

## Supporting Information

for

# Study of asymmetrical mixed-valent Mo<sub>2</sub>-Mo<sub>2</sub> complexes in the class III regime

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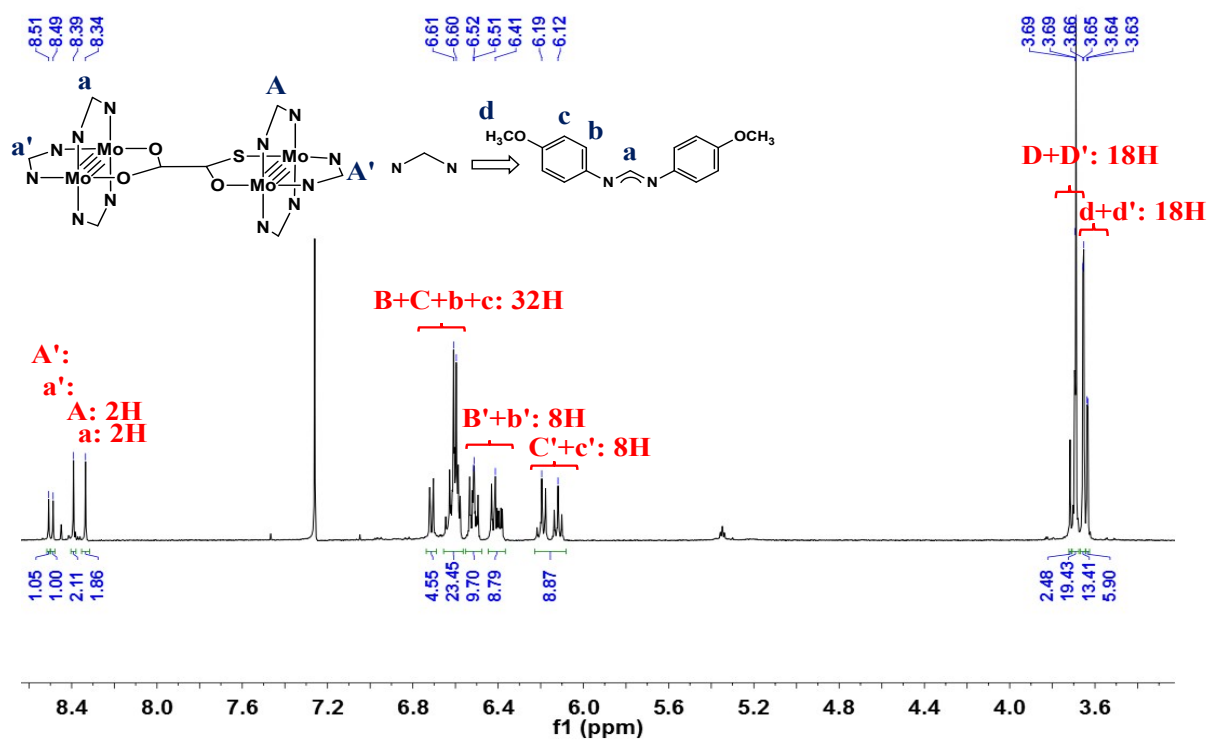


Fig.S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound [OO–OS].

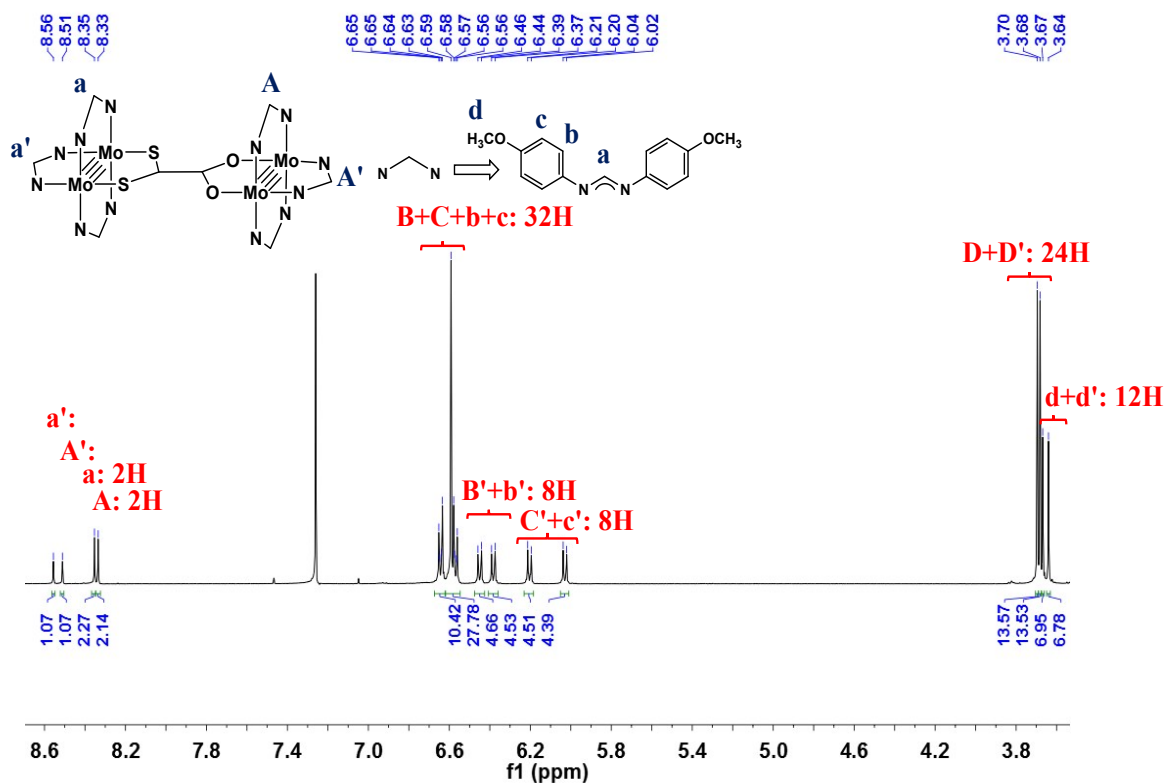
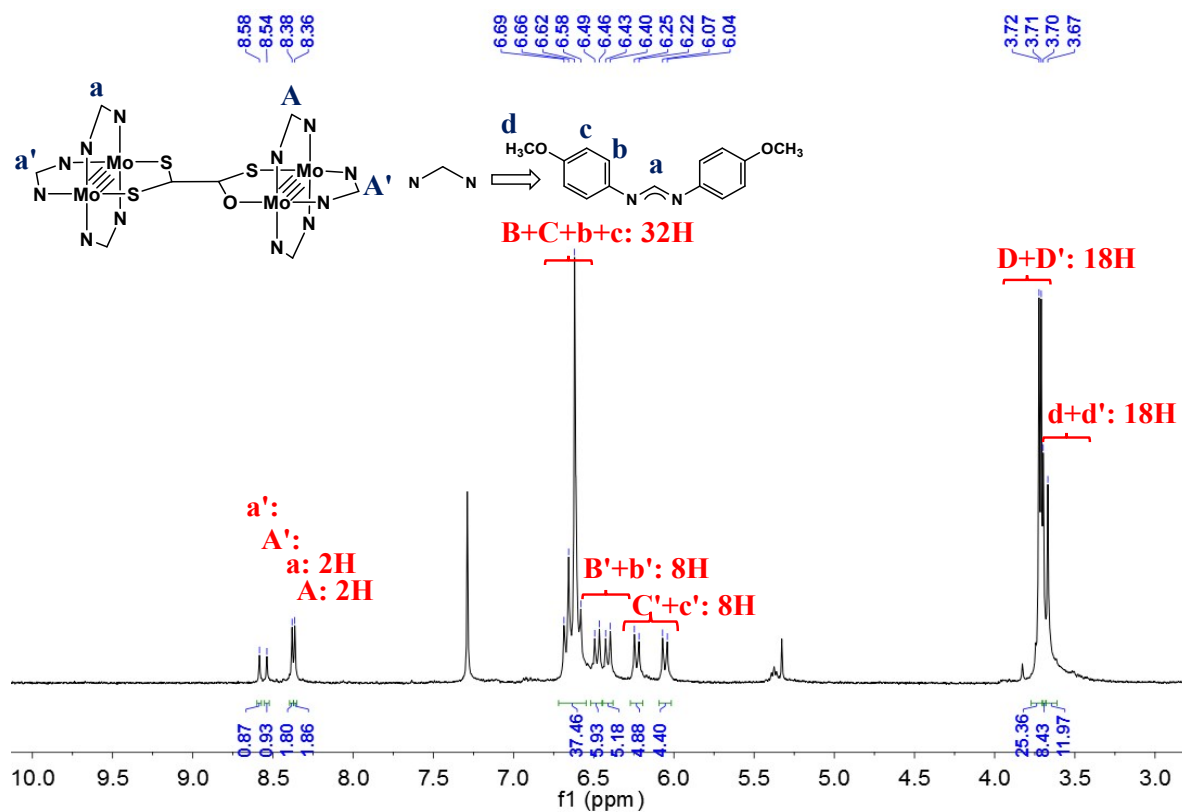
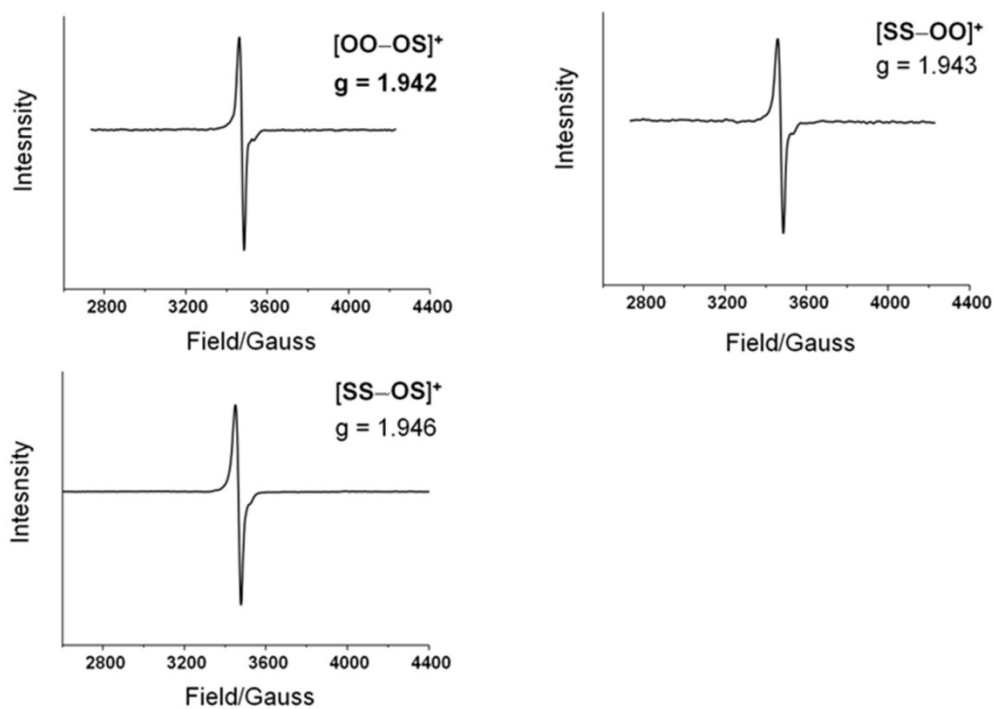


Fig.S2 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound [SS–OO].



**Fig.S3** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound [SS-OS].



**Fig. S4** X-band EPR spectra of the asymmetric MV cations generated by single electron oxidation of the neutral compounds. Samples were measured in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solutions at 173 K.

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**Table S1** Crystallographic data and collection parameters for [SS–OO]·4CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and [SS–OS]·4CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

Compound	[SS–OO]·4CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	[SS–OS]·4CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
Formula	C <sub>96</sub> H <sub>98</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>14</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>8</sub> Mo <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>96</sub> H <sub>98</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>13</sub> S <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>8</sub> Mo <sub>4</sub>
Fw	2375.34	2391.40
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> (Å)	12.4057(6)	12.4214(5)
<i>b</i> (Å)	14.4700(6)	14.4786(7)
<i>c</i> (Å)	15.4898(7)	15.4651(7)
$\alpha$ (deg)	72.209(4)	72.182(4)
$\beta$ (deg)	83.612(4)	83.891(4)
$\gamma$ (deg)	71.215(4)	71.230(4)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2506.3(2)	2507.0(2)
<i>Z</i>	1	1
<i>T</i> (K)	173	173
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup>	0.0520	0.0819
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>	0.1458	0.2324
GOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.054	1.067

$$^a R_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}, \quad ^b wR_2 = \frac{[\sum [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2]]}{\sum [w(F_o^2)^2]}^{1/2}$$

**Table S2** Spectroscopic data of the neutral asymmetric complexes in comparison with the symmetric analogues.

Complex	$E_{\text{MLCT}}(\text{cm}^{-1})$	$\epsilon_{\text{MLCT}}(\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1})$
[OO–OS]	17240	17985
[SS–OO]	14730	14502
[SS–OS]	13700	45893
[OO–OO]	21740	13025
[OS–OS]	14640	22275
[SS–SS]	11240	38025

**Table S3** Selected DFT optimized bond lengths of [OO–OS]', [SS–OO]', [SS–OS]'.

Bond length (Å)	[OO–OS]'		[SS–OO]'		[SS–OS]'	
	OO	OS	OO	SS	OS	SS
Mo(1)–Mo(2)	2.154	2.158	2.153	2.160	2.159	2.161
Mo(1)–N(1)	2.129	2.141	2.132	2.162	2.152	2.161
Mo(1)–N(3)	2.130	2.151	2.131	2.163	2.141	2.162
Mo(1)–N(5)	2.144	2.149	2.145	2.151	2.150	2.150
Mo(2)–N(2)	2.144	2.144	2.144	2.151	2.144	2.150
Mo(1)–O(1)	2.129	—	2.126	—	2.078	—
Mo(2)–O(2)	2.133	2.086	2.124	—	—	—
Mo(1)–S(1)	—	2.489	—	2.456	2.484	2.454
Mo(2)–S(2)	—	—	—	2.454	—	2.455
C(1)–C(2)	1.498		1.486		1.474	

**Table S4** Fragment composition (%) of the frontier molecular orbitals for the MV computational models ([**OO-OS**]<sup>+</sup>), ([**SS-OO**]<sup>+</sup>) and ([**SS-OS**]<sup>+</sup>).

Orbital	([ <b>OO-OS</b> ] <sup>+</sup> )				([ <b>SS-OO</b> ] <sup>+</sup> )				([ <b>SS-OS</b> ] <sup>+</sup> )			
	Mo <sub>2</sub>	COS	Mo <sub>2</sub>	COO	Mo <sub>2</sub>	COO	Mo <sub>2</sub>	CSS	Mo <sub>2</sub>	COS	Mo <sub>2</sub>	CSS
HOMO-1	21.2	6.8	42.5	12.1	45.1	15.7	16.1	7.9	35.5	16.2	30.0	11.2
SOMO	49.2	4.4	26.3	2.6	20.8	1.9	55.9	3.1	37.4	4.5	38.5	4.8
LUMO	4.8	28.1	10.5	46.8	13.1	48.2	5.2	18.2	12.4	34.5	9.8	26.5

**Table S5** Cartesian coordinates (Å) for DFT energy-minimized model compounds of [**OO-OS**]<sup>+</sup>.

Atoms	x	y	z
Mo	-0.639285	1.988224	3.344599
Mo	-1.620646	0.083369	3.089346
H	-1.406141	3.087237	5.918397
C	-0.062851	0.357409	0.529411
N	-2.274933	3.035144	2.424195
N	-3.306365	0.999197	2.129515
N	-1.524977	2.291565	5.280923
N	-2.567490	0.259302	5.001005
N	1.067106	1.064691	4.272459
N	0.030136	-0.966756	3.966822
C	-3.301046	2.323081	1.957540
H	-4.134466	2.822666	1.424644
C	-2.337484	1.341683	5.746338
H	-2.816343	1.447863	6.739289
C	1.085859	-0.263434	4.383936
H	1.970708	-0.778943	4.807260
H	-2.338377	4.038737	2.218558
H	0.373315	2.087044	-4.455611
H	0.142850	-1.982490	4.063710
H	3.940061	-3.010583	-1.386523
H	1.879678	-3.953995	-1.833772
H	2.322968	-2.245658	-6.830501
H	0.741351	-3.412159	-5.613848
H	-4.115743	0.528573	1.709077
O	-0.141451	-1.193402	-1.295900
O	1.259051	0.573545	-1.472925
C	0.379144	-0.111265	-0.822941
Mo	0.508173	-1.829578	-3.225564
Mo	1.847499	-0.150546	-3.386506
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N	2.515514	-0.775519	-5.310482
N	-1.119110	-0.705404	-4.051663
N	0.312880	1.088408	-4.225875
C	3.175719	-2.456518	-1.966426
H	1.929953	1.520696	4.589852
C	1.997931	-1.889827	-5.834497
C	-0.912422	0.577045	-4.361188
H	-1.748153	1.209737	-4.718902
S	0.514483	1.877527	1.142411
O	-0.870252	-0.385330	1.200348
H	4.343342	-0.859205	-2.124306
H	-2.094340	-1.005753	-4.162411
H	-3.202780	-0.419390	5.436535
H	3.211864	-0.319337	-5.911571

**Table S6** Cartesian coordinates (Å) for DFT energy-minimized model compounds of [SS-OO]'.

<b>Atoms</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>z</b>
Mo	-0.762964	1.891941	3.380558
Mo	-1.959645	0.103706	3.443518
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N	-2.309716	2.979622	2.368401
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H	4.371529	-0.683615	-2.258442
H	-0.338761	-2.030945	4.513785
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N	2.172722	-2.986826	-2.449366
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N	1.245426	-2.462874	-5.274507
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C	2.118714	-1.685498	-5.914158
H	3.212943	-0.028382	-5.904908
C	-0.952114	0.442676	-4.572765
H	-1.794205	0.996252	-5.032687
O	0.003060	1.373955	1.466350
O	-1.252985	-0.500459	1.533696

**Table S7** Cartesian coordinates (Å) for DFT energy-minimized model compounds of [SS-OS].

Atoms	x	y	z
Mo	-0.603714	1.931819	3.448082
Mo	-2.005071	0.294790	3.613265
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C	-0.419951	0.062933	0.588581
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H	4.121260	-2.804832	-1.680974
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Mo	0.612970	-2.002222	-3.589871
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C	3.281620	-2.312387	-2.210639
H	1.936817	1.053607	4.514327
C	2.300404	-1.306379	-5.986781
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H	-3.329660	0.494982	6.188231
H	3.139605	0.464564	-5.661067

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**Table S8** Cartesian coordinates (Å) for DFT energy-minimized model compounds of  $[(\text{OO}-\text{OS})]^+$ .

Atoms	x	y	z
Mo	-0.719979	1.939104	3.372115
Mo	-1.740234	0.036088	3.121497
H	-1.455468	3.047318	5.942278
C	-0.185384	0.303598	0.570349
N	-2.352977	3.005844	2.482221
N	-3.413453	0.982940	2.185162
N	-1.591128	2.252214	5.307005
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N	0.959167	0.987585	4.309511
N	-0.108924	-1.029173	3.998851
C	-3.398602	2.309910	2.038163
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H	-2.889686	1.427838	6.764166
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H	-4.251138	0.528407	1.803322
O	-0.245599	-1.245078	-1.250743
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C	0.255676	-0.158226	-0.776495
Mo	0.405392	-1.875541	-3.163000
Mo	1.730061	-0.162335	-3.322099
N	1.910279	-3.032508	-2.180396
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C	3.089592	-2.460471	-1.930595
H	1.815209	1.435033	4.657433
C	1.907727	-1.904256	-5.756771
C	-1.025906	0.498830	-4.338743
H	-1.860350	1.106608	-4.735848
S	0.419778	1.815789	1.180082
O	-1.003193	-0.436845	1.230538
H	4.241768	-0.849044	-2.098880
H	-2.184597	-1.106371	-4.152952
H	-3.311586	-0.434521	5.464679
H	3.098680	-0.312870	-5.835040

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**Table S9** Cartesian coordinates (Å) for DFT energy-minimized model compounds of ([SS-OO])<sup>+</sup>.

Atoms	x	y	z
Mo	-0.750147	1.894135	3.362416
Mo	-1.958280	0.090679	3.426771
H	-2.000149	-1.245014	-4.479031
C	-0.403195	0.266840	0.926081
N	-2.300026	2.974141	2.361168
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N	-2.741936	0.603695	5.334557
N	0.920486	0.889301	4.235215
N	-0.361136	-1.024641	4.306165
C	-3.428094	2.330727	2.055913
H	-4.229009	2.845638	1.492436
C	-2.338325	1.742377	5.901951
H	-2.729348	2.040606	6.891389
C	0.802360	-0.408481	4.521358
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H	-4.472564	0.640530	2.141044
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S	-0.486451	-1.589610	-1.094195
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H	3.197345	-0.011976	-5.875469
C	-0.939270	0.432850	-4.581883
H	-1.768819	0.976553	-5.072031
O	0.007531	1.371099	1.467936
O	-1.249930	-0.504606	1.535483

**Table S10** Cartesian coordinates (Å) for DFT energy-minimized model compounds of ([SS-OS])<sup>+</sup>.

Atoms	x	y	z
Mo	-0.777615	2.121469	3.603165
Mo	-1.756061	0.195723	3.330193
H	-1.965091	-1.109438	-4.497964
C	-0.159394	0.490242	0.792007
N	-2.424132	3.156646	2.699564
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C	-3.444283	2.439340	2.232381
H	-4.290559	2.938594	1.723543
C	-2.499933	1.454550	5.974744
H	-2.991688	1.552584	6.960258
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