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Investigation of isopropanol electrooxidation onto deposited Pt particles supported on different materials

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Abstract: In this article, graphite and potassium expanded graphite acts as support material for Pt deposition. The graphite plate electrode had been expanded by doping with potassium (K) vapour using simple vapour incorporation method. After expansion, the expanded graphite and normal graphite electrodes were platinised by galvanostatic electro-deposition technique. In this paper catalytic properties of the electrodes towards isopropanol have been presented using cyclic voltammetry technique at different scan rates and amperometry studies. From the study it is found that anodic peak potentials as well as the corresponding peak currents vary with scan rate. It is also observed that oxidation current of the alcohol using the expanded graphite as the electrode material are higher. Amperometry studies shows that expanded supported electrocatalyst is more long-lasting than unexpanded support electrocatalyst. So Pt deposited on potassium expanded graphite acts as a better electrocatalyst.

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