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## **Supporting Information**

## Preparation of CaMgAl-LDHs and mesoporous silica sorbents derived from blast furnace slag for CO<sub>2</sub> capture

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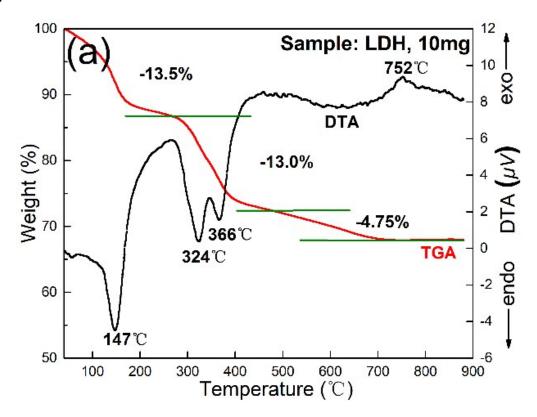


Fig.S1 TGA and DTA profiles of LDHs

Analysis: The thermal degradation events of as-prepared LDHs material from BF slag were further studied by TGA in N2 atmosphere as shown in Figure S1. For the thermal decomposition of the Ca-Mg-Al LDHs, three distinct weight loss steps are observed. The first step from room temperature to approximately 250°C corresponds to the removal of the surface-adsorbed water and the interlayer water molecules, with 13.5% weight loss. The second weight loss step in the temperature range from 250 to 480°C is due to the dehydroxylation of the brucite-like layers. In this transition region, the appearance of two endothermic reflections at 324°C, 366°C are likely assignable to the dehydroxylation of Ca-Al LDH and that of Mg-Al LDH, respectively. The third weight loss step in the temperature range from 480 to 700°C is due to the decomposition of intercalated anions, most likely are Cl<sup>-</sup> and a small amount of CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> considering the experimental condition. An additional exothermic reflection around 750°C is observed, this can be ascribed to the transition from Ca(Al)-O oxide  $(Ca_{12}A_{14}O_{33}).$ mixed into CaO and mayenite

## **Tables**

**Table S1** Chemical composition analysis of CaMgAl-LDHs and CaMgAl-LDHs-400 derived from BFS

	Content of elements(wt%)			
Sample	Ca <sup>A</sup>	$Mg^A$	$\mathbf{Al}^{A}$	Cl <sup>B</sup>
CaMgAl-LDHs	22.14	6.28	7.90	8.69
CaMgAl-LDHs-400	38.25	11.75	13.56	2.11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> Determined by ICP-OES analysis.

Analysis: The chemical composition of CaMgAl-LDHs and CaMgAl-LDHs-400 were listed in Table 1. The content of  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$ ,  $Al^{3+}$  and  $Cl^-$  were analyzed by ICP-OES technique and Ion chromatography, respectively. Based on the molar ratio of  $Ca^{2+}$ ,  $Mg^{2+}$ ,  $Al^{3+}$  and  $Cl^-$ , and the corresponding charge balance, the CaMgAl-LDHs can be expressed by  $Ca_{1.89}Mg_{0.89}Al_{1.0}(OH)_{7.5}Cl_{0.83}(CO_3)_{0.11}\cdot yH_2O$ . The CaMgAl-LDHs-400 materials after 4 hrs of calcination still contain a small amount of chloride, and can be expressed as  $Ca_{1.91}Mg_{0.98}Al_{1.0}Cl_{0.12}O_4$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup> Determined by ion chromatography.