

The kinetically controlled current densities of the catalysts ($j_{k,Pt}$) estimated by the Koutecky - Levich plot (Fig. 11) can be used to evaluate the catalytic activity without the effect of the solution phase mass transport, as described in previous publications [Ref. 39 C. Coutanceau, M. J. Croissant, T. Napporn, C. Lamy, *Electrochim. Acta* 2000, **46**, 579-588.].

The Koutecky - Levich plot is based on equation s-1.

$$\begin{aligned} i^{-1} &= i_L^{-1} + i_k^{-1} \\ &= (0.620 nFAcD^{2/3} \nu^{-1/6} \omega^{1/2})^{-1} + i_k^{-1} \end{aligned} \quad (s-1)$$

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| i_k | kinetically controlled current |
| i_L | diffusion-limited current defined by above relation |
| I | measured current |
| n | electron number of ORR |
| F | Faraday's constant (96487 C mol ⁻¹) |
| A | geometric surface area of electrode (cm ²) |
| c | concentration of O ₂ (mol cm ⁻³) |
| D | diffusion coefficient of O ₂ (cm ² s ⁻¹) |
| ν | kinematic viscosity of the electrolyte solution (cm ² s ⁻¹) |
| ω | rotation rate of the disk electrode (rad s ⁻¹) |

We also evaluated the catalytic activity by use of equation (s-2) without a Koutecky - Levich plot. This method directly removes the effect of the diffusion-limited current that is actually measured and yields a limiting current-corrected Tafel plot. This method takes into consideration not only the diffusion of oxygen in solution but also any mass transport effects on the surface of the rotating electrode.

$$i_k = i \times i_L / (i_L - i) \quad (s-2)$$

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| i_k | the kinetically controlled current |
| i_L | measured diffusion-limited current |
| i | measured current |

We show a comparison of these two methods in Fig. S1 as a representative result of our sample (sample C). The kinetically controlled currents obtained by both methods showed good correspondence. Moreover, we also showed a similar comparison for the case of the commercial

catalyst Pt/CB (TEC10E50E, from Ref. 40) in Fig. S2. The kinetically controlled currents i_k evaluated with equations s-1 and s-2 are quite comparable, so we adopted the Koutecky - Levich plot to evaluate the kinetically controlled current in this work.

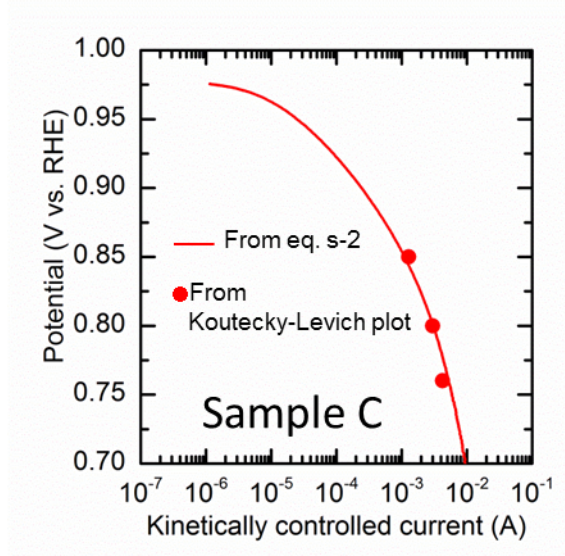


Fig. S1. Comparison between the Tafel plots for the kinetically controlled currents obtained by use of Koutecky - Levich plots (dots) and those obtained by use of equation s-2 (solid line, 1750 rpm) for the case of our sample C.

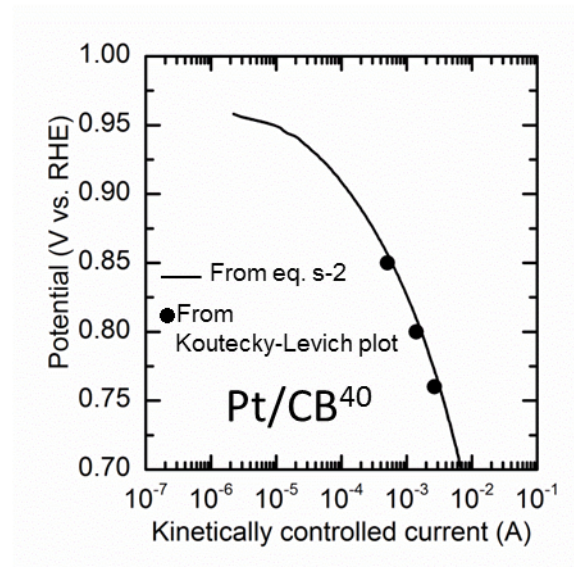


Fig. S2 Comparison between the kinetically controlled current obtained by use of Koutecky - Levich plot (dot) and that of obtained by use of equation s-2 (solid line, 1750rpm) in case of ref. 40.