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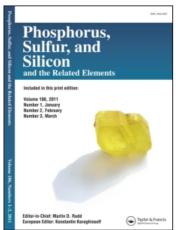
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The phosphanides of yttrium are extremely moisture- and air-sensitive. The metalation of $HP(SiMe_3)_2$ with trialkylyttrium in benzene yields homoleptic dimeric $Y[P(SiMe_3)_2]_3$ (1). Compound 1 is soluble in hydrocarbons. However, ethers are cleaved within a few hours. The synthesis of heteroleptic yttrium phosphanides succeeds if the reactive Y–P bond is shielded by demanding groups. Therefore, the metathesis reaction of $Cp_2Y(\mu-Cl)_2Li(thf)_2$ [$Cp=1,3-(Me_3Si)_2C_5H_3$] with two equivalents of a primary phosphanide $MP(H)SiR_3$ gives yellow $Cp_2Y[P(H)SiR_3]_2M(L)$ ($R=iPr;\ 2,\ M=Li;\ 3,\ M=K$) with Y–P distances of approximately 284 pm. An equimolar reaction leads to the coordination of a solvent molecule and to the formation of $Cp_2Y(thf)P(H)SiR_3$ (4; R=tBu) with a Y–P bond length of 278 pm. The crystals of 4 decompose slowly even in an argon atmosphere.

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