

Time-resolved emission decay curves of  ${\bf Ru(Ph)}$ -NHCO-Os (top) and  ${\bf Ru-NHCO}$ -Os (bottom), as measured at 620 nm (a, Ru-based) and 740 nm (b, Os-based), by irradiation of sample solutions in N<sub>2</sub>-purged acetonitrile (ca.  $10^{-4}{\rm M}$ ) with a nitrogen laser pulse (Hamamatsu Photonics LN120C2, 337nm) through a coumarin chromophore (447nm). The emission was then dispersed with a Hamamatsu Photonics C-2830 disperser and monitored on Hamamatsu Photonics M-2548 streak camera. Each dashed line represents laser pulse.

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