

## ***Supporting Information***

# **Synthesis and Characterization of N-2-Aryl-1,2,3-Triazole Based Iridium Complexes as Photocatalysts with Tuneable Photoredox Potential**

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## I. General Methods and materials:

All of the reactions dealing with air and/or moisture-sensitive reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen using oven/flame-dried glassware and standard syringe/septa techniques. Unless otherwise noted, all commercial reagents and solvents were obtained from the commercial provider and used without further purification. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian 600 MHz or Agilent 400 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts were reported relative to internal tetramethylsilane ( $\delta$  0.00 ppm) or CD<sub>3</sub>CN ( $\delta$  1.94 ppm) for <sup>1</sup>H NMR and CD<sub>3</sub>CN ( $\delta$  1.39 ppm) for <sup>13</sup>C NMR. Flash column chromatography was performed on 230-430 mesh silica gel. Analytical thin layer chromatography was performed with precoated glass baked plates (250 $\mu$ ) and visualized by UV lamp. ESI-MS were recorded on Thermo Scientific Q-exactive spectrometer.

The UV-Vis spectra were obtained with a Shimadzu UV-1800 UV spectrophotometer in 10 mm path length quartz cuvettes with 1 $\times$ 10<sup>-5</sup>M Iridium complex solutions in freshly distilled acetonitrile (ACN). The fluorescence spectra were obtained in 10 mm path length quartz cuvettes using Shimadzu RF-5301 PC spectrofluorophotometer with 1 $\times$ 10<sup>-5</sup>M Iridium complex solutions in ACN.

The fluorescence quantum yields of iridium complexes ( $\Phi_x$ ) were calculated based on equation (1) using Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>(PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in ACN ( $\Phi = 0.094$ )<sup>1</sup> as a standard. All the samples were tested with 1 $\times$ 10<sup>-5</sup>M ACN solutions under argon protection.

$$\Phi_x = \frac{n_x^2}{n_{std}^2} \cdot \frac{1 - 10^{-Abs_{std}}}{1 - 10^{-Abs_x}} \cdot \frac{I_x}{I_{std}} \cdot \Phi_{std} \quad (1)$$

$\Phi$  is the quantum yield,  $I$  is integrated emission intensity,  $Abs$  is the absorption at the excitation wavelength (370nm), and  $n$  is the refractive index of pure solvents ( $n_x = n_{std}$  in this case); ‘std’ stands for reference standard samples, ‘x’ stands for samples.

The excited-state lifetime were measured on a Horiba Fluorolog-3 spectrofluorometer with a NanoLED-370nm as the light source. The samples were prepared in ACN (1 $\times$ 10<sup>-5</sup>M solutions) and tested in 10 mm path length quartz cuvettes. A highly diluted colloidal silica solution (0.01% dilution of LUDOX AS-40 colloidal silica using deionized water) was used to get the prompt spectra. All samples were tested under same conditions.

The cyclic voltammetry measurements were conducted on a WaveNow USB potentiostat in a three-compartment cell at 0.1 V/s scan rate using 1 mM Iridium complex solutions in freshly distilled acetonitrile with 0.1 M tetrabutylammonium hexafluorophosphate as the supporting electrolyte.<sup>2</sup> A platinum wire was used as the working electrode and a folded

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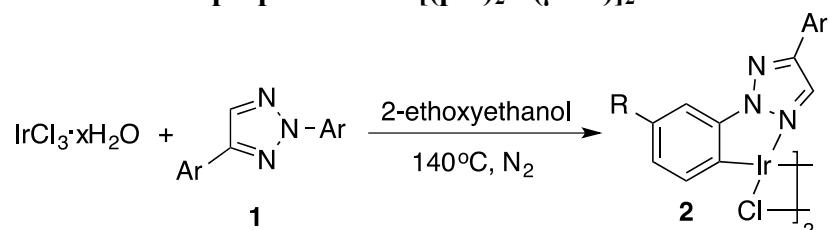
<sup>1</sup> J. M. Calvert, J. V. Caspar, R. A. Binstead, T. D. Westmoreland and T. J. Meyer, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 1982, **104**, 6620-6627.

<sup>2</sup> K. N. Swanick, S. Ladouceur, E. Zysman-Colman and Z. Ding, *Chem. Commun.*, 2012, **48**, 3179.

platinum plate was used as the counter electrode. A silver wire was used as the quasi-reference electrode. Potentials were calibrated using  $\text{Fc}^+/\text{Fc}$  redox couple (0.40V in ACN) after each experiment and reported vs. SCE.

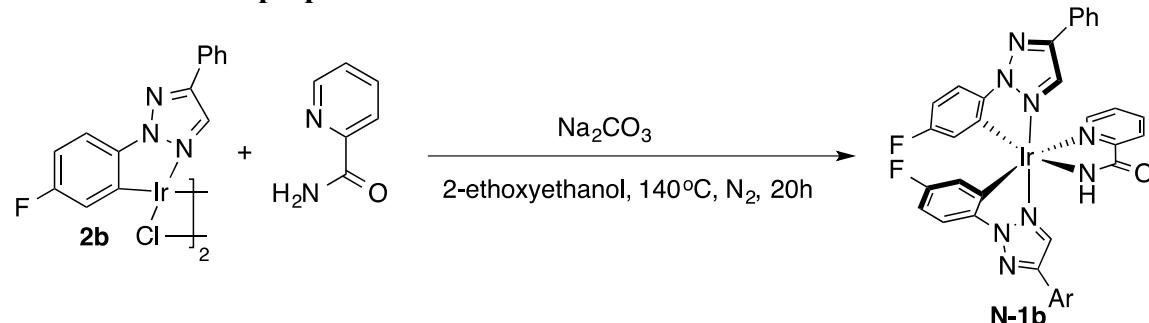
The N-2-aryl triazoles were synthesized according to the literature reported previously<sup>3</sup>. The photocatalytic reactions were performed under same conditions as previous literature reports.<sup>4</sup>

### General procedure for the preparation of $[(\text{pta})_2\text{Ir}(\mu-\text{Cl})]_2$ :



The preparation  $[(\text{pta})_2\text{Ir}(\mu\text{-Cl})]_2$  is adapted from literature report.<sup>5</sup> The pta ligand **1** (2.5 mmol),  $\text{IrCl}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (353 mg, 1 mmol) in 32 mL 2-ethoxyethanol/water (3:1) was refluxed at 140 °C under nitrogen or argon atmosphere for 24 h. After cooled to room temperature, the yellow precipitate was isolated by filtration and washed with water and ethanol and allowed to air dry. The yellow solid was used for the next step without further purification. Yields of the  $\mu$ -dichloro-bridged iridium(III) dimer **2** are ranged from 53% to 95% (**2a**: 63%, **2b**: 92%, **2c**: 53%, **2d**: 78%, **2e**: 87%, **2f**: 89%, **2g**: 95%).

## **Procedure for the preparation of N-1b:**



The procedure is adapted from literature report<sup>6</sup>. The  $\mu$ -dichloro-bridged iridium(III) dimer **2b** (424 mg, 0.3 mmol), sodium carbonate (350 mg, 3.3 mmol) and the N<sup>N</sup> ligand 2-picolinamide (96 mg, 0.78 mmol) was suspended in 22 mL 2-ethoxyethanol. The reaction mixture was stirred at 140 °C for 20 h under nitrogen atmosphere. After the reaction was cooled to room temperature, 150 mL ethyl acetate was added. The solution

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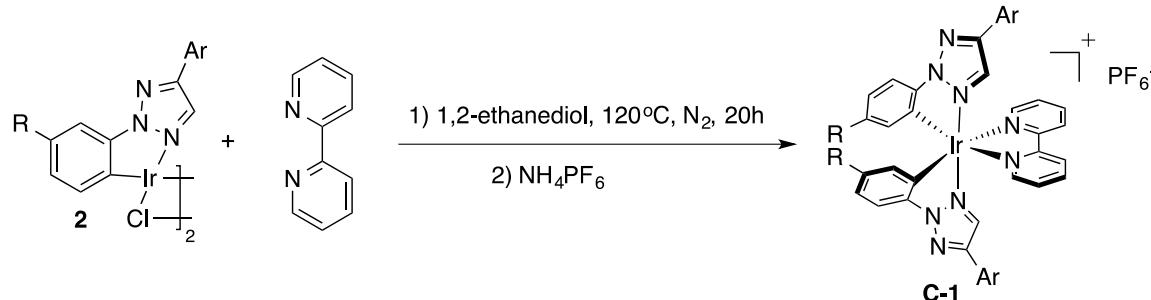
<sup>4</sup> a) A. G. Condie, J. C. González-Gómez and C. R. J. Stephenson, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2010**, *132*, 1464-1465; b) J. D. Nguyen, E. M. D'Amato, J. M. R. Narayananam and C. R. J. Stephenson, *Nat. Chem.*, **2012**, *4*, 854-859.

<sup>5</sup> Fernández-Hernández, J. M.; Yang, C. H.; Beltrán, J. I.; Lemaur, V.; Polo, F.; Fröhlich, R.; et al and De Cola, L. *J Am Chem Soc*. **2011**, *133*, 10543–10558.

<sup>6</sup> You Y ; Park S Y *J Am Chem Soc* **2005**, 127, 12438-12439

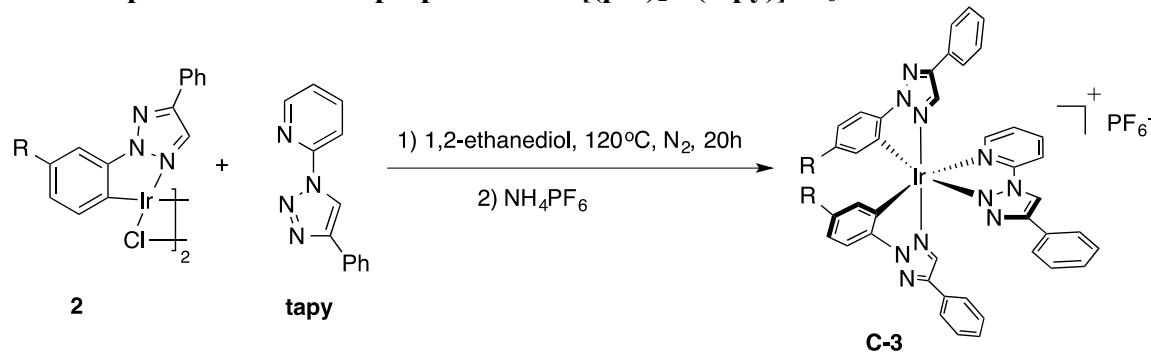
was extracted with water three times. The organic layer was dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and concentrated under reduced pressure. The solid was then purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using ethyl acetate and recrystallized from ether / hexane to yield **N-1b** in 75% yield.

### General procedure for the preparation of $[(\text{pta})_2\text{Ir}(\text{ppy})]\text{PF}_6$ <sup>7</sup>:



The  $\mu$ -dichloro-bridged iridium(III) dimer **2** (0.15 mmol) and the  $\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{N}$  ligand 2,2'-bispyridine (58 mg, 0.375 mmol) was suspended in 10 mL 1,2-ethanediol. The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 20 h under nitrogen or argon atmosphere. After the reaction was cooled to room temperature, 150 mL distilled water was added. The solution was extracted with ethyl ether three times to remove the excess bpy. Ammonium hexafluorophosphate solution (1 g in 10 mL water) was added to the aqueous layer to yield a yellow precipitate. The solution was then heated at 70 °C for 10 min. After cooled to room temperature, the yellow precipitate was filtrated and further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using 10% DCM / acetone eluent. After the column, the solid was re-dissolved in minimum amount of methanol and precipitated again using  $\text{NH}_4\text{PF}_6$  (1 g in 10 mL water). The yellow precipitate was filtered and washed with water and then recrystallized from minimum amount of hot acetonitrile for further experiments.

### General procedure for the preparation of $[(\text{pta})_2\text{Ir}(\text{tapy})]\text{PF}_6$ :

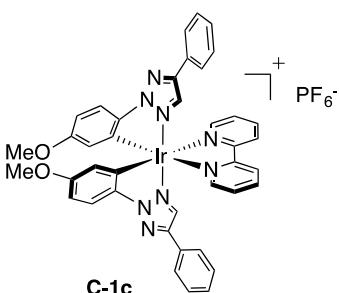
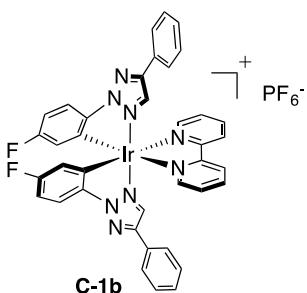
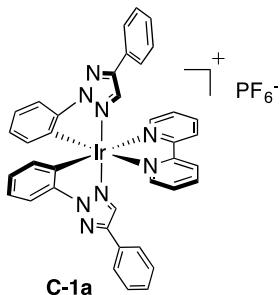


The  $\mu$ -dichloro-bridged iridium(III) dimer **2** (0.15 mmol) and the  $\text{N}^{\wedge}\text{N}$  ligand tapy (83 mg, 0.375 mmol) was suspended in 10 mL 1,2-ethanediol. The reaction mixture was stirred at 120 °C for 20 h under nitrogen or argon atmosphere. After the reaction was cooled to room temperature, 150 mL distilled water was added, followed by ammonium

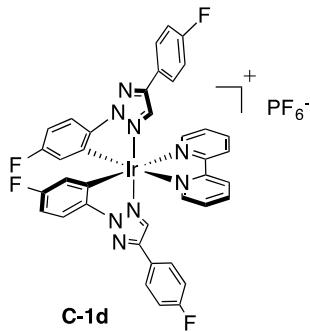
<sup>7</sup> Ladouceur, S.; Fortin, D. ; Zysman-Colman, E. *Inorg. Chem.* **2011**, *50*, 11514-11526.

hexafluorophosphate solution (1 g in 10 mL water) to yield a yellow precipitate. The precipitate was filtered and further purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using 10% acetone/DCM eluent. After the column, the solid was re-dissolved in minimum amount of methanol and precipitated again using  $\text{NH}_4\text{PF}_6$  (1 g in 10 mL water). The precipitate was filtered and washed with water and then recrystallized from minimum amount of hot acetonitrile for further experiments.

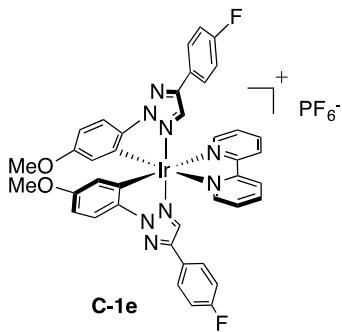
## II. Compounds Characterization



**C-1c:** Yellow Solid (68% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  8.55 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 2H), 8.23-8.18 (m, 4H), 7.85 (dd,  $J = 8.1, 1.6$  Hz, 4H), 7.75 (d,  $J = 9.1$  Hz, 2H), 7.74 (s, 2H), 7.58 (ddd,  $J = 7.7, 5.5, 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.50-7.41 (m, 6H), 6.77 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.6$  Hz, 2H), 5.91 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.63 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  160.70, 157.54, 153.00, 149.67, 141.05, 136.24, 132.81, 131.68, 130.66, 130.24, 129.67, 129.42, 126.91, 125.56, 118.95, 116.72, 109.51, 55.96. ESI-MS calculated for  $[\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{32}\text{IrN}_8\text{O}_2]^+$ : 849.2277, found: 849.2262.

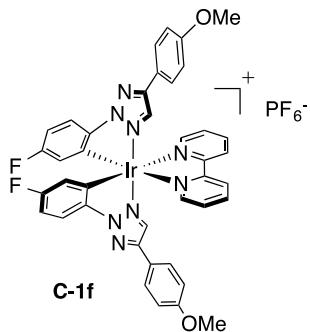


**C-1d:** Synthesized from one-Pot sequential reactions without isolating the  $\mu$ -dichloro-bridged iridium(III) dimer. Yellow Solid (62% yield over two steps).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  8.56 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 8.24-8.17 (m, 4H), 7.91-7.86 (m, 4H), 7.84 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 4.8$  Hz, 2H), 7.76 (s, 2H), 7.59 (ddd,  $J = 7.7, 5.5, 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.26-7.20 (m, 4H), 6.98 (td,  $J = 8.8, 2.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.21 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.6$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  164.49 (d,  $J = 246.0$  Hz), 163.03 (d,  $J = 248.1$  Hz), 157.47, 153.13, 149.44, 141.34, 138.83, 133.35 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz), 132.53, 129.55, 129.29 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz), 126.00 (d,  $J = 2.9$  Hz), 125.70, 120.13 (d,  $J = 20.5$  Hz), 117.20 (d,  $J = 22.1$  Hz), 117.24 (d,  $J = 9.2$  Hz), 112.02 (d,  $J = 24.7$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ): -73.92 (d,  $J = 706.0$  Hz, 6F), -113.59 (m, 2F), -114.77 (m, 2F). ESI-MS calculated for  $[\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{24}\text{F}_4\text{IrN}_8]^+$ : 861.1689, found: 861.1670.

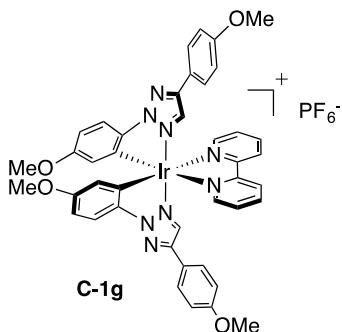


**C-1e:** Yellow Solid (55% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  8.56 (d,  $J = 8.1$  Hz, 2H), 8.23-8.18 (m, 4H), 7.89-7.84 (m, 4H), 7.74 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.71 (s, 2H), 7.58 (ddd,  $J = 7.7, 5.5, 1.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.25-7.19 (m, 4H), 6.76 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.6$  Hz, 2H), 5.90 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 2H), 3.63 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  164.36 (d,  $J = 246.0$  Hz), 160.72, 157.53, 152.98, 148.78, 141.08, 136.19, 132.77, 131.55, 129.42, 129.12 (d,  $J =$

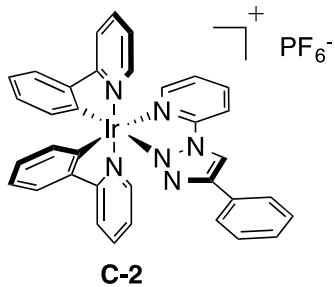
8.4 Hz), 126.19 (d,  $J$  = 3.0 Hz), 125.57, 118.99, 117.16 (d,  $J$  = 22.0 Hz), 116.72, 109.47, 55.96;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ): -73.84 (d,  $J$  = 706.2 Hz, 6F), -113.93 (m, 2F). ESI-MS calculated for  $[\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{30}\text{F}_2\text{IrN}_8\text{O}_2]^+$ : 885.2089, found: 885.2078.



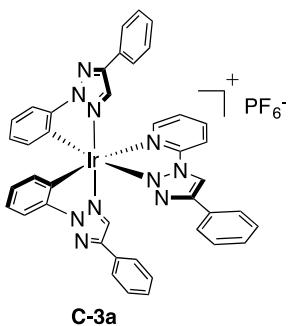
**C-1f:** Yellow Solid (56% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  8.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.23-8.17 (m, 4H), 7.83-7.77 (m, 6H), 7.69 (s, 2H), 7.58 (ddd,  $J$  = 7.7, 5.5, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 7.04-7.00 (m, 4H), 6.97 (td,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.7 Hz, 2H), 6.19 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  162.89 (d,  $J$  = 247.6 Hz), 162.00, 157.47, 153.09, 150.30, 141.28, 138.98, 133.29 (d,  $J$  = 6.0 Hz), 131.96, 129.53, 128.57, 125.68, 121.90, 120.06 (d,  $J$  = 20.4 Hz), 117.02 (d,  $J$  = 9.1 Hz), 115.62, 111.91 (d,  $J$  = 24.5 Hz), 56.21;  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ): -73.87 (d,  $J$  = 705.7 Hz, 6F), -115.13 (m, 2F). ESI-MS calculated for  $[\text{C}_{40}\text{H}_{30}\text{F}_2\text{IrN}_8\text{O}_2]^+$ : 885.2089, found: 885.2076.



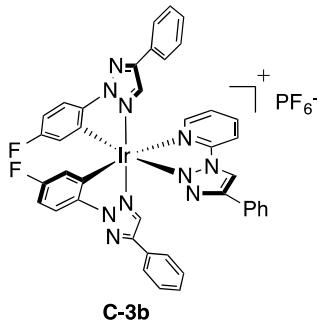
**C-1g:** Yellow Solid (38% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  8.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.22-8.17 (m, 4H), 7.79-7.75 (m, 4H), 7.72 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (s, 2H), 7.59-7.56 (m, 2H), 7.03-6.99 (m, 4H), 6.76 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.6 Hz, 2H), 5.89 (d,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz, 2H), 3.82 (s, 6H), 3.62 (s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  161.84, 160.55, 157.53, 152.96, 149.65, 141.00, 136.34, 132.70, 130.96, 129.39, 128.41, 125.54, 122.11, 118.96, 116.51, 115.59, 109.37, 56.19, 55.94. ESI-MS calculated for  $[\text{C}_{42}\text{H}_{36}\text{IrN}_8\text{O}_2]^+$ : 909.2489, found: 909.2478.



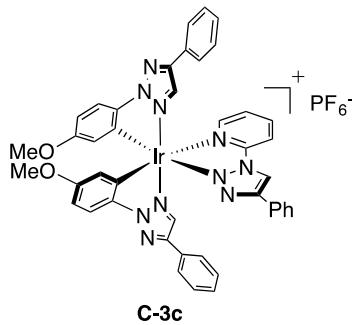
**C-2:** Yellow Solid (40% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  8.42 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.26 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.09-8.07 (m, 2H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.95 (ddd,  $J = 4.6, 3.2, 1.6$  Hz, 2H), 7.90-7.88 (m, 3H), 7.82-7.80 (m, 3H), 7.73 (dd,  $J = 5.8, 0.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.54-7.49 (m, 4H), 7.10-7.04 (m, 4H), 6.93 (dtd,  $J = 14.5, 7.3, 1.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.28 (dd,  $J = 21.6, 7.7$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  168.48, 167.95, 153.69, 150.90, 150.83, 150.18, 149.39, 148.19, 145.52, 145.21, 145.19, 143.13, 140.05, 139.98, 136.93, 132.94, 132.38, 131.81, 131.47, 131.03, 130.42, 128.56, 127.76, 127.61, 126.00, 125.74, 124.78, 124.67, 124.12, 123.92, 121.01, 120.97, 115.87. ESI-MS calculated for  $[\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{26}\text{IrN}_6]^+$ : 723.1843, found: 723.1858.



**C-3a:** Light yellow Solid (85% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  8.46 (d,  $J = 8.4$  Hz, 1H), 8.33 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.6, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.25 (s, 1H), 8.13 (s, 1H), 8.01-7.97 (m, 4H), 7.92-7.90 (m, 4H), 7.82 (d,  $J = 7.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.58-7.44 (m, 10H), 7.26-7.19 (m, 2H), 7.02 (dtd,  $J = 10.6, 7.5, 1.3$  Hz, 2H), 6.52 (dd,  $J = 7.6, 5.1$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  153.49, 151.48, 150.37, 150.20, 149.76, 143.74, 142.50, 142.24, 138.52, 134.05, 133.56, 133.35, 133.33, 131.88, 130.91, 130.88, 130.51, 130.35, 130.33, 129.64, 129.59, 129.56, 129.26, 128.57, 127.72, 127.69, 127.47, 127.02, 126.98, 125.79, 125.56, 124.70, 115.77, 115.59, 115.37. ESI-MS calculated for  $[\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{30}\text{IrN}_{10}]^+$ : 855.2284, found: 855.2269.



**C-3b:** Light yellow Solid (71% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  8.46 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 1.2, 0.8$  Hz, 1H), 8.34 (ddd,  $J = 8.4, 7.6, 1.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.32 (s, 1H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 8.03-7.99 (m, 3H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.91-7.88 (m, 4H), 7.86 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 4.9$  Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.44 (m, 10H), 7.02 (tdd,  $J = 8.8, 6.0, 2.7$  Hz, 2H), 6.23 (ddd,  $J = 8.8, 4.3, 2.6$  Hz, 2H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  162.80 (d,  $J = 248.1$  Hz), 162.64 (d,  $J = 247.9$  Hz), 153.59, 151.71, 150.44, 150.27, 149.61, 144.02, 139.10, 139.08, 138.80, 133.45 (d,  $J = 3.6$  Hz), 131.95, 130.94 (d,  $J = 2.1$  Hz), 130.55, 130.33, 130.31, 130.26, 130.19, 129.48, 129.45, 128.49, 127.71, 127.54, 127.34, 127.28, 127.06, 127.02, 120.56 (d,  $J = 21.0$  Hz), 120.12 (d,  $J = 21.1$  Hz), 117.36 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz), 117.05 (d,  $J = 9.3$  Hz), 115.84, 112.57 (d,  $J = 19.4$  Hz), 112.32 (d,  $J = 19.4$  Hz);  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (376 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ): -73.92 (d,  $J = 705.9$  Hz, 6F), -114.50 (m, 1F), -115.05 (m, 1F). ESI-MS calculated for  $[\text{C}_{41}\text{H}_{28}\text{F}_2\text{IrN}_{10}]^+$ : 891.2096, found: 891.2083.



**C-3c:** Light yellow Solid (44% yield).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  8.45 (dd,  $J = 8.3, 0.6$  Hz, 1H), 8.33 (td,  $J = 8.0, 1.5$  Hz, 1H), 8.29 (s, 1H), 8.06-8.00 (m, 3H), 8.05 (s, 1H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.90-7.87 (m, 4H), 7.76 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.59-7.42 (m, 10H), 6.80 (ddd,  $J = 8.7, 6.2, 2.6$  Hz, 2H), 5.91 (dd,  $J = 2.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.64 (2s, 6H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  160.58, 160.30, 153.47, 151.58, 149.76, 149.71, 149.60, 143.76, 138.54, 136.40, 136.08, 132.50, 132.46, 131.90, 130.74, 130.72, 130.52, 130.31, 130.29, 129.78, 129.66, 129.63, 128.57, 127.72, 127.43, 126.92, 126.88, 126.83, 119.37, 118.81, 116.86, 116.56, 115.74, 110.01, 109.82, 56.02, 55.97. ESI-MS calculated for  $[\text{C}_{43}\text{H}_{34}\text{IrN}_{10}\text{O}_2]^+$ : 915.2495, found: 915.2481.

### III. ORTEP Drawing of the Crystal Structures

#### ORTEP Drawing of the Crystal Structures for complex N-1

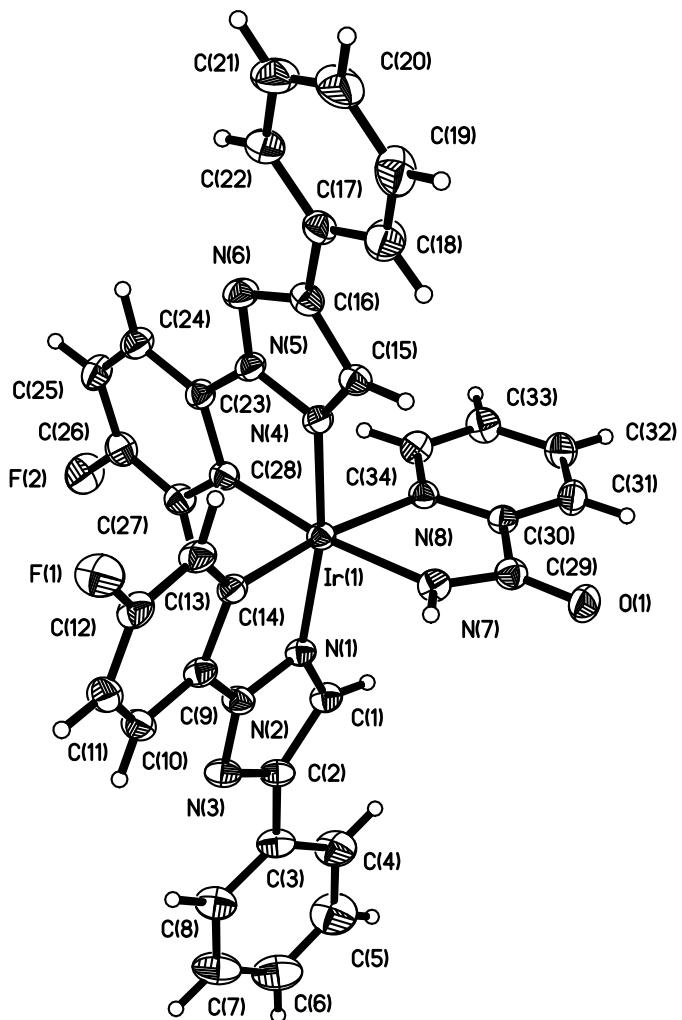


Figure 1. Perspective view of the molecular structure of  $\text{Ir}(\text{N}_3\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_9\text{F})_2(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N}_2\text{O})$  with the atom labeling scheme. The thermal ellipsoids are scaled to 30% probability. CCDC number: 1012360

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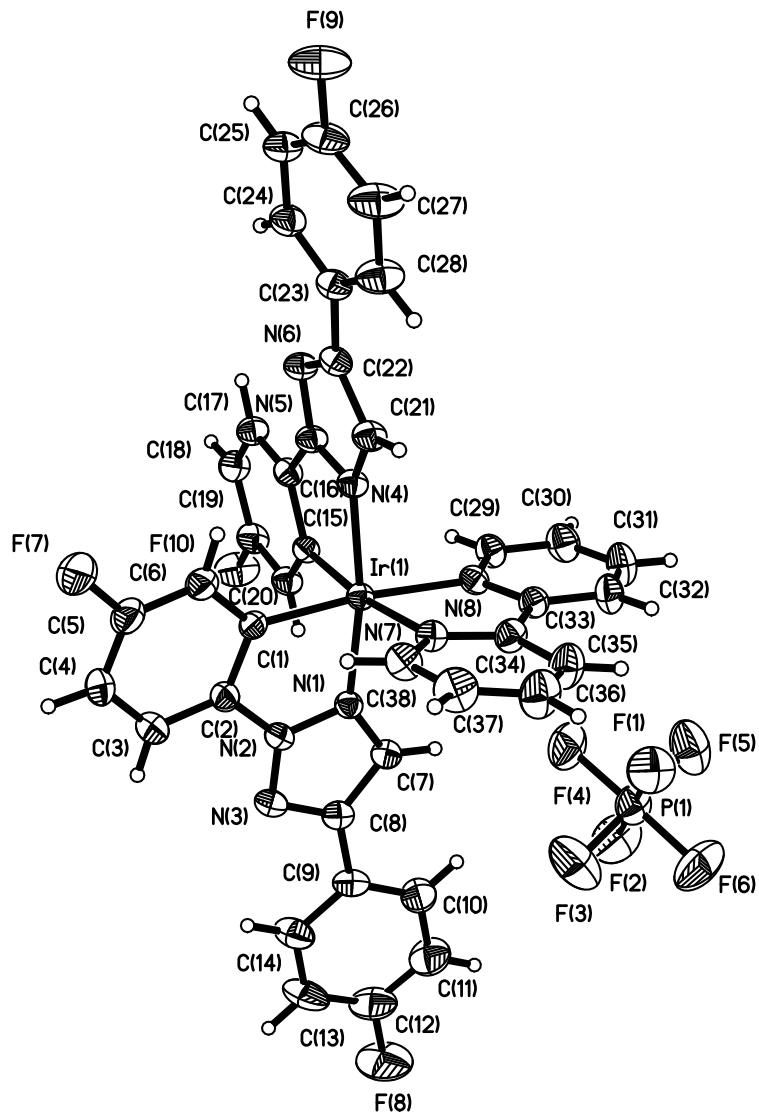
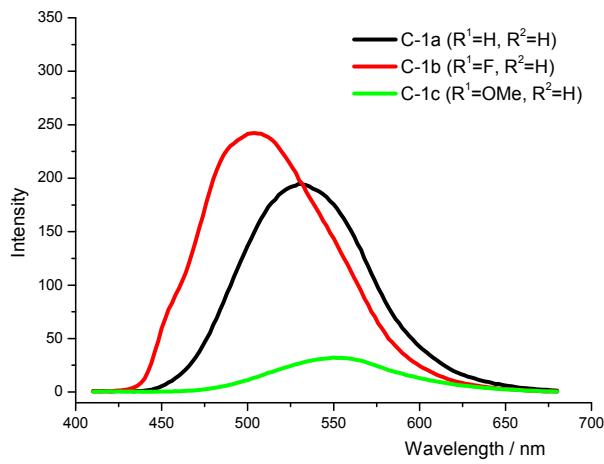
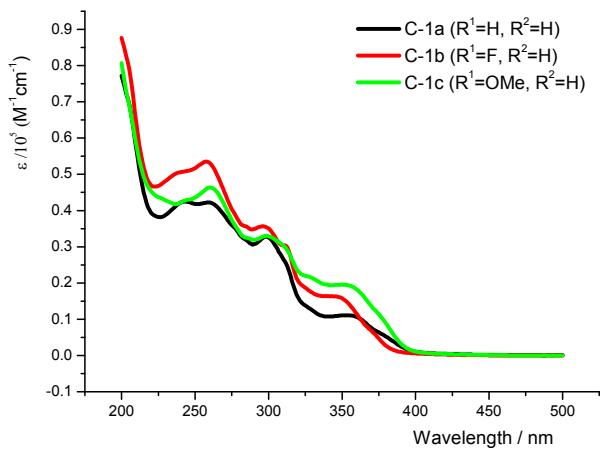
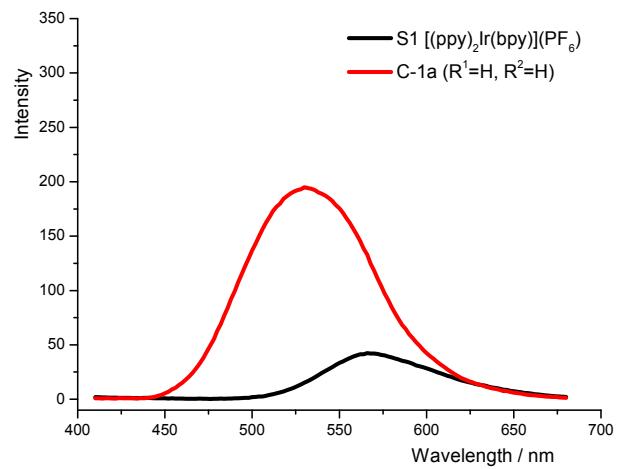
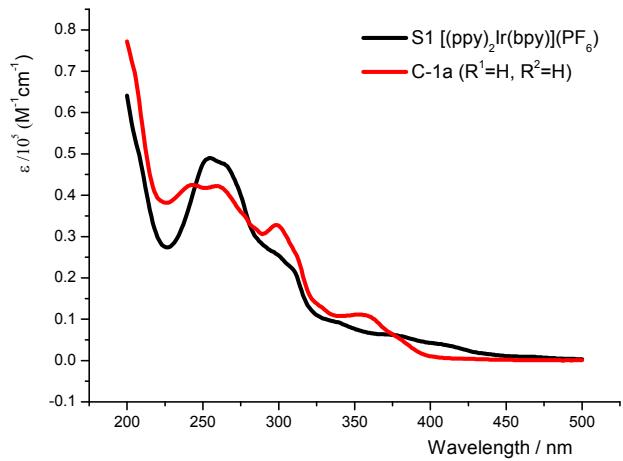
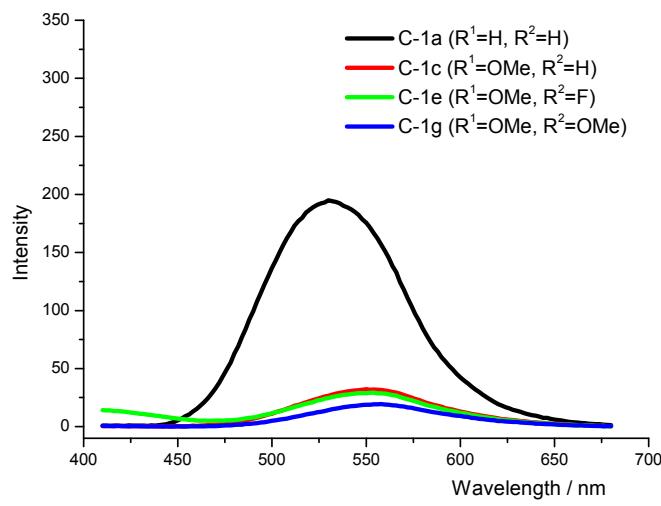
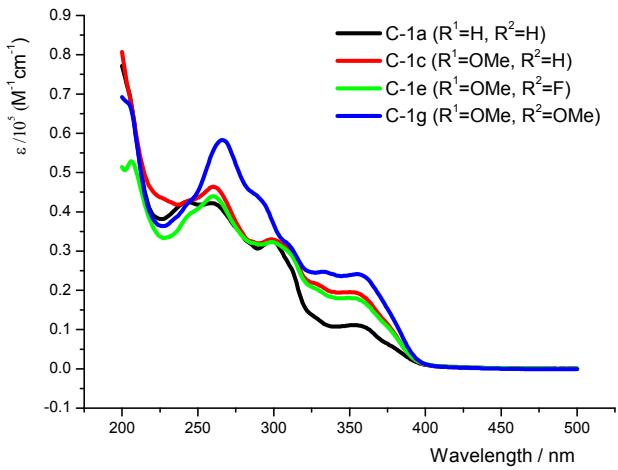
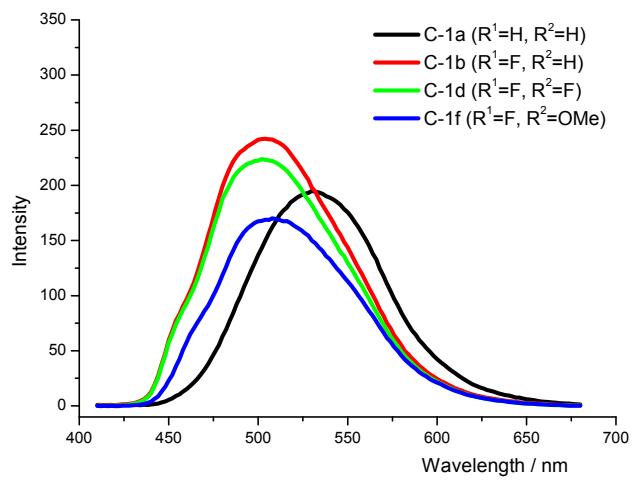
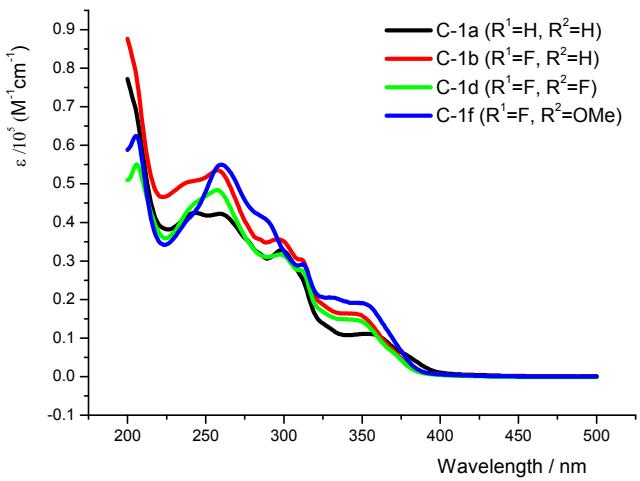
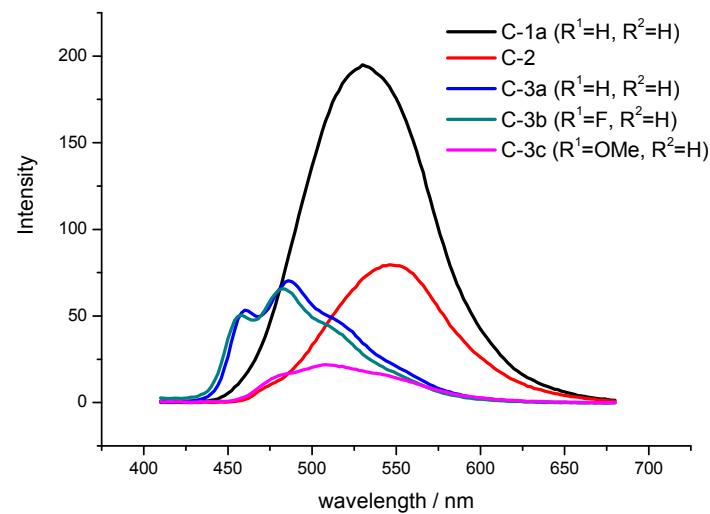
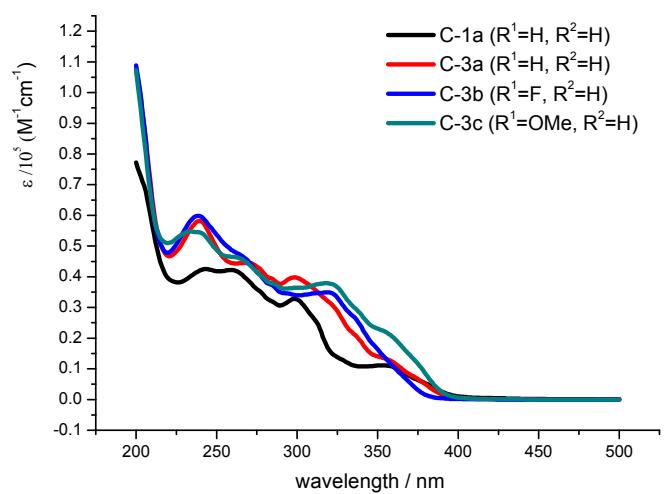


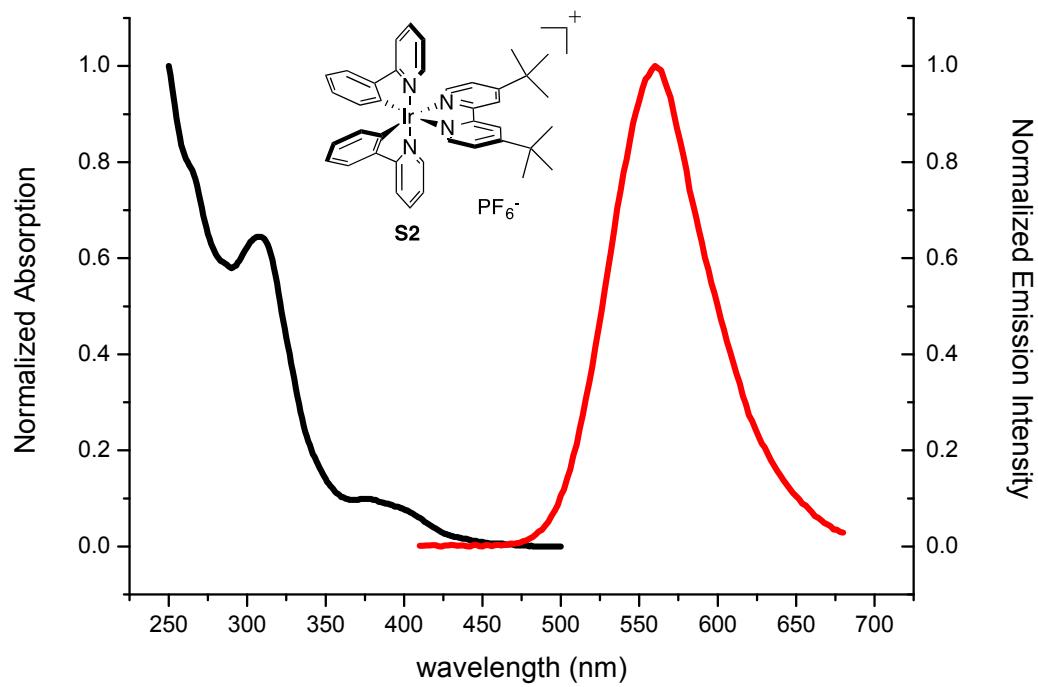
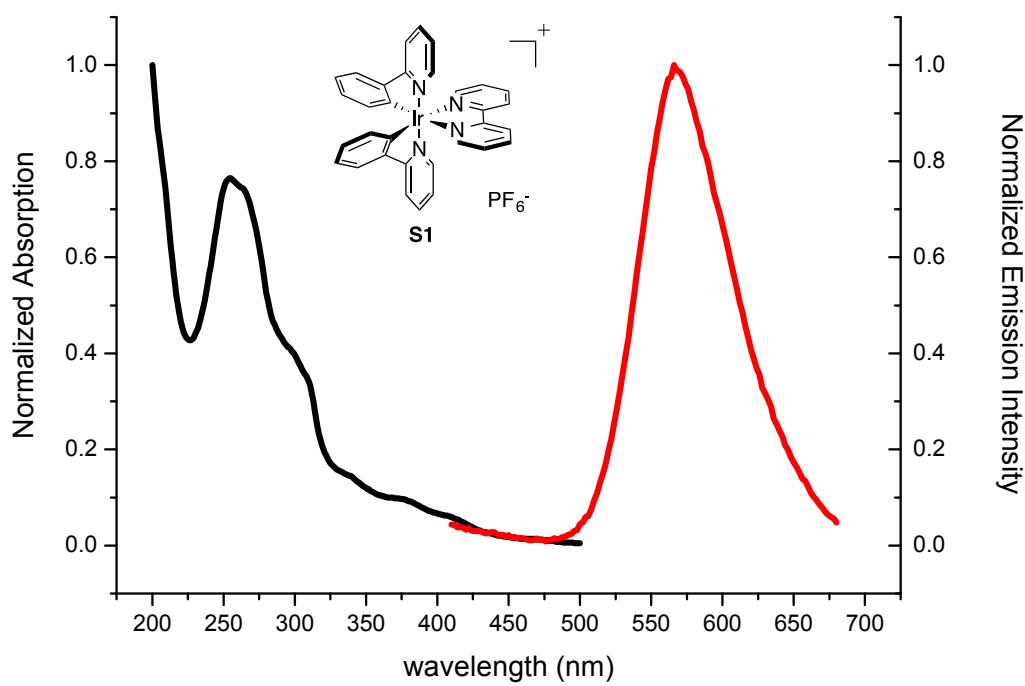
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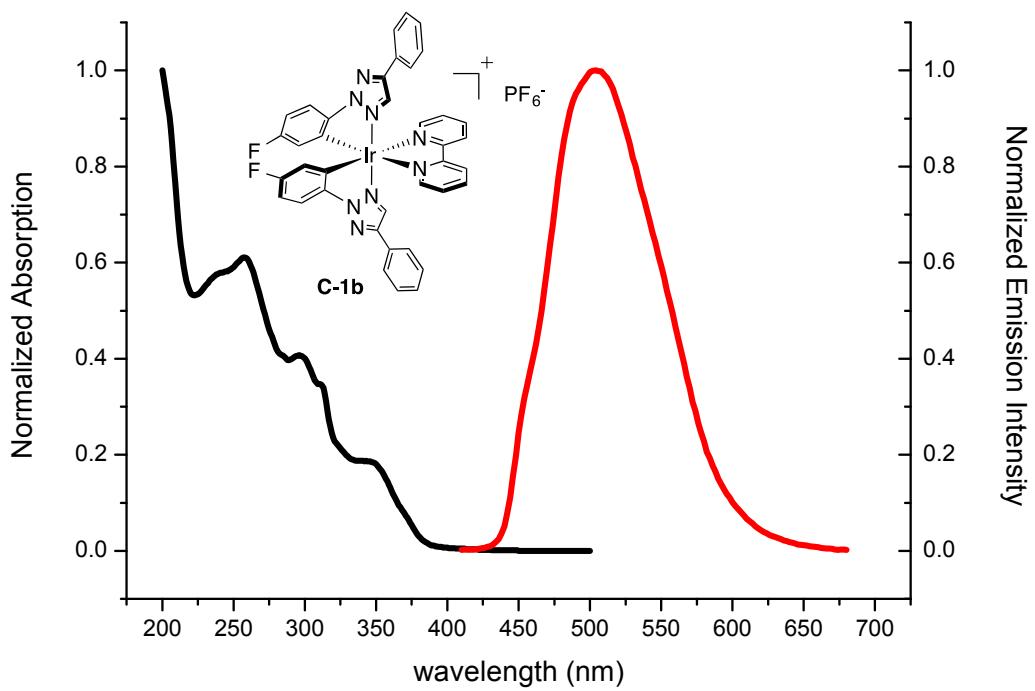
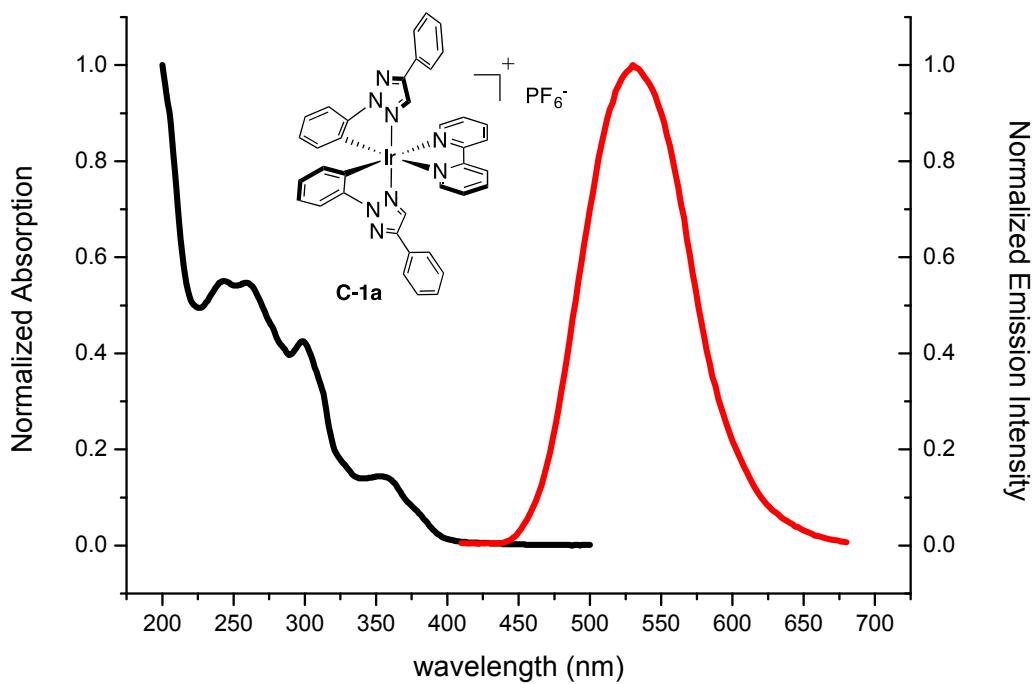
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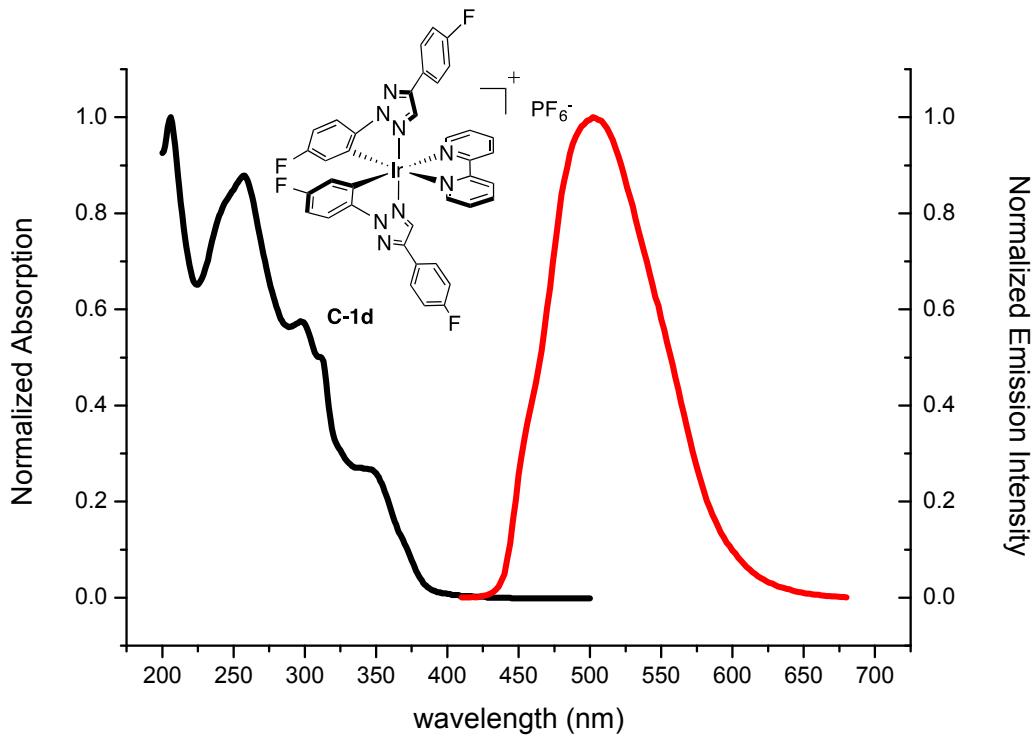
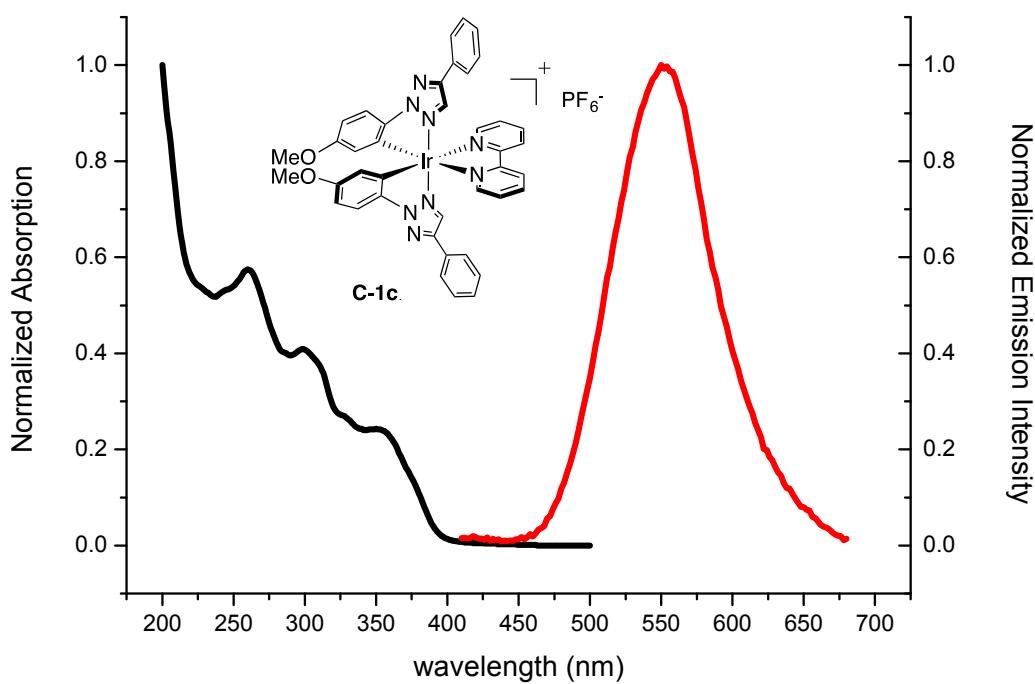


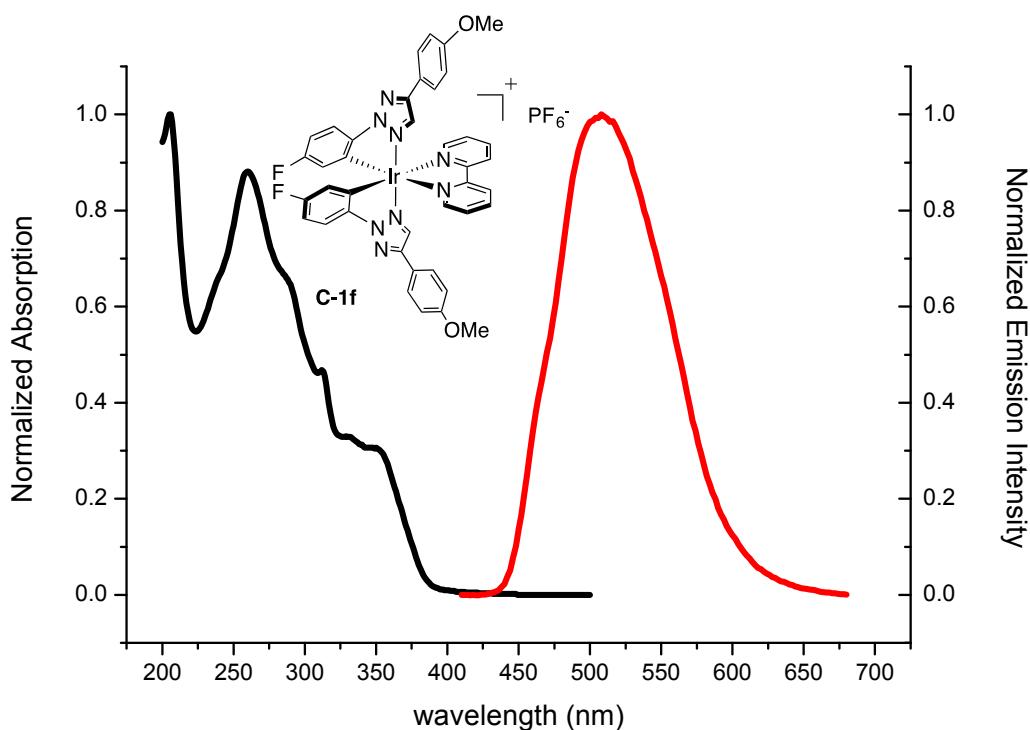
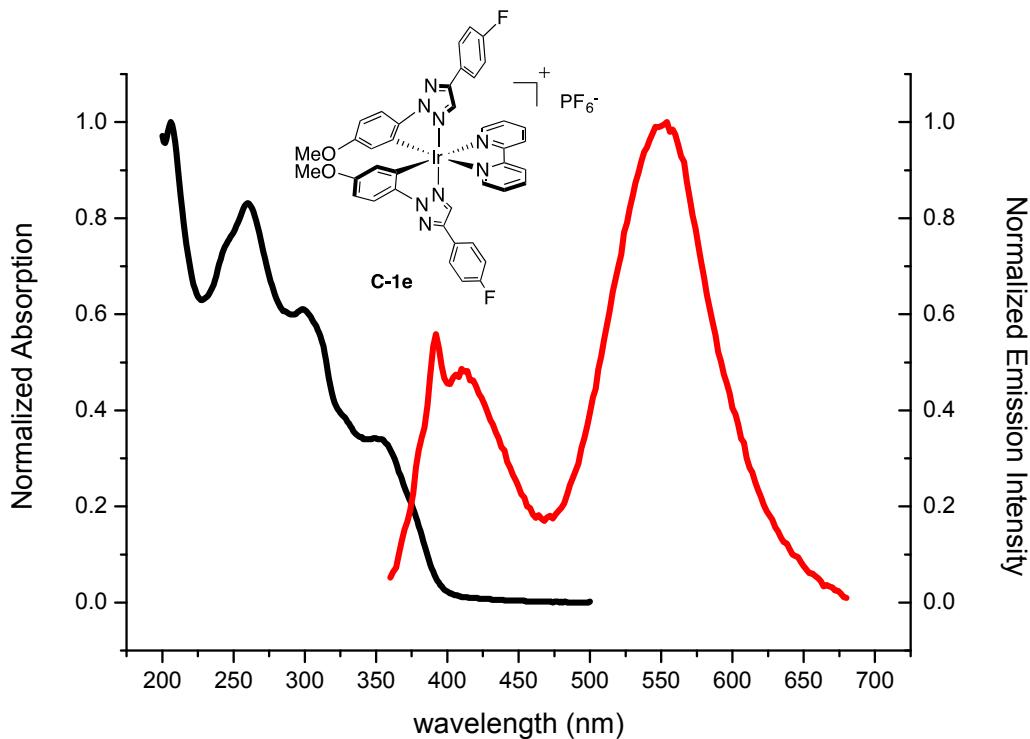


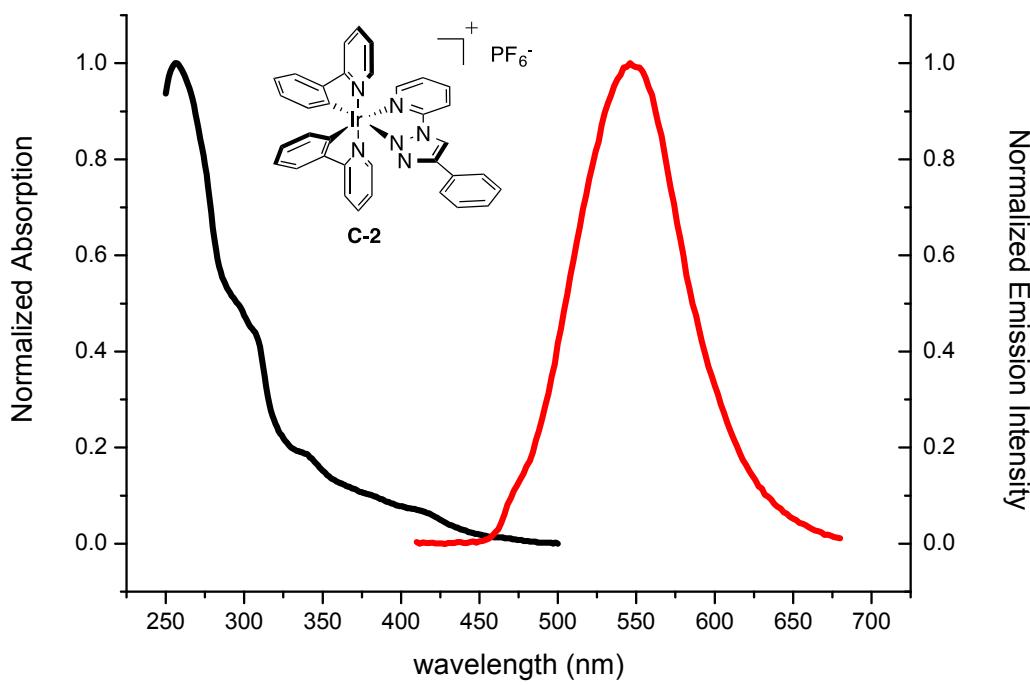
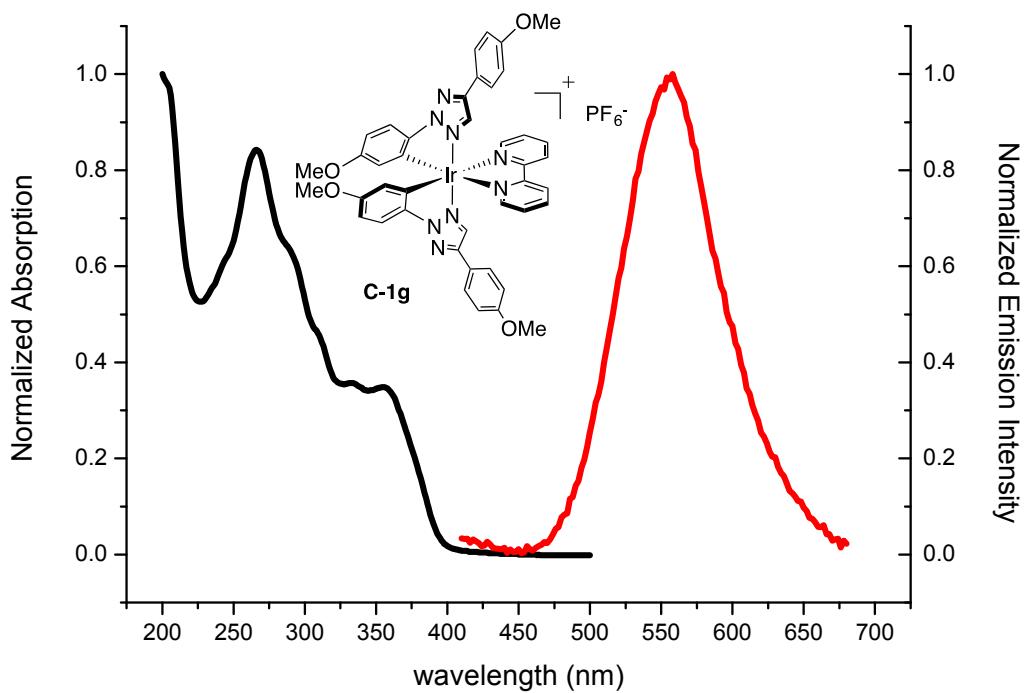


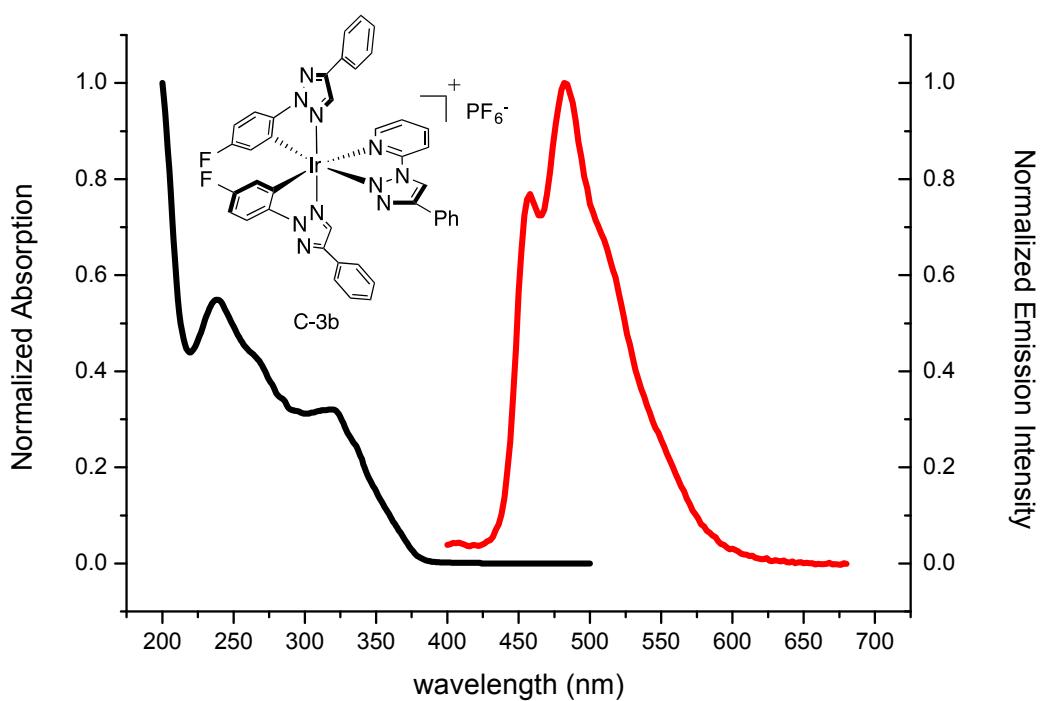
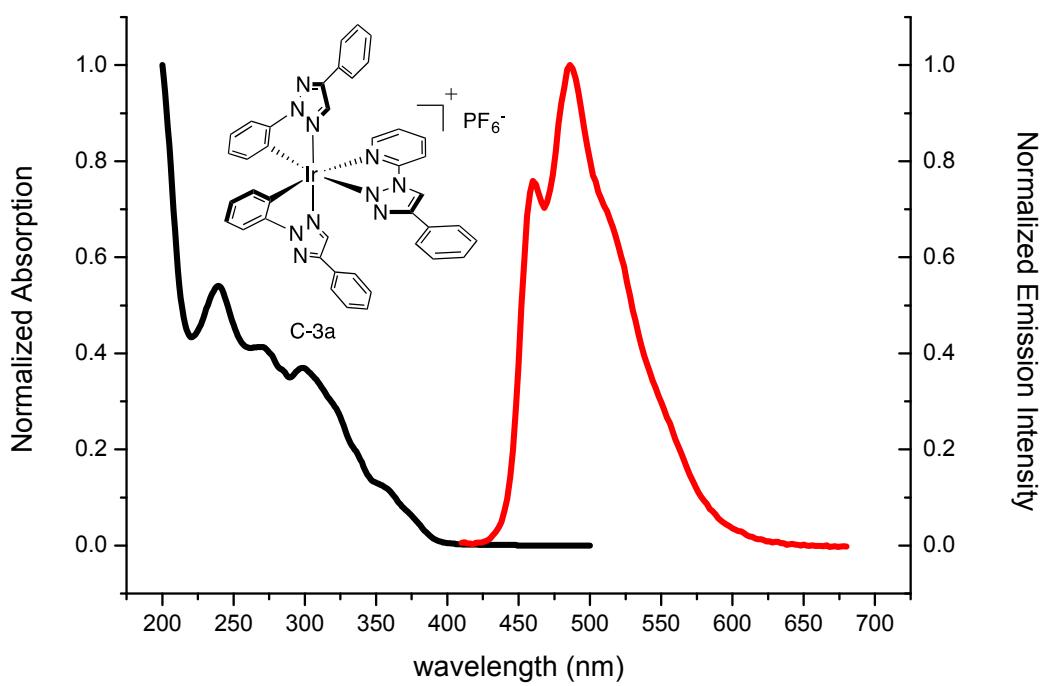


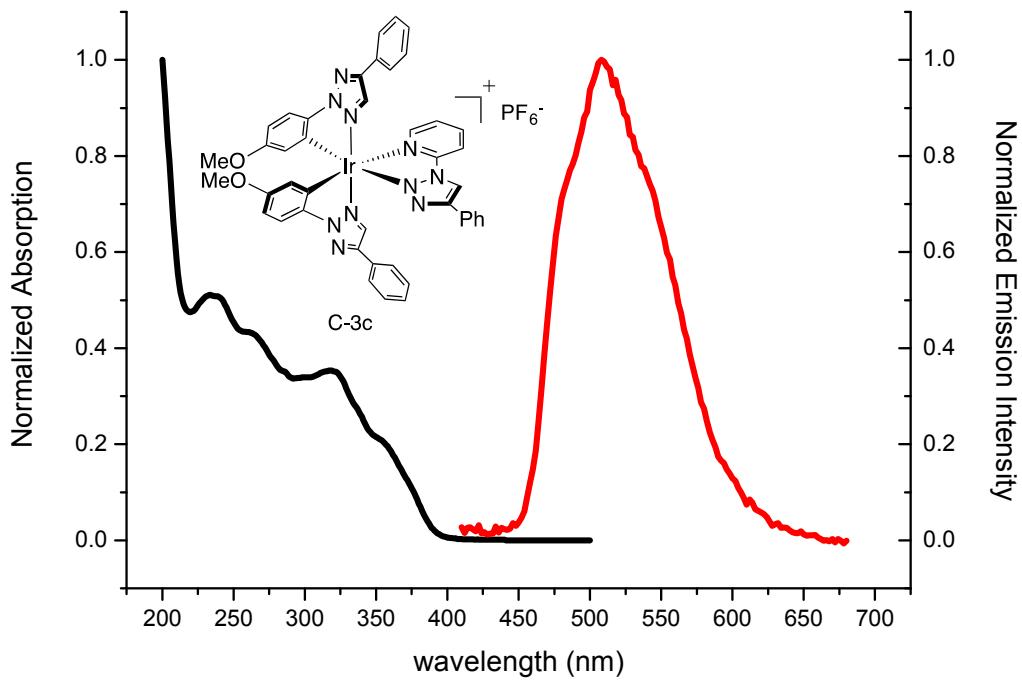




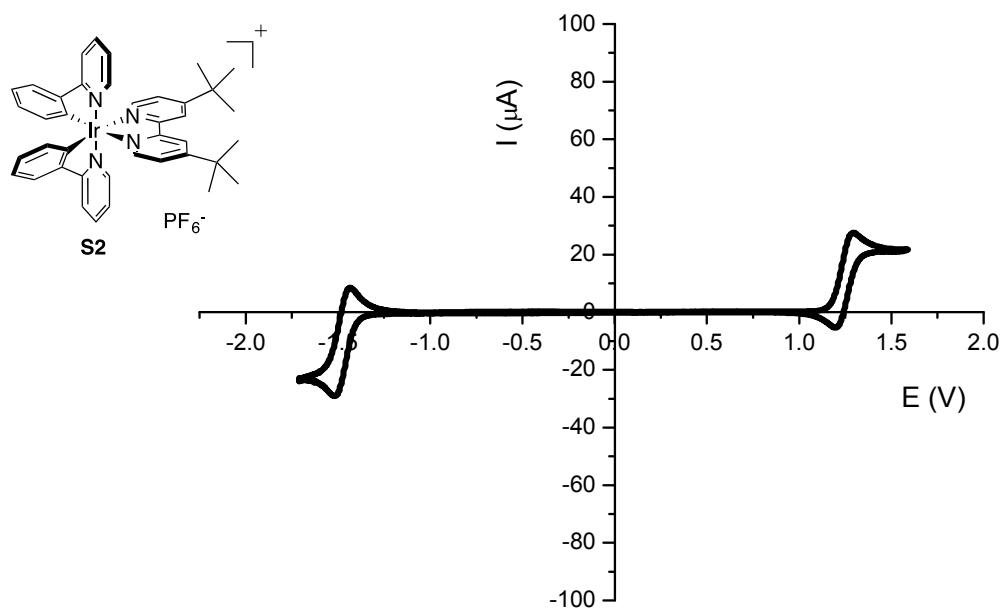
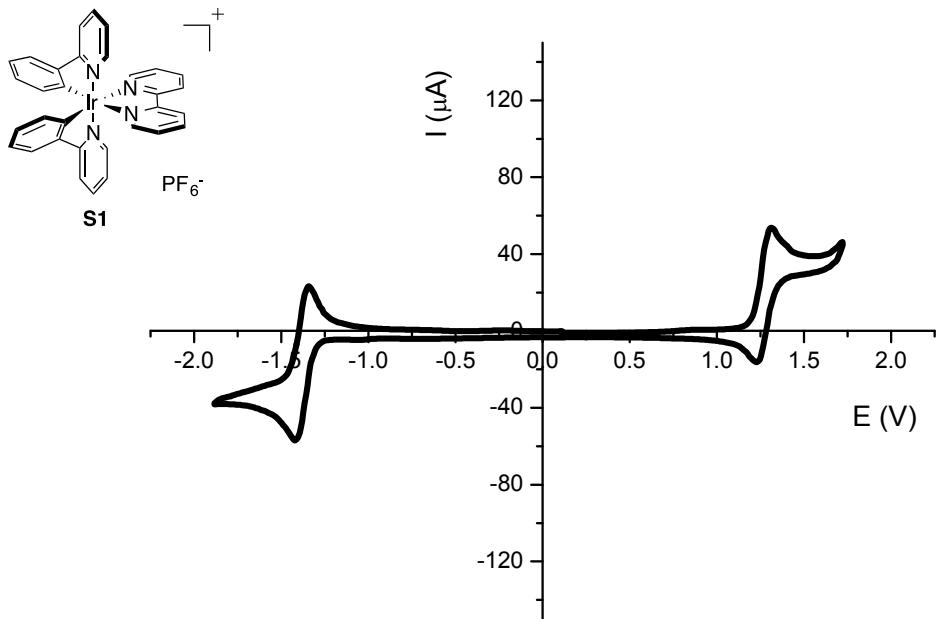


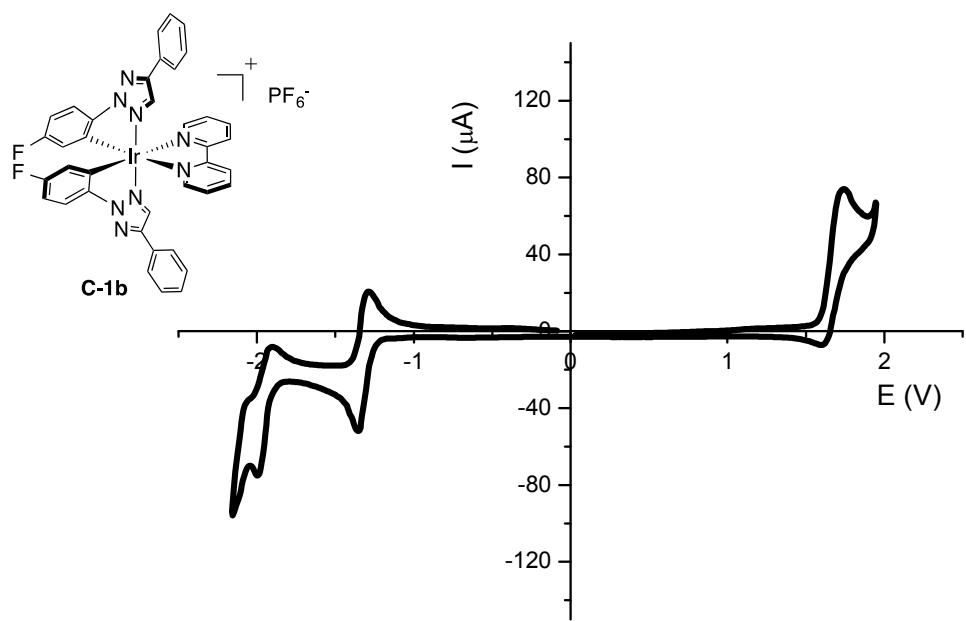
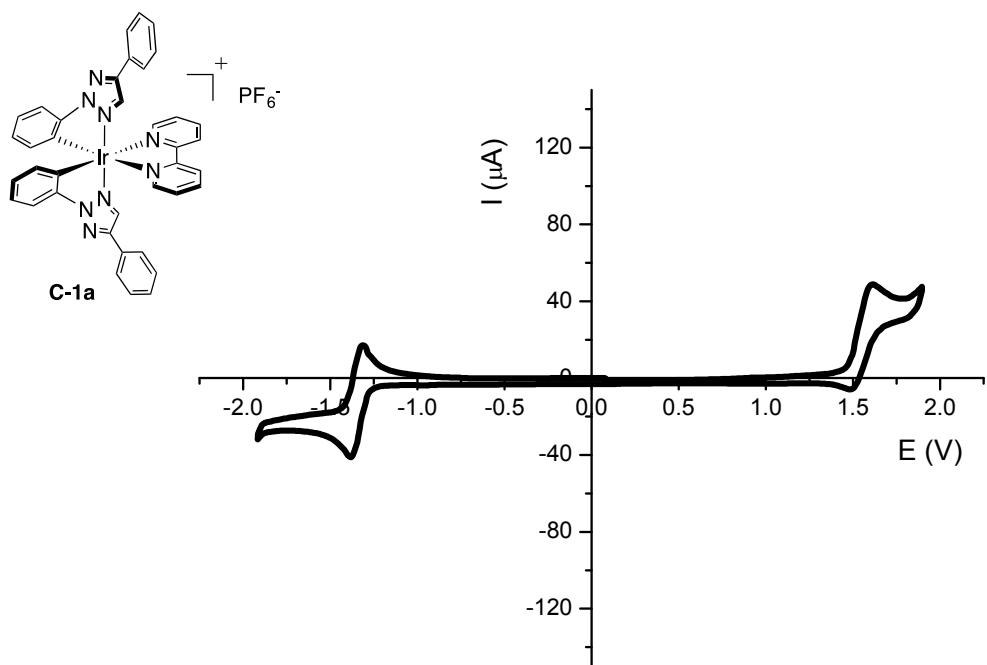


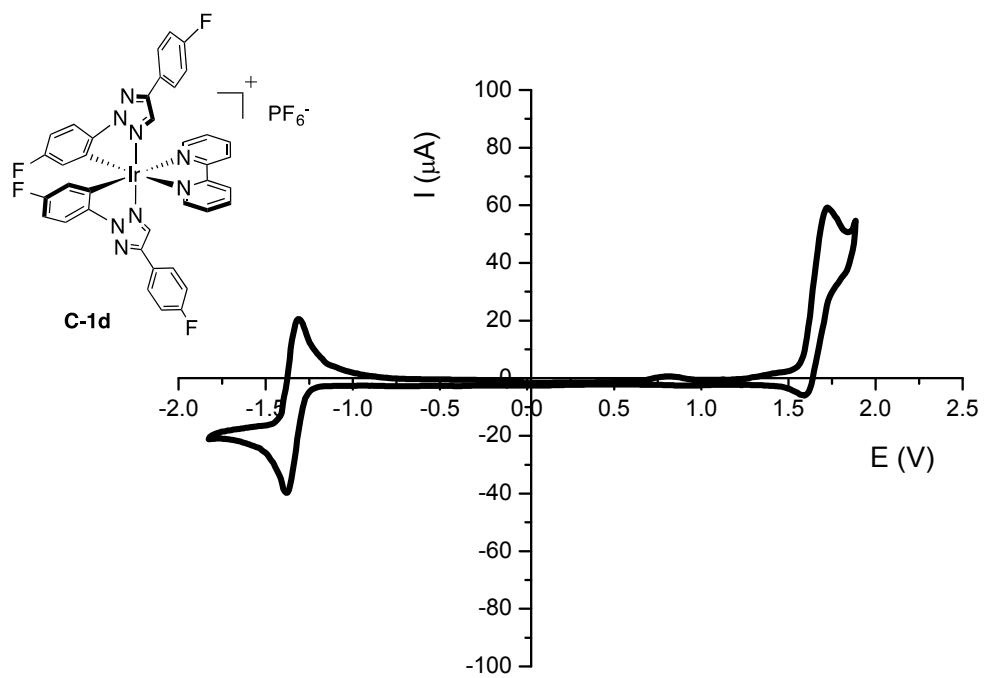
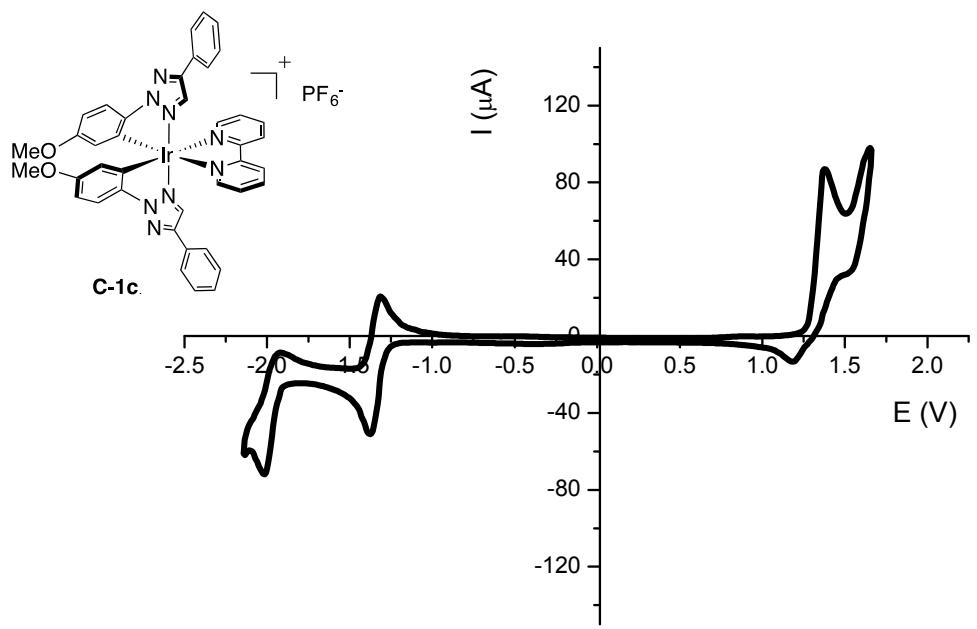


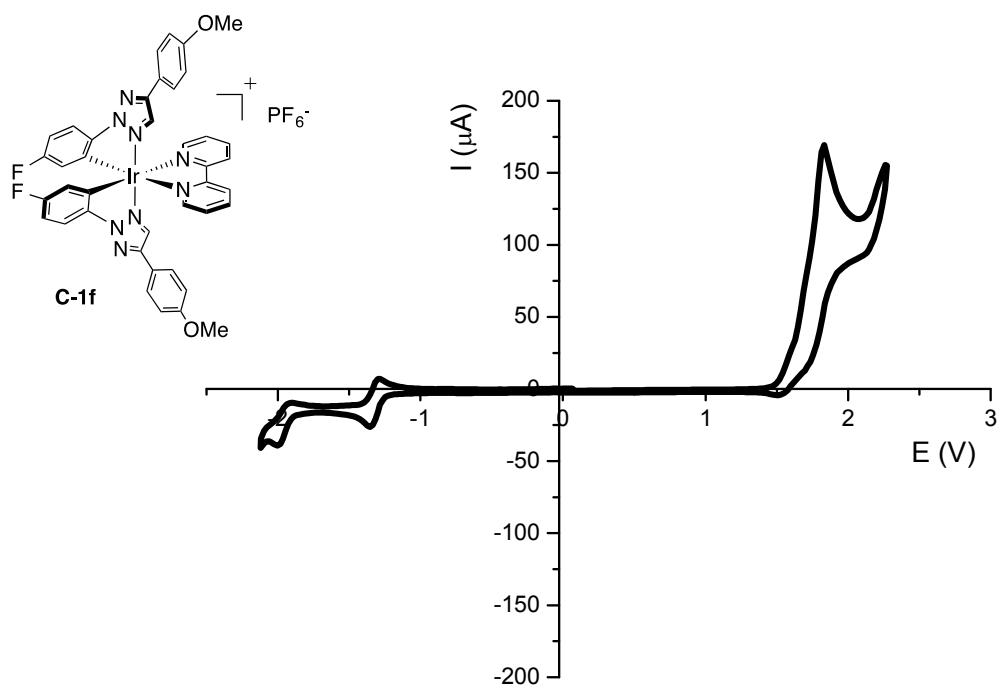
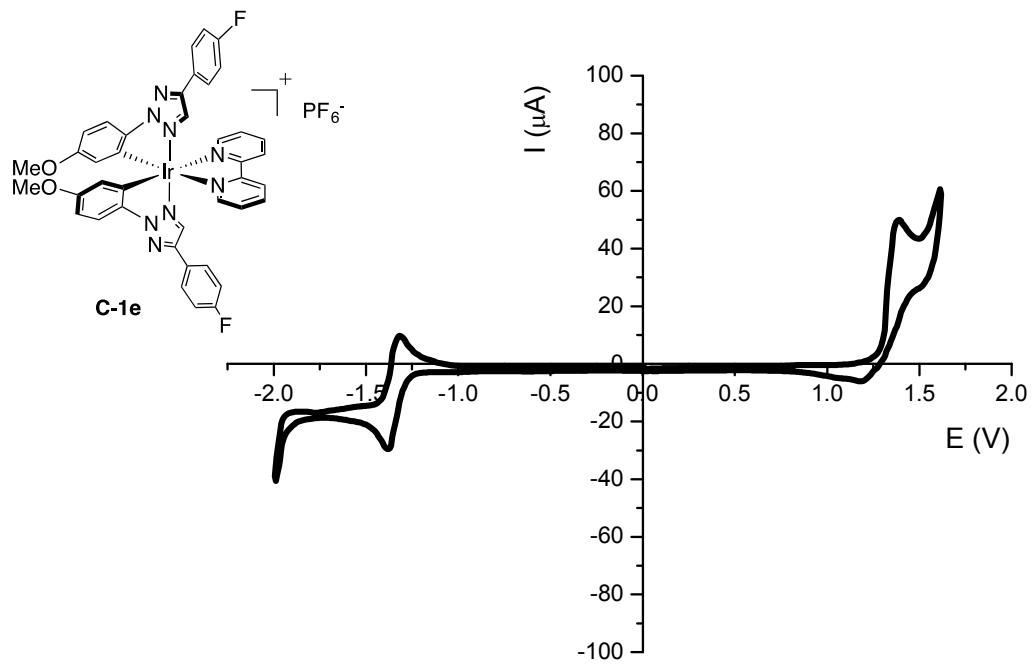


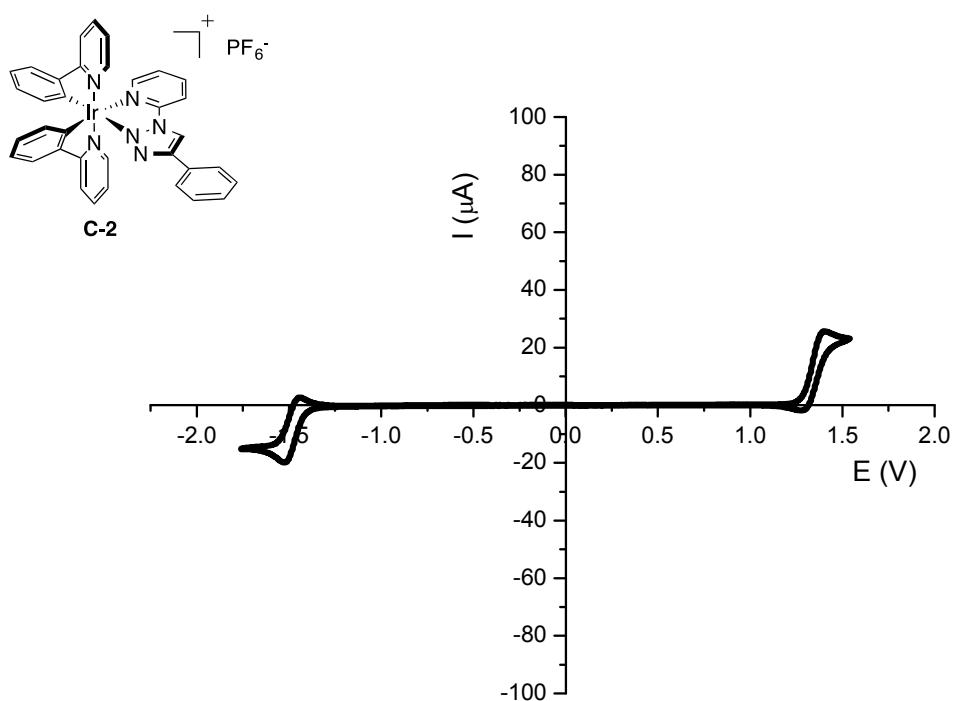
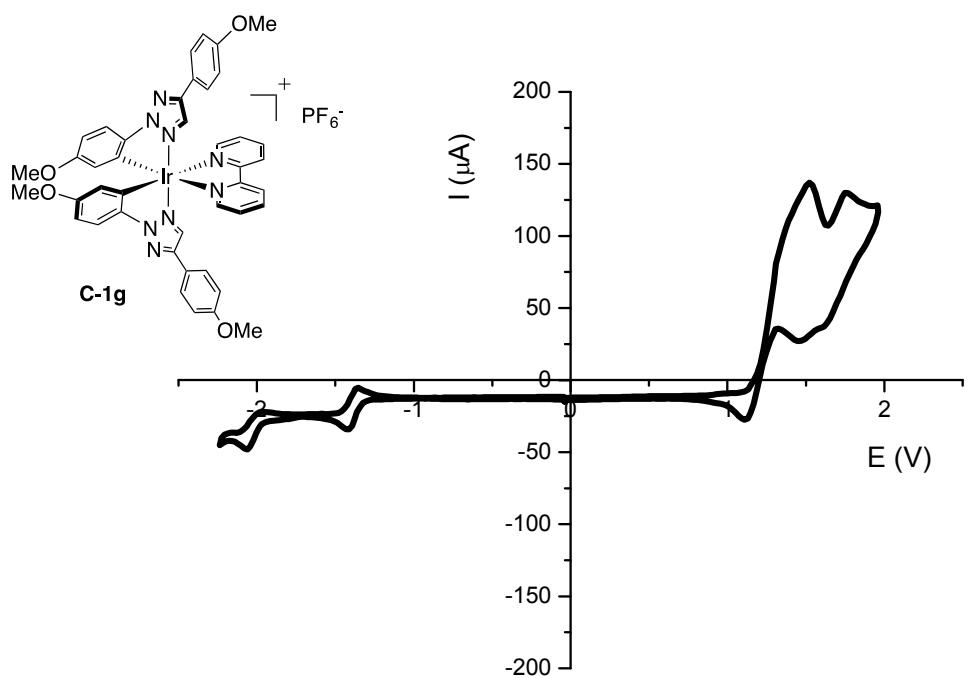
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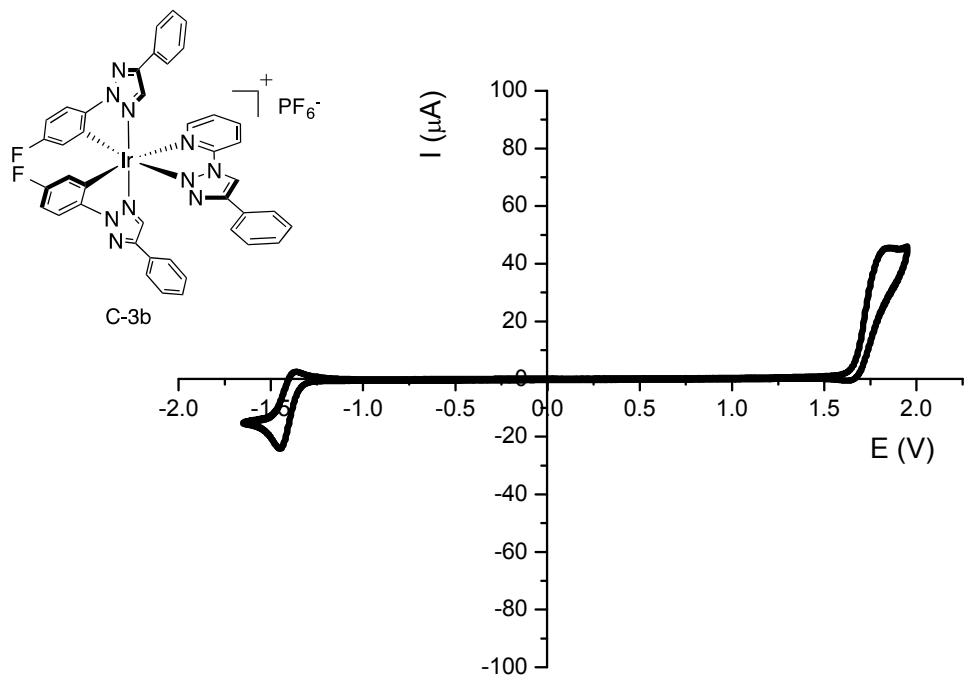
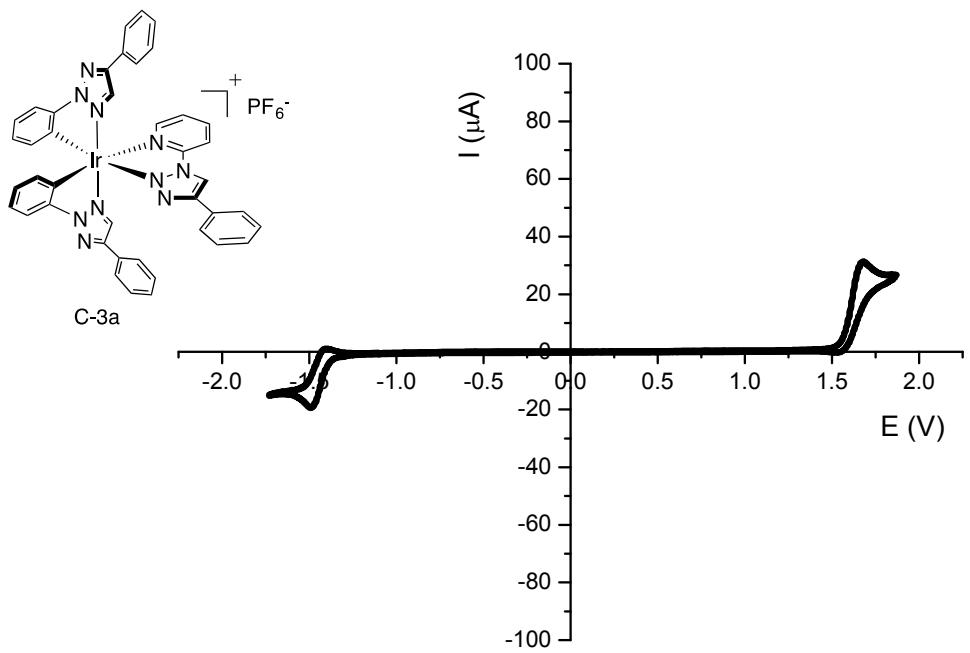


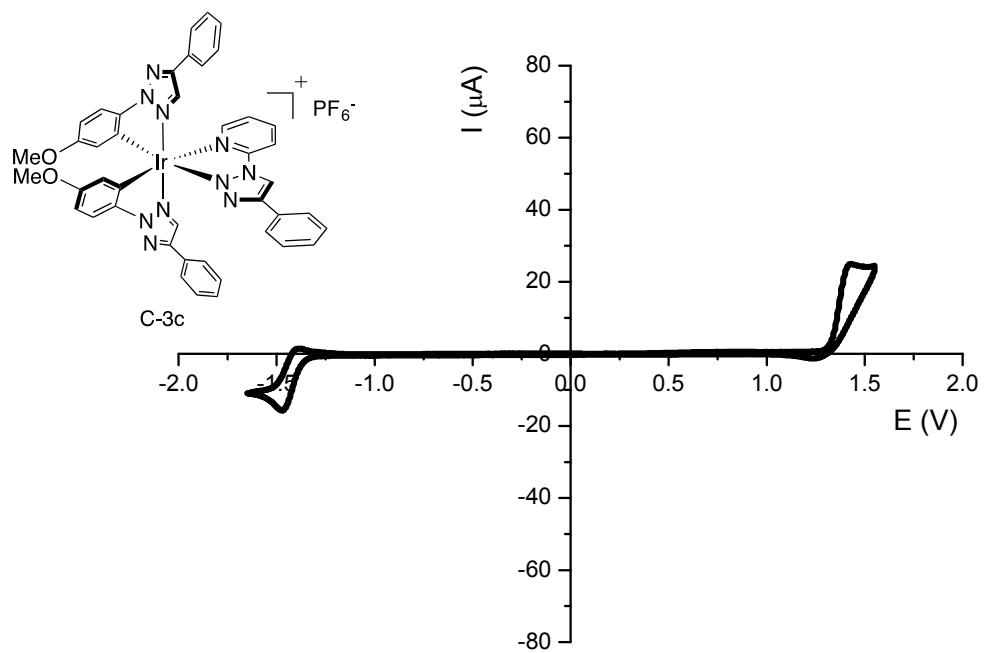










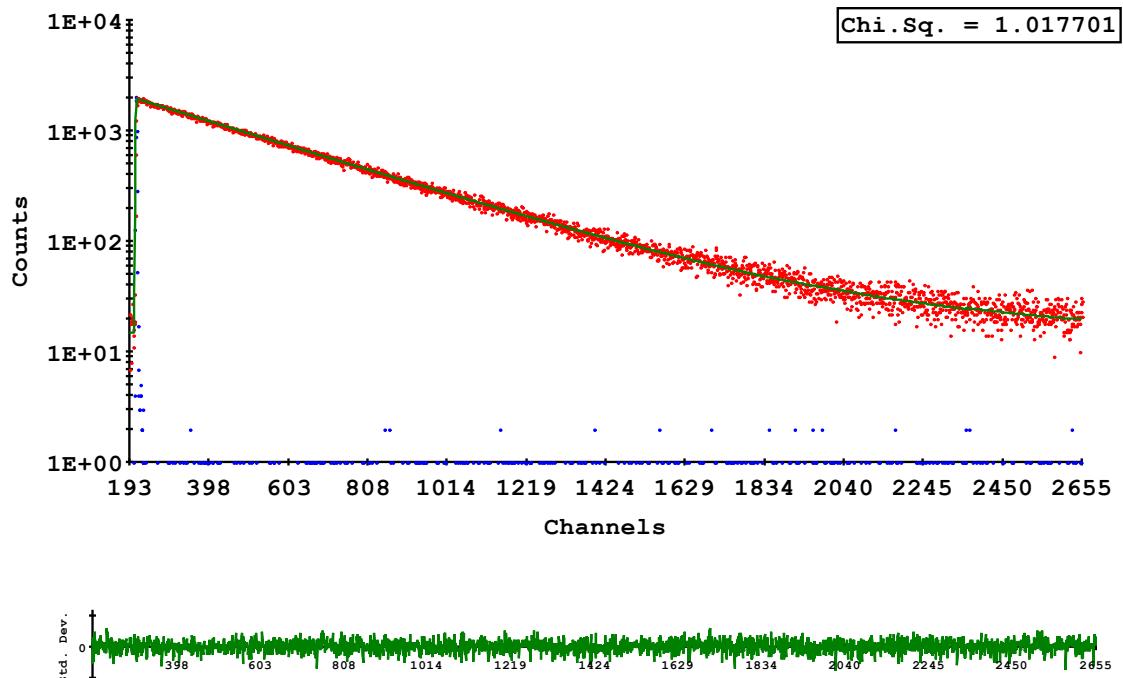


## VI. Excited-state lifetime

All the samples are tested under same conditions as described above (Section I). The sample solutions were degassed with nitrogen bubbles for 20 mins, capped with rubber septum and sealed with Parafilm, followed by protection with nitrogen using freeze/thaw techniques prior to the measurement. For parallel comparison, we tested two literature reported samples under our conditions:  $[(ppy)_2Ir(dtbbpy)]PF_6$  (experimental: 175 ns, literature: 557 ns) and  $Ru(bpy)_3(PF_6)_2$  (experimental: 382 ns, literature: 1100 ns).

Complexes **C-3a**, **C-3b** and **C-3c** were fitted with two exponentials while all the other complexes were fitted with one exponential using DAS6.

### $[(ppy)_2Ir(dtbbpy)]PF_6$



Calculated using 1 exponential

The initial parameters are:

```
Shift Value = 0      ch;      0      sec
Shift Limit = 40     ch;  1.75583E-08  sec
```

```
T1 Estimate = 299.4264 ch;  1.314355E-07  sec
```

```
A Free
B1 Free
```

```
Prompt and decay LO = 193      ch;  8.471879E-08  sec
Prompt and decay HI = 2695     ch;  1.18299E-06  sec
```

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Background on prompt = 1 (manual)
Time calibration = 4.389575E-10 sec/ch
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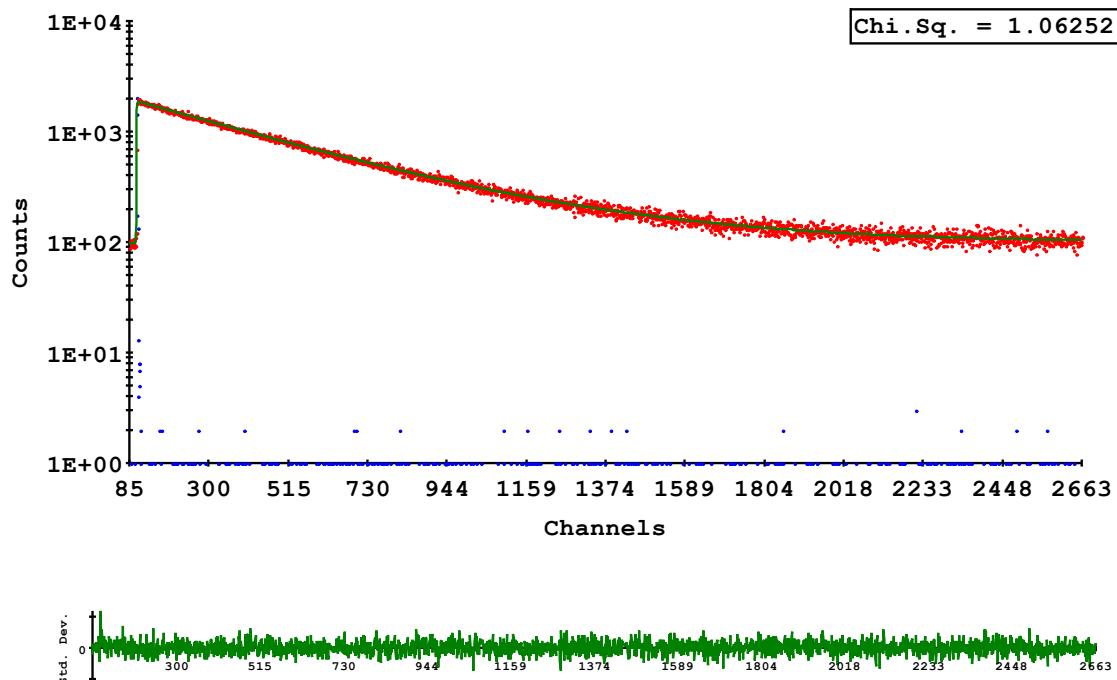
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Hi reduced to: 2655 ch

SHIFT = 0.503097      ch; 2.208382E-10 sec S.Dev = 1.189053E-11 sec
T1    = 397.7953      ch; 1.746152E-07 sec S.Dev = 2.967923E-10 sec
A     = 14.67546          S.Dev = 0.1670179
B1    = 0.3065412     [ 100.00 Rel.Ampl] [ 1.00 Alpha] S.Dev = 3.783242E-04
Average Life Time = 1.746152E-07 sec
CHISQ = 1.017701      [ 2459 degrees of freedom ]

```

## Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub>(PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>



Calculated using 1 exponential

The initial parameters are:

```

Shift Value = 0      ch; 0      sec
Shift Limit = 40     ch; 3.51166E-08 sec

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T1 Estimate = 307.987 ch; 2.703864E-07 sec

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A Free
B1 Free

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```

Prompt and decay LO = 85      ch; 7.462277E-08 sec
Prompt and decay HI = 2703    ch; 2.373004E-06 sec

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Background on prompt = 1 (manual)
Time calibration = 8.77915E-10 sec/ch

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The fitted parameters are:

Hi reduced to: 2663 ch

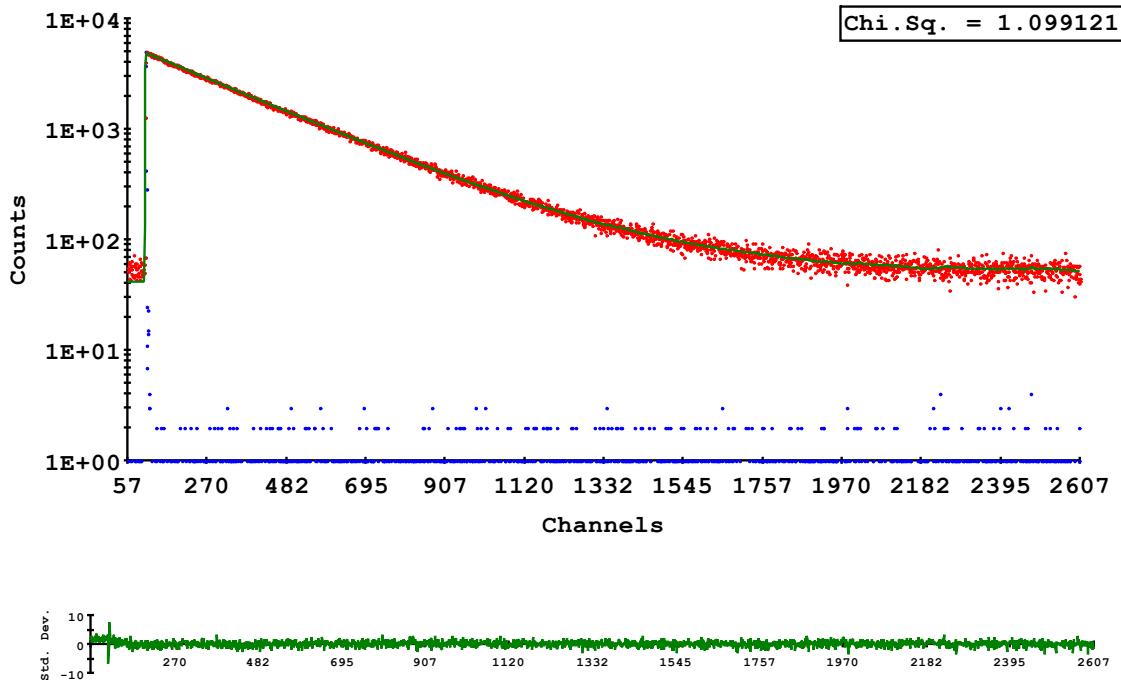
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SHIFT = 0.3908297      ch; 3.431153E-10 sec S.Dev = 2.258932E-11 sec
T1    = 434.98          ch; 3.818755E-07 sec S.Dev = 8.897758E-10 sec
A     = 97.82068          S.Dev = 0.3045523
B1    = 0.470622     [ 100.00 Rel.Ampl] [ 1.00 Alpha] S.Dev = 6.445636E-04

```

Average Life Time = 3.818755E-07 sec  
 CHISQ = 1.06252 [ 2575 degrees of freedom ]

### C-1a



Calculated using 1 exponential

The initial parameters are:

Shift Value = 0 ch; 0 sec  
 Shift Limit = 40 ch; 3.51166E-08 sec  
 T1 Estimate = 292.838 ch; 2.570869E-07 sec

A Free  
 B1 Free

Prompt and decay LO = 57 ch; 5.004115E-08 sec  
 Prompt and decay HI = 2647 ch; 2.323841E-06 sec

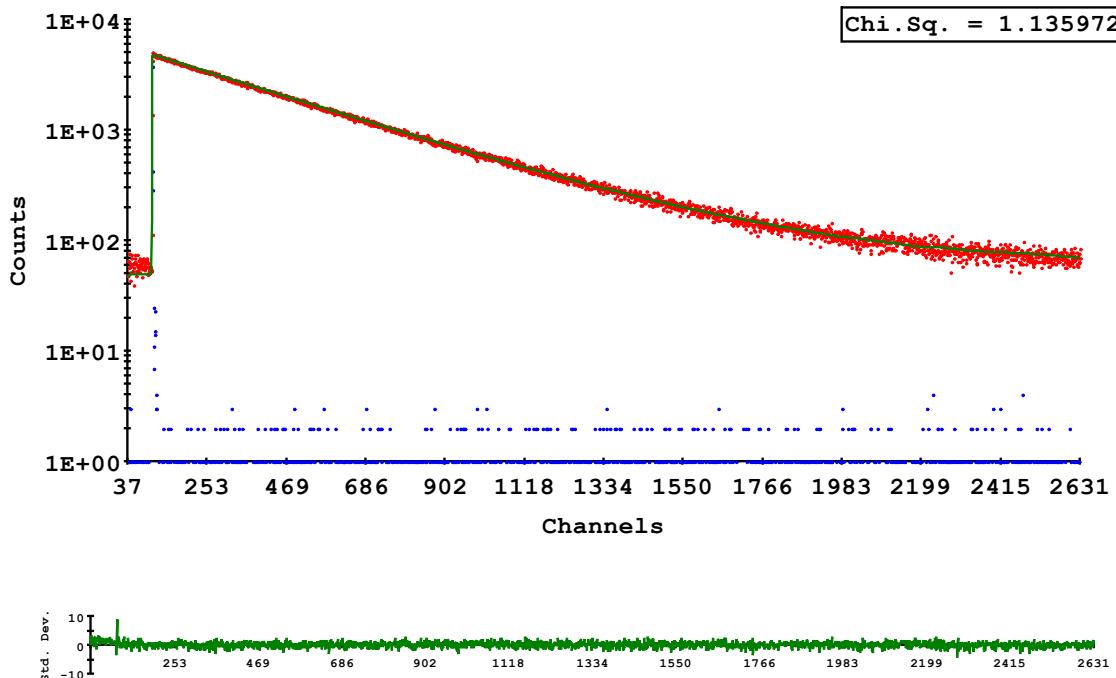
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 Time calibration = 8.77915E-10 sec/ch

The fitted parameters are:

Hi reduced to: 2607 ch

SHIFT = 0.5974014 ch; 5.244676E-10 sec S.Dev = 1.119862E-11 sec  
 T1 = 302.9154 ch; 2.65934E-07 sec S.Dev = 3.112539E-10 sec  
 A = 41.43258 S.Dev = 0.2173026  
 B1 = 0.5112242 [ 100.00 Rel.Ampl] [ 1.00 Alpha] S.Dev = 4.446301E-04  
 Average Life Time = 2.65934E-07 sec  
 CHISQ = 1.099121 [ 2547 degrees of freedom ]

### C-1b



Calculated using 1 exponential

The initial parameters are:

Shift Value = 0 ch; 0 sec  
 Shift Limit = 40 ch; 3.51166E-08 sec

T1 Estimate = 372.2305 ch; 3.267867E-07 sec

A Free  
 B1 Free

Prompt and decay LO = 37 ch; 3.248285E-08 sec  
 Prompt and decay HI = 2671 ch; 2.344911E-06 sec

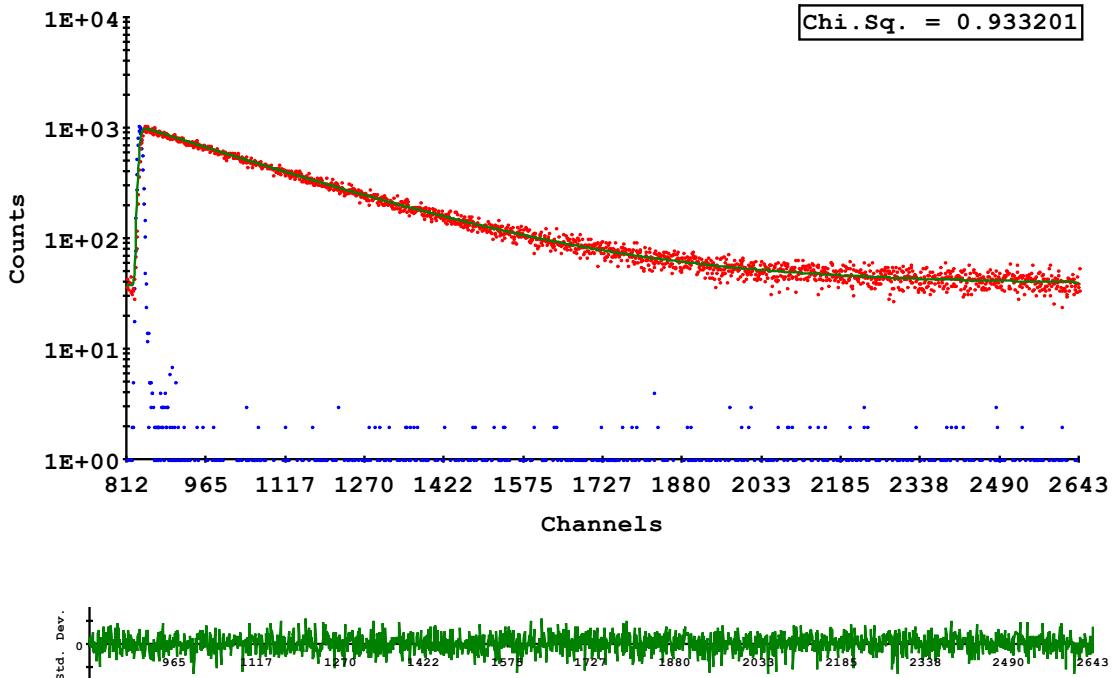
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The fitted parameters are:

Hi reduced to: 2631 ch

SHIFT = 0.5086936 ch; 4.465898E-10 sec S.Dev = 1.235969E-11 sec  
 T1 = 407.7457 ch; 3.57966E-07 sec S.Dev = 4.258433E-10 sec  
 A = 47.75816 S.Dev = 0.2819181  
 B1 = 0.4984699 [ 100.00 Rel.Ampl] [ 1.00 Alpha] S.Dev = 3.910421E-04  
 Average Life Time = 3.57966E-07 sec  
 CHISQ = 1.135972 [ 2591 degrees of freedom ]

### C-1c



Calculated using 1 exponential

The initial parameters are:

Shift Value = 0 ch; 0 sec  
 Shift Limit = 40 ch; 4.389575E-09 sec

T1 Estimate = 169.1614 ch; 1.856367E-08 sec

A Free

B1 Free

Prompt and decay LO = 812 ch; 8.910837E-08 sec  
 Prompt and decay HI = 2683 ch; 2.944307E-07 sec

Background on prompt = 1 (manual)

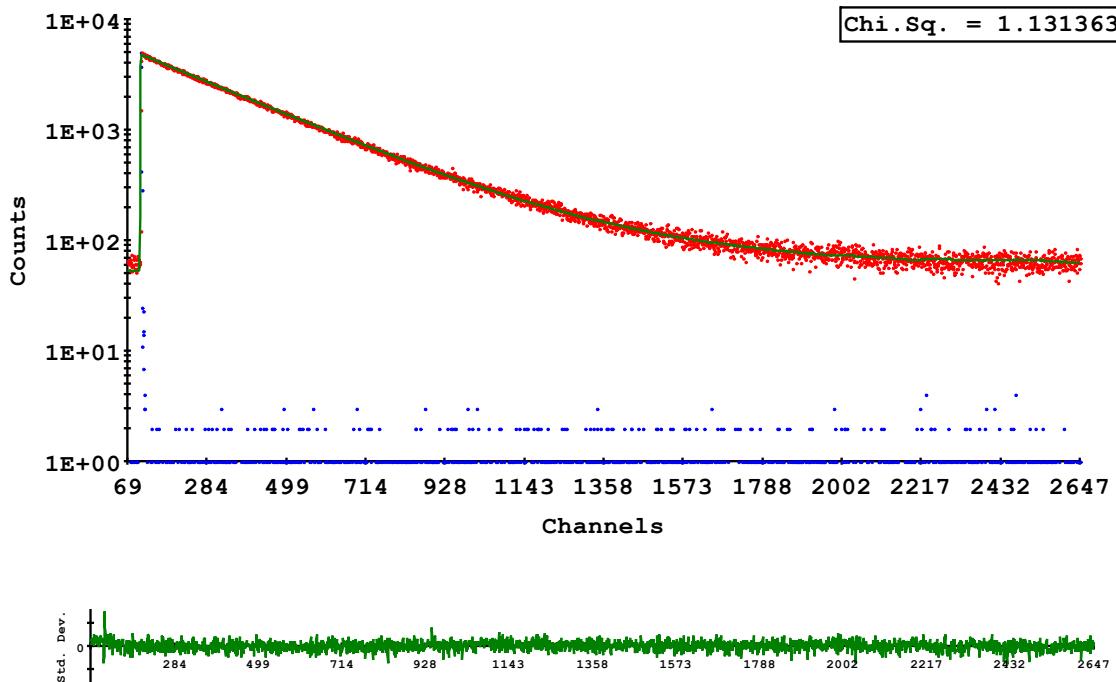
Time calibration = 1.097394E-10 sec/ch

The fitted parameters are:

Hi reduced to: 2643 ch

SHIFT = 0.453698 ch; 4.978853E-11 sec S.Dev = 8.439614E-12 sec  
 T1 = 275.3003 ch; 3.021128E-08 sec S.Dev = 9.846059E-11 sec  
 A = 37.60783 S.Dev = 0.2243803  
 B1 = 8.788235E-02 [ 100.00 Rel.Ampl] [ 1.00 Alpha] S.Dev = 2.024839E-04  
 Average Life Time = 3.021128E-08 sec  
 CHISQ = 0.933201 [ 1828 degrees of freedom ]

### C-1d



Calculated using 1 exponential

The initial parameters are:

Shift Value = 0 ch; 0 sec  
 Shift Limit = 40 ch; 3.51166E-08 sec

T1 Estimate = 287.6757 ch; 2.525548E-07 sec

A Free  
 B1 Free

Prompt and decay LO = 69 ch; 6.057613E-08 sec  
 Prompt and decay HI = 2687 ch; 2.358958E-06 sec

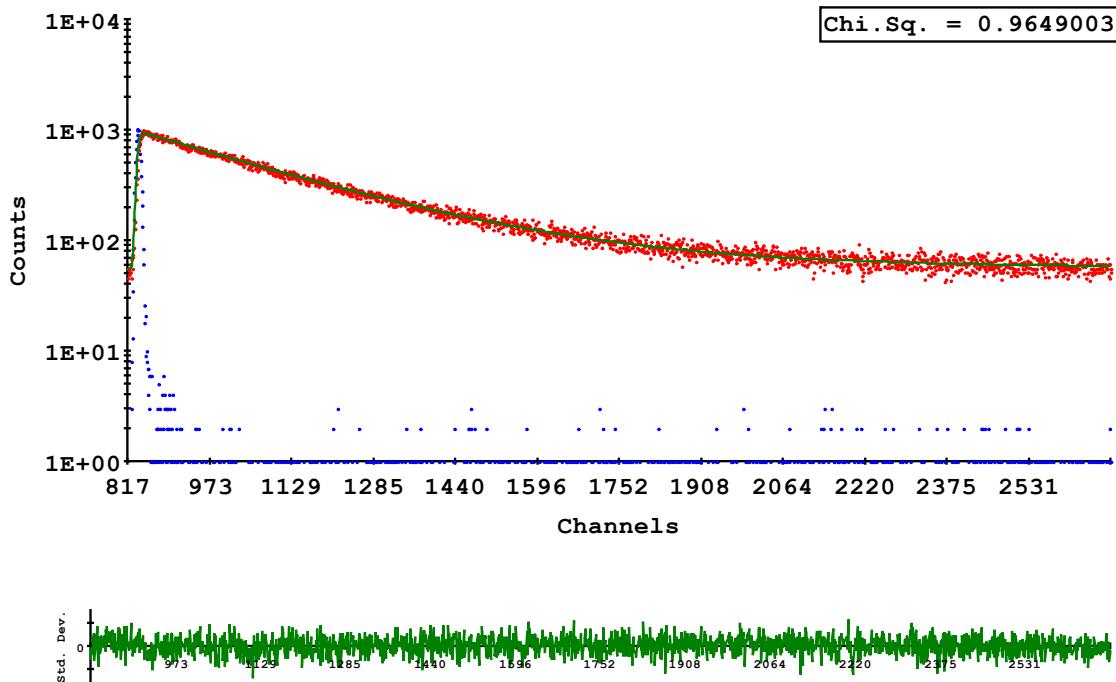
Background on prompt = 1 (manual)  
 Time calibration = 8.77915E-10 sec/ch

The fitted parameters are:

Hi reduced to: 2647 ch

SHIFT = 0.4703841 ch; 4.129572E-10 sec S.Dev = 1.27369E-11 sec  
 T1 = 308.0277 ch; 2.704222E-07 sec S.Dev = 3.395406E-10 sec  
 A = 52.95856 S.Dev = 0.2339391  
 B1 = 0.5000985 [ 100.00 Rel.Ampl] [ 1.00 Alpha] S.Dev = 4.39496E-04  
 Average Life Time = 2.704222E-07 sec  
 CHISQ = 1.131363 [ 2575 degrees of freedom ]

## C-1e



Calculated using 1 exponential

The initial parameters are:

```
Shift Value = 0      ch;      0      sec
Shift Limit = 40    ch;  4.389575E-09 sec
T1 Estimate = 269.9332 ch;  2.96223E-08 sec
```

```
A Free
B1 Free
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Prompt and decay LO = 817    ch;  8.965706E-08 sec
Prompt and decay HI = 2727   ch;  2.992593E-07 sec
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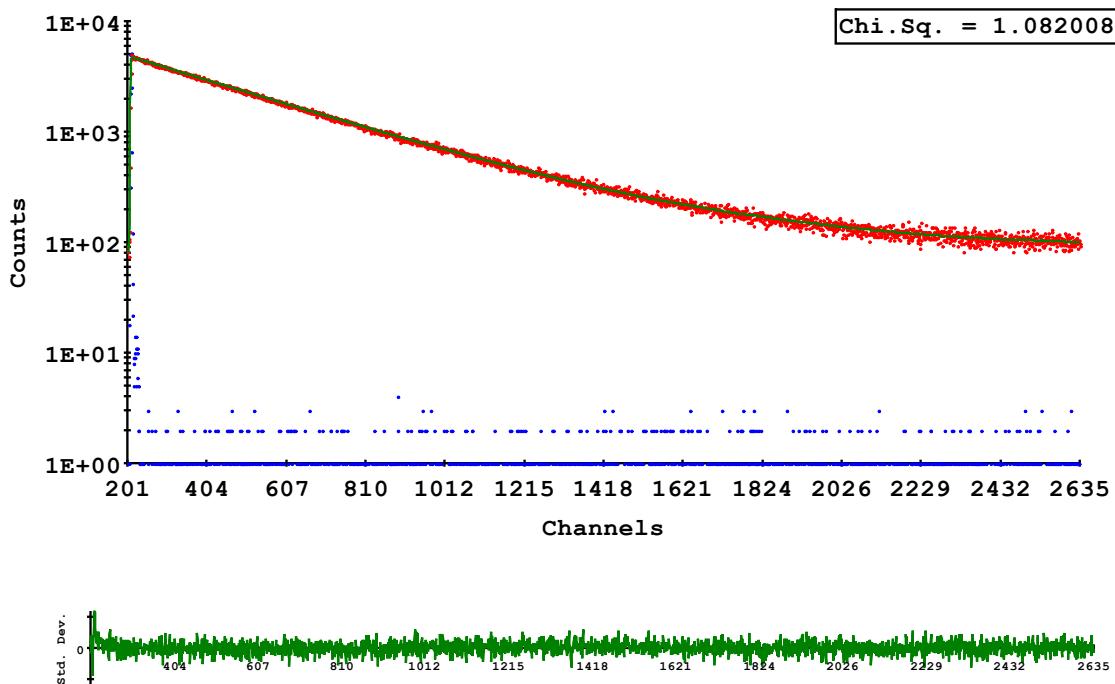
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Time calibration = 1.097394E-10 sec/ch
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The fitted parameters are:

Hi reduced to: 2687 ch

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SHIFT = 9.247364E-03 ch;  1.0148E-12 sec  S.Dev = 9.412315E-12 sec
T1     = 288.3633    ch;  3.164481E-08 sec  S.Dev = 1.262334E-10 sec
A      = 56.06471           S.Dev = 0.260014
B1     = 8.461874E-02 [ 100.00 Rel.Ampl] [ 1.00 Alpha] S.Dev = 2.07085E-04
Average Life Time = 3.164481E-08 sec
CHISQ = 0.9649003      [ 1867 degrees of freedom ]
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### C-1f



Calculated using 1 exponential

The initial parameters are:

Shift Value = 0 ch; 0 sec  
Shift Limit = 40 ch; 1.75583E-08 sec

T1 Estimate = 297.8851 ch; 1.307589E-07 sec

A Free  
B1 Free

Prompt and decay LO = 201 ch; 8.823045E-08 sec  
Prompt and decay HI = 2675 ch; 1.174211E-06 sec

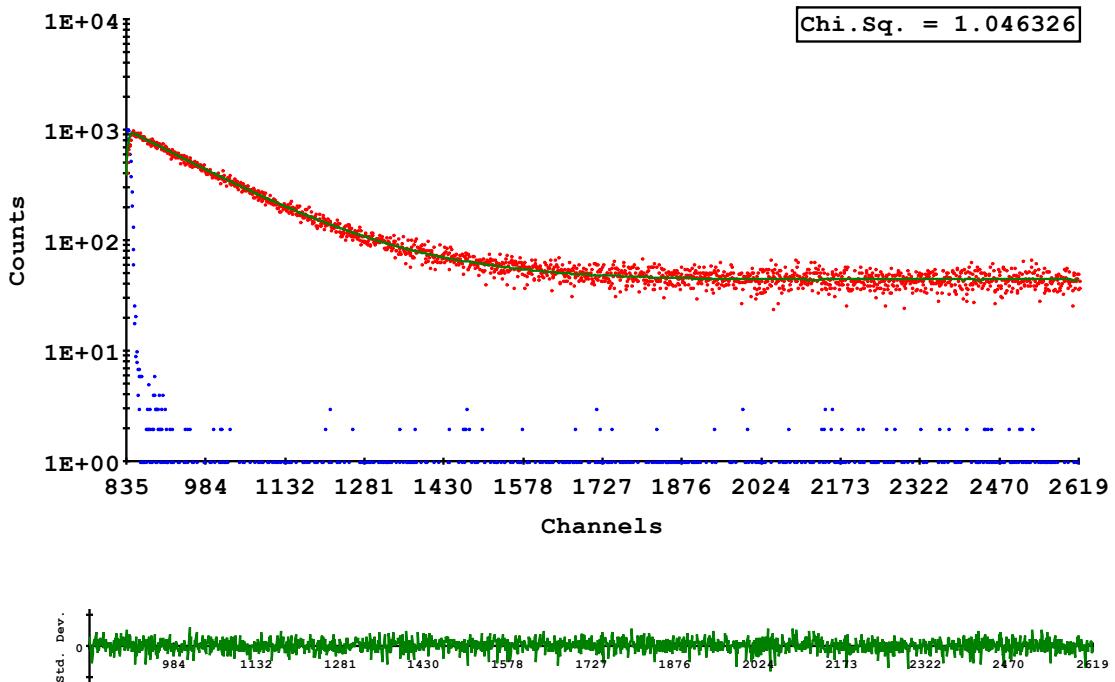
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Time calibration = 4.389575E-10 sec/ch

The fitted parameters are:

Hi reduced to: 2635 ch

SHIFT = 0.3860314 ch; 1.694514E-10 sec S.Dev = 8.379197E-12 sec  
T1 = 390.7628 ch; 1.715283E-07 sec S.Dev = 2.22235E-10 sec  
A = 82.85342 S.Dev = 0.3409277  
B1 = 0.2904978 [ 100.00 Rel.Ampl] [ 1.00 Alpha] S.Dev = 2.399315E-04  
Average Life Time = 1.715283E-07 sec  
CHISQ = 1.082008 [ 2431 degrees of freedom ]

## C-1g



Calculated using 1 exponential

The initial parameters are:

Shift Value = 0 ch; 0 sec  
 Shift Limit = 40 ch; 4.389575E-09 sec

T1 Estimate = 117.7722 ch; 1.292425E-08 sec

A Free  
 B1 Free

Prompt and decay LO = 835 ch; 9.163237E-08 sec  
 Prompt and decay HI = 2659 ch; 2.91797E-07 sec

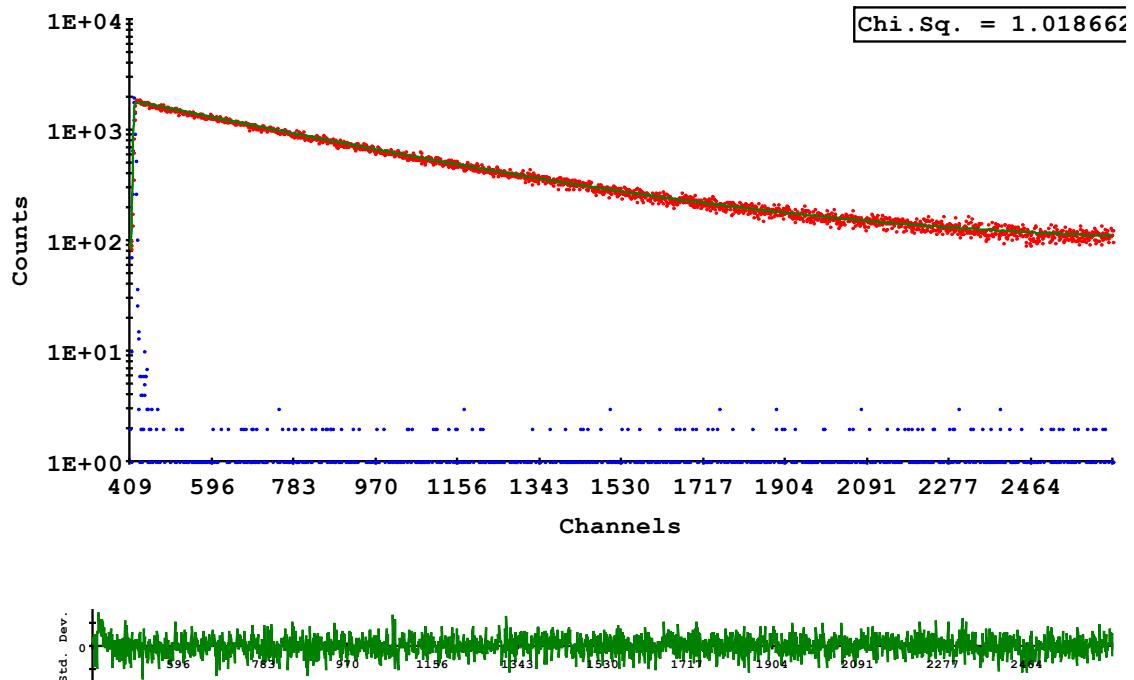
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 Time calibration = 1.097394E-10 sec/ch

The fitted parameters are:

Hi reduced to: 2619 ch

SHIFT = -1.511307 ch; -1.658498E-10 sec S.Dev = 1.129568E-11 sec  
 T1 = 164.2944 ch; 1.802956E-08 sec S.Dev = 8.000964E-11 sec  
 A = 43.13564 S.Dev = 0.1962022  
 B1 = 0.1359902 [ 100.00 Rel.Ampl] [ 1.00 Alpha] S.Dev = 4.017249E-04  
 Average Life Time = 1.802956E-08 sec  
 CHISQ = 1.046326 [ 1781 degrees of freedom ]

## C-2



Calculated using 1 exponential

The initial parameters are:

Shift Value = 0 ch; 0 sec  
 Shift Limit = 40 ch; 8.77915E-09 sec

T1 Estimate = 387.4972 ch; 8.504739E-08 sec

A Free  
 B1 Free

Prompt and decay LO = 409 ch; 8.976681E-08 sec  
 Prompt and decay HI = 2691 ch; 5.906173E-07 sec

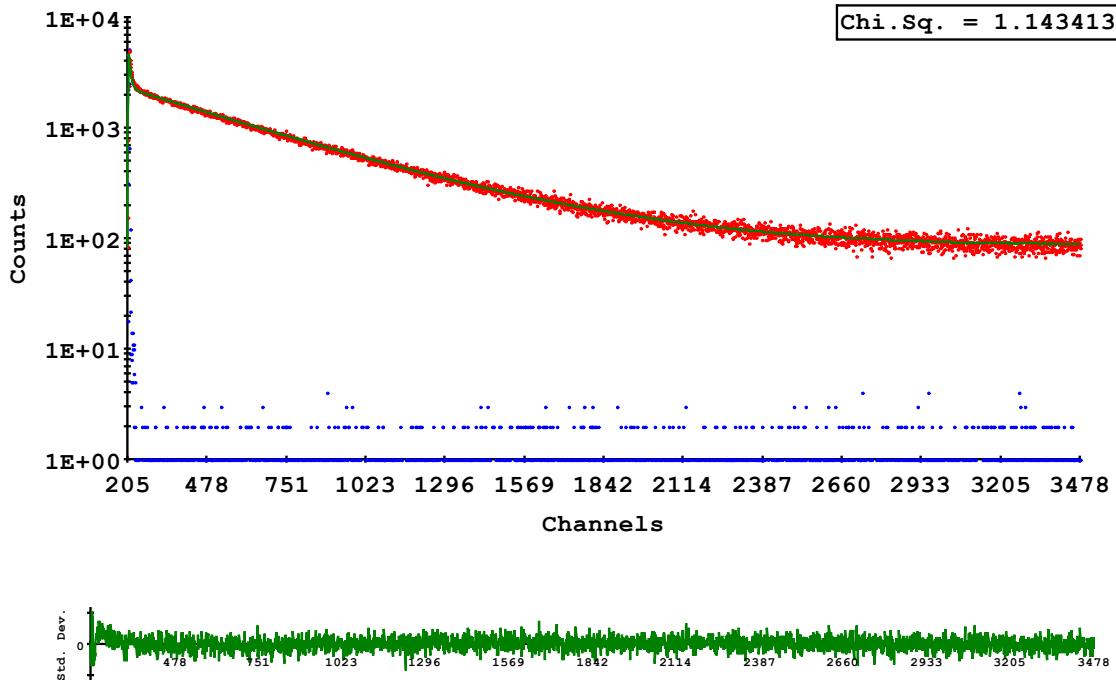
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 Time calibration = 2.194787E-10 sec/ch

The fitted parameters are:

Hi reduced to: 2651 ch

SHIFT = 0.3212092 ch; 7.049859E-11 sec S.Dev = 9.764486E-12 sec  
 T1 = 501.614 ch; 1.100936E-07 sec S.Dev = 3.117276E-10 sec  
 A = 84.2297 S.Dev = 0.392129  
 B1 = 0.1542881 [ 100.00 Rel.Ampl] [ 1.00 Alpha] S.Dev = 2.143631E-04  
 Average Life Time = 1.100936E-07 sec  
 CHISQ = 1.018662 [ 2239 degrees of freedom ]

### C-3a



Calculated using 2 exponentials

The initial parameters are:

Shift Value = 0	ch;	0	sec
Shift Limit = 40	ch;	1.75583E-08	sec
T1 Estimate = 150.4275	ch;	6.603126E-08	sec
T2 Estimate = 601.7099	ch;	2.64125E-07	sec

A Free  
B1 Free  
B2 Free

Prompt and decay LO = 205	ch;	8.998629E-08	sec
Prompt and decay HI = 3518	ch;	1.544252E-06	sec

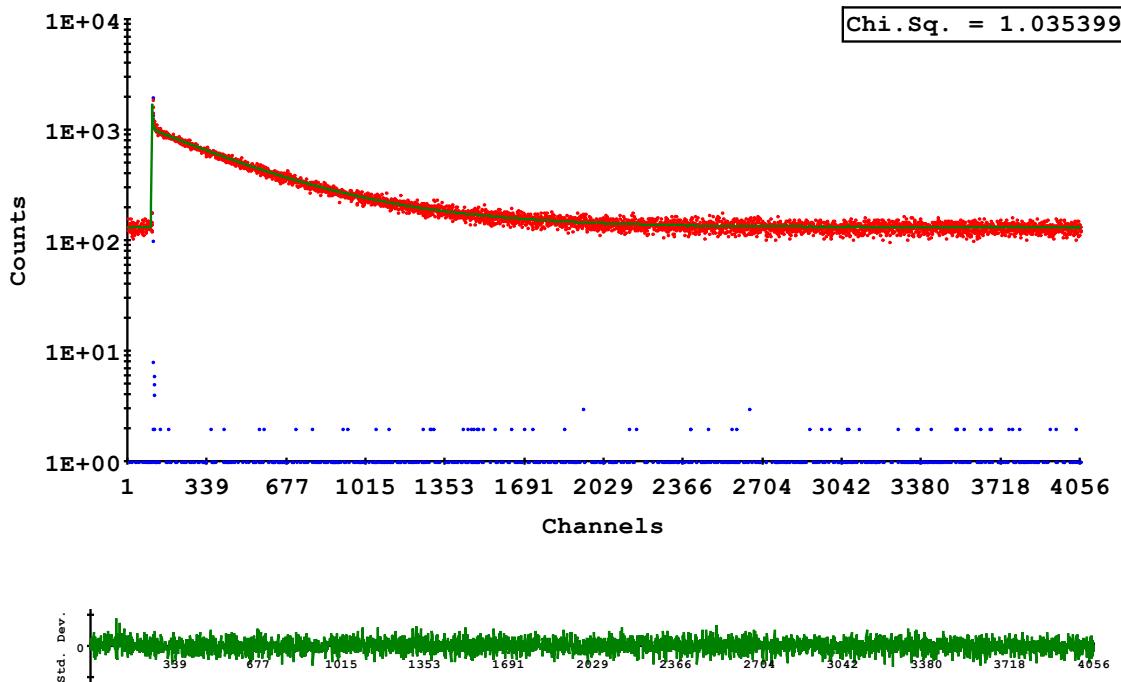
Background on prompt = 1 (manual)  
Time calibration = 4.389575E-10 sec/ch

The fitted parameters are:

Hi reduced to: 3478 ch

SHIFT = 9.356263E-02	ch;	4.107002E-11	sec	S.Dev = 7.121309E-12	sec
T1 = 6.639951	ch;	2.914656E-09	sec	S.Dev = 9.402936E-11	sec
T2 = 516.1541	ch;	2.265697E-07	sec	S.Dev = 4.253594E-10	sec
A = 77.17587				S.Dev = 0.2509782	
B1 = 0.2414948	[ 2.24 Rel.Ampl]	[ 0.64 Alpha]	S.Dev = 2.503661E-03		
B2 = 0.135377	[ 97.76 Rel.Ampl]	[ 0.36 Alpha]	S.Dev = 1.506701E-04		
Average Life Time = 8.325431E-08 sec					
CHISQ = 1.143413 [ 3268 degrees of freedom ]					

### C-3b



Calculated using 2 exponentials

The initial parameters are:

Shift Value = 0	ch;	0	sec
Shift Limit = 40	ch;	3.51166E-08	sec
T1 Estimate = 106.7029	ch;	9.367609E-08	sec
T2 Estimate = 426.8117	ch;	3.747044E-07	sec

A Free

B1 Free

B2 Free

Prompt and decay LO = 2	ch;	1.75583E-09	sec
Prompt and decay HI = 4096	ch;	3.59594E-06	sec

Background on prompt = 1 (manual)

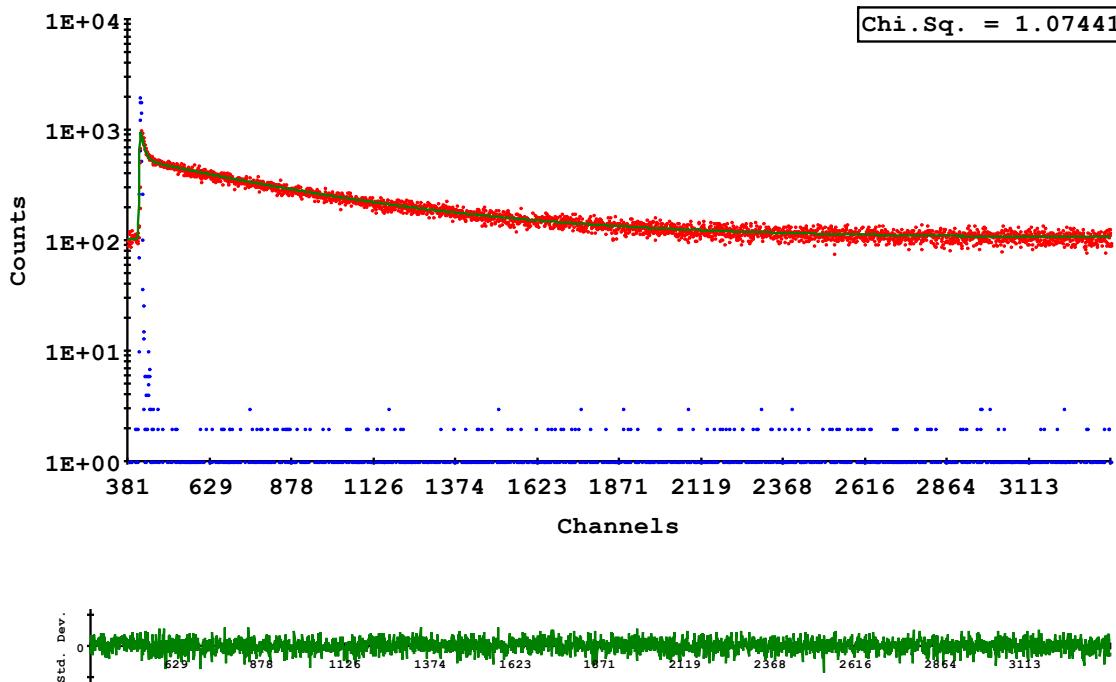
Time calibration = 8.77915E-10 sec/ch

The fitted parameters are:

Hi reduced to: 4056 ch

SHIFT = 0.1195633	ch;	1.049664E-10	sec	S.Dev = 2.888147E-11	sec
T1 = 3.303561	ch;	2.900246E-09	sec	S.Dev = 2.73716E-10	sec
T2 = 438.8091	ch;	3.852371E-07	sec	S.Dev = 1.334552E-09	sec
A = 129.7937				S.Dev = 0.2192968	
B1 = 0.3673247	[ 1.13 Rel.Ampl]	[ 0.60 Alpha]	S.Dev = 1.066362E-02		
B2 = 0.2421349	[ 98.87 Rel.Ampl]	[ 0.40 Alpha]	S.Dev = 5.042904E-04		
Average Life Time = 1.548005E-07 sec					
CHISQ = 1.035399 [ 4050 degrees of freedom ]					

### C-3c



Calculated using 2 exponentials

The initial parameters are:

Shift Value = 0	ch;	0	sec
Shift Limit = 40	ch;	8.77915E-09	sec
T1 Estimate = 321.9654	ch;	7.066456E-08	sec
T2 Estimate = 1287.861	ch;	2.826582E-07	sec

A Free

B1 Free

B2 Free

Prompt and decay LO = 381	ch;	8.36214E-08	sec
Prompt and decay HI = 3401	ch;	7.464472E-07	sec

Background on prompt = 1 (manual)

Time calibration = 2.194787E-10 sec/ch

The fitted parameters are:

Hi reduced to: 3361 ch

SHIFT = -0.1458581	ch;	-3.201274E-11	sec	S.Dev = 1.377985E-11	sec
T1 = 10.5551	ch;	2.31662E-09	sec	S.Dev = 1.14752E-10	sec
T2 = 540.5867	ch;	1.186473E-07	sec	S.Dev = 7.761685E-10	sec
A = 103.4928				S.Dev = 0.2637861	
B1 = 6.355906E-02	[ 3.13 Rel.Ampl]	[ 0.62 Alpha]	S.Dev = 1.31891E-03		
B2 = 3.844109E-02	[ 96.87 Rel.Ampl]	[ 0.38 Alpha]	S.Dev = 1.240731E-04		
Average Life Time = 4.615849E-08 sec					
CHISQ = 1.074417 [ 2975 degrees of freedom ]					

## VII. NMR spectra

