

Supporting Information

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Synthesis and Characterization of Trifluoromethylcarboxonium Salts

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Experimental Details

General

Caution! Anhydrous HF, AsF₅, and SbF₅ can cause severe burns, contact with the skin must be avoided, and the compounds should only be handled in a well-ventilated fume hood. Appropriate safety precautions should be taken when working with these materials.

Materials and Apparatus

All reactions were carried out in Teflon-FEP ampules that were closed by stainless steel valves. Volatile materials were handled in grease-free Pyrex glass vacuum lines equipped with Kontes® HI-VAC® valves or in stainless steel/Teflon-FEP vacuum lines.¹ Reaction vessels and the stainless steel vacuum line were passivated with ClF₃ prior to use. Non-volatile materials were handled in the dry nitrogen atmosphere of a glove box. HF (Galaxy Chemicals) was dried by storage over BiF₅.² AsF₅ was prepared from AsF₃ and F₂.³⁻⁵ SbF₅ (Ozark Mahoning) was freshly distilled before use. SO₂ (Matheson Tri-Gas) was dried by storage over CaH₂. Trifluoroacetic acid (Sigma-Aldrich) was distilled from P₂O₅, and trifluoroacetamide (PCR) was purified by sublimation.^{6, 7} The NMR spectra were recorded at 298 K unless otherwise stated on a either a Bruker AMX-500 or Varian VNMRs-500 spectrometer. Spectra were externally referenced to 25% tetramethyl silane in dichloromethane-*d*₂ for ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra, and to 80% CFCl₃ in chloroform-*d* for ¹⁹F NMR spectra. Raman spectra were recorded either directly in 9 mm Teflon-FEP ampules or J. Young NMR tubes in the range 4000–80 cm⁻¹ on a Bruker Vertex 70/RAM II spectrophotometer, using a Nd-YAG laser at 1064 nm.

Crystal Structure Determination

Diffraction-quality crystals were grown from anhydrous HF solution inside Teflon-FEP ampules by slow evaporation of the HF solvent in a dynamic vacuum at –78 °C. The FEP reactors were cooled to –78 °C, opened under a stream of N₂ gas, and the crystalline content was dropped into the trough of a low-temperature crystal-mounting apparatus at –110 °C. A glass fiber that was attached to a magnetic CrystalCap™ and dipped into PFPE (perfluoropolyether) oil was used to mount the crystals on the goniometer with a magnetic base. The single-crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX DUO 3-circle platform diffractometer, equipped with an APEX II CCD, using Mo Kα radiation (TRIUMPH curved-crystal monochromator) from a fine-focus tube. The diffractometer was equipped with an Oxford Cryosystems Cryostream 700 apparatus for low-temperature data collection. The frames were integrated using the SAINT algorithm to give the *hkl* files corrected for Lp/decay.⁸ The absorption correction was performed using the SADABS program.⁹ The structures were solved by intrinsic phasing and refined on F² using the Bruker SHELXTL Software Package and ShelXle.¹⁰⁻¹⁴ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. ORTEP drawings were prepared using the Mercury CSD program.¹⁵

Preparation of [CF₃COH(X)][AsF₆] (X = OH, NH₂)

Anhydrous HF (3.0 mL) and AsF₅ (1 mmol) were added to a Teflon-FEP ampule containing a frozen sample of either trifluoroacetic acid or trifluoroacetamide (1.00 mmol) *in vacuo* at –196 °C. The mixture was warmed to –64 °C, kept at this temperature for 15 min, and sporadically agitated. The clear solution was cooled to –78 °C and the volatile compounds were removed *in vacuo* at –78 °C, leaving behind a colorless solid. Single crystals were grown from a concentration HF solution by slow evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* at –78 °C.

[CF₃C(OH)₂][AsF₆]

¹H NMR (SO₂, unlocked, –60 °C) δ = –15.67 (s, Δ½ = 200 Hz, OH) ppm.

¹³C NMR (SO₂, unlocked, –60 °C) δ = 174.3 (q, ²J_{CF} = 48.8 Hz, C(OH)₂), 113.8 (q, ¹J_{CF} = 284.8 Hz, CF₃) ppm.

¹⁹F NMR (SO₂, unlocked, –60 °C) δ = –58.2 (s, 6F, Δ½ = 830 Hz, AsF₆), –72.8 (s, 3F, CF₃) ppm.

Raman (–90 °C, 350 mW): *ν*(rel. Intensity) = 1574.7 (0.9), 1270.2 (0.4), 1227.9 (0.3), 1193.3 (0.4), 823 (2.8), 690.5 (10), 597.8 (0.9), 578.0 (0.1), 538.3 (1.2), 449.3 (0.8), 426.2 (0.5), 402 (0.4), 370.7 (1.6), 358.4 (0.9), 260.2 (0.4), 251.8 (0.3), 239.7 (0.3), 151 (0.8), 142.8 (0.9) cm⁻¹.

[CF₃C(OH)(NH₂)][AsF₆]

¹H NMR (SO₂, unlocked, –60 °C) δ = –13.18 (s, 1H, OH), –10.94 (s, 1H, Δ½ = 93 Hz, NHH), –10.56 (s, 1H, Δ½ = 93 Hz, NHH) ppm.

¹³C NMR (SO₂, unlocked, –60 °C) δ = 165.6 (q, ²J_{CF} = 44.6 Hz, C(OH)(NH₂)), 115.2 (q, ¹J_{CF} = 281.5 Hz, CF₃) ppm.

¹⁹F NMR (SO₂, unlocked, –60 °C) δ = –56.83 (s, 6F, Δ½ = 830 Hz, AsF₆), –73.05 (s, 3F, CF₃) ppm.

Raman (−90 °C, 350 mW): $\nu(\text{rel. Intensity}) = 1765.2 (1.4), 1740.7 (0.4), 1589.9 (0.4), 1518.2 (1.2), 1275.5 (0.8), 1240.6 (0.7), 1221.2 (0.8), 1213.9 (0.7), 1101.7 (2.9), 806.0 (5.7), 718.3 (1.7), 690.3 (10.1), 671.7 (1.8), 644.8 (1.3), 599.3 (1.3), 589.0 (1.5), 546.6 (1.3), 508.2 (0.6), 432.7 (1.8), 410.7 (1.6), 378.0 (2.8), 371.6 (2.5), 364.0 (2.2) \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

Preparation of $[\text{CF}_3\text{COH}(\text{X})][\text{SbF}_6]$ (X = OH, NH₂)

Anhydrous HF (3.0 mL) was condensed to a Teflon-FEP ampule containing a frozen sample of SbF₅ (1.00 mmol) at −196 °C. The mixture was warmed to −20 °C to form a clear colorless solution. The solution was cooled to −64 °C and, under a stream of dry nitrogen using an 18 gauge FEP tubing, transferred into a second Teflon-FEP ampule containing a sample of either trifluoroacetic acid or trifluoroacetamide (1.00 mmol) at −78 °C. The mixture was allowed to warm to −64 °C, kept at this temperature for 15 min and sporadically agitated. The clear solution was cooled to −78 °C and the volatile compounds were removed *in vacuo* at −78 °C, leaving behind a colorless solid. Single crystals were grown from a concentration HF solution by slow evaporation of the solvent *in vacuo* at −78 °C.

$[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})_2][\text{SbF}_6]$

¹H NMR (SO₂, unlocked, −60 °C) $\delta = -16.01$ (s, $\Delta\frac{1}{2} = 290$ Hz, OH), 13.57 (s, $\Delta\frac{1}{2} = 230$ Hz, OH) ppm.

¹³C NMR (SO₂, unlocked, −60 °C) $\delta = 174.4$ (q, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 49.4$ Hz, C(OH)₂), 113.6 (q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 284.2$ Hz, CF₃) ppm.

¹⁹F NMR (SO₂, unlocked, −60 °C) $\delta = -73.07$ (s, 3F, CF₃), −115.70 (s, 6F, $\Delta\frac{1}{2} = 750$ Hz, SbF₆[−]) ppm.

Raman (−90 °C, 350 mW): $\nu(\text{rel. Intensity}) = 1575.8 (0.7), 1277.2 (0.1), 1266 (0.1), 1226.6 (0.1), 1197.5 (0.1), 825.4 (1.8), 698.9 (0.1), 689.9 (0.3), 657.1 (10), 606.3 (0.2), 593.5 (0.7), 579 (0.1), 533.2 (0.7), 444.1 (0.4), 409.9 (0.4), 382 (0.1), 276.5 (0.3), 253.5 (0.6), 152.6 (0.7), 141.2 (0.1) \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

$[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})(\text{NH}_2)][\text{SbF}_6]$

¹H NMR (SO₂, unlocked, −60 °C) $\delta = -12.12$ (s, 1H, $\Delta\frac{1}{2} = 30$ Hz, OH), −10.55 (s, 1H, $\Delta\frac{1}{2} = 54$ Hz, NHH), −10.16 (s, 1H, $\Delta\frac{1}{2} = 54$ Hz, NHH) ppm.

¹³C NMR (SO₂, unlocked, −60 °C) $\delta = 165.8$ (q, $^2J_{\text{CF}} = 43.6$ Hz, C(OH)(NH₂)), 115.9 (q, $^1J_{\text{CF}} = 282.0$ Hz, CF₃) ppm.

¹⁹F NMR (SO₂, unlocked, −60 °C) $\delta = -73.45$ (s, 3F, CF₃), −113.08 (s, 6F, $\Delta\frac{1}{2} = 4500$ Hz, SbF₆[−]) ppm.

Raman (−90 °C, 350 mW): $\nu(\text{rel. Intensity}) = 1766.1 (0.5), 1749.0 (1.4), 1627.5 (0.5), 1527.7 (1.1), 1278.7 (1.0), 1248.8 (0.6), 1209.4 (0.8), 1189.4 (0.5), 1112.5 (2.3), 810.9 (3.4), 668.3 (10.0), 652.5 (3.0), 642.0 (8.9), 602.3 (1.0), 569.3 (1.5), 543.9 (1.2), 510.4 (0.6), 434.6 (1.7), 402.2 (2.4), 382.3 (1.0), 311.6 (1.0), 280.6 (4.8), 261.4 (1.3) \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

NMR Spectra

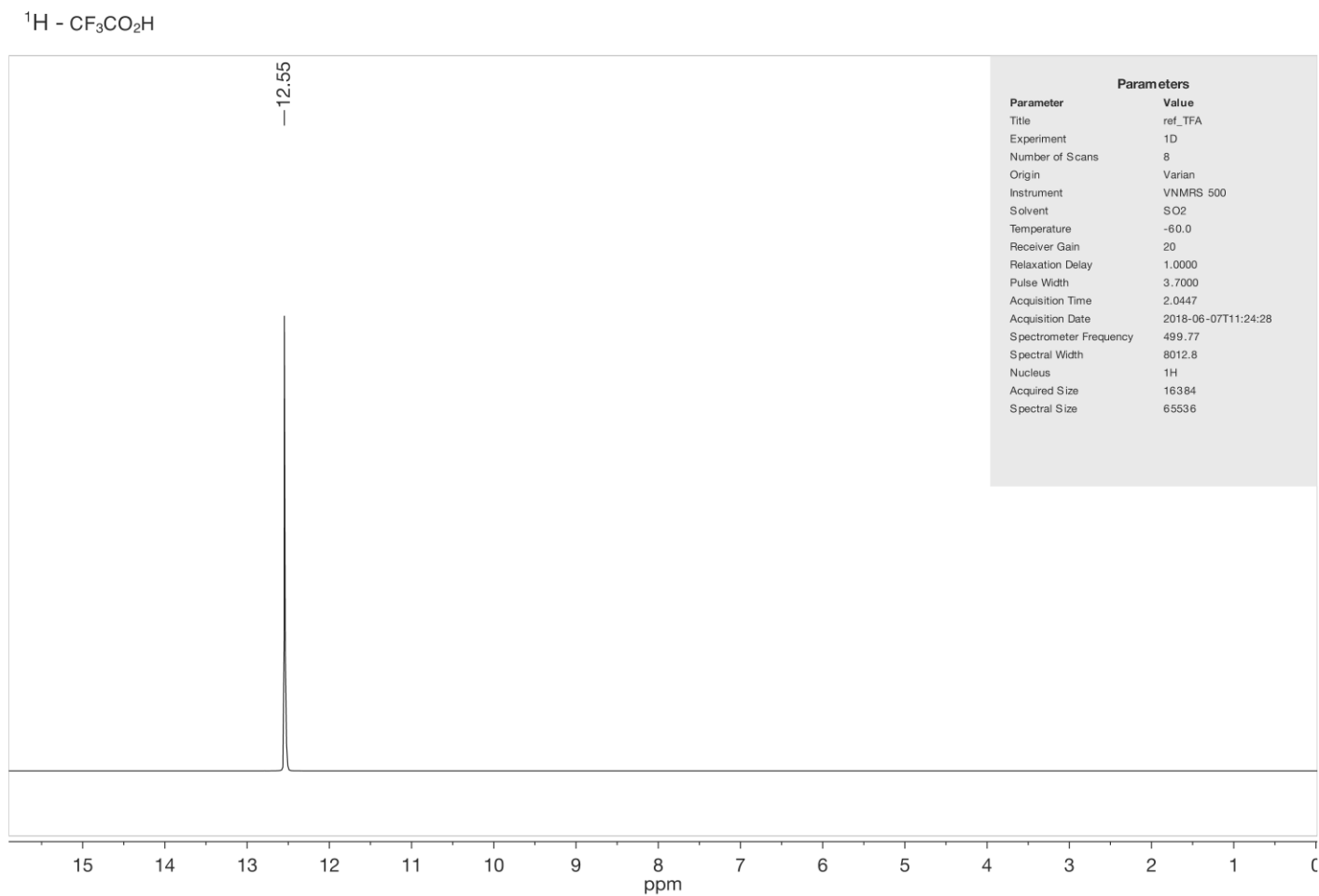
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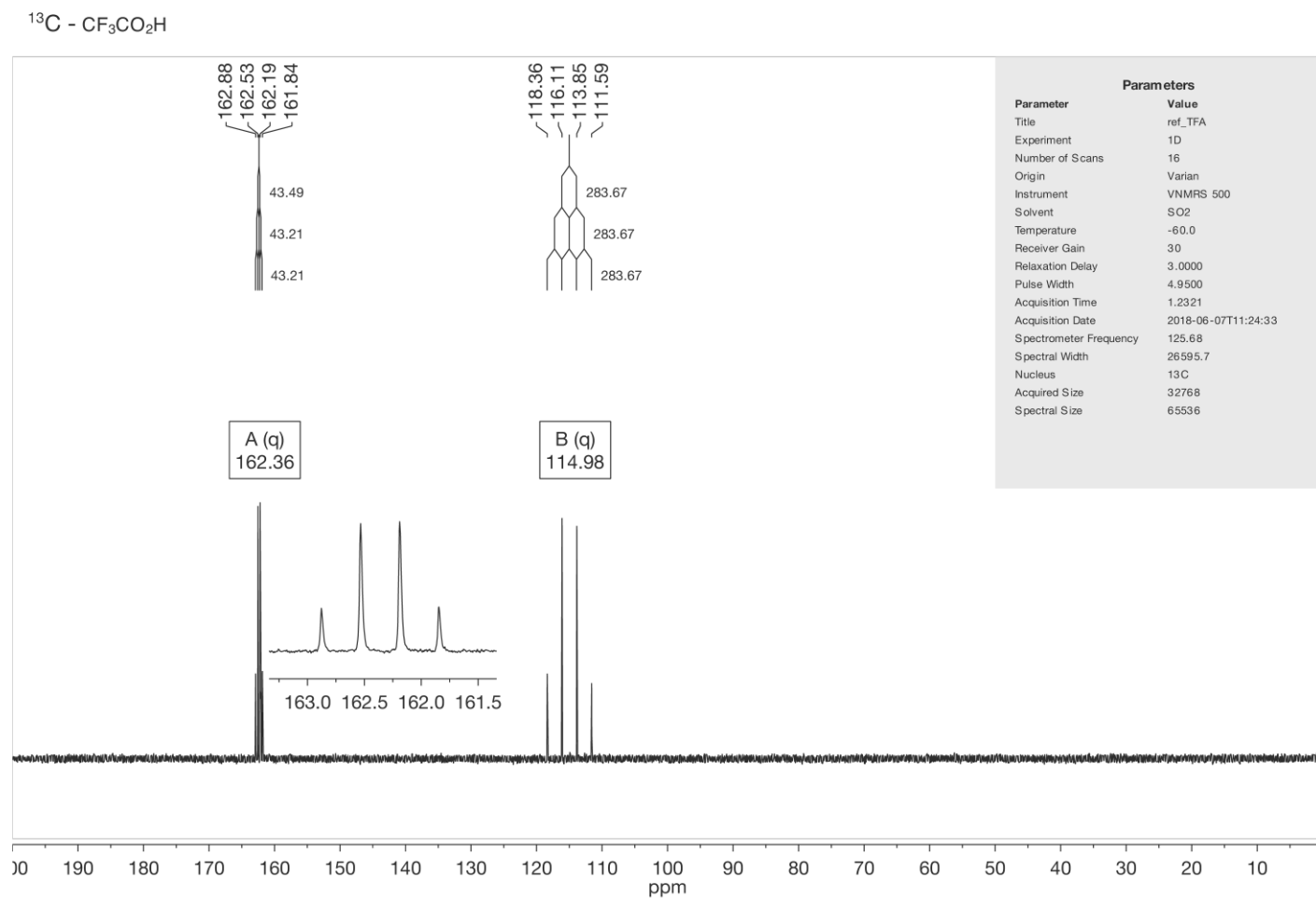
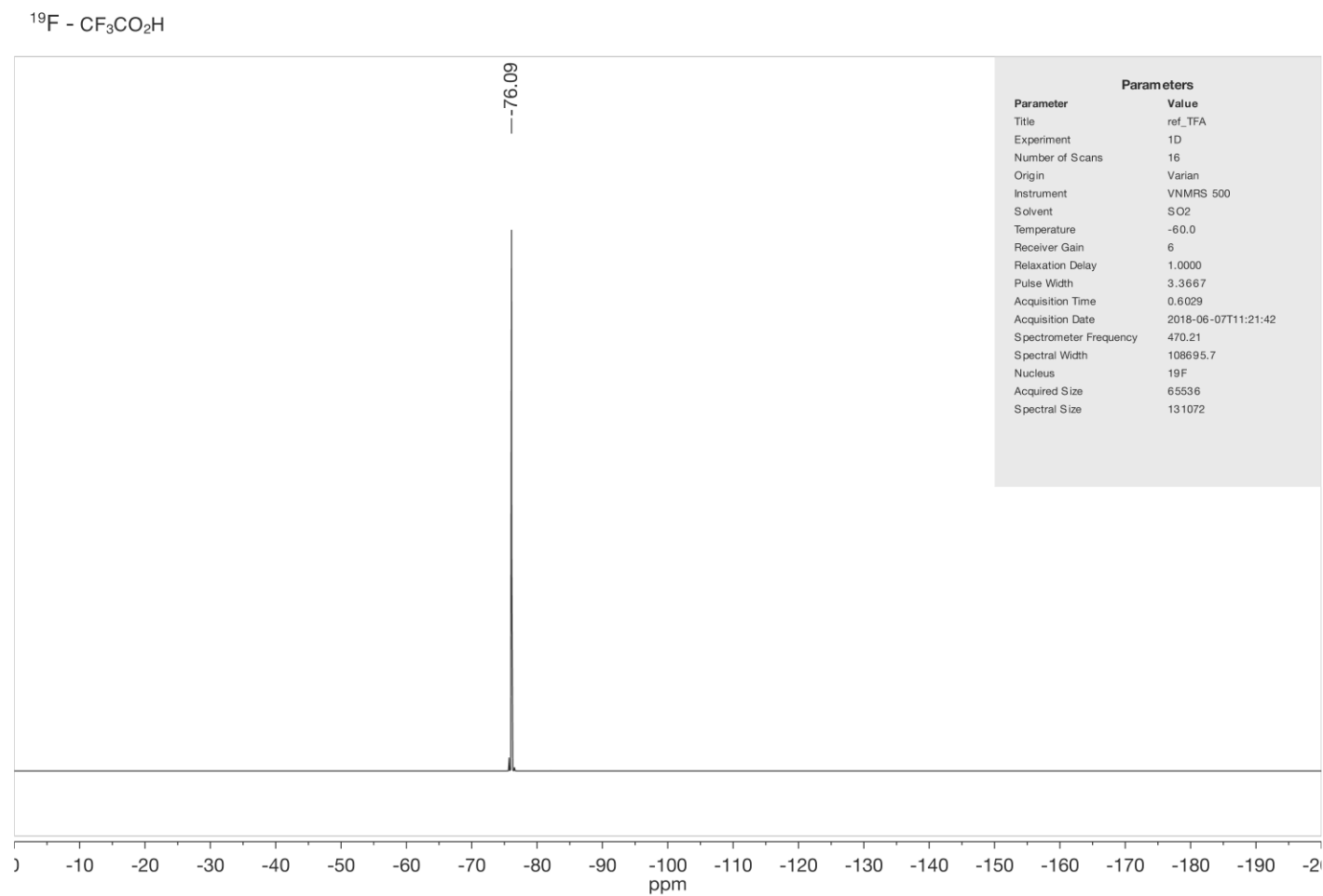
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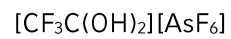


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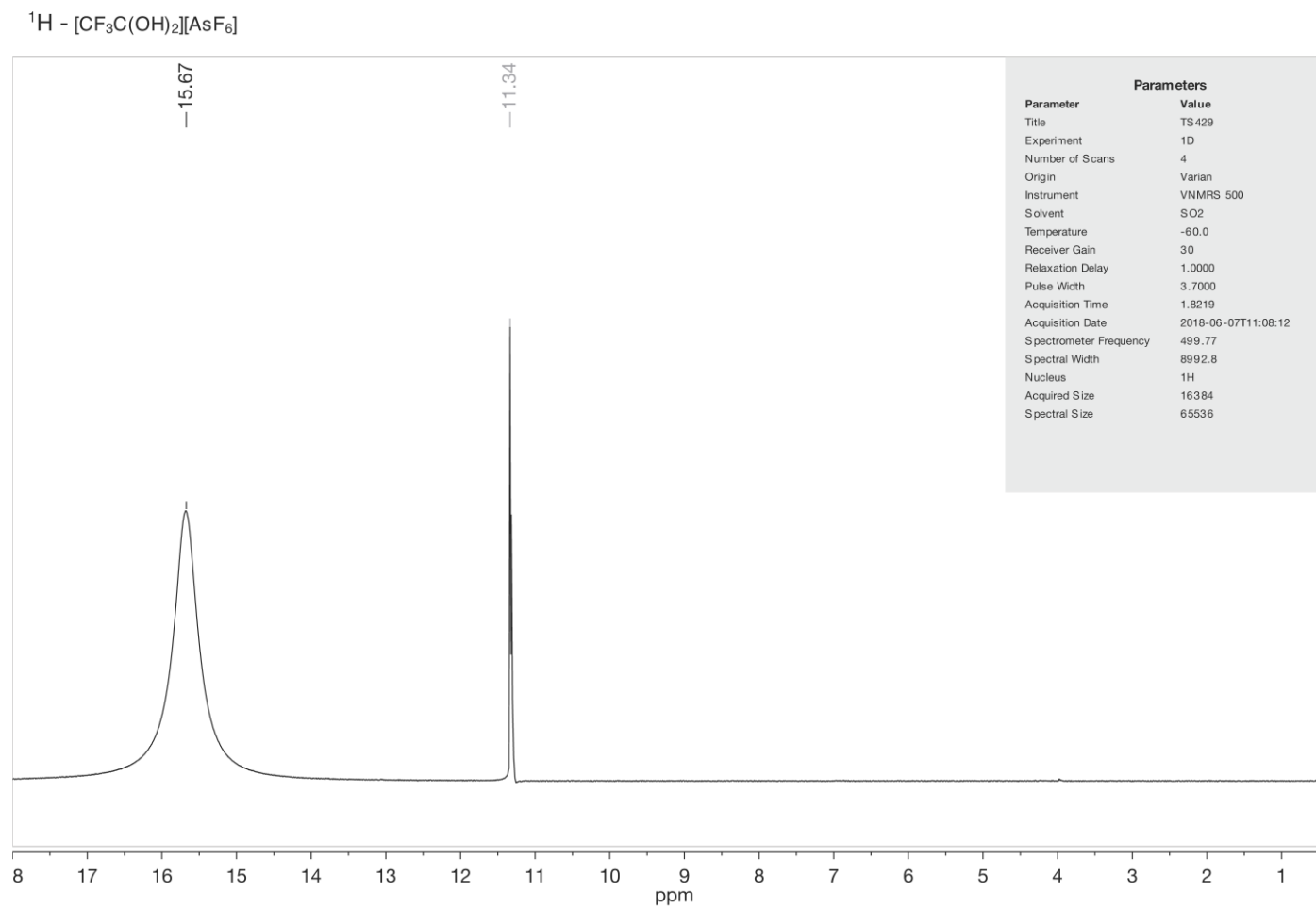


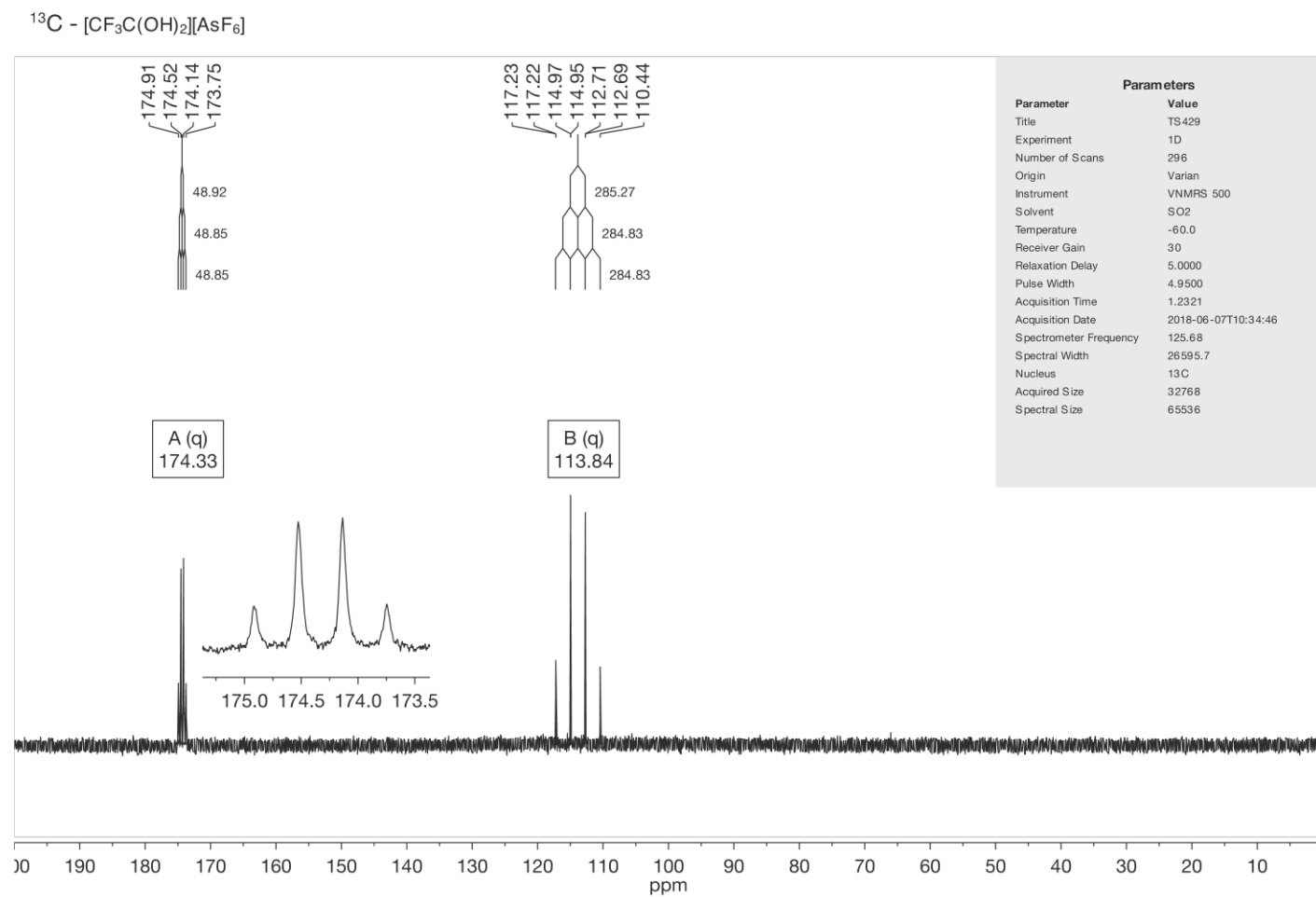
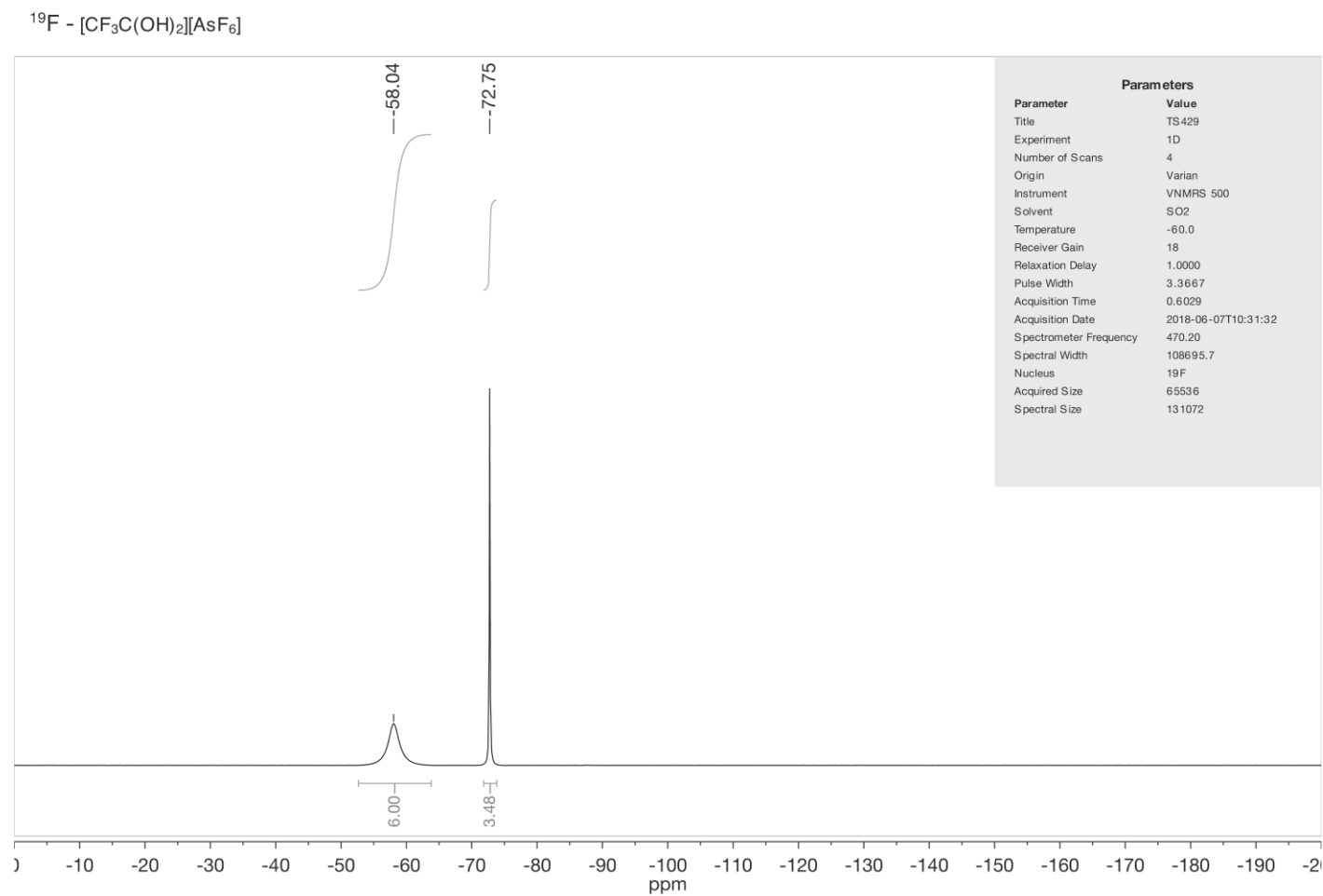
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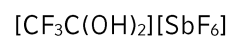


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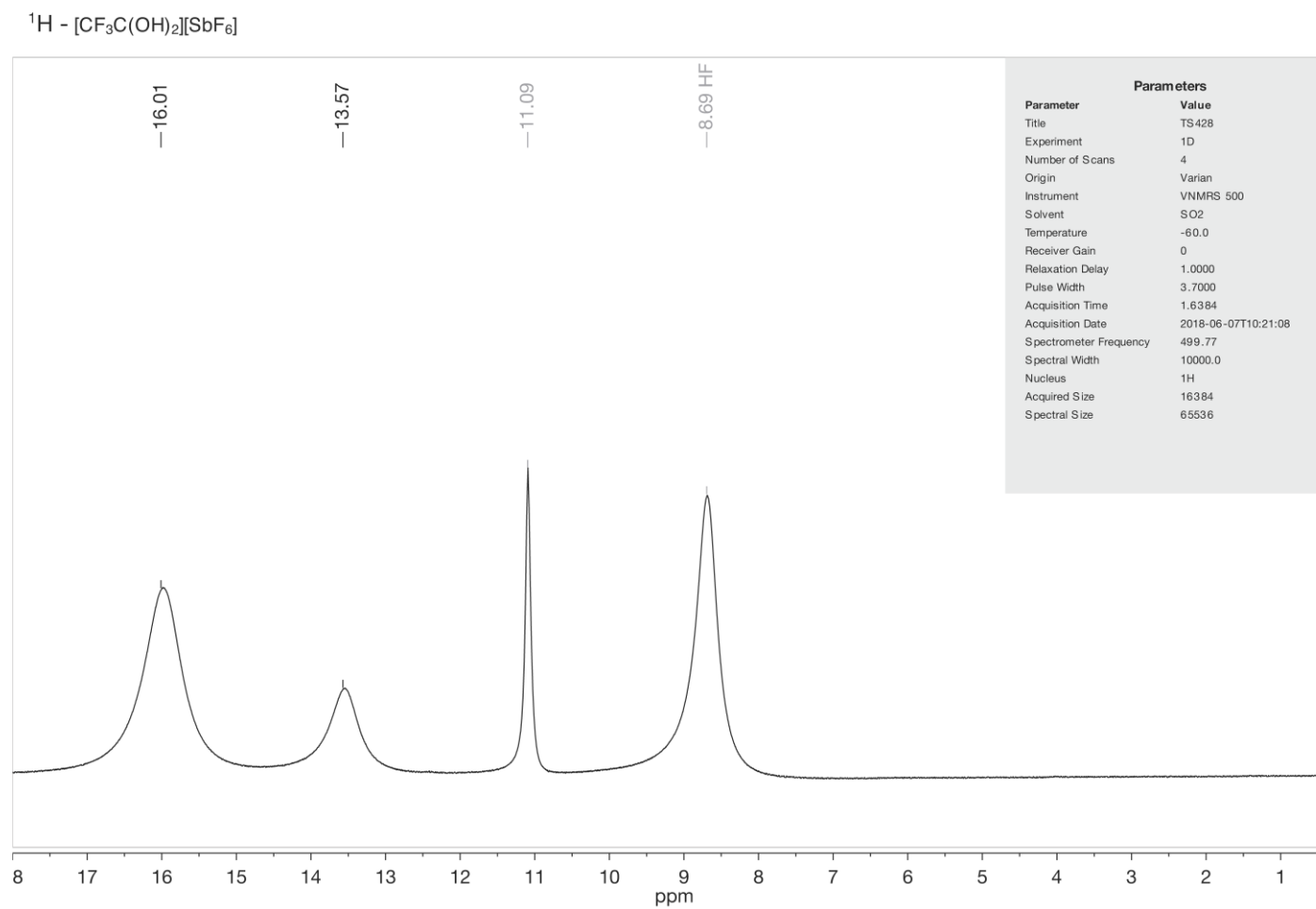


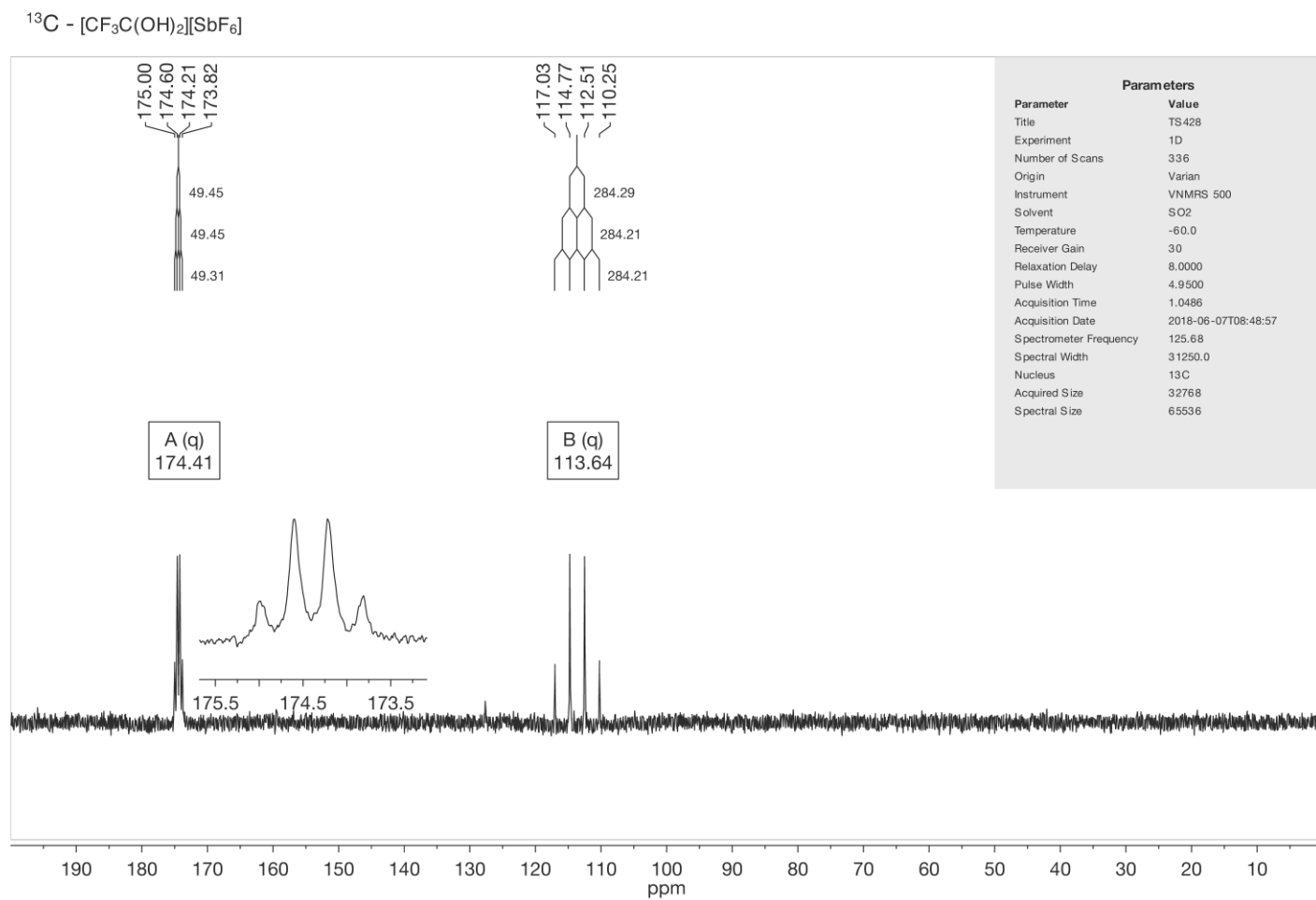
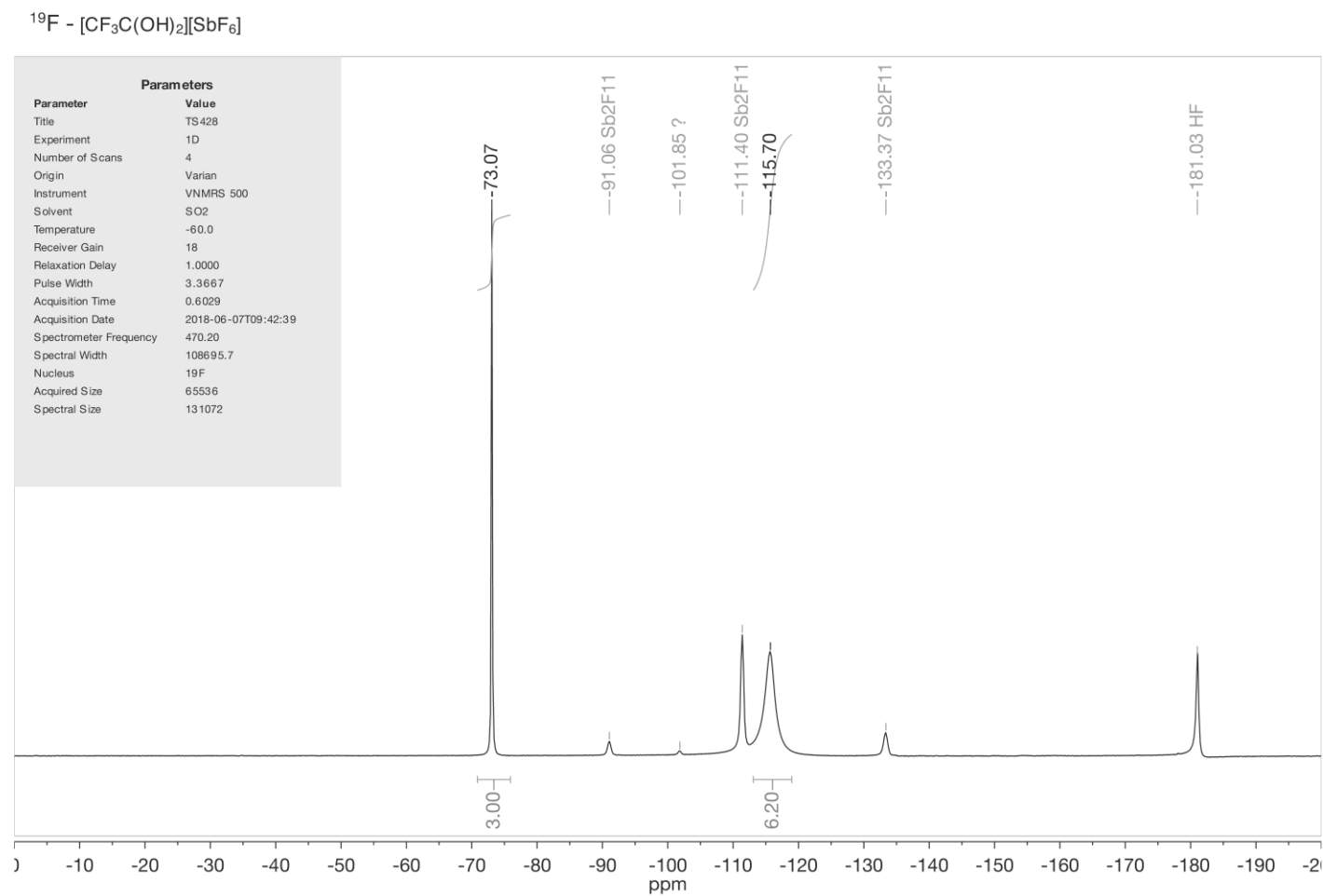
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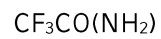
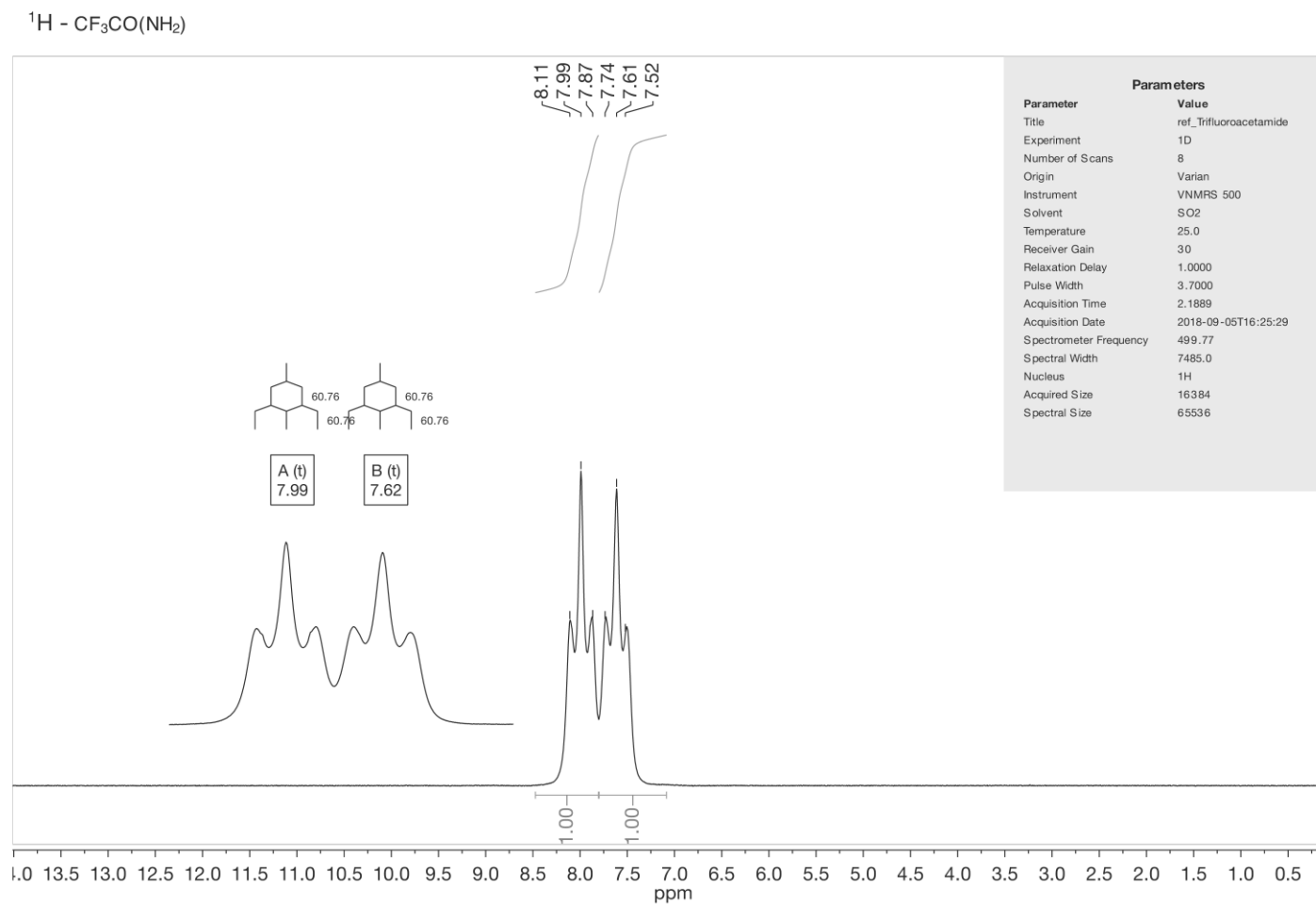
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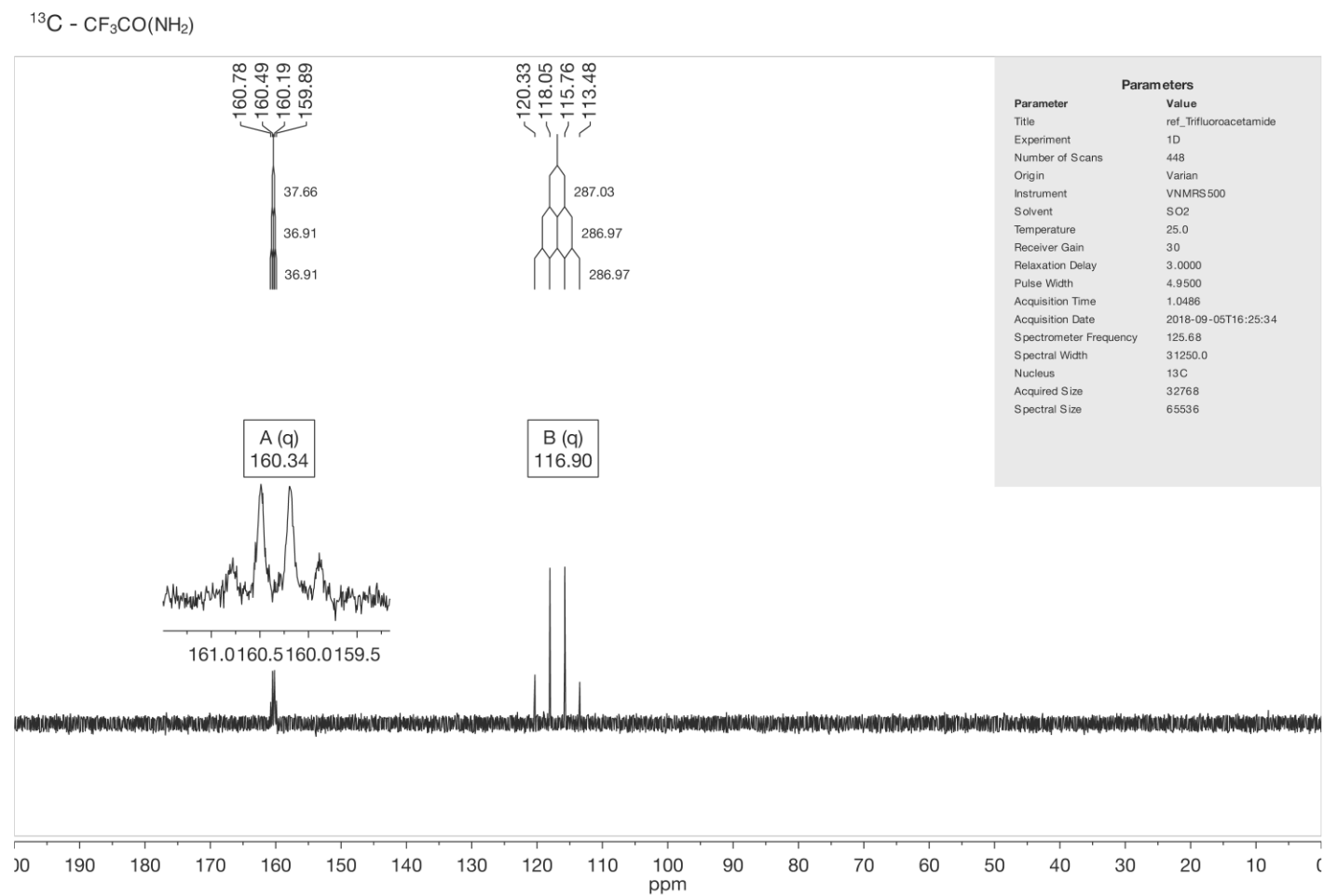
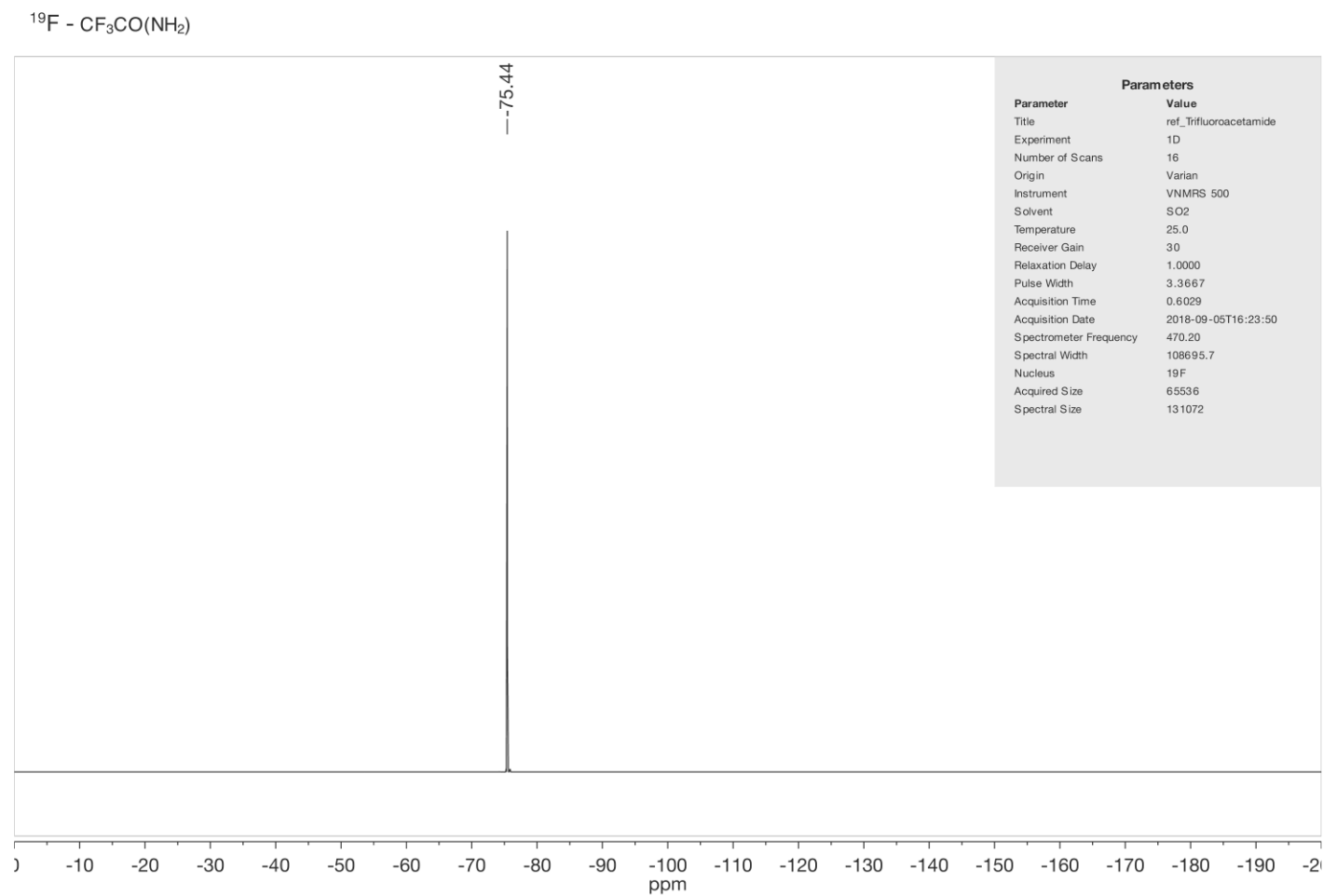
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Figure S12: ^{19}F -NMR spectrum of $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}(\text{NH}_2)$.

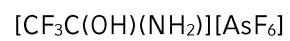


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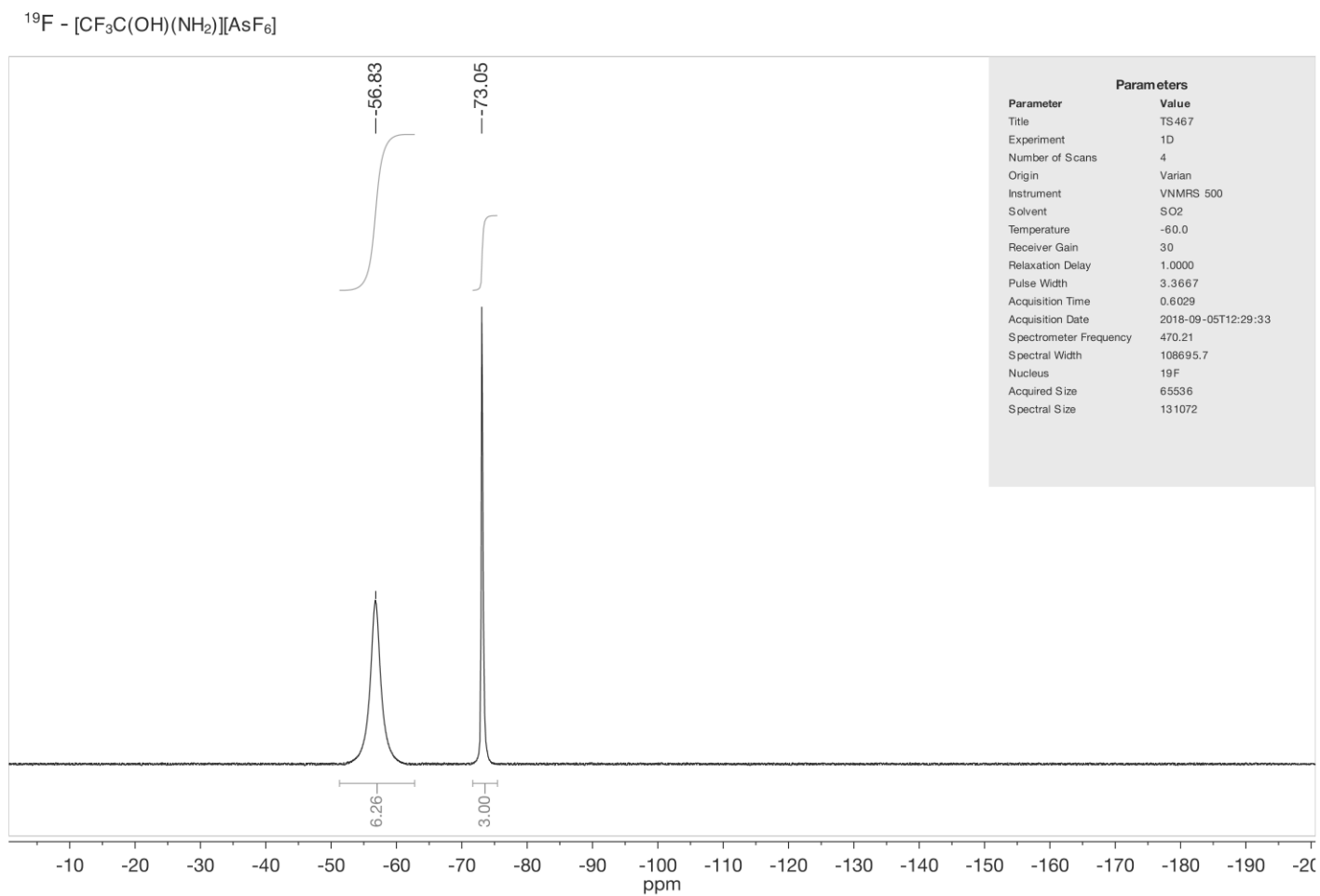


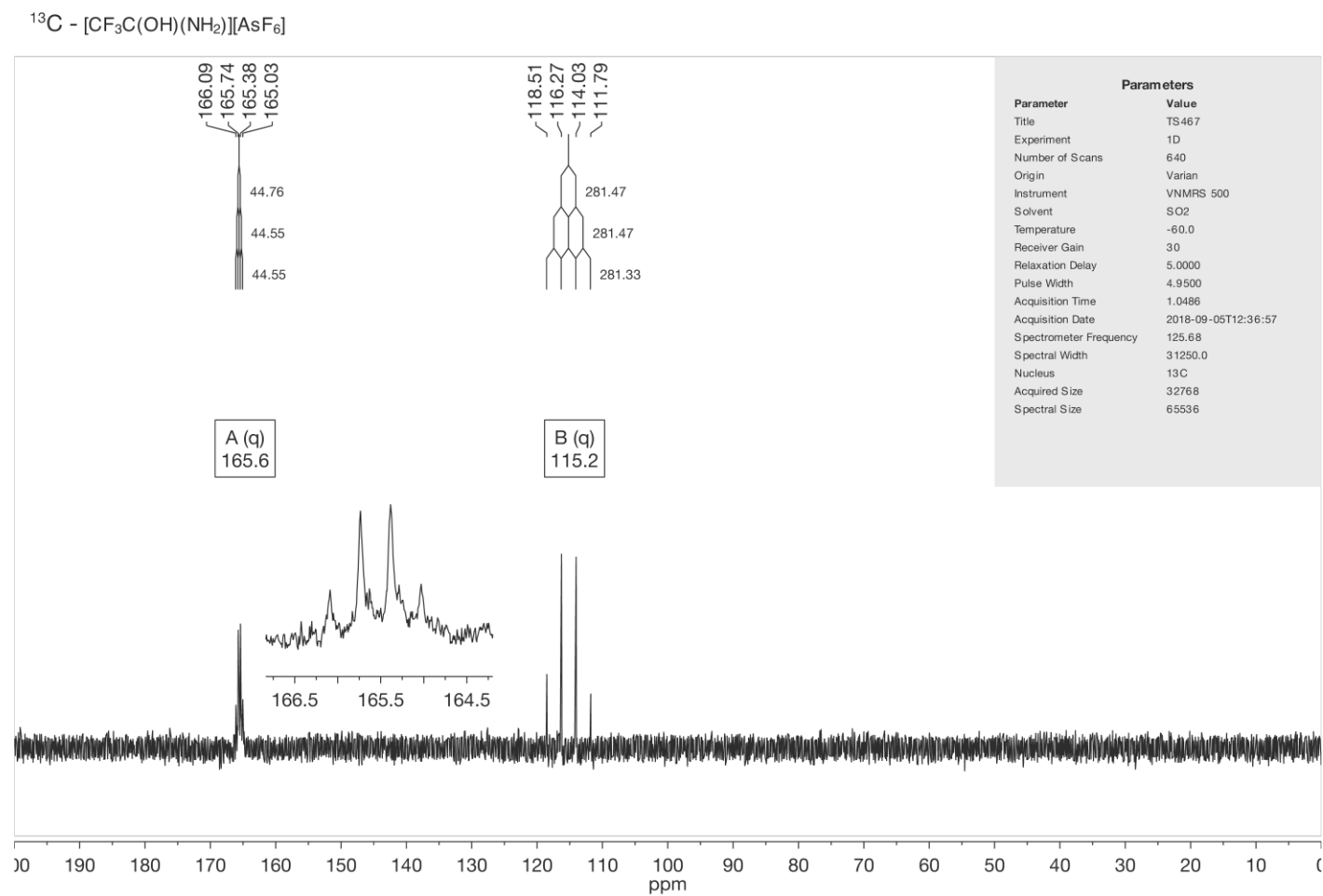
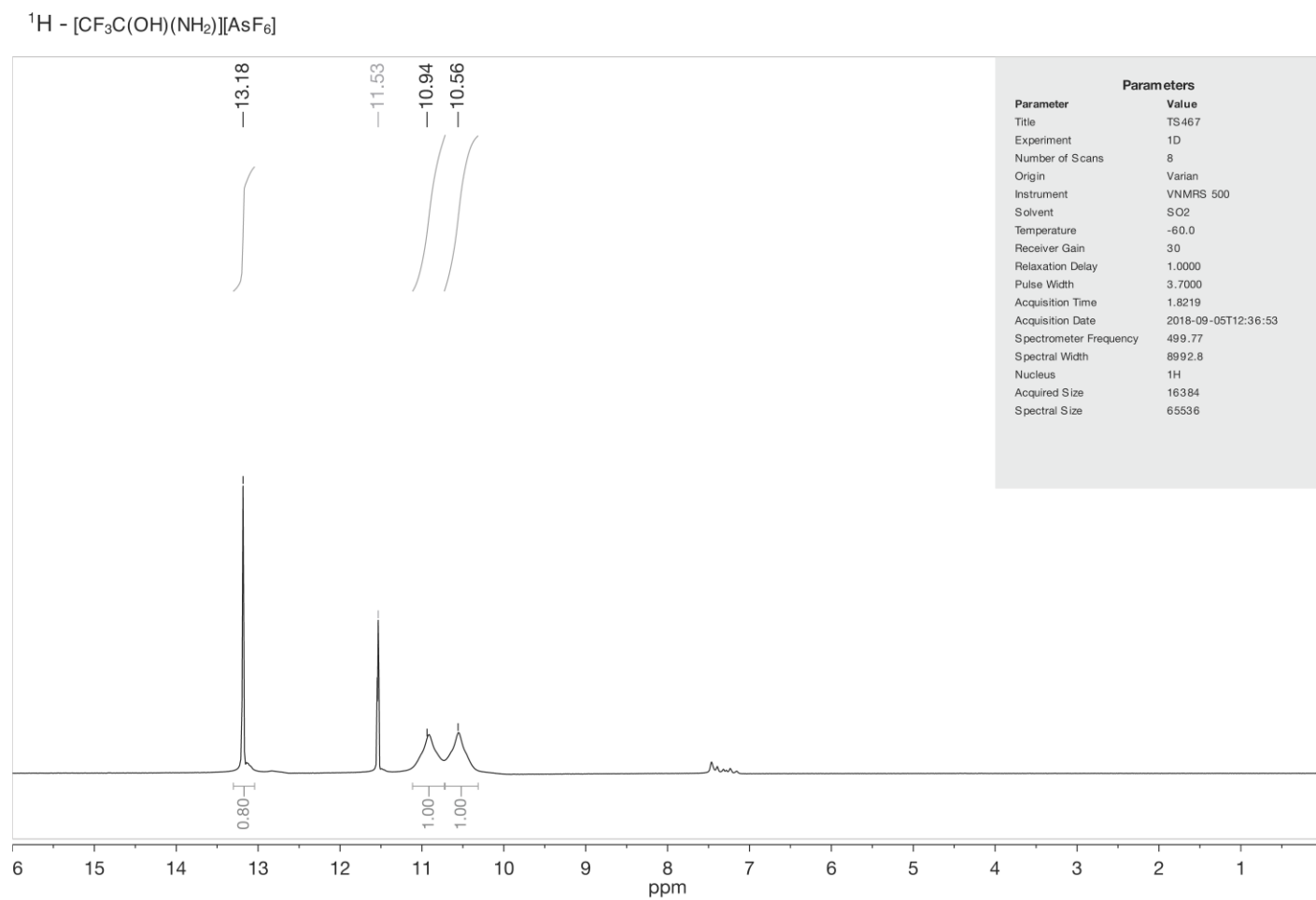
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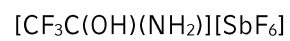


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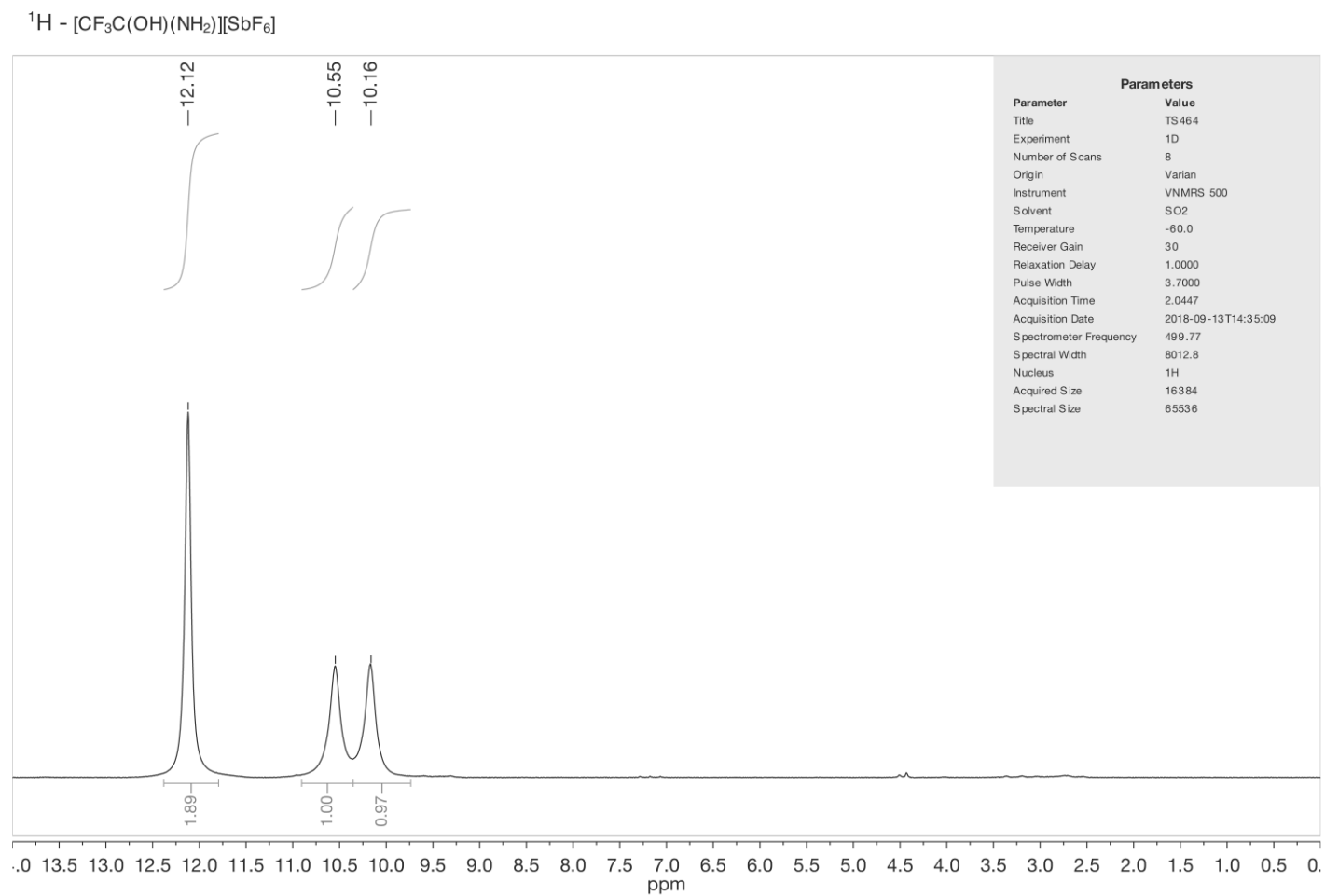


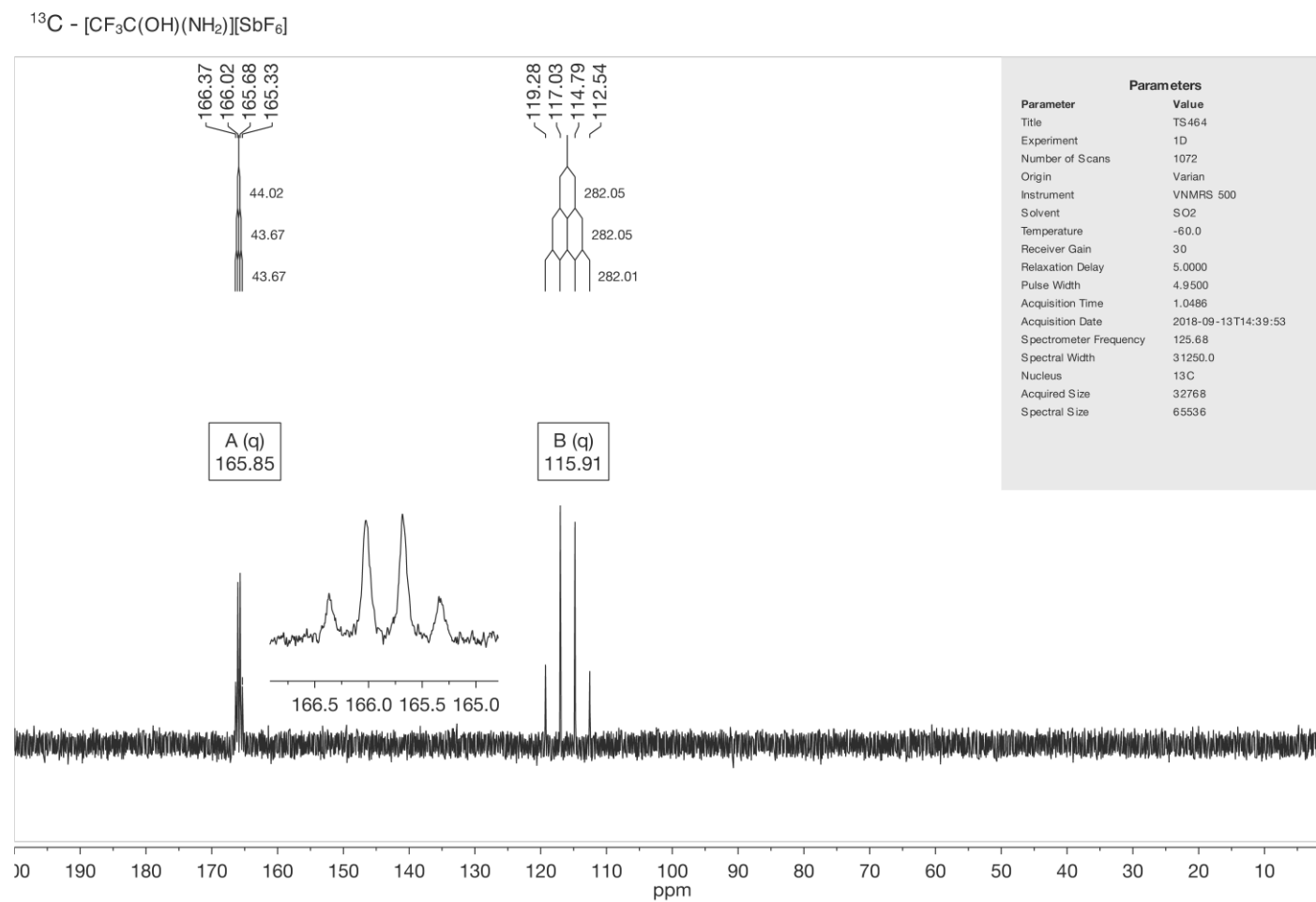
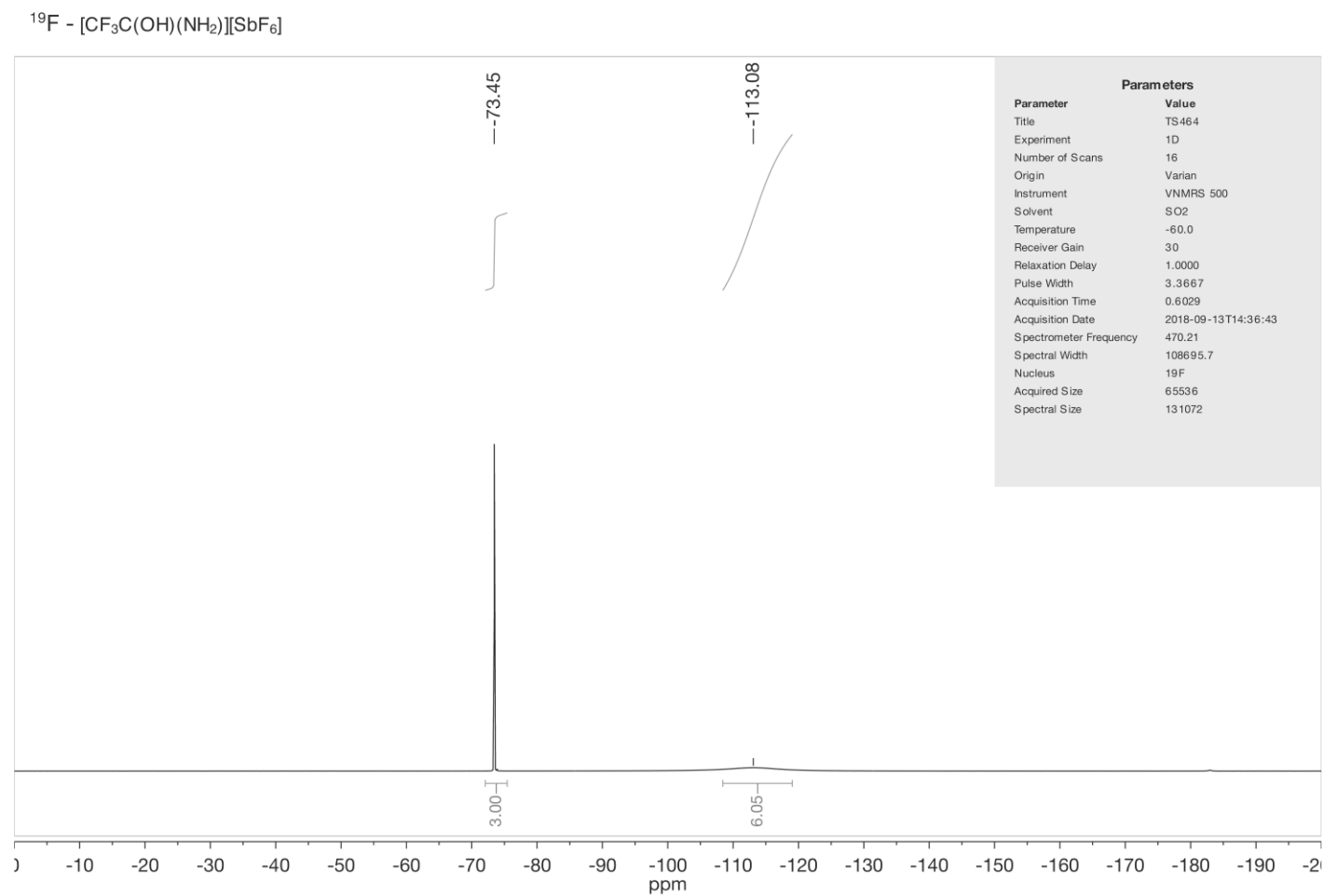
Figure S19, ^{13}C -NMR spectrum of $\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})(\text{NH}_2)[\text{SbF}_6]$.

Figure S20, ^{19}F -NMR spectrum of $\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})(\text{NH}_2)[\text{SbF}_6]$.

Raman Spectra

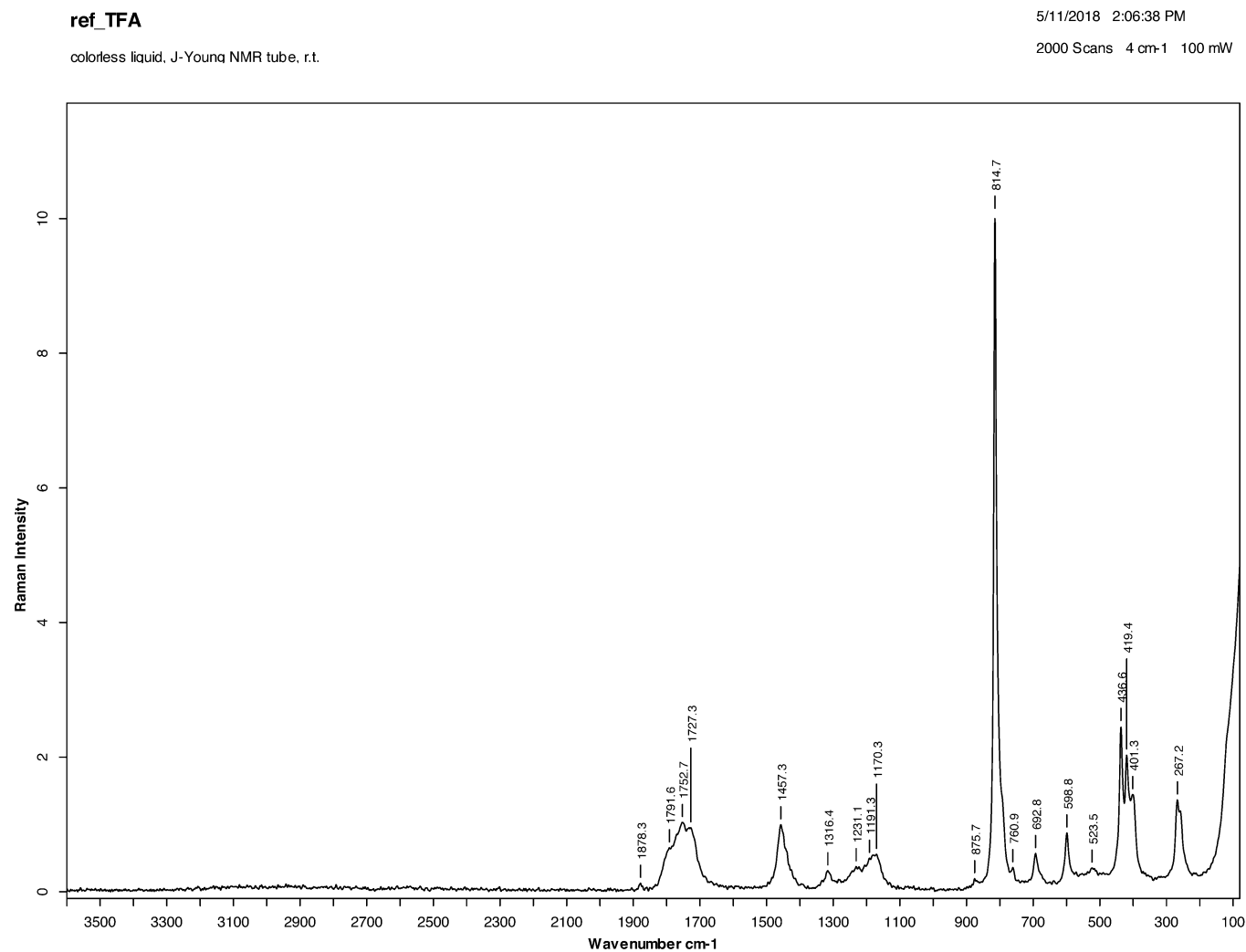
Figure S21: Raman spectrum of $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$.

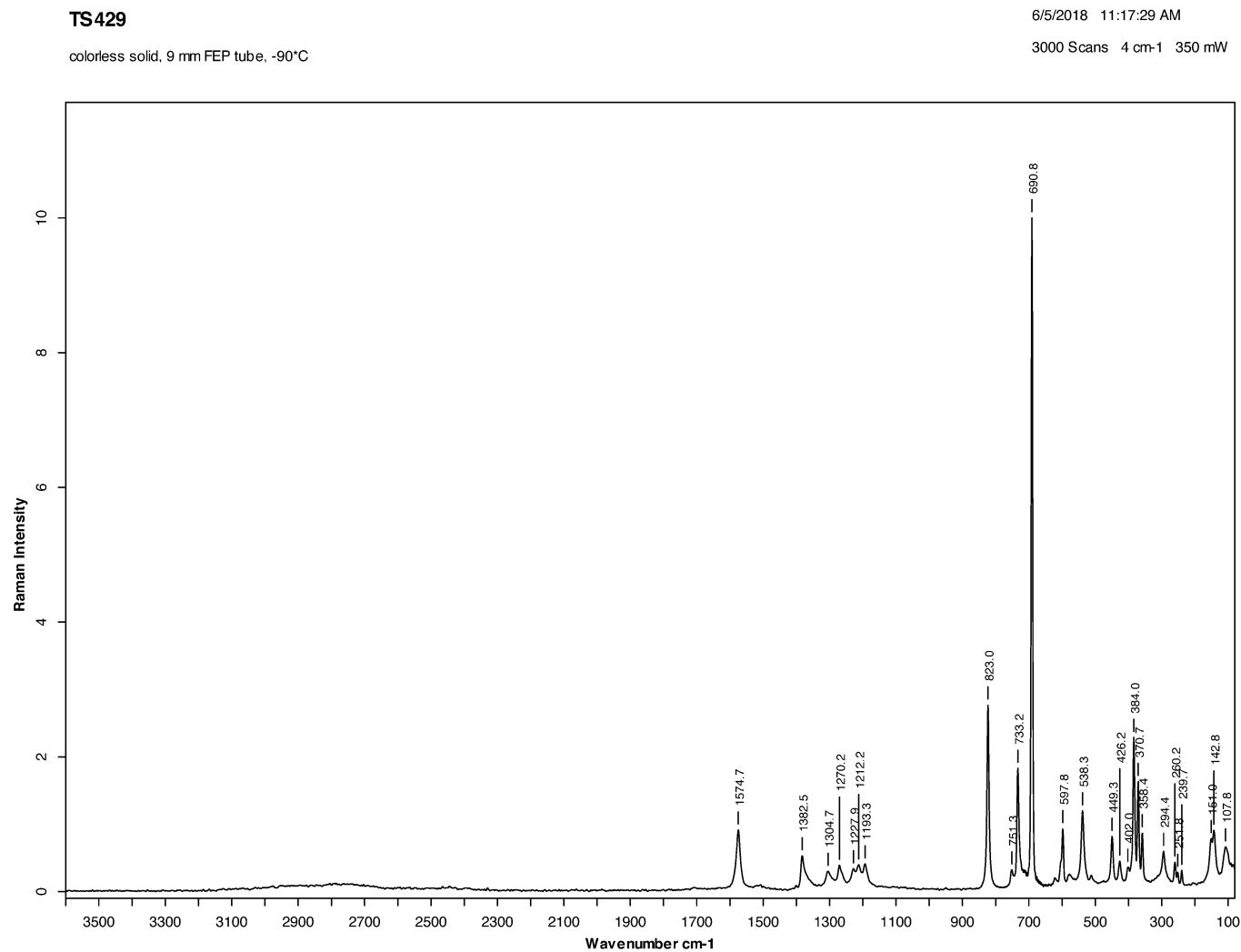
Figure S22: Raman spectrum of $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})_2][\text{AsF}_6]$.

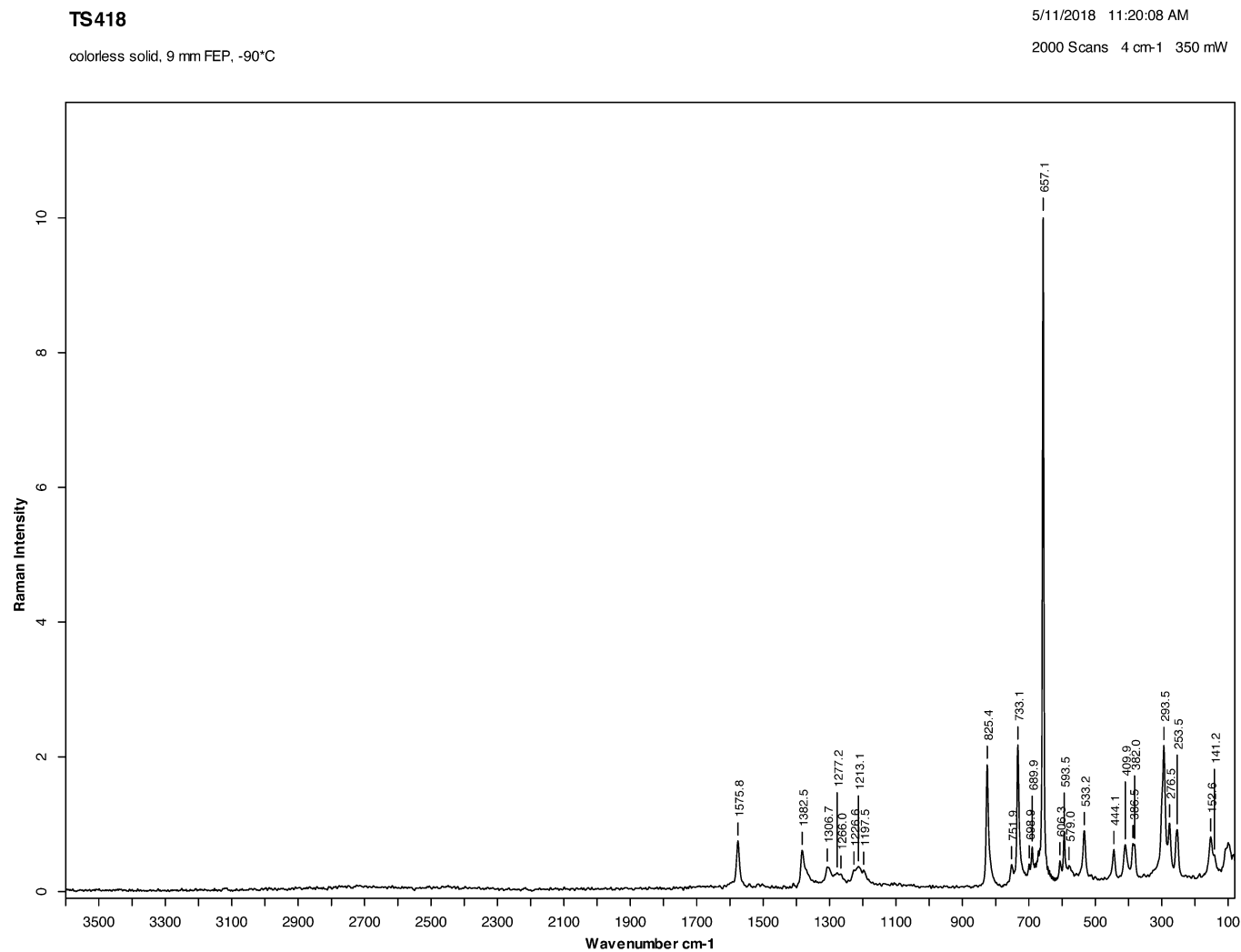
Figure S23: Raman spectrum of $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})_2][\text{SbF}_6]$.

Table S1. Observed and unscaled calculated vibrational frequencies and intensities of $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})_2]^+$.

$[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})_2]^+$			
Observed Raman ^[a]		Calculated	Approximate mode
AsF ₆ ⁻	SbF ₆ ⁻	(IR)[Raman] ^[b]	description
		3598.2 (116.7)[91.4]	$\nu_s(\text{OH})$
		3583.7 (500.7)[23.4]	$\nu_{as}(\text{OH})$
		1691.1 (258.9)[1.1]	$\nu_{as}(\text{CO})$
1574.7 (0.9)	1575.8 (0.7)	1552.6 (143.5)[5.8]	$\nu_s(\text{CO})$
1382.5 (0.5)	1382.5 (0.6)		FEP
1304.7 (0.3)	1306.7 (0.2)		FEP
1270.2 (0.4)	1277.2 (0.1)	1260.2 (278.3)[1.9]	$\nu(\text{CF})$
	1266 (0.1)	1248.7 (120.7)[1.8]	$\nu(\text{CF}) + \delta(\text{COH})$
1227.9 (0.3)	1226.6 (0.1)	1186.0 (372.5)[5.6]	$\delta(\text{COH}) + \nu(\text{CF})$
1212.2 (0.4)	1213.1 (0.3)		FEP
1193.3 (0.4)	1197.5 (0.1)	1181.7 (372.5)[1.6]	$\delta(\text{COH})$
		1144.7 (193.0)[1.1]	$\delta(\text{COH}) + \nu(\text{CC})$
823 (2.8)	825.4 (1.8)	804.1 (20.6)[8.8]	$\nu(\text{CC})$
		795.4 (33.9)[0.2]	$\omega(\text{CO}_2)$
751.3 (0.3)	751.9 (0.2)		FEP
733.2 (1.8)	733.1 (1.9)		FEP
	698.9 (0.1)	707.5 (36.9)[0.8]	$\delta(\text{COH})$
690.5 (10)			AsF ₆ ⁻
[d]	689.9 (0.3)	676.0 (207.8)[0.4]	$\delta(\text{COH})$
	657.1 (10)		SbF ₆ ⁻
		648.1 (60.8)[1.2]	$\delta(\text{CO}_2)$
	606.3 (0.2)		SbF ₆ ⁻
597.8 (0.9)	593.5 (0.7)	591.5 (1.3)[0.9]	$\delta(\text{CF}_3)$
[d]	579 (0.1)		SbF ₆ ⁻
578.0 (0.1)			AsF ₆ ⁻
538.3 (1.2)	533.2 (0.7)	501.0 (0.5)[0.4]	$\delta(\text{CF}_3)$
449.3 (0.8)	444.1 (0.4)	420.2 (2.4)[1.3]	$\delta(\text{CF}_3)$
426.2 (0.5)			AsF ₆ ⁻
402 (0.4)	409.9 (0.4)		?
384 (2.3)	386.5 (0.5)		FEP
	382 (0.1)	365.3 (15.4)[2.0]	$\delta(\text{COO})$
370.7 (1.6)			AsF ₆ ⁻
358.4 (0.9)			AsF ₆ ⁻
294.4 (0.6)	293.5 (2.1)		FEP
	276.5 (0.3)		SbF ₆ ⁻
260.2 (0.4)			AsF ₆ ⁻
251.8 (0.3)	253.5 (0.6)	230.2 (4.3)[0.1]	$\delta(\text{CCF})$
239.7 (0.3)			AsF ₆ ⁻
151 (0.8)	152.6 (0.7)	226.7 (0.0)[0.6]	$\tau(\text{CF}_3)$
142.8 (0.9)	141.2 (0.1)		?
		37.6 (0.8)[0.8]	$\tau(\text{CCO})$

[a] Observed Raman frequencies are given in cm^{-1} with intensities in parenthesis in arbitrary units normalized to the most intense band of the spectrum set at 10.0. [b] Calculated at the B3LYP//aug-CC-pVTZ level of theory. [c] ν : stretching vibration (s symmetric, as asymmetric), δ : bending, ω : wagging, τ : twisting. [d] Hidden by bands from the anion/FEP.

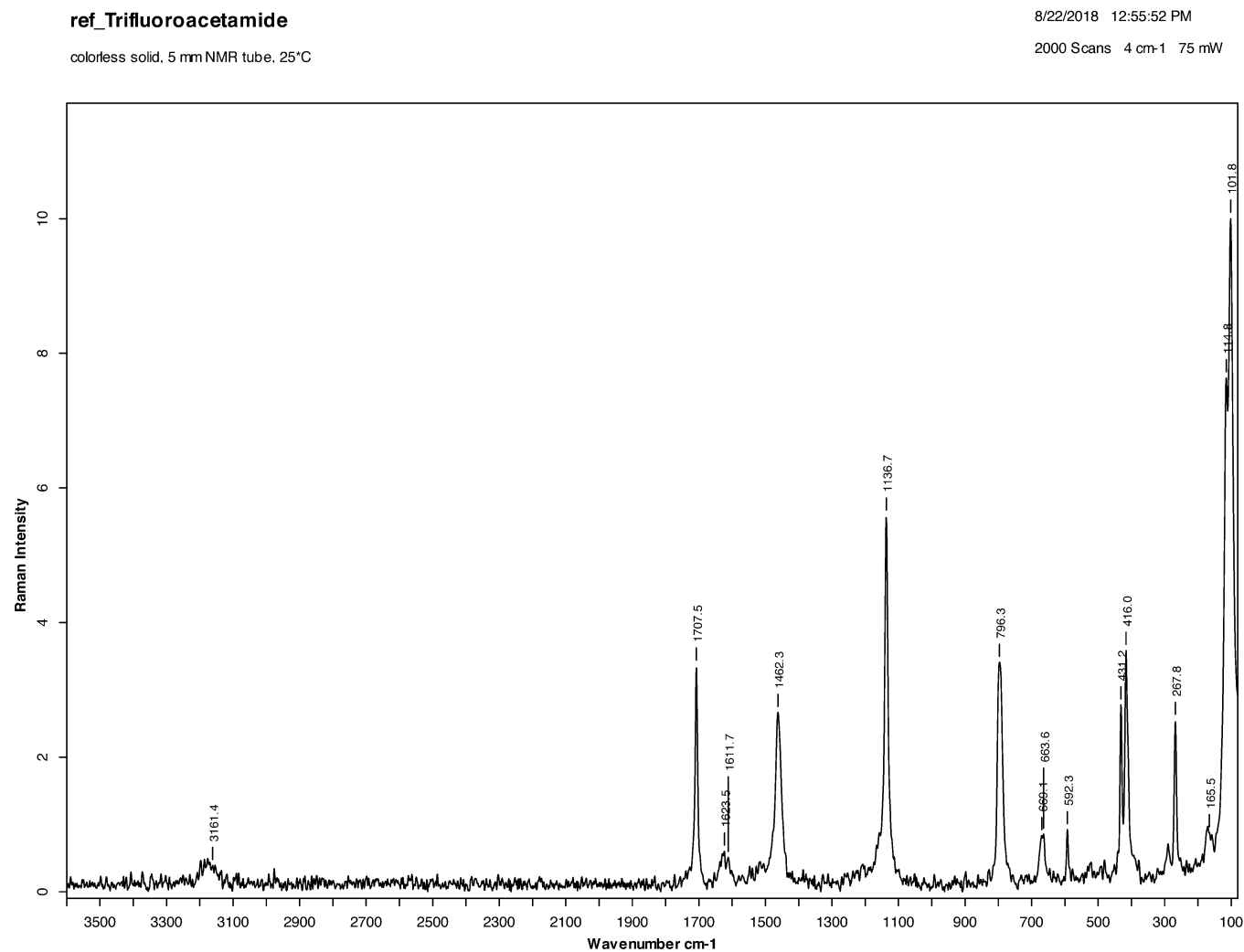
Figure S24: Raman spectrum of $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}(\text{NH}_2)$.

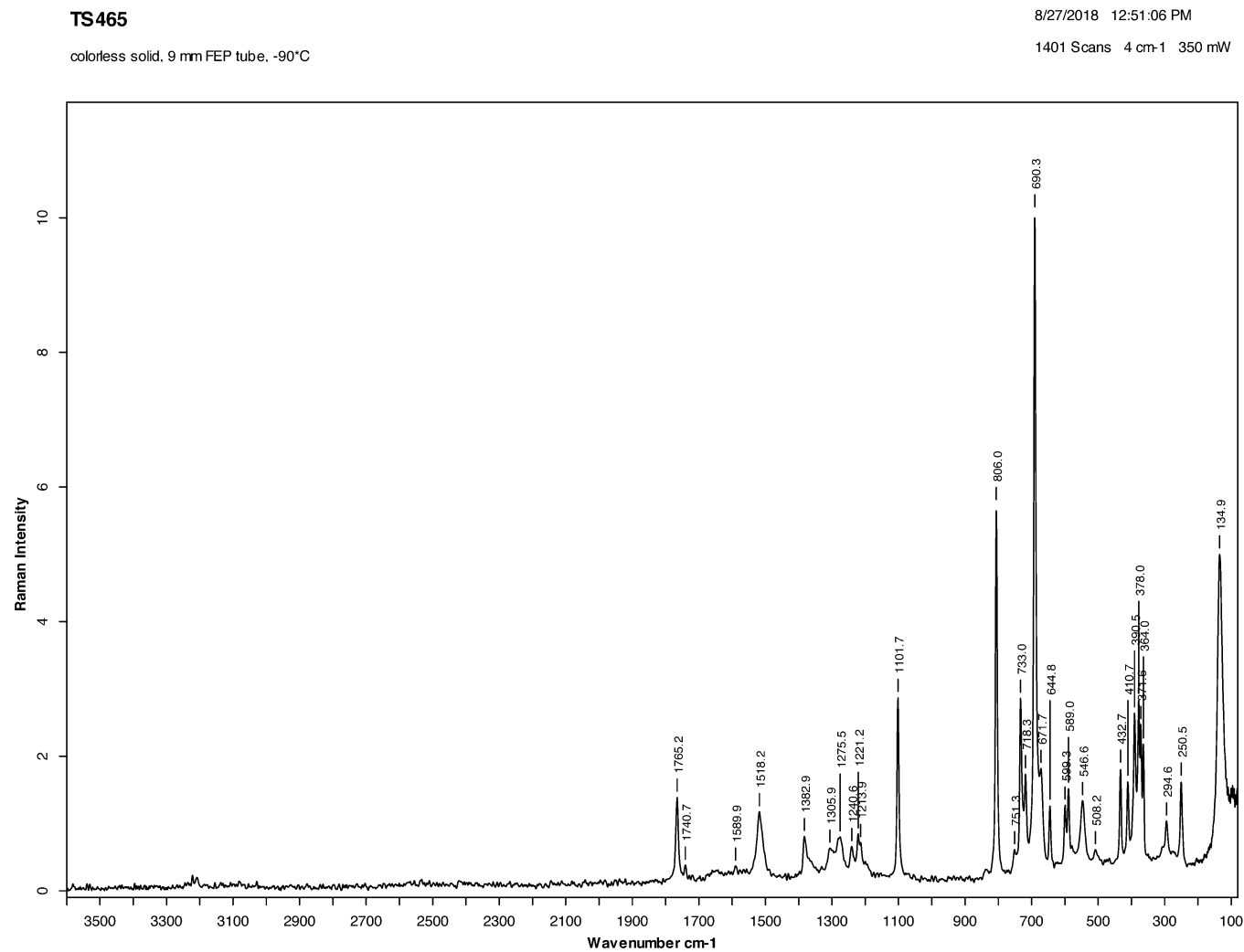
Figure S25: Raman spectrum of $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})(\text{NH}_2)][\text{AsF}_6]$.

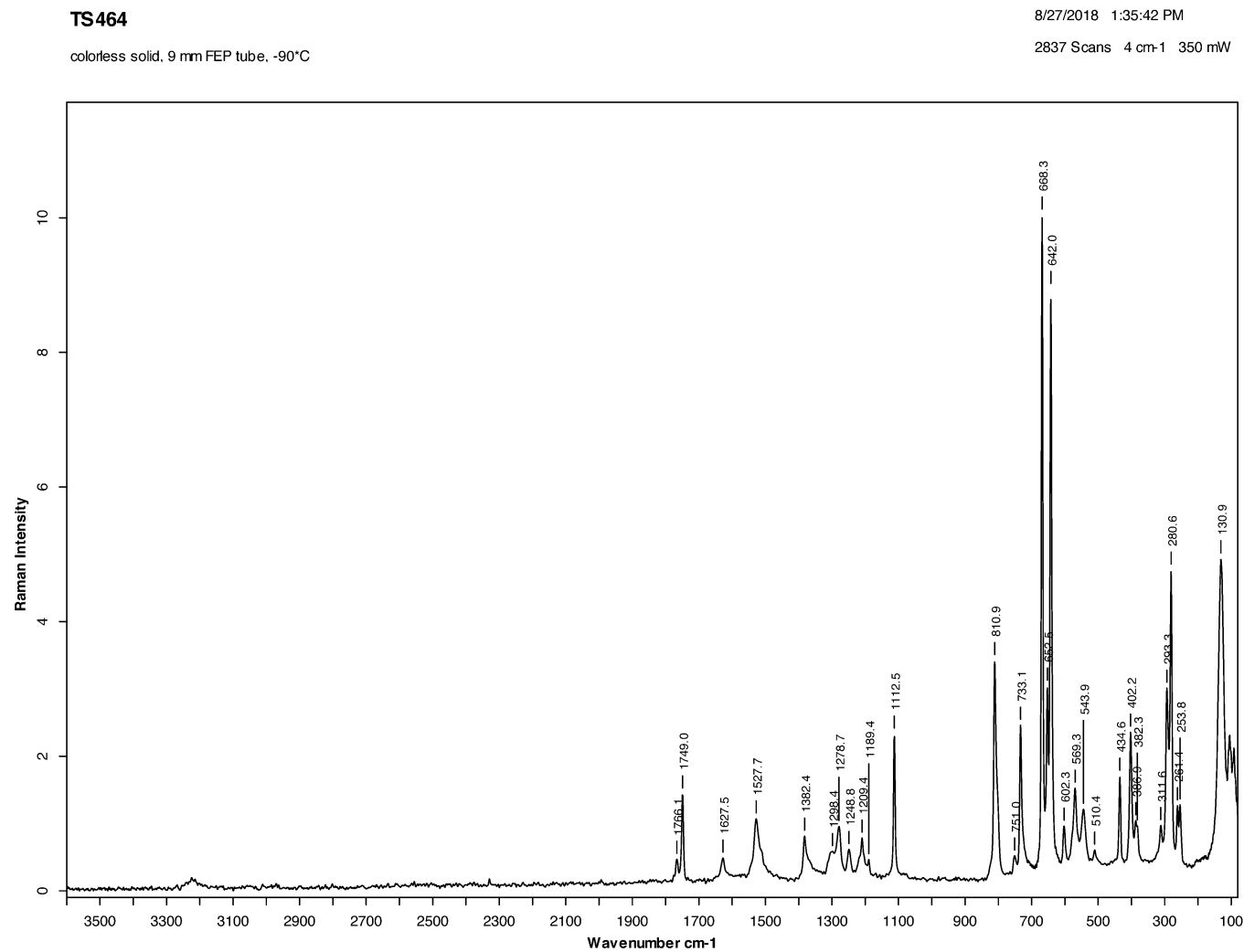
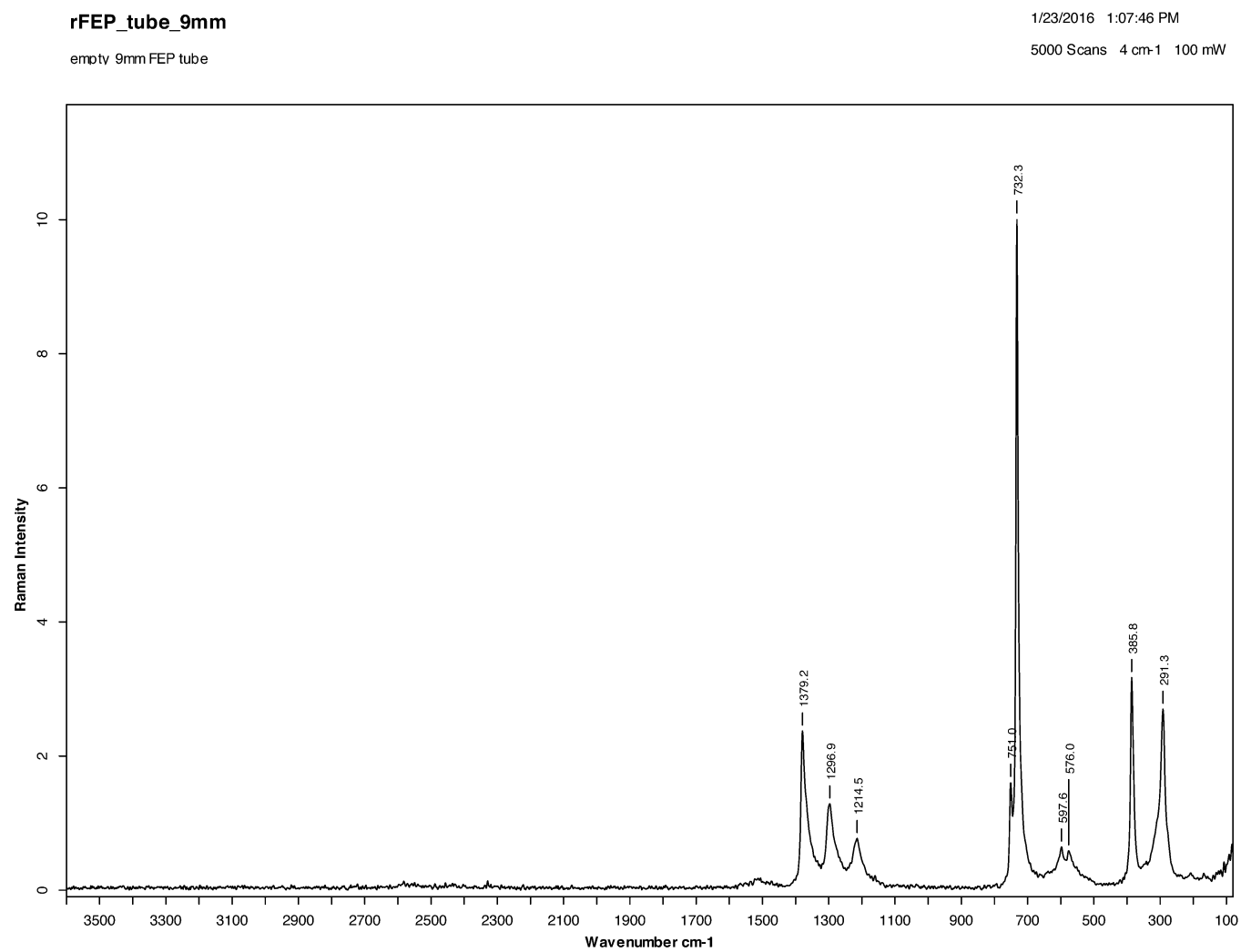
Figure S26: Raman spectrum of $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})(\text{NH}_2)][\text{SbF}_6]$.

Table S2. Observed and unscaled calculated vibrational frequencies and intensities of $[\text{ICF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})(\text{NH}_2)]^+$.

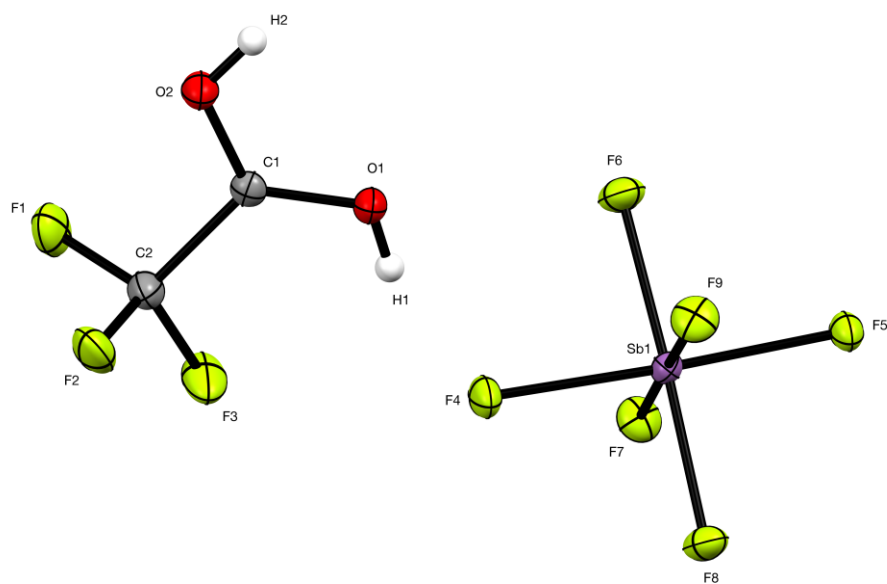
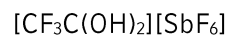
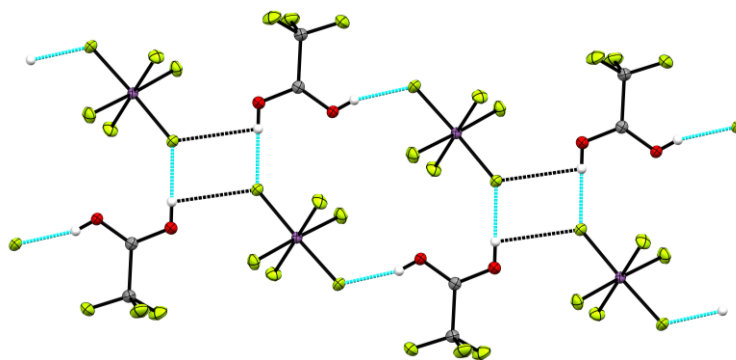
$[\text{ICF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})(\text{NH}_2)]^+$			
Observed Raman ^[a]		Calculated	Approximate mode
$[\text{AsF}_6]^-$	$[\text{SbF}_6]^-$	(IR)[Raman] ^[b]	description
		3678.8 (273.0)[48.8]	$\nu(\text{OH})$
		3602.7 (194.8)[25.2]	$\nu_s(\text{NH})$
		3489.8 (233.4)[75.1]	$\nu_{as}(\text{NH})$
	1766.1 (0.5)		
1765.2 (1.4)	1749.0 (1.4)	1762.0 (265.0)[2.4]	$\nu(\text{CN})$
1740.7 (0.4)			
1589.9 (0.4)	1627.5 (0.5)	1599.0 (17.3)[4.5]	$\nu(\text{CO}) + \delta(\text{NH}_2)$
1518.2 (1.2)	1527.7 (1.1)	1519.5 (98.7)[7.6]	$\nu(\text{CO}) + \nu(\text{CC})$
1382.9 (0.8)	1382.4 (0.8)		FEP
1305.9 (0.6)	1298.4 (0.6)		FEP
1275.5 (0.8)	1278.7 (1.0)	1256.1 (166.1)[1.6]	$\nu(\text{CF})$
1240.6 (0.7)	1248.8 (0.6)	1223.5 (315.3)[5.4]	$\delta(\text{COH}) + \nu(\text{CF})$
1221.2 (0.8)			
1213.9 (0.7)	1209.4 (0.8)	1207.9 (309.2)[4.1]	$\delta(\text{COH})$
	1189.4 (0.5)	1173.4 (142.7)[0.7]	$\nu_s(\text{CF}) + \nu(\text{CC})$
1101.7 (2.9)	1112.5 (2.3)	1099.6 (28.4)[2.7]	$\nu(\text{CO}) + \delta(\text{CNH})$
806.0 (5.7)	810.9 (3.4)	799.8 (8.7)[8.1]	$\nu(\text{CC})$
	sh	790.7 (52.0)[0.5]	$\omega(\text{NCO})$
751.3 (0.6)	751.0 (0.5)		FEP
733.0 (2.9)	733.1 (2.5)		FEP
		726.9 (173.9)[0.0]	$\omega(\text{NH}_2)$
718.3 (1.7)			AsF_6^-
690.3 (10.1)			AsF_6^-
671.7 (1.8)	[d]	701.7 (1.2)[0.2]	$\tau(\text{NH}_2)$
	668.3 (10.0)		SbF_6^-
644.8 (1.3)	652.5 (3.0)	625.9 (18.8)[1.2]	$\delta(\text{NCO})$
	642.0 (8.9)		SbF_6^-
599.3 (1.3)	602.3 (1.0)	589.4 (1.4)[1.1]	$\delta(\text{CCN})$
589.0 (1.5)			AsF_6^-
	569.3 (1.5)		SbF_6^-
546.6 (1.3)	543.9 (1.2)	538.4 (73.9)[0.3]	$\omega(\text{COH})$
508.2 (0.6)	510.4 (0.6)	499.6 (8.9)[0.7]	$\delta(\text{CF}_3)$
432.7 (1.8)	434.6 (1.7)	415.8 (8.7)[1.4]	$\delta(\text{CF}_3)$
410.7 (1.6)			AsF_6^-
	402.2 (2.4)		SbF_6^-
390.5 (2.6)	386.9 (1.0)		FEP
378.0 (2.8)	382.3 (1.0)	369.8 (18.2)[1.9]	$\delta(\text{NCO})$
371.6 (2.5)			AsF_6^-
364.0 (2.2)			AsF_6^-
	311.6 (1.0)		SbF_6^-
294.6 (1.0)	293.3 (3.0)		FEP
	280.6 (4.8)		SbF_6^-
	261.4 (1.3)		SbF_6^-
250.5 (1.6)	253.8 (1.3)	233.4 (0.7)[0.6]	$\delta(\text{CF}_3)$
134.9 (5.0)	130.9 (4.9)	231.8 (5.4)[0.2]	$\delta(\text{CCO})$
		22.6 (0.5)[1.5]	$\tau(\text{CCO})$

[a] Observed Raman frequencies are given in cm^{-1} with intensities in parenthesis in arbitrary units normalized to the most intense band of the spectrum set at 10.0.[b] Calculated at the B3LYP//aug-CC-pVTZ level of theory. [c] ν : stretching vibration (s: symmetric, as: asymmetric), δ : bending, ω : wagging, τ : twisting. [d] Hidden by bands from the anion/FEP.

Figure S27: Raman spectrum of empty FEP tube.



Crystallographic Details

Figure S28: Asymmetric unit in the crystal structure of $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})_2][\text{SbF}_6]$.Figure S29: Hydrogen bonding in the crystal structure of $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})_2][\text{SbF}_6]$. Hydrogen bonds in cyan.

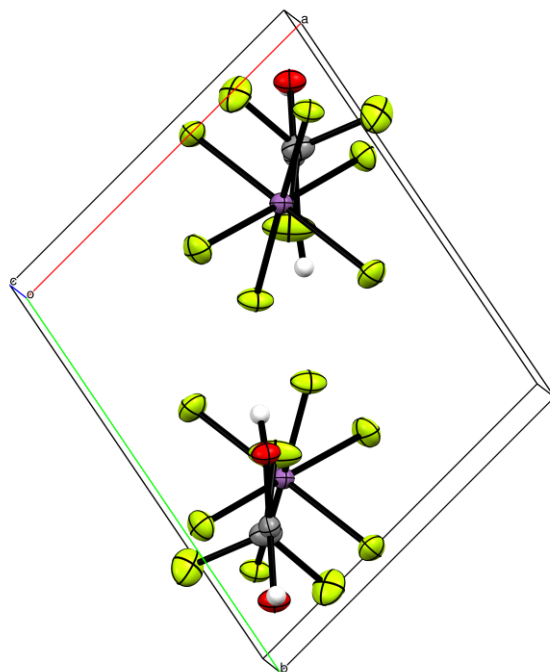


Figure S30: Packing diagram of [CF₃C(OH)₂][SbF₆]. View along the 001 direction.

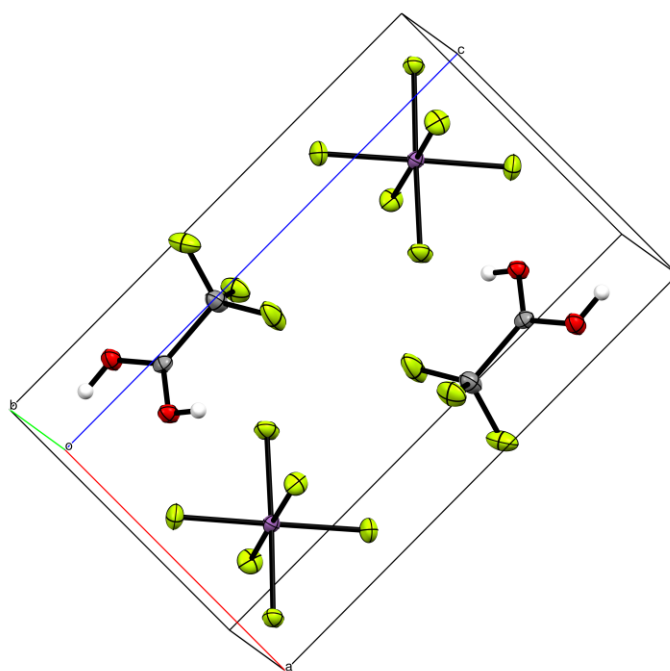


Figure S31: Packing diagram of [CF₃C(OH)₂][SbF₆]. View along the 010 direction.

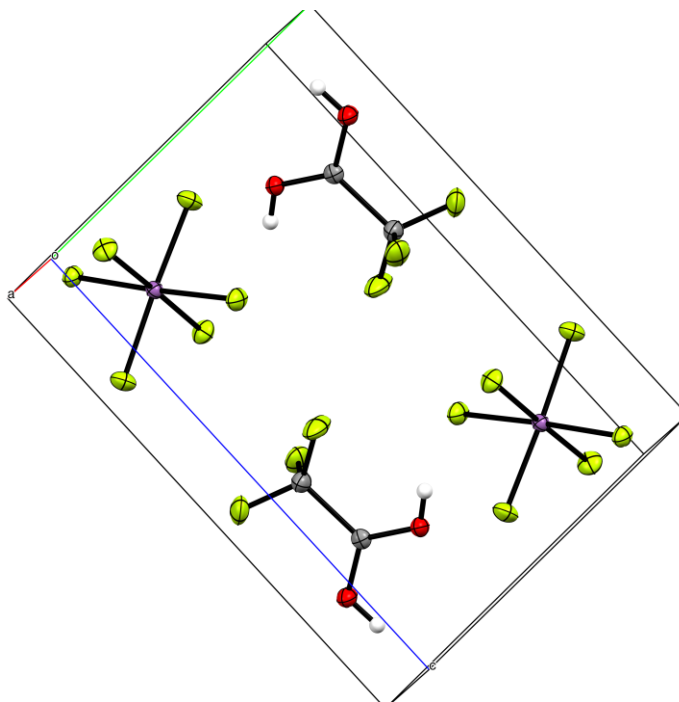


Figure S32: Packing diagram of [CF₃C(OH)₂][SbF₆]. View along the 100 direction.

Table S3: Sample and crystal data for $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})_2][\text{SbF}_6]$.

Identification code	TS417
Chemical formula	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_2\text{F}_9\text{O}_2\text{Sb}$
Formula weight	350.79 g/mol
Temperature	108(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	triclinic
Space group	P -1
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 5.8318(4)$ Å $\alpha = 91.6940(10)^\circ$ $b = 6.7790(5)$ Å $\beta = 90.2280(10)^\circ$ $c = 10.4261(7)$ Å $\gamma = 100.8210(10)^\circ$
Volume	$404.66(5)$ Å ³
Z	2
Density (calculated)	2.879 g/cm ³
Absorption coefficient	3.545 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	324

Table S4: Data collection and structure refinement for $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})_2][\text{SbF}_6]$.

Diffractometer	Bruker APEX DUO
Radiation source	fine-focus tube, MoK α
Theta range for data collection	1.95 to 30.55°
Index ranges	$-8 \leq h \leq 8$, $-9 \leq k \leq 9$, $-14 \leq l \leq 14$
Reflections collected	10127
Independent reflections	2453 [R(int) = 0.0293]
Coverage of independent reflections	98.9%
Absorption correction	multi-scan
Structure solution technique	direct methods
Structure solution program	SHELXTL XT 2014/4 (Bruker AXS, 2014)
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F^2
Refinement program	SHELXTL XL 2014/7 (Bruker AXS, 2014)
Function minimized	$\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$
Data / restraints / parameters	2453 / 0 / 135
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.031
$\Delta/\sigma_{\text{max}}$	0.001
Final R indices	2233 data; $l > 2\sigma(l)$ $R1 = 0.0195$, $wR2 = 0.0407$ all data $R1 = 0.0246$, $wR2 = 0.0423$
Weighting scheme	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0193P)^2 + 0.2321P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.658 and -0.676 eÅ ⁻³
R.M.S. deviation from mean	0.126 eÅ ⁻³

Table S5: Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic atomic displacement parameters ($\text{\AA}^2$) for $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})_2][\text{SbF}_6]$.

$U(\text{eq})$ is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

	x/a	y/b	z/c	$U(\text{eq})$
C1	0.8042(4)	0.2360(3)	0.7523(2)	0.0131(4)
C2	0.8208(4)	0.2236(3)	0.6044(2)	0.0186(4)
O1	0.7058(3)	0.3613(2)	0.81020(15)	0.0152(3)
O2	0.9040(3)	0.1143(2)	0.80952(17)	0.0174(3)
F1	0.7622(3)	0.0357(2)	0.56232(14)	0.0257(3)
F2	0.0400(3)	0.2937(2)	0.57223(14)	0.0268(3)
F3	0.6829(3)	0.3338(3)	0.55322(14)	0.0337(4)
F4	0.5009(2)	0.6182(2)	0.71201(13)	0.0199(3)
F5	0.1128(2)	0.8457(2)	0.94587(12)	0.0166(3)
F6	0.2143(2)	0.4828(2)	0.89651(13)	0.0206(3)
F7	0.0561(2)	0.6753(2)	0.71043(13)	0.0190(3)
F8	0.3944(2)	0.98458(19)	0.74985(13)	0.0186(3)
F9	0.5561(2)	0.8015(2)	0.94146(13)	0.0202(3)
Sb1	0.30546(2)	0.73613(2)	0.82676(2)	0.01143(5)

Table S6: Bond lengths ($\text{\AA}$) for $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})_2][\text{SbF}_6]$.

C1-O1	1.253(3)	C1-O2	1.258(3)
C1-C2	1.547(3)	C2-F1	1.317(3)
C2-F3	1.317(3)	C2-F2	1.325(3)
O1-H1	0.72(3)	O2-H2	0.77(3)
F4-Sb1	1.9146(13)	F5-Sb1	1.9043(12)
F6-Sb1	1.8693(13)	F7-Sb1	1.8673(13)
F8-Sb1	1.8718(13)	F9-Sb1	1.8640(13)

Table S7: Bond angles ($^\circ$) for $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})_2][\text{SbF}_6]$.

O1-C1-O2	123.0(2)	O1-C1-C2	122.66(19)
O2-C1-C2	114.35(18)	F1-C2-F3	110.2(2)
F1-C2-F2	108.83(18)	F3-C2-F2	109.6(2)
F1-C2-C1	110.32(19)	F3-C2-C1	109.61(18)
F2-C2-C1	108.24(18)	C1-O1-H1	116.(3)
C1-O2-H2	113.(2)	F9-Sb1-F7	178.93(6)
F9-Sb1-F6	91.69(6)	F7-Sb1-F6	89.37(6)
F9-Sb1-F8	90.12(6)	F7-Sb1-F8	88.82(6)
F6-Sb1-F8	177.53(6)	F9-Sb1-F5	89.72(6)
F7-Sb1-F5	90.32(6)	F6-Sb1-F5	90.17(6)
F8-Sb1-F5	91.52(6)	F9-Sb1-F4	89.18(6)
F7-Sb1-F4	90.83(6)	F6-Sb1-F4	87.84(6)

F8-Sb1-F4	90.51(6)	F5-Sb1-F4	177.69(6)
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Table S8: Torsion angles (°) for [CF₃C(OH)₂][SbF₆].

O1-C1-C2-F1	-133.1(2)	O2-C1-C2-F1	49.0(3)
O1-C1-C2-F3	-11.6(3)	O2-C1-C2-F3	170.6(2)
O1-C1-C2-F2	107.9(2)	O2-C1-C2-F2	-69.9(2)

Table S9: Anisotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for [CF₃C(OH)₂][SbF₆].

The anisotropic atomic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2 [h^2 a^{*2} U_{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U_{12}]$

	U ₁₁	U ₂₂	U ₃₃	U ₂₃	U ₁₃	U ₁₂
C1	0.0107(9)	0.0132(10)	0.0150(10)	0.0003(8)	0.0007(7)	0.0009(7)
C2	0.0242(12)	0.0188(11)	0.0142(10)	0.0004(8)	0.0015(9)	0.0080(9)
O1	0.0182(8)	0.0151(8)	0.0137(7)	0.0006(6)	0.0020(6)	0.0066(6)
O2	0.0215(8)	0.0188(8)	0.0136(8)	0.0008(6)	-0.0003(6)	0.0085(6)
F1	0.0329(8)	0.0224(7)	0.0201(7)	-0.0083(6)	0.0018(6)	0.0020(6)
F2	0.0307(8)	0.0274(8)	0.0207(7)	0.0004(6)	0.0115(6)	0.0015(6)
F3	0.0498(10)	0.0455(10)	0.0149(7)	0.0034(7)	-0.0021(7)	0.0323(8)
F4	0.0237(7)	0.0232(7)	0.0162(6)	0.0009(5)	0.0050(5)	0.0130(5)
F5	0.0183(6)	0.0200(7)	0.0136(6)	0.0004(5)	0.0020(5)	0.0089(5)
F6	0.0242(7)	0.0144(6)	0.0236(7)	0.0064(5)	0.0016(6)	0.0034(5)
F7	0.0166(6)	0.0230(7)	0.0167(6)	-0.0017(5)	-0.0047(5)	0.0023(5)
F8	0.0190(7)	0.0151(6)	0.0222(7)	0.0065(5)	0.0017(5)	0.0034(5)
F9	0.0164(6)	0.0243(7)	0.0199(7)	-0.0002(6)	-0.0070(5)	0.0043(5)
Sb1	0.01159(7)	0.01115(7)	0.01203(7)	0.00057(5)	0.00013(5)	0.00333(5)

Table S10: Hydrogen atomic coordinates and isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for [CF₃C(OH)₂][SbF₆].

	x/a	y/b	z/c	U(eq)
H1	0.661(6)	0.431(5)	0.770(3)	0.036(10)
H2	0.894(5)	0.122(5)	0.883(3)	0.030(9)

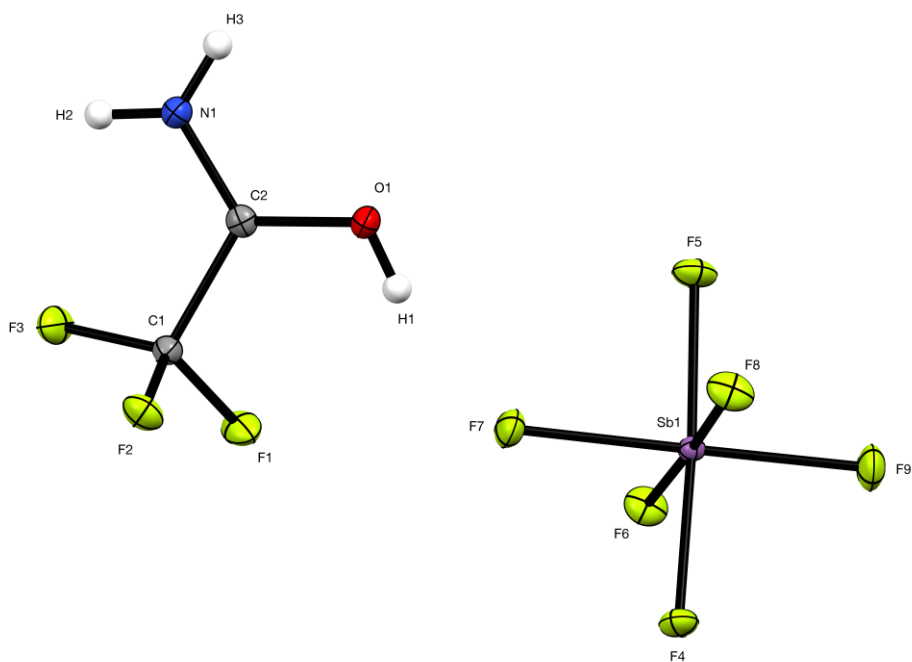
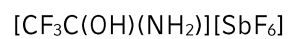


Figure S32: Asymmetric unit in the crystal structure of $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})(\text{NH}_2)][\text{SbF}_6]$.

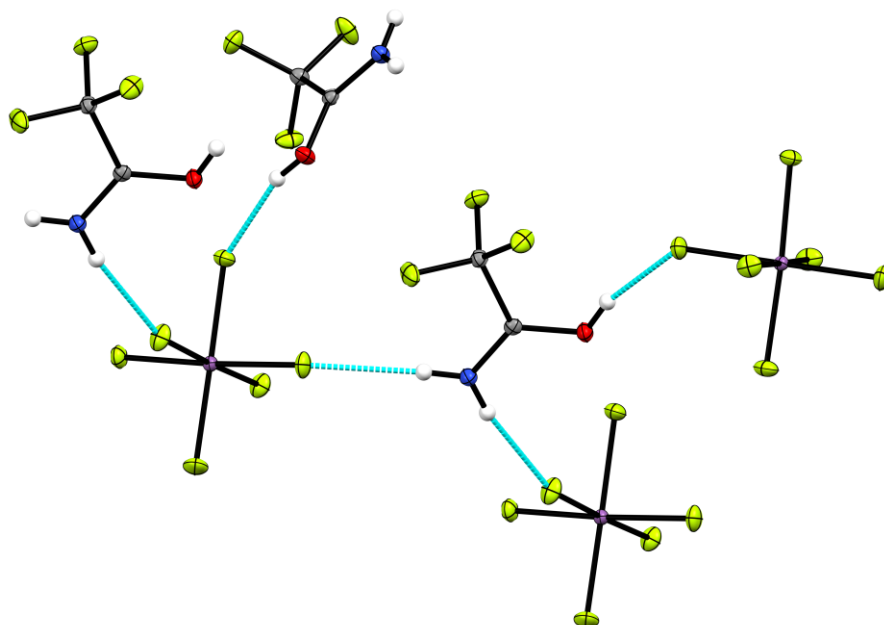


Figure S33: Hydrogen bonding in the crystal structure of $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})(\text{NH}_2)]\text{ISbF}_6$. Hydrogen bonds in cyan.

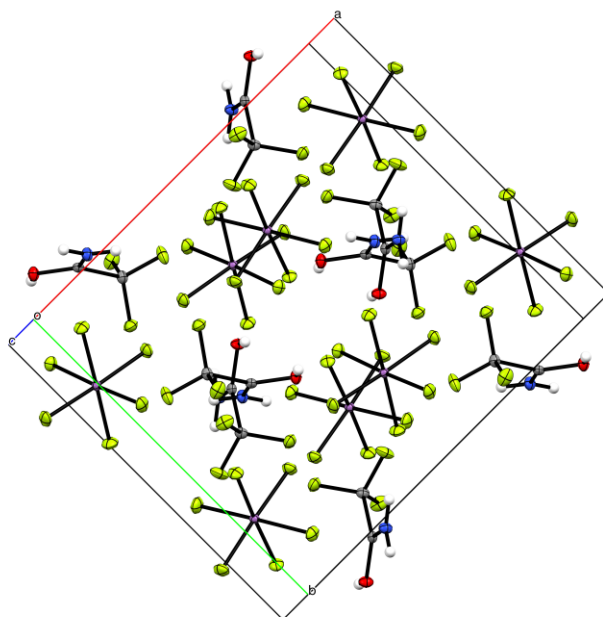


Figure S34: Packing diagram of [CF₃C(OH)(NH₂)]SbF₆. View along the 001 direction.

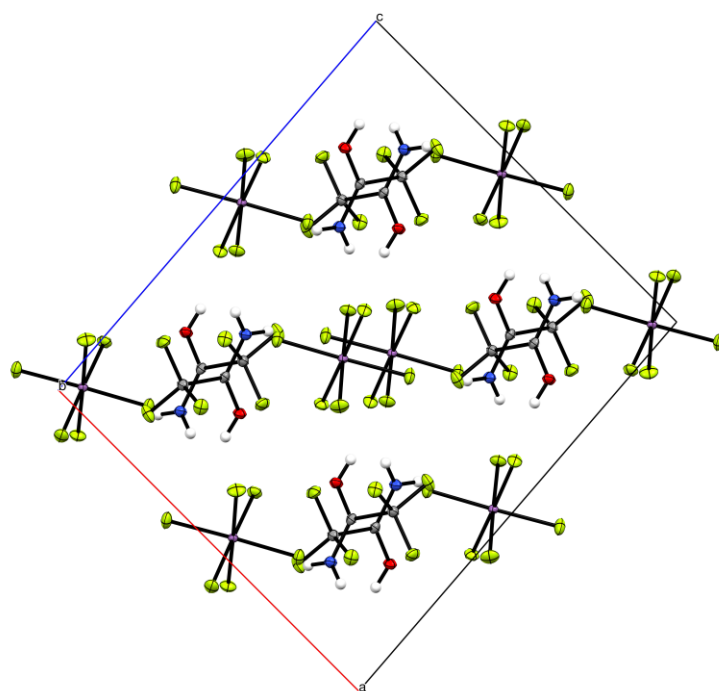


Figure S35: Packing diagram of [CF₃C(OH)(NH₂)]SbF₆. View along the 010 direction.

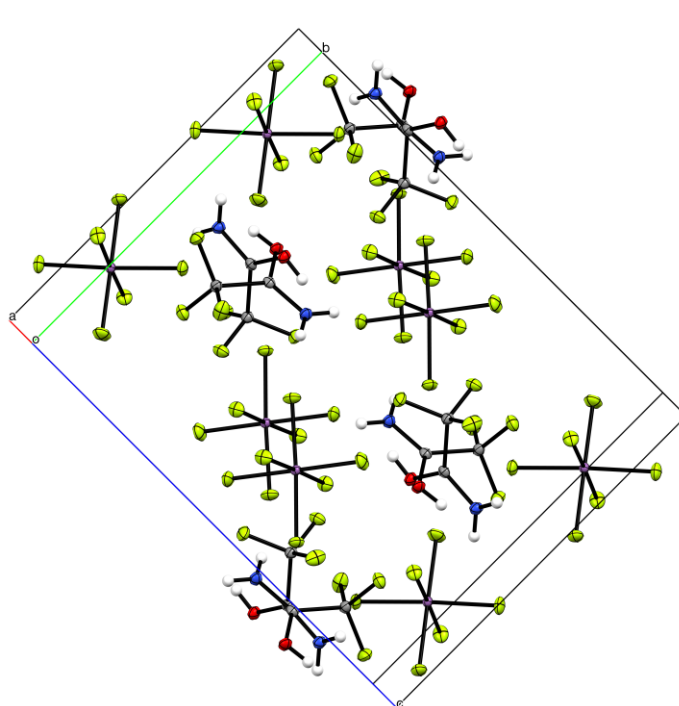


Figure S36: Packing diagram of $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})(\text{NH}_2)][\text{SbF}_6]$. View along the 100 direction.

Table S11: Sample and crystal data for $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})(\text{NH}_2)]\text{ISbF}_6$.

Identification code	TS464
Chemical formula	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{F}_9\text{NOSb}$
Formula weight	349.80 g/mol
Temperature	100(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal size	0.316 x 0.318 x 0.396 mm
Crystal habit	clear colourless prism
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	C 1 2/c 1
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 11.4747(12)$ Å $\alpha = 90^\circ$ $b = 10.4829(11)$ Å $\beta = 94.205(2)^\circ$ $c = 13.1367(13)$ Å $\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	1575.9(3) Å ³
Z	8
Density (calculated)	2.949 g/cm ³
Absorption coefficient	3.635 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1296

Table S12: Data collection and structure refinement for $[\text{CF}_3\text{C}(\text{OH})(\text{NH}_2)]\text{ISbF}_6$.

Diffractometer	Bruker APEX DUO
Radiation source	fine-focus tube, MoK α
Theta range for data collection	2.63 to 30.56°
Index ranges	-16 ≤ h ≤ 16, -14 ≤ k ≤ 14, -18 ≤ l ≤ 18
Reflections collected	18920
Independent reflections	2403 [R(int) = 0.0193]
Coverage of independent reflections	99.8%
Absorption correction	multi-scan
Structure solution technique	direct methods
Structure solution program	SHELXTL XT 2014/4 (Bruker AXS, 2014)
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Refinement program	SHELXTL XL 2014/7 (Bruker AXS, 2014)
Function minimized	$\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$
Data / restraints / parameters	2403 / 0 / 139
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.289
$\Delta/\sigma_{\text{max}}$	0.004
Final R indices	2356 data; $l > 2\sigma(l)$ R1 = 0.0127, wR2 = 0.0321 all data R1 = 0.0133, wR2 = 0.0324

Weighting scheme	$w=1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2)+(0.0130P)^2+1.6814P]$ where $P=(F_o^2+2F_c^2)/3$
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.387 and -0.783 eÅ ⁻³
R.M.S. deviation from mean	0.108 eÅ ⁻³

Table S13: Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for [CF₃C(OH)(NH₂)]SbF₆].

U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor.

	x/a	y/b	z/c	U(eq)
Sb1	0.53971(2)	0.73531(2)	0.53965(2)	0.00743(3)
N1	0.75128(11)	0.52036(12)	0.14654(9)	0.0114(2)
O1	0.63992(9)	0.58244(10)	0.26967(8)	0.01200(18)
C1	0.78555(11)	0.41494(13)	0.31108(10)	0.0104(2)
F1	0.80320(8)	0.46420(9)	0.40409(6)	0.01733(18)
C2	0.72232(11)	0.51255(12)	0.23894(10)	0.0093(2)
F2	0.71922(8)	0.31153(8)	0.31680(7)	0.01550(17)
F3	0.88644(8)	0.38185(10)	0.27667(7)	0.01838(18)
F5	0.57568(8)	0.85227(9)	0.43796(7)	0.01536(17)
F4	0.50814(8)	0.61198(8)	0.63692(6)	0.01383(16)
F6	0.68690(8)	0.76237(8)	0.60781(7)	0.01509(17)
F9	0.47277(8)	0.86451(9)	0.61389(7)	0.01809(18)
F8	0.39390(8)	0.70219(9)	0.46829(7)	0.01624(17)
F7	0.60482(8)	0.60287(9)	0.46226(7)	0.01504(17)

Table S14: Bond lengths (Å) for [CF₃C(OH)(NH₂)]SbF₆].

Sb1-F9	1.8670(9)	Sb1-F4	1.8717(8)
Sb1-F6	1.8743(9)	Sb1-F5	1.8812(9)
Sb1-F8	1.8892(9)	Sb1-F7	1.9054(9)
N1-C2	1.2844(17)	N1-H2	0.80(2)
N1-H3	0.81(2)	O1-C2	1.2844(16)
O1-H1	0.75(2)	C1-F3	1.3197(15)
C1-F1	1.3283(15)	C1-F2	1.3298(16)
C1-C2	1.5397(18)		

Table S15: Bond angles (°) for [CF₃C(OH)(NH₂)]SbF₆].

F9-Sb1-F4	92.11(4)	F9-Sb1-F6	91.80(4)
F4-Sb1-F6	89.49(4)	F9-Sb1-F5	91.04(4)

F4-Sb1-F5	176.85(4)	F6-Sb1-F5	90.21(4)
F9-Sb1-F8	90.53(4)	F4-Sb1-F8	90.18(4)
F6-Sb1-F8	177.66(4)	F5-Sb1-F8	89.99(4)
F9-Sb1-F7	178.75(4)	F4-Sb1-F7	87.94(4)
F6-Sb1-F7	89.45(4)	F5-Sb1-F7	88.91(4)
F8-Sb1-F7	88.22(4)	C2-N1-H2	118.5(16)
C2-N1-H3	117.5(15)	H2-N1-H3	124.(2)
C2-O1-H1	114.6(18)	F3-C1-F1	109.80(11)
F3-C1-F2	108.98(11)	F1-C1-F2	108.31(11)
F3-C1-C2	110.46(11)	F1-C1-C2	109.94(11)
F2-C1-C2	109.31(11)	O1-C2-N1	120.54(13)
O1-C2-C1	120.68(12)	N1-C2-C1	118.76(12)

Table S16: Torsion angles (°) for [CF₃C(OH)(NH₂)]ISbF₆l.

F3-C1-C2-O1	-161.41(12)	F1-C1-C2-O1	-40.07(17)
F2-C1-C2-O1	78.69(15)	F3-C1-C2-N1	20.50(17)
F1-C1-C2-N1	141.83(13)	F2-C1-C2-N1	-99.40(14)

Table S17: Anisotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for [CF₃C(OH)(NH₂)]ISbF₆l.

The anisotropic atomic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2 [h^2 a^{*2} U_{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U_{12}]$

	U ₁₁	U ₂₂	U ₃₃	U ₂₃	U ₁₃	U ₁₂
Sb1	0.00760(5)	0.00734(5)	0.00741(5)	0.00017(3)	0.00096(3)	-0.00020(3)
N1	0.0119(5)	0.0121(5)	0.0104(5)	0.0009(4)	0.0022(4)	0.0018(4)
O1	0.0129(4)	0.0134(5)	0.0100(4)	-0.0003(4)	0.0028(4)	0.0030(4)
C1	0.0106(6)	0.0113(6)	0.0093(5)	0.0001(4)	0.0009(4)	0.0014(4)
F1	0.0254(5)	0.0161(4)	0.0097(4)	-0.0022(3)	-0.0038(3)	0.0029(3)
C2	0.0081(5)	0.0085(5)	0.0112(5)	-0.0005(4)	0.0001(4)	-0.0015(4)
F2	0.0167(4)	0.0107(4)	0.0188(4)	0.0027(3)	-0.0003(3)	-0.0018(3)
F3	0.0111(4)	0.0263(5)	0.0182(4)	0.0059(4)	0.0039(3)	0.0078(3)
F5	0.0159(4)	0.0158(4)	0.0144(4)	0.0066(3)	0.0017(3)	-0.0026(3)
F4	0.0161(4)	0.0138(4)	0.0120(4)	0.0044(3)	0.0034(3)	-0.0011(3)
F6	0.0113(4)	0.0164(4)	0.0169(4)	0.0006(3)	-0.0037(3)	-0.0028(3)
F9	0.0200(4)	0.0132(4)	0.0219(4)	-0.0043(3)	0.0073(4)	0.0040(3)
F8	0.0117(4)	0.0177(4)	0.0184(4)	0.0026(3)	-0.0051(3)	-0.0037(3)
F7	0.0187(4)	0.0134(4)	0.0137(4)	-0.0032(3)	0.0055(3)	0.0015(3)

Table S18: Hydrogen atomic coordinates and isotropic atomic displacement parameters (Å²) for [CF₃C(OH)(NH₂)]ISbF₆l.

	x/a	y/b	z/c	U(eq)
H1	0.6293(19)	0.574(2)	0.3247(18)	0.024(6)

H2	0.8028(19)	0.475(2)	0.1292(17)	0.025(6)
H3	0.7161(18)	0.572(2)	0.1091(16)	0.020(5)

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