Cyclic bis(amino)organotin cations, stabilized by π -coordination and new spirocyclic stannole derivatives

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Abstract

The 1,1-organoboration of 2,2-di-1-alkynyl-1,3-di-tertbutyl-1,3,2-diazastannacyclohexanes (1) has been studied. Treatment of 1 with triethylborane (2) gave first a zwitterionic intermediate 6 in which a diamino(organo)tin cation is stabilized by side-on π -coordination to the C=C bond of an alkynylborate moiety. The final products proved to be the spirocyclic stannoles 7. In the reaction between 1 and triisopropylborane (3) the intermediate of type 6 could not be detected, but the final product 8 has the same spirocyclic structure as 7. Multinuclear ¹H, ¹¹B, ¹³C, ¹⁵N and ¹¹⁹Sn NMR served for monitoring the reactions and characterization of intermediates and final products.

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Introduction

The well documented synthetic potential of tin compounds can be further enhanced if reactive Sn-N [1] and Sn-C= bonds [2] are combined in the same molecule as in alkynyl(amino)tin compounds. Non-cyclic compounds of this type are always in equilibrium with other redistribution products [3], whereas cyclic alkynyl-(amino)tin compounds should be kinetically more stable. Recently, we have used the readily accessible 1,3-ditertbutyl-2,2-dichloro-1,3,2-diazastannacyclohexane [4] to prepare the cyclic derivatives 1 [3] (eqn. (1)).



The reaction of 1 with triorganoboranes (2, 3) is of particular interest since 1,1-organoboration [5] of di-1-alkynyltin compounds has opened convenient routes to various useful heterocyclic systems, such as stannoles [6, 7] or 1-stanna-4-bora-2,5-cyclohexadienes [8, 9]. On the other hand, the influence of Sn-amino groups on the product distribution in organoboration reactions as well as on the stabilization of potential intermediates is unknown. Thus, in the case of **4** (in equilibrium with $Me_2Sn(C \equiv CMe)_2$ and $Me_2Sn(NEt_2)_2$), the sole alkynyl(amino)tin compound studied so far, 1,1-organoboration leads to the heterocycle **5** (eqn. (2)) [10] which turned out to be the starting material for various useful transformations [11, 12].



We have studied the reaction between compounds 1 and trialkylboranes (Et₃B (2) and 'Pr₃B (3)) between -78 and +60 °C. Multinuclear magnetic resonance (¹H, ¹¹B, ¹³C, ¹⁵N and ¹¹⁹Sn NMR) served for characterizing intermediates and products.

Results and discussion

The reaction between 1 and Et_3B (2) was monitored by ¹³C and ¹¹⁹Sn NMR. The compounds **6a**,**b** are the

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first detectable intermediates, the products of an intermolecular 1,1-ethyloboration, which are formed at temperatures more than -20 °C and slowly rearrange (>0 °C) via intramolecular 1,1-vinyloboration into the stannole derivatives 7a,b (Scheme 1). The reaction between 1a and triisopropylborane (3) is too slow even at room temperature. When the mixture is heated to 60 °C for 12 h the stannole derivative 8a, analogous to 7a, is formed quantitatively.

Although the intermediates 6 could not be isolated in pure state as yet, their proposed structure is based on consistent multinuclear NMR data (*vide infra*). Compounds 7 and 8 are obtained as yellowish, oily, air- and moisture-sensitive liquids which are left in high purity once the solvent and excess of trialkylborane have been removed. Attempts at the distillation of 7 or 8 at reduced pressure leads to decomposition.

Stabilization of organotin cations by π -coordination has been reported previously [13–15]. The present intermediates 6 are the first examples of this type of compound with tin-nitrogen bonds. The NtBu groups may exert a kinetically stabilizing effect and, in principle, the nitrogen atoms could delocalize some of the positive charge. The selective formation of the products 7a and 8a is rather surprising in the light of previous studies dealing with organoboration of di-1-propynyl- and tetra-1-propynyltin compounds: stannole derivatives were never obtained in pure state [13, 14] and with 'Pr₃B





selective formation of 1-stanna-4-bora-2,5-cyclohexadiene derivatives was observed [8, 9]. The intermediacy of organotin cations, such as 9 [15] (observed at low temperature in the reaction between Me₂Sn-(C=CMe)₂ and 2 which is analogous to 6, has been



firmly established in 1,1-organoboration reactions. Therefore, it is tempting to consider differing contributions from structures of vinyl cations **A** and **B** to the ground state of organotin cations. While hyperconjugation via the B–C [16] and in particular via the Sn–C bond [17] can stabilize both cations, structure **B** represents the most likely immediate precursor of the stannole and the 1-stanna-4-bora-2,5-cyclohexadiene system.



The new type of stannoles 7 and 8 contain numerous reactive sites which are promising for a rich chemistry. Most noteworthy are the reactivity of Sn-N bonds [1] and the diene system, the latter being an interesting group for various cycloadditions.

NMR spectra

NMR data (¹¹B, ¹³C, ¹⁵N and ¹¹⁹Sn NMR) for the intermediates 6 and the stannoles 7 and 8 are given in Tables 1 and 2, respectively. The presence of the borylated stannole ring in 7 and 8 is clearly shown by the ¹³C NMR data of the olefinic carbon atoms (see Fig. 1). The characteristic pattern consists of a broad ¹³C NMR signal (owing to partially relaxed scalar coupling ${}^{1}J({}^{13}C{}^{11}B)$ [18]) and three sharp signals, two accompanied by ^{117/119}Sn satellites according to large one-bond coupling constants $|{}^{1}J({}^{119}Sn{}^{13}C)|$ and one with a smaller coupling constant $|^{2}J(^{119}Sn^{13}C)|$. All other ^{13}C resonances, together with ¹H NMR data, support the spirocyclic structure of 7 and 8. The ¹H nuclear shielding is affected by steric crowding since the δ^{1} H values (proved by 2D ¹³C/¹H heteronuclear shift correlation) for $=C-CH_2$ ($\delta=1.85$) in 7a and in particular that for =C-CH (δ =1.40) in 8a are unusual. In compound 8a, the rotation of the B'Pr₂ group about the =C-B

$\delta^{13}C$	ба	6b ⁶	
$Sn-C=, R^1$	133.2 [984.0], 18.8 [189.6]	140.6 [955.0]	
B-C=, Et	178.0 [br], 24.5 [230.5], 13.1 [240]	177.4 [br]	
B-C≡	114.7 [br, 130]	116.4 [br]	
\equiv C $-$ R ¹ , R ¹	124.2 [82.8], 6.2 [<3]	128.5	
BEt ₂	170 [br], 136	16.9 [br], 13.6	
NtBu	56 6 [7.1], 30.5 [22.9]	56.6 [7 0], 30.5 [22.5]	
NCH ₂ CH ₂	48.2 [16.9], 35 6 [16 9]	48.7 [17.0], 35 4 [17.5]	
$\delta^{11}B$	-7.1	-70	
δ^{15} N	- 295.0 [184.6]	nm	
δ^{119} Sn	- 32.8	- 37 1	

TABLE 1 ¹³C, ¹⁵N and ¹¹⁹Sn NMR data^a of the cyclic (η^2 -alkyne)bis(amino)tin compounds 6a,b

^aIn CD_2Cl_2 at -10 °C; coupling constants $J(^{119}Sn^{13}C)$ and $^{1}J(^{119}Sn^{15}N)$ are given in square brackets; nm = not measured. ^{b13}C resonances from =C-Et, =C-Bu and $\equiv C-Bu$ were not assigned.

TABLE 2 ¹¹B, ¹³C, ¹⁵N and ¹¹⁹Sn NMR data^a of the stannole derivatives 7a, 7b and 8a

	7a	7ь	8a
=C(1) R ¹	136.3 [541.7] 16.2	144.2 [529.3] 35.3 [14.0] 31.0, 22.6, 14 3	135.5 [515.5] 19.6 [91.9]
=C(2) BR ₂	160.5 [br] 22.9 [br], 9.2	159.1 [br] 22.7 [br], 92	162.8 [br] 26.6 [br], 19.6, 19.5
=C(3) R	147.3 [186.4] 26.7 [74.1], 13.0 [10.9]	145 7 [189.2] 27.5 [76.8], 13.0 [11.0]	150.0 [177.7] 40.2 [79.7], 21.7 [9.3]
=C(4) R ¹	133.4 [621.3] 19.4 [nm]	140.8 [611.2] 35.3 [14.4] 31.0, 23.4, 14.2	135.1 [622.3] 18.9 [73.4]
N(tBu)	55.3 [5.4], 30.2 [20.7]	55.5 [8.7], 29.6 [20.5]	55 2 [7.5], 30 3 [20.7]
NCH ₂ CH ₂	50.0 [7.6], 36.5 [25.1]	48.2 [5.7], 36.3 [17.9]	48.1 [7.6], 36 5 [24.0]
$\delta^{11}B$	86.0	86.0	85.0
δ^{15} N	- 317.2 [27.7]	nm	- 316.1 [30.8]
δ^{119} Sn	- 87.1	- 93.8	-76.5

"In $[D_8]$ toluene at 25±1 °C, coupling constants "J(¹¹⁹Sn¹³C) and ¹J(¹¹⁹Sn¹⁵N) are given in square brackets; nm = not measured

bond is hindered, as indicated by the two ${}^{13}C(CH_3)$ resonances for the diastereotopic methyl groups. The 119 Sn nuclear shielding in 7 and 8 is increased by ≈ 100 ppm with respect to that in comparable stannoles containing an Me₂Sn moiety. However, this difference is in the same order of magnitude as for the respective bis(alkynyl)tin compounds (δ^{119} Sn for Me₂Sn-(C=CMe)₂: -156.0 [19] and for 1a: -265.4 [3]). Therefore, the influence of the cyclic bis(amino) ligand on δ^{119} Sn remains fairly constant. The δ^{15} N values of 7a and 8a are in the typical range for bis(dialkylamino)diorganotin compounds [20] and there is only a slight change as compared to 1a (δ^{15} N - 321.4). The magnitude of the coupling constants $|{}^{1}J({}^{119}$ Sn})| in 7a (27.7 Hz) and 8a (30.8 Hz) is much smaller than

in 1a (100.1 Hz), indicating the influence of the strongly electronegative alkynyl group upon rehybridization at the tin atom in 1a [3].

The similarity with characteristic ¹³C NMR data for organotin cations analogous to **6** strongly supports the proposed structure of **6**. There are two ¹³C resonance signals for olefinic carbon atoms, one broad for =C-B with a characteristic high frequency shift and the other one sharp accompanied by ^{117/119}Sn satellites corresponding to a large coupling constant $|^{1}J(^{119}Sn^{13}C=)|$ (984 (**6a**), 955 (**6b**) Hz). The two ¹³C resonances for the bridging alkynyl group are also broad (B-C=) and sharp (=C-R¹) but with much smaller coupling constants $|J(^{119}Sn^{13}C=)|$. The ¹³C nuclear shielding in this group, in particular that of the alkynyl carbon atom



Fig. 1. 75.5 MHz ¹³C{¹H} MR spectrum (olefinic region) of compound 8a (~15% in [D₈]-toluene (marked S) at 25 °C). The assignment is based on the broadening owing to partially relaxed scalar ¹³C-¹¹B coupling (=C(2)-B) and the magnitude of $[^{r}J(^{119}Sn^{13}C)]$ (=C(3), n=2, =C(1)-Sn and =C(4)-Sn, n=1) The ^{117/119}Sn satellite signals are marked by asterisks

linked to R^1 , is considerably reduced as compared to alkynylborates and also with respect to 9:

	6a	$\begin{bmatrix} Et_3B - C \equiv C - Me \end{bmatrix}^-$ $\begin{bmatrix} 14 \end{bmatrix}$	9 [15]
$\delta^{13}C (B-C=) \\ (=C-)$	114.7	109.9	108.2
	124.2	85.7	112 1

This deshielding of ${}^{13}C(\equiv C-)$ is typical of the corresponding carbon atom in vinyl cations [21] and therefore, it corroborates the assumption that the canonic structure **A** is important for compounds **6**. All other ${}^{13}C$ NMR signals were also assigned in agreement with the proposed structure of **6**. Noteworthy are the ${}^{13}C(\equiv CCH_3)$ and ${}^{13}C(\equiv CCH_2)$ resonances for which the expected [13–15] large coupling constants $|{}^{2}J({}^{119}Sn{}^{13}C)| = 189.6$ Hz and $|{}^{3}J({}^{119}Sn{}^{13}C)| = 230.5$ Hz were measured.

The ¹¹⁹Sn resonances of compounds 6 are at rather high field (6a: -32.8, 6b: -37.1) as compared to triorganotin cations (e.g. 9 (-70 °C) [15]: +203.0). This difference is more than twice the effect which can be attributed to the cyclic bis(amino) ligand (*vude supra*), another indication that the nature of the side-on π coordination of the tin atom in 6 is different from that in 9 and that structure A may play a more important role in the case of compounds 6.

It proved possible to measure the ¹⁵N NMR spectrum of a diluted reaction solution containing **6a**. The ¹⁵N nuclear shielding is reduced by 25 ppm relative to **7a** which is not a particularly large effect. However, magnitude and sign of coupling constants ¹ $J(^{119}Sn^{15}N)$ are known to be very sensitive to changes in the electronic structure of the tin atom [20], as demonstrated by the value of ¹ $J(^{119}Sn^{15}N)$ for **6a** (184.6 Hz). This large magnitude of $|^{1}J(^{119}Sn^{15}N)|$ can only be understood by assuming a negative sign of this coupling constant, implying little 's-character' of the Sn–N bond hybrid orbitals and high 's-character' of the Sn–C= bond hybrid orbital (rehybridization [22]), in agreement with the large coupling constant $|{}^{1}J({}^{119}\text{Sn}{}^{13}\text{C}_{(C-)})| = 984$ Hz. Similarly, coupling constants $|{}^{1}J({}^{119}\text{Sn}{}^{13}\text{C}_{(Mc)}|$ in compounds like 9 are fairly small (9 · 249.6 Hz [15] compared with Mc₄Sn: 340 Hz) in particular if compared with $|{}^{1}J({}^{119}\text{Sn}{}^{13}\text{C}_{(C-)})| > 625$ Hz (9: 660.5 Hz [15]).

Experimental

All experiments and handling of the compounds were carried out in an atmosphere of N2 observing all necessary precautions to exclude oxygen and moisture. Starting materials such as solutions of butyllithium (1.6 M) in hexane (Aldrich), tin tetrachloride (Merck) and the terminal alkynes were commercial products. Triethylborane [23], triisopropylborane [24] and 1,3-ditert-butyl-2,2-dichloro-1,3,2-diazastannacyclohexane [4] were obtained as described. Elemental analyses: Pascher, Remagen. EI-MS (70 eV), Varian MAT CH-7 with direct inlet. ¹H/¹³C NMR: Bruker AM 500 (500.13/ 125.77 MHz), Bruker AC 300 (300.13/75.5 MHz) and Jeol EX 270 (270.0/67.95 MHz). ¹¹B NMR: Bruker AC 300 (96.3 MHz) and Jeol FX 90 Q (28.7 MHz), Et₂O · BF₃ as external standard (Ξ (¹¹B) = 32.083971 MHz). ¹⁵N NMR: Bruker AC 300 (30.4 MHz), neat MeNO₂ as external standard (Ξ (¹⁵N) = 10.136767 MHz). ¹¹⁹Sn NMR: Bruker AC 300 (111.9 MHz) and Jeol FX90 Q (33.3 MHz), Me₄Sn as external standard (Ξ (¹¹⁹Sn)= 37.290665 MHz).

Organoboration of the di-1-alkynyltin compounds 1 leading to 1,3,4,6,10-pentaalkyl-2-dialkylboryl-6,10diaza-5-stannaspiro[4,5]deca-1,3-dienes (7, 8). General procedure

The trialkylboranes 2 or 3 (slight excess: 12–15 mmol) are added in one portion to a stirred solution of 10 mmol of the alkynyltin compounds 1 in 30 ml of hexane at -78 °C. This mixture is allowed to reach ambient temperature. After 24 h the formation of 7a,b is complete (¹¹B, ¹¹⁹Sn NMR). In the case of 8a, the reaction mixture was heated to reflux for 12 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* (0.1 Torr) and analysis of the oily, yellowish residues shows that 7a,b and 8a are obtained in quantitative yield. The products decompose during distillation (> 70 °C/10⁻³ Torr). For ¹¹B, ¹³C, ¹⁵N and ¹¹⁹Sn NMR data see Table 2.

7a: ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, $[D_8]$ toluene): $\delta[^nJ(^{119}Sn^1H)] = 0.83 [t, 6H, BEt]; 0.99 [t, 3H, Et]; 1.0-1.2 [m, 4H, BCH_2]; 1.06 [s, 18H, N'Bu]; 1.85 [m, 2H, =CCH_2]; 1.78 [m, 2H, -CH_2-]; 1.86 [57.6] [s, 3H, =CMe]; 2.00 [53.0] [s, 3H, =CMe]; 3.00 [43.0] [m, 4H, NCH_2]. MS: <math>m/z$ (%) = 480 M^+ (3), 465 M - Me⁺ (45), 86 (100). Anal. Calc. for $C_{23}H_{45}BN_2Sn (479.1)$: C, 57.66; H, 9.47; N, 5.84. Found[.] C, 57.45; H, 9.38; N, 5.64%. **8a**: ¹H NMR (500.13 MHz, [D₈]toluene)[.] $\delta[^{r}J(^{119}Sn^{1}H)] = 0.96$ [d, 6H, B'Pr]; 0.98 [d, 6H, B'Pr]; 1.04 [s, 9H, N'Bu]; 1.10 [d, 6H, 'Pr]; 1.35 [m, 2H, BCH]; 1.40 [sp, 1H, =CCH]; 1.74 [m, 2H, -CH₂-]; 1.90 [56.5] [s, 3H, =CMe]; 2.12 [58.7] [s, 3H, =CMe]; 2.97 [38.5] [m, 4H, NCH₂]. Anal. Calc. for $C_{26}H_{51}BN_2Sn$ (521.18): C, 59.92; H, 9.86; N, 5.37. Found: C, 59.60; H, 9.55; N. 5.25%.

Organoboration of 1a with Et_3B (NMR tube, monitored by ¹H, ¹¹B, ¹³C and ¹¹⁹Sn NMR)

A 5 mm (o.d.) NMR tube containing a solution of 100 mg of 1a (0.26 mmol) in 0.5 ml of $[D_8]$ toluene is cooled to -78 °C and 0.04 ml of Et₃B is injected. The reaction starts at -20 °C to give the intermediate 6a and is complete after 30 min at -5 °C. Attempts to isolate 6a gave mainly 7a and some other unidentified products.

6a: ¹H NMR (300.13 MHz, [D₈]toluene, -20 °C): δ[^{*T*}J(¹¹⁹Sn¹H)]=0.55 [broad, 4H, BCH₂]; 0.84, 0.86 [t, 6H, BEt]; 1.03 [t, 3H, Et]; 1.08 [s, 18H, N'Bu]; 1.65 [m, 2H, -CH₂-]; 1.71 [<3] [s, 3H, ≡CMe]; 1.88 [122.5] [s, 3H, =CMe]; 2.13 [q, 2H, =CCH₂]; 2.93 [76.0] [m, 4H, NCH₂].

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