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7414 independent reflections

 $R_{\rm int}=0.064$

 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.48^{\circ}$ $h = -17 \rightarrow 17$

 $k = -12 \rightarrow 12$

5147 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

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The structure of the title compound, tetrakis(2-methyl-2phenylpropyl)stannane, (PhCMe₂CH₂)₄Sn, has been determined at 293 K by Reuter & Pawlak (1998). This present determination was carried out at 150 K and as a result gives cell, coordinate and displacement parameters with much reduced s.u.'s. As is pointed out in the the above paper, the bonds and angles are similar to those in related Sn compounds although it is worth emphasizing that there are no intra- or intermolecular ring-ring interactions but that there are a number of C–H...Cg(π -ring) interactions at the 3.0 Å level.

Comment

Examination of the structure (I) with *PLATON* (Spek, 1999) showed that there were no solvent-accessible voids in the crystal lattice.



Experimental

Tetrakis(2-methyl-2-phenylpropyl)stannane was prepared from the Gringnard reagent, from PhCMe₂CH₂Cl and Mg in Et₂O and SnCl₄ in benzene. It was recrystallized as colourless crystals from petroleum ether (60-80°C) and had a melting point of 94-96°C.

Crystal data

$[Sn(C_{10}H_{13})_4]$	$D_x = 1.255 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 651.51$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 7414
$a = 13.9224 (4) \text{\AA}$	reflections
b = 9.9590(2) Å	$\theta = 1.51-27.48^{\circ}$
c = 25.6952 (6) Å	$\mu = 0.766 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 104.5178 \ (14)^{\circ}$	T = 150.0 (1) K
$V = 3448.96 (15) \text{ Å}^3$	Lath, colourless
Z = 4	$0.300 \times 0.100 \times 0.025 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

KappaCCD diffractometer φ s and φ scans with κ offset scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SORTAV; Blessing, 1995, 1997) $T_{\min} = 0.927, T_{\max} = 0.973$ 24777 measured reflections

Refinement

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Refinement on F^2	H-atom parameters constrained
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0265P)^2 +$
$wR(F^2) = 0.088$	1.4792P] where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 0.989	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.004$
7414 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.828 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$
378 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.737 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

Molecule (1) crystallized in the monoclinic system; space group $P2_1/c$ from the systematic absences. H atoms were treated as riding atoms with C-H 0.90-0.98 Å.

Data collection: KappaCCD server software (Nonius, 1997); cell refinement: DENZO (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: DENZO (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97 and WordPerfect macro PRPKAPPA (Ferguson, 1999).

X-ray data were collected at the EPSRC, X-ray Crystallographic Service, University of Southampton using a Enraf-Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer. The authors thank the staff for all their help and advice.

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