# Synthesis of Ethylenic and Acetylenic Triorganotins with Bulky Organic Ligands

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**Abstract:** The syntheses of trineophyl- (1a) and tri-(-)-menthylstannyl phenylacetylene (**1b**) as well as that of (E)-1-trineophylestannyl-2-phenylethene (**2**) and (E)-1-trineophylstannyl-1,2-diphenylethene (**3**) are described. The hydrostannation of **1a** with an excess of trimethyltin hydride led to 1,1,1-tris(trimethyltin)-2-phenylethane (**4**) and/or 1,1-bis(trimethyltin)-2-phenylethene (**5**) depending on the reaction conditions.

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## Introduction

In previous studies carried out with trineophyltin hydride we have found that the size of the organic ligands attached to the tin atom affects not only the reactivity but also the stereoselectivity of the reactions of this hydride [1]. In order to study the effect of the size of the organic ligands on the stereo-chemistry of the hydrostannation, trineophyltin hydride was added to acetylenic systems under radical conditions. It was also started a study on the synthesis of organotin compounds with more than one triorganotin moiety, *via* the addition of trimethyltin hydride to trineophylstannyl phenylacetylene (**1a**).

#### Experimental

Compounds of type **1** were obtained with an average yield of 60% by modification of known techniques [2]. The hydrostannation reactions were carried out under free radical conditions as shown in the Scheme.

#### **Results and Discussion**

The obtained results are summarized in the following Scheme. The radical addition (Eq. 2) of trineophyltin hydride to both phenyl- and diphenylacetylene leads stereoselectively to the E isomers.



Whereas the addition of trimethyltin hydride to 1a in a ratio hydride/1a = 5/1 gave a mixture of compound 4 (65%) and trineophyltin hydride, using a ratio hydride/1a = 4/1 a mixture of trineophyltin hydride and compounds 4 (73%) and 5 (27%) was obtained. This strongly suggests that the first step in these reactions might be the substitution of the trineophyltin moiety by the trimethyltin group followed by the addition of the trimethyltin hydride.

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