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Crystal structure of nitridobis(trimethylsilanolato)[1,1,1-trimethyl-*N*-(trimethylsilyl)silanaminato]molybdenum(VI)

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In the title compound, $[Mo(C_6H_{18}NSi_2)(C_3H_9OSi)_2N]$, the Mo^{VI} cation is located on a mirror plane and is coordinated by a nitride anion, a 1,1,1trimethyl-*N*-(trimethylsilyl)silanaminate anion and two trimethylsilanolate anions in a distorted tetrahedral geometry; the N atom and two Si atoms of the 1,1,1-trimethyl-*N*-(trimethylsilyl)silanaminato anionic ligand are also located on the mirror plane. The Mo=N bond length of 1.633 (6) Å is much shorter than the Mo-N single-bond length of 1.934 (7) Å. No hydrogen bonding is observed in the crystal structure.

1. Chemical context

The title compound, nitridobis(trimethylsilanolato)[1,1,1trimethyl-*N*-(trimethylsilyl) σ ilanaminato]molybdenum, is a precursor for the preparation of nitridotris(triphenylsilanolato)molybdenum, which can generate alkylidynetris-(triphenylsilanolato)molybdenum, a superbly active catalyst for alkyne metathesis reactions (Bindl *et al.*, 2009; Heppekausen *et al.*, 2010). The structure of the title compound has been characterized by IR, ¹H and ¹³C NMR and low resolution MS spectroscopy (Chiu *et al.*, 1998; Bindl *et al.*, 2009; Heppekausen *et al.*, 2010). However, to our knowledge no crystal data have been reported because the title compound is an oil at room temperature, and is highly sensitive to air and moisture.



2. Structural commentary

In the crystal, the title complex (Fig. 1) resides on a crystallographic mirror plane, therefore, the asymmetric unit consists of half of the complex. Atoms Mo1, N1, N2, Si2, Si3, C4, and C6 lie on the mirror plane. The compound is a mononuclear metal complex. The Mo^{VI} complex adopts a slightly distorted tetrahedral geometry. The Mo1 \equiv N1 triple bond length is 1.633 (6) Å, which is shorter than the Mo \equiv N triple bond length in the B(C₆F₅)₃ complex [1.696 (3) Å; Finke & Moore, 2010), but is very close to that in the pyridine complex [1.640 (3) Å; Chiu *et al.*, 1998). This is reasonable because the



Figure 1

The crystal structure of the title compound. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level. [Symmetry code: (i) $x, \frac{3}{2} - y, z$.]

nitrido group is the terminal group in both the tile complex and the pyridine complex, whereas the nitrido group also bonds to the boron atom in the $B(C_6F_5)_3$ complex. The Mo1-N2 bond length [1.934(7) Å] is longer than that in the $B(C_6F_5)_3$ complex [1.914 (3) Å], but is shorter than that in the pyridine complex [1.973 (3) Å]. The Mo1–O1 bond length [1.886 (3) Å] is longer than those in the $B(C_6F_5)_3$ complex [1.838(3), 1.839(3)] Å], but is shorter than those in the pyridine complex [1.921 (3), 1.924 (2) Å]. It is also reasonable that the Mo1-N2 and Mo1-O1 bonds are strengthened in the $B(C_6F_5)_3$ complex, but weakened in the pyridine complex. In the $B(C_6F_5)_3$ complex, the Mo1=N1 bond is weakened due to the formation of a N1 \rightarrow B bond. Therefore, the rest of the bonds to the central Mo atom are strengthened. In the pyridine complex, however, the central Mo atom is five-coordinated with an extra bond between Mo and the nitrogen atom of pyridine. Since the Mo1=N1 triple bond is retained, the Mo1-N2 and Mo1-O1 bonds are weakened. Our assumption is that the central Mo atom has the same valence (+VI) in all three compounds.

3. Supramolecular features

No hydrogen bonding is observed in the crystal structure. The packing of the molecules is depicted in Fig. 2.

4. Database survey

The crystal structures of two similar compounds, *i.e.* the pyridine and tris(pentafluorophenyl)borane complexes of the

title compound, have been reported by Chiu *et al.* (1998) and Finke & Moore (2010), respectively. The crystal structures of other related nitridomolybdenum complexes include nitridomolybdenum complexes with alkoxy (Chan *et al.*, 1986; Gdula *et al.*, 2005; Finke & Moore, 2010; Wiedner *et al.*, 2011), silyloxy (Kim & DeKock, 1989; Chiu *et al.*, 1996; Bindl *et al.*, 2009; Heppekausen *et al.*, 2010; Heppekausen *et al.*, 2012), aryloxy (Zeller *et al.*, 2005; Wiedner *et al.*, 2011), amido (Gebeyehu *et al.*, 1991; Kim *et al.*, 1994; Laplaza *et al.*, 1996; Tsai *et al.*, 1999; Sceats *et al.*, 2004; Figueroa *et al.*, 2006; Curley *et al.*, 2008; Yandulov *et al.*, 2003; Wampler & Schrock, 2007; Reithofer *et al.*, 1995; Peters *et al.*, 2013) and other ligands (Caulton *et al.*, 1995; Peters *et al.*, 2008).

5. Synthesis and crystallization

The title compound was synthesized according to a literature method (Bindl *et al.*, 2009). A flask was charged with Na_2MoO_4 (40 mmol, 8.24 g), Me_3SiCl (160 mmol, 20.4 mL) and freshly distilled 1,2-dimethoxyethane (280 mL). The mixture was vigorously stirred under reflux for 16 h under N₂. After cooling to room temperature, the white suspension in the flask was place into a glove box filled with Ar. The solvent was evaporated and the light-blue residue suspended in





The packing of the title compound viewed along [101]. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 30% probability level.

freshly distilled hexane (280 ml). Solid LiN(SiMe₃)₂ (80 mmol, 13.4 g) was added in three portions over 1 h to the suspension. The brownish green mixture was stirred at room temperature for a further 4 h. For work-up, the suspension was filtered through a pad of Celite under Ar, the brown filtrate was concentrated and the residue distilled under high vacuum to give the title compound as a light-brown oil (3.4 g, 19% yield based on Na₂MoO₄). This oily product was left at 288 K for several days to give colorless crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction.

The crystals were first examined under a microscope. In order to avoid melting and reacting with air and moisture, crystals had to be submerged in several drops of inert oil cooled by ice. Then the selected crystal was quickly (less than 2 seconds) transferred to the cold nitrogen flow of the diffractometer. Initially, data collection was completed at 173 K. However, the final reduced data were not satisfactory. The unit-cell parameters were similar to those in Table 1, but R_{merge} was around 0.1. We suspected that there might be some kind of phase transition at 173 K, but did not perform any further investigations. By setting the temperature to 248 K, we found that the single crystal was stable, and the diffraction was completed at 248 K.

6. Refinement

Crystal data, data collection and structure refinement details are summarized in Table 1. The title complex resides on a crystallographic mirror plane. Therefore, only half of the complex is unique. Atoms Mo1, N1, N2, Si2, Si3, C4, and C6 lie on the mirror plane exactly. The Si(CH₃)₃ groups are highly disordered in the structure. Therefore, it is probably inappropriate to split the Si(CH₃)₃ group into two parts. Instead, the $Si(CH_3)_3$ groups are modeled in an ordered way, as if they are not disordered. In consequence, the Si-C bond lengths differ quite largely, and the ADPs of the methyl carbons are very eccentric. Therefore, several restraints were used including 'SADI 0.01 Si1 C1 Si1 C2 Si1 C3 Si2 C4 Si2 C5 Si3 C6 Si3 C7' (similar Si-C bond length) and 'ISOR 0.01 0.02 C1 C2 C3 C6 C7' (isotropic ADPs approximately). The C-bound H atoms were placed in calculated positions and treated as riding atoms: C-H = 0.97 Å with $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(C)$.

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Table 1	
Experimental	details.

Crystal data	
Chemical formula	$[Mo(C_6H_{18}NSi_2)(C_3H_9OSi)_2N]$
M _r	448.73
Crystal system, space group	Orthorhombic, Pnma
Temperature (K)	248
a, b, c (Å)	10.685 (2), 18.236 (4), 13.228 (3)
$V(Å^3)$	2577.5 (9)
Ζ	4
Radiation type	Μο Κα
$\mu (\text{mm}^{-1})$	0.70
Crystal size (mm)	$0.50 \times 0.45 \times 0.42$
Data collection	
Diffractometer	Rigaku Saturn724+ CCD
Absorption correction	Multi-scan (<i>CrystalClear</i> ; Rigaku, 2008)
T_{\min}, T_{\max}	0.417, 1.000
No. of measured, independent and observed $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections	9635, 2995, 2801
R _{int}	0.046
$(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{\rm max} ({\rm \AA}^{-1})$	0.648
Refinement	
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.068, 0.195, 1.19
No. of reflections	2995
No. of parameters	106
No. of restraints	51
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained
$\Delta \rho_{\rm max}, \Delta \rho_{\rm min} ({\rm e} {\rm \AA}^{-3})$	0.72, -0.73

Computer programs: CrystalClear (Rigaku, 2008), SHELXS2013 (Sheldrick, 2008), SHELXL2014 (Sheldrick, 2015), OLEX2 (Dolomanov et al., 2009) and CIFTAB (Sheldrick, 2008).

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Computing details

Data collection: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 2008); cell refinement: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 2008); data reduction: *CrystalClear* (Rigaku, 2008); program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS2013* (Sheldrick, 2008); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL2014* (Sheldrick, 2015); molecular graphics: *OLEX2* (Dolomanov *et al.*, 2009); software used to prepare material for publication: *CIFTAB* (Sheldrick, 2008).

Nitridobis (trimethyl silanolato) [1, 1, 1-trimethyl- N-(trimethyl silyl) silanaminato] molybdenum (VI)

Crystal data	
$[Mo(C_6H_{18}NSi_2)(C_3H_9OSi)_2N]$ $M_r = 448.73$ Orthorhombic, <i>Pnma</i> a = 10.685 (2) Å b = 18.236 (4) Å c = 13.228 (3) Å V = 2577.5 (9) Å ³ Z = 4 F(000) = 944	$D_x = 1.156 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$ Mo $K\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ Å}$ Cell parameters from 8012 reflections $\theta = 2.5-27.4^{\circ}$ $\mu = 0.70 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ T = 248 K Block, colorless $0.50 \times 0.45 \times 0.42 \text{ mm}$
Data collection	
Rigaku Saturn724+ CCD diffractometer Radiation source: Sealed Tube Detector resolution: 28.5714 pixels mm ⁻¹ ω scans at fixed $\chi = 45^{\circ}$ Absorption correction: multi-scan (CrystalClear; Rigaku, 2008) $T_{\rm min} = 0.417, T_{\rm max} = 1.000$	9635 measured reflections 2995 independent reflections 2801 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ $R_{int} = 0.046$ $\theta_{max} = 27.4^\circ, \ \theta_{min} = 3.3^\circ$ $h = -9 \rightarrow 13$ $k = -23 \rightarrow 12$ $l = -17 \rightarrow 17$
Refinement	
Refinement on F^2 Least-squares matrix: full $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.068$	Hydrogen site location: inferred from neighbouring sites H-atom parameters constrained

neighbouring sites H-atom parameters constrained $w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0923P)^2 + 2.659P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$ $(\Delta/\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.003$ $\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.72$ e Å⁻³ $\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.73$ e Å⁻³

 $wR(F^2) = 0.195$

2995 reflections

106 parameters

51 restraints

S = 1.19

Special details

Geometry. All e.s.d.'s (except the e.s.d. in the dihedral angle between two l.s. planes) are estimated using the full covariance matrix. The cell e.s.d.'s are taken into account individually in the estimation of e.s.d.'s in distances, angles and torsion angles; correlations between e.s.d.'s in cell parameters are only used when they are defined by crystal symmetry. An approximate (isotropic) treatment of cell e.s.d.'s is used for estimating e.s.d.'s involving l.s. planes.

	x	У	Ζ	$U_{ m iso}$ */ $U_{ m eq}$
Mol	0.66543 (5)	0.7500	0.47814 (4)	0.0529 (2)
Si1	0.7956 (2)	0.58706 (10)	0.44615 (17)	0.0902 (6)
Si2	0.39517 (18)	0.7500	0.39202 (15)	0.0622 (5)
Si3	0.4241 (2)	0.7500	0.62778 (19)	0.1028 (10)
01	0.7220 (3)	0.66325 (17)	0.4154 (3)	0.0663 (8)
N1	0.7248 (6)	0.7500	0.5919 (5)	0.0750 (17)
N2	0.4871 (6)	0.7500	0.5029 (4)	0.0657 (15)
C1	0.9544 (8)	0.6185 (7)	0.4818 (10)	0.196 (6)
H1A	1.0049	0.5767	0.5013	0.294*
H1B	0.9929	0.6430	0.4246	0.294*
H1C	0.9485	0.6524	0.5381	0.294*
C2	0.7505 (14)	0.5537 (6)	0.5716 (7)	0.203 (6)
H2A	0.7959	0.5089	0.5866	0.305*
H2B	0.7705	0.5906	0.6219	0.305*
H2C	0.6613	0.5439	0.5728	0.305*
C3	0.8115 (14)	0.5296 (6)	0.3335 (8)	0.255 (8)
H3A	0.8547	0.4846	0.3510	0.383*
H3B	0.7291	0.5180	0.3072	0.383*
H3C	0.8590	0.5558	0.2825	0.383*
C4	0.4993 (7)	0.7500	0.2804 (5)	0.080 (2)
H4A	0.4491	0.7500	0.2193	0.119*
H4B	0.5517	0.7066	0.2817	0.119*
C5	0.2968 (7)	0.6661 (4)	0.3858 (7)	0.117 (3)
H5A	0.2470	0.6670	0.3245	0.175*
H5B	0.3502	0.6231	0.3855	0.175*
H5C	0.2419	0.6644	0.4441	0.175*
C6	0.2517 (7)	0.7500	0.6258 (11)	0.170 (6)
H6A	0.2202	0.7500	0.6945	0.255*
H6B	0.2221	0.7066	0.5908	0.255*
C7	0.4771 (8)	0.6677 (4)	0.6971 (6)	0.143 (3)
H7A	0.4424	0.6682	0.7648	0.214*
H7B	0.4490	0.6240	0.6619	0.214*
H7C	0.5678	0.6676	0.7009	0.214*

Fractional atomic coordinates and isotropic or equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (\hat{A}^2)

Atomic displacement parameters $(Å^2)$

	U^{11}	U^{22}	U^{33}	U^{12}	U^{13}	<i>U</i> ²³
Mo1	0.0528 (4)	0.0577 (4)	0.0483 (3)	0.000	-0.0068 (2)	0.000
Si1	0.1046 (13)	0.0658 (9)	0.1000 (13)	0.0228 (9)	0.0059 (11)	0.0208 (9)

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Si2	0.0523 (10)	0.0781 (12)	0.0563 (10)	0.000	-0.0071 (8)	0.000
Si3	0.0779 (16)	0.177 (3)	0.0534 (12)	0.000	0.0106 (11)	0.000
01	0.073 (2)	0.0543 (17)	0.072 (2)	0.0035 (16)	-0.0098 (17)	0.0003 (15)
N1	0.078 (4)	0.085 (4)	0.062 (3)	0.000	-0.020 (3)	0.000
N2	0.051 (3)	0.097 (4)	0.049 (3)	0.000	-0.007 (2)	0.000
C1	0.134 (8)	0.189 (11)	0.265 (13)	0.050 (9)	-0.032 (8)	0.061 (9)
C2	0.261 (13)	0.140 (8)	0.209 (11)	0.017 (9)	0.030 (11)	0.097 (8)
C3	0.394 (17)	0.138 (8)	0.233 (14)	0.132 (10)	-0.047 (11)	-0.063 (9)
C4	0.069 (4)	0.119 (6)	0.050 (3)	0.000	-0.010 (3)	0.000
C5	0.100 (5)	0.128 (6)	0.121 (6)	-0.041 (5)	-0.012 (5)	-0.001 (5)
C6	0.116 (9)	0.294 (15)	0.101 (8)	0.000	0.035 (7)	0.000
C7	0.176 (8)	0.173 (8)	0.080 (4)	-0.033 (7)	0.018 (5)	0.043 (5)

Geometric parameters (Å, °)

Mo1—N1	1.633 (6)	C1—H1C	0.9700	
Mo1—N2	1.934 (7)	C2—H2A	0.9700	
Mo1-O1 ⁱ	1.886 (3)	C2—H2B	0.9700	
Mo1—O1	1.886 (3)	C2—H2C	0.9700	
Si1—O1	1.648 (4)	С3—НЗА	0.9700	
Si1—C3	1.830 (8)	С3—Н3В	0.9700	
Si1—C2	1.832 (7)	С3—НЗС	0.9700	
Sil—Cl	1.852 (8)	C4—H4A	0.9700	
Si2—N2	1.766 (6)	C4—H4B	0.9700	
Si2—C4	1.849 (6)	C5—H5A	0.9700	
Si2—C5	1.859 (6)	С5—Н5В	0.9700	
Si2—C5 ⁱ	1.859 (6)	С5—Н5С	0.9700	
Si3—N2	1.783 (7)	C6—H6A	0.9700	
Si3—C6	1.842 (8)	С6—Н6В	0.9700	
Si3—C7 ⁱ	1.848 (6)	С7—Н7А	0.9700	
Si3—C7	1.848 (6)	С7—Н7В	0.9700	
C1—H1A	0.9700	С7—Н7С	0.9700	
C1—H1B	0.9700			
N1 Ma1 Oli	106 22 (16)		100.5	
N1 - M01 - 01	100.55(10) 106.24(16)		109.5	
N1 - M01 - 01	100.34(10) 114.0(2)		109.5	
$M_{\rm Mol} = M_{\rm Ol}$	114.0(2) 102.1(2)	SII = C2 = H2A	109.5	
$M_1 = M_0 I = M_2$	105.1(5) 112.08(12)	$SII - C_2 - H_2 B$	109.5	
O1 - MO1 - N2	112.96 (13)	$n_2 A - C_2 - n_2 B$	109.5	
01 - 101 - 102	112.98 (15)	$H_{2A} = C_2 - H_2C$	109.5	
01 - 511 - C3	109.0(4)	$H_2A = C_2 = H_2C$	109.5	
$C_2 = C_2$	112.2 (4)	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	109.5	
$C_3 = S_{11} = C_2$	124.9 (6)	$SII = C_3 = H_3A$	109.5	
01 - 511 - C1	105.8 (4)	$SII - C_3 - H_3B$	109.5	
$C_3 = S_1 = C_1$	10/.4 (/)	$H_{3}A - C_{3} - H_{3}B$	109.5	
$U_2 = S_{11} = U_1$	90.3 (0) 100.2 (2)	$SII - C_3 - H_3C$	109.5	
$N_2 = S_{12} = C_4$	109.2 (3)	$H_{3}A - C_{3} - H_{3}C$	109.5	
N2-S12-C3	110.6 (3)	H3B	109.5	

C4—Si2—C5	107.8 (3)	Si2—C4—H4A	109.5
N2—Si2—C5 ⁱ	110.6 (3)	Si2—C4—H4B	109.5
C4—Si2—C5 ⁱ	107.8 (3)	H4A—C4—H4B	109.5
C5—Si2—C5 ⁱ	110.9 (5)	Si2—C5—H5A	109.5
N2—Si3—C6	111.3 (5)	Si2—C5—H5B	109.5
N2—Si3—C7 ⁱ	110.1 (3)	H5A—C5—H5B	109.5
C6—Si3—C7 ⁱ	108.3 (4)	Si2—C5—H5C	109.5
N2—Si3—C7	110.1 (3)	H5A—C5—H5C	109.5
C6—Si3—C7	108.3 (4)	H5B—C5—H5C	109.5
C7 ⁱ —Si3—C7	108.6 (6)	Si3—C6—H6A	109.5
Si1—O1—Mo1	138.7 (2)	Si3—C6—H6B	109.5
Si2—N2—Si3	124.0 (4)	H6A—C6—H6B	109.5
Si2—N2—Mo1	114.0 (3)	Si3—C7—H7A	109.5
Si3—N2—Mo1	121.9 (3)	Si3—C7—H7B	109.5
Si1—C1—H1A	109.5	H7A—C7—H7B	109.5
Si1—C1—H1B	109.5	Si3—C7—H7C	109.5
H1A—C1—H1B	109.5	H7A—C7—H7C	109.5
Si1—C1—H1C	109.5	H7B—C7—H7C	109.5
C3—Si1—O1—Mo1	179.5 (6)	C4—Si2—N2—Mo1	0.000(1)
C2—Si1—O1—Mo1	36.8 (7)	C5—Si2—N2—Mo1	118.4 (3)
C1—Si1—O1—Mo1	-66.3 (6)	C5 ⁱ —Si2—N2—Mo1	-118.4 (3)
N1—Mo1—O1—Si1	9.5 (4)	C6—Si3—N2—Si2	0.000(1)
O1 ⁱ —Mo1—O1—Si1	126.4 (3)	C7 ⁱ —Si3—N2—Si2	-120.1 (3)
N2—Mo1—O1—Si1	-102.8 (4)	C7—Si3—N2—Si2	120.1 (3)
C4—Si2—N2—Si3	180.000 (1)	C6—Si3—N2—Mo1	180.000(1)
C5—Si2—N2—Si3	-61.6 (3)	C7 ⁱ —Si3—N2—Mo1	59.9 (3)
C5 ⁱ —Si2—N2—Si3	61.6 (3)	C7—Si3—N2—Mo1	-59.9 (3)

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