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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 150 K Mean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.009 Å R factor = 0.048 wR factor = 0.124 Data-to-parameter ratio = 21.3

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# Dibromobis[2-(*N*,*N*-dimethylaminomethyl)phenyl]tin(IV)

In the crystal structure of the title compound,  $[SnBr_2-(C_9H_{12}N)_2]$ , the Sn atom is pseudo-octahedrally coordinated as a result of the *C*,*N*-chelation by the 2-(*N*,*N*-dimethylaminomethyl)phenyl groups and two *cis*-bonded bromides. The C atoms bonded to Sn are in *trans* positions  $[C-Sn-C = 156.7 (2)^\circ]$  and the coordinated N atoms are bonded in a *cis* fashion  $[N-Sn = 2.581 (5) \text{ and } 2.600 (5) \text{ Å}; N-Sn-N = 103.88 (16)^\circ].$ 

## Comment

The title compound, (I) (van Koten et al., 1979), is one of the first of its type, *i.e.* containing a C,N-chelating ligand (and thus the related pincer ligands) and revealing a dynamic behavior in solution; this fact probably started the interest of many laboratories in such compounds (van Koten & Albrecht, 2001). Our interest is mainly focused on the family of organotin(IV) compounds containing 2-(dimethylaminomethyl)phenyl groups  $(L^{CN})$  or related ligands which reveal interesting structural properties (Jastrzebski & van Koten, 1993; Davies, 1997) and potential utility (Růžička et al., 2002). We have reported on such a class of diorganotin(IV) dihalides previously (Novák, Padělková et al., 2005; Novák, Brus et al., 2005). Although the title compound has been prepared and characterized, and the structure predicted from the NMR data more than thirty years ago, no single crystal suitable for X-ray measurements was obtained, even at the time of the study in which we described the structure of  $(L^{CN})_2 \text{Sn}X_2$ , with X = F, Cl, and I (Novák, Padělková et al., 2005; Novák, Brus et al., 2005). Therefore the structure of (I) was the last missing member of this series.



Relatively good crystals were finally obtained as described below. The Sn atom in (I) is pseudo-octahedrally coordinated as a result of the *C*,*N*-chelate bonding of two  $L^{CN}$  groups and two *cis* bonded halides. Atoms C11 and C21 are in *trans* positions and the coordinated nitrogen atoms are bonded in a *cis* fashion (Fig. 1 and Table 1). The molecular structure of (I) reveals some very close similarities to the previously described iodidobis[8-(dimethylamino)-1-naphthyl]methyltin(IV) (Jastrzebski *et al.*, 1992), dibromobis[8-(dimethylamino)-1-naphReceived 1 November 2005 Accepted 16 November 2005 Online 26 November 2005

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#### Figure 1

The molecular structure of (I) (*ORTEP*, 40% probability level). H atoms are drawn as spheres of arbitrary radius.

thyl]tin(IV) (Jastrzebski et al., 1991), quinoline-substituted dialkyltin dihalides (Leung et al., 2003) and  $(L^{CN})_2 Sn X_2$ , where X = F, Cl, and (I) (Novák, Padělková et al., 2005; Novák, Brus et al., 2005). The main deviations from the ideal octahedral geometry are the C-Sn-C (ideal 180°) and N-Sn-N angles (ideal 90°). The Sn-N distances are somewhat longer than found for triorganotin C,N-chelated compounds (around 2.5 Å) (Cambridge Structural Database; Conquest Version 1.7, update of 20 August 2005; Allen, 2002) but in good agreement with those for  $(L^{CN})_2 Sn X_2$ . All of the reported values for Sn-halide distances as well as the appropriate bond angles match perfectly well with the theoretical curves deduced from crystallographic evidence for  $SnC_2X_2Y_2$ ensembles having a C.C-transoid arrangement (Britton & Dunitz, 1981). In addition, the values of the torsion angles indicating the deviations of the nitrogen donor atoms from the planes of their parent aromatic rings as well as the angles between the planes of these aromatic rings are in line with previous findings [34.1 (C11-C12-C17-N1), 34.4 (C21-C22-C27-N2) and 40.4°; Novák, Padělková et al., 2005; Novák, Brus et al., 2005).

## **Experimental**

Compound (I) was prepared by methods published elsewhere (van Koten *et al.*, 1979; Novák, Padělková *et al.*, 2005). Single crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were obtained by slow vapour diffusion of hexane into a dichloromethane (5%) solution of (I) under vacuum at 213 K.

### Crystal data

$[SnBr_2(C_9H_{12}N)_2]$	$D_x = 1.851 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 546.90$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Cell parameters from 23900
a = 9.8370(2) Å	reflections
b = 13.3470 (3) Å	$\theta = 1-27.5^{\circ}$
c = 15.0230 (3) Å	$\mu = 5.38 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$\beta = 95.8090 \ (13)^{\circ}$	T = 150 (2) K
V = 1962.31 (7) Å <sup>3</sup>	Prism, colourless
Z = 4	$0.25 \times 0.2 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$

#### Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD area-detector diffractometer	4507 independent reflections 3812 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans	$R_{\rm int} = 0.069$
Absorption correction: integration	$\theta_{\rm max} = 27.5^{\circ}$
(Gaussian; Coppens, 1970)	$h = -12 \rightarrow 12$
$T_{\min} = 0.288, \ T_{\max} = 0.659$	$k = -17 \rightarrow 17$
29364 measured reflections	$l = -19 \rightarrow 19$
Refinement	
Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.0457P)^2]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.048$	+ 11.5726P
$wR(F^2) = 0.124$	where $P = (\dot{F_0}^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
S = 1.10	$(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} < 0.001$
4507 reflections	$\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 3.02 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$
212 parameters	$\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -1.41 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$

H-atom parameters constrained

 Table 1

 Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Sn1-C21	2.114 (5)	Sn1-N2	2.600 (5)
Sn1-C11	2.128 (5)	Sn1-Br1	2.6164 (7)
Sn1-N1	2.581 (5)	Sn1-Br2	2.6201 (7)
C21-Sn1-C11	156.7 (2)	N1-Sn1-Br1	83,30 (12)
C21-Sn1-N1	91.02 (19)	N2-Sn1-Br1	170.43 (11)
C11-Sn1-N1	74.87 (19)	C21-Sn1-Br2	97.02 (15)
C21-Sn1-N2	74.25 (19)	C11-Sn1-Br2	99.02 (16)
C11-Sn1-N2	91.02 (19)	N1-Sn1-Br2	170.52 (12)
N1-Sn1-N2	103.88 (16)	N2-Sn1-Br2	83.23 (12)
C21-Sn1-Br1	99.60 (16)	Br1-Sn1-Br2	90.37 (3)
C11-Sn1-Br1	97.03 (16)		

All H atoms were positioned geometrically and refined as riding on their parent C atoms, with C-H = 0.93 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$ , and C-H = 0.96 Å and  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$  for phenyl and methyl H atoms, respectively. The highest density peak and deepest hole are located 0.9 Å from atom Br2.

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Hooft, 1998) and *DENZO* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); cell refinement: *COLLECT* and *DENZO*; data reduction: *COLLECT* and *DENZO*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97*.

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