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## Reactivity of an Unsaturated Iridium(III) Phosphoramidate Complex, $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ir}\{\kappa^2\text{-N},\text{O}\}][\text{BAr}^F_4]$

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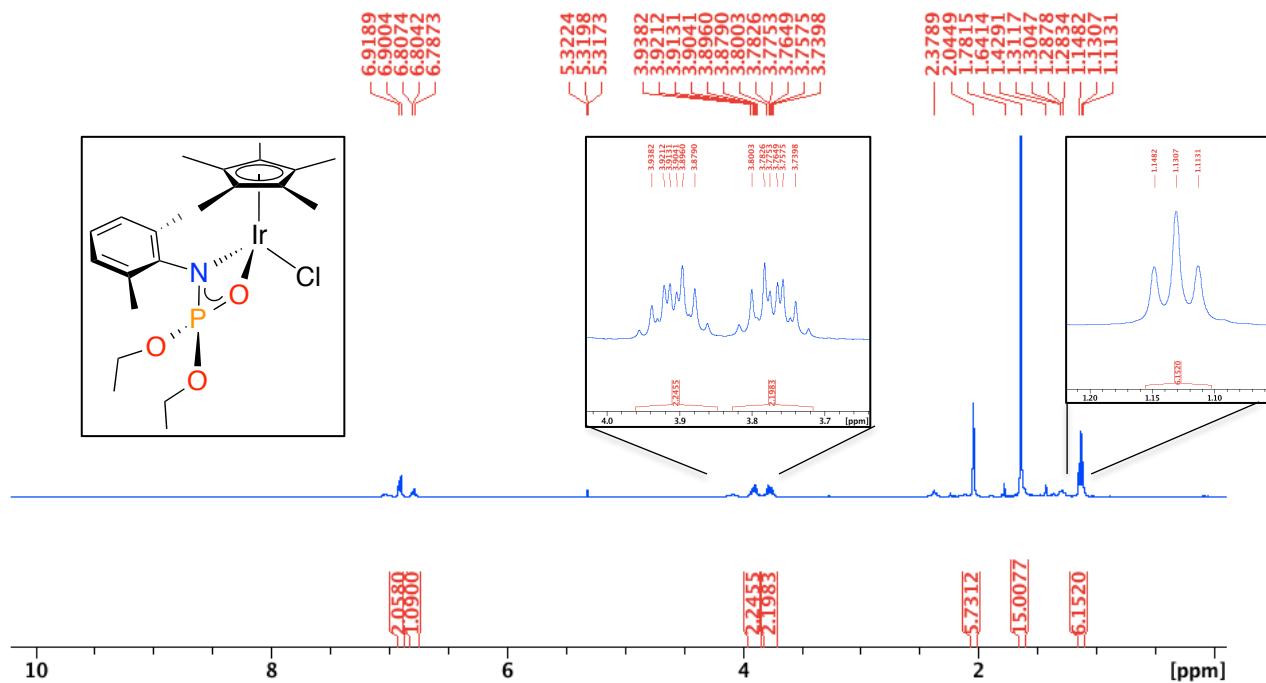
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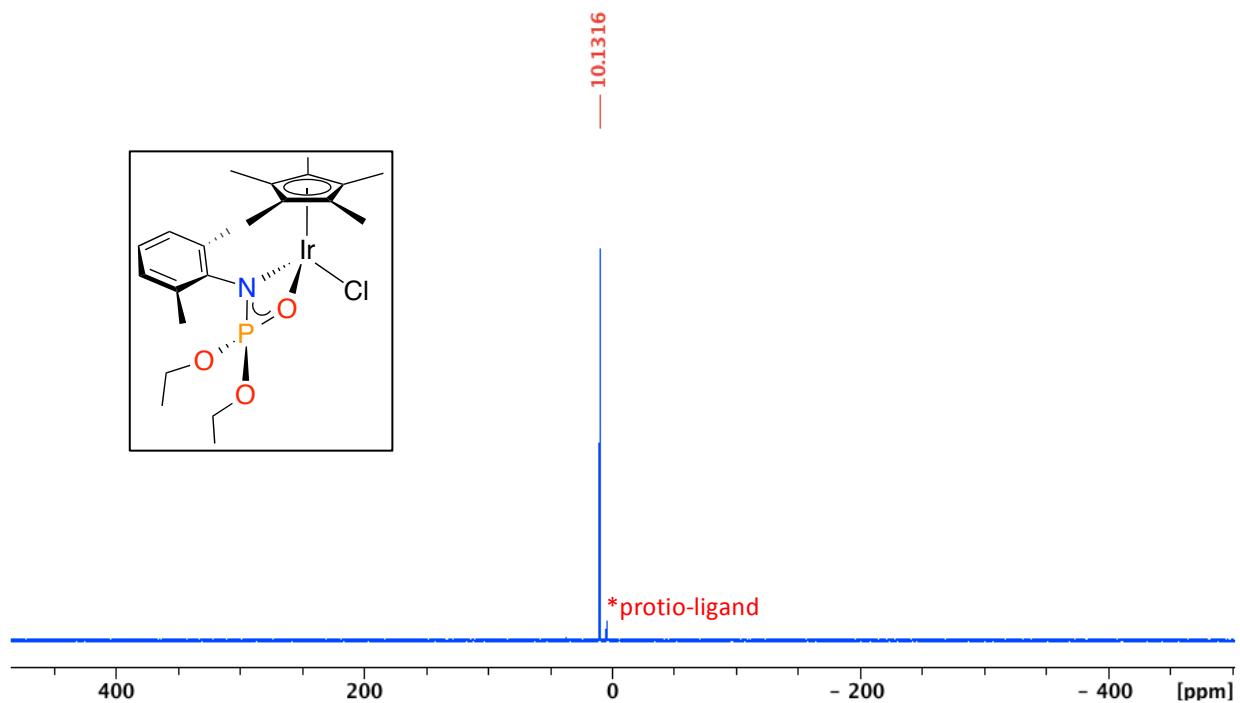
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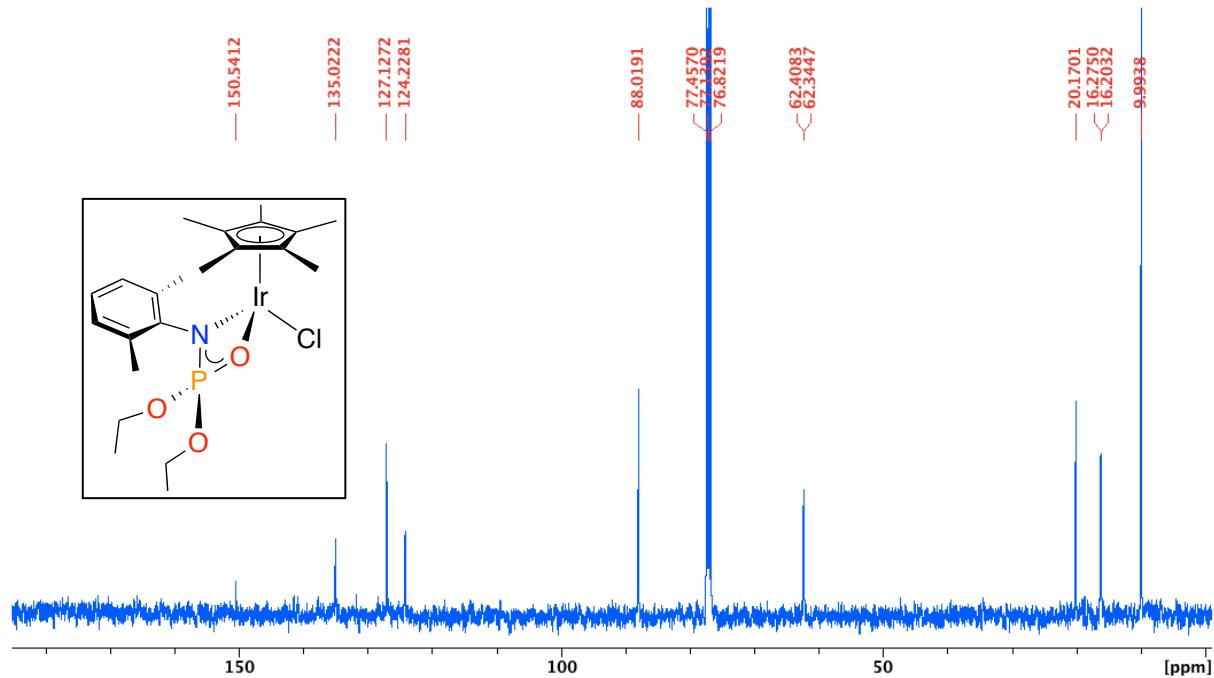
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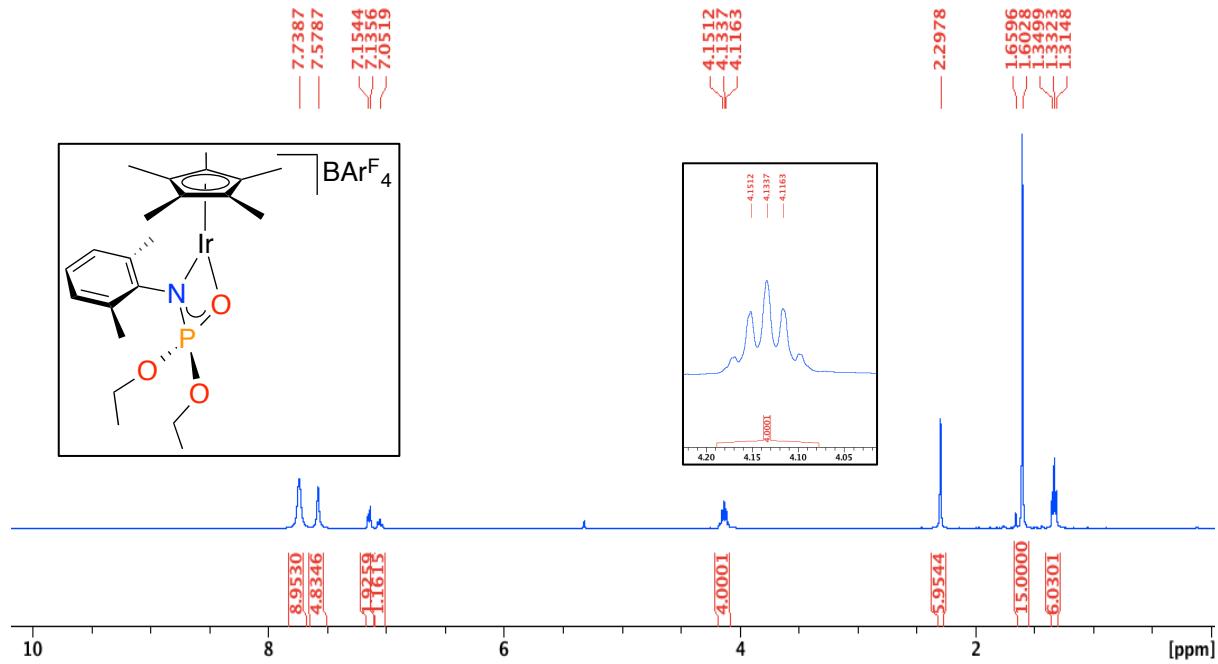
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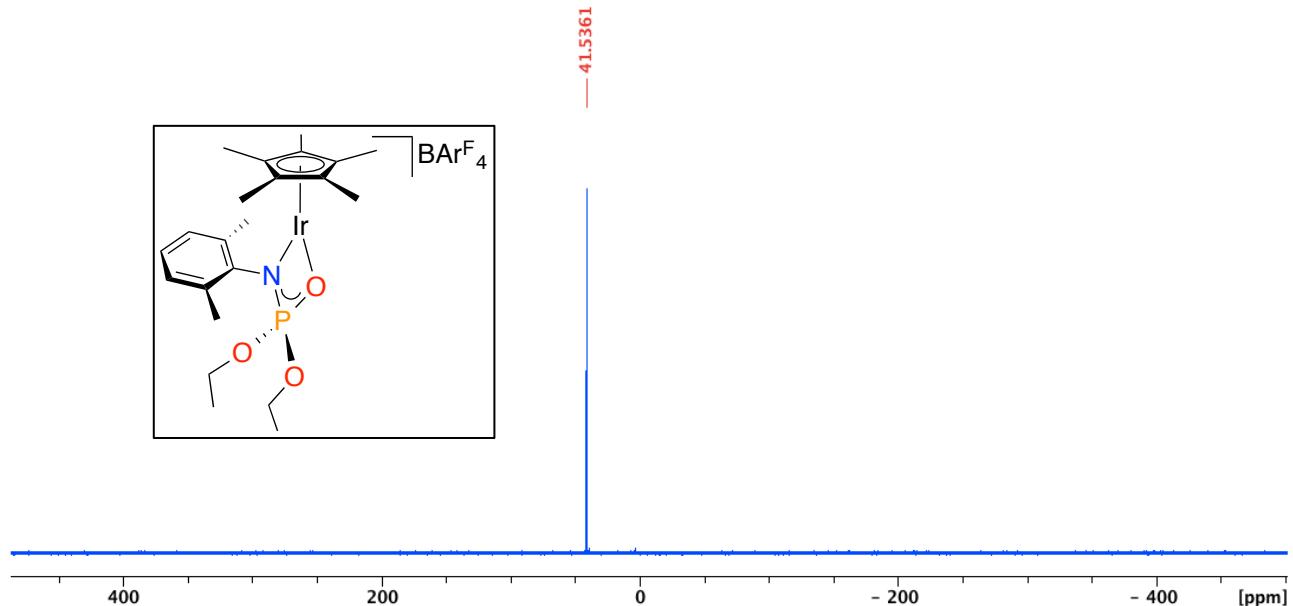
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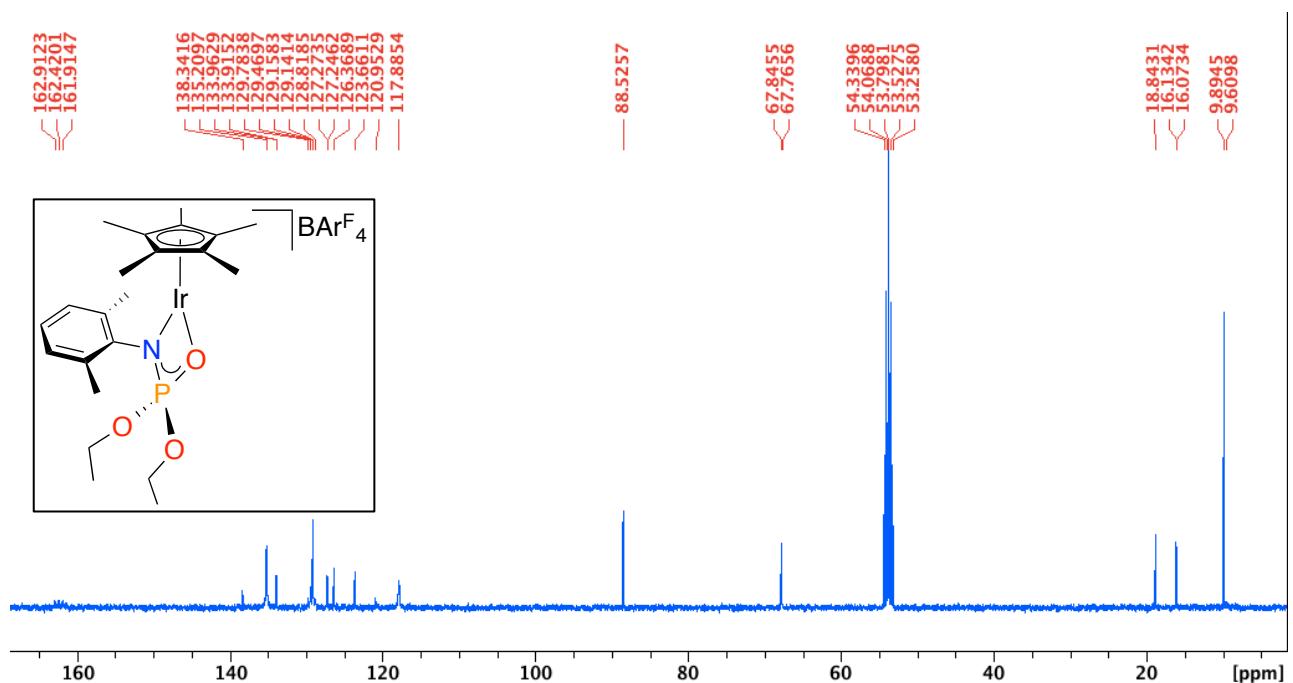
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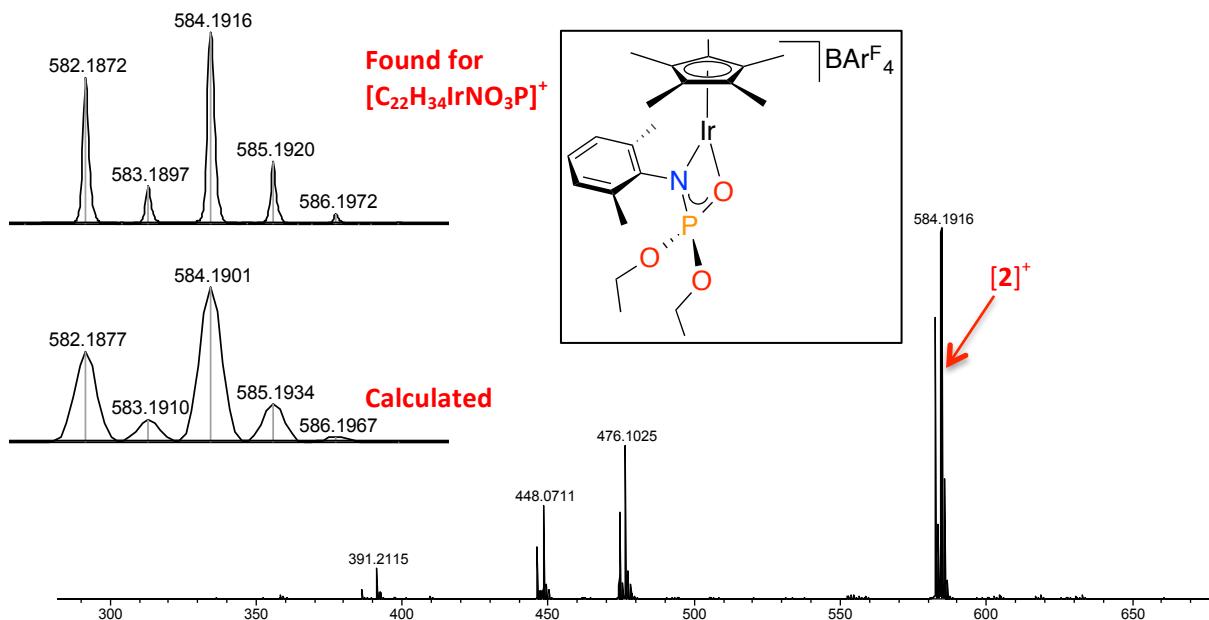
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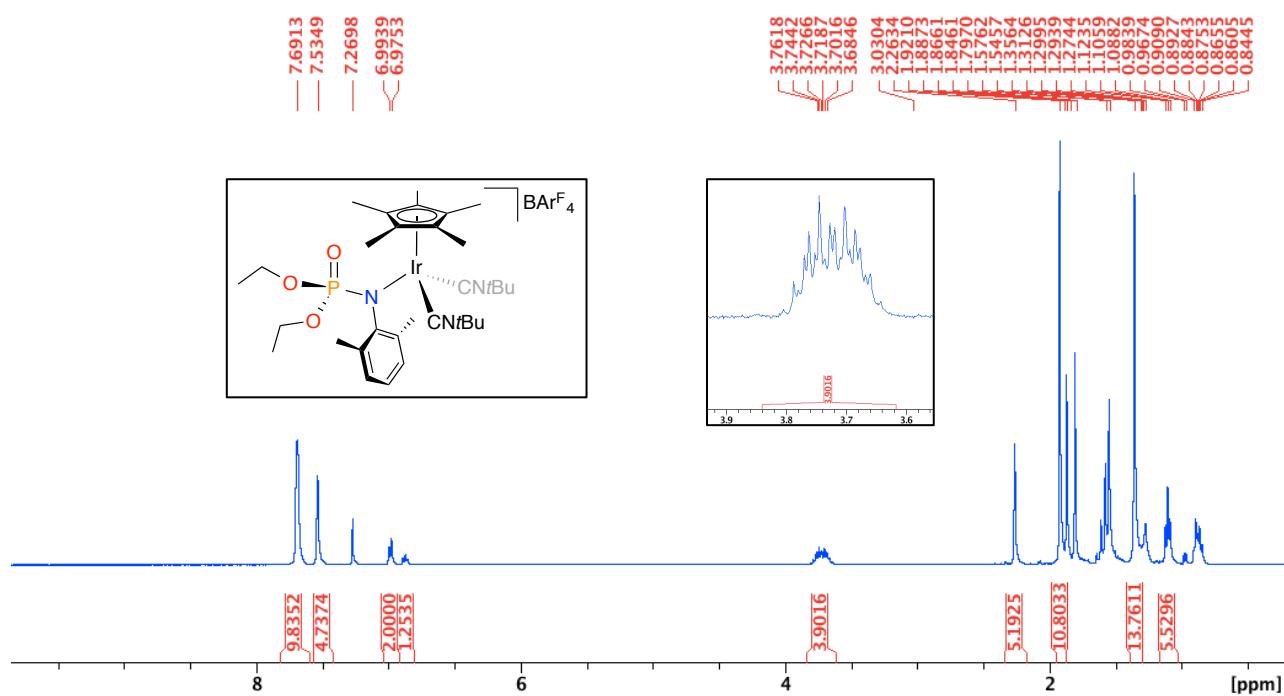
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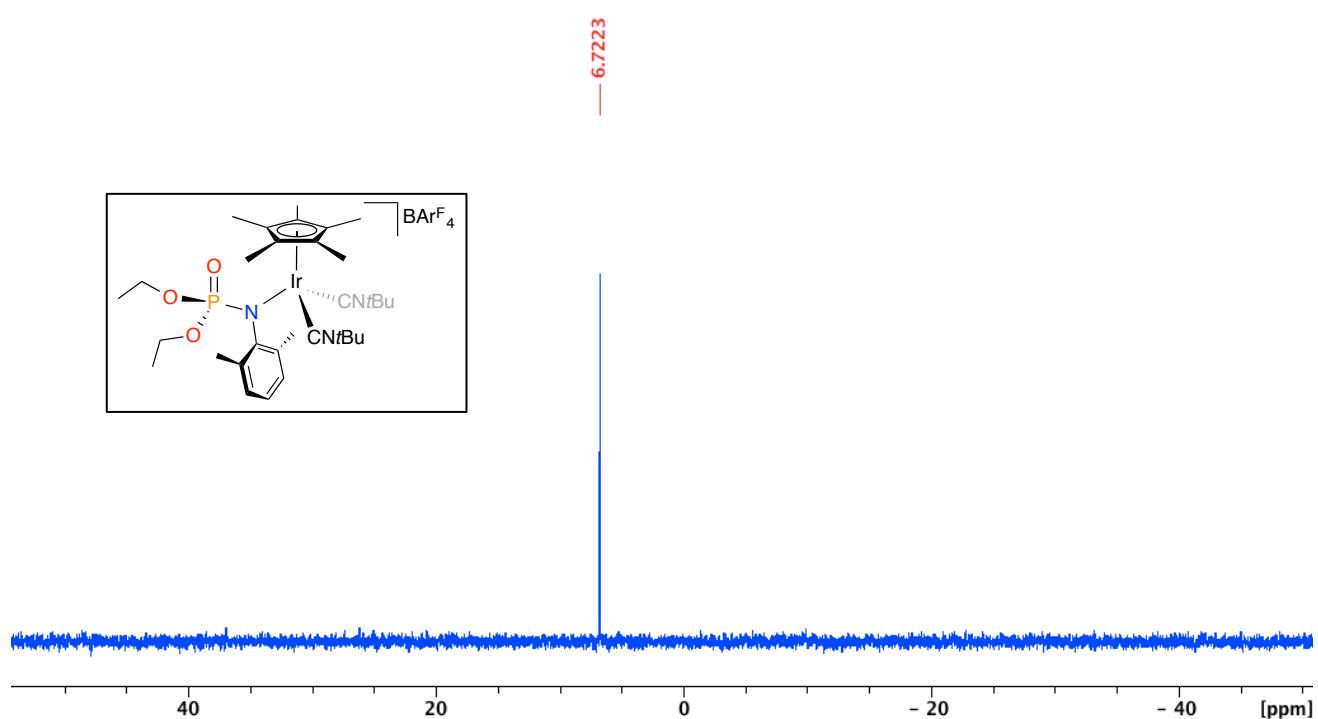
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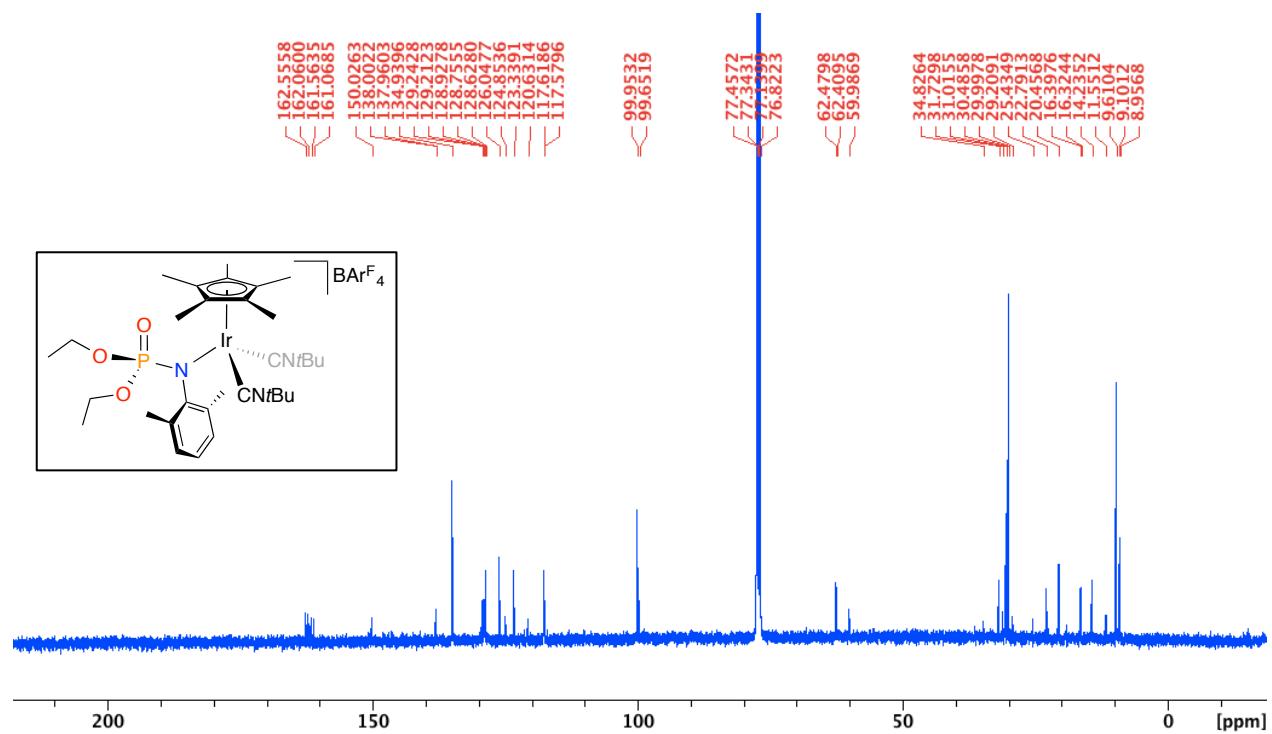
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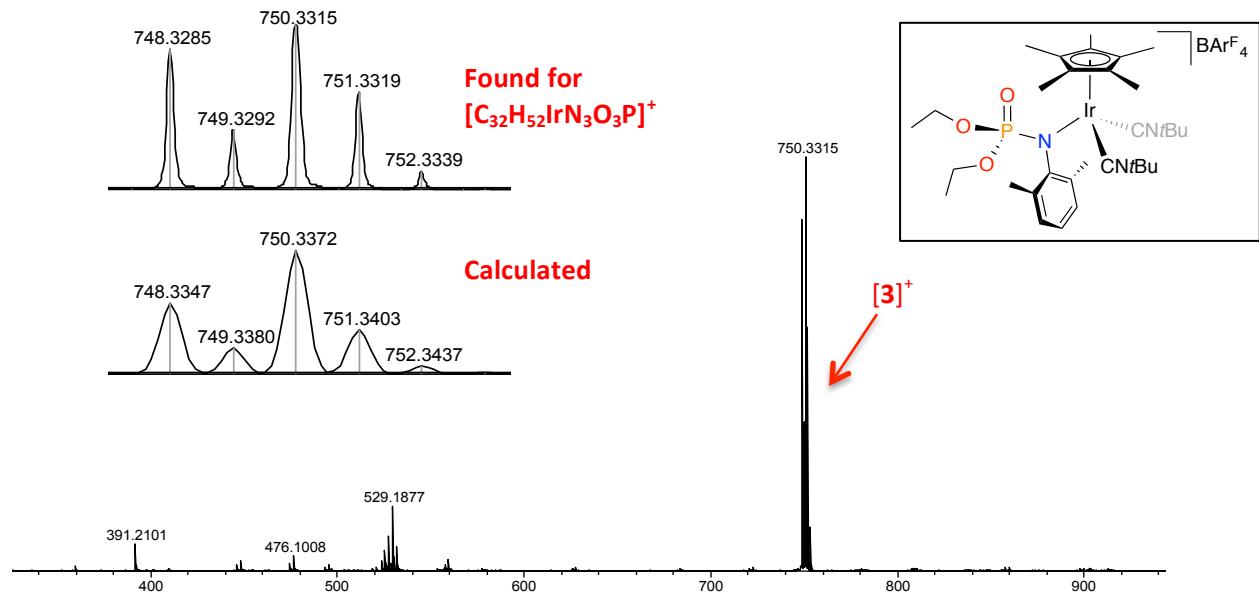
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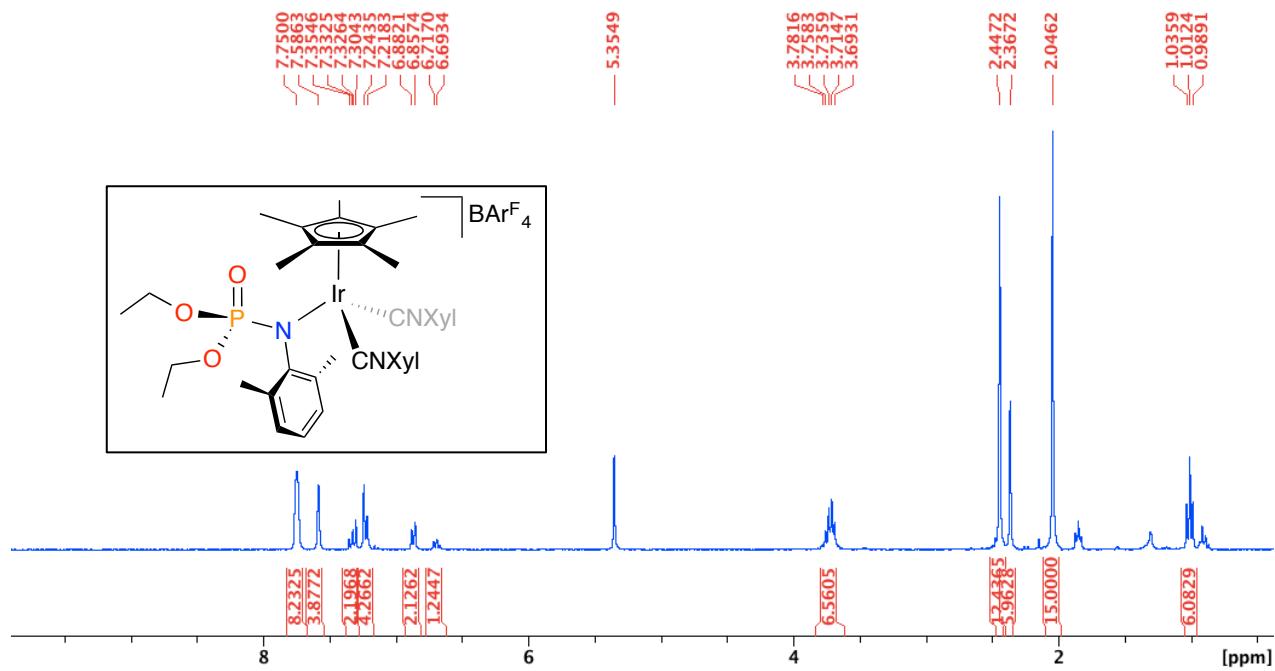
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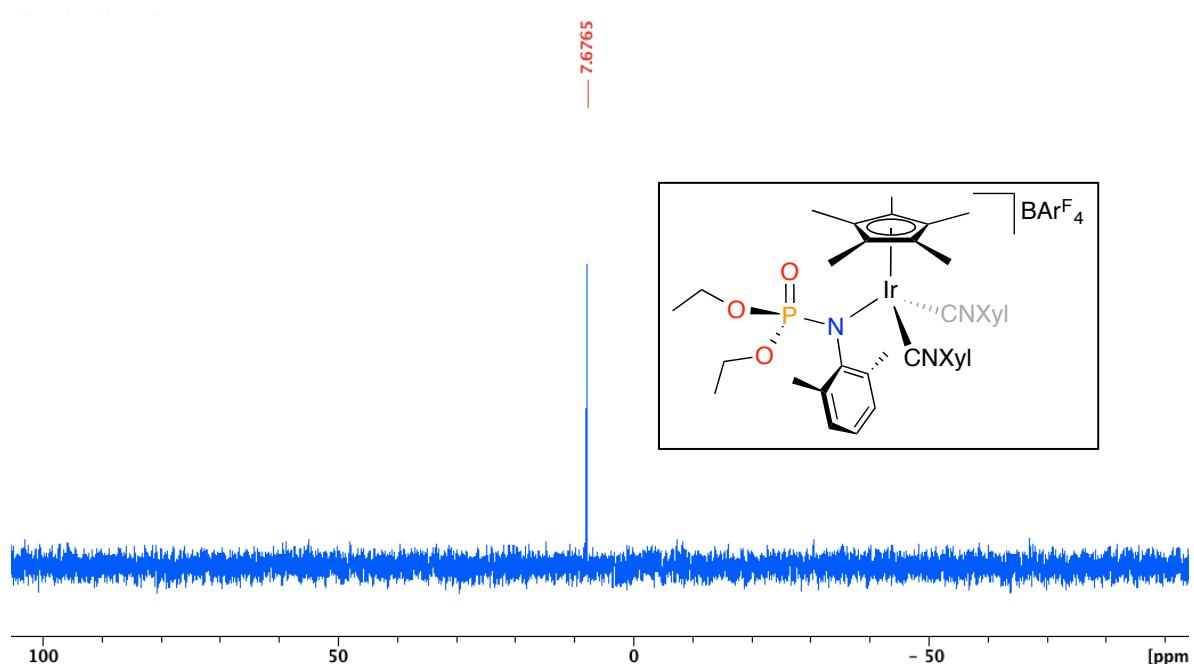
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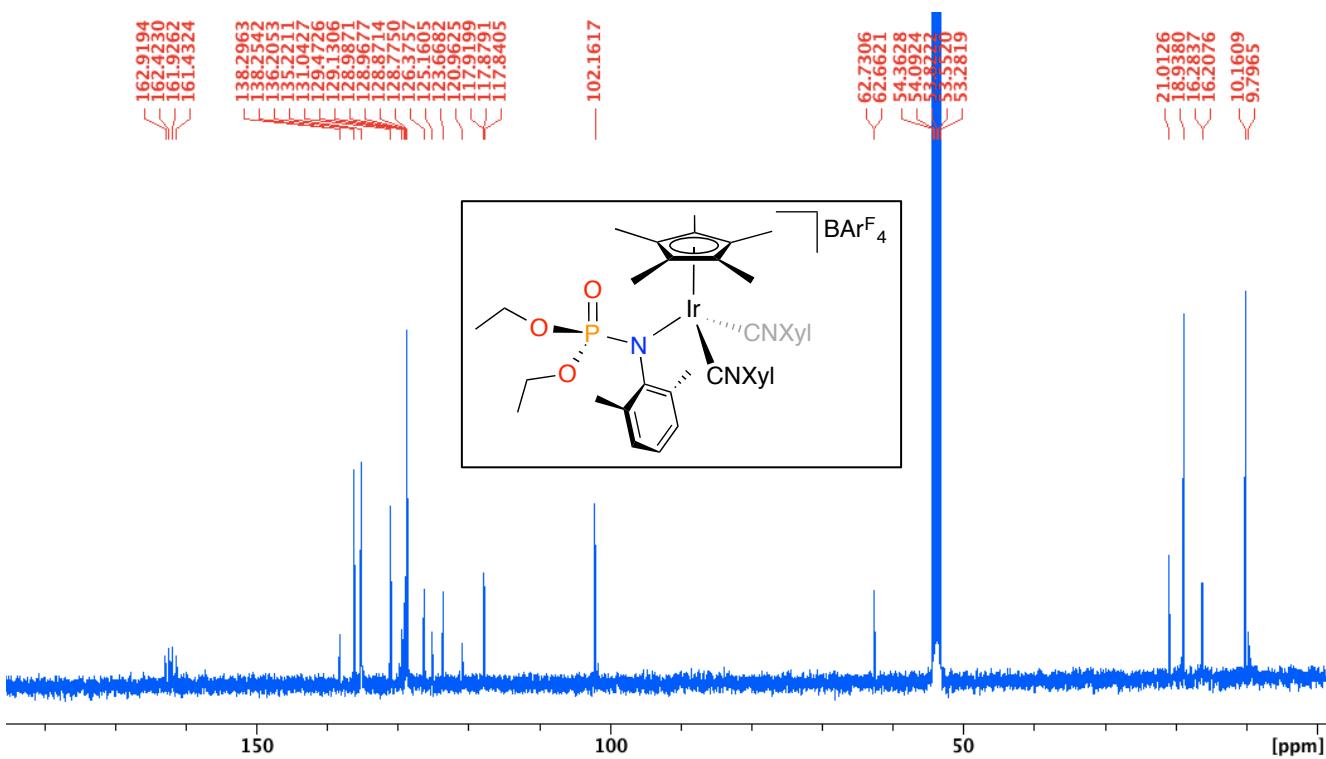
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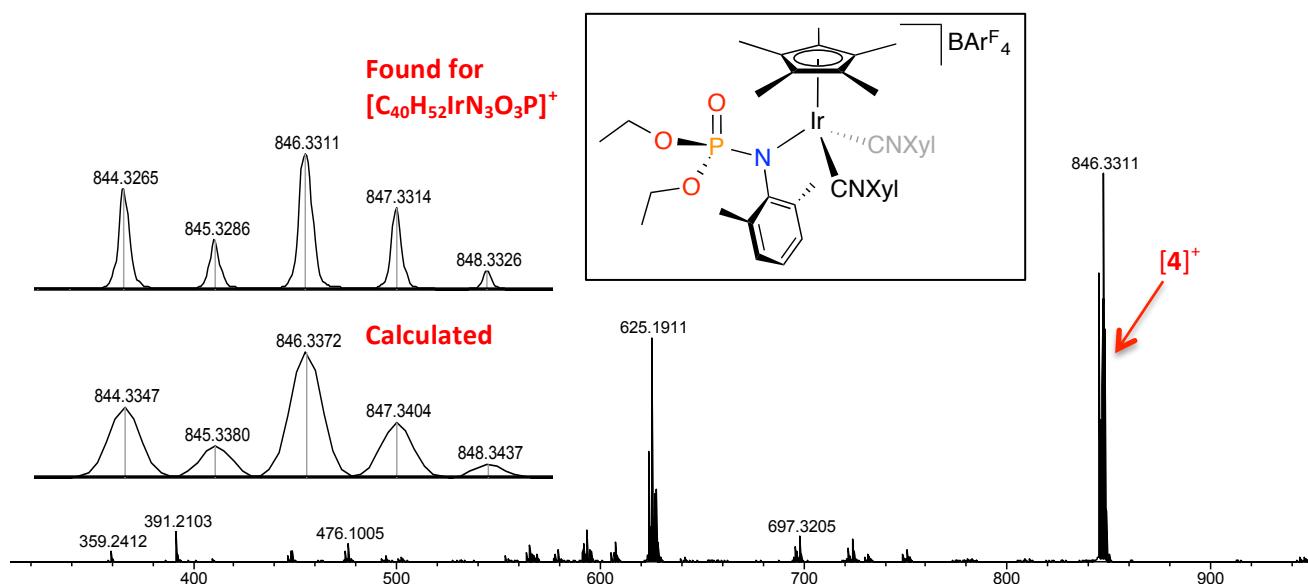
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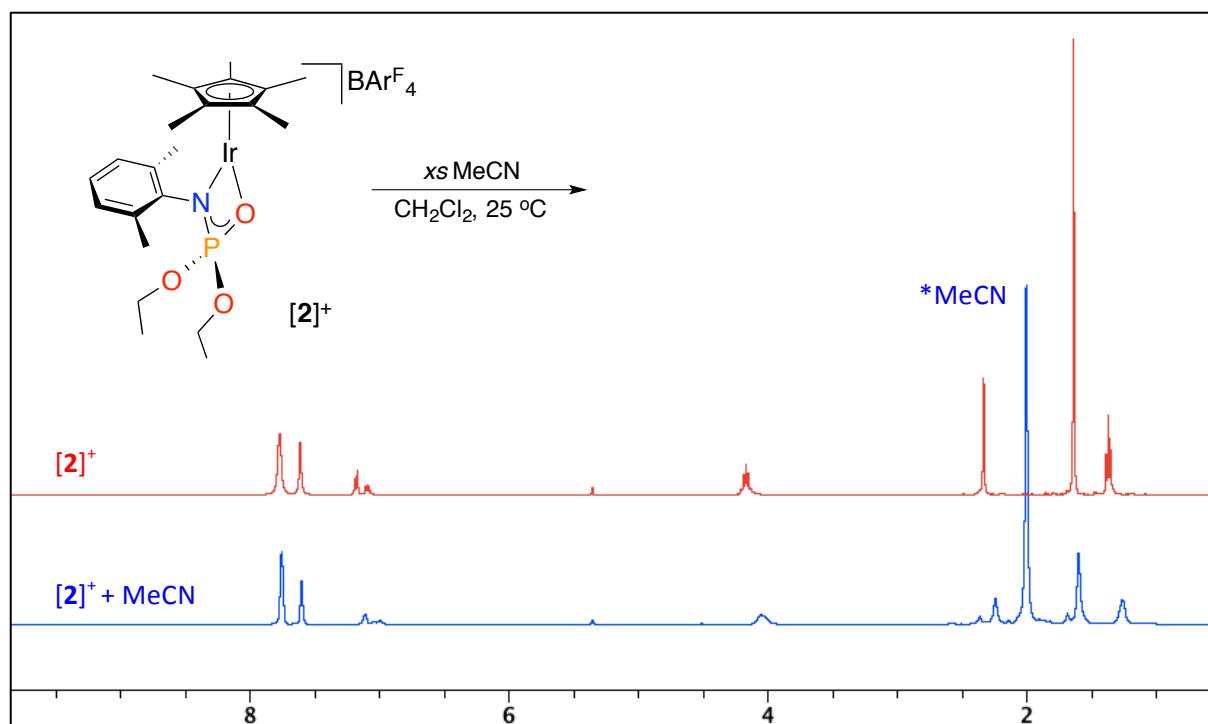
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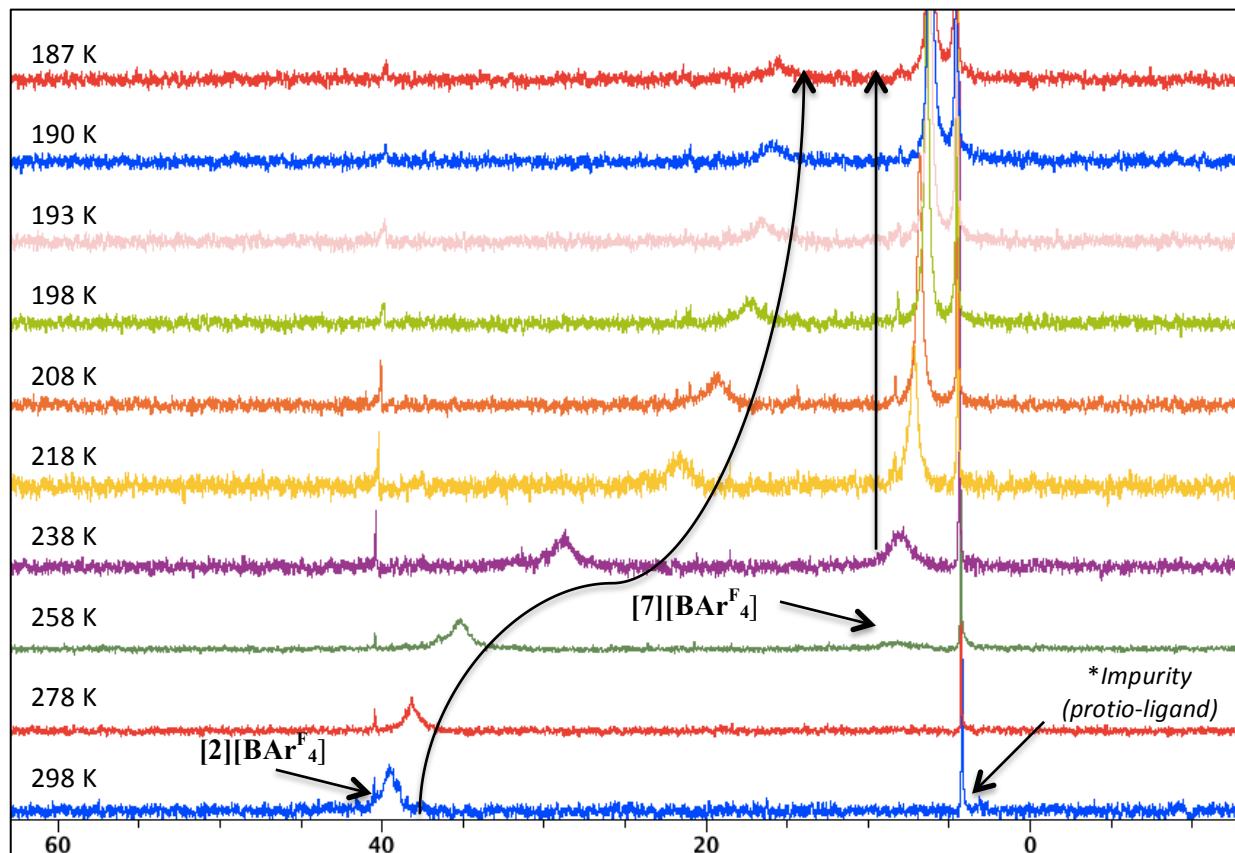
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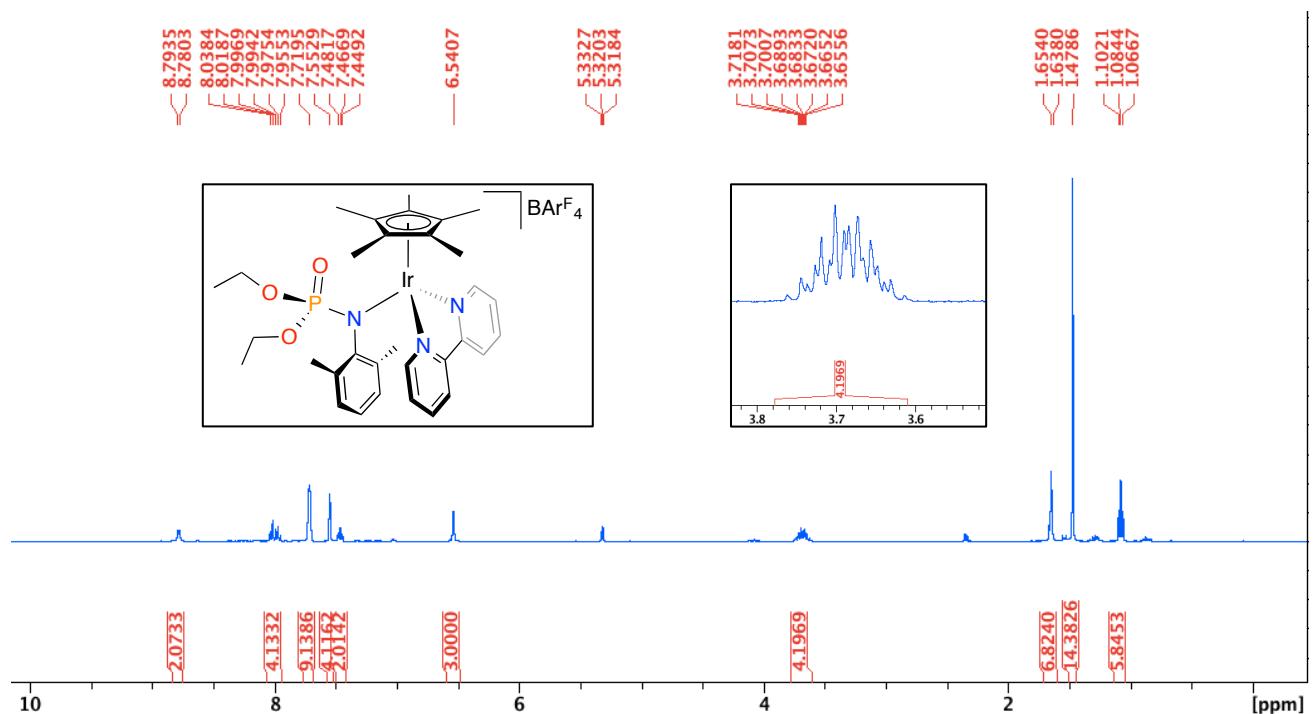
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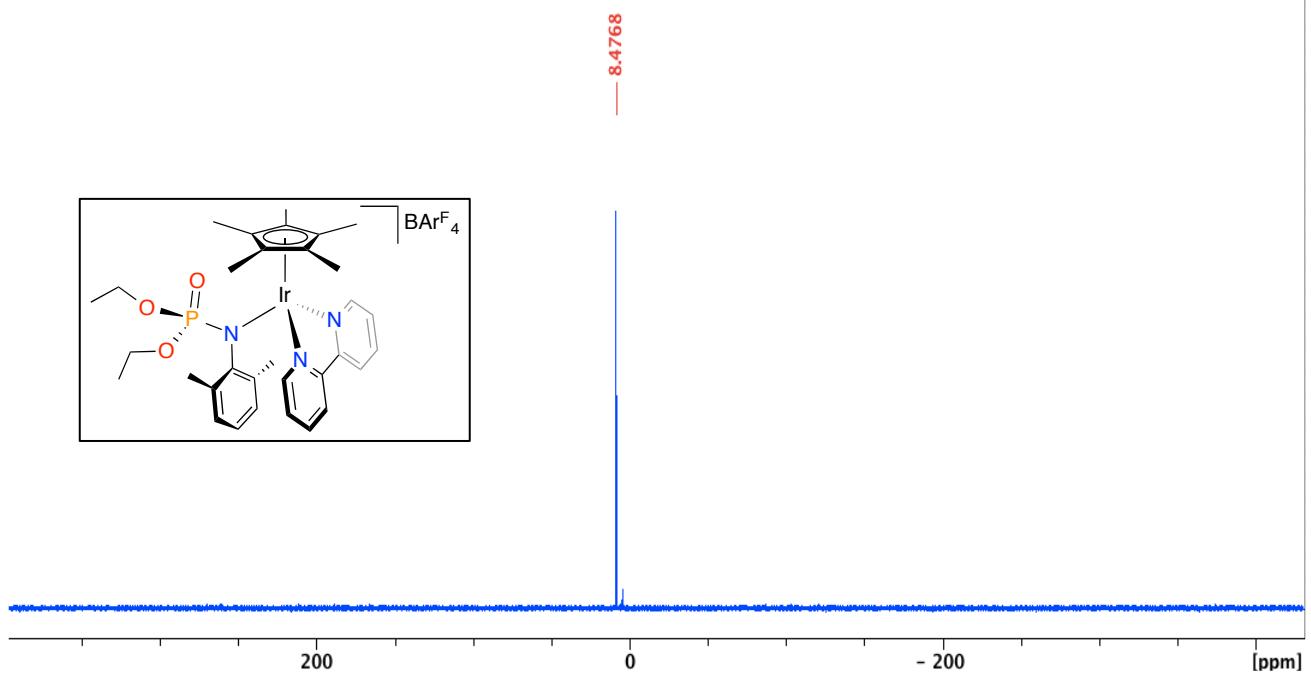
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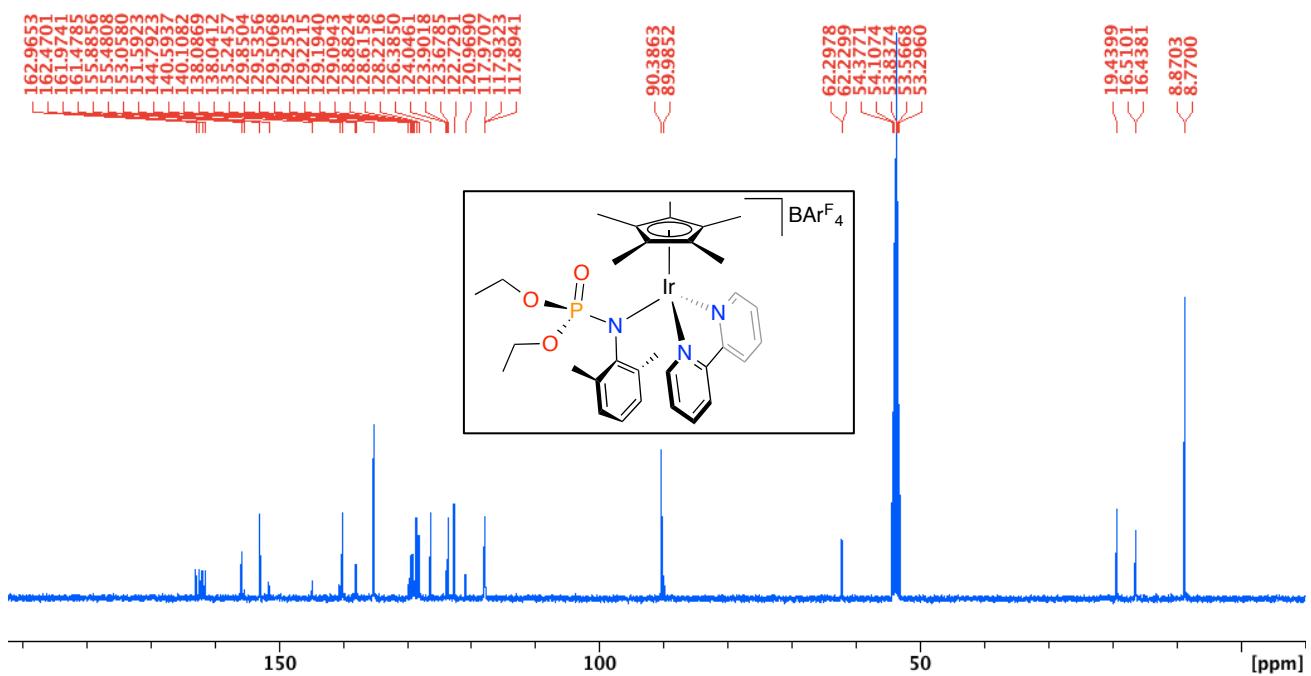
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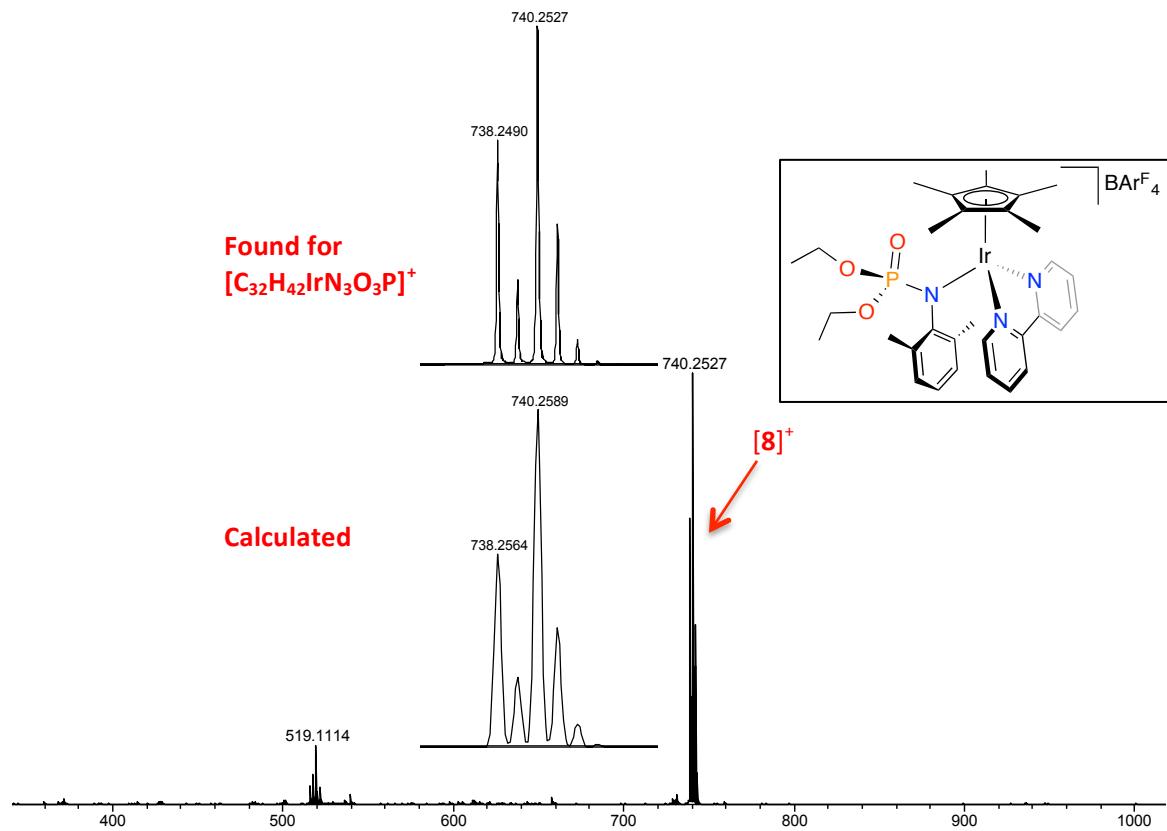
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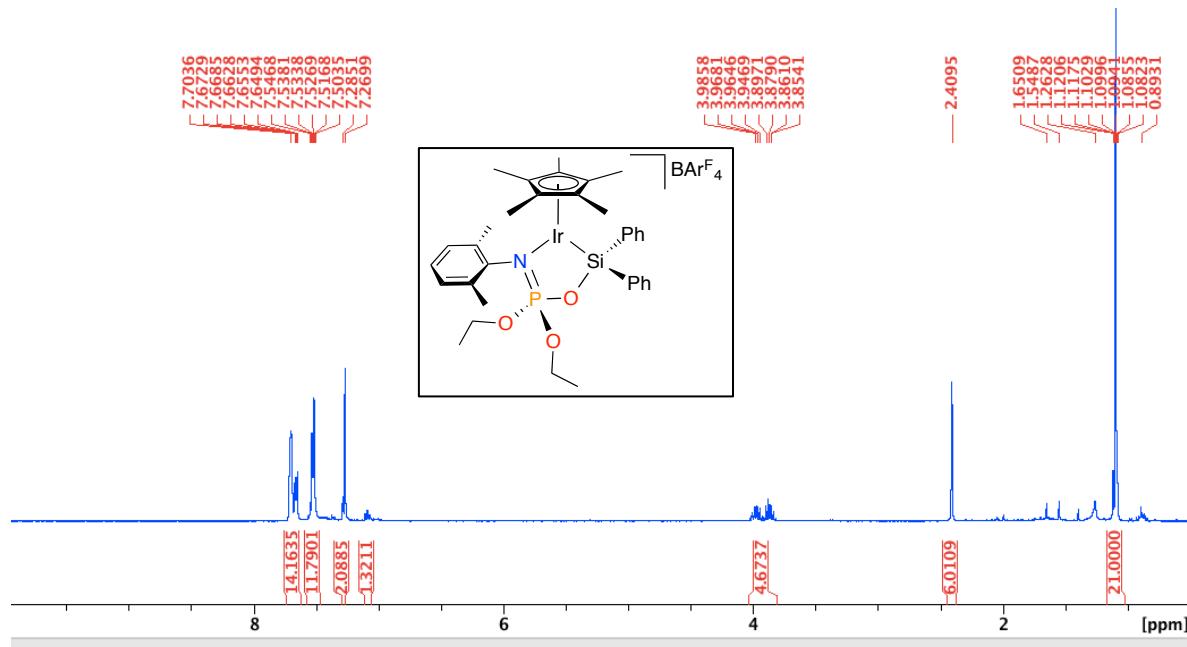
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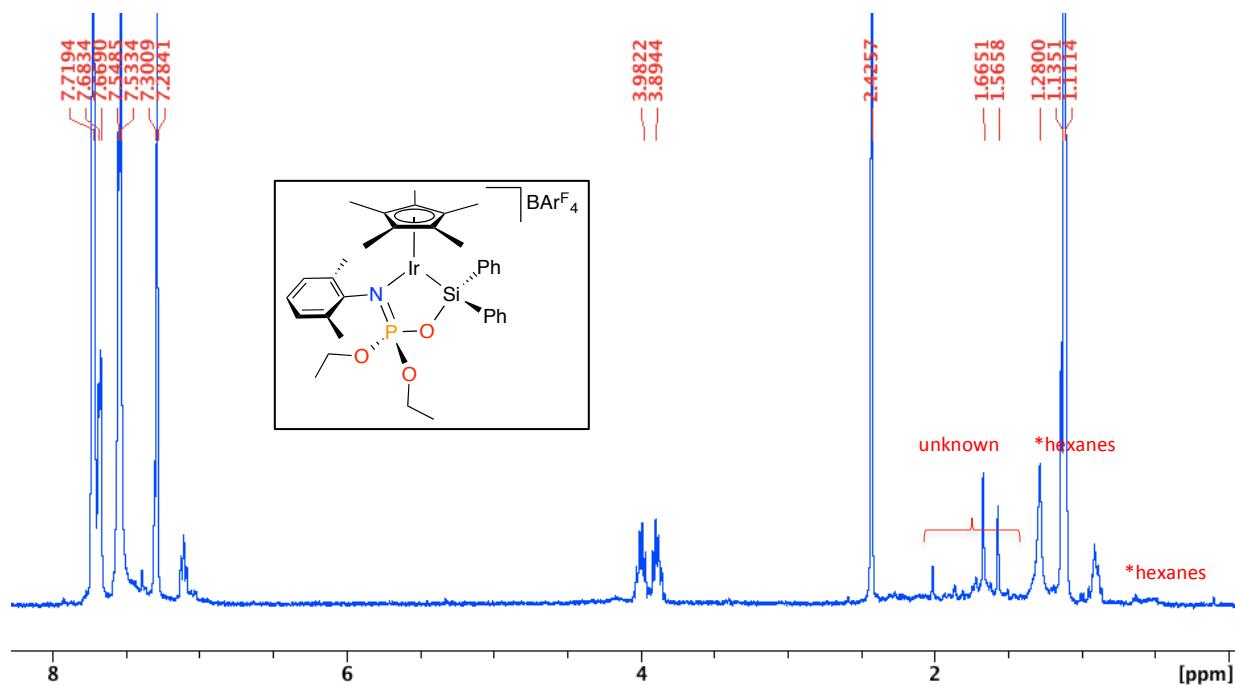
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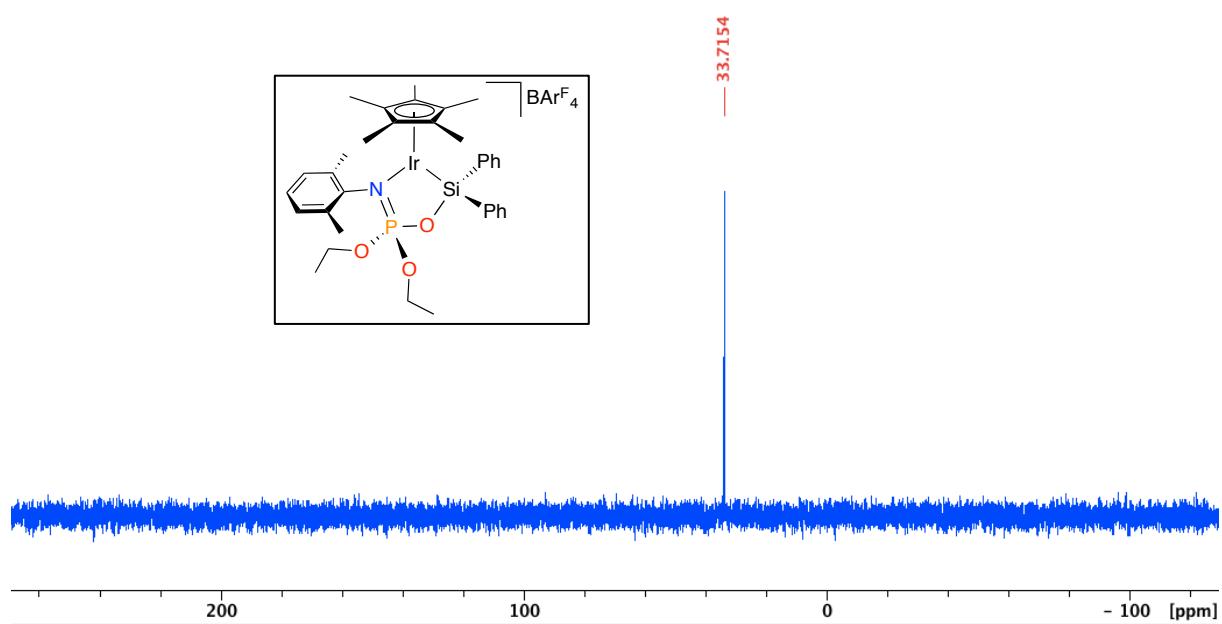
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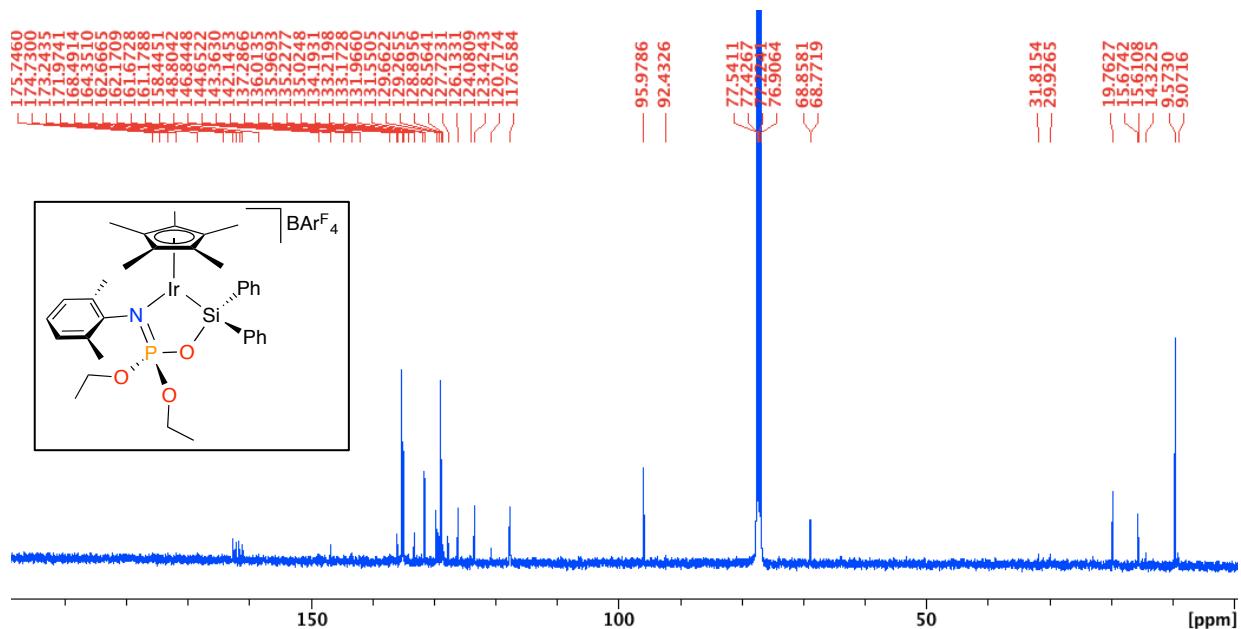
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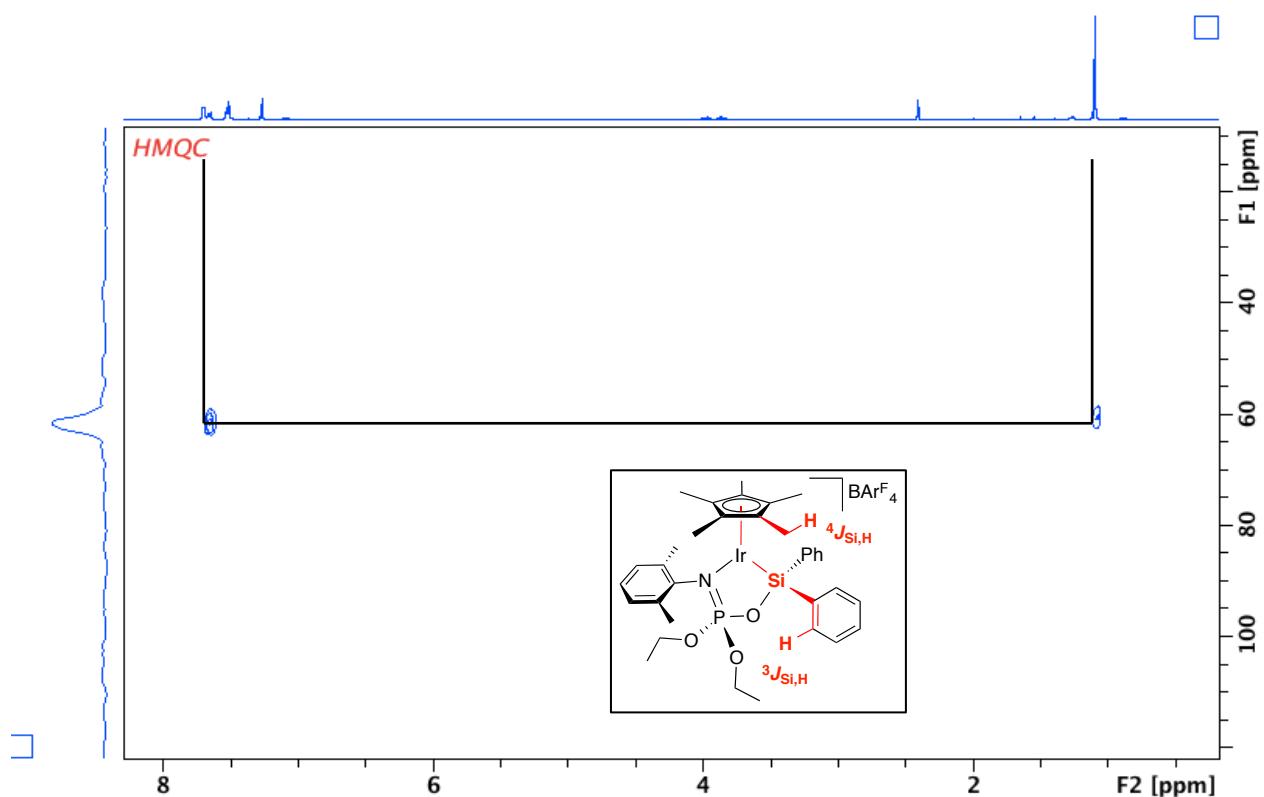
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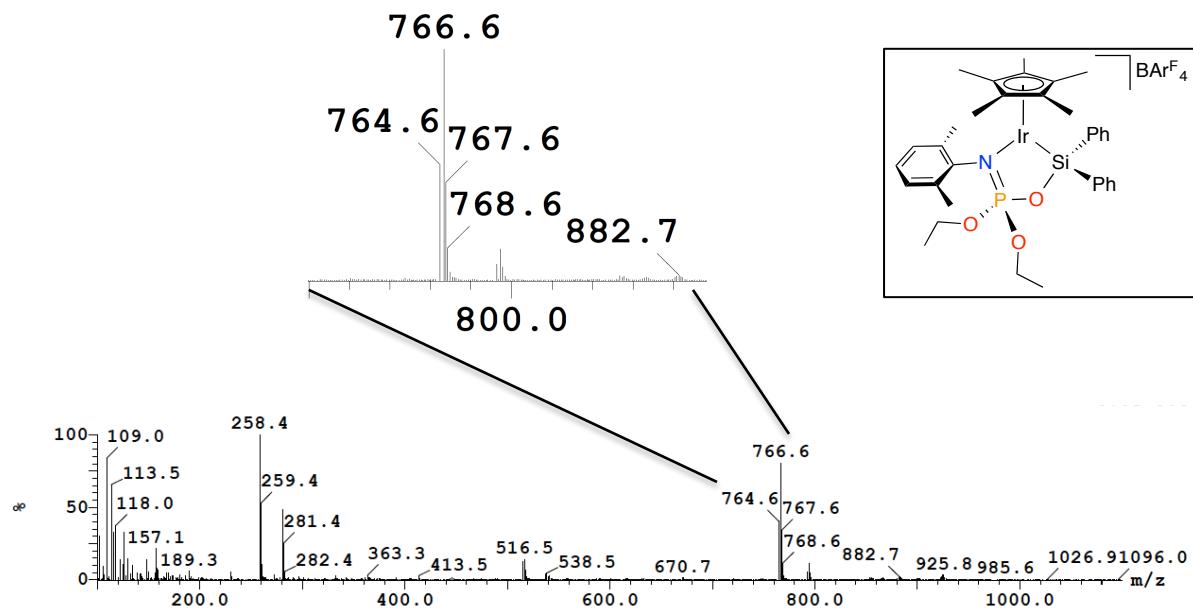
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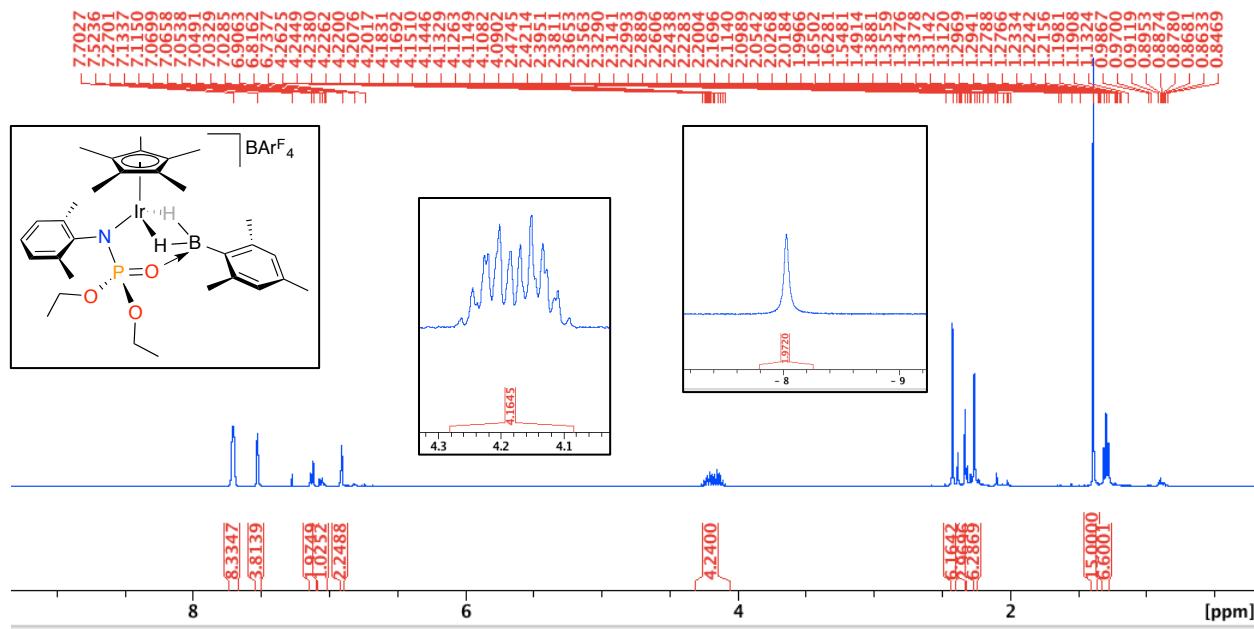
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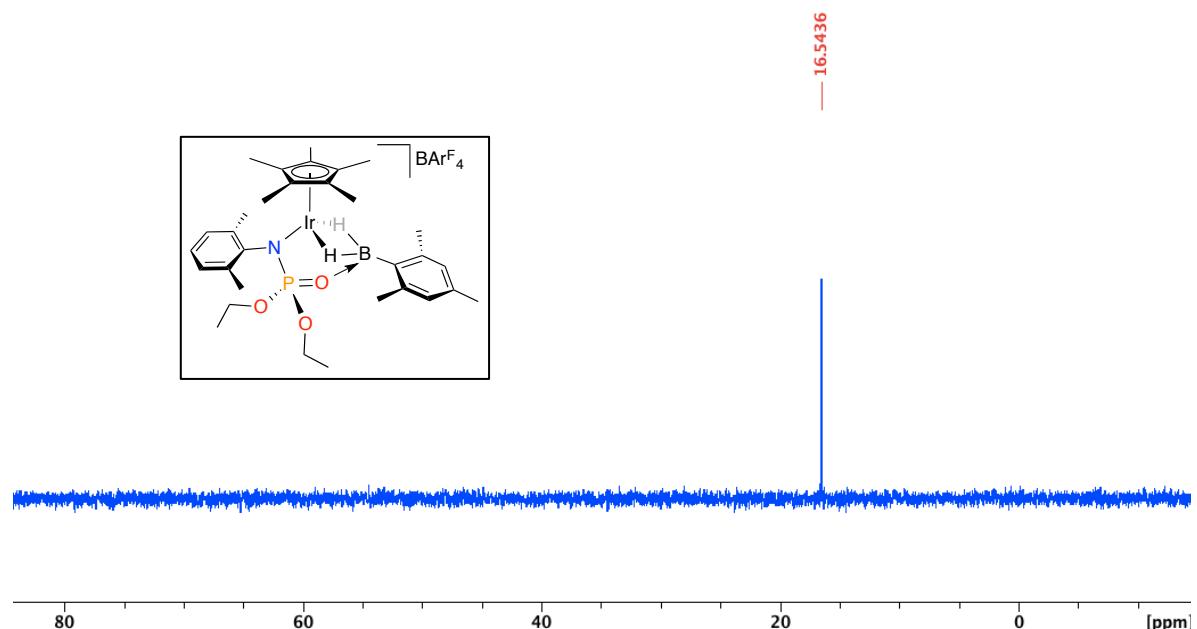
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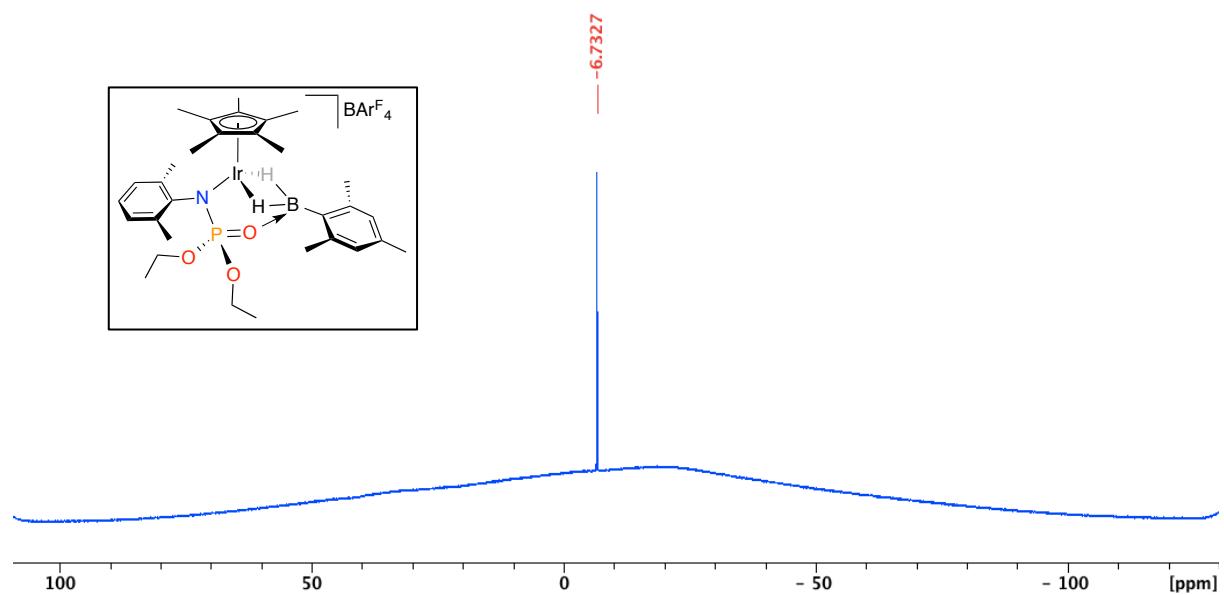
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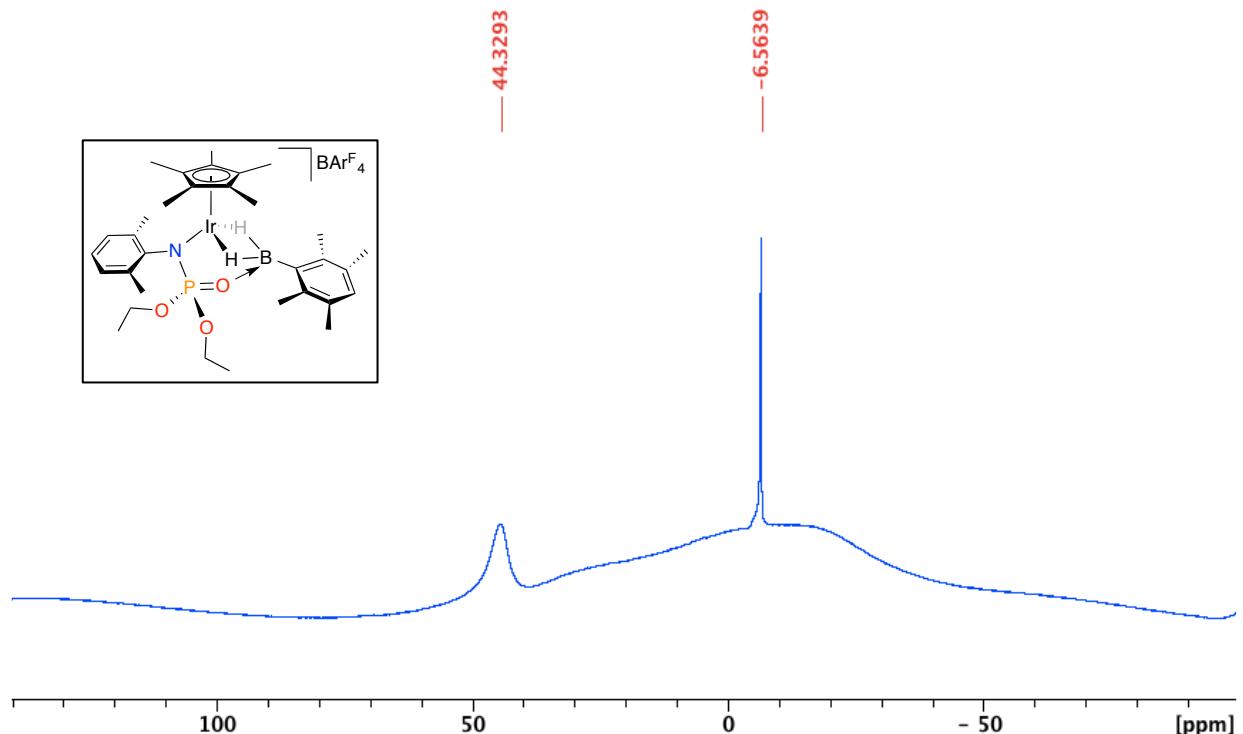
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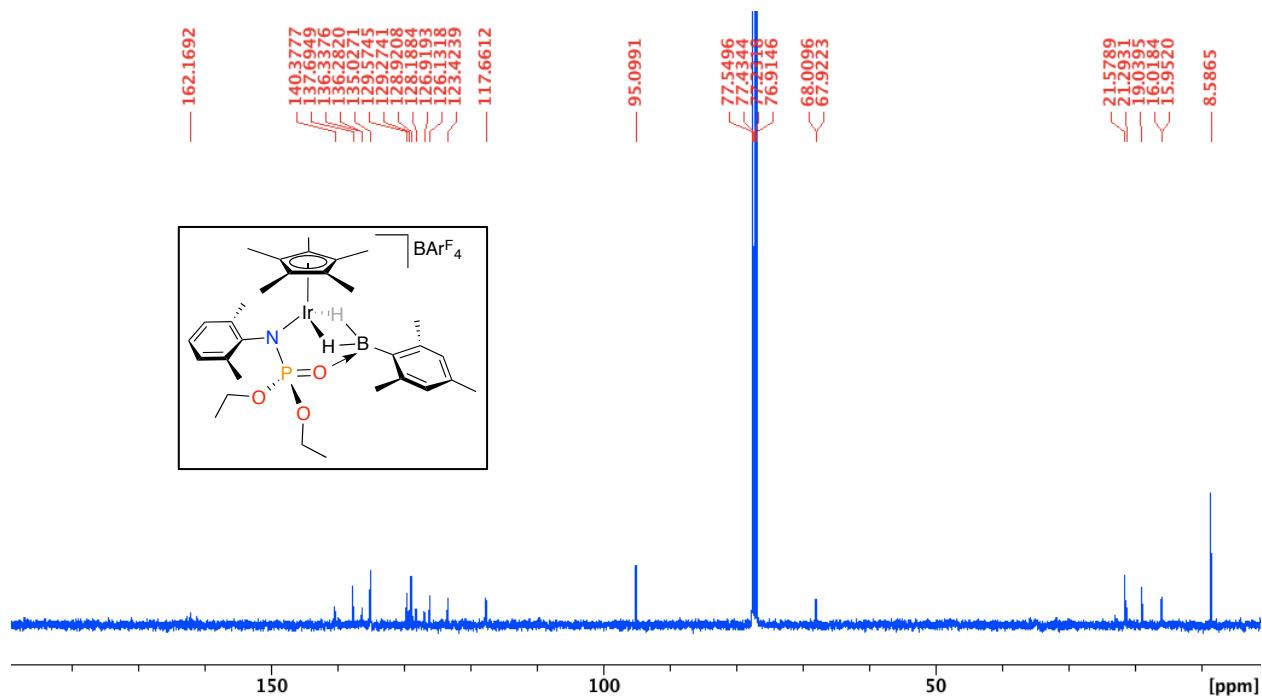
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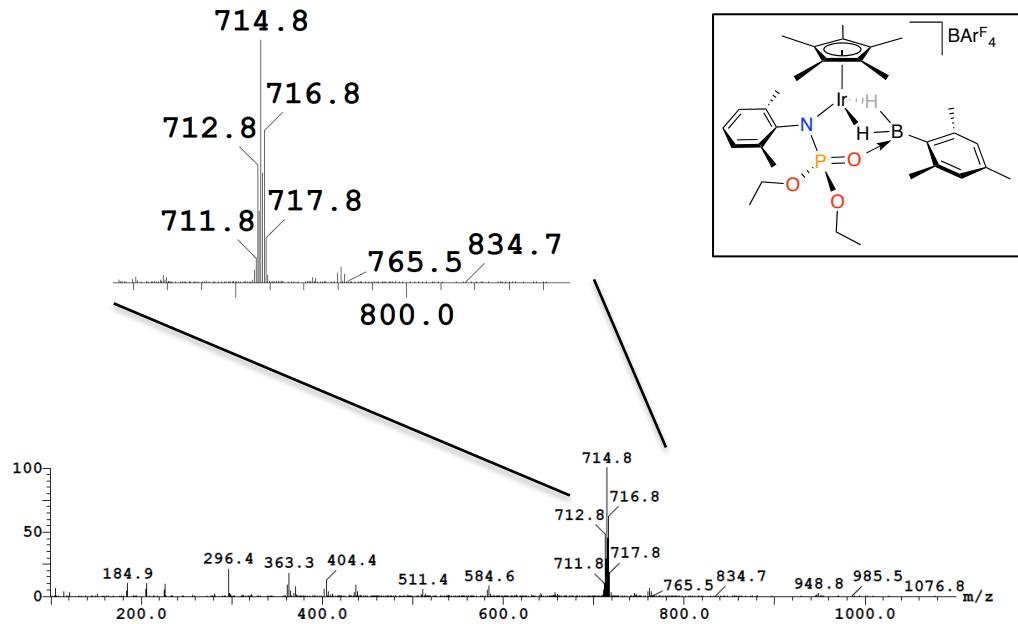
**Figure S31.**  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{Ir}(\text{k}^3\text{-N},\text{H},\text{H-Xyl}(\text{N})\text{P(OEt}_2\text{)}_2)(\text{OBH}_2\text{Dur})(\text{OEt}_2)_2]\text{[BAr}_4^{\text{F}}]$  (Dur = 2,3,5,6-tetramethylphenyl),  $^{11}\text{B}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ , 128.4 MHz, 298 K



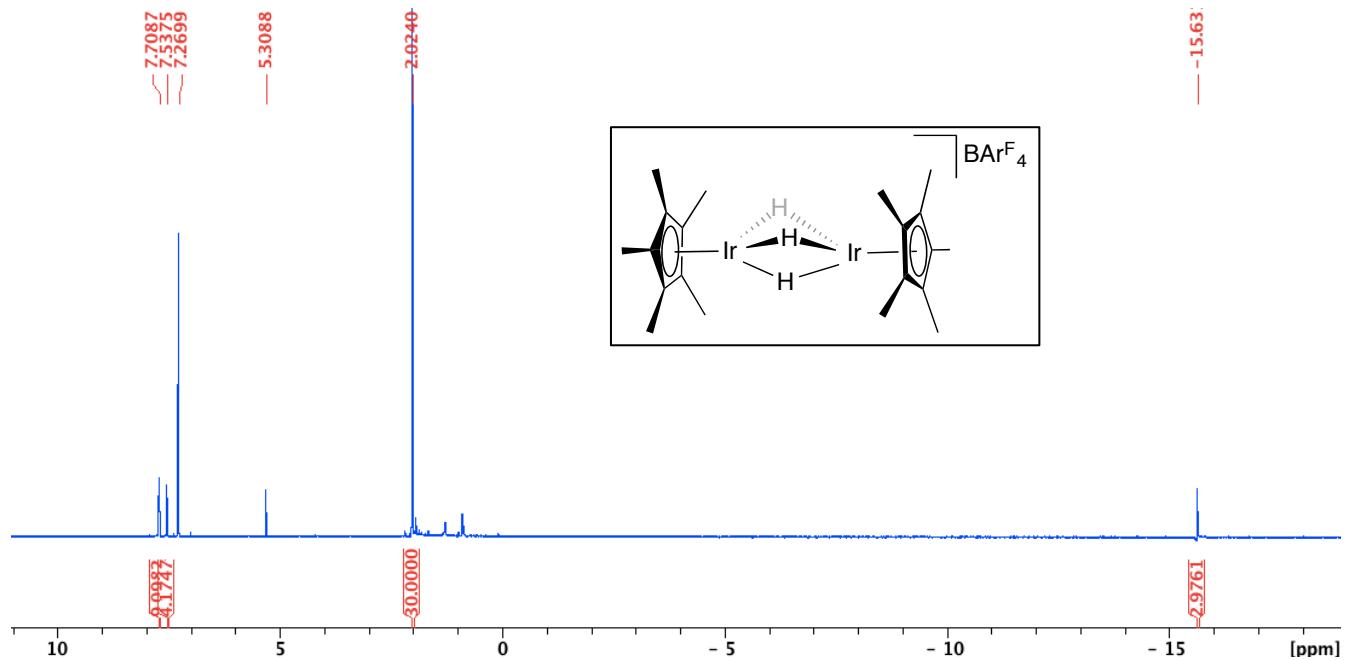
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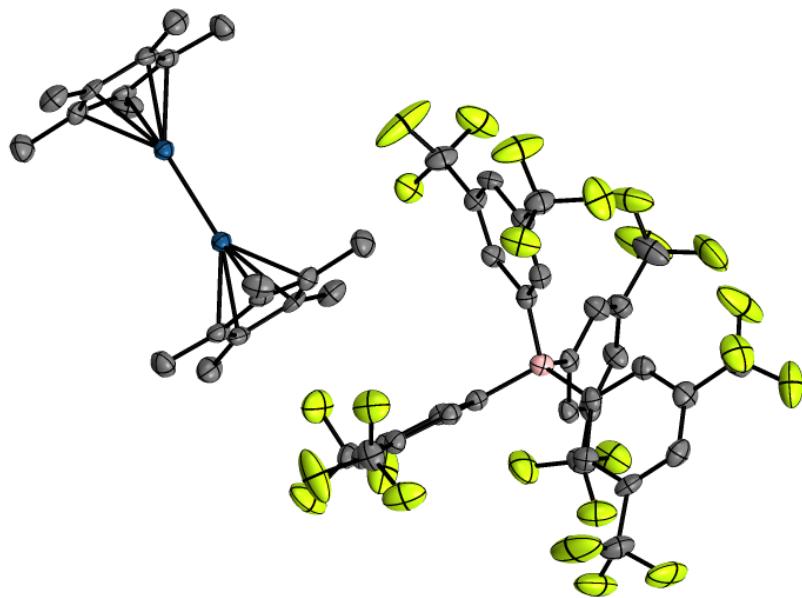


**Figure S33.** [10][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>], ESI(+) -MS



**Figure S34.** [11][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>], <sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz, 298 K





**Figure S35.** ORTEP depiction of the solid-state molecular structure of  $[\text{Cp}^*_2\text{Ir}_2(\mu-\text{H})_3][\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4]$  [11] $[\text{BAr}^{\text{F}}_4]$  (displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability, hydrogens omitted for clarity).

**Table S1.** Crystallographic data for **[2][BAr<sup>Cl</sup><sub>4</sub>]** and **[3][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>]**

Compound	<b>[2][BAr<sup>Cl</sup><sub>4</sub>]</b>	<b>[3][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>]</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>46</sub> H <sub>46</sub> BCl <sub>8</sub> IrNO <sub>3</sub> P	C <sub>65.04</sub> H <sub>66.09</sub> BCl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>24</sub> IrN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>3.02</sub> P
Formula weight	1178.50	1698.91
Temperature/K	150	90
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	P 2 <sub>1</sub> /n	Pbca
a/Å	13.3463(1)	17.9224(10)
b/Å	20.8617(2)	24.6821(12)
c/Å	17.8625(2)	31.8660(16)
α/°	90	90
β/°	94.8267(4)	90
γ/°	90	90
V/Å <sup>3</sup>	4955.76(8)	14096.3(13)
Z	4	8
ρ/ g/cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.579	1.601
μ/ mm <sup>-1</sup>	3.198	2.103
F(000)	2344.0	6788.0
Crystal size/ mm <sup>3</sup>	0.16 × 0.14 × 0.04	0.41 × 0.21 × 0.14
Radiation	Mo Kα (λ = 0.71073)	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for datacollection/°	10.242 to 54.988	3.086 to 52.9
Index ranges	-17 ≤ h ≤ 17, -27 ≤ k ≤ 23, -23 ≤ l ≤ 23	-22 ≤ h ≤ 22, -30 ≤ k ≤ 30, -39 ≤ l ≤ 39
Independent reflections	11286 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.040, R <sub>sigma</sub> = N/A]	14475 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.1366, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0817]
Data/restraints/parameters	11286/0/550	14475/970/976
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.915	1.028
R [I>=2σ (I)] (R1, wR2)	(0.0355, 0.0689)	(0.0499, 0.0939)
R (all data) (R1, wR2)	(0.0642, 0.0762)	(0.0991, 0.1113)
Largest diff. peak/hole / (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	(2.74, -1.64)	(1.45/-1.33)

$$R1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|; wR2 = [\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2) / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$$

**Table S2** Crystallographic data for [9][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>] and [11][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>]

Compound	[9][BAr <sup>F</sup> <sub>4</sub> ]	[11][BAr <sup>F</sup> <sub>4</sub> ]
Empirical formula	C <sub>66</sub> H <sub>56</sub> BF <sub>24</sub> IrNO <sub>3</sub> PSi	C <sub>52</sub> H <sub>42</sub> BF <sub>24</sub> Ir <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	1629.18	1518.11
Temperature/K	90.0	150
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P-1	P-1
a/Å	12.3952(19)	10.8290(2)
b/Å	15.021(2)	12.6902(2)
c/Å	18.869(3)	19.9820(4)
α/°	71.324(3)	91.0343(7)
β/°	80.182(3)	97.3543(7)
γ/°	84.966(3)	98.1876(8)
V/Å <sup>3</sup>	3277.3(9)	2693.78(9)
Z	2	2
ρ/ g/cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.651	1.872
μ/ mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.195	5.054
F(000)	1620.0	1458.0
Crystal size/ mm <sup>3</sup>	0.42 × 0.23 × 0.14	0.10 × 0.08 × 0.08
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)	Mo Kα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for datacollection/°	2.864 to 61.246	10.296 to 55.04
Index ranges	-17 ≤ h ≤ 17, -21 ≤ k ≤ 19, -26 ≤ l ≤ 26	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -16 ≤ k ≤ 16, -25 ≤ l ≤ 25
Independent reflections	20042 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0272, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0263]	12286 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.046, R <sub>sigma</sub> = N/A]
Data/restraints/parameters	20042/927/904	22708/0/547
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.103	0.923
R [I>=2σ (I)] (R1, wR2)	(0.0380, 0.0927)	(0.0433, 0.0840)
R (all data) (R1, wR2)	(0.0438, 0.0966)	(0.0778, 0.0944)
Largest diff. peak/hole / (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	(4.00/-1.34)	(4.01, -4.30)

$$R1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|; wR2 = [\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2) / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$$

### Crystallographic details

Data for [2][BAr<sup>Cl2</sup><sub>4</sub>], [3][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>], [9][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>], and [11][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>] were collected using graphite-monochromated Mo K<sub>α</sub> radiation (λ=0.71073 Å). CCDC 1061938 ([2][BAr<sup>Cl2</sup><sub>4</sub>]), 1403652 ([3][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>]), 1403651 ([9][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>]), and 1061937 ([11][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>]) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif). For [3][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>], [9][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>], and [11][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>] rotational disorder of the anion CF<sub>3</sub> groups treated by modelling the fluorine atoms over two sites and restraining their geometry. For [3][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>], one of the P(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>) ligand arms was disordered and modelled over three positions. For [11][BAr<sup>F</sup><sub>4</sub>] the hydrogen atoms were found on the Fourier map and refined before adding RIDE restraints. Hydrides bridging the two Ir centres, while implicated by other spectroscopic techniques, could not be reliably located/refined.