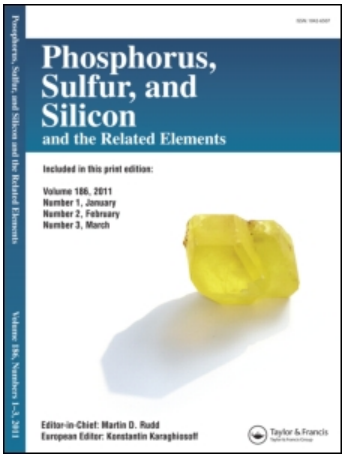

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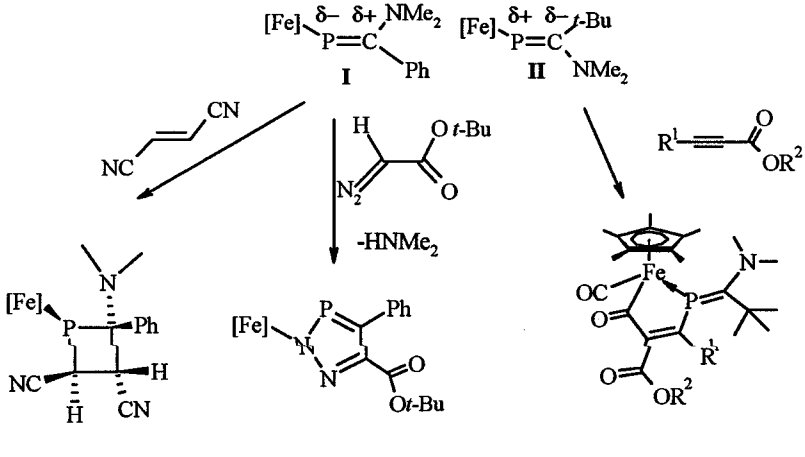
The formally analogous compounds **I** and **II** differ significantly in their ^{31}P-NMR spectra. Singlets at $\delta = 232$ ppm for **I** and $\delta = 411$ ppm for **II** can be explained by a different distribution of π-electron density. According to x-ray data **I** exhibits a 4π-NCP-unit, whereas in **II** for



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steric reasons such a conjugation is absent. Phosphaalkenes **I** and **II** differ also in their chemical reactivities. Only **I** is involved in a [2 + 2]-cycloaddition with fumarodinitrile and a [3 + 2]-cycloaddition with diazoacetates, whereas only **II** underwent a [3 + 2]-cycloaddition with electron deficient alkynes.