

## Supporting Information

### Phosphines with N-heterocyclic boranyl substituents

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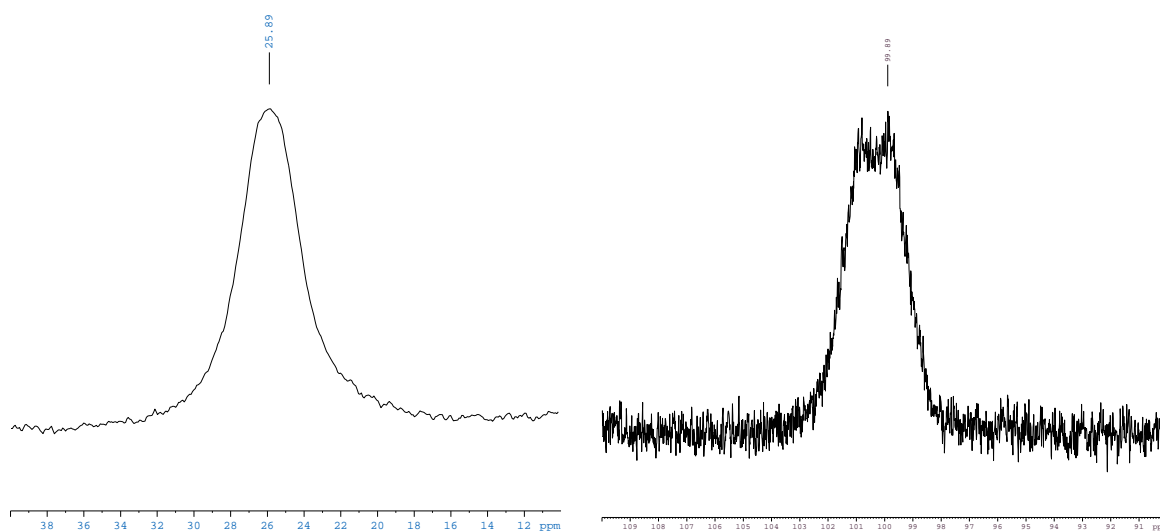
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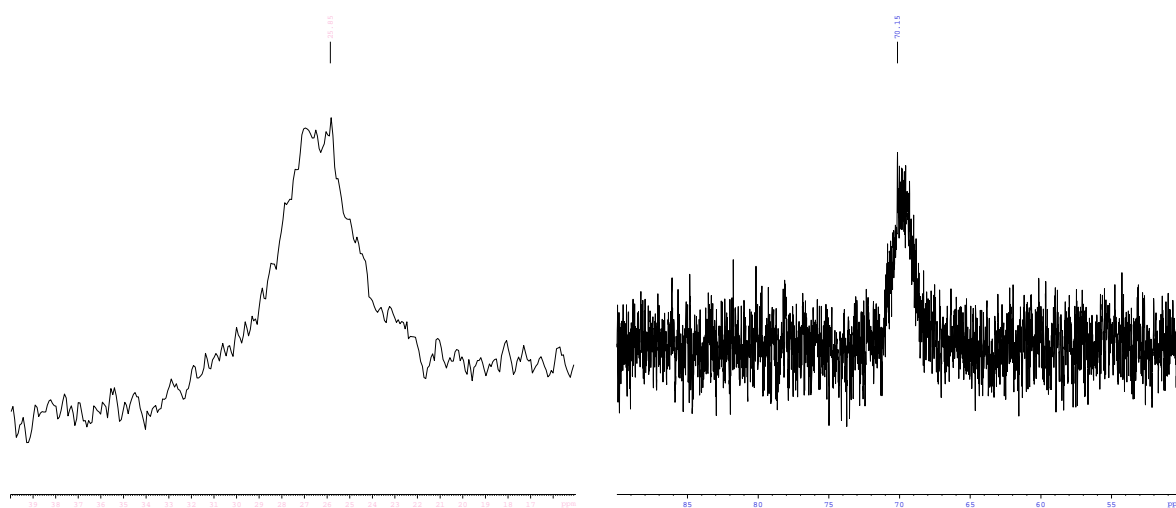
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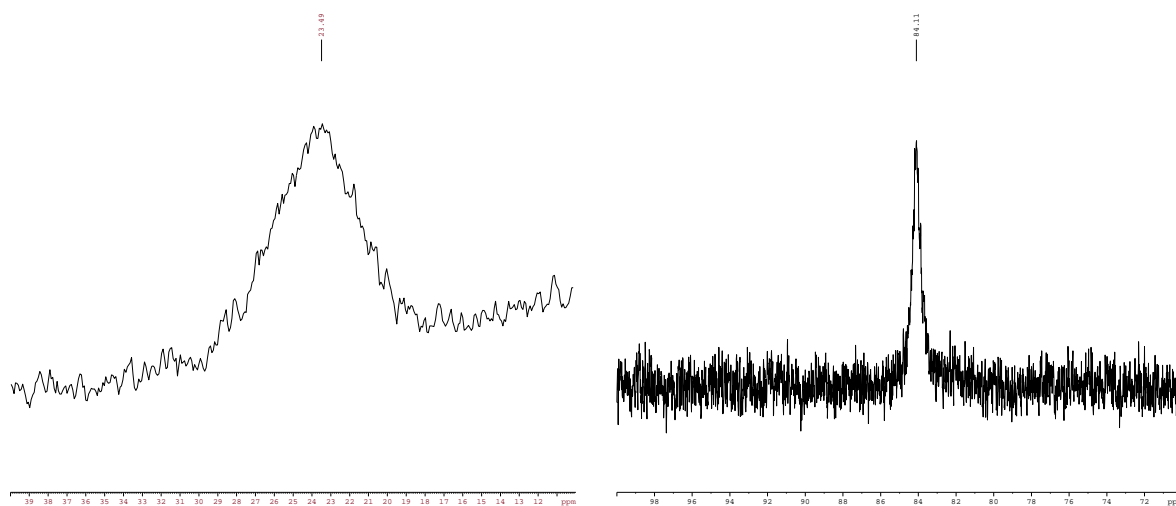
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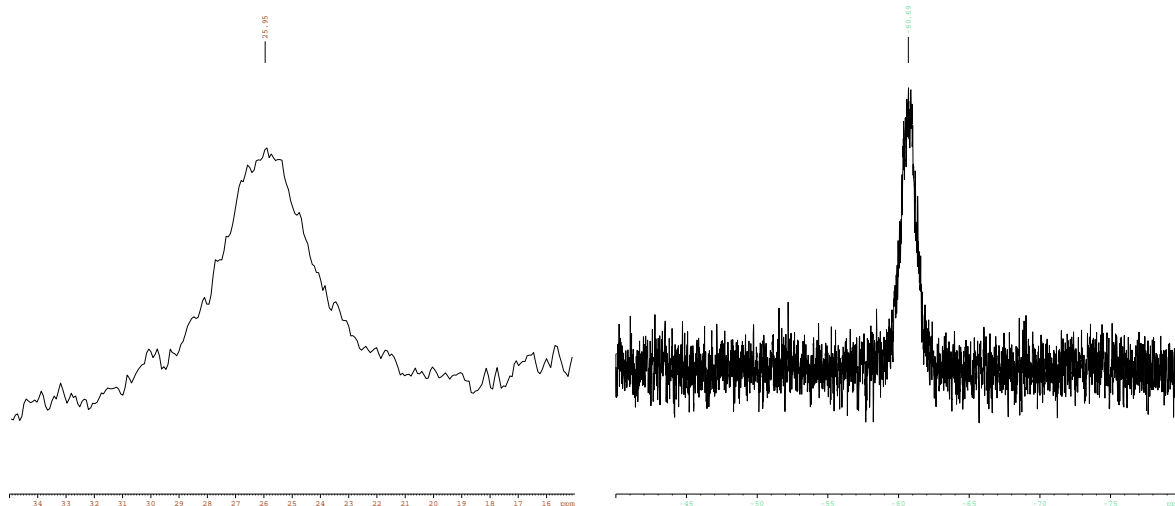
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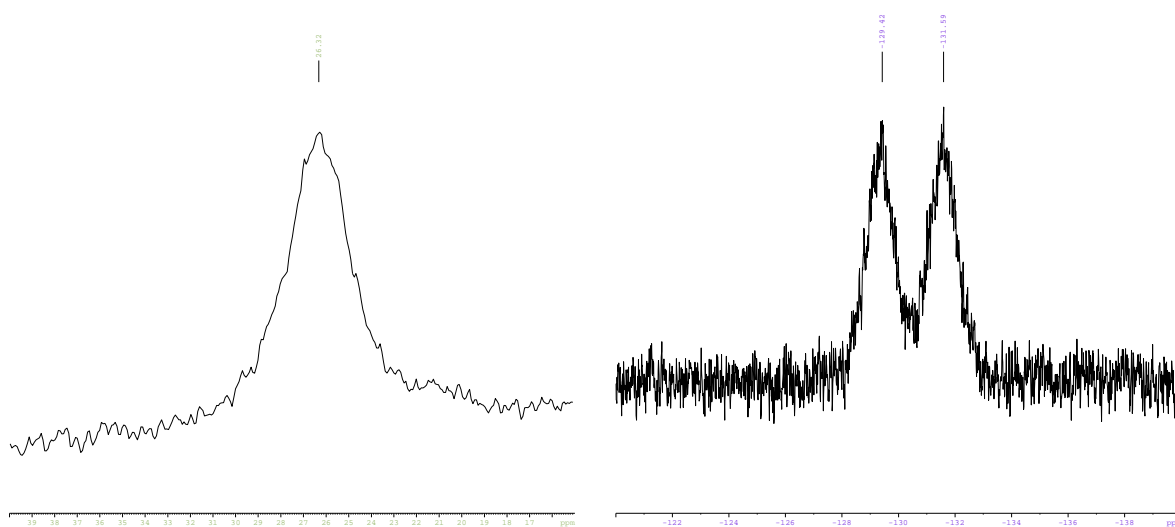
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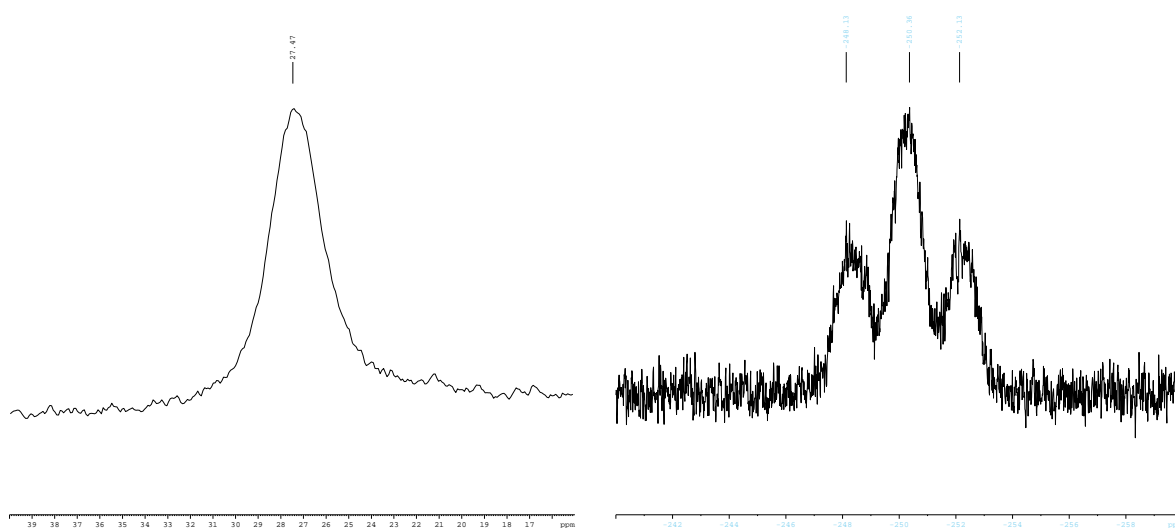
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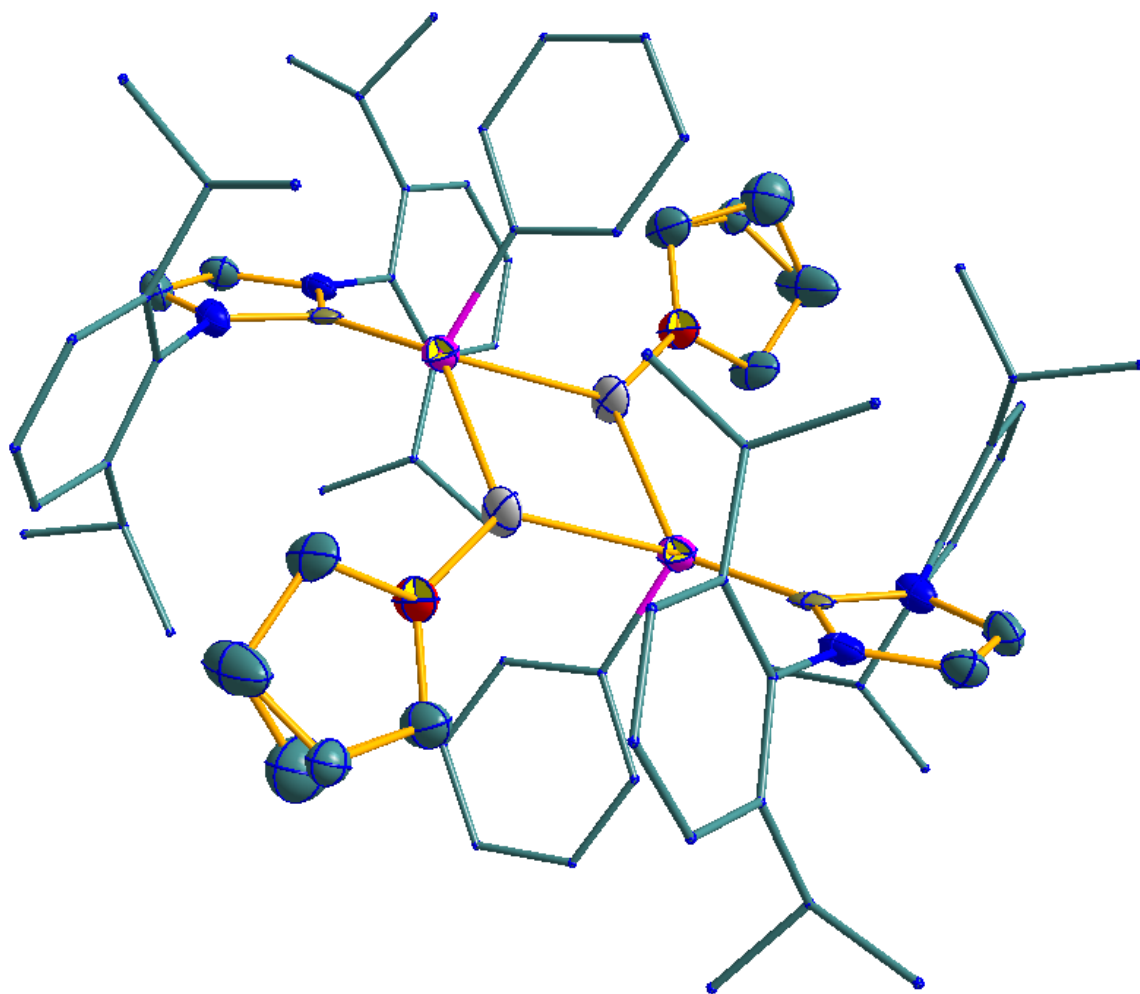
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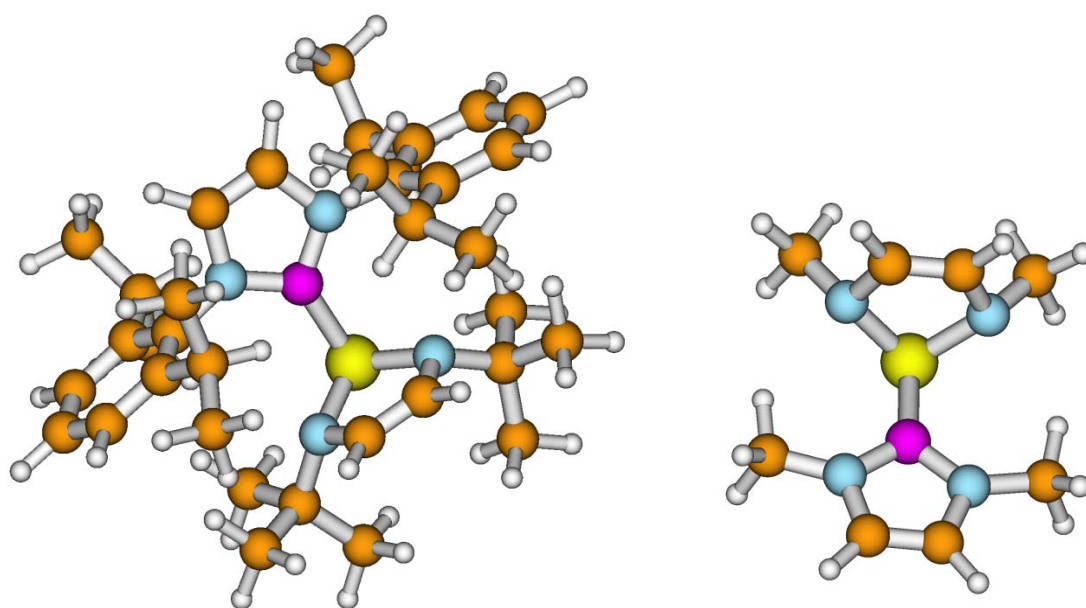
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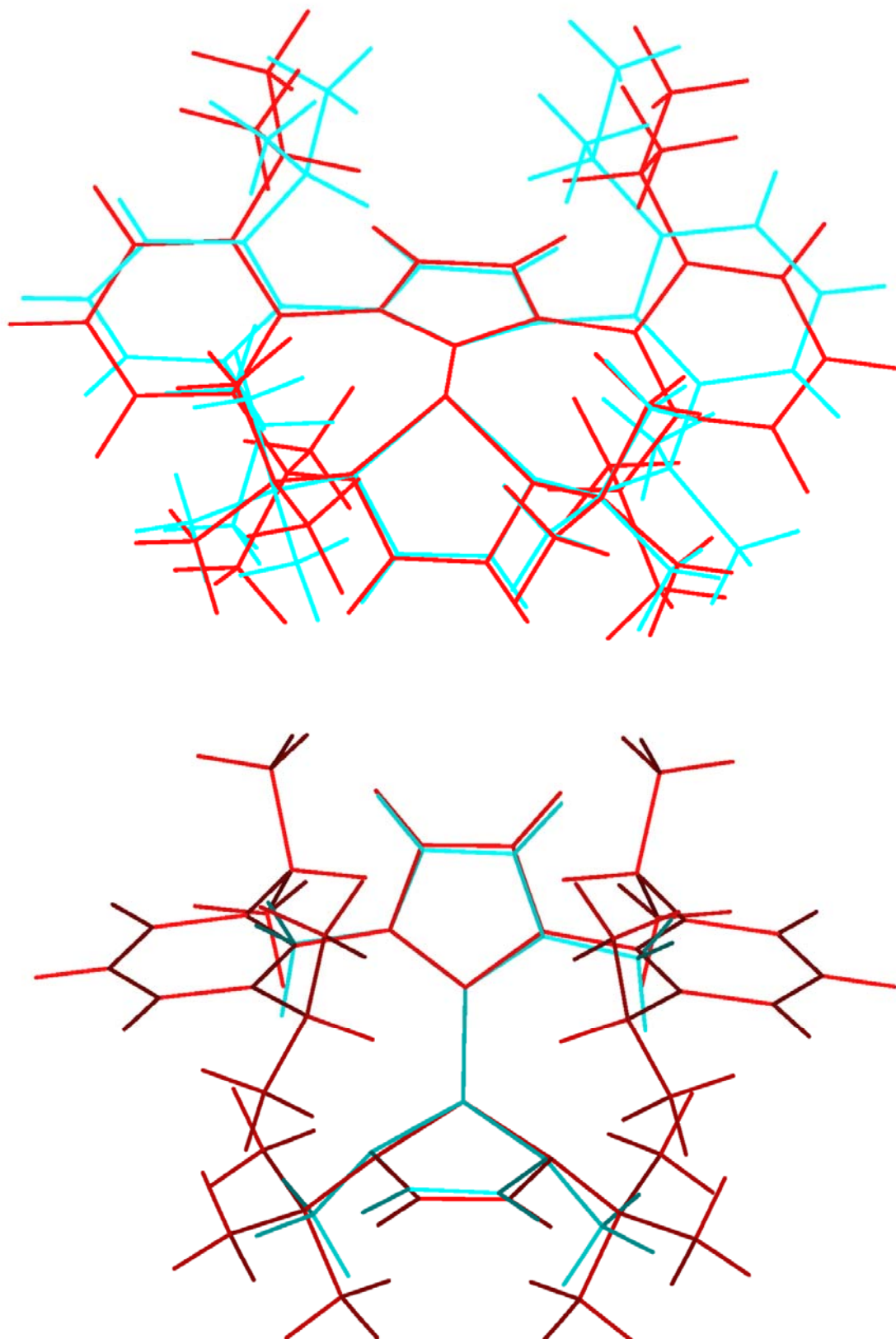
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E(R $\omega$ B97X-D) = -1990.49216614 A.U. after 1 cycles

Zero-point correction = 0.867381 (Hartree/Particle)

Standard orientation:

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Center No.	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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1	5	0	-0.000010	0.557012	0.188256
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Table S2: Energy, vibrational zero-point energy, and atomic coordinates of the molecular structure of **4'** obtained after energy optimization at the  $\omega$ B97X-D/cc-pVDZ level.

E(RwB97XD) = -899.580347466 A.U. after 1 cycles

Zero-point correction = 0.251474 Hartree/Particle

Standard orientation:

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Center No.	Atomic Number	Atomic Type	Coordinates (Angstroms)		
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