

Supplementary Information For

Synthesis of α -MnO₂ nanowires modified by Co₃O₄ nanoparticles as a high-performance catalyst for rechargeable Li-O₂ batteries

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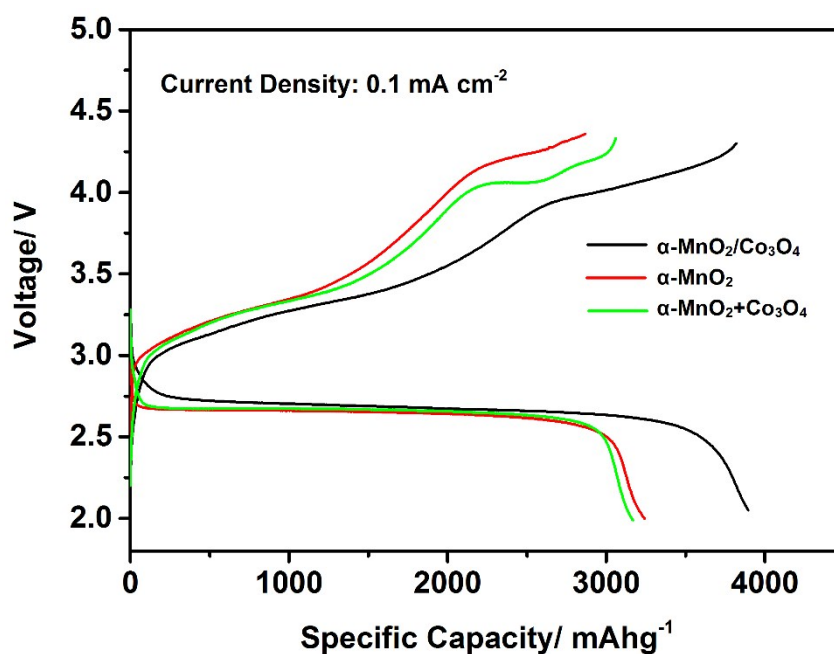


Fig. S1 Initial charge-discharge profiles of α -MnO₂/Co₃O₄, α -MnO₂ and α -MnO₂/Co₃O₄.

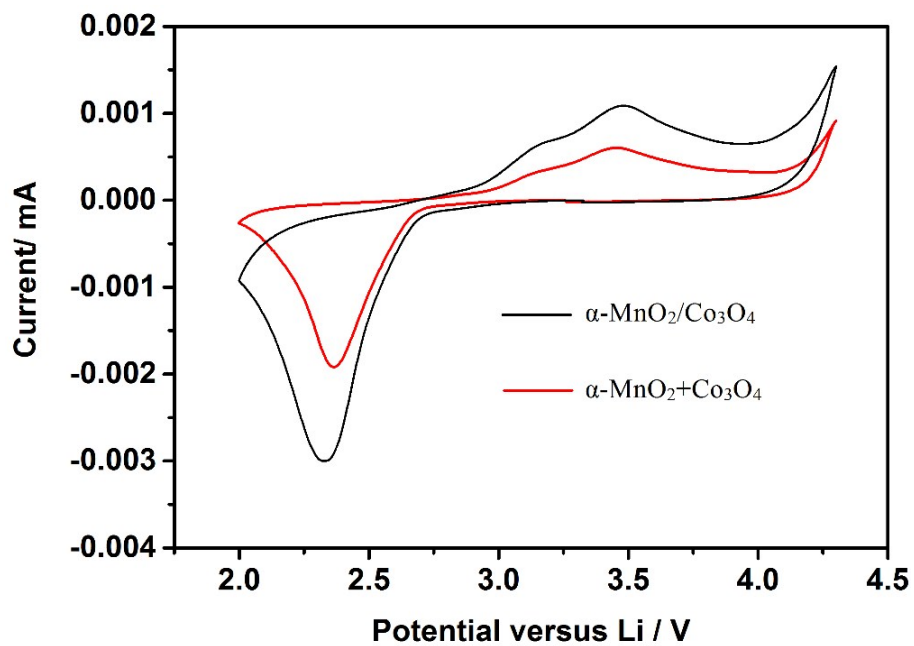


Fig. S2 CV curves of $\alpha\text{-MnO}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ and $\alpha\text{-MnO}_2+\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ cathodes at a scan rate of 0.2 mV s^{-1} between 2.0 and 4.3 V.

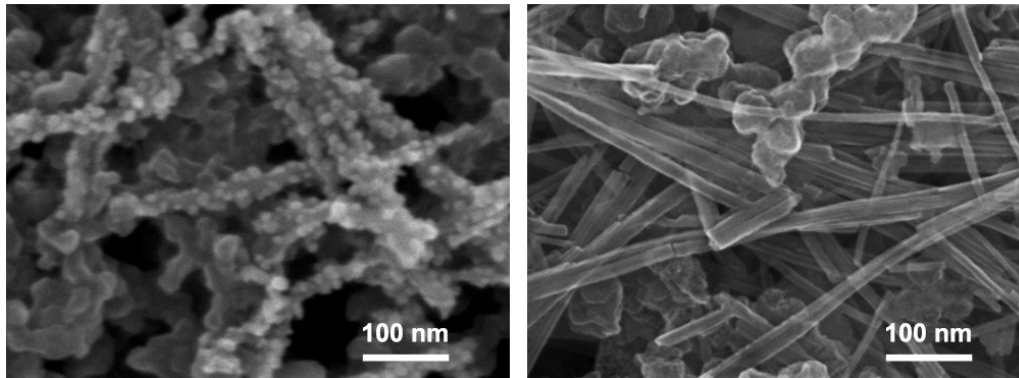


Fig. S3 SEM images of $\alpha\text{-MnO}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ (a) and $\alpha\text{-MnO}_2+\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ (b) cathodes after discharge with a limited capacity of $1000\text{ mAh}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$.