

2-(Pyridinium-1-yl)-1,1-bis(triflyl)ethanides: Structural Behaviour and Availability as Bis(triflyl)ethylating Reagents

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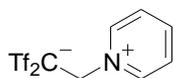
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1. General and materials

All reactions were carried out under Ar atmosphere. Melting points were uncorrected. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance II Nanobay 400 MHz spectrometer (400 MHz for ¹H, 100 MHz for ¹³C, and 376 MHz for ¹⁹F) in [D₆]acetone, [D₃]acetonitrile, and CDCl₃. Chemical shifts (in ppm) were referenced to the solvent signal ([D₆]acetone, 1.93 ppm for ¹H NMR and 29.3 ppm for ¹³C NMR; [D₃]acetonitrile, 2.00 ppm for ¹H NMR and 118.2 ppm for ¹³C NMR; CDCl₃, 7.26 ppm for ¹H NMR and 77.0 ppm for ¹³C NMR). Chemical shifts (in ppm) of ¹⁹F NMR spectra were referenced to the signal of trifluoromethylbenzene (0 ppm) as a standard. Coupling constants (*J*) are given in Hz. Mass spectra were measured on a MICROMASS LCT mass spectrometer using electrospray ionization-time of flight (ESI-TOF). Column chromatography was performed on neutral silica gel (75-150 μm). Tf₂CH₂ **3** was kindly provided by Central Glass Co., Ltd. and this compound can be also prepared by the Waller's procedure in the laboratory.¹

2. Synthesis of 2-(pyridinium-1-yl)-1,1-bis(triflyl)ethanides

2-(Pyridin-1-ium-1-yl)-1,1-bis((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)ethan-1-ide (**2a**)

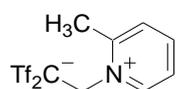


2a

To a solution of Tf₂CH₂ **3** (279 mg, 0.996 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (6.0 mL), paraformaldehyde (90%

purity, 69.8 mg, 2.09 mmol) and pyridine (165 μL , 2.05 mmol) were added at room temperature. After being stirred for 4 h at 60 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was washed with CHCl_3 (1.0 mL x 3) to give zwitterion **2a** in 99.6% yield (368 mg, 0.991 mmol). The structure of this compound was also confirmed by an X-ray crystallographic analysis. Colorless crystals ($\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{hexane}$); Mp. 172-174 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (ATR) ν 3081, 1344, 1177, 1097, 1047, 856, 791, 597 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz) δ in $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile 5.53 (2H, s), 8.01-8.21 (2H, m), 8.55 (1H, t, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 8.97 (2H, t, $J = 5.8$ Hz), δ in $[\text{D}_6]$ acetone 5.58 (2H, s), 8.21-8.28 (2H, m), 8.70 (1H, t, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 9.09 (2H, t, $J = 5.7$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz) δ in $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile 62.5, 68.9, 121.6 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 325$ Hz), 129.0, 144.7, 147.0, in $[\text{D}_6]$ acetone 63.5, 70.1, 122.4 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 325$ Hz), 129.7, 145.6, 147.7; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ -17.7 (6F, s); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 372 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{F}_6\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 371.9799; found, 371.9789; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_7\text{F}_6\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$: C, 29.11; H, 1.90; N, 3.77. Found: C, 29.05; H, 2.13; N, 3.89.

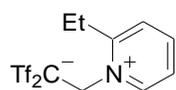
2-(2-Methylpyridin-1-ium-1-yl)-1,1-bis((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)ethan-1-ide (**2b**)



2b

To a solution of Tf_2CH_2 **3** (281 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (6.0 mL), paraformaldehyde (90% purity, 69.5 mg, 2.09 mmol) and 2-methylpyridine (200 μL , 2.04 mmol) were added at room temperature. After being stirred for 4 h at 60 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was washed with CHCl_3 (1.0 mL x 3) to give zwitterion **2b** in 97% yield (374 mg, 0.971 mmol). The structure of this compound was also confirmed by an X-ray crystallographic analysis. Colorless crystals ($\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{hexane}$); Mp. 185-187 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (ATR) ν 3081, 1344, 1176, 1097, 1047, 856, 791, 597 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 2.94 (3H, s), 5.47 (2H, brs), 7.85 (1H, d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 7.92-7.97 (1H, m), 8.33-8.39 (1H, m), 9.22 (1H, d, $J = 6.2$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 20.8, 57.6, 67.6, 121.6 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 326$ Hz), 126.6, 130.6, 144.0, 146.1, 156.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ -17.6 (6F, s); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 386 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{10}\text{F}_6\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 385.9955; found, 385.9946; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{F}_6\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$: C, 31.17; H, 2.35; N, 3.64. Found: C, 31.41; H, 2.65; N, 3.65.

2-(2-Ethylpyridin-1-ium-1-yl)-1,1-bis((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)ethan-1-ide (**2c**)

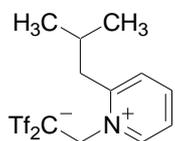


2c

To a solution of Tf_2CH_2 **3** (281 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (6.0 mL), paraformaldehyde (90% purity, 71.3 mg, 2.14 mmol) and 2-ethylpyridine (180 μL , 1.57 mmol) were added at room temperature. After being stirred for 8 h at 60 $^{\circ}\text{C}$, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was washed with CHCl_3 to give zwitterion **2c** in 97% yield (387 mg, 0.969 mmol). The structure of this compound was also confirmed by an X-ray crystallographic analysis. Colorless crystals ($\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{hexane}$); Mp. 157-158 $^{\circ}\text{C}$; IR (ATR) ν 1345, 1178, 1098, 1049, 856, 600 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 1.42 (3H, t, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 3.30 (2H, q, $J = 7.5$ Hz), 5.51 (2H, brs), 7.89 (1H, d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 7.92-7.97 (1H, m),

8.38-8.44 (1H, m), 9.24 (1H, d, $J = 6.4$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 12.6, 26.7, 57.1, 67.6, 121.6 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 326$ Hz), 126.4, 128.7, 144.0, 146.3, 160.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ -17.6 (6F, s); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 422 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_6\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 421.9331; found, 421.9920; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_{11}\text{F}_6\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$: C, 33.08; H, 2.78; N, 3.51. Found: C, 32.82; H, 2.94; N, 3.58.

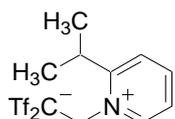
2-(2-Isobutylpyridin-1-ium-1-yl)-1,1-bis((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)ethan-1-ide (2d)



2d

To a solution of Tf_2CH_2 **3** (280 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (6.0 mL), paraformaldehyde (90% purity, 70.2 mg, 2.11 mmol) and 2-isobutylpyridine (301 μL , 2.03 mmol) were added at room temperature. After being stirred for 6 h at 60 $^\circ\text{C}$, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was washed with CHCl_3 to give zwitterion **2d** in 96% yield (412 mg, 0.964 mmol). The structure of this compound was also confirmed by an X-ray crystallographic analysis. Colorless crystals (CH_3CN /hexane); Mp. 175-176 $^\circ\text{C}$; IR (ATR) ν 3071, 1347, 1193, 1167, 1055, 885, 598 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 1.04 (6H, d, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 2.17 (1H, sep, $J = 6.6$ Hz), 3.18 (2H, brs), 5.53 (2H, brs), 7.83 (1dH, d, $J = 7.6$ Hz), 7.90-7.98 (1H, m), 8.35-8.41 (1H, m), 9.27 (1H, d, $J = 6.4$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 22.2, 29.1, 41.8, 57.5, 68.1, 121.6 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 326$ Hz), 126.7, 130.7, 144.5, 145.8, 158.6; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ -17.6 (6F, s); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 450 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 136 $[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{F}_6\text{O}_4\text{S}_2+\text{H}]^+$; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_6\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}_2$ $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 450.0244; found, 450.0257; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{15}\text{F}_6\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$: C, 36.53; H, 3.54; N, 3.28. Found: C, 36.40; H, 3.48; N, 3.20.

2-(2-Isopropylpyridin-1-ium-1-yl)-1,1-bis((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)ethan-1-ide (2e)

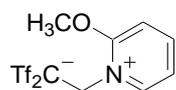


2e

A mixture of Tf_2CH_2 **3** (55.6 mg, 0.198 mmol), paraformaldehyde (90% purity, 13.8 mg, 0.414 mmol), and water (36 μL , 0.20 mmol) in chloroform (1.5 mL) was stirred for 6 h at room temperature. After the resulting mixture was treated with 2-isopropylpyridine (33 μL , 0.40 mmol) for 2 h at room temperature, this mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by washing with hexane (1.0 mL x 3) followed by Et_2O (1.5 mL) to give zwitterion **2e** in 53% yield (43.8 mg, 0.106 mmol). The structure of this compound was also confirmed by an X-ray crystallographic analysis. Colorless crystals (CH_3CN /hexane); Mp. 184-186 $^\circ\text{C}$; IR (ATR) ν 1334, 1189, 1167, 1056, 860, 599 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 1.43 (6H, d, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 3.94 (1H, sep, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 5.59 (2H, brs), 7.85-7.96 (1H, m), 7.98 (1H, d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 8.40-8.48 (1H, m), 9.23 (1H, d, $J = 5.8$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 22.0, 30.6, 57.1, 67.9, 121.6 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 326$ Hz), 126.2, 126.4, 144.1, 146.5, 165.1; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ -17.6 (6F, s); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 436 $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$, 122 $[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{F}_6\text{O}_4\text{S}_2+\text{H}]^+$; HRMS calcd for $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{14}\text{F}_6\text{NNaO}_4\text{S}_2$

$[M+Na]^+$, 436.0088; found, 436.0091. Anal. Calcd for $C_{12}H_{13}F_6NO_4S_2$: C, 34.87; H, 3.17; N, 3.39. Found: C, 34.69; H, 3.33; N, 3.39.

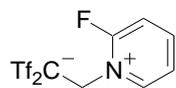
2-(2-Methoxypyridin-1-ium-1-yl)-1,1-bis((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)ethan-1-ide (2f)



2f

To a solution of Tf_2CH_2 **3** (289 mg, 1.03 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (6.0 mL), paraformaldehyde (90% purity, 72.0 mg, 2.16 mmol) and 2-methoxypyridine (216 μ L, 2.00 mmol) were added at room temperature. After being stirred for 5 h at 60 °C, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was washed with $CHCl_3$ (2.0 mL x 3) to give zwitterion **2f** in 99% yield (408 mg, 1.02 mmol). The structure of this compound was also confirmed by an X-ray crystallographic analysis. Colorless crystals (CH_3CN /hexane); Mp. 180-182 °C; IR (ATR) ν 1700, 1584, 1323, 1166, 1104, 1039, 859, 587 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $[D_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 4.27 (3H, s), 5.40 (2H, brs), 7.50 (1H, d, $J = 8.8$ Hz), 7.52-7.59 (1H, m), 8.40-8.45 (1H, m), 8.81 (1H, d, $J = 6.0$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $[D_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 54.2, 59.9, 65.8, 111.6, 119.3, 121.7 (q, $J_{CF} = 326$ Hz), 148.7, 161.3; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, $[D_3]$ acetonitrile) δ -17.2 (6F, s); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 402 $[M+H]^+$; HRMS calcd for $C_{10}H_{10}F_6NO_5S_2$ $[M+H]^+$, 401.9905; found, 401.9916; Anal. Calcd for $C_{10}H_9F_6NO_5S_2$: C, 29.93; H, 2.26; N, 3.49. Found: C, 30.20; H, 2.41; N, 3.55.

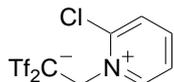
2-(2-Fluoropyridin-1-ium-1-yl)-1,1-bis((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)ethan-1-ide (2g)



2g

To a solution of Tf_2CH_2 **3** (281 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (6.0 mL), paraformaldehyde (90% purity, 73.0 mg, 2.19 mmol) and 2-fluoropyridine (172 μ L, 2.00 mmol) were added at room temperature. After being stirred for 8 h at 60 °C, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was washed with $CHCl_3$ (1.0 mL x 3) to give zwitterion **2g** in 91% yield (356 mg, 0.915 mmol). The structure of this compound was also confirmed by an X-ray crystallographic analysis. Due to its low stability in solution phase, we could not detect suitable peaks in the MS spectra. Colorless crystals (CH_3CN /hexane); Mp. 151-153 °C; IR (ATR) ν 1351, 1183, 1106, 861, 776, 579 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $[D_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 5.73 (2H, brs), 7.73-7.78 (1H, dd, $J_{HH} = 8.4$ Hz, $J_{HF} = 4.0$ Hz), 7.93 (1H, t, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 8.57-8.65 (1H, m), 8.92-9.01 (1H, m); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $[D_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 60.2, 64.5, 115.1 (d, $J_{CF} = 21.7$ Hz), 121.5 (q, $J_{CF} = 326$ Hz), 125.3 (d, $J_{CF} = 3.7$ Hz), 142.9 (d, $J_{CF} = 6.1$ Hz), 147.4 (d, $J_{CF} = 11.5$ Hz), 159.6 (q, $J_{CF} = 279$ Hz); ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, $[D_3]$ acetonitrile) δ -17.1 (6F, s), -16.0 (1F, brs). Anal. Calcd for $C_9H_6F_7NO_4S_2$: C, 27.77; H, 1.55; N, 3.60. Found: C, 27.49; H, 1.49; N, 3.69.

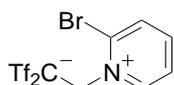
2-(2-Chloropyridin-1-ium-1-yl)-1,1-bis((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)ethan-1-ide (2h)



2h

To a solution of Tf_2CH_2 **3** (282 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (6.0 mL), paraformaldehyde (90% purity, 64.5 mg, 2.08 mmol) and 2-chloropyridine (200 μL , 2.13 mmol) were added at room temperature. After being stirred for 5 h at 60 °C, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was washed with CHCl_3 (1.0 mL x 3) to give zwitterion **2h** in 99% yield (403 mg, 0.994 mmol). The structure of this compound was also confirmed by an X-ray crystallographic analysis. Colorless crystals ($\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{hexane}$); Mp. 164-166 °C; IR (ATR) ν 3126, 1370, 1161, 1095, 863, 767, 577 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 5.78 (2H, brs), 8.03-8.08 (1H, m), 8.09 (1H, d, $J = 7.3$ Hz), 8.46 (1H, td, $J = 7.3, 1.4$ Hz), 9.28 (1H, dd, $J = 6.3, 1.4$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 63.1, 68.5, 121.6 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 326$ Hz), 127.3 (2C), 130.8, 145.8, 147.9; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ -17.1 (6F, s); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 114 $[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{F}_6\text{O}_4\text{S}_2+\text{H}]^+$ 116 $[\text{M}+2-\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{F}_6\text{O}_4\text{S}_2+\text{H}]^+$; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{ClF}_6\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$: C, 26.64; H, 1.49; N, 3.45. Found: C, 26.68; H, 1.75; N, 3.43.

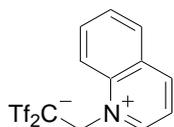
2-(2-Bromopyridin-1-ium-1-yl)-1,1-bis((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)ethan-1-ide (2i)



2i

To a solution of Tf_2CH_2 **3** (280 mg, 0.998 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (6.0 mL), paraformaldehyde (90% purity, 71.4 mg, 2.14 mmol) and 2-bromopyridine (190 μL , 1.99 mmol) were added at room temperature. After being stirred for 4 h at 60 °C, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was washed with CHCl_3 (1.0 mL x 3) to give zwitterion **2i** in 98% yield (440 mg, 0.977 mmol). The structure of this compound was also confirmed by an X-ray crystallographic analysis. Colorless crystals ($\text{CH}_3\text{CN}/\text{hexane}$); Mp. 164-166 °C; IR (ATR) ν 3122, 1368, 1162, 1109, 1092, 864, 776, 576 cm^{-1} ; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 5.77 (2H, brs), 8.07-8.20 (1H, m), 8.26 (1H, dd, $J = 8.1, 1.3$ Hz), 8.33 (1H, td, $J = 8.1, 1.3$ Hz), 9.36 (1H, dd, $J = 6.3, 1.3$ Hz); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 66.2, 69.2, 121.5 (q, $J_{\text{CF}} = 326$ Hz), 127.9, 135.0, 138.7, 146.2, 147.2; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, $[\text{D}_3]$ acetonitrile) δ -17.2 (6F, s); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 158 $[\text{M}-\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{F}_6\text{O}_4\text{S}_2+\text{H}]^+$, 160 $[\text{M}+2-\text{C}_4\text{H}_2\text{F}_6\text{O}_4\text{S}_2+\text{H}]^+$; Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{BrF}_6\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$: C, 23.01; H, 1.34; N, 3.11. Found: C, 23.39; H, 1.59; N, 3.25.

2-(Quinolin-1-ium-1-yl)-1,1-bis((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)ethan-1-ide (2j)

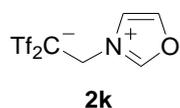


2j

To a solution of Tf_2CH_2 **3** (282 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (6.0 mL), paraformaldehyde (90% purity, 64.6 mg, 2.09 mmol) and quinoline (230 μL , 1.95 mmol) were added at room temperature. After being stirred

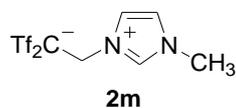
for 7 h at 60 °C, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was washed with CHCl₃ (1.0 mL x 3) to give zwitterion **2j** in 99% yield (418 mg, 0.993 mmol). The structure of this compound was also confirmed by an X-ray crystallographic analysis. Colorless crystals (CH₃CN/hexane); Mp. 195-198 °C; IR (ATR) ν 1353, 1185, 1174, 1111, 772, 578 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, [D₃]acetonitrile) δ 5.96 (2H, brs), 8.00-8.07 (1H, m), 8.13 (1H, dd, *J* = 8.3, 5.8 Hz), 8.25-8.31 (1H, m), 8.40 (1H, d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 8.82 (1H, d, *J* = 9.1 Hz), 9.12 (1H, d, *J* = 8.3 Hz), 9.62 (1H, d, *J* = 5.8 Hz); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, [D₃]acetonitrile) δ 58.3, 66.2, 119.4, 121.6 (q, *J*_{CF} = 326 Hz), 122.3, 130.85, 130.91, 131.6, 136.5, 139.3, 147.9, 148.9; ¹⁹F NMR (376 Hz, [D₃]acetonitrile) δ -17.3 (6F, s); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 444 [M+Na]⁺, 130 [M-C₄H₂F₆O₄S₂+H]⁺; HRMS calcd for C₁₃H₉F₆NNaO₄S₂ [M+H]⁺, 443.9775; found, 443.9787; Anal. Calcd for C₁₃H₉F₆NO₄S₂: C, 37.06; H, 2.15; N, 3.32. Found: C, 37.06; H, 2.31; N, 3.37.

2-(2-Oxazol-3-ium-3-yl)-1,1-bis((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)ethan-1-ide (**2k**)



To a solution of Tf₂CH₂ **3** (282 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (6.0 mL), paraformaldehyde (90% purity, 70.1 mg, 2.10 mmol) and oxazole (130 μ L, 1.96 mmol) were added at room temperature. After being stirred for 4 h at 60 °C, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was washed with CHCl₃ to give zwitterion **2k** (1.0 mL x 3) in 99% yield (358 mg, 0.991 mmol). The structure of this compound was also confirmed by an X-ray crystallographic analysis. Due to its low stability in solution phase, we could not detect suitable peaks in the MS spectra. Colorless crystals (CH₃CN/hexane); Mp. 146-148 °C; IR (ATR) ν 3201, 1354, 1168, 1093, 1034, 896, 573 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, [D₃]acetonitrile) δ 5.32 (2H, br), 8.00 (1H, s), 8.32 (1H, s), 9.53 (1H, s); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, [D₃]acetonitrile) δ 51.2, 66.6, 121.6 (q, *J*_{CF} = 325 Hz), 122.3, 145.3, 154.5; ¹⁹F NMR (376 Hz, [D₃]acetonitrile) δ -17.6 (6F, s). Anal. Calcd for C₇H₅F₆NO₅S₂: C, 23.27; H, 1.40; N, 3.88. Found: C, 23.33; H, 1.63; N, 3.87.

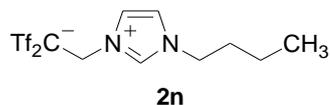
2-(1-Methyl-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium-3-yl)-1,1-bis((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)ethan-1-ide (**2m**)



To a solution of Tf₂CH₂ **3** (281 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (6.0 mL), paraformaldehyde (90% purity, 70.4 mg, 2.11 mmol) and 1-methyl-1*H*-imidazole (160 μ L, 2.01 mmol) were added at room temperature. After being stirred for 6 h at 60 °C, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was washed with CHCl₃ (1.0 mL x 3) to give zwitterion **2m** in 99% yield (371 mg, 0.991 mmol). The structure of this compound was also confirmed by an X-ray crystallographic analysis. Colorless crystals (CH₃CN/hexane); Mp. 193-194 °C; IR (ATR) ν 3160, 1363, 1176, 1149, 1062, 851, 772, 749, 594 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (400 MHz, [D₃]acetonitrile) δ 3.87 (3H, s), 5.12 (2H, brs), 7.35 (1H, t, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 7.55 (1H, t, *J* = 1.6 Hz), 8.59 (1H, brs); ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, [D₃]acetonitrile) δ 36.8, 50.2, 67.7, 121.8 (q, *J*_{CF} = 326 Hz), 122.9, 124.3, 136.4; ¹⁹F NMR (376 Hz, [D₃]acetonitrile) δ -17.7 (6F, s); MS (ESI-TOF) *m/z* 397 [M+Na]⁺;

HRMS calcd for $C_8H_8F_6N_2NaO_4S_2$ $[M+Na]^+$, 396.9727; found, 396.9727; Anal. Calcd for $C_8H_8F_6N_2O_4S_2$: C, 25.67; H, 2.15; N, 7.48. Found: C, 25.67; H, 2.36; N, 7.44.

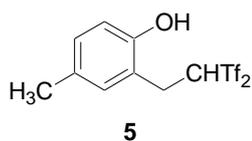
2-(1-Butyl-1*H*-imidazol-3-ium-3-yl)-1,1-bis((trifluoromethyl)sulfonyl)ethan-1-ide (**2n**)



To a solution of Tf_2CH_2 **3** (282 mg, 1.00 mmol) in 1,2-dichloroethane (6.0 mL), paraformaldehyde (90% purity, 70.0 mg, 2.10 mmol) and 1-butyl-1*H*-imidazole (263 μ L, 2.00 mmol) were added at room temperature. After being stirred for 4 h at 60 °C, the reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure. The resulting residue was washed with $CHCl_3$ (1.0 mL x 3) to give zwitterion **2n** in 98% yield (410 mg, 0.986 mmol). The structure of this compound was also confirmed by an X-ray crystallographic analysis. Colorless crystals (CH_3CN /hexane); Mp. 142-143 °C; IR (ATR) ν 3142, 3088, 1169, 1058, 854, 769, 599 cm^{-1} ; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $[D_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 0.99 (3H, t, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 1.35 (2H, sex, $J = 7.4$ Hz), 1.79-1.89 (2H, m), 4.19 (2H, t, $J = 7.2$ Hz), 5.12 (2H, brs), 7.39-7.43 (1H, m), 7.55-7.59 (1H, m), 8.62 (1H, s); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $[D_3]$ acetonitrile) δ 13.4, 19.7, 32.5, 50.2, 67.7, 121.8 (q, $J_{CF} = 326$ Hz), 123.0, 123.1, 135.8; ^{19}F NMR (376 Hz, $[D_3]$ acetonitrile) δ -17.7 (6F, s); MS (ESI-TOF) m/z 417 $[M+H]^+$; HRMS calcd for $C_{11}H_{15}F_6N_2O_4S_2$ $[M+H]^+$, 417.0377; found, 417.0382; Anal. Calcd for $C_{11}H_{14}F_6N_2O_4S_2$: C, 31.73; H, 3.39; N, 6.73. Found: C, 32.01; H, 3.53; N, 6.65.

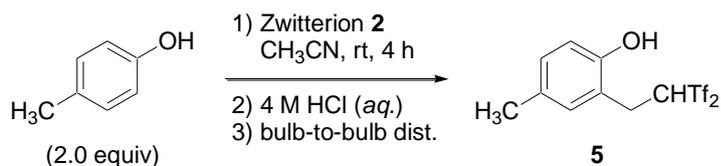
3. Bis(triflyl)ethylation reaction

2-(2,2-Bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)ethyl)-4-methylphenol (**5**)



To a solution of *p*-cresole (21.0 μ L, 0.20 mmol) in CH_3CN (0.5 mL), zwitterion **2** (0.10 mmol) was added at room temperature. After being stirred at the same temperature for 4 h, the reaction mixture was evaporated. This residue was dissolved in hydrochloric acid (7.0 mL), then it was extracted with Et_2O (15 mL x 3). After concentration of the combined organic layer, the resultant mixture was purified by bulb-to-bulb distillation (195-210 °C, 5 mmHg) using a kugelrohr oven to give carbon acid **5**. Yields are summarized in Table S1. The structure was confirmed by comparison of 1H and ^{13}C NMR data reported in the literature.² Colorless oil; 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 2.27 (3H, s), 3.73 (2H, d, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 5.36-5.52 (1H, br, OH), 5.91-5.97 (1H, m), 6.66 (1H, m), 7.03 (1H, d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 7.05 (1H, s); ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 20.3, 28.0, 76.0, 115.0, 117.6, 119.2 (q, $J_{C-F} = 330.0$ Hz), 130.5, 130.9, 133.0, 151.2; ^{19}F NMR (282 Hz, $CDCl_3$) δ -10.6 (6F, s). Anal. Calcd for $C_{11}H_{10}F_6O_5S_2$: C, 33.00; H, 2.52. Found: C, 32.90; H, 2.71.

Table S1. Bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)ethylation reaction of *p*-cresol using zwitterions



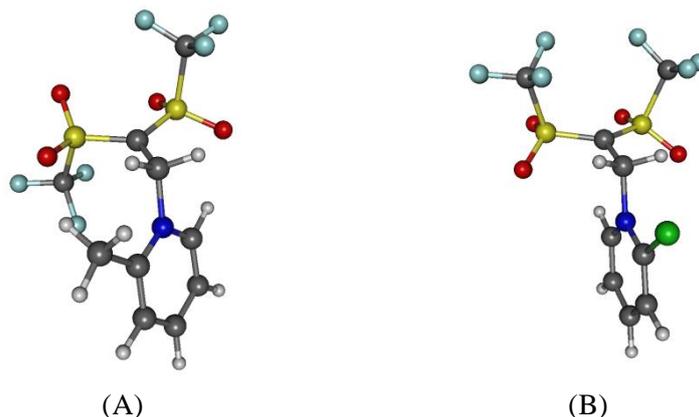
Entry	2	pK _{aH} ^a	Yield ^b (%)
1	2a (pyridinium)	5.17	8 (<5)
2	2b (2-methylpyridinium)	5.00	0
3	2g (2-fluoropyridinium)	-0.44	92 (91)
4	2h (2-chloropyridinium)	0.72	84 (81)
5	2j (quinolinium)	4.85	32
6	2k (oxazolium)	0.80	76 (74)
7	2m (3-methylimidazolium)	7.40	14

^a A. R. Katritzky, C. A. Ramsden, J. A. Joule, V. V. Zhdankin, Reactivity of Six-membered Rings, in: *Handbook of Heterocyclic Chemistry (3rd Ed.)*, Elsevier, **2010**, pp. 242-382; (b) R. Linnell, *J. Org. Chem.* **1960**, *25*, 290.

^b Yield on the basis of ¹⁹F NMR of crude mixture. Isolated yield is shown in parenthesis.

4. Computational methods

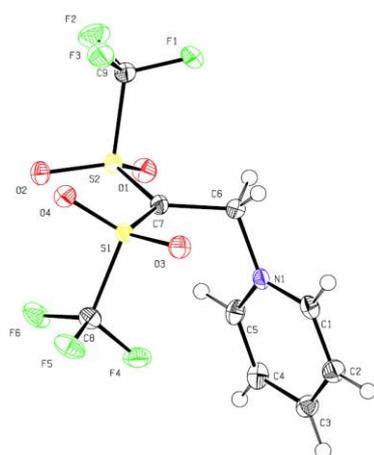
All theoretical calculations were carried out by using the GAMESS 11 program.³ Restricted Hartree-Fock (RHF) wave functions were calculated by this program. 6-311++G(2d,p) basis sets were used. Geometries were fully optimized at the RHF/6-311++G(2d,p) levels of theory. The orbital interaction energies were calculated by using the natural bond orbital (NBO) method⁴ at the RHF/6-311++G(2d,p) level.



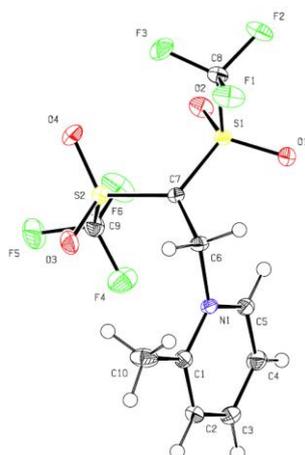
RHF/6-311++G(2d,p) optimized structures. (A) *anti*-**2b**, C⁻-C = 148.9 pm, C-N⁺ = 152.2 pm. (B) *syn*-**2h**, C⁻-C = 147.6 pm, C-N⁺ = 155.3 pm.

5. X-ray crystallographic data

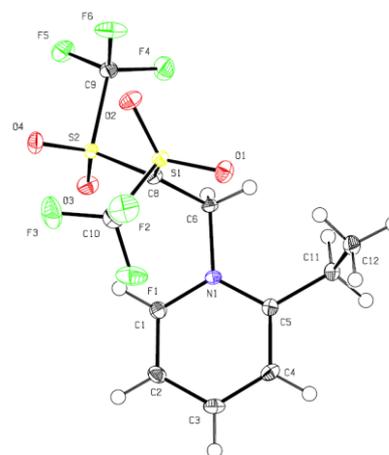
Crystallographic data for the X-ray crystal structure analysis of **2a-2n** have been deposited with Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center (CCDC) as supplementary publication Nos. CCDC 948820 (**2a**), 948821 (**2b**), 948822 (**2c**), 948823 (**2d**), 948824 (**2e**), 948825 (**2f**), 948826 (**2g**), 948827 (**2h**), 948828 (**2i**), 948829 (**2j**), 948830 (**2k**), 948831 (**2m**), and 948832 (**2n**). These data can be obtained free of charge from the CCDC via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.



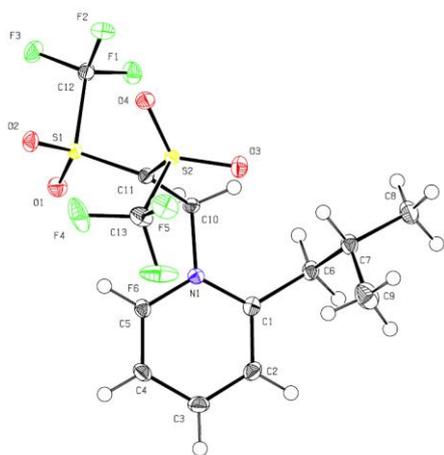
X-ray structure of **2a**



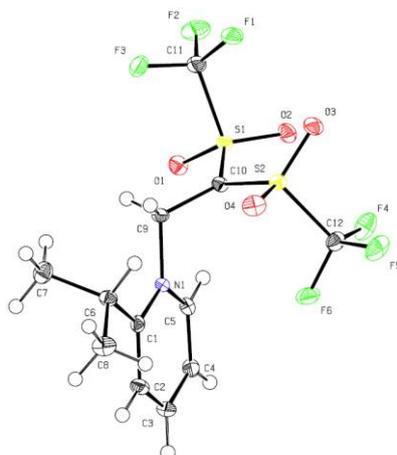
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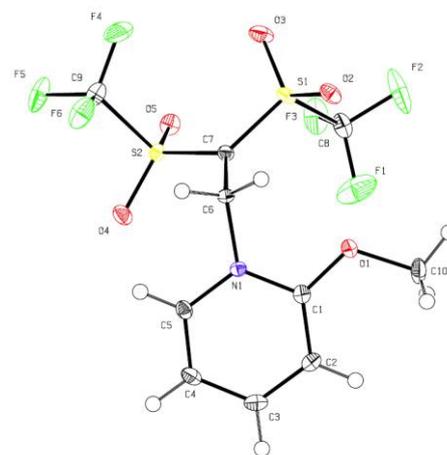
X-ray structure of **2c**



X-ray structure of **2d**



X-ray structure of **2e**



X-ray structure of **2f**

Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2a**.

Empirical formula	C ₉ H ₇ F ₆ NO ₄ S ₂	
Formula weight	371.28	
Temperature	90 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P 21/n	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 14.8808(6) Å	α = 90°.

	$b = 10.4392(5) \text{ \AA}$	$\beta = 91.5270(10)^\circ$.
	$c = 42.5523(18) \text{ \AA}$	$\gamma = 90^\circ$.
Volume	$6607.9(5) \text{ \AA}^3$	
Z	20	
Density (calculated)	1.866 g/cm^3	
Absorption coefficient	0.493 mm^{-1}	
F(000)	3720	
Crystal size	$0.24 \times 0.15 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}^3$	
Theta range for data collection	$2.17 \text{ to } 25.03^\circ$.	
Index ranges	$-17 < h < 13, -7 < k < 12, -42 < l < 50$	
Reflections collected	30937	
Independent reflections	11691 [R(int) = 0.0249]	
Completeness to theta = 25.03°	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	Analytical	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9432 and 0.8907	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2	
Data / restraints / parameters	11691 / 0 / 991	
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.058	
Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	$R1 = 0.0307, wR2 = 0.0733$	
R indices (all data)	$R1 = 0.0368, wR2 = 0.0767$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	$0.417 \text{ and } -0.421 \text{ e\AA}^{-3}$	

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2b**.

Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_9\text{F}_6\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$	
Formula weight	385.30	
Temperature	90 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 \AA	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P 21/c	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 12.9290(14) \text{ \AA}$	$\alpha = 90^\circ$.
	$b = 10.0352(11) \text{ \AA}$	$\beta = 115.3760(10)^\circ$.
	$c = 12.0294(13) \text{ \AA}$	$\gamma = 90^\circ$.
Volume	$1410.2(3) \text{ \AA}^3$	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.815 g/cm^3	
Absorption coefficient	0.466 mm^{-1}	
F(000)	776	
Crystal size	$0.20 \times 0.09 \times 0.09 \text{ mm}^3$	

Theta range for data collection	2.68 to 25.03°.
Index ranges	-15<=h<=14, -11<=k<=11, -10<=l<=14
Reflections collected	6577
Independent reflections	2484 [R(int) = 0.0215]
Completeness to theta = 25.03°	99.8 %
Absorption correction	Analytical
Max. and min. transmission	0.9593 and 0.9125
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	2484 / 0 / 209
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.045
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]	R1 = 0.0275, wR2 = 0.0701
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0312, wR2 = 0.0725
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.401 and -0.358 eÅ ⁻³

Table S4. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2c**.

Empirical formula	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ F ₆ NO ₄ S ₂	
Formula weight	399.33	
Temperature	90 K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21/c 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 12.8277(11) Å	α = 90°.
	b = 10.1124(8) Å	β = 91.5270(10)°.
	c = 12.5805(10) Å	γ = 90°.
Volume	1461.8(2) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.814 g/cm ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.453 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	808	
Crystal size	0.24 x 0.25 x 0.29 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	2.68 to 27.64°.	
Index ranges	-16<=h<=16, -13<=k<=13, -16<=l<=9	
Reflections collected	8329	
Independent reflections	3381 [R(int) = 0.0150]	
Completeness to theta = 25.03°	99.4 %	
Absorption correction	Numerical	
Max. and min. transmission	0.8990 and 0.8798	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	

Data / restraints / parameters	3381 / 0 / 218
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.037
Final R indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	R1 = 0.0260, wR2 = 0.0709
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0278, wR2 = 0.0723
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.526 and -0.344 eÅ ⁻³

Table S5. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2d**.

Chemical formula	C ₁₃ H ₁₅ F ₆ NO ₄ S ₂	
Formula weight	427.38	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal size	0.200 x 0.230 x 0.360 mm	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21/n 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 8.7218(8) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	b = 11.6643(11) Å	$\beta = 91.9270(10)^\circ$
	c = 16.8924(15) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	1717.6(3) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.653 g/cm ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.392 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	872	
Theta range for data collection	2.12 to 25.03°	
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 6, -13 ≤ k ≤ 12, -20 ≤ l ≤ 19	
Reflections collected	8174	
Independent reflections	3033 [R(int) = 0.0172]	
Coverage of independent reflections	99.8%	
Absorption correction	numerical	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9258 and 0.8719	
Structure solution technique	direct methods	
Structure solution program	SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2	
Refinement program	SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	
Function minimized	$\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$	
Data / restraints / parameters	3033 / 0 / 238	

Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.049	
Final R indices	2847 data; $I > 2\sigma(I)$	R1 = 0.0260, wR2 = 0.0667
	all data	R1 = 0.0275, wR2 = 0.0678
Weighting scheme	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0320P)^2 + 1.2705P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.333 and -0.384 $e\text{\AA}^{-3}$	
R.M.S. deviation from mean	0.051 $e\text{\AA}^{-3}$	

Table S6. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2e**.

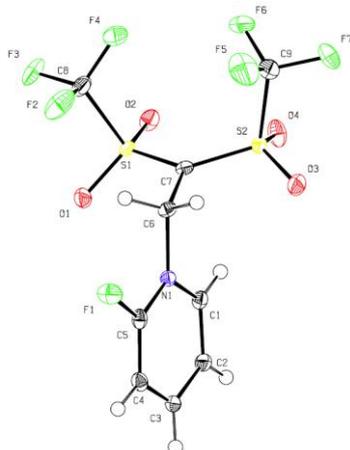
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Wavelength	0.71073 \AA	
Crystal size	0.130 x 0.140 x 0.210 mm	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21/n 1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 8.5646(8) \text{\AA}$	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	$b = 12.1042(11) \text{\AA}$	$\beta = 101.8640(10)^\circ$
	$c = 16.0084(14) \text{\AA}$	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	1624.1(3) \AA^3	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.691 g/cm^3	
Absorption coefficient	0.411 mm^{-1}	
F(000)	840	
Theta range for data collection	2.13 to 25.03°	
Index ranges	$-10 \leq h \leq 5$, $-14 \leq k \leq 13$, $-15 \leq l \leq 19$	
Reflections collected	7745	
Independent reflections	2865 [R(int) = 0.0219]	
Coverage of independent reflections	99.9%	
Absorption correction	numerical	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9485 and 0.9187	
Structure solution technique	direct methods	
Structure solution program	SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2	

Refinement program	SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	
Function minimized	$\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$	
Data / restraints / parameters	2865 / 0 / 228	
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.046	
Δ/σ_{\max}	0.001	
Final R indices	2610 data; $I > 2\sigma(I)$	R1 = 0.0263, wR2 = 0.0673
	all data	R1 = 0.0293, wR2 = 0.0698
Weighting scheme	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0341P)^2 + 0.8839P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.350 and -0.377 eÅ ⁻³	
R.M.S. deviation from mean	0.050 eÅ ⁻³	

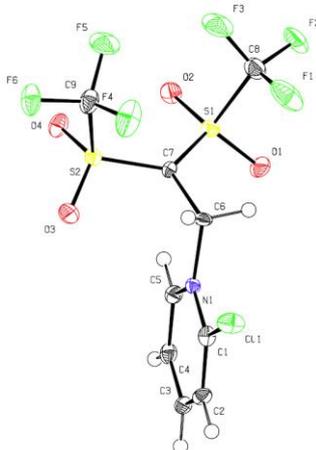
Table S7. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2f**.

Chemical formula	C ₁₀ H ₉ F ₆ NO ₅ S ₂	
Formula weight	401.30	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal size	0.070 x 0.140 x 0.160 mm	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21/n 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.6307(12) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	b = 10.0920(13) Å	$\beta = 96.144(2)^\circ$
	c = 14.9590(19) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	1445.6(3) Å ³	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.844 g/cm ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.464 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	808	
Theta range for data collection	2.40 to 27.55°	
Index ranges	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -13 ≤ k ≤ 10, -16 ≤ l ≤ 19	
Reflections collected	8230	
Independent reflections	3323 [R(int) = 0.0229]	
Coverage of independent reflections	99.6%	
Absorption correction	numerical	

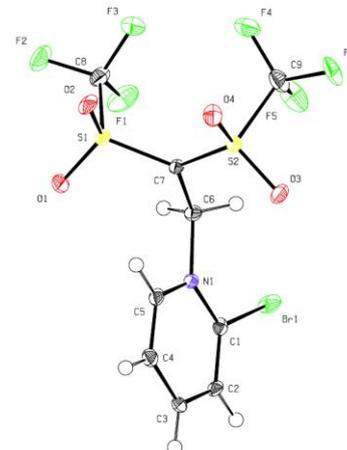
Max. and min. transmission	0.9683 and 0.9295	
Structure solution technique	direct methods	
Structure solution program	SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2	
Refinement program	SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	
Function minimized	$\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$	
Data / restraints / parameters	3323 / 0 / 218	
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.018	
Δ/σ_{\max}	0.001	
Final R indices	2900 data; $I > 2\sigma(I)$	R1 = 0.0309, wR2 = 0.0775
	all data	R1 = 0.0371, wR2 = 0.0816
Weighting scheme	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0404P)^2 + 0.9149P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.521 and $-0.392 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$	
R.M.S. deviation from mean	$0.062 \text{ e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$	



X-ray structure of **2g**



X-ray structure of **2h**



X-ray structure of **2i**

Table S8. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2g**.

Chemical formula	$\text{C}_9\text{H}_6\text{F}_7\text{NO}_4\text{S}_2$
Formula weight	389.27
Wavelength	0.71073 \AA
Crystal size	$0.060 \times 0.160 \times 0.220 \text{ mm}$
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P 1 21/n 1$

Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.6880(10) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	b = 21.565(2) Å	$\beta = 101.4530(10)^\circ$
	c = 13.5597(13) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	2776.5(5) Å ³	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.862 g/cm ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.484 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1552	
Theta range for data collection	2.34 to 25.02°	
Index ranges	-9<=h<=11, -25<=k<=20, -15<=l<=16	
Reflections collected	13387	
Independent reflections	4901 [R(int) = 0.0244]	
Coverage of independent reflections	99.9%	
Absorption correction	numerical	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9697 and 0.9030	
Structure solution technique	direct methods	
Structure solution program	SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Refinement program	SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	
Function minimized	$\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$	
Data / restraints / parameters	4901 / 0 / 415	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.051	
Final R indices	4075 data; I>2σ(I)	R1 = 0.0375, wR2 = 0.1003
	all data	R1 = 0.0456, wR2 = 0.1067
Weighting scheme	$w=1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2)+(0.0585P)^2+2.0617P]$ where $P=(F_o^2+2F_c^2)/3$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.939 and -0.383 eÅ ⁻³	
R.M.S. deviation from mean	0.072 eÅ ⁻³	

Table S9. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2h**.

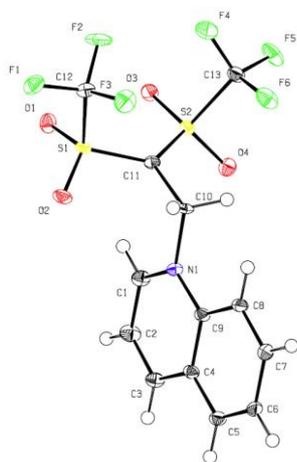
Empirical formula	C ₉ H ₆ ClF ₆ NO ₄ S ₂
Formula weight	405.72
Temperature	90 K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å

Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	C 2/c	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.8403(17) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$.
	b = 21.718(4) Å	$\beta = 103.359(2)^\circ$.
	c = 13.666(2) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$.
Volume	2841.4(9) Å ³	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.897 g/cm ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.650 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1616	
Crystal size	0.50 x 0.40 x 0.25 mm ³	
Theta range for data collection	2.32 to 25.03°.	
Index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -25 ≤ k ≤ 17, -16 ≤ l ≤ 15	
Reflections collected	6772	
Independent reflections	2510 [R(int) = 0.0467]	
Completeness to theta = 25.03°	99.7 %	
Absorption correction	Empirical	
Max. and min. transmission	0.8544 and 0.7371	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Data / restraints / parameters	2510 / 0 / 208	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.009	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0374, wR2 = 0.0733	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0617, wR2 = 0.0807	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.367 and -0.346 e.Å ⁻³	

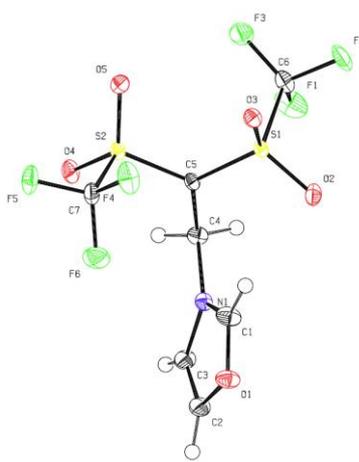
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Chemical formula	C ₉ H ₆ BrF ₆ NO ₄ S ₂	
Formula weight	450.18	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal size	0.060 x 0.210 x 0.230 mm	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	C 1 2/c 1	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 9.926(2) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	b = 21.888(5) Å	$\beta = 103.046(3)^\circ$
	c = 13.659(3) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	2891.0(12) Å ³	
Z	8	

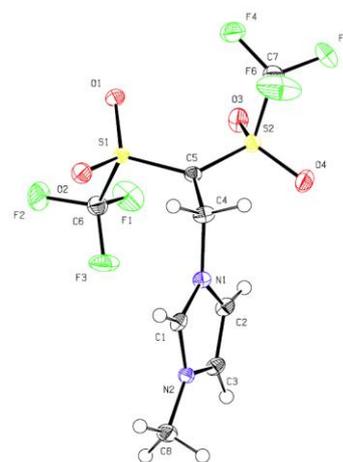
Density (calculated)	2.069 g/cm ³
Absorption coefficient	3.218 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1760
Theta range for data collection	2.30 to 25.02°
Index ranges	-11<=h<=9, -19<=k<=26, -16<=l<=15
Reflections collected	6803
Independent reflections	2551 [R(int) = 0.1148]
Coverage of independent reflections	99.6%
Max. and min. transmission	0.8304 and 0.5248
Structure solution technique	direct methods
Structure solution program	SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Refinement program	SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)
Function minimized	$\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$
Data / restraints / parameters	2551 / 120 / 208
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	0.987
Δ/σ_{\max}	0.002
Final R indices	2227 data; I>2σ(I) R1 = 0.0331, wR2 = 0.0687 all data R1 = 0.0373, wR2 = 0.0702
Weighting scheme	w=1/[σ ² (F _o ²)+(0.0303P) ² +0.0000P] where P=(F _o ² +2F _c ²)/3
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.999 and -0.591 eÅ ⁻³
R.M.S. deviation from mean	0.112 eÅ ⁻³



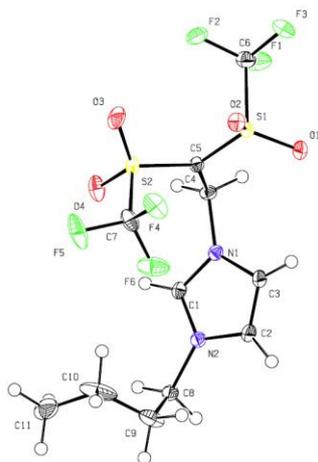
X-ray structure of **2j**



X-ray structure of **2k**



X-ray structure of **2m**



X-ray structure of **2n**

Table S11. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2j**.

Chemical formula	$C_{13}H_9F_6NO_4S_2$	
Formula weight	421.33	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal size	0.210 x 0.260 x 0.360 mm	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	C 1 2/c 1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 18.3052(16)$ Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	$b = 11.2926(10)$ Å	$\beta = 106.7430(10)^\circ$
	$c = 15.9199(14)$ Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	$3151.3(5)$ Å ³	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.776 g/cm ³	
Absorption coefficient	0.426 mm ⁻¹	
F(000)	1696	
Theta range for data collection	2.15 to 25.03°	
Reflections collected	2771	
Coverage of independent reflections	99.5%	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9159 and 0.8618	
Structure solution technique	direct methods	
Structure solution program	SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2	
Refinement program	SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	

Function minimized	$\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$	
Data / restraints / parameters	2771 / 0 / 236	
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.053	
Final R indices	2615 data; $I > 2\sigma(I)$	R1 = 0.0527, wR2 = 0.1493
	all data	R1 = 0.0539, wR2 = 0.1508
Weighting scheme	$w = 1 / [\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.1190P)^2 + 3.8675P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2) / 3$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.594 and -0.837 $e\text{\AA}^{-3}$	
R.M.S. deviation from mean	0.130 $e\text{\AA}^{-3}$	

Table S12. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2k**.

Chemical formula	$C_7H_5F_6NO_5S_2$	
Formula weight	361.24	
Wavelength	0.71073 \AA	
Crystal size	0.120 x 0.120 x 0.200 mm	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	C 1 2/c 1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 33.764(3) \text{\AA}$	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	$b = 8.8317(7) \text{\AA}$	$\beta = 126.4270(10)^\circ$
	$c = 20.2876(15) \text{\AA}$	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	4867.6(6) \AA^3	
Z	16	
Density (calculated)	1.972 g/cm^3	
Absorption coefficient	0.539 mm^{-1}	
F(000)	2880	
Theta range for data collection	2.42 to 25.03°	
Index ranges	$-40 \leq h \leq 37, -10 \leq k \leq 10, -24 \leq l \leq 22$	
Reflections collected	11425	
Independent reflections	4293 [R(int) = 0.0206]	
Coverage of independent reflections	99.8%	
Absorption correction	numerical	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9382 and 0.8999	
Structure solution technique	direct methods	

Structure solution program	SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2	
Refinement program	SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	
Function minimized	$\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$	
Data / restraints / parameters	4293 / 0 / 379	
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.035	
Δ/σ_{\max}	0.001	
Final R indices	3909 data; $I > 2\sigma(I)$	R1 = 0.0266, wR2 = 0.0652
	all data	R1 = 0.0298, wR2 = 0.0673
Weighting scheme	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0287P)^2 + 9.6428P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.567 and -0.351 $e\text{\AA}^{-3}$	
R.M.S. deviation from mean	0.057 $e\text{\AA}^{-3}$	

Table S13. Crystal data and structure refinement for **2m**.

Chemical formula	$C_8H_8F_6N_2O_4S_2$	
Formula weight	374.28	
Wavelength	0.71073 \AA	
Crystal size	0.120 x 0.150 x 0.190 mm	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	C 1 c 1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 14.813(3) \text{\AA}$	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	$b = 10.590(2) \text{\AA}$	$\beta = 120.578(3)^\circ$
	$c = 10.069(2) \text{\AA}$	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	1359.9(5) \AA^3	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.828 g/cm^3	
Absorption coefficient	0.482 mm^{-1}	
F(000)	752	
Theta range for data collection	2.50 to 25.01 $^\circ$	
Index ranges	-17 $\leq h \leq 11$, -12 $\leq k \leq 12$, -11 $\leq l \leq 11$	
Reflections collected	3133	
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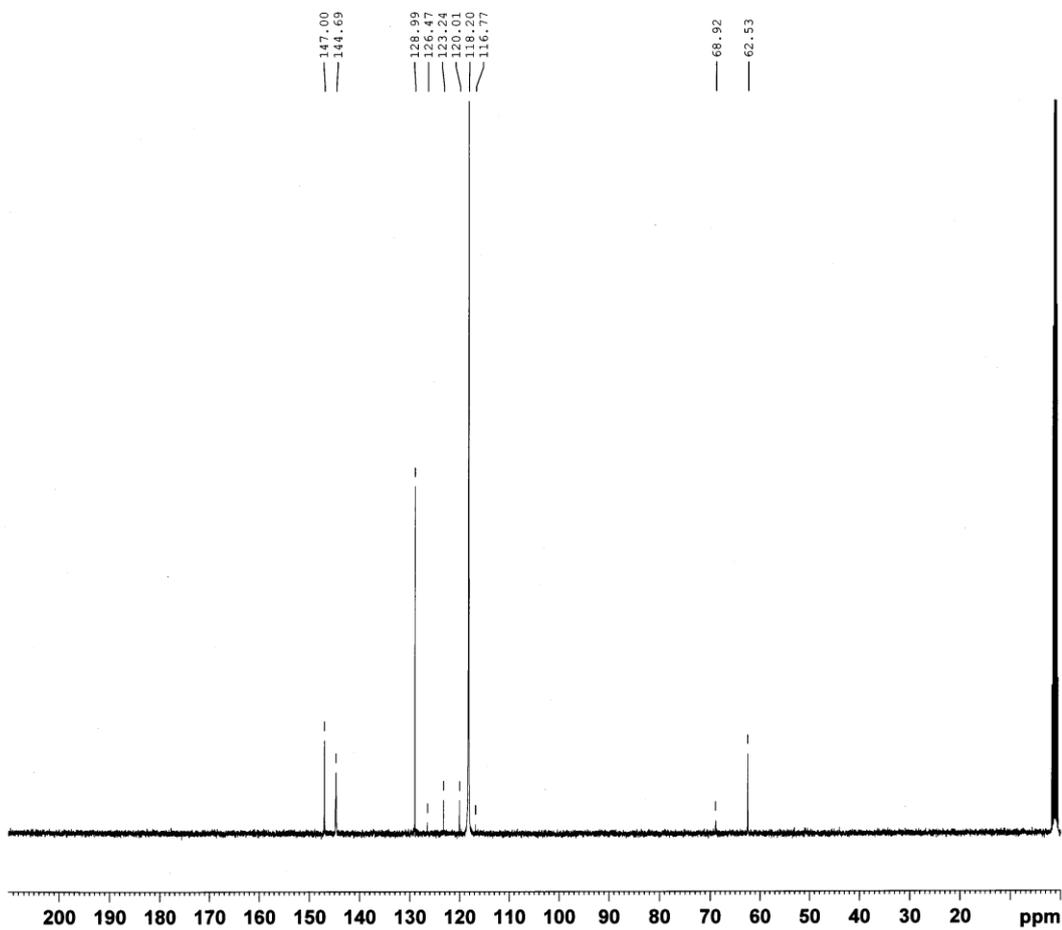
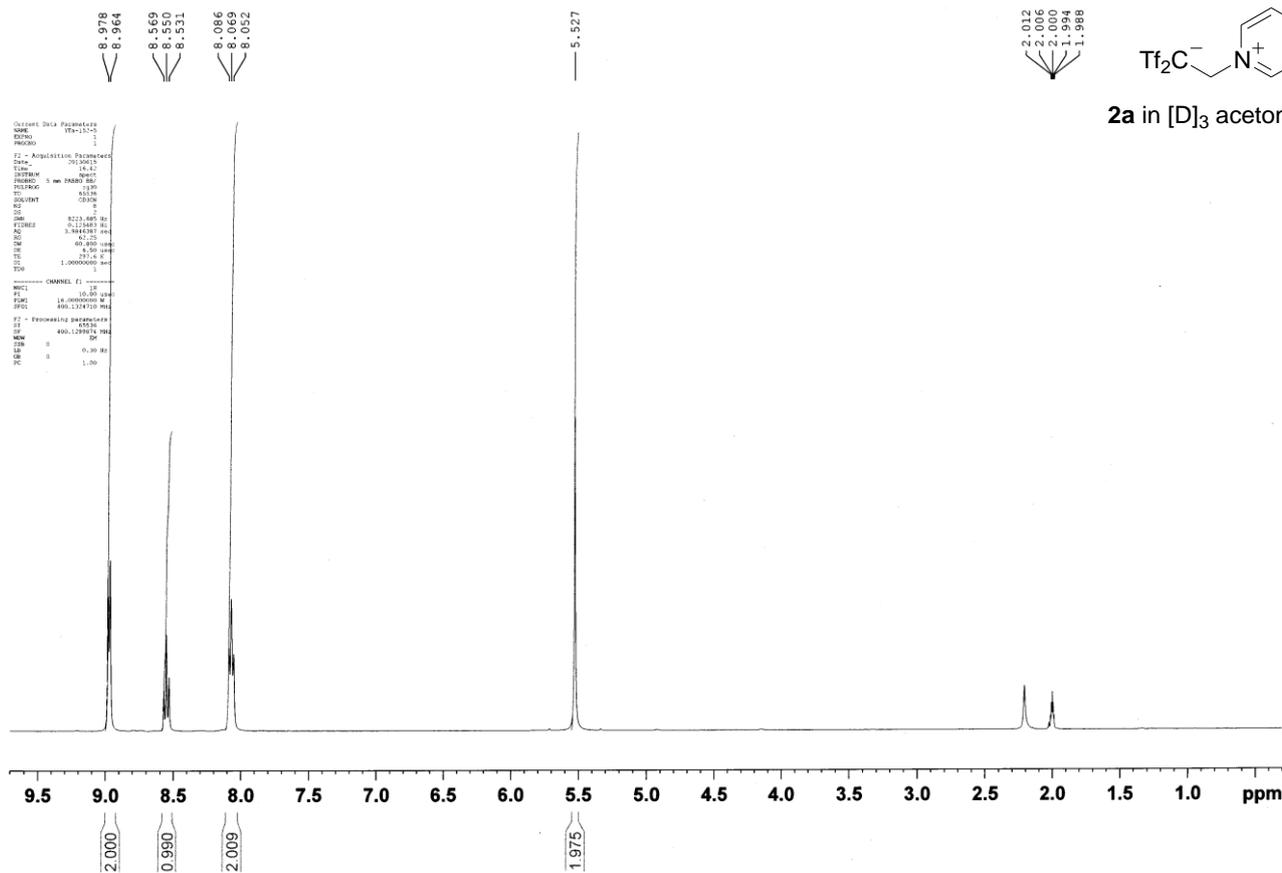
Coverage of independent reflections	99.8%	
Absorption correction	numerical	
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Structure solution technique	direct methods	
Structure solution program	SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2	
Refinement program	SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	
Function minimized	$\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$	
Data / restraints / parameters	1717 / 2 / 200	
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.051	
Final R indices	1690 data; $I > 2\sigma(I)$	R1 = 0.0207, wR2 = 0.0513
	all data	R1 = 0.0213, wR2 = 0.0517
Weighting scheme	$w = 1 / [\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0252P)^2 + 1.1742P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2) / 3$	
Absolute structure parameter	0.2(1)	
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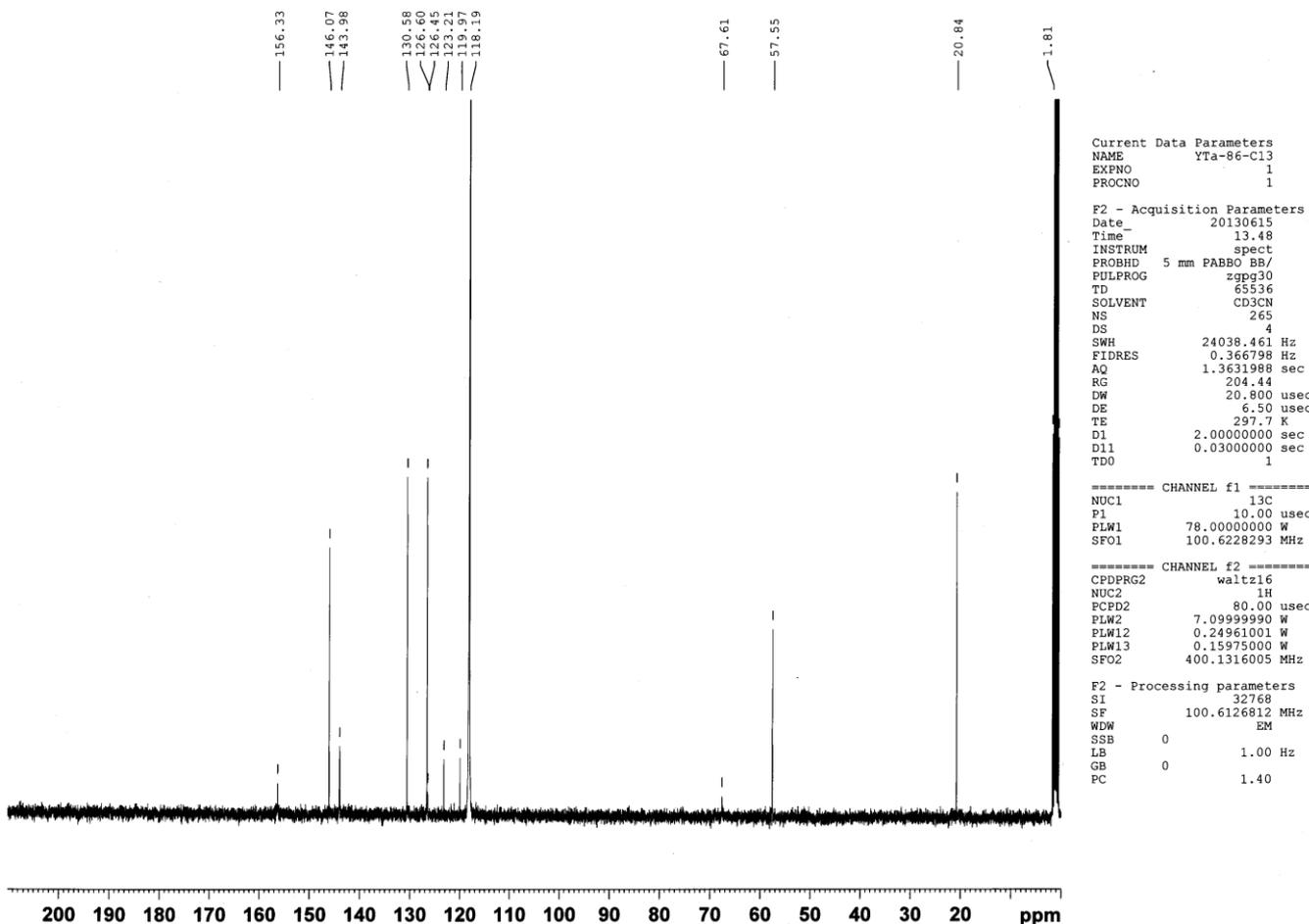
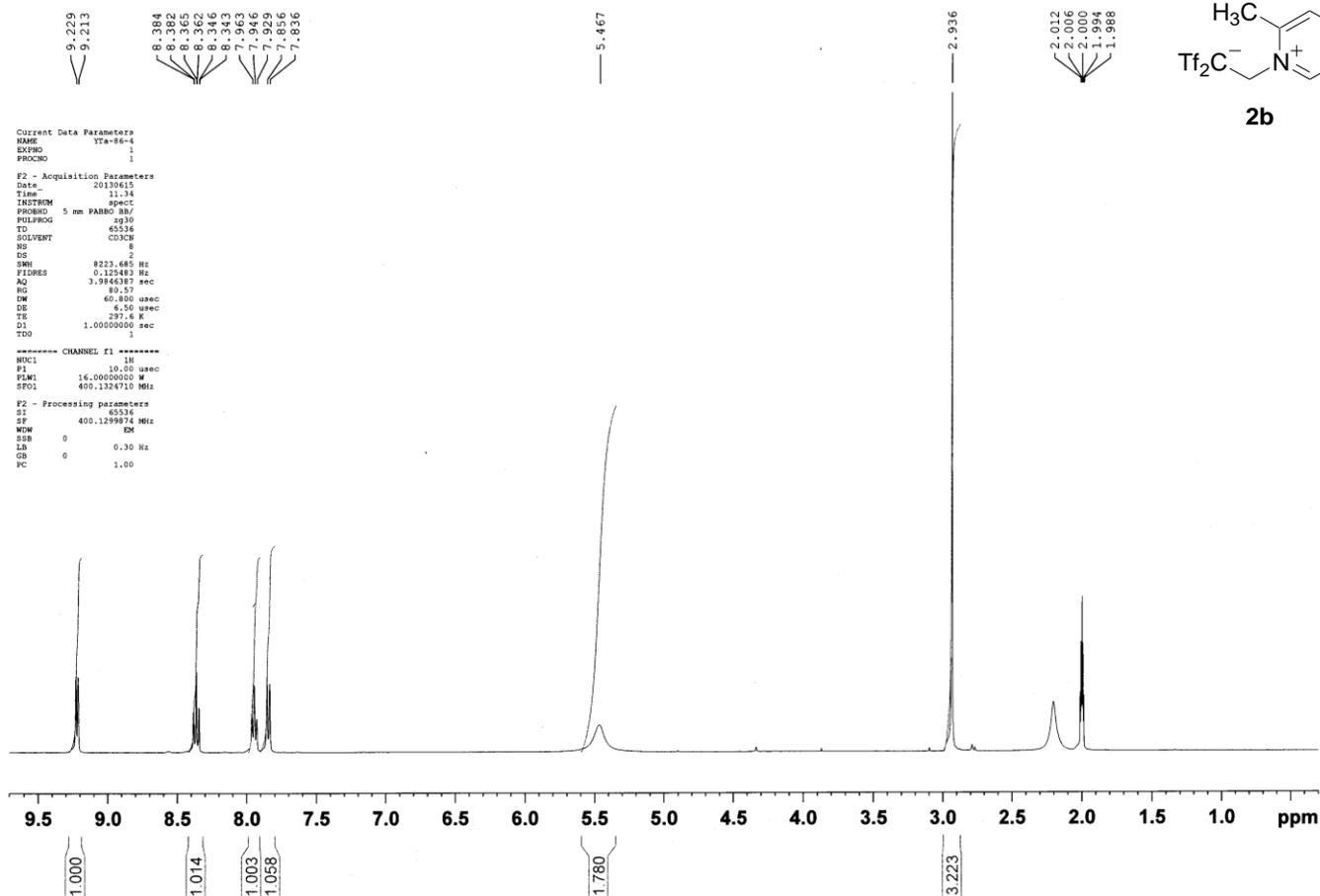
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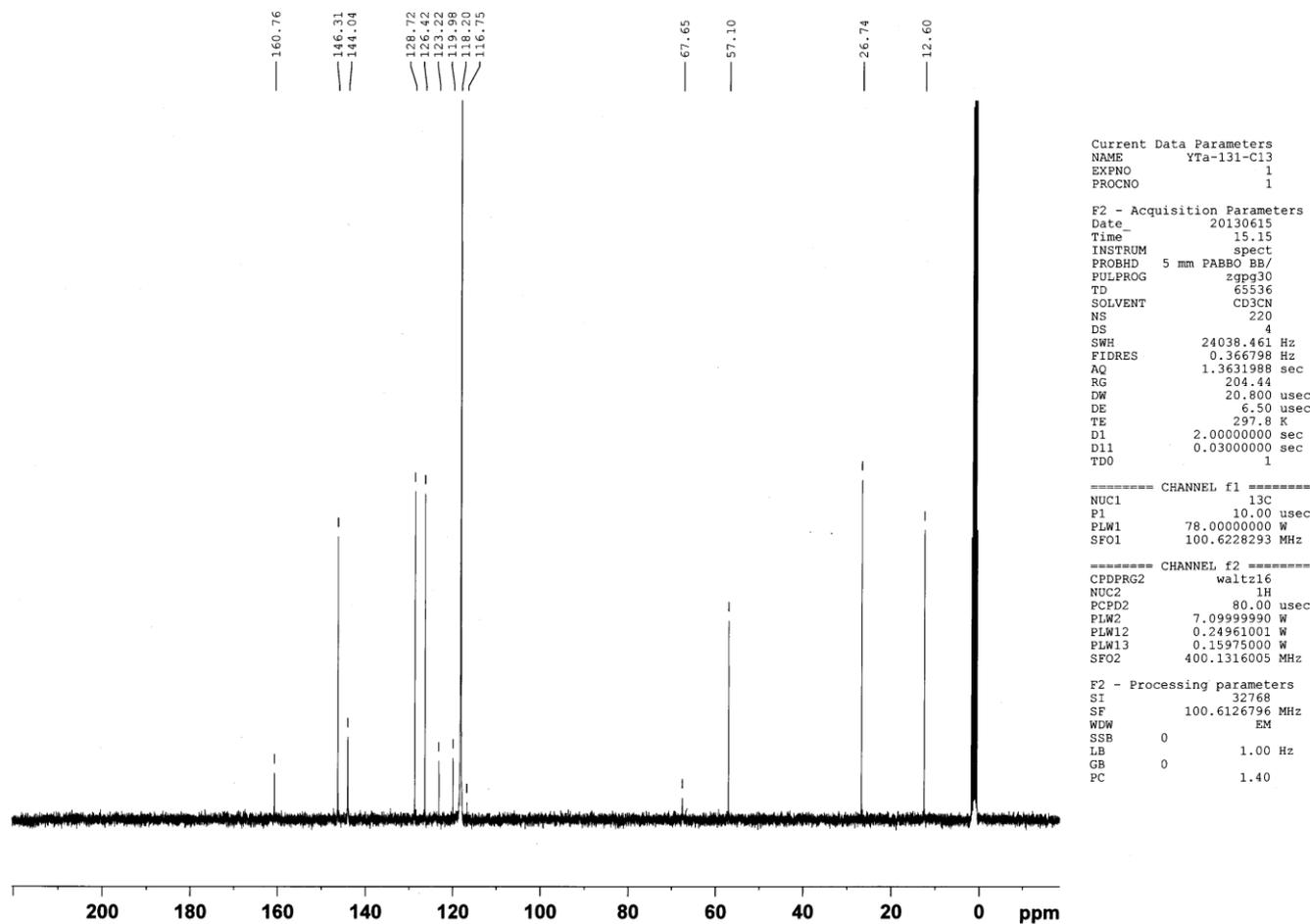
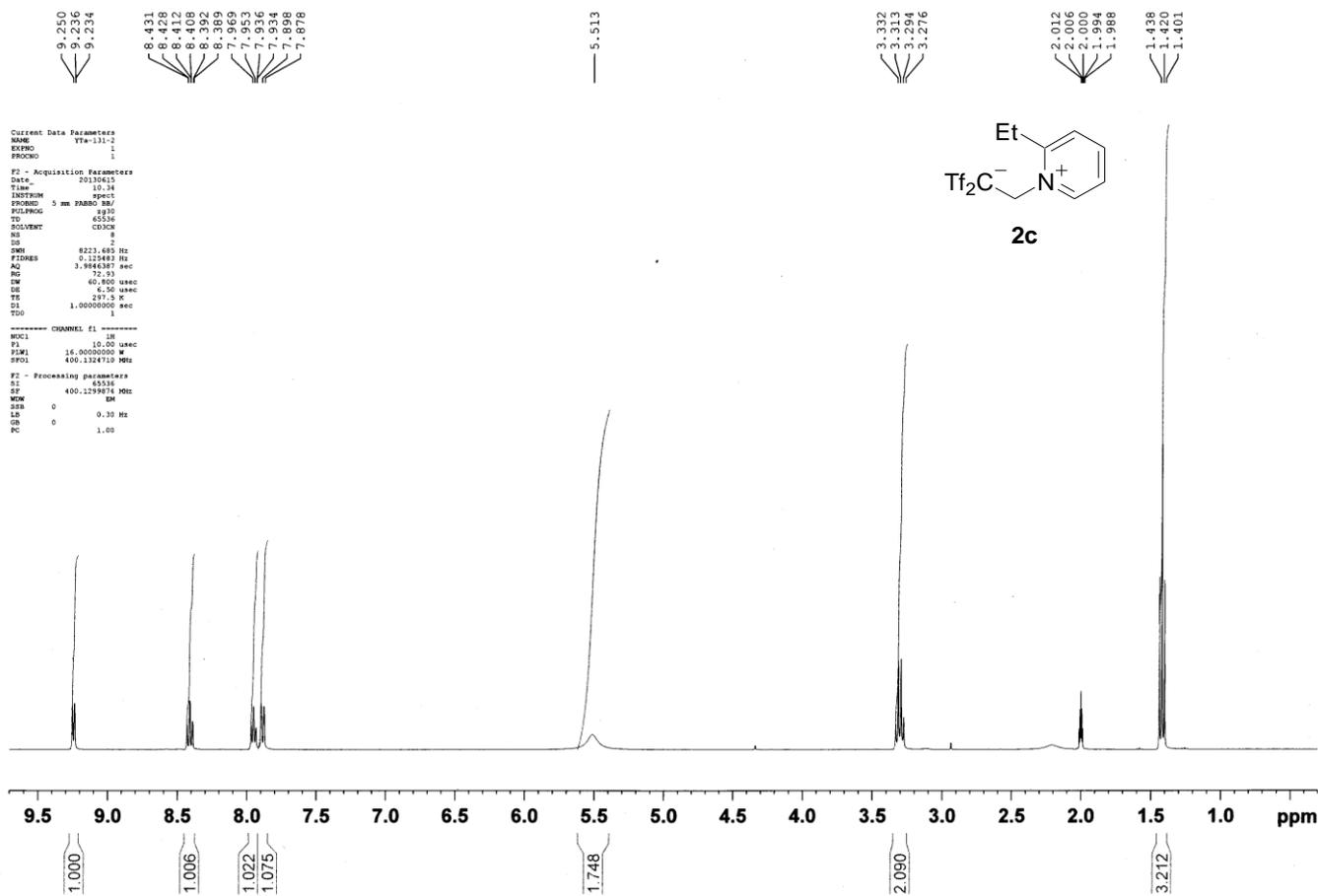
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Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	P 1 21/c 1	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 11.1898(14) \text{\AA}$	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	$b = 12.4495(15) \text{\AA}$	$\beta = 107.577(2)^\circ$
	$c = 12.4571(15) \text{\AA}$	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
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Density (calculated)	1.672 g/cm^3	
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F(000)	848	

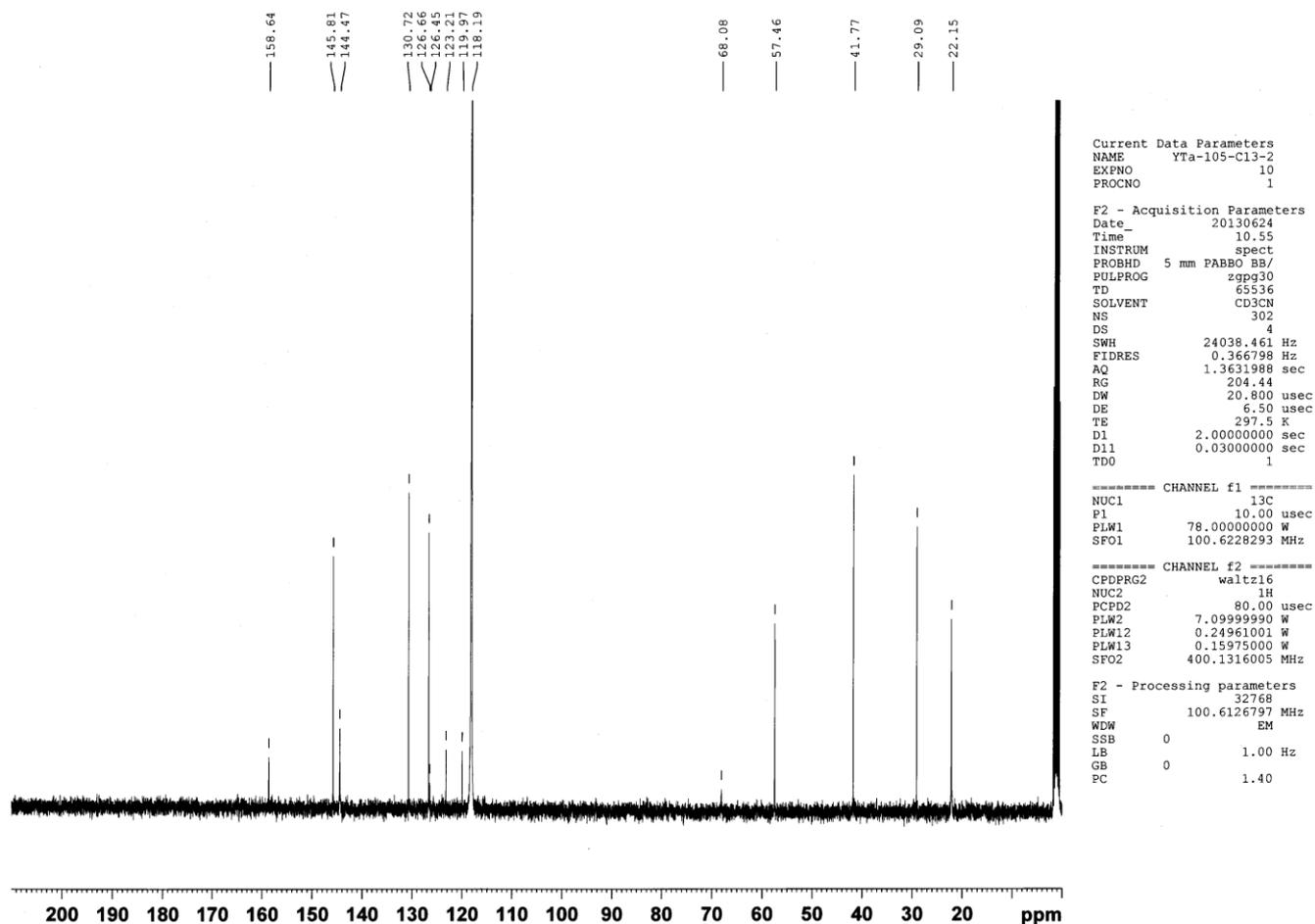
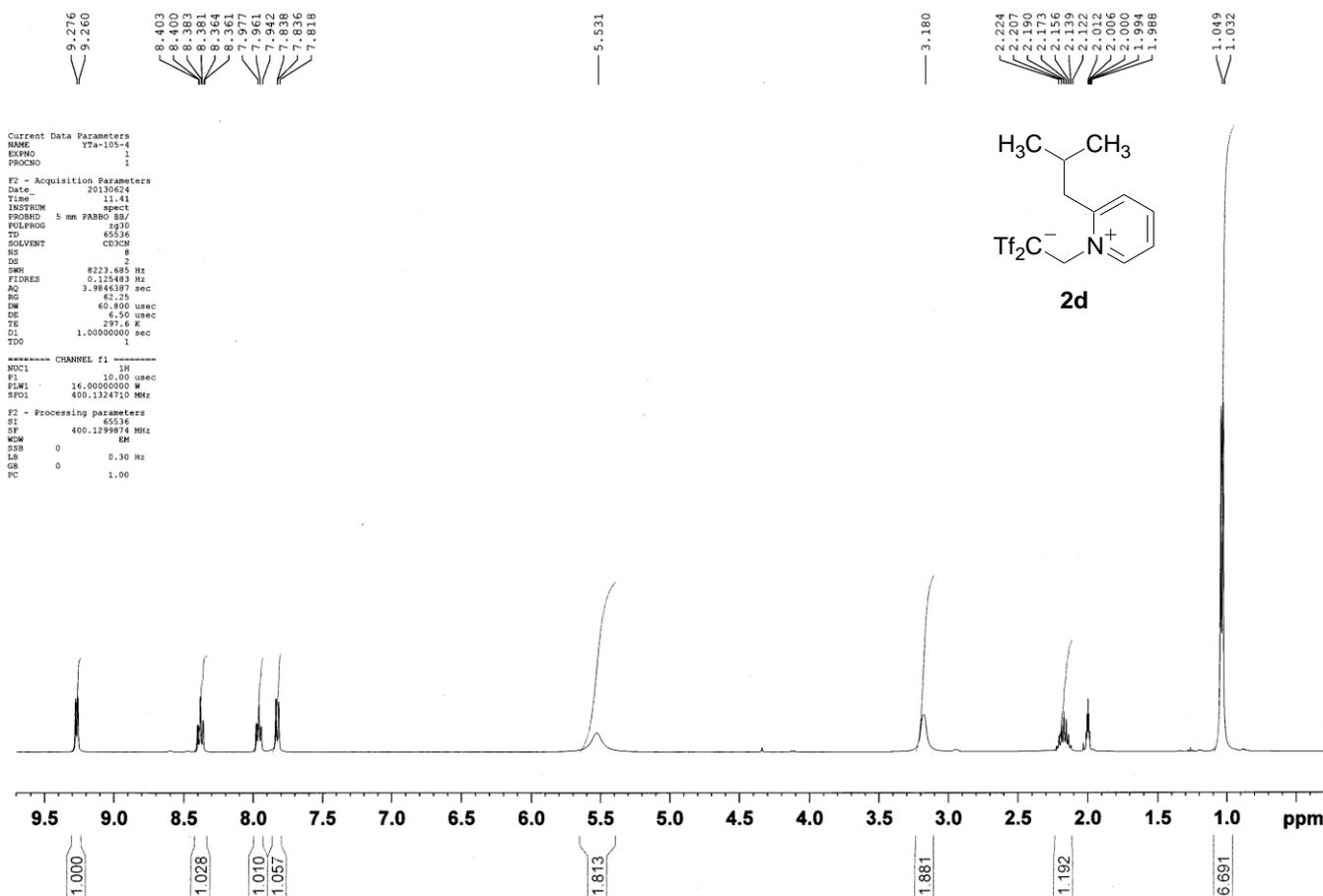
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Index ranges	-10<=h<=13, -13<=k<=14, -14<=l<=14	
Reflections collected	7856	
Independent reflections	2921 [R(int) = 0.0165]	
Coverage of independent reflections	99.8%	
Absorption correction	numerical	
Max. and min. transmission	0.9454 and 0.8846	
Structure solution technique	direct methods	
Structure solution program	SHELXS-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	
Refinement program	SHELXL-97 (Sheldrick, 1997)	
Function minimized	$\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$	
Data / restraints / parameters	2921 / 3 / 227	
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.006	
Final R indices	2716 data; I>2σ(I)	R1 = 0.0288, wR2 = 0.0738
	all data	R1 = 0.0310, wR2 = 0.0754
Weighting scheme	$w=1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2)+(0.0389P)^2+1.4223P]$ where $P=(F_o^2+2F_c^2)/3$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.506 and -0.339 eÅ ⁻³	
R.M.S. deviation from mean	0.050 eÅ ⁻³	

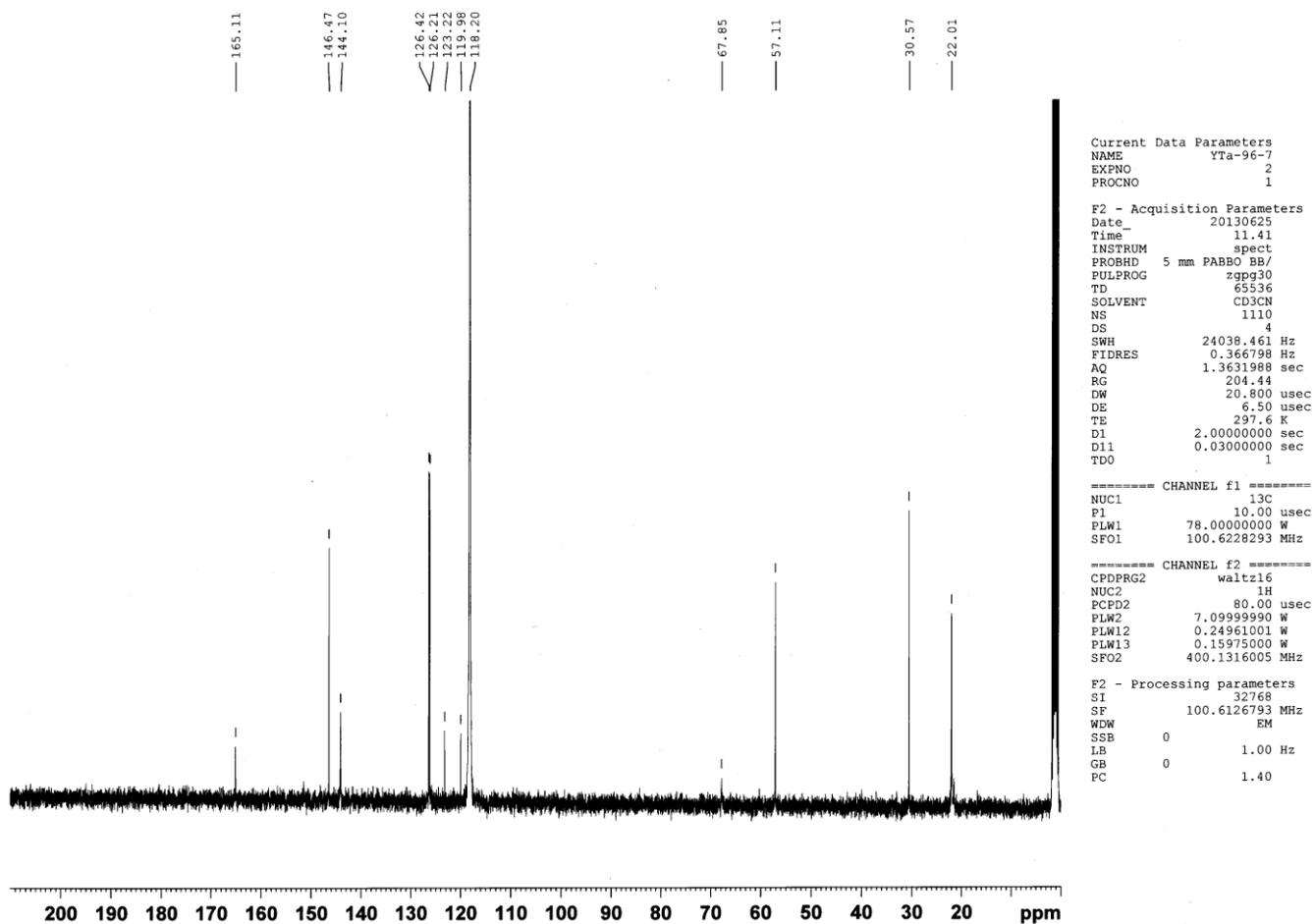
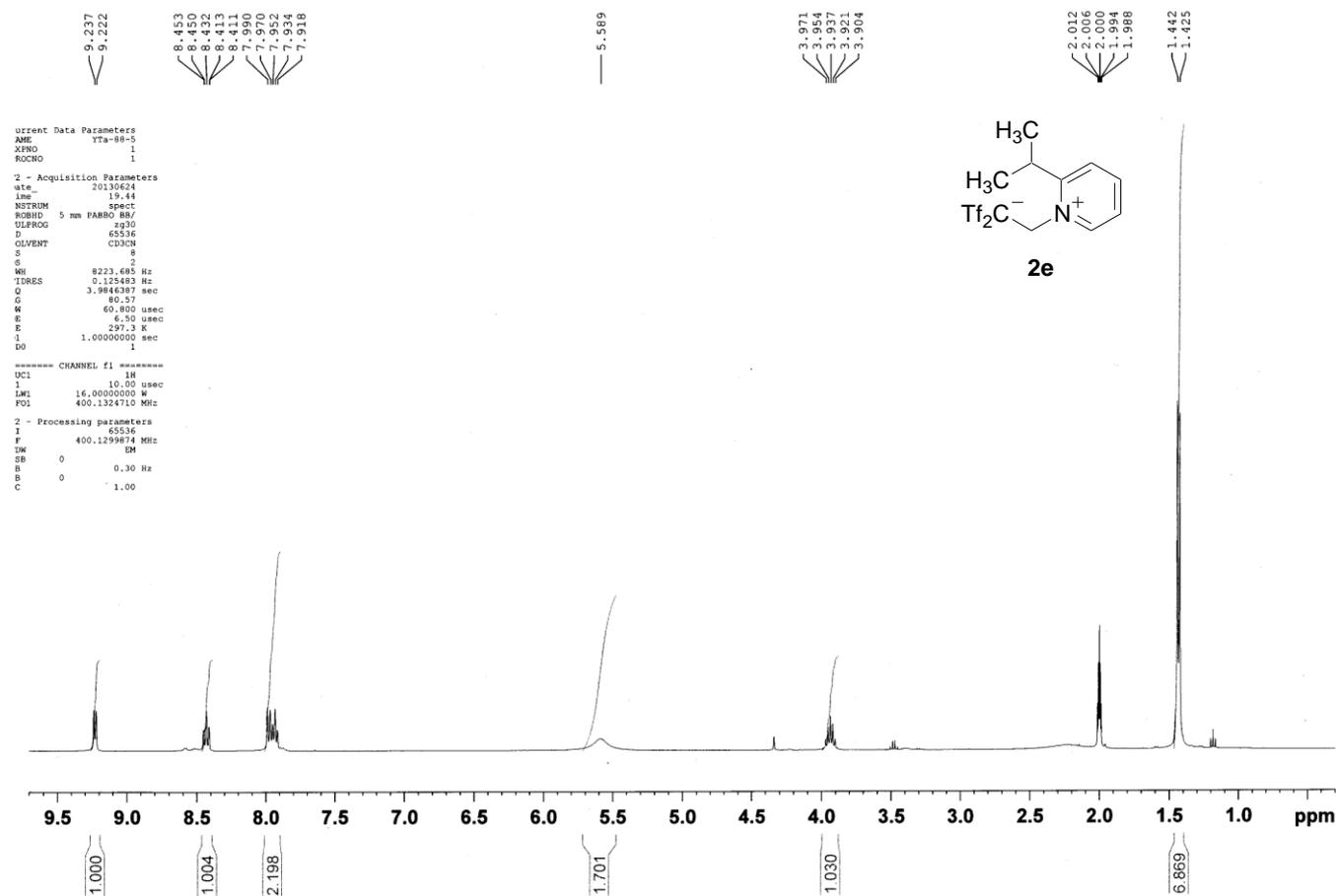
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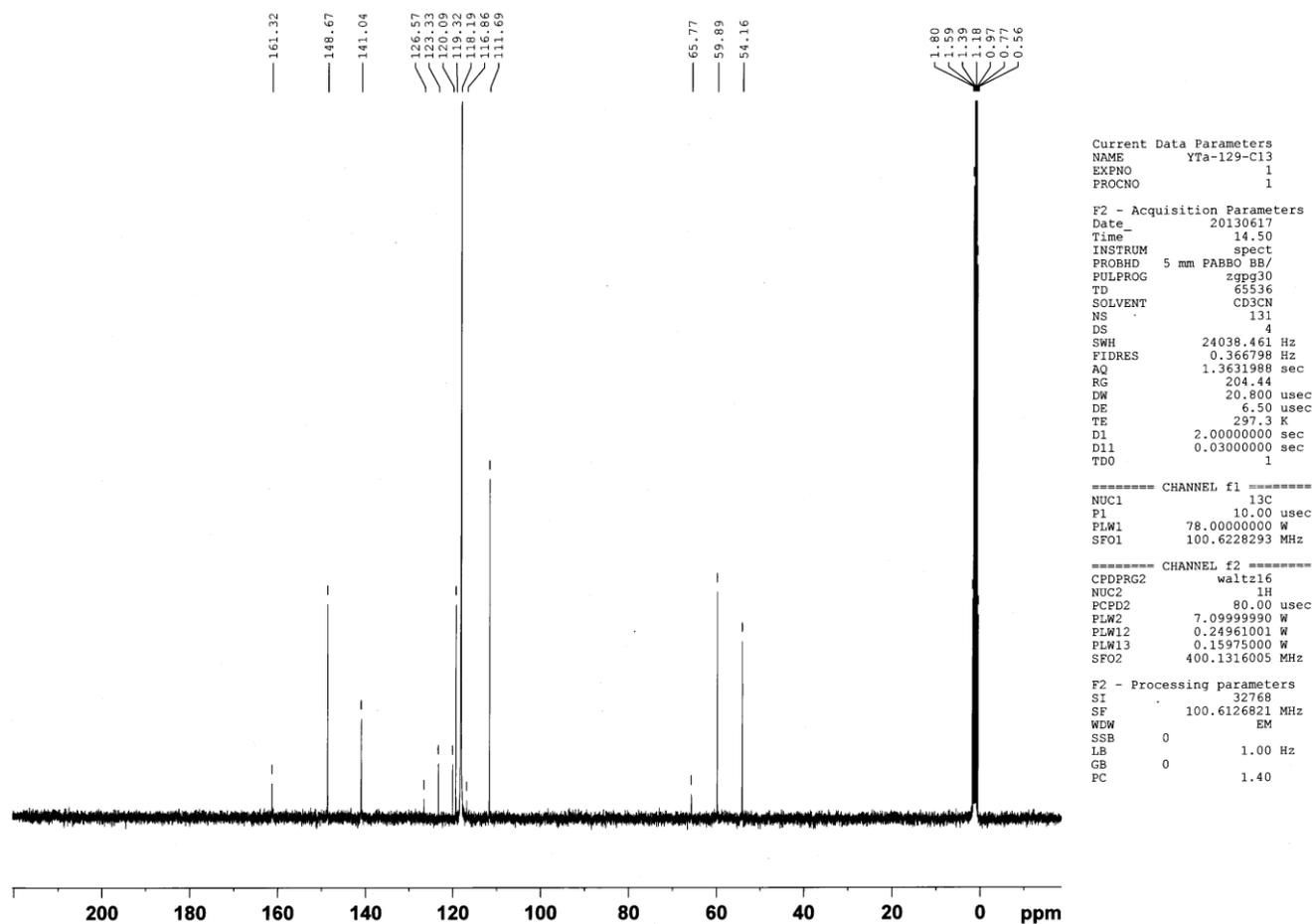
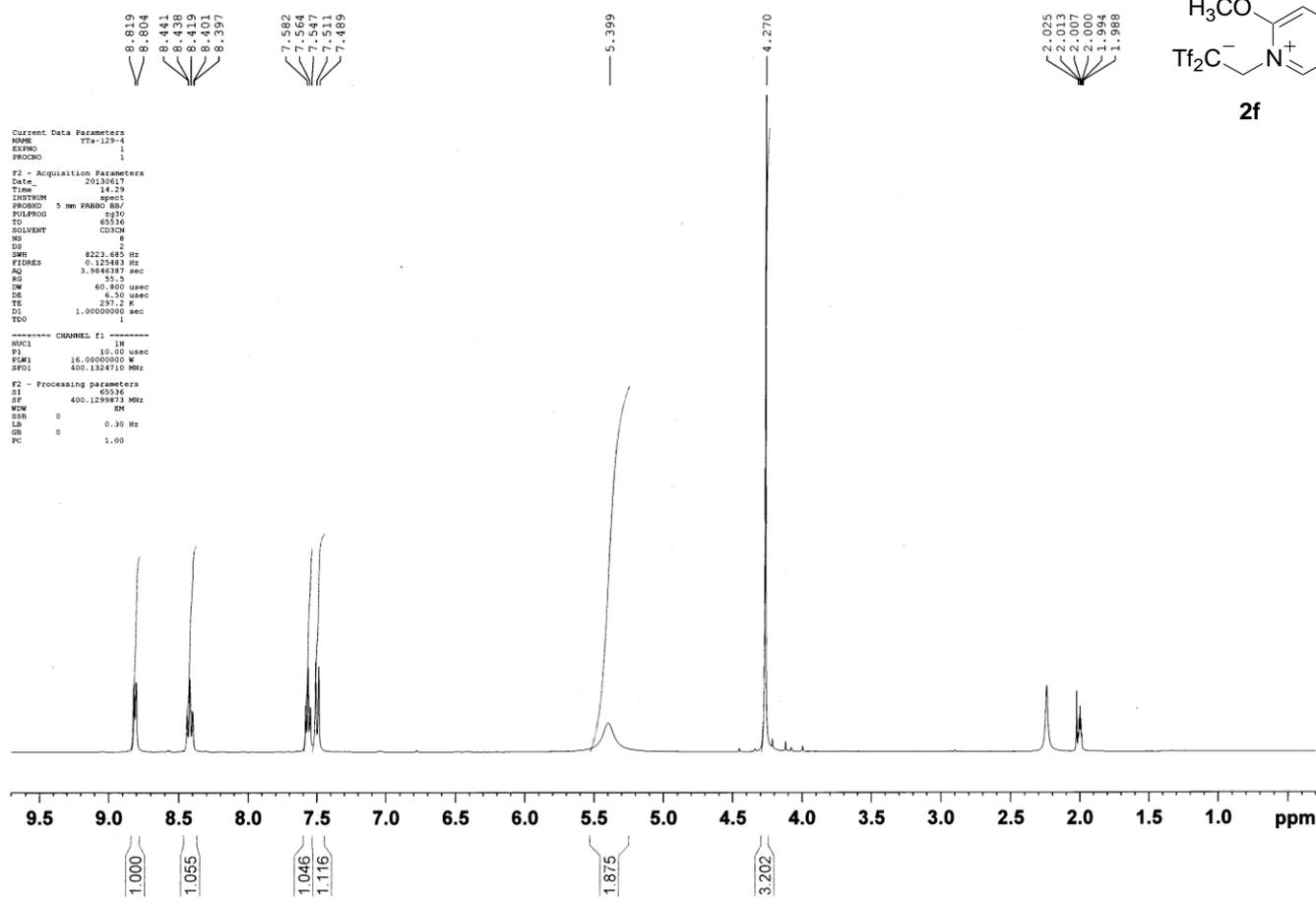


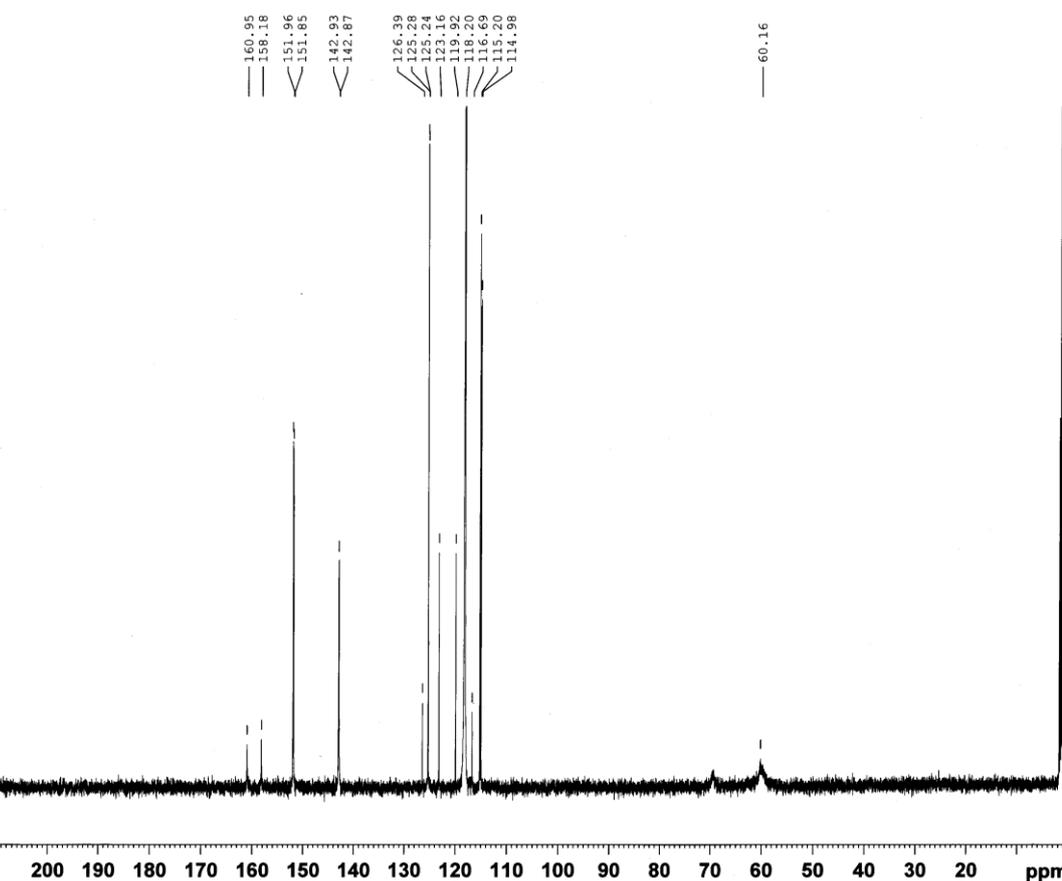
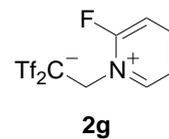
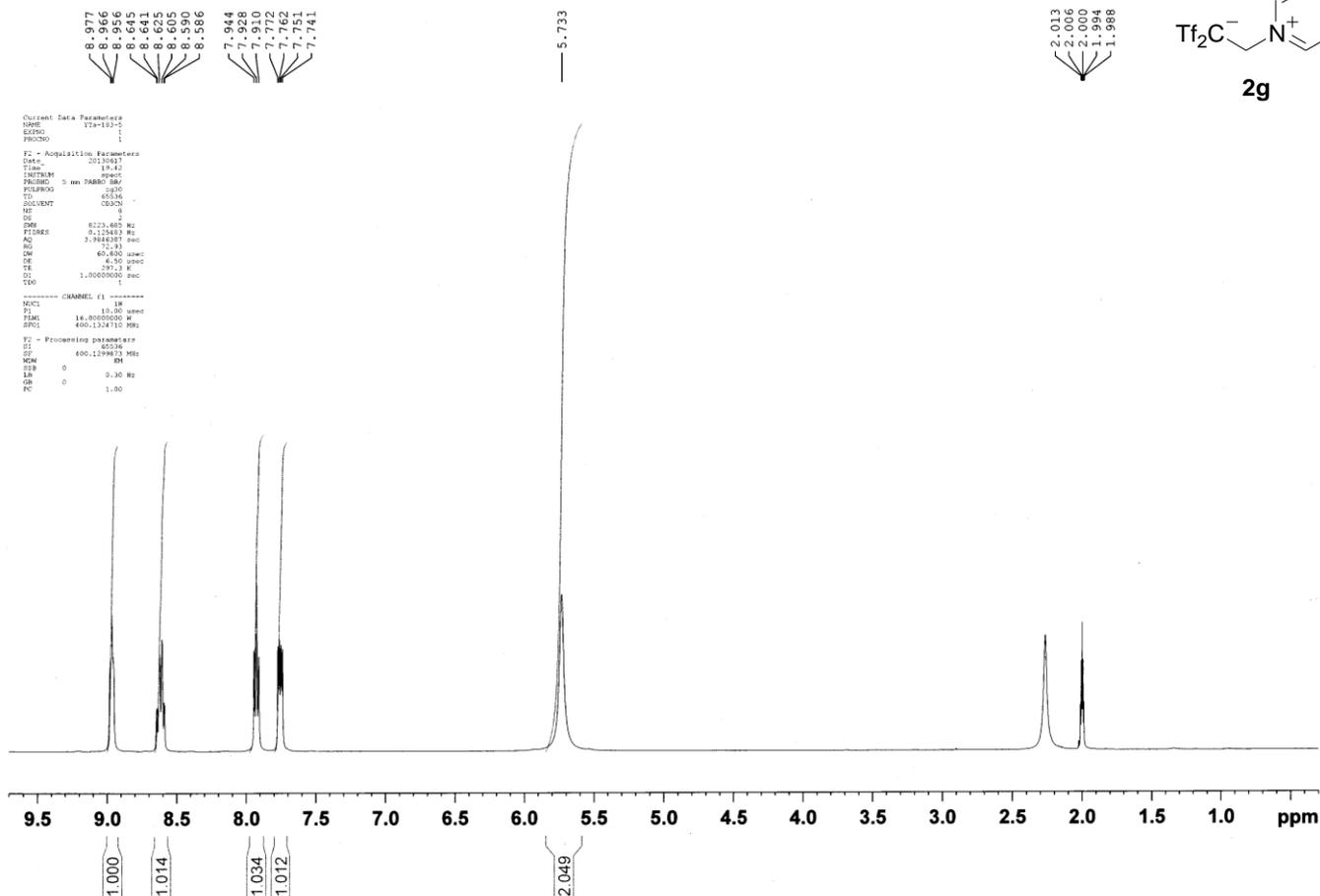












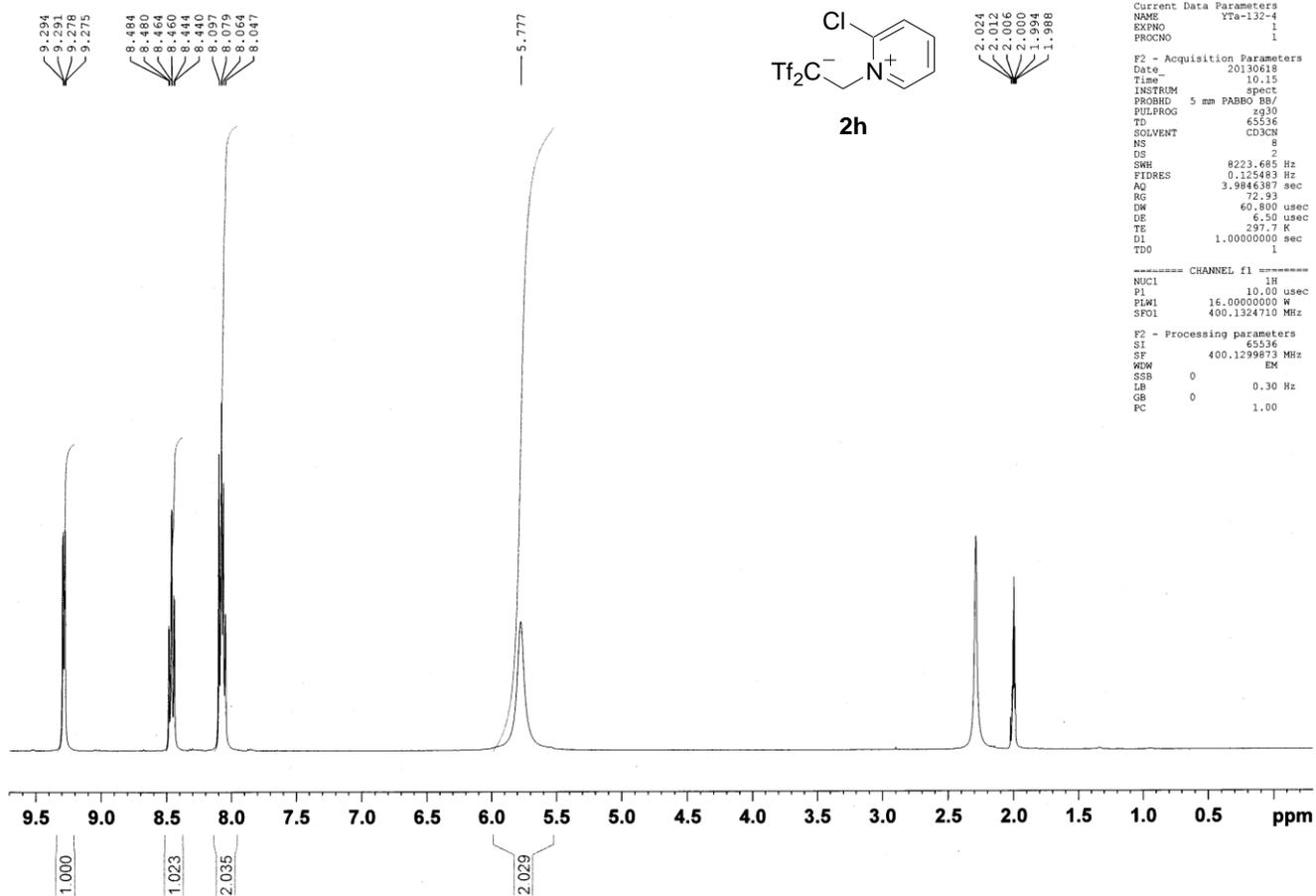
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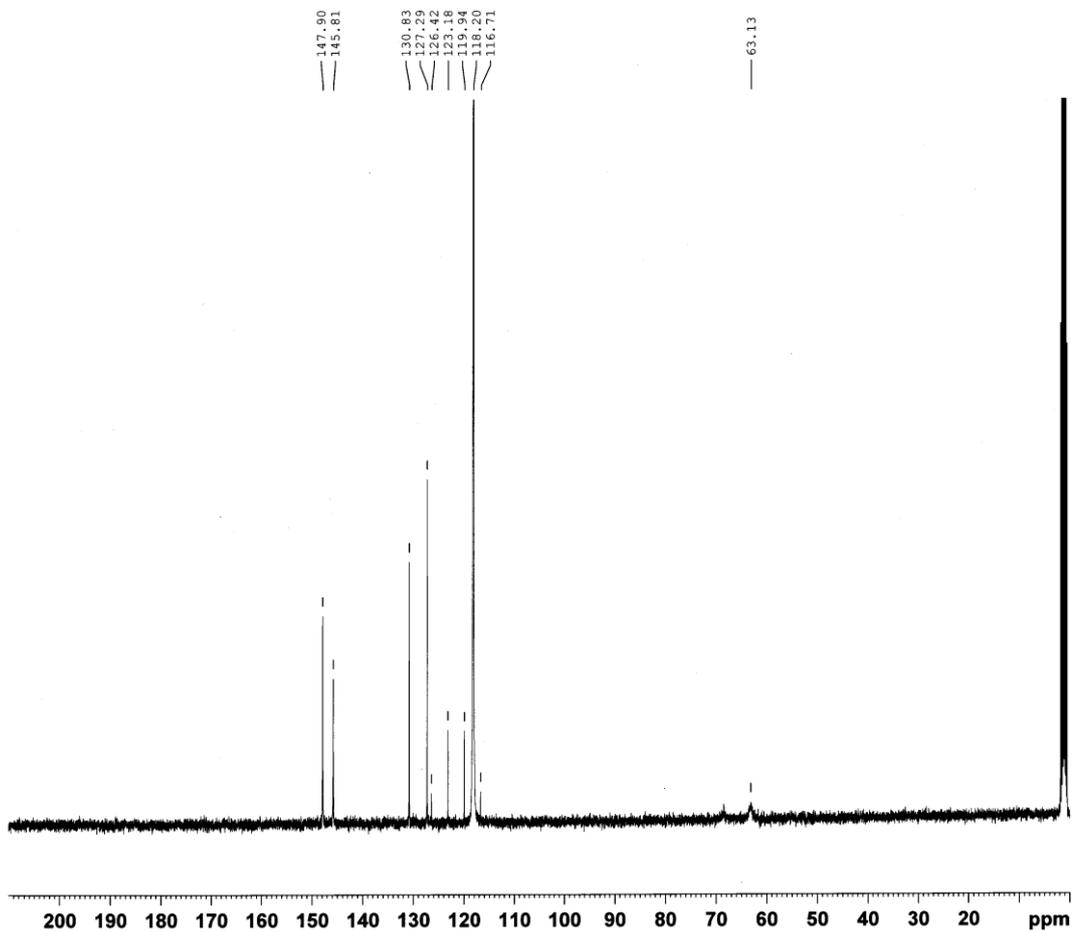
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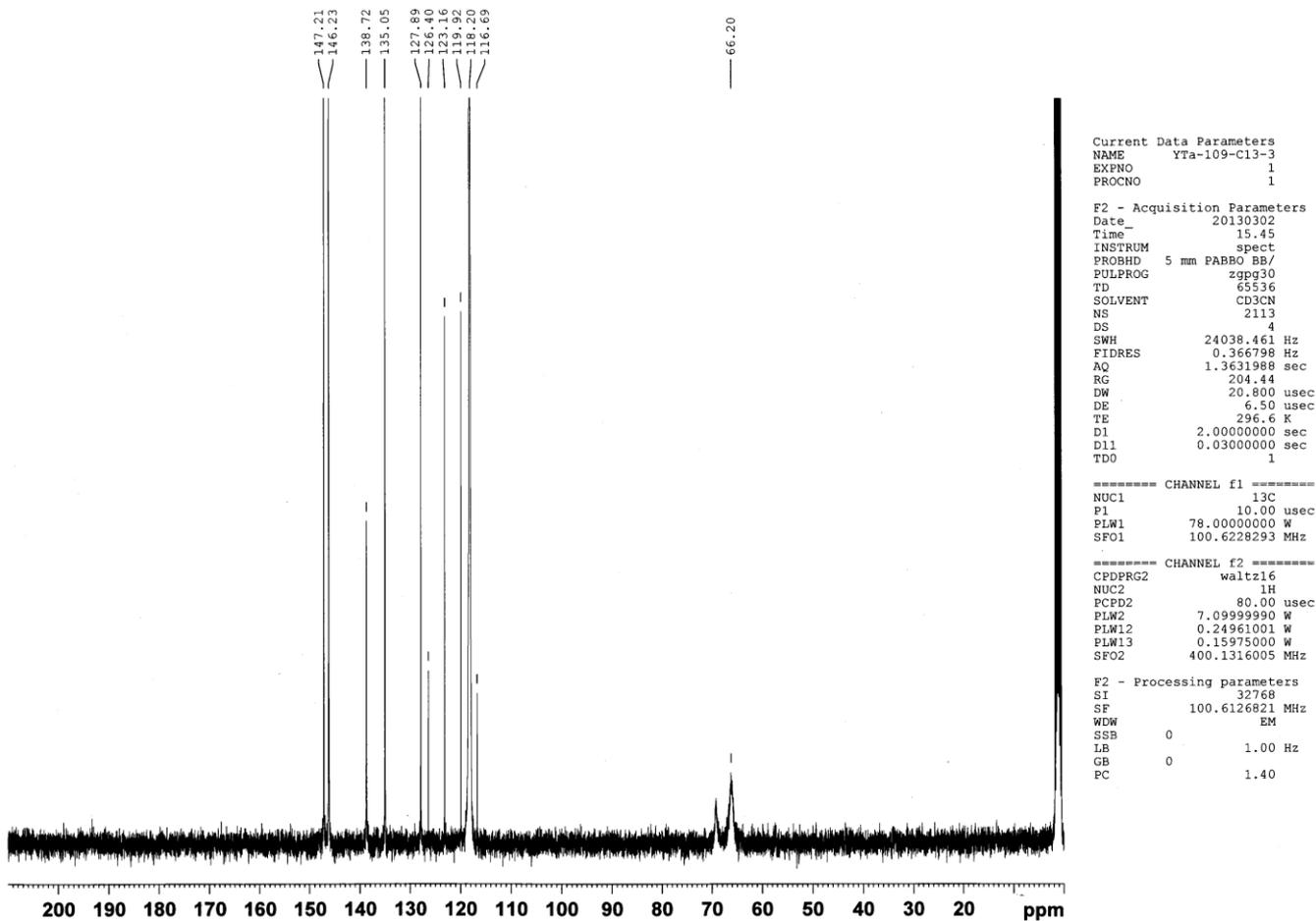
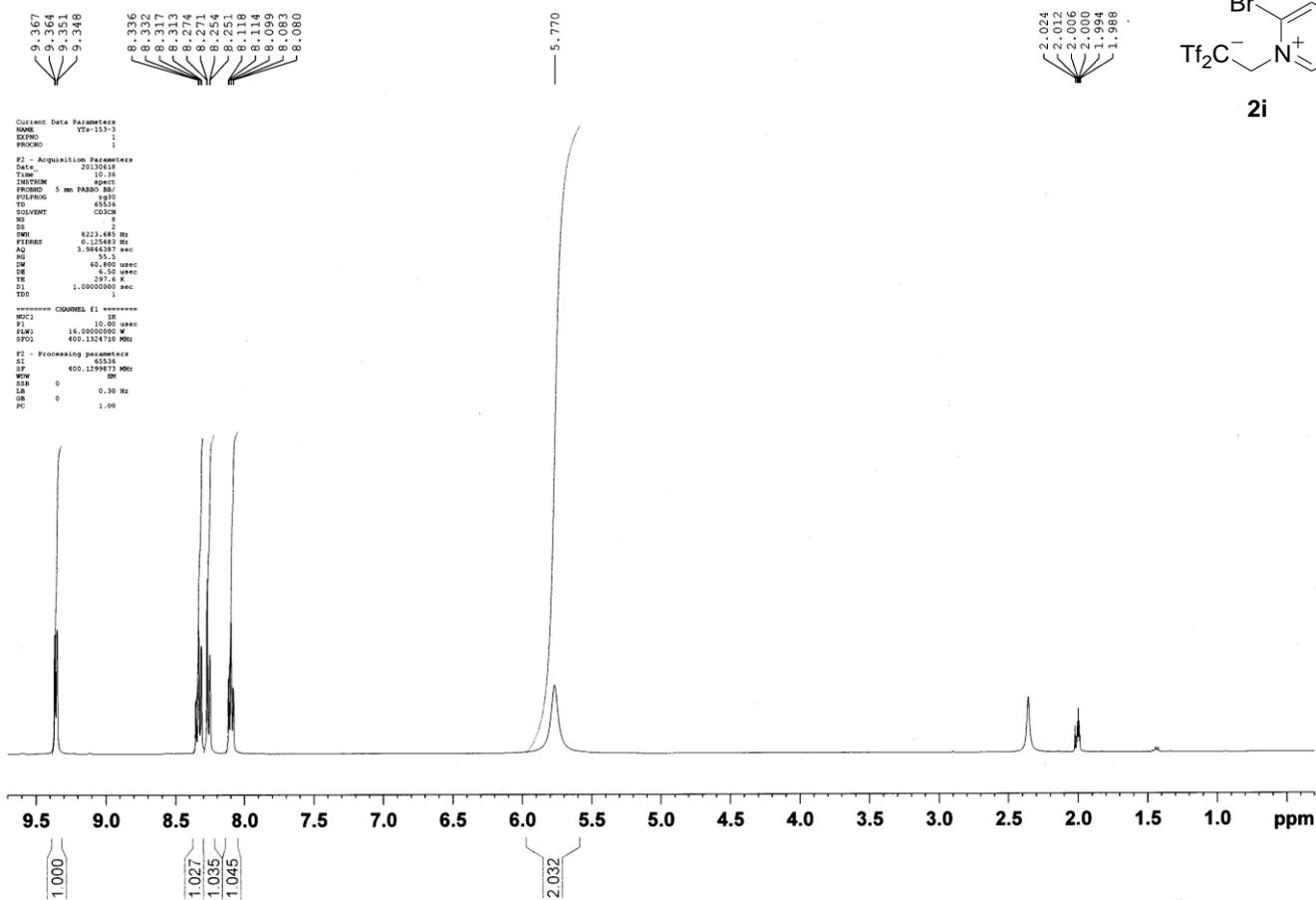
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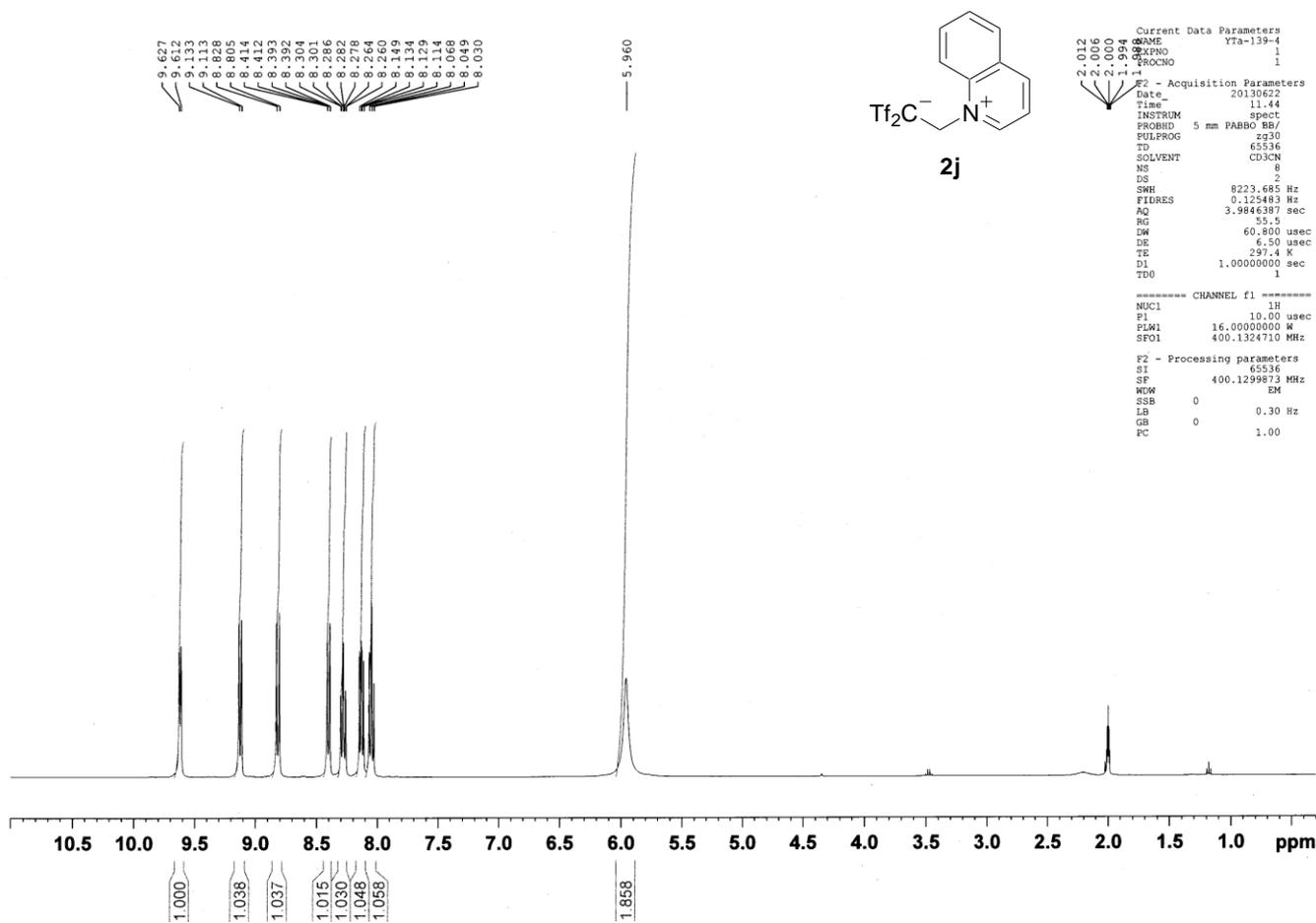
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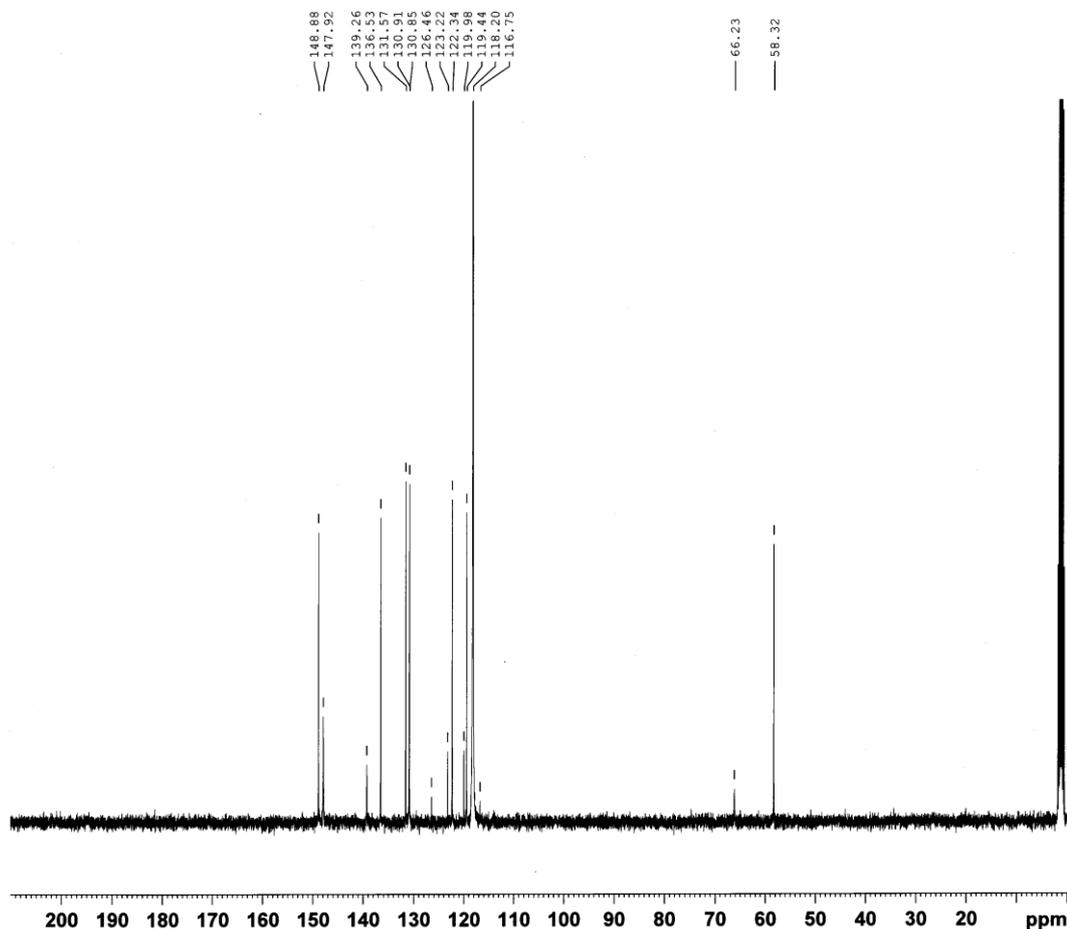
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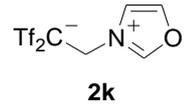
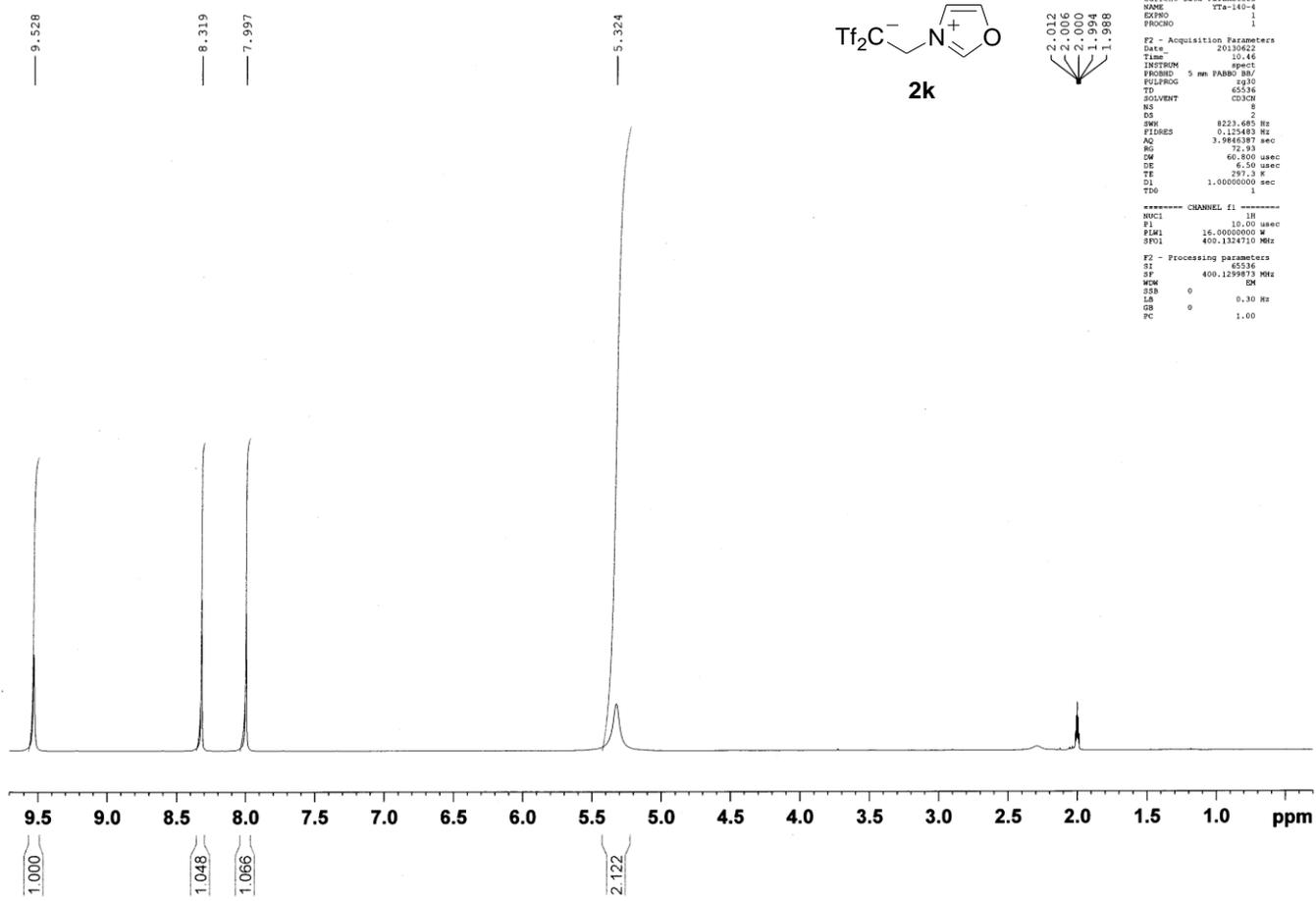
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SFO1 100.6228293 MHz

----- CHANNEL f2 -----
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PLW12 0.24961001 W
PLW13 0.15975000 W
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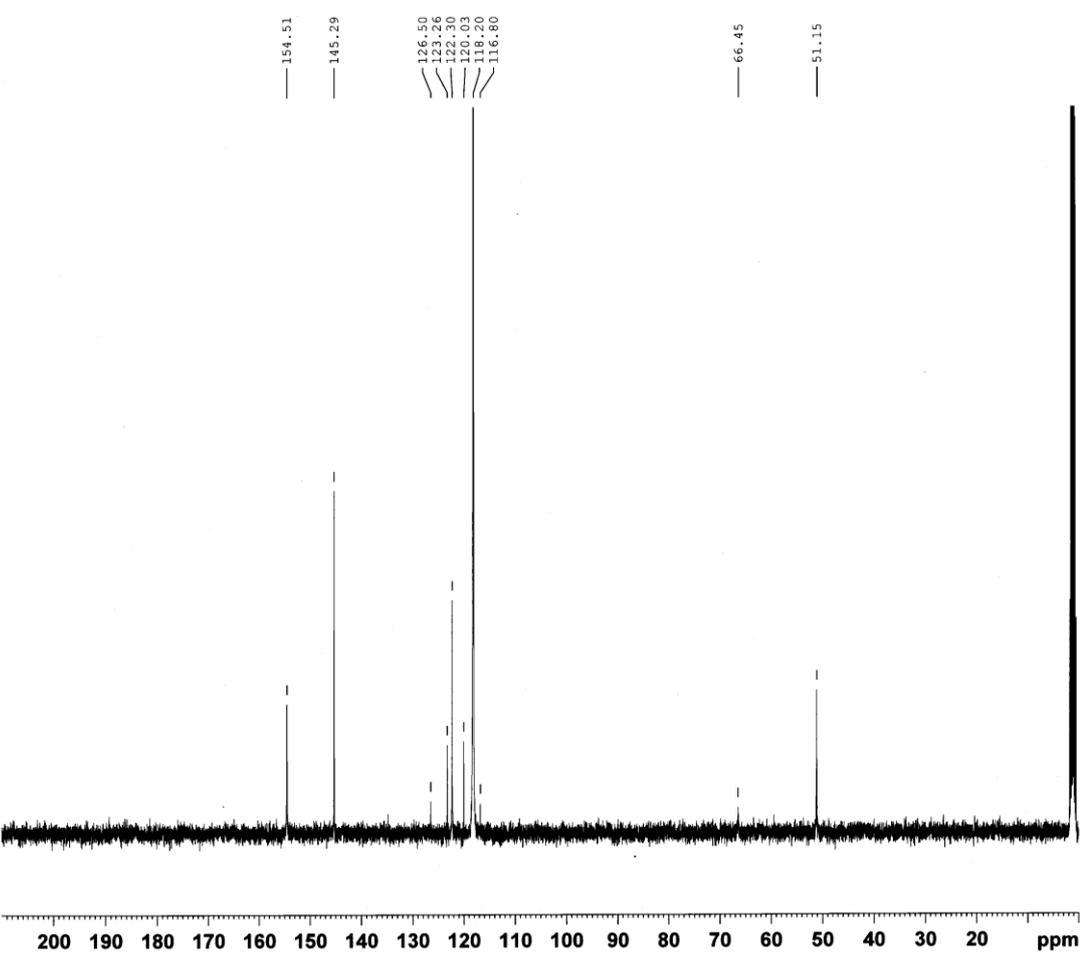
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===== CHANNEL f1 =====
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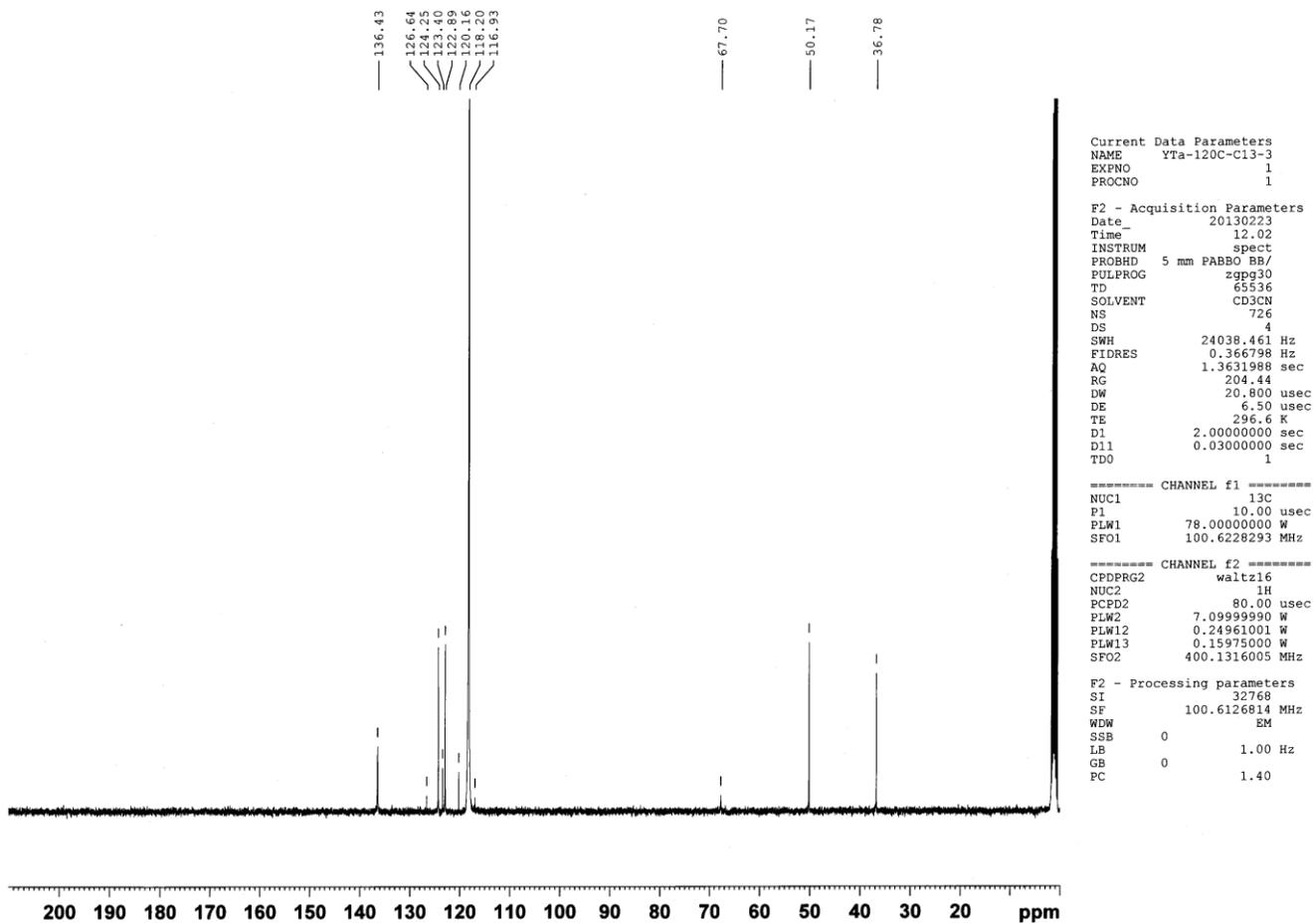
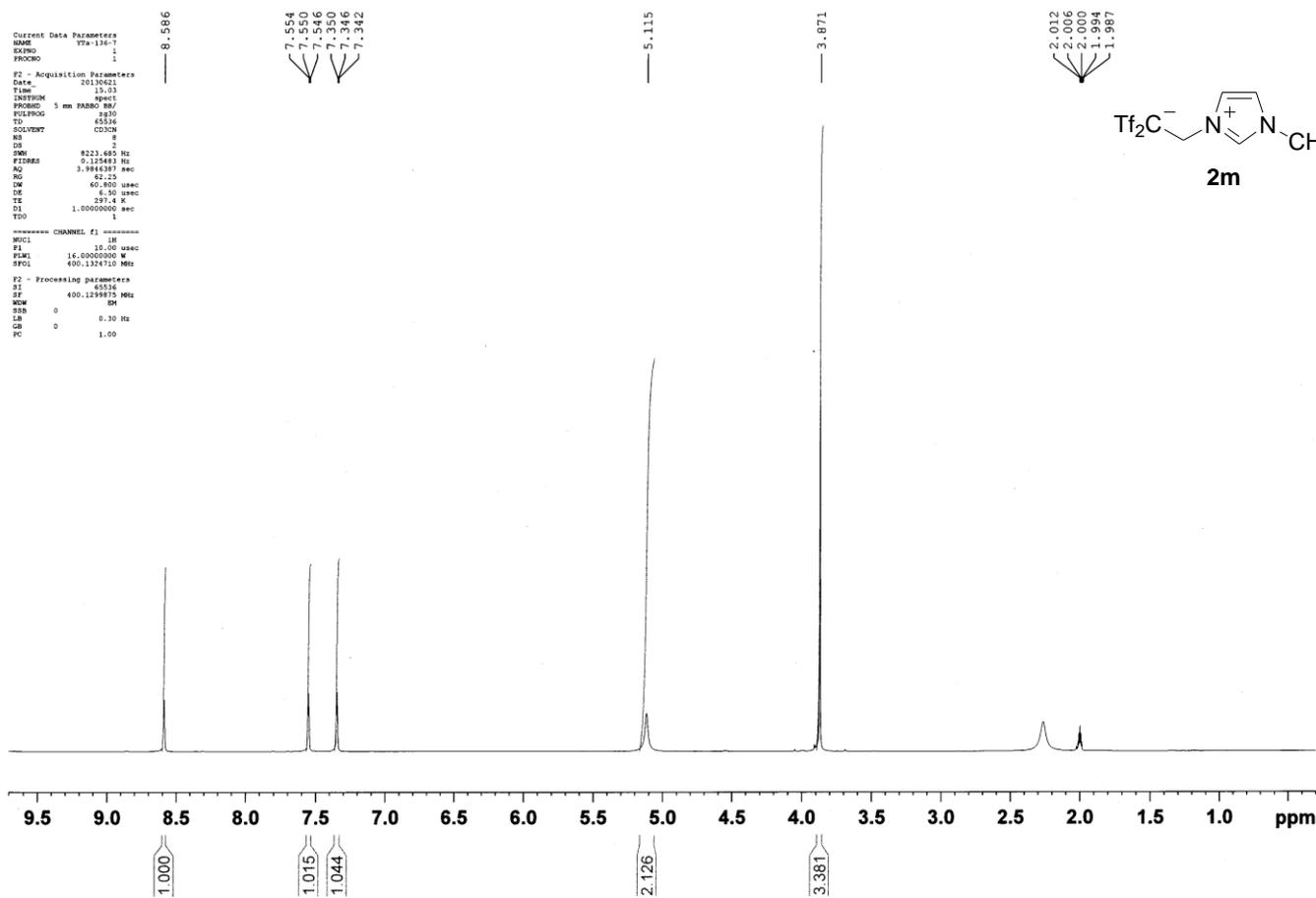
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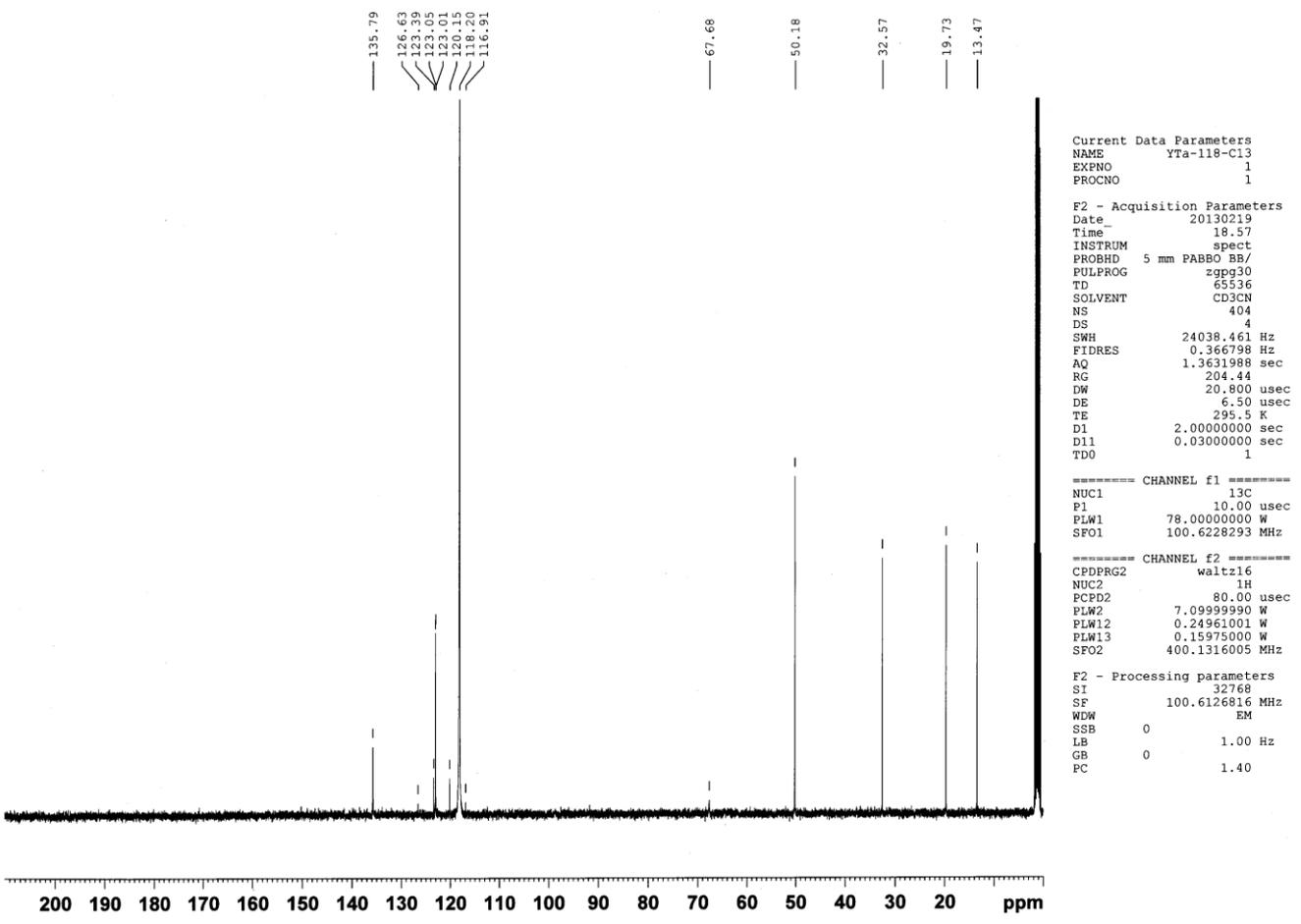
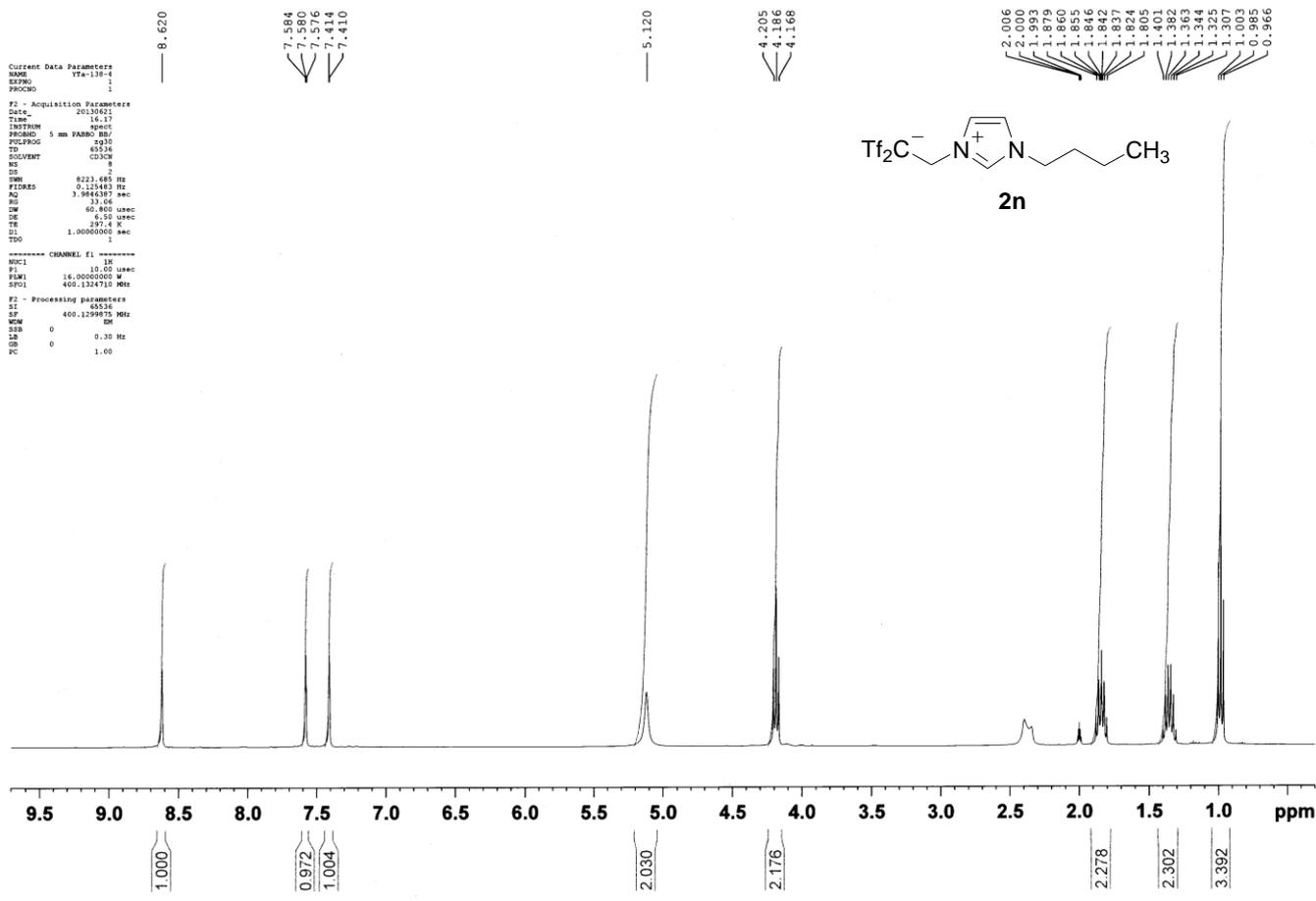
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===== CHANNEL f1 =====
NUC1 13C
P1 10.00 usec
PLW1 78.0000000 W
SF01 100.6228293 MHz

===== CHANNEL f2 =====
CPDPRG2 waltz16
NUC2 1H
PCPD2 80.00 usec
PLW2 7.099999990 W
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PLW13 0.15975000 W
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F2 - Processing parameters
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