

## Special Issue

# Electrocatalyst Design for the Reduction of Carbon Dioxide

### Message from the Guest Editor

With the over-exploitation of fossil fuels, the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration continuously rises, causing the global greenhouse effect and other environmental problems. Electrocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub> reduction reaction (CO<sub>2</sub>RR), which can cleanly obtain various hydrocarbons, is considered a potential solution. Fundamental understanding, rational design, and delicate manipulation of catalysts are the keys to achieving high-performance electrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> conversion. Catalysts with special spatial arrangement can exhibit high catalytic activity, and the advantageous morphology, suitable support, electronic structure, and chemical properties can further improve the performance of CO<sub>2</sub>RR. However, there are still many questions that need to be explored to reach general conclusions about superior activity, selectivity, and stability. Research is addressing fundamental questions, but industrial-level devices and systems are not out of reach. These are currently open questions and hot and timely topics. Scientists around the world are invited to contribute to this Special Issue of *Crystals*, which will facilitate the development of the CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis field.

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