

Influence of Interfacial Properties on the Electrocatalytic Behavior of Platinum Electrodes

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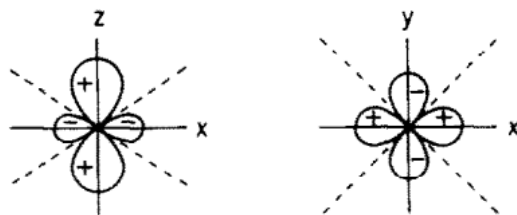
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Catalysis is about (right) Bonds

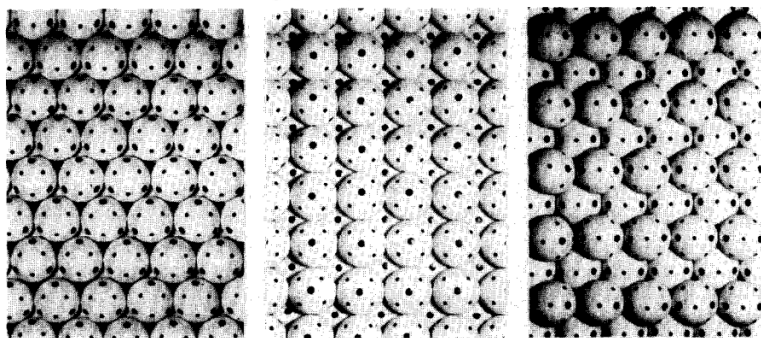
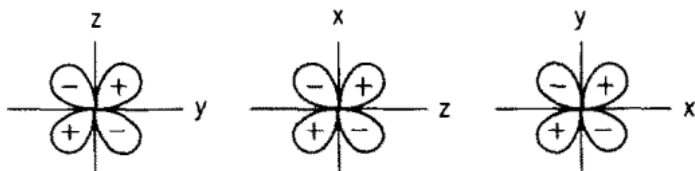
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HYDROGEN ADSORPTION ON PLATINUM SINGLE-CRYSTAL SURFACES



$d\gamma(e_g)$ orbitals



(111)

(100)

(110)

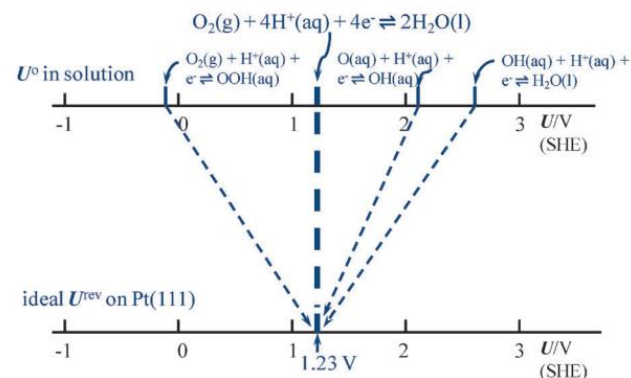
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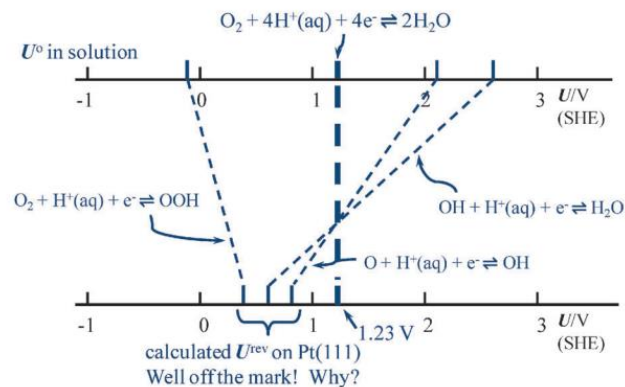
Insights into electrocatalysis

Alfred B. Anderson*

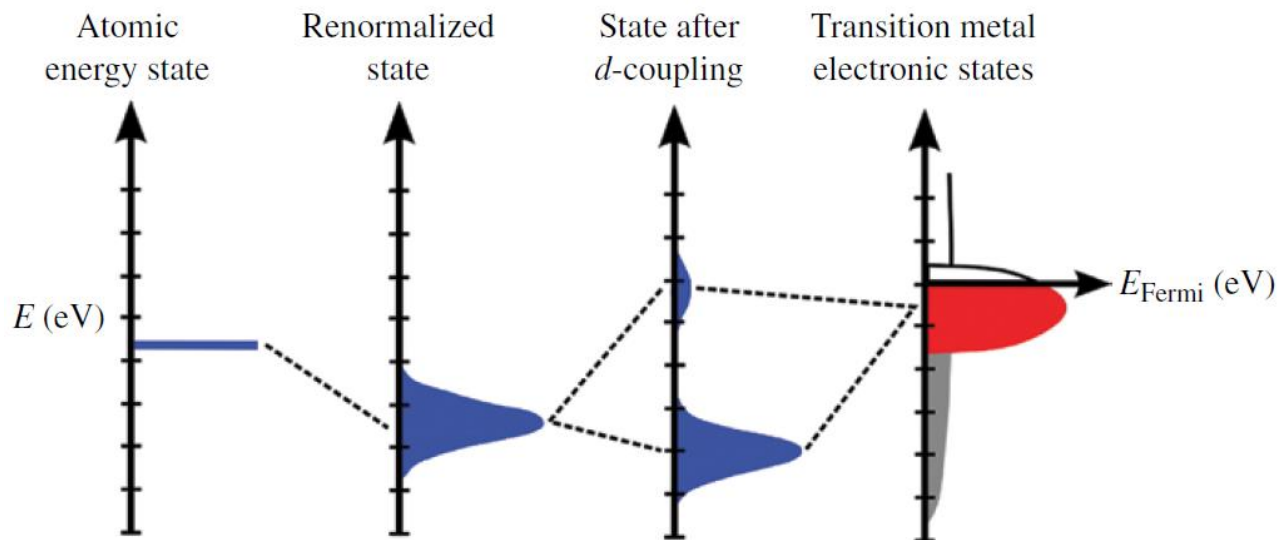
The goal



The reality

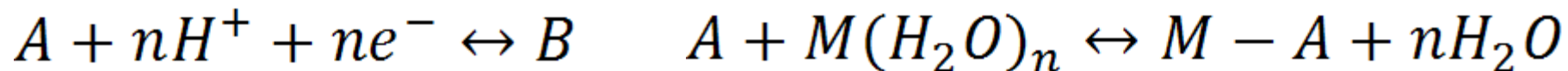


Why Platinum is a good catalyst? d orbitals



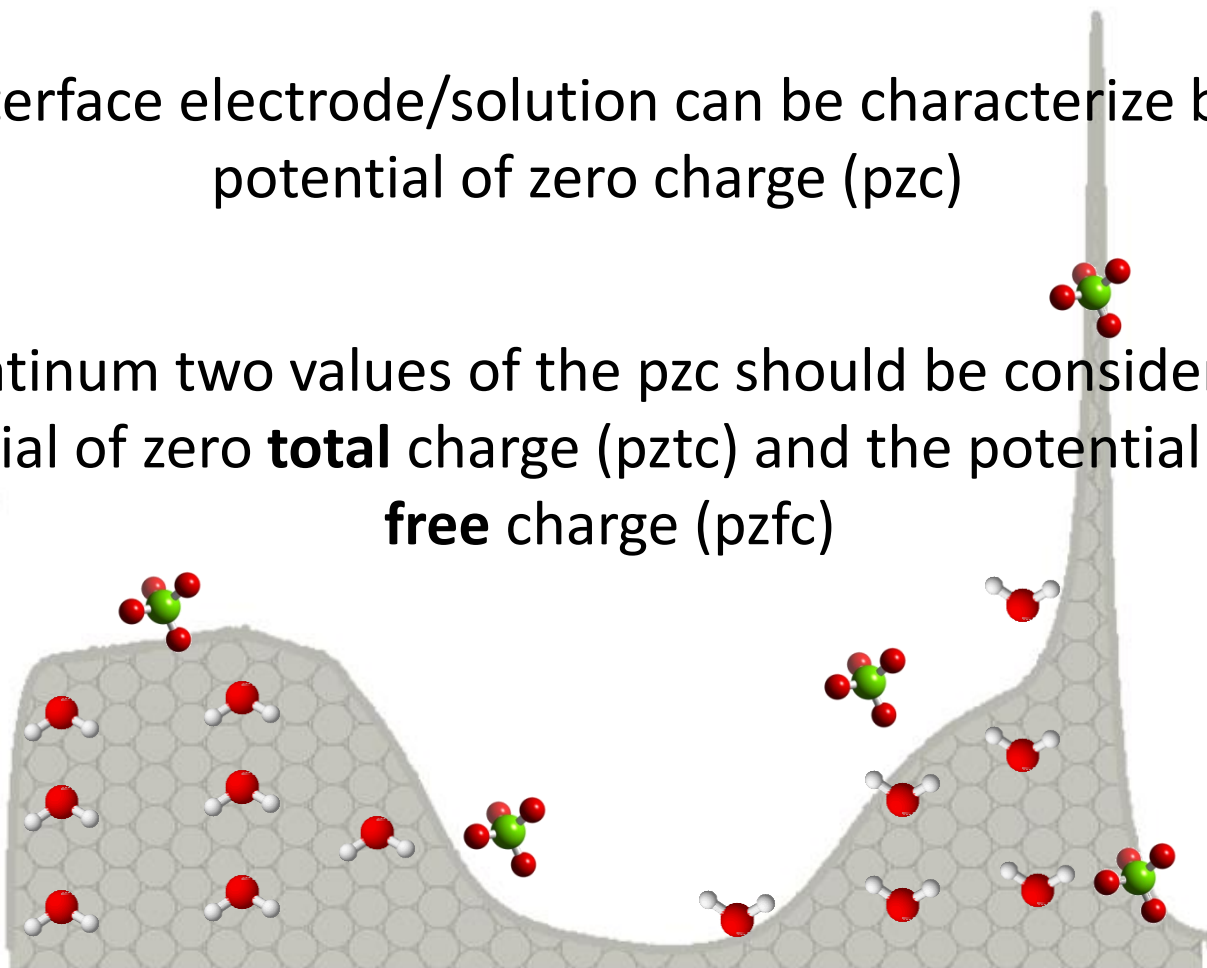
Nickel or **Cobalt** have d orbitals but not are good catalysts (as platinum)

We must consider something more



The interface electrode/solution can be characterized by the potential of zero charge (pzc)

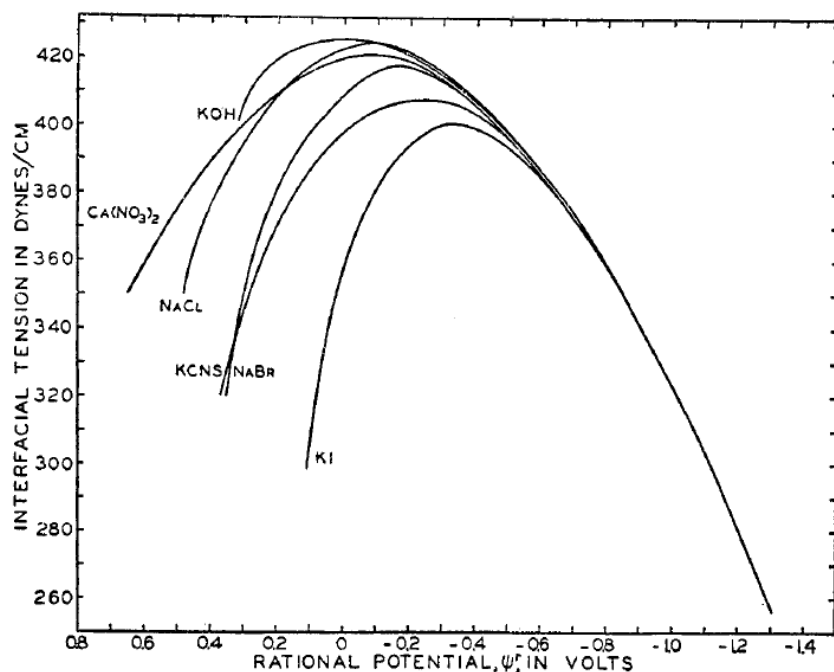
For Platinum two values of the pzc should be considered the potential of zero **total** charge (pztc) and the potential of zero **free** charge (pzfc)



How find the pztc? Electrocapillary curves and Gouy-Chapman minimum

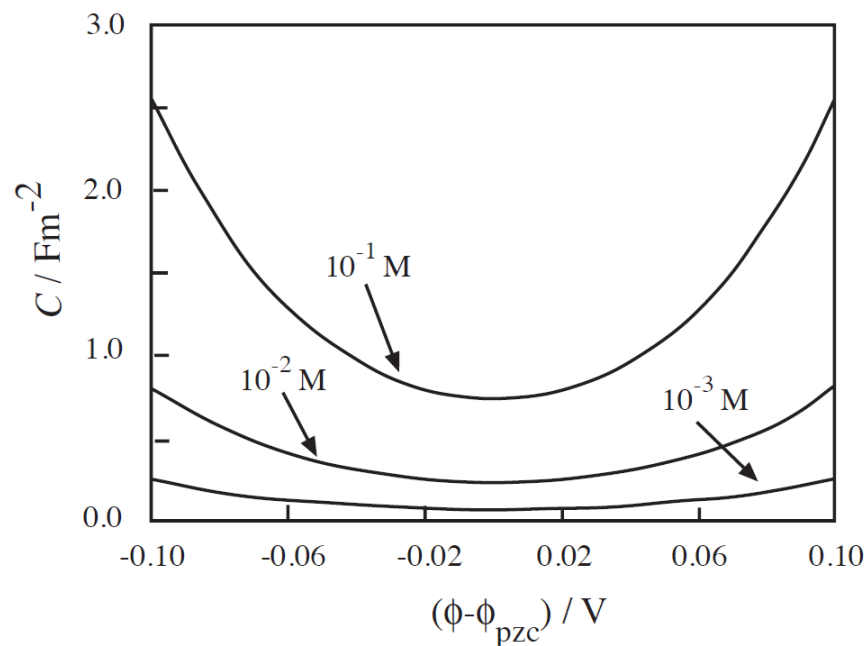
THE ELECTRICAL DOUBLE LAYER AND THE THEORY OF ELECTROCAPILLARITY¹

DAVID C. GRAHAME



Valid for liquid metals

$$C = \epsilon \epsilon_0 \kappa \cosh \left(\frac{ze_0 (\phi - \phi_{\text{pzc}})}{2kT} \right)$$

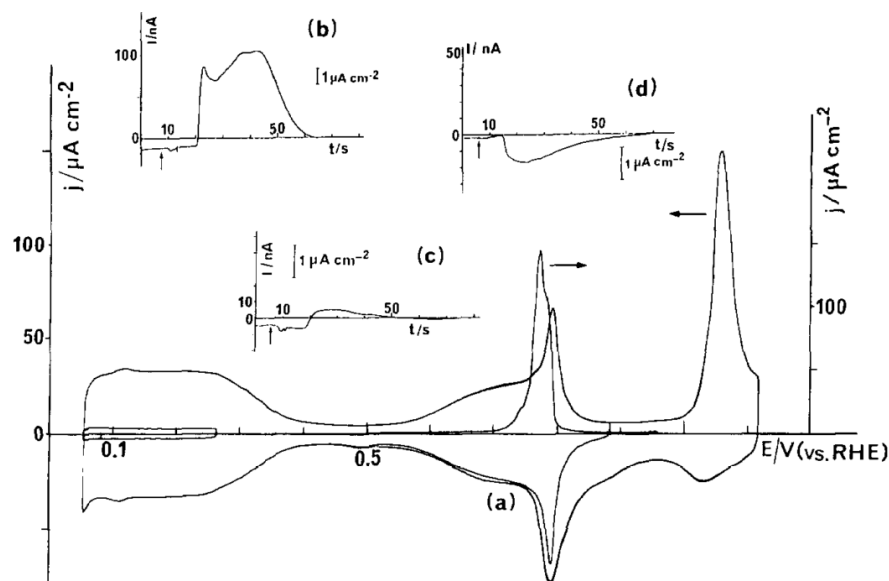


Valid for metals that no adsorbs hydrogen

How find the pztc for metals that adsorb hydrogen? CO displacement

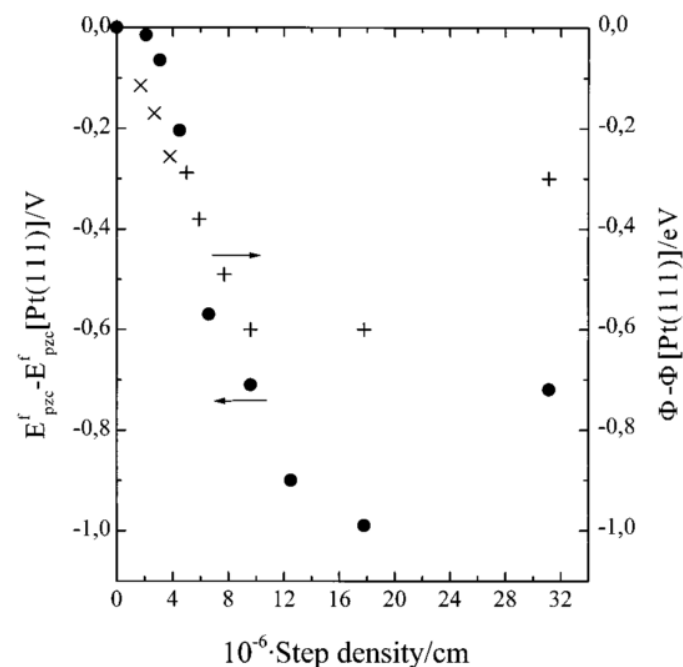
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Study of the charge displacement at constant potential during CO adsorption on Pt(110) and Pt(111) electrodes in contact with a perchloric acid solution *



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Dependence of the Potential of Zero Charge of Stepped Platinum (111) Electrodes on the Oriented Step-Edge Density: Electrochemical Implications and Comparison with Work Function Behavior



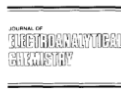
The pzfc and work function are **related**

$$\phi_{pzc} = \frac{1}{e_0} (\Phi_M - \Phi_{ref}) + \delta_{x_m} - \delta_{x_{sol}}$$

How find the pztc for metals that adsorb hydrogen? Local probes



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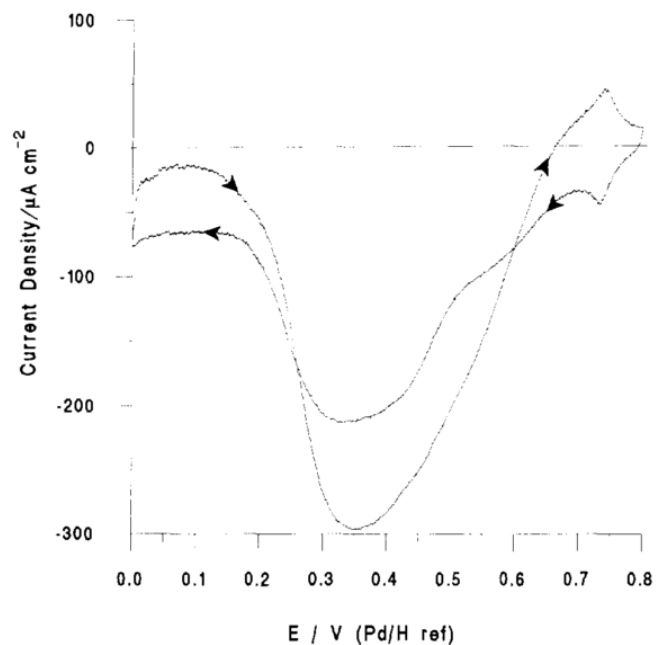
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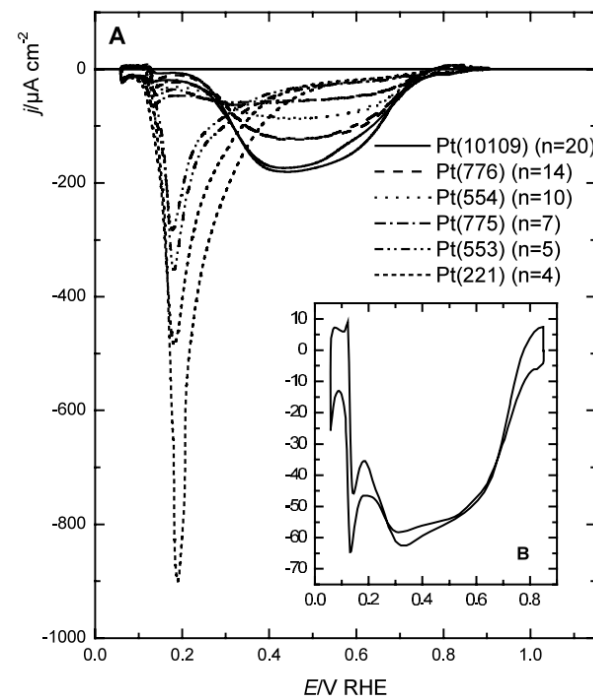
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Anion–surface interactions

Part 3. N_2O reduction as a chemical probe of the local potential of zero total charge $\star$



Potential of zero charge of platinum stepped surfaces: a combined approach of CO charge displacement and N_2O reduction



Local probes allows find “**local**” pztc for stepped surfaces

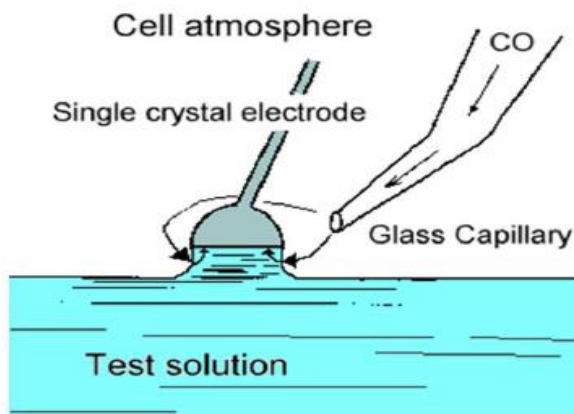
General

Study the structure of the electrical double layer of the interface platinum/dissolution at different pH conditions and their effect on the surface reactivity of platinum electrodes

Specific

- Electrochemical characterization of kinked single crystal surfaces in different pH conditions
- Determining the potential of zero total charge for platinum single-crystals at different pH conditions using CO displacement
- Analysis of the interface platinum/solution via surface probes at different pH conditions
- Study type reactions in platinum single-crystals at different pH conditions

CO Displacement Method



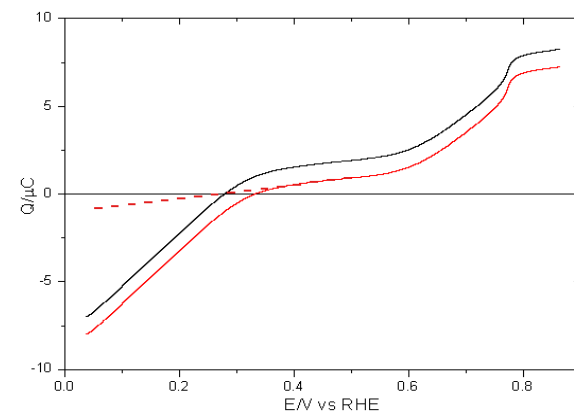
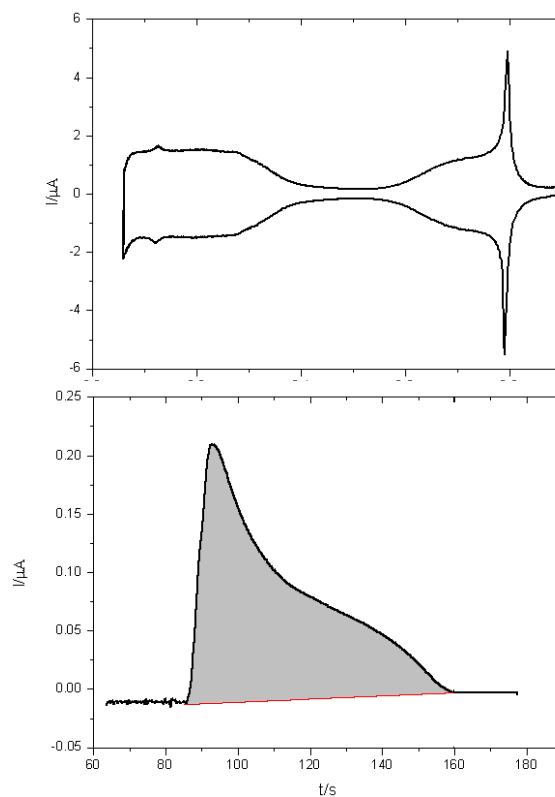
Requirements

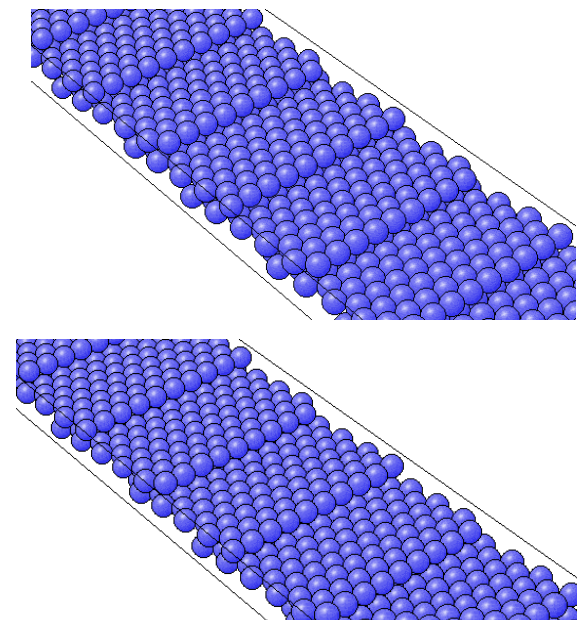
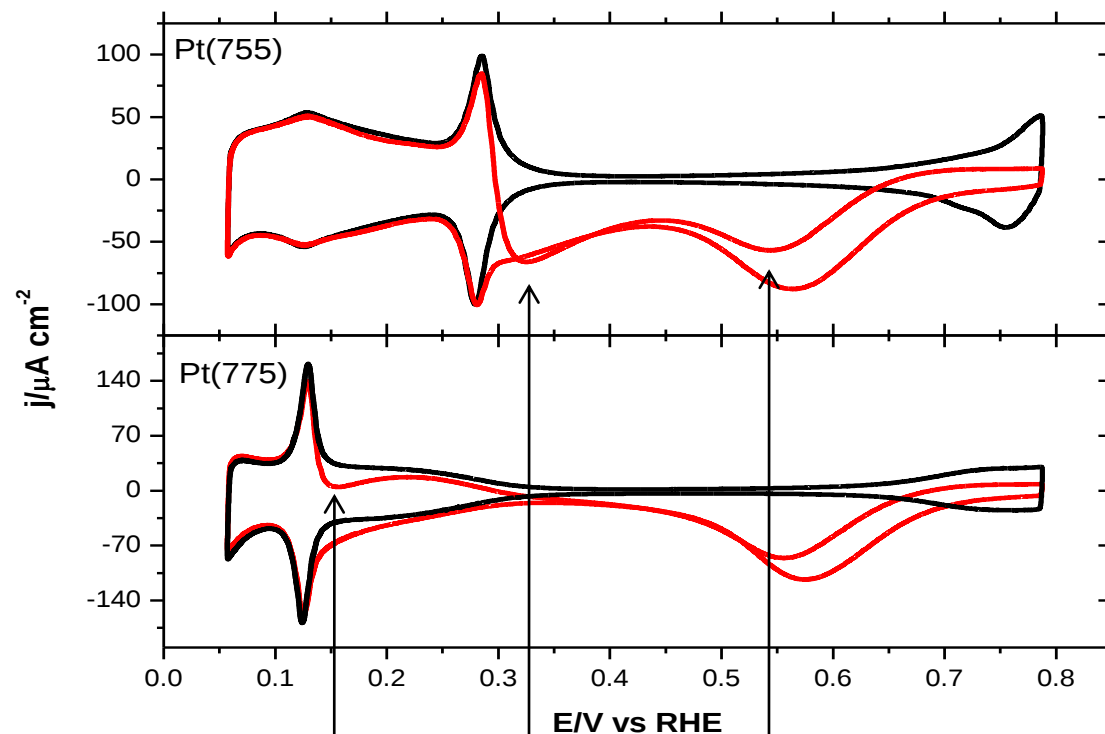
- CO is a neutral probe
- The remaining charge on the electrode/CO interface is small (unnecessary for Pt(111))

$$q_{dis} = q_{CO} - q(E)$$

$$q_{CO} = \int_{pzc}^E C_{CO} dE$$

$$q(E) = q(E^*) + \int_{E^*}^E \frac{j}{v} dE$$



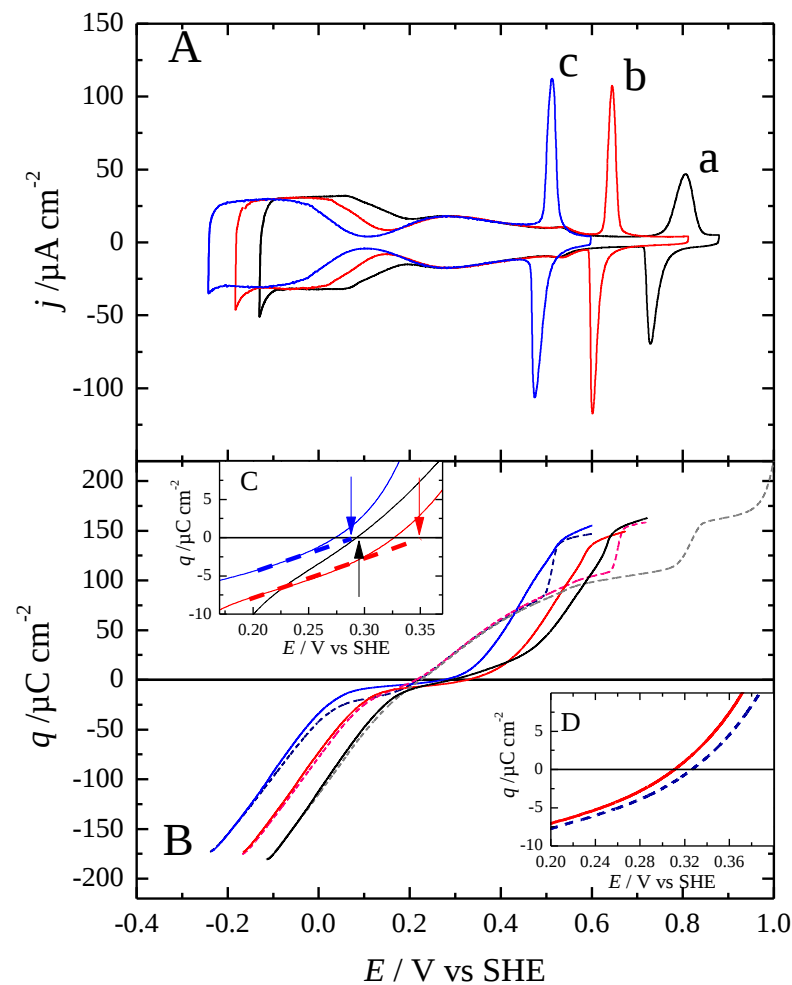
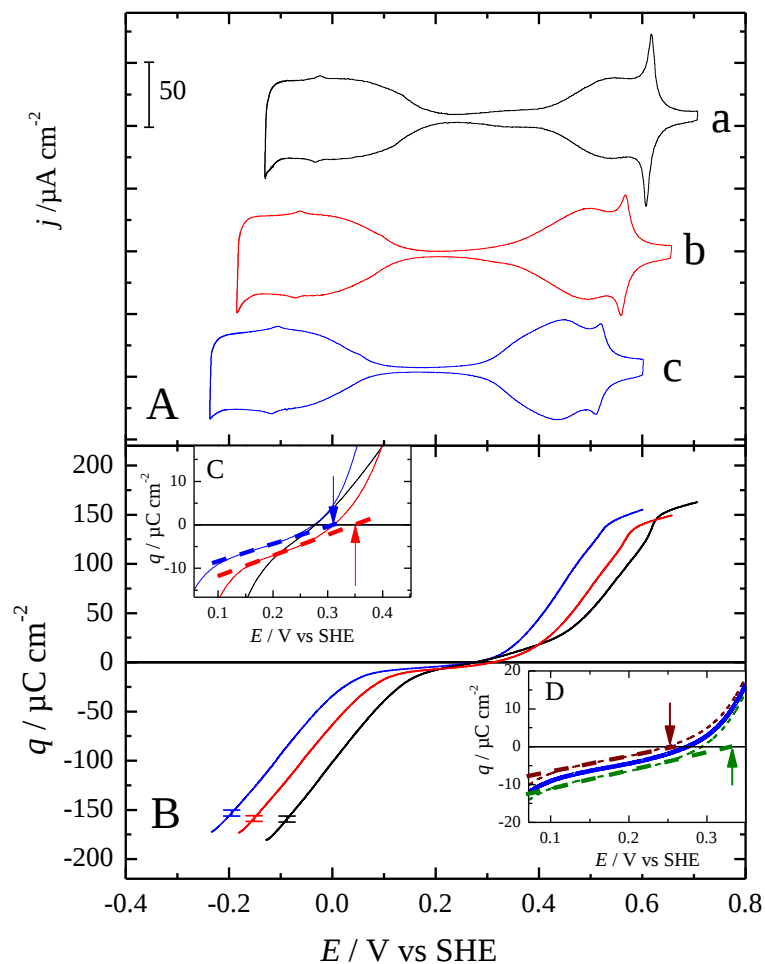


Reduction on terrace(100(6 átomos))

Reduction on step(100)

Reduction on step(100(110))

Año	1			2			3		
Cuatrimestre	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
Revisión bibliográfica	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Caracterización electroquímica de electrodos monocristalinos de platino	x	x							
Determinación del potencial de carga cero por medio de la técnica del desplazamiento por CO			x	x	x				
Determinación del potencial de carga cero por medio del uso de sondas superficiales						x	x		
Estudio de la reacciones de ORR, HER y HOR en diferentes condiciones de pH			x	x	x	x	x		
Redacción de artículos	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Redacción tesis								x	x



The neutral point for Pt(111)/solution is around pH 3

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Muchas gracias

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