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## **Supporting information**

## Rietveld refinement profiles of the Ce-YSZ and YSZ samples

In the following figures experimental data are represented by red points; the calculated profile is shown as a continuous black line; the continuous blue line is the difference between the experimental data and the calculated profile; green vertical bars are the Bragg positions. We note that asymmetry in peak shape was observed to varying degrees in the experimental data for Ce-YSZ and YSZ. It likely originates from a non-perfect planarity of pressed pellets compared to the highly focused and parallel incoming beam.



Fig. 1S. Full-profile Rietveld refinement of the irradiated  $Ce_{0.18}Y_{0.15}Zr_{0.67}O_{1.93} - F1$  sample in a Le Bail mode ( $R_P = 6.6\%$ ).



Fig. 2S. Full-profile Rietveld refinement of the irradiated  $Ce_{0.18}Y_{0.20}Zr_{0.62}O_{1.90} - F1$  sample in a Le Bail mode ( $R_P = 8.6\%$ ).



Fig. 3S. Full-profile Rietveld refinement of the irradiated  $Ce_{0.58}Y_{0.15}Zr_{0.27}O_{1.93} - F1$  sample in a Le Bail mode ( $R_P = 9.3\%$ ).



Fig. 4S. Full-profile Rietveld refinement of the irradiated  $Ce_{0.18}Y_{0.15}Zr_{0.67}O_{1.93} - F2$  sample in a Le Bail mode ( $R_P = 7.8\%$ ).



Fig. 5S. Full-profile Rietveld refinement of the irradiated  $Ce_{0.58}Y_{0.15}Zr_{0.27}O_{1.93} - F2$  sample in a Le Bail mode ( $R_P = 5.5\%$ ).



Fig. 6S. Full-profile Rietveld refinement of the irradiated YSZ – F2 sample in a Le Bail mode ( $R_P = 9.4\%$ ).

SRIM calculations illustrating penetration depth of 14 MeV Au ions into the Ce-doped YSZ and non-doped YSZ phases



Fig. 7S. SRIM calculations illustrating penetration depth of 14 MeV Au ions into the Cedoped YSZ phases:  $Ce_{0.18}Y_{0.15}Zr_{0.67}O_{1.93}$  - left,  $Ce_{0.18}Y_{0.20}Zr_{0.62}O_{1.90}$  - middle, and  $Ce_{0.58}Y_{0.15}Zr_{0.27}O_{1.93}$  - right.



Fig. 8S. SRIM calculations illustrating penetration depth of 14 MeV Au ions into the YSZ  $(Y_{0.15}Zr_{0.85}O_{1.93})$  phase