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Photoinduced Charge Transfer in Molecular Materials Studied by Optical Absorption Using Photoacoustic Spectroscopy¹

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Abstract—Photoacoustic spectra of molecular materials based on the assembling of the $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$ molecular block were recorded and evaluated. Those compositions where the valence of the involved metals allows a charge transfer (an inner photoinduced redox reaction) through the CN ligand shown an intense photoacoustic signal around 600 nm; when this transition is unable only the signal corresponding to metal-to-ligand and $d-d$ transitions within the metal were observed. This suggests that this technique provides a fast and reliable method to explore the existence of tunable photoinduced charge transfer in molecular materials.