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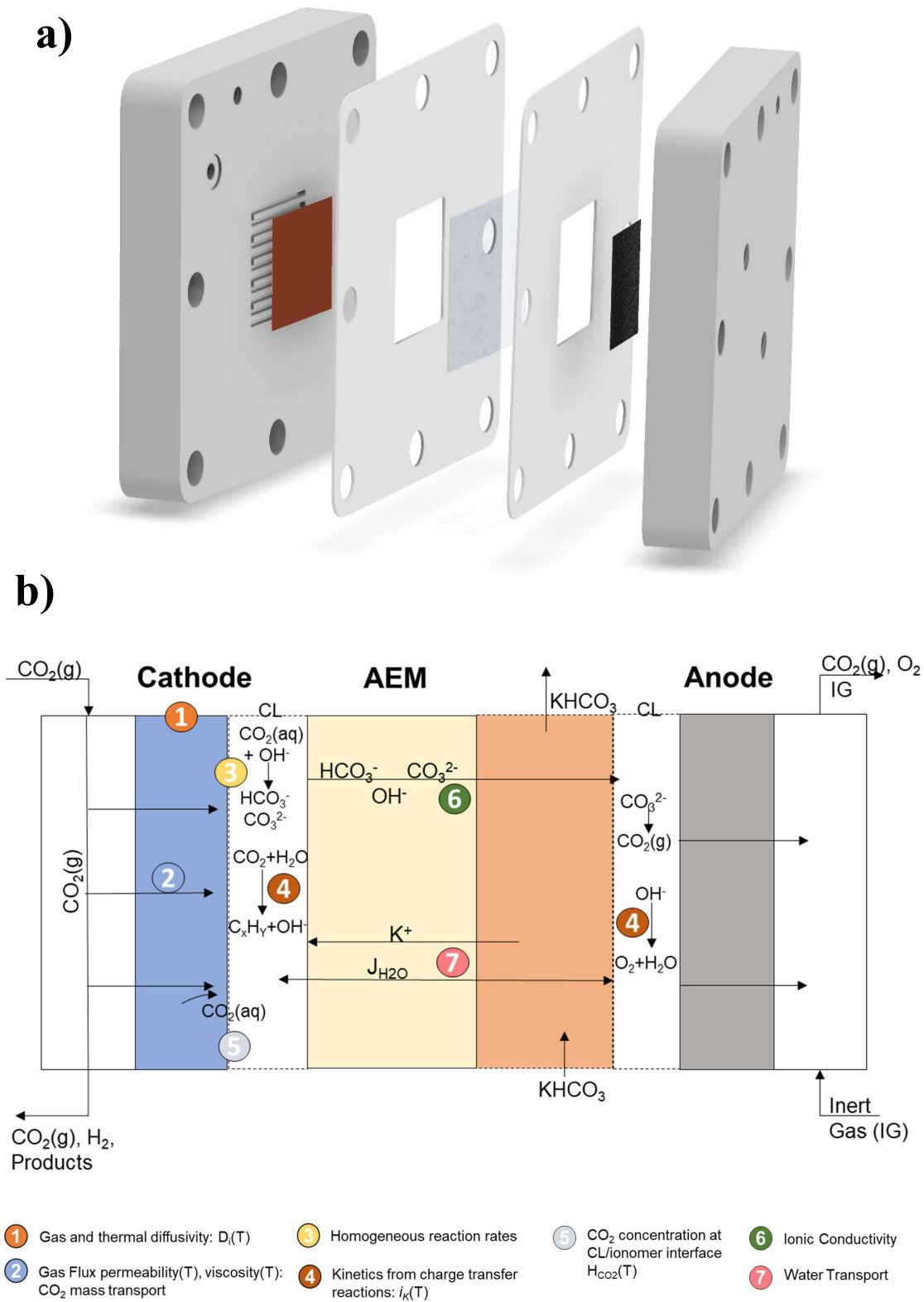
## **Insights into zero-gap CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis at elevated temperatures**

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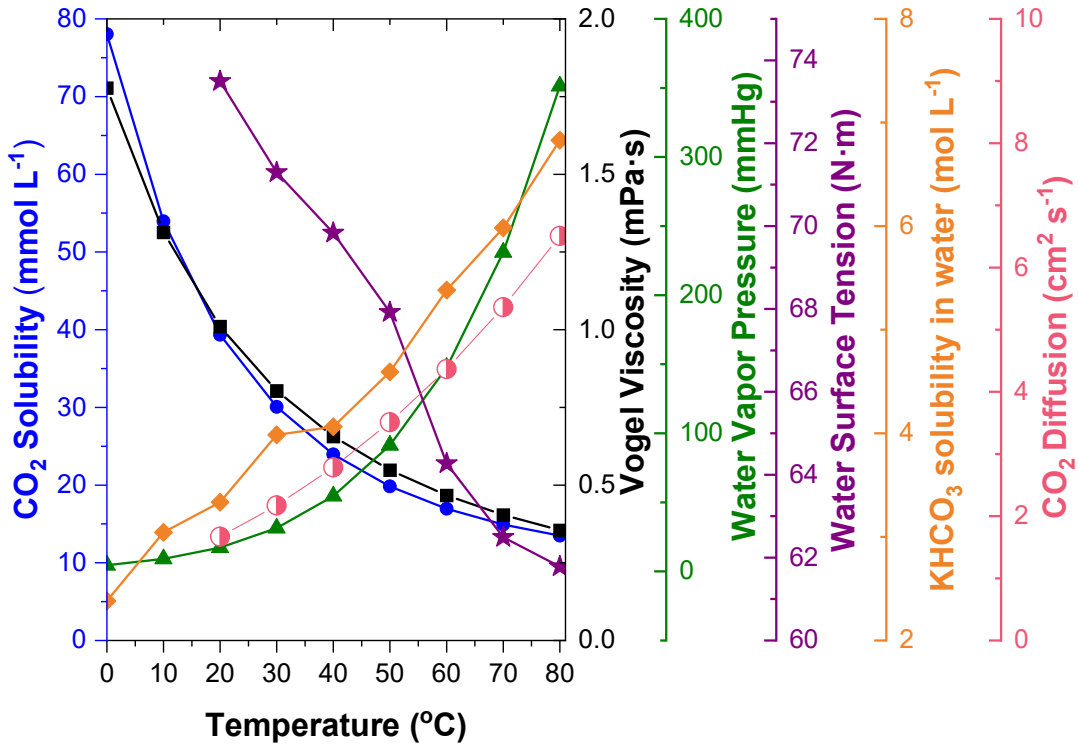
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**Figure S1.** a) MEA cell drawing of CO<sub>2</sub> electrolyzer b). Schematic representation of the CO<sub>2</sub>R in MEA configuration and main properties/parameters influenced by the temperature.

**Influence of transport properties in CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis as effect of temperature:**



**Figure S2.** Transport and kinetics factor's temperature dependency on CO<sub>2</sub>R (CO<sub>2</sub> solubility, CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion, water vapor pressure, surface tension, vogel viscosity, salt solubility, and Henry's constant).

**CO<sub>2</sub> Solubility (in aqueous environment)<sup>1</sup>:**

$$c_{CO_2} = H_{CO_2} * c_{CO_2, gas} \quad (\text{Eq S. 1})$$

$$H_{CO_2} (mM/atm) = 93,4517 \cdot \left(\frac{100}{T[K]}\right) - 60,2409 + \left(23,3585 \cdot \log\left(\frac{T[K]}{100}\right)\right) \quad (\text{Eq S. 2})$$

**CO<sub>2</sub> Diffusion<sup>2</sup>:**

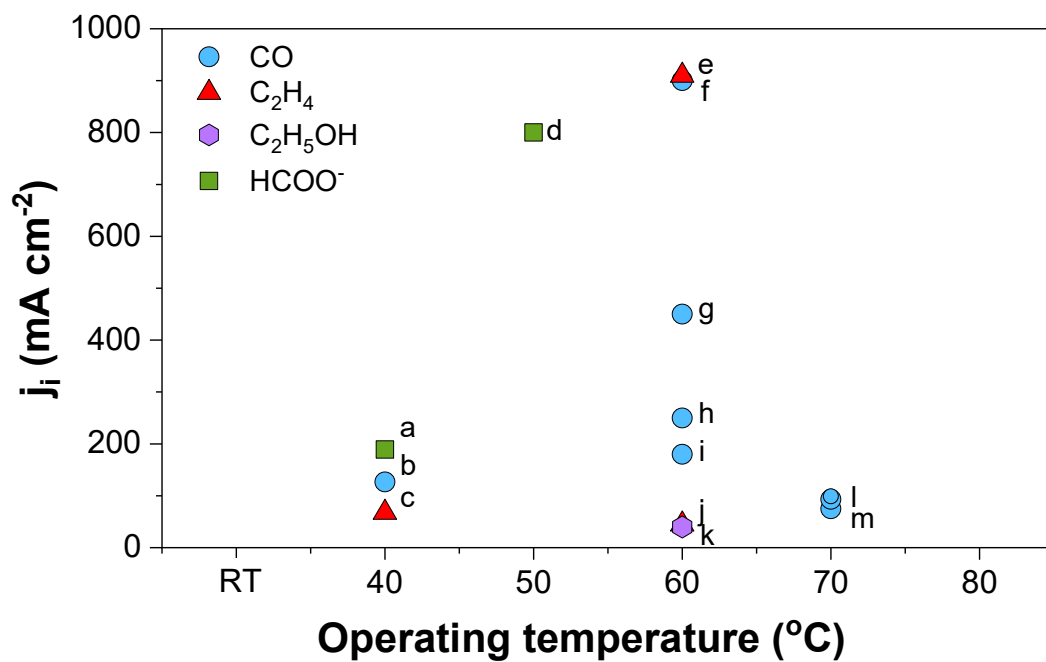
$$D_{CO_2}(cm^2/s) = 2,17 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot e^{\left(\frac{-2345}{\frac{1}{T[K]} + \frac{1}{T_{ref}}}\right)} \quad (\text{Eq S. 3})$$

**Vogel Viscosity<sup>3</sup>:**

$$\vartheta (mPa \cdot s) = e^{-3,6413 + 542 \cdot \frac{05}{T[K] - 144,15}} \quad (\text{Eq S. 4})$$

**Water vapor pressure<sup>2,4</sup>:**

$$p_{H_2O}(mmHg) = 10^{8,07 \left(\frac{1730,63}{T[K] - 39,724}\right)} \quad (\text{Eq S. 5})$$



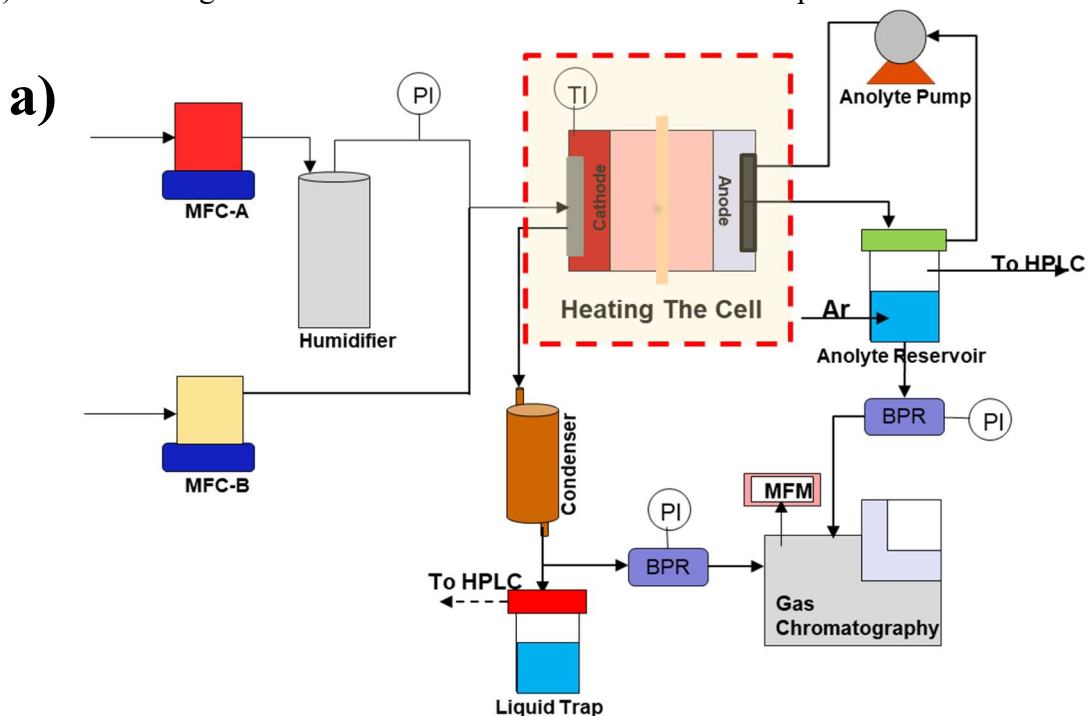
**Figure S3.** Summary of studies for  $\text{CO}_2\text{E}$  performed at elevated temperatures reported in the literature. (See Table S1 for the detailed information of the data).  $j_i$  corresponds to the partial current density of derived  $\text{CO}_2$ -product (CO, formate, ethanol and ethylene).

**Table S1.** Compiled data of different studies for CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis performed at elevated temperatures and industrial relevant conditions

	Author	Year	Cathode	Anode	IEM	Type	Electrolyte	$j_{\text{total}}$ (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	$E_{\text{cell}}$ (V)	T (°C)	Cell Conf.	FE (%)
a	Endrodi et al. <sup>5</sup>	2020	Ag NPs on CP	IrOx-Ti	AEM	PiperION	0,1 CsOH	1000	2.6-3.4	60	MEA	90% CO
b	Dufek et al. <sup>6</sup>	2012	Ag GDE	RuOx	AEM	Excellion	2.5 M KOH	125	3.3	70	Flow Cell	60% CO
c	Yin et al. <sup>7</sup>	2019	Au	Ti-Sheet	AEM	QAPPT Membrane	Pure Water	500	3	60	MEA	90% CO
d	Yin et al. <sup>7</sup>	2019	CoPc	Ti-Sheet	AEM	QAPPT Membrane	Pure Water	200	2.8	60	MEA	90% CO
e	Pribyl-Kranewitter <sup>8</sup>	2021	Ag-GDE 29BC	IrTiO <sub>2</sub> -Nafion	BPM	Fumasep BPM	DI Water	136	2.9	40	Flow Cell	93% CO
f	Gabardo et al. <sup>9</sup>	2019	Cu-GDE	IrO <sub>2</sub>	AEM	Sustainion X37-50	0.1 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	150	4	40	MEA	45% C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>
g	Gabardo et al. <sup>9</sup>	2019	Cu-GDE	IrO <sub>2</sub>	AEM	Sustainion X37-50	0.1 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	100	3.7	60	MEA	30% C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>
h	Kai Miao et al. <sup>10</sup>	2021	Cu-GDE in PTFE	IrO <sub>2</sub> /Ti	AEM	Sustainion, PiperION	0.1 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	200	3.85	60	MEA	20% EtOH
i	Lee et al. <sup>11</sup>	2018	Sn-NPs on CP	Pt Black	CEM	Nafion 115	1 M KHCO <sub>3</sub> / 1 M KOH	100	2.2	70	Flow Cell	93.3% HCOO <sup>-</sup>
j	Li et al. <sup>12</sup>	2007	Sn NPs	Ti Mesh	CEM	Nafion 117	0,5 M KHCO <sub>3</sub> + 2 M KCl	310	3.9	40	Flow Cell	61% HCOO <sup>-</sup>
k	Dufek et al. <sup>13</sup>	2014	Ag GDE	Ir-Ni mesh	CEM	Nafion 115	0,5 M K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	275	3.4-3.6	60	Flow Cell	90% CO
l	Dufek et al. <sup>6</sup>	2011	Ag-GDE	Ru- DSA	CEM	Nafion 424	0,8 M K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	110	1.57	70	Flow Cell	90% CO
m	Jeng and Jiao <sup>14</sup>	2020	Ag-GDE	IrO <sub>2</sub>	AEM	Sustainion	0.05 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	200	3.1	60	MEA	90% CO
n	Garcia de Arquer et al. <sup>1</sup>	2020	Cu-CIBH	Ni Foam	AEM	Fumasep FA-PK 130	7 M KOH	1400	5.5	60	Flow Cell	65% C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>
o	Lowe et al. <sup>15</sup>	2019	Sn-GDE	Ni Gauze	CEM	Nafion 117	2 M KHCO <sub>3</sub>	1000	1.72 V SHE	50	Flow Cell	80% HCOO-

## Scheme of configurations to evaluate the effect of the heating method

a). Use of heating rods connected to the flow field on both compartments



b). Use of a heating plate for the electrolyte reservoir heating

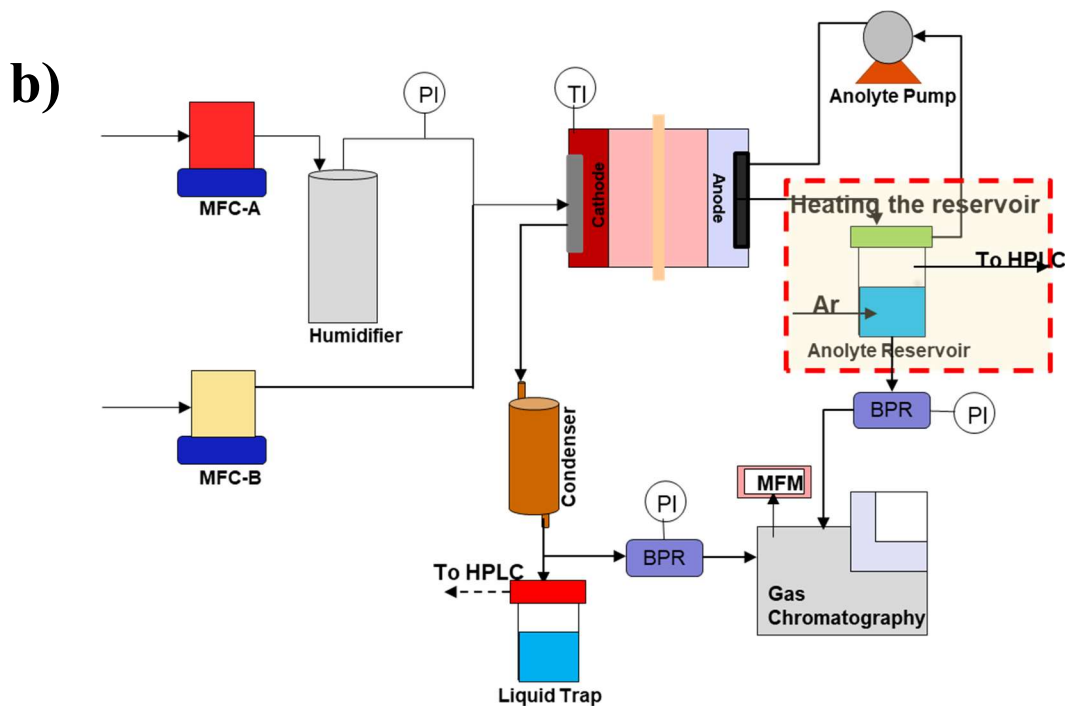
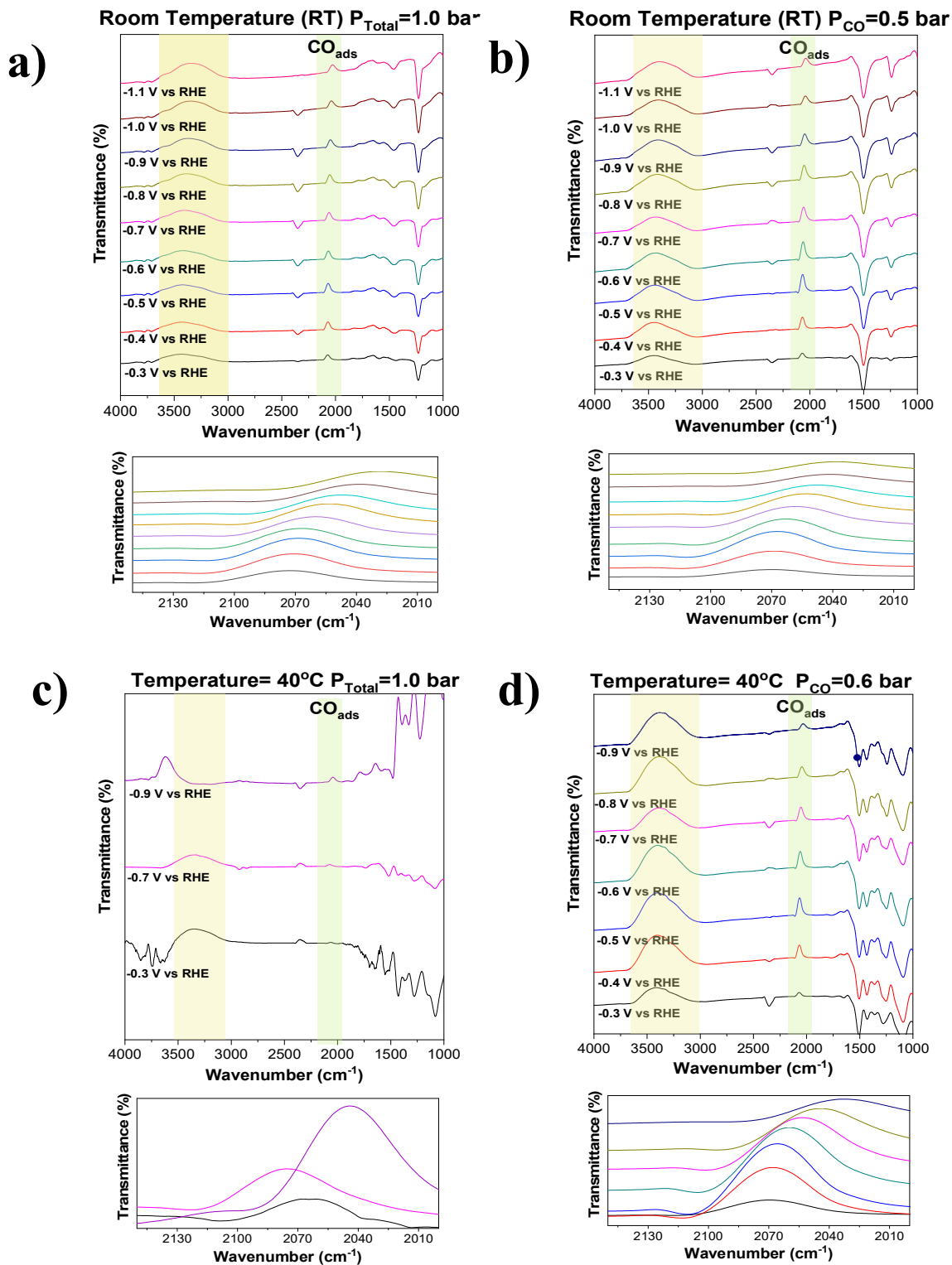
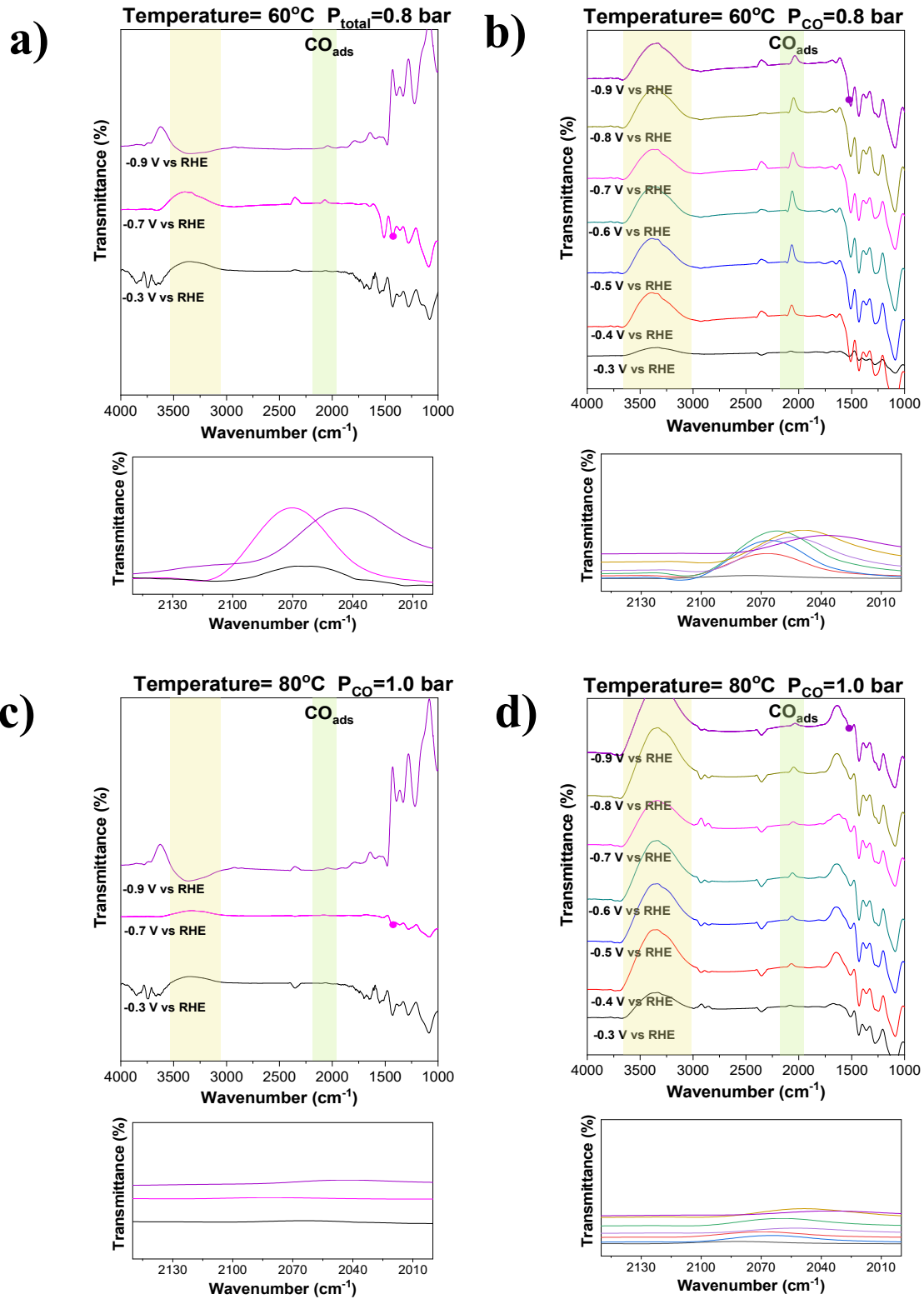


Figure S4. Schematic representation of heating methods a), Heating the EC and b) Anolyte



**Figure S5.** Full ATR-SEIRAS for CO electrolysis at different cathodic potentials at different temperatures and partial pressures a). room temperature b). room temperature and  $P_{\text{CO}}=0.5$  bar c). 40 °C and d). 40 °C and  $P_{\text{CO}}=0.6$  bar



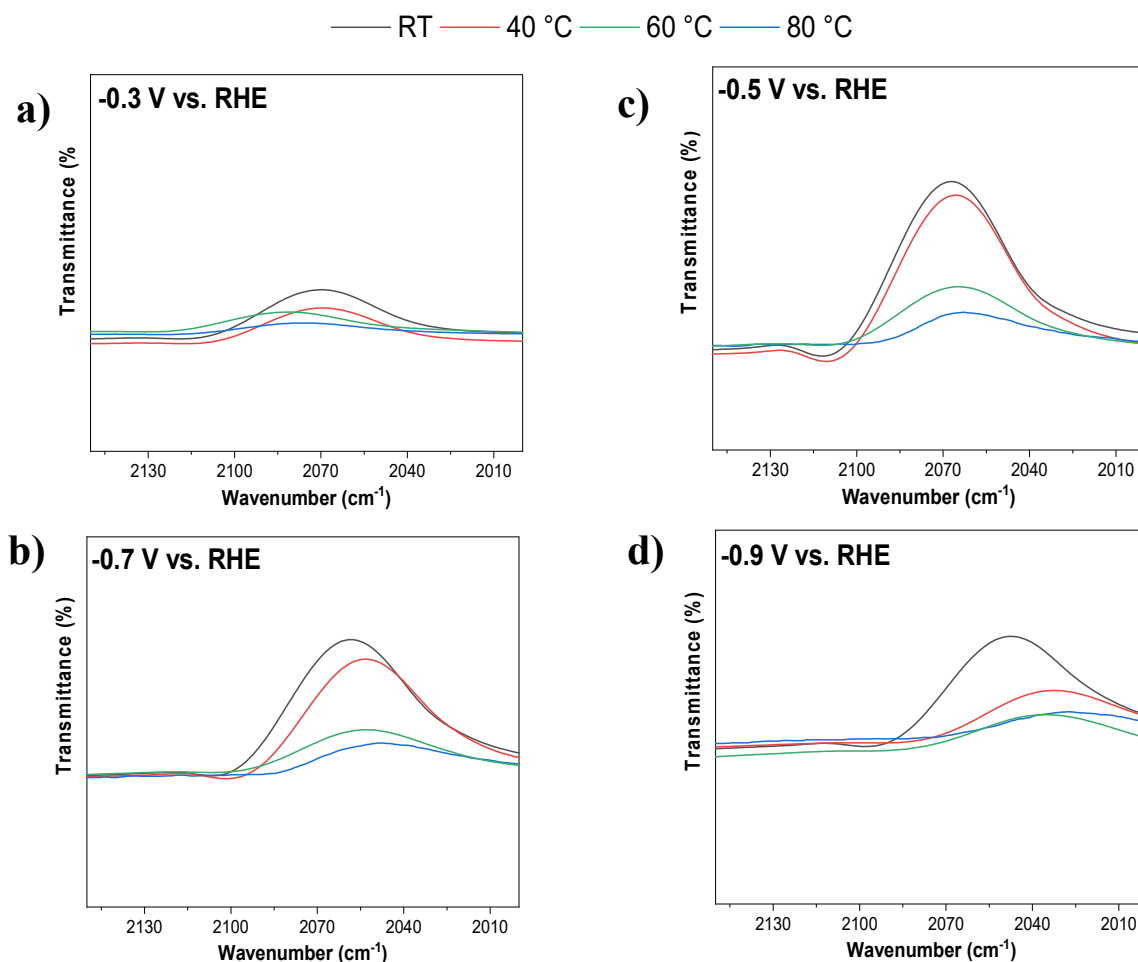
**Figure S6.** Full ATR-SEIRAS for CO electrolysis at different cathodic potentials at different temperatures and partial pressures a). 60 °C b). 60 °C and  $P_{\text{CO}}=0.8$  bar c). 80 °C, and d). 80 °C and  $P_{\text{CO}}=1.0$  bar



## Effect of temperature on CO solubility

Empirical expression for CO concentration in aqueous solutions as the effect of the temperature.<sup>21</sup>

$$c_{CO} \left( \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{kg bar}} \right) = 9.9 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot \exp \left( 1300 \cdot \frac{1}{T[\text{K}]} - \frac{1}{298} \right) \quad (\text{Eq S. 12})$$



**Figure S7.** CO features from ATR-SEIRAS spectra at different temperatures as a function of the cathodic potentials a). -0.3 V b). -0.5 V c) -0.7 V and d). -0.9 V vs. RHE. Value of partial pressure are (0.5 bar for RT, 0.6 bar for 40°C, 0.8 bar for 70°C and 1 bar for 80°C).

## Supplementary Note I

### Estimation of the standard equilibrium potentials

$$\Delta G^0 = -z F E_{cell}^0 \quad (\text{Eq S. 6})$$

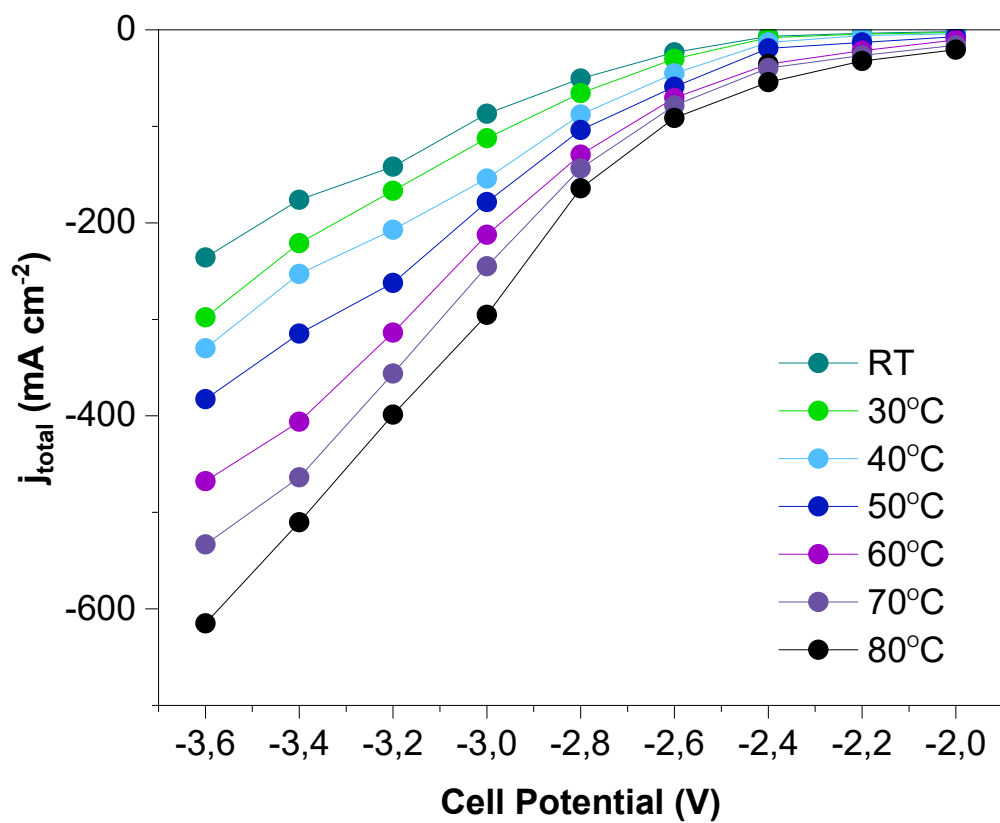
In Equation (Eq S.6),  $z$  corresponds to the moles of electrons,  $F$  the Faraday's constant,  $\Delta G^0$  the Gibbs free energy related to the electrical work and  $E_{cell}^0$  is the standard cell potential. The thermochemistry data for carbon products from CO<sub>2</sub>R can be found from literature<sup>16</sup>

**Table S2.** Thermodynamic data of standard enthalpy and entropy for different CO<sub>2</sub>-derived products

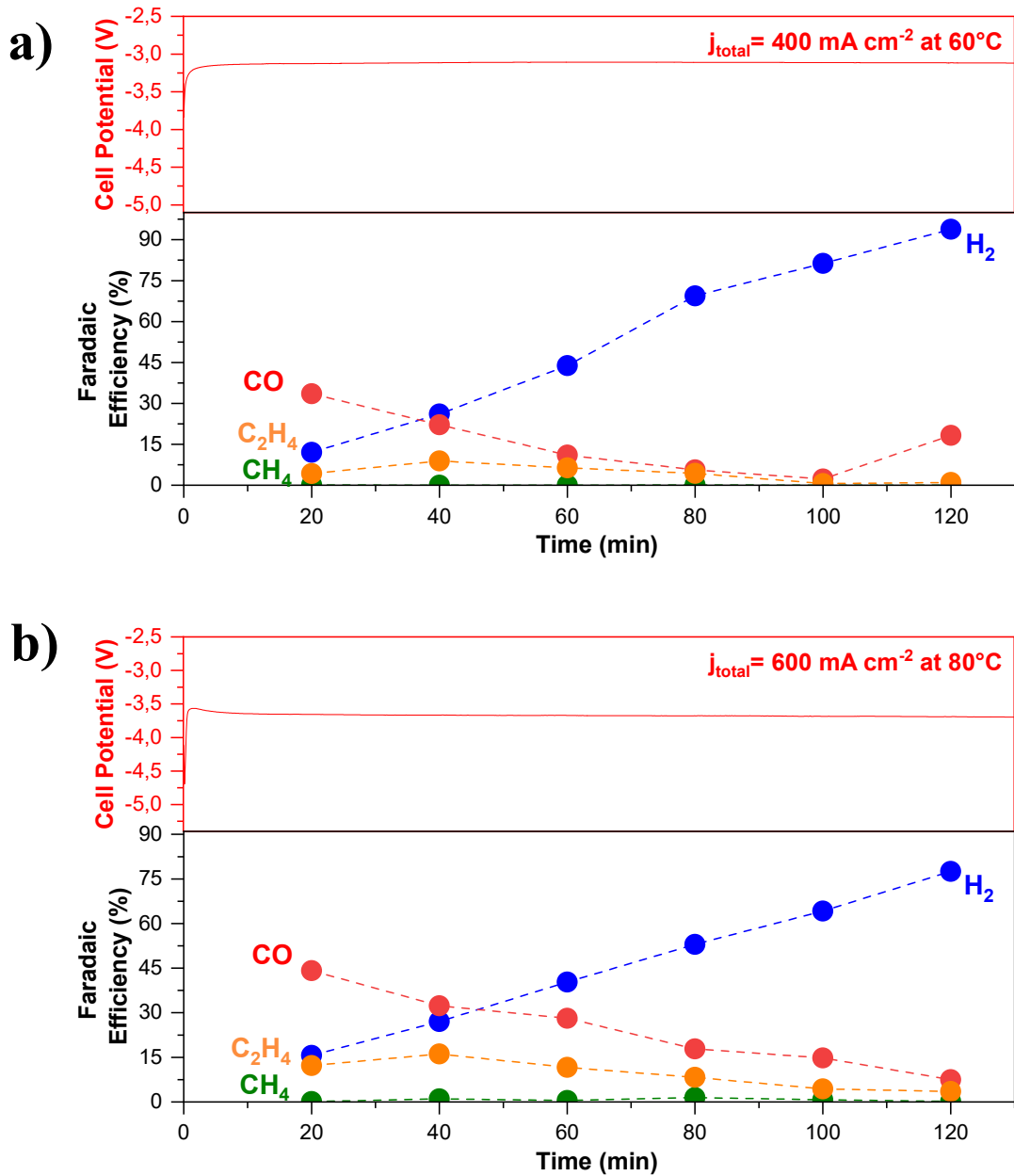
Product (Phase)	E (V vs. RHE)	$z$	$\Delta H^0$ (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$S^0$ (J mol <sup>-1</sup> K <sup>-1</sup> )
CO (g)	-0.10	2	-110.5	197.66
HCOOH (aq)	-0.12	2	-425.5	129
CH <sub>4</sub> (g)	0.17	8	-74.6	186.3
CH <sub>3</sub> COOH (aq)	0.11	8	-483.5	158
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH (l)	0.09	12	-277.7	281.6
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (g)	0.08	12	52.5	219.32
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> OH (l)	0.0	18	-255.22	192.8
H <sub>2</sub> (g)	0	2	0	130.7
H <sub>2</sub> O (l)	-	-	-285.5	69.9
CO <sub>2</sub> (g)	-	-	-393.5	213.57

**Table S3.** Effect of operating temperature in the standard potentials for different CO<sub>2</sub>R products

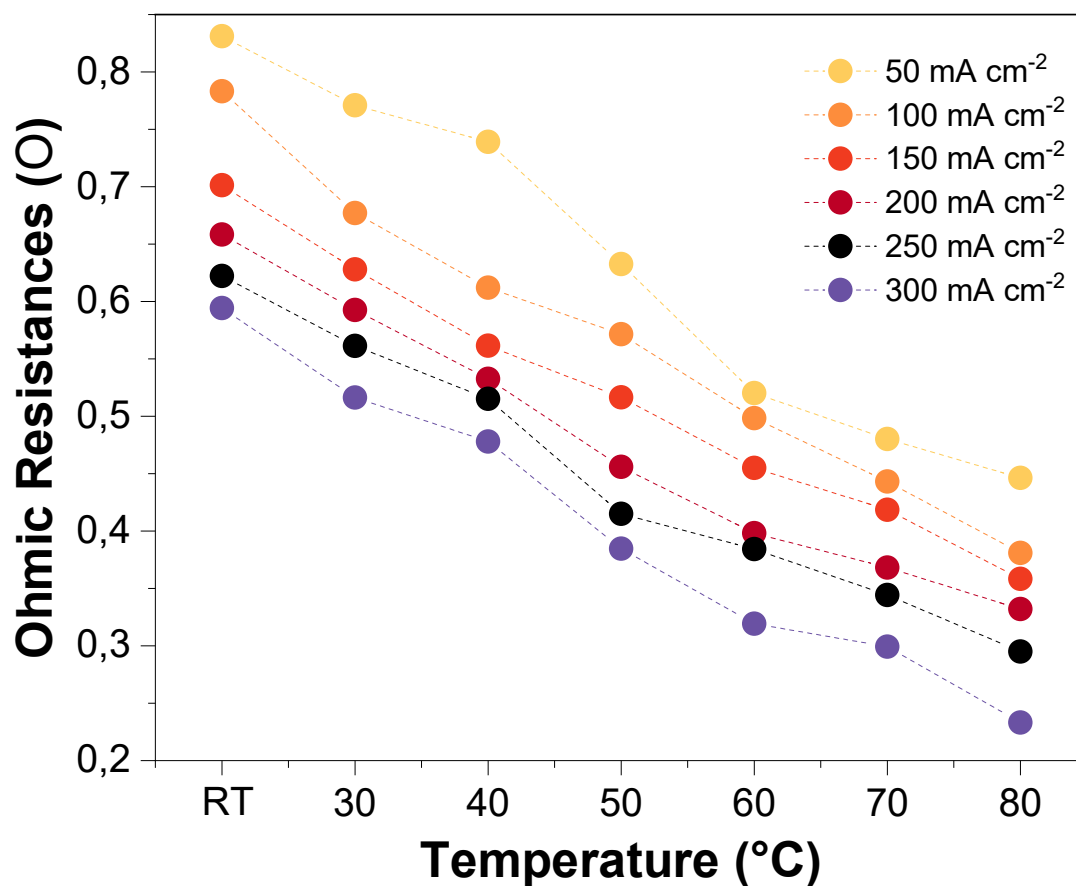
Temperature (°C)	E° CO (V)	E° C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (V)	E° EtOH (V)	E° PrOH (V)	E° CH <sub>4</sub> (V)
20	-0.104	0.081	0.080	0.096	0.171
30	-0.108	0.075	0.074	0.090	0.165
40	-0.112	0.069	0.068	0.083	0.160
50	-0.116	0.062	0.062	0.077	0.155
60	-0.120	0.056	0.056	0.070	0.150
70	-0.123	0.050	0.049	0.063	0.144
80	-0.127	0.044	0.043	0.057	0.139



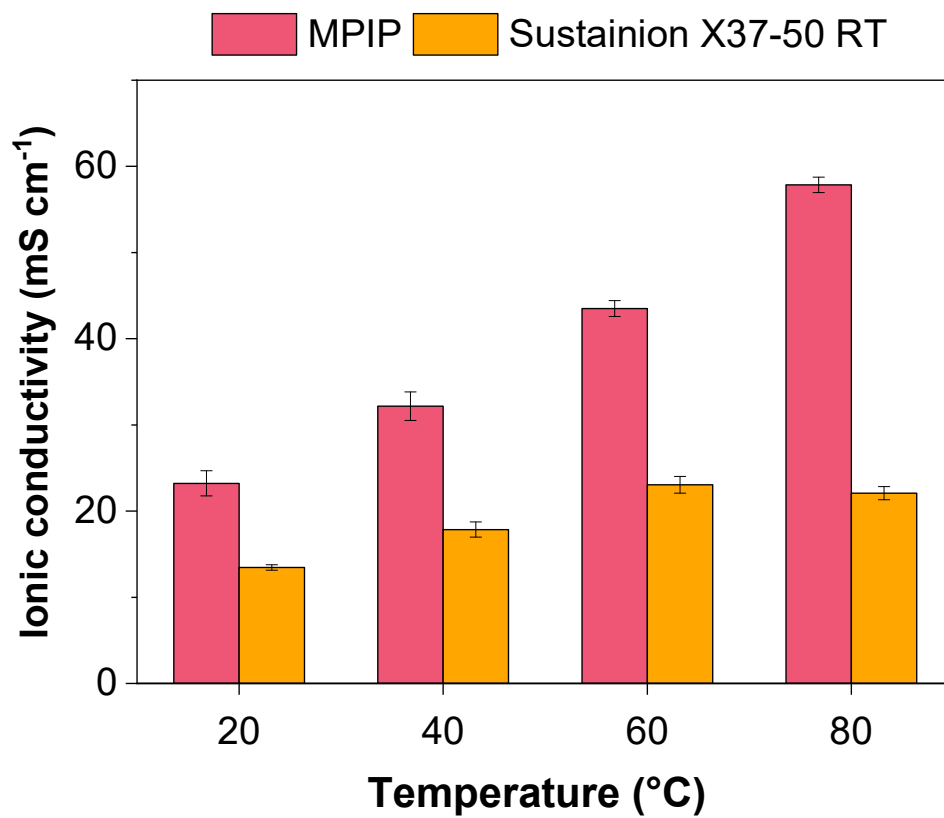
**Figure S8.** Chronoamperometry measurements of CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis at different cell potentials and temperatures in prior experiments. (Experimental conditions: Cu-GDE (Cathode), MPIP-AEM, IO<sub>2</sub> (Anode), O<sub>2</sub> feeding rate 40 sccm, 0.1 M KHCO<sub>3</sub>).



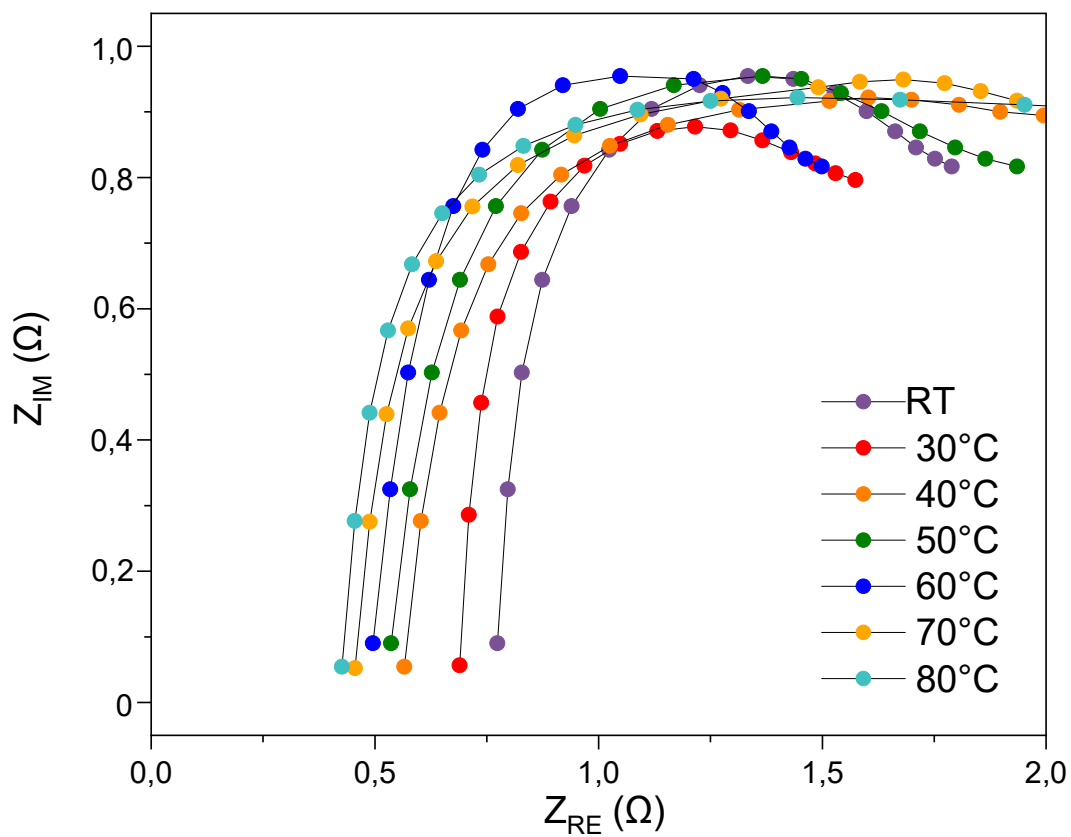
**Figure S9.** Product distribution and CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis experiments at high current densities beyond the limiting current densities a) Performance at  $400 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$  at  $60^\circ\text{C}$  and b)  $600 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$  at  $80^\circ\text{C}$ . (Experimental conditions: Cu-GDE (Cathode), MPIP-AEM, IO<sub>2</sub> (Anode), CO<sub>2</sub> feeding rate 40 sccm, 0.1 M KHCO<sub>3</sub>).



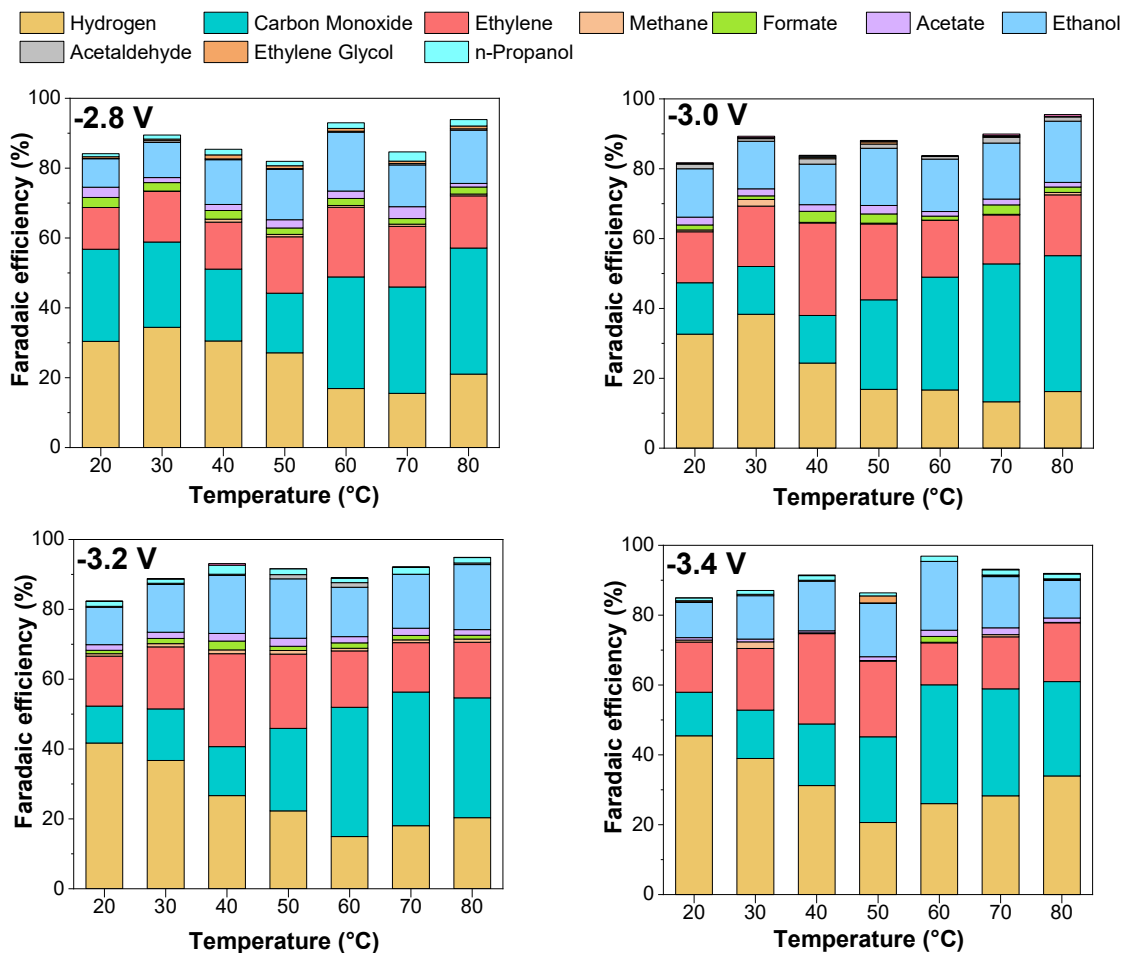
**Figure S10.** Measurements of ohmic resistances at different current densities and temperatures using current interrupt technique. This parameter was measured after the galvanostatic experiments. (Experimental conditions: Cu-GDE (Cathode), MPIP-AEM, IO<sub>2</sub> (Anode), O<sub>2</sub> feeding rate 40 sccm, 0.1 M KHCO<sub>3</sub>).



**Figure S11.** Measurement of the Ionic Conductivity in the HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> for different AEMs (MPIP-AEM and Sustainion X37-50 RT) as a function of temperature.

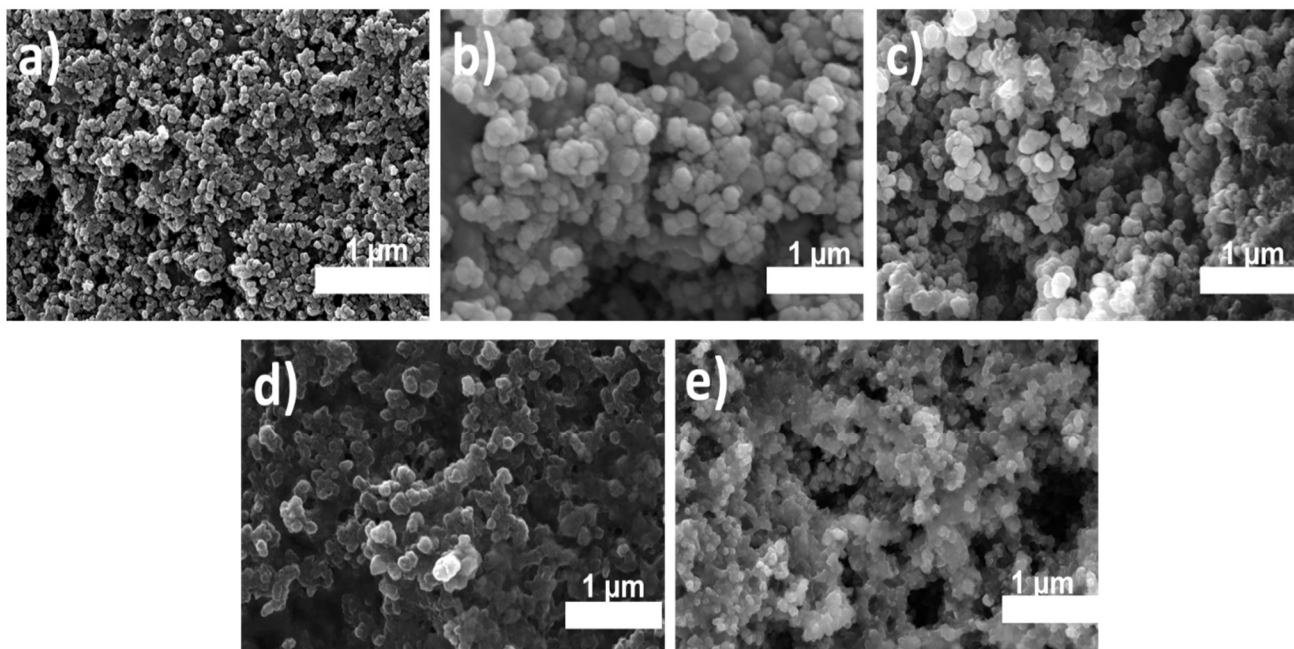


**Figure S12.** Galvano-electro impedance spectroscopy (GEIS) for CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis at different temperatures. (High-frequency region indicates potential variations of the ionic conductivity).

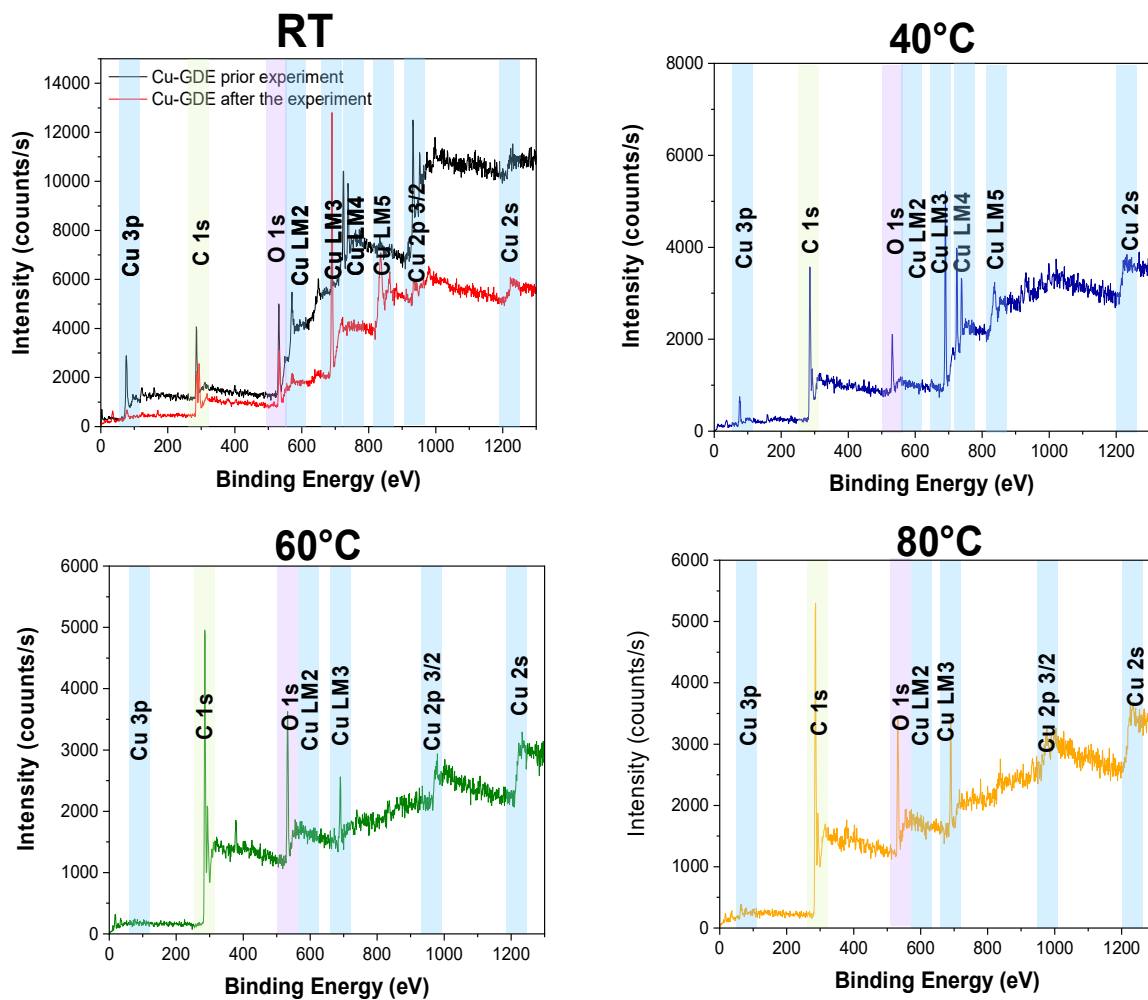


**Figure S13.** Product distribution as an effect of the temperature and cell potential for CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis. (Experimental conditions: Cu-GDE (Cathode), MPIP-AEM, IO<sub>2</sub> (Anode), CO<sub>2</sub> feeding rate 40 sccm, 0.1 M KHCO<sub>3</sub>).





**Figure S14.** SEM images of the Cu-based catalyst a) gas-diffusion layer, Cu-GDEcoated on microporous carbon layers of the SG-39BB GDL at b) RT before electrolysis, c) RT after electrolysis, d) 60 °C before electrolysis and e) 60 °C after electrolysis.

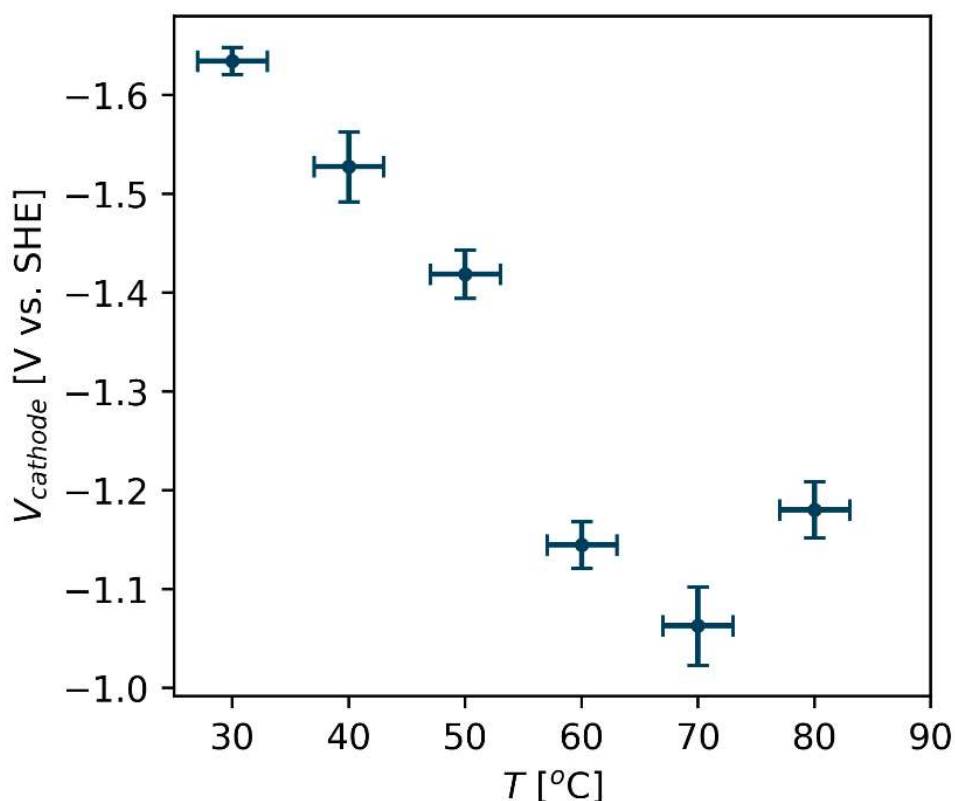


**Figure S15.** XPS pattern data of post-reaction Cu-GDE tested at different operating temperatures. The majority of features correspond to copper, oxygen, and carbon.

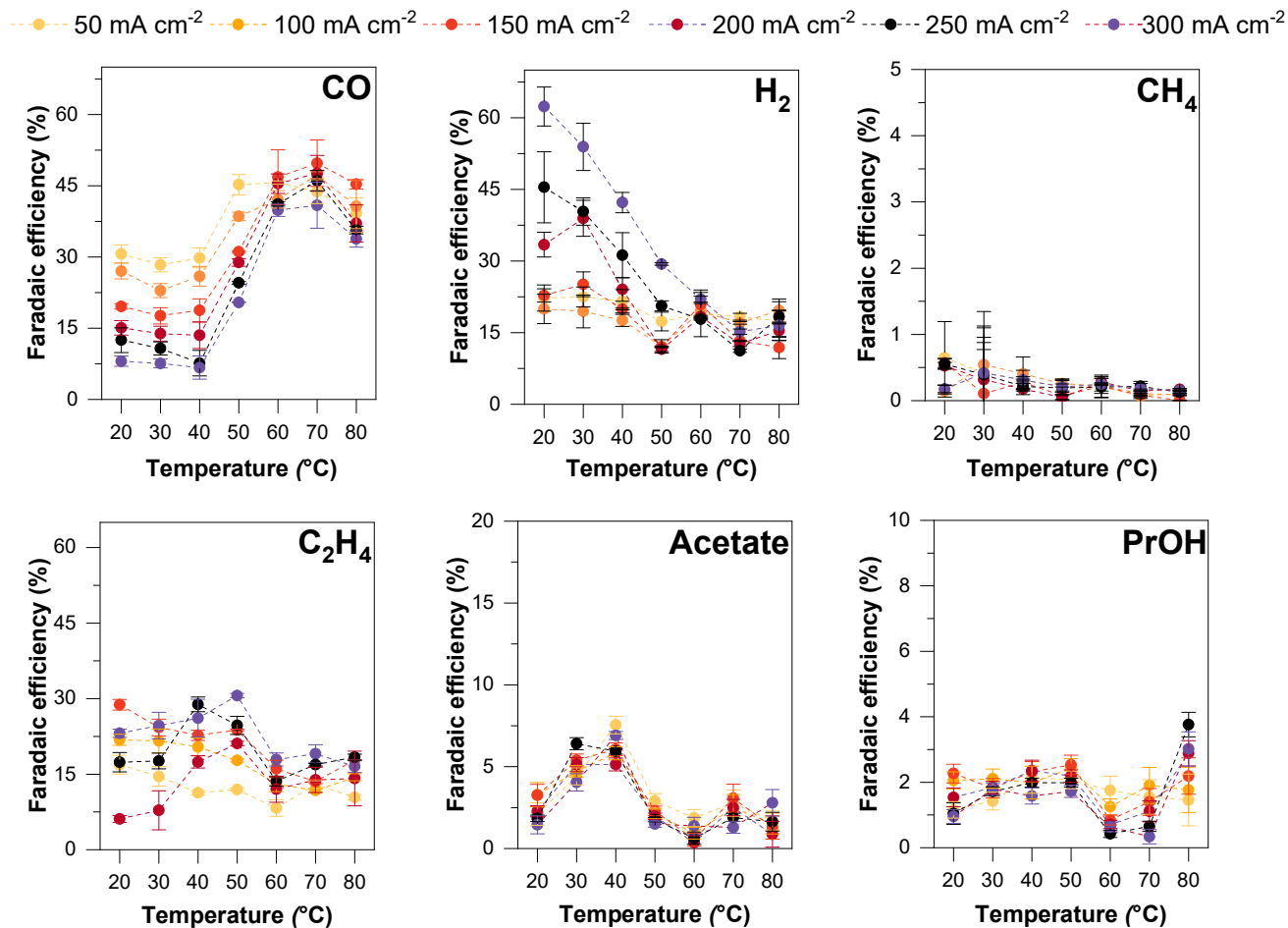
### Experimental conditions for Figure S16

The cathode potential correspondence of the temperature was measured using an extra reference electrode. During assembly the  $1\text{ cm}^2$  electrodes were deliberately misaligned to minimize uncertainties in electrode misalignments.<sup>22</sup> This resulted in a final area of  $0.8\text{ cm}^2$ . A  $3.5\text{ M Ag/AgCl}$  reference electrode was positioned next to the cathode touching the membrane to find the cathode potential via the WE potential. The potential was subtracted by  $0.2\text{ V}$  to convert the potential from  $\text{Ag/AgCl}$  vs SHE scales. The cathode consisted of  $150\text{ nm}$  sputtered  $\text{Cu}$ , the anode was a commercial  $\text{IrO}_2$  on a carbon substrate from Dioxide Materials, the AEM was MPIP, and the electrolyte was  $0.1\text{ M KHCO}_3$ .

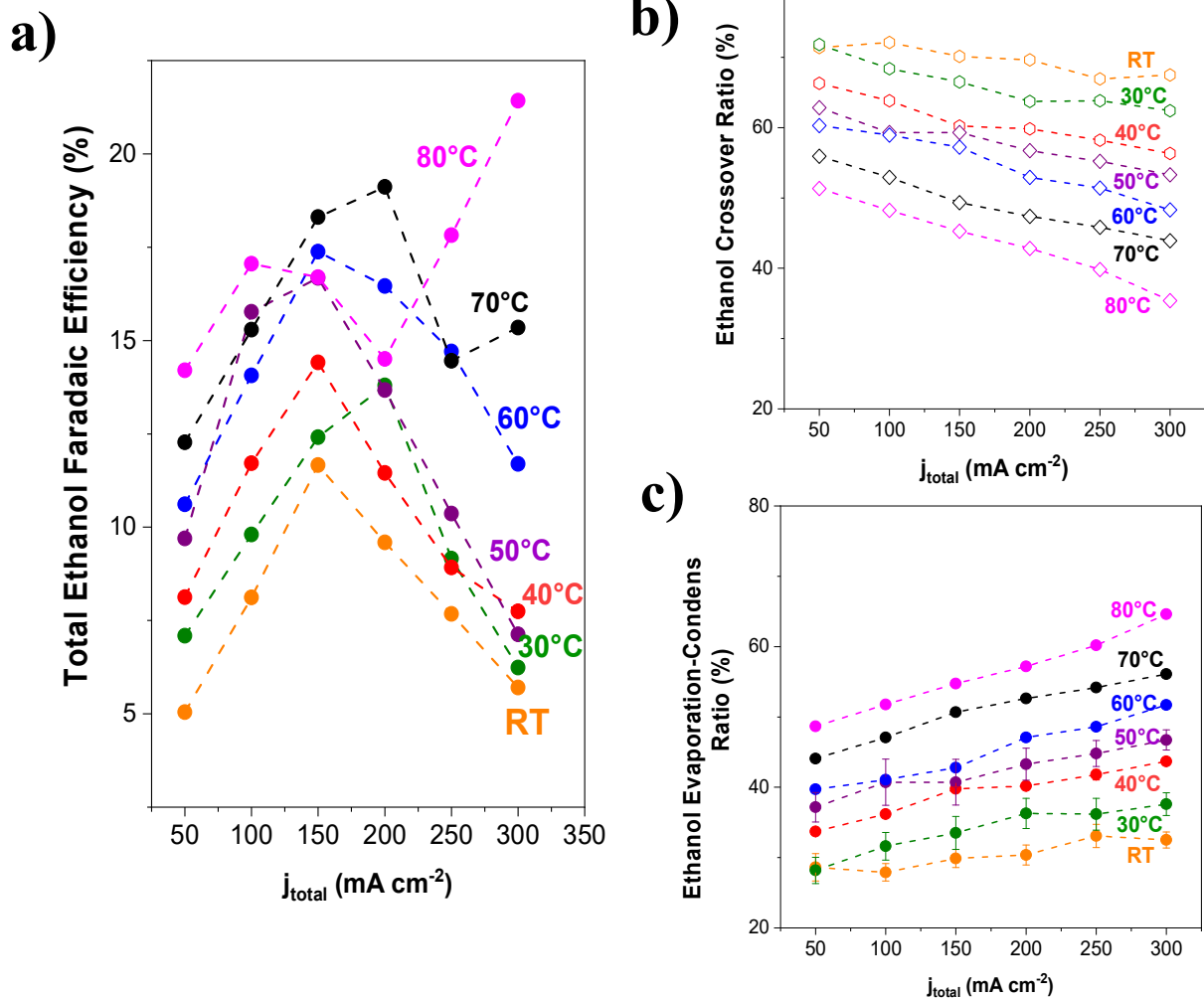
The MEA was situated in an oven, where the temperature could be accurately controlled. A thermocouple was placed inside the cell to accurately monitor the cell temperature during operation. The experiment was performed with 7 temperature steps, with room temperature, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, and  $80\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  in one run. Each temperature was stabilized for 30 min before applying a current density. (As the room temperature was inconsistent, we did not use this point in the Figure.) The current density for every temperature step was  $100\text{ mA}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ .



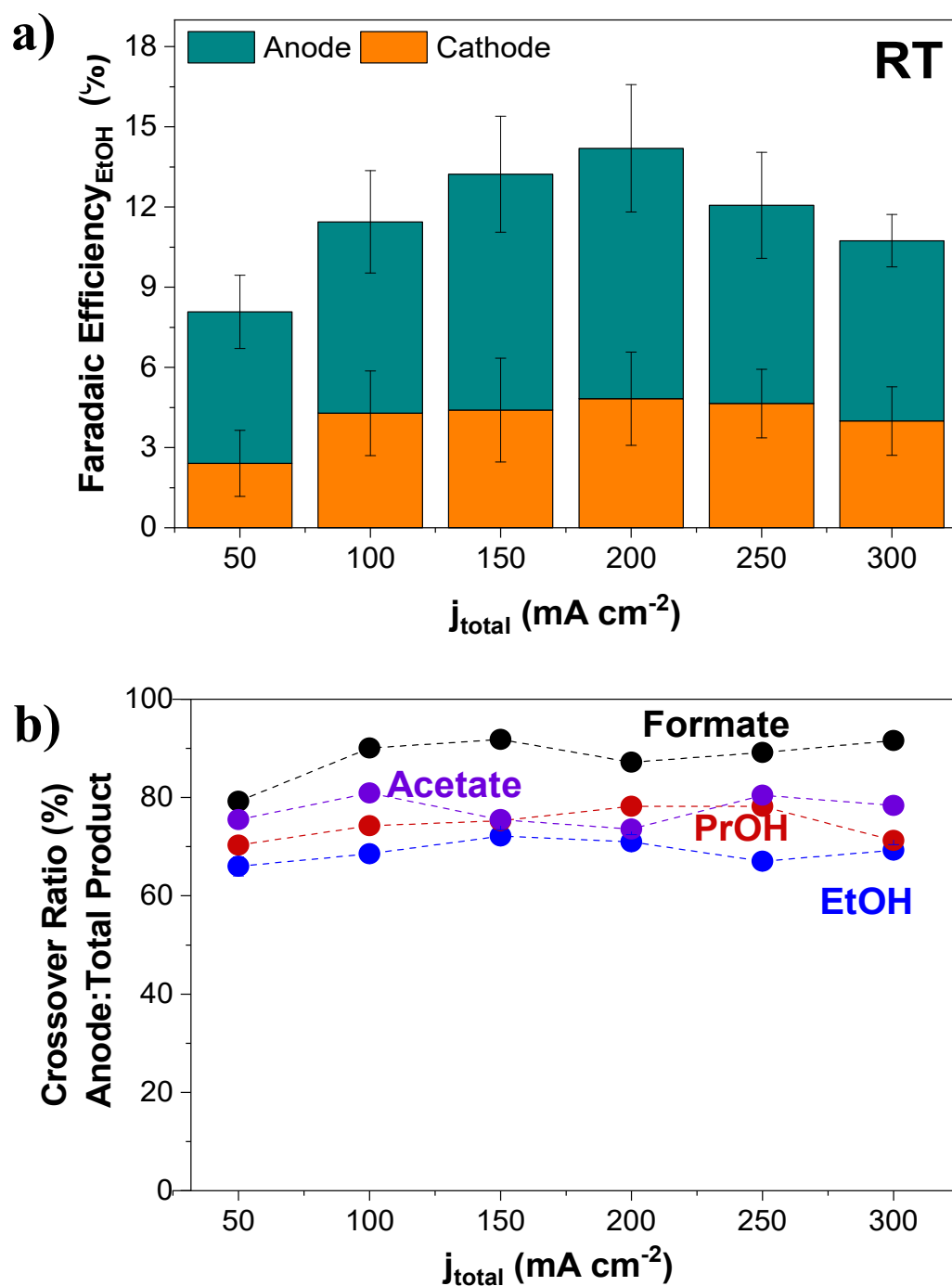
**Figure S16.** Cathodic potential as a function of the operating temperature. These experiments used  $0.1\text{ M KHCO}_3$  and operated at  $100\text{ mA}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$ .



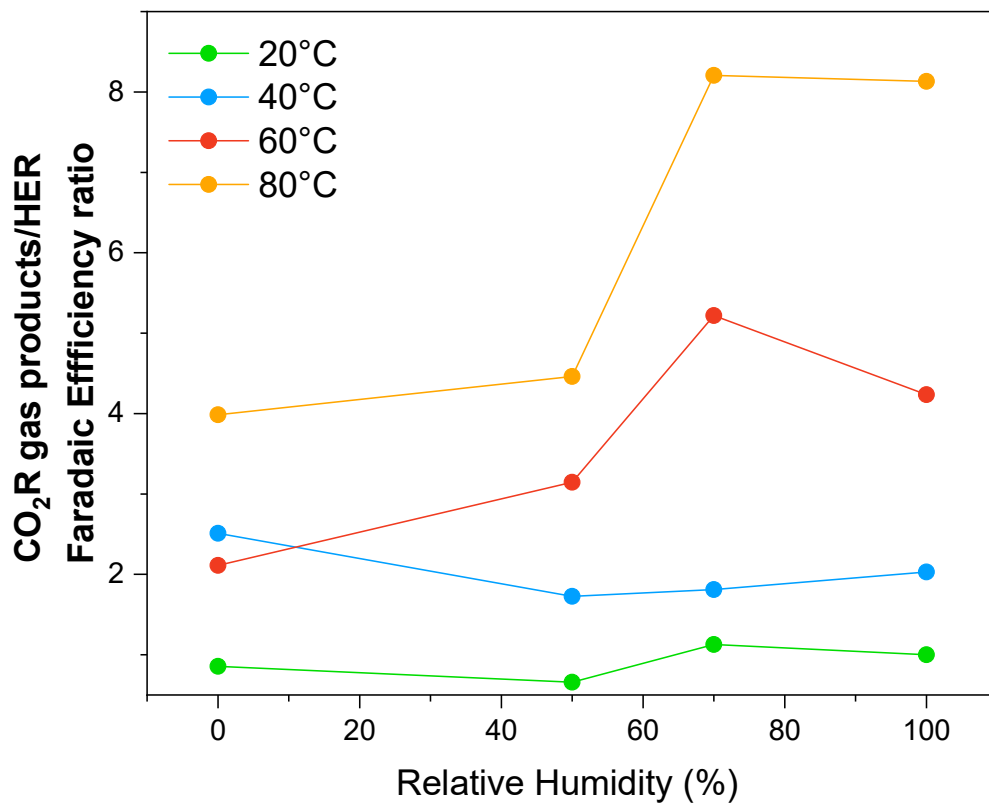
**Figure S17.** Trends of major electrochemical CO<sub>2</sub>-derived products (CO, acetate, n-propanol, ethylene, methane) and HER as function of the total current density and temperature (results linked to Figure 3 of the main manuscript).



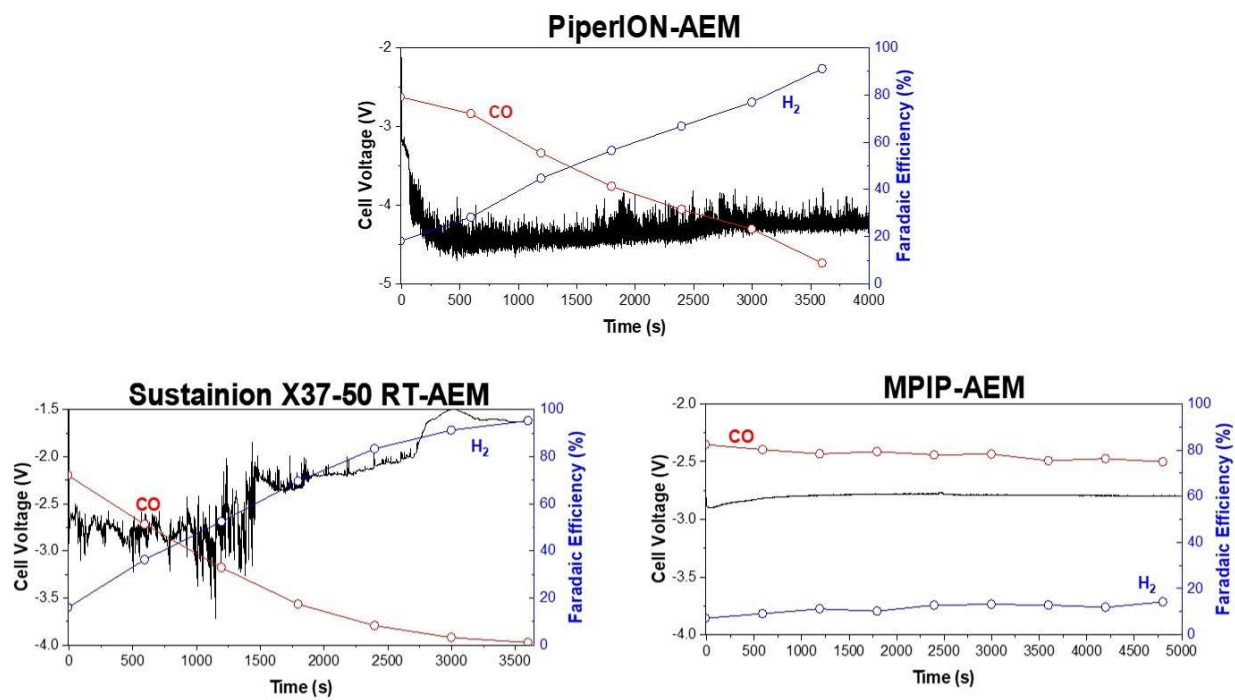
**Figure S18.** a). Effect of temperature in the ethanol selectivity at different total current densities b). Ethanol crossover ratio as a function of the operating temperature and the current density, and c). The evaporation rate of ethanol across the cathode-GDE is a function of the temperature. Experimental conditions: Cu-GDE (Cathode), MPIP-AEM,  $IO_2$  (Anode),  $CO_2$  feeding rate 40 sccm, 0.1 M  $KHCO_3$ . Operating time: 90 min for each measurement).



**Figure S19.** A crossover study of ethanol at room temperature in MEA-based  $\text{CO}_2$  electrolysis a) Ethanol faradaic efficiencies at different current densities and quantification of the product in the cathode and anode compartments. B). Crossover ratio of product detected at the anode vs. total products for main  $\text{CO}_2$ -liquid products (ethanol, n-propanol, acetate, and formate).

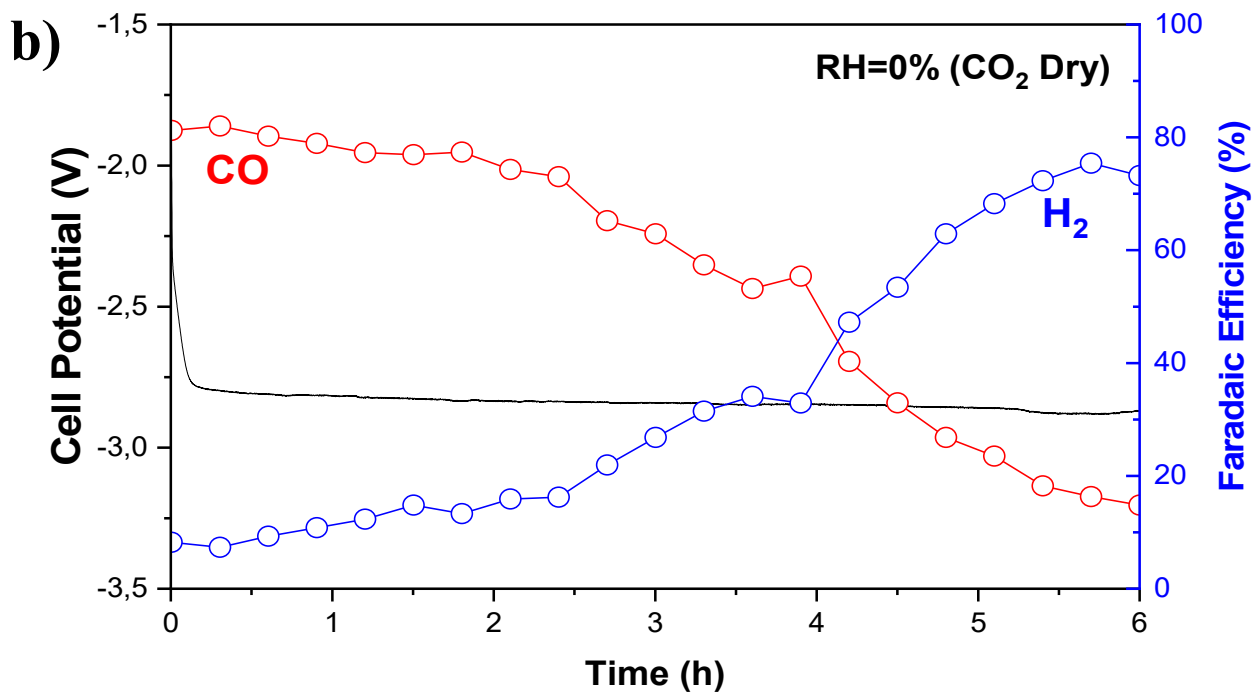
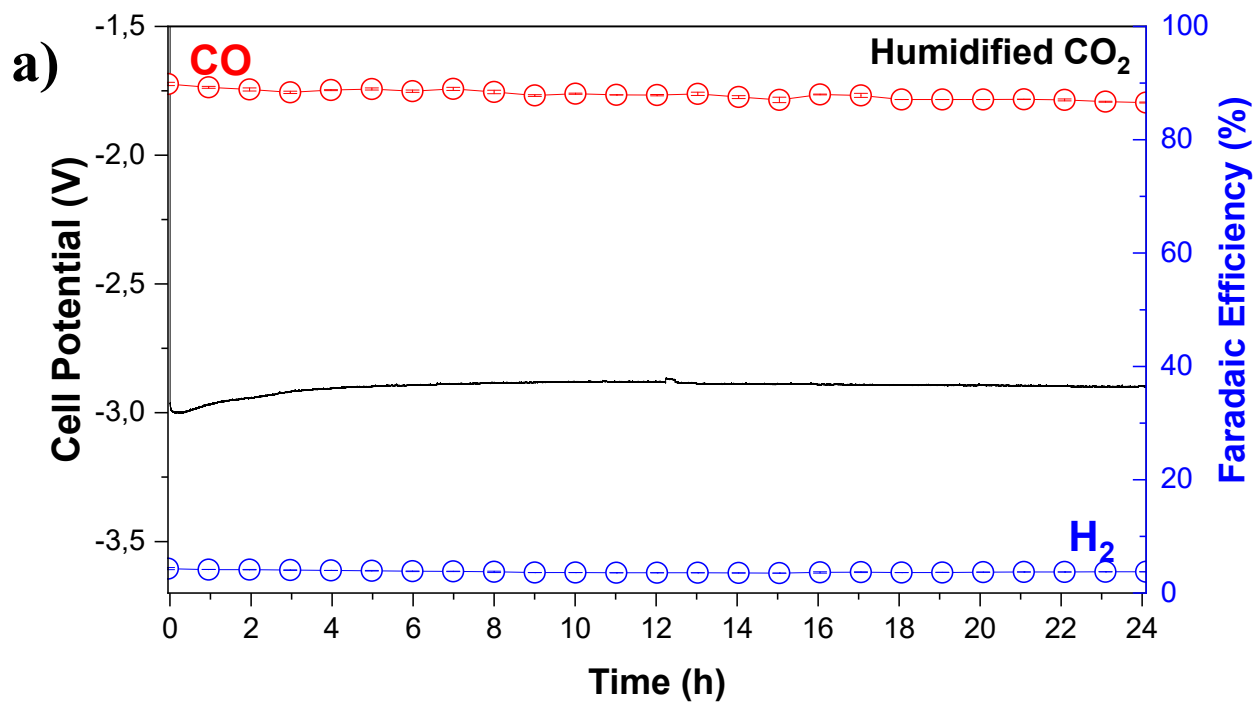


**Figure S20.** Effect of the relative humidity (different humidity in CO<sub>2</sub>-inlet feed) in the product distribution of gas-products for CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis as a function of the temperature. 0% means dry conditions and 100% means fully humidified. Experimental conditions: Cu-GDE (Cathode), MPIP-AEM, IO<sub>2</sub> (Anode), CO<sub>2</sub> feeding rate 40 sccm, 0.1 M KHCO<sub>3</sub>. Operating time: 90 min for each measurement).

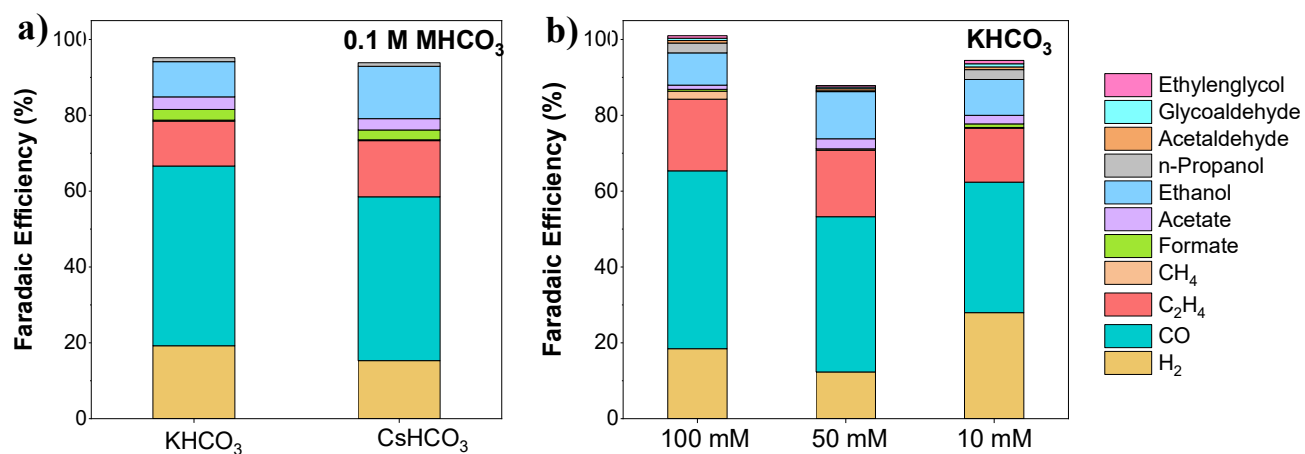


**Figure S21.** Effect of elevated temperature (90 °C) CO<sub>2</sub>-electrolysis performance for different AEMs in the chemical stability over Ag-GDE. (Experimental conditions: Ag-electrocatalyst (Cathode), IrO<sub>2</sub> (Anode), CO<sub>2</sub> feeding rate 40 sccm, 0.1 M KHCO<sub>3</sub>).

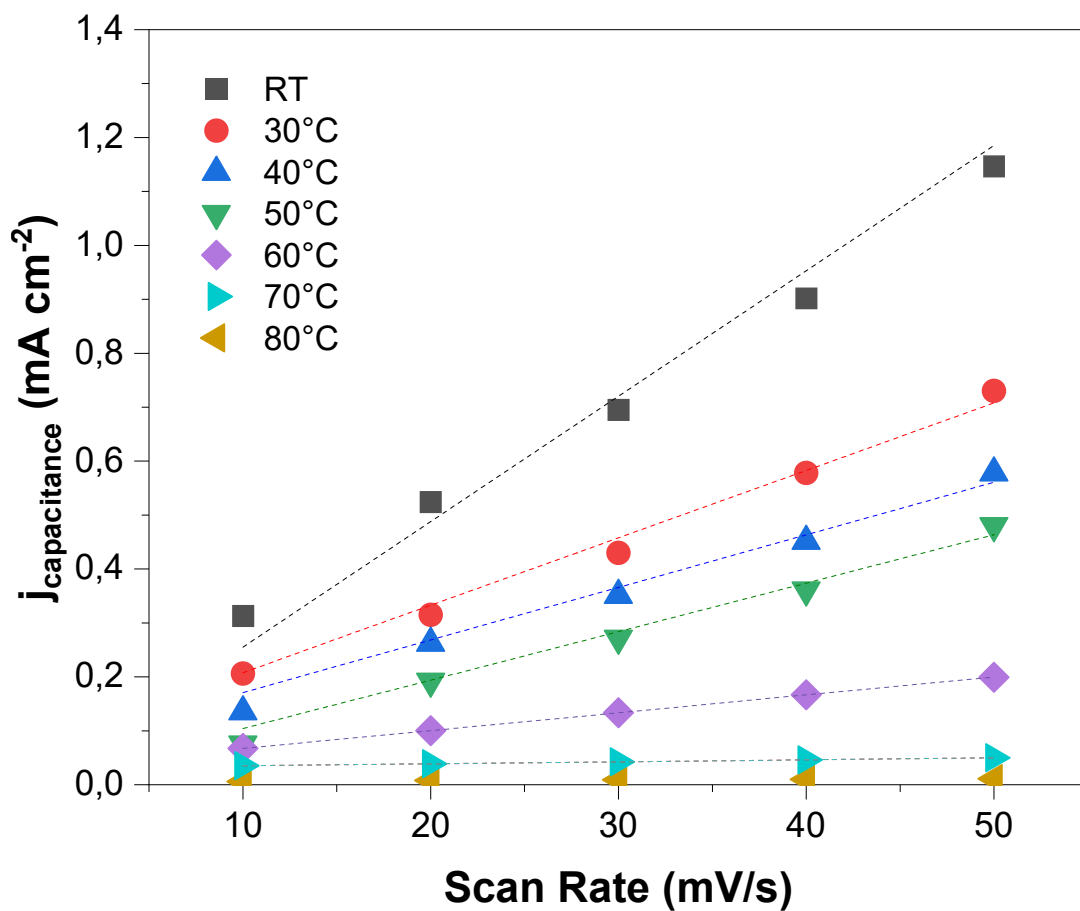




**Figure S22.** Coupled effect of temperature and water content by evaluating the effect of humidified CO<sub>2</sub> inlet vs. dry CO<sub>2</sub> in long-term CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis at 80 °C using a Ag-GDE a). Humidified CO<sub>2</sub>, and b). Dry CO<sub>2</sub>



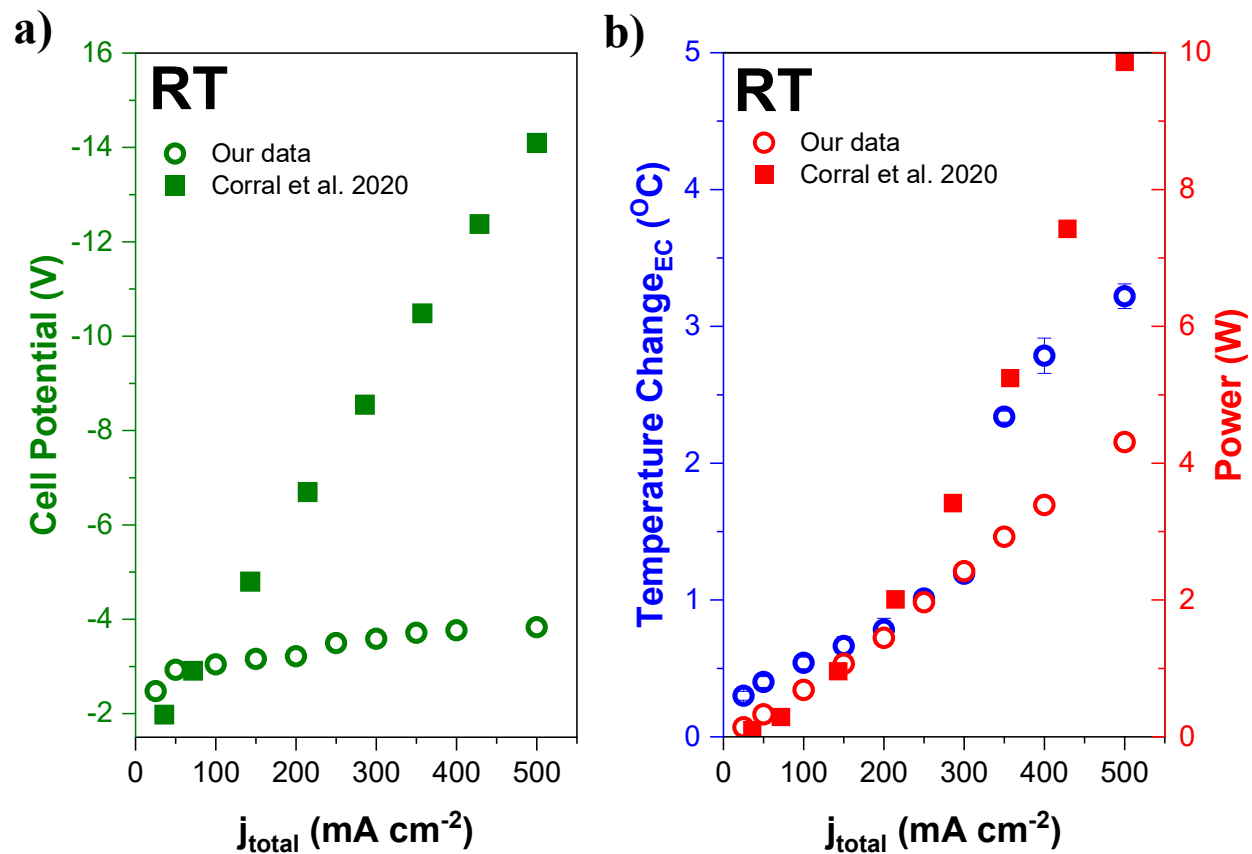
**Figure S23.** Study of the effect of the electrolyte at elevated temperatures (60°C). a). Effect of the cation in the anolyte at 0.1 M. b). Effect of the electrolyte concentration for KHCO<sub>3</sub>-electrolyte solutions. Experimental conditions: Cu-GDE (Cathode), MPIP-AEM, IO<sub>2</sub> (Anode), CO<sub>2</sub> feeding rate 40 sccm).



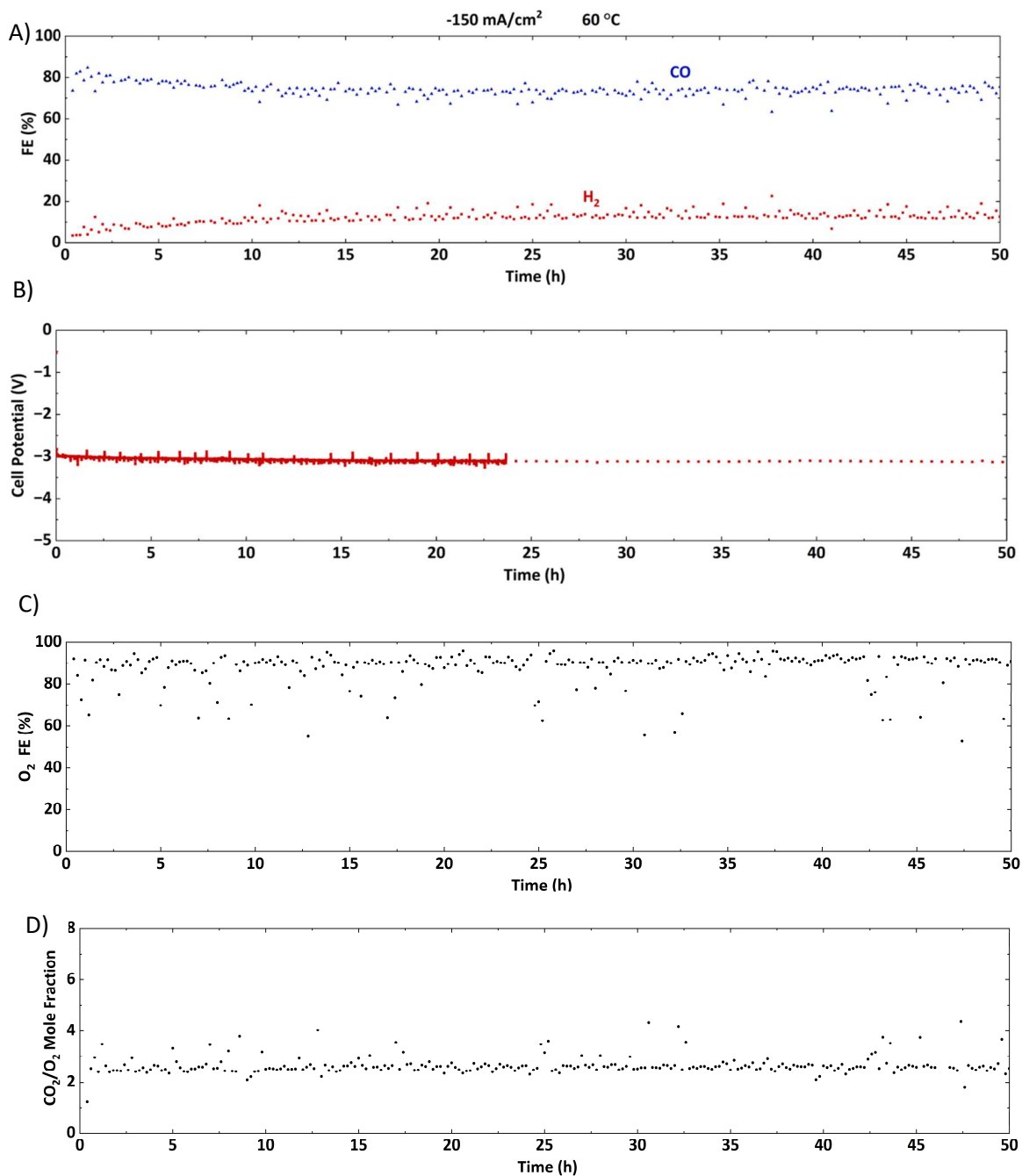
**Figure S24.** Electrochemical capacitance measurements after CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis at different temperatures. The potential was cycled in between 0.1 and 0.35 V VS RHE at different scan rates.

**Table S4.** Measurements of the double-layer capacitance after CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis at 200 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>

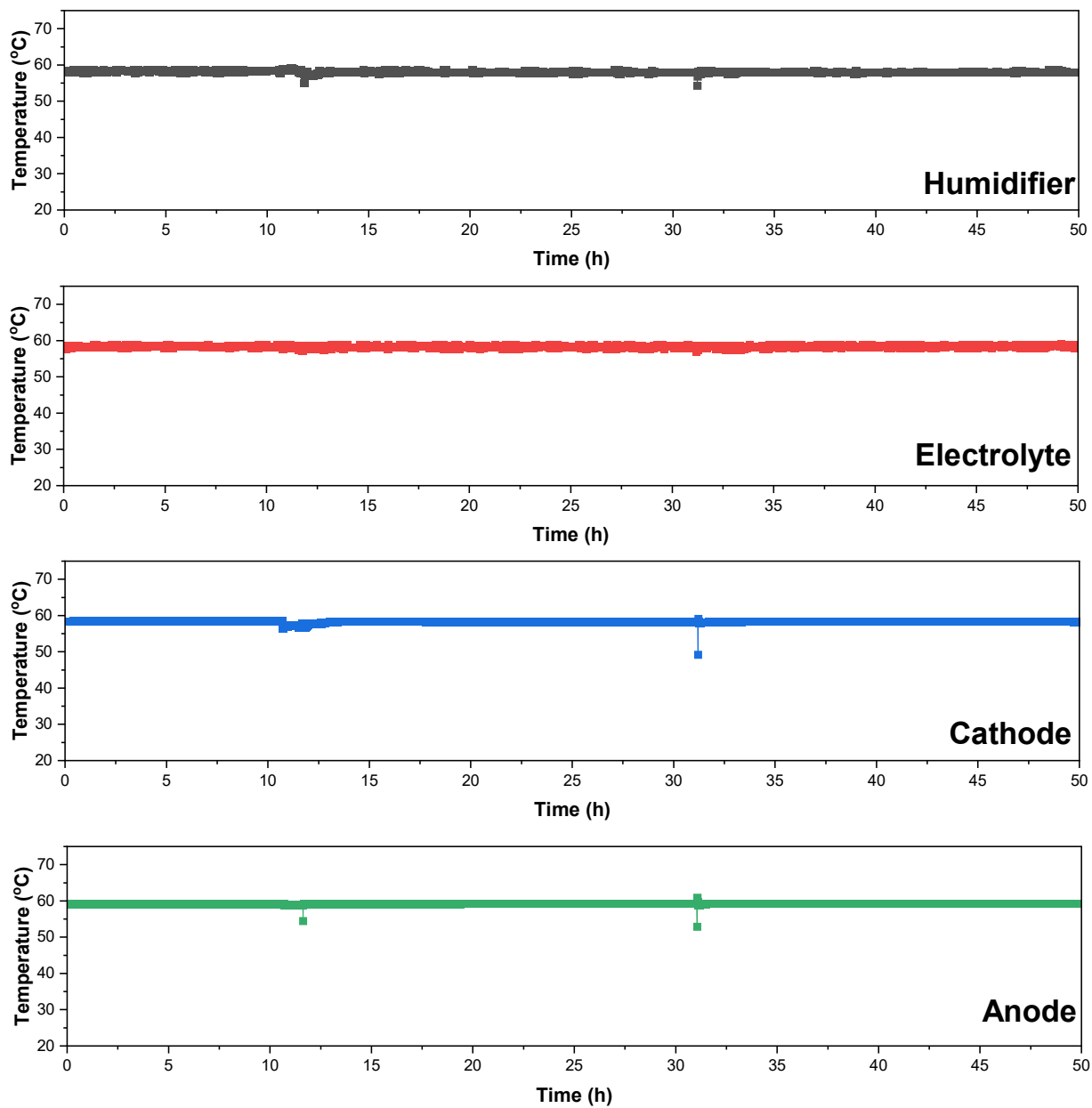
Temperature (°C)	DLC (mF cm <sup>-2</sup> )
20	2.05
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50	0.98
60	0.64
70	0.56
80	0.53



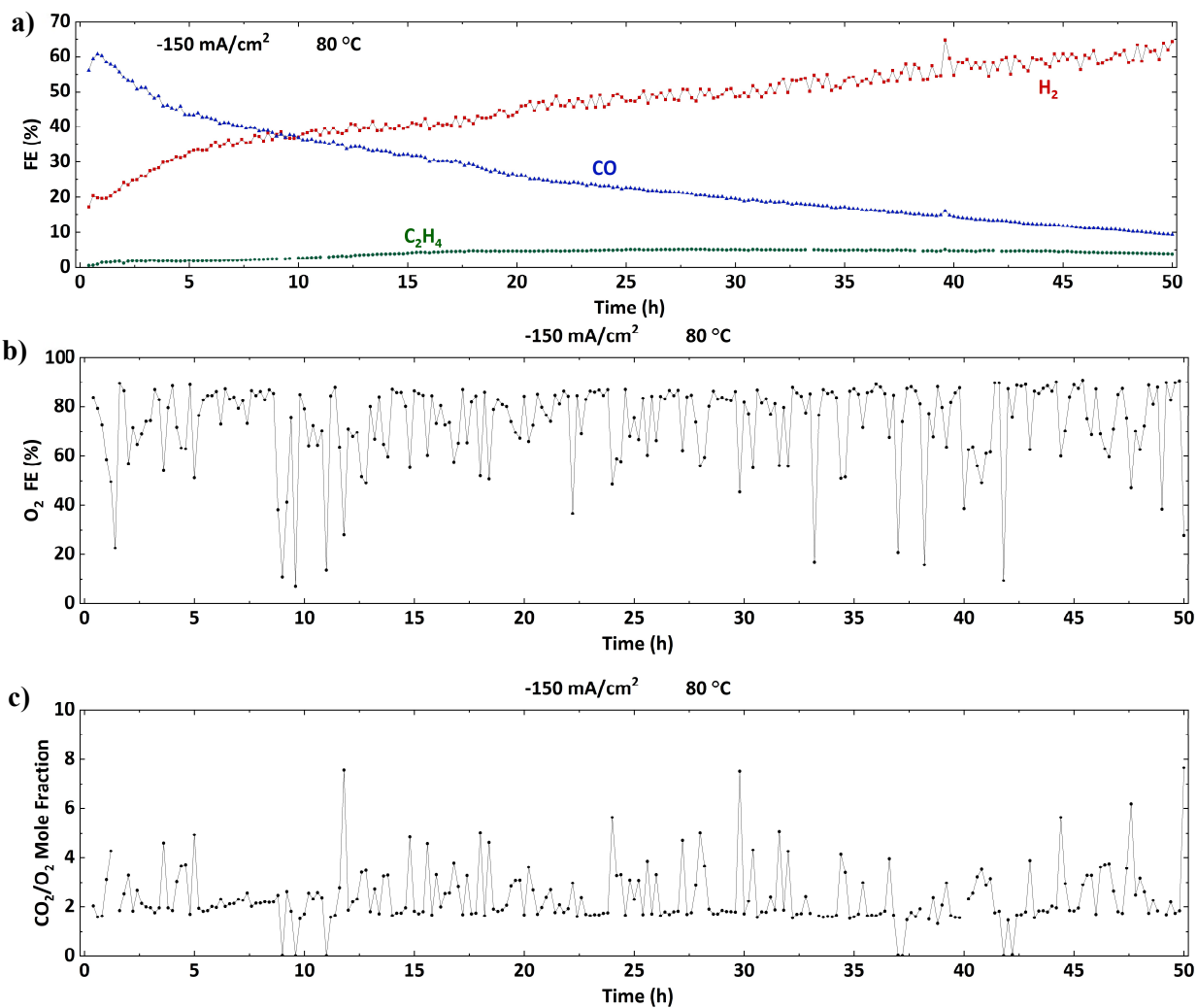
**Figure S25.** a). Cell potential as a function of total current density for  $\text{CO}_2$  electrolysis b). measurements of the temperature change due to the resistive heating at room temperature at different current densities. (Experimental conditions: Cu-GDE (Cathode), MPIP-AEM,  $\text{IO}_2$  (Anode),  $\text{CO}$  feeding rate 20 sccm, 0.1 M  $\text{KHCO}_3$ ) . The authors requested data from Corral et al. for a detailed data comparison between approaches.



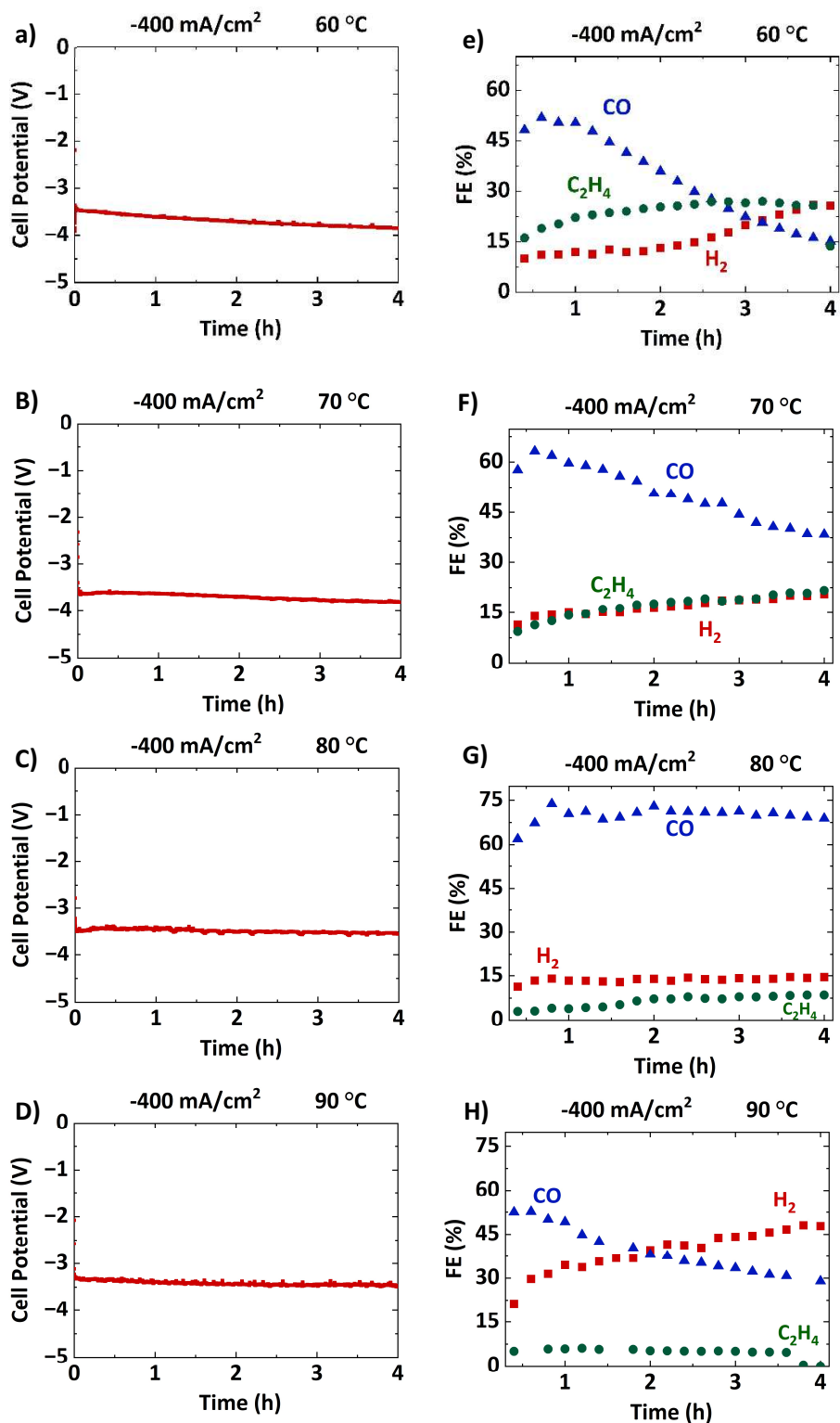
**Figure S26.** Effect of elevated temperature (60 °C) on CO<sub>2</sub>-electrolysis performance with Ag-GDE. A) Cathode Faradaic efficiency, B) Potential, C) Anodic Faradaic efficiency, D) CO<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> ratio on the anode. (Experimental conditions: Ag-electrocatalyst (Cathode), IrO<sub>2</sub> (Anode), CO<sub>2</sub> feeding rate 40 sccm, 0.1 M KHCO<sub>3</sub>)



**Figure S27.** Temperature profile for the long-term experiment (Figure 8 of the main manuscript) for different reaction components (humidifier, electrolyte, and electrochemical cell).



**Figures S28:** 50 hour CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis stability test at 80 °C. A) Cathodic gas product selectivity. B) Oxygen evolution Faradaic efficiency. C) CO<sub>2</sub>:O<sub>2</sub> ratio on the anode. Operating parameters were sputtered Cu cathode, MPIP membrane, IrO<sub>2</sub> on carbon anode. The cathode was humidified and the electrolyte was 0.1M KHCO<sub>3</sub>.



**Figures S29:** CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis tests with Cu at 400 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>. A-D) Cell potentials at various temperatures as a function of time. E-H) Gas product selectivity as a function of time. Operating parameters were sputtered Cu cathode, MPIP membrane, IrO<sub>2</sub> on carbon anode. The cathode was humidified and the electrolyte was 0.1M KHCO<sub>3</sub>.



## Supplementary Note III

Overall balance and influence of temperature in CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis using MEA approach.<sup>22</sup> We highlighted the direct parameters, mechanisms, or equations that involve temperature on it.

### Cathode Gas Channel

Overall Mass Balance:  $\nabla(\rho u) = 0$

Component Mass Balance (Flux per species):  $\nabla n_i = 0$   $i = CO_2, H_2, C_2H_4, H_2, H_2O$

Multicomponent Flux:  $n_i = -\rho w_i \sum_{j=1}^n D_{ij}(T) \left[ \frac{M_g}{M_j} \left( \nabla w_j + w_j \frac{\nabla M_g}{M_g} \right) + (x_j - w_j) \frac{\nabla p}{p} \right] + \rho u w_i$

Molar mass of gas mixture:  $M_g = x_{CO_2} M_{CO_2} + x_{CO} M_{CO} + x_{C_2H_4} M_{C_2H_4} + x_{H_2O} M_{H_2O} + x_{H_2} M_{H_2}$

Fuller Diffusion Coefficient:  $D_{ij} = \frac{0.0101325 \cdot T^{1.75} \left( \frac{1}{M_i} + \frac{1}{M_j} \right)^{0.5}}{p \left( v_i^{1/3} + v_j^{1/3} \right)}$

Mass Fraction:  $w_{CO_2} + w_{CO} + w_{C_2H_4} + w_{H_2} + w_{H_2O} = 1$

### Gas and liquid-water transport in the GDL and CL (Porous Media)

Overall Mass Balance:  $\nabla(\rho u) = Q$

Mass Source Term (Q):  $Q = R_{CO_2} + R_{CO} + R_{H_2} + R_{H_2O}$

The mass-average velocity field of phase (Darcy's Law):  $u_p = -\frac{k}{\mu} \nabla p$

Permeability (On the GDL using Tomadakis-Sotirchos model):  $k = \frac{\varepsilon}{8 (\ln \varepsilon)^2} \frac{(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_p)^{\alpha+2} r_f^2}{\varepsilon (1 - \varepsilon_p)^\alpha [(\alpha+1)(\varepsilon - \varepsilon_p)]^2}$

Component Mass Balance:  $\nabla n_i = R_i = R_{CT,i} + R_{B,i} + R_{PT,i}$   $i = CO_2, H_2, C_2H_4, H_2, H_2O$

Molar Flux (from the mass flux):  $n_i = -\rho w_i \sum_{j=1}^N D_{ij}^{eff} \left[ \frac{M_g}{M_j} \left( \nabla w_j + w_j \frac{\nabla M_g}{M_g} \right) + (x_i - w_j) \frac{\nabla p}{p} \right] + \rho u w_i$

Effective gas diffusivity (Bruggeman correction):  $D_{ij}^{eff} = \varepsilon^{1.5} D_{ij}$

Mole Fraction:  $\sum x_i = 1$   $x_i = \frac{w_i M_g}{M_i}$

### Charge transfer reaction in CL (RCT)

Charge conservation:  $\nabla i = 0$

Current Density (Ohm's law):  $i = -\sigma_{GDL} \nabla \phi_s$

Overpotential:  $\eta_k = (\phi_s - \phi_L) - \left( U_k^0 - \frac{2.303RT}{F} \right) pH$

Reaction Rate Charge transfer:  $R_{CT,i} = -M_i \sum_k \frac{s_i k a_{v,i} i_k}{zF}$

Charge transfer reactions per species:  $i_k = -i_{0,k} \left( \frac{c_j}{c_j^{ref}} \right)^{\gamma_k} \exp \left( \frac{-\alpha_{c,k} F}{RT} \eta_k \right)$

Exchange current density:  $i_{0,k} = A_K \exp \left( -\frac{E_{a,k}}{RT} \right)$

Current Source Terms associated with solid phase:  $S_s = (-\sigma_{CL,s} \nabla \phi_s) = -a_i i_i$

Current Source Terms associated with the liquid phase:  $S_l = (-\sigma_{CL,l} \nabla \phi_l) = a_i i_i$

### Electrolyte

Current Density (Ohm's law):  $i = -\sigma_{electrolyte} \nabla \phi_l$

### Ionomer/membrane

Water flux:  $n_w = -\alpha_w^{eff} \nabla \mu_w + \sum_j \epsilon_j^{eff} n_j$

Electro-osmotic coefficient:  $\sum_j \epsilon_j^{eff} n_j = \epsilon_j^{eff} \frac{i_L}{F}$

Water activity:  $a_w = \frac{p_w}{p_w^{vap}}$

Water mole fraction in the Ionomer:  $x_w = \frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}$

Water volume fraction in the Ionomer:  $\beta_L = \frac{\lambda V_W}{\lambda V_W + \left( \frac{1}{IEC \rho_M} \right)}$

**Chemical Potential Water:**  $\mu_w = RT \ln(a_w) + \beta_L * (p_{L,M} - p^{ref})$

**Concentration CO<sub>2</sub> at the CL/ionomer interface:**  $c_{CO_2}^G = H_{CO_2}(T) p_G y_{CO_2}$

Equilibrium water Liquid/vapor CL/ionomer interface:  $c_w^G = c_M \lambda \quad w_w = \frac{p_{sat} M_w}{p M_g}$

Donnan Potential (potential difference membrane/electrolyte) interface:  $\Delta\phi_D = \phi_l^M - \phi_l^E$

Equilibrium species between Ionomer and electrolyte:  $c_i^M = c_i^E \left( -\frac{z_i^E}{RT} \Delta\phi_D \right)$

Molar Flux other liquid species:  $n_{j \neq w} = -D_j^{eff} \nabla c_j - \frac{z_j^E}{RT} D_j^{eff} c_j \nabla \phi_L$

Electroneutrality:  $\sum_j z_j c_j = 0$

**Bulk reactions (homogeneous reactions R<sub>B,i</sub>)**

Reaction rate due to homogeneous reactions:  $R_{B,i} = M_i \sum s_{i,n} \left( k_n \prod s_{i,n} c_i^{-s_{i,n}} - \frac{k_n}{K_n} \prod s_{i,n} c_i^{s_{i,n}} \right)$

**Equilibrium constants (Van't Hoff equations):**  $K_n = \exp\left(\frac{\Delta S_n}{R}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta H_n}{RT}\right)$

**Phase transfer (rate of mass transfer between phases of CO<sub>2</sub>, water, and liquid products) R<sub>PT,i</sub>**

Phase transfer of CO<sub>2</sub> and liquid products:  $R_{PT,i,L} (CL) = a_s k_{MT,i} (c_i^{eq} - c_i)$

**Phase transfer of water into the Ionomer:**  $R_{PT,w,ionomer} = a_s K_{MT} \left( \frac{RH}{100} - a_w \right) + \frac{a_s k_{MT,L}}{RT} (p_L - p_{L,M})$

Relative humidity of the Gas-phase:  $R_H = \frac{p_G y_0}{p_{sat}^0}$

Phase transfer of water in the gas phase:  $R_{PT,w,G} = -a_s K_{MT} \left( \frac{RH}{100} - a_w \right) - K_{MT} (RH - 100\%) \left[ H_0 \left( \frac{p_L}{p^{ref}} + H_0 (RH - 100\%) \right) \right]$

**Phase transfer of water in the gas phase:**  $R_{PT,w,L} = -\frac{a_s K_{MT}}{RT} (p_L - p_{L,M}) + K_{MT} (RH - 100\%) \left[ H_0 \left( \frac{p_L}{p^{ref}} + H_0 (RH - 100\%) \right) \right]$

**Overall Mass Balance associated with phase transfer**

**Gas phase:**  $Q_G = -M_{CO_2} R_{PR,CO} + M_W R_{PT,W,G} + \sum M_i R_{CT,i}$

**Liquid phase:**  $Q_L = M_W R_{PT,W,L}$

**Anode CL**

Overpotential:  $\eta_k = (\phi_S - \phi_L) - \left( U_k^0 - \frac{2.303RT}{F} \right) pH$

Mass balance in the anode:  $Q = R_{CT} = R_{O_2} + R_{H_2O}$

**Charge transfer reactions per species:**  $i_k = -i_{0,k} \left( \frac{c_j}{c_j^{ref}} \right)^{\gamma_k} \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha_{e,k} F}{RT} \eta_k\right)$

**Exchange current density:**  $i_{0,k} = A_K \exp\left(-\frac{E_{a,k}}{RT}\right)$

Overall Cell Potential:  $E_{cell} = E_{cat} - E_{an}$

Reaction Rate OER:  $R_{O_2} = \frac{\alpha_{O_2} i_{O_2}}{4F} M_{O_2}$

Reaction Rate water:  $R_{H_2O} = \frac{\alpha_{O_2} i_{O_2}}{2F} M_{H_2O}$

**Heat balance**

Overall heat balance:  $Q_H = Q_{CT} + Q_B + Q_J$

Heat generated from charge transfer reactions:  $Q_{CT} = \sum_k (i_k \eta_k + i_k U_k)$

**Peltier coefficient for HER:**  $U_K = 240 \frac{T[K]}{298}$

**Peltier coefficient for OER:**  $U_K = 13 \frac{T[K]}{298}$

**Peltier coefficient for COER:**  $U_K = 240 \frac{T[K]}{298}$

Heat generated from homogeneous bulk bicarbonate:  $Q_B = \sum_n \Delta H_n \left( k_n \prod s_{i,n} c_i^{-s_{i,n}} - \frac{k_n}{K_n} \prod s_{i,n} c_i^{s_{i,n}} \right)$

Joule heating (due to electrical resistance):  $Q_J = i_s^2 / \sigma_m$

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