Supporting information

Kinetic aspects of chain growth in Fischer-Tropsch synthesis

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Table S1: List of all elementary reaction steps surfaces and their corresponding forward and backward activation energies used to model FT synthesis over Ru(11-21). The reported forward and reverse energies are in relation to the most stable states found for the reactants and products and include zero-point-energy corrections.

Index	Elementary reaction	Forward E _{act} (kJ/mol)	Backward E _{act} (kJ/mol)
1	$CO* + * \rightarrow C* + O*$	65	90
2	$CO* + H* \rightarrow HCO* + *$	80	5
3	$\mathrm{HCO}^{*} + ^{*} \rightarrow \mathrm{CH}^{*} + \mathrm{O}^{*}$	45	129
4	$C^* + H^* \rightarrow CH^* + *$	40	39
5	$\mathrm{CH}^* + \mathrm{H}^* \xrightarrow{} \mathrm{CH}_2^* + *$	75	37
6	$\mathrm{CH}_2^* + \mathrm{H}^* \mathrm{CH}_3^* + *$	57	47
7	$CH_3^* + H^* \rightarrow CH_4 + 2^*$	94	57
8	$C^* + C^* \rightarrow CC^* + *$	138	144
9	$C^* + CH^* \rightarrow CCH^* + *$	129	75
10	$C^* + CH_2^* CCH_2^* + *$	not found	
11	$C^* + CH_3^* \rightarrow CCH_3^* + *$	92	116
12	$CH^* + CH^* \rightarrow CHCH^* + *$	149	117
13	$CH^* + CH_2^* \rightarrow CHCH_2^* + *$	not found	
14	$CH^* + CH_3^* \rightarrow CHCH_3^* + *$	not found	
15	$\mathrm{CH}_{2}^{*} + \mathrm{CH}_{2}^{*} \mathrm{CH}_{2}^{*} \mathrm{CH}_{2}^{*} + *$	54	60
16	$\mathrm{CH}_{2}^{*} + \mathrm{CH}_{3}^{*} \mathrm{CH}_{2}^{*} \mathrm{CH}_{3}^{*} + *$	not found	
17	$CC^* + H^* \rightarrow CCH^* + H^*$	104	72
18	$\mathrm{CCH}^* + \mathrm{H}^* \mathrm{CCH}_2^* + *$	82	129
19	$\mathrm{CCH}_2^* + \mathrm{H}^* \xrightarrow{} \mathrm{CCH}_3^* + *$	19	4
20	$CCH* + H* \rightarrow CHCH* + *$	140	162
21	$\mathrm{CCH}_2^* + \mathrm{H}^* \mathrm{CHCH}_2^* + *$	82	21

22	$\mathrm{CCH}_3^* + \mathrm{H}^* \mathrm{CHCH}_3^* + *$	82	8
23	$CHCH^* + H^* \rightarrow CHCH_2^* + *$	83	46
24	$CHCH_2^* + H^* \rightarrow CHCH_3^* + *$	62	34
25	$CHCH_2^* + H^* \rightarrow CH_2CH_2^* + *$	45	42
26	$CHCH_3^* + H^* \rightarrow CH_2CH_3^* + *$	19	23
27	$CH_2CH_2^* + H^* \rightarrow CH_2CH_3^* + *$	58	34
28	$CH_2CH_3^* + H^* \rightarrow CH_3CH_3^* + *$	112	71
29	$O* + H* \rightarrow OH* + *$	97	49
30	$OH^* + H^* \rightarrow H_2O^* + *$	89	15
31	$2\mathrm{OH}^* \mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}^* + \mathrm{O}^*$	54	11



Figure S1: Degree of rate control for the microkinetics simulations of the stepped Ru surface at 20 atm and $H_2/CO = 2$, exemplifying that under all conditions O removal from the surface is controlling the overall CO consumption rate.