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Electrochemical performance of $\text{Li}_{1.2}\text{V}_3\text{O}_8$ in saturated aqueous solution of LiNO_3

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The $\text{Li}_{1.2}\text{V}_3\text{O}_8$ was synthesized by modified sol-gel method and treated at several temperatures. Electrochemical performance of $\text{Li}_{1.2}\text{V}_3\text{O}_8$ was investigated by galvanostatic cycling in saturated aqueous solution of LiNO_3 . The sample treated at 300 °C consisted of uniform rod-shaped particles, 100–150 nm in diameter and 300–800 nm in length. It displayed the best electrochemical performance: the initial discharge capacity amounted to 136.8 mAhg^{-1} and capacity fade upon 50 charging/discharging cycles was only 12 %. This is significant improvement compared to the product obtained by solid state reaction, published by other authors. There is the literature evidence that $\text{Li}_{1.2}\text{V}_3\text{O}_8$ synthesized in similar way displays enhanced electrochemical properties in organic solutions, too.

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Oxidation of formic acid on bulk and nanosized Pt-Co alloys

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Bulk Pt_3Co and nanosized Pt_3Co and PtCo alloys supported on XC-72 high area carbon were investigated as the electrocatalysts for the oxidation of formic acid. Cyclic voltammetry in 0.1 M HClO_4 and stripping voltammetry of CO_{ads} in the same electrolyte show a small difference in the potentials of Pt-oxide formation and reduction and CO_{ads} oxidation. Based on these results, we concluded that electronic modification of Pt by Co atoms, which was theoretically predicted and experimentally proved on solid/gas interface, is exhibited in the electrochemical environment. Promotion of HCOOH oxidation rate on bimetallic Pt-Co surfaces with respect to pure Pt was found to be up to factor of eight in the case of PtCo/XC-72 catalyst. This moderate increase of the reaction rate is ascribed mostly to the ensemble effect, because partial leaching of Co increased Pt:Co ratio at the bimetallic surfaces, diminishing the efficiency of the ensemble effect.