Reactions of Allenyltri-n-butylstannane with Halides of Phosphorus, Arsenic, Antimony, Germanium, Tin, and **Boron. Preparation of Propargylic and/or Allenic Derivatives**

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The reaction of allenyltri-n-butylstannane with a phosphorus or arsenic trihalide and with germanium tetrachloride gave the corresponding propargylic halophosphine, arsine, or germane. When they were heated, the propargylic products partially (P, Ge) or completely (As) rearranged into the corresponding allenyl derivatives, the thermodynamic products. The allenic or propargylic stannane reacted with stronger Lewis acidic halides such as a boron halide, antimony trichloride, or tin tetrachloride to give only the allenic product, even when the reaction was performed and analyzed at low temperature (-80 °C). The propargylic intermediate was observed with the antimony and tin compounds when a substituted derivative (e. g. Vi₂SbCl, ViSnCl₃) was used. The reduction of the propargylic halide products prior to their isomerization gave the corresponding primary propargylic phosphine, arsine, germane, and stannane.

Introduction

In the past two decades, numerous homopropargylic alcohols and amines or their corresponding homoallenic isomers have been prepared by reaction of allenic stannanes with aldehydes or imines, respectively, in the presence of various Lewis acids.^{1,2} Some mechanistic studies have been carried out,³ but little has been done to characterize the products formed by reaction of an allenic stannane with a Lewis acidic element halide. Here we report the preparation of several propargylic compounds of phosphorus, arsenic, germanium, and tin by reaction of the propadienyltri-*n*-butylstannane with halides of these elements. The rearrangement of the products to the corresponding allenyl derivatives was studied. The reactivity of such compounds thus formed with benzaldehyde as well as the reduction of the propargylic element halides to the corresponding hydrides is also described.

Results and Discussion

Allenic stannanes R₃SnCH=C=CH₂ could have had a similar reactivity to that of α,β -unsaturated stannanes (vinylic derivatives)⁴ or β , γ -unsaturated stannanes (allylic derivatives).⁵ The answer was given by the reaction of propadienyltri-*n*-butylstannane (1a) with weak Lewis acidic halides. At room temperature, the reaction of stannane 1a with phosphorus tribromide gave propargyldibromophosphine (2a) in 73% yield.⁶ Small amounts of allenyldibromophosphine (**3a**; \sim 10%) were observed after the crude mixture was heated for 2 h at 120 °C. The reaction of a mixture of arsenic trichloride and stannane 1a at -20 °C gave propargyldichloroarsine (2b) in 85% yield.⁷ The rearrangement in CDCl₃ of arsine 2b in the allenylarsine 3b occurred within a few hours at room temperature in 95% yield.⁸ However, in the reaction of SbCl₃ with stannane **1a**, propargyldichlorostibine (2c) was not obtained, even when the reaction was carried out in CD₂Cl₂ and analyzed by ¹H NMR spectroscopy at -80 °C. Crude allenyldichlorostibine (3c) was formed in 33% yield.⁸ A monochloro derivative, divinylchlorostibine (4),8 reacted with stannane 1a in CDCl₃ to give divinyl-2-propargylstibine (2d) in 87% yield. A distilled solution of 2d very slowly rearranged at room temperature to give divinylallenylstibine (3d) in 90% yield (Scheme 1).^{9,10}

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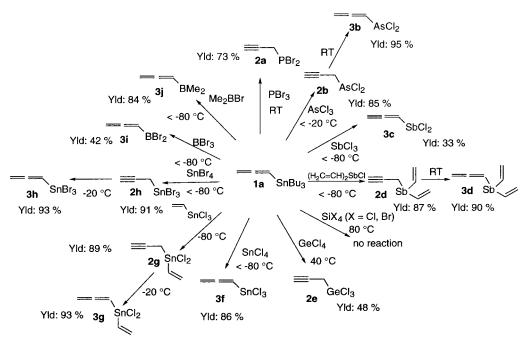
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Scheme 1



The reactivity of stannane **1a** with group 14 element halides increases from silicon to tin halides. No reaction was observed between compound **1a** and SiCl₄ or SiBr₄ even at 80 °C. Propargyltrichlorogermane (**2e**) was prepared in 48% yield by reaction of GeCl₄ with stannane **1a** at 40 °C. Heating of germane **2e** at 120 °C for some hours led only to very small amounts of allenyltrichlorogermane (**3e**).¹¹ However, propargylgermane **2e** was obtained together with about 1% of germane **3e**, even starting from very pure stannane **1a**. As the temperature of the reaction is substantially lower than the temperature of isomerization, we can conclude that the formation of the propargylic compound occurs via an allenyl-propargyl transposition with more than 99% selectivity.

The reaction at -80 °C of SnCl₄ with stannane **1a** in CD₂Cl₂ gave allenyltrichlorostannane (**3f**)^{4f} in 86% yield, as determined by low-temperature NMR spectroscopy. Propargyltrichlorostannane was not detected. On the other hand, vinyltrichlorostannane (**5**) reacted in CD₂Cl₂ with stannane **1a** at a temperature lower than -80 °C to give vinylpropargyldichlorostannane (**2g**) in 89% yield. At -20 °C, the isomerization of **2g** gave the corresponding allenyl derivative **3g** in 93% yield. Similarly, at -80 °C, stannane **1a** and tin tetrabromide in CD₂Cl₂ reacted to give propargyltribromostannane (**2h**) in 89% yield. It slowly rearranged around -20 °C to allenyltribromostannane (**3h**).

Boron trihalides are strong Lewis acidic species, and their addition to the carbon–carbon multiple bonds of allenes or alkynes occurs easily¹² and makes it difficult to effect clean exchange reactions. However, stannane **1a** in CD_2Cl_2 reacted with BBr_3 at a temperature lower than -80 °C to give allenyldibromoborane (**3i**), which was separated from *n*-Bu₃SnBr by codistillation with the solvent. Compound **3i** has low stability at room temperature, similar to allyldibromoborane,^{5a} and is much less stable than vinylic dibromoboranes.¹³ The addition of dimethylbromoborane to an excess of stannane **1a** gave allenyldimethylborane (**3j**) in 84% yield. Even when the reaction was performed at -80 °C in an NMR tube, propargyldimethylborane (**2j**) was not observed.¹⁴ In the case of boron halides, we were not able to demonstrate the formation of a propargylborane intermediate.

Allenyl compounds **3a**-j also were prepared by reaction of the corresponding halide with propargyltriphenylstannane (6).¹⁵ Yields ranged from 13 to 93% (Scheme 2). Partial rearrangement of propargylstannane 6 to the corresponding allenyltriphenylstannane (1b) was observed in the presence of weak Lewis acidic halides (PX₃, GeCl₄), and thus, mixtures of allenvl- and propargylphosphines or allenyl- and propargylgermanes, respectively, in low yields, resulted in reactions with stannanes 6 and 1b. However, the reaction of compound 6 with stronger Lewis acidic halides (AsCl₃, $H_2C=CHSnCl_3$ 5, SnX_4 , BCl_3 , ...) gave the allenic products **3b**, **f**-**j** exclusively in good yield. The propargylic derivatives **2b**,**g**,**h**, stable under the experimental conditions, were not observed, thus proving that the exchange reaction only occurs via a transposition reaction.

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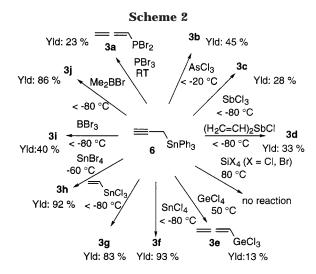
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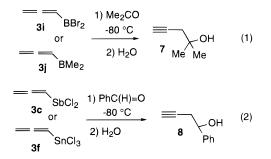
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The reactivity of propargylic and allenic compounds **2** and **3** with electrophiles is dependent on the heteroatom and the other substituents. As an example, reactions of boranes **3i**,**j** with acetone gave, after hydrolysis of the reaction mixture, 4-methyl-1-pentyn-4-ol (7)^{16,17} (eq 1). At -78 °C, reactions of benzaldehyde with



stannane **1a** and compounds **3c**, f^{18} gave the homopropargylic alcohol **8**¹⁶ (eq 2). Under similar conditions, but using SnBr₄ or vinyltrichlorostannane **5** as the halide, the reaction occurred only at a temperature higher than -40 °C. At room temperature and after several hours of stirring, no product was observed in attempted reactions of benzaldehyde with compounds **2a**, **b**, **e**, **3a**, **b**, **e**, and stannane **1a**.

The formation of homoallenyl alcohols occurs when moderately strong Lewis acidic halides (**5**, SnBr₄, BuSnCl₃¹⁹) are used. With these Lewis acidic halides, the propargylic tin halide product, easily observed at low temperature, reacts with the electrophile at a temperature lower than that of isomerization. However, such trapping reactions have been performed using a stronger Lewis acidic halide such as SnCl₄ but at a lower temperature (-78 °C) and using allenylstannanes substituted on the C=C bonds;¹⁹ the steric hindrance due $BCl_3 > Me_2BBr \approx SbCl_3 > SnCl_4 > SnBr_4 \ge RSnCl_3$ > $AsCl_3 > R_2SbCl > GeCl_4 \approx PBr_3 > SiX_4$

Figure 1.

to the presence of substituents inhibits the isomerization of the primary product.

The strong correlation between the temperature of reaction of Lewis acidic halides with stannanes **1a** and **6**, the temperature of rearrangement of the propargylic product in the allenyl derivative, and the chemical reactivity with electrophiles gives a new scale for the strength of Lewis acids (Figure 1). The major difference between this scale and the ones reported in the literature²⁰ is the particular role played by the Lewis acidic halides of group 15. In our approach, PCl₃ is more acidic than SiCl₄ or SiBr₄, AsCl₃ more so than GeCl₄, and SbCl₃ more so than any tin halide.²¹ This scale is also consistent with reactions involving Lewis acidic halides and allylic stannanes⁵ and corroborates postulated mechanisms reported elsewhere.²²

The selective preparation of propargyl halo compounds (**2a**,**b**,**e**,**h**) in reactions of weak Lewis acidic halides provides a short route to the corresponding primary propargyl derivatives. Using Bu₃SnH in the presence of small amounts of duroquinone (a radical inhibitor),²³ we prepared the primary propargylphosphine **9a**,²⁴ arsine **9b**, germane **9e**, and stannane **9h** (eq 3). The latter was only obtained from a reaction with

$$\begin{array}{c} \overbrace{YX_2} & \underbrace{Bu_3SnH}, \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ uroquinone \\ \textbf{2a,b,e,h} \\ \hline \\ \textbf{2a,b,e,h} \\ \textbf{2a:} Y = P, X = Br, \textbf{2b:} Y = As, X = Cl, \\ \textbf{2e:} Y = GeCl, X = Cl, \textbf{2h:} Y = SnBr, X = Br \\ \textbf{3a:} Y = P, \textbf{9b:} Y = As, \textbf{9e:} Y = GeH, \textbf{9h:} Y = SnH \\ \hline \end{array}$$

tribromostannane **2h** and the presence of the isomeric allenylstannane (~30%) cannot be avoided. Compound **2h** can thus be considered as the strongest Lewis acidic halide that can be reduced using this approach before its isomerization. The yields of **9a**,**b**,**e**,**h** ranged from 22 to 78%. Arsine **9b**, in CDCl₃ solution, exhibited low stability at room temperature ($\tau_{1/2} \approx 3$ h), while solutions of compounds **9a**,**e**,**h** are stable under similar conditions. Only yellow-brown decomposition products were observed when **9b** was warmed to room temperature.

Conclusion

We have shown that the reaction of weak to moderately strong Lewis acidic halides with the allenyltri-*n*butylstannane leads only to the corresponding propargylic derivative, the kinetic product via a transposition

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reaction. This latter species rearranges to the allenic isomer (the thermodynamic product) at a temperature dependent on this Lewis acid. This approach allows the synthesis of numerous propargylic derivatives. The reactivity and stability of propargylic or allenic heterocompounds can be attributed to a large interaction between the $C_{\gamma}C_{\beta}$ multiple bond and carbon-heteroatom bonds. Consequently, the allenic derivatives exhibit properties similar to those of allylic derivatives and not at all like those of α,β -unsaturated compounds.

The chemoselective reduction of these propargylic derivatives, before their isomerization, opens a general route to the synthesis of low-boiling primary propargylic arsines, germanes, and stannanes.

Experimental Section

General Considerations. ¹H (400 MHz), ³¹P (125 MHz), and ¹³C NMR (100 MHz) spectra were recorded on a Bruker ARX400 spectrometer and ¹¹B NMR (96.3 MHz) or ¹¹⁹Sn NMR (112 MHz) on a Bruker AC 300C spectrometer. Chemical shifts are given in ppm (δ) relative to tetramethylsilane (¹H) or to solvent (13C, CDCl₃, δ 77.0 ppm), external Me₄Sn for ^{119}Sn NMR spectra, external H_3PO_4 for ³¹P NMR spectra, and external BF₃·Et₂O for ¹¹B NMR spectra. The NMR spectra were recorded using CDCl3 or CD2Cl2 as solvent. Highresolution mass spectra (HRMS) were obtained on a Varian MAT 311 instrument. To record the mass spectra, the propargylarsine **9b**, germane **9e**, and stannane **9h** were directly introduced from a cooled cell into the ionization chamber of the spectrometer. The yields and half-lives ($\tau_{1/2}$) of the unstabilized derivatives were determined by ¹H NMR with an internal reference. The spectroscopic characterization of compounds **3b**,⁸ **3c**,⁸ **3f**,^{4f} **4**,⁸ and **5**^{4e} has been reported previously.

General Procedure for the Reaction of Stannane 1a with Lewis Acidic Halides. Into a two-necked flask equipped with a nitrogen inlet and a magnetic stirring bar, the Lewis acid (1 mmol) and 5 mL of CH_2Cl_2 were introduced. The flask was immersed in a cold bath (PBr₃, AsCl₃, and GeCl₄ at -20 °C; **4**, **5**, SnCl₄, Me₂BBr, and BCl₃ at -80 °C) and propadienyltri-*n*-butylstannane (**1a**; 1 equiv) in CH_2Cl_2 (2 mL) was slowly added. The mixture was stirred for 10 min (mixtures containing PBr₃ or GeCl₄ were stirred for 20 min at 40 °C). The flask was then fitted on a vacuum line and the product purified by trap-to-trap distillation at 0.1 mbar into a receiver at -30 °C.

With high-boiling Lewis acidic halides (antimony halides) or when the propargylic isomer was not observed after distillation (stannanes, boranes), the reaction was performed at -90 °C in an NMR tube using CD₂Cl₂ as solvent. The sample was analyzed by low-temperature (-90 °C) NMR spectroscopy. Thus, compounds **2g,h** were observed.

The allenyl derivatives **3d**,**g**–**j** were prepared by a similar procedure. The corresponding Lewis acidic halide was reacted with stannane **1a** or **6**. Phosphine **3a** and germane **3e** were prepared by reacting PBr₃ and GeCl₄, respectively, with stannane **6** at room temperature, followed by 2 h of stirring at 120 °C. Purification of **3a**,**d**,**e**,**f**–**j** was performed by distillation.

Propargylic Compounds 2a,b,d,e,g,h. Propargyldibromophosphine (2a). Yield: 168 mg (73%). Bp: 32 °C (0.1 mmHg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 2.39 (dt, 1H, ${}^{4}J_{PH} = 5.2$ Hz, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 2.8$ Hz, CH₂); 3.59 (dd, 2H, ${}^{2}J_{PH} = 16.1$ Hz, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 2.8$ Hz, CH). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 30.6 (dt, ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 147.9$ Hz, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 48.0$ Hz, CH₂); 73.8 (dd, ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 252.9$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{CP} = 7.8$ Hz, CH); 76.8 (dd, ${}^{2}J_{CP} = 11.5$ Hz, ${}^{2}J_{CH} = 49.9$ Hz, HC=*C*). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃): δ 164.1 (t, ${}^{2}J_{PH} = 16.1$ Hz). HRMS: *m/z* calcd for C₃H₃P⁷⁹Br₂: 227.8339, found: 227.835. MS: *m/z* (%) 232 (11.5), 230 (23.1), 228 (11.9), 193 $\begin{array}{l} (45.1) \ [PBr_2]^+, \ 191 \ (97.7) \ [PBr_2]^+, \ 189 \ (46.0) \ [PBr_2]^+, \ 151 \ (77.1) \\ [C_3H_3PBr]^+, \ 149 \ (79.0) \ [C_3H_3PBr]^+, \ 69 \ (100) \ [C_3H_2P]^+. \end{array}$

Propargyldichloroarsine (2b). Yield: 85%. At room temperature, compound **2b** slowly isomerized in **3b**. $τ_{1/2}$ (5% in CDCl₃, room temperature): 3 h. Bp: 30 °C (0.1 mmHg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, -30 °C): δ 2.41 (t, 1H, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 2.8 Hz, CH); 3.31 (d, 2H, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 2.8 Hz, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, -30 °C): δ 32.6 (t, ¹*J*_{CH} = 144.7 Hz, CH₂); 74.4 (d, ¹*J*_{CH} = 253.2 Hz, CH); 75.8 (d, ²*J*_{CH} = 51.1 Hz, HC≡*C*). HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C₃H₃As³⁵Cl₂, 183.8828; found, 183.883. MS: *m*/*z* (%) 186 (11.2), 184 (16.9), 149 (31.2) [C₃H₃AsCl]⁺, 148 (27.3) [C₃H₂AsCl]⁺, 147 (26.5) [AsCl₂]⁺, 145 (46.6) [AsCl₂]⁺, 113 (28.4) [C₃H₂As]⁺, 39 (100) [C₃H₃]⁺.

Propargyldivinylstibine (2d). Yield: 87%. Purity: >90%, contained 5–10% of stibine **3d**. At room temperature, compound **2d** slowly isomerized to **3d**. *τ*_{1/2} (5% in CDCl₃, room temperature): 12 h. Bp: ~-50 °C (0.1 mmHg). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, -30 °C): δ 2.05 (t, 1H, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 2.9 Hz, HC≡); 2.19 (d, 2H, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 2.9 Hz, CH₂Sb); 5.87 (d, 1H, ³*J*_{HHtrans} = 19.6 Hz, *H*CH=); 6.27 (d, 1H, ³*J*_{HHcis} = 12.3 Hz, HCH=); 6.94 (dd, 1H, ³*J*_{HHtrans} = 19.6 Hz, ³*J*_{HHtrans} = 19.6 Hz, ³*J*_{HHcis} = 12.3 Hz, CH=). ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, -30 °C): δ 2.80 (t, CH₂); 68.9 (d, ¹*J*_{CH} = 248.7 Hz, H*C*≡C); 82.9 (d, ²*J*_{CH} = 50.0 Hz, HC≡C); 133.6 (t, ¹*J*_{CH} = 157.5 Hz, HC=*C*H₂); 136.4 (d, ¹*J*_{CH} = 157.0 Hz, H*C*=CH₂).

Propargyltrichlorogermane (2e).^{11a} Yield: 105 mg (48%). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 2.33 (t, 1H, ⁴J_{HH} = 2.9 Hz, CH); 2.93 (d, 2H, ⁴J_{HH} = 2.9 Hz, CH₂). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 20.9 (t, ¹J_{CH} = 141.0 Hz, CH₂), 73.0 (d, ²J_{CH} = 51.1 Hz, HC≡*C*); 73.7 (d, ¹J_{CH} = 254.0 Hz, CH).

Vinylpropargyldichlorostannane (2g). Yield: 89% (crude). Around -20 °C, compound **2g** slowly isomerized to **3g**. $\tau_{1/2}$ (5% in CD₂Cl₂, -15 °C): 15 min. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, -60 °C): δ 2.26 (t, 1H, ⁴J_{HH} = 2.9 Hz, ⁴J_{SnH} = 50.8 Hz (d), CH); 2.70 (d, 2H, ⁴J_{HH} = 2.9 Hz, ²J_{SnH} = 88.8 Hz (d), CH₂); 6.20 (d, 1H, ³J_{HHtrans} = 19.2 Hz, HC*H*=); 6.48 (d, 1H, ³J_{HHcis} = 12.0 Hz, *H*CH=); 6.59 (dd, 1H, ³J_{HHtrans} = 19.2 Hz, ³J_{HHcis} = 12.0 Hz, HCH=). ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, -60 °C): δ 14.5 (t, ¹J_{CH} = 141.9 Hz, ¹J_{SnC} = 518.6 Hz (d), CH₂); 75.4 (d, ¹J_{CH} = 252.3 Hz, ²J_{SnC} = 108.6 Hz (d), CH); 76.3 (d, ¹J_{CH} = 51.2 Hz, ³J_{SnC} = 86.2 Hz (d), C=C); 134.2 (d, ¹J_{CH} = 170.3 Hz, ¹J_{SnC} = 733.1 Hz (d), =CH); 140.2 (t, ¹J_{CH} = 161.3 Hz, =CH₂). ¹¹⁹Sn NMR (CDCl₃, -50 °C): -13.2.

Propargyltribromostannane (2h). Yield: 91% (crude). Around −20 °C, compound **2h** slowly isomerized into **3h**. $\tau_{1/2}$ (5% in CD₂Cl₂, −15 °C): 15 min. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, −60 °C): δ 2.59 (t, 1H, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 2.9 Hz, ⁴*J*_{SnH} = 85.5 Hz (d), CH); 3.24 (d, 2H, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 2.9 Hz, ²*J*_{SnH} = 95.9 Hz (d), CH₂). ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, −60 °C): δ 20.9 (t, ¹*J*_{CH} = 148.6 Hz, ¹*J*_{SnC} = 597.2 Hz (d), CH₂); 75.4 (d, ¹*J*_{CH} = 254.4 Hz, ³*J*_{SnC} = 73.4 Hz (d), CH); 76.6 (s, ²*J*_{SnC} = 100.0 Hz (d), C≡*C*). ¹¹⁹Sn NMR (CDCl₃, −50 °C): δ −202.7.

Allenic Compounds 3a,d,e,g–j. Allenyldibromophosphine (3a). Yield: 53 mg (23%). Bp: 30 °C (0.1 mmHg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 5.30 (dd, 2H, ⁴J_{PH} = 6.6 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 3.3 Hz, CH₂); 6.45 (dt, 1H, ²J_{PH} = 10.6 Hz, ⁴J_{HH} = 3.3 Hz, CH). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, room temperature): δ 78.1 (td, ¹J_{CH} = 171.0 Hz, ³J_{CP} = 9.7 Hz, CH₂); 92.3 (dd, ¹J_{CH} = 181.6 Hz, ¹J_{CP} = 59.3 Hz, HC); 209.9 (d, ²J_{CP} = 11.2 Hz, C=*C*=C). ³¹P NMR (CDCl₃): δ 148.0 (d, ²J_{PH} = 10.6 Hz). HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C₃H₃PBr₂, 227.8339; found, 227.834.

Allenyldivinylstibine (3d). Yield: 92% (starting from **2d**). Bp: ~-50 °C (0.1 mmHg). ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, room temperature): δ 4.40 (d, 2H, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, H₂C=C=C); 5.40 (d, 1H, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 6.8 Hz, C=C=CH); 5.82 (d, 1H, ³*J*_{HHtrans} = 19.5 Hz, *H*CH=); 6.21 (d, 1H, ³*J*_{HHcis} = 12.2 Hz, HC*H*=); 6.82 (dd, 1H, ³*J*_{HHtrans} = 19.5 Hz, ³*J*_{HHcis} = 12.2 Hz, =CH). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 67.8 (t, ¹*J*_{CH} = 168.1 Hz, *C*H₂=C=C); 74.4 (d, ¹*J*_{CH} = 173.1 Hz, CH₂=C=*C*H); 132.9 (t, ¹*J*_{CH} = 156.8 Hz, CH=*C*H₂); 133.5 (d, ¹*J*_{CH} = 158.1 Hz, H*C*=CH₂); 209.2 (s, C=*C*=C).

Allenyltrichlorogermane (3e).^{11b} Yield: 13% (contained germane **2e**). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): 5.15 (t, 1H, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 6.9$ Hz,

CH); 5.63 (t, 2H, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 6.9$ Hz, CH₂). ${}^{13}C$ NMR (CDCl₃): δ 76.9 (t, ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 171.0$ Hz, CH₂); 84.3 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 183.1$ Hz, CH); 212.9 (s, C=*C*=C).

Allenylvinyldichlorostannane (3g). Yield: 228 mg (93%) (starting from 2g). Bp: 44 °C (0.1 mmHg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 4.85 (d, 2H, ⁴J_{HH} = 6.6 Hz, C=C=CH₂); 5.50 (t, 1H, ⁴J_{HH} = 6.6 Hz, HC=C=C); 6.18 (d, 1H, ³J_{HHtrans} = 19.3 Hz, *H*CH=C-Sn); 6.47 (d, 1H, ³J_{HHcis} = 11.2 Hz, *H*CH=CH-Sn); 6.53 (dd, 1H, ³J_{HHtrans} = 19.3 Hz, ³J_{HHcis} = 11.2 Hz, H₂C=CH-Sn). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 71.7 (t, ³J_{CSn} = 101 Hz, C=C=CH₂); 79.9 (d, ¹J_{CSn} = 753 Hz, *C*=C=CH₂); 133.3 (d, H₂C=CH-Sn); 140.0 (t, ²J_{CSn} = 69.4 Hz, H₂C=C-Sn); 212.9 (s, C=C=C). ¹¹⁹Sn NMR (CDCl₃): δ -35.7. HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C₅H₅³⁵Cl₂¹²⁰Sn ([M – H]⁺), 254.8790; found, 254.879.

Allenyltribromostannane (3h). Yield: 329 mg (93%) (starting from 2h). Bp: 48 °C (0.1 mmHg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 5.16 (d, 2H, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 6.7$ Hz, ${}^{4}J_{SnH} = 120.1$ Hz (d), CH₂); 5.82 (t, 1H, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 6.7$ Hz, ${}^{2}J_{SnH} = 151.4$ Hz (d), CH). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 75.6 (t, ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 171.2$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{SnC} = 151.6$ Hz (d), CH₂); 83.7 (d, ${}^{1}J_{CH} = 190.5$ Hz, ${}^{1}J_{SnC} = 937.2$ Hz (d), CH); 209.1 (s, ${}^{2}J_{SnC} = 57.5$ Hz (d), C=*C*=C). ¹¹⁹Sn NMR (CDCl₃): δ -251. HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C₃H₃⁷⁹Br₃¹²⁰Sn, 395.6808; found, 395.677.

Allenyldibromoborane (3i). Yield: 42%. Compound **3i** decomposes at room temperature into insoluble brown products. $\tau_{1/2}$ (5% in CD₂Cl₂, room temperature): 20 min. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, -30 °C): δ 4.90 (d, 2H, ⁴J_{HH} = 6.4 Hz, CH₂); 5.96 (t, 1H, ⁴J_{HH} = 6.4 Hz, CH). ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, -30 °C): δ 73.1 (t, ¹J_{CH} = 170.5 Hz, CH₂); 94–96 (brd, CH); 224.1 (C=*C*=C). ¹¹B NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ 57.5.

Allenyldimethylborane (3j). Yield: 67 mg (84%). Bp: ~-65 °C (0.1 mmHg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 0.82 (s, 6H, CH₃); 4.61 (d, 2H, ⁴J_{HH} = 6.4 Hz, CH₂); 5.58 (t, 1H, ⁴J_{HH} = 6.4 Hz, CH). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ 8.4 (q brd, ¹J_{CH} \approx 127 Hz, CH₃); 68.1 (t, ¹J_{CH} = 167.9 Hz); 89–92 (brd, CH); 219.1 (s, C=*C*=*C*). ¹¹B NMR (CDCl₃): δ 76.5. HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C₅H₉¹¹B, 80.0797; found, 80.0795.

Reaction of an Allenylborane with Acetone. Solutions of compounds **3i**, **j** (1 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL) were cooled to -78 °C, and solutions of acetone (1 mmol) in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) were slowly added. The mixtures were stirred for 10 min at this temperature and then hydrolyzed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The 4-methyl-1-pentyn-4-ol (7) produced was purified by column chromatography (hexane/ether) and characterized by comparison with an authentic sample.¹⁶ Yields: 45 (**3i**) and 95% (**3j**).

Reaction of Allenylstibine 3c or -stannane 3f with Benzaldehyde. Solutions of compounds **3c**,**f** (1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL) were cooled to -78 °C, and solutions of benzaldehyde (1 mmol) in CH₂Cl₂ (5 mL) were slowly added. The mixtures were stirred for 2 h at this temperature and then hydrolyzed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. The 1-phenyl-3-butyn-1-ol (**8**) produced was purified by column chromatography (hexane/ether) and characterized by comparison with an authentic sample.¹⁶ Yields: 53% (**3c**), 78% (**3f**).

Addition of Benzaldehyde to Propargylic Compounds 2a,b,e or Allenic Compounds 3a,b,e. Compounds 2a,b,e and 3a,b,e (1 mmol) were prepared as reported above and diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (10 mL). A solution of benzaldehyde (1 mmol) diluted with CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL) was slowly added at 0 °C. The mixture was stirred for 2 h at room temperature and then hydrolyzed with saturated aqueous NaHCO₃. No product was detected.

General Procedure for the Preparation of the Propargylic Phosphine 9a, Arsine 9b, Germane 9e, or Stannane 9h. Caution! Primary propargylic phosphine, arsine, germane, and stannane are pyrophoric and potentially highly toxic. All reactions and handling should be carried out in a wellventilated hood.

The apparatus already described for the reduction of alkynyl- and allenylarsines was used.4,5b The flask containing the reducing mixture (20 mmol of Bu₃SnH containing about 5 mg of duroquinone (2a,b,h) or LiAlH₄ (20 mmol) in tetraglyme (10 mL) (2e)) was cooled to -30 °C, fitted on a vacuum line, and degassed. The pure (2a,e) or crude and cooled (2b,h) precursor (1 mmol) in decahydronaphthalene (5 mL) was then added with a short flex needle through the septum. During and after the addition, the product was distilled off in vacuo from the reaction mixture. A cold trap (-70 °C) selectively removed the less volatile products, and compounds 9a,b,e,h were condensed in a second cold trap (-110 °C) to remove the most volatile products. After revaporization, the pure product was condensed on a cold finger (-196 °C) which was connected at the bottom to a flask or an NMR tube. A cosolvent was added at this step. After it was disconnected from the vacuum line by stopcocks, the apparatus was filled with dry nitrogen; liquid nitrogen was subsequently removed. The product was collected and kept at low temperature (<-40 °C) before analysis. The boiling points of products 9b,e,h have been approximately determined (± 5 °C) from their temperature of condensation and revaporization in vacuo (0.1 mbar).

Propargylarsine (9b). Yield: 42%. Bp: ~-85 °C (0.1 mmHg). $\tau_{1/2}$ (5% in CDCl₃, room temperature): 3 h. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, -30 °C): δ 2.17 (t, 1H, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 2.8 Hz, CH); 2.38 (td, 2H, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.2 Hz, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 2.8 Hz, CH₂); 2.87 (t, 2H, ³*J*_{HH} = 6.2 Hz, AsH₂). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, -30 °C): δ -0.9 (t, ¹*J*_{CH} = 140.4 Hz, CH₂); 69.0 (d, ¹*J*_{CH} = 249.5 Hz, CH); 84.9 (d, ²*J*_{CH} = 46.4 Hz, HC=*C*). HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C₃H₅As, 115.9607; found, 115.961. MS: *m*/*z* (%) 116 (32.6), 115 (18.7) [M - H]⁺, 114 (11.1) [M - 2H]⁺, 76 (88.2) [AsH]⁺, 39 (100) [C₃H₃]⁺.

Propargylgermane (9e). Yield: 78%. Bp: \sim -90 °C (0.1 mmHg). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ 1.95 (t, 1H, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 2.9 Hz, CH); 1.87 (dq, 2H, ⁴*J*_{HH} = 2.9 Hz, ³*J*_{HH} = 3.2 Hz, CH₂); 3.87 (t, 3H, ³*J*_{HH} = 3.2 Hz, GeH₃). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃): δ -3.7 (t, ¹*J*_{CH} = 135.3 Hz, CH₂); 67.4 (d, ¹*J*_{CH} = 248.7 Hz, CH); 82.8 (s, ²*J*_{CH} = 48.6 Hz, HC=*C*). HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for C₃H₅Ge [M - H]⁺, 114.9603; found, 114.959. MS: *m*/*z* (%) 116 (11.8), 115 (36.0) [M - H]⁺, 74 (71.4) [Ge]⁺, 72 (55.4) [Ge]⁺, 39 (100) [C₃H₃]⁺.

Propargylstannane (9h). Yield: 22% (crude, contained allenylstannane). Bp: −80 °C (0.1 mmHg). ¹H NMR (CD₂-Cl₂): 1.87 (qd, 2H, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 2.9$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 1.9$ Hz, ${}^{2}J_{SnH} = 70.0$ Hz, H₂C); 1.94 (t, 1H, ${}^{4}J_{HH} = 2.9$ Hz, HC=C); 4.90 (t, 3H, ${}^{3}J_{HH} = 1.9$ Hz, SnH₃). ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ −8.5 (q, CH₃); 67.0 (d, CH); 80.0 (s, *C*=CH). ¹¹⁹Sn NMR (CD₂Cl₂): δ −313 (${}^{1}J_{SnH} = 1972$ Hz). HRMS: *m*/*z* calcd for [M − H]⁺ (C₃H₅¹²⁰Sn)⁺, 160.9413; found, 160.941.

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Supporting Information Available: ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compounds **2a,b,d,e,g,h**, **3a,d,g–j**, and **9b,e,h**. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org.

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