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ABSTRACT

Precatalyst species present in a solution of $Pd_2(dba)$ and Xantphos were identified as Pd(Xantphos)(dba) and Pd(Xantphos), by use of ${}^{31}P$ NMR and independent syntheses. $Pd(Xantphos)$, was found to form at high ligand concentrations. To determine whether the formation of this species affected reaction rates, reaction calorimetry was used to explore the rate of the palladium-catalyzed coupling of 4-t-butylbromobenzene and morpholine using the ligand Xantphos at varying palladium to ligand ratios. It was found that catalyst activity is dramatically dependent on the concentration of ligand relative to palladium, due to formation of $Pd(Xanaphos)$. Two plausible hypotheses for the low activity of Pd(Xantphos), as a precatalyst are (1) a slow rate of dissociation of a ligand from the bis-ligated species, and (2) the high degree of insolubility of $Pd(Xantphos)$. Magnetization transfer experiments were used to probe the rate of dissociation of ligand for the bis-ligated species, and reaction calorimetry experiments were performed using the more soluble t-butylXantphos in comparison to Xantphos to determine whether the insolubility of $Pd(Xantphos)$, causes it to have relatively low activity. It was found that solubility is not the main cause for the low activity of $Pd(Xantphos)$, and evidence was given to support the hypothesis that low activity results from the slow dissociation of a ligand from the bis-ligated species.

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A. Introduction.

I. Mechanistic Studies on Palladium Catalyzed Carbon-Nitrogen Bond Forming Reactions Using a Catalyst System Based on Pd/Xantphos.

Palladium-catalyzed carbon-nitrogen bond forming reactions have become one of the most important cross-coupling reactions in synthetic organic chemistry. Recently, advances have been made with the development of catalyst systems that exhibit increased selectivity and wide substrate scope.¹ One catalyst system, based on the ligand Xantphos² (Figure 1), has been particularly successful in broadening the substrate scope of this reaction.³ Using a Pd/Xantphos catalyst system, difficult reactions such as the N-arylation of both heteroarylamines and amides,^{3e, f, g, 5c} the coupling of amines with o*rtho*functionalized base-sensitive aryl halides,⁴ the amination of aryl nonaflates, $3ⁱ$ and the N-arylation of 2-oxazolidinones^{3j} can be accomplished.

Figure 1 Xantphos.

Although catalyst systems using Xantphos have been utilized for various types of reactions, the reason behind its efficiency is largely unknown.⁵ Van Leeuwen and co-workers initially used Xantphos for palladium catalyzed amination reactions^{3a} after the observation that other large bite-angle ligands such as DPEphos⁶ worked well. Both Van Leeuwen^{5b} and Buchwald^{5c} have demonstrated that Xantphos can serve as a *trans*-chelating ligand when bound to Pd(ll). The bite-angle of Xantphos in these complexes is around 153° , which is much larger than the calculated flexible bite angle $(97-135^\circ)$.⁷ Buchwald suggests that the large bite angle is a result of an interaction between the oxygen atom and palladium, which can be seen in the crystal structure. Additionally, it is possible that a palladium-oxygen interaction causes Xantphos to assume a much larger bite-angle when catalyzing reactions. Buchwald also suggests that in order for reductive elimination to occur from a trans-chelating complex, one arm of Xantphos may dissociate from the metal. In support of this, Van Leeuwen has reported that in solution *cis/trans* isomerization can occur^{5b} through a one-arm dissociation event.

Van Leeuwen and co-workers have performed a detailed kinetic analysis of these reactions employing both a (Xantphos)Pd(Ar)Br complex and a cationic (Xantphos)Pd(Ar)OTf complex as precatalysts.^{5a} However, these studies, which are based only on initial rates, may be misleading since recent studies have shown anomalous rate behavior while measuring reaction kinetics under these conditions. $8b, c$

Our goal was to continue determining the characteristics of Xantphos that allow for increased substrate scope in carbon-nitrogen bond forming reactions. These findings would not only yield mechanistic insight, but would also be helpful

in designing new ligands that could induce better selectivity and substrate scope than is already observed.

II. Reaction Calorimetry

Reaction calorimetry 8 has proven itself to be an extremely useful method for performing kinetic analysis of multi-step reactions. Classical kinetic measurements involve initial rate studies, "flooding"—using an unusually large excess of one reagent, sampling, and NMR studies. Initial rate studies are particularly misleading in catalytic reactions since in most cases only a limited number of turnovers will be observed. Flooding is also misleading for catalytic and multi-step reactions since this can alter the rate-determining step, and dramatically alter the kinetic profile of the reaction. Sampling of reactions can introduce error, and can be excruciatingly time-consuming. NMR studies have been shown to be very useful if the conditions of the study are such that the reaction mixture is homogeneous and no stirring is needed.

Reaction calorimetry is a non-invasive method that allows the measure of heat flow versus time during the course of a reaction. Reaction calorimetry conditions are considered to be "synthetically relevant" as the reaction can be performed in a vessel under the exact same conditions it would be performed if no kinetic analysis were being performed.

The heat flow (q) measured during the course of a reaction is proportional to the reaction rate, r, where ΔH_{rxn} is the heat of reaction and V is the reaction volume (Equation 1).

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q = \Delta H_{rxn} Vr
$$

Equation 1

The heat flow measurements can be used to calculate percent conversion of starting material at any point during the reaction by dividing the area of all heat flow measurements up to any time point t by the sum of the heat flow for the entire duration of the reaction t_f (Equation 2).

fractional conversion =
$$
\frac{\int_{t_0}^{t} q(t) dt}{\int_{t_0}^{t} q(t) dt}
$$

Equation 2

Reaction calorimetry was used to study palladium-catalyzed carbonnitrogen bond forming reactions using Xantphos and t-butylXantphos as supporting ligands, and $Pd_2(dba)_3$ as the palladium source.

B. Results and Discussion

The palladium-catalyzed coupling of 4-t-butylbromobenzene and morpholine (Figure 2) was used in calorimetry studies due to its rapid reaction rate and the high conversion of the aryl bromide. A vial containing $Pd_2(dba)_{3}$, Xantphos, NaOt-Am, 1,4-dioxane, and toluene⁹ was equilibrated at 60 °C for 1 h. Morpholine and 4-t-butylbromobenzene were injected after equilibration to initiate the reaction. A sample reaction calorimetry kinetic analysis, which shows fractional conversion vs. time, is also shown in Figure 2. In order to verify that heat flow measurements correspond to conversion of starting material to product, a GC correlation is performed by measuring conversion of starting material at various time points in separate reactions by GC, and plotting those points on top of the calorimetric fractional conversion vs. time plot. The two plots are consistent, i.e., the measured heat flow is due to product formation, and calorimetry is an accurate technique to observe heat flow in this reaction.

Figure 2 Fraction Conversion vs. Time for Calorimetric and GC Data. [ArBr]₀ = 0.25 M; $[Amine]_0 = 0.30$ M (1.2 equivalents); $[NaOtAm]_0 = 0.35$ M (1.4 equivalents; 1:1 Xantphos/Pd from $Pd_2(dba)$ ₃ 2.5 mol % Pd based on ArBr; 1,4-Dioxane 3 ml, Toluene 1 ml⁹.

Our initial studies revealed that the palladium to ligand ratio has a dramatic effect on reaction rate, as shown in Figure 3. It was found that for the simple reaction we were studying, a ligand to palladium ratio of 1:1 is optimal, and that at higher ligand concentrations, the reaction rate dramatically decreases. One possible hypothesis is that at high ligand ratios the concentration of active catalyst is suppressed by formation of a less active species. In order to test this hypothesis, information was needed about the structure of the precatalyst.

Figure 3 Reaction Rate vs. Ligand:Pd Ratio. $[ArBr]_0 = 0.25$ M; $[Amine]_0 = 0.30$ M (1.2 equivalents); $[NaOtAm]_0 = 0.35$ M (1.4 equivalents); $Pd_2(dba)_3$ 2.5 mol % Pd based on ArBr; Xantphos 2 mol % - 4 mol % based on ArBr; 1,4-Dioxane 3 ml, Toluene 1 ml. Reaction rate is at 10 % conversion of ArBr.

We wanted to determine what species are present in a solution of Xantphos and $Pd_2(dba)_3$. This knowledge would allow for structural information about the precatalyst, and also could determine the cause of the rate decrease at higher Xantphos concentrations. There are several species which are likely to form in a solution of Xantphos and $Pd_2(dba)_3$, some of which are shown in Figure 4.

Figure 4 Species which are likely formed when Xantphos and $Pd_2(dba)$ ₃ are mixed.

A common and useful method for studying palladium-phosphine complexes is $31P$ NMR. We wanted to determine the quantity of species present,

and then to identify these species. However, due to the low solubility of Xantphos and $Pd_2(dba)_3$. NMR experiments could not be conducted. To avoid this problem, initial studies were conducted using the more soluble tbutylXantphos (Figure 5).¹⁰

Figure 5 t-butylXantphos

 $Pd_2(dba)_3$ and t-butylXantphos (1:1 L:Pd) were stirred in toluene at room temperature under inert atmosphere for two hours. This orange-red solution was filtered through a glass frit inside of a glovebox to remove insoluble matter. After concentrating this solution slightly, $31P$ NMR experiments were performed at variable temperatures. As shown in Figure 6, at least two different species were present. Species B has a complex splitting pattern at low temperatures, and starts to coalesce to one peak at higher temperatures. The other two peaks, labeled as Species A, may be consistent with two inequivalent phosphorous atoms on one palladium atom.

Figure 6 ³¹ P NMR of precatalyst at different temperatures.

In order to identify **these peaks, complexes composed of palladium,** t**butylXantphos, and dibenzylidene acetone** were separately synthesized **as shown** in Figure 7.

Figure 7 Synthesis of palladium-t-butylXantphos complexes.

 $PdCl₂(t-buty)Xantphos)$ was synthesized using an analogous procedure to synthesize $PdCl₂(dppf).$ ¹¹ Using the straightforward route to bisphosphinecyclooctatetraene $Pd(0)$ complexes developed by Brown and Coolev.¹² tbutylXantphos-cyclooctatetraene Pd(O) was synthesized from the above described PdCI₂(t-butylXantphos) complex. Cyclooctatetraene is an extremely labile ligand and can be displaced easily from a metal center with another alkene or phosphine ligand. In this way, both $Pd(t-buty)Xantphos)(dba)^{13}$ and $Pd(t-b)$ butylXantphos)₂ were synthesized; the ³¹P NMR spectra are shown in Figure 8.

Pd(t-butylXantphos)(dba) corresponds to the two large peaks around δ_P 9.8 and δ_P 12.4 ppm. The two phosphorous atoms on palladium are inequivalent due to the non-symmetric bonding of dba on palladium, which accounts for the P-P coupling observed. The phosphorous atoms in $Pd(t-butv)Xantphos)$ resonate around δ_P 0.8 and δ_P 3.4 ppm (in THF). As shown above in Figure 6, the ³¹P NMR of this complex at 0 °C exhibits a complex splitting pattern, which suggests that this complex does not possess tetrahedral symmetry.

F**igure 8** ³¹P NMR analysis of palladium complexes made from Pd(*t*butylXantphos)(cyclooctatetraene). Pd(t-butylXantphos)₂ and butylXantphos)(dba) are in THF, precatalyst is in toluene. $Pd(t-$

An X-ray quality crystal of Pd(*t*-butylXantphos) $_2^{15}$ was grown by synthesizing the complex by the route shown in Figure 7, dissolving the product in benzene, and finally layering with ether. The ORTEP diagram is shown in Figure 9a. However, this complex is extremely crowded and to allow for better interpretation, the phenyl groups have been removed for clarity (Figure 9b). The complex exists in the solid state as a distorted tetrahedron, with P-Pd bond lengths: 2.3809(13), 2.3857(12), 2.3846(14), 2.4001(14) A, and P-Pd-P angles: 108.07(4), 108.73(5), 113.51(4), 108.09(4), 109.40(5), 108.90(5) ° . The Pd-P bond length of 2.4001(14) \AA is slightly longer than other Pd-P bond lengths, and the angle of 113.51(4)° is considerably larger than the other angles, which may account for the complex splitting pattern observed by $31P$ NMR at 0 °C (Figure 6). In solution at room temperature, the complex splitting pattern is no longer observed, meaning that the solution state structure is highly fluxional.

Figure 9a. ORTEP diagram of *t*-butylXantPhos₂Pd with hydrogen atoms, benzene molecule and ether molecule removed for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids are at 30% probability.

Figure 9b. ORTEP digram of t-butylXantPhos₂Pd with hydrogens, phenyl groups, benzene molecule and ether molecule removed for clarity. Thermal ellipsoids at 30% probability.

Although all of these studies were performed with t-butylXantphos, it is likely that the corresponding species also form when employing Xantphos. As a dramatic rate decrease is observed at high Xantphos concentrations, we wanted to determine what causes this phenomenon. As was expected, stirring an excess of *t*-butylXantphos (3:1 L:Pd) and $Pd_2(dba)_3$ in toluene produced a ³¹P NMR with Pd(t -butylXantphos)₂ as the predominant species (Figure 10). This observation suggests that the corresponding $Pd(Xantphos)_2$ species forms at higher Xantphos concentrations. Such an experiment was attempted with Xantphos; however, an insoluble yellow/green precipitate formed, making analysis by NMR impossible.

Figure 10 Precatalyst Mixture of Pd:L 1:3 vs. Pd:L 1:1

Although NMR experiments could not be conducted with Xantphos, Pd(Xantphos)₂ could be isolated. Xantphos and Pd_2 (dba)₃ were stirred in an extremely dilute solution of toluene (0.002 M based on Pd). The solution was filtered to remove palladium black, concentrated slightly, filtered again, and finally concentrated completely. At this point, the yellow solid¹⁶ was trituated in toluene overnight to remove dibenzylidene acetone and excess Xantphos. The resulting yellow solid is sparingly soluble in common organic solvents. The identity of the species was confirmed to be $Pd(Xantphos)$ by use of MALDI-TOF-MS analysis and elemental analysis.

From these NMR experiments, it is believed that when $Pd(Xantphos)_2$ forms in a catalytic reaction, the reaction rate decreases significantly. Others have reported trends that can account for the formation of this species. Buchwald and co-workers reported "an unusual dependence on catalyst loading," where the reactions being studied were more efficient at lower catalyst concentrations.5c Another observation is that difficult reactions employing Xantphos are often run at very low concentrations(0.25 -0.13 M), $39,4$ which would minimize the formation of $Pd(Xantohos)_{2}$.

Due to the insolubility of $Pd(Xantphos)_{2}$, it was our hypothesis that catalyst deactivation occurs at high Xantphos concentrations, i.e. this inactive species forms, and precipitates from solution. An alternative hypothesis is that an equilibrium exists between the bis-ligated species and the mono-ligated palladium species in solution, and this equilibrium lies towards the bis-ligated species (Figure 11).

Figure 11 Equlibrium of palladium-Xantphos species.

To test these hypotheses, experiments were performed at varying ligand to palladium ratios with both Xantphos and t-butylXantphos. The results of these studies are shown in Figure 12.

Figure 12 Plot of Rate vs. Ligand:Palladium Ratio for both Xantphos and tbutylXantphos. $[ArBr]_0 = 0.25 M$; $[Amine]_0 = 0.30 M$ (1.2 equivalents); $[NaOfAm]_0$ $= 0.35$ M (1.4 equivalents); Pd₂(dba)₃ 2.5 mol % Pd based on ArBr; Ligand 2 mol % - 4 mol % based on ArBr; 1,4-dioxane **3** ml, toluene 1 mi.⁹

At high ligand to palladium ratios (>1.6), t-butylXantphos continues to catalyze the reaction, whereas the reaction with Xantphos provides no product. However, at ligand to palladium ratios between 1 and 1.6, the rate profiles are essentially identical for Xantphos and t-butylXantphos.

To further test the hypothesis that the solubility of $Pd(Xantphos)_2$ can cause catalyst deactivation, reactions were catalyzed by employing $Pd(Xantphos)_2$ and $Pd(t-butylXantphos)_2$ as precatalysts. Rate verses fractional conversion is shown in Figure 13a, and rate verses time is shown in Figure 13b for the coupling of p-t-butylbromobenzene and morpholine.

Figure 13a Reaction Rate vs. Fractional Conversion for reactions catalyzed by Pd(*t*-butylXantphos) $_2$ and Pd(Xantphos) $_2$ [ArBr] $_0$ = 0.25 M; [Amine] $_0$ = 0.30 M (1.2 equivalents); $\textsf{[NaO}t\textsf{Am]}_0$ = 0.35 M (1.4 equivalents); 2.5 % Pd(L) $_2$ based on [ArBr]; 1,4-dioxane, 4 mi.

Figure 13b Reaction Rate vs. Time for reactions catalyzed by Pd(tbutylXantphos)₂ and Pd(Xantphos)₂ [ArBr]₀ = 0.25 M; [Amine]₀ = 0.30 M (1.2 equivalents); $[NaOtAm]_0 = 0.35 \text{ M}$ (1.4 equivalents); 2.5 % Pd(L)₂ based on [ArBr]; 1,4-dioxane, 4 ml.

The reaction catalyzed by $Pd(Xantphos)_2$ exhibits a very interesting kinetic profile in that the rate is slowly increasing throughout the reaction. This can be compared to the kinetic profile of the corresponding reaction in which Pd(tbutylXantphos) $₂$ is the precatalyst. In this reaction, the rate is generally the same</sub>

throughout the reaction, exhibiting zero-order kinetics. This is very similar to an observation of zero-order kinetics made both by van Leeuwen and co-workers^{5a} and by Hartwig and co-workers^{ref} while studying palladium-catalyzed carbonnitrogen bond formation using Pd/Xantphos and Pd/BINAP catalyst systems, respectively. Buchwald and Blackmond^{8a} later demonstrated that the zero order dependence on substrate may arise from the slow rate of active catalyst formation. This would be the case if a slow dissociation of t-butylXantphos from $Pd(t-buty)Xantphos₂$ was occurring. This slow dissociation is also occurring from $Pd(Xantphos)$; however, along with this dissociation is a slow equilibration allowing more precatalyst into solution, which accounts for the increasing rate of reaction.

Attempts were made using a $31P$ NMR magnetization transfer experiment to measure the rate of dissociation of a ligand from the bis-ligated species (Figure 14); a procedure which has been reported before by Grubbs and coworkers.¹⁷ To do this, a solution containing Pd(t-butylXantphos)₂ and tbutylXantphos (1.0:1.5 ratio) in benzene- d_6 was equilibrated in an NMR probe, and then the free ligand was selectively inverted using a 180° pulse. After variable mixing times between 0.0100 and 5.12 s, a nonselective 90° pulse was applied. Using this method, if free ligand were to exchange rapidly enough with complexed ligand, the peak area for the complex would decrease following exchange with the inverted signal of the free ligand. Even at 60 °C, however, no change in the integral values was observed, meaning that no appreciable

exchange (or less exchange than is capable of being detected by NMR) was occurring between the complexed and free ligand.

This method is only useful for rates of exchange that are large enough relative to (1) the relaxation rate of the complexed ligand, and (2) the relaxation rate of the free ligand. That is, the rate of magnetization loss due to exchange of the complexed ligand with free ligand must be large enough to measure before the NMR signal of the complexed ligand returns to equlibrium and/or the before the free ligand relaxes back to equilibrium following selective inversion. We found that in this case, the rate of exchange is too slow to measure before relaxation occurs, and a binding constant could not be obtained. This data suggests that the binding constant is very large for $Pd(t-buty)Xantphos)_{2}$, meaning that the reason for its inefficiency as a precatalyst is likely the slow formation of the active mono-ligated species (Figure 14).

Figure 14 Equilibrium between mono and bis-ligated Xantphos-palladium species.

C. Conclusions

Products from mixing Xantphos and $Pd_2(dba)_3$ were identified as $Pd(Xantphos)_2$ and $Pd(Xantphos)(dba)$. This was accomplished by separately synthesizing the analogous t-butylXantphos species, and comparing their $31P$ NMR spectra to the $31P$ NMR spectrum of a mixture of *t*-butylXantphos and $Pd_2(dba)$ ₃. Pd(Xantphos)(dba) serves as the precatalyst and Pd(Xantphos)₂ demonstrates extremely low activity as a precatalyst.

Reaction rates were essentially the same for reactions catalyzed by Xantphos and t-butylXantphos at ligand:Pd rations between 1.0 and 1.5, meaning that the insolubility of $Pd(Xantphos)$ is not the cause of its low activity, since $Pd(t-buty)Xantphos₂$ is completely soluble. Furthermore, it was demonstrated through reaction calorimetry that $Pd(Xantphos)_2$ is in equilibrium with Pd(Xantphos) by use of $Pd(Xanthos)₂$ as the precatalyst. The size of this equilibrium was probed by use of a magnetization transfer experiment, and it was found that formation of $Pd(Xantphos)_{2}$ in the palladium-catalyzed amination of 4t-butylbromobenzene significantly decreases the rate of reaction, not due to solubility, but due to a very large binding constant for ligand on the bis-ligated species which causes a slow generation of mono-ligated active catalyst.

D. Experimental

Reagents. Toluene and THF were purchased from J. T. Baker in CYCLE-TAINER[®] solvent delivery kegs and vigorously purged with argon for 2 h. The solvent was further purified by passing it under argon pressure through two packed columns of neutral alumina (THF) or through neutral alumina and copper (II) oxide (toluene). 1,4-Dioxane, benzene, and morpholine were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. in SureSeal containers and taken into a glovebox before use. Xantphos, dichlorobis(acetonitrile)palladium (II1), tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium(0), and lithium granules were acquired from Strem Chemicals, Inc. and used without further purification. 1-Bromo-4-tertbutylbenzene was purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and distilled from CaH2 prior to use. Sodium tert-amylate (NaOtAm), purchased from Aldrich, was stored and used inside of the glovebox. 4,5-dibromo-2,7-di-tert-butyl-9,9dimethylxanthene, n-BuLi (2.5 M in SureSeal bottle), and cyclooctatetraene were purchased from Aldrich Chemical Co. and used without further purification. Chlorodiphenylphosphine (98%) was purchased from Strem Chemical Co. and distilled over CaH2 under reduced pressure prior to use. All reagents used in reaction calorimetry experiments were handled and stored in a nitrogen-filled glovebox, except for tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium(0), which was weighed in air into a septum-sealed vial. This vial was then evacuated/backfilled with argon three times before it was taken into a glovebox.

Analytical Methods. ¹ H NMR spectra were obtained either on a Bruker 400 MHz, or a Varian Mercury 300 MHz spectrometer, with chemical shifts reported with respect to residual solvent peaks. $31P\{1H\}$ NMR spectra were obtained either on a Varian 500 MHz, or Varian Mercury 300 MHz, with chemical shifts reported with respect to calibration with an external standard of phosphoric acid (0 ppm). MALDI-TOF was performed on a Bruker Omniflex calibrating externally with a ProteoMass[™] Peptide MALDI-MS Calibration Kit. Melting points (uncorrected) were obtained on a Mel-Temp capillary melting point apparatus. Gas Chromatographic analyses were performed on a Hewlett-Packard 6890 gas chromatography instrument with an FID detector using 25m x 0.20 mm capillary column with cross-linked methyl siloxane as a stationary phase. Elemental Analyses were obtained from Atlantic Microlab, Inc. (Norcross, Georgia).

Reaction Calorimetry Experimental Details. Reactions were performed in either an Omnical SuperCRC or an Omnical Reactmax reaction calorimeter. The instrument contains an internal magnetic stirrer and a differential scanning calorimeter (DSC), which compares the heat released or consumed in a sample vessel to an empty reference vessel. The reaction vessels were 16 mL borosilicate screw-thread vials fit with open-top black phenolic screw caps and white PTFE septa (KimbleBrand) charged with Teflon-coated stir bars. Sample volumes did not exceed 4.2 mL. A stock solution of Xantphos or t-butylXantphos was made by dissolving 0.250 mmol ligand (145 mg Xantphos, 173 mg tbutylXantphos) in 5.00 mL toluene in a volumetric flask to make a 0.0500 M

solution. Pd₂(dba)₃ was weighed in air and brought into the glovebox by evacuating and backfilling a small vial with argon three times. 1 mL of dioxane was then added and stirred to form a slurry. This slurry was then added to the previously weighed NaOtAm in the reaction vessel. The desired amount of ligand was added by taking a portion of the stock solution and diluting to a total volume of 1.0 mL in toluene, so that each reaction contained a constant amount of toluene with varying amounts of ligand (i.e., If 0.025 mmol ligand was desired, 0.50 mL of the stock solution was delivered to a vial and 0.50 mL toluene was added. If 0.03 mmol ligand was desired, 0.60 mL of the stock solution was delivered to a vial, and 0.40 ml of toluene was added.) This solution of ligand was added to the calorimeter vial containing the NaOtAm and $Pd_2(dba)_{3}$, and finally 2.0 mL of dioxane was added and the reaction vessel was sealed. This vessel was then removed from the glovebox and placed in the calorimeter and stirred for one hour, allowing the contents of the vessel to reach thermal equilibrium. Simultaneously, a syringe containing 1-bromo-4-tert-butylbenzene and morpholine was placed in the sample injection port of the calorimeter, and was allowed to thermally equilibrate. The reaction was initiated by injecting the mixture of aryl bromide and amine into the stirred catalyst-NaOtAm solution. The temperature of the DSC was held constant at 333K using the internal temperature controller in the calorimeter, ensuring that the reaction would proceed under isothermal conditions. A raw data curve was produced by measuring the heat flow from the sample vessel every six seconds during the reaction. Due to the delay between the instantaneous heat flow being evolved

from the reaction vessel, and the time the thermophile sensor detects the heatflow, the raw data curve must be calibrated. To accomplish this calibration, a constant amount of current was passed through a resistor in the sample chamber of the calorimeter thereby producing a known quantity of heat. This process results in a response curve, which is then transformed into a square wave allowing for the response time of the instrument to be calculated using the WinCRC software. Application of the response time to the raw data results in a "tau corrected data curve." The tau corrected data curve is a plot of heat flow (mJ s-1) versus time. The reaction rate, which is directly proportional to the heat flow (Equation 1), fractional conversion (Equation 2), and instantaneous concentrations of reactants/products can all be calculated from this tau corrected data curve.

> $q = \Delta H_{\text{rxn}} V r$ **Equation 1**

fractional conversion =
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\frac{\int_{t_0}^{t} q(t) dt}{\int_{t_0}^{t} q(t) dt}
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Equation 2

As a control, the conversion measured by GC analysis was compared to conversion measured by heat flow (Figure 15). Agreement between the two

curves suggests that calorimetric analysis was a valid method for studying rates of this type of reaction.

Figure 15 Fractional Conversion vs. Time for Calorimetric and GC Data. [ArBr]o $= 0.25$ M; [Amine] $_0 = 0.30$ M (1.2 equivalents); [NaOtAm] $_0 = 0.35$ M (1.4 equivalents; 1:1 Xantphos/Pd from $Pd_2(dba)$ ³ 2.5 mol % Pd based on ArBr; 1,4-Dioxane 3 ml, Toluene 1 ml.

Crystal Structure Determination of Pd(t-butylXantPhos)₂. Crystals suitable for **X-Ray** diffraction were obtained by layering ether on a saturated solution of Pd(t-butylXantPhos)₂ in benzene in a glovebox. A single crystal (0.17 x 0.12 x

0.09 mm³) was mounted on a magnetic glass pin and placed on the goniometer head under a stream of N_2 delivered from a Cyrostream 700 at 100K. A Siemens Platform three circle diffractometer equipped with an APEX CCD detetctor was used to obtain the data. The crystal was exposed to M_{α} radiation (λ =0.71073 A), collecting 10 sec. frames, of which 230195 measured and 26495 independent reflections were observed, with $R_{int} = 0.1009$ in C2/c (space group #15), to $d=0.80$ (2 θ =52.78°). Data was processed using SAINT supplied by Siemens Industrial Automation, Inc., and structure determination was completed by direct methods using SHELXTL, V6.10, G. M. Sheldrick, University of Gottingen. The structure was refined on F^2 by full-matrix least-squares methods, and absorption correction was applied with SADABS. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anistropically, except for the extremely disorded ether molecule. All hydrogens were placed in calculated positions and left to ride on their parent atoms. The benzene molecule was disordered and each carbon was set at half occupancy. The refinement of 1465 parameters using 26495 reflections and 0 restraints gave $R_1 = 0.0637$, $wR_2 = 0.1639$ [$|>2\sigma(1)|$, goodness of fit on $F^2 = 1.070$, $\Delta \rho_{\text{max/min}} =$ 1.398/-0.967 e. A^{-3} .

Magnetization Transfer Experiment. Pd(t-butylXantphos)₂ (34.2 mg, 0.0230 mmol) and t-butylXantphos (24.2 mg, 0.0350 mmol) were weighed inside of a glovebox into a small vial and dissolved in d_6 -benzene (0.70 mL). This solution was placed inside of a screw-cap septum-sealed NMR tube. The tube was equilibrated in the NMR probe at either 20 °C or 60 °C. The free t-butylXantphos was selectively inverted using a 180° pulse. After variable mixing times between 0.0100 and 5.12 s, a nonselective 90° pulse was applied. 16 transients with a relaxation delay of 35 s $(T_1$ of Pd(t-butylXantphos)₂ is 1.17 s; T₁ of tbutylXantphos is 6.46 s) was needed to obtain a spectrum with an acceptable signal to noise ratio. $1H$ decoupling was applied during the 90 $^{\circ}$ pulse. Integration values at the variable mixing times for the complex were determined.

Sample Analysis of Precatalyst by ³¹P NMR. *t*-butylXantphos (69.9 mg, 0.10 mmol) and Pd_2 (dba)₃ (45.9 mg, 0.0500 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (2.0 mL) and stirred for 2 h inside of a glovebox. This solution was filtered over a glass frit to remove insoluble matter, and concentrated to a volume of 0.7 mL. This solution was then transferred to a septum-sealed NMR tube.

Material Preparation

Preparation of t-butylXantphos. 4,5-dibromo-2,7-di-tert-butyl-9,9dimethylxanthene (5.0 g, 10.4 mmol) was dissolved in THF (150 mL) in a 500 mL flame-dried round-bottom flask under argon. This solution was cooled to -78 °C, and n-BuLi (8.8 mL of a 2.5 M solution in hexanes, 22 mmol) was added dropwise over 20 min. The solution was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h, then chlorodiphenylphosphine (4.5 mL, 24 mmol) was added dropwise over 45 min. With stirring, the solution was allowed to warm to room temperature overnight. The solution was washed with water $(3 \times 100 \text{ ml})$, dried over MgSO₄, and concentrated with the aid of a rotary evaporator to give a light yellow oil. With

vigorous stirring, EtOH (50 mL) was slowly added to the yellow oil to form a slurry of crude t-butylXantphos which was filtered and recrystallized from toluene/EtOH to afford 6.13 g (85%) of the white solid. ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 300 MHz): δ = 7.42 (d, $4J(H,H) = 2.40$ Hz, 2H), 7.24 (m, 20H), 6.55 (m, 2H), 1.67 (s, 6H), 1.11 (s, 18H). $3^{1}P$ NMR{ ^{1}H } (CD₂Cl₂, 300 MHz): δ = -16.3; Lit. mp 194-195 °C.¹⁰ experimental mp 194-195 °C.

Preparation of PdCI₂(t-butyIXantphos). Procedure was adapted from Hayashi's procedure to make $PdCl₂(dppf).$ ¹¹ A slurry of benzene (20 mL) and dichlorobis(acetonitrile)palladium (11) (518 mg, 2.00 mmol) was stirred in a septum-sealed 100 mL round-bottom flask in a glovebox under nitrogen atmosphere. t-butylXantphos (1.38 g, 2.00 mmol) was dissolved in benzene (20 mL) and added slowly with stirring to the dichlorobis(acetonitrile)palladium (II) slurry. This mixture was stirred for 12 hours during which time a yellow precipitate formed, as well as an orange solution. The yellow solid was filtered over a glass frit in a glovebox and washed with benzene (10 mL) and ether (10 mL) until the supernatent was clear, and finally dried under high vacuum to afford 457 mg (29%) of yellow solid. mp 171 °C dec; IR (KBr) 3057, 2964, 2906, 2869, 1479, 1436, 1426, 1395, 1364, 1255, 1234, 1190, 1094, 741, 706, 692 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 300 MHz): δ = 7.70 (d, ⁴J(H,H) = 1.70 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (m, 22H), 1.87 (s, 6H), 1.26 (s, 18H); ¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 500 MHz): δ = 153.3 (m), 148.4 (m), 135.7 (m), 135.0 (m), 130.6 (s), 130.2 (s), 128.8 (s), 128.6 (s), 128.5 (s), 128.5 (s), 127.7 (s), 119.4 (m), 118.9 (m), 38.0 (m), 35.5 (s), 31.7 (s), 26.8 (bs)

(complexity of spectrum due to $\mathrm{^{34}P_{\text{-}}^{13}C}$ coupling); $\mathrm{^{34}P}$ NMR{'H} (CD₂Cl₂, 300 MHz): δ = 23.3; MALDI-MS: Observed $C_{47}H_{48}O_2P_2PdCl$ (Complex-CI): Theoretical 829.1907 (26.6%), 830.1922 (64.9%), 831.1915 (100.0%), 832.1927 (60.2%), 833.1907 (99.7%), 834.1935(45.4%), 835.1913 (57.5%), 836.1938 (25.7%), 837.1923 (14.9%); Found 829.2071 (35.8%), 830.2068 (76.1%), 831.2242 (100.0%), 832.1912 (70.5%), 833.2227 (97.3%), 834.2245 (51.2%), 835.1700 (59.4%), 836.2003 (25.6%), 837.1684 (5.5%).

Preparation of Cyclooctatetradienide Solution (0.30 M). As prepared previously by Katz and co-workers, ¹² THF (16 mL) was added to a flame-dried 3 neck 25 mL round-bottom flask under argon and cooled to -78 °C. Lithium granules (76 mg, 11 mmol, washed with hexanes to remove mineral oil) were added under a positive flow of argon. Cyclooctatetraene (0.54 mL, 4.8 mmol) was then added via syringe. The mixture was stirred overnight while warming to room temperature to form a green/blue solution that could be stirred at room temperature until use. Best results were obtained by using the solution the same day, but it can be stored for up to 4 days with minimal decomposition.

Preparation of Pd(t-butylXantphos)(cyclooctatetraene). Inside of a glovebox under nitrogen atmosphere, $PdCl₂(t-buty)Xantphos)$ (170 mg, 0.20 mmol) was weighed into a 25 mL round-bottom flask equipped with a stirbar. The flask was sealed with a rubber septum and further sealed with black electrical tape. The flask was removed from the glovebox and THF (8.0 mL) was

added to form a yellow slurry. The slurry was degassed by three freeze/pump/thaw cycles, and finally cooled to -78 °C. Cyclooctatetradienide (0.70 mL of the 0.30 M solution in THF, 0.20 mmol) was added dropwise over five min and then stirred for thirty min to form a green slurry. Cannula transferring a portion of this solution to a flame-dried septum-sealed NMR tube under argon allowed for $31P$ NMR analysis. Decomposition will begin to occur at room temperature, and this complex was not isolable. $31P NMR^{1}H$ (THF, 300 MHz): δ = 11.384 (s).

Preparation of Pd(t-butylXantphos)₂. t-butylXantphos (830 mg, 1.2 mmol) was weighed into a 25 mL round-bottom flask and evacuated/backfilled with argon three times. The solid was dissolved in THF (5.0 mL), and then subjected to three freeze/pump/thaw cycles. While still cold, it was slowly cannula transferred to the Pd(t-butylXantphos)(cyclooctatetraene) solution prepared above. This mixture was stirred for thirty min while warming to rt to form a yellow solution. This yellow solution was taken into the glovebox and filtered. The resulting solution was concentrated, dissolved in benzene, filtered, and finally layered with ether. Bright yellow crystals formed which were suitable for X-Ray analysis (140 mg, 48 %). mp 162 °C dec; IR (KBr) 3053, 2964, 2905, 2867, 2280, 1585, 1477, 1426, 1398, 1361, 1284, 1256, 1240, 742, 696 cm⁻¹; ¹H NMR $(C_6D_6, 300 MHz)$: δ = 7.05 (m, 48H), 1.78 (m, 12), 1.20 (m, 36H); ¹³C NMR (C₆D₆, 500 MHz): δ = 154.4 (bs), 153.7 (bs), 145.3 (m), 141.7 (m), 139.7 (bs), 137.4 (bs), 135.0 (s), 133.9 (s), 132.7 (m), 131.2 (bs), 124.6 (m), 123.6 (m), 121.0 (m),

36.8 (s), 35.3, (m), 33.0 (s), 32.2 (m), 22.9 (bs); ³¹P NMR{¹H} (C₆D₆, 300 MHz); δ = 3.70 (m), 1.58 (m); Anal. Calcd. For $C_{94}H_{96}O_2P_4Pd$: C, 75.87; H, 6.50. Found: C, 75.97; H, 6.48.

Preparation of Pd(t-butylXantphos)(dba). Dibenzylideneacetone (280 mg, 1.2 mmol) was weighed into a 25 mL round-bottom flask and evacuated/backfilled with argon three times. The solid was dissolved in THF (5.0 mL), and was then subjected to three freeze/pump/thaw cycles. While still cold, it was slowly cannula transferred to the Pd(t-butylXantphos)(cyclooctatetraene) solution prepared above. This mixture was stirred for thirty min while warming to rt to form a red/yellow solution. All attempts to isolate this complex led to decomposition. However, $3^{1}P$ NMR analysis prior to isolation attempts revealed the species previously observed in precatalyst solutions (see Figure 8). In solution before attempted isolation: $3^{1}P$ NMR{ ^{1}H } (THF, 300 MHz): δ = 12.3 (d, 2 J(P,P) = 29.1 Hz), d = 9.82 (d, 2 J(P,P) = 29.4 Hz).

Preparation of Pd(Xantphos)₂. Xantphos (579 mg, 1.00 mmol) and $Pd_2(dba)_3$ (229 mg, 0.250 mmol) were weighed into a flame-dried 500 mL round-bottom flask and evacuated/backfilled with argon three times. Toluene (300 mL) was added, and the solution was stirred for 4 h. The solution was then filtered with a cannula filter into another flame-dried round-bottom flask under argon to remove insoluble matter. This solution was concentrated slightly and allowed to rest overnight so that any extra palladium black would settle. The resulting solution was filtered again, and finally concentrated to dryness. At this point, the yellow solid was stirred in toluene (100 mL) overnight to remove dibenzylidene acetone and excess Xantphos. The remaining yellow solid was isolated by filtration and is sparingly soluble in all common organic solvents. The identity of the species was confirmed to be $Pd(Xantphos)_2$ by use of MALDI-TOF-MS analysis and EA. IR (KBr) 2924, 2854, 1461, 1398, 1377, 1222 cm⁻¹; MALDI-MS: Anal. Calcd. For $C_{78}H_{64}O_2P_4Pd$: Theoretical 1260.2894 (22.9%), 1261.2909 (63.4%), 1262.2911 (100.0%), 1263.2907 (64.6%), 1264.2914 (77.2%), 1265.2933 (51.4%), 1266.2931 (43.7%), 1267.2949 (25.4%); Found 1260.3405 (24.0%), 1261.3285 (67.4%), 1262.3166 (100.0%), 1263.3162 (73.2%), 1264.3300 (79.3%), 1265.3424 (47.5%), 1266.3491 (35.5%), 1267.3104 (25.1%). Anal. Calcd. For $C_{78}H_{64}O_2P_4Pd$: C, 74.14; H, 5.10. Found: C, 74.44; H, 4.97; mp 164 °C dec.

Appendix A:

Selected Spectra:

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X-Ray Crystallographic Data for Pd(Xantphos) ²

	$\mathbf X$	у	Z	U(eq)
C(140)	1610(3)	4746(15)	4082(4)	255(12)
C(1)	973(1)	921(7)	385(3)	77(3)
Pd(1)	$\pmb{0}$	7664(1)	2500	27(1)
P(7)	65(1)	8520(1)	1862(1)	28(1)
P(8)	306(1)	6723(1)	2934(1)	33(1)
O(3)	357(1)	6966(3)	1988(1)	33(1)
C(3)	306(1)	9253(3)	2068(2)	30(1)
C(4)	302(1)	6101(4)	3498(2)	41(1)
C(5)	$-140(1)$	9360(4)	1482(2)	32(1)
C(6)	247(1)	7141(4)	1474(2)	34(1)
C(7)	357(1)	5788(4)	2560(2)	36(1)
C(8)	404(1)	4202(4)	2350(2)	40(1)
C(9)	$-352(1)$	9037(5)	1232(2)	43(1)
C(10)	283(1)	6592(4)	1113(2)	37(1)
C(11)	636(1)	9822(4)	2015(2)	41(1)
C(12)	341(1)	9830(4)	2486(2)	32(1)
C(13)	447(1)	5815(4)	1321(2)	41(1)
C(14)	668(1)	10403(4)	2431(2)	40(1)
C(15)	416(1)	5421(4)	1782(2)	36(1)
C(16)	106(1)	7876(4)	1344(2)	34(1)
C(17)	0(1)	8102(4)	817(2)	38(1)
C(18)	456(1)	9245(4)	1839(2)	37(1)
C(19)	377(1)	6048(4)	2107(2)	34(1)
C(20)	374(1)	4862(4)	2683(2)	39(1)
C(21)	584(1)	7172(4)	3186(2)	37(1)
C(22)	174(1)	6815(4)	600(2)	41(1)
C(23)	521(1)	10392(4)	2661(2)	35(1)
C(24)	$-94(1)$	10291(4)	1455(2)	42(1)
C(25)	36(1)	7560(4)	448(2)	43(1)
C(26)	$-516(1)$	9624(5)	960(3)	53(2)
C(27)	680(1)	6214(5)	1511(3)	49(2)

Table 2. Atomic coordinates ($x 10^4$) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ($A^2x 10^3$) for 04168t. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U^{ij} tensor.

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$C(140) - C(128)$	1.492(14)
$C(1)-C(127)$	1.636(13)
$Pd(1)-P(7)$	2.3844(13)
$Pd(1)-P(7)\#1$	2.3844(13)
$Pd(1)-P(8)\#1$	2.3878(14)
$Pd(1) - P(8)$	2.3878(14)
$P(7)-C(5)$	1.851(5)
$P(7)-C(3)$	1.838(5)
$P(7)-C(16)$	1.860(5)
$P(8)-C(7)$	1.844(5)
$P(8)-C(21)$	1.842(6)
$P(8)-C(4)$	1.859(6)
$O(3)$ -C (6)	1.387(6)
$O(3)-C(19)$	1.379(7)
$C(3)-C(12)$	1.402(7)
$C(3)-C(18)$	1.403(7)
$C(4)-C(33)$	1.398(9)
$C(4)-C(38)$	1.397(8)
$C(5)-C(24)$	1.404(8)
$C(5)$ - $C(9)$	1.406(8)
$C(6)-C(16)$	1.387(8)
$C(6) - C(10)$	1.398(7)
$C(7)$ - $C(20)$	1.394(8)
$C(7)$ - $C(19)$	1.404(8)
$C(8)$ - $C(31)$	1.387(8)
$C(8)-C(20)$	1.423(8)
$C(8)-C(35)$	1.541(8)
$C(9)$ - $C(26)$	1.378(9)
$C(10)-C(22)$	1.397(8)
$C(10)-C(13)$	1.532(9)
$C(11)-C(18)$	1.401(8)
$C(11)-C(14)$	1.407(8)
$C(12)-C(23)$	1.383(7)
$C(13)-C(15)$	1.519(8)

Table 3. Bond lengths $[\text{\AA}]$ and angles $[°]$ for 04168t.

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x,y,-z+1/2 #2 x,-y+l,z-1/2 #3 x,-y+l,z+1/2

	U^{11}	U^{22}	\mathbf{U}^{33}	U^{23}	U^{13}	U^{12}
C(140)	238(17)	410(20)	58(7)	$-81(11)$	$-11(9)$	243(18)
C(1)	54(5)	117(8)	51(5)	$-5(5)$	11(4)	$-25(5)$
Pd(1)	27(1)	33(1)	21(1)	$\pmb{0}$	10(1)	$\pmb{0}$
P(7)	28(1)	36(1)	21(1)	$-1(1)$	10(1)	$-2(1)$
P(8)	35(1)	38(1)	25(1)	$-l(1)$	11(1)	7(1)
O(3)	39(2)	36(2)	25(2)	$-5(2)$	14(2)	$-3(2)$
C(3)	29(2)	32(3)	30(3)	2(2)	12(2)	1(2)
C(4)	51(3)	46(3)	26(3)	6(2)	16(2)	21(3)
C(5)	33(3)	42(3)	25(2)	5(2)	15(2)	1(2)
C(6)	37(3)	42(3)	24(2)	$-5(2)$	16(2)	$-9(2)$
C(7)	32(3)	46(3)	28(3)	$-4(2)$	9(2)	7(2)
C(8)	37(3)	37(3)	51(4)	$-1(3)$	22(3)	1(2)
C(9)	32(3)	54(4)	35(3)	$-1(3)$	6(2)	$-5(3)$
C(10)	45(3)	39(3)	35(3)	$-11(2)$	25(3)	$-12(2)$
C(11)	30(3)	50(3)	46(3)	$-3(3)$	17(3)	$-7(2)$
C(12)	35(3)	32(3)	26(2)	1(2)	10(2)	1(2)
C(13)	53(4)	39(3)	42(3)	$-12(3)$	30(3)	$-5(3)$
C(14)	30(3)	43(3)	44(3)	$-2(3)$	12(2)	1(2)
C(15)	36(3)	39(3)	36(3)	$-9(2)$	19(2)	0(2)
C(16)	39(3)	42(3)	22(2)	$-9(2)$	15(2)	$-11(2)$
C(17)	49(3)	44(3)	25(3)	$-6(2)$	18(2)	$-16(3)$
C(18)	34(3)	43(3)	34(3)	$-3(2)$	16(2)	$-3(2)$
C(19)	33(3)	37(3)	33(3)	$-8(2)$	14(2)	$-1(2)$
C(20)	36(3)	38(3)	43(3)	$-4(2)$	17(3)	5(2)
C(21)	36(3)	50(3)	24(2)	$-7(2)$	10(2)	10(2)
C(22)	51(3)	45(3)	33(3)	$-10(2)$	23(3)	$-16(3)$
C(23)	31(3)	41(3)	30(3)	$-3(2)$	7(2)	$-2(2)$
C(24)	39(3)	47(3)	41(3)	12(3)	16(3)	0(3)
C(25)	51(3)	55(4)	25(3)	$-6(2)$	16(3)	$-22(3)$
C(26)	37(3)	71(5)	44(4)	8(3)	8(3)	1(3)
C(27)	43(3)	54(4)	61(4)	$-11(3)$	32(3)	$-11(3)$

Table 4. Anisotropic displacement parameters $(\AA^2x 10^3)$ for 04168t. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form: $-2\pi^2$ [h² a^{*2}U¹¹ + ... + 2 h k a^{*} b^{*} U¹²]

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Graduate Research Assistant **August 2003-present**
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* Performed mechanistic studies on carbon-nitrogen bond forming reactions
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Alfred University, Alfred, NY Andrew Eklund 2. Advisor: Dr. Andrew Eklund

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PUBLICATIONS

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AWARDS

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