

Strategies to Enhance Electrochemical Ammonia Production from Nitrogen gas

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Ammonia (NH₃) is a key commodity in industry and a carbon-free sustainable energy source. The electrochemical nitrogen reduction (ENRR) has attracted research topic as a way to directly convert nitrogen gas (N₂) dissolved in aqueous solution to NH₃ under ambient temperatures and pressures. The primary current challenge of ENRR is its low Faradaic efficiency (FE) for NH₃ production because the standard reduction potential of N₂ to NH₃ is very close to that of water to hydrogen(H₂). Furthermore, since the conversion of N₂ to NH₃ is much more kinetically complex than that of water to H₂. Another challenge of ENRR is its limited amounts of N₂, because its solubility in the aqueous electrolyte is only 1 mM at 20°C and 1 bar. In this talk, we will present multiple effective strategies to overcome the challenges and how each strategies affects catalytic performances.