

Supporting Information for

Thermochemical CO₂ Splitting Using Double Perovskite-Type Ba₂Ca_{0.66}Nb_{1.34-x}Fe_xO_{6-δ}†

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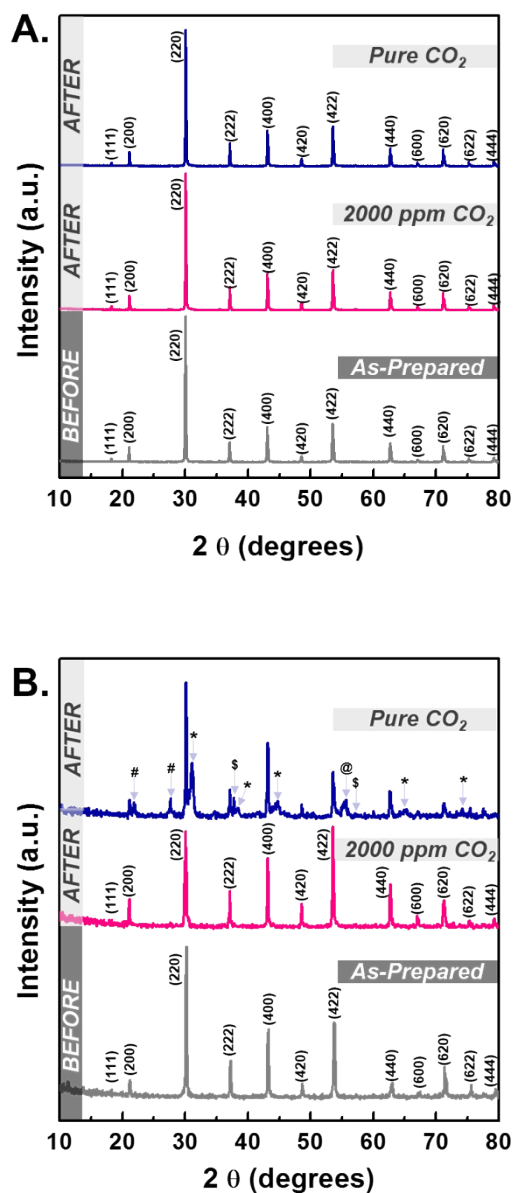


Figure S1. (A) XRD patterns of as-prepared, 2000 ppm CO₂ (in Ar) and pure CO₂-treated BCNF66. (B) XRD patterns of as-prepared, 2000 ppm CO₂ (in Ar) and pure CO₂-treated BCNF100. 2000 ppm CO₂ (in Ar) and pure CO₂ were continuously passed into quartz cell heated at 700 °C for 24 h at the flow rate of 100 sccm in two different experiments for each gaseous environment. The structure of BCNF100 was distorted after introducing pure CO₂ gas at elevated temperature. Symbols and corresponding JCPDS number of new impure diffraction patterns after CO₂-treatment in (B): # = BaCO₃ (05-0378); \$ = Fe₂C (36-1249) @ = (26-1080), * = Fe₃O₄ (26-1136).

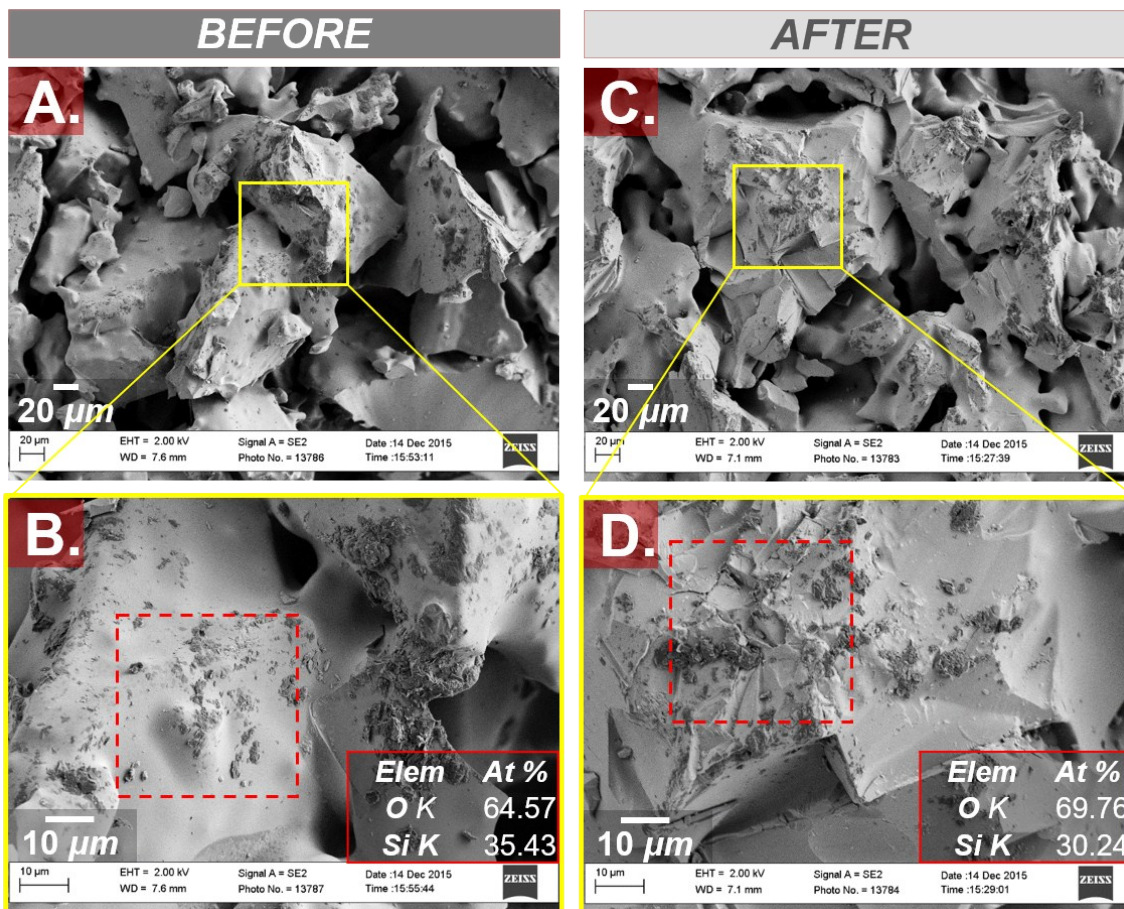


Figure S2. (A) Porous quartz glass before pure CO₂-treatment, (B) magnified view of (A); (C) porous quartz glass after pure CO₂-treatment, (D) magnified view of (C). EDX performed on selected area (with red-dotted lines) of (B) and (D) are shown on the figures, respectively.

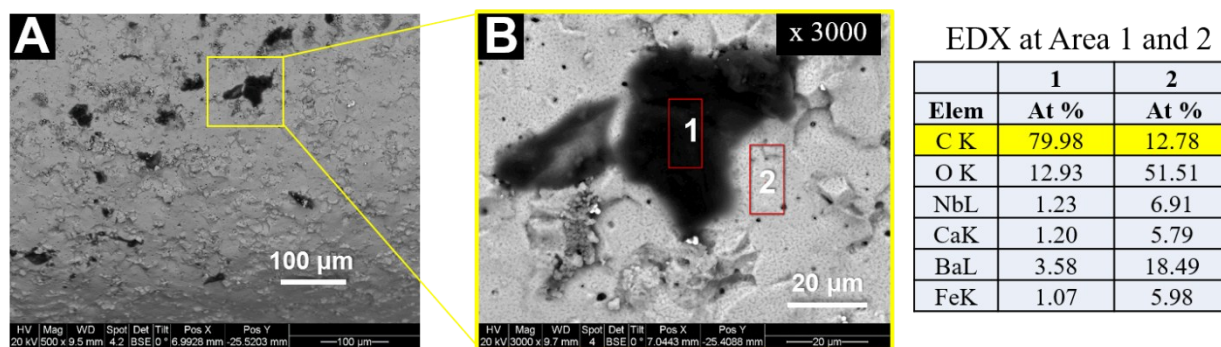


Figure S3. Typical SEM images of BCNF66 pellets exposed to 3000 ppm CO₂ (bal. in Ar) for 24 h at 700 °C. (A) and (B) show the formation of carbon particles on the surface of the pellet at different magnifications when 100 mV dc voltage was applied using Au electrodes. “1” and “2” red boxes in (B) are the areas where EDX measurements were taken. EDX results of areas “1” and “2” are presented on the right side as a table.

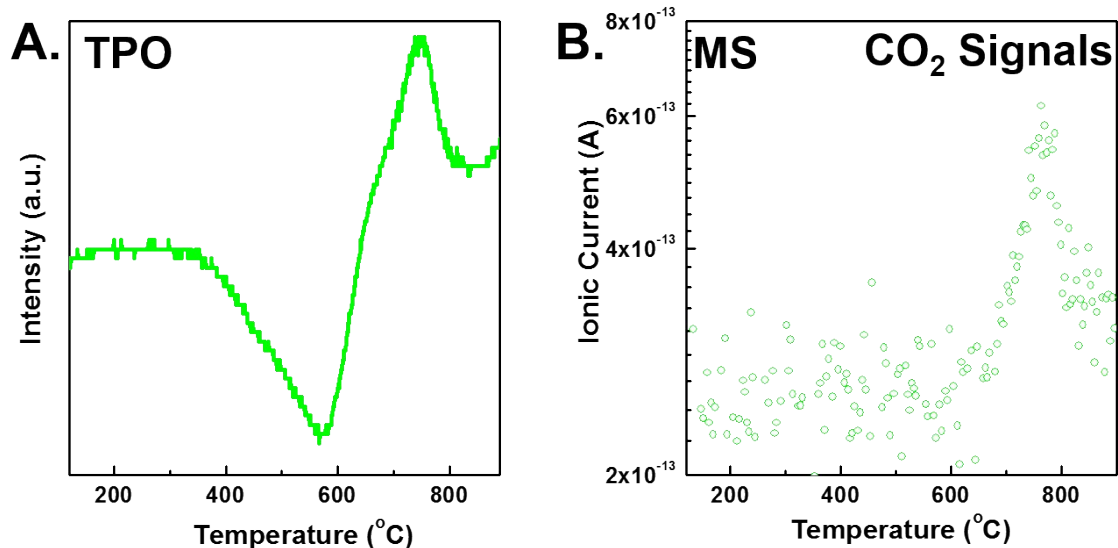


Figure S4. (A) Temperature programmed oxidation (TPO) profile of 0.3% CO₂ /Ar pre-treated (700 °C, 24h) Ba₂(Ca_{0.66}Nb_{0.68}Fe_{0.66})O_{6-δ} powder measured as a function of temperature using 5% O₂/ He (ramping rate = 10 °C/ min; total flow = 20 sccm) and (B) Corresponding mass spectra (MS) showing CO₂ signals.

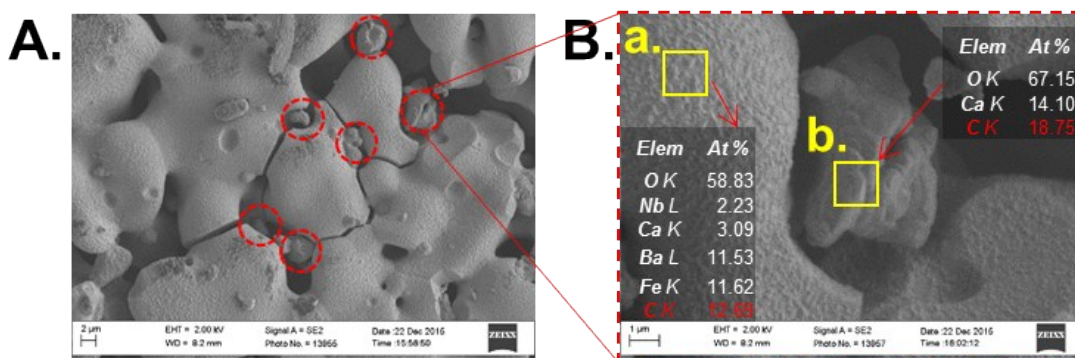
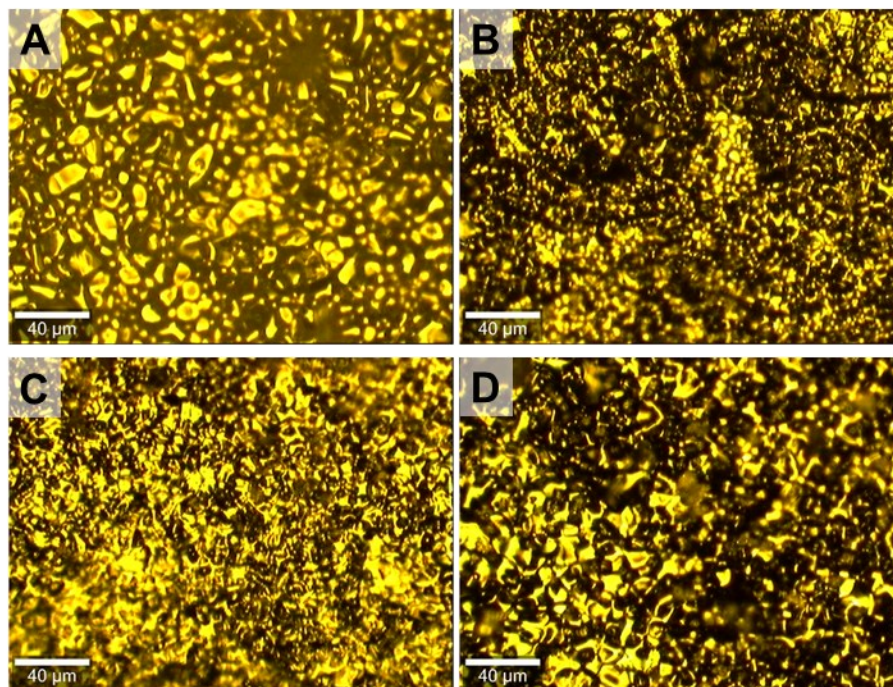


Figure S5. (A) Typical SEM image of BCNF100 pellet exposed to pure CO₂ for 24 h at 700 °C. Red circles in (A) shows the formation of new phase. (B) Magnified view of (A), where EDX is measured in (a) an area corresponding to parent phase and (b) is an area indicating new compound formed after CO₂ treatment.

As-prepared



After CO₂

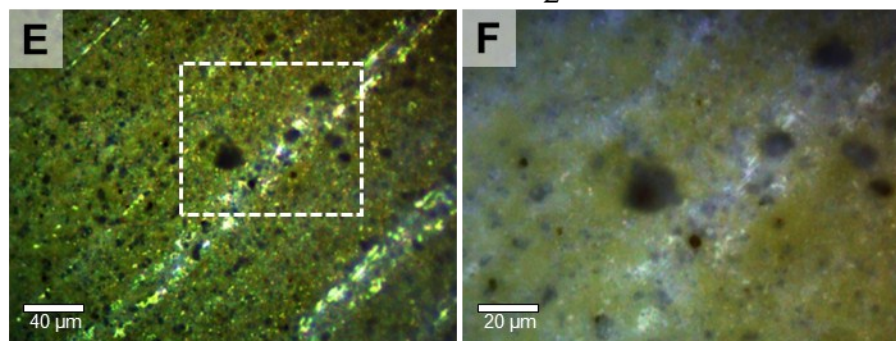


Figure S6. Images taken using Raman spectroscopy of as-prepared $\text{Ba}_2(\text{Ca}_{0.66}\text{Nb}_{1.34-x}\text{Fe}_x)\text{O}_{6-\delta}$ (BCNF) (A) $x = 0$, (B) $x = 0.34$, (C) $x = 0.66$, (D) $x = 1$, (E) CO_2 -treated $\text{Ba}_2(\text{Ca}_{0.66}\text{Nb}_{0.68}\text{Fe}_{0.66})\text{O}_{6-\delta}$ sample (C), and (F) zoomed area of (E) shown dotted white square.

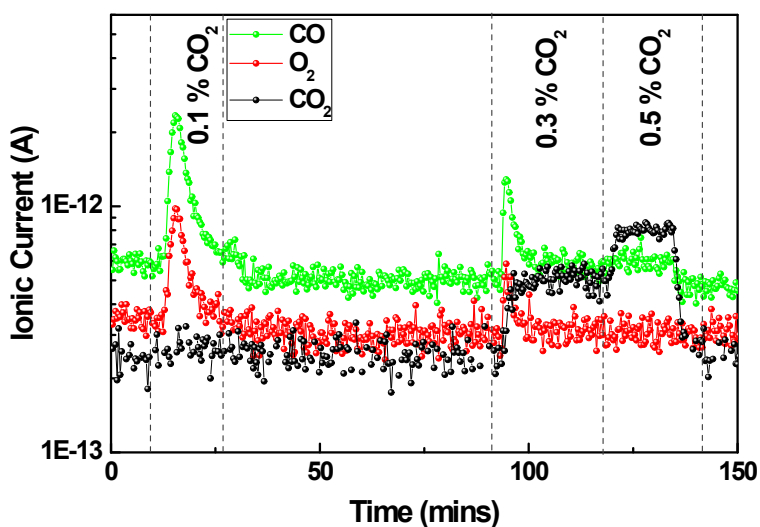


Figure S7. Mass spectra results showing the outgoing gaseous species using mass spectra for the CO₂ pre-treatment process in as-prepared BCNF66 at 700 °C. Gases used were Ar as base gas and CO₂ balanced in Ar. (Gas flow rate = 100 sccm).

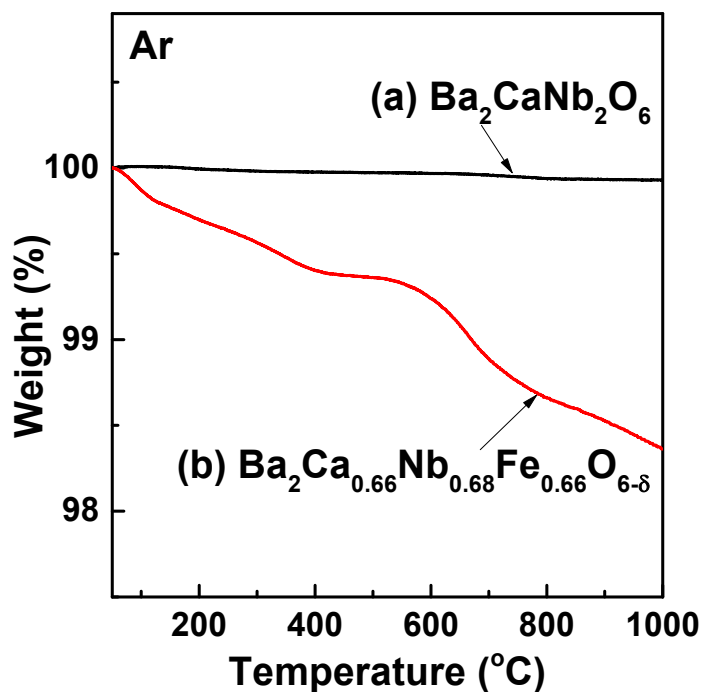


Figure S8. Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) of (a) BCN and (b) BCNF66 under Ar at heating rate of 5 °C/min.

Table S1. Impurities in BCNF100 after CO₂-treatment from PXRD diffraction patterns

Impurity	JCPDS Card No.	Lattice	Lattice parameters	Space group
BaCO ₃	05-0378	Orthorhombic	$a = 5.314 \text{ \AA}; b = 8.904; c = 6.43 \text{ \AA}$	<i>Pmcn</i> (No. 62)
Fe ₂ C	36-1249	Hexagonal	$a = b = 2.754 \text{ \AA}; c = 4.349 \text{ \AA}$	<i>P63/mmc</i> (No. 194)
C	26-1080	Hexagonal	$a = b = 2.456 \text{ \AA}; c = 13.392 \text{ \AA}$	<i>P63mc</i> (No. 186)
Fe ₃ O ₄	26-1136	Face-centered cubic	$a = b = c = 8.0903 \text{ \AA}$	<i>Fd-3m</i> (No. 227)

Table S2. ⁵⁷Fe Mössbauer parameters for materials of composition Ba₂Ca_{0.66}Nb_{1.34-x}Fe_xO_{6-δ}

Sample Ba ₂ Ca _{0.66} Nb _{1.34-x} Fe _x O _{6-x}	Component	δ (mms ⁻¹) +/- 0.02	Δ (mms ⁻¹) +/-0.02	Γ (mms ⁻¹)	Area (%)
x = 0.33	Fe ⁵⁺	-0.08	0.77	0.50	50
	Fe ⁴⁺	0.06	--	0.24	3
	Fe ³⁺	0.15	1.48	0.42	47
x = 0.66	Fe ⁵⁺	-0.09	0.73	0.56	32
	Fe ⁴⁺	0.05	--	0.30	4
	Fe ³⁺	0.16	1.49	0.40	64
x = 0.66 CO ₂ -treated	Fe ⁵⁺	--	--	--	--
	Fe ⁴⁺	0.06	--	0.34	3
	Fe ³⁺	0.17	1.45	0.44	97
x = 1	Fe ⁵⁺	-0.08	0.77	0.48	12
	Fe ⁴⁺	0.04	--	0.44	7
	Fe ³⁺	0.15	1.52	0.46	81

Table S3. Relative energy of different surface compositions with surface F1 as a reference point. Negative energy indicates more stable configuration.

No.	Composition	Energy (eV/atom)	Remark
F1	2 Fe, 1 Nb, 1 Ca	0.000	Reference point
F2	1 Fe, 2 Nb, 1 Ca	0.003	
F3	0 Fe, 3 Nb, 1 Ca	0.004	
F4	3 Fe, 0 Nb, 1 Ca	-0.034	
F5	3 Fe, 1 Nb, 0 Ca	0.058	Surface heavily distorted
F6	4 Fe, 0 Nb, 1 Ca	---	Surface destroyed

Table S4. Formation energies of O-vacancy at concentration of 12.5% on different surface calculated from $\text{Ba}_{16}\text{Ca}_4\text{Nb}_7\text{Fe}_5\text{O}_{48} \rightleftharpoons \text{Ba}_{16}\text{Ca}_4\text{Nb}_7\text{Fe}_5\text{O}_{47} + \frac{1}{2} \text{O}_2$. Negative values indicate spontaneous formation.

No.	Surface	O vacancy between	Energy (eV)
D1	2 Fe, 1 Nb, 1 Ca	Fe and Nb	-0.845
D2	2 Fe, 1 Nb, 1 Ca	Fe and Ca	-0.798
D3	1 Fe, 2 Nb, 1 Ca	Fe and Nb	1.405
D4	1 Fe, 2 Nb, 1 Ca	Fe and Ca	0.042
D5	1 Fe, 2 Nb, 1 Ca	Nb and Ca	-0.519
D6	1 Fe, 2 Nb, 1 Ca	Nb and Nb	-0.514
D7	0 Fe, 3 Nb, 1 Ca	Nb and Ca	-0.491
D8	0 Fe, 3 Nb, 1 Ca	Nb and Nb	-0.370
D9	3 Fe, 0 Nb, 1 Ca	Fe and Fe	1.088