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Preparation, IR, ^{13}C and $^{119\text{m}}\text{Sn}$ Mössbauer spectral studies of organotin(IV) derivatives of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid

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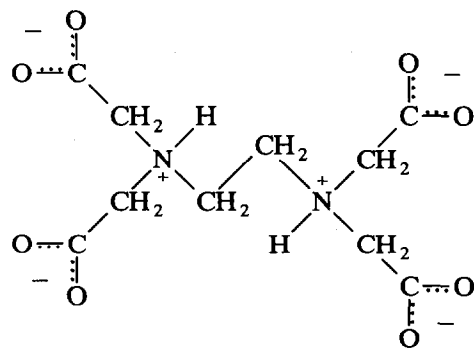
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Abstract

New diorganotin(IV) and triorganotin(IV) derivatives $(\text{R}_2\text{Sn})_n\text{EDTA}$ ($\text{R} = \text{Me, Et, }^n\text{Pr, }^n\text{Bu, }^n\text{Oct; } n = 1, 2$); $(\text{R}_2\text{Sn})_3(\text{EDTAH})_2$ ($\text{R} = ^n\text{Bu, }^n\text{Oct}$); and $(\text{R}_3\text{Sn})_3\text{EDTAH}$ ($\text{R} = \text{ME, }^n\text{Bu, Ph, Cyh}$) have been prepared by reacting diorganotin dichloride and triorganotin trichloride with di-, tri- and tetra-silver salts of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTAH_4) in 1:1, 2:1, 3:2 and 3:1 (metal/ligand) molar ratio, respectively. The 3:2 diorganotin(IV) compounds possess an octahedral geometry around the Sn atom whereas the diorganotin (1:1, 2:1) and triorganotin (3:1) have five coordinate trigonal bipyramidal geometry around the Sn atom. One of the organotin moieties in $(\text{R}_2\text{Sn})_3(\text{EDTAH})_2$ acts as a bridge between two EDTA molecules, resulting in a novel type of complex.

Introduction

Disodiummethylenediaminetetraacetic acid ($\text{EDTAH}_2\text{Na}_2$) is one of the most versatile analytical and chelating reagents [1,2]. Only a few diorganotin [3] and triorganotin [4] compounds with EDTA have been reported. In continuation of our earlier work with triorganotin(IV) derivatives of EDTA [5], we report here on some new diorganotin(IV) and triorganotin(IV) complexes with EDTA prepared in different stoichiometries and with interesting bonding sites available to tin(IV).

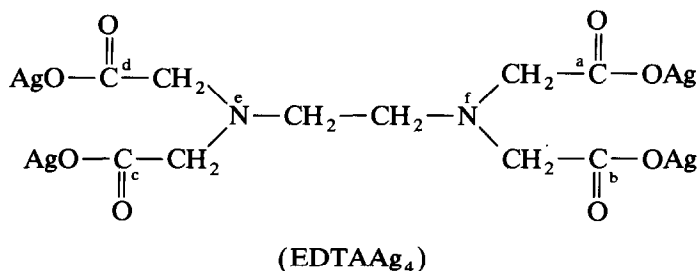
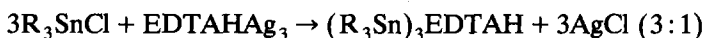
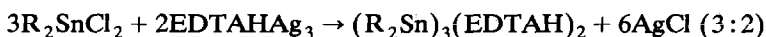
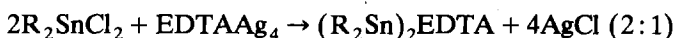
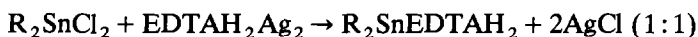


$\text{EDTAH}_2\text{Na}_2$

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Results and discussion

Diorganotin(IV) and triorganotin(IV) chlorides react with di-, tri- and tetra-silver salts of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid in 1:1, 2:1, 3:2 (diorganotin) and 3:1 (triorganotin) molar ratios, respectively.



and characterized by elemental analysis, IR, ¹H NMR, ¹³C NMR and Mössbauer spectroscopy. Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid has six binding sites, four carboxylates (a, b, c, d) and two nitrogens (e, f) available for bonding to tin(IV). All the complexes are white, insoluble in common organic solvents such as chloroform, benzene, methanol, carbontetrachloride and are soluble in ethanol. Physical and analytical data are given in Table 1.

Infrared data

Infrared spectra of the silver, sodium salts and complexes of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid were recorded in KBr discs in the range 4000–200 cm⁻¹. The stretching frequencies of interest are $\nu(N-H)$, $\nu(COO)$, $\nu(Sn-C)$, $\nu(Sn-O)$ (Table 2). In complexes 1–4 the $\nu(N-H)$ shifts to a higher value compared to the sodium salt of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTAH₂Na₂), which reveals the non-participation of nitrogen atoms in coordination to tin(IV) [5]. In complexes 10–15 the lowering of $\nu(N-H)$ compared to EDTAHNa₃ is due to intramolecular hydrogen bonding NH...O=C-; the coordination of nitrogen to tin is ruled out because nitrogen atoms bind to metal only when nitrogen is deprotonated on complex formation. Absence of a $\nu(N-H)$ band in complexes 5–9 shows complete deprotonation of all the carboxylate groups. In 1:1 complexes 1–4, a medium-intensity band in the region 1745–1730 cm⁻¹ is due to one of the free C=O of the carboxylate group bonded to tin(IV). The second tin(IV)-bonded carboxylate C=O, which is intermolecularly bonded to tin(IV), C=O → Sn, falls in the range 1670–1645, which is also the region of the hydrogen-bonded two free carboxylates ...H-O-C=O...H-O... present in these complexes. Similarly, in the 1:2 complexes 5–9 free C=O of carboxylate bonded to tin(IV) appears in the range 1740–1730 cm⁻¹, whereas the intermolecularly bonded carboxylate C=O, (C=O → Sn) absorbs in the region 1650–1630 cm⁻¹. In the remaining 3:2 and 3:1

Table 1
Physical and analytical data of diorganotin and triorganotin(IV) complexes of EDTA

Compound ^a	Yield (%)	m.p. (°C)	Analysis (%) found (calc.)			
			C	H	N	Sn
1 (C ₂ H ₅) ₂ Sn EDTAH ₂	88	103-104	35.89 (36.00)	4.87 (5.15)	4.82 (6.00)	27.02 (25.40)
2 (n-C ₃ H ₇) ₂ Sn EDTAH ₂	87	113-115	37.89 (38.80)	5.93 (5.65)	4.59 (5.65)	23.03 (23.99)
3 (n-C ₄ H ₉) ₂ Sn EDTAH ₂	92	117-120	41.17 (41.32)	6.54 (6.12)	4.11 (5.35)	25.07 (22.70)
4 (n-C ₈ H ₁₇) ₂ Sn EDTAH ₂	89	103-105	48.94 (47.08)	7.12 (7.56)	4.12 (4.41)	19.43 (18.62)
5 [(CH ₃) ₂ Sn] ₂ EDTA	69	143-145	27.90 (28.60)	4.10 (4.09)	4.39 (4.49)	41.27 (40.55)
6 [(C ₂ H ₅) ₂ Sn] ₂ EDTA	87	120-121	34.3 (33.15)	5.10 (4.91)	4.05 (4.29)	35.98 (36.44)
7 [(n-C ₃ H ₇) ₂ Sn] ₂ EDTA	75	116-118	37.80 (37.80)	6.00 (5.79)	3.81 (4.01)	37.98 (34.03)
8 [(n-C ₄ H ₉) ₂ Sn] ₂ EDTA	92	98-100	40.64 (41.40)	6.59 (6.39)	2.78 (3.71)	32.48 (31.51)
9 [(n-C ₈ H ₁₇) ₂ Sn] ₂ EDTA	65	137-139	50.60 (51.04)	7.28 (8.17)	1.99 (2.86)	23.89 (24.28)
10 [(n-C ₄ H ₉) ₂ Sn] ₃ [EDTAH] ₂	73	147-150	40.60 (40.50)	6.61 (5.63)	3.73 (4.50)	27.92 (28.66)
11 [(n-C ₈ H ₁₇) ₂ Sn] ₃ [EDTAH] ₂	76	134-137	50.06 (50.60)	8.75 (7.93)	2.47 (3.47)	22.90 (22.08)
12 [(CH ₃) ₃ Sn] ₃ EDTAH	71	195-196	28.30 (29.20)	4.92 (5.12)	2.11 (3.58)	49.76 (50.36)
13 [(n-C ₄ H ₉) ₃ Sn] ₃ EDTAH	67	1	-	-	-	31.23 (30.74)
14 [(C ₆ H ₅) ₃ Sn] ₃ EDTAH	75	173-175	56.24 (57.30)	4.05 (4.30)	1.86 (2.00)	28.02 (26.60)
15 [(C ₆ H ₁₁) ₃ Sn] ₃ EDTAH	73	145-117	54.80 (55.16)	7.87 (8.04)	1.43 (2.01)	24.82 (25.58)

^a All complexes are white.

Table 2
Infrared spectral data (4000–200 cm^{-1}) of diorgano and triorgano tin(IV) complexes of EDTA.

Compound	$\nu(\text{N-H})$	$\nu(\text{COO})_{\text{asym}}$	$\nu(\text{COO})_{\text{sym}}$	$\Delta\nu$	$\nu(\text{Sn-C})$	$\nu(\text{Sn-O})$
EDTANa ₄	—	1605s 1660sh	1400s 1370m	205	—	—
EDTAAg ₄	—	1580bs	1400s	180	—	—
EDTAHNa ₃	3395m	1630s 1680sh	1390s 1320s	240 360	—	—
EDTAHAg ₃	3420m	1580s	1410s	170	—	—
EDTAH ₂ Na ₂	3260m	1610s 1680s	1410s 1300s	200 380	—	—
EDTAH ₂ Ag ₂	3400m	1620s 1660s	1400s 1350s	220 310	—	—
(C ₂ H ₅) ₂ SnEDTAH ₂	3440m	1660sb 1730m	1400s 1300s	260 430	610m 540m	360m
(n-C ₃ H ₇) ₂ SnEDTAH ₂	3420m	1645sb 1730m	1380s 1300s	265 430	590m	440w
(n-C ₄ H ₉) ₂ SnEDTAH ₂	3440m	1660sb 1740m	1385s 1300s	275 440	605m 550w	490w
(n-C ₈ H ₁₇) ₂ SnEDTAH ₂	3440m	1670sb 1745m	1385s 1300s	285 445	610m 540m	480w

5	$[(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{Sn}]_2\text{EDTA}$	-	1630sb 1730m	1380s 1300s	250 430	600m 540m	400w
6	$[(\text{C}_2\text{H}_3)_2\text{Sn}]_2\text{EDTA}$	-	1650s 1740m	1380s 1310s	270 430	605m 530m	400w
7	$[(n\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7)_2\text{Sn}]_2\text{EDTA}$	-	1630s 1730m	1370s 1300s	260 430	600m 540m	490w
8	$[(n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2\text{Sn}]_2\text{EDTA}$	-	1640s 1730m	1370s 1300s	270 430	620m 540m	400m
9	$[(n\text{-C}_8\text{H}_{17})_2\text{Sn}]_2\text{EDTA}$	-	1620s 1730m	1370s 1300s	250 430	595m 545m	480m
10	$[(n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2\text{Sn}]_3[\text{EDTAH}]_2$	3340m	1640sb 1680s	1400s 1280s	240 400	540w 600w	490w
11	$[(n\text{-C}_8\text{H}_{17})_2\text{Sn}]_3[\text{EDTAH}]_2$	3350m	1640sb 1685m	1410s 1310s	230 375	540w 550s	480w
12	$[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{Sn}]_3\text{EDTAH}$	3340m	1600sb 1660s	1390s 1250s	210 410	550s	475m
13	$[(n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9)_3\text{Sn}]_3\text{EDTAH}$	3345m	1600sb 1670m	1380s 1200s	220 470	530w 555m	455w
14	$[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3\text{Sn}]_3\text{EDTAH}$	3340m	1630sb 1660s	1430m 1260s	200 400	370w 330w	230w 260w
15	$[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11})_3\text{Sn}]_3\text{EDTAH}$	3340m	1625sb 1670sh	1380s 1270s	245 400	500w	400w

Table 3

¹H NMR data of diorgano and triorganotin(IV) complexes of EDTA

Compound	¹ CH ₂ and ² CH ₂	+ ³ CH ₂ , ⁴ CH ₂ , ⁵ CH ₂ , ⁶ CH ₂	Sn-alkyl/phenyl/cyh -CH ₂ -	-CH ₃
EDTANa ₄ ^a	5.02 (s, 4H)	5.59–5.54 (m, 8H)	–	–
EDTAHNa ₃ ^a	3.85–3.76 (m, 4H)	6.05–5.89 (m, 8H)	–	–
EDTAH ₂ Na ₂ ^a	3.91–3.69 (m, 4H)	5.24–4.12 (m, 8H)	–	–
1 (C ₂ H ₅) ₂ Sn EDTAH ₂ ^b	2.78–2.20 (bm, 14H, CH ₂ = 12H, NH = 2H)		1.95–0.63 (m, 10H)	
2 (n-C ₃ H ₇) ₂ Sn EDTAH ₂ ^b	3.90–3.10 (m, 14H, CH ₂ = 12H, NH = 2H)		1.80–1.10 (m, 8H)	1.00–0.60 (t, 6H)
3 (n-C ₄ H ₉) ₂ Sn EDTAH ₂ ^b	2.65–2.39 (m, 14H, CH ₂ = 12H, NH = 2H)		1.68–1.19 (m, 12H)	1.05–0.55 (m, 6H)
4 (n-C ₈ H ₁₇) ₂ Sn EDTAH ₂ ^b	3.90–3.40 (m, 14H, CH ₂ = 12H, NH = 2H)		1.80–1.10 (m, 28H)	1.00–0.60 (t, 6H)
5 [(CH ₃) ₂ Sn] ₂ EDTA ^b	1.99–1.45 (bm, 12H)		–	0.90 (s, 12H)
6 [(C ₂ H ₅) ₂ Sn] ₂ EDTA ^b	2.80–2.53 (bm, 12H)		2.03–1.30 (m, 8H)	1.20–0.98 (t, 12H)
7 [(n-C ₃ H ₇) ₂ Sn] ₂ EDTA ^b	4.15–3.65 (bm, 12H)		2.60–2.00 (m, 16H)	1.91–1.60 (t, 12H)
8 [(n-C ₄ H ₉) ₂ Sn] ₂ EDTA ^b	3.19–2.80 (m, 12H)		2.00–1.20 (m, 24H)	1.10–0.55 (m, 12H)
9 [(n-C ₈ H ₁₇) ₂ Sn] ₂ EDTA ^b	2.49–2.12 (m, 12H)		1.51–1.10 (bm, 68H)	
10 [(n-C ₄ H ₉) ₂ Sn] ₃ - [EDTAH] ₂ ^b	2.62–2.36 (m, 26H, CH ₂ = 24H, NH = 2H)		1.73–1.10 (m, 36H)	1.09–0.67 (d, 18H)
11 [(n-C ₈ H ₁₇) ₂ Sn] ₃ - [EDTAH] ₂ ^b	2.53–2.30 (m, 26H, CH ₂ = 24H, NH = 2H)		1.60–1.28 (m, 84H)	1.00–0.89 (m, 18H)
12 [(n-C ₄ H ₉) ₃ Sn] ₃ EDTAH ^b	2.90–2.09 (m, 13H, CH ₂ = 12H, NH = 1H)		2.00–0.80 (bm, 81H)	–
14 [(C ₆ H ₅) ₃ Sn] ₃ EDTAH ^b	3.62–3.55 (m, 12H)		7.76–7.16 (m, 46H, Ph = 45H, NH = 1H)	–
15 [(C ₆ H ₁₁) ₃ Sn] ₃ EDTAH ^b	3.54–2.90 (m, 13H, CH ₂ = 12H, NH = 1H)		2.20–0.68 (bm, 99H)	–

^a D₂O. ^b CDCl₃ + DMSO-*d*₆ (4:1).

Table 4

¹³C NMR spectra data of diorgano and triorgano tin(IV) complexes of EDTA

Compound	c, d, e, f						Sn-R							
	a, b	c, d, e, f		COO	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
EDTANa ₄ ^a	54.42	61.32		182.22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
EDTAHNa ₃ ^a	53.75	60.12		178.99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
EDTAH ₂ Na ₂ ^a	52.40	58.90		171.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
(n-C ₃ H ₇) ₂ Sn EDTAH ₂ ^b	48.88	59.36		169.63	17.64	16.45	12.51	-	-	-	-	-	-	
				168.40										
3 (n-C ₄ H ₉) ₂ SnEDTAH ₂ ^b	48.61	57.71		166.58	26.76	26.43	25.08	13.44	-	-	-	-	-	
				167.89										
11 [(n-C ₈ H ₁₇) ₂ Sn] ₃ [EDTAH] ₂	58.39	61.73		170.81	33.85	31.83	29.33	25.67	27.74	22.63	21.96	14.03		
14 [(C ₆ H ₅) ₃ Sn] ₃ EDTAH ^b	50.43	58.42		171.85	137.19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
				172.69	128.41									
15 [(C ₆ H ₁₁) ₃ Sn] ₃ EDTAH ^b	49.02	58.09		166.98	36.88	31.16	30.01	30.69	28.73	26.68	-	-	-	
				194.98										

^a D₂O. ^b CDCl₃ + DMSO-d₆ (4:1).

complexes **10–15**, a strong absorption in the region $1685\text{--}1660\text{ cm}^{-1}$ is assigned to the free hydrogen bonded carboxylates $\dots\text{H-O-C=O}\dots\text{H-O}$, and another strong band in the range $1645\text{--}1600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ is due to the bidentately bonded carboxylate [5]. The magnitude of separation $\Delta\nu$, [$\Delta\nu = \nu(\text{COO})_{\text{asym}} - \nu(\text{COO})_{\text{sym}}$], of the COO group is very useful for drawing structural inferences. In complexes **1–9**, the $\Delta\nu$ values in the range $445\text{--}430$ are clearly from the unidentately bonded carboxylates [6], and the second set of $\Delta\nu$ values $285\text{--}250$ for the same compounds are from the intermolecularly bonded carboxylate C=O (as C=O \rightarrow Sn) as well as from the free-hydrogen-bonded carboxylate groups, which also absorb in the same region. For complexes **10–15**, $\Delta\nu$ values in the range $245\text{--}200$ are from the bidentately bonded carboxylated [7] and are comparable to the sodium salts whereas $\Delta\nu$ values in the range $470\text{--}375$ are from the hydrogen-bonded free carboxylate groups. Sn–C stretching frequencies appear at $600\text{--}500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ for alkyl derivatives and $330\text{--}250\text{ cm}^{-1}$ for the phenyl compounds [5]. Bands in the region $500\text{--}400\text{ cm}^{-1}$ are assigned to Sn–O stretching, as reported earlier [8].

¹H NMR data

The spectra of the di-, tri- and tetra-sodium salts of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) were recorded in D₂O and those of the soluble complexes in a mixture of CDCl₃ and DMSO-*d*₆ (4:1) (Table 3). In the spectra of EDTAH₂Na₂ and EDTAHNa₃, the signals due to NH protons appear at 7.23 and 7.28 ppm, respectively, whereas in complexes **1–4**, **10–13** and **15**, the NH protons move upfield and appear along with all the CH₂ protons of EDTA as a multiplet; in complex **14**, the protons move downfield and appear along with the phenyl protons as a complex multiplet. All the CH₂ protons of EDTA undergo a high field shift, to differing extent, after complex formation. All the alkyl/phenyl/cyclohexyl protons appear in the expected region. The total number of protons calculated from the integration curves for all the complexes agrees with the total number of protons calculated from the expected molecular formula, thus confirming complex formation.

¹³C NMR data

The spectra of the di-, tri- and tetra-sodium salts of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid were recorded in D₂O and those of the complexes in a mixture of CDCl₃ and DMSO-*d*₆ (4:1) (Table 4). The number of signals found correspond with the presence of magnetically non-equivalent carbon atoms. In di- [9], tri- and tetra-sodium salts of EDTA, only one type of carboxylate group is present, as shown by the presence of only one signal, whereas in the case of complexes **2**, **3**, **11**, **14** and **15** the appearance of two signals for the carboxyl carbons clearly shows two types of carboxyl groups. The high-field signal is assigned to the free carboxylic acid group and the lower field signal to the carboxylate bonded to tin(IV). In the triphenyl complex, carboxylates are deshielded to a greater extent compared to the remaining complexes. The identification of the alkyl/phenyl/cyclohexyl carbons in all the complexes confirms complex formation.

Mössbauer data

The ^{119m}Sn Mössbauer spectra (Table 5) are best interpreted on the basis of the quadrupole splitting (QS) values [10]. In diorganotin(IV) complexes, when the

Table 5

 ^{119m}Sn Mössbauer data (80 K, mm s^{-1})

Compound	IS (SnO_2) ± 0.08	QS ± 0.06	Line widths		$\rho = \text{QS/IS}$
			1	2	
3 $(n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2\text{Sn EDTAH}_2$ (1:1)	1.30	3.14	1.22	1.49	2.41
8 $[(n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2\text{Sn}]_2\text{EDTA}$ (2:1)	1.28	2.98	1.04	1.42	2.33
10 $[(n\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9)_2\text{Sn}]_3[\text{EDTAH}]_2$ (3:2)	1.31	3.11	1.27	1.45	2.37
15 $[(\text{C}_6\text{H}_{11})_3\text{Sn}]_3\text{EDTAH}$ (3:1)	1.39	2.99	1.06	1.32	2.15

donor atoms are highly electronegative, the QS is mainly determined by the C–Sn–C bond angle and distortion from a regular six coordination gives values similar to those for five coordination [6]. The Mössbauer data (IS 1.24–1.55 and QS 3.10–3.70 mm s^{-1}) for diorganotin carboxylates supports a distorted *trans* octahedral geometry around tin(IV) [11]. In the present investigation, the QS values in complexes **3** and **10** fall in the range of five and six coordinated distorted structures. However, the infrared data supports a five coordinate structure for complex **3** and a distorted octahedral structure for complex **10**. The isomer shift values in complexes **8** and **15** lie in the range typical of triorganotin(IV) carboxylates [12] while the quadrupole splitting values lie in the range of triorganotin derivatives of amino acids with *trans* trigonal bipyramidal geometry around the tin atom [13]. Hence five coordinated trigonal bipyramidal geometry around the tin atom has been confirmed for complexes **8** and **15**. The ρ value (QS/IS ratio) also supports a coordination number of tin higher than four.

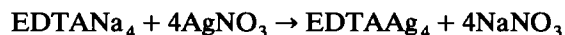
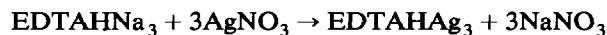
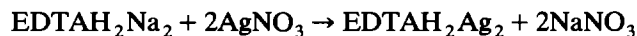
Experimental

Materials

Trimethyl and tributyltinchlorides were obtained from Alfa products. Tricyclohexyltinchloride was obtained from Aldrich. Dibutyl- and dioctyltinchlorides were prepared by the reported method [14]. Di-, tri- and tetra-sodium salts of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid were obtained from Alfa products.

Preparation of silver salts of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTAH₄)

The silver salts of $\text{Na}_2\text{EDTAH}_2$, Na_3EDTAH and Na_4EDTA were prepared by the addition of the required amount of silver nitrate to a solution of sodium salt of EDTAH_4 in distilled water. The silver salt of the EDTA precipitated and was separated by filtration, washed several times with hot water and dried under vacuum.



Preparation of complexes

Di-, tri- and tetra-silver salts of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) (1.0 mmol for 1:1, 2:1, 3:1 and 2.0 mmol for 3:2 (metal/ligand)) were dissolved in

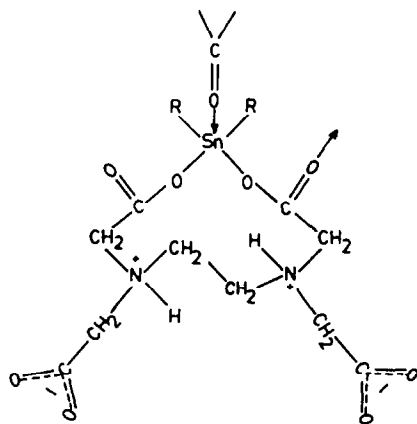


Fig. 1. R = Et, ⁿPr, ⁿBu, ⁿOct (1:1).

absolute ethanol (30 cm³). To this solution, was added a solution of diorganotin(II)chloride (1.0 mmol for 1:1, 2.0 mmol for 2:1 and 3.0 mmol for 3:2) and triorganotin(III)chloride (3.0 mmol for 3:1) dissolved in absolute ethanol (10 cm³). The reaction mixture was refluxed on a water bath. The pink-coloured silver chloride started separating out within 10–15 min. The reaction mixture was further refluxed for 4 h until all the silver chloride separated out. This was removed by filtration and washed with absolute ethanol. From the filtrate, the ethanol was removed by distillation leaving a solid or a liquid complex which was dried under vacuum. All the complexes were recrystallized from absolute ethanol.

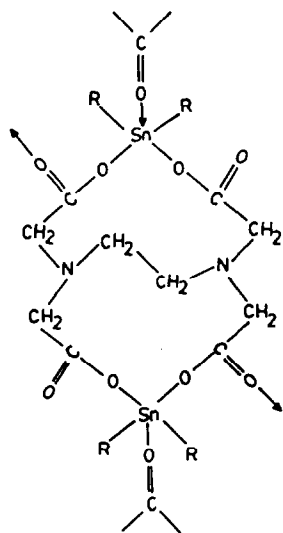


Fig. 2. R = Me, ⁿPr, ⁿBu, ⁿOct (1:2).

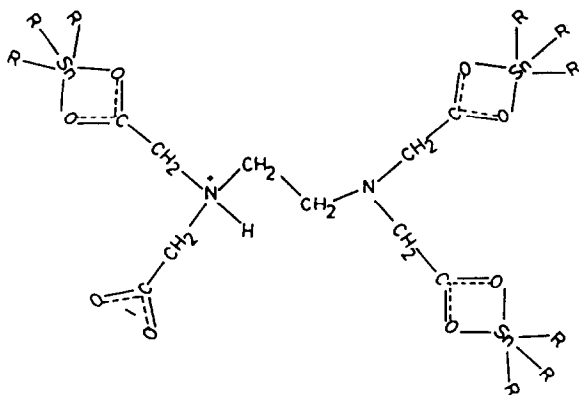


Fig. 3. R = Me, ⁿBu, Ph, Cyh (1:3).

Physical measurements

Elemental analysis for carbon, hydrogen and nitrogen were carried out by Microanalytical Service R.S.I.C., Panjab University, Chandigarh. Tin was estimated as SnO₂. Infrared spectra were recorded on Pye- Unicam SP3-300 spectrometer as KBr discs. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on Bruker AC 200 spectrometer using tetramethylsilane as internal standard. Mössbauer spectra were recorded on a Harwell 6000 series spectrometer with samples at about 80 K and source Pd/Sn at room temperature; isomer shifts are relative to SnO₂ at room temperature.

Conclusions

Interesting structural information has been obtained from IR, NMR and Mössbauer spectral studies. Diorganotin(IV) 1:1 and 1:2 and triorganotin(IV) 1:3 complexes possess a five coordinate distorted trigonal bipyramidal geometry around the Sn atom (Figs. 1-3). The trinuclear 3:2 complexes have six coordinate distorted octahedral geometry around the Sn atom with one bridging R₂Sn moiety (Fig. 4).

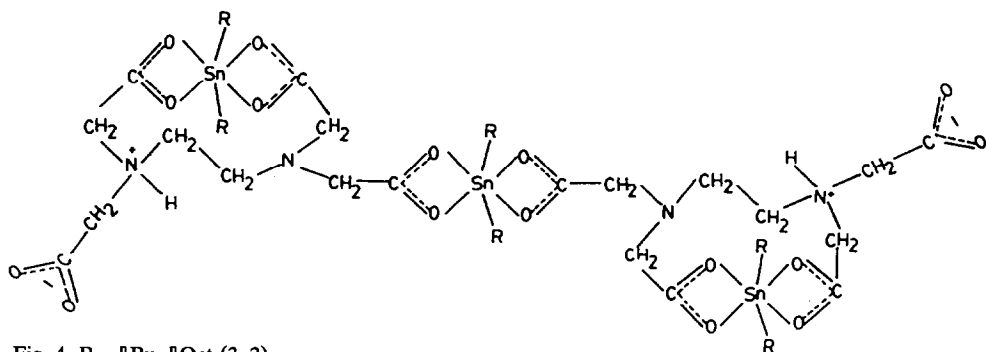


Fig. 4. R = ⁿBu, ⁿOct (3:2).

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