



## Mechanisms and Polarisation of Electrodes for Proton Ceramic Electrochemical Cells

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Proton ceramic electrochemical cells (PCECs) comprising fuel cells (PCFCs), electrolyzers (PCEs), and reactors (PCERs) require well-conducting electrolytes of mechanical and thermochemical stability, but even more so electrodes with sufficient electrocatalytic activity at moderate temperatures. Oxide positrodes for PCFCs and PCEs are particularly challenging due to limited surface catalytic activity for the oxygen redox reaction and solubility of protons. Current research aims to improve these by, e.g., exsolution of catalytic nanoparticles and optimisation of hydration thermodynamics, in addition to microstructure. Interpretation of experimental polarisation results and degradation phenomena requires physicochemical understanding of the reaction mechanisms and microstructural paths and application of appropriate mathematical models, a field underdeveloped for solid oxide electrochemical cells (SOECs) in general and for PCECs in particular.

The polarization processes at solid-state electrodes comprise space charge layer depletion resistance, charge transfer between the electrolyte and electrode phases, and mass transfer in and on the electrode material.

In addition to the cathode, anode reaction is also important and will be discussed in this report.

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