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#### **Key indicators**

Single-crystal X-ray study T = 100 KMean  $\sigma$ (C–C) = 0.003 Å R factor = 0.020 wR factor = 0.051 Data-to-parameter ratio = 14.9

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# Bis(4-benzylpiperidine-1-carbodithioato- $\kappa^2 S, S'$ )dimethyltin(IV)

The Sn atom in the title compound,  $[Sn(CH_3)_2(C_{13}H_{16}NS_2)_2]$ , has a highly distorted octahedral geometry that may be best described as skew-trapezoidal planar for thiocarboxylates. The ligands are asymmetrically coordinated to the Sn atom, with shorter Sn-S bond lengths that are very close to the sum of the covalent radii of Sn and S, while the longer Sn-S distances are significantly less than the sum of their van der Waals radii.

## Comment

The increasing industrial use of organotin(IV) compounds containing an Sn-S bond, especially as stabilizers of polyvinyl chlorides (Tarassoli *et al.*, 2006), and the recognition of the importance of this bond for the biological properties of organotin compounds (Barbieri *et al.*, 1989), have together spurred the study of thiolates (Casas *et al.*, 1997, 1999). We present here the crystal structure of the title compound, (I).



The structure of (I) is composed of a discrete monomeric molecule (Fig. 1), in which the Sn atom exists in a skew-trapezoidal planar geometry. The equatorial plane is defined by four S atoms from two chelating thiocarboxylate ligands. The Sn atom is 0.016 (1) Å out of the least-squares plane formed by the four S atoms, and on the same side as atom C28. The two remaining octahedral sites are occupied by two methyl groups which lie over the weaker Sn–S bonds and define a C27–Sn–C28 angle of 135.64 (7)°. The angle between the Sn–C27 bond and the least-squares plane is 69.92 (5)°, and that between the Sn–C28 bond and the least-squares plane is 65.71 (5)°.

The degrees of asymmetry in the modes of coordination of each thiocarboxylate ligand, while comparable, are not equivalent. The first ligand forms Sn-S1 and Sn-S2 bond distances of 2.5190 (4) and 2.9779 (5) Å, respectively, while the other forms Sn-S3 and Sn-S4 bonds of 2.5240 (4) and 2.9715 (4) Å, respectively; the shorter bond lengths are close to the sum of the covalent radii of Sn and S and the longer distances are significantly less than the sum of their van der Waals radii (4.0 Å) (Ma *et al.*, 2003).

The C-S bond distances [S1-C13 = 1.7548 (16) Å] and S3-C26 = 1.7496 (16) Å] for the S atoms bound strongly to the Sn centre are longer than the C-S bonds [S2-C13 = 1.7496 (16) Å]

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1.6902 (16) Å and S4–C26 = 1.6990 (15) Å] involving the S atoms forming the weaker bonds to the Sn atom. The geometry of complex (I) is similar to those usually observed for  $R_2$ Sn(S<sub>2</sub>CN $R'_2$ ) compounds (Tiekink, 1992, 1993).

## **Experimental**

To a solution of 4-benzylpiperidine-1-carbodithioic acid (0.5 g, 1.99 mmol) in dry methanol (40 ml), a solution of dimethyltin(IV) chloride (0.218 g, 0.995 mmol) in methanol (40 ml) was added dropwise and the mixture was stirred vigorously for 3 h. The resulting white solid was separated off and the filtrate was allowed to evaporate to obtain white crystals.

### Crystal data

$$\begin{split} & [\text{Sn}(\text{CH}_3)_2(\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_{16}\text{NS}_2)_2] \\ & M_r = 649.60 \\ & \text{Triclinic, } P\overline{1} \\ & a = 9.8937 \ (6) \text{ Å} \\ & b = 11.4658 \ (7) \text{ Å} \\ & c = 14.2179 \ (8) \text{ Å} \\ & \alpha = 99.811 \ (1)^{\circ} \\ & \beta = 108.859 \ (1)^{\circ} \\ & \gamma = 96.158 \ (1)^{\circ} \end{split}$$

#### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX CCD areadetector diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (*SADABS*; Sheldrick, 2001)  $T_{\min} = 0.540, T_{\max} = 0.620$ 

#### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$   $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.020$   $wR(F^2) = 0.051$  S = 1.046972 reflections 468 parameters All H-atom parameters refined 11332 measured reflections 6972 independent reflections 6620 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$  $R_{\text{int}} = 0.013$  $\theta_{\text{max}} = 28.3^{\circ}$ 

V = 1480.99 (15) Å<sup>3</sup>

 $D_x = 1.457 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ 

Mo  $K\alpha$  radiation  $\mu = 1.16 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 

T = 100 (1) K

Block, colourless

 $0.49 \times 0.43 \times 0.41 \text{ mm}$ 

Z = 2

 $w = 1/[\sigma^{2}(F_{o}^{2}) + (0.0252P)^{2} + 0.4409P]$ where  $P = (F_{o}^{2} + 2F_{c}^{2})/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.001$  $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.53 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.43 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

All H atoms were located in a difference Fourier map and refined isotropically.

Data collection: SMART (Bruker, 2000); cell refinement: SAINT-Plus (Bruker, 2000); data reduction: XPREP (Bruker, 2000);



#### Figure 1

A perspective drawing of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level. H atoms have been omitted for clarity.

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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