

# Combined effect of pressure and temperature on nitrogen reduction reaction in water.

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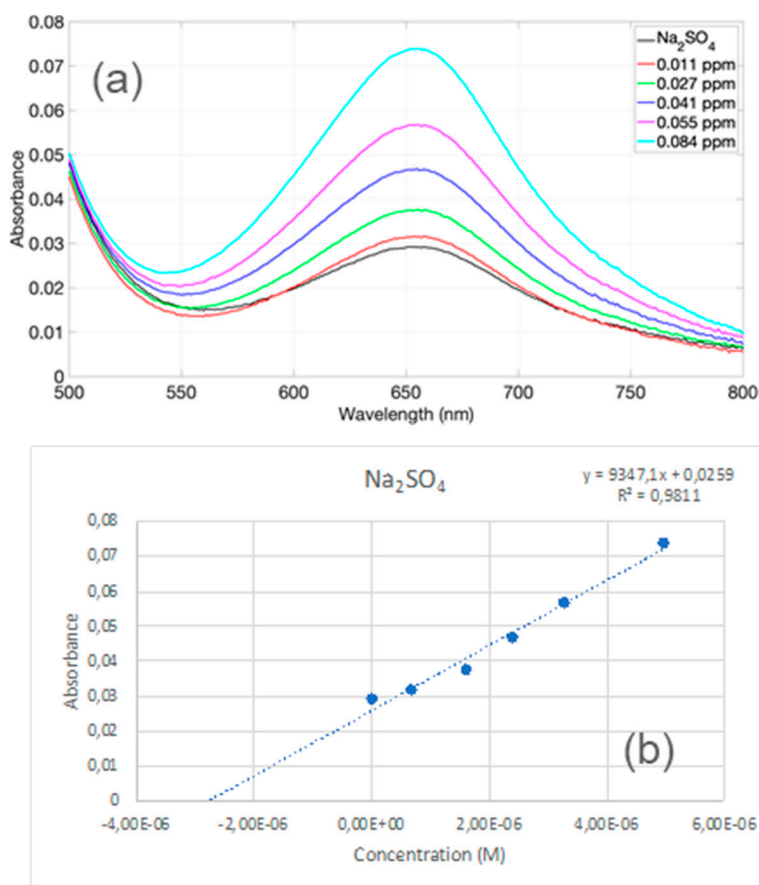


Figure S1: Typical calibration procedure adopted with the standard addition method: (a) absorbance spectra and (b) the corresponding calibration for standard ammonia solutions.

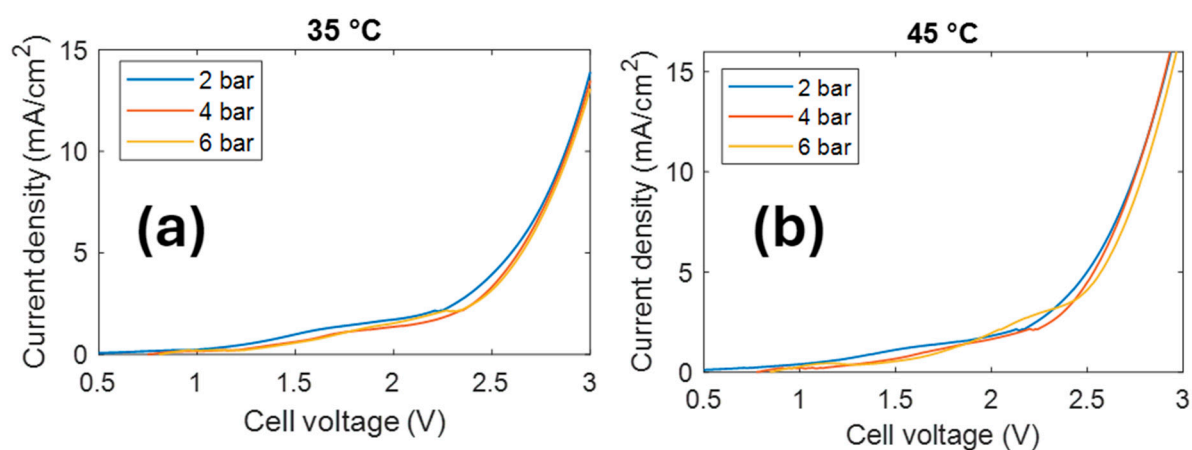


Figure S2: Linear sweep voltammetry curves acquired in the pressurized cell in saturated  $\text{N}_2$  at different pressure and temperature.

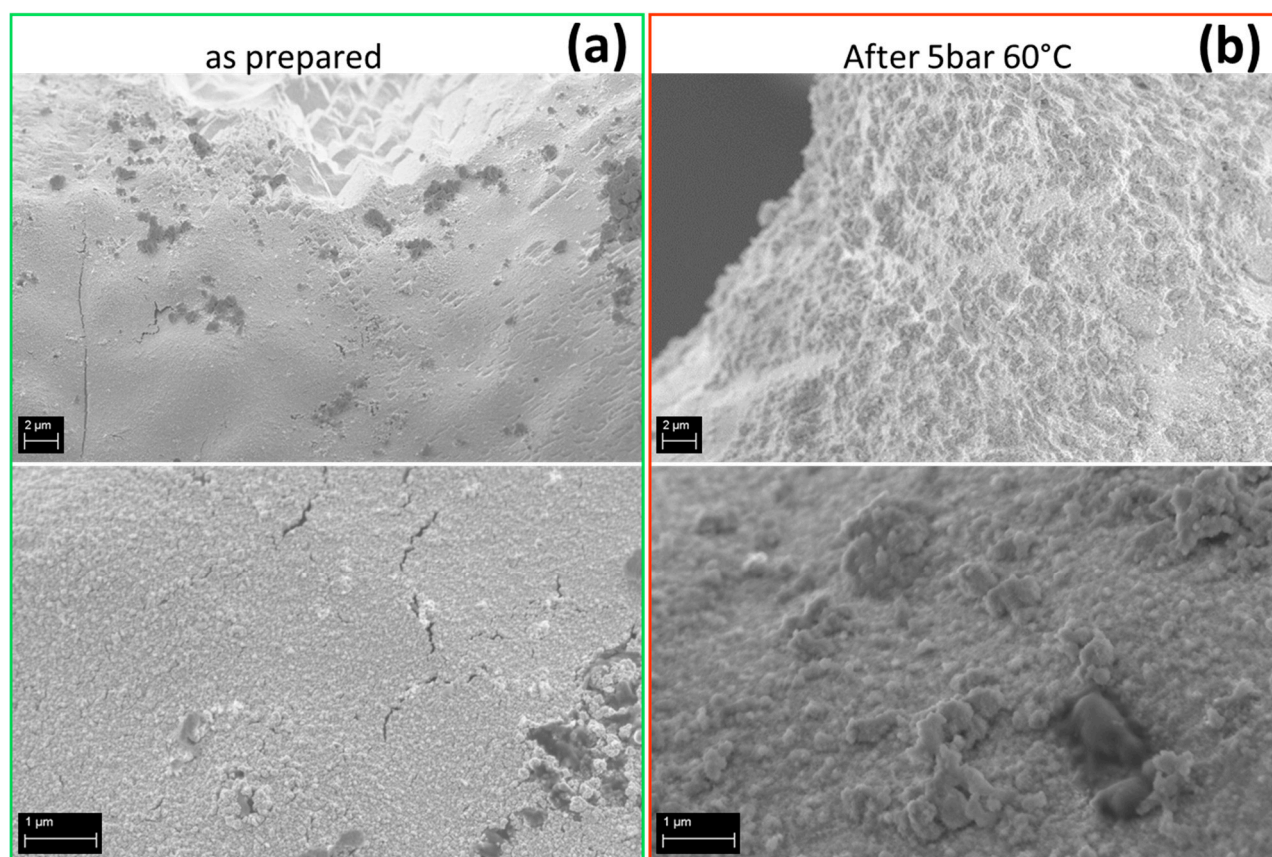


Figure S3: SEM micrographs of Au/Ni foam (a) as prepared and (b) after chronoamperometry measurements at 60 °C and 5 bar.

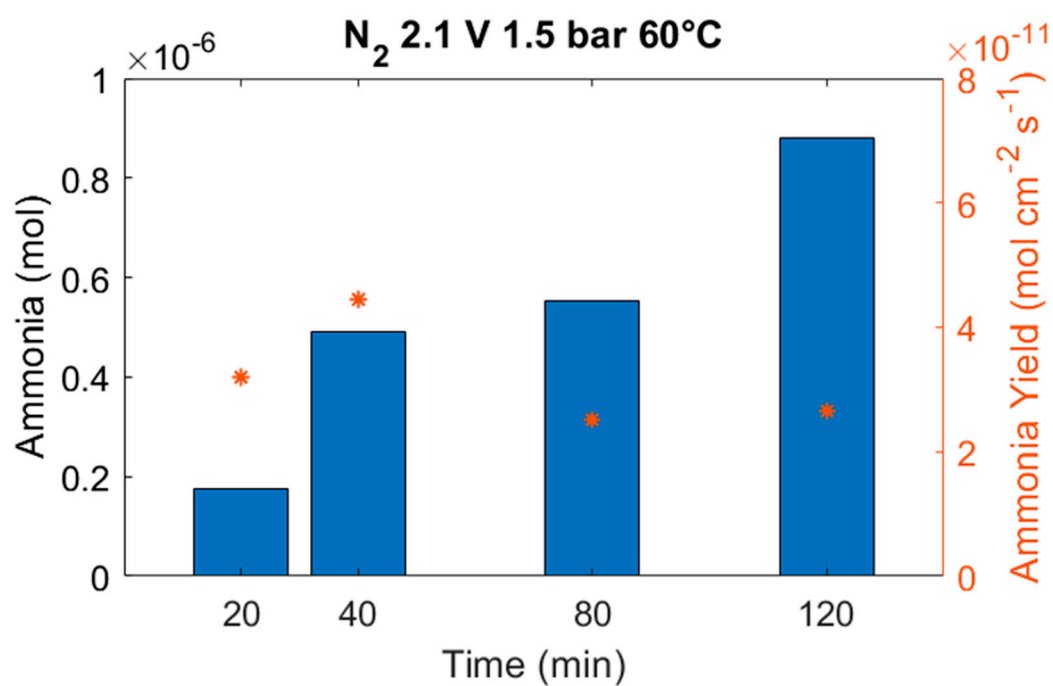


Figure S4: Ammonia moles (left axis) and yield (right axis), as a function of time of chronoamperometry, as produced by repeating four times the same experiment, with increasing time.

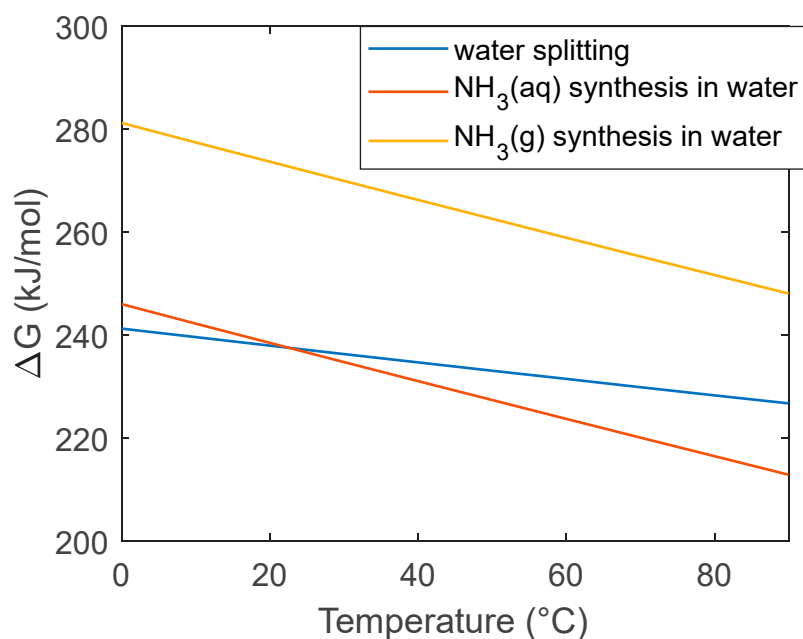


Figure S5: Gibbs free energy for water splitting, aqueous ammonia synthesis in water and gaseous ammonia synthesis in water.

### Gibbs Free energy calculations

$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

Where H is the enthalpy and S the entropy.

Enthalpy and Entropy as a function of temperature T have been calculated according to the Shomate equation, with the values available at the NIST website

<https://webbook.nist.gov/cgi/cbook.cgi?ID=C7732185&Mask=2>

$$\Delta H_{298} = H - H^{\circ}_{298.15} = A \cdot t + B \cdot t^2/2 + C \cdot t^3/3 + D \cdot t^4/4 - E/t + F - H$$

$$\Delta S = A \cdot \ln(t) + B \cdot t + C \cdot t^2/2 + D \cdot t^3/3 - E/(2 \cdot t^2) + G$$

$H^{\circ}$  = standard enthalpy (kJ/mol)

$S^{\circ}$  = standard entropy (J/mol\*K)

t = temperature (K) / 1000.

The values adopted for the involved atomic species are the following:

### Liquid Water

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Temperature (K) | 298. - 500. |
| A               | -203.6060   |
| B               | 1523.290    |
| C               | -3196.413   |
| D               | 2474.455    |
| E               | 3.855326    |
| F               | -256.5478   |
| G               | -488.7163   |
| H               | -285.8304   |
| Reference       | Chase, 1998 |

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| Quantity                                 | Value                | Units   | Method | Reference                 | Comment                           |
|--|----------------------|---------|--------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| $\Delta_f H^\circ_{\text{liquid}}$       | $-285.830 \pm 0.040$ | kJ/mol  | Review | Cox, Wagman, et al., 1984 | CODATA Review value               |
| $\Delta_f H^\circ_{\text{liquid}}$       | -285.83              | kJ/mol  | Review | Chase, 1998               | Data last reviewed in March, 1979 |
| Quantity                                 | Value                | Units   | Method | Reference                 | Comment                           |
| $S^\circ_{\text{liquid}}$                | $69.95 \pm 0.03$     | J/mol*K | Review | Cox, Wagman, et al., 1984 | CODATA Review value               |
| Quantity                                 | Value                | Units   | Method | Reference                 | Comment                           |
| $S^\circ_{\text{liquid}, 1 \text{ bar}}$ | 69.95                | J/mol*K | Review | Chase, 1998               | Data last reviewed in March, 1979 |

$$(\Delta H_T)_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = \Delta_f H^\circ_{\text{liquid}} + \Delta H_{298}$$

For the water splitting reaction  $(\Delta H_T)_{\text{ws}} = (\Delta H_T)_{\text{H}_2} + 0.5 (\Delta H_T)_{\text{O}_2} - (\Delta H_T)_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$

The same expression can be developed for the entropy, to obtain the Gibbs free energy for water electrolysis, as reported in Fig. S2.

### Hydrogen (gas)

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Temperature (K) | 298. - 1000.  |
| A               | 33.066178   |
| B               | -11.363417  |
| C               | 11.432816   |
| D               | -2.772874   |
| E               | -0.158558   |
| F               | -9.980797   |
| G               | 172.707974  |
| H               | 0.0   |
| Reference       | Chase, 1998   |
| Comment         | Data last reviewed in March, 1977; New parameter fit October 2001 |

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| Quantity                             | Value               | Units   | Method                 | Reference                                 | Comment                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| $S^\circ_{\text{gas},1 \text{ bar}}$ | $130.680 \pm 0.003$ | J/mol*K | <a href="#">Review</a> | <a href="#">Cox, Wagman, et al., 1984</a> | CODATA Review value               |
| $S^\circ_{\text{gas},1 \text{ bar}}$ | 130.68              | J/mol*K | <a href="#">Review</a> | <a href="#">Chase, 1998</a>               | Data last reviewed in March, 1977 |

## Oxygen (gas)

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Temperature (K) | 100. - 700.   |
| A               | 31.32234  |
| B               | -20.23531   |
| C               | 57.86644  |
| D               | -36.50624   |
| E               | -0.007374   |
| F               | -8.903471   |
| G               | 246.7945  |
| H               | 0.0   |
| Reference       | <a href="#">Chase, 1998</a>                                       |
| Comment         | Data last reviewed in March, 1977; New parameter fit January 2009 |

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| Quantity                             | Value               | Units   | Method                 | Reference                                 | Comment                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| $S^\circ_{\text{gas},1 \text{ bar}}$ | $205.152 \pm 0.005$ | J/mol*K | <a href="#">Review</a> | <a href="#">Cox, Wagman, et al., 1984</a> | CODATA Review value               |
| $S^\circ_{\text{gas},1 \text{ bar}}$ | 205.15              | J/mol*K | <a href="#">Review</a> | <a href="#">Chase, 1998</a>               | Data last reviewed in March, 1977 |

## Nitrogen (gas)

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Temperature (K) | 100. - 500.   |
| A               | 28.98641  |
| B               | 1.853978  |
| C               | -9.647459   |
| D               | 16.63537  |
| E               | 0.000117  |
| F               | -8.671914   |
| G               | 226.4168  |
| H               | 0.0   |
| Reference       | <a href="#">Chase, 1998</a>                                       |
| Comment         | Data last reviewed in March, 1977; New parameter fit January 2009 |

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| Quantity                             | Value               | Units   | Method                 | Reference                                 | Comment                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| $S^\circ_{\text{gas},1 \text{ bar}}$ | $191.609 \pm 0.004$ | J/mol*K | <a href="#">Review</a> | <a href="#">Cox, Wagman, et al., 1984</a> | CODATA Review value               |
| $S^\circ_{\text{gas},1 \text{ bar}}$ | 191.61              | J/mol*K | <a href="#">Review</a> | <a href="#">Chase, 1998</a>               | Data last reviewed in March, 1977 |

### Ammonia (gas)

|                 |                                  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Temperature (K) | 298. - 1400.                     |
| A               | 19.99563                         |
| B               | 49.77119                         |
| C               | -15.37599                        |
| D               | 1.921168                         |
| E               | 0.189174                         |
| F               | -53.30667                        |
| G               | 203.8591                         |
| H               | -45.89806                        |
| Reference       | <a href="#">Chase, 1998</a>      |
| Comment         | Data last reviewed in June, 1977 |

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| Quantity                             | Value             | Units   | Method                 | Reference                                 | Comment                          |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| $\Delta_f H^\circ_{\text{gas}}$      | $-45.94 \pm 0.35$ | kJ/mol  | <a href="#">Review</a> | <a href="#">Cox, Wagman, et al., 1984</a> | CODATA Review value              |
| $\Delta_f H^\circ_{\text{gas}}$      | -45.90            | kJ/mol  | <a href="#">Review</a> | <a href="#">Chase, 1998</a>               | Data last reviewed in June, 1977 |
| Quantity                             | Value             | Units   | Method                 | Reference                                 | Comment                          |
| $S^\circ_{\text{gas},1 \text{ bar}}$ | $192.77 \pm 0.05$ | J/mol*K | <a href="#">Review</a> | <a href="#">Cox, Wagman, et al., 1984</a> | CODATA Review value              |
| $S^\circ_{\text{gas},1 \text{ bar}}$ | 192.77            | J/mol*K | <a href="#">Review</a> | <a href="#">Chase, 1998</a>               | Data last reviewed in June, 1977 |

$$(\Delta H_T)_{\text{NH}_3} = \Delta_f H^\circ_{\text{gas}} + \Delta H_{298}$$

For ammonia synthesis in water  $(\Delta H_T)_{\text{NH}_3} = (\Delta H_T)_{\text{NH}_3} + 3/4 (\Delta H_T)_{\text{O}_2} - 3/2(\Delta H_T)_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} - 0.5(\Delta H_T)_{\text{N}_2}$