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Local hydrophobicity allows high-performance electrochemical carbon monoxide reduction to C₂⁺ products

Production of CO through CO₂ reduction seems to be feasible even at pilot-scale, but the selective production of high-value multi-carbon products is challenging. CO reduction is a possible second step in the cascade electrochemical valorisation of CO₂, although the low solubility of CO poses notable challenges. In this study, the microenvironment of Cu catalyst particles was tailored by incorporating a pore sealer polymer in the catalyst layer that was formerly unknown for this community. This allowed the high rate electroreduction of CO to C₂⁺ products with above 70% Faradaic efficiency.

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