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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

## Redox-reversible niobium-doped strontium titanate decorated with *in-situ* grown nickel nanocatalyst for high-temperature direct steam electrolysis

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## **Captions**

**Figure S1:** XPS results of Sr (a1) and O (a2) in the oxidized STNNO sample; Sr (b1) and O (b2) in the reduced STNNO samples.

**Figure S2:** Rp of the electrolysis cells with cathodes based on STNO (a) and STNNO (b) in  $5\%H_2O/5\%H_2/Ar$  (a) and  $5\%H_2O/Ar$  (b) under different applied potentials at 800 °C.

Figure S3: The cross-sectional views of the symmetric cells based on YSZ/STNNO-SDC.

**Figure S4:** The Rp of the symmetric cells with the configuration STNO-SDC /YSZ/STNO-SDC and STNNO-SDC/YSZ/STNNO-SDC tested under different hydrogen partial.

Figure S5: The TEM (a), SEM and EDS (b) results of reduced STNNO sample.

Figure S1:

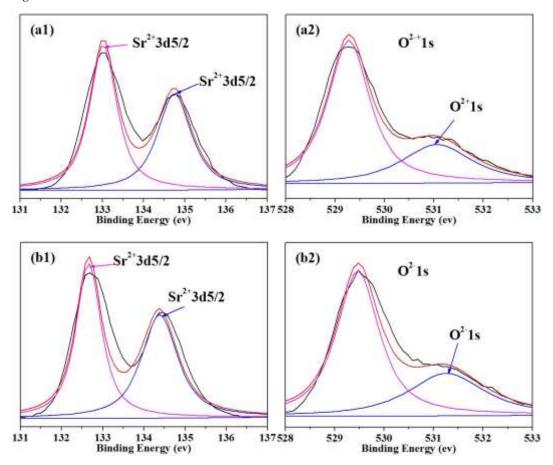


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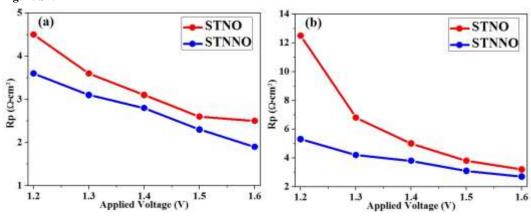


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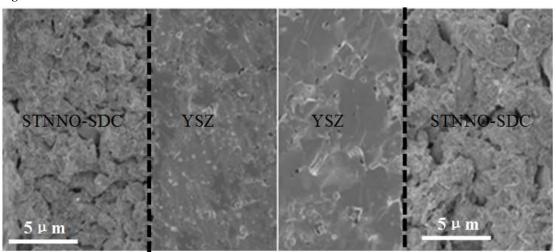


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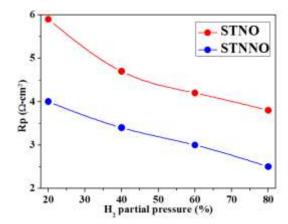


Figure S5:

