

Gold-Catalysed Alkenyl- and Arylsilylation Reactions Forming 1-Silaindenes

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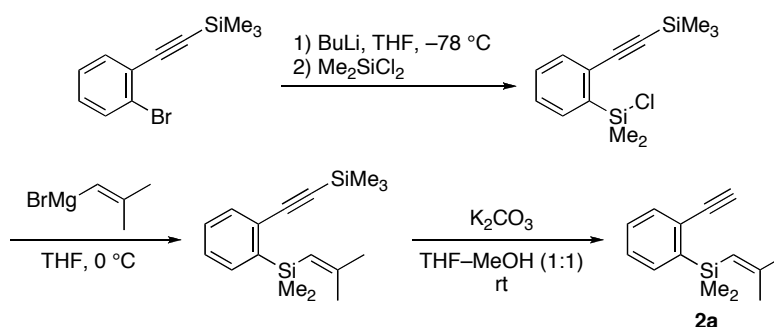
Supporting Information

General. All manipulations were carried out in a nitrogen-filled gloved box and with standard Schlenk techniques under an argon atmosphere. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel 60N (Kanto). Preparative thin-layer chromatography was performed with silica gel 60 PF₂₅₄ (Merck). Gel permeation chromatography (GPC) was carried out on a JAI LC-908. Proton chemical shifts were referenced to the residual CHCl₃ signal at 7.26 ppm. Carbon chemical shifts were referenced to the central peak of CDCl₃ at 77.0 ppm.

Materials. [(2-bromophenyl)ethynyl]trimethylsilane,¹ 1-bromo-2-(2-methylprop-1-enyl)-benzene,² 1,4-dibromo-2,5-bis[(trimethylsilyl)ethynyl]benzene³ and gold complexes (R₃PAuNTf₂)⁴ were prepared according to the literature methods. 1-Bromocyclopentene was prepared by dehydrobromination of *trans*-1,2-dibromocyclopentene with 4 equiv of *t*-BuOK in refluxing THF. All other commercially available chemical resources were used as received without further purification.

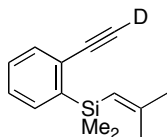
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General Procedure for Preparation of Alkenyl- and Arylsilanes **2**

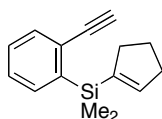


(2-Ethynylphenyl)dimethyl(2-methylprop-1-enyl)silane (2a). To a solution of [(2-bromophenyl)ethynyl]trimethylsilane (5.32 g, 21.0 mmol) in THF (30.0 mL) was added dropwise *n*-butyllithium (1.55 M hexane solution, 15 mL) at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, and the mixture was stirred at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 1 h. The resulting {2-[(trimethylsilyl)ethynyl]phenyl}lithium was added dropwise via cannula to a solution of dichlorodimethylsilane (7.6 mL, 63.6 mmol) in THF (30 mL) at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, and the reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature over 1 h. The volatile materials were removed under reduced pressure, and the residue was filtered (Celite, hexane). The filtrate was evaporated to give crude chlorodimethyl{2-[(trimethylsilyl)ethynyl]phenyl}silane, which was used for next step without further purification.

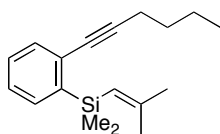
To a solution of isobutenylmagnesium bromide in THF (0.5 M, 14 mL, 7 mmol) was added a solution of chlorodimethyl{2-[(trimethylsilyl)ethynyl]phenyl}silane (1.86 g, 6.97 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h, quenched by sat. NH_4Cl aq solution, and extracted with Et_2O . The extract was dried over MgSO_4 , concentrated, and passed through silica gel (hexane). To a solution of the residue in THF-MeOH (1:1, 20 mL) was added potassium carbonate (108 mg, 0.78 mmol) at room temperature. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 14 h, quenched by saturated NH_4Cl aqueous solution, and extracted with hexane-EtOAc (2:1). The extract was dried over MgSO_4 and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane). Further purification by GPC gave **2a** (763 mg, 3.56 mmol, 51%): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.46 (s, 6H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 1H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.57 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -1.0, 23.5, 29.5, 80.2, 85.1, 122.1, 127.3, 127.8, 128.5, 133.3, 134.5, 142.6, 152.9; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 214.1178, found 214.1175.



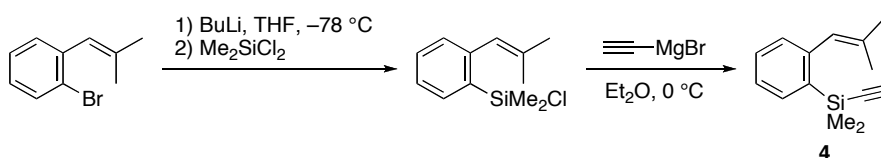
[2-(2-Deuterioethynyl)phenyl]dimethyl(2-methylprop-1-enyl)silane (2a-d). The title compound was prepared by deprotonation of **2a** with LDA followed by treatment with D₂O. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.46 (s, 6H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.90 (s, 3H), 3.20 (s, 1H, 83% D), 5.40 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.31 (m, 2H), 7.50-7.57 (m, 2H).



Cyclopentenyl(2-ethynylphenyl)dimethylsilane (2b). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.46 (s, 6H), 1.85 (quint, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 3.17 (s, 1H), 6.09-6.13 (m, 1H), 7.27-7.33 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.45 (m, 1H), 7.48-7.54 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -2.5, 24.2, 35.1, 36.4, 80.1, 85.1, 127.4, 127.8, 128.6, 133.3, 134.6, 141.5, 141.9, 143.0; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₅H₁₈Si [M]⁺ 226.1178, found 226.1174.



[2-(Hex-1-ynyl)phenyl]dimethyl(2-methylprop-1-enyl)silane (2c). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.44 (s, 6H), 0.95 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 3H), 1.41-1.65 (m, 4H), 1.70 (s, 3H), 1.89 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 2.41 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 5.40 (s, 1H), 7.19-7.28 (m, 2H), 7.38-7.43 (m, 1H), 7.50-7.52 (m, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -1.0, 13.7, 19.4, 22.2, 23.4, 29.5, 30.7, 82.1, 93.4, 122.6, 126.5, 128.5, 129.4, 132.3, 134.3, 141.6, 152.2; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₈H₂₆Si [M]⁺ 270.1804, found 270.1801.

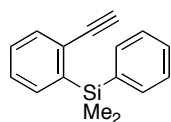


Ethynyldimethyl[2-(2-methylprop-1-enyl)phenyl]silane (4).⁵ To a solution of 1-bromo-2-(2-methylprop-1-enyl)benzene (13.6 g, 64.5 mmol) in THF (60 mL) was added

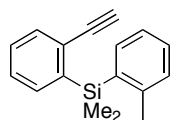
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dropwise *n*-butyllithium (1.6 M hexane solution, 45 mL) at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, and the mixture was stirred at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ for 1 h. The resulting [2-(2-methylprop-1-enyl)phenyl]lithium solution was added dropwise via cannula to a solution of dichlorodimethylsilane (21.7 mL, 178 mmol) in THF (30 mL) at $-78\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, and the reaction mixture was gradually warmed to room temperature. After evaporation of the volatile materials, the residue was distilled ($90\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}/1\text{ mmHg}$) to give chlorodimethyl[2-(2-methylprop-1-enyl)phenyl]silane.

To a solution of chlorodimethyl[2-(2-methylprop-1-enyl)phenyl]silane (3.71 g, 16.5 mmol) in Et_2O (17 mL) was added a solution of ethynylmagnesium bromide (0.5 M, 50 mL mmol) at $0\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 5 h and quenched by sat. NH_4Cl aq solution, and extracted with hexane. The extract was dried over Na_2SO_4 , concentrated, passed through silica gel (hexane), and concentrated. The residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel (hexane:AcOEt = 100:1 then 50:1) to afford **4** (2.25 g, 64%): ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.42 (s, 6H), 1.65 (d, $J = 1.2\text{ Hz}$, 3H), 1.90 (d, $J = 1.5\text{ Hz}$, 3H), 2.52 (s, 1H), 6.52 (s, 1H), 7.12-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.18-7.26 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.39 (m, 1H), 7.74 (d, $J = 1.2\text{ Hz}$, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -0.5, 19.2, 25.8, 88.8, 94.6, 125.5, 126.5, 129.35, 129.43, 134.3, 134.6, 135.7, 145.0; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 214.1178, found 214.1175.



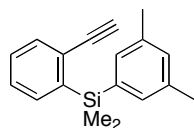
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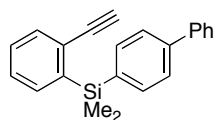
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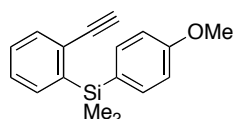
129.7, 133.3, 134.7, 135.3, 136.0, 141.3, 143.7; HRMS (EI) calcd for $C_{17}H_{18}Si$ $[M]^+$ 250.1178, found 250.1178.



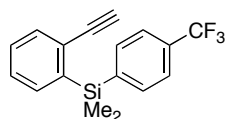
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Biphenyl-4-yl(2-ethynylphenyl)dimethylsilane (2g). 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.70 (s, 6H), 3.15 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.66 (m, 13H); ^{13}C NMR (75.5 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -2.1, 80.8, 84.9, 126.3, 127.1, 127.3, 127.6, 127.9, 128.7, 129.0, 133.4, 134.8, 135.1, 136.5, 140.8, 141.0, 141.6; HRMS (EI) calcd for $C_{22}H_{20}Si$ $[M]^+$ 312.1334, found 312.1334.

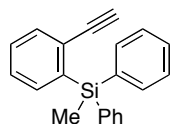


(2-Ethynylphenyl)(4-methoxyphenyl)dimethylsilane (2h). 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.65 (s, 6H), 3.13 (s, 1H), 3.82 (s, 3H), 6.90-6.94 (m, 2H), 7.24-7.37 (m, 3H), 7.46-7.54 (m, 3H); ^{13}C NMR (75.5 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -2.1, 54.9, 80.6, 85.0, 113.4, 127.5, 127.8, 128.5, 128.8, 133.3, 135.1, 135.7, 141.3, 160.3; HRMS (EI) calcd for $C_{17}H_{18}OSi$ $[M]^+$ 266.1127, found 266.1124.

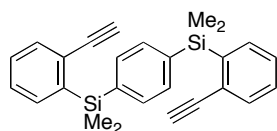


(2-Ethynylphenyl)dimethyl[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]silane (2i). 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.68 (s, 6H), 3.08 (s, 1H), 7.28-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.51-7.67 (m, 5H); ^{13}C NMR (75.5

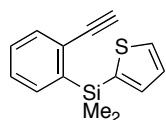
MHz, CDCl₃) δ -2.3, 81.0, 84.7, 124.1 (q, $^3J_{\text{C-F}} = 3.8$ Hz), 124.3 (q, $^1J_{\text{C-F}} = 271.4$ Hz), 127.8, 128.1, 129.4, 130.9 (q, $^2J_{\text{C-F}} = 31.3$ Hz), 133.5, 134.6, 135.0, 139.7, 143.1; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₅F₃Si [M]⁺ 304.0895, found 304.0896.



(2-Ethynylphenyl)(methyl)diphenylsilane (2j). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.98 (s, 3H), 2.91 (s, 1H), 7.23-7.44 (m, 10H), 7.48-7.57 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -3.2, 81.2, 84.6, 127.7, 127.8, 128.3, 129.2, 129.3, 133.4, 135.3, 135.9, 136.7, 138.9; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₂₁H₁₈Si [M]⁺ 298.1178, found 298.1181.

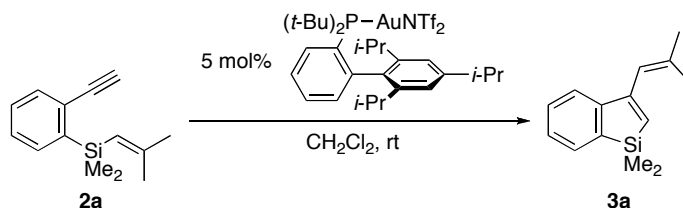


1,4-Bis[(2-ethynylphenyl)dimethylsilyl]benzene (2k). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.67 (s, 12H), 3.12 (s, 2H), 7.24-7.39 (m, 8H), 7.51-7.55 (m, 4H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -2.2, 80.7, 85.0, 127.6, 127.8, 128.9, 133.4, 133.5, 135.1, 138.5, 140.8; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₂₆H₂₆Si₂ [M]⁺ 394.1573, found 394.1570.

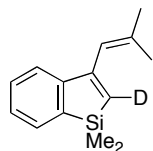


(2-Ethynylphenyl)dimethyl(thiophen-2-yl)silane (2l). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.73 (s, 6H), 3.20 (s, 1H), 7.21-7.38 (m, 5H), 7.53 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d, $J = 4.5$ Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -1.0, 80.9, 84.8, 127.3, 127.9, 128.1, 129.1, 131.1, 133.3, 134.9, 135.6, 137.2, 140.6; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₄SSi [M]⁺ 242.0585, found 242.0586.

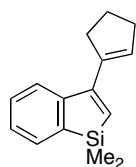
General Procedure for Intramolecular Alkenyl- and Arylsilylation.



1,1-Dimethyl-3-(2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)-1H-benzo[*b*]silole (3a). To a Schlenk tube containing gold(I) complex **1** (4.8 mg, 5.3 μ mol, 5 mol %) was added a solution of (2-ethynylphenyl)dimethyl(2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)silane (**2a**, 21.62 mg, 0.101 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL), and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. The reaction mixture was passed through a column of Florisil[®] (hexane:AcOEt = 50:1). After removal of the volatile materials, the residue was subjected to preparative thin-layer chromatography on silica gel (hexane) to afford **3a** (15.77 mg, 73%): ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.35 (s, 6H), 1.85 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 5.99 (s, 1H), 6.20 (d, *J* = 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.33-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.56 (d, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 125.7 MHz) δ -3.9, 20.1, 26.5, 122.0, 122.2, 126.6, 129.1, 129.4, 131.5, 138.3, 139.4, 150.1, 156.0; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₄H₁₈Si [M]⁺ 214.1178, found 214.1180.

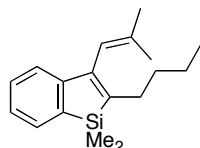


2-Deuterio-1,1-dimethyl-3-(2-methylprop-1-en-1-yl)-1H-benzo[*b*]silole (3a-*d*). According to the general procedure, **3a-*d*** (15.61 mg, 72%) was obtained from **2a-*d*** (21.65 mg, 0.101 mmol). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.33 (s, 6H), 1.83 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 1.94 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 3H), 5.80 (d, 82% D), 6.18 (quint, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.20-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.35 (m, 2H), 7.54 (dt, *J* = 4.5, 1.2 Hz, 1H).



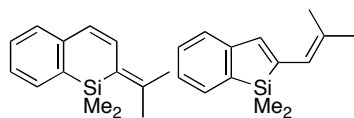
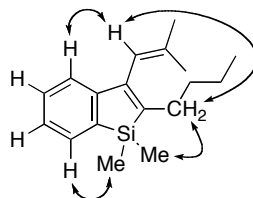
3-Cyclopentenyl-1,1-dimethyl-1H-benzo[*b*]silole (3b). According to the general procedure, **3b** (11.30 mg, 50%) was obtained from **2c** (22.75 mg, 0.100 mmol). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.25 (s, 6H), 1.82-1.91 (m, 2H), 2.40-2.47 (m, 2H), 2.52-2.58 (m, 2H), 5.73

(s, 1H), 6.56 (dt, $J = 1.5, 4.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.22-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.31-7.38 (m, 1H), 7.51 (dd, $J = 7.1, 2.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -1.0, 23.7, 27.3, 38.2, 121.6, 124.2, 125.8, 128.8, 130.5, 133.0, 134.0, 135.7, 143.5, 153.4; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{18}\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 226.1178, found 226.1176.



2-Butyl-1,1-dimethyl-3-(2-methylprop-1-enyl)-1H-benzo[*b*]silole (3c). According to the general procedure, **3c** (29.24 mg, 44%) was obtained from **2c** (66.65 mg, 0.246 mmol). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.33 (s, 6H), 0.91 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.25-1.50 (m, 4H), 1.52 (s, 3H), 1.93 (d, $J = 1.2$ Hz, 3H), 2.31 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.87 (s, 1H), 7.12-7.18 (m, 2H), 7.25-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.46-7.50 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -3.3, 14.0, 20.0, 23.0, 25.2, 30.4, 32.2, 120.6, 122.2, 125.6, 129.5, 131.1, 136.5, 137.8, 143.9, 149.3, 150.7; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 270.1804, found 270.1805.

The stereochemical assignment of **3c** was established by ^1H NOE experiments as shown below.



1,1-Dimethyl-2-isopropylidene-1,2-dihydrobenzo[*b*]siline (5)⁷ and 1,1-dimethyl-2-(2-methylprop-1-enyl)-1H-benzo[*b*]silole (6).⁸ Ethynyldimethyl[2-(2-methylprop-1-enyl)-phenyl]-silane (**4**, 62.60 mg, 0.292 mmol) was reacted in the presence of $(\text{PPh}_3)\text{AuNTf}_2$ (10.84 mg, 0.015 mmol, 5 mol%) in dichloromethane (1.5 mL) at room temperature for 4 h. The reaction mixture was passed through a column of Florisil[®] (hexane), and the volatile materials was evaporated. The residue was subjected to preparative thin-layer

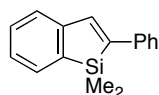
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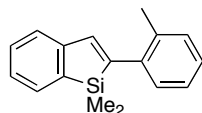
chromatography on silica gel (hexane) to afford a mixture of **5** and **6** (47.4 mg, 76%, 74:26). The two isomers were separated by GPC.

5: ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.42 (s, 6H), 1.96 (s, 3H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 6.20 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.10 (d, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 1H), 7.23-7.31 (m, 1H), 7.48 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.5, 20.5, 26.6, 126.2, 127.1, 127.6, 128.2, 128.7, 129.3, 133.6, 134.8, 141.4, 150.0; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 214.1178, found 214.1178.

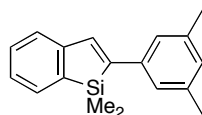
6: ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.44 (s, 6H), 1.87 (s, 3H), 1.92 (s, 3H), 6.20 (s, 1H), 7.01 (s, 1H), 7.14- 7.19 (m, 2H), 7.26-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.46 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 1H); HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 214.1178, found 214.1179.



1,1-Dimethyl-2-phenyl-1H-benzo[b]silole (7d).⁹ According to the general procedure, **7d** (15.95 mg, 63%) was obtained from **2d** (25.22 mg, 0.107 mmol). The analytical data were identical to those reported in the literature.



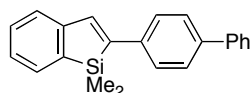
1,1-Dimethyl-2-(2-methylphenyl)-1H-benzo[b]silole (7e). According to the general procedure, **7e** (13.23 mg, 52%) was obtained from **2e** (25.33 mg, 0.101 mmol). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 0.40 (s, 6H), 2.35 (s, 3H), 7.07-7.31 (m, 7H), 7.33-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.57 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -3.4, 21.0, 124.1, 125.5, 126.1, 126.6, 127.9, 129.9, 130.3, 131.7, 134.9, 138.2, 140.7, 145.0, 147.9, 148.8; HRMS (EI) calcd for $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{Si}$ $[\text{M}]^+$ 250.1178, found 250.1175.



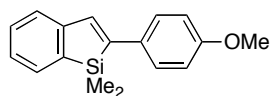
2-(3,5-Dimethylphenyl)-1,1-dimethyl-1H-benzo[b]silole (7f). According to the general

(9) [794512-47-3]: (a) C. Xu, A. Wakamiya and S. Yamaguchi, *Org. Lett.*, 2004, **6**, 3707; (b) L. Ilies, H. Tsuji, Y. Sato and E. Nakamura, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2008, **130**, 4240; (c) T. Matsuda, Y. Yamaguchi and M. Murakami, *Synlett*, 2008, 561.

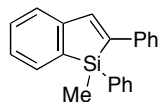
procedure, **7f** (17.13 mg, 64%) was obtained from **2f** (26.56 mg, 0.100 mmol). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.48 (s, 6H), 2.36 (s, 6H), 6.92 (s, 1H), 7.13 (s, 2H), 7.18-7.25 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.39 (m, 2H), 7.52-7.57 (m, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -3.0, 21.4, 124.2, 124.4, 126.5, 128.9, 130.0, 131.6, 138.1, 138.4, 139.0, 141.0, 145.5, 149.0; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₈H₂₀Si [M]⁺ 264.1334, found 264.1337.



2-(Biphenyl-4-yl)-1,1-dimethyl-1H-benzo[b]silole (7g).¹⁰ According to the general procedure, **7g** (13.23 mg, 42%) was obtained from **2g** (31.33 mg, 0.100 mmol). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.52 (s, 6H), 7.21-7.27 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.41 (m, 3H), 7.43-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.55-7.66 (m, 8H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -3.1, 124.3, 126.7, 126.86, 126.91, 127.2, 127.4, 128.8, 130.1, 131.7, 138.1, 138.3, 139.8, 140.7, 141.2, 144.8, 148.9; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₂₂H₂₀Si [M]⁺ 312.1334, found 312.1337.



2-(4-Methoxyphenyl)-1,1-dimethyl-1H-benzo[b]silole (7h). According to the general procedure, **7h** (12.67 mg, 24%) was obtained from **2h** (53.59 mg, 0.201 mmol). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.47 (s, 6H), 3.84 (s, 3H), 6.90-6.96 (m, 2H), 7.16-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.26-7.38 (m, 2H), 7.43-7.49 (m, 3H), 7.53 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -3.1, 55.3, 114.2, 123.9, 126.2, 127.6, 130.0, 131.6, 131.8, 138.0, 139.1, 144.7, 149.2, 158.9; HRMS (EI) calcd for C₁₇H₁₈OSi [M]⁺ 266.1127, found 266.1129.

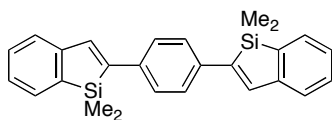


1-Methyl-1,2-diphenyl-1H-benzo[b]silole (7j).¹¹ According to the general procedure, **7j** (35.8 mg, 60%) was obtained from **2j** (59.6 mg, 0.20 mmol). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 0.79 (s, 3H), 7.18-7.63 (m, 14H), 7.69 (s, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75.5 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -5.4, 124.4, 126.7, 126.9, 127.1, 128.1, 128.6, 129.9, 130.3, 132.3, 134.0, 134.5, 137.2, 138.7, 142.5,

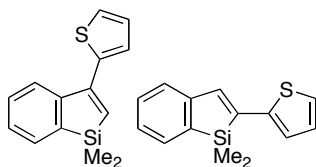
(10) [1186331-75-8]: L. Ilies, H. Tsuji and E. Nakamura, *Org. Lett.* **2009**, *11*, 3966.

(11) [1027811-62-6]: T. Matsuda, Y. Yamaguchi and M. Murakami, *Synlett*, 2008, 561.

143.9, 149.3; HRMS (EI) calcd for $C_{21}H_{18}Si$ $[M]^+$ 298.1178, found 298.1180.



1,4-Bis(1,1-dimethyl-1H-benzo[*b*]silol-2-yl)benzene (7k).¹² The reaction of **2k** (78.9 mg, 0.20 mmol) was carried out in the presence of **1** (18.1 mg, 0.020 mmol, 10 mol %) in CH_2Cl_2 (2.0 mL) at 40 °C for 12 h. Preparative TLC (hexane:AcOEt = 50:1) followed by GPC afforded **7k** (17.4 mg, 22%). The analytical data were identical to those reported in the literature.



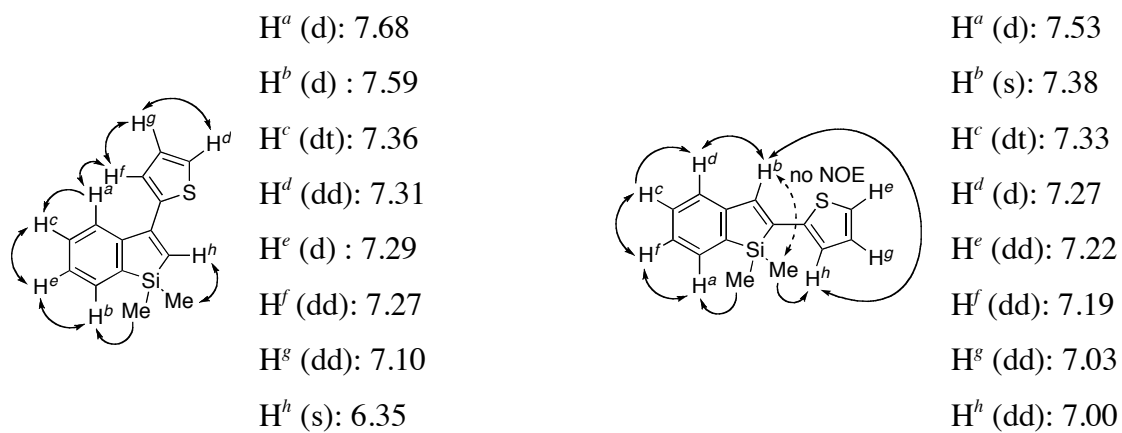
1,1-Dimethyl-3-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-benzo[*b*]silole (3l) and **1,1-dimethyl-2-(thiophen-2-yl)-1H-benzo[*b*]silole (7l).** According to the general procedure, **3l** (24.29 mg, 50%) and **7l** (8.10 mg, 17%) were obtained from **2l** (48.30 mg, 0.199 mmol).

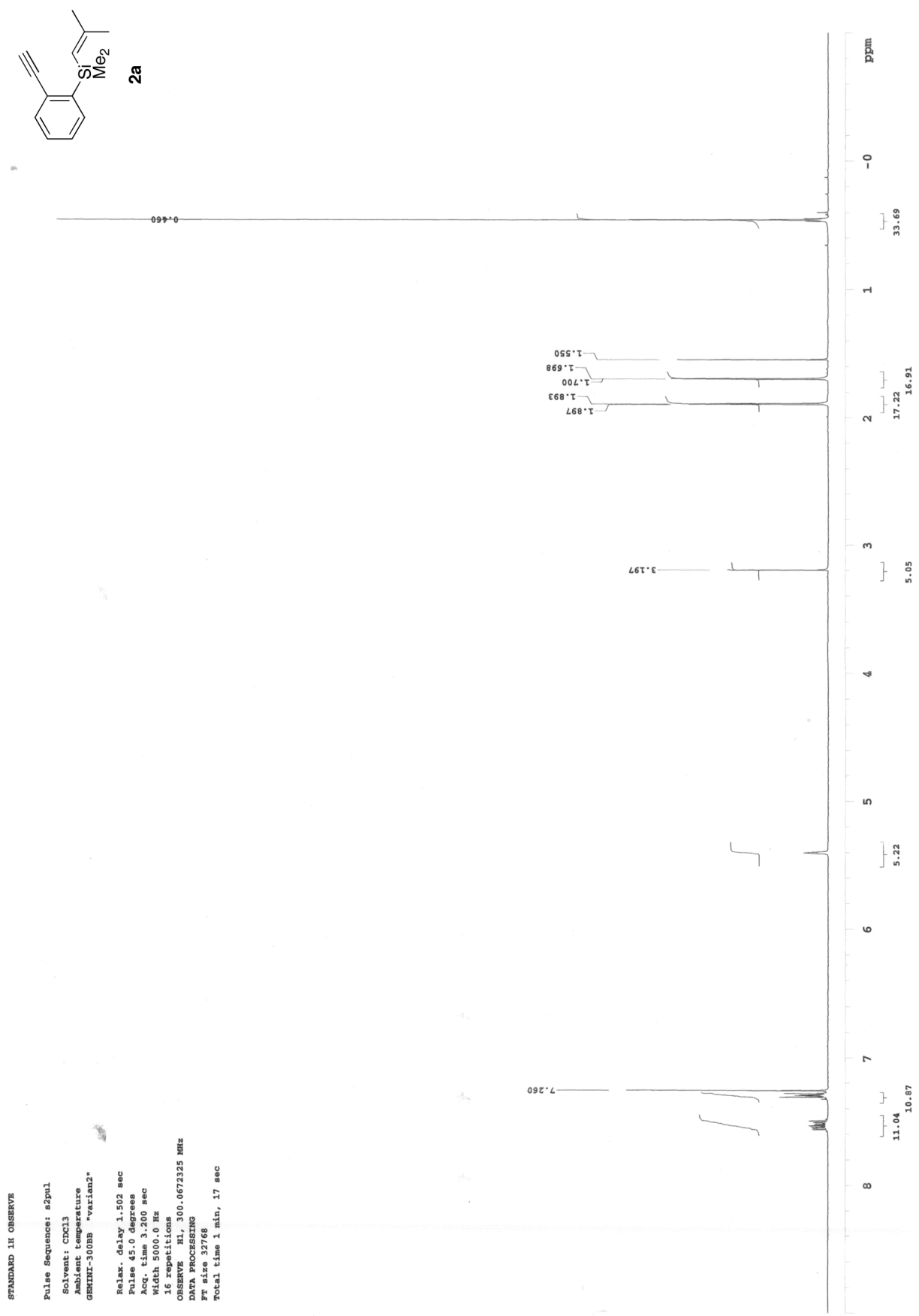
3l: 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.37 (s, 6H), 6.35 (s, 1H), 7.11 (dd, J = 5.4, 3.6 Hz, 1H), 7.26-7.33 (m, 3H), 7.37 (dt, J = 1.6, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58-7.62 (m, 1H), 7.69 (d, J = 7.5 Hz, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75.5 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -4.0, 123.2, 124.6, 125.4, 127.0, 127.1, 129.4, 131.9, 132.6, 140.1, 141.8, 147.8, 152.5; HRMS (EI) calcd for $C_{14}H_{14}SSi$ $[M]^+$ 242.0585, found 242.0585.

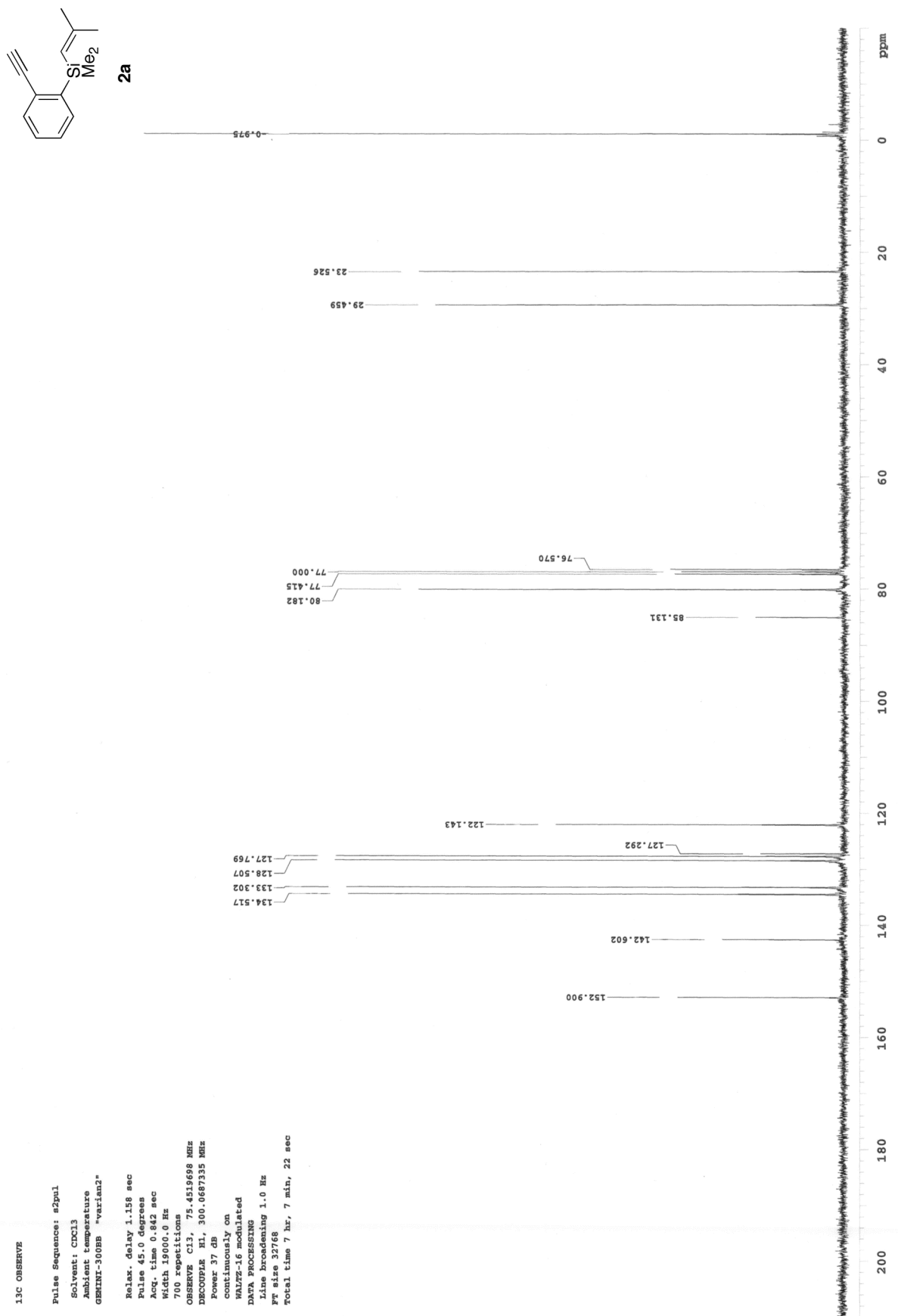
7l: 1H NMR (300 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 0.47 (s, 6H), 6.99-7.05 (m, 2H), 7.17-7.38 (m, 4H), 7.38 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.55 (m, 1H); ^{13}C NMR (75.5 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -3.3, 124.1, 124.3, 125.1, 126.5, 127.6, 130.1, 131.8, 137.5, 138.5, 139.8, 144.2, 148.8; HRMS (EI) calcd for $C_{14}H_{14}SSi$ $[M]^+$ 242.0585, found 242.0589.

(12) [794512-50-8]: (a) C. Xu, A. Wakamiya and S. Yamaguchi, *Org. Lett.*, 2004, **6**, 3707; (b) T. Matsuda, Y. Yamaguchi, N. Ishida and M. Murakami, *Synlett*, 2010, 2743.

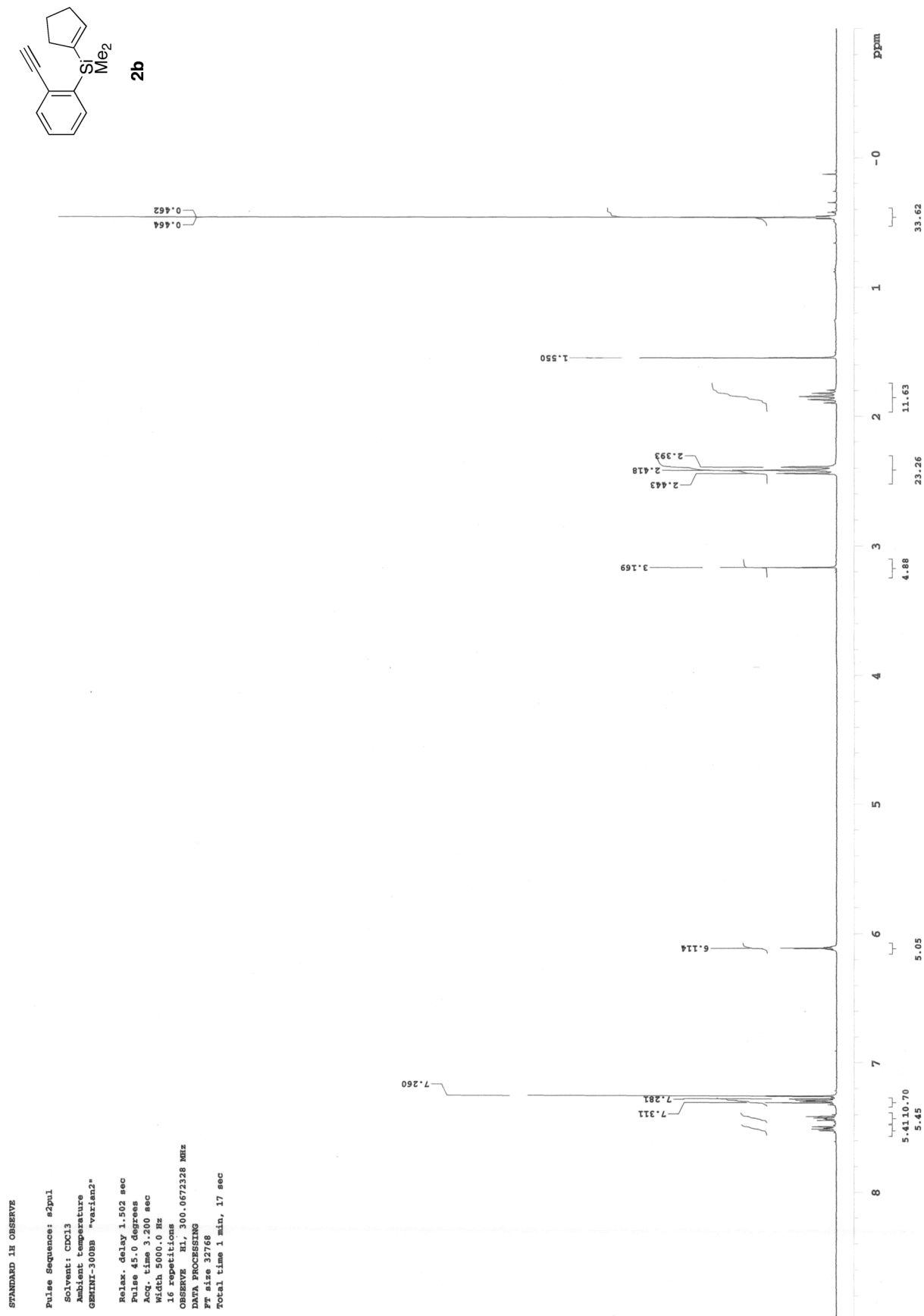
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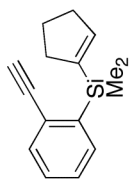










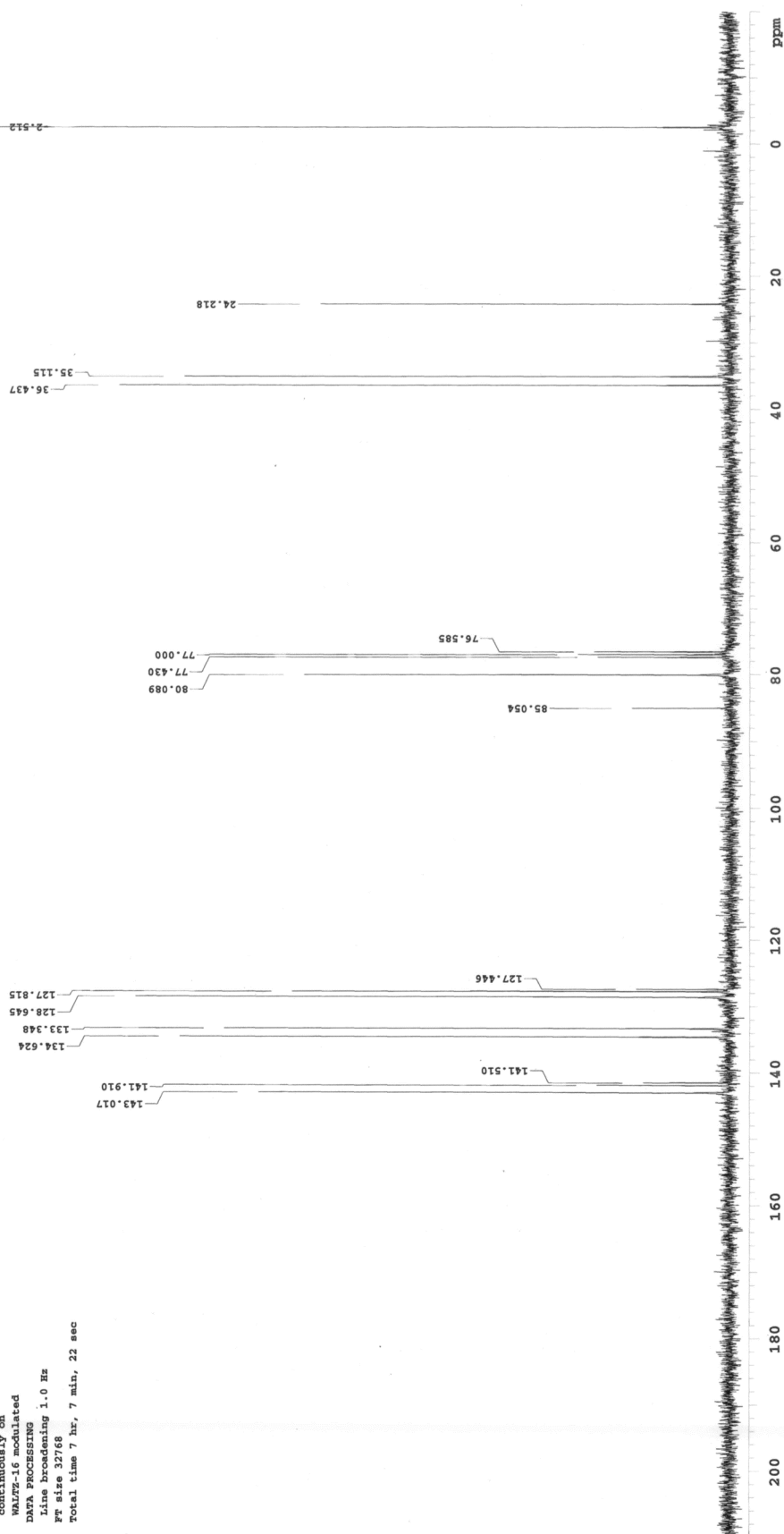


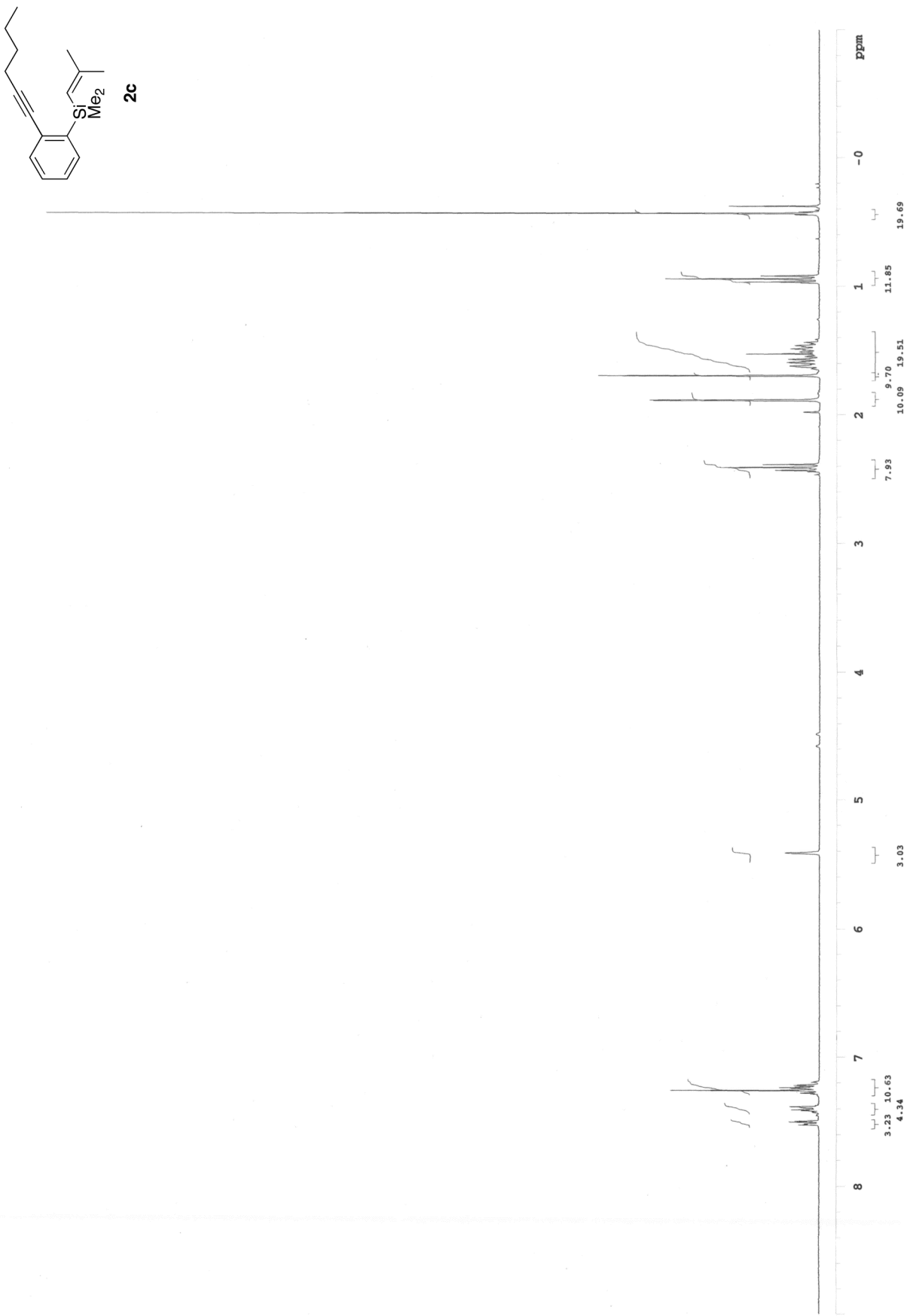
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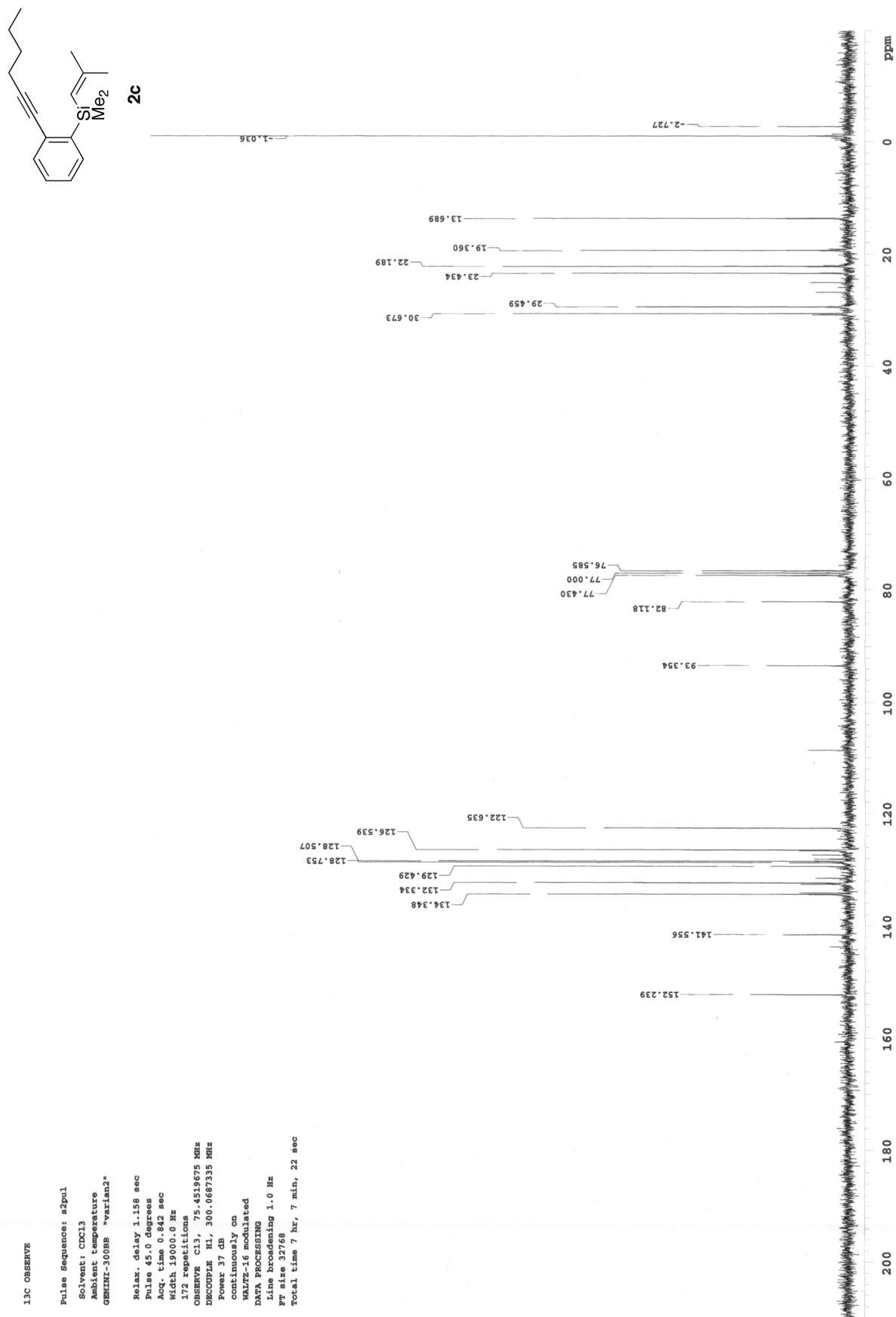
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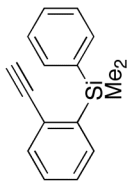
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DATA PROCESSING
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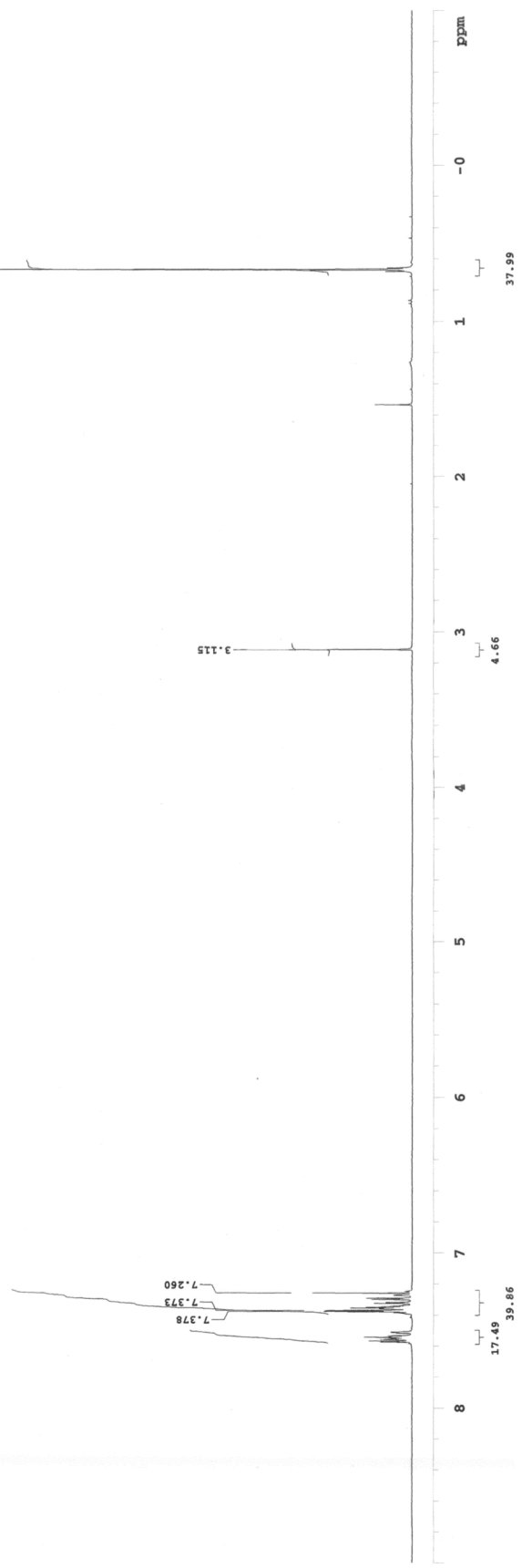


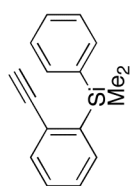
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Ambient temperature
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DATA PROCESSING
FT size 32768
Total time 1 min, 17 sec





2d

¹³C OBSERVE

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: CDCl₃

Ambient temperature

GEMINI-300B "varian2"

Relax. delay 1.158 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

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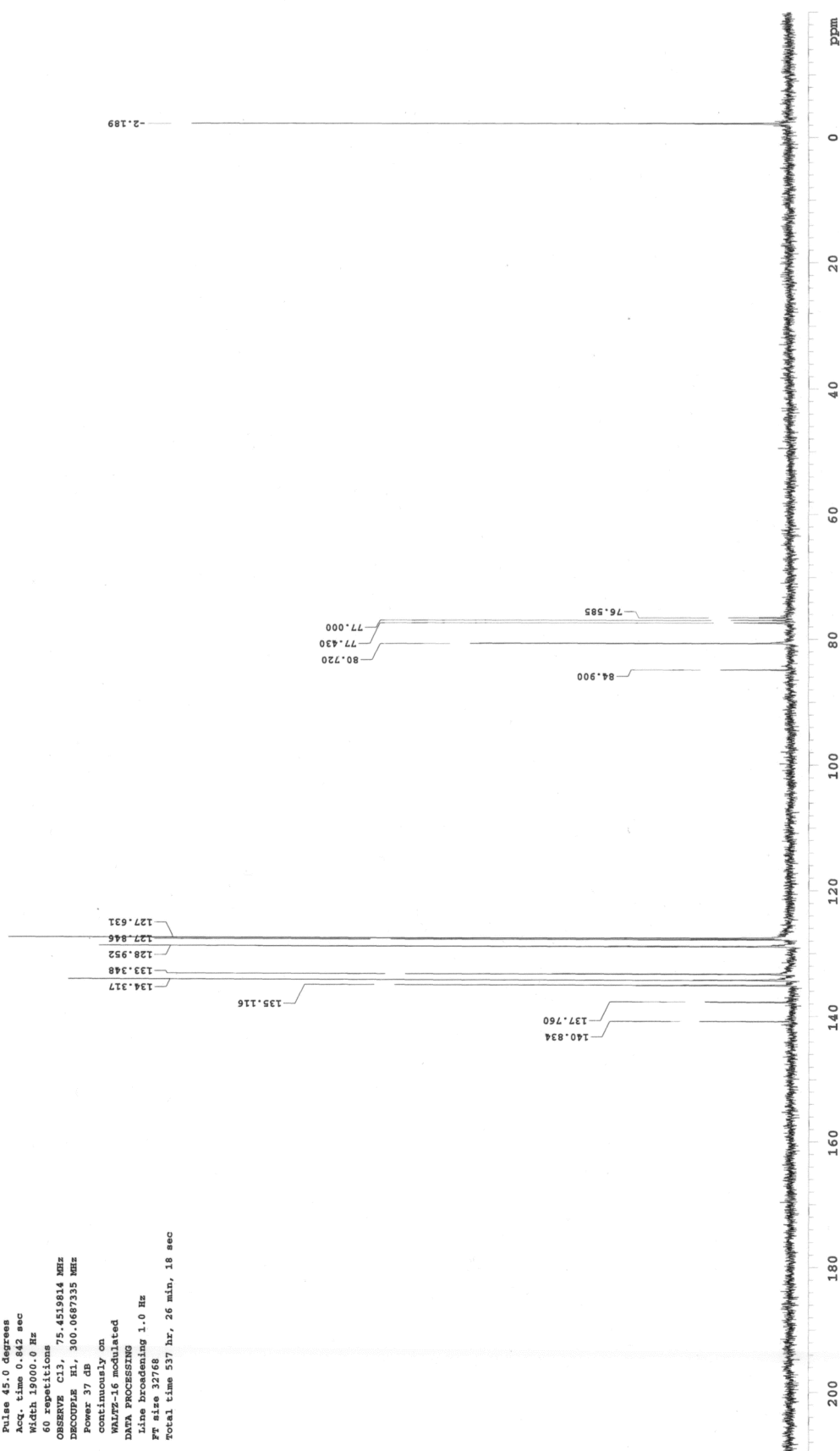
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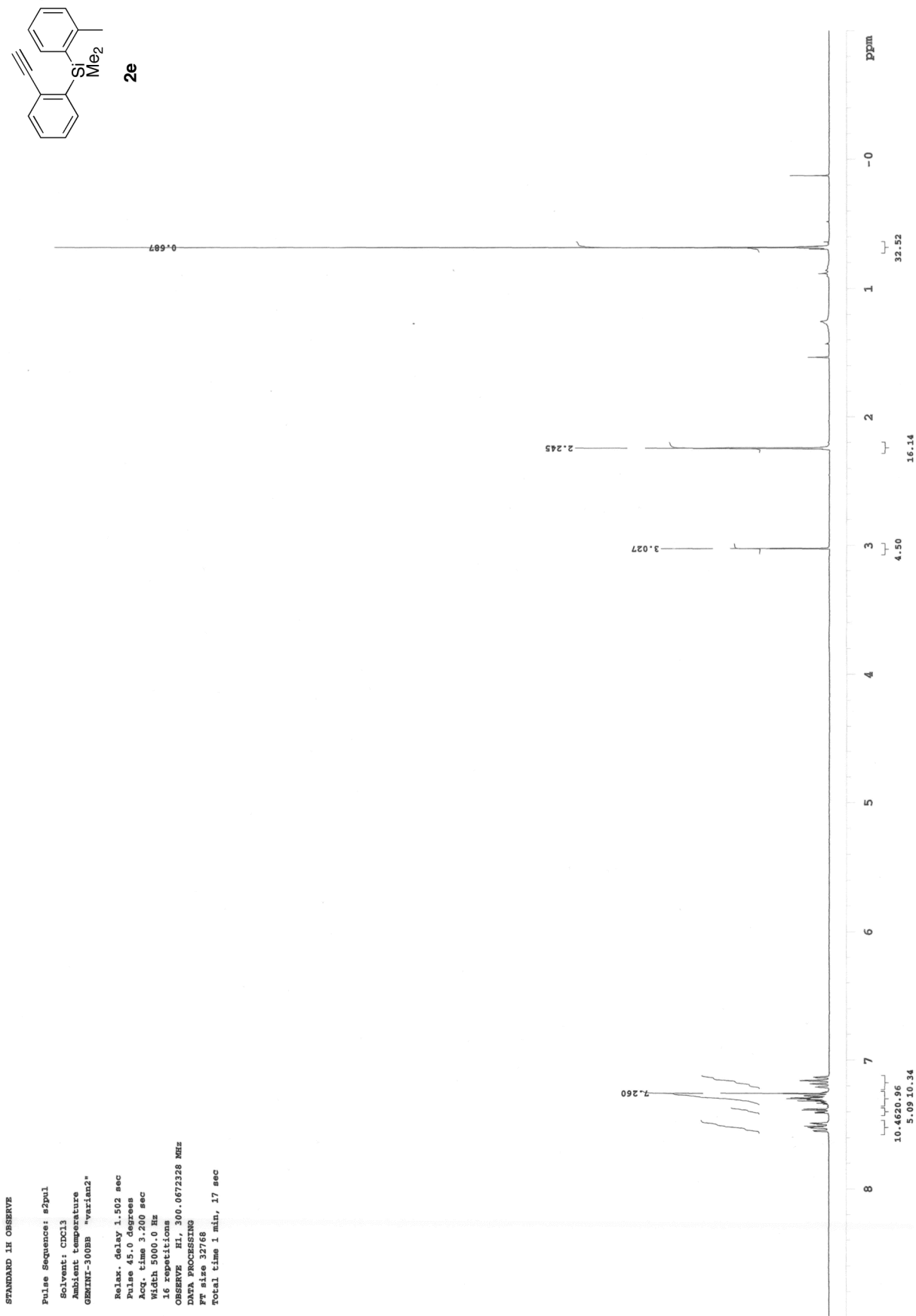
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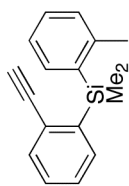
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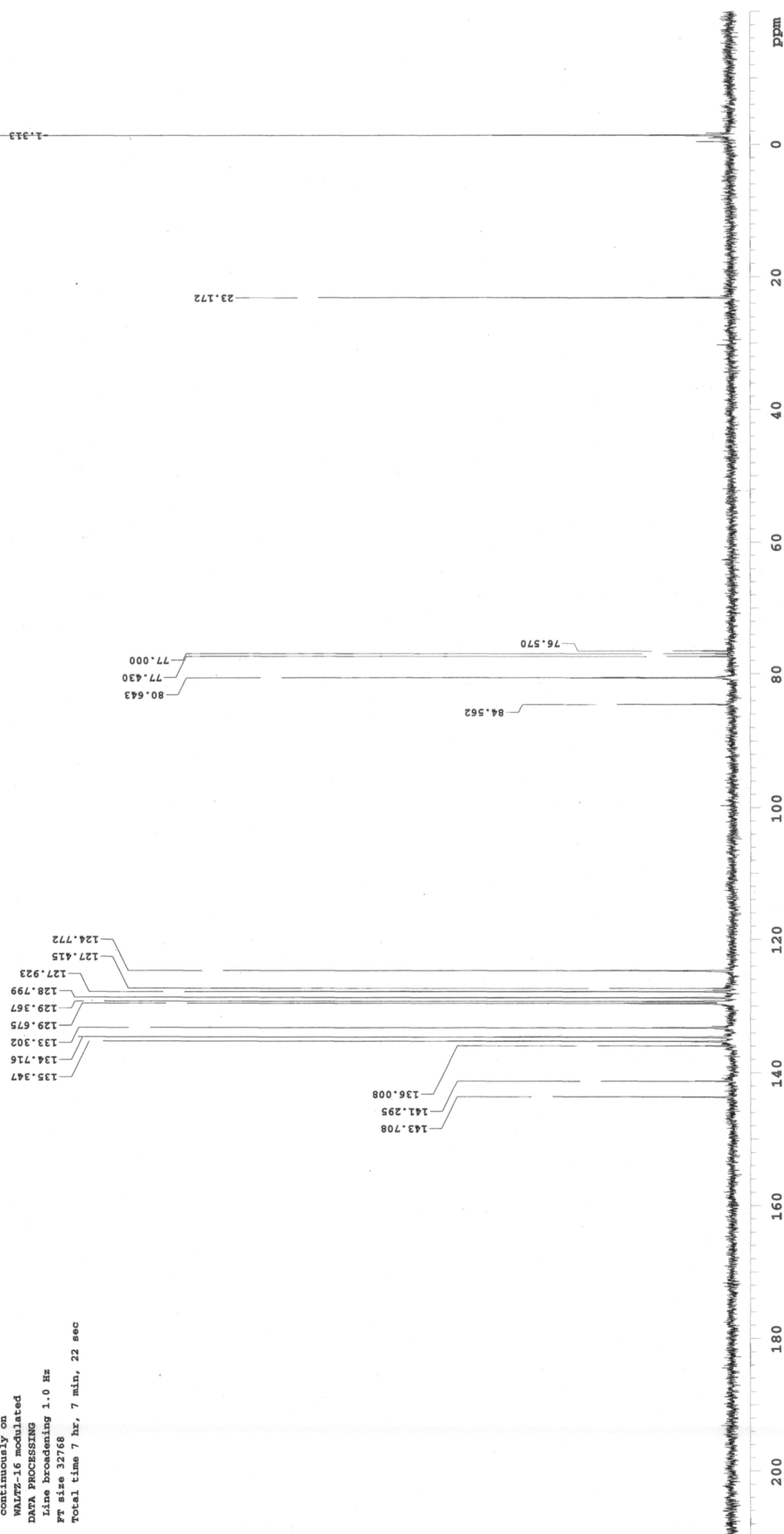
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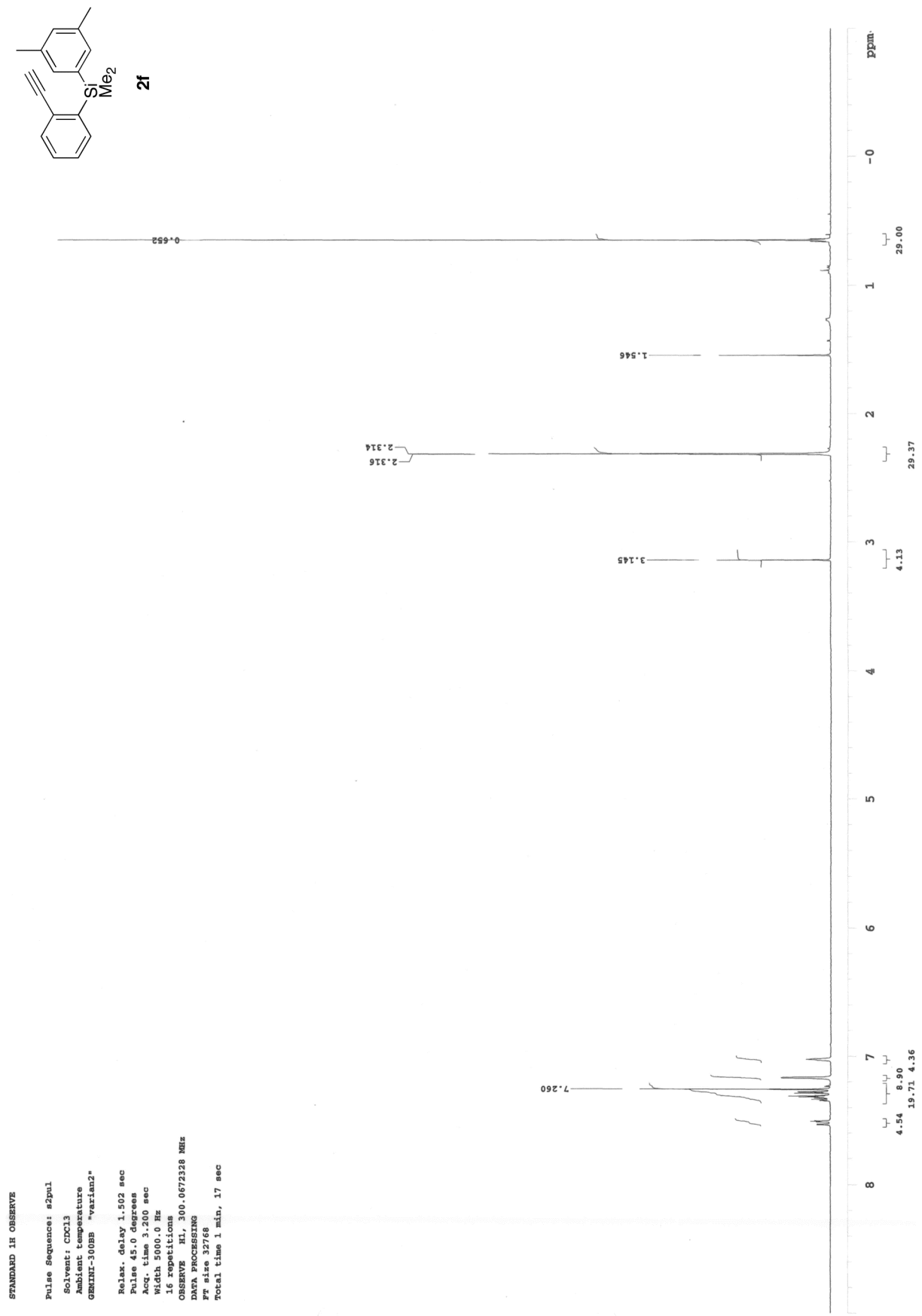
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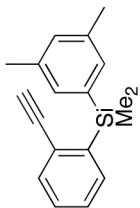
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DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
Ft size 32768
Total time 7 hr, 7 min, 22 sec





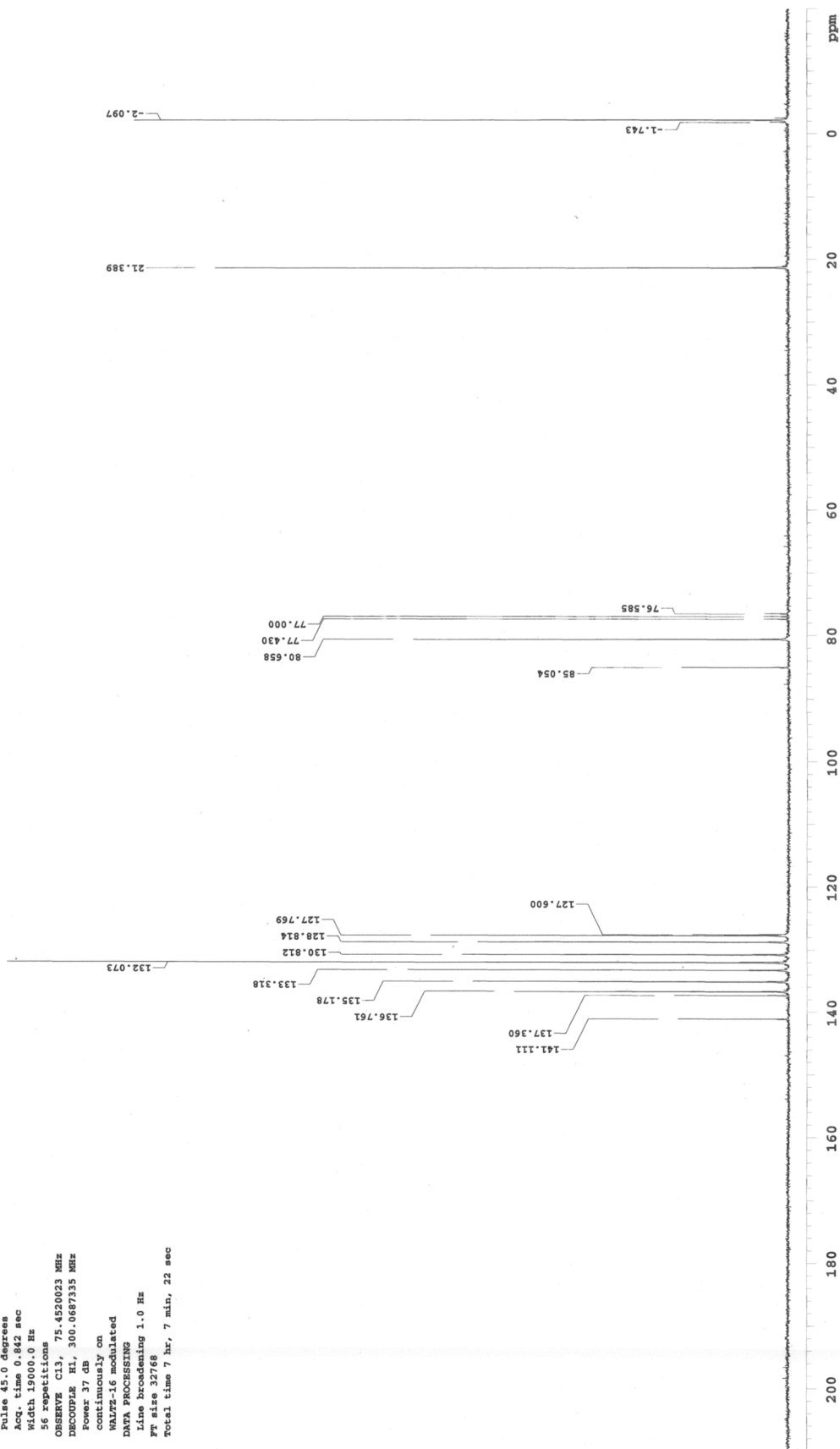


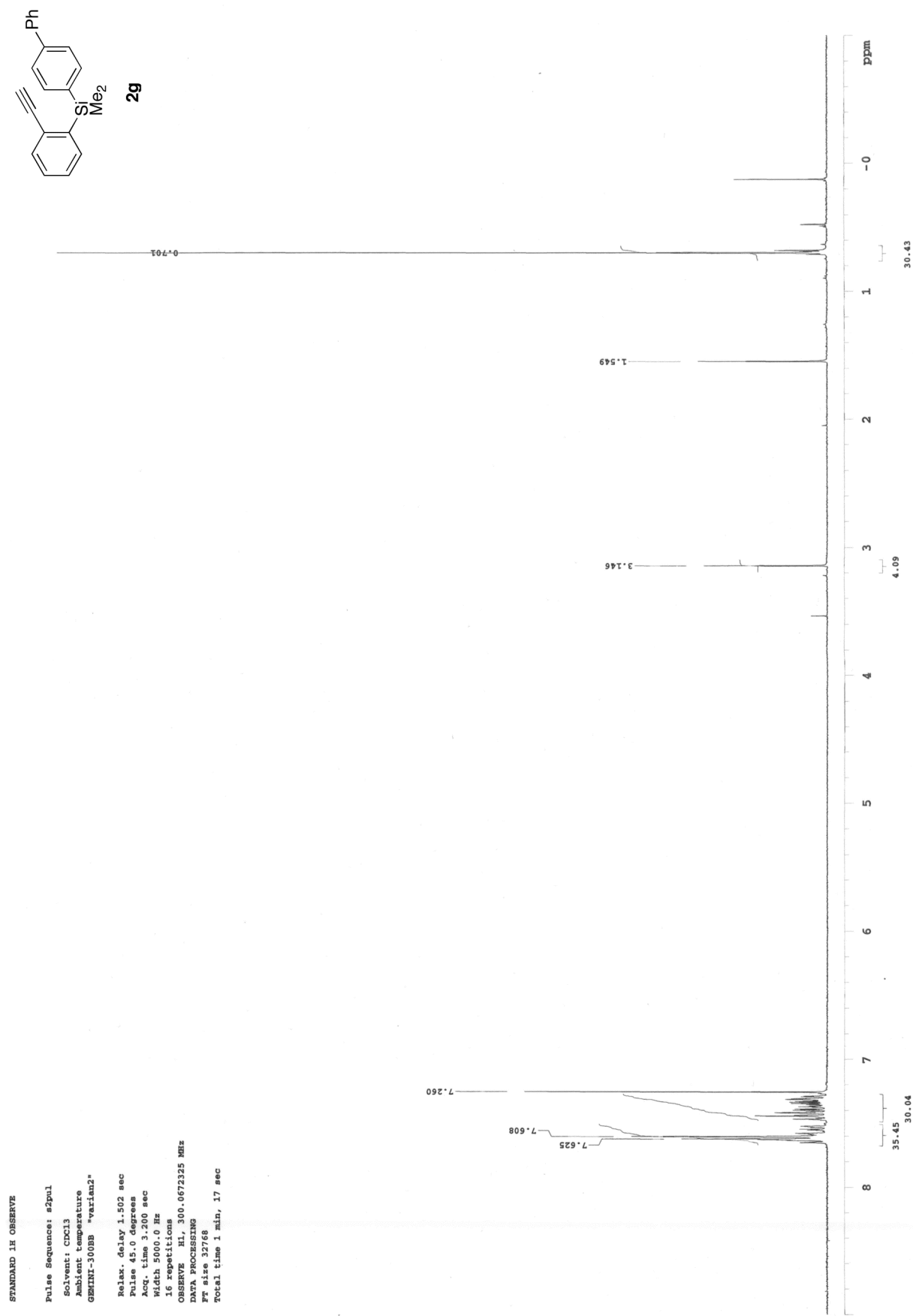
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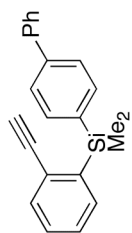
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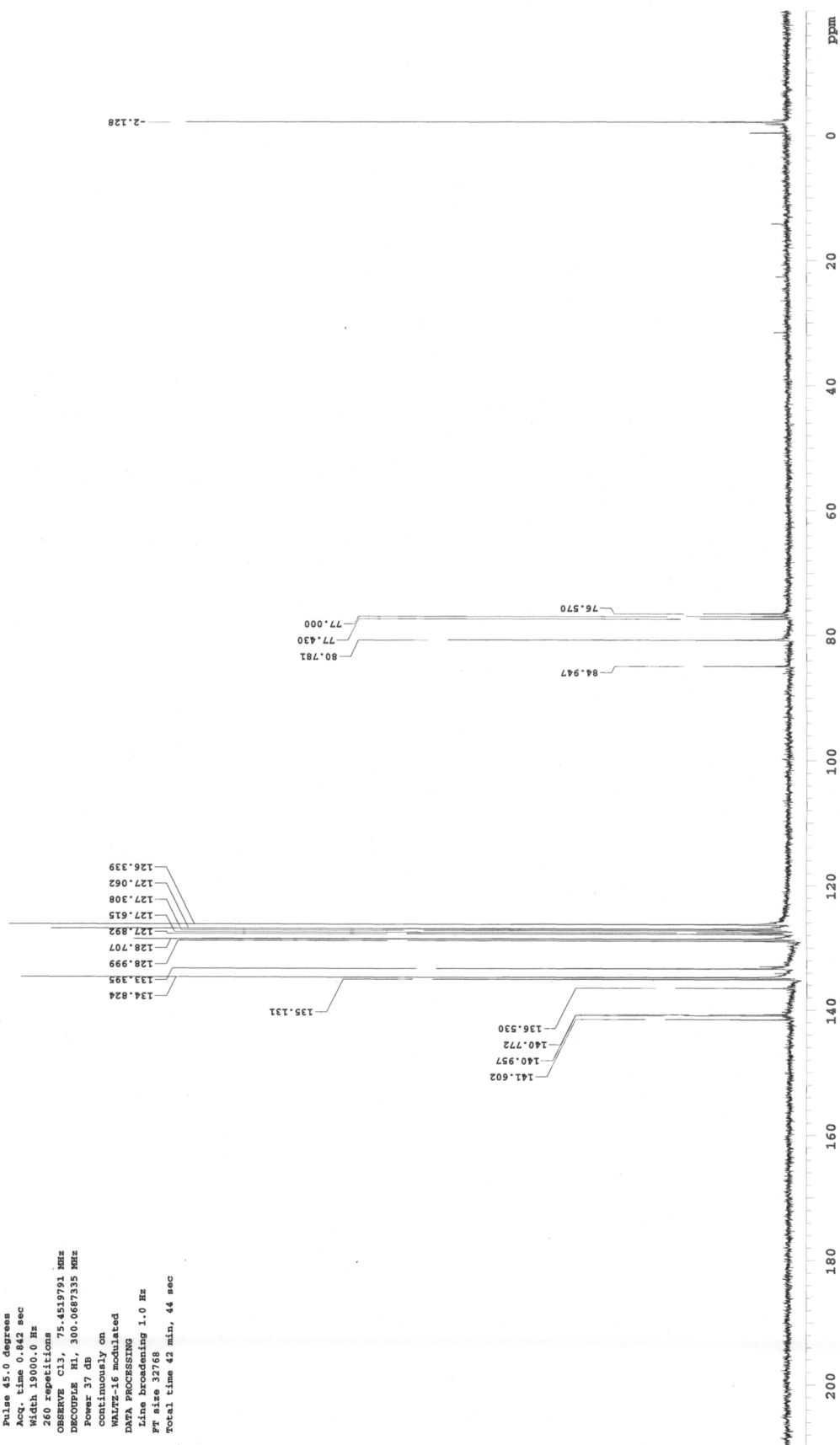


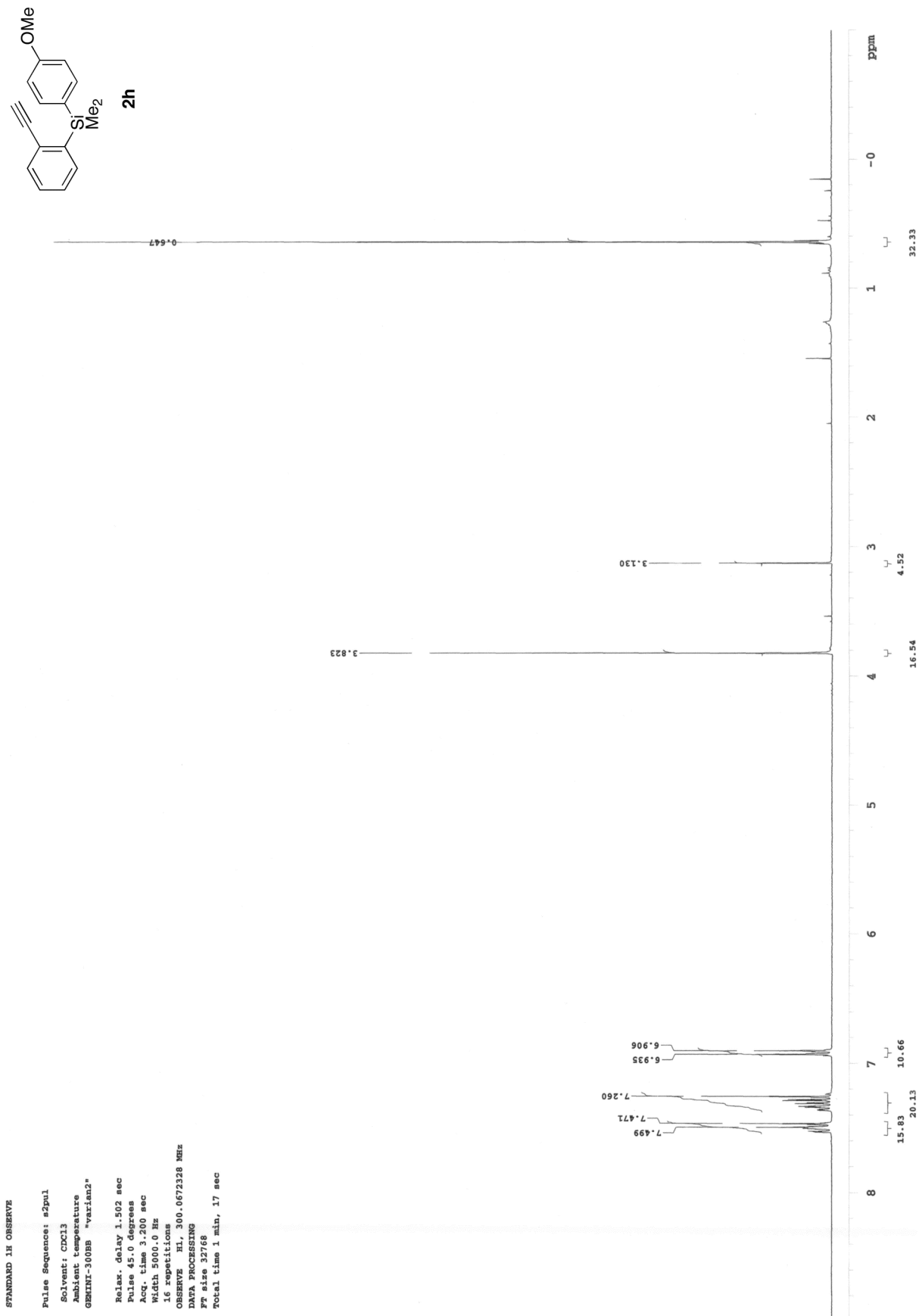
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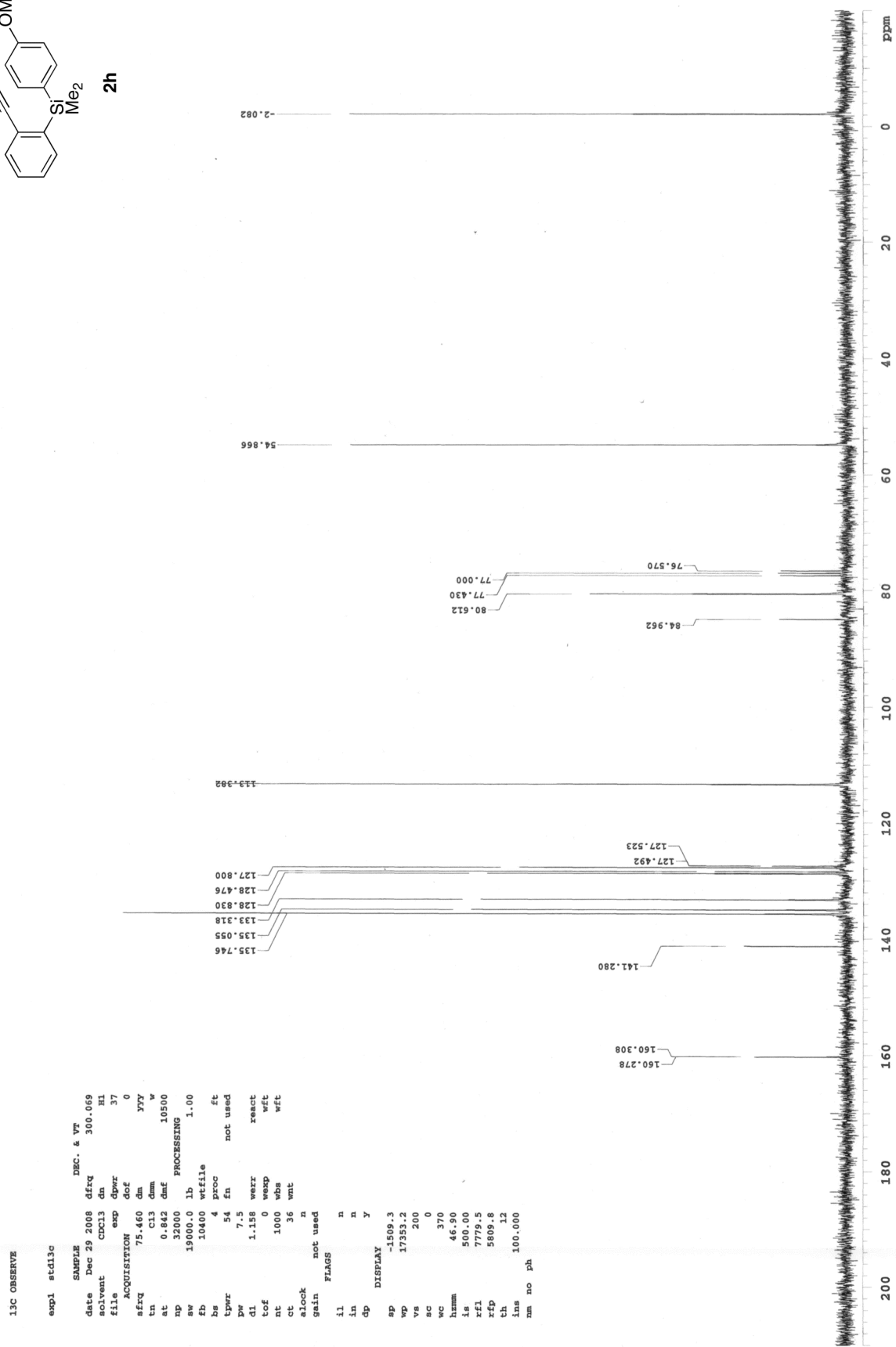
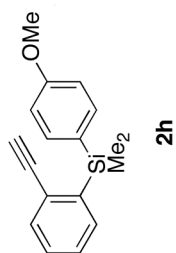
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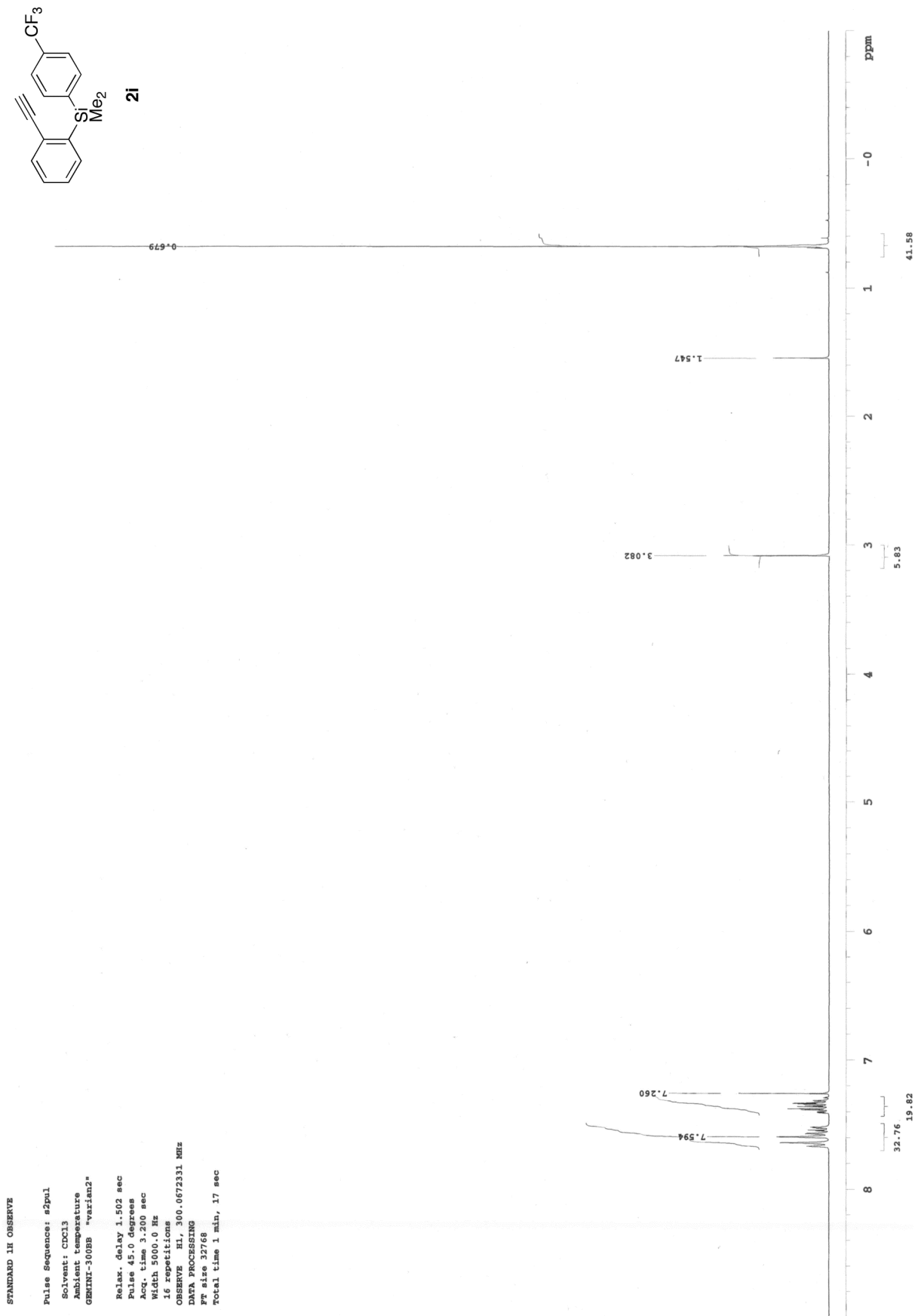
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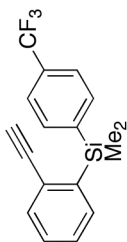
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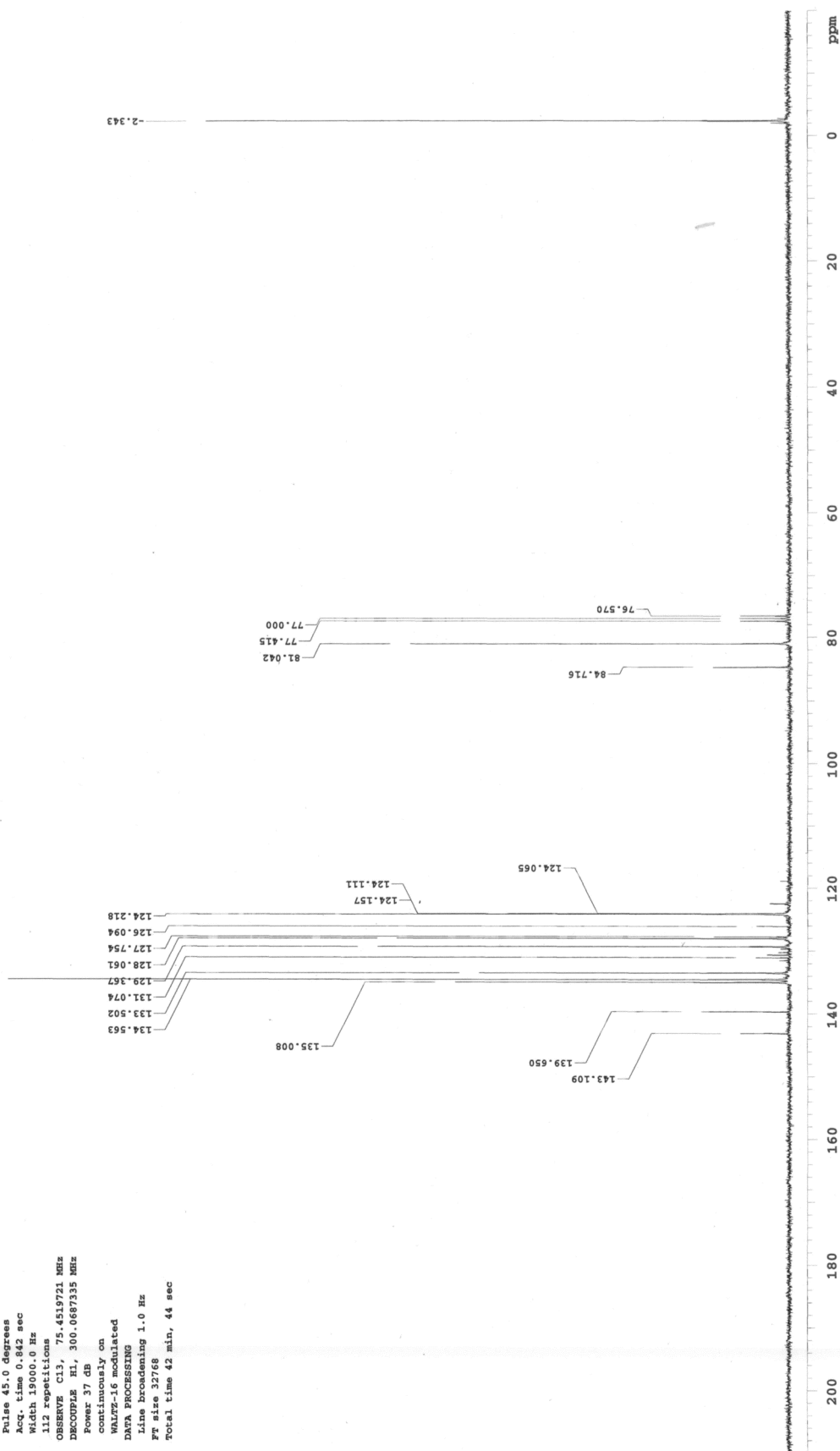


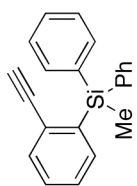
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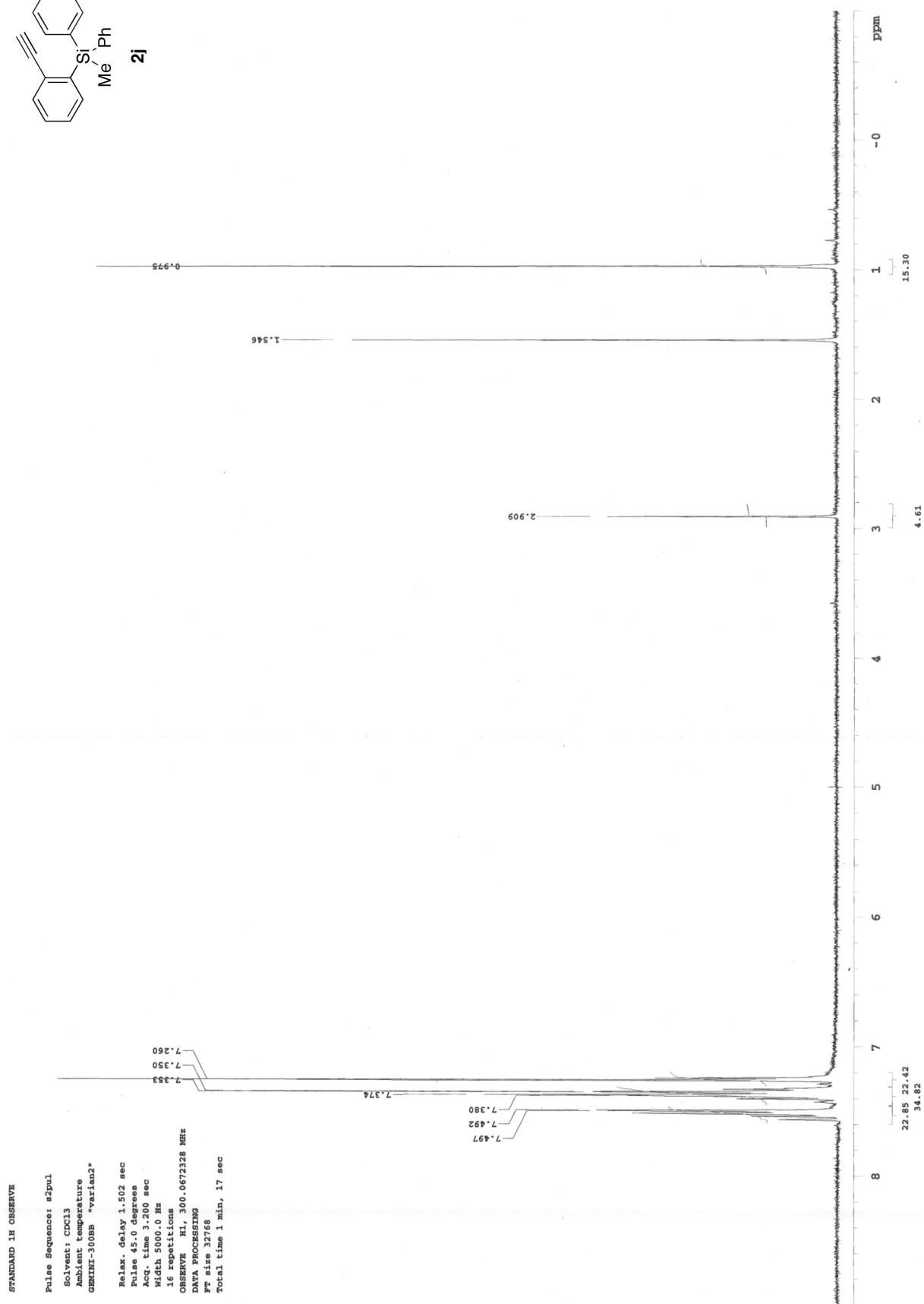
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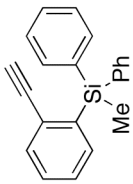
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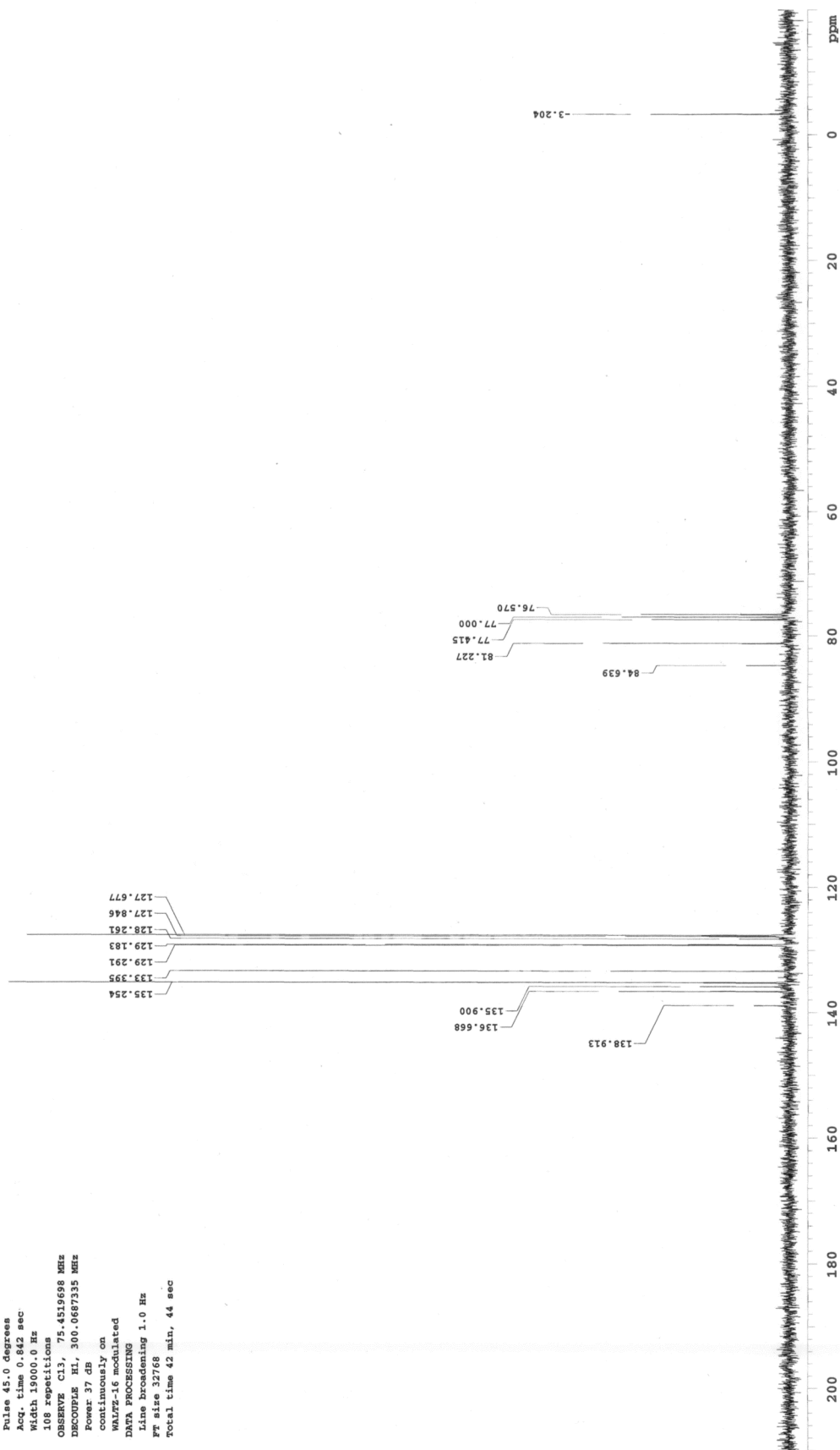


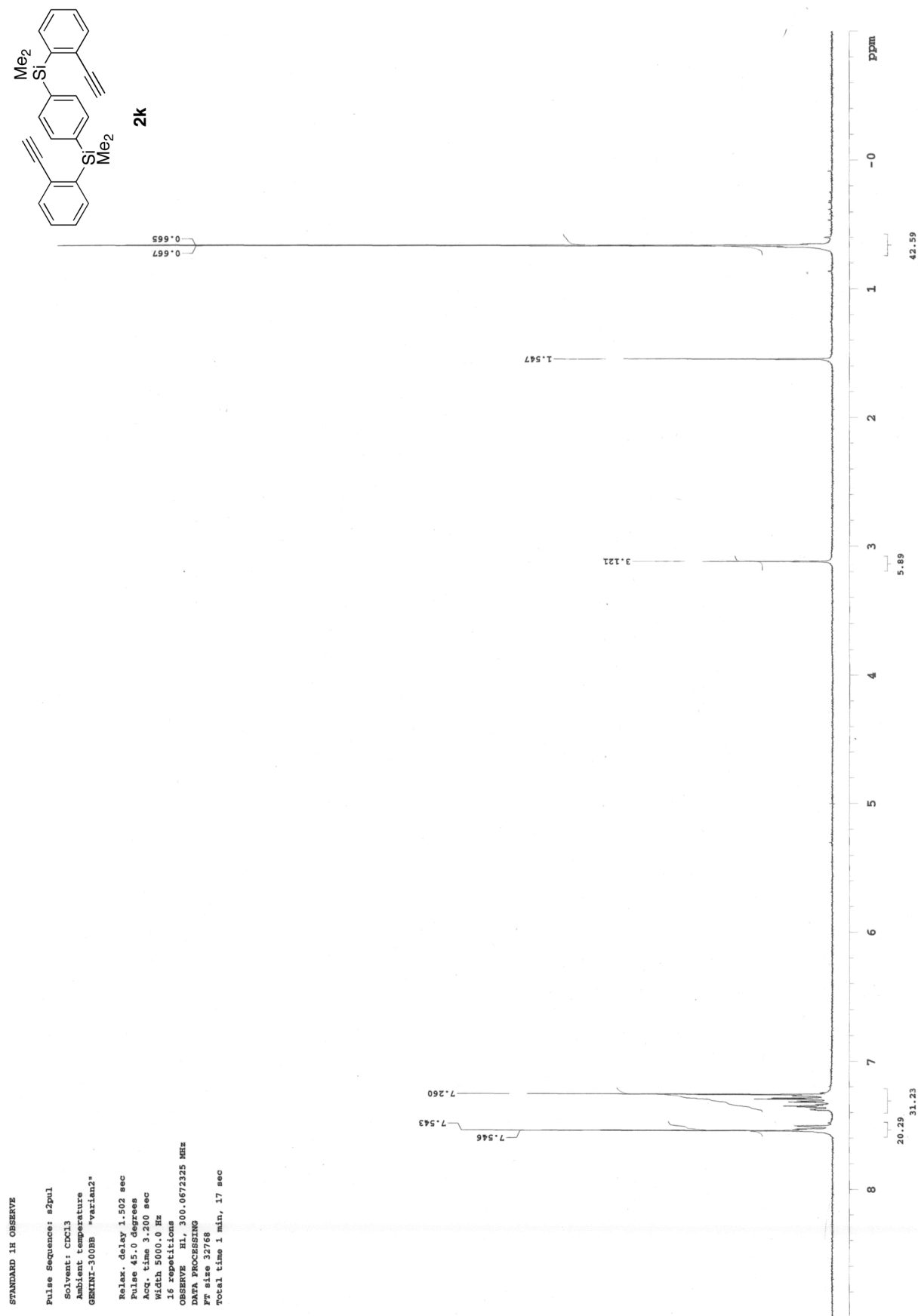
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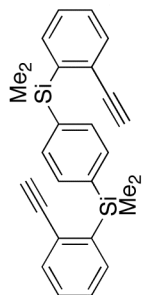
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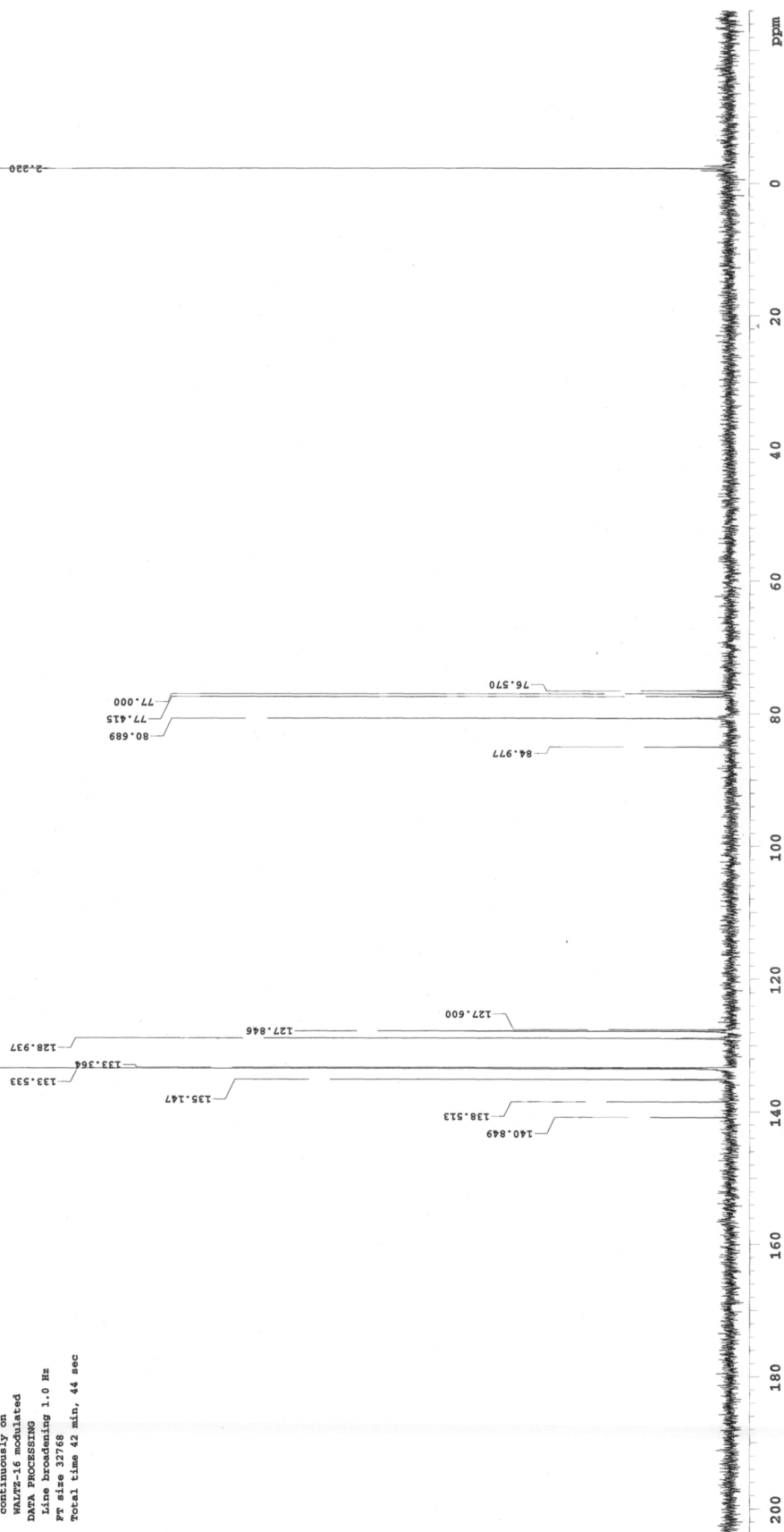


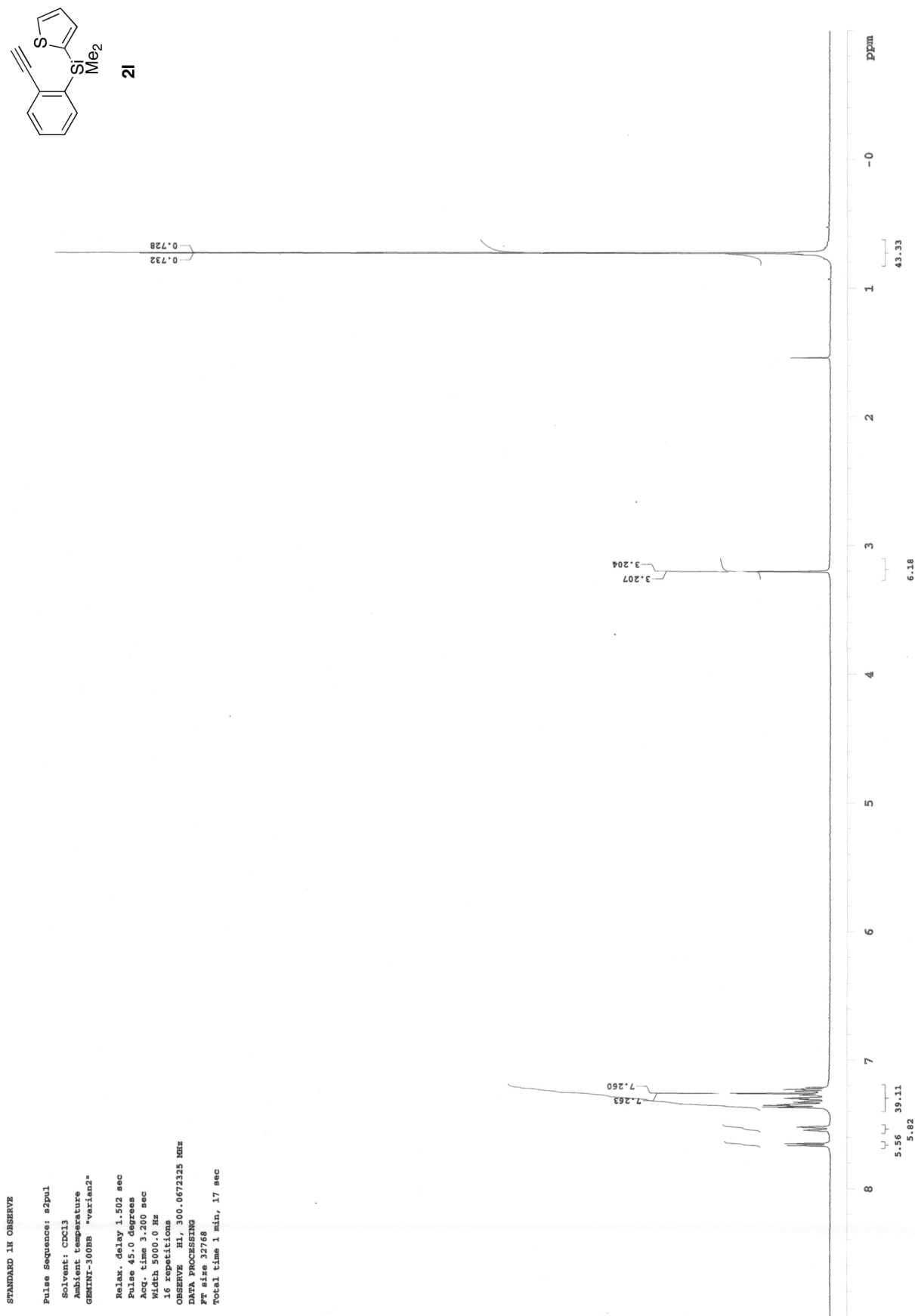
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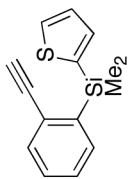
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Ambient temperature
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Width 19000.0 Hz
44 repetitions
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DECOUPLE H1, 300.0687335 MHz
Power 37 dB
continuously on
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DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
Ft size 32768
Total time 42 min, 44 sec







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¹³C OBSERVE

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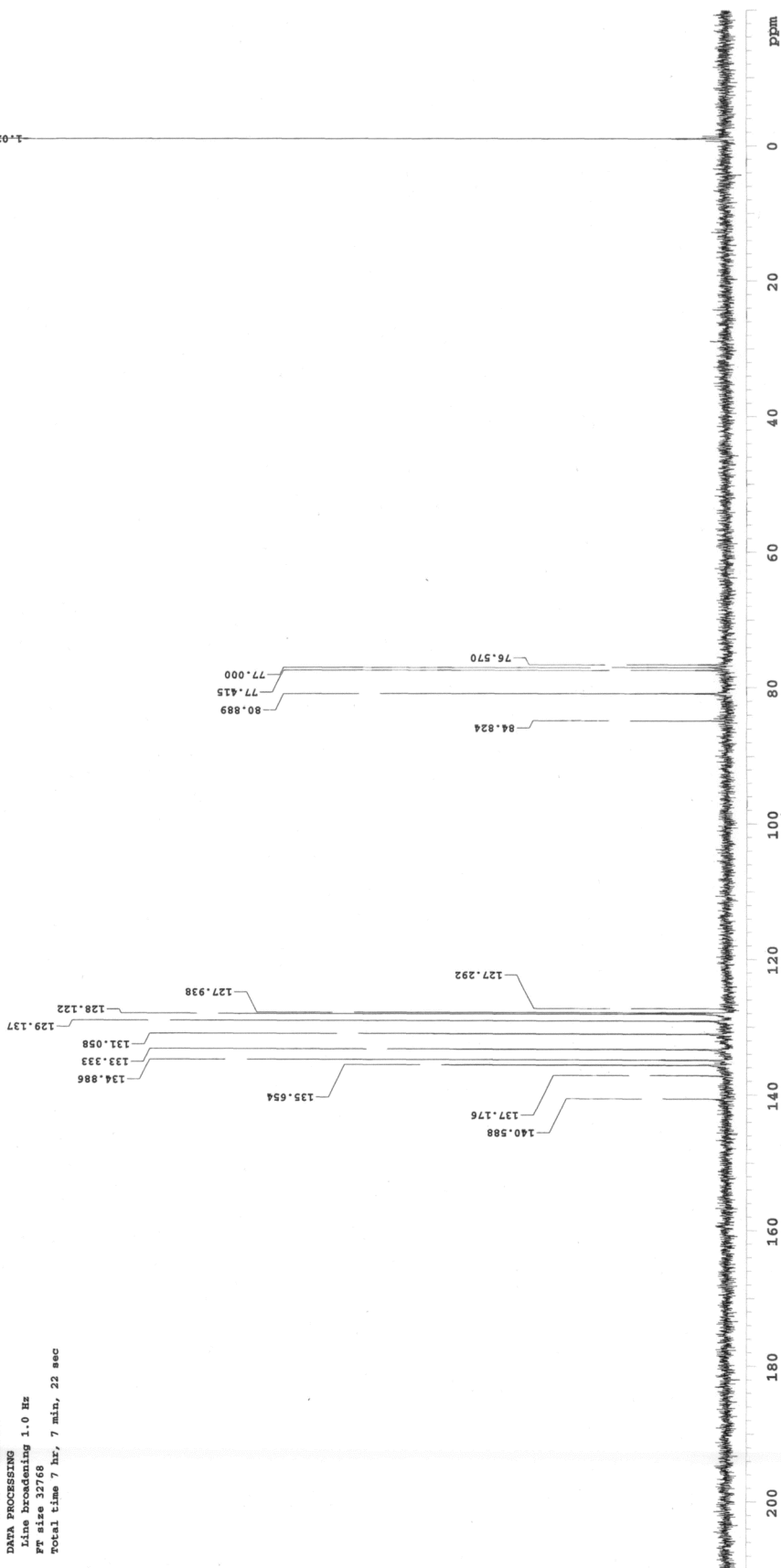
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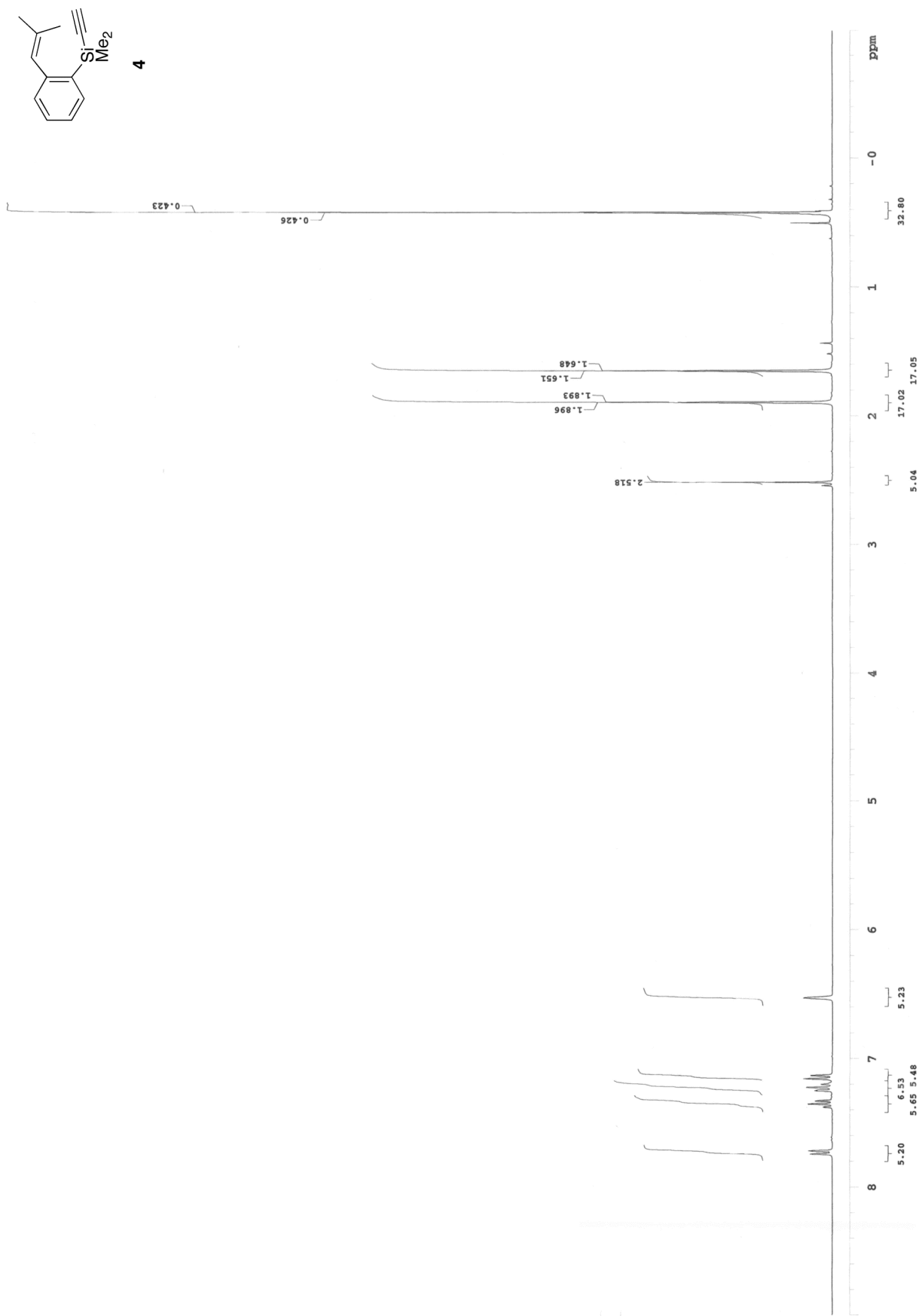
DATA PROCESSING

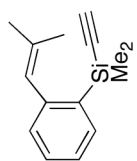
Line broadening 1.0 Hz

FT size 32768

Total time 7 hr, 7 min, 22 sec





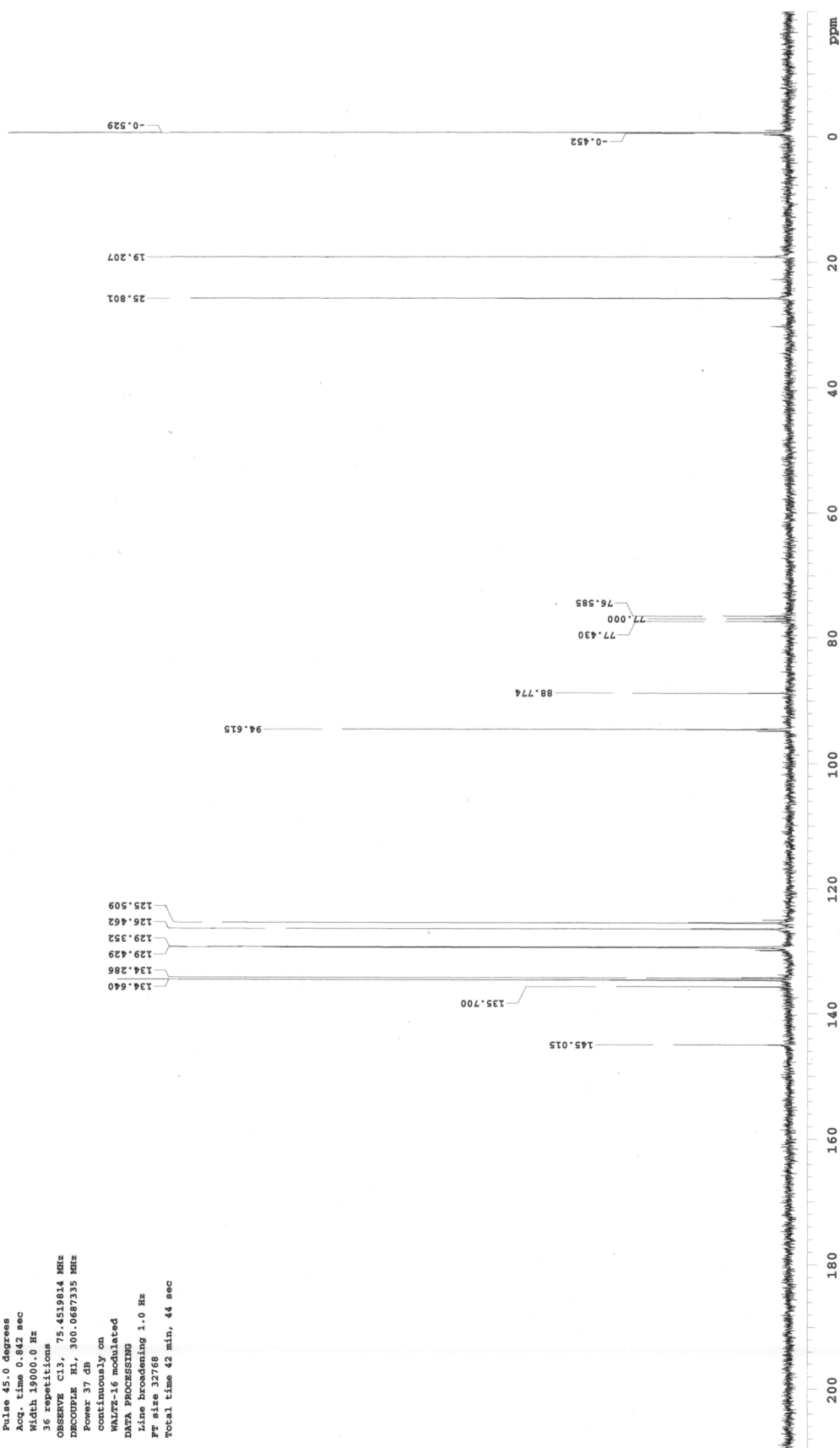


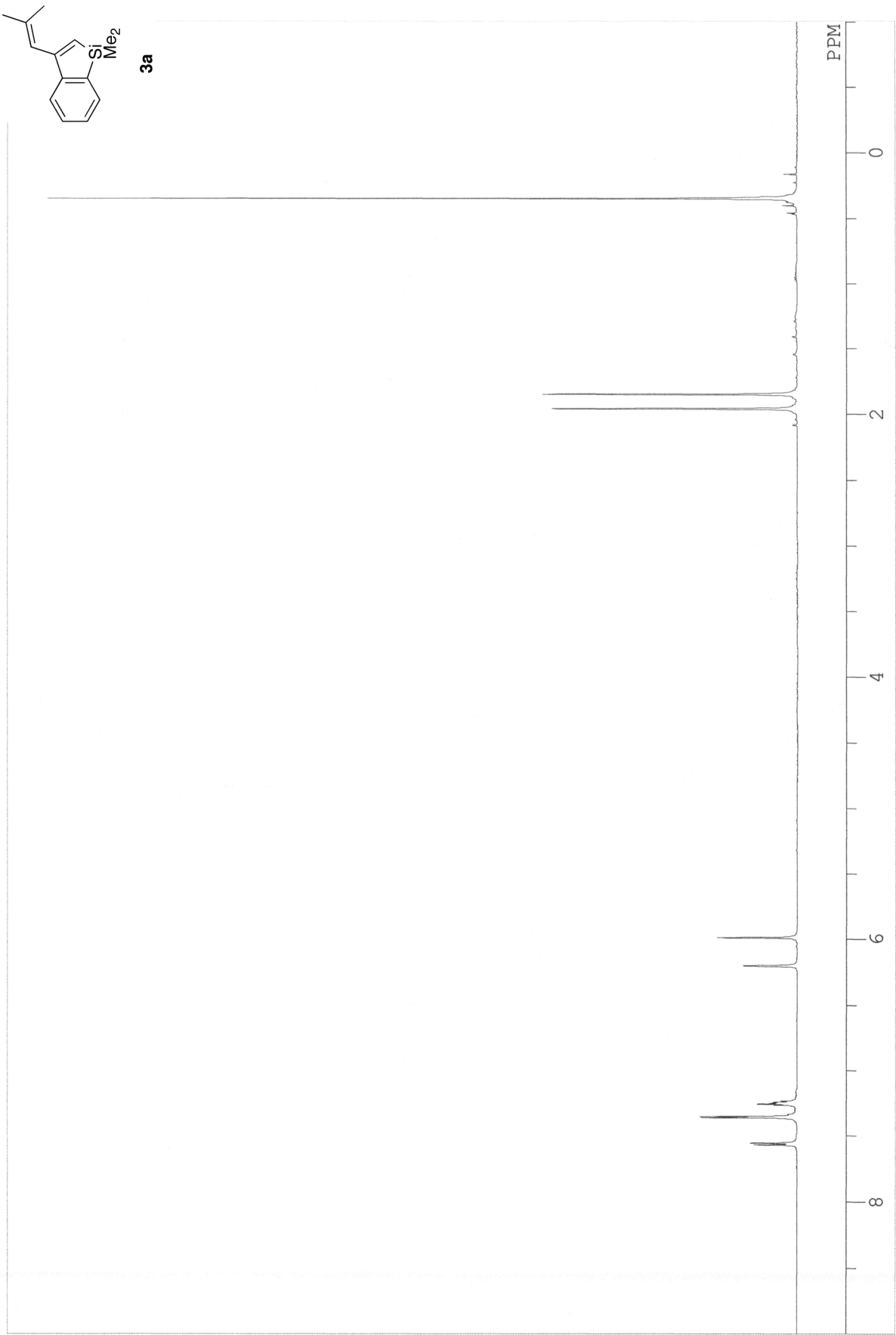
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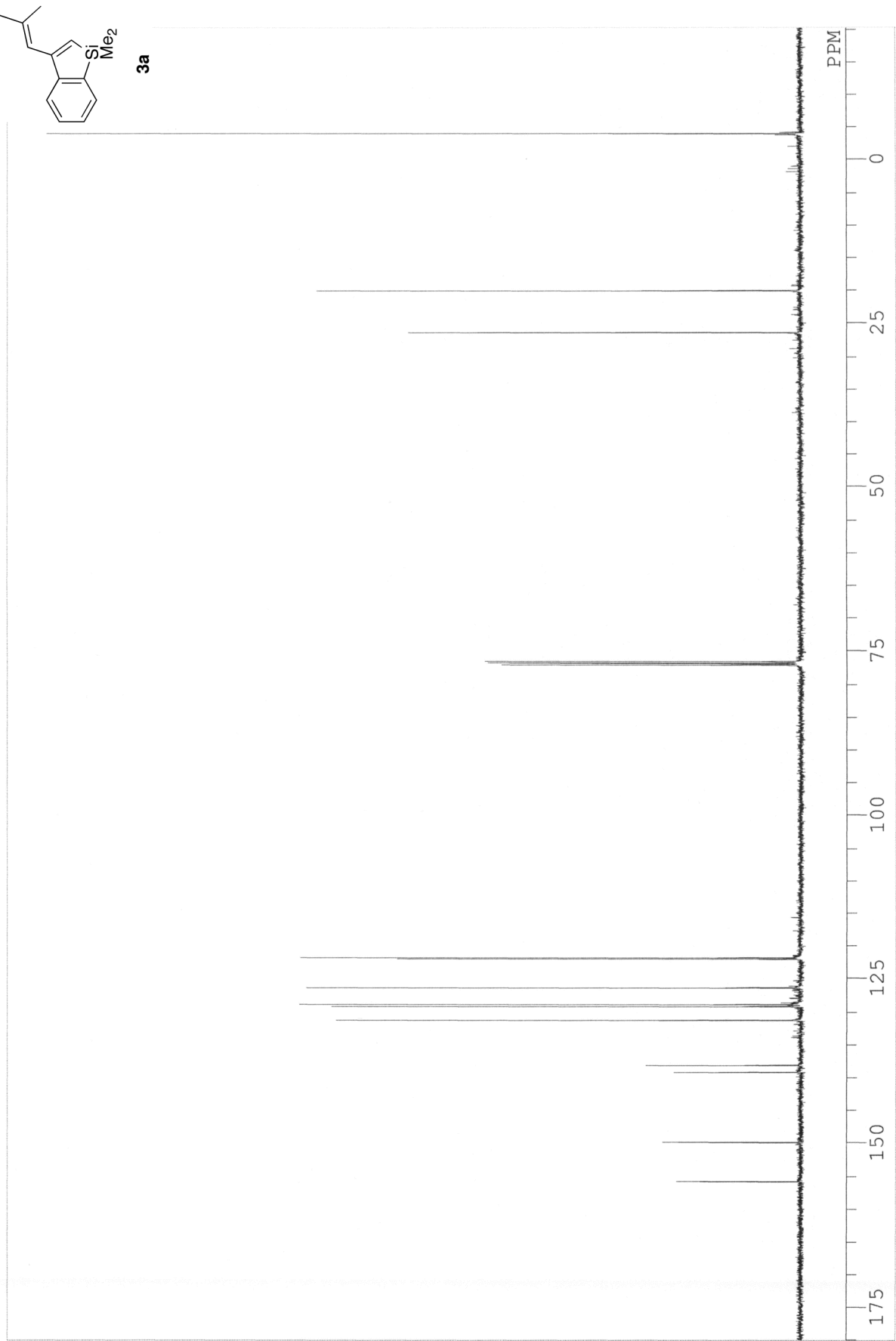
13C OBSERVE

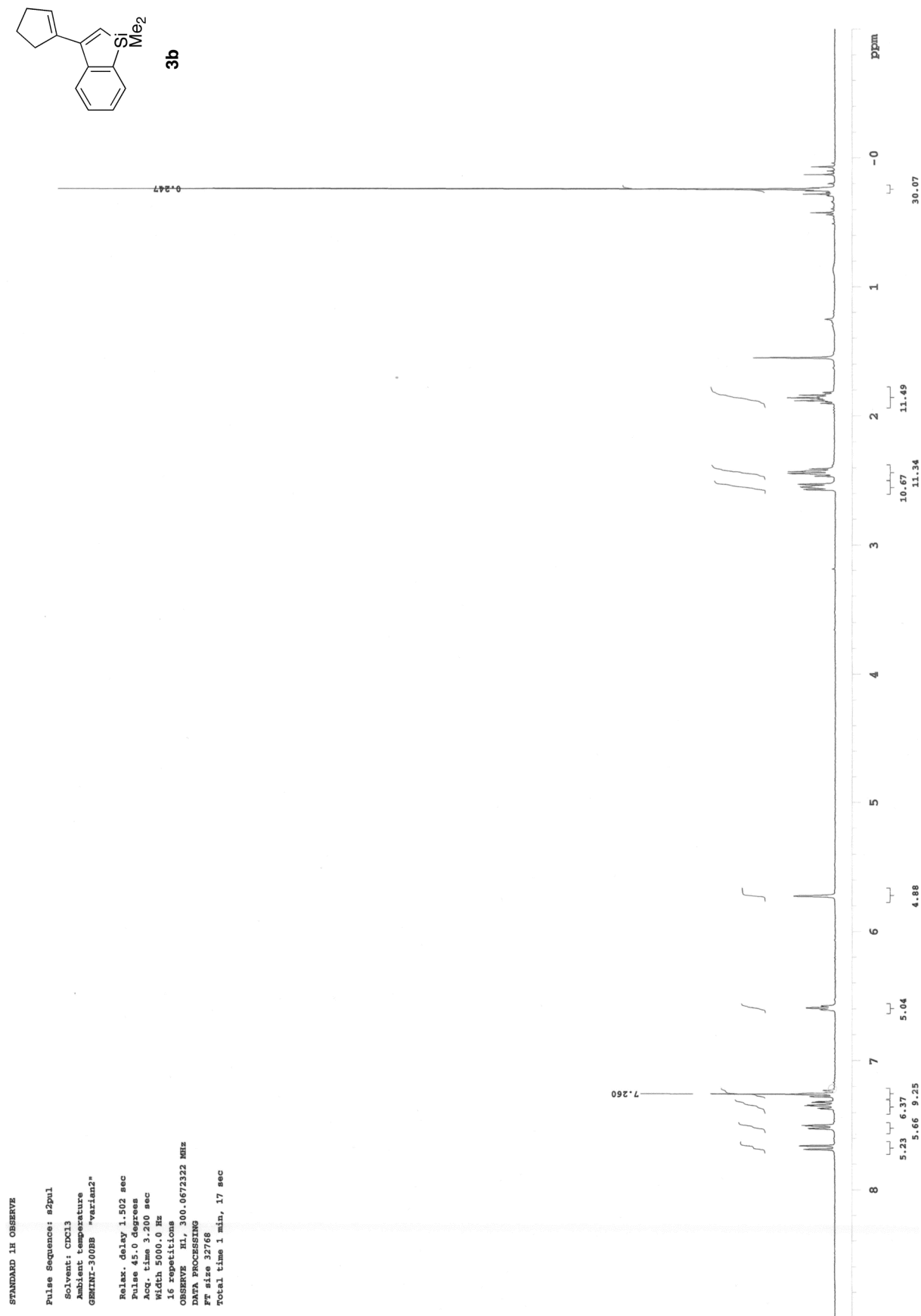
Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
GEMINI-300EB "varian2"

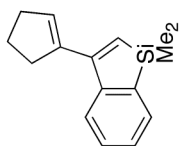
Relax. delay 1.158 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 0.842 sec
Width 19000.0 Hz
36 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 75.4515814 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 300.0687335 MHz
Power 37 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
Ft size 32768
Total time 42 min, 44 sec









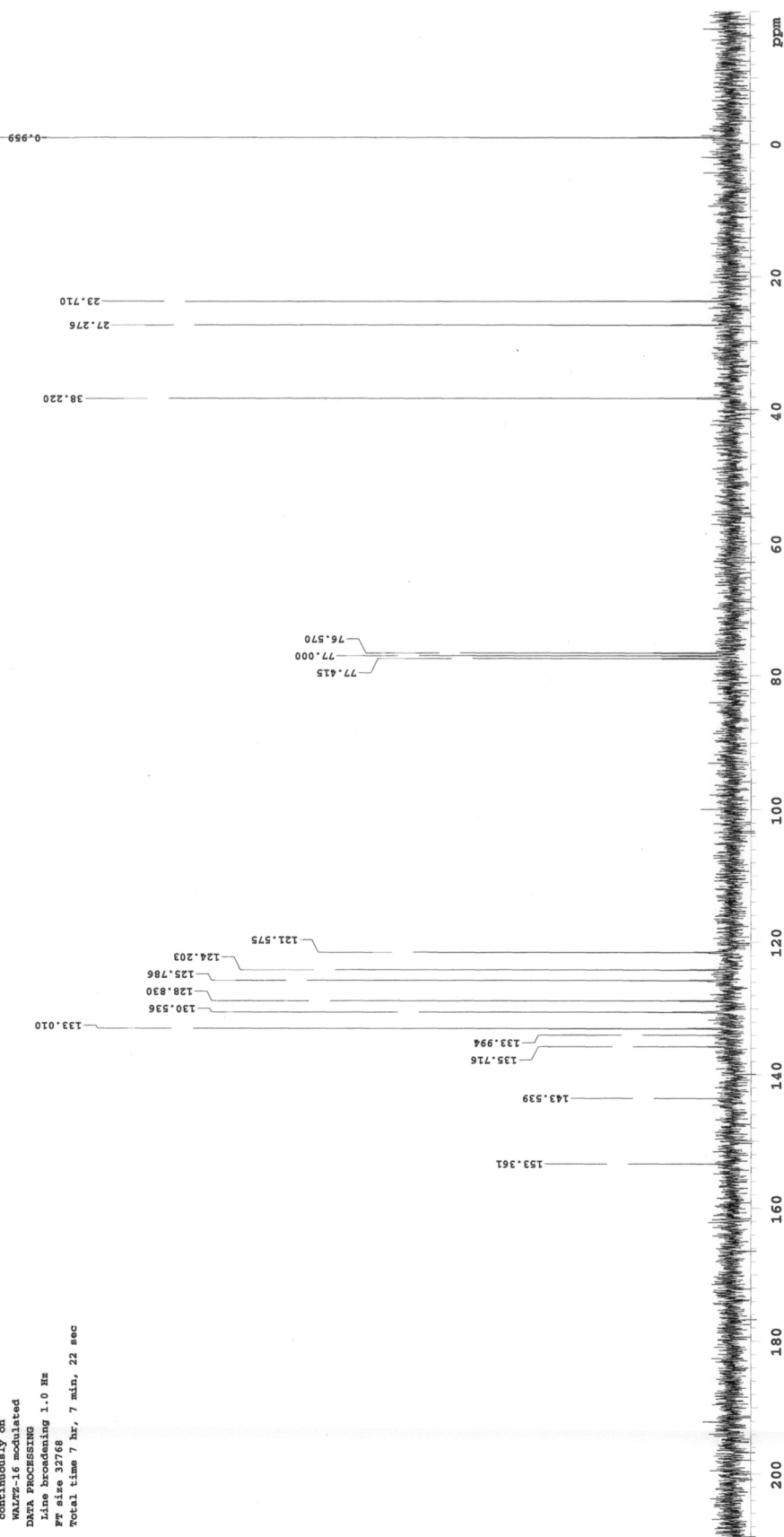


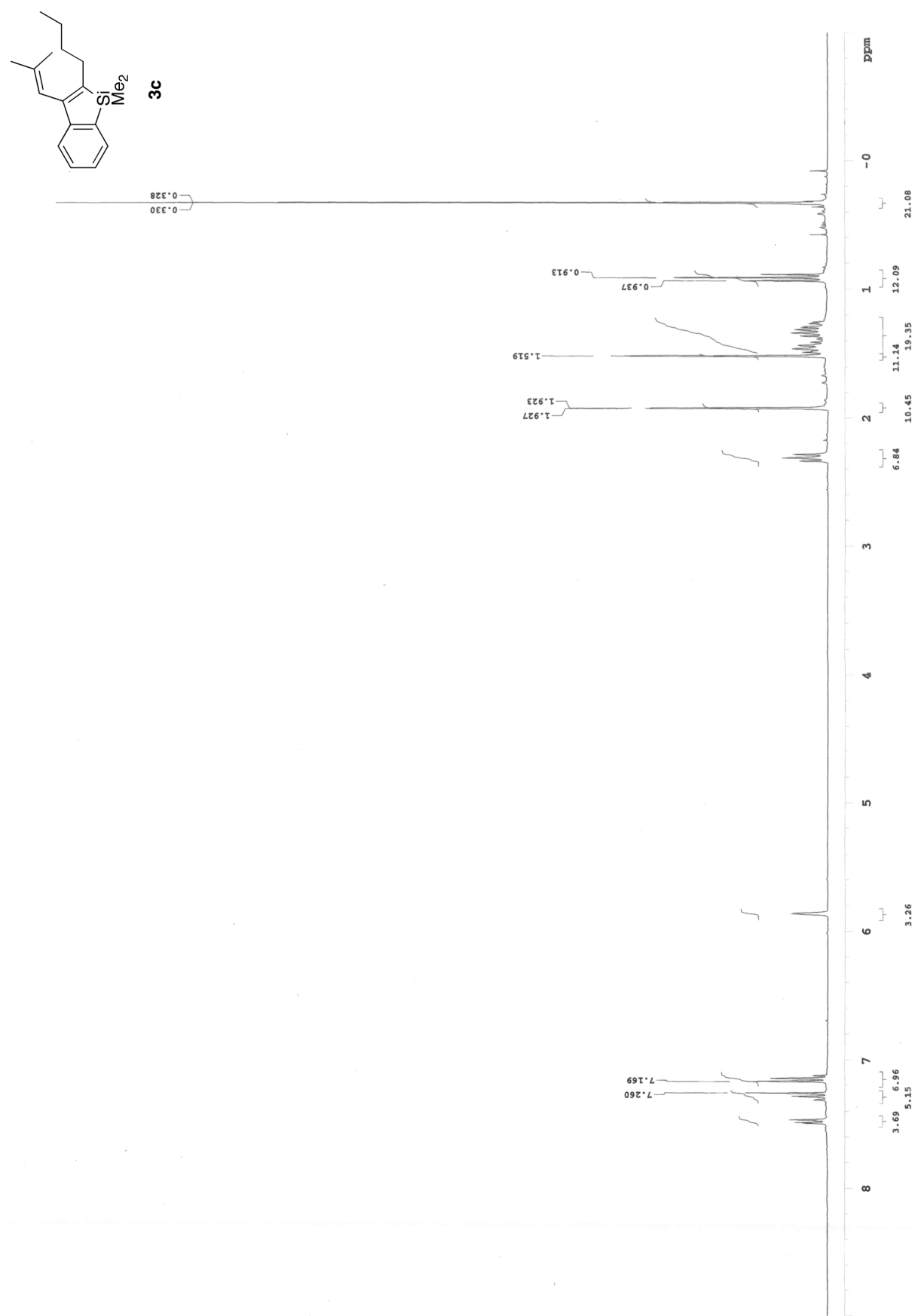
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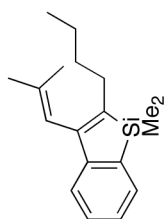
13C OBSERVE

Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
GEMINI-300BB "varian2"

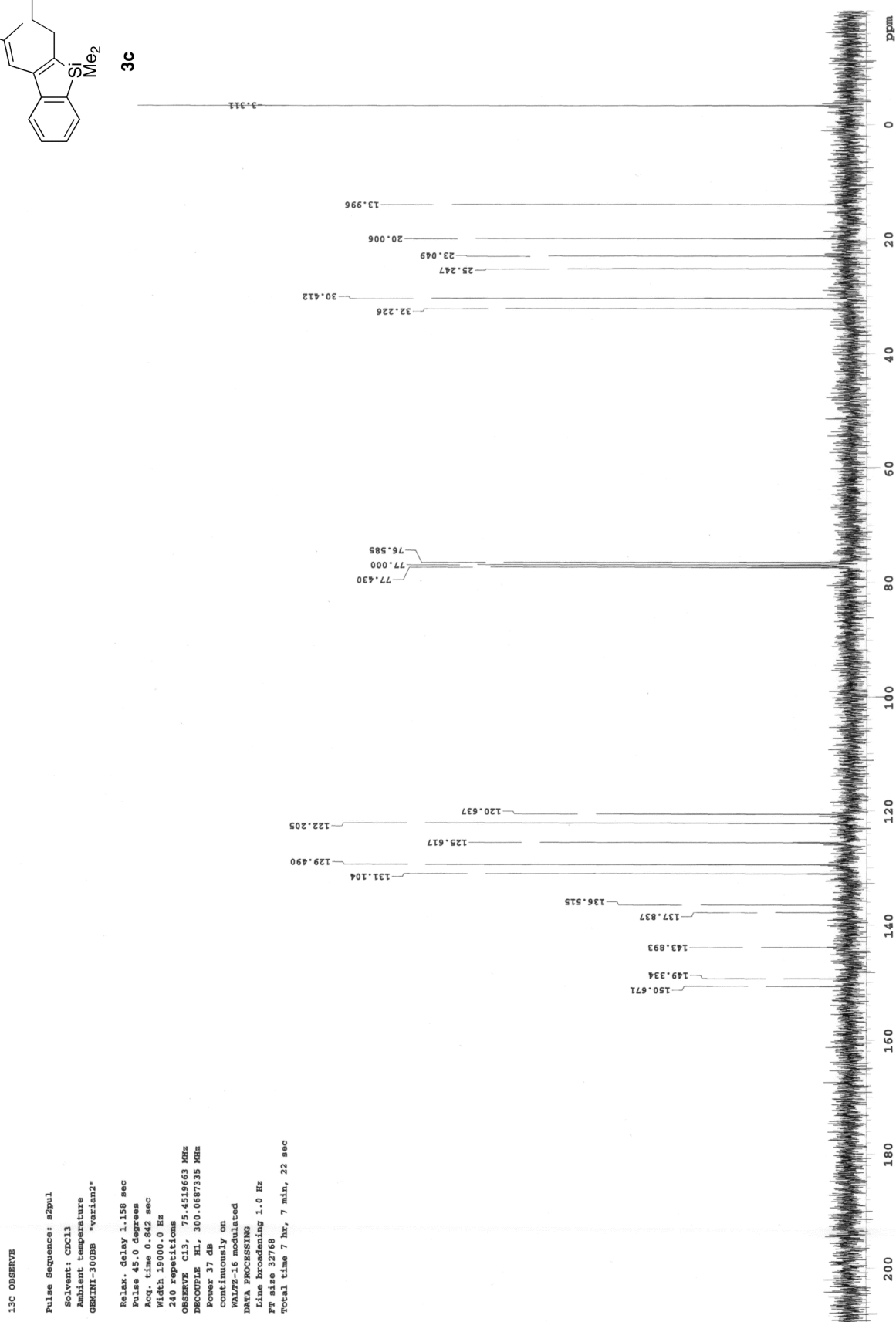
Relax. delay 1.158 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 0.842 sec
Width 19000.0 Hz
172 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 75.4515686 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 300.0687335 MHz
Power 37 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
Ft size 32768
Total time 7 hr, 7 min, 22 sec

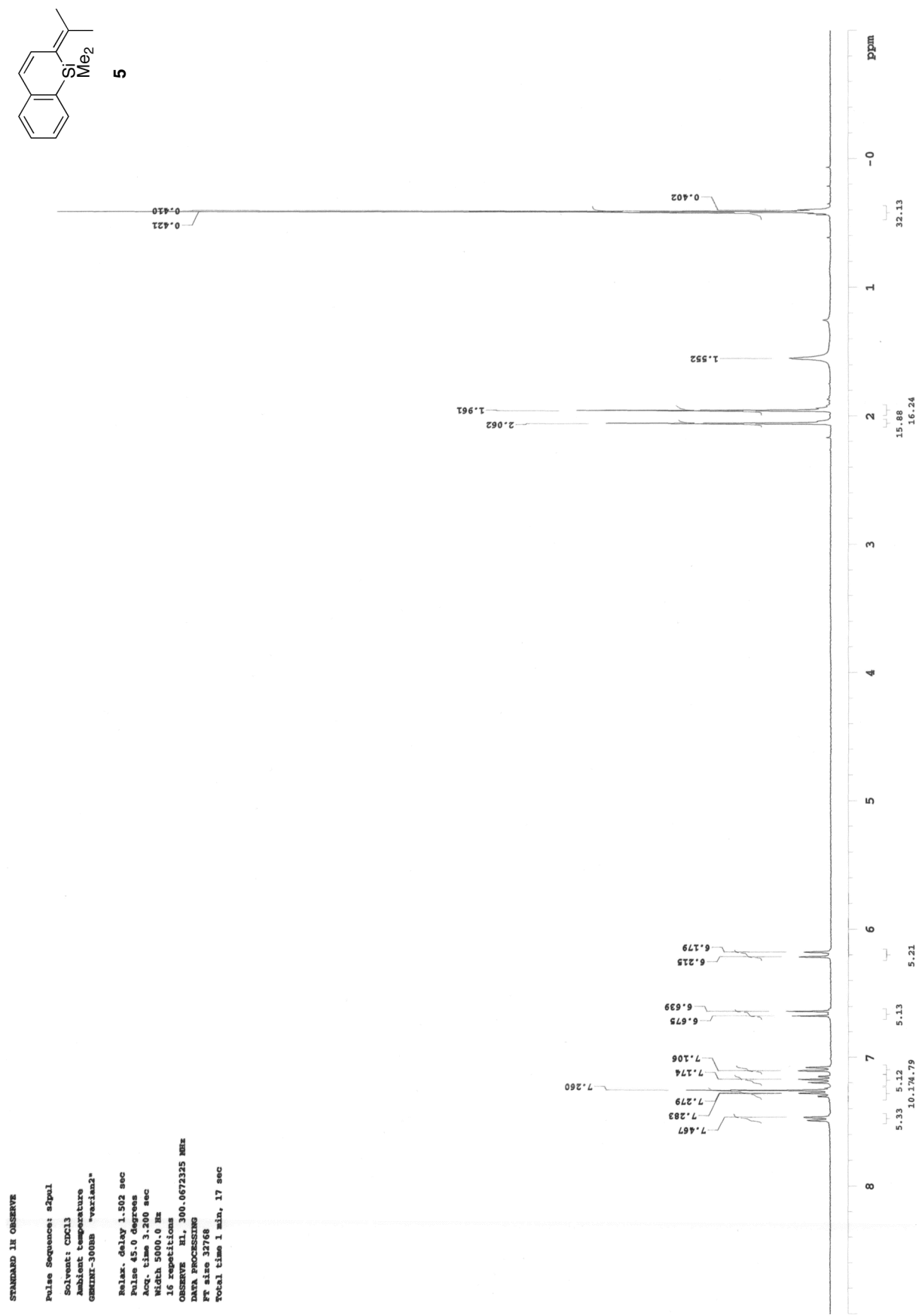


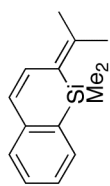




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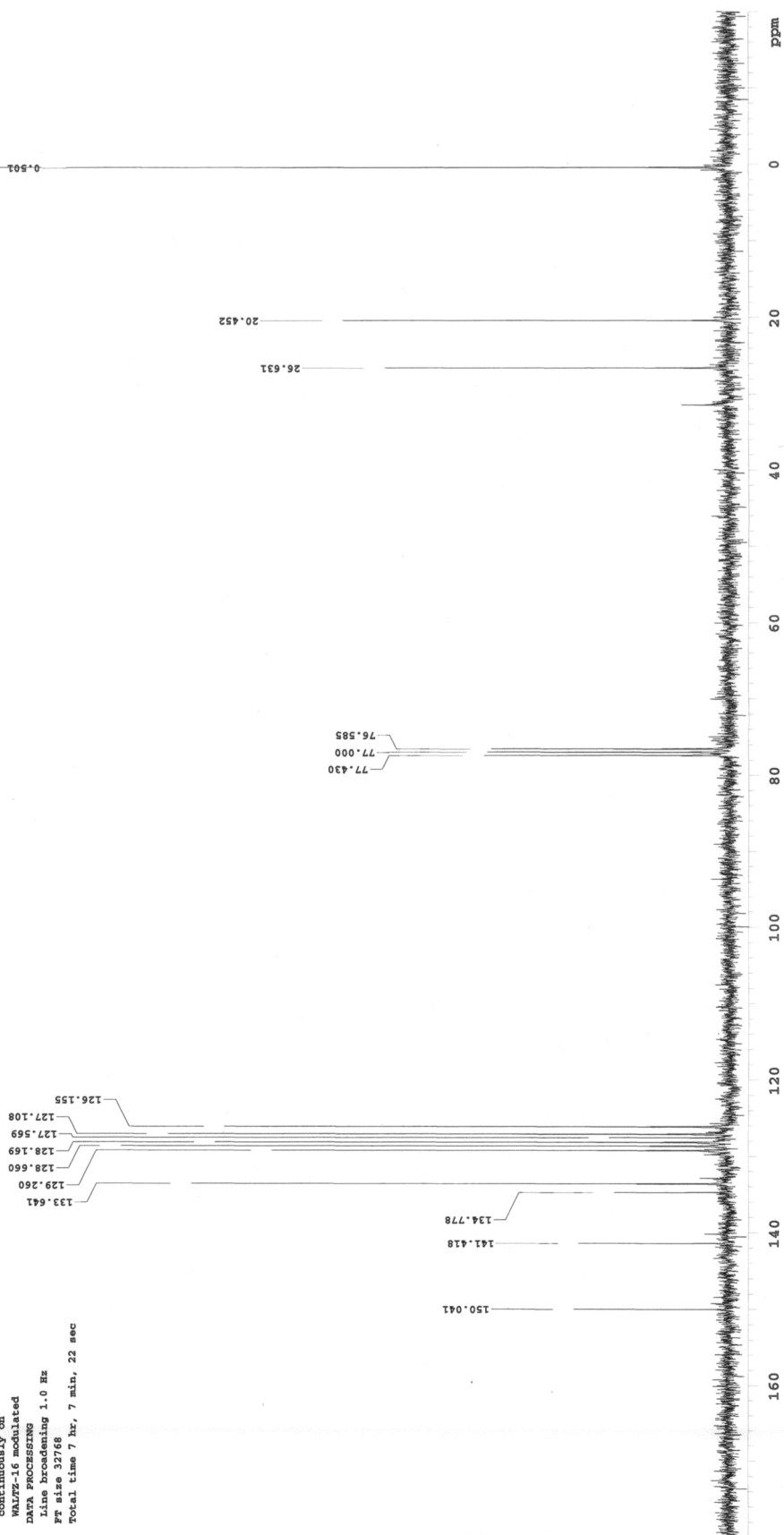


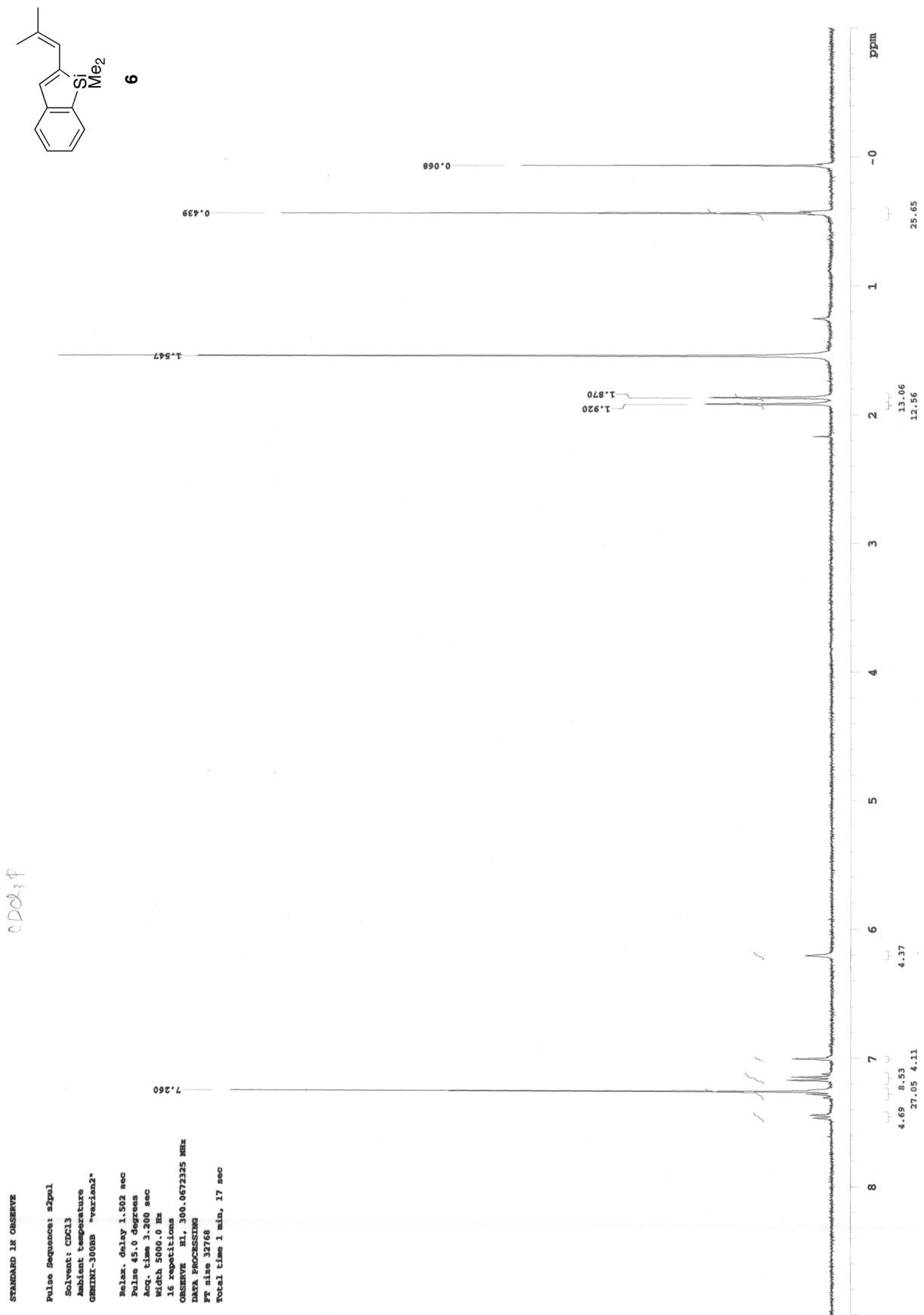
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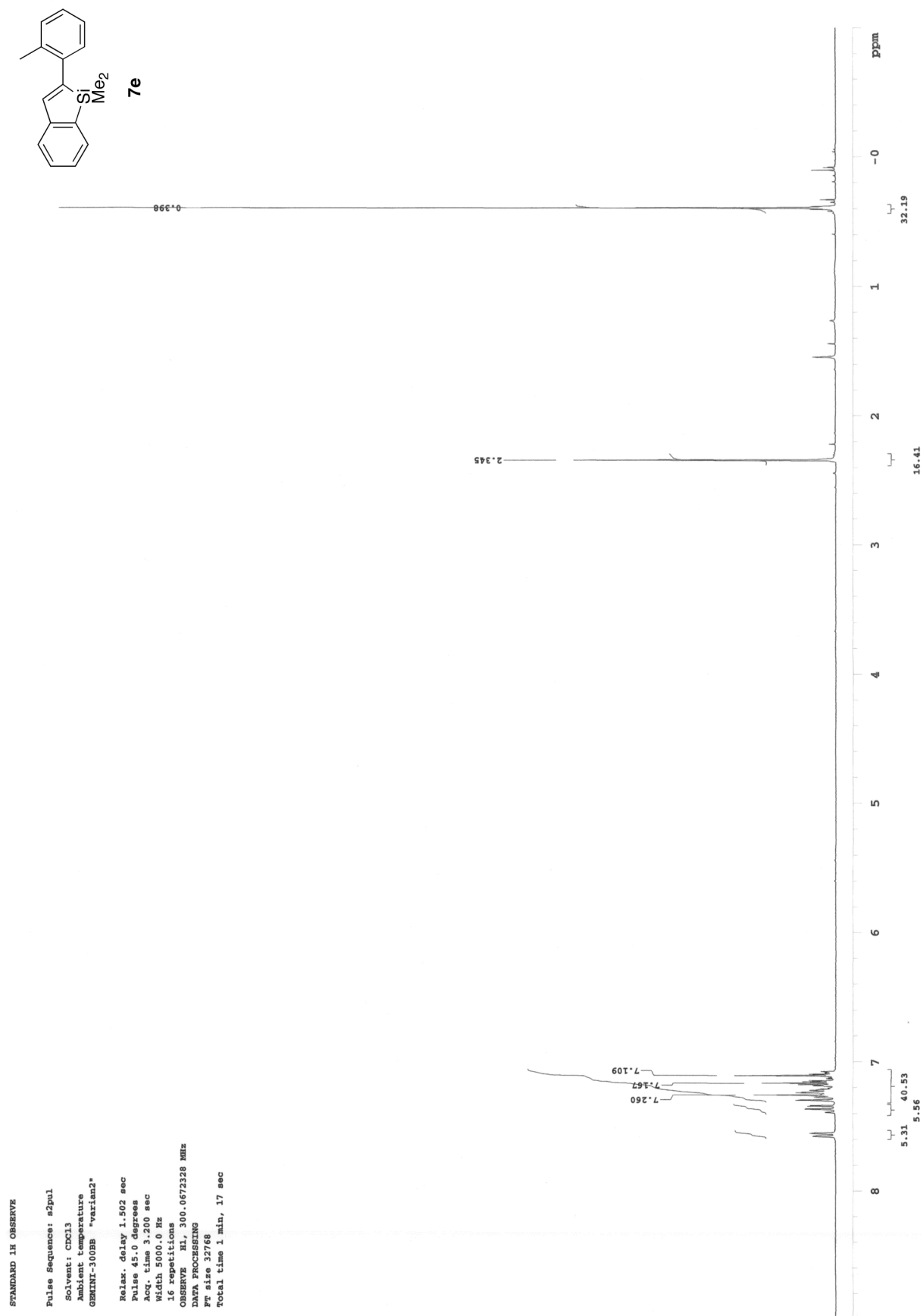
13C OBSERVE

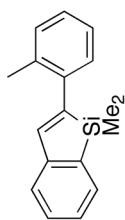
Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
GEMIN-300SB "varian2"

Relax. delay 1.158 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 0.842 sec
Width 19000.0 Hz
592 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 75.4515675 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 300.0687335 MHz
Power 36 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
Ft size 32768
Total time 7 hr, 7 min, 22 sec







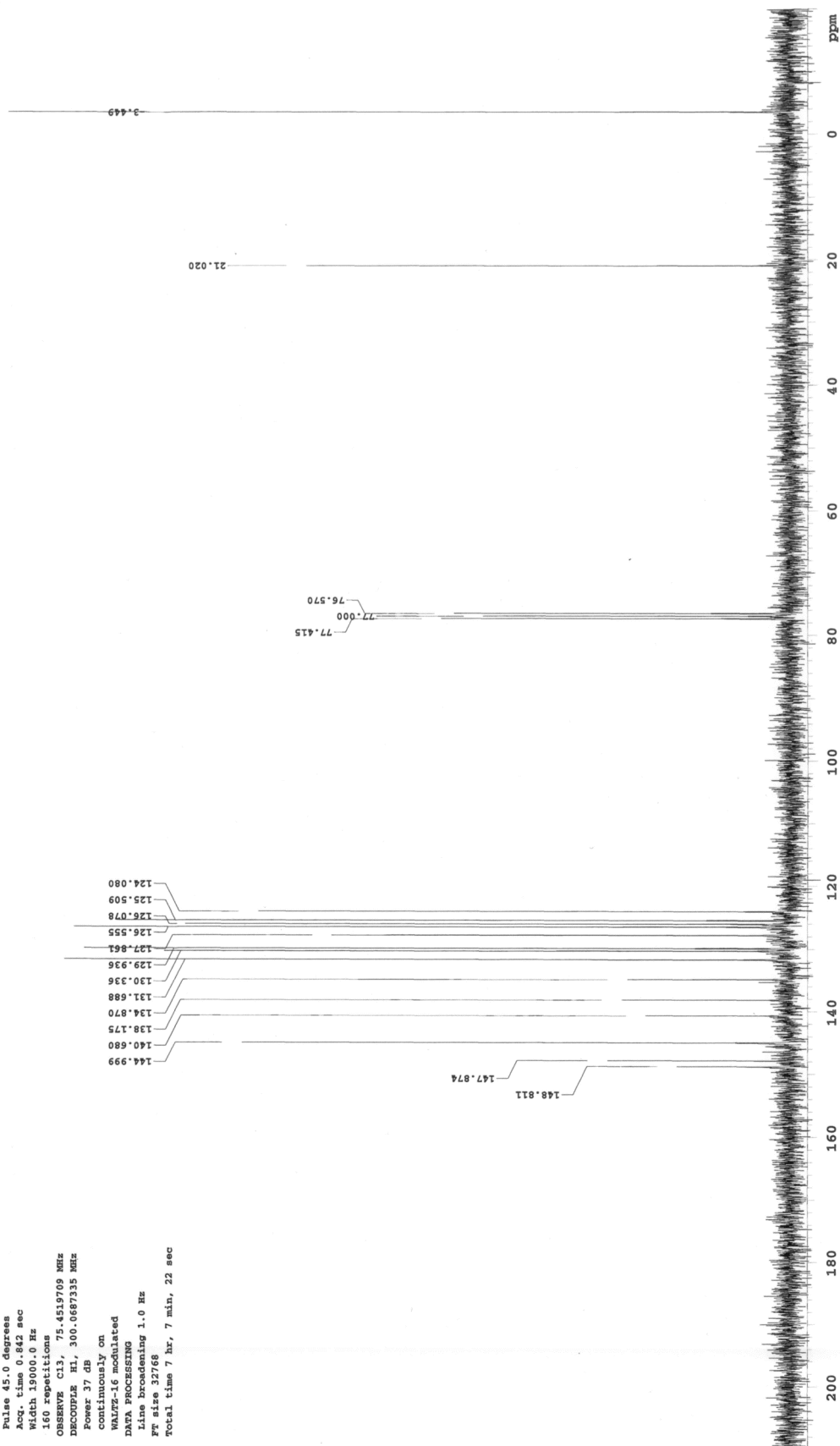


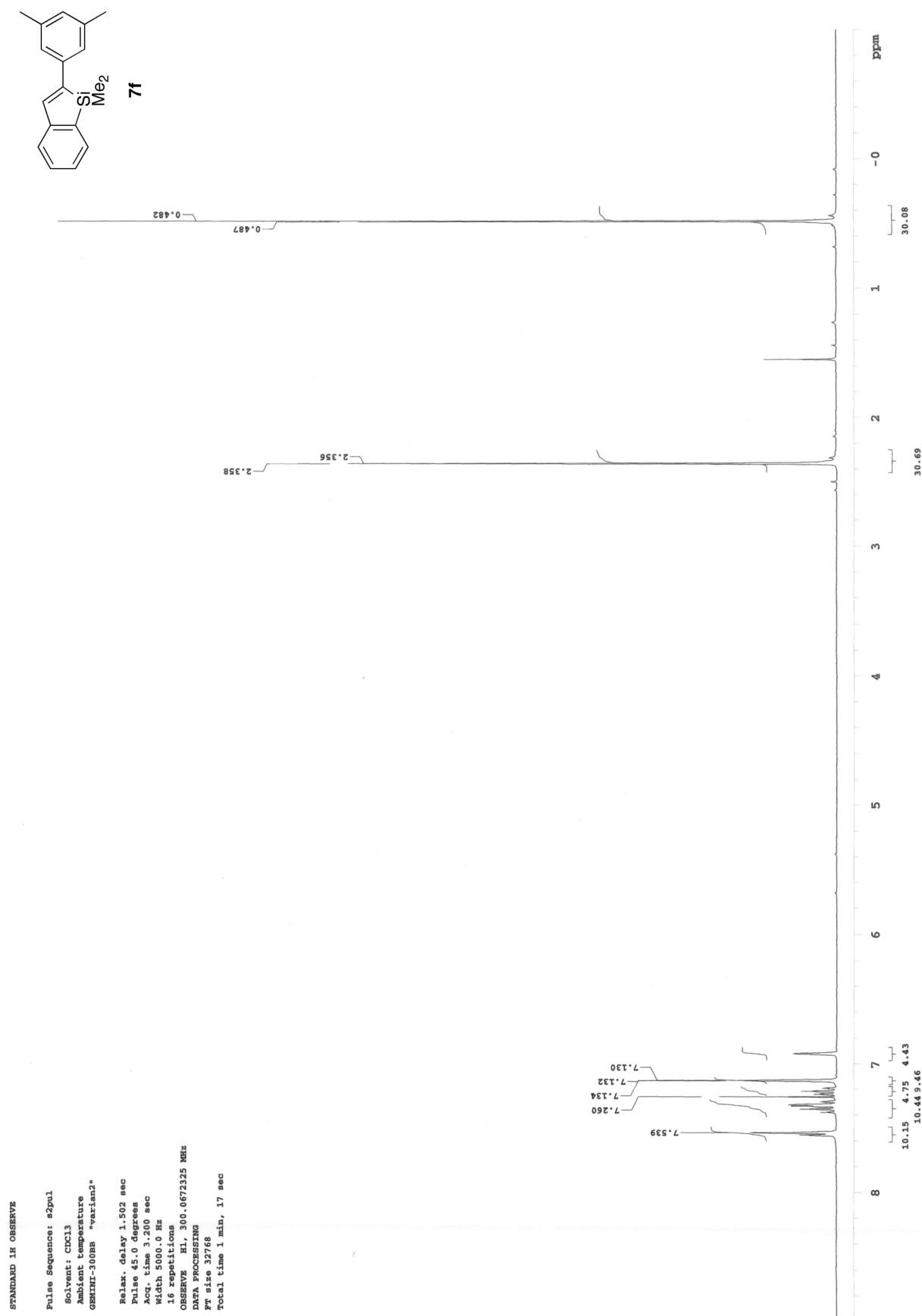
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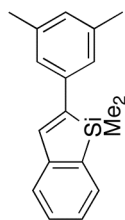
13C OBSERVE

Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
GEMINI-300SB "varian2"

Relax. delay 1.158 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 0.842 sec
Width 19000.0 Hz
160 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 75.4519709 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 300.0687335 MHz
Power 37 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
FT size 32768
Total time 7 hr, 7 min, 22 sec







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¹³C OBSERVE

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: CDCl₃

Ambient temperature

GEMINI-300BB "varian2"

Relax. delay 1.158 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 0.842 sec

Width 19000.0 Hz

108 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 75.4519698 MHz

DECOUPLE H1, 300.0687335 MHz

Power 37 dB

continuously on

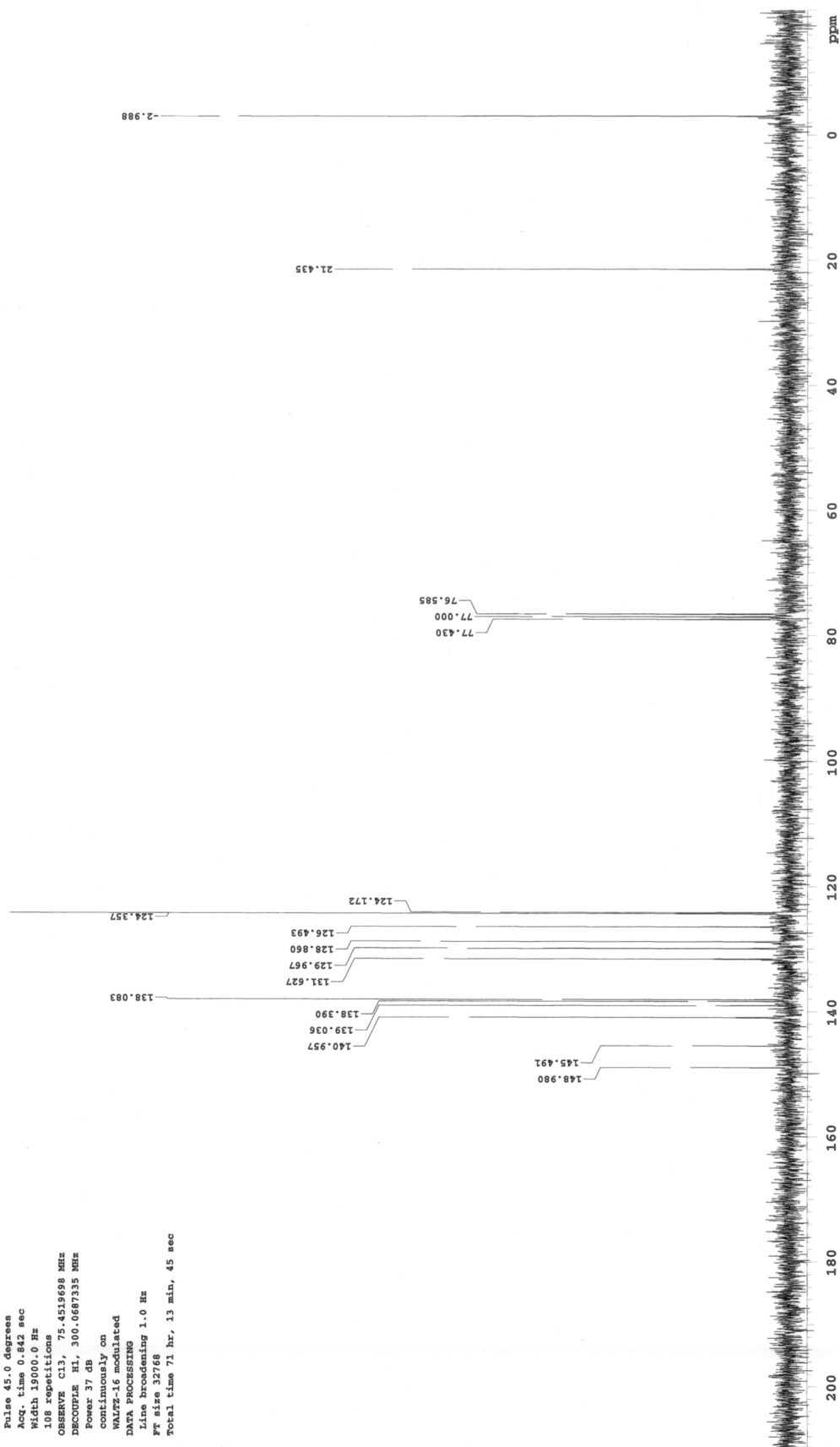
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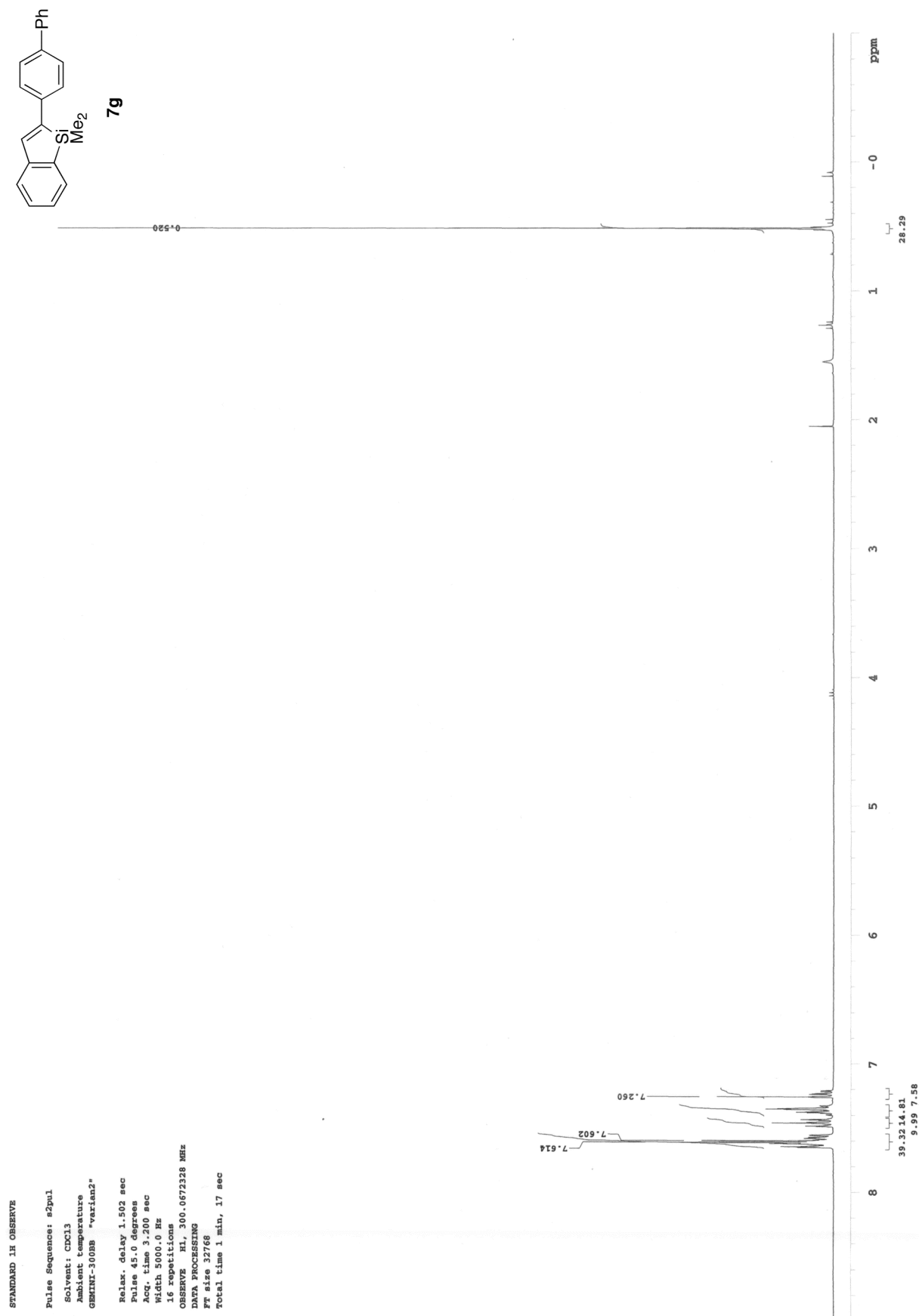
DATA PROCESSING

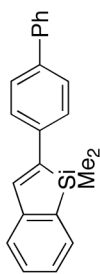
Line broadening 1.0 Hz

FT size 32768

Total time 71 hr, 13 min, 45 sec





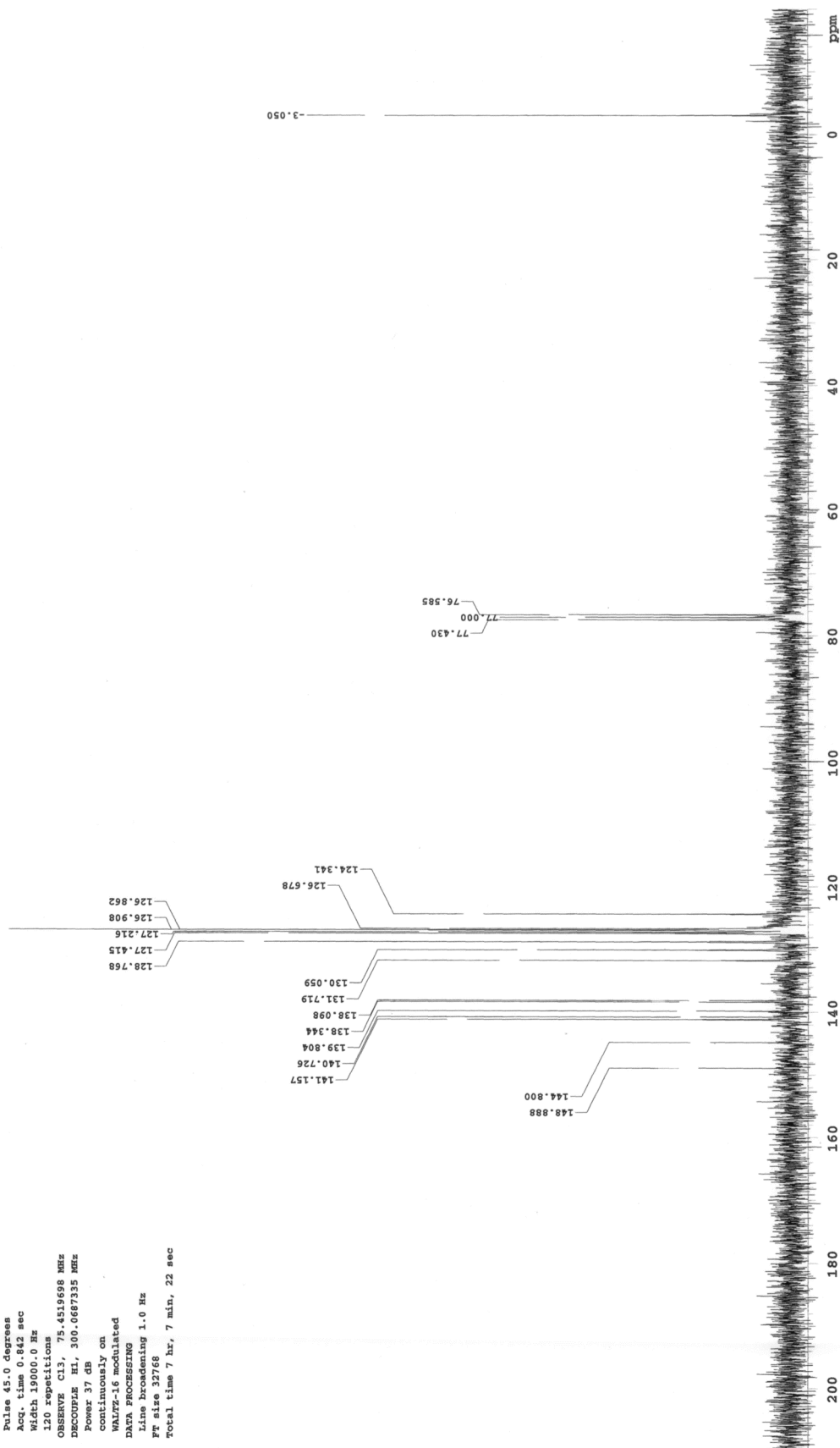


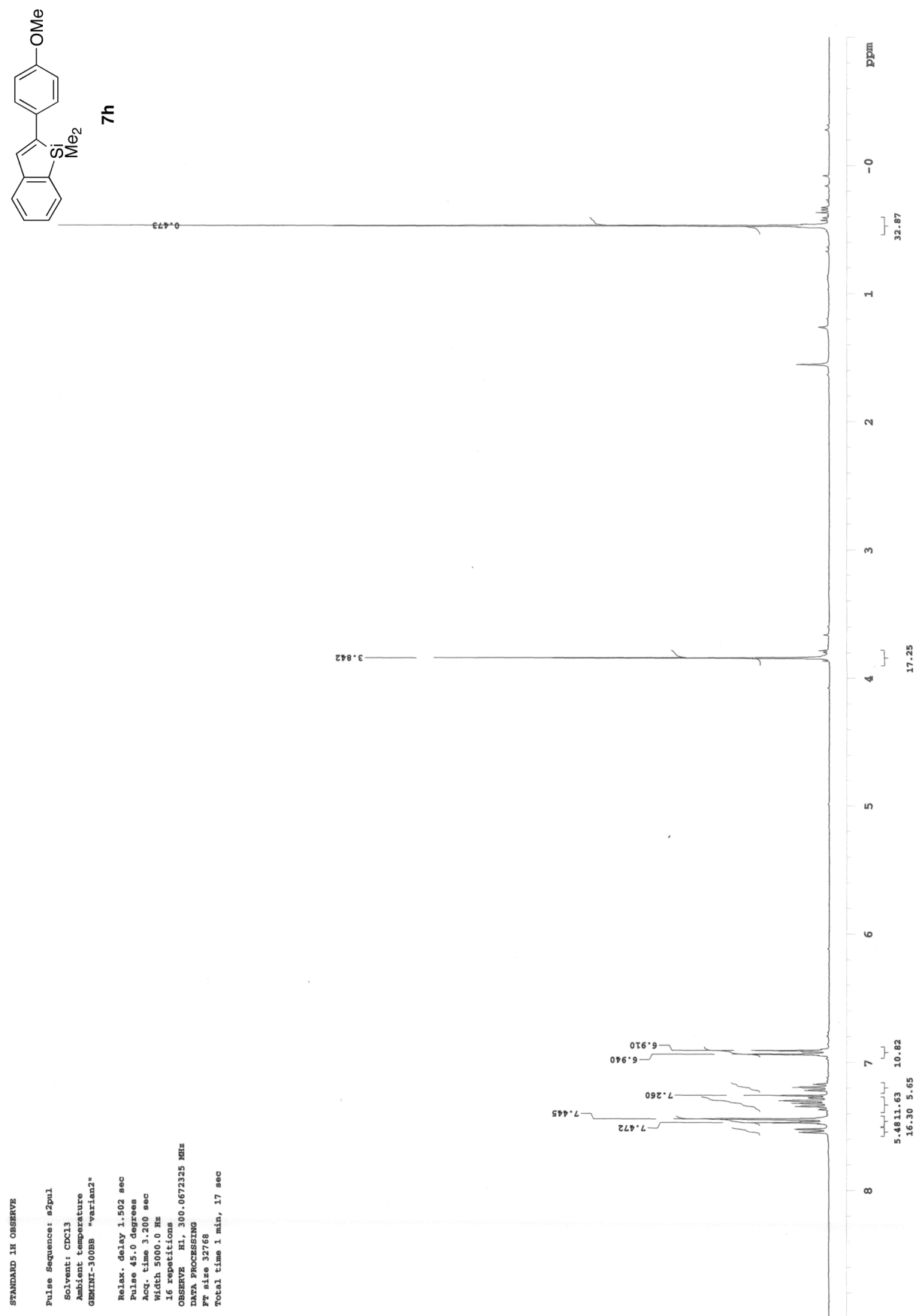
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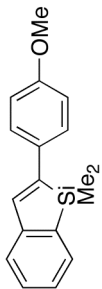
13C OBSERVE

Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
GEMINI-300BB "varian2"

Relax. delay 1.158 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 0.842 sec
Width 19000.0 Hz
120 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 75.4519698 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 300.0687335 MHz
Power 37 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
FT size 32768
Total time 7 hr, 7 min, 22 sec





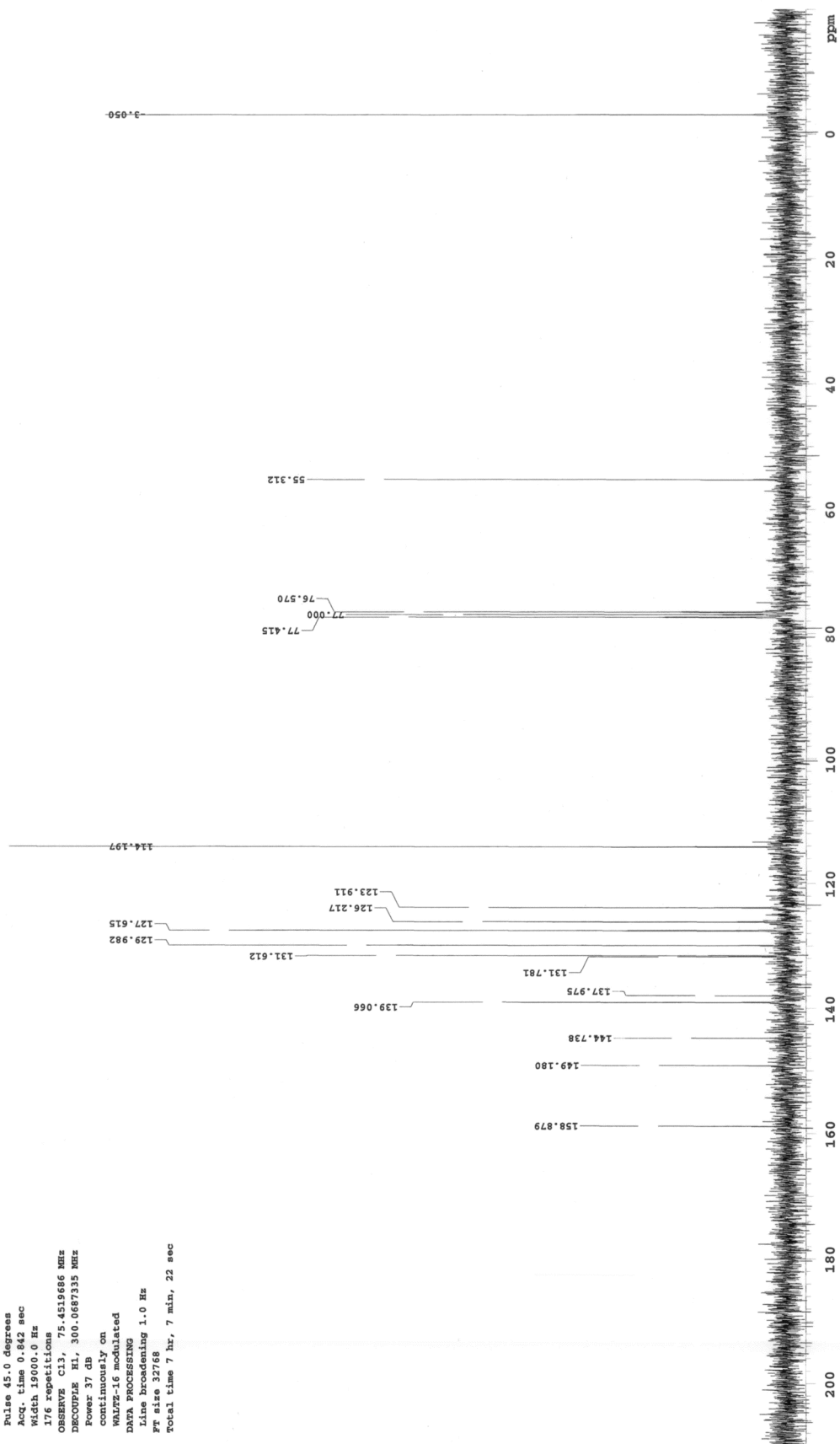


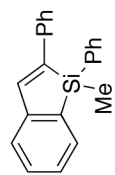
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13C OBSERVE

Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
GEMINI-300EB "varian2"

Relax. delay 1.158 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 0.842 sec
Width 19000.0 Hz
176 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 75.4519686 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 300.0687335 MHz
Power 37 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
Ft size 32768
Total time 7 hr, 7 min, 22 sec



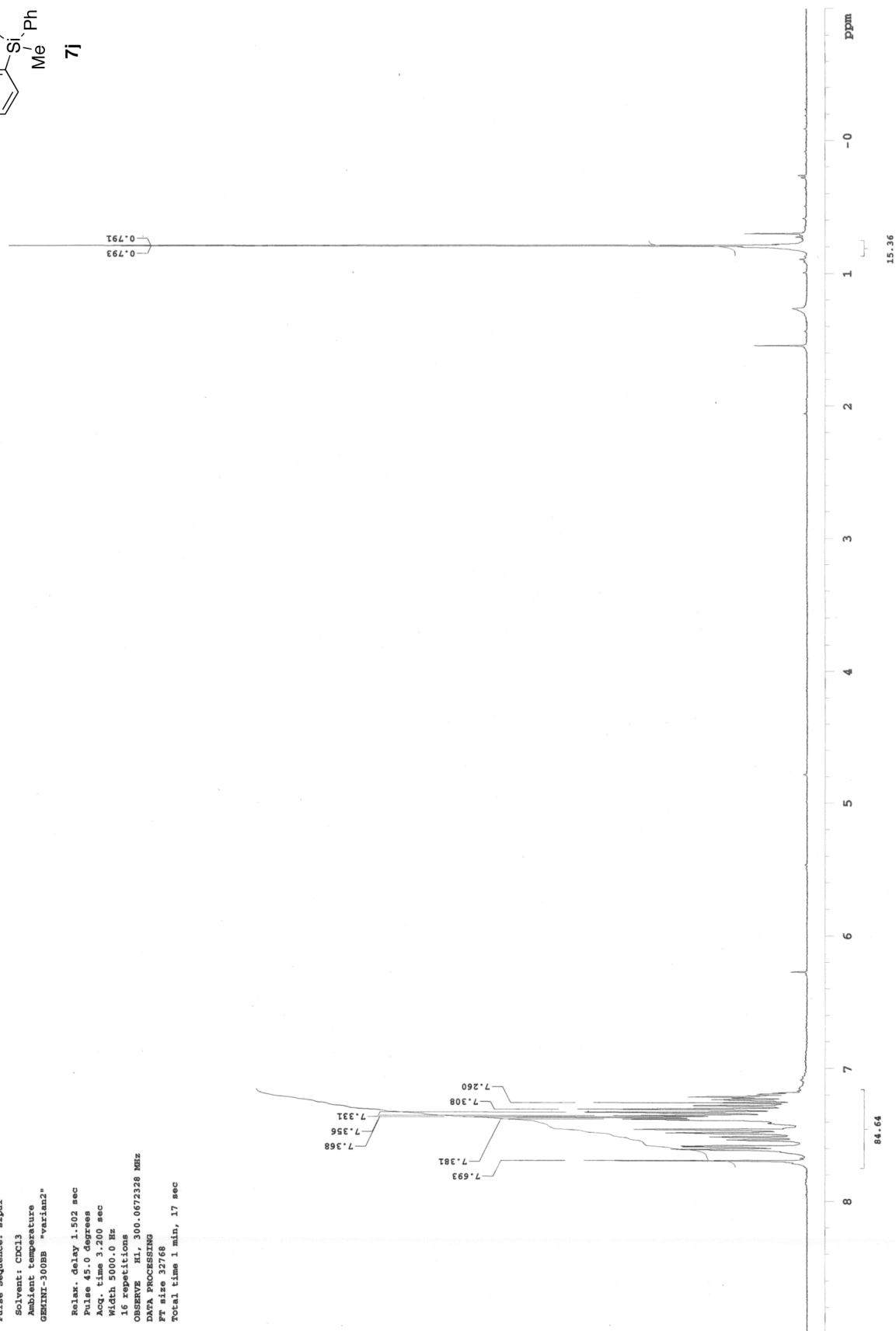


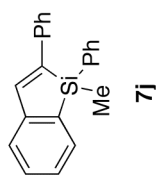
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STANDARD 1H OBSERVE

Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
GEMINI-300B "Varian2"

Relax. delay 1.502 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 3.200 sec
Width 5000.0 Hz
16 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 300.0672328 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 32768
Total time 1 min, 17 sec



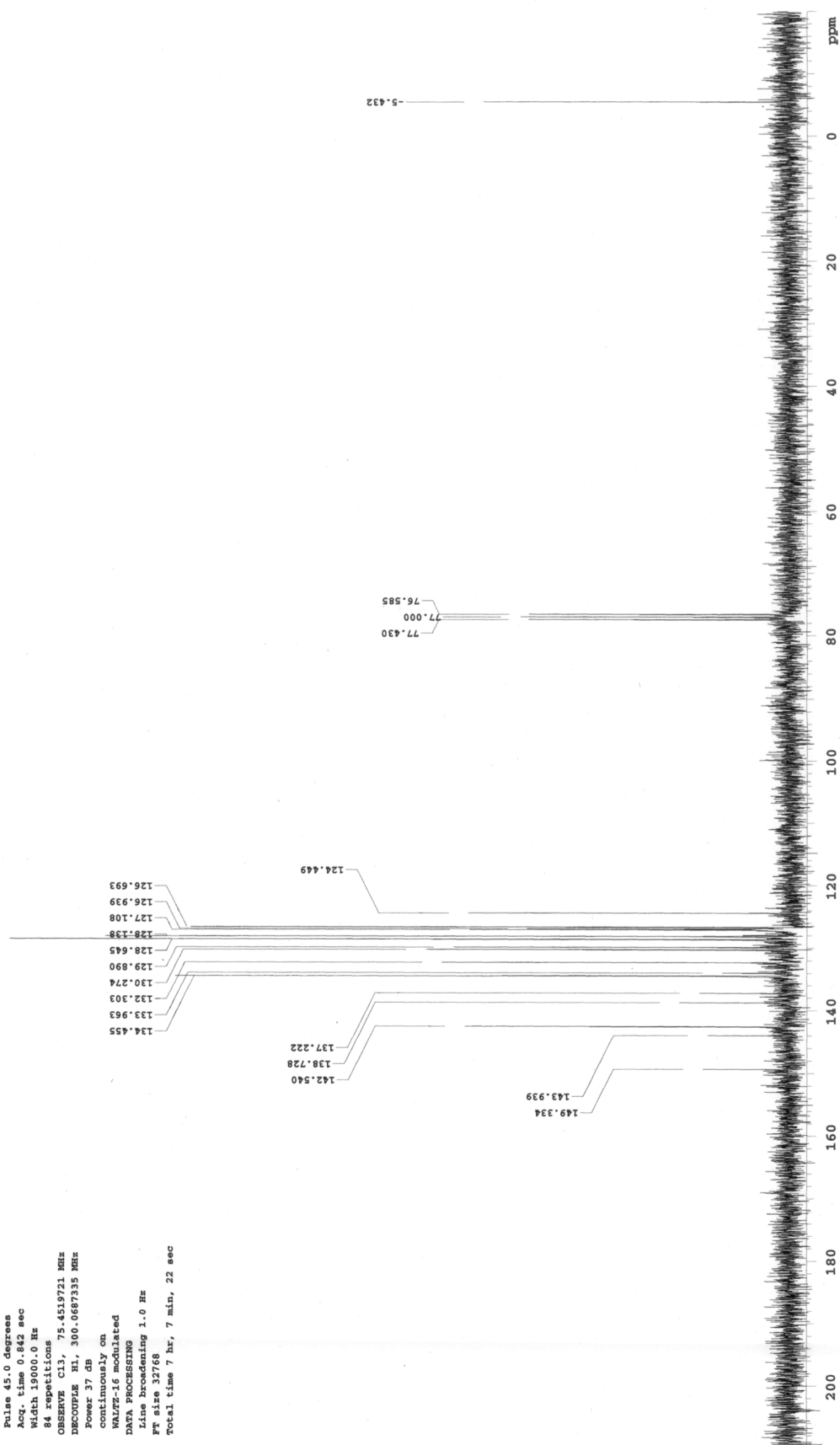


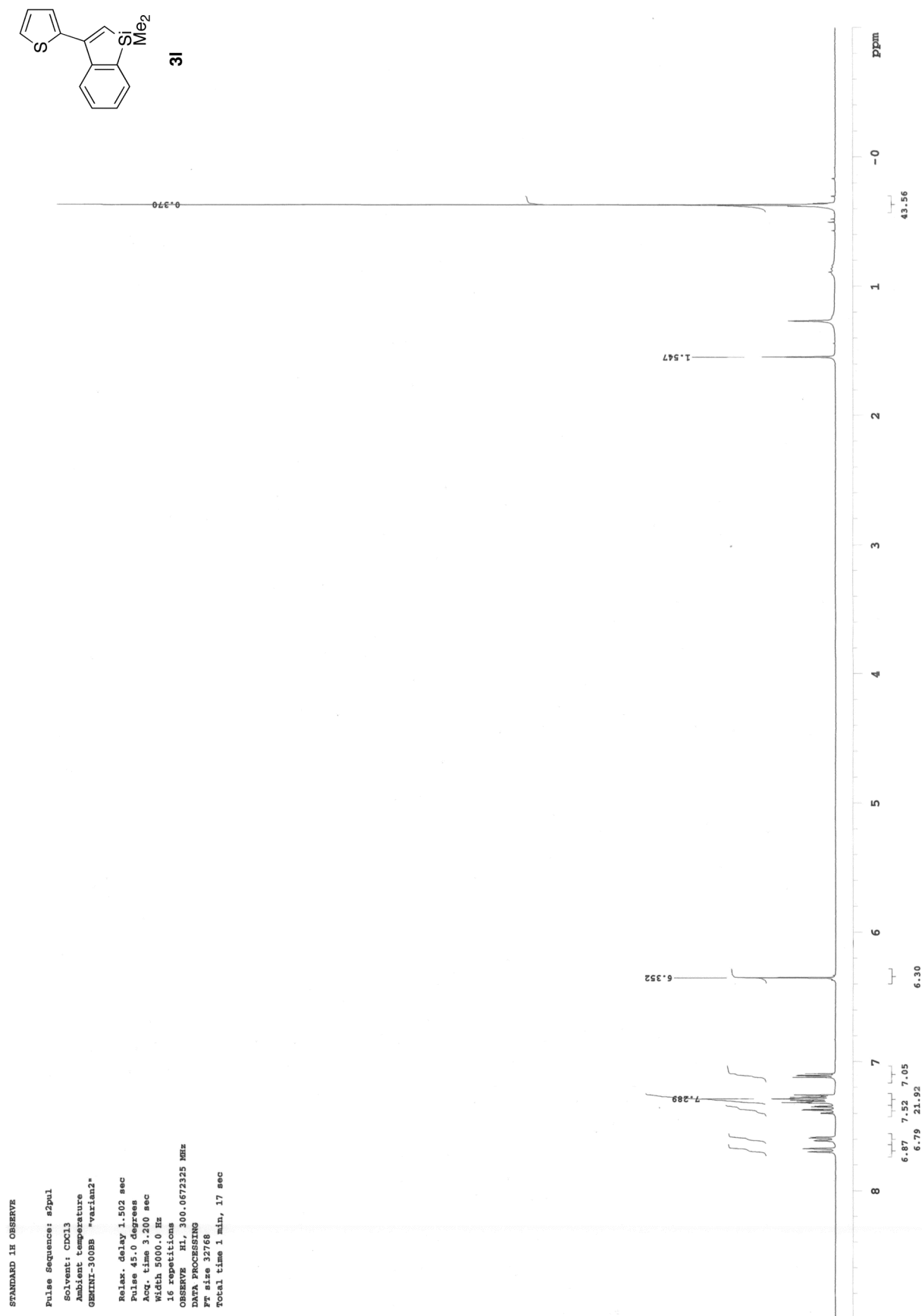
13C OBSERVE

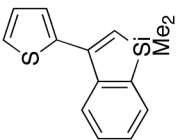
Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
GEMINI-300RB "varian2"

Relax. delay 1.158 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 0.842 sec
Width 19000.0 Hz
84 repetitions

OBSERVE C13, 75.4519721 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 300.0687335 MHz
Power 37 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
Ft size 32768
Total time 7 hr, 7 min, 22 sec





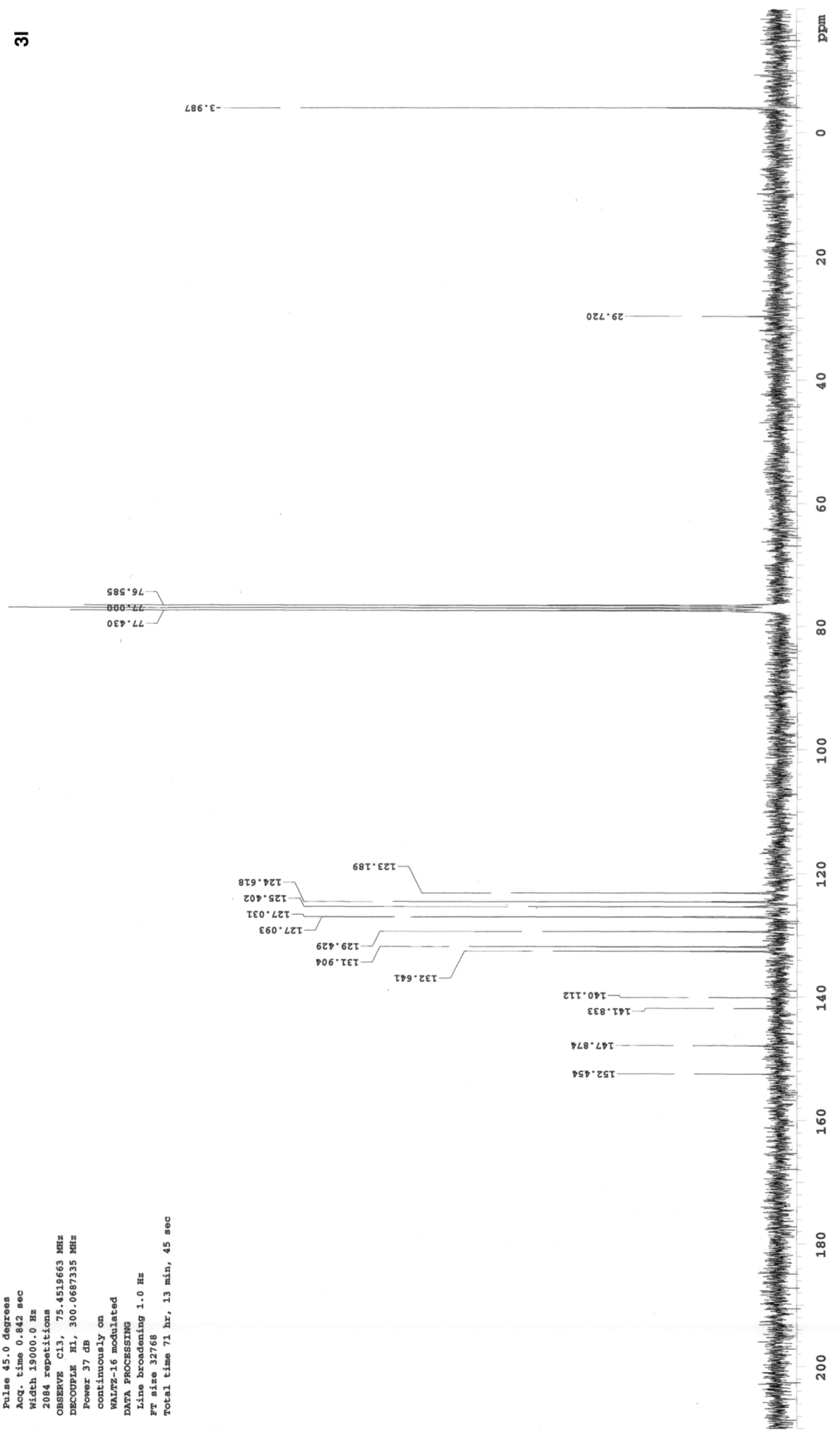


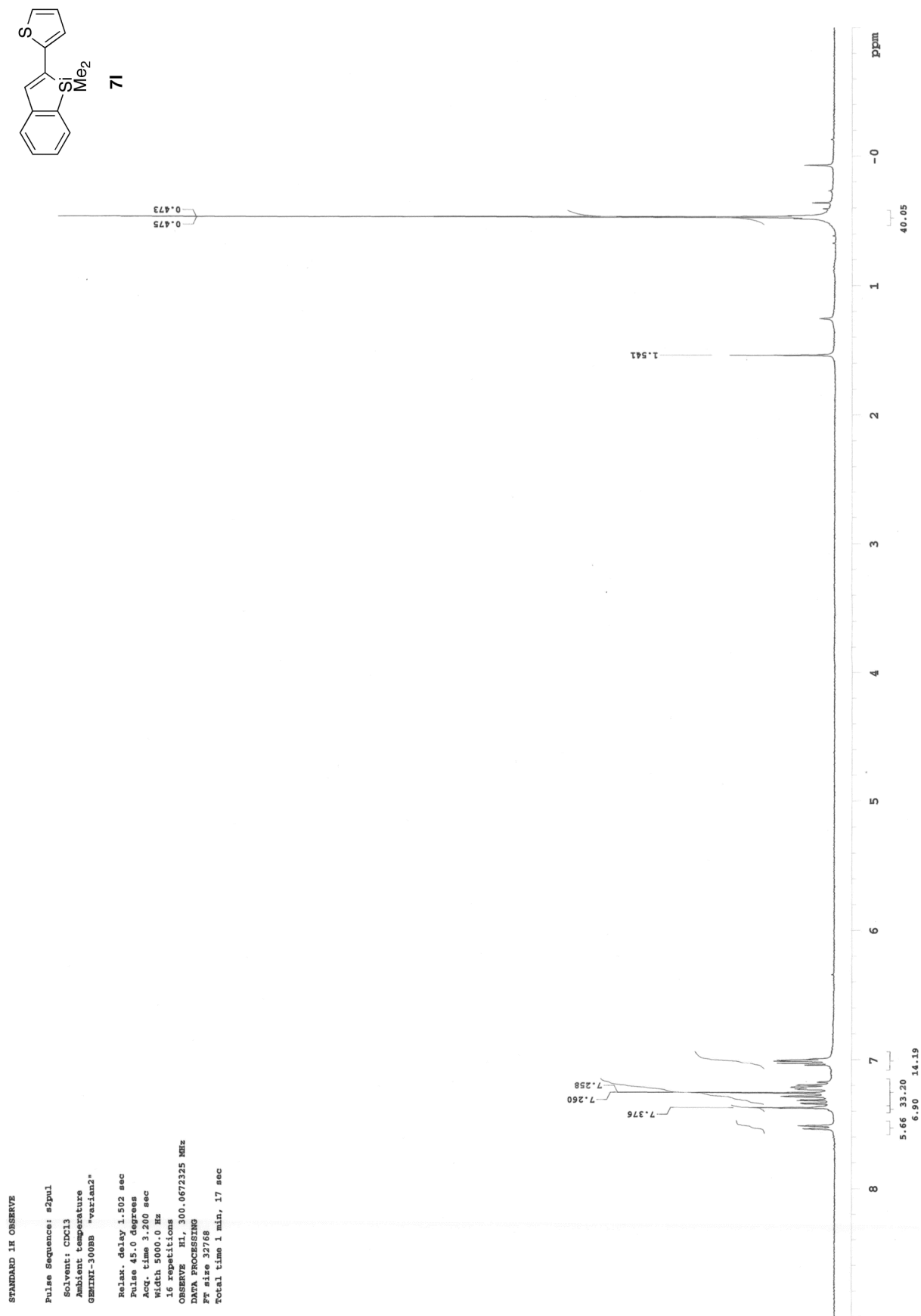
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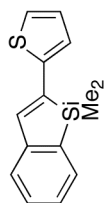
13C OBSERVE

Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
GEMINI-300SB "varian2"

Relax. delay 1.158 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 0.842 sec
Width 19000.0 Hz
2084 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 75.4519663 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 300.0687335 MHz
Power 37 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
Ft size 32768
Total time 71 hr, 13 min, 45 sec







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