

# New Cu<sub>4</sub>Na<sub>4</sub>- and Cu<sub>5</sub>-Based Phenylsilsesquioxanes. Synthesis via Complexation with 1,10-Phenanthroline, Structures and High Catalytic Activity in Alkane Oxidations with Peroxides in Acetonitrile

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## Experiments

### Synthesis.

PhSi(OEt)<sub>3</sub>, ethanol, dimethylformamide, tetrahydrofuran and 1,10-phenanthroline were purchased from Acros Organics and used as received. All manipulations required no inert atmosphere. IR spectra for **1** and **2** were recorded on Shimadzu IR Prestige21 FTIR spectrometer in KBr pellets. Set of signals: 1600–1400 cm<sup>-1</sup> (νC=C, νC=N) 1120 cm<sup>-1</sup> (νPh–Si), 940–1100 cm<sup>-1</sup> (νasSi–O, νasSi–O–Si), 900 cm<sup>-1</sup> (νasSi–O in Si–O–M fragment), 720–680 cm<sup>-1</sup> (σC–H of mono-substituted phenyl group)

PhSi(OEt)<sub>3</sub> (2.0 g, 8.3 mmol), NaOH (0.33 g, 8.3 mmol), and 30 mL of an ethanol were placed in a three-neck round-bottom flask (equipped with magnetic stirrer and condenser). The resulting solution was heated under reflux for 2 h and then was cooled to room temperature. Then 0.37 g (2.8 mmol) of CuCl<sub>2</sub> was added at once. The mixture was stirred for 3 h and filtered from NaCl. The filtrate was mixed with 0.5 g (2.8 mmol) of 1,10-phenanthroline in 65 mL of THF. The resulting solution was intensely stirred for 2.5 h with a magnetic stirrer and then filtered from the insoluble precipitate. After approximately 5 days the formation of crystalline material was observed; several single crystals were used for X-ray diffraction analysis (for details of the X-ray diffraction study see below). The rest of the crystalline fraction was separated from the solution, washed with n-heptane, and dried under vacuum. Dried crystalline material was used for XRF analysis (spectrometer VRA-30). Anal. Calcd for [(PhSiO<sub>1.5</sub>)<sub>12</sub>(CuO)<sub>4</sub>(NaO<sub>0.5</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]: Cu, 12.93; Na, 0.94; N, 3.42; Si, 13.72. Found (for vacuum-dried sample): Cu, 12.93; Na, 0.94; N, 3.42; Si, 13.72. Yield: 0.34 g (18%).

PhSi(OEt)<sub>3</sub> (1.5 g, 6.2 mmol), NaOH (0.19 g, 4.8 mmol), and 25 mL of an ethanol were placed in a three-neck round-bottom flask (equipped with magnetic stirrer and condenser). The resulting solution was heated under reflux for 2 h and then was cooled to room temperature. Then 0.32 g (2.4 mmol) of CuCl<sub>2</sub> was added at once. The mixture was stirred for 3 h at 50°C and filtered from NaCl. The filtrate was mixed with 0.26g (1.4 mmol) of 1,10-phenanthroline in 55 mL of DMF. The resulting solution was intensely stirred for 2.5 h with a magnetic stirrer and then filtered from the insoluble precipitate. After approximately two weeks the formation of crystalline material was observed; several single crystals were used for X-ray diffraction analysis (for details of the X-ray diffraction study see below). The rest of the crystalline fraction was separated from the solution, washed with n-heptane, and dried under vacuum. Dried crystalline material was used for XRF analysis (spectrometer VRA-30). Anal. Calcd for [(PhSiO<sub>1.5</sub>)<sub>6</sub>(PhSiO<sub>1.5</sub>)<sub>7</sub>(HO<sub>0.5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(CuO)<sub>5</sub>(O<sub>0.25</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>8</sub>N<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]: Cu, 12.38; N, 3.27; Si, 14.22. Found (for vacuum-dried sample): Cu, 12.31; N, 3.22; Si, 14.17. Yield: 0.34 g (28%).

Table S1. Crystallographic data for **1-2**.

datablock	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Brutto formula	C <sub>141.33</sub> H <sub>133.67</sub> Cu <sub>4</sub> N <sub>8</sub> Na <sub>4</sub> O <sub>29.33</sub> Si <sub>12</sub>	C <sub>114</sub> H <sub>100</sub> Cu <sub>5</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>28</sub> Si <sub>13</sub>
Formula weight	3096.73	2712.88
Diffractometer	MarExperts mardtb goniostat and Rayonix SX 165 detector	Bruker APEX-II CCD
Scan mode	φ scan	ω and φ scans
Anode [Wavelength, □]	synchrotron [0.986]	CuKα [1.54178]
Crystal Dimensions, mm	0.14 × 0.25 × 0.9	0.24 × 0.29 × 0.36
Crystal color	blue	blue
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic
a, □	23.670(5)	16.7871(3)
b, □	23.110(5)	20.6126(4)
c, □	26.970(5)	37.1418(7)
α, °	90	95.0980(10)
β, °	110.50(3)	100.7880(10)
γ, °	90	95.1000(10)

Volume, Å <sup>3</sup>	13819(5)	12501.6(4)
Density, gcm <sup>-3</sup>	1.488	1.441
Temperature, K	100	120
T <sub>i</sub> /T <sub>ax</sub>	0.51/0.74	0.5563/0.7528
μ, mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.923	2.757
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P1̄
Z	4	4
F(000)	6401	5564
Reflections collected	113928	159003
Independent reflections	15122	42922
Reflections (I>2σ(I))	12607	29146
Parameters	1544	3017
R <sub>i</sub>	0.0608	0.0890
2θ <sub>i</sub> - 2θ <sub>ax</sub> °	6.750 - 61.890	4.328 - 133.634
wR <sub>2</sub> (all reflections)	0.2397	0.1735
R <sub>1</sub> (I>σ(I))	0.1073	0.0616
GOF	1.081	1.018
Q <sub>i</sub> /Q <sub>ax</sub> e <sup>-3</sup>	-1.277/1.343	-0.629/0.994
Restraints	253	491

Single crystal X-ray studies of **2** were carried out in Center for molecule composition studies of INEOS RAS. X-ray dataset for **1** was collected in Kurchatov Centre for Synchrotron Radiation and Nanotechnology using 'Belok' beamline.

The structures were solved by direct method and refined in anisotropic approximation for non-hydrogen atoms. Hydrogens atoms of methyl, methylene and aromatic fragments were calculated according to

those idealized geometry and refined with constraints applied to C-H bond lengths and equivalent displacement parameters ( $U_{eq}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(X)$ , X - central atom of  $XH_2$  group;  $U_{eq}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(Y)$ , Y - central atom of  $YH_3$  group). All structures were solved with the ShelXT<sup>1</sup> program and refined with the ShelXL<sup>2</sup> program. Molecular graphics was drawn using OLEX2<sup>3</sup> program.

CCDC 1936365-1936366 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for **1-2**. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via <https://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures>.

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