Electrocatalytic Conversion of CO2 into Valuable Products

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Recently, electrocatalytic CO_2 reduction (ECO2R) technology has received much attention due to its ability to convert CO_2 to valuable chemicals and fuels through clean and economical processes. Many studies have been reported in a last decade, but there are still several challenges such as improvement of current density, energy efficiency, selectivity and stability need to be addressed for the development of economically viable CO_2 reduction processes. In addition, the pathways of ECO2R and the reaction mechanisms of electrocatalysts degradation should be verified. Here the recent progress and perspectives in electrocatalytic CO_2 conversion technologies are reviewed as a means of production of valuable products, and some technical obstacles are analyzed which should be overcome for the development of commercial—scale ECO2R processes.