N‑Coordinated Tin(II) Trifluoromethanesulfonates and Their Reactions with Transition Metal Carbonyls

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 $ABSTRACT:$ $ABSTRACT:$ [The syntheses](#page-6-0) of the compounds $[L^1SnCl][M (CO)_{5}(SnCl_{3})$] (3, M = W; 4, M = Cr), [L¹SnCl]OTf (5), $[L^1$ SnCl][W(CO)₅(SnCl₂OTf)] (6), [L¹SnOTf][OTf] (7), and $[L^{2}Sn(OTf)_{2}]$ (8) with $L^{1} = {2.6 \cdot [(CH_{3})C=N(C_{6}H_{3} (2.6-^{10}P_{12})_{2}$]C₅H₃N} (DIMPY) and L² = {2-[(CH₃)C=N- $(C_6H_3$ -2,6-ⁱPr₂)]-6-(CH₃O)}C₅H₃N) is reported. The compounds were characterized by elemental analyses, $^1\mathrm{H}$, $^{13}\mathrm{C}$, $^{19}\mathrm{F}$, and ¹¹⁹Sn NMR spectroscopy, electrospray ionization mass spectrometry, and single-crystal X-ray diffraction analyses (3· $1.5C_7H_8$, $5 \cdot CH_2Cl_2$, $7 \cdot C_7H_8$, 8). For compounds 7 and 8, the experimental work is accompanied by density functional theory calculations.

■ INTRODUCTION

The field of group 14 element(II) monocation $RE⁺$ chemistry remains a challenge for inorganic chemists.¹ While the pioneering works reported on the stabilization of RE^+ (E = Si, Ge, Sn, Pb) cations by cyclopentadienyl-, [N](#page-7-0)-isopropyl-2- $(isopropylamino)$ troponimine-, or cyclophane-groups, 2 further studies conducted by Jutzi, Power, Driess, Müller, Krossing, and Jones, respectively, dealt with the synthesis of two- or [ev](#page-7-0)en onecoordinated RE⁺ cations being stabilized by sterically demanding ligands.³ Autoionization of GeX₂ (X = Cl, Br) induced by bi- or multidentate ligands was reported by Reid and Baines, respect[iv](#page-7-0)ely.⁴ Spontaneous dissociation of ECl₂ (E = Ge, Sn) was observed by Roesky et al. reporting the syntheses and structures of $[(DIMPY)ECI]^+$ $[(DIMPY)ECI]^+$ $[(DIMPY)ECI]^+$ cations $(DIMPY) = {2,6-}$ $[(CH₃)C= N(C₆H₃-2,6-ⁱPr₂)₂]C₅H₃N$) that contain fourcoordinated metal centers E (A in Chart 1),^{5,6} and a similar result was observed by Ragogna, who employed a novel bis(imino)pyridine ligand containing redo[x-a](#page-1-0)[ctiv](#page-7-0)e cobaltocene and ferrocenyl functionalities $(B \text{ in Chart 1})$.⁷ Rowley et al. also used the DIMPY ligand for the synthesis of [(DIMPY)SnX] [SnX₃] complexes (X = Cl, Br; C in C[ha](#page-1-0)r[t](#page-7-0) 1).⁸ A fascinating result was achieved by Fischer applying the DIMPY-type ligand for the stabilization of tin in oxidation state z[ero](#page-1-0) [\(](#page-7-0)D in Chart 1) and demonstrating the MeDIMPY ligand to give an ${\rm Sn}^{\rm II}$ enamine complex $(E \text{ in Chart 1})$. The synthesis of thr[ee](#page-1-0)coordinated tin and germanium monocations using neutral chelating ligand $\{2\left[(CH_3)C = N(C_6H_3-2, 6^{-1}Pr_2) \right] - 6\left[CH_3O \right)\}$ $\{2\left[(CH_3)C = N(C_6H_3-2, 6^{-1}Pr_2) \right] - 6\left[CH_3O \right)\}$ $\{2\left[(CH_3)C = N(C_6H_3-2, 6^{-1}Pr_2) \right] - 6\left[CH_3O \right)\}$ C_5H_3N (F in Chart 1) was also reported.¹⁰

As the $\left[L^1\text{SnCl}\right][\text{SnCl}_3]$ $(1)^6$ $(L^1 = \text{DIMPY})$ and $\left[L^2\text{SnCl}\right]$ - $\text{[SnCl}_3]$ (2)¹⁰ (L² = {2-[(CH₃)C=[N\(](#page-7-0)C₆H₃-2,6-ⁱPr₂)]-6 $(CH₃O)$ _cH₃N) complexes, which differ by the coordination number of the tin atom, contain two potential sites to bind transition metal carbonyl moieties, reactions of 1 and 2 toward transition metal complexes $[M(CO)_{5}(thf)]$ (M = Cr, W; thf = tetrahydrofuran) were performed. These reactions provided the complexes $\left[\text{L}^1\text{SnCl}\right]\left[\text{W}(\text{CO})_{5}\text{(SnCl}_3)\right]$ (3) and $\left[\text{L}^1\text{SnCl}\right]\left[\text{Cr}-\text{H}_3\right]$ $(CO)_{5}(SnCl₃)]$ (4), respectively. The analogous products containing the ligand L^2 were not isolated. Additionally, reactions of 1 and 3 with AgOTf gave the compounds $[L^1$ SnCl][OTf] (5), $[L^1$ SnCl][W(CO)₅(SnCl₂OTf)] (6), $[L^{1}SnOTT][OTT]$ (7), and $[L^{2}Sn(OTT)_{2}]$ (8), respectively.

■ RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Synthesis of Compounds 3−8. The treatment of $[L^1$ SnCl][SnCl₃] (1) with 1 equiv of $[M(CO)_5(thf)]$ (M = W, Cr) yielded the complexes $\left[L^1\text{SnCl} \right] \left[W(\text{CO})_5\text{SnCl}_3 \right]$ (3) and $[L^{1}SnCl][Cr(CO)_{5}SnCl_{3}]$ (4), respectively, (Scheme 1). In contrast, from the reaction between $[L^2SnCl][SnCl_3]$ (2) and $[W(CO)_5(thf)],$ only the complex $[L^2H][W(CO)_5SnCl_3]$ being the product of hydrolysis was isolated (see Supporting Information).

Following the synthesis of compound 3, we furt[her studied](#page-6-0) [the reactivity](#page-6-0) of both 1 and 3 with AgOTf. When complex 1 was reacted with 1 equiv of AgOTf, the compound $\text{[L^{1}SnCl]}$ -[OTf] (5) was isolated. In contrast, reaction of 3 with 1 equiv of AgOTf provided $[L^1$ SnCl] $[W(CO)_5$ {Sn(OTf)Cl₂}] (6), where one chloride anion of the $[SnCl₃]⁻$ moiety was

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Chart 1. Selected Element(II) Cations Stabilized by Pincer-Type Ligands

Scheme 1. Synthesis of Compounds 3−7

substituted by a triflate anion. In addition, the reaction of complex 1 with 2 equiv of AgOTf again provided complex 5. In contrast, the reaction of 3 with 4 equiv of AgOTf yielded compound [L¹SnOTf][OTf] (7). Interestingly, attempts at preparing 7 directly by treatment of ligand L^1 with $Sn(OTf)_{2}$ failed. However, the reaction of ligand L^2 with $Sn(OTf)_{2}$ provided complex $[L^2Sn(OTf)_2]$ (8) (eq 1), as an analogue of 7.

Molecular Structures of 3, 5, 7, and 8. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis of 3 and 5 (as their toluene and dichloromethane solvates $3.1.5C_7H_8$ and $5.5C_7H_8$ CH_2Cl_2 , respectively, were obtained at room temperature from saturated toluene or CH_2Cl_2 solutions. The molecular structures of $3.1.5C_7H_8$ and $5\cdot CH_2Cl_2$ are shown in Figures 1 and 2, respectively, and selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 1. The crystallographic data are given in Tab[le](#page-2-0) S1 ([se](#page-2-0)e Supporting Information).

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Figure 1. Povray schematic representation of the molecular structure of $3.1.5C_7H_8$. The hydrogen atoms and the toluene solvate molecule are omitted.

Figure 2. Povray schematic representation of molecular structure of 5· CH2Cl2. The hydrogen atoms and dichloromethane solvate molecule are omitted for clarity.

The molecular structure of $3.1.5C_7H_8$ reveals an ion pair consisting of well-separated $[{\rm L^1SnCl}]^+$ cation and $\tilde{[}\rm W$ - $(CO)_{5}(SnCl_{3})$ ⁻ anion. In the $[L^{1}SnCl]^{+}$ cation, the Sn(1) atom is four-coordinated as the result of three strong $N \rightarrow Sn$ interactions with distances ranging between 2.314(3) (Sn1− N1) and 2.420(3) Å (Sn1−N3), and one chlorine atom (Sn1− Cl1 2.405(1) Å). The $Sn(1)$ atom shows a distorted pseudosquare pyramidal environment with the $N(1)$, $N(2)$, $N(3)$ atoms and the lone electron pair located in equatorial positions, while the $Cl(1)$ atom occupies the axial position. The geometry is similar as compared with that of the complex [L^1 SnCl¹ $\text{[SnCl}_3]$ reported by Roesky et al.⁶ and will not be discussed in more detail. The $W(1)$ atom is hexacoordinated by five carbon atoms and one tin atom. It [h](#page-7-0)as an octahedral geometry. The W(1)–Sn(2) distance of 2.7381(4) Å is close to the corresponding distances reported for [W- $(CO)_{5}$ {SnCl₂(thf)₂}] (2.737(1) Å),¹¹ [W(CO)₅{Sn- $(C_6H_4CH_2NMe_2-0)_2$] (2.749(1) Å),¹² [W(CO)₅{Sn(Cl)(2,6 $[P(O)(Qi-Pr)₂]_{2}$ -4-tert-Bu-C₆H₂)}] (2.7263(11) Å),¹³ and $[W(CO)_{5} \{Sn(C_{10}H_{6}NMe_{2}-8)_{2}\}]$ (2.822(2) Å) complexes.¹⁴

The molecular structure of $5 \cdot CH_2Cl_2$ reveals it bein[g a](#page-7-0)n ion pair consisting of [L¹SnCl]⁺ cation and [OTf][−] anion. [T](#page-7-0)he triflate anion interacts electrostatically with the Sn(1) center at a Sn(1)−O(2) distance of 3.042(2) Å being shorter than the sum of the van der Waals radii of the corresponding atoms $(\sum_{\text{vdw}}(Sn, O) = 3.60 \text{ Å})^{15}$ As a consequence, the Sn(1) atom in 5 is [4 + 1]-coordinate by N(1)–N(3), Cl(1), and O(2) and shows a strongly distort[ed](#page-7-0) pseudo-octahedral environment. The $N(1)$, $N(2)$, and $N(3)$ atoms, and the lone electron pair occupy the equatorial positions, while the $Cl(1)$ and $O(2)$ atoms are located in axial positions. The distortion from the ideal octahedral geometry is especially expressed by the Cl(1)− Sn(1)–O(2) angle of 154.23(5)° deviating from 180° and illustrates the stereochemical activity of the lone electron pair at Sn(1). The Sn−N distances range between 2.318(2) (Sn1− N1) and 2.431(2) Å (Sn1−N2), similarly as compared to 3 or $[L^{1}SnCl][SnCl_{3}]^{6}$ Interestingly, while the O \rightarrow Sn interaction does not affect the Sn−N distances, it causes, via its transinflue[nc](#page-7-0)e, an increase of the $Sn(1)-Cl(1)$ distance to $2.4651(8)$ Å as compared to the corresponding distance of 2.405(1) Å in $3.1.5C_7H_8$.

Single crystals of 7 suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained as toluene solvate $7\cdot C_7H_8$ from a saturated toluene solution at room temperature. The molecular structure of 7· C_7H_8 is given in Figure 3, selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 1, and the crystallographic data are given in Table S1 (see Supporti[ng](#page-3-0) Information).

In $7\cdot C_7H_8$, th[e S](#page-3-0)n(1) atom is five-coordinate by N(1), N(2), N(3), O(1), [and O\(4\) atoms. The](#page-6-0) Sn–N distances range between 2.269(2) (Sn1−N1) and 2.479(2) Å (Sn1−N3). The latter value indicates a weaker $N \rightarrow Sn$ interaction of the C=N imine moiety as compared with the $[L^1SnCl]^+$ cations in 3 $(2.420(3)$ Å) and in 5 $(Sn1-N3 2.431(3)$ Å). The Sn(1)– O(1) (2.350(2) Å) and Sn(1)–O(4) (2.554(2) Å) distances indicate that both triflate moieties are in closer contact with the tin atom than in the ion-separated complex $\left[{\rm L^1SnCl}\right]$ $\left({\rm 5}\right)$ $(Sn(1)-O(2) = 3.042(2)$ Å). The covalent radii of Sn and O are 1.40 and 0.73 Å,¹⁵ respectively, and the ionic radii for Sn^{2+} and O^{2−} are 0.93 and 1.40 Å, respectively.¹⁶ It thus appears that only the Sn−O bon[d t](#page-7-0)o the closest triflate anion, at a distance of 2.350(2) Å, could possibly be treate[d](#page-7-0) as a slightly longer "normal" single bond. This prolongation may indicate considerable electrostatic character of these Sn−O interactions. The shortest Sn−O distance for the other triflate moiety is $2.554(2)$ Å, which falls within the sum of the van der Waals radii for Sn (2.19 Å) and O (1.52 Å) , but is far longer than a typical single bond.¹⁵ As a consequence, the bonding situation in $7 \cdot C_7H_8$ can be best described as an ion pair consisting of [L¹ SnOTf]⁺ cation [a](#page-7-0)nd OTf[−] anion. A similar situation has been found for crown ether-coordinated tin(II) triflates reported by Baines and MacDonald. They described the complexes $[SnOTf([18]-crown-6)][OTf]^{17}$ and $Sn(OTf)₂$. triglyme,¹⁸ each consisting of a monocationic moiety composed of the crowned tin(II) center to which one [of](#page-7-0) the triflate groups is boun[d a](#page-7-0)t Sn−O distances of 2.282(9) Å and 2.331(6) Å, respectively, and a second triflate moiety at Sn−O distances of 2.596(9) Å and 2.741(6) Å, respectively.^{17,18}

Single crystals of 8 were obtained from a saturated CH_2Cl_2 solution at room temperature. The mole[cular](#page-7-0) structure of 8 is shown in Figure 4; selected bond lengths and angles are given

Table 1. Selected Bond Lengths (\hat{A}) and Angles (deg) for 3·1.5C₇H₈, 5·CH₂Cl₂, 7·C₇H₈, and 8

	$3.1.5C_7H_8$	5 ·CH ₂ Cl ₂	$7.2C_7H_8$	7	7	8	8	8
	experimental	experimental	experimental	$BPS6^a$	$wB97xD^a$	experimental	$BPS6^a$	w B97x D^a
$Sn(1)-N(1)$	2.314(3)	2.318(2)	2.269(2)	2.3122	2.3289	2.258(2)	2.3708	2.2772
$Sn(1)-N(2)$	2.400(3)	2.431(2)	2.411(2)	2.4846	2.4341	2.364(2)	2.4911	2.3518
$Sn(1)-N(3)$	2.420(3)	2.400(2)	2.479(2)	2.4966	2.4218			
$Sn(1)-O(1)$			2.350(2)	2.3867	2.3576	2.959(2)	3.1928	3.0043
$Sn(1)-O(2)$		3.042(2)				2.3822(19)	2.6061/2.6247	2.3880/3.9393
$Sn(1)-O(4)$			2.554(2)	2.4592	2.4269			
$Sn(1)-O(5)$						2.443(2)	2.3037/3.0638	2.2798/3.2864
$Sn(1)-Cl(1)$	2.4050(10)	2.4651(8)						
$N(1) - Sn(1) - N(2)$	68.26(10)	67.60(8)	69.69(7)	69.29	68.27	68.57(8)	67.31	68.933
$N(1) - Sn(1) - N(3)$	67.97(10)	68.70(8)	69.26(8)	69.27	68.41			
$N(2) - Sn(1) - N(3)$	136.23(10)	135.95(8)	138.93(7)	138.66	136.67			
$O(1) - Sn(1) - O(4)$			152.25(8)	155.37	151.32			
$O(2) - Sn(1) - O(5)$						145.63(7)	148.59	147.39
$O(2) - Sn(1) - Cl(1)$		154.23(5)						
$N(1) - Sn(1) - Cl(1)$	87.95(7)	88.42(6)						
"Basis sets Sn: def2-TZVP; H, C, N, O, S, F: 6-31g(d).								

Figure 3. Povray schematic representation of the molecular structure of $7 \cdot C_7H_8$. Hydrogen atoms and the toluene solvate molecule are omitted for clarity.

in Table 1. The crystallographic data are given in Table S1 (see Supporting Information).

At first sight, the $Sn(1)$ atom in 8 is four-coordinate and [exhibits a distorted](#page-6-0) ψ -trigonal bipyramidal environment with N(1), N(2), and the lone electron pair in the equatorial and (O2) and O(5) in the axial positions. The stereochemical activity of the lone electron pair at $Sn(1)$ is expressed by the extreme deviation from 180 $^{\circ}$ of the O(2)–Sn(1)–O(5) angle $(145.63(7)°)$. The rather narrow N(1)–Sn(1)–N(2) angle of $68.57(8)$ ° is also in line with this but more likely the result of ligand constraint. Both the Sn(1)–N(1) (2.258(2) Å) and Sn(1)−N(2) (2.364(2) Å) distances reveal strong N \rightarrow Sn interactions. The latter distance indicates a stronger $N \rightarrow Sn$ interaction of the $C=N$ imine moiety in complex 8 as compared with those in $3.1.5C_7H_8$ (Sn(1)–N(2) 2.400(3), Sn(1)−N(3) 2.420(3) Å), 5 ·CH₂Cl₂ (Sn(1)−N(2) 2.431(2), Sn(1)−N(3) 2.400(2) Å) and $7.2C_7H_8$ (Sn(1)−N(2) 2.411(2), Sn(1)–N(3) 2.479(2) Å). Despite the strong N → Sn interactions, both triflate anions coordinate the tin atom at Sn(1)−O(2) and Sn(1)−O(5) distances of 2.3822(19) and $2.443(2)$ Å, respectively. These distances are very close to the sum of the ionic radii for Sn²⁺ cation and O^{2−} anion (2.33 Å)¹⁶

Figure 4. Povray schematic representation of the molecular structure of 8. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

and suggest considerable ionic character of the Sn−O bonds. Similarly to 8, a narrow range of distances between the tin atom and the triflate anions has been found in the complex $Sn(OTf)₂$ ·tetraglyme, where one triflate anion has a closest Sn−O distance of 2.408(5) Å, and the other one has a closest such distance of 2.519(6) \AA ¹⁸

Baines and MacDonald demonstrated that cyclic or acyclic polyether ligands react with $Sn(OTf)_{2}$ providing either neutral complexes, $\text{Sn}(\text{II})^+$, or even $\text{Sn}(\text{II})^{2+}$ cations stabilized by O \rightarrow Sn donor−acceptor interactions, with the actual outcome depending on the identity of the polyether ligands.¹⁷⁻¹⁹ In analogy, the use of the N , N , N -chelating ligand $L¹$ provided an ionic complex 7 consisting of $[L^1SnOTf]^+$ cation a[nd OT](#page-7-0)f⁻ anion, while the N,N-chelated tin(II) triflate 8 contains both OTf moieties in close proximity to the tin atom. The Sn−O bond in 8 possesses highly ionic character as both Sn−O distances are close to the sum of the ionic radii for Sn^{2+} and $O²$. This implies the positive charge being located at the tin center and as the result of this, strong $C=N \rightarrow Sn$ donation takes place.

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Studies in Solution. Compounds 3−6 show excellent solubility in chlorinated solvents. In the ¹H NMR spectra of 3–6, the aromatic protons of the pyridine ring are shifted downfield (δ 8.58 and 8.81 ppm for 3, δ 8.72 and 8.94 ppm for 4, δ 8.52 and 8.70 ppm for 5, δ 8.67 and 8.88 ppm for 6) when compared with the spectrum of the free L¹ ligand (δ 8.04 and 8.52 ppm).⁶ Similarly, the signal of the N=CCH₃ protons are shifted downfield (δ 2.62 ppm for 3, δ 2.69 ppm for 4, δ 2.57 ppm for 5, [δ](#page-7-0) 2.64 ppm for 6) in comparison to that of ligand L^1 (δ 2.34 ppm).⁶ These observations are typical for the presence of the $[L^1SnCl]^+$ cation. 6 The 119 Sn NMR spectra of 3, 4, and 6 reveale[d f](#page-7-0)or each compound two resonances (−37 and −431 ppm for 3, 226 and −424 [p](#page-7-0)pm for 4, and −34 and −430 ppm for 6), while one signal at δ −469 ppm was found in a ¹¹⁹Sn NMR spectrum of 5. The high field-shifted values of δ^{119} Sn in 3–6 (range from −424 to −469 ppm) are comparable with the value found for the cationic part of the complex $[L^1SnCl][SnCl_3]$ (1) (δ −435)⁶ and support the existence of the [L¹SnCl]⁺ cation in 3-6. In contrast, the downfield-shifted ¹¹⁹Sn NMR resonances in 3, 4, and 6 are assigned to their anionic parts $[W(CO)_{5}(SnCl_{3})]^{-}$ (-37 ppm in 3), $[Cr(CO)_{5}(SnCl_{3})]^{-}$ (226 ppm in 4), and $[W(CO)_{5}^{5}]_{5}^{5}CCl_{2}^{5}]^{-}$ (-34 ppm in 6). These values are shifted downfield when compared with those found for the noncoordinated $\left[SnCl_3\right]^-$ anion (δ –60 ppm) in 1.⁶ In addition, the presence of ¹J(¹¹⁹Sn–¹⁸³W) = 397 Hz in the ¹¹⁹Sn NMR spectrum of 3 unambiguously proves the coordinati[on](#page-7-0) of the $\text{[SnCl}_3]^-$ anion to the W(CO)₅ moiety. A ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of **6** revealed a resonance at δ –78.1, while a ¹³C NMR spectrum showed a quartet resonance at δ 120.2 with ¹J(¹³C⁻¹⁹F) = 318 Hz supporting the presence of a triflate anion in 6.

In contrast to the complexes 3–6, a ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 7 showed one broad signal for the pyridine protons $(\delta$ 8.41 ppm) that is high field-shifted in comparison with relevant signals of the $[L^1\text{SnCl}]^+$ cationic parts (range between 8.58 and 9.01). Similarly, the signal for the $N=CCH_3$ protons in 7 (δ 2.50 ppm) is also high field-shifted in comparison to those found for the $[L^1SnCl]^+$ cations (range of 2.62–2.69). A ¹¹⁹Sn NMR spectrum of 7 showed a resonance at δ −447 being comparable with the values found for the $[L^1SnCl]^+$ cations of 1 (δ –435),⁶ 3 (δ –431), 4 (δ –424), and 6 (δ –430). It demonstrates the existence of the $[L^{1}SnOTf]^{+}$ cation in 7. The NMR data [su](#page-7-0)ggest a symmetrically bonded $L¹$ ligand in the [L¹SnOTf]⁺ cation, where the imine moieties are involved in weaker $N \rightarrow Sn$ coordination (high field shift of $N=CCH_3$) protons) as compared with the $[L^1SnCl]^+$ cation, which is consistent with the data found for the solid state. A 13C NMR spectrum showed a quartet at δ 120.1 with ¹J(¹³C−¹⁹F) = 316 Hz proving the presence of a triflate anion. In spite of the structural features observed in the solid state, a ^{19}F NMR spectrum of 7 revealed only a single resonance at δ –77.5 (even at 250 K) indicating the exchange between free and bound triflate groups to be fast on the NMR time scale. A similar observation was made for $\text{[Sn([18]crown-6)OTf][OTf].}^{17}$ The ¹⁹F NMR resonance found for 7 is high field-shifted when compared with the chemical shift of MeOTf as a represe[nt](#page-7-0)ative for a covalently bonded organic triflate $(\delta -75.4)^{20}$ but shifted downfield in comparison with [Bu4N][OTf] as a representative for an ionic triflate $(\delta -78.7)^{21}$

Similarly, in the ¹H NMR spectrum of 8, the signals for the aromatic protons of the pyridi[ne](#page-7-0) ring are shifted to high field (δ) 7.48, 7.77, and 8.33 ppm) as compared with the corresponding resonances for the $[\tilde{L^2}$ SnCl] $^+$ cation (7.48, 8.12, and 8.37 ppm) of 2^{10} but shifted downfield as compared with the resonances of the free ligand L^2 (δ 6.75, 7.68, and 7.95 ppm).¹⁰ The signal of the [N](#page-7-0)=CCH₃ protons is also high field-shifted (δ 2.30 ppm) in comparison to those found in the $[L^2$ SnCl]⁺ [ca](#page-7-0)tion (δ 2.87 ppm) of 2. A ¹¹⁹Sn NMR spectrum of 8 revealed a resonance at δ -165 ppm being shifted downfield as compared with both the $[L^2\overrightarrow{SnCl}]^+$ cation in 2 ($\delta\delta$ -330.4 ppm)¹⁰ and the [L¹SnOTf]⁺ cation in 7 (δ -447 ppm). The data indicate compound 8 existing as neutral species $[L^2Sn(OTf)_2]$ $[L^2Sn(OTf)_2]$ $[L^2Sn(OTf)_2]$ in solution, with weaker $N \rightarrow Sn$ coordination (high field shift of N=CCH₃ proton resonance) as compared with the $\rm [L^{2}SnCl]^{+}$ cation in 2^{10} A ¹³C NMR spectrum showed a quartet at δ 119.7 with 1 J(13 C $-^{19}$ F) = 322 Hz supporting the presence of triflate moieties in [8](#page-7-0). A ¹⁹F NMR spectrum revealed a resonance at δ -77.9 ppm, very close to the value of $[Bu_4N][OTF]$ as a representative for ionic triflate $(\delta -78.7)$,²¹ thus supporting the presence of the highly ionic character of both Sn−O (triflate) bonds.

Density Functional Theory Calculations. To get an insight into the electronic structure of compounds 7 and 8 and information about donor−acceptor interactions between the ligands and the tin atom, density functional theory (DFT) calculations with $Gaussian09^{22}$ were performed. The pure $BPS6^{23}$ functional and the dispersive w $\overline{B97}xD^{24}$ functional with the basis set combination of def2-TZVP^{25} def2-TZVP^{25} def2-TZVP^{25} basis on tin and 6 $31g(d)^{26}$ $31g(d)^{26}$ $31g(d)^{26}$ on the other atoms were use[d](#page-8-0) for geometry optimization. The resulting geometry p[ara](#page-8-0)meters for 7 and 8 are list[ed](#page-8-0) in Table 1.

Overall, the calculated values, and here especially the angles, show reasonably good agreement with the experimentally determined ones. In general, the calculated interatomic distances are longer than those obtained experimentally. Exceptions are the Sn(1)–N(2) (8, wB97xD), Sn(1)–N(3) (7, wB97xD), Sn(1)−O(4) (7, both BP86 and wB97xD), and Sn(1)−O(5) (8, both BP86 and wB97xD). Interestingly, for compound 8 the triflate coordination is differently described by the pure functional BP86 and the wB97xD functional taking into account dispersive interactions. While in the experimentally established structure both triflate moieties coordinate the tin atom in a monodentate fashion, the calculation employing the BP86 functional results in one of the triflate anions in a bidentate coordination mode and for the second one in an anisobidentate coordination. Apparently, the differences are associated with a conformational change in the calculated structure with respect to the experimental one (Figure 5).

To get more insight into the donor−acceptor interactions, natural bond order (NBO) calculations were perfor[me](#page-5-0)d on Lewis structures involving interactions between lone electron pairs LP of the donor atoms nitrogen and oxygen and empty orbitals LP* at the tin atom (Table 2). For both compounds 7 and 8, the strongest such interaction is calculated for the nitrogen atom N1 of the pyridine ri[ng](#page-5-0). In case of compound 8, the values obtained from the calculation with the wB97xD functional are systematically bigger than those obtained from the pure BP86 functional. For compound 8, the bidentate coordination mode of one triflate anion, as suggested from the calculated bond distances given in Table 1, is again reflected by the BP86-based calculation.

The Wiberg bond indices (hereafter r[efe](#page-3-0)rred to as WBIs) are given in Table 3. For compound 7, the values are bigger for the BP86- than they are by the wB97xD-based calculations. This is

Figure 5. Superposition of the experimentally established structure of compound 8 (yellow) and the calculated one based on the BP86 functional (green). The red dashed lines illustrate the bidentate coordination mode of the triflate anion.

not the case for compound 8, however. Most importantly, the WBIs found for the $N(1) \rightarrow Sn(1)$ interaction (0.22 (BP86)/ 0.16 (wB97xD) in 7 and 0.21 in 8) suggest strong coordination of the pyridine $N(1)$ atom to the tin atom in 7 and 8, respectively. The WBIs of the Sn(1)−O(4) (triflate) interaction are 0.18 (BP86)/0.14 (wB97xD) in 7 (the WBI of the Sn(1)−O(2) (triflate) is 0.14 (BP86)/0.17 (wB97xD) in 8) that are not significantly bigger than the bond indices for the $O \rightarrow$ Sn interactions in the dicationic cryptand [2.2.2] complex of $Sn(OTf)_{2}$ (range between 0.10 and 0.14)^{19b} or in the dicationic crown ether complex of $Sn(OTF)$ ₂ (range from 0.10) to 0.18).¹⁷ The WBIs thus suggest that there i[s no](#page-7-0) significant bonding beetween the tin center and one triflate moiety in both 7 and 8[. I](#page-7-0)n contrast, the WBI of the Sn(1)−O(1) (triflate) interaction is 0.21 (BP86)/0.16 (wB97xD) in 7 (the WBI of the Sn(1)−O(5) (triflate) is 0.24 (BP86)/0.20 (wB97xD) in 8). These values are comparable to the WBIs found for $N(1)$ \rightarrow Sn(1), which supports the idea that the other triflate moiety is involved in the strong $O \rightarrow$ Sn interaction in both complexes 7 and 8.

The calculated residual positive charges on each tin center gave similar results with values of $+1.356$ (BP86)/ $+1.515$ (wB97xD) for 7 and +1.325(BP86)/+1.465 (wB97xD) for 8. While these values are bigger than the expected +1 charge for a generic monocation, they are rather similar to the values calculated for cryptand[2.2.2] complex of $Sn(OTf)_{2}$ (+1.44)^{19b} and the crown ether complexes of $Sn(OTf)_{2}$ (range between +1.36 and +1.50).¹⁷ However, they are not as large as the N[BO](#page-7-0) charges reported for the crown ether/glyme complexes of $Sn(OTf)₂ (+1.64).¹$ $Sn(OTf)₂ (+1.64).¹$ $Sn(OTf)₂ (+1.64).¹$

Table 3. Wiberg Bond Indices²⁶ for the N \rightarrow Sn and O \rightarrow Sn Interactions in Compounds 7 and 8 Determined by Natural Bond Order Calculations

7	$BPS6^a$	$wB97xd^a$	8	$BPS6^a$	$wB97xd^a$					
$N(1) \rightarrow$ Sn(1)	0.2211	0.1640	$N(1) \rightarrow Sn(1)$	0.2147	0.2140					
$N(2) \rightarrow$ $\sin(1)$	0.1895	0.1465	$N(2) \rightarrow Sn(1)$	0.1907	0.2117					
$N(3) \rightarrow$ Sn(1)	0.1895	0.1470	$O(2) \rightarrow Sn(1)$	0.1425	0.1706					
$O(4) \rightarrow$ Sn(1)	0.1787	0.1378	$O(3,4) \rightarrow$ Sn(1)	0.1511	0.0690					
$O(1) \rightarrow$ Sn(1)	0.2076	0.1580	$O(5) \rightarrow Sn(1)$	0.2426	0.2037					
"Basis sets Sn: def2-TZVP; H, C, N, O, S, F: 6-31g(d).										

■ CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we have demonstrated that the ionic compound 1 reacts with $[M(CO)_{5}(thf)]$ $(M = Cr, W)$ in a uniform manner. Only the $\text{[SnCl}_3]^-$ anion coordinates the M(CO)₅ moieties, yielding the complexes $[L^1SnCl][W(CO)_5(SnCl_3)]$ (3) and $[L^1Sn^{II}Cl][Cr(CO)_{5}(SnCl_3)]$ (4), respectively. In contrast, the analogous reactions of compound 2 containing a three-coordinated tin atom in the $[L^2\overline{S}nCl]^+$ cation failed. Further studies showed that complex 1 also reacts with 1 equiv of AgOTf providing $[L^1$ SnCl]OTf (5) as the result of the $\left[\text{SnCI}_3\right]^-$ anion substitution. In contrast, a similar reaction of 3 provided compound $[L^1Sn^ICl][W(CO)_5\{Sn(OTf)Cl_2\}]$ (6), where one chloride anion of the $SnCl₃⁻$ moiety is substituted by a OTf[−] moiety at the $[W(CO)_{5}(SnCl_{3})]^{-}$ anionic part, leaving the $[L^1$ SnCl]⁺ cation noneffected. The reaction between 4 equiv of AgOTf and 3, however, provided the complex $[L^{1}S_{\mathbf{n}}O\mathbf{T}f][O\mathbf{T}f]$ (7), where the ligand L^{1} and one triflate anion coordinates to the tin center. In contrast, the treatment of L^2 with $\text{Sn}(\text{OTf})_2$ yielded neutral $\text{L}^2\text{Sn}(\text{OTf})_2\text{]}$ (8) with the ligand L^2 and both triflate anions being in the coordination sphere of the tin atom. The complexes 3−6 are well-separated ionic compounds consisting of the [L¹SnCl]⁺ cation and different anions. Compound 7 can be seen as ion separated pair of [L¹SnOTf]⁺ cation and OTf[−] anion. In contrast, complex 8 can be interpreted as a neutral complex of ligand L^2 with $Sn(OTf)₂$. For both complexes 7 and 8, the DFT calculations define highly positive charge at the tin center and hint at high ionic character of the Sn−O bonds.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

General Methods. The starting ligands L^1 and L^2 were prepared according the literature methods. 6,10 The Sn $\rm (OTf)_2$, AgOTf, $\rm \dot{W}(\rm \dot{CO})_{60}$ and $Cr(\overline{CO})_6$ were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. All reactions were performed under argon, using s[tand](#page-7-0)ard Schlenk techniques. Solvents were dried by standard methods, distilled prior to use. The ${}^{1}H$, ${}^{13}C$, 19 F, and 119 Sn NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance500

Table 2. Donor−[Acc](#page-7-0)eptor Interactions (E [kcal/mol]) between Nitrogen and Oxygen Atoms and the Tin Center in Compounds 7 and 8 as Determined by Natural Bond Order Calculations

^aBasis sets Sn: def2-TZVP; H, C, N, O, S, F: 6-31g(d). LP = lone electron pair.

spectrometer at 300 K in CDCl₃ or thf- d_8 . The ¹H, ¹³C, and ¹¹⁹Sn NMR chemical shifts δ are given in parts per million and referenced to external Me₄Sn (¹¹⁹Sn) and Me₄Si (¹³C, ^IH). Elemental analyses were performed on an LECO−CHNS-932 analyzer.

Synthesis of [L SnCi][$W(CO)_5(SnCl_3)$] (3). Compound 1 (0.61 g, 0.71 mmol) in thf (80 mL) was added with stirring to $[W(CO)_5(\text{thf})]$, Synthesis of $[L^1$ SnCl][W(CO)₅(SnCl₃)] (3). Compound 1 (0.61 g, prepared in situ from $W(CO)_{6}$ (0.5 g, 1.42 mmol)) in 200 mL of thf at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 24 h. The solution was evaporated, and the orange powder was dissolved in toluene (30 mL). The solution was stored for 2 d at 5 °C giving orange crystals of 3 as the toluene solvate $3.1.5C_7H_8$ (yield 0.68) g, 81%). mp 194.4 °C dec. Anal. Calcd for $C_{38}H_{33}Cl_4N_3O_5Sn_2W$ $1.5C_7H_8$ (MW = 1322.33): C, 44.1; H, 3.4; Found: C, 44.3; H 3.6%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz): $\delta\delta$ = 1.13 (d, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.15 (d, 6H, CH $(CH_3)_2$), 1.20 (d, 6H, CH $(CH_3)_2$), 1.25 (d, 6H, $CH(CH_3)_2$, 2.62 (s, 6H, (CH₃)C=N), 2.95 (m, 4H, CH(CH₃)₂), 7.15−7.35 (m, 6H, ArH), 8.58 (d, 2H, ArH), 8.81 (t, 1H, ArH). 13C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ = 19.4 (CH₃)C=N, 24.6 CH(CH₃)₂, 24.9 CH(CH₃)₂, 28.4 CH(CH₃)₂, 124.8, 129.0, 130.4, 136.8, 139.4, 145.6, 150.0, 169.0 (CH₃)C=N, 194.4 (¹J(¹³C−¹⁸³W) = 124.3 Hz), 200.1. ¹¹⁹Sn NMR (CDCl₃, 111.92 MHz): $\delta = -37 \; (^1J(^{119}Sn-^{183}W) =$ 397 Hz), −431 ppm.

Synthesis of [L ShCi][Cr(CO)₅(ShCi₃)] (4). Compound 1 (0.40 g, 0.46 mmol) in thf (30 mL) was added with stirring to $[Cr(CO)_5(th)]$ Synthesis of $[L^1$ SnCl][Cr(CO)₅(SnCl₃)] (4). Compound 1 (0.40 g, prepared in situ from $Cr(CO)_6$ (102 mg, 0.46 mmol) at room temperature. Reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 24 h. The solution was evaporated, and the orange powder was dissolved in toluene (30 mL). The solution was stored for 2 d at 5 °C giving orange solid material of 4 (yield 0.32 g, 67%). mp 213.8 °C dec. Anal. Calcd for $C_{38}H_{43}Cl_4N_3O_5Sn_2Cr$ (MW = 1052.97): C, 43.4; H, 4.1; Found: C 43.6; H 4.3%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz): δ = 1.20 (d, 12H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.28 (d, 12H, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.69 (s, 6H, (CH₃)C= N), 2.91 (bs, 4H, CH(CH₃)₂), 7.17−7.27 (m, 6H, ArH), 8.72 (bs, 2H, ArH), 8.94 (bs, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ = 19.6 $(CH_3)C=N$, 24.8 CH(CH₃)₂, 28.9 CH(CH₃)₂, 124.9, 128.3, 130.7, 136.8, 139.9, 146.1, 150.0, 169.3 (CH₃)C=N, 216.9 (CO_{ax}), 224.7 (CO_{eq}). ¹¹⁹Sn NMR (CDCl₃, 111.92 MHz): δ = 226, -424 ppm.

Synthesis of [L ShCijOTI (3). Compound 1 (0.30 g, 0.35 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (30 mL) was added with stirring to AgOTf (90 mg, 0.35 Synthesis of [L¹SnCl]OTf (5). Compound 1 (0.30 g, 0.35 mmol) in mmol) at room temperature. Reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 24 h. The solution was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated to a volume of ∼10 mL. The storage for 6 d at room temperature gave orange crystals of 5 as the dichloromethane solvate $\text{5-CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (yield 0.23 g, 85%). mp 310.4 °C dec. Anal. Calcd for $C_{34}H_{43}CIF_{3}N_{3}O_{3}SSn \cdot CH_{2}Cl_{2}$ (MW = 879.86) C, 49.1; H, 4.9; Found: C, 48.9; H, 5.0%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz): $\delta \delta = 1.11$ (d, 12H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.21 (d, 12H, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.57 (s, 6H, (CH₃)C=N), 2.95 (bs, 4H, CH(CH3)2), 7.25−7.31 (m, 6H, ArH), 8.52 (d, 2H, ArH), 8.70 (t, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): $\delta = 19.2$ $(CH_3)C=N$, 24.6 CH(CH₃)₂, 24.8 CH(CH₃)₂, 28.4 CH(CH₃)₂, 120.1 $(CF_3, {}^1J({}^{13}C-{}^{19}F) = 317 \text{ Hz}), 124.7, 127.9, 129.4, 137.2, 140.2, 144.7,$ 150.5, 168.8 (CH₃)C=N. ¹¹⁹Sn NMR (CDCl₃, 111.92 MHz): δ = −469 ppm. Positive-ion electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (ESI-MS): m/z [L¹SnCl]⁺ = 636.3, [L¹]⁺ = 482.3; negative-ion ESI-MS: m/z OTf^{$=$} 149.0.

Synthesis of [L'SnCi][W(CO)₅(SnCi₂O11)] (**0**). Compound 3 (0.35 g, 0.28 mmol) in toluene (30 mL) was added with stirring to AgOTf (70 Synthesis of [L¹SnCl][W(CO)₅(SnCl₂OTf)] (6). Compound 3 (0.35 g, mg, 0.28 mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 24 h. The solution was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated to a volume of ∼10 mL. Storage of this solution for 4 d at room temperature gave orange solid material of 6 (yield 0.22 g, 63%). mp 204.4 °C dec. Anal. Calcd for $C_{39}H_{43}Cl_3F_3N_3O_8SSn_2W$ (MW = 1298.44): C, 36.1; H, 3.3; Found: C 36.5; H, 3.3%. ¹H NMR $(CDCl_3, 300.13 \text{ MHz})$: $\delta = 1.17 \text{ (d, 12H, CH}(CH_3)_2)$, 1.26(d, 12H, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.64 (s, 6H, (CH₃)C=N), 2.87 (m, 4H, CH(CH₃)₂), 7.33−7.37 (m, 6H, ArH), 8.67 (d, 2H, ArH), 8.88 (t, 1H, ArH). NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): $\delta = 19.5$ (CH₃)C=N, 23.6 CH(CH₃)₂, 28.5 CH(CH₃)₂, 120.2 (CF_{3,} ¹J(¹³C-¹⁹F) = 318 Hz), 124.7, 128.4, 130.7, 137.0, 139.7, 145.8, 150.3, 169.3 (CH₃)C=N, 196.6 (CO_{ax} $J(^{13}C-^{183}W) = 124$ Hz), 200.4 $(CO_{eq}^{-1}J(^{13}C-^{183}W) = 134$ Hz). ¹⁹F

NMR (CDCl₃, 111.92 MHz): δ = −78.1 ppm, ¹¹⁹Sn NMR (CDCl₃, 111.92 MHz): δ = −34 (bs), −430 ppm.

Synthesis of [L ShO(I][O(I)] (1). Compound 3 (0.35 g, 0.28 mmol)
in toluene (30 mL) was added with stirring to AgOTf (288 mg, 1.12 Synthesis of $[L^1$ SnOTf][OTf] (7). Compound 3 (0.35 g, 0.28 mmol) mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 24 h. The solution was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated to a volume of ∼15 mL. Storage of the saturated toluene solution at room temperature for 2 d gave yellow crystals of $7 \cdot C_7H_8$ (yield 0.15 g, 59%). mp 167−170 °C. Anal. Calcd for $C_{35}H_{43}F_6N_3O_6S_2Sn \cdot C_7H_8$ (MW = 990.66): C, 50.8; H, 5.15; Found: C, 51.1; H 5.4%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz): δ = 1.12 (bs, 24H, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.50 (bs, 6H, (CH₃)C=N), 3.03 (bs, 4H, CH(CH₃)₂), 7.19−7.27 (m, 6H, ArH), 8.41 (bs, 3H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): $\delta = 19.3 \text{(CH}_3) \text{C = N}$, 24.3 CH(CH₃)₂, 25.0 CH(CH₃)₂, 27.6 $CH(CH_3)_2$, 120.1 $(CF_{3,1}^{-1})^{(13}C^{-19}F) = 316$ Hz), 124.9, 125.3, 128.1, 137.2, 137.8, 141.2, 151.8, 171.6 (CH₃)C=N. ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz): δ = −77.5 ppm. ¹¹⁹Sn NMR (CDCl₃, 111.92 MHz): δ = −447 ppm.

Synthesis of $[L-5n(\text{O11})_2]$ (**8**). L² powder (0.55 g, 1.// mmol) in toluene (30 mL) was added with stirring to $\text{Sn}(\text{OTF})_2$ (0.74 mg, 1.77 Synthesis of $[L^2Sn(OTf)_2]$ (8). L^2 powder (0.55 g, 1.77 mmol) in mmol) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 24 h, and the suspension was filtered. The remaining solid was dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL). Storage of this saturated CH_2Cl_2 solution at room temperature gave orange crystals of 8 (yield 1.09 g, 85%). mp 159.2 °C dec. Anal. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{26}F_6N_2O_7S_2Sn$ (MW = 727.27): C, 36.3; H, 3.6; Found: C, 36.5; H, 3.61%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz): δ = 1.07 (d, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂), 1.20 (d, 6H, CH(CH₃)₂), 2.30 (s, 3H, $(CH_3)C=N$), 2.81 (h, 2H, $CH(CH_3)_2$), 4.24 (s, 3H, OCH3), 7.28−7.48 (m, 3H, ArH), 7.48 (d, 1H, ArH), 7.77 (d, 1H, ArH), 8.33 ppm (t, 1H, ArH). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, 75.5 MHz): δ = 19.5(CH₃)C=N, 23.6 CH(CH₃)₂, 24.0 CH(CH₃)₂, 29.1 CH(CH₃)₂, 58.1 OCH₃, 114.3, 119.7 ($(CF_3, 1/(13C-19F) = 322 \text{ Hz})$ 121.3, 124.8, 129.4, 130.2, 142.1, 143.3, 147.4, 164.5, 178.7 (CH₃)C=N. ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃, 300.13 MHz): δ = −77.9 ppm. ¹¹⁹Sn NMR (CDCl₃, 111.92) MHz): $\delta\delta = -165$ ppm.

Computational Details. The DFT calculations were performed with Gaussian09²² by using the pure $BP68^{23}$ functional and the $wB97xD^{24}$ functional, which includes dispersive interactions. The split valence basis set [de](#page-7-0)f2-TZVP²⁵ was used for th[e ti](#page-8-0)n atom and contains the effe[ctiv](#page-8-0)e core potentials on tin.²⁵ For all other atoms the Popel basis set 6-31g(d)²⁷ was [em](#page-8-0)ployed. After geometry optimization, stationary points were verified by [fre](#page-8-0)quency analysis (no imaginary frequencies for loc[al](#page-8-0) minima). The NBO analysis was performed by the NBO program version 3.1^{28} as implemented in the Gaussian09 program.

Crystallography. Intensity [d](#page-8-0)ata for the crystals $(3.1.5C₇H₈, 5·$ CH_2Cl_2) were collected on a XcaliburS CCD diffractometer (Oxford Diffraction) using Mo K α radiation at 110 K. The X-ray data for the crystals of $7 \cdot C_7H_8$ and 8 were obtained at 150 K using Oxford Cryostream low-temperature device on a Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer with Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å), a graphite monochromator, and the ϕ and χ scan modes. The structures were solved with direct methods using SHELXS-97. 29 Refinements were performed against F^2 by using SHELXL-2014/6 (3.0.5C₇H₈, 5 CH_2Cl_2) and SHELXL-2014/7 (7·C₇H₈, 8).³⁰ [Th](#page-8-0)e C−H hydrogen atoms were positioned with idealized geometry and refined using a riding model. All non-hydrogen atoms were [re](#page-8-0)fined using anisotropic displacement parameters. The severely disordered electron densities of noncoordinating solvent molecules of compounds $3.1.5C_7H_8$ and $7.5C_7H_8$ C_7H_8 were modeled by the SQUEEZE routine of the program $Platon³¹$ to improve the main part of the structure. Additional crystallographic information is available in the Supporting Information. For d[ecim](#page-8-0)al rounding of numerical parameters and su values the rules of IUCr have been employed.³²

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6 Supporting Information

Crystal data and structure refinement, NBO charges, and synthesis and characterization. The Supporting Information is

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