

Supporting Information for

Selective Thienylation of Fluorinated Benzothiadiazoles and Benzotriazoles for Organic Photovoltaics

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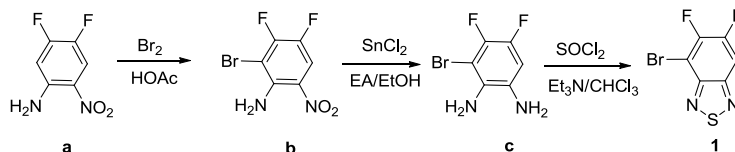
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General information: ^1H NMR and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Agilent AM400 and AM500 spectrometer. ^{19}F NMR was recorded on a Agilent AM400 spectrometer (CFCl_3 as outside standard and low field is positive). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in ppm, and coupling constants (J) are in Hertz (Hz). The following abbreviations were used to explain the multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m = multiplet, br = broad. NMR yield was determined by ^{19}F NMR using fluorobenzene as an internal standard before working up the reaction.

Materials: All reagents were used as received from commercial sources. All reagents were weighed and handled in air, and refilled with an inert atmosphere of N_2 at room temperature. DMF and DMSO were distilled under reduced pressure from CaH_2 . The DMSO was stored with the powder of 4 Å molecular sieves. Toluene and 1,4-Dioxane was distilled from sodium and benzophenone immediately before use.

Procedure for the preparation of compound 1.

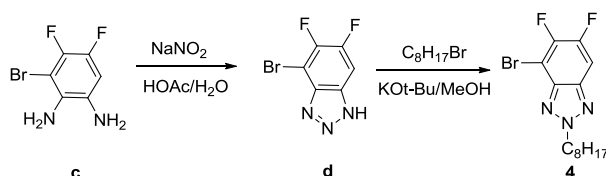


2-Bromo-3,4-difluoro-6-nitroaniline (b).¹ To a solution of 4,5-difluoro-2-nitroaniline (17.4 g, 100 mmol) in acetic acid (100 ml) was added bromine (32 g, 2 equiv) dropwise at 50- 56 °C, and stirred for 2.5 hours. The reaction mixture was poured into ice water (250 mL) and the resulting precipitate was collected by filtration and washed with water sufficiently then dried to give compound **b** (23.3 g, 92% yield) as a yellow solid.

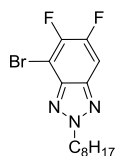
3-Bromo-4,5-difluorobenzene-1,2-diamine (c).² To a solution of **b** (7.6 g, 30 mmol) and $\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (34 g, 150 mmol) were dissolved in 70 mL ethyl acetate and 30 mL absolute ethanol under N_2 . Then the mixture was heated at 75 °C with stirring for 3 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, and poured into 200 mL ice water. Aqueous saturated solution of NaHCO_3 was added to adjust the pH to 5. The residue was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The residue (5.6 g, 75%

yield) was used for the next step without further purification.

4-Bromo-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (1). To a 500 mL three-necked round bottom flask were added **c** (5.6 g, 25 mmol), CHCl_3 (150 mL) and triethylamine (11.4 mL, 4 equiv). After stirring for 15 min, thionyl chloride (SOCl_2 , 7.2 g, 2 equiv) was added dropwise and the mixture was heated to reflux for 5 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, and concentrated. The residue was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , washed with water and brine. The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel column chromatography (100% hexane) to give FBT **1** as a white solid (5.1 g, 81% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.30 (apparent t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -120.5 (dd, $J = 19.9$ Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1F), -125.7 (dd, $J = 19.7$ Hz, 8.8 Hz, 1F).



4-Bromo-5,6-difluoro-1H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole (d). To a solution of HOAc (2.4 mL, 40 mmol) in 100 mL of H_2O was added compound **c** (4.66 g, 20 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated to 70 $^\circ\text{C}$ and stirred for 1 h. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature, a solution of NaNO_2 (1.52 g) in 20 mL of H_2O was then added. The resulting reaction mixture was stirred for another 1 h at room temperature. The resulting precipitate was filtered to give compound **d** (3.51 g, 75% yield) without further purification.

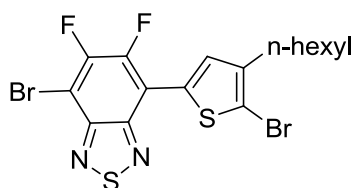


4-Bromo-5,6-difluoro-2-octyl-2H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole (4). To a solution of **d** (2.3 g, 10 mmol) in 50 mL of methanol were added *t*BuOK (1.15 g, 1.02 equiv) and $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}\text{Br}$ (1.95 g, 1.01 equiv) under N_2 . The reaction mixture was then heated to reflux for 24 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, and was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered, and concentrated. The product (1.20 g, 35% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether (100%)) as colorless oil. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.55 (dd, J

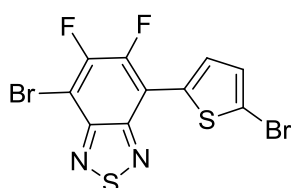
= 8.6 Hz, 7.0 Hz, 1H), 4.70 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 2.10 (m, 2H), 1.40-1.15 (m, 10H), 0.86 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) -128.9 (dd, J = 19.2 Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1F), -129.7 (dd, J = 19.7 Hz, 8.8 Hz, 1F).

General Procedure for Selective Thienylation of FBT 1 with Thiophenes.

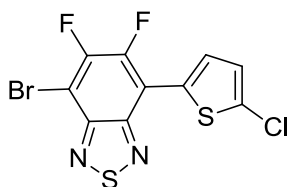
To a 25 mL of sealed tube were added $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$ (2.5 mol %), Ag_2O (93 mg 2.0 equiv) and 4-bromo-5,6-difluorobenzo[*c*][1,2,5]thiadiazole (**1**) (50 mg, 1 equiv) under N_2 , followed by DMSO (1 mL) with stirring. Thiophene **2** (0.4 mmol, 2 equiv) were then added subsequently. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C (preheated oil bath). After stirring for 6 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, filtered and diluted with dichloromethane, washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , filtered and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography to provide pure product.



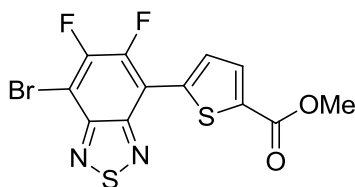
4-Bromo-7-(5-bromo-4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-5,6-difluorobenzo[*c*][1,2,5]thiadiazole (3a). The product (80 mg, 81% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether(100%)) as a yellow solid. m.p. 91 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 2.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.25 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -120.2 (d, J = 18.4 Hz, 1F), -126.7 (d, J = 18.4 Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.0 (dd, J = 255.4 Hz, 19.8 Hz), 149.8 (d, J = 5.3 Hz), 149.1 (dd, J = 261.5 Hz, 19.4 Hz), 147.4 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 142.7, 132.2 (d, J = 9.9 Hz), 130.5 (m), 114.9 (d, J = 8.1 Hz), 112.6 (d, J = 11.5 Hz), 97.1 (d, J = 22.3 Hz), 31.6, 29.7, 29.5, 28.9, 22.6, 14.1. MS (EI): m/z (%) 496 (M^+), 366, 345, 252, 41(100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{F}_2\text{S}_2\text{Br}_2$: 493.8933; Found: 493.8930.



4-Bromo-7-(5-bromothiophen-2-yl)-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (3b). The product (60 mg, 73% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether(100%)) as a yellow solid. m.p. 155 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.20 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -120.1 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1F), -126.6 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.2 (dd, $J = 255.4$ Hz, 20.0 Hz), 149.8(d, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 149.2 (dd, $J = 261.8$ Hz, 19.5 Hz), 147.4 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 134.8 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 130.8 (d, $J = 10.3$ Hz), 129.6 (m), 126.6, 112.4 (d, $J = 11.9$ Hz), 97.4 (d, $J = 23.5$ Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) 414 (M^+), 312 (M^+), 310 (M^+), 40 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{F}_2\text{S}_2\text{Br}_2$: 409.7994; Found: 409.7991.

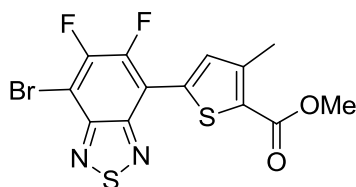


4-Bromo-7-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (3c). The product (54 mg, 74% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether(100%)) as a yellow solid. m.p. 137 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.03 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.06 (dd, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -120.1 (d, $J = 19.0$ Hz, 1F), -126.8 (d, $J = 19.0$ Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.2 (dd, $J = 255.5$ Hz, 20.0 Hz), 149.8 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz), 149.2 (dd, $J = 261.7$ Hz, 19.4 Hz), 147.4 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 134.8 (d, $J = 8.0$ Hz), 130.8 (d, $J = 10.3$ Hz), 129.6 (m), 126.6, 112.4 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz), 97.4 (d, $J = 21.9$ Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) 368 (M^+ ,100), 366 (M^+), 332, 252. HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_2\text{N}_2\text{F}_2\text{S}_2\text{BrCl}$: 365.8499; Found: 365.8496.



Methyl 5-(7-bromo-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazol-4-yl)thiophene-2-carboxylate (3d). The product (59 mg, 76%) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether /Dichloromethane = 50:1) as a yellow solid. m.p. 154 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.21 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.90 (dd, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 3.95 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -119.9 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1F), -124.6 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 162.4, 152.2 (dd, $J =$

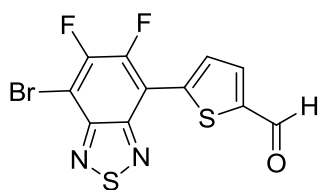
256.1 Hz, 19.8 Hz), 150.0 (dd, $J = 264.0$ Hz, 19.6 Hz), 149.8, 147.5 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 137.0 (m), 136.0 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 133.2, 131.4 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 112.3 (d, $J = 10.3$ Hz), 98.9 (d, $J = 21.6$ Hz), 52.4. MS (EI): m/z (%) 392 (M^+), 390 (M^+), 361(100). HRMS: Calculated for $C_{12}H_5N_2O_2S_2F_2Br$: 389.8944; Found: 389.8942.



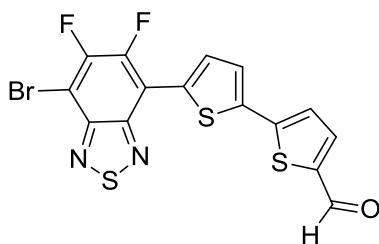
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5-(7-bromo-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazol-4-yl)-3-methylthiophene-2-carboxylate (3e).

The product (68 mg, 84% yield) was purified by silica chromatography (Petroleum ether /Ethyl Acetate = 50:1) as a yellow solid. m.p. 160 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.64 (s, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -120.0 (d, $J = 18.2$ Hz, 1F), -124.7 (d, $J = 18.2$ Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 163.0, 152.2 (dd, $J = 255.8$ Hz, 19.8 Hz), 150.0 (dd, $J = 264.0$ Hz, 19.6 Hz), 149.8, 147.5 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 146.0, 145.1 (d, $J = 5.0$ Hz), 135.1 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 134.2 (m), 129.2 (d, $J = 6.2$ Hz), 98.7 (d, $J = 20.6$ Hz), 52.0, 16.0. MS (EI): m/z (%) 406 (M^+), 404 (M^+), 375 (100), 346. HRMS: Calculated for $C_{13}H_7N_2O_2S_2F_2Br$: 403.9100; Found: 403.9104.

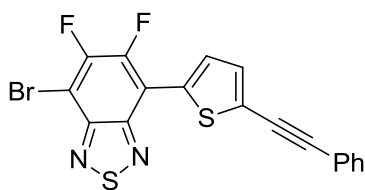


5-(7-Bromo-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazol-4-yl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (3f). The product (53 mg, 74% yield) was purified by silica chromatography (Petroleum ether /Ethyl Acetate = 50:1) as a yellow solid. m.p. 165 °C. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 10.04 (s, 1H), 8.32 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.88 (dd, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -119.8 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1F), -123.5 (d, $J = 19.2$ Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 183.2, 152.2 (dd, $J = 256.1$ Hz, 19.8 Hz), 150.3 (dd, $J = 264.9$ Hz, 19.3 Hz), 149.8 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz), 147.4 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz), 145.4 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 139.6 (m), 135.6, 131.7 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 112.1, 99.8 (d, $J = 21.5$ Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) 362 (M^+ , 100), 360 (M^+ , 100), 332, 289. HRMS: Calculated for $C_{11}H_3ON_2BrS_2F_2$: 359.8838; Found: 359.8834.

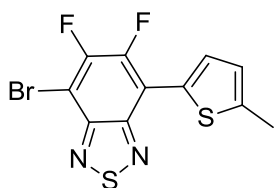


5'-(7-Bromo-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazol-4-yl)-[2,2'-bithiophene]-5-carbaldehyde (3g).

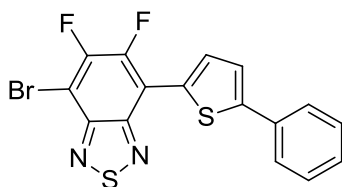
The product (58 mg, 66% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether /Ethyl Acetate = 50:1) as a yellow solid. m.p. 158 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.90 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.39 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -120.1 (d, *J* = 19.0 Hz, 1F), -125.5 (d, *J* = 19.0 Hz, 1F). MS (EI): *m/z* (%) 444 (M⁺, 100), 442 (M⁺, 100), 369. HRMS: Calculated for C₁₅H₅ON₂BrS₃F₂: 441.8715; Found: 441.8711.



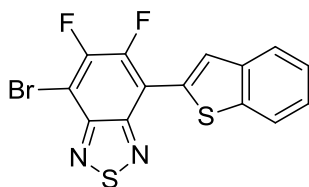
4-Bromo-5,6-difluoro-7-(5-(phenylethynyl)thiophen-2-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (3h). The product (64 mg, 74% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether(100%)) as a yellow solid. m.p. 166 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.18 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.60-7.50 (m, 2H), 7.40-7.34 (m, 4H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -120.2 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1F), -126.2 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.4 (dd, *J* = 255.4 Hz, 19.6 Hz), 149.8 (d, *J* = 5.5 Hz), 149.4 (dd, *J* = 262.8 Hz, 19.2 Hz), 147.6 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz), 132.1, 131.46, 131.41 131.3, 128.8, 128.4, 127.3 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz), 122.6, 112.7 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 97.5 (d, *J* = 21.5 Hz), 96.1, 82.2. MS (EI): *m/z* (%) 435 (M⁺), 434 (M⁺, 100), 433 (M⁺), 432 (M⁺), 145. HRMS: Calculated for C₁₈H₇N₂F₂S₂Br: 431.9202; Found: 431.9201.



4-Bromo-5,6-difluoro-7-(5-methylthiophen-2-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (3i). The product (50 mg, 72% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether(100%)) as a yellow solid. m.p. 155 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.02 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 6.89 (dd, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 1.2 Hz 1H), 2.58 (s, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -120.4 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1F), -127.7 (d, *J* = 19.2 Hz, 1F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.3 (dd, *J* = 255.0 Hz, 20.0 Hz), 149.8 (d, *J* = 5.6 Hz), 148.7 (dd, *J* = 260.2 Hz, 19.2 Hz), 147.8 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz), 144.6 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 131.7 (d, *J* = 8.9 Hz), 128.4 (m), 126.0, 113.6 (d, *J* = 12.4 Hz), 96.2 (d, *J* = 20.5 Hz), 15.3. MS (EI): *m/z* (%) 348 (M⁺, 100), 347 (M⁺), 346 (M⁺). HRMS: Calculated for C₁₁H₅N₂F₂S₂Br: 345.9046; Found: 345.9045.

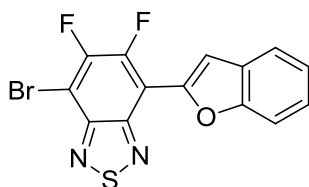


4-Bromo-5,6-difluoro-7-(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (3j). The product (69 mg, 84% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether(100%)) as a yellow solid. m.p. 124 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.22 (d, *J* = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.34 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -121.0 (d, *J* = 17.7 Hz, 1F), -127.4 (d, *J* = 17.7 Hz, 1F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.4 (dd, *J* = 255.2 Hz, 20.0 Hz), 149.9 (d, *J* = 5.2 Hz), 149.4 (dd, *J* = 261.3 Hz, 19.0 Hz), 148.2 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz), 147.7 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz), 133.6, 132.5 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz), 130.1, 129.0, 128.3, 126.0, 123.5, 113.3 (d, *J* = 11.5 Hz), 96.7 (d, *J* = 23.3 Hz). MS (EI): *m/z* (%) 411 (M⁺), 410 (M⁺), 408 (M⁺), 121, 83 (100). HRMS: Calculated for C₁₆H₇N₂S₂BrF₂: 407.9202; Found: 407.9197.

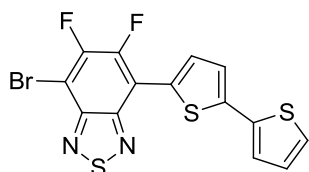


4-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-7-bromo-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (3k). The product (66 mg, 86% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether(100%)) as a yellow solid. m.p. 169 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.48 (s, 1H), 7.89 (m, 2H), 7.41 (m, 2H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -120.1 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1F), -125.3 (d, *J* = 18.4 Hz, 1F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz,

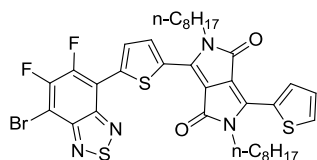
CDCl_3) δ 152.3 (dd, $J = 255.6$ Hz, 20.0 Hz), 150.1 (dd, $J = 262.8$ Hz, 19.2 Hz), 149.9 (d, $J = 5.3$ Hz), 148.0 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 140.9 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz), 139.0, 130.8 (m), 128.5 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 125.8, 124.8, 124.5, 121.9, 113.4 (d, $J = 11.7$ Hz), 98.2 (d, $J = 19.6$ Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) 385 (M^+), 384 (M^+ , 100), 383 (M^+), 382 (M^+). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_5\text{N}_2\text{F}_2\text{S}_2\text{Br}$: 381.9041; Found: 381.9042.



4-(Benzofuran-2-yl)-7-bromo-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (3l). The product (39 mg, 53% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether) as a yellow solid. m.p. 168 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.71 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.63 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.31 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -119.9 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1F), -125.8 (d, $J = 17.7$ Hz, 1F). MS (EI): m/z (%) 369 (M^+), 368 (M^+), 367 (M^+), 366 (M^+), 141(100). Anal.Calcd for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_5\text{BrF}_2\text{N}_2\text{OS}$: C, 45.80; H, 1.37; N, 7.63. Found C, 45.57; H, 1.24; N, 7.80.



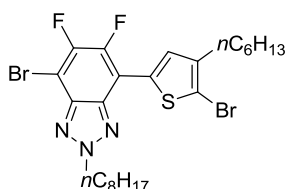
4-([2,2'-Bithiophen]-5-yl)-7-bromo-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (3m). 5 mol % of $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$ was used. The product (34 mg, 40% yield) as a yellow solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether (100%)). m.p. 165 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.18 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.32 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.30 (t, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.08 (dd, $J = 5.2$ Hz, 4.0 Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -120.3 (d, $J = 18.6$ Hz, 1F), -126.7 (d, $J = 18.6$ Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 152.2 (dd, $J = 255.0$ Hz, 20.0 Hz), 150.0 (dd, $J = 261.2$ Hz, 19.2 Hz), 149.8, 147.7 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 141.4 (d, $J = 5.2$ Hz), 136.6, 132.3 (d, $J = 9.7$ Hz), 129.6(m), 128.1, 125.5, 124.6, 124.0, 113.1 (d, $J = 15.8$ Hz), 96.8 (d, $J = 23.4$ Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) 416 (M^+ , 100), 415 (M^+), 414 (M^+). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_5\text{BrN}_2\text{S}_3\text{F}_2$: 413.8766; Found: 413.8763.



3-(5-(7-Bromo-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazol-4-yl)thiophen-2-yl)-2,5-dioctyl-6-(thiophen-2-yl)pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole-1,4(2H,5H)-dione (3n). The reaction was performed on a 0.1 mmol scale and was carried out with **1** (4 equiv), Pd(TFA)₂ (5 mol %), Ag₂O (4 equiv) and 1.5 mL DMSO in a Schlenk tube for 10 h at 80 °C. The product (52 mg, 68% yield) as a black solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether /Dichloromethane = 20:1). m.p. 145 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 9.06 (d, *J* = 3.2 Hz, 1H), 8.95 (d, *J* = 3.6 Hz, 1H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 1H), 7.64 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 4.8 Hz, 1H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 4.05 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 1.90-1.60 (m, 4H), 1.50-1.25 (m, 20H), 0.87 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 0.85 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -120.1 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz, 1F), -124.0 (d, *J* = 18.6 Hz, 1F). MS (MALDI): *m/z* (%) 777.4 (M⁺), 776.4 (M⁺, 100), 775.4 (M⁺), 774.4 (M⁺), 773.4 (M⁺), 772.4 (M⁺). HRMS: Calculated for C₃₆H₃₉N₄O₂F₂S₃Br: 772.1384; Found: 772.1381.

General procedure for the preparation of compounds 3o-3q:

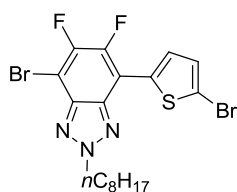
To a 25 mL of sealed tube were added Pd(OAc)₂ (5 mol %), Ag₂O (93 mg, 2.0 equiv) under N₂, followed by DMSO (1 mL) with stirring. HOAc (12 uL, 1 equiv), 4-bromo-5,6-difluoro-2-octyl-2H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole (**4**) (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) and thiophene (0.4 mmol, 2 equiv) were then added subsequently. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C (preheated oil bath). After stirring for 8 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with ethyl acetate, filtered, washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography to provide pure product



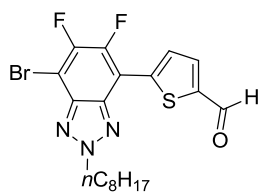
4-Bromo-7-(5-bromo-4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-5,6-difluoro-2-octyl-2H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole (3o).

The product (76 mg, 64% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether(100%)) as a yellow oil. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.89 (s, 1H), 4.75 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H),

2.64 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.65 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.20 (m, 16H), 0.90 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.87 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -128.8 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 1F), -132.4 (d, $J = 18.4$ Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.4 (dd, $J = 247.8$ Hz, 18.8 Hz), 146.5 (dd, $J = 254.2$ Hz, 18.2 Hz), 142.4, 139.6 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 136.5 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz), 131.2 (d, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 131.0 (dd, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 3.2 Hz), 113.4 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 110.8 (d, $J = 12.8$ Hz), 93.9 (d, $J = 22.6$ Hz), 57.2, 31.7, 31.6, 30.0, 29.7, 29.5, 29.0, 28.9, 28.88, 26.5, 22.6, 22.59, 14.1, 14.0. MS (MALDI): m/z (%) 592.0 ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}$), 590.0 ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}$), 588.0 ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}$). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_3\text{F}_2\text{SBr}_2$: 588.0490; Found: 588.0490.



4-Bromo-7-(5-bromothiophen-2-yl)-5,6-difluoro-2-octyl-2H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazole (3p). The product (53 mg, 52% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether(100%)) as yellow solid. m.p. 65 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.98 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.15 (dd, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 4.75 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.14 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.20 (m, 10H), 0.87 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -129.1 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1F), -132.5 (d, $J = 18.8$ Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.3 (dd, $J = 259.0$ Hz, 18.7 Hz), 146.8 (dd, $J = 265.4$ Hz, 18.8 Hz), 139.6 (d, $J = 5.5$ Hz), 136.4 (d, $J = 8.6$ Hz), 133.0 (dd, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 3.2 Hz), 130.6 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 130.2, 116.2 (d, $J = 9.3$ Hz), 110.6 (d, $J = 12.7$ Hz), 94.3 (d, $J = 22.9$ Hz), 57.2, 31.7, 30.0, 29.0, 28.9, 26.5, 22.6, 14.0. MS (MALDI): m/z (%) 508.0($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}$), 507.0 ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}$), 506.0 ($\text{M}^+ - \text{H}$), 504.0 ($\text{M} - \text{H}$). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_3\text{F}_2\text{SBr}_2$: 503.9551; Found: 503.9561.

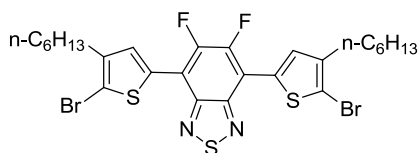


5-(7-Bromo-5,6-difluoro-2-octyl-2H-benzo[d][1,2,3]triazol-4-yl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (3q). The product (56 mg, 62% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether/ Ethyl acetate(100:1)) as yellow solid. m.p. 71 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.00 (s, 1H), 8.28 (d, $J =$

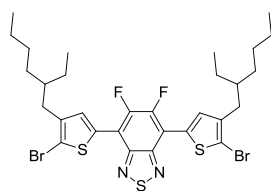
4.2 Hz, 1H), 7.83 (dd, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.77 (t, $J = 7.4$ Hz, 2H), 2.15 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.20 (m, 10H), 0.85 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -128.7 (d, $J = 19.7$ Hz, 1F), -129.2 (d, $J = 19.7$ Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 183.1, 149.0 (dd, $J = 251.0$ Hz, 15.1 Hz), 147.7 (dd, $J = 256.9$ Hz, 17.5 Hz), 144.5 (d, $J = 6.8$ Hz), 140.4 (m), 139.6 (d, $J = 4.4$ Hz), 136.5 (d, $J = 8.2$ Hz), 135.8, 130.8 (d, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 110.1 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz), 96.8 (d, $J = 22.5$ Hz), 57.4, 31.6, 30.0, 29.0, 28.9, 26.4, 22.5, 14.0. MS (EI): m/z (%) 457 (M^+), 455 (M^+), 376, 208 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{ON}_3\text{S}_2\text{F}_2\text{Br}$: 455.0479; Found: 455.0475.

General procedure for the preparation of compounds 6a and 6b

To a 25 mL of sealed tube were added $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$ (5 mol %), Ag_2O (186 mg 4.0 equiv) and **5** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) under N_2 , followed by DMSO (1 mL) with stirring. Thiophene (0.8 mmol, 4 equiv) was then added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C (preheated oil bath). After stirring for 10 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane, filtered, washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether (100%)) to provide pure product



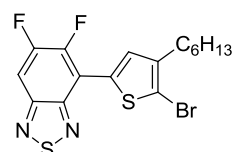
4,7-bis(5-bromo-4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (6a). The product (90 mg, 68%) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether(100%)) as a red solid. 17% of **7a** (14 mg) was also isolated. **6a**: m.p. 101.1 °C. This is known compound.³ ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.94 (s, 2H), 2.65 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 4H), 1.66 (m, 4H), 1.45-1.27 (m, 12H), 0.90 (t, $J = 6.8$ Hz, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -118.1 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 149.5 (dd, $J = 259.1$ Hz, 20.3 Hz), 148.1 (t, $J = 4.1$ Hz), 142.5, 131.5 (t, $J = 4.8$ Hz), 131.1, 114.4 (t, $J = 3.6$ Hz), 110.7 (m), 31.6, 29.7, 29.5, 29.0, 22.6, 14.1. MS (MALDI): m/z (%) 664.0 (M^+), 662.0 (M^+), 660.0 (M^+). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{28}\text{Br}_2\text{F}_2\text{N}_2\text{S}_3$: 659.9749; Found: 659.9751.



4,4'-(5,5'-(5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole-4,7-diyl)bis(3-hexylthiophene-5,2-diyl))bis(N,N-diphenylaniline) (6b). The product (95 mg, 66%) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether (100%)) as a red solid. This is known compound.⁴ 11% of **7b** (10 mg) was also isolated. **6b**: m.p. 83 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.85 (s, 2H), 2.56 (d, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 4H), 1.69 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.25(m, 16H), 0.93(t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 12H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -128.0 (s, 2F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.0 (dd, *J* = 258.9 Hz, 20.0 Hz), 148.1 (m), 141.6, 132.1 (t, *J* = 4.7 Hz), 131.0, 115.1 (t, *J* = 3.6 Hz), 110.7 (m), 39.9, 33.7, 32.4, 28.8, 25.7, 23.1, 14.2, 10.8.

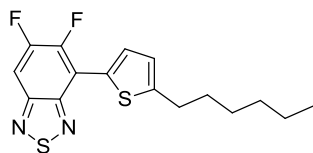
General procedure for the preparation of compounds **7a** and **7c-e**.

To a 25 mL of sealed tube were added Pd(TFA)₂ (2.5 mol %), Ag₂O (2.0 equiv) and **5** (3.0 equiv) under N₂, followed by DMSO with stirring. Thiophene (1 equiv) was then added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C (preheated oil bath). After stirring for 10 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane, filtered, washed with brine, dried over Na₂SO₄, and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography to provide pure product



4-(5-Bromo-4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (7a). The reaction was performed on a 2 mmol scale in 6 mL DMSO. The product (590 mg, 71%) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether (100%)) as a yellow solid. 22% yield of **6a** (147 mg) was also isolated. **7a**: m.p. 69 °C. ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 7.94 (s, 1H), 7.60 (dd, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 7.8 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.27 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 3H). ¹⁹F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl₃) δ -127.1 (dd, *J* = 17.1 Hz, 8.8 Hz, 1F), -128.7 (dd, *J* = 16.9 Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1F). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 152.4 (dd, *J* = 256.2 Hz, 18.8 Hz), 150.4 (d, *J* = 11.6 Hz), 149.1 (dd, *J* = 260.0 Hz, 19.3 Hz), 148.7 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz), 142.5, 132.0 (d, *J* = 9.9 Hz), 131.0 (m), 114.4 (d, *J* = 8.3

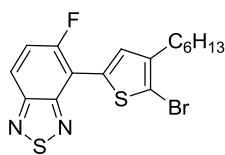
Hz), 113.3 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz), 103.6 (d, $J = 20.2$ Hz), 31.6, 29.7, 29.5, 28.9, 22.6, 14.1. MS (EI): m/z (%) 418 (M^+), 416 (M^+), 267(100). HRMS: Calculated for $C_{16}H_{15}N_2F_2S_2Br$: 415.9828; Found: 415.9832.



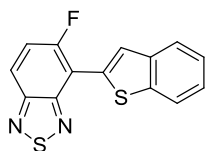
5,6-Difluoro-4-(5-hexylthiophen-2-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (7c). The reaction was performed on a 1.0 mmol scale in 2.5 mL of DMSO. The product (161 mg, 48% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether (100%)) as a yellow oil. 4% yield of **6c** (10 mg) was also isolated. **7c**: 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.03 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 7.49 (apparent t, $J = 8.2$ Hz, 1H), 6.88 (d, $J = 2.8$ Hz, 1H), 2.88 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 2H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 1.50-1.25 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t, $J = 7.0$ Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) -127.3 (dd, $J = 17.1$ Hz, 8.8 Hz, 1F), -129.7 (dd, $J = 16.9$ Hz, 7.5 Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 152.4 (dd, $J = 255.6$ Hz, 19.0 Hz), 150.4 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz), 150.1 (d, $J = 5.3$ Hz), 149.0 (d, $J = 8.5$ Hz), 148.5 (dd, $J = 258.5$ Hz, 19.1 Hz), 131.2, 128.6 (dd, $J = 5.6$ Hz, 3.6 Hz), 124.5, 114.2 (d, $J = 13.0$ Hz), 102.8 (d, $J = 20.4$ Hz), 31.5, 31.4, 30.0, 28.8, 22.5, 14.0. MS (EI): m/z (%) 338 (M^+), 267 (100), 141. HRMS: Calculated for $C_{16}H_{16}N_2S_2F_2$: 338.0723; Found: 338.0724.

General Procedure for the preparation of compounds 9a-d.

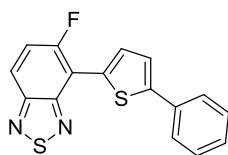
To a 25 mL of sealed tube were added $Pd(OAc)_2$ (5 mol %), $AgOAc$ (133 mg 4.0 equiv), **8** (0.6 mmol, 3 equiv) under N_2 , followed by DMSO (2 mL) with stirring. 2-Methylpyridine (30 μ L 1.5equiv), and thiophene (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) were then added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 $^{\circ}C$ (oil bath). After stirring for 9 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane, filtered, washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether (100%)) to provide pure product.



4-(5-Bromo-4-hexylthiophen-2-yl)-5-fluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (9a). The product (34 mg, 42% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether(100%)) as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 7.96 (s, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 9.4 Hz, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd, J = 11.4 Hz, 9.4 Hz, 1H), 2.65 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 1.66 (m, 2H), 1.45-1.30 (m, 6H), 0.90 (t, J = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -108.3 (dd, J = 11.5 Hz, 4.7 Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 158.6 (d, J = 254.9 Hz), 152.5 (d, J = 10.4 Hz), 152.3, 142.2, 131.9 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 131.2 (d, J = 8.9 Hz), 121.9 (d, J = 30.9 Hz), 120.0 (d, J = 10.9 Hz), 113.1 (d, J = 8.5 Hz), 112.2 (d, J = 14.6 Hz), 31.6, 29.8, 29.6, 28.9, 22.6, 14.1. MS (EI): m/z (%) 398 (M^+), 249 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{FS}_2\text{Br}$: 397.9922; Found: 397.9923.

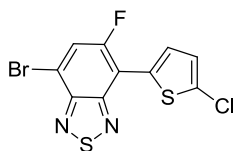


4-(Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl)-5-fluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (9b). The product (26 mg, 45% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether(100%)) as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 9.0 Hz, 4.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (m, 2H), 7.59 (dd, J = 11.4 Hz, 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (m, 2H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -107.2 (dd, J = 11.6 Hz, 4.5 Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (125.7 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 159.5 (d, J = 256.1 Hz), 153.1 (d, J = 9.9 Hz), 152.4, 140.6 (d, J = 6.1 Hz), 139.2, 132.3 (d, J = 5.4 Hz), 127.4 (d, J = 7.8 Hz), 125.1, 124.5, 124.2, 121.9 (d, J = 31.0 Hz), 121.8, 121.0 (d, J = 11.1 Hz), 112.8 (d, J = 14.8 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) 286 (M^+ , 100), 109. HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_7\text{N}_2\text{FS}_2$: 286.0035; Found: 286.0040.

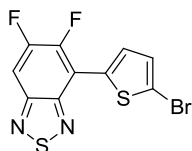


5-Fluoro-4-(5-phenylthiophen-2-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (9c). The product (29 mg, 47% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether(100%)) as a yellow solid. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.25 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, J = 9.4 Hz, 4.6 Hz, 1H), 7.72 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.54 (dd, J = 11.2 Hz, 9.2 Hz, 1H), 7.46-7.38 (m, 3H), 7.32 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -108.3 (dd, J = 11.6 Hz, 4.9 Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl_3) δ

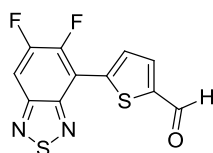
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7-Bromo-4-(5-chlorothiophen-2-yl)-5-fluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (9d). The product (30 mg, 43% yield) as a yellow solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether(100%)). 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.01 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.80 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.04 (dd, $J = 4.4$ Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -107.8 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 158.1 (d, $J = 257.1$ Hz), 151.6 (d, $J = 12.1$ Hz), 151.0, 133.7 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz), 130.5 (d, $J = 5.8$ Hz), 130.0 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 126.5, 124.4 (d, $J = 33.2$ Hz), 112.2 (d, $J = 12.6$ Hz), 111.6 (d, $J = 14.1$ Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) 398 (M^+), 249 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $C_{10}H_3N_2FS_2BrCl$: 347.8594; Found: 347.8596.



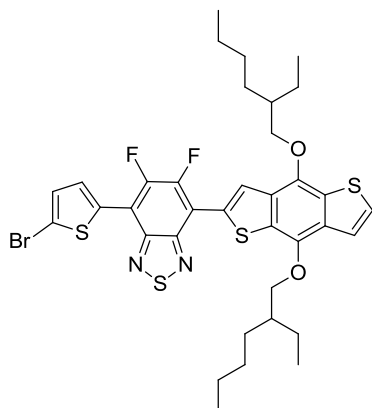
4-(5-Bromothiophen-2-yl)-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (7d). The reaction was performed on a 4.0 mmol scale in 4 mL DMSO. The product (916 mg, 69%) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether (100%)) as a yellow solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.01 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.64 (dd, $J = 9.0$ Hz, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.20 (dd, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1.0 Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -127.1 (dd, $J = 12.6$ Hz, 9.6 Hz, 1F), -128.5 (dd, $J = 16.2$ Hz, 6.8 Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 152.4 (dd, $J = 256.4$ Hz, 18.8 Hz), 150.4 (d, $J = 12.5$ Hz), 149.1 (dd, $J = 260.2$ Hz, 19.4 Hz), 148.7 (d, $J = 8.3$ Hz), 133.0 (m), 131.4 (d, $J = 10.1$ Hz), 130.2 (d, $J = 0.9$ Hz), 117.3 (d, $J = 7.9$ Hz), 113.1 (m), 104.0 (d, $J = 21.2$ Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) 334 (M^+ , 100), 332 (M^+ , 100), 253, 209. HRMS: Calculated for $C_{10}H_3N_2F_2S_2Br$: 331.8889; Found: 331.8893.



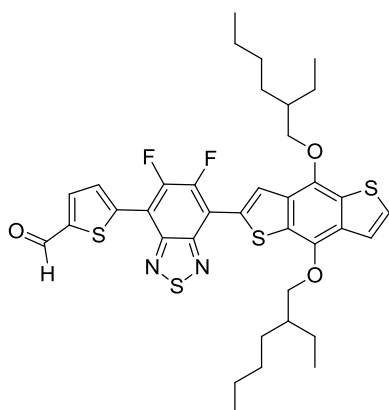
5-(5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazol-4-yl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (7e). The reaction was performed on a 1 mmol scale in 3 mL DMSO. The product (130 mg, 46% yield) was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether /Dichloromethane = 40:1) as a yellow solid. m.p. 157 °C; ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 10.04 (s, 1H), 8.34 (d, J = 4.0 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (dd, J = 3.6 Hz, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (dd, J = 8.8 Hz, 7.6 Hz, 1H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -125.3 (dd, J = 16.4 Hz, 8.1 Hz, 1F), -126.8 (dd, J = 16.9 Hz, 9.0 Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 183.2, 153.8 (dd, J = 257.2 Hz, 18.8 Hz), 150.5 (dd, J = 263.4 Hz, 19.4 Hz), 150.4 (d, J = 12.1 Hz), 148.7 (d, J = 7.4 Hz), 145.1 (d, J = 5.7 Hz), 140.2 (m), 135.5 (d, J = 7.9 Hz), 131.6 (d, J = 9.2 Hz), 112.8 (d, J = 10.6 Hz), 105.8 (d, J = 20.0 Hz). MS (EI): m/z (%) 282 (M^+ , 100), 281, 209. HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{11}\text{H}_4\text{N}_2\text{F}_2\text{OS}_2$: 281.9733; Found: 281.9738.

General procedure for the preparation of compounds 11 and 12.

To a 25 mL of sealed tube were added $\text{Pd}(\text{TFA})_2$ (5 mol %), Ag_2O (93 mg 2.0 equiv), **7** (0.2 mmol, 1 equiv) under N_2 , followed by DMSO (1 mL) with stirring. **10** (0.3 mmol, 1.5 equiv) was then added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 80 °C (preheated oil bath). After stirring for 7 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane, filtered, washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography to provide pure product.

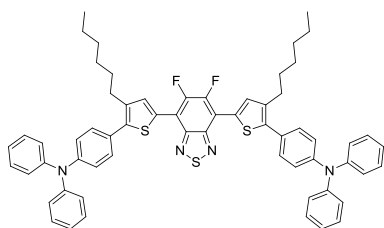


4-(4,8-Bis(octyloxy)benzo[1,2-b:4,5-b']dithiophen-2-yl)-7-(5-bromothiophen-2-yl)-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (11). The product (86 mg, 55% yield) as a dark brown solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether/dichloromethane = 40:1). m.p. 112 °C. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 8.60 (s, 1H), 7.89 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 13.0$ Hz, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.09 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 1H), 4.21 (d, $J = 4.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.15 (d, $J = 4.8$ Hz, 2H), 1.90-1.35 (m, 18H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 1.06 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.99 (m, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -126.3 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1F), -127.8 (d, $J = 14.8$ Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 150.4 (dd, $J = 260.4$ Hz, 19.8 Hz), 149.6 (dd, $J = 257.8$ Hz, 20.2 Hz), 148.5 (d, $J = 12.0$ Hz), 148.1 (d, $J = 9.5$ Hz), 145.2, 143.8, 133.2 (m), 132.6, 131.1 (d, $J = 10.8$ Hz), 130.9, 130.8, 130.2 (d, $J = 6.7$ Hz), 130.1, 126.6, 124.6 (d, $J = 9.2$ Hz), 120.3, 117.3 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz), 110.7 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz), 111.6 (d, $J = 11.4$ Hz), 111.2 (d, $J = 10.6$ Hz), 75.9, 75.7, 40.73, 40.69, 30.6, 30.5, 29.3, 29.26, 23.9, 23.87, 23.2, 14.2, 11.5, 11.4. MS (MALDI): m/z (%) 780.1 (M^+), 779.1 (M^+), 778.1 (M^+), 776.1 (M^+), 553.9 (100). HRMS: Calculated for $\text{C}_{36}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{F}_2\text{S}_4\text{Br}$: 776.1040; Found: 776.1039.



5-(7-(4,8-Bis(octyloxy)benzo[1,2-b:4,5-b']dithiophen-2-yl)-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazol-4-yl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (12). The product (89 mg, 61% yield) as a dark brown solid was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether/Dichloromethane=20:1). m.p. 164 °C. ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 9.97 (s, 1H), 8.68 (s, 1H), 8.25 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.78 (d, $J = 3.6$ Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 2H), 4.20 (d, $J = 14.1$ Hz, 4H), 1.90-1.30 (m, 18H), 1.09 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 3H), 1.06 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.98 (m, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (282 MHz, CDCl_3) δ -124.4 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1F), -126.3 (d, $J = 14.7$ Hz, 1F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl_3) δ 183.0, 150.9 (dd, $J = 261.7$ Hz, 19.6 Hz), 150.0 (dd, $J = 260.5$ Hz, 19.1 Hz), 148.4 (d, $J = 9.1$ Hz), 148.2 (d, $J = 8.4$ Hz), 145.4, 144.6 (d, $J = 5.9$ Hz), 143.8, 140.3, 135.2, 132.8, 131.2 (d, $J = 9.4$ Hz), 130.7, 130.5, 130.3, 129.8, 126.9, 125.3 (d,

$J = 9.4$ Hz), 120.3, 113.2 (d, $J = 10.9$ Hz), 110.7 (d, $J = 11.2$ Hz), 75.9, 75.8, 40.7, 40.68, 30.6, 30.5, 29.3, 29.26, 23.9, 23.87, 23.2, 14.2, 11.5, 11.4. MS (MALDI): m/z (%) 728.2 ($M^+ + H$), 727.2 ($M^+ + H$). HRMS: Calculated for $C_{37}H_{40}N_2O_3F_2N_2S_4$: 726.1890; Found: 727.1946.



4,4'-(5,5'-(5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole-4,7-diyl)bis(3-hexylthiophene-5,2-diyl))bis(N,N-diphenylaniline) (14). To a 25 mL of sealed tube were added **6a** (0.1 mmol, 1.0 equiv), (4-(diphenylamino)phenyl)boronic acid (73 mg, 2.5 equiv), $Pd(PPh_3)_4$ (2 mol %), K_2CO_3 (55 mg 4.0 equiv) under N_2 , followed by DMF (2 mL), H_2O (400 μ L) with stirring. The reaction mixture was stirred at 110 $^{\circ}C$ (oil bath). After stirring for 10 h, the reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature, diluted with dichloromethane, filtered, washed with brine, dried over Na_2SO_4 , and concentrated. The residue was purified with silica gel chromatography (Petroleum ether (100%)) to provide pure product (95 mg, 96%) as a red solid. 1H NMR (400 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 8.14 (s, 2H), 7.40 (d, $J = 8.8$ Hz, 4H), 7.30 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, 8H), 7.20-7.10 (m, 12H), 7.06 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 4H), 2.77 (t, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 4H), 1.71 (m, 4H), 1.45-1.25(m, 12H), 0.90(t, $J = 5.8$ Hz, 6H). ^{19}F NMR (376 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ -128.6 (s, 2F). ^{13}C NMR (100 MHz, $CDCl_3$) δ 149.7 (dd, $J = 258.5$ Hz, 20.2 Hz), 148.8 (t, $J = 4.1$ Hz), 147.4, 147.38, 141.7, 138.7, 133.5, 129.9, 129.3, 129.1, 127.7, 124.7, 123.2, 122.9, 111.2 (m), 31.6, 31.0, 29.2, 28.8, 22.6, 14.1. MS (MALDI): m/z (%) 993.4 (M^+), 992.4 (M^+), 991.4 (M^+), 990.4 (M^+ , 100). HRMS: Calculated for $C_{62}H_{56}N_4F_2S_3$: 990.36297; Found: 990.3618.

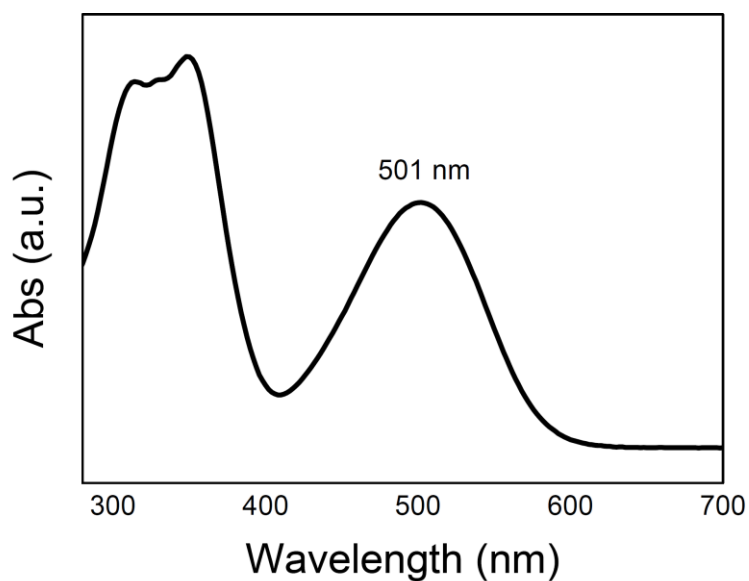
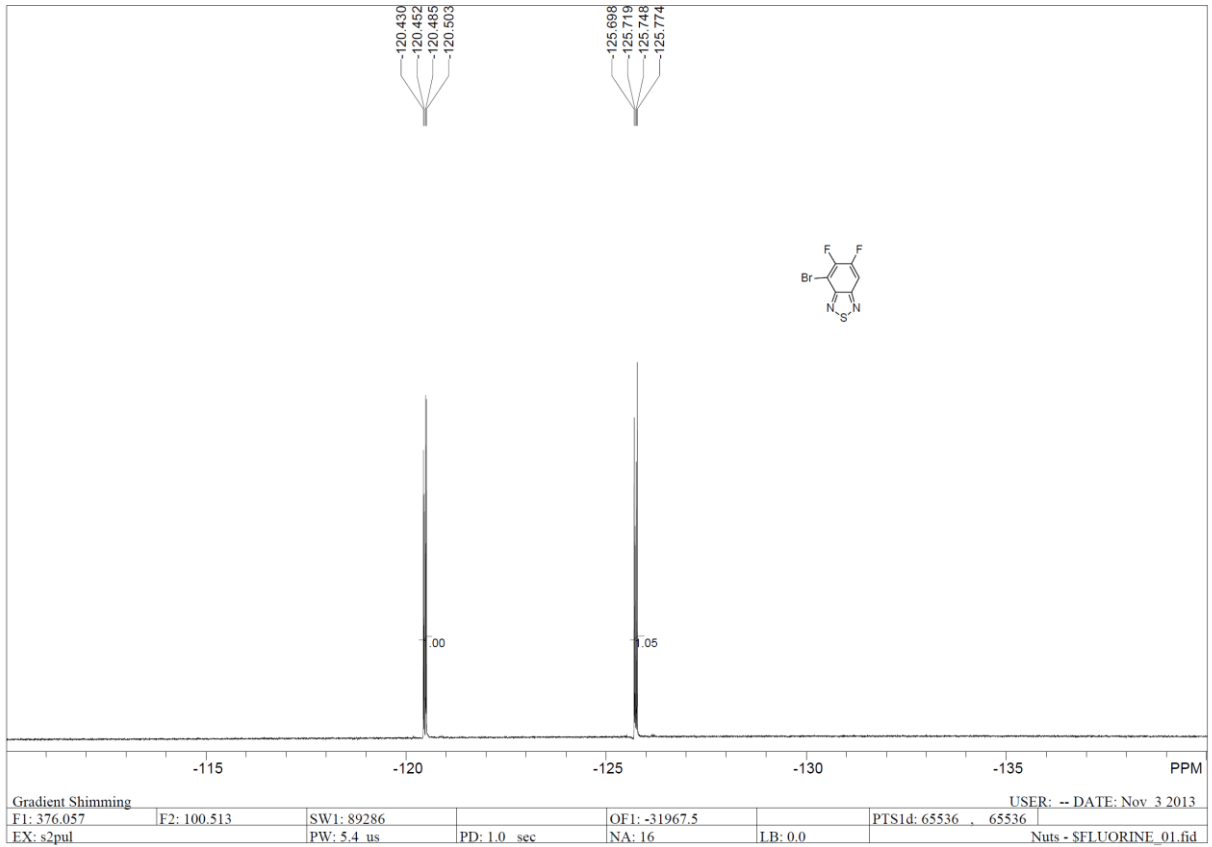
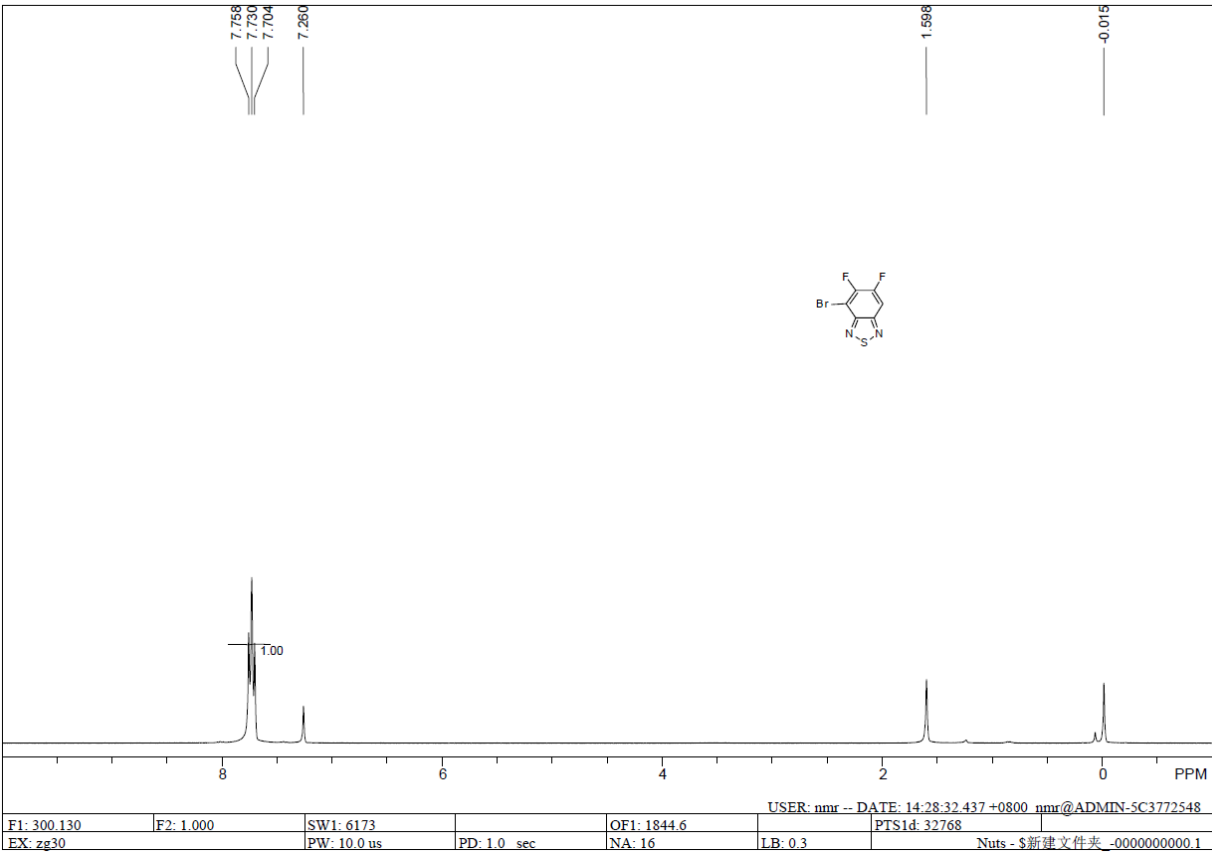


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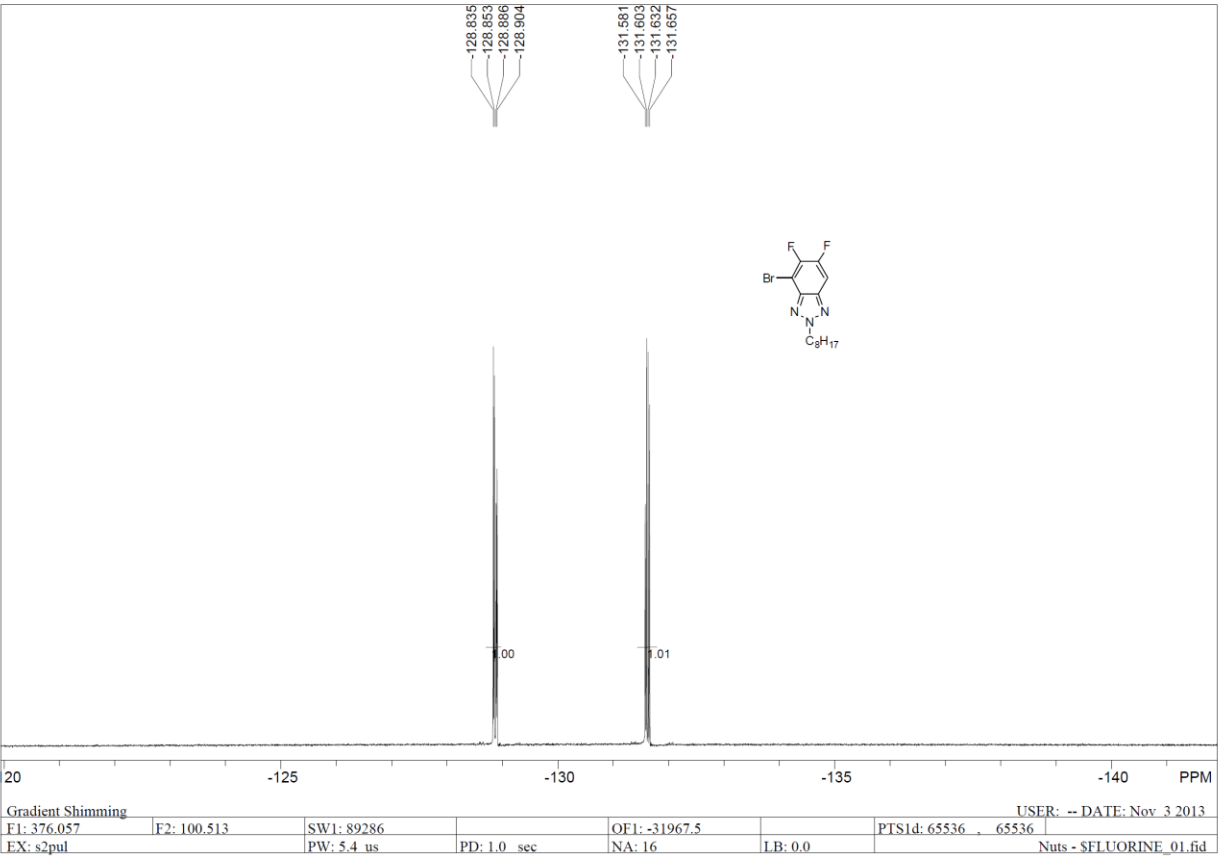
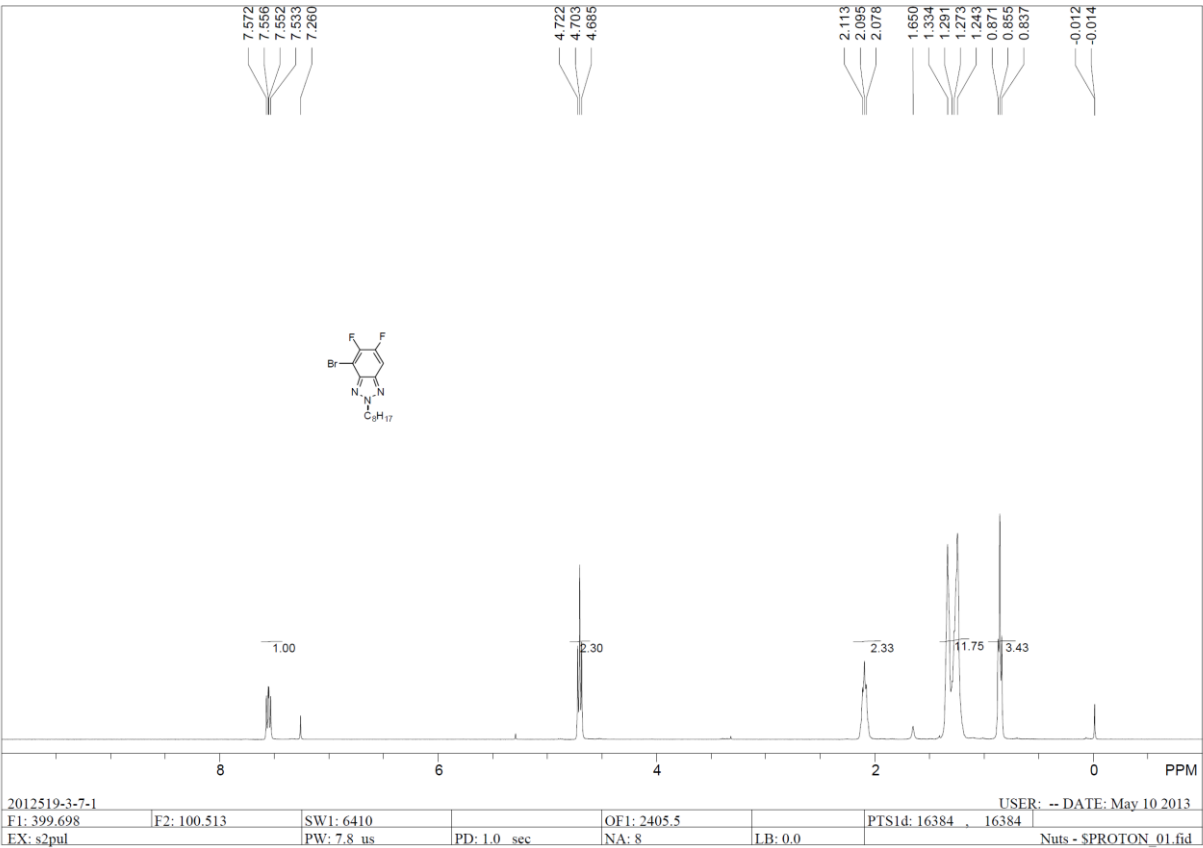
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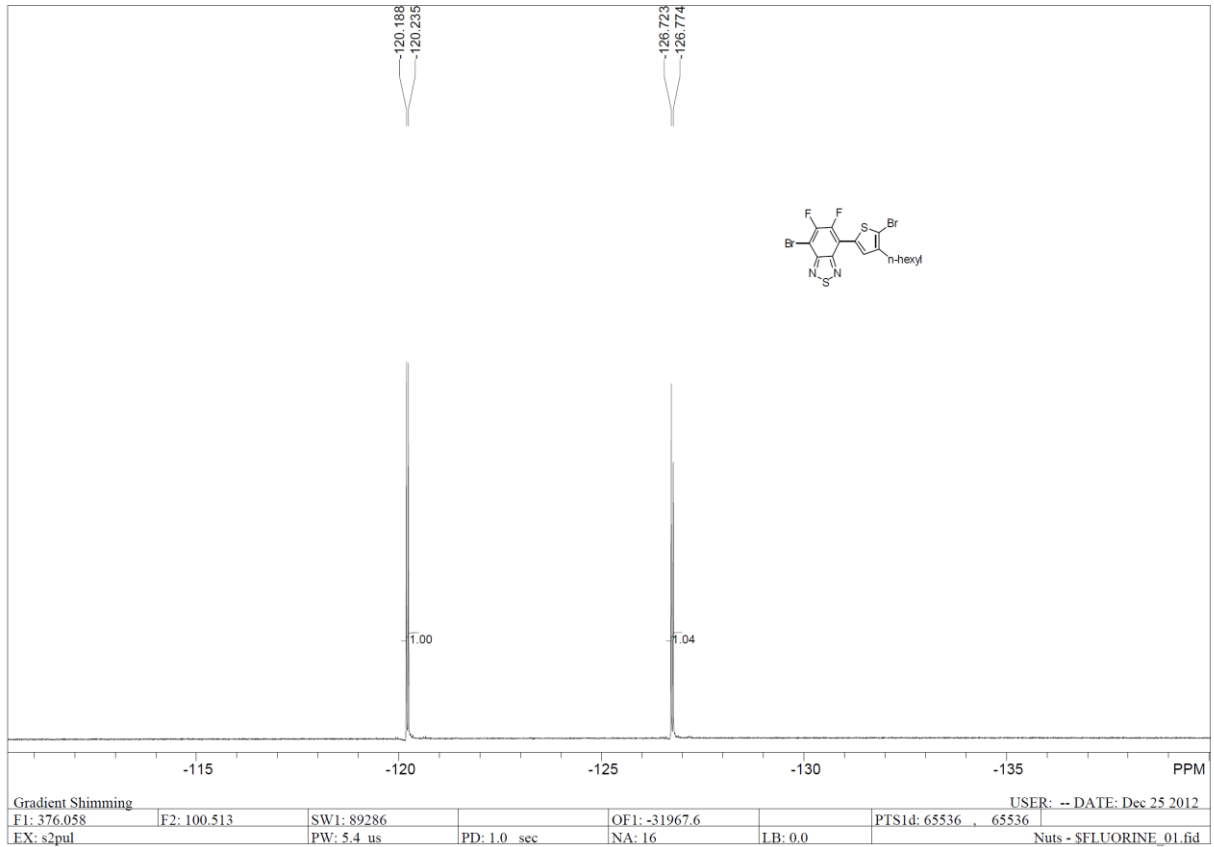
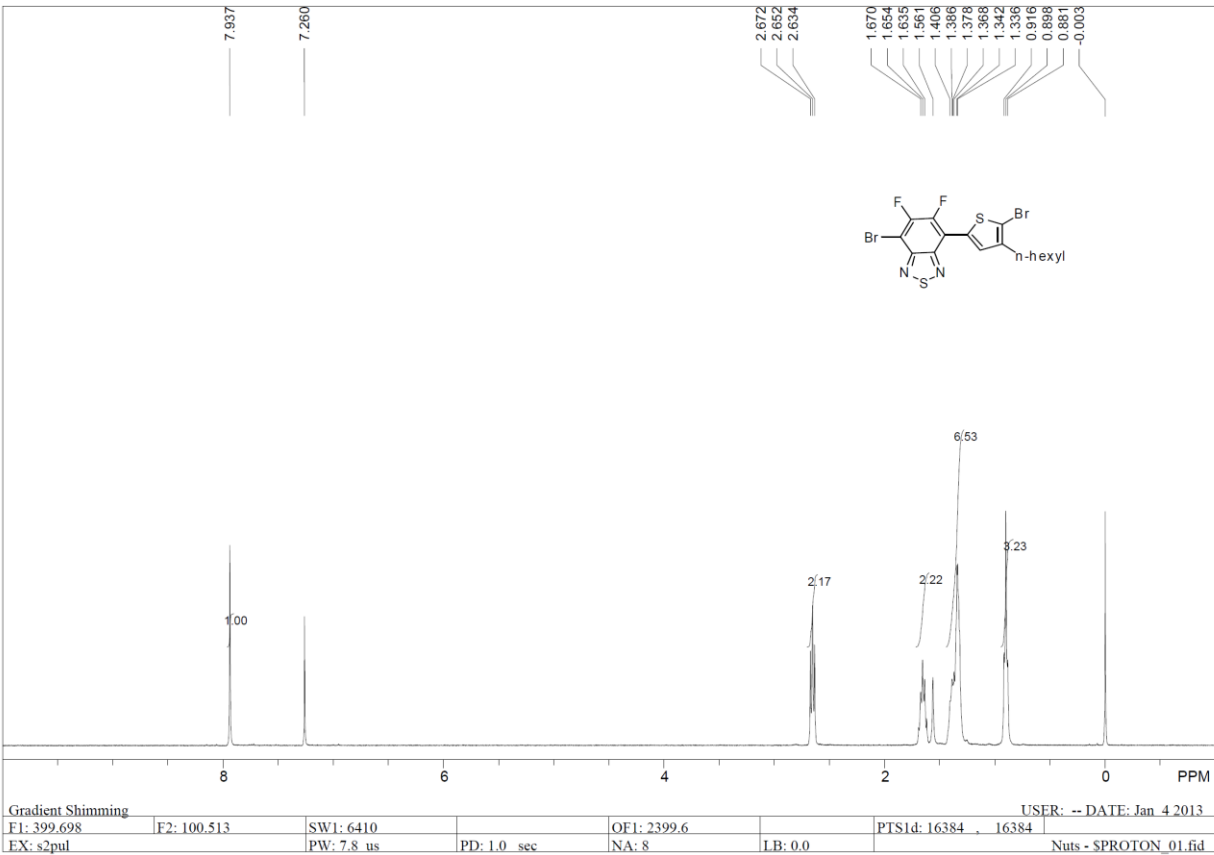
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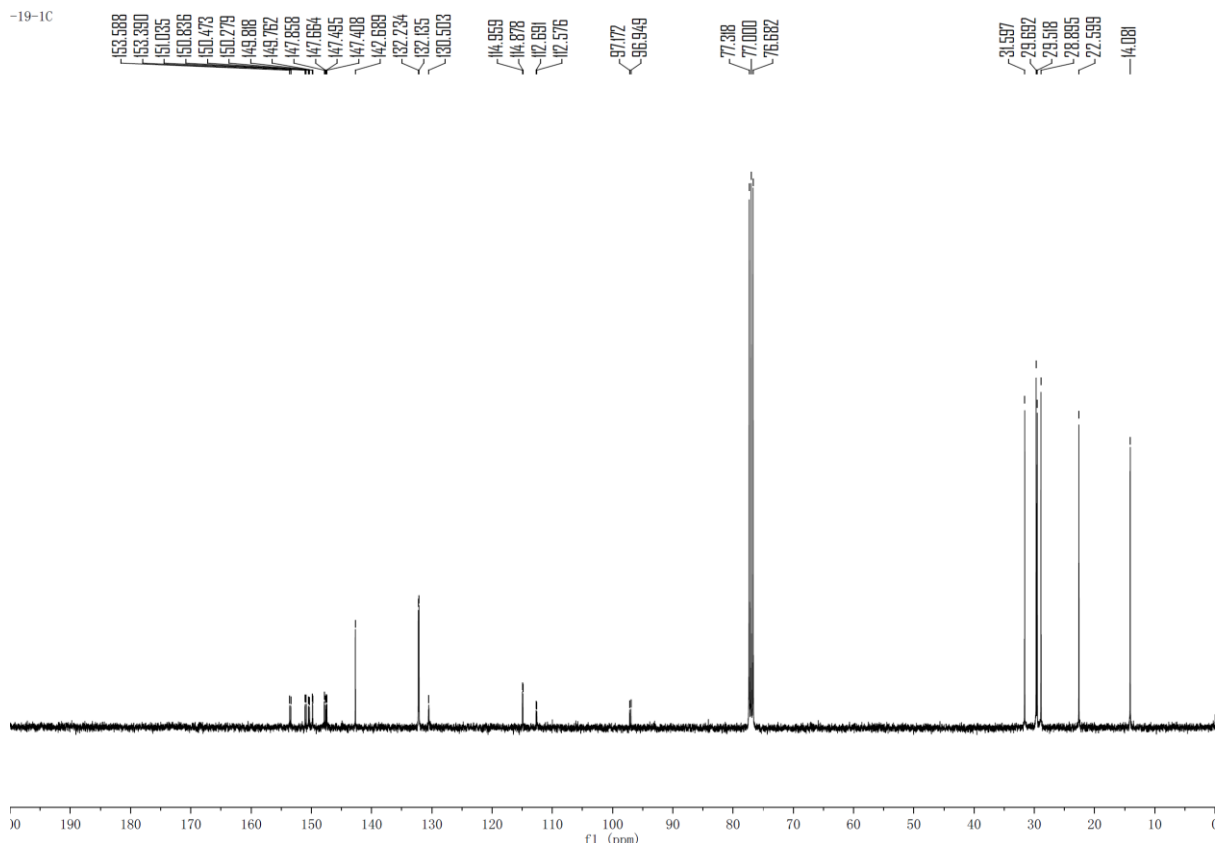


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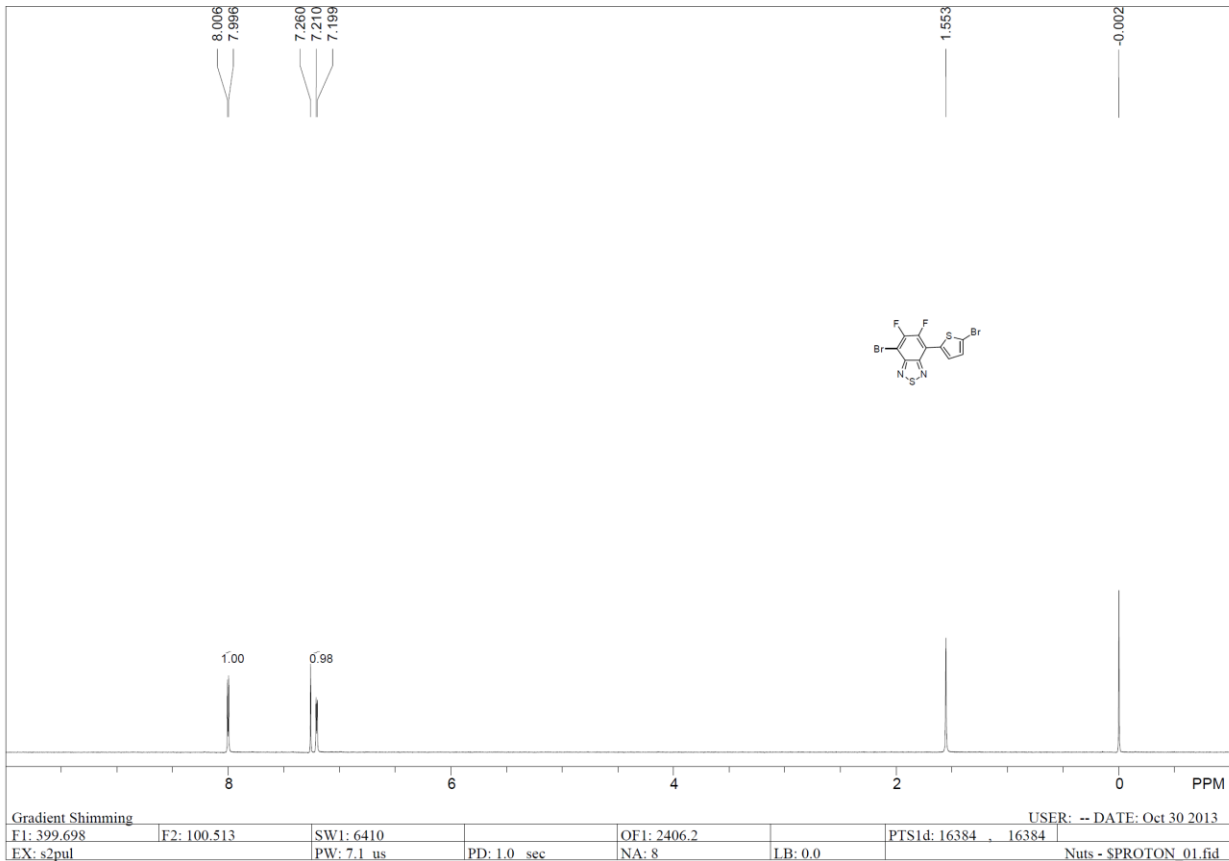


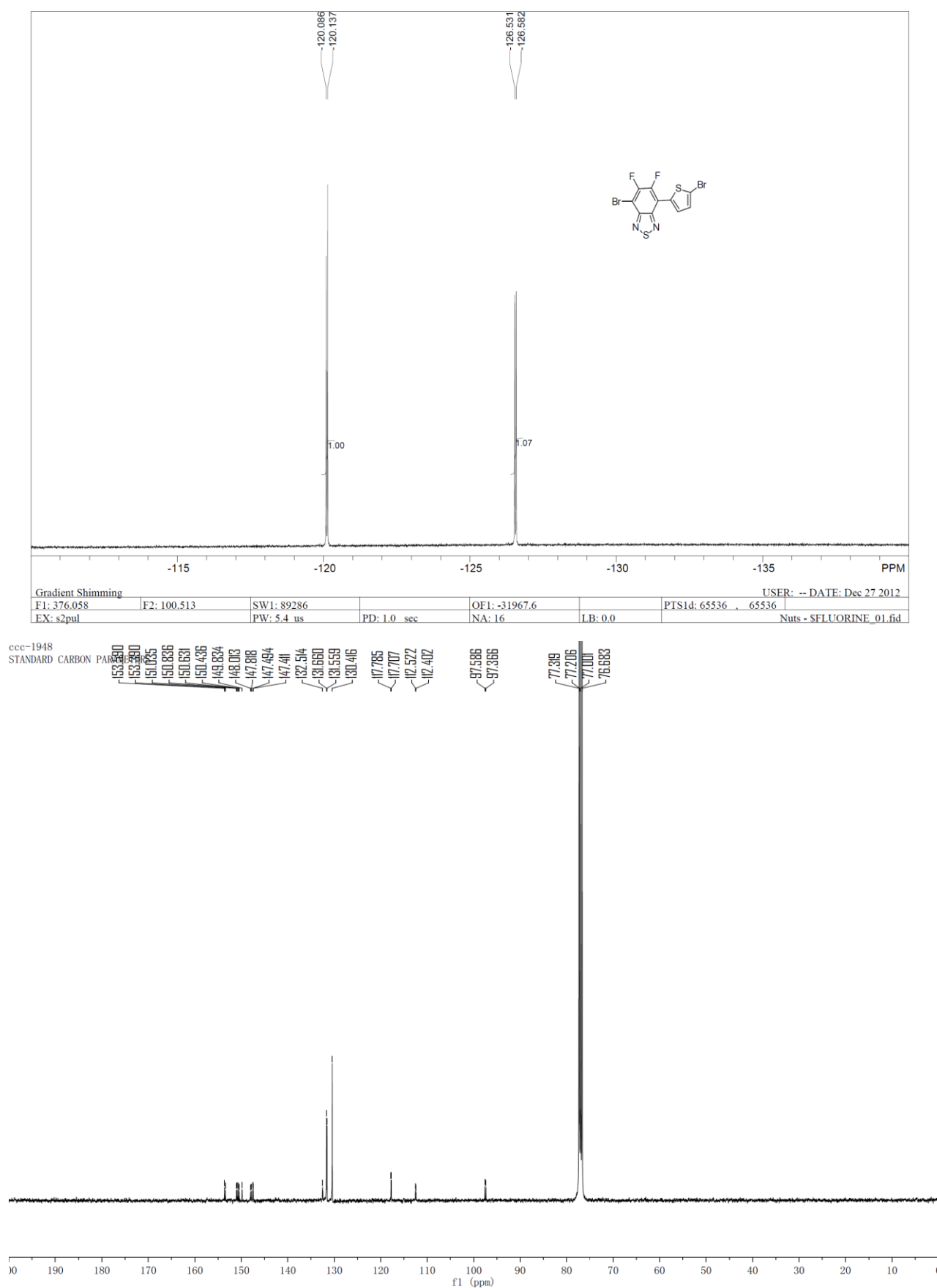
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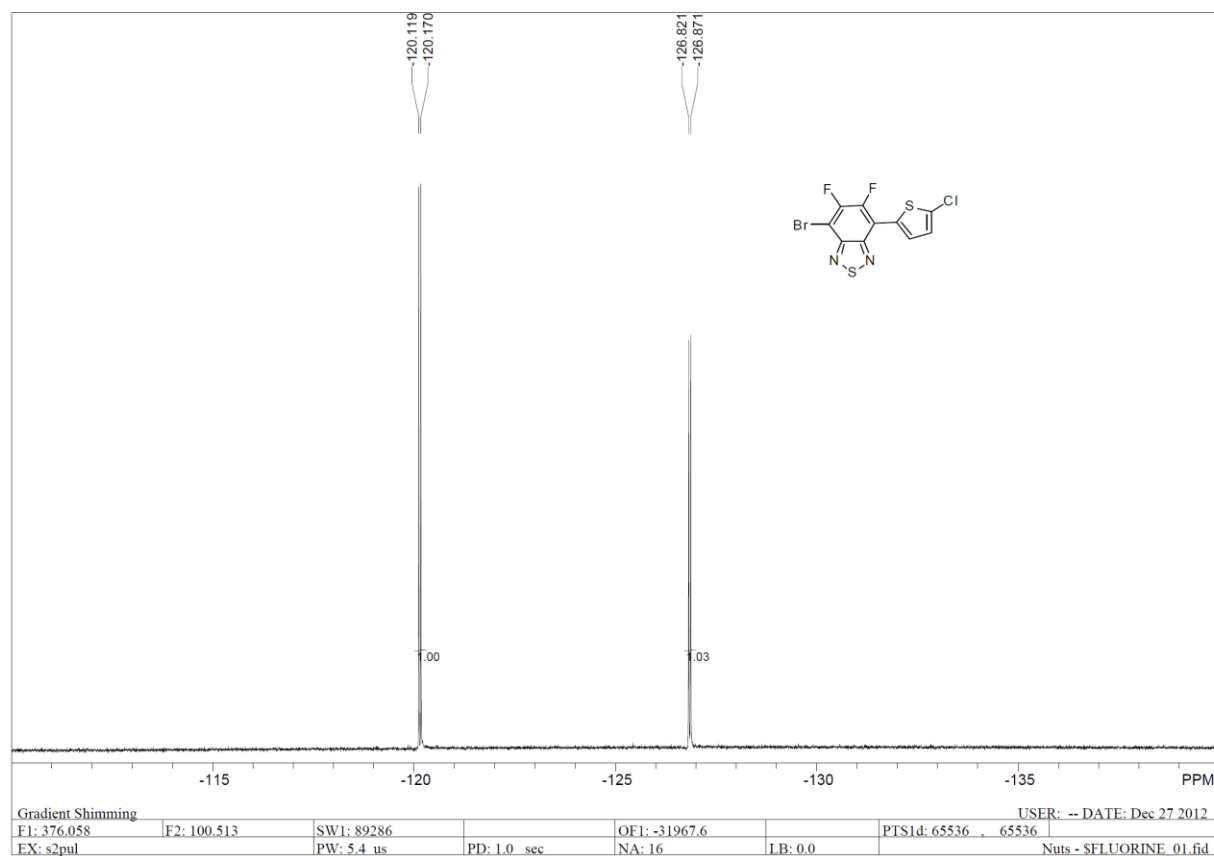
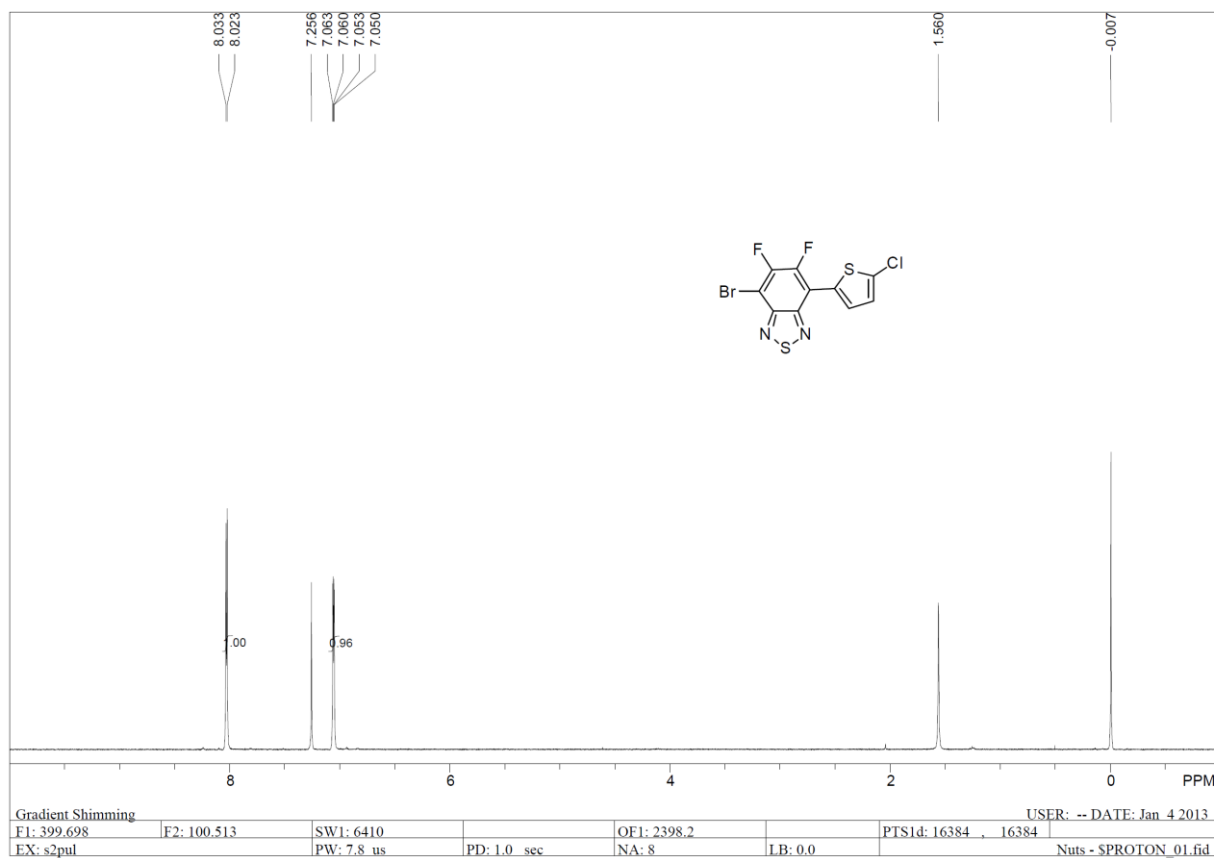


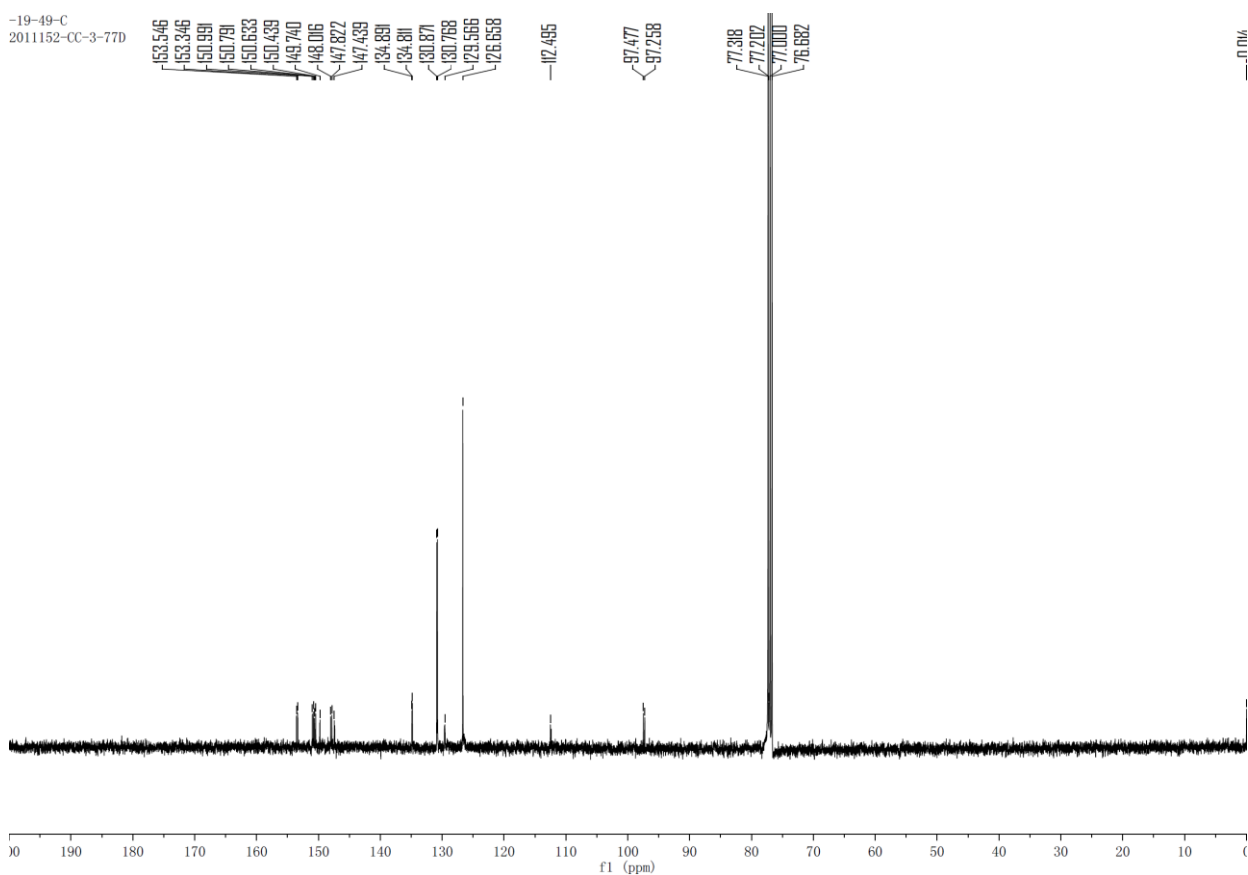
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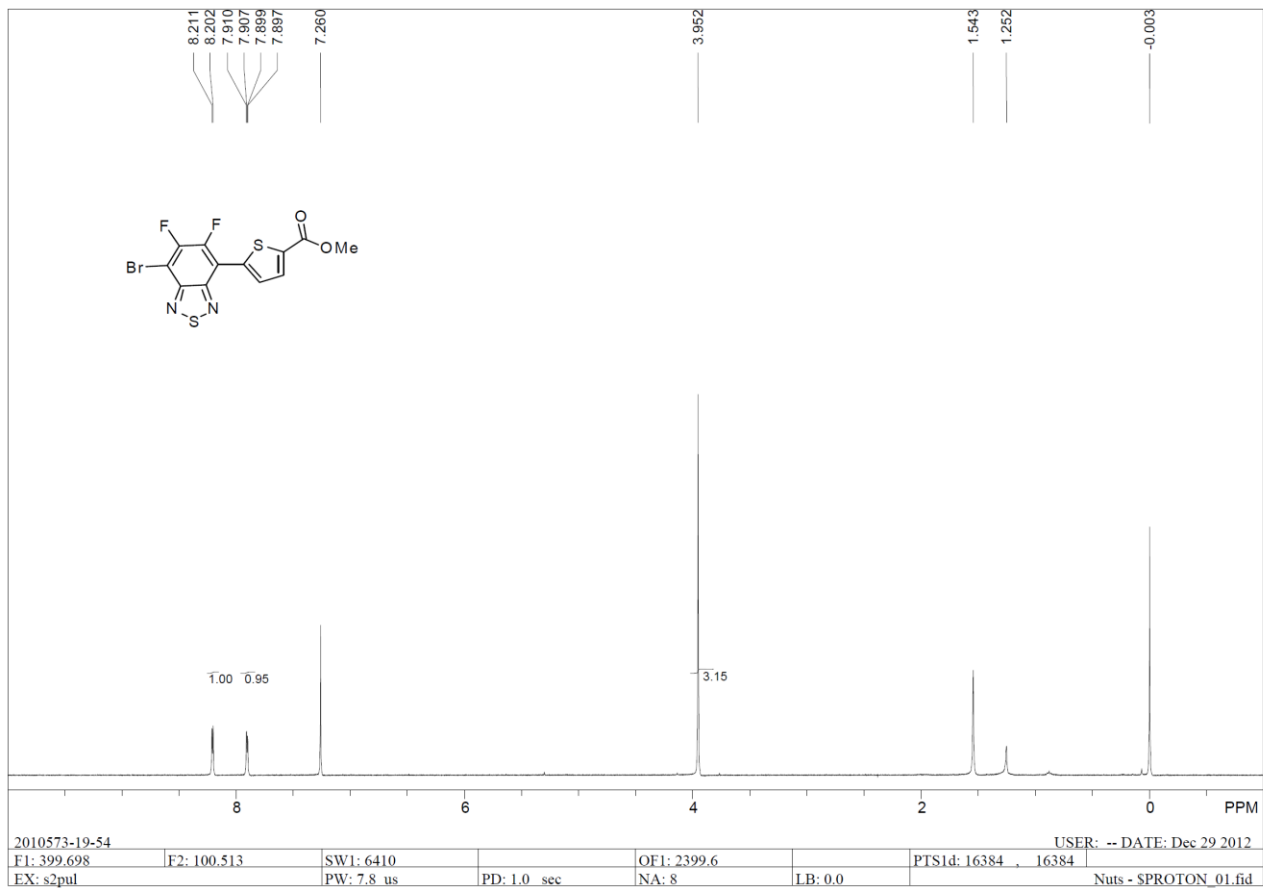


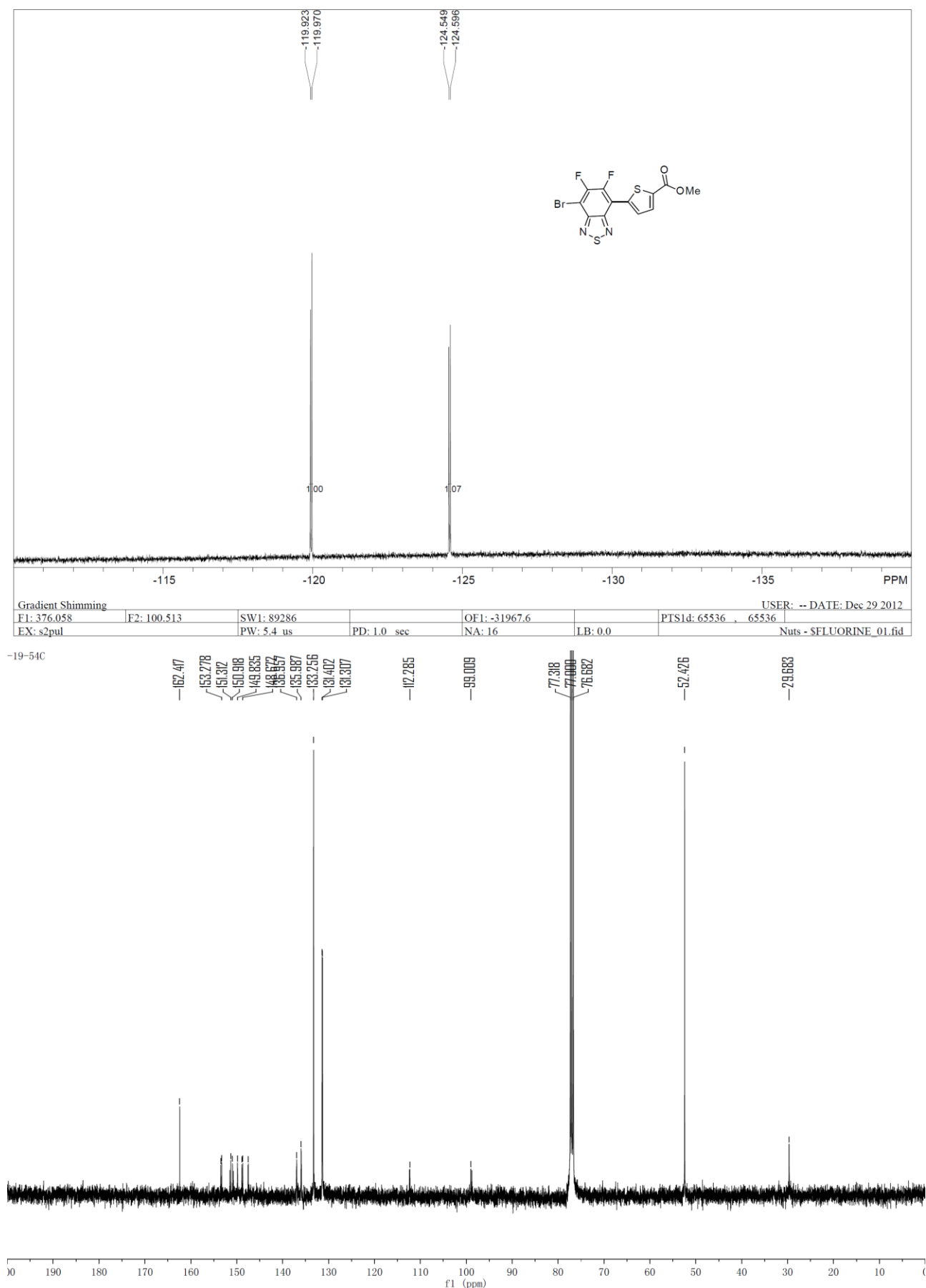
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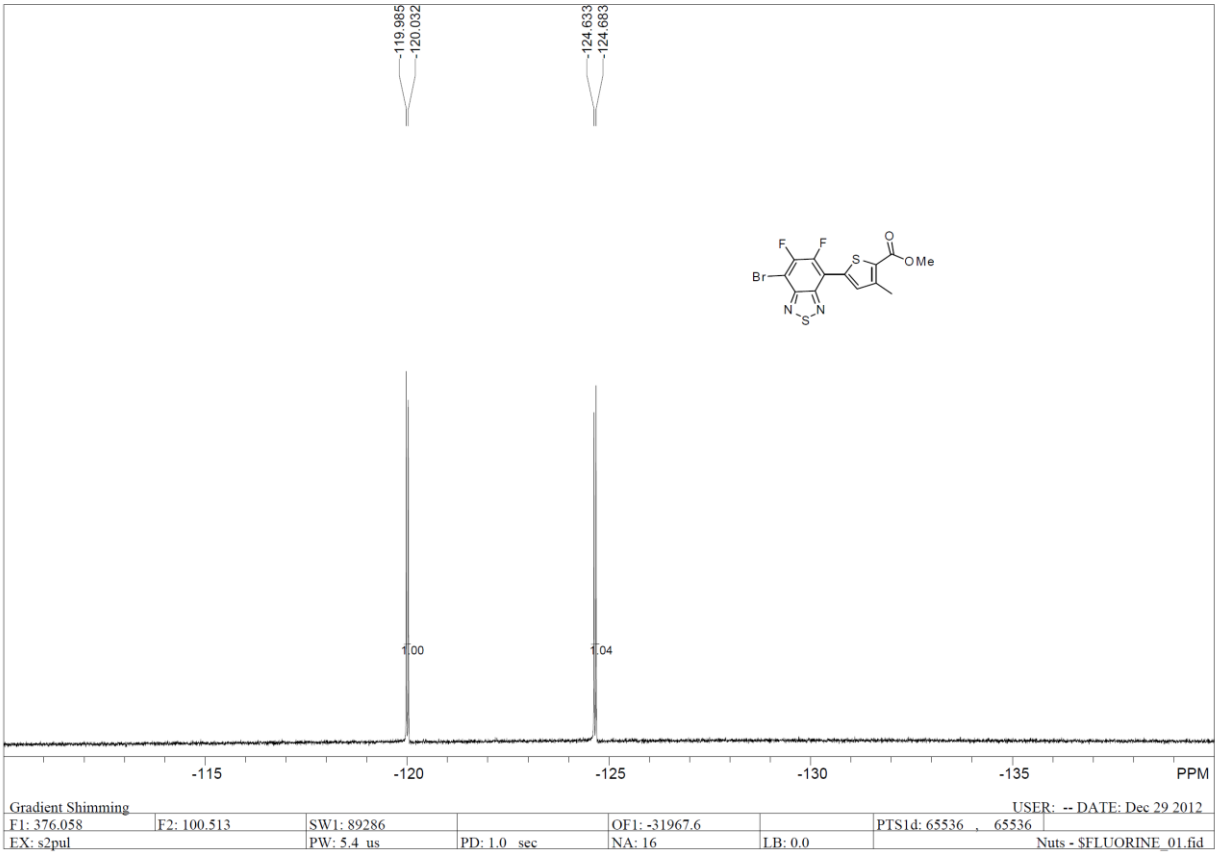
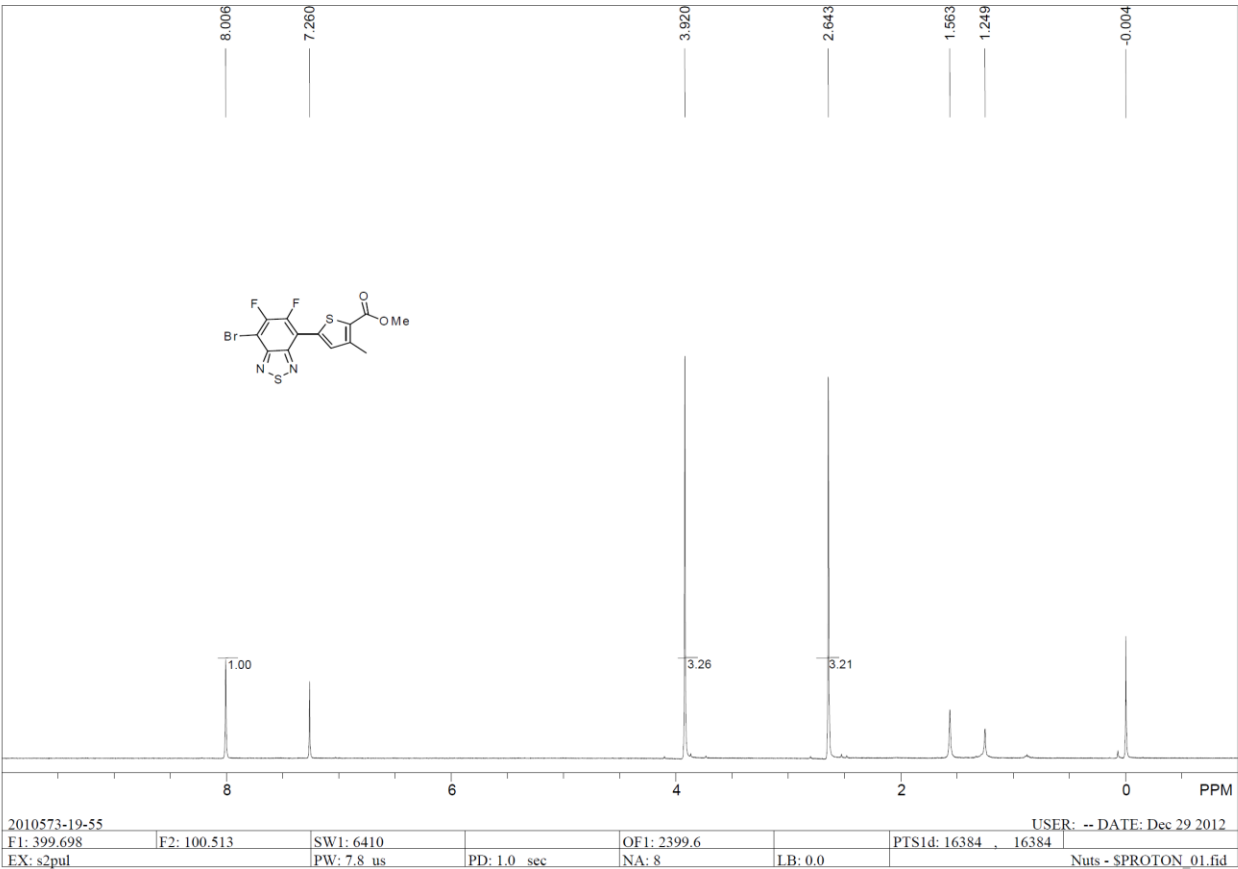


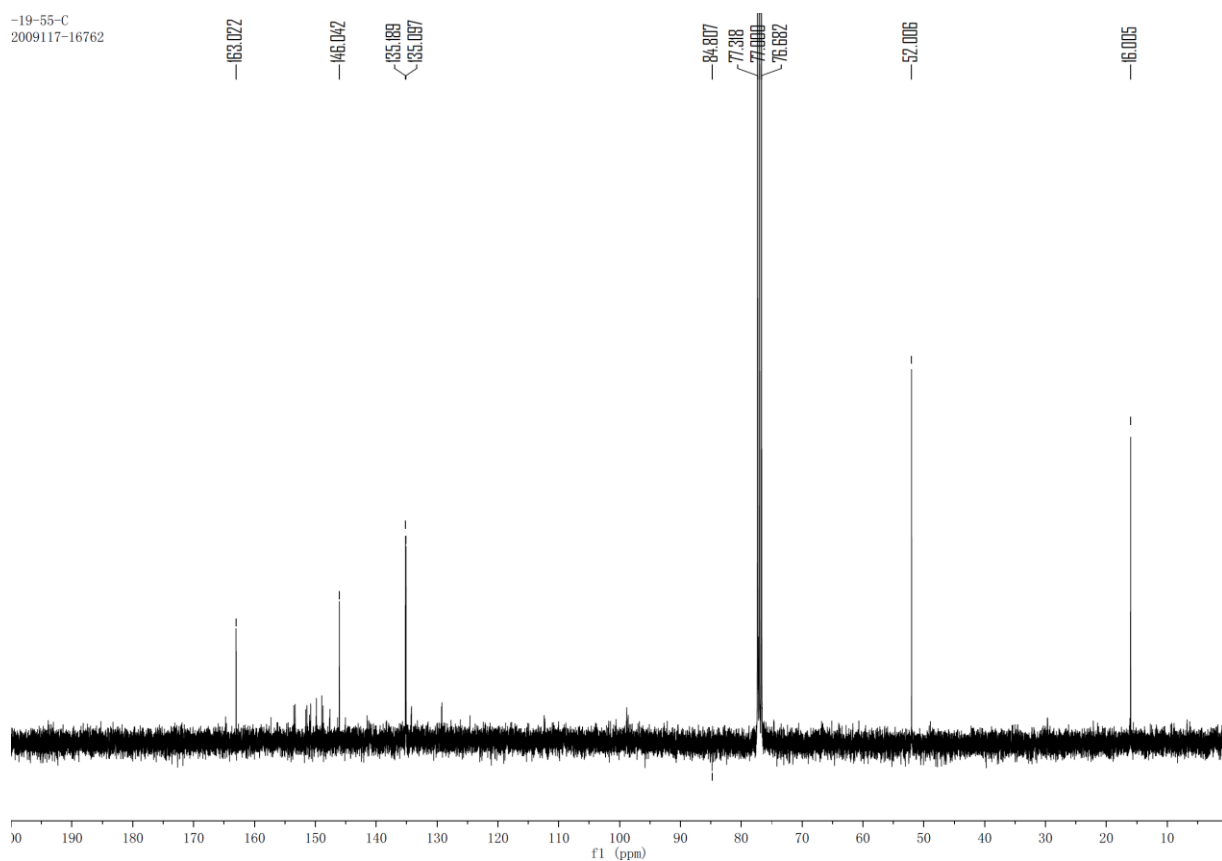
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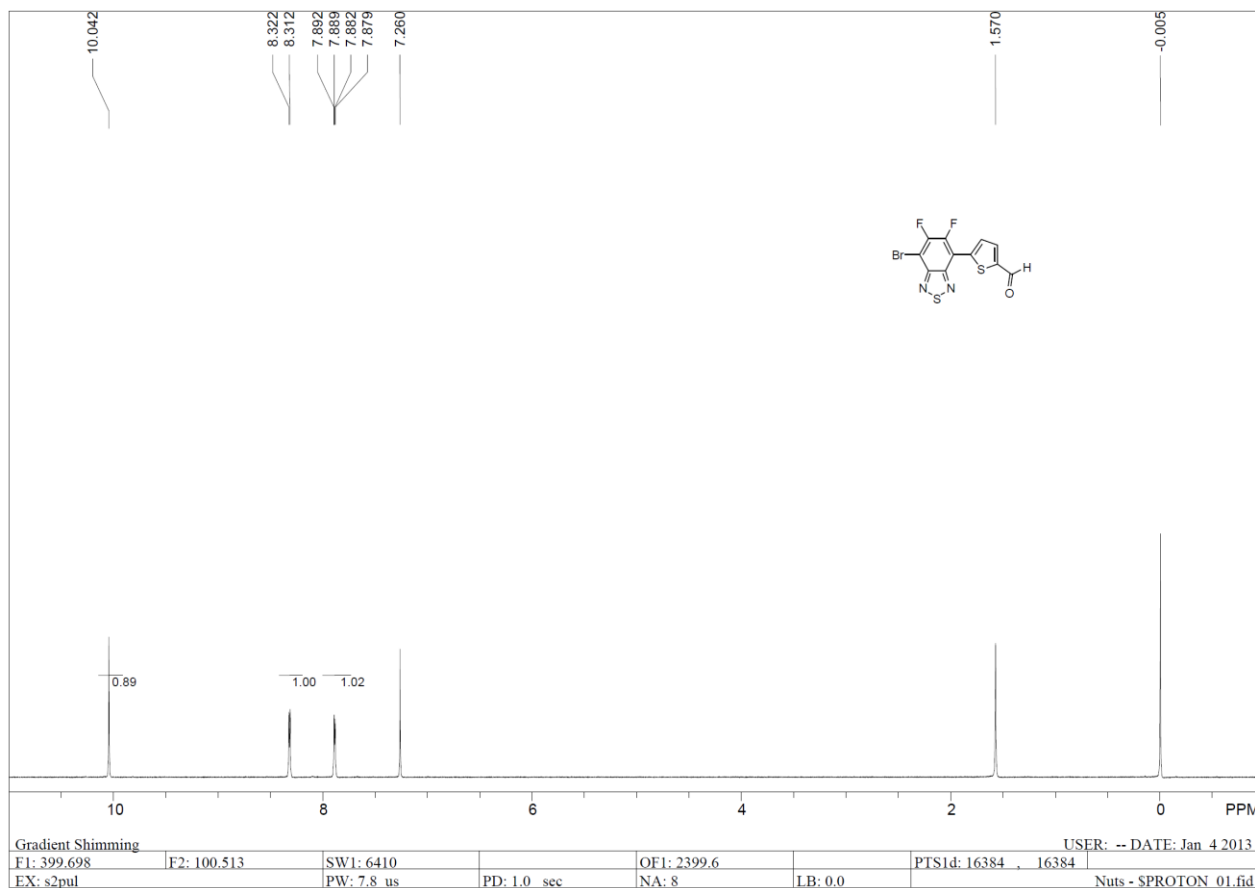


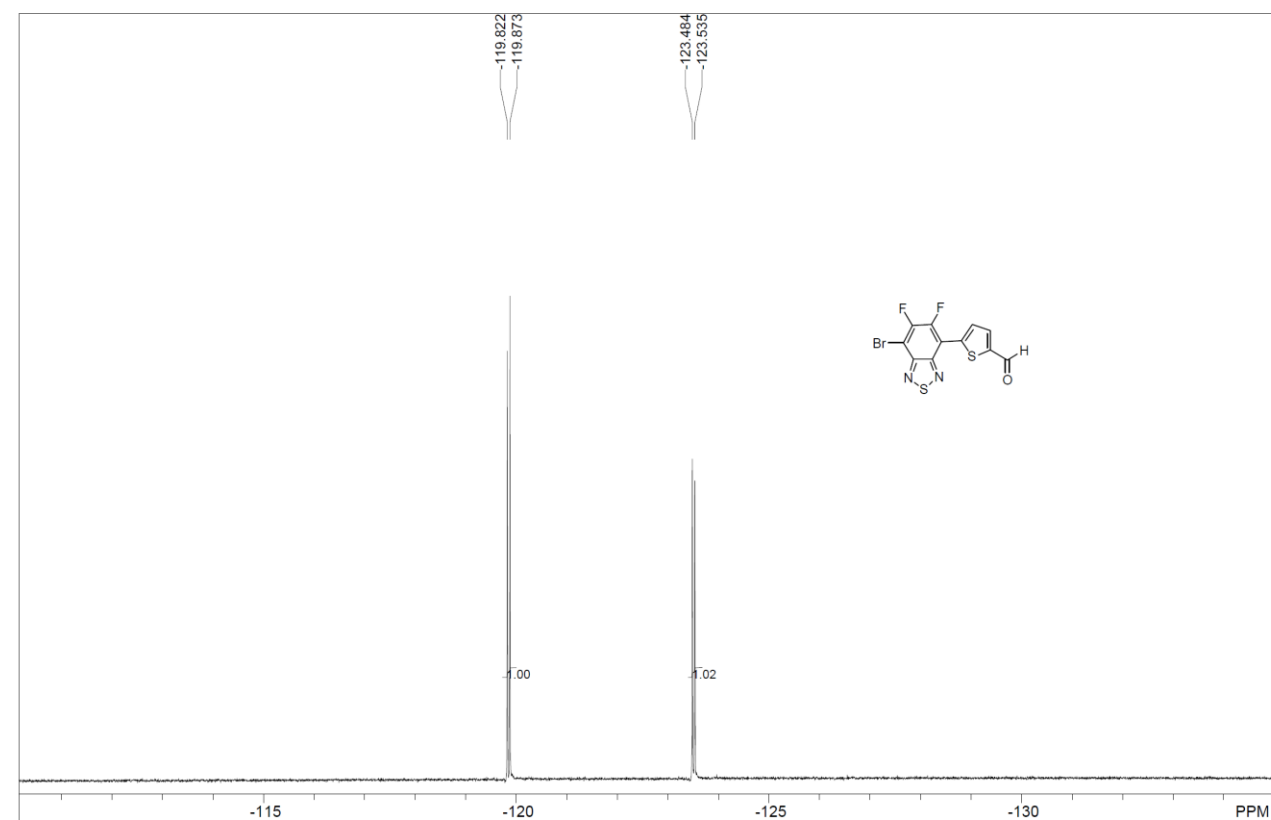
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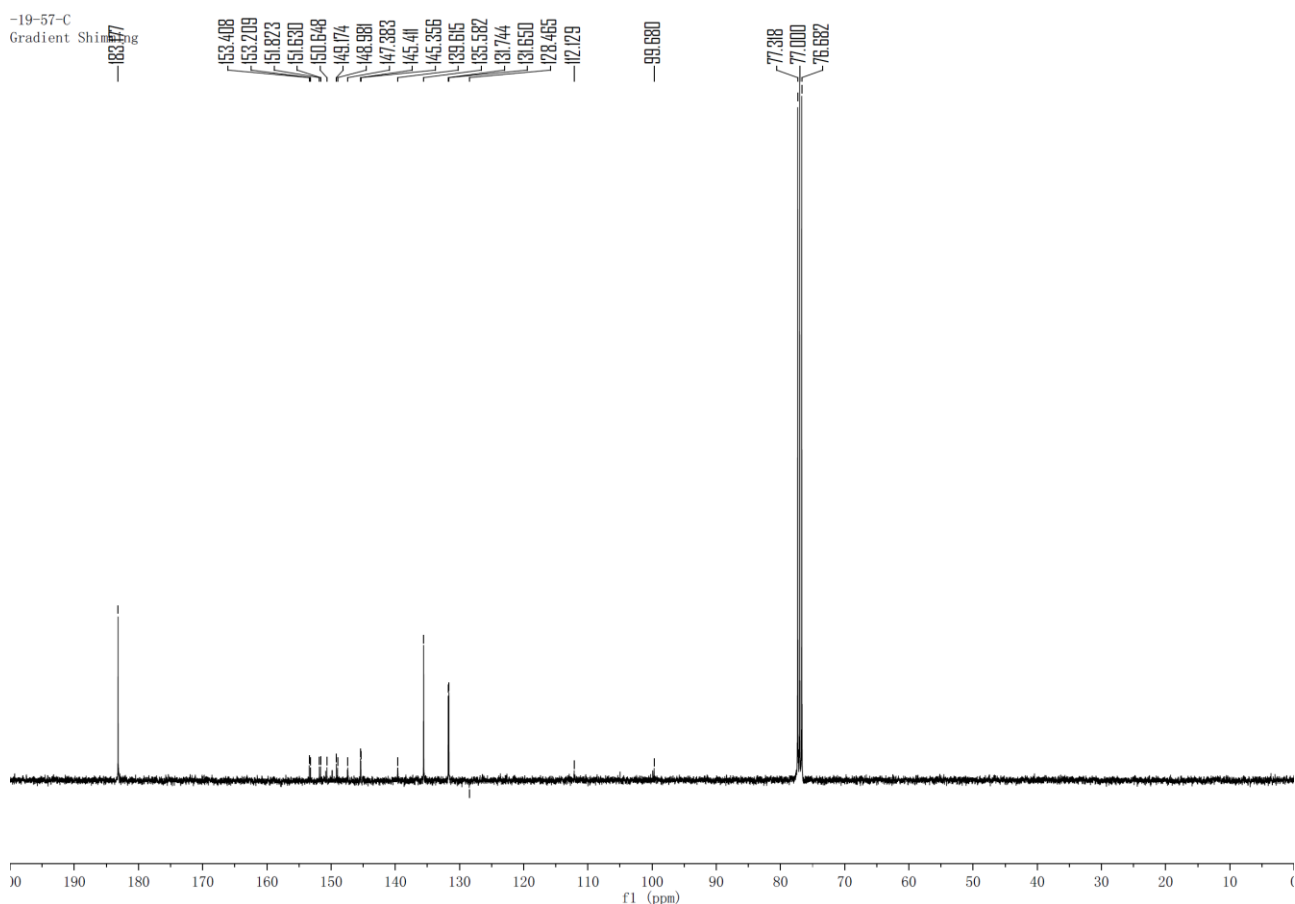


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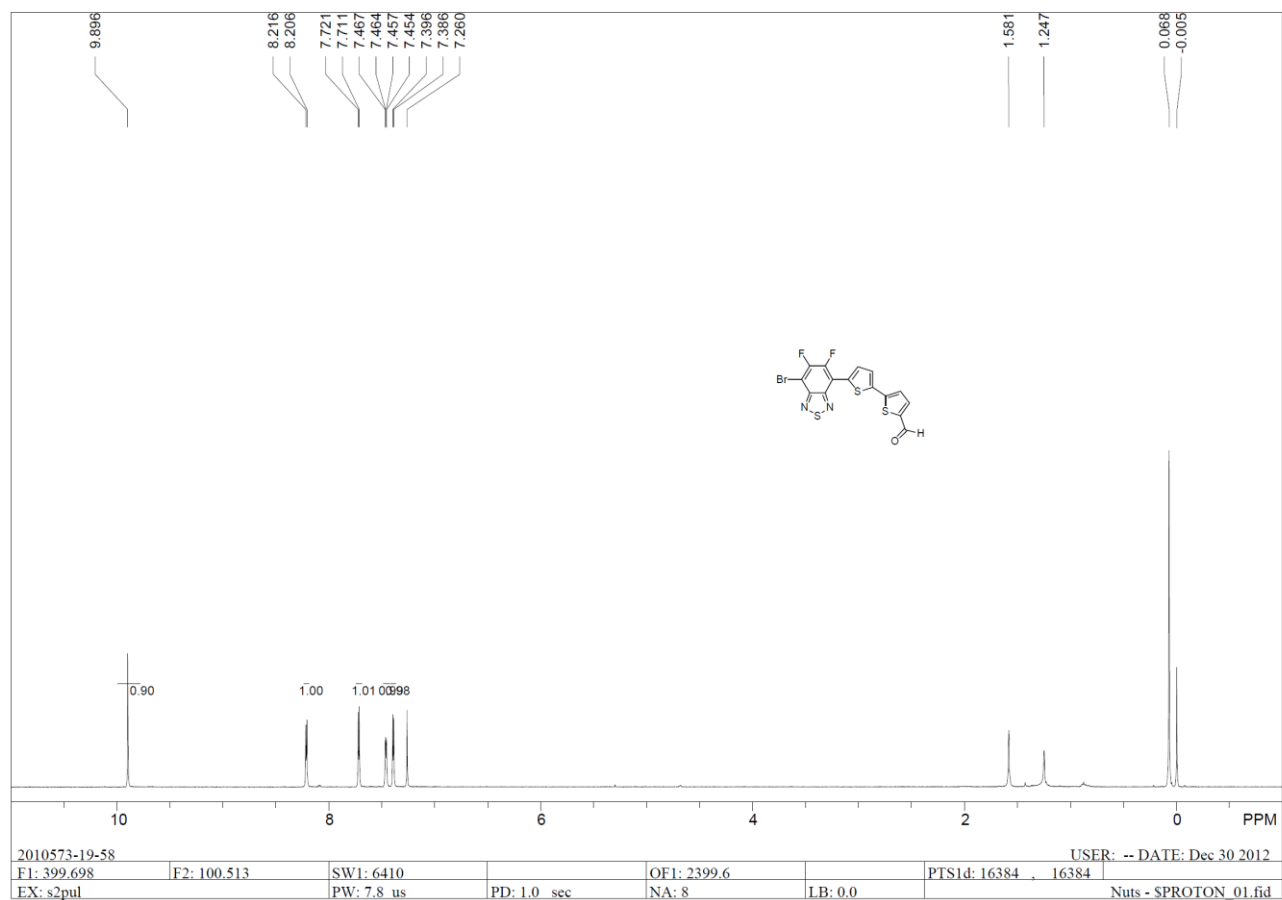


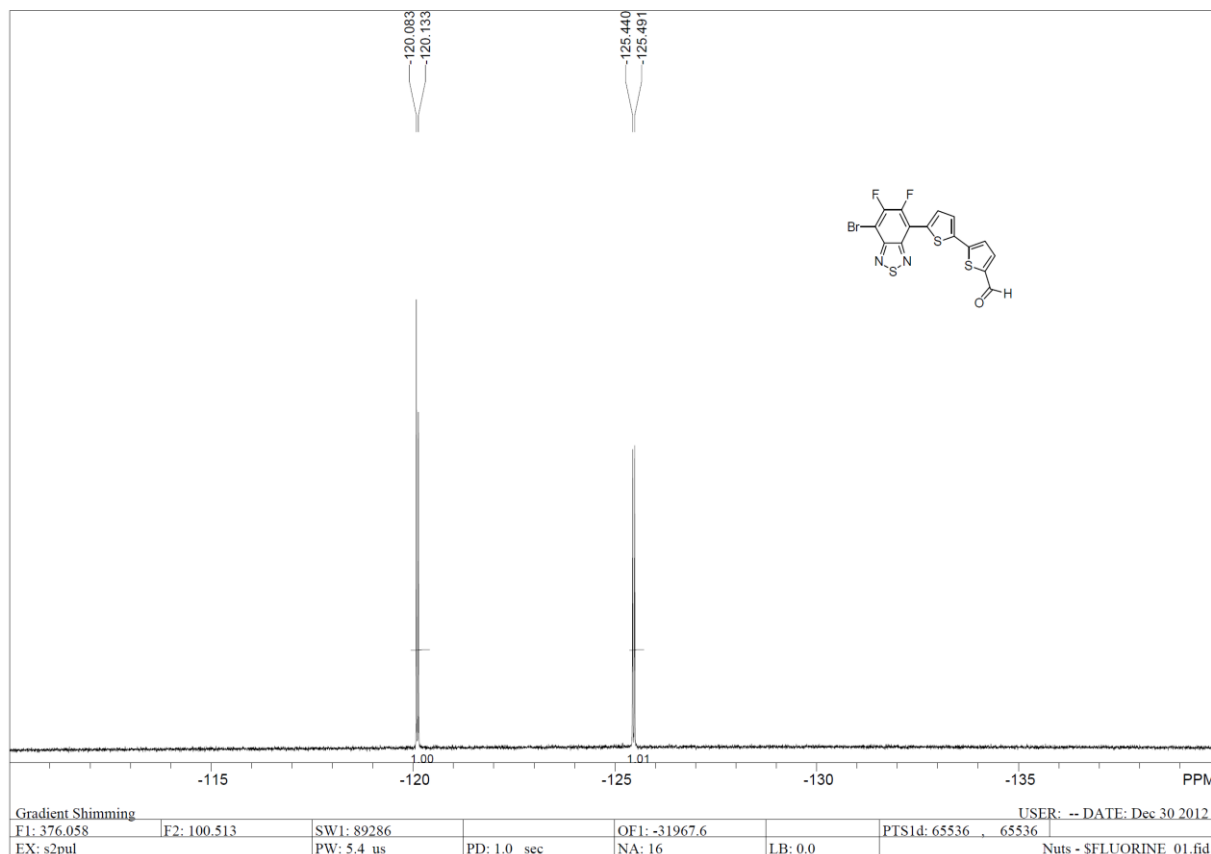


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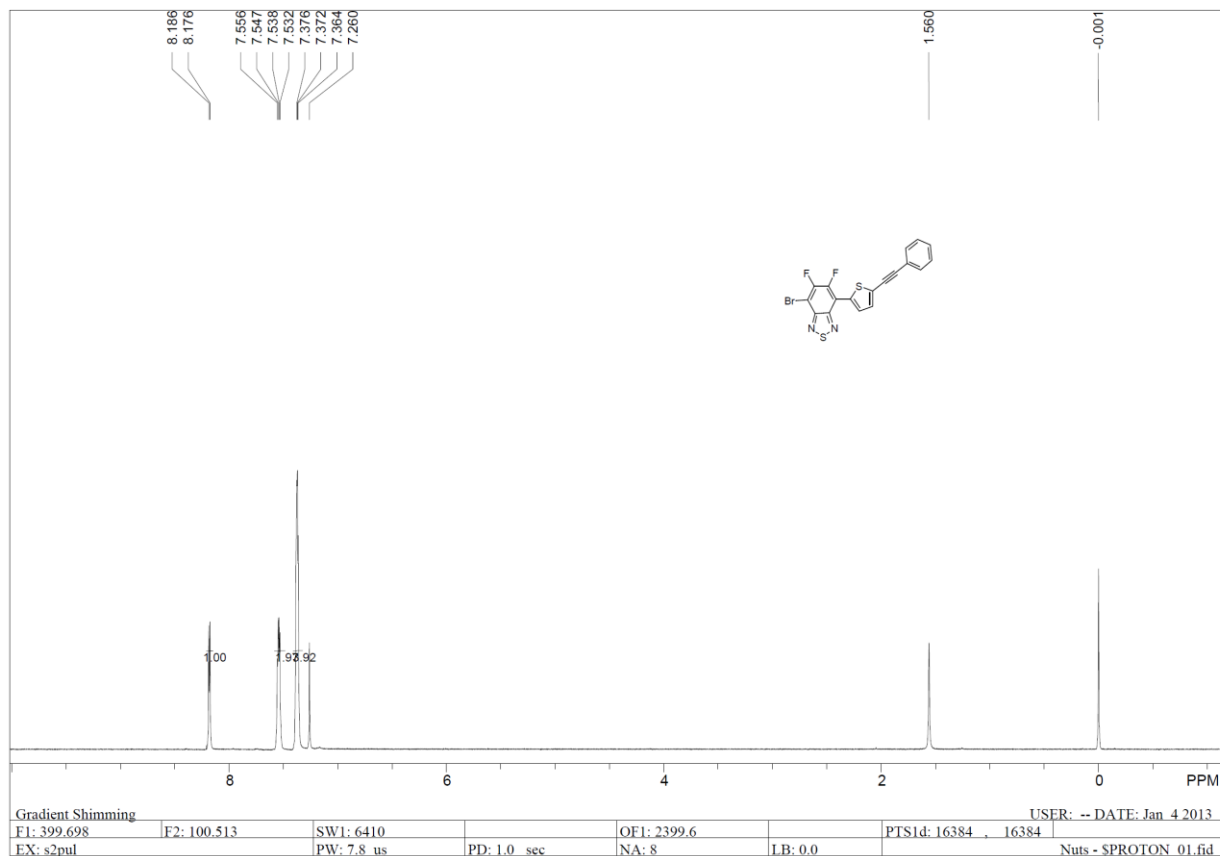


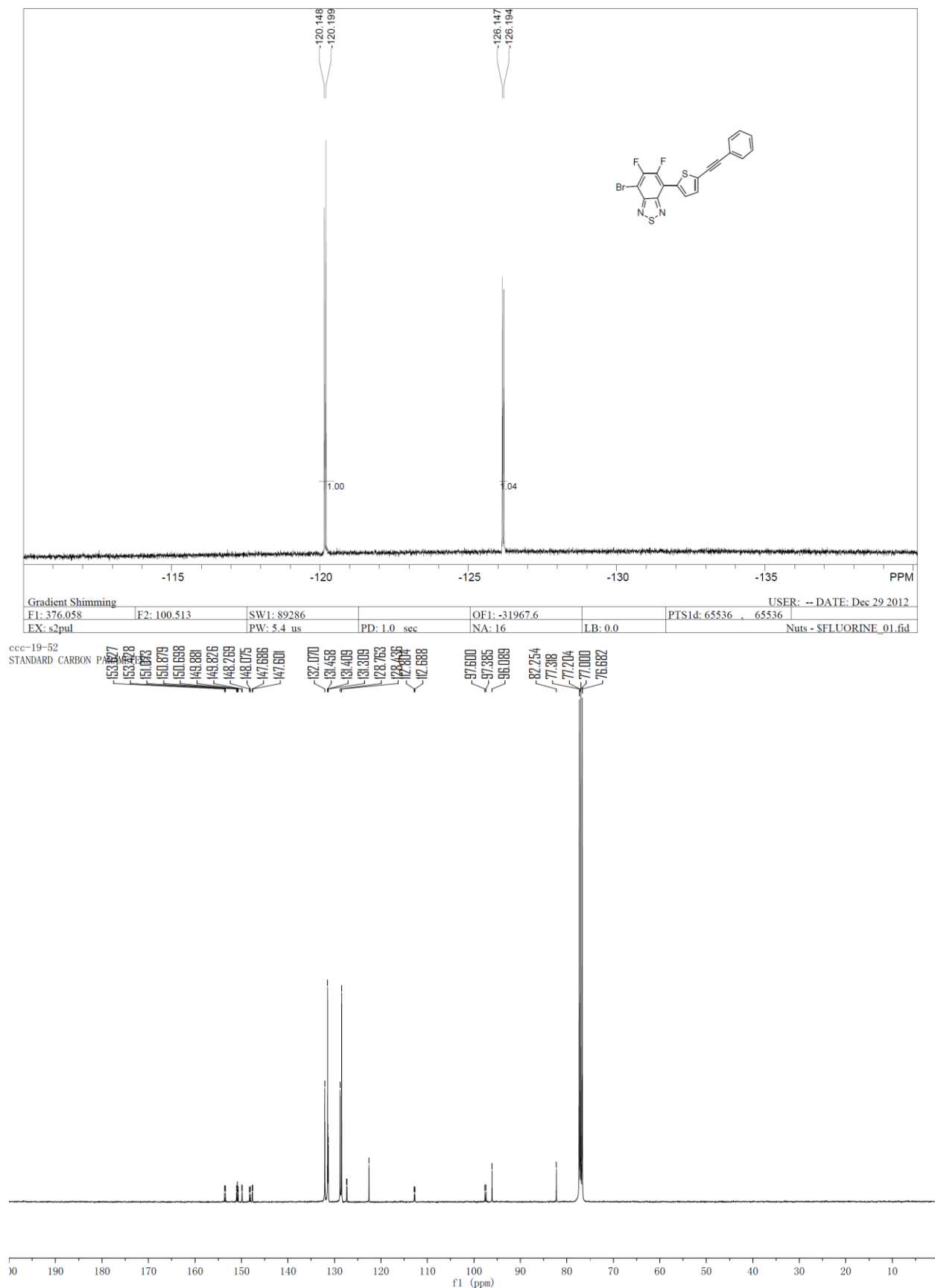
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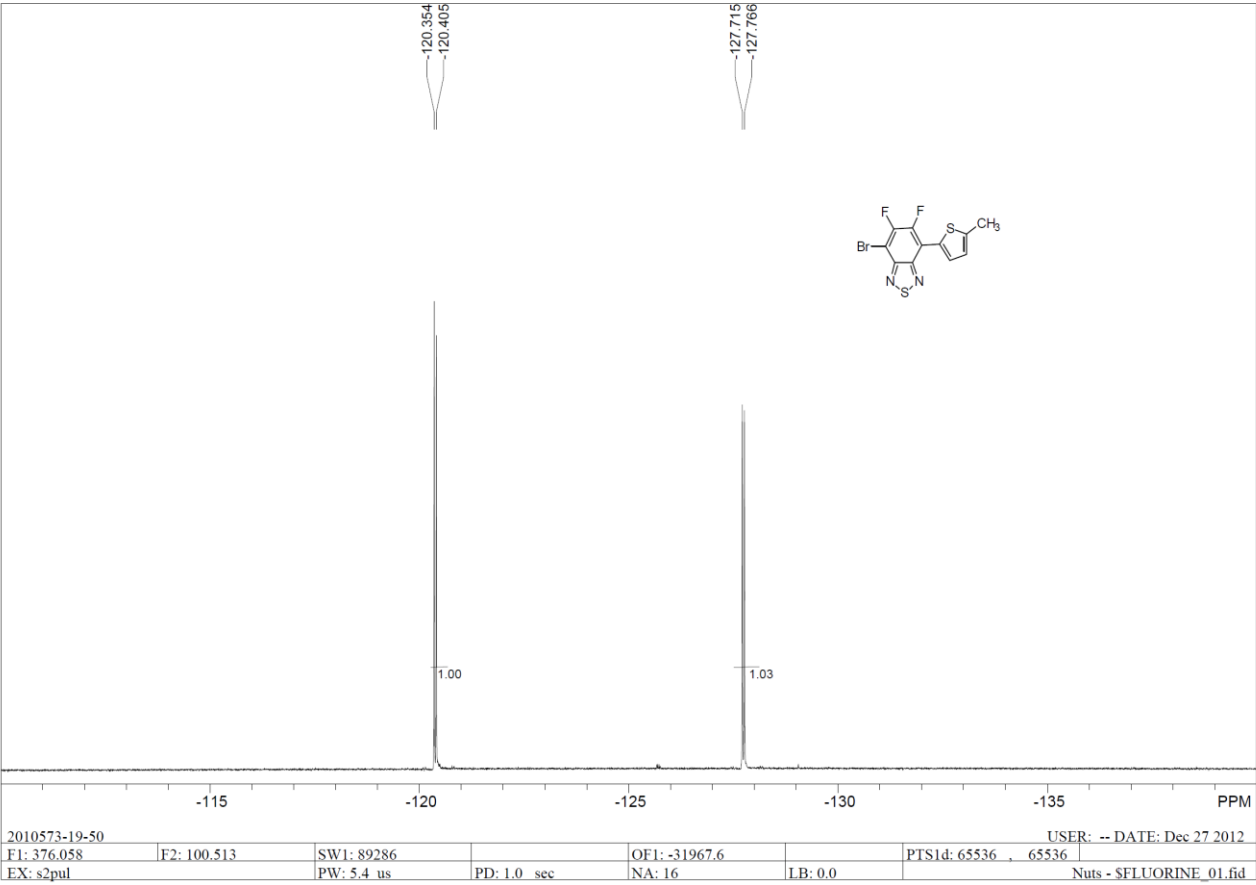
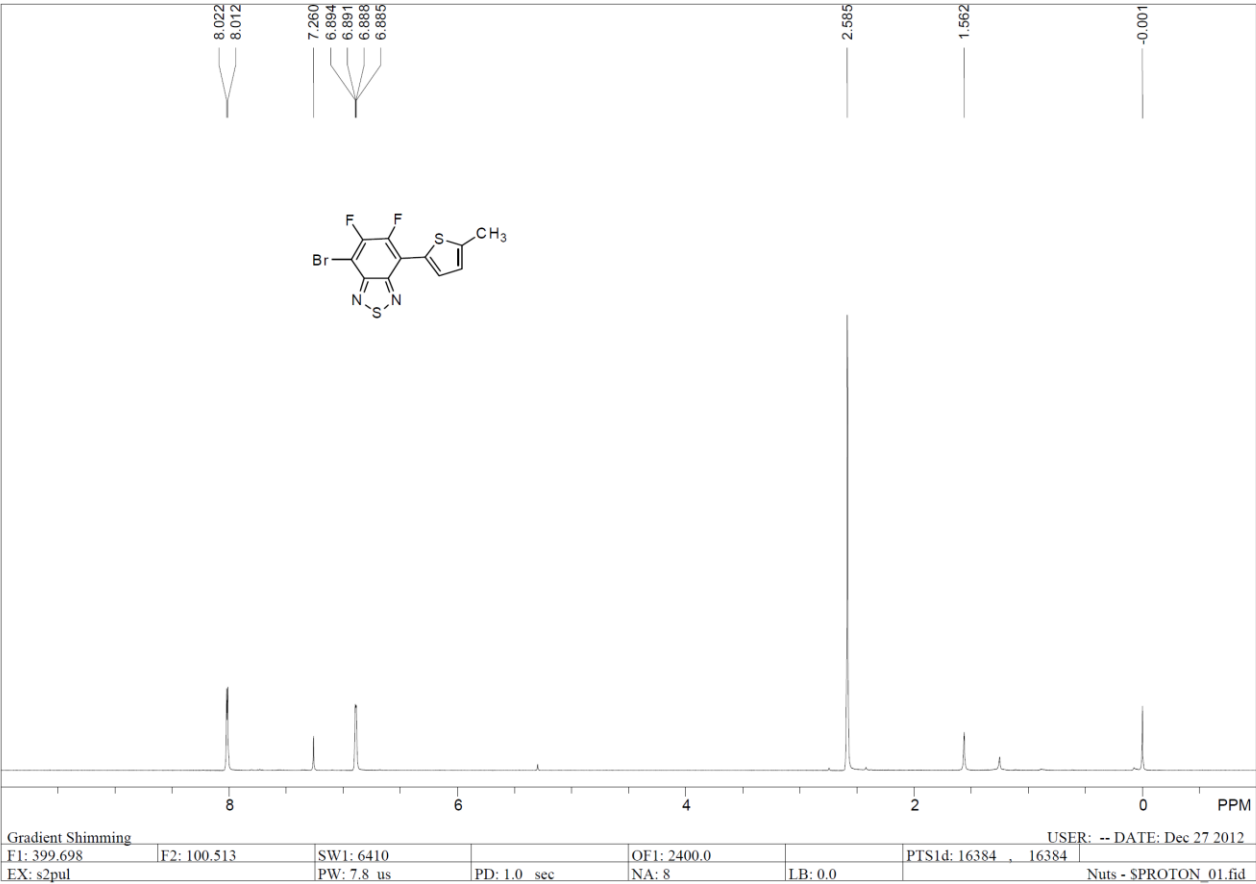


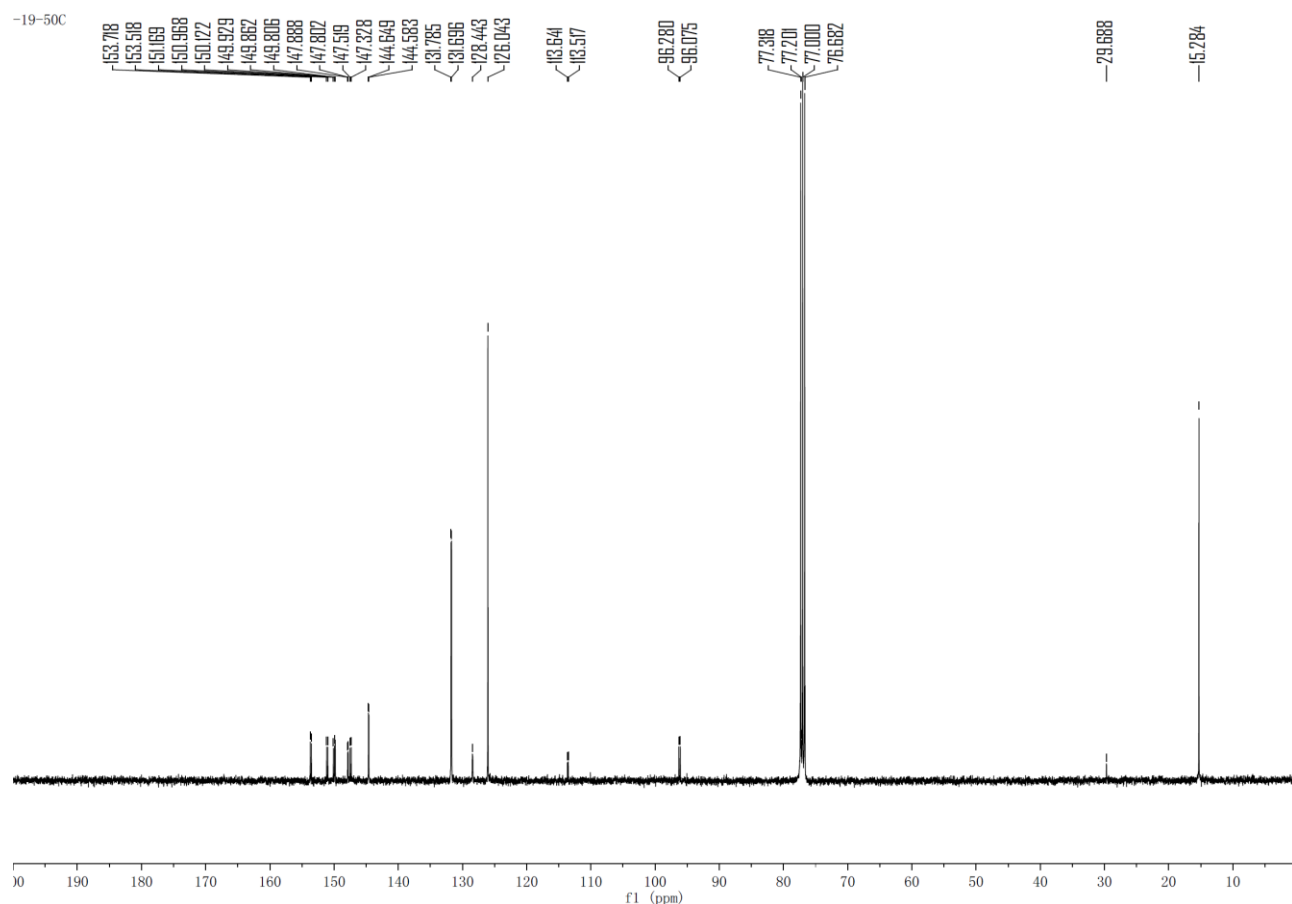
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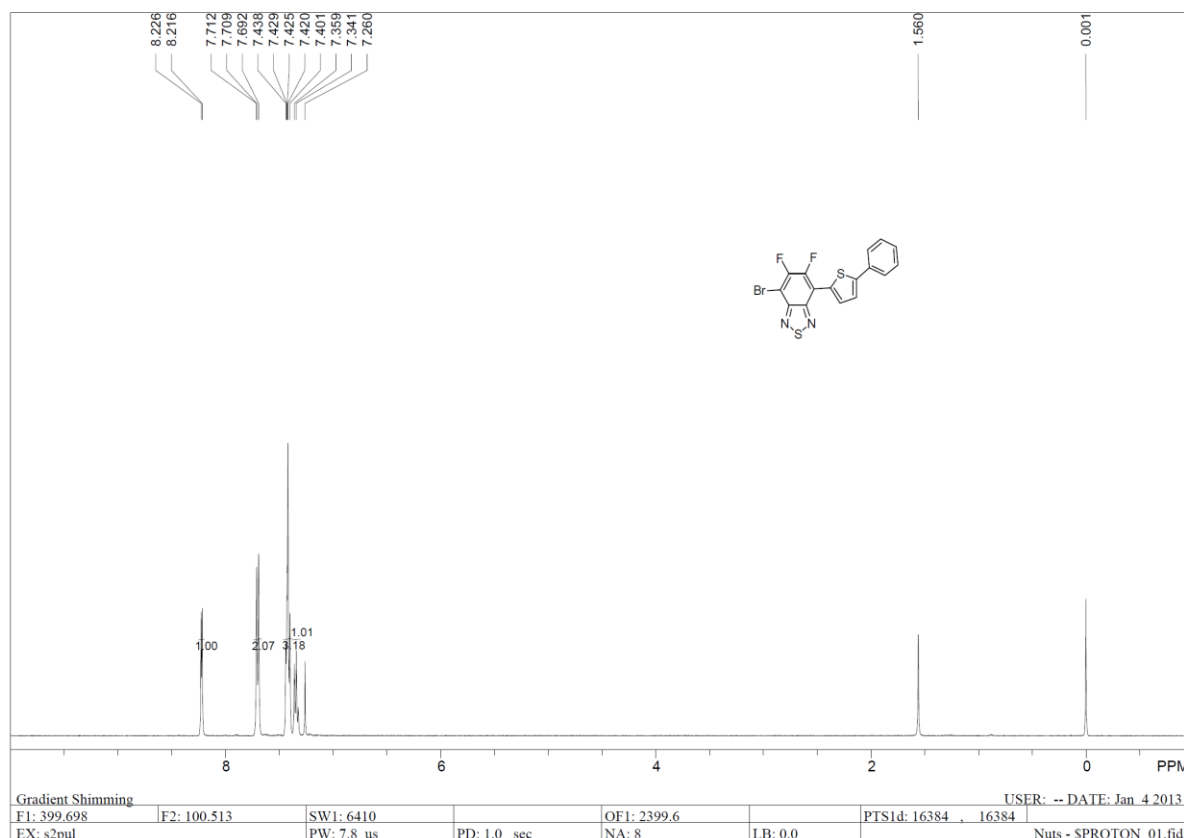


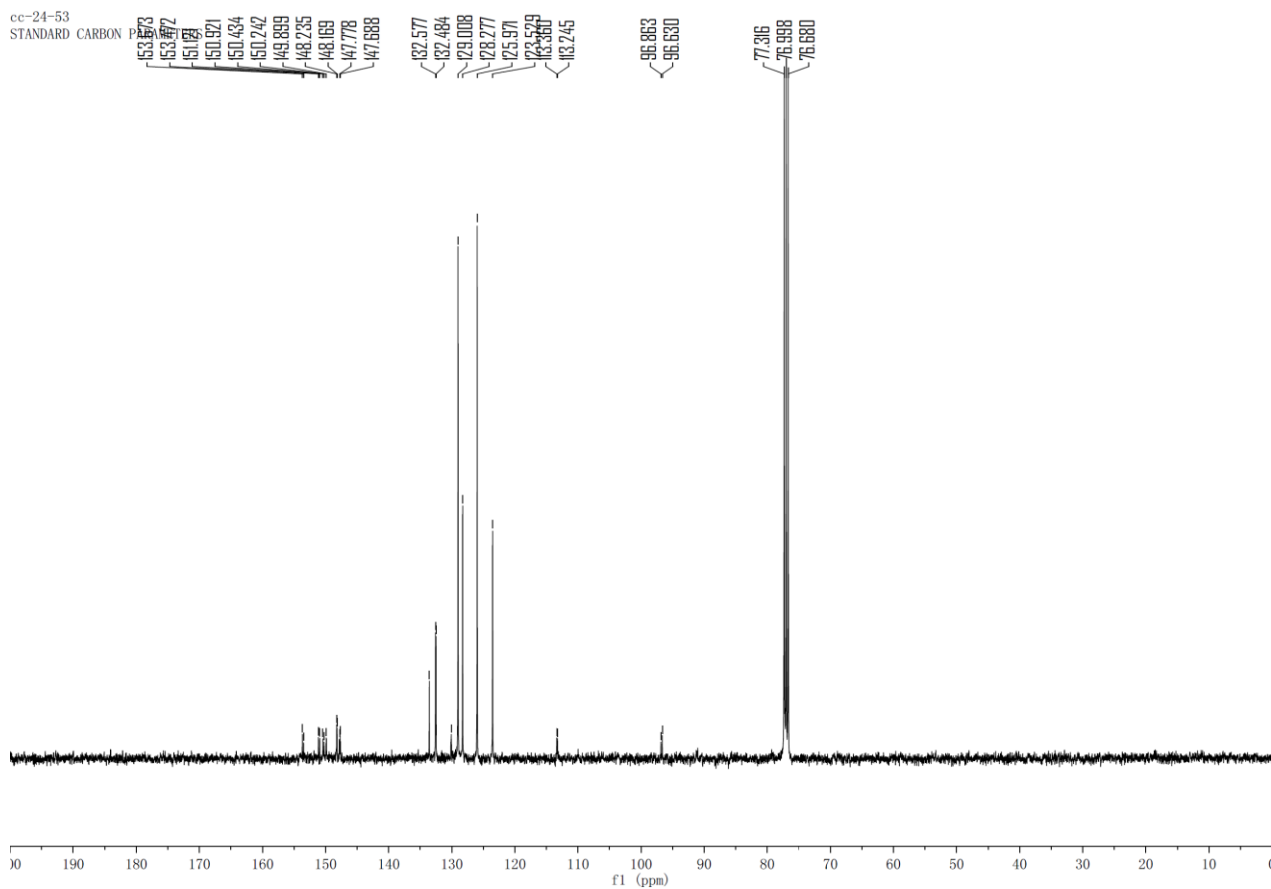
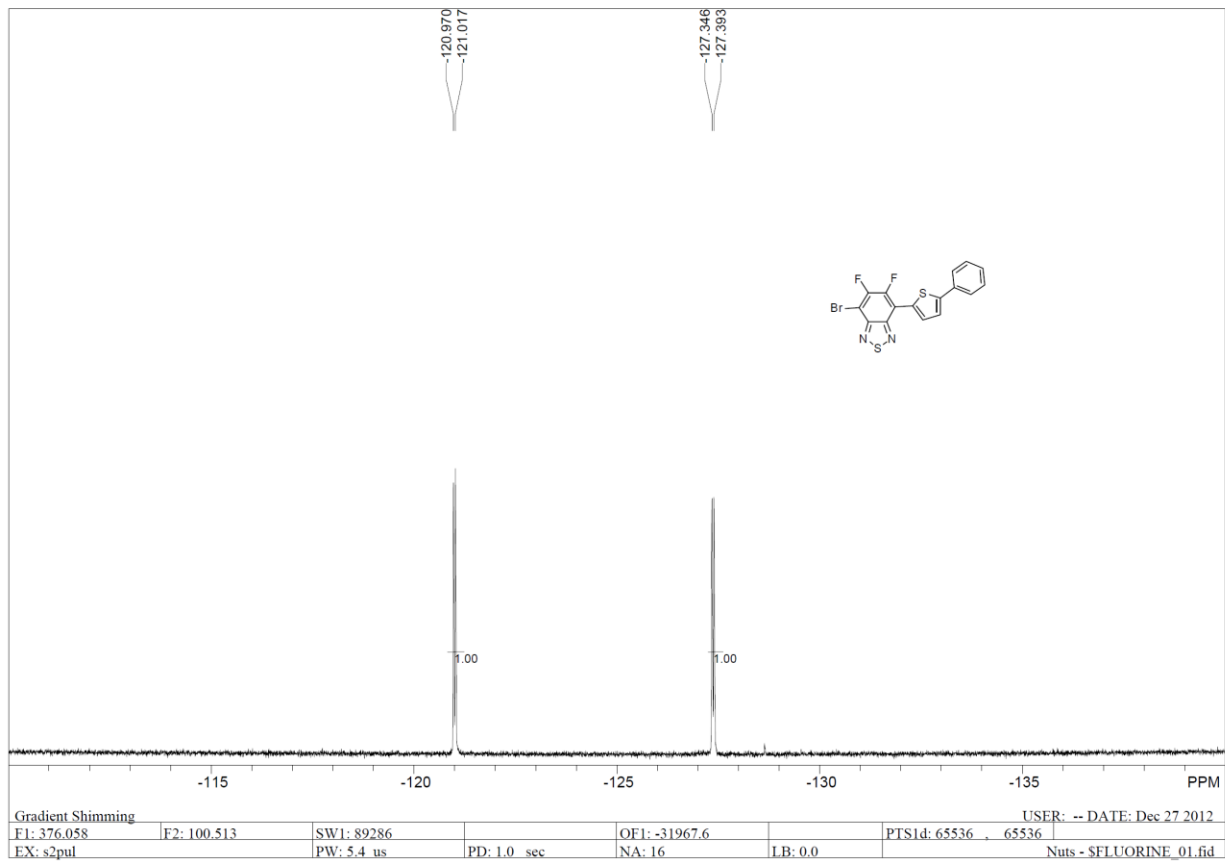
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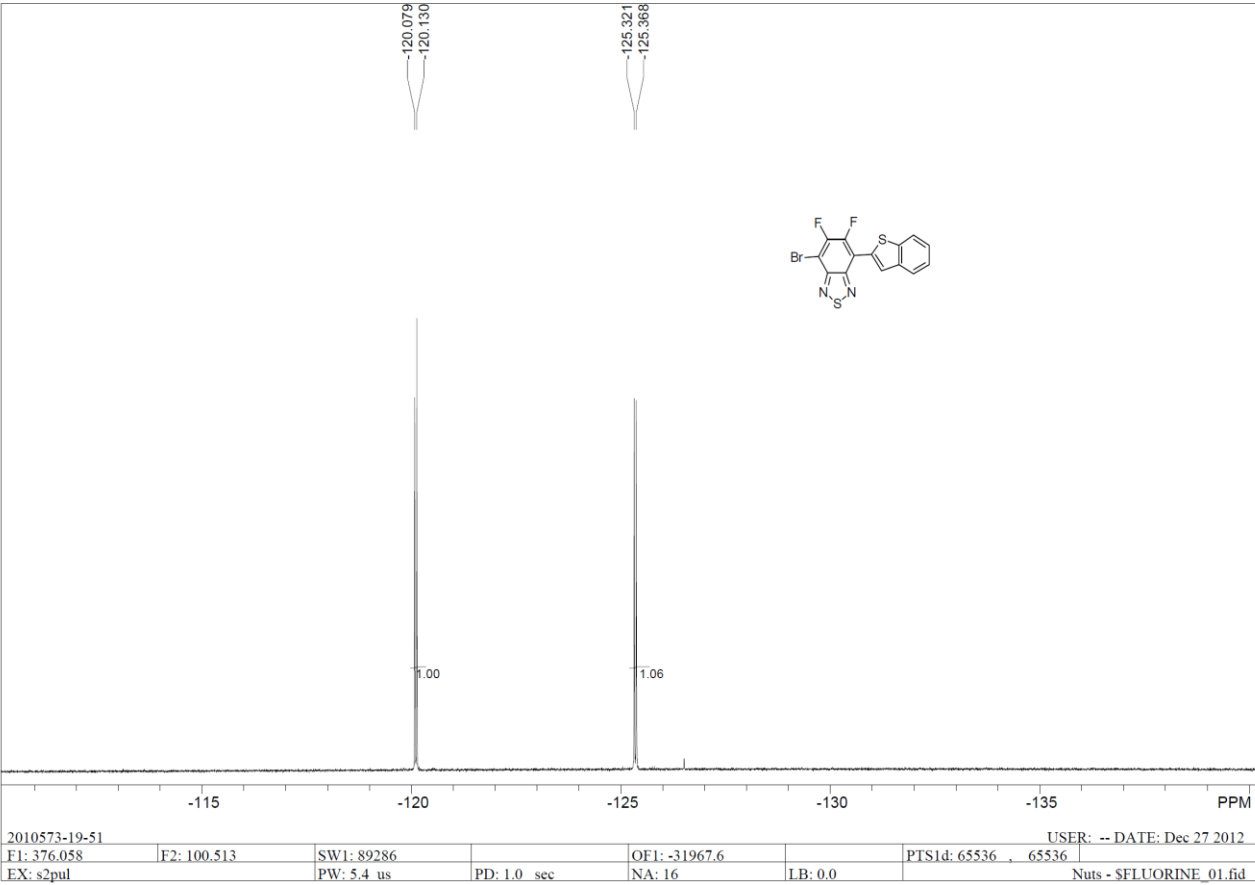
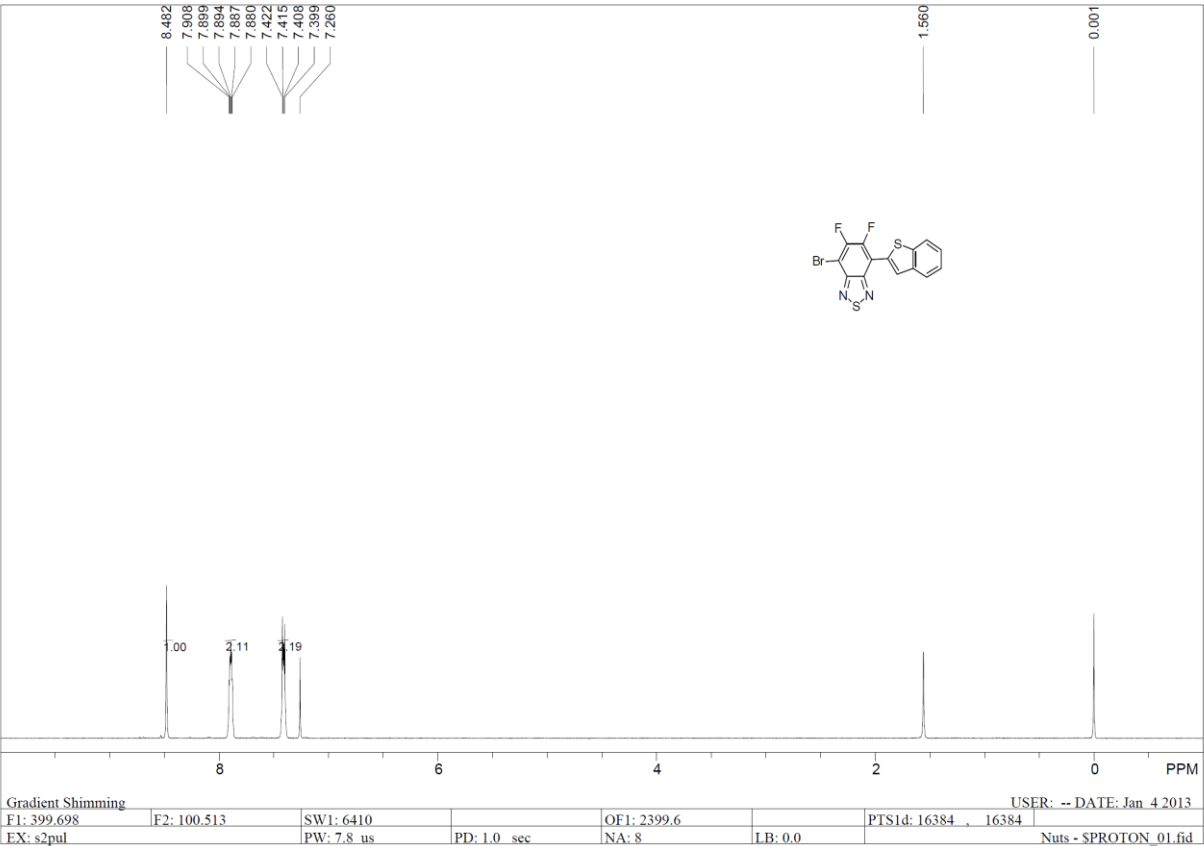


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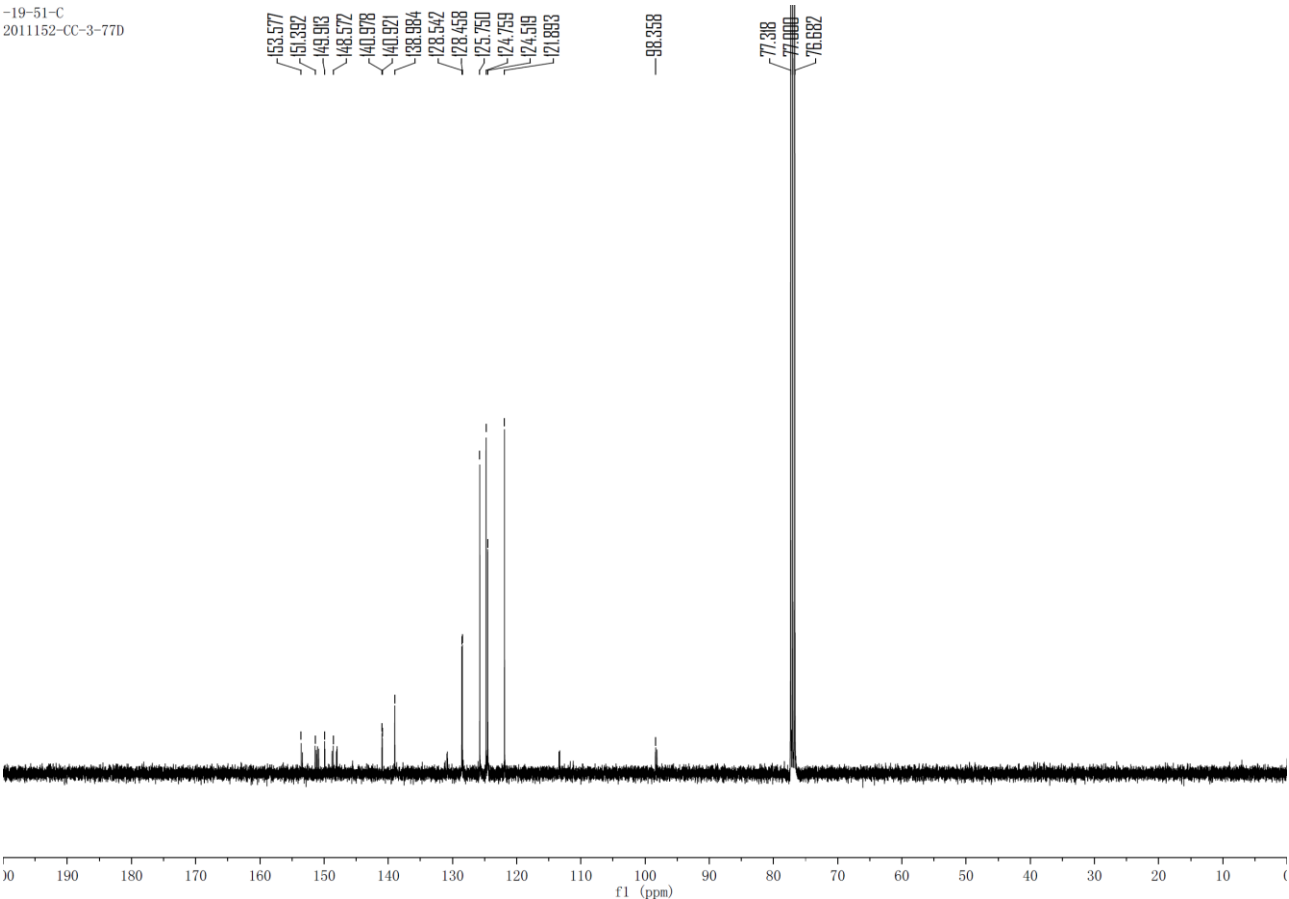




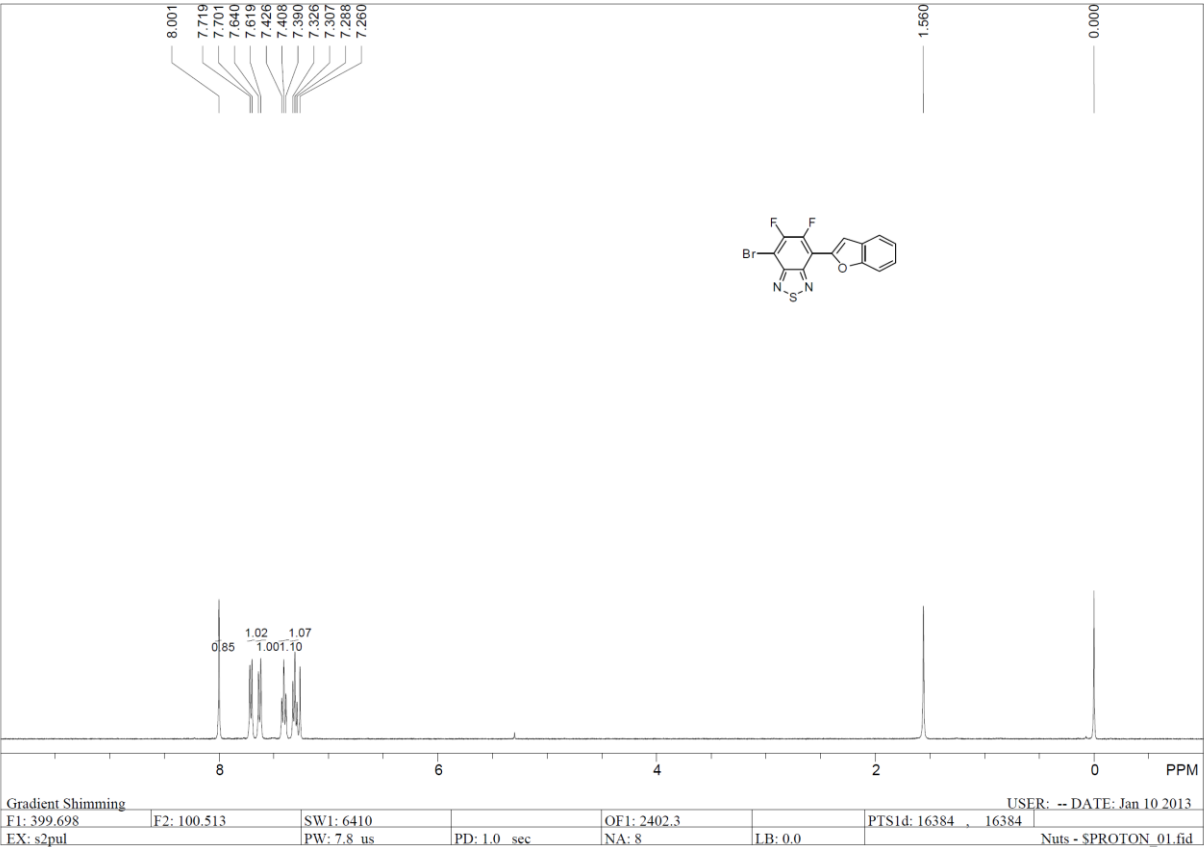
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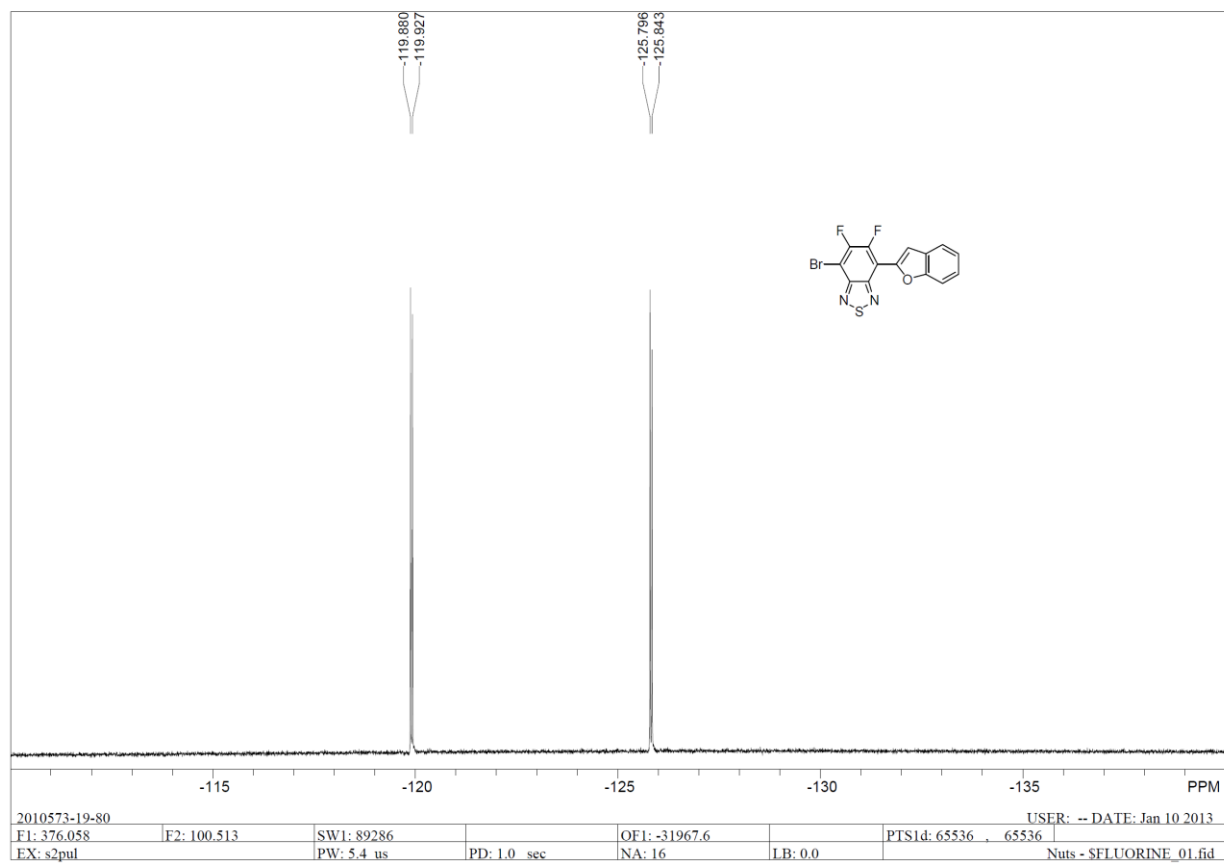


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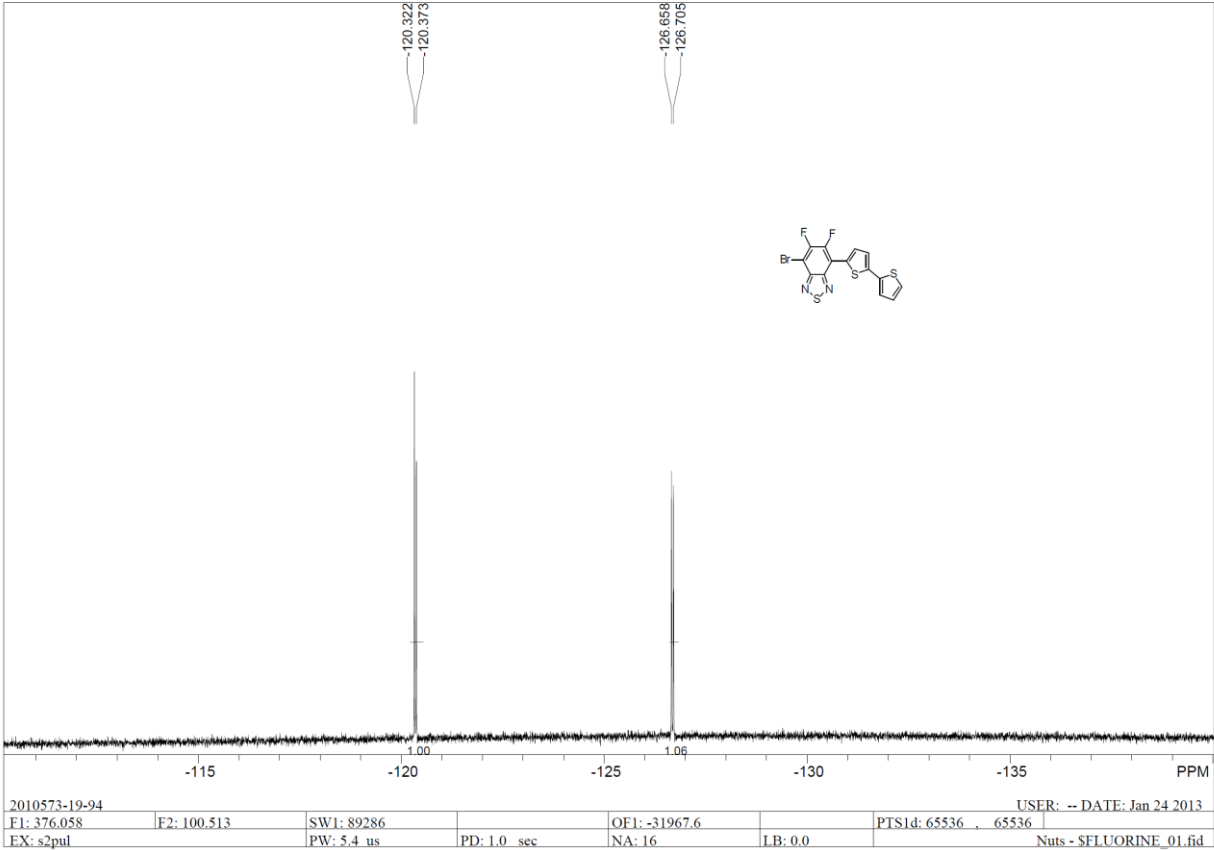
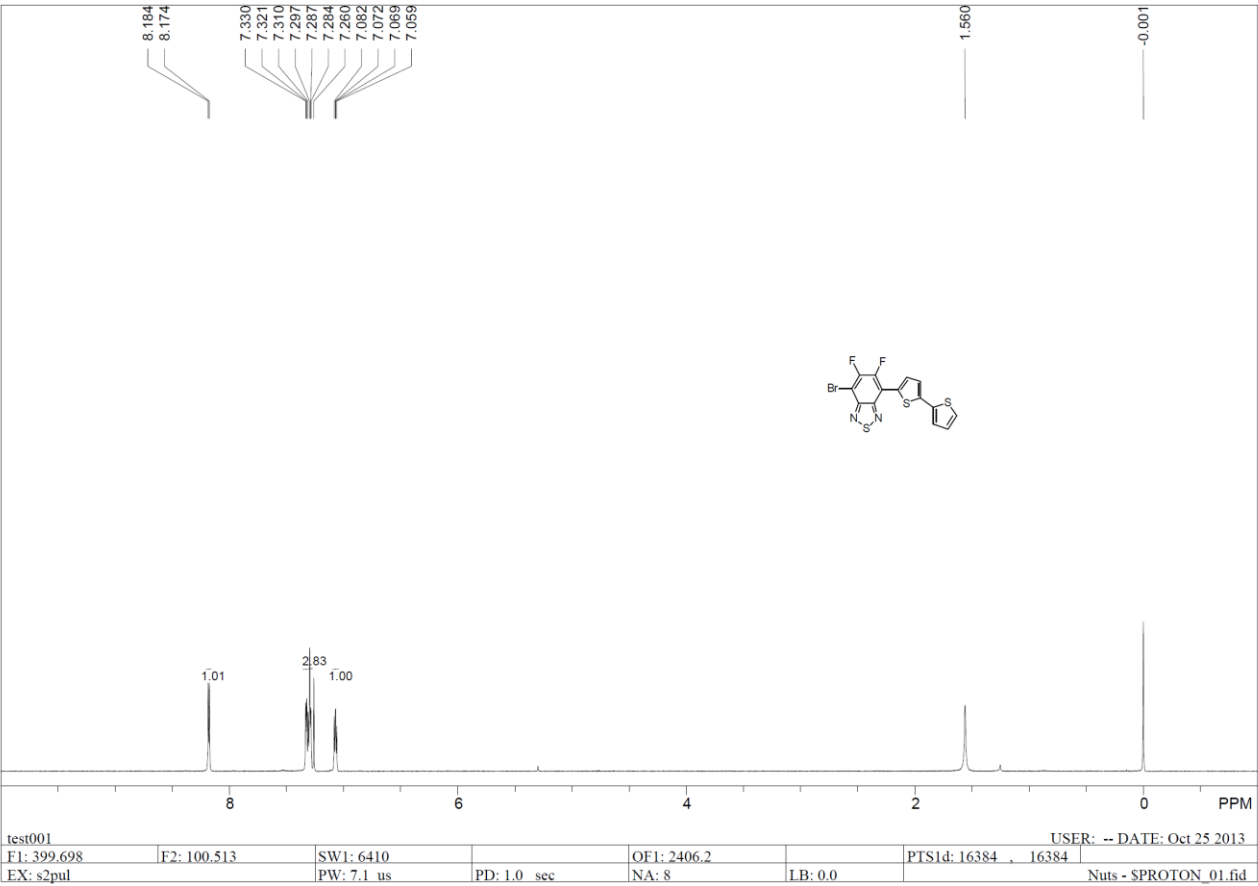


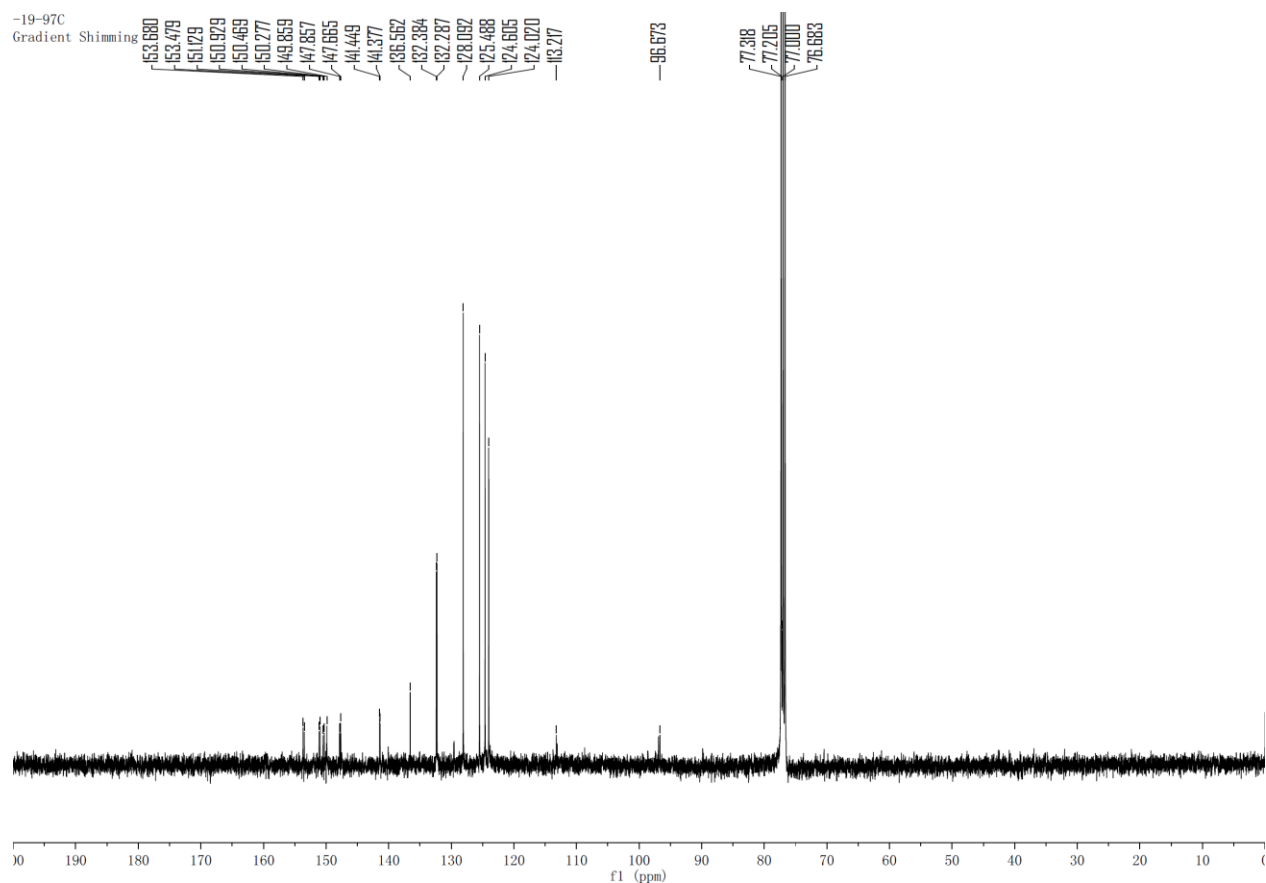
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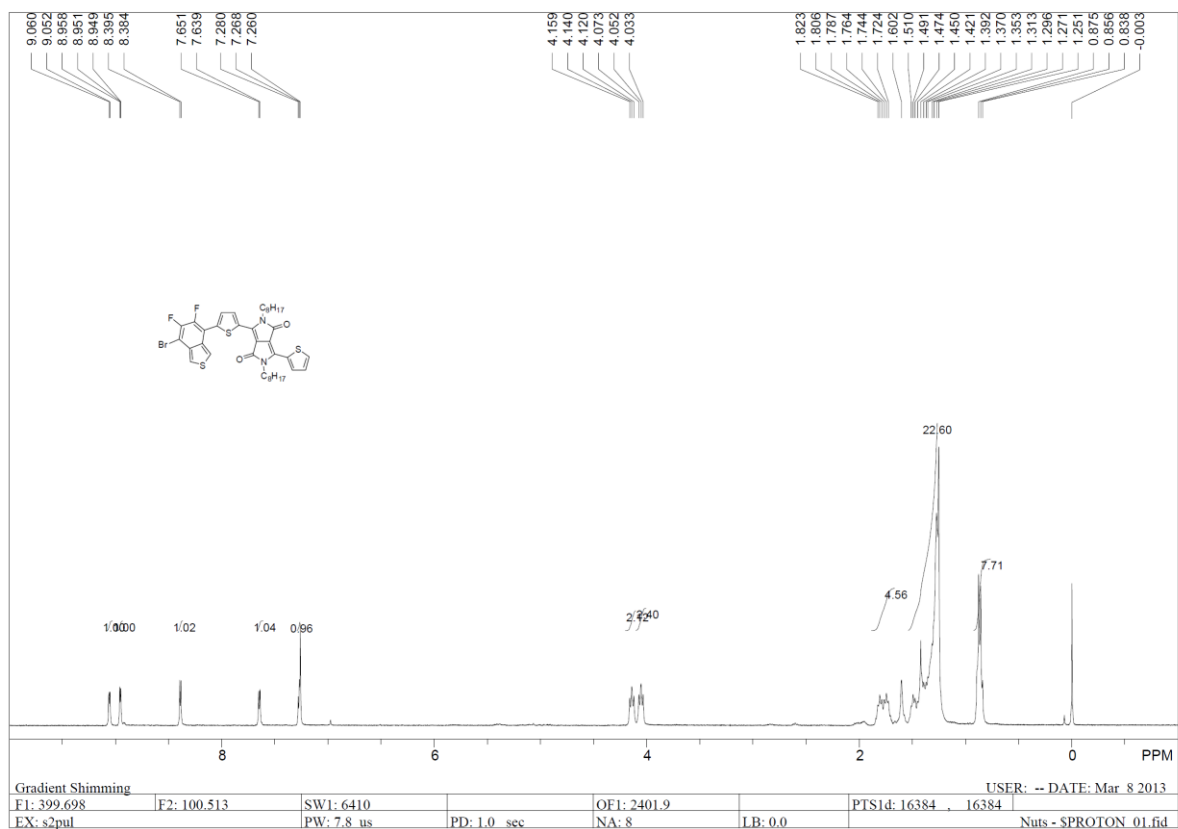


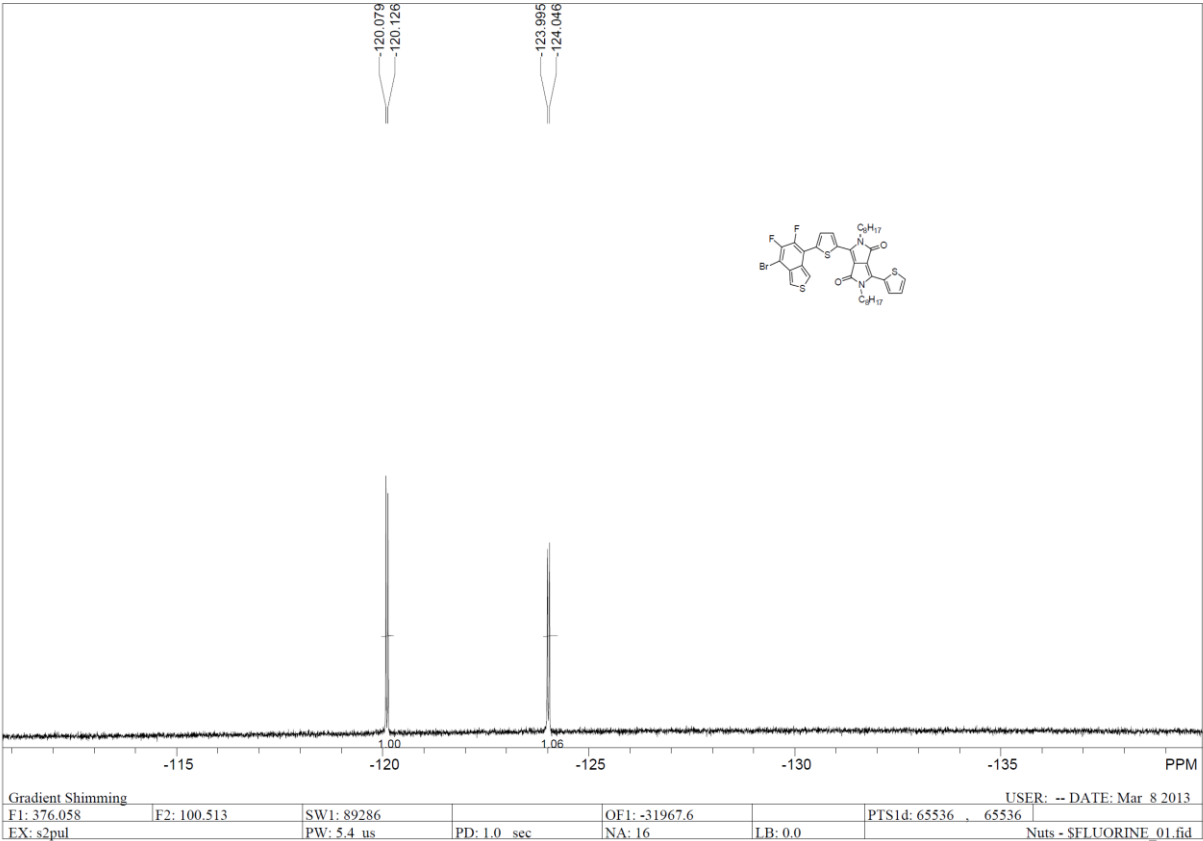
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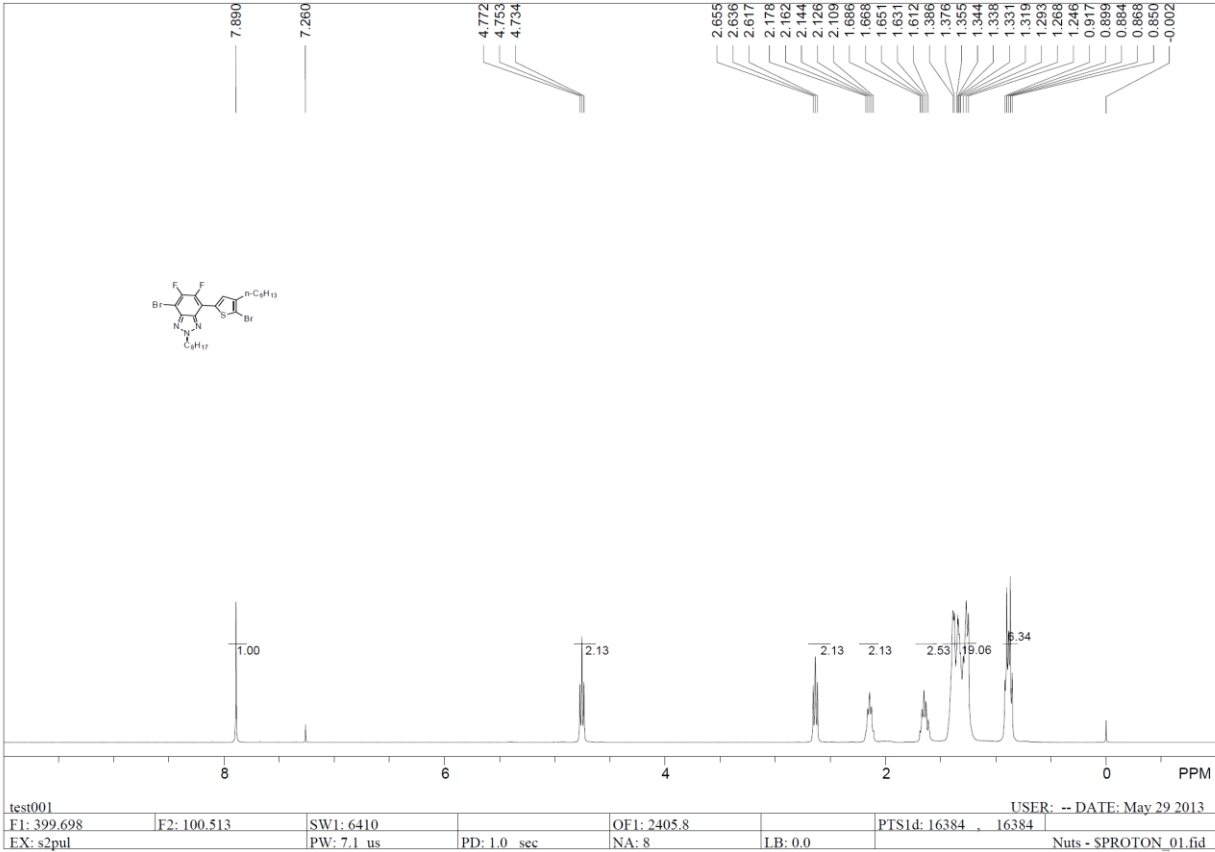


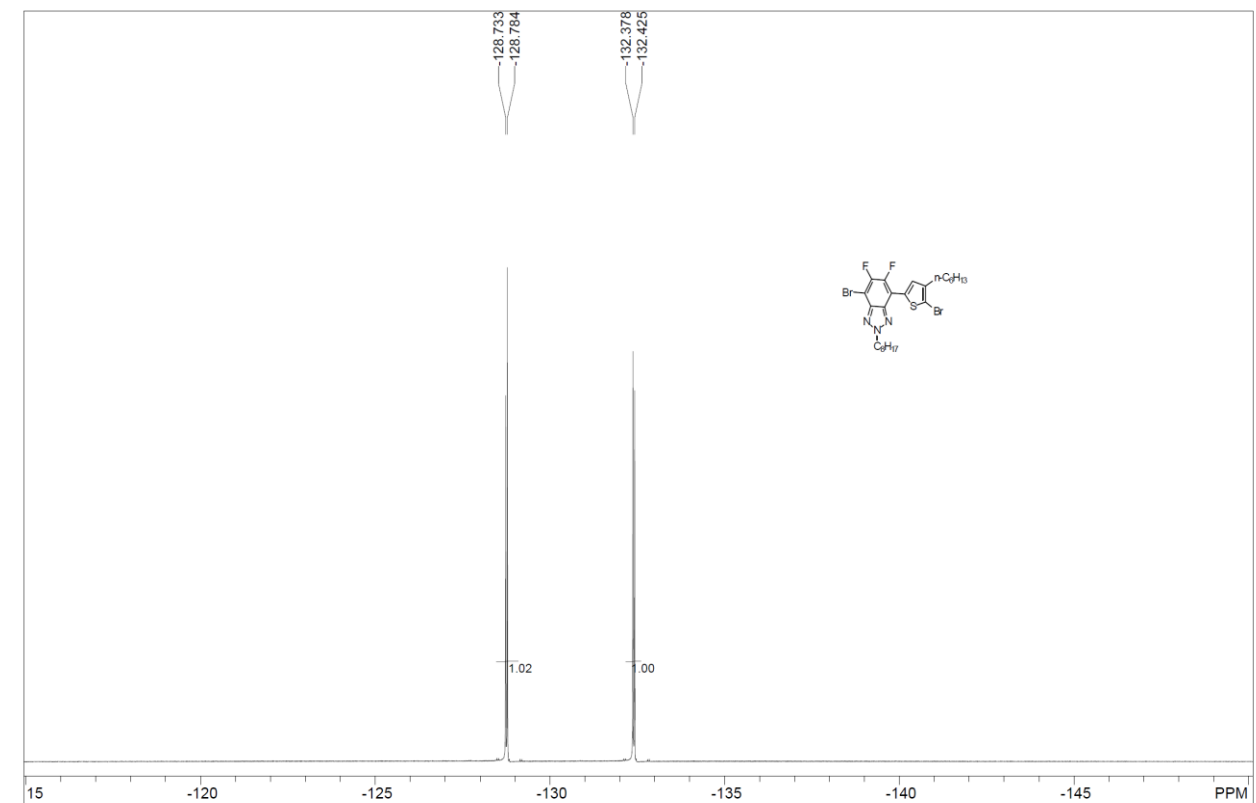
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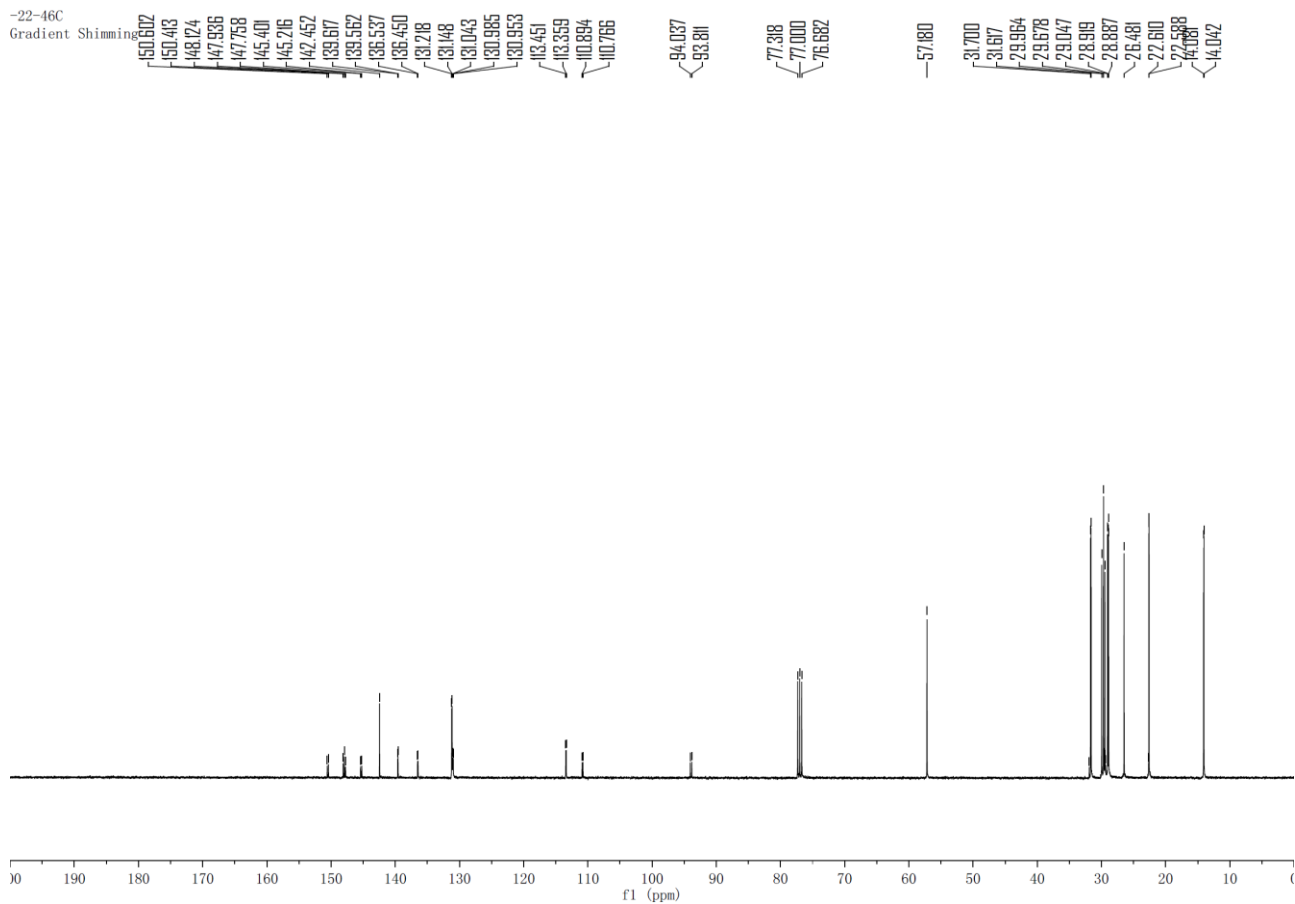


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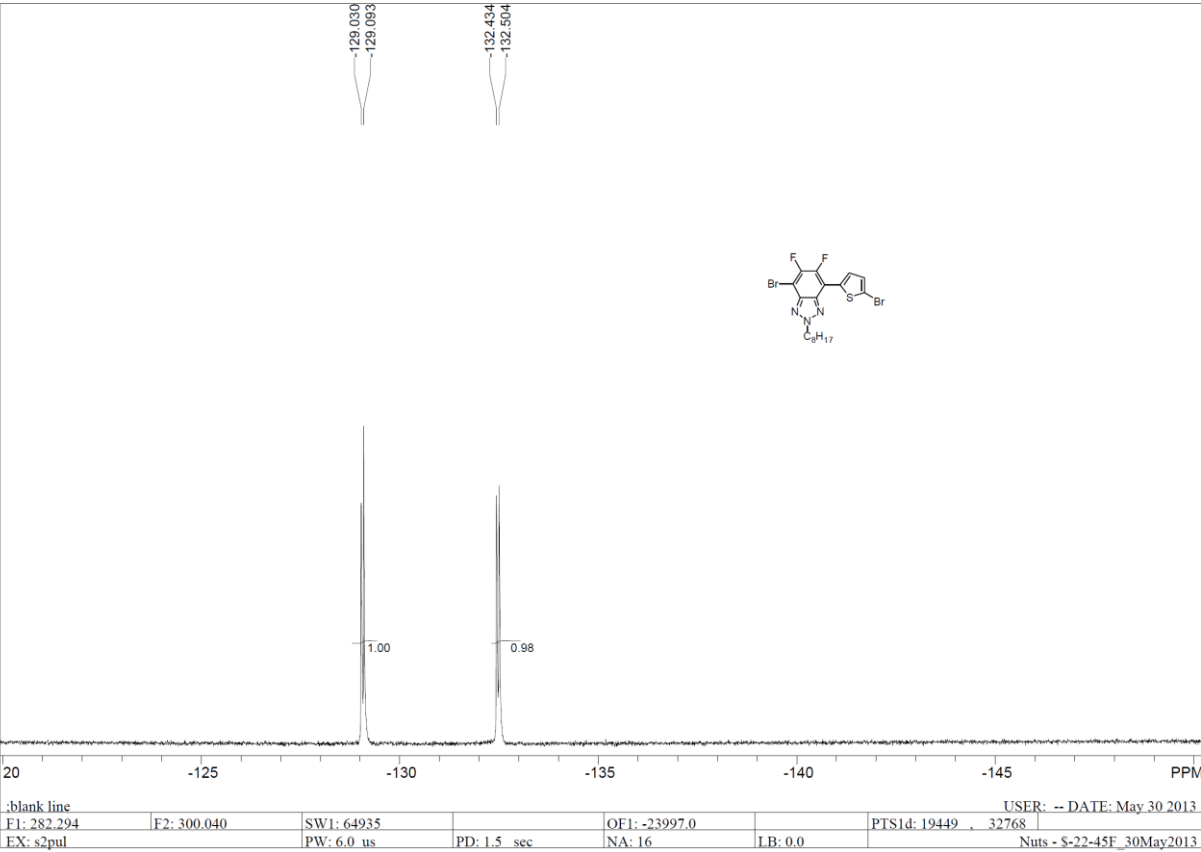
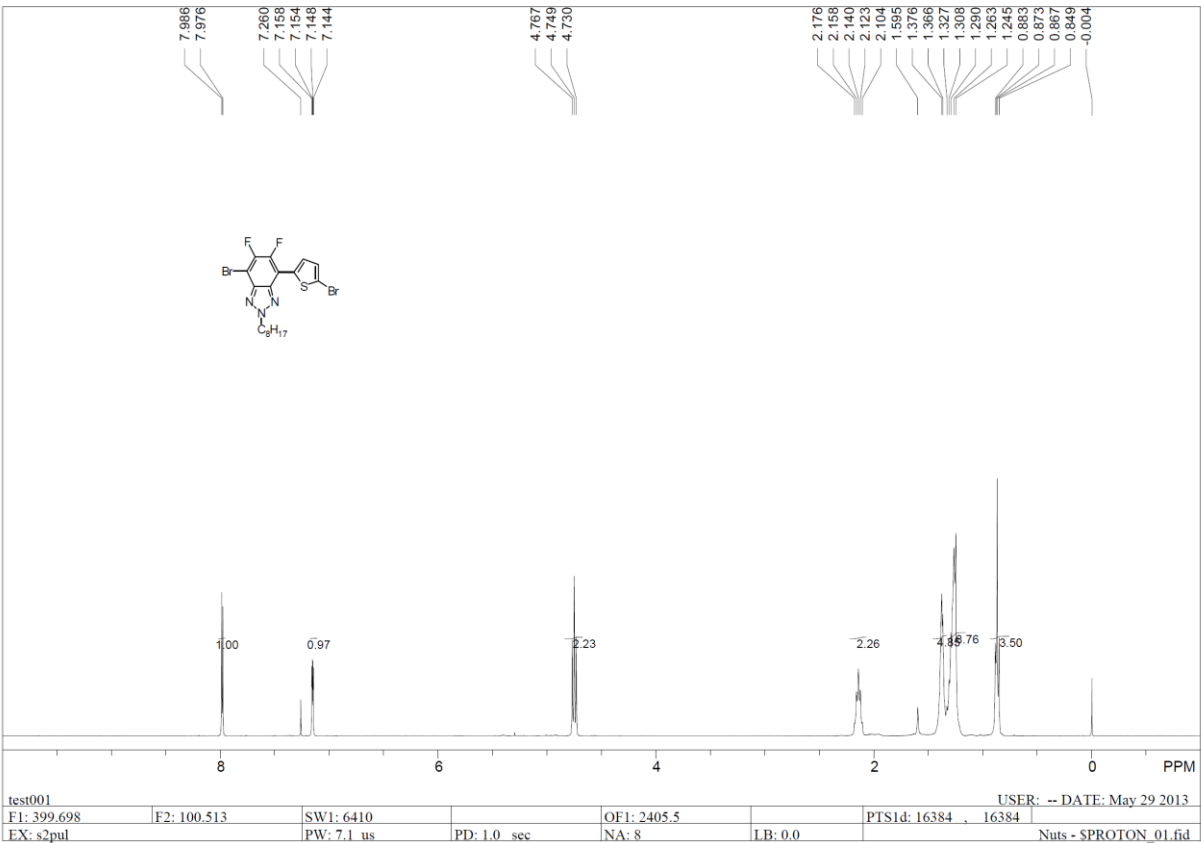


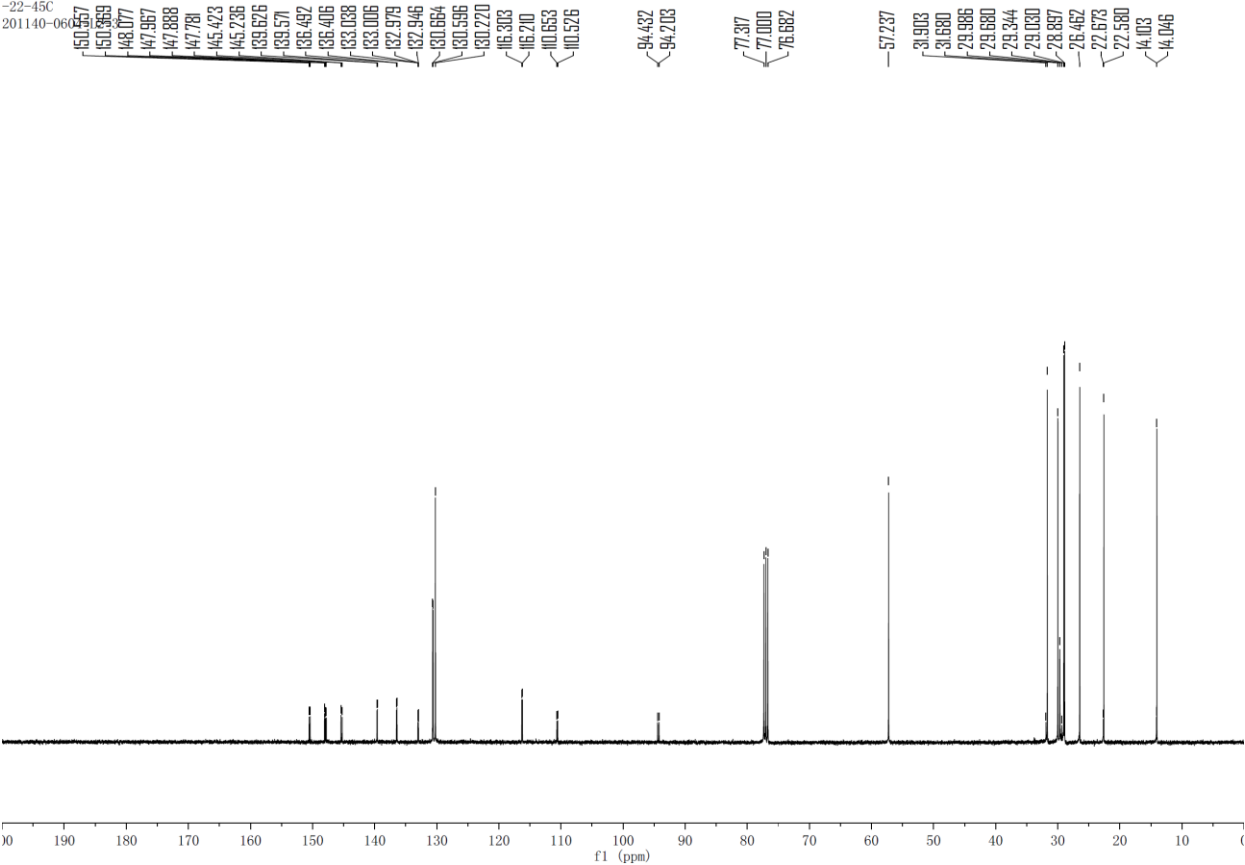


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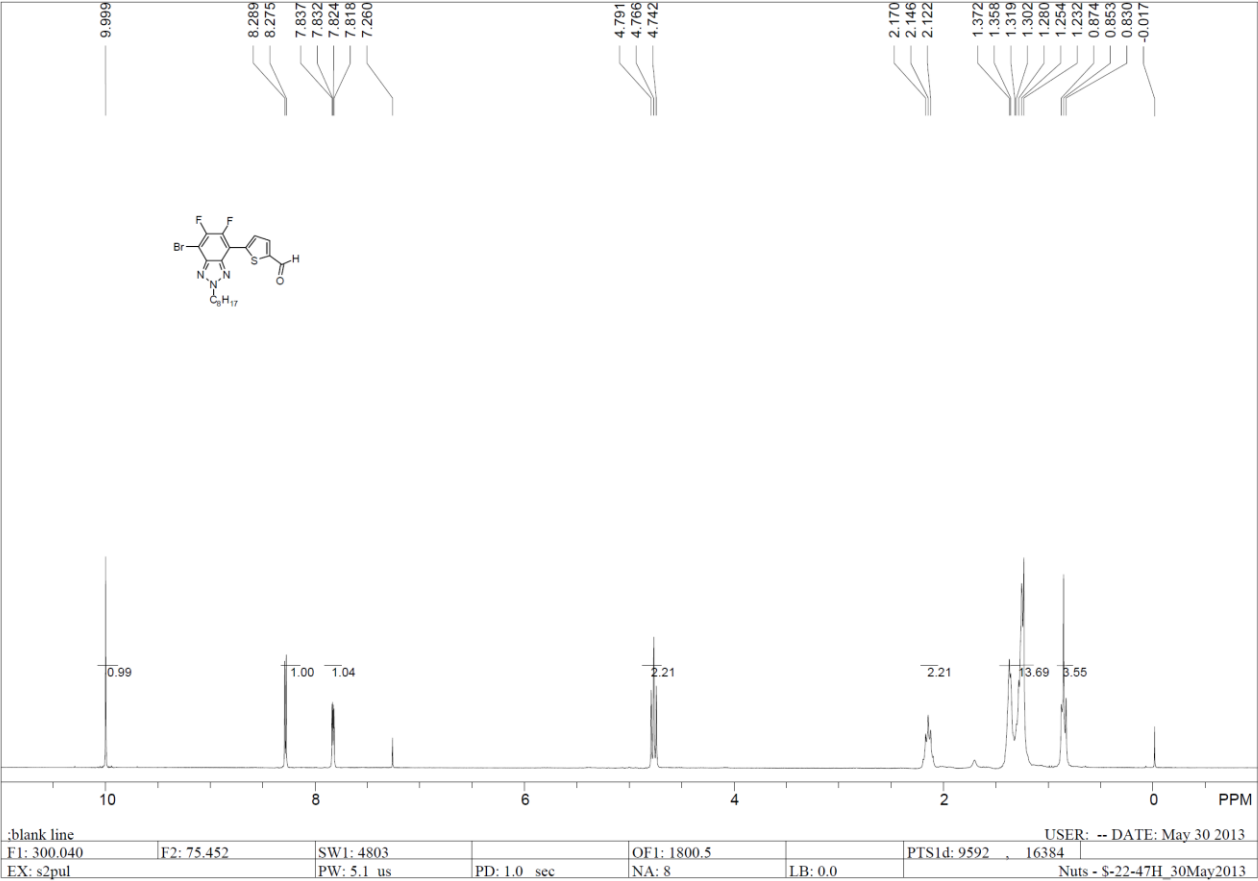


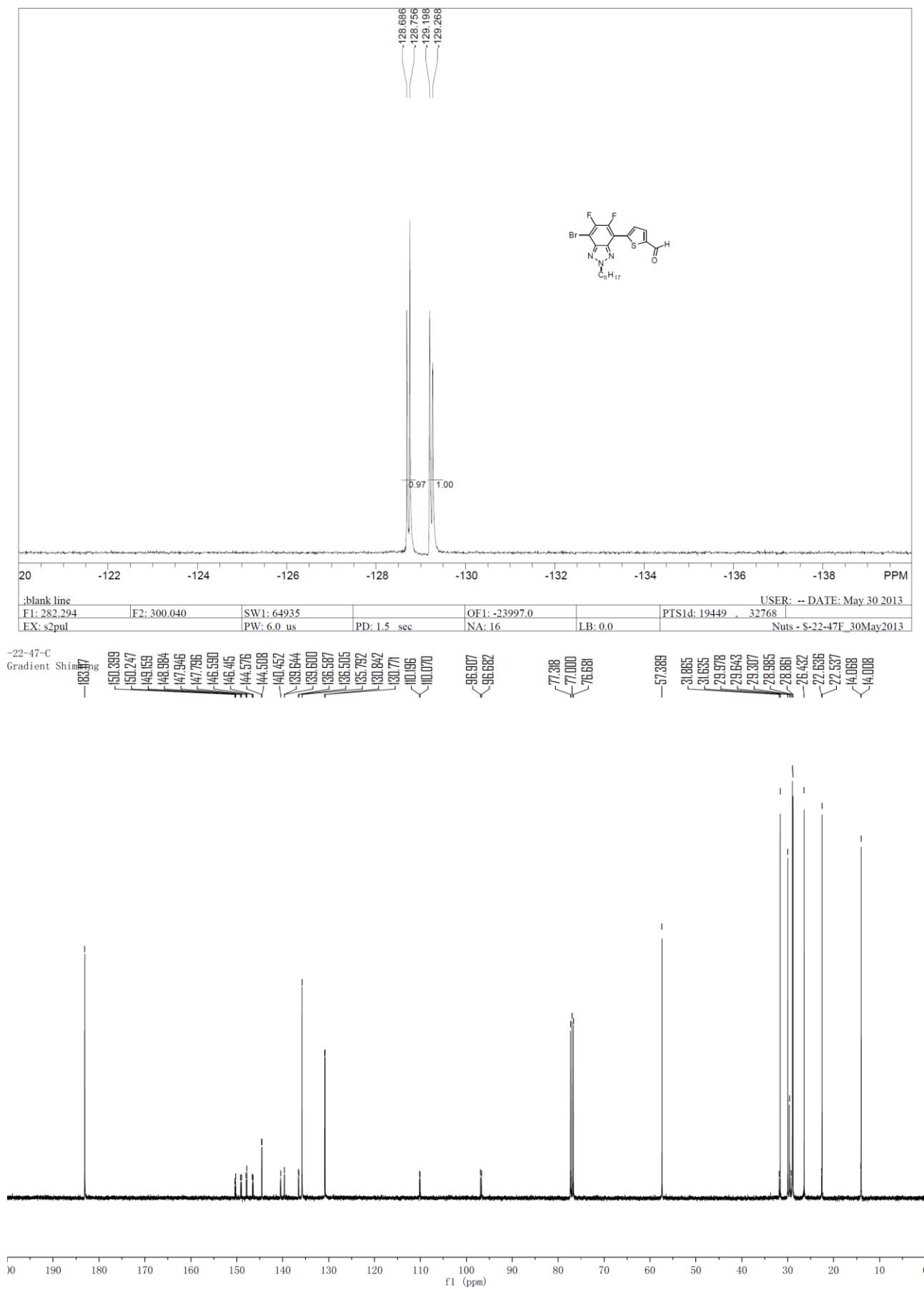
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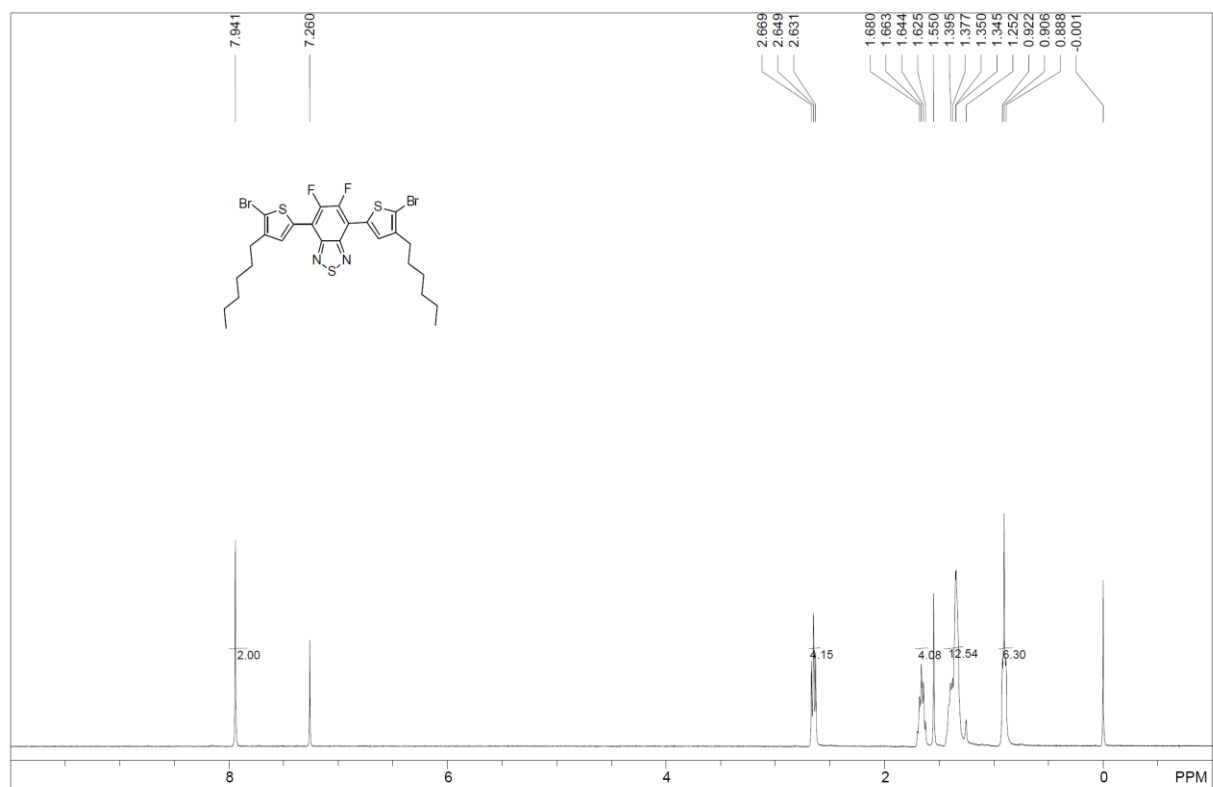


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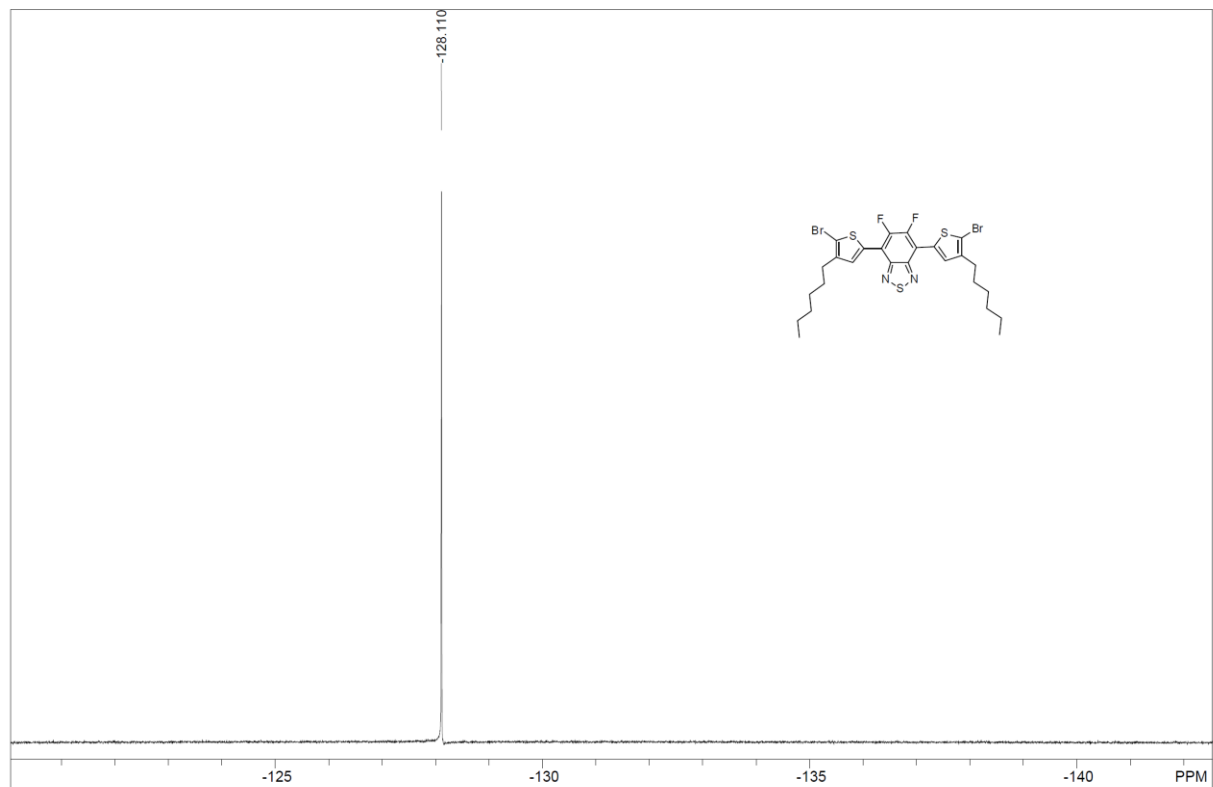




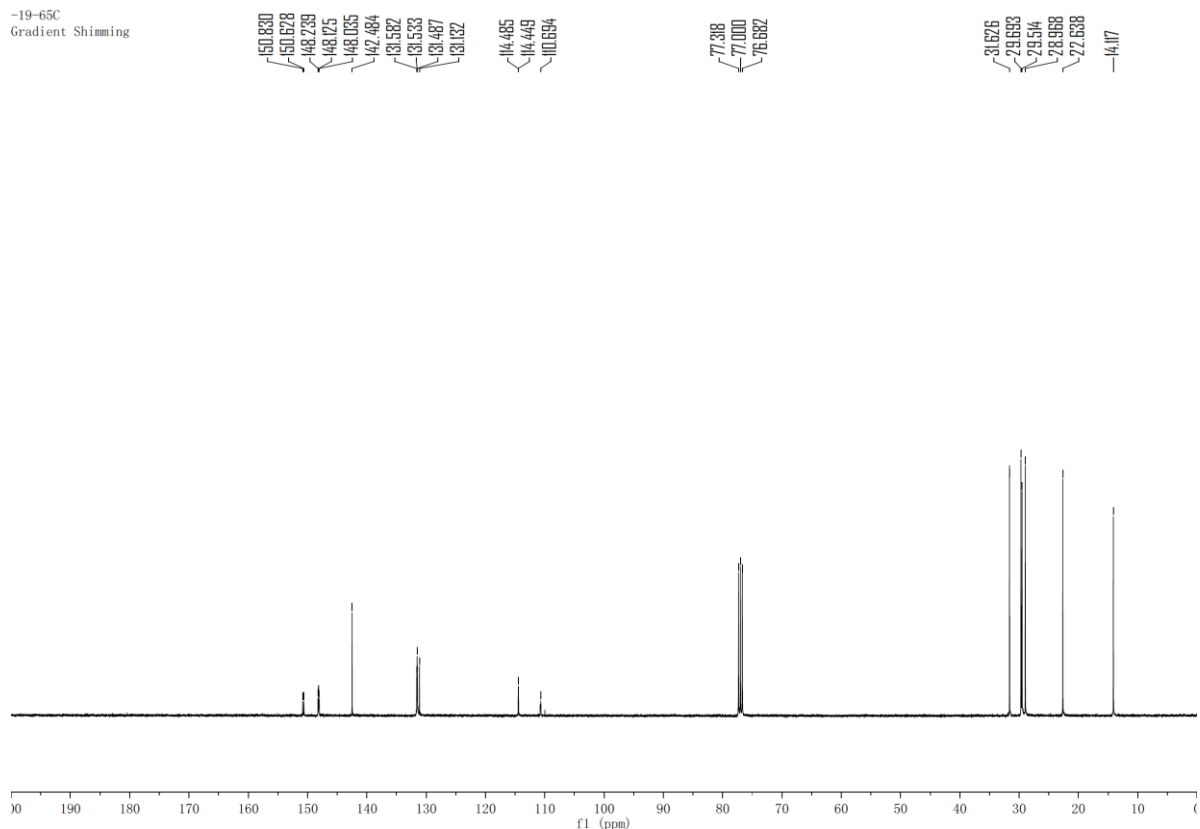
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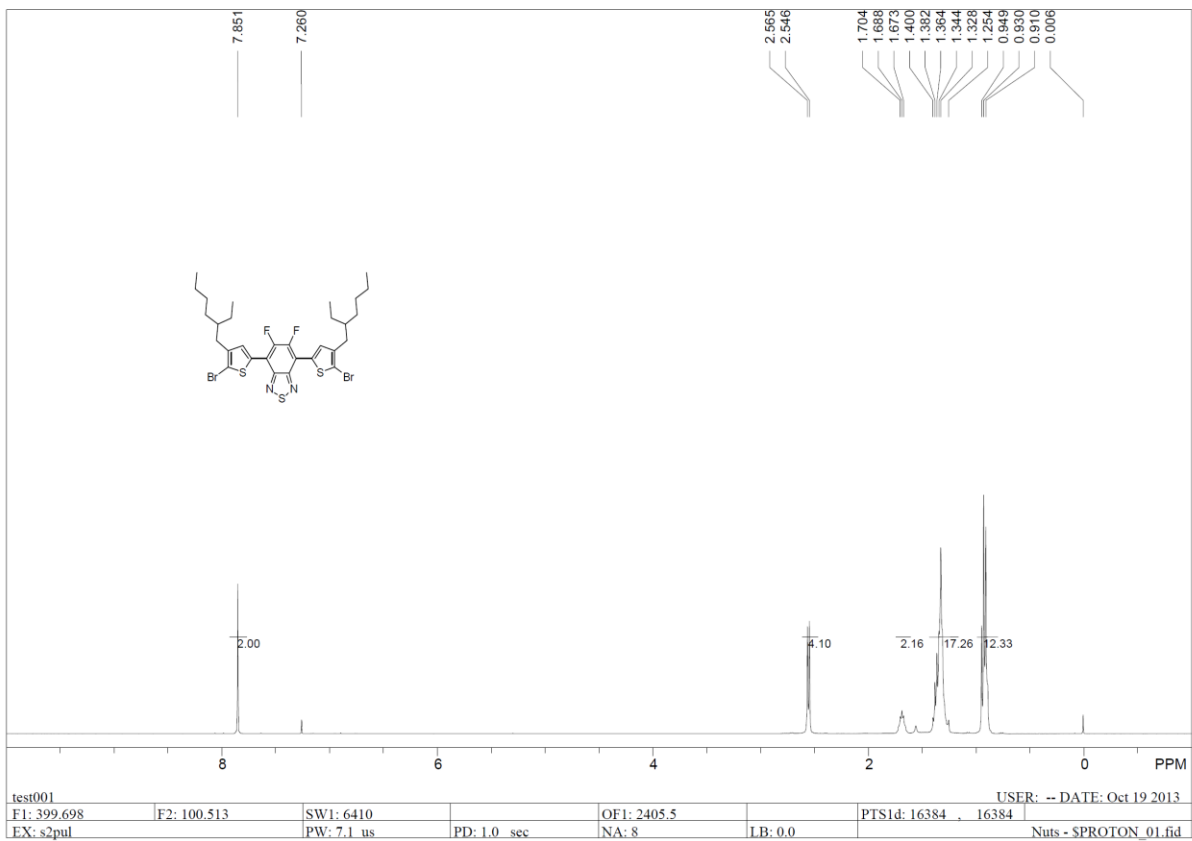
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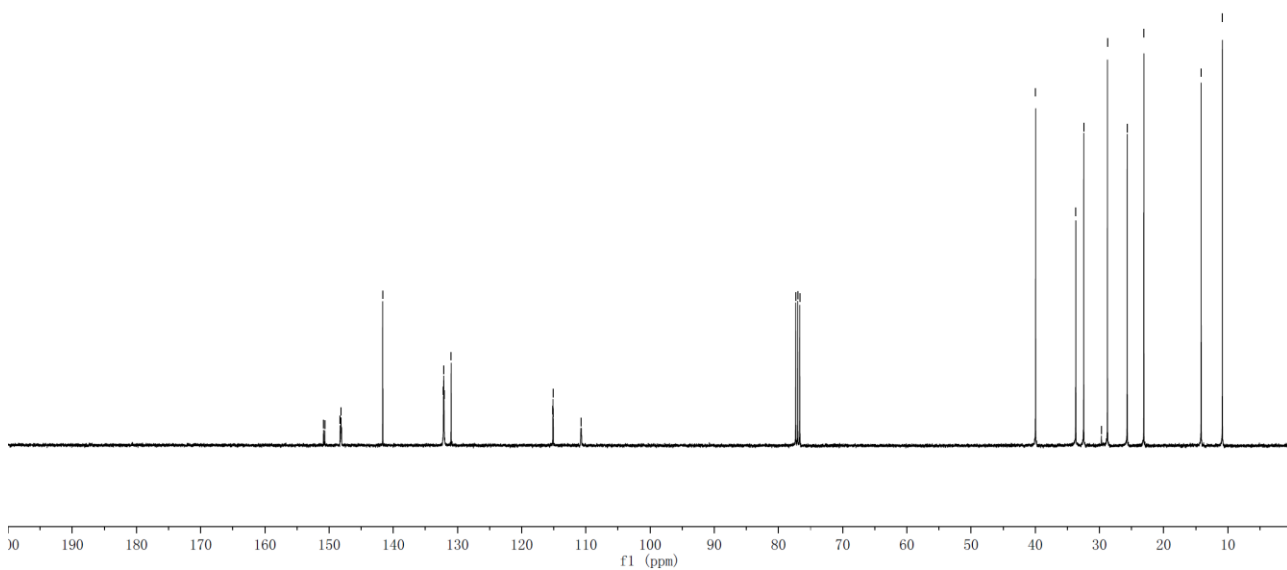
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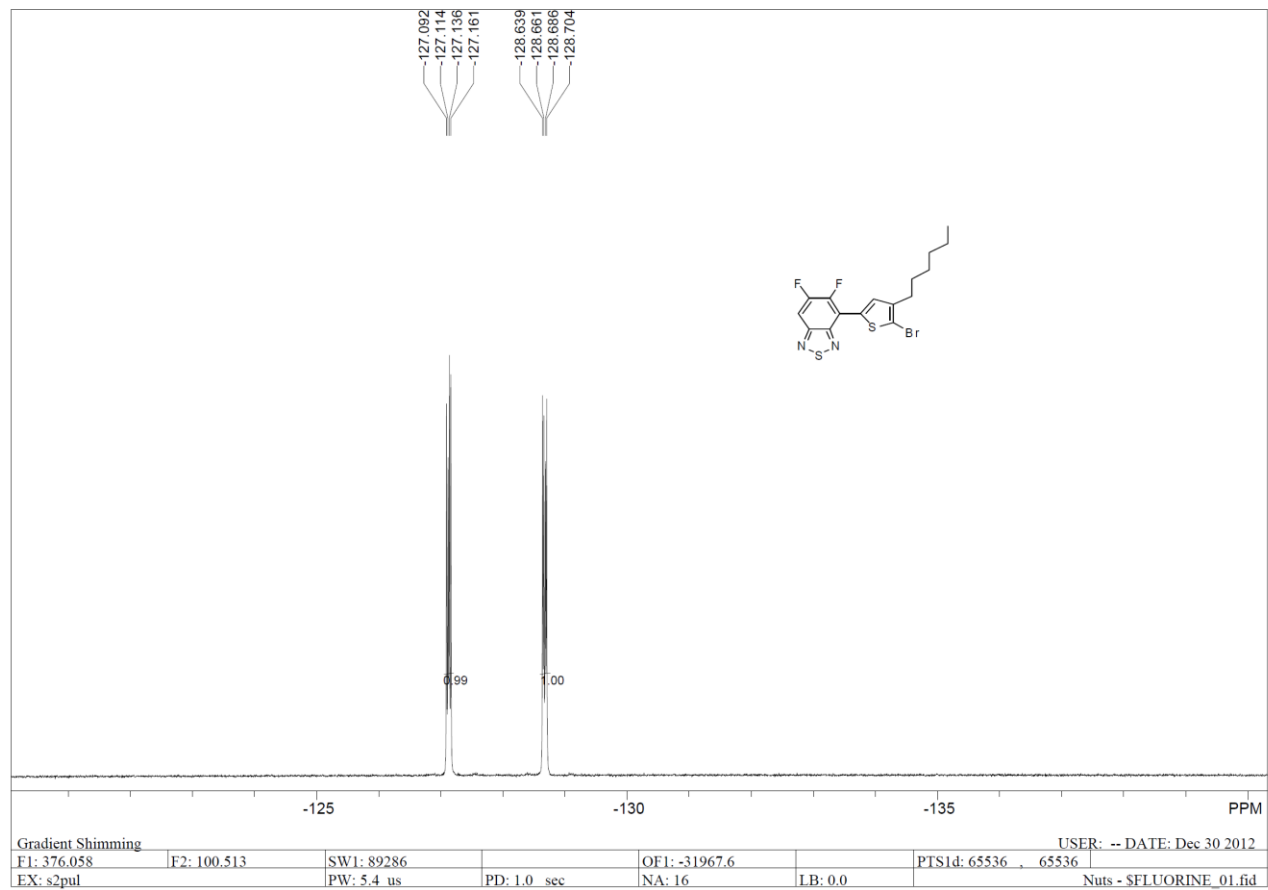
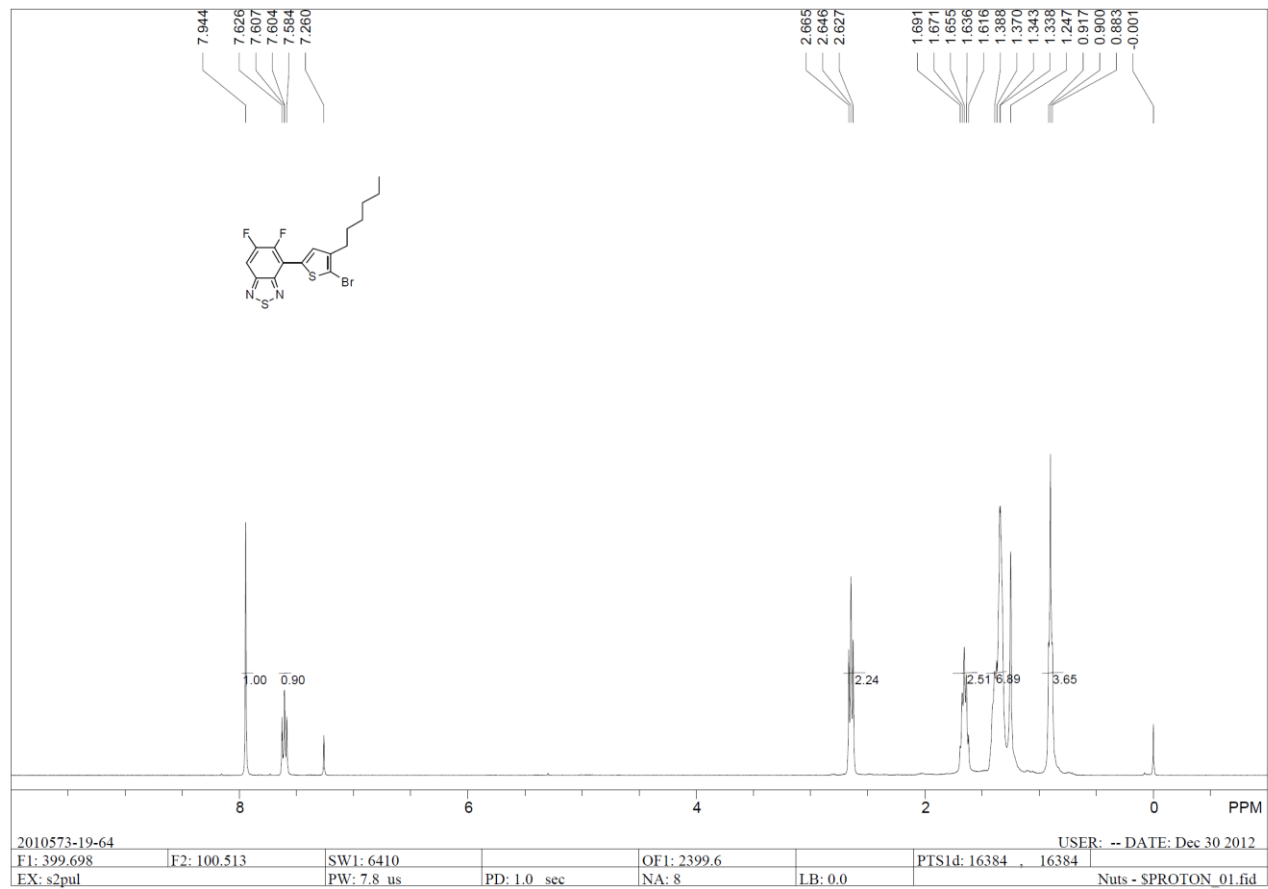
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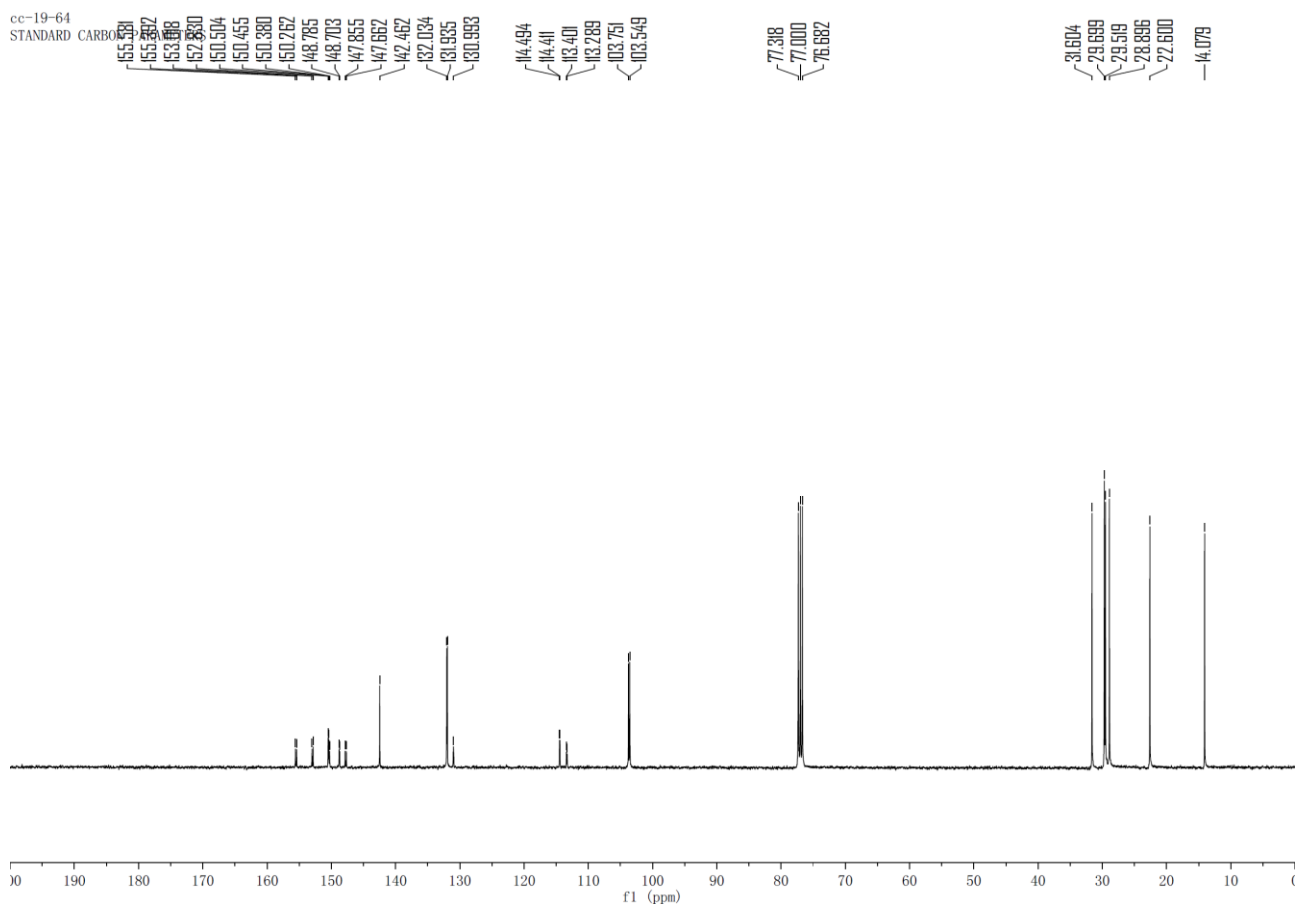


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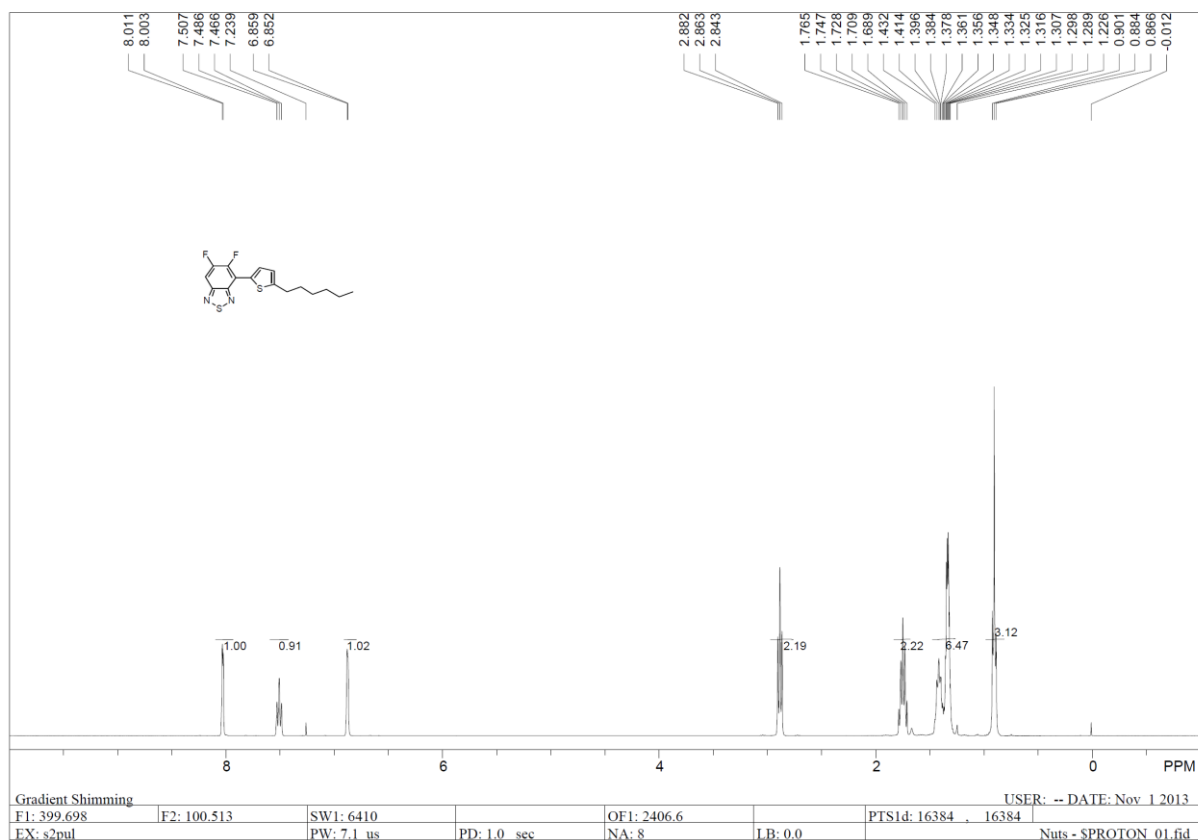


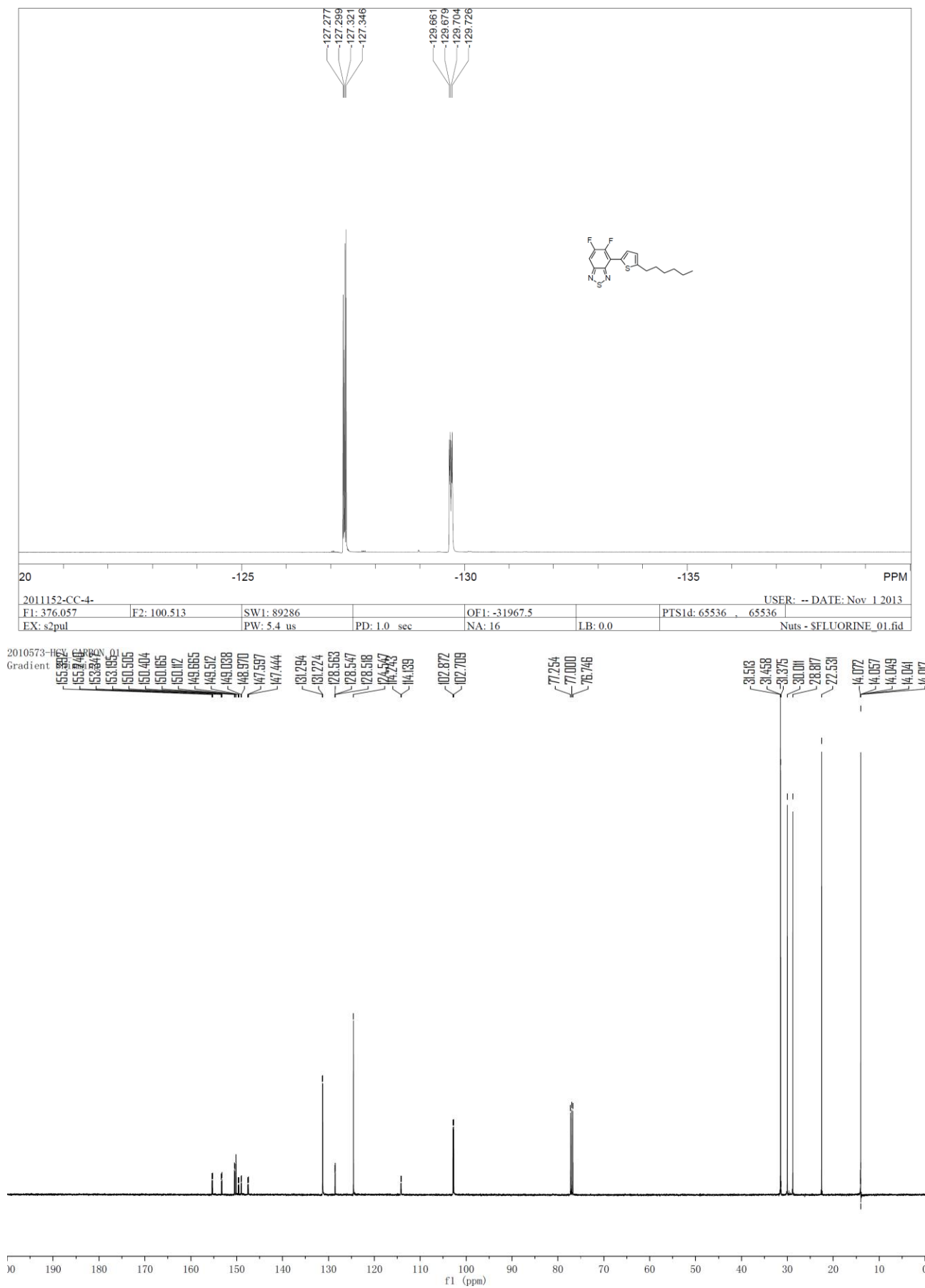
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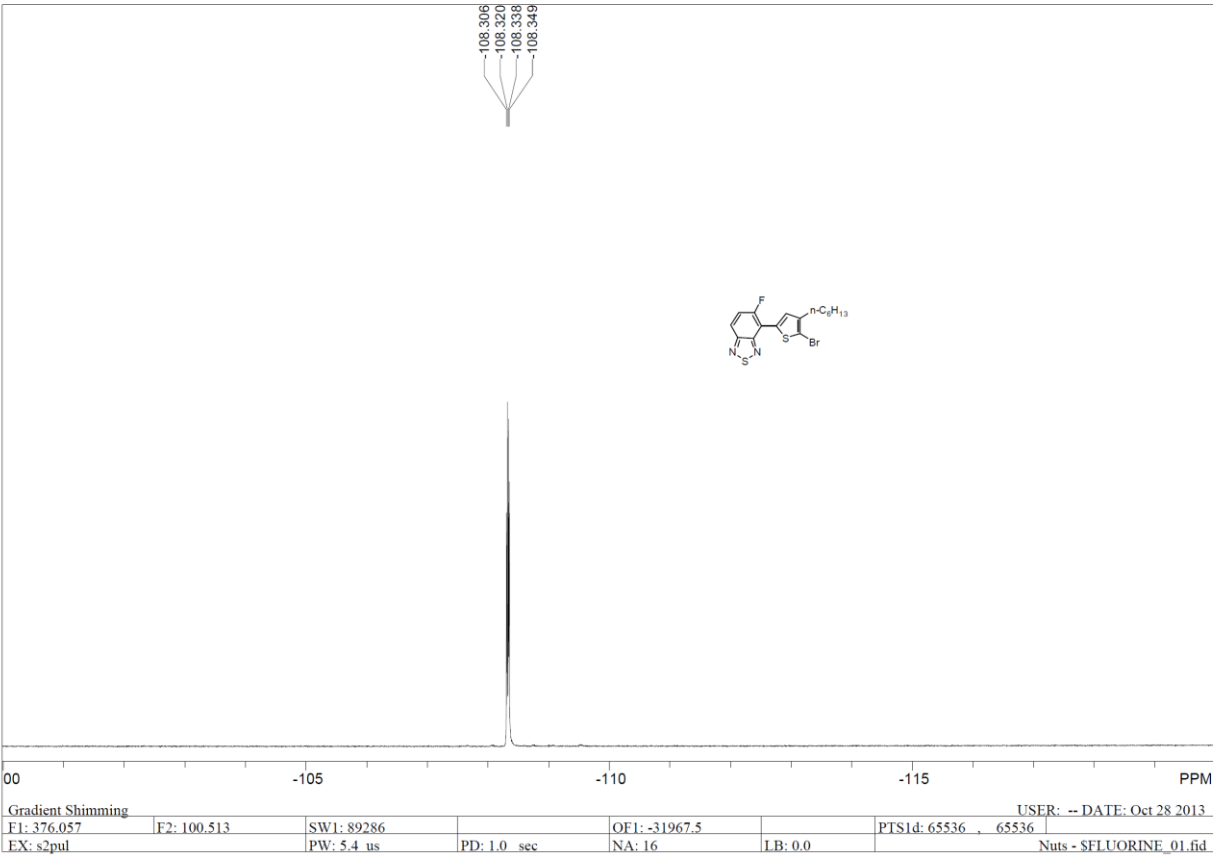
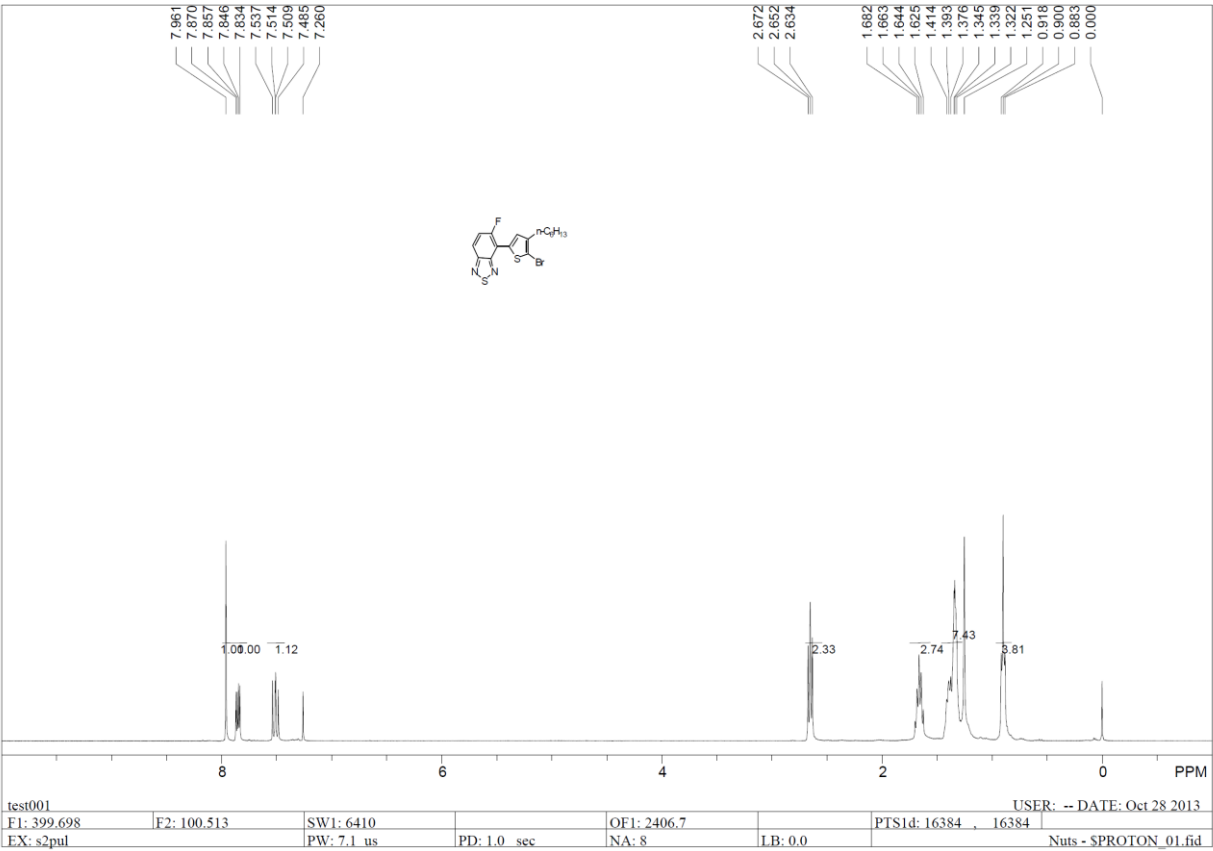


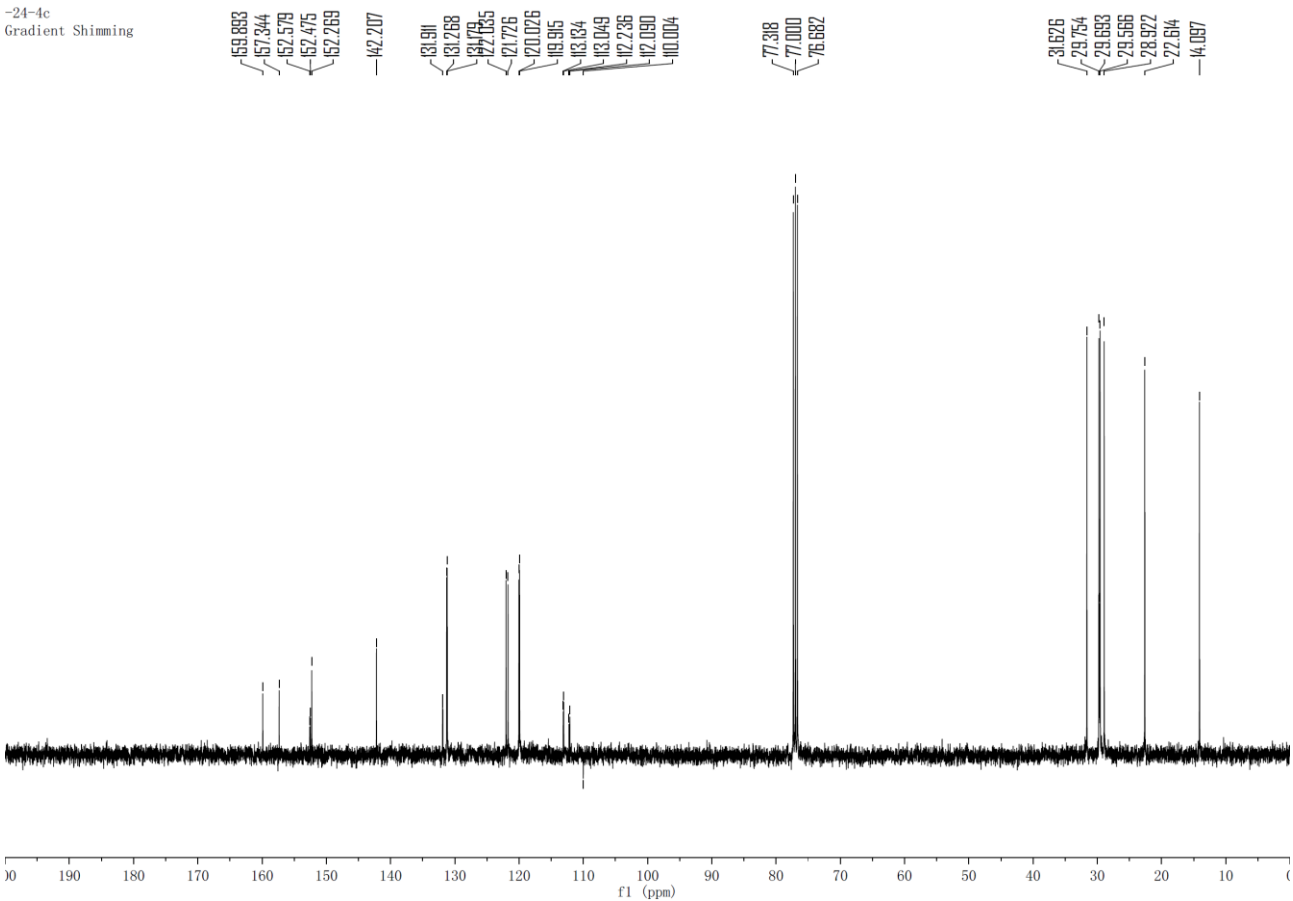
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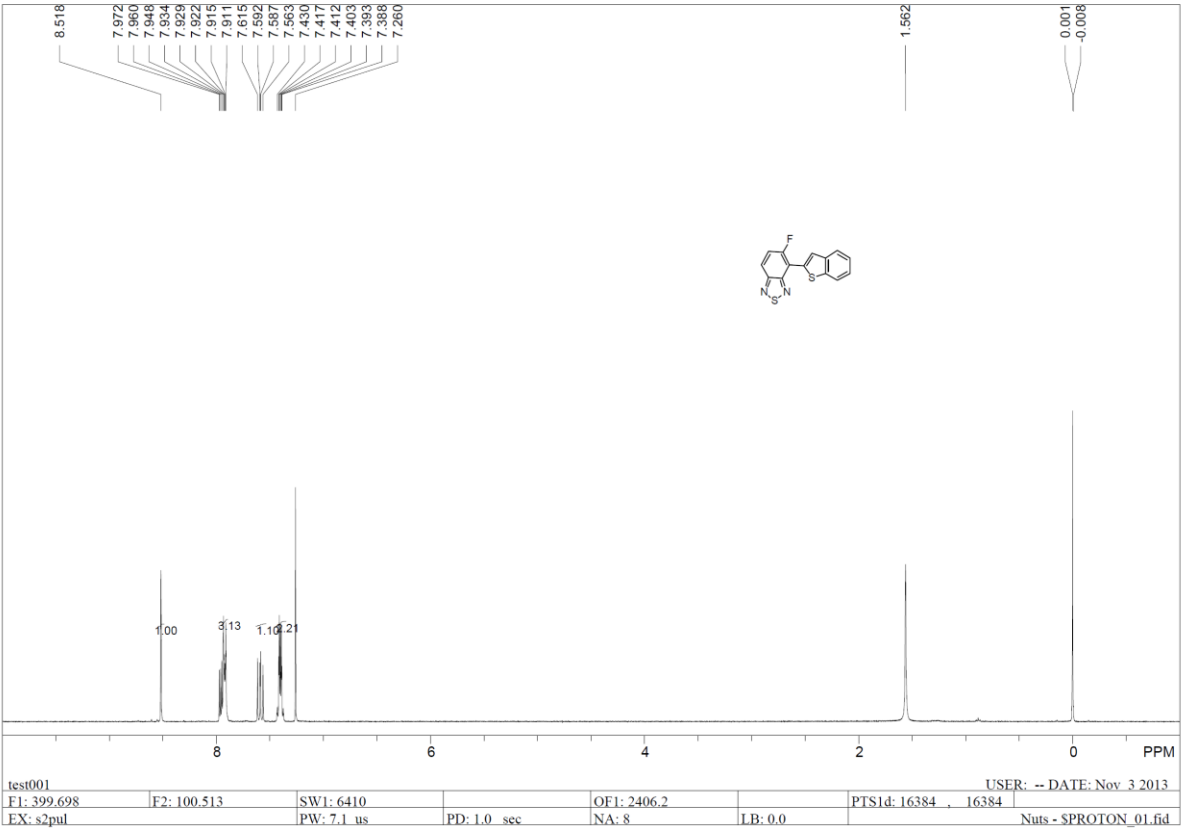


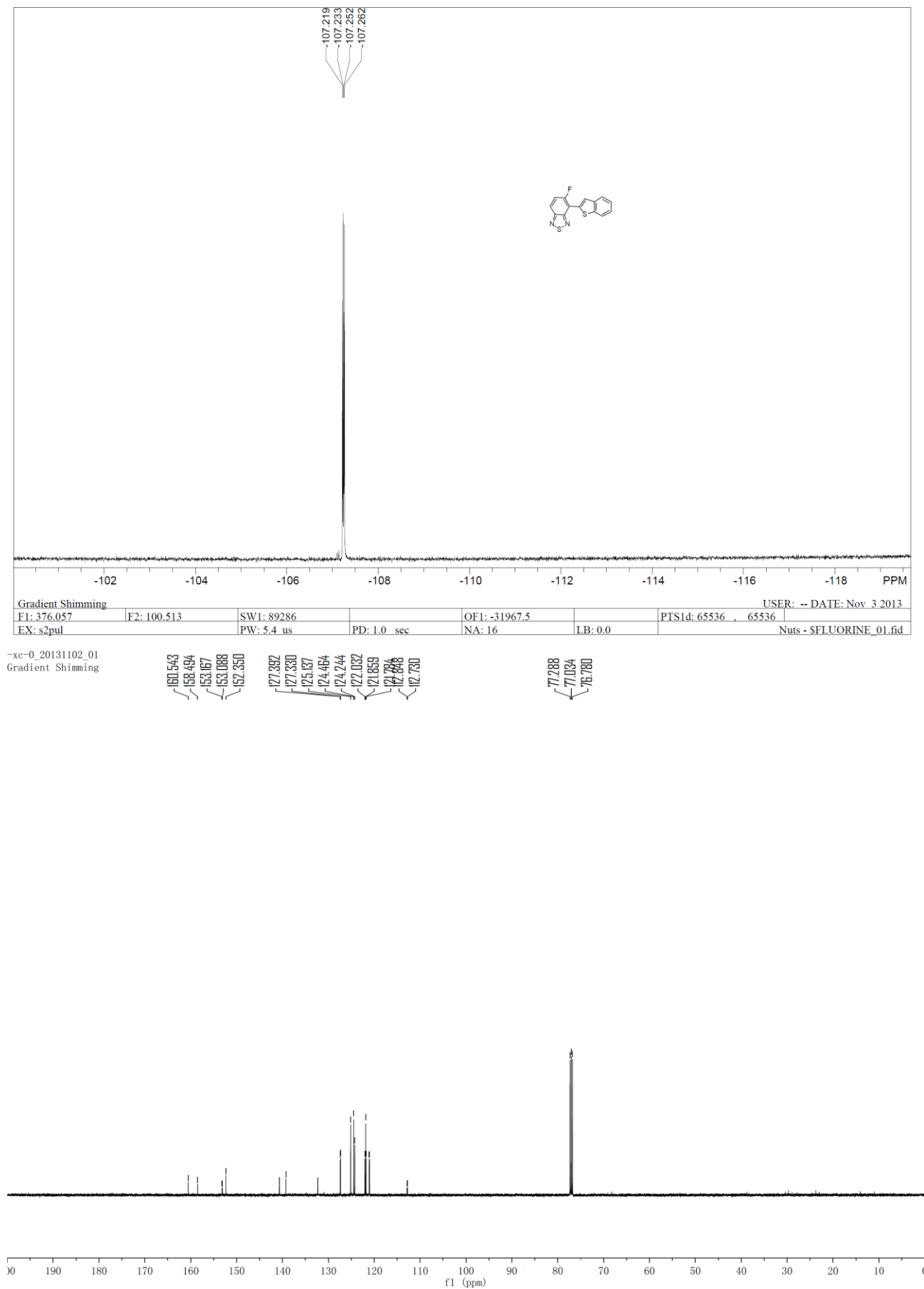
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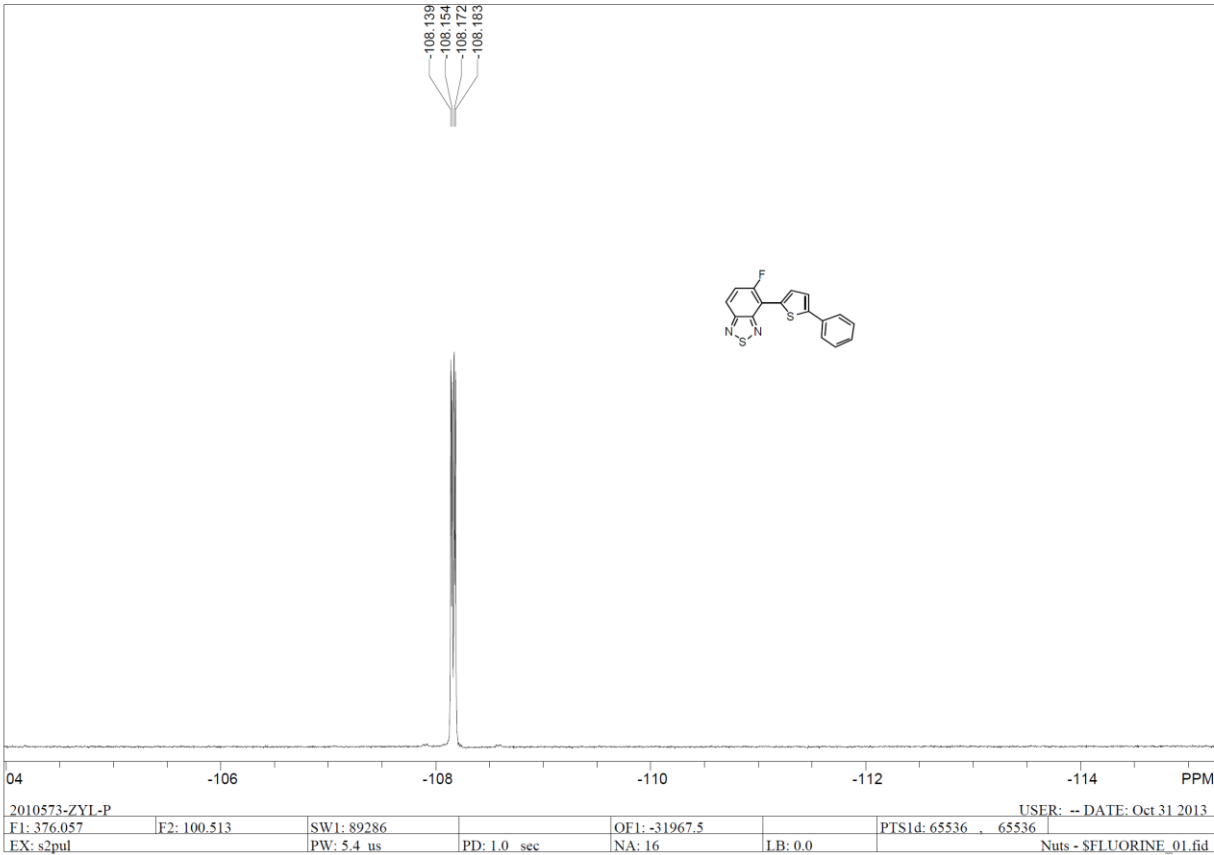
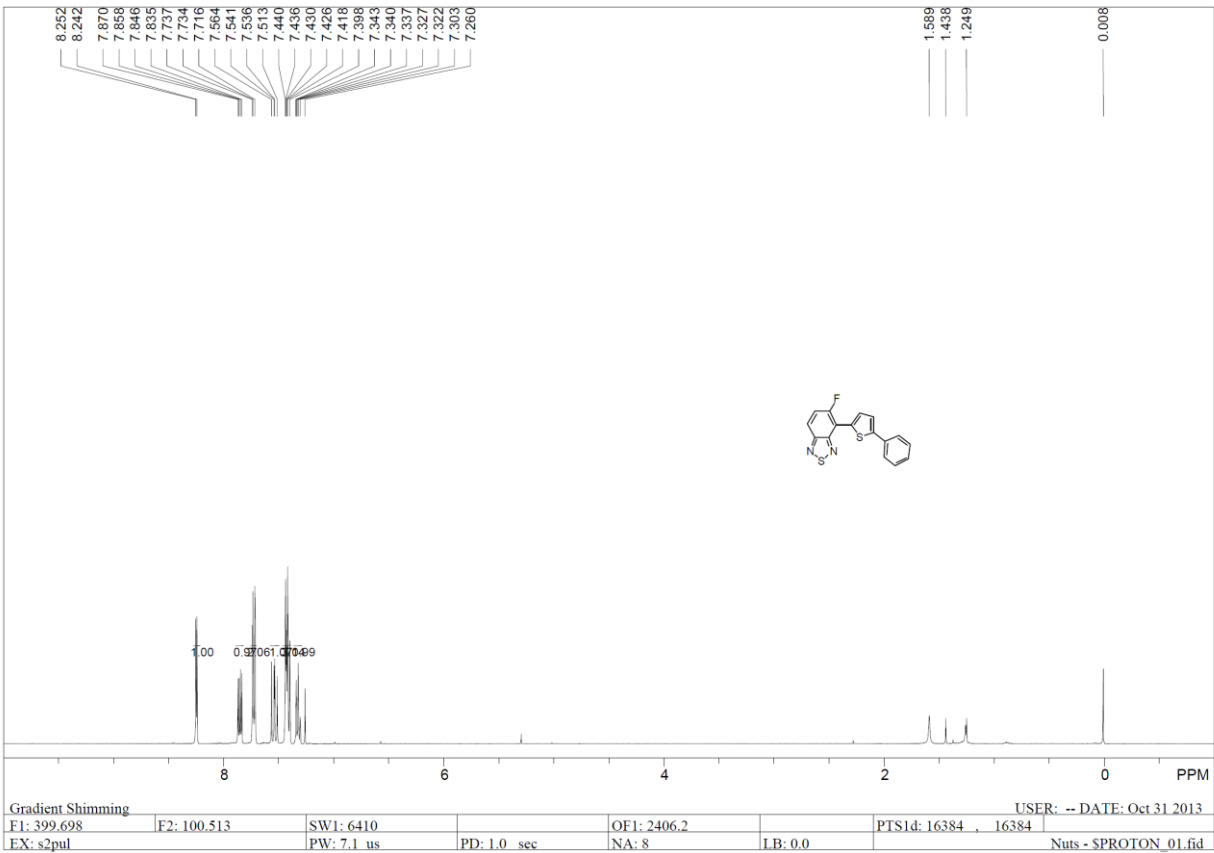


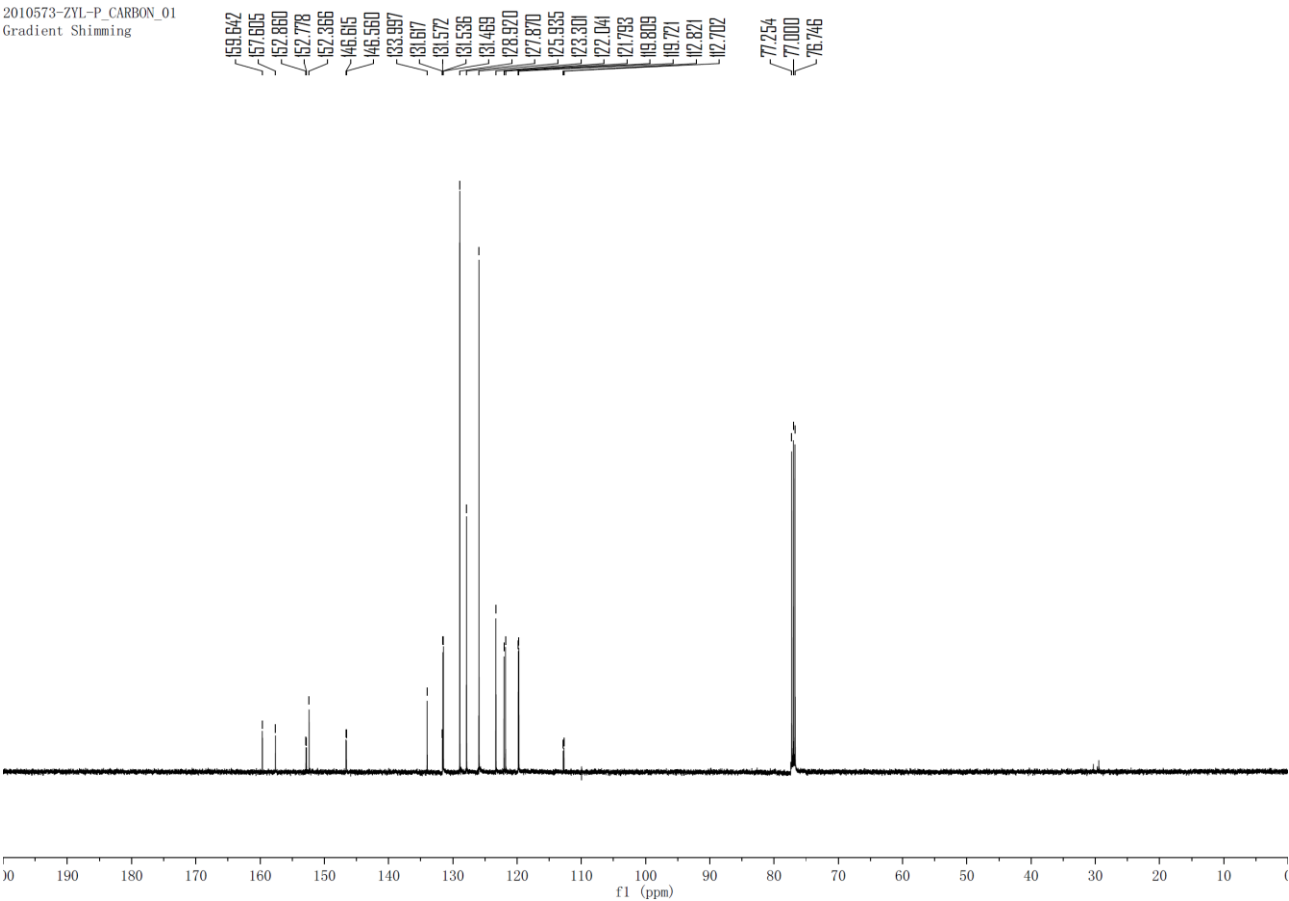
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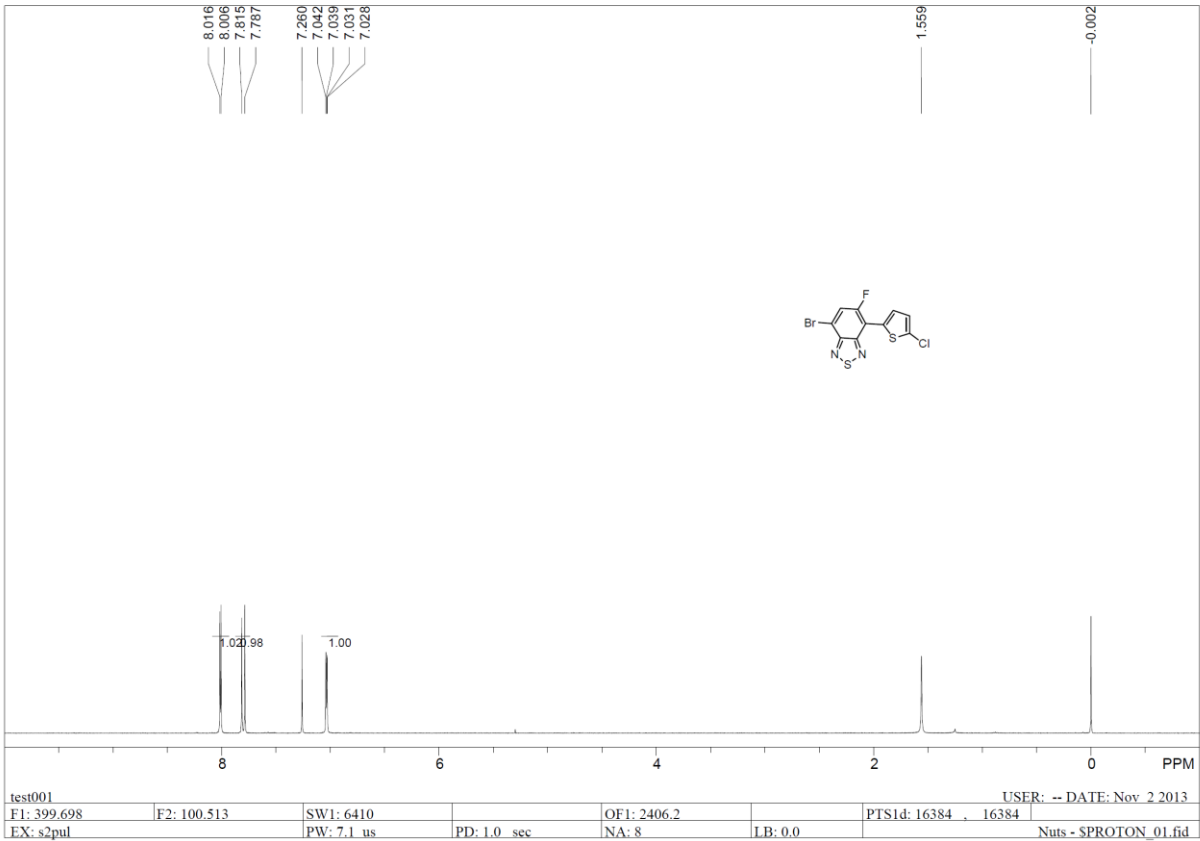


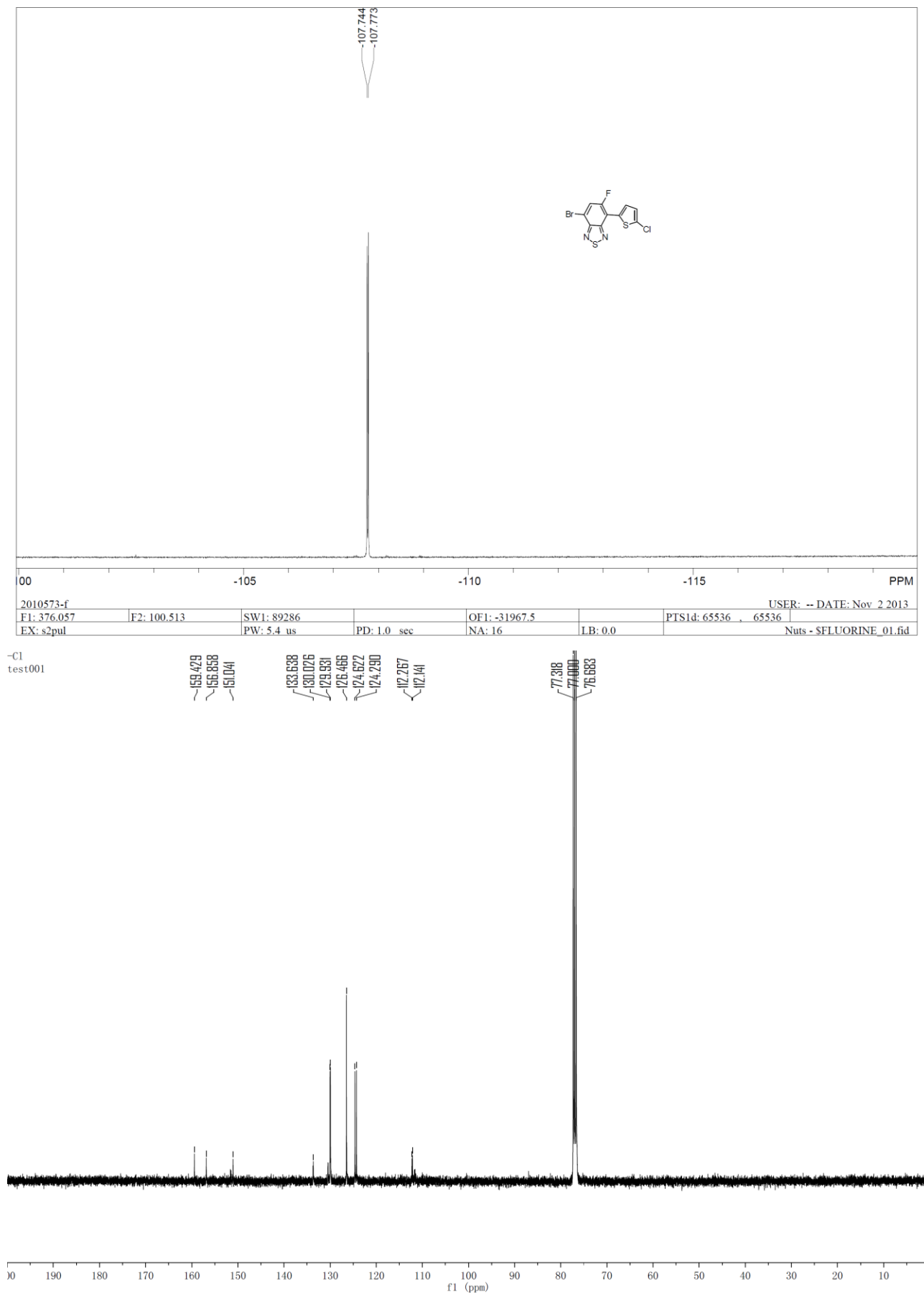
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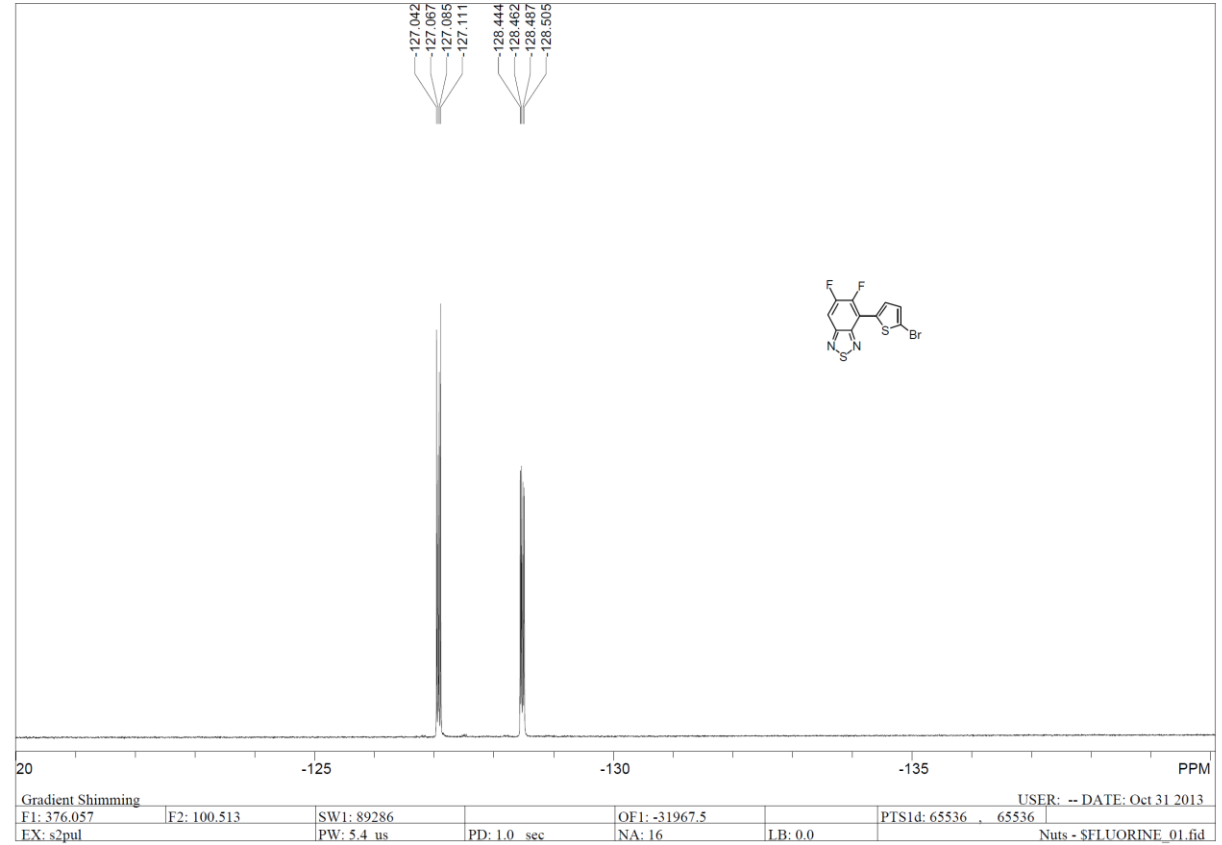
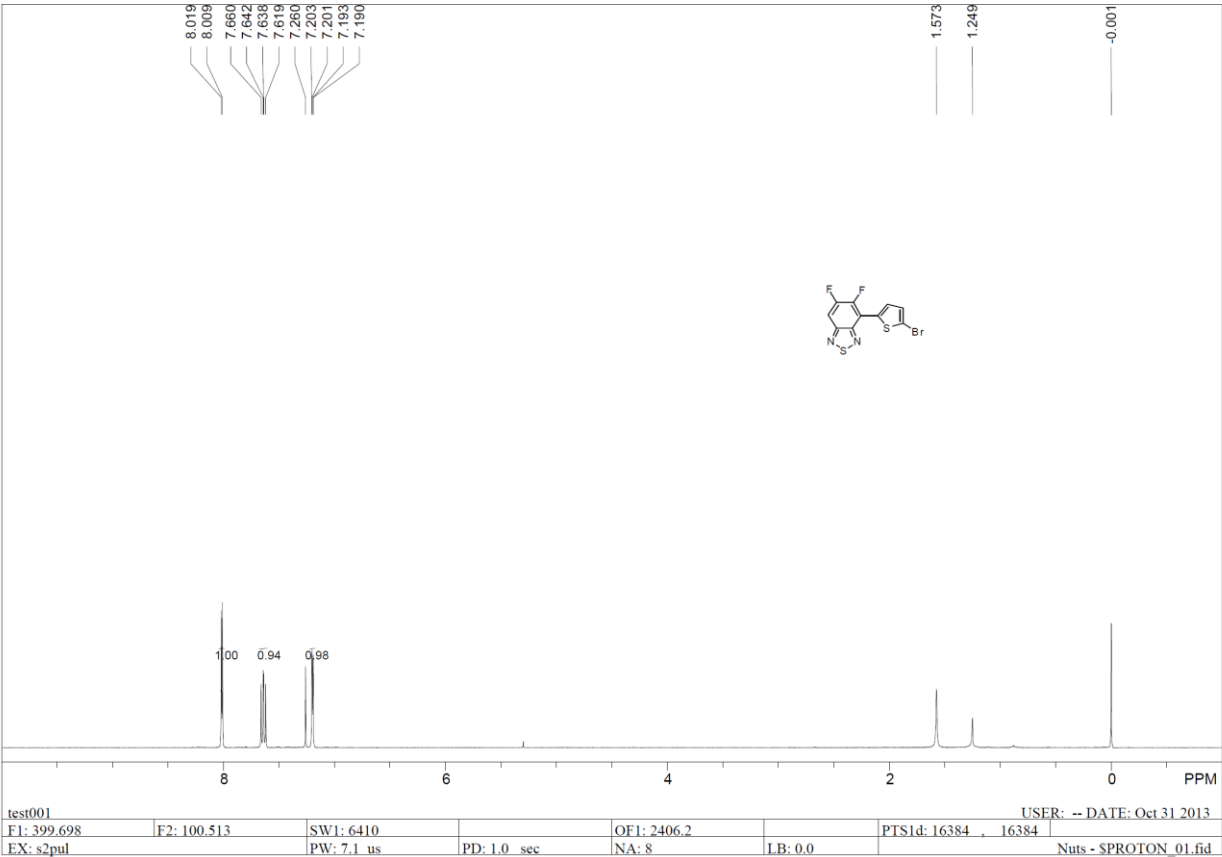


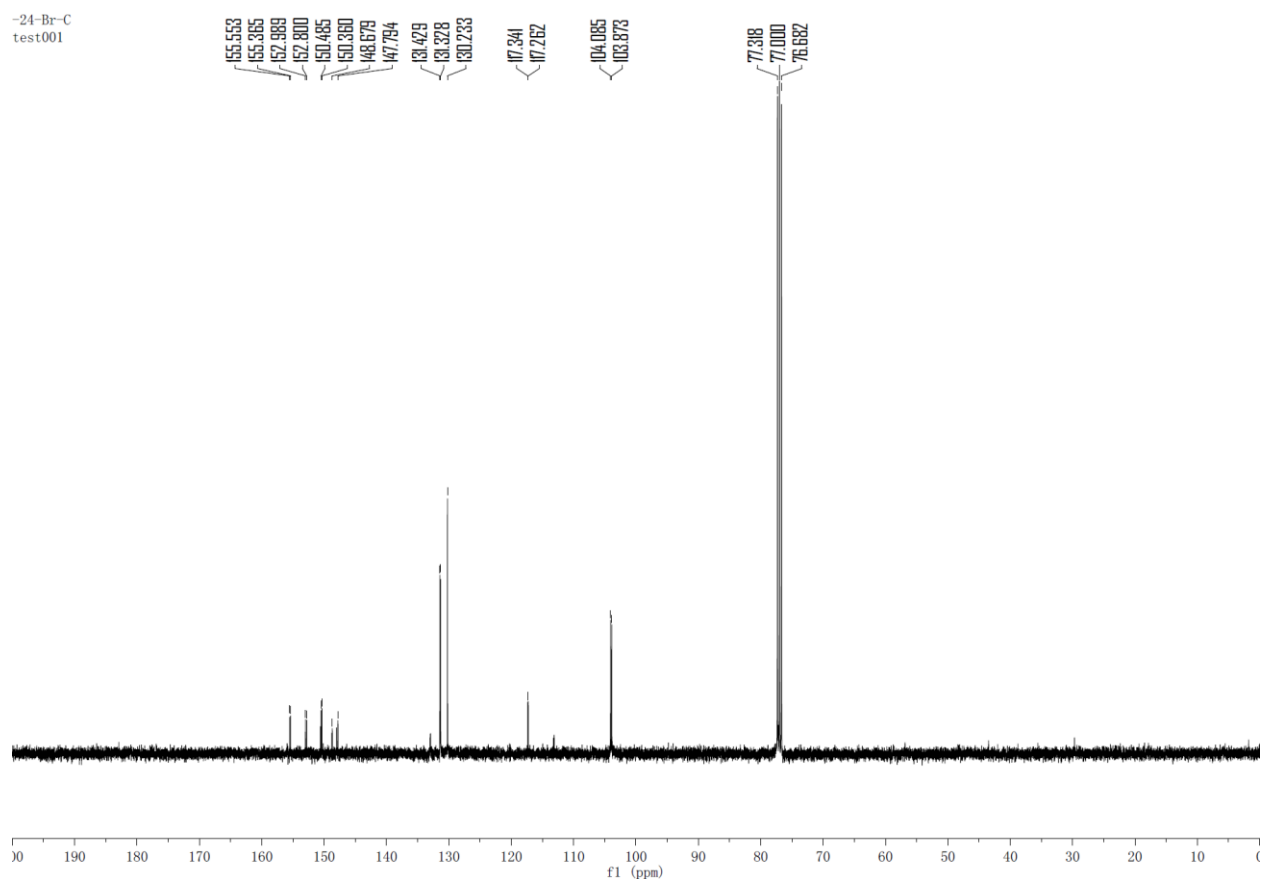
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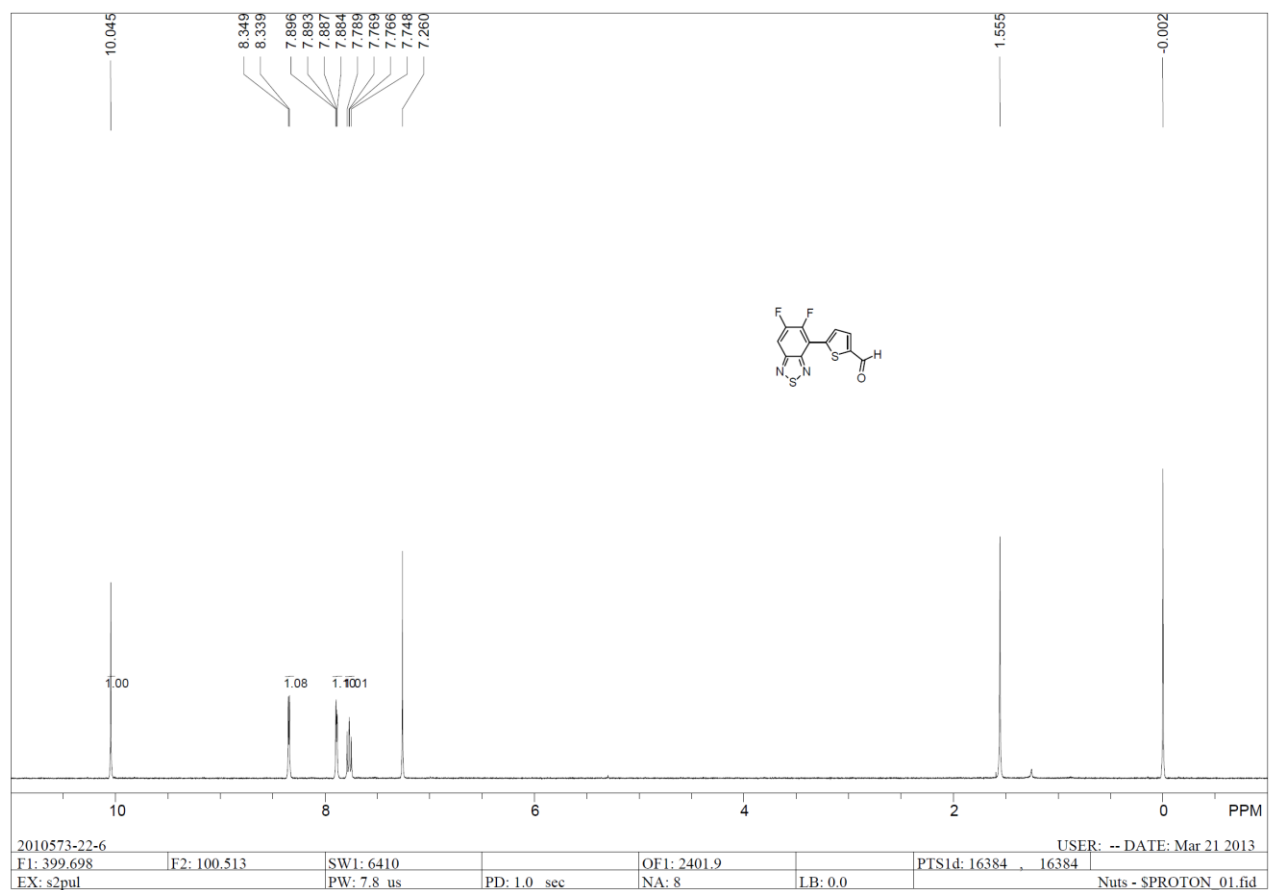


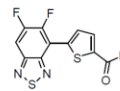
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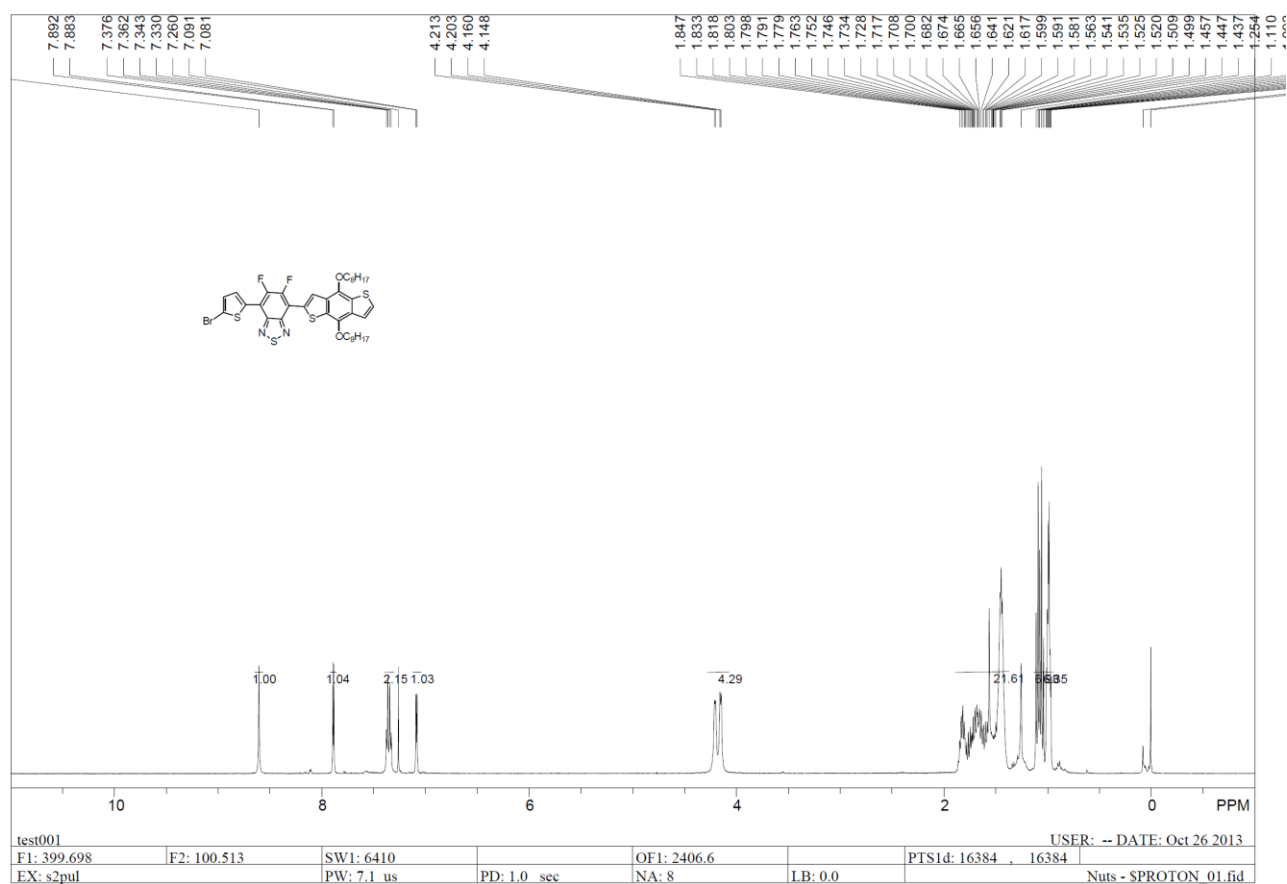


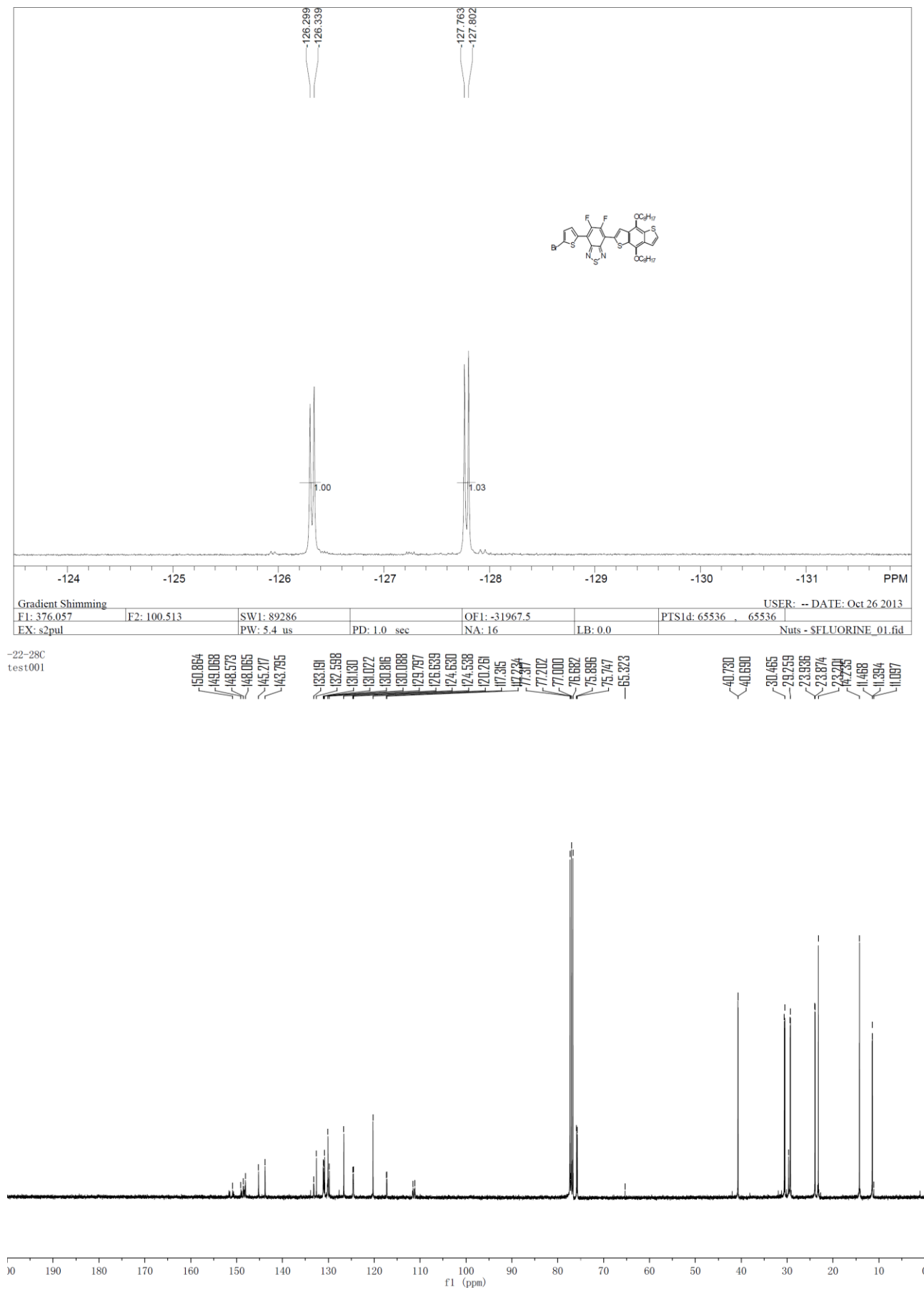
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5-(7-(4,8-Bis(octyloxy)benzo[1,2-b:4,5-b']dithiophen-2-yl)-5,6-difluorobenzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazol-4-yl)thiophene-2-carbaldehyde (12).

