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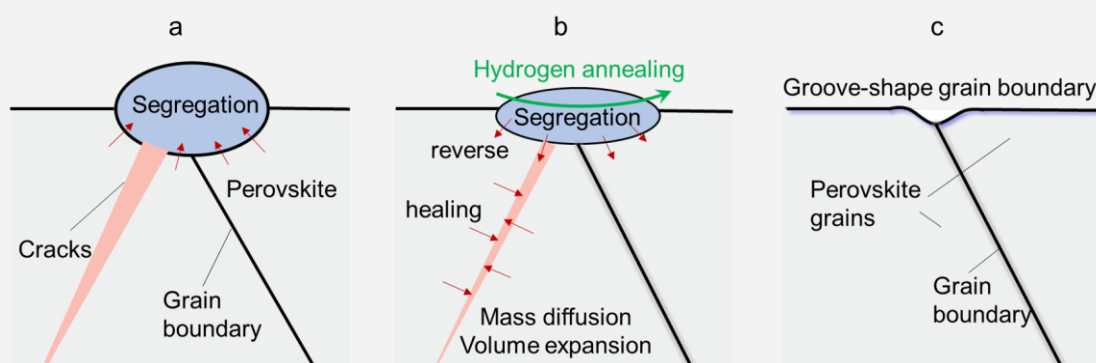
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Perovskite type oxide is a type of mixed ionic and electronic conducting (MIEC) material, has shown remarkable promise for separation and catalysis. It can be fabricated into a dense and gas-tight ceramic membrane, through which oxygen ions migrate selectively under a driving force of oxygen chemical potential gradient at elevated temperature. However, the cation segregation in perovskite-type membrane deleteriously affects the membrane performance and durability. This work presents a novel hydrogen-induced annealing approach for reversing the surface cation segregation of  $\text{Ba}_{0.3}\text{Sr}_{0.7}\text{Fe}_{0.9}\text{Mo}_{0.1}\text{O}_3$  multichannel hollow fiber membranes (BSFM HFs). This approach served to trigger outright reverse segregation of massive complex oxide precipitations at grain boundaries and a self-healing of cracks formed during the sintering stage (Fig. 1). A maximum breaking load of 31.6 N is reached for the hydrogen-induced membrane which is approximately 6 times of the as-prepared BSFM membrane.



**Fig. 1. Schematic representation of the hydrogen-induced reverse segregation and crack self-healing.** (a) Segregation and cracks were initially formed at the sintering stage and featured by a convex-shape grain boundary at the surface as-prepared BSFM membrane; (b) It is annealed with hydrogen which is facilitating element migration and crack healing and (c) outright reverse segregation and crack healing achieved and featured by a groove-shape grain boundary.

The hydrogen-induced BSFM HFs possesses high oxygen permeation flux and tolerates to  $\text{H}_2$ - and  $\text{CO}_2$ - contained atmosphere. Thus, the hydrogen-induced BSFM HFs were suitable for

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catalytic membrane reactor fabrication. We demonstrated the partial oxidation of methane (POM) catalytic membrane reactor could produce industrial syngas and operate stably for more than 120 h. As the CO<sub>2</sub> splitting reaction was further introduced into the membrane reactor, a higher CO<sub>2</sub> conversion efficiency was obtained. Our results demonstrate the feasibility of hydrogen-induced reverse segregation in the perovskite membrane, suggesting new directions to design the high-performance materials based on perovskite oxides for application in catalysis and separations in the future.

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