

“Bleaching” glycerol in a microfluidic fuel cell to produce high power density at minimal cost

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Table S1. Performance comparison of alcohol fed microfluidic fuel cells.

Author (Year) [Reference]	Category	Electrode type	Fabrication	Additional features	Fuel	Oxidant	Flow rate	Peak potential (mV)	Peak power density (mW cm ⁻²)	Open circuit voltage (mV)	Maximum current density (mA cm ⁻²)
Arjona (2014) ¹	Liquid/liquid	Flow-by	Multi-layer		EgOH 2 M in 0.3 M KOH	Dissolved O ₂ in 0.3 M KOH	183 (anolyte); 50 (catholyte)	210	1.6	0.53 V	6.3
Maya- Cornejo (2015) ²	Liquid/liquid+gaseous	Flow-through & flow- through + air breathing	Multi-layer	Cu@Pd (anode)	MeOH 0.1 M in 0.3 M KOH	Dissolved O ₂ in 0.3 M KOH + air	200 (anolyte); 200 (catholyte)		17.1	610	100
Maya- Cornejo (2015) ²	Liquid/liquid+gaseous	Flow-through & flow- through + air breathing	Multi-layer	Cu@Pd (anode)	EtOH 0.1 M in 0.3 M KOH	Dissolved O ₂ in 0.3 M KOH + air	100 (anolyte); 50 (catholyte)		25.75	670	153.70
Maya- Cornejo (2015) ²	Liquid/liquid+gaseous	Flow-through & flow- through + air breathing	Multi-layer	Cu@Pd (anode)	EgOH 0.1 M in 0.3 M KOH	Dissolved O ₂ in 0.3 M KOH + air	50 (anolyte); 100 (catholyte)		19.95	653	142.55

Maya-Cornejo (2015) ²	Liquid/liquid+gaseous	Flow-through & flow-through + air breathing	Multi-layer	Cu@Pd/C (anode)	GIOH 0.1 M in 0.3 M KOH	Dissolved O ₂ in 0.3 M KOH + air	100 (anolyte); 66.7 (catholyte)		20.43	622	111.95
Maya-Cornejo (2016) ³	Liquid/liquid+gaseous	Flow-through & flow-through + air breathing	Multi-layer	Cu@Pt/C (anode); Pt/C (cathode)	GIOH 5% in 0.3 M KOH	Dissolved O ₂ in 0.3 M KOH + air	33.4	370	23.16	791	104.10
Dector (2013) ⁴	Liquid/liquid+gaseous	Flow-by	Multi-layer	Pd/MWCNTs (anode); Pt/C (cathode)	GIOH 0.1 M in 0.3 M KOH	Dissolved O ₂ in 0.3 M KOH + air	333.3 (anolyte); 1666.7 (catholyte)		0.70	550	5
Hollinger (2013) ⁵	Liquid/gaseous	Flow-by	Multi-layer	Pt/Ru//C (anode); Pt/C (cathode)	1 M MeOH in 1 M H ₂ SO ₄	O ₂	300		10.9	~700	~100
Miao (2017) ⁶	Liquid/liquid	Microtubular	Monolithic	TiO ₂ -Pt-RuO ₂ (anode); Pt (cathode)	MeOH 2 M in 0.5 M H ₂ SO ₄	Dissolved O ₂ in 0.5 M H ₂ SO ₄	0.16	275	257	620	936
Xin (2012) ⁷	Liquid/gaseous	AEM		Au/C (anode); 80 °C	GIOH 1M in 2M	O ₂	4 × 10 ⁵		57.9	670	~400

Benipal (2017) ⁸	Liquid/gaseous	AEM		PdAg/CNT (anode); 80 °C	KOH GIOH 1M in 6 M	O ₂	4 10 ³ (anolyte); 2 10 ⁵ (O ₂)		277.7	880	~900
Qi (2013) ⁹	Liquid/gaseous	AEM		PtCo/CNT (anode); 80 °C	KOH GIOH 3M in 6 M	O ₂	4 10 ³		268.5	860	~1500
This work	Liquid/Liquid	Flow-through	Monolithic	Pt/C	KOH GIOH 1M in 1M	Bleach in 2 M KOH	100	362	71.2	1000	337.3
This work	Liquid/Liquid	Flow-through	Monolithic	Pt/C; mixed media	KOH GIOH 1M in 1M KOH	Bleach in 1 M H ₂ SO ₄	100	814	315.3	1970	637.8

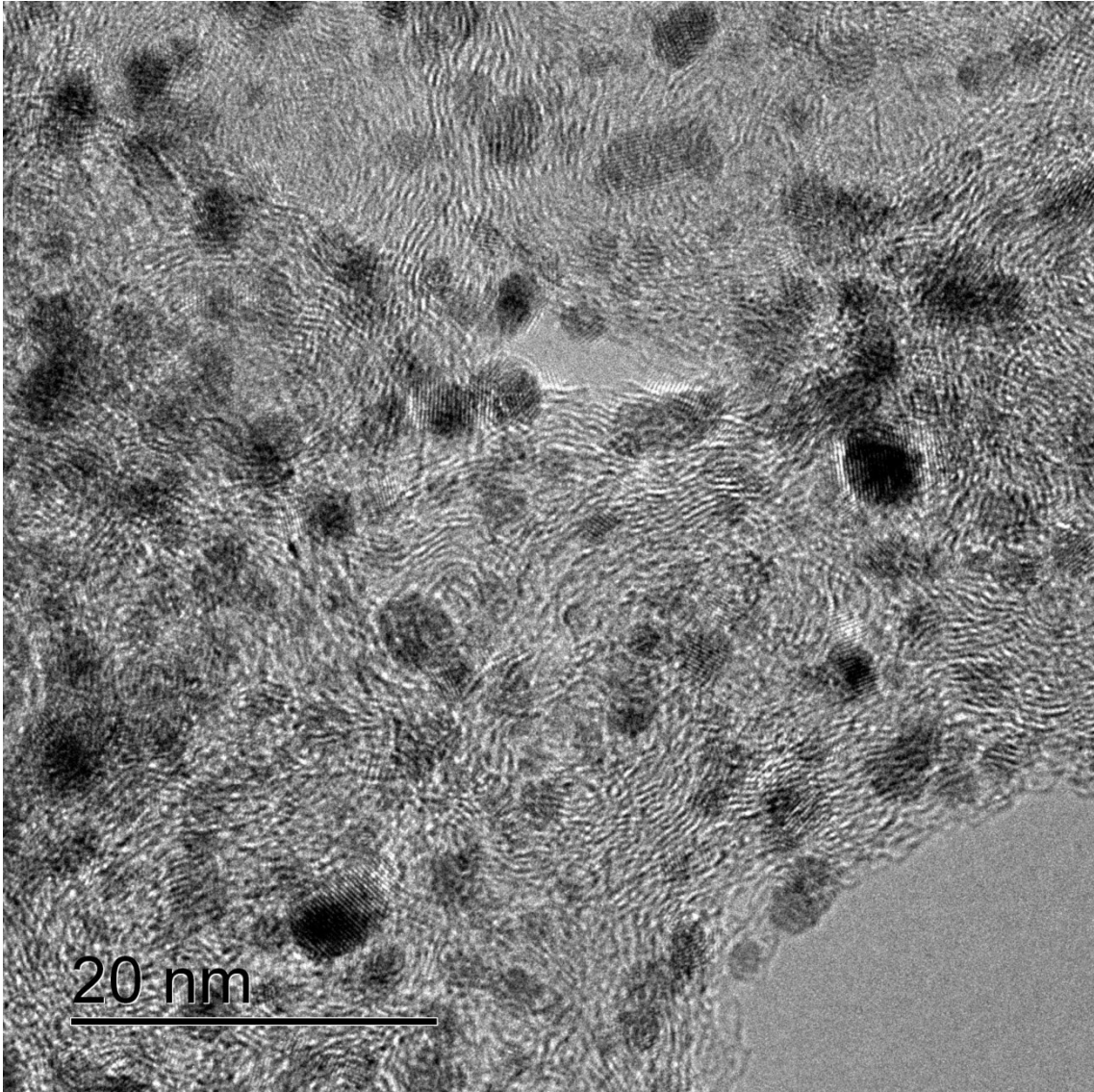


Figure S1. Representative transmission electron microscopy image of Pt/C nanoparticles.

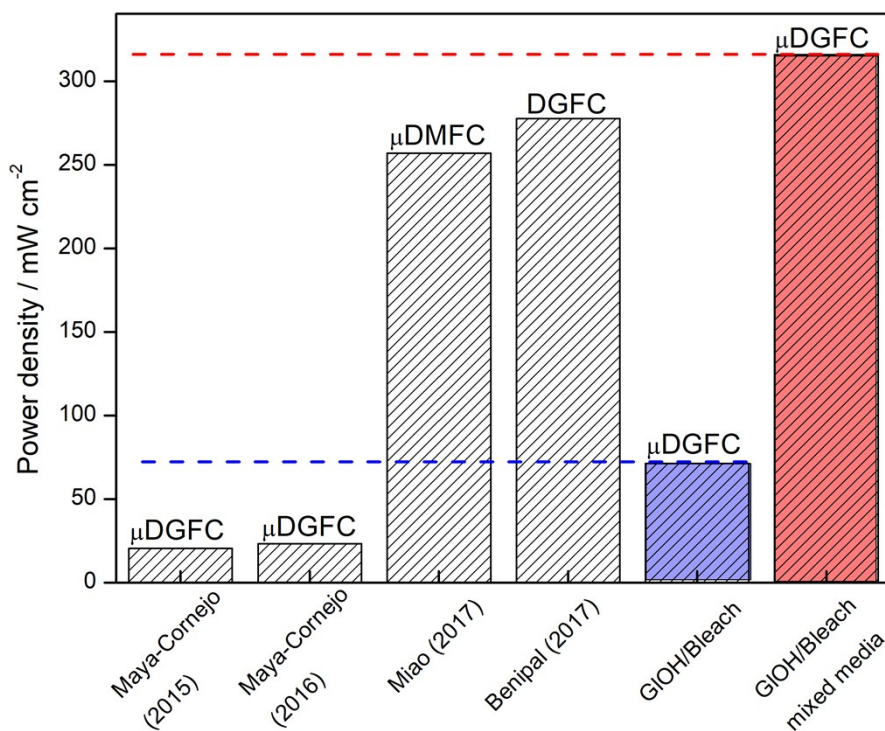


Figure S2. Power density performance of the most active glycerol microfluidic fuel cells (μ DGFC), alcohol fed microfluidic fuel cell (μ DMFC), glycerol fuel cells (DGFC), and the present work (blue and red bars).

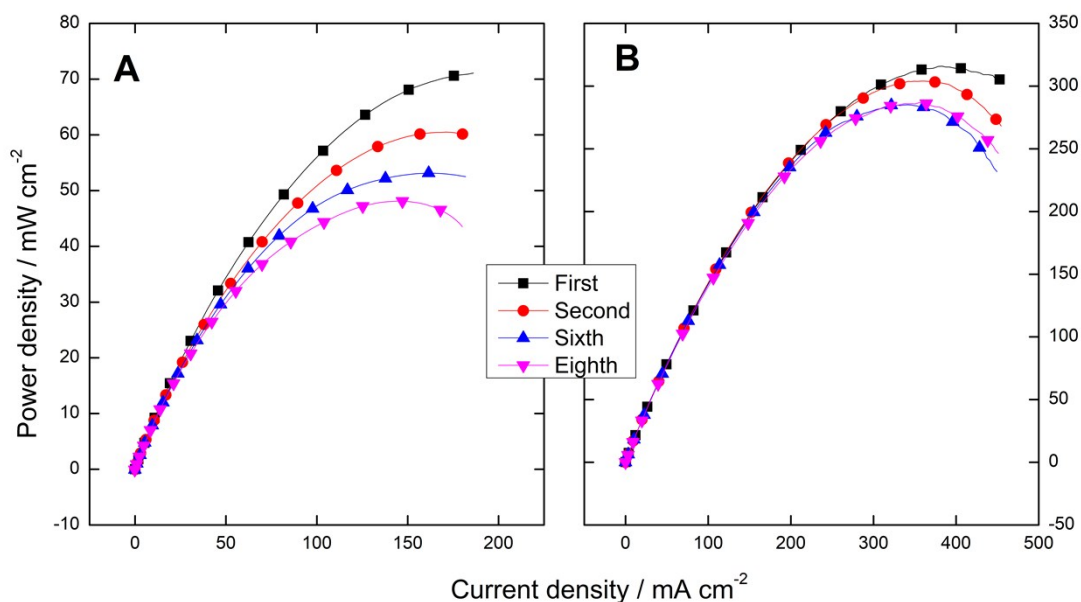


Figure S3. Successive power density curves for the GIOH/Bleach microfluidic fuel cell in (a) all-alkaline and (b) mixed media with Pt/C/CP as anode and cathode. Polarization curves were measured with 1 M glycerol in 1 M KOH as anolyte and bleach in 2 M KOH (all-alkaline) or 1 M H₂SO₄ (mixed media) as catholyte. All solutions were N₂-saturated and supplied at a flow rate of 100 μ L min⁻¹.

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