

## Complexation Behaviour of Caesium and Tetramethylammonium Trichlorostannates(II) with 7,7,8,8-Tetracyanoquinodimethane and of Tin(IV) Chloride with $\Delta^{2,2'}$ -Bis(5-methyl-1,3-benzodithiolidene) and $\Delta^{2,2'}$ -Bis(1,3-diphenylimidazolidene)

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The reaction of caesium trichlorostannate(II) with 7,7,8,8-tetracyanoquinodimethane affords two products, the 1:1 adduct,  $\text{CsSnCl}_3 \cdot \text{TCNQ}$ , and the complex  $\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot (\text{TCNQ})_2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \text{thf}$ , whilst with tetramethylammonium trichlorostannate, three complexes,  $\text{Me}_4\text{NSnCl}_3 \cdot \text{TCNQ}$ ,  $\text{Me}_4\text{NSn}(\text{TCNQ})_3$ , and  $(\text{Me}_4\text{NSnCl}_3) \cdot \text{TCNQ}$ , have been isolated. Tin(IV) chloride reacts with  $\Delta^{2,2'}$ -bis(5-methyl-1,3-benzodithiolidene) and  $\Delta^{2,2'}$ -bis(1,3-diphenylimidazolidene) to afford complexes of composition,  $(\text{SnCl}_4)_3 \cdot (\text{TTF})_2 \cdot (\text{C}_6\text{H}_6)_{3/2}$  and  $\text{SnCl}_4 \cdot (\text{TNF}^{\text{Ph}})_{1/2}$ , respectively. The structures of the complexes are discussed on the basis of infrared and tin-119 Mössbauer data.

### Introduction

The chemistry and magnetic properties of strong  $\pi$ -acids such as 7,7,8,8-tetracyanoquinodimethane, (TCNQ), tetracyanomethylene, (TCNE), and 2,3,5,6-tetrachlorobenzene, (TCBQ), and  $\pi$ -bases such as tetraamino, tetrathia- and tetraselena-fulvalenes, have been extensively studied [1–4]. Tetracyanoquinodimethane, tetracyanoethylene and tetrachlorobenzene form metal salts with alkali metals, as well as lead and tin. However, whereas TCBQ and TCNQ only form the mono-radical anion [5], TCNE can form both the mono- and diradical anions [6]. The interaction of TCNQ with hexamethyldiloleal affords  $\text{Pb}(\text{TCNQ})$  [7]. We have previously reported the syntheses of several tin(II) and tin(IV) derivatives of TCNE, TCBQ and TCNQ [8, 9] including  $(\text{MeC}_5\text{H}_4)_4\text{Sn}(\text{TCNQ})_2$ ,  $\text{SnX}_2(\text{TCNE})\text{thf}$  ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$ ) [8],  $\text{R}_3\text{Sn}(\text{TCNE})$  ( $\text{R} = \text{Me}, \text{Bu}$ ),  $\text{R}_3\text{Sn}(\text{TCNQ})$  ( $\text{R} = \text{Me}, \text{Bu}$ ), and  $\text{R}_6\text{Sn}(\text{TCNQ})$  ( $\text{R} = \text{Ph}$ ) [9]. The  $\text{R}_3\text{SnTCNE}$

and  $\text{R}_3\text{SnTCNQ}$  complexes are organotin substituted TCNE or TCNQ radical species, whilst  $\text{Ph}_6\text{Sn}_2\text{TCNQ}$  appears to be a ( $\sigma$ - $\pi$ ) charge transfer complex analogous to the polysilane and digermane complexes of TCNE and TCNQ [10].

The  $\pi$ -bases, tetraamino-, tetrathia- and tetraselenafulvalenes are powerful nucleophiles and reducing agents. Cleavage of the central double bond usually occurs in the reaction of tetrakis-(aryl or alkyl amino)ethylenes to afford reaction products which are derived from half the molecule [12, 13].

In this paper we report further studies of the complexation behaviour of TCNQ with bivalent tin compounds, and of the reactions of tin(IV) chloride with  $\Delta^{2,2'}$ -bis(5-methyl-1,3-benzodithiolidene)(TTF) and  $\Delta^{2,2'}$ -bis(1,3-diphenylimidazolidene)( $\text{TNF}^{\text{Ph}}$ ).

### Experimental

$\Delta^{2,2'}$ -Bis(5-methyl-1,3-benzodithiolidene), TTF and  $\Delta^{2,2'}$ -bis(1,3-diphenylimidazolidene),  $\text{TNF}^{\text{Ph}}$  were prepared by standard methods [14, 15]. Physical and analytical data for the complexes are presented in Tables I and II.

#### The Reaction of $\text{CsSnCl}_3$ with TCNQ

To a suspension of white  $\text{CsSnCl}_3$  (1.43 g, 4 mmol) in dry thf (20 ml) was added a bottle green solution of TCNQ (0.82 g, 4 mmol) also in dry thf (10 ml) with stirring at room temperature. After two days, the white solid had dissolved and an intense blue precipitate was produced, which was filtered off, washed with ether and dried *in vacuo* giving the deep blue  $\text{CsSnCl}_3 \cdot \text{TCNQ}$  adduct (yield = 0.78 g). On further concentration of the dark green filtrate, a deep yellow product which analysed as  $\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot (\text{TCNQ})_2$  was obtained (yield 0.86 g).

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TABLE I. Physical and Analytical Data for the Complexes.

Complex	Colour	D.P. <sup>a</sup> (°C)	Microanalytical data (calc. values in parentheses)				
			C	H	N	Hal.	S
CsSnCl <sub>3</sub> ·TCNQ	Blue	Ca.286	18.71 (17.99)	0.86 (0.52)	6.65 (6.99)	22.69 (23.13)	
SnCl <sub>2</sub> (TCNQ) <sub>2</sub> ·thf <sub>1/2</sub>	Yellow	Ca.190	51.65 (52.34)	2.57 (1.69)	18.66 (18.78)	4.96 (5.94)	
Me <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> SnCl <sub>3</sub> ·TCNQ	Slate	Ca. 68	35.37 (35.32)	4.00 (3.31)	12.27 (12.71)	24.02 (23.00)	
Me <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Sn(TCNQ) <sub>3</sub>	Green	Ca. 280	60.48 (59.65)	3.24 (3.00)	22.77 (22.60)		
(Me <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> SnCl <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> TCNQ	Brown	Ca. 298	24.73 (24.71)	3.47 (3.58)	7.43 (6.63)	14.07 (14.59)	
(SnCl <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (TTF) <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>3/2</sub>	Blue	>310	31.21 (31.47)	2.31 (2.20)		26.90 (27.24)	23.18 (24.63)
(SnCl <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> TNF <sup>Ph</sup> ·(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )	Yellow	Ca. 230	38.00 (37.34)	2.68 (2.92)	5.87 (5.81)	29.10 (29.46)	

<sup>a</sup>Decomposition point.TABLE II. Spectroscopic Data for Tin(II) and Tin(IV) Complexes of  $\pi$ -Acids and  $\pi$ -Bases.

Complex	$\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Tin 119m Mössbauer Data (mm s <sup>-1</sup> )						Ref.
		I.S.	Q.S.	$\Gamma_1$	$\Gamma_2$	$\Gamma_3$	$\Gamma_4$	
CsSnCl <sub>3</sub> ·TCNQ	2185vs 2200m-s	0.536	0.0	1.026				
SnCl <sub>2</sub> (TCNQ) <sub>2</sub> thf <sub>1/2</sub>	2210mw 2250wbr	0.207	0.0	1.286				
Me <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> SnCl <sub>3</sub> ·TCNQ	2150vvs 2170vvs 2210m	0.501	0.0	1.067				
Me <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Sn(TCNQ) <sub>3</sub>	2140mw 2150mw 2170mw 2180mw 2255mw 2260mw	0.357	0.0	1.105				
(Me <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> SnCl <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ·TCNQ	2150ms 2170ms 2180ms 2210w 2250w	0.212	0.0	1.697				
SnCl <sub>2</sub> (TCNE)·thf	2220mbr	0.60	0.0	0.61				8
SnBr <sub>2</sub> (TCNE)·thf	2210mbr	0.45						8
Sn(TCNE) <sub>2</sub> ·thf	2220mbr	0.42	1.09	1.06	1.33	0.49	0.35	8
(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Sn(TCNQ)·xH <sub>2</sub> O	2200vvs 2184vvs	1.429	4.025	1.205	1.217			9
(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Sn(TCNQ) (blue form)	2200vvs 2184vvs	1.407	4.113	2.531	2.113			9
(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Sn(TCNQ) (brown form)	2226ms 2210vvs 2184s	1.457	4.077	0.835	1.004			9

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TABLE II. (continued)

Complex	$\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	Tin 119m Mössbauer Data ( $\text{mm s}^{-1}$ )					Ref.
		I.S.	Q.S.	$\Gamma_1$	$\Gamma_2$	$\Gamma_3$	
(n-C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Sn(TCNQ)	2200vvs	1.541	3.925	0.816	0.906		9
(n-C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> Sn(TCNQ)	2263vw	1.581	4.047	0.795	0.791		9
	2193vvs						
(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> Sn(TCNQ) <sub>2</sub>	2127mw	1.181	3.044	1.151	1.184		9
CsSnCl <sub>3</sub>		3.642	1.226	1.214	1.169		
Me <sub>4</sub> NSnCl <sub>3</sub>		3.765	1.256	0.905	0.845		
(SnCl <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·(TTF) <sub>2</sub> ·(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>3/2</sub>		0.505	0.0	1.268			
		4.042	0.0	1.803			
(SnCl <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·(TNF <sup>Ph</sup> )·(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )		0.398	0.0	1.088			

### The Reaction of Me<sub>4</sub>NSnCl<sub>3</sub> with TCNQ

To a suspension of Me<sub>4</sub>NSnCl<sub>3</sub> (0.90 g, 3 mmol) in thf (20 ml) was added a solution of TCNQ (0.61 g, 3 mmol) also in thf (10 ml), with stirring, at room temperature. After 4 days, the solution was filtered off to obtain a slate coloured precipitate of Me<sub>4</sub>NSnCl<sub>3</sub>(TCNQ) (yield 0.29 g) which was washed with ether and dried *in vacuo*. On concentration of the mother liquor, a green precipitate, Me<sub>4</sub>NSn(TCNQ)<sub>3</sub>, was obtained (yield 0.42 g). This precipitate was washed with ether and dried *in vacuo*. On further concentration of the mother liquor a third crop of product, [Me<sub>4</sub>NSnCl<sub>3</sub>]<sub>4</sub>·[TCNQ], which is brown in colour, was obtained. This precipitate was also washed with ether and dried *in vacuo* for several hours (yield 0.21 g).

### The Reaction of SnCl<sub>4</sub> with TNF<sup>Ph</sup>

To a solution of  $\Delta^{2,2'}$ -bis(1,3-diphenylimidazolidene) (0.22 g, 0.5 mmol) in benzene (60 ml), under argon, was added anhydrous tin(IV) chloride (0.14 g, 0.5 mmol). The solution was stirred for six hours after which the product, SnCl<sub>4</sub>·(TNF<sup>Ph</sup>)·(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>)<sub>1/2</sub>, precipitated out and was isolated as before (yield 0.21 g).

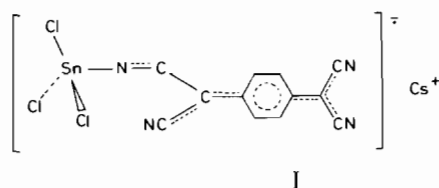
### The Reaction of SnCl<sub>4</sub> with TTF

To a solution of  $\Delta^{2,2'}$ -bis(5-methyl-1,3-benzodithiolidene) (0.16 g, 0.5 mmol) in benzene (40 ml) was added anhydrous tin(IV) chloride (0.13 g, 0.5 mmol) with stirring, under argon, at room temperature. The solution was stirred for one hour after which the deep blue precipitate of (SnCl<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·(TTF)<sub>2</sub>Bz<sub>3/2</sub> was separated as before.

## Results and Discussion

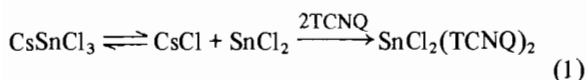
The reaction of a suspension of CsSnCl<sub>3</sub> with TCNQ in thf gives rise to more than one complex

containing both tin and TCNQ. The initial product obtained is the deep blue 1:1 adduct. The infrared spectrum of this complex exhibits two bands at 2185 and 2200  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  due to  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$  vibrations (*cf.* LiTCNQ(TCNQ) which exhibits two bands at 2190 and 2210  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). The tin-119 Mössbauer spectrum is unlike that of CsSnCl<sub>3</sub>, which comprises a doublet in the tin(II) region (I.S. = 3.64  $\text{mm s}^{-1}$ , Q.S. = 1.22  $\text{mm s}^{-1}$ ), and consists of a single resonance in the tin(IV) region at 0.54  $\text{mm s}^{-1}$ . The absence of a resolvable quadrupole splitting ( $\Gamma = 1.03 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$ ) indicates cubic electronic symmetry, and it is likely that this material consists of Cs<sup>+</sup> cations and [Cl<sub>3</sub>SnNCC(CN)C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>C(CN)<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> radical anions in which tin has tetrahedral coordination as in I,

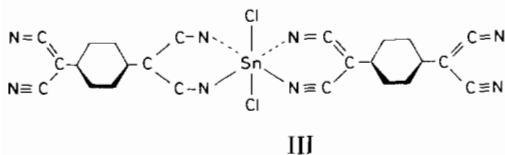
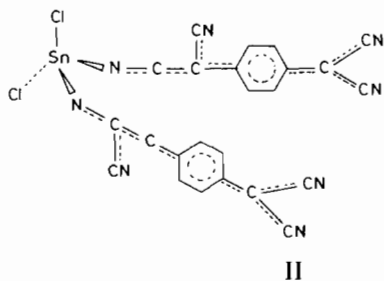


and similar to the structure proposed for the tin(II) halide-tetracyanoethylene complexes, SnX<sub>2</sub>·TCNE·THF (X = Cl, Br) [8]. The blue colour of the complex is indicative of electron pairing between TCNQ residues of adjacent molecules as in Me<sub>3</sub>SnTCNQ·H<sub>2</sub>O [9]. The electronic spectrum of CsSnCl<sub>3</sub>·TCNQ in acetonitrile, like the Me<sub>3</sub>SnTCNQ analogue [9], exhibits the general characteristics of the TCNQ radical anion.

The second product obtained from the reaction of CsSnCl<sub>3</sub> and TCNQ in thf is a deep yellow solid of composition SnCl<sub>2</sub>(TCNQ)<sub>2</sub>·½thf. This is probably derived from the dissociation product of CsSnCl<sub>3</sub> in thf (equation 1).



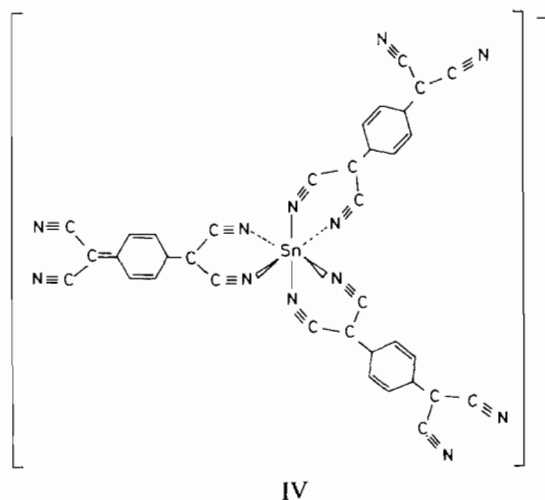
The infrared spectrum again exhibits two  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$  vibrations, one sharp band at  $2210\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and a broad band which is centred at  $2250\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The Mössbauer spectrum is similar to that of the  $\text{CsSnCl}_3 \cdot \text{TCNQ}$  complex in that it consists of only one sharp signal with no splitting. However, the isomer shift is, as expected, now lower than that of the  $\text{CsSnCl}_3 \cdot \text{TCNQ}$  complex (Table II) due to a greater electron drift away from tin to the cyano groups of the TNCQ molecules. The electronic spectrum of  $\text{SnCl}_2(\text{TCNQ})_2$  is qualitatively similar to that of  $\text{CsSnCl}_3 \cdot \text{TCNQ}$  in the  $10,000\text{--}15,000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  region, but differs markedly at higher wave-numbers (Table II) due to the presence of an extra shoulder at *ca.*  $24,500\text{ cm}^{-1}$  to give an almost symmetrical spectrum in this region. All the above spectroscopic data are indicative of an almost perfect cubic geometry around the tin atom. The tin atom may be tetrahedrally coordinated by two chlorine atoms and



two unidentate TCNQ ligands as in II, or octahedrally by bidentate chelating (or bridging) TCNQ ligands as in III.

The 1:1 adduct of  $\text{Me}_4\text{NSnCl}_3 \cdot \text{TCNQ}$ , is a slate-coloured complex and is the first product to crystallise out on mixing the two solutions of  $\text{Me}_4\text{NSnCl}_3$  and TCNQ in thf. The  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$  band in the infrared now comprises two sharp, strong bands of doublet at  $2150$  and  $2170\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and a singlet at  $2210\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , similar to the  $\text{CsSnCl}_3 \cdot \text{TCNQ}$  complex. The electronic spectrum and the Mössbauer parameters (I.S. =  $0.50\text{ mm s}^{-1}$ , Q.S. =  $0\text{ mm s}^{-1}$ ) also show a marked similarity to those of  $\text{CsSnCl}_3 \cdot \text{TCNQ}$ , indicating the presence of the  $\text{SnCl}_3 \cdot \text{TCNQ}^-$  radical anion. The structure of the  $\text{Me}_4\text{NSnCl}_3 \cdot \text{TCNQ}$  adduct, therefore, is completely analogous to the  $\text{CsSnCl}_3 \cdot \text{TCNQ}$  adduct, comprising  $[\text{Me}_4\text{N}^+]$  cations and  $[\text{Cl}_3\text{Sn} \cdot \text{TCNQ}^-]$  radical anions.

Concentration of the mother liquor obtained from the reaction of  $\text{Me}_4\text{NSnCl}_3$  with TCNQ, gave a second green product, of composition  $\text{Me}_4\text{NSn}(\text{TCNQ})_3$ . The  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$  region comprises three doublets at  $2140$  and  $2150\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2170$  and  $2180\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and  $2250$  and  $2260\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively. Again the Mössbauer data (I.S. =  $0.36\text{ mm s}^{-1}$ , Q.S. =  $0\text{ mm s}^{-1}$ ) are indicative of tetravalent tin in a cubic electronic environment, and the electronic spectrum is analogous to that of the  $\text{SnCl}_2 \cdot (\text{TCNQ})_2 \cdot \text{thf}$  complex in which the tin enjoys octahedral coordination by bidentate chelating TCNQ radical anions, suggesting the symmetrical structure IV for the  $[\text{Sn}(\text{TCNQ})_3]^-$  complex anion.

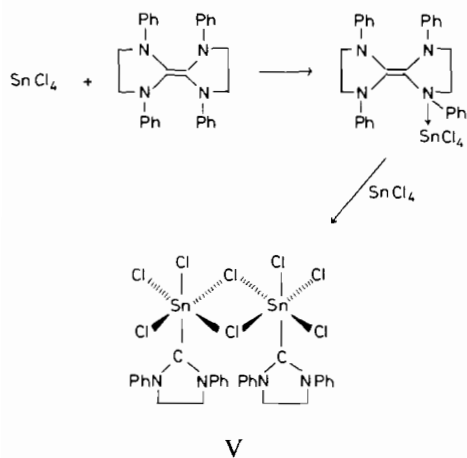


When the mother liquor obtained from the reaction of  $\text{Me}_4\text{NSnCl}_3$  with TCNQ was further concentrated, a brown product,  $[\text{Me}_4\text{NSnCl}_3]_4 \cdot \text{TCNQ}$  was obtained. The infrared bands associated with  $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$  are now at  $2150$ ,  $2170$ ,  $2180$ ,  $2210$  and  $2250\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , indicative of stronger  $\text{Sn}-\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$  interaction.

The I.S. ( $0.21\text{ mm s}^{-1}$ ) and Q.S. ( $0.00\text{ mm s}^{-1}$ ) values of this complex are identical to those of  $\text{SnCl}_2(\text{TCNQ})_2 \cdot \text{thf}$  (I.S. =  $0.21\text{ mm s}^{-1}$ , Q.S. =  $0.00\text{ mm s}^{-1}$ ), although the half-height line width is much broader ( $\Gamma = 1.7\text{ mm s}^{-1}$ ) probably due to the presence of an unresolved doublet. The spectrum exhibited no resonance due to tin(II). The tin atom is probably, therefore, essentially octahedrally coordinated with the electrons arising from the tin lone pair delocalised into a band structure.

The addition of an equimolar amount of  $\text{SnCl}_4$  under argon to a solution of  $\text{TNF}^{\text{Ph}}$  in benzene, resulted in the formation of greenish-yellow precipitate of composition  $(\text{SnCl}_4)_2 \text{TNF}^{\text{Ph}}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_6)$ . The region of interest in the infrared is between  $1620$  and  $1500\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which contains  $\nu(\text{CN})_2$  vibrations. In the  $(\text{SnCl}_4)_2(\text{TNF}^{\text{Ph}})\text{Bz}$  complex,  $\nu(\text{CN})_2$  bands occur

at 1665, 1595, 1585 and 1570  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , indicating that this is a carbene-metal type of complex analogous to the  $[\text{RuCl}(\text{L}^{\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Me}^{-4}})(\text{PET}_3)_2]$ ,  $\text{cis-}[\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_4(\text{L}^{\text{Et}})_2]$ , ( $\text{L} = \text{TNF}^{\text{Et}}$ ), and  $[\text{Rh}\{\text{CH}(\text{NMe}_2)\text{Cl}_2\text{-H}(\text{PMe}_2\text{Ph})_2\}]$  complexes in which  $\nu(\text{CN})_2$  is 1519, 1482 and 1602  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  respectively [12, 13]. These bands are absent in olefin- $\text{NN}''$ -metal complexes such as  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4(\text{L}_2^{\text{Me-NN''}})]$  [13] due to lower  $\text{N} \rightarrow \text{cp}^{\pi} - \text{p}^{\pi}$  interaction. The reaction mechanism for the formation of  $(\text{SnCl}_4)_2\text{TNF}^{\text{Ph}}$  is probably analogous to that proposed for  $\text{cis-}[\text{Cr}(\text{CO})_4(\text{L}^{\text{Et}})_2]$  (Scheme 1), with initial coordination of  $\text{TNF}^{\text{Ph}}$  to tin *via* nitrogen, followed by cleavage of the carbon-carbon double bond:



Scheme 1.

The Mössbauer spectrum of the product comprises a single resonance (I.S. = 0.40  $\text{mm s}^{-1}$ ) indicative of a cubic electronic environment for tin, most probably arising from chlorine-bridging as in (V).

Interaction of tin(IV) chloride with TTF in dry benzene affords a navy blue, high-melting adduct of composition  $(\text{SnCl}_4)_3(\text{TTF})_2 \cdot (\text{C}_6\text{H}_6)_{3/2}$ . In the

infrared, the band at 1565  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  may be ascribed to the  $\nu(\text{CS}_2)$  vibration. The Mössbauer spectrum comprises two resonances at 0.50  $\text{mm s}^{-1}$  and 4.04  $\text{mm s}^{-1}$  with relative intensities of 3:1 indicating the presence of both tin(IV) and tin(II) sites in the solid. Although both single lines, the large half-height widths ( $\Gamma_{\text{Sn(IV)}} = 1.23 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$ ,  $\Gamma_{\text{Sn(II)}} = 1.80 \text{ mm s}^{-1}$ ) indicate some distortion from ideal cubic symmetry at both tin sites. The exact structural nature of this material is therefore very complex; it must, however, contain similar features to that of the  $\text{SnCl}_4\text{-TNF}^{\text{Ph}}$  complex, *i.e.* C-bonded 2,3-dithia-cyclopentane ligands, chlorine-bridging, and six-coordinated tin.

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