## Palladium Catalyzed Coupling Reactions

## Mechanism:



- $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{4}$ is OK for simple substrates.
- $\mathrm{Pd}_{2}(\mathrm{dba})_{3}+4 \mathrm{PR}_{3} \rightarrow$ " $\mathrm{Pd}\left(\mathrm{PR}_{3}\right)_{2}$ " often much more active and can choose $\mathrm{PR}_{3}$. $(\mathrm{dba}=$ dibenzylidene acetone)
- $\mathrm{PdCl}_{2}$ or $\mathrm{Pd}(\mathrm{OAc})_{2}+$ several equiv. of $\mathrm{PR}_{3}$ are often used $\rightarrow \mathrm{Pd}^{\prime \prime}$ is mysteriously reduced to $\mathrm{Pd}^{0}$ before catalysis can begin.
- CsF or KF often added $\rightarrow \mathrm{F}^{-}$coordinates to $\mathrm{ArB}(\mathrm{OH})_{2}$ or $\mathrm{ArSnR}_{3}$ to make a better leaving group.
- KOBu often present: (1) often necessary to remove $H X$ formed in the reaction, (2) can do same thing as $\mathrm{F}^{-}$, (3) may help with precatalysis reduction of $\mathrm{Pd}^{\prime \prime}$ to $\mathrm{Pd}^{0}$.

Formed from $\mathrm{RC}_{2} \mathrm{H}$ and Cul

## Heck Reaction Mechanism



- Review = Belatskaya Chem. Rev. 2000, 3009.
- Base (e.g. NaOAc) needed to remove HX formed in last step.
- $R^{\prime}=$ EWG ensures
formation of RHC=CHR' instead of RR'C=CH2



## Alkene Hydrogenation

## Rh or Ir

## (Dihydride Intermediate)

- [RhCl( $\left.\left.\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{3}\right]$ (Wilkinson's Catalyst)
- $\left[\{R \mathrm{Rh}(\mathrm{NBD})(\mathrm{m}-\mathrm{Cl})\}_{2}\right]+4 \mathrm{PR}_{3}$ or $\left[\{\mathrm{Ir}(\mathrm{COD})(\mathrm{m}-\mathrm{Cl})\}_{2}\right]+4 \mathrm{PR}_{3}$
- $\left[\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{COD})\left(\mathrm{PMePh}_{2}\right)_{2}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}\right]$ or $\left[\operatorname{lr}(\mathrm{COD})\left(\mathrm{PCy}_{3}\right)\left(\mathrm{Py}^{2}\right)\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}\right]$
- (NBD = norbornadiene)
- [Rh(NBD)(bidentate phosphine)][PF ${ }_{6}$ ]



$-\mathrm{PPh}_{3}$
$\mathrm{PR}_{3}$ dissociation,
alkene coordination

$\xlongequal[+\mathrm{PPh}_{3}]{\substack{\text { isomerization, } \\ \mathrm{PR}_{3} \text { coordination }}}$

- Note: Hydrogenation involves 1,2 -insertion, so syn-addition to the alkene is observed.
- Note: Less substituted alkenes are hydrogenated faster.


## Rh-Catalyzed Alkene Hydroformylation



