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Abstract

Ultramicroelectrode (UME) has a rapid response time to obtain electrochemical transient information. To obtain the real-time transient Raman information, we introduce the Au UMEs into the measurements of electrochemical surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy (EC-SERS). However, the SEM and electrochemical results show that the roughened Au UMEs by conventional procedure for macroelectrodes will produce a microcavity because the enhanced mass transfer makes Au dissolved irreversibly. Thus, a roughening program based on pulse potential voltammetry is proposed to improve SERS activity of Au UMEs. We find a porous nanostructured film can be formed on the surface of Au UMEs, which exhibits good stability and stronger intensity in the EC-SERS experiments.

Keywords: Surface-enhanced Raman spectroscopy, ultramicroelectrode, Roughing procedure

1. Introduction

Ultramicroelectrodes (UMEs) have been extensively applied into fundamental electrochemistry, electrochemical analysis and many other research areas due to their outstanding properties, such as small size for microsystem, negligible IR drop, rapid Download English Version:

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