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(2-Chlorobenzyl)tris(2-pyridinethiolato)tin(IV)

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In the title compound, (2-chlorobenzyl)tris(pyridine-2-thiolato)- $\kappa^2 N, S; \kappa^2 N, S; \kappa S$ -tin(IV), [Sn(C₇H₆Cl)(C₅H₄NS)₃], two of the three pyridine-2-thiolato ligands (SPy) are bidentate and one is monodentate. The bonding C atom of the 2-chlorobenzyl group, the S atom of the monodentate SPy and the S and N atoms of the two bidentate SPy ligands form a distorted octahedron around the Sn atom. The three S atoms and the N atom of one of the bidentate SPy ligands occupy the equatorial positions, while the N atom of the second bidentate SPy ligand and the C(CH₂) atom are axial. The axial N-Sn-C angle of 157.9 (1)° demonstrates the heavy distortion of the octahedron.

Comment

In mono- and diorganotin(IV) complexes of 2-mercaptopyridine (HSPy), such as $RSn(SPy)_3$ [*R* is Me or Ph (Huber *et al.*, 1997), or *p*-tolyl (Schürmann & Huber, 1994)], Ph₂Sn(SPy)₂ (Schmiedgen *et al.*, 1993) or Ph₂SnCl(SPy) (Schmiedgen, Huber, Preut *et al.*, 1994), SPy acts as a bidentate ligand and thus, the Sn atom achieves coordination numbers of 7, 6 and 5, respectively. In Sn(SPy)₄·HSPy, the Sn atom was found not to be eight-coordinate, as might have been expected, but only six-coordinate, two SPy ligands being bidentate and the other two monodentate (Damude *et al.*, 1990). A study of the structure of the title compound, (I), showed that bidentate and monodentate SPy ligands are also present in this compound, the Sn atom, in contrast with other *R*Sn(SPy)₃ compounds, being six-coordinate.



All three SPy ligands of (I) are bonded *via* S to Sn. The Sn-S bond distances are comparable with the sums of the covalent





The molecular view of (I) showing the atom-labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level and H atoms are drawn as small spheres of arbitrary radii.

radii (2.42 Å; Bondi, 1964) and correspond to Sn-S bond distances observed in similar compounds. These were discussed in a previous paper on the structure of *n*-BuSn-(SPym)₃ (SPym is 2-mercaptopyrimidine; Schmiedgen, Huber & Schürmann, 1994).

Each of the three Sn-N distances in (I) [2.303 (4)-3.113 (4) Å] is distinctly shorter than the sum of the appropriate van der Waals distances (3.75 Å; Bondi, 1964). However, the Sn-N distances of two of the SPy ligands (average value 2.315 Å) are shorter than in comparable compounds [p-TolSn(SPy)₃ 2.466 Å (Schürmann & Huber, 1994), MeSn(SPy)₃ 2.483 Å and PhSn(SPy)₃ 2.432 Å (Huber et al., 1997), and Ph₂Sn(SPy)₂ 2.667 Å (Schmiedgen et al., 1993)] and indicate, when compared with the sum of the covalent radii (2.15 Å; Bondi, 1964), the existence of Sn-N coordination and the bidentate nature of two of the SPy ligands. The Sn-N distance of the third ligand [3.113 (4) Å] is distinctly longer, thus excluding appreciable coordinative interaction. Accordingly, this ligand shows the shortest of the three Sn-Sdistances. Therefore, the coordination polyhedron around Sn can be described as a distorted octahedron.

The S-Sn-N bite angles [64.42 (9) and 63.20 (8)°] of the two bidentate ligands are similar to the appropriate angles in Sn(SPy)₄·HSPy [64.2 (2) and 65.1 (2)°; Damude *et al.*, 1990] and tend to be larger than in RSn(SPy)₃ and Ph₂Sn(SPy)₂, which contain only bidentate SPy ligands. Intermolecular distances shorter than the sum of the van der Waals radii were not found.

Experimental

Compound (I) was prepared from o-ClC₆H₄CH₂SnCl₃ (2.10 g, 6 mmol) in CHCl₃ (100 ml) and NaSPy (2.40 g, 18 mmol) in MeOH (40 ml) at room temperature. Single crystals of (I) (m.p. 446 K) were obtained from a solution in CHCl₃ containing some petroleum ether

at 243 K. The compound was characterized by elemental analysis and by IR, Mössbauer, NMR and mass spectroscopies (Huber *et al.*, 1997).

Z = 2

 $D_x = 1.648 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo *K* α radiation

reflections

 $\mu = 1.503 \text{ mm}^{-1}$

Plate, light yellow

 $0.50 \times 0.14 \times 0.05 \ \mathrm{mm}$

T = 170 (1) K

 $\theta = 7.8 \text{--} 14.8^{\circ}$

Cell parameters from 46

Crystal data

 $\begin{bmatrix} \text{Sn}(\text{C}_7\text{H}_6\text{Cl})(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4\text{NS})_3 \end{bmatrix} \\ M_r = 574.71 \\ \text{Triclinic, } P\overline{1} \\ a = 7.725 (3) \text{ Å} \\ b = 10.321 (3) \text{ Å} \\ c = 15.548 (5) \text{ Å} \\ \alpha = 80.26 (2)^{\circ} \\ \beta = 77.18 (2)^{\circ} \\ \gamma = 74.82 (2)^{\circ} \\ \gamma = 1158.4 (7) \text{ Å}^3 \\ \end{bmatrix}$

Data collection

Siemens R3m/V diffractometer $R_{\rm int} = 0.030$ $\theta_{\max} = 25.05^{\circ}$ $h = -9 \rightarrow 9$ $\omega/2\theta$ scans Absorption correction: ψ scan (XEMP in P3 Software; Siemens, $k = -12 \rightarrow 12$ $l = -18 \rightarrow 18$ 1989) $T_{\min} = 0.501, T_{\max} = 0.928$ 6 standard reflections 5674 measured reflections every 300 reflections 4098 independent reflections intensity decay: 1.6% 3216 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2	Only H-atom Us refined		
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.033$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0356P)^2]$		
$wR(F^2) = 0.073$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$		
S = 0.936	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$		
4098 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.54 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$		
273 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.46 \text{ e} \text{ Å}^{-3}$		

All H atoms were were placed in calculated positions using a riding model and refined with common isotropic displacement parameters for the different C–H types $[C-H_{methylene} = 0.99 \text{ Å} \text{ and } U_{iso} = 0.031 (9) \text{ Å}^2$, and $C-H_{aromatic} = 0.95 \text{ Å}$ and $U_{iso} = 0.039 (3) \text{ Å}^2$].

Data collection: P3 Software (Siemens, 1989); cell refinement: P3 Software; data reduction: XDISK in P3 Software; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS86 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to

Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Sn1-C1	2.205 (4)	Sn1-S1	2.6264 (13)
Sn1-N11	2.303 (4)	Sn1-S2	2.5362 (13)
Sn1-N21	2.324 (3)	Sn1-S3	2.4931 (13)
Sn1-N31	3.113 (4)	Sn1-Cl1	4.2240 (17)
C1-Sn1-N11	157.88 (13)	\$2-\$n1-\$1	144.61 (4)
N21-Sn1-S3	154.28 (9)		

refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997*b*); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97 and *PLATON* (Spek, 1990).

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