[Benzene-1,2-diolato(2-)][benzene-1,2-diolato(1-)]methyl-[(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinio)methyl]silicate: **Isolation, Structural Characterization, and Thermally Induced Methane Elimination**

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Summary: A novel zwitterionic pentacoordinate silicon-(IV) complex with an SiO_3C_2 skeleton was synthesized, [benzene-1,2-diolato(2-)][benzene-1,2-diolato(1-)]methyl[(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinio)methyl]silicate (11). It contains one bidentate benzene-1,2-diolato(2-) ligand and one monodentate benzene-1,2-diolato(1-) ligand, a new structural motive in silicon(IV) coordination chemistry. Compound 11 was obtained by treatment of dimethoxy(methyl)[(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidino)methyl]silane (10) with 2 molar equiv of 1,2-dihydroxybenzene and was structurally characterized in solution (¹H, ¹³C, and ²⁹Si NMR) and in the solid state (²⁹Si VACP/MAS NMR; crystal structure analysis of the solvate 11.2CH2-Cl₂). Upon heating in acetonitrile, **11** undergoes a methane elimination to afford the zwitterionic spirocyclic pentacoordinate silicon(IV) complex bis[benzene-1,2diolato(2-)][(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinio)methyl]silicate (12). The reaction sequence $10 \rightarrow 11$ (isolated intermediate) $\rightarrow 12$ gives some insight into the mechanism of the reaction of dialkoxy(aminoorganyl)organylsilanes with organic diols to yield zwitterionic pentacoordinate silicon(IV) complexes of the (ammonioorganyl)bis-[diolato(2-)]silicate type.

Introduction

In context with our studies on zwitterionic $\lambda^5 Si$ silicates,¹ we have discovered a series of remarkable Si-C bond cleavage reactions mediated by organic dihydroxy compounds, such as benzene-1,2-diols,² α -hydroxycarboxylic acids,^{2h,3} salicylic acid,⁴ and ethane-1,2diol.⁵ Dialkoxy(aminoorganyl)organylsilanes (SiO₂C₂ skeleton), and in some cases even alkoxy(aminoorganyl)diorganylsilanes (SiOC3 skeleton), were found to react with these dihydroxy compounds via Si-O and Si-C bond cleavage to afford spirocyclic $\lambda^5 Si$ -silicates with an *Si*O₄C framework. In most cases, these reactions were performed in acetonitrile at room temperature. The transformations $\mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathbf{3}$, ^{2d} $\mathbf{2} \rightarrow \mathbf{3}$, ^{2h} $\mathbf{4} \rightarrow \mathbf{5}$, ^{2d} $\mathbf{6} \rightarrow \mathbf{7}$, ^{3a} and $\mathbf{8} \rightarrow \mathbf{9}^{3b}$ are typical examples (Scheme 1). Recently, such Si-C cleavage reactions were applied to a novel siliconbased linkage and cleavage strategy for solid-phase synthesis of aromatic organic compounds.^{2h,6}

Almost nothing is known about the reaction mechanism of these cleavage reactions. We have now succeeded in isolating an intermediate in the transformation of the silane **10** into the zwitterionic $\lambda^5 Si$ -silicate 12, compound 11 (Scheme 2). We report here on the isolation and structural characterization of 11 (solution and solid-state NMR spectroscopy; crystal structure analysis of the solvate 11.2CH₂Cl₂) and its further thermally induced conversion into 12. The zwitterionic $\lambda^5 Si$ -silicate **11** contains one bidentate benzene-1,2diolato(2-) ligand and one monodentate benzene-1,2diolato(1-) ligand, a new structural motive in silicon(IV) coordination chemistry and also scarcely found in the coordination chemistry of other elements (for an example in niobium(V) chemistry, see ref 7). Compound 11 is the first example of a zwitterionic pentacoordinate silicon(IV) complex with an SiO₃C₂ skeleton (for reviews dealing with higher coordinate silicon, see ref 8).

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Results and Discussion

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Syntheses. [Benzene-1,2-diolato(2–)][benzene-1,2-diolato(1–)]methyl[(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinio)methyl]silicate (**11**) was prepared according to Scheme 2 by treatment of dimethoxy(methyl)[(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidino)methyl]silane (**10**)⁹ with 2 molar equiv of 1,2-dihydroxybenzene in acetonitrile at 0 °C. Crystallization of the crude product from dichloromethane/*n*-pentane

Table 1.	Crystal	Data and	l Experi	mental
Parameters	for the	Crystal S	Structur	e Analysis
of 11·2CH ₂ Cl ₂				

empirical formula	C ₂₅ H ₃₇ Cl ₄ NO ₄ Si
formula mass, g mol $^{-1}$	585.45
collection T, K	173(2)
λ(Mo Kα), Å	0.71073
cryst syst	monoclinic
space group (No.)	$P2_{1}/c$ (14)
a, Å	11.440(2)
b, Å	15.188(3)
<i>c</i> , Å	17.037(3)
β , deg	100.20(3)
V, Å ³	2913.1(10)
Z	4
$D(\text{calcd}), \text{ g cm}^{-3}$	1.335
μ , mm ⁻¹	0.478
F(000)	1232
cryst dimens, mm	0.5 imes 0.4 imes 0.3
$2\dot{ heta}$ range, deg	4.50 - 52.74
index ranges	$-14 \leq h \leq 14$,
0	$-18 \leq k \leq 18$,
	$-21 \leq l \leq 21$
no. of collected reflns	42961
no. of ind reflns	5952
$R_{ m int}$	0.0533
no. of reflns used	5952
no. of params	384
no. of restraints	26
S^a	1.049
weight params <i>a</i> / <i>b</i> ^{<i>b</i>}	0.0526/0.5145
$R1^{\circ}(I \geq 2\sigma(I))$	0.0342
$wR2^d$ (all data)	0.0940
max./min. residual electron	+0.285/-0.161
density e Å ⁻³	

^{*a*} $S = \{\sum [w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2]/(n - p)\}^{0.5}; n = \text{no. of reflections; } p = \text{no. of parameters.} {}^{b} w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_0^2) + (aP)^2 + bP, \text{ with } P = [\max(F_0^2, 0) + 2F_c^2)/3. {}^{c} R1 = \sum ||F_0| - |F_c||/\sum |F_0|. {}^{d} wR2 = \{\sum [w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2]/\sum [w(F_0^2)^2]\}^{0.5}.$

afforded the crystalline solvate **11**·2CH₂Cl₂, which was dried in vacuo to give analytically pure **11** in **88%** yield as a colorless powder. This product was found to be surprisingly stable in acetonitrile at room temperature. Upon heating of the solution under reflux, the zwitterionic spirocyclic $\lambda^5 Si$ -silicate bis[benzene-1,2-diolato-(2-)][(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinio)methyl]silicate (**12**) was formed, along with methane (Scheme 2). This compound (for an alternative synthesis, see ref 10) was formed quantitatively and isolated as a colorless solid.

The identities of **11** and **12** were established by elemental analyses (C, H, N), solution NMR studies (¹H, ¹³C, ²⁹Si), and solid-state ²⁹Si VACP/MAS NMR experiments. In addition, compound **11**·2CH₂Cl₂ was structurally characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction.

Crystal Structure Analysis. The crystal data and experimental parameters used for the crystal structure analysis of **11**·2CH₂Cl₂ are summarized in Table 1. The structure of the zwitterion in the crystal is depicted in Figure 1; selected interatomic distances and angles are listed in Table 2.

The zwitterion **11** is chiral (C_1 symmetry), and the crystal of racemic **11**·2CH₂Cl₂ (space group $P2_1/c$) is built up by (A)- and (C)-enantiomers.¹¹ The coordination polyhedron around the silicon atom is best described as

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Figure 1. Structure of the zwitterion ((*C*)-enantiomer) in the crystal of 11.2CH₂Cl₂ (probability level of displacement ellipsoids 50%).

Table 2.	Selected I	Interatomic	Distances	(A) and
	Angles (deg) for 11·	2CH ₂ Cl ₂	

Si-O1	1.8771(11)	O1-Si-C1	89.12(6)
Si-O2	1.7095(10)	O1-Si-C2	86.01(5)
Si-03	1.7549(10)	O2-Si-O3	90.40(5)
Si-C1	1.8720(17)	O2-Si-C1	122.62(7)
Si-C2	1.9114(16)	O2-Si-C2	116.92(6)
		O3-Si-C1	97.41(6)
01-Si-02	86.52(5)	O3-Si-C2	90.24(5)
01-Si-03	173.44(5)	C1-Si-C2	119.78(8)

 Table 3. Hydrogen-Bonding Geometries for 11·2CH₂Cl₂^a

D-H···A	D-H	H····A	D····A	D-H···A
	(Å)	(Å)	(Å)	(deg)
N–H···O3 (intra)	0.884(18)	1.974(18)	2.6619(17)	133.6(15)
O4–H···O1 (inter)	0.83(2)	1.83(2)	2.6607(15)	172(2)

^a Data calculated by using the program PLATON.¹²

a distorted trigonal bipyramid, the bidentate benzene-1,2-diolato(2–) ligand spanning one axial and one equatorial site. The benzene-1,2-diolato(1–) ligand occupies the second axial position. The axial Si–O distances [1.7549(10) and 1.8771(11) Å] are longer than the equatorial one [1.7095(10) Å]. The methyl and the (2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinio)methyl ligand occupy equatorial positions, with Si–C distances of 1.8720(17) and 1.9114(16) Å, respectively.

As would be expected from the presence of the potential OH and NH donor functions and the potential oxygen acceptor atoms, $O-H\cdots O$ and $N-H\cdots O$ hydrogen bonds were observed in the crystal of **11**·2CH₂Cl₂ (Table 3). Besides an intramolecular $N-H\cdots O3$ interaction, the existence of an intermolecular $O4-H\cdots O1$ hydrogen bond can be assumed, leading to the formation of infinite chains along the base vector [0 1 0].¹²

NMR Studies. The isotropic ²⁹Si chemical shift of **11** ($\delta = -75.4$ ppm) obtained in a solid-state ²⁹Si VACP/MAS NMR experiment clearly characterizes the ²⁹Si resonance signal as arising from a pentacoordinate



Figure 2. Enantiomerization of the zwitterionic $\lambda^5 Si$ silicate **11** in solution. This process is based on the inversion of absolute configuration of the chiral trigonalbipyramidal SiO_3C_2 skeleton ((*A*)-configuration \neq (*C*)configuration).

silicon atom and is very similar to the ²⁹Si NMR shift determined in solution ($\delta = -75.7$ ppm; solvent CDCl₃). The ¹H and ¹³C NMR data (see Experimental Section) also suggest the existence of the zwitterion **11** in solution (CDCl₃).

The (A)- and (C)-enantiomers of **11** are configurationally stable on the NMR time scale at room temperature, as is evident from the ¹H NMR spectrum. The chiral nature of the $\lambda^5 Si$ -silicate skeleton of **11** is reflected by the ABX spin system observed for the SiCH_AH_BNH_X moiety (diastereotopic SiCH₂N protons). This chirality can also be deduced from the ^{13}C NMR spectrum (-16 °C), which shows separate resonance signals for all pairs of diastereotopic nuclei. It is interesting to note that 22 resonance signals were observed for the 23 different ¹³C nuclei of 11 (two nuclei accidentally isochronous). Enantiomerization at the silicon atom ((A)/(C)-enantiomerization, Figure 2) was observed by coalescence of the SiCH_AH_BN spin system in the ¹H NMR spectrum at 55 °C. The activation free enthalpy for this process was estimated to be $\Delta G^{\ddagger} = 68.0(5) \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$.

Conclusion

With the isolation and structural characterization of compound **11** we got some insight into the mechanism of the reaction of dialkoxy(aminoorganyl)organylsilanes with organic diols to yield zwitterionic pentacoordinate (ammonioorganyl)bis[diolato(2–)]silicates. Further studies are planned to get more information about this remarkable type of reaction. These investigations will also include related Si–C bond cleavage reactions mediated by aceto- and benzohydroxamic acid¹³ and by benzoin.¹

Experimental Section

General Procedures. The syntheses were carried out under dry nitrogen. The organic solvents used were dried and purified according to standard procedures and stored under nitrogen. Melting points were determined with a DuPont Instruments differential scanning calorimeter, type Thermal Analyzer 910. The ¹H, ¹³C, and ²⁹Si solution NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker DRX-300 NMR spectrometer (¹H, 300.1 MHz; ¹³C, 75.5 MHz; ²⁹Si, 59.6 MHz). CDCl₃ was used as solvent. Chemical shifts (ppm) were determined relative to internal CHCl₃ (¹H, δ 7.24), internal CDCl₃ (¹³C, δ 77.0), and external TMS (²⁹Si, δ 0). Analysis and assignment of the NMR data were supported by ¹H,¹³C correlation experiments and DEPT 135 experiments. Solid-state ²⁹Si VACP/MAS NMR

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spectra were recorded at 22 °C on a Bruker DSX-400 NMR spectrometer at 79.5 MHz with bottom layer rotors of ZrO_2 (diameter 7 mm) containing ca. 300 mg of sample (external standard, TMS (δ 0); spinning rate, 5 kHz; contact time, 5 ms; 90° ¹H transmitter pulse length, 3.6 μ s; repetition time, 4 s).

Preparation of Dimethoxy(methyl)[(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidino)methyl]silane (10). This compound was synthesized according to ref 9.

Preparation of [Benzene-1,2-diolato(2-)][benzene-1,2diolato(1-)]methyl[(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinio)methyl]silicate (11). Compound 10 (1.00 g, 3.85 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of benzene-1,2-diol (849 mg, 7.71 mmol) in acetonitrile (1 mL) at 0 °C and the mixture stirred for 5 min at the same temperature (formation of a solid). The volatile components were removed in vacuo (0.01 Torr, 20 °C, 1 h), and the solid residue was recrystallized from dichloromethane/n-pentane (1:2 (v/v); addition of n-pentane to a solution of 11 in dichloromethane) at 20 °C. The resulting colorless crystalline solvate 11.2CH2Cl2 was isolated by filtration and dried in vacuo (0.01 Torr, 20 °C, 3 h; loss of CH₂Cl₂) to give solvent-free 11 in 88% yield as a colorless powder (1.40 g, 3.38 mmol); mp 139 °C dec (loss of CH₄). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 22 °C): δ 0.30 (s, 3 H, SiCH₃), 1.28-1.79 (m, 18 H, CCH₃, CCH₂C), 2.60 (δ_A), 2.73 (δ_B), and 7.9 (br s, δ_X) (ABX system, ${}^{2}J_{AB} = 17.0$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{AX} = 2.1$ Hz, ${}^{3}J_{BX} = 3.1$ Hz, 3 H, SiCH_AH_B-NH_X), 6.52–6.93 (m, 8 H, ArH), 8.8 (br s, 1 H, OH). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃, −16 °C): δ 0.9 (SiCH₃), 15.7 (NCC*C*H₂C), 20.3 (C*C*H₃), 20.4 (CCH3), 30.0 (CCH3), 30.3 (CCH3), 38.1 (SiCH2N), 38.5 (NCCH2C), 38.8 (NCCH2C), 63.2 (NCC3), 64.0 (NCC3), 110.7, 111.6, 116.5, and 117.0 (C-4 and C-5; C₆H₄O₂, C₆H₄(OH)O), 120.0, 120.6, and 121.0 (2 C) (C-3 and C-6; C₆H₄O₂, C₆H₄-(OH)O), 145.4, 146.3, 149.0, and 151.1 (C-1 and C-2; C₆H₄O₂, C₆H₄(OH)O). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃, 22 °C): δ -75.7. ²⁹Si VACP/ MAS NMR: *b* -75.4. Anal. Found: C, 66.4; H, 8.1; N, 3.4. Calcd for C₂₃H₃₃NO₄Si: C, 66.47; H, 8.00; N, 3.37.

Preparation of Bis[benzene-1,2-diolato(2–)][(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinio)methyl]silicate (12). A solution of **11** (1.00 g, 2.41 mmol) in acetonitrile (10 mL) was heated under reflux for 12 h. After the mixture was cooled to room temperature, the solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting product dried in vacuo (0.01 Torr, 20 °C, 1 h) to give **12** in quantitative yield as a colorless solid (961 mg, 2.41 mmol); mp 280 °C dec. The NMR data of the product were identical with those reported in ref 10. Anal. Found: C, 65.7; H, 7.3; N, 3.5. Calcd for $C_{22}H_{29}NO_4Si:$ C, 66.13; H, 7.32; N, 3.51.

Crystal Structure Analysis of 11·2CH₂Cl₂. A suitable single crystal of **11·2**CH₂Cl₂ was isolated after recrystallization of **11** from dichloromethane/*n*-pentane (see Preparation). The crystal was mounted in inert oil (perfluoroalkyl ether, ABCR) on a glass fiber and then transferred to the cold nitrogen gas stream of the diffractometer (Stoe IPDS; graphite-monochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å)). The structure was

solved by direct methods.^{14a} Except for the disordered CH_2Cl_2 molecules, all non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically.^{14b} A riding model was employed in the refinement of the CH hydrogen atom positions. The NH and OH hydrogen atoms were localized in difference Fourier syntheses and refined freely.

VT ¹H NMR Sudies. The VT ¹H NMR experiments with 11 were carried out analogously to the standard ¹H NMR measurements using a Bruker DRX-300 NMR spectrometer. CDCl₃ was used as the solvent. The thermocouple used with the probe was calibrated for higher temperatures according to ref 15 using a 80% solution of ethane-1,2-diol in [D₆]DMSO. Spectra were recorded in the temperature range 296-333 K. The time required for temperature equilibration was 15 min. The NMR data obtained were fitted and simulated using the Bruker software program WIN-DYNA 32 1.01 (line-shape analysis).¹⁶ The coupling of the protons A and B with the X proton (SiCH_AH_BNH_X spin system) was not resolved above 313 K but was considered for the line-shape analysis. From the simulated spectra the coalescence temperature $T_{\rm C}$ and the exchange rate $k_{\rm C}$ at the coalescence point were extracted, and the value for the activation free enthalphy ΔG^{\dagger} for the exchange process was calculated by using the Eyring equation:17

 $\Delta G^{\ddagger} = 19.14 T_{\rm C} [10.32 + \log(T_{\rm C}/k_{\rm C})] [\rm J \ mol^{-1}]$

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Supporting Information Available: Tables of crystal data, structure solution and refinement, atomic coordinates, bond lengths and angles, and anisotropic thermal parameters for **11**·2CH₂Cl₂. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at http://pubs.acs.org. In addition, crystallographic data (excluding structure factors) for the structure reported in this paper have been deposited with the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre as supplementary publication no. CCDC-178677. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge on application to CCDC, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK (fax: (+44) 1223/336033; e-mail: deposit@ ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

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