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#### Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 296 KMean  $\sigma(\text{O}-\text{C}) = 0.011 \text{ Å}$  R factor = 0.031 wR factor = 0.033 Data-to-parameter ratio = 16.0

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# Poly[bis( $\mu_2$ -O,O'-dimethyl dithiophosphato)mercury(II)]

In the title compound,  $[Hg(C_2H_6O_2PS_2)_2]_n$ , the Hg atom is coordinated by four S atoms in a distorted tetrahedral arrangement. The Hg–S bond distances are in the range 2.508 (2)–2.662 (2) Å, and the six S–Hg–S angles are in the range 99.14 (7)–118.77 (8)°. In the crystal structure, a twodimensional network of 16-membered rings of  $[-Hg–S–P–S–]_4$ is formed parallel to the (100) plane.

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#### Comment

As part of a study of metal xanthates and dialkyldithiophosphates (Ito, 2003; Ito & Maeda, 2004), the crystal structure of the title compound, (I), has been determined. A displacement ellipsoid plot of (I) is shown in Fig. 1. The S-P-S parts of the two ligands bridge adjacent Hg atoms, forming one half of a 16-membered ring, the other half being generated by a center of symmetry at the center of the ring.



The two-dimensional network structure of (I) is similar to that in mercury ethylxanthate, (II) (Watanabe, 1977). The distortion of the HgS<sub>4</sub> arrangement from a regular tetrahedron is much less in (I) than in (II). In (II), the four Hg-S distances are in the range 2.313 (8)–2.943 (10) Å, and the six S-Hg-S angles are in the range 81.8 (3)–148.8 (3)°.

### **Experimental**

Potassium dimethyldithiophosphate (2.0 g) and mercury nitrate (1.8 g) were each dissolved in pure water (8.0 ml). A powder of (I) was precipitated by combining the two solutions. Recrystallization from an acetone solution of (I) at room temperature gave colorless plate-shaped crystals.

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## Crystal data

 $\begin{array}{l} \left[ \mathrm{Hg}(\mathrm{C}_{2}\mathrm{H}_{6}\mathrm{O}_{2}\mathrm{PS}_{2})_{2} \right] \\ M_{r} = 514.91 \\ \mathrm{Monoclinic}, \ P2_{1}/c \\ a = 9.930 \ (5) \ \mathrm{\AA} \\ b = 12.043 \ (2) \ \mathrm{\AA} \\ c = 11.885 \ (1) \ \mathrm{\AA} \\ \beta = 96.56 \ (2)^{\circ} \\ V = 1412.0 \ (8) \ \mathrm{\AA}^{3} \end{array}$ 

## Data collection

Rigaku AFC-5S diffractometer  $\omega$ -2 $\theta$  scans Absorption correction:  $\psi$  scan (North *et al.*, 1968)  $T_{\rm min} = 0.182, T_{\rm max} = 0.348$ 3580 measured reflections 3224 independent reflections

# Refinement

Refinement on F  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.031$   $wR(F^2) = 0.033$  S = 1.462372 reflections 148 parameters

Table 1	
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Selected geometric parameters (Å,  $^\circ).$ 

Hg-S1	2.662 (2)	P1-O1	1.581 (5)
Hg-S2 <sup>i</sup>	2.545 (2)	P1-O2	1.580 (6)
Hg-S3	2.547 (2)	P2-O3	1.563 (5)
Hg-S4 <sup>ii</sup>	2.508 (2)	P2-O4	1.579 (5)
S1-P1	1.965 (3)	O1-C1	1.422 (9)
S2-P1	2.003 (3)	O2-C2	1.42 (1)
S3-P2	1.983 (3)	O3-C3	1.449 (9)
S4-P2	2.000 (2)	O4-C4	1.43 (1)
S1-Hg-S2 <sup>i</sup>	100.51 (7)	S2 <sup>i</sup> -Hg-S3	109.53 (8)
S1-Hg-S3	99.14 (7)	S2 <sup>i</sup> -Hg-S4 <sup>ii</sup>	118.77 (8)
S1-Hg-S4 <sup>ii</sup>	107.34 (7)	S3-Hg-S4 <sup>ii</sup>	117.97 (6)
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Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, -y + \frac{3}{2}, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $-x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2}, -z + \frac{1}{2}$ .

H atoms were placed in geometrically calculated positions (C–H = 0.95 Å) and allowed to ride on their parent atoms, with  $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}$ (parent atom). The deepest hole is located 0.83 Å from atom Hg.

Data collection: MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software (Molecular Structure Corporation, 1988); cell refinement: MSC/AFC Diffractometer Control Software; data reduction: CrystalStructure (Rigaku/MSC, 2002); program(s) used to solve structure: SIR92

Z = 4  $D_x$  = 2.422 Mg m<sup>-3</sup> Mo K $\alpha$  radiation  $\mu$  = 11.74 mm<sup>-1</sup> T = 296.1 K Plate, colorless 0.16 × 0.09 mm

2372 reflections with  $I > 3\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.024$   $\theta_{max} = 27.5^{\circ}$ 3 standard reflections every 150 reflections intensity decay: 0.5%

H-atom parameters constrained  $w = 1/\sigma^2(F_o)$   $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.002$   $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.76 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -1.31 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 



### Figure 1

A view of part of the crystal structure of (I), showing 50% probability displacement ellipsoids. Atoms Hg<sup>i</sup> and Hg<sup>ii</sup>, and Hg<sup>ii</sup> and Hg<sup>iv</sup> are related by a unit translation along the *c* and *b* axes, respectively. [Symmetry codes: (i)  $x, \frac{3}{2} - y, z - \frac{1}{2}$ ; (ii)  $1 - x, y + \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (iii)  $x, \frac{3}{2} - y, z + \frac{1}{2}$ ; (iv)  $1 - x, y - \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} - z$ ; (v) 1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z.]

(Altomare *et al.*, 1994); program(s) used to refine structure: *Crystal-Structure*; molecular graphics: *ORTEPIII* (Burnett & Johnson, 1996); software used to prepare material for publication: *CrystalStructure*.

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