text{Sign}(\lambda_2)$  versus  $\text{RDG}(r)$  for hydrogen-bonded complex C540A-AN in the  $S_0$  (c) and  $S_2$  state (d), respectively.

**Table S1.** Kinetic lifetimes of C540A fitted in FA, AN, and MeOH solvents.

solvent	$\tau_{\text{rise}}$ (ps)	$\tau_1$ (ps)	$\tau_2$ (ps)
FA	$0.41 \pm 0.02$	$163.50 \pm 1.33$	$1688.42 \pm 377.49$
MeOH	$0.58 \pm 0.01$	$17.07 \pm 0.83$	$7626.57 \pm 1826.53$
AN	$0.65 \pm 0.03$	$10.90 \pm 2.03$	$110.97 \pm 3.29$

**Table S2.** Infrared spectra of hydrogen bond formation sites ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of the isolated C540A and hydrogen-bonded complexes in three solvents in ground state and excited state.

Parameters	C540A		C540A-MeOH		C540A-FA		C540A-AN	
	S <sub>0</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>0</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>0</sub>	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>0</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>
C <sub>1</sub> -O <sub>1</sub>	1799	1797	1706	1702	1708	1704	1726	1721