

## Supplementary Information

### High Power Metal-Support Protonic Ceramic Fuel Cell using Increased Proton Conductivity in Cathode Functional Layer of $\text{La}_{1-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{ScO}_3$ (LSSc, $x=0.1-0.25$ )

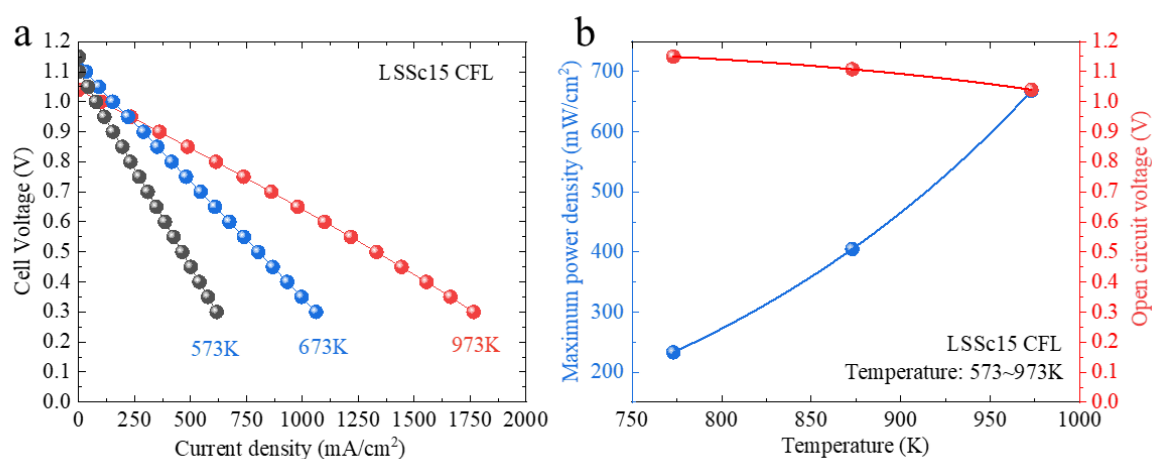
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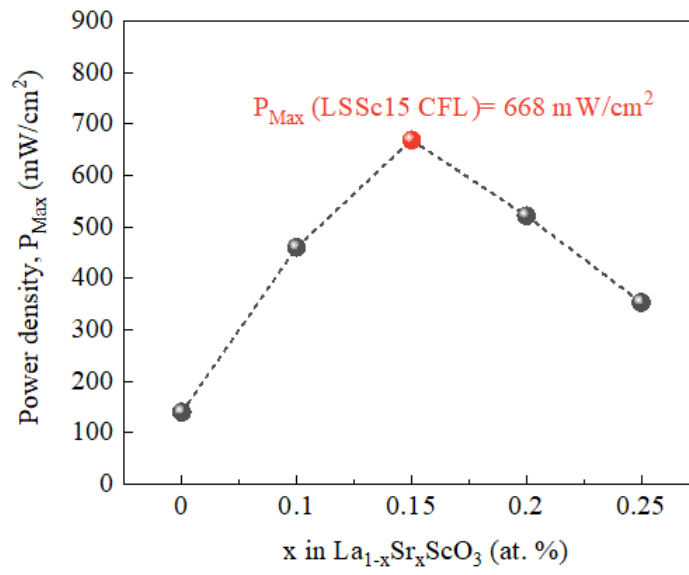
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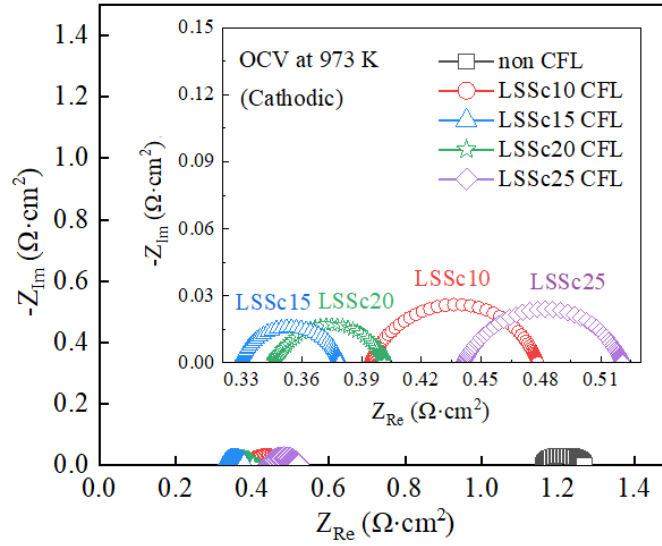
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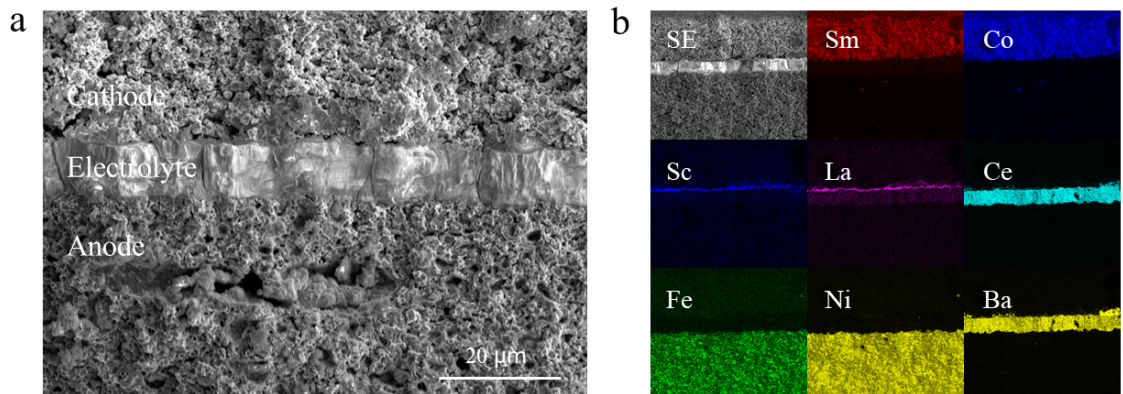
**Figure S1.** I-V curve and temperature dependence of MPD and OCV of the cell using LSSc15 CFL



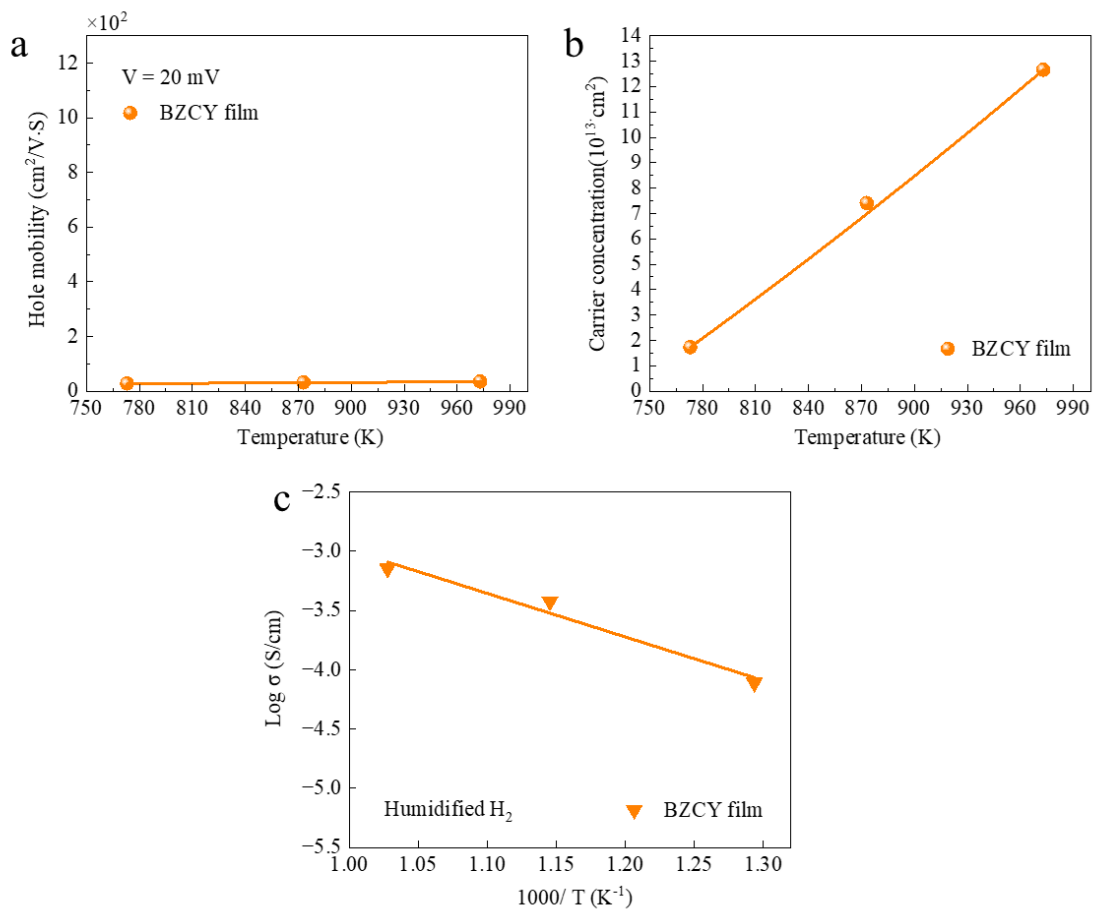
**Figure S2.** Comparison of maximum power density with different Sr dopant



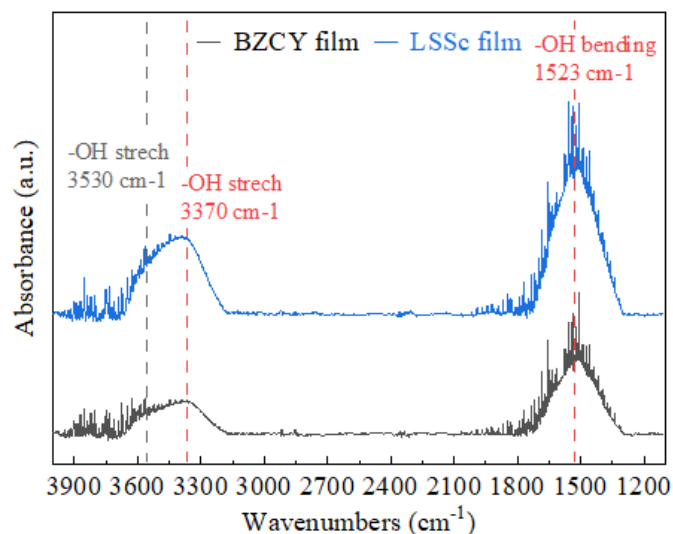
**Figure S3.** EIS spectra of cathodic non, LSSc10, LSSc20, and LSSc25 CFL at 973K.



**Figure S4.** (a) SEM and (b) EDS-mapping image of the cross-section after cell test.

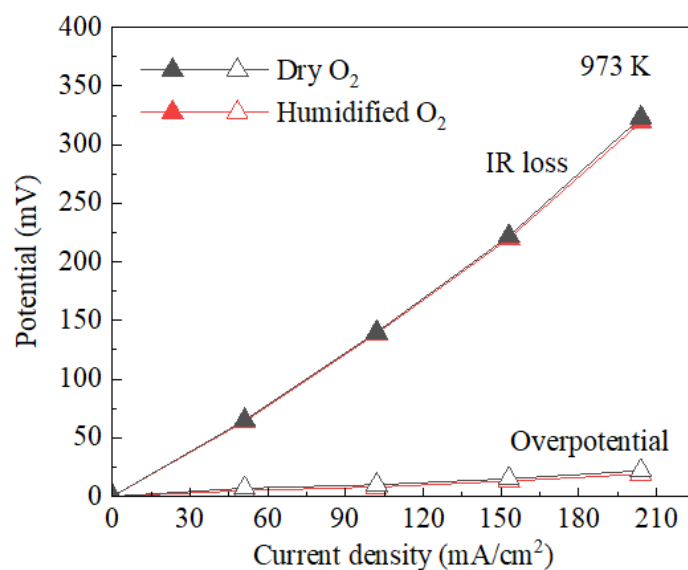


**Figure S5.** (a) Hole mobility (b) carrier concentration (c) conductivity of BZCY film under humidified (3% H<sub>2</sub>O) H<sub>2</sub> condition.

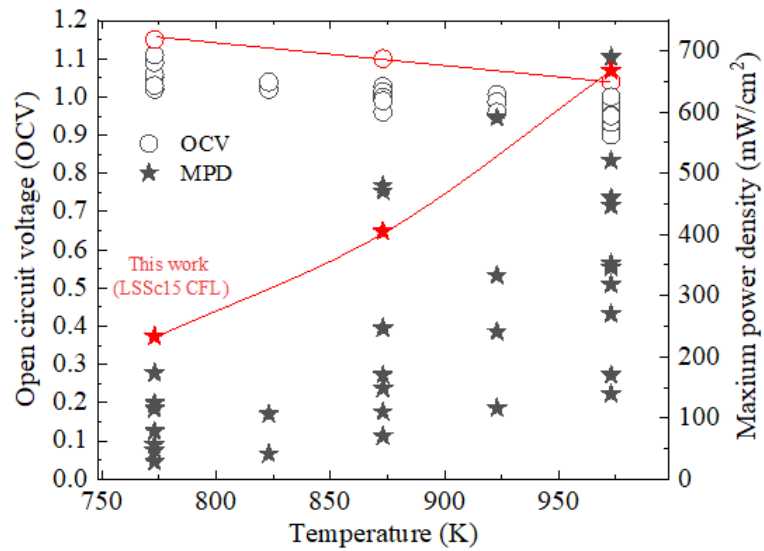


**Figure S6.** FT-IR spectra of LSSc and BZCY film after exposure to humidified condition at room temperature.

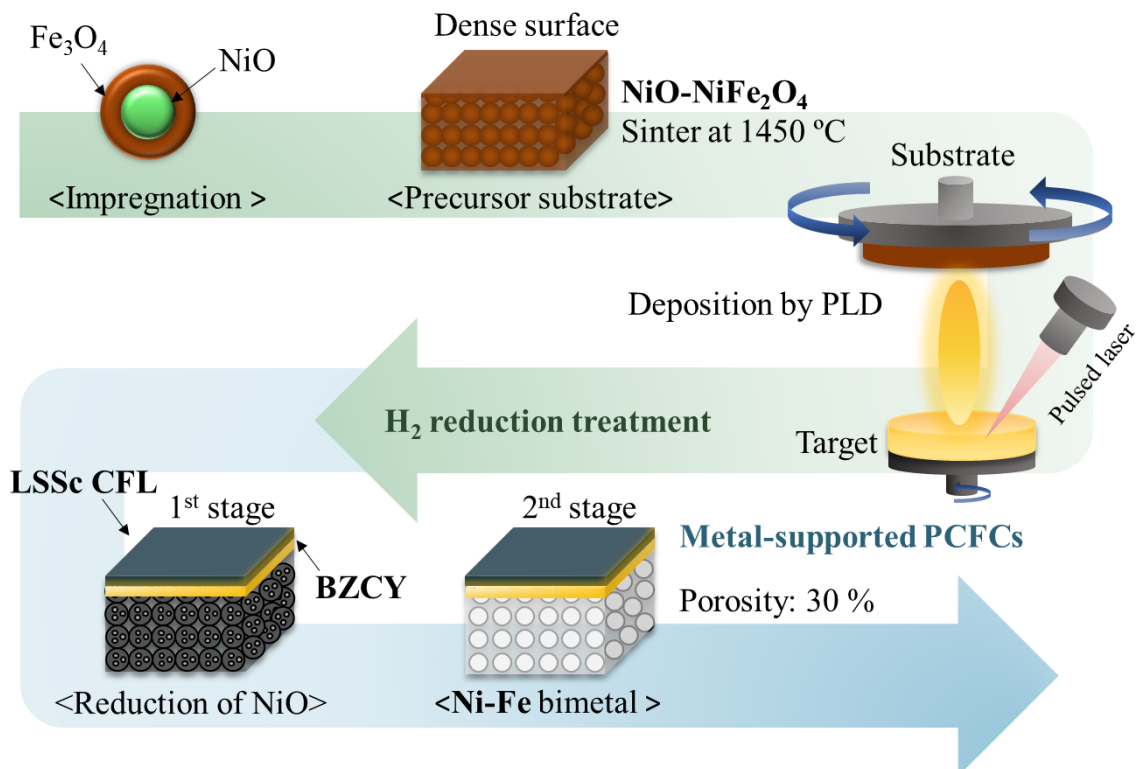
FT-IR spectroscopy was conducted to assess the proton concentration of LSSc and BZCY films by analyzing the amount of hydroxyl (OH) group in the film. As shown in **Figure S4**, the FT-IR spectra reveal two strong but broad absorption bands at approximately 3530 and 3370  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The peak at 3530  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  is typically attributed to OH bands associated with adsorption of water. The stronger intensity of the OH band suggests that the proton concentration in the LSSc was larger than that of BZCY. Compared to BZCY, LSSc shows an increased intensity of the 3370  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  peak, suggesting a higher proton concentration in LSSc films. In particular, the strong OH peak around 1523  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  also indicates water adsorption or hydration in proton-conducting materials, so these results can support high proton concentration in LSSc film.



**Figure S7.** Internal resistance of dry and humidified O<sub>2</sub> without CFL



**Figure S8.** Comparison of OCV and MPD with conventional PCFCs as shown in Table S3 and proposed cell (LSSc CFL)



**Figure S9.** Schematic image of PCFCs preparation



**Table S1.** Element composition of LSSc20 bulk and film

at % (wt %)	Bulk	Film
La	36.58 (0.73)	36.32 (0.73)
Sr	8.90(0.18)	8.34 (0.17)
Sc	54.52 (1.1)	55.33 (1.11)

**Table S2.** Comparison of anode support before and after the reaction

Reduction	Diameter	Porosity	Shrinkage
Before (NiO-NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )	18.5 mm	0.05 %	5.5 % by dilatometer
After (Ni-Fe)	17.5 mm	30.1 %	

**Table S3.** Cell performances of PCFCs with LSSc CFL measured in this study at 973K

No.	Support	Electrolyte	Interlayer	Cathode	OCV (V)	MPD (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Ohmic (Ω·cm <sup>2</sup> )	Polarization (Ω·cm <sup>2</sup> )
1	Porous Ni-Fe	BaZr(Ce,Y)O <sub>3</sub>	BZCY	Sm <sub>0.5</sub> Sr <sub>0.5</sub> CoO <sub>3</sub>	0.95	139	1.15	0.11
2	Porous Ni-Fe	BaZr(Ce,Y)O <sub>3</sub>	LSS10	Sm <sub>0.5</sub> Sr <sub>0.5</sub> CoO <sub>3</sub>	1.0	460	0.39	0.08
3	Porous Ni-Fe	BaZr(Ce,Y)O <sub>3</sub>	LSS15	Sm <sub>0.5</sub> Sr <sub>0.5</sub> CoO <sub>3</sub>	1.04	668	0.32	0.05
4	Porous Ni-Fe	BaZr(Ce,Y)O <sub>3</sub>	LSS20	Sm <sub>0.5</sub> Sr <sub>0.5</sub> CoO <sub>3</sub>	1.0	521	0.34	0.06
5	Porous Ni-Fe	BaZr(Ce,Y)O <sub>3</sub>	LSS25	Sm <sub>0.5</sub> Sr <sub>0.5</sub> CoO <sub>3</sub>	1.0	353	0.44	0.08

**Table S4.** Comparison of conventional PCFCs using BZCY electrolyte

Author (Years)	Electrolyte	Anode Support	Operating Temperature (K)	Open Circuit Voltage (V)	Power Density (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Ref
Wang et al. (2006)	BZCY	Ni-BZCY	973	0.97	270	[1]
			873	1.01	148	
			773	1.05	56	
Peng et al. (2024)	BZCY	Ni-BZCY	973	0.975	690	[2]
			923	1.007	591	
			873	1.027	471	
Ma et al. (2021)	BZCY	Ni-BZCY	973	0.92	318	[3]
			923	0.96	241	
			873	1.0	170	
Bae et al. (2015)	BZY	Ni-BZY	823	1.02	106	[4]
			973	0.9	346	
			873	0.96	246	
Pergolesi et al. (2010)	BZY	Ni-BZY	773	1.05	115	[5]
			873	0.99	110	
			773	1.06	47	
Sun et al. (2010)	BZY	Ni-BZY	973	0.953	170	[6]
			923	0.987	116	
			873	1.014	70	
Duan et al. (2015)	BZY	Ni-BZY	823	1.039	41	[7]
			873	1.0	480	
			973	0.933	447	
Qian et al. (2014)	BZY/BCY	Ni-BZCY	923	0.96	333	[8]
			873	0.99	247	
			773	1.02	173	



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