

## Supporting Information

for

### ***A*-site order-disorder in the Nd<sub>0.5</sub>Ba<sub>0.5</sub>MnO<sub>3-δ</sub> SOFC electrode material monitored *in-situ* by neutron diffraction under hydrogen flow**

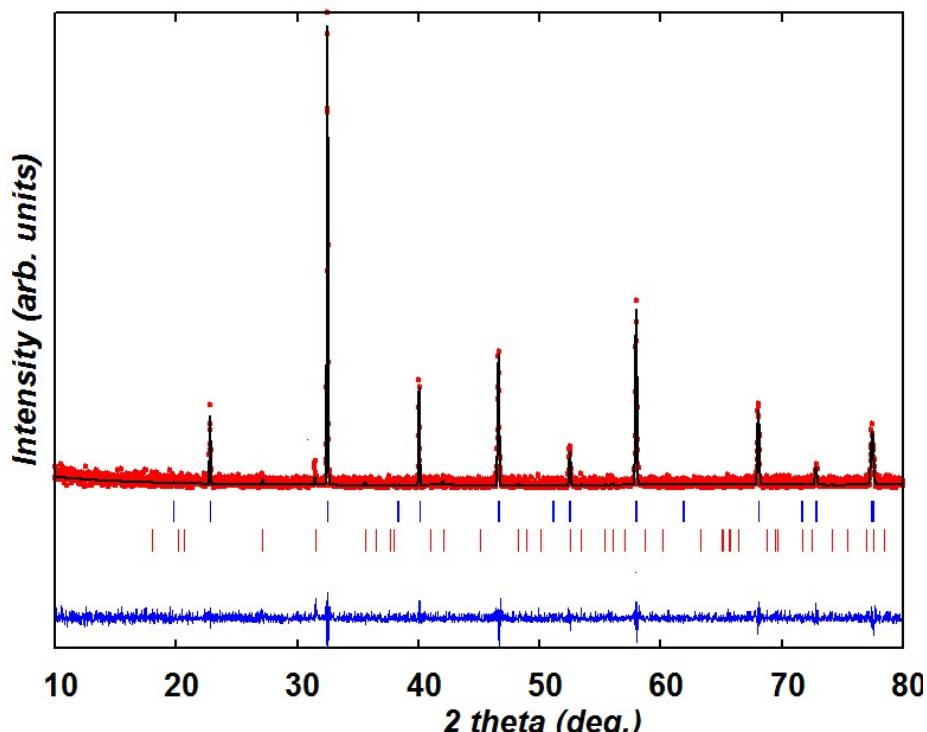
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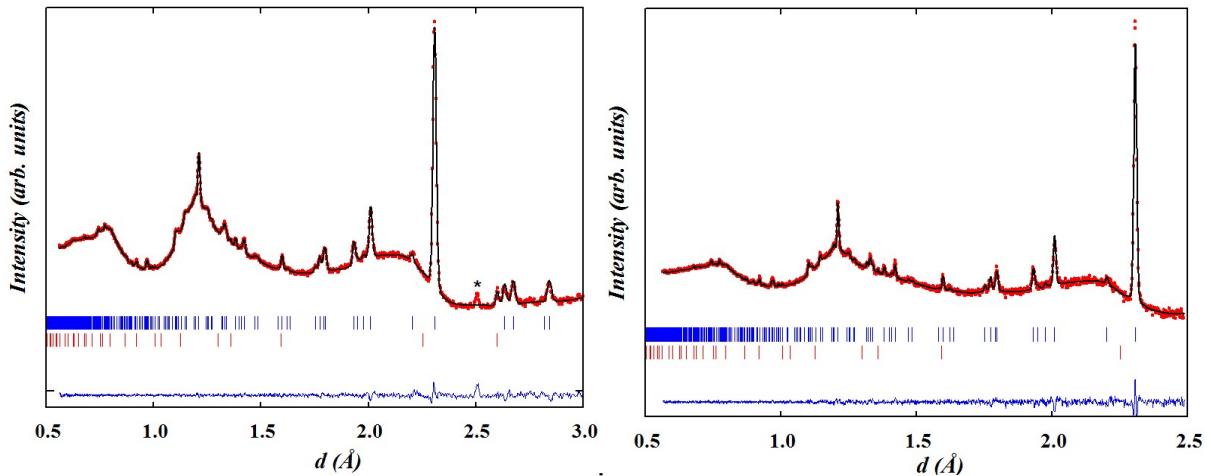
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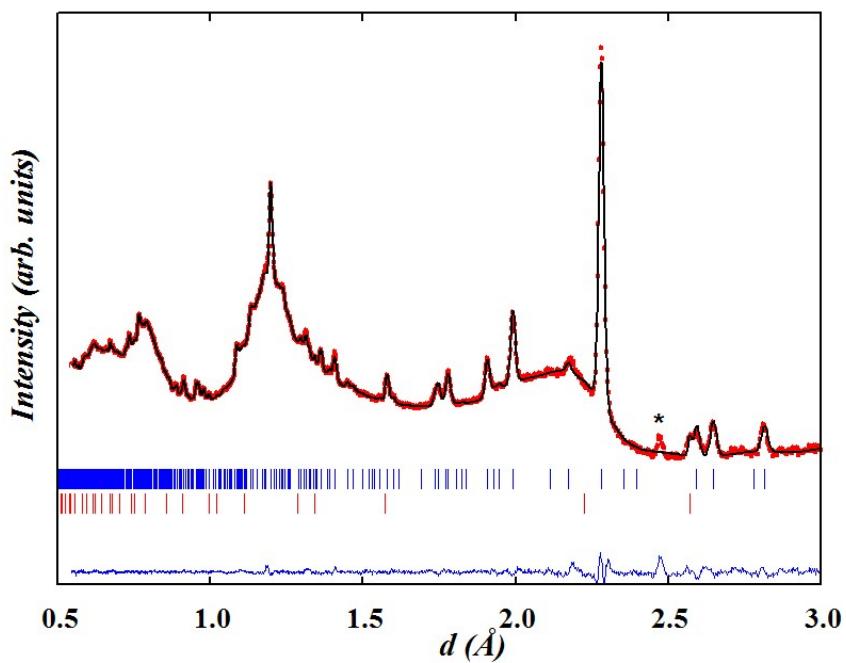
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**Fig. S.I. 1.** Fitted room temperature X-ray diffraction pattern of Nd<sub>0.5</sub>Ba<sub>0.5</sub>MnO<sub>3-δ</sub> phase indexed in *Imma* (upper markers); lower markers correspond to BaMnO<sub>3</sub> secondary phase (~ 8 wt %) indexed in *P6<sub>3</sub>/mmc*.



**Fig. S.I. 2.** Rietveld fits to data collected at 900 °C for 2 hours from the (left) 90 ° detector bank and (right) backscattering-bank. Bragg peaks correspond to NdBaMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> *P4/mmm* (upper markers) and MnO *Fd*<sup>3</sup>*m* (lower markers). The unindexed peak at  $d \sim 2.5$  Å is labelled (\*).



**Fig. S.I. 3.** Rietveld fit to the data collected for 2 h in the 90° detectors after cooling to 65 °C. Bragg peaks correspond to NdBaMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, S.G. *P4/nmm* (upper markers) and MnO, S.G. *Fd*<sup>3</sup>*m* (lower markers). The additional peak likely to arise from crystallization of SiO<sub>2</sub> from the quartz tube is labelled (\*).

**Table S.I. 1.** Refined lattice parameters and isotropic atomic displacement parameter ( $B_{\text{iso}}$ ) for Nd<sub>0.5</sub>Ba<sub>0.5</sub>MnO<sub>3.00</sub> (S.G. *Imma*) at 20 °C with atoms in the following positions: (Nd,Ba), 4e (0, 1/4, z); Mn, 4b(0, 0, 1/2); O1, 4e(0, 1/4, z); O2, 8g (1/4, y, 01/4),  $a = 5.503(1)$  Å,  $b = 7.7962(4)$  Å,  $c = 5.502(1)$  Å,  $V_p = 59.01(2)$  Å<sup>3</sup>,  $\chi^2 \sim 1.92$ ,  $R_B \sim 1.98\%$ ,  $R_f \sim 4.45\%$ .

| Atom          | <i>z or y</i> | <i>B</i> <sub>iso</sub> (Å <sup>2</sup> ) |
|---------------|---------------|---|
| <b>Nd, Ba</b> | 0.0           | 0.56(2)                                   |
| <b>Mn</b>     |               | 0.62(3)                                   |
| <b>O1</b>     | 0.470(2)      | 2.1(2)                                    |
| <b>O2</b>     | 0.512(1)      | 2.5(1)                                    |

**Table S.I. 2.** Refined structural parameters and anisotropic thermal vibration parameters  $B_{ii}$  for  $\text{Nd}_{0.5}\text{Ba}_{0.5}\text{MnO}_{2.5}$  (S.G.  $Pm\bar{3}m$ ) at  $T \sim 700$  °C with atoms in the following positions: Nd, Ba, 1*a* (0, 0, 0); Mn, 1*b* (1/2, 1/2, 1/2); O, 3*c* (0, 1/2, 1/2).

| Atom   | $B_{11}, B_{22}, B_{33} (\times 10^3)$ |
|--------|--|
| Nd, Ba | 44(1), 44(1) 44(1)                     |
| Mn     | 29(1), 29(1), 29(1)                    |
| O      | 39(2), 154(2), 154(2)                  |

**Table S.I. 3.** Refined structural parameters ~and anisotropic thermal vibration parameters  $B_{ii}$  at 800 °C for  $\text{NdBaMn}_2\text{O}_5$  in space group  $P4/mmm$  with atoms in the following positions: Nd, 1*a* (0, 0, 0); Ba, 1*b* (0, 0, 1/2); Mn, 2*h* (1/2, 1/2, *z*); O1, 1*d* (1/2, 1/2, 1/2); O2, 4*i* (1/2, 0, *z*);  $a \sim 4.0066(5)$  Å,  $c \sim 7.889(1)$  Å,  $\chi^2 \sim 1.0$ ,  $R_B \sim 4$  %,  $R_F \sim 8$  %.

| Atom | $B_{11}, B_{22}, B_{33} (\times 10^3)$ |
|------|--|
| Nd   | 22(2), 22(2) 5(1)                      |
| Ba   | 27(3), 27(2), 4(1)                     |
| Mn   | 25(2), 25(2), 8(1)                     |
| O1   | 106(6), 106(6), 4(1)                   |
| O2   | 41(3), 31(2), 27(1)                    |

**Table S.I. 4.** Refined structural parameters and isotropic thermal vibration parameters  $B_{\text{iso}}$  at 65 °C for NdBaMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> in space group *P4/nmm* with atoms in the following positions: Nd, 2b (3/4, 1/4, 1/2); Ba, 2a (3/4, 1/4, 0); Mn1(Mn<sup>2+</sup>), 2c (1/4, 1/4,  $z$ ); Mn2(Mn<sup>3+</sup>), 2c (1/4, 1/4,  $z$ ); O1, 2c (1/4, 1/4,  $z$ ); O3, 8j ( $x$ ,  $x$ ,  $z$ ); O3, 2c (1/4, 1/4, 1/2).  $B_{\text{iso}}$  for Mn1 and Mn2 were constrained to be equal.

|      |                                    |           |
|------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Atom | $a$ (Å)                            | 5.6251(4) |
|      | $c$ (Å)                            | 7.7717(7) |
| Nd   | $B_{\text{iso}}$ (Å <sup>2</sup> ) | 0.47(4)   |
| Ba   | $B_{\text{iso}}$ (Å <sup>2</sup> ) | 0.56(7)   |
| Mn1  | $z$                                | 0.258(2)  |
|      | $B_{\text{iso}}$ (Å <sup>2</sup> ) | 0.31(6)   |
| Mn2  | $z$                                | 0.756(1)  |
| O1   | $z$                                | 0.002(3)  |
| O2   | $x$                                | 0.500(2)  |
|      | $z$                                | 0.3077(2) |
|      | $B_{\text{iso}}$ (Å <sup>2</sup> ) | 1.38(4)   |
|      | $\chi^2$                           | 2.11      |
|      | $R_{\text{B}}$ %                   | 5.42      |