Supporting information

Single Wall Carbon Nanotube based Proton Exchange Membrane Assembly for Hydrogen Fuel Cells

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Figure S1: Cyclic voltammograms for the hydrogen evolution reaction (HER) at (A) CFE/SWCNT and (B) CFE/CB electrodes. (Scan rate: 50 mV/cm; electrolyte: 1 M H2SO4; reference electrode: SCE) The area of the electrode in all cases was 1.4 cm².



Figure S2:Tafel polarization curves for the HER at (A) CFE/SWCNT/Pt electrode and (B) CFE/CB/Pt electrode in 1M H_2SO_4 . The scan rate was 20mV/sec and the area of the electrode was 1.4 cm².



Figure S3: Power density and galvanostatic polarization data at 60°C of (A) an MEA prepared using a CFE/SWCNT/Pt anode and cathode (B) an MEA prepared using a CFE/CB/Pt anode and cathode. The fuel cell was subjected to preconditioning procedures as described in reference 43. The loading of Pt on all electrodes was 0.20 mg cm⁻² and carbon support 1 mg cm⁻². The electrolyte was Nafion 117, electrode area 5 cm².