

Synthesis, Characterization, Crystal Structures, and Reactions of Trigonal Bipyramidal Tin(IV) Complexes Containing a Tetradentate Tripodal Trithiolatophosphine Ligand. Use in the One-Step Synthesis of an Iron(IV) Complex

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Trigonal bipyramidal complexes of tin(IV) such as BuSn[P(C₆H₄-2-O)₃] and ZSn[N(CH₂CH₂X)₃] (Chart 1)^{1,2} are well-known where four of the five coordination sites are occupied by the four donor atoms of a tetradentate tripodal ligand. Most of the ligands in this category are trianions produced by the deprotonation of proligands such as alcohols, thiols, or amines. Although tin(IV) complexes are known with ligands containing a combination of three sulfurs and one nitrogen atom,^{2,3} and three oxygens and one phosphorus atom,² no examples have been reported with the soft-base combination of three sulfurs and one phosphorus atom. Trigonal bipyramidal complexes containing the ligand [P(C₆H₃-3-R-S)₃]³⁻ (R = H or Ph) have been reported for Tc,⁴ Fe,^{5,6} Ni,⁷ and Re.⁸ Here, we report the synthesis and crystal structure of three trigonal bipyramidal complexes of tin(IV): PhSn(PS₃) (**1**), PhSn(P'S₃) (**2**), and PhSn(P''S₃) (**3**), where (PS₃)³⁻ = [P(C₆H₄-2-S)₃]³⁻, (P'S₃)³⁻ = [P(C₆H₃-5-Me-2-S)₃]³⁻, and (P''S₃)³⁻ = [P(C₆H₃-3-Me₃Si-2-S)₃]³⁻. Complex **3** undergoes a metathesis reaction with FeCl₃ to form the purple iron(IV) complex [FeCl(P''S₃)]⁹ in one step.

The reaction of PhSnCl₃ in tetrahydrofuran (thf) at 0 °C with the trithium salt of the ligand, generated in situ from the thiol and *n*-BuLi (3 equiv), produced the corresponding PhSn(IV) complex:^{10–12}



The ligands PS₃H₃ and P''S₃H₃ were prepared by the method of Block et al.,¹³ and P'S₃H₃ was prepared by an adaption of this method starting with *p*-MeC₆H₄SH. The three complexes showed very different solubility properties. The trimethylsilyl-substituted product was soluble in almost all common organic solvents, whereas the unsubstituted product showed limited solubility except in thf.

Each complex displays a singlet in the ³¹P NMR spectrum. The resonance occurs at ca. -63 ppm, with tin satellites (*J*_{P-Sn} ≈ 1100 Hz) and carbon satellites (*J*_{P-C} ≈ 73 Hz) for PhSn(PS₃)

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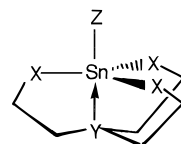
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Chart 1



X = O; Y = N; Z = Alkyl, Aryl

X = S, Y = N; Z = Me or *t*-Bu

and PhSn(P''S₃). The resonance for PhSn(P'S₃) occurs at -58 ppm. The resonances in the room temperature ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of PhSn(PS₃) and PhSn(P''S₃) are unambiguously assigned using heteronuclear multiple-quantum coherence and heteronuclear multiple-bond correlation. Low-temperature (178 K) ¹H NMR spectra show no broadening of any signals.

Crystals of PhSn(PS₃),¹⁴ PhSn(P'S₃),¹⁵ and PhSn(P''S₃)¹⁶ were obtained from cooled (0 °C) thf/hexane solutions and structures

- (10) PhSn(PS₃) (**1**): *n*-BuLi (0.48 mL, 1.2 mmol) was added to a solution containing PS₃H₃ (0.16 g, 0.46 mmol) in thf (40 mL) at 0 °C. After the solution was stirred for 35 min, a solution of PhSnCl₃ (0.14 g, 0.45 mmol) in thf (10 mL) was added. The solution was stirred for 1 h at 0 °C before solvent was removed in vacuo. CH₂Cl₂ (40 mL) was added, and the resulting suspension was extracted with water (3 × 40 mL). The yellow CH₂Cl₂ layer was separated and dried over MgSO₄. The solution was removed from MgSO₄ via syringe, and then CH₂Cl₂ was removed in vacuo. Pentane (15 mL) was added and the mixture placed in the freezer (-18 °C, 5.5 h). The cream-colored solid was collected by filtration, washed with chilled benzene, and dried in vacuo to yield 0.15 g (60%) of product. Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction studies were grown from a cooled (12 °C) thf/hexane solution (3:1 by volume) over 2 days. ¹H NMR (δ, thf/DMSO-*d*₆): 8.11 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.75 Hz, 6-*H*, C₆H₄), 7.66 (app d, 2H, *J* = 7.15 Hz, 2, 6-*H*, C₆H₅), 7.53 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.75 Hz, 4-*H*, C₆H₄), 7.46–7.39 (m, 3H, 3, 4, 5-*H*, C₆H₅), 7.32 (app t, 3H, *J* = 7.87 Hz, 3-*H*, C₆H₄), 7.13 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.51 Hz, 5-*H*, C₆H₄). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (δ, thf-*d*₈): -63.30 (s, *J*(P-¹¹⁹Sn) = 1105 Hz, *J*(P-¹¹⁷Sn) = 1056 Hz, *J*(PC) = 75.80 Hz). High-resolution EIMS (*m/z*): found 551.9 (M⁺). From calcd MS: C₂₄H₁₇PS₃¹²⁰Sn, 551.9247.
- (11) PhSn(P'S₃) (**3**): Anal. Calcd for C₃₃H₄₁PS₃Si₃Sn·2H₂O·0.33CH₂Cl₂: C, 48.10; H, 5.53. Found: C, 48.07; H, 5.51. ¹H NMR (δ, CD₂Cl₂): 7.78 (td, 3H, *J* = 7.75 Hz, *J* = 1.51 Hz, 6-*H*, C₆H₃), 7.71 (dt, 2H, *J* = 7.39 Hz, *J* = 1.25 Hz, 2, 6-*H*, C₆H₅), 7.60 (dt, 3H, *J* = 7.16 Hz, *J* = 1.25 Hz, 4-*H*, C₆H₃), 7.53–7.47 (m, 3H, 3,4,5-*H*, C₆H₅), 7.19 (td, 3H, *J* = 7.39 Hz, *J* = 1.35 Hz, 5-*H*, C₆H₃), 1.55 (br, H₂O), 0.423 (s, 27H, Me₃Si). ¹H NMR (δ, thf-*d*₈): 8.02 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.37 Hz, 6-*H*, C₆H₃), 7.70 (d, 2H, *J* = 6.94 Hz, 2, 6-*H*, C₆H₅), 7.56 (d, 3H, *J* = 7.01 Hz, 4-*H*, C₆H₃), 7.50 (t, 2H, *J* = 7.08 Hz, 3, 5-*H*, C₆H₅), 7.45 (d, 1H, *J* = 7.29 Hz, 4-*H*, C₆H₃), 7.18 (t, 3H, *J* = 7.17 Hz, 5-*H*, C₆H₃), 5.03 (s, CH₂Cl₂), 2.92 (br, H₂O), 0.399 (s, 27H, Me₃Si). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (δ, CD₂Cl₂): -63.85 (s, *J*(P-¹¹⁹Sn) = 1161 Hz, *J*(P-¹¹⁷Sn) = 1109 Hz, *J*(PC) = 69.46 Hz). Low-resolution FABMS (*m/z*): found 769.4 (M + H)⁺. From calcd MS: C₃₃H₄₁PS₃¹²⁰Sn, 768.044.
- (12) PhSn(P'S₃) (**2**): ³¹P{¹H} NMR (δ, CD₂Cl₂): -57.99 (s, *J*(P-¹¹⁹Sn) = 1127 Hz, *J*(P-¹¹⁷Sn) = 1080 Hz).
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- (14) Crystal data for PhSn(PS₃) (**1**) (C₂₄H₁₇PS₃Sn) (293 K): monoclinic, *P*2-(1)/*c*, *a* = 10.041(2) Å, *b* = 12.990(3) Å, *c* = 17.548(4) Å, α = γ = 90°, β = 96.94(3)°, *V* = 2272.1(8) Å³, *z* = 4. Final least-squares refinement on *F*² using 4296 unique reflections and 262 parameters yielded *R*₁ = 0.0386 (w*R*₂ = 0.0949) and GOF = 1.016.
- (15) Crystal data for PhSn(P'S₃) (**2**) (C₂₇H₂₃PS₃Sn) (293 K): monoclinic, *P*2-(1)/*c*, *a* = 10.641(2) Å, *b* = 15.354(3) Å, *c* = 15.384(3) Å, α = γ = 90°, β = 91.85(3)°, *V* = 2512.2(9) Å³, *z* = 4. Final least-squares refinement on *F*² using 4757 unique reflections and 290 parameters yielded *R*₁ = 0.0410 (w*R*₂ = 0.1114) and GOF = 1.071.

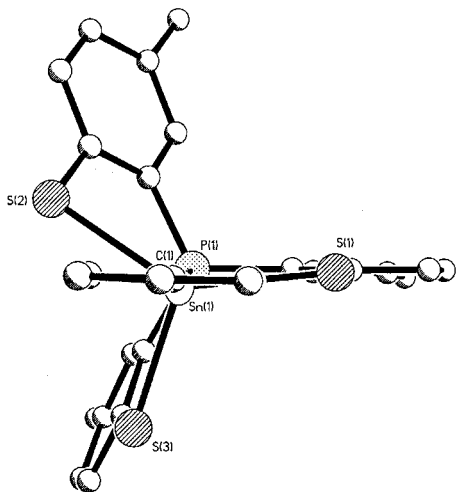


Figure 1. Structure of $\text{PhSn}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)$ (**2**) with hydrogen atoms omitted and the following selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg): $\text{Sn}-\text{C}(1) = 2.1412(38)$; $\text{Sn}-\text{P} = 2.5125(9)$; $\text{Sn}-\text{S}(1) = 2.5120(12)$; $\text{Sn}-\text{S}(2) = 2.5723(12)$; $\text{Sn}-\text{S}(3) = 2.4448(12)$; $\text{C}(1)-\text{Sn}-\text{P} = 169.32(10)$; $\text{C}(1)-\text{Sn}-\text{S}(1) = 94.70(11)$; $\text{C}(1)-\text{Sn}-\text{S}(2) = 98.27(11)$; $\text{C}(1)-\text{Sn}-\text{S}(3) = 105.61(11)$; $\text{S}(1)-\text{Sn}-\text{S}(2) = 137.96(4)$; $\text{S}(1)-\text{Sn}-\text{S}(3) = 111.85(4)$; $\text{S}(2)-\text{Sn}-\text{S}(3) = 102.80(4)$.

determined by X-ray diffraction. In all three complexes, tin is above the S_3 plane. Whereas $[\text{FeCl}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)]$ displays C_{3v} symmetry, in both **1** and **3** the plane of the three sulfur atoms has been rotated by more than 13° about the pseudo-3-fold axis of $\text{Sn}(\text{PS}_3)$, possibly to avoid a close *o*-phenyl(Sn)–hydrogen to sulfur interaction. This form of distortion contrasts with those reported in the anions $[\text{Ni}(\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{-3-Ph-2-S})_3(\text{CO}))^-]$ ⁷ and $[\text{Fe}_2(\mu\text{-S}_2)(\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{-2-S})_3)_2]^{2-}$,⁵ where two of the S–M–S angles are significantly greater than 120° and the third angle is significantly less than 120° .

The structure of $\text{PhSn}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)$ (Figure 1) shows the plane of the phenyl(Sn) group to be almost coplanar with the plane containing $\text{SnPS}(1)$ and the corresponding *m*-tolyl group. This orientation may be the result of hydrogen-bonding between $\text{S}(1)$ and the hydrogen atom on $\text{C}(2)$ of the phenyl group: $\text{S}(1)-\text{H}(2) = 2.6792(11)$ Å. Perhaps as a result of this orientation, the $\text{P}-\text{Sn}-\text{C}(1)$ vector is not linear (169°).

Both methyl¹⁷ and *n*-butyl¹⁸ derivatives were prepared by the reactions of PS_3Li_3 with MeSnCl_3 and $n\text{-BuSnCl}_3$, respectively, as described above. Although both complexes were isolated and characterized, crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction studies have not been obtained. Pale-yellow crystals were obtained during attempts to crystallize $n\text{-BuSn}(\text{PS}_3)$ from a pyridine/acetone solution. The crystal structure showed the compound to be oxidized, dimerized ligand $(\text{OPS}_3)_2$ (**4**).¹⁹ The $(\text{OPS}_3)_2$ molecule contains two ligands that are coupled through a S–S bond. Within

each original ligand the remaining two sulfurs form a S–S bond and each phosphorus has been oxidized to a phosphine oxide.

The stability of the crystallographically characterized iron(IV) complexes $[\text{FeX}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)]$ where $\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br},$ or I^9 in nonpolar solvents prompted us to attempt the preparation of these complexes by transmetalation²⁰ using $\text{PhSn}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)$. Thus, solid FeCl_3 (2 equiv) was added slowly to a yellow solution of $\text{PhSn}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)$ in CH_2Cl_2 . The solution turned purple as soon as solid FeCl_3 encountered the stirred solution of $\text{PhSn}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)$. After the addition was complete, water was added to remove salts. After the water layer was removed, the CH_2Cl_2 layer was dried over MgSO_4 , and then solvent was removed in vacuo. The purple solid was purified by crystallization from a benzene/pentane solution (1:3, v:v) at -18°C . The yield was 46%. The ^1H and ^{31}P spectra of the purple product were identical to those of an authentic sample of $[\text{FeCl}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)]$. In this reaction FeCl_3 is the source of $\{\text{FeCl}\}$ and the oxidizing agent that converts putative $[\text{Fe}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)]$ to $[\text{FeCl}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)]$:



The yield of $[\text{FeCl}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)]$ is a function of the ratio of reactants and the reaction time. Thus, the reaction of FeCl_3 (1.6 equiv) and $\text{PhSn}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)$ (1 equiv) for 1.5 h in CH_2Cl_2 resulted in equal amounts of $[\text{FeCl}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)]$ and unreacted $\text{PhSn}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)$ being detected. With 3 equiv of FeCl_3 for 1.5 h, the yield of $[\text{FeCl}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)]$ was about the same but there was no unreacted $\text{PhSn}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)$. Instead, a number of non-tin-containing phosphine compounds were formed including the oxidized, dimerized ligand $(\text{OP}'\text{S}_3)_2$. When this latter reaction was stirred for 3 h, the yield of $[\text{FeCl}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)]$ was reduced considerably. With 5.8 equiv of FeCl_3 for 1.5 h, the yield of $[\text{FeCl}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)]$ was zero. These results are not surprising because FeCl_3 was shown to slowly decompose $[\text{FeCl}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)]$ in CH_2Cl_2 . For example, when FeCl_3 (0.8 equiv) was stirred with $[\text{FeCl}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)]$ (1 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 , a small amount of unreacted $[\text{FeCl}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)]$ together with $(\text{OP}'\text{S}_3)_2$ was observed in the ^{31}P NMR spectrum. However, when this reaction was repeated with more than 1 equiv of FeCl_3 , the purple color due to $[\text{FeCl}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)]$ disappeared almost immediately and only $(\text{OP}'\text{S}_3)_2$ was observed in the ^{31}P NMR spectrum.

Further work is in progress (i) to explore the chemistry of $\text{PhSn}(\text{PS}_3)$ and (ii) to compare the crystal structures of $\text{RSn}(\text{PS}_3)$ -type complexes with those determined by calculation.

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Supporting Information Available: Fully labeled figures for compounds **1–4**, selected bond distances and bond angles for **1** and **3**, ^{13}C NMR data for **1** and **3**, and four X-ray crystallographic files that are in CIF format. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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- (16) Crystal data for $\text{PhSn}(\text{P}'\text{S}_3)$ (**3**) ($\text{C}_{33}\text{H}_{41}\text{PS}_3\text{Si}_3\text{Sn}$) (293 K): triclinic, $P\bar{1}$, $a = 10.111(2)$ Å, $b = 14.737(3)$ Å, $c = 15.342(3)$ Å, $\alpha = 112.86(3)^\circ$, $\beta = 107.21(3)^\circ$, $\gamma = 90.75(3)^\circ$, $V = 1990.8(7)$ Å³, $z = 2$. Final least-squares refinement on F^2 using 6552 unique reflections and 371 parameters yielded $R_1 = 0.0556$ ($wR_2 = 0.1418$) and $\text{GOF} = 1.127$.
- (17) For $\text{MeSn}(\text{PS}_3)$. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (δ , pyridine/ CD_2Cl_2): -44.11 (s, $J(\text{P}-^{119}\text{Sn}) = 1837$ Hz, $J(\text{P}-^{117}\text{Sn}) = 1756$ Hz, $J(\text{PC}) = 77.31$ Hz). Low-resolution FABMS (m/z): 490.9 ($\text{M} + \text{H}$)⁺. From calcd MS: $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{PS}_3^{120}\text{Sn}$, 489.910.
- (18) For $n\text{-BuSn}(\text{PS}_3)$. $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (δ , CD_2Cl_2): -57.96 (s, $J(\text{P}-^{119}\text{Sn}) = 1302$ Hz, $J(\text{P}-^{117}\text{Sn}) = 1245$ Hz, $J(\text{PC}) = 75.29$ Hz). Low-resolution FABMS (m/z): 533.1 ($\text{M} + \text{H}$)⁺. From calcd MS: $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{15}\text{PS}_3^{120}\text{Sn}$, 532.964.

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