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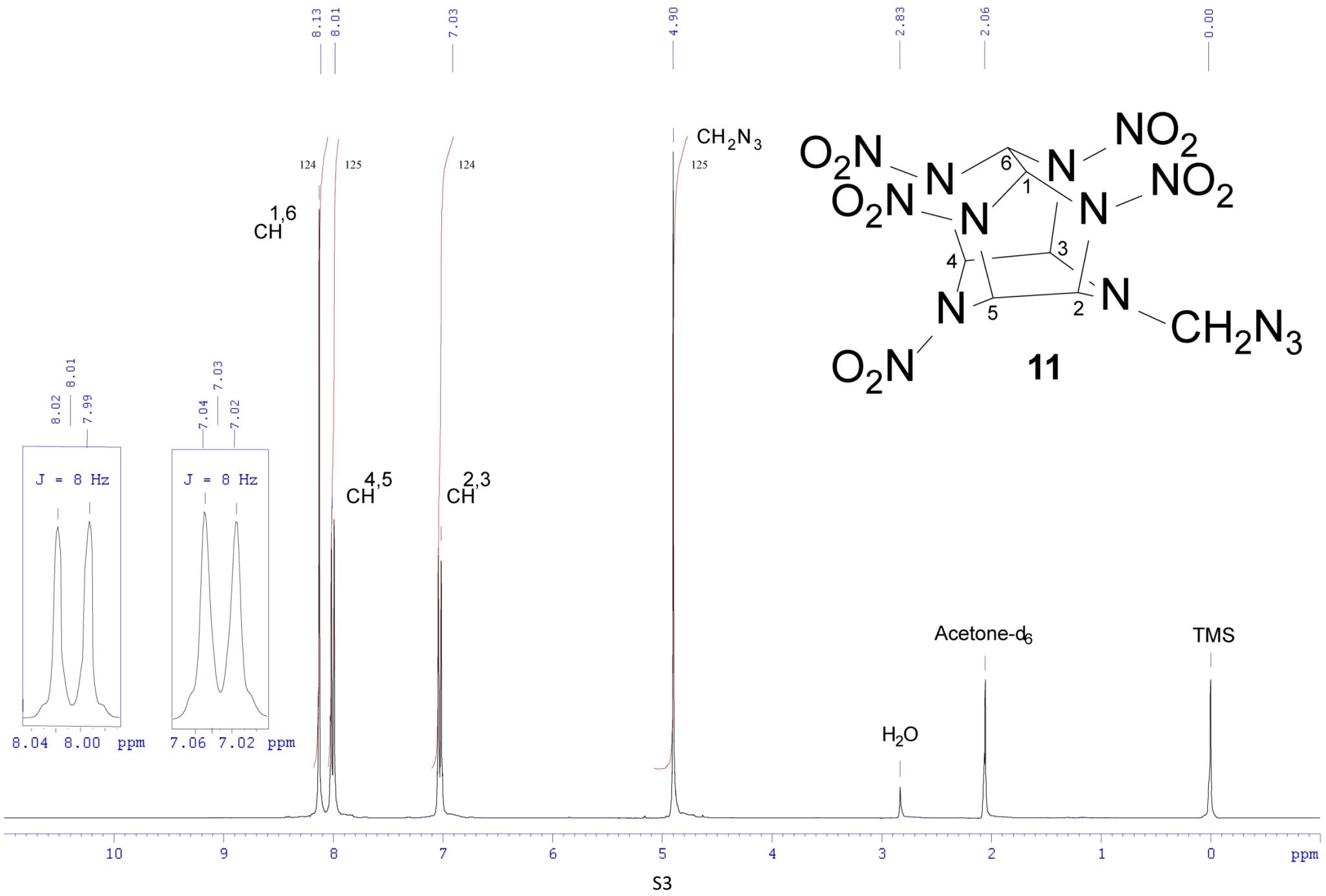
Energetic N-azidomethyl derivatives of polynitro hexaazaisowurtzitanes series: the most highly enthalpy analogues of CL-20

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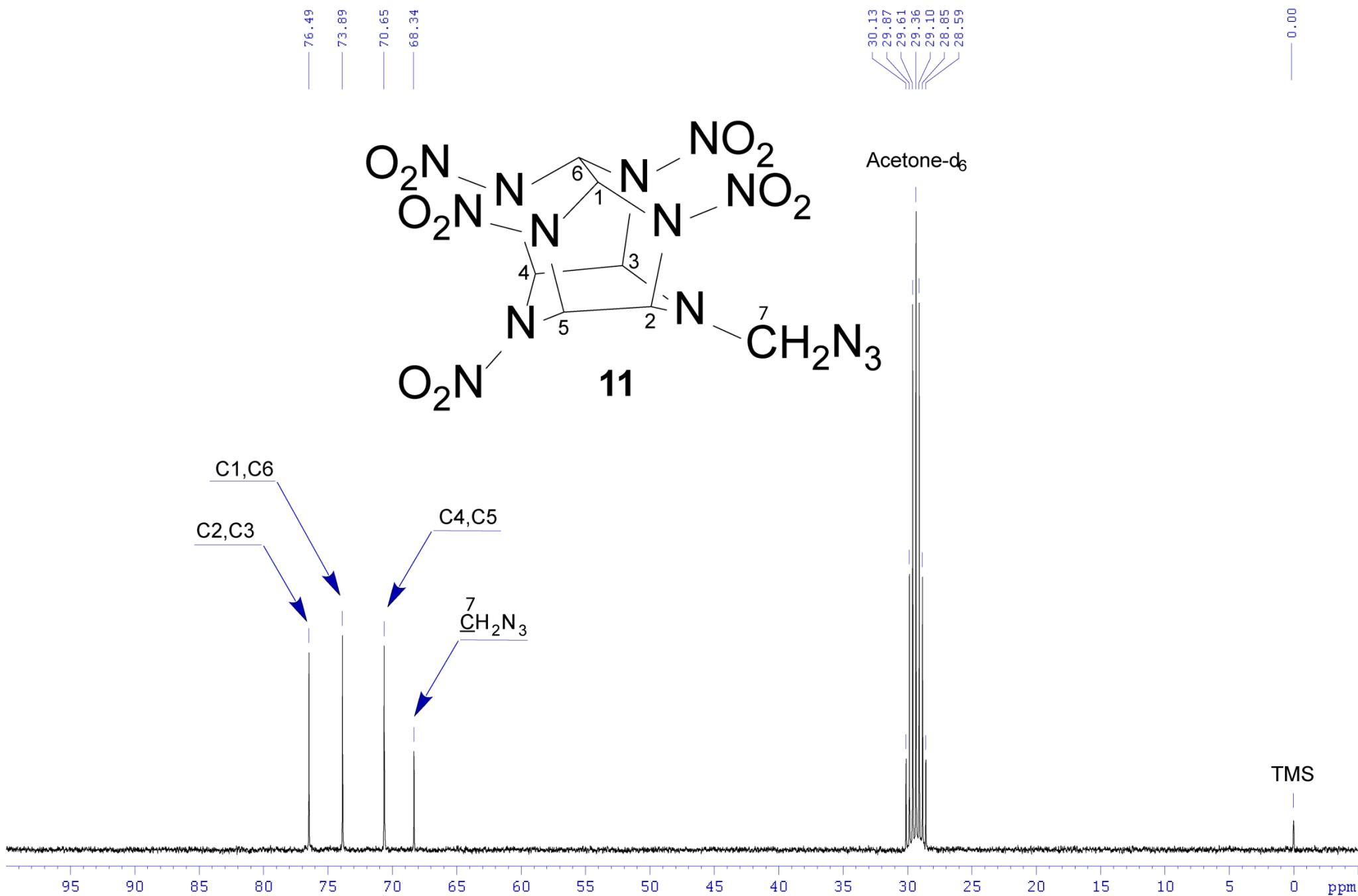
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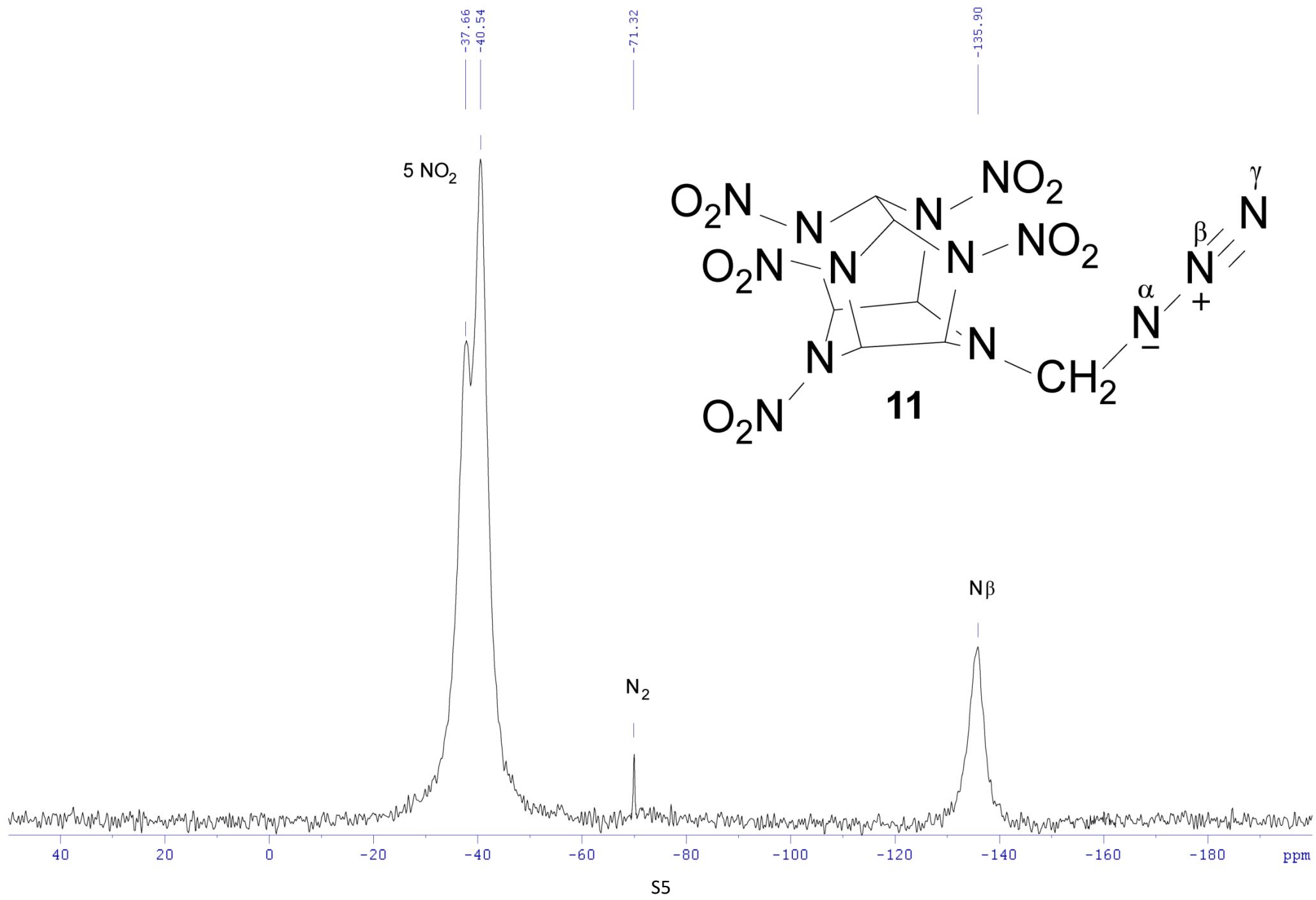
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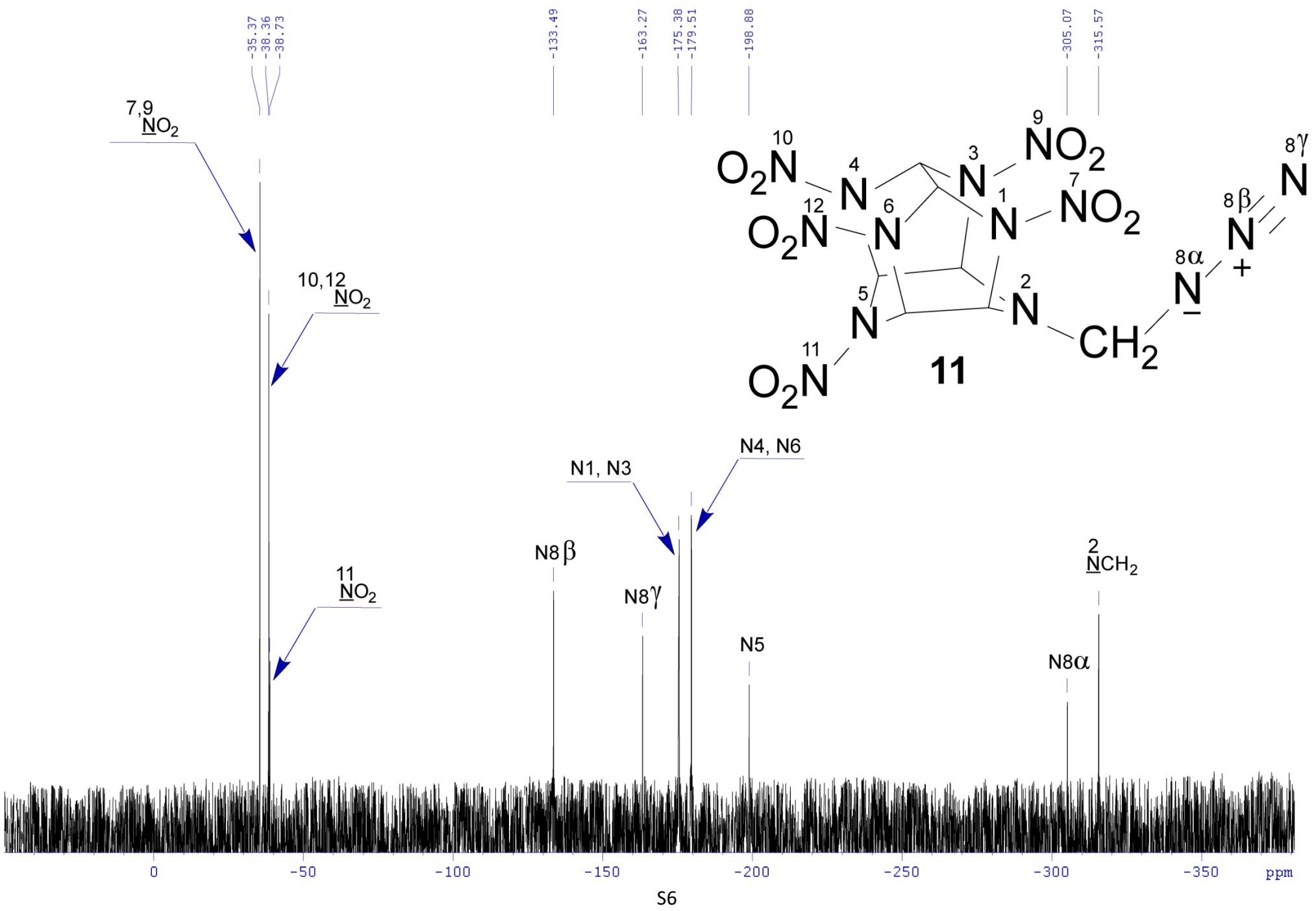
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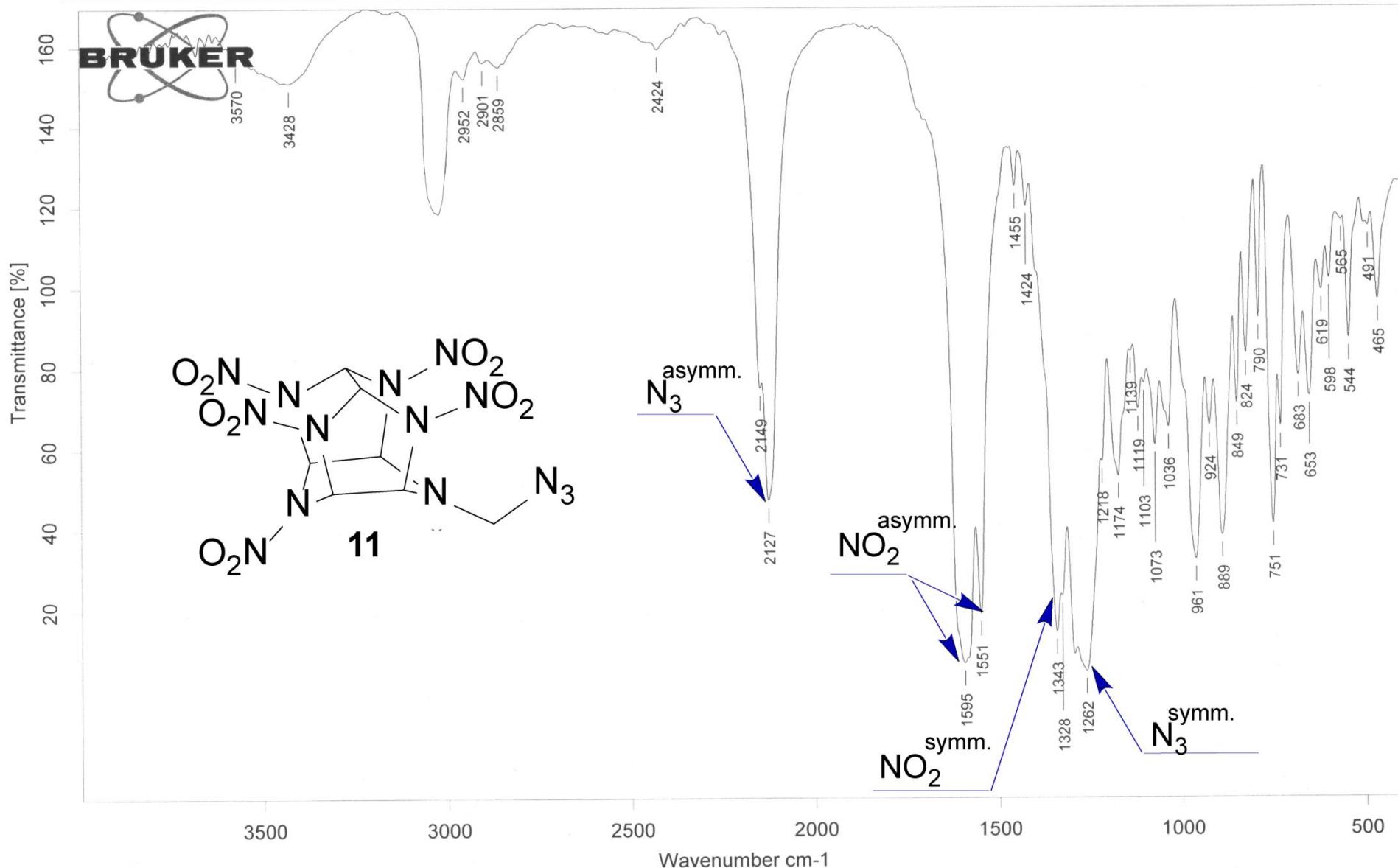
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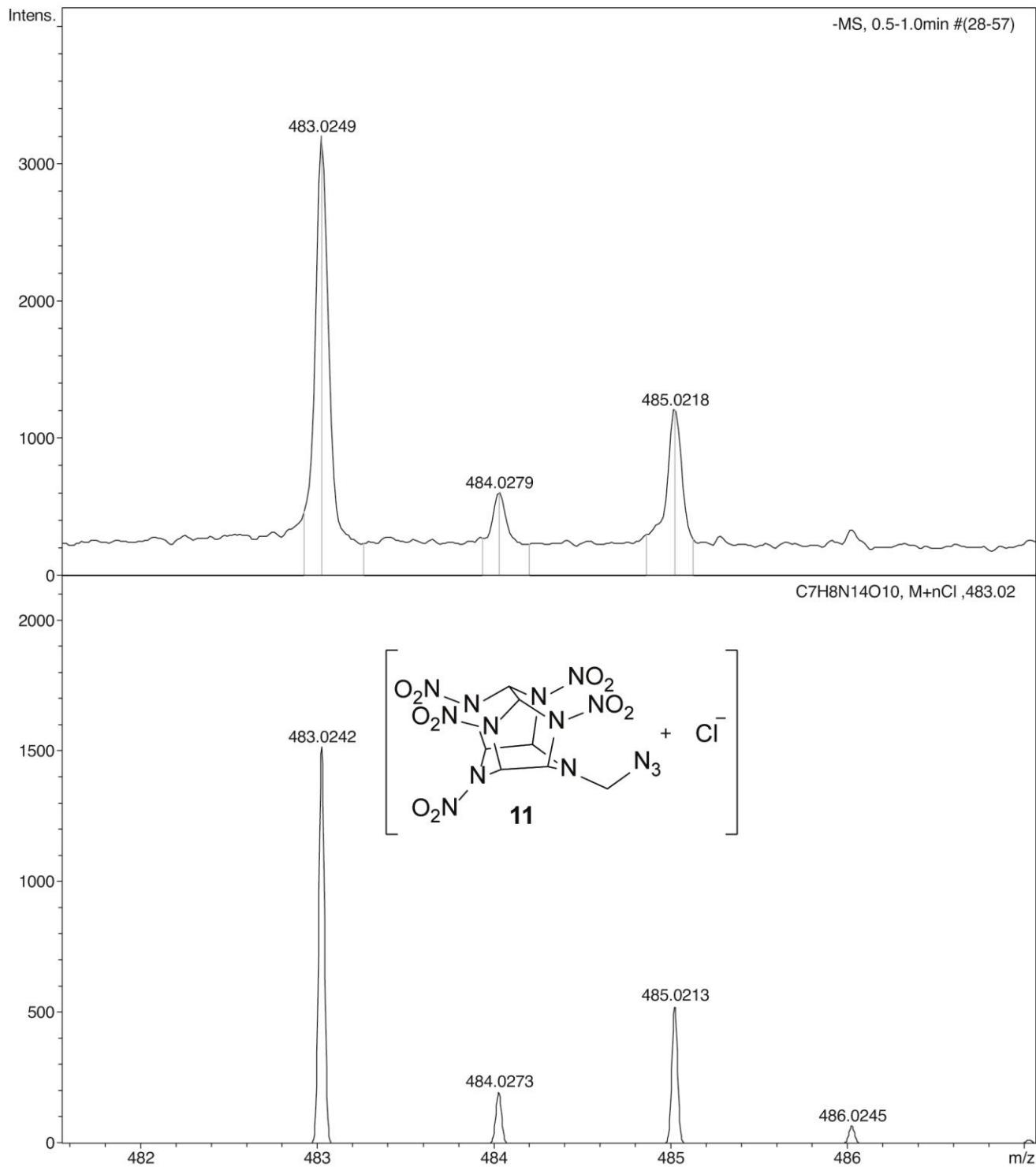
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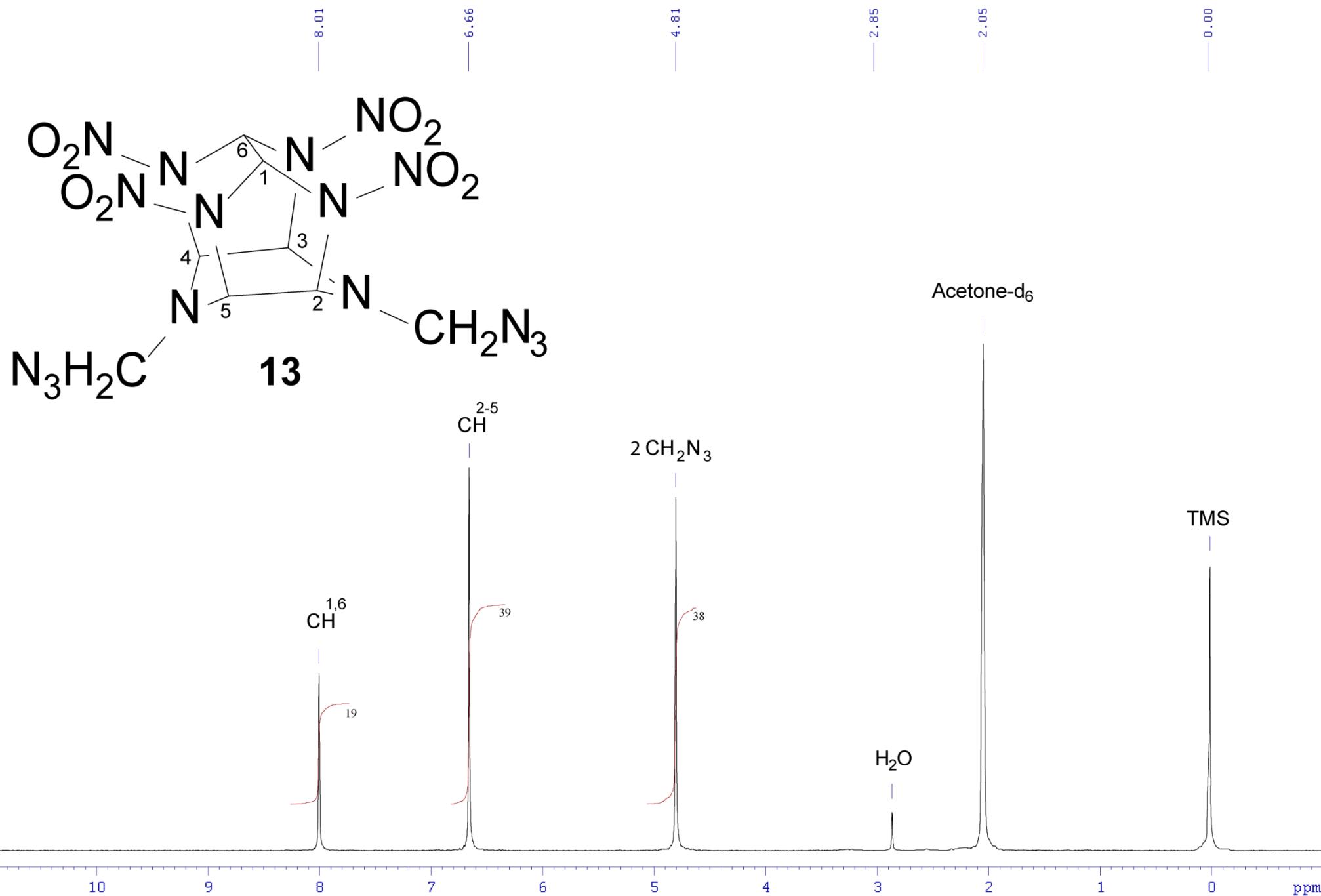
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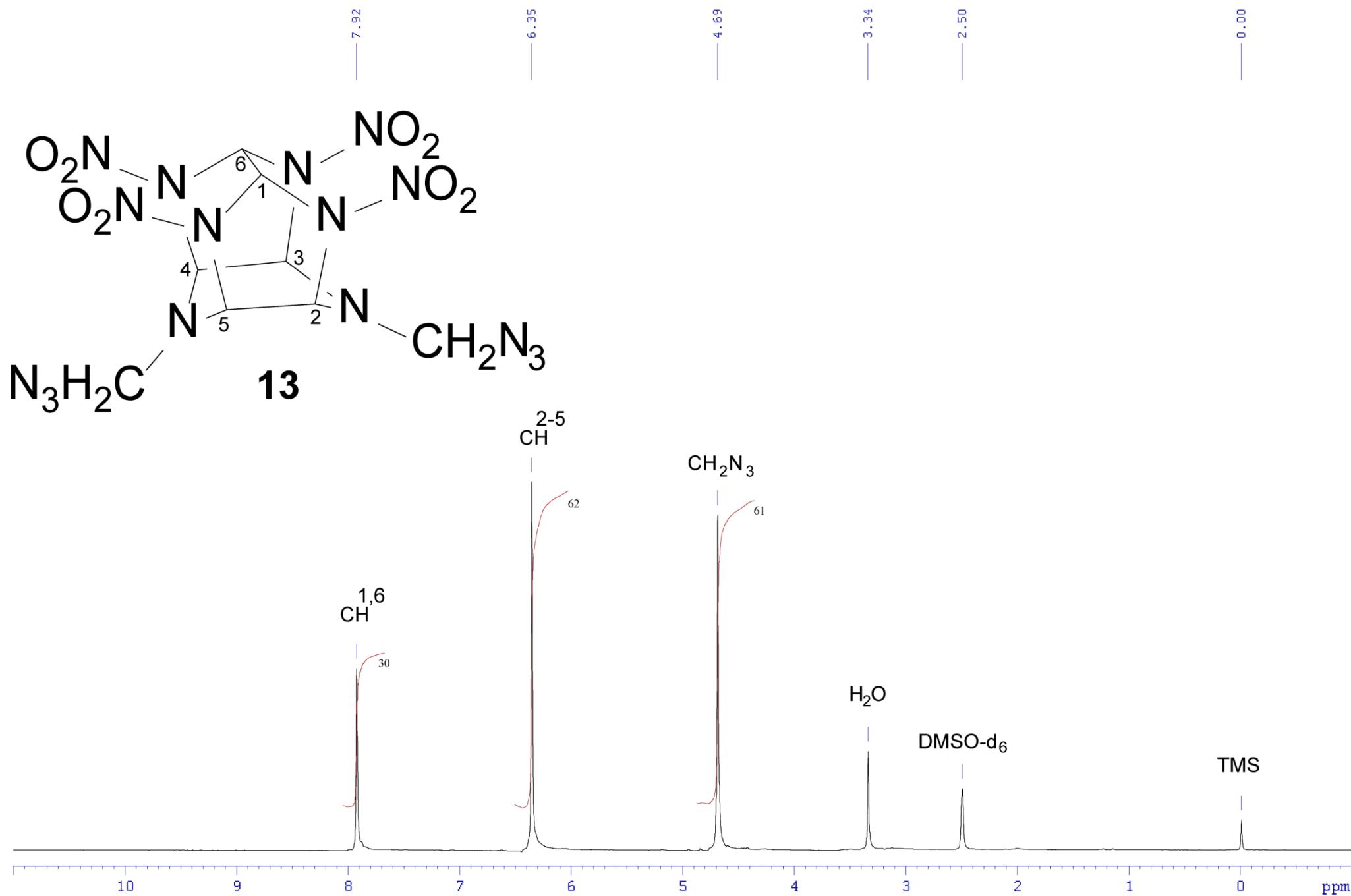
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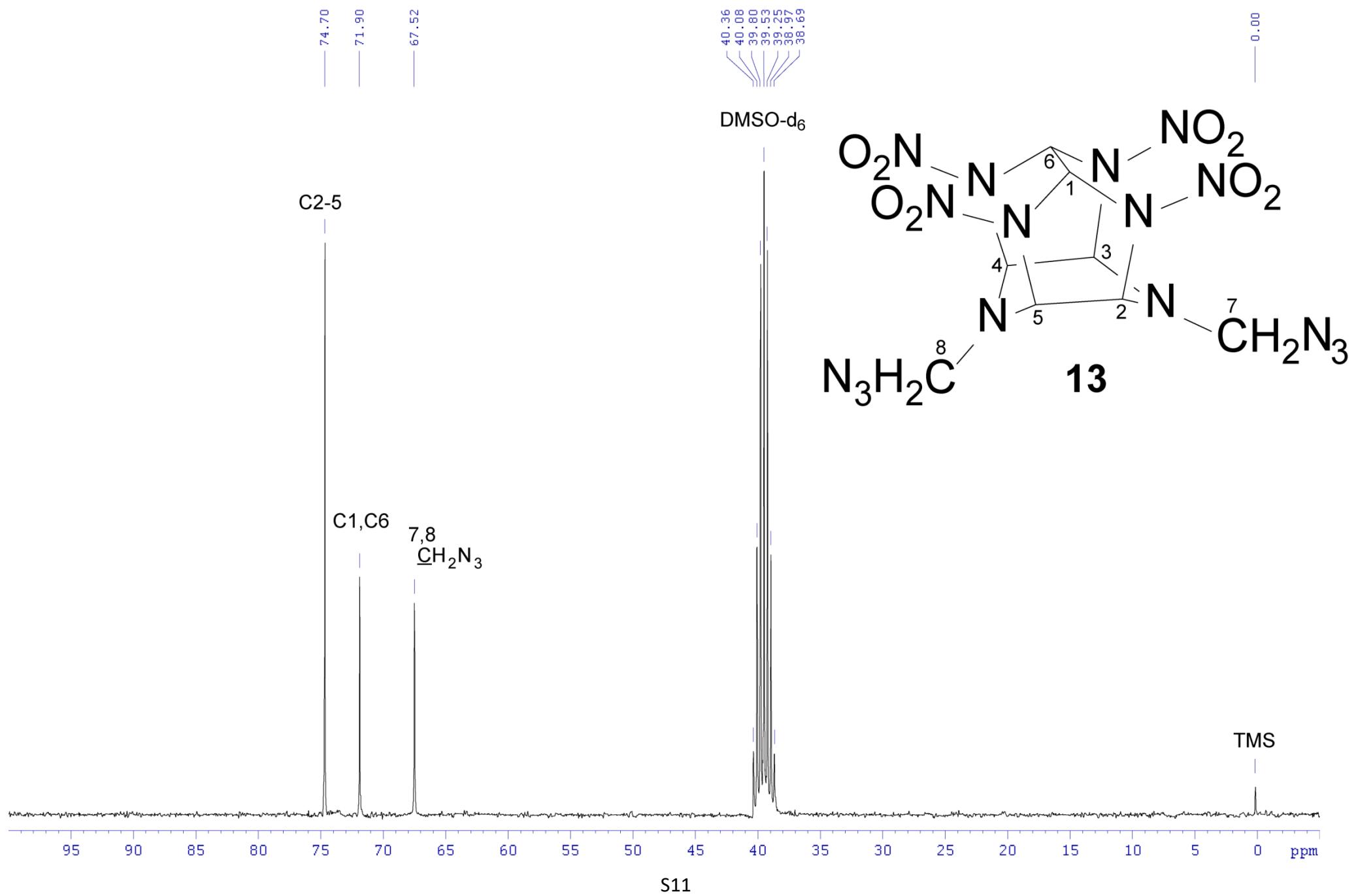
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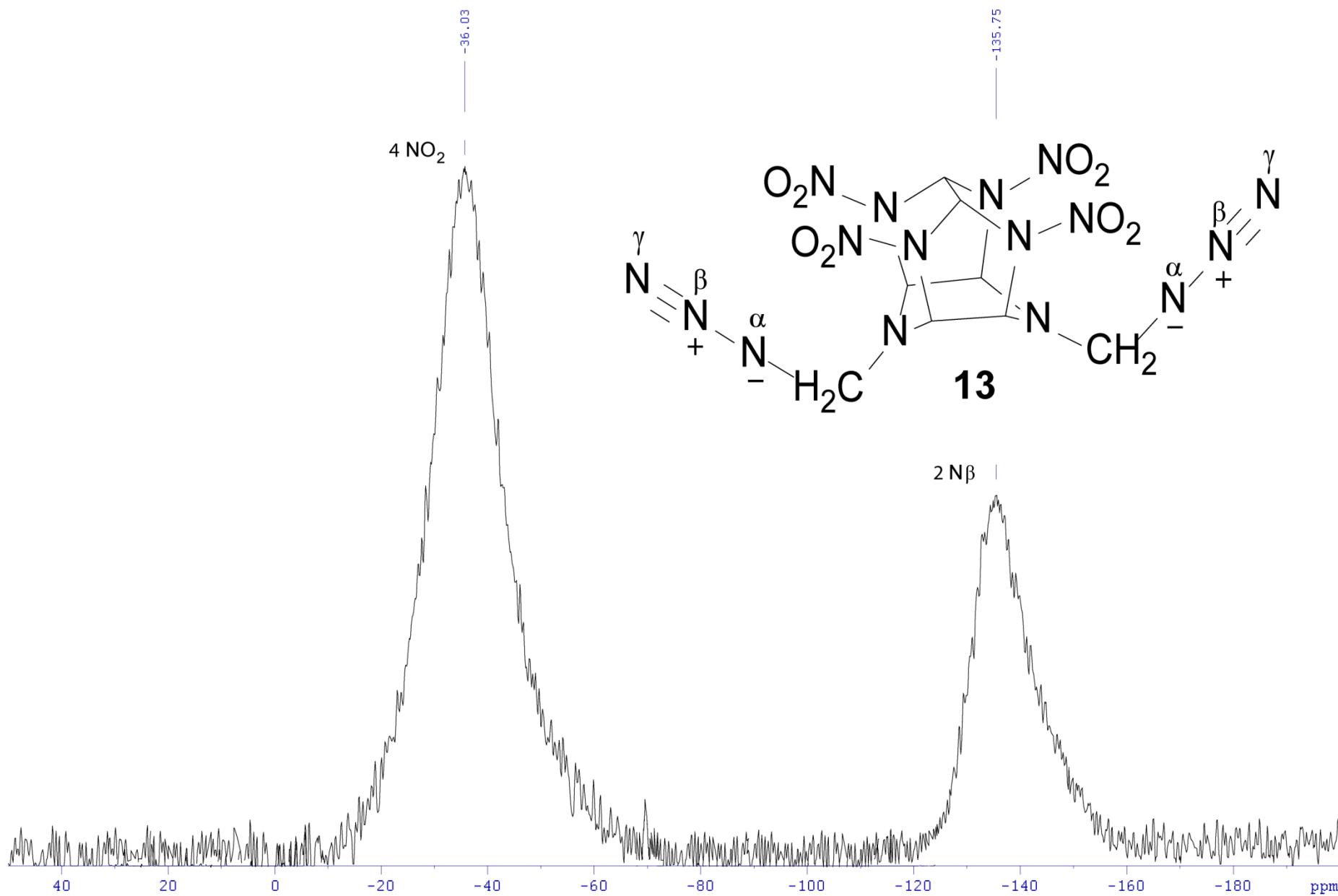
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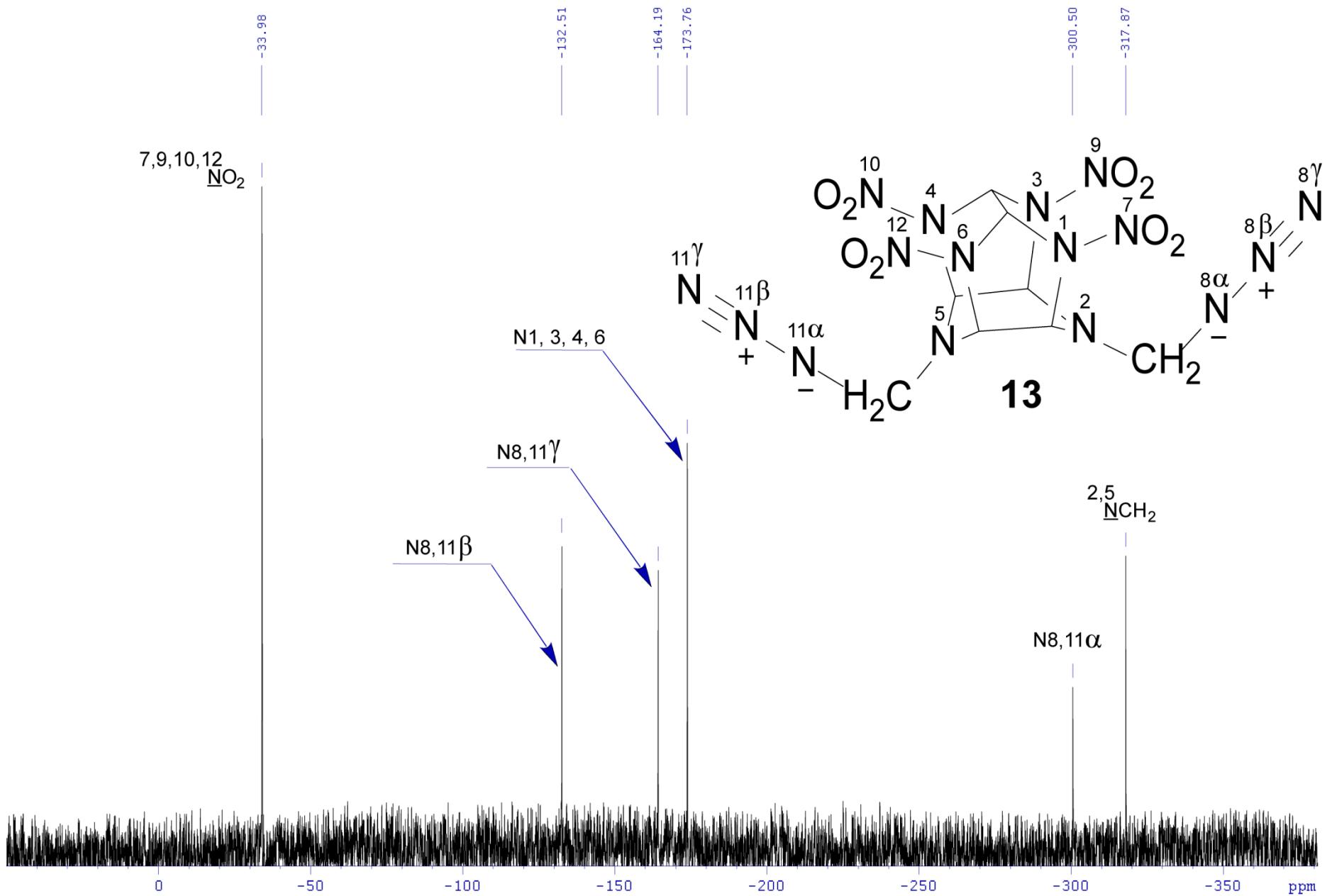
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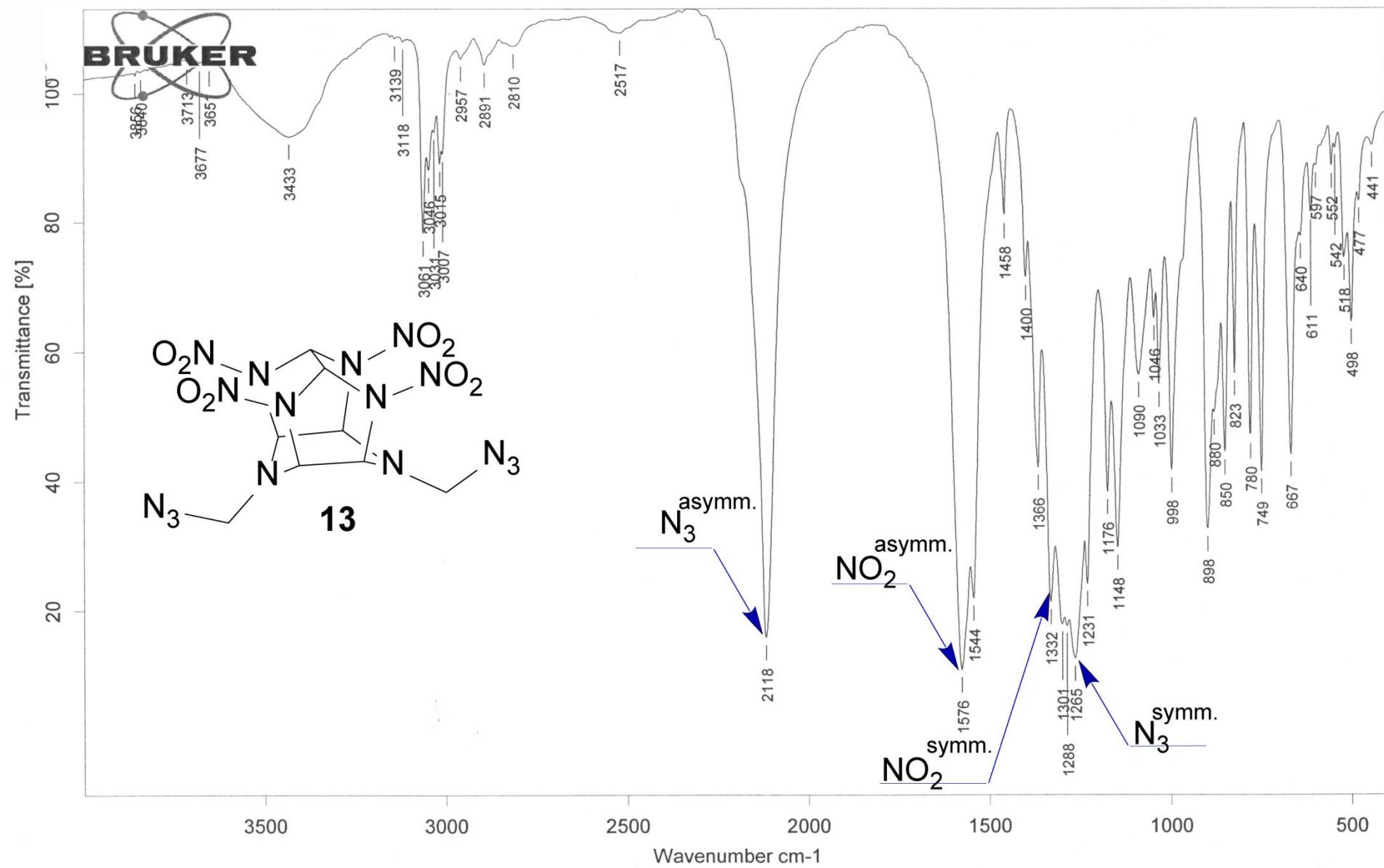
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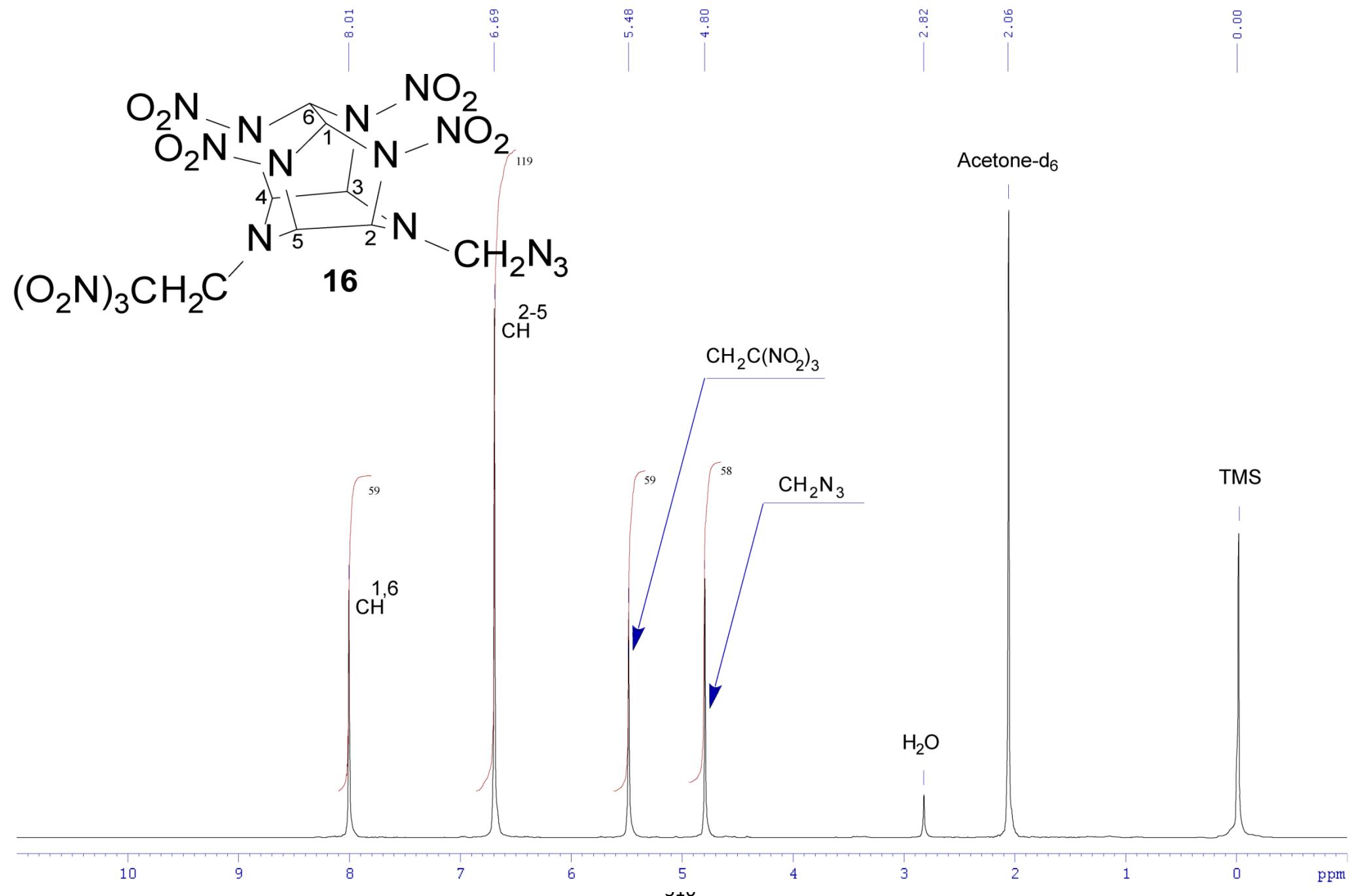
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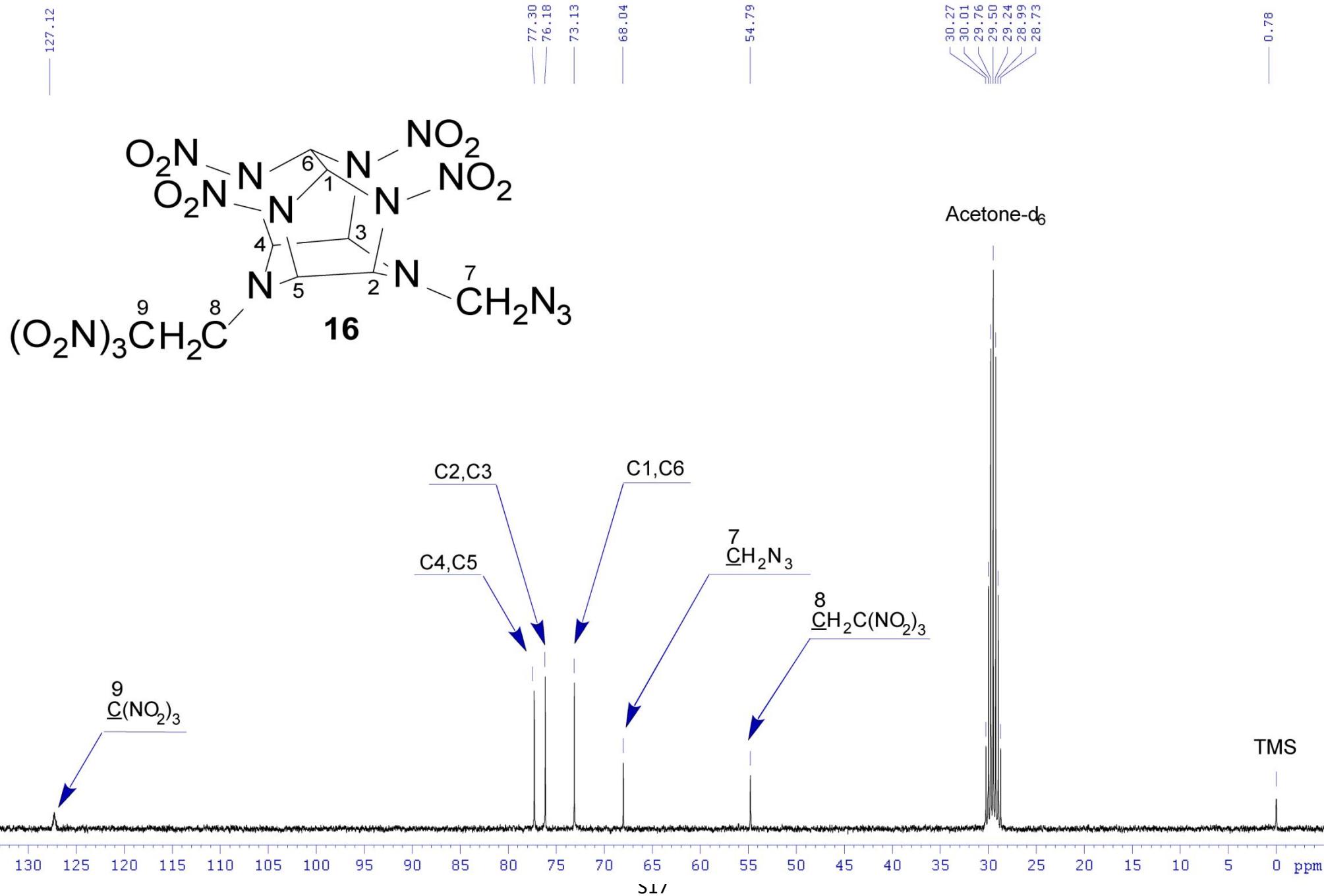
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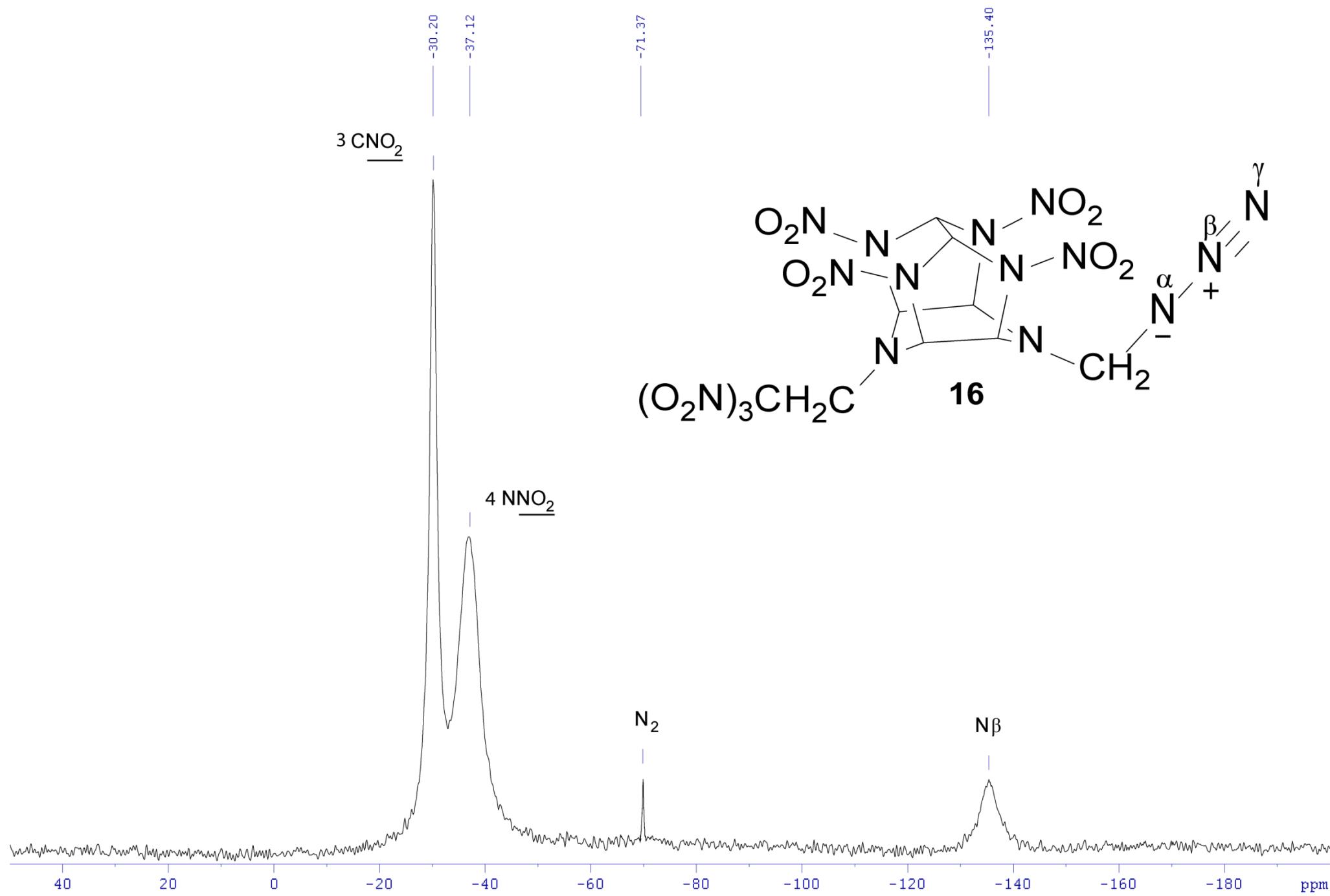
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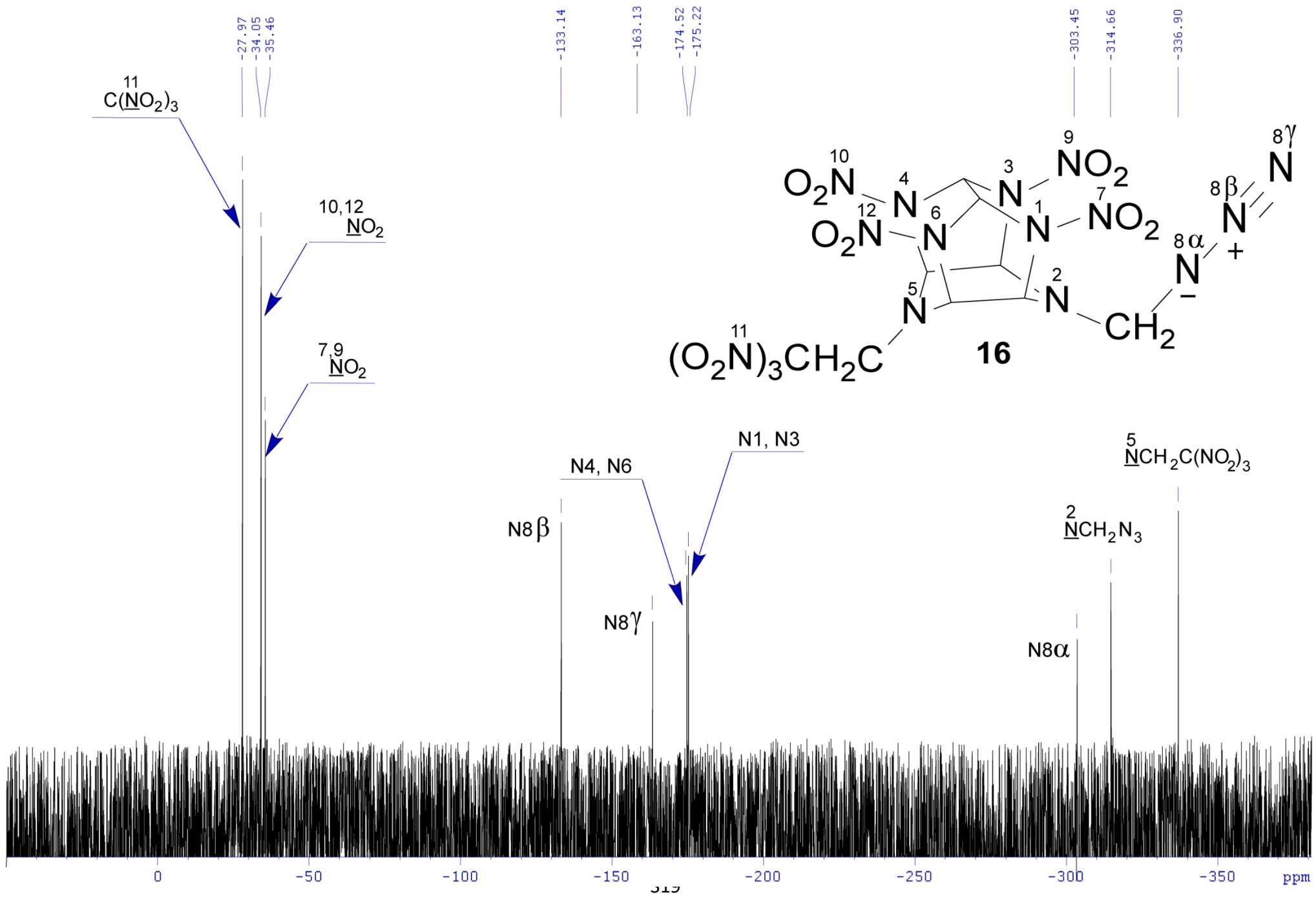
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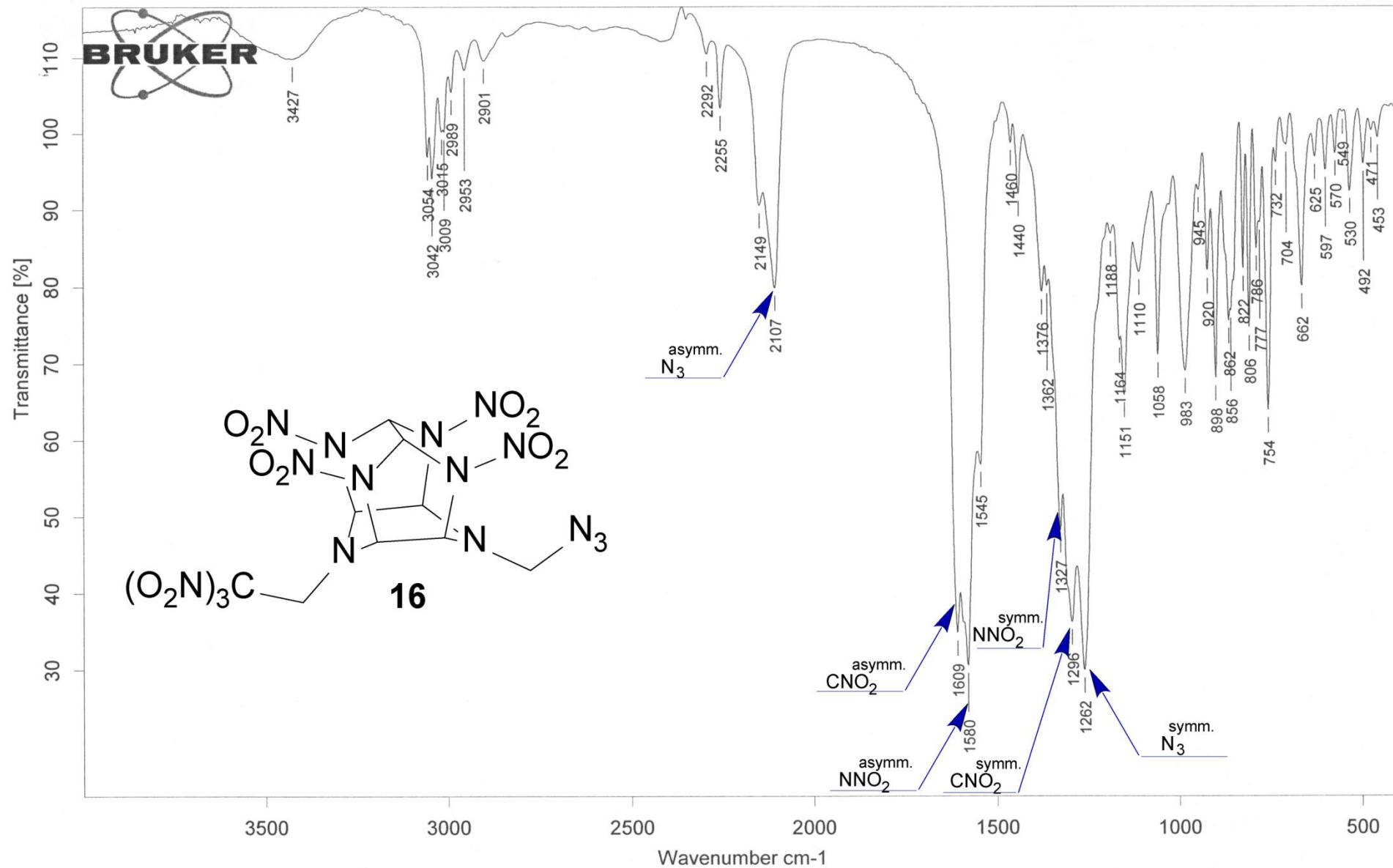
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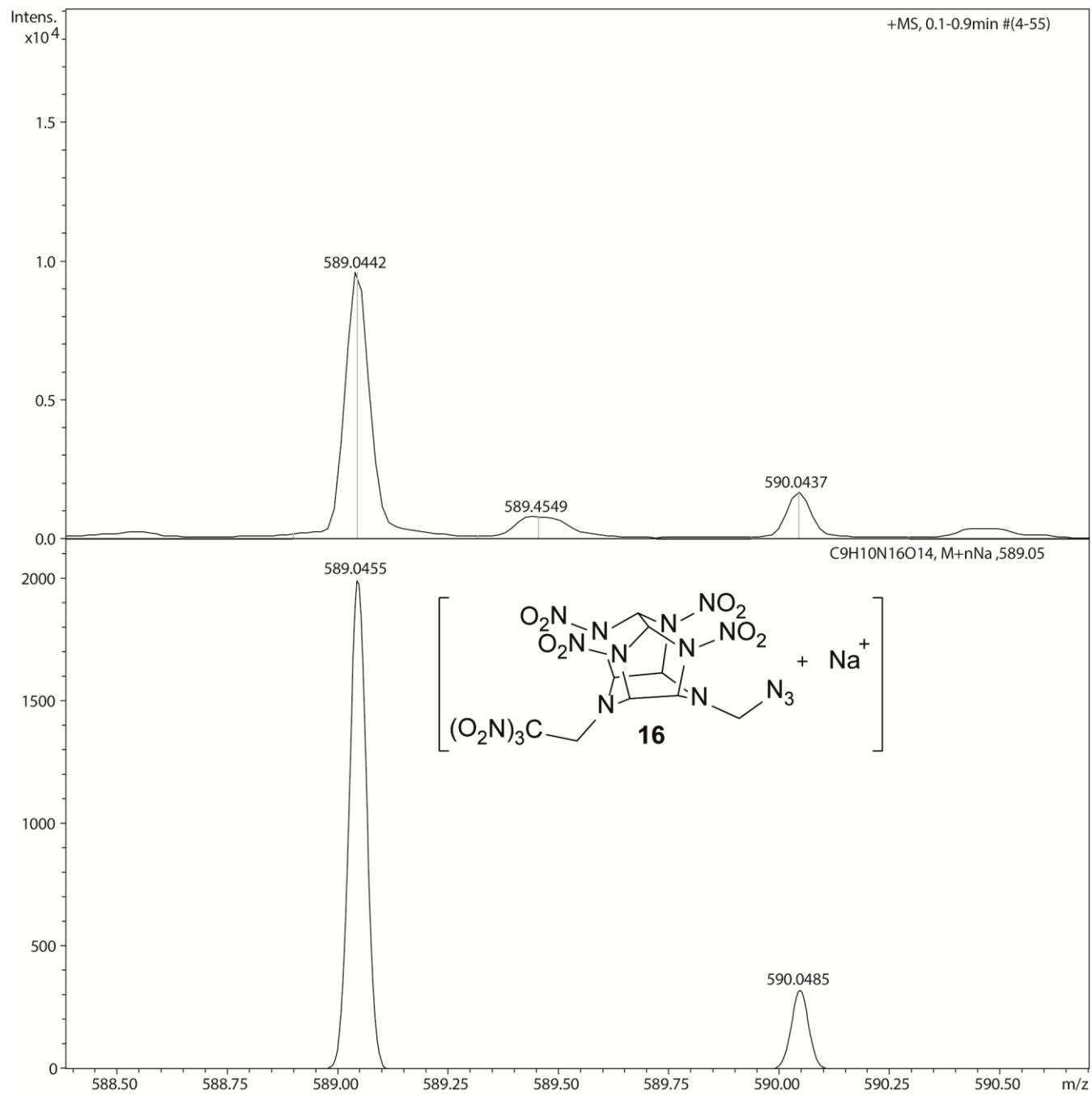
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IR (KBr) spectrum of compound 16



HRMS (ESI) for compound 16



X-ray crystal structure determination

1) Powder X-ray diffraction of compound 11

The X-ray powder diffraction pattern of compound **9** was measured using CuK α 1 radiation in transmission mode on a Bruker D8 Advance Vario diffractometer equipped with LynxEye 1D detector and Ge¹¹¹ monochromator. The pattern was indexed using SVD-Index algorithm in monoclinic syngony; systematic absences, cell volume and molecule volume agreed with space group P2₁/c and Z = 8 (Z' = 2).

The initial solutions for the structure were obtained by search in the direct space using Parallel Tempering as implemented in FOX. The resulting structure was used as a starting geometry for the DFT calculations in crystal with fixed and optimized unit cell. Optimization results with fixed unit cell were used as the starting geometries and the sources of bond and angle restraints in the Rietveld refinements.

$R_{wp}/R_{wp}' / R_p/R_p' / R_{Bragg}$ = 1.78/4.65 / 1.33/4.67 / 0.65%, the difference curve was featureless and the molecular geometry (except for the hydrogen atoms) preserved well after the unrestrained refinement.

Two independent molecules in the unit cell shows different conformations: one with axial CH₂N₃ group and another with equatorial CH₂N₃ group.

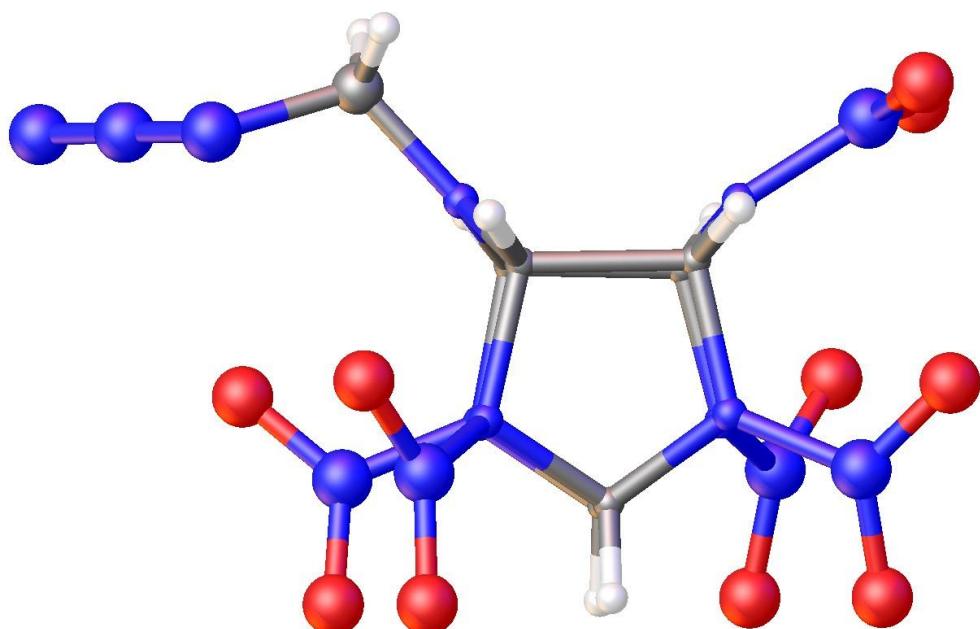


Figure 1. View of the first molecule in crystal of compound **11**.

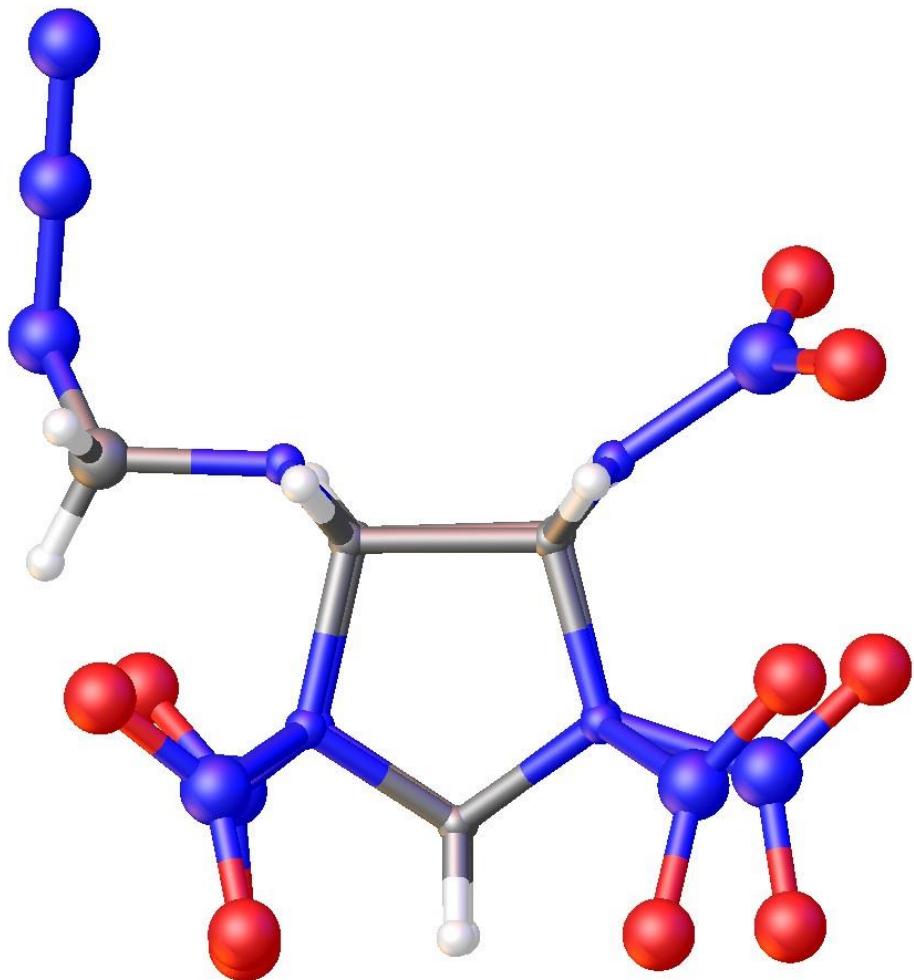


Figure 2. View of the second molecule in crystal of compound 11.

The RMSD of the non-hydrogen atomic positions in the Rietveld refined structure from ones obtained by a calculation with optimized unit cell was 0.08 Å — within the limits proposed by J. van de Streek and M. Neumann for correct powder structures.

Detailed crystallographic information is provided in Table 1. Full crystallographic data have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center, CCDC 1942572. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge via <https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/>.

Table 1. Detail Crystallographic data of compounds **11** according to powder X-ray diffraction.

Formula	C ₇ H ₈ N ₁₄ O ₁
Formula weight [g·mol ⁻¹]	448.27
Temperature [K]	298
Radiation	CuKα1 ($\lambda = 1.54056$)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 9.8675(3)$ Å, $\alpha = 90^\circ$ $b = 12.6153(3)$ Å, $\beta = 90.7138(6)^\circ$ $c = 24.8333(6)$ Å, $\gamma = 90^\circ$
V [Å ³]	3091.05(14)
Z/Z'	8 / 2
ρ_{calc} [g·cm ⁻³]	1.927
μ [mm ⁻¹]	1.578
$F(000)$	1824
θ range [°]	2.50 to 45.01
Reflections measured	8067
Restraints applied/parameters refined	166 / 227
$R_{\text{wp}} / R_{\text{wp}'} [\%]$	1.78 / 4.65
$R_{\text{p}} / R_{\text{p}'} [\%]$	1.33 / 4.67
$R_{\text{exp}} [\%]$	0.877
$R_{\text{l}} [\%]$	0.647
CCDC number	1942572

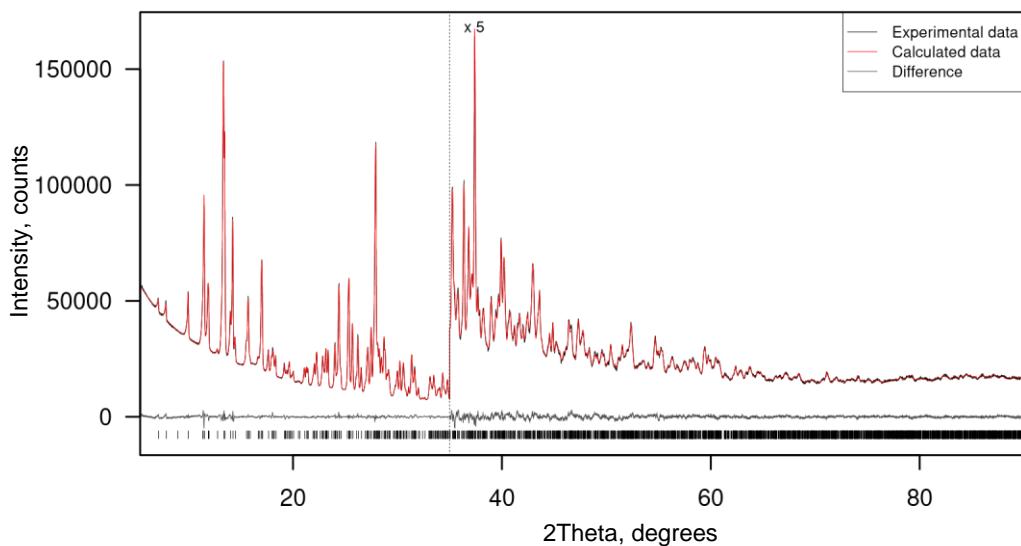


Figure 3. Final observed (black), calculated (red) and difference profiles for the Rietveld refinement of compound **11**.

Table 2. Selected bond lengths (\AA), bond angles ($^\circ$) and torsion angles ($^\circ$) of compound **11**.

Bond lengths

Nitro groups

N(1)–N(2) / N(1')–N(2')	1.361(19) / 1.35(2)
N(10)–N(11) / N(10')–N(11')	1.420(19) / 1.407(18)
N(5)–N(6) / N(5')–N(6')	1.446(17) / 1.433(17)
N(7)–N(8) / N(7')–N(8')	1.381(18) / 1.371(19)
N(3)–N(4) / N(3')–N(4')	1.411(19) / 1.414(19)

Azidomethyl group

N(9)–C(7) / N(9')–C(7')	1.406(19) / 1.438(19)
N(12)–C(7) / N(12')–C(7')	1.451(19) / 1.432(19)
N(12)–N(13) / N(12')–N(13')	1.222(19) / 1.256(18)
N(13)–N(14) / N(13')–N(14')	1.194(17) / 1.150(18)

Framework

N(2)–C(1) / N(2')–C(1')	1.458(16) / 1.481(19)
N(2)–C(6) / N(2')–C(6')	1.462(19) / 1.462(19)
N(10)–C(6) / N(10')–C(6')	1.463(16) / 1.463(17)
N(10)–C(5) / N(10')–C(5')	1.491(18) / 1.497(18)
C(1)–C(5) / C(1')–C(5')	1.610(19) / 1.573(19)
C(3)–C(6) / C(3')–C(6')	1.587(19) / 1.594(19)
N(9)–C(4) / N(9')–C(4')	1.442(19) / 1.441(18)
N(9)–C(5) / N(9')–C(5')	1.420(18) / 1.444(18)
N(3)–C(1) / N(3')–C(1')	1.446(18) / 1.433(18)
N(3)–C(2) / N(3')–C(2')	1.421(19) / 1.423(19)

Table 2 (continued)**Bond angles***Nitro groups*

N(1)–N(2)–C(1) / N(1')–N(2')–C(1')	125.1(13) / 121.3(11)
N(1)–N(2)–C(6) / N(1')–N(2')–C(6')	123.7(11) / 121.4(11)
N(11)–N(10)–C(5) / N(11')–N(10')–C(5')	118.3(10) / 119.1(11)
N(11)–N(10)–C(6) / N(11')–N(10')–C(6')	116.4(10) / 118.1(11)
N(6)–N(5)–C(2) / N(6')–N(5')–C(2')	115.6(11) / 119.0(11)
N(6)–N(5)–C(3) / N(6')–N(5')–C(3')	114.9(11) / 118.1(12)
N(8)–N(7)–C(3) / N(8')–N(7')–C(3')	119.1(11) / 118.7(12)
N(8)–N(7)–C(4) / N(8')–N(7')–C(4')	121.9(11) / 119.9(12)
N(4)–N(3)–C(1) / N(4')–N(3')–C(1')	119.5(13) / 120.4(12)
N(4)–N(3)–C(2) / N(4')–N(3')–C(2')	119.8(11) / 119.5(12)

Azidomethyl group

C(4)–N(9)–C(7) / C(4')–N(9')–C(7')	122.2(12) / 112.2(11)
C(5)–N(9)–C(7) / C(5')–N(9')–C(7')	122.3(11) / 111.8(11)
N(9)–C(7)–N(12) / N(9')–C(7')–N(12')	115.6(12) / 109.9(12)
N(13)–N(12)–C(7) / N(13')–N(12')–C(7')	114.9(13) / 113.2(12)
N(12)–N(13)–N(14) / N(12')–N(13')–N(14')	179(3) / 178.9(14)

Framework

C(1)–N(2)–C(6) / C(1')–N(2')–C(6')	110.9(11) / 110.4(11)
N(2)–C(6)–N(10) / N(2')–C(6')–N(10')	100.5(10) / 99.9(11)
C(5)–N(10)–C(6) / C(5')–N(10')–C(6')	108.1(10) / 108.3(10)
N(10)–C(5)–C(1) / N(10')–C(5')–C(1')	103.6(9) / 104.2(10)
N(2)–C(1)–C(5) / N(2')–C(1')–C(5')	101.4(11) / 101.6(10)

N(2)–C(6)–C(3) / N(2')–C(6')–C(3')	111.2(10) / 111.3(11)
N(10)–C(6)–C(3) / N(10')–C(6')–C(3')	110.3(10) / 110.4(10)
N(5)–C(3)–C(6) / N(5')–C(3')–C(6')	110.0(11) / 108.1(11)
N(7)–C(3)–C(6) / N(7')–C(3')–C(6')	112.3(10) / 109.6(11)
N(2)–C(1)–N(3) / N(2')–C(1')–N(3')	111.2(11) / 111.2(11)

Torsion angles

N(1)–N(2)–C(1)–C(5) / N(1')–N(2')–C(1')–C(5')	–161.7(12) / –176.6(12)
N(6)–N(5)–C(2)–C(4) / N(6')–N(5')–C(2')–C(4')	107.8(13) / –118.5(13)
N(11)–N(10)–C(5)–C(1) / N(11')–N(10')–C(5')–C(1')	111.9(12) / –115.7(13)
N(8)–N(7)–C(4)–C(2) / N(8')–N(7')–C(4')–C(2')	174.2(12) / 116.3(13)
C(7)–N(9)–C(4)–C(2) / C(7')–N(9')–C(4')–C(2')	129.3(13) / –177.9(11)
C(7)–N(9)–C(5)–C(1) / C(7')–N(9')–C(5')–C(1')	–126.9(13) / 176.5(11)
N(4)–N(3)–C(1)–C(5) / N(4')–N(3')–C(1')–C(5')	147.7(12) / –145.7(12)
N(4)–N(3)–C(2)–C(4) / N(4')–N(3')–C(2')–C(4')	–145.1(12) / 144.4(12)
N(13)–N(12)–C(7)–N(9) / N(13')–N(12')–C(7')–N(9')	–107.0(15) / –77.9(15)

Table 2 (continued)

N(2)-C(1)-C(5)-N(10) / N(2')-C(1')-C(5')-N(10')	-0.7(13) / 1.2(12)
C(1)-N(2)-C(6)-C(3) / C(1')-N(2')-C(6')-C(3')	77.6(12) / -77.3(13)
N(3)-C(1)-C(5)-N(9) / N(3')-C(1')-C(5')-N(9')	-2.8(14) / 2.4(15)
N(3)-C(2)-C(4)-N(9) / N(3')-C(2')-C(4')-N(9')	-2.5(15) / 0.4(15)
C(2)-N(5)-C(3)-C(6) / C(2')-N(5')-C(3')-C(6')	-79.7(13) / 82.0(12)
N(5)-C(2)-C(4)-N(7) / N(5')-C(2')-C(4')-N(7')	-3.3(13) / 2.6(13)
N(5)-C(3)-C(6)-N(2) / N(5')-C(3')-C(6')-N(2')	1.4(14) / -2.3(15)
C(3)-N(5)-C(2)-C(4) / C(3')-N(5')-C(2')-C(4')	-22.3(14) / 19.3(14)
C(3)-N(7)-C(4)-C(2) / C(3')-N(7')-C(4')-C(2')	28.2(13) / -23.8(13)
N(7)-C(3)-C(6)-N(2) / N(7')-C(3')-C(6')-N(2')	-109.2(12) / 110.3(12)
N(7)-C(3)-C(6)-N(10) / N(7')-C(3')-C(6')-N(10')	1.4(15) / 0.3(16)
C(6)-N(2)-C(1)-N(3) / C(6')-N(2')-C(1')-N(3')	-90.2(14) / 91.3(13)
C(6)-N(2)-C(1)-C(5) / C(6')-N(2')-C(1')-C(5')	24.8(13) / -25.3(13)
C(5)-N(9)-C(7)-N(12) / C(5')-N(9')-C(7')-N(12')	-75.6(17) / -67.9(14)
C(5)-N(10)-C(6)-C(3) / C(5')-N(10')-C(6')-C(3')	-80.1(12) / 80.0(13)
C(4)-N(7)-C(3)-C(6) / C(4')-N(7')-C(3')-C(6')	74.3(13) / -78.9(13)
C(4)-N(9)-C(7)-N(12) / C(4')-N(9')-C(7')-N(12')	101.9(15) / 162.6(11)

2) Single crystal X-ray diffraction of compound 13

X-ray diffraction study of compound **13** was carried out on a «Bruker APEX2 DUO CCD» diffractometer (MoK α radiation: $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$, graphite monochromator) at 293 K. The structures were solved by a direct method and refined by least squares in the anisotropic full-matrix approximation in F^2_{hkl} . The positions of hydrogen atoms were calculated geometrically and refined in the isotropic approximation by the riding model. All calculations were performed using the SHELXTL PLUS program package. Detailed crystallographic information is provided in Table 2. Full crystallographic data have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center, CCDC 1938394. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge via <https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/>.

Table 3. Detail Crystallographic data of compounds **13** according to single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis.

Formula	$C_8H_{10}N_{16}O_8$
Formula weight [g·mol $^{-1}$]	458.27
Temperature [K]	296
Radiation	MoK α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$C2/c$
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 21.810(2) \text{ \AA}, \alpha = 90^\circ$ $b = 6.0891(6) \text{ \AA}, \beta = 125.743(2)^\circ$ $c = 15.2289(16) \text{ \AA}, \gamma = 90^\circ$
$V [\text{\AA}^3]$	1641.5(3)
Z/Z'	4 / 1
$\rho_{\text{calc}} [\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}]$	1.854
$\mu [\text{mm}^{-1}]$	0.164
$F(000)$	937
crystal colour	colourless
crystal size [mm 3]	0.35 × 0.30 × 0.35
θ range [$^\circ$]	2.30° to 30.45°
Index ranges	$-30 \leq h \leq 25, 0 \leq k \leq 8, 0 \leq l \leq 21$
Reflections measured	10816
Independent reflections	2493 [$R(\text{int}) = 0.0442$]
Restraints applied/parameters refined	0 / 165
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.018
Reflections with $ l > 2\sigma(l)$	1836
Final R indeces [$ l \geq 2\sigma(l)$]	$R_1 = 0.0442, wR_2 = 0.1096$
Final R indeces [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0637, wR_2 = 0.1224$
Residual electron density ($\rho_{\text{max}}/\rho_{\text{min}}$) [e \AA^{-3} / e \AA^{-3}]	0.341 / -0.264
CCDC number	1938394

Table 4. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) of compound **13**

Bond lengths	
<i>Nitro groups</i>	
N(1)–N(7)	1.3878(16)
N(8)–N(3)	1.3799(16)
<i>Azidomethyl groups</i>	
N(2)–C(7)	1.4507(19)
N(4)–C(7)	1.484(2)
N(5)–N(4)	1.2258(19)
N(5)–N(6)	1.122(2)
N(1)–C(1)`	1.4492(18)
N(3)–C(1)	1.4551(18)
N(3)–C(5)	1.4907(18)
C(3)–C(5)	1.575(2)
N(1)–C(3)	1.4835(18)
C(1)–C(1)	1.588(3)
N(2)–C(5)	1.4406(18)
Bond angles	
<i>Nitro groups</i>	
C(1)–N(1)–N(7)	119.55(12)
C(3)–N(1)–N(7)	120.06(11)
C(1)–N(3)–N(8)	118.70(11)
C(5)–N(3)–N(8)	119.24(11)
<i>Azidomethyl groups</i>	
C(7)–N(2)–C(5)	115.90(12)
N(4)–C(7)–N(2)	111.61(13)
C(7)–N(4)–N(5)	114.63(15)
N(6)–N(5)–N(4)	173.8(2)
<i>Framework</i>	
C(3)–N(1)–C(1)	108.68(11)
N(3)–C(1)–N(1)	103.01(11)
C(5)–N(3)–C(1)	108.23(10)
C(3)–C(5)–N(3)	103.46(11)
C(5)–C(3)–N(1)	103.67(11)
C(1)–C(1)–N(1)	109.09(12)
C(1)–C(1)–N(3)	108.82(12)
C(5)–N(3)–N(8)	119.24(11)
N(3)–C(5)–N(2)	112.64(11)
C(3)–C(5)–N(2)	110.63(11)

Combustion calorimetry measurements of compounds 11 and 13

Measurements were carried out on a precision automatic combustion calorimeter with an isothermal coating specifically developed for combustion of energetic compounds.

The mean square error of the measurements was 0.025%.

Table 5. Measurements of combustion energy of compound 11.

#	M	ΔT	Q	q_a	q_i	q_N	q_{cot}	$-\Delta U'_B$
1	0.057135	2.00210	1076.31	914.05	9.69	2.24	9.21	2469.9
2	0.072369	2.07316	1114.51	918.16	5.92	2.83	9.06	2467.1
3	0.078421	2.09636	1126.98	915.60	5.88	3.04	8.47	2473.7
4	0.073995	2.07470	1115.34	915.28	5.89	2.90	8.62	2468.4
$-\Delta U'_B = 2469.8 \pm 3.7 \text{ cal}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$								
$-\Delta H_c = 1099.3 \pm 1.7 \text{ cal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$								
$\Delta H_f = 167.7 \pm 1.7 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$								

Table 6. Measurements of combustion energy of compound 13.

#	M	ΔT	Q	q_a	q_i	q_N	q_{cot}	$-\Delta U'_B$
1	0.070302	2.11158	1135.16	912.63	5.95	2.07	8.50	2930.4
2	0.072564	2.13276	1146.55	916.88	5.92	2.21	8.66	2933.7
3	0.072928	2.13484	1147.67	917.15	5.86	2.24	8.63	2931.5
4	0.074012	2.13084	1145.52	911.92	5.87	2.24	8.72	2028.8
$-\Delta U'_B = 2931.0 \pm 3.0 \text{ cal}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$								
$-\Delta H_c = 1335.0 \pm 1.0 \text{ cal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$								
$\Delta H_f = 241.0 \pm 1.0 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$								

The energy equivalent $W = Q_{\text{meas}} \cdot \Delta T^{-1}$ was found to be $537.59 \pm 0.14 \text{ cal}\cdot\text{deg}^{-1}$. The combustion energy of the cotton thread measured in a series of seven experiments was $3968.9 \pm 1.6 \text{ cal}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$.

The standard enthalpies of formation of combustion products are assumed to be as follows:

$$\Delta H_f [\text{CO}_2]_{(\text{g})} = -94.051 \pm 0.031 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1},$$

$$\Delta H_f [\text{H}_2\text{O}]_{(\text{l})} = -68.315 \pm 0.009 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}.$$

Energetic performance of compounds 11 and 13

Table 7 Physicochemical and energetic properties of **11** and **13** in comparison with HMX and CL-20.

Compound	Formula	α^a	H% ^b	T_{dec}^c [°C]	ρ^d [g·cm ⁻³]	ΔH_f^e [kJ·kg ⁻¹ (kJ·mol ⁻¹)]	Q_{comb}^e [kJ·kg ⁻¹]	D_v^f [km·s ⁻¹] ^[e]	$P_{\text{C-J}}^f$ [GPa] ^[e]
11	C ₇ H ₈ N ₁₄ O ₁₀	0.56	1.79	206	1.927	+1568 (+702)	10281	9.12	40.5
13	C ₈ H ₁₀ N ₁₆ O ₈	0.38	2.18	179	1.854	+2205 (+1010)	12213	9.17	39.2
β -HMX ^g	C ₄ H ₈ N ₈ O ₈	0.67	2.70	280	1.905	+255 (+76)	9448	9.23	40.7
ϵ -CL-20 ^g	C ₆ H ₆ N ₁₂ O ₁₂	0.80	1.37	229	2.044	+857 (+375)	8215	9.49	47.0

^a Oxygen coefficient. For a compound with the molecular formula C_xH_yN_wO_z, $\alpha = z/(2x+y/2)$.

^b Hydrogen content. ^c Decomposition onset temperature at a heating rate of 5 °C·min⁻¹ (DSC).

^d Density measured by X-ray diffraction at 25 °C. ^e Enthalpy of formation and heat of combustion in oxygen determined by the method of combustion calorimetry. ^f Detonation parameters: velocity and pressure calculated with S&DV4.5 code. ^g R. Meyer, J. Kohler and A. Homburg, *Explosives*, 7th edition, Wiley-VCH, Weinheim, 2016.