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Further Attempts to Synthesize Pd(0) and Pt(0) Complexes with the Tripod Phosphane Ligand FSi(CH₂CH₂PMe₂)₃

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The tripod phosphane ligand FSi(CH₂CH₂PMe₂)₃ (1) has been prepared again and attempts to gen-

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erate F₃CSi(CH₂CH₂PMe₂)₃ (2) were undertaken for the preparation of transition metal cage compounds of the type A(CCP)₃M or A(CCP)₃M-L (A = FSi, F₃CSi). The photochemical addition of dimethylphosphane to trifluoromethyl-trivinylsilane, however, gave 1 instead of the expected CF₃Sitripod ligand 2, obviously due to difluorocarbene elimination. 1 was used to prepare the chromium carbonyl derivative (CO)₃Cr[(Me₂PCH₂CH₂)₃SiF] (3) from Cr(CO)₃CHT, and 3 was characterized by NMR and IR spectroscopy. The novel complex FSi(CH₂CH₂PMe₂)₃Pd (4) and its PPh₃ derivative [FSi(CH₂CH₂PMe₂)₃Pd]PPh₃ (5) have been obtained by reacting 1 with Pd(PPh₃)₄ and were characterized by NMR (4) and X-ray diffraction (5). The data prove the expected Pd→Si interaction by characteristic coordination shifts and a Pd-Si distance of 3.875 Å which is smaller than the Ni-Si distance in the corresponding nickel compound (3.92 Å). The preparation of the analogous platinum complex from the precursors $Pt(PPh_3)_4$, $Pt(C_7H_{10})_3$, or $(Ph_3P)_2Pt(\eta^2-C_2H_4)$ failed, whereas the reaction of 1 with Pt(PEt₃)₄ was successful, but surprisingly led to the trinuclear complex [FSi(CH₂CH₂PMe₂)₃Pt]₃(PMe₂CH₂CH₂)₃SiF (6) with three cages of type 4 and an additional ligand 1 as a bridging unit. Complex 6 was isolated and characterized spectroscopically. Quantum chemical calculations have been used to elucidate the coordination geometry expected for 4, 5 and the corresponding platinum cage 4' in 6. The calculations support the structure of 5 within the expected limitations of the experimental and theoretical methods and – in spite of the extremely soft coordination sphere of the studied cages – are in accord with the spectroscopic results.

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