

Synthesis of 6-membered germacycles by intramolecular germylzincation of alkynes

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Supporting Information

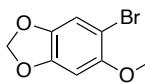
General Information. Unless otherwise noted, all reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources and used as received. THF was freshly distilled over Na/benzophenone before use, and Hexane was freshly distilled over CaH₂ before use. All manipulations were conducted under argon. The reactions were monitored by thin-layer chromatography (TLC) using silica gel gel (60 F254) plates. Compounds were visualized using a UV lamp (254 nm) and/or by potassium permanganate stain. Flash column chromatography was carried out on silica gel 60 (230-400 mesh, 0.040-0.063 mm). Melting points (mp [°C]) were measured with a Kofler apparatus from Wagner and Munz. The infrared spectra of compounds were recorded by transmission on a IRFT spectrometer. Wavelength (ν) were reported in cm⁻¹ and only the strongest or structurally most important peaks are listed. ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded on a spectrometer at 300 MHz (¹³C, 75 MHz). Chemical shifts are given in parts per million. The following abbreviations are used for the proton spectra multiplicities: s: singulet, d: doublet, t: triplet, q: quartet, qt: quintuplet, m: multiplet, br.: broad, dd: double doublet, dt: double triplet. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) were recorded on a Thermo LTQ Orbitrap XL apparatus equipped with an ESI source or on a LCT Premier XE bench top orthogonal acceleration time-of-flight mass spectrometer (Waters Micromass) equipped with an ESI source.



To a solution of 1-(but-3-yn-1-yl)-2-iodobenzene (3 g, 11.715 mmol, 1 equiv.) in anhydrous THF at -70°C under argon atmosphere, a freshly prepared LDA (12.300 mmol, 1.05 equiv.) was added dropwise and the resultant mixture was stirred at this temperature for 1h. Trimethylgermanium chloride (1.974 g, 12.886 mmol, 1.10 equiv.) was then added and the solution was stirred at -70°C for an

additional 1h before being stirred at room temperature for 2h. The reaction was then hydrolyzed with water and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over aqueous anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/OEt₂ = 99:1-98:2) afforded **1g** (3.247 g, 74%) as a pale yellow solid; mp 65.5-66.2°C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1 H), 7.28-7.26 (m, 2 H), 6.93-6.87 (m, 1H), 2.94 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2 H), 2.51 (t, *J* = 7.4, 2 H), 0.32 (s, 9 H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 143.2, 139.5, 130.2, 128.3, 128.2, 104.5, 100.5, 85.5, 40.1, 20.7, -0.04; **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 2976, 2909, 2171, 1563, 1466, 1435, 1239, 1012, 828, 746 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (EI): calcd for C₁₃H₁₇⁷⁴GeI (M⁺) 373.9587, found 373.9581.



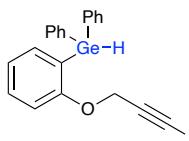
Me 5-bromo-6-(but-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzo[d][1,3]dioxole 1k

To a solution of 6-bromobenzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-ol (1.600 g, 7.373 mmol, 1.0 equiv.) in anhydrous DMF (15 mL) under argon atmosphere, was added potassium carbonate (2.038 g, 14.746 mmol, 2 equiv.) followed by 1-bromo-2-butyne (0.71 mL, 8.110 mmol, 1.1 equiv.). After stirring at 60°C for 2h, the mixture was hydrolyzed with water and extracted with Et₂O. The Combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure to provide the ether. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane / CH₂Cl₂ = 94:6) afforded **1k** (1.302 g, 66%) as a white solid, mp 80.4-81.3 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 6.99 (s, 1H), 6.73 (s, 1H), 5.96 (s, 2H), 4.64 (q, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 1.86 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 149.4, 147.5, 142.6, 112.5, 102.7, 101.8, 98.5, 84.4, 73.7, 58.7, 3.7; **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 2899, 2241, 1501, 1486, 1415, 1260, 1180, 1013, 844 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (CI): calcd for C₁₁H₉⁷⁹BrO₃ (M⁺) 267.9735, found: 267.9731.

General procedure for the synthesis of arylgermanes

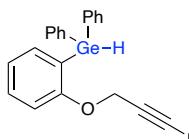
iPrMgCl.LiCl (1.3 M in THF, 1.3 equiv.) was added dropwise to a solution of iodoaryls **1**, in anhydrous THF under argon atmosphere at 0°C, and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 h. Diphenylgermanium dichloride (1.0 - 1.2 equiv.) was then added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature until completion by TLC (for 10–16 h). The resulting mixture was then cooled to 0°C and LiAlH₄ (0.5 equiv.) was added and the solution stirred at 0°C for 1 h and at room temperature for additional 2 h. The solution was quenched with water and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et₂O (x3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.



^{TMS} (3-(2-(diphenylgermyl)phenoxy)prop-1-yn-1-yl)trimethylsilane **2a**

Germane **2a** was prepared following our general procedure for **synthesis of arylgermanes** using ether **1a** (2.064 g, 6.250 mmol, 1 equiv.), *i*PrMgCl.LiCl (1.3 M in THF, 6.7 mL, 8.750 mmol, 1.4 equiv.), diphenylgermanium dichloride (2.047 g, 6.875 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), LiAlH₄ (1.0 M in THF, 3.1 mL, 3.125 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (20 mL). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 100:0-99.5:0.5-99:1) afforded **2a** (2.452 g, 91%) as a colorless oil.

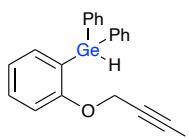
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.60-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.34 (m, 8H), 7.05-6.97 (m, 2H), 5.73 (s, 1 H), 4.57 (s, 2H), 0.18 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.5, 136.8, 136.2 (2C), 135.4 (4C), 131.1, 129.0 (2C), 128.2 (4C), 125.0, 121.8, 111.8, 100.4, 92.6, 56.9, -0.1 (3C); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 2961, 2913, 2029, 1585, 1438, 1206, 831, 753 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₄H₂₅⁷⁴GeOSi (M-H)⁺ 431.0886, found: 431.0894.



^{Me} (2-(but-2-yn-1-yloxy)phenyl)diphenylgermane **2b**

Germane **2b** was prepared following our general procedure for **synthesis of arylgermanes** using ether **1b** (840 mg, 3.087 mmol, 1 equiv.), *i*PrMgCl.LiCl (1.3 M in THF, 2.9 mL, 3.704 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), diphenylgermanium dichloride (1.103 g, 3.704 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), LiAlH₄ (1.0 M in THF, 1.5 mL, 1.543 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (10 mL). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99:1) afforded **2b** (804 mg, 70%) as a colorless oil.

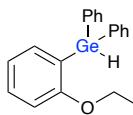
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.59-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.30 (m, 8H), 7.00 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.94 (td, *J* = 7.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.73 (s, 1H), 4.52 (q, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 1.77 (t, *J* = 2.3 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.6, 136.8, 136.1 (2C), 135.4 (4C), 131.1, 128.9 (2C), 128.2 (4C), 124.8, 121.6, 111.7, 83.5, 74.3, 56.5, 3.8; **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3069, 2901, 2049, 1584, 1470, 1431, 1207, 996, 698 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₂H₁₉⁷⁴GeO (M-H)⁺ 373.0648, found: 373.0659.



^{Ph} diphenyl(2-((3-phenylprop-2-yn-1-yl)oxy)phenyl)germane **2c**

Germane **2c** was prepared following our general procedure for **synthesis of arylgermanes** using ether **1c** (600 mg, 1.800 mmol, 1 equiv.), *i*PrMgCl.LiCl (1.3 M in THF, 1.8 mL, 2.340 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), diphenylgermanium dichloride (643 mg, 2.160 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), LiAlH₄ (1.0 M in THF, 0.9 mL, 0.900 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (8 mL). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/Et₂O = 100:0-99:1-98:2) afforded **2c** (480 mg, 61%) as a yellow pale oil.

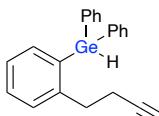
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.59-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.35-7.29 (m, 4H), 7.28-7.23 (m, 6H), 7.19-7.16 (m, 3H), 6.99 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (td, *J* = 7.3, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.74 (s, 1H), 4.67 (s, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.4, 136.8, 136.1 (2C), 135.3 (4C), 131.8 (2C), 131.1, 128.9 (2C), 128.6, 128.3 (2C), 128.2 (4C), 124.9, 122.5, 121.8, 111.7, 87.1, 84.2, 56.6; **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3050, 2047, 1584, 1490, 1470, 1431, 1208, 710, 689 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (IC): calcd for C₂₇H₂₁⁷⁴GeO (M-H)⁺ 435.0804, found 435.0814.



(3-(2-(diphenylgermyl)phenoxy)prop-1-yn-1-yl)trimethylgermane 2d

Germane **2d** was prepared following our general procedure for **synthesis of arylgermanes** using ether **1d** (1.700 g, 4.536 mmol, 1 equiv.), *i*PrMgCl.LiCl (1.3 M in THF, 4.5 mL, 5.897 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), diphenylgermanium dichloride (1.620 g, 5.443 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), LiAlH₄ (1.0 M in THF, 2.3 mL, 2.268 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (15 mL). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99.5:0.5- 99:1-98:2) afforded **2d** (1.828 g, 85%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.60-7.57 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.32 (m, 8H), 7.03 (dd, *J* = 8.7, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (td, *J* = 7.1, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 5.71 (s, 1H), 4.55 (s, 2H), 0.34 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.5, 136.8, 136.2 (2C), 135.4 (4C), 131.1, 128.9 (2C), 128.2 (4C), 125.0, 121.7, 111.9, 99.3, 92.8, 56.9, -0.2 (3C); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 2977, 2906, 2034, 1584, 1470, 1432, 1211, 1026, 694 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₄H₂₅⁷⁴Ge₂O (M-H)⁺ 477.0329, found 477.0342.

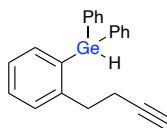


(4-(2-diphenylgermyl)phenyl)but-1-yn-1-yl)trimethylsilane 2e

Germane **2e** was prepared following our general procedure for **synthesis of arylgermanes** using ether **1e** (1.900 g, 5.788 mmol, 1 equiv.), *i*PrMgCl.LiCl (1.3 M in THF (5.8 mL, 7.524 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), diphenylgermanium dichloride (2.068 g, 6.946 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), LiAlH₄

(1.0 M in THF, 2.9 mL, 2.894 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (15 mL). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99.5:0.5-99:1-98:2) afforded **2e** (1.802 g, 72%) as a colorless oil.

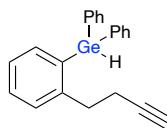
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.51-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.33 (m, 10H), 5.84 (s, 1H), 2.89 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.31 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 0.13 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 146.5, 136.2, 135.7 (2C), 135.3 (4C), 134.6, 129.7, 129.5, 129.3 (2C), 128.6 (4C), 126.3, 106.6, 85.3, 35.9, 22.1, 0.2 (3C); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3053, 2901, 2173, 2035, 1472, 1432, 1248, 838, 696 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₅H₂₇⁷⁴GeSi (M-H)⁺ 429.1094, found 429.1092.



(2-(pent-3-yn-1-yl)phenyl)diphenylgermane 2f

Germane **2f** was prepared following our general procedure for **synthesis of arylgermanes** using ether **1f** (1.578 g, 5.842 mmol, 1 equiv.), iPrMgCl.LiCl (1.3 M in THF, 5.8 mL, 7.595 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), diphenylgermanium dichloride (1.913 g, 6.426 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), LiAlH₄ (1.0 M in THF, 2.92 mL, 2.921 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (20 mL). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/DCM = 100:0-99:1) afforded **2f** (1.412 g, 65%) as a colorless oil.

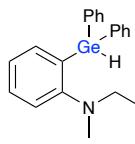
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.51-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.32 (m, 9H), 7.19 (td, J = 7.6 Hz, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.86 (s, 1H), 2.87 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.31-2.24 (m, 2H), 1.73 (t, J = 2.4 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 146.8, 136.2, 135.7 (2C), 135.3 (4C), 134.7, 129.7, 129.23 (2C), 129.19, 128.5 (4C), 126.2, 78.6, 76.3, 36.4, 21.1, 3.6; **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3051, 2915, 2034, 1588, 1483, 1431, 1092, 696 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI+): calcd for C₂₃H₂₁⁷⁴Ge (M-H)⁺ 371.0855, found 371.0862.



(4-(2-(diphenylgermyl)phenylbut-1-yn-1-yl)trimethylgermane 2g

Germane **2g** was prepared following our general procedure for **synthesis of arylgermanes** using ether **1g** (1.647 g, 4.418 mmol, 1 equiv.), iPrMgCl.LiCl (1.3 M in THF, 4.4 mL, 5.743 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), diphenylgermanium dichloride (1.578 g, 5.302 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), LiAlH₄ (1.0 M in THF, 2.2 mL, 2.209 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (15 mL). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/Et₂O = 100:0-99:1-98:2-95:5) afforded **2g** (997 mg, 48%) as a colorless oil.

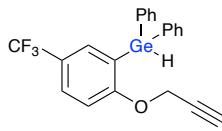
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.51-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 10H), 5.85 (s, 1H), 2.89 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.32 (t, J = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 0.31 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 146.5, 136.1, 135.6 (2C), 135.3 (4C), 134.6, 129.6, 129.4, 129.2 (2C), 128.4 (4C), 126.1, 105.1, 84.9, 36.1, 22.1, -0.1 (3C); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3050, 2917, 2169, 1692, 1485, 1431, 1092, 827, 734, 696 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₅H₂₇⁷⁴Ge₂(M-H)⁺ 475.0536, found 475.0536.



N-(but-2-yn-1-yl)-2-(diphenylgermyl)-N-methylaniline 2h

Germane **2h** was prepared following our general procedure for **synthesis of arylgermanes** using ether **1h** (752 mg, 2.637 mmol, 1 equiv.), iPrMgCl.LiCl (1.3 M in THF, 2.6 mL, 3.428 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), diphenylgermanium dichloride (864 mg, 2.901 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), LiAlH₄ (1.0 M in THF, 1.3 mL, 1.318 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (10 mL). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/Et₂O = 99.5:0.5-99:1-98:2) afforded **2h** (665 mg, 65%) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.54-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.32 (m, 9H), 7.14-7.09 (m, 1H), 5.79 (s, 1H), 3.45 (q, J = 2.5 Hz, 2H), 2.58 (s, 3H), 1.81 (t, J = 2.5 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.8, 136.9, 136.5 (2C), 135.2 (4C), 134.5, 130.4, 128.8 (2C), 128.2 (4C), 125.1, 122.7, 80.6, 75.0, 47.6, 41.5, 3.6; **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3050, 2999, 2789, 2044, 1579, 1471, 1431, 1091, 696 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI+): calcd for C₂₃H₂₄N⁷⁴Ge (M+H)⁺ 388.1121, found: 388.1115.

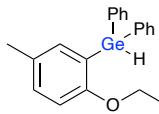


(2-(but-2-yn-1-yloxy)-5-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)diphenylgermane 2i

Germane **2i** was prepared following our general procedure for **synthesis of arylgermanes** using ether **1i** (1.100 g, 3.234 mmol, 1 equiv.), iPrMgCl.LiCl (1.3 M in THF, 3.2 mL, 4.204 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), diphenylgermanium dichloride (1.059 g, 3.557 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), LiAlH₄ (1.0 M in THF, 1.6 mL, 1.617 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (10 mL). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99.5:0.5-99:1) afforded **2i** (1.065 g, 75%) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.67-7.62 (m, 2H), 7.57-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.08 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 1H), 5.72 (s, 1H), 4.59 (q, J = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 1.82 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 163.9, 135.24 (4C), 135.19 (2C), 134.1, 133.7 (q, J = 4 Hz), 129.3 (2C), 128.6 (q, J = 4 Hz), 128.4 (4C), 128.2 (q, J = 273 Hz), 123.6 (q, J = 32 Hz), 111.3, 84.3, 73.4, 56.6, 3.6; **¹⁹F NMR** (282 MHz, CDCl₃): -61.4; **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3068, 2919, 2229,

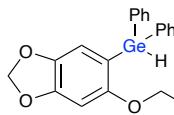
2039, 1596, 1477, 1431, 1210, 1004, 695 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{20}\text{F}_3^{74}\text{GeO}$ ($\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 443.0693, found: 443.0685.



(2-(but-2-yn-1-yloxy)-5-methylphenyl)diphenylgermane 2j

Germane **2j** was prepared following our general procedure for **synthesis of arylgermanes** using ether **1j** (1.224 g, 4.278 mmol, 1 equiv.), *i*PrMgCl.LiCl (1.3 M in THF, 4.3 mL, 5.561 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), diphenylgermanium dichloride (1.401 g, 4.706 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), LiAlH₄ (1.0 M in THF, 2.1 mL, 2.139 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (12 mL). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99.5:0.5-99:1) afforded **2j** (1.302 g, 79%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.58-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.36-7.33 (m, 6H), 7.18-7.17 (m, 1H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 6.93 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 5.68 (s, 1H), 4.50 (q, J = 2.3 Hz, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.81 (t, J = 2.3 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 159.5, 137.2, 136.3 (2C), 135.3 (4C), 131.5, 130.7, 128.8 (2C), 128.1 (4C), 124.6, 111.7, 83.2, 74.5, 56.6, 20.5, 3.6; **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3068, 2919, 2229, 2041, 1580, 1477, 1431, 1210, 1092, 696 cm^{-1} ; **HRMS** (ESI $^+$): calcd for $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{21}^{74}\text{GeO}$ ($\text{M}-\text{H})^+$ 387.0804, found: 387.0817.

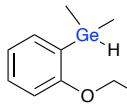


(6-(but-2-yn-1-yloxy)benzo[d][1,3]dioxol-5-yl)diphenylgermane 2k

To a mixture of ether **1k** (940 mg, 3.493 mmol, 1 equiv.) and diphenylgermanium dichloride (1.247 g, 4.192 mmol, 1.2 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (15 mL), at -90°C was added under argon atmosphere *t*-BuLi (1.48 M in hexane, 4.70 mL, 6.986 mmol, 2 equiv.) dropwise over 10 min. After stirring the mixture for 3h, LiAlH₄ (1M in THF, 2.98 mL, 4.418 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) was then added to the mixture at 0°C followed by stirring for 1h at this temperature and 1h at room temperature before hydrolysis with water. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude is purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99:1) to give **2k** (1.190 g, 82%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.58-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.38-7.36 (m, 6H), 6.76 (d, J = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 5.93 (s, 2H), 5.70 (s, 1H), 4.44 (q, J = 2.2 Hz, 2H), 1.83 (t, J = 2.2 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.2, 149.9, 142.4, 136.2 (2C), 135.3 (4C), 129.0 (2C), 128.2 (4C), 116.0, 114.7, 101.4, 96.6, 83.7, 74.4, 57.9, 3.8; **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3065, 2918, 2035, 1606, 1470, 1430,

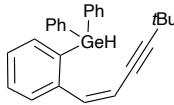
1242, 1170, 694 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₃H₂₁⁷⁴GeO₃ (M+H)⁺: 419.0702, found 419.0709.



^{TMS} (**(3-(2-(dimethylgermyl)phenoxy)prop-1-yn-1-yl)trimethylsilane 2l**

Germane **2l** was prepared following our general procedure for **synthesis of arylgermanes** using ether **1a** (1.000 g, 3.028 mmol, 1 equiv.), iPrMgCl.LiCl (1.3 M in THF, 3.0 mL, 3.936 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), dimethylgermanium dichloride (578 mg, 3.331 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), LiAlH₄ (1.0 M in THF, 1.5 mL, 1.514 mmol, 0.5 equiv.), anhydrous THF (10 mL). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane = 100) afforded **2l** (915 mg, 98%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.42 (dd, J = 7.1, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 7.32 (ddd, J = 8.0, 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (td, J = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 6.95 (dd, J = 8.0, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 4.68 (s, 2H), 4.47 (heptuplet, J = 3.4 Hz, 1H), 0.50 (d, J = 3.4 Hz, 6H), 0.18 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 161.8, 135.4, 130.3, 128.5, 121.6, 111.5, 100.7, 92.5, 57.0, -0.2 (3C), -3.7 (2C); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3063, 2961, 2024, 1585, 1470, 1438, 1250, 1206, 1008, 831, 753 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI+): calcd for C₁₄H₂₁⁷⁴GeOSi (M-H)⁺ 307.0573, found 307.0578.

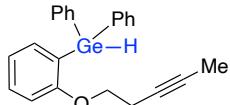


(Z)-(2-(5,5-dimethylhex-1-en-3-yn-1-yl)phenyl)diphenylgermane 2m

To a mixture of compound **1m** (802 mg, 3.047 mmol, 1 equiv.) and diphenylgermanium dichloride (1.179 g, 3.961 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) in anhydrous THF (18 mL), at -80°C was added under argon atmosphere *t*-BuLi (1.48 M in hexane, 4.1 mL, 6.094 mmol, 2 equiv.) dropwise over 10 min. After stirring the mixture for 1h, LiAlH₄ (1M in THF, 1.5 mL, 1.523 mmol, 0.5 equiv.) was added to the mixture at 0°C followed by stirring 1h at this temperature and 1h at room temperature before being quenched with water. The mixture was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ and the combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude is purified by flash chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/Et₂O = 99.5:0.5) afforded **2m** (752 mg, 60%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 8.49 (d, J = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.33 (m, 9H), 6.72 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 5.82 (s, 1H), 5.59 (d, J = 11.9 Hz, 1H), 1.28 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 137.3, 136.9, 135.5, 134.2, 129.7, 129.1, 128.9, 128.7 (4C), 128.4 (2C), 128.22 (2C), 128.16 (4C), 108.3, 105.6, 78.1, 30.9 (3C), 28.8 ; **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3050, 2966,

2100, 2036, 1693, 1583, 1484, 1431, 1091, 695 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₆H₂₅⁷⁴Ge (M-H)⁺ 411.1168, found 411.1173.



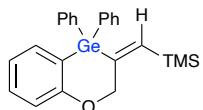
(2-(pent-3-yn-1-yloxy)phenyl)diphenylgermane 2n

Germane **2n** was prepared following our general procedure for **synthesis of arylgermanes** using ether **1n** (1.600 g, 5.592 mmol, 1 equiv.), *i*PrMgCl.LiCl (1.3 M in THF, 5.6 mL, 7.270 mmol, 1.3 equiv.), diphenylgermanium dichloride (1.831 g, 6.151 mmol, 1.1 equiv.), LiAlH₄ (1.0 M in THF, 2.8 mL, 2.796 mmol, 0.5 equiv.), anhydrous THF (20 mL). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99:1, 98:2) afforded **22** (1.702 g, 79%) as a white solid, mp 75.6-76.5 °C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.65-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.38 (m, 8H), 7.00 (td, *J* = 7.7, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.91 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 5.75 (s, 1H), 3.99 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.35-2.27 (m, 2H), 1.77 (t, *J* = 2.6 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 162.2, 136.9, 136.3 (2C), 135.3 (4C), 131.3, 128.9 (2C), 128.2 (4C), 124.5, 121.3, 110.9, 77.3, 75.1, 66.7, 19.5, 3.6; **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3059, 2917, 2049, 1583, 1464, 1431, 1237, 691 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₃H₂₁⁷⁴GeO (M-H)⁺ 387.0804, found 387.0817.

General procedure for the polar intramolecular germylzincation

In a dry sealed tube under argon atmosphere, germane **2** (0.25–2 mmol) was dissolved in dry hexane and the solution was degassed. *i*Pr₂Zn (1.0 M in toluene, 1.2 equiv.) was then added at room temperature, and the reaction mixture was heated at 80° C for 1.5 h. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was hydrolyzed with aqueous NH₄Cl and stirred for 20 min. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether (x3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (x2), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.

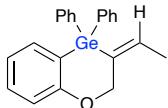


(E)-((4,4-diphenyl-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxagermin-3(4H)-ylidene)methyl)

trimethylsilane **3a**

Prepared according to **germylzincation** procedure from germane **2a** (293 mg, 0.679 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (2.6 mL), *i*Pr₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.82 mL, 0.815 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). Purification of the crude product (*E* / *Z* = 96:4) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99.5:0.5) afforded **3a** (249 mg, 85%, *E* / *Z* = 96:4) as a colorless oil.

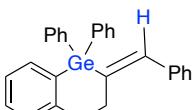
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.57-7.54 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 8H), 7.07-7.02 (m, 2H), 6.35 (t, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 0.21 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.7, 157.0, 145.3, 135.8 (2C), 135.6, 135.0 (4C), 130.9, 129.5 (2C), 128.5 (4C), 123.9, 122.9, 119.0, 75.4, 0.4 (3C); **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 4.90 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H) and 0.21 (s, 9H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3063, 2955, 1589, 1465, 1431, 1248, 1091, 838 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₄H₂₇⁷⁴GeOSi (M+H)⁺ 433.1043, found 433.1051.



(E)-3-ethylidene-4,4-diphenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxagermine 3b

Prepared according to **germylzincation** procedure from germane **2b** (73 mg, 0.195 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (0.8 mL), *iPr*₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.23 mL, 0.234 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). Purification of the crude product (*E* / *Z* = 95:5) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/Et₂O = 99.5:0.5) afforded **3b** (69 mg, 94%, *E* / *Z* = 95:5) as a colorless oil.

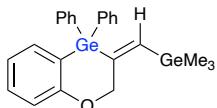
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.59-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.43-7.29 (m, 8H), 7.04 (m, 2H), 6.06 (qt, *J* = 6.7, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (bs, 2H), 1.85 (d, *J* = 6.7 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.8, 136.6, 136.1, 135.74 (2C), 135.72, 135.0 (4C), 130.8, 129.4 (2C), 128.5 (4C), 123.5, 122.7, 119.1, 70.5, 14.5; **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 4.90 (dq, *J* = 1.8, 1.0 Hz, 2H) and 1.85 (td, *J* = 6.7, 1.0 Hz, 3H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3067, 2955, 1588, 1464, 1430, 1199, 1090, 697 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₂H₂₁⁷⁴GeO (M+H)⁺ 375.0804, found 375.0802.



(E)-3-benzylidene-4,4-diphenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxagermine 3c

Prepared according to **germylzincation** procedure from germane **2c** (93.2 mg, 0.214 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (0.9 mL), *iPr*₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.26 mL, 0.257 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). Purification of the crude product (*E* / *Z* = 92:8) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/Toluene = 95:5-90:10, 80:20, 0:100) afforded **3c** (72 mg, 78%, *E* / *Z* = 92:8) as a colorless solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.65-7.62 (m, 4H), 7.46-7.29 (m, 12H), 7.23 (bs, 1H), 7.10-7.05 (m, 2H), 6.97 (bs, 1H), 5.12 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.7, 139.8, 139.7, 136.6, 135.5 (2C), 135.3, 135.1 (4C), 131.0, 129.6 (2C), 129.0 (2C), 128.6 (4C), 128.5 (2C), 127.7, 124.2, 123.1, 119.3, 77.1; **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 7.46-7.29 (m, H_{aryle}) and 5.13 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H); **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₇H₂₃⁷⁴GeO (M+H)⁺ 437.0961, found 437.0969.

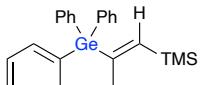


(E)-4,4-diphenyl-3-((trimethylgermyl)methylene)-3,4-dihydro-2H-

benzo[b][1,4]oxagermine 3d

Prepared according to **germylzincation** procedure from germane **2d** (605 mg, 1.272 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (4.5 mL), *i*Pr₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 1.53 mL, 1.526 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). Purification of the crude product (*E* / *Z* = 95:5) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/Et₂O = 99.5:0.5) afforded **3d** (488 mg, 81%, *E* / *Z* = 95:5) as a white solid; mp 73.9–75.1°C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.61–7.56 (m, 4H), 7.45–7.36 (m, 8H), 7.09–7.03 (m, 2H), 6.52 (t, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 4.87 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H), 0.37 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.8, 154.2, 146.4, 135.8 (2C), 135.7, 135.0 (4C), 130.8, 129.5 (2C), 128.5 (4C), 123.6, 122.8, 119.0, 75.6, 0.3 (3C); **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 4.87 (d, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 2H) and 0.37 (s, 9H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 2961, 2906, 1588, 1465, 1430, 1201, 1089, 696 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₄H₂₇⁷⁴Ge₂O (M+H)⁺ 479.0485, found 479.0471.

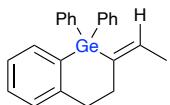


(E)-((1,1-diphenyl-3,4-dihydrobenzo[b]germin-2(1*H*)-ylidene)methyl)tri-

methylsilane 3e

Prepared according to **germylzincation** procedure from germane **2e** (202 mg, 0.471 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (1.5 mL), *i*Pr₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.56 mL, 0.565 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). Purification of the crude product (*E* / *Z* = 94:6) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99.5:0.5) afforded **2e** (157 mg, 78%, *E* / *Z* = 94:6) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.54–7.43 (m, 4H), 7.42–7.22 (m, 8H), 7.19–7.16 (m, 2H), 6.15 (t, *J* = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.96–2.79 (m, 4H), 0.14 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 160.4, 148.0, 142.8, 136.9, 135.80, 135.76 (2C), 135.1 (4C), 129.14, 129.08 (2C), 128.6, 128.3 (4C), 126.2, 36.6, 35.5, 0.4 (3C); **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 2.86–2.81 (m, 2H) and 0.14 (s, 9H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3051, 2951, 1573, 1484, 1431, 1246, 1090, 834 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₅H₂₉Si⁷⁴Ge (M+H)⁺ 431.1250, found 431.1262.

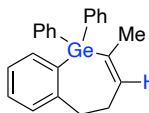


(E)-2-ethylidene-1,1-diphenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzo[b]germine 3f

Prepared according to **germylzincation** procedure from germane **2f** (225 mg, 0.606 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (2.0 mL), *i*Pr₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.73 mL, 0.728 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). Purification of the crude product (*E* / *Z* / 7-*endo*-dig = 66:13:21) by flash chromatography on

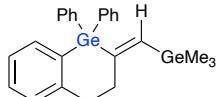
silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99.5:0.5) afforded an inseparable **3f/3'f** mixture in a 76/24 ratio (195 mg, 87%: 66% **3f E** / **Z** = 83:17 + 21% **3'f**) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.43-7.40 (m, 4H), 7.29-7.24 (m, 10H), 5.85-5.79 (m, 1H), 2.79-2.73 (m, 2H), 2.68-2.60 (m, 2H), 1.68 (dt, *J* = 6.7, 1.0 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 148.3, 138.2, 137.0, 135.3 (2C), 135.2 (4C), 134.9, 129.2, 129.03 (2C), 128.98, 128.6, 128.3 (4C), 126.1, 34.8, 29.8, 14.6; **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 2.65-2.62 (m, 2H) and 1.68 (dt, *J* = 6.7, 1.0 Hz, 3H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3050, 2907, 1483, 1430, 1090, 697 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₃H₂₃⁷⁴Ge (M+H⁺) 373.1012, found 373.1015.



2-methyl-1,1-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1H-benzo[b]germepine 3'f

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.44-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.25 (m, 5H), 7.20 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.07 (m, 3H), 7.02 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.43 (m, 1H), 2.89-2.82 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.43 (m, 2H), 1.77 (q, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 149.7, 143.2, 137.0, 135.9, 135.3 (4C), 135.1 (2C), 134.8, 131.0, 129.7, 129.0 (2C), 128.4 (4C), 125.5, 35.8, 32.7, 26.2; **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3048, 2906, 1633, 1483, 1430, 1090, 698; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₃H₂₃⁷⁴Ge (M+H⁺) 373.1012, found 373.1021.

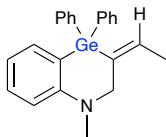


(E)-1,1-diphenyl-2-((trimethylgermyl)methylene)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-

benzo[b]germine 3g

Prepared according to **germylzincation** procedure from germane **2g** (369 mg, 0.779 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (2.7 mL), *iPr*₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.94 mL, 0.935 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). Purification of the crude product (*E* / *Z* = 99:1) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99:1) afforded **3g** (297 mg, 80%, *E* / *Z* = 97:3) as a colorless oil.

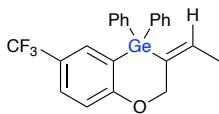
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.57-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.37 (m, 7H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.25-7.23 (m, 1H), 7.16-7.13 (m, 1H), 6.32 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 1H), 2.99-2.94 (m, 2H), 2.88-2.83 (m, 2H), 0.34 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.3, 156.6, 149.6, 148.0, 143.6, 136.9, 135.7 (2C), 135.3, 135.1 (4C), 129.1 (2C), 128.3 (4C), 126.2, 36.7, 35.6, 0.1 (3C); **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 2.88-2.83 (m, 2H) and 0.34 (s, 9H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3051, 2906, 1576, 1484, 1430, 1090, 697 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₅H₂₉⁷⁰Ge⁷²Ge (M+H⁺) 471.0733, found 471.0716.



(E)-3-ethylidene-1-methyl-4,4-diphenyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydrobenzo[b][1,4]-azagermine 3h

Prepared according to **germylzincation** procedure from germane **2h** (135 mg, 0.350 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (1.2 mL), *i*Pr₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.42 mL, 0.420 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). Purification of the crude product (conversion 75%) (*E* / *Z* = 70:30) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/CH₂Cl₂ = 98:2-96:4-90:10) afforded **3h** (52 mg, 39%, 51% BRSM) as a colorless oil.

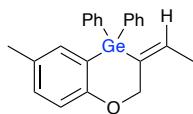
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.54-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.30 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 6.92-6.84 (m, 2H), 5.89 (qt, *J* = 6.7, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.93 (dq, *J* = 2.0, 1.2 Hz, 2H), 2.93 (s, 3H), 1.79 (dt, *J* = 6.7, 1.2 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.4, 138.8, 136.5, 135.4 (2C), 135.2 (4C), 133.6, 130.2, 129.1 (2C), 128.3 (4C), 125.8, 119.9, 115.0, 57.6, 42.1, 14.6; **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 3.93 (dq, *J* = 2.0, 1.2 Hz, 2H) and 1.79 (dt, *J* = 6.7, 1.2 Hz, 3H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3049, 2794, 1736, 1583, 1430, 1266, 1090, 697 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₃H₂₄N⁷²Ge (M+H⁺) 386.1130, found 386.1123.



(E)-3-ethylidene-4,4-diphenyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxagermine 3i

Prepared according to **germylzincation** procedure from germane **2i** (260 mg, 0.589 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (2.0 mL), *i*Pr₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.71 mL, 0.707 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). Purification of the crude product (*E* / *Z* = 95:5) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/AcOEt = 99:1) afforded **3i** (217 mg, 83%, *E* / *Z* = 95:5) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.68 (d, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.55 (m, 5H), 7.46-7.42 (m, 6H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (qt, *J* = 6.9, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (q, *J* = 0.8 Hz, 2H), 1.90 (dt, *J* = 6.9, 0.8. Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 167.3 (q, *J* = 1.5 Hz), 137.8 (2C), 134.9 (4C), 134.7, 134.5, 132.8 (q, *J* = 4 Hz), 129.8 (2C), 128.7 (4C), 128.0 (q, *J* = 4 Hz), 124.5 (q, *J* = 32 Hz), 124.6 (q, *J* = 273 Hz), 123.8, 119.3, 70.3, 14.5; **¹⁹F NMR** (282 MHz, CDCl₃): -61.4; **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 4.96 (dq, *J* = 1.8, 1.0 Hz, 2H) and 1.90 (dt, *J* = 6.9, 1.0. Hz, 3H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3050, 1483, 1431, 1320, 1074, 697 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API-): calcd for C₂₃H₁₉F₃GeO (M⁺) 442.0600, found 442.0595.



(E)-3-ethylidene-6-methyl-4,4-diphenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]-oxagermine 3j

Prepared according to **germylzincation** procedure from germane **2j** (230 mg, 0.594 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (2.0 mL), *iPr*₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.71 mL, 0.712 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). Purification of the crude product (*E* / *Z* = 98:2) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/AcOEt = 99:1) afforded **3j** (219 mg, 95%, *E* / *Z* = 98:2) as a colorless oil.

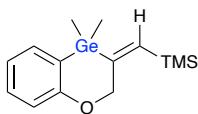
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.68-7.65 (m, 4H), 7.50-7.44 (m, 6H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (ddd, *J* = 8.3, 2.3, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 6.12 (qt, *J* = 6.9, 1.9 Hz, 1H), 4.96 (dq, *J* = 1.9, 1.0 Hz, 2H), 2.34 (s, 3H), 1.91 (dt, *J* = 6.9, 1.0 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 162.7, 136.6, 136.2, 135.8, 135.7 (2C), 135.0 (4C), 131.9, 131.6, 129.4 (2C), 128.4 (4C), 123.3, 118.8, 70.7, 20.8, 14.5; **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 4.96 (dq, *J* = 1.9, 1.0 Hz, 2H) and 1.91 (dt, *J* = 6.9, 1.0 Hz, 3H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3048, 2919, 1600, 1470, 1203, 696 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₃H₂₃⁷²GeO (M+H⁺) 387.0970, found 387.0983.



(E)-7-ethylidene-8,8-diphenyl-7,8-dihydro-6H-[1,3]dioxolo[4',5':4,5]-benzo[1,2-b][1,4]oxagermine 3k

Prepared according to **germylzincation** procedure from germane **2k** (220 mg, 0.527 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (1.8 mL), *iPr*₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.63 mL, 0.632 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). Purification of the crude product (*E* / *Z* = 97:3) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/AcOEt = 99:1) afforded **3k** (172 mg, 78%, *E* / *Z* = 95:5) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.55-7.52 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 6H), 6.75 (s, 1H), 6.61 (s, 1H), 6.00 (qt, *J* = 6.8, 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.91 (s, 2H), 4.84-4.83 (m, 2H), 1.81 (dt, *J* = 6.8, 1.0 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 160.2, 149.6, 143.5, 136.5, 136.1 (2C), 135.8, 134.9 (4C), 129.4 (2C), 128.5 (4C), 114.7, 112.6, 101.6, 101.2, 71.3, 14.6; **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 4.83 (dq, *J* = 1.8, 1.0 Hz, 2H) and 1.81 (dt, *J* = 6.8, 1.0 Hz, 3H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3067, 2888, 1606, 1469, 1430, 1026, 696cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₃H₂₁⁷⁴GeO₃ (M+H⁺) 419.0702, found 419.0708.



(E)-((4,4-dimethyl-2H-benzp[b][1,4]oxagermin-3(4H)-ylidene)methyl)trimethylsilane 3l

Prepared according to **germylzincation** procedure from germane **2I** (120 mg, 0.391 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (1.5 mL), *i*Pr₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.47 mL, 0.469 mmol, 1.2 equiv.). Purification of the crude product (*E* / *Z* = 68:32) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/AcOEt = 100:0-99.5:0.5-99:1) afforded **3I** (49 mg, 41%, *E* / *Z* = 65:35, 75% BRSM) as a colorless oil.

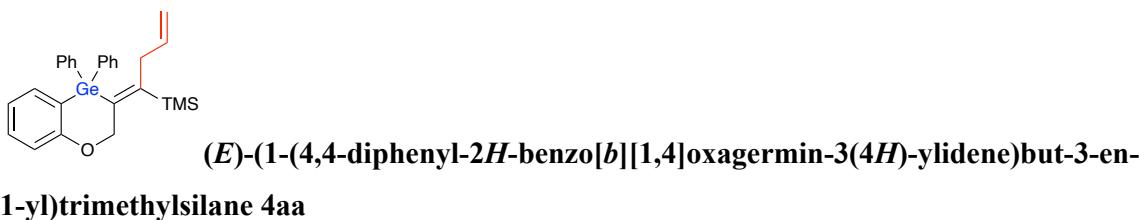
(E) isomer : ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.04 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (dd, *J* = 8.5, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.16 (t, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 0.46 (s, 6H), 0.19 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.0, 161.4, 141.6, 134.5, 130.2, 127.7, 122.7, 118.7, 75.0, 0.4 (3C), 0.2 (2C); **NMR 2D NOESY:** correlation between 4.73 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H) and 0.19 (s, 9H).

(Z) isomer : ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.36-7.32 (m, 1H), 7.29-7.22 (m, 1H), 7.02 (td, *J* = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 6.97-6.90 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 0.7 Hz, 1H), 6.52 (t, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.54 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 2H), 0.58 (s, 6H), 0.18 (s, 9H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.2, 157.7, 144.1, 134.3, 130.0, 126.7, 122.4, 118.0, 82.1, 0.2 (3C), -2.2 (2C); **NMR 2D NOESY:** correlation between 6.52 (t, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 1H) and 4.54 (d, *J* = 1.3 Hz, 2Hz).

IR (neat): $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3061, 2955, 1590, 1433, 1247, 1002, 836, 693 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₁₄H₂₃⁷⁴GeOSi (M+H⁺) 309.0730, found 309.0740.

General procedure for the Domino polar germanylation / Cu(I)-mediated electrophilic trapping

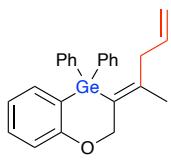
The general procedure GP2 was followed. Instead of hydrolysis, the appropriate Cu(I)-salt (0.2 equiv.) and electrophile (3.6 equiv.) were consecutively added and the resulting mixture stirred at room temperature for 2 h or overnight. The mixture was hydrolyzed with aqueous NH₄Cl and stirred for 20 min. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (x3). The combined organic layers washed with brine (x2), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.



Prepared according to **domino germanylation** procedure from germane **2a** (93 mg, 0.214 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (1.0 mL), *i*Pr₂Zn (1M in toluene, 0.26 mL, 0.257 mmol, 1.2 equiv.),

CuBr.SMe₂ (9 mg, 0.043 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) and allyl chloride (59 mg, 0.770 mmol, 3.6 equiv.) with reaction time of 90 minutes at 80°C and 14h at room temperature. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Petroleum ether/CH₂Cl₂ = 99:1-98:2-95:5) afforded an inseparable **4aa/2a** mixture in a 94/6 ratio (76 mg, 76%: 71% **4aa** *E* / *Z* = 95:5 + 5% **2a**) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.56-7.53 (m, 4H), 7.37-7.29 (m, 8H), 7.01-6.94 (m, 2H), 5.30 (ddt, *J* = 16.3, 10.4, 5.9 Hz, 1H), 4.92 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H), 4.73-4.63 (m, 2H), 2.99 (dt, *J* = 5.9, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 0.25 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 165.3, 154.5, 149.3, 136.4 (2C), 135.7, 135.0 (4C), 130.5, 129.2 (2C), 128.5 (4C), 128.4, 124.3, 122.7, 118.2, 116.1, 75.6, 43.2, 1.2 (3C); **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 4.92 (t, *J* = 1.7 Hz, 2H) and 0.25 (s, 9H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3063, 2955, 1588, 1465, 1431, 1249, 1090, 837 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₇H₃₁⁷⁴GeOSi (M+H)⁺ 473.1356, found: 473.1357.



(*Z*)-3-(pent-4-en-2-ylidene)-4,4-diphenyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-benzo[*b*][1,4]-oxagermine **4ba**

Prepared according to domino germlyzincation procedure from germane **2b** (160 mg, 0.429 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (1.5 ml), *i*Pr₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.52 mL, 0.515 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), CuBr.SMe₂ (18 mg, 0.086 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) and allyl chloride (118 mg, 1.544 mmol, 3.6 equiv.) with reaction time of 90 minutes at 80°C and 14h at room temperature. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99.8:0.2-99.5:0.5) afforded an inseparable **4ba/3b** mixture in a 78/22 ratio (164 mg, 76% **4ba** *Z* / *E* = 96:4 + 19% **3b**) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.59-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.39-7.35 (m, 8H), 7.00-6.94 (m, 2H), 5.31 (ddt, *J* = 16.9, 10.0, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 4.81 (s, 2H), 4.80 (dt, *J* = 10.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (dt, *J* = 16.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 2.83 (dt, *J* = 6.9, 1.5 Hz, Hz, 2H), 1.85 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 165.2, 145.9, 136.4, 135.6 (2C), 135.2, 135.0 (4C), 130.6, 130.5, 129.3 (2C), 128.5 (4C), 124.5, 122.7, 118.5, 117.0, 72.8, 45.6, 17.3; **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 4.81 (s, 2H) and 1.85 (s, 3H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3069, 3045, 1587, 1465, 1431, 1205, 1089, 696 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₅H₂₅⁷⁴GeO (M+H)⁺ 415.1117, found: 415.1130.



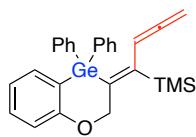
(E)-(1-(4,4-diphenyl-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxagermin-3(4H)-ylidene)ethyl)trimethylsilane 4ab

Prepared according to domino germinalzincation procedure from germane **2a** (207 mg, 0.480 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (1.5 ml), *i*Pr₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.58 mL, 0.58 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), CuCN.2LiCl (1 M in THF, 1.44 mL, 1.44 mmol, 3 equiv.) and methyl iodide (204 mg, 1.44 mmol, 3.0 equiv.) with reaction time of 90 minutes at 80°C and 14h at room temperature. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99.8:0.2-99.5:0.5) afforded **4ab** (143.8 mg, 67% **4ab E / Z = 7:3**) as a colorless oil.

(E) isomer : **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.60-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.02-6.90 (m, 2H), 4.95 (s, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), -0.17 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.7, 151.4, 146.7, 135.9 (2C), 135.0, 134.4 (4C), 129.9, 128.6 (2C), 127.9 (4C), 124.2, 122.1, 117.7, 75.1, 25.1, -0.0 (3C); **NMR 2D NOESY:** correlation between 4.95 (s, 2H) and -0.17 (s, 3H).

(Z) isomer : **¹H NMR** (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.67-7.64 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.34-7.28 (m, 1H), 7.24-7.18 (m, 1H), 7.02-6.90 (m, 2H), 4.89 (s, 2H), 1.86 (s, 3H), 0.26 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 163.7, 152.1, 144.4, 136.5 (2C), 134.69 (4C), 134.66, 129.6, 128.7 (2C), 127.8 (4C), 126.6, 122.1, 117.3, 72.9, 18.6, -0.7 (3C); **NMR 2D NOESY:** correlation between 4.89 (s, 2H) and 1.86 (s, 3H).

IR (neat): ν_{max} = 3068, 2955, 1587, 1466, 1431, 1257, 1089, 834, 696 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (ESI+): calcd for C₂₅H₂₈⁷⁴GeOSi(M)⁺ 446.1121, found: 446.1123.



4ac

Prepared according to domino germinalzincation procedure from germane **2a** (213 mg, 0.495 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (1.5 ml), *i*Pr₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.60 mL, 0.600 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), CuCN.2LiCl (1 M in THF, 1.49 mL, 1.49 mmol, 3 equiv.) and propargyl bromide (330 μL, 2.97 mmol, 6 equiv.) with reaction time of 90 minutes at 80°C and 14h at room temperature. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/DCM = 99:1) afforded **4ac** (160.5 mg, 69%) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.65-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.44-7.39 (m, 6H), 7.37-7.34 (m, 1H), 7.32-7.29 (m, 1H), 7.07-6.99 (m, 2H), 6.01 (tt, *J* = 6.8, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 5.01 (d, *J* = 0.9 Hz, 2H), 4.62 (d, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 0.36 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 210.1, 165.1, 150.9,

148.9, 136.1, 135.7 (2C), 135.1 (4C), 130.6, 129.3 (2C), 128.52, 128.47 (4C), 124.6, 122.8, 118.3, 96.8, 75.3, 1.8 (3C); **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 4.62 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 2H) and 0.36 (s, 9H); **IR** (neat): $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3050, 2955, 1934, 1693, 1588, 1566, 1466, 1431, 1251, 1089, 837, 696 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; **HRMS** (ESI $^+$): calcd for $C_{27}H_{29}{^{72}\text{GeOSi}}$ ($M+H$) $^+$ 469.1208, found: 469.1210.

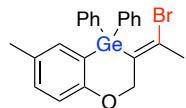


(*Z*)-3-(1-iodoethylidene)-4,4-diphenyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-benzo[*b*][1,4]oxa-

germine 4bd

Prepared according to domino germylzincation procedure from germane **2b** (233 mg, 0.623 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (2.0 ml), *iPr*₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.74 mL, 0.74 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), and iodide (317 mg, 1.25 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) with reaction time of 90 minutes at 80°C and 14h at room temperature. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/DCM = 8: 2) afforded **4bd** (251.1 mg, 82%) as a white solid; mp 119.1°C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.77\text{-}7.66$ (m, 4H), 7.44-7.37 (m, 6H), 7.32-7.26 (m, 2H), 7.03 (dd, $J = 7.6, 1.1$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (td, $J = 7.3, 1.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.79 (q, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 2H), 2.75 (t, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 164.6, 145.8, 135.8$ (2C), 135.7 (4C), 134.1, 130.7, 129.5 (2C), 128.5 (4C), 125.5, 123.2, 118.3, 110.3, 72.8, 31.5; **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 4.79 (q, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 2H) and 2.75 (t, $J = 0.9$ Hz, 3H); **IR** (neat): $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2917, 1619, 1599, 1472, 1430, 1205, 1091, 1067, 986, 697 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; **HRMS** (API $^+$): calcd for C₂₂H₂₀⁷⁴GeIO ($M+H$) $^+$ 500.9771, found: 500.9760.



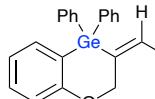
(*Z*)-3-(1-bromoethylidene)-6-methyl-4,4-diphenyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-

benzo[*b*][1,4]oxagermine 4je

Prepared according to domino germylzincation procedure from germane **2j** (237 mg, 0.613 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (1.5 ml), *iPr*₂Zn (1 M in toluene, 0.74 mL, 0.74 mmol, 1.2 equiv.), CuCN.2LiCl (1 M in THF, 1.83 mL, 1.83 mmol, 3 equiv.) and NBS (220 mg, 1.24 mmol, 2.0 equiv.) with reaction time of 90 minutes at 80°C and 14h at room temperature. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99.8:0.2-99.5:0.5) afforded **4je** (209 mg, 73% *Z* / *E* = 98:2) as a colorless solid; mp 88.5°C.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 7.74\text{-}7.66$ (m, 4H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 6H), 7.13-7.08 (m, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.78 (q, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 2H), 2.15 (t, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 3H), 2.25 (s, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): $\delta = 162.7, 138.0, 135.7$ (2C), 135.4 (4C), 134.7, 132.4, 132.3, 131.5,

129.4 (2C), 128.4 (4C), 124.4, 118.2, 73.1, 26.0, 20.3; **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 4.78 (q, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 2H) and 2.15 (t, $J = 0.8$ Hz, 3H); **IR** (neat): $\nu_{\text{max}} = 2917, 1619, 1599, 1472, 1430, 1205, 1091, 1067, 731, 697 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for $C_{23}H_{22}{^{79}\text{Br}}{^{70}\text{Ge}}\text{IO} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 463.0097, found: 463.0097.

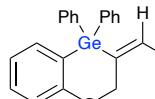


(E)-3-(iodomethylene)-4,4-diphenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxa-

germine 5d

To a solution of vinylgermane **3d** ($E/Z = 95:5$) (126 mg, 0.265 mmol, 1 equiv.) in anhydrous CH_2Cl_2 (1.5 mL) under argon atmosphere, was added *N*-iodosuccinimide (78 mg, 0.346 mmol, 1.3 equiv.) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3h before being quenched with water and extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic layer was washed with $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$ and brine, dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude product ($E/Z = 95:5$) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99.8:0.2, 99.5:0.5, 99:1) afforded **5d** (112 mg, 87%) as a white solid.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 7.54\text{--}7.49$ (m, 4H), 7.44–7.36 (m, 8H), 7.12–7.04 (m, 2H), 6.59 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H), 4.76 (d, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl_3): $\delta = 164.3, 149.6, 135.1$ (2C), 134.8 (4C), 133.9, 131.5, 130.0 (2C), 128.8 (4C), 123.5, 123.2, 119.7, 87.8, 79.6; **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 7.45–7.35 (m, 8H) and 6.61 (t, $J = 1.8$ Hz, 1H); **IR** (neat): $\nu_{\text{max}} = 3333, 2974, 1583, 1430, 1202, 1047, 879, 695 \text{ cm}^{-1}$; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for $C_{21}H_{18}{^{72}\text{Ge}}\text{IO} (\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ 484.9623, found 484.9618.



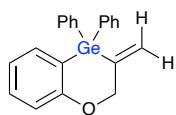
(E)-(3-(4,4-diphenyl-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxa-germin-3(4H)-ylidene)

prop-1-yn-1-yl)trimethylsilane 6

To a mixture of vinyl iodide **5d** ($E/Z = 95:5$) (71 mg, 0.149 mmol, 1 equiv.), $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{PPh}_3)_2$ (2 mg, 0.003 mmol, 0.02 equiv.), CuI (1 mg, 0.005 mmol, 0.04 equiv.), Et_3N (0.04 mL, 0.268 mmol, 1.8 equiv.) in dry THF (4 mL) was added dropwise a solution of trimethylsilylacetylene (19.7 mg, 0.201 mmol, 1.4 equiv.) at room temperature. The resulting mixture was stirred at reflux for 4h, and after cooling it down to ambient temperature, the reaction mixture was filtered over celite. The filtrate was evaporated under reduced pressure, and the residue was dissolved in Et_2O , washed with a saturated aqueous solution of NH_4Cl and brine. The obtained organic layer was dried over anhydrous MgSO_4 and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification

of the crude product (*E/Z* = 97:3) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99.5:0.5, 99:1) afforded **6** (61 mg, 90%) as a yellow oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.57-7.51 (m, 4H), 7.42-7.35 (m, 8H), 7.11-7.04 (m, 2H), 5.98 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 5.07 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 0.23 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.6, 153.6, 135.5 (2C), 134.9 (4C), 134.5, 131.2, 129.8 (2C), 128.7 (4C), 123.2, 122.9, 119.4, 118.4, 102.4, 100.3, 73.5, 0.0 (3C); **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 7.42-7.35 (m, 8H) and 5.97 (t, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 2961, 2155, 1587, 1465, 1443, 1431, 1250, 1092, 839, 696 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₆H₂₇⁷⁴GeOSi (M+H⁺) 457.1043, found 457.1047.



3-methylene-4,4-diphenyl-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-benzo[*b*][1,4]oxagermine 7

A solution of **5d** (*E/Z* = 95:5) (80 mg, 0.165 mmol, 1 equiv.), Bu₃SnH (0.1 ml, 0.330 mmol, 2 equiv.) and AIBN (6 mg, 0.033 mmol, 0.2 equiv.) in toluene/hexane (1 mL/1 mL) was stirred and heated at 100°C for 1h. The reaction mixture was quenched by NH₄Cl and extracted with DCM. The organic layer was washed with water and brine, dried over MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtOAc = 99.8:0.2, 99.5:0.5, 99:1) afforded **7** (54 mg, 91%) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.65-7.56 (m, 4H), 7.47-7.33 (m, 8H), 7.09-7.03 (m, 2H), 6.04 (q, *J* = 1.4 Hz, 1H), 5.64 (dt, *J* = 1.4, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.78 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.7, 145.9, 135.9 (2C), 135.3, 134.8 (4C), 130.9, 129.6 (2C), 128.6 (4C), 126.5, 122.6, 122.1, 119.0, 77.0; **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 2923, 1589, 1464, 1432, 1202, 1091, 697 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₁H₁₉⁷²GeO (M+H⁺) 359.0657, found 359.0665.

General procedure for the radical intramolecular hydrogermylation

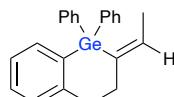
In a dry sealed tube under argon atmosphere, AIBN (0.15 equiv.) was added to a solution of germane **2** (0.25–2 mmol) in dry hexane and the mixture was stirred 1 h at 100° C. After cooling at room temperature, the reaction mixture was hydrolyzed with aqueous NH₄Cl and stirred for 20 minutes. The layers were separated and the aqueous layer was extracted with ether (x3). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (x2), dried over anhydrous MgSO₄, filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel.



(Z)-((4,4-diphenyl-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxagermin-3(4H)-ylidene)methyl)trimethylsilane (Z)-3a

Prepared according to the general procedure for **hydrogermylation** using germane **2a** (160 mg, 0.371 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (1.5 mL), AIBN (12 mg, 0.074 mmol, 0.2 equiv.). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/EtO₂ = 100:0, 99:1) afforded **(Z)-3a** (123 mg, 77%,) as a colorless oil.

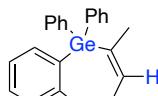
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.65-7.59 (m, 4H), 7.41-7.36 (m, 6H), 7.30 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.24 (td, *J* = 7.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 6.98-6.91 (m, 2H), 6.79 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.73 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H), -0.21 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 164.5, 153.0, 147.5, 135.9, 135.6 (2C), 135.3 (4C), 130.5, 129.6 (2C), 128.5 (4C), 124.5, 122.6, 118.1, 82.6, -0.3 (3C); **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 6.77 (t, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 1H) and 4.71 (d, *J* = 1.2 Hz, 2H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3063, 2955, 1589, 1465, 1431, 1248, 1091, 838 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₄H₂₇⁷⁴GeOSi (M+H)⁺ 433.1043, found 433.1051.



(Z)-3-ethylidene-4,4-diphenyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-benzo[b][1,4]oxagermine 3b

Prepared according to the general procedure for **hydrogermylation** using germane **2b** (120 mg, 0.322 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (1.5 ml), AIBN (8 mg, 0.048 mmol, 0.15 equiv.). Purification of the crude product (*Z* / 7-*endo*-dig = 82:18) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/AcOEt = 99:1) afforded an inseparable **(Z)-3b/3'b** mixture in a 82/18 ratio (109 mg, 91%: 75% **(Z)-3b** + 16% **3'b**) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.62-7.55 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 7H), 7.28 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.01-6.93 (m, 2H), 6.48 (qt, *J* = 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 4.69 (bs, 2H), 1.70 (d, *J* = 6.8, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 165.2, 137.9, 136.3, 135.8, 135.7 (2C), 135.0 (4C), 130.6, 129.4 (2C), 128.6 (4C), 124.0, 122.5, 118.7, 77.5, 18.8; **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 6.48 (qt, *J* = 6.8, 1.3 Hz, 1H) and 4.69 (bs, 2H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3067, 2955, 1588, 1464, 1430, 1199, 1090; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₂H₂₁⁷⁴GeO (M+H)⁺ 375.0804, found 375.0810.



4-methyl-5,5-diphenyl-2,5-dihydrobenzo[b][1,4]oxagermepine 3'b

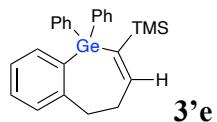
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.52-7.48 (m, 4H), 7.40-7.35 (m, 6H), 7.29-7.20 (m, 2H), 7.08-7.04 (m, 2H), 6.38-6.33 (m, 1H), 4.69 (bs, 2H), 1.90 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75

MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 165.7, 138.5, 136.5, 136.0, 135.5 (2C), 135.1 (4C), 131.3, 129.1 (2C), 128.4 (4C), 124.0, 123.0, 120.8, 72.9, 18.8; **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3067, 2955, 1588, 1464, 1430, 1199, 1090; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₂H₂₁⁷⁰GeO (M+H)⁺ 371.0835, found 371.0839.



Prepared according to the general procedure for **hydrogermylation** using germane **2e** (177 mg, 0.412 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (1.5 mL), AIBN (10 mg, 0.062 mmol, 0.15 equiv.). Purification of the crude product by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/AcOEt = 99:1) afforded an inseparable **(Z)-3e/3'e** mixture in a 80/20 ratio (142 mg, 80%: 64% **(Z)-3e** + 16% **3'e**) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.91-7.84 (m, 4H), 7.62-7.56 (m, 7H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 2H), 6.91 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.21-3.09 (m, 4H), 0.00 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 157.0, 147.8, 144.5, 137.5, 137.3, 135.8 (2C), 135.4 (4C), 129.2 (2C), 128.7, 128.3 (4C), 128.1, 126.1, 45.8, 35.5, 0.1 (3C); **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 6.91 (t, J = 1.6 Hz, 1H) and 3.21-3.09 (m, 4H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3051, 2951, 1573, 1484, 1431, 1246, 1090, 834 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₅H₂₉Si⁷⁴Ge (M+H)⁺ 431.1250, found 431.1262.

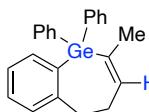


¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.78-7.74 (m, 4H), 7.62-7.56 (m, 8H), 7.45-7.40 (m, 1H), 7.39-7.31 (m, 2H), 3.15-3.09 (m, 2H), 3.02-2.95 (m, 2H), 0.11 (s, 9H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 158.9, 149.6, 140.1, 138.3, 136.0 (2C), 134.9 (4C), 134.8, 129.5 (2C), 128.9, 128.4 (4C), 128.2, 125.3, 36.2, 34.9, 0.6 (3C); **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₅H₂₉Si⁷⁴Ge (M+H)⁺ 431.1250, found 431.1262.



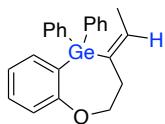
Prepared according to the general procedure for **hydrogermylation** using germane **2f** (205 mg, 0.552 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (1.5 ml), AIBN (15 mg, 0.083 mmol, 0.15 equiv.). Purification of the crude product (*Z* / 7-*endo*-*dig* = 41:59) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/AcOEt = 99:1) afforded an inseparable **(Z)-3f/3'f** mixture in a 37/63 ratio (184 mg, 89%: 33% **(Z)-3f** + 56% **3'f**) as a colorless oil.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.50-7.44 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 10H), 6.26 (qt, *J* = 6.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.86-2.76 (m, 2H), 2.65-2.59 (m, 2H), 1.55 (dt, *J* = 6.8, 1.4 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 148.7, 138.2, 138.0, 137.1, 135.3 (2C), 135.1 (4C), 129.0 (2C), 128.9, 128.5, 128.4 (4C), 126.2, 38.3, 35.7, 19.0; **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 6.26 (qt, *J* = 6.7, 1.6 Hz, 1H) and 2.65-2.59 (m, 2H); **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3050, 2907, 1483, 1430, 1090, 697 cm⁻¹; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₃H₂₃⁷⁴Ge (M+H⁺) 373.1012, found 373.1015.



2-methyl-1,1-diphenyl-4,5-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*b*]germepine 3'f

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.44-7.34 (m, 4H), 7.30-7.23 (m, 4H), 7.18 (td, *J* = 7.5, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 7.15-7.04 (m, 4H), 7.01 (td, *J* = 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.45-6.38 (m, 1H), 2.86-2.76 (m, 2H), 2.50-2.41 (m, 2H), 1.77 (q, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 149.7, 143.2, 137.0, 135.9, 135.3 (4C), 135.1 (2C), 134.8, 131.0, 129.7, 129.0 (2C), 128.4 (4C), 125.5, 35.8, 32.7, 26.2; **IR** (neat): ν_{max} = 3048, 2906, 1633, 1483, 1430, 1090, 698; **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₃H₂₃⁷⁴Ge (M+H⁺) 373.1012, found 373.1021.



(Z)-4-ethylidene-5,5-diphenyl-2,3,4,5-tetrahydrobenzo[*b*][1,4]oxagermepine 3n

Prepared according to the general procedure for **hydrogermylation** using germane **2n** (168 mg, 0.434 mmol, 1 equiv.), hexane (1.5 ml), AIBN (11 mg, 0.065 mmol, 0.15 equiv.). Purification of the crude product (*Z* / 8-*endo*-*dig* = 28:72) by flash chromatography on silica gel (Cyclohexane/AcOEt = 99:1) afforded an inseparable **(Z)-3n/3'n** mixture in a 31/69 ratio (163 mg, 99%: 31% **(Z)-3n** + 68% **3'n**) as a colorless oil.

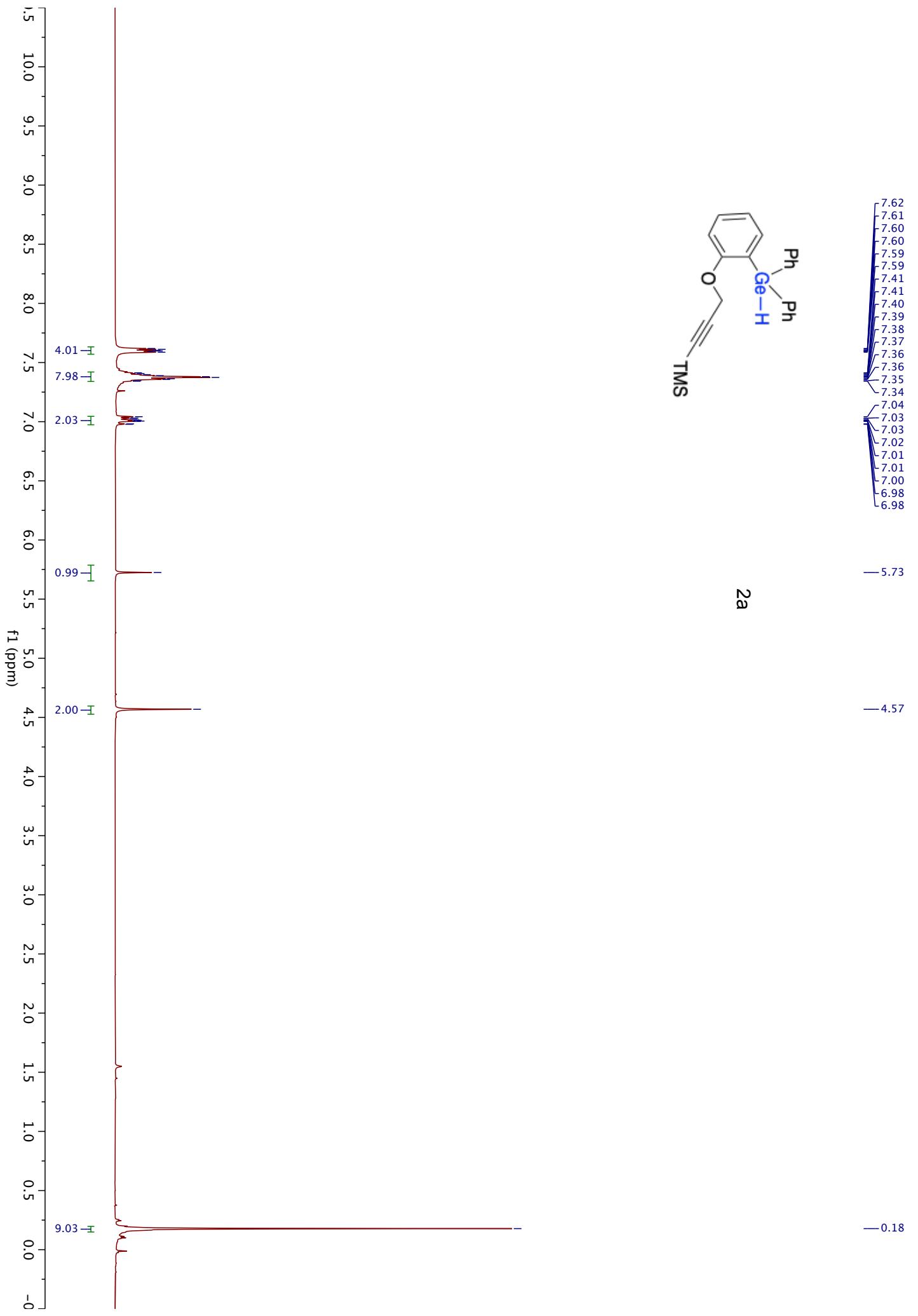
¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.83-7.77 (m, 4H), 7.54-7.47 (m, 9H), 7.35-7.28 (m, 1H), 6.63-6.44 (m, 1H), 4.32 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 2.70 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 1.78 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 3H); **¹³C NMR** (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 160.8, 136.4 (2C), 135.2 (4C), 134.9, 134.6, 134.2, 134.1, 131.3, 129.0 (2C), 128.3 (4C), 124.7, 121.5, 74.6, 25.2, 19.4; **NMR 2D NOESY**: correlation between 2.70 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz, 2H) and 6.63-6.44 (m, 1H); **HRMS** (API+): calcd for C₂₅H₂₆⁷⁴GeNO (M+H+ACN)⁺ 430.1226, found 430.1219.

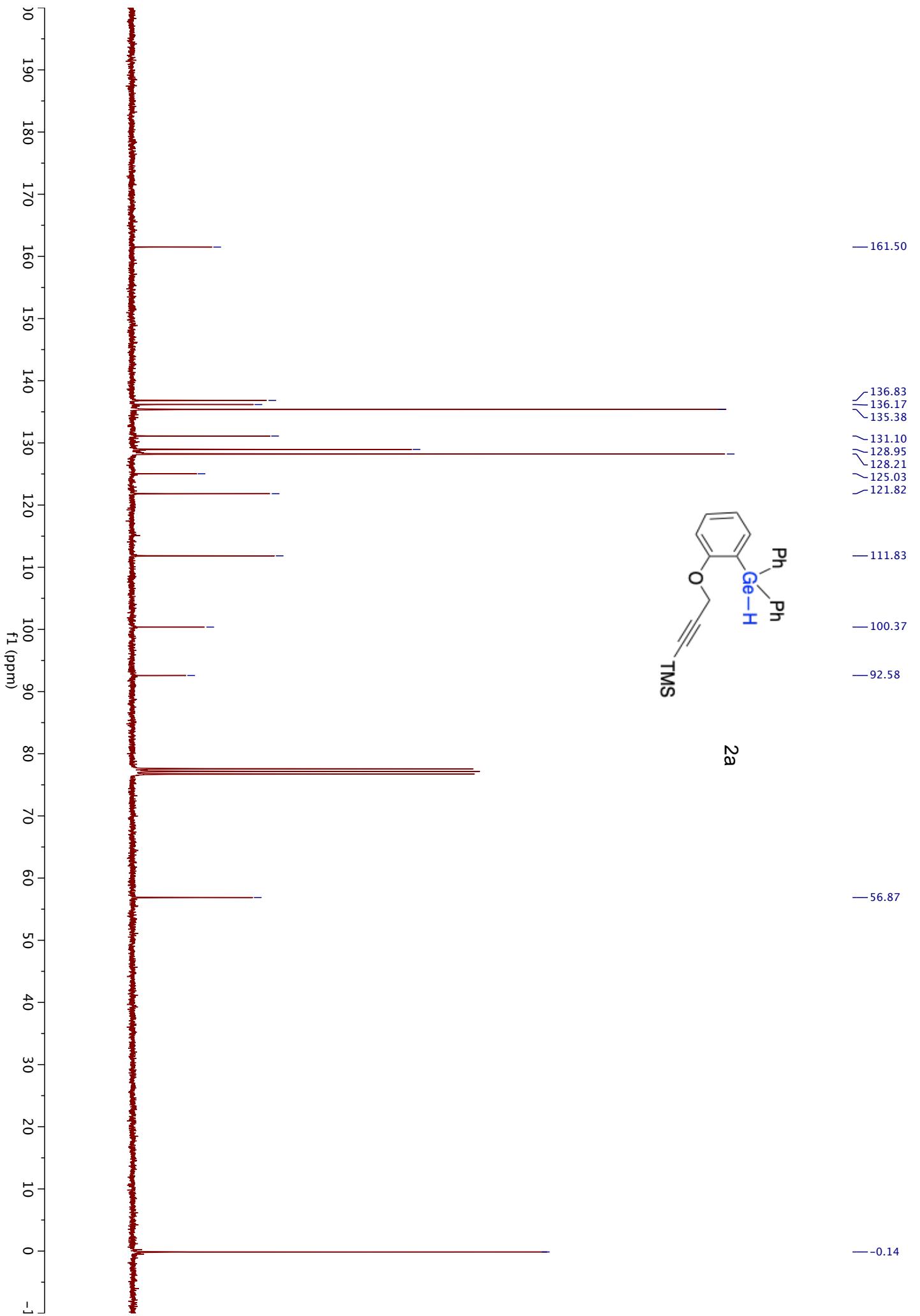


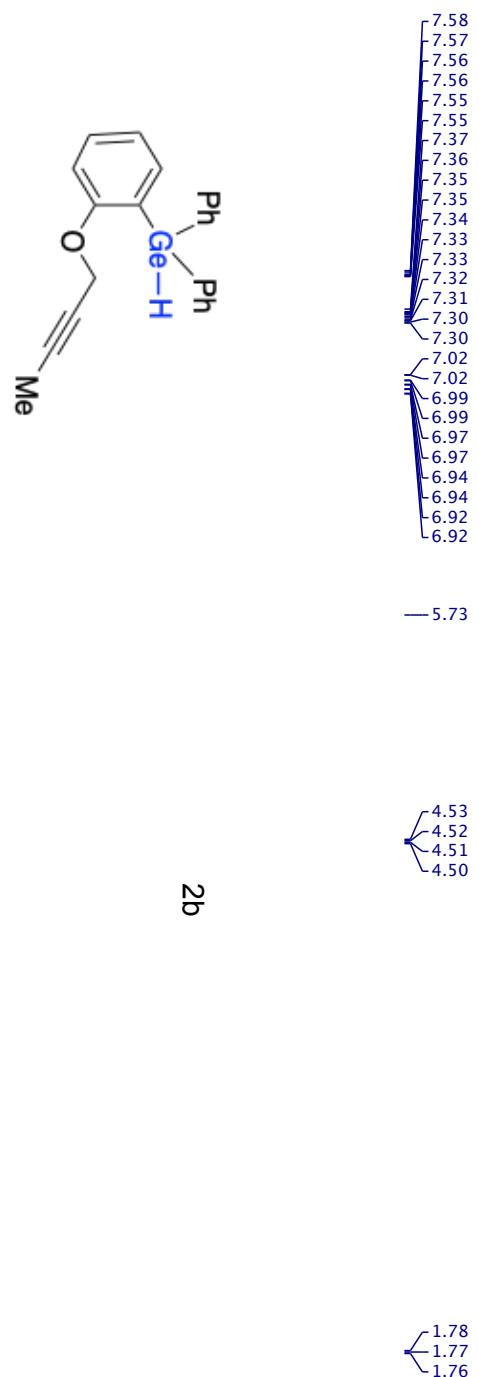
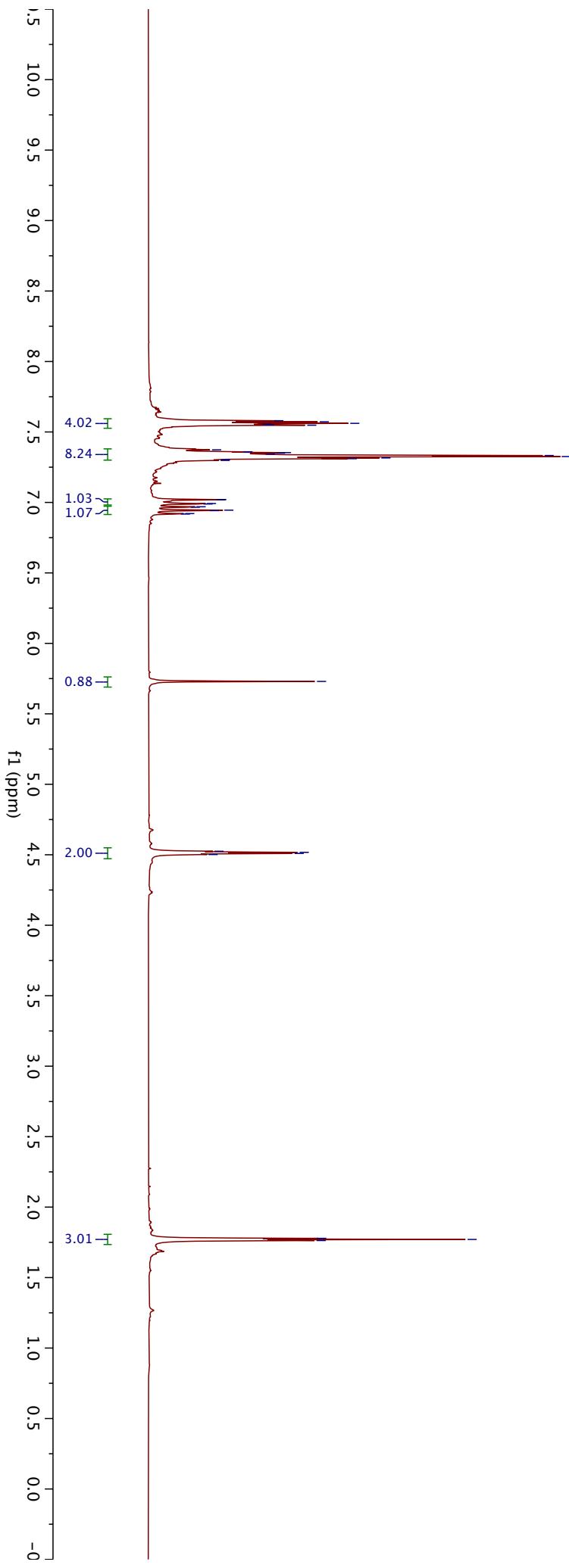
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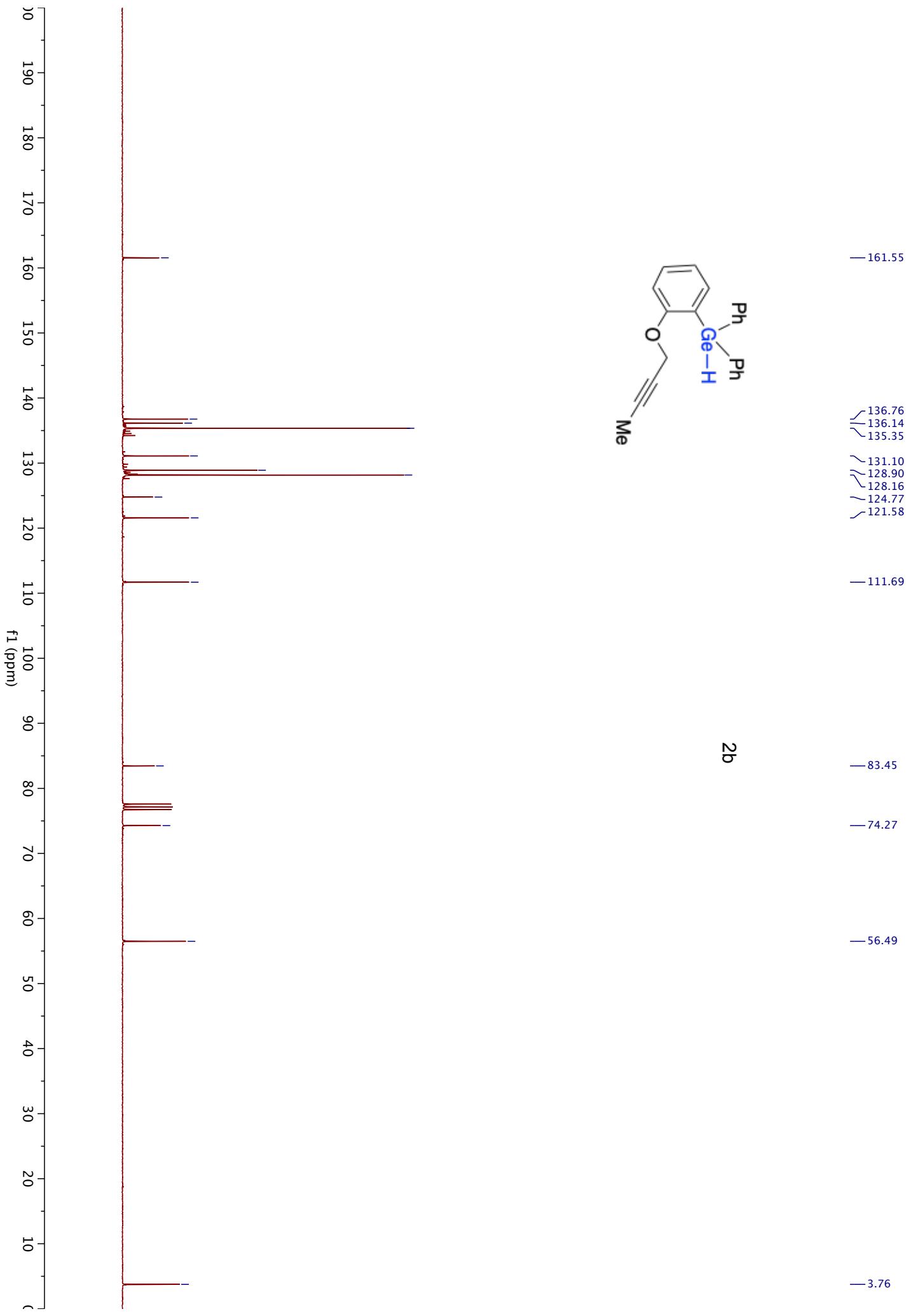
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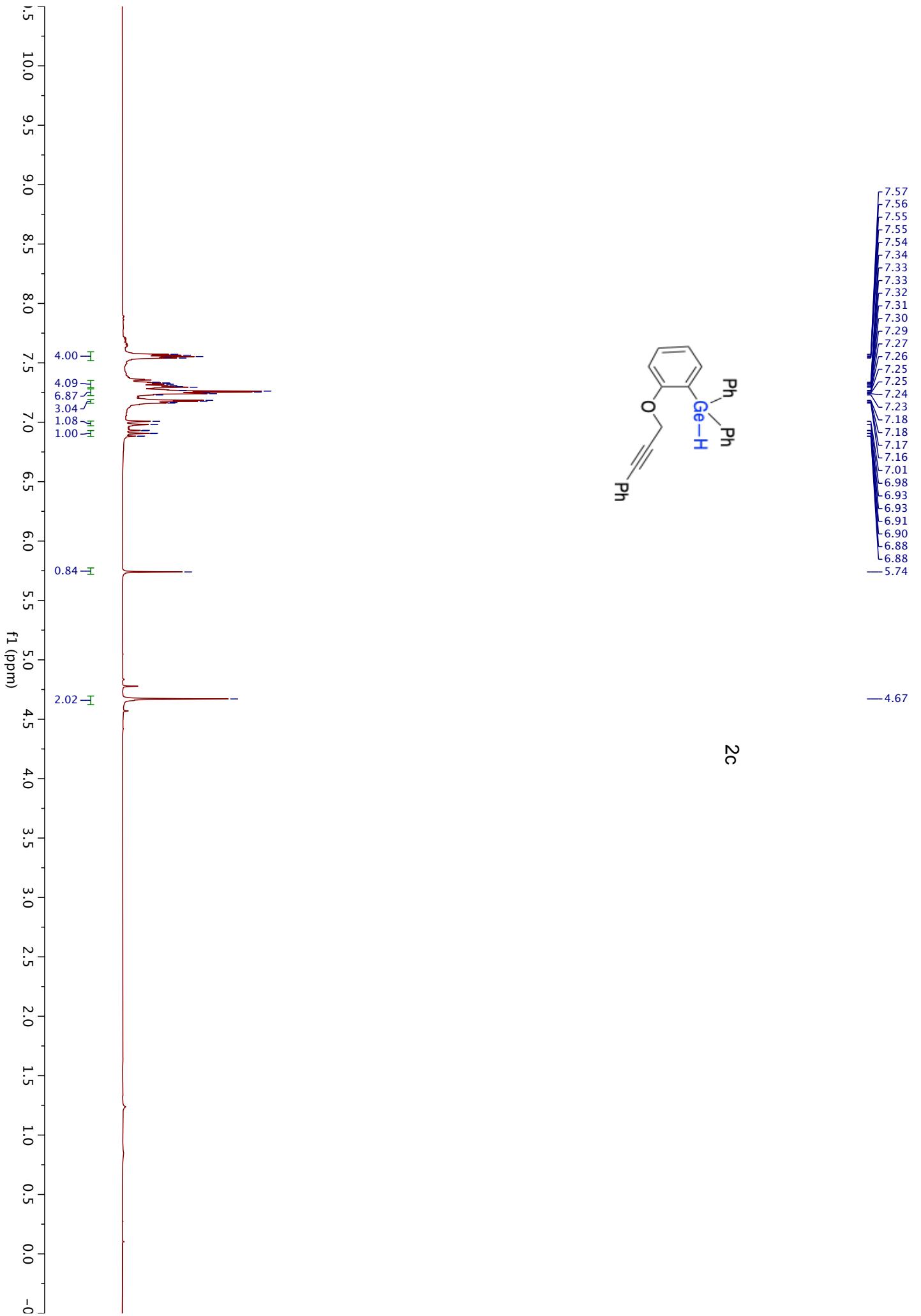
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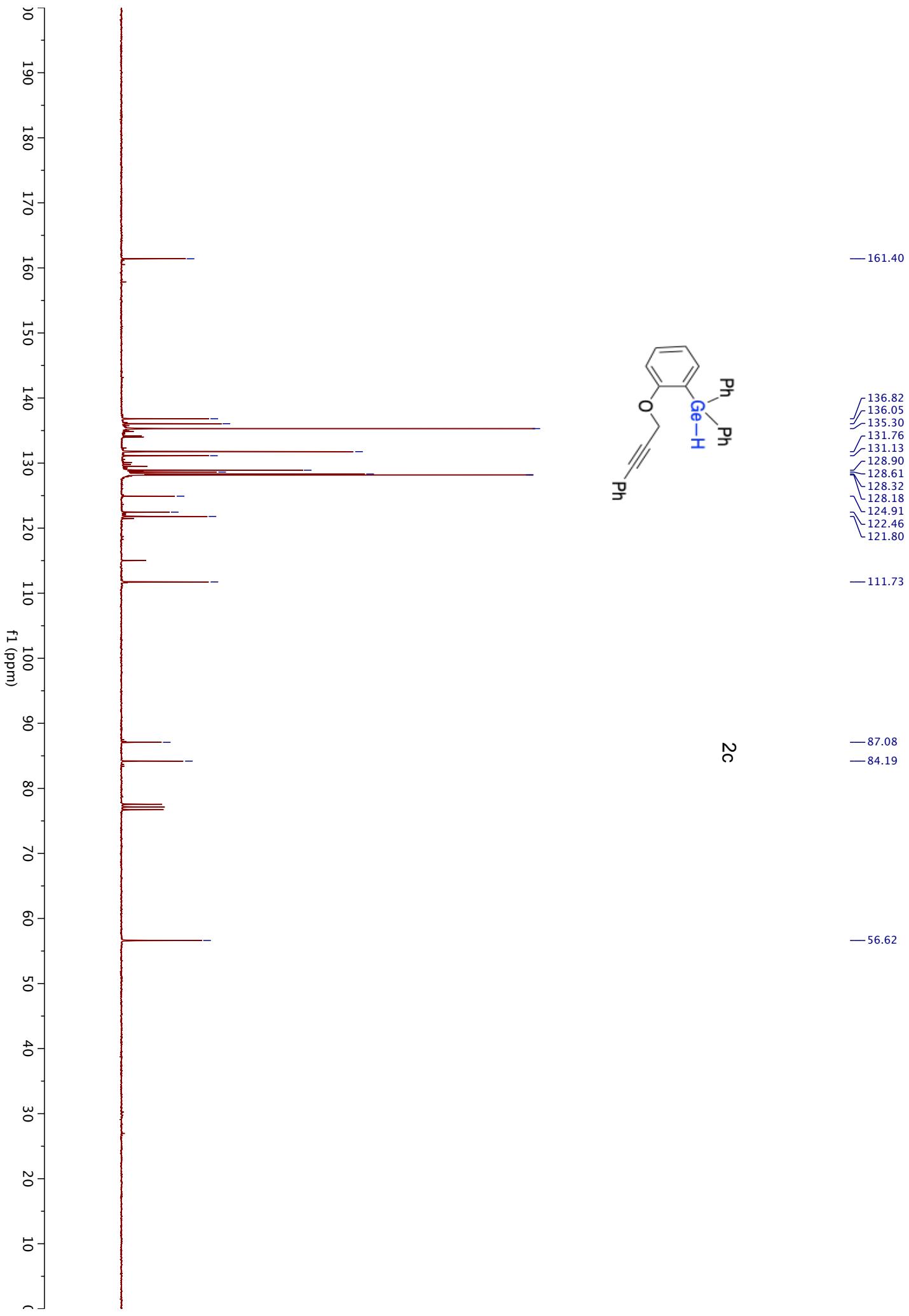


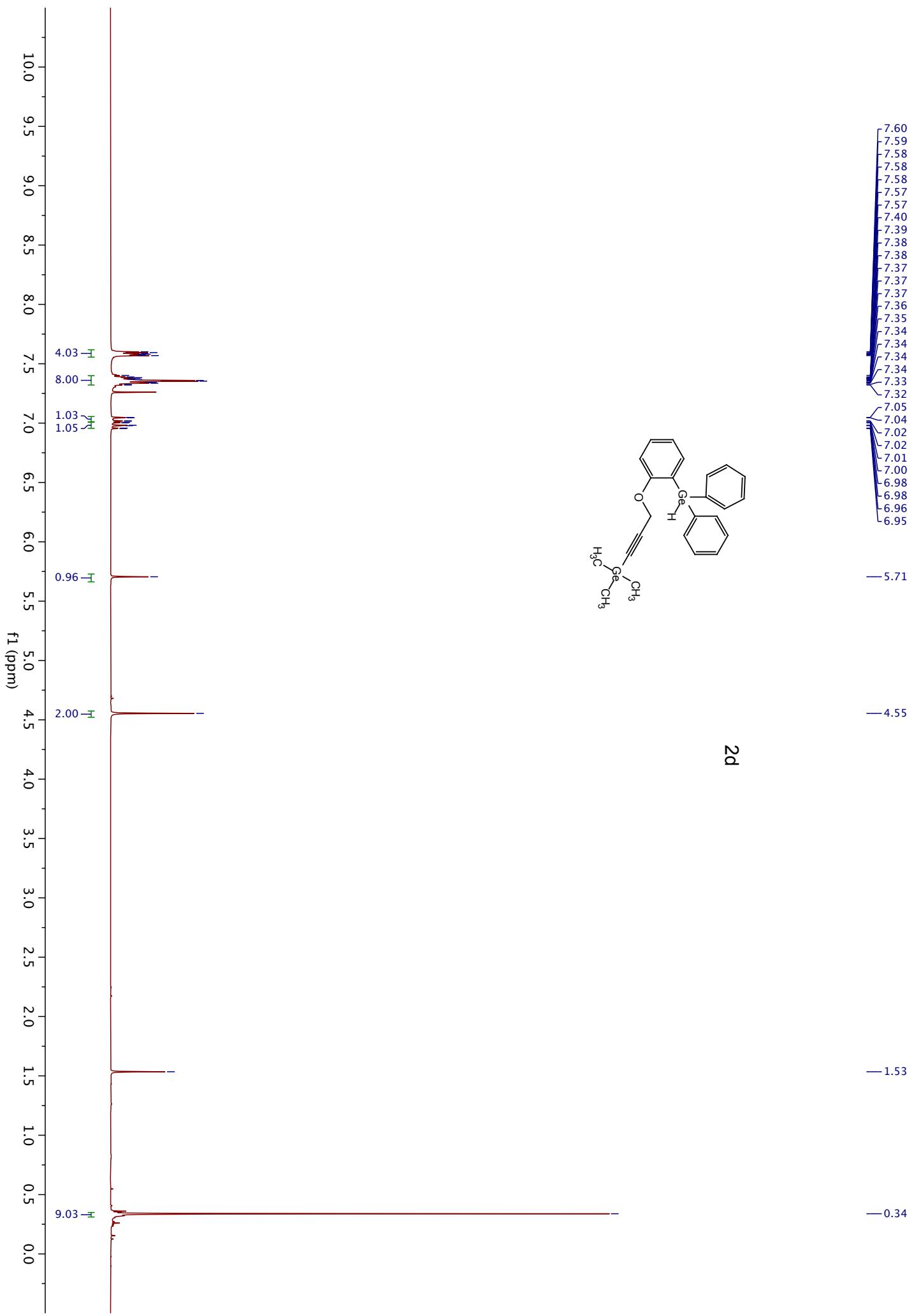


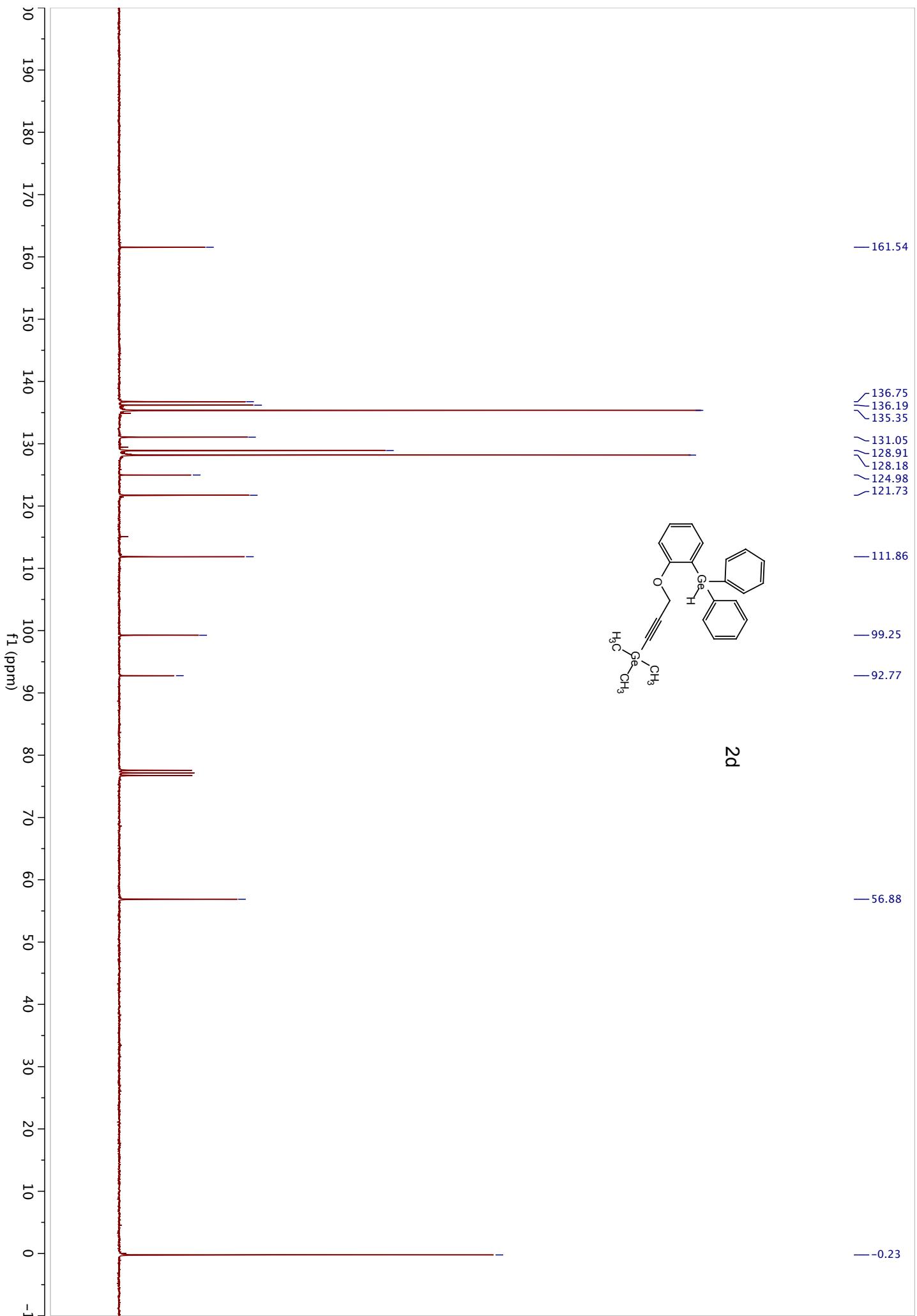


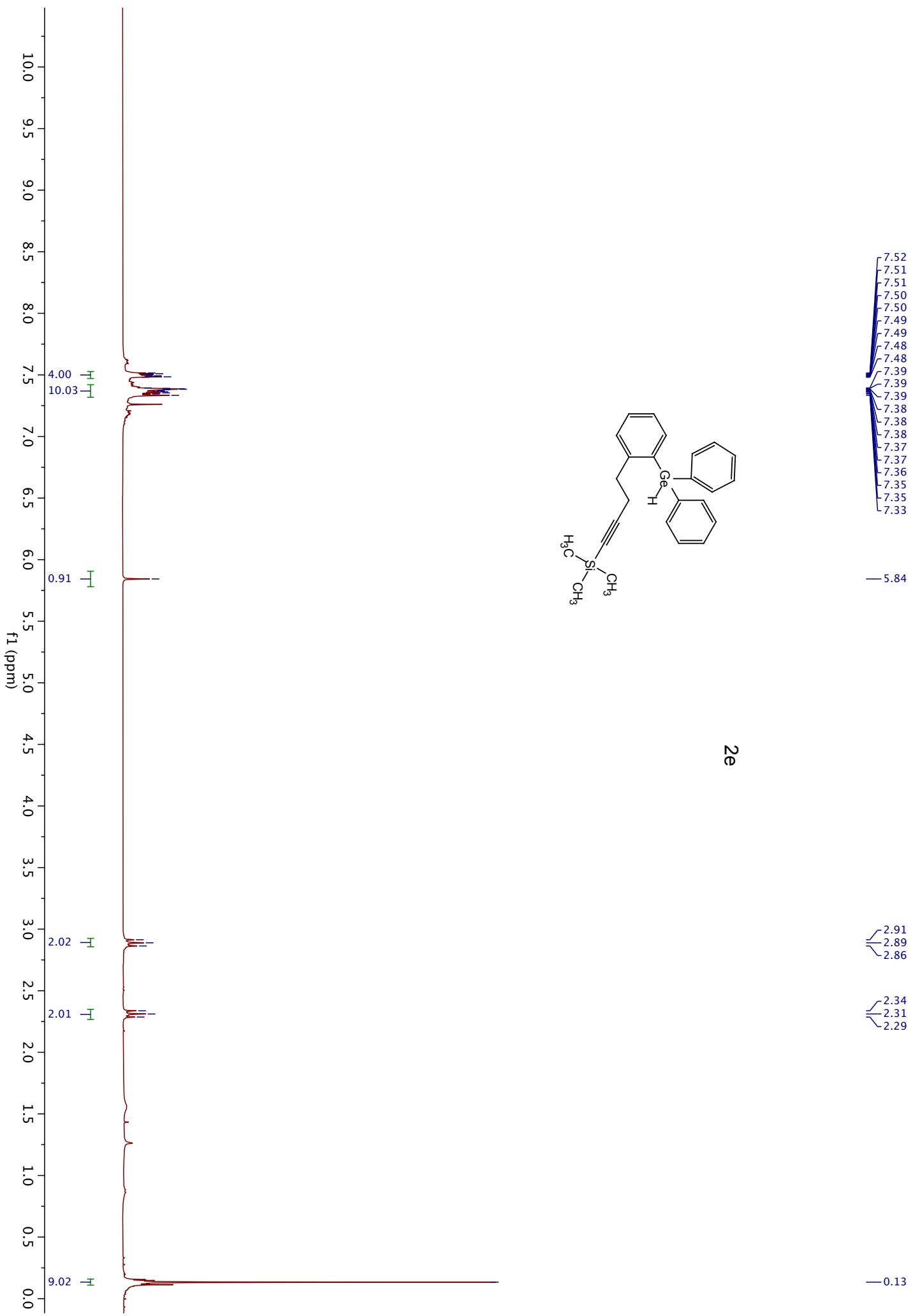


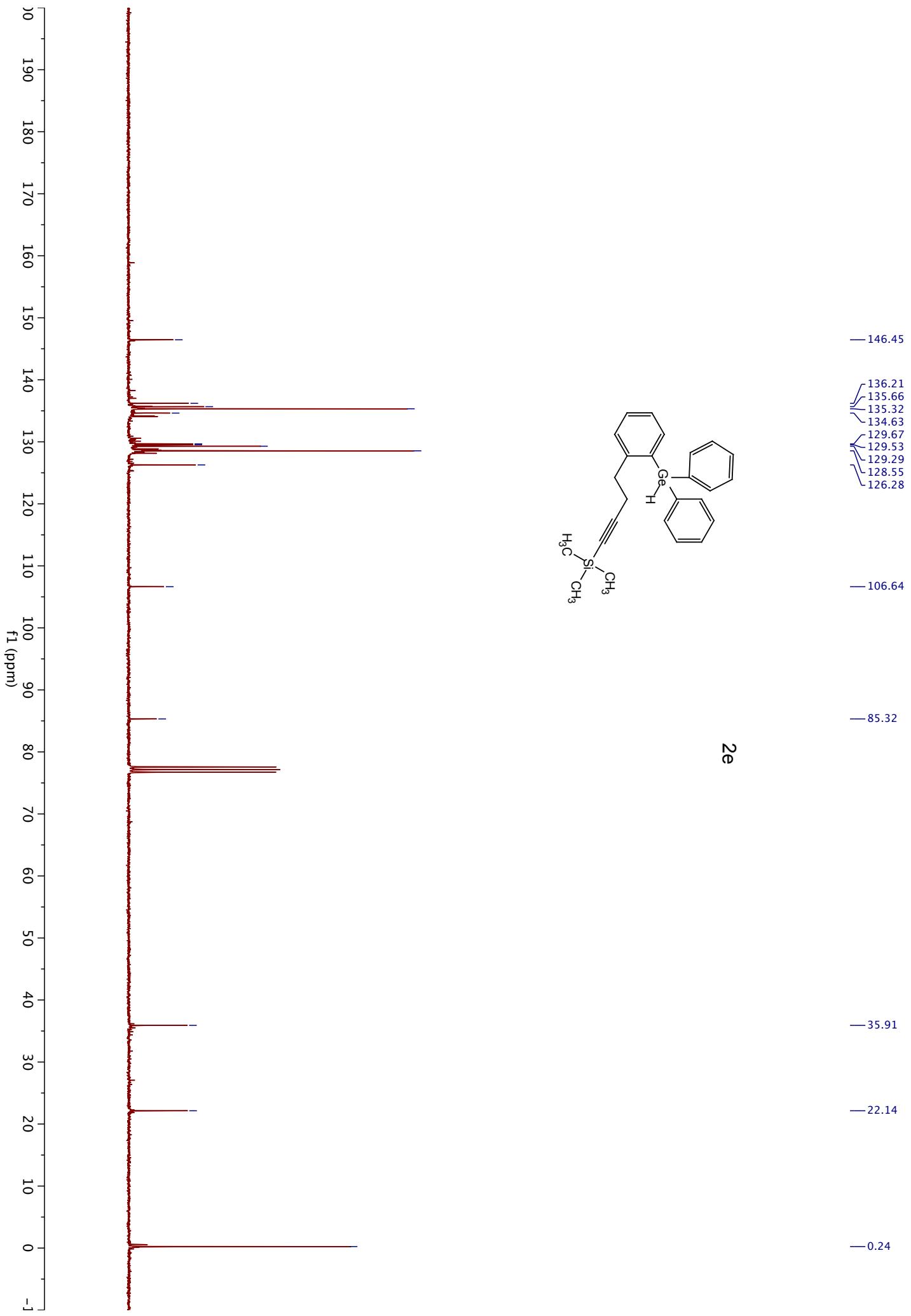


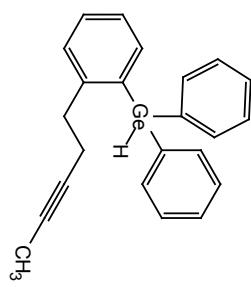
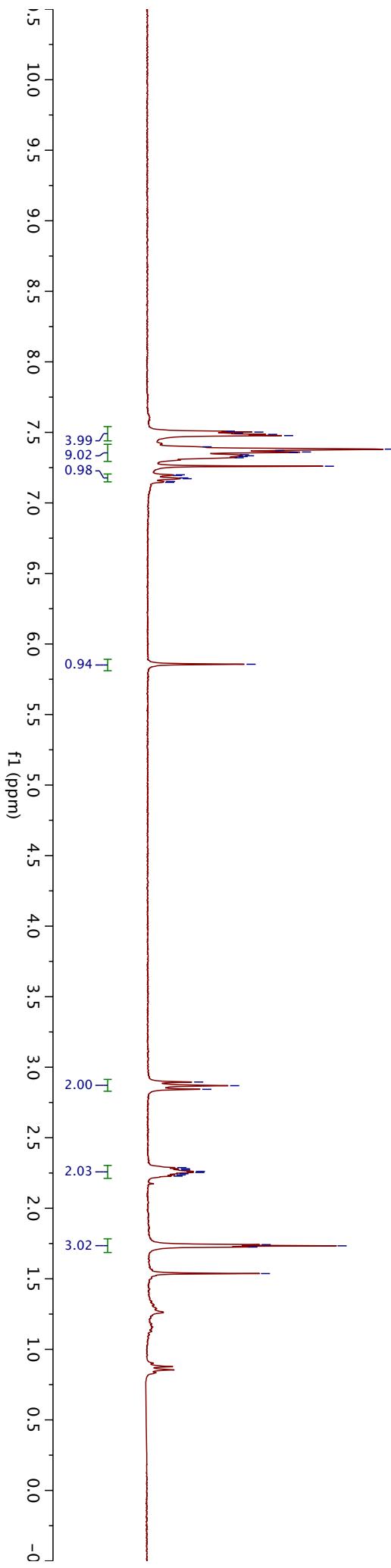








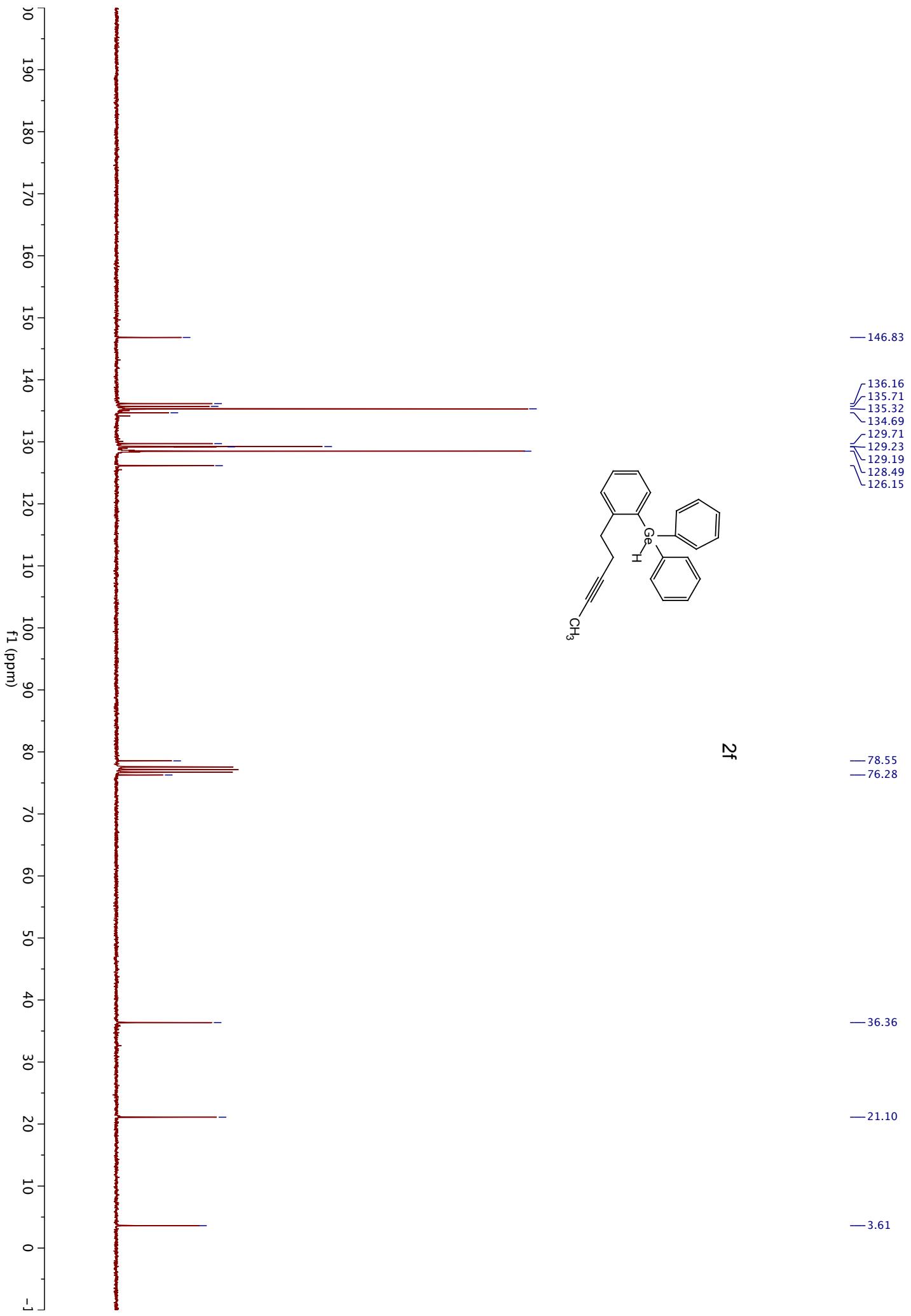


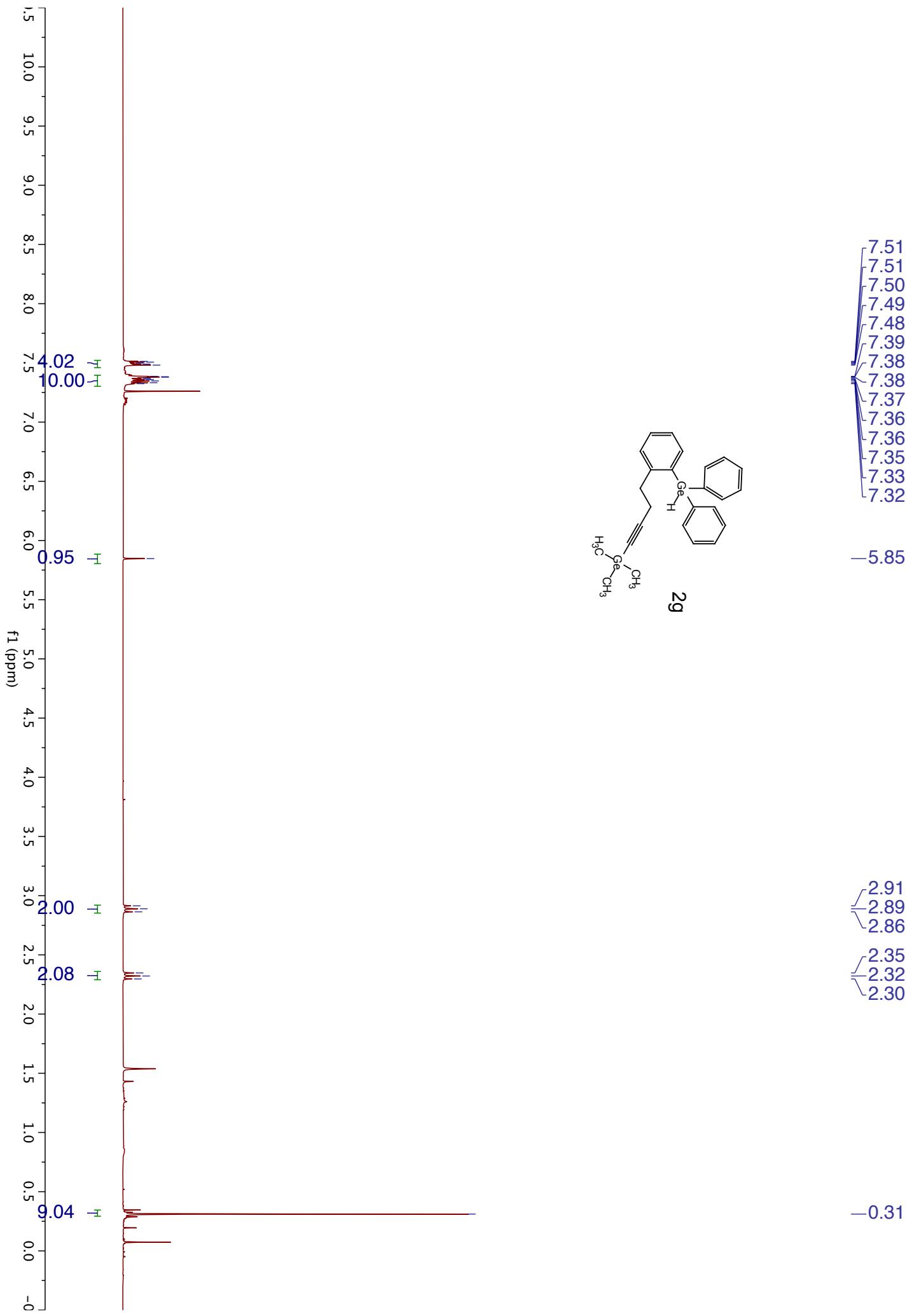


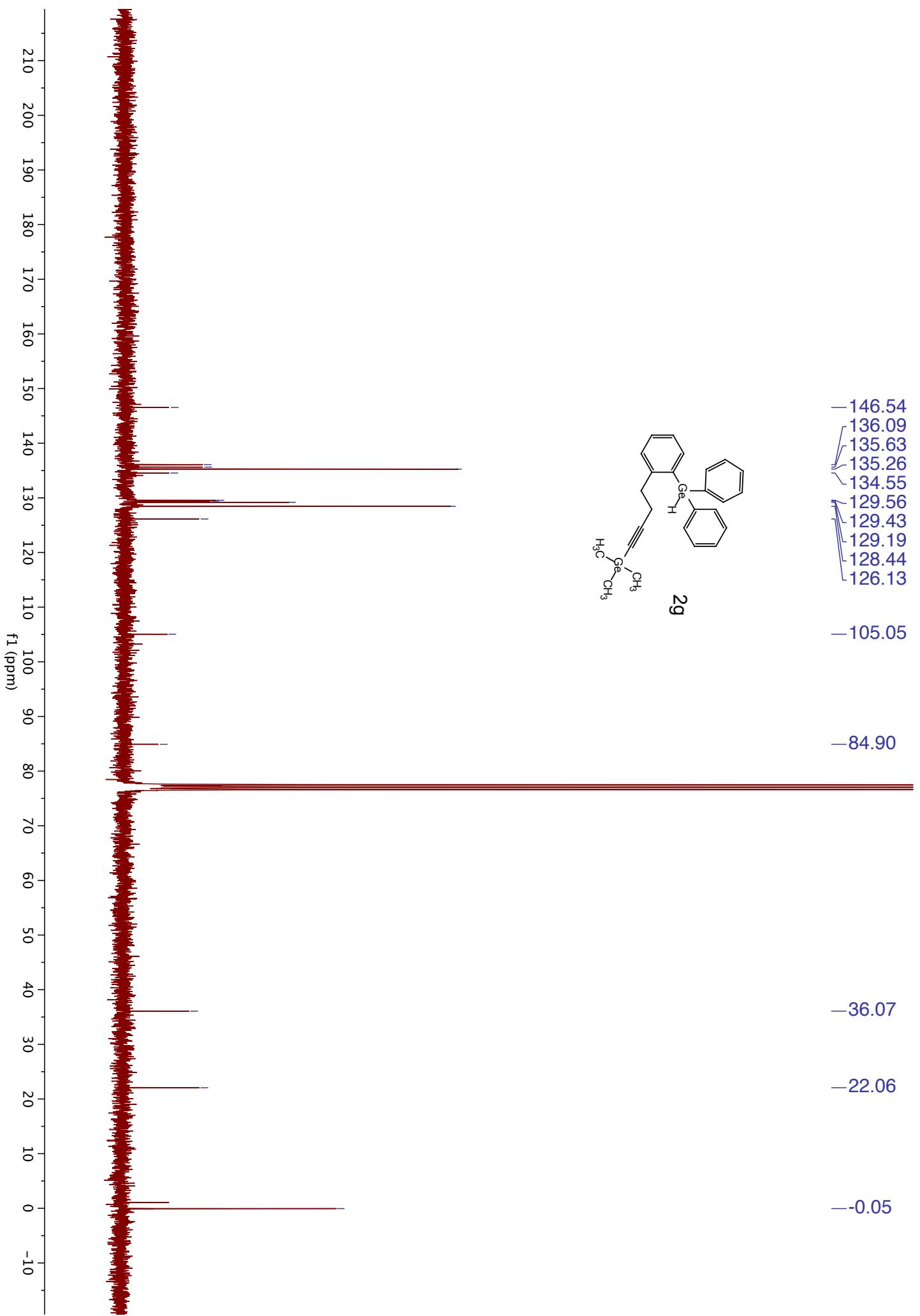
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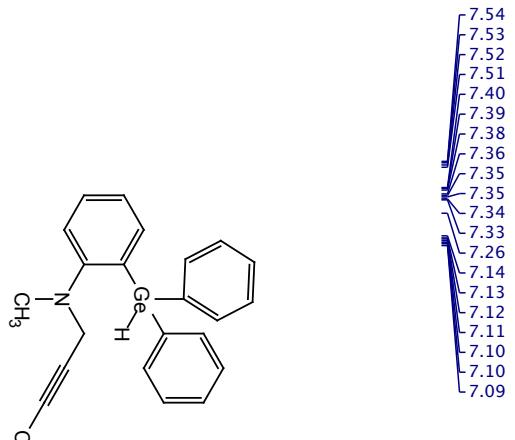
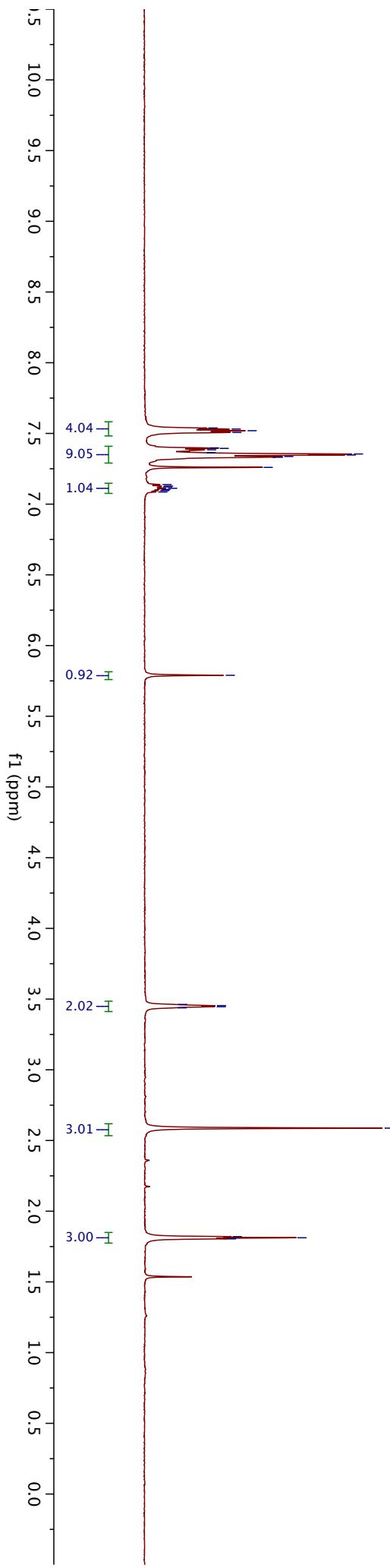
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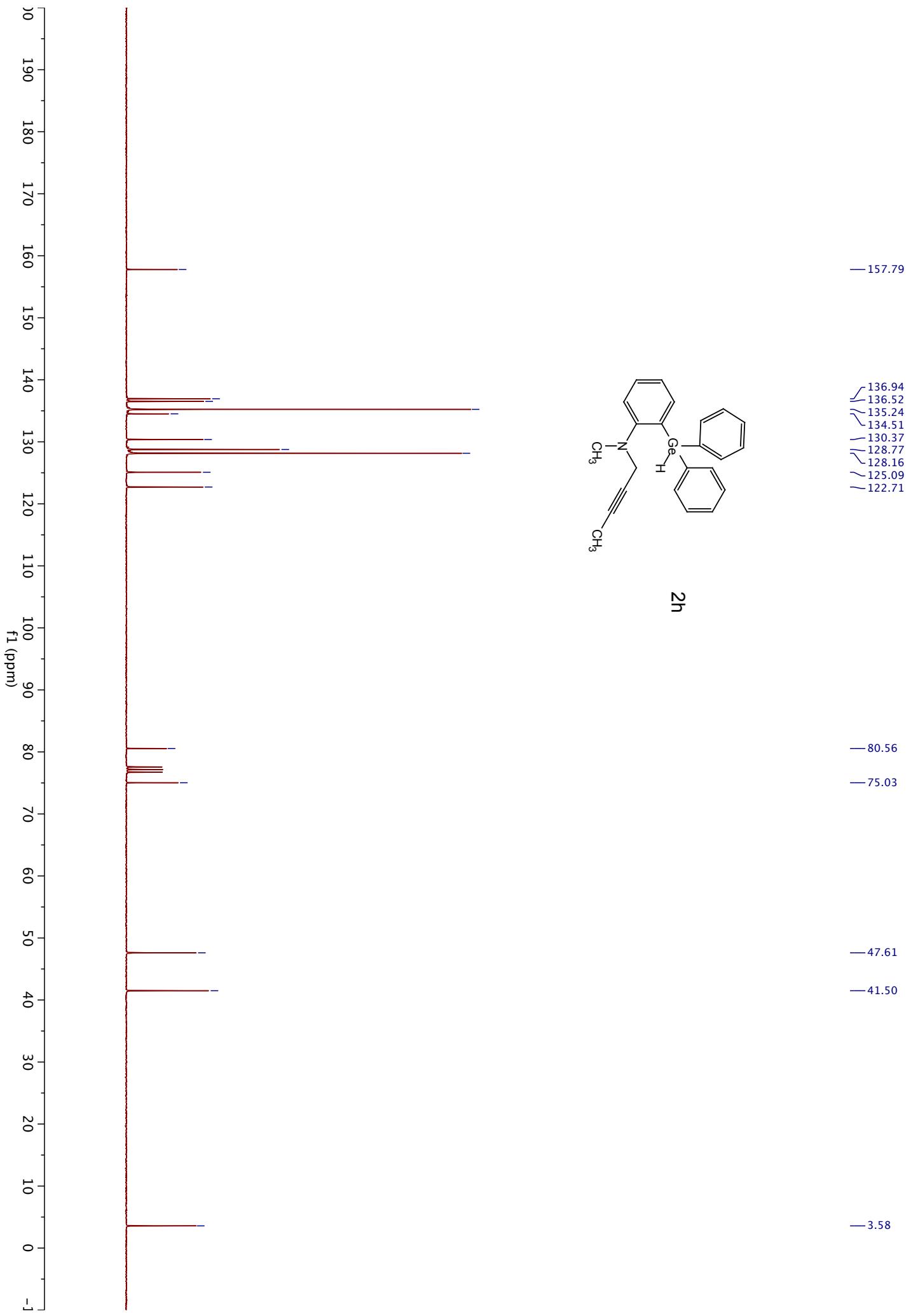


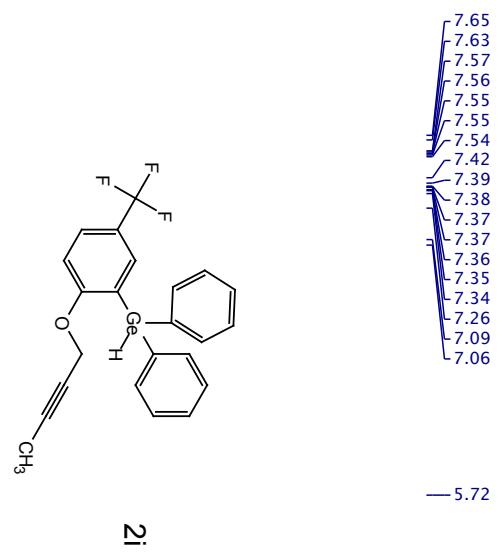
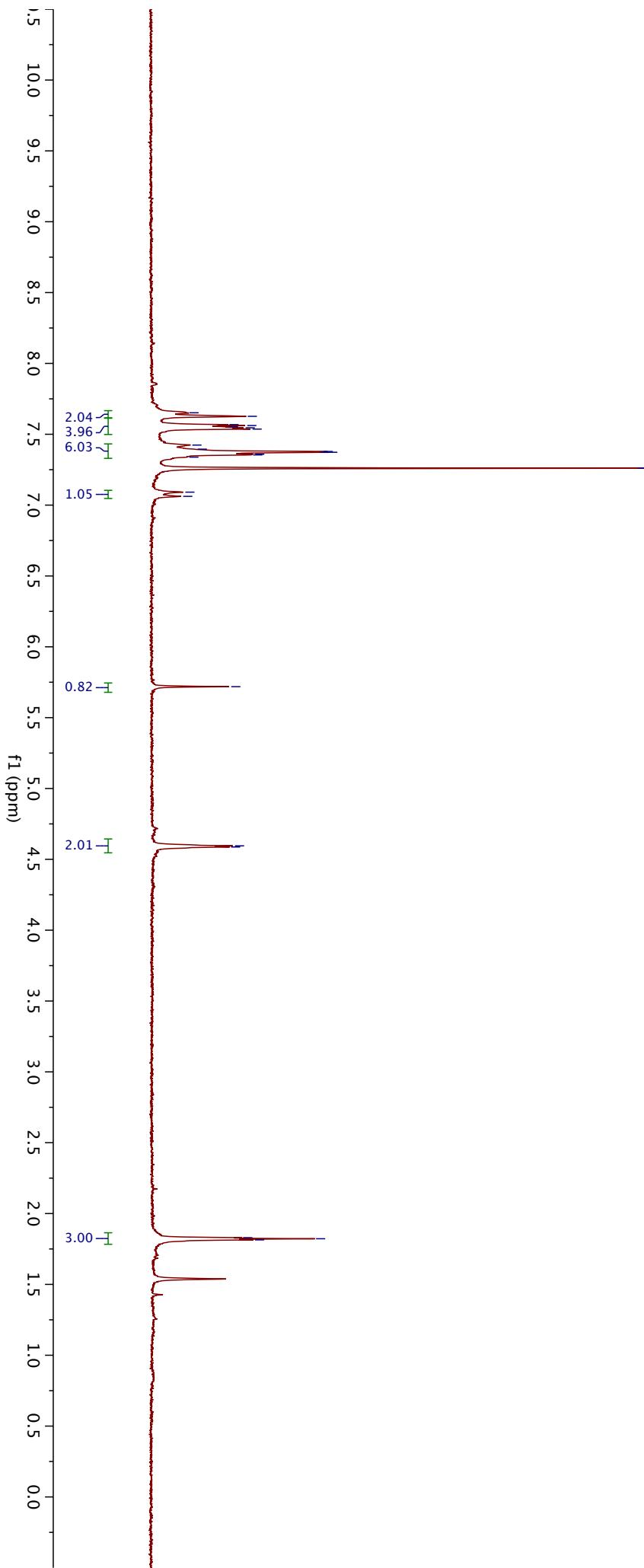






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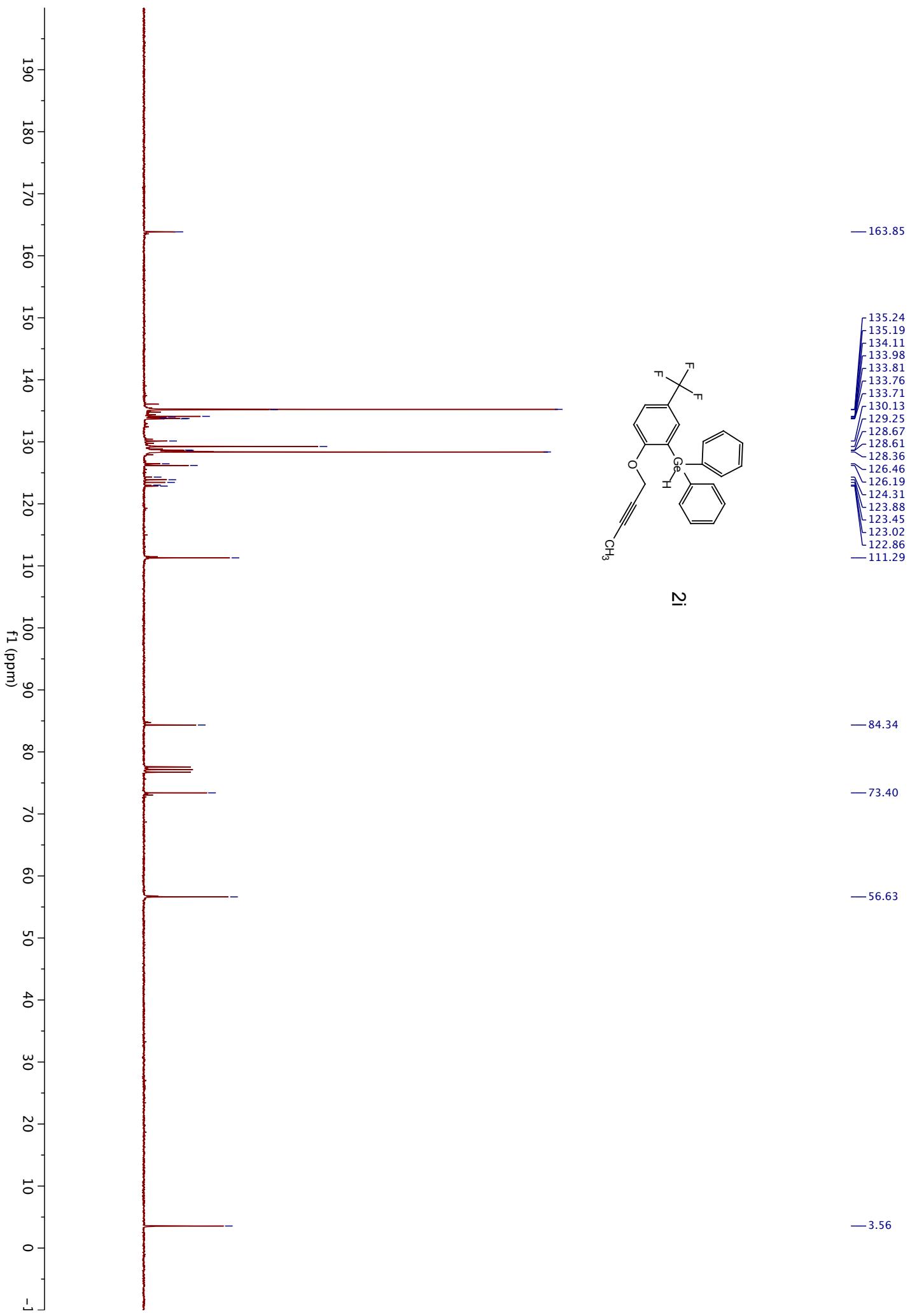


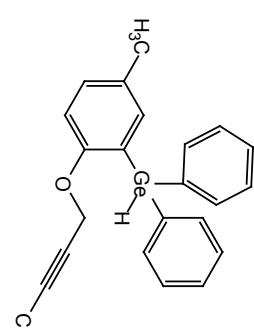
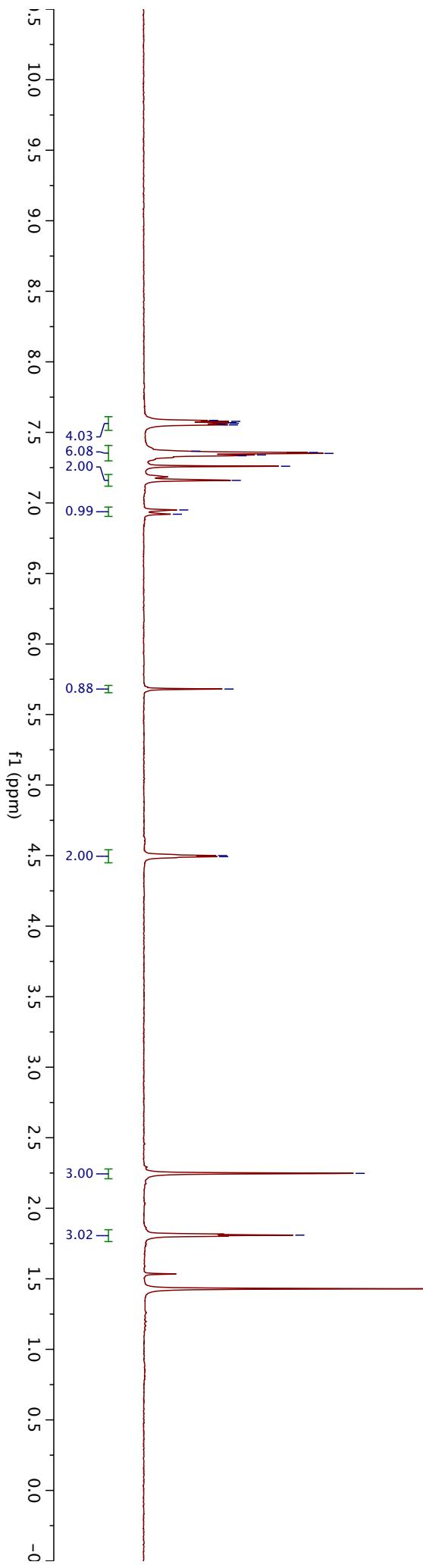


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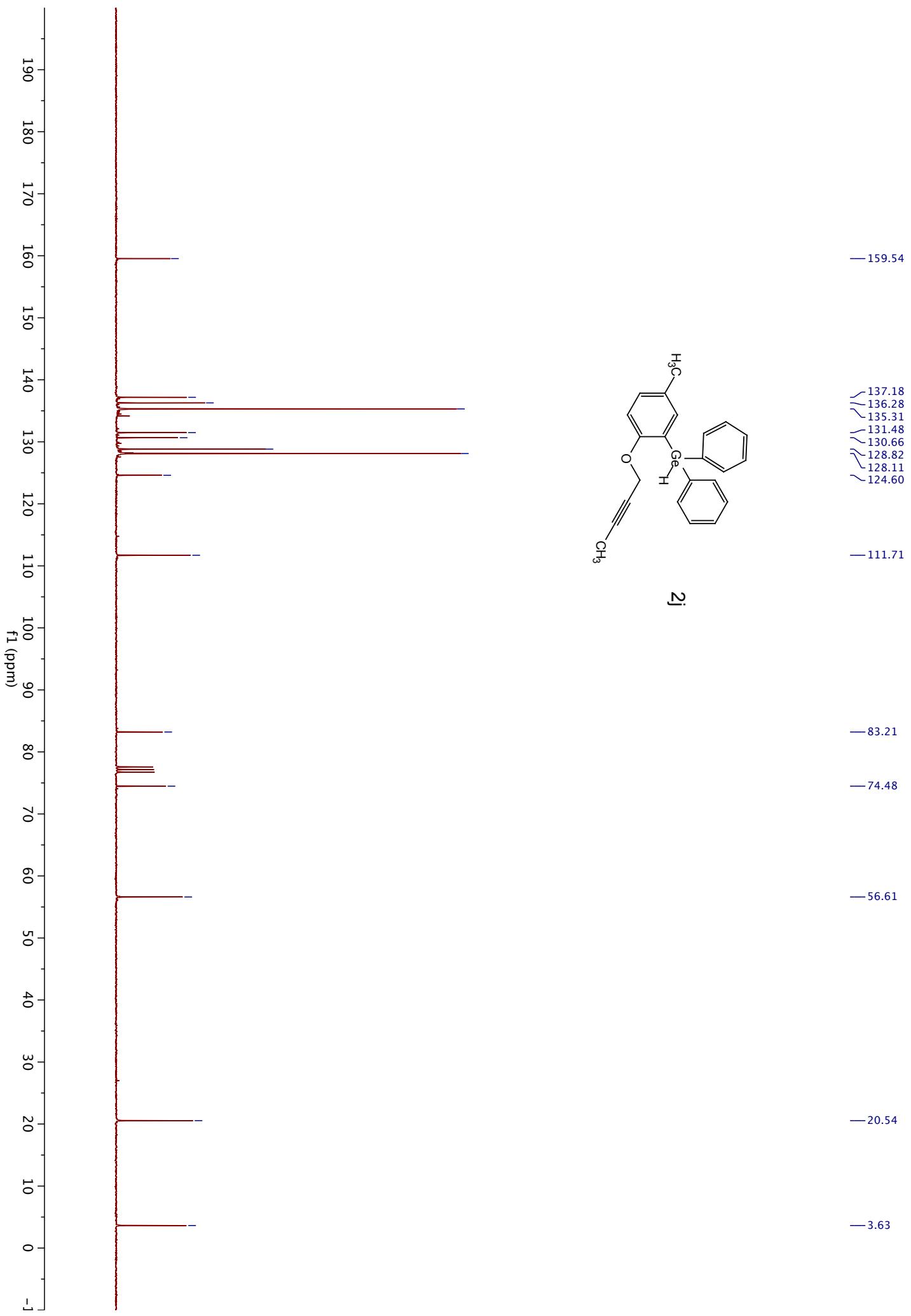
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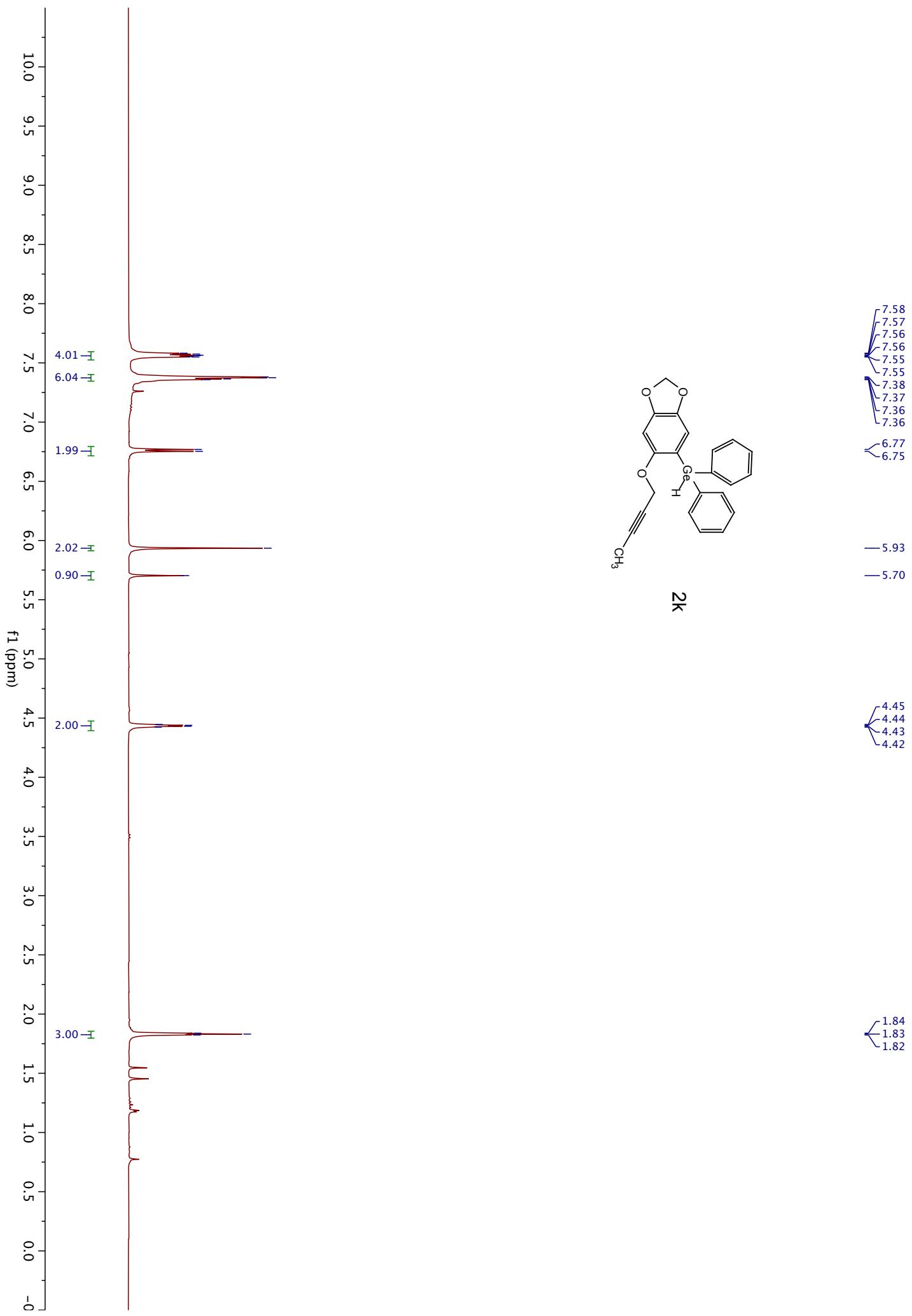
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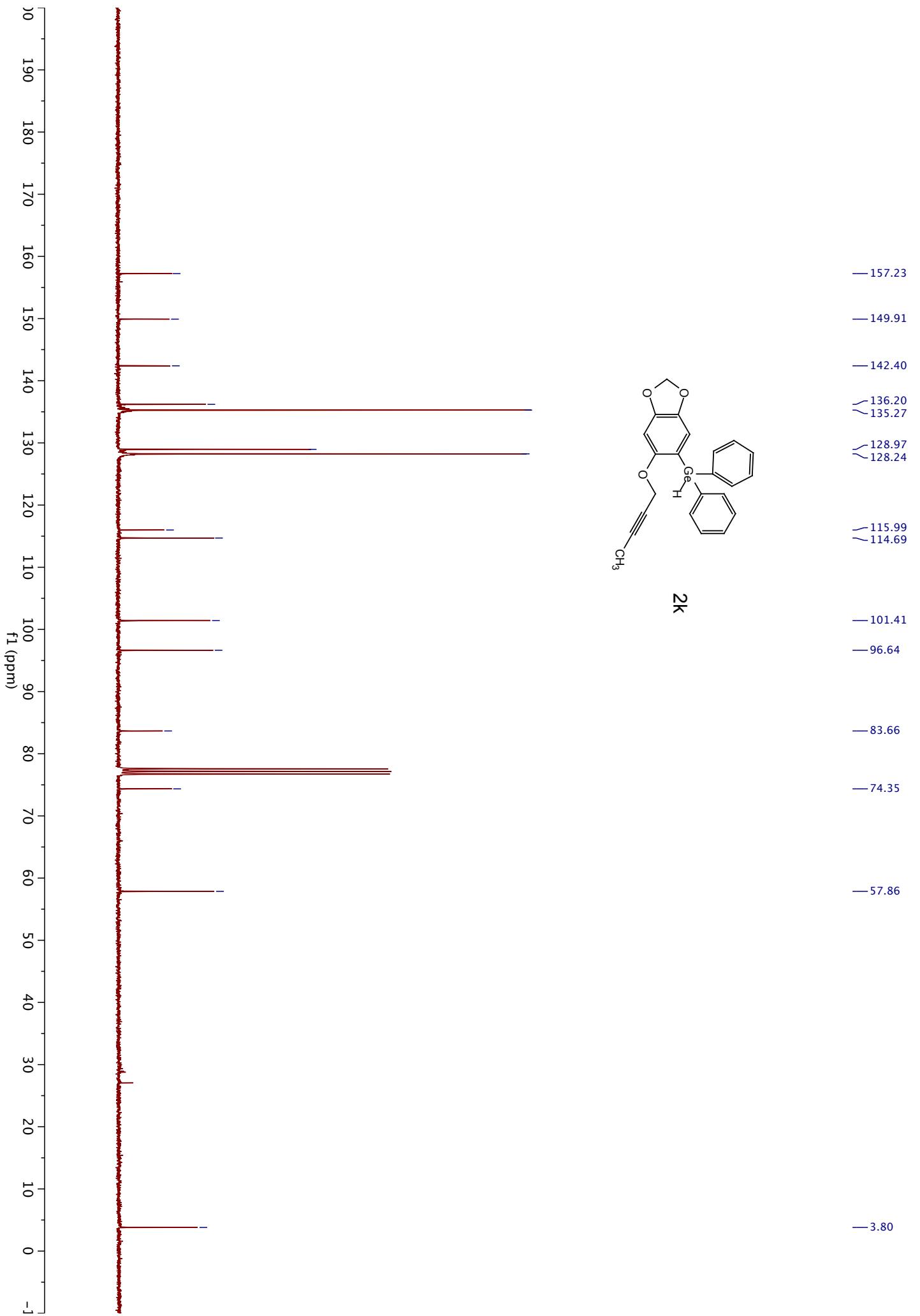
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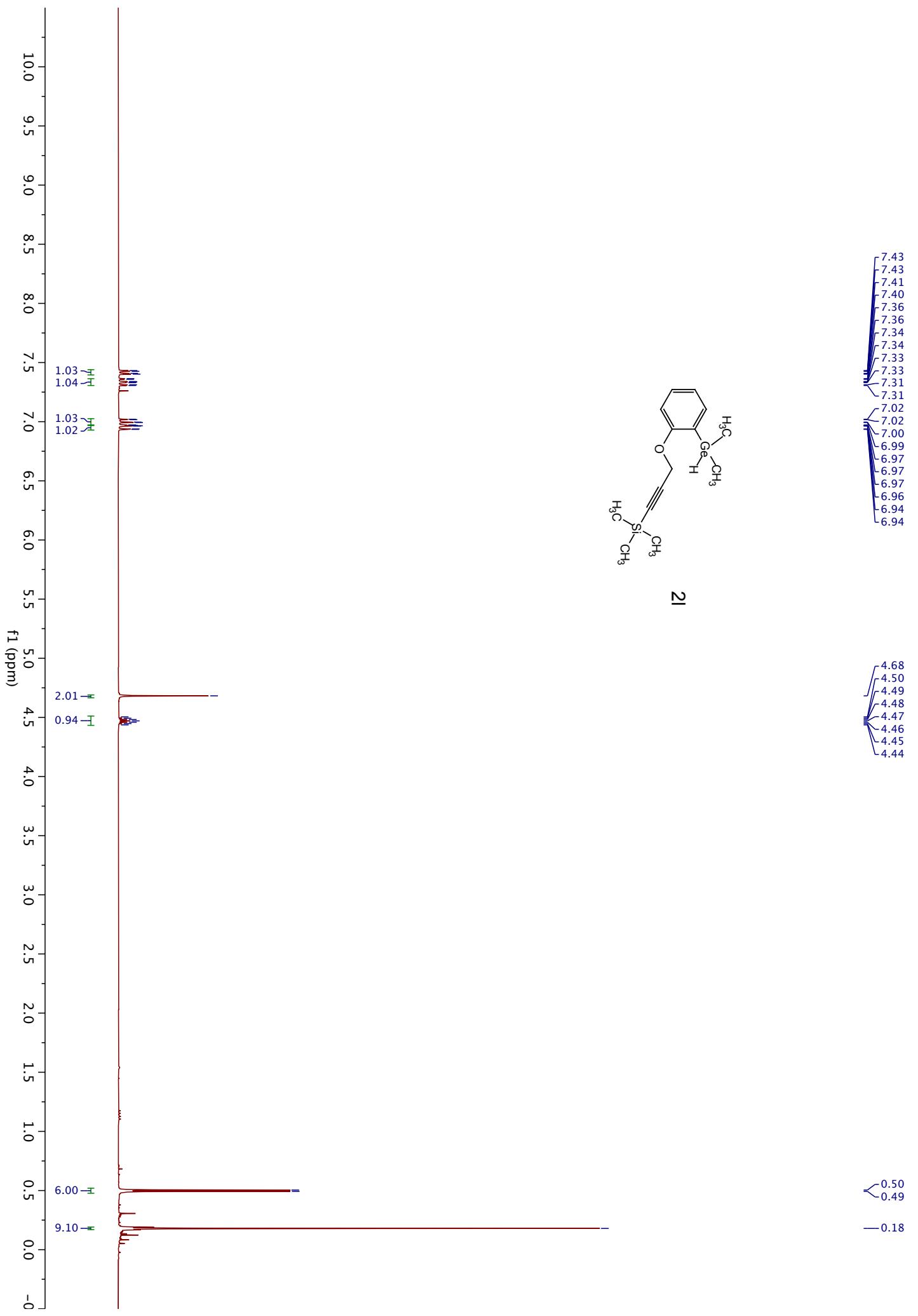
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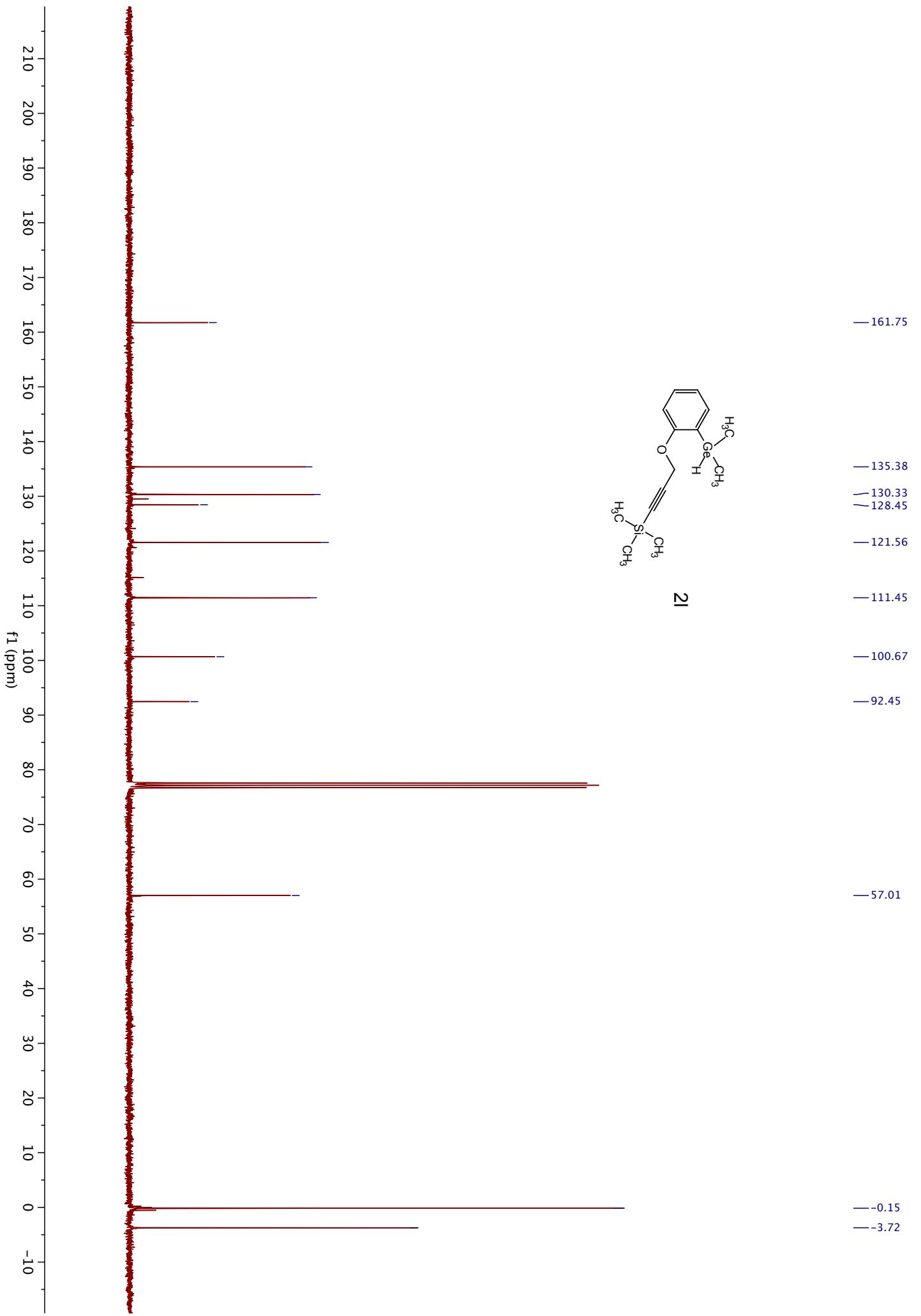
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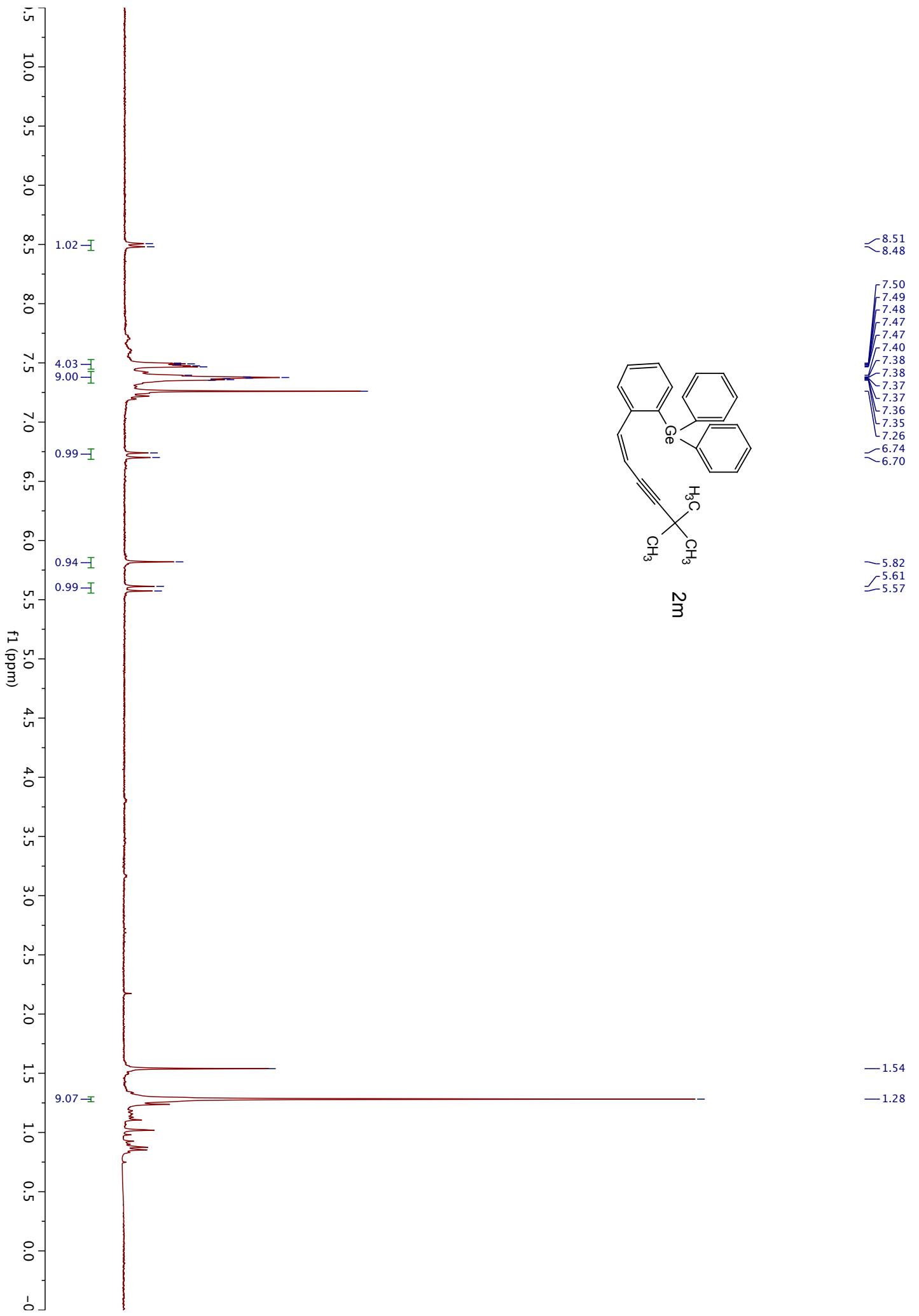


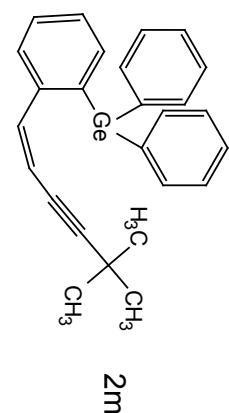
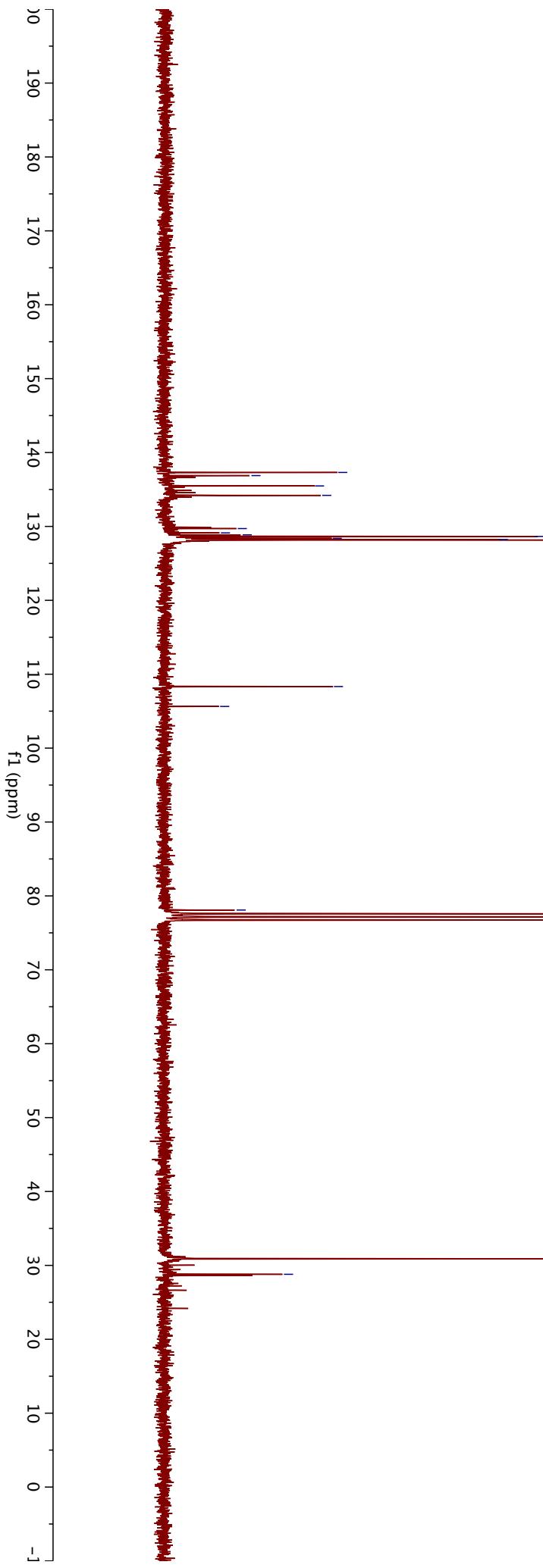










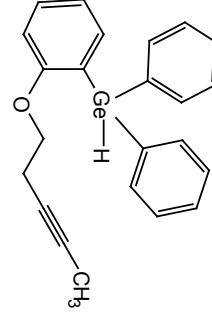
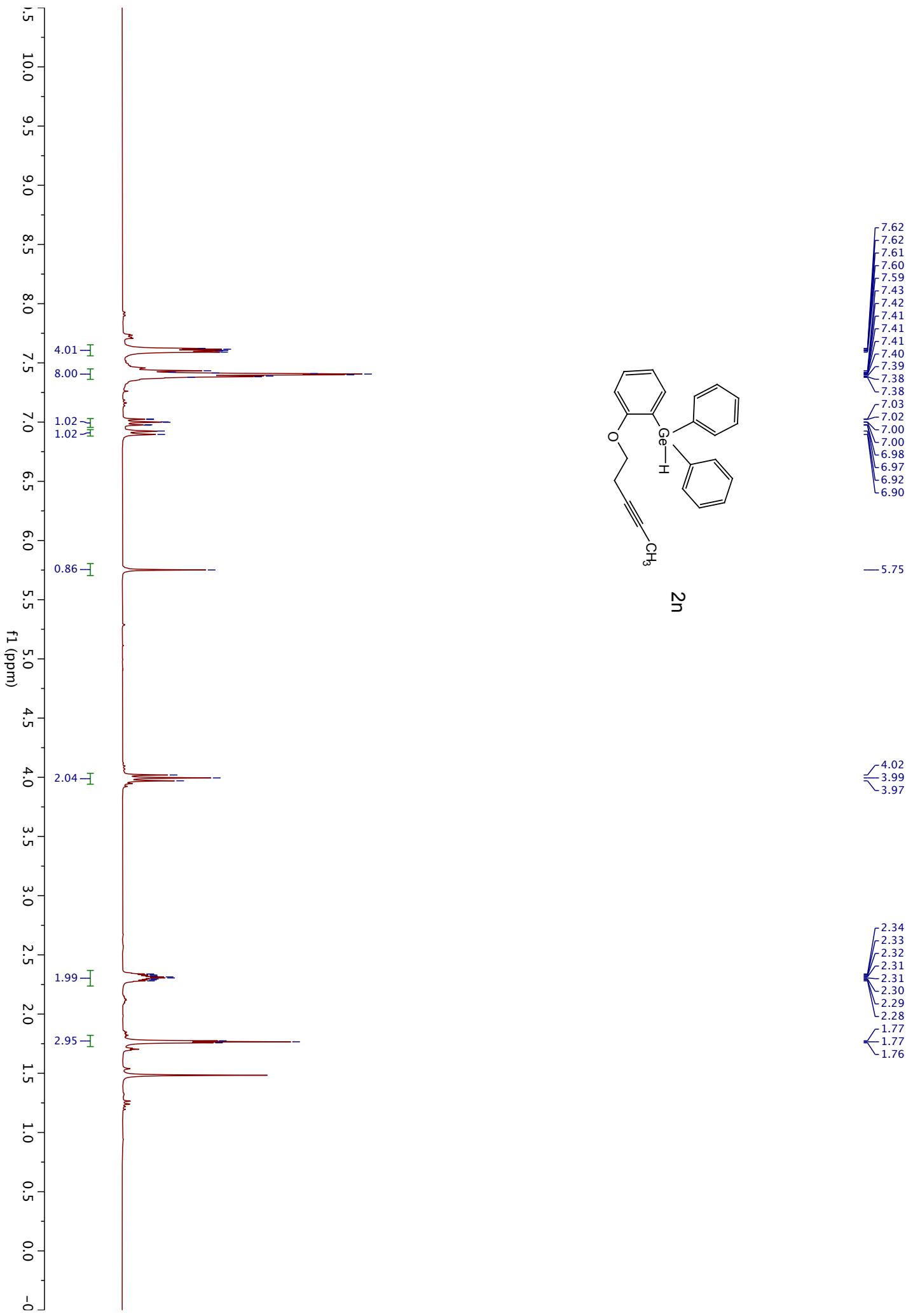


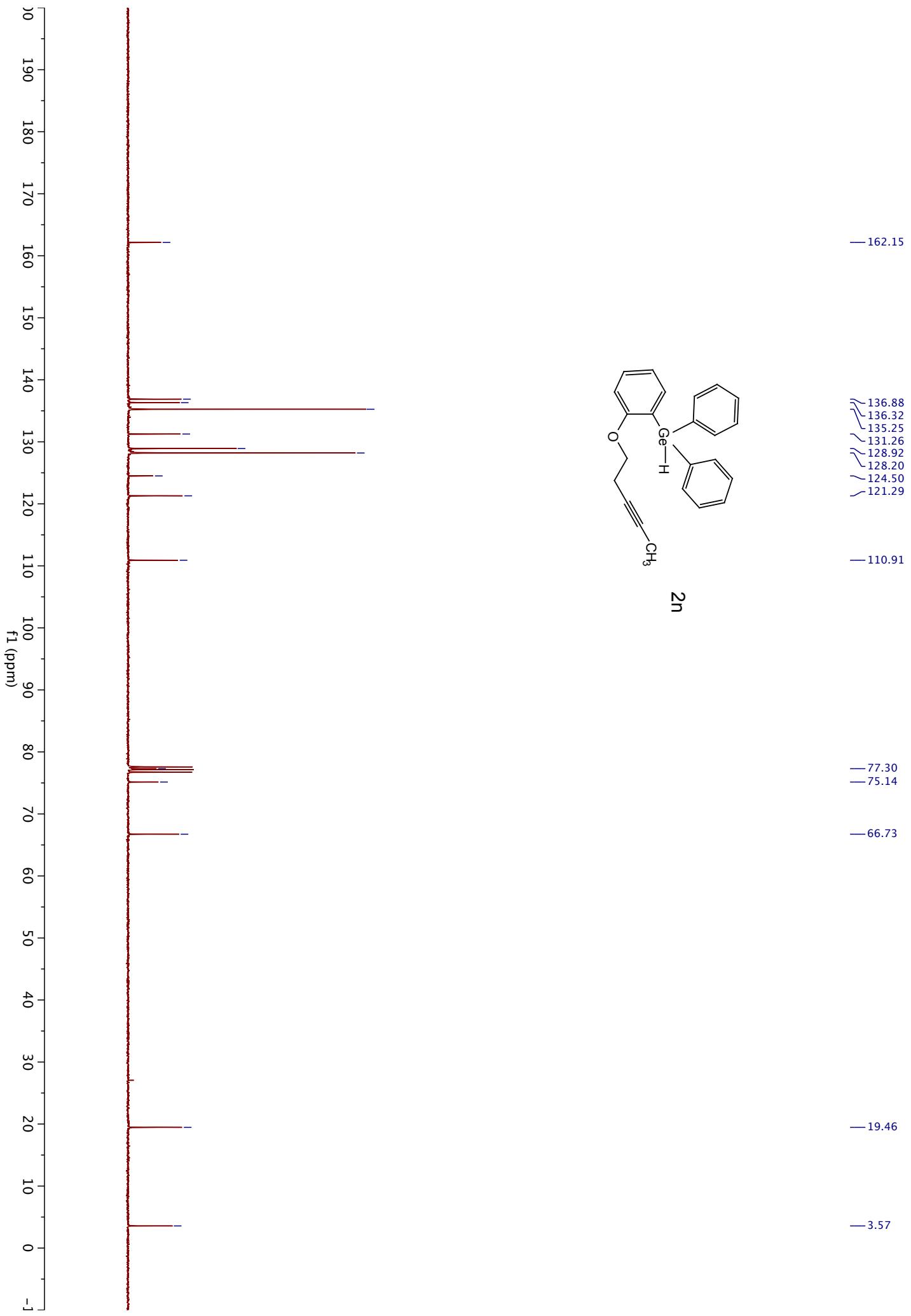
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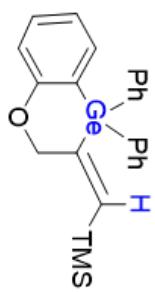
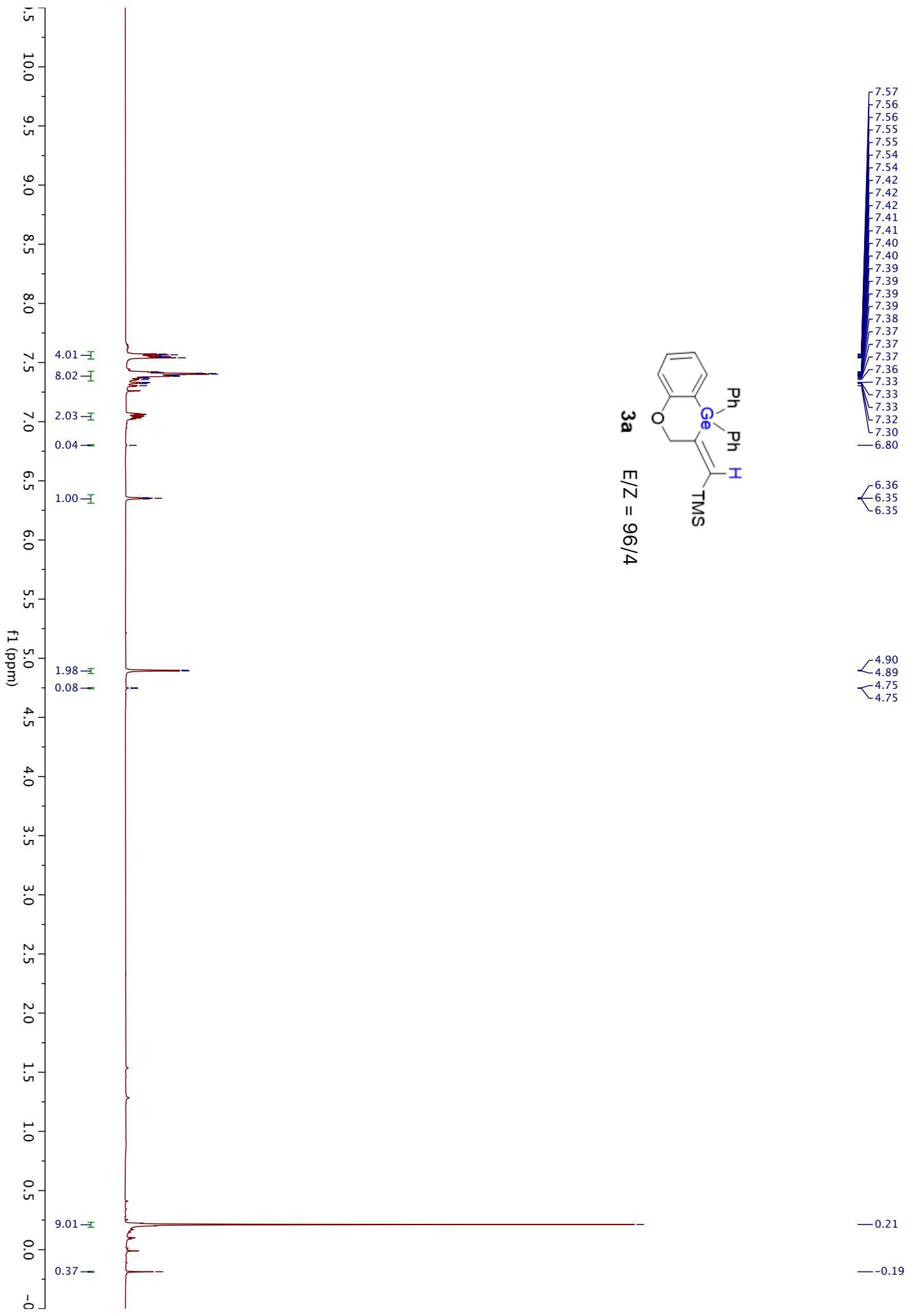
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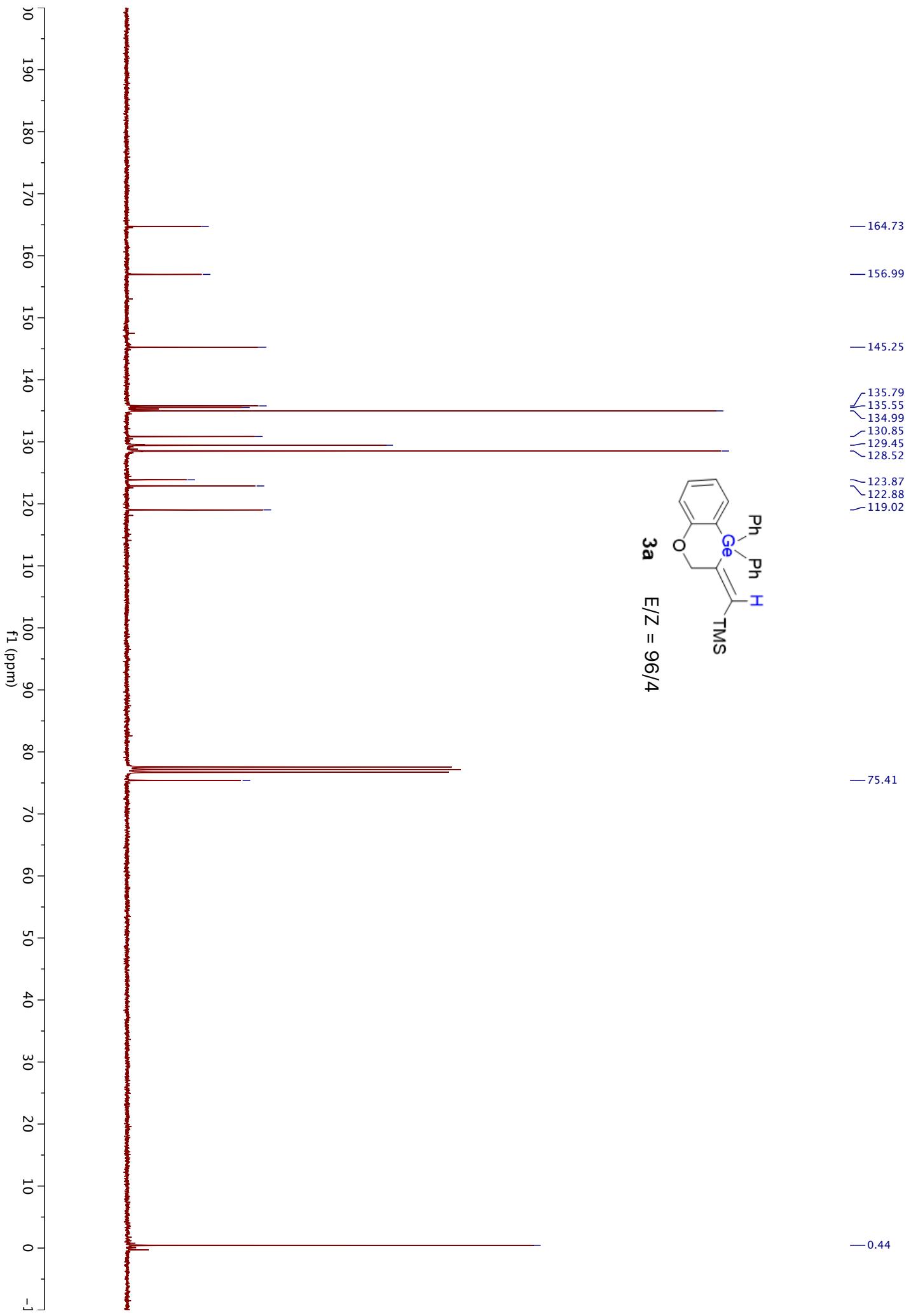
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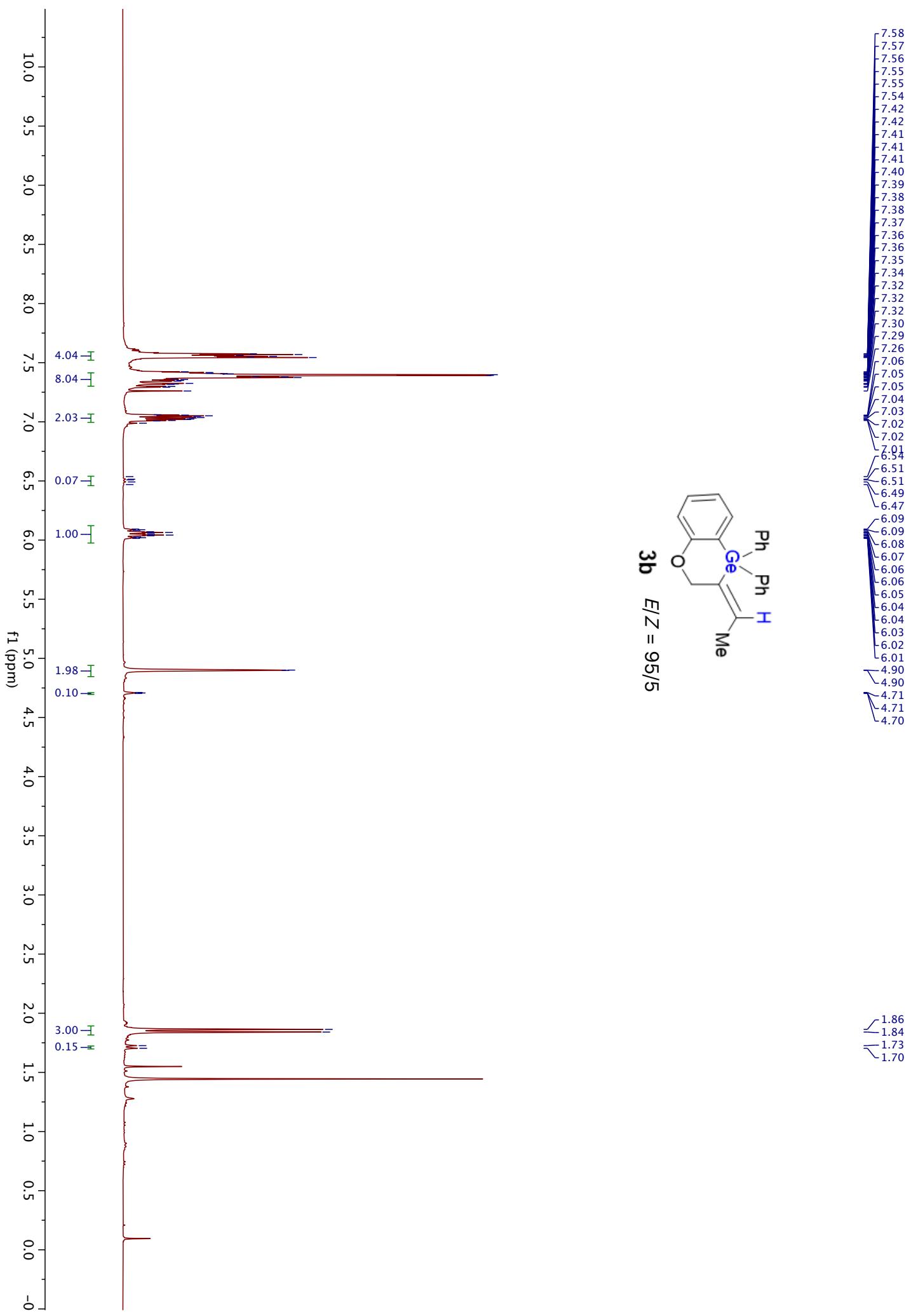
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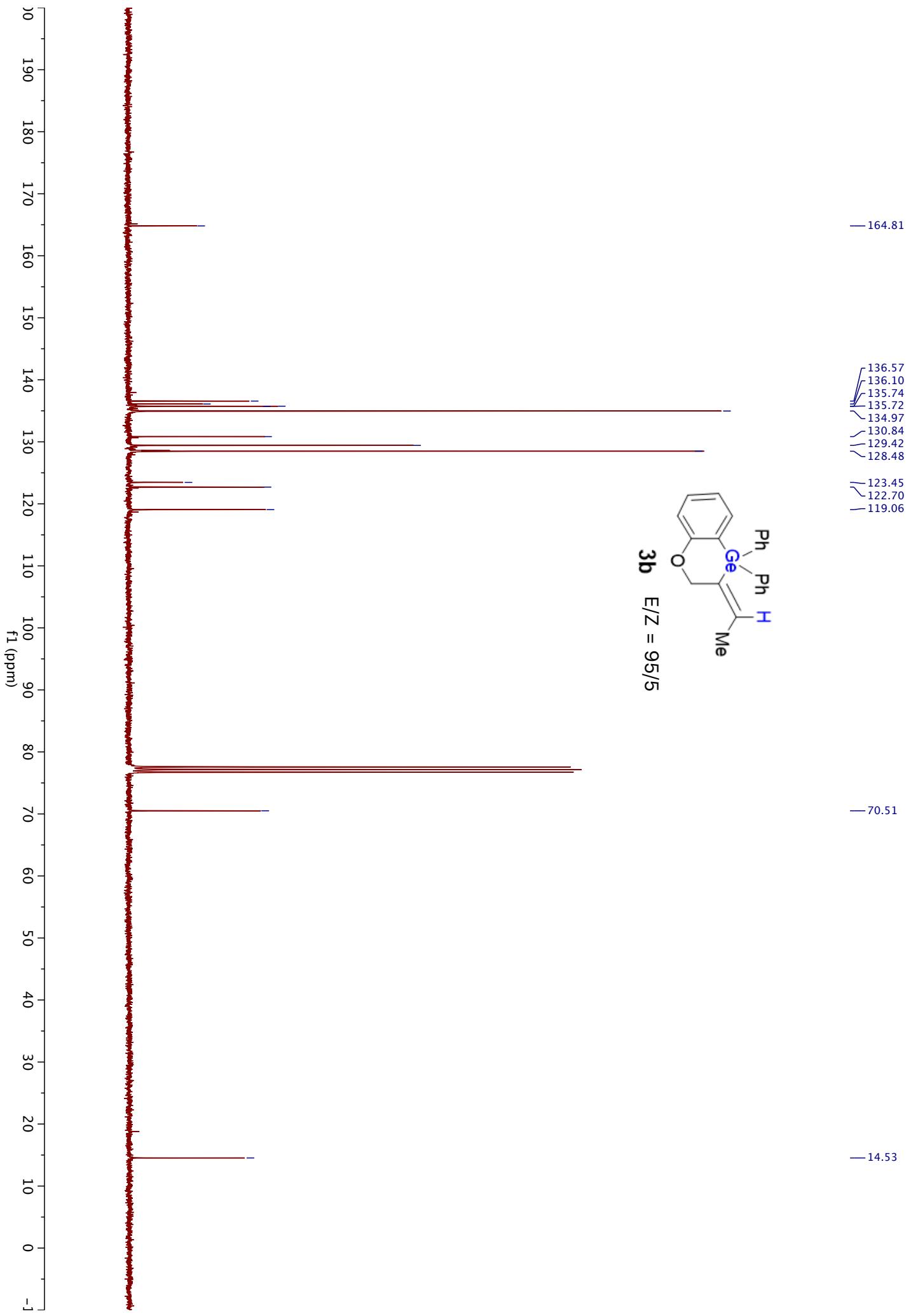


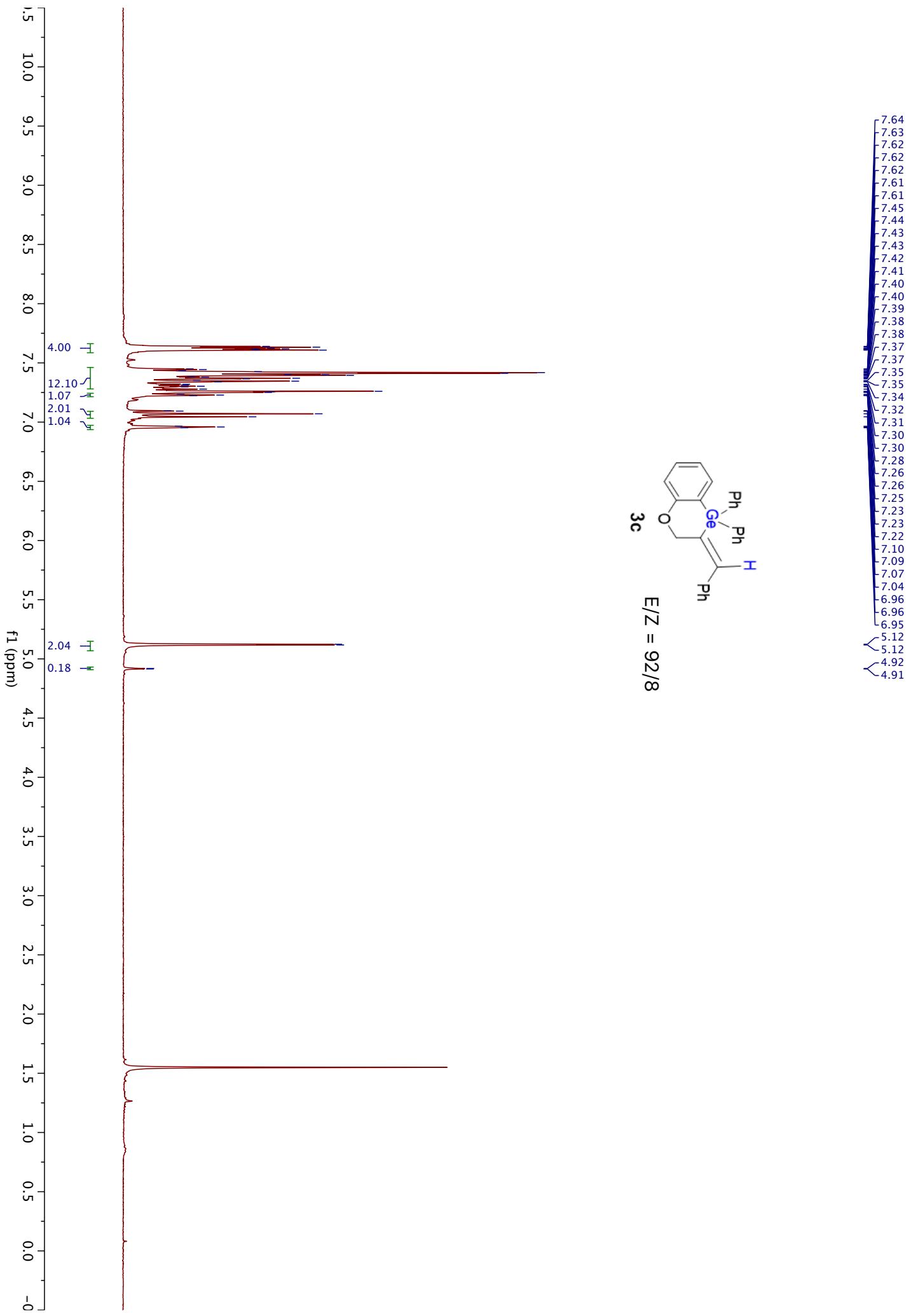


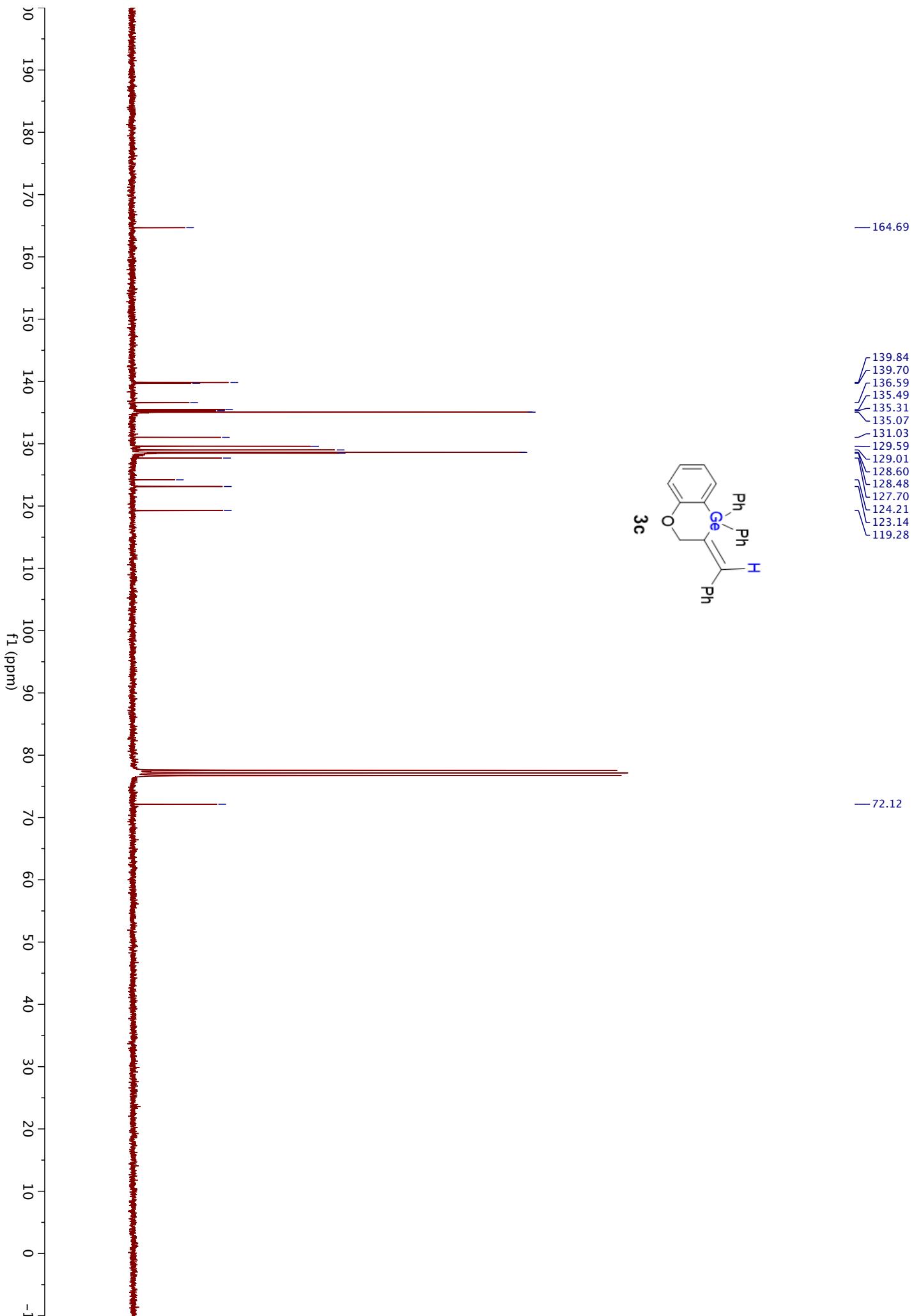


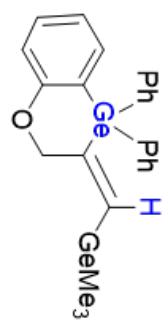
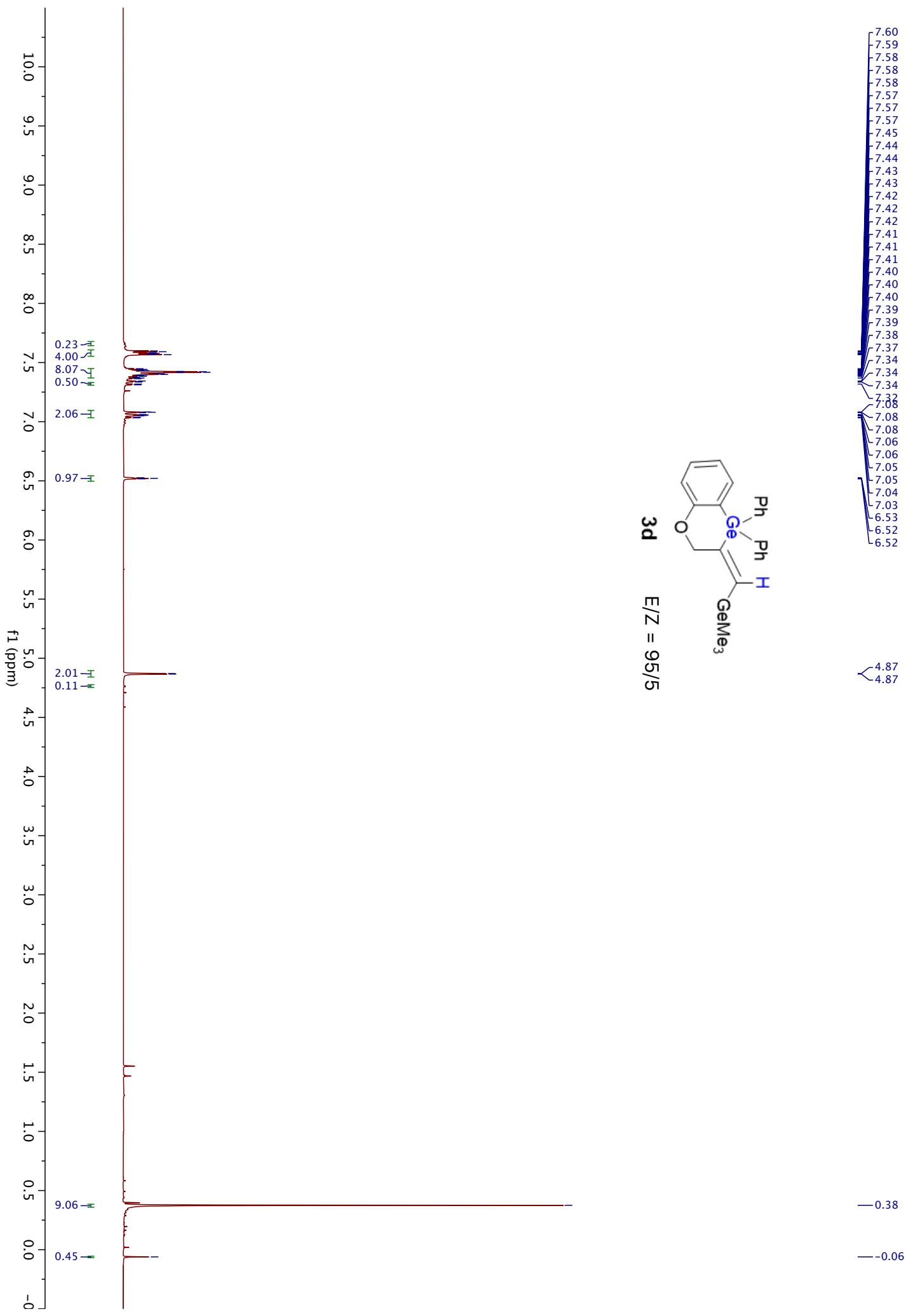


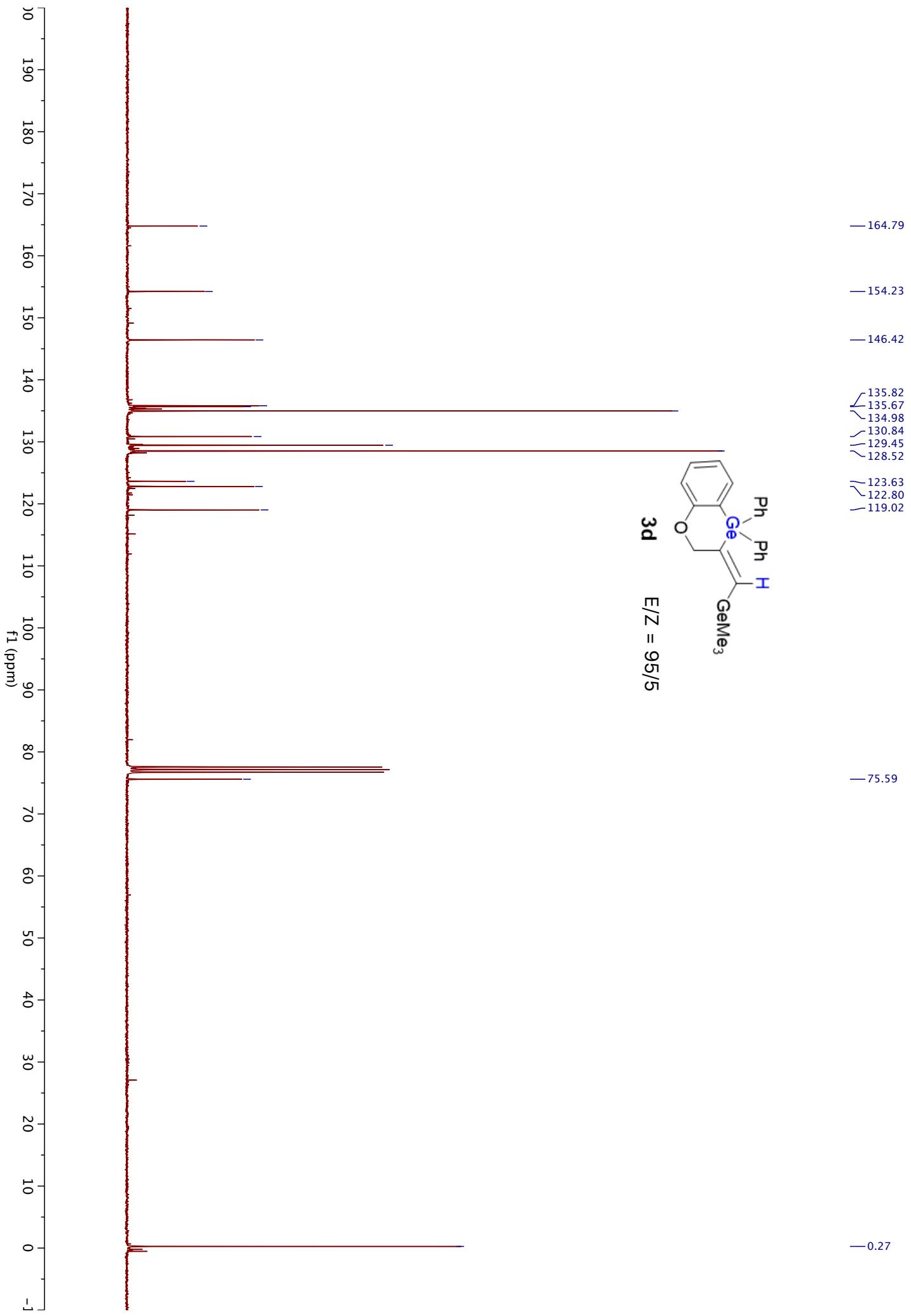


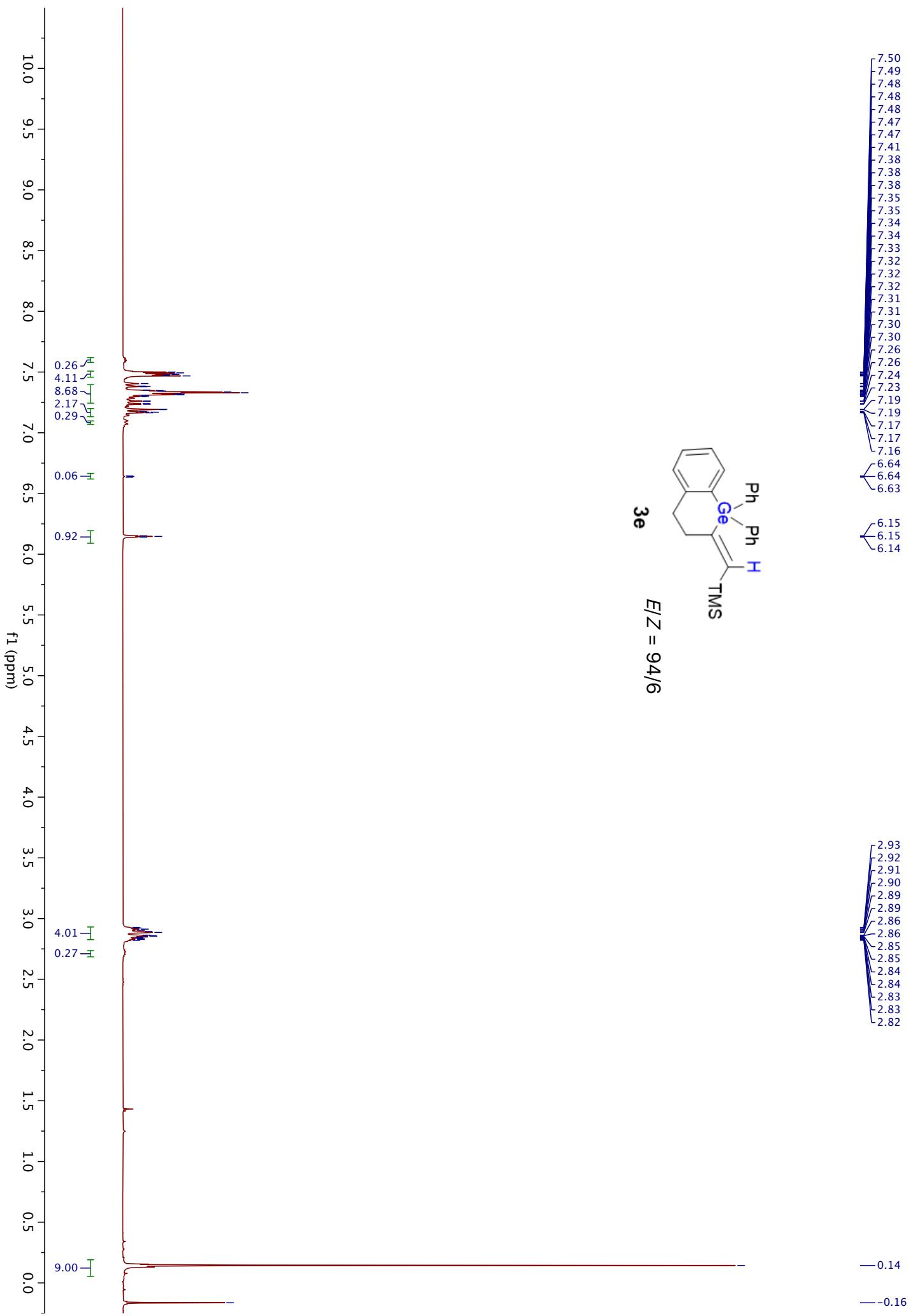


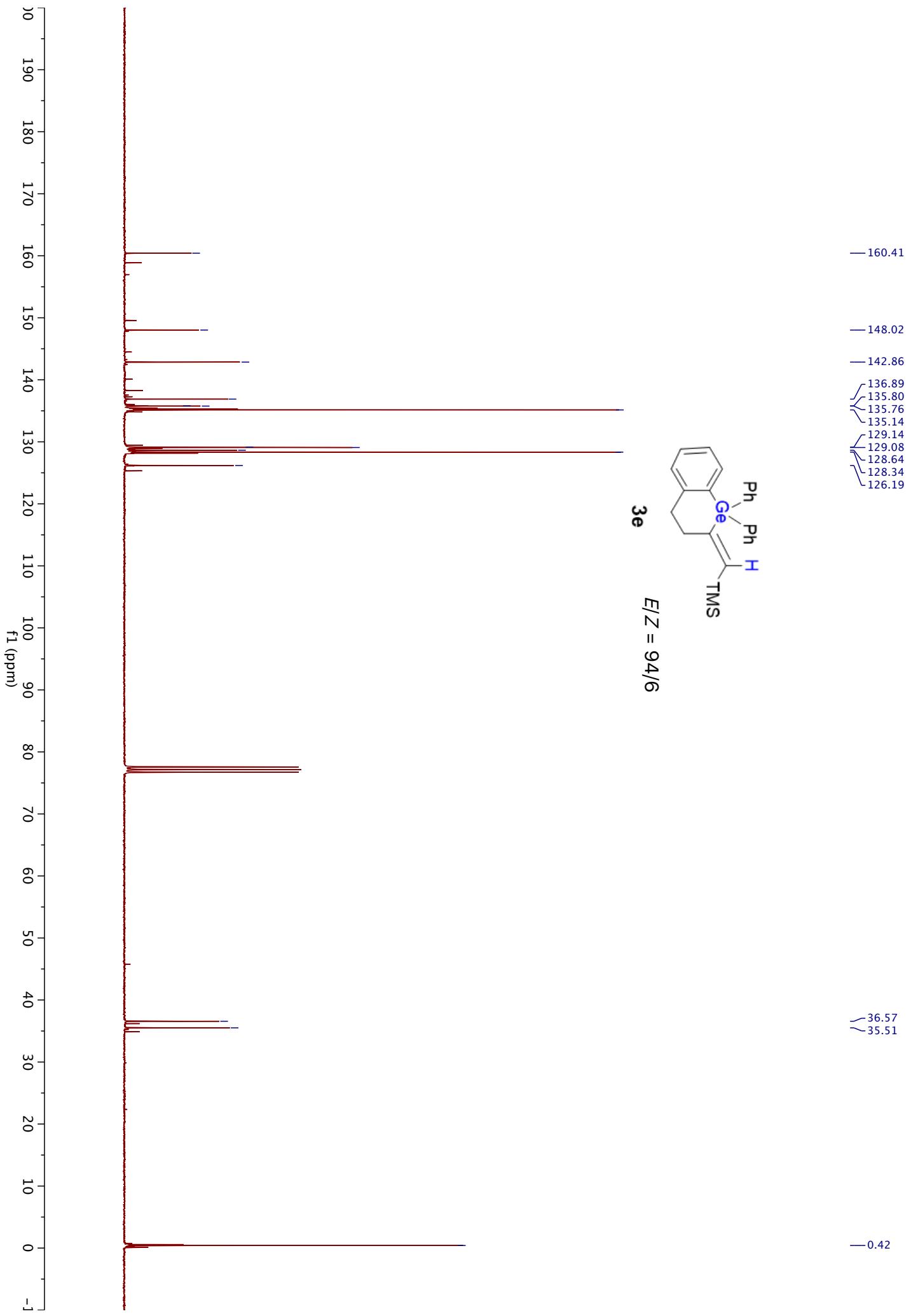


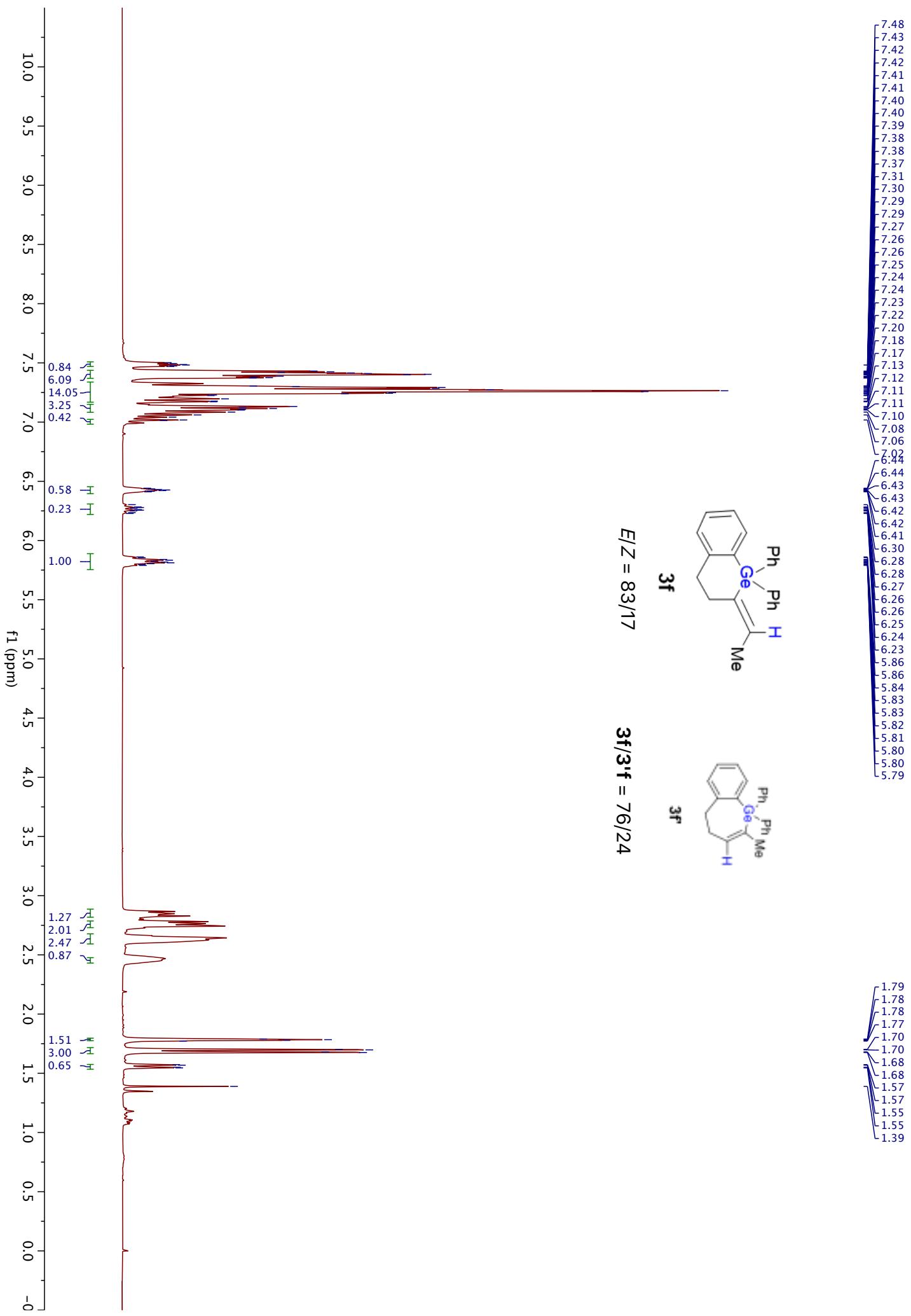


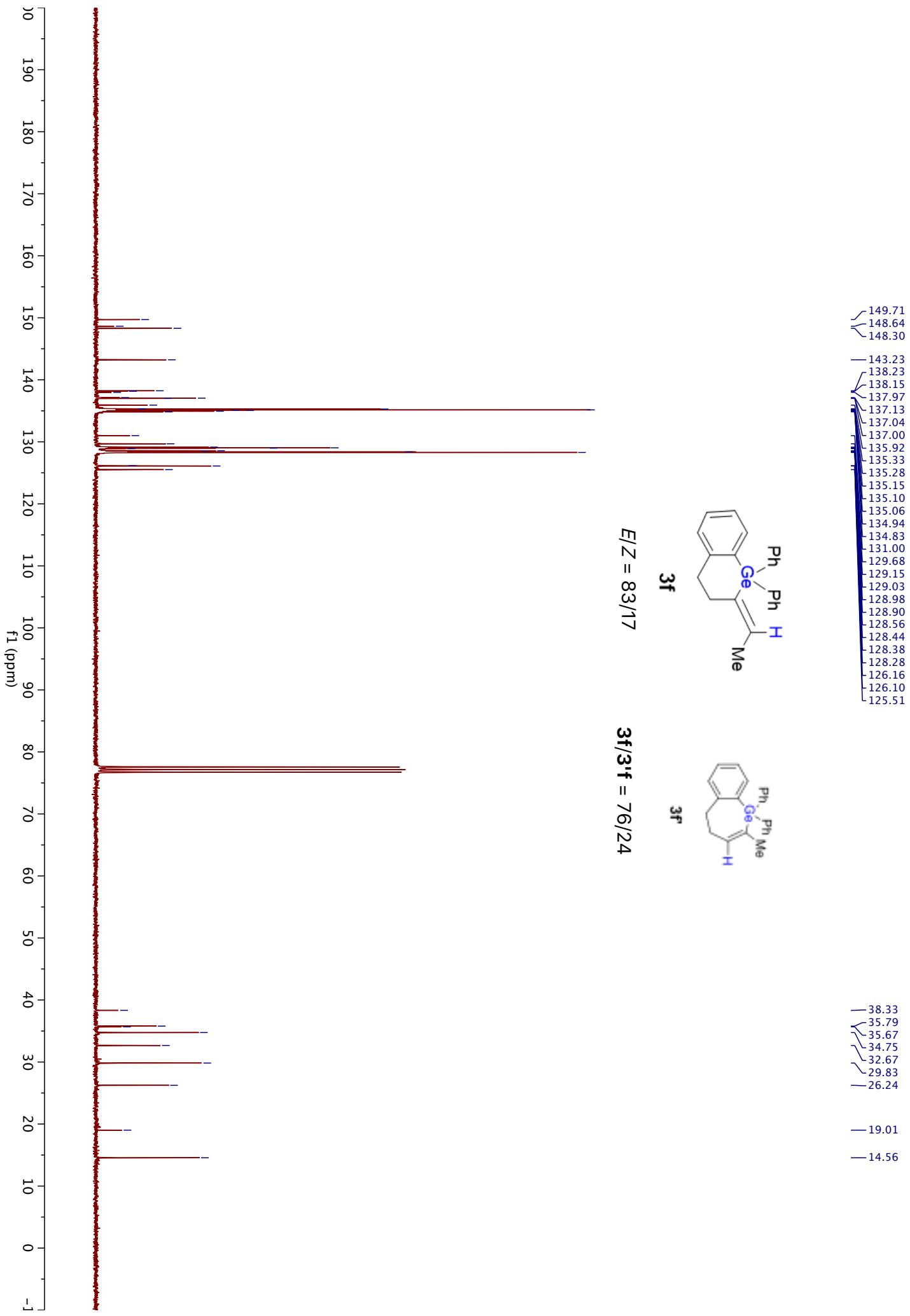


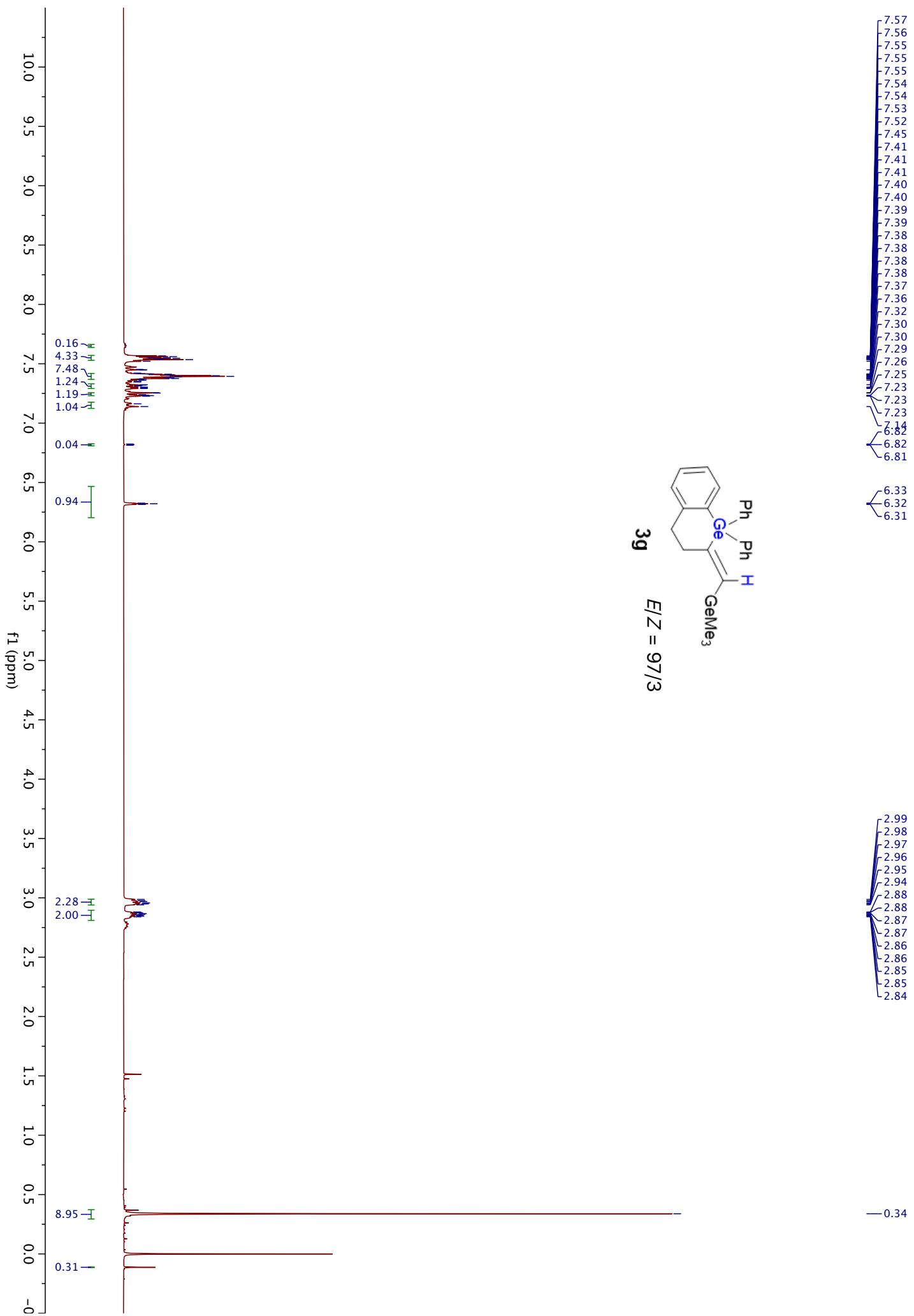


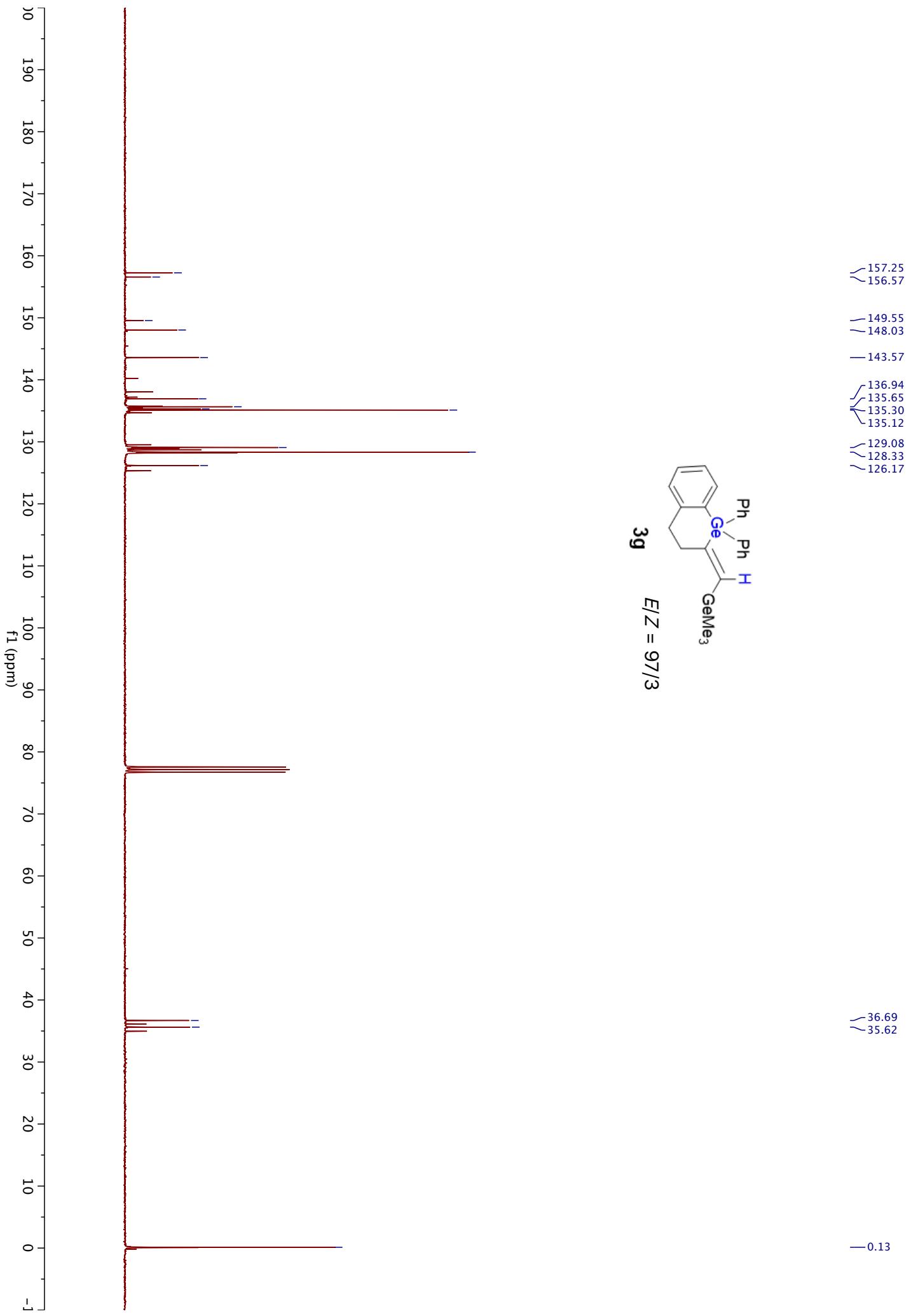


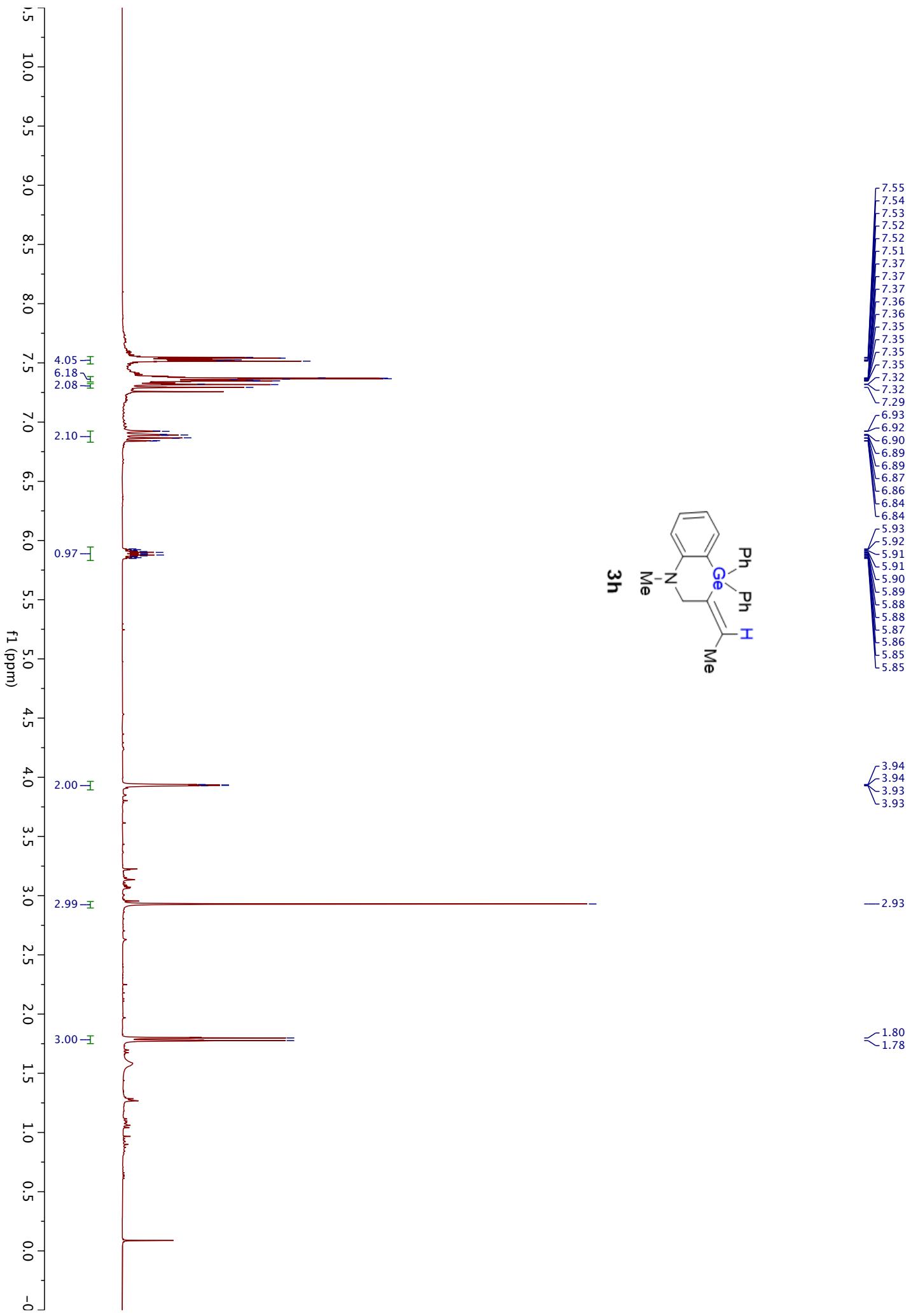


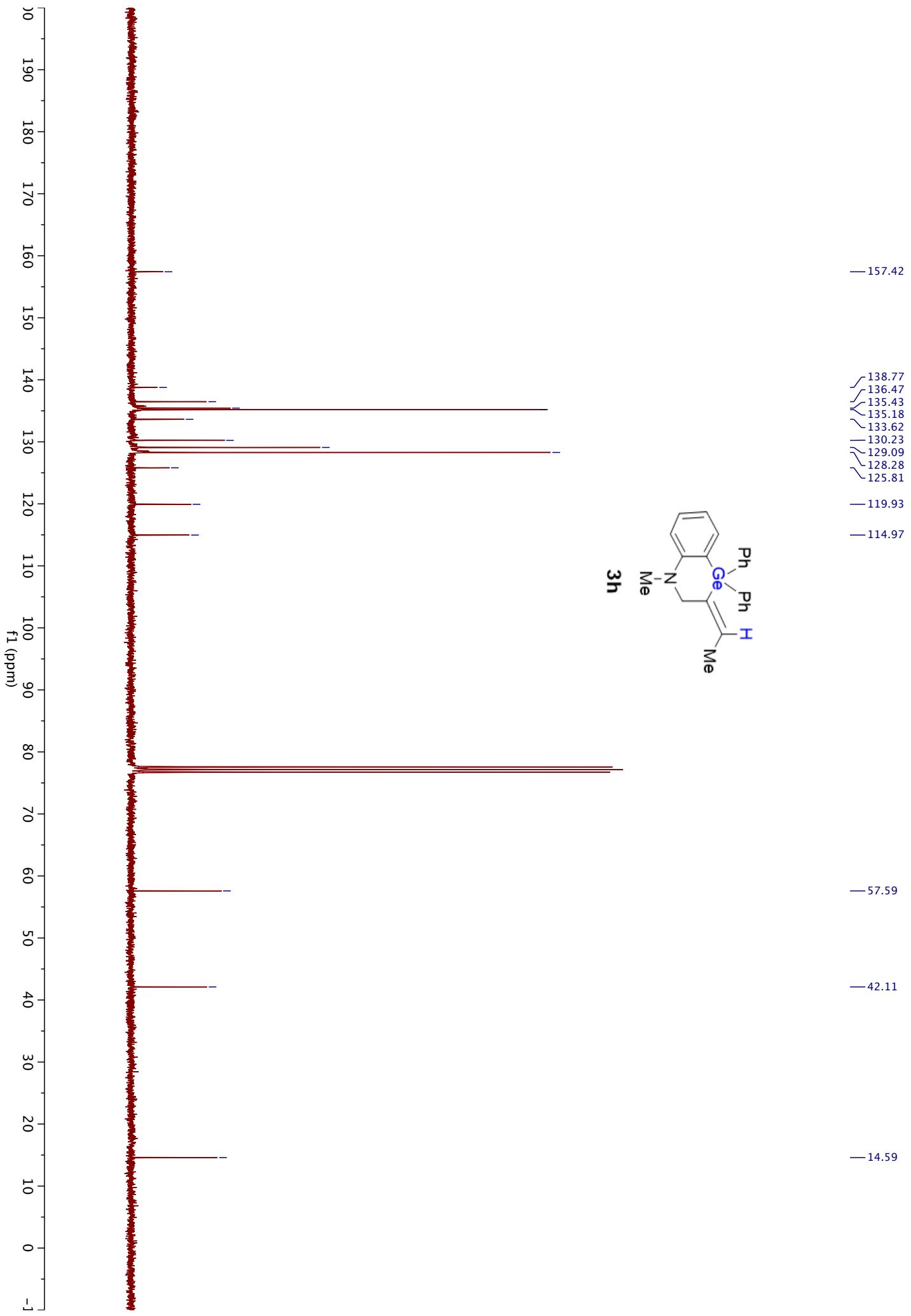


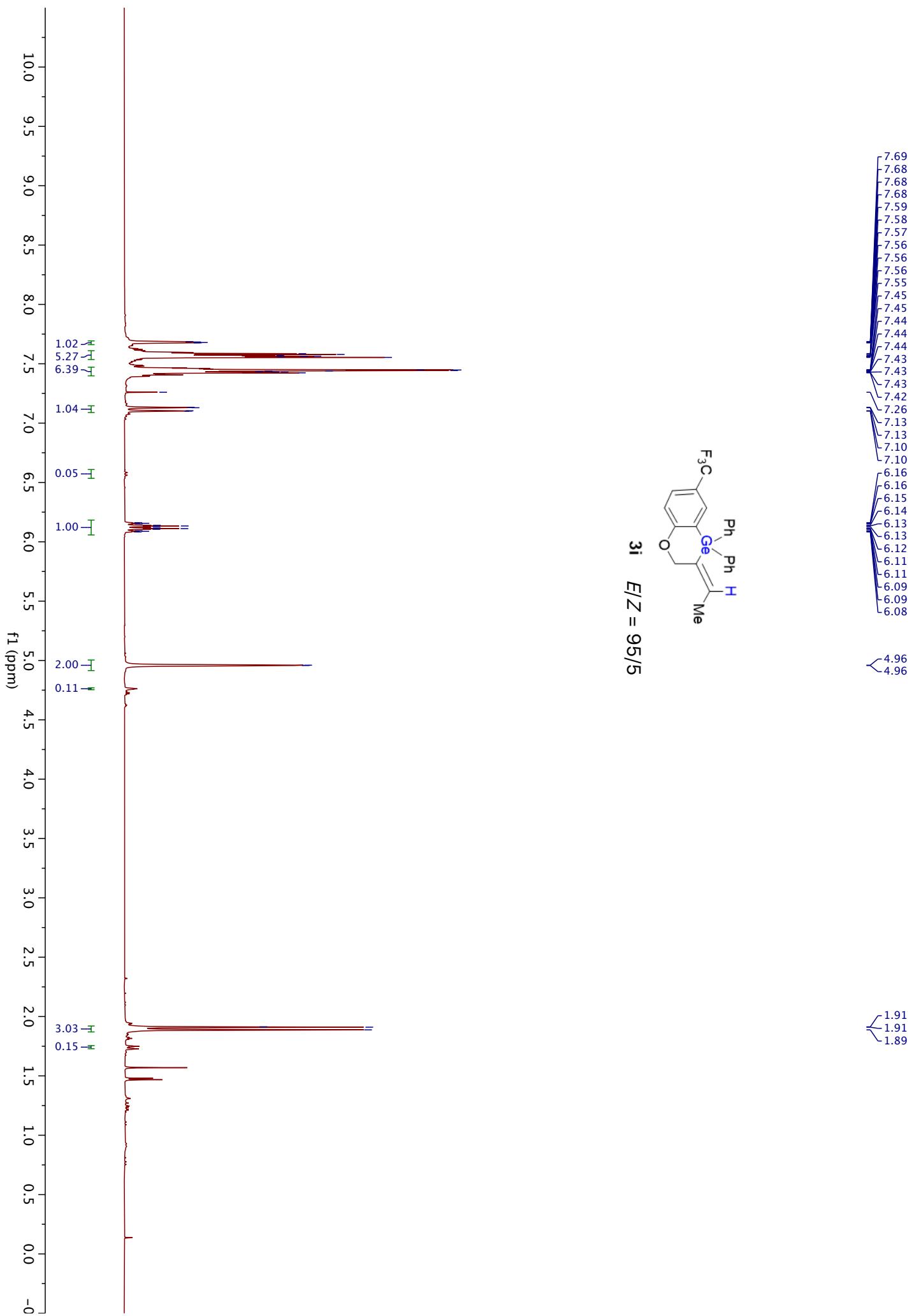


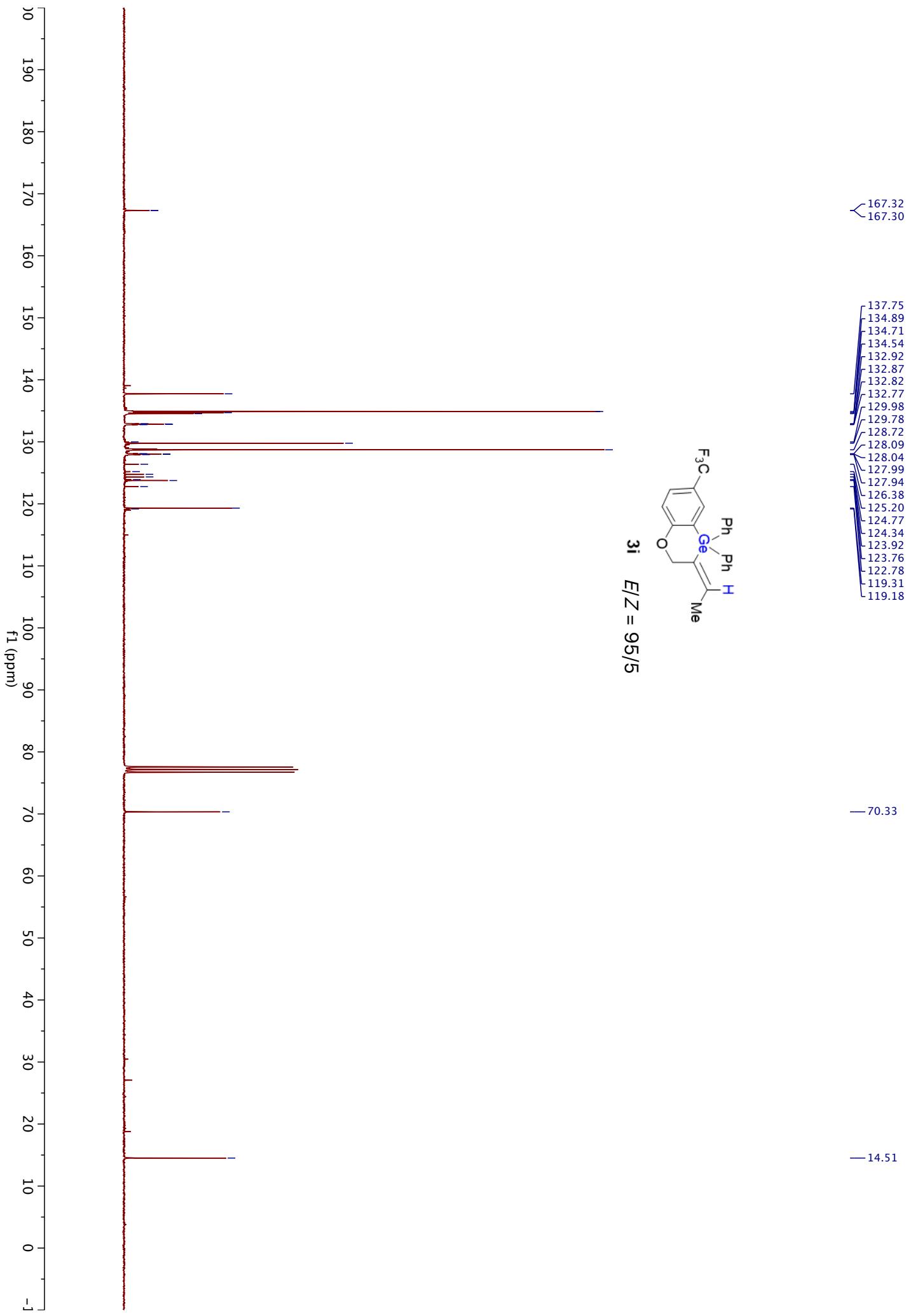


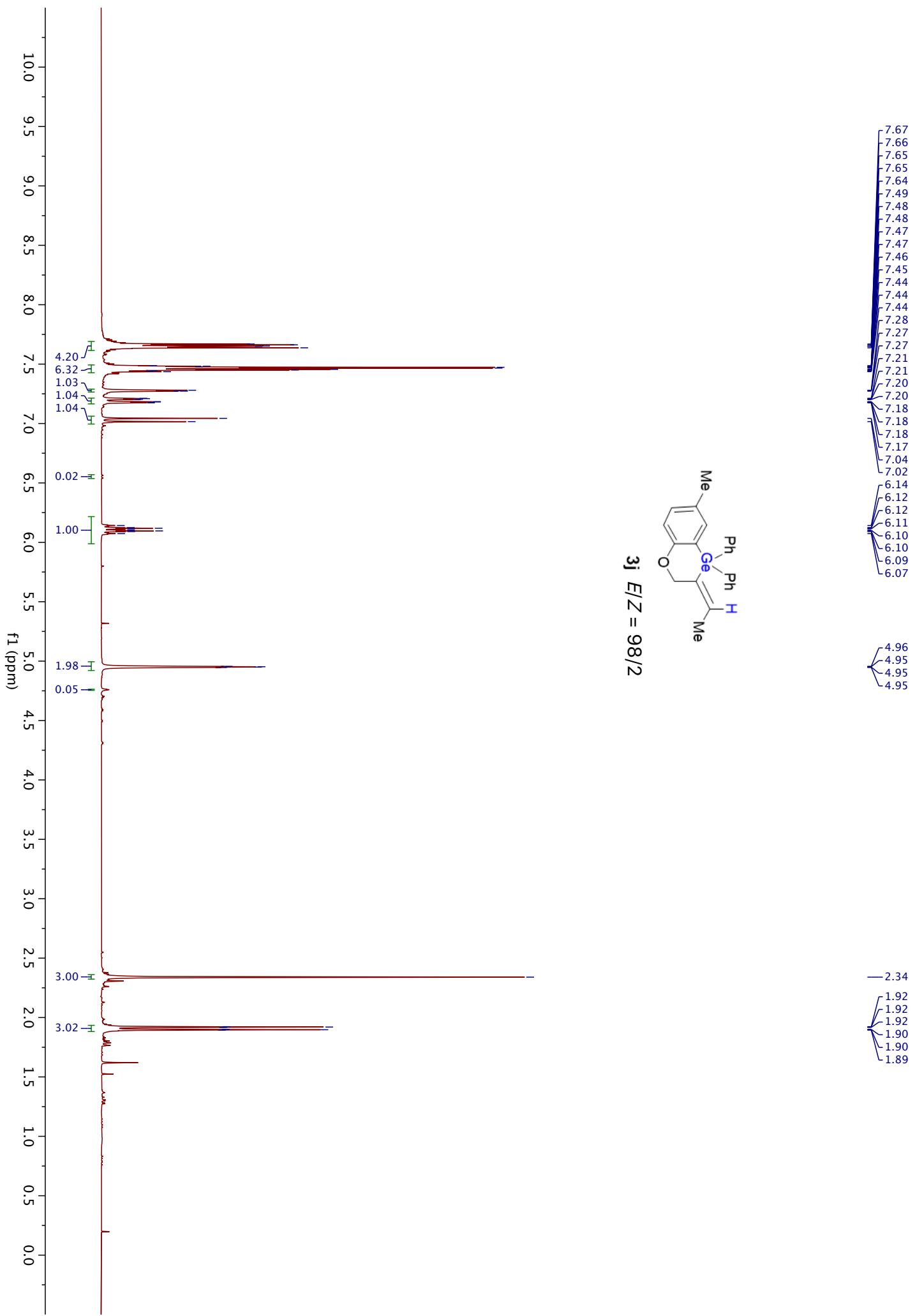


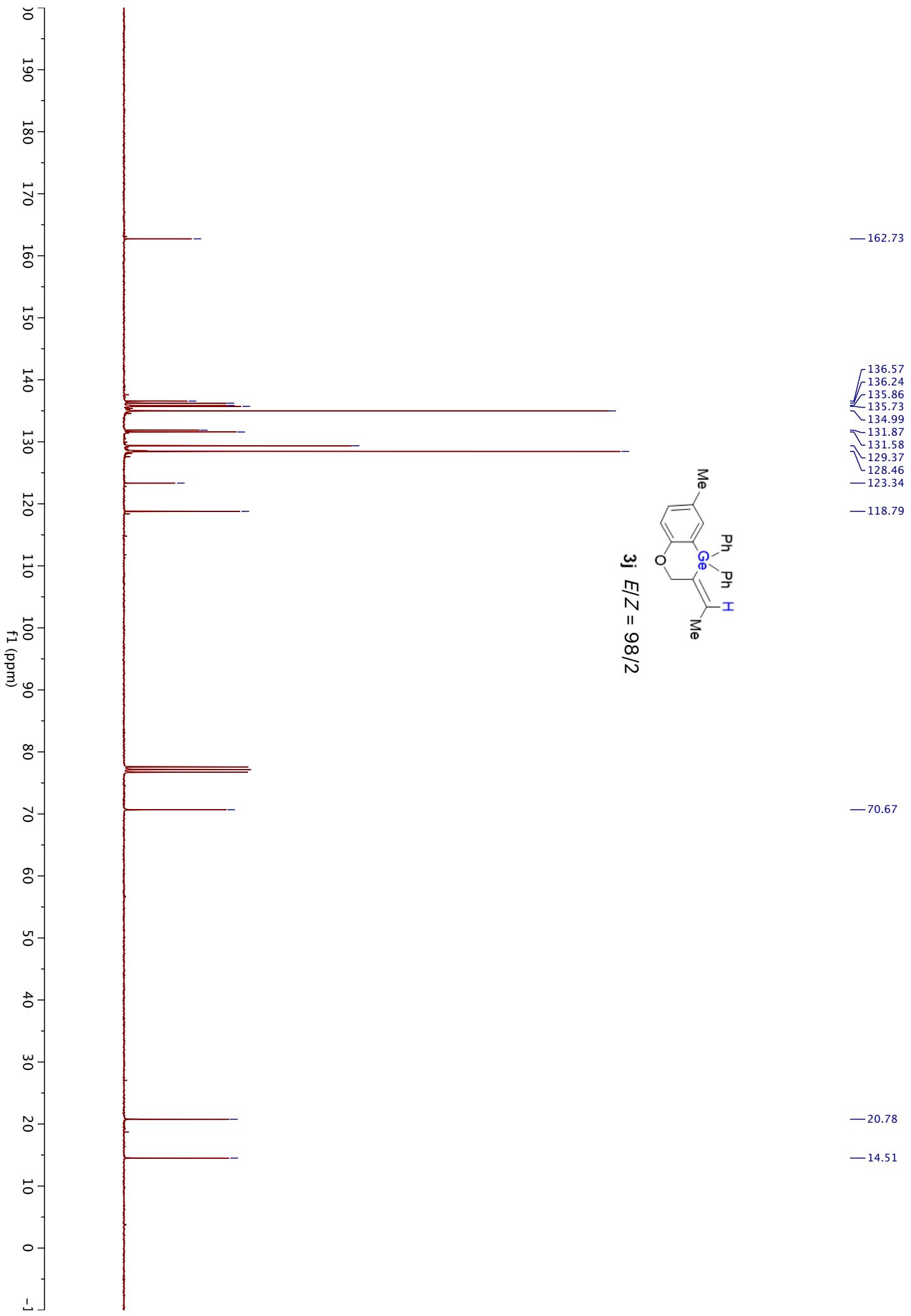


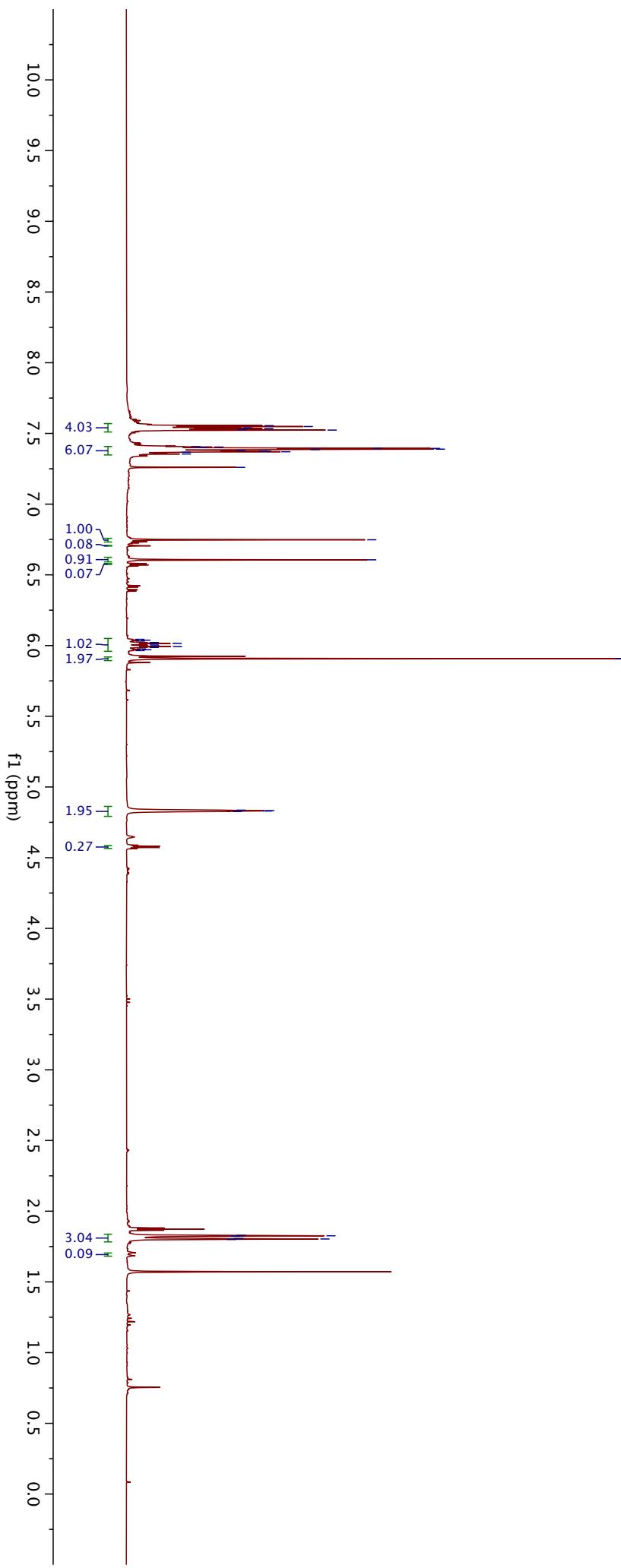




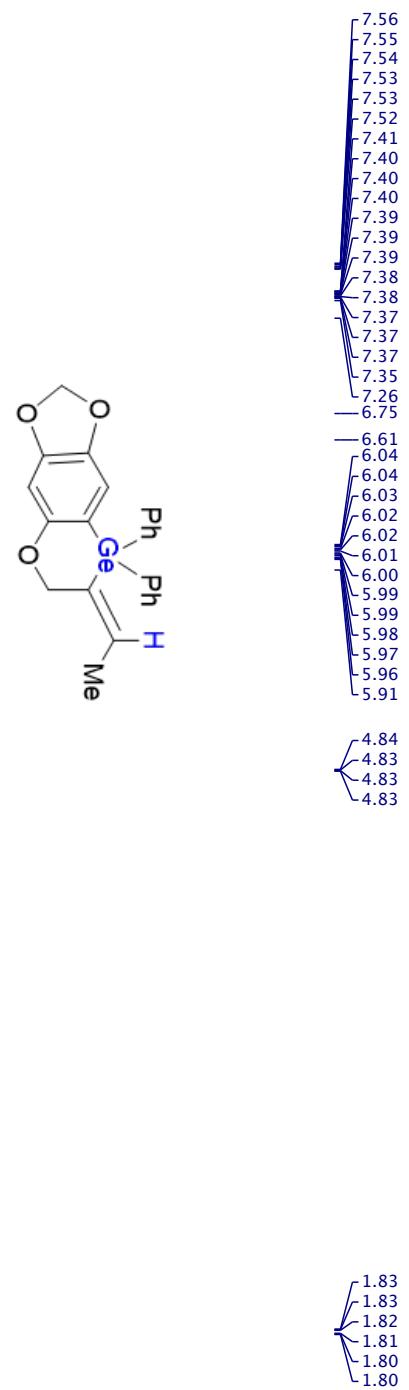


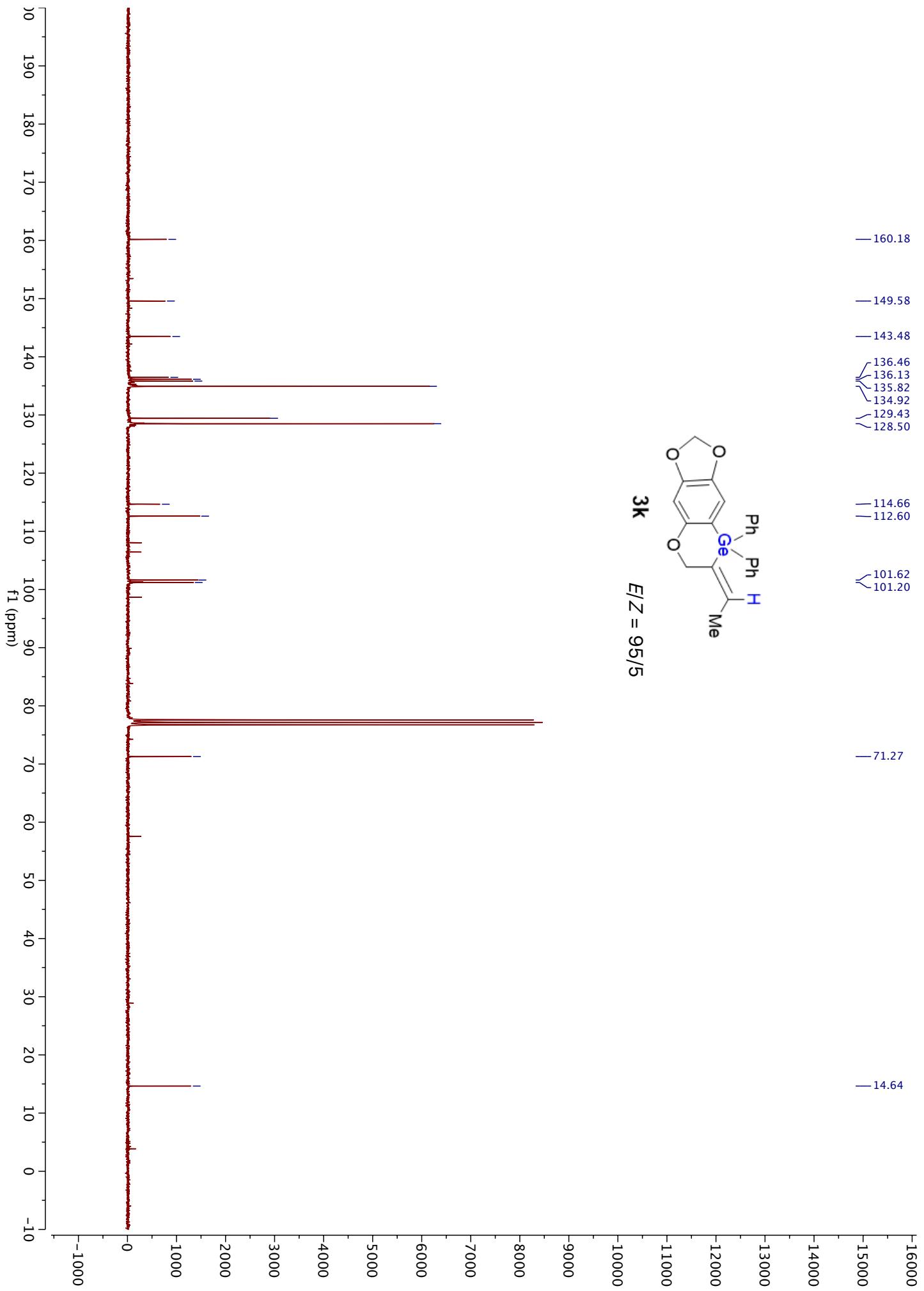


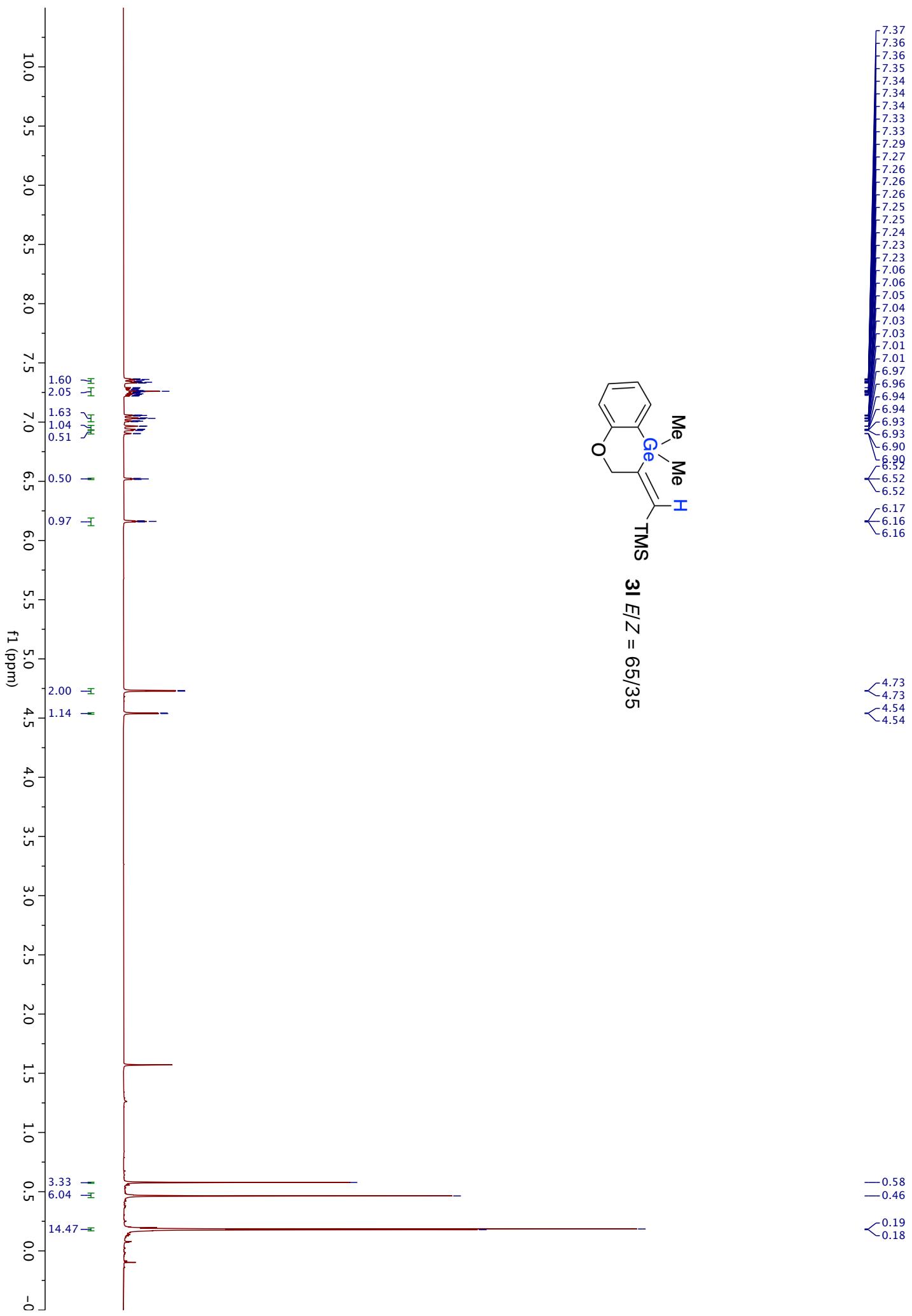


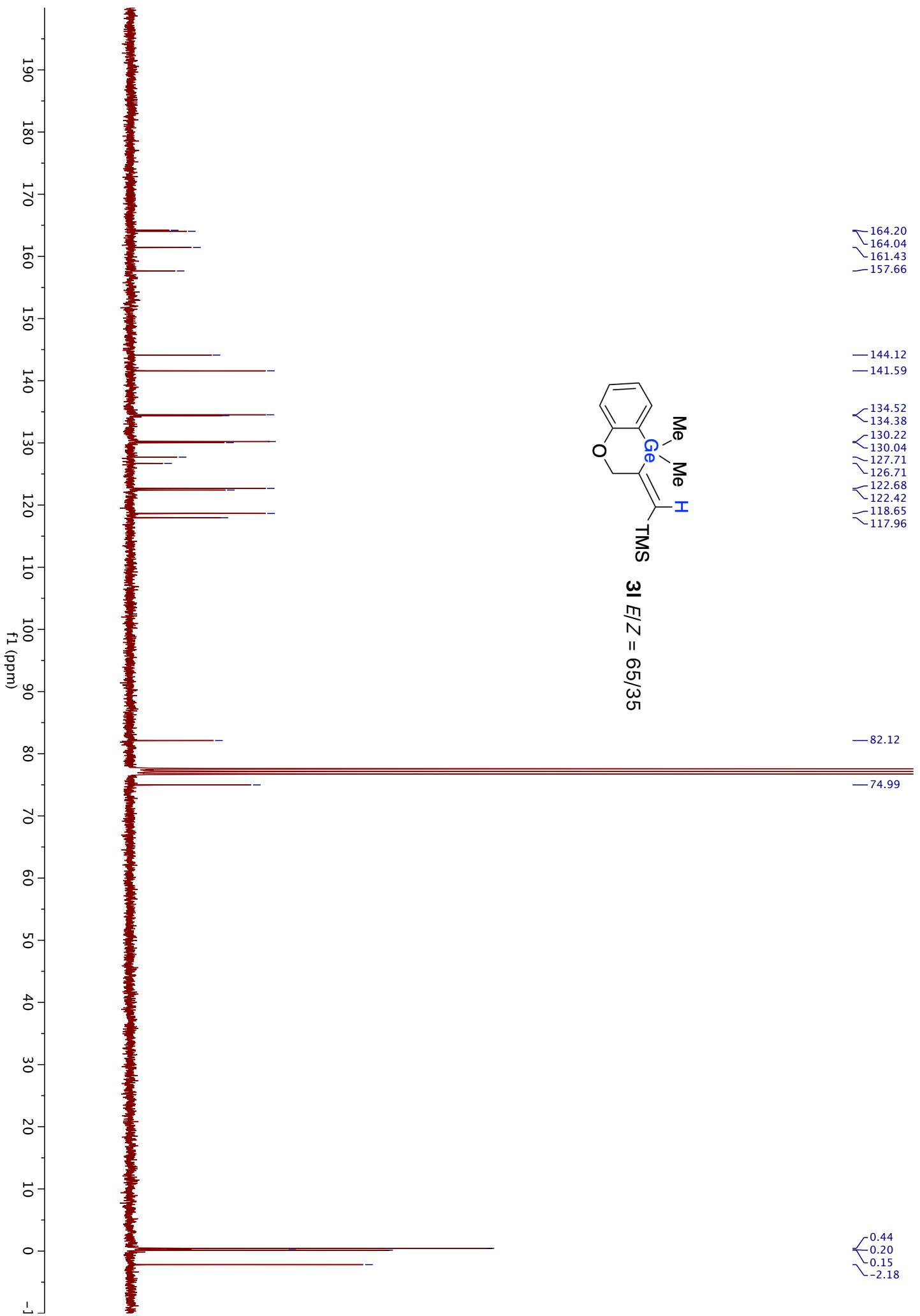


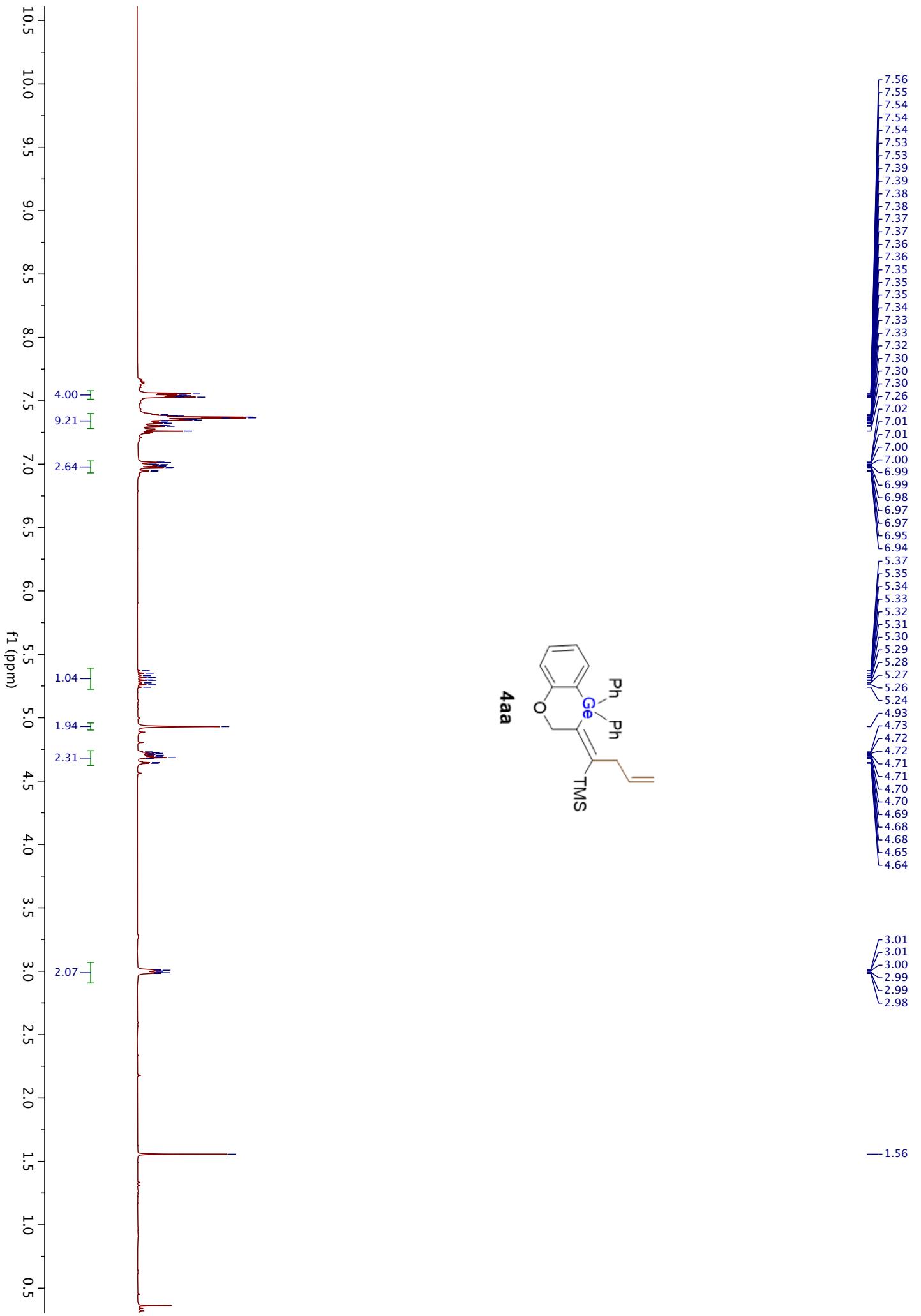
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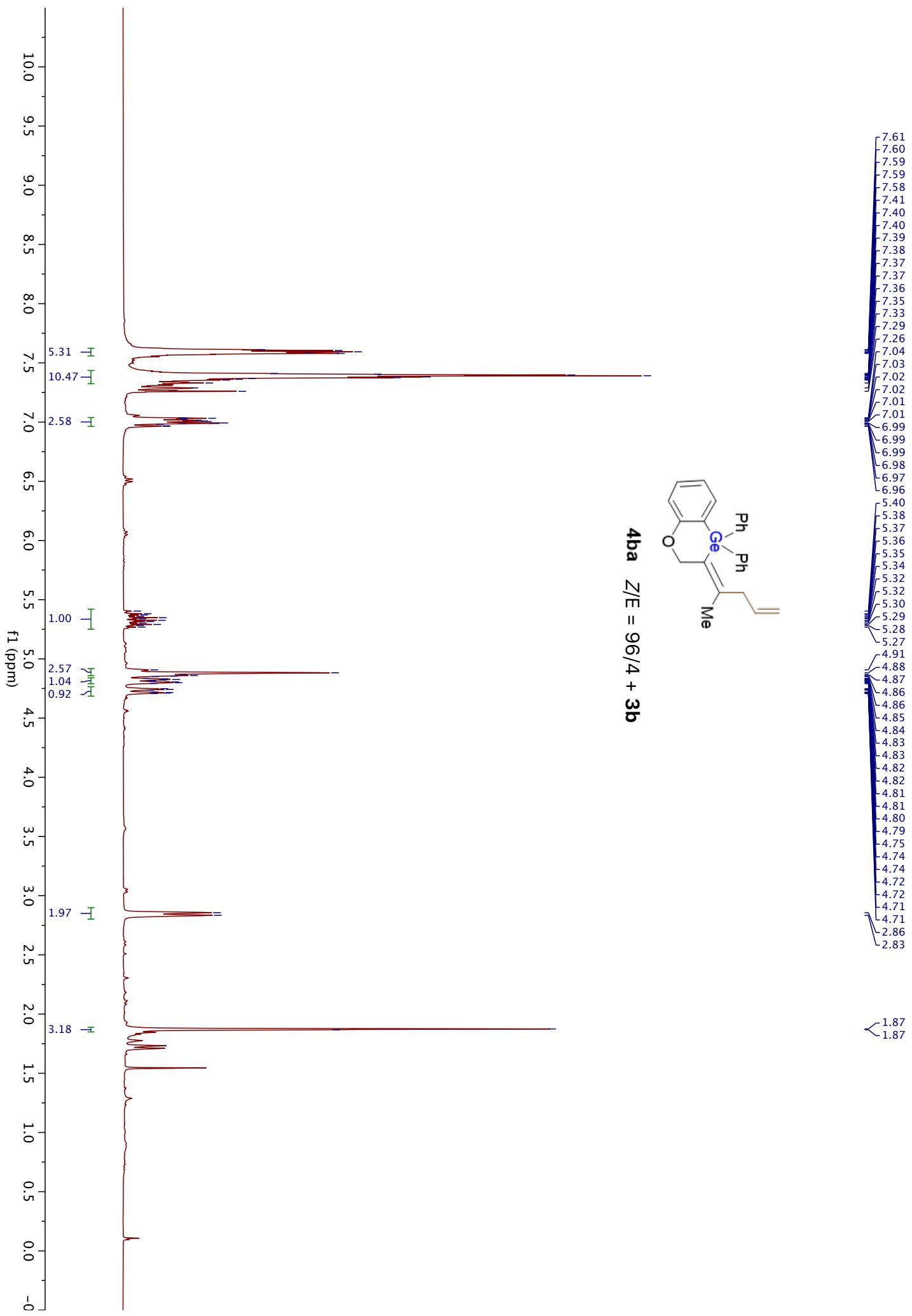


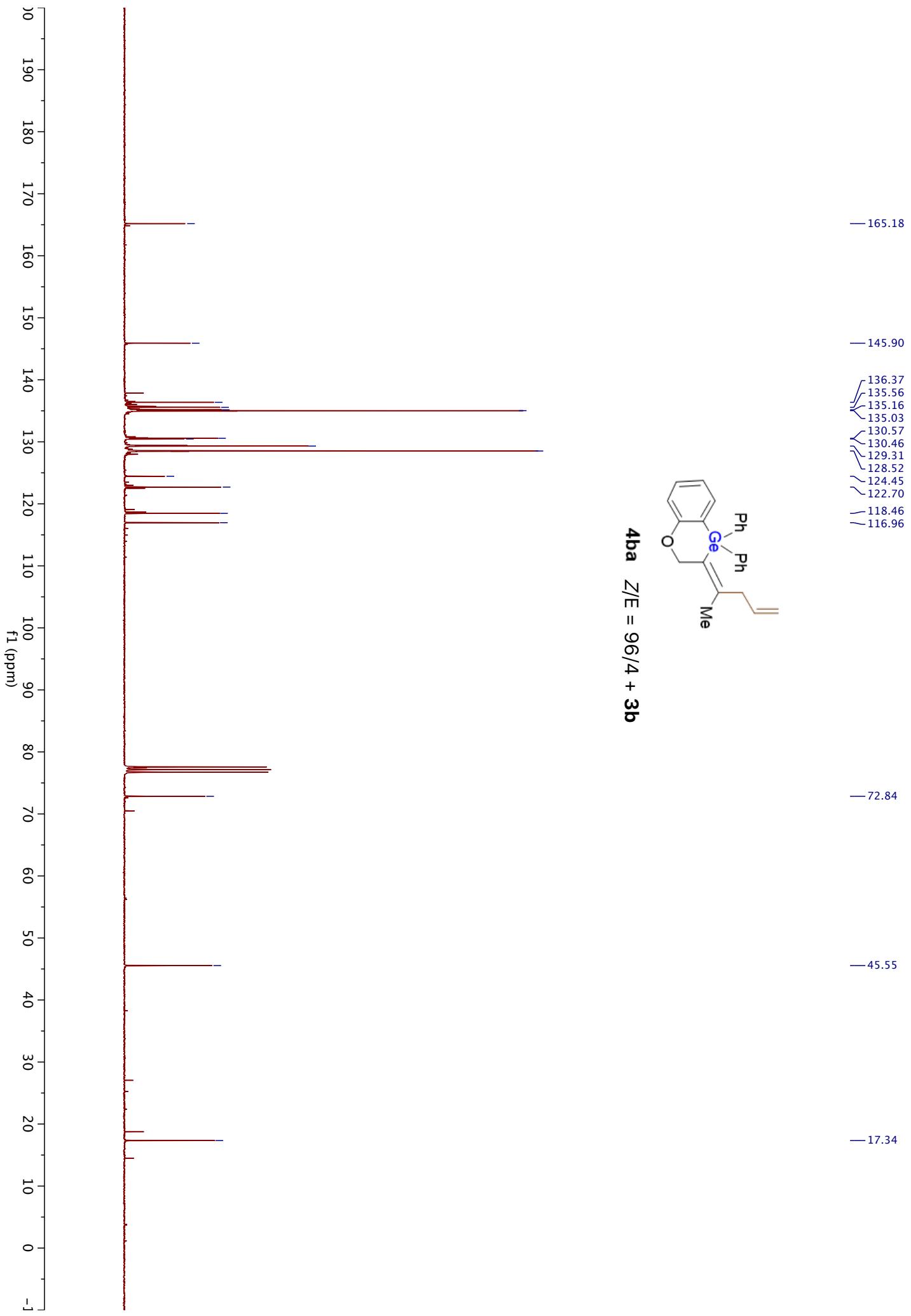


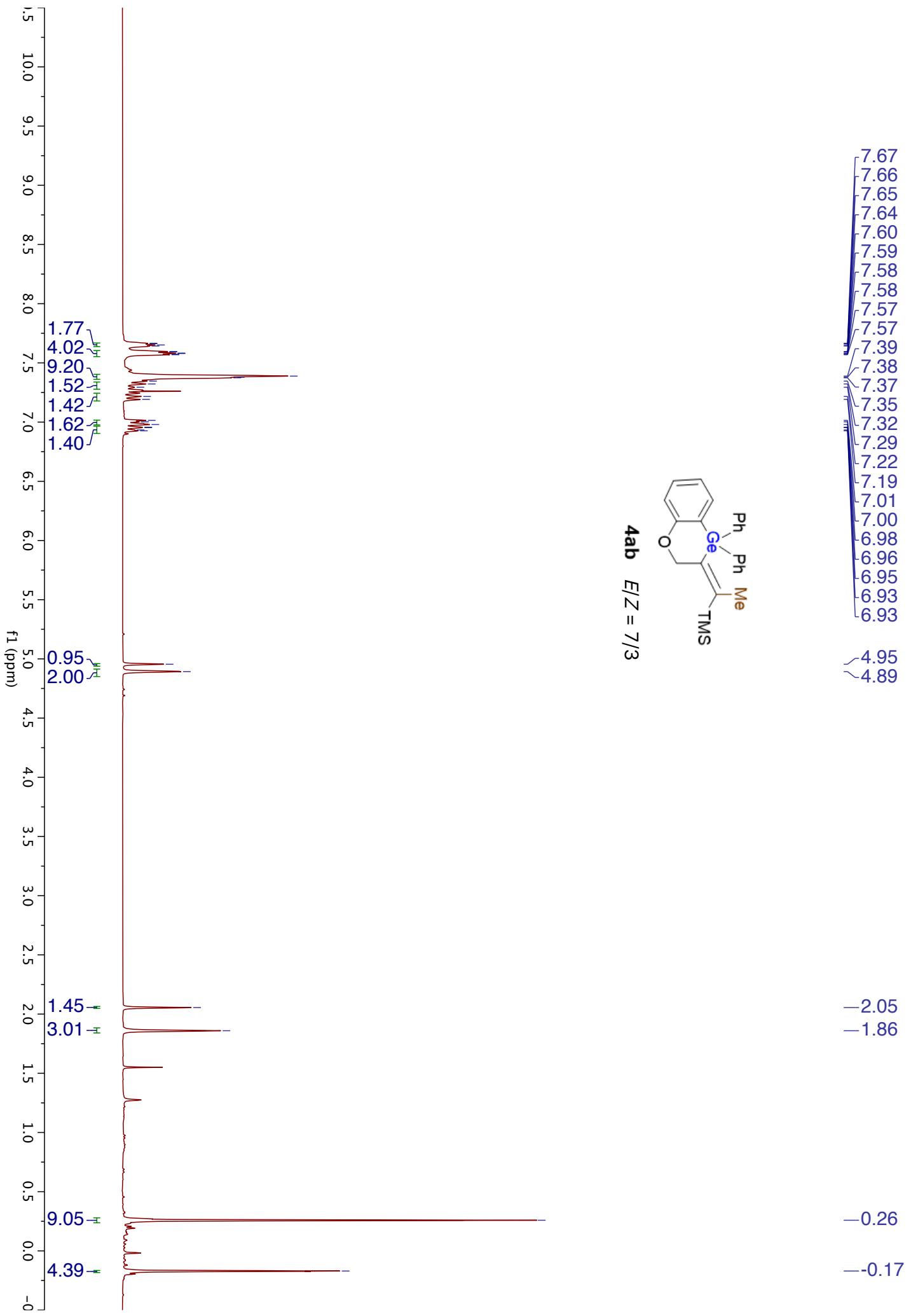


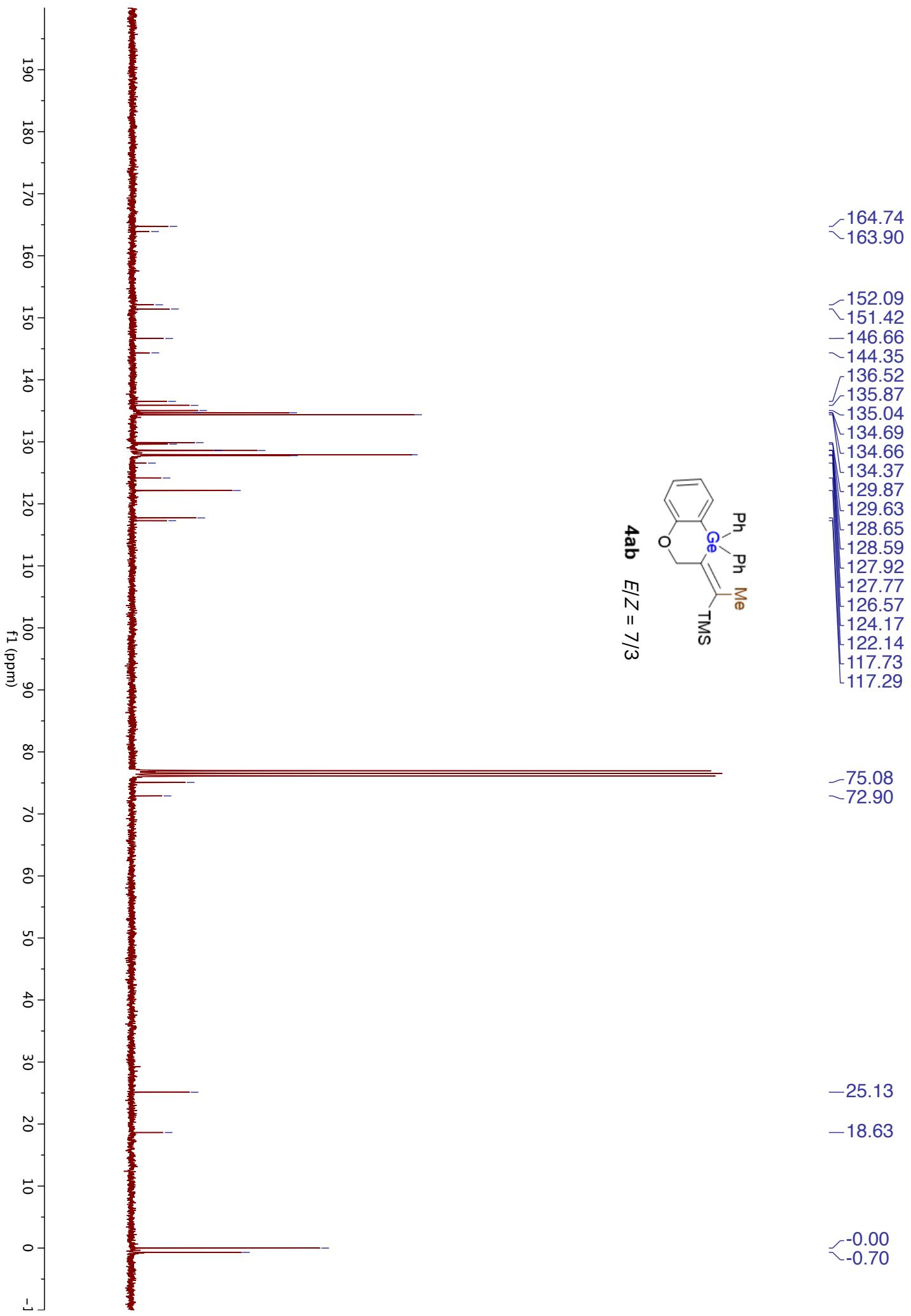


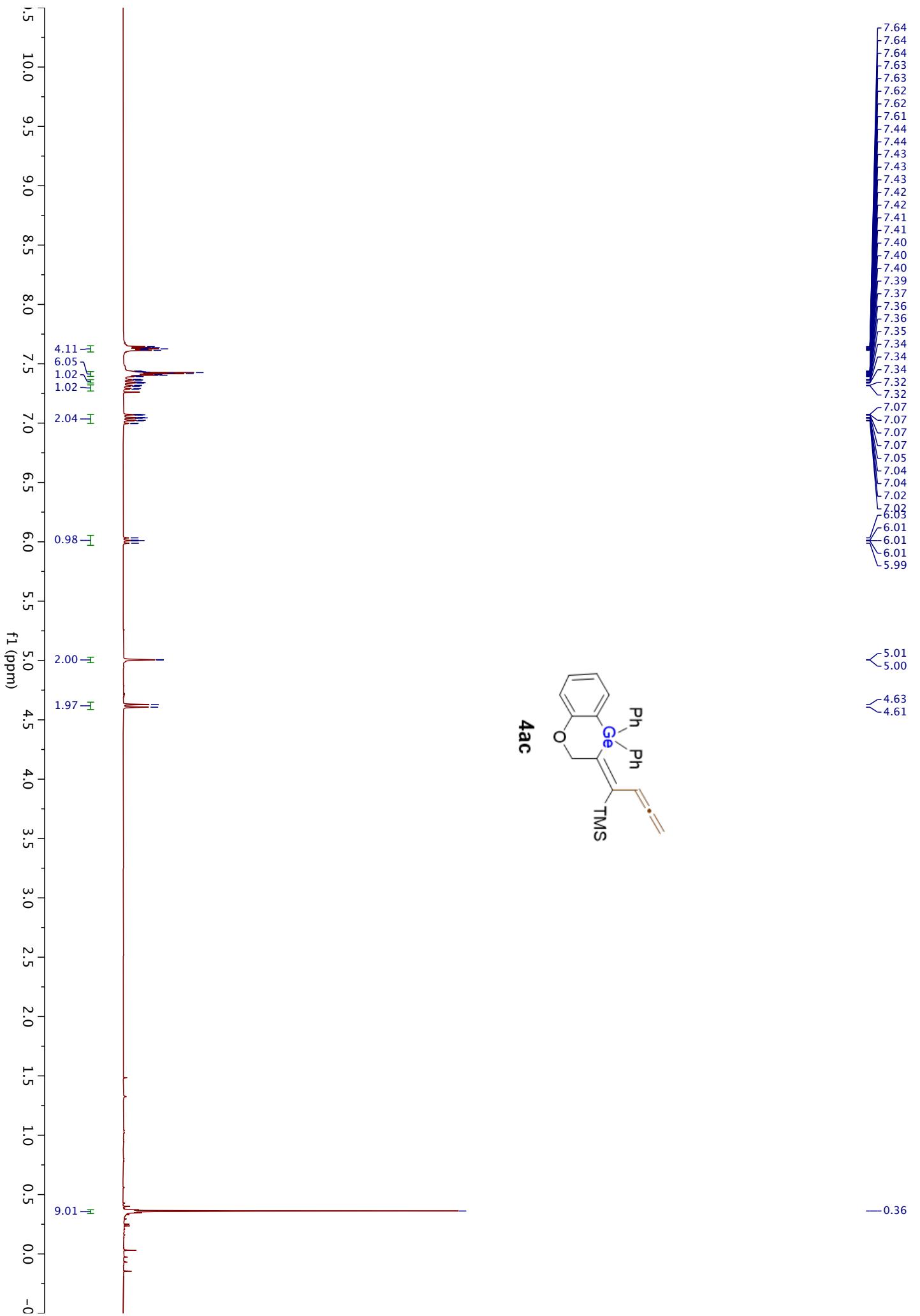


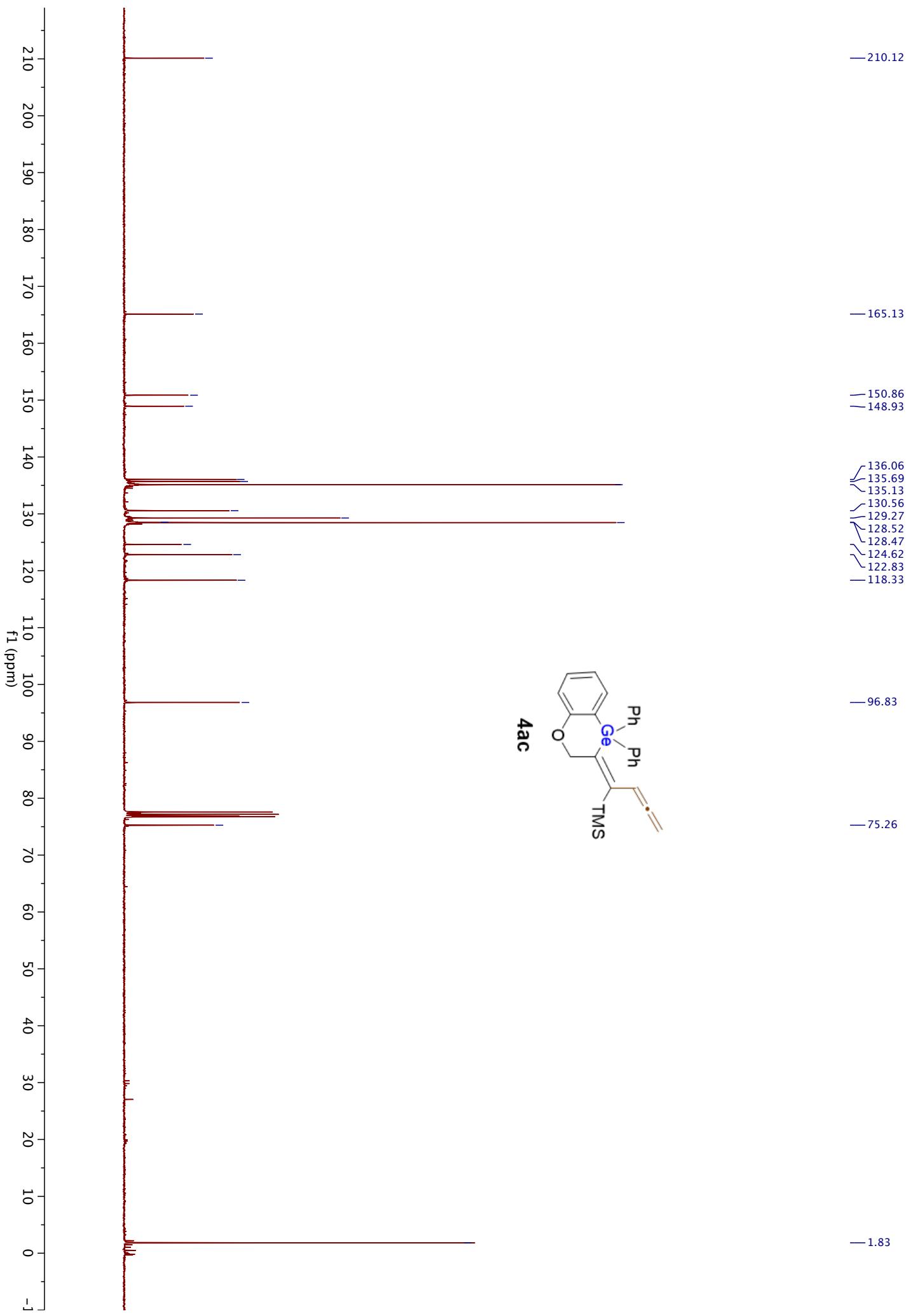


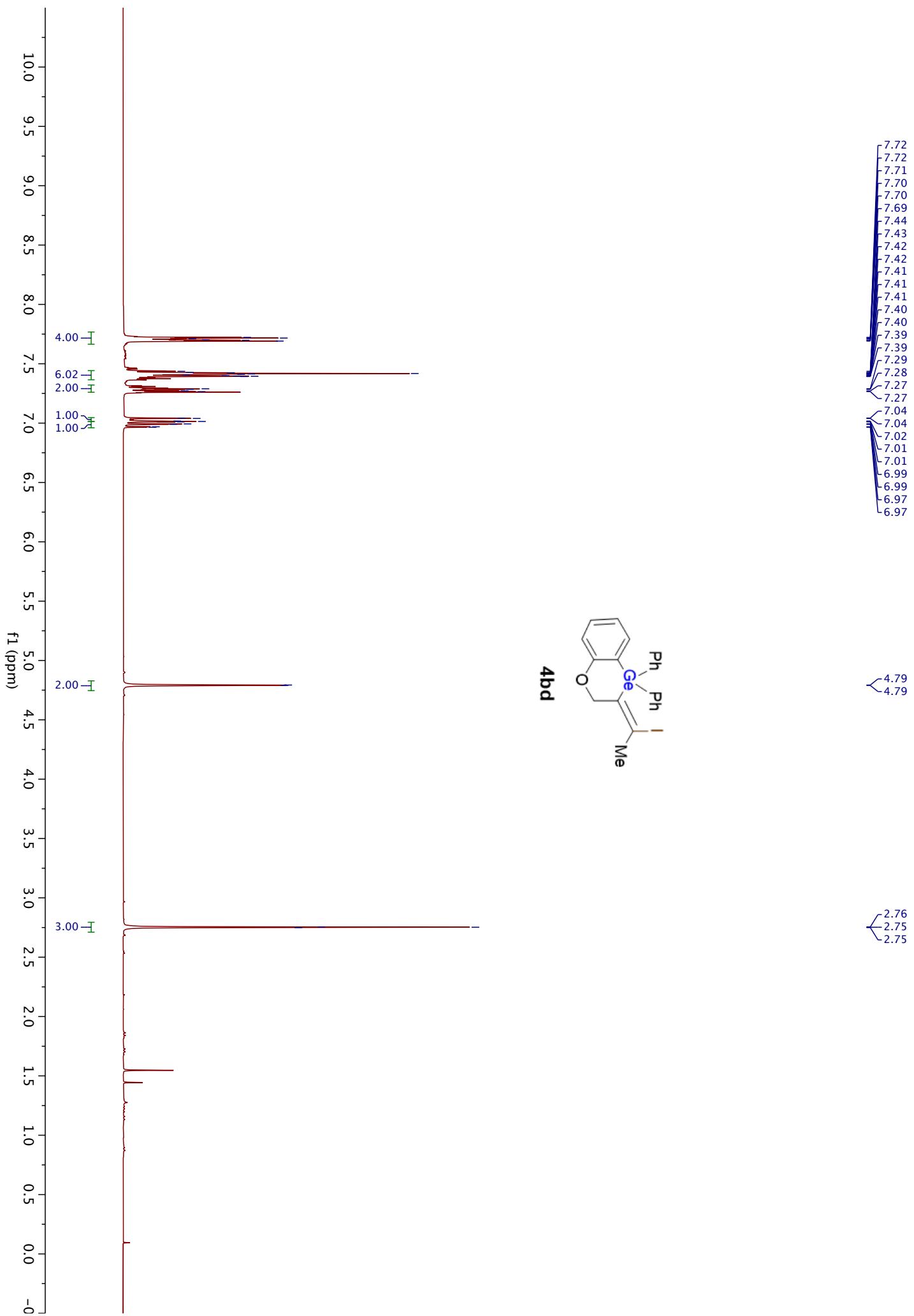


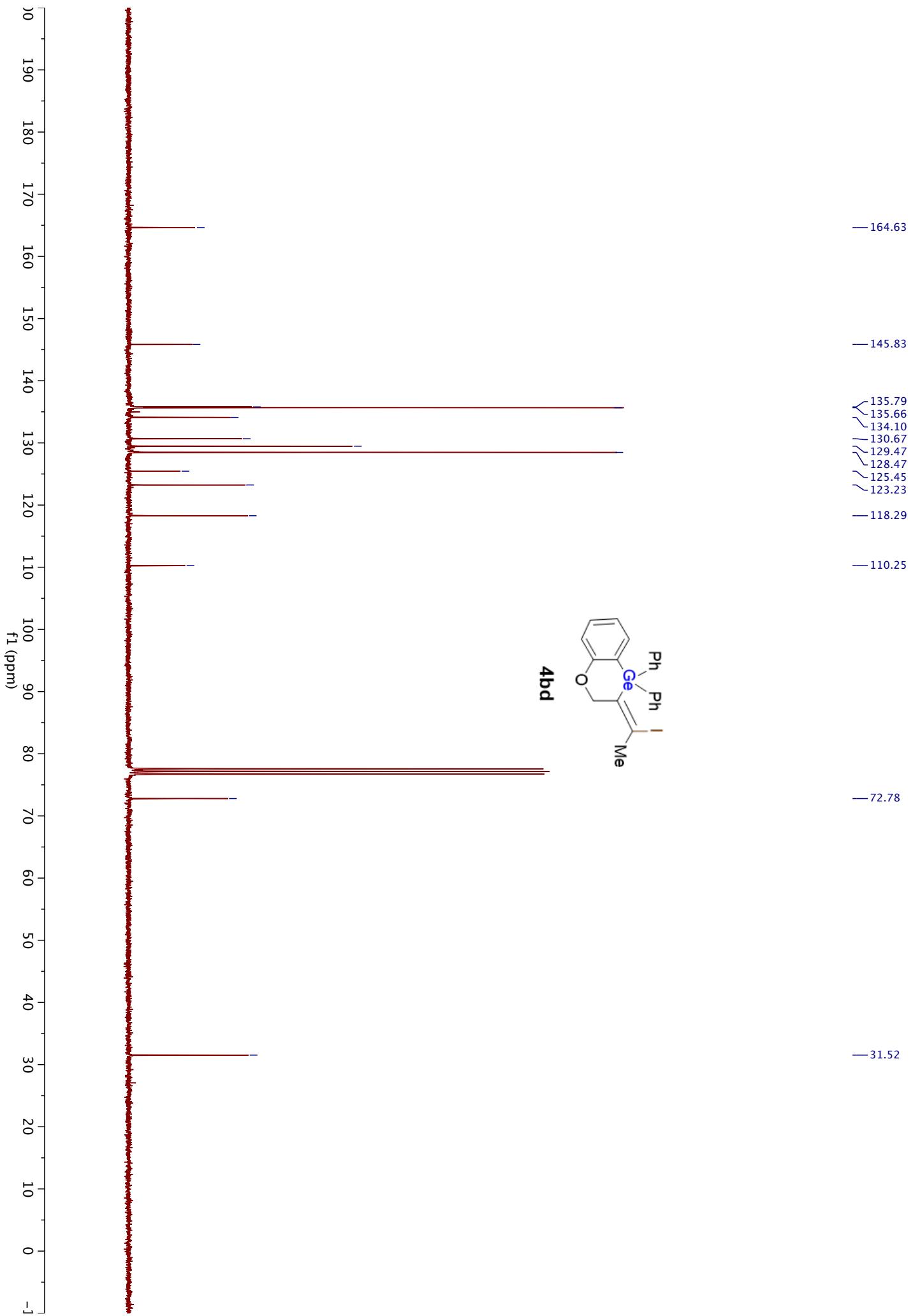


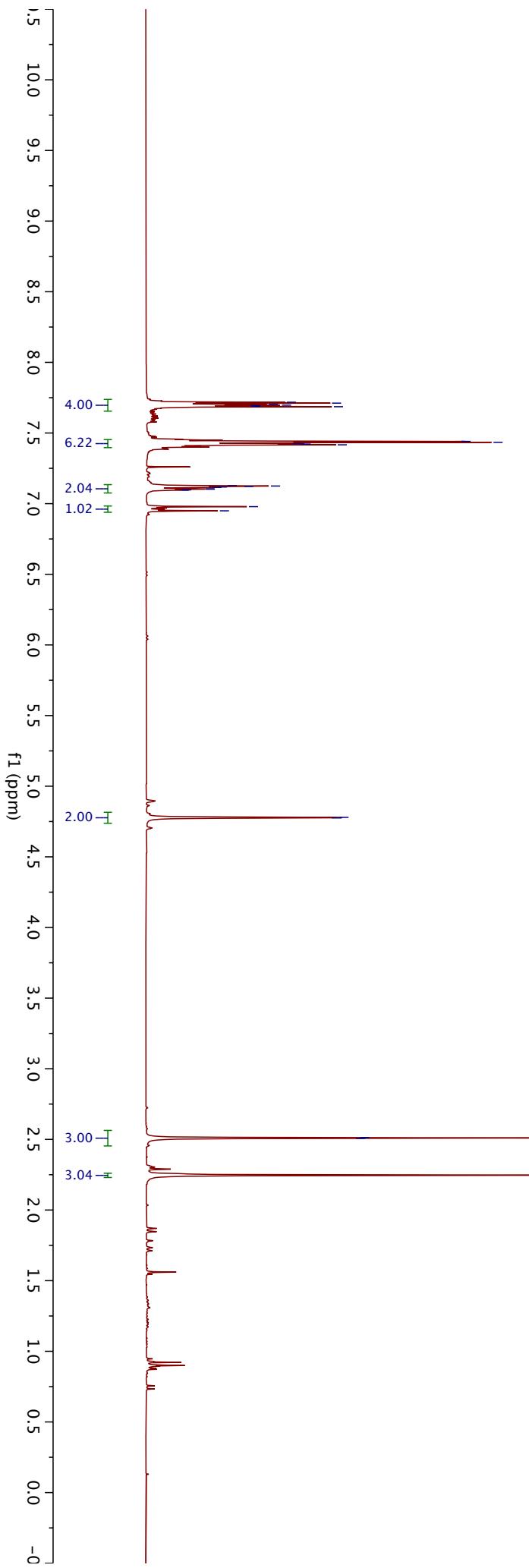




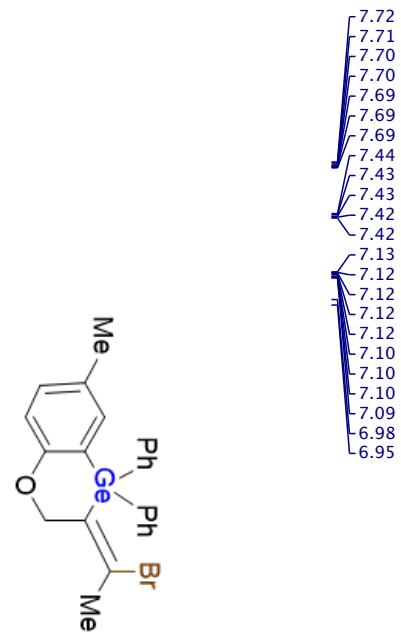






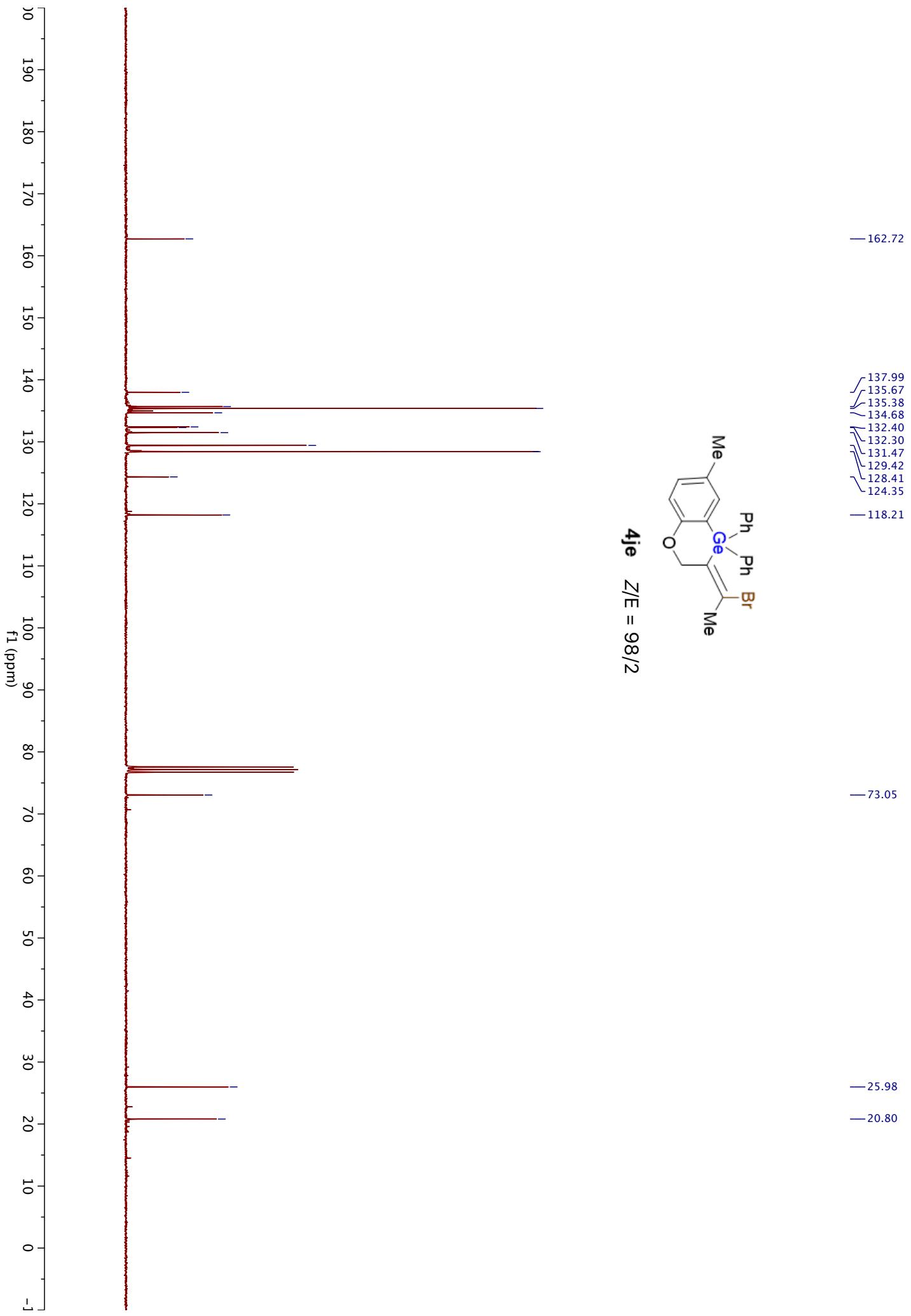


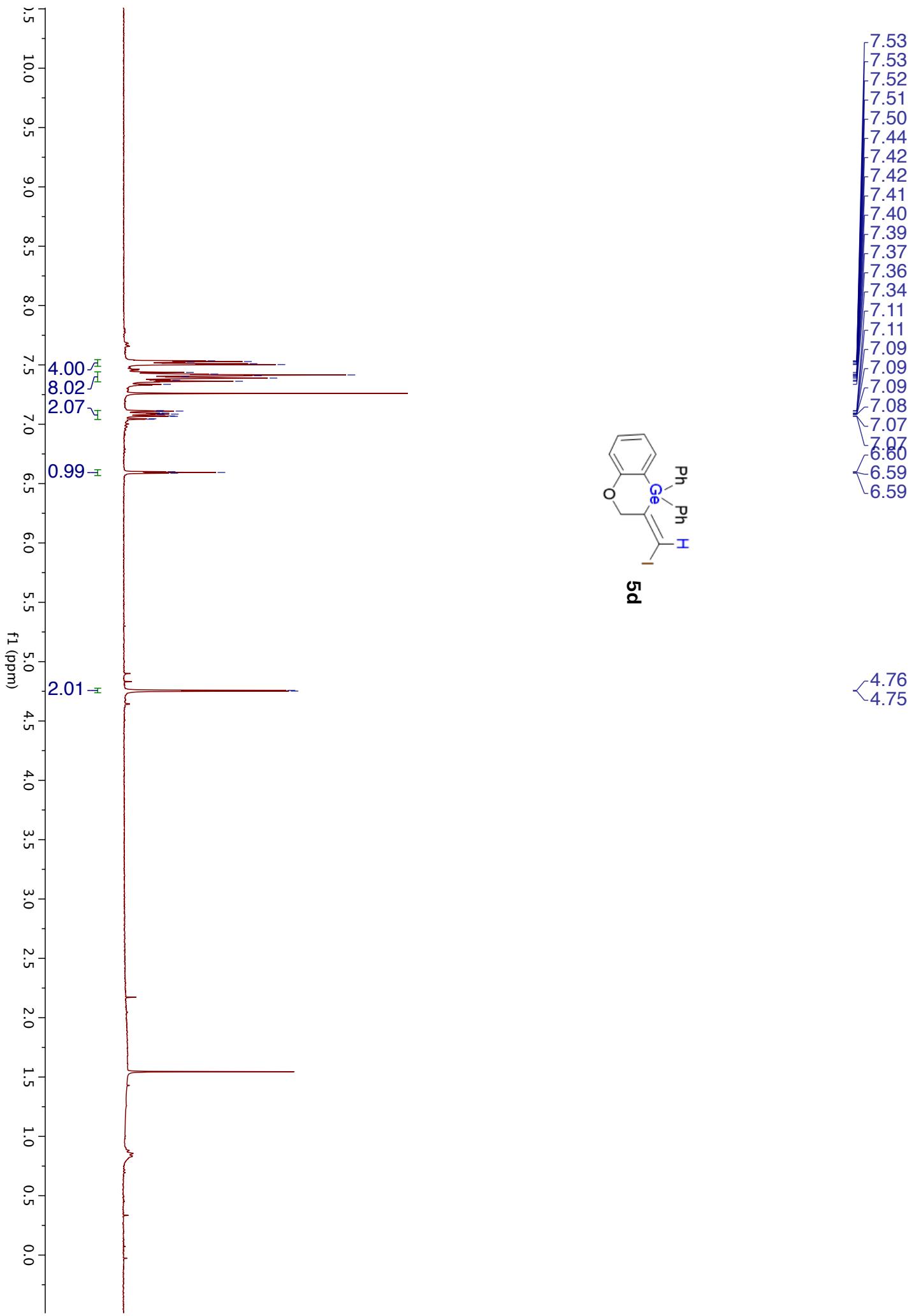
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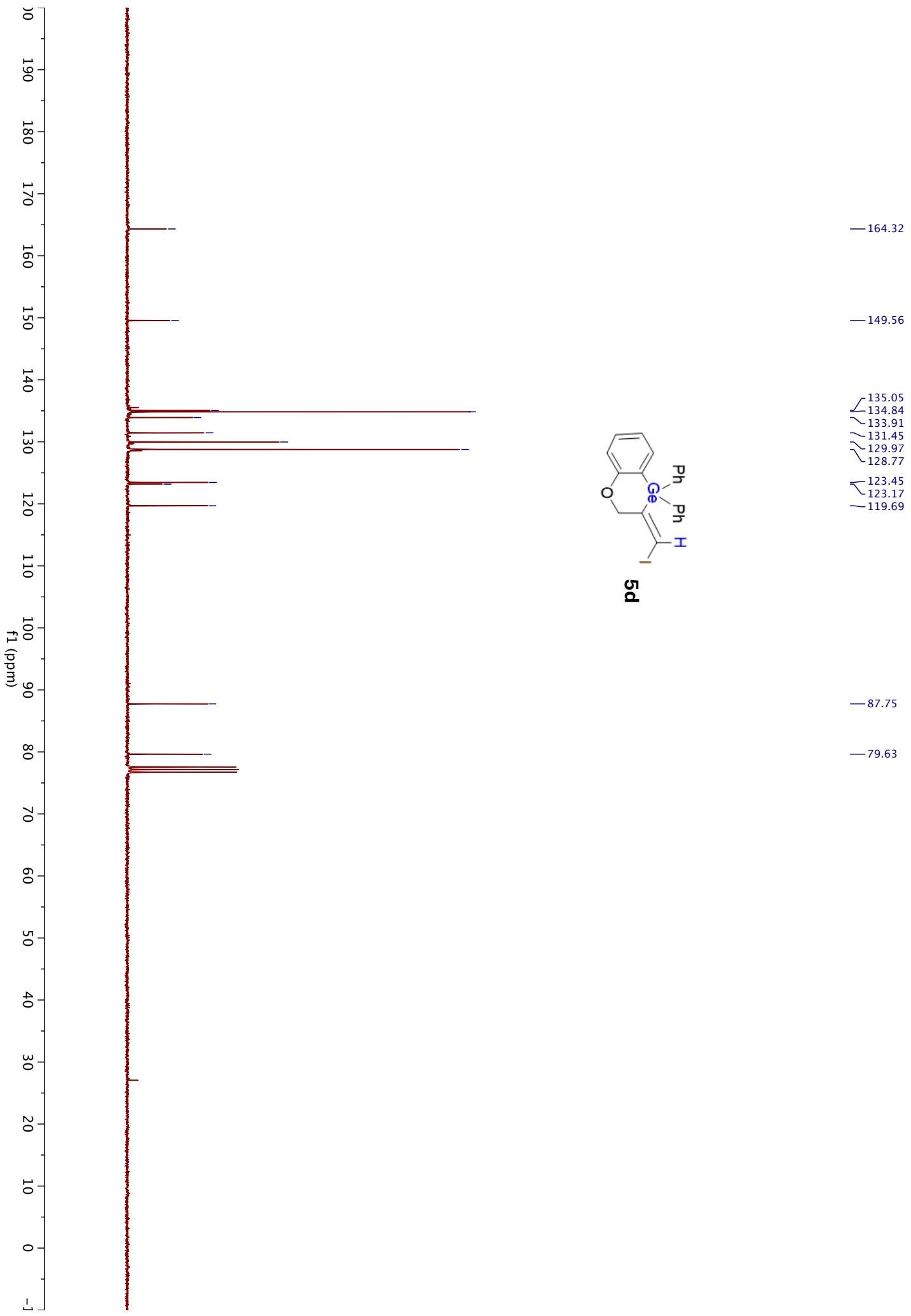


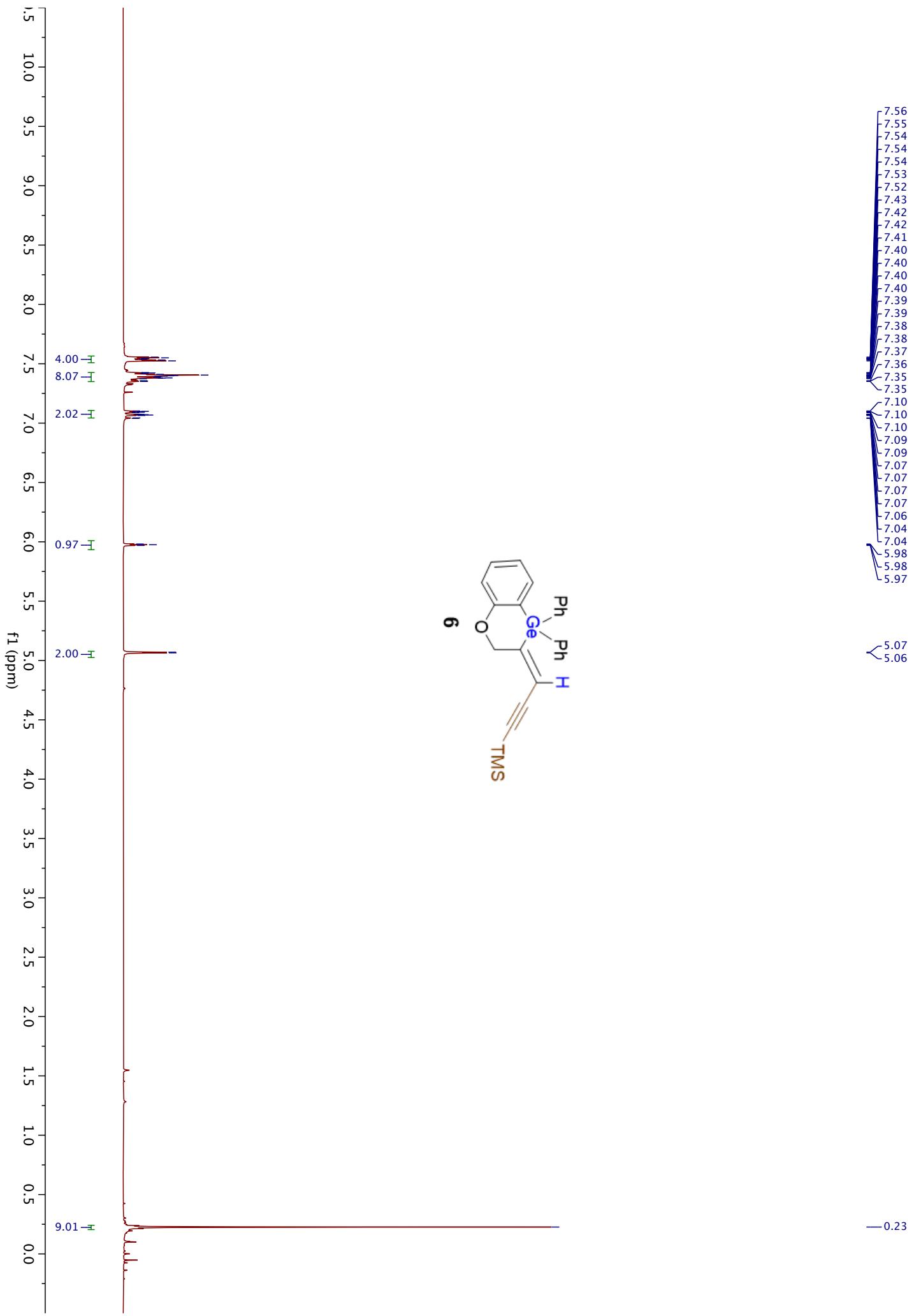
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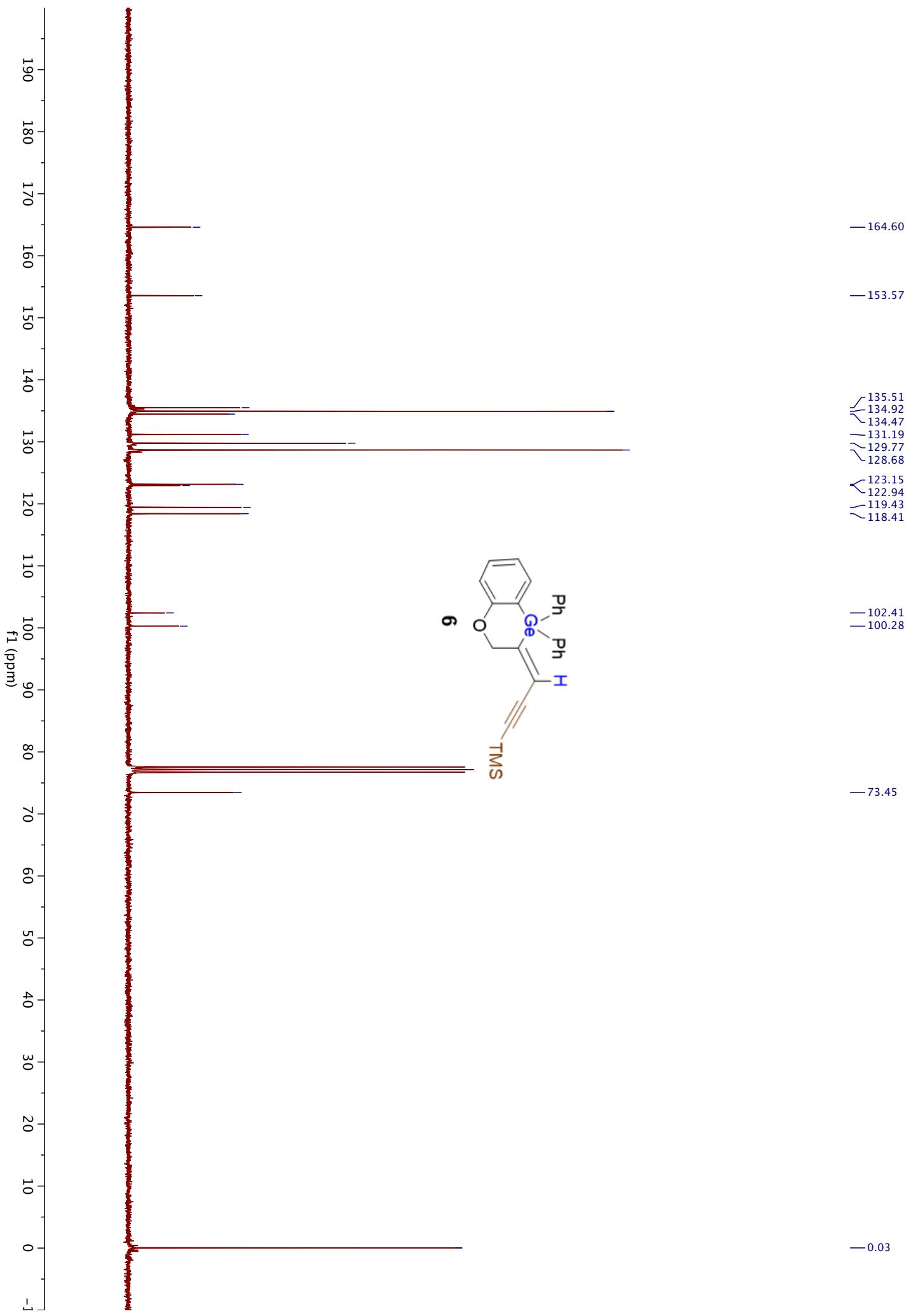
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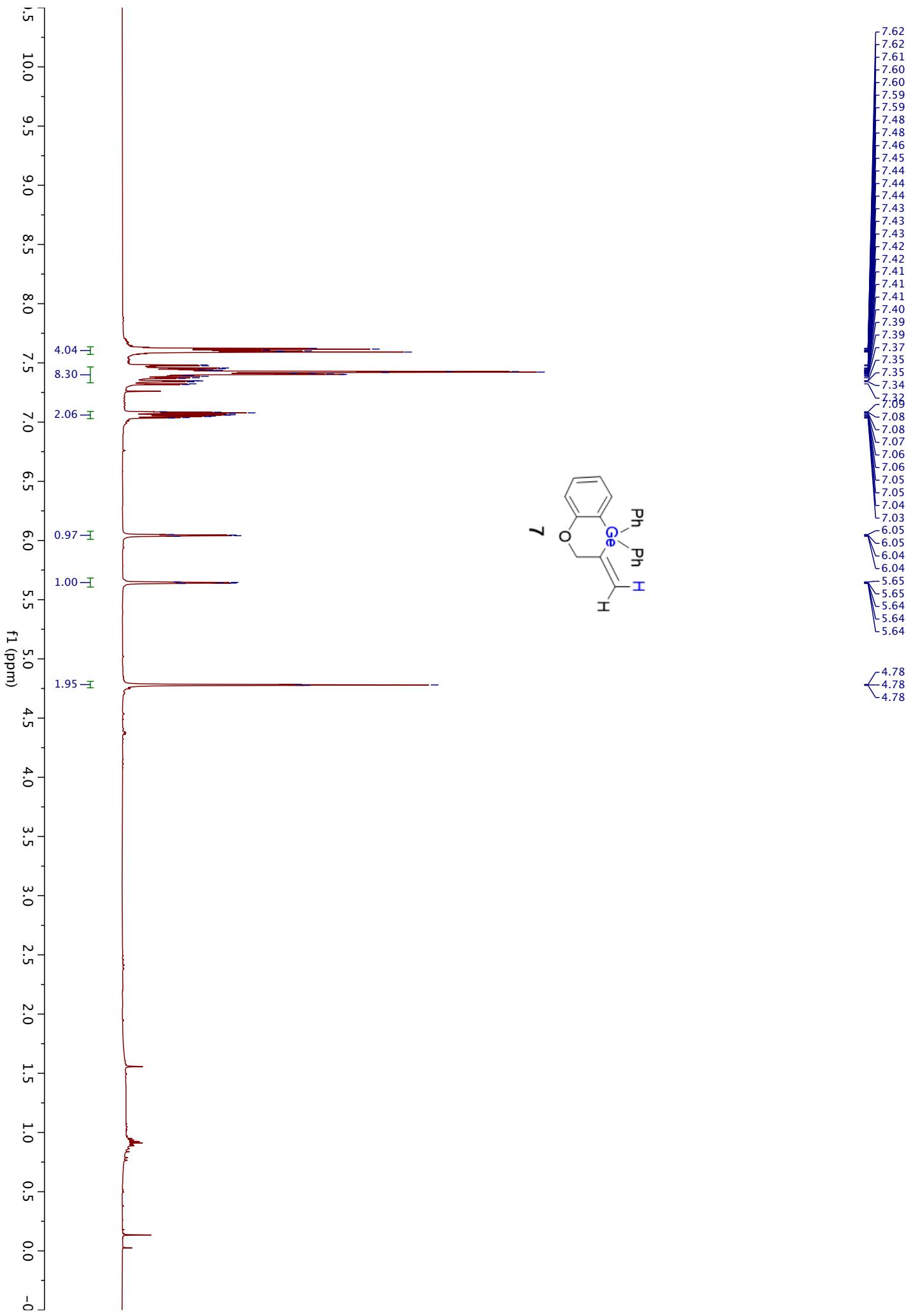


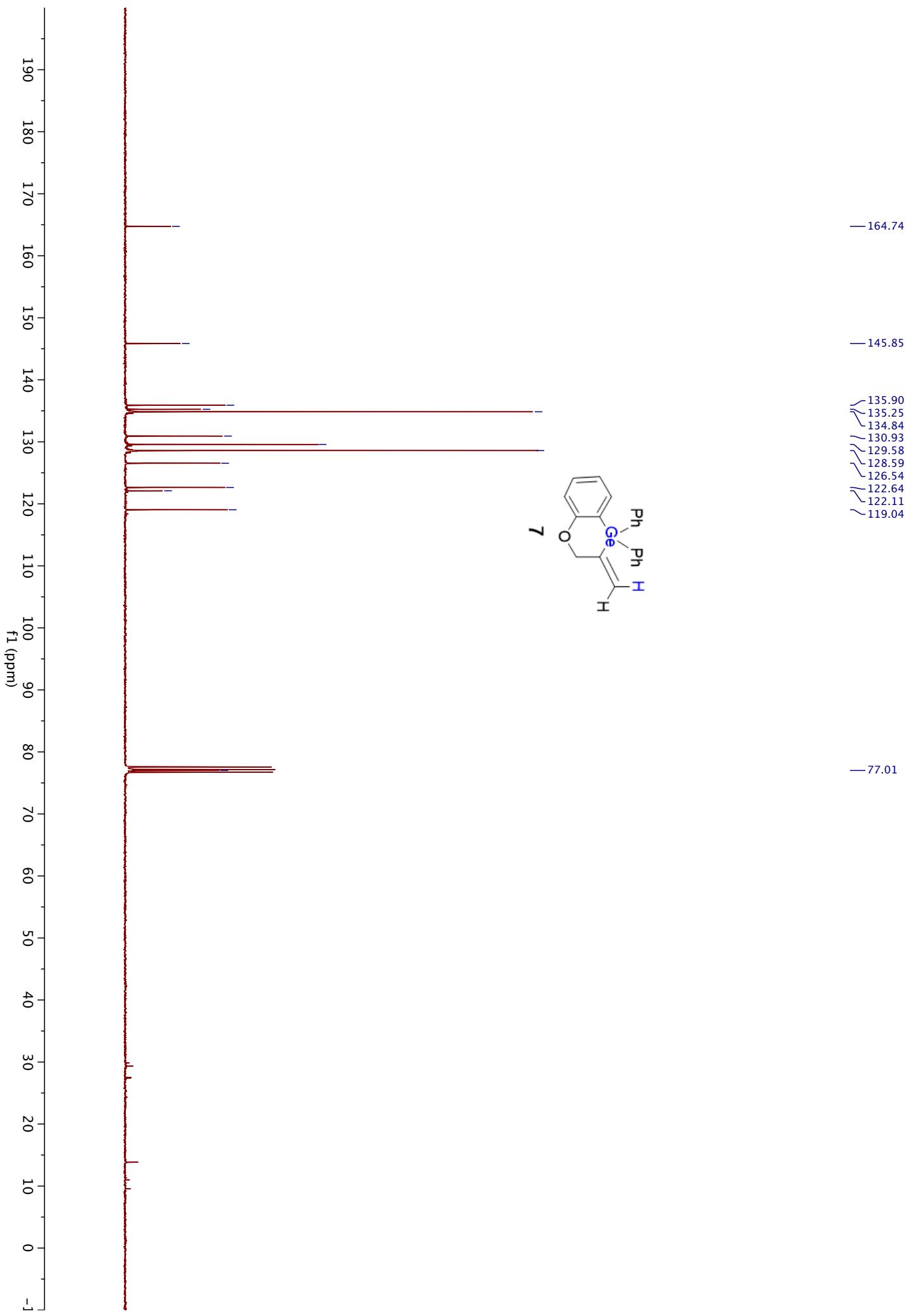


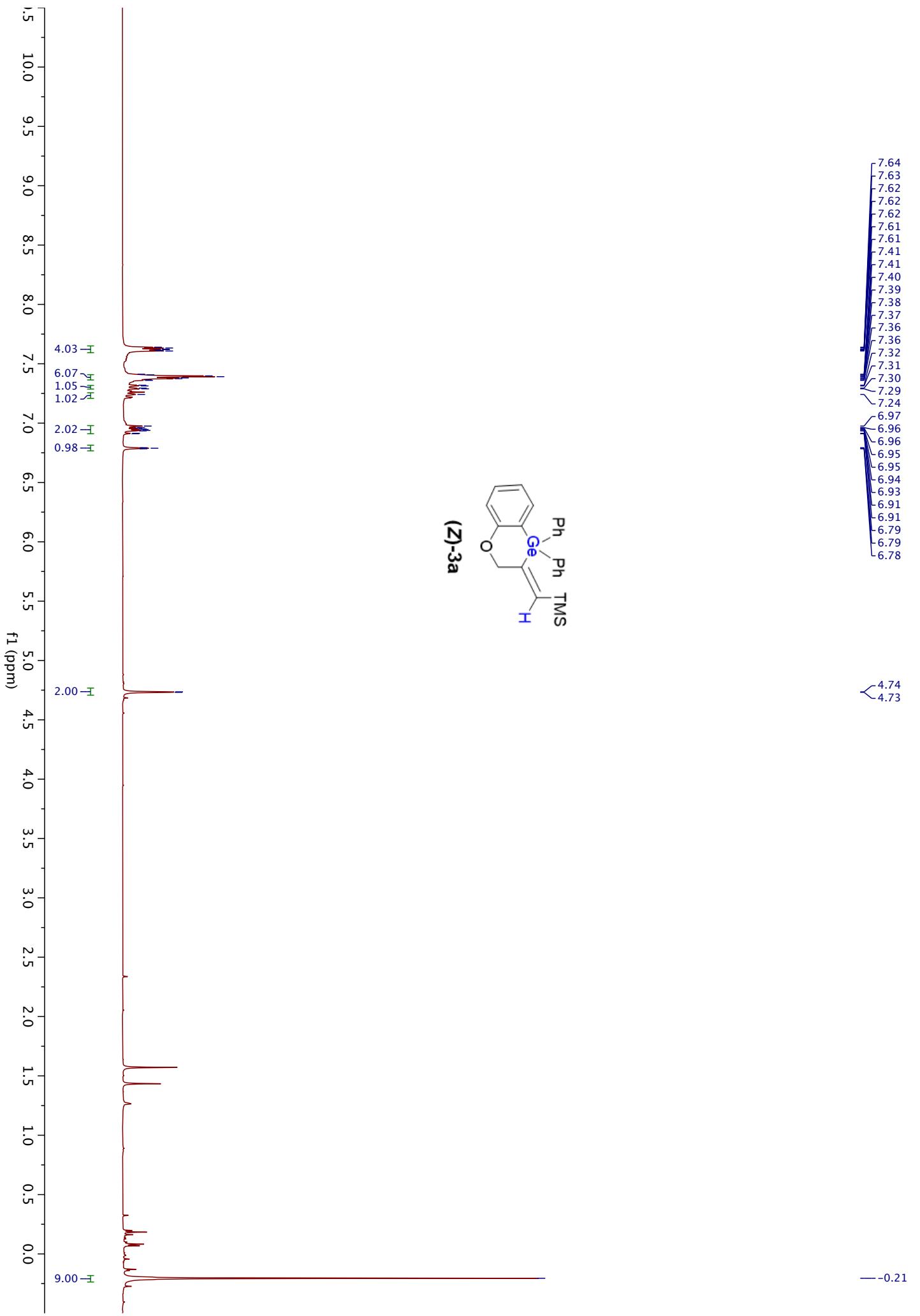


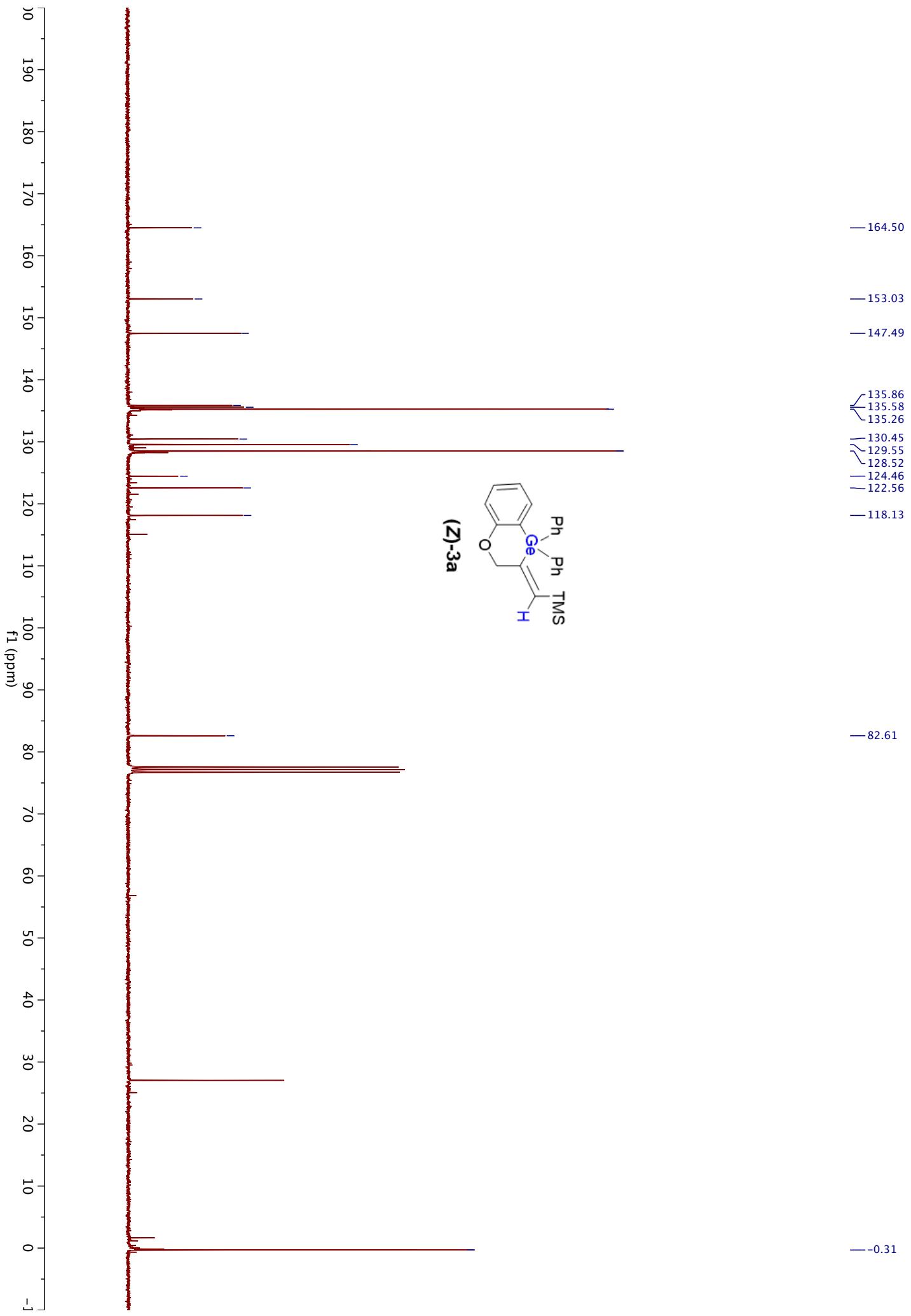


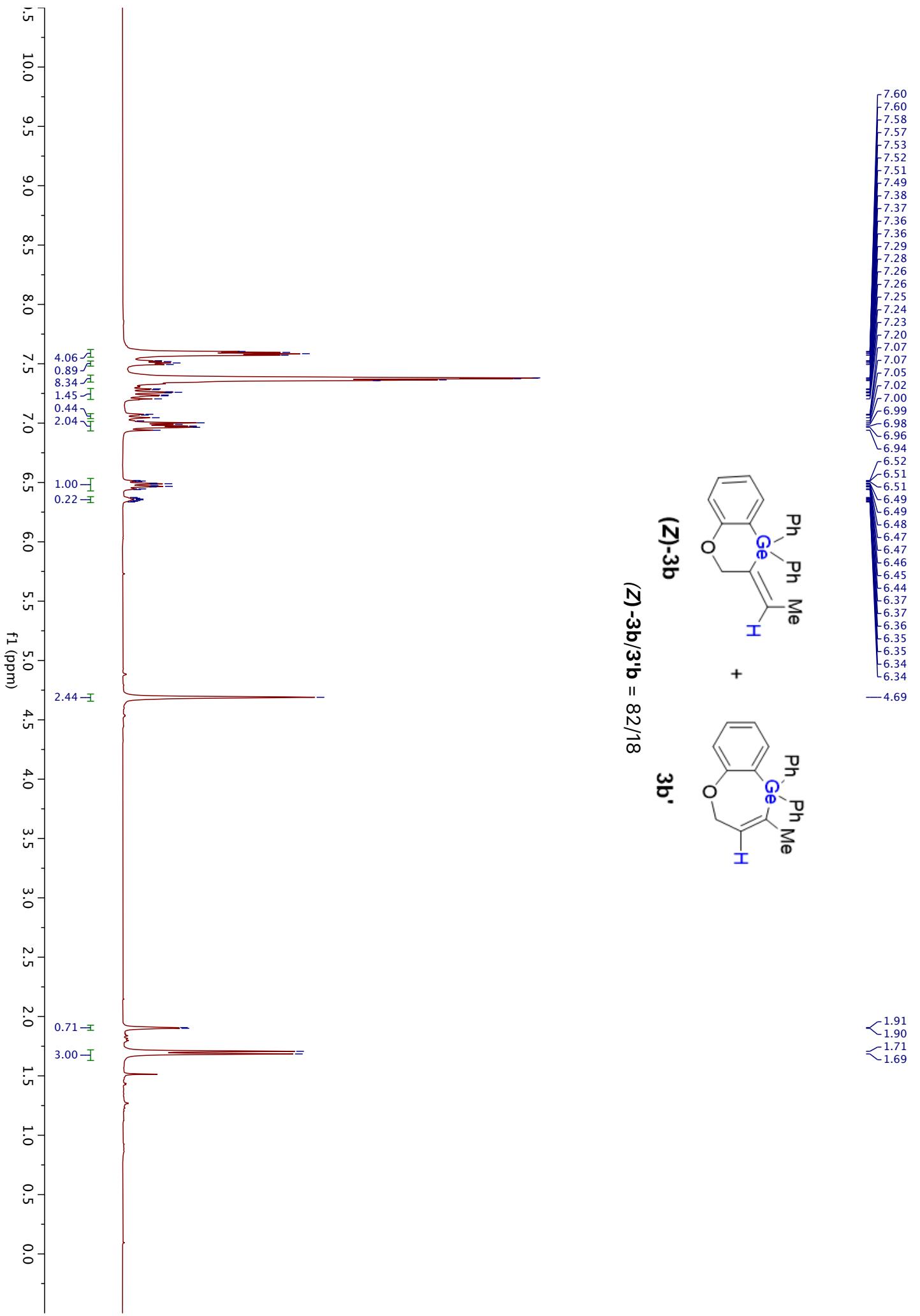


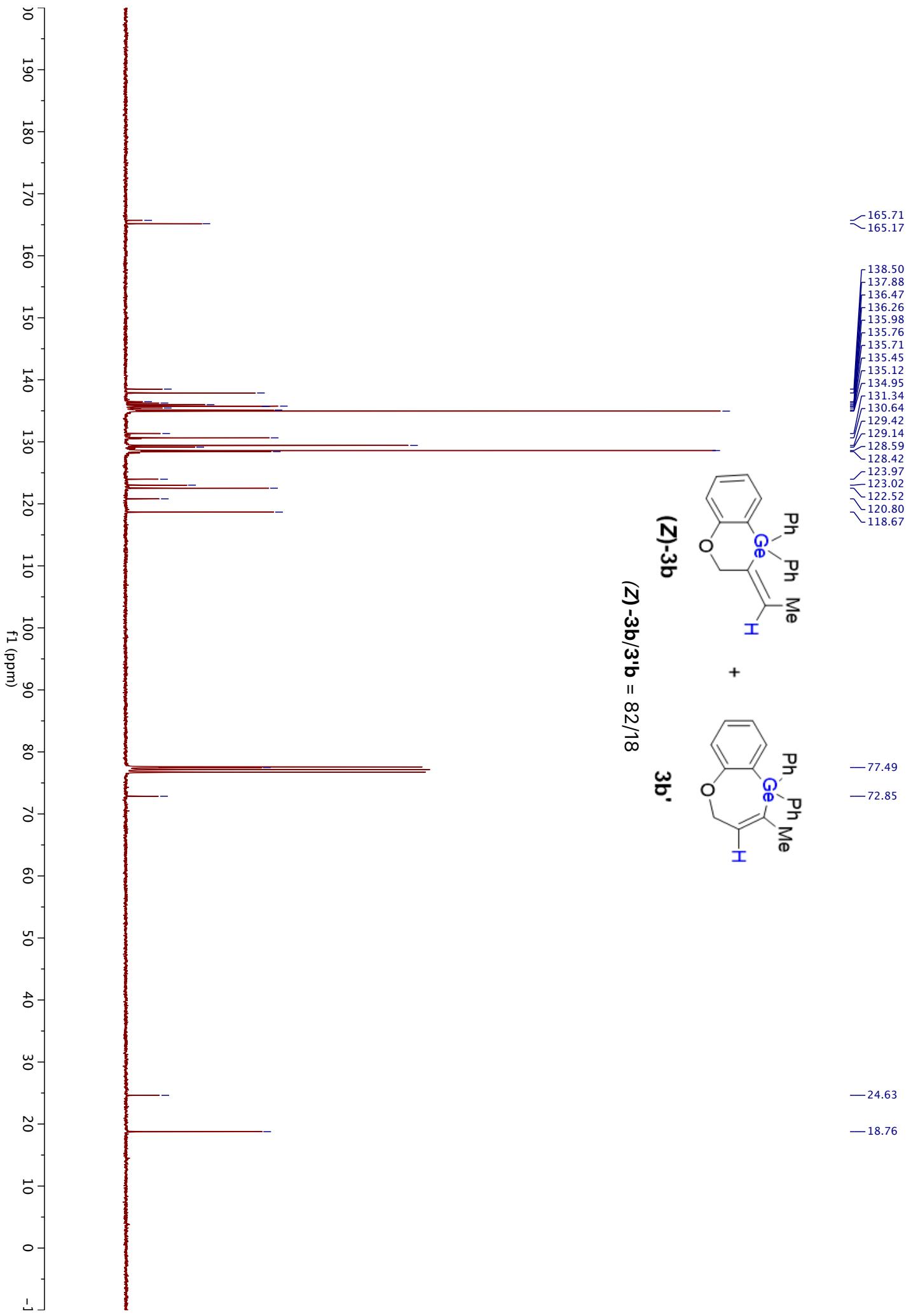


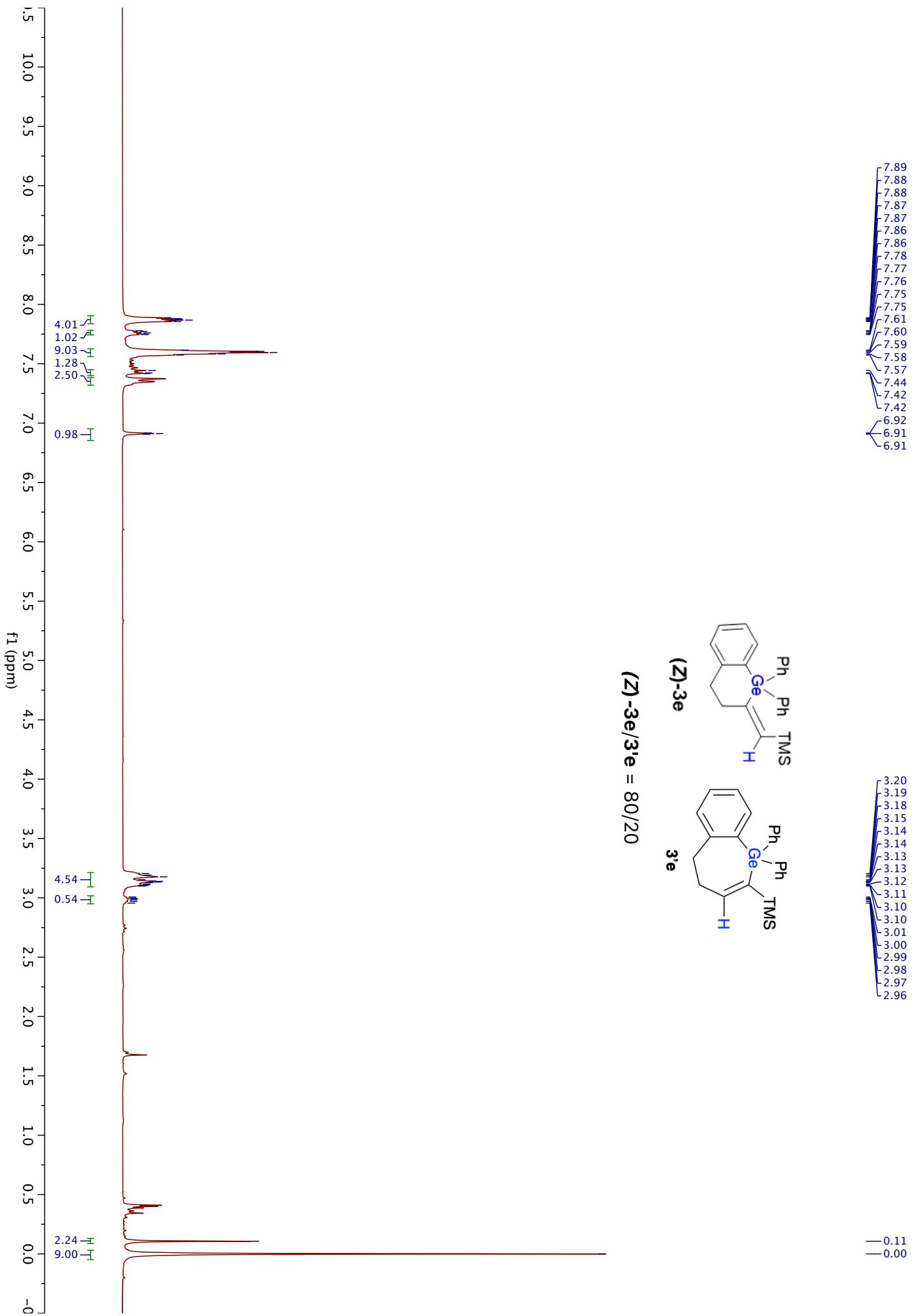


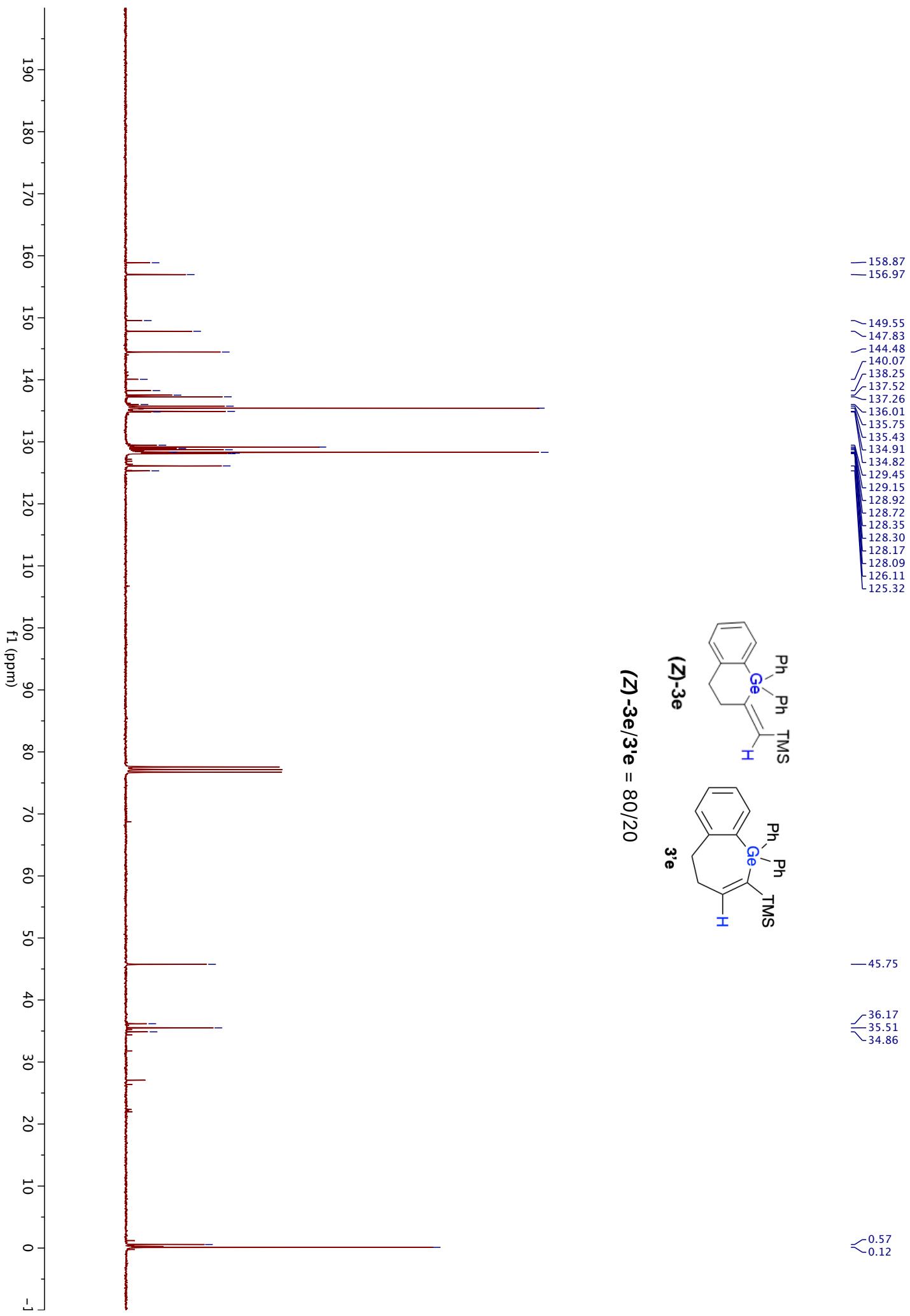


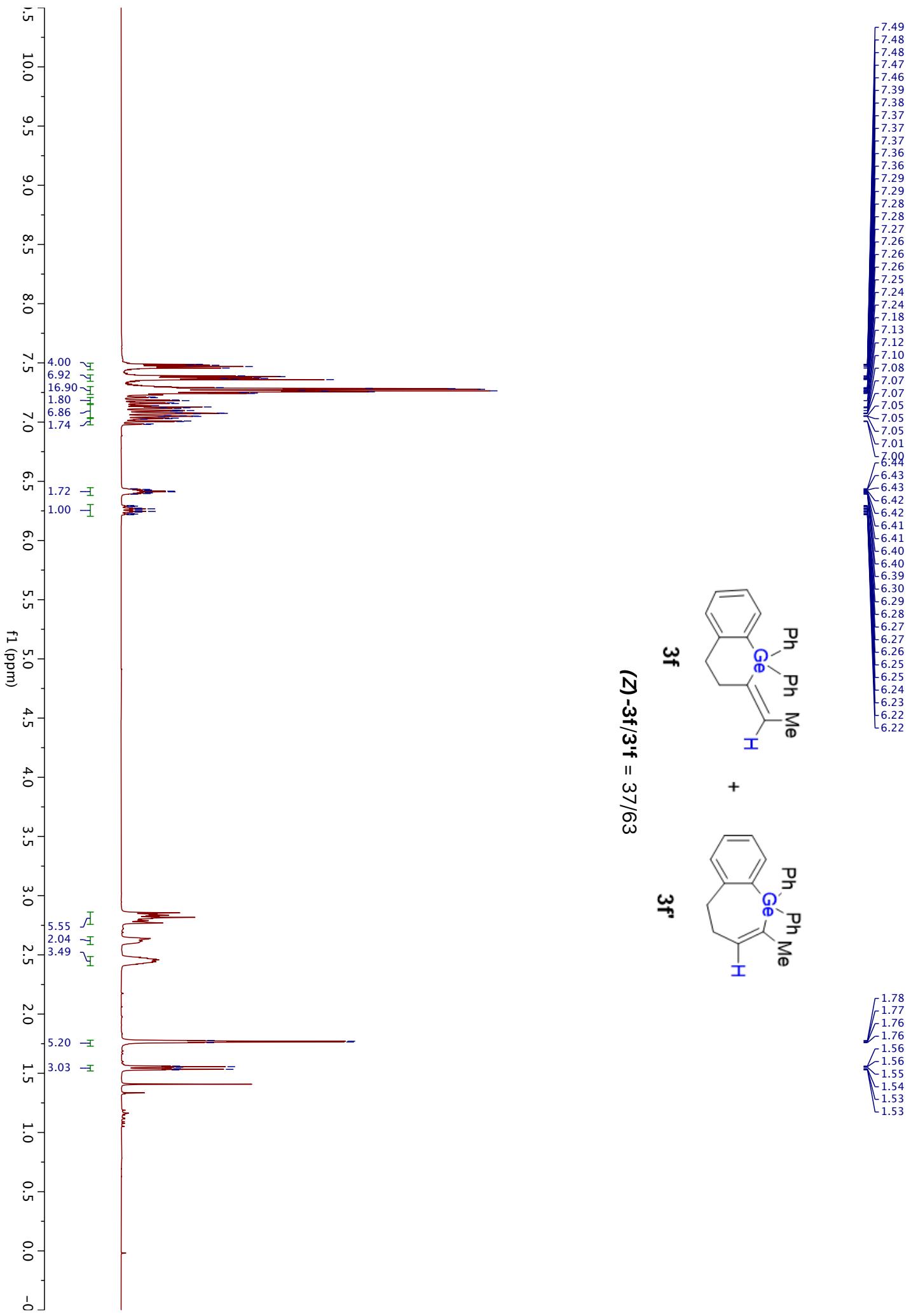


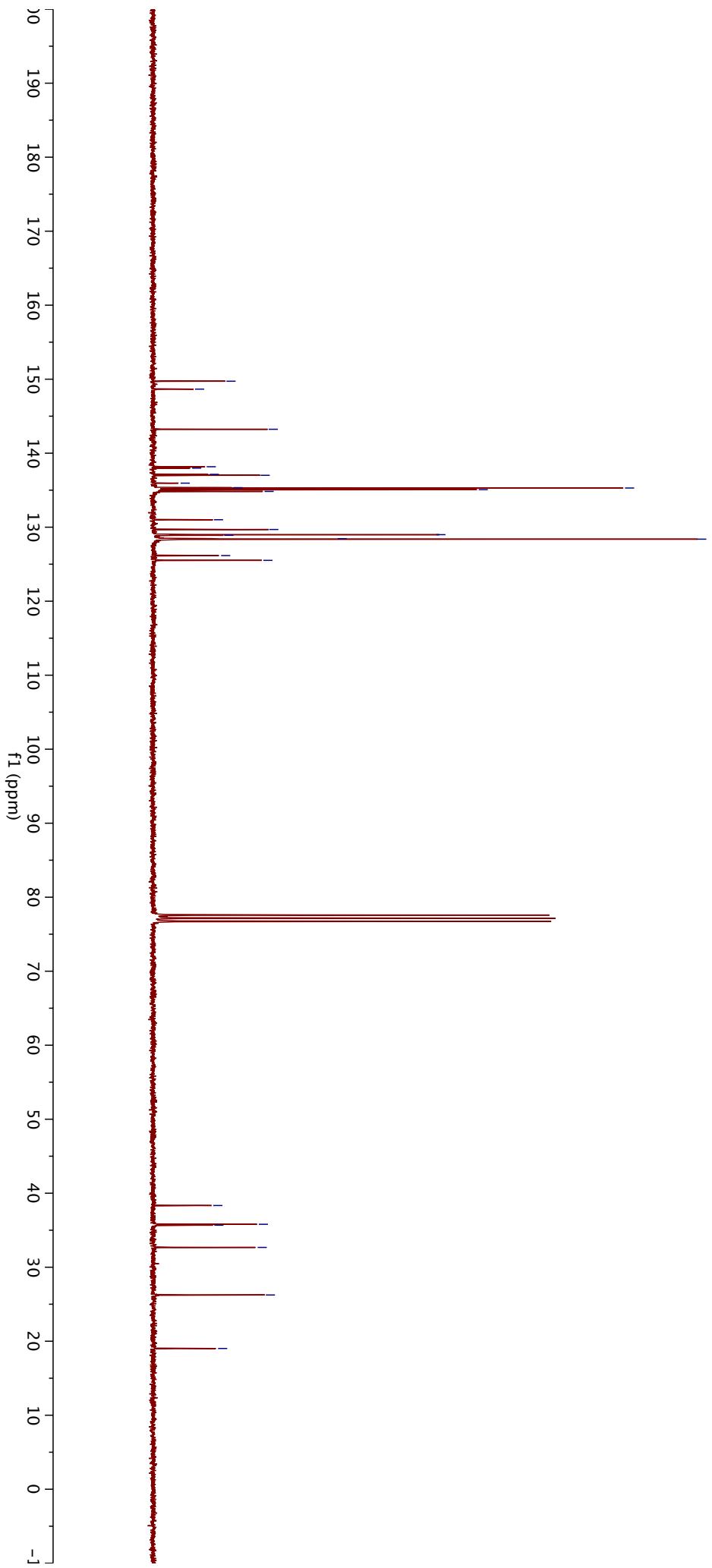








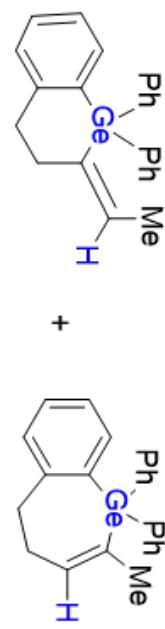




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