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# Crystal structure of a three-coordinate lithium complex with monodentate phenyloxazoline and hexamethyldisilylamide ligands 

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The reaction of lithium hexamethyldisilylamide, $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left\{\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)_{2}\right\}\right]$ (LiHMDS), with 4,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-2-oxazoline (Phox, $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}$ ) in hexane produced colourless crystals of bis(4,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-2-oxazoline- $\kappa N$ )(hexamethyl-disilylamido- $\kappa N)$ lithium, $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{NSi}_{2}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}\right)_{2}\right]$ or $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left\{\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)_{2}\right\}\right.$ (Phox) $)_{2}$ ] in high yield (89\%). Despite the $1: 1$ proportion of the starting materials in the reaction mixture, the product formed with a 1:2 amide:oxazoline ratio. In the unit cell of the $C 2 / c$ space group, the neutral molecules lie on twofold rotation axes coinciding with the $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N}$ (amide) bonds. The lithium(I) centre adopts a trigonal-planar coordination geometry with three nitrogen donor atoms, one from the HMDS anion and two from the oxazolines. All ligands are monodentate. In the phenyloxazoline units, the dihedral angle defined by the five-membered heterocyclic rings is $35.81(5)^{\circ}$, while the phenyl substituents are approximately face-to-face, separated by 3.908 (5) $\AA$. In the amide, the methyl groups assume a nearly eclipsed arrangement to minimize steric repulsion with the analogous substituents on the oxazoline rings. The non-covalent interactions in the solid-state structure of $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left\{\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)_{2}\right\}(\text { Phox })_{2}\right]$ were assessed by Hirshfeld surface analysis and fingerprint plots. This new compound is attractive for catalysis due to its unique structural features.

## 1. Chemical context

Oxazolines are a family of cyclic aminoethers characterized by five-membered heterocyclic rings containing one unsaturation. They can be prepared using various methods that typically involve the cyclization of an aminoalcohol as a general process (Mulahmetovic \& Hargaden, 2019). These compounds have been widely used in synthesis, catalysis, and as proligands in coordination chemistry (Connon et al., 2021; Liu et al., 2016; Rasappan et al., 2008; McManus \& Guiry, 2004; Gómez et al., 1999).

Metal complexes containing monodentate, $N$-donor monooxazoline ligands are reasonably frequent in the solid state (Huang et al., 2014; Del Río \& Gossage, 2009; Barclay et al., 2003; Valk et al., 1994; Michelin et al., 1991). In the case of 2-phenyloxazolines (Phox), which are of interest to this work, the chelating behaviour is more common and involves a second donor atom, generally $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{S}$ or Se , in the ortho position of the aromatic ring (Volpe et al., 2010; Bottini et al., 2010). Phox complexes of $d$-block metals have been studied as catalysts (Abu-Elfotoh, 2017; Bagherzadeh et al., 2008; Kandasamy et al., 2004).

Lithium hexamethyldisilylamide (LiHMDS), in turn, was first crystallographically characterized as a cyclic, trimeric compound with alternating nitrogen and lithium atoms in a
planar six-membered ring (Mootz et al., 1969). This complex and other bulky $M \mathrm{~N}\left(\mathrm{Si}_{3}\right)_{2}$ bis(trialkylsilyl)amides $(M=$ alkali metal; $R=\mathrm{Me}, \mathrm{Et},{ }^{i} \mathrm{Pr},{ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}, \mathrm{Ph}$, etc.) are widely used in organic synthesis as deprotonating agents due to their low nucleophilicity and strong Brønsted basicity (Neufeld et al., 2016; Tang et al., 2005; Beak et al., 1996), and in coordination chemistry as sterically demanding starting materials to impose low coordination numbers (Mohamed, 2010; Power, 2004). In both fields, the high solubility conferred by the trimethylsilyl substituents in a wide range of non-polar organic solvents is an advantage of working with $\mathrm{HMDS}^{-}$in synthetic procedures (Ojeda-Amador et al., 2016).

In this paper, we report the synthesis, crystal and molecular structures of the mononuclear, three-coordinate lithium(I) complex $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left\{\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)_{2}\right\}(\text { Phox })_{2}\right]$ (Phox $=4,4$-dimethyl-2-phenyl-2-oxazoline). The product crystallized directly from the reaction mixture at 253 K , following an attempt to deprotonate the oxazoline by reaction between $\left[\mathrm{LiN}\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)_{2}\right]$ and Phox in hexane.


## 2. Structural commentary

The $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left\{\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)_{2}\right\}(\text { Phox })_{2}\right]$ complex crystallizes in the $C 2 / c$ space group as a discrete molecular unit with no solvent in the unit cell. The asymmetric unit comprises half of the anionic hexamethyldisilylamide ligand, $\left\{\mathrm{N}_{0.5}\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)\right\}^{0.5-}$, and one neutral 4,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-2-oxazoline molecule, both coordinated to the lithium centre solely by the nitrogen atoms. Proper rotation about a twofold axis passing through the $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N} 1$ bond (symmetry operation $-x+1, y,-z+\frac{1}{2}$ ) leads to the complete, neutral lithium complex molecule. The coordination sphere of lithium(I) presents a trigonal-planar geometry with no deviation from planarity, Fig. 1. In this environment, the two five-membered oxazoline rings (each with a planarity deviation of $0.082^{\circ}$ ) form a dihedral angle $(\alpha)$ of $35.81(5)^{\circ}$. At the same time, the distance between the approximately face-to-face phenyl substituents equals 3.908 (5) Å, Fig. 2.

The $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N}$ bonds are 2.126 (2) and 1.942 (3) A long for the oxazoline and amide ligands, respectively. Such a significant


Figure 1
View of the molecular structure of $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left\{\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)_{2}\right\}(\mathrm{Phox})_{2}\right]$, with the atom-numbering scheme. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level. Symmetry code: (i) $-x+1, y,-z+\frac{1}{2}$.
bond-length variation comes from the stronger interaction of the lithium centre with the anionic amide nitrogen (higher negative density charge) compared to the neutral oxazoline. Similar 0.1-0.2 A bond-distance differences have been used to distinguish 'ionic' from 'dative' $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N}$ bonds (Henderson et al., 1997; Gregory et al., 1991) and were reported earlier for other mononuclear, trigonal planar Li complexes containing


Figure 2
Distance between the phenyl rings (red dashed line) and dihedral angle $(\alpha)$ between the five-membered oxazoline rings. Grey: carbon; red: oxygen; blue: nitrogen; light blue: silicon; purple: lithium. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level. Hydrogen atoms are excluded for clarity.


Figure 3
Left: Molecular structure of $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left\{\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)_{2}\right\}(\text { Phox })_{2}\right]$, showing the eclipsed conformation of the hexamethyldisilylamide ligands. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level. Right: Space-filling representation of the title compound, emphasizing the efficient shielding of the lithium cation by the methyl and phenyl substituents of the HMDS ${ }^{-}$and Phox ligands.
an amide $\left(\mathrm{N}\left\{\mathrm{Si}_{3}\right\}_{2}{ }^{-}, \mathrm{NArH}^{-}\right)$and a neutral ligand such as sparteine, $N, N, N^{\prime}, N^{\prime}$-tetramethylethylenediamine, and $N^{\prime}, N^{\prime}$, $N^{\prime \prime}, N^{\prime \prime}, N^{\prime \prime \prime}$-tetramethylethylenediamine (Clark et al., 2009; Henderson et al., 1997; Fjeldberg et al., 1984). The $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N}_{\text {oxazoline }}$ bond is longer than analogous bonds reported for dimeric lithium(I) complexes with bidentate [Jantzi et al., 2006; average 2.044 (3) Å] and tridentate oxazoline ligands [Stol et al., 2005; average 1.996 (3) Å]; the difference can be ascribed to distinct $\mathrm{Li}^{+}$coordination numbers and ligands' denticities and bulk. To our knowledge, the title compound is
the first example of a monodentate oxazoline complex of lithium(I) structurally characterized in the solid state.

In $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left\{\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)_{2}\right\}(\text { Phox })_{2}\right]$, the methyl groups of the hexamethyldisilylamide moieties are nearly eclipsed (Fig. 3), with a dihedral angle of $5.80(7)^{\circ}$ between the $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{N} 1$ and the $\mathrm{C} 3^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{Si}^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{N} 1$ planes. Additionally, if one defines a vector connecting the symmetry-related Si and $\mathrm{Si}^{\mathrm{i}}$ centres (Randazzo et al., 2006), the relative positions of the $\mathrm{C} 3 / \mathrm{C} 3^{i}, \mathrm{C} 2 / \mathrm{C} 1^{\mathrm{i}}$ and $\mathrm{C} 1 / \mathrm{C} 2^{\mathrm{i}}$ pairs across this vector produce $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{Si} \cdots \mathrm{Si}^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{i}}$ torsion angles of $-8.846(11),-2.52(7)$ and $-2.52(7)^{\circ}$, respectively (average value $-4.63^{\circ}$ ). These figures are close to the $0^{\circ}$ value attributed to the eclipsed conformation (Eliel \& Wilen, 1994). Small torsion angles also appear in the amide ligand of $\left[\mathrm{Cs}\left\{\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{SiMe}_{3}\right)_{2}\right\}(\right.$ tmeea $\left.)\right]$ (tmeea $=\operatorname{tris}[2-(2-$ methoxyethoxy $)$ ethyl $]$ amine $)]$, $\quad\left[\left\{\mathrm{K}\left(\mathrm{N}\left\{\mathrm{SiMe}_{3}\right\}_{2}\right)\left({ }^{t} \mathrm{Bu}-\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)\right\}_{2}\right]$, and $\left[\left\{\mathrm{K}\left(\mathrm{N}\left\{\mathrm{SiMe}_{3}\right\}_{2}\right)\left(\mathrm{Me}_{3} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)\right\}_{2}\right]$, with average values of -3.81 (4), 4.70 and $0.75^{\circ}$ respectively (Ojeda-Amador et al., 2016; Randazzo et al., 2006). A larger deviation from $0^{\circ}$ appears in $[\mathrm{K}(18$-crown- 6$)]\left[\mathrm{Li}\left\{\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{SiMe}_{3}\right)_{2}\right\}_{2}\right]$ (mean torsion angle $-11.40^{\circ}$; Davison et al., 2023) and in the polymeric $\left[\left\{\left(\mathrm{Me}_{3} \mathrm{Si}\right)_{2} \mathrm{NLi}\right\}\left\{\left(\mathrm{Me}_{3} \mathrm{Si}\right)_{2} \mathrm{NK}\right\}\right]_{\infty}\left(-11.94^{\circ}\right.$; Morris et al., 2007). On the other hand, the methyl groups of unsolvated $\mathrm{K}(\mathrm{N}$ $\left\{\mathrm{SiMe}_{3}\right\}_{2}$ ) adopt an intermediate mean torsion angle of $38.29^{\circ}$ (Tesh et al., 1990), while in $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left\{\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{SiMe}_{3}\right)_{2}\right\}\left(\mathrm{Me}_{6}\right.\right.$ Tren $\left.)\right]$ $\left(\mathrm{Me}_{6}\right.$ Tren $=$ tris[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]amine) the average angle is $59.9^{\circ}$, almost exactly the ideal value of $60^{\circ}$ for a staggered conformation (Cousins et al., 2010). In the present work, eclipsing implies less repulsion between the bulky methyl groups of both the hexamethyldisilylamide and Phox ligands than in the staggered arrangement.


Figure 4
(a) Representation of the Hirshfeld surface for $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left\{\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)_{2}\right\}(\text { Phox })_{2}\right]$, highlighting the intermolecular $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{H}$ contacts (green dashed lines) between the oxazoline's methylene moiety and the oxygen atom of the adjacent molecule. Grey: carbon; red: oxygen; blue: nitrogen; light blue: silicon; purple: lithium. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. (b) Two-dimensional fingerprint plots in the $d_{\text {norm }}$ function, generated by mapping, for each $d_{i}$, the region between 0.4 and $2.6 \AA$ from the surface to the nearest internal $\left(d_{i}\right)$ and external $\left(d_{e}\right)$ atoms.

## 3. Supramolecular features

Hirshfeld surface analysis performed with the CrystalExplorer 21.5 software (Spackman et al., 2021) allowed a comprehensive examination of the non-covalent bonds governing the solid-state structure of $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left\{\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)_{2}\right\}(\text { Phox })_{2}\right]$. A pivotal aspect of this analysis involves the generation of 2 D fingerprint plots (FP), which offer two-dimensional projections of the Hirshfeld surface (Hirshfeld, 1977). This enables meticulous analysis of the non-covalent forces supporting the supramolecular structure by quantifying the percentage contribution of each interaction. For $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left\{\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)_{2}\right\}\right.$ (Phox) $)_{2}$ ], the percentages of the total surface area corresponding to the $\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} \cdots \mathrm{H}$, and $\mathrm{O} \cdots \mathrm{H}$ contacts account for $82.2 \%, 11.5 \%$, and $6.2 \%$, respectively (Fig. 4). The frail O $\cdots \mathrm{H}$ contacts occur between the hydrogen atoms of the methylene groups in the oxazoline rings and the oxygen atom of the adjacent molecules at $2.843 \AA$. Besides those, there is only a weak intramolecular $\pi-\pi$ stacking interaction between the aromatic rings of the Phox ligands, as already depicted in Fig. 2, which are 3.908 (5) $\AA$ far from one another. There is no classic intra or intermolecular hydrogen bonding in the molecule.

## 4. Database survey

To the best of our knowledge, this is the first example of a heteroleptic lithium(I)-oxazoline complex in which the Phox ligands are monodentate and the HMDS anion adopts a nearly eclipsed conformation of the methyl groups, giving rise to a trigonal planar coordination environment about the metal. The combination of ten methyl and two phenyl substituents in the ligands efficiently shields the central ion (Fig. 3, right) and prevents significant intermolecular contacts involving the metal.

## 5. Synthesis and crystallization

The reactions were carried out under dinitrogen (99.999\%, Praxair or Air Liquide) using Schlenk techniques. Analytical grade 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol, ethyleneglycol, potassium carbonate, glycerol, benzonitrile, $n$-butyl lithium ( $2.5 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{~L}^{-1}$ solution in hexanes) and hexamethyldisilazane were acquired from commercial sources (Sigma-Aldrich, Merck, Synth) and used without purification. Hexane (Honeywell) was dried by standard methods (Armarego \& Perrin, 1997) and distilled under $\mathrm{N}_{2}(\mathrm{~g})$ immediately before use. Lithium hexamethyldisilylamide, LiHMDS (Tai et al., 2017), and Phox (Mulahmetovic \& Hargaden, 2019) were prepared using procedures adapted from the literature; Phox was distilled twice under vacuum before use. A solution of 0.472 g ( 2.85 mmol ) of LiHMDS in 10 mL of hexane was added slowly to a hexane solution of $0.500 \mathrm{~g}(2.85 \mathrm{mmol})$ of Phox at 273 K . The colourless reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature for about 5 h and filtered through Celite. The resulting colourless solution was cooled down to 253 K for two days, after which block-shaped colourless crystals were

Table 1
Experimental details.

| Crystal data |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Chemical formula | $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{NSi}_{2}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}\right)_{2}\right]$ |
| $M_{\mathrm{r}}$ | 517.78 |
| Crystal system, space group | Monoclinic, $C 2 / c$ |
| Temperature (K) | 100 |
| $a, b, c(\AA)$ | $15.612(2), 12.7649(17), 17.180(4)$ |
| $\beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $116.243(5)$ |
| $V\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | $3070.9(9)$ |
| $Z$ | 4 |
| Radiation type | Mo $\mathrm{K} \alpha$ |
| $\mu\left(\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right)$ | 0.14 |
| Crystal size $(\mathrm{mm})$ | $0.50 \times 0.44 \times 0.28$ |
|  |  |
| Data collection | Bruker D8 Venture/Photon 100 |
| Diffractometer | CMOS |
|  | Multi-scan $(S A D A B S ;$ Krause $e t$ |
| Absorption correction | al., 2015) |
|  | $0.709,0.746$ |
| $T_{\text {min }}, T_{\text {max }}$ | $44358,3522,2888$ |
| No. of measured, independent and |  |
| observed $[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ reflections | 0.078 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.650 |
| (sin $\theta / \lambda)_{\text {max }}\left(\AA \AA^{-1}\right)$ |  |
|  |  |
| Refinement | $0.035,0.092,1.04$ |
| $R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right], w R\left(F^{2}\right), S$ | 3522 |
| No. of reflections | 252 |
| No. of parameters | 7 |
| No. of restraints | All H-atom parameters refined |
| H-atom treatment | $0.29,-0.24$ |
| $\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}, \Delta \rho_{\text {min }}\left(\mathrm{e} \AA \AA^{-3}\right)$ |  |

Computer programs: APEX3 and SAINT (Bruker, 2015), SHELXS2008 (Sheldrick 2008), SHELXL2018/3 (Sheldrick, 2015), DIAMOND (Brandenburg \& Putz, 1999), and Mercury (Macrae et al., 2020) and WinGX (Farrugia, 2012).
isolated by filtration and dried under vacuum. Total yield: $0.621 \mathrm{~g}(85.0 \%)$ based on the $\left[\mathrm{Li}\left\{\mathrm{N}\left(\mathrm{Si}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}\right)_{2}\right\}(\text { Phox })_{2}\right]$ formulation.

## 6. Refinement

Table 1 summarizes crystal data, data collection, and structure refinement details. The hydrogen atoms were located in difference-Fourier maps and were refined freely, except for the hydrogen atoms attached to $\mathrm{C} 1, \mathrm{C} 6, \mathrm{C} 7, \mathrm{C} 11, \mathrm{C} 14$, and C 15 atoms, for which distance restraints (DFIX) were applied.

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## Computing details

## Bis(4,4-dimethyl-2-phenyl-2-oxazoline- $\kappa N$ ) (hexamethyldisilylamido- $\kappa N$ ) lithium

## Crystal data

$\left[\mathrm{Li}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{NSi}_{2}\right)\left(\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NO}\right)_{2}\right]$
$M_{r}=517.78$
Monoclinic, $C 2 / c$
$a=15.612(2) \AA$
$b=12.7649$ (17) $\AA$
$c=17.180$ (4) $\AA$
$\beta=116.243$ (5) ${ }^{\circ}$
$V=3070.9(9) \AA^{3}$
$Z=4$

## Data collection

Bruker D8 Venture/Photon 100 CMOS diffractometer
Radiation source: fine-focus sealed tube
Graphite monochromator
Detector resolution: 10.4167 pixels $\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$
$\varphi$ and $\omega$ scans
Absorption correction: multi-scan
(SADABS; Krause et al., 2015)
$T_{\text {min }}=0.709, T_{\text {max }}=0.746$

## Refinement

Refinement on $F^{2}$
Least-squares matrix: full
$R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.035$
$w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.092$
$S=1.04$
3522 reflections
252 parameters
7 restraints
Primary atom site location: structure-invariant direct methods
$F(000)=1120$
$D_{\mathrm{x}}=1.120 \mathrm{Mg} \mathrm{m}^{-3}$
Mo $K \alpha$ radiation, $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$
Cell parameters from 9967 reflections
$\theta=2.9-27.7^{\circ}$
$\mu=0.14 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}$
$T=100 \mathrm{~K}$
Parallelepiped, colourless
$0.50 \times 0.44 \times 0.28 \mathrm{~mm}$

44358 measured reflections
3522 independent reflections
2888 reflections with $I>2 \sigma(I)$
$R_{\text {int }}=0.078$
$\theta_{\text {max }}=27.5^{\circ}, \theta_{\text {min }}=2.9^{\circ}$
$h=-20 \rightarrow 20$
$k=-16 \rightarrow 16$
$l=-22 \rightarrow 22$

Secondary atom site location: difference Fourier map
Hydrogen site location: difference Fourier map
All H-atom parameters refined
$w=1 /\left[\sigma^{2}\left(F_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}\right)+(0.0461 P)^{2}+1.6645 P\right]$
where $P=\left(F_{0}^{2}+2 F_{\mathrm{c}}{ }^{2}\right) / 3$
$(\Delta / \sigma)_{\text {max }}=0.001$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {max }}=0.29 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$
$\Delta \rho_{\text {min }}=-0.23 \mathrm{e}^{-3}$

## Special details

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

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

|  | $x$ | $y$ | $z$ | $U_{\text {iso }} * / U_{\text {eq }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Li | 0.500000 | 0.4524 (2) | 0.250000 | 0.0204 (6) |
| Si | 0.57050 (2) | 0.24246 (3) | 0.21203 (2) | 0.01863 (10) |
| N1 | 0.500000 | 0.30027 (11) | 0.250000 | 0.0182 (3) |
| N2 | 0.37995 (7) | 0.54071 (8) | 0.16385 (7) | 0.0192 (2) |
| O8 | 0.28490 (7) | 0.67752 (8) | 0.09434 (6) | 0.0283 (2) |
| C1 | 0.50526 (11) | 0.15288 (11) | 0.11638 (9) | 0.0283 (3) |
| C2 | 0.66991 (11) | 0.15862 (12) | 0.29266 (10) | 0.0317 (3) |
| C3 | 0.62947 (10) | 0.34286 (12) | 0.17146 (10) | 0.0274 (3) |
| C4 | 0.31661 (9) | 0.50169 (10) | 0.07406 (8) | 0.0238 (3) |
| C5 | 0.37382 (13) | 0.44781 (14) | 0.03410 (10) | 0.0391 (4) |
| C6 | 0.24248 (14) | 0.43000 (18) | 0.08063 (12) | 0.0527 (6) |
| C7 | 0.27067 (11) | 0.60331 (12) | 0.02589 (9) | 0.0307 (3) |
| C9 | 0.35350 (8) | 0.63426 (10) | 0.16790 (8) | 0.0194 (3) |
| C10 | 0.38916 (9) | 0.70370 (10) | 0.24400 (8) | 0.0198 (3) |
| C11 | 0.38259 (10) | 0.81222 (10) | 0.23259 (9) | 0.0255 (3) |
| C12 | 0.41867 (11) | 0.87807 (11) | 0.30369 (10) | 0.0313 (3) |
| C13 | 0.46139 (11) | 0.83697 (12) | 0.38667 (10) | 0.0310 (3) |
| C14 | 0.46664 (10) | 0.72887 (11) | 0.39881 (9) | 0.0280 (3) |
| C15 | 0.43035 (9) | 0.66244 (11) | 0.32782 (8) | 0.0226 (3) |
| H1A | 0.4564 (12) | 0.1901 (13) | 0.0681 (10) | 0.040 (5)* |
| H1B | 0.5497 (14) | 0.1223 (15) | 0.0952 (12) | 0.049 (5)* |
| H1C | 0.4750 (13) | 0.0932 (15) | 0.1312 (12) | 0.041 (5)* |
| H2A | 0.6467 (14) | 0.0989 (15) | 0.3147 (12) | 0.046 (5)* |
| H2B | 0.7134 (16) | 0.1985 (18) | 0.3410 (15) | 0.064 (6)* |
| H2C | 0.7052 (15) | 0.1233 (16) | 0.2666 (13) | 0.054 (6)* |
| H3A | 0.6706 (14) | 0.3083 (15) | 0.1489 (12) | 0.051 (5)* |
| H3B | 0.5826 (14) | 0.3873 (15) | 0.1232 (13) | 0.048 (5)* |
| H3C | 0.6702 (15) | 0.3943 (16) | 0.2176 (13) | 0.052 (5)* |
| H5A | 0.4240 (14) | 0.4948 (15) | 0.0334 (12) | 0.049 (5)* |
| H5B | 0.3314 (14) | 0.4287 (16) | -0.0254 (14) | 0.054 (6)* |
| H5C | 0.4050 (15) | 0.3855 (17) | 0.0682 (14) | 0.058 (6)* |
| H6A | 0.2020 (15) | 0.4040 (16) | 0.0223 (11) | 0.064 (6)* |
| H6B | 0.2736 (14) | 0.3696 (14) | 0.1122 (13) | 0.060 (6)* |
| H6C | 0.204 (2) | 0.465 (2) | 0.110 (2) | 0.101 (10)* |
| H7A | 0.3021 (13) | 0.6319 (14) | -0.0113 (12) | 0.041 (5)* |
| H7B | 0.2033 (10) | 0.5970 (14) | -0.0090 (11) | 0.041 (5)* |
| H11 | 0.3552 (12) | 0.8399 (12) | 0.1757 (9) | 0.033 (4)* |
| H12 | 0.4131 (12) | 0.9517 (14) | 0.2954 (11) | 0.038 (5)* |
| H13 | 0.4891 (13) | 0.8821 (14) | 0.4369 (12) | 0.040 (5)* |


| H14 | $0.4949(11)$ | $0.7004(12)$ | $0.4566(9)$ | $0.030(4)^{*}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H15 | $0.4321(11)$ | $0.5886(10)$ | $0.3360(10)$ | $0.026(4)^{*}$ |

Atomic displacement parameters $\left(\AA^{2}\right)$

|  | $U^{11}$ | $U^{22}$ | $U^{\beta 3}$ | $U^{12}$ | $U^{13}$ | $U^{23}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Li | $0.0169(14)$ | $0.0193(14)$ | $0.0197(14)$ | 0.000 | $0.0033(11)$ | 0.000 |
| Si | $0.01801(18)$ | $0.01873(17)$ | $0.01628(17)$ | $0.00254(12)$ | $0.00498(13)$ | $-0.00047(12)$ |
| N 1 | $0.0188(7)$ | $0.0169(7)$ | $0.0171(7)$ | 0.000 | $0.0061(6)$ | 0.000 |
| N 2 | $0.0158(5)$ | $0.0211(5)$ | $0.0162(5)$ | $-0.0006(4)$ | $0.0028(4)$ | $0.0025(4)$ |
| O 8 | $0.0283(5)$ | $0.0300(5)$ | $0.0190(4)$ | $0.0125(4)$ | $0.0035(4)$ | $0.0056(4)$ |
| C 1 | $0.0322(8)$ | $0.0261(7)$ | $0.0221(7)$ | $0.0030(6)$ | $0.0079(6)$ | $-0.0048(5)$ |
| C 2 | $0.0260(7)$ | $0.0296(7)$ | $0.0302(8)$ | $0.0092(6)$ | $0.0040(6)$ | $0.0017(6)$ |
| C 3 | $0.0243(7)$ | $0.0325(7)$ | $0.0284(7)$ | $0.0003(6)$ | $0.0146(6)$ | $-0.0001(6)$ |
| C 4 | $0.0207(6)$ | $0.0236(6)$ | $0.0170(6)$ | $-0.0013(5)$ | $-0.0007(5)$ | $0.0030(5)$ |
| C 5 | $0.0380(9)$ | $0.0391(9)$ | $0.0242(7)$ | $0.0102(7)$ | $-0.0007(7)$ | $-0.0097(6)$ |
| C 6 | $0.0419(10)$ | $0.0597(12)$ | $0.0316(9)$ | $-0.0306(9)$ | $-0.0064(8)$ | $0.0109(8)$ |
| C 7 | $0.0322(8)$ | $0.0314(7)$ | $0.0196(6)$ | $0.0088(6)$ | $0.0034(6)$ | $0.0033(5)$ |
| C 9 | $0.0143(6)$ | $0.0238(6)$ | $0.0183(6)$ | $0.0030(5)$ | $0.0057(5)$ | $0.0061(5)$ |
| C 10 | $0.0168(6)$ | $0.0234(6)$ | $0.0208(6)$ | $0.0043(5)$ | $0.0096(5)$ | $0.0028(5)$ |
| C 11 | $0.0271(7)$ | $0.0250(7)$ | $0.0246(7)$ | $0.0072(5)$ | $0.0116(6)$ | $0.0062(5)$ |
| C 12 | $0.0388(8)$ | $0.0220(7)$ | $0.0345(8)$ | $0.0056(6)$ | $0.0176(7)$ | $0.0010(6)$ |
| C 13 | $0.0351(8)$ | $0.0325(7)$ | $0.0277(7)$ | $0.0027(6)$ | $0.0159(6)$ | $-0.0065(6)$ |
| C 14 | $0.0322(7)$ | $0.0336(7)$ | $0.0204(6)$ | $0.0070(6)$ | $0.0137(6)$ | $0.0024(5)$ |
| C 15 | $0.0234(6)$ | $0.0240(6)$ | $0.0219(6)$ | $0.0061(5)$ | $0.0116(5)$ | $0.0045(5)$ |

Geometric parameters ( $\AA,{ }^{\circ}$ )

| $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $1.942(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $1.518(2)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $2.1263(18)$ | $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $1.5353(18)$ |
| $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N} 2^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $2.1264(18)$ | $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{H} 5 \mathrm{~A}$ | $0.99(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{Si}^{\mathrm{i}}$ | $3.074(3)$ | $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{H} 5 \mathrm{~B}$ | $0.97(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $1.6782(7)$ | $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{H} 5 \mathrm{C}$ | $0.98(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $1.8824(15)$ | $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{H} 6 \mathrm{~A}$ | $0.976(15)$ |
| $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{C} 1$ | $1.8881(14)$ | $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{H} 6 \mathrm{~B}$ | $0.945(15)$ |
| $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.8900(14)$ | $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{H} 6 \mathrm{C}$ | $1.04(3)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $1.2756(16)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H} 7 \mathrm{~A}$ | $1.029(19)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.5022(16)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H} 7 \mathrm{~B}$ | $0.956(14)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{C} 9$ | $1.3610(15)$ | $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $1.4700(18)$ |
| $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $1.4486(17)$ | $\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 15$ | $1.3950(18)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}$ | $0.968(14)$ | $\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $1.3964(18)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | $1.00(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12$ | $1.381(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{C}$ | $0.988(19)$ | $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{H} 11$ | $0.944(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ | $0.99(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13$ | $1.383(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~B}$ | $0.95(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{H} 12$ | $0.949(18)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{C}$ | $0.96(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14$ | $1.392(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{~A}$ | $0.99(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{H} 13$ | $0.967(18)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{~B}$ | $1.00(2)$ | $\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 15$ | $1.3843(19)$ |


| C3-H3C | 1.01 (2) |
| :---: | :---: |
| C4-C5 | 1.511 (2) |
| N1-Li-N2 | 122.02 (7) |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N} 2^{\text {i }}$ | 122.02 (7) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N} 2^{\text {i }}$ | 115.95 (14) |
| N1-Li-Si ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | 29.36 (3) |
| N2-Li-Si ${ }^{\text {i }}$ | 108.77 (5) |
| $\mathrm{N} 2{ }^{\mathrm{i}}-\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{Si}^{\text {i }}$ | 127.05 (6) |
| N1-Si-C3 | 110.90 (7) |
| N1-Si-C1 | 114.23 (6) |
| C3-Si-C1 | 104.72 (7) |
| N1-Si-C2 | 115.55 (6) |
| C3-Si-C2 | 106.22 (7) |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{C} 2$ | 104.31 (7) |
| $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Si}^{\text {i }}$ | 127.83 (9) |
| $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Li}$ | 116.09 (4) |
| Sii $-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Li}$ | 116.09 (4) |
| C9-N2-C4 | 106.52 (10) |
| C9—N2-Li | 131.72 (11) |
| C4-N2-Li | 121.09 (9) |
| C9-O8-C7 | 105.29 (10) |
| $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}$ | 111.5 (11) |
| $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~B}$ | 111.1 (11) |
| H1A-C1-H1B | 107.0 (15) |
| $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{C}$ | 112.2 (10) |
| $\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{C}$ | 108.4 (15) |
| $\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{H} 1 \mathrm{C}$ | 106.4 (15) |
| $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}$ | 113.3 (11) |
| $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~B}$ | 111.9 (13) |
| $\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~B}$ | 108.5 (17) |
| $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{C}$ | 112.2 (12) |
| $\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{C}$ | 101.5 (16) |
| $\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{H} 2 \mathrm{C}$ | 108.8 (18) |
| $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{~A}$ | 110.5 (11) |
| $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{~B}$ | 113.2 (11) |
| H3A-C3-H3B | 106.9 (15) |
| $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{H} 3 \mathrm{C}$ | 113.2 (11) |
| H3A-C3-H3C | 107.8 (16) |
| H3B-C3-H3C | 104.9 (15) |
| N2-C4-C5 | 111.37 (11) |
| N2-C4-C6 | 107.51 (12) |
| C5-C4-C6 | 112.48 (16) |
| N2-C4-C7 | 102.23 (10) |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Si}^{\text {i }}$ | 176.77 (5) |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Si}^{\text {i }}$ | 58.73 (6) |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Si}^{\text {i }}$ | -62.30 (6) |


| C14-H14 | 0.963 (13) |
| :---: | :---: |
| C15-H15 | 0.952 (13) |
| C5-C4-C7 | 111.64 (12) |
| C6-C4-C7 | 111.07 (14) |
| C4-C5-H5A | 111.0 (11) |
| C4-C5-H5B | 109.1 (12) |
| H5A-C5-H5B | 108.4 (16) |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{H} 5 \mathrm{C}$ | 109.6 (12) |
| H5A-C5-H5C | 108.2 (16) |
| H5B-C5-H5C | 110.6 (16) |
| C4-C6-H6A | 107.3 (13) |
| C4-C6-H6B | 108.6 (13) |
| H6A-C6-H6B | 104.3 (17) |
| C4-C6-H6C | 113.5 (16) |
| H6A-C6-H6C | 113 (2) |
| H6B-C6-H6C | 109 (2) |
| O8-C7-C4 | 104.34 (10) |
| O8-C7-H7A | 109.1 (10) |
| C4-C7-H7A | 113.4 (10) |
| $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H} 7 \mathrm{~B}$ | 107.2 (11) |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{H} 7 \mathrm{~B}$ | 112.9 (11) |
| H7A-C7-H7B | 109.6 (15) |
| N2-C9-O8 | 118.04 (11) |
| N2-C9-C10 | 127.49 (11) |
| O8-C9-C10 | 114.47 (11) |
| C15-C10-C11 | 119.42 (12) |
| C15-C10-C9 | 120.72 (11) |
| C11-C10-C9 | 119.86 (11) |
| C12-C11-C10 | 120.24 (13) |
| C12-C11-H11 | 120.5 (10) |
| C10-C11-H11 | 119.2 (10) |
| C11-C12-C13 | 120.21 (13) |
| $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{H} 12$ | 119.8 (11) |
| C13-C12-H12 | 120.0 (11) |
| C12-C13-C14 | 120.00 (14) |
| C12-C13-H13 | 121.0 (11) |
| C14-C13-H13 | 118.9 (11) |
| C15-C14-C13 | 120.07 (13) |
| C15-C14-H14 | 120.0 (10) |
| C13-C14-H14 | 119.9 (10) |
| C14-C15-C10 | 120.03 (12) |
| C14-C15-H15 | 120.2 (9) |
| C10-C15-H15 | 119.8 (9) |
| Li-N2-C9-O8 | 165.63 (9) |
| C4-N2-C9-C10 | 175.66 (12) |
| Li-N2-C9-C10 | -13.9 (2) |

supporting information

| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Li}$ | $-3.23(5)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $-7.87(16)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Li}$ | $-121.27(6)$ | $\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $171.71(11)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Li}$ | $117.70(6)$ | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 15$ | $-24.5(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $133.79(13)$ | $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 15$ | $155.95(12)$ |
| $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 5$ | $-37.89(15)$ | $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $154.97(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $-102.56(15)$ | $\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11$ | $-24.56(17)$ |
| $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 6$ | $85.76(15)$ | $\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12$ | $1.6(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $14.45(14)$ | $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12$ | $-177.93(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{Li}-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 7$ | $-157.23(10)$ | $\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13$ | $-0.1(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{O} 8-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $16.31(14)$ | $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14$ | $-1.1(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{O} 8$ | $-18.50(14)$ | $\mathrm{C} 12-\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 15$ | $0.9(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{O} 8$ | $-137.66(13)$ | $\mathrm{C} 13-\mathrm{C} 14-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 10$ | $0.5(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 6-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 7-\mathrm{O} 8$ | $95.91(15)$ | $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 14$ | $-1.77(19)$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{O} 8$ | $-4.81(15)$ | $\mathrm{C} 9-\mathrm{C} 10-\mathrm{C} 15-\mathrm{C} 14$ | $177.72(12)$ |

Symmetry code: (i) $-x+1, y,-z+1 / 2$.

