

# Impact of heterogeneous nanoparticulate Ruthenium catalysts on the greenness of hydrogenation reactions

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## Evaluation of data quality according to Kralisch et al. 2014<sup>1</sup>

ESI Table 1. Data quality indicators for general modules used in the study.

| Process   | Source                               | Completeness | Representativeness | Reliability |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| <b>Process Auxiliaries</b>                          |                                      |              |                    |             |
| Water , deionized                                   | Ecoinvent database v3.0 <sup>2</sup> | 3            | 4                  | 5           |
| Electricity   | Ecoinvent database v3.0              | -            | -                  | -           |
| Transport   | Ecoinvent database v3.0              | -            | -                  | -           |
| Infrastructure                                      | Ecoinvent database v3.0              | 2            | 4                  | 3           |
| Heat from natural gas at industrial furnace         | Ecoinvent database v3.0              | -            | -                  | -           |
| Heat, chemical industry                             | Ecoinvent database v3.0              | -            | -                  | -           |
| Heat from waste treatment in municipal incineration | Ecoinvent database v3.0              | -            | 3                  | 2           |
| Heat from light fuel oil                            | Ecoinvent database v3.0              | -            | -                  | -           |
| <b>Waste Treatment</b>                              |                                      |              |                    |             |
| Treatment of organic waste                          | Ecoinvent database v3.0              | 2            | 3                  | 2           |
| Wastewater treatment                                | Ecoinvent database v3.0              | 3            | 3                  | 3           |
| Treatment of hazardous waste                        | Ecoinvent database v3.0              | 2            | 3                  | 2           |
| Treatment of non-hazardous waste                    | Ecoinvent database v3.0              | -            | 3                  | 2           |

ESI Table 2. Data quality indication of the inventory of the HPS based system.

| Process                       | Source  | Completeness | Representativeness | Reliability |
|-------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| <b>Glucose Hydrogenation</b>  |   |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand                 | Measured data; thermodynamic calculation                                  | 2            | 2                  | 2           |
| Mass balance                  | Measured data   | 1            | 1                  | 1           |
| Waste treatment               | Qualified assumptions   | 2            | 4                  | 5           |
| H <sub>2</sub>                | Ecoinvent database v3.0   | 1            | 3                  | 2           |
| *Glucose                      |   |              |                    |             |
| *HPS/Ru                       |   |              |                    |             |
| <b>Glucose</b>                |   |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand                 | Process specific demands according to Rosenberger-Süß et al. <sup>3</sup> | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Mass balance                  | Miyawaki and Kaneko <sup>4</sup>  | 2            | 1                  | 1           |
| Waste treatment               | Qualified assumptions   | 2            | 4                  | 5           |
| HCl                           | Ecoinvent database v3.0   | 3            | 3                  | 3           |
| Maize starch                  | Ecoinvent database v3.0   | 4            | 3                  | 3           |
| Kieselguhr                    | Ecoinvent database v3.0; substituted by silica sand                       | 2            | 5                  | 5           |
| <b>HPS/Ru</b>                 |   |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand                 | Measured data   |              |                    |             |
| Mass balance                  | Measured data   | 1            | 1                  | 1           |
| Waste treatment               | Qualified assumptions   | 2            | 4                  | 5           |
| H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | Ecoinvent database v3.0   | -            | -                  | -           |
| NaOH                          | Ecoinvent database v3.0   | -            | -                  | -           |
| MeOH                          | Ecoinvent database v3.0   | 2            | 3                  | 2           |
| THF                           | Ecoinvent database v3.0   | 3            | 4                  | 4           |
| *HPS                          |   |              |                    |             |
| *Ru(OH)Cl <sub>3</sub>        |   |              |                    |             |
| <b>HPS</b>                    |   |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand                 | Process specific demands  | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Mass balance                  | Tsyurupa and Davankov <sup>5</sup>  | 1            | 4                  | 3           |
| Waste treatment               | Process specific demands  | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Polystyrene                   | Ecoinvent database v3.0   | 1            | 2                  | 1           |
| Dichloroethane                | Ecoinvent database v3.0   | 1            | 2                  | 2           |
| Chlorodimethylether           | Ecoinvent database v3.0   | 4            | 4                  | 2           |
| *SnCl <sub>4</sub>            |   |              |                    |             |

| Process                     | Source  | Completeness | Representativeness | Reliability |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| <b>Ru(OH)Cl<sub>3</sub></b> |   |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand               | Process specific demands                                  | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Mass balance                | Gutbier and Trenkner, Remy and Lührs <sup>6</sup>         | 2            | 5                  | 3           |
| Waste treatment             | Process specific demands                                  | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Ru                          | Ecoinvent database v3.0; modelled by platinum group metal | 2            | 5                  | 4           |
| KOH                         | Ecoinvent database v3.0                                   | -            | -                  | -           |
| KNO <sub>3</sub>            | Ecoinvent database v3.0                                   | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| <b>SnCl<sub>4</sub></b>     |   |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand               | Process specific demands                                  | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Mass balance                | Graf <sup>7</sup>   | 4            | 5                  | 2           |
| Waste treatment             | Process specific demands                                  | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Sn                          | Ecoinvent database v3.0                                   | -            | -                  | -           |
| Cl <sub>2</sub>             | Ecoinvent database v3.0                                   | -            | -                  | -           |

ESI Table 3. Data quality indication for the NCNT-based system.

| Process  | Source                                    | Completeness | Representativeness | Reliability |
|--|---|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
|  |   |              |                    |             |
| <b>Glucose Hydrogenation (GH)</b>                      |   |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand  | Measured data; thermodynamic calculations | 2            | 2                  | 2           |
| Mass balance   | Measured data                             | 2            | 1                  | 1           |
| Waste treatment  | Qualified assumptions                     | 2            | 4                  | 5           |
| H <sub>2</sub>   | Ecoinvent database v3.0                   | 1            | 3                  | 2           |
| *Glucose   |   |              |                    |             |
| *NCNT/Ru   |   |              |                    |             |
| <b>NCNT/Ru</b>   |   |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand  | Measured data; thermodynamic calculations | 2            | 2                  | 2           |
| Mass balance   | Measured data                             | 2            | 1                  | 1           |
| Waste treatment  | Qualified assumptions                     | 3            | 4                  | 5           |
| H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>                          | Ecoinvent database v3.0                   | -            | -                  | -           |
| *NCNT  |   |              |                    |             |
| *Ru(OH)Cl <sub>3</sub>                                 |   |              |                    |             |
| <b>NCNT</b>  |   |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand  | Process specific demands                  | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Mass balance   | Aurel and colleagues <sup>8</sup>         | 3            | 1                  | 2           |
| Waste treatment  | Process specific demands                  | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Acetonitrile   | Ecoinvent database v3.0                   | 3            | 3                  | 3           |
| N <sub>2</sub>   | Ecoinvent database v3.0                   | -            | -                  | -           |
| H <sub>2</sub>   | Ecoinvent database v3.0                   | 1            | 3                  | 2           |
| NCNT-Cat*  |   |              |                    |             |
| <b>NCNT Catalyst</b>                                   |   |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand  | Process specific demands                  | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Mass balance   | Aurel and colleagues                      | 2            | 1                  | 1           |
| Waste treatment  | Process specific demands                  | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| *Co(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O* |   |              |                    |             |
| *Mn(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O* |   |              |                    |             |
| *Al(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ·9H <sub>2</sub> O* |   |              |                    |             |
| *Mg(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O* |   |              |                    |             |
| NaOH   | Ecoinvent database v3.0                   | -            | -                  | -           |

| Process   | Source                                      | Completeness | Representativeness | Reliability |
|---|---|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| HNO <sub>3</sub>                                      | Ecoinvent database v3.0                     | 1            | 2                  | 3           |
| <b>Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O</b> |   |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand   | Process specific demands                    | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Mass balance  | Donaldson and Beyersmann <sup>9</sup>       | 4            | 3                  | 3           |
| Waste treatment                                       | Process specific demands                    | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Co  | Ecoinvent database v3.0                     | 2            | 3                  | 4           |
| HNO <sub>3</sub>                                      | Ecoinvent database v3.0                     | 1            | 2                  | 3           |
| <b>Mn(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O</b> |   |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand   | Process specific demands                    | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Mass balance  | Reidies <sup>10</sup>                       | 4            | 3                  | 3           |
| Waste treatment                                       | Process specific demands                    | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| MnO <sub>2</sub>                                      | Ecoinvent database v3.0                     | 2            | 3                  | 3           |
| HNO <sub>3</sub>                                      | Ecoinvent database v3.0                     | 1            | 2                  | 3           |
| <b>Al(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·9H<sub>2</sub>O</b> |   |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand   | Process specific demands                    | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Mass balance  | Sitzmann <sup>11</sup>                      | 4            | 3                  | 3           |
| Waste treatment                                       | Process specific demands                    | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Al(OH) <sub>3</sub>                                   | Ecoinvent database v3.0                     | 2            | 3                  | 1           |
| HNO <sub>3</sub>                                      | Ecoinvent database v3.0                     | 1            | 2                  | 3           |
| <b>Mn(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O</b> |   |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand   | Process specific demands                    | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Mass balance  | -   | 5            | 5                  | 4           |
| Waste treatment                                       | Process specific demands                    | 3            | 4                  | 2           |
| Mg(OH) <sub>2</sub>                                   | Ecoinvent database v3.0; substituted by MgO | -            | 5                  | -           |
| HNO <sub>3</sub>                                      | Ecoinvent database v3.0                     | 1            | 2                  | 3           |

ESI Table 4. Data quality indication for the RaNi-based system.

| Process                           | Source                           | Completeness | Representativeness | Reliability |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| <b>Glucose Hydrogenation (GH)</b> |                                  |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand                     | Thermodynamic calculations       | 2            | 2                  | 2           |
| Mass balance                      | Schiweck et al. <sup>12</sup>    | 2            | 2                  | 2           |
| Waste treatment                   | Qualified assumptions            | 2            | 4                  | 5           |
| H <sub>2</sub>                    | Ecoinvent database v3.0          | 1            | 3                  | 2           |
| *Glucose                          |                                  |              |                    |             |
| *Raney Nickel                     |                                  |              |                    |             |
| <b>RaNi</b>                       |                                  |              |                    |             |
| Energy demand                     | Thermodynamic calculations       | 3            | 4                  | 5           |
| Mass balance                      | Ertl and Knözinger <sup>13</sup> | 3            | 1                  | 2           |
| Waste treatment                   | Qualified assumptions            | 2            | 4                  | 5           |
| Nickel                            | Ecoinvent database v3.0          | -            | -                  | -           |
| Aluminium                         | Ecoinvent database v3.0          | -            | -                  | -           |

- Data quality information was not given in the Ecoinvent database v3.0.

\* Item is evaluated in more detail below.

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