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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 295$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.004$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.027  
 $wR$  factor = 0.061  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.4

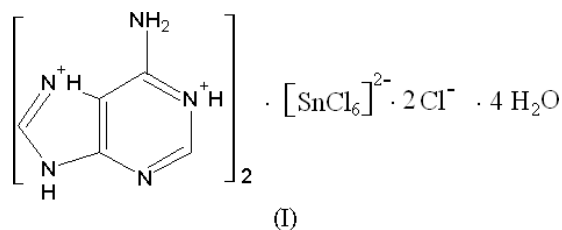
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## Bis(adeninium) hexachlorostannate(IV) dichloride tetrahydrate

The structure of the title compound,  $(\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{N}_5)_2[\text{SnCl}_6]\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , can be described as alternating layers of  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{N}_5^{2+}$  and  $[\text{SnCl}_6]^{2-}$  ions along the  $b$  axis, the  $\text{Sn}^{\text{IV}}$  atom lying on a twofold axis. The chloride ions are located between the organic entities, forming hydrogen bonds with the N atoms and water molecules. Layers of adeninium cations and hexachlorostannate anions are linked by anion–cation, cation–water and water–water hydrogen bonds. This three-dimensional complex network of hydrogen bonds ensures the cohesion of the ionic structure.

## Comment

Studies of organic–inorganic hybrid materials have received great attention in recent years, because of their ionic, electrical, magnetic and optical properties (Hill, 1998; Kagan *et al.*, 1999; Raptopoulou *et al.*, 2002). Adenine is one of the precursors of DNA and RNA nucleotides, and the adeninium cation (1+ or 2+) is known to form a variety of inorganic salts, such as chloride (Kistenmacher & Shigematsu, 1974), bromide (Langer & Huml, 1978*a*), bistrifluoroborate (Cheng *et al.*, 2002), sulfate (Langer & Huml, 1978*b*), phosphate (Langer *et al.*, 1979) and nitrate (Hingerty *et al.*, 1981; Bendjeddou *et al.*, 2003; Zeleňák *et al.*, 2004).

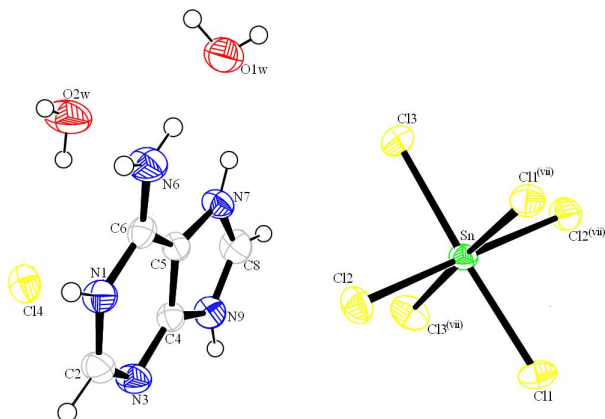


In the present study, we present a new organic–inorganic hybrid compound, (I), based on tin and adenine, and examine the hydrogen bonding in the crystal structure.

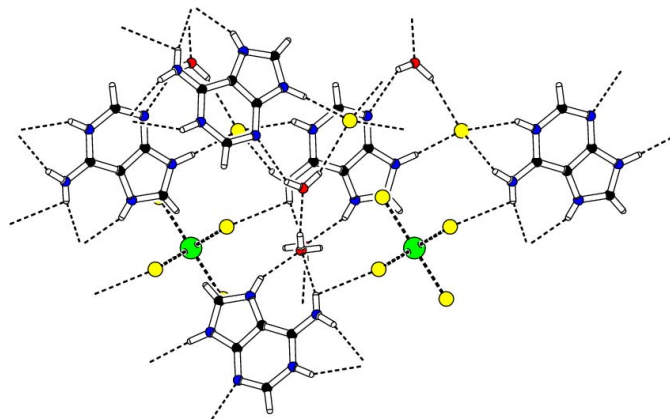
The molecular geometry and the atom-numbering scheme of (I) are shown in Fig. 1. Two imino groups of the adenine base are protonated at N1 and N7, as reported previously for the sulfate and dinitrate. The internal angles at N1 and N7 [ $\text{C}6-\text{N}1-\text{C}2 = 123.8(2)^\circ$  and  $\text{C}8-\text{N}7-\text{C}5 = 107.4(2)^\circ$ ] have increased from the values of 119.8 and 104.4° reported in unprotonated adenine (Voet & Rich, 1970). The imidazole and pyridine rings of the adeninium ion are coplanar.

In (I), the adeninium cations form layers parallel to the (010) plane. The  $\text{Sn}^{\text{IV}}$  atom, lying on a twofold axis, is six-coordinated and forms a quasi-regular octahedral arrangement (Bouacida *et al.*, 2005). The  $[\text{SnCl}_6]^{2-}$  octahedra form anionic sheets parallel to the (010) plane, which alternate with the cationic layers along the  $b$  axis. The tilted octahedra and

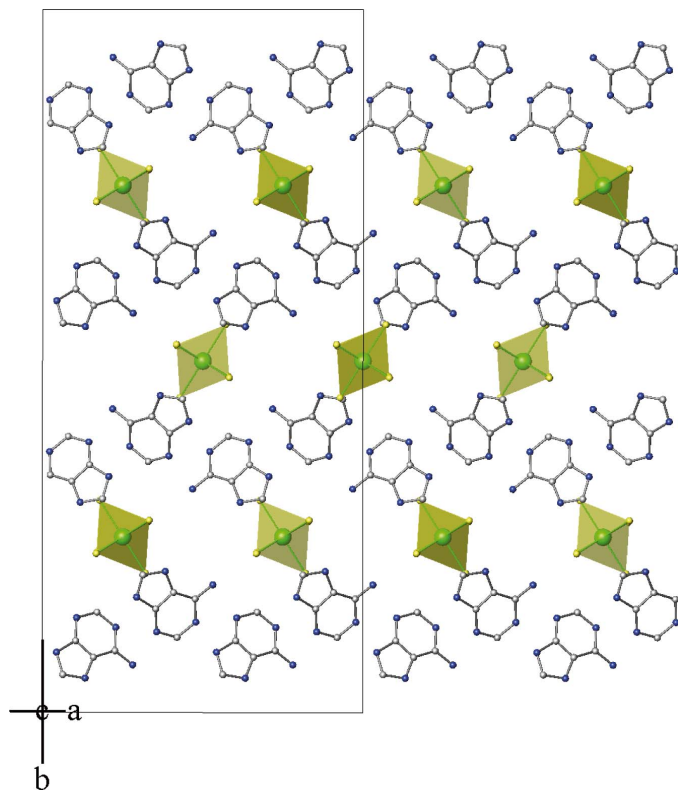
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**Figure 1**  
ORTEP-3 (Farrugia, 1997) drawing of (I) with the atomic labelling scheme. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. [Symmetry code: (vii)  $\frac{3}{2} - x, \frac{1}{2} - y, z$ .]



**Figure 3**  
Part of the three-dimensional network of hydrogen bonds, shown as thin dashed lines.



**Figure 2**  
Packing diagram of (I), viewed down the *c* axis. H atoms, Cl<sup>-</sup> ions and water molecules have been omitted.

layered packing are illustrated in Fig. 2. The crystal packing is mostly governed by classical hydrogen bonds (Fig. 3). Atoms N1, N6, N7, N9 and C8 of the adeninium ion participate in the formation of intermolecular and intramolecular (N—H...Cl, N—H...O and C—H...Cl) hydrogen bonds (Table 2). In this structure, we observe three types of hydrogen bonds, *viz.* cation–anion, cation–water and water–water, which form a three-dimensional network.

### Experimental

The title compound was crystallized by slow evaporation of an aqueous solution of adenine, tin(II) oxalate and hydrochloric acid in a 10:5:1 molar ratio. Colourless prismatic crystals were obtained after one month and were manually separated for single-crystal X-ray analysis.

#### Crystal data

(C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>7</sub>N<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>[SnCl<sub>6</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O  
*M<sub>r</sub>* = 748.67  
 Orthorhombic, *Fdd2*  
*a* = 18.033 (5) Å  
*b* = 39.553 (5) Å  
*c* = 7.265 (5) Å  
*V* = 5182 (4) Å<sup>3</sup>  
*Z* = 8  
*D<sub>x</sub>* = 1.919 Mg m<sup>-3</sup>

Mo Kα radiation  
 Cell parameters from 3316 reflections  
 $\theta$  = 2.1–30.0°  
 $\mu$  = 1.85 mm<sup>-1</sup>  
*T* = 295 K  
 Prism, colourless  
 0.07 × 0.06 × 0.05 mm

#### Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer  
 $\varphi$  scans, and  $\omega$  scans with  $\kappa$  offsets  
 Absorption correction: none  
 10 885 measured reflections  
 3316 independent reflections  
 3155 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*)

*R*<sub>int</sub> = 0.045  
 $\theta_{\text{max}}$  = 30.0°  
*h* = -25 → 25  
*k* = -55 → 37  
*l* = -10 → 6

#### Refinement

Refinement on *F*<sup>2</sup>  
*R*[*F*<sup>2</sup> > 2σ(*F*<sup>2</sup>)] = 0.027  
*wR*(*F*<sup>2</sup>) = 0.061  
*S* = 1.09  
 3316 reflections  
 191 parameters  
 H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0293P)^2 + 1.3984P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 (Δ/σ)<sub>max</sub> = 0.001  
 Δρ<sub>max</sub> = 0.95 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Δρ<sub>min</sub> = -1.06 e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 Extinction correction: *SHELXL97*  
 Extinction coefficient: 0.00075 (5)  
 Absolute structure: Flack (1983), with 1278 Friedel pairs  
 Flack parameter = -0.026 (17)

**Table 1**  
Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

|            |             |          |             |
|------------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| Sn—Cl1     | 2.4419 (12) | Sn—Cl3   | 2.4172 (12) |
| Sn—Cl2     | 2.4252 (18) |          |             |
| Cl1—Sn—Cl2 | 90.13 (3)   | C6—N1—C2 | 123.8 (2)   |
| Cl1—Sn—Cl3 | 176.64 (4)  | C8—N7—C5 | 107.4 (2)   |
| Cl2—Sn—Cl3 | 90.73 (3)   |          |             |

**Table 2**  
Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

| $D-H\cdots A$            | $D-H$    | $H\cdots A$ | $D\cdots A$ | $D-H\cdots A$ |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| $N1-H1\cdots Cl4^i$      | 0.86     | 2.50        | 3.273 (2)   | 150           |
| $O1W-H1W\cdots O2W^{ii}$ | 0.71 (6) | 2.08 (6)    | 2.782 (5)   | 172 (6)       |
| $O2W-H3W\cdots Cl4$      | 0.88 (4) | 2.49 (4)    | 3.337 (4)   | 162 (3)       |
| $O2W-H4W\cdots N3^{iii}$ | 0.74 (6) | 2.53 (6)    | 3.189 (5)   | 148 (3)       |
| $N6-H5\cdots Cl1^{iv}$   | 0.82 (3) | 2.76 (3)    | 3.100 (3)   | 107 (2)       |
| $N6-H5\cdots O1W$        | 0.82 (3) | 2.21 (3)    | 2.993 (5)   | 159 (3)       |
| $N6-H6\cdots Cl4^i$      | 0.92 (4) | 2.33 (4)    | 3.205 (4)   | 160 (3)       |
| $N7-H7\cdots O1W$        | 0.82 (3) | 2.01 (3)    | 2.766 (4)   | 154 (3)       |
| $N9-H9\cdots Cl4^v$      | 0.92 (4) | 2.17 (4)    | 3.089 (3)   | 176 (5)       |
| $C8-H8\cdots Cl1^{vi}$   | 0.89 (3) | 2.63 (3)    | 3.410 (4)   | 148 (3)       |

Symmetry codes: (i)  $x - \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4} - y, \frac{3}{4} + z$ ; (ii)  $1 - x, \frac{1}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ ; (iii)  $x - \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4} - y, z - \frac{1}{4}$ ; (iv)  $x - \frac{1}{2}, y, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (v)  $\frac{1}{4} + x, \frac{1}{4} - y, \frac{1}{4} + z$ ; (vi)  $x, y, z - 1$ .

All H atoms except H1 were located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically. Atom H1 was placed at a calculated position, and refined using a riding model with  $N-H = 0.86$  Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(N)$ .

Data collection: *KappaCCD Reference Manual* (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), *PLUTON* (Spek, 2003) and *ATOMS* (Dowty, 1995); software used to prepare material for publication: *WinGX* (Farrugia, 1999).

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