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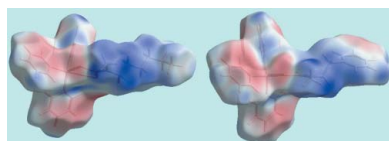
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The crystal and molecular structures of two triphenyltin dithiocarbamate compounds, *viz.* [Sn(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>16</sub>NS<sub>2</sub>)], (I), and [Sn(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>NS<sub>2</sub>)], (II), are described. The dithiocarbamate ligand in each molecule coordinates in an asymmetric fashion resulting in heavily distorted tetrahedral C<sub>3</sub>S coordination geometries for the Sn atoms, with the distortions traced to the close approach of the non-coordinating thione-S atom. The molecular packing in both compounds features C—H... $\pi$ (Sn-phenyl) interactions. In (I), the donors are Sn-phenyl-C—H groups leading to centrosymmetric aggregates, while in (II), the donors are both Sn-phenyl-C—H and methyl-C—H groups leading to supramolecular chains propagating along the *b* axis. The identified aggregates assemble into their respective crystals with no directional interactions between them. An analysis of the Hirshfeld surfaces show distinctive patterns, but an overwhelming predominance (>99% in each case) of H...H, C...H/H...C and S...H/H...S contacts on the respective Hirshfeld surface.

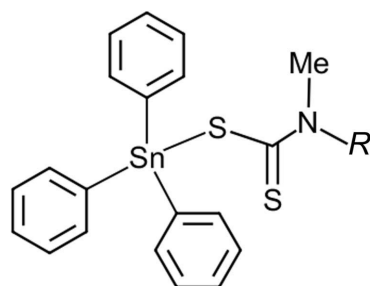
## 1. Chemical context

A vast array of different dithiocarbamate anions, <sup>−</sup>S<sub>2</sub>CNRR', has been prepared, which stems simply from the ability to alter the substituents in the starting amines used to prepare them. A key interest in dithiocarbamate compounds of both transition metals and main-group elements relates to their biological activity (Hogarth, 2012). Of particular relevance to the present study is the anti-microbial potential exhibited by organotin dithiocarbamates (Tiekink, 2008). In an on-going study of biological potential, organotin(IV) species have been complexed with two non-symmetric dithiocarbamate ligands, namely, with *R* = Me and *R'* = *n*-Hex and CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph. Previously, similar species, *i.e.* *R* = benzyl and *R'* = CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Ph (Mohamad, Awang, Kamaludin & Abu Bakar, 2016; Segovia *et al.*, 2002) and *R* = Me and *R'* = *n*-Bu (Segovia *et al.*, 2002) have been tested for their toxicity using a bioassay based on the inhibition of the growth of *Escherichia coli* with the latter compound being most toxic according to the EC<sub>50</sub> value measured *in vitro* (Segovia *et al.*, 2002). These results gave rise to the suggestion that increasing the length of the alkyl chain leads to enhanced solubility/activity of the compound



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(Segovia *et al.*, 2002). Complementing these biological investigations (Mohamad, Awang, Kamaludin & Abu Bakar, 2016; Mohamad, Awang & Kamaludin, 2016) are structural studies of organotin dithiocarbamates (Mohamad, Awang, Jotani & Tiekink, 2016; Mohamad, Awang, Kamaludin, Jotani *et al.*, 2016; Mohamad *et al.*, 2017, 2018) and in continuation of the latter, herein, the crystal and molecular structures of  $(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3\text{Sn}[\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{Me})\text{Hex}]$  (I) and  $(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3\text{Sn}[\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_3)\text{-CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}]$  (II) are reported along with a Hirshfeld surface analysis to provide more details on the molecular packing.



- (I)  $R = n\text{-Hex}$   
 (II)  $R = \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$

## 2. Structural commentary

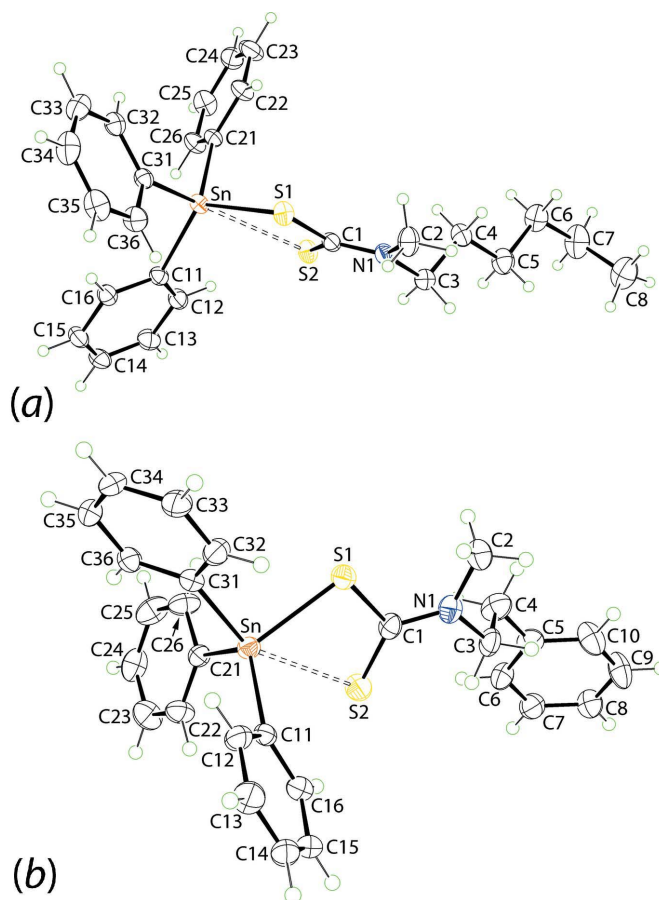
The tin atom in (I), Fig. 1*a*, is coordinated by three *ipso*-carbon atoms along with a dithiocarbamate ligand. As seen from Table 1, the dithiocarbamate ligand forms quite disparate Sn—S1, S2 bond lengths, with  $\Delta(\text{Sn}—\text{S}) = (\text{Sn}—\text{S}_{\text{long}} - \text{Sn}—\text{S}_{\text{short}})$  being 0.64 Å. This asymmetry is confirmed in the differences in the C—S bond lengths with the C1—S1 bond associated with the short Sn—S1 contact, at 1.761 (4) Å, being significantly longer than the C1—S2 bond, *i.e.* 1.688 (4) Å, involving the weakly bound S2 atom. If the S2 atom is ignored, the coordination geometry about the tin atom is distorted  $\text{C}_3\text{S}$  tetrahedral with the range of angles being 90.00 (11)°, for S1—Sn—C31, to 121.53 (10)°, for S1—Sn—C11. The wide angle clearly reflects the influence of the close approach of the S2 atom, Fig. 1*a* and Table 1. If the S2 atom is considered a significant bonding interaction, the resultant  $\text{C}_3\text{S}_2$  donor set is almost perfectly intermediate between ideal square-pyramidal (SP) and trigonal-bipyramidal (TP). This is quantified in the value of  $\tau = 0.52$ , which compares with the ideal values for SP and TP geometries of  $\tau = 0.0$  and 1.0, respectively (Addison *et al.*, 1984). In the latter description, the range of angles is wide with the S1—Sn—S2 chelate angle being acute [63.26 (3)°] and with the widest angle [152.54 (11)°] being for S2—Sn—C31. The *n*-hexyl chain is linear up to the terminal methyl group. Thus, the N1—C3—C4—C5, C3—C4—C5—C6 and C4—C5—C6—C7 torsion angles of 175.9 (4), 178.5 (4) and 178.9 (5)°, respectively, indicate + anti-periplanar descriptors but, that of C5—C6—C7—C8, *i.e.* −66.4 (8)°, indicative of a − syn-clinal disposition.

The molecular structure of (II), Fig. 1*b*, resembles closely that described for (I). Indeed, a comparison of the key bond

**Table 1**  
Selected interatomic parameters (Å, °) for (I) and (II).

Parameter	(I)	(II)
Sn—S1	2.4672 (11)	2.4636 (9)
Sn...S2	3.1113 (11)	3.1066 (10)
C1—S1	1.761 (4)	1.761 (4)
C1—S2	1.688 (4)	1.678 (4)
C1—N1	1.330 (5)	1.342 (5)
S1—Sn...S2	63.26 (3)	63.42 (3)
S1—Sn...C11	121.53 (10)	111.30 (9)
S1—Sn...C31	90.00 (11)	92.68 (9)
C11—Sn—C21	114.88 (15)	119.27 (13)
S2—Sn...C31	152.54 (11)	155.43 (9)

lengths included in Table 1 show there are no chemically significant differences between the common parts of the molecules. In terms of bond angles, for a tetrahedral description, the range of angles in (II) is smaller, by 2°, than in (I), again, not chemically significant. If the five-coordinate  $\text{C}_3\text{S}_2$  description pertains, the value of  $\tau = 0.60$  indicates a distortion towards TP. The phenylethyl chain is kinked as seen in the N1—C3—C4—C5 and C3—C4—C5—C6 torsion angles of −175.8 (3) and 91.9 (5)°, respectively.



**Figure 1**  
The molecular structures of (a) (I) and (b) (II), showing the atom-labelling schemes and displacement ellipsoids at the 50% probability level.

**Table 2**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °) for (I).

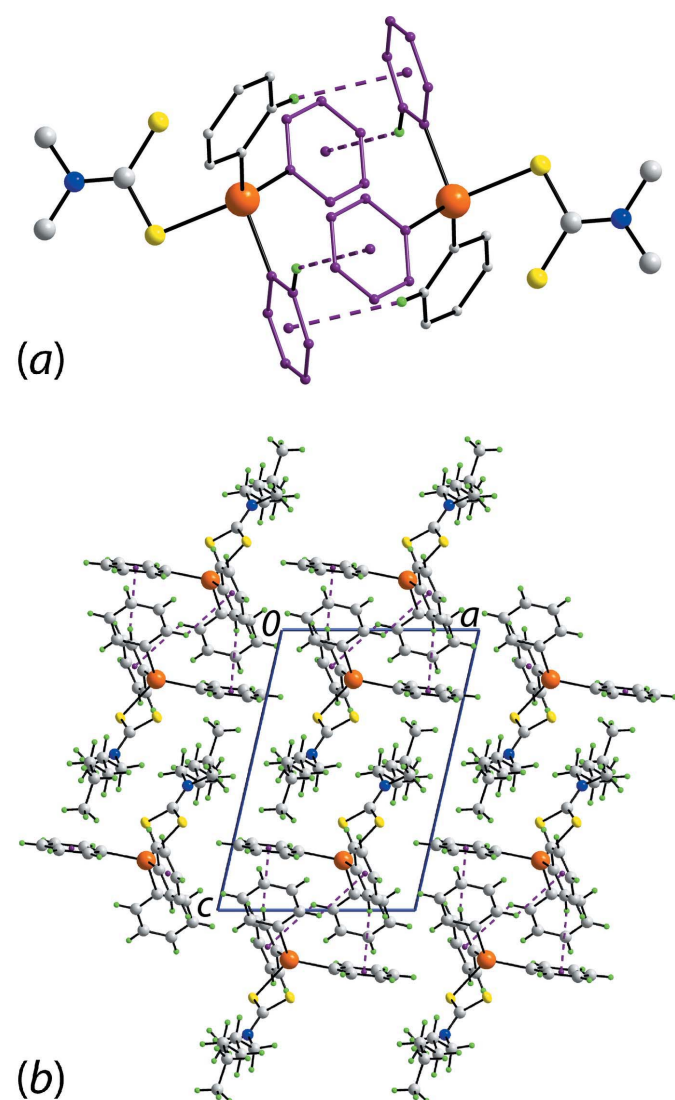
Cg1 and Cg2 are the centroids of the (C11–C16) and (C31–C36) rings, respectively.

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$C32-H32\cdots Cg1^i$	0.95	2.88	3.630 (4)	137
$C26-H26\cdots Cg2^i$	0.95	2.99	3.641 (5)	127

Symmetry code: (i)  $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z$ .

### 3. Supramolecular features

Tables 2 and 3 list the geometric parameters characterizing the intermolecular interactions operating in the crystals of (I) and



**Figure 2**  
Molecular packing in the crystal of (I): (a) supramolecular dimer sustained by a four-fold embrace of phenyl- $C-H\cdots\pi$ (phenyl) interactions shown as purple dashed lines (for clarity, the phenyl rings are shown as small spheres, the interacting phenyl rings are highlighted in purple and only the N-bound carbon atoms of the dithiocarbamate substituents are shown) and (b) a view of the unit-cell contents shown in projection down the  $b$  axis.

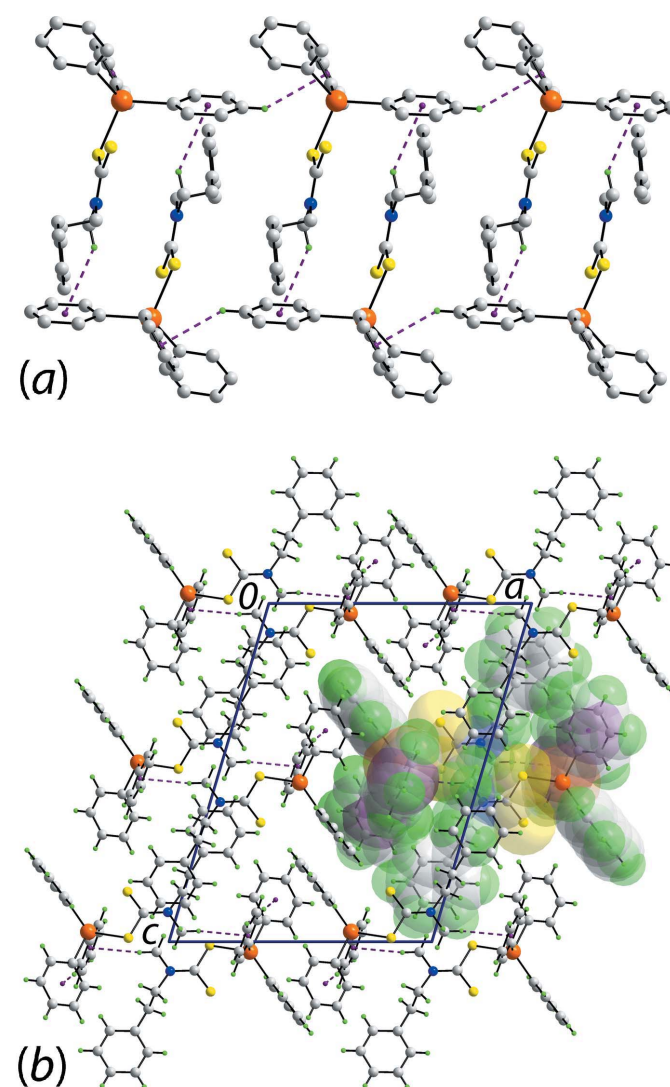
**Table 3**  
Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °) for (II).

Cg1 and Cg2 are the ring centroids of the (C11–C16) and (C31–C36) rings, respectively.

$D-H\cdots A$	$D-H$	$H\cdots A$	$D\cdots A$	$D-H\cdots A$
$C2-H2B\cdots Cg1^i$	0.98	2.99	3.779 (5)	138
$C14-H14\cdots Cg2^{ii}$	0.95	2.95	3.754 (5)	143

Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + 2, -y, -z + 2$ ; (ii)  $x, y - 1, z$ .

(II), respectively. The molecular packing of (I) features centrosymmetric dimeric aggregates sustained by four phenyl- $C-H\cdots\pi$ (phenyl) interactions whereby all of the participating groups are derived from Sn-bound phenyl rings, Fig. 2a. Such cooperative  $C-H\cdots\pi$ (phenyl) embraces have been described for many phenyl-rich systems and in instances



**Figure 3**  
Molecular packing in the crystal of (II): (a) supramolecular chain sustained by  $C-H\cdots\pi$ (phenyl) interactions shown as purple dashed lines and (b) a view of the unit-cell contents in projection down the  $b$  axis. One chain is highlighted in space-filling mode.

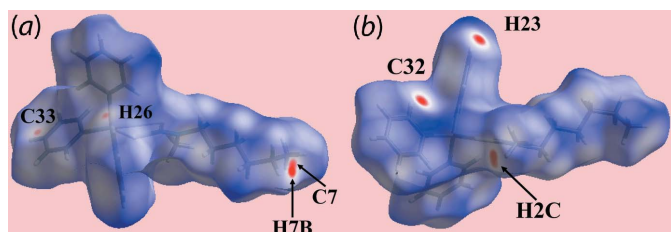


where six phenyl rings of two residues associate by edge-to-face interactions, *i.e.* a six-fold embrace, the energies of stabilization can resemble or even exceed that provided by strong conventional hydrogen bonding (Dance & Scudder, 2009). The supramolecular dimers stack parallel to the *b* axis with no directional interactions between successive aggregates. Globally, columns pack into layers in the *ab* plane. The layers inter-digitate along the *c* axis, again without specific interactions between proximate residues, Fig. 2*b*.

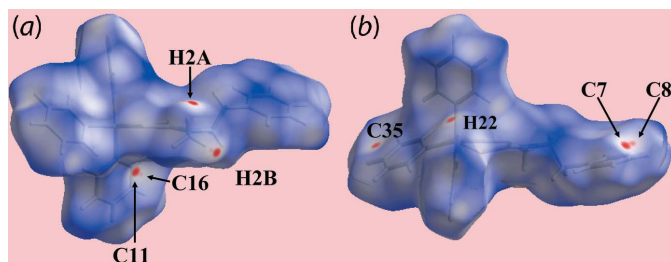
The molecular packing of (II) again features C—H... $\pi$  interactions, as for (I), but with both methyl-H and Sn-bound-H hydrogen atoms as donors; the Sn-phenyl rings function as acceptors. As illustrated in Fig. 3*a*, the C—H... $\pi$  interactions sustain a supramolecular chain aligned along the *b* axis. The chains pack into the three-dimensional architecture without directional interactions between them, Fig. 3*b*. As may be seen from Fig. 3*b*, centrosymmetrically related Ph<sub>3</sub>Sn residues approach each other so as to form phenyl-embrace interactions as found in the molecular packing of (I), but none of the putative contacts are within the standard distance criteria assumed in *PLATON* (Spek, 2009).

#### 4. Hirshfeld surface analysis

The Hirshfeld surface calculations for the triphenyltin dithiocarbamate derivatives (I) and (II) were performed in accord with recent work on related organotin dithiocarbamates (Mohamad *et al.*, 2017). Despite the similarity in composition, the structures of (I) and (II) exhibit different intermolecular environments because of the presence of different substituents in the respective dithiocarbamate ligands, *i.e.* *n*-hexyl in the former and phenylethyl in the latter.



**Figure 4**  
Views of Hirshfeld surface for (I) mapped over  $d_{\text{norm}}$  in the range  $-0.133$  to  $+1.538$  au.



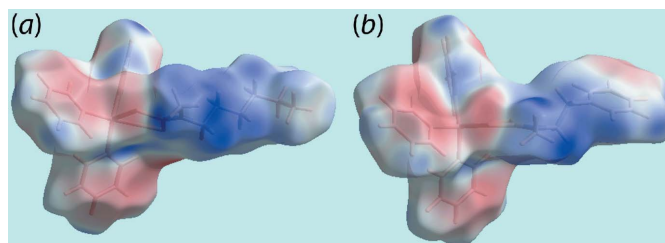
**Figure 5**  
Views of Hirshfeld surface for (II) mapped over  $d_{\text{norm}}$  in the range  $-0.075$  to  $+1.363$  au.

**Table 4**  
Summary of short interatomic contacts (Å) in (I) and (II).

Contact	Distance	Symmetry operation
(I)		
H2C...H7B	1.98	$x, -1 + y, z$
H2C...C7	2.67	$x, -1 + y, z$
H23...C32	2.57	$-x, -1 + y, -1 + z$
H26...C33	2.70	$1 - x, -1 - y, -z$
(II)		
H2A...H7	2.26	$2 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} + z$
H9...H23	2.29	$1 + x, y, z$
H2A...C7	2.68	$2 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} + z$
H2A...C8	2.74	$2 - x, \frac{1}{2} + y, \frac{3}{2} + z$
H2B...C11	2.70	$2 - x, -y, 2 - z$
H2B...C16	2.77	$2 - x, -y, 2 - z$
H22...C35	2.69	$1 - x, -y, 2 - z$

These differences are readily discerned from the differently shaped Hirshfeld surfaces mapped over  $d_{\text{norm}}$  for (I), Fig. 4, and (II), Fig. 5, which reflect the influence of short interatomic H...H and C...H/H...C contacts, Table 4, and comparatively weak C—H... $\pi$  interactions, Tables 2 and 3.

The faint-red spots near the phenyl-C33 and H26 atoms in Fig. 4*a* reflect the presence of a weak C—H... $\pi$  interaction, as summarized in Table 4. In both images of Fig. 4, the bright-red spots appearing near Sn-bound phenyl atoms C32 and H23, methyl-H2C and *n*-hexyl atoms C7 and H7B are indicative of the short interatomic H...H and C...H/H...C contacts involving these atoms, as listed in Table 4. The presence of similar intermolecular interactions in the crystal of (II) *cf.* (I), but involving different atoms, is also characterized by bright and faint-red spots on the Hirshfeld surfaces mapped over  $d_{\text{norm}}$  in Fig. 5. Thus, the C—H... $\pi$  interaction is seen from the presence of bright-red spots near methyl-H2B and phenyl-C11 together with the pair of faint-red spots near the methyl-H2B and phenyl-C16 atoms in Fig. 5*a*. The influence of other short interatomic C...H/H...C contacts summarized in Table 4 are viewed as diminutive and faint-red spots near the respective atoms in Fig. 5*a,b*. The involvement of different atoms in the intermolecular interactions in the crystals of (I) and (II) is also confirmed from the views of their Hirshfeld surfaces mapped over electrostatic potential, Fig. 6, through the appearance of blue and red regions corresponding to positive and negative



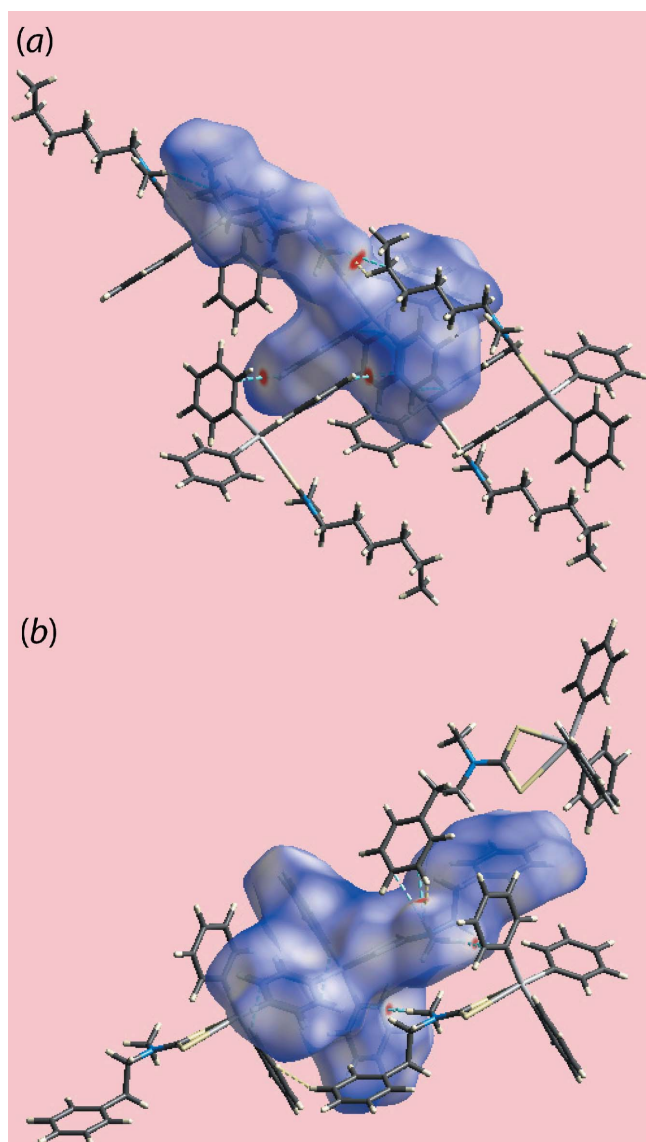
**Figure 6**  
Views of Hirshfeld surface mapped over the electrostatic potential (the red and blue regions represent negative and positive electrostatic potentials, respectively) for a molecule of: (a) (I) in the range  $\pm 0.041$  au and (b) (II) in the range  $-0.033$  to  $+0.049$  au.

**Table 5**

Percentage contributions of interatomic contacts to the Hirshfeld surface for (I) and (II).

Contact	Percentage contribution	
	(I)	(II)
H...H	66.1	57.8
C...H/H...C	25.6	33.7
S...H/H...S	7.6	7.6
N...H/H...N	0.4	0.6
C...N/N...C	0.2	0.0
S...N/N...S	0.1	0.0
C...S/S...C	0.0	0.3

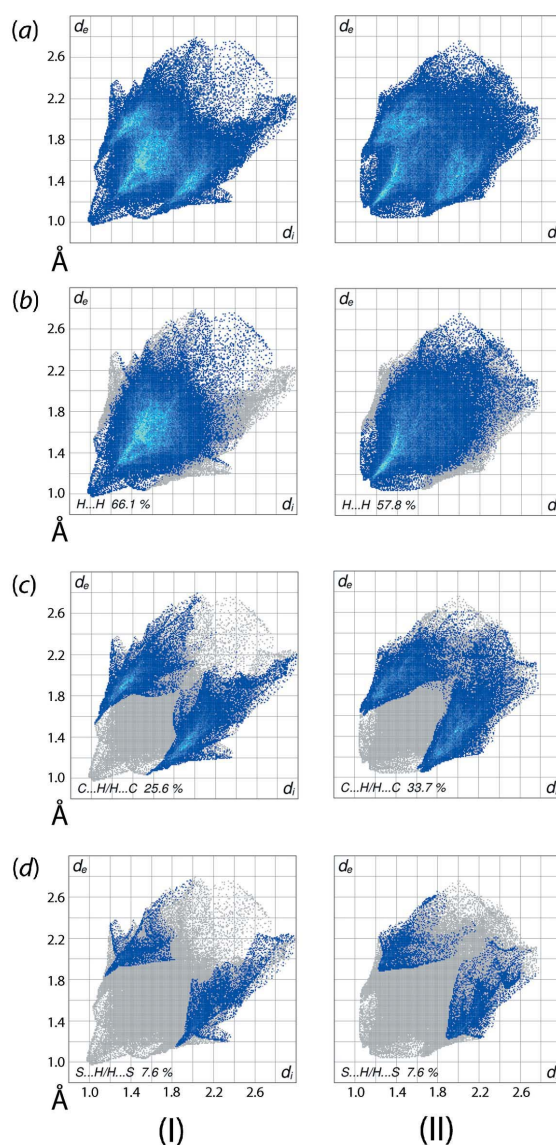
electrostatic potentials around them. The different molecular environments about respective reference molecules are highlighted in Fig. 7.



**Figure 7**

The immediate environment around reference molecules within  $d_{\text{norm}}$ -mapped Hirshfeld surfaces for (a) (I) and (b) (II), highlighting short interatomic H...H and C...H/H...C contacts by yellow and blue dashed lines, respectively

The distinct distribution of points in the overall two-dimensional fingerprint plots for (I) and (II), Fig. 8a, also highlight the different molecular environments for the two molecules. The significant contributions from H...H, C...H/H...C and S...H/H...S contacts to the Hirshfeld surfaces of both (I) and (II) are evident from Table 5. The short interatomic H...H contact between the methyl-H2C and *n*-hexyl-H7B atoms in (I) is viewed as a pair of closely spaced overlapping peaks with their tips at  $d_e + d_i \sim 2.0$  Å in the delineated plot (McKinnon *et al.*, 2007) Fig. 8b. A pair of well separated short peaks at  $d_e + d_i \sim 2.2$  Å observed in the corresponding fingerprint plot for (II) are due to the involvement of methyl-H2A and phenyl-H7, H9 and H23 atoms in comparatively weaker short interatomic H...H contacts, Table 4. The pair of very thin and long forceps-like tips at  $d_e + d_i \sim 2.6$  Å in the fingerprint plot delineated into C...H/H...C contacts for (I), Fig. 8c, is the result of a short interatomic contact between



**Figure 8**

A comparison of the (a) full two-dimensional fingerprint plots for (I) and (II), and the plots delineated into (b) H...H, (c) C...H/H...C and (d) S...H/H...S contacts.

**Table 6**  
Selected interatomic parameters (Å) for  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Sn}(\text{S}_2\text{CNRR}')$ .

Compound	R	R'	Sn—S <sub>short</sub>	Sn—S <sub>long</sub>	$\Delta(\text{Sn—S})$	Reference
(III)	Et	Et	2.429 (3)	3.096 (3)	0.67	Hook <i>et al.</i> (1994)
(IV) <sup>a</sup>	$(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{C}(\text{H})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$	$(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{C}(\text{H})\text{CH}_2$	2.521 (3)	2.919 (3)	0.40	Ali <i>et al.</i> (2014)
			2.4735 (10)	2.9468 (10)	0.47	
(V)	$\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$	$\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$	2.4885 (5)	2.9120 (5)	0.42	Mohamad, Awang, Kamaludin, Jotani <i>et al.</i> (2016)
(VI) <sup>b</sup>	$\text{CH}_2(3\text{-pyridyl})$	$\text{CH}_2(3\text{-pyridyl})$	2.5165 (19)	3.2209 (19)	0.71	Gupta <i>et al.</i> (2015)
			2.4685 (19)	3.0397 (19)	0.57	

Notes: (a) non-symmetric binuclear molecule; (b) two independent molecules in the asymmetric unit.

phenyl-C32 and -H23 atoms while the points corresponding to other short interatomic contacts are merged within the plot. The presence of a pair of twin forceps-like tips at  $d_e + d_i \sim 2.7$  Å in the  $\text{C} \cdots \text{H}/\text{H} \cdots \text{C}$  delineated plot for (II), Fig. 8c, also indicates the involvement of methyl-H2A and -H2B, and phenyl-C7, -C8, -C11, -C16 and -C35 atoms in short interatomic contacts, Table 4. Further, it is clear from the fingerprint plots delineated into  $\text{S} \cdots \text{H}/\text{H} \cdots \text{S}$  contacts, Fig. 8d, that the pair of spikes at  $d_e + d_i \sim 3.0$  Å for (I) show van der Waals contacts whereas the pair of peaks at  $d_e + d_i > 3.1$  Å for (II) show contacts farther than van der Waals separation. The other interatomic contacts summarized in Table 5 make a negligible contribution to their Hirshfeld surfaces.

## 5. Database survey

The dithiocarbamate ligands reported in the present study are quite rare, despite the rather large number of crystal structures of dithiocarbamate ligands available in the crystallographic literature (Groom *et al.*, 2016). Thus, the *N*-hexyl-*N*-methyldithiocarbamate ligand reported in (I), *i.e.* dtcI, has been reported in the crystal structures of  $\text{Ph}_2\text{Sn}(\text{dtcI})_2$  (Ramasamy *et al.*, 2013),  $\text{In}(\text{dtcI})_3$  (Park *et al.*, 2003), and in  $\text{Bi}(\text{dtcI})_3$  and its 1:1 1,10-phenanthroline adduct (Monteiro *et al.*, 2001). The uniform motivation for these studies was for their evaluation as useful precursors for the deposition of heavy element sulfide nanomaterials. In terms of the molecular structures, no special features in the mode of coordination are noted in the tin (Tiekink, 2008), indium (Heard, 2005) and bismuth (Lai & Tiekink, 2007) compounds. The *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylethylthiocarbamate ligand, *i.e.* dtcII, has been reported only in its binary mercury(II) compound, *i.e.*  $\text{Hg}(\text{dtcII})_3$  (Green *et al.*, 2004), and again, its study was motivated by the desire to generate  $\beta$ -HgS thin films and its structure confirms to expectation (Jotani *et al.*, 2016).

Reflecting the interest in organotin dithiocarbamates, including their biological activity, there are over 50 structures of general formula  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Sn}(\text{S}_2\text{CNRR}')$  in the Cambridge Structural Database (Groom *et al.*, 2016). Of these, seven are binuclear and are better represented as  $\text{Ph}_3\text{SnS}_2\text{CN—R—NCS}_2\text{SnPh}_3$ . In all, there are 56 independent coordination geometries and all conform to the same structural motif as described above for (I) and (II). The average Sn—S<sub>short</sub> bond length is 2.47 Å and the average Sn—S<sub>long</sub> bond length is 3.04 Å. This gives rise to an average  $\Delta(\text{Sn—S})$  of 0.57 Å. These values indicate the structures of (I) and (II) are outliers

in that the values of Sn—S<sub>long</sub> are generally longer than usually observed. An analysis of the available crystallographic data showed the shortest Sn—S1 bond length occurred in the structure of  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Sn}(\text{S}_2\text{CNEt}_2)$  [(III); Hook *et al.* 1994] while the longest was found for one of the independent tin centres in binuclear  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Sn}[\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{C}(\text{H})(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{C}(\text{H})(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2)_2\text{NCS}_2]\text{SnPh}_3$  [(IV); Ali *et al.*, 2014], *i.e.* spanning the range 2.43 to 2.52 Å, Table 6. The shortest and longest of the Sn $\cdots$ S2 separations were found in  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Sn}[\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{Ph})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}]$  [(V); Mohamad, Awang, Kamaludin, Jotani *et al.*, 2016] and for one of the two independent molecules of  $\text{Ph}_3\text{Sn}[\text{S}_2\text{CN}[\text{CH}_2(3\text{-pyridyl})]_2]$  [(VI); Gupta *et al.*, 2015], *i.e.* spanning the range 2.91 to 3.22 Å, Table 6. The lack of systematic variations in these structural parameters is borne out by the disparity of the cited bonds with the second tin centre of non-symmetric (IV) and the second independent molecule of (VI). Thus, the range of  $\Delta(\text{Sn—S})$  for all structures was 0.40 to 0.74, with the correlation coefficient from the plot of Sn—S<sub>short</sub> versus Sn—S<sub>long</sub> being 0.52. Such a lack of correlation has often been noted in the structural chemistry of organotin dithiocarbamates and has been ascribed to the dictates of the molecular packing (Buntine *et al.*, 1998; Tiekink *et al.*, 1999; Muthalib *et al.*, 2014).

## 6. Synthesis and crystallization

All chemicals and solvents were used as purchased. The melting points were determined using an automated melting-point apparatus (MPA 120 EZ-Melt). C, H, N and S analyses were performed on a Leco CHNS-932 Elemental Analyzer. The IR spectra were obtained on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum GX from 4000 to 400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR spectra were recorded in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at room temperature on a Bruker AVANCE 400 111 HD.

**Synthesis of triphenyltin(IV) *N*-hexyl-*N*-methyldithiocarbamate (I):** *N*-hexyl-*N*-methylamine (Aldrich; 1.52 ml, 10 mmol) dissolved in ethanol (30 ml) was stirred at 277 K before a cold ethanolic solution of carbon disulfide (0.6 ml, 10 mmol) was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred for 2 h. Then, triphenyltin(IV) chloride (Merck; 3.85 g, 10 mmol) dissolved in ethanol (25 ml) was added dropwise into the solution and stirring was continued for 2 h. The precipitate formed was filtered, washed with cold ethanol and dried. Recrystallization was achieved by dissolving the compound in a chloroform and ethanol mixture (1:1 v/v). This solution was allowed to slowly evaporate at room temperature



Table 7  
Experimental details.

	(I)	(II)
Crystal data		
Chemical formula	[Sn(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>16</sub> NS <sub>2</sub> )]	[Sn(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>12</sub> NS <sub>2</sub> )]
<i>M<sub>r</sub></i>	540.38	560.37
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>
Temperature (K)	173	173
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	9.8590 (6), 10.4256 (5), 14.3960 (8)	14.3682 (4), 9.4758 (2), 19.2747 (6)
$\alpha$ , $\beta$ , $\gamma$ (°)	110.557 (5), 94.057 (5), 110.730 (5)	90, 106.450 (3), 90
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1263.24 (13)	2516.84 (12)
<i>Z</i>	2	4
Radiation type	Cu <i>K</i> α	Cu <i>K</i> α
$\mu$ (mm <sup>−1</sup> )	9.67	9.73
Crystal size (mm)	0.30 × 0.20 × 0.05	0.10 × 0.10 × 0.05
Data collection		
Diffractometer	Agilent Technologies SuperNova Dual diffractometer with Atlas detector	Agilent Technologies SuperNova Dual diffractometer with Atlas detector
Absorption correction	Multi-scan ( <i>CrysAlis PRO</i> ; Agilent, 2015)	Multi-scan ( <i>CrysAlis PRO</i> ; Agilent, 2015)
<i>T<sub>min</sub></i> , <i>T<sub>max</sub></i>	0.204, 1.000	0.206, 1.000
No. of measured, independent and observed [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )] reflections	8833, 5033, 4580	9741, 5054, 4431
<i>R<sub>int</sub></i>	0.057	0.040
(sin $\theta/\lambda$ ) <sub>max</sub> (Å <sup>−1</sup> )	0.628	0.628
Refinement		
<i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2σ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )], <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ), <i>S</i>	0.043, 0.121, 1.06	0.039, 0.106, 1.02
No. of reflections	5033	5054
No. of parameters	273	290
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ , $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å <sup>−3</sup> )	1.75, −1.51	1.47, −1.58

Computer programs: *CrysAlis PRO* (Agilent, 2015), *SIR92* (Altomare *et al.*, 1993), *SHELXL2014* (Sheldrick, 2015), *ORTEP-3 for Windows* (Farrugia, 2012), *DIAMOND* (Brandenburg, 2006) and *publCIF* (Westrip, 2010).

yielding colourless slabs of (I). Yield: 52%, m.p. 364.6–365.4 K. Elemental analysis: calculated (%): C 57.8, H 5.8, N 2.6, S 11.9. Found (%): C 56.5, H 6.2, N 2.5, S 11.7. IR (KBr cm<sup>−1</sup>): 1429  $\nu$ (C–N), 983  $\nu$ (C–S), 559  $\nu$ (Sn–C), 425  $\nu$ (Sn–S). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.41–7.77 (15H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); 3.38 (2H, N–CH<sub>2</sub>); 3.42 (3H, N–CH<sub>3</sub>); 2.21 (2H, N–CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.75 (2H, N–(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.59 (2H, N–(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.34 (2H, N–(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>); 0.92 (3H, hexyl–CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  196.04 (NCS<sub>2</sub>); 128.52–142.53 (C-aromatic); 58.97 (NCH<sub>2</sub>); 43.79 (NCH<sub>3</sub>); 31.46 (N–CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>); 26.98 [N–(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>]; 26.39 [N–(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>]; 22.6 [N–CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>]; 14.06 (hexyl–CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): −187.56.

**Synthesis of triphenyltin(IV) *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylethyl-dithiocarbamate (II):** compound (II) was prepared in essentially the same manner as for (I) but using *N*-methyl-*N*-phenylethylamine (Aldrich; 1.45 ml, 10 mmol) in place of *N*-hexyl-*N*-methylamine. Recrystallization was achieved by dissolving the compound in a chloroform/ethanol mixture (1:2 v/v). Yield: 67%, m.p. 387.5–388.3 K. Elemental analysis: calculated (%): C 60.0, H 4.9, N 2.5, S 11.4. Found (%): C 57.9, H 5.3, N 2.8, S 11.2. IR (KBr cm<sup>−1</sup>): 1452  $\nu$ (C–N), 977  $\nu$ (C–S), 502  $\nu$ (Sn–C), 488  $\nu$ (Sn–S). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  7.43–7.77 (15H, Sn–C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>); 7.24–7.35 [5H, N(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>]; 4.06 (2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>); 3.36 (3H, NCH<sub>3</sub>); 3.09 (2H, NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  196.61 (NCS<sub>2</sub>); 126.8–142.3 (C-aromatic); 60.25 (NCH<sub>2</sub>); 44.59 (NCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>); 33.12 (N–CH<sub>3</sub>). <sup>119</sup>Sn NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): −183.84.

## 7. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 7. Carbon-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions (C–H = 0.95–0.99 Å) and were included in the refinement in the riding-model approximation, with *U*<sub>iso</sub>(H) set to 1.2–1.5*U*<sub>eq</sub>(C). For (I), the maximum and minimum residual electron density peaks of 1.75 and 1.51 e Å<sup>−3</sup>, respectively, are located 0.95 and 0.86 Å from the Sn atom. For (II), the maximum and minimum residual electron density peaks of 1.47 and 1.58 e Å<sup>−3</sup>, respectively, are located 0.96 and 0.68 Å from the C11 and Sn atoms, respectively.

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