

CHAPTER II
Organotin Carboxylates

IIA. Introduction

During the recent years interest in the field of organotin carboxylates is growing in a very rapid rate. Apart from the theoretical and structural interests involved in these investigations, the compounds containing -COOR groups bonded to tin have acquired tremendous importance in industry and agriculture. Many of these group of compounds have already found important uses and new applications are likely to emerge in the near future.

Organotin carboxylates which may be either monomeric or polymeric are of the three general types, viz., $R_3SnCOOR'$; $R_2Sn(OCOR')_2$ and $RSn(OCOR')_3$ where R and R' may be same or different groups. Though tin tetracarboxylates, $Sn(OCOR)_4$ are not organotin compounds in the strict sense of the term, they are sometimes included in the discussion of organotin carboxylates for the sake of comparison. Many discussions with varying degree of details are available on these compounds (34-36, 39) and as such only the more important aspects will be treated here.

IIIB. Preparation

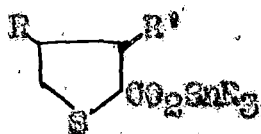
A variety of methods have been applied for the preparation of organotin carboxylates. These are generally prepared by the reaction between organotin oxides or hydroxides and carboxylic acids or their anhydrides (1-10):



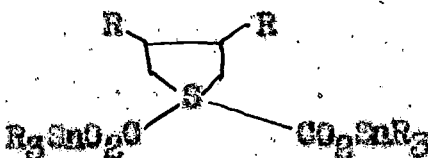
The water produced in these reactions is removed usually by azeotropic distillation or alternatively by refluxing at higher temperatures (11).



Recently a number of tin thiophene carboxylates (15) of the type I and II have been prepared from the thiophene carboxylic acids and R_3SnOH or $(R_3Sn)_2O$.



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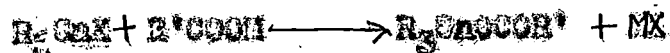
$R = Ph, H$

$R' = Bu, Me$

Cycle C_6H_{11} etc.

Organotin carboxylates have also been prepared by the reaction of the corresponding organotin halides with the alkali metal or

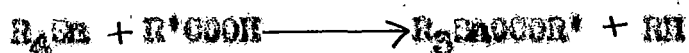
silver salts of carboxylic acids either by stirring the reactants in mixtures of organic/aqueous medium at room temperature or by refluxing the mixture (9,12-14). This method, represented as



$X = Na, K, Ag; X = \text{halogen}$

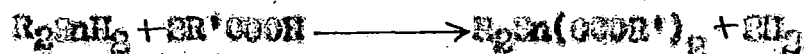
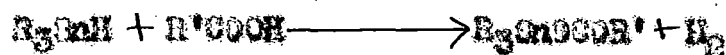
is frequently used for its simplicity.

The ability of carboxylic acids to cleave metal carbon bonds is the basis of yet another method for the preparation of organotin carboxylates (17,18).

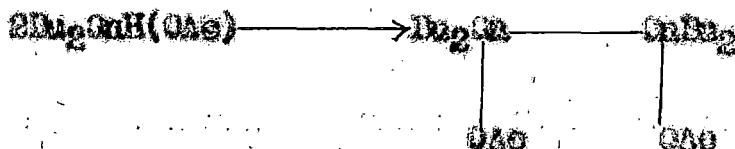
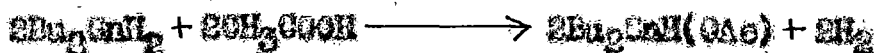


The cleavage of organic groups depends on the acid strength, nature of groups R and R' and also on temperature (19-21). Vinyl groups are cleaved more readily than normal alkyl groups but less readily than phenyl groups. $Pb(OAc)_2$ has also been used for acylation of R_2SnH_2 , R_2SnH_2 , $(R_3Sn)_2$, R_4Sn and $(R_3Sn)_2O$ (16).

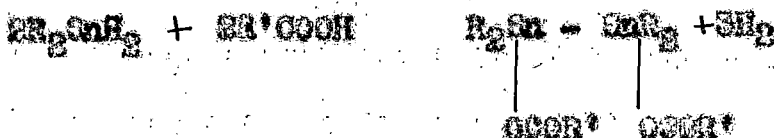
Kulvile (22) showed that the reaction of organotin hydrides with carboxylic acids produces carboxylates according to following equations:



With di n-butyl tin dihydride, the intermediate hydride carboxylate decomposes to tetra-n-butyl 1,2 diacetate.



Using similar methods 1,2 dicarboxylates have also been prepared (23-25).

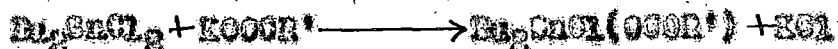


The nature of the products sometimes depends on the carboxylic acid. Action of benzoyl peroxide on di n-butyl tin dihydride also produces the 1,2, dibenzoate (26).

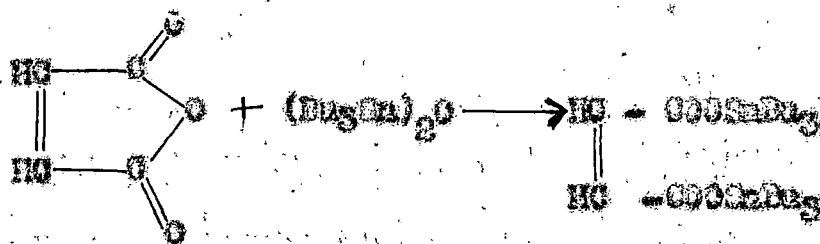
Many carboxylate derivatives of organotin compounds are most conveniently prepared by heating equimolecular mixture of the dihalide and the dicarboxylate in an inert solvent (27, 28)



These may be prepared by the following reaction also (29,30):

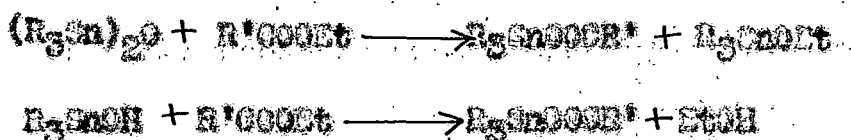


Anhydride of an unsaturated acid e.g., maleic anhydride forms disubstituted organotin esters when reacted with hexabutyl distannoxane (31)



A novel method of preparation of trialkyl tin acetate by electrochemical method using R_3Sn (where R = Me, Et, Pr, Bu) and $\text{Hg}(1)$ acetate have been described by Tagliavini and his co-workers (32).

Organotin carboxylates may also be prepared from the carboxylic esters by the following reactions (33,37)



Tricarboxylates derivatives of the type $\text{R}_3\text{Sn}(\text{COOR}')_3$ are usually prepared from the corresponding trichloride by the action of silver salts of carboxylic acids (33).

III. Physical properties of organotin carboxylates

In organotin carboxylates the Sn-O bond is essentially covalent but undergoes polar reactions depending on the solvents

and the attacking groups. This is why the carboxylates with small organic groups are more soluble in alcohol, ether etc than in water (35). Many of the carboxylates have low melting points indicating those to be covalent compounds.

The polymeric stannic acids are colourless, infusible, few of them are soluble in chloroform, carbon tetrachloride and reasonably stable to hydrolysis.

Some of the physical properties of a few representative carboxylates are given in table I (34-37)

Table I

Compound	Type	M.P. (°C/mm)	M.P. (°C)
Trimethyl tin acetate	$R_3Sn(OOCR^*)$	-	106.5-107.5
Triphenyl tin formate	"	-	203-205
Tricyclohexyl tin acetate	"	-	62-63
Tripropyltin trifluoro acetate	"	39-30/2	-
Dibutyl tin diacetate	$R_2Sn(OOCR^*)_2$	142-145/10	-
Diphenyl tin diacetate	"	-	116-117
Diethyl chlorotin acetate	$R_2SnX(OOCR^*)$	-	94
Dibutyl bromotin acetate	"	-	67-68.5

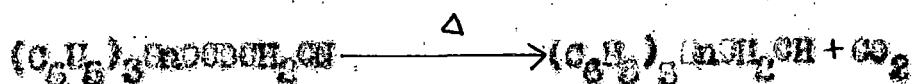
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Table 1 (Contd.)

Compound	Type	M.P. (°C/mm)	M.P. (°C)
Butyltin triacetate	$R_3Sn(OCOR')_3$	117-119/1	-
Ethyl tin tribenzoate	"	171-173/1	-

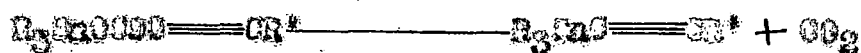
III. Chemical properties of organotin carboxylates

The most widely studied reactions of organotin carboxylates are decarboxylation and disproportionation. An interesting cyanomethyl derivative (yield 50%) is formed when triphenyltin cyanoacetate is heated under vacuum (69)



In the aliphatic series this type of conversion is less pronounced, the cyanomethyl compound is produced in low yield.

Trialkyl tin carboxylates of unsaturated acids give tetra substituted organotin compounds after decarboxylation (69-70)



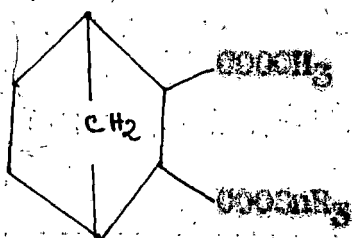
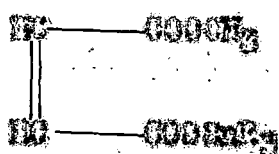
Thermal decomposition of triorganotin formate yields the corresponding hydride and this reaction is sometimes used for the preparation of hydrides (71).



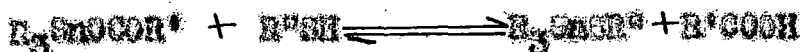
Boyer et al (72) have used successfully the reaction of triorganotin carboxylates of halogen substituted carboxylic acids with cyclooctene as a carbene transfer reaction, although the reaction mechanism is not yet established



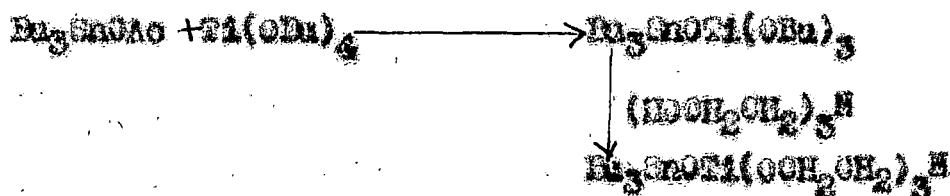
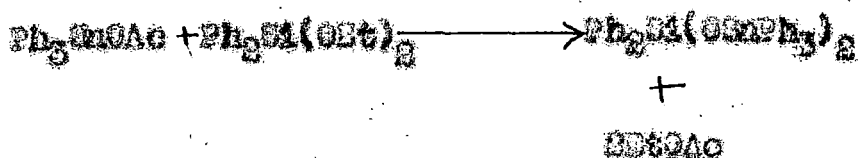
Diels-Alder type reactions have been carried out with organotin carboxylates and dienes (29):



With thiols the following equilibrium is established and the reaction can be driven from left to right removing the organic acid from the mixture when it is volatile (73).

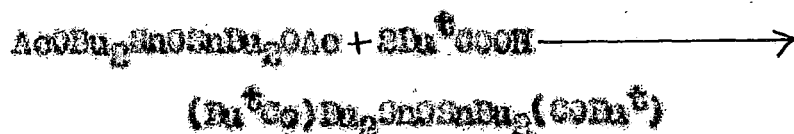


Action of alkoxy derivatives of metals and metalloids on organotin carboxylates produces metallostenocarboxates (74,75) as shown below:

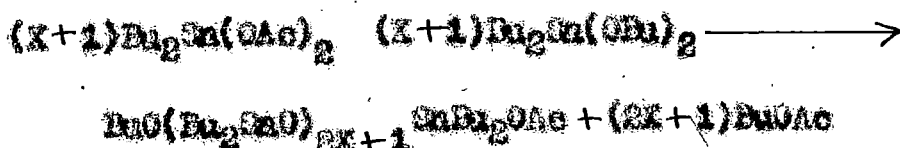


Diorganotin dicarboxylates undergo redistribution with di-organotin dihalides, di-alkoxides and dihydrides to produce mixed carboxylates of the type $R_2SnX(OCOR')$, where $X = Cl, Br, I, OCH_3, H$ (56).

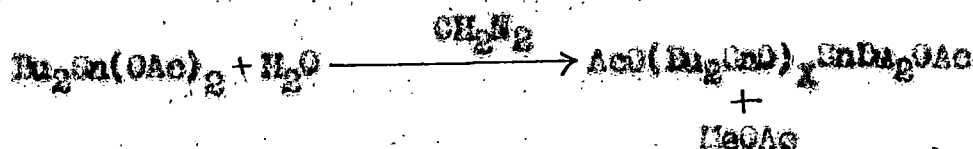
In some cases carboxylate groups may be exchanged with other carboxylate groups as shown below (12,76)



Oligomeric acetate is usually formed when a dialkyl tin diacetate and a dialkyltin dialkoxide are heated at 180° in water for 2 hrs (77-73)



Oligomeric α - ω diacetoxystannoxanes are also obtained by the reaction (63)



$$(X = 1, 3, 7, 15)$$

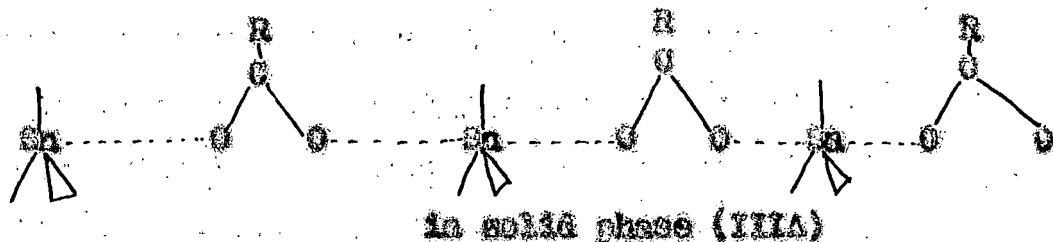
Organotin tricarboxylates are easily hydrolysed in benzene solution to give polymeric organotin carboxylates (10)



III. Structure of organotin complex

Structural aspects of organotin carboxylates have been recently reviewed by Okawara and Ueda (33) and by Okawara and Ohara (36). The possibility of chelation or bridging through oxygen atoms of carboxylate group was pointed out by Beattie and Gilson (39) as an alternative to the previously postulated

ionic nature of bonding by Pressman (40) and Okazawa et al (41). Later spectroscopic studies on tin carboxylates in the solid as well as in the solution phase by different group of workers (9,13,42-45) have confirmed that trialkyl tin carboxylates are polymeric in the solid state with planar trialkyl tin groups with bridging carboxylate groups in between two tin atoms (IIIA) and are more like monomeric esters in non polar solvents (IIIB)

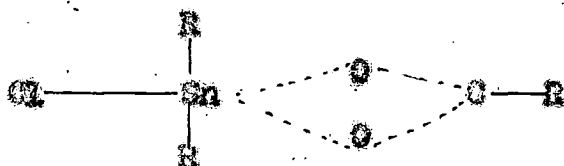


in solution phase (IIIB)

Thus, infrared spectra of trimethyl tin carboxylates in the solid state consist of two C-O stretching bands at about 1570 cm^{-1} and 1410 cm^{-1} indicating a symmetrical COO group (46). Appearance of a single Sn-O stretching frequency in $\text{Hg}_2\text{SnO}_6\text{O}_2\text{Me}$ is consistent with a planar trimethyltin group. However, in carbon tetrachloride solution the carboxylate absorption bands are shifted to 1650 cm^{-1} and 1300 cm^{-1} respectively with the appearance of both $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{Sn-O})$ and $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{Sn-O})$ bands indicating the

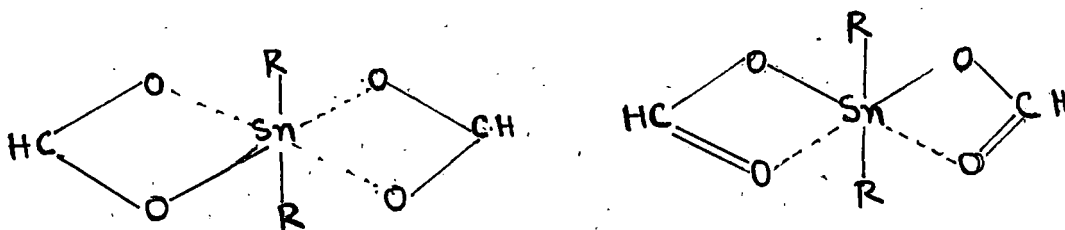
breakdown of polymeric structure (IIIA) into monomers with essentially tetrahedral tin atoms having ester like carboxylate groups bonded to it (IIIB). This conclusion is supported also by the works of Hester (33) and Tagliavini (37). Similar behaviour of trialkyl tin formates has been demonstrated by Okawara and Ohara (48-49) from spectroscopic studies and molecular weight in cyclohexane by cryoscopy.

On the other hand, tricyclohexyltin acetate, trineophyltin formate, trimethyl tin acetate and tribenzyltin acetate have been suggested to be tetra-co-ordinated monomers probably due to steric hindrance arising from the bulky organic groups (50-52). Sans et al (13) have pointed out that branching at carbon atom generally prevent the formation of polymeric structure. Similarly, the trialkyl and aryl tin derivatives of halo-carboxylic acids behave more like organic esters and thus possess monomeric structures (9,53-55). A monomeric penta co-ordinated structure (IV) has been proposed for dialkyl chlorotin formates and acetates by Okawara et al (58).



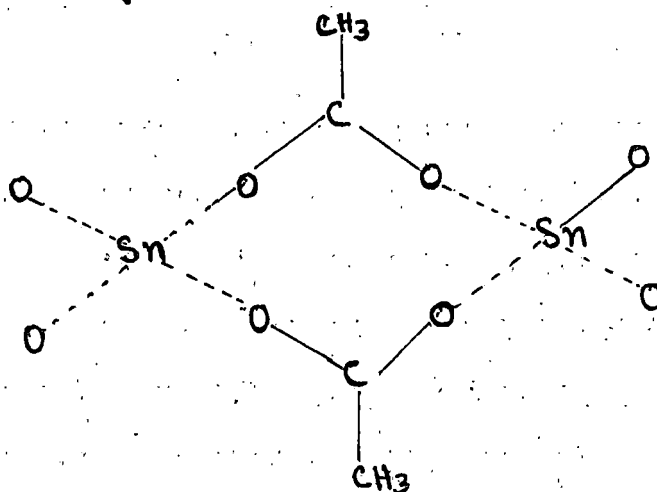
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On the basis of infrared studies and molecular weights of diorganotin dicarboxylates (41,56,57,59) ionic structure with linear R_2Sn cation (V), octahedral chelated structure with linear R_2Sn group (VI) as well as polymeric structure with bridging carboxy groups (VII) have been proposed



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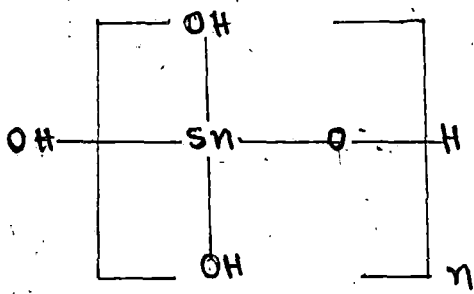
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Alloch and Sims (82) have studied the structure of tribenzyl and tricyclohexyltin acetate by X-ray diffraction method. This study confirms that the majority of organotin carboxylates have

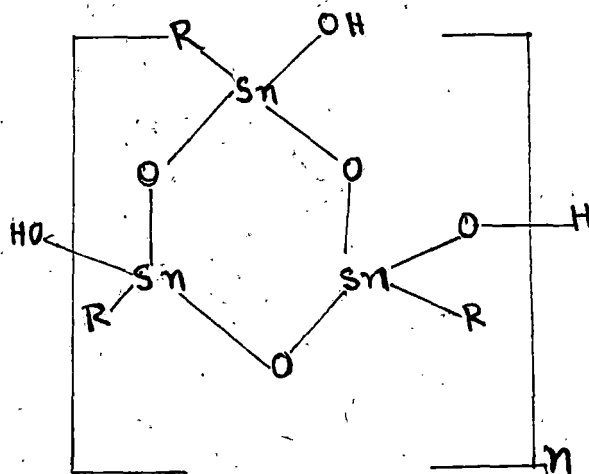
polymeric structure in the solid state. But with larger organic groups, the structure may become less polymeric and ultimately become monomeric.

The structure of polymeric monoorganic stannic acids (60) and their carboxylate derivatives (9,10,13) have recently been studied through elemental analysis, IR and Mossbauer spectroscopy. Herber and his co-workers (61) have shown that polymeric tin compounds are most likely to show a mesochance effect at ambient temperature.

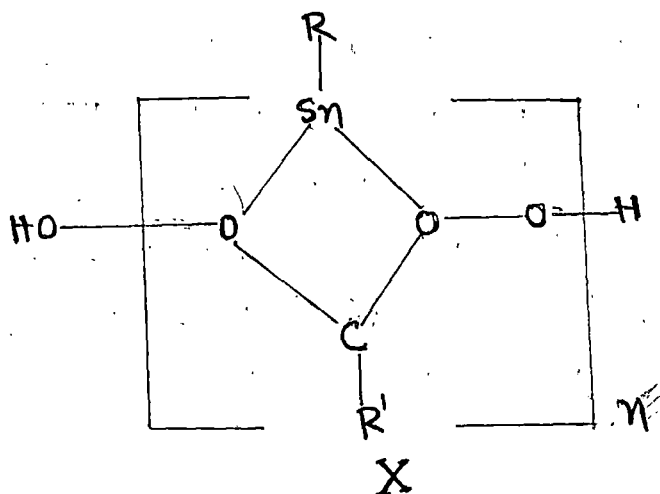
The stannic acids are infusible powders for which a polymeric structure (VIII) have been proposed (62-63). For the partially dehydrated material structure IX has suggested by Platt and co-workers (64). In both the structures tin atom is tetra



VIII



IX



co-ordinated and is enclosed within the tetrahedra formed by the three oxygen atoms and the organic group R.

From the low values of quadrupole splitting ($\Delta E_Q = 1.29-1.83$ mm/sec, table II) in organo stannic acids Davies et al (60) have suggested a tetrahedral geometry at tin, though the possibility of association has not been completely excluded. The isomer shift values ($\delta = 0.40-0.78$ mm/sec) are very small because of the very low 's' electron density at the tin atom resulting from electron attraction by the surrounding oxygens.

On the other hand, carboxylic acid derivatives $[\text{RSn}(\text{O})\text{OCOR}']_n$ of the stannic acids $[\text{RSn}(\text{O})\text{OH}]_n$ showed larger quadrupole splitting values ($\Delta E_Q = 2.00 - 2.64$ mm/sec) (10,13) indicating a penta co-ordinated trigonal bipyramidal tin (X) which would be expected to show a quadrupole splitting of about 2.25 mm/sec (64).

Table II

Mossbauer parameters for organostannic acid

Compound	δ mm/sec	ΔE_Q mm/sec
$[\text{LiSn}(\text{O})\text{OH}]_n$	0.49	1.89
$[\text{EtSn}(\text{O})\text{OH}]_n$	0.76-0.70	1.61-1.70
$[\text{BuSn}(\text{O})\text{OH}]_n$	0.65-0.70	1.52-1.71
$[\text{C}_{6}\text{H}_{17}\text{Sn}(\text{O})\text{OH}]_n$	0.66	1.62
$[\text{PhSn}(\text{O})\text{OH}]_n$	0.78	1.88

(ΔE_Q = Quadrupole splitting, δ = isomer shift)

Table III

Mossbauer parameters for organometallic carboxylates

Compound	δ mm/sec	ΔE_Q mm/sec
$\text{PhSn}(\text{O}) [\text{OCO}(\text{CH}_2)_8\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2]$	0.57	2.31
$\text{PhSn}(\text{O}) [\text{OCO}(\text{CH}_2)_{16}\text{Me}]$	0.56	2.32
$\text{PhSn}(\text{O}) [\text{OCO}(\text{CH}_3)_3]$	0.59	2.09
$\text{PhSn}(\text{O}) [\text{OCOCCL}_3]$	0.72	2.35

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Table III (Contd.)

Compound	δ mm/sec	ΔE_q mm/sec
PhSn(0) $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{OCOCF}_3 \\ \text{OCOCF}_3 \end{array} \right]$	0.66	2.64
PhSn(0) $\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{OCOCMe} \\ \text{OCOCMe} \end{array} \right]$	0.70	2.26
BuSn(0)OH	0.65	1.71

(ΔE_q and δ have their usual significance)

On the basis of the preceding discussions the following generalisation may be made concerning the structure of organotin carboxylates:

(1) These compounds are generally polymeric in the solid state with the carboxy groups acting as the bridges.

(2) The polymeric structures are broken down in solution, the extent of splitting being determined by the concentration, nature of the solvent and the carboxylate.

(3) Branching at the α -carbon atom of the carboxy group usually prevents the formation of polymeric structure possibly by steric effect.

(4) Electronegative substituents like halogens etc. when attached to the carboxy group as in the halo-carboxylates, decreases the possibility of polymeric structure, probably by

diminishing the ability of the $>C=O$ group to co-ordinate with the tin atom by electron withdrawal from the oxygen atom through the inductive effect.

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