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# Two coordination compounds of SnCl<sub>2</sub> with 4-methylpyridine *N*-oxide

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In the solid-state structures of *catena*-poly[[dichloridotin(II)]- $\mu_2$ -(4-methylpyridine *N*-oxide)- $\kappa^2 O:O$ ], [SnCl<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO)]<sub>n</sub>, **1**, and dichloridobis(4-methylpyridine *N*-oxide- $\kappa O$ )tin(II), [SnCl<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO)<sub>2</sub>], **2**, the bivalent tin atoms reveal a seesaw coordination with both chlorine atoms in equatorial and the Lewis base molecules in axial positions. While the Sn-Cl distances are almost identical, the Sn-O distances vary significantly as a result of the different bonding modes ( $\mu_2$ for **1**,  $\mu_1$  for **2**) of the 4-methylpyridin-*N*-oxide molecules, giving rise to a onedimensional coordination polymer for the 1:1 adduct, **1**, and a molecular structure for the 1:2 adduct, **2**. The different coordination modes also influence the bonding parameters within the almost planar ligand molecules, mostly expressed in N-O-bond lengthening and endocyclic bond-angle widening at the nitrogen atoms. Additional supramolecular features are found in the crystal structure of **2** as two adjacent molecules form dimers *via* additional, weak O···Sn interactions.

### 1. Chemical context

Tin(II) halides, SnHal<sub>2</sub>, are nominally electron-deficient compounds and therefore strong Lewis acids. Corresponding Lewis acid/Lewis base adducts, however, have been structurally characterized in only small numbers so far. Examples are known with Lewis base molecules bearing nitrogen [SnCl<sub>2</sub>·'BuNH<sub>2</sub> (Veith et al., 1988)], phosphorus [SnCl<sub>2</sub>·Ph<sub>3</sub>P (Lukic et al., 2019); SnHal<sub>2</sub>·Et<sub>3</sub>P (Arp et al., 2013)], or sulfur [SnCl<sub>2</sub>·thiourea (Harrison et al., 1983)] atoms as possible donor atoms, but the most prominent ones are those with oxygen atoms. Triphenylphosphine oxide (TPPO), dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) and N,N-dimethylformide (DMF) are representative examples for such O-bearing Lewis base molecules. Typically, the tin(II) dihalides form 1:1 adducts [e.g.  $SnHal_2 \cdot DMF$  with  $Hal = Cl, Br, I, and <math>SnI_2 \cdot DMSO$  (Ozaki et al., 2017)] where the tin(II) atoms in these complexes reach an electron octet by taking up the two donor electrons of the Lewis base molecule. In the case of 1:2 adducts [e.g. SnF2·2DMSO (Gurnani et al., 2013); SnCl2·2TPPO (Selvaraju et al., 1998); SnCl<sub>2</sub>·2DMSO (Barbul et al., 2011); SnBr<sub>2</sub>·2DMSO, SnBr<sub>2</sub>·2THF, SnBr<sub>2</sub>·2acetone (Schrenk et al., 2009)] the tin(II) atoms exceed the electron octet as a result of the two additional donor electrons. Both 1:1 and 1:2 compositions of one and the same tin(II) halide with one and the same Lewis base molecule have been previously reported only for SnI<sub>2</sub> with DMSO (Ozaki et al., 2017).

Pyridin-*N*-oxide, PyNO, and its derivatives such as 4-methylpyridin-*N*-oxide, MePyNO, are excellent Lewis bases, which act as electron-pair donors *via* their exocyclic single-

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bonded oxygen atom in numerous inorganic and organometallic compounds of transition metals [*i.e.* CdHal<sub>2</sub>·PyNO with Hal = Cl (Beyeh & Puttreddy, 2015), Hal = I (Sawitzki & von Schnering, 1974), CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2MePyNO (Johnson & Watson, 1971), Ni(BF<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6PyNO (Ingen Schenau *et al.*, 1974), Au(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·PyNO (Pérez-Bitrián *et al.*, 2017), MoO(O<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·-2MePyNO (Griffith *et al.*, 1994)] as well as of *p*-block metals [*i.e.* TlBr<sub>3</sub>·PyNO (Bermejo *et al.*, 1991); TlBr<sub>3</sub>·2PyNO (Hiller *et al.*, 1988); TlBrI<sub>2</sub>·MePyNO (Hiller *et al.*, 1988); SnI<sub>4</sub>·2PyNO (Wlaźlak *et al.*, 2016), Me<sub>2</sub>SnCl<sub>2</sub>·2PyNO (Blom *et al.*, 1969), Ph<sub>3</sub>SnCl·PyNO (Benjamin *et al.*, 2012) and BiI<sub>3</sub>·PyNO (Wlaźlak *et al.*, 2020), no complexes of low-valent post-transition-metal elements have been crystallographically determined so far.



Here we report the crystal structures of two complexes of MePyNO with tin in oxidation state +II having different compositions, viz. SnCl<sub>2</sub>·MePyNO, 1, and SnCl<sub>2</sub>·2MePyNO, 2. Both compounds were obtained simultaneously in the same micro-scale experiment from SnCl<sub>2</sub> and MePyNO in excess using N,N-dimethylformamide as solvent. As reactions were performed on reaction plates we were able to inspect the progress of the reaction by microscopy, which allowed us to observe the intermediate compound formation as well as to study the crystal growth. No scaling-up experiments were performed but 1 has previously been mentioned in the literature with respect to its elemental analysis, X-ray-powder diffraction and IR data (Kauffman et al., 1977), giving hints of a low symmetric crystal system and coordination number of three for tin. Mössbauer investigations have been performed by Ichiba et al. (1978).

### 2. Structural commentary

Compound 1 crystallizes in the monoclinic space group  $P2_1/c$ , and 2 in the orthorhombic space group *Pbcn*, each with one formula unit in the asymmetric unit and all atoms in general positions. In both compounds, the bivalent tin atoms adopt a seesaw coordination, which results from a  $\mu_2$ -coordination mode of the MePyNO-molecule in 1, giving rise to a one-



The asymmetric unit of  $SnCl_2$ ·MePyNO, **1**, with the atom-numbering scheme; with the exception of the hydrogen atoms (which are shown as spheres with arbitrary radius) all atoms are drawn with displacement ellipsoids at the 40% probability level; longer Sn-O bonds expanding the coordination sphere of the tin(II) atom from three, trigonal-pyramidal, to four, seesaw, are drawn as dashed sticks.

dimensional coordination polymer along the c axis (Fig. 1) while there are two crystallographically different MePyNO molecules in **2**, resulting in a molecular structure (Fig. 2).

Distortion of the pyridine *N*-oxide ring system as a result of its coordination is established through the C–C [mean values:  $d(C_{ortho}-C_{meta}) = 1.376$  (1) Å,  $d(C_{meta}-C_{para}) = 1.394$  (3) Å] and the N–C bond lengths [mean value: d(N-C) =1.347 (3) Å], and through the endocyclic bond angles at the different carbon atoms [mean values:  $C_{ortho} = 120.0$  (3)°,  $C_{meta} =$ 120.8 (2)°,  $C_{para} = 117.1$  (2)°] of the almost planar ligand. While these structural parameters are almost identical in both compounds, the N–O bond lengths differ significantly in **1** [1.363 (2) Å] and **2** [1.333 (3)/1.340 (3) Å] as do the endocyclic bond angles [121.9 (1)°, **1**; 120.9 (1)°, **2**] at the N atom. Both effects result from the different ( $\mu_2$ ,  $\mu_1$ ) coordination modes of the ligands, which also affect the Sn–O bond lengths that are strongly unsymmetrical [2.308 (2) to 2.423 (2) Å,  $\mu_1$ ] in **2**.

Irrespective of the controversial discussion on the hybridization ability of atomic orbitals in the case of the heavier *p*-block elements (Kutzelnigg, 1984), the formation of fourelectron three-center bonds (Rundle, 1963), and on the functionality of the so-called 5s lone electron pair (Dénes *et al.*, 2013) in hypervalent (Musher, 1969) tin(II) compounds,





The asymmetric unit of  $SnCl_2$ ·2MePyNO, **2**, with the atom-numbering scheme; with exception of the hydrogen atoms (which are shown as spheres with arbitrary radius) all atoms are drawn with displacement ellipsoids at the 40% probability level.

the fourfold coordination sphere around the tin(II) atoms of 1 and 2 can be expressed very well in terms of the VSEPR concept (Gillespie & Hargittai, 1991): its seesaw (*ss*) coordination results from two equatorially bonded chlorine atoms and two more electronegative and therefore axially located oxygen atoms of the Lewis base, MePyNO.

Differences in Sn–Cl distances are very small [2.4850 (4) and 2.4905 (4) Å, **1**; 2.4939 (6) and 2.5068 (6) Å, **2**, mean value: 2.494 (9) Å] as are the bond angles [95.73 (1)°, **1**; 94.59 (2)°, **2**] between them. Somewhat shorter Sn–Cl distances are found in the six crystallographically independent molecules of SnCl<sub>2</sub>·DMF [ $d(Sn-Cl)_{mean} = 2.458 (21)$  Å,  $\langle(Cl-Sn-Cl) = 92.89 (7)-89.09 (7)^\circ$ ] with a predominant trigonal–pyramidal coordination at tin, while the values in SnCl<sub>2</sub>·2DMSO [ $d(Sn-Cl)_{mean} = 2.483 (8)$  Å,  $\langle(Cl-Sn-Cl) = 93.86 (7)^\circ$ ] with a symmetrical seesaw coordination are in between.

Axes of the seesaws are bent [161.40 (6)°, **1**; 169.66 (6)°, **2**] towards the chlorine atoms properly due to electronic repulsion of the axial bonds through the 5s free-electron pairs. The corresponding Sn–O bonds are strongly different in both compounds, but differences are more expressed in **1** [2.280 (1) to 2.733 (1) Å,  $\mu_2$ -O] than in **2** [2.308 (2) to 2.430 (2) Å,  $\mu_1$ -O]. Because of the great [0.453 Å] difference between the two Sn–O bonds in **1**, one may suggest a threefold trigonal-pyramidal (*tpy*) tin(II) coordination instead of a fourfold seesaw (*ss*) coordination but valence-bond-sum calculations [parameters used:  $r_0$ (Sn<sup>II</sup>–O) = 1.984 Å,  $r_0$ (Sn<sup>II</sup>–CI) = 2.335 Å, b = 0.37; Brese & O'Keefe (1991)] on the *tpy* 



#### Figure 3

Ball-and-stick model of the one-dimensional coordination polymer of **1** viewed parallel to the glide plane (blue line); symmetry codes used to generate equivalent atoms: (')  $x, \frac{3}{2} - y, \frac{1}{2} + z$ ; (')  $x, \frac{3}{2} - y, -\frac{1}{2} + z$ .

coordination result in a bond-valence sum of 1.78 v.u. while the longer Sn-O bond in the *ss*-coordination contributes 0.13 v.u. to the bond-valence sum (1.91 v.u.). Similar calculations for **2** result in a bond-valence sum of 2.00 v.u., fully consistent with the tin oxidation state of +II.

#### 3. Supramolecular features

A common feature of many tin(II) compounds is the nonspherical ligand distribution around the divalent tin atom for which the term 'hemidirected' has been introduced (Shimoni-Livny et al., 1998). The resulting void in the hemidirected coordination sphere often gives rise to additional more or less weak intermolecular (and intramolecular if appropriate Lewis base donor atoms are sterically available) interactions with interesting supramolecular features. In case of 1, the formation of a one-dimensional coordination polymer via the  $\mu_2$ -Oatom of the MePyNO molecule can be interpreted in terms of such supramolecular interactions: in this particular case, the hemidirected coordination sphere of a molecular, trigonalpyramidal SnCl<sub>2</sub>·MePyNO complex is partially filled through the oxygen atom of a MePyNO molecule of a neighboring building unit. The resulting coordination polymer forms a zigzag chain as all atoms are situated off the crystallographic glide plane at x, 1/4, z (Fig. 3). Between the zigzag chains no further Lewis base/Lewis acid interactions below 3.5 Å are observed, but within the chains a very weak [3.460 (1) Å] attractive interaction is found between Cl2 and Sn1 of two neighboring building units (Fig. 3).

In case of **2** the tin atom of the SnCl<sub>2</sub>·2MePyNO molecules shows a similar hemidirected coordination sphere. In the solid state, neighboring molecules form dimers *via* attractive but very weak [3.225 (2) Å] Sn–O interactions. Both molecules of these dimers are related to each other *via* a crystallographic twofold rotation axis (Fig. 4). Even if the coordination sphere of each tin atom remains unsymmetrical in these dimeric



#### Figure 4

Ball-and-stick model of the dimeric aggregates found in the crystal structure of **2** looking down the crystallographic twofold rotation axis marked in red; additional Sn-O distances are indicated by dashed sticks in gray [symmetry codes used to generate equivalent atoms marked ': 1 - x, y,  $\frac{3}{2} - z$ .]

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 Table 1

 Experimental details.

	1	2
Crystal data		
Chemical formula	$[SnCl_2(C_6H_7NO)]$	$[SnCl_2(C_6H_7NO)_2]$
$M_{ m r}$	298.72	407.84
Crystal system, space group	Monoclinic, $P2_1/c$	Orthorhombic, Pbcn
Temperature (K)	100	100
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	11.7934 (4), 9.4895 (3), 8.6170 (3)	19.9848 (8), 10.3723 (3), 14.4644 (5)
$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ (°)	90, 106.455 (2), 90	90, 90, 90
$V(\text{\AA}^3)$	924.86 (5)	2998.30 (18)
Ζ	4	8
Radiation type	Μο Κα	Μο Κα
$\mu \text{ (mm}^{-1})$	3.28	2.06
Crystal size (mm)	$0.49 \times 0.17 \times 0.06$	$0.47 \times 0.11 \times 0.07$
Data collection		
Diffractometer	Bruker APEXII CCD	Bruker APEXII CCD
Absorption correction	Multi-scan (SADABS; Krause et al., 2015)	Multi-scan (SADABS; Krause et al., 2015)
$T_{\min}, T_{\max}$	0.298, 0.817	0.442, 0.866
No. of measured, independent and	86401, 2232, 2132	136234, 3626, 3086
observed $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections		
R <sub>int</sub>	0.039	0.090
$(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{\max} (\dot{A}^{-1})$	0.661	0.660
Refinement		
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.013, 0.032, 1.12	0.025, 0.064, 1.10
No. of reflections	2232	3626
No. of parameters	103	178
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta \rho_{\rm max},  \Delta \rho_{\rm min} \ ({\rm e} \ {\rm \AA}^{-3})$	0.41, -0.49	0.81, -0.33

Computer programs: APEX2 and SAINT (Bruker, 2009), SHELXS97 (Sheldrick, 2008), SHELXL2014/7 (Sheldrick, 2015), DIAMOND (Brandenburg, 2006), Mercury (Macrae et al., 2020) and publcIF (Westrip, 2010).

aggregates (Fig. 5), no further intermolecular interactions could be observed below 3.5 Å.

### 4. Synthesis and crystallization

Both complexes are formed side by side on a reaction plate in the same micro-scale experiment when small amounts (about



#### Figure 5

Space-filling model of the dimeric aggregates found in the crystal structure of **2** looking down into the voids on the backside of the tin atoms; color code used: Cl = green, O = red, N = blue, C = black, H = gray, Sn = yellow.

100 mg) of SnCl<sub>2</sub> (Sigma–Aldrich) and an excess of 4-MePyNO (Alfa Aesar) are overlaid with a few drops of N,N-dimethylformamide (Fluka) as solvent. Compound **1** forms colorless, elongated plates, while **2** crystallizes in the form of small, colorless prisms.

#### 5. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details of **1** and **2** are summarized in Table 1. All H atoms were clearly identified in difference-Fourier syntheses but were refined with idealized positions and allowed to ride on their parent carbon atoms with 0.98 Å (–CH<sub>3</sub>), and 0.95 Å (–CH<sub>arom</sub>) and with common isotropic temperature factors for all hydrogen atoms of the aromatic rings and methyl groups.

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### Two coordination compounds of SnCl<sub>2</sub> with 4-methylpyridine N-oxide

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### **Computing details**

For both structures, data collection: *APEX2* (Bruker, 2009); cell refinement: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2009); data reduction: *SAINT* (Bruker, 2009); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL2014/7* (Sheldrick, 2015); molecular graphics: *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 2006) and *Mercury* (Macrae *et al.*, 2020); software used to prepare material for publication: *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

*catena*-Poly[[dichloridotin(II)]- $\mu_2$ -(4-methylpyridine *N*-oxide)- $\kappa^2 O:O$ ] (1)

Crystal data [SnCl<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub>NO)]  $M_r = 298.72$ Monoclinic,  $P2_1/c$  a = 11.7934 (4) Å b = 9.4895 (3) Å c = 8.6170 (3) Å  $\beta = 106.455$  (2)° V = 924.86 (5) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 4

### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Krause *et al.*, 2015)  $T_{\min} = 0.298$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.817$ 86401 measured reflections

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ Least-squares matrix: full  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.013$  $wR(F^2) = 0.032$ S = 1.122232 reflections 103 parameters 0 restraints F(000) = 568  $D_x = 2.145 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K\alpha radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 9441 reflections  $\theta = 2.8-28.3^{\circ}$   $\mu = 3.28 \text{ mm}^{-1}$  T = 100 KPlate, colourless  $0.49 \times 0.17 \times 0.06 \text{ mm}$ 

2232 independent reflections 2132 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.039$   $\theta_{max} = 28.0^{\circ}, \ \theta_{min} = 3.3^{\circ}$   $h = -15 \rightarrow 15$   $k = -12 \rightarrow 12$  $l = -11 \rightarrow 11$ 

Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites H-atom parameters constrained  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0134P)^2 + 0.6437P]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{max} = 0.003$  $\Delta\rho_{max} = 0.41$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>  $\Delta\rho_{min} = -0.49$  e Å<sup>-3</sup>

### Special details

**Geometry**. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

	x	У	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$
Sn1	0.65817 (2)	0.77494 (2)	0.40278 (2)	0.01249 (4)
Cl1	0.86766 (3)	0.70601 (4)	0.43743 (5)	0.01738 (8)
Cl2	0.57006 (3)	0.57820 (4)	0.21746 (4)	0.01829 (8)
01	0.65673 (9)	0.62193 (11)	0.60614 (13)	0.0130 (2)
N1	0.70802 (11)	0.49228 (13)	0.61676 (15)	0.0114 (2)
C2	0.82254 (13)	0.47923 (17)	0.70246 (18)	0.0142 (3)
H2	0.8666	0.5598	0.7501	0.021 (2)*
C3	0.87519 (14)	0.34877 (17)	0.72050 (19)	0.0157 (3)
Н3	0.9558	0.3397	0.7812	0.021 (2)*
C4	0.81191 (14)	0.22964 (16)	0.65083 (19)	0.0146 (3)
C5	0.69385 (14)	0.24895 (17)	0.5615 (2)	0.0166 (3)
Н5	0.6482	0.1704	0.5111	0.021 (2)*
C6	0.64331 (13)	0.38104 (16)	0.54603 (18)	0.0143 (3)
H6	0.5630	0.3934	0.4856	0.021 (2)*
C7	0.86871 (15)	0.08689 (17)	0.6700 (2)	0.0215 (3)
H71	0.9108	0.0742	0.5880	0.051 (4)*
H72	0.8077	0.0141	0.6566	0.051 (4)*
H73	0.9247	0.0790	0.7781	0.051 (4)*

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(A^2)$ 

Atomic displacement parameters  $(Å^2)$ 

	$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
Sn1	0.01487 (6)	0.01142 (6)	0.01145 (6)	0.00176 (4)	0.00415 (4)	0.00048 (4)
Cl1	0.01430 (17)	0.01858 (18)	0.01902 (18)	0.00012 (14)	0.00435 (14)	0.00240 (14)
Cl2	0.02132 (18)	0.01852 (18)	0.01377 (17)	-0.00592 (15)	0.00295 (14)	-0.00073 (14)
01	0.0161 (5)	0.0100 (5)	0.0138 (5)	0.0050 (4)	0.0055 (4)	0.0021 (4)
N1	0.0125 (6)	0.0099 (6)	0.0120 (6)	0.0021 (5)	0.0036 (5)	0.0018 (5)
C2	0.0134 (7)	0.0136 (7)	0.0142 (7)	-0.0013 (6)	0.0018 (6)	-0.0007 (6)
C3	0.0123 (7)	0.0157 (7)	0.0170 (7)	0.0016 (6)	0.0008 (6)	0.0017 (6)
C4	0.0157 (7)	0.0113 (7)	0.0163 (7)	0.0009 (6)	0.0038 (6)	0.0012 (6)
C5	0.0145 (7)	0.0133 (7)	0.0197 (8)	-0.0025 (6)	0.0011 (6)	-0.0009 (6)
C6	0.0122 (7)	0.0146 (7)	0.0152 (7)	-0.0018 (6)	0.0023 (6)	0.0008 (6)
C7	0.0194 (8)	0.0121 (7)	0.0300 (9)	0.0024 (6)	0.0022 (7)	0.0006 (7)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

Sn1—O1	2.2795 (10)	С3—Н3	0.9500
Sn1—Cl2	2.4850 (4)	C4—C5	1.399 (2)
Sn1—Cl1	2.4905 (4)	C4—C7	1.499 (2)

### supporting information

01N1	1 3626 (16)	C5-C6	1378(2)
N1—C6	1.3020(10) 1.343(2)	C5—H5	0.9500
N1_C2	1.345(2) 1 3400 (10)	Сб. Цб	0.9500
	1.3490 (19)		0.9300
C2—C3	1.374 (2)	С7—Н71	0.9800
С2—Н2	0.9500	С7—Н72	0.9800
C3—C4	1.393 (2)	С7—Н73	0.9800
O1—Sn1—Cl2	85.56 (3)	C3—C4—C7	121.16 (14)
O1—Sn1—Cl1	87.92 (3)	C5—C4—C7	121.53 (14)
Cl2—Sn1—Cl1	95.726 (14)	C6—C5—C4	120.54 (15)
N1-01-Sn1	121.80 (8)	С6—С5—Н5	119.7
C6—N1—C2	121.88 (13)	C4—C5—H5	119.7
C6—N1—O1	119.66 (12)	N1—C6—C5	119.76 (14)
C2—N1—O1	118.44 (12)	N1—C6—H6	120.1
N1—C2—C3	119.67 (14)	С5—С6—Н6	120.1
N1—C2—H2	120.2	C4—C7—H71	109.5
С3—С2—Н2	120.2	C4—C7—H72	109.5
C2—C3—C4	120.83 (14)	H71—C7—H72	109.5
С2—С3—Н3	119.6	С4—С7—Н73	109.5
C4—C3—H3	119.6	H71—C7—H73	109.5
C3—C4—C5	117.31 (14)	Н72—С7—Н73	109.5

Dichloridobis(4-methylpyridine *N*-oxide-κO)tin(II) (2)

### Crystal data

 $[SnCl_{2}(C_{6}H_{7}NO)_{2}]$   $M_{r} = 407.84$ Orthorhombic, *Pbcn*  a = 19.9848 (8) Å b = 10.3723 (3) Å c = 14.4644 (5) Å V = 2998.30 (18) Å<sup>3</sup> Z = 8F(000) = 1600

### Data collection

Bruker APEXII CCD diffractometer  $\varphi$  and  $\omega$  scans Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Krause *et al.*, 2015)  $T_{\min} = 0.442$ ,  $T_{\max} = 0.866$ 136234 measured reflections

### Refinement

Refinement on  $F^2$ Least-squares matrix: full  $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.025$  $wR(F^2) = 0.064$ S = 1.103626 reflections  $D_x = 1.807 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo K $\alpha$  radiation,  $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 9991 reflections  $\theta = 2.6-27.2^{\circ}$  $\mu = 2.06 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 100 KRod, colourless  $0.47 \times 0.11 \times 0.07 \text{ mm}$ 

3626 independent reflections 3086 reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$   $R_{int} = 0.090$   $\theta_{max} = 28.0^{\circ}, \ \theta_{min} = 2.6^{\circ}$   $h = -26 \rightarrow 26$   $k = -13 \rightarrow 13$  $l = -19 \rightarrow 19$ 

178 parameters0 restraintsHydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sitesH-atom parameters constrained  $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0279P)^2 + 2.7839P]$ where  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.001$   $\Delta \rho_{\rm max} = 0.81 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$  $\Delta \rho_{\rm min} = -0.33 \text{ e } \text{\AA}^{-3}$ 

### Special details

**Geometry**. All esds (except the esd in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell esds are taken into account individually in the estimation of esds in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between esds in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell esds is used for estimating esds involving l.s. planes.

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters  $(A^2)$ 

	x	У	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$
Sn1	0.55158 (2)	0.16754 (2)	0.64760 (2)	0.02085 (6)
Cl1	0.55438 (3)	0.40624 (6)	0.62730 (4)	0.02477 (13)
Cl2	0.66633 (3)	0.13226 (7)	0.58237 (5)	0.03087 (14)
01	0.60299 (9)	0.21147 (17)	0.79652 (12)	0.0288 (4)
N1	0.63657 (10)	0.31475 (19)	0.82579 (14)	0.0218 (4)
C12	0.62539 (12)	0.3580 (2)	0.91192 (17)	0.0229 (5)
H12	0.5917	0.3191	0.9489	0.029 (4)*
C13	0.66263 (11)	0.4585 (2)	0.94668 (17)	0.0231 (5)
H13	0.6548	0.4874	1.0081	0.029 (4)*
C14	0.71145 (12)	0.5186 (2)	0.89344 (17)	0.0233 (5)
C15	0.71995 (11)	0.4734 (2)	0.80348 (17)	0.0242 (5)
H15	0.7518	0.5135	0.7641	0.029 (4)*
C16	0.68266 (12)	0.3714 (2)	0.77119 (17)	0.0243 (5)
H16	0.6894	0.3407	0.7100	0.029 (4)*
C17	0.75292 (14)	0.6270 (3)	0.9311 (2)	0.0335 (6)
H17A	0.7345	0.7095	0.9100	0.068 (7)*
H17B	0.7991	0.6183	0.9092	0.068 (7)*
H17C	0.7523	0.6241	0.9989	0.068 (7)*
O2	0.50452 (9)	0.16530 (16)	0.50191 (12)	0.0236 (4)
N2	0.53989 (9)	0.18673 (19)	0.42470 (13)	0.0193 (4)
C22	0.57330 (12)	0.0882 (2)	0.38493 (17)	0.0218 (5)
H22	0.5738	0.0058	0.4137	0.023 (3)*
C23	0.60658 (11)	0.1070 (2)	0.30287 (17)	0.0236 (5)
H23	0.6299	0.0371	0.2753	0.023 (3)*
C24	0.60656 (12)	0.2270 (2)	0.25955 (17)	0.0235 (5)
C25	0.57304 (13)	0.3268 (2)	0.30435 (17)	0.0230 (5)
H25	0.5728	0.4106	0.2778	0.023 (3)*
C26	0.54027 (12)	0.3055 (2)	0.38668 (18)	0.0214 (5)
H26	0.5179	0.3745	0.4168	0.023 (3)*
C27	0.64072 (15)	0.2477 (3)	0.16818 (19)	0.0350 (6)
H27A	0.6890	0.2567	0.1780	0.097 (10)*
H27B	0.6233	0.3261	0.1392	0.097 (10)*
H27C	0.6322	0.1736	0.1278	0.097 (10)*

# supporting information

$U^{11}$	$U^{22}$	$U^{33}$	$U^{12}$	$U^{13}$	$U^{23}$
0.02042 (9)	0.01901 (10)	0.02311 (9)	-0.00041 (6)	0.00035 (6)	0.00205 (6)
0.0277 (3)	0.0191 (3)	0.0275 (3)	0.0016 (2)	0.0005 (2)	0.0005 (2)
0.0220 (3)	0.0358 (3)	0.0348 (3)	0.0041 (2)	0.0026 (2)	-0.0067 (3)
0.0351 (10)	0.0244 (9)	0.0270 (9)	-0.0098 (8)	-0.0062 (8)	0.0017 (7)
0.0213 (10)	0.0195 (10)	0.0247 (10)	-0.0023 (8)	-0.0028 (8)	0.0013 (8)
0.0193 (11)	0.0250 (12)	0.0243 (12)	0.0016 (9)	0.0014 (9)	0.0039 (9)
0.0218 (11)	0.0237 (12)	0.0240 (11)	0.0028 (9)	0.0002 (9)	0.0005 (9)
0.0208 (11)	0.0191 (12)	0.0298 (12)	0.0008 (9)	-0.0008 (10)	0.0018 (10)
0.0177 (10)	0.0270 (13)	0.0280 (12)	-0.0001 (9)	0.0013 (9)	0.0066 (10)
0.0213 (11)	0.0289 (12)	0.0227 (12)	0.0016 (10)	0.0017 (9)	0.0031 (10)
0.0350 (14)	0.0257 (13)	0.0398 (15)	-0.0099 (11)	0.0013 (12)	-0.0001 (12)
0.0227 (8)	0.0262 (9)	0.0218 (8)	-0.0026 (7)	0.0007 (7)	0.0017 (7)
0.0184 (9)	0.0193 (10)	0.0202 (10)	-0.0010 (7)	-0.0036 (7)	-0.0004 (7)
0.0226 (11)	0.0149 (11)	0.0277 (12)	-0.0015 (9)	-0.0062 (9)	-0.0008 (9)
0.0198 (11)	0.0231 (12)	0.0278 (12)	0.0021 (9)	-0.0037 (9)	-0.0066 (10)
0.0189 (11)	0.0292 (13)	0.0225 (11)	-0.0031 (10)	-0.0038 (9)	-0.0023 (10)
0.0249 (11)	0.0177 (11)	0.0262 (12)	-0.0030 (9)	-0.0031 (10)	0.0024 (9)
0.0214 (11)	0.0183 (11)	0.0246 (11)	0.0022 (9)	-0.0033 (9)	-0.0007 (9)
0.0352 (14)	0.0400 (16)	0.0298 (14)	-0.0019(13)	0.0035(11)	0.0004 (12)
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Atomic displacement parameters  $(Å^2)$ 

### Geometric parameters (Å, °)

Sn1—O2	2.3078 (17)	C17—H17B	0.9800
Sn1—O1	2.4296 (17)	C17—H17C	0.9800
Sn1—Cl1	2.4939 (6)	O2—N2	1.340 (3)
Sn1—Cl2	2.5068 (6)	N2—C26	1.349 (3)
O1—N1	1.333 (3)	N2—C22	1.350 (3)
N1-C12	1.343 (3)	C22—C23	1.375 (4)
N1—C16	1.348 (3)	С22—Н22	0.9500
C12—C13	1.377 (3)	C23—C24	1.393 (4)
С12—Н12	0.9500	С23—Н23	0.9500
C13—C14	1.390 (3)	C24—C25	1.393 (3)
С13—Н13	0.9500	C24—C27	1.503 (4)
C14—C15	1.393 (3)	C25—C26	1.377 (4)
C14—C17	1.500 (3)	С25—Н25	0.9500
C15—C16	1.376 (3)	С26—Н26	0.9500
С15—Н15	0.9500	С27—Н27А	0.9800
C16—H16	0.9500	С27—Н27В	0.9800
С17—Н17А	0.9800	С27—Н27С	0.9800
O2—Sn1—O1	169.66 (6)	C14—C17—H17C	109.5
O2—Sn1—Cl1	84.93 (4)	H17A—C17—H17C	109.5
O1—Sn1—Cl1	84.76 (4)	H17B—C17—H17C	109.5
O2—Sn1—Cl2	91.58 (5)	N2—O2—Sn1	122.98 (13)
O1—Sn1—Cl2	88.52 (5)	O2—N2—C26	119.6 (2)

Cl1—Sn1—Cl2	94.59 (2)	O2—N2—C22	119.37 (19)
N1—O1—Sn1	130.18 (14)	C26—N2—C22	121.0 (2)
O1—N1—C12	118.6 (2)	N2—C22—C23	120.0 (2)
O1—N1—C16	120.5 (2)	N2—C22—H22	120.0
C12—N1—C16	120.8 (2)	С23—С22—Н22	120.0
N1—C12—C13	120.1 (2)	C22—C23—C24	121.0 (2)
N1-C12-H12	119.9	С22—С23—Н23	119.5
C13—C12—H12	119.9	С24—С23—Н23	119.5
C12—C13—C14	121.1 (2)	C25—C24—C23	117.1 (2)
C12—C13—H13	119.4	C25—C24—C27	121.4 (2)
C14—C13—H13	119.4	C23—C24—C27	121.5 (2)
C13—C14—C15	116.9 (2)	C26—C25—C24	120.7 (2)
C13—C14—C17	121.5 (2)	С26—С25—Н25	119.6
C15—C14—C17	121.6 (2)	C24—C25—H25	119.6
C16—C15—C14	120.6 (2)	N2—C26—C25	120.2 (2)
C16—C15—H15	119.7	N2—C26—H26	119.9
C14—C15—H15	119.7	С25—С26—Н26	119.9
N1-C16-C15	120.4 (2)	С24—С27—Н27А	109.5
N1-C16-H16	119.8	С24—С27—Н27В	109.5
C15—C16—H16	119.8	H27A—C27—H27B	109.5
C14—C17—H17A	109.5	С24—С27—Н27С	109.5
C14—C17—H17B	109.5	H27A—C27—H27C	109.5
H17A—C17—H17B	109.5	H27B—C27—H27C	109.5