

Efficient Co-Electrolyser for Efficient Renewable Energy Storage



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- > Due to technical challenges, stack test at high pressure was not possible
- All test results obtained so far indicate that stack degradation and single cell degradation are similar under the co-SOEC conditions studied in the ECo project, in other words, the durability of cells represent very well the durability of stacks
- ✓ Cell durability test was successfully carried out for the first time on a state-of-the-art SOEC single repeat unit under coelectrolysis of steam and CO₂ for 1600 h at 750 °C and 3.7 bar at CEA
- ✓ Long-term degradation rate: 20 mV/1000 h; 1.4%/1000 h, which is similar to the rate measured at atmospheric pressure



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CEA Durability test of a SoA cell with an active area of 3 cm² in single repeat unit configuration operated in co-SOEC mode at 750°C, -0.72 A/cm² and 3.7 bar, 65/25/10 vol% of $H_2O/CO_2/H_2 + N_2$ with (H_2O+CO_2) flow rate of 14.4 Nml/min/cm² at the fuel electrode side, conversion rate 35%, air at the oxygen electrode side



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