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<u>SI1 - SEM images of the large area electrode</u>.



Figure SI1. SEM micrograph of the underlying support electrodes, **a**) prior to electrodeposition, **b**) after electrodeposition with a H₁-ePt film (Q = 0.53 C cm⁻²) and c) cross sectional SEM of a H₁-ePt film (Q = 0.61 C cm⁻²) with an estimated thickness of 180 ± 10 nm.

SI2 - Transmission SAXS data for the phase.



Figure SI2. 2D SAXS for the templating phase at a) 50, b) 70, c) 75 and d) 80 $^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ over 300s.

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SI3 - Schematic diagram showing sample loading for transmission SAXS analysis



Figure SI3. A Schematic diagram to show loading of a H_1 -ePt film for SAXS analysis. The symbols 'T' and 'B' refer to the top and the bottom of the electrode respectively.

<u>SI4 - Transmission SAXS data for a H₁-ePt film.</u>



Figure SI4. 2D SAXS patterns took at various x and y positions for an un-oriented H_1 -ePt film collected over 1800s.

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<u>SI5 and SI6 - Data to show the effect of orientation of the ridges of the support electrode upon the sheared phase and the resulting electrodeposited film.</u>



Figure SI5. a) Cartoon to show the orientation of the ridges on the DVD, and the segment taken as a support electrode (ridges parallel to the direction of shear), b) 2D SAXS patterns obtained for the resulting electrodeposited H_1 -ePt film (Q = 0.54 C cm⁻²) collected over 1800s, c) corresponding azimuthally integrated ID SAXS pattern (inner ring, HWHM values are 10 and 11 °) and (d) corresponding radially integrated 1D SAXS pattern.

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Figure SI6. a) Cartoon to show the orientation of the ridges on the DVD, and the segment taken as a support electrode (ridges perpendicular to the direction of shear), b) 2D SAXS patterns obtained for the resulting electrodeposited H_1 -ePt film (Q = 0.57 C cm⁻²) collected over 1800s, c) corresponding azimuthally integrated ID SAXS pattern (inner ring, HWHM values are 12 and 13 °) and (d) corresponding radially integrated 1D SAXS pattern.

<u>SI7 - Schematic diagram showing sample loading for GI-SAXS analysis, where the X-ray beam</u> and the plane of the electrode are parallel to each other..



Figure SI7. Schematic diagram to show the loading of a H_1 -ePt film for GI-SAXS analysis. The symbols 'T' and 'B' refer to the top and the bottom of the electrode respectively. The X-ray beam and the plane of the electrode were parallel to each other.

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Figure SI8. SAXS analysis of a H_1 -ePt film electrodeposited from a, shear aligned, heat treated, phase (Q = 0.54 C cm⁻²). (a) 2D-SAXS pattern collected over 1800s, (b) azimuthally integrated ID SAXS pattern (inner ring) and (c) radially integrated 1D SAXS pattern.

<u>SI9- TEM images for a H₁-ePt film.</u>



Figure SI9. TEM images of a H_1 -ePt film (a) pores viewed from the side and (e) pores view end on.

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SI10 - Schematic diagram showing sample loading for GI-SAXS analysis, where the X-ray beam and the plane of the electrode are at 90° to each other..



Figure SI0. Schematic diagram to show the loading of a H_1 -ePt film for GI-SAXS analysis. The symbols 'T' and 'B' refer to the top and the bottom of the electrode respectively. The X-ray beam and the plane of the electrode were at right angle to each other.

<u>SI11 - GI-SAXS patterns of an oriented mesoporous (H1-ePt) films.</u>



Figure SI11. GI-SAXS data of a H_1 -ePt film electrodeposited from a shear aligned phase. a) 2D GI-SAXS pattern collected over 900s and b) azimuthally integrated ID SAXS pattern. The direction of the x-rays beam was at right angle to the plane of the electrode.