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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 291 K Mean σ (C–C) = 0.004 Å Disorder in solvent or counterion R factor = 0.026 wR factor = 0.050 Data-to-parameter ratio = 35.5

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A 1:1 adduct between 2,2-bis(chlorodimethylstannyl)propane and dimethyl sulfoxide

In the title compound, $[Sn_2(CH_3)_4(C_3H_6)Cl_2]\cdot C_2H_6OS$, the single dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) molecule bridges the two Sn atoms *via* its O atom [Sn-O distances: 2.578 (2) and 2.632 (2) Å], so that each Sn atom displays distorted trigonal-bipyramidal geometry. The S atom is disordered over two positions with occupancy factors 0.596 (2) and 0.404 (2).

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Comment

Organotin compounds of the type $R_3 \text{Sn}X$, where X is an electronegative group, such as halide or trifluoromethanesulfonate, form complexes with donor ligands L in which the Sn atom becomes pentacoordinate. It might thus be expected that compounds of the type $X \text{Sn}R_2(CR'R'')_n \text{Sn}R_2X$ would form similar complexes in which a ligand L is attached to each Sn atom. However, a study involving DMSO as ligand (Karol *et al.*, 1983) shows that the compound ClSnMe₂CH₂SnMeCl₂ forms a 1:1 complex with DMSO, which bridges the two Sn atoms *via* its O atom, (I).



It thus seemed of interest to determine whether the replacement of the H atoms of the CH_2 group between the Sn atoms by methyl groups would cause the complex to adopt another geometry. Also of interest are variations in the Sn-C-Sn angle, since previous NMR work (Mitchell *et al.*, 1983) indicates that the coupling constant ${}^2J(\text{Sn}-\text{C}-\text{Sn})$ changes sign at an angle very close to the tetrahedral angle of 109.47°.

The present results show that 1:1 complexation of DMSO is present in the title compound (I) and that its geometry is broadly similar to that of ClSnMe₂CH₂SnMeCl₂.DMSO, (II). There are, however, significant differences. While in (II) the angle Sn-C-Sn is 112.0 (6)°, it decreases in (I) to 110.39 (13)°. The Sn-CH₂ bond lengths are, of course, considerably different in (II): ClMe₂Sn-CH₂ 2.159 (3) and Cl₂MeSn-CH₂ 2.097 (13) Å. In (I), the two bond lengths are, as expected, almost identical: 2.164 (3) and 2.152 (3) Å. The angle Sn-O-Sn is very similar in (I) and (II): 85.69 (6) and

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Figure 1

View of the title compound showing the labelling of all non-H atoms. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at 30% probability levels. The S atom is disordered [two positions with occupancy factors: 0.596 (2) and 0.404 (2)].

86.6 (2)°, respectively. However, the Sn-O bond distances differ considerably: 2.578 (2) and 2.632 (2) Å in (I), and 2.568 (8) and 2.575 (8) Å in (II).

Experimental

0.3 g (0.73 mmol) of 2,2-bis(chlorodimethylstannyl)propane (Austin et al., 1986; Karol et al., 1983) were dissolved in 2 ml of dry dimethyl sulfoxide and the mixture stirred for 30 min. The solution was left overnight at 278-288 K. The crystals were separated and dried carefully to remove the solvent from their surface; m.p. 391-392 K, yield 60% [literature (Austin et al., 1987) 389-390 K].

Crystal data

$[Sn_2(CH_3)_4(C_3H_6)Cl_2] \cdot C_2H_6OS$	$D_x = 1.824 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 488.62$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Cell parameters from 14885
$a = 10.7602 (2) \text{\AA}$	reflections
b = 9.1559 (2) Å	$\theta = 3.0-32.0^{\circ}$
c = 18.2953 (3) Å	$\mu = 3.21 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 99.2514 \ (12)^{\circ}$	T = 291 (1) K
$V = 1779.00 (6) \text{ Å}^3$	Block, colourless
Z = 4	$0.44 \times 0.42 \times 0.40 \text{ mm}$

Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer	3091 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
258 frames via ω -rotation ($\Delta \omega = 1^\circ$)	$R_{\rm int} = 0.026$
and two times 15 s per frame	$\theta_{\rm max} = 32.0^{\circ}$
(three sets at different κ -angles)	$h = -15 \rightarrow 15$
Absorption correction: none	$k = -10 \rightarrow 13$
14885 measured reflections	$l = -26 \rightarrow 26$
5357 independent reflections	
Refinement	
Refinement on F^2	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0169P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.026$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.050$	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.002$
S = 0.86	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.40 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
5357 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.45 \ {\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3}$
151 parameters	Extinction correction: SHELXL97
H-atom parameters constrained	Extinction coefficient: 0.0230 (3)

Two positions with occupancy factors of 0.596 (2) and 0.404 (2) for S1A and S1B, respectively, were refined for the S atom of the dimethyl sulfoxide moiety. H atoms were placed in calculated positions with $U_{\rm iso}$ constrained to be 1.5 times $U_{\rm eq}$ of the carrier atom. For the methyl groups containing atoms C11, C12, C21 and C22, the torsion angles were refined, whereas for the remaining methyl groups AFIX 33 (Sheldrick, 1997) was used. At C4 and at C5 there are two different orientations of the methyl groups having the same site occupation factors as the corresponding positions of the S atom.

Data collection: COLLECT (Nonius, 1998); cell refinement: DENZO and SCALEPACK (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: DENZO and SCALEPACK; program(s) used to solve structure: SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: SHELXTL-Plus (Sheldrick, 1991); software used to prepare material for publication: SHELXL97, PARST95 (Nardelli, 1995) and PLATON (Spek, 2001).

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