

[(2*R*,5*R*)-2,5-Bis(4-nitrophenyl)perhydrofuro-
[2,3-*b*]furan-3-yl]triisopropylsilaneSimon J. Coles* and Michael B.
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The title molecule, $C_{27}H_{36}N_2O_6Si$, contains a pair of fused tetrahydrofuran rings, symmetrically substituted by *p*-nitrophenyl groups at centres of *R* chirality. The crystal structure is composed of dimers interacting through π -stacking to form columns.

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Key indicators

Single-crystal X-ray study

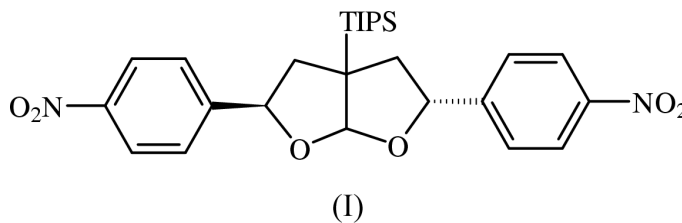
 $T = 120\text{ K}$ Mean $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.002\text{ \AA}$ R factor = 0.045 wR factor = 0.128

Data-to-parameter ratio = 17.8

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Comment

Compound (I) was prepared during an ongoing study into the Lewis-acid-mediated additions of silylated methylenecyclopropanes to aldehydes. The structure of (I) is composed of a pair of tetrahydrofuran rings fused at the 2- and 3-positions, both substituted at the 5-position by *p*-nitrophenyl groups. These substituted positions both exhibit *R* chirality. The axial 3-position of the fused ring system is substituted by a triisopropylsilyl group (TIPS). Puckering analysis (Cremer & Pople, 1975) shows that the furan ring containing O1 forms an envelope conformation about C3, whilst the ring containing O2 adopts a twisted conformation. The fused rings form a dihedral angle of $68.91(6)^\circ$ with respect to each other. The rings containing O1 and O2 have similar orientations with respect to their nitrophenyl substituents, the angles being $66.37(5)^\circ$ and $67.64(6)^\circ$, respectively.



Two molecules associate *via* intermolecular interactions through one of the nitro groups (Table 1) to form dimers. The crystal structure is formed by these dimers interacting by means of π -stacking between phenyl rings to form columns along the *a* axis [ring centroid separations are $4.1305(6)\text{ \AA}$ for $\text{Cg1} \cdots \text{Cg1}^i$ and $3.6113(7)\text{ \AA}$ for $\text{Cg2} \cdots \text{Cg2}^{ii}$, where Cg1 is the centroid of ring C7–C12 and Cg2 is the centroid of ring C13–C18; symmetry codes: (i) $-x, 1-y, 1-z$; (ii) $1-x, 1-y, z$].

Experimental

The title compound was prepared in 16% yield by the $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{Et}_2\text{O}$ -mediated addition of triisopropyl(2-methylidenecyclopropyl)silane to 4-nitrobenzaldehyde in dichloromethane.

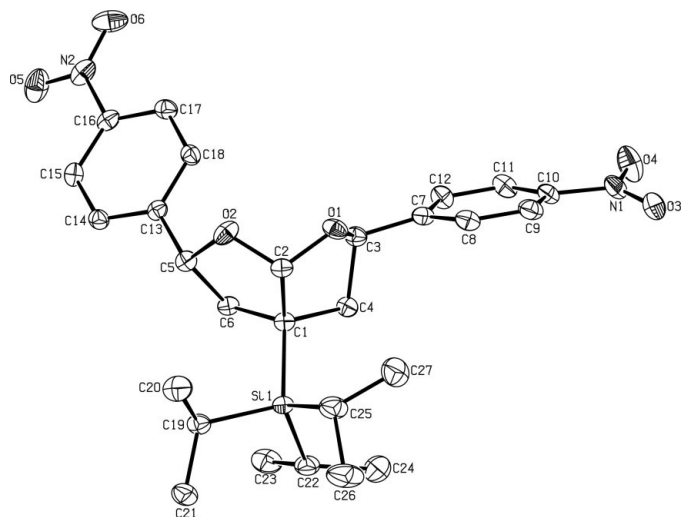


Figure 1
View of (I) with 50% probability displacement ellipsoids.

Crystal data

$C_{27}H_{36}N_2O_6Si$
 $M_r = 512.67$
 Triclinic, $P\bar{1}$
 $a = 7.9703$ (16) Å
 $b = 12.128$ (2) Å
 $c = 14.121$ (3) Å
 $\alpha = 79.14$ (3)°
 $\beta = 83.06$ (3)°
 $\gamma = 77.29$ (3)°
 $V = 1303.2$ (4) Å³

$Z = 2$
 $D_x = 1.307$ Mg m⁻³
 Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
 Cell parameters from 9132
 reflections
 $\theta = 2.9$ – 27.5 °
 $\mu = 0.14$ mm⁻¹
 $T = 120$ (2) K
 Block, colourless
 $0.38 \times 0.14 \times 0.06$ mm

Data collection

Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer
 φ and ω scans
 Absorption correction: multi-scan
 (SORTAV; Blessing, 1997)
 $T_{\min} = 0.951$, $T_{\max} = 0.992$
 19904 measured reflections
 5893 independent reflections

4879 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.050$
 $\theta_{\text{max}} = 27.5$ °
 $h = -10 \rightarrow 10$
 $k = -15 \rightarrow 15$
 $l = -18 \rightarrow 18$

Refinement

Refinement on F^2
 $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.045$
 $wR(F^2) = 0.128$
 $S = 1.02$
 5893 reflections
 332 parameters
 H-atom parameters constrained

$$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0702P)^2 + 0.5256P]$$

where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
 $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.023$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.67 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
 $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.37 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$

Table 1

Hydrogen-bonding geometry (Å, °).

$D-H \cdots A$	$D-H$	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	$D-H \cdots A$
$C6-H6A \cdots O6^i$	0.99	2.56	3.481 (2)	154
$C12-H12 \cdots O5^i$	0.95	2.50	3.381 (2)	155

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

H atoms were placed in idealized positions and refined with a riding model.

Data collection: *DENZO* (Otwinowski & Minor, 1997) and *COLLECT* (Hooft, 1998); cell refinement: *DENZO* and *COLLECT*; data reduction: *DENZO* and *COLLECT*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997); molecular graphics: *PLATON* (Spek, 1990); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXL97* and *PLATON*.

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