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## **Supporting Information**

Ce-doped  $La_{0.7}Sr_{0.3}Fe_{0.9}Ni_{0.1}O_{3-\delta}$  as Symmetrical Electrode for High Performance Direct Hydrocarbon Solid Oxide Fuel Cell

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**Table S1** Comparison of the cell performance for  $LaFeO_{3-\delta}$  based-SSOFC symmetrical electrodes using H<sub>2</sub> as fuel.

electrode	electrolyte	thickness	temperature	PPD	reference
		(µm)	(°C)	(mW cm-2)	
La <sub>0.7</sub> Sr <sub>0.3</sub> Fe <sub>0.9</sub> Ni <sub>0.1</sub> O <sub>3-δ</sub>	LSGM	300	800	678	this work
			700	254	
La <sub>0.6</sub> Ce <sub>0.1</sub> Sr <sub>0.3</sub> Fe <sub>0.9</sub> Ni <sub>0.1</sub> O <sub>3-δ</sub>	LSGM	300	800	653	
			700	303	
La <sub>0.5</sub> Sr <sub>0.5</sub> Fe <sub>0.8</sub> Cu <sub>0.2</sub> O <sub>3-δ</sub>	SSZ <sup>a)</sup>	230	800	577	1
La <sub>0.6</sub> Sr <sub>0.4</sub> Fe <sub>0.8</sub> Cu <sub>0.2</sub> O <sub>3-ō</sub>	LSGM	300	800	162	2
La <sub>0.7</sub> Sr <sub>0.3</sub> Fe <sub>0.7</sub> Ga <sub>0.3</sub> O <sub>3-δ</sub>	LSGM	300	800	489	3
La <sub>0.6</sub> Sr <sub>0.4</sub> Fe <sub>0.9</sub> Sc <sub>0.1</sub> O <sub>3-δ</sub> infiltrated LSGM	LSGM	18	800	560	4
La <sub>0.6</sub> Ca <sub>0.4</sub> Fe <sub>0.8</sub> Ni <sub>0.2</sub> O <sub>3-δ</sub> infiltrated SDC	SDC	300	800	510	5
La <sub>0.4</sub> Sr <sub>0.6</sub> Co <sub>0.2</sub> Fe <sub>0.7</sub> Nb <sub>0.1</sub> O <sub>3-δ</sub>	LSGM	300	800	380	6

SSZ<sup>a</sup>): Sc and Ce doped ZrO<sub>2</sub> 10Sc1CeSZ



Fig. S1 SEM images of (a, b) as-synthesized LSFNi and CLSFNi; (c, d) reduced LSFNi and CLSFNi under 10%  $H_2$  atmosphere at 800 °C for 10 h; (e) SEM image of CLSFNi at low magnification.

Table S2 the EDS results of as-synthesised CLSFNi in Fig. S1.

Elements	0	Fe	Ni	Sr	La	Ce
Point 1 (atomic %)	69.84	7.23	0.66	3.80	5.17	13.29
Point 2 (atomic %)	65.05	16.27	1.21	7.00	8.64	1.83
Point 3 (atomic %)	71.58	9.38	0.52	4.56	5.66	8.30



Fig. S2 Post-mortem XRD patterns of samples after electrical conductivity measurement.



**Fig. S3** Post-mortem cross-section microstructure of samples after electrical conductivity measurement. (a) LSFNi; (b) CLSFNi.



Fig. S5 Fitting results of EIS for  $H_2$ -fueled symmetrical cells.(a, c) LSFNi electrode; (b, d) CLSFNi electrode.



Fig. S6 Stability of the LSFNi symmetrical cell with  $H_2$  (3%  $H_2O$ ) under a constant current density of 600 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> at 800 °C.



Fig. S7 Fitting results of EIS for CH<sub>4</sub>-fueled symmetrical cells.(a) LSFNi electrode; (b) CLSFNi electrode.



Fig. **S8** Microstructure and cross section of symmetrical cells. (a) LSFNi/LSGM/LSFNi after stability testing with  $H_2$ fuel; (b) as CLSFNi/LSGM/CLSFNi after stability testing with CH<sub>4</sub> as fuel; (c) cathode section of (b); (d) anode section of (b).

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