

Low-Valent Niobium-Catalyzed Reduction of α, α, α -Trifluorotoluenes

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1. General Statement

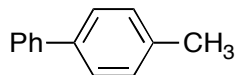
1,2-Dimethoxyethane (DME) was distilled, and stored over molecular sieves 4A under nitrogen atmosphere. NbCl_5 was used as purchased (Aldrich Co.) and handled under argon atmosphere. All the reactions were carried out under argon atmosphere.

Column chromatography and preparative thin layer chromatography (preparative TLC) were conducted on silica gel (PSQ 60B, Fuji Silysia Chemical Ltd. for column chromatography and Wakogel B-5F, Wako Pure Chemical Industries for preparative TLC, respectively).

NMR spectra were recorded on Unity Inova-400 instrument (Varian Ltd., 400 MHz for ^1H , 100 MHz for ^{13}C , 376 MHz for ^{19}F) and JNM-AI300 instrument (JEOL, 300 MHz for ^1H , 75 MHz for ^{13}C) using CDCl_3 as a solvent. Chemical shifts (δ) for ^1H were referenced to tetramethylsilane ($\delta = 0.00$ ppm) as an internal standard. Chemical shifts (δ) for ^{13}C were referenced to a solvent signal (CDCl_3 , $\delta = 77.00$ ppm). Chemical shifts (δ) for ^{19}F were referenced to α,α,α -trifluorotoluene ($\delta = -63.9$ ppm) or hexafluorobenzene ($\delta = -162.9$ ppm) as an internal standard. IR spectra were recorded on FTIR-8600PC instrument (Shimadzu Co.) using CHCl_3 as a solvent.

2. Spectra Data of the Products

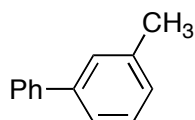
2-1. 4-Phenyltoluene **2a**.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.58 (2H, d, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.49 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.42 (2H, t, *J* = 7.4 Hz), 7.32 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 7.25 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 2.39 (3H, s). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 141.1, 138.3, 137.0, 129.5, 128.7, 127.0, 126.9, 21.1.

The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were in complete agreement with those in the literature (Tao, B.; Boykin, D. W. *J. Org. Chem.* **2004**, *69*, 4330-4335.).

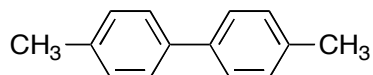
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.59 (2H, d, *J* = 8.0 Hz), 7.46–7.37 (4H, m), 7.36–7.30 (2H, m), 7.17 (1H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 2.42 (3H, s). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 141.3, 141.2, 138.3, 128.7, 128.6, 127.97, 127.96, 127.2, 127.1, 124.3, 21.5.

The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were in complete agreement with those in the literature (‘*The Aldrich Library of ¹³C and ¹H FT NMR Spectra*’, Pouchert, C. P.; Behnke, J., Ed., Edition I, Vol. 2, 32A.).

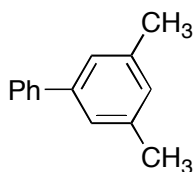
2-3. 4,4'-Dimethylbiphenyl **2c**.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.48 (4H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.24 (4H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 2.39 (6H, s). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 138.2, 136.7, 129.4, 126.8, 21.1.

The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were in complete agreement with those in the literature (Xu, X.; Cheng, D.; Pei, W. *J. Org. Chem.* **2006**, *71*, 6637.).

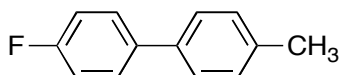
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The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were in complete agreement with those in the literature (Li, J.-H; Tang, B.-X; Tao, L.-M.; Xie, Y.-X.; Liang, Y.; Zhang, M.-B. *J. Org. Chem.* **2006**, 71, 7488.).

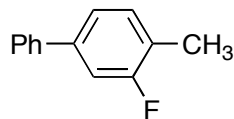
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The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were in complete agreement with those in the literatures (¹H NMR: Moore, L. R.; Shaughnessy, K. H. *Org. Lett.* **2004**, 6, 225; ¹³C NMR: Wang, Y.; Sauer, D. R. *Org. Lett.* **2004**, 6, 2793.).

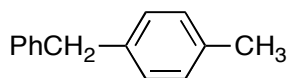
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The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were in complete agreement with those in the literature (Lipshutz, B. H.; Siegmann, K.; Garcia, E.; Kayser, F. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, *115*, 9276.).

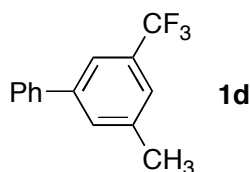
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¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.29–7.26 (2H, m), 7.22–7.16 (3H, m), 7.09 (4H, s), 3.94 (2H, s), 2.31 (3H, s). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 141.4, 138.0, 135.5, 129.1, 128.84, 128.78, 128.4, 125.9, 41.5, 21.0.

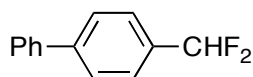
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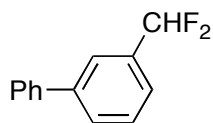
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2-9. 4-Phenyl-α,α-difluorotoluene **3**.



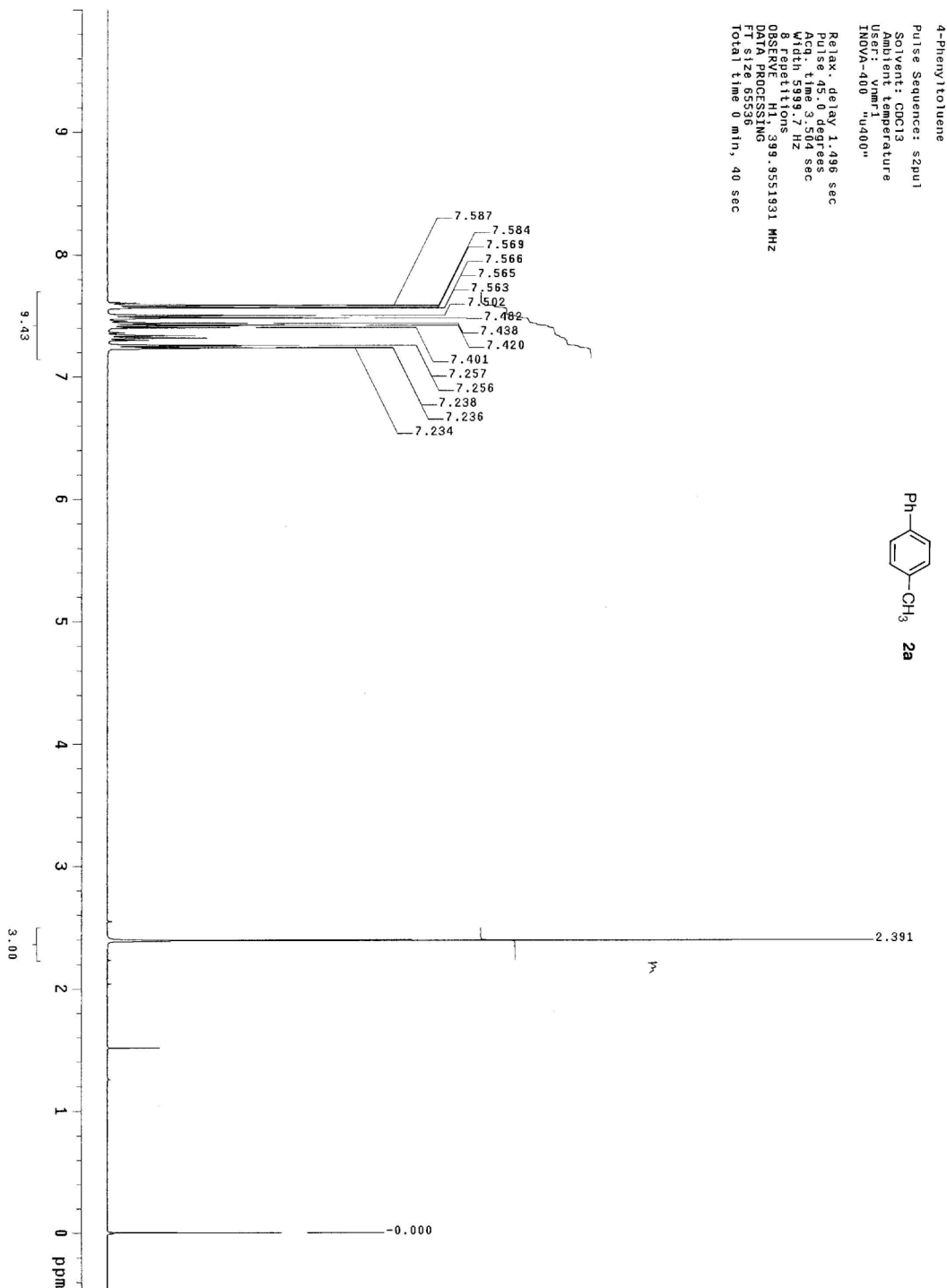
¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.67 (2H, d, *J* = 7.6 Hz), 7.62–7.55 (4H, m), 7.46 (2H, t, *J* = 7.8 Hz), 7.38 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.69 (1H, t, *J* = 56 Hz). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 143.7, 140.1, 133.2 (t, *J* = 13 Hz), 128.9, 127.9, 127.4, 127.2, 126.0 (t, *J* = 5.9 Hz), 114.7 (t, *J* = 237 Hz). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = –111.5 (d, *J* = 56 Hz). **IR** (CHCl₃): ν̄ = 3020, 1377, 1219, 1076, 1034, 733 cm^{–1}.

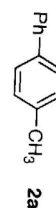
2-10. 3-Phenyl-α,α-difluorotoluene **4**.



¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 7.73–7.67 (2H, m), 7.59 (2H, d, *J* = 8.4 Hz), 7.55–7.43 (4H, m), 7.38 (1H, t, *J* = 7.2 Hz), 6.70 (1H, t, *J* = 56 Hz). **¹³C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = 141.8, 140.2, 134.9 (t), 129.4 (t, *J* = 2.0 Hz), 129.2, 128.9, 127.8, 127.2, 124.32 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 124.28 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz), 114.7 (t, *J* = 238 Hz). **¹⁹F NMR** (376 MHz, CDCl₃): δ = –111.8 (d, *J* = 56 Hz). **IR** (CHCl₃): ν̄ = 3067, 1369, 1219, 1065, 1034, 702 cm^{–1}.

3. ^1H , ^{13}C , and ^{19}F NMR Spectra of **2a-h**, **1d**, **3**, and **4**





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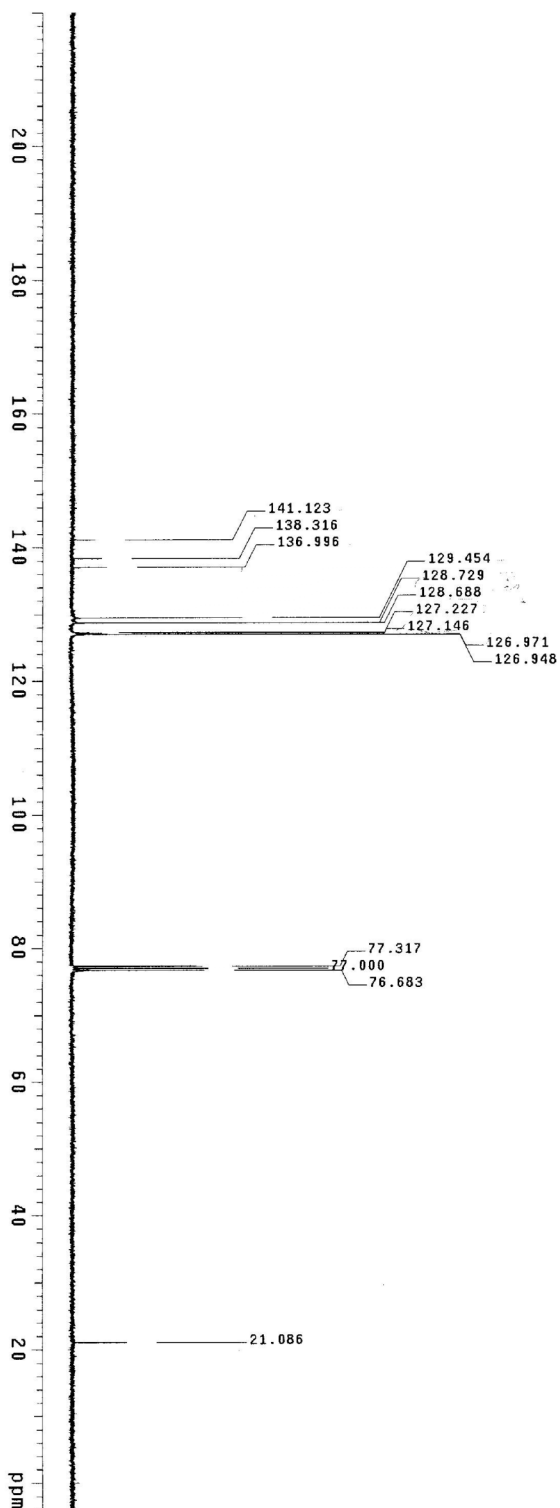
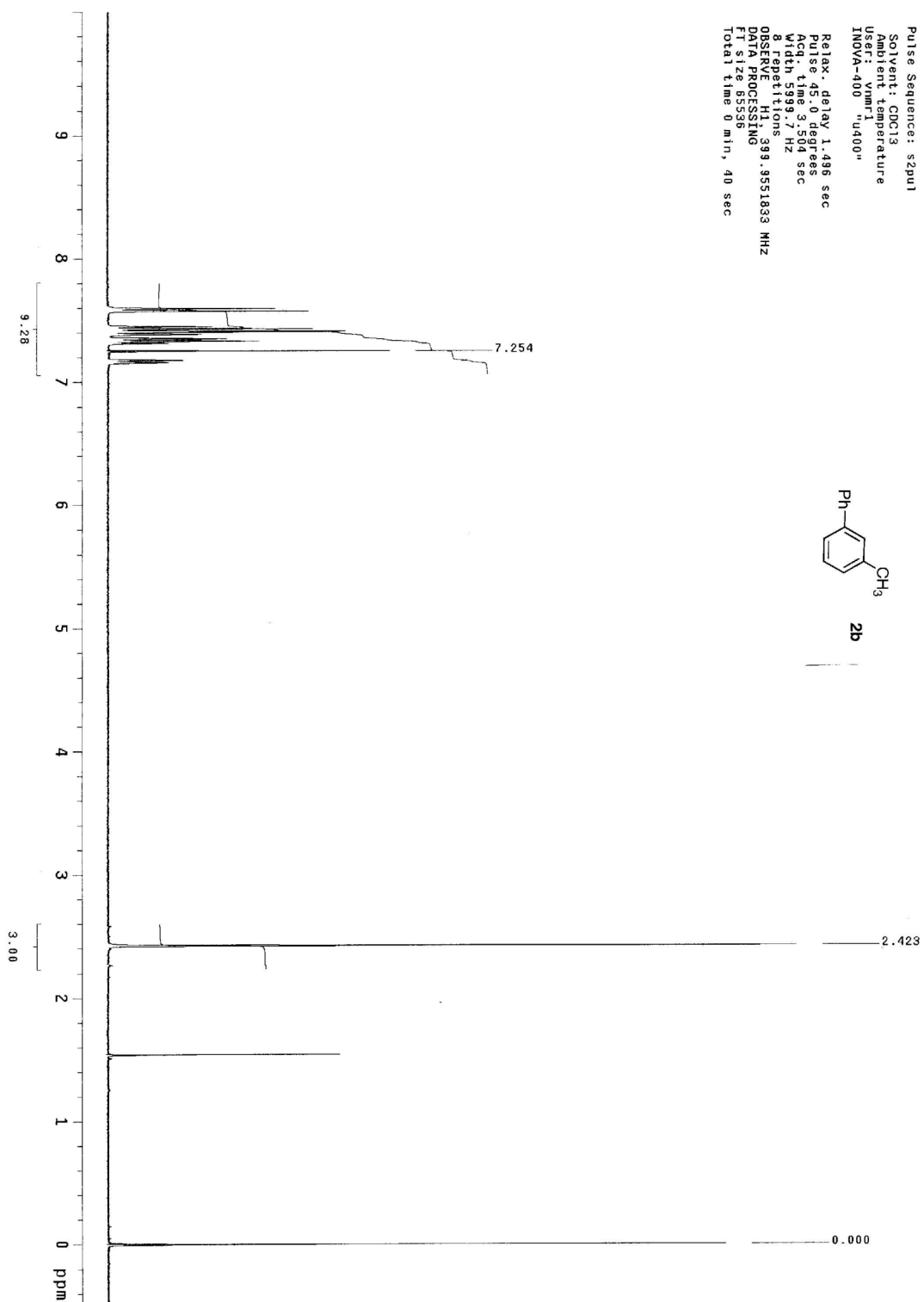
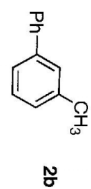
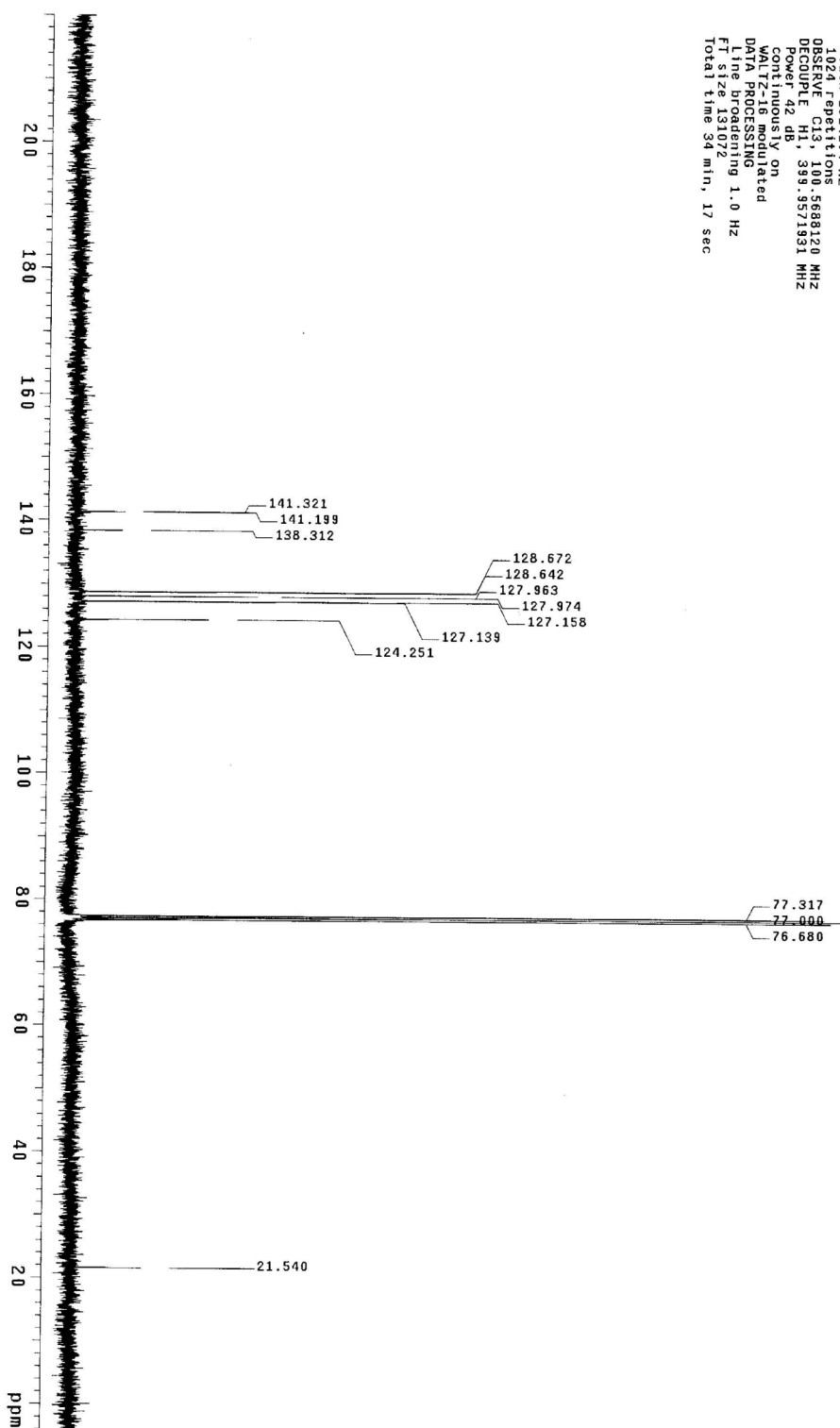
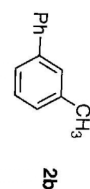


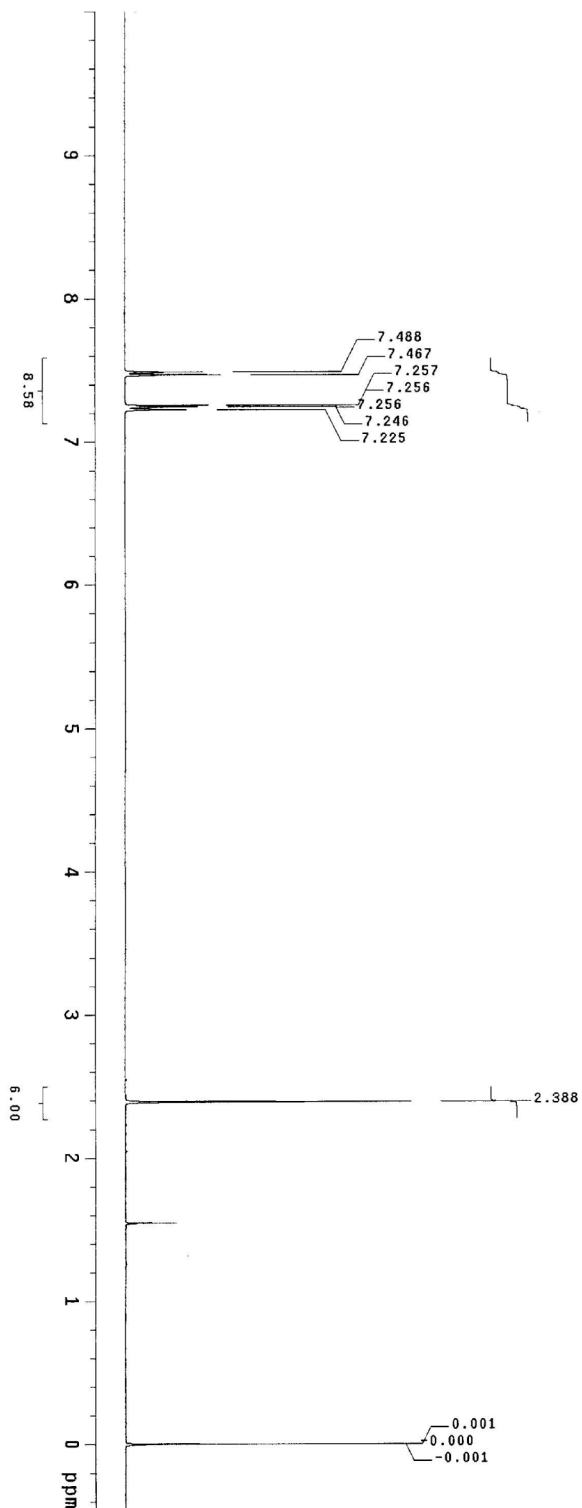
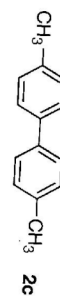
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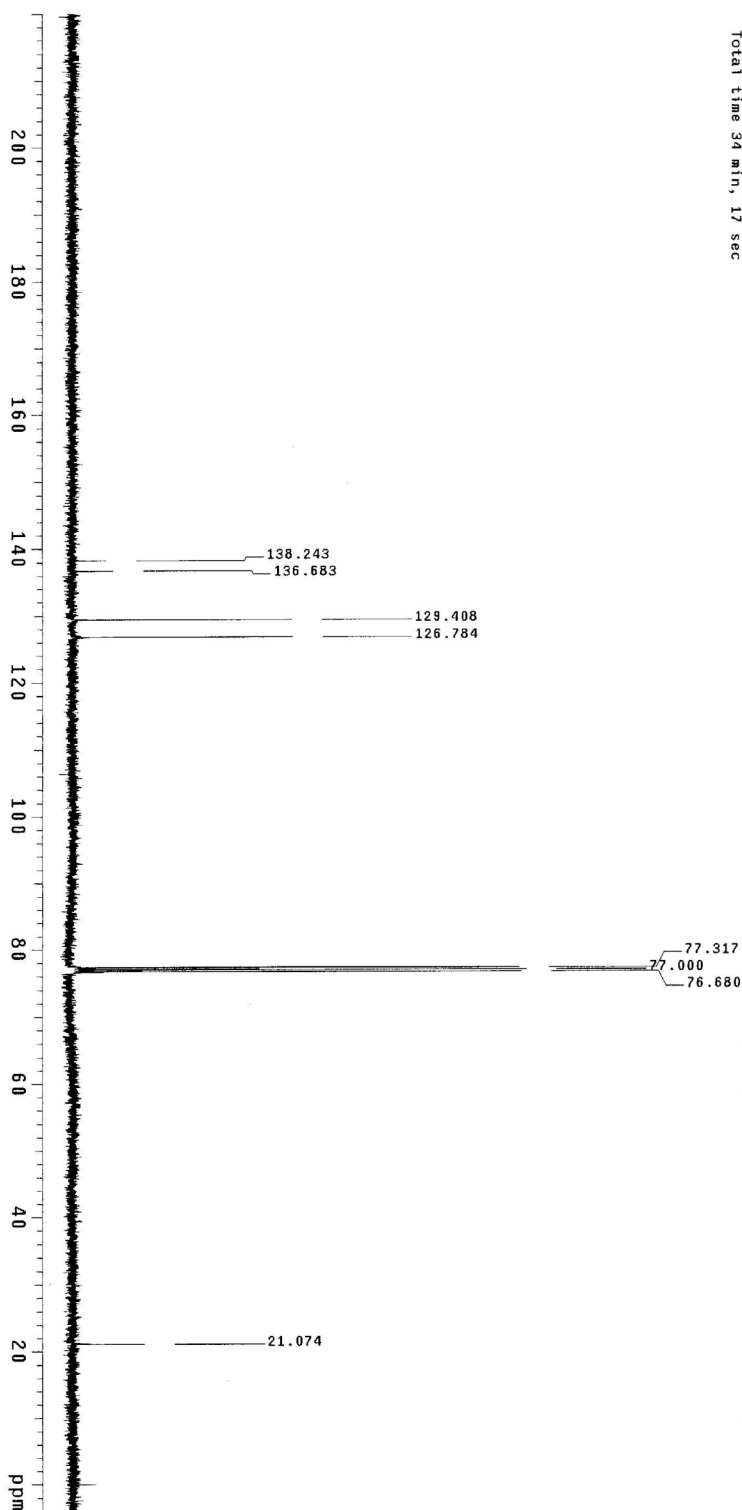
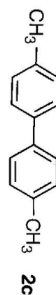
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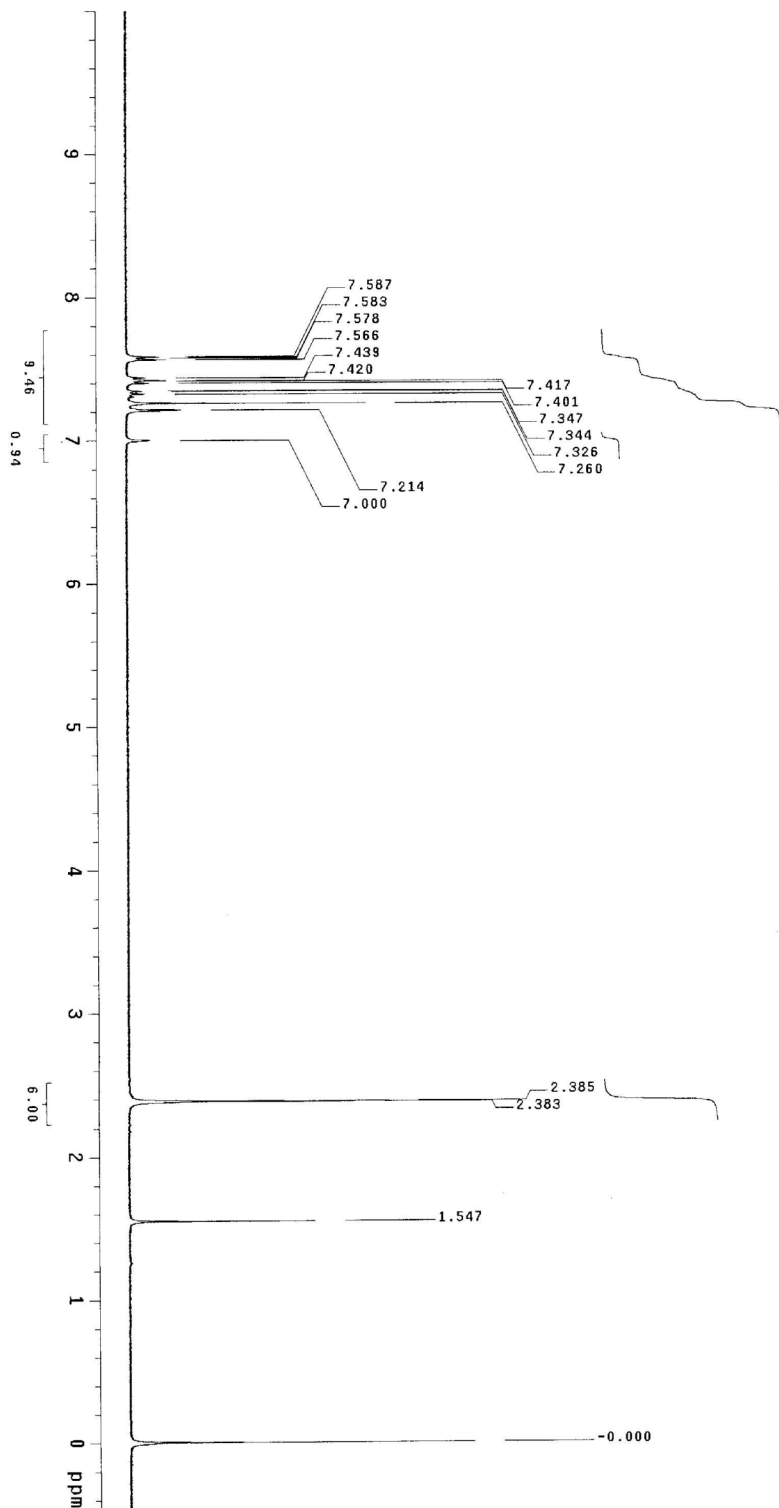
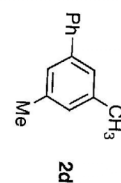
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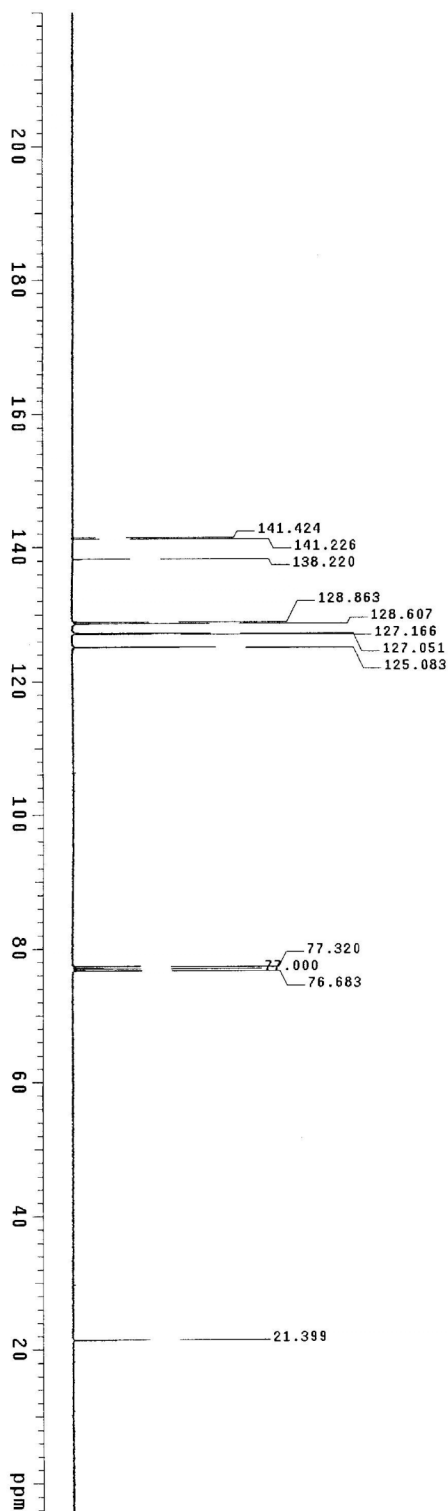
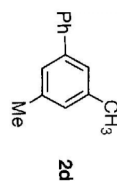
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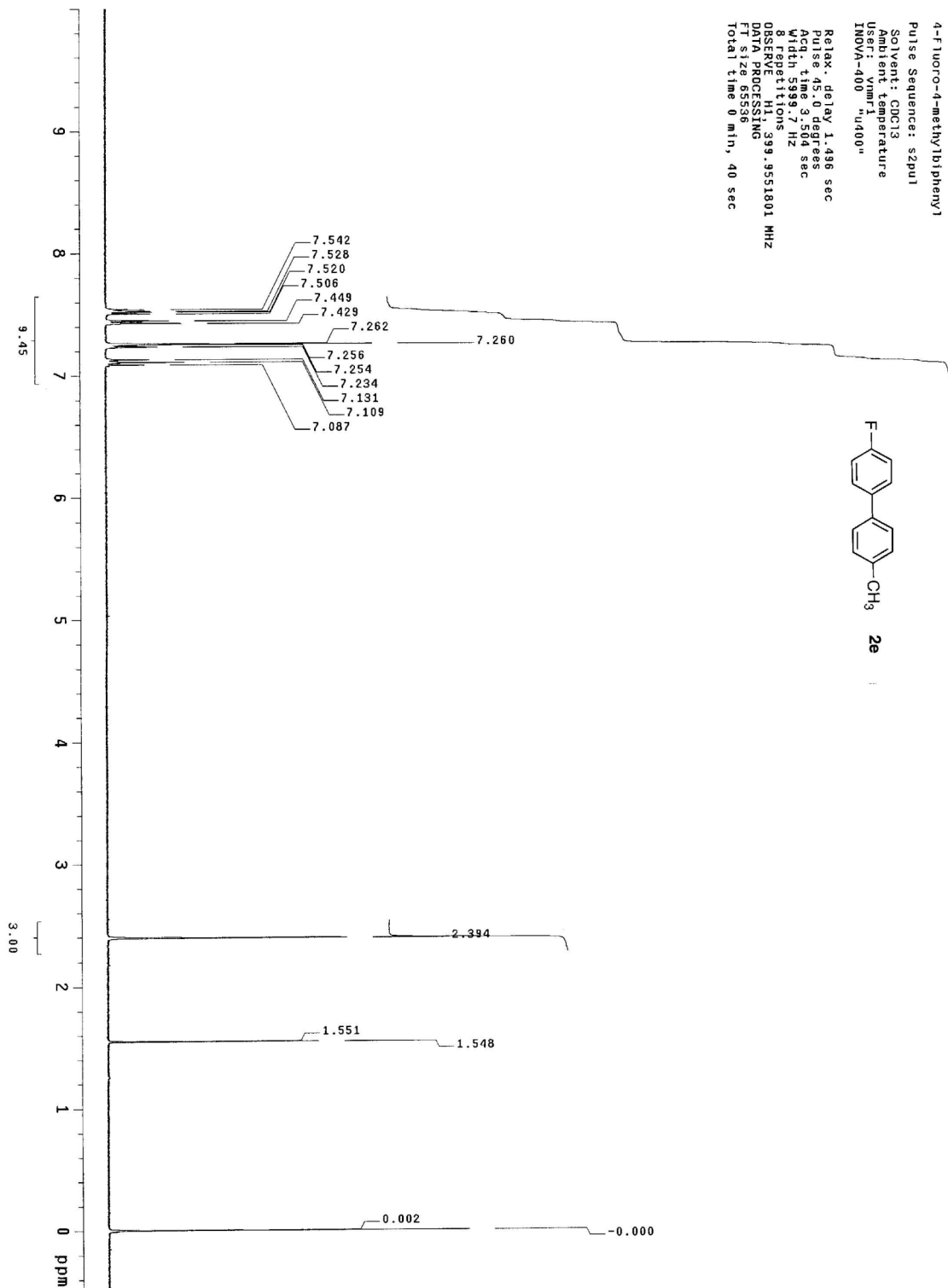


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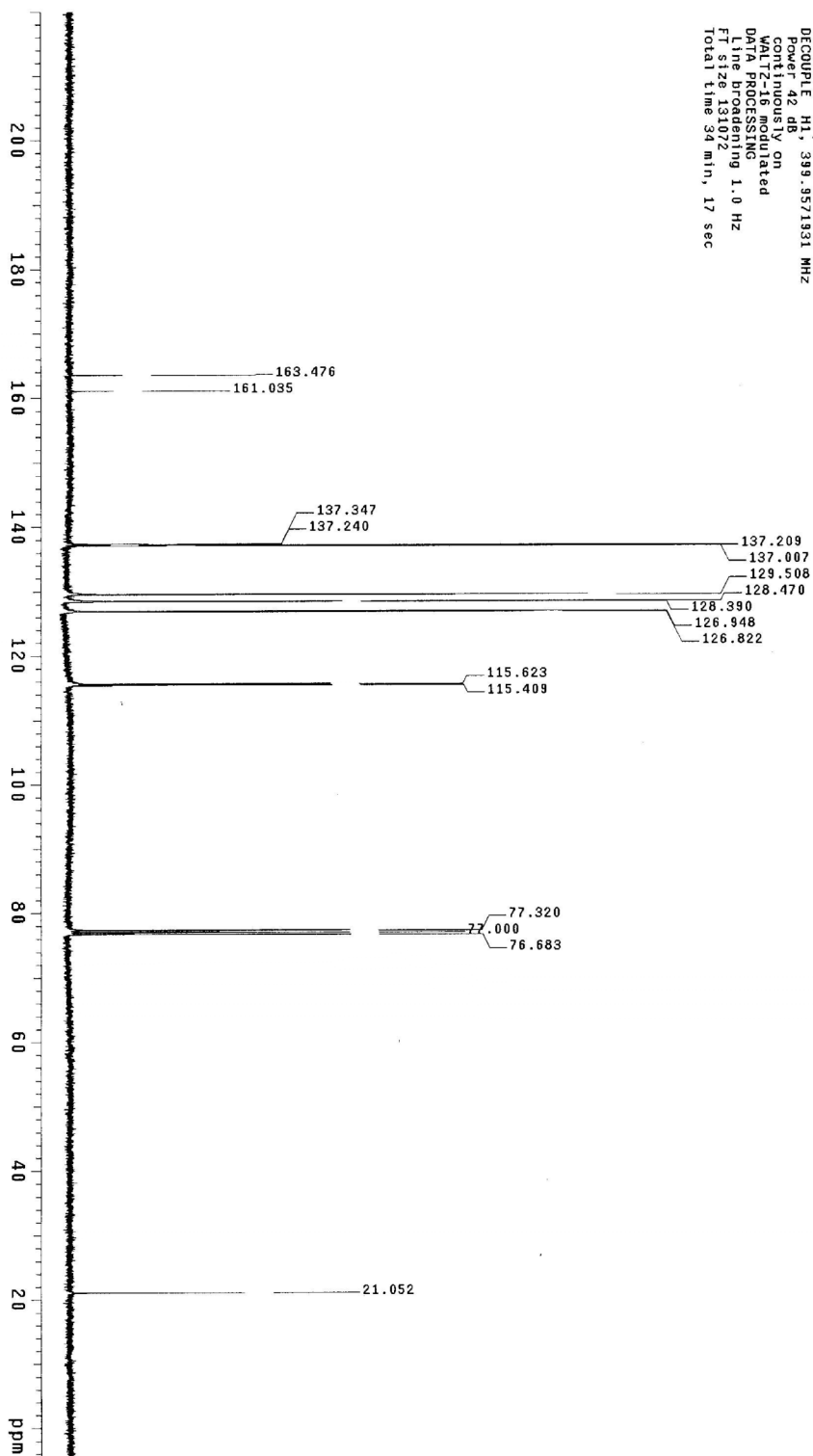
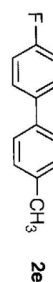




4-fluoro-4-methylbiphenyl

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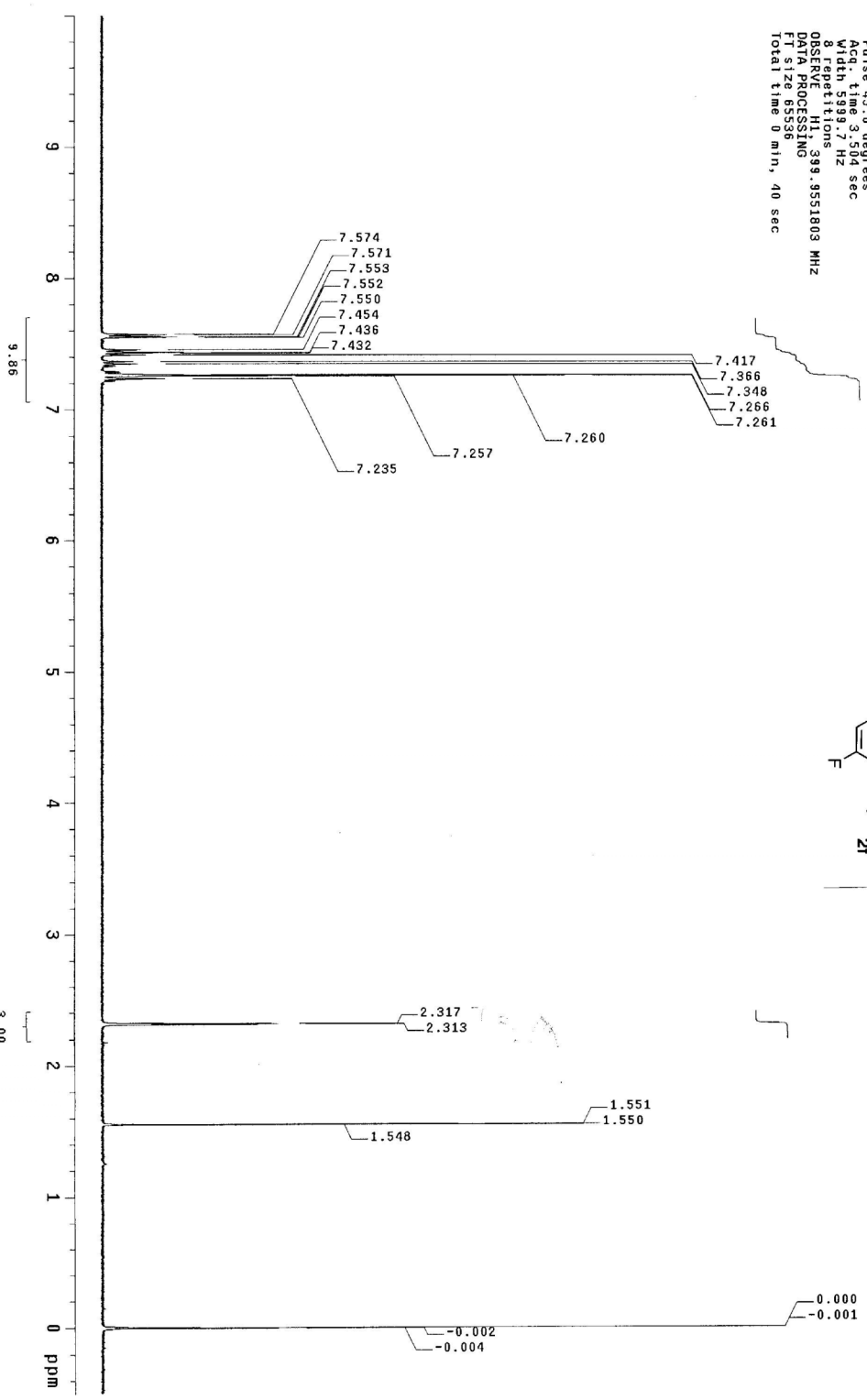
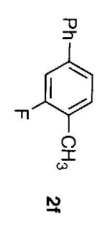
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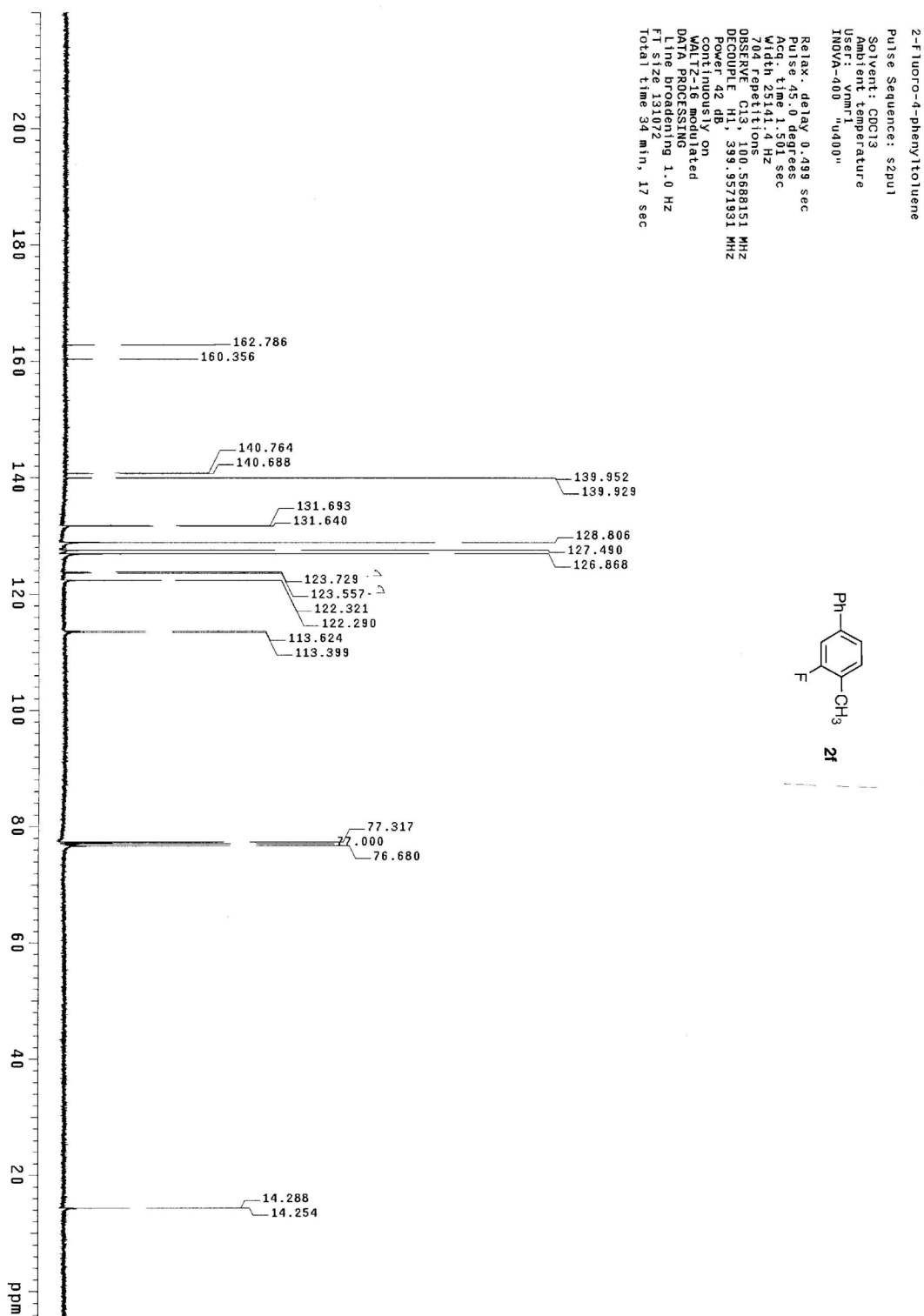
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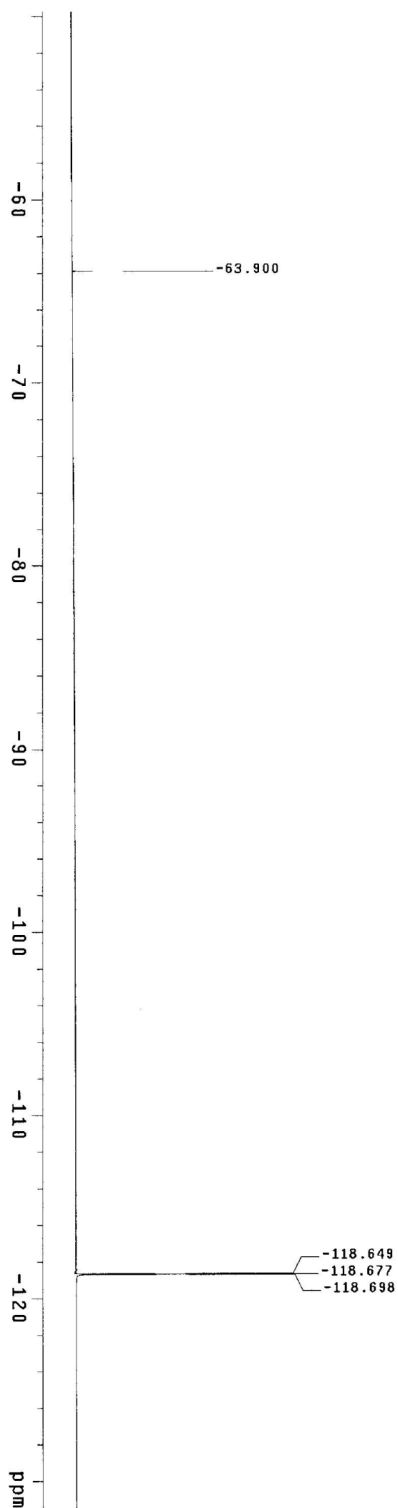
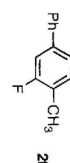
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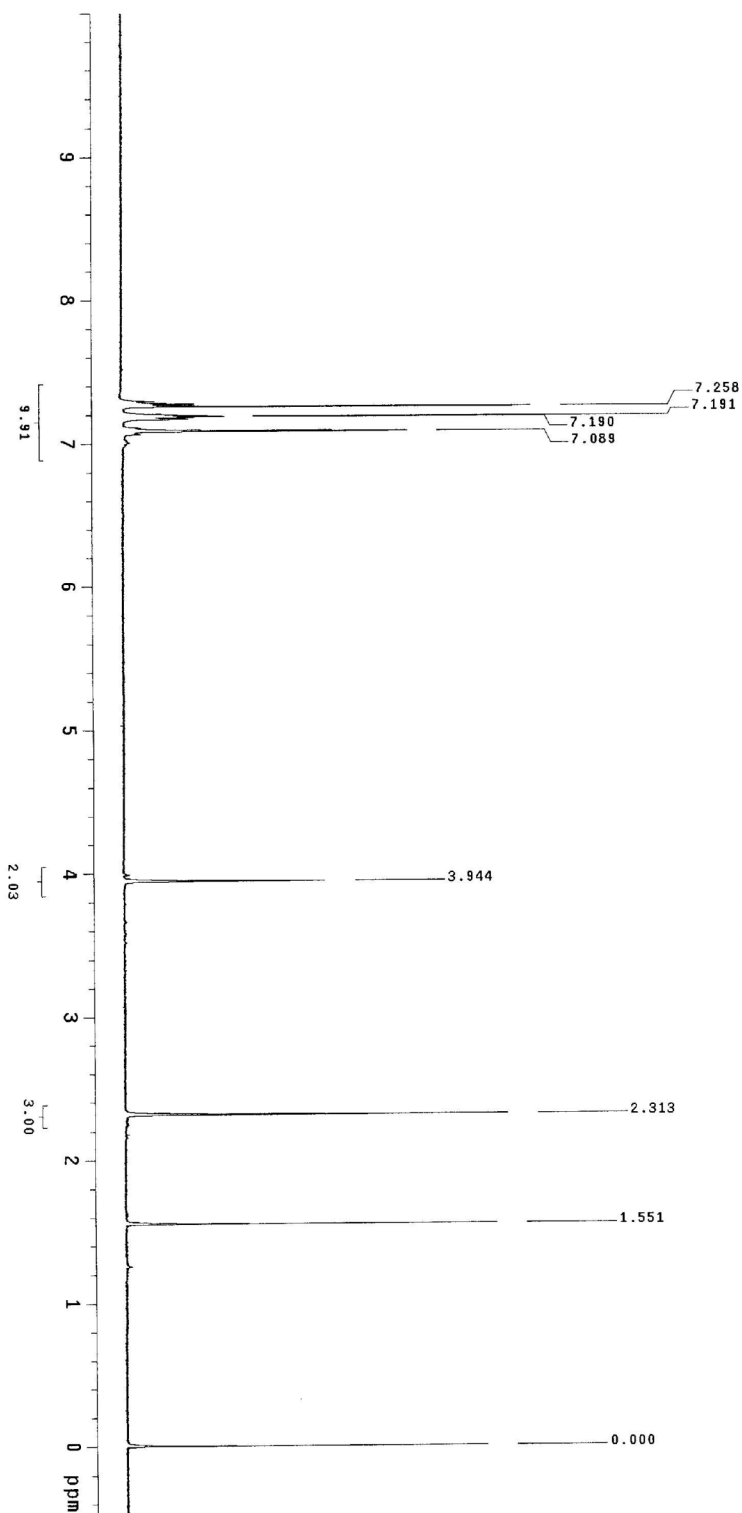
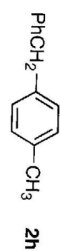




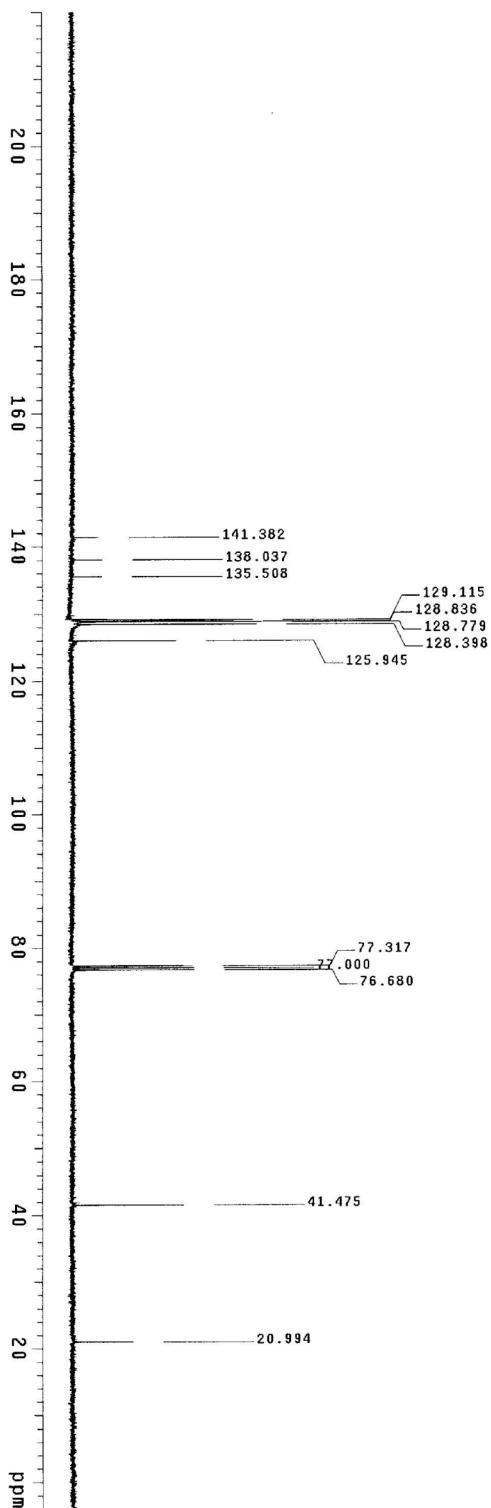
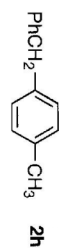
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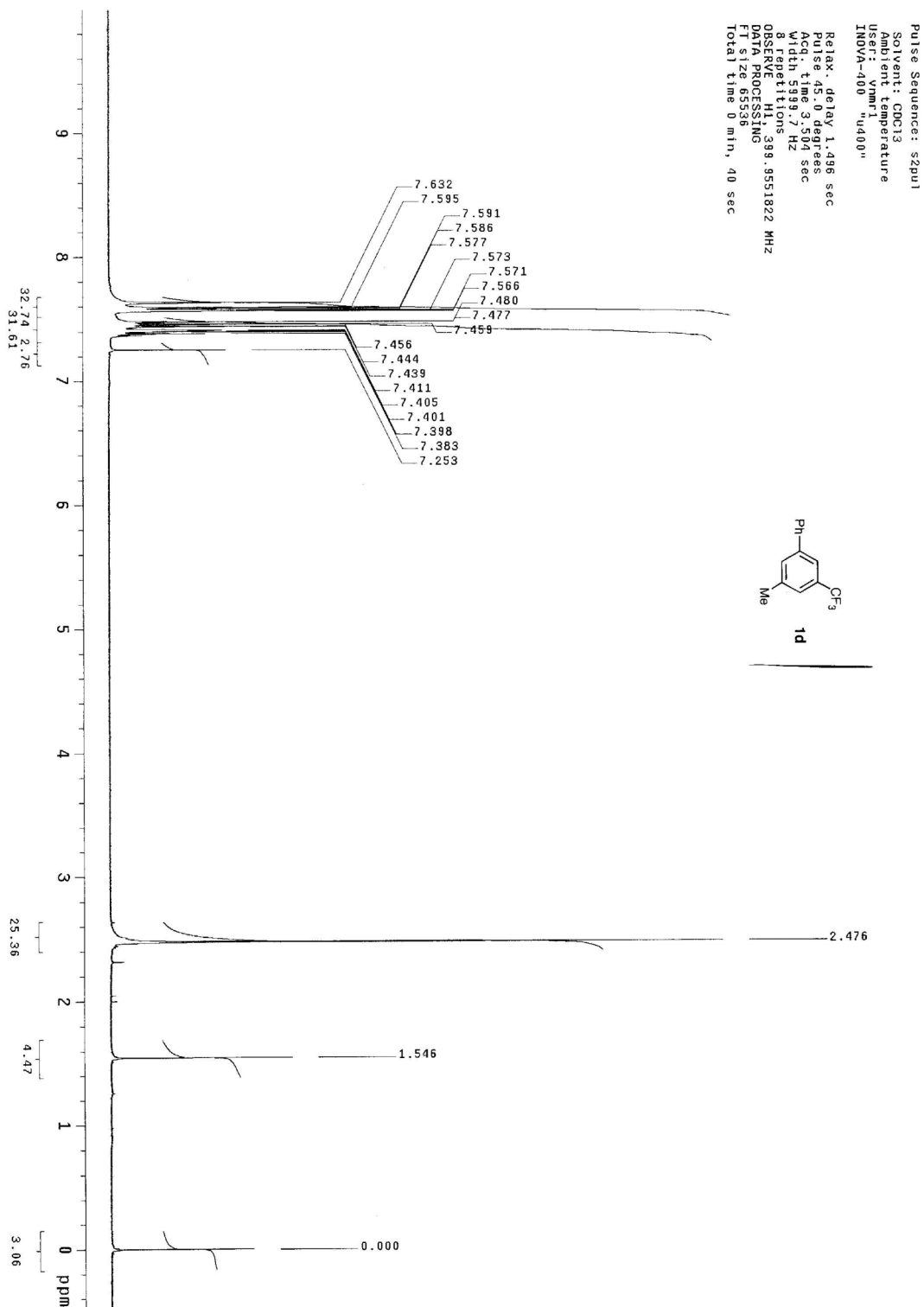


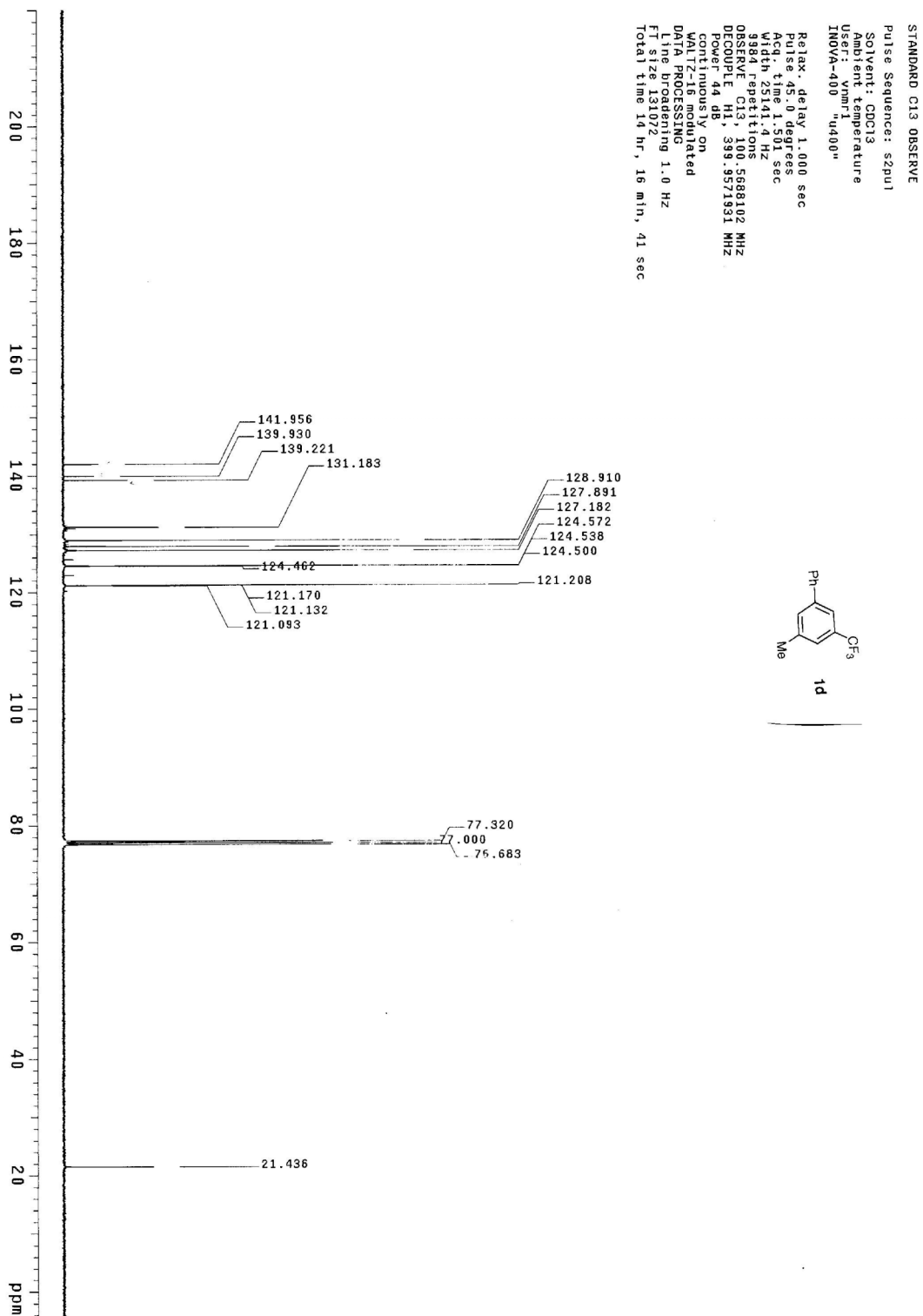
4-Benzyltoluene
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Width 19.772
8 repetitions
OBSERVE H1, 399.9551807 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 65536
Total time 0 min, 40 sec



4-Benzyltoluene
Pulse Sequence: szpul
Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
User: vmmr1
INOVA-400 "u400"
Relax. delay 0.499 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq time 1.51 sec
Width 2514.4 Hz
512 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 100.568162 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 399.9571931 MHz
Power 42 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
F1 size 13102
F2 size 13102
Total time 34 min, 17 sec







3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-methylbiphenyl

Pulse Sequence: s2pu1

Solvent: CDCl3

Ambient temperature

User: vnmr1

INOVA-400 "u400"

Relax. delay 9.500 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 0.500 sec

Width 100.0 kHz

Number of scans

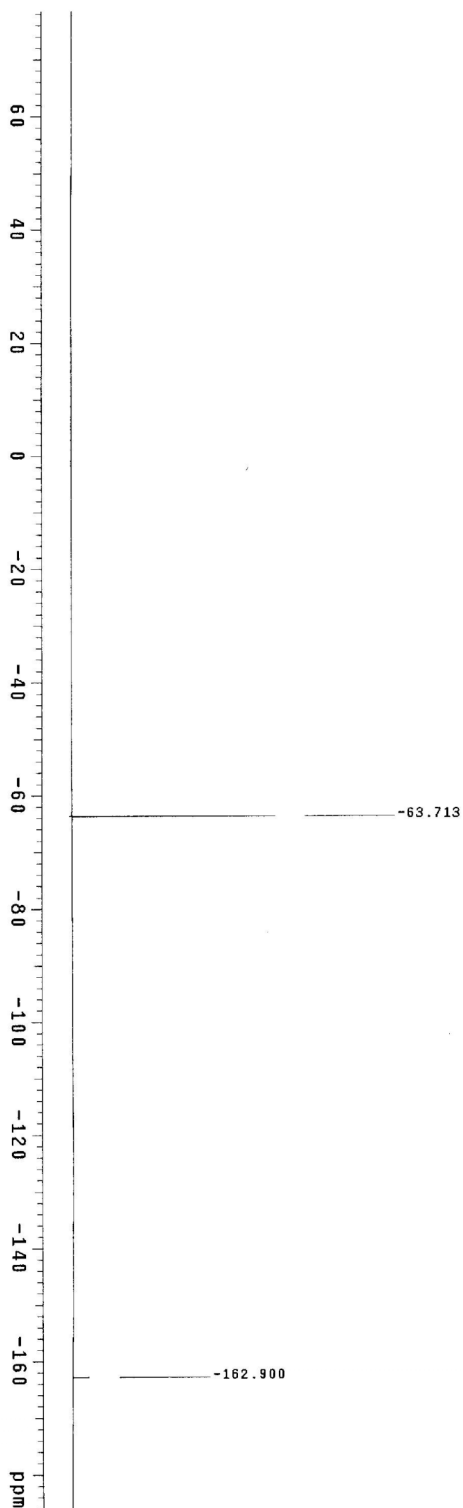
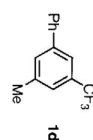
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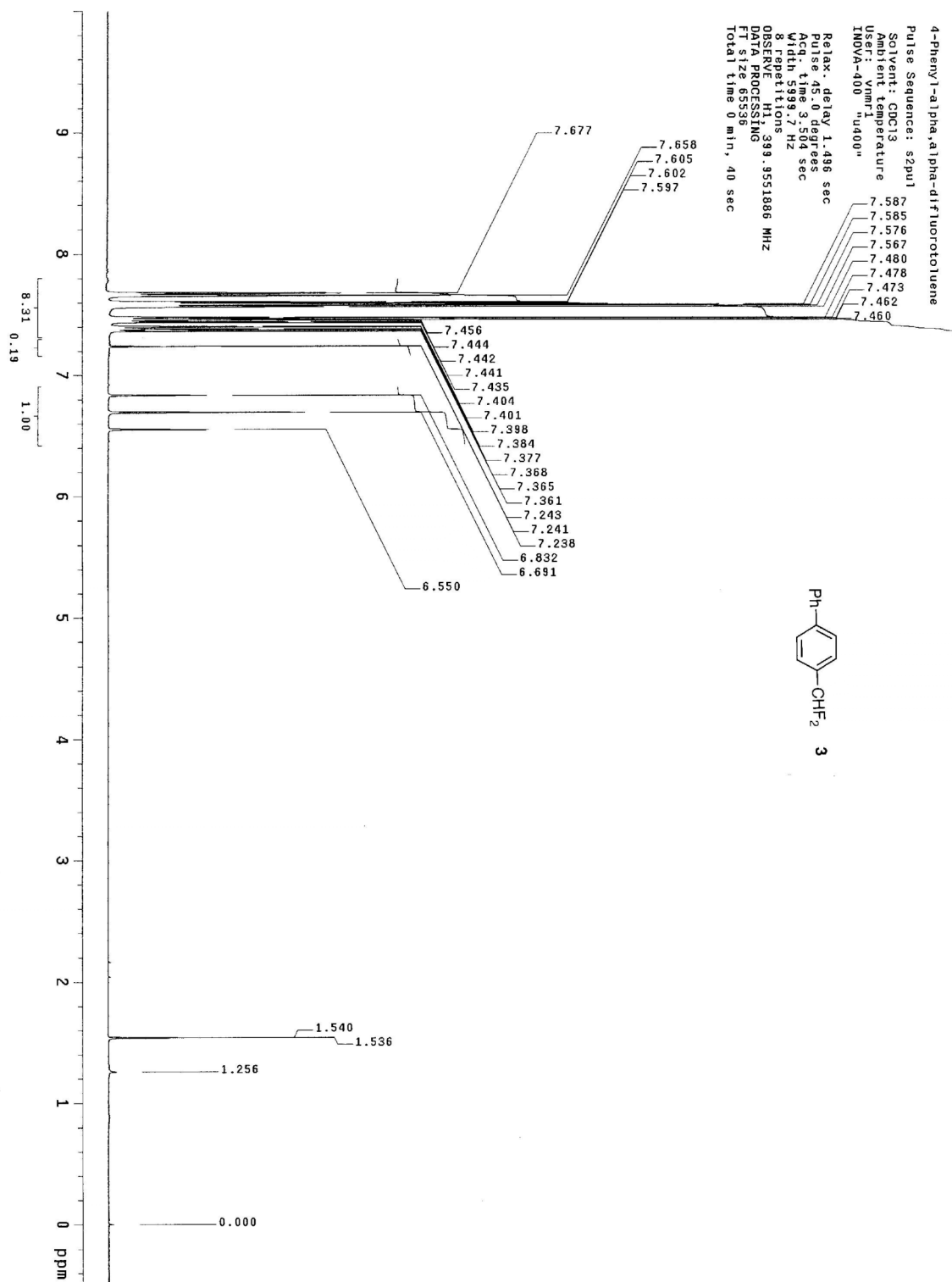
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DATA PROCESSING

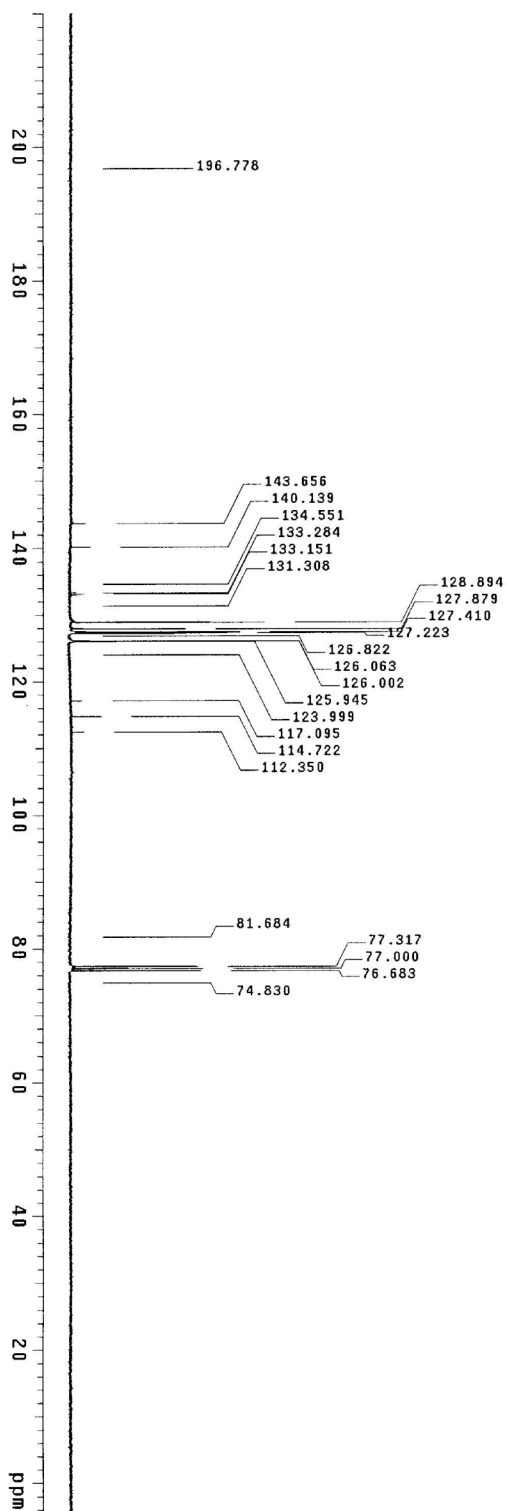
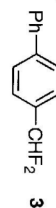
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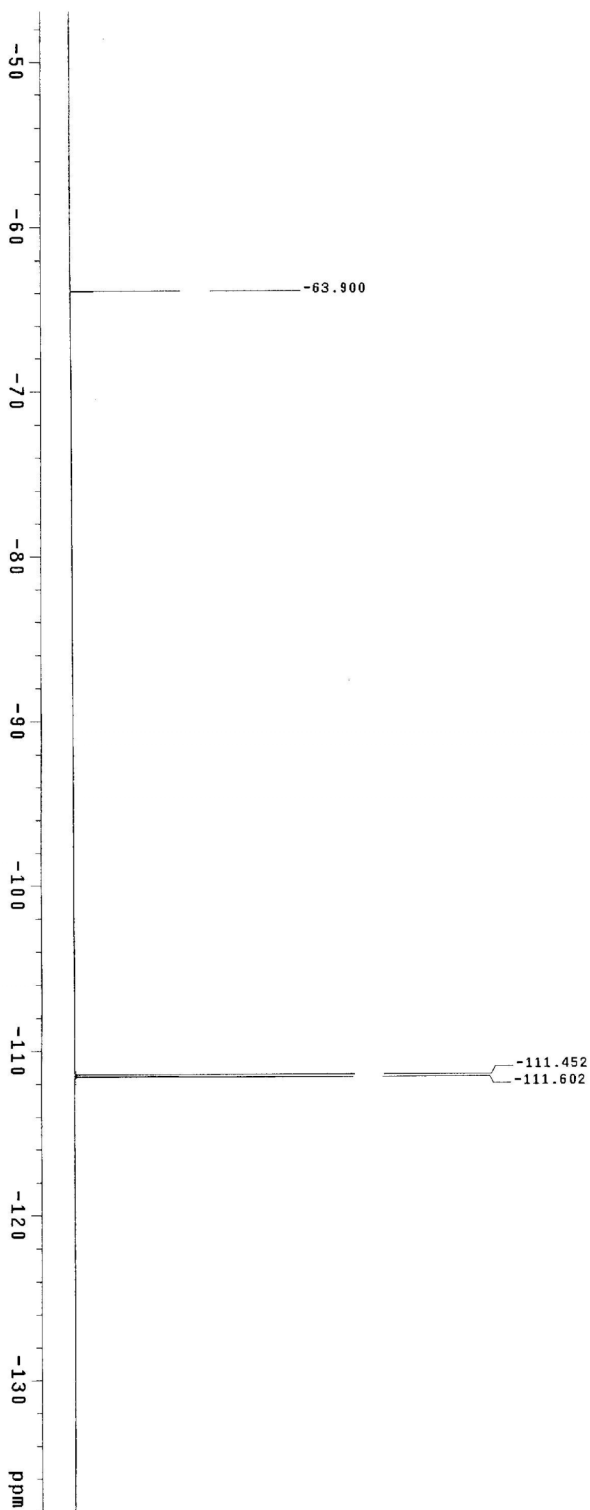
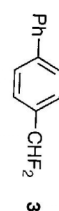




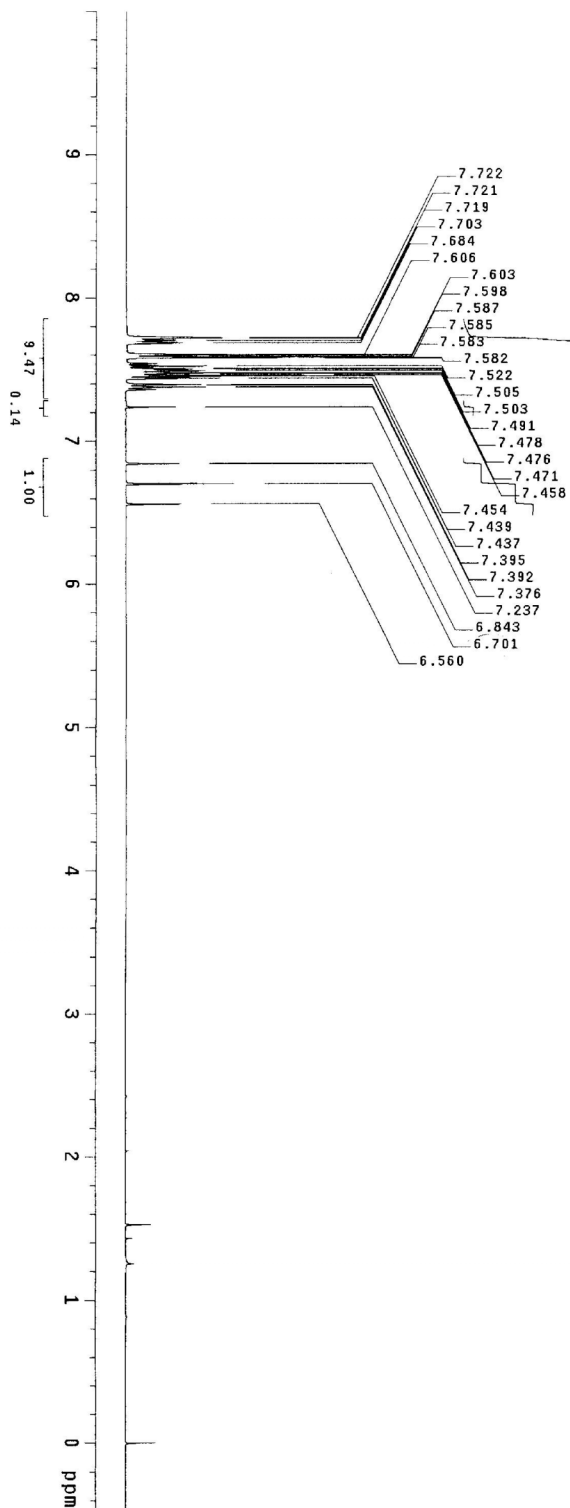
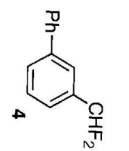
4-phenyl- α,α -difluorotoluene
Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl₃
Ambient temperature
User: ymmr1
INOVA-400 "u400"
Relax. delay 0.499 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.501 sec
NUC1: 13C
NUC2: 1H 253.414 MHz
1300 MHz
OBSERVE C13 100.568139 MHz
DECOUPLE H1 399.3571931 MHz
Power 42 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
FT size 131072
Total time 43 min, 32 sec



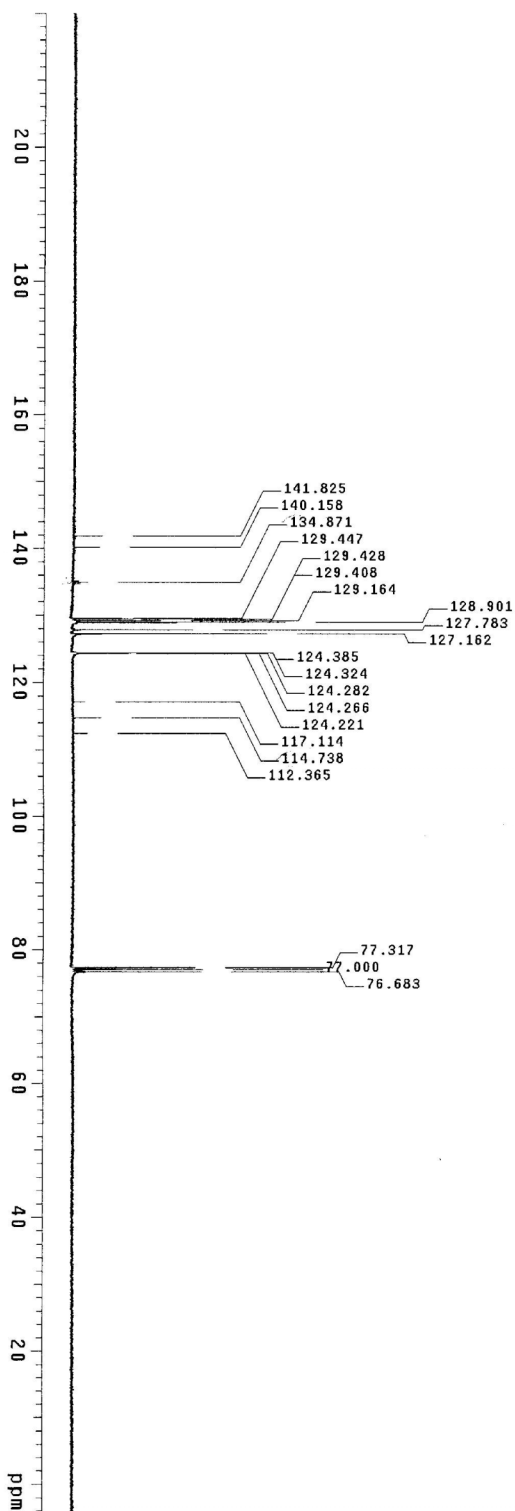
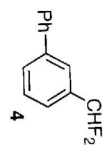
4-Phenyl- α , α -difluorotoluene
Pulse Sequence: szpul
Solvent: CDCl₃
Ambient temperature
User: ymm1
INOVA-400 "u400"
Relax. delay 9.500 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 0.500 sec
NUC1: 13C 100 MHz
NUC2: 1H 400 MHz
16 Channels
OBSRVF F19: 376.3343250 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
FT size 131072
Total time 2 min, 40 sec



3-Phenyl-a,a-difluorotoluene
Pulse Sequence: szpu1
Solvent: CDCl3
Ambient temperature
User: ynmr1
INOVA-400 "u400"
Relax. delay 1.496 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 3.504 sec
Width 5999.7 Hz
8 repetitions
OBSERVE H1: 399.9551897 MHz
DATA PROCESSING
F1: 125.530 MHz
Total time 0 min, 40 sec



3-Phenyl- α , α -difluorotoluene
Pulse Sequence: s2pul
Solvent: CDCl₃
Ambient temperature
User: rnm1
INOVA-400 "u400"
Relax. delay 0.499 sec
Pulse 45.0 degrees
Acq. time 1.00 sec
Width 25141.4 Hz
1400 repetitions
OBSERVE C13, 100.628135 MHz
DECOUPLE H1, 399.9571531 MHz
Power 42 dB
continuously on
WALTZ-16 modulated
DATA PROCESSING
Line broadening 1.0 Hz
F1 127.131972
Total time 46 min, 53 sec



3-Phenyl- α , α -difluorotoluene

Pulse Sequence: s2pul

Solvent: CDCl₃

Ambient temperature

User: ymar1

INOVA-400 "u400"

Relax. delay 9.500 sec

Pulse 45.0 degrees

Acq. time 0.500 sec

Width 100.0 kHz

16 repetitions

OBSERVE F18, 376.3343250 MHz

DATA PROCESSING

FT size 151072

Total time 2 min, 40 sec

