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Study of stainless steel type 444 at high temperatures for SOFC applications

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Abstract:

Solid oxide fuel cells operated at intermediate temperature makes possible the use of metallic interconnects in substitution to the LaCrO₃. The metallic material has as advantage the low cost when compared to the ceramic material [1-4]. The metallic substrates were covered with ceramic films deposited by spray-pyrolysis. It was used stainless steel type 444. Flexural mechanical tests at four-point were made at room and high temperatures. They were also made the oxidation behavior and chemical integrity at high temperatures. Figure 1 shows the mechanical behavior of the stainless steel and a reduction of strength can be observed in high temperatures. Figure 2 shows the oxidation behavior and could be observed an increase of weight of the metallic substrates for temperatures higher than 850 $^{\circ}$ C.

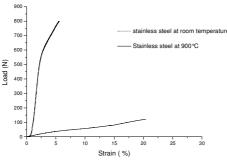


Figure 1: Strength tests at room temperature and

high temperatures of stainless steel 444.

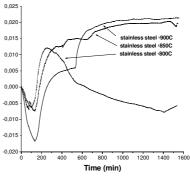


Figure 2: Oxidation behavior of the stainless steel 444.

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