

## Supplementary Information

### **Non-contact electric potential measurements of electrode components in operating polymer electrolyte fuel cell studied by near ambient pressure XPS**

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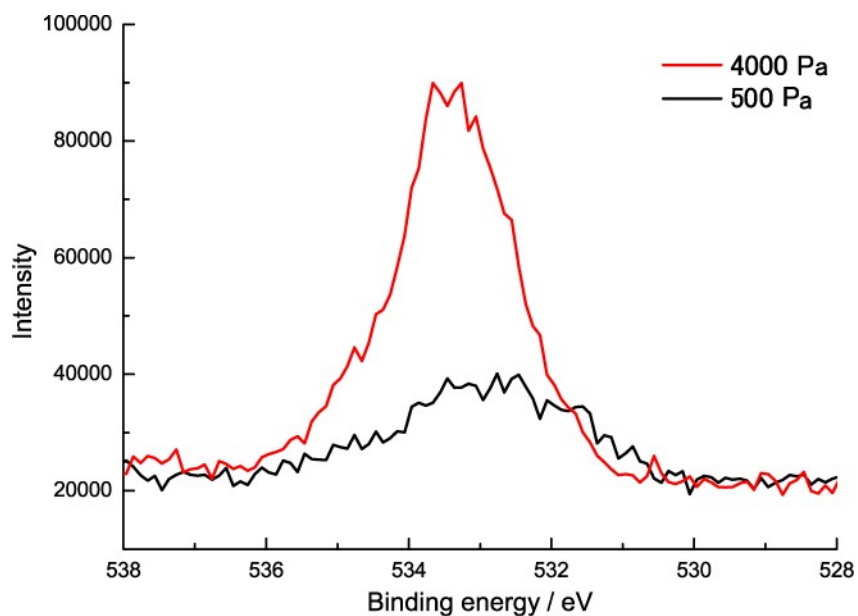


Figure S1. O 1s spectra recorded with water vapor pressures of 500 and 4,000 Pa at the cathode. The spectra were measured at a voltage of 0.4 V.

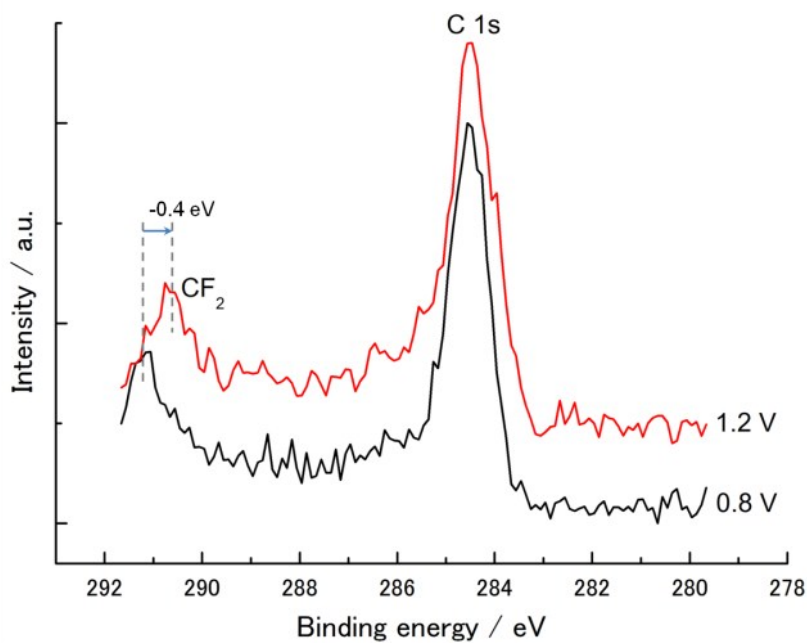


Figure S2. C 1s spectra recorded with a wider energy region at the voltages of 0.8 and 1.2 V. The contribution of  $\text{-CF}_2\text{-}$  in Nafion is clearly seen.

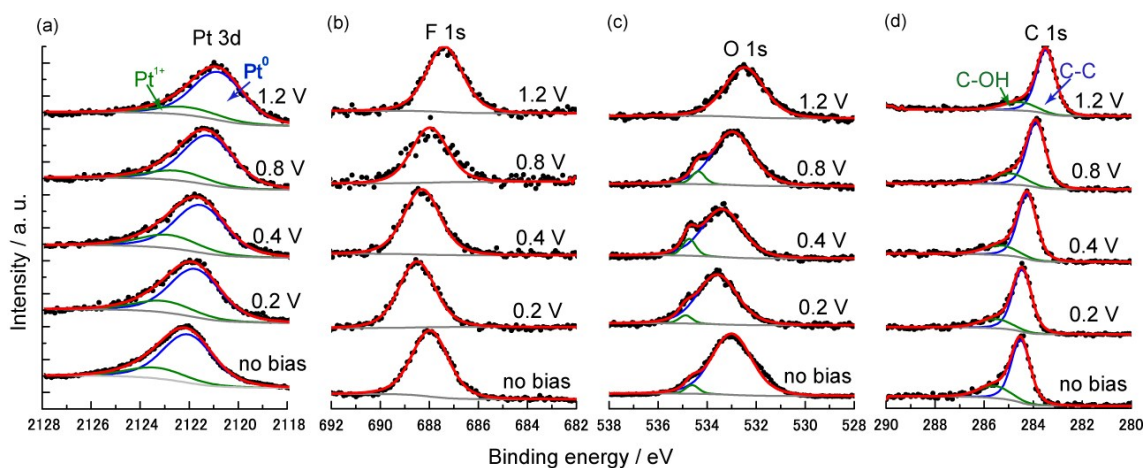


Figure S3. HAXPES of (a) Pt 3d, (b) F 1s, (c) O 1s and (d) C 1s at the anode under various voltages between the cathode and anode. These spectra were recorded at a water vapor pressure of 4000 Pa and a H<sub>2</sub> gas pressure of 200 Pa at the anode, whereas N<sub>2</sub> gas was supplied to the cathode.

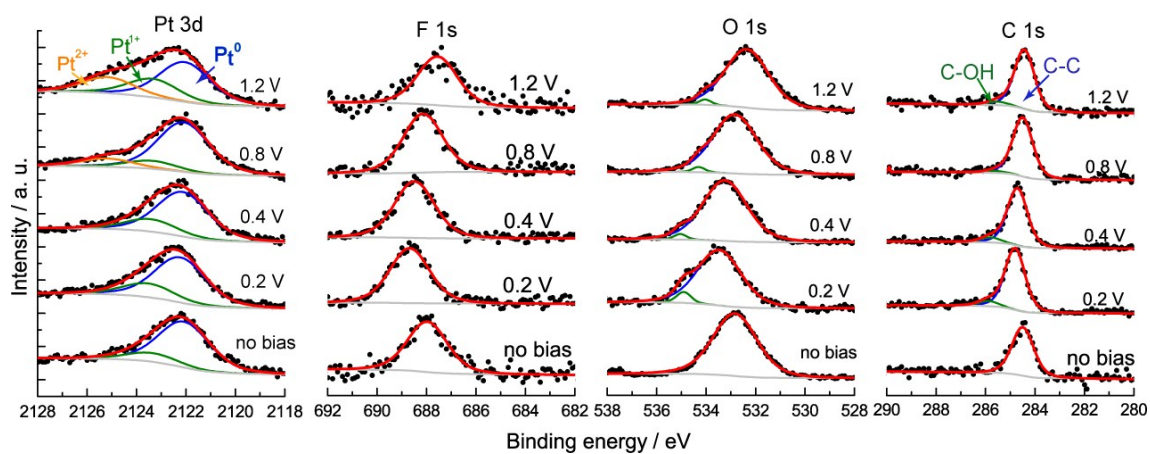


Figure S4. HAXPES of (a) Pt 3d, (b) F 1s, (c) O 1s and (d) C 1s at the cathode under various voltages between the cathode and anode under O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.

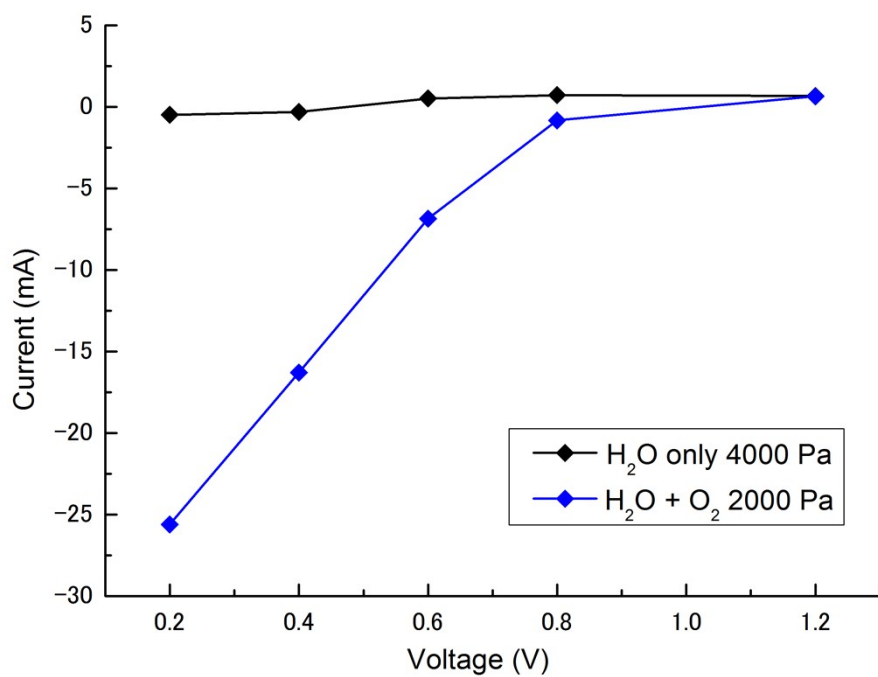


Figure S5 The current changes with the voltage increasing at the cathode under only water vapor atmosphere and O<sub>2</sub> flowing atmosphere.