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General Information

Synthesis

All syntheses were performed in a glovebox under N₂ atmosphere unless stated otherwise. All solvents, excluding toluene, were dried using a solvent purification system from Pure Process Technologies. Toluene was dried via reflux over elemental sodium.

Photophysical Characterization

Absorption spectra were collected with a Horiba Duetta spectrophotometer using the EZSpec software. CPL spectra were collected on an OLIS CPL Solo using the GlobalWorks software. Quantum yields were determined using a reference method, utilizing 1,9-diphenylanthracene as an external standard. Lifetime data were collected using the OLIS CPL Solo along with GlobalWorks and Photon Counting Phosphorescence (PCPH). All measurements were taken in sealed, quartz cuvettes under N₂ atmosphere. NMR spectra were collected with a Bruker AVANCE III 400MHz spectrometer under N₂.

X-ray Crystallography

Single-crystal X-ray diffraction studies were performed at Vanderbilt University: a suitable crystal of each sample was selected for analysis and mounted in a polyimide loop. All measurements were made on a Rigaku Oxford Diffraction Supernova Eos CCD with filtered Cu K α or Mo K α radiation at a temperature of 100 K. Using Olex2,¹ the structure was solved with the ShelXT structure solution program using direct methods and refined with the ShelXL refinement package² using least squares minimization.

Synthesis and Characterization

^{DMent}CAAC-Cu-F: The product was synthesized using a previously described method by Hall et al. and matched the previously reported spectroscopic data.³

^{DMent}CAAC-Cu-Br: A suspension of copper(I) bromide (143.45 g mol⁻¹, 0.075 g, 0.52 mmol, 1.1 eq) in 6 mL of tetrahydrofuran (THF) was prepared in a 20 mL scintillation vial equipped with a stir bar. A solution of ^{DMent}CAAC (382.66 g mol⁻¹, 0.181 g, 0.47 mmol, 1 eq) in 2 mL THF was added to the suspension and the reaction mixture was left to stir overnight. The resulting suspension was then filtered over Celite and the resulting filtrate was concentrated under vacuum to an off-white powder which was further washed with pentane to yield the product as a white powder (525.11 g mol⁻¹, 0.215 g, 0.41 mmol, 87%). ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 7.10 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 3.09 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.78 (sept, J = 6.7 Hz, 2H), 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.85 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 1.79 – 1.64 (m, 3H), 1.47 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.43 (d, J = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.31 – 1.17 (m, 5H), 1.16 – 0.97 (m, 11H), 0.95 – 0.86 (m, 11H), 0.83 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 101 MHz): δ (ppm) 251.8, 145.6, 145.2, 135.4, 129.9, 125.0, 124.8, 77.1, 65.2, 52.8, 51.4, 48.1, 35.8, 31.0, 29.4, 29.3, 29.0, 28.8, 27.9, 27.7, 26.8, 25.1, 24.3, 23.0, 22.5, 22.4, 20.0. Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₄₃BrCuN: C, 61.76; H, 8.25; N, 2.67. Found: C, 61.70; H, 8.20; N, 2.64.

The product was recrystallized via slow diffusion of THF into toluene.

^{DMent}CAAC-Cu-I: The product was prepared and recrystallized analogously to ^{DMent}CAAC-Cu-Br substituting copper(I) iodide (MW 190.45 g mol⁻¹, 0.030 g, 0.16 mmol, 1.1 eq) for copper(I) bromide to yield the product as a white powder (572.11 g mol⁻¹, 0.087 g, 0.15 mmol, 97%). ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 7.11 (t, J = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (td, J = 7.3, 1.7 Hz, 2H), 2.96 (m, 2H), 2.78 (sept, J = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.08 (m, 1H), 1.89 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 1.77 (m, 3H), 1.48 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.44 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.28 (m, 2H), 1.17 – 1.04 (m, 10H), 0.98 – 0.86 (m, 10H), 0.82 (d, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 101 MHz): δ (ppm) 252.6, 145.6, 145.1, 135.4, 129.9, 125.0, 124.9, 77.5, 65.5, 52.7, 51.4, 47.9, 35.8, 30.9, 29.4, 29.3, 29.0, 28.8, 27.9, 27.9, 27.0, 25.2, 24.2, 23.0, 22.7, 22.6, 20.0. Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₄₃I CuN: C, 56.69; H, 7.58; N, 2.45. Found: C, 56.60; H, 7.52; N, 2.44.

^{DMent}CAAC-Cu-BH₄: The product was prepared and recrystallized analogously to ^{DMent}CAAC-Cu-B₃H₈ substituting KB₃H₈ with NaBH₄ (37.83 g mol⁻¹, 0.024 g, 0.6 mmol, 4.2 eq) to yield the product as a fluffy, white powder (459.59 g mol⁻¹, 0.062 g, 0.13 mmol, 84%). ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 7.11 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.99 (m, 2H), 3.07 – 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.78 (sept, J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (m, 1H), 1.86 (d, J = 14 Hz, 1H), 1.80 – 1.63 (m, 3H), 1.43 (d, J = 6.8 Hz, 3H), 1.39 (d, J = 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.33 – 1.27 (m, 3H), 1.17 – 1.04 (m, 10H), 0.98 – 0.86 (m, 10H), 0.83 (d, J = 6.5 Hz, 3H), 0.50 (q [br], 4H). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 101 MHz): δ (ppm) 251.8, 145.6, 145.2, 135.5, 129.9, 125.0, 124.8, 77.2, 65.3, 52.7, 51.3, 48.1, 35.8, 31.0, 29.3, 29.0, 28.8, 27.9, 27.7, 26.8, 25.1, 24.3, 23.0, 22.6, 22.5, 20.0. ¹¹B NMR (C₆D₆, 128.38 MHz): δ (ppm) -39.12 (quint.). Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₄₇BCuN: C, 70.49; H, 10.30; N, 3.04. Found: C, 70.44; H, 10.25; N, 2.99.

The product was recrystallized by slow diffusion of pentane into 2-MeTHF.

^DMentCAAC-Cu-B₃H₈: ^DMentCAAC-Cu-Br (525.11 g mol⁻¹, 0.079 g, 0.15 mmol, 1 eq) was transferred to a vial and suspended in THF (6 mL).⁴ A solution of KB₃H₈ (79.59 g mol⁻¹, 0.026 g, 0.327 mmol, 2.2 eq) in THF (2 mL) was added slowly to the suspension while stirring. The reaction mixture was left to stir overnight. The resulting solution was filtered over Celite and concentrated under vacuum to yield a white powder (486.70 g mol⁻¹, 0.066 g, 0.14 mmol, 90%). ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz): δ (ppm) 7.08 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 6.98 (m, 2H), 2.81 (m, 2H), 2.66 (m, 1H), 2.32 (m, 1H), 1.99 (m, 1H), 1.89 (d, *J* = 14 Hz, 1H), 1.86 – 1.60 (m, 3H), 1.44 – 1.28 (m, 6H), 1.24 (d, *J* = 13 Hz, 2H), 1.17 – 1.04 (m, 10H), 0.98 – 0.86 (m, 10H), 0.85 – 0.36 (br, 8H). ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 101 MHz): δ (ppm) 247.0, 145.9, 145.3, 136.0, 129.7, 125.3, 125.3, 77.5, 65.8, 52.7, 52.0, 48.5, 35.5, 31.0, 29.7, 29.5, 29.1, 28.9, 27.9, 27.3, 26.8, 25.2, 24.5, 23.7, 23.7, 22.9, 19.8. ¹¹B NMR (C₆D₆, 128.38 MHz): δ (ppm) -35.84 (s). Anal. Calcd for C₂₇H₅₁B₃CuN: C, 66.77; H, 10.58; N, 2.88. Found: C, 66.70; H, 10.50; N, 2.84.

The product was recrystallized via slow diffusion of THF into pentane.

[^DMentCAAC-Cu-H]₂: The product was synthesized using a previously described method by Frey et al. and matched the previously reported spectroscopic data.⁵

^LMentCAAC-Cu-F: The product was synthesized using a previously described method by Hall et al. and matched the previously reported spectroscopic data.³

^LMentCAAC-Cu-Br: The product was prepared analogously to its enantiomer using the L enantiomer (382.66 g mol⁻¹, 0.060 g, 0.16 mmol, 1 eq) to yield the product as a fluffy, white powder (525.11 g mol⁻¹, 0.069 g, 0.13 mmol, 84%). Spectroscopic data matched those of its enantiomer.

^LMentCAAC-Cu-I: The product was prepared analogously to its enantiomer using the L enantiomer (382.66 g mol⁻¹, 0.060 g, 0.16 mmol, 1 eq) to yield the product as a fluffy, white powder (572.11 g mol⁻¹, 0.086 g, 15 mmol, 98%). Spectroscopic data matched those of its enantiomer.

^LMentCAAC-Cu-BH₄: The product was prepared analogously to its enantiomer using the L enantiomer (525.11 g mol⁻¹, 0.054 g, 0.10 mmol, 1 eq) to yield the product as a fluffy, white powder (459.59 g mol⁻¹, 0.035 g, 0.08 mmol, 74%). Spectroscopic data matched those of its enantiomer.

^LMentCAAC-Cu-B₃H₈: The product was prepared analogously to its enantiomer using the L enantiomer (525.11 g mol⁻¹, 0.080 g, 0.15 mmol, 1 eq) to yield the product as a fluffy, white powder (486.70 g mol⁻¹, 0.065 g, 13 mmol, 87%). Spectroscopic data matched those of its enantiomer.

NMR Data

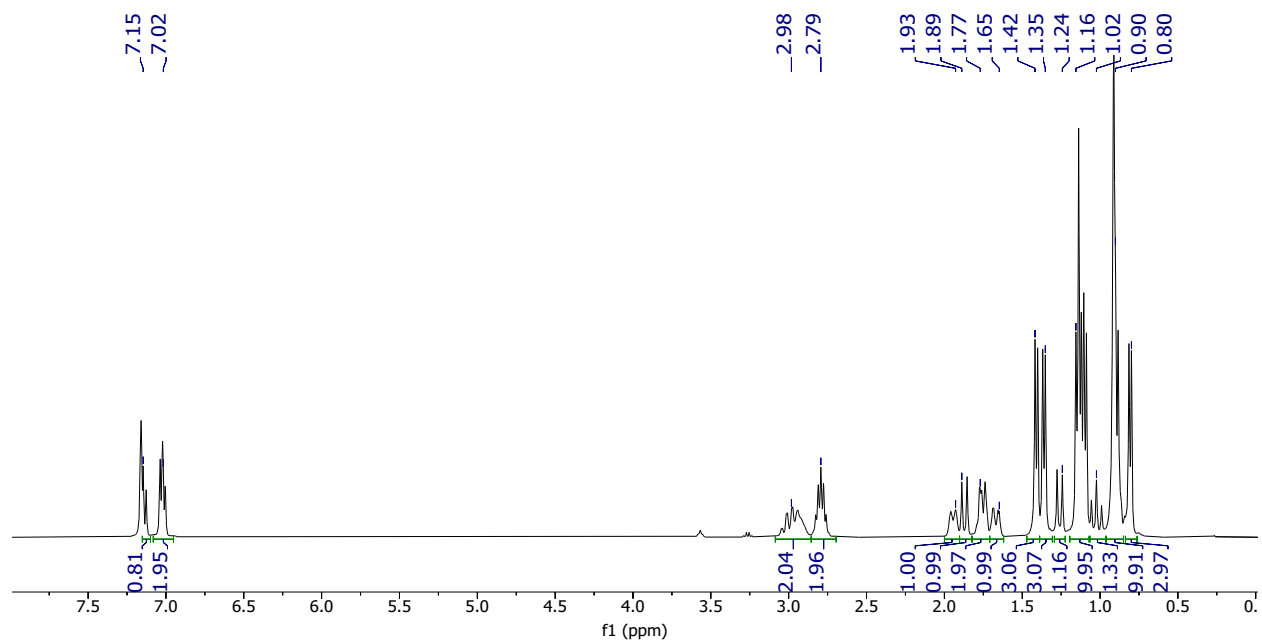


Figure S1. ^1H NMR of D -fluoride in C_6D_6

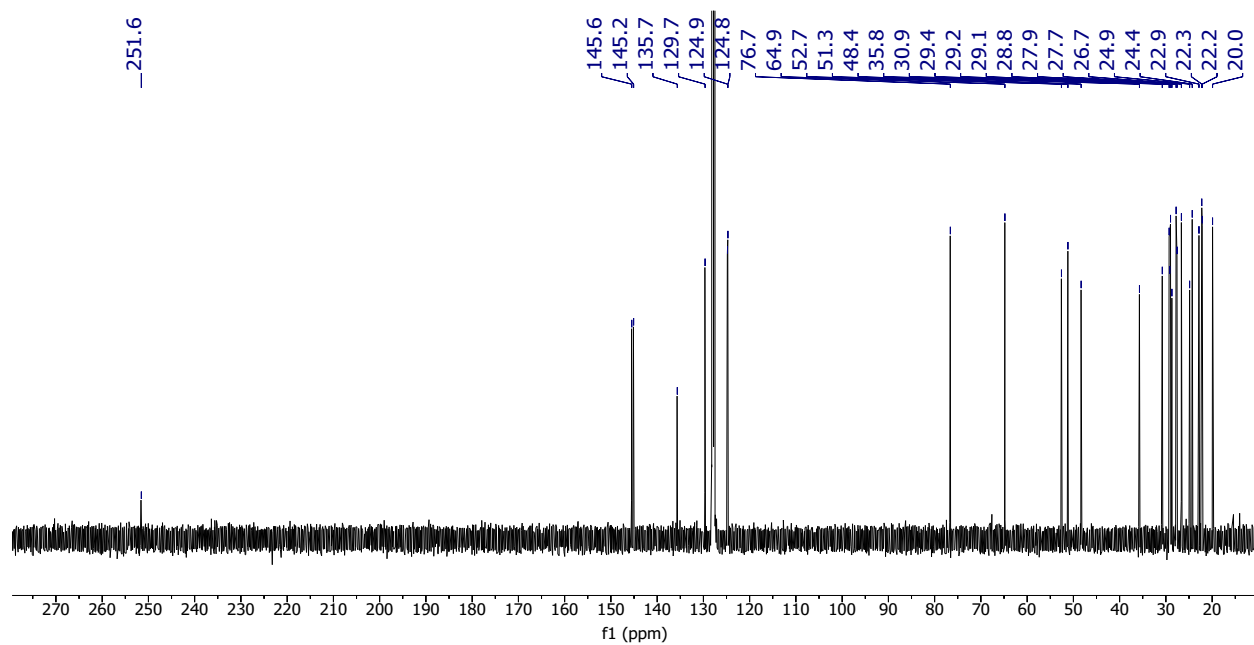


Figure S2. ^{13}C NMR of D -fluoride in C_6D_6

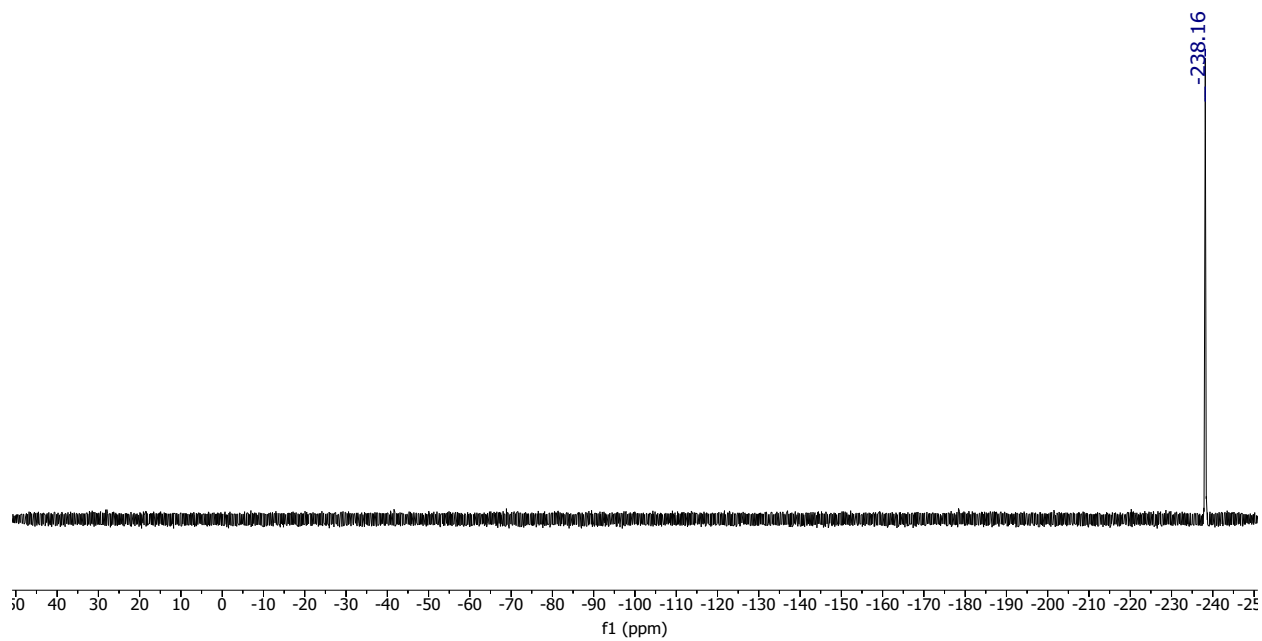


Figure S3. ^{19}F NMR of D-fluoride in C_6D_6

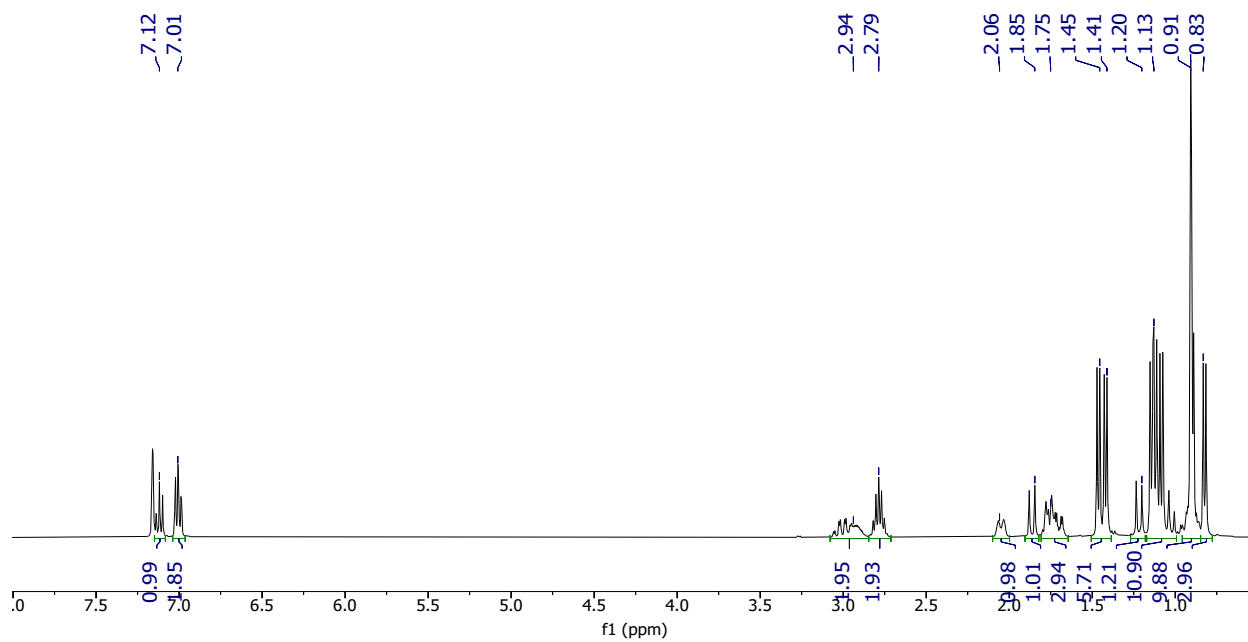


Figure S4. ^1H NMR of D-bromide in C_6D_6

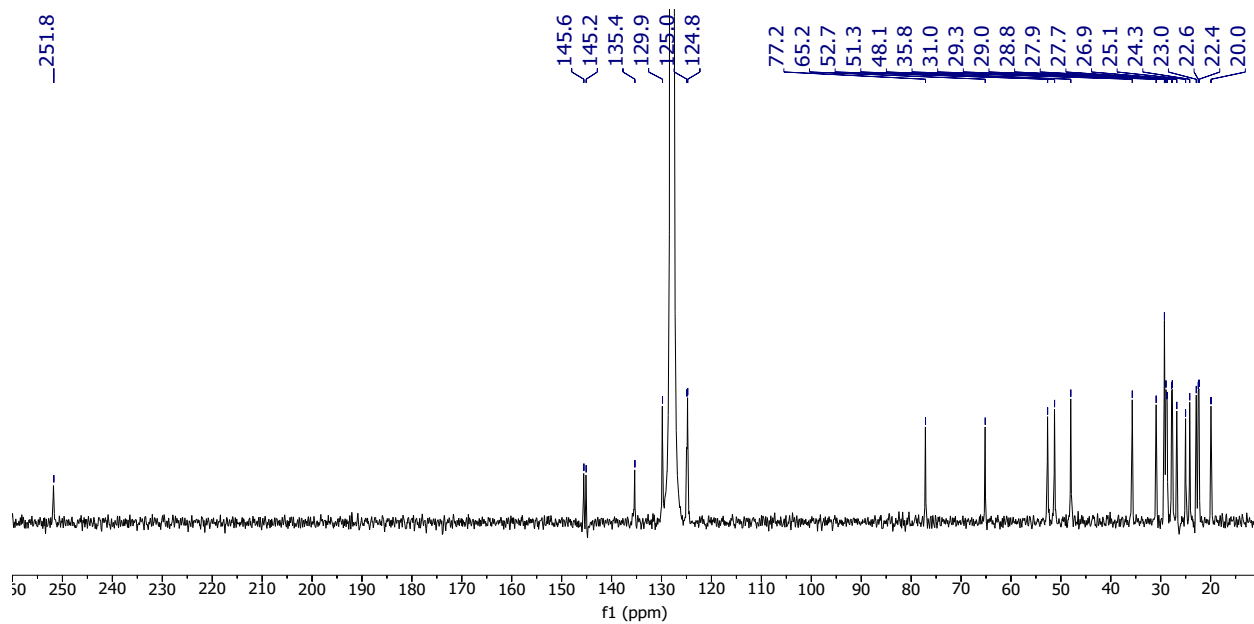


Figure S5. ¹³C NMR of ^D-bromide in C₆D₆

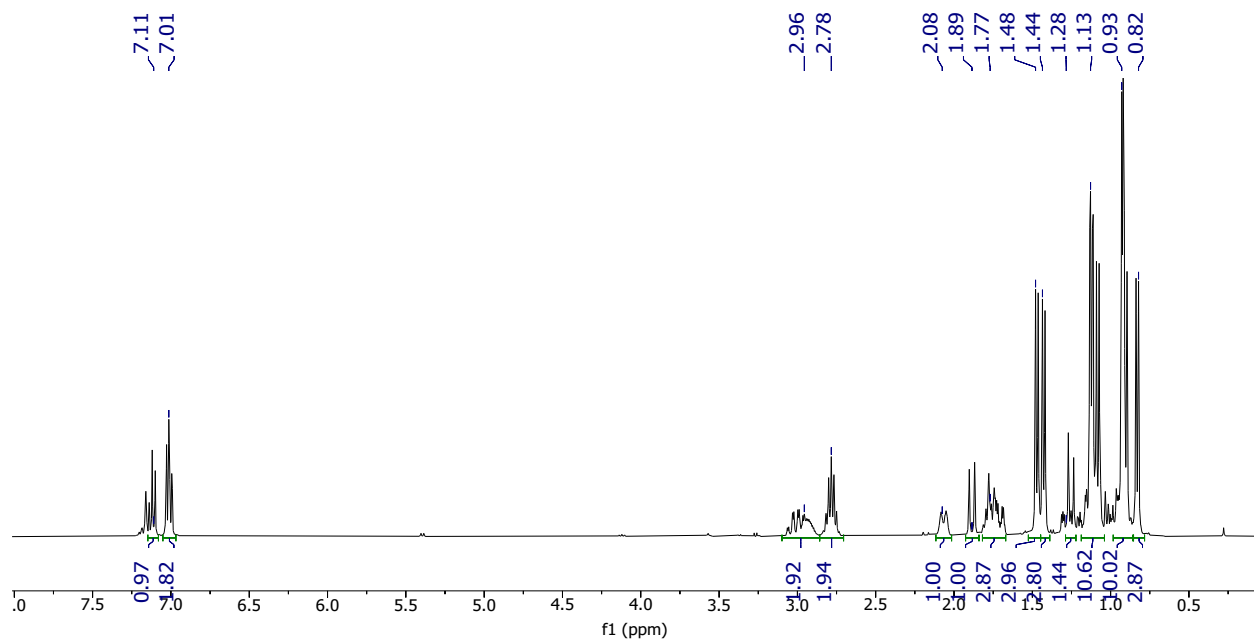


Figure S6. ¹H NMR of ^D-iodide in C₆D₆

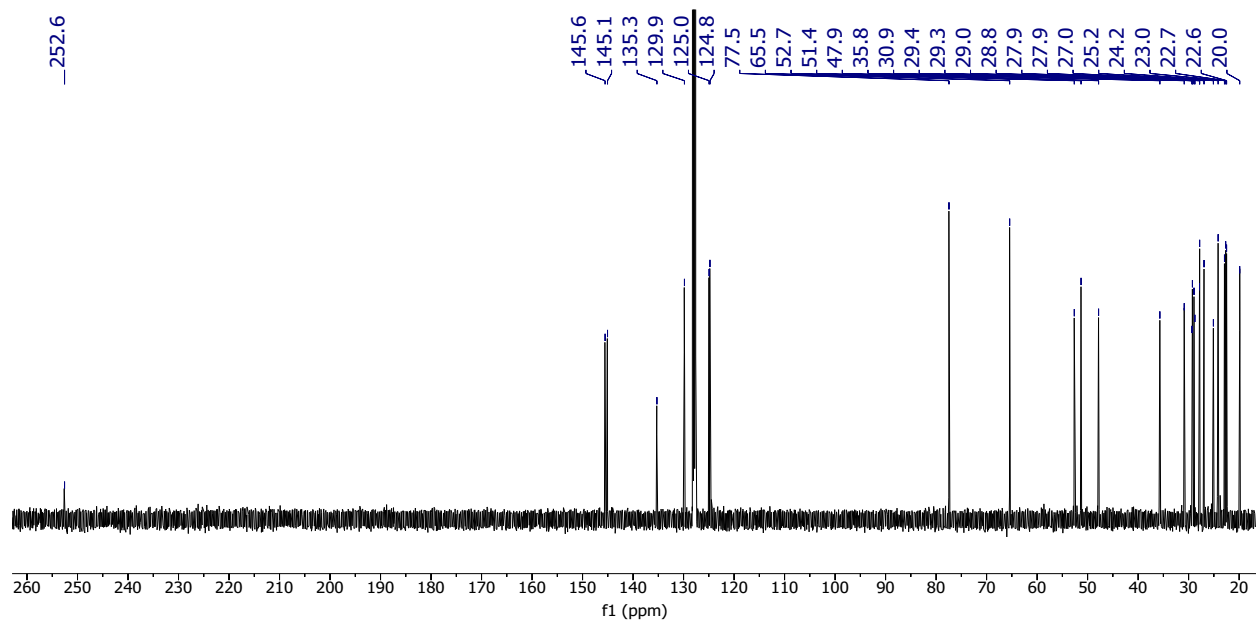


Figure S7. ¹³C NMR of ^D-iodide in C₆D₆

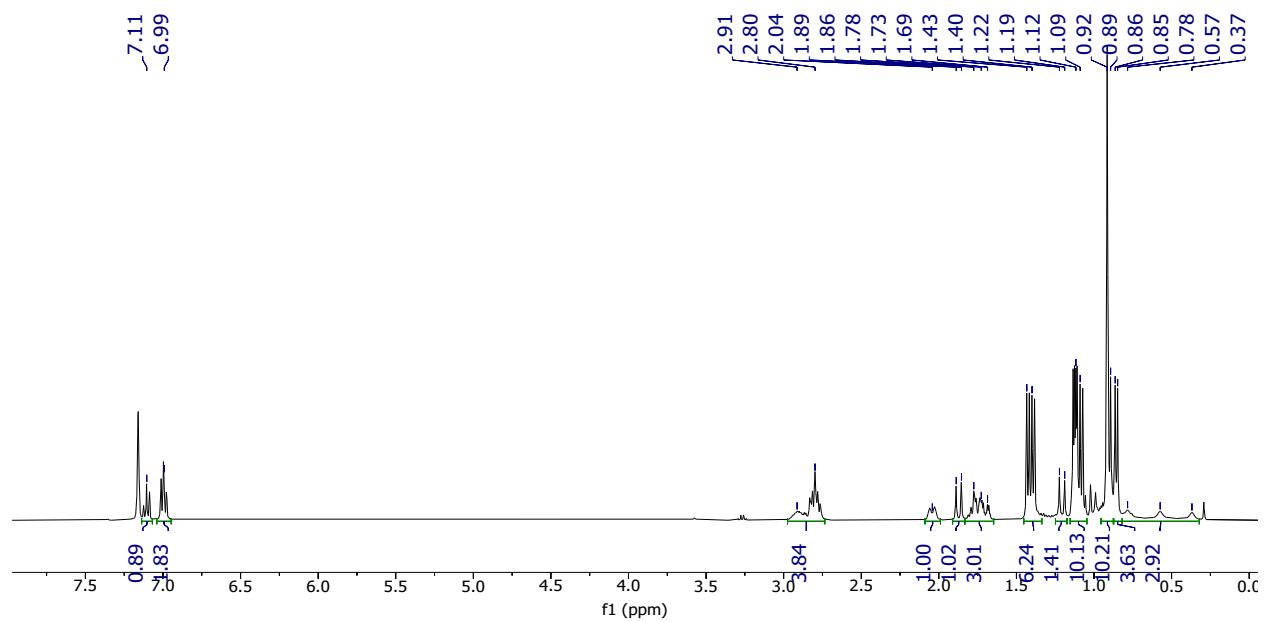


Figure S8. ¹H NMR of ^D-BH₄ in C₆D₆

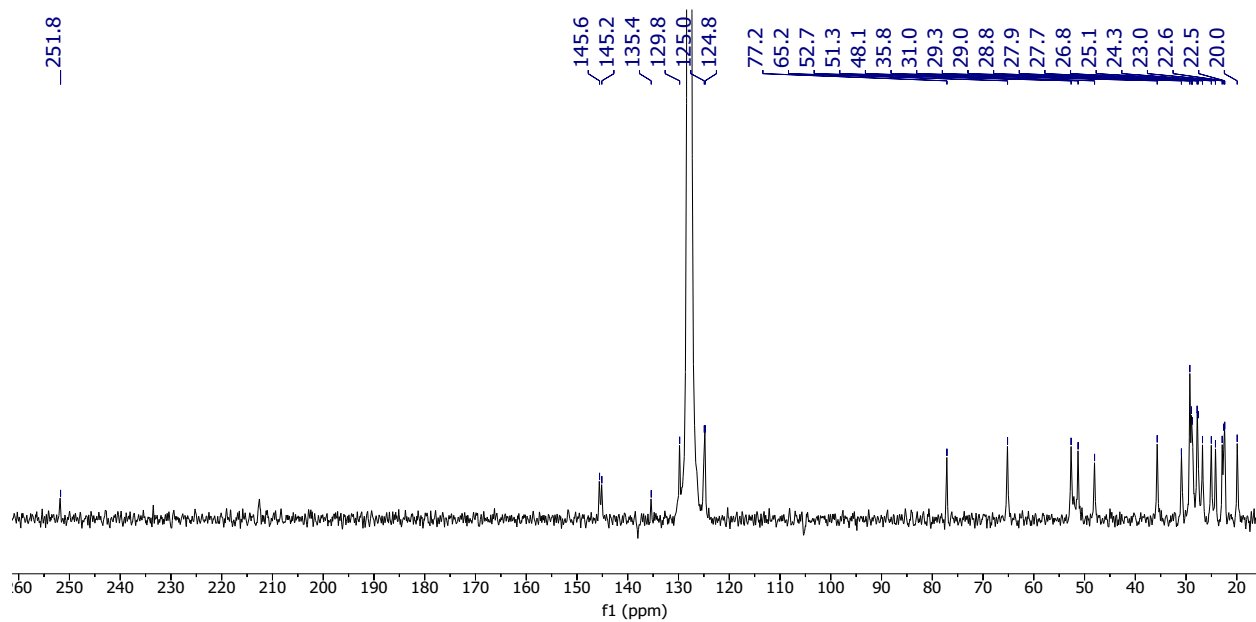


Figure S9. ^{13}C NMR of $D\text{-BH}_4$ in C_6D_6

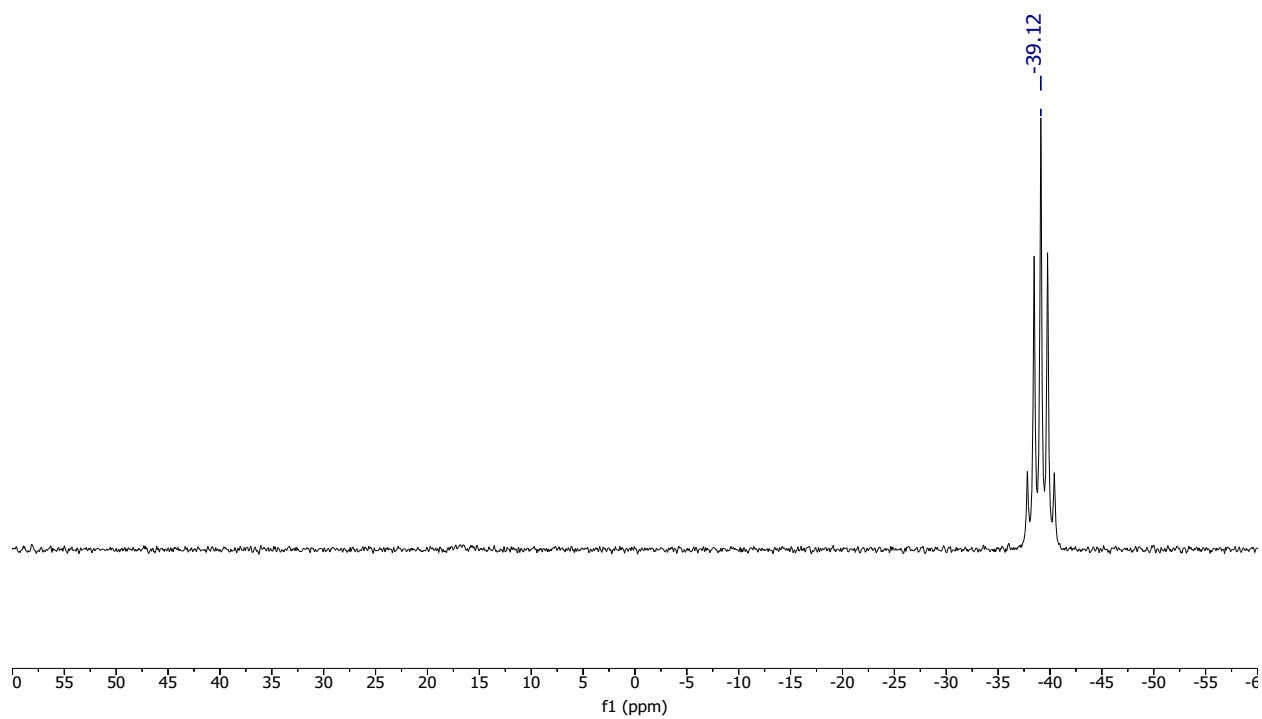


Figure S10. ^{11}B NMR of $D\text{-BH}_4$ in C_6D_6

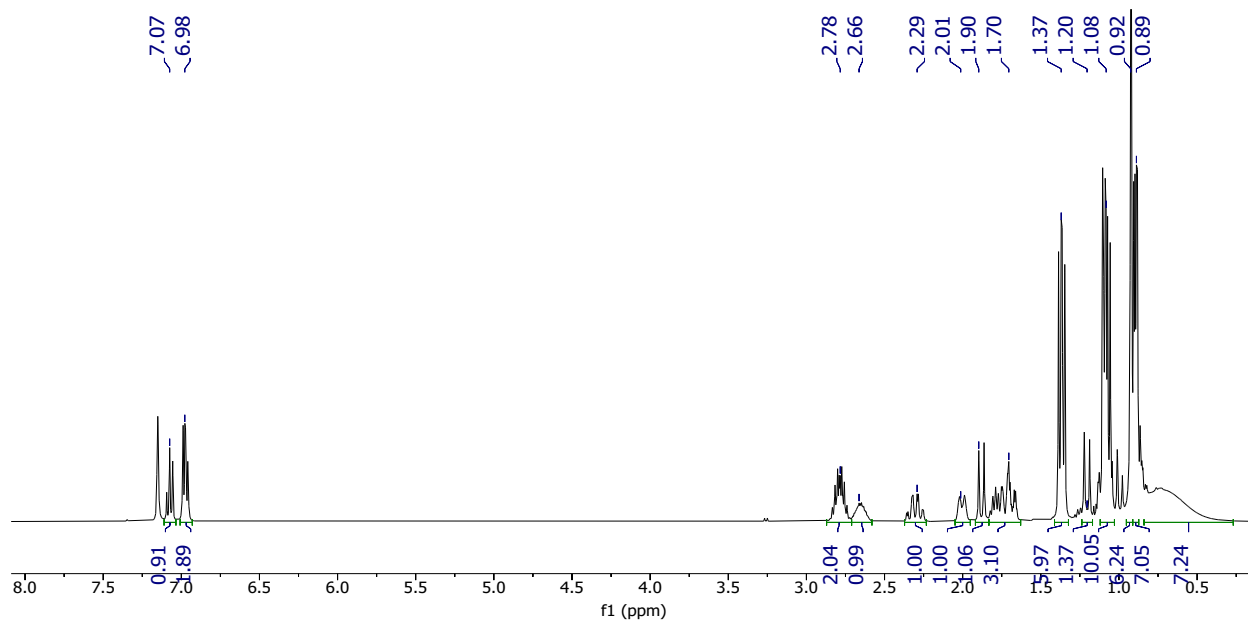


Figure S11. ^1H NMR of $\text{D-B}_3\text{H}_8$ in C_6D_6

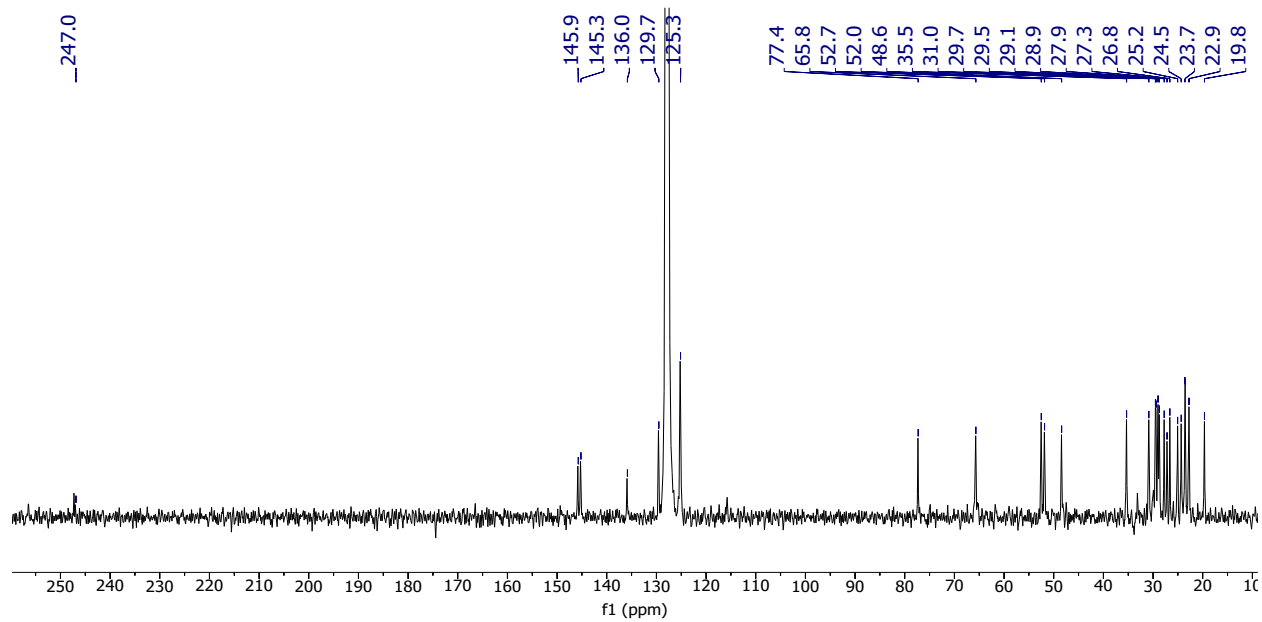


Figure S12. ^{13}C NMR of $\text{D-B}_3\text{H}_8$ in C_6D_6

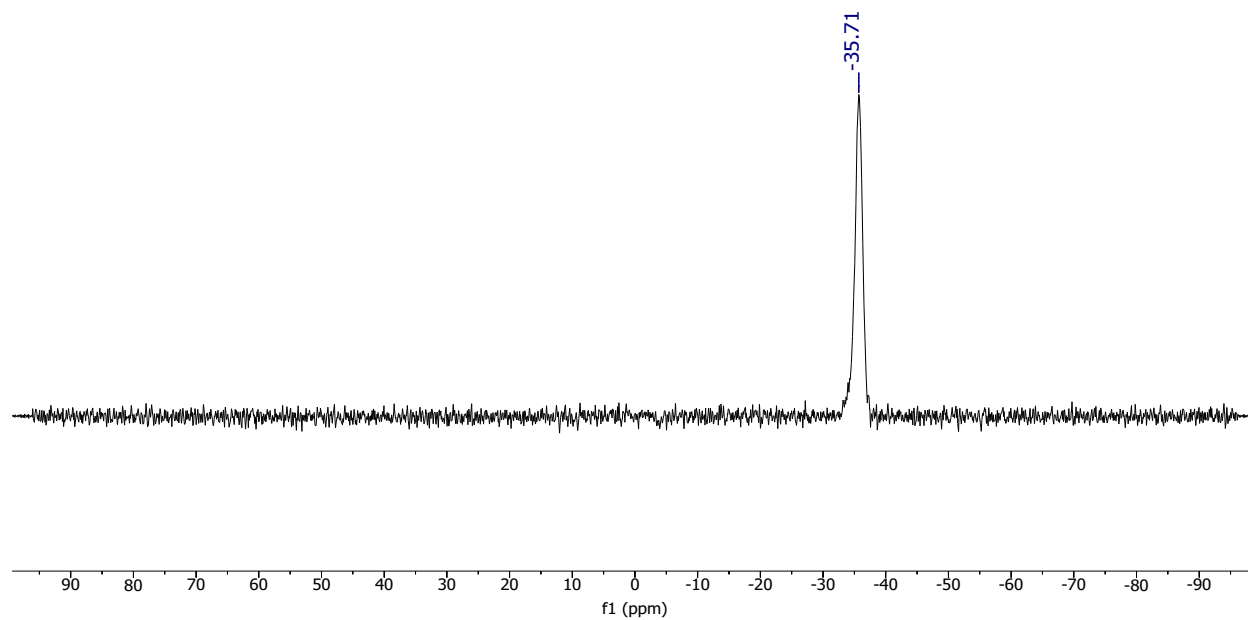


Figure S13. ^{11}B NMR of $\text{D-B}_3\text{H}_8$ in C_6D_6

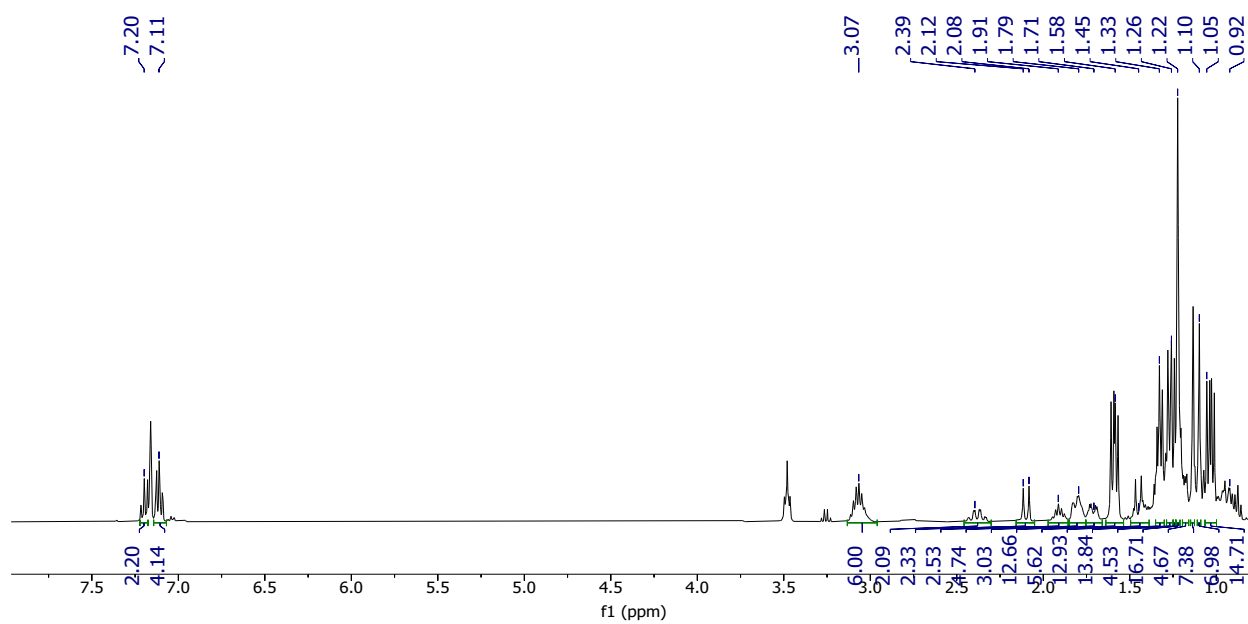


Figure S14. ^1H NMR of D-H in C_6D_6

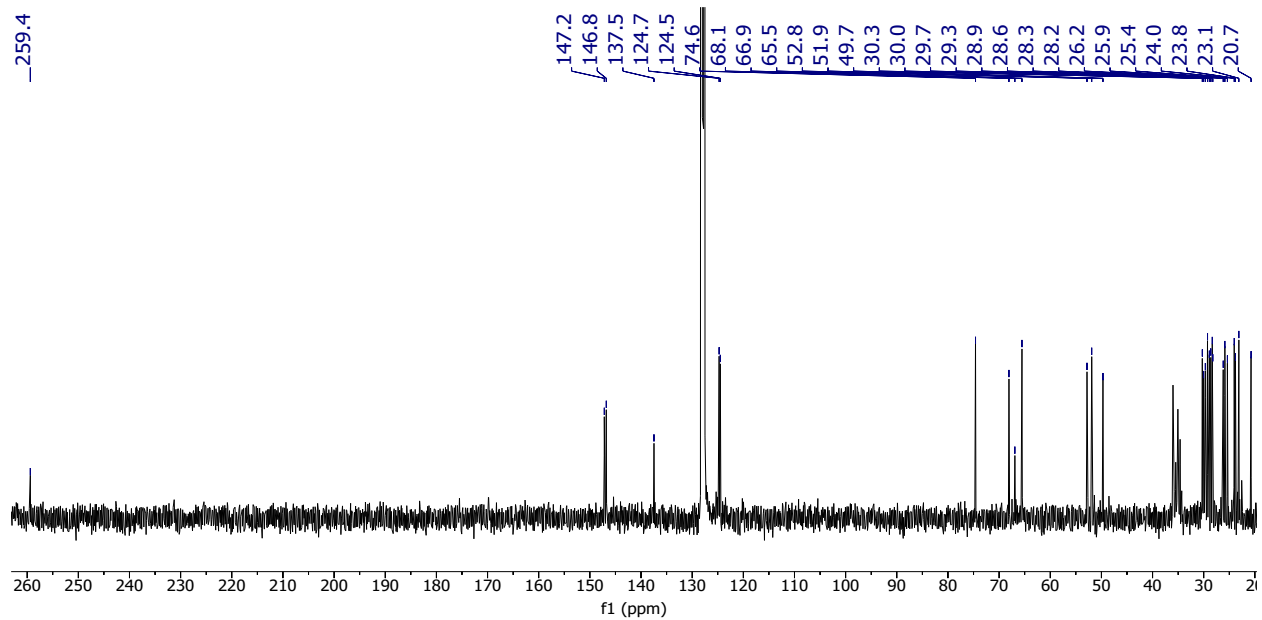


Figure S15. ^{13}C NMR of D-H in C_6D_6

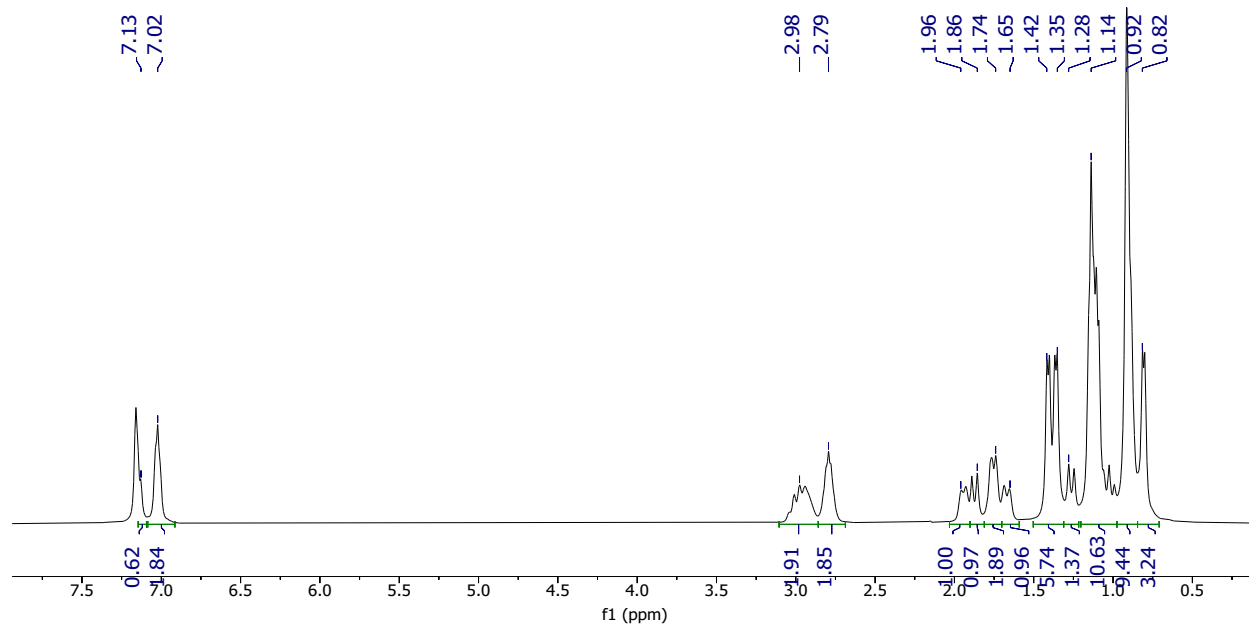


Figure S16. ^1H NMR of L-fluoride in C_6D_6

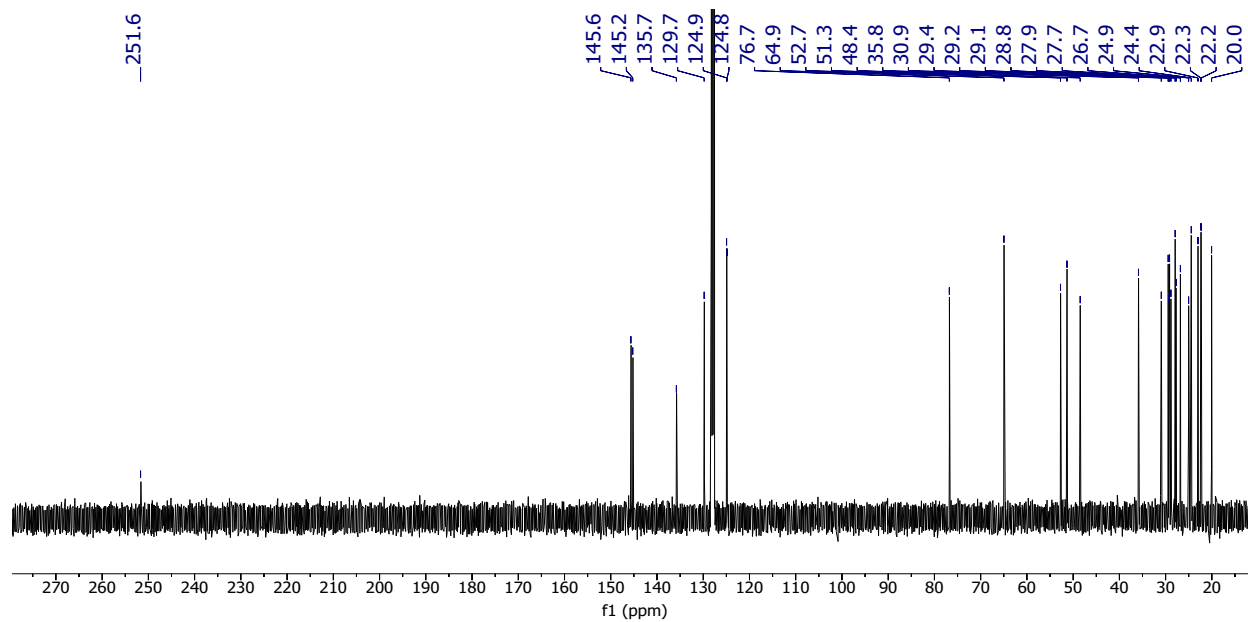


Figure S17. ¹³C NMR of L-fluoride in C₆D₆

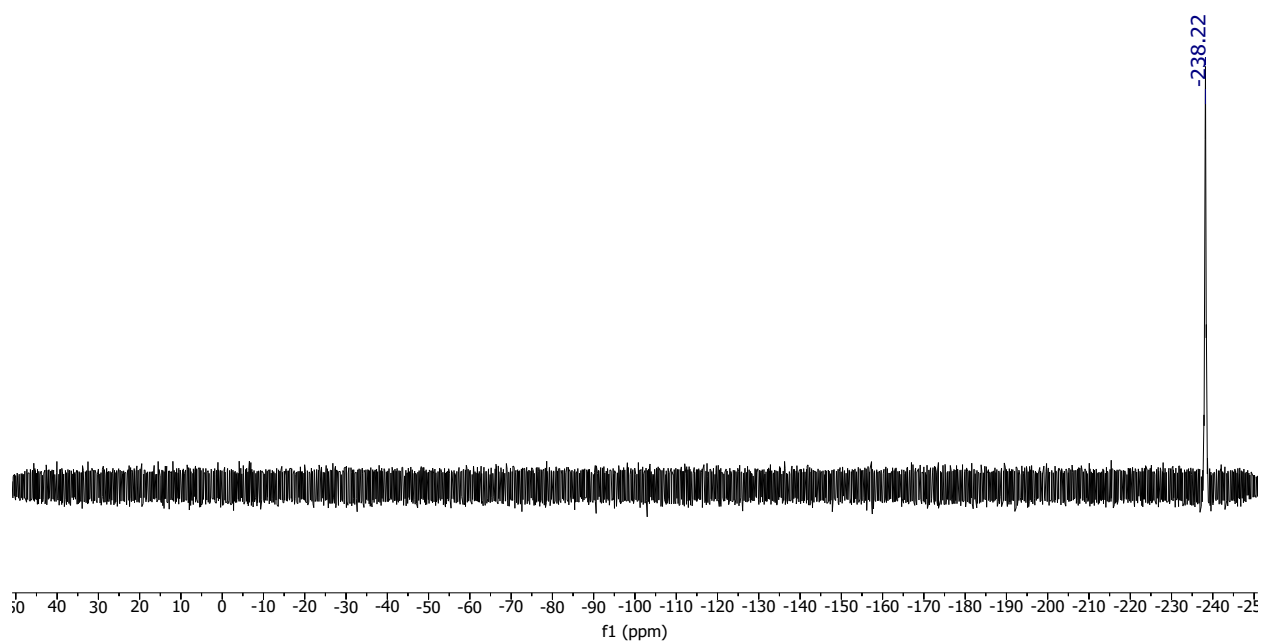


Figure S18. ¹⁹F NMR of L-fluoride in C₆D₆

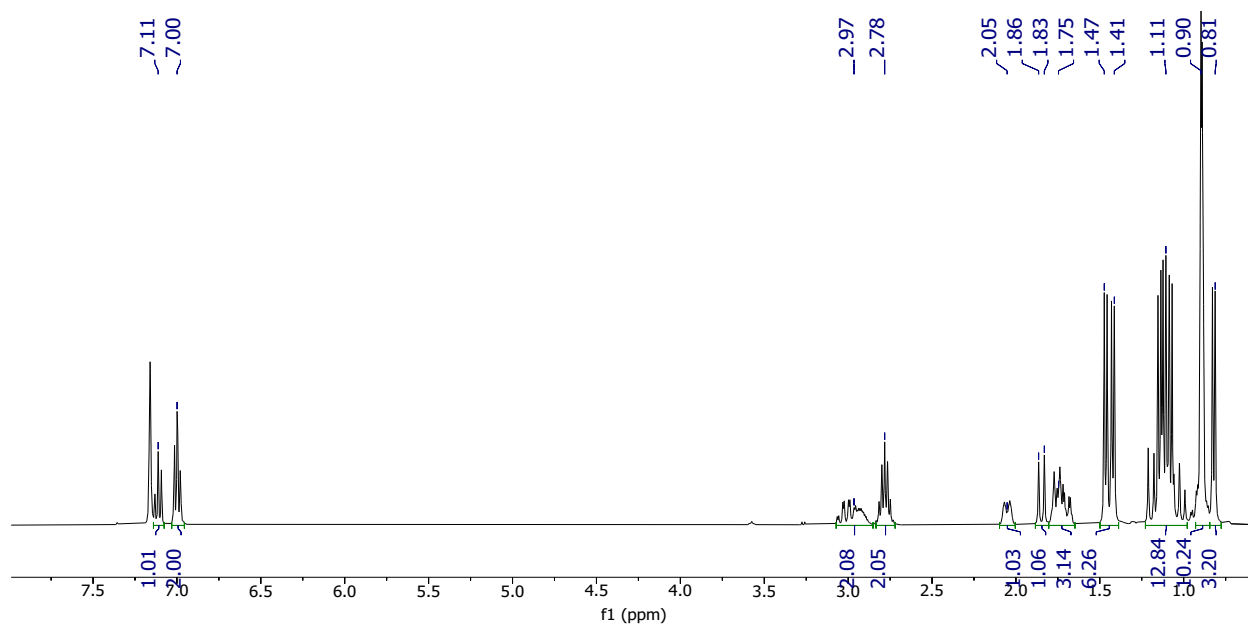


Figure S19. ^1H NMR of L-bromide in C_6D_6

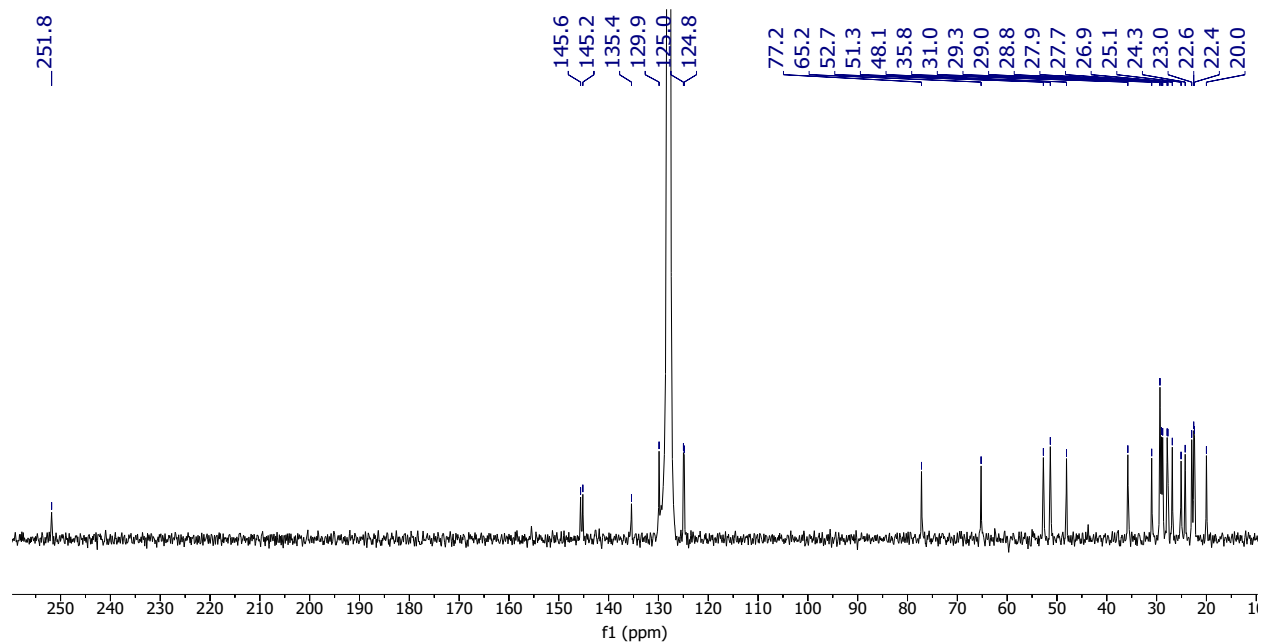


Figure S20. ^{13}C NMR of L-bromide in C_6D_6

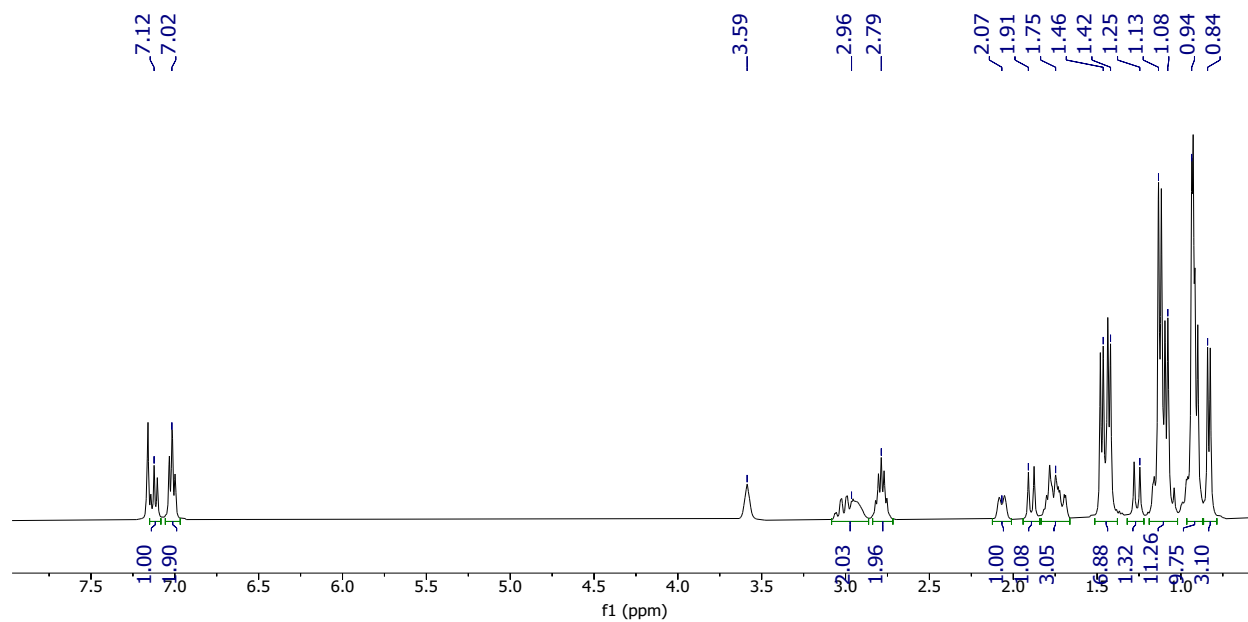


Figure S21. ^1H NMR of L-iodide in C_6D_6

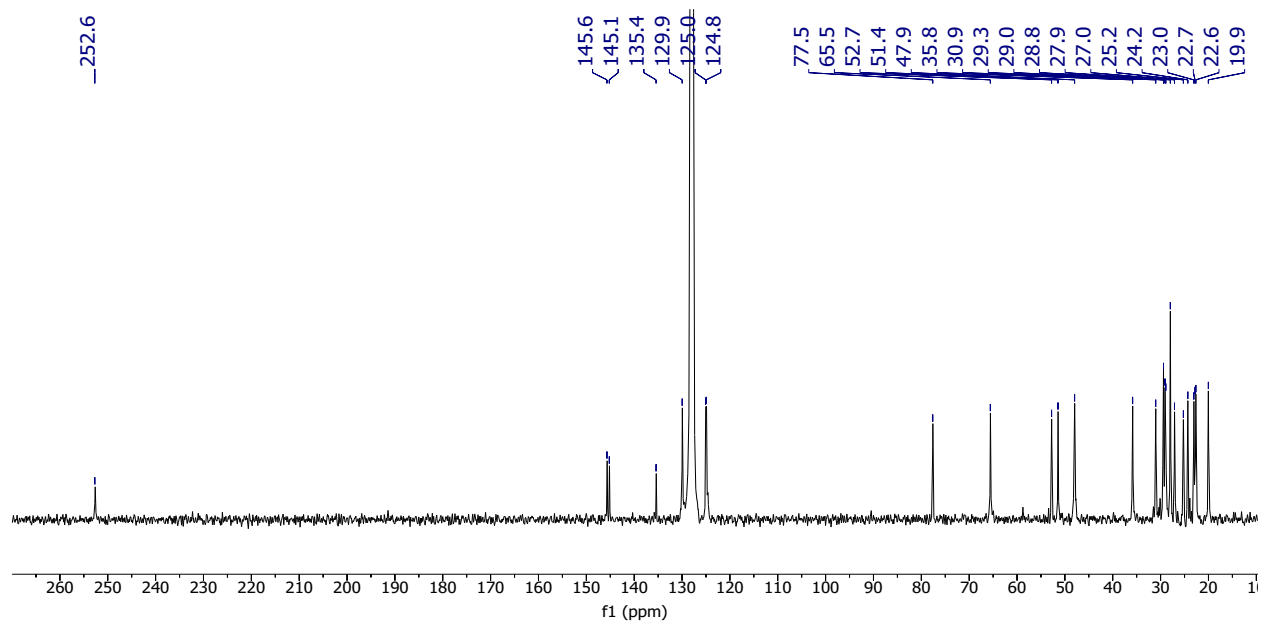


Figure S22. ^{13}C NMR of L-iodide in C_6D_6

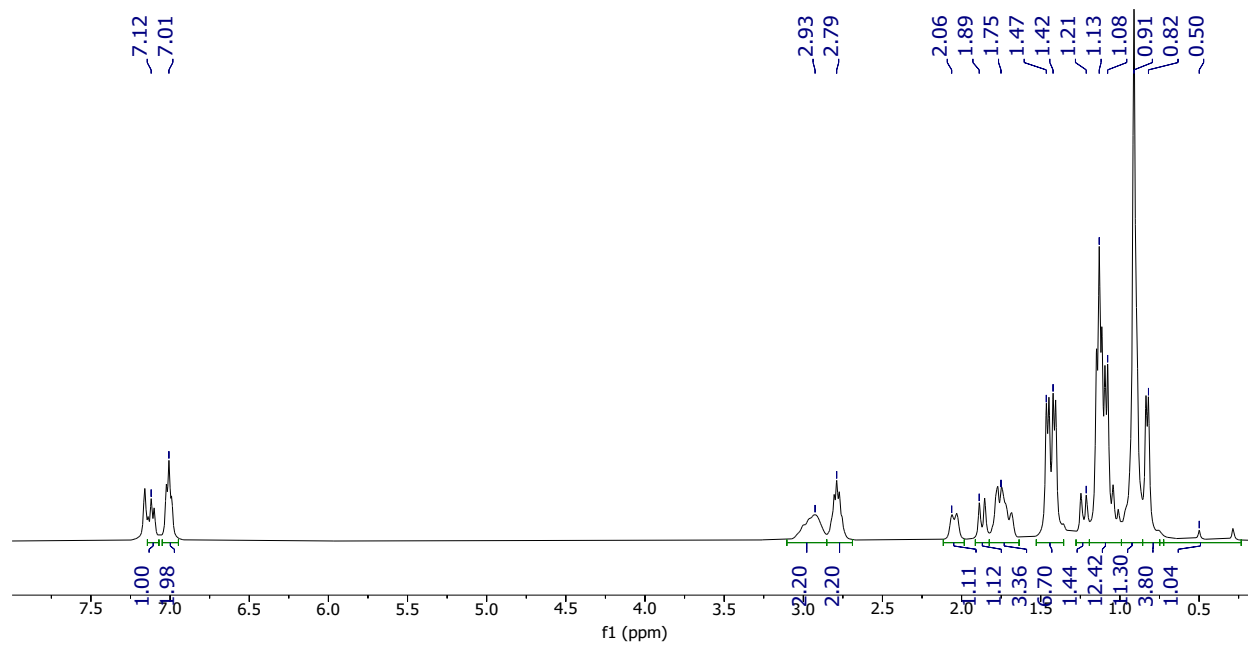


Figure S23. ^1H NMR of L-BH_4 in C_6D_6

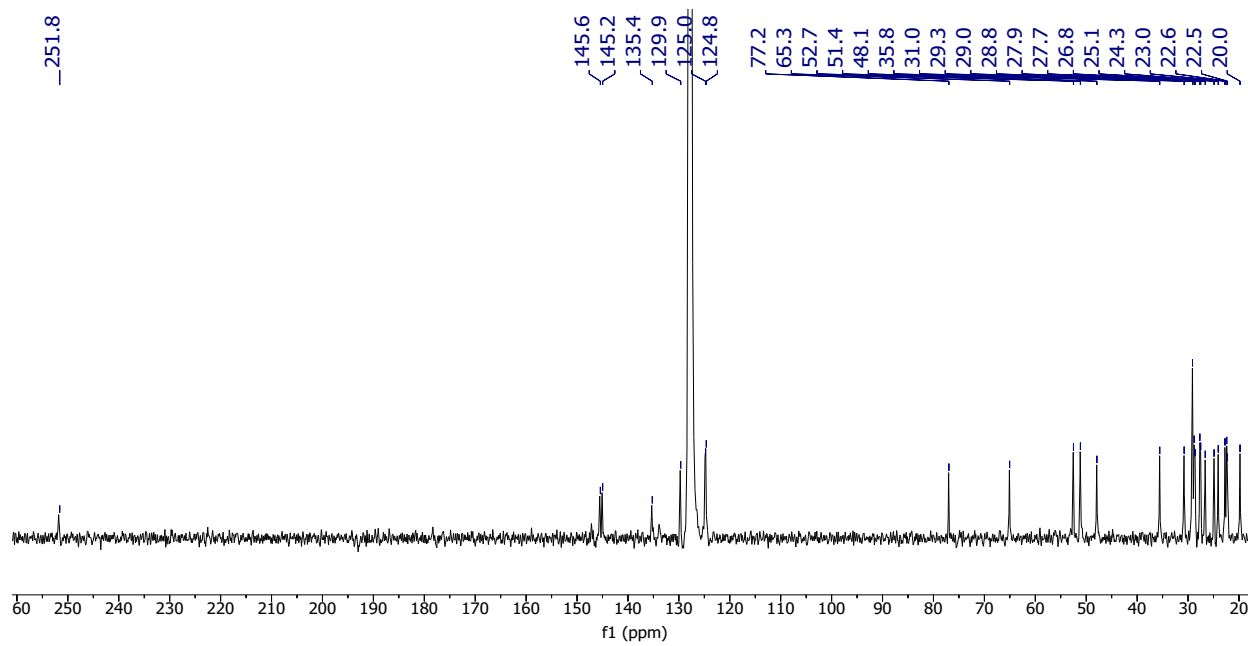


Figure S24. ^{13}C NMR of L-BH_4 in C_6D_6

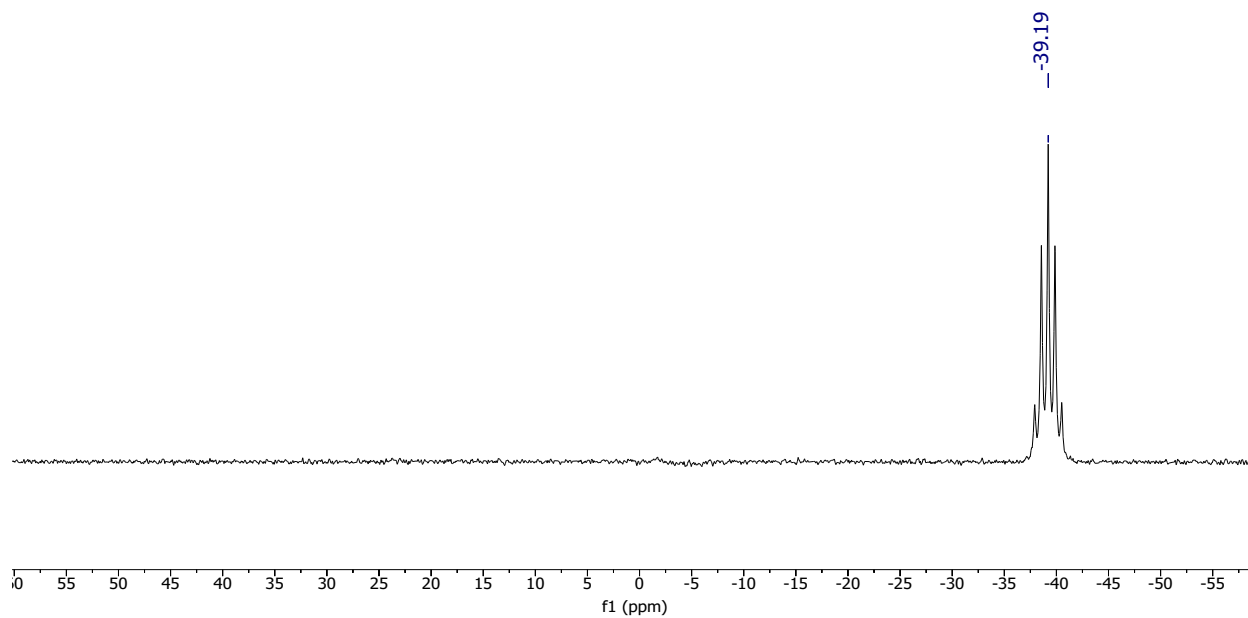


Figure S25. ^{11}B NMR of L-BH_4 in C_6D_6

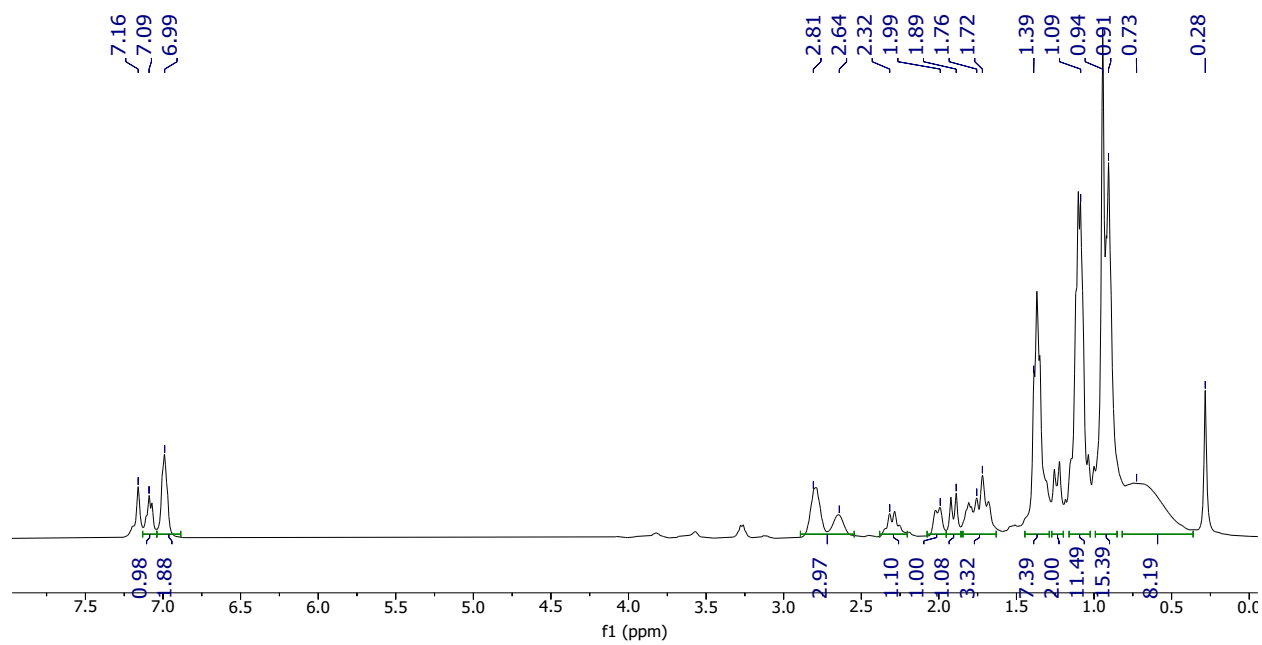


Figure S26. ^1H NMR of $\text{L-B}_3\text{H}_8$ in C_6D_6

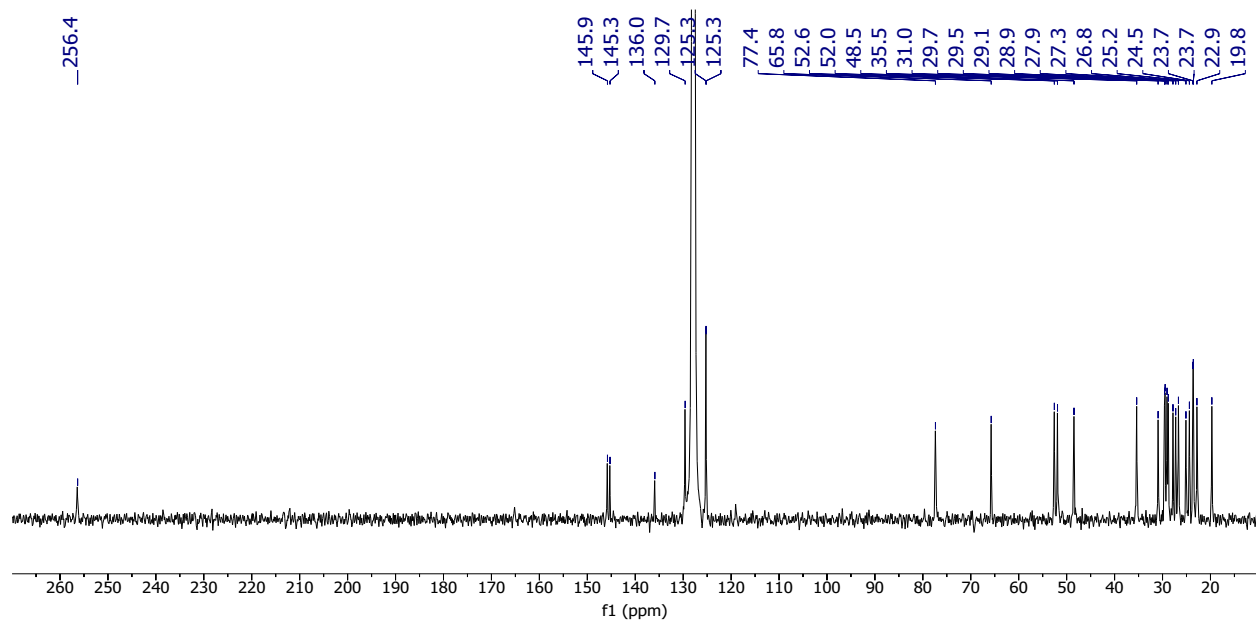


Figure S27. ¹³C NMR of L-B₃H₈ in C₆D₆

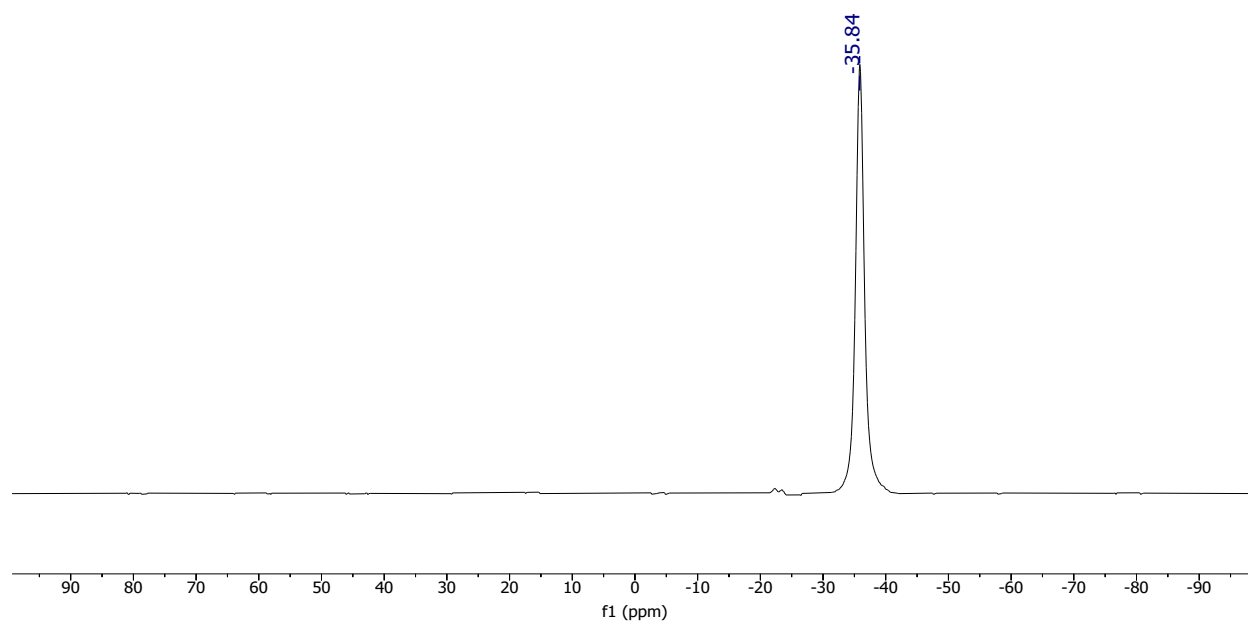


Figure S28. ¹¹B NMR of L-B₃H₈ in C₆D₆

Photophysical Data

CPL Measurements

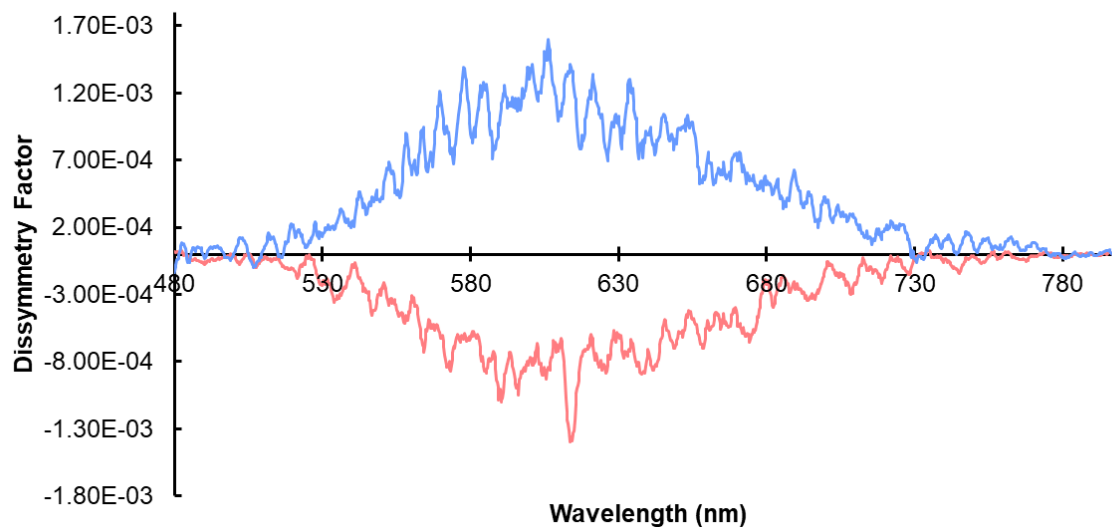


Figure S29. Normalized dissymmetry factor of ^D-fluoride (bottom, pink) and ^L-fluoride (top, blue) as a function of wavelength (5.0×10^{-3} mol L⁻¹ in THF, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355$ nm, band pass = 13 nm)

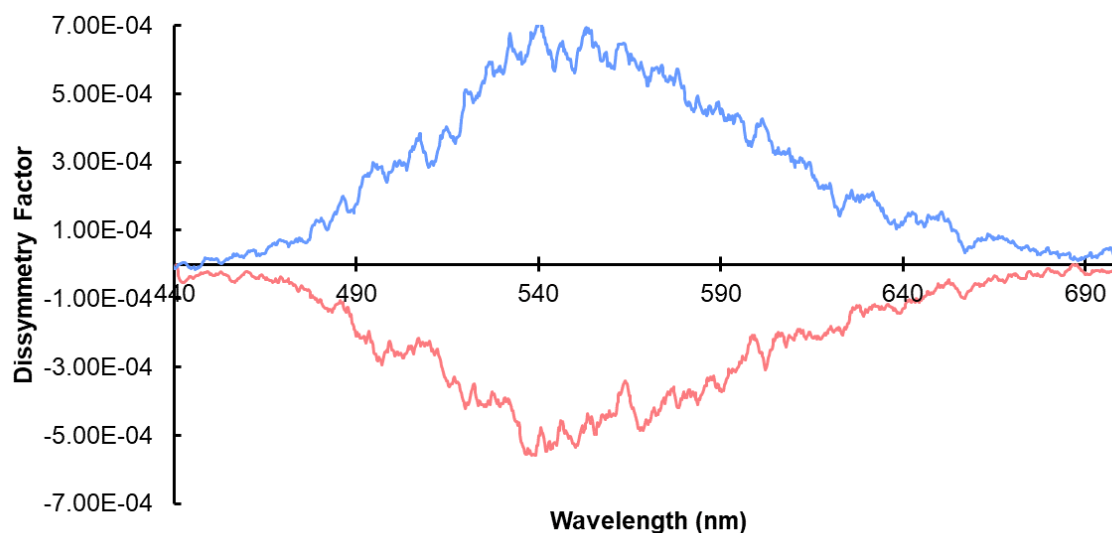


Figure S30. Normalized dissymmetry factor of ^D-bromide (bottom, pink) and ^L-bromide (top, blue) as a function of wavelength (5.0×10^{-3} mol L⁻¹ in THF, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355$ nm, band pass = 13 nm)

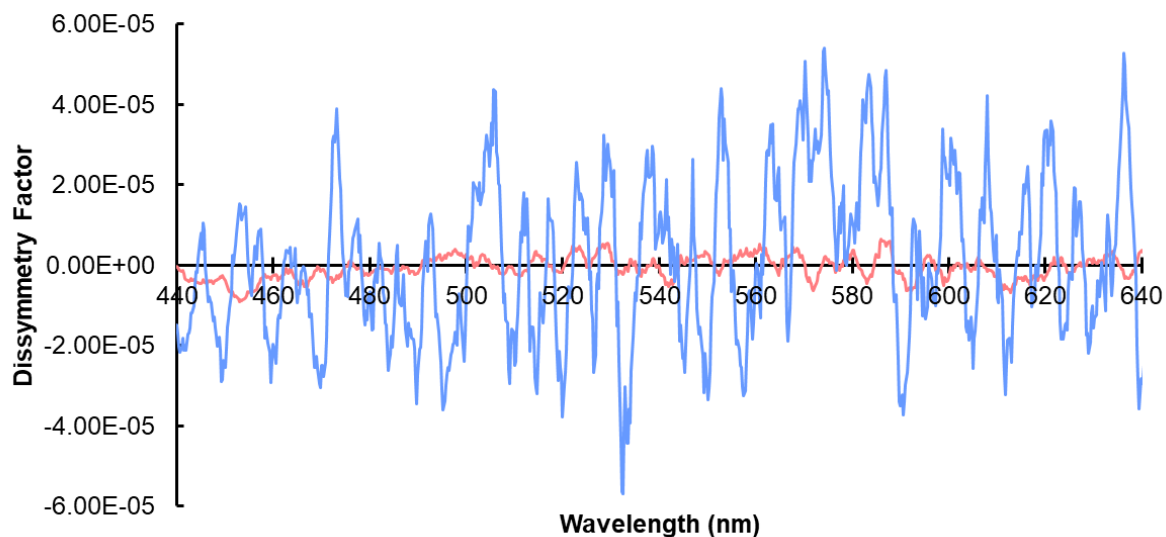


Figure S31. Normalized dissymmetry factor of ^D-iodide (bottom, pink) and ^L-iodide (top, blue) as a function of wavelength (5.0×10^{-3} mol L⁻¹ in THF, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355$ nm, band pass = 13 nm)

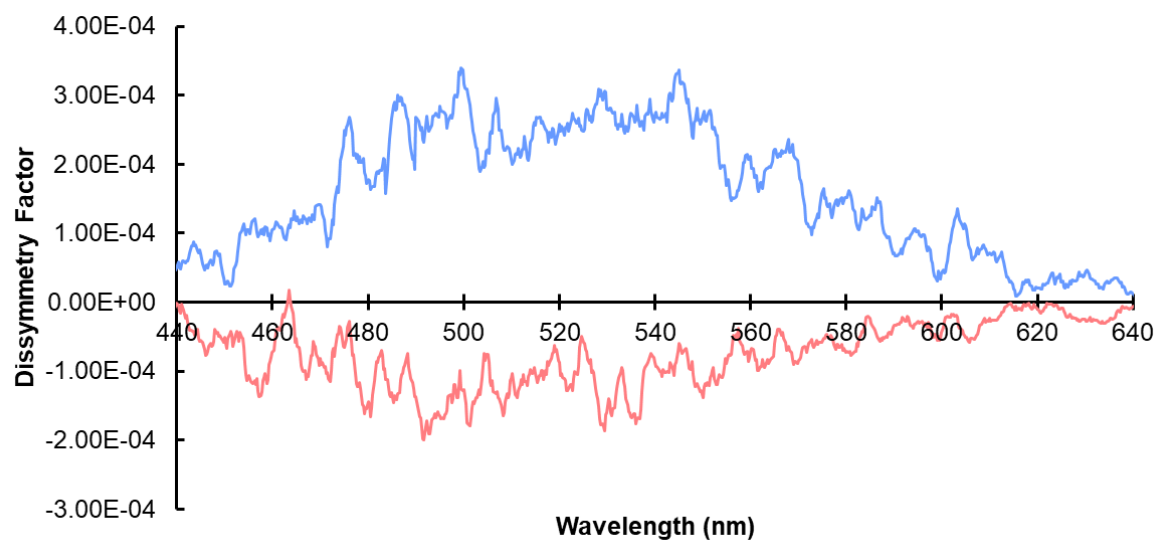


Figure S32. Normalized dissymmetry factor of ^D-B₃H₈ (bottom, pink) and ^L-B₃H₈ (top, blue) as a function of wavelength (5.0×10^{-3} mol L⁻¹ in THF, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355$ nm, band pass = 13 nm)

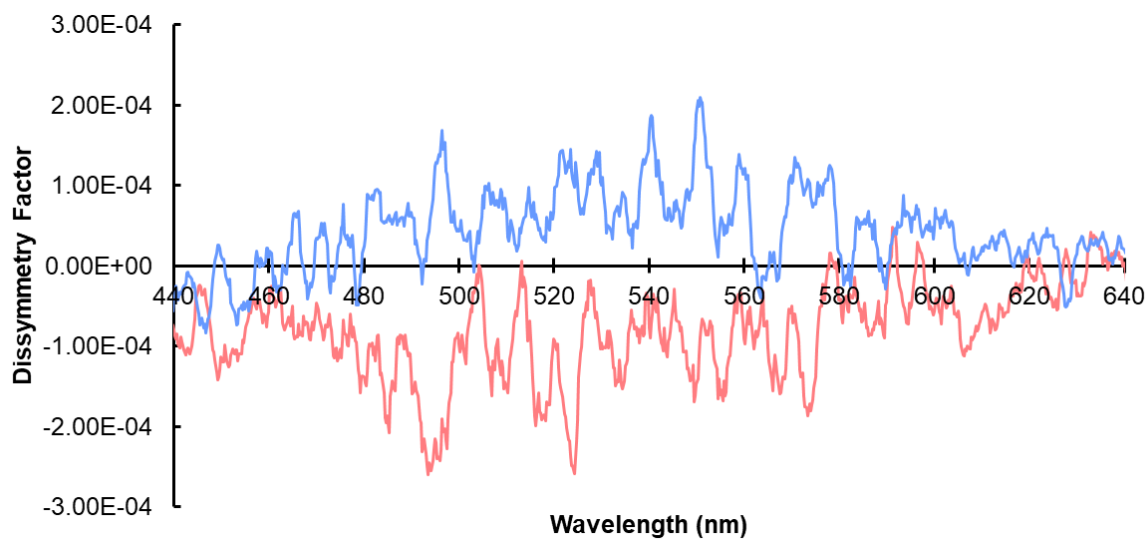


Figure S33. Normalized dissymmetry factor of D -BH₄ (bottom, pink) and L -BH₄ (top, blue) as a function of wavelength (5.0×10^{-3} mol L⁻¹ in THF, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355$ nm, band pass = 13 nm)

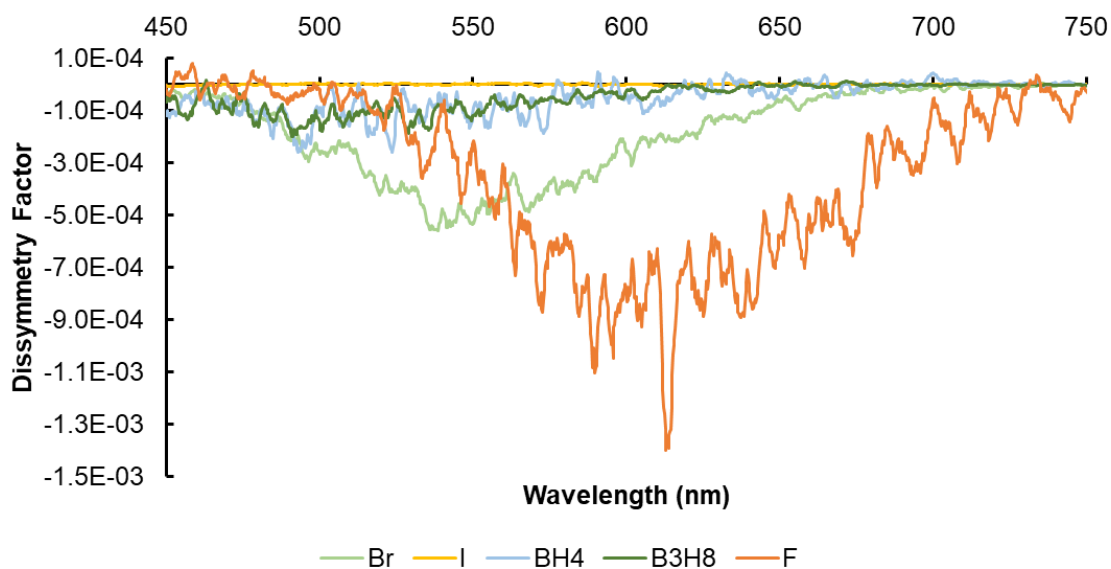


Figure S34. Normalized dissymmetry factor of all D isomers stacked for reference of g_{lum} values (5.0×10^{-3} mol L⁻¹ in THF, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 355$ nm, band pass = 13 nm)

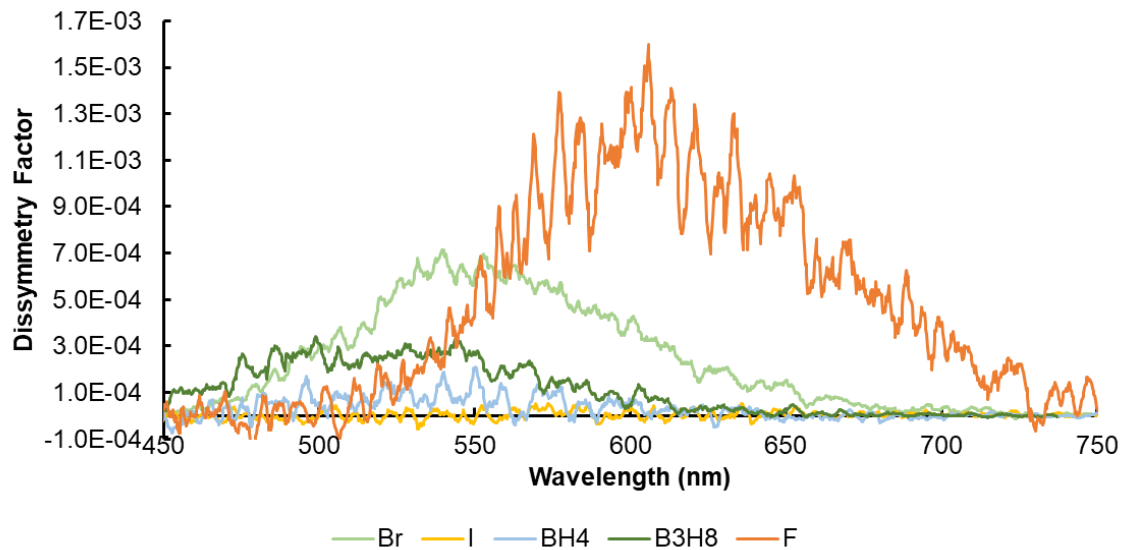


Figure S35. Normalized dissymmetry factor of all L isomers stacked for reference of g_{lum} values ($5.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ in THF, $\lambda_{ex} = 355 \text{ nm}$, band pass = 13 nm)

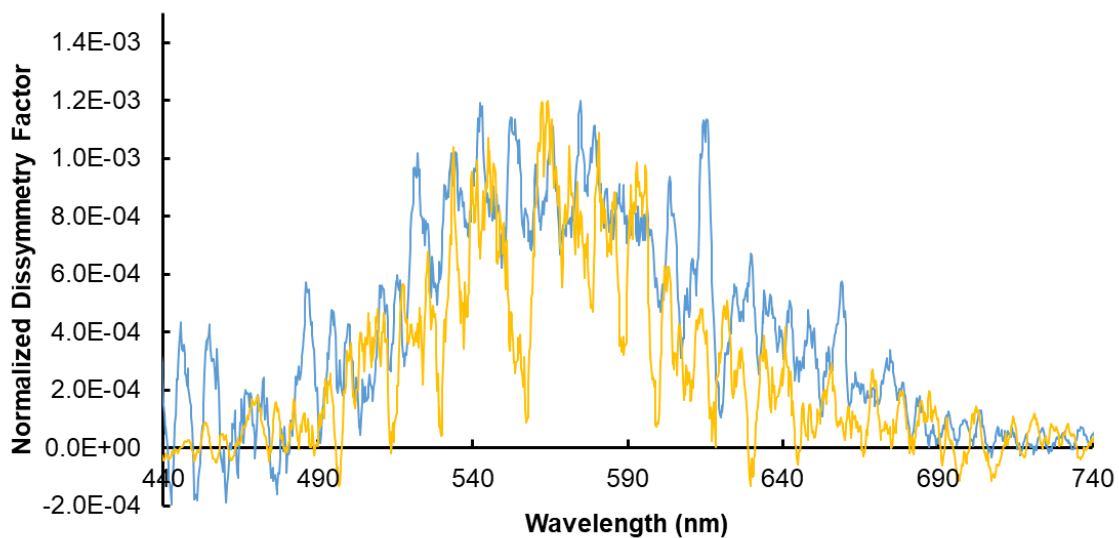


Figure S36. Normalized dissymmetry factor of L -chloride in benzene (yellow) and acetonitrile (blue) to demonstrate the effect of solvent on g_{lum} ($5.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$, $\lambda_{ex} = 355 \text{ nm}$, band pass = 13 nm)

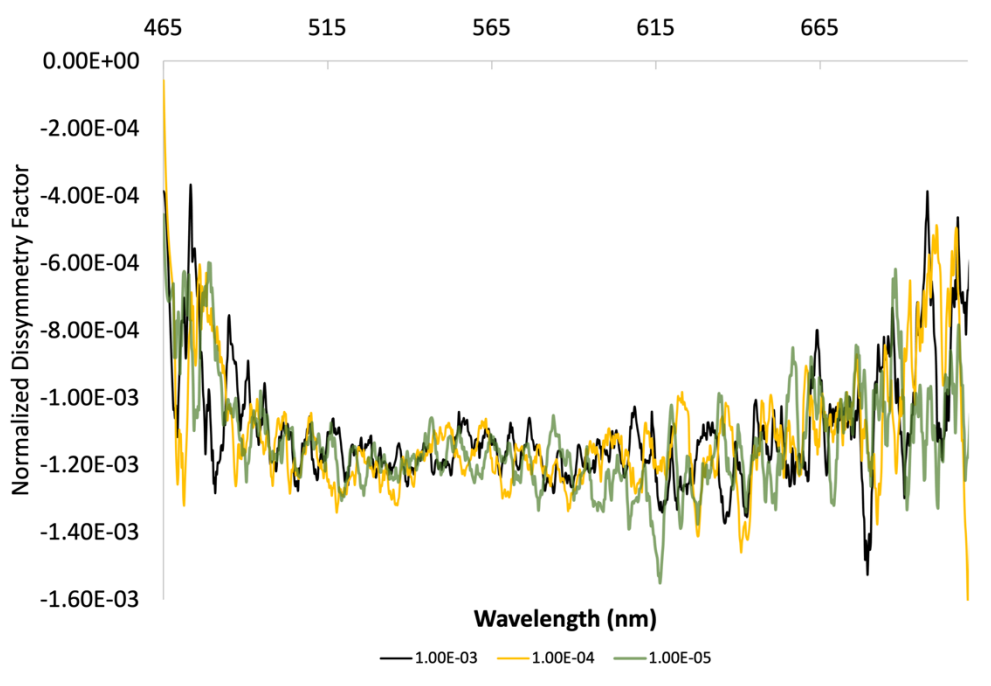


Figure S37. Normalized dissymmetry factor of ^L-chloride in THF to demonstrate the effect of concentration on g_{lum} (1.00×10^{-3} , 1.00×10^{-4} , 1.00×10^{-5} , mol L⁻¹, $\lambda_{ex} = 355$ nm, band pass = 13 nm)

Normalized dissymmetry factor (g_{lum}) was depicted for all CPL spectra for better graphical representation. This is obtained by plotting $\Delta I (I_L - I_R)$ but normalizing its maximum to the maximum g_{lum} calculated.

Circular Dichroism

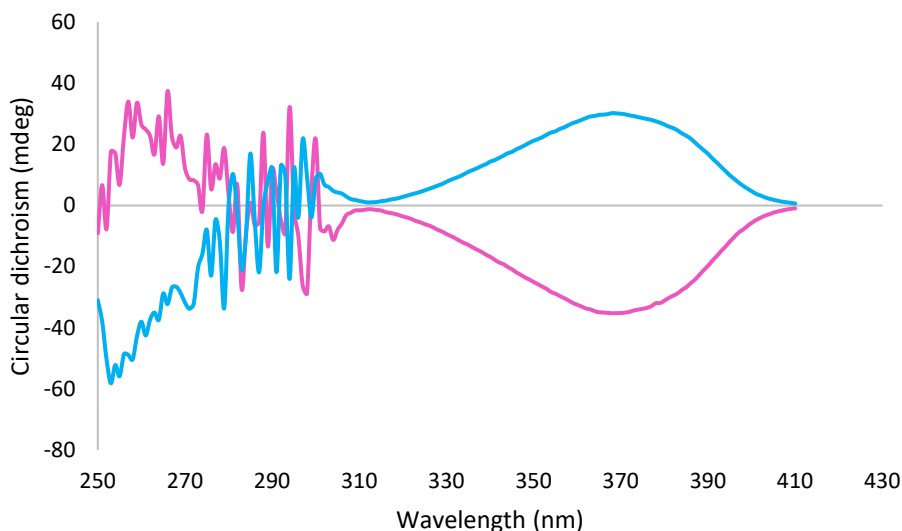


Figure S38. ECD spectrum of ^L-F (blue) and ^D-F (pink) in THF solutions (1.3×10^{-3} M) at RT

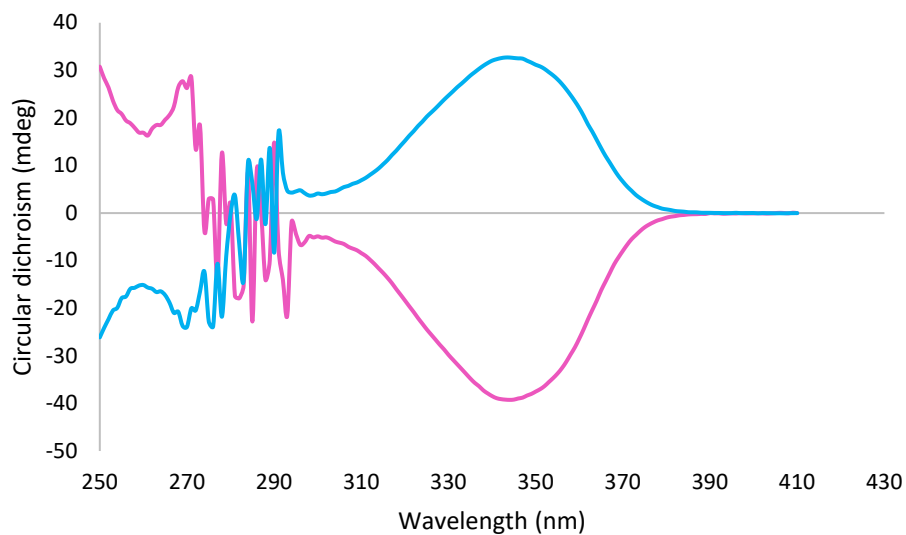


Figure S39. ECD spectrum of ^L-Br (blue) and ^D-Br (pink) in THF solutions (7.6×10^{-4} M) at RT

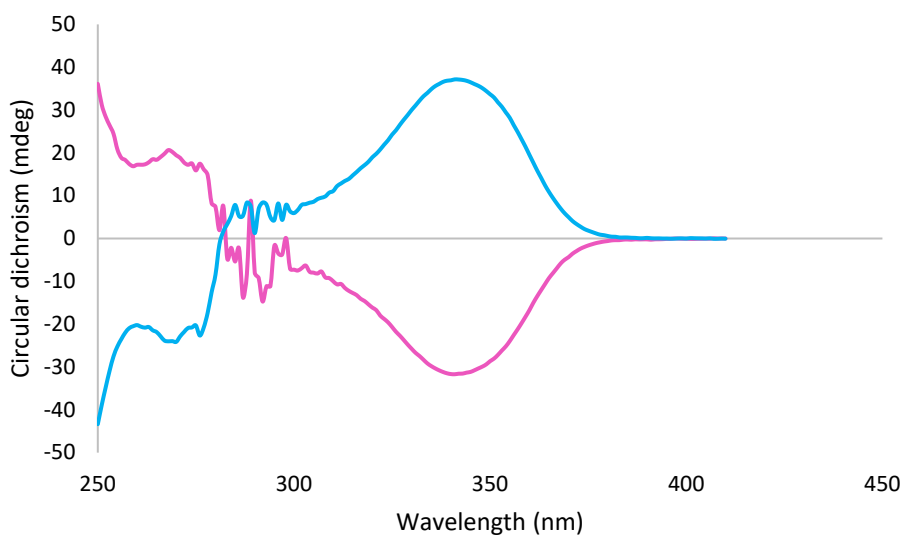


Figure S40. ECD spectrum of ^L-I (blue) and ^D-I (pink) in THF solutions (1.0×10^{-3} M) at RT

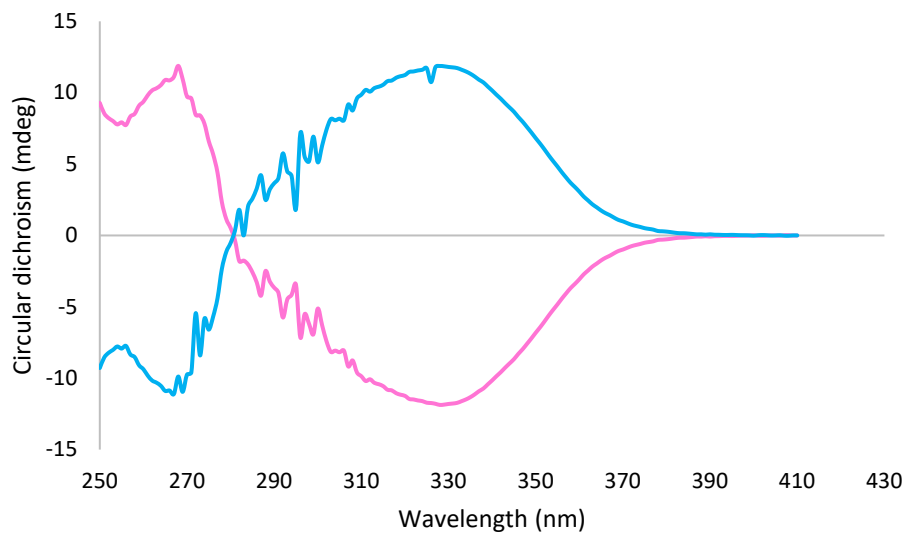


Figure S41. ECD spectrum of ^L-BH₄ (blue) and ^D-BH₄ (pink) in THF solutions (1.0×10^{-3} M) at RT

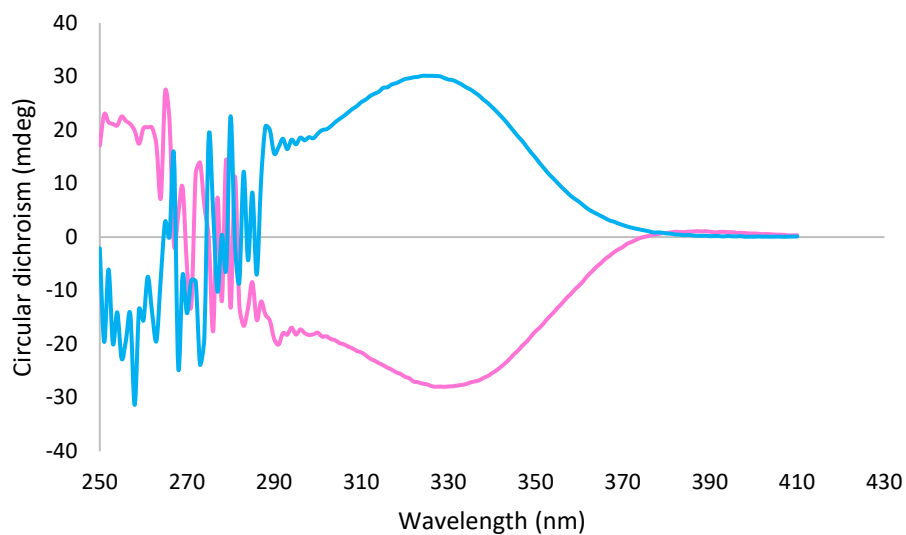


Figure S42. ECD spectrum of ^L-B₃H₈ (blue) and ^D-B₃H₈ (pink) in THF solutions (2.5×10^{-3} M) at RT

Absorbance Measurements

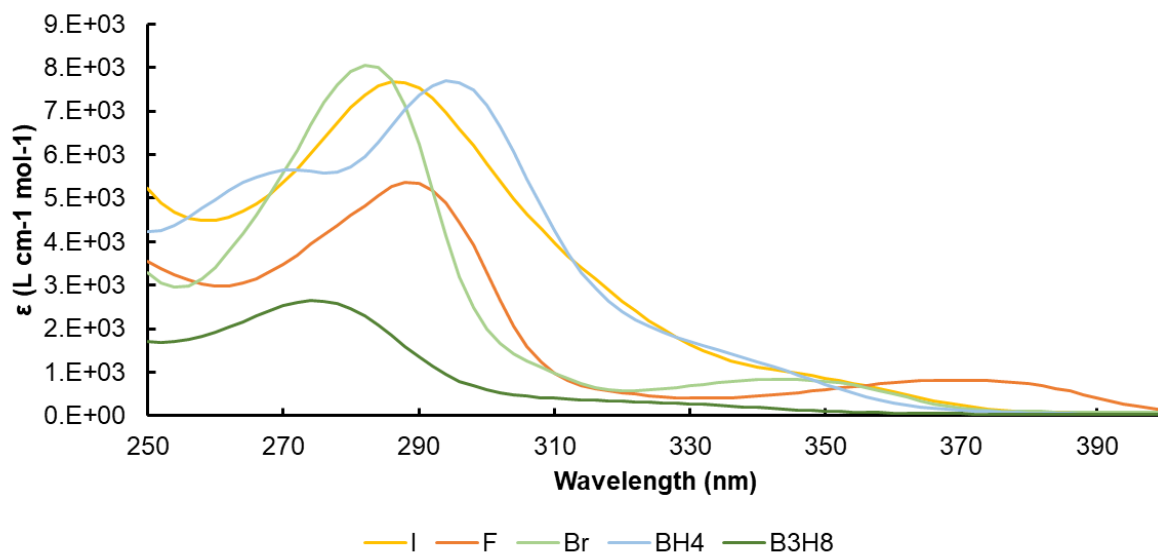


Figure S43. Absorbance of CAAC complexes in terms of molar absorptivity (ϵ) ($1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ in THF, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 275 \text{ nm}$, slit width ex/em = 10/10 nm)

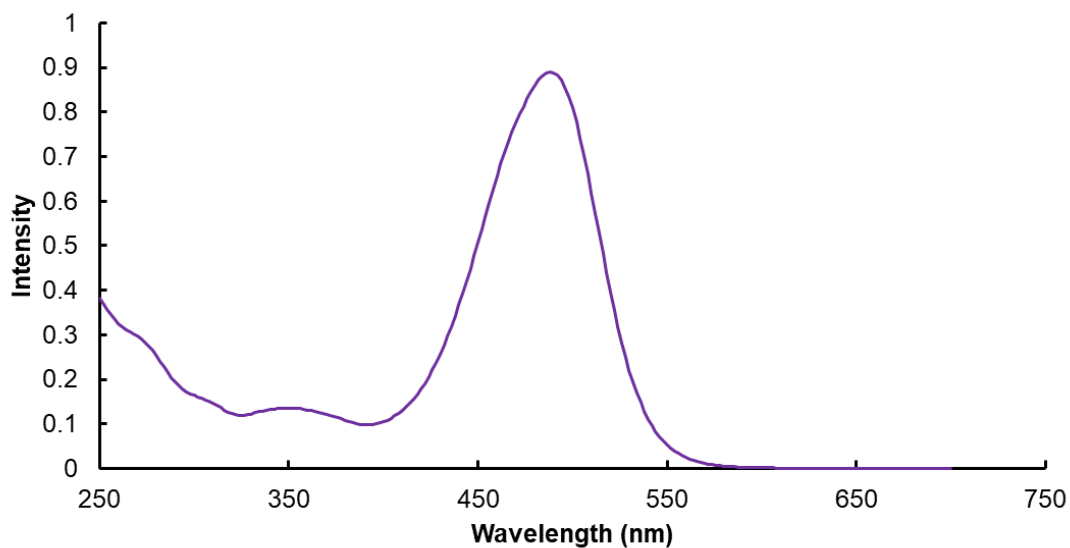


Figure S44. Absorbance of $[\text{D}^9\text{Ment}] \text{CAAC-Cu-H}_2$ ($1.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ in THF, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 275 \text{ nm}$, slit width ex/em = 10/10 nm)

Emission Measurements

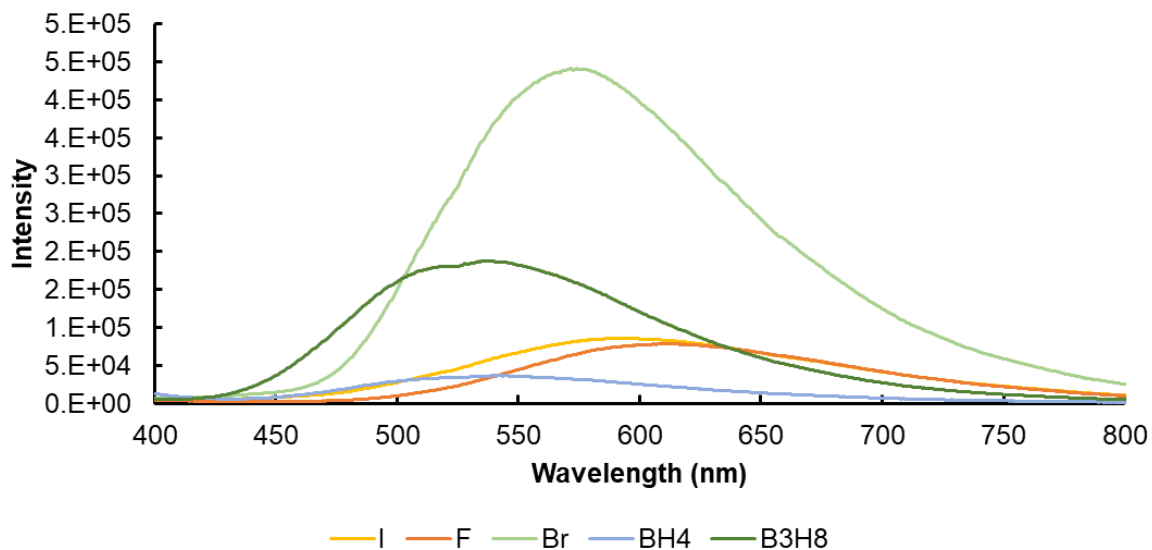


Figure S45. Emission of CAAC complexes (1.2×10^{-4} mol L⁻¹ in THF, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 270$ nm, slit width ex/em = 10/10 nm)

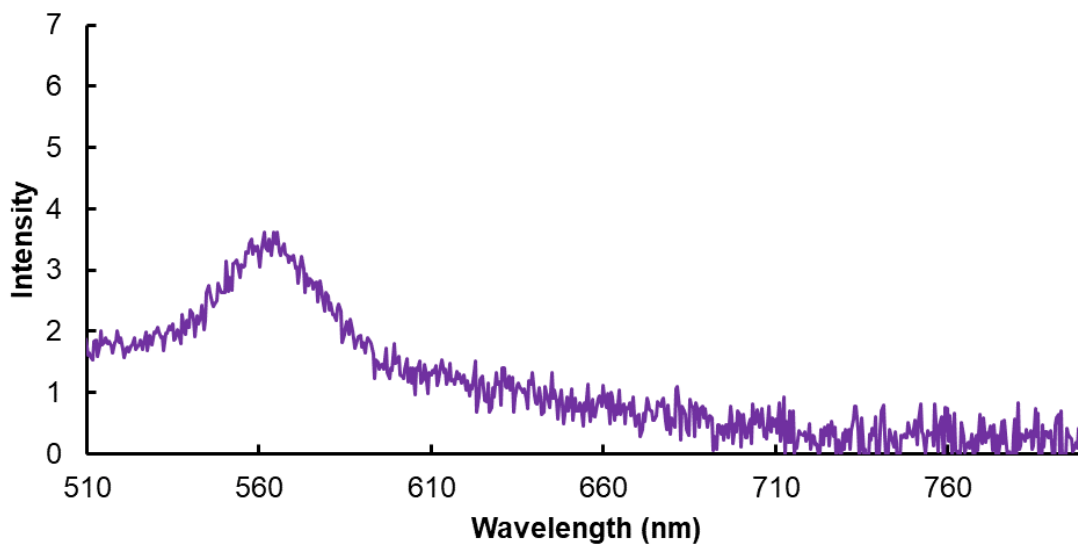


Figure S46. Emission of $[\text{DMentCAAC-Cu-H}]_2$ (1.2×10^{-4} mol L⁻¹ in THF, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 490$ nm, slit width ex/em = 10/10 nm)

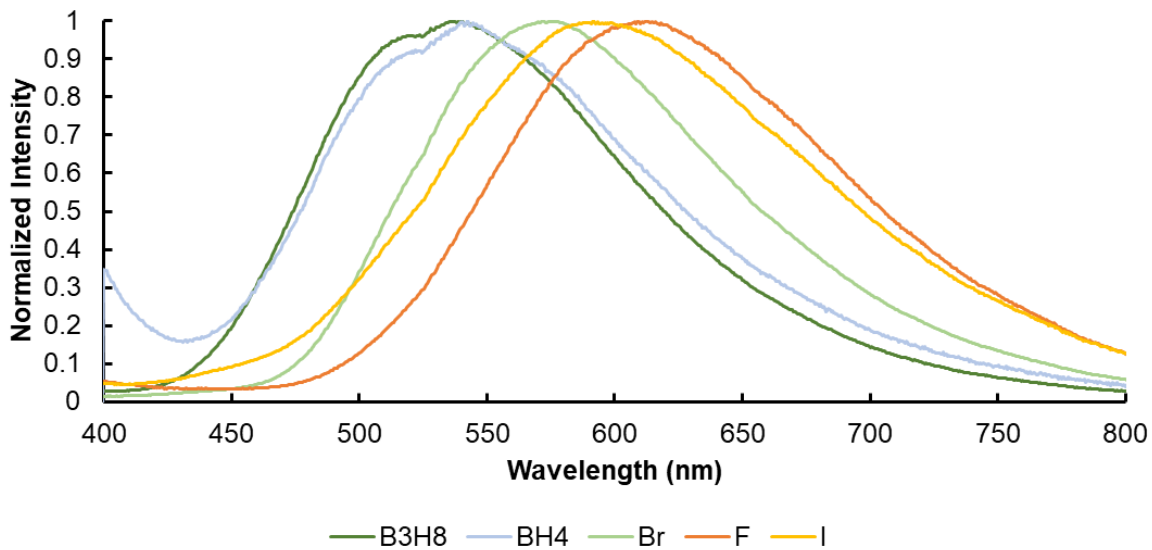


Figure S47. Normalized emission of CAAC complexes (1.2×10^{-4} mol L⁻¹ in THF, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 270$ nm, slit width ex/em = 10/10 nm)

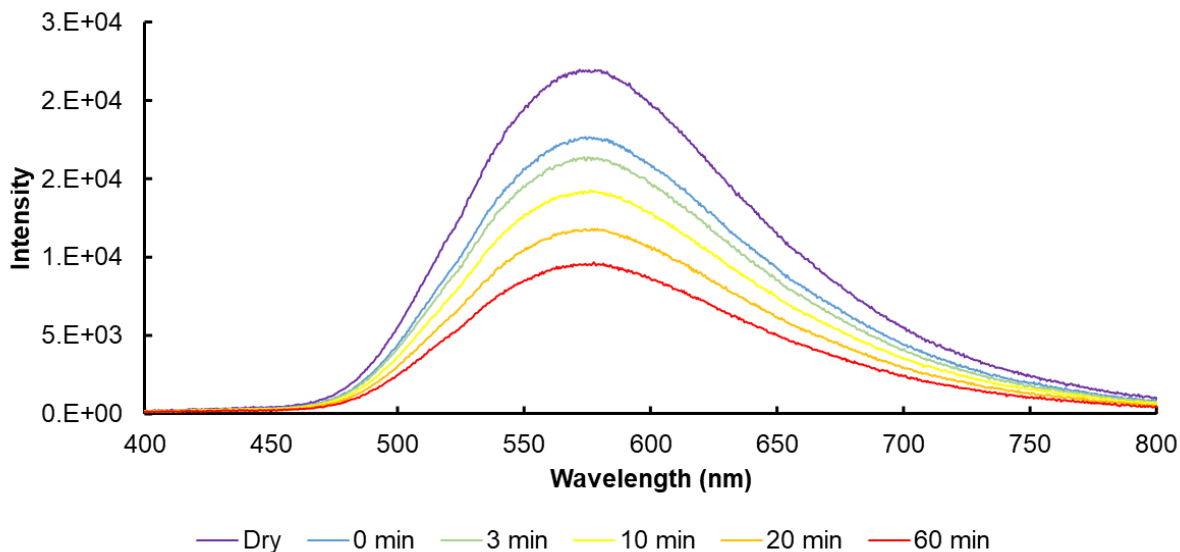


Figure S48. Emission of CAAC-Cu-Cl (5.0×10^{-3} mol L⁻¹ in THF, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 270$ nm, slit width ex/em = 5/5 nm) in dry solvent, immediately after bubbling dehydrated air (1 mL) into the cuvette, 3 minutes after, 10 minutes after, 20 minutes after, and 60 minutes after.

Cyclic Voltammetry Measurements

All CV spectra were collected using a glassy carbon working electrode, a platinum counter electrode, and a silver reference electrode under inert atmosphere at room temperature and a scan rate of 0.1 V/s. All were calibrated to ferrocene in THF. Solutions were prepared as 1 mM sample in 0.1 M electrolyte (TBAPF₆) in THF. Solutions were stirred prior to any collection of data.

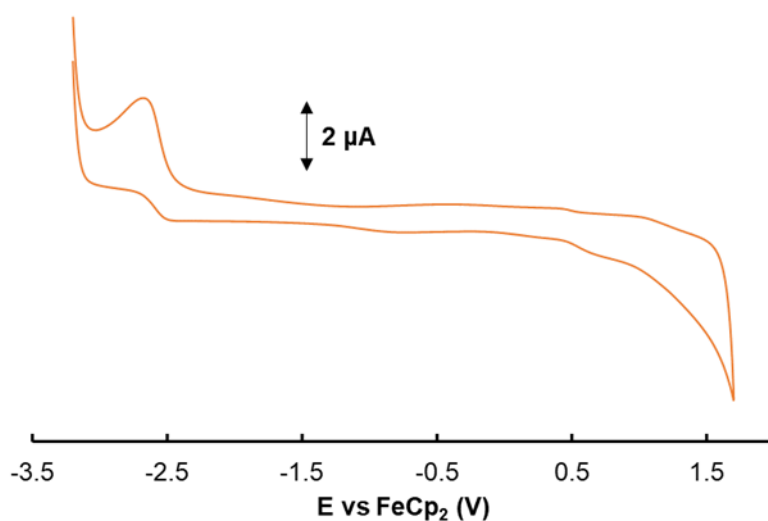


Figure S50. Cyclic voltammogram of L-F

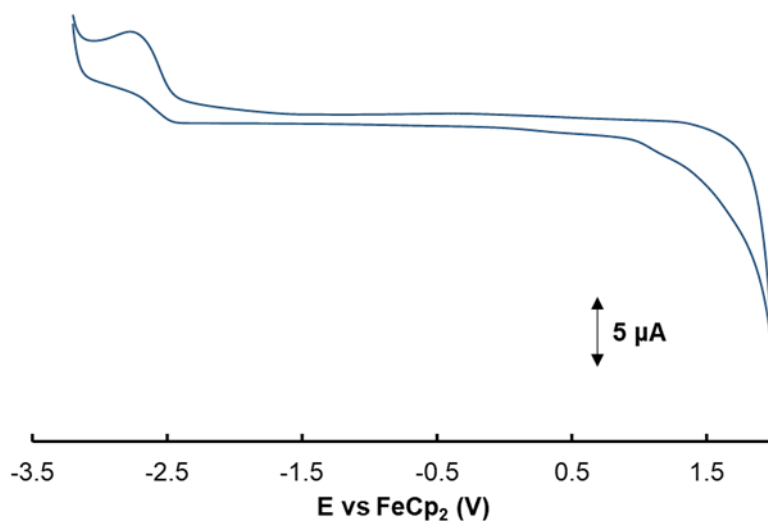


Figure S51. Cyclic voltammogram of L-Cl

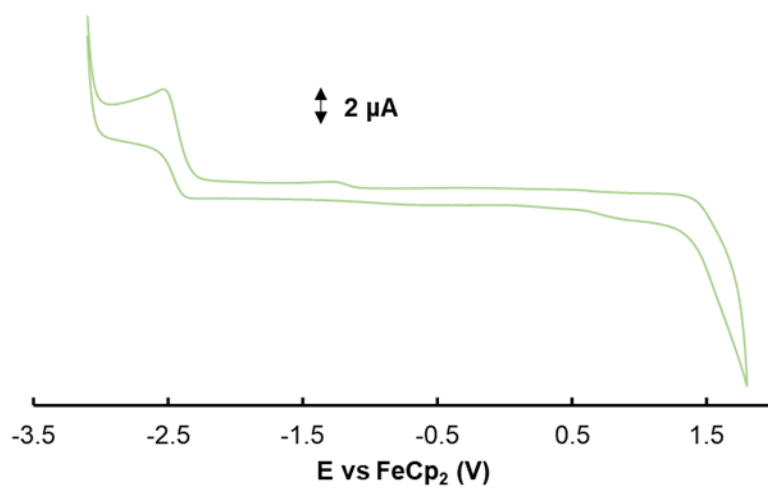


Figure S52. Cyclic voltammogram of L-Br

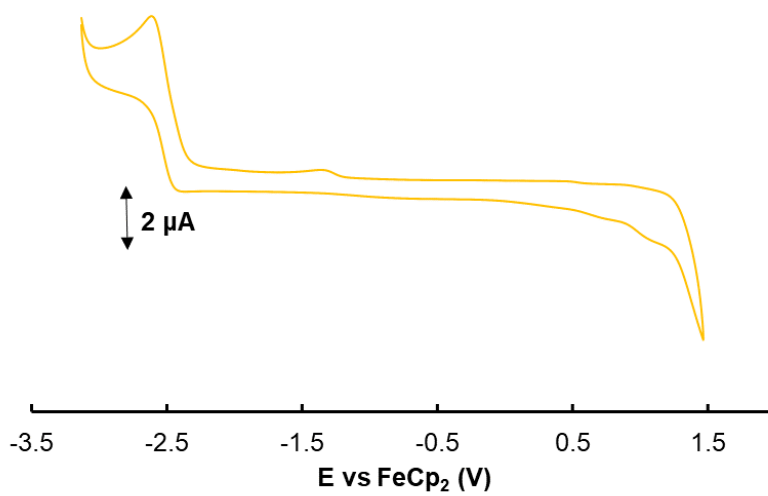


Figure S53. Cyclic voltammogram of L-I

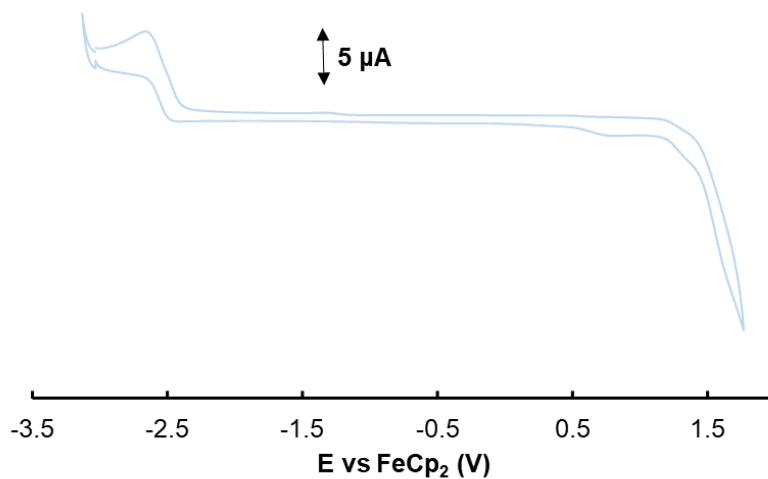


Figure S54. Cyclic voltammogram of ${}^L\text{-BH}_4$

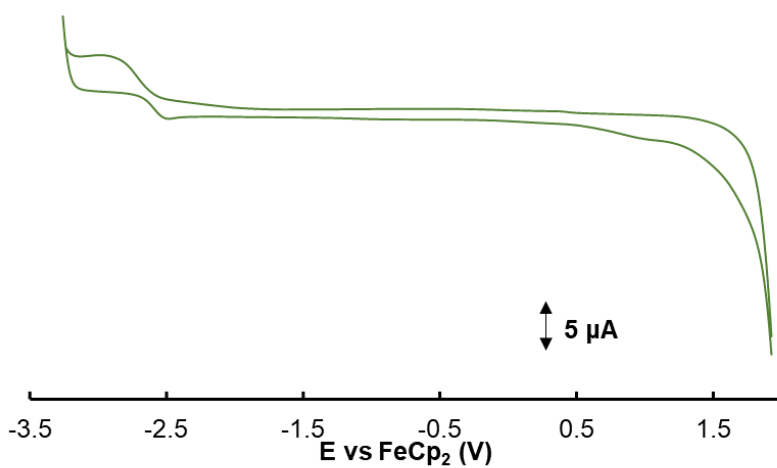


Figure S55. Cyclic voltammogram of ${}^L\text{-B}_3\text{H}_8$

Table S1. Compiled onset potentials and band gap values obtained from CV data.

Complex	Reduction	E_{LUMO}	Oxidation	E_{HOMO}	ΔE
${}^L\text{-F}$	-2.61	-2.78	0.66	-6.05	3.27
${}^L\text{-Cl}$	-2.68	-2.71	0.52	-5.91	3.2
${}^L\text{-Br}$	-2.48	-2.91	0.55	-5.94	3.03
${}^L\text{-I}$	-2.57	-2.82	0.61	-6	3.18
${}^L\text{-BH}_4$	-2.6	-2.79	0.64	-6.03	3.24
${}^L\text{-B}_3\text{H}_8$	-2.64	-2.75	0.57	-5.96	3.21

Lifetime, Quantum Yield, and Brightness Data

Table S2. Lifetimes (τ , μs), quantum yields (ϕ , %), and brightness (B , $\text{L mol}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$) for each CAACCu-X complex.

	I	Br	F	BH ₄	B ₃ H ₈
ϕ	0.8%	3.8%	2.1%	1.6%	6.2%
τ (μs)	1.39	5.20	4.09	0.599	5.68
B ($\text{L}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$)	1.2×10^{-3}	7.4×10^{-2}	8.6×10^{-2}	1.4×10^{-2}	2.2×10^{-2}

Quantum yields were determined via a reference method, utilizing 1,9-diphenylanthracene as an external standard. Quantum yields were determined using the following equation:

$$\phi_{\text{Cu}} = \phi_{\text{Std}} \times (m_{\text{Cu}}/m_{\text{Std}}) \times (\eta_{\text{Cu}}/\eta_{\text{Std}})^2 \quad (\text{equation 2})$$

Where subscripts Cu and Std denote the sample and standard respectively, ϕ is the quantum yield, m is the slope of the plot for the integrated emission vs absorbance, and η is the refractive index of the solvent. The calculated quantum yields can be found in Table S1.

$$B = \phi \times \varepsilon \times (g_{\text{lum}}/2) \quad (\text{equation 3})$$

Brightness (B) is determined by equation 3, where ϕ is the quantum yield, ε is the molar absorptivity, and g_{lum} is the dissymmetry factor.

X-ray Diffraction Data

Table S2. XRD data for ^{LMent}CAAC-Cu-Br

Identification code	^{LMent} CAAC-Cu-Br
Empirical formula	C ₂₇ H ₄₃ BrCuN
Formula weight	525.07
Temperature/K	100.00(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁
$a/\text{\AA}$	9.1460(3)
$b/\text{\AA}$	15.0604(4)
$c/\text{\AA}$	9.6356(2)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90

$\beta/^\circ$	94.032(3)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/ \AA^3	1323.94(6)
Z	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$	1.317
μ/mm^{-1}	2.347
F(000)	552.0
Crystal size/ mm^3	$0.299 \times 0.258 \times 0.188$
Radiation	MoK α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	5.028 to 60.39
Index ranges	$-12 \leq h \leq 11, -20 \leq k \leq 20, -13 \leq l \leq 13$
Reflections collected	25910
Independent reflections	7040 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0451, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0481$]
Data/restraints/parameters	7040/1/280
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.063
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0548, wR_2 = 0.1282$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0613, wR_2 = 0.1329$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.58/-0.49
Flack parameter	-0.009(15)

Table S3. XRD data for ^{LMent}CAAC-Cu-I

Identification code	^{LMent} CAAC-Cu-I
Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{27}\text{H}_{43}\text{CuIN}$
Formula weight	572.06
Temperature/K	100.00(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1$
$a/\text{\AA}$	9.2636(3)
$b/\text{\AA}$	14.9564(3)
$c/\text{\AA}$	9.8685(3)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	98.276(3)

$\gamma/^\circ$	90
Volume/ \AA^3	1353.05(7)
Z	2
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.404
μ/mm^{-1}	1.961
F(000)	588.0
Crystal size/ mm^3	$0.276 \times 0.19 \times 0.131$
Radiation	MoK α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2 θ range for data collection/ $^\circ$	4.444 to 60.706
Index ranges	$-13 \leq h \leq 13$, $-20 \leq k \leq 20$, $-14 \leq l \leq 13$
Reflections collected	26514
Independent reflections	7212 [$R_{\text{int}} = 0.0459$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0471$]
Data/restraints/parameters	7212/1/280
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.060
Final R indexes [$ \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	$R_1 = 0.0344$, $wR_2 = 0.0673$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0391$, $wR_2 = 0.0700$
Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{\AA}^{-3}$	1.36/-0.68
Flack parameter	-0.018(10)

Table S4. XRD data for ^{LMent}CAAC-Cu-BH₄

Identification code	^{LMent} CAAC-Cu-BH ₄
Empirical formula	C ₃₁ H ₅₅ BCuNO
Formula weight	532.11
Temperature/K	99.9(3)
Crystal system	tetragonal
Space group	P4 ₃ 2 ₁ 2
a/ \AA	12.87995(3)
b/ \AA	12.87995(3)
c/ \AA	37.23734(13)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	90
$\gamma/^\circ$	90

Volume/Å ³	6177.42(4)
Z	8
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.144
μ/mm^{-1}	1.141
F(000)	2320.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.364 × 0.183 × 0.153
Radiation	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)
2 θ range for data collection/°	7.262 to 146.896
Index ranges	-13 ≤ h ≤ 15, -15 ≤ k ≤ 15, -45 ≤ l ≤ 46
Reflections collected	94612
Independent reflections	6213 [R_{int} = 0.0332, R_{sigma} = 0.0115]
Data/restraints/parameters	6213/167/387
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.075
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	R_1 = 0.0303, wR_2 = 0.0832
Final R indexes [all data]	R_1 = 0.0304, wR_2 = 0.0833
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.49/-0.46
Flack parameter	-0.024(4)

Table S5. XRD data for ^{LMent}CAAC-Cu-B₃H₈

Identification code	^{LMent} CAAC-Cu-B ₃ H ₈
Empirical formula	C ₂₇ H ₅₁ B ₃ CuN
Formula weight	485.65
Temperature/K	99.98(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁
a/Å	9.26984(9)
b/Å	37.7494(3)
c/Å	9.29479(9)
α /°	90
β /°	118.7857(13)
γ /°	90

Volume/Å ³	2850.60(5)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{cm}^3$	1.132
μ/mm^{-1}	1.155
F(000)	1056.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.422 × 0.326 × 0.281
Radiation	CuK α (λ = 1.54184)
2 θ range for data collection/°	4.682 to 147.032
Index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -45 ≤ k ≤ 46, -11 ≤ l ≤ 11
Reflections collected	32062
Independent reflections	10835 [R _{int} = 0.0206, R _{sigma} = 0.0197]
Data/restraints/parameters	10835/1/659
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.046
Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$]	R ₁ = 0.0217, wR ₂ = 0.0569
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0217, wR ₂ = 0.0569
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.35/-0.24
Flack parameter	-0.017(6)

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