# **Electronic Supplementary Information**

# Generation of Stannabenzenes and Their Monomer-Dimer Equilibration

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#### 1. NMR Spectra of All New Compounds

Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, 298 K, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of 8a.



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, 298 K, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of 8b.





Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, 298 K,  $C_6D_6$ ) of 5b.





Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the mixture of 3a and 4a at various temperature (300 MHz, benzene-d<sub>6</sub>).

Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the mixture of 3b and 4b at various temperature (300 MHz, benzene-d<sub>6</sub>).





Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (201 MHz, 343 K, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of 3b.



Figure S9.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (201 MHz, 343 K,  $C_6D_6)$  of 3b.



Figure S10. (a)-(h) Differential NOE measurement of 4a (600 MHz, 298 K, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>). (i) <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4a (600 MHz, 298 K, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).



Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY NMR spectrum (600 MHz, 343 K, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of 4a.



Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>1</sup>H COSY NMR spectrum (600 MHz, 343 K, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of 4a.



Figure S13.  $^{1}H-^{13}C$  HSQC NMR spectrum (600 MHz, 343 K, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of 4a.



Figure S14.  $^{1}H-^{13}C$  HSQC NMR spectrum (600 MHz, 343 K, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>) of 4a.



## 2. Equilibrium between Stannabenzene Monomer and Dimer

Temp/°C	[ <b>3a</b> ]/M <sup>-1</sup>	[ <b>4a</b> ]/M <sup>-1</sup>	$K_{eq}/M^{-1}$	
50	0.000708	0.00249	4960	
55	0.000909	0.00239	2890	
60	0.00112	0.00228	1810	
65	0.00141	0.00213	1070	
70	0.00171	0.00199	679	

**Table S1**. Equilibrium constants  $K_{eq}$  between **3a** and **4a** in benzene- $d_6$  at various temperatures<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Equilibrium constants ( $K_{eq} = [4a]/[3a]^2$ ) were calculated by integral ratio of <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals.



Figure S15. A plot of  $ln(K_{eq})$  vs 1/T.

Temp/°C	[ <b>3a</b> ]/M <sup>-1</sup>	[ <b>4a</b> ]/M <sup>−1</sup>	$K_{eq}/M^{-1}$
40	0.000530	0.00699	24900
45	0.000723	0.00690	13200
50	0.000944	0.00679	7620
55	0.00120	0.00666	4590
60	0.00150	0.00651	2910

Table S2. Equilibrium constants  $K_{eq}$  between 3a and 4a in THF-d<sub>8</sub> at various temperatures<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Equilibrium constants ( $K_{eq} = [4a]/[3a]^2$ ) were calculated by integral ratio of <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals.



Figure S16. A plot of  $ln(K_{eq})$  vs 1/T.

Temp/°C	[ <b>3b</b> ]/M <sup>-1</sup>	[ <b>4b</b> ]/M <sup>-1</sup>	$K_{eq}/M^{-1}$
30	0.0147	0.0541	250
40	0.0239	0.0494	86.3
50	0.0383	0.0423	28.9
60	0.0539	0.0345	11.9
70	0.0743	0.0243	4.39
80	0.0891	0.0168	2.12

Table S3. Equilibrium constants  $K_{eq}$  between 3b and 4b in benzene- $d_6$  at various temperatures<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Equilibrium constants ( $K_{eq} = [4b]/[3b]^2$ ) were calculated by integral ratio of <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals.



Figure S17. A plot of  $ln(K_{eq})$  vs 1/T.

Temp/°C	[ <b>3a</b> ]/M <sup>-1</sup>	[ <b>4a</b> ]/M⁻¹	$K_{eq}/M^{-1}$
30	0.0168	0.0530	188
40	0.0288	0.0470	56.6
50	0.0429	0.0400	21.7
60	0.0531	0.0348	12.3
70	0.0632	0.0298	7.46
80	0.0741	0.0244	4.45

 Table S4. Equilibrium constants  $K_{eq}$  between 3b and 4b in THF-d<sub>8</sub> at various temperatures<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Equilibrium constants ( $K_{eq} = [4b]/[3b]^2$ ) were calculated by integral ratio of <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals.



Figure S18. A plot of  $ln(K_{eq})$  vs 1/T.

## 3. X-Ray Diffraction Studies

Figure S19. Crystal structure of [4a-benzene]. Independent part 0 (bold and black lines, occupancy is 1), part -1 (red lines, occupancy is essentially 0.5), and symmetrically expanded part (thin and black lines, except for a benzene molecule).



Figure S20. Crystal structure of 6b (ORTEP drawing; thermal ellipsoids set 50% probability). Hydrogen atoms and disordered part were omitted for clarity.



# 4. Coordinates (xyz) for the calculated structures

#### [Sn] head-to-head

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С	-0.17083300	2.12596500	-0.37463200
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#### [Sn] head-to-tail

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#### 2-t-Bu-stannabenzene [HSnC5(t-Bu)H4]

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