

## **Supercapacitive Microbial Fuel Cell: Characterization and analysis for improved charge storage/delivery performance**

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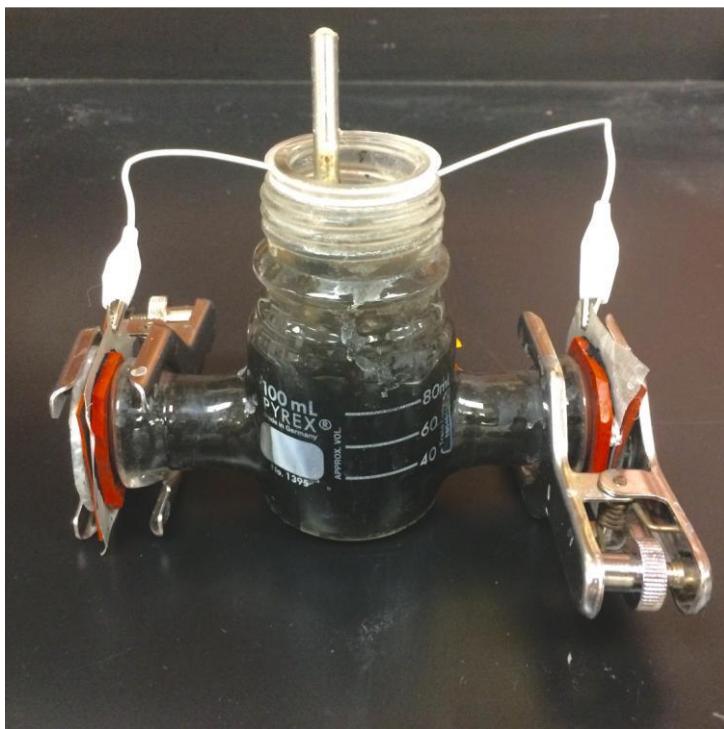
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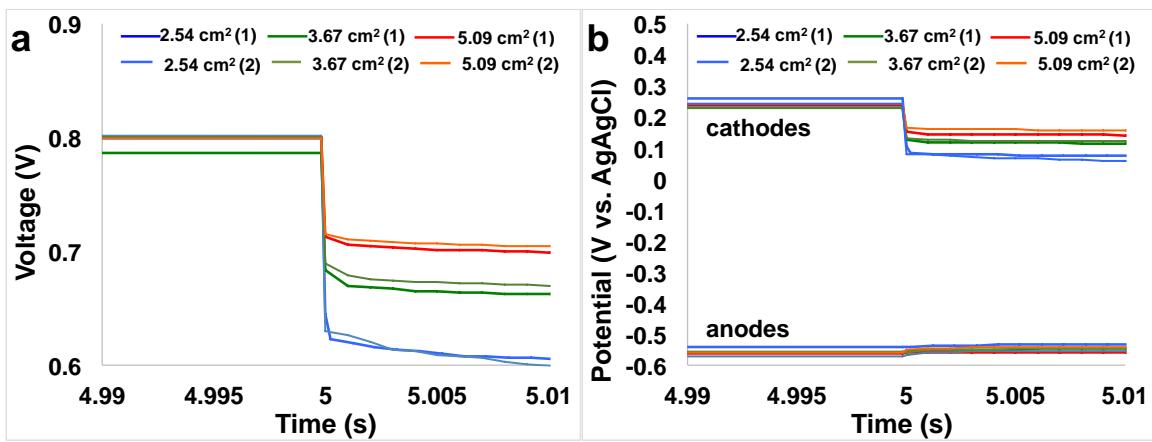
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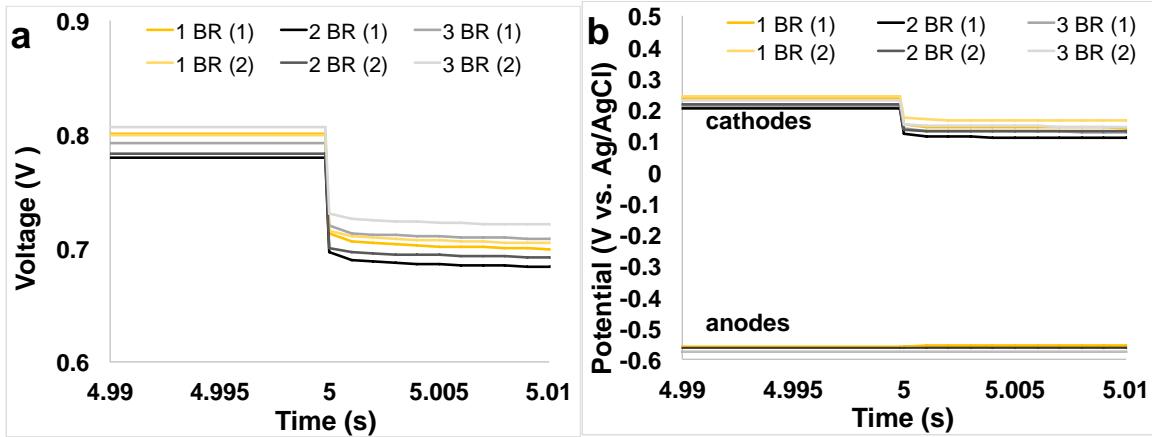
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**Figure S1. SC-MFC device.**



**Figure S2.** Cell voltage (a) and electrode potential (b) profiles under 10 ms pulses at 3 mA for SC-MFCs with different cathode area.



**Figure S3.** Cell voltage (a) and electrode potential (b) profiles under 10 ms pulses at 3 mA for SC-MFCs with different anode area.

**Table S1.**  $P_{\max}$ ,  $P_{\text{pulse}}(2 \text{ s})$ ,  $P_{\text{pulse}}(10 \text{ ms})$  of different SC-MFCs with different anode and cathode areas.

n. anode brush	Anode brush area $\text{cm}^2$	Cathode area $\text{cm}^2$	$P_{\max}$ $\text{mW}$	$P_{\max}$ $\text{W m}^{-3}$	$P_{\max}$ $\text{W m}^{-2}$
1	9	2.54	$2.65 \pm 0.05$	$21.2 \pm 0.4$	$10.4 \pm 0.2$
1	9	3.67	$4.1 \pm 0.1$	$32.64 \pm 0.8$	$11.1 \pm 0.27$
1	9	5.09	$5.58 \pm 0.08$	$44.6 \pm 0.64$	$11.0 \pm 0.16$
1	9	5.09	$5.58 \pm 0.09$	$44.6 \pm 0.64$	$6.2 \pm 0.09$
2	18	5.09	$5.68 \pm 0.08$	$45.4 \pm 0.72$	$3.16 \pm 0.05$
3	27	5.09	$6.1 \pm 0.27$	$48 \pm 2.16$	$2.2 \pm 0.1$

n. anode brush	Anode brush area $\text{cm}^2$	Cathode area $\text{cm}^2$	$P_{\text{pulse}}(2 \text{ s})$ $\text{mW}$	$P_{\text{pulse}}(2 \text{ s})$ $\text{W m}^{-3}$	$P_{\text{pulse}}(2 \text{ s})$ $\text{W m}^{-2}$
1	9	2.54	$1.38 \pm 0.07$	$11 \pm 0.56$	$5.43 \pm 0.28$
1	9	3.67	$2.0 \pm 0.13$	$16 \pm 1.04$	$5.31 \pm 0.35$
1	9	5.09	$2.5 \pm 0.25$	$20 \pm 2$	$4.93 \pm 0.49$
1	9	5.09	$2.5 \pm 0.25$	$20 \pm 3$	$2.79 \pm 0.28$
2	18	5.09	$2.9 \pm 0.15$	$23 \pm 1.2$	$1.61 \pm 0.08$
3	27	5.09	$3.53 \pm 0.09$	$28.2 \pm 0.72$	$1.31 \pm 0.03$

n. anode brush	Anode brush area $\text{cm}^2$	Cathode area $\text{cm}^2$	$P_{\text{pulse}}(10 \text{ ms})$ $\text{mW}$	$P_{\text{pulse}}(10 \text{ ms})$ $\text{W m}^{-3}$	$P_{\text{pulse}}(10 \text{ ms})$ $\text{W m}^{-2}$
1	9	2.54	$2.3 \pm 0.13$	$19 \pm 1.04$	$9.2 \pm 0.51$
1	9	3.67	$3.63 \pm 0.09$	$29 \pm 0.72$	$9.9 \pm 0.25$
1	9	5.09	$5.1 \pm 0.21$	$41 \pm 1.68$	$10.1 \pm 0.41$
1	9	5.09	$5.1 \pm 0.22$	$41 \pm 1.68$	$5.7 \pm 0.23$
2	18	5.09	$5.6 \pm 0.11$	$44 \pm 0.88$	$3. \pm 0.06$
3	27	5.09	$6.0 \pm 0.16$	$48 \pm 1.28$	$2.23 \pm 0.06$