

Portions of the solution were placed in screw-capped vials, overlain with ethanol, closed and allowed to stand at room temperature. Small colorless prisms formed in about one week.

Diffraction data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects and an empirical absorption correction was applied (North, Phillips & Mathews, 1968). The positions of the K atoms were obtained using the direct methods program *MULTAN80* (Main, Fiske, Hull, Lessinger, Germain, Declercq & Woolfson, 1980) and a structure-factor calculation using these gave a Fourier map from which the remaining non-H atoms were located. Refinement of the structure on *F*, first with isotropic and then anisotropic thermal parameters, using a full-matrix least-squares procedure, gave parameters for the calculation of a difference Fourier map from which the locations of the H atoms were found. These H atoms were included in the final refinement cycles with isotropic thermal factors equivalent to those of the atoms to which they were bonded. All crystallographic calculations were made with in-house programs (Carrell, Shieh & Takusagawa, 1981). Thermal ellipsoid diagrams were produced with the program *SNOOPI* (Davies, 1983) and other diagrams with the program *VIEW* (Carrell, 1976).

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Structure of Strontium Citrate Pentahydrate

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Abstract

The crystal structure of tristrontium bis(2-hydroxy-1,2,3-propanetricarboxylate) pentahydrate has been determined. One Sr ion is coordinated with eight O atoms, another with nine and the third with ten at distances ranging from 2.498 (2) to 2.781 (2) Å. Two Sr ions are bound to citrate ions in a tridentate manner. Both citrate ions in the asymmetric unit are in an extended conformation. There are 11 hydrogen bonds in one asymmetric unit of the crystal structure.

Comment

The crystal structure of strontium citrate has been determined in order to establish the conformation of the citrate ion and the manner by which it is chelated by the metal ion, for comparison with data from other citrate ions (Glusker, 1980).

This crystal structure determination shows that the citrate ion is in an extended conformation. As in other citrates the plane of the central carboxyl group is almost perpendicular to the plane of the C-atom backbone [C(1) to C(5)]. The O atom of the hydroxyl group lies in the plane of the central carboxyl group [C(6), O(5), O(6) on C(3)]. Both citrate ions are chelated in a tridentate manner to an Sr cation; Sr(1) binds O(5A), O(7A) and O(4A) while Sr(3) binds O(5B), O(7B) and O(2B) (Table 2). Sr ions share both O atoms of the central carboxyl group [O(5) and O(6) bound by Sr(1ⁱⁱ) and Sr(3^{viii})] and the carboxyl group not involved in tridentate chelation [O(1A) and O(2A) to Sr(3^{vii}) and O(3B) and O(4B) to Sr(1ⁱⁱⁱ)]. This type of binding is particularly characteristic of divalent ions with metal–oxygen distances of approximately 2.6 Å (Carrell, Carrell, Erlebacher & Glusker, 1988), the range here being 2.650–2.772 Å. The hydroxyl group H atoms act as bridges between different citrate ions through hydrogen bonding (see Table 2 and Fig. 2).

The Sr—O distances vary from 2.498 (2) to 2.781 (2) Å, with average values of 2.58 Å for coordination number 8 [Sr(2)], 2.67 Å for coordination number 9 [Sr(1)], and 2.68 Å for coordination number 10 [Sr(3)]. These values are considerably

longer than the seven-coordinate Ca—O distances of 2.372 to 2.490 Å found in calcium hydrogen citrate (Sheldrick, 1974).

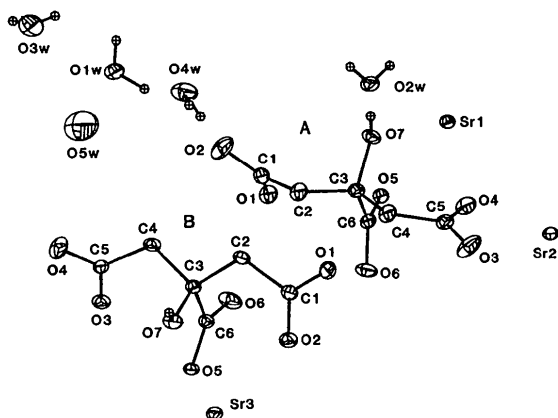


Fig. 1. Atomic numbering and representation, at 50% probability level, of the thermal ellipsoids (ORTEP; Johnson, 1965).

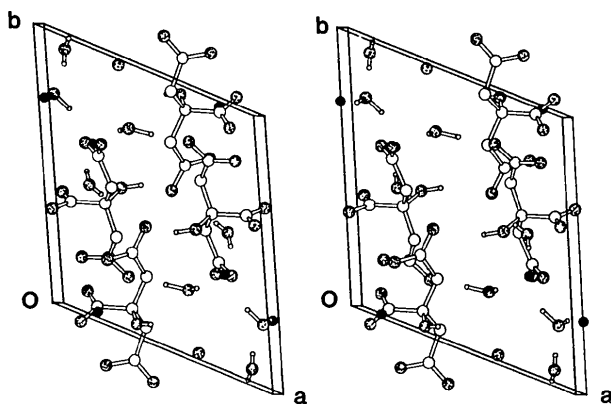


Fig. 2. Stereoview of the crystal packing projected down the *c* axis. Metal ions are black, O atoms are stippled.

Experimental

Crystal data



$M_r = 731.14$

Triclinic

$P\bar{1}$

$a = 10.720 (2) \text{ \AA}$

$b = 12.467 (2) \text{ \AA}$

$c = 9.124 (2) \text{ \AA}$

$\alpha = 104.77 (2)^\circ$

$\beta = 100.12 (2)^\circ$

$\gamma = 111.19 (2)^\circ$

$V = 1049.4 (4) \text{ \AA}^3$

$Z = 2$

Data collection

Siemens-Nicolet P3m
diffractometer

$D_x = 2.31 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$

Cu $K\alpha$ radiation

$\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$

Cell parameters from 14
reflections with

$\theta = 40\text{--}45^\circ$

$\mu = 10.842 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

$T = 293 \text{ K}$

Prism

$0.5 \times 0.08 \times 0.08 \text{ mm}$

Colorless

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.016$

$\theta_{\text{max}} = 69.5^\circ$

Variable θ - 2θ scans of rate

$2.02\text{--}58.6^\circ \text{ min}^{-1}$

Absorption correction:

empirical

$T_{\text{min}} = 0.795$, $T_{\text{max}} =$

1.000

4147 measured reflections

3951 independent reflections

3924 observed reflections

$[I \geq 3.0\sigma(I)]$

Refinement

Refinement on F

Final $R = 0.031$ ($R_{\text{all}} =$

0.030)

$wR = 0.042$ ($wR_{\text{all}} = 0.042$)

$S = 1.25$

3924 reflections

379 parameters

All H-atom parameters re-

efined

$w = [\sigma^2(F)]^{-1}$; $\sigma(F) =$

$(F/2)[\sigma^2(I)/(I^2 + \delta^2)]^{1/2}$,

$\delta = 0.021$ (instrumental

uncertainty)

$h = -13 \rightarrow 12$

$k = -15 \rightarrow 14$

$l = 0 \rightarrow 11$

4 standard reflections

monitored every 92

reflections

intensity variation: $< 1\%$

$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.6$ for Sr,O,C;

$= 0.9$ for H

$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.70 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -1.00 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Extinction correction: none

Atomic scattering factors
from *International Tables*
for *X-ray Crystallography*
(1974, Vol. IV)

Table 1. Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic thermal parameters (\AA^2)

For non-H atoms $U_{\text{eq}} = 1/3(\text{trace of the orthogonalized } U_{ij} \text{ matrix})$.

	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	$U_{\text{iso}}/U_{\text{eq}}$
Sr(1)	0.78833 (2)	0.35978 (2)	0.47373 (3)	0.0166 (1)
Sr(2)	1.01216 (2)	0.26785 (2)	0.21363 (3)	0.0161 (1)
Sr(3)	0.85298 (2)	0.98377 (2)	-0.22866 (3)	0.0186 (1)
O(1W)	0.0684 (3)	0.7719 (2)	0.0970 (3)	0.028 (1)
O(2W)	0.8027 (3)	0.5141 (2)	0.7548 (3)	0.027 (1)
O(3W)	0.1154 (3)	0.9473 (3)	0.4654 (4)	0.042 (1)
O(4W)	0.3917 (3)	0.7540 (3)	0.3904 (4)	0.035 (1)
O(5W)	0.3643 (4)	0.9719 (4)	0.3701 (6)	0.082 (2)
O(1A)	0.8705 (2)	0.7943 (2)	0.5733 (3)	0.021 (1)
O(2A)	0.6627 (3)	0.7963 (3)	0.5174 (3)	0.033 (1)
O(3A)	0.7761 (3)	0.3571 (3)	-0.0629 (3)	0.039 (1)
O(4A)	0.8366 (2)	0.3711 (2)	0.1893 (3)	0.026 (1)
O(5A)	0.9426 (2)	0.5855 (2)	0.5089 (3)	0.0171 (8)
O(6A)	1.0046 (2)	0.6669 (2)	0.3299 (3)	0.025 (1)
O(7A)	0.6755 (2)	0.4830 (2)	0.3622 (3)	0.0223 (9)
C(1A)	0.7498 (3)	0.7568 (3)	0.4791 (4)	0.019 (1)
C(2A)	0.7162 (3)	0.6721 (3)	0.3119 (4)	0.022 (1)
C(3A)	0.7580 (3)	0.5661 (3)	0.2944 (4)	0.018 (1)
C(4A)	0.7320 (3)	0.4994 (3)	0.1197 (4)	0.021 (1)
C(5A)	0.7854 (3)	0.4019 (3)	0.0808 (4)	0.020 (1)
C(6A)	0.9139 (3)	0.6111 (3)	0.3852 (4)	0.017 (1)
O(1B)	0.6027 (2)	0.5983 (2)	-0.2037 (4)	0.027 (1)
O(2B)	0.7875 (2)	0.7759 (2)	-0.1428 (3)	0.025 (1)
O(3B)	0.8049 (2)	1.1603 (2)	0.3043 (3)	0.021 (1)
O(4B)	0.5923 (2)	1.1502 (2)	0.2609 (4)	0.028 (1)
O(5B)	0.9220 (2)	1.0411 (2)	0.0841 (3)	0.0151 (9)
O(6B)	0.8723 (3)	0.9149 (2)	0.2189 (3)	0.028 (1)
O(7B)	0.6677 (2)	0.9667 (2)	-0.0784 (3)	0.0197 (9)
C(1B)	0.6699 (3)	0.7122 (3)	-0.1340 (4)	0.018 (1)
C(2B)	0.6042 (3)	0.7754 (3)	-0.0261 (4)	0.018 (1)
C(3B)	0.6797 (3)	0.9157 (3)	0.0437 (4)	0.016 (1)
C(4B)	0.6126 (3)	0.9608 (3)	0.1674 (4)	0.020 (1)
C(5B)	0.6736 (3)	1.0991 (3)	0.2463 (4)	0.017 (1)
C(6B)	0.8366 (3)	0.9595 (3)	0.1219 (4)	0.016 (1)
H(07A)	0.584 (5)	0.443 (5)	0.309 (7)	0.07 (2)
H(07B)	0.606 (4)	0.948 (4)	-0.132 (5)	0.04 (1)
H(101W)	0.136 (5)	0.741 (5)	0.086 (7)	0.07 (2)
H(201W)	0.031 (5)	0.742 (5)	0.159 (7)	0.07 (2)

H(1O2W)	0.750 (6)	0.530 (6)	0.774 (8)	0.09 (2)
H(2O2W)	0.808 (5)	0.468 (5)	0.806 (7)	0.06 (2)
H(1O3W)	0.133 (4)	0.991 (4)	0.537 (6)	0.04 (1)
H(2O3W)	0.108 (6)	0.891 (6)	0.458 (8)	0.07 (2)
H(1O4W)	0.494 (6)	0.768 (5)	0.424 (8)	0.07 (2)
H(2O4W)	0.357 (6)	0.736 (5)	0.284 (7)	0.07 (2)

C(2B)—C(3B)—C(6B)—O(5B)	130.1
C(2B)—C(3B)—C(6B)—O(6B)	-50.9
C(4B)—C(3B)—C(6B)—O(5B)	-110.1
C(4B)—C(3B)—C(6B)—O(6B)	68.9

D—H...A	D—H	H...A	D...A	D—H...A
O(7A)—H...O(1B ^{iv})	0.90 (4)	1.88 (3)	2.750 (2)	165 (3)
O(7B)—H...O(4B ⁱⁱⁱ)	0.67 (3)	1.97 (3)	2.619 (3)	162 (3)
O(1W)—H1...O(3A ^{iv})	0.95 (2)	1.79 (3)	2.706 (2)	163 (3)
O(1W)—H2...O(6A ^{is})	0.83 (4)	2.03 (5)	2.825 (3)	160 (3)
O(2W)—H1...O(1B ^z)	0.69 (3)	2.07 (3)	2.748 (2)	167 (6)
O(2W)—H2...O(3A ^z)	0.84 (4)	2.02 (4)	2.846 (3)	165 (2)
O(3W)—H1...O(6B ⁱⁱ)	0.68 (4)	2.26 (4)	2.905 (4)	159 (3)
O(3W)—H2...O(6A ^{is})	0.66 (4)	2.46 (5)	3.072 (3)	155 (6)
O(3W)—H2...O(3B ⁱⁱ)	0.66 (4)	2.53 (6)	2.929 (3)	121 (7)
O(4W)—H1...O(2A)	1.02 (3)	1.72 (4)	2.730 (2)	169 (5)
O(4W)—H2...O(3A ^{iv})	0.91 (6)	2.01 (6)	2.878 (4)	158 (3)

Table 2. Geometric parameters (Å, °)

For torsion angles e.s.d.'s are 0.2°.

O(1A)—C(1A)	1.265 (3)	O(1B)—C(1B)	1.257 (3)
O(2A)—C(1A)	1.263 (2)	O(2B)—C(1B)	1.253 (2)
O(3A)—C(5A)	1.257 (4)	O(3B)—C(5B)	1.264 (2)
O(4A)—C(5A)	1.259 (3)	O(4B)—C(5B)	1.259 (2)
O(5A)—C(6A)	1.267 (4)	O(5B)—C(6B)	1.269 (2)
O(6A)—C(6A)	1.244 (3)	O(6B)—C(6B)	1.235 (3)
O(7A)—C(3A)	1.447 (3)	O(7B)—C(3B)	1.426 (3)
C(1A)—C(2A)	1.511 (5)	C(1B)—C(2B)	1.529 (3)
C(2A)—C(3A)	1.523 (3)	C(2B)—C(3B)	1.532 (3)
C(3A)—C(4A)	1.520 (5)	C(3B)—C(4B)	1.537 (4)
C(3A)—C(6A)	1.546 (3)	C(3B)—C(6B)	1.533 (3)
C(4A)—C(5A)	1.511 (3)	C(4B)—C(5B)	1.518 (3)
O(7A)—H(O7A)	0.90 (4)	O(7B)—H(O7B)	0.67 (3)

O(1W)—H(1O1W)	0.95 (2)	O(3W)—H(1O3W)	0.68 (4)
O(1W)—H(2O1W)	0.83 (4)	O(3W)—H(2O3W)	0.66 (4)
O(2W)—H(1O2W)	0.69 (3)	O(4W)—H(1O4W)	1.02 (3)
O(2W)—H(2O2W)	0.84 (4)	O(4W)—H(2O4W)	0.91 (6)

Sr(1)—O(2W)	2.726 (2)	Sr(2)—O(2B ^v)	2.546 (1)
Sr(1)—O(4W ^z)	2.652 (2)	Sr(2)—O(3B ⁱⁱⁱ)	2.545 (1)
Sr(1)—O(4A)	2.762 (2)	Sr(2)—O(5B ⁱⁱⁱ)	2.498 (2)
Sr(1)—O(5A ⁱⁱ)	2.678 (1)	Sr(3)—O(1W ^{vi})	2.712 (2)
Sr(1)—O(5A)	2.597 (1)	Sr(3)—O(3W ^{vi})	2.552 (3)
Sr(1)—O(6A ⁱⁱ)	2.772 (2)	Sr(3)—O(5W ^{vi})	2.762 (3)
Sr(1)—O(7A)	2.563 (2)	Sr(3)—O(1A ^{vii})	2.673 (2)
Sr(1)—O(3B ⁱⁱⁱ)	2.658 (2)	Sr(3)—O(2A ^{vii})	2.669 (3)
Sr(1)—O(4B ⁱⁱⁱ)	2.650 (2)	Sr(3)—O(2B)	2.781 (2)
Sr(2)—O(1W ^{vi})	2.672 (3)	Sr(3)—O(6B ⁱⁱⁱ)	2.728 (1)
Sr(2)—O(2W ⁱⁱ)	2.629 (1)	Sr(3)—O(5B ⁱⁱⁱ)	2.699 (1)
Sr(2)—O(1A ⁱⁱ)	2.564 (2)	Sr(3)—O(5B)	2.652 (2)
Sr(2)—O(4A)	2.645 (1)	Sr(3)—O(7B)	2.583 (1)
Sr(2)—O(5A ⁱⁱ)	2.560 (2)		

O(1A)—C(1A)—O(2A)	121.7 (3)	O(1B)—C(1B)—O(2B)	124.9 (2)
O(1A)—C(1A)—C(2A)	118.1 (1)	O(1B)—C(1B)—C(2B)	116.7 (2)
O(2A)—C(1A)—C(2A)	119.9 (2)	O(2B)—C(1B)—C(2B)	118.4 (2)
C(1A)—C(2A)—C(3A)	116.6 (2)	C(1B)—C(2B)—C(3B)	115.8 (2)
O(7A)—C(3A)—C(2A)	108.8 (2)	O(7B)—C(3B)—C(2B)	110.3 (2)
O(7A)—C(3A)—C(4A)	110.1 (2)	O(7B)—C(3B)—C(4B)	110.1 (2)
O(7A)—C(3A)—C(6A)	107.3 (2)	O(7B)—C(3B)—C(6B)	107.1 (2)
C(2A)—C(3A)—C(4A)	109.6 (2)	C(2B)—C(3B)—C(4B)	108.2 (2)
C(2A)—C(3A)—C(6A)	111.6 (2)	C(2B)—C(3B)—C(6B)	111.3 (2)
C(4A)—C(3A)—C(6A)	109.5 (2)	C(4B)—C(3B)—C(6B)	109.9 (2)
C(3A)—C(4A)—C(5A)	116.9 (2)	C(3B)—C(4B)—C(5B)	115.1 (2)
O(3A)—C(5A)—O(4A)	123.9 (2)	O(3B)—C(5B)—O(4B)	120.9 (2)
O(3A)—C(5A)—C(4A)	115.8 (2)	O(3B)—C(5B)—C(4B)	119.6 (1)
O(4A)—C(5A)—C(4A)	120.2 (3)	O(4B)—C(5B)—C(4B)	119.4 (2)
O(5A)—C(6A)—O(6A)	123.2 (2)	O(5B)—C(6B)—O(6B)	124.0 (2)
O(5A)—C(6A)—C(3A)	118.4 (2)	O(5B)—C(6B)—C(3B)	117.5 (2)
O(6A)—C(6A)—C(3A)	118.3 (2)	O(6B)—C(6B)—C(3B)	118.4 (2)
C(3A)—O(7A)—H(O7A)	114 (3)	C(3B)—O(7B)—H(O7B)	121 (3)

H(1O1W)—O(1W)—H(2O1W)	105 (3)
H(1O2W)—O(2W)—H(2O2W)	104 (5)
H(1O3W)—O(3W)—H(2O3W)	123 (6)
H(1O4W)—O(4W)—H(2O4W)	113 (4)

O(7A)—C(3A)—C(6A)—O(5A)	-9.5
O(7A)—C(3A)—C(6A)—O(6A)	168.0
C(2A)—C(3A)—C(6A)—O(5A)	109.6
C(2A)—C(3A)—C(6A)—O(6A)	-73.0
C(4A)—C(3A)—C(6A)—O(5A)	-128.9
C(4A)—C(3A)—C(6A)—O(6A)	48.6
O(7B)—C(3B)—C(6B)—O(5B)	9.5
O(7B)—C(3B)—C(6B)—O(6B)	-171.6

Symmetry code: (i) $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (ii) $2-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (iii) $x, y-1, z$; (iv) $1-x, 1-y, -z$; (v) $2-x, 1-y, -z$; (vi) $1-x, 2-y, -z$; (vii) $x, y, z-1$; (viii) $2-x, 2-y, -z$; (ix) $x-1, y, z$; (x) $x, y, 1+z$; (xi) $1-x, 2-y, 1-z$.

An aqueous solution of strontium chloride and trisodium citrate in the approximate molar ratio of 3:2 was warmed with stirring, and then slowly reduced in volume by warming without stirring. Clear colorless prismatic crystals of strontium citrate pentahydrate formed over 15 d.

Diffraction data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects and an empirical absorption correction was applied (North, Phillips & Mathews, 1968). The positions of the Sr atoms were deduced from the highest peaks in a Patterson map; a structure-factor calculation using these and the ensuing Fourier map revealed the positions of all non-H atoms. Refinement of the structure on F , first with isotropic and then anisotropic thermal parameters, using a full-matrix least-squares procedure, followed by calculation of a difference Fourier map, led to the location of most of the H atoms. These were included in the final refinement cycles with isotropic thermal parameters equivalent to those of the atoms to which they were bonded. The H atoms of one water molecule, O(5W), were not located. All crystallographic calculations were made with in-house programs (Carrell, Shieh & Takusagawa, 1981). Thermal ellipsoid diagrams were produced with the program *SNOOPI* (Davies, 1983) and other diagrams with the program *VIEW* (Carrell, 1976).

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Diphenylbis(2-pyridinethiolato)tin(IV)

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Abstract

The polyhedron around tin in the title compound is a distorted trapezoidal bipyramid with the two C(phenyl) atoms in axial positions. The trapezoidal plane is formed by the two 2-pyridinethiolato residues which act as bidentate ligands with *cis* Sn—S and *cis* Sn—N bonds. Sn—N coordination is indicated by short intramolecular Sn—N distances [Sn—N(1) = 2.636 (4), Sn—N(2) = 2.698 (4) Å]. The axial C atoms are shifted towards the half-sphere occupied by two N atoms resulting in a C—Sn—C angle of 125.5 (1)°. No short intermolecular interactions are observed.

Comment

Predictions of the coordination number of tin in diorganotin complexes with S,N chelate ligands from ¹¹⁹Sn NMR shift data are, in contrast to other types of organotin compounds, still unreliable since knowledge of the structure of such compounds is insufficient. To improve this situation we started to study the structures of various types of diorganotin compounds with S,N ligands, for instance, diorganobis(2-pyridinethiolato)tin(IV) compounds, both in solution and in the solid state. From IR and Mössbauer spectra, a distorted octahedral coordination polyhedron could be inferred, but a decision as to whether the chelate ligands are arranged *cis* or *trans* was only possible by single-crystal structure determination. We report here the structure of the

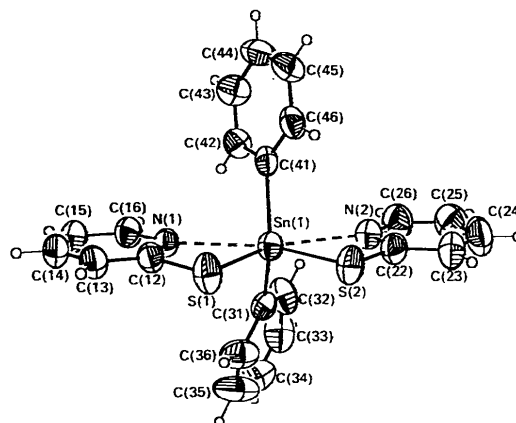


Fig. 1. The title molecule and numbering scheme.

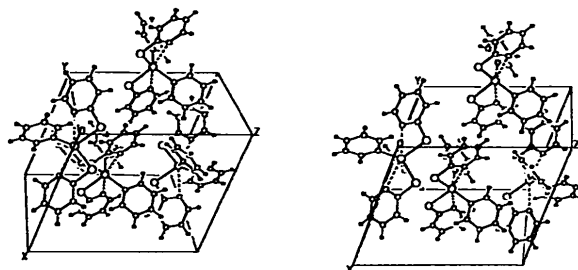


Fig. 2. Stereoscopic view of the unit cell.

title compound which was first prepared by Mullins (1979).

The polyhedron around Sn in $\text{Ph}_2\text{Sn}(2\text{-SPy})_2$ (2-SPy = 2-pyridinethiolate) corresponds to that found in ${}^n\text{Bu}_2\text{Sn}(2\text{-SPy-5-NO}_2)_2$ (Domazetis, James, Mackay & Magee, 1979). It is a distorted trapezoidal bipyramid with S(1), S(2), N(1) and N(2) in the trapezoidal plane, and the two C(phenyl) atoms in apical positions. The trapezoidal plane containing the two 2-SPy ligands and tin is nearly planar. The bond distances Sn—N(1) and Sn—N(2) [mean 2.667 (4) Å] are appreciably shorter than the sum of the appropriate van der Waals radii of 3.75 Å (Bondi, 1964) and indicate the bidentate chelating nature of the 2-SPy ligands. Similar distances exist in ${}^n\text{Bu}_2\text{Sn}(2\text{-SPy-5-NO}_2)_2$ [Sn—N = 2.77 (1) Å; Domazetis, James, Mackay & Magee, 1979] and shorter values are found in $\text{Cl}_2\text{Sn}(2\text{-SPy})_2$ [Sn—N = 2.271 (9) and 2.256 (9) Å; Masaki, Matsunami & Ueda, 1978]. The Sn—S bond distances [Sn—S = 2.485 (1) and 2.476 (2) Å] are essentially the same as in ${}^n\text{Bu}_2\text{Sn}(2\text{-SPy-5-NO}_2)_2$ [Sn—S = 2.477 (3) Å; Domazetis, James, Mackay & Magee, 1979] or $\text{Ph}_2\text{Sn}(\text{S}_2\text{COEt})_2$ [Sn—S = 2.482 (1) and 2.500 (1) Å; Donoghue & Tiekink, 1991]. The C—Sn—C axis is bent [125.5 (1)°] towards the coordinative Sn—N bonds. No intermolecular distances exist which are shorter than the sum of the van der Waals radii.