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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.006 Å R factor = 0.032 wR factor = 0.097 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.1

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## 4,5-Diphenyl-2-(trimethylstannylsulfanyl)-1,3-oxazole

The mononuclear title complex,  $[Sn(CH_3)_3(C_{15}H_{10}NOS)]$ , features a distorted  $C_3S$  tetrahedral geometry for Sn with some of the distortion ascribed to an intramolecular  $Sn \cdots N$  interaction. Intermolecular  $Sn \cdots S$  interactions lead to the formation of a helical chain.

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### Comment

In recent years, organotin complexes have attracted increasing attention owing to their wide industrial applications and biological activities (Duboy & Roy, 2003). In order to explore the relationships between these applications and their structures, a large number of organotin compounds have been prepared and studied (Gielen, 2002). In this connection, we report the structure of the title compound, (I). As shown in Fig. 1, the Sn atom in (I) is four-coordinated so that the  $C_3S$ donor set defines a distorted tetrahedral geometry. Some of the distortion is ascribed to an intramolecular Sn. . . N1 interaction of 3.147 (3) Å. If this interaction was considered significant, the geometry would be best considered as distorted trigonal bipyramidal, the axial N1-Sn1-C18 angle being  $157.06 (13)^{\circ}$ . The Sn-C and Sn-S bond lengths (Table 1) are in good agreement with those found in (1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole-5-thiolato)trimethyltin (Cea-Olivares et al., 1994); the  $Sn \cdot \cdot \cdot N$  interaction in this structure, of 3.285 (12) Å, is also comparable to that found in (I). There is an intermolecular  $Sn \cdot \cdot \cdot S^{i}$  contact of 3.6857 (12) Å, such that molecules are associated into a helical chain along the b axis, as shown in Fig. 2 [symmetry code: (i)  $\frac{3}{2} - x$ ,  $-\frac{1}{2} + y$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} - z$ ].



#### **Experimental**

All reagents and solvents were used as obtained and the reaction was carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere. 4,5-Diphenyl-4-oxazoline-2-thione (0.253 g, 1 mmol) was added to sodium ethoxide (0.068 g, 1 mmol) in benzene (20 ml). After stirring for 10 min, trimethyltin chloride (0.199 g, 1 mmol) was added and the reaction was continued

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#### Figure 1

The structure of (I), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. The dashed line indicates the intramolecular  $Sn \cdots N1$  interaction.

for 12 h at 313 K. After cooling to room temperature, the solution was filtered. The filtrate was gradually removed by evaporation under vacuum until a solid product was obtained. This solid was recrystallized from dichloromethane and colorless crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained. Yield 0.384 g, 85%. M.p. 424 K. Analysis found: C 51.93, H 4.61, N 3.36%;  $C_{18}H_{19}NOSSn$  requires: C 51.96, H 4.60, N 3.37%.

#### Crystal data

 $[Sn(CH_3)_3(C_{15}H_{10}NOS)]$   $M_r = 416.09$ Monoclinic,  $P_{2_1}/n$  a = 9.267 (3) Å b = 9.824 (3) Å c = 20.477 (6) Å  $\beta = 102.144$  (4)° V = 1822.5 (9) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4

#### Data collection

Siemens SMART CCD area detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{min} = 0.498$ ,  $T_{max} = 0.588$ 9231 measured reflections

#### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.032$
$wR(F^2) = 0.097$
S = 1.01
3201 reflections
199 parameters
H-atom parameters constrained

 $D_x = 1.516 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation Cell parameters from 5503 reflections  $\theta = 2.3-27.9^{\circ}$  $\mu = 1.52 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 298 (2) KBlock, colorless  $0.49 \times 0.42 \times 0.35 \text{ mm}$ 

3201 independent reflections
2687 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$R_{\rm int} = 0.031$
$\theta_{\rm max} = 25.0^{\circ}$
$h = -11 \rightarrow 8$
$k = -11 \rightarrow 10$
$l = -12 \rightarrow 24$

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0669P)^2]$
+ 0.3413P]
where $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.41 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.95 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$





A supramolecular one-dimensional chain in (I), mediated by  $Sn \cdots S$  interactions. H atoms have been omitted.

#### Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

2.4932 (11)	Sn1-C17	2.124(4)
3.147 (3)	Sn1-C18	2.129 (4)
2.120 (4)	Sn1-S1 <sup>i</sup>	3.6857 (12)
56.53 (5)	N1-Sn1-C18	157.06 (13)
102.38 (12)	C16-Sn1-C17	118.54 (17)
104.54 (13)	C16-Sn1-C18	115.46 (17)
100.53 (13)	C17-Sn1-C18	112.30 (18)
73.56 (13)	$S1-Sn1-S1^{i}$	168.995 (18)
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Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $y - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $-z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

The H atoms were included in the riding-model approximation, with C-H(aromatic) = 0.93 Å and C-H(methyl) = 0.96 Å, and with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C \text{ aromatic}) \text{ and } U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C \text{ methyl}).$ 

Data collection: *SMART* (Siemens, 1996); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Siemens, 1996); data reduction: *SAINT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997*a*); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997*b*); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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