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## Design of La<sub>2-x</sub>Pr<sub>x</sub>NiO<sub>4+δ</sub> SOFC cathodes: a compromise in electrochemical performance and thermodynamic stability

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FULLPROF refinements of the XRD patterns of the  $La_{2-x}Pr_xNiO_{4+\delta}$  (x = 0, 0.5 and 2) films prepared by ESD on a CGO pellet.



**Fig. S1** FULLPROF refinement of the XRD patterns of  $La_2NiO_{4+\delta}$  film deposited by ESD on a CGO pellet (Fitting parameters:  $\chi^2 = 6.99$ , Bragg R-factor = 1.22 and RF-factor = 0.752 for  $La_2NiO_{4+\delta}$ ; Bragg R-factor = 1.84 and RF-factor = 1.00 for CGO).

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**Fig. S2** FULLPROF refinement of the XRD patterns of  $La_{1.5}Pr_{0.5}NiO_{4+\delta}$  film deposited by ESD on a CGO pellet (Fit parameters:  $\chi^2 = 7.44$ , Bragg R-factor = 1.36 and RF-factor = 0.99 for  $La_{1.5}Pr_{0.5}NiO_{4+\delta}$ ; Bragg R-factor = 1.48 and RF-factor = 0.77 for CGO).



**Fig. S3** FULLPROF refinement of the XRD patterns of  $Pr_2NiO_{4+\delta}$  film deposited by ESD on a CGO pellet (Fit parameters:  $\chi^2 = 10.3$ , Bragg R-factor = 1.09 and RF-factor = 0.67 for  $Pr_2NiO_{4+\delta}$ ; Bragg R-factor = 0.83 and RF-factor = 0.49 for CGO).



**Fig. S4** SEM micrographs of the  $La_{2-x}Pr_xNiO_{4+\delta}$  ( $0 \le x \le 2$ ) single layer films on a CGO substrate,  $La_2NiO_{4+\delta}$ : (a, b) surface, (c, d) cross section;  $La_{1.5}Pr_{0.5}NiO_{4+\delta}$ : (e, f) surface, (g, h) cross section;  $LaPrNiO_{4+\delta}$ : (i, j) surface, (k, l) cross section and  $Pr_2NiO_{4+\delta}$ : (m, n) surface, (o, p) cross section.



**Fig. S5** SEM micrographs of the  $La_{2-x}Pr_xNiO_{4+\delta}$  ( $0 \le x \le 2$ ) double layer films on a CGO substrate,  $La_2NiO_{4+\delta}$ : (a, b) surface, (c) cross section;  $La_{1.5}Pr_{0.5}NiO_{4+\delta}$ : (d, e) surface, (f) cross section;  $LaPrNiO_{4+\delta}$ : (g, h) surface, (i) cross section and  $Pr_2NiO_{4+\delta}$ : (j, k) surface, (l) cross section.