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## DESIGN OF CO TOLERANT ANODE CATALYSTS FOR POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELLS

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It is desirable to operate fuel cells (PEFCs) with reformed fuels from methanol or other fuels in for electric vehicle (EV) applications. However, the performance of electrocatalyst is seriously depressed by carbon monoxide poisoning. In such a problem, we have challenged to develop both of new catalysts tolerant to the reformed CO in reformat<sup>3,4</sup> and new anode catalysts tolerant to the reformed CO levels. We will introduce the latter here, which have been prepared on a glass disk (1-cm diameter) by simultaneous sputtering of platinum with most non-precious elements available in the present study.

Each alloy electrode (1-cm diameter) was prepared on a glass disk (1-cm diameter) by simultaneous sputtering of platinum with most non-precious elements under the controlled speeds. Titanium thin film was sputtered between the glass and the alloy. The composition of each alloy was controlled within an experimental error less than several percent.

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We have found several extremely promising alloy combinations and the optimum compositions. A clear difference has also been found in the electrochemical and physical properties between the combinations showed such a synergistic action and others. These results convinced us well how the vacant pair-sites can be prepared.

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