

**Profound Steric Control of Reactivity in Aryl Halide
Addition to Bis-Phosphine Palladium[0] Complexes [**]**

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P(*t*Bu)(C_x)₂ (1)

To a solution of 5.0 ml of *tert*butyllithium (1.7M in pentane, 8.6 mmol, Aldrich) in 25 ml of diethyl ether cooled at -78°C was slowly added 1.0 g (4.3 mmol) of dicyclohexylchlorophosphine (Strem). The solution was then slowly allowed to reach room temperature and stirred overnight. After filtration, 10 ml of degassed water were added, and the organic layer transferred to a Schlenk tube containing magnesium sulfate. After filtration and removal of the ether, the phosphine was obtained as a colorless liquid (0.71g, 65%).

¹H (δ, C₆D₆): 2.05 - 1.19 (m, 22H, C_x); 1.26 (d, 9H, 10.3 Hz, *t*Bu).

¹³C (δ, C₆D₆): 34.0 (d, 23 Hz, CH C_x); 33.3 (d, 16 Hz, CH₂ C_x); 31.7 (d, 10 Hz, CH₂ C_x); 30.9 (d, 13 Hz, CH₃ *t*Bu); 30.2 (d, 21 Hz, C *t*Bu); 28.4 (d, 16 Hz, CH₂ C_x); 28.3 (d, 13 Hz, CH₂ C_x); 27.1 (s, CH₂ C_x).

³¹P (δ, C₆D₆): 28.2 (s)

HRMS (m / z) (as the oxide) : 271.219079 (calc : 271.219852).

Pd[P(*t*BuC_x)₂]₂ (3)

In the glove box were introduced in a Schlenk tube 0.212g (1.00 mmol) of complex CpPd(allyl) and 0.584g (2.3 mmol) of *tert*butyldicyclohexylphosphine. 10 ml of toluene were then added and the red solution was heated for 2.5 hours at 75°C. After being allowed to cool down, the solvent was removed and the brown solid washed twice with methanol (2 * 7ml) to give a white solid. After recrystallisation from toluene / methanol, 350 mg of microcrystals were obtained (57%).

¹H (δ, C₆D₆): 2.44 - 1.38 (m, 44H, C_x); 1.51 (t, 9H, ³J_{PH} + ⁵J_{PH} = 11.7 Hz)

^{13}C (δ , C_6D_6): 36.0 (t, $^3\text{J}_{\text{PH}} + ^5\text{J}_{\text{PH}} = 8$ Hz, CH Cx); 33.9 (t, $^3\text{J}_{\text{PH}} + ^5\text{J}_{\text{PH}} = 10$ Hz, CH_2 Cx); 33.1 (t, $^3\text{J}_{\text{PH}} + ^5\text{J}_{\text{PH}} = 9$ Hz, C, tBu); 32.2 (t, $^3\text{J}_{\text{PH}} + ^5\text{J}_{\text{PH}} = 6$ Hz, CH_2 Cx); 31.7 (t, $^3\text{J}_{\text{PH}} + ^5\text{J}_{\text{PH}} = 10$ Hz, CH_2 Cx); 28.3 (t, $^3\text{J}_{\text{PH}} + ^5\text{J}_{\text{PH}} = 11$ Hz, CH_2 Cx); 28.2 (t, $^3\text{J}_{\text{PH}} + ^5\text{J}_{\text{PH}} = 10$ Hz, CH_2 Cx); 27.2 (s, CH_2 tBu).

^{31}P (δ , C_6D_6): 55.4 (s)

HRMS (m / z): (Calc for $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{62}\text{P}_2\text{Pd}$ (106)614.3362); Found 614.3365

P(tBu)₂Cx (2)

To a solution of 25.0 ml of *tert*-butyllithium (1.7M in pentane, 40 mmol, Aldrich) in 50 ml of diethylether cooled at -78°C were slowly added 1.60 ml (10 mmol) of cyclohexyldichlorophosphine.[5] The solution was then kept at this temperature for 7 hours then slowly allowed to reach room temperature and stirred overnight. After filtration, 10 ml of degassed water were added, and the organic layer transferred to a schlenk tube containing magnesium sulfate. After filtration and removal of the ether, the crude phosphine was obtained as a slightly yellow liquid which was then distilled under reduced pressure to give the pure phosphine as a colorless liquid (1.22 g, 53%).

^1H (δ , C_6D_6): 2.23 - 1.19 (m, 11H, Cx); 1.32 (d, 18H, 10.5 Hz, tBu).

^{13}C (δ , C_6D_6): 37.1 (d, 28.8 Hz, CH Cx); 34.1 (d, 14 Hz, CH_2 Cx); 33.0 (d, 27 Hz, C tBu); 31.4 (d, 14 Hz, CH_3 tBu); 29.3 (d, 9 Hz, CH_2 Cx); 27.1 (s, CH_2 Cx).

^{31}P (δ , C_6D_6): 49.2 (s)

HRMS (m / z) (as the oxide) : 245.203676 (calc : 245.203429).

Pd[P(tBu)₂Cx]₂ (4)

In the glove box were introduced in a Schlenk tube 0.212g (1.00 mmol) of complex $\text{CpPd}(\text{allyl})$ and 0.563g (2.3 mmol) of *tert*-butylcyclohexylphosphine. 10 ml of toluene were then added and the red solution was heated for 2.5 hours at 75°C . After being

allowed to cool down, the solvent was removed and the brown solid washed twice with methanol (2 * 5 ml) to give a white solid. After recrystallisation from toluene / methanol, 330 mg of microcrystals were obtained (55%).

^1H (δ , C_6D_6): 2.70 (m, 4H, Cx); 1.75 (m, 6H, Cx); 1.62 (m, 6H, Cx); 1.48 (t, 36H, $^3\text{J}_{\text{PH}} + ^5\text{J}_{\text{PH}} = 11.5$ Hz); 1.17 (m, 6H, Cx).

^{13}C (δ , C_6D_6): 39.7 (s, CH Cx); 35.9 (s, C, tBu); 35.2 (s, CH_2 , Cx); 32.1 (t, $^3\text{J}_{\text{PH}} + ^5\text{J}_{\text{PH}} = 10$ Hz, CH_3 tBu); 29.2 (s, CH_2 , Cx); 27.16 (s, CH_2 , Cx).

^{31}P (δ , C_6D_6): 73.3 (s)

HRMS (m / z): (calc. for $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{58}\text{P}_2\text{Pd}(106)$ 562.3049; Found 562.3049

Products from oxidative addition reactions :

9a ^1H NMR (250 MHz, C_6D_6) δ = 1.25 - 2.09 (m, 44H, Cx); 1.69 (t, 18H, $^3\text{J} + ^5\text{J} = 12.4$ Hz, tBu); 6.93 - 7.05 (m, 3H, Ar); 7.69 (m, 2H, Ar).
 ^{31}P NMR (101 MHz, C_6D_6) δ = 32.6 (br).

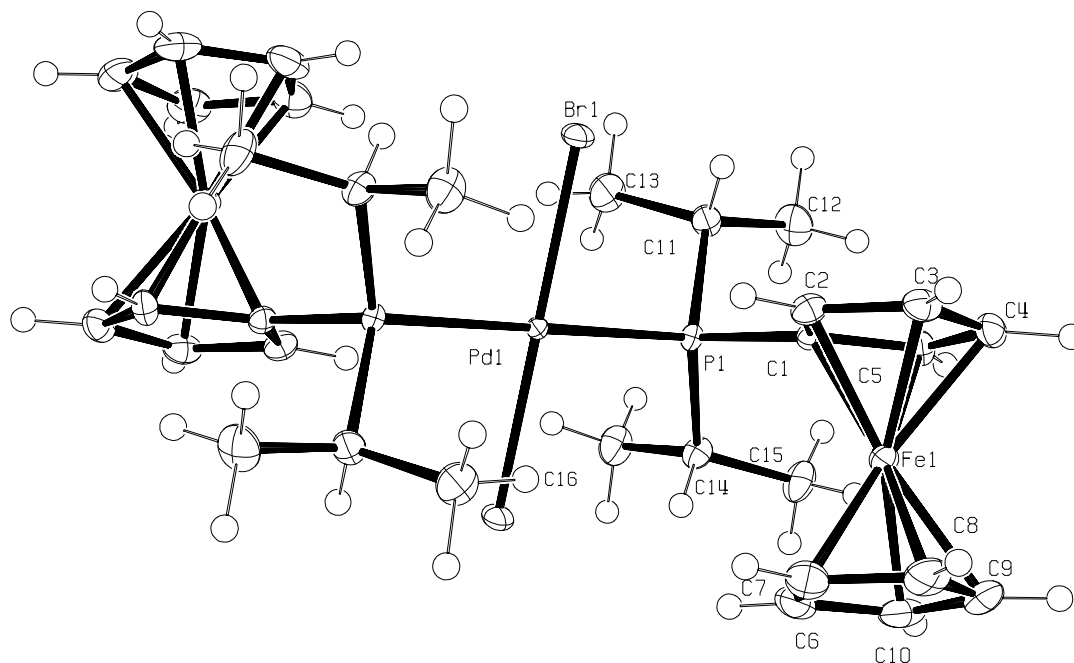
10 ^1H NMR (250 MHz, C_6D_6) δ = 0.97 - 1.92 (m, 11H, Cx); 1.45 (d, 18H, 12.6 Hz, tBu); 6.90 (t, 1H, 7.2 Hz, Ar); 7.07 (t, 2H, 7.8 Hz, Ar); 7.86 (d, 2H, 7.8 Hz, Ar). ^{31}P NMR (101 MHz, C_6D_6) δ = 64.4 (s).

12 ^1H NMR (250 MHz, C_6D_6) δ = 1.09 (d, 27H, 12.5 Hz, tBu); 6.87 (m, 3H, Ph); 7.47 (m, 2H, Ph). ^{31}P NMR (101 MHz, C_6D_6) δ = 57.9 (s).

X-ray crystal structure for compound 15

$C_{32}H_{46}Br_2Fe_2P_2Pd$, $M_r = 870.56$, monoclinic, space group $P 2_1/a$, a (Å) = 9.4027(1), b (Å) = 19.1503(3), c (Å) = 9.6947(1), α (°) = 90, β (°) = 113.2419(7), γ (°) = 90, cell volume (Å³) = 1604.0, $Z = 2$, $R = 0.0167$.

Molecular structure of **15**. The hydrogen atoms on the peripheral ligands are omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°]: Pd(1)-P(1) 2.3648(4), Pd(1)-Br(1) 2.43408(15); Br(1)-Pd(1)-P(1) 88.07(1).



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A single crystal having dimensions approximately 0.24 x 0.24 x 0.42 mm was mounted on a glass fibre using perfluoropolyether oil and cooled rapidly to 150K in a stream of cold N₂ using an Oxford Cryosystems CRYOSTREAM unit. Diffraction data were measured using an Enraf-Nonius KappaCCD diffractometer (graphite-monochromated MoK_α radiation, $\lambda = 0.71073$ Å). Intensity data were processed using the DENZO-SMN package¹.

Examination of the systematic absences of the intensity data showed the space group to be $P 2_1/a$. The structure was solved using the direct-methods program SIR92², which located all non-hydrogen atoms. Subsequent full-matrix least-squares refinement was carried out using the CRYSTALS program suite³. Coordinates and anisotropic thermal parameters of all non-hydrogen atoms were refined. Hydrogen atoms were positioned geometrically after each cycle of refinement. A 3-term Chebychev polynomial weighting scheme was applied. Refinement converged satisfactorily to give $R = 0.0193$, $wR = 0.0167$.

Attached is a thermal ellipsoid plot (ORTEP-3⁴) at 40% probability. A summary of crystallographic data is given below, as are full lists of atomic coordinates, anisotropic thermal parameters and those bond lengths and angles not concerning H atoms.

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