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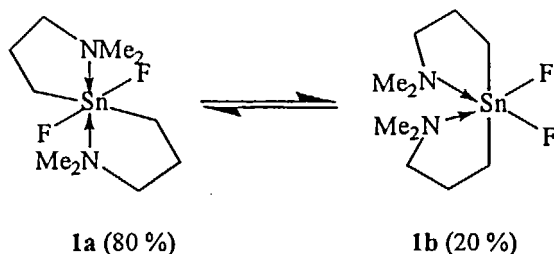
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The addition of  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NF} \cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to a solution of intramolecularly hexacoordinated  $[\text{Me}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_3]_2\text{SnF}_2$  (1) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  gives the zwitterionic species  $[\text{Me}_2(\text{ClCH}_2)\text{N}^+(\text{CH}_2)_3][\text{Me}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_3]\text{SnF}_3^-$  (2) and  $[\text{Me}_2(\text{ClCH}_2)\text{N}^+(\text{CH}_2)_3]_2\text{SnF}_4^{2-}$  (3). On the other hand,  $[\text{CH}_2(\text{Me})\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_3]_2\text{SnF}_2$  (4) does not react with fluoride ions. Density functional calculations on the model compound  $[\text{H}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2)_3]_2\text{SnF}_2$  (1') show the LUMO of its *cis* isomer to be lower in energy than that of its *trans* isomer. Also reported are the synthesis and structure of the intramolecularly P(O)-coordinated organotin fluoride  $[\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{Ph}]_2\text{SnF}_2$  (5).

**Keywords:** organotin fluoride; hypercoordination; density functional calculation

## INTRODUCTION

Compounds of the type  $R_3SnF$  and  $R_2SnF_2$  ( $R = Me, n-Bu, Ph$ ) show strong intermolecular Sn-F-Sn bridges and consequently they are almost insoluble in common organic solvents<sup>[1]</sup>. However, addition of fluoride ions<sup>[2]</sup> or the use of intramolecularly coordinating built-in ligands<sup>[3]</sup> provides soluble organotin fluorides which can easily be studied in solution by NMR spectroscopy. Recently, we reported the synthesis, structure, and dynamic stereochemistry of  $[Me_2N(CH_2)_3]_2SnF_2 \cdot 2H_2O$  (**1**)<sup>[4]</sup>. In solution, compound **1** exhibits a *cis-trans* equilibrium between the major species **1a** and the minor species **1b** (SCHEME 1). In the solid state the *all-trans* isomer **1a** was found.

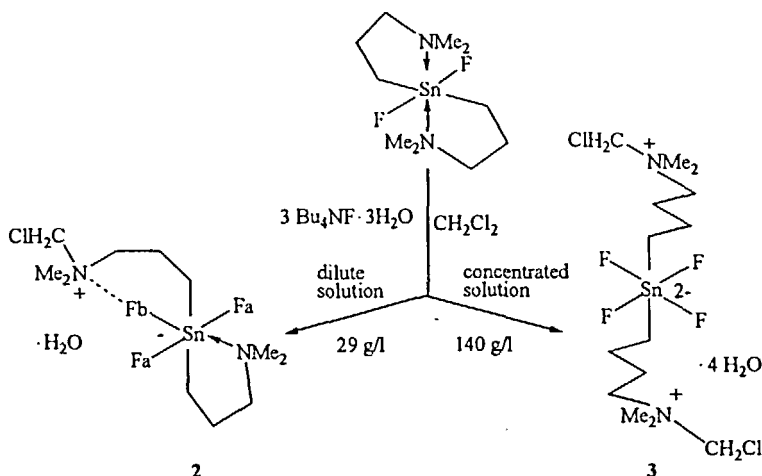


SCHEME 1 *Cis-trans* equilibrium of **1** in solution.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The diorganotin difluoride **1** reacts with an excess of  $Bu_4NF \cdot 3H_2O$  in dichloromethane to give the zwitterionic compounds **2** and **3** (SCHEME 2) which were characterized by elemental analyses, multinuclear NMR spectroscopy, and in case of **3**, also by X-ray analysis (FIGURE 1). Which of the two compounds **2** and **3** is formed depends on the

concentration of the reactants. It seems that attack of fluoride ions at tin of the intramolecularly coordinated diorganotin difluoride **1** results in Sn-N bond dissociation and enhancement of the nucleophilicity of the 3-dimethylaminopropyl nitrogens by the hypercoordinate  $C_2SnF_3^-$  and  $C_2SnF_4^{2-}$  configured tin centers. To the best of our knowledge such a reaction is unprecedented in organotin chemistry. However, platinum complexes are known to catalyze the reaction of tertiary amines with dichloromethane<sup>[5]</sup>.



**SCHEME 2** Addition of fluoride ions to a solution of **1** in  $CH_2Cl_2$  to provide compounds **2** and **3**.

Density functional calculations<sup>[6]</sup> using the B3LYP method and the LANL2DZ basis set in the Gaussian 94 program were performed on isomers of the model compound  $[H_2N(CH_2)_3]_2SnF_2$  (**1'**) which is comparable to **1**. The calculations show that the *all-trans* isomer **1a'**, being related to **1a**, is energetically preferred. However, the LUMO of the *cis* isomer **1b'**, being related to **1b**, is of lower energy than the

LUMO of **1a'** which suggests that the fluoride attack at tin in a solution of **1** and  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NF}\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  takes place at the *cis* isomer **1b**.

TABLE 1 Density functional calculations of **1'**.

	<i>1a'</i> (all-trans)	<i>1b'</i> (cis)
$\Delta E$	0 kJ/mol	8.879 kJ/mol
LUMO	1.3358 eV	1.1208 eV

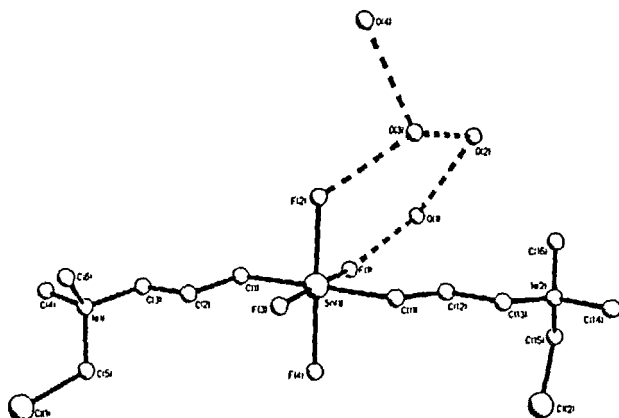
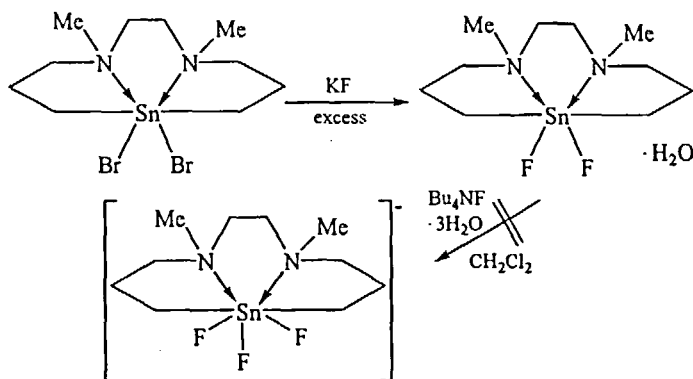


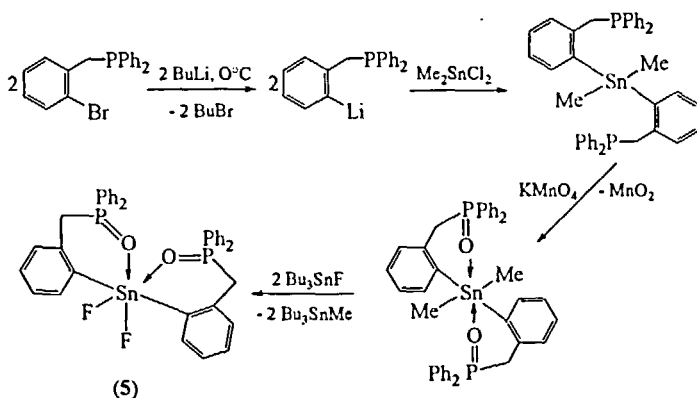
FIGURE 1 Molecular structure of **3**; selected bond lengths: Sn-F 2.059(4) - 2.108(4) Å; selected bond angles: F-Sn-F 180.0°, C-Sn-C 180.0°.

In contrast to compound **1**, no fluoride attack at tin occurs on the related *cis*-octahedral configured diorganotin difluoride **4** and consequently no reaction of a mixture of **4** and  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NF}\cdot 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$  with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  was observed (SCHEME 3). This different behavior of **1** and **4** towards fluoride ions originates in the higher energy of the Sn-N dissociation associated with the rigid ligand system in **4**.

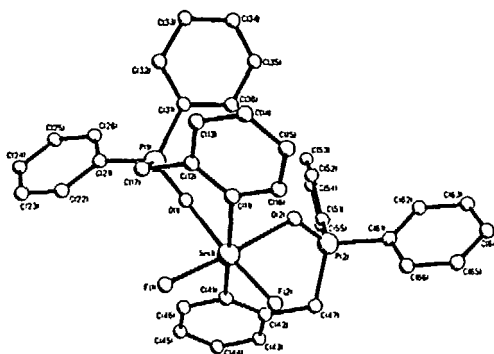


SCHEME 3 Synthesis of **4** and addition of fluoride in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .

The synthesis of the intramolecularly  $\text{P}(\text{O})$ -coordinated diorganotin difluoride  $[\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{Ph}_2]_2\text{SnF}_2$  (**5**)<sup>17</sup> is shown in SCHEME 4. Similar to **1**, compound **5** undergoes a *cis-trans* equilibrium in solution which is slow on the  $^{119}\text{Sn}$  NMR time scale at room temperature. However, in contrast to **1** the *cis* isomer dominates (90 %) and is found in the solid state (FIGURE 2).



SCHEME 4 Synthesis of  $[\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{Ph}_2]_2\text{SnF}_2$  (**5**).



**FIGURE 2** Molecular structure of compound **5**; selected bond lengths: Sn-F 2.008(3)/2.012(3) Å, Sn-O 2.259(3)/2.255(3) Å; selected bond angle: C-Sn-C 170.61(15)°.

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