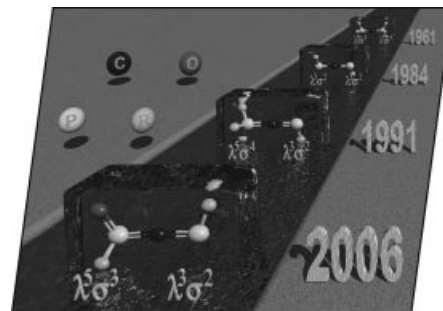


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## COVER PICTURE

The cover picture shows the P=C=P backbones of stable, neutral diphosphaallenes along with the publication year of the first example reported for given coordination numbers of the phosphorus atoms. Since the synthesis of hexaphenylcarbodiphosphorane ( $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}=\text{C}=\text{PPh}_3$ ), a  $\sigma^4, \sigma^4$ -diphosphaallene, in 1961, only two other classes of compounds with P=C=P sequences have been reported in the past decades. Details of the preparation of the phosphavinylidene(oxo)phosphorane  $\text{Mes}^*\text{P}(\text{O})=\text{C}=\text{PMes}^*$  ( $\text{Mes}^* = 2,4,6\text{-tri-}t\text{-butylphenyl}$ ), a diphosphaallene featuring  $\lambda^5\sigma^3$ - and  $\lambda^3\sigma^2$ -phosphorus atoms, NMR spectroscopic data and the first aspects of its reactivity are described in the article by H. Ranaivonjatovo, J. Escudié et al. on p. 4237 ff.



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