Metal electrolysis using a two-liquid-phase electrolyte

consisting of aqueous-organic solutions

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Outline:

Electrochemical technique serves an effective method for producing functional powder or thin-film materials. Therefore, electrolytic deposition is applied for a modern production process of semiconductor etc. For instance, a metallic deposit like a flower can be produced under a certain condition. The deposit is called as the "<u>Metal Leaves</u>" because its planar pattern deposited along an interface is similar to a leaf of tree. The purpose of this class is the understanding of the factors that governs the pattern of the "<u>Metal Leaves</u>" by changing several parameters in electrolysis, such as cell voltage, electrode material, temperature, ion concentration, and so on. Learning of surface energy and electrochemical measurement through the production of the "<u>Metal Leaves</u>" is also included.



Fig. 1 Metal Leaves produced with a star-like electrode.

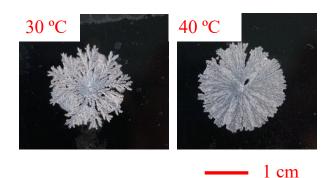


Fig. 2 The influence of temperature on the produced zinc leaves