

**TITLE:** Carbon-Based Fuel Cell

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## 1. ABSTRACT

**OBJECTIVE(s):** The objective of this study is to develop highly active anode catalysts for oxidation the coke and coal in the solid oxide fuel cell.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE:

- Design and construction of the solid oxide fuel cell.
- Successful test of the solid oxide fuel cell for the direct oxidation of methane.
- Determination of the effectiveness of the use of coal gas as a fuel for the solid oxide fuel cell.
- Initial test of the solid oxide fuel cell using activated carbon and Stockton coal as fuel.

### FUTURE WORK:

- Optimize the performance of the carbon-based fuel cell by adjusting the anode catalyst composition.
- Perform economic analysis of the carbon-based fuel cell.

## 2. LIST OF PAPER PUBLISHED, U.S. PATENT/PATENT APPLICATIN(S), CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, STUDENTS SUPPORTED UNDER THIS GRANT

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