

^{31}P and ^{119}Sn NMR Spectra of Complexes of Diphenyltin(IV)dichloride with Tri(n-octyl)phosphine Oxide

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Abstract

The ^{31}P and ^{119}Sn NMR spectra of the system diphenyltin(IV)–dichloride–tri(n-octyl)phosphine oxide, deuteriochloroform, were studied. The existence of the compound $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot \text{L}$ ($\text{L} = (\text{n-C}_8\text{H}_{17})_3\text{PO}$) and five isomers of the compound $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{L}$ was revealed.

Introduction

During the study of ^{119}Sn NMR spectra of 1:1 adducts of Ph_2SnX_2 ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}$ or Br) with Bu_3PO in dichloromethane solutions, Colton and Dakternieks [1] observed only simple signals due to a rapid intermolecular exchange at room temperature. But at temperatures below -60°C this intermolecular exchange of Bu_3PO is sufficiently slowed, and thus in both the diphenyltin(IV) dihalides it is possible to observe well resolved doublets. This splitting makes it possible to determine coupling constants 2J ($^{119}\text{Sn}^{31}\text{P}$) and to identify the composition of the complexes formed in these systems. In the mixture

of Ph_2SnCl_2 with Ph_2SnBr_2 and Bu_3PO (1:1:2) at -100°C there were found both adducts of $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnX}_2 \cdot \text{Bu}_3\text{PO}$ and also two isomers of $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnClBr} \cdot \text{Bu}_3\text{PO}$. The formation of these isomers was thought to be a result of the Berry pseudorotation of these structurally flexible organotin complexes.

During the continuation of our investigation of organotin(IV) compounds and their complexes we studied the temperature dependences of ^{31}P and ^{119}Sn NMR characteristics of a similar system, i.e. diphenyltin(IV) dichloride-tris(n-octyl)phosphine oxide (L) in a solution of dichloromethane and dideuteriodichloromethane (70:30 v/v) using the molar ratio of $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2:\text{L}$ equal to 1:1, 1:2 and 1:3, respectively. The parameters obtained for ^{31}P and ^{119}Sn NMR characteristics are given in Table I.

The behaviour of the system with the molar ratio of $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2:\text{L} = 1:1$ is analogous to those described by Colton and Dakternieks [1]. The characteristic pattern of signals in ^{31}P and ^{119}Sn NMR spectra at 300 K gives evidence of a rapid intermolecular exchange of ligands. At 190 K it is possible to observe a well resolved doublet in ^{119}Sn NMR spectra and a

TABLE I. ^{31}P and ^{119}Sn NMR Parameters of $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot \text{L}$ and $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{L}$

Compound	Temperature (K)	$\delta(^{31}\text{P})^a$ (ppm)	$\delta(^{119}\text{Sn})^b$ (ppm)	$^2J(^{119}\text{Sn}^{31}\text{P})^c$ (Hz)
L	300	48.0		
$\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot \text{L}$	300	61.6	-252^d	
	190	63.6	-279	158
$\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{L}$	300	58.0	-390^e	
	240	61.0^f		
	190	59.9 (~50%)	-477	170
		62.7 (~40%)	-472	179
		63.8 (~8%)	g	187
		66.0 (~1%)	g	g
66.8 (~1%)	g	g		

^a $\delta(^{31}\text{P})$ referred to external 85% aqueous phosphoric acid. ^b $\delta(^{119}\text{Sn})$ referred to external neat $\text{Sn}(\text{CH}_3)_4$. ^c ± 1 Hz.

^dBroad signal. ^eVery broad signal. ^f $w_{1/2} \sim 50$ Hz. ^gNot found.

signal with satellites caused by the Sn–P interaction (${}^2J({}^{119}\text{Sn}{}^{31}\text{P}) = 158 \text{ Hz}$) in ${}^{31}\text{P}$ spectra. With decreasing temperature $\delta({}^{119}\text{Sn})$ is shifted upfield, while $\delta({}^{31}\text{P})$ is shifted downfield. This is in agreement with the idea of the increasing bond interaction Sn ← OP. We assume the splitting of the signal in ${}^{119}\text{Sn}$ NMR spectra into a doublet to be sufficient evidence for the composition of the complex to be described by the formula $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot \text{L}$ and for the composition of compounds studied in ref.1 as well.

In ${}^{31}\text{P}$ NMR spectra of the system with the molar ratio $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2:\text{L} = 1:2$ at room temperature, it is also possible to observe only one signal corresponding to a rapid ligand exchange on the NMR time scale. The signal becomes broader with decreasing temperature and simultaneously the values of $\delta({}^{31}\text{P})$ are shifted downfield. At temperatures under 210 K we can observe five signals in ${}^{31}\text{P}$ NMR spectra (Table I), three of them having the appropriate satellites caused by the Sn–P interaction which makes it possible to determine the values of ${}^2J({}^{119}\text{Sn}{}^{31}\text{P})$ (Fig. 1). We assume that the occurrence of five signals in ${}^{31}\text{P}$ NMR spectra could be ascribed to the formation of the following five isomers of $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{L}$ (*vide infra*).

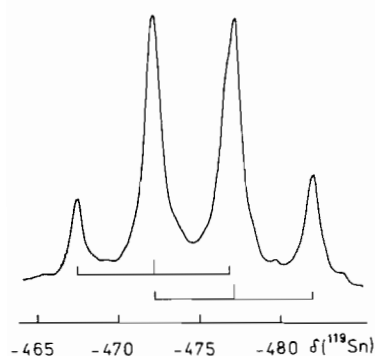
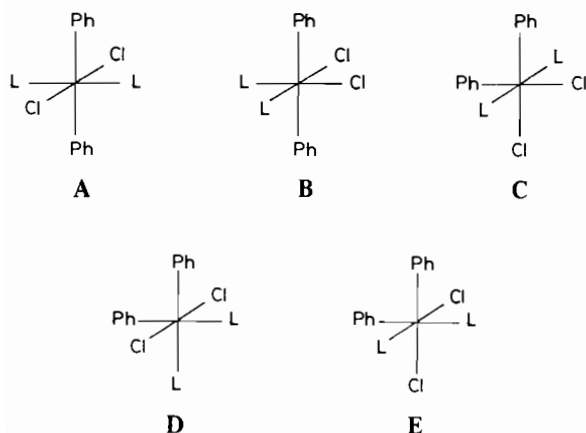


Fig. 1. ${}^{31}\text{P}$ NMR spectrum of $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{L}$ at 190 K measured at 40.32 MHz.

An unambiguous assignment of the observed signals to the above isomers is not possible in a simple way due to the limited amount of the information obtained. We assume that the most intensive signals can be ascribed to the most probable [2, 3] and most frequent [4–6] *trans*-diorganyltin(IV) isomers (isomers **A** and **B** above). Two observed triplets in ${}^{119}\text{Sn}$ NMR spectra of this system at 190 K (Fig. 2.) also correspond to these isomers. The

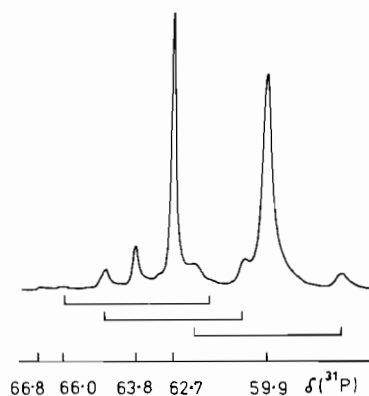


Fig. 2. ${}^{119}\text{Sn}$ NMR spectrum of $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{L}$ at 190 K measured at 37.14 MHz.

splitting of signals in ${}^{119}\text{Sn}$ NMR spectra into triplets gives evidence of the composition of the $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{L}$ adduct and the values of $\delta({}^{119}\text{Sn})$ confirm the octahedral coordination of the central tin atom in the most frequent isomers [7]. Further three expected triplets in ${}^{119}\text{Sn}$ NMR spectrum were not observed because of low abundance.

In ${}^{31}\text{P}$ NMR spectra of the system with molar ratio $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2:\text{L} = 1:3$ at 190 K similar signals as in the previous system with 1:2 molar ratio were found, having (within experimental error), the same $\delta({}^{31}\text{P})$ and relative intensities and only one additional signal at 48.1 ppm corresponding to a free ligand L (Table I). This observation is very valuable, indicating that the surplus of ligand L above the molar ratio 1:2 does not affect the composition of adducts in the solution. Simultaneously, it gives evidence for a sufficiently slow exchange of ligands on the NMR time scale at these experimental conditions. It is also evidence that the low-intensity signals in ${}^{31}\text{P}$ NMR spectra can be ascribed to the presence of a hexacoordinate central tin atom in $\text{Ph}_2\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot 2\text{L}$ adducts.

The determination of multiplicity of signals in ${}^{119}\text{Sn}$ NMR spectra affords valuable information on the composition and structure of organotin(IV) complexes with ligands containing a phosphorus atom in the neighbourhood of the donor center. On the other hand, the coupling constants ${}^2J({}^{119}\text{Sn}{}^{31}\text{P})$ can be obtained more easily and precisely from the ${}^{31}\text{P}$ NMR spectra.

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