

## **Experimental and computational evidence for a stabilising Cl(lone-pair) $\cdots\pi(\text{chelate-ring})$ interaction**

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**ESI Table S1** Crystal data and refinement details for the crystal of **1** at 100, 150, 200, 250, 273 and 298 K.<sup>a</sup>

Parameter	100 K	150 K	200 K	250 K	273 K	298 K
<i>a</i> (Å)	10.12941(5)	10.15307(7)	10.18020(9)	10.20882(12)	10.22154(11)	10.23633(14)
<i>b</i> (Å)	16.43674(9)	16.49930(13)	16.57028(17)	16.6674(2)	16.7214(2)	16.7834(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	13.38681(7)	13.41809(10)	13.45064(12)	13.48201(16)	13.49259(15)	13.50677(18)
$\beta$ (°)	96.9574(5)	97.0345(7)	97.0780(8)	97.0862(11)	97.0519(11)	97.0002(13)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2212.42(2)	2230.86(3)	2251.68(4)	2276.50(5)	2288.68(5)	2303.17(6)
<i>D<sub>x</sub></i> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.662	1.648	1.633	1.615	1.606	1.596
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	14.311	14.193	14.062	13.898	13.834	13.747
no. reflections	26819	27048	27294	27688	27792	28001
no. unique reflections	3946	3980	4018	4064	4076	4108
no. reflections with						
$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$	3863	3859	3777	3708	3657	3567
<i>R</i> (obs. data)	0.022	0.023	0.025	0.027	0.028	0.032
<i>a</i> and <i>b</i> in						
weighting scheme	0.037; 1.248	0.037; 1.201	0.041; 0.910	0.044; 0.795	0.044; 0.769	0.049; 0.534

$R_w$ (all data)	0.057	0.058	0.066	0.072	0.075	0.086
Max. and min.						
residual peaks (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.39; 1.62	0.38; 1.52	0.39; 1.32	0.48; 0.99	0.50, 0.88	0.53, 0.81

a Each crystal has the molecular formula C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Cl<sub>3</sub>NS<sub>2</sub>Sn,  $M = 553.53$ , monoclinic,  $P2_1/n$  and  $Z = 4$ .

**ESI Table S2** A listing of the electrostatic potential charge deviation ( $\Delta|V_{\text{ESP}}|$ ) for selected intermolecular interactions in the crystals of **1** obtained at 100 and 298 K, as identified through the Hirshfeld surface analysis.

Contact	$V_{\text{ESP}}$ (kcal/mol)					
	100 K			298 K		
	H-donor	H-acceptor	$\Delta V_{\text{ESP}} $	H-donor	H-acceptor	$\Delta V_{\text{ESP}} $
C12···Cg(Sn,S1,S2,C1) <sup>ii</sup>	10.69	-12.11	22.80	9.03	-9.91	18.94
C13···Cg(Sn,S1,S2,C1) <sup>iii</sup>	9.91	-9.54	19.45	8.10	-8.28	16.38
Cg(C8-C13)··· Cg(C14-C19) <sup>ii</sup>	-9.48	-9.85	0.37	-8.41	-8.68	0.27
H7c···Cg(C14-C19) <sup>i</sup>	34.01	-9.48	43.49	32.19	-8.68	40.87
H6c···Cl3 <sup>ii</sup>	32.82	5.27	27.55	32.50	4.71	28.33
H12···Cl1 <sup>iv</sup>	22.46	-23.78	46.24	18.39	-23.72	42.11
S2···Cl2 <sup>ii</sup>	4.27	-12.11	16.38	3.99	-9.91	13.90
Cl3 <sup>ii</sup> ···S2	4.08	-9.54	13.62	3.11	-8.28	11.39

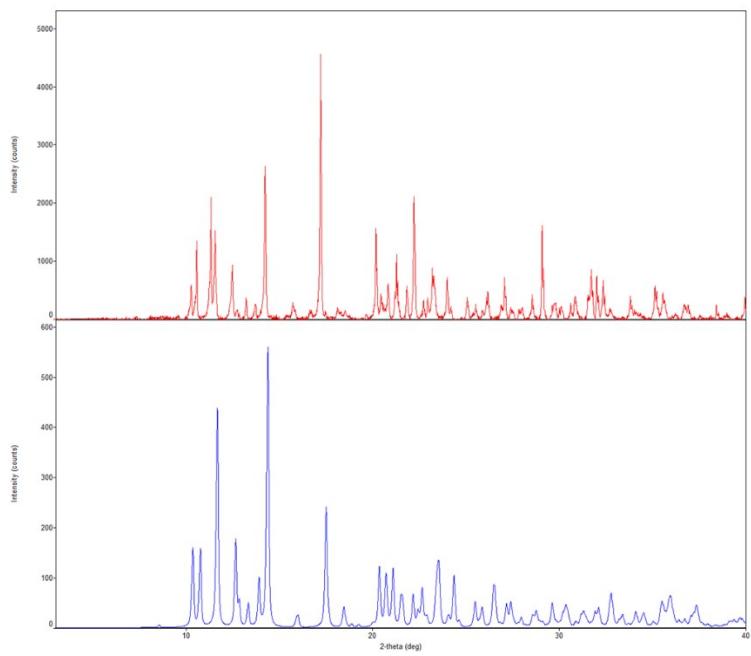
Symmetry element: (i) -1+x, y, z; (ii) 1½-x, ½+y, ½-z; (iii) 1½-x, -½+y, ½-z; (iv) 2-x, 1-y, 1-z.

**ESI Table S3** The percentage contributions of various interatomic contacts to the Hirshfeld surface for **1** at 100 and 298 K

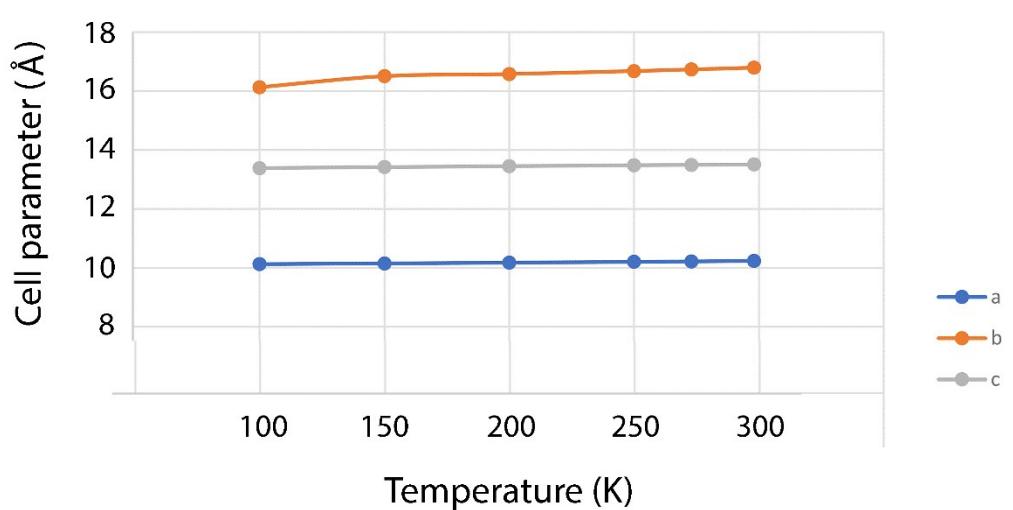
Contact	100 K	298 K
H···H	40.6	41.1
H···Cl/ Cl···H	27.4	28.1
H···C/ C···H	16.9	16.4
H···S/ S···H	6.2	6.0
Cl···C/ C···Cl	4.1	4.0
C···C	3.0	2.8
Cl···S/ S···Cl	1.6	1.5
N···Cl/ Cl···N	0.2	0.1
Cl···Cl	0.1	—

**ESI Table 4.** Corrected interaction energies (kcal/mol) for all close contacts present at 298 K obtained from the CE-B3LYP/DGDZVP model. Scale factors of 1.057, 0.740, 0.871 and 0.618 were applied to  $E_{\text{electrostatic}}$  ( $E_{\text{electro}}$ ),  $E_{\text{polarisation}}$  ( $E_{\text{polar}}$ ),  $E_{\text{dispersion}}$  ( $E_{\text{dis}}$ ) and  $E_{\text{repulsion}}$  ( $E_{\text{rep}}$ ).

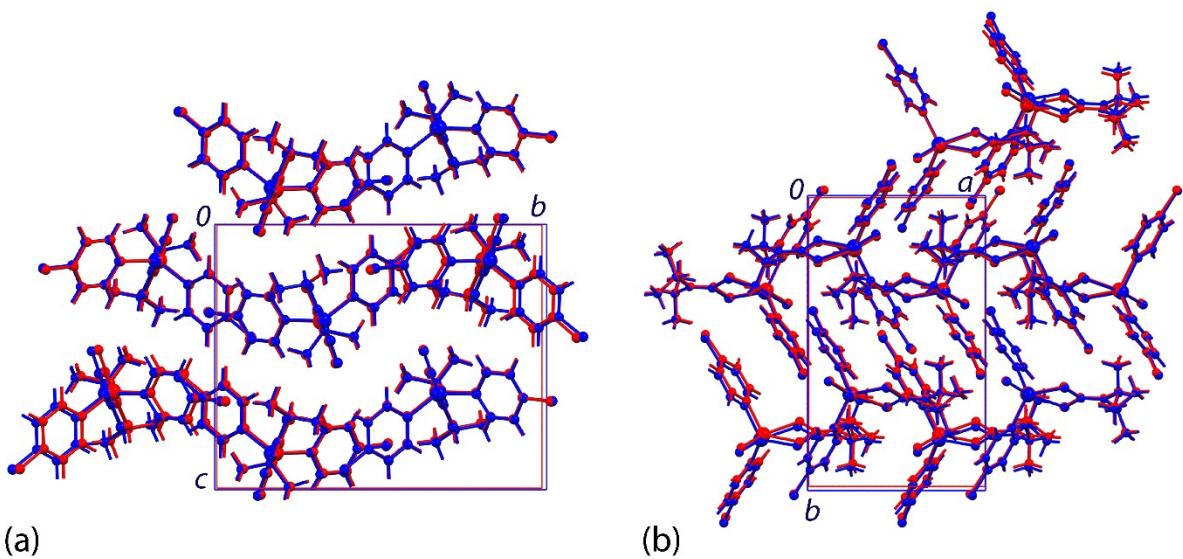
Contact	$E_{\text{electro}}$	$E_{\text{polar}}$	$E_{\text{dis}}$	$E_{\text{rep}}$	$E_{\text{total}}$	Symmetry operation
C6–H6c···Cl3 <sup>ii</sup> +						
Cg(C8-C13)···Cg(C14-C19) <sup>ii</sup> +						
Cl2···π(chelate-ring) <sup>ii</sup> +						
Cl3 <sup>ii</sup> ···π(chelate-ring) +						
Cl2···S2 <sup>ii</sup> +						
Cl3 <sup>ii</sup> ···S2	-5.83	-0.72	-12.21	7.98	-10.78	$1\frac{1}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z$
C7–H7c···C17 <sup>i</sup> +						
C7···π(C14-C19) <sup>i</sup>	-4.40	-0.65	-9.66	4.47	-10.24	$-1+x, y, z$
C12–H12···Cl1 <sup>iv</sup> ( $\times 2$ )	-2.68	-0.57	-3.32	2.63	-3.94	$2-x, 1-y, 1-z$



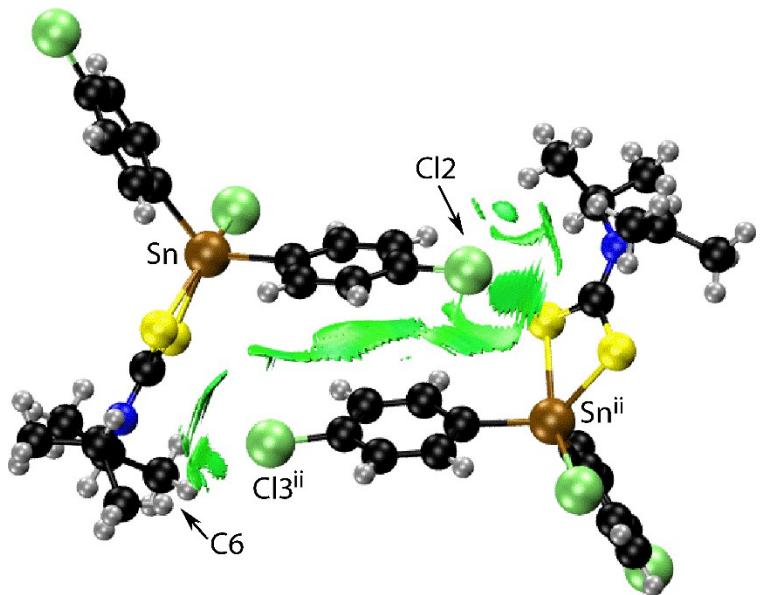
**ESI Figure 1.** Experimental (293 K; red trace) and theoretical (based on single crystal data measured at 100 K) PXRD traces for **1** confirming the homogeneity of the sample and the absence of phase change in the bulk material.



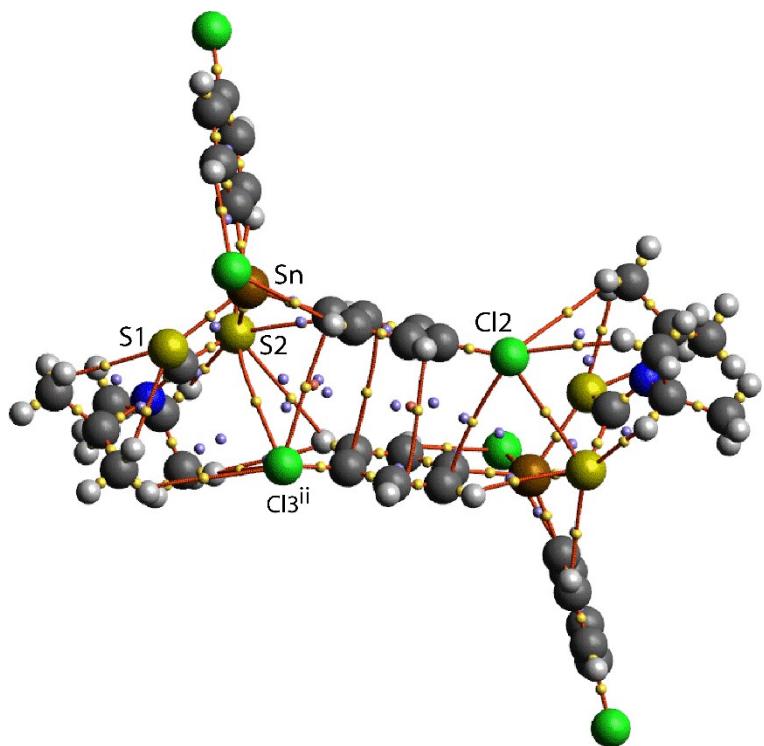
**ESI Figure 2.** A plot of the variation in the unit cell dimensions  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  ( $\text{\AA}$ ) in **1** with temperature.



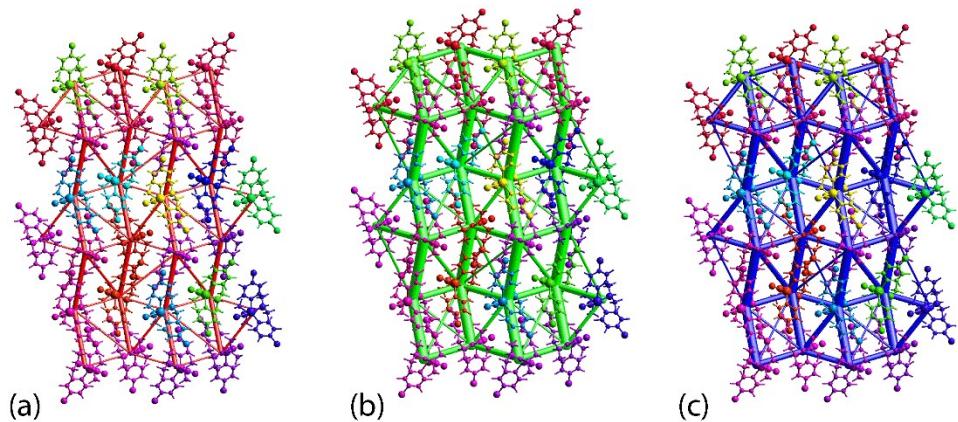
**ESI Figure 3.** A comparison of the molecular packing of **1** measured at 100 K (red) and 298 K (blue) viewed along the *a*- and *c*-axes, respectively.



**ESI Figure 4.** Image of the non-covalent interaction plot for **1** measured at 298 K, highlighting the weakly attractive: (a)  $\text{Cl}_2(\text{lone-pair}) \cdots \pi(\text{chelate-ring})^{\text{ii}}$ ,  $\pi(\text{chlorophenyl}) \cdots \pi(\text{chlorophenyl})^{\text{ii}}$  and  $\text{Cl}_3^{\text{ii}} \cdots \text{H}_6\text{c-C}_6$  interactions. Symmetry operation: (ii)  $1\frac{1}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z$ .



**ESI Figure 5.** An image of Quantum Theory of Atoms in Molecule (QTAIM) analysis for **1** measured at 298 K. Symmetry operation: (ii)  $1\frac{1}{2}-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{1}{2}-z$ .



**ESI Figure 6.** Simulated energy framework for **1** measured at 298 K within  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  unit-cells, showing the decomposed frameworks delineated into (a) electrostatic or coulombic potential (red), (b) dispersion force (green) and (c) overall energy framework. The frameworks are drawn at a scale of 150 with an energy cut-off of 1.91 kcal/mol.