

Electronic supplementary materials for

Compositional engineering of perovskite oxide $\text{BaCo}_{0.5}\text{Fe}_{0.5}\text{O}_{3-\delta}$ as an efficient bifunctional
electrocatalyst for rechargeable zinc-air battery

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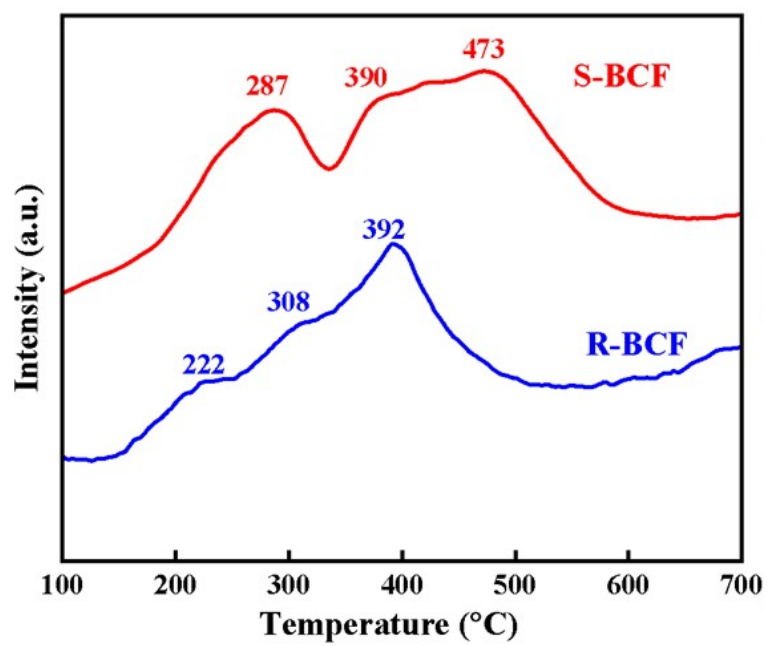


Fig. S1 The measured H₂-TPR curves for R-BCF catalyst and S-BCF catalyst.

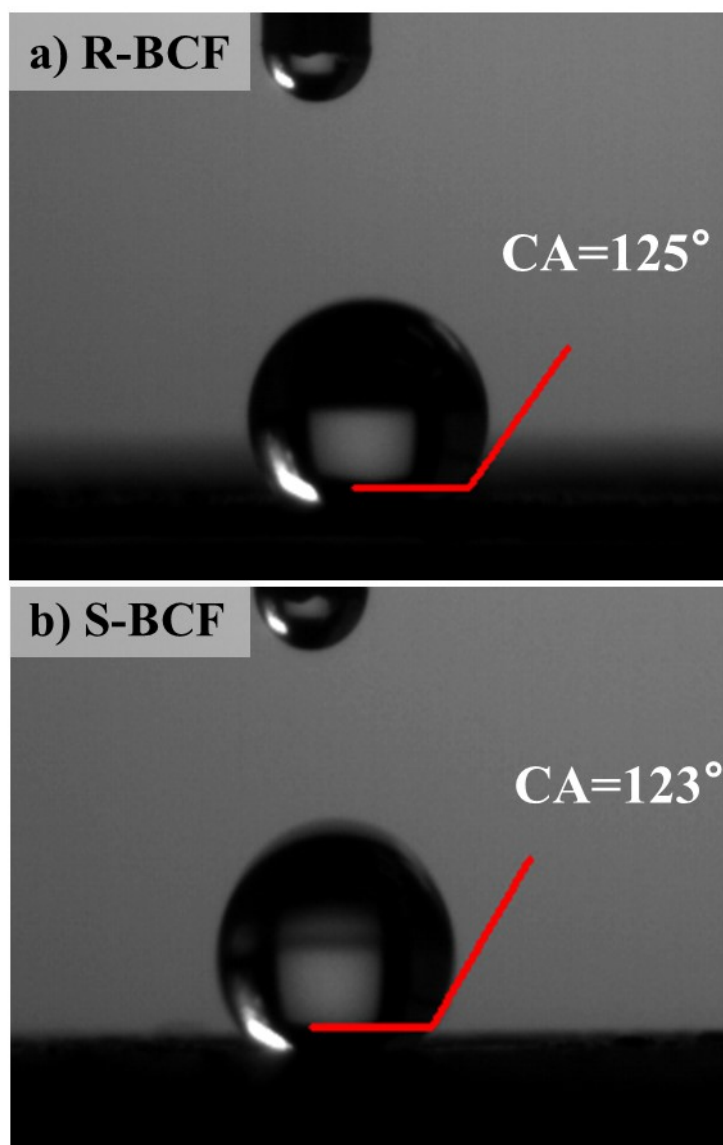


Fig. S2 Water contact angle photographs for (a) R-BCF cathode and (b) S-BCF cathode.

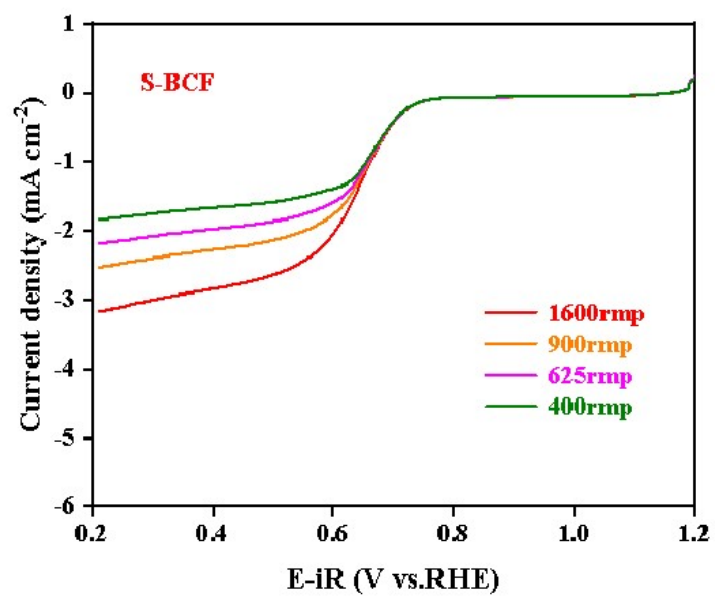


Fig. S3 LSV curves of S-BCF catalyst measured at different rotating rates (400, 625, 900, and 1600 rpm).

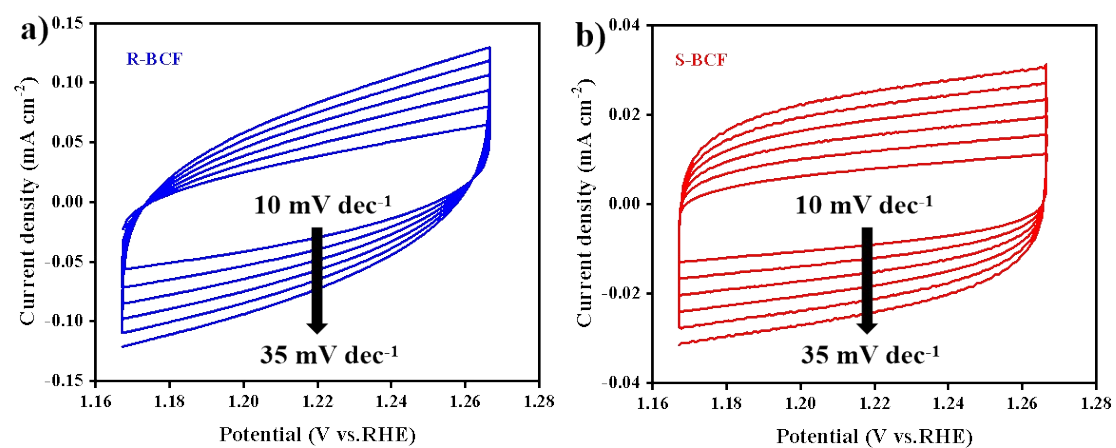


Fig. S4 CV curves of (a) R-BCF catalyst, and (b) S-BCF catalyst.

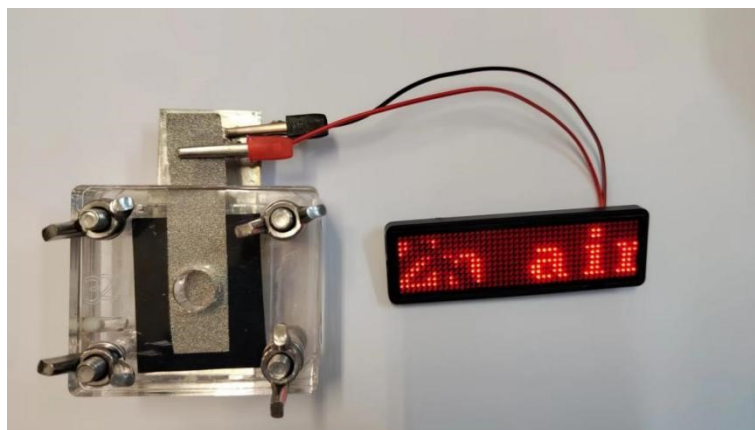


Fig. S5 Photograph of a light-emitting diode (LED) with the "Zn air" logo, powered by a ZAB based on R-BCF catalyst.

Table S1 The summarized manufacturers of the chemicals and materials used for electrochemical performance measurements

Chemicals	Manufacturer
Pt/C	Suzhou Sinero Technology Co
RuO ₂	Suzhou Sinero Technology Co
Carbon paper	Changsha Sipulin New Energy Technology Co., Ltd
6M KOH solution	Shanghai Aladdin Biochemical Technology Co., Ltd.
C ₄ H ₆ ZnO ₄	Shanghai Aladdin Biochemical Technology Co., Ltd.
Zn metal	Changsha Sipulin New Energy Technology Co., Ltd

Table S2 The deconvolution results of *O1s*, *Fe2p* and *Co2p* XPS peaks of R-BCF and S-BCF materials

Sample	O _{ad} (at. %)	Fe ²⁺ (at. %)	Co ³⁺ (at. %)	Co ³⁺ /Co ²⁺	Co/Fe
R-BCF	51.0	58.0	83.0	4.88	1.37
S-BCF	41.5	61.0	82.0	4.56	1.52

Table S3 Comparison of the peak output power density ($p_{\max}$) of the synthesized catalysts and the recently reported materials loaded on ZABs

Catalysts	$p_{\max}$ (mW cm ⁻²)	Ref
S-BCF	81	This study
R-BCF	132	This study
La _{0.85} Y _{0.15} Ni _{0.7} Fe _{0.3} O ₃	93.6	S1
La _{0.68} Sr _{0.3} Co _{0.95} O _{2.73}	34.4	S2
La _{0.7} Sr _{0.3} Co _{0.9} Pd _{0.03} O _{2.85}	52.4	S2
(La _{0.8} Sr _{0.2}) _{0.95} Mn _{0.5} Fe _{0.5} O ₃	105	S3
Mn _{0.5} Ni _{0.5} Co ₂ O ₄	117	S4
(La _{0.65} Sr _{0.3}) _{0.95} FeO _{3-δ}	93	S5
Sr ₂ TiMnO ₆	97	S6
PrBa _{0.5} Sr _{0.5} Co _{1.5} Fe _{0.5} O _{5+δ}	109	S7
PrBa _{0.5} Sr _{0.5} Co _{1.5} Fe _{0.5} O _{5+δ} Nanofiber	127	S7
LaMn _{0.75} Co _{0.25} O _{3-δ}	35	S8
Sr ₂ Fe _{1.5} Mo _{0.5} O _{6-δ} Nanoparticles	107.9	S9
Ba _{0.5} Sr _{0.5} Co _{0.8} Fe _{0.2} O _{3-δ}	156.2	S10
Pr _{0.5} Ba _{0.5} CoO _{3-δ}	175	S11

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