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## INTRODUCTION

This document describes test methods for a single cell or stack (denoted as "cell/stack" hereafter) that are intended for application to energy storage systems using solid oxide fuel cells (SOFC) in combination with solid oxide electrolysis cells (SOEC), or directly using reversible solid oxide cells (Re-SOC, see Note in Clause 1). The test methods aim to provide guidelines for the characterization of real-time performance and durability of the cell/stack.

SOFC, SOEC and Re-SOC have a broad range of geometries (e.g. planar, tubular and their variations) and size. As such, in general, peripherals like current collectors and gas manifolds are unique to each cell or stack and are often incorporated into a cell or stack to form one integrated unit. In addition, they tend to have a significant effect on the power generation characteristics of the cell or stack. This document therefore introduces as its subject "cell/stack assembly units", which are defined as those units containing not only a cell or a stack but also peripherals.

This document is generally applicable to all types or geometries of SOFC, SOEC and Re-SOC, unless where explicitly mentioned.

IEC 62282-8 (all parts) aims to develop performance test methods for power storage and buffering systems based on electrochemical modules (combining electrolysis and fuel cells, in particular reversible fuel cells), taking into consideration both options of re-electrification and substance (and heat) production for sustainable integration of renewable energy sources.

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IEC 62282-8-103, IEC 62282-8-202 and IEC 62282-8-300 (all parts) are suggested but are left for initiation at a later stage.

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## FUEL CELL TECHNOLOGIES –

### Part 8-101: Energy storage systems using fuel cell modules in reverse mode – Test procedures for the performance of solid oxide single cells and stacks, including reversible operation

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62282 addresses solid oxide cell (SOC) and stack assembly unit(s). It provides for testing systems, instruments and measuring methods to test the performance of SOC cell/stack assembly units for energy storage purposes. It assesses performance in fuel cell mode, in electrolysis mode and/or in reversible operation.

This document is not applicable to small button cells that are designed for SOC material testing and provide no practical means of reactant utilization measurement, or to single-chamber SOC. This document is not intended to be applied to fuel cell/stack assembly units for power generation purposes only, since this is covered in IEC TS 62282-7-2. Therefore, test methods are not included in this document that are applicable to fuel cell mode only and that are already described in IEC TS 62282-7-2.

This document is intended for data exchanges in commercial transactions between cell/stack manufacturers and system developers or for acquiring data on a cell or stack in order to estimate the performance of a system based on it. Users of this document may selectively execute test items suitable for their purposes from those described in this document. Users can also substitute selected test methods of this document with equivalent test methods of IEC TS 62282-7-2 for SOC operation in fuel cell mode only.

NOTE 1 In the context of this document, the term "reversible" does not refer to the thermodynamic meaning of an ideal process. It is common practice in the fuel cell community to call the operation mode of a solid oxide cell that alternates between fuel cell mode and electrolysis mode "reversible".

NOTE 2 This document considers only steam electrolysis. Other reactants in electrolysis mode can be used, provided appropriate measures are taken for handling the specific reactants and products, and the guidelines as regards the measurement, control and post-test analysis of results are adapted accordingly.

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IEC 60584-1, *Thermocouples – Part 1: EMF specifications and tolerances*

IEC 60584-3, *Thermocouples – Part 3: Extension and compensating cables – Tolerances and identification system*

ISO 5168, *Measurement of fluid flow – Procedures for the evaluation of uncertainties*

ISO 6141, *Gas analysis – Contents of certificates for calibration gas mixtures*

ISO 6142-1, *Gas analysis – Preparation of calibration gas mixtures – Part 1: Gravimetric method for Class I mixtures*

ISO 6143, *Gas analysis – Comparison methods for determining and checking the composition of calibration gas mixtures*

ISO 6145-7, *Gas analysis – Preparation of calibration gas mixtures using dynamic volumetric methods – Part 7: Thermal mass-flow controllers*

ISO 6974 (all parts), *Natural gas – Determination of composition with defined uncertainty by gas chromatography*

ISO 7066-2, *Assessment of uncertainty in the calibration and use of flow measurement devices – Part 2: Non-linear calibration relationships*

ISO 8756, *Air quality – Handling of temperature, pressure and humidity data*

### 3 Terms, definitions, abbreviated terms and symbols

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

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##### 3.1.1

###### **active electrode area**

effective electrode area

geometric area of the electrode where the electrochemical reaction takes place

Note 1 to entry: Usually this corresponds to the smaller of the two areas of negative electrode or positive electrode.

Note 2 to entry: Area perpendicular to the ionic current flow, usually expressed in m<sup>2</sup> or cm<sup>2</sup>.

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##### 3.1.2

###### **area-specific resistance**

ASR

$R_{ASR}$

internal resistivity of any component of a cell or a stack, including the change of potential due to the electrochemical reaction

Note 1 to entry: It is normalized by the active electrode area and is expressed in  $\Omega$  m<sup>2</sup> or  $\Omega$  cm<sup>2</sup>.

Note 2 to entry: This note applies to the French language only.