

## Brownmillerite $\text{Ca}_2\text{Co}_2\text{O}_5$ : Synthesis, Stability, and Re-entrant Single Crystal to Single Crystal Structural Transitions

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| Label        | x        | y       | z        | Occupancy | $U_{\text{eq}}^*$ | Label        | x        | y       | z       | Occupancy | $U_{\text{eq}}^*$ |
|--------------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>300 K</b> |          |         |          |           |                   | <b>100 K</b> |          |         |         |           |                   |
| Ca(1)        | -125(1)  | 1086(1) | 7597(2)  | 1         | 10(1)             | Ca(1)        | -200(1)  | 1078(1) | 2400(1) | 1         | 5(1)              |
| Ca(2)        | 4908(1)  | 3915(1) | 4904(2)  | 1         | 10(1)             | Ca(2)        | 4892(1)  | 3922(1) | 5099(1) | 1         | 6(1)              |
| Co(1)        | 4509(1)  | 2500    | 7200(1)  | 1         | 9(1)              | Co(1)        | 4462(1)  | 2500    | 2804(1) | 1         | 5(1)              |
| Co(2)        | -458(1)  | 2500    | 5298(1)  | 1         | 9(1)              | Co(2)        | -468(1)  | 2500    | 4702(1) | 1         | 5(1)              |
| Co(3)        | 0        | 0       | 5000     | 1         | 7(1)              | Co(3)        | 0        | 0       | 5000    | 1         | 4(1)              |
| Co(4)        | -5047(1) | 0       | 7500     | 1         | 7(1)              | Co(4)        | -5107(1) | 0       | 2500    | 1         | 3(1)              |
| O(1)         | 896(4)   | 2500    | 6927(2)  | 1         | 11(1)             | O(1)         | 879(4)   | 2500    | 3084(2) | 1         | 6(1)              |
| O(2)         | 5928(4)  | 2500    | 5576(2)  | 1         | 11(1)             | O(2)         | 5954(4)  | 2500    | 4400(2) | 1         | 6(1)              |
| O(3)         | 190(3)   | 3602(3) | 4704(5)  | 1         | 13(1)             | O(3)         | 223(3)   | 3608(2) | 5307(3) | 1         | 9(1)              |
| O(4)         | 5088(3)  | 1396(3) | 7796(5)  | 1         | 15(1)             | O(4)         | 5045(3)  | 1386(2) | 2198(3) | 1         | 9(1)              |
| O(5)         | -2440(4) | -99(2)  | 3742(5)  | 1         | 11(1)             | O(5)         | -2367(3) | -102(2) | 6257(2) | 1         | 6(1)              |
| O(6)         | -2566(4) | 140(2)  | 6241(5)  | 1         | 10(1)             | O(6)         | -2631(3) | 150(2)  | 3762(2) | 1         | 6(1)              |
| <b>240 K</b> |          |         |          |           |                   | <b>200 K</b> |          |         |         |           |                   |
| Ca(1)        | 9808(2)  | 6074(1) | 7405(2)  | 1         | 9(1)              | Ca(1)        | 205(2)   | 1079(1) | 2604(1) | 1         | 8(1)              |
| Ca(2)        | 148(2)   | 1082(1) | 2603(2)  | 1         | 9(1)              | Ca(2)        | 202(2)   | 6078(1) | 2405(1) | 1         | 8(1)              |
| Ca(3)        | 4903(2)  | 1081(1) | 4905(2)  | 1         | 9(1)              | Ca(3)        | 4900(2)  | 6081(1) | 102(1)  | 1         | 8(1)              |
| Ca(4)        | 5095(2)  | 6077(1) | 5102(2)  | 1         | 9(1)              | Ca(4)        | 4898(2)  | 1078(1) | 4904(1) | 1         | 8(1)              |
| Co(1)        | 5525(1)  | 2512(1) | 2193(1)  | 1         | 8(1)              | Co(1)        | 4454(2)  | 2500    | 7191(1) | 1         | 7(1)              |
| Co(2)        | 466(1)   | 2494(1) | 300(1)   | 1         | 8(1)              | Co(2)        | 5548(2)  | 2500    | 2195(1) | 1         | 8(1)              |
| Co(3)        | 0        | 0       | 0        | 1         | 6(1)              | Co(3)        | 462(2)   | 2500    | 297(1)  | 1         | 8(1)              |
| Co(4)        | 0        | 5000    | 0        | 1         | 7(1)              | Co(4)        | 9528(2)  | 2500    | 5299(1) | 1         | 7(1)              |
| Co(5)        | 5067(1)  | 0       | 2500     | 1         | 6(1)              | Co(5)        | 0        | 0       | 5000    | 1         | 6(1)              |
| Co(6)        | 4898(2)  | 5000    | 7500     | 1         | 5(1)              | Co(6)        | 0        | 0       | 0       | 1         | 6(1)              |
|              |          |         |          |           |                   | Co(7)        | 5112(1)  | 1(1)    | 2503(1) | 1         | 6(1)              |
| O(1)         | 4061(5)  | 2506(2) | 590(3)   | 1         | 10(1)             | O(1)         | 878(5)   | 2500    | 6924(3) | 1         | 8(1)              |
| O(2)         | -877(4)  | 2500(2) | 1923(2)  | 1         | 9(1)              | O(2)         | 9132(5)  | 2500    | 1927(3) | 1         | 9(1)              |
| O(3)         | 4924(4)  | 1417(3) | 2800(4)  | 1         | 12(1)             | O(3)         | 5942(5)  | 2500    | 5597(3) | 1         | 8(1)              |
| O(4)         | 4978(4)  | 3644(3) | 2780(4)  | 1         | 13(1)             | O(4)         | 4056(5)  | 2500    | 593(3)  | 1         | 9(1)              |
| O(5)         | -228(5)  | 3589(3) | -310(4)  | 1         | 13(1)             | O(5)         | 217(5)   | 1394(2) | 4703(3) | 1         | 12(1)             |
| O(6)         | 2384(5)  | 5097(2) | -1259(3) | 1         | 9(1)              | O(6)         | 234(5)   | 6402(2) | 308(3)  | 1         | 11(1)             |
| O(7)         | 7370(5)  | 5143(2) | 8755(3)  | 1         | 9(1)              | O(7)         | 4971(5)  | 6382(2) | 2206(3) | 1         | 12(1)             |
| O(8)         | 2417(5)  | -102(2) | -1258(3) | 1         | 9(1)              | O(8)         | 4963(5)  | 1386(2) | 2806(3) | 1         | 13(1)             |
| O(9)         | 2584(5)  | 146(2)  | 1244(3)  | 1         | 9(1)              | O(9)         | 2382(4)  | 98(2)   | 6263(3) | 1         | 9(1)              |
| O(10)        | -189(5)  | 1373(3) | -293(4)  | 1         | 12(1)             | O(10)        | 7639(4)  | 103(2)  | 1255(3) | 1         | 9(1)              |
|              |          |         |          |           |                   | O(11)        | 2620(4)  | 5146(2) | 3765(3) | 1         | 9(1)              |
|              |          |         |          |           |                   | O(12)        | 2664(4)  | 149(2)  | 1255(3) | 1         | 8(1)              |

\* $U_{\text{eq}}$  is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized  $U_{ij}$  tensor.

**Table S2.** Comparison of cobalt polyhedral distortion in  $\text{Ca}_2\text{Co}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{Ca}_2\text{FeCoO}_5$ ,  $\text{Ca}_2\text{Co}_{1.54}\text{Ga}_{0.46}\text{O}_5$ , and  $\text{Sr}_2\text{Co}_2\text{O}_5$ .

| Compound                                                              | Temperature (K) | Tetrahedral distortion ( $\times 10^{-4}$ ) | Octahedral distortion ( $\times 10^{-4}$ ) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| $\text{Ca}_2\text{Co}_2\text{O}_5$                                    | 300             | 12.7, 11.9 (average: 12.3)                  | 23.5, 22.4 (average: 23.0)                 |
|                                                                       | 240             | 11.7, 10.5 (average: 11.1)                  | 13.6, 25.7, 24.9, 8.6 (average: 18.2)      |
|                                                                       | 200             | 9.4, 10.2, 13.7, 11.5 (average: 11.2)       | 19.4, 22.8, 15.1 (average: 19.1)           |
|                                                                       | 100             | 11.1, 10.3 (average: 10.7)                  | 19.6, 13.1 (average: 16.4)                 |
| $\text{Ca}_2\text{FeCoO}_5$ <sup>S1</sup>                             | 300             | 8.2                                         | 13.4                                       |
| $\text{Ca}_2\text{Co}_{1.54}\text{Ga}_{0.46}\text{O}_5$ <sup>S2</sup> | 300             | 6.9                                         | 30.6                                       |
| $\text{Sr}_2\text{Co}_2\text{O}_5$ <sup>S3</sup>                      | 300             | 11.9                                        | 45.8                                       |
|                                                                       | 200             | 5.7                                         | 45.6                                       |
|                                                                       | 100             | 3.5                                         | 44.0                                       |

**Table S3** Summary of space groups, interlayer separation ( $b/2$ ), degree of twisting of the tetrahedral chains (O-O-O angle) and dipole moment for some brownmillerite oxides.

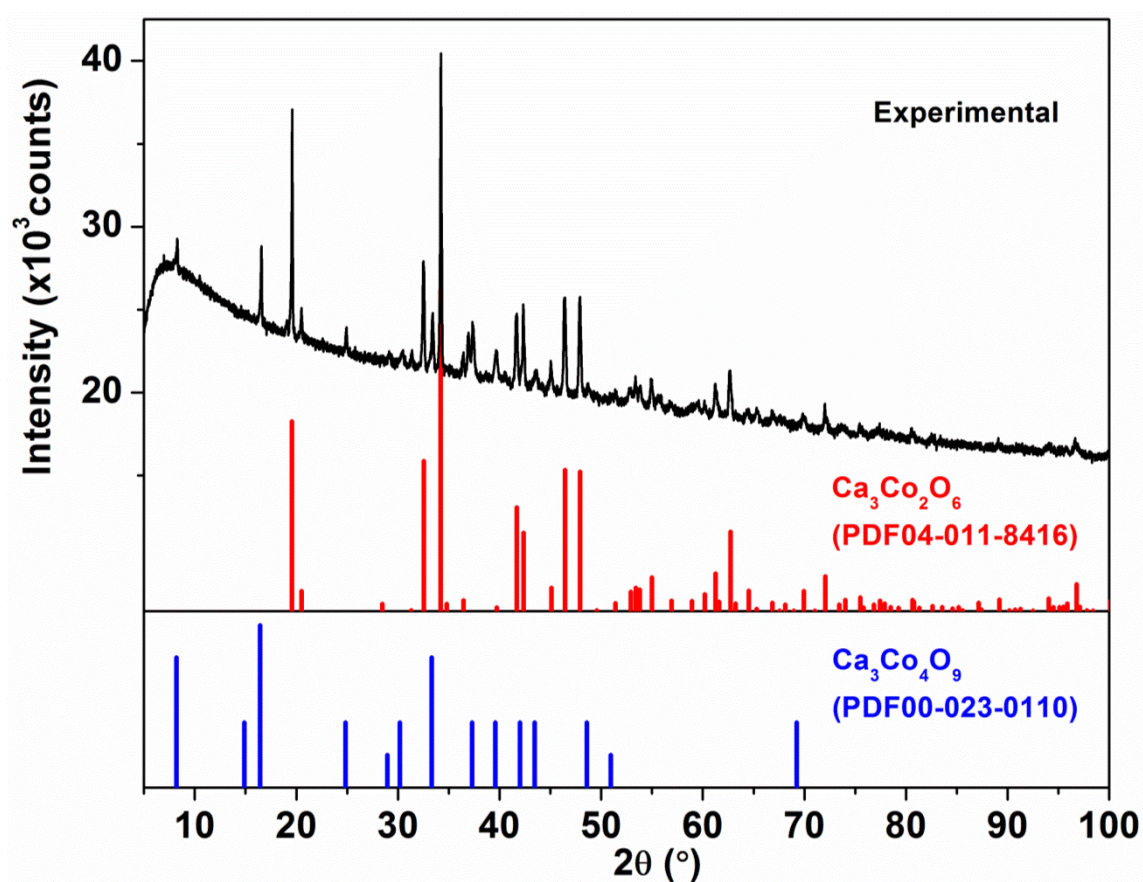
| Compound                                                              | Space group <sup>a</sup> | $b/2$ (Å) | O-O-O angle (°) | Dipole moment of each tetrahedral (Debye)        | Net dipole moment along each chain     |       | Tetrahedral site |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------|------------------|
|                                                                       |                          |           |                 |                                                  | $\times 10^{-4}$ esu·cm/Å <sup>3</sup> | Debye |                  |
| $\text{Ca}_2\text{FeAlO}_5$ <sup>S4</sup>                             | <i>I2mb</i>              | 7.25      | 131.5           | FeO <sub>4</sub> : 2.45; AlO <sub>4</sub> : 2.61 | 16.8                                   | 1.4   | Disorder         |
| $\text{Ca}_2\text{FeGaO}_5$ <sup>S5</sup>                             | <i>Pnma</i>              | 7.35      | 125.8           | GaO <sub>4</sub> : 1.70                          | 17.7                                   | 1.6   | Order            |
| $\text{Ca}_2\text{Fe}_{1.66}\text{V}_{0.34}\text{O}_5$ <sup>S6</sup>  | <i>Pnma</i>              | 7.37      | 125.8           | FeO <sub>4</sub> : 2.46                          | 20.2                                   | 1.8   | Order            |
| $\text{Ca}_2\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_5$ <sup>S7</sup>                      | <i>Pnma</i>              | 7.41      | 125.3           | FeO <sub>4</sub> : 2.16                          | 21.4                                   | 1.9   | Order            |
| $\text{Ca}_2\text{FeCoO}_5$ <sup>S1</sup>                             | <i>Pcmb</i>              | 7.41      | 123.5           | CoO <sub>4</sub> : 2.56; FeO <sub>4</sub> : 3.00 | 33.8                                   | 3.0   | Order            |
| $\text{Ca}_2\text{Co}_{1.54}\text{Ga}_{0.46}\text{O}_5$ <sup>S2</sup> | <i>Pnma</i>              | 7.44      | 123.7           | CoO <sub>4</sub> : 2.60; GaO <sub>4</sub> : 2.58 | 40.4                                   | 3.5   | Disorder         |
| $\text{Ca}_2\text{Co}_2\text{O}_5$                                    | <i>Pcmb</i>              | 7.46      | 121.5           | CoO <sub>4</sub> : 3.35, 3.33                    | 45.2                                   | 3.9   | Order            |
| $\text{SrCaMnGaO}_5$ <sup>S8</sup>                                    | <i>I2mb</i>              | 7.89      | 124.2           | GaO <sub>4</sub> : 3.39                          | 35.0                                   | 3.2   | Order            |
| $\text{LaCaCuGaO}_5$ <sup>S9</sup>                                    | <i>I2mb</i>              | 7.92      | 124.5           | GaO <sub>4</sub> : 2.21                          | 22.5                                   | 2.1   | Order            |
| $\text{La}_{1.2}\text{Sr}_{0.8}\text{Mn}_2\text{O}_5$ <sup>S10</sup>  | <i>Pcmb</i>              | 8.31      | 111.8           | MnO <sub>4</sub> : 5.20, 5.01                    | 63.4                                   | 6.3   | Order            |

## Calculation Details

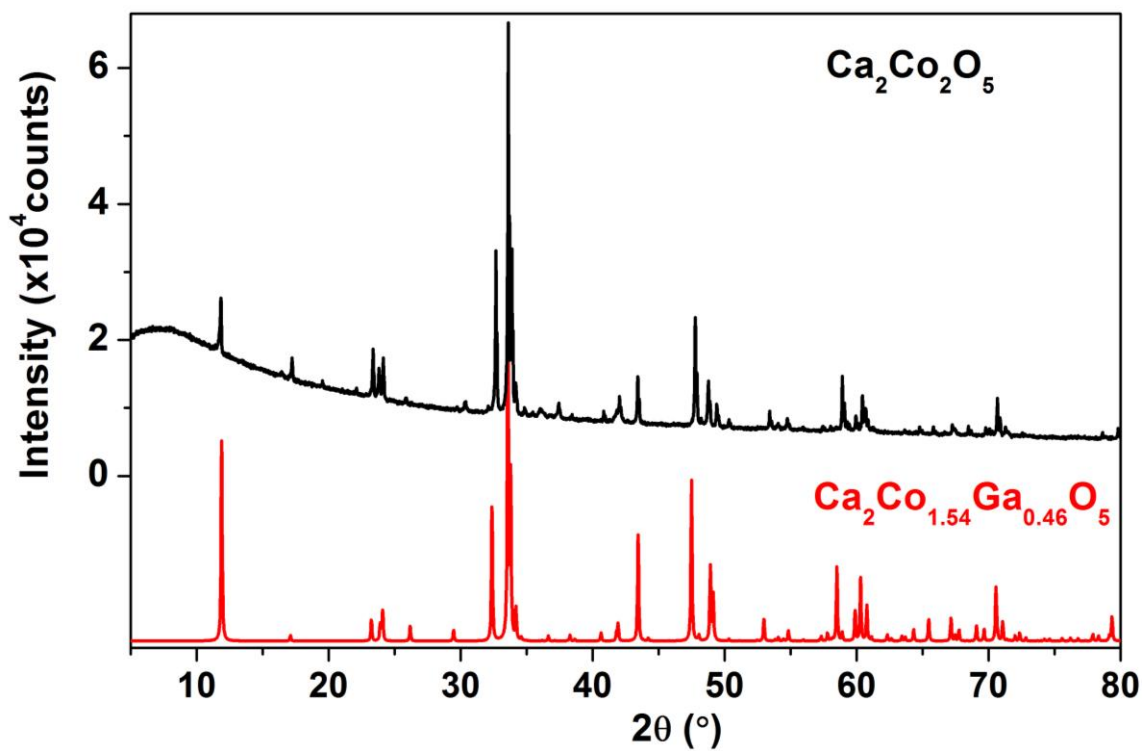
A bond-valence approach has been used to calculate the direction and magnitude of the dipole moments for each tetrahedron. The local dipole moment of a tetrahedron can be calculated using the Debye equation,  $\mu = neR$  ( $\mu$  is the net dipole moment in Debye,  $n$  is the total number of electrons,  $e$  is the charge on an electron, and  $R$  is the distance in cm between the “centroids” of positive and negative charge).<sup>S11,S12</sup> The distribution of electrons on each atom was estimated using bond valence theory.<sup>S13,S14</sup> To calculate the net dipole moment along each chain, we normalized the unit cell to dimensions  $\sim 5 \times 11 \times 15$  Å<sup>3</sup>. For  $\text{Ca}_2\text{FeAlO}_5$  and  $\text{Ca}_2\text{Co}_{1.54}\text{Ga}_{0.46}\text{O}_5$  with disordered atoms in tetrahedral sites, the net dipole moment along each chain was calculated by taking into account the statistical occupancy.

**Table S4.** Parameters from the final Rietveld refinement at 300, 240, 200 and 100 K for  $\text{Ca}_2\text{Co}_2\text{O}_5$ .

| T (K) | Space Group               | Phase (wt%) | Lattice parameters |                 |                 |             |                            | Quality of Fit         |                       |          |
|-------|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
|       |                           |             | <i>a</i> (Å)       | <i>b</i> (Å)    | <i>c</i> (Å)    | $\beta$ (°) | <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> ) | <i>R</i> <sub>wp</sub> | <i>R</i> <sub>p</sub> | $\chi^2$ |
| 300   | <i>Pcmb</i>               | 100         | 5.288203(13)       | 14.924582(38)   | 10.953042(23)   | -           | 864.460(2)                 | 13.46%                 | 10.91%                | 2.262    |
| 240   | <i>Pcmb</i>               | 20          | 5.291507 (100)     | 14.851301 (247) | 10.962284 (117) | -           | 861.479(18)                | 12.87%                 | 9.55%                 | 2.938    |
|       | <i>P2/c11</i>             | 80          | 5.292553 (27)      | 14.807267 (89)  | 10.964293(34)   | 90.158      | 859.249(6)                 |                        |                       |          |
| 200   | <i>P12<sub>1</sub>/m1</i> | 100         | 5.299726(15)       | 14.781377 (45)  | 10.976010(22)   | 90.329      | 859.816(3)                 | 12.22%                 | 9.03%                 | 2.874    |
| 100   | <i>P12<sub>1</sub>/m1</i> | 8           | 5.299893(62)       | 14.750240(240)  | 10.982167(146)  | 90.406      | 858.506(15)                | 14.14%                 | 10.25%                | 4.210    |
|       | <i>Pcmb</i>               | 92          | 5.302917(11)       | 14.749347(35)   | 10.986770(22)   | -           | 859.325(2)                 |                        |                       |          |

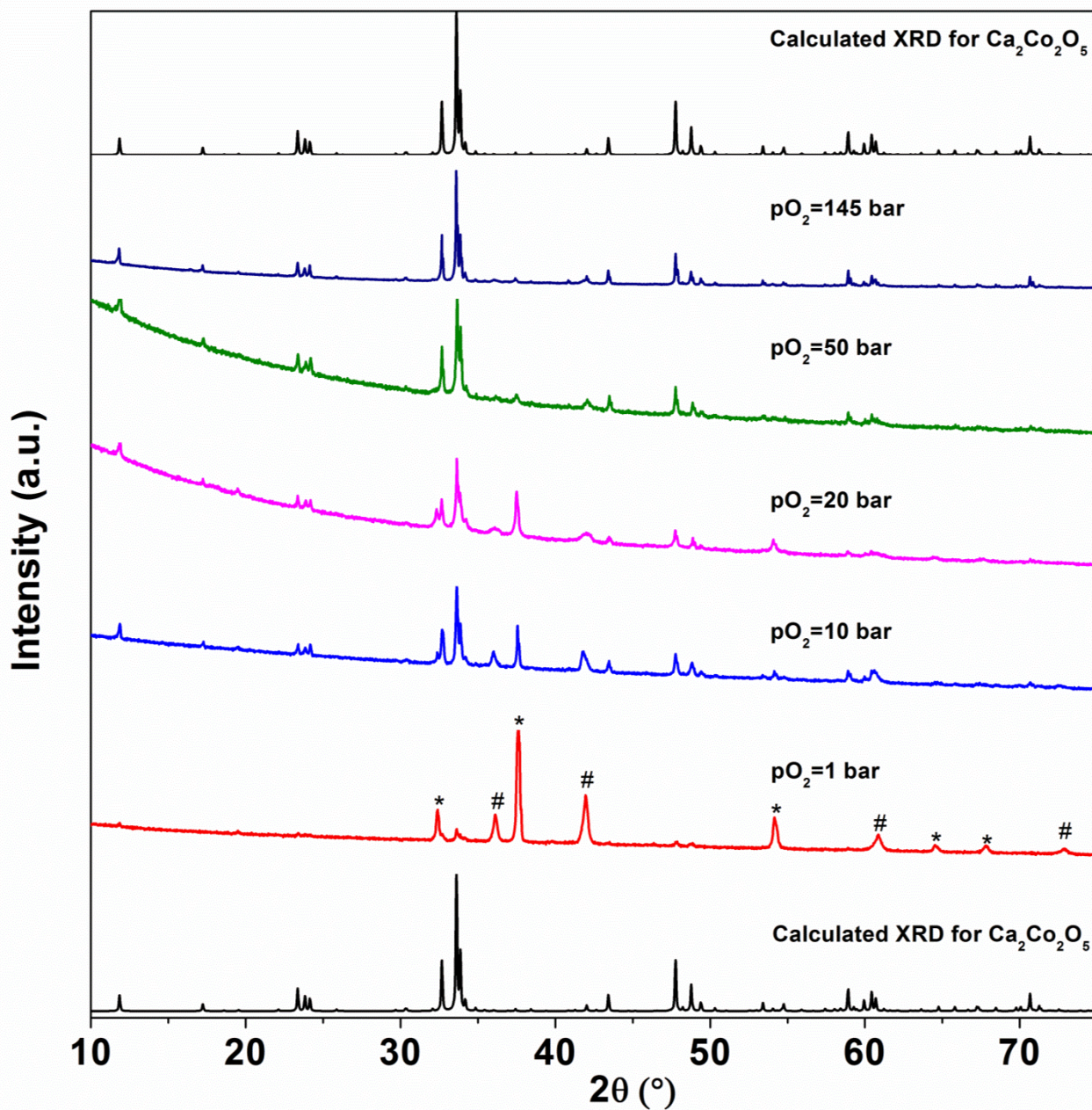


**Fig. S1.** Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of precursors.

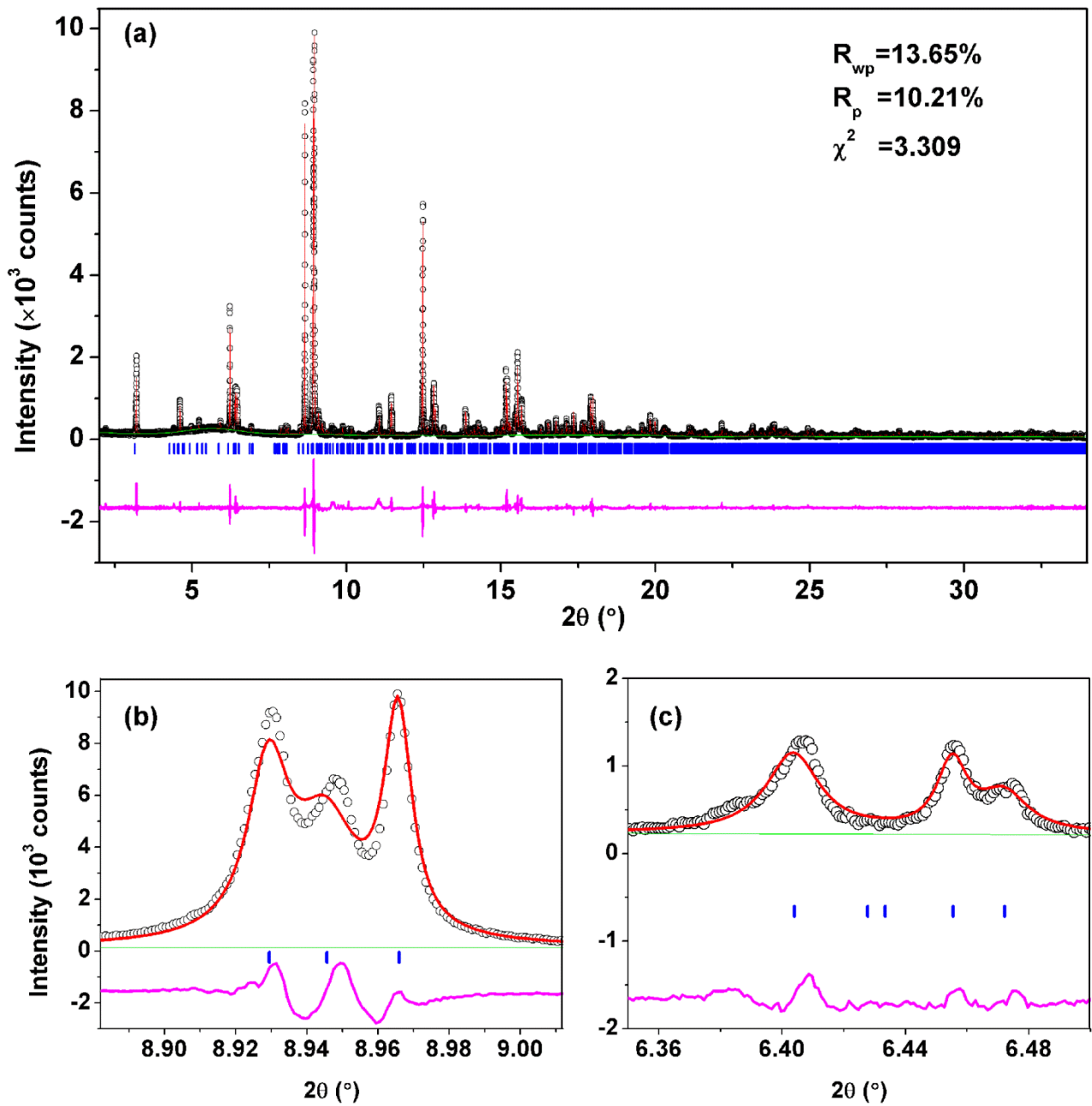


**Fig. S2.** Comparison of the powder X-ray diffraction pattern of  $\text{Ca}_2\text{Co}_2\text{O}_5$  and  $\text{Ca}_2\text{Co}_{1.54}\text{Ga}_{0.46}\text{O}_5$ . The latter pattern is calculated from the single crystal structure in Ref. S2.

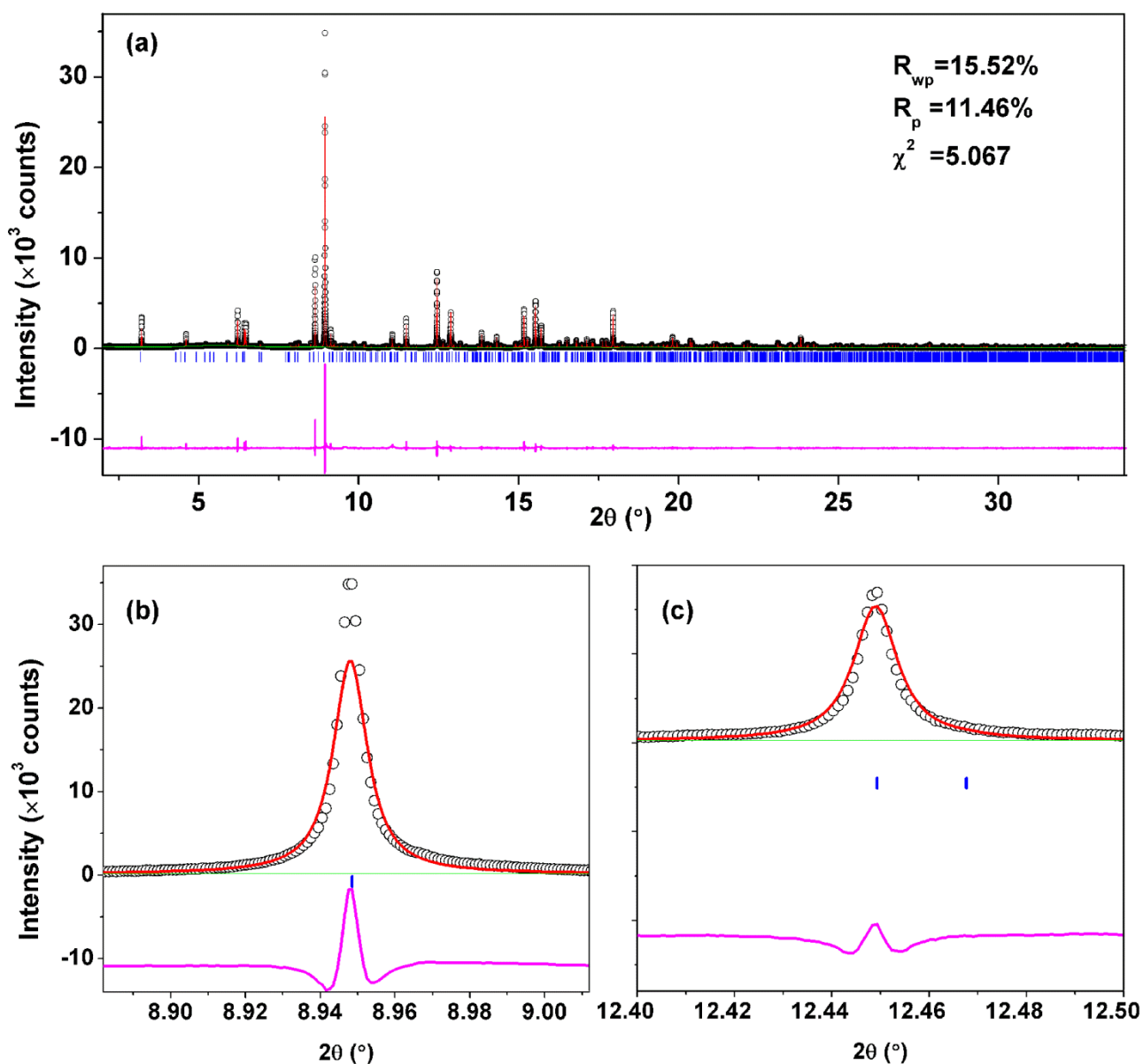




**Fig. S3.** Synthesis products as a function of  $\text{pO}_2$ . Note CaO (\*) and CoO (#).

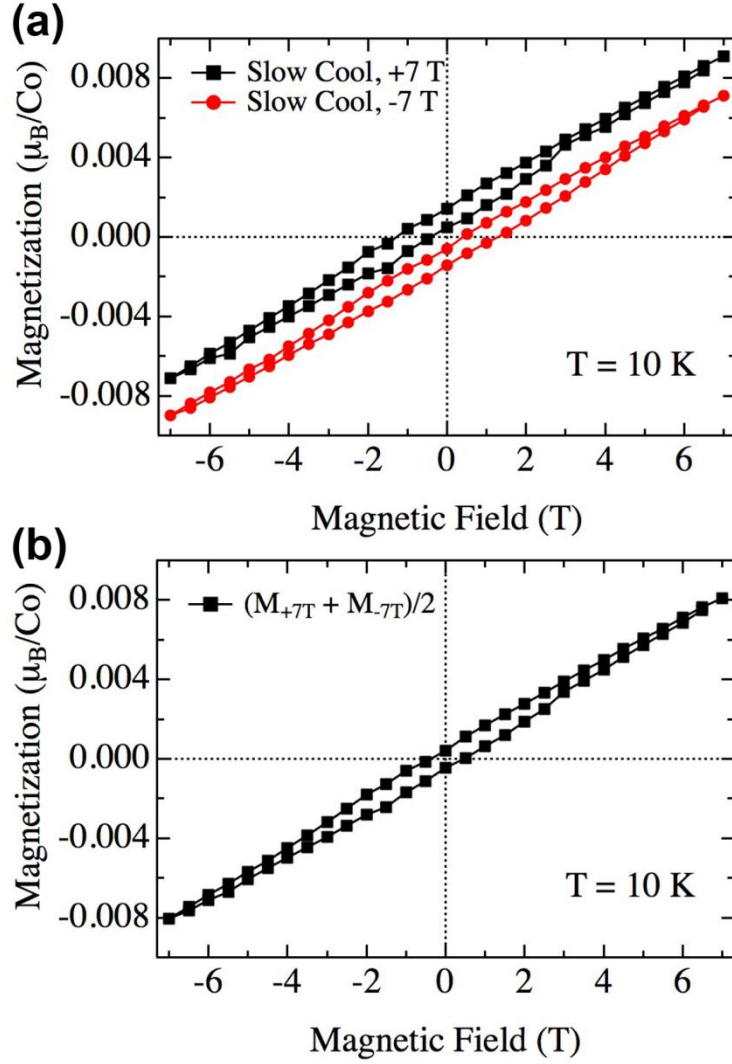


**Fig. S4.** (a) High-resolution synchrotron X-ray pattern at 240 K with Rietveld fitting using a single  $P2/c11$  phase; (b) detail around  $8.95^\circ$ ; (c) detail around  $6.42^\circ$ . The black circle, red line, green line, blue bars and magenta line correspond to the observed data, calculated intensity, background, Bragg peaks, and difference curve, respectively. Compared to the two-phase ( $P2/c11 + Pcmb$ ) refinement in Fig. 5(b) of the main text, the fit is markedly worse.



**Fig. S5.** (a) High-resolution synchrotron X-ray pattern at 100 K with Rietveld fitting using *Pcmb* single phase; (b) detail around 8.95 $^\circ$ ; (c) detail around 12.45 $^\circ$ . The black circle, red line, green line, blue bars and magenta line correspond to the observed data, calculated intensity, background, Bragg peaks, and difference curve, respectively. Compared to the two-phase ( $P12_1/m1 + Pcbm$ ) refinement in Fig. 5(d) of the main text, this fit is markedly worse.





**Fig. S6.** (a) Isothermal field-dependent magnetization at 10 K for  $H//b$  following slow cooling (2 K/min from above room temperature to 260 K, 0.5 K/min from 260 to 90 K, then 2 K/min from 90 to 10 K) under 7 T and -7 T ( $M_{+7T}$  and  $M_{-7T}$ , respectively) showing vertical offset whose sign depends on that of the cooling field. (b) The function  $(M_{+7T} - M_{-7T})/2$ , which removes the offset observed in (a).

**Fig. S6** shows the isothermal field-dependent magnetization along the  $b$ -axis following slow cooling (2 K/min from above room temperature to 260 K, 0.5 K/min from 260 to 90 K, and 2 K/min from 90 to 10 K) to 10 K in either +7 T or -7 T. A small vertical offset of the data is observed in either case, with opposite sign. We conclude that this small offset (not observed in the ZFC data, see **Fig. 7** of main text) arises from a component in the sample that becomes magnetized during the field-cooling process. The nature of this extremely small ferromagnetic component is not known. However, the data of **Fig. S6(a)** demonstrate that it cannot be reversed by application of fields as high as 7 T. The small data offset (amounting to  $\sim 0.001 \mu_B/\text{Co}$ ) can be subtracted by computing  $(M_{+7T} - M_{-7T})/2$ , with the result shown in **Fig. S6(b)**, the same data plotted in Fig 7(d) of the main text. The remanent moment of  $\sim 0.0004 \mu_B/\text{Co}$  represents either the upper bound on the ordered moment of  $\text{Ca}_2\text{Co}_2\text{O}_5$  under these conditions (almost three orders of magnitude less than that found for the fast cooling protocol (**Fig. 7(b)** main text) or a signal arising from some other unidentified weakly ferromagnetic impurity phase.

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