Supporting Information for

## Does Thermal Treatment Merely Make a H<sub>2</sub>Osaturated Nafion Membrane Lose Its Absorbed Water at High Temperature?

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## ■ Supporting results



Fig. S1. Detailed information about how to sandwich Nafion membrane between ZnS crystals.



Fig. S2. Time-dependent transmission FTIR spectra of a dry Nafion membrane (thickness: 10  $\mu$ m) at 195 °C in the region of 1440 ~ 890 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S3. Time-dependent transmission FTIR spectra of a  $H_2O$ -saturated Nafion membrane (thickness: 10  $\mu$ m) at 125 °C in the region of 1440 ~ 890 cm<sup>-1</sup>, and the arrow indicates the change of the corresponding IR peak.



Fig. S4.  $2^{nd}$  derivatives of the time-dependent transmission FTIR spectra of a H<sub>2</sub>O-saturated Nafion membrane (thickness: 10  $\mu$ m) at 195 °C.



**Fig. S5.** Peak-splitting results of the time-dependent XRD patterns of the H<sub>2</sub>O-saturated Nafion membranes (thickness: 10 μm) which have been pretreated at 195 °C for different minutes (Fig. 10).



Fig. S6. XRD spectra of a H<sub>2</sub>O-saturated Nafion membrane (thickness:  $10 \mu m$ ;  $1 \text{ cm} \times 1 \text{ cm}$ ) and the same Nafion membrane dried for 24 hour at 90°C.