



## סמינר SEMINAR

### LSFCr Perovskite as a Catalyst for CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction- Theoretical Insight

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A Solid Oxide Fuel Cell (SOFC) plays a significant role in converting chemically stored energy to electrical energy by using clean and renewable fuels, such as H<sub>2</sub> and CO. The LSFCr (La<sub>0.3</sub>Sr<sub>0.7</sub>Fe<sub>0.7</sub>Cr<sub>0.3</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) perovskite, which is the center of this research, is one of the few materials that is especially efficient and stable as a Reversible Solid Oxide Fuel Cells (RSOFC) by performing not only the direct fuel cell reaction to generate power but also the CO<sub>2</sub> conversion back to CO. Since the precise atomic structures during the mechanism of CO<sub>2</sub> electrolysis is unknown on LSFCr, the current study identifies the preferred active site, and suggests a mechanism for the reaction using density functional theory (DFT) with nudged elastic band (NEB) tools. Surprisingly, the mechanism involves a stable, linear O-C-O angle during adsorption of CO<sub>2</sub>. In addition, the mechanism demonstrates the importance of oxygen vacancies in the catalytic process, as well as the importance of a Cr dopant in the reduction despite the direct bonding of CO<sub>2</sub> to Fe atom. Afterwards, the perovskite stoichiometric formula is expanded to the more general form La<sub>0.3</sub>Sr<sub>0.7</sub>Fe<sub>1-x</sub>Cr<sub>x</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (x=0, 0.1, 0.2 and 0.3), where Cr concentration is varied. The current work investigates by the use of density functional theory (DFT) method the effect of Cr stoichiometry on La<sub>0.3</sub>Sr<sub>0.7</sub>Fe<sub>1-x</sub>Cr<sub>x</sub>O<sub>3</sub> perovskite on the electronic properties, mechanical properties, and surface catalytic activity of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction. Moreover, some calculations were carried out on SrCrO<sub>4</sub> phase for comparing.

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