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Estudios Fundamentales y Electrocatalisis en Superficies Bimetálicas Monocristalinas De PtPd

Fundamental Studies and Electrocatalysis on Monocrystalline Bimetallic Surfaces of PtPd

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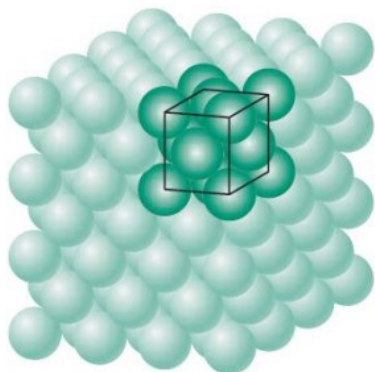
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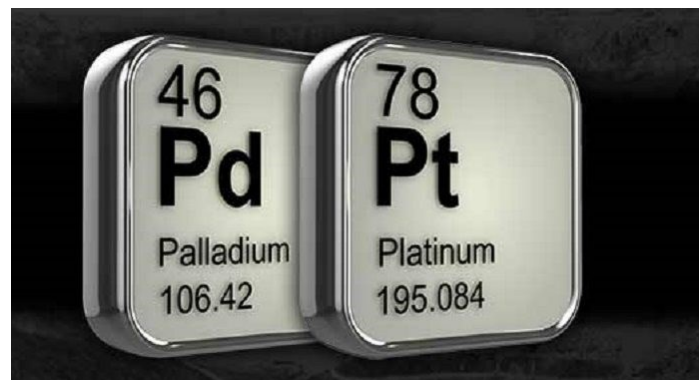
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ANTECEDENTES Y ESTADO ACTUAL DEL TEMA

PLATINUM AND PALLADIUM: BROTHER ELEMENTS



Face-Centered Cubic



Lanthanide contraction

ANTECEDENTES Y ESTADO ACTUAL DEL TEMA

PLATINUM AND PALLADIUM AMONG THE BEST CATALYSTS FOR OXIDATION OF ORGANIC MOLECULES.

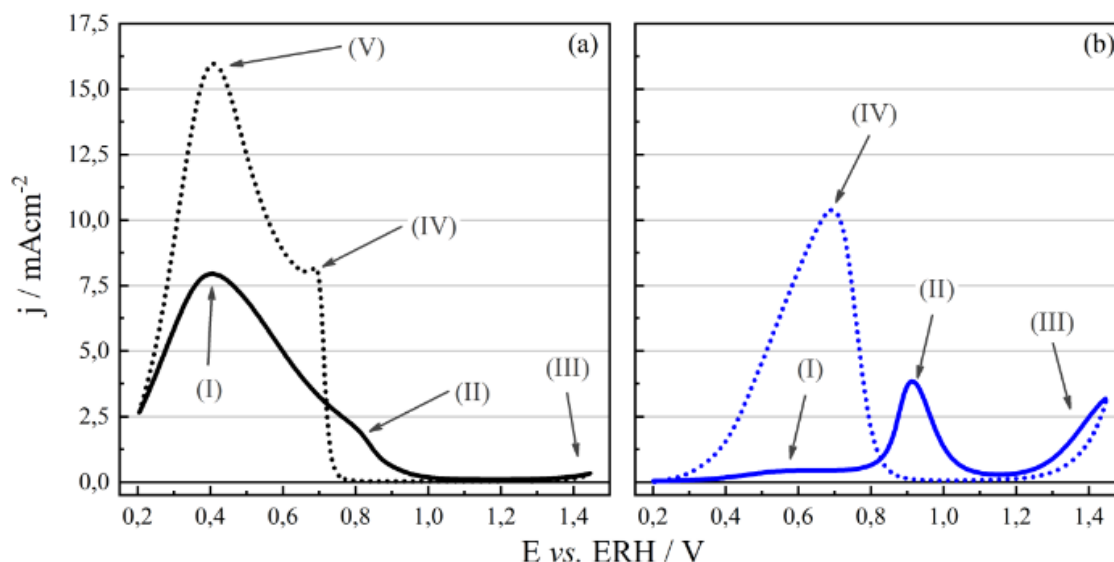


Fig. 1 –Cyclic voltammogram of the electro-oxidation of formic acid in (a) Pd or (b) Pt in acidic medium. figure adapted from reference [2]

Trial and Error



Designed Search

[1] Parsons, R.; Vandernoot, T.J. *Electroanal. Chem.* 1988, 257, 9–45.

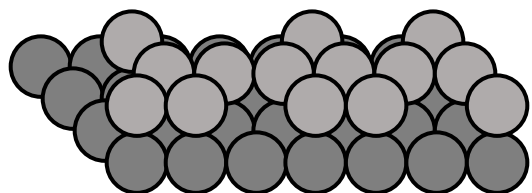
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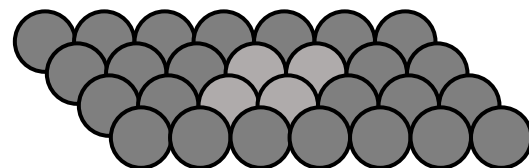
Palladium Electrodeposition on Pt single Crystal

VS.

Pt–Pd single Crystal bimetallic



model surface

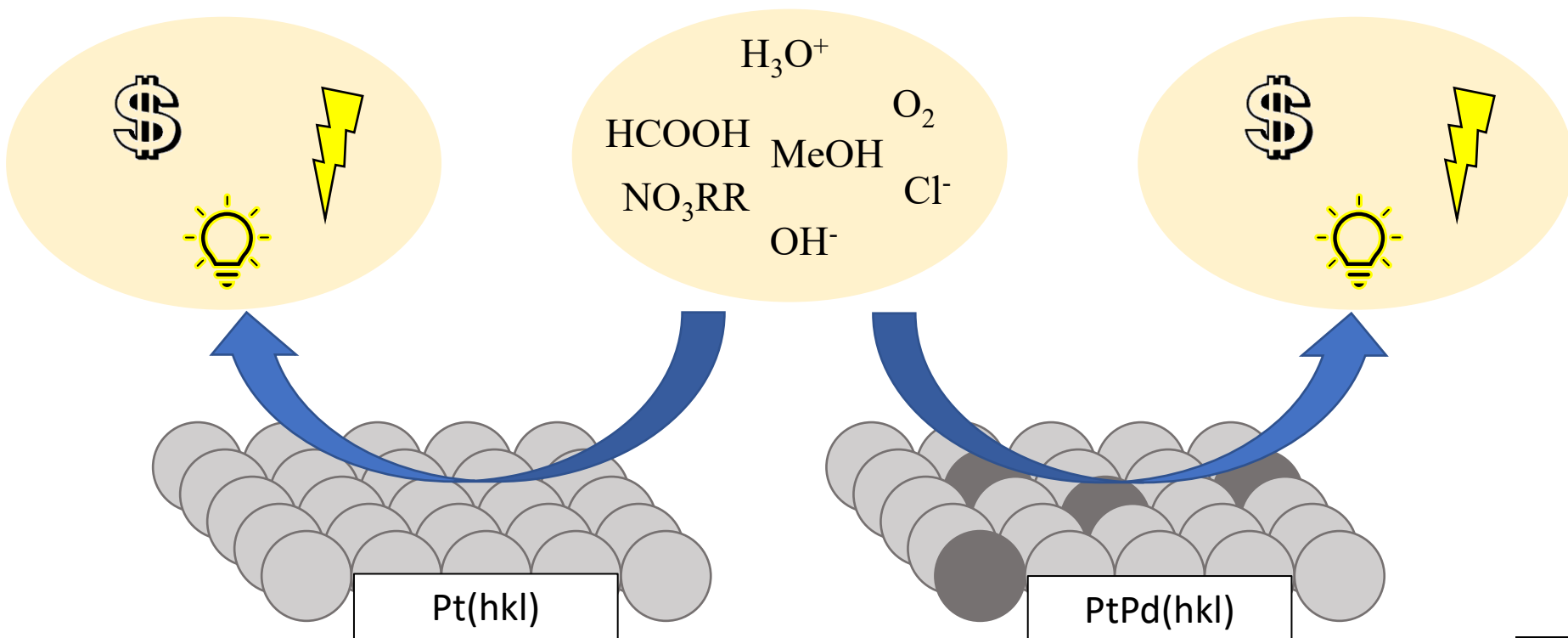


Well-defined
model surface

● Palladium
● Platinum

OBJETIVOS DE LA INVESTIGACIÓN

To carry out a fundamental study of the electrochemical behaviour of PtPd bimetallic electrodes as well as to investigate its catalytic activity in reactions with potential use in energy generation.



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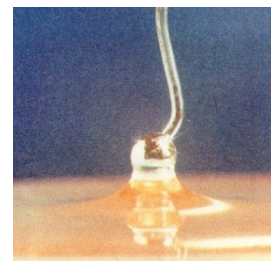
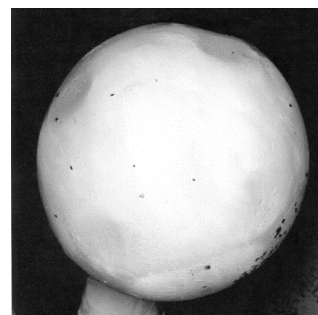
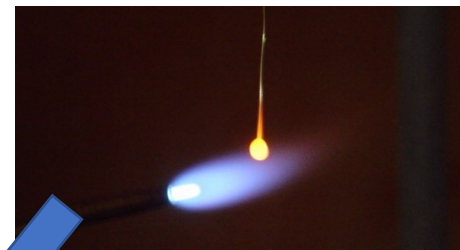
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- Low Energy Electron Diffraction (LEED)
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- Voltammogram Profile



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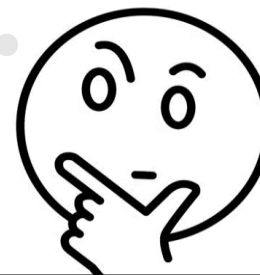
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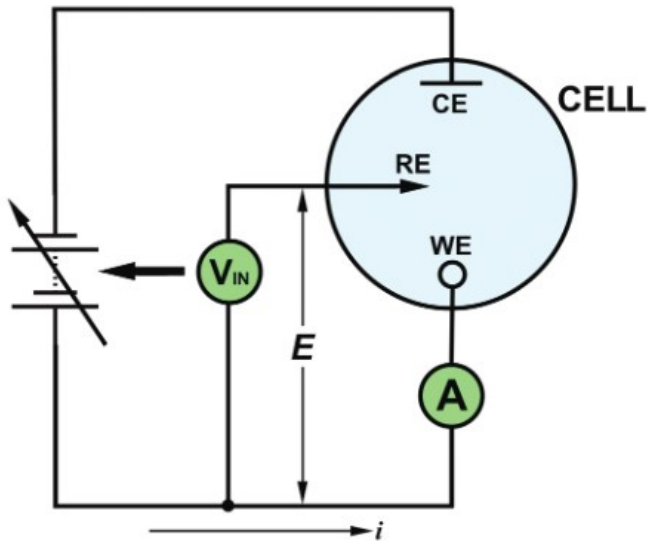
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Why is this better?



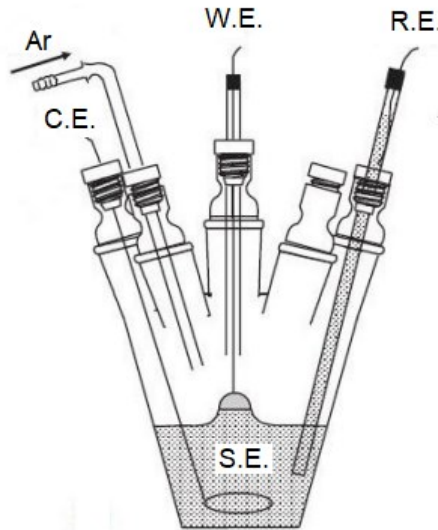
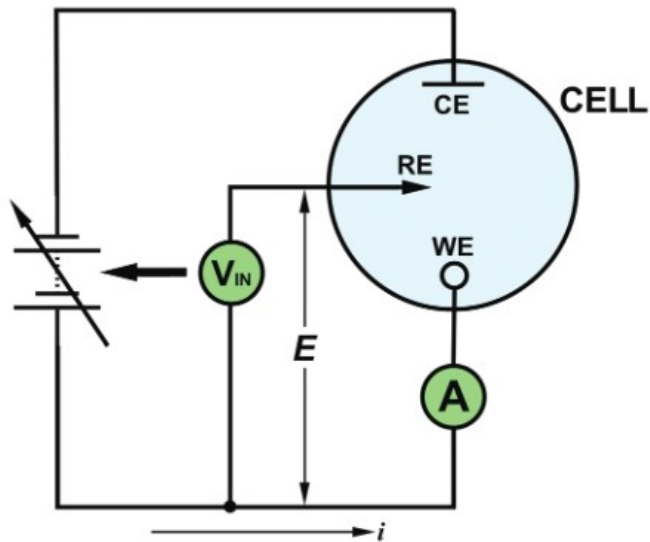
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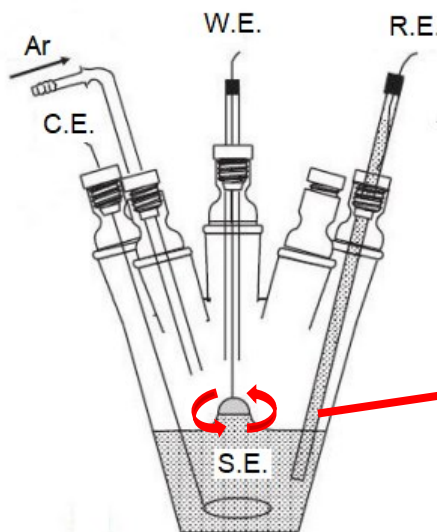
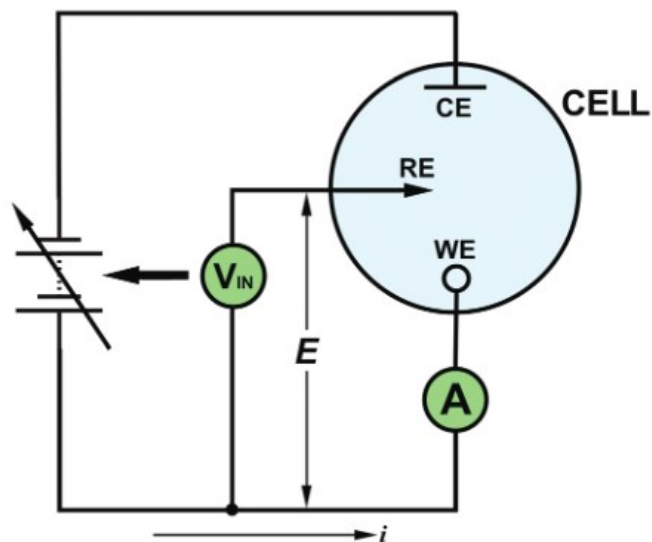


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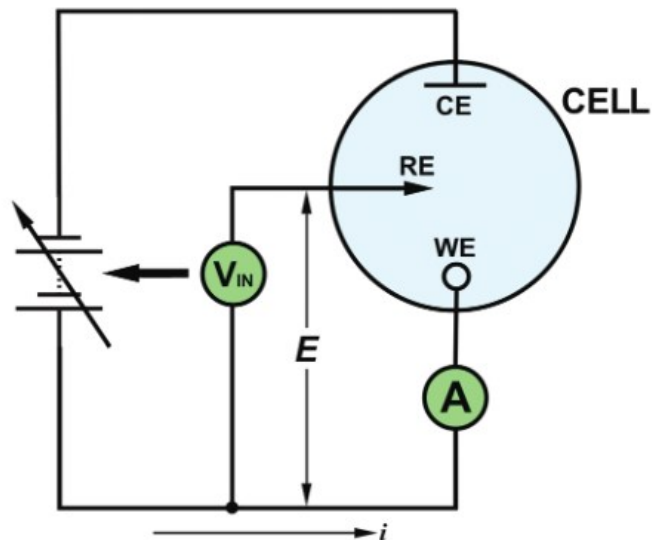


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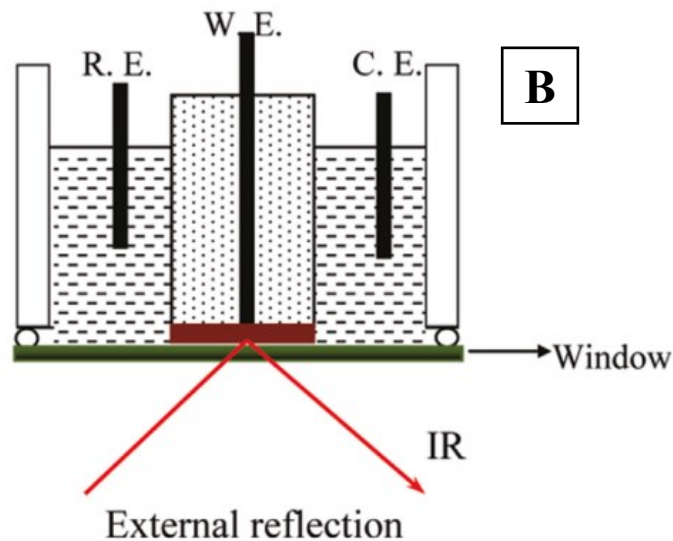
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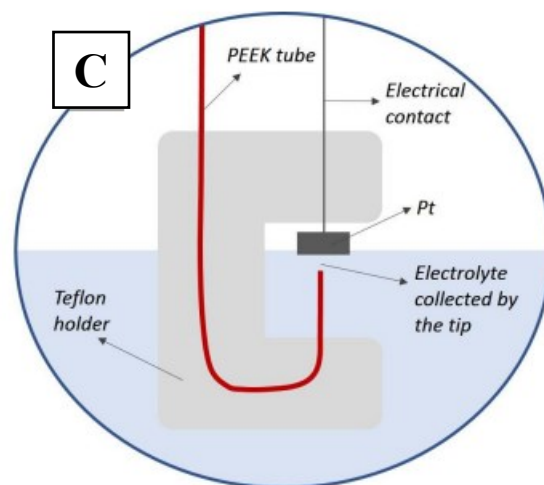
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Voltammetry combined with FTIR, DEMS and HPLC



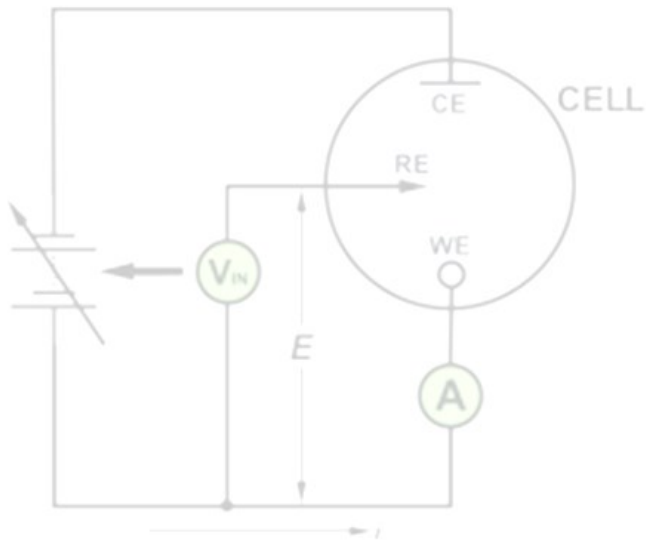
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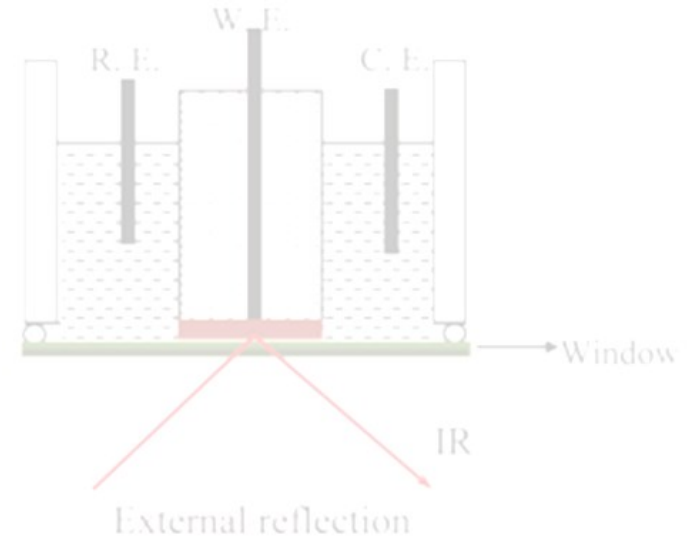
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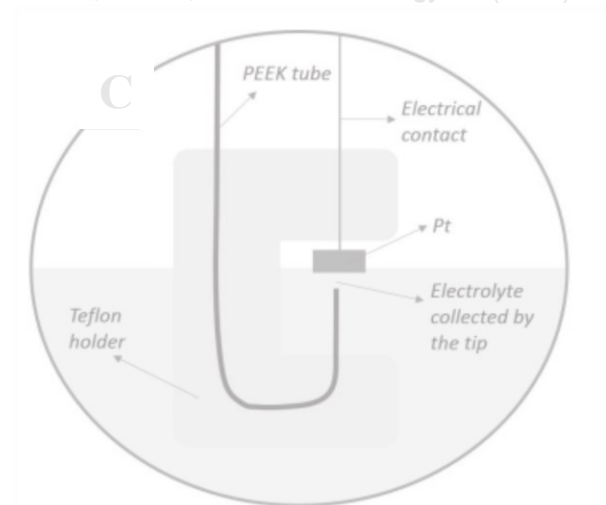


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- Mathematical model and numerical simulation**



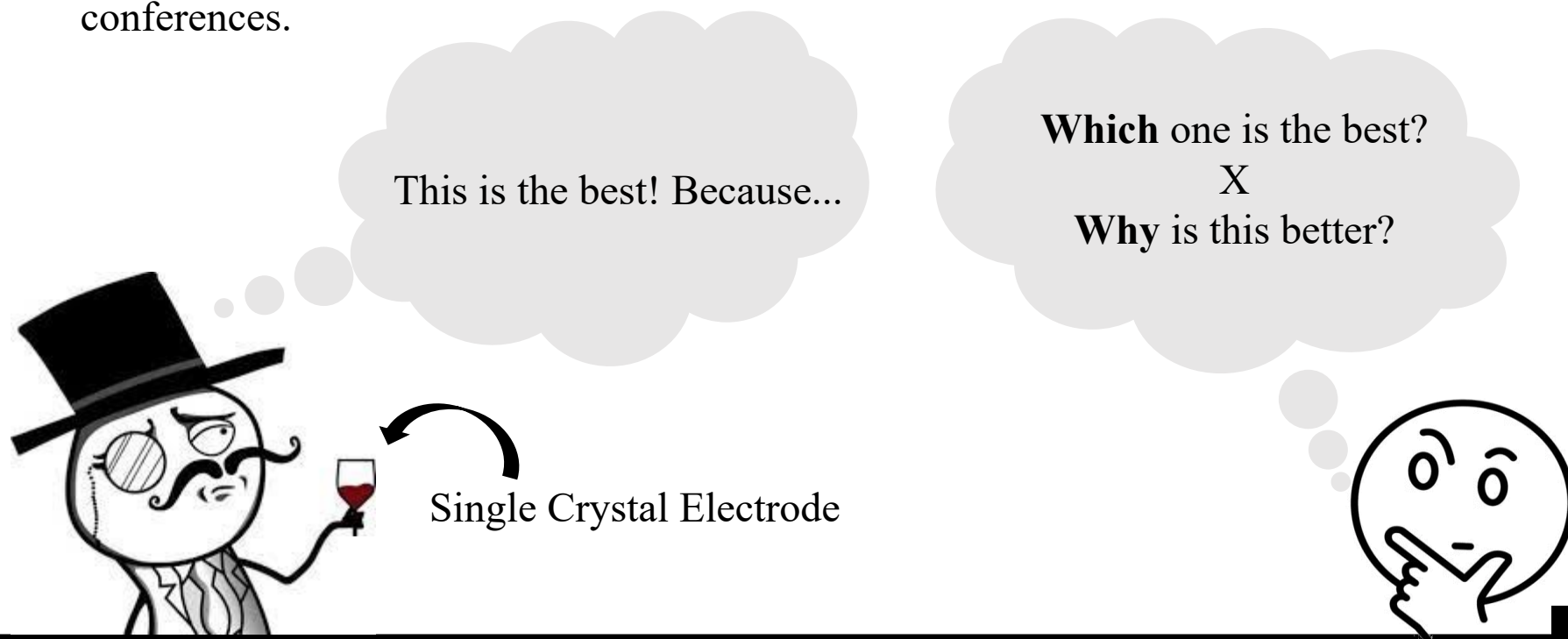
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IMPACTO ESPERADO

- That the student has acquired high knowledge in electrochemistry, as well as in solving complex scientific problems;
- Publication of results in scientific journals;
- Presentation by the student of the results obtained by the scientific community through conferences.



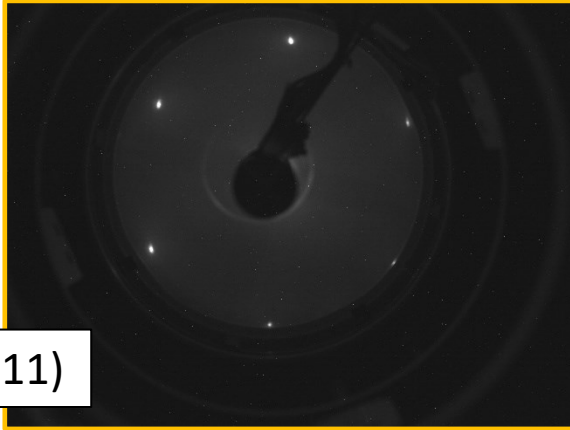
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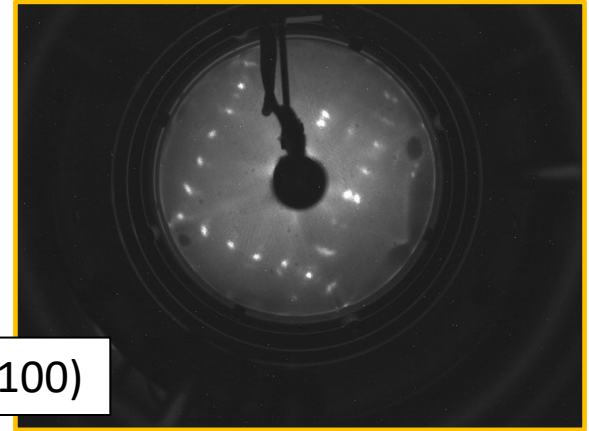
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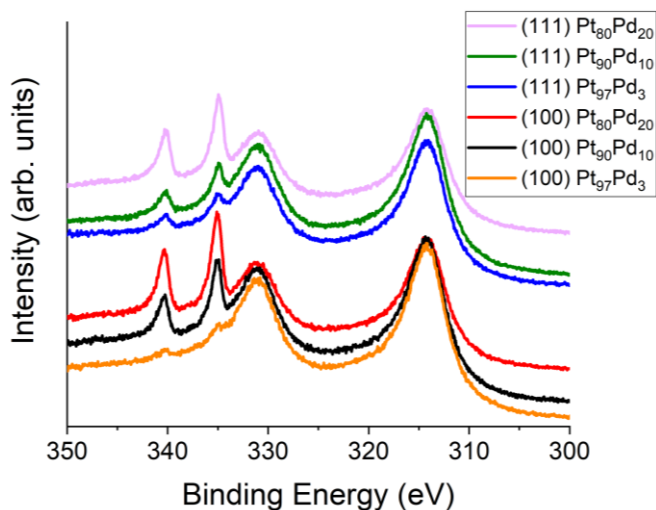
$\text{Pt}_{90}\text{Pd}_{10}(111)$



$\text{Pt}_{90}\text{Pd}_{10}(100)$

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Low Energy Electron Diffraction (LEED) and X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS).



Sample (nominal Ratio)	XPS – Integrated Area
Pt ₈₀ Pd ₂₀ (100)	85 % (Pt) - 15 % (Pd)
Pt ₉₀ Pd ₁₀ (100)	93 % (Pt) - 7 % (Pd)
Pt ₉₇ Pd ₃ (100)	99 % (Pt) - 1 % (Pd)
Pt ₈₀ Pd ₂₀ (111)	88 % (Pt) - 12 % (Pd)
Pt ₉₀ Pd ₁₀ (111)	96 % (Pt) - 4 % (Pd)
Pt ₉₇ Pd ₃ (111)	97 % (Pt) - 3 % (Pd)

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PtPd(111) - Cyclic Voltammetric (CV)

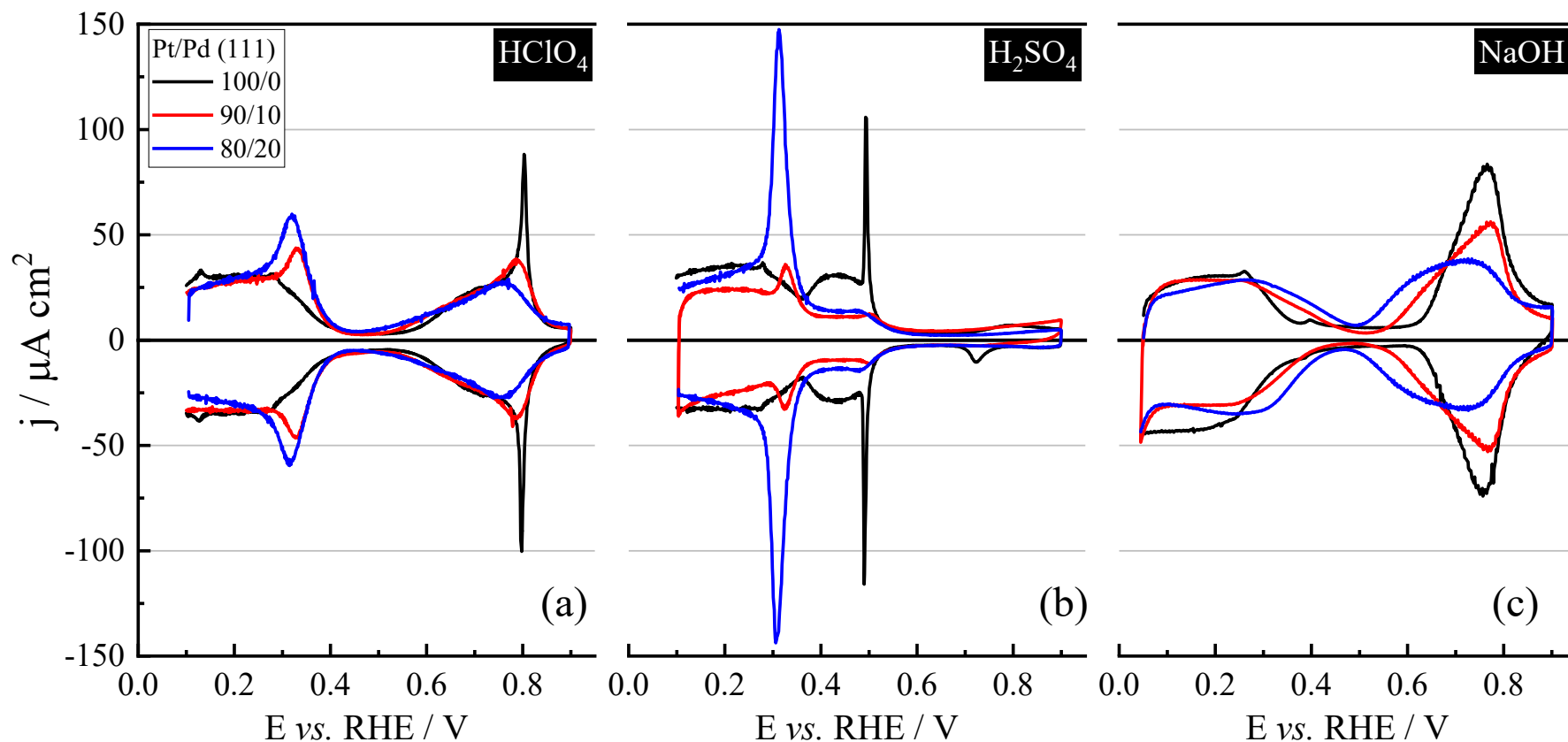
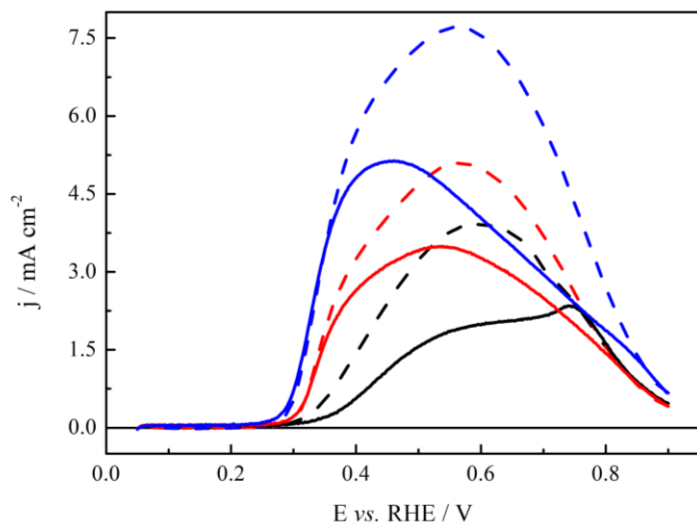


Fig. 2 - Voltammetric profile of the electrodes of the family (111), obtained at 0.05 V s^{-1} in 0.1 M (a) HClO₄, (b) H₂SO₄ or (c) NaOH.

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PtPd(111) – Formic Acid Electro-Oxidation Reaction (FAEOR)

HCOOH 50 mM + HClO₄



HCOOH 20 mM + NaOH

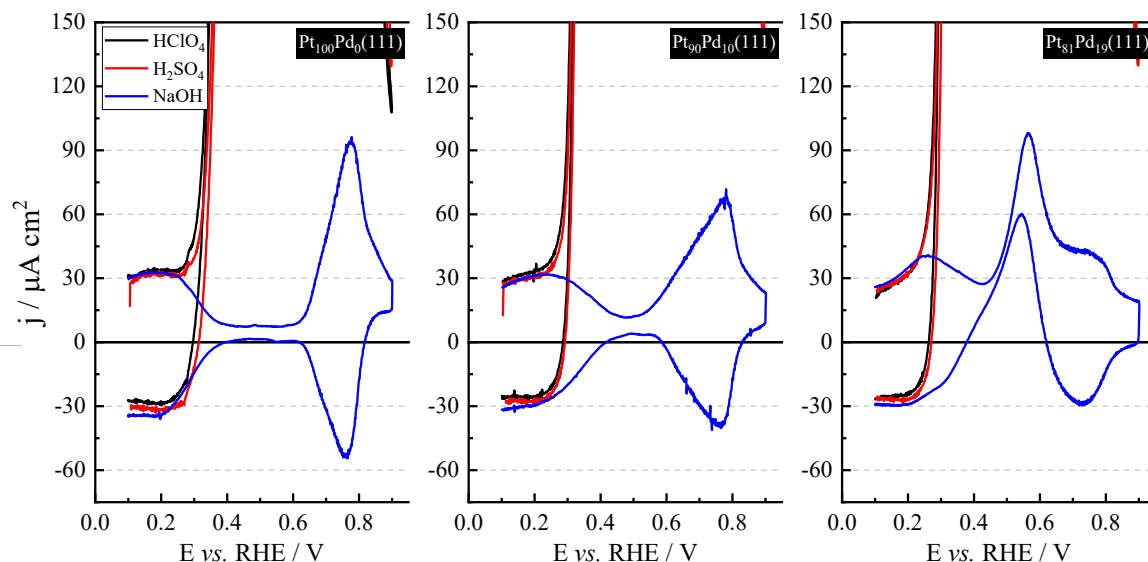


Fig. 3 – FAEOR on Pt(111) or PtPd(111) Family in acid or alcaline medio. Solid and dotted lines represent positive and negative going scans, respectively. $|dE/dt| = 0.05 \text{ V s}^{-1}$; [HClO₄] and [NaOH] = 0.1 mol L⁻¹.

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PtPd(111) x PtPd(100) – Formic Acid Electro-Oxidation Reaction (FAEOR)

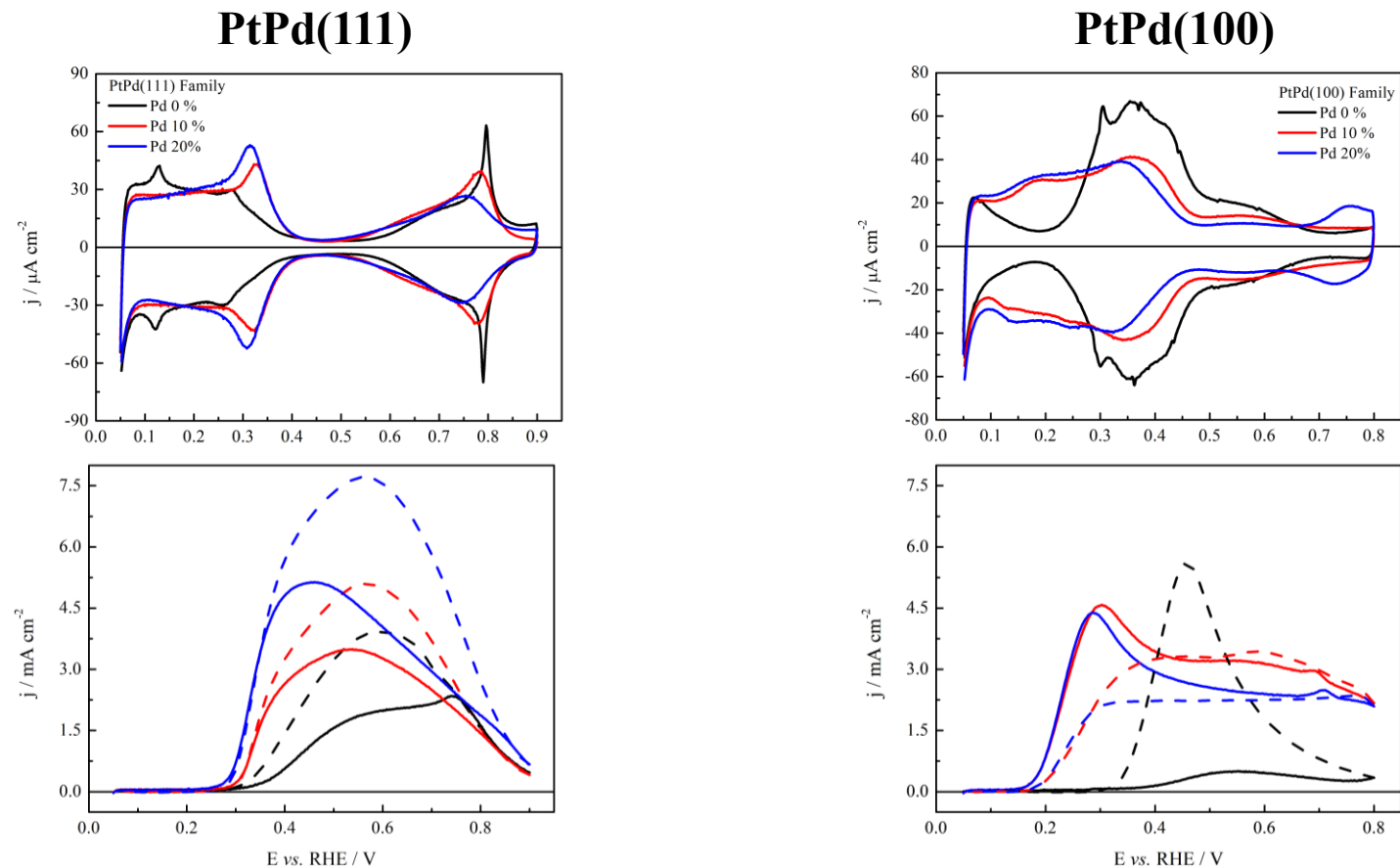
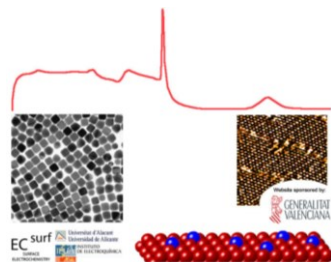


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