

Novel SOFC Anodes with Enhanced Tolerance to Coal Contaminants



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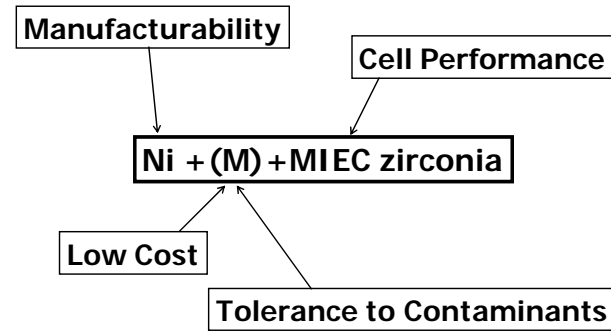
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Project Description

- Develop metal-ceramic (cermet) composite SOFC anodes
- Improve resistance to key coal contaminants, H₂S, PH₃, and AsH₃
- Based on the proven nickel-zirconia cermet anode
- With some modifications, if needed, on anode support and/or anode interlayer

Approach for Anode Design



(M) = Secondary metal electrocatalyst / MIEC = mixed ionic electronic conductor

Phase-I Achievement

- Tested the current SOFC anode for the effect of H₂S (1~50 ppm)
- Excellent tolerance to H₂S in the concentration range up to 50 ppm
- Consistent results with different cells (FIGURE 1 & 2 for button size cells (FIGURE 3 & 4 for 100 cm² cells)
- A few modified-anode cells show also promising results (FIGURE 5 & 6)

FIGURE 1. Standard Button Cell, 1.2 ppm H₂S at 0.4 A, 700°C

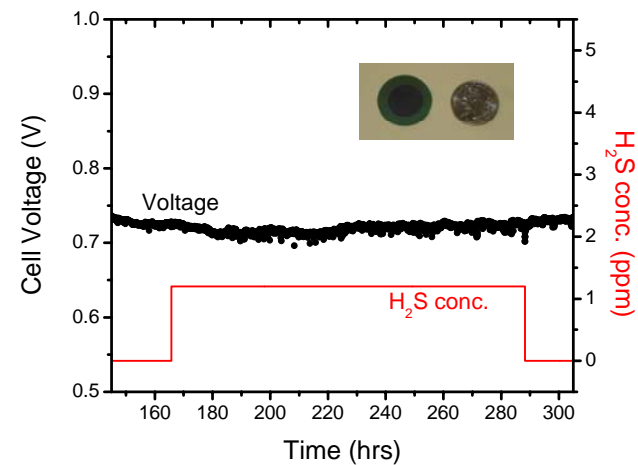


FIGURE 3. Standard 100 cm² Cell, 50 ppm H₂S at 20 A, 730°C

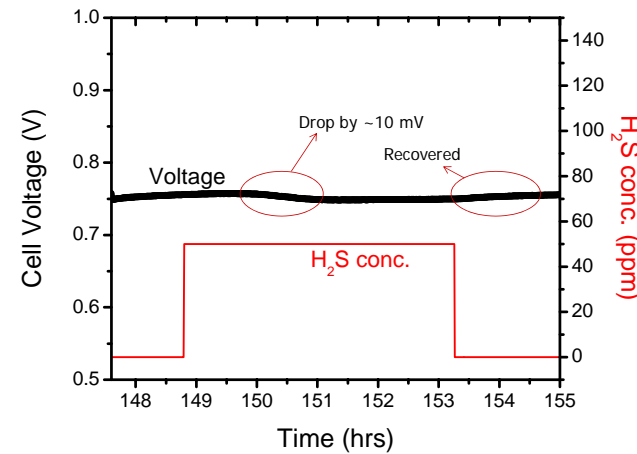


FIGURE 5. Modified-Anode Button Cell, 1.2 ppm H₂S at 0.4 A, 750°C

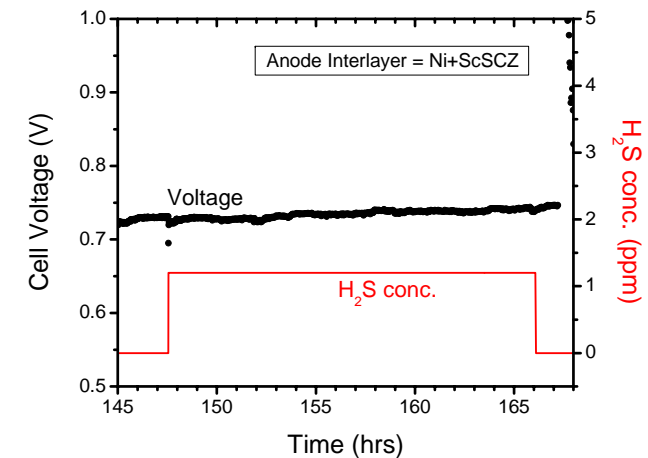


FIGURE 2. Standard Button Cell, 1.2 ppm H₂S at 0.6 A, 750°C

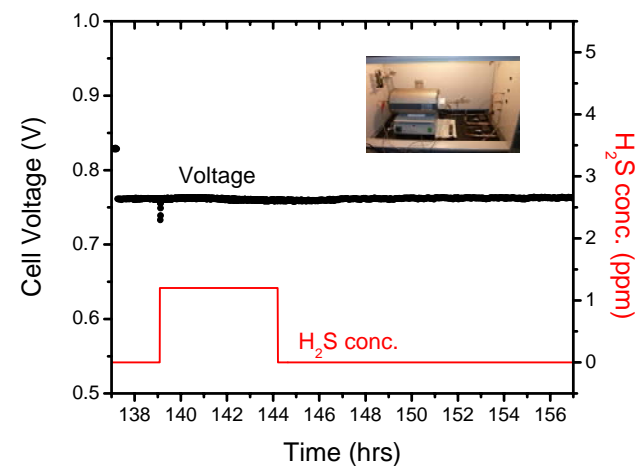


FIGURE 4. Standard 100 cm² Cell, 50 ppm H₂S at 30 A, 810°C

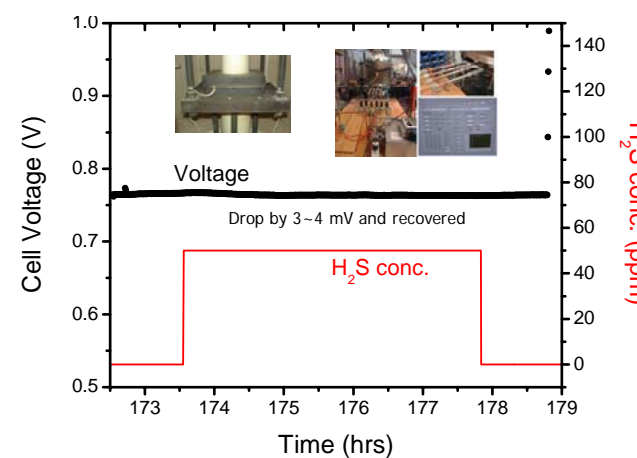


FIGURE 6. Modified-Anode Button Cell, 1.2 ppm H₂S at 0.4 A, 700°C

