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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 100 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.025 wR factor = 0.059 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.6

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# Dibutylchloro[4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine-1-carbodithioato- $\kappa^2 S_r S'$ ]tin(IV)

The title complex,  $[Sn(C_4H_9)_2(C_{11}H_{12}N_3O_2S_2)Cl]$ , features an asymmetrically chelating thiocarboxylate ligand. There are two molecules in the asymmetric unit. The Sn atom is five-coordinated within a C<sub>2</sub>ClS<sub>2</sub> donor set that is best described as trigonal–bipyramidal with one S atom and the Cl atom in axial positions, subtending bond angles of 155.67 (2) and 155.11 (2)°, respectively.

# Comment

Increasing industrial use of organotin(IV) compounds containing the Sn-S bond, especially as stabilizers of polyvinyl chlorides (Tarassoli *et al.*, 2006), and recognition of the importance of this bond for the biological properties of organotin compounds (Barbieri *et al.*, 1989), have together stimulated the study of thiolates (Casas *et al.*, 1997, 1999). There are two molecules in the asymmetric unit of the title complex, (I).



The configuration about the Sn atom is five-coordinated distorted trigonal-bipyramidal with atoms S11, C12 and C16 occupying equatorial positions for molecule 1, and S22, C212 and C216 for molecule 2. The sums of the ligand-Sn-ligand angles in the trigonal girdle of the molecules are 359.47 and 358.70°, respectively. The Sn atoms show no large deviations from the equatorial planes, viz. 0.0935 (1) and 0.1468 (1) Å, respectively. The distortion is also illustrated by the  $\tau$ descriptor for five-coordination: 0.46 and 0.45 (Addison et al., 1984); for ideal trigonal-pyramidal coordination  $\tau$  is 1. Atoms Cl1 and Cl2 each occupy one of the axial positions of the trigonal bipyramid. As a result of being part of the chelate ring the S11-Sn1-S12 and S21-Sn2-S22 angles are not  $90^{\circ}$  but only 69.13 (2) and 68.94 (2)°, so atoms S12 and S22 do not occupy exactly the corresponding axial positions trans to Cl1 and Cl2. The Cl1-Sn1-S12 angle is 155.67 (2) and Cl2-Sn2-S21 is 155.11 (2)°. The Sn1-S12 and Sn2-S21 bonds are markedly elongated [2.7088(5)] and 2.7315(5)Å], compared with the Sn1-S11 and Sn2-S22 bonds [2.4690 (5) and 2.4720 (7) Å]. This indicates that the thiocarboxylate coordination is unsymmetrical.

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Figure 1

The structure of molecule 1 of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms are drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms have been omitted to improve clarity.

# **Experimental**

To a solution of 4-(4-nitrophenyl)piperazine-1-carbodithioic acid (0.3 g, 1.059 mmol) in dry methanol (40 ml) was added dibuthyltin(IV) chloride (0.161 g, 0.5295 mmol), dissolved in methanol (40 ml), dropwise and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 3 h. The resulting yellow solid was separated and the filtrate was allowed to evaporate to obtain yellow crystals.

## Crystal data

$[Sn(C_4H_9)_2(C_{11}H_{12}N_3O_2S_2)Cl]$	V = 2283.4 (3) Å <sup>3</sup>
$M_r = 550.76$	Z = 4
Triclinic, P1	$D_x = 1.602 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
a = 9.7151 (7)  Å	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
b = 14.978 (1) Å	$\mu = 1.44 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
c = 16.152 (1) Å	T = 100 (1)  K
$\alpha = 76.553 \ (1)^{\circ}$	Block, yellow
$\beta = 88.464 \ (1)^{\circ}$	$0.51 \times 0.21 \times 0.18$ m
$\gamma = 87.508 \ (1)^{\circ}$	

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD areadetector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 2001)  $T_{\min} = 0.510, T_{\max} = 0.772$ 

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.026$  $wR(F^2) = 0.059$ S = 1.0510881 reflections 745 parameters All H-atom parameters refined nm

21022 measured reflections 10881 independent reflections 9782 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\rm int}=0.019$  $\theta_{\rm max} = 28.3^{\circ}$ 

 $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0255P)^2]$ + 1.1175P] where  $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\rm max} = 0.001$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.94 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.51 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 





The structure of molecule 2 of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids for non-H atoms are drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms have been omitted to improve clarity.

A difference Fourier synthesis resulted in the location of all the H atoms, and their coordinates and isotropic displacement parameters were refined [C-H = 0.91 (3)-1.03 (3) Å].

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: SAINT-Plus (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: SAINT-Plus and XPREP (Bruker, 2000); program(s) used to solve structure: DIRDIF99 (Beurskens et al., 1999); program(s) used to refine structure: SHELXL97 (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: PLATON (Spek, 2003); software used to prepare material for publication: PLATON.

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