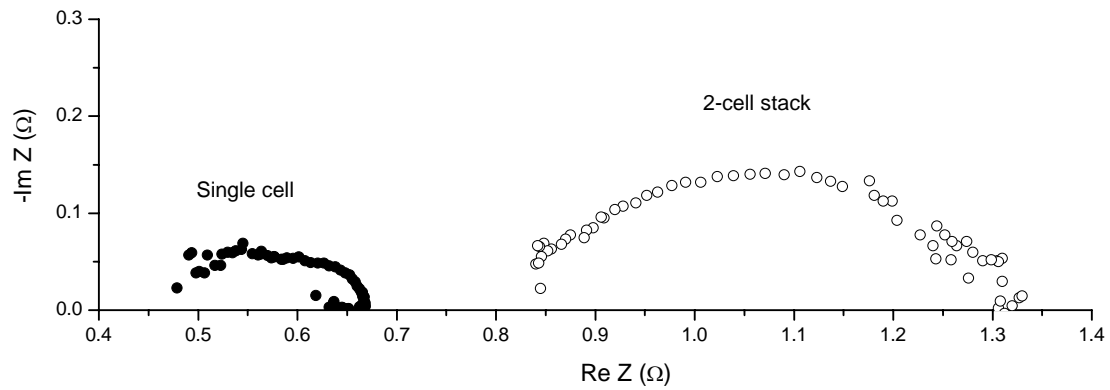


Impedance spectroscopy of the thermally self-sustained fuel cells.



Supplementary Figure. 1 The impedance spectroscopy of the single cell and 2-cell stack under temperature self-sustained condition at a feed composition of $40 \text{ ml}\cdot\text{min}^{-1} \text{ C}_3\text{H}_8 + 90 \text{ ml}\cdot\text{min}^{-1} \text{ O}_2 + 360 \text{ ml}\cdot\text{min}^{-1} \text{ He}$ (all at STP). The temperature of the fuel cell is corresponding to $\sim 580 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for single cell and $\sim 575 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for the two-cell stack. Impedance measurement was conducted under OCV condition using combined Solartron 1260A frequency response analyzer and PAR EG&G 273A Potentiostat/Galvonostat. The electrolyte resistance was responsible for $\sim 65\%$ of the total fuel cell resistance.