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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean  $\sigma$ (Sn–C) = 0.008 Å R factor = 0.038 wR factor = 0.105 Data-to-parameter ratio = 56.7

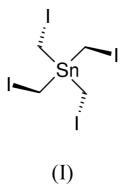
For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see http://journals.iucr.org/e. The structure of the title compound,  $[Sn(CH_2I)_4]$ , consists of Sn situated on a crystallographic fourfold rotatory inversion axis, with pendant iodomethyl groups whose atoms are in general positions. In the molecule, with overall crystallographically imposed  $S_4$  molecular symmetry, there is little, if any, distortion of the tetrahedral environment of Sn, but the bulk of I leads to opening up of the Sn-C-I angle to

Tetrakis(iodomethyl)stannane

# Comment

112.4 (3)°.

The asymmetric unit of the title compound, (I), consists of Sn in the 2b special positions of the space group  $P\overline{42}_1c$  along with, in the 8e general positions, C, I and two H atoms of a single representative iodomethyl group. As a consequence, relatively high  $S_4$  symmetry is imposed upon the molecule as a whole, which is shown in Fig. 1, and results in the very compact presentation of symmetry-unique bond lengths and angles in Table 1. The bond distances are much as would be expected for a molecule of this type. The bond-angle data show that there is no real distortion of the tetrahedral coordination of Sn. However, the Sn1-C1-I1 angle of 112.4 (3)° is clearly attributable to the physical bulk of the I atom.



# **Experimental**

Compound (I), prepared as described by Burnett *et al.* (1998) (m.p. 348–349 K) and recrystallized from CHCl<sub>3</sub>, provided crystals suitable for analysis.

Crystal data [Sn(CH<sub>2</sub>I)<sub>4</sub>] Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $M_r = 682.40$ Cell parameters from 3436 Tetragonal,  $P\overline{4}2_1c$ reflections a = 9.4019(5) Å  $\theta = 3.1 - 30.5^{\circ}$ c = 7.4051 (4) Å  $\mu = 11.33 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  $V = 654.58 (6) \text{ Å}^3$ T = 298 (2) KZ = 2Block, colourless  $D_x = 3.462 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$  $0.40 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$  mm

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#### Data collection

Bruker SMART 1000 CCD areadetector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Bruker, 1999)  $T_{min} = 0.416, T_{max} = 0.928$ 6440 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.038$   $wR(F^2) = 0.105$  S = 1.081191 reflections 21 parameters H-atom parameters constrained 1191 independent reflections 1044 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.030$   $\theta_{max} = 32.6^{\circ}$   $h = -12 \rightarrow 14$  $k = -14 \rightarrow 13$ 

 $l = -11 \rightarrow 10$ 

 $w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.0512P)^{2} + 1.6332P]$ where  $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$   $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} < 0.001$   $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.82 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$   $\Delta\rho_{min} = -1.58 \text{ e } \text{Å}^{-3}$ Absolute structure: (Flack, 1983) Flack parameter = 0.06 (18)

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

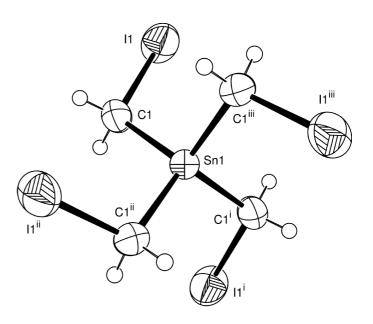
Sn1-C1	2.114 (8)	I1-C1	2.135 (8)
$\begin{array}{c} C1 {-} Sn1 {-} C1^i \\ C1 {-} Sn1 {-} C1^{ii} \end{array}$	109.1 (5) 109.7 (3)	Sn1-C1-I1	112.4 (3)
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Symmetry codes: (i) 1 - x, 1 - y, z; (ii) 1 - y, x, 2 - z.

H atoms were placed in calculated positions, with C-H = 0.97 Å, and refined with a riding model, with  $U_{iso} = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ . The absolute structure was determined on the basis of 492 Friedel pairs.

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1999); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 1999); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS*97 (Sheldrick, 1990); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL*97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP*-3 (Farrugia, 1997); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL*97.

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# Figure 1

The molecule of (I), showing the labelling scheme. Non-H atoms are shown as 50% ellipsoids and H atoms as small circles. The view is down *c* of the tetragonal cell. [Symmetry codes: (i) 1-x, 1-y, *z*; (ii) 1-y, *x*, 2-z; (iii) *y*, 1-x, 2-z.]

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