

## Sorption of CO<sub>2</sub> on NaBr co-doped Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> ceramics: Structural and kinetic analysis

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**Abstract:** Structurally modified and improved NaBr co-doped Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> ceramics were developed for CO<sub>2</sub> absorption in low-CO<sub>2</sub>-concentration atmospheres. Pure and NaCl-doped Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> ceramics were also prepared for comparison. The samples were analyzed by X-ray diffraction, Scanning Electron Microscopy, N<sub>2</sub> adsorption, X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy, differential scanning calorimetry, and thermogravimetric analyses (dynamic and isothermal). The sorption kinetics were obtained using a double exponential model. The results showed that both Na and Br can be introduced into the Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> structure and doped on Li and oxygen sites, respectively. The doped sample presented a Li<sub>2</sub>O-enriched surface, guaranteeing abundant Li-O sites and our significantly different from previous anionic (CO<sub>3</sub>, F and Cl) doping of Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>, Br doping also generated macroporous features with small particle size. These favorable characteristics promoted the surface chemisorption kinetics. Moreover, DSC analysis confirmed the formation of the molten phases during CO<sub>2</sub> absorption, which helps improve the lithium diffusion kinetics. Here, 0.1 mol NaBr doping was used to reach a maximum absorption capacity (>30.0 wt.%) in 15 vol.% CO<sub>2</sub>, suggesting that NaBr-doped Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> ceramics have great potential for CO<sub>2</sub> capture at high temperature.

Keywords: CO<sub>2</sub> capture; NaBr doping; carbon template; Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>

## Highlights

Ceramics of NaBr co-doped Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> were synthesized for the first time.

Small-sized Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> grains with macro porous features were obtained.

Li-O rich sites were found on the surface during CO<sub>2</sub> sorption.

These desirable features resulted in superior CO<sub>2</sub> capture performance.

## 1. Introduction

Rising anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are causing climate change [1] and carbon capture and storage (CCS) is an effective way to continue using fossil fuels and still meet ambitious CO<sub>2</sub> emission targets [2]. However, current CCS technologies utilizing aqueous amines have large energy losses, mainly associated with the amine regeneration/CO<sub>2</sub> separation step [3]. To increase the useful energy of these system and decrease the operating costs, intermediate-temperature and high-temperature sorbents, including hydrotalcites [4], MgO-based sorbents [5], calcium oxides [6-9], and ceramic materials [10-12], have been examined as alternative sorbents because these materials can directly separate CO<sub>2</sub> from hot flue gases in thermal power or sorption-enhanced steam methane reforming (SE-SMR) processes. Alkaline ceramic materials [13], especially lithium orthosilicate (Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>) [14, 15], appear to be attractive sorbents because they have high theoretical CO<sub>2</sub> capture capacities (36.7 wt.%), and a consistent recyclability.

Solid-state Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> fabricated by traditional methods has an extremely low porosity and typically very large particle/grain size, making the reaction between Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> relatively slow [16]. To decrease particle sizes and increase its specific surface area, several synthetic routes, including ball milling [17, 18], impregnated suspension [19-21], precipitation [22], sol-gel techniques [23-25], carbon templates or porous carbon [26-28] and hydration [29], have been suggested. Unfortunately, these

morphologically-improved particles still exhibited unsatisfactory reaction kinetics ( $\sim 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) under typical hot flue gases in thermal power applications or under SE-SMR conditions [29, 30].

To further improve the kinetics under low  $\text{CO}_2$  partial pressure conditions, doping of foreign materials [31, 32], especially alkali carbonates [33, 34], into  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  particles has been studied. Zhang et al. [35] and Seggiani et al. [36] prepared  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ - or  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ -doped  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  particles by means of a solid-state reaction. Yang et al. [37] designed alkali carbonate-doped sorbents with micron-sized pores using an impregnated suspension method. Xiang et al. [38] synthesized a relatively porous Na and Ti co-doped sorbent using a sol-gel method. Subha et al. [39] fabricated a nanorod  $(\text{Li-Na-K})\text{CO}_3$ -coated  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  material by a microwave sol-gel process. Recently, Wang et al. [40, 41] developed a novel anionic (F or Cl) doping technique to modify the intrinsic properties of  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  through a sacrificial carbon template and hydration techniques. Both NaF- and NaCl-doped  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  showed superior  $\text{CO}_2$  absorption performance. It appears that in the high-temperature absorption process, anionic ( $\text{CO}_3$ , F and Cl) doping forming low-temperature eutectic compounds which significantly reduced the diffusion resistance of  $\text{CO}_2$  [29, 40, 42]. However, the anionic doping also suffered from serious sintering problems, inducing severe grain aggregation and porosity loss, which resulted in poorer kinetic performance.

Unlike previous anionic ( $\text{CO}_3$ , F and Cl) doping, this work used NaBr for the first time as a new dopant to tailor  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  ceramic materials with different macroporous morphologies. Based on the structure, morphology and kinetic characteristics, the impacts of NaBr doping on the  $\text{CO}_2$  chemisorption properties of  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  were explored.

## **2. Experimental**

### **2.1 Sorbents**

All chemicals used were analytical grade (from Aladdin Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd.). To obtain the Na-doped samples, pure  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  and Na sources (NaCl and NaBr)

were selected. In the preparation process of pure  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$ , fumed silica and lithium nitrate were weighed accurately to a mole ratio of 4.1:1 of  $\text{LiNO}_3\cdot\text{SiO}_2$ , and after blending together the mixture was calcined at 800 °C for 4 h. An excess of 0.1 mols lithium was added to reduce the problems caused by the sublimation of lithium at high temperatures. The powder synthesized in the high-temperature solid-state reaction was designated PS.

The Na-doped samples were formed by the sacrificial carbon template method (SCT) via the gluconic acid pyrolysis process. This procedure involved incorporating a certain amount of Na dopant, PS sample and gluconic acid in an aqueous solution. These reagents were mixed according to a molar ratio of X:1:2 of Na: $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$ :gluconic acid, where X=0.1, 0.04 or 0.5. The resulting solution was constantly stirred at 80 °C until a wet gel was formed. After drying at 105 °C for 24 h, the obtained powder was calcined at 500 °C in pure  $\text{N}_2$  in a muffle furnace to ensure sufficient pyrolysis and then further preheated at 700 °C for 4 h in air. The final samples obtained were designated as SCT-NaBr-0.1, SCT-NaCl-0.1, SCT-NaBr-0.04, SCT-NaCl-0.04, SCT-NaBr-0.5 and SCT-NaBr-0.5 based on the dopant type and quantity used. A control sample without Na doping was made using the same sacrificial carbon template method and designated as SCT [26].

## 2.2 Characterization

The crystal phases of the samples were analyzed by a Bruker Model D8 Advance X-ray diffractometer (XRD) in the  $2\theta$  range of 10-70°. A Hitachi Model S-4800 scanning electron microscope (SEM) was used to record the morphologies of the prepared samples. The pore properties, including the specific surface area, pore volume and size distribution were measured using a Quantachrome Novawin  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption/desorption analyzer. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) spectra were obtained using a Perkin-Elmer PHI 5600 XPS to analyze the surface atomic concentrations and bonding, the data from which were processed using the

XPSPEAK41 software packages. The differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) data were obtained with a Labsys Evo along with data from a simultaneous thermal thermogravimetric analyzer under a pure CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, covering a temperature range from room temperature to 1000 °C, with a heating rate of 5 °C/min for a flow rate of 0.05 dm<sup>3</sup>/min.

### **2.3 CO<sub>2</sub> sorption**

The CO<sub>2</sub> absorption was measured using a thermogravimetric analyzer (ZRY-1P, Techcomp Jingke Scientific Instrument Co., Ltd., Shanghai, China). The samples were weighed, placed in an alumina crucible, and heated from room temperature to 1000 °C at a heating rate of 10 °C/min under a 15 vol.% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere (balance with N<sub>2</sub>). Isothermal experiments were carried out at 475 °C, 525 °C and 575 °C for 120 min under a 15 vol.% CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphere balanced with N<sub>2</sub> using a total flow rate of 0.05 dm<sup>3</sup>/min.

## **3. Results and discussion**

### **3.1 Characterization**

The crystal phases, surface composition, grain morphologies and porous properties of the prepared samples were examined by XRD, XPS, SEM and nitrogen absorption. The XRD patterns (Fig. 1a) showed the pure diffraction peaks of Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> with a monoclinic structure. At low dopant concentrations of NaCl of 0.04 (molar ratio Na relative to Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub>), no secondary phases (such as Li<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub>) were detected in the pattern for SCT-NaCl-0.04, which suggests that all the NaCl was incorporated into the Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> lattice to produce a solid solution. When the amount of dopant was increased to 0.1, the diffraction peaks of NaCl were identified in SCT-NaCl-0.1, showing that the doping amount had exceeded the solubility limit within the Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> structure. However, faint diffraction peaks of NaBr were identified in SCT-NaBr-0.04, and stronger diffraction peaks of NaBr were also detected in SCT-NaBr-0.1 showing that the Na was

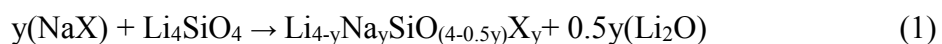
not fully dispersed within the lattice. As reported for Cl-doped  $\text{Li}_2\text{FeSiO}_4$  [43], both halogen ions (bromide and chloride) tended to be incorporated into the orthosilicate. On the other hand, the solubility limit of SCT-NaBr ( $<0.04$ ) was lower than that of SCT-NaCl ( $>0.04$ ) mainly due to the larger ionic radii of  $\text{Br}^-$  compared to that of  $\text{Cl}^-$ .

To examine shifts in the peak positions in detail, the peak in  $2\theta$  range of  $21.8\text{-}23.0^\circ$  for SCT, SCT-NaCl-0.04, and SCT-NaBr-0.04 are shown in Figure 1b. Doping with NaCl and NaBr caused the peak positions of the SCT sample to shift slightly toward a lower angle, suggesting a change in the crystal lattice of  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$ . Based on Bragg's law, the lowering of  $2\theta$  generates an increased interplanar spacing, which can explain the increased lattice parameters as NaCl/NaBr is introduced into the  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$ .

To further explore the NaCl/NaBr doping effect on the surface composition of  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$ , XPS analysis was performed. As shown in Fig. 2a, the Li 1s spectra of SCT exhibited a peak at 54.0 eV, which is related to the presence of a  $\text{Li}_x\text{SiO}_y$  phase. For the two Na-doped samples, the peaks of both spectra shifted to a higher binding energy, suggesting that the introduced Na was doped on Li sites. This doping likely resulted in the generation of  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  at the surface due to the presence of  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ , which has a higher binding energy than  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  [44]. The Si sites, Si 2p spectra are also identified in Fig. 2b. The binding energies recorded for SCT were  $\sim 100.7$  eV, corresponding to the presence of a  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  species [45]. After Na doping, a higher binding energy was observed for both NaCl/NaBr-doped samples mainly due to the formation of  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_4$  (102-104 eV) [46, 47].

Due to the absence of secondary phases observed in SCT-NaCl-0.04, the spectrum of Cl 2p is clearly displayed in Fig. 2c. There are two peaks (198.8 and 200.5 eV) in the spectrum of SCT-NaCl-0.04. Considering the effects of pure NaCl reported in previous work (198.4 and 200.0 eV) [48], the shifted spectrum of SCT-NaCl-0.04 most likely arises as a result of the Cl doping. Thus, the halogen ion doping on the O 1s spectrum is further shown in Fig. 2d. The O 1s peak at  $\sim 531.5$  eV was observed in all three samples, which is attributed to the presence of  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  [44]. For both halogen ion-

doped samples, there is another distinct shoulder near 528.4 eV that is assigned to the  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  species. Such significant changes in material environment confirm that the halogen ions were doped on oxygen sites, which agrees with the results of the Li 1s spectrum. The XPS analysis supported the XRD results, and further suggested that Na and halogen were introduced into the  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  structure and doped on Li and oxygen sites. Moreover, based on peak-differentiating analysis, the amount of  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  determined for SCT-NaBr-0.1 (14.65%) is higher than that of SCT-NaCl-0.1 (9.56%), indicating Br doping induced the formation of more  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ -enriched  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  than did Cl doping. Based on all these characterizations,  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  doping with y mol of NaX can be described by equation 1 (X=Cl or Br):



The SEM images of three  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  samples are illustrated in Fig. 3. The SCT showed macroporous particles (Fig. 3a). As shown in the high-magnification image (Fig. 3b), the co-existence of large and small sintered agglomerates was observed. Such morphologies are caused by the large amount of gas released during the high-temperature inhomogeneous decomposition. Upon NaCl doping, the morphologies of SCT-NaCl-0.1 were evidently even more sintered with larger and denser particles (Fig. 3c). Moreover, the macropores on the surface disappeared (Fig. 3d). In contrast to the NaCl doping, more macroporous morphologies were observed for NaBr doping. SCT-NaBr-0.1 also exhibited regular polyhedrons with smaller particles (Fig. 3e) and well interlinked macropores developed on the surface (Fig. 3f). It was reported that Br doped CaO also produce large macropores [49]. These macroporous structures are incredibly useful for the transport of  $\text{CO}_2$  to the interior of the agglomerates for  $\text{CO}_2$  capture and release.

To specifically compare the porous structures of SCT-NaCl-0.1 and SCT-NaBr-0.1, isothermal  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption/desorption measurements were characterized. The results are presented in Table 1. Three samples all presented low specific surface area and pore volume. However, the specific surface area and pore volume of SCT-NaBr-0.1 was

three times those of SCT-NaCl-0.1. The N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption analyses support the SEM results, highlighting the more macroporous properties produced via the NaBr doping procedure.

Thermogravimetric analysis and differential scanning calorimetry (TGA/DSC) were conducted to determine the formation of molten phases during CO<sub>2</sub> absorption. To ensure that the endothermic behaviors are clearly observed, the doping quantity was increased from 0.1 to 0.5 here. The same procedure is also reported in the previous work [37]. As shown in Fig. 4, TGA results suggest that the undoped sample SCT started to trap CO<sub>2</sub> at ~530 °C and released CO<sub>2</sub> above 700 °C under an atmosphere of 100% CO<sub>2</sub>. Accordingly, the DSC curves had a weak exothermic peak (~680 °C) suggesting that Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> reacts exothermically with CO<sub>2</sub> at this temperature. There was also a strong endothermic peak (~720 °C) in the DSC curves, implying that the desorption process was endothermic. Similar exothermic/endothermic peaks are also reported in the former study [50]. Here, the TGA curves of two doped samples showed wider absorption/desorption temperature ranges. Their DSC curves thus displayed an exothermic peak at a lower temperature and an endothermic peak at a higher temperature. More importantly, another endothermic peak was observed for both doped sorbents between the exothermic peak and the endothermic peak, which must be related to the formation of the molten phases. The presence of molten compounds evidently significantly increased the lithium diffusion process [51].

### **3.2 CO<sub>2</sub> uptake characteristics and kinetic analysis**

Figure 5a shows the dynamic curves for the three sorbents tested in an atmosphere of 15 vol.% CO<sub>2</sub>. For reference, the SCT started to capture CO<sub>2</sub> at ~500 °C and desorbed CO<sub>2</sub> above 640 °C. Under this condition, only a 10.2wt.% increase occurred. A thick external layer [52] was formed and covered the surface of SCT. Thus, lithium diffusion resistance was greatly increased and a low CO<sub>2</sub> uptake was obtained for SCT. Upon doping, the initial absorption temperature in the SCT-NaCl-0.1 and SCT-NaBr-0.1



samples decreased. Similar results for other alkali carbonate-doped  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  samples have also been previously reported [33]. Moreover, the two doped samples exhibited remarkably enhanced  $\text{CO}_2$  absorption performance. SCT-NaBr-0.1 reached the highest absorption uptake ( $\sim 29.1$  wt.%), which was approximately 3 times as high as the maximum sorption for SCT. In addition, the absorption rates were greatly increased for the doped samples. Here, the slope of SCT-NaBr-0.1 (in the temperature range of 485–650 °C) was highest at  $0.17$  wt.%  $\text{min}^{-1}$ , showing nearly 3 times the absorption rate of the SCT ( $0.06$  wt.%  $\text{min}^{-1}$ ). Additionally, a slight weight loss was both obtained for two doped sample at higher temperature ( $> 800$  °C). It seemed that such doped  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  may experience an unexpected decomposition.

To further analyze the  $\text{CO}_2$  capture process on these samples, isothermal experiments were conducted at 475 °C, 525 °C, and 575 °C for 2 h. At 475 °C, the SCT particles (Fig. 5b) showed extremely low capacities and absorption rates. When doped with NaCl or NaBr, the  $\text{CO}_2$  capture amounts were enhanced, and the absorption rates were accelerated. In particular, SCT-NaBr-0.1 achieved the fastest absorption rate and the highest  $\text{CO}_2$  capture ability. After the first 10 min of reaction with  $\text{CO}_2$ , the uptake of SCT-NaBr-0.1 exceeded 16.9%, which is 4 times as high as that of SCT. The absorption behaviors were similar but even more drastic affected for these three isotherms at 525 °C (Fig. 5c). However, SCT-NaBr-0.1 still demonstrated the fastest absorption rate and highest absorption capacity, and its absorption quickly saturated at 27.6 wt.% within 50 mins. In addition, the gap between SCT-NaBr-0.1 and SCT-NaCl-0.1 decreased compared with those at 475 °C. When the temperature was further increased to 575 °C, the superior  $\text{CO}_2$  performance was retained for SCT-NaBr-0.1, as indicated in Fig. 5d. Interestingly, the maximum  $\text{CO}_2$  capture capacity of SCT-NaCl-0.1 was slightly higher than that of SCT-NaBr-0.1. Similar results have also been seen for alkali nitrates-doped  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  sorbents [53]. At higher temperature (575 °C), lithium diffusion resistance was greatly reduced. Thus, the improvements in the  $\text{CO}_2$  capture process induced by sodium halides addition appeared to be independent of the halides

type.

These isothermal curves were fitted to double exponential models [21] to examine the absorption kinetics of three samples:

$$y=A \exp^{-k_1 t}+B \exp^{-k_2 t}+C \quad (2)$$

in which  $y$  is the CO<sub>2</sub> absorption capacity;  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  represent the pre-exponential factors;  $t$  is the time; and  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are exponential constants for the CO<sub>2</sub> chemisorption directly over the surface of Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> particles and the CO<sub>2</sub> sorption kinetically controlled by lithium diffusion, respectively.

The values of the parameter obtained are listed in Table 2. All isothermal curves displayed good curve fits to double exponential models, indicating that the absorption process involved an initial surface chemisorption stage followed by a lithium diffusion stage. Moreover, the surface chemisorption constant values ( $k_1$ ) were ten times as high as the lithium diffusion constant values ( $k_2$ ), suggesting that lithium diffusion was the main limiting factor during the whole absorption process. Previous work [21, 52] suggested that as the absorption process progressed, the external layer formed (composed mainly of Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> and Li<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub>) was thicker. Due to the absence of the molten layer (Fig. 4), the lithium diffusion resistance was greatly increased. Thus, slow absorption kinetics were shown for SCT. Furthermore, the  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  values of the doped sorbents were several times higher than those of SCT. As confirmed by DSC analysis, the molten phases formed for two co-doped sorbents promoted the lithium diffusion process very strongly, thereby improving the CO<sub>2</sub> absorption kinetics. More importantly, doping with different anions (Br and Cl) resulted in rather different absorption kinetics. In particular, the kinetics of the surface chemisorption were larger for SCT-NaBr-0.1 than for SCT-NaCl-0.1. The characterization results also show that Br doping induced more macroporous properties, smaller particle size and a more Li<sub>2</sub>O-rich Li<sub>4</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> surface. In other words, a greater abundance of Li-O sites was formed [21], which gave rise to a higher surface chemisorption reactivity. However, at a high temperature of 575 °C, entirely different behavior was observed. The kinetics of the lithium diffusion

observed for SCT-NaCl-0.1 increased. It seemed that the lithium diffusion for SCT-NaBr-0.1 was smaller at higher temperatures.

To analyze the influence of temperature on the absorption kinetics, we used Eyring's model, which can be used for solid-gas reactions:

$$\ln (k/T) = (-\Delta H^{++}/R) 1/T + \ln (k_B/h) + \Delta S^{++}/R \quad (2)$$

where  $k$  is the reaction rate constant,  $T$  represents the absolute temperature,  $\Delta H^{++}$  is the activation enthalpy,  $R$  represents the gas constant,  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant,  $h$  is Planck's constant and  $\Delta S^{++}$  represents the activation entropy.

Fitting Eyring's model, the plots of  $\ln (k/T)$  versus  $1/T$  gave linear behavior as shown in Fig. 6 and the activation enthalpies were obtained from the slope. Compared with pure  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  reported in previous studies [40, 54], the  $\Delta H^{++}$  values of the surface chemisorption processes for SCT-NaCl-0.1 and SCT-NaBr-0.1 were greatly reduced, indicating the surface chemisorption process was less dependent on temperature when doping with NaCl/NaBr. Moreover, a decrease in the  $\Delta H^{++}$  value of NaBr doping for surface chemisorption was observed as compared with the case of NaCl doping, indicating that its surface chemisorption was less reliant on temperature. For the lithium diffusion process, the  $\Delta H^{++}$  of SCT-NaBr-0.1 was also reduced. Both surface chemisorption and lithium diffusion on SCT-NaBr-0.1 doping were less dependent on temperature than for SCT-NaCl-0.1, mainly due to more favorable structure (more macroporous properties, smaller particle size and a more  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ -rich  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  surface) upon NaBr doping.

#### 4. Conclusions

Given that any lithium based material will be significantly more expensive than say a Ca based sorbent and the fact that there are many demands on the available supplies of Li, high recyclability and high absorption rates are critical for the development of Li based ceramic sorbents. Here, NaCl and NaBr co-doped  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  sorbents were prepared via a sacrificial carbon template method. The doped sodium and

Cl/Br were incorporated into the  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  structure and doped on Li and oxygen sites, respectively. The distinct anionic doping features induced significantly different grain morphologies, porous properties and surface compositions. Unlike Cl doping, Br doping induced the formation of smaller particle size, more macroporous properties and a more  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ -rich  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$  surface, ensuring abundant Li-O sites on the surface to facilitate chemisorption. At the same time, the molten phase formed when absorbing  $\text{CO}_2$  greatly decreased the lithium diffusion resistance. Thus, a significantly faster absorption rate, higher  $\text{CO}_2$  absorption capacity and greater absorption kinetics were obtained for SCT-NaBr-0.1 as compared with SCT.

### **Supplementary material**

The dynamic DSC curves between 20 and 750 °C in a 100%  $\text{CO}_2$  flux for three sorbents are presented (Fig. S1).

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# Tables

Table 1. N<sub>2</sub> adsorption results of three samples

Samples	Surface area (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	Pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	Pore diameter (nm)
SCT	0.78	0.81×10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.19
SCT-NaBr-0.1	1.27	2.23×10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.22
SCT-NaCl-0.1	0.42	0.67×10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.55

Table 2. Kinetic parameters obtained from the isotherms of the samples

Samples	t [°C]	k <sub>1</sub> [s <sup>-1</sup> ]	k <sub>2</sub> [s <sup>-1</sup> ]	A	B	C	R
SCT	475	5.71×10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.39×10 <sup>-3</sup>	-5.33	-38.45	144.56	0.998
	525	1.77×10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.95×10 <sup>-2</sup>	-3.75	-12.41	116.70	0.999
	575	2.01×10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.45×10 <sup>-2</sup>	-12.21	-15.48	123.48	0.990
SCT-NaCl-0.1	475	6.06×10 <sup>-2</sup>	4.57×10 <sup>-3</sup>	-14.10	-21.94	138.04	0.997
	525	3.08×10 <sup>-1</sup>	2.28×10 <sup>-2</sup>	-16.32	-13.75	129.83	0.997
	575	9.88×10 <sup>-1</sup>	2.08×10 <sup>-1</sup>	14.52	-46.16	133.13	0.989
SCT-NaBr-0.1	475	1.32×10 <sup>-1</sup>	9.14×10 <sup>-3</sup>	-19.04	-11.57	131.85	0.997
	525	3.73×10 <sup>-1</sup>	3.59×10 <sup>-2</sup>	-25.11	-6.64	128.91	0.995
	575	8.49×10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.98×10 <sup>-1</sup>	13.63	-43.79	131.25	0.997



# Figures

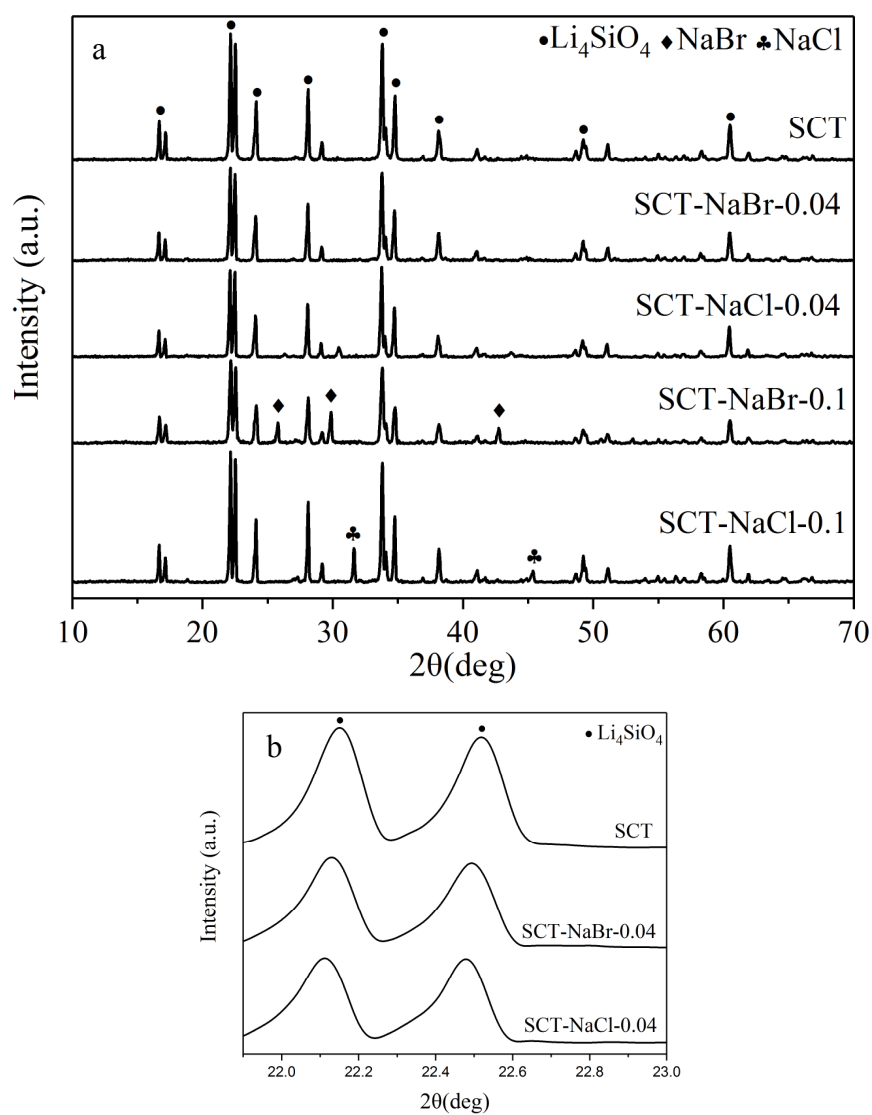


Fig. 1.

Fig. 1. XRD patterns of samples. (a) 2θ range from 10° to 70°; (b) 2θ range from 21.8° to 23.0°.

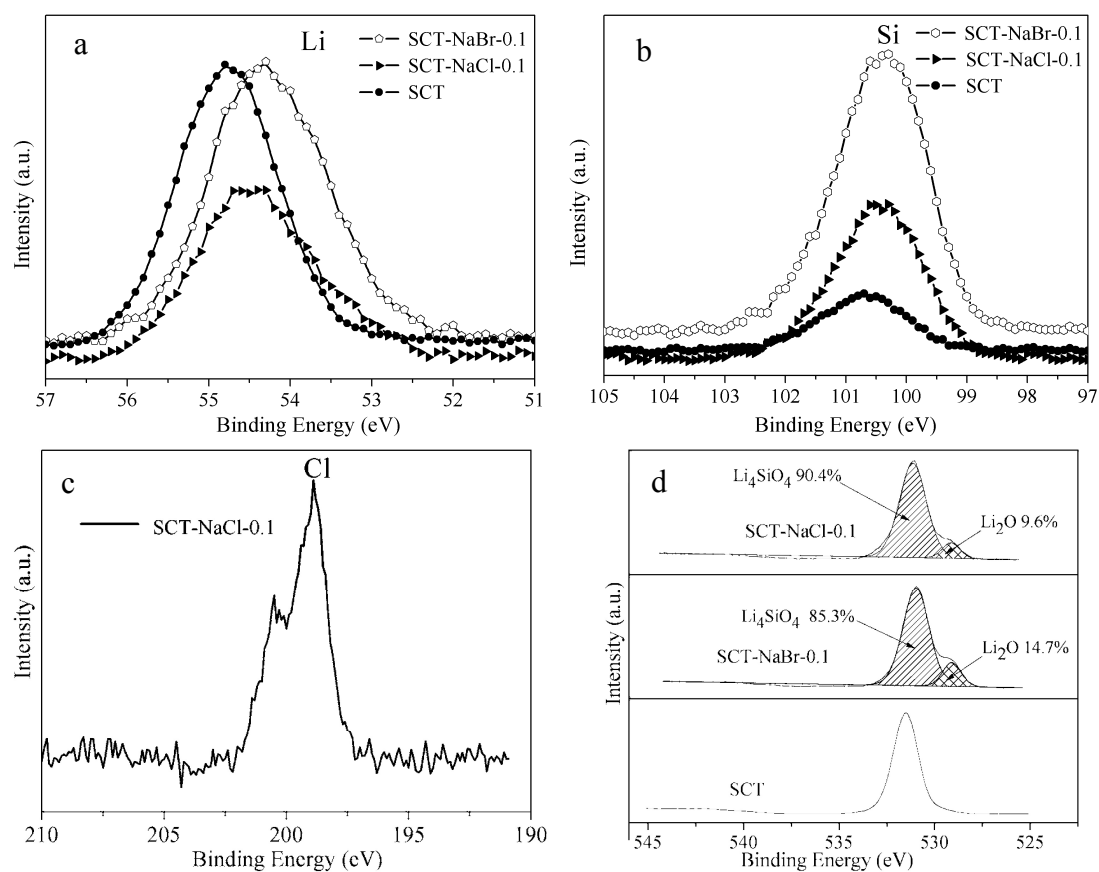


Fig. 2.

Fig. 2. XPS spectra of samples. (a) Li 1s spectra; (b) Si 2p spectra; (c) Cl 2p spectra; (b) O 1s spectra.

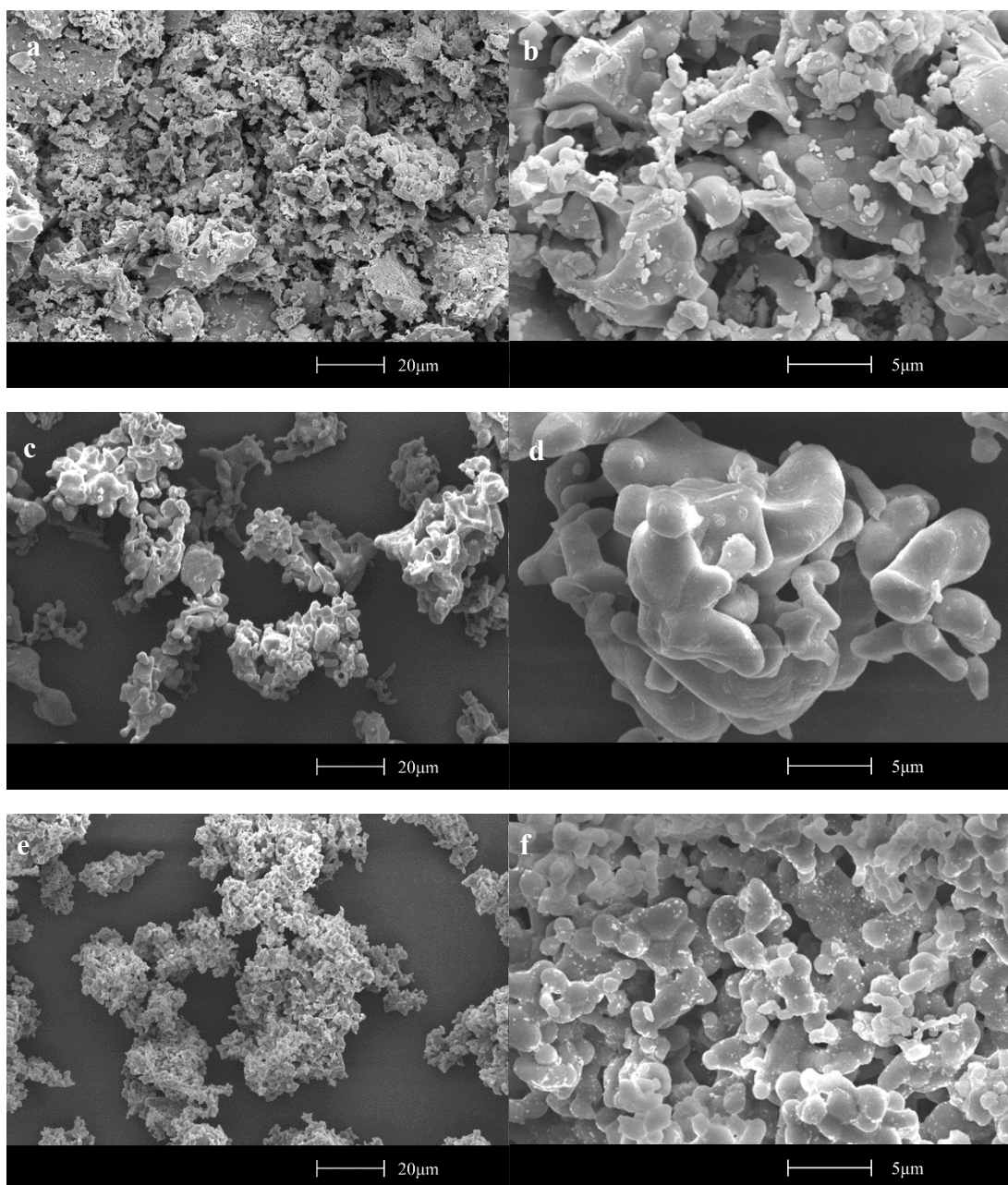


Fig. 3.

Fig. 3. SEM images of different samples: (a, b) SCT; (c, d) SCT-NaCl-0.1; (e, f) SCT-NaBr-0.1.

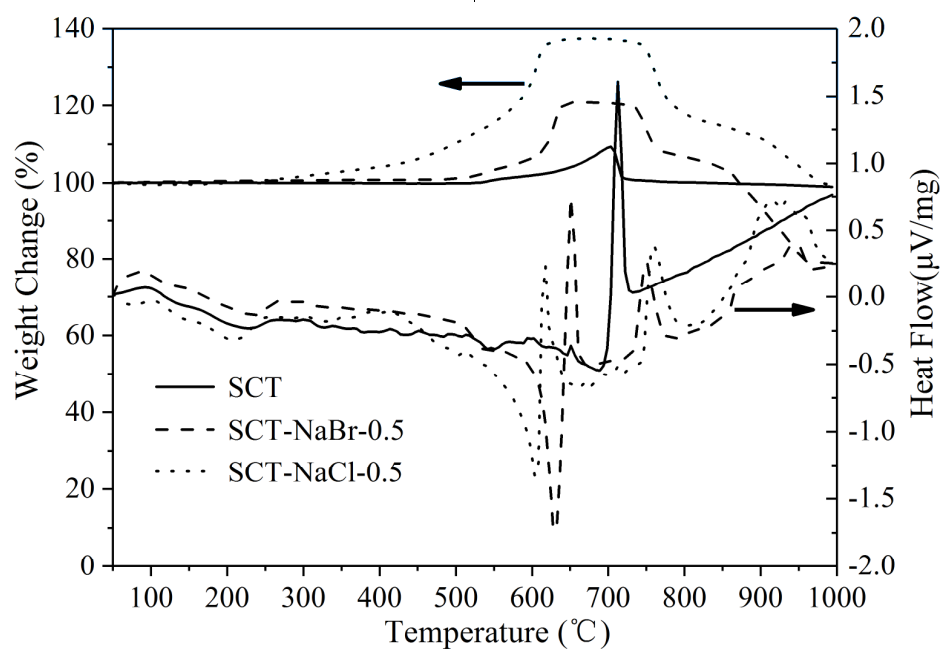


Fig. 4.

Fig. 4. CO<sub>2</sub> uptake characteristics of samples with dynamic thermogravimetric curves between 20 and 1000 °C in a 100% CO<sub>2</sub> flux.

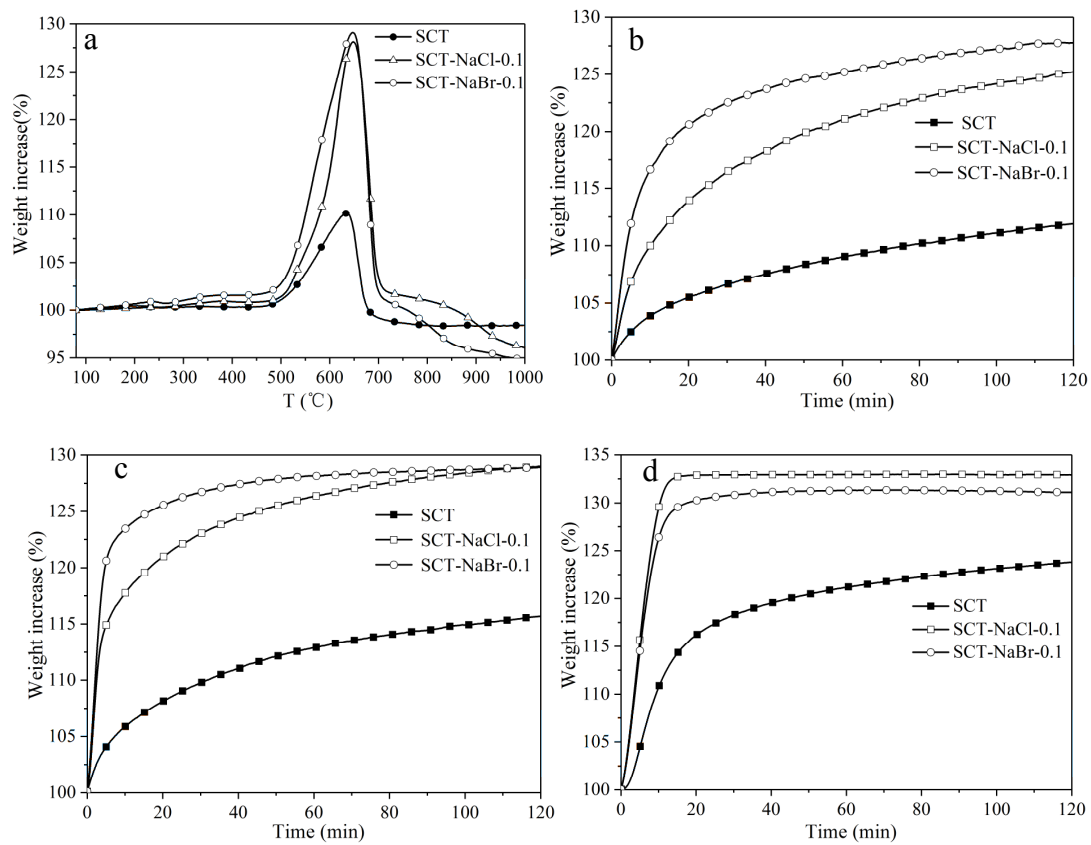


Fig. 5.

Fig. 5. CO<sub>2</sub> uptake characteristics of three samples in a 15% CO<sub>2</sub> flux. (a) Dynamic thermogravimetric curves between 80 and 1000 °C. (b) Isothermal curves at 475 °C; (c) Isothermal curves at 525 °C. (d) Isothermal curves at 575 °C.

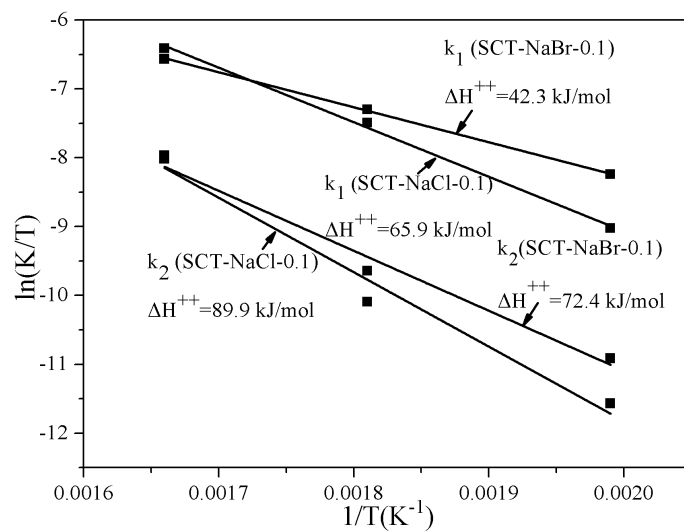


Fig. 6.

Fig. 6. Eyring's plots for the rate constants of the surface chemisorption ( $k_1$ ) and lithium diffusion ( $k_2$ ) of SCT-NaCl-0.1 and SCT-NaBr-0.1.

## Supplementary material

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Fig. S1. The dynamic DSC curves between 20 and 750 °C in a 100% CO<sub>2</sub> flux for three sorbents.

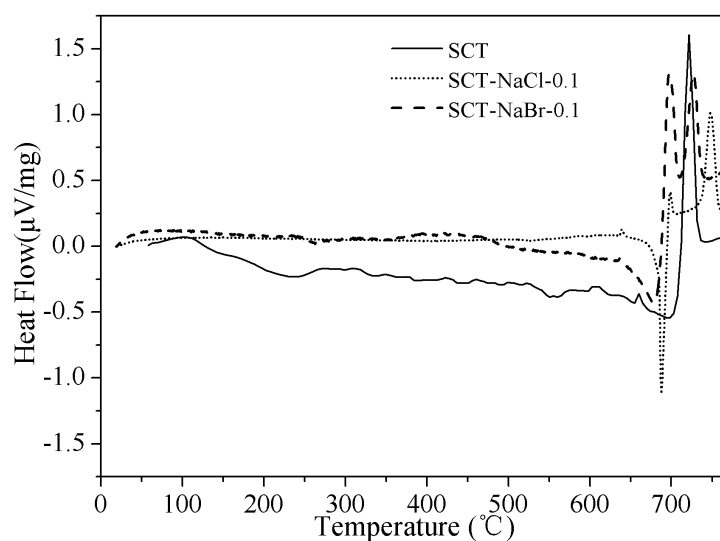


Fig. S1.

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