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Abstract

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ON THE MUTUAL INFLUENCE OF BONDS OF THE $Si-O^-$ AND $Si-O(Si)$ TYPES

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From considerations concerning the participation of $d\pi-p\pi$ interactions in the formation of silicon-oxygen bonds there follows the already discussed increase in the bond order $R'_3Si-O(R)$ as the electropositivity of R and the electronegativity of R' increase. Similarly, with increasing electronegativity of R' , the order of the $Si-O-Si$ bonds in systems $R_3SiOSiR'_3$ increases.

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For most complex anions in silicates, the presence of $Si-O(Si)$ and $Si-O^-(M)^+$ bonds at the same Si atom is characteristic. Analysis of the results of X-ray structural ⁽¹⁾ and spectroscopic ^(2,3) studies of silicates with Si_2O_7 anions, the simplest among those containing bonds of both types, led to the assumption of a “competitive” character of the mutual influence of these bonds: a decrease in the order of the $Si-O^-$ bonds with an increase in the share of covalent character in the interaction of the “terminal” oxygen atoms with cations is accompanied by an increase in the order of the $Si-O-Si$ bonds, manifested in an increase of the $SiOSi$ angle and a decrease in bond lengths.

The aim of the present work was to investigate the mutual influence of the “terminal” and “bridging” $Si-O$ bonds on model objects—compounds of the type $XO(CH_3)_2SiOSi(CH_3)_2OX$, where $X = H, Li, Na, K$. (The assignment of frequencies in the IR spectrum was facilitated by the availability of data on spectra of the compounds $X(CH_3)_2SiOSi(CH_3)_2X$ with $X = H, OH, Cl, C_6H_5, CH_3$ ^(4,5).)

The IR spectra of the compounds studied are shown in Fig. 1, and Table 1 gives the frequencies of the absorption maxima and their interpretation.

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Let us begin consideration of the changes in the spectrum of $XO(CH_3)_2SiOSi(CH_3)_2OX$ on going from $X = H$ to $X = Li, Na, K$ with the most significant and readily interpretable shifts of the Si—O frequencies upon replacing H by K. These shifts (see the upper part of Fig. 2) apparently indicate that, along with an increase in the dynamic bond coefficient Si—O(H, K), there occurs a decrease in the bond coefficient Si—O(Si), causing a lowering of the frequencies ν_{as} and ν_sSiOSi . At the same time, evidently, the SiOSi angle also decreases, whereas, as is known, the frequency $\nu_{as}SiOSi$ should fall sharply under the action of both factors, while the change in ν_sSiOSi proves insignificant (since a decrease in $\angle SiOSi$ leads to an increase in this frequency).

Let us explain what has been said with the aid of the five-atom model $OSi'O'Si'O$. Replacement of the group $Si(CH_3)_2$ by one “atom” Si' with a certain effective mass will,

probably introduces approximately the same error for all compounds $XO(CH_3)_2SiOSi(CH_3)_2OX$. Neglect of the interaction of the $O - X$ vibrations with the $Si - O$ vibrations may be justified by the very high frequencies of OX for $X = H$ and the very low ones for $X = K$. The scheme of the model considered

Fig. 2. Scheme of changes in the frequencies of the stretching vibrations $Si - O$ upon going from $HO(CH_3)_2SiOSi(CH_3)_2OH$ to $KO(CH_3)_2SiOSi(CH_3)_2OK$ (rows 1,2—experimental data; for the first of the compounds the frequencies for the solution spectrum are given (4); rows 3,4—calculated results)

is given in Fig. 3. The matrices of the kinematic interaction for the planar vibrations of this model (symmetry C_{2v}) have the following form:

Q	$\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 - \varepsilon_1 \cos \alpha$
q	$\varepsilon_2 \cos \varphi$
γ	$-\varepsilon_2 \sigma_2 \sin \varphi - (\varepsilon_1 \sigma_1 / \sin \varphi) [\cos(\alpha - \varphi) + \cos \varphi \cos \alpha]$
	$-\varepsilon_2 \sigma_1 \sin \varphi \quad \varepsilon_2 (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 - 2\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \cos \varphi)$
	$+\varepsilon_1 \sigma_1^2 - (\varepsilon_1 \sigma_1^2 / \sin^2 \varphi) [\cos(2\varphi - \alpha) + 2 \cos \varphi \cos \alpha]$

Q	$\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_1 \cos \alpha$	
q	$\varepsilon_2 \cos \varphi$	$\varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3$
δ	$-\sqrt{2} \varepsilon_2 \sigma_1 \sin \alpha$	$(\sqrt{2} \varepsilon_2 \sigma_1 / \sin \varphi) [\cos(\alpha - \varphi) + \cos \varphi \cos \alpha]$
γ	$-\varepsilon_2 \sigma_2 \sin \varphi + (\varepsilon_1 \sigma_1 / \sin \varphi) [\cos(\alpha - \varphi) + \cos \varphi \cos \alpha]$	$-\varepsilon_2 \sigma_1 \sin \varphi$

 $+(\varepsilon_1 \sigma_1^2)$

Here

$$\varepsilon_1 = \frac{1}{m_O}, \quad \varepsilon_2 = \frac{1}{m_{Si}}, \quad \varepsilon_3 = \frac{1}{m_{O^-}}, \quad \sigma_1 = \frac{1}{r_{Si-O(Si)}}, \quad \sigma_2 = \frac{1}{r_{Si-O^-}}.$$

The coordinates Q, q, δ , and γ correspond to changes in the distances $Si-O(Si)$, $Si-O^-$, and the angles $SiOSi$ and $OSiO^-$. In the numerical calculations the following were adopted:

$$r_{Si-O(Si)} = 1.63 \text{ \AA}, \quad r_{Si-O^-} = 1.58 \text{ \AA}, \quad \varphi = 109^\circ 28', \quad m_O = 16, \quad m_{O^-} = 17, \quad m_{Si} = 35^*.$$

Since there are no data on the frequencies of deformation vibrations, and the model itself is a rough approximation owing to the neglect of vibrations of the $Si(CH_3)_2$ groups, we shall confine ourselves to considering four stretching vibrations. As is seen from Fig. 2, their frequencies agree well with the experimental data for $HO(CH_3)_2SiOSi(CH_3)_2OH$, with the dynamic coefficients from work (5) for the molecule $(CH_3)_3SiOSi(CH_3)_3$: $K_{Si-O(Si)} = 7.3$, inter-

* The use of other values of m_{Si} somewhat changes the absolute values of the dynamic coefficients, but their changes in going from $H \rightarrow K$ remain the same.

the interaction of $Si-O(Si)$ bonds with one another, $H = -0.72$, and the interaction of $Si-O^-$ and $Si-O(Si)$ bonds, $h = 0.22 \cdot 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2}$; in this calculation it was assumed that $K_{Si-O^-} = 9.0 \cdot 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2}$ and $\angle \alpha = 145^\circ$.* The best agreement is obtained for the high-frequency vibration $\nu_{as}SiOSi(B_1)$, while the other frequencies turn out to be somewhat underestimated, which is connected with the neglect of angular dynamic coefficients. It is not difficult to show that changes in the frequencies $\nu SiOSi$ and νSiO^- , like those observed in the transition $HO(CH_3)_2SiOSi(CH_3)_2OH \rightarrow KO(CH_3)_2SiOSi(CH_3)_2OK$, cannot be obtained by changing only the dynamic coefficients, and require a simultaneous change in the $SiOSi$ angle. The results of such a variation (at constant H and h) are given in the lower part of Fig. 2. These calculated data do not make it possible to obtain reliable values of the absolute magnitudes of the parameters of the

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molecules under consideration, but they clearly indicate that replacement of H by K leads, along with an increase in the dynamic coefficient of the $\text{Si}-\text{O}^-$ bond, to a simultaneous and comparable (by 6-9%) decrease in the coefficient of the $\text{Si}-\text{O}(\text{Si})$ bond and, correspondingly, to a decrease of the SiOSi angle by 8-10°.

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These quantities directly characterize the redistribution of $d\pi - p\pi$ interactions in the $\text{Si}-\text{O}^-$ and $\text{Si}-\text{O}(\text{Si})$ bonds, all the more since the dynamic coefficients depend only slightly on the ionic part of the interatomic interaction. It may be assumed that strengthening of the $(p \rightarrow d)\pi$ interaction in the $\text{Si}-\text{O}^-$ bond, caused by an increase in the electron density on the O atom, lowers the effective positive charge of the Si d -orbitals and thereby decreases the order of the $\text{Si}-\text{O}(\text{Si})$ bond.

It is appropriate to note that, when considering bond orders and the geometric structure of Si_2O_7 groups, together with the influence—discussed here—of substituents at the “terminal” O atoms (or cations), it is also necessary to take into account the magnitude of the charge on the “bridging” O atom. Only from the considerations set forth above is it difficult to explain why in $(\text{RO})_3\text{SiOSi}(\text{OR})_3$ molecules the $\angle\text{SiOSi}$, for covalent $\text{R}-\text{O}(\text{Si})$ bonds, is much smaller than 180° (although here too an increase in the electronegativity of R leads to an increase in $\angle\text{SiOSi}$ (²)), whereas in Si_2O_7 ions of pyrosilicates the $\angle\text{SiOSi}$ reaches 180° with still a comparatively small degree of covalency of the bonds $\text{M}^+ \dots \text{O}^-(\text{Si})$. In the latter case, probably, the O atoms in the $\text{Si}-\text{O}-\text{Si}$ bond acquire a larger negative charge because of the cations, which ensures the formation of stronger $(p \rightarrow d)\pi$ -bonds in the $\text{Si}-\text{O}-\text{Si}$ bridge.

Similar to those described, but smaller in magnitude, shifts of the SiOSi frequencies are observed for $X = \text{Li}, \text{Na}$. Conversely, the increase in the νSiO^- frequencies turns out to be appreciably larger, which is probably connected with the smaller mass of the X atom than in the case $X = \text{K}$ (this influence cannot be taken into account in the model considered above). Of considerable interest is the strong splitting, observed in the case $X = \text{Li}$, of $\nu_{\text{as}}\text{SiOSi}$, which cannot be explained by “intramolecular” effects and should be attributed to a strong resonance interaction of the vibrations of the groups $\text{O}^-(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{SiOSi}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{O}^{-**}$ through the “bridges” $\text{O} \dots \text{Li} \dots \text{O}$. The spectrum of $\text{NaO}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{SiOSi}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{ONa}$ apparently contains a considerable number of impurity bands (probably siloxanes).

Experimental part

Potassium tetramethyldisiloxanediolate was obtained by cleavage of octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane (OMCTS) with caustic potassium in toluene (without addition of homo-

* The ratio $K_{\text{Si-O(H)}}/K_{\text{Si-O(Si)}} = 1.23$ is quite plausible ⁽³⁾, as is the value of α (obtained by Kriegsman ⁽⁴⁾ for a triatomic model). We recall that in $\text{H}_3\text{SiOSiH}_3$, according to electron-diffraction data, $\angle\text{SiOSi} = 144^\circ$, while in $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{SiOSi}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ it is probably close to $135\text{--}140^\circ$.

** This resonance may be another cause of the increase in the νSiO^- frequencies.

Table 1

Frequencies of vibrations and their assignment

Assignment of frequencies	X = H, Raman spectrum (cryst.) ⁽⁴⁾	X = H, IR spectrum ($p \rightarrow p$ in CCl_4) ⁽⁴⁾	X = H, IR spectrum (cryst.)	X = Li* IR spectra (cryst.)	X = Na IR spectra (cryst.)	X = K IR spectra (cryst.)
$\delta_s\text{CH}_3$	1255	1261	1257 v.s.1180 w.1114 w.	1249 v.s.1200 v.w.1150 v.w.	1263 1255 v.s.1206 v.w.1168 w.1122 w.1066	1249 v.s.
$\nu_{as}\text{SiOSi}$		1073	1049— 1037 v.s.	1055 } v.s.1022 } v.s.	1010— 1000 v.s.	998 v.s.
$\nu\text{SiO(X)}$	920	910	905 v.s.	980 v.s.	963 sh.	941 s.
$\nu'\text{SiO(X)}$		902	878 s.	939 sh.	940 sh.	925 m.
$\rho\text{CH}_3(\text{CO}_3^{--}?)$					880 w.	880 m.
ρCH_3		857	863 s.853 w.	855 m.	852 m.	848 m.
ρCH_3		812	812 v.s.	806 v.s.	840**799 v.s.	802 v.s.
$\nu_{as}\text{CSiS}$	791	791	789 v.s.	789 v.s.	781 v.s.	780 v.s.
$\nu'_{as}\text{CSiC?}$	752	745	750 v.w.730 v.w.	725 w.	768**722 v.s.	733 v.w.
$\nu_s\text{CSiC}$	699	698	680?	694?	703 w.685?	696 v.w.
$\nu'_s\text{CSiC}$	660	655	652 m.	645 sh.	655 m.643**600 v.w.	646 s.590 sh.
$\nu_s\text{SiOSi}$	558	555	555 m.	{565?}{537?	551 w.517**	539 w.

* In the spectrum there is a band near 3720 cm^{-1} and a broad absorption region $600\text{--}500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ (apparently masking the $\nu_s\text{SiOSi}$ bands).

** Impurity?

...of homogenizing additives in the form of water or alcohol) in a flask with a water-separating device of the Dean-Stark trap type. Yield 83%.

Found, %: K 32.3; 32.0; 33.8

Calculated, %: K 32.3

Sodium tetramethyldisiloxanediolate, obtained in an analogous manner in 50% yield, contained a larger amount of impurities and was therefore also prepared by the known method ⁽⁶⁾ in an alcoholic-aqueous solution, but it also proved to be impure.

Cleavage of OMTS with lithium hydroxide proved unsuccessful. In the reaction of tetramethyldisiloxane-1,3-diol, prepared according to Hyde ⁽⁷⁾, with metallic lithium in absolute ethyl ether under a stream of nitrogen, it was possible to obtain lithium tetramethyldisiloxanediolate (yield 40%). The product contained 13.8% lithium (calculated 7.79%); the presence of lithium hydroxide is confirmed spectroscopically.

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