emission of the Reineckate ion is not so clear. The lower charge should lead to less hydration than for [Cr- $(NCS)_{6}$ ³⁻, but to counteract this effect is the fact that there are fewer conducting ligands. The quenching constants for these two complexes at room temperature differ by a factor of 3 (Table I).

In Figure 4 the amount of quenching in air-saturated solutions is plotted as a function of temperature and extrapolations are made to room temperature. Owing to its long lifetime, quenching is stronger for $K_{a}[Cr(CN)_{6}]$. When the temperature is raised other modes of deactivation compete with quenching. At -10° quenching is negligible for most complexes except for K₃[Cr(CN)₆], which is still sufficiently long lived to be quenched by oxygen. The amount is approximately 10-15% at room temperature and hence experiments in photochemistry dealing with this complex at room temperature should be carried out in degassed solutions.

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¹¹⁹Sn Chemical Shifts by the Double Resonance of Organotin Compounds

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Abstract: Tin-119 chemical shifts in 40 organotin compounds have been obtained by $^{1}H-{^{119}Sn}$ double-resonance experiments. The tin-119 shifts for organotin compounds where tin is bonded to hydrogen, lithium, and phosphorus atoms are reported along with those for the organotin acetylene, perfluoroalkyl, and perchlorophenyl derivatives for the first time. The most downfield tin shift thus far reported has been measured for the dimethyl-dithiolatotin(IV) heterocycle. Previously drawn correlations with electronegativity are tested with respect to the new substituents. Dispersion forces and effects due to neighboring polarizable groups are seen to be important in raising the shift as with the iodides and unsaturated systems. Higher coordination at tin produces large, upfield ^{119m}Sn shifts, but the cationic organotin complexes appear less shielded than the neutral or anionic complexes. Mössbauer quadrupole splitting and $J(^{119}Sn-C^{-19}F)$ data are used to establish *intramolecular* coordination in the perfluoroethyl derivatives which are characterized by large, upfield tin shift values.

The first tin chemical shifts were measured by direct dobservation on 18 compounds by Burke and Lauterbur in 1960.² Precise values were difficult to obtain because of the small natural abundance of the magnetic tin-119 isotope (8.7%) and the low sensitivity and long relaxation times with the resulting saturation problems associated with this nucleus. Hexamethylditin³ and hexamethyldistannoxane⁴ were examined by the same method. In 1968 Hunter and Reeves obtained the tin-119 shifts of 39 additional organotin compounds by direct observation, with enhancement of the signals by heteronuclear decoupling in the proton region.⁵ In 1969 McFarlane, et al., used ¹H-¹¹⁹Sn double resonance to obtain the tin shifts of 49 additional compounds.⁶ Several advantages follow from the use of this indirect method, among which are that (a) the precision of the measurements is greatly improved, (b) saturation is no longer a problem, and (c) spin-spin coupling relationships between the proton and tin nuclei can be determined.

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We report in this paper the tin-119 shifts of 37 organotin compounds measured by heteronuclear decoupling experiments of the ¹H-{¹¹⁹Sn} type. From the data on the 108 compounds in the literature it is known that in general electron withdrawal tends to lower the tin shift while increasing the coordination number at tin tends to raise it. These general trends are also features of the spectra of other magnetic nuclei of the fourth group such as ¹³C,⁷ ²⁹Si,^{5,7,8} and ²⁰⁷Pb.^{7,8}

Results

Table I lists the tin-119 chemical shift values of 40 organotin compounds, 37 reported here for the first time, in decreasing order of shift, with tetramethyltin taken as zero. The values of Ξ , defined as the resonant frequency in a polarizing magnetic field of strength such that (CH₃)₄Si gives a proton resonance of exactly 100 MHz,⁹ are also listed. Most of the compounds could be recorded as solutions in the noninteracting solvents benzene and methylene dichloride because of the high sensitivity of the double-resonance method. The diamagnetic anisotropy of benzene which can give rise to shifts of up to 1 ppm in proton spectra can be

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No.	Compound	Ξ(¹¹⁹ Sn), Hz	δ(¹¹⁹ Sn), ^a ppm	Conditions
1	$C_2H_5SnH_3$	$37,280,213 \pm 50$	282	50% in (C ₄ H ₉) ₂ O
2	$(CH_3)_2SnBr_2 \cdot bipy$	$37,281,610 \pm 100$	245	Satd CH ₂ Cl ₂ solution
3	$(CH_3)_2SnI_2 \cdot bipy$	$37,281,905 \pm 100$	2 37	Satd CH_2Cl_2 solution
4	$(C_2H_5)_2SnH_2$	$37,282,122 \pm 10$	231	80% in C6H6
5	(CH₃)₃SnLi	$37,283,891 \pm 5$	183	20% in THF
6	$(CH_3)_2SnI_2$	$37,284,853 \pm 2$	157	20% in CH_2Cl_2
7	(CH₃)₃SnCl · DMSO	$37,287,494 \pm 50$	86	Satd CH_2Cl_2 solution
8	$(CH_3)_2SnCl_2 \cdot 2DMSO$	$37,287,540\pm 3$	84	Satd CH ₂ Cl ₂ solution
9	$(CH_3)_2 SnCl_2 \cdot 2(C_6H_5)_3 PO$	$37,287,610 \pm 10$	83	Satd CH ₂ Cl ₂ solution
10	$(CH_3)_3SnC \equiv CC_6H_5$	$37,288,103 \pm 3$	69	50% in C6H6
11	$(C_2H_5)_2Sn(C_2F_5)_2$	$37,288,274 \pm 10$	65	10% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
12	$[(C_2H_5)_4N]^+[(CH_3)_3SnCl_2]^-$	$37,288,693 \pm 2$	53	Satd $(CH_3)_2CO$ solution
13	$(CH_3)_3SnC_6H_2(CH_3)_3-2,4,6$	$37,288,830 \pm 30$	50	50% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
14	$(C_2H_5)_3$ SnH	$37,289,219 \pm 15$	40	50% in C ₆ H ₆
15	$(CH_3)_3 SnC_6 H_3 (CH_3)_2 - 2,3$	$37,289,412 \pm 30$	34	50% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
16	$(CH_3)_3C_6H_4CH_3-2$	$37,289,421 \pm 30$	33	20% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
17	$(CH_3)_2 Sn(C_6H_5)_2 \cdot Cr(CO)_3$	$37,289,502 \pm 30$	31	10% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
18	$1,4-[(CH_3)_3Sn]_2C_6H_4$	$37,289,584 \pm 30$	29	20% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
19	$[(CH_3)_3 Sn \cdot bipy]^+ [B(C_6H_5)_4]^-$	$37,289,999 \pm 5$	18	Satd CH_2Cl_2 solution
20	$(C_2H_5)_2Sn(I)C_2F_5$	$37,290,035 \pm 10$	17	10% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
21	$(CH_3)_2 Sn[C_6H_5 \cdot Cr(CO)_3]_2$	$37,290,515 \pm 30$	4	5% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
22 23	$(CH_3)_3 SnP(C_6H_5)_2$	$37,290,559 \pm 5$ $37,290,662 \pm 2$	3 0	50% in C ₆ H ₆
23 24	$(CH_3)_4Sn$ $(C_2H_5)_4Sn$	$37,290,002 \pm 2$ $37,290,705 \pm 10$	-1	50% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
24	$(CH_3)_3SnC_6H_5 \cdot Cr(CO)_3$	$37,290,703 \pm 10$ $37,290,787 \pm 40$	-3	50% in C6H6 5% in CH2Cl2
23 26	$(CH_3)_3SnCH_2C_6H_5$	$37,290,823 \pm 30$	-4	50% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
27	$1,4-[(CH_3)_3Sn]_2C_6H_4 \cdot Cr(CO)_3$	$37,290,794 \pm 50$	-4	50% in CH ₂ Cl ₂ 5% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
28	$(CH_3)_3SnCH_2C_6H_5 \cdot Cr(CO)_3$	$37,290,960 \pm 5$	-4	10% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
29	$(CH_3)_3$ SnOP(H)C ₆ H ₅	$37,291,163 \pm 10$	-13	10% in C ₆ H ₆
30	$(CH_3)_3 SnP(H)C_6H_5$	$37,291,310 \pm 18$	- 18	10% in C ₆ H ₆
31	$(CH_3)_3$ SnON= $C(C_6H_{11})_2$	$37,291,391 \pm 5$	-20	50% in C ₆ H ₆
32	1,1-Dimethyltetraphenylstannole	$37,292,584 \pm 10$	-52^{-52}	Satd CH_2Cl_2
33	$(CH_3)_3 Sn N(C_6H_5) Si(CH_3)_3$	$37,293,030 \pm 2$	- 64	50% in C ₆ H ₆
34	$(C_2H_5)_3$ SnOSn $(C_2H_5)_3$	$37,293,896 \pm 50$	-87	90% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
35	$(CH_3)_3SnC_6Cl_5$	$37,295,202 \pm 10$	-123	Satd CH ₂ Cl ₂ solution
36	$(CH_3)_4Sn_2Br_2S$	$37,295,211 \pm 20$	- 123	20% in CH_2Cl_2
37	$(CH_3)_2SnS$	$37,295,498 \pm 2$	- 131	20% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
38	$(CH_3)_3SnON=C_6H_{10}$	$37,295,537\pm 30$	-132	20% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
39	$(CH_3)_4Sn_2Cl_2S$	$37,295,996 \pm 3$	-144	20% in CH ₂ Cl ₂
40	(CH ₃) ₂ Sn S	37,297,827 ± 2	— 194	20% in CH ₂ Cl ₂

^a A positive sign indicates a shift upfield of tetramethyltin.

ignored here where the shifts occupy a range of almost 500 ppm.

Discussion

It is now generally accepted that the paramagnetic term dominates the chemical shifts of heavier nuclei. The theoretical treatment of this contribution to the shielding includes parameters sensitive to change in coordination number, hybridization, and ionicity. It can be shown that in series of compounds where coordination number and hybridization do not change, the chemical shifts should decrease with increasing electronwithdrawing power of attached groups.¹⁰ The data for the heavier nuclei ¹³C, ¹⁹F, and ²⁹Si generally follow this pattern.^{7,8,11} However, other factors besides the electronegativity of the substituents can affect the screening. These factors are thought to operate by influencing the magnitude of the paramagnetic contribution to the screening. For example, it has been suggested that intramolecular dispersion forces from adjacent groups or atoms can increase the paramagnetic contribu-

tion to the shielding of ¹⁸C¹² and ¹⁹F¹⁸ nuclei. Dispersion forces will be most important for highly polarizable atoms or groups, or when the groups concerned are in close proximity to the magnetic nucleus. Consequently, the effect will be largest for the heavier atoms such as iodine, for unsaturated groups which are polarizable, and for bulky groups which crowd the atom containing the magnetic nucleus. It has been observed that these effects influence the chemical shifts of ¹³C¹⁴ and ¹⁹F¹⁵ in a manner opposite to that expected on electronegativity grounds. A further contribution may be expected from π interactions involving low-lying electronic energy levels, which, if they have the correct symmetry for mixing with the ground state, can induce a large paramagnetic shielding effect. Deviations from the linear electronegativity correlation of ²⁹Si shifts when silicon is bonded to nitrogen, oxygen, and fluorine have been discussed in $(p \rightarrow d)\pi$ bonding terms.⁵ but since a similar displacement is also seen in the ¹³C spectra of the analogous methyl compounds,¹⁴ such interpretations would seem to be unjustified.

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Previous workers have plotted heavy nuclei shifts against the electronegativities of the bonded atoms¹⁴ or electronegativity differences.⁵ For the trialkyltin compounds the difference plot against C, Cl, Br, Sn, and Mn in ref 5 can be extended to include H, Li, O, P, S, and N atoms, and we have examined the dependence of the tin-119 shift in the dialkyl derivatives where tin is bonded to H, C, Cl, Br, I, and N atoms. Within very broad limits, the tin shift does not appear to be very sensitive to changes among methyl, ethyl, or butyl groups of from three to two such alkyl groups. While in each case changes outside experimental error are recorded, no reversals of the general trends with electronegativity are observed.

In the ethyltin hydride series (1, 4, 14, and 24), there is an increase in chemical shift with increasing numbers of hydrogen atoms from n = 0 to 3 in $(C_2H_5)_{4-n}SnH_n$. Such increases are also seen in ¹³C, ¹⁶ ¹⁵N, ¹⁷ ²⁹Si, ⁵ and ³¹P¹⁸ chemical shifts in replacing methyl groups by hydrogen. While complete series of the closely related methylsilanes have not been studied, data available for the methyl, phenyl, and mixed methylphenyl derivatives suggest that an increment of 20–25 ppm is added per hydrogen. Likewise, in the tin hydride series the change from zero to one, and two to three is accompanied by an increase of ca. 40-50 ppm. From one hydrogen to two, however, the increase is 190 ppm. Ethyltin trihydride has the largest shift of any four-coordinated organotin compound thus far studied. Extrapolation of an electronegativity plot containing the tetrahalides alone to hydrogen would predict a shift for stannane itself of ca. 3500 ppm, but this merely reflects the effect of polarization and dispersion forces which act to raise the chemical shifts of the heavier tetrahalides such as SnI_4 (1700 ppm), but which are absent in SnH_4 . The value for carbon [(CH₃)₄Sn==O] lies considerably below this as is the case for ¹²C¹⁴ and ²⁹Si⁵ shifts. It is likely that the SnH₄ and $(CH_3)_4$ Sn shift values will lie upon a second, parallel line at lower shift values as is found for the ¹³C data.⁷ A shift for SnH_4 ca. 200 ppm to high field of ethyltin hydride (ca. 500 ppm) would also establish the "sagging dependence" of shift on substitution in $X_{4-n}MY_n$ seen for ¹³C, ²⁹Si, ³¹P, etc., for all but the halo compounds, where the shifts of the mixed compounds are always to lower fields than would be predicted by linear interpolation between the end members of the series.

More straightforward electronegativity effects seem to be operating in the decrease in shift on chlorosubstitution of **36** and **39**, or from trimethylphenyltin (+30 ppm⁵) to its perchlorophenyl analog (**35**). However, other effects dominate the shift relationships in the trimethyltin series: $CH_3(23) < C_6H_5(+30 \text{ ppm}^5)$ $< CH=:CH(+35 \text{ ppm}^5) < C=:CC_6H_5(10)$. Smaller changes are seen on methyl substitution on the phenyl group in $(CH_3)_3SnC_6H_3(13, 15, \text{ and } 16)$, where a large increase is seen when two ortho methyls are present (**13**). Intramolecular dispersion forces are undoubtedly important for the polarizable unsaturated substituents and in the steric crowding of the 2,6-disubstituted derivative. The low-field shift of *ca.* 130 ppm from the

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acyclic dimethyltin divinyl (+79.4 ppm⁵) to the dimethylstannole 32 is more interesting. Dispersion forces arising from the tetraphenyl substitution of the latter heterocycle would raise the shift and are probably unimportant, and the same can be said for $(\pi \rightarrow$ d) π effects with the adjacent double bonds. The effect of a sustained ring current would be to induce low-field shifts only if the tin nucleus lay outside the radius of the current. Comparisons with ¹³C, ¹⁴N, or ¹⁵N chemical shifts in aromatic compounds are not useful, since these atoms undergo primary hybridization changes on aromatization of the rings. The stannoles lack aromatic properties.¹⁹ There seems to be some general movement to low field on incorporation of the magnetic nucleus into a small ring, as seen in 40, which has the lowest tin shift thus far measured.^{19a} Dimethyltin sulfide $(-125 \text{ ppm in } CS_2 \text{ solution}^3)$ probably also takes a cyclic structure, and the six-membered cyclic trimer has been measured at -128 ppm.⁶ Such effects are not seen in the ¹¹B shifts of $RB(SR)_2 vs$.

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which are nearly identical.²⁰

Unusual changes are seen in the perfluoroalkyl compounds 11 and 20. Substitution of perfluoroethyl groups would be expected to drive the shift value downfield, contrary to observation. Dispersion forces should be at a minimum in such nonpolarizable groups, while, as discussed above, they bring about highfield shifts for iodo compounds. The decrease in shift from 11 to 20 is thus contrary to that expected on both polarization and electronegativity grounds, since the electronegativity of the perfluoroalkyl group is usually thought to fall between that of bromide and chlorine.²¹ Dimethyltin diiodide (6) has a large, positive shift, while that of its dibromo analog is large and negative (-74.3 ppm^5) . Organohalotins other than the iodides which have large, positive shifts are likely higher than four-coordinated in the solutions employed. In fact, almost all the organotin compounds with high shifts, except those in which tin is bound to a metal or hydrogen, contain higher coordinated tin or tin atoms affected strongly by dispersion forces. Ruling out the latter leads to the suggestion that the high shifts of 11 and 20 arise from interaction between tin and the α -fluorine atoms of the perfluoroethyl group. A similar suggestion has been put forward to rationalize electron return to the phenyl ring in benzotrifluoride.22 In our perfluoroethyltins the $Sn-\alpha$ -fluorine internuclear distance should be ca. 2.9 Å, assuming tetrahedral carbon and reasonable values for d(Sn-C) and d(C-F). While reliable estimates for van der Waals radii are difficult to obtain, their sum for fluorine and carbon is ca. 3 Å. Thus it is likely that tin and fluorine are well within the distances for significant interaction. Evi-

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dence already exists from ^{119m}Sn Mössbauer quadrupole splitting (QS) data for such interactions,²³ although the splittings observed for polyhaloaryltins have been rationalized on the basis of the high electronegativity of these groups,²⁴ and the low shift of 35 supports this view. The distance between tin and an orthofluorine atom is ca. 3.2 Å, likely outside the distance for significant interaction. Additional support for intramolecular coordination by the α fluorines in the $SnCF_2CF_3$ system is found in the large $J(^{119}Sn-C^{-19}F)$ value of ca. 300 Hz (the β coupling is too small to resolve, or <0.5 Hz). Coupling to the ortho-fluorine atoms in perfluorophenyltin compounds has not been resolved.²⁵ The same view can be used to rationalize the previously reported shifts of the compounds $(CH_3)_3$ - $SnCH_{3-n}X_n$, where the X = Cl derivatives are to higher field for all values of *n* than are the X = Br derivatives.⁶ Mössbauer QS values have been resolved for the chloro derivatives,26 and intramolecular association would explain both this and the higher shift value despite the more polarizable and less electronegative nature of bromine.

The shift of hexamethylditin $(110 \text{ ppm})^{3,5}$ is that expected from the electropositive trimethyltin substituent, and the even higher shift of the lithio derivative 5 (the highest of any trimethyltin compound yet measured) is also understandable in these terms. The only other compound with a tin-metal bond yet examined, (CH₃)₃SnMn(CO)₅, has a shift (-66.3 ppm⁵) which is clearly anomalous on any reasonable estimate of the electronegativity of the Mn(CO)₅ group. Both dispersion effects and $(d \rightarrow d)\pi$ interactions between filled Mn 3d orbitals and empty Sn 5d orbitals would be expected to raise the shift value. ^{119m}Sn Mössbauer, nmr, and structural data have been used to show that π interactions do not predominate in such systems.²⁷

In this connection, other interesting tin-transition metal compounds are those in which a tin-phenyl group is complexed by $-Cr(CO)_{3}$.²⁸ Such complexation decreases the tin shift by ca. -30 ppm per $-Cr(CO)_3$ group (see 17, 18, 21, 25, and 27). When the phenyl is insulated from tin by a methylene group, as in $(CH_3)_3$ - $SnCH_{9}C_{6}H_{5}$ (26), the effect of complexation is to lower the shift by only -4 ppm (28). The possibility of across-space $(d \rightarrow d)\pi$ interactions utilizing the filled chromium d orbitals has been discussed in such systems,²⁹ but such effects would be expected to raise, not lower, the shift.

The five- and six-coordinated tin complexes in Table I (2, 3, 7-9, 12, and 19) all show high-field shifts, in conformity with earlier findings.^{2,5,6} We note, however, that the five-coordinated complex (CH₃)_bSnCl· DMSO³⁰ (7) has virtually the same shift as the sixcoordinated complex (CH₃)₂SnCl₂ · 2DMSO³¹ (8).

Another five-coordinated complex, $[(CH_3)_3Sn \cdot bipy]^+$ - $[B(C_6H_5)_4]^-$ (19), has a relatively low-field shift in contrast to its anionic counterpart [(CH₃)₃SnCl₂]-- $[(C_2H_5)_1N]^+$ (12). Apparently, the tin atom in the cation is relatively deshielded by the positive charge. Other neutral organotin complexes listed in the literature as having downfield shifts⁵ are probably dissociated in solution. The high shift of trimethyltinlithium (5) may also be attributed to a complexed, anionic species. The sample we examined was prepared from trimethyltin chloride and lithium metal shot²² and exhibits a $J(^{117,119}\text{Sn}-\text{C}^{-1}\text{H})$ value of 7.2 \pm 0.5 Hz as a 1 M solution in THF. Different methods of preparation vield samples of this compound with different spin-spin coupling values (5.2-7.4 Hz) in THF.³³ The combination of the highest upfield tin shift thus far measured for a triorganotin compound with the lowest methyltin spin-spin coupling constant is indicative of bonding to a strongly electron-releasing moiety or of the presence of $[(CH_3)_3Sn]^-$ species solvated by THF.

Experimental Section

Compounds. Compounds 13, 15, and 16 were supplied by Professor C. Eaborn, University of Sussex, England, 35 by Professor H. Gilman, Iowa State University, and 40 by Dr. E. W. Abel, University of Bristol, England. Compounds 23 and 24 were commercial samples (M & T Chemicals, Inc.). The ethylstannanes, $(C_2H_5)_nSnH_{4-n}$, were prepared by standard routes for $n = 1, {}^{34}2, {}^{35}$ and 336 (1, 4, and 14). Preparations of 11 ${}^{37}12, {}^{38}17^{28,29}$ 18, ${}^{29}19, {}^{38}20, {}^{37}21, {}^{28,29}22, {}^{39}25, {}^{28,29}26, {}^{29}27, 28, {}^{28,39}29, 30, {}^{39}31, {}^{40}$ 32,⁴¹ and 38,⁴⁰ are being reported from this laboratory.

Instrumentation. Data were obtained using a Varian HA-100D spectrometer with the probe modified to transmit two radiofrequencies, v_1 and v_2 . A single transmitter coil was used, with a circuit similar to that developed by Charles and McFarlane.43 The decoupling frequency ν_2 (ca. 37.3 MHz for tin-119) was derived from a frequency generation unit consisting of a Hewlett Packard Model 5105 frequency synthesizer, a Hewlett Packard Model 5110B synthesizer driver, and a Hewlett Packard Model 230 power amplifier.

Since ν_1 and ν_2 were derived from different oscillators, it was necessary to monitor both frequencies. The Hewlett Packard unit has a specified stability of $6 \times 10^{11} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ with a standard frequency deviation of ± 0.003 Hz at an output of 50 MHz (better than ± 3 parts in 10⁹/24 hr). The Varian V-4311 radiofrequency unit was found to drift by as much as 50 Hz/hr, and its output was monitored during each run with a General Radio Type 1191Z 500-MHz counter.

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$$\Xi = 10^8 \chi_{\text{obsd}} / (10^8 + f) - 100\delta$$

where χ_{obsd} is the tin shift measured, δ is the chemical shift of the compound whose frequency is used to lock the spectrometer relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS), $(10^8 + f)$ is the frequency of the lock signal, and f is the frequency of the manual oscillator. Use of the factor 10⁸ assumes an absolute $\nu_1 = 100$ MHz for TMS on the Varian HA-100D spectrometer employed. The HA-100D spectrometer employed in this work was found to have a frequency range of 100,001,600.0-100,001,900.0 Hz, and the appropriate corrections have been made in the tabulated tin frequencies.

The tin chemical shifts are relative to a 50% solution of tetramethyltin in methylene dichloride, with a positive sign used to denote a shift upfield from tetramethyltin. This "standard solution" was found to have a tin-119 resonance frequency of 37,290,662 \pm 2 Hz. This value compares favorably with that reported by McFarlane, *et al.*, for a 95% solution 37,290,665 \pm 2 Hz.⁶ Tin frequencies were calibrated with the standard after each run.

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The Crystal and Molecular Structure of 2,2'-Bis(6-methyl-3-pyridinol)

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Abstract: 2,2'-Bis(6-methyl-3-pyridinol) is a highly fluorescent homolog of a new family of 3-pyridinol dimers. The structure of the 6-methyl dimer was determined by single-crystal X-ray diffraction methods to better understand its physical properties. The compound crystallized in space group $P2_1/n$ with a = 7.62, b = 4.61, c = 20.59Å, $\beta = 134.07^{\circ}$, and Z = 2. The positions of all eight nonhydrogen atoms in the asymmetric unit were located by the symbolic addition method. A difference Fourier gave the six hydrogen atom positions. Full-matrix least-squares refinement (eight atoms anisotropic, six hydrogens isotropic) using 592 reflections ($F > 3\sigma$) resulted in a conventional R factor of 0.071. The molecules are discrete and planar and contain strong intramolecular hydrogen bonds (N–O, 2.568 Å); there are no intermolecular hydrogen bonds. The 1.347-Å C–O and 1.459-Å C–C (bridge) bonds are about halfway between the typical double and single bond distances. This is consistent with other evidence which suggests the existence of a tautomeric equilibrium involving a form with quinoid character.

In the course of an investigation of the oxidation of heterocyclic phenols,¹ a pale yellow crystalline compound was isolated from a reaction medium consisting of PbO₂, 6-methyl-3-pyridinol, and petroleum ether. The yellow compound fluoresced a brilliant yellowgreen when excited with uv light. Nmr and ir spectra, molecular weight, and elemental analyses indicated that the compound was a 2,2' dimer of 6-methyl-3pyridinol with an empirical formula of $C_{12}H_{12}N_2O_2$ and contained a strong hydrogen bond.¹ In order to verify these findings and firmly establish the details of the molecular structure, we undertook a single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. In particular, we wanted to define those features of the structure that could be useful in understanding the mechanism of the exceptionally intense fluorescence, viz., whether the molecule shows any quinoid character (why it is yellow rather than colorless), whether it is planar, if there are any intermolecular interactions, and whether the hydrogen bond is as strong as suggested by the ir spectrum.

Experimental Section

The compound was prepared by the oxidation of 6-methyl-3pyridinol as described earlier¹ and was recrystallized from petroleum ether (30-60°) to give long, thin, pale yellow plates. Preliminary cell and space group data were collected on precession and Weissenberg cameras using Cu K α radiation. The long direction of the crystal corresponded to the *b* axis of the monoclinic unit cell. A General Electric automated (Datex) XRD-6 diffractometer, with a quarter-circle goniostat, was used to obtain the final cell parameters based on Cu K α_1 1.54051 Å and to collect the integrated intensity data (using θ -2 θ scans and a 4° takeoff angle). Table I gives the

Table I. Experimental Data

_	<i>a</i> , Å	7.62 ± 0.02
	<i>b</i> , Å	4.61 ± 0.04
	<i>c</i> , Å	20.59 ± 0.02
	β , deg	134.07 ± 0.02
	ρ (X-ray), g/cm ⁻³ ; ρ (measd)	$1.38; 1.36 \pm 0.01$
	Space group ^a	$P2_1/n$
	Molecules/unit cell	2
	Total obsd reflections ^b	592
	$\langle E \rangle$	0.751
	$\langle E^2 - 1 \rangle$	0.916
	Crystal size, mm	$0.50 \times 0.07 \times 0.02$

^a The equivalent positions are $\pm(x, y, z)$ and $\pm(x + \frac{1}{2}, y - \frac{1}{2}, z + \frac{1}{2})$ with *b* as the unique axis. ^b The intensities of 1095 reflections $(2\theta \le 154^\circ)$ were measured, but only those whose *F*'s were >3 σ were considered as observed.

pertinent experimental data. The intensity of the 020 reflection, monitored twice daily during the data collection, remained essentially constant, indicating that the crystal was stable during this period. Corrections were applied to the data for Lorentz and polarization effects but not for absorption or extinction.

The standard deviation of $|F_0|$ (= \sqrt{I}), where the integrated intensity I is $I = TC - (B_1 + B_2)(t_c/2t_b)$, was assumed to be²

$$\sigma(F) = [TC + (t_c/2t_b)^2(B_1 + B_2) + 0.05I)^2]^{1/2}/2F$$

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