

Mono-, Bis- and Tris(cyclopentadienyl) Compounds - Syntheses of New Polydentate Ligands and their Molybdenum and Tungsten Complexes

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Condensation reactions of cyclopentadienyl-substituted chlorosilanes CpSiMe_2Cl ($\text{Cp} = \text{C}_5\text{H}_5, \text{C}_5\text{HMe}_4$) with a number of phenols [$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH}$, $1,3\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{OH})_2$, $1,4\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{OH})_2$, $1,3,5\text{-C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{OH})_3$] in the presence of excess base led to six novel molecules containing up to three cyclopentadienyl groups {e.g. $1,3,5\text{-C}_6\text{H}_3[\text{OSiMe}_2(\text{C}_5\text{Me}_4\text{H})]_3$ }. The dynamic behavior of $1,4\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4[\text{OSiMe}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)]_2$ (**2**) was investigated by temperature-

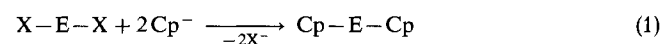
variable ^1H NMR and the reaction rate of the degenerate $1,2$ -silicon shift determined. $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OSiMe}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)$ (**1**) and (**2**) were treated with NaH , $(\text{MeCN})_3\text{M}(\text{CO})_3$ ($\text{M} = \text{Mo}, \text{W}$), and MeI to give the η^5 -complexes $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OSiMe}_2\text{-}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4)\text{M}(\text{CO})_3\text{Me}$ (**8**: $\text{M} = \text{Mo}$, **9**: $\text{M} = \text{W}$) and $1,4\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4[\text{OSiMe}_2\text{-}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_4)\text{M}(\text{CO})_3\text{Me}]_2$ (**10**: $\text{M} = \text{Mo}$, **11**: $\text{M} = \text{W}$) in good yields. The X-ray crystal structure of **11** was determined.

The importance of the cyclopentadienyl ligand in organometallic chemistry can hardly be overestimated¹. Ever since the discovery of bis(cyclopentadienyl)iron(II), cyclopentadienyls have been among the most common ligands in transition metal chemistry². Replacing protons on C_5H_6 by organic groups further widened this field, leading to numerous substituted cyclopentadienes³, for example $\text{HC}_5\text{H}_4(\text{Me})^4$, $\text{HC}_5\text{H}_4(\text{SiMe}_2\text{H})^5$, $\text{Ph}_2\text{P}[\text{CH}_2]_n\text{C}_5\text{Me}_4\text{H}^6$, $\text{HC}_5\text{H}_2(\text{SiMe}_3)_3^7$, $\text{HC}_5\text{H}_2(t\text{-C}_4\text{H}_9)_3^8$, HC_5Ph_5^9 , $\text{HC}_5(\text{CH}_2\text{Ph})_5^{9,10}$, and asymmetric units¹¹. Spectacular results were obtained by using the fully methylated cyclopentadienyl C_5Me_5 ¹², its remarkable steric and electronic properties led to the synthesis of a number of interesting transition metal and main group element¹⁷ compounds: Cp^*ReO_3 ¹³, Cp^*ScMe_4 ¹⁴, $\text{Cp}^*\text{Yb}^{15}$, $\text{Cp}^*\text{Ta}(\text{Cl})_3$ ¹⁶, and $\text{Cp}^*\text{Si}^{18}$. The chemistry of linked bis(cyclopentadienyl) compounds is much less developed, the most prominent - among others¹⁹ - being $\text{Me}_2\text{Si}(\text{Cp})_2$ ²⁰. Organic molecules incorporating three cyclopentadiene moieties are rare, examples being trindene²¹, truxene²², and $\text{HC}(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)_3$ ²³. Only few examples of related metal complexes are known²⁴. Ligands of this type will be able to hold several metals in close proximity thereby allowing to investigate whether cooperative effects can enhance or modify the chemical reactivity of metal complexes with regard to the mono-Cp analogs. This could result in new multimetal catalysts²⁵, organometallic polymers²⁶, heterodimetallics²⁷, or redox active crown ethers²⁸.

In this paper I describe the syntheses of several new mono-, bis-, and tris(cyclopentadienyl) compounds and a DNMR investigation of one of the silylcyclopentadienes. Furthermore, the synthesis of molybdenum and tungsten η^5 -complexes with some of the new ligands is reported.

Results and Discussion

Bis-cyclopentadienes usually are prepared according to (1)^{19,20}.



This approach however is limited, especially to cyclopentadienes that carry bulky substituents. Their anions display a high basicity, but only a low nucleophilicity⁶. We therefore chose a different approach by attaching a reactive fragment to a cyclopentadiene, see (2).



This reaction had been described previously only for $\text{Cp} = \text{C}_5\text{H}_5$ ²⁹. We were able to prepare the related compound with $\text{Cp} = \text{C}_5\text{Me}_4\text{H}$ in high yields (80%). Such cyclopentadiene derivatives contain a highly reactive silicon-chlorine bond that can be used to couple these reagents to a large number of nucleophiles. The high affinity of silicon to oxygen makes alcohols the reagents of choice for the preparation of molecules that contain several cyclopentadienyl groups. A wide range of alcohols with two, three, or even more OH groups are suitable and easily available candidates for which this type of condensation ought to work.

The phenols $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH}$, $1,2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{OH})_2$, $1,3\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{OH})_2$, $1,4\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{OH})_2$, and $1,3,5\text{-C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{OH})_3$ react with the chlorosilanes CpSiMe_2Cl ($\text{Cp} = \text{C}_5\text{H}_5, \text{HC}_5\text{Me}_4$) in the presence of excess triethylamine according to equation (3).

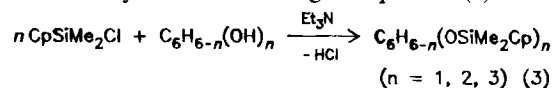


Table 1. Reactions of phenols with chloro(cyclopentadienyl)silanes

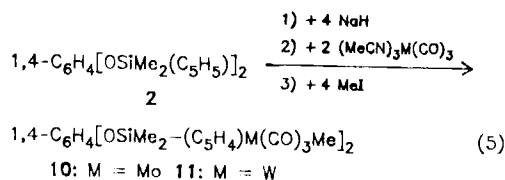
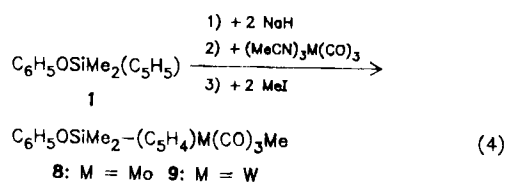
	$\text{C}_5\text{H}_5\text{SiMe}_2\text{Cl}$	$(\text{HC}_5\text{Me}_4)\text{SiMe}_2\text{Cl}$ 3
$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OH}$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OSiMe}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)$ 1	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OSiMe}_2\text{-}(\text{HC}_5\text{Me}_4)$ 4
$1,3\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{OH})_2$	—	$1,3\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4[\text{OSiMe}_2\text{-}(\text{HC}_5\text{Me}_4)]_2$ 5
$1,4\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{OH})_2$	$1,4\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4[\text{OSiMe}_2(\text{C}_5\text{H}_5)]_2$ 2	$1,4\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4[\text{OSiMe}_2\text{-}(\text{HC}_5\text{Me}_4)]_2$ 6
$1,3,5\text{-C}_6\text{H}_3(\text{OH})_3$	—	$1,3,5\text{-C}_6\text{H}_3[\text{OSiMe}_2\text{-}(\text{HC}_5\text{Me}_4)]_3$ 7

Six new mono-, bis-, and tris(cyclopentadienyl) compounds are isolated (Table 1). Not surprisingly though, for sterical reasons, the reactions of 1,2-C₆H₄(OH)₂ with the chlorosilanes do not go to completion, as is evidenced in the IR spectrum by the presence of strong νOH absorptions. Compounds **4**, **5**, and **7** are non-volatile, highly lipophilic oils that darken on exposure to air and are difficult to purify. However, due to the mild reaction conditions employed, these compounds are reasonably pure (>90% based on ²⁹Si NMR) when filtered through a thin layer of silica gel. The two crystalline *para*-substituted derivatives **2** and **6** can be recrystallized from pentane to give compounds of analytical purity. Compound **2** crystallizes solely in the form of the bis allyl isomer and isomerizes slowly in solution, having (almost) reached equilibrium after 48 h. This mixture contains 70% of the allyl and 30% of the two vinyl isomers (Scheme 1), as is determined by the integral ratios of the CH₂ to the CHSi part of the cyclopentadienyl group. This result is in line with the series (C₅H₅)SiMe_nCl_{3-n} where the isomer ratios depend on the number of electron-withdrawing groups (allyl:vinyl, *n* = 3 90:10, *n* = 2 79:21, *n* = 1 50:50, *n* = 0 35:65)³⁰.

The reactions of 1,3-C₆H₄(OH)₂ and 1,3,5-C₆H₃(OH)₃ with CpSiMe₂Cl go to completion (IR), but no stable products are isolated. The reaction product of 1,3-C₆H₄(OH)₂ analyzes correctly for 1,3-C₆H₄(OSiMe₂C₅H₅)₂, but its ¹H-NMR spectrum is not in agreement with this formulation. This can be attributed to the fact that *intramolecular* Diels-Alder reactions are possible, in contrast to **1** and **2** where only intermolecular reactions of this type can occur. These appear to be slow enough to make **1** and **2** stable compounds.

Reactions of this type usually are extremely slow with cyclopentadienes bearing sterically demanding substituents and pose no problem for their long-term stability. On the other hand, compounds **4**, **5**, **6**, and **7** being dienes rich in electrons are sensitive to oxygen and light.

To prove whether these siloxycyclopentadienes can act as η⁵-ligands for transition metals we prepared some molybdenum and tungsten complexes. In a one-pot reaction the substituted cyclopentadiene is first deprotonated by a two-fold excess of NaH, followed by addition of (CH₃CN)₃M(CO)₃ (M = Mo, W) and finally by MeI [eq. (4), (5)].



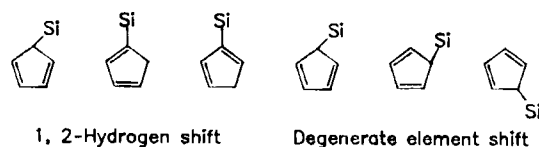
Complexes containing one or two metals are isolated in good yields as yellow, air-stable powders. Upon chromato-

graphic purification two side products can be separated in small yields (10–15%), which are identified as (C₅H₅)M(CO)₃Me (M = Mo, W). These products obviously result from the splitting of the silicon–C₅H₅ bond³¹. Most likely this occurs during the deprotonation of the cyclopentadiene with NaH {a reaction of (MeCN)₃W(CO)₃ in refluxing DME leaves the ligand intact and yields red [C₆H₅OSiMe₂(C₅H₄)W(CO)₃]₂³²}. The use of equimolar amounts of NaH leads to slightly lower yields but also to cleavage of the silicon–C₅H₅ bond. Changing the base gives either a low overall yield (BuLi) of the metal complexes or results in quantitative cleavage [NaN(SiMe₃)₂] of the silicon–C₅H₅ bond.

NMR Spectra

It is a well-known phenomenon that silicon and other main group cyclopentadienyl compounds display fluxional behavior³³. Two different processes are known to occur simultaneously: A 1,2-hydrogen shift producing isomers with the element in the allyl- and two different vinyl positions and a degenerate element shift (Scheme 1).

Scheme 1



The activation energy for the degenerate element shift usually is lower than for the 1,2-hydrogen shift³³. The rate constants being in the range between 10 and 10³ s⁻¹ (activation energies between 20 and 100 kJ/mol) are therefore accessible by dynamic NMR spectroscopy. We recorded ¹H-NMR spectra of **2** between 243 and 370 K. The high-temperature solvent 99% [D₈]toluene exhibits several inconvenient signals in the region of the vinyl protons, therefore CDCl₃ was used for temperatures below 300 K. The cyclopentadienyl group of the allyl isomer of **2** displays an AA'BB'X spectrum. The coalescence of the AA'BB' signal around 370 K was evaluated according to the Eyring equation. The activation energy for the silicon migration in **2** was calculated to be 75.5 ± 2 kJ/mol³⁴.

The ¹³C- and ²⁹Si-NMR data for the compounds **1–11** are listed in Table 2. The dynamic processes mentioned above also influence the ¹³C NMR of **1** and **2**. The three resonances associated with the cyclopentadiene ring are severely broadened. The CHSi resonances have a ν_{1/2} of ca. 100 Hz at 300 K. In an equilibrated mixture of **2** three peaks in the in the Si(CH₃)₂ region are observed (–3.14 allyl and –2.4, –1.07). It is tempting to assign these peaks to the two vinyl isomers, but in the ²⁹Si-NMR spectrum no additional peaks show up. The ¹H-NMR spectra of the metal complexes (**8–11**) display sharp signals, coupling between ¹⁸³W (spin = 1/2, 14%) (²J_{WH} = 3.6 Hz) and ²⁹Si (³J_{SiH} = 6.8 Hz) can be observed. Two different sets of sharp CO resonances are observed in the ¹³C-NMR spectrum close to δ = 227 and 240 (Mo) and 216 and 230 (W), corresponding

to the two magnetically inequivalent sites in the square-pyramid complexes. The ^{29}Si -NMR resonances are located at $\delta = 6.64, 6.74$ (Mo) and $6.90, 7.05$ (W), with the different metals still having a small influence on the shifts.

Table 2. ^{13}C - and ^{29}Si -NMR data (δ values)

	1	2 ^{b)}	3	4	5
Cp	a)	131.64	131.31	131.67	131.71
		131.88	137.65	136.93	137.08
CpMe			11.25	11.39	11.46
			14.34	14.28	14.39
CpSi	52.76	52.15	46.43	55.75	55.75
SiMe ₂	-2.90	-3.14	0.56	-2.76	-2.66
Ar	a)	120.80		120.20 (2,6)	112.36 (4,6)
				121.69 (4)	113.54 (2)
				129.86 (3,5)	130.38 (5)
ArO	155.40	149.00		155.70	156.98
M(CH ₃)					
^{29}Si -NMR	9.73	13.59	26.13	14.56	14.83

	6	7	8	9	10	11
Cp	131.72	131.46	97.37	96.24	97.40	95.84
	136.86	137.07	97.76	96.76	97.69	96.44
CpMe	11.42	11.37				
	14.34	14.25				
CpSi	55.82	55.61	96.20	94.98	96.10	94.57
SiMe ₂	-2.72	-2.68	-0.86	-0.66	-0.95	-1.03
Ar	120.79	105.84	120.37	120.68	120.89	120.92
			122.22 (4)	122.61 (4)		
			129.82	130.17		
ArO	149.93	157.45	155.00	155.24	149.46	149.47
M(CH ₃)			-21.58	-33.96	-21.61	-34.33
M(CO) (1,3)			227.01	216.80	226.82	216.33
(2)			240.03	229.86	239.87	229.43
^{29}Si	14.48	15.01	6.64	6.90	6.74	7.05

^{a)} Compound 1 is a mixture of isomers and is therefore difficult to purify by distillation. It is impossible to unambiguously assign peaks in the regions denoted by a). — ^{b)} Recorded at 230 K in CDCl₃.

Crystal Structure of 11

The results of an X-ray crystal structure analysis are presented in Figure 1 and in Tables 3–6.

In the solid-state structure of the bismetallocene **11**, the two half-sandwich units are symmetry-related through an inversion center, which is located in the middle of the benzene hexagon. The two (cyclopentadienyl)tungsten moieties lie on opposite faces of the planar C₆H₄O₂ unit, giving the molecule a dumb bell-like appearance. This linear shape is also reflected in the dimensions of the unit cell, which contains one molecule. In the solid state there can be no interaction between the two metal sites. However, the conformational flexibility of the O(1)–Si–C(6) unit will allow a much closer approach of the two tungsten atoms in solution and the observation of cooperative effects. The coordination sphere around tungsten can be viewed as a pseudo square-pyramid, with the three carbonyls (mean W–C 198.8, C–O

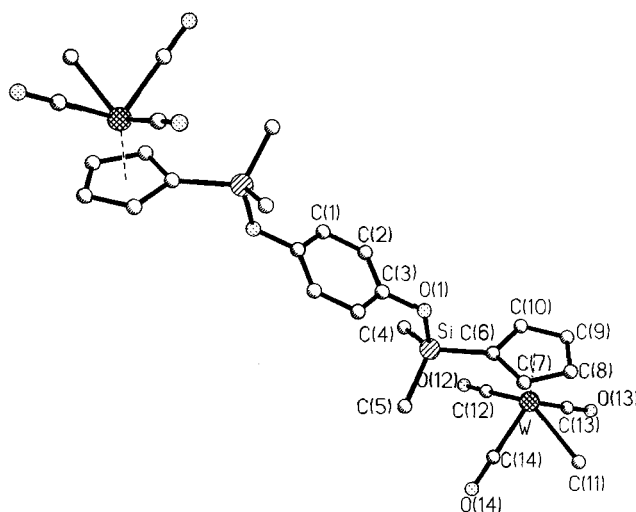


Figure 1. Crystal structure of compound **11** (without H atoms); selected bond distances [pm] and angles [°]: W–CO (mean) 198.8; W–CH₃ 230.3(10); W–Cp–Cent. 200.9; C(3)–O(1)–Si 126.1(5); O(1)–Si–C(6) 101.6(3)

Table 3. Atomic coordinates ($\times 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement coefficients ($\text{pm}^2 \times 10^{-1}$) for **11**. Equivalent isotropic U defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U_{ij} tensor

	x	y	z	U(eq)
W	713(1)	4026(1)	3370(1)	36(1)
Si	331(3)	6300(3)	1587(1)	42(1)
O(1)	141(11)	8584(9)	1373(3)	59(2)
C(1)	1881(14)	10997(13)	-228(4)	55(3)
C(2)	1952(14)	10289(13)	462(4)	56(3)
C(3)	81(14)	9251(11)	678(4)	46(3)
C(4)	2697(15)	5915(16)	1313(5)	66(4)
C(5)	-2179(15)	4122(14)	1132(5)	66(4)
C(6)	604(12)	6644(10)	2612(4)	41(3)
C(7)	-1102(13)	6322(11)	2996(4)	44(3)
C(8)	-182(17)	6977(12)	3767(4)	59(4)
C(9)	2061(17)	7646(12)	3867(4)	60(4)
C(10)	2596(13)	7426(10)	3168(4)	48(3)
C(11)	-1720(15)	2480(16)	4082(5)	67(4)
C(12)	2606(13)	2903(14)	2846(4)	53(3)
O(12)	3722(10)	2289(11)	2575(4)	71(3)
C(13)	2333(14)	3074(12)	4202(5)	55(3)
O(13)	3223(12)	2588(12)	4726(4)	83(3)
C(14)	-1440(12)	1458(11)	2760(4)	47(3)
O(14)	-2746(10)	43(9)	2398(4)	69(3)

Table 4. Bond lengths [pm] of **11**

W–C(6)	233.0 (7)	O(1)–C(3)	138.5 (9)
W–C(7)	231.0 (9)	C(1)–C(2)	138.6 (12)
W–C(8)	235.7 (10)	C(1)–C(3A)	137.1 (12)
W–C(9)	237.1 (7)	C(2)–C(3)	136.4 (12)
W–C(10)	232.4 (7)	C(3)–C(1A)	137.1 (12)
W–C(11)	230.3 (10)	C(6)–C(7)	141.2 (12)
W–C(12)	200.9 (10)	C(6)–C(10)	144.7 (10)
W–C(13)	197.6 (9)	C(7)–C(8)	142.6 (10)
W–C(14)	198.0 (6)	C(8)–C(9)	138.9 (15)
Si–O(1)	164.7 (7)	C(9)–C(10)	141.1 (12)
Si–C(4)	182.4 (11)	C(12)–O(12)	112.9 (13)
Si–C(5)	185.4 (8)	C(13)–O(13)	116.3 (12)
Si–C(6)	186.2 (7)	C(14)–O(14)	113.9 (8)

114.4 pm) and the CH₃ group (W–C 230.3 pm) forming the base. The tungsten atom is located 200.4 pm above the plane of the cyclopentadienyl ring. The C–C distances in

Table 5. Bond angles [°] for 11

C(6)-W-C(7)	35.4(3)	C(13)-W-C(14)	106.9(3)
C(6)-W-C(8)	58.8(3)	O(1)-Si-C(4)	110.0(4)
C(7)-W-C(8)	35.6(3)	O(1)-Si-C(5)	110.0(4)
C(6)-W-C(9)	59.0(2)	C(4)-Si-C(5)	110.9(4)
C(7)-W-C(9)	58.5(3)	O(1)-Si-C(6)	101.6(3)
C(8)-W-C(9)	34.2(4)	C(4)-Si-C(6)	112.7(4)
C(6)-W-C(10)	36.2(2)	C(5)-Si-C(6)	111.3(4)
C(7)-W-C(10)	59.2(3)	Si-O(1)-C(3)	126.1(5)
C(8)-W-C(10)	58.0(3)	C(2)-C(1)-C(3A)	119.8(8)
C(9)-W-C(10)	35.0(3)	C(1)-C(2)-C(3)	120.3(8)
C(6)-W-C(11)	128.1(4)	O(1)-C(3)-C(2)	120.5(7)
C(7)-W-C(11)	92.8(4)	O(1)-C(3)-C(1A)	119.5(8)
C(8)-W-C(11)	80.2(4)	C(2)-C(3)-C(1A)	119.8(7)
C(9)-W-C(11)	104.0(3)	W-C(6)-Si	124.8(4)
C(10)-W-C(11)	137.3(3)	W-C(6)-C(7)	71.5(4)
C(6)-W-C(12)	95.4(3)	Si-C(6)-C(7)	126.4(5)
C(7)-W-C(12)	128.9(3)	W-C(6)-C(10)	71.7(4)
C(8)-W-C(12)	147.7(3)	Si-C(6)-C(10)	127.0(6)
C(9)-W-C(12)	117.7(3)	C(7)-C(6)-C(10)	106.4(6)
C(10)-W-C(12)	89.7(3)	W-C(7)-C(6)	73.0(5)
C(11)-W-C(12)	131.7(4)	W-C(7)-C(8)	74.0(5)
C(6)-W-C(13)	148.2(3)	C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	108.3(7)
C(7)-W-C(13)	147.2(3)	W-C(8)-C(7)	70.4(5)
C(8)-W-C(13)	111.7(3)	W-C(8)-C(9)	73.5(6)
C(9)-W-C(13)	95.5(3)	C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	108.7(8)
C(10)-W-C(13)	112.0(3)	W-C(9)-C(8)	72.4(5)
C(11)-W-C(13)	73.2(4)	W-C(9)-C(10)	70.7(4)
C(12)-W-C(13)	79.3(4)	C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	108.3(7)
C(6)-W-C(14)	102.6(3)	W-C(10)-C(6)	72.1(4)
C(7)-W-C(14)	96.3(3)	W-C(10)-C(9)	74.3(4)
C(8)-W-C(14)	123.0(3)	C(6)-C(10)-C(9)	108.2(8)
C(9)-W-C(14)	154.7(4)	W-C(12)-O(12)	177.6(7)
C(10)-W-C(14)	136.3(3)	W-C(13)-O(13)	175.0(9)
C(11)-W-C(14)	72.7(3)	W-C(14)-O(14)	176.4(8)
C(12)-W-C(14)	78.6(3)		

Table 6. X-ray diffraction data for 11⁴⁾

Formula: C₂₈H₃₀O₈Si₂W₂; **mol. mass** 918.4; **crystal size** 0.35 x 0.25 x 0.10 mm; **yellow rhombic plates**; **a** = 665.3(1), **b** = 672.7(1), **c** = 1847.9(4) pm, **α** = 93.60(3)^o, **β** = 100.30(3)^o, **γ** = 108.44(3)^o; **V** = 7.656(2) x 10⁶ pm³; **d_{calcd.}** = 1.992 gcm⁻³; **linear absorption coefficient** = 7.791 mm⁻¹; **absorption correction:** empirical, psi-scans (**R_{int.}** = 0.13 → 0.04); **space group** P $\bar{1}$; **Z** = 1; **F(000)** = 438; **radiation** Mo-K α ; **diffractometer:** four-circle Stoe-Siemens, graphite monochromator; **scan technique** ω -2 θ ; **measured reflections** 6865 (h \neq 8, k \neq 8, l + 20); **independent reflections** 3506; **observed reflections** 3185 [I > 4.0 σ (I)]; **solution:** heavy-atom method; **full matrix least squares refinement**; **H atoms:** riding-model, fixed isotropic **U**; **refined parameters** 181; **data to parameter ratio** 17.6 : 1; **R** = 0.0348, **R_w** = 0.0388; **Goof** 1.59; **final residual electron density max.** 1.04 eA⁻³, **min.** -1.67 eA⁻³; **Structure solution and refinement:** SHELXTL PLUS (PC Version)³⁶⁾

⁴⁾ Further details of the crystal structure investigation are available on request from the Fachinformationszentrum Karlsruhe, Gesellschaft für wissenschaftlich-technische Information mbH, D-7514 Eggenstein-Leopoldshafen 2, on quoting the depository number CSD-55263, the name of the author and the journal citation.

the aromatic five-membered ring (mean 141.7 pm, 138.9–144.7 pm) are not unusual.

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Experimental

All reactions were carried out under dry argon using standard Schlenk techniques. Commercially available solvents and reagents were purified according to literature procedures³⁹. The phenols were distilled (C₆H₅OH) or dried in vacuo [1,2-C₆H₄(OH)₂, 1,3-C₆H₄(OH)₂, 1,4-C₆H₄(OH)₂, 1,3,5-C₆H₃(OH)₃] prior to use. — Chromatography: silica MN 60. — NMR: recorded at 300 K (¹³C and ²⁹Si NMR in C₆D₆ unless stated otherwise), Bruker AC 200 F spectrometer (DNMR measurements in CDCl₃ and C₆D₅CD₃ with a Eurotherm temperature controlling unit). ¹H NMR (200 MHz), ¹³C NMR (50 MHz) (ligands) and Varian Unity 300, ¹³C NMR (75 MHz) (metal complexes), ²⁹Si NMR [59 MHz, Cr(acac)₂ relaxation reagent, ext. TMS]. — IR: Bruker IFS 25, oils neat, solids as nujol mulls between NaCl plates with intensities estimated. — Elemental analyses: Mikroanalytisches Laboratorium der Chemischen Laboratorien Universität Freiburg. — Melting points: Meltemp melting point apparatus in sealed capillaries. — Starting materials were prepared according to literature procedures: (C₅H₅)SiMe₂Cl²⁹⁾, (CH₃CN)₃M(CO)₃ (M = Cr, Mo, W³⁷⁾, Tetramethylcyclopentenon³⁸⁾, Tetramethylcyclopentadiene³⁹⁾.

(C₅H₅)SiMe₂(OC₆H₅) (1): To a stirred solution of 9.4 g of C₆H₅OH (100 mmol) and 15.2 g of Et₃N (150 mmol) in 200 ml of toluene at 0°C is added 16.4 g of Me₂(C₅H₅)SiCl (0.110 mol) in 20 ml of toluene, whereupon the hydrochloride starts to precipitate. After 2 h at room temp. the (C₂H₅)₃NHCl is filtered off and washed with 50 ml of hexane. The solvents are removed in vacuo, and the residue distilled over a 30-cm Vigreux column (b.p. 67–70°C/0.1 Torr) to yield 17.3 g (80%) of a colorless liquid. — ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 0.16 (SiMe₂), 0.32 (SiMe₂), 0.50 (SiMe₂), 3.16 (s, CH), 3.76 (br, CHSi), 6.63 (br, CH), 6.75 (br, CH), 6.87–7.09 (m, ArH), 7.23–7.36 (m, ArH). — IR (cm⁻¹): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3089 (w), 3067 (w), 3038 (w), 2960 (m), 2924 (w), 2901 (w), 1595 (s), 1491 (vs), 1254 (vs), 1163 (m), 1068 (m), 1023 (w), 979 (s), 951 (s), 916 (vs), 855 (m), 803 (s), 760 (s), 715 (m), 691 (s).

1,4-C₆H₄[OSiMe₂(C₅H₅)]₂ (2): To a stirred suspension of 1.1 g of 1,4-C₆H₄(OH)₂ (10 mmol) and 3.0 g of (C₂H₅)₃N (30 mmol) in 25 ml of toluene at 0°C is added 3.5 g of Me₂(C₅H₅)SiCl (22 mmol) in 10 ml of toluene. After 1 h at room temp. the hydrochloride is filtered off and washed twice with 20 ml hexane. After removal of the volatiles in vacuo a pale yellow oil remains, from which the product slowly crystallizes. After 2 d the oil is syringed off, and the crystals are recrystallized from pentane to yield 1.4 g (41%) of colorless, cube-shaped crystals, m.p. 72°C. — ¹H NMR (CDCl₃): δ = 0.11 (s, SiMe₂), 3.10 (s, CH), 3.7 (br, CH₂), 6.55 (br, CH), 6.69 (br, CH), 6.81 (s, ArH). — IR (cm⁻¹): $\tilde{\nu}$ = 3105 (w), 3087 (w), 3061 (w), 3034 (w), 1500 (vs), 1251 (s), 1238 (s), 1224 (s), 1094 (m), 974 (s), 950 (s), 928 (s), 904 (m), 848 (m), 838 (s), 800 (s), 765 (s), 729 (m), 699 (s), 662 (m).

C₂₀H₂₆O₂Si₂ (354.6) Calcd. C 67.74 H 7.39
Found C 67.43 H 7.37

(HC₅Me₄)SiMe₂Cl⁴⁰⁾ (3): To 24.4 g of tetramethylcyclopentadiene (200 mmol), dissolved in 400 ml of THF, at 0°C is added 80 ml of Butyllithium (2.5 M in hexane) with vigorous stirring. After 1 h the suspension is cooled to -78°C, and 28 g of Me₂SiCl₂ (30

mmol) is added rapidly. The reaction mixture is slowly warmed to room temp. (ca. 1 h) and the pale yellow solution refluxed for 12 h. The volatiles are removed in vacuo, the oily residue is extracted twice with hexane, the LiCl is removed and the filtrate fractionated over a 30-cm Vigreux column (b. p. 67–71 °C/5 Torr) to yield 30.6 g of $(\text{HC}_5\text{Me}_4)\text{SiMe}_2\text{Cl}$ (80%) as a pale yellow, fluorescent liquid. — $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.25$ (s, 6H, SiMe_2), 1.83 (s, 6H, CH_3), 1.98 (s, 6H, CH_3), 3.15 (s, 1H, CH). — IR (cm^{-1}): $\tilde{\nu} = 2965$ (s), 2914 (s), 2858 (s), 2741 (w), 1632 (w), 1442 (m), 1401 (m), 1381 (m), 1300 (w), 1251 (s), 1215 (m), 1120 (m), 1110 (m), 1049 (m), 1024 (m), 988 (m), 954 (m), 917 (w), 843 (vs), 812 (vs), 787 (s), 756 (w), 736 (w), 692 (m), 655 (s).

Common Procedure for the Reaction of Phenols with $(\text{HC}_5\text{Me}_4)\text{SiMe}_2\text{Cl}$: 50 mmol of the phenol and $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_3\text{N}$ (1.5 equivalents per OH group) are suspended in 50 ml of toluene. The reaction mixture is cooled to 0 °C and $(\text{HC}_5\text{Me}_4)\text{SiMe}_2\text{Cl}$ (1.05 equivalents per OH group) added with vigorous stirring. The suspension is then allowed to warm to room temp. and subsequently heated to 80 °C for 2 h. The Et_3NHCl is filtered off, washed twice with 25 ml of hexane, and the filtrate is purified by filtration over a 3-cm layer of silica gel. The volatiles are removed in vacuo, and a pale yellow oil is obtained.

$(\text{HC}_5\text{Me}_4)\text{SiMe}_2(\text{OC}_6\text{H}_5)$ (4): Yield 74%. — $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.06$ (s, SiMe_2), 1.81 (s, CpMe), 1.97 (s, CpMe), 3.15 (br, CpH), 6.82–6.97 (m, ArH), 7.19–7.27 (m, ArH). — IR (cm^{-1}): 3086 (w), 3061 (m), 3038 (m), 3024 (m), 2964 (s), 2914 (s), 2857 (s), 2739 (w), 1632 (m), 1596 (s), 1491 (s), 1444 (m), 1251 (vs), 1216 (s), 1165 (m), 1110 (m), 1069 (m), 1048 (m), 1023 (m), 986 (s), 952 (m), 913 (vst), 890 (st), 838 (st), 812 (st), 786 (st), 757 (st), 711 (m), 691 (st), 639 (m).

$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{24}\text{OSi}$ (272.5) Calcd. C 74.94 H 8.88
Found C 72.10 H 8.71

$1,3\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4[\text{OSiMe}_2(\text{HC}_5\text{Me}_4)]_2$ (5): Yield 53%. — $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.07$ (s, SiMe_2), 1.84 (s, CH_3), 2.00 (s, CH_3), 3.18 (s, CH_3), 6.42 (t, 2.6 Hz, Ph), 6.50 (d, 8.5 Hz, Ph), 7.10 (t, 8.0 Hz, Ph). — IR (cm^{-1}): $\tilde{\nu} = 3069$ (w), 3026 (w), 2962 (s), 2914 (s), 2857 (s), 2737 (w), 1593 (vs), 1488 (m), 1477 (s), 1440 (m), 1294 (m), 1256 (s), 1217 (w), 1178 (vs), 1147 (s), 1110 (m), 1048 (m), 1024 (m), 994 (s), 953 (w), 896 (m), 835 (s), 822 (vs), 786 (s), 688 (m), 640 (m).

$\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_2\text{Si}_2$ (466.15) Calcd. C 72.04 H 9.07
Found C 69.58 H 8.84

$1,4\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4[\text{OSiMe}_2(\text{HC}_5\text{Me}_4)]_2$ (6): Yield 55%, m. p. 73 °C. The *para*-derivative is a solid and is further purified by recrystallisation from pentane. — $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.04$ (s, SiMe_2), 1.81 (s, CH_3), 1.98 (s, CH_3), 3.14 (s, CH_3), 6.72 (s, Ph). — IR (cm^{-1}): $\tilde{\nu} = 3045$ (w), 3731 (w), 1633 (w), 1501 (vs), 1301 (w), 1258 (s), 1249 (s), 1233 (vs), 1213 (s), 1121 (m), 1110 (m), 1097 (m), 1045 (m), 1026 (m), 986 (s), 953 (m), 910 (vs), 839 (s), 828 (s), 805 (s), 748 (w), 698 (w), 688 (w), 659 (m).

$\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_2\text{Si}_2$ (466.15) Calcd. C 72.04 H 9.07
Found C 72.43 H 9.04

$1,3,5\text{-C}_6\text{H}_3[\text{OSiMe}_2(\text{HC}_5\text{Me}_4)]_3$ (7): Yield 45%. — $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.09$ (s, SiMe_2), 1.84 (s, CH_3), 2.00 (s, CH_3), 3.18 (br., CpH), 6.10 (s, Ph). — IR (cm^{-1}): $\tilde{\nu} = 2962$ (s), 2912 (s), 2856 (m), 2738 (w), 1590 (vs), 1442 (s), 1378 (w), 1298 (w), 1250 (s), 1216 (w), 1164 (vs), 1108 (m), 1028 (s), 984 (m), 952 (m), 890 (w), 822 (vs), 784 (s), 740 (w), 684 (w), 640 (m).

$\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{61}\text{O}_3\text{Si}_3$ (662.2) Calcd. C 70.74 H 9.29
Found C 67.89 H 9.46

$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OSiMe}_2\text{-(C}_5\text{H}_4\text{)M(CO)}_3\text{Me}$ [M = Mo (8), W (9)]: To a stirred suspension of 0.046 g of NaH (20 mmol) in 25 ml of THF

at 0 °C are first added 0.216 g of $\text{CpSiMe}_2\text{OPh}$ (1.00 mmol), then after 30 min 0.391 g (M = W) or 0.303 g (M = Mo) of $(\text{MeCN})_3\text{M(CO)}_3$ (1.00 mmol). The reaction mixture is warmed to room temp. and after 1 h 0.284 g of CH_3I (2.00 mmol) is added. After 1 hour the volatiles are removed in vacuo, and the residue is extracted with 25 ml of toluene. After filtration the toluene is removed in vacuo. The remaining yellow oil is purified by chromatography (hexane/toluene 2:1).

$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OSiMe}_2\text{-(C}_5\text{H}_4\text{)Mo(CO)}_3\text{Me}$ (8): Yield 0.283 g (69%) of yellow-green crystals, m. p. 53 °C. — $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.39$ (s, MoCH_3), 0.49 (s, SiMe_2 , $^3J_{\text{SiH}} = 6.9$ Hz), 5.24 (,,t", Cp, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 5.51 (,,t", Cp, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 6.72 (d, 2-ArH, $^3J = 7.4$ Hz), 6.90 (t, 4-ArH, $^3J = 7.4$ Hz), 7.13 (,,t", 3-ArH, $^3J = 7.4$ Hz). — IR (cm^{-1}): $\tilde{\nu}(\text{CO}) = 2020, 1934$.

$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{MoO}_4\text{Si}$ (410.4) Calcd. C 50.76 H 4.42
Found C 50.51 H 4.68

$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{OSiMe}_2\text{-(C}_5\text{H}_4\text{)W(CO)}_3\text{Me}$ (9): Yield 0.375 g (75%) of yellow crystals, m. p. 70 °C. — $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.42$ (s, WCH_3 , $^2J_{\text{WH}} = 3.7$ Hz), 0.50 (s, SiMe_2 , $^2J_{\text{SiH}} = 6.8$ Hz), 5.25 (,,t", Cp, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 5.59 (,,t", Cp, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 6.82 (d, 2-ArH, $^3J = 8.5$ Hz), 6.97 (t, 4-ArH, $^3J = 7.1$ Hz), 7.24 (m, 3,5-ArH). — IR (cm^{-1}): $\tilde{\nu}(\text{CO}) = 2012, 1910$.

$\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{18}\text{O}_4\text{SiW}$ (498.3) Calcd. C 40.98 H 3.64
Found C 40.95 H 3.58

$1,4\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4[\text{OSiMe}_2\text{-(C}_5\text{H}_4\text{)M(CO)}_3\text{Me}]_2$ [M = Mo (10), W (11)]: To a stirred suspension of 0.096 g of NaH (2.00 mmol) in THF at 0 °C are first added 0.177 g of $1,4\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4[\text{OSiMe}_2\text{Cp}]_2$ (0.50 mmol), then after 1 h 0.391 g (M = W) or 0.301 g (M = Mo) of $(\text{CO})_3\text{M(CH}_3\text{CN)}_3$ (1.00 mmol). The reaction mixture is warmed to room temp. and after 1 h 0.284 g of CH_3I (2.00 mmol) is added. After another hour the volatiles are removed in vacuo, and the residue is extracted with 25 ml of toluene. After filtration the toluene is removed in vacuo. The remaining yellow oil is purified by chromatography (hexane/toluene 5:2).

$1,4\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4[\text{OSiMe}_2\text{-(C}_5\text{H}_4\text{)Mo(CO)}_3\text{Me}]_2$ (10): Yield 0.137 g (37%) of a pale-yellow powder, dec. $>110^\circ\text{C}$. — $^1\text{H NMR}$ (CDCl_3): $\delta = 0.35$ (s, MoCH_3), 0.44 (s, SiMe_2 , $^2J_{\text{SiH}} = 6.7$ Hz), 5.18 (,,t", Cp, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 5.48 (,,t", Cp, $J = 2.1$ Hz), 6.64 (s, ArH). — IR (cm^{-1}): $\tilde{\nu}(\text{CO}) = 2008, 1919$.

$\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{30}\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_8\text{Si}_2$ (742.6) Calcd. C 46.29 H 4.07
Found C 46.61 H 4.48

$1,4\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4[\text{OSiMe}_2\text{-(C}_5\text{H}_4\text{)W(CO)}_3\text{Me}]_2$ (11): Yield 0.188 g (41%), yellow crystals, m. p. 144 °C. — $^1\text{H NMR}$ (C_6D_6): $\delta = 0.29$ (s, SiMe_2 , $^2J_{\text{SiH}} = 6.9$ Hz), 0.46 (s, WCH_3 , $^2J_{\text{WH}} = 3.8$ Hz), 4.55 (,,t", Cp, $J = 4.2$ Hz), 4.67 (,,t", Cp, $J = 4.3$ Hz), 6.66 (s, Ph). — IR (cm^{-1}): $\tilde{\nu}(\text{CO}) = 1918, 2008$.

$\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_8\text{Si}_2\text{W}_2$ (918.4) Calcd. C 36.62 H 3.29
Found C 36.55 H 3.36

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