

Functional SOFC Interfaces Created by Aerosol-Spray Deposition

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1. Introduction
2. Coatings for SOFC Applications

AlumiLok™

Supircat™

GasLok™

CeriLok™

Protection
Coating

Internal
Reforming

Seal Coating

Cell
Development

3. Conclusions



Our vision is to create a better world through energy innovations.

We collaborate with leading global customers and partners to transform powerful ideas into solutions that make energy production safer, more efficient, and environmentally responsible.

Development initiatives at intersection of energy and environment

SOFCs

Stationary and
Military



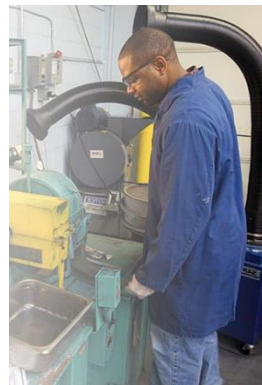
Sensors

Transportation and
Energy Markets



Materials

SOFCs and energy
storage



Catalysts

H2 and chemicals
production

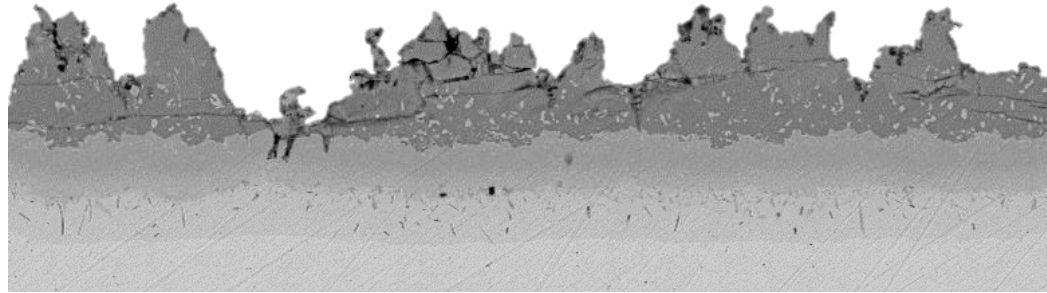


**Protective
Coatings**

SOFC and high
Temperature



Coating microstructure enables a range of applications



Alumina/aluminide surface

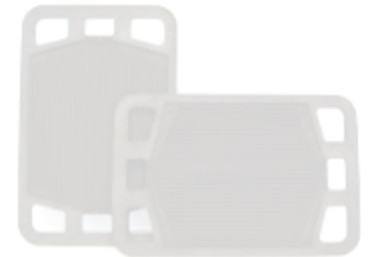
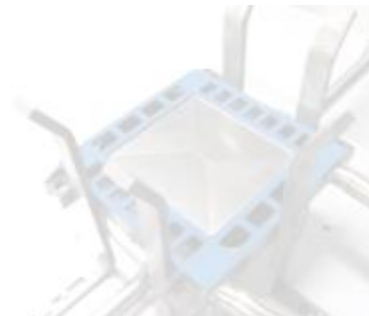
Oxidation, Cr Volatility, Coking Resistance

Interconnect

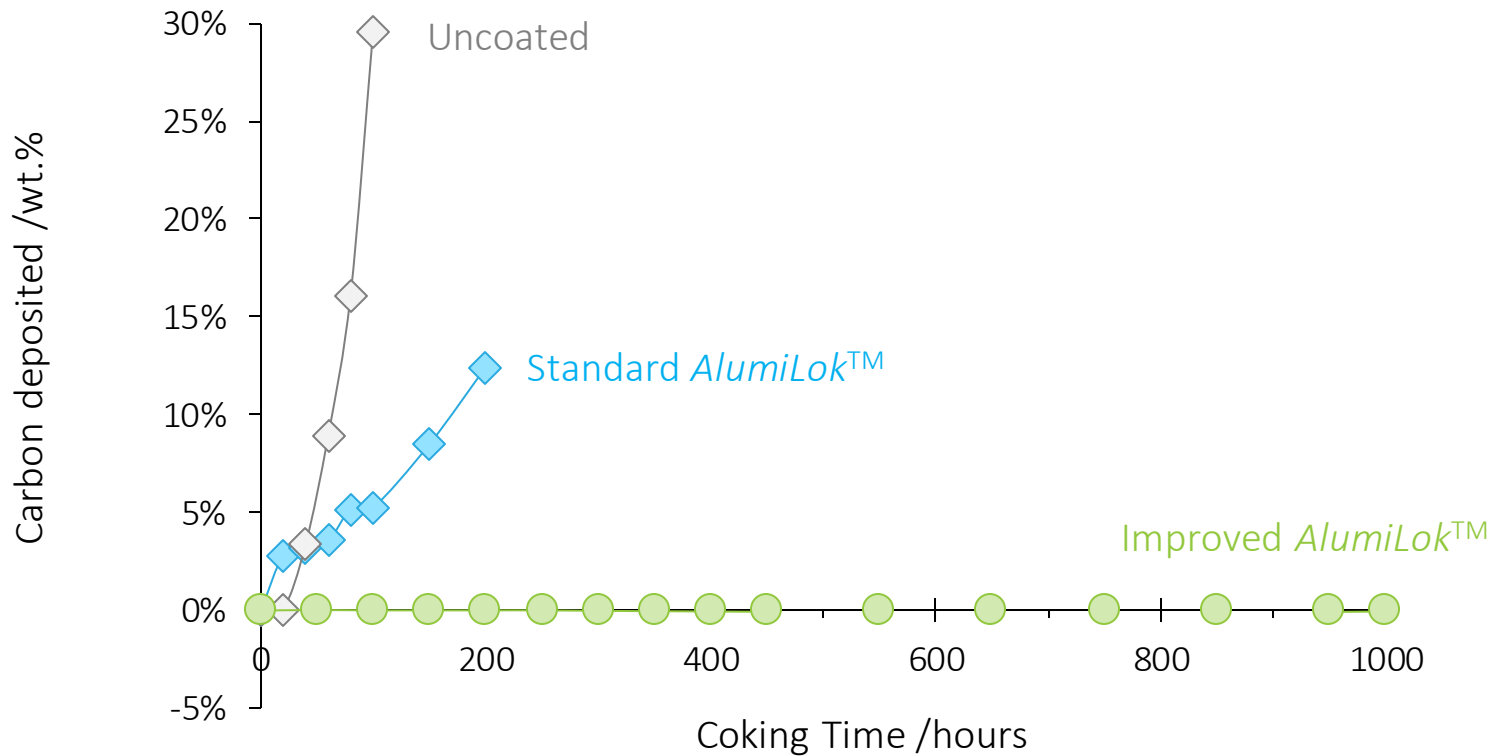
Balance-of-Plant

Seal/Electrical Isolation

Catalyst support



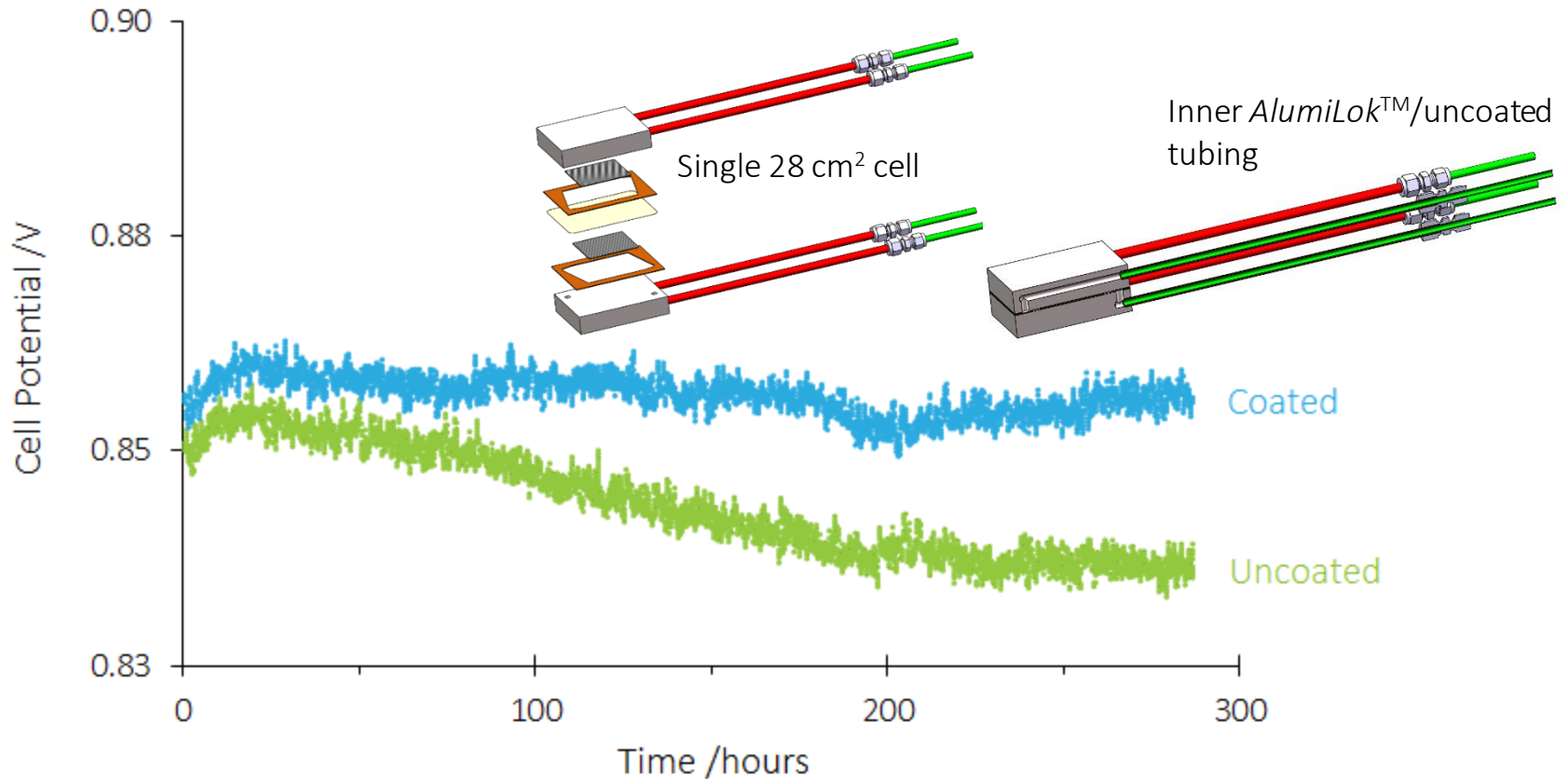
Microstructural control enables excellent coking resistance



Temperature: 550 C, Pressure 5 psi

Gas Composition: 33% H₂, 30% CO₂, 25% CO, 12% CH₄

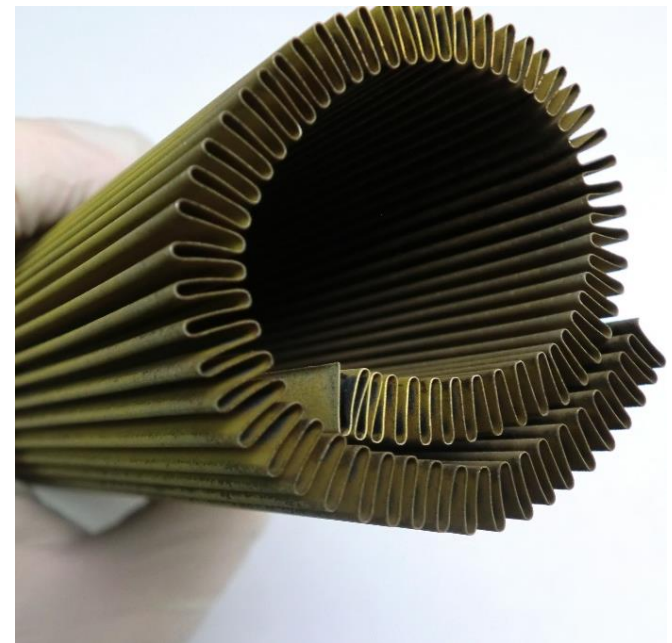
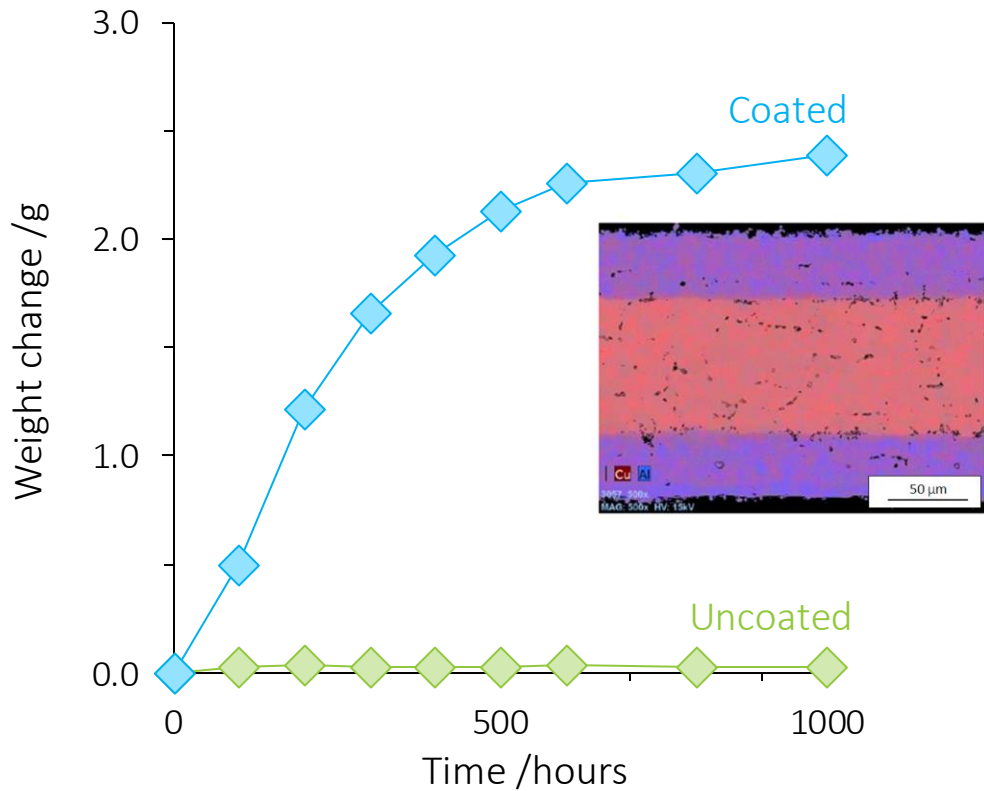
Effect of BoP coating on cell performance



Temperature: 800 °C, Current: 15 A, BoP: 316SS

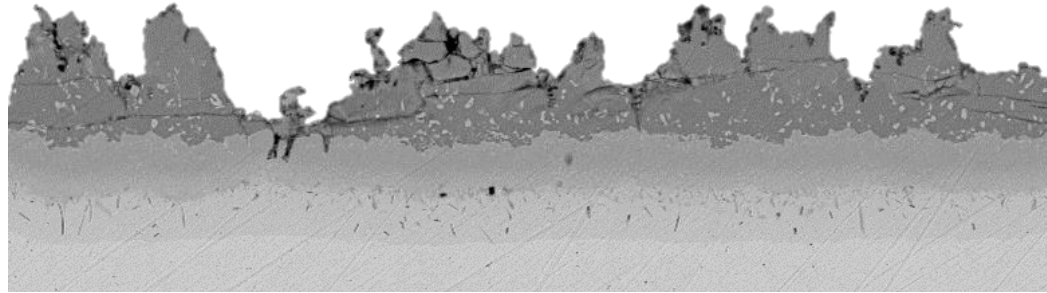
Fuel Flow/Composition: 450 sccm H₂, 290 sccm air w/ 3 % H₂O

Coating is amenable to other substrates



Temperature: 650 °C
Gas Composition: Air

Coating microstructure enables a range of applications



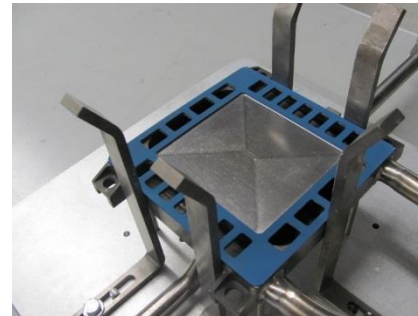
Rough surface for mechanical anchoring
Surface pre-treatment for functional coatings

Interconnect

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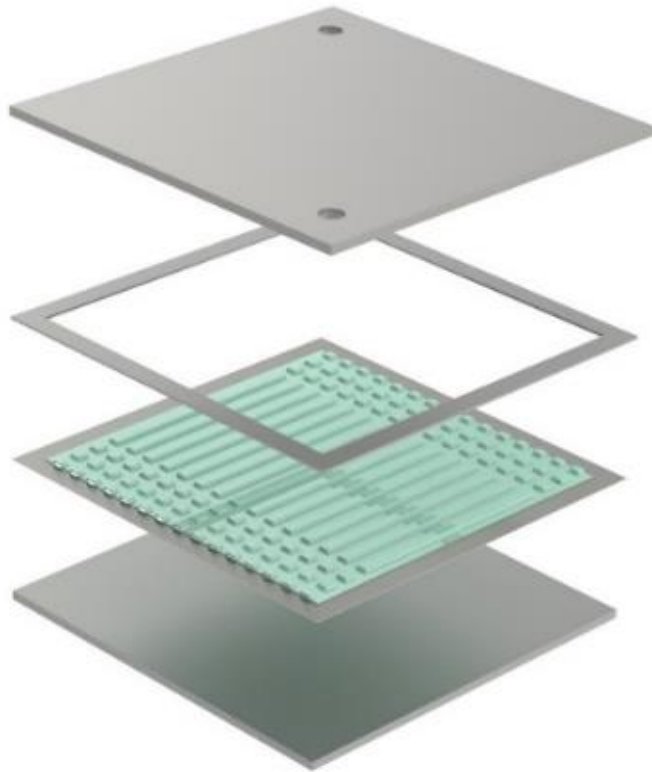
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Catalyst support



Catalytic insert to complement on-cell reforming

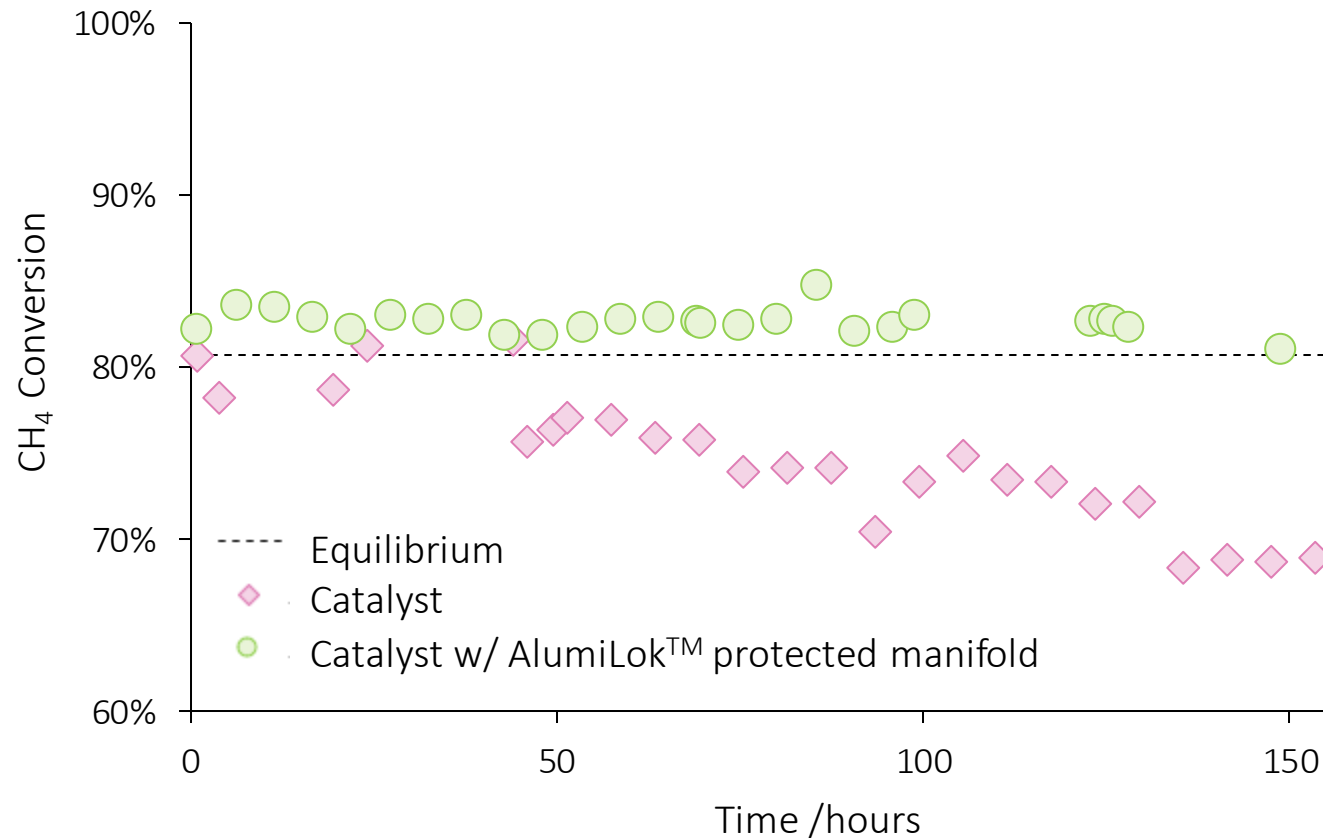
Manifold assembly design



AlumiLok[™] coated Crofer plate



AlumiLok™ protected manifold prevents deactivation

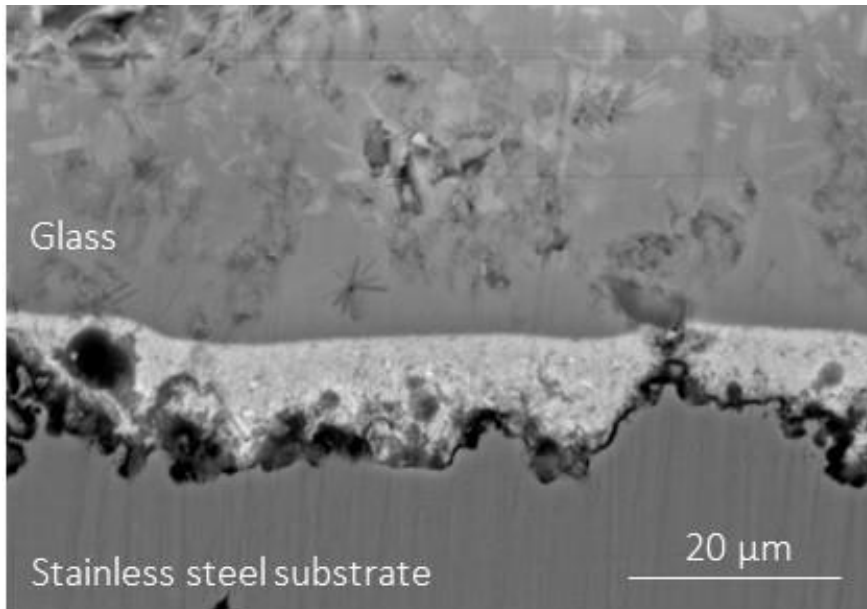


Temperature: 630 °C, Pressure 1 bar

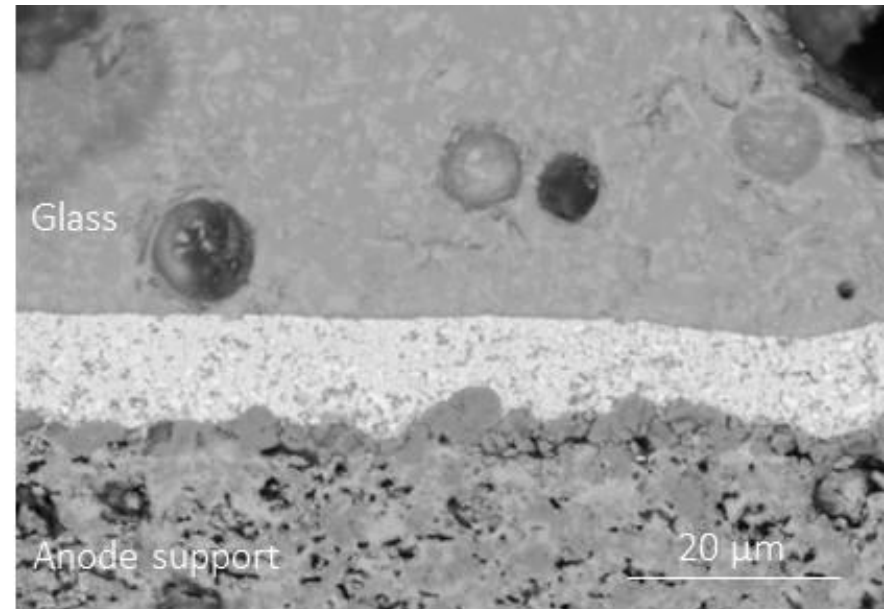
Gas composition: Methane, Steam S/C = 2.5, GHSV: 5000/hour

Interfacial coating protects substrate from glass seal corrosion

Glass/steel interface

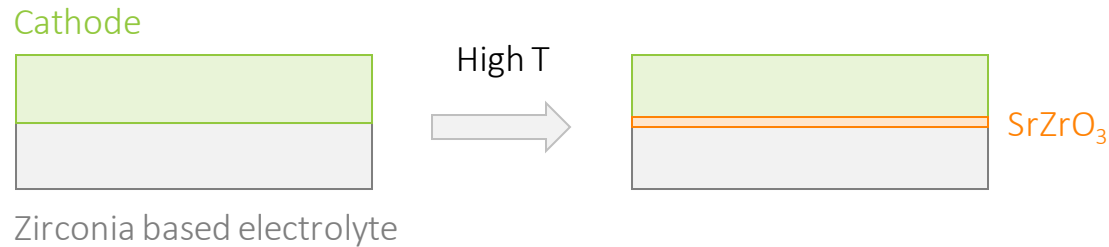


Glass/porous anode support interface

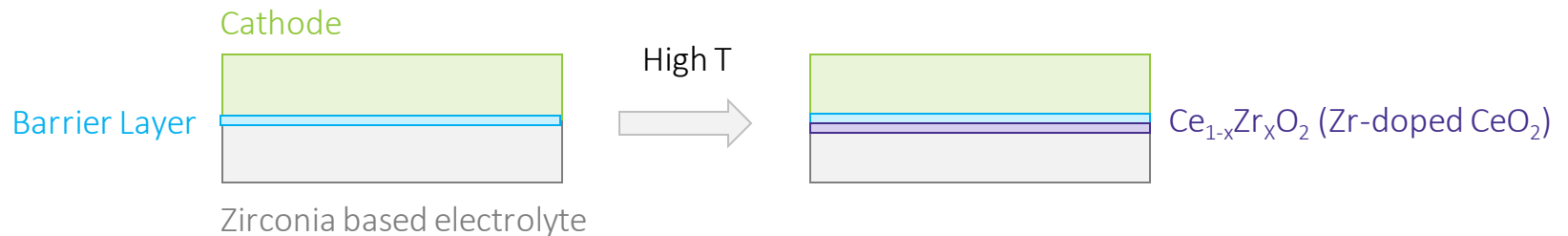


Low T barrier layer needed to achieve low R interface

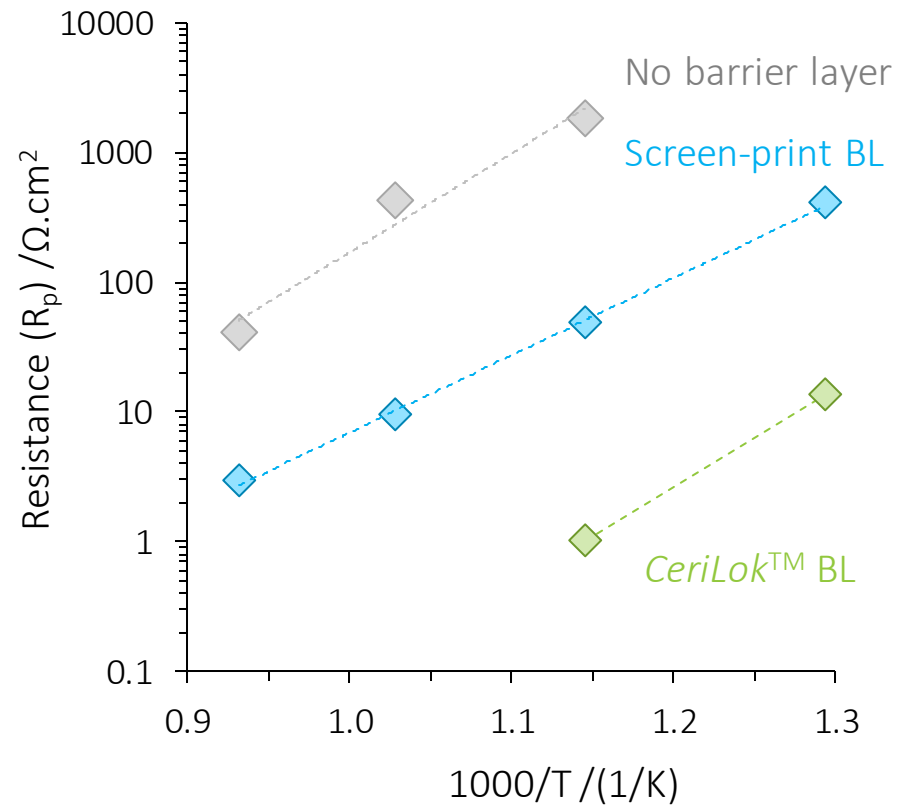
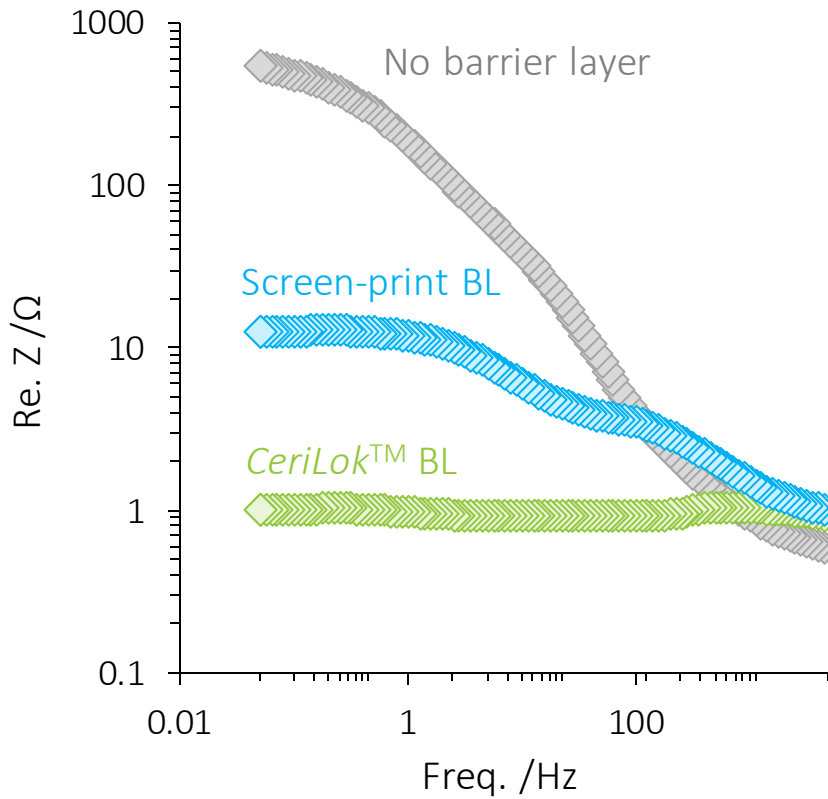
Formation of SrZrO_3 at interface between cathode-zirconia electrolyte



High T processing - interfacial ZDC layer

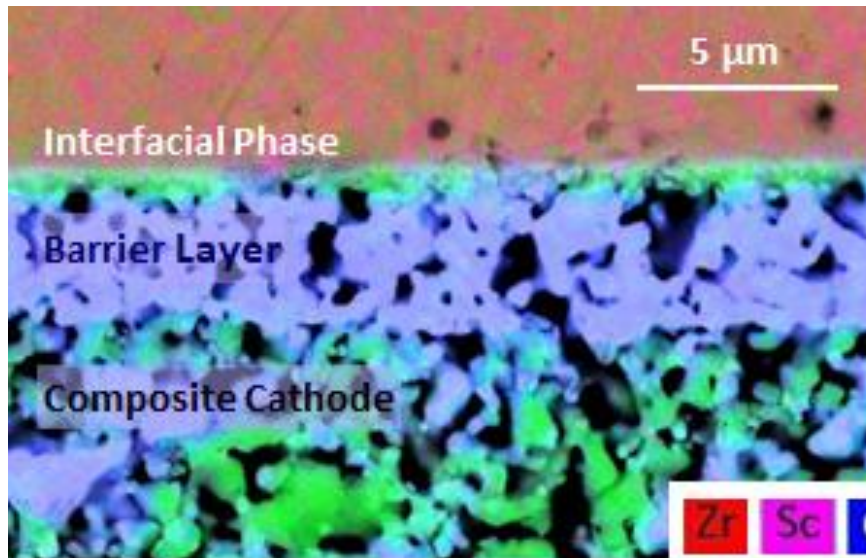


Identified process to achieve low R cathode-electrolyte interface

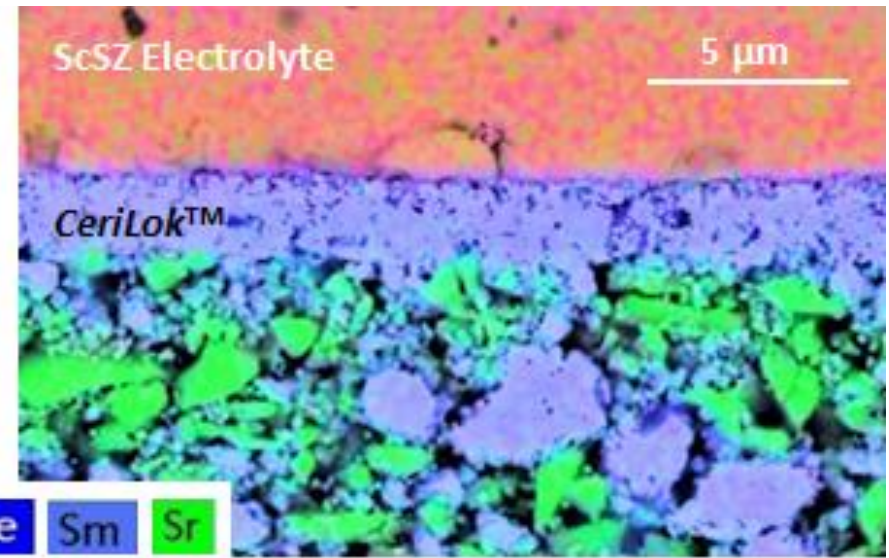


Prevention of resistive phase formation at electrolyte interface

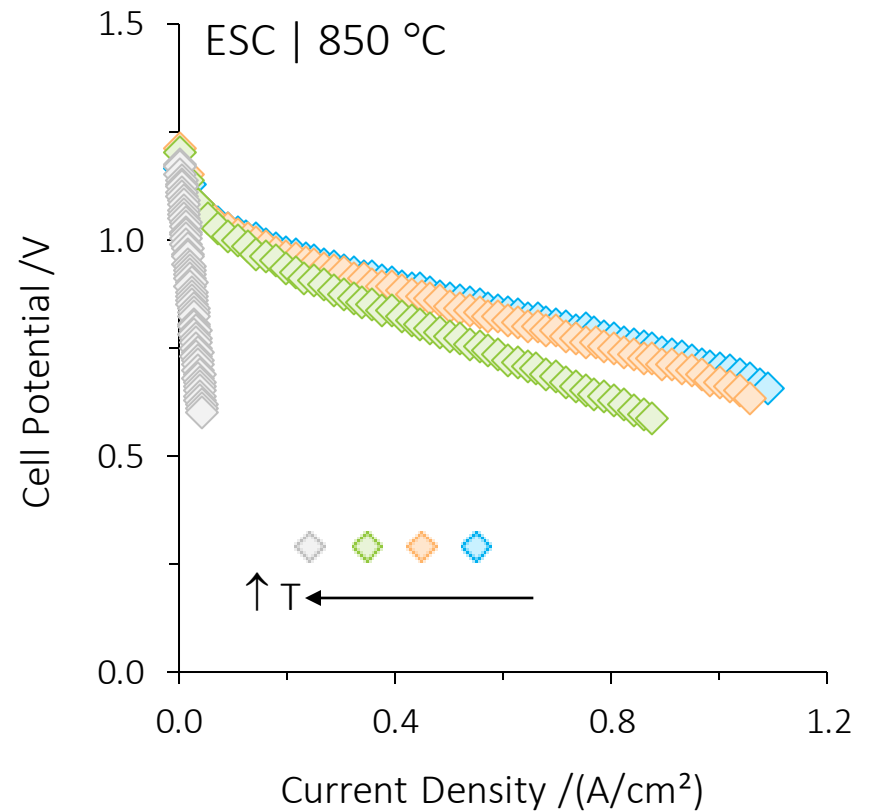
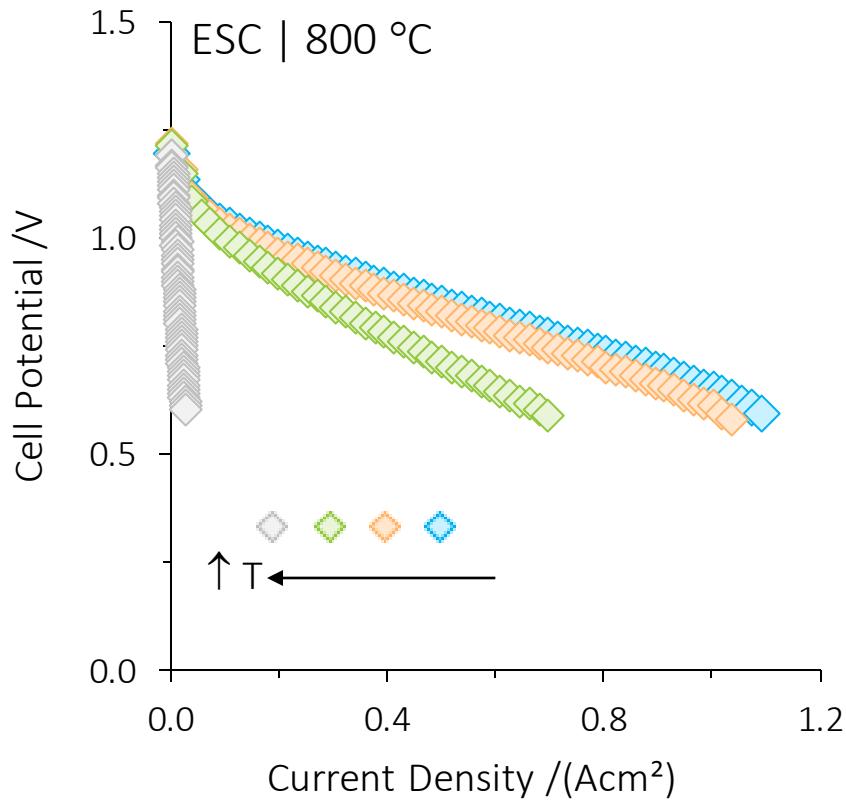
Screen-printed



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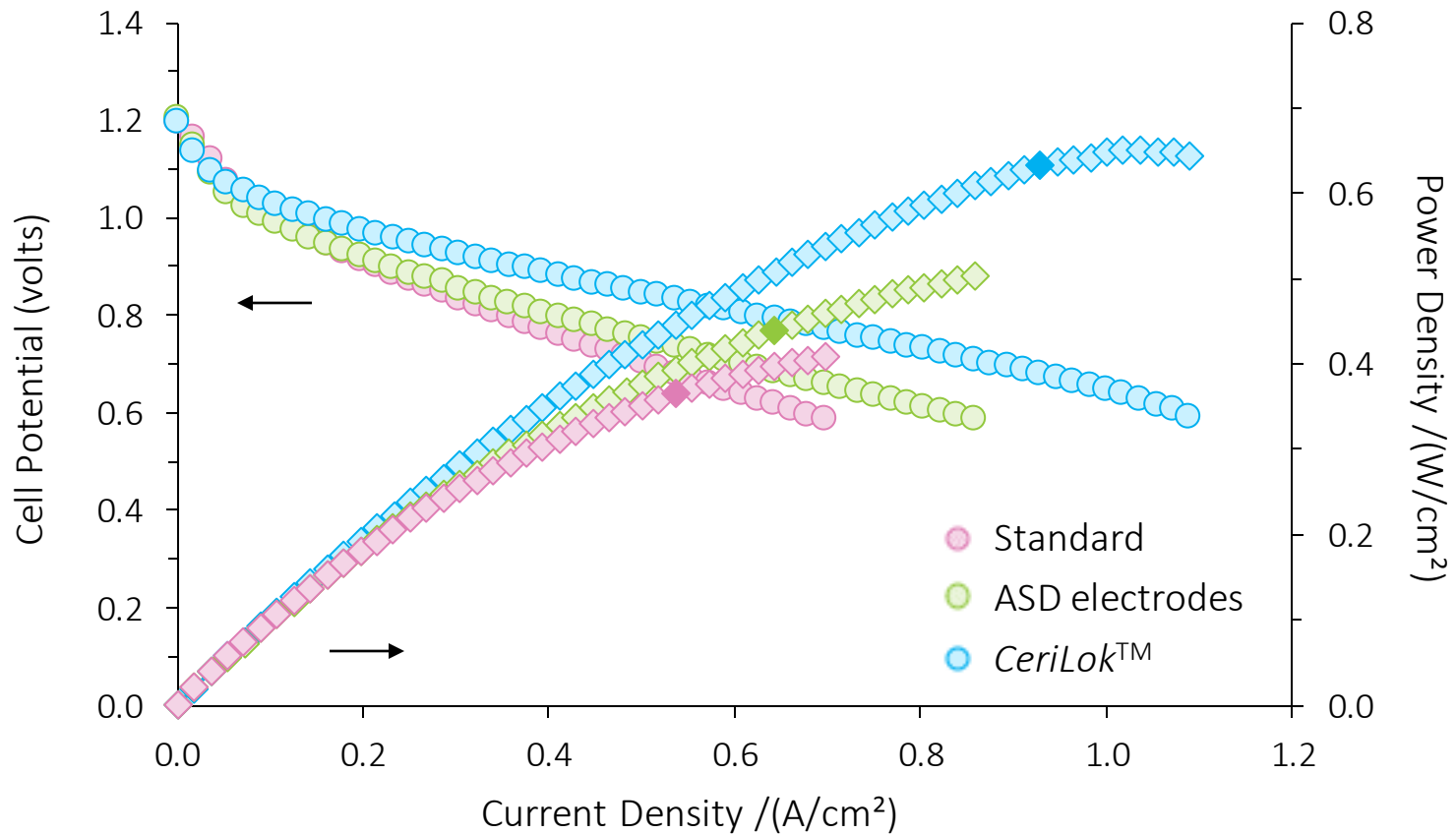
Low-sintering temperatures are critical for high performance



Temperature: 800-850 °C

Gas composition: 0.5 SLPM H_2 | N_2 , 1.50 SLPM air

Low-temperature (*CeriLok*TM) process significantly improves performance

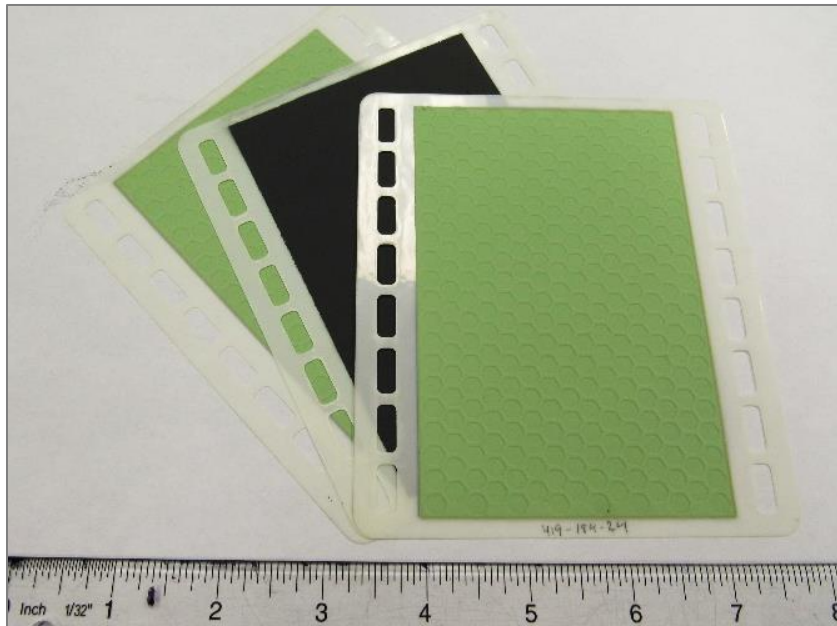


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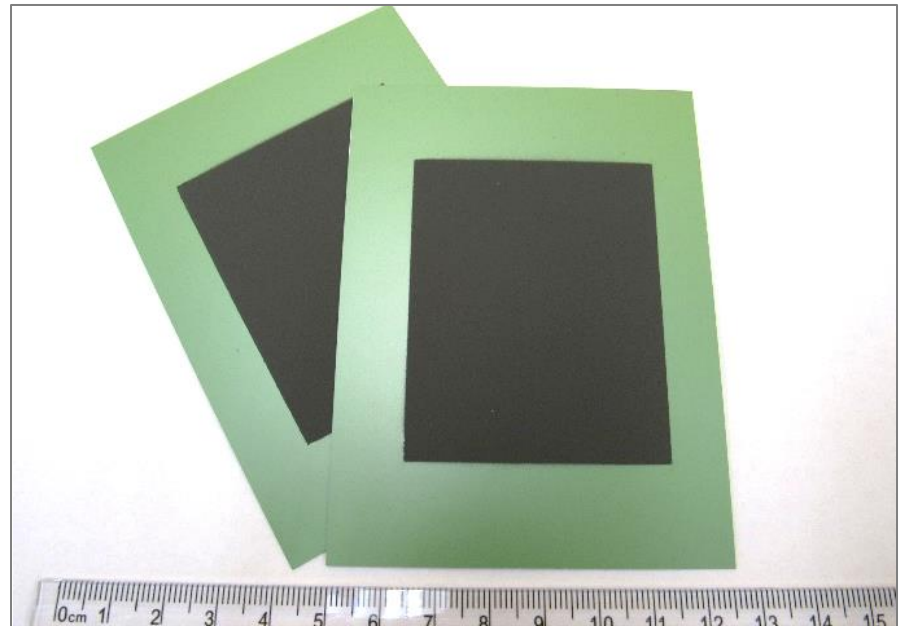
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CeriLok™ process amenable to ESC and ASC platforms

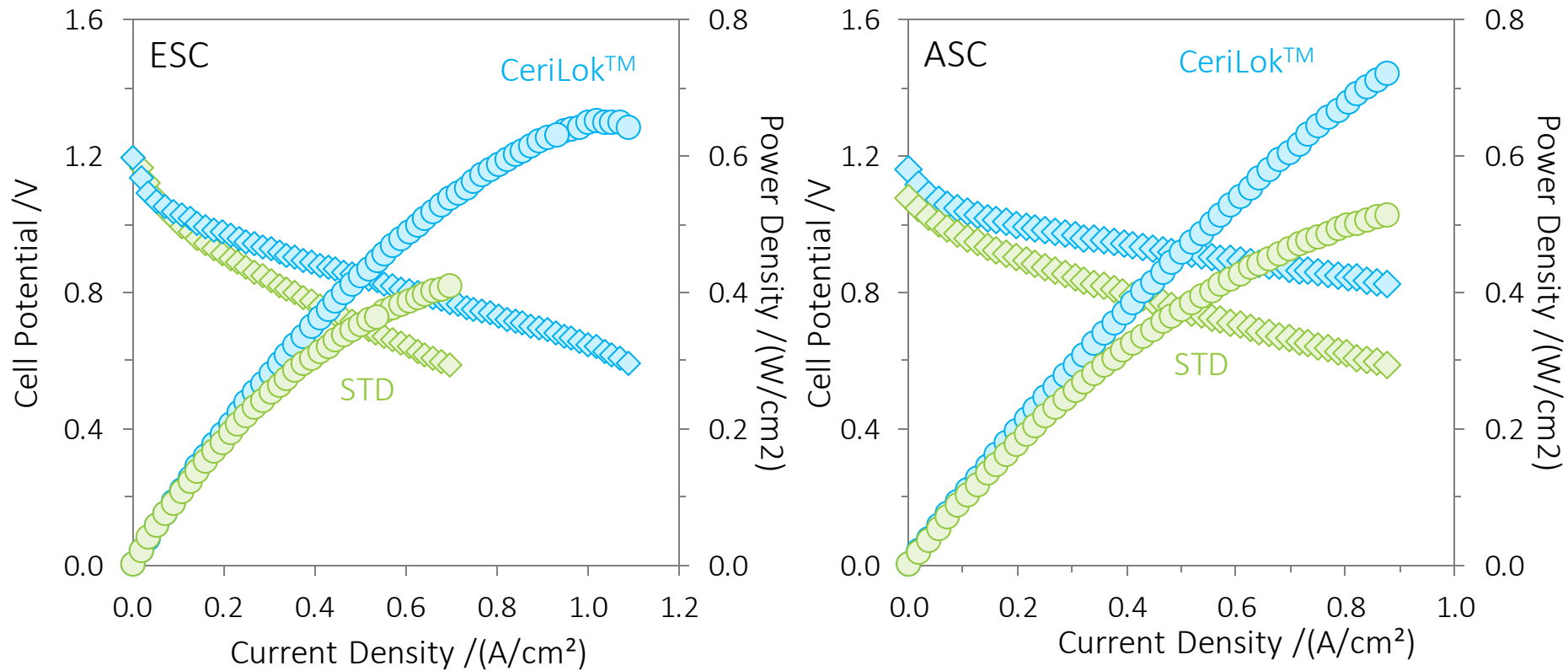
Electrolyte-supported cells



Anode-supported cells



Similar cell performance improvement seen for ASCs

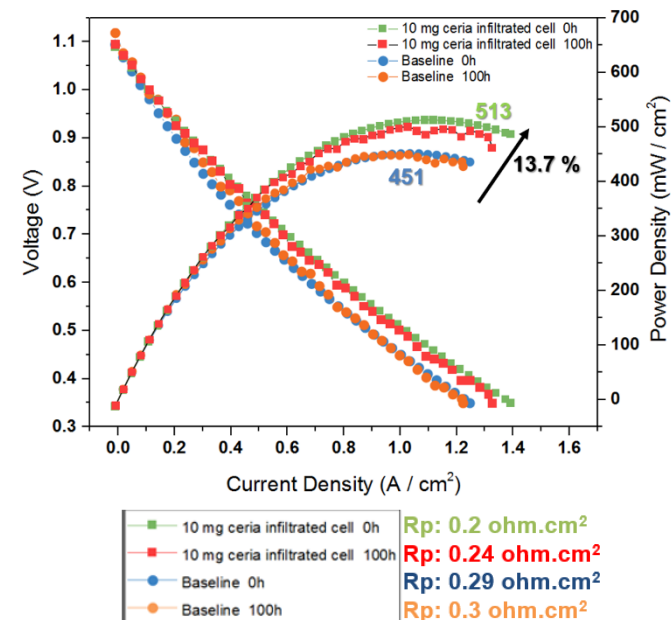
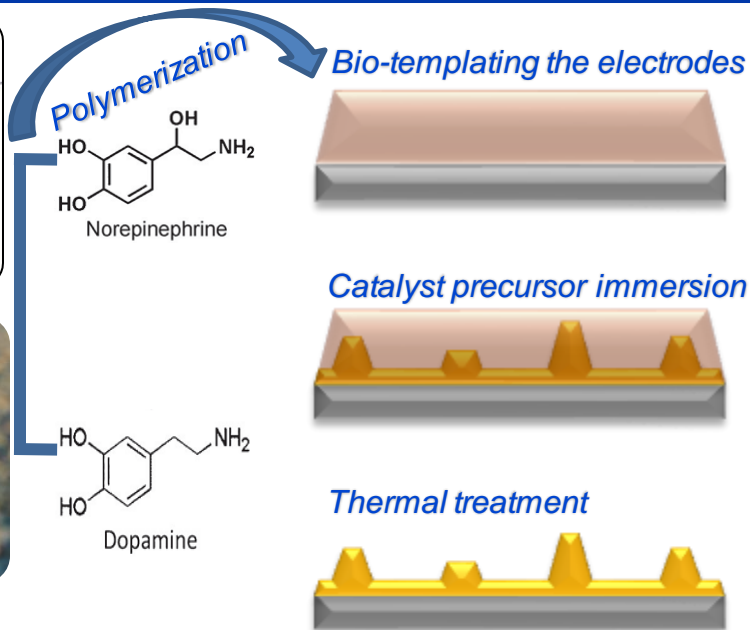
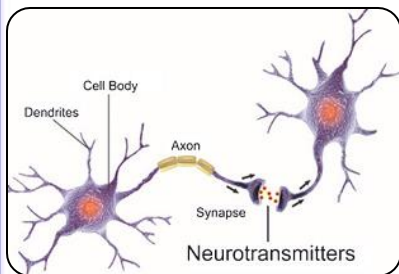


Temperature: ESC 800 °C, ASC 700 °C
 Gas composition: 0.5 SLPM H₂ | N₂, 1.50 SLPM air

Bio-surfactant Assisted SOFC Electrode Infiltration*

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- **Objective:** Impregnate (infiltrate) a liquid solution (or dispersion) into a SOFC anode microstructure in order to deposit nano-catalyst within the anode electrode by a single step infiltration/firing protocol.
- **Purpose:** To enhance electrochemical reactions, such as the oxidation reaction kinetics, by increasing TPB area and providing higher charge-transfer kinetics.
- Polymerized mussel inspired catechols, such as dopamine and nor-epinephrine can be used as a **bio-adhesive surfactant for metal/metal oxide substrates and locally chelates metal salt precursors with higher homogeneity and efficiency (single step infiltration)**



31 % reduction in Rp at 0th hour
20 % reduction in Rp at 100th hour

1. Demonstrated applicability of ASD to address cell and stack-level challenges
2. Value-proposition of *AlumiLok*TM coating has evolved
3. *CeriLok*TM provides material and processing enhances to provide cell performance improvements for both ESC and ASCs

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