

Silicon—nitrogen bond cleavage in *N*-(dimethylimidosilylmethyl)imides and dimethyl(lactamomethyl)aminosilanes with BF₃ etherate as an alternative route to *N*-(dimethylfluorosilylmethyl)imides and related compounds

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N-(Dimethylfluorosilylmethyl)succinimide (**2a**) and *N*-(dimethylfluorosilylmethyl)phthalimide (**2b**) were synthesized by the Si—N bond cleavage in readily accessible *N*-(dimethylimidosilylmethyl)imides with BF₃ etherate. Analogously, (O→Si)-chelated 1-(dimethylfluorosilylmethyl)-2-pyrrolidone was prepared from 1-(dimethylmorpholinosilylmethyl)-2-pyrrolidone. X-ray diffraction study demonstrated that the silicon atom in the crystals of **2b** is pentacoordinated.

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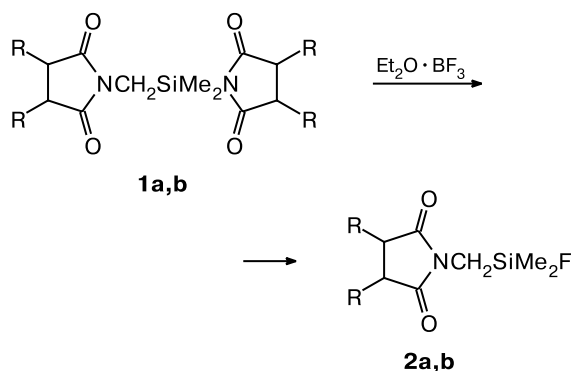
The influence of the structure of the amidomethyl and lactamomethyl ligands and the nature of substituents at the silicon atom on the degree of intramolecular O→Si coordination as well as on the reactivity and stereochemical nonrigidity of *N*-(silylmethyl)amides and *N*-(silylmethyl)lactams has been studied in detail.^{1–3} By contrast, their analogs, for example, *N*-(halodimethylsilylmethyl)imides, have received less attention (see, for example, Refs 4–6 and references therein). Nevertheless, these studies revealed substantial differences in the structure and chemical behavior of *N*-(dimethylchlorosilylmethyl)imides containing the five- and six-membered imide rings.^{6b} For example, no intramolecular O→Si coordination was observed by spectroscopic methods in a solution of *N*-(dimethylchlorosilylmethyl)succinimide, whereas this coordination in *N*-(dimethylchlorosilylmethyl)glutarimide was established by ²⁹Si NMR spectroscopy and X-ray diffraction. Moreover, succinimide and glutarimide give different types of products in reactions with a mixture of hexamethyldisilazane and dimethyl(chloromethyl)chlorosilane. The former reaction

affords *N*-(dimethylsuccinimidodisilylmethyl)succinimide (**1a**), whereas the latter reaction gives *N*-(dimethylchlorosilylmethyl)glutarimide.

Taking into account that *N*-(dimethylimidosilylmethyl)imides **1a,b** containing five-membered imide rings are readily formed and can easily be isolated, we examined the Si—N bond cleavage in these compounds with BF₃ etherate with the aim of preparing the corresponding *N*-(dimethylfluorosilylmethyl) derivatives. The H₃SiF and Me₃SiF compounds have previously been generated by the Si—N bond cleavage in (H₃Si)₃N,⁷ Me₃SiNMe₂,^{8a,8b} and (Me₃Si)₂NH,^{8a} respectively, with BF₃.

We found that the reaction of silylmethylimides **1a,b** with an excess of BF₃ etherate in CH₂Cl₂ affords the corresponding *N*-(dimethylfluorosilylmethyl)imides **2a,b** in good yields.

Using 1-(dimethylmorpholinosilylmethyl)-2-pyrrolidone (**3**) as an example, we demonstrated that the above method can be applied also to the synthesis of 1-(fluorodimethylsilylmethyl)-2-pyrrolidone (**4**) described earlier.⁹ The latter is one of the known *N*-(fluoro-



R = H (**a**), RCHCHR = *o*-C₆H₄ (**b**)

dimethylsilylmethyl)lactams containing the pentacoordinate silicon atom.

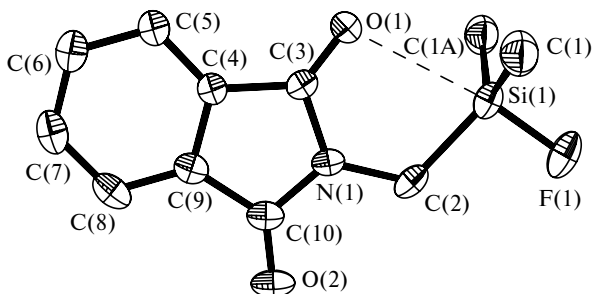
It should be noted that the common procedure for the synthesis of (O→Si)-chelated *N*-(fluorosilylmethyl)lactams, *N*-(fluorosilylmethyl)imides, and related compounds involves the reaction of alkoxy-silanes or siloxanes with BF₃ etherate.^{2,4,10,11}

The structures of compounds **1b** and **2a,b** were confirmed by IR and NMR spectroscopic data. The signals for the SiMe₂ and NCH₂ protons in the spectra of fluorides **2a,b** appear as doublets due to the spin-spin coupling with the fluorine atom. In the NMR spectra of many related compounds, in particular, of *N*-(trifluorosilylmethyl)succinimide,^{4a} no splitting of the signal caused by such a spin-spin coupling is observed. This is attributed to fast HF-initiated exchange of the fluorine atoms bound to the silicon atom. Traces of HF are generated through hydrolysis of fluorosilane with glass-adsorbed water or surface hydroxy groups.

The ¹³C NMR spectra of fluorides **2a,b** also show the N¹³CH₂—Si—¹⁹F and ¹³CH₃—Si—¹⁹F spin-spin coupling constants (see the Experimental section). The signal for the carbon atoms of the carbonyl groups are observed as one narrow singlet. This is indicative of the equivalence of both C=O groups, and is, apparently, evidence for the absence of the intramolecular O→Si coordination bond in these compounds.

In solutions of fluorides **2a,b** and *N*-(dimethylchlorosilylmethyl)succinimide,^{6b} this coupling was also not observed by ²⁹Si NMR spectroscopy. This is more reliably evidenced by the parameters of the ¹⁹F and ²⁹Si NMR spectra. The chemical shifts of the ²⁹Si signal in the spectra of **2a,b** (δ_{Si} 26.8 and 28.05, respectively) correspond to the tetrahedrally coordinated silicon atom.¹² For example, the chemical shifts of the silicon nuclei in the NMR spectra of ClCH₂SiMe₂F¹ and Me₃SiF¹³ are 23.1 and 30.5, respectively.

In turn, the position of the signal in the ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of fluoride **2b** (δ_F −158.2) is virtually identical to that in the spectrum of Me₃SiF (δ_F −158.0).¹⁴



Experimental

The IR spectra of solutions were measured in KBr cells on a double-beam Specord IR-75 spectrometer. The ¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁹F, and ²⁹Si NMR spectra were recorded in CDCl₃ on Varian XL-400 and Jeol JNM-EX400 spectrometers operating at 400.0, 100.6, 396, and 79.5 MHz, respectively. The ¹H, ¹³C, and ²⁹Si NMR spectra were measured with Me₄Si as the internal standard. The ¹⁹F NMR spectra were recorded with CFC1₃ as the external standard.

***N*-(Dimethylphthalimidodisilylmethyl)phthalimide (1b).** A mixture of phthalimide (8.2 g, 0.056 mol), hexamethyldisilazane (7.7 g, 0.048 mol), and chloromethyldimethylchlorosilane (8.02 g, 0.056 mol) in benzene (80 mL) was refluxed with stirring for 2 h and kept for 16 h. The salt was separated, the solvent was removed from the filtrate, and hexane (70 mL) was added to the residue. The crystals that formed were filtered off. Compound **1b** was obtained in a yield of 5 g (49%), m.p. 133–135 °C (hexane–benzene, 9 : 1). Found (%): C, 62.42; H, 4.48; N, 7.66. C₁₉H₁₆N₂O₄Si. Calculated (%): C, 62.62; H, 4.43; N, 7.69. IR (CHCl₃), ν/cm⁻¹: 1780 w, 1740 s, 1610 v.w (NCO, Ar). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ: 0.62 (s, 6 H, SiMe₂); 3.63 (s, 2 H, NCH₂); 7.70–7.96 (m, 8 H, Ar).

***N*-(Dimethylfluorosilylmethyl)succinimide (2a).** Boron trifluoride etherate (2.13 g, 0.015 mol) was added to a suspension of *N*-(dimethylsuccinimidodisilylmethyl)succinimide^{6b} (**1a**) (5.3 g, 0.02 mol) in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL). The reaction mixture was heated in a distillation flask at 100–120 °C until the solvent and diethyl ether (~4 mL) were removed. Fractionation of the residue afforded fluoride **2a** in a yield of 3.6 g (80%), b.p. 121–124 °C (7 Torr), *n*_D²⁰ 1.4634. Found (%): C, 44.30; H, 6.39; N, 7.10. C₇H₁₂FNO₂Si. Calculated (%): C, 44.42; H, 6.39; N, 7.40. IR (CHCl₃), ν/cm⁻¹: 1780 w, 1720 s (NCO). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ: 0.36 (d, 6 H, SiMe₂, ³*J*_{H,F} = 3 Hz); 2.80 (d, 4 H, CH₂CH₂, ³*J*_{H,F} = 2 Hz); 3.04 (s, 2 H, NCH₂). ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃), δ: 26.8 (d, ¹*J*_{Si,F} = 282.1 Hz).

***N*-(Dimethylfluorosilylmethyl)phthalimide (2b).** Boron trifluoride etherate (0.53 g, 0.004 mol) was added to a suspension of compound **1b** (1.82 g, 0.005 mol) in CH₂Cl₂ (4 mL). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 h, and diethyl ether (15 mL) was added. The resulting suspension was filtered off. The mother liquor was concentrated. Fluoride **2b** was obtained in a yield of 1.0 g (84%), m.p. 73–75 °C (hexane). Found (%): C, 55.54; H, 5.17; N, 5.89. C₁₁H₁₂NO₂SiF. Calculated (%): C, 55.67; H, 5.11; N, 5.90. IR (CHCl₃), ν/cm⁻¹: 1780 w, 1715 s, 1610 v.w (NCO, Ar). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃), δ: 0.32 (d, 6 H, SiMe₂, ³*J*_{H,F} = 7.5 Hz); 3.14 (d, 2 H, NCH₂, ³*J*_{H,F} = 4.2 Hz); 7.71 and 7.62 (both m, 4 H, C₆H₄). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃), δ: -1.72 (d, SiMe₂, ²*J*_{C,F} = 14.7 Hz); 27.52 (d, NCH₂, ²*J*_{C,F} = 21 Hz); 133.98 (C(4), C(7)), 132.20 (C(3), C(8)), 123.26 (C(5), C(6)), 168.56 (C=O). ¹⁹F NMR (CDCl₃), δ: -158.22. ²⁹Si NMR (CDCl₃), δ: 28.05 (d, ¹*J*_{Si,F} = 281.7 Hz).

1-(Dimethylmorpholinisilylmethyl)-2-pyrrolidone (3) was prepared by heating 1-(dimethylchlorosilylmethyl)-2-pyrrolidone and *N*-trimethylsilylmorpholine in 58% yield, b.p. 180–186 °C (12 Torr), *n*_D²⁰ 1.4937. Found (%): C, 54.26; H, 9.21; Si, 11.91. C₁₁H₂₂N₂O₂Si. Calculated (%): C, 54.51; H, 9.15; Si, 11.59. IR (CHCl₃), ν/cm⁻¹: 1685 (C=O).

1-(Dimethylfluorosilylmethyl)-2-pyrrolidone (4). A mixture of compound **3** (2.5 g, 0.01 mol) and BF₃·Et₂O (1.14 g,

0.008 mol) was warmed in a distillation flask at 30–50 °C until diethyl ether (0.5 mL) was removed. Fractionation of the residue afforded fluoride **4** in a yield of 1 g (57%), b.p. 120–121 °C (20 Torr), *n*_D²⁰ 1.4560 (cf. lit. data⁹: b.p. 103–104 °C (10 Torr), *n*_D²⁰ 1.4560).

X-ray diffraction study of compound 2b. Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction study were grown by recrystallization from hexane. X-ray diffraction data for the structure of **2b** were collected on an automated SMART CCD diffractometer. Colorless crystals, *a* = 7.006(2) Å, *b* = 13.933(2) Å, *c* = 23.433(5) Å, space group *Cmca*, *Z* = 8, *d*_{calc} = 1.285 g cm⁻³, at 120 K, 1633 independent reflections were measured (*R*_{int} = 0.049, 2θ_{max} = 60°). The structure was solved by direct methods. The H atoms were located from difference electron density maps. The structure was refined with anisotropic displacement parameters for nonhydrogen atoms. The H atoms were refined isotropically. The final *R* factors were *R*₁ = 0.060 for 895 reflections with *I* > 2σ(*I*), *wR*₂ = 0.163 for all reflections. All calculations were carried out using the SHELXTL program package (version 5.0)¹⁸ on IBM PC.

The atomic coordinates, bond lengths, bond angles, and torsion angles were deposited with the Cambridge Structural Database. The X-ray diffraction study was carried out in the Center of X-ray Diffraction Studies (A. N. Nesmeyanov Institute of Organoelement Compounds of the Russian Academy of Sciences).

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