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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 298 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.008 Å R factor = 0.037 wR factor = 0.091 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.1

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# Bis[µ-furan-2-carbaldehyde (1-carboxyethylidene)hydrazonato(2–)]bis[methanoldimethyltin(IV)]

In the title complex,  $[Sn_2(CH_3)_4(C_8H_6N_2O_4)_2(CH_4O)_2]$ , each  $Sn^{IV}$  ion exists in a distorted pentagonal-bipyramidal coordination environment, coordinated by three O atoms and one N atom from the pyruvic acid 2-furoic acid hydrazone ligands, one O atom from a methanol molecule and two axial C atoms from *trans* methyl groups, thus forming a dimeric molecule, which has crystallographic  $\overline{1}$  symmetry. In the dimeric structure there are also intramolecular hydrogen bonds, which contribute to the crystal stability and compactness.

# Comment

Fig. 1 demonstrates that, in this complex, the Sn atom exists in a distorted pentagonal-bipyramidal coordination environment in which one methanol molecule, two tridentate pyruvic acid 2-furoic acid hydrazone ligands, and two *trans* methyl groups coordinate to each Sn center. The atoms O1, O5, O1<sup>i</sup>, O3 and N1 are coplanar to within 0.0302 Å [symmetry code: -x, -y + 2, -z], and form the equatorial plane. The inter-axial angle C9–Sn1–C10 is 163.0 (2)°, which deviates from the ideal value of 180°. Atom O1 of the carboxylate residue also binds another Sn atom, Sn1<sup>i</sup>, generating an Sn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> fourmembered ring. Thus, the structure of this complex can be described as a dimer, with crystallographically imposed  $\overline{1}$ symmetry.



Each Sn atom is also coordinated by a methanol molecule. The Sn–O methanol bond distance [2.409 (4) Å] is longer than those in some analogues (Yin *et al.*, 2003; Parulekar *et al.*, 1989), owing to the formation of intramolecular hydrogen bonds (as in Hong *et al.*, 2005). These hydrogen bonds (Fig. 2) contribute to the crystal stability and compactness.

# **Experimental**

Pyruvic acid 2-furoic acid hydrazone (1 mmol) and sodium ethoxide (1 mmol) were added to dry benzene (20 ml) in a Schlenk flask and stirred for 0.5 h. Dimethyltin dichloride (1 mmol) was added to the reactor; the reaction mixture was stirred for 12 h at 313 K and then filtered. The solvent was gradually removed by evaporation under

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vacuum until a solid product was obtained. The solid was then recrystallized from methanol and colourless crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained (m.p. 381.5 K). Elemental analysis calculated for  $C_{11}H_{16}N_2O_5Sn$ : C 35.24, H 4.30, N 7.47; found: C 35.11, H 4.23, N 7.60%.

Z = 8

 $D_x = 1.752 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\mu = 1.81 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

Block, colourless

 $0.23 \times 0.15 \times 0.12 \text{ mm}$ 

7350 measured reflections

2538 independent reflections

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0451P)^2]$ 

+ 1.0171*P*] where  $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.64 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

 $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.40~{\rm e}~{\rm \AA}^{-3}$ 

 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.011$ 

1798 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ 

T = 298 (2) K

 $R_{\rm int}=0.039$ 

 $\theta_{\rm max} = 25.1^\circ$ 

#### Crystal data

 $[Sn_2(CH_3)_4(C_8H_6N_2O_4)_2(CH_4O)_2]$   $M_r = 374.95$ Monoclinic, C2/c a = 20.794 (19) Å b = 9.911 (9) Å c = 14.142 (13) Å  $\beta = 102.658$  (15)° V = 2844 (5) Å<sup>3</sup>

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART CCD area-detector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 1996)  $T_{\min} = 0.680, T_{\max} = 0.812$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.037$   $wR(F^2) = 0.091$  S = 1.002538 reflections 180 parameters H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement

## Table 1

Selected geometric parameters (Å, °).

Sn1-C9	2.082 (6)	Sn1-O1	2.316 (4)
Sn1-C10	2.098 (6)	Sn1-O5	2.409 (4)
Sn1-O3	2.178 (4)	Sn1-O1 <sup>i</sup>	2.747 (4)
Sn1-N1	2.248 (4)		
C9-Sn1-C10	163.0 (2)	C9-Sn1-O5	86.8 (2)
C9-Sn1-O3	95.7 (2)	C9-Sn1-O1 <sup>i</sup>	82.67 (19)
C9-Sn1-N1	94.3 (2)	O3-Sn1-O1 <sup>i</sup>	153.79 (11)
O3-Sn1-N1	70.06 (15)	N1-Sn1-O1 <sup>i</sup>	136.11 (13)
C9-Sn1-O1	89.70 (19)	O1-Sn1-O1 <sup>i</sup>	66.51 (12)
O3-Sn1-O1	139.69 (12)	O5-Sn1-O1 <sup>i</sup>	76.88 (13)

Symmetry code: (i) -x, -y + 2, -z.

# Table 2

Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °).

$D - H \cdots A$	D-H	$H \cdots A$	$D{\cdots}A$	$D - \mathbf{H} \cdot \cdot \cdot A$
$O5-H1\cdots O2^i$	0.84 (6)	1.82 (6)	2.643 (6)	166 (6)
Symmetry code: (i)	-x - v + 2 - z			

H atoms attached to C atoms were all positioned geometrically and treated as riding on their parent atoms, with aromatic C–H distances of 0.93 Å and methyl C–H distances of 0.96 Å. The  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H})$  values were set at  $1.5U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$  for the methyl H atoms and at  $1.2U_{\rm eq}({\rm C})$  for the other C-bound H atoms. The coordinates of the H atom bonded to O were refined, giving an O–H distance of 0.84 (6) Å; the  $U_{\rm iso}({\rm H})$  value was 70 (20) Å<sup>2</sup> × 10<sup>3</sup>.



#### Figure 1

The structure of the title complex, showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. H atoms have been omitted for clarity. The long Sn - O bonds are indicated by dashed lines. The suffix A corresponds to symmetry code i in Table 1.



## Figure 2

The packing of the title complex. Hydrogen bonds and the long Sn-O bonds are indicated by dashed lines. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

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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