

Comparison of electrical properties of LaSrCoFe films prepared by suspension and by gel coating method

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$\text{La}_{0.56}\text{Sr}_{0.4}\text{Co}_{0.2}\text{Fe}_{0.8}\text{O}_{3-\delta}$ (LSCF) thin films were fabricated on a yttrium stabilized zirconia (YSZ) pellet from either solutions containing LSCF suspension or LSCF sol gels. The suspensions and gel precursors were applied on the substrate via a conventional spraying and a dip coating, respectively. The LSCF films and the YSZ substrates were co-fired at 1100 °C. From SEM, the gel-derived films showed a densely-packed structure whilst the films prepared from suspended LSCF did not have such characteristics. The electrochemical impedance spectra unambiguously implied the better film-substrate interface for the gel-derived films as their interfacial resistivities were lower than those prepared by the suspension spray routes.

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