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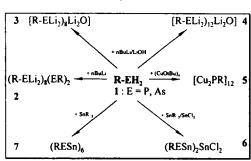
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The reactions of primary silylphosphanes and -arsanes 1 with BuLi yield the three-dimensional M_2ER -aggregates 2 (E = P, As). We observed that the double lithiation of 1 in the presence of Li_2O results in the formation of the aggregates 3 and 4. The cavities of these compounds are filled with an octahedral $[Li_6O]^{4+}$ core.



A neutral copper phosphanediyl cluster with no additional terminal donor ligands on the copper was prepared in the synthesis of 5. Furthermore, the unusual tin phosphanediyl clusters 6 and 7 were the result of Brönstedt acid-base reactions starting from Lappert's stannanediyl

derivative and silylphosphane. The crystal structure of 6 can be described as a complex of the Sn_2P_2 -framework with $SnCl_2$ as donor-acceptor pair.

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