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The deep high-temperature desulfurization of a producer gas is a necessary step to efficient power production by solid oxide fuel cells. The sorbents currently used for such desulfurization are mostly based on ZnO and CuO, which deteriorate above 773 K.1 Based on thermodynamic calculations,<sup>2</sup> we decided to test the possibility of using sorbents containing La and Ce oxides. The prepared sorbents contained either La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> or nonstoichiometric cerium oxide  $CeO_x$  (x=1.5–2) on an alumina support. The sulphur capacity and desulfurization efficiency of both sorbents were tested at 773 K in various gas mixtures containing reducing gases (e.g. H<sub>2</sub>, CO) and H<sub>2</sub>S as the model sulfur compound. These preliminary laboratory tests implied that each sorbent was capable of high desulfurization efficiency. Next, experiments performed in artificial producer gases (CO, H2, CO2, H2O, N<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S) of varying compositions showed the negative influence of increasing amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O, as well as the importance of pre-reduction in the case of the cerium-based sorbent. Thus, the application of La- and Ce-based sorbents for deep high-temperature desulfurization seems to be feasible for producer gases with low concentrations of  $CO_2$  and  $H_2O$ .

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