The first organoelement oxides containing three different metals; synthesis and structure of (Ph₂SiOR₂SnOMO) [R = (CH₂)₃NMe₂; M = Bu^t₂Sn, Bu^t₂Ge, PhB][†] \ddagger

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Umpolung of ring strain by intramolecular Sn–N Lewis acid– Lewis base interaction is the key for the synthesis of the first organoelement oxides of the type (Ph₂SiOR₂SnOMO) [R = (CH₂)₃NMe₂; M = But₂Sn, But₂Ge, PhB] which hold potential as precursors to tertiary metal oxides.

Recently, we reported the syntheses and structures of stannasiloxanes such as $cyclo-R_2Si(OSnBut_2)_2O(1, R = But; 2, R =$ Ph),^{1a,b} cyclo-(Ph₂SiOR₂SnO)₂ [**3**, R = Bu^t; **4**, R = $(CH_2)_3NMe_2$],^{1b,c} cyclo-R₂Sn(OSiPh₂)₂O [**5**, R = Bu^t; **6**, R = (CH₂)₃NMe₂],^{1c,d} and of the germastannoxanes cyclo-But₂Sn- $(OGePh_2)_2O$ 7.^{1c} Such compounds are of potential interest as molecular precursors for the synthesis by ring-opening poly-merisation of inorganic polymers.^{1d,2} The stannasiloxane But₂Sn(OSiPh₂)₂O 5 contains a six-membered ring in solution but is the first well-defined polystannasiloxane in the solid state. The ring strain in 5 is the thermodynamic driving force for the polymerisation which however, is compensated in solution by entropy of a large number of monomers, i.e., six-membered rings.^{1d} In contrast, the related borasiloxane cyclo-PhB(OSi- $Ph_2)_2O 8$ is a six-membered ring both in solution and in the solid state.^{2b} The reaction of the eight-membered stannasiloxane ring cyclo-(Ph₂SiOBut₂SnO)₂ (3) with 2/3 mol equivalents cyclo- $(But_2SnO)_3$ quantitatively provided *in situ* the six-membered stannasiloxane ring Ph₂Si(OSnBut₂)₂O **2**. However, this reaction is also an equilibrium and removal of the solvent quantitatively yielded the starting compounds cyclo-(But₂SnO)₃ and 3.1b

In contrast, the reaction of the eight-membered intramolecularly coordinated stannasiloxane ring *cyclo*-(Ph₂SiOR₂SnO)₂ [**4**, R = (CH₂)₃NMe₂] with *cyclo*-(Bu^t₂SnO)₃ afforded the first *cyclo*-stannasiloxane **9** containing two different substituted tin atoms (Scheme 1).§

Furthermore, the reaction of compound **4** with di-*tert*butylgermanium dihydroxide $Bu_2^tGe(OH)_2$ and phenylboronic acid PhB(OH)₂ gave the first organoelement oxides **10** and **11**, respectively, being composed of three different metals or metalloids in the same ring (Scheme 1).§



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It seems that the intramolecular Sn–N coordination increases the ring strain in the eight-membered *cyclo*-stannasiloxane **6** but decreases the ring strain in the six-membered rings **9–11**. This means, the formation of **9–11** is favoured by both enthalpy and entropy.

The molecular structures¶ of compounds 10 and 11 are shown in Fig. 1 and 2, respectively. Compound 9 is isostructural with 10. The Sn(1) atoms in 9–11 exhibit distorted octahedral configurations with the carbon atoms in mutual *trans* and the oxygen and nitrogen atoms in *cis* positions. The deviation from the ideal octahedral geometry is documented by the C(1)– Sn(1)–C(11) angles of 149.3(2)–152.30(2)° and the N(1)–Sn– N(2) angles of 105.4(1)–109.58(9)°. The O(1)–Sn(1)–O(3) angles fall in the range 90.30(8)–95.45(9)°. The intramolecular Sn–N distances in 9–11 [2.620(3)–2.764(3) Å] are shorter as compared to the Sn–N contacts in the eight-membered *cyclo*stannasiloxane 4 [2.721(4)/2.811(4) Å].^{1c} The Sn–N distances are quite different within each of the compounds 9–11. This corresponds with previous observations on the intramolecularly coordinated organotin sulfide {[Me₂N(CH₂)₃]₂SnS}_{2.}³

Compared to the ¹¹⁹Sn NMR chemical shifts in solution the ¹¹⁹Sn MAS NMR spectra of **9–11** exhibit shifts of 52.9, 30.3 and 9.5/17.8 ppm to low frequency which hints, especially for **10** and **11**, at a stronger Sn–N coordination in the solid state.

The synthetic concept introduced within this paper should also apply for the synthesis of organoelement oxides containing



Fig. 1 General view of a molecule of **10** showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom numbering. The hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): Sn(1)–O(1/3) 2.010(2)/2.022(2), Sn(1)–N(1/2) 2.648(3)/ 2.752(3); O(1)–Sn(1)–O(3) 93.89(8), O(1)–Si(1)–O(2) 113.5(1); O(2)–Ge(1)–O(3) 109.1(1). Compound **9** is isostructural; Ge(1) is replaced by Sn(2). Sn(1)–O(1/3) 1.998(2)/2.026(2), Sn(1)–N(1/2) 2.683(3)/2.764(3); O(1)–Sn(1)–O(3) 95.45(9), O(1)–Si(1)–O(2) 114.2(1), O(2)–Sn(2)–O(3) 106.69(9).

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Fig. 2 General view of a molecule of **11** showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom numbering. The hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): Sn(1)–O(1/3) 2.038(2)/2.054(2) (2.017(2)/2.050(2)), Sn(1)–N(1/2) 2.620(3)/2.681(3) (2.649(3)/2.65(2)); O(1)–Sn(1)–O(3) 90.30(8)(91.75(8)); O(1)–Si(1)–O(2) 110.4(1) (112.9(1)), O(2)–B(1)–O(3) 124.2(3) (123.5(3)). The values given in parentheses refer to the second, symmetrically independent molecule of **11** in the unit cell which is not shown.

both main group elements and transition metals. Such compounds are of increasing interest as single source precursors for mixed metal oxides⁴ which find applications in heterogeneous catalysis^{5a} or for solar cells.^{5b}

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Notes and references

Literature procedures were used to prepare*cyclo*-(R₂SnOSiPh₂O)₂ (**3**, R = Bu^t; ^{1b}**4**, R = (CH₂)₃NMe₂^{1c}],*cyclo*-(Bu^t₂SnO)₃^{6a} and Bu^t₂-Ge(OH)₂.^{6b}

Synthesis and selected spectroscopic data: 1,1-di-tert-butyl-3,3-bis(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-5,5-diphenyl-2,4,6-trioxa-5-sila-1,3-distannacyclohexane **9**: 1,1,5,5-tetrakis(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3,3,7,7-tetraphenyl-2,4,6,8-tetraoxa-3,7-disila-1,5-distannacyclooctane **4** (500 mg, 0.495 mmol) and di-*tert*-butyltin oxide (246 mg, 0.330 mmol) were dissolved in chloroform (10 mL). The reaction mixture was kept at 60 °C for 12 h. The solvent was evaporated *in vacuo* and the residue recrystallised from *n*-hexane to give 271 mg (38 % yield) of **9** as colourless crystals, mp 135 °C. ²⁹Si{¹H} NMR δ -40.4 [²J(²⁹Si-O-¹¹⁹Sn) 31 Hz]; ¹¹⁹Sn{¹H} NMR δ -93.3 [²J(¹¹⁹Sn-O-^{119/117}Sn) 371 Hz], -191.7 [²J(¹¹⁹Sn-O-^{119/117}Sn) 371 Hz], -244.6. MS: *m/z*: 697 (C₂₆H₄₁N₂O₃SiSn₂+), 639 (C₂₂H₃₁N₂O₃SiSn₂+), 363 (C₂₀H₂₈O₃SiSn₂+), 206 (C₅H₁₂Sn+). Elemental analysis (%): found: C, 47.81, H, 7.18, N, 3.65. Calc. for C₃₀H₅₂N₂O₃Sn₂Si: C 47.78, H 6.95, N 3.71%. Molecular weight (CHCl₃): found.: 543 g mol⁻¹; calc. for C₃₀H₅₂N₂O₃Sn₂Si: 754 g mol⁻¹.

1,1-*di*-tert-butyl-3,3-*bis*(3-*dimethylaminopropyl*)-5,5-*diphenyl*-3-germa-2,4,6-trioxa-5-sila-1-stannacyclohexane **10**: 1,1,5,5-tetrakis(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3,3,7,7-tetraphenyl-2,4,6,8-tetraoxa-3, 7-disila-1, 5-distannacyclooctane **4** (500 mg, 0.495 mmol) and di-*tert*-butylgermanium dihydroxide (240 mg, 1.087 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (15 mL). The reaction mixture was kept at 100 °C for 2 d. The solvent was distilled off and the residue was recrystallised from *n*-hexane to give 268 mg (36 % yield) of colourless crystals of **10**, mp. 148 °C. ²⁹Si{¹H</sup>} NMR δ –42.2 [²J(²Si-O-¹¹⁹/117Sn) 32 Hz]; ¹¹⁹Sn{¹H} NMR δ –231.6; ¹¹⁹Sn{¹H} MAS

NMR: δ - 261.9. MS: m/z: 707 (C₃₀H₅₁N₂O₃GeSiSn⁺), 650 (C₂₆H₄₂N₂O₃-GeSiSn⁺), 621 (C₂₅H₃₉NO₃GeSiSn⁺), 536 (C₂₀H₂₈O₃GeSiSn⁺), 478 (C₁₆H₁₈O₃GeSiSn⁺), 206 (C₅H₁₂Sn⁺). Elemental analysis (%): found: C, 51.09; H, 7.57; N, 3.92; calc. for C₃₀H₅₂N₂O₃GeSiSn⁻ C, 50.89; H, 7.40; N, 3.96. Molecular weight (CHCl₃): found: 657 g mol⁻¹; calc. for C₃₀H₅₂N₂O₃GeSiSn⁻ 708 g mol⁻¹.

3,3-*bis*(3-*dimethylaminopropy*)-3,5,5-*tripheny*l-3-*bora*-2,4,6-*trioxa*-5-*sila*-1-*stannacyclohexane* **11**: 1,1,5,5-tetrakis(3-dimethylaminopropy)-3,3,7,7-tetraphenyl-2,4,6,8-tetraoxa-3,7-disila-1, 5-distannacyclooctane **4** (455 mg, 0.450 mmol) and phenylboronic acid (110 mg, 0.902 mmol) were dissolved in chloroform (10 mL). The reaction mixture was kept at 60 °C for 12 h. The solvent was removed *in vacuo* and the residue was recrystallised from *n*-hexane to give 335 mg (61% yield) of colourless crystals of **11**, mp 132 °C. ²⁹Si{1H} NMR δ –38.7 [²J(19Si–O–119/117Sn) 19 Hz]; ¹¹⁹Sn{1H} NMR δ –259.1; ¹¹⁹Sn{1H} MAS NMR: δ –268.6, –276.9. MS: *m/z* 609 (C₂₈H₃₈N₂O₃BSiSn⁺), 523 (C₂₃H₂₆NO₃BSiSn⁺), 430 (C₁₇H₂₁NO₂BSiSn⁺), 206 (C₅H₁₂NSn⁺). Elemental analysis (%): found: C 55.25, H 6.85, N 4.50; calc. for C₂₈H₃₉N₂O₃BSiSn: C 55.20, H 6.45, N 4.60. Molecular weight (CHCl₃): found: 517 g mol⁻¹; calc. for C₂₈H₃₉N₂O₃BSiSn: 609 g mol⁻¹.

¹H and ¹³C NMR data for compounds **9–11** can be viewed electronically, see: http://www.rsc.org/suppdata/1999/1095/.

¶ The structures of 9-11 were refined in the triclinic space group $P\overline{1}$.

9: $C_{30}H_{52}N_2O_3SiSn_2$, $M_r = 754.21$, crystal dimensions: $0.70 \times 0.18 \times 0.15 \text{ mm}$, a = 9.302(1), b = 10.824(1), c = 17.897(1) Å, $\alpha = 81.611(1)$, $\beta = 88.994(1)$, $\gamma = 85.935(1)^\circ$, V = 1778.1(3) Å³, Z = 2, $\mu = 1.467 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, $D_c = 1.409 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$, $D_m = 1.420(2) \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$, $2\theta_{max} = 29.61^\circ$, 21528 measured, 8738 ($R_{int} = 0.032$) independent and 5324 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$, RI = 0.036, wR2 = 0.0748 for 355 parameters, S = 0.907, $\Delta/\rho_{max} = 0.672$ e Å⁻³.

10: C₃₀H₅₂GeN₂O₃SiSn, $M_r = 708.11$, crystal dimensions: $0.40 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$ mm, a = 9.190(1), b = 10.833(1), c = 17.730(1) Å, $\alpha = 80.144(1)$, $\beta = 89.614(1)$, $\gamma = 86.402(1)^\circ$, V = 1735.6(3) Å³, Z = 2, $\mu = 1.649$ mm⁻¹, $D_c = 1.355$ Mg m⁻³, $2\theta_{max} = 25.66^\circ$, 23559 measured, 6102 ($R_{int} = 0.035$) independent and 4234 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$, R1 = 0.031, wR2 = 0.0604 for 355 parameters, S = 0.950, $\Delta' \rho_{max} = 0.277$ e Å⁻³.

11: C₂₈H₃₉BN₂O₃SiSn, $M_r = 609.20$, crystal dimensions: $0.20 \times 0.10 \times 0.10 \text{ mm}$, a = 10.630(1), b = 17.201(1), c = 17.300(1) Å, $\alpha = 100.001(1)$, $\beta = 90.737(1)$, $\gamma = 104.343(1)^\circ$, V = 3012.9(4) Å³, Z = 4, $\mu = 0.917 \text{ mm}^{-1}$, $D_c = 1.343 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$, $D_m = 1.387(2) \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$, $2\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.68^\circ$, 41 109 measured, 10 578 ($R_{\text{int.}} = 0.024$) independent and 7733 observed reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$, R1 = 0.031, wR2 = 0.0735 for 696 parameters, S = 0.999, $\Delta/\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.442 \text{ e}$ Å⁻³.

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|| The unit cell of 11 consists of two independent conformers and consequently two signals are observed in the $^{119}Sn{^{1}H}$ MAS NMR spectrum.

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