

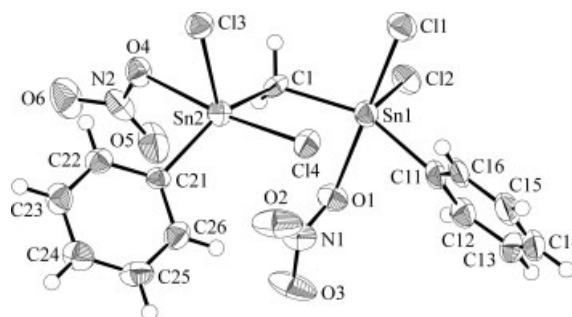
*Crystallographic report***Bis(tetraphenylphosphonium) bis(dichloro-nitratophenylstannate)methane,  $[\text{Ph}_4\text{P}^+]_2 [(\text{PhCl}_2(\text{NO}_3)\text{Sn})_2\text{CH}_2]^{2-}$** **Klaus Jurkschat<sup>1\*</sup>, Gregor Reeske<sup>1</sup>, Marcus Schürmann<sup>1</sup> and Edward R. T. Tiekink<sup>2\*\*</sup>**<sup>1</sup>Lehrstuhl für Anorganische Chemie II der Universität Dortmund, D-44221 Dortmund, Germany<sup>2</sup>Department of Chemistry, National University of Singapore, Singapore 117543, Singapore

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Each tin atom of the title compound is five-coordinate, defined by 2C, 2Cl and 1O atoms, and shows a distorted square pyramidal configuration stabilized by intramolecular  $\text{Sn} \cdots \text{O}$  or  $\text{Sn} \cdots \text{Cl}$  interactions. Both nitrate anions coordinate the tin atoms in a monodentate mode. Copyright © 2003 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

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The molecular structure of the dianion (Fig. 1) features two five-coordinate tin atoms each having a  $\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_2\text{O}$  substituent pattern and that are linked by a methylene group. There are also close intramolecular interactions such that  $\text{Sn1} \cdots \text{Cl4}$  is 3.2291(14) Å,  $\text{Sn1} \cdots \text{O2}$  is 3.141(4) Å and  $\text{Sn2} \cdots \text{O2}$  is 3.005(4) Å. Although these do not represent significant bonding interactions, they exert an influence upon the coordination geometries such that these are best described as distorted square pyramidal with the loosely associated atoms occupying the vacant site opposite the Cl2 and Cl3 atoms. Taken to an extreme, if the weaker interactions were considered bonding, then the coordination geometry about each tin atom would be described as distorted octahedral. In contrast to  $[\text{Ph}_4\text{P}]^+ [(\text{Ph}_2\text{Cl}(\text{NO}_3)\text{Sn})_2\text{CH}_2]^-$  with the nitrate anion bridging the two tin atoms,<sup>1</sup> in the title compound the nitrate anions coordinate the tin atoms in a monodentate mode. The lattice comprises alternate layers of cations and



**Figure 1.** Molecular structure of the anion in  $[\text{Ph}_4\text{P}]_2[(\text{PhCl}_2(\text{NO}_3)\text{Sn})_2\text{CH}_2]$ . Key geometric parameters:  $\text{Sn1}-\text{Cl1}$  2.4535(12),  $\text{Sn1}-\text{Cl2}$  2.3952(13),  $\text{Sn1}-\text{O1}$  2.448(3),  $\text{Sn1}-\text{C1}$  2.105(5),  $\text{Sn1}-\text{C11}$  2.126(5),  $\text{Sn2}-\text{Cl3}$  2.3874(12),  $\text{Sn2}-\text{Cl4}$  2.5076(14),  $\text{Sn2}-\text{O4}$  2.332(3),  $\text{Sn2}-\text{C1}$  2.094(5),  $\text{Sn2}-\text{C21}$  2.128(5) Å;  $\text{Cl1}-\text{Sn1}-\text{Cl2}$  100.77(15),  $\text{Cl1}-\text{Sn1}-\text{O1}$  176.60(9),  $\text{C1}-\text{Sn1}-\text{C11}$  153.24(18),  $\text{Cl3}-\text{Sn2}-\text{Cl4}$  92.64(4),  $\text{Cl4}-\text{Sn2}-\text{O4}$  171.91(9),  $\text{C1}-\text{Sn2}-\text{C21}$  148.24(16)°.

anions, stacked along the *a*-direction, with the primary interactions between layers being of the type  $\text{C}-\text{H} \cdots \text{O}$ .

**EXPERIMENTAL AND RESULTS**

A solution of  $(\text{PhCl}_2\text{Sn})_2\text{CH}_2$  (0.200 g, 3.7 mmol) and  $\text{Ph}_4\text{PNO}_3$  (0.293 g, 7.3 mmol) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 ml) was heated at reflux for 10 min.

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Hexane was added to the clear reaction mixture. Slow evaporation of the solvent yielded 0.13 g (38%) of the complex as colourless crystals, m.p. 220–222 °C. Anal. Found: C, 54.1; H, 3.5; N, 2.2. Calc. for  $C_{61}H_{52}Cl_4N_2O_6P_2Sn_2$ : C, 54.3; H, 3.9; N, 2.1%.  $^1H$  NMR (400.13 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 2.28 [s, 2H,  $^2J(^1H-^{119}Sn)$  = 109 Hz,  $CH_2$ ], 7.27–7.44 [complex pattern, 4H,  $H_o$ ], 7.65–7.84 [complex pattern, 40H,  $Ph_4P$ ], 7.86–7.98 ppm [complex pattern, 6H,  $H_{m,p}$ ];  $^{13}C(^1H)$  NMR (125.697 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ):  $\delta$  = 35.8 [broad,  $CH_2$ ], 117.3 [SnC<sub>m</sub>], 118.1 (SnC<sub>p</sub>), 128.0 [SnC<sub>o</sub>], 129.0 [SnC<sub>i</sub>], 130.5 [ $^3J(^{13}C-^{31}P)$  = 12 Hz, PC<sub>m</sub>], 134.6 [ $^2J(^{13}C-^{31}P)$  = 10 Hz, PC<sub>o</sub>], 135.4 ppm ( $^4J(^{13}C-^{31}P)$  = 2.9 Hz, PC<sub>p</sub>);  $^{31}P$  NMR (161.99 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 23.1 ppm;  $^{119}Sn$  NMR (149.18 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): –291 (integral 75), –312 ppm (integral 25). Intensity data were collected at 173 K on a Nonius Kappa CCD for a colourless block  $0.05 \times 0.05 \times 0.07$  mm<sup>3</sup>.  $C_{61}H_{52}Cl_4N_2O_6P_2Sn_2$ ,  $M$  = 1350.17, monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$ ,  $a$  = 22.3821(9),  $b$  = 14.2729(11),  $c$  = 18.1313(12) Å,  $\beta$  = 95.993(4)°,  $V$  = 5760.5(6) Å<sup>3</sup>,  $Z$  = 4, 10 119 unique data ( $\theta_{max}$  25.0°), 4615 data with  $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ,  $R$  = 0.037 (obs. data),

$wR$  = 0.068 (all data). Programs used: teXsan, SHEXLS-97, SHELXL-97 and ORTEP. CCDC deposition number: 212 295.

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