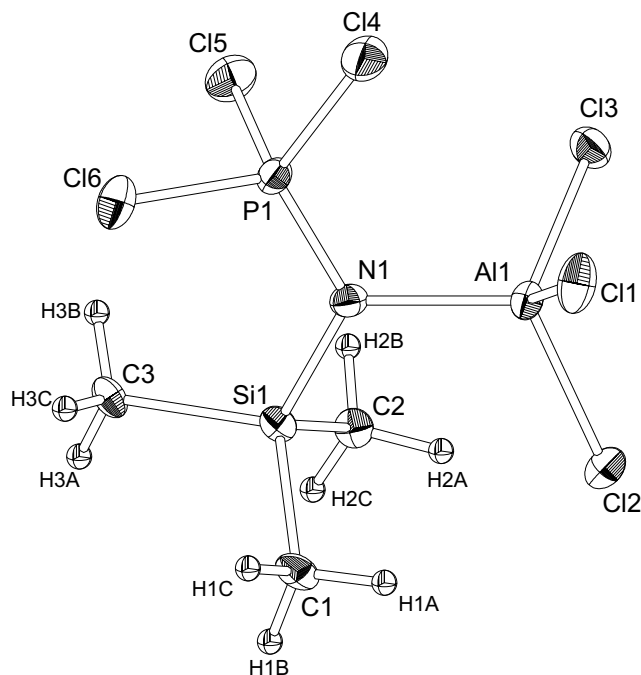


Crystal structure of trichloro(*N*-trimethylsilyl)phosphoranimine-trichloroaluminum, $[(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{Si}(\text{N})\text{PCl}_3\text{AlCl}_3]$

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The nitrogen atom in $[\text{Me}_3\text{SiNPCl}_3\text{AlCl}_3]$ is in an almost trigonal planar coordination, while aluminum, phosphorus, and silicon are nearly tetrahedrally coordinated, respectively. The Al—N distance (194.2(6) pm) is in line with other donor-acceptor complexes between AlCl_3 and amines or imines [3,4]. While the P—N distance (160.6(6) pm) is typical for a P—N double bond, all other bond lengths confirm the presence of single bonds (e.g. $d(\text{Si—N}) = 182.6(6)$ pm, $d(\text{Si—C}) = 187.6(7)$ pm).

Table 1. Data collection and handling.

Crystal:	colourless, irregular, size $0.25 \times 0.30 \times 0.35$ mm
Wavelength:	Mo K_α radiation (0.71073 Å)
μ :	14.23 cm^{-1}
Diffractometer, scan mode:	Bruker AXS SMART 1000, ω
$2\theta_{\text{max}}$:	56.66°
$N(hkl)_{\text{measured}}$, $N(hkl)_{\text{unique}}$:	23186, 6573
Criterion for I_{obs} , $N(hkl)_{\text{gt}}$:	$I_{\text{obs}} > 2 \sigma(I_{\text{obs}})$, 5667
$N(\text{param})_{\text{refined}}$:	241
Programs:	SHELXTL-NT [5], DIAMOND [6]

Abstract

$\text{C}_3\text{H}_9\text{AlCl}_6\text{NPSi}$, monoclinic, $P12_1/c1$ (No. 14), $a = 15.541(3)$ Å, $b = 12.615(2)$ Å, $c = 16.210(3)$ Å, $\beta = 116.128(2)^\circ$, $V = 2853.3$ Å³, $Z = 8$, $R_{\text{gt}}(F) = 0.077$, $wR_{\text{ref}}(F^2) = 0.231$, $T = 100$ K.

Source of material

All manipulations were carried out under inert conditions. To a suspension of 3.1 g (0.023 mol) AlCl_3 in 200 ml hexane was added a solution of 10.4 g (0.046 mol) $\text{Me}_3\text{SiNPCl}_3$ in 200 ml hexane at 195 K. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature, and subsequently refluxed for 1 h. Allowing the as obtained solution to stand at ambient temperature colorless crystals grew overnight.

Discussion

Recently, we reported on single source precursors for the ceramic systems B/P/N/(C) and Al/P/N/(C) [1,2]. The phosphorane iminato complex $[\text{Cl}_2\text{AlNPCl}_3]_2$ was prepared as a molecular precursor in a two-stage reaction starting from $\text{Me}_3\text{SiNPCl}_3$ and AlCl_3 [2]. During this reaction the title compound $[\text{Me}_3\text{SiNPCl}_3\text{AlCl}_3]$ occurs as an unstable intermediate, which readily decomposes into $[\text{Cl}_2\text{AlNPCl}_3]_2$. However, under specific reaction conditions it is possible to isolate the donor-acceptor complex $[\text{Me}_3\text{SiNPCl}_3\text{AlCl}_3]$ and to get single crystals of it.

Table 2. Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å²).

Atom	Site	<i>x</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>U</i> _{iso}
H(3A)	4e	0.9993	0.7892	0.5872	0.025
H(3B)	4e	0.9346	0.8117	0.6395	0.025
H(3C)	4e	0.9803	0.9085	0.6084	0.025
H(2A)	4e	0.7533	0.7008	0.3802	0.026
H(2B)	4e	0.7855	0.6678	0.4850	0.026
H(2C)	4e	0.8608	0.6622	0.4424	0.026
H(1A)	4e	0.8151	0.9281	0.3385	0.029
H(1B)	4e	0.9208	0.8788	0.3841	0.029
H(1C)	4e	0.8995	0.9879	0.4221	0.029
H(4A)	4e	0.3836	0.8192	0.1879	0.036
H(4B)	4e	0.3199	0.8080	0.2427	0.036
H(4C)	4e	0.3443	0.9230	0.2169	0.036
H(5A)	4e	0.1432	0.9884	0.1217	0.032
H(5B)	4e	0.1058	0.8786	0.1435	0.032
H(5C)	4e	0.0649	0.9201	0.0398	0.032
H(6A)	4e	0.1294	0.6973	−0.0018	0.030
H(6B)	4e	0.1898	0.6629	0.1032	0.030
H(6C)	4e	0.2415	0.6728	0.0373	0.030

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Table 3. Atomic coordinates and displacement parameters (in Å²).

Atom	Site	x	y	z	U ₁₁	U ₂₂	U ₃₃	U ₁₂	U ₁₃	U ₂₃
Al(1)	4e	0.6190(1)	0.9110(2)	0.3813(1)	0.0154(9)	0.017(1)	0.0131(9)	0.0007(7)	0.0039(7)	0.0002(7)
Cl(1)	4e	0.5618(1)	1.0677(1)	0.3479(1)	0.0280(9)	0.0183(8)	0.0227(8)	0.0024(7)	−0.0003(7)	0.0023(6)
Cl(2)	4e	0.6293(1)	0.8465(2)	0.2642(1)	0.0251(8)	0.038(1)	0.0147(7)	0.0015(7)	0.0076(7)	−0.0006(7)
Cl(3)	4e	0.5321(1)	0.8097(1)	0.4192(1)	0.0177(7)	0.0254(8)	0.0247(8)	−0.0025(6)	0.0097(6)	0.0023(7)
P(1)	4e	0.7494(1)	0.9415(1)	0.5855(1)	0.0170(8)	0.0219(9)	0.0126(7)	0.0025(7)	0.0055(6)	0.0001(6)
Cl(4)	4e	0.6370(1)	1.0213(2)	0.5784(1)	0.0265(9)	0.045(1)	0.0235(9)	0.0117(8)	0.0111(7)	−0.0058(8)
Cl(5)	4e	0.7591(2)	0.8170(2)	0.6643(1)	0.035(1)	0.035(1)	0.0237(9)	−0.0001(8)	0.0136(8)	0.0082(7)
Cl(6)	4e	0.8597(1)	1.0317(2)	0.6615(1)	0.0282(9)	0.0299(9)	0.0200(8)	−0.0038(7)	0.0038(7)	−0.0063(7)
Si(1)	4e	0.8433(1)	0.8432(2)	0.4793(1)	0.0140(8)	0.0154(8)	0.0187(9)	0.0008(6)	0.0079(7)	0.0008(7)
C(3)	4e	0.9523(4)	0.8375(5)	0.5920(5)	0.011(3)	0.016(3)	0.023(3)	0.004(2)	0.006(3)	0.002(2)
C(2)	4e	0.8062(5)	0.7014(5)	0.4422(5)	0.019(3)	0.014(3)	0.019(3)	−0.001(2)	0.008(3)	0.000(2)
C(1)	4e	0.8732(5)	0.9184(6)	0.3961(5)	0.017(3)	0.019(3)	0.025(3)	0.001(3)	0.012(3)	0.011(3)
N(1)	4e	0.7435(4)	0.9111(4)	0.4874(4)	0.018(3)	0.017(3)	0.015(3)	0.002(2)	0.009(2)	0.001(2)
Al(2)	4e	0.1336(1)	0.9072(2)	−0.1312(1)	0.0144(9)	0.0170(9)	0.0125(9)	−0.0007(7)	0.0041(7)	0.0003(7)
Cl(7)	4e	0.0082(1)	0.8338(2)	−0.1349(1)	0.0165(7)	0.0299(9)	0.0217(8)	−0.0045(6)	0.0054(6)	0.0023(7)
Cl(8)	4e	0.0990(1)	1.0660(1)	−0.1806(1)	0.0239(8)	0.0185(8)	0.0217(8)	0.0021(6)	0.0054(7)	0.0032(6)
Cl(9)	4e	0.1852(1)	0.8125(2)	−0.2093(1)	0.0287(9)	0.0302(9)	0.0203(8)	0.0018(7)	0.0117(7)	−0.0077(7)
P(2)	4e	0.3413(1)	0.9413(1)	0.0074(1)	0.0141(8)	0.0191(8)	0.0150(8)	−0.0017(6)	0.0061(6)	0.0000(6)
Cl(10)	4e	0.4128(1)	1.0373(1)	0.1120(1)	0.0193(8)	0.0215(8)	0.0235(8)	−0.0051(6)	0.0051(6)	−0.0050(6)
Cl(11)	4e	0.4270(1)	0.8173(2)	0.0291(1)	0.0201(8)	0.0256(9)	0.0315(9)	0.0033(7)	0.0116(7)	−0.0044(7)
Cl(12)	4e	0.3445(1)	1.0158(2)	−0.0986(1)	0.0224(8)	0.042(1)	0.0223(8)	−0.0082(8)	0.0103(7)	0.0083(7)
Si(2)	4e	0.2193(1)	0.8447(2)	0.0854(1)	0.0166(8)	0.0162(9)	0.0137(8)	−0.0012(7)	0.0067(7)	−0.0002(6)
C(4)	4e	0.3299(5)	0.8493(6)	0.1964(5)	0.028(4)	0.027(4)	0.014(3)	−0.005(3)	0.005(3)	0.000(3)
C(5)	4e	0.1218(5)	0.9164(6)	0.0993(5)	0.025(3)	0.023(3)	0.022(3)	0.002(3)	0.015(3)	−0.001(3)
C(6)	4e	0.1917(5)	0.7025(5)	0.0521(5)	0.024(3)	0.017(3)	0.020(3)	0.000(3)	0.010(3)	0.003(3)
N(2)	4e	0.2366(4)	0.9107(4)	−0.0075(4)	0.017(3)	0.015(3)	0.017(3)	−0.001(2)	0.010(2)	0.002(2)

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