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## Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study  
*T* = 173 K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.007 \text{ \AA}$   
Disorder in main residue  
*R* factor = 0.035  
*wR* factor = 0.073  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 20.4For details of how these key indicators were automatically derived from the article, see <http://journals.iucr.org/e>.

## Bis(cyclopentylacetato)tetraethyl-distannoxane dimer

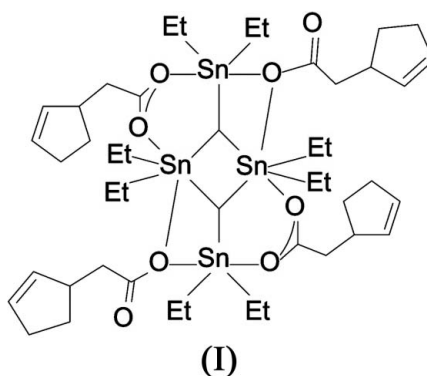
The molecular structure of the title compound, tetra- $\mu_2$ -(cyclopent-2-enyl)acetato-1:2 $\kappa^2$ O:O';1:3 $\kappa^2$ O:O';2:4 $\kappa^2$ O:O';-3:4 $\kappa^2$ O:O'-octaethyl-1 $\kappa^2$ C,2 $\kappa^2$ C,3 $\kappa^2$ C,4 $\kappa^2$ C-di- $\mu_3$ -oxo-1:2:3 $\kappa^3$ O;-2:3:4 $\kappa^3$ O-tetratin,  $[\text{Sn}_4(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_8(\text{C}_7\text{H}_9\text{O}_2)_4\text{O}_2]$ , is composed of two independent centrosymmetric dimers lying about inversion centers. In each dimer, the central  $\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_2$  core is fused with two four-membered ( $\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_2$ ) and two six-membered ( $\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_3\text{C}$ ) rings. The endocyclic Sn atoms are six-coordinate in a skew-trapezoidal bipyramidal environment. The exocyclic Sn atoms are five-coordinate and show disorted trigonal-bipyramidal geometry. The cyclopentylacetate ligand shows different modes of coordination with tin. In both dimers, the Sn—C distances lie in a very narrow range [2.118 (4)–2.134 (4) Å], while the Sn—O distances range between 2.042 (2) and 2.314 (3) Å for strong bonds and between 2.638 (3) and 2.658 (3) Å for relatively weaker Sn—O bonds.

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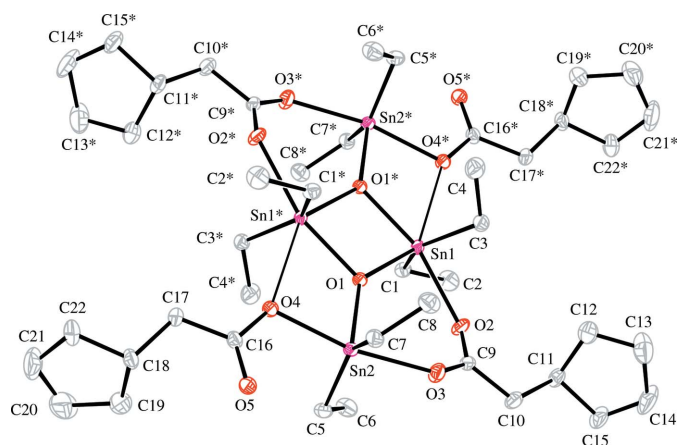
## Comment

Organotin compounds have important applications in the chemical industry. They are used in stabilization of PVC to prevent thermal degradation during processing and long-term photodegradation (Ahmad *et al.*, 2000). Dioctyltin compounds are used in PVC for food packing (Davies & Smith, 1982). Dibutyltin dilaurate is widely employed as a catalyst (Al-Allaf *et al.*, 1999). Organotin carboxylates are effective antitumor agents (Davies & Smith, 1982). Continuing our studies on the structural aspects of organotin carboxylates (Parvez, Ali, Mazhar, Bhatti & Khokhar, 1999; Parvez, Ali, Bhatti *et al.*, 1999; Parvez, Ali, Mazhar, Bhatti & Choudhary, 1999; Parvez *et al.*, 2000, 2002; Sadiq-ur-Rehman, Shouldice *et al.*, 2004; Sadiq-ur-Rehman, Abdelrahman *et al.*, 2004), we have synthesized a new compound, bis(cyclopentylacetato)-tetraethyl-distannoxane dimer, (I) the structure of which is reported here.

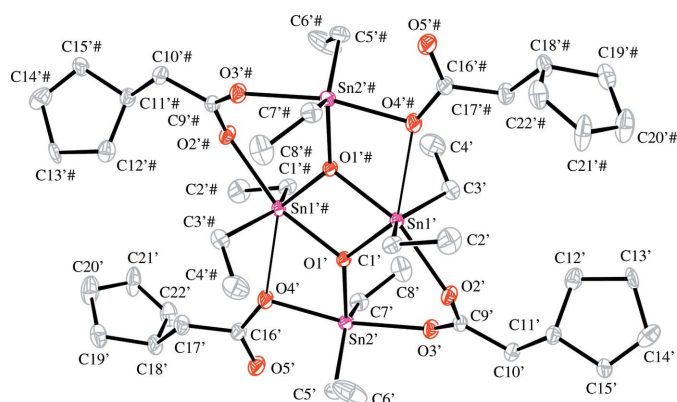


(I)

The molecular structure of (I) is composed of two independent centrosymmetric dimers lying about inversion centers



**Figure 1**  
ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) drawing of a dimer of (I) with displacement ellipsoids plotted at the 30% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. [symmetry code: (\*)  $1 - x, -y, 1 - z$ ].



**Figure 2**  
ORTEP (Johnson, 1976) drawing of the second dimer of (I) with displacement ellipsoids plotted at the 30% probability level; fractions of disordered C atoms bearing A in the atomic labels of cyclopentyl rings have been ignored. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. [symmetry code: (#)  $1 - x, 1 - y, -z$ ].

(Figs. 1 and 2). In each dimer, the central  $\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_2$  core is fused with two four-membered ( $\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_2$ ) and two six-membered ( $\text{Sn}_2\text{O}_3\text{C}$ ) rings. The cyclopentylacetate ligand shows different modes of coordination with tin. It acts as a monodentate ligand, bridging the two Sn atoms *via* atoms O4 and O4' in each of the two dimers forming four-membered rings Sn1\*/O4/Sn2/O1 [symmetry code: (\*)  $1 - x, -y, 1 - z$ ] and Sn1'/O4'/Sn2'/O1' [symmetry code: (#)  $1 - x, 1 - y, -z$ ], respectively. The ligand also bridges two Sn atoms in bidentate coordination thus resulting in six-membered rings Sn1/O1/Sn2/O3/C9/O2 and Sn1'/O1'/Sn2'/O3'/C9'/O2'. The exocyclic Sn atoms are six-coordinate in a skew-trapezoidal bipyramidal environment. The exocyclic Sn atoms are five-coordinate and show distorted trigonal-bipyramidal geometry. In both dimers, Sn—C distances lie in a very narrow range [2.118 (4)–2.134 (4) Å], while Sn—O distances range between 2.042 (2) and 2.314 (3) Å for strong bonds and 2.638 (3) and 2.658 (3) Å for relatively weaker Sn—O bonds. The endocyclic Sn—O distances in the central core of the two dimers, Sn1/O1/Sn1\*/O1\* and Sn1'/O1'/Sn1'/O1'# lying in the range 2.048 (2)–

2.140 (2) Å, and the exocyclic distances Sn1—O2 and Sn1'—O2' [2.313 (3) and 2.314 (3) Å, respectively] are similar to those observed in bis[1,1,3,3-tetrabutyl-1,3-bis(picolinato *N*-oxide)]distannoxane hydrate (Ng, 1998), tetrabutylbis(*N*-phthaloylglycinato)distannoxane dimer (Parvez *et al.*, 2000) and tetrabutylbis(*N*-phthaloylphenylalaninato)distannoxane dimer (Hans *et al.*, 2002). However, the Sn1···O4\* and Sn1···O4'# interactions of 2.638 (3) and 2.658 (3) Å, respectively, in the two dimers of (I) are significantly shorter than the corresponding interactions observed in tetrabutylbis(*N*-phthaloylphenylalaninato)distannoxane dimer [2.725 (3) Å; Hans *et al.*, 2002] and tetrabutylbis(*N*-phthaloylglycinato)distannoxane dimer [2.746 (3) Å; Parvez *et al.*, 2000].

It is interesting to note that in each dimer, one of the ligands is coordinated to both Sn atoms with C—O distances lying between a single and a double bond representing a delocalized system. In the other ligand the distances O—C clearly indicate a single and a double bond (details are in Table 1). A search of the Cambridge Structural Database (2006 Release; Allen, 2002) for similar fused-ring systems resulted in 80 hits, only three of which contained diethyl Sn units (refcodes JIPMIE, JUSJEM and REWXOG).

## Experimental

A mixture of 2-(cyclopentyl) acetic acid (1.25 g, 9.91 mmol) and diethyltin(IV) oxide (1.91 g, 9.91 mmol) was heated at the reflux temperature for 8–10 h in 80 ml of dry toluene in a single-necked round-bottomed flask (250 ml), equipped with a Dean–Stark funnel, magnet bar and water condenser. The water formed during the condensation reaction was removed *via* the Dean–Stark apparatus. The reaction mixture was then cooled to room temperature and the solvent was removed through rotary evaporation. The solid mass thus obtained was recrystallized from chloroform containing a few drops of *n*-hexane.

### Crystal data

[ $\text{Sn}_4(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_8(\text{C}_7\text{H}_9\text{O}_2)_4\text{O}_2$ ]  
 $M_r = 1239.81$   
 Triclinic,  $P\bar{1}$   
 $a = 11.736$  (3) Å  
 $b = 12.201$  (3) Å  
 $c = 19.503$  (4) Å  
 $\alpha = 72.674$  (14)°  
 $\beta = 73.357$  (12)°  
 $\gamma = 73.937$  (13)°

$V = 2497.7$  (10) Å<sup>3</sup>  
 $Z = 2$   
 $D_x = 1.649$  Mg m<sup>-3</sup>  
 Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  
 $\mu = 2.03$  mm<sup>-1</sup>  
 $T = 173$  (2) K  
 Prism, colorless  
 $0.12 \times 0.12 \times 0.08$  mm

### Data collection

Bruker–Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer  
 $\omega$  and  $\varphi$  scans  
 Absorption correction: multi-scan (SORTAV; Blessing, 1997)  
 $T_{\min} = 0.793$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.855$

21463 measured reflections  
 11338 independent reflections  
 8414 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.033$   
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5^\circ$

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.035$   
 $wR(F^2) = 0.073$   
 $S = 1.07$   
 11338 reflections  
 556 parameters  
 H-atom parameters constrained

$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0161P)^2 + 3.54P]$   
 where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$   
 $(\Delta\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.02$   
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.67$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.91$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

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

Sn1—O1	2.056 (2)	Sn1'—O1'	2.048 (2)
Sn1—C3	2.125 (4)	Sn1'—C1'	2.118 (4)
Sn1—C1	2.128 (4)	Sn1'—C3'	2.132 (4)
Sn1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	2.140 (2)	Sn1'—O1' <sup>ii</sup>	2.139 (2)
Sn1—O2	2.313 (3)	Sn1'—O2'	2.314 (3)
Sn1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	2.638 (3)	Sn1'—O4' <sup>ii</sup>	2.658 (3)
Sn2—O1	2.042 (2)	Sn2'—O1'	2.047 (3)
Sn2—C7	2.126 (4)	Sn2'—C5'	2.122 (4)
Sn2—C5	2.134 (4)	Sn2'—C7'	2.124 (4)
Sn2—O4	2.210 (2)	Sn2'—O4'	2.212 (3)
Sn2—O3	2.229 (3)	Sn2'—O3'	2.251 (3)
O2—C9	1.252 (5)	O2'—C9'	1.249 (5)
O3—C9	1.258 (4)	O3'—C9'	1.266 (5)
O4—C16	1.300 (4)	O4'—C16'	1.298 (5)
O5—C16	1.222 (5)	O5'—C16'	1.221 (5)
O1—Sn1—C3	105.98 (13)	O1'—Sn1'—C1'	111.57 (13)
O1—Sn1—C1	108.74 (12)	O1'—Sn1'—C3'	104.41 (14)
C3—Sn1—C1	141.62 (15)	C1'—Sn1'—C3'	140.28 (16)
O1—Sn1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	76.13 (10)	O1'—Sn1'—O1' <sup>ii</sup>	75.89 (11)
C3—Sn1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	105.38 (12)	C1'—Sn1'—O1' <sup>ii</sup>	99.07 (13)
C1—Sn1—O1 <sup>i</sup>	98.38 (12)	C3'—Sn1'—O1' <sup>ii</sup>	105.60 (14)
O1—Sn1—O2	88.21 (9)	O1'—Sn1'—O2'	87.59 (10)
C3—Sn1—O2	83.22 (12)	C1'—Sn1'—O2'	80.83 (13)
C1—Sn1—O2	82.04 (12)	C3'—Sn1'—O2'	84.50 (14)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Sn1—O2	163.65 (9)	O1' <sup>ii</sup> —Sn1'—O2'	162.27 (9)
O1—Sn1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	142.10 (8)	O1'—Sn1'—O4' <sup>ii</sup>	140.42 (9)
C3—Sn1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	81.54 (12)	C1'—Sn1'—O4' <sup>ii</sup>	82.62 (13)
C1—Sn1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	81.10 (12)	C3'—Sn1'—O4' <sup>ii</sup>	80.19 (14)
O1 <sup>i</sup> —Sn1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	66.15 (8)	O1' <sup>ii</sup> —Sn1'—O4' <sup>ii</sup>	65.23 (9)
O2—Sn1—O4 <sup>i</sup>	129.68 (8)	O2'—Sn1'—O4' <sup>ii</sup>	131.84 (9)
O1—Sn2—C7	111.03 (12)	O1'—Sn2'—C5'	109.32 (14)
O1—Sn2—C5	109.19 (13)	O1'—Sn2'—C7'	111.87 (14)
C7—Sn2—C5	139.76 (15)	C5'—Sn2'—C7'	138.81 (17)
O1—Sn2—O4	76.65 (9)	O1'—Sn2'—O4'	75.88 (10)
C7—Sn2—O4	94.54 (12)	C5'—Sn2'—O4'	95.12 (14)
C5—Sn2—O4	95.47 (13)	C7'—Sn2'—O4'	95.25 (14)
O1—Sn2—O3	91.45 (10)	O1'—Sn2'—O3'	90.49 (10)
C7—Sn2—O3	87.62 (13)	C5'—Sn2'—O3'	90.30 (14)
C5—Sn2—O3	90.49 (13)	C7'—Sn2'—O3'	88.83 (14)
O4—Sn2—O3	167.90 (10)	O4'—Sn2'—O3'	166.33 (10)
Sn2—O1—Sn1	136.02 (12)	Sn2'—O1'—Sn1'	135.34 (12)
Sn2—O1—Sn1 <sup>i</sup>	119.67 (11)	Sn2'—O1'—Sn1' <sup>ii</sup>	119.99 (11)
Sn1—O1—Sn1 <sup>i</sup>	103.87 (10)	Sn1'—O1'—Sn1' <sup>ii</sup>	104.11 (11)
C9—O2—Sn1	134.1 (2)	C9'—O2'—Sn1'	131.4 (2)
Sn1—O2—Sn2	76.78 (7)	Sn1'—O2'—Sn2'	77.29 (7)
C9—O3—Sn2	134.4 (3)	C9'—O3'—Sn2'	130.8 (3)
C16—O4—Sn2	111.2 (2)	C16'—O4'—Sn2'	111.9 (2)

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + 1, -y, -z + 1$ ; (ii)  $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z$ .

Both cyclopentenyl rings of the second dimer (Fig. 2) were disordered, with C10'–C15' and C10A–C15A both having 0.50 site-occupancy factors, while C18'–C22' and C18A–C22A had site-occupancy factors of 0.774 (9) and 0.226 (9), respectively. The pairs of disordered C atoms were allowed the same anisotropic displacement

parameters (EADP command). Moreover, the same coordinates were used for the pairs of atoms C10'/C10A, C11'/C11A and C18'/C18A in order to model the cyclopentenyl rings and determine the positions of H atoms (EXYZ command). H atoms were included in the refinement at geometrically idealized positions with C–H = 0.95–1.00 Å and  $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.5$  (methyl) and 1.2 (the rest) times  $U_{\text{eq}}$  of the atoms to which they were bonded. The final difference map was free of any chemically significant features.

Data collection: *COLLECT* (Hooft, 1998); cell refinement: *HKL DENZO* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); data reduction: *SCALEPACK* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997); program(s) used to solve structure: *SAPI91* (Fan, 1991); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *ORTEPII* (Johnson, 1976); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997).

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