

Electrochemical Tuning of $\text{Pd}_{100-x}\text{Au}_x$ Bimetallics towards Ethanol Oxidation: Effect of Induced d-band Center Shift and Oxophilicity

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Supplementary Information

Table S1 shows the calculations used for determination of mass loading. The molar fractions of Au and Pd are given by f_{Au} and f_{Pd} , respectively. Z_{Au} and Z_{Pd} are the respective electrochemical equivalents of Au (0.68122 mg C⁻¹) and Pd (0.55289 mg C⁻¹) obtained from the ‘Standard Table of Electrochemical Equivalents and their Derivatives’ authored by Carl Hering and Frederick H. Getman (1917). Z_{comp} denotes the electrochemical

| Composition | Charge utilized (in mC) | f_{Pd} | f_{Au} | $Z_{\text{Pd}} * f_{\text{Au}}$ | $Z_{\text{Au}} * f_{\text{Pd}}$ | $Z_{\text{Pd}} * f_{\text{Au}} + Z_{\text{Au}} * f_{\text{Pd}}$ | $Z_{\text{Au}} * Z_{\text{Pd}}$ | Z_{comp} | Mass deposited $m_a = \text{Charge} * Z_{\text{comp}}$ |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Pd | 118.942 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.55289 | 0.065761842 |
| Pd ₉₀ Au ₁₀ | 235.603 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.055289 | 0.613098 | 0.668387 | 0.37663 | 0.563490912 | 0.132760149 |
| Pd ₈₀ Au ₂₀ | 215.354 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.110578 | 0.544976 | 0.655554 | 0.37663 | 0.574521702 | 0.123725547 |
| Pd ₇₀ Au ₃₀ | 283.591 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 0.165867 | 0.476854 | 0.642721 | 0.37663 | 0.585992989 | 0.166182338 |
| Pd ₆₀ Au ₄₀ | 247.618 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.221156 | 0.408732 | 0.629888 | 0.37663 | 0.597931696 | 0.148058651 |
| Pd ₅₀ Au ₅₀ | 338.428 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.276445 | 0.34061 | 0.617055 | 0.37663 | 0.610366985 | 0.206565278 |
| Pd ₄₀ Au ₆₀ | 560.96 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.331734 | 0.272488 | 0.604222 | 0.37663 | 0.623330498 | 0.349663476 |
| Pd ₃₀ Au ₇₀ | 448.701 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.387023 | 0.204366 | 0.591389 | 0.37663 | 0.636856621 | 0.285758203 |
| Pd ₂₀ Au ₈₀ | 559.42 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.442312 | 0.136244 | 0.578556 | 0.37663 | 0.650982792 | 0.364172793 |
| Pd ₁₀ Au ₉₀ | 597.175 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.497601 | 0.068122 | 0.565723 | 0.37663 | 0.665749846 | 0.397569164 |
| Au | 454.805 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 0.68122 | 0.309822262 |

equivalent of the respective composition.

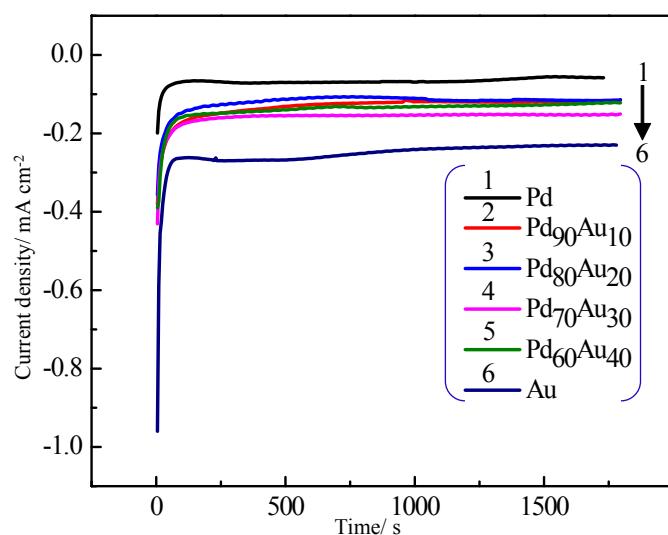


Fig. S1. Representative I-t curves obtained during electrodeposition of the $\text{Pd}_{100-x}\text{Au}_x$ compositions.

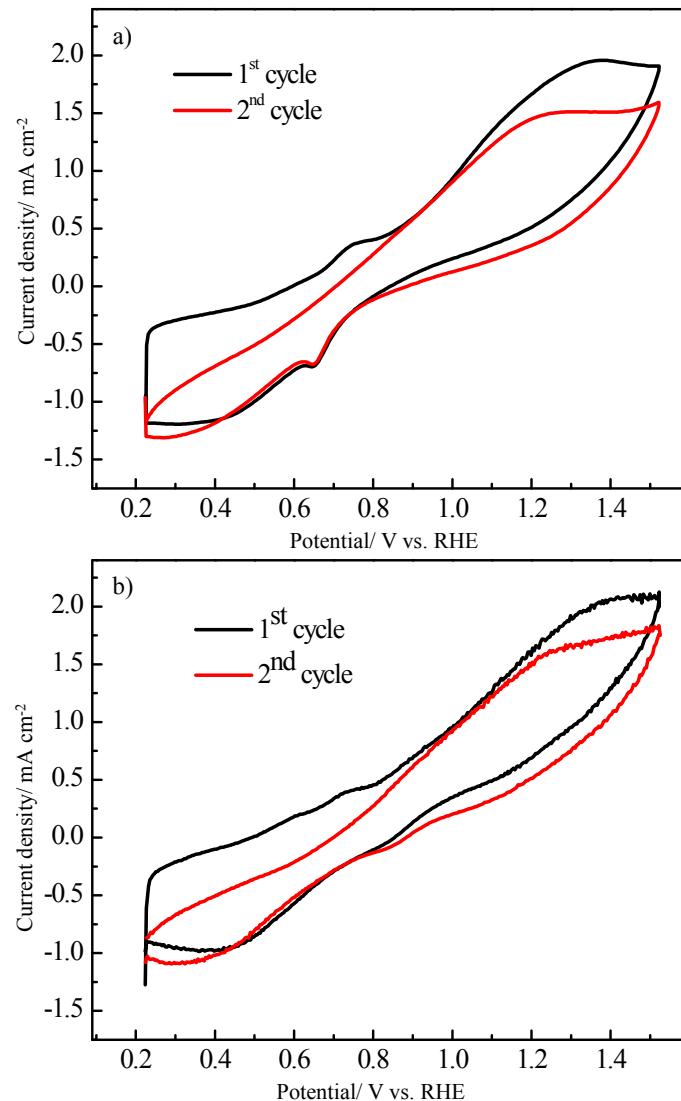


Fig. S2. CO stripping curves obtained for (a) Pd and (b) $\text{Pd}_{70}\text{Au}_{30}$ compositions in 1 M KOH. Scan rate: 20 mV s^{-1} .

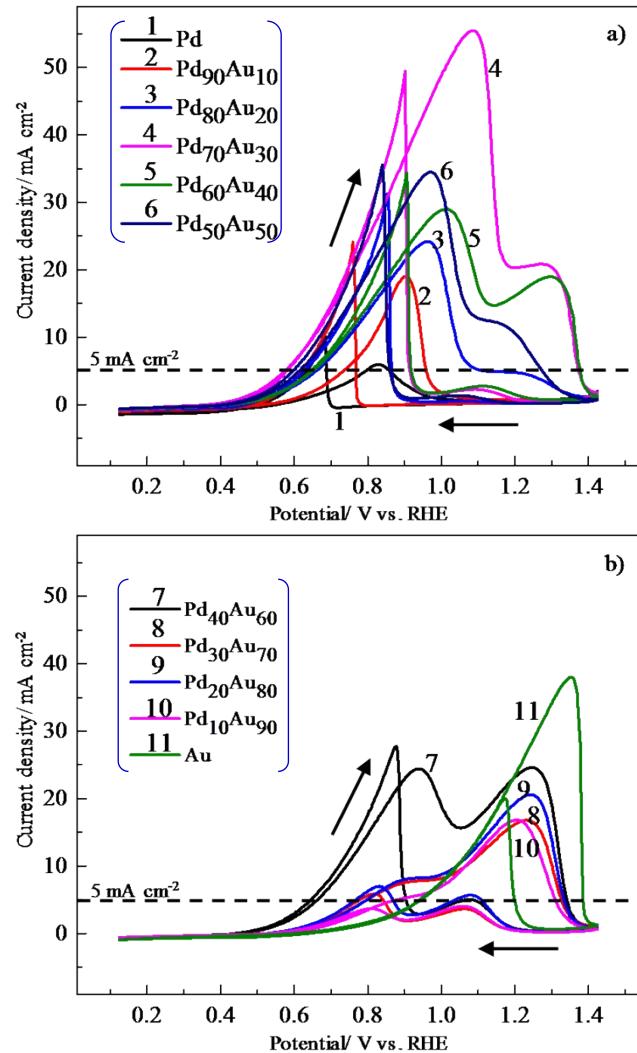


Fig. S3. Cyclic voltammetry curves of the $\text{Pd}_{100-x}\text{Au}_x$ compositions in 1 M ethanol represented in units of current density (mA cm^{-2}). Scan rate: 20 mV s^{-1} .

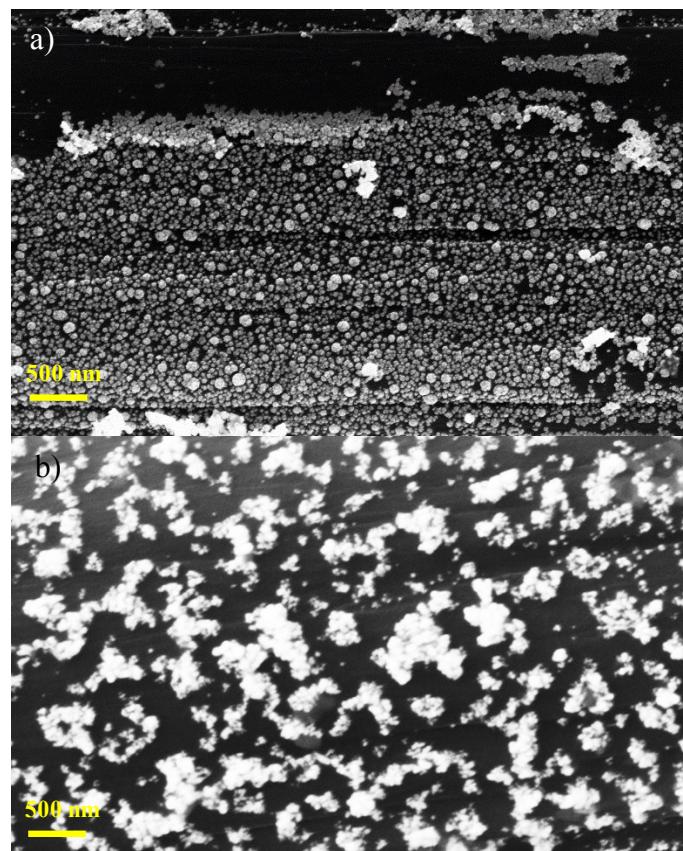


Fig. S4. FE-SEM image recorded for the surface of the $\text{Pd}_{70}\text{Au}_{30}$ composition a) before and b) after subjected to 4000 accelerated CV cycling tests.