

Reactivity of Lithium *n*-Butyl Amidinates Towards Group 14 Metal(II) Chlorides Providing Series of Hetero- and Homoleptic Tetrylenes.

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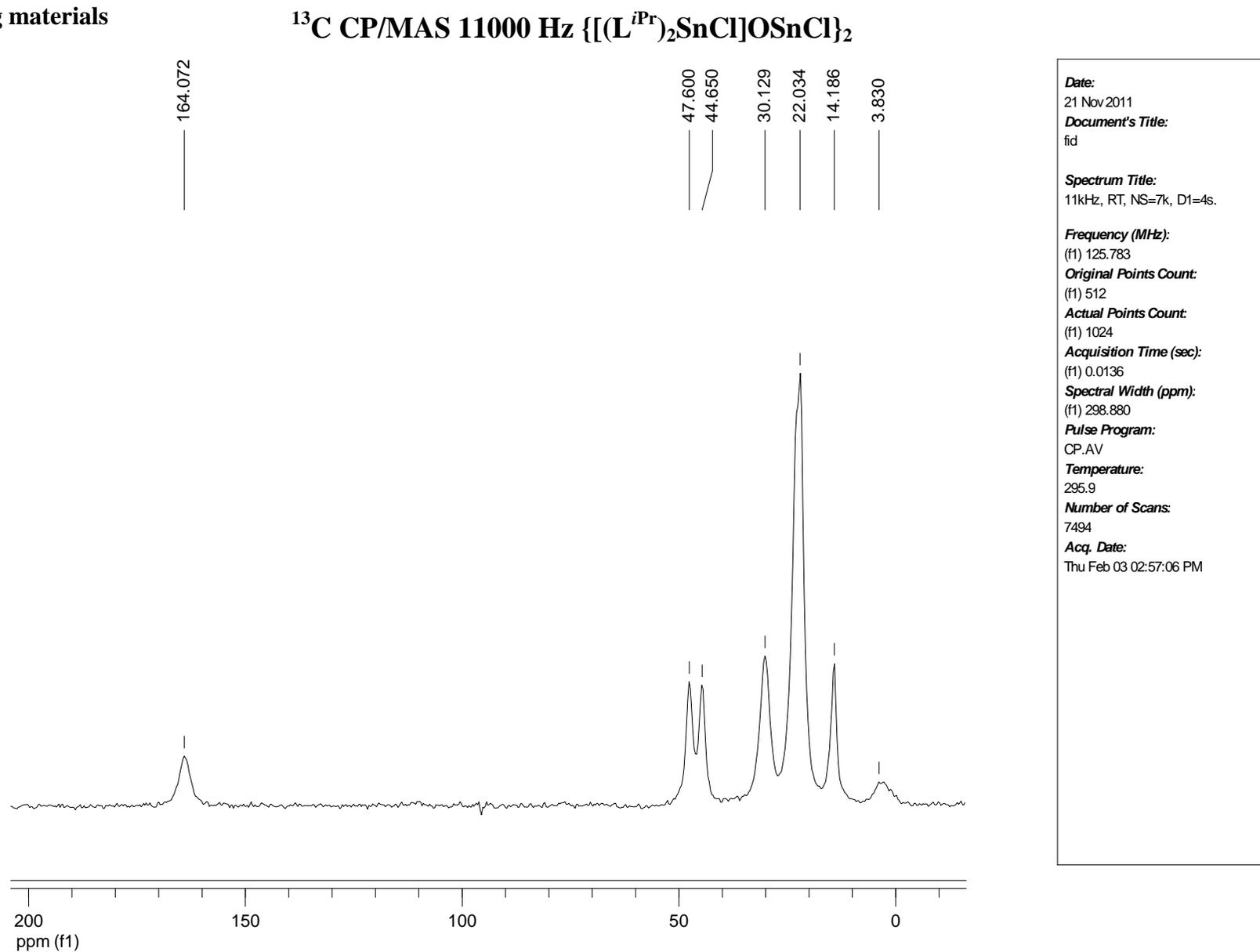


Fig. S1: ^{13}C CP/MAS NMR spectrum of **5a**

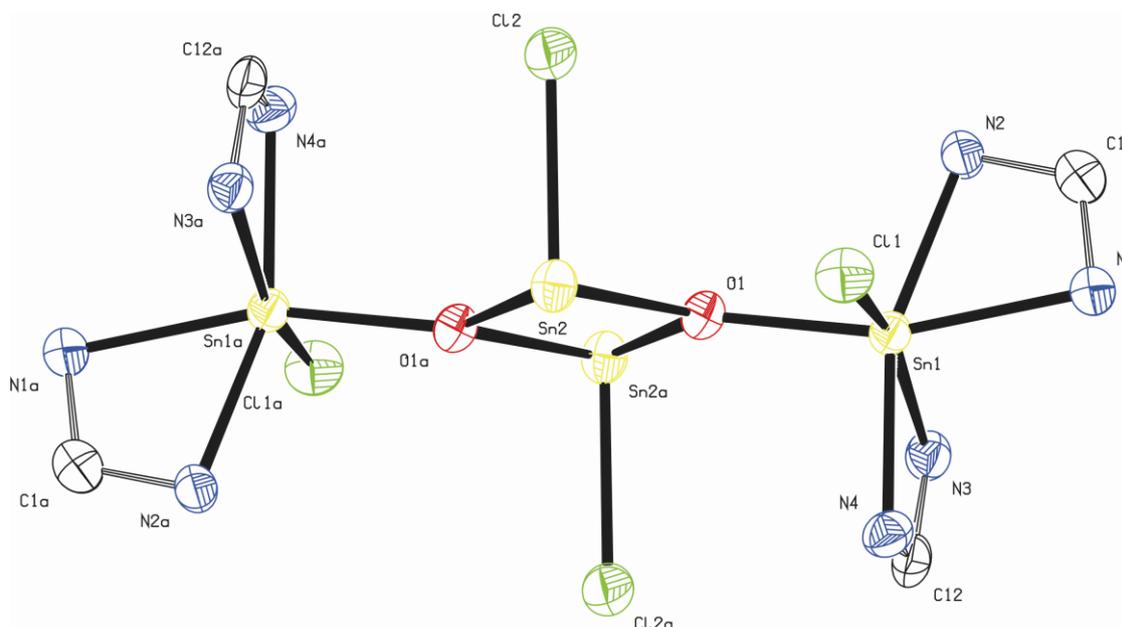


Fig. S2: Detail of the coordination sphere of tin atoms in molecular structure of **5a**

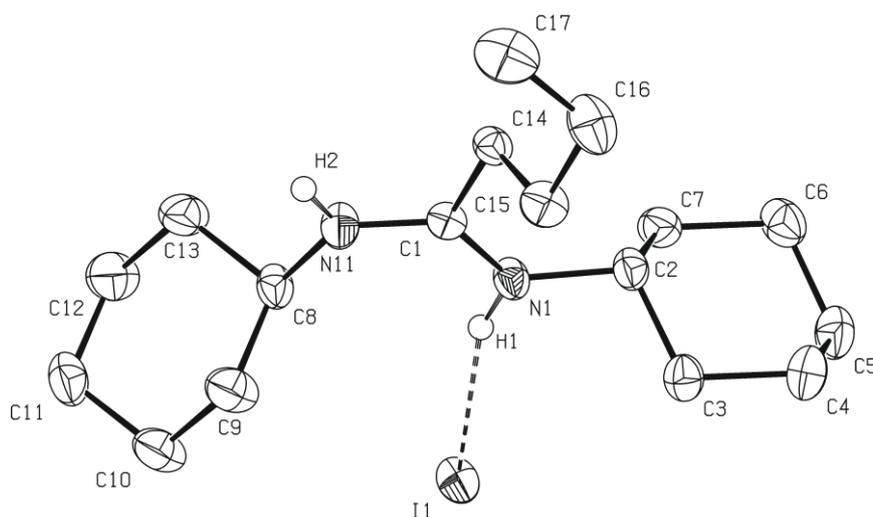


Fig. S3: Molecular structure of $L^{Cy}HI \cdot C_6H_6$ (ORTEP view, 50% probability level). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Selected interatomic distances [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: N1-C1 1.317(3); N1-C2 1.474(3); N11-C1 1.316(3); N11-C8 1.473(3); C1-C14 1.509(4); N1-I1 3.723(2); N1-C1-N11 121.9(2); C2-C1-C8 121.90(13).

In the $L^{Cy}HI \cdot C_6H_6$, there is no acyclic protonated amidine structure reported up to now except of N-[(3-methoxyphenyl)(methylamino)methylene]methanaminium¹ chloride monohydrate which is difficult to compare with $L^{Cy}HI$ because of extensive hydrogen bonding with the water molecule(s). On the other hand, in $L^{Cy}HI$ there are only NH...I contacts forming nonlinear infinite

chain in the solid state. The central NC(*n*-Bu)N moiety is nearly planar due to high degree of delocalization of π -electrons within this fragment (Fig. S3). The differences in the bond lengths and angles between **L^{Cy}HI** and previously reported protonated amidine are negligible but the N11-C1-N1 angle is about 10 degrees wider in comparison with the same type of angles in coordinated amidinates.

Reference

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