

Life-cycle assessment of ruthenium catalysts for asymmetric transfer hydrogenation

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Platinum Group Metals (PGMs) are critical materials enabling modern life:[1] from transportation, to food, to medicines, to chemical production, etc., and their environmental impact, recyclability and future availability are widely debated.[2],[3] Our new estimation of the carbon footprint of ruthenium catalysts for asymmetric transfer hydrogenation will be presented, together with the implications for sustainability models of their applications.[4]

[1] <https://matthey.com/products-and-markets/pgms-and-circularity>

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