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Synthesis and Reactivity of Aminodiphosphanes

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Synthetic routes to various aminodiphosphanes 1 are reported.

$$\frac{1}{N} > N > P - P < R,$$

$$R = N<$$
, $R' = H$; $R = R' = C1$, $N<$, SiMe

Their synthesis is performed by (i) elimination reactions of secondary diaminophosphanes, (ii) P-P coupling of silyldiaminophosphanes with phosphorus trichloride, (iii) reductive coupling of diaminochlorophosphanes with alkali metals or (iv) reaction of diaminochlorophosphanes with lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)phosphide.

In the case of $\underline{1}$ (R = N , R' = H) the thermal decomposition gives the novel cyclic ring-system $\underline{2}$, whose bonding properties will be discussed in light of u.v. and p.e.-spectroscopic measurements.

$$\frac{2}{c} \qquad \qquad \Rightarrow c \stackrel{P = P}{\sim} N -$$

Furthermore the reaction behaviour of $\underline{1}$ and $\underline{2}$ with transition metal compounds will be reported.