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QM/MM MD insight into photodynamics of hypoxanthine: distinct nonadiabatic decay behaviors between keto-N7H and keto-N9H tautomers in aqueous solution

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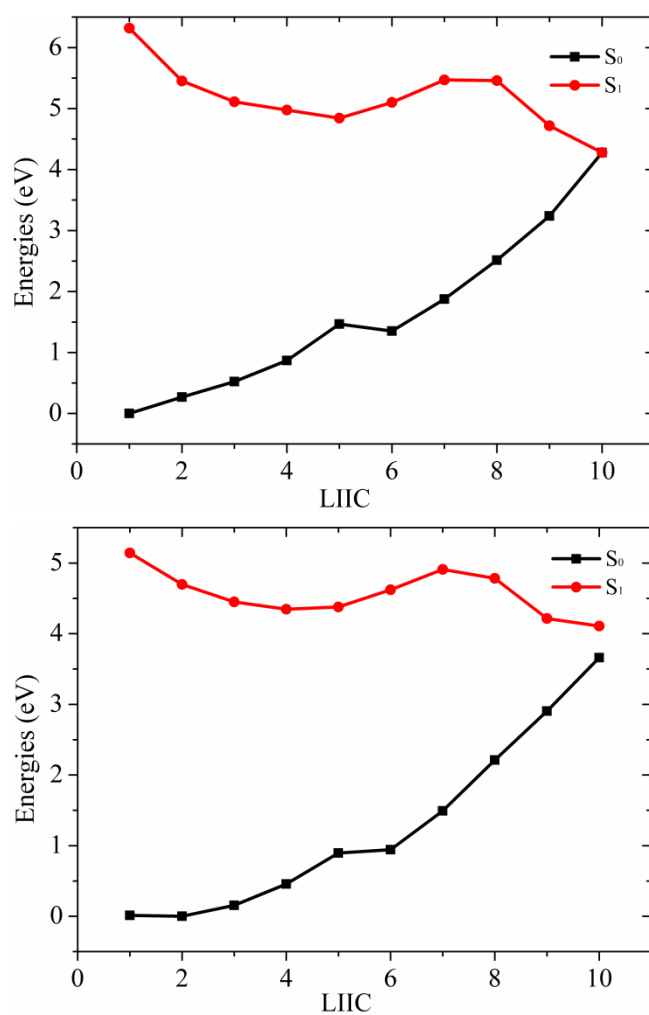


Fig. S1 Relative energy profiles along the LIIC reaction path from the S_0 state to conical intersection between S_0 and S_1 states of keto-N9H in the gas phase at both CASSCF (top) and CASPT2 (bottom) levels of theory, respectively.

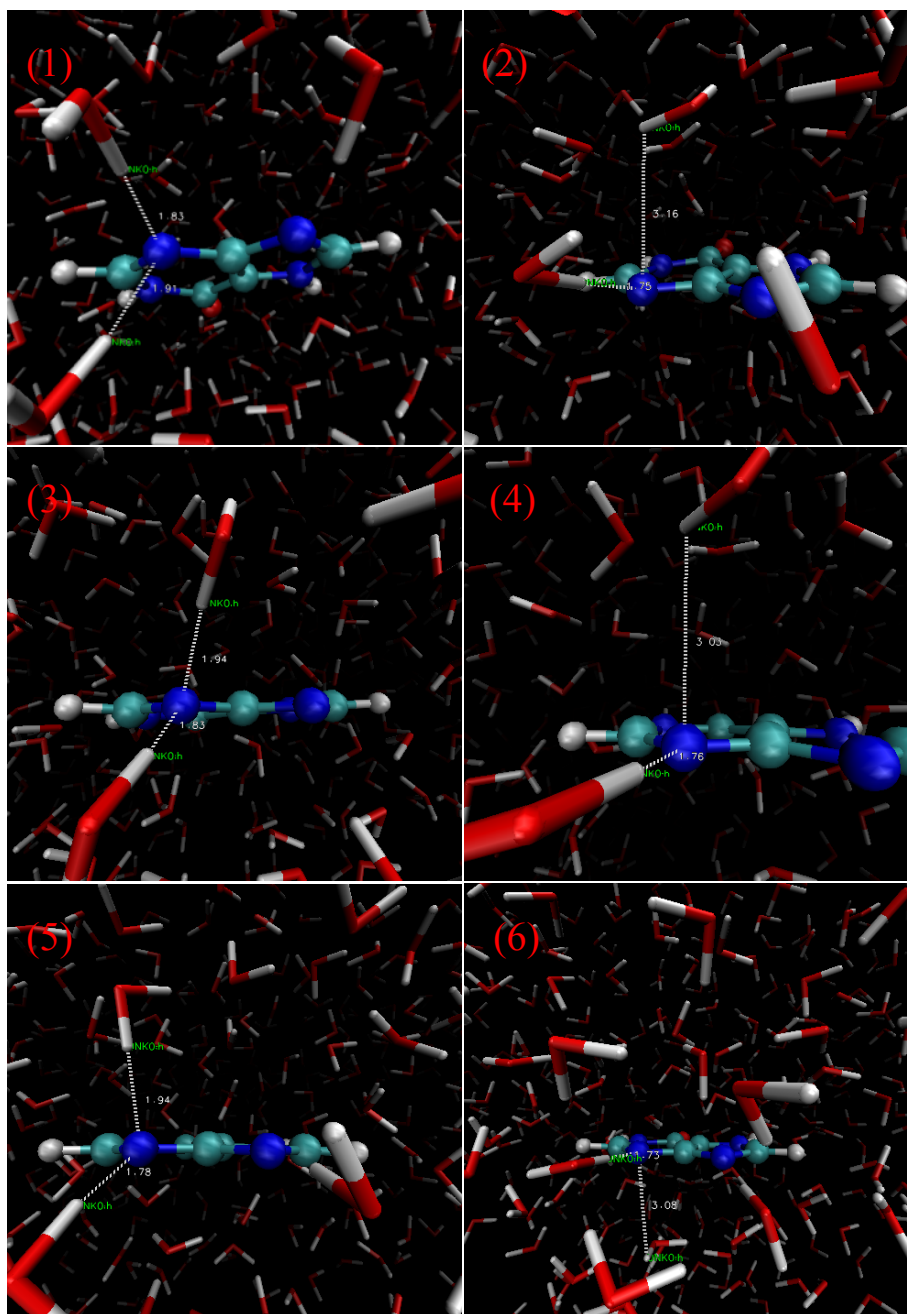


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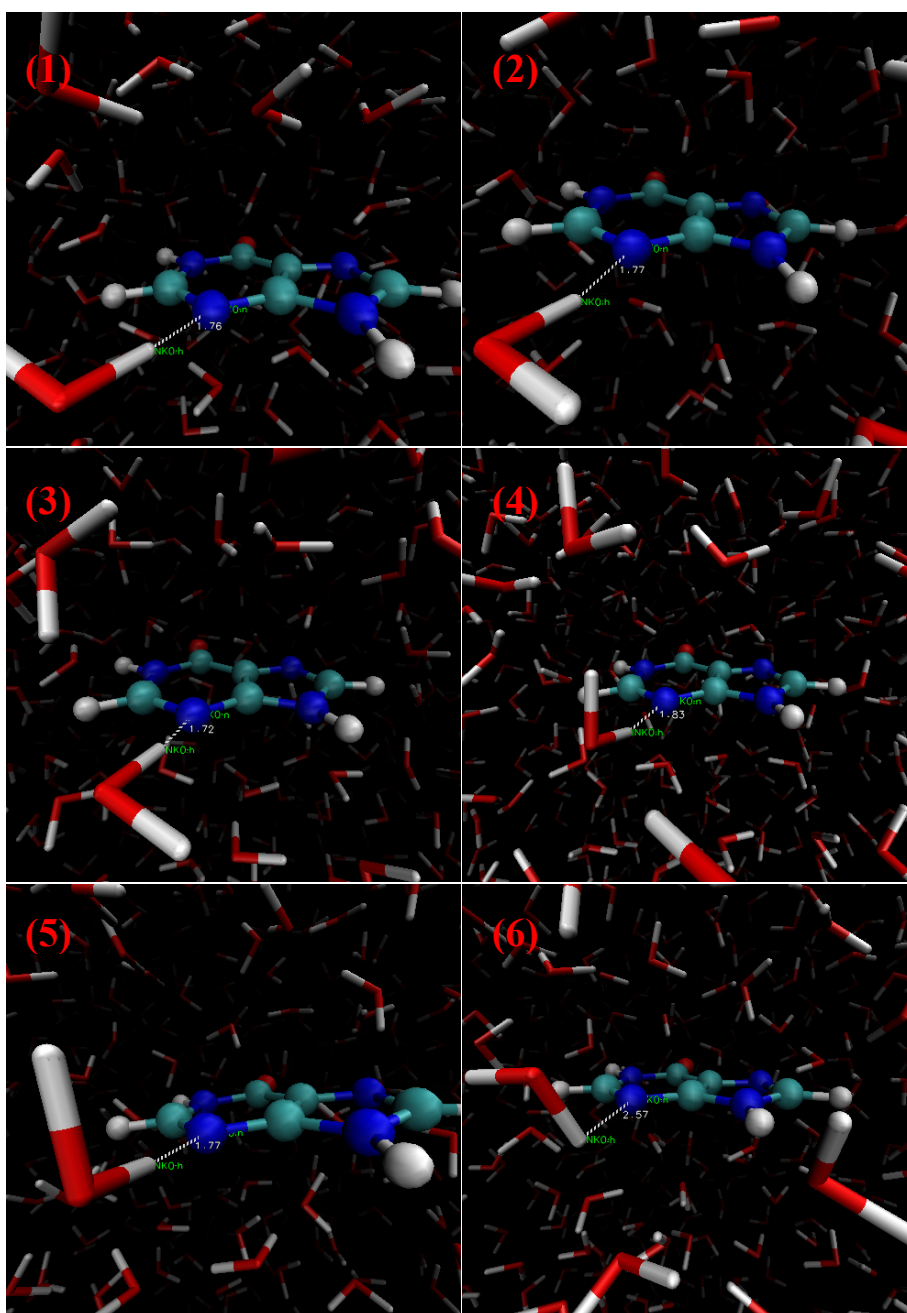


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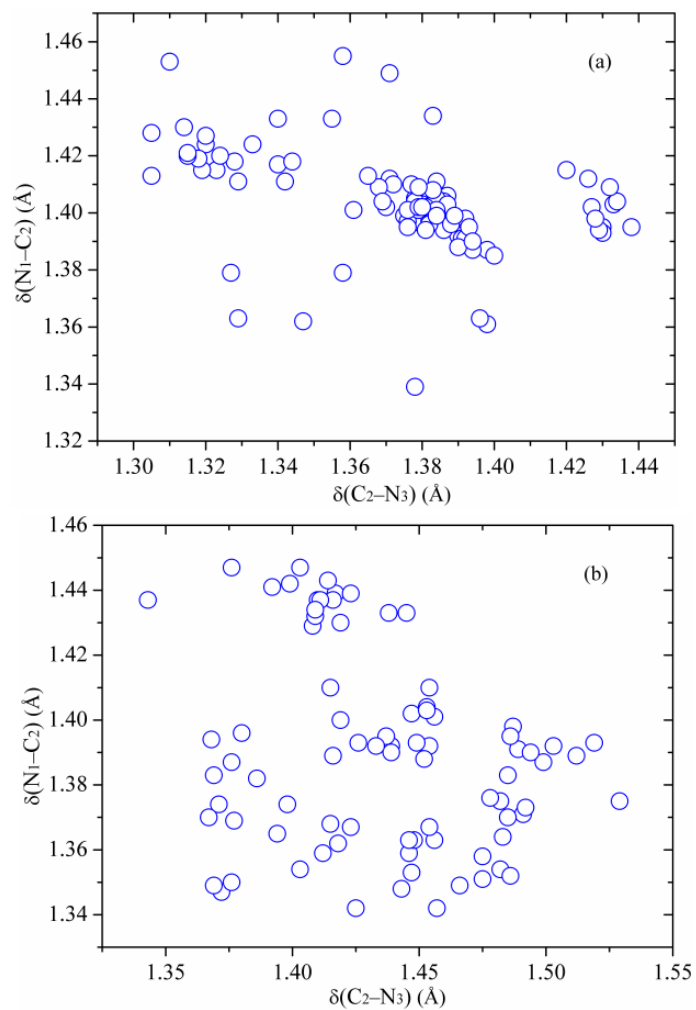


Fig. S4 Distributions of the $\delta(\text{C}_2\text{-N}_3)$ and $\delta(\text{N}_1\text{-C}_2)$ bond lengths of keto-N7H (a) and keto-N9H (b) at the $S_1 \rightarrow S_0$ hopping points.

Table S1 Key bond lengths (in angstroms), bond angles and dihedral angles (in degrees) in the optimized structures of keto-N7H and keto-N9H tautomers

| | Vacuum ^a | | Water ^b | | Expt. ^c |
|--|---------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| | keto-N7H | keto-N9H | keto-N7H | keto-N9H | |
| N ₁ -C ₂ | 1.377 | 1.365 | 1.362/1.355 | 1.358 | 1.367(2) |
| N ₁ -C ₆ | 1.417 | 1.437 | 1.405/1.408 | 1.404 | 1.387(9) |
| C ₂ -N ₃ | 1.293 | 1.300 | 1.306/1.307 | 1.307 | 1.298(7) |
| N ₃ -C ₄ | 1.369 | 1.358 | 1.370/1.373 | 1.354 | 1.355(4) |
| C ₄ -C ₅ | 1.401 | 1.400 | 1.399/1.400 | 1.400 | 1.385(3) |
| C ₄ -N ₉ | 1.369 | 1.371 | 1.365/1.366 | 1.366 | 1.361(4) |
| C ₅ -C ₆ | 1.439 | 1.452 | 1.431/1.435 | 1.440 | 1.410(10) |
| C ₅ -N ₇ | 1.373 | 1.373 | 1.369/1.369 | 1.373 | 1.376(1) |
| C ₆ -O ₆ | 1.219 | 1.211 | 1.227/1.223 | 1.231 | 1.247(1) |
| N ₇ -C ₈ | 1.368 | 1.308 | 1.354/1.355 | 1.314 | 1.316(5) |
| C ₈ -N ₉ | 1.315 | 1.380 | 1.324/1.327 | 1.369 | 1.362(14) |
| N ₁ -C ₂ -N ₃ | 125.2 | 124.5 | 124.8/124.7 | 124.6 | 125.2(4) |
| N ₁ -C ₆ -C ₅ | 108.1 | 108.7 | 109.2/108.8 | 110.0 | 111.7(2) |
| N ₁ -C ₆ -O ₆ | 122.4 | 120.2 | 121.9/121.0 | 121.4 | 120.7(4) |
| C ₂ -N ₁ -C ₆ | 125.5 | 126.6 | 125.5/126.2 | 126.0 | 124.5(5) |
| C ₂ -N ₃ -C ₄ | 114.4 | 112.6 | 114.3/114.1 | 113.0 | 112.1(1) |
| N ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | 123.5 | 128.5 | 123.6/123.7 | 126.9 | 127.5(3) |
| N ₃ -C ₄ -N ₉ | 126.3 | 126.6 | 126.3/126.2 | 127.8 | 127.0(1) |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -C ₆ | 123.3 | 119.1 | 122.5/122.4 | 119.5 | 119.2(3) |
| C ₄ -C ₅ -N ₇ | 105.5 | 110.7 | 105.6/105.6 | 110.2 | 110.5(3) |
| C ₄ -N ₉ -C ₈ | 104.9 | 106.6 | 104.7/104.7 | 106.8 | 106.8(2) |
| C ₅ -N ₇ -C ₈ | 106.1 | 104.9 | 106.4/106.6 | 105.0 | 104.3(6) |
| C ₅ -C ₆ -O ₆ | 129.5 | 131.1 | 128.9/130.1 | 128.7 | 127.7(3) |
| C ₆ -C ₅ -N ₇ | 131.2 | 130.2 | 131.9/132.0 | 130.3 | 130.4(2) |
| N ₇ -C ₈ -N ₉ | 113.3 | 112.9 | 113.2/113.1 | 112.7 | 112.9(4) |
| C ₅ -N ₇ -C ₈ -N ₉ | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2/-0.7 | 0.2 | - |
| C ₆ -C ₅ -C ₄ -N ₉ | 180.0 | 180.0 | 178.0/178.3 | 177.9 | - |
| H···N ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | - | - | 111.4/-111.6 | - | - |
| H···N ₃ -C ₄ -C ₅ | - | - | -165.8/151.3 | -163.9 | - |

^a B3LYP/def-SVP; ^b QM(B3LYP/def-SVP)/MM(TIP3P); ^c Experimental crystal data from ref. 11.

Table S2 Cartesian coordinates (Å) of the QMMM-optimized one representative ground-state geometry of keto-N7H. Only eight key water molecules are shown

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.048000 | 0.666000 | 1.630000 |
| C | 1.628000 | 0.572000 | 0.130000 |
| C | 1.762000 | -0.462000 | 1.063000 |
| C | 3.610000 | -1.230000 | 0.040000 |
| C | 2.561000 | 0.770000 | -0.937000 |
| N | 0.763000 | -0.389000 | 1.990000 |
| N | 0.525000 | 1.281000 | 0.522000 |
| N | 2.781000 | -1.377000 | 1.038000 |
| N | 3.519000 | -0.258000 | -0.910000 |
| O | 2.593000 | 1.665000 | -1.775000 |
| H | -0.845000 | 1.025000 | 2.130000 |
| H | 0.185000 | 2.151000 | 0.099000 |
| H | 4.458000 | -1.912000 | -0.062000 |
| H | 4.207000 | -0.220000 | -1.672000 |
| O | 2.489000 | -3.669000 | 2.649000 |
| H | 2.887000 | -3.342000 | 3.477000 |
| H | 2.568000 | -2.871000 | 2.081000 |
| O | 0.255000 | 3.837000 | -0.654000 |
| H | 1.206000 | 4.013000 | -0.423000 |
| H | -0.153000 | 4.625000 | -0.242000 |
| O | 4.761000 | -1.271000 | 3.132000 |
| H | 4.035000 | -1.238000 | 2.475000 |
| H | 4.382000 | -1.915000 | 3.773000 |

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| O | 4.790000 | 3.229000 | -1.017000 |
| H | 5.632000 | 3.144000 | -1.524000 |
| H | 4.237000 | 2.582000 | -1.494000 |
| O | 4.944000 | 0.160000 | -3.392000 |
| H | 5.727000 | -0.182000 | -2.905000 |
| H | 5.408000 | 0.693000 | -4.085000 |
| O | -0.101000 | -2.278000 | 3.796000 |
| H | 0.311000 | -1.538000 | 3.270000 |
| H | -0.507000 | -2.766000 | 3.033000 |
| O | 3.353000 | 3.293000 | -3.832000 |
| H | 3.081000 | 2.551000 | -3.248000 |
| H | 2.485000 | 3.746000 | -3.942000 |
| O | 3.750000 | -2.865000 | 5.040000 |
| H | 3.167000 | -2.477000 | 5.749000 |
| H | 4.586000 | -2.920000 | 5.578000 |

Table S3 Cartesian coordinates (Å) of the QMMM-optimized another representative ground-state geometry of keto-N7H. Only seven key water molecules are shown

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|----------|----------|-----------|
| C | 0.237000 | 1.079000 | 0.956000 |
| C | 2.283000 | 1.594000 | 0.394000 |
| C | 2.231000 | 0.325000 | 0.984000 |
| C | 4.462000 | 0.084000 | 0.821000 |
| C | 3.515000 | 2.193000 | -0.032000 |
| N | 0.991000 | 2.048000 | 0.384000 |
| N | 0.944000 | 0.019000 | 1.325000 |

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| N | 3.334000 | -0.469000 | 1.182000 |
| N | 4.575000 | 1.316000 | 0.269000 |
| O | 3.724000 | 3.279000 | -0.555000 |
| H | -0.835000 | 1.194000 | 1.103000 |
| H | 0.673000 | 2.956000 | 0.020000 |
| H | 5.403000 | -0.460000 | 0.952000 |
| H | 5.511000 | 1.698000 | 0.082000 |
| O | 3.564000 | -2.124000 | 3.371000 |
| H | 3.044000 | -1.505000 | 3.947000 |
| H | 3.434000 | -1.647000 | 2.508000 |
| O | 2.989000 | -2.466000 | -0.881000 |
| H | 2.440000 | -1.877000 | -1.457000 |
| H | 3.004000 | -1.918000 | -0.066000 |
| O | -0.171000 | -1.962000 | 2.889000 |
| H | 0.122000 | -2.800000 | 2.450000 |
| H | 0.221000 | -1.313000 | 2.247000 |
| O | 0.660000 | 4.792000 | -0.300000 |
| H | 0.471000 | 5.207000 | -1.175000 |
| H | -0.080000 | 5.190000 | 0.221000 |
| O | 7.109000 | 2.504000 | 0.214000 |
| H | 7.547000 | 2.248000 | 1.060000 |
| H | 7.772000 | 2.161000 | -0.426000 |
| O | 2.604000 | 4.120000 | -2.863000 |
| H | 2.171000 | 3.231000 | -2.887000 |
| H | 2.983000 | 4.075000 | -1.953000 |

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| O | 6.015000 | -2.974000 | 2.045000 |
| H | 6.756000 | -2.378000 | 2.315000 |
| H | 5.316000 | -2.670000 | 2.655000 |
| O | 5.285000 | -3.888000 | -0.438000 |
| H | 5.516000 | -3.574000 | 0.468000 |
| H | 4.448000 | -3.385000 | -0.575000 |

Table S4 Cartesian coordinates (Å) of the QMMM-optimized representative ground-state geometry of keto-N9H. Only seven key water molecules are shown

| Atom | X | Y | Z |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| C | 0.051000 | -4.052000 | -2.485000 |
| C | -1.909000 | -4.204000 | -3.310000 |
| C | -1.719000 | -2.854000 | -2.992000 |
| C | -3.736000 | -2.244000 | -3.687000 |
| C | -3.171000 | -4.633000 | -3.854000 |
| N | -0.461000 | -2.782000 | -2.464000 |
| N | -0.791000 | -4.930000 | -2.983000 |
| N | -2.607000 | -1.846000 | -3.162000 |
| N | -4.015000 | -3.526000 | -4.037000 |
| O | -3.543000 | -5.774000 | -4.126000 |
| H | -0.022000 | -1.950000 | -2.051000 |
| H | 1.059000 | -4.269000 | -2.132000 |
| H | -4.544000 | -1.529000 | -3.852000 |

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| H | -4.947000 | -3.688000 | -4.443000 |
| O | -2.445000 | 0.889000 | -3.166000 |
| H | -3.236000 | 0.989000 | -3.739000 |
| H | -2.389000 | -0.104000 | -3.163000 |
| O | -6.304000 | -2.888000 | -5.562000 |
| H | -7.094000 | -2.316000 | -5.437000 |
| H | -6.706000 | -3.602000 | -6.118000 |
| O | -3.683000 | -7.839000 | -5.863000 |
| H | -3.729000 | -7.024000 | -5.307000 |
| H | -2.945000 | -7.608000 | -6.450000 |
| O | 0.031000 | -7.219000 | -4.181000 |
| H | -0.342000 | -6.342000 | -3.893000 |
| H | 0.990000 | -7.001000 | -4.054000 |
| O | -5.206000 | -7.151000 | -2.316000 |
| H | -4.697000 | -7.769000 | -1.745000 |
| H | -4.468000 | -6.680000 | -2.759000 |
| O | 0.584000 | -0.643000 | -0.937000 |
| H | 0.852000 | -0.819000 | 0.002000 |
| H | 1.394000 | -0.152000 | -1.227000 |
| O | -1.698000 | 0.771000 | -0.534000 |
| H | -0.944000 | 0.152000 | -0.686000 |
| H | -2.050000 | 0.817000 | -1.457000 |

