

Supplementary Information to the Paper

Kinetics and mechanism of PPh₃ oxygenation with ³O₂ catalyzed by a 1,3,2-oxazaphosphole as flavin mimic.

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Kinetics

The method of Hiatt et al.¹ was adopted. The λ_{max} value for PPh₃ is 260 ($\epsilon = 14000 \text{ Mcm}^{-1}$) nm. That of OPPh₃ is 260 nm with $\epsilon = 2200 \text{ Mcm}^{-1}$. Because of the almost identical λ_{max} of PPh₃ and OPPh₃ correction have to be made according to the following:

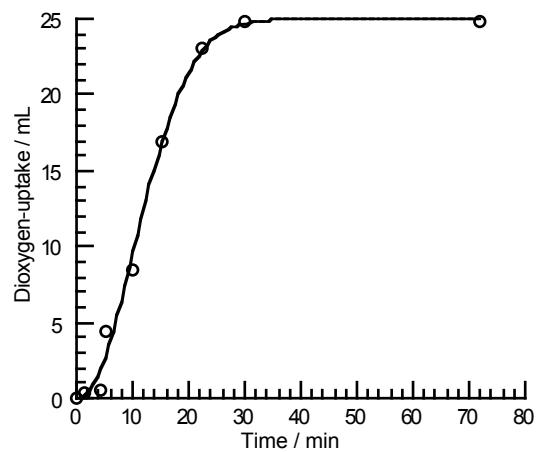
$$A = (\epsilon_{\text{PPh}_3} [\text{PPh}_3] + \epsilon_{\text{OPPh}_3} [\text{OPPh}_3]) l$$

$$[\text{PPh}_3] = [\text{PPh}_3]_0 - [\text{OPPh}_3]$$

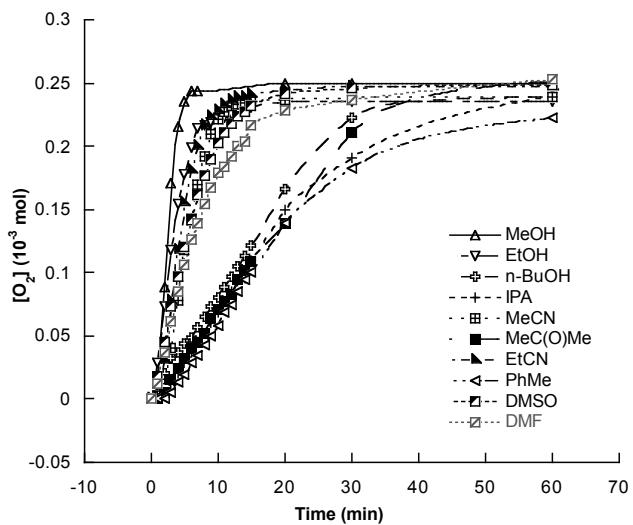
where A is absorbance measured, l the pathway of the cuvette and [PPh₃]₀ the starting concentration in mol dm⁻³.

1 R. Hiatt, R. J. Smythe and C. McColeman, *Can. J. Chem.* 1971, **49**, 1707-1711.

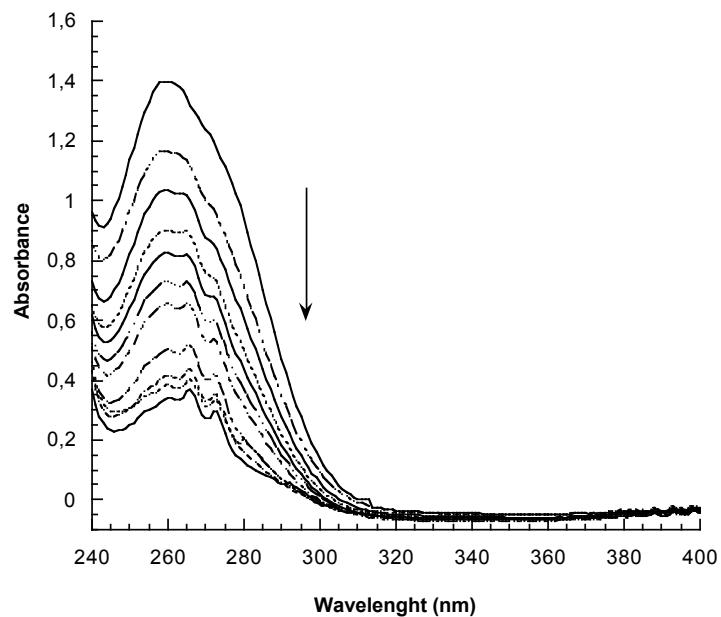
Figure 1. The dioxygen uptake of 2,2-dihydro-2,2,2-triphenylphenanthro [9,10-d]1,3,2 λ^5 -oxazaphosphole (**3**) 1.06 mmol in 10 ml acetonitrile at 20°C and 1 bar O₂ pressure.



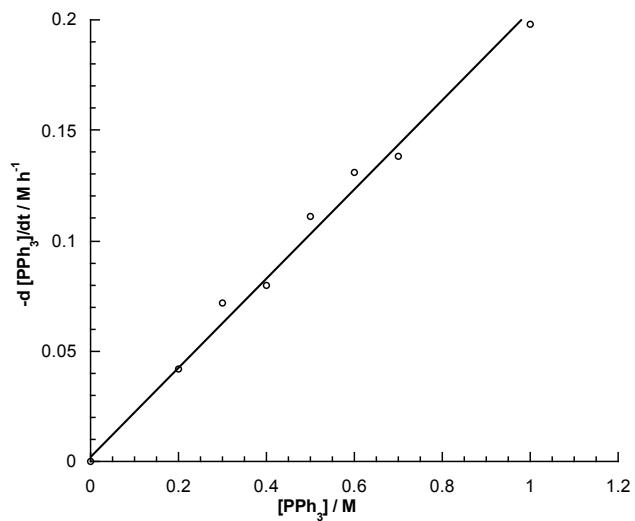
SFigure 2. The dependence of O₂-uptake of **3** on the solvents. Conditions: Solvent 20 mL, 1,3,2-oxazaphosphole (**3**) 0.25 mmol, 25°C, 1 bar O₂ pressure.



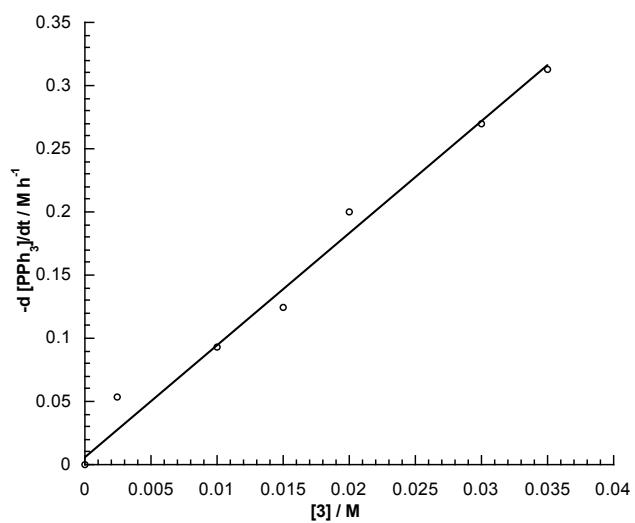
SFigure 3. The time course of the PPh_3 oxygenation followed by UV-Vis spectroscopy at 260 nm, 80°C, 1 bar O_2 pressure in DMF 20 mL.



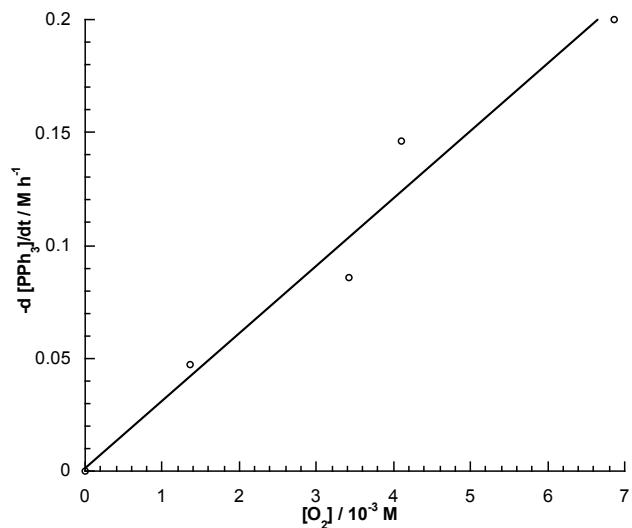
SFigure 4. Plot of reaction rate vs. the initial concentration of PPh_3 .



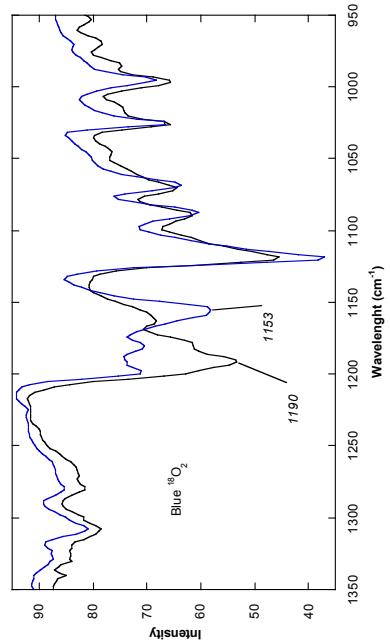
SFigure 5. The dependence of the reaction rate of the catalyst concentration [3].



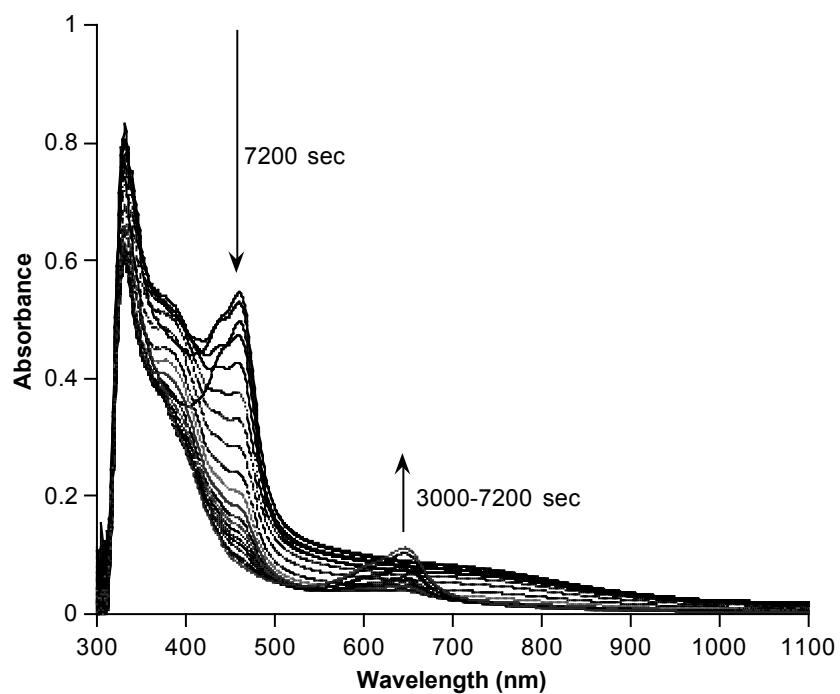
SFigure 6. The dependence of the reaction rate on the dioxygen concentration.



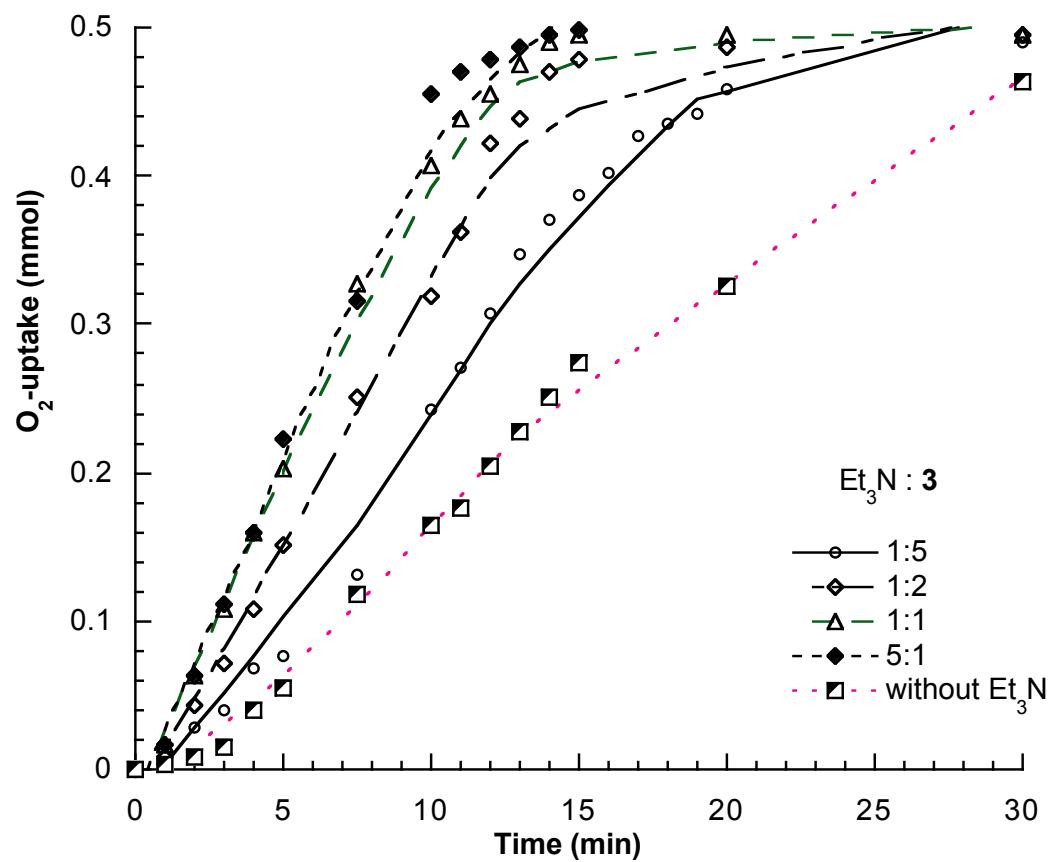
SFigure 7. The IR spectra of the reaction product O=PPh₃ using ¹⁶O₂ or ¹⁸O₂.



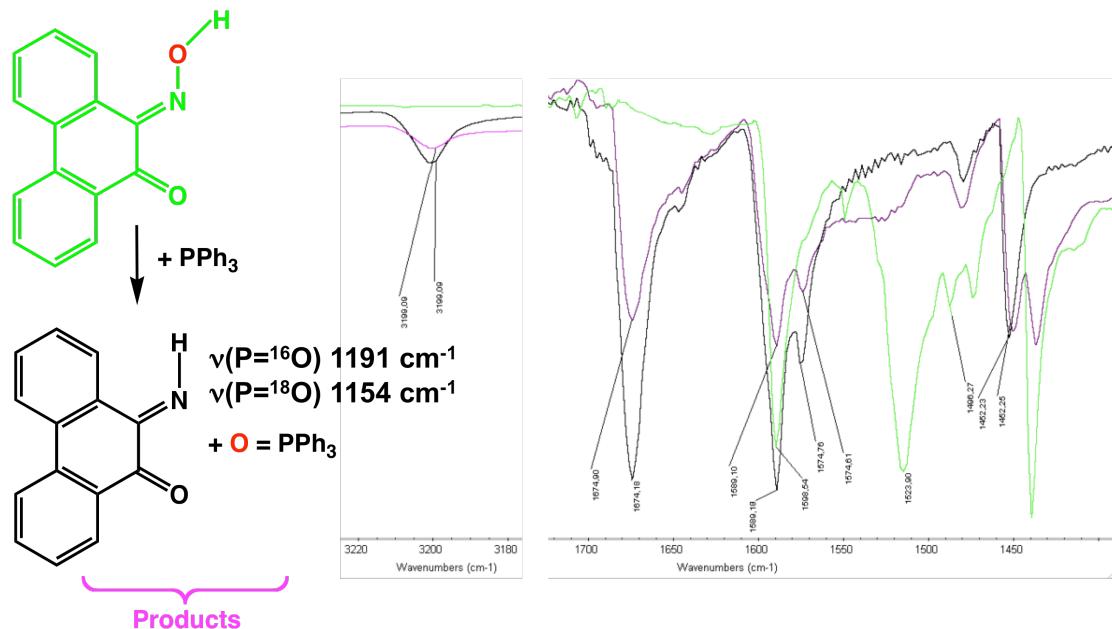
SFigure 8. UV-Vis spectra of the reaction of **7** with KO₂.



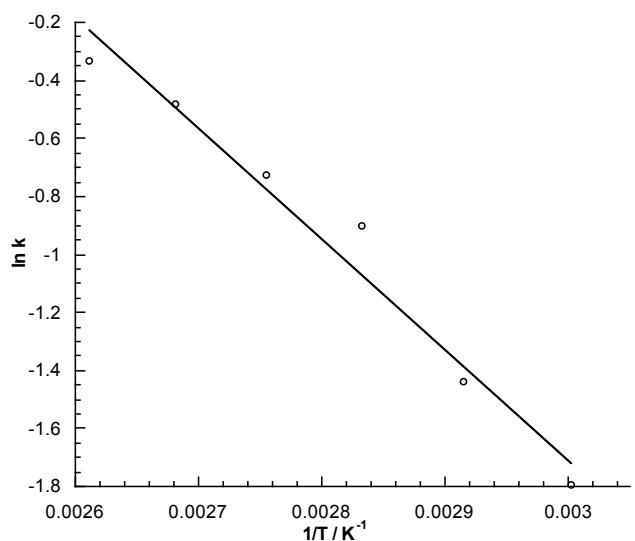
SFigure 9. The effect of added NEt_3 on the reaction rate.



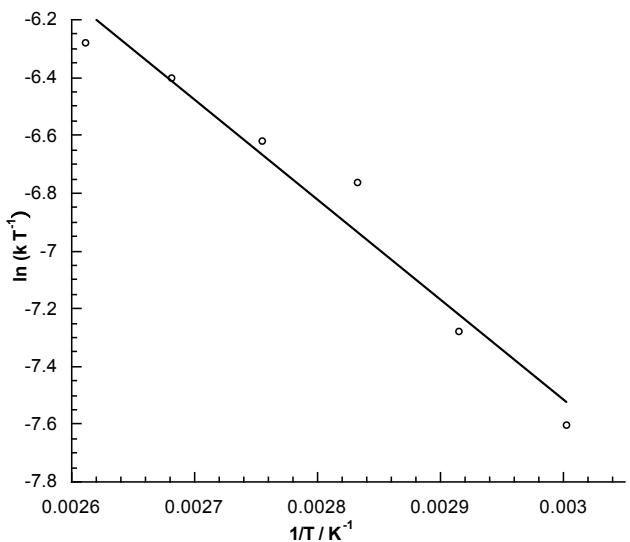
SFigure 10. The IR spectra of the reaction product (red) of 9,10-phenanthrenequinone oxim (green) and PPh_3 . The 9,10-phenanthrenequinone imine (black) is also shown. The $\nu(\text{P}=\text{O})$ vibrations of OPPh_3 are not shown.



SFigure 11. The Arrhenius plot.



SFigure 12. The Eyring plot.



STable 1. Summary of the kinetic data.

Entry	T (K)	[O ₂] (10 ⁻³ M)	[PPh ₃] (M)	[cat] (10 ⁻² M)	d[PPh ₃]/dt (10 ⁻⁵ s ⁻¹)	k _{obs} (10 ⁻¹ M ⁻² s ⁻¹)
1	353	6.86	0.2	2.00	5.44±0.18	3.97±0.13
2	353	6.86	0.3	2.00	5.67±0.56	4.13±0.41
3	353	6.86	0.4	2.00	6.14±0.15	4.47±0.11
4	353	6.86	0.5	2.00	5.56±0.22	4.05±0.16
5	353	6.86	0.6	2.00	6.03±0.12	4.39±0.09
6	353	6.86	0.7	2.00	5.28±0.07	3.85±0.05
7	353	6.86	1.0	2.00	5.50±0.20	4.01±0.14
8	353	6.86	0.5	1.00	2.58±0.07	3.77±0.10
9	353	6.86	0.5	1.50	3.44±0.10	3.35±0.10
10	353	6.86	0.5	3.00	7.47±0.75	3.63±0.37
11	353	6.86	0.5	3.50	8.92±0.22	3.71±0.09
12	353	1.37	0.5	2.00	1.31±0.19	4.77±0.70
13	353	3.42	0.5	2.00	2.39±0.11	3.49±0.16
14	353	4.10	0.5	2.00	3.78±0.19	4.61±0.23
*						3.91±0.08
15	333	6.20	0.5	2.00	2.06±0.07	1.66±0.06
16	343	6.56	0.5	2.00	3.11±0.15	2.37±0.11
17	363	7.48	0.5	2.00	7.22±0.53	4.83±0.35
18	373	7.70	0.5	2.00	9.53±0.40	6.19±0.26
19	383	7.45	0.5	2.00	10.67±0.70	7.16±0.47

*Mean value of the kinetic constant k_{obs} and its standard deviations σ(k_{obs}) were calculated as k_{obs} = (Σ_iw_ik_i/Σ_iw_i) and σ(k_{obs}) = (Σ_iw_i(k_i-k₂)²/(n-1)Σ_iw_i)^{1/2}, where w_i = 1/σ_i².

Activation parameters

$$E_a = 31.61 \pm 2.86 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta H^\ddagger = 28.67 \pm 2.88 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta S^\ddagger = -174 \pm 8 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$$