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14 Fig. S1 CaO grain size of a) CaO, b) sol-gel CaO calculated by SEM images in Fig.3 (a) and (b).

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Fig. S2 CO₂ capture performance at 400 °C for 10 hours in TGA reactor.





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Fig. S3 Two competing ionic diffusion processes in CaO carbonation. a) T<515 °C, b) T>515 °C.

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Fig. S4 FIB-SEM-EDS mapping of FB-400.



Fig. S5 CaCO₃ layer thickness of FB-600.