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## **Supporting information**



Figure S1. Representative light transmission spectra for STF35 film grown at 700 °C, post-annealed in air or 4%H<sub>2</sub>/96%N<sub>2</sub> at 500 °C for 5 h, and measured in air at room temperature.



Figure S2. X-ray reflectivity (XRR) curves of STF35 thin films grown by PLD: a) 3 min deposition at 700 °C (3.7 nm thick); b) 5 min deposition at 25 °C (4.7nm thick).



Figure S3. Photograph of 25 °C, 400 °C, 580 °C, 700 °C and 800 °C-grown STF35 thin films (increasing growth temperature from left to right) on YSZ substrates. Films are 70-112 nm thick, as labeled.



Figure S4. Arrhenius plot of  $k_{chem}$  for 800 °C-grown thin film during heating (first) and cooling (second) measurements showing repeatable activation energy, 1.28 eV and 1.29 eV, respectively.



## Figure S5. XPS depth profile (by sputtering) for 800 °C-grown thin film

Table S1. The chemical oxygen surface exchange coefficient of 700 °C -grown STF35
thin film after 100 h aging with 5 times redox cycling $(21\% / 4\% O_2)$

k/10 <sup>-7</sup> cms <sup>-1</sup>	1st reduction	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
600 °C	2.86	2.46	2.18	2.17	1.79
550 °C	0.108	0.105	0.104	0.097	0.094