

## Supporting information

### Synergistic catalysis of carbon partitioned $\text{LaF}_3\text{-BaF}_2$ composite for the coupling of $\text{CH}_4$ with $\text{CHF}_3$ to VDF

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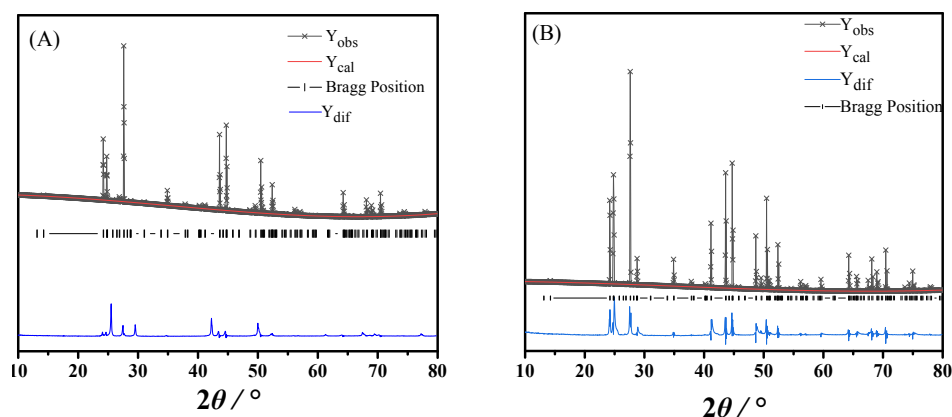


Fig. S1 Rietveld refinement analysis for the XRD patterns of (A)  $\text{LaF}_3\text{-BaF}_2$  composites prepared by HF precipitation method ( $x=0.4$ ) and (B)  $\text{LaF}_3\text{-BaF}_2$  composites prepared by PVDF mediated calcination ( $x=0.6$ ).

Table S1. The phase composition derived from the Rietveld refinement analysis in Fig. S1.

Catalyst	Elemental concentration, mass fraction%			
	LaF <sub>3</sub>	BaF <sub>2</sub>	LaOF	Ba <sub>1-x</sub> La <sub>x</sub> F <sub>2+x</sub>
HF precipitation	34.11	7.66	11.65	46.58
PVDF mediated calcination	29.03	28.89	32.20	9.88

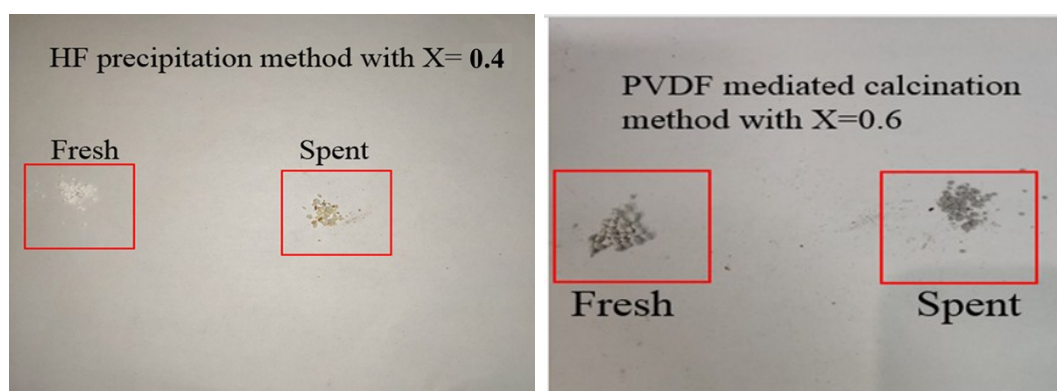


Fig. S2 photo images of fresh and spent catalysts prepared by HF precipitation and PVDF mediated calcination.

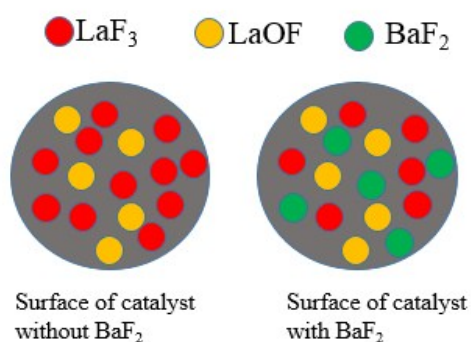


Fig. S3 Schematic illustration for the promotion effect of BaF<sub>2</sub> on LaF<sub>3</sub>-BaF<sub>2</sub> composite catalyst.

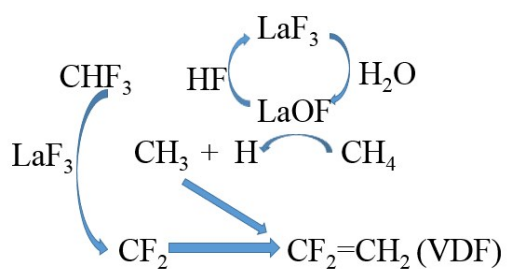


Fig. S4 Proposed reaction mechanism over LaF<sub>3</sub>-BaF<sub>2</sub> composite catalyst.

Table S2. The phase composition derived from the Rietveld refinement analysis in Fig. S5 and S6.

Catalyst	Elemental concentration, mass fraction%			
	LaF <sub>3</sub>	BaF <sub>2</sub>	LaOF	Ba <sub>1-x</sub> La <sub>x</sub> F <sub>2+x</sub>
HF precipitation	36.03	3.23	2.21	58.53
PVDF mediated calcination	38.58	21.05	27.61	12.76

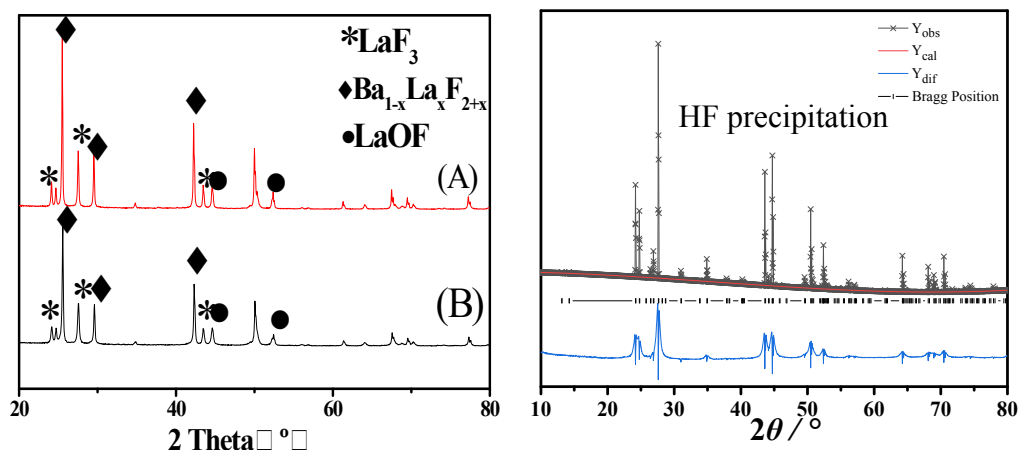


Fig. S5 XRD patterns and Rietveld refinement analysis of catalyst prepared by HF precipitation ( $x=0.4$ ). (A) fresh catalyst and (B) spent catalyst. Reaction conditions: 15 h,  $T$  of 700°C, GHSV of 900h<sup>-1</sup> and feeding CHF<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub>/O<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>=1:1:0.06:9.

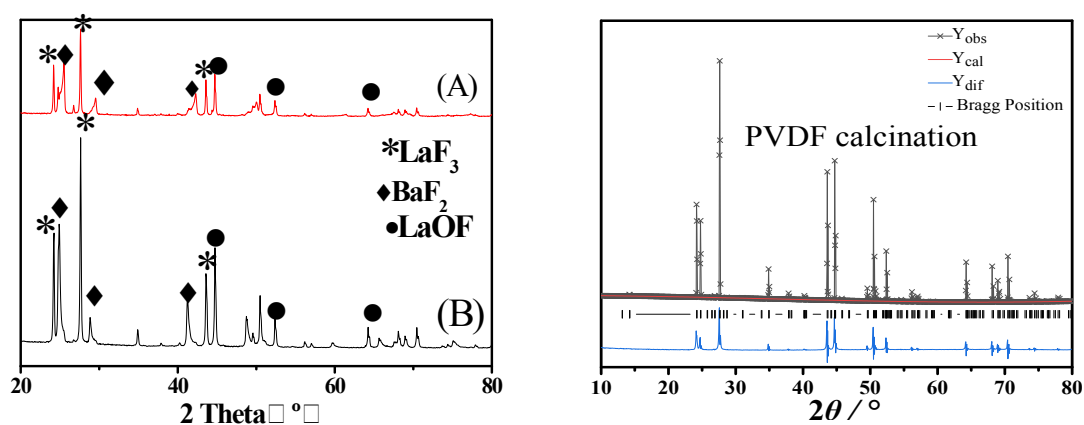


Fig. S6 XRD patterns and Rietveld refinement analysis of catalyst prepared by PVDF mediated calcination ( $x=0.6$ ). (A) fresh catalyst and (B) spent catalyst. Reaction conditions: 15 h,  $T$  of 700°C, GHSV of 900h<sup>-1</sup> and feeding CHF<sub>3</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub>/O<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>=1:1:0.06:9.

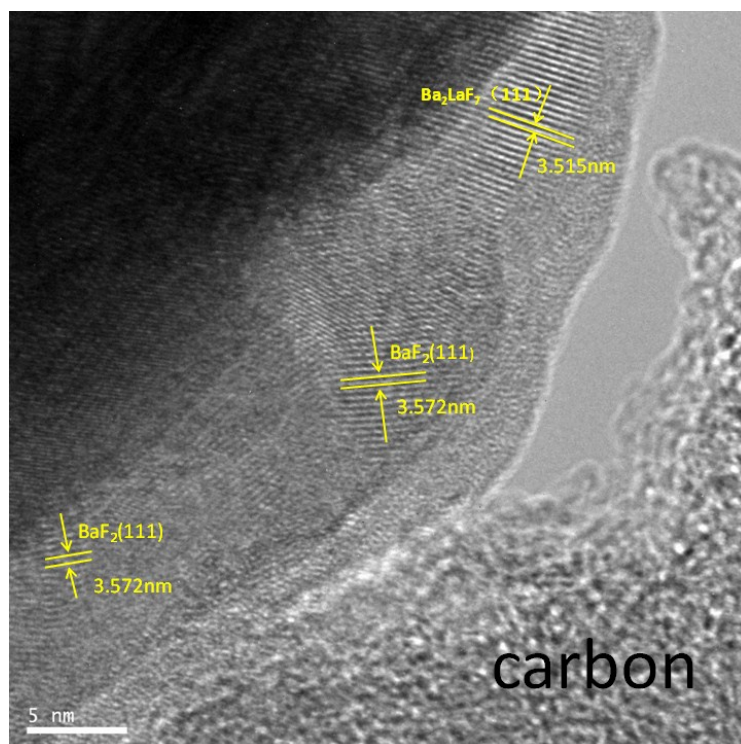


Fig. S7 TEM image of spent catalyst (x of 0.6, prepared by mediated calcination, TOS of 15 h). Reaction conditions: 15 h,  $T$  of  $700^{\circ}\text{C}$ , GHSV of  $900\text{h}^{-1}$  and feeding  $\text{CHF}_3/\text{CH}_4/\text{O}_2/\text{N}_2=1:1:0.06:9$ .

Table S3 Surface elemental composition of fresh and spent catalysts prepared by HF precipitation method with x of 0.4(determined by XPS analysis).

Catalyst	Elemental concentration, %					F/ (3*La+2*B a)
	C	O	F	La	Ba	
Fresh	19.58	18.33	49.33	13.35	6.55	0.93
Spent	27.73	11.24	46.65	12.08	6.33	0.95

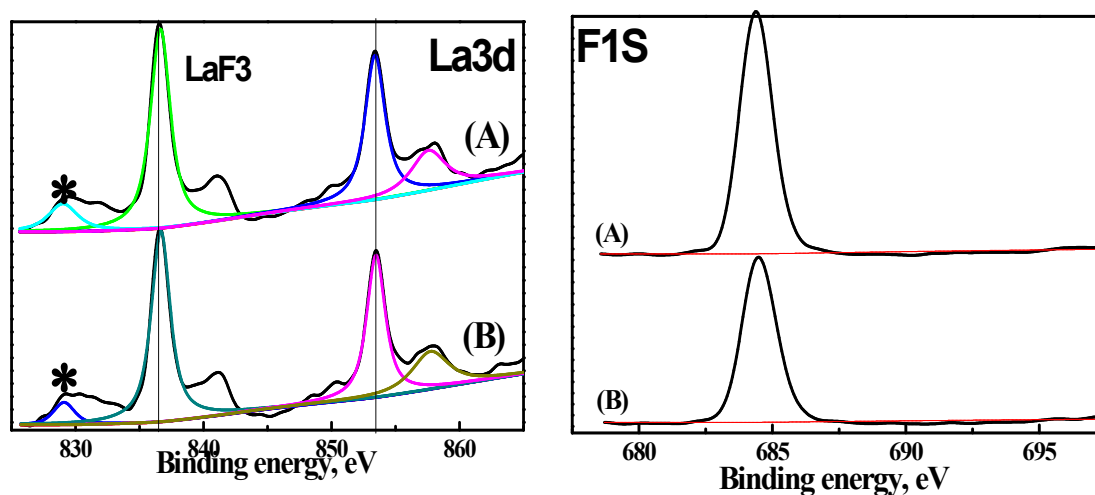


Fig. S8 XPS characterization of catalyst prepared by HF precipitation method with  $X=0.4$ . (A): before reaction; (B) after reaction. The highlight is the F(KLL) Auger transition.

**Table S4** Surface elemental composition of  $\text{LaF}_3$  catalyst prepared by HF precipitation method and PVDF mediated calcination (determined by XPS analysis)

Catalyst	Elemental concentration, %				F/La	O/La
	C	O	F	La		
HF Precipitation	17.16	9.16	52.16	21.16	2.47	0.43
PVDF mediated calcination	18.67	15.47	46.02	19.3	2.38	0.80