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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study
 $T = 295$ K
Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.003$ Å
 R factor = 0.027
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Bis(3-carboxyanilinium) hexafluorostannate(IV)

The title compound, $(\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{NO}_2)_2[\text{SnF}_6]$, has been prepared from 3-aminobenzoic acid and tin(II) fluoride in hydrofluoric acid. The structure can be described as alternating layers of SnF_6^{2-} and $\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{NO}_2^+$ ions along the a axis, with the SnF_6^{2-} ions lying on a twofold axis. The cations and anions are linked to each other through strong hydrogen bonds formed by all H atoms covalently bonded to the N and O atoms. This three-dimensional complex network of hydrogen bonds reinforces the cohesion of the ionic structure.

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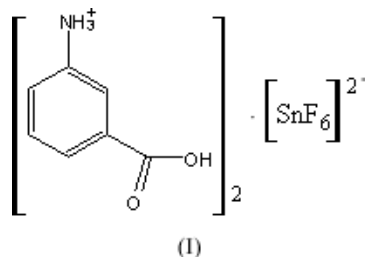
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Comment

Organic–inorganic hybrid materials have attracted a great deal of attention over the past few decades (Koutselas *et al.*, 1996; Mitzi *et al.*, 1998; Mayer *et al.*, 1999; Mazeaud *et al.*, 2000) because of their ionic, electrical, magnetic and optical properties (Hill, 1998; Kagan *et al.*, 1999; Raptopoulou *et al.*, 2002).

The structural characteristics of compounds with the formula $(\text{RNH}_3)_2[\text{SnX}_6]$ (where X is Cl, F, Br or I) have not been investigated extensively. The crystal structures of only four primary n -alkylammonium hexachlorostannate(IV) compounds, with chain lengths ranging from one to four, have been reported in the literature to date (Kitahama *et al.*, 1979; Knop *et al.*, 1983; Elleuch *et al.*, 1996). Only one crystal structure of an arylammonium hexachlorostannate(IV) compound has been reported previously (Rademeyer, 2004). In this study, we present a new organic–inorganic hybrid compound of the type $(\text{RNH}_3)_2[\text{SnX}_6]$, which promises both the superior carrier mobility of inorganic semiconductors and the processability of organic materials.



The title structure, (I), contains anionic sheets of formula $[\text{SnF}_6]^{2-}$ parallel to the (100) plane; the distance between two sheets is $a/2$ and charge compensation is achieved by the incorporation of the protonated amine of 3-aminobenzoic acid. There are two crystallographically equivalent (3-carboxyanilinium) cations in (I). The asymmetric unit contains 15 non-H atoms, with atoms Sn, F1 and F4 lying on a crystallographic twofold axis in special positions $(0, -y, \frac{z}{4})$. The molecular geometry and atom-numbering scheme used are shown in Fig. 1. The benzene ring of the 3-carboxyanilinium

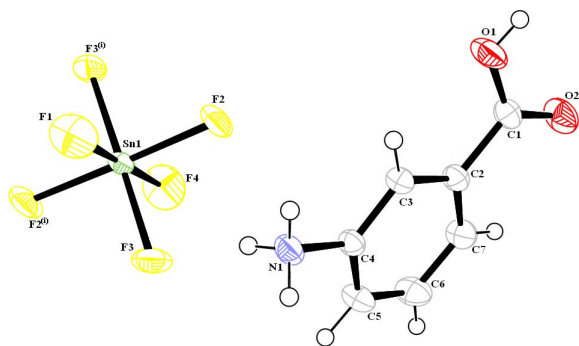


Figure 1
 ORTEP-3 view (Farrugia, 1997) of the anion and cation of the title compound, showing the atomic labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. [Symmetry code: (i) $2 - x, y, \frac{3}{2} - z$.]

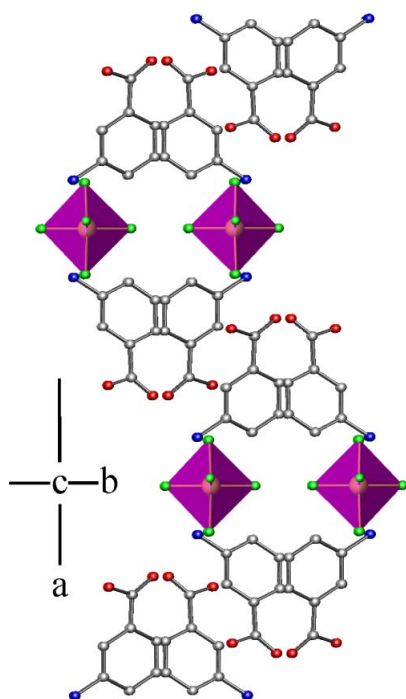


Figure 2
 ATOMS diagram (Dowty, 1995) of the layered packing and octahedra in the title compound, viewed down the c axis.

cation and atoms C1 and N1 are coplanar. The cations form zigzag layers parallel to the (101) plane. The Sn atom is six-coordinated and forms a quasi-regular octahedral arrangement. The $[\text{SnF}_6]^{2-}$ octahedra in (I) alternate with cationic layers along the a axis. The tilted octahedra and layered packing are illustrated in Fig. 2.

In this structure, two types of hydrogen bonds are observed, *viz.* cation–cation and cation–anion (Fig. 3). The Sn–F bond lengths for the F atoms engaged in strong hydrogen bonding with the ammonium group and cations are linked by C–H...O and N–H...O hydrogen bonds. The carboxylic acid group is not deprotonated and its H atom is involved in the strongest interaction with the hexafluorostannate anion [O1–H1...F2 = 2.551 (2) Å]. Additional hydrogen-bonding parameters are listed in Table 2.

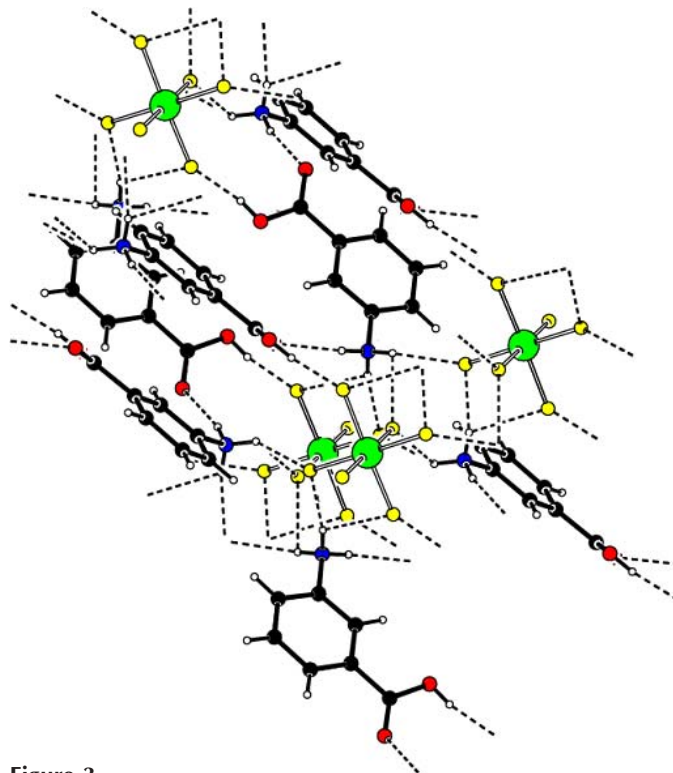


Figure 3
 PLUTON view (Spek, 2003) of the ionic stacking, showing the three-dimensional network of hydrogen bonds as dashed lines.

Experimental

The title compound was crystallized by slow evaporation of an aqueous solution of 3-aminobenzoic acid, tin(II) fluoride and hydrofluoric acid in a molar ratio of 10:5:1. After five weeks, brown crystals were obtained and were manually separated under a polarizing microscope.

Crystal data

$(\text{C}_7\text{H}_8\text{NO}_2)_2[\text{SnF}_6]$
 $M_r = 508.98$
 Monoclinic, $C2/c$
 $a = 22.2660$ (5) Å
 $b = 10.6580$ (5) Å
 $c = 7.4920$ (5) Å
 $\beta = 103.743$ (5)°
 $V = 1727.03$ (15) Å³
 $Z = 4$

$D_x = 1.958$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 8090 reflections
 $\theta = 1.9$ – 30.0 °
 $\mu = 1.57$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 295$ (2) K
 Needle, brown
 $0.35 \times 0.07 \times 0.05$ mm

Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer
 φ scans, and ω scans with κ offsets
 Absorption correction: none
 8090 measured reflections
 2517 independent reflections
 2291 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$

$R_{\text{int}} = 0.044$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 30.0$ °
 $h = -23 \rightarrow 31$
 $k = -14 \rightarrow 12$
 $l = -10 \rightarrow 10$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.027$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.063$
 $S = 1.10$
 2517 reflections
 145 parameters

H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement
 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.062P)^2]$
 where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.66$ e Å⁻³
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -1.11$ e Å⁻³

Table 1

Selected bond lengths (Å).

Sn1—F1	1.927 (2)	O2—C1	1.214 (3)
Sn1—F4	1.934 (2)	O1—C1	1.311 (3)
Sn1—F3	1.9622 (13)	N1—C4	1.466 (3)
Sn1—F2	1.9654 (14)	C2—C1	1.491 (3)

Table 2

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
O1—H1 \cdots F2 ⁱ	0.82	1.74	2.551 (2)	169
N1—H11 \cdots O2 ⁱⁱ	0.89 (3)	2.07 (3)	2.942 (3)	166 (3)
N1—H12 \cdots F2	0.83 (3)	2.51 (3)	3.008 (3)	119 (3)
N1—H12 \cdots F3	0.83 (3)	1.98 (3)	2.804 (3)	167 (3)
N1—H13 \cdots F3 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.87 (3)	2.10 (3)	2.834 (3)	141 (3)
N1—H13 \cdots F1 ^{iv}	0.87 (3)	2.36 (3)	2.757 (2)	108 (2)
C3—H3 \cdots O2 ⁱⁱ	0.94 (3)	2.55 (3)	3.335 (3)	140 (3)
C5—H5 \cdots F3 ⁱⁱⁱ	0.93 (3)	2.44 (3)	3.094 (3)	128 (2)

Symmetry codes: (i) $\frac{3}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}-y, 1-z$; (ii) $\frac{3}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z$; (iii) $2-x, y, \frac{1}{2}-z$; (iv) $2-x, 1-y, 1-z$.

All H atoms were located in difference Fourier maps and refined isotropically (except for carboxy atom H1, which was placed and fixed at its calculated position), with $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H})$ values set at 0.05 \AA^2 , using a riding model.

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Nonius, 1998); cell refinement: *DENZO* and *SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *DENZO* and *SCALEPACK*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR2002* (Burla *et al.*, 2003); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEP-3* (Farrugia, 1997) *PLATON* (Spek, 2003) and *ATOMS*

(Dowty, 1995); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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