

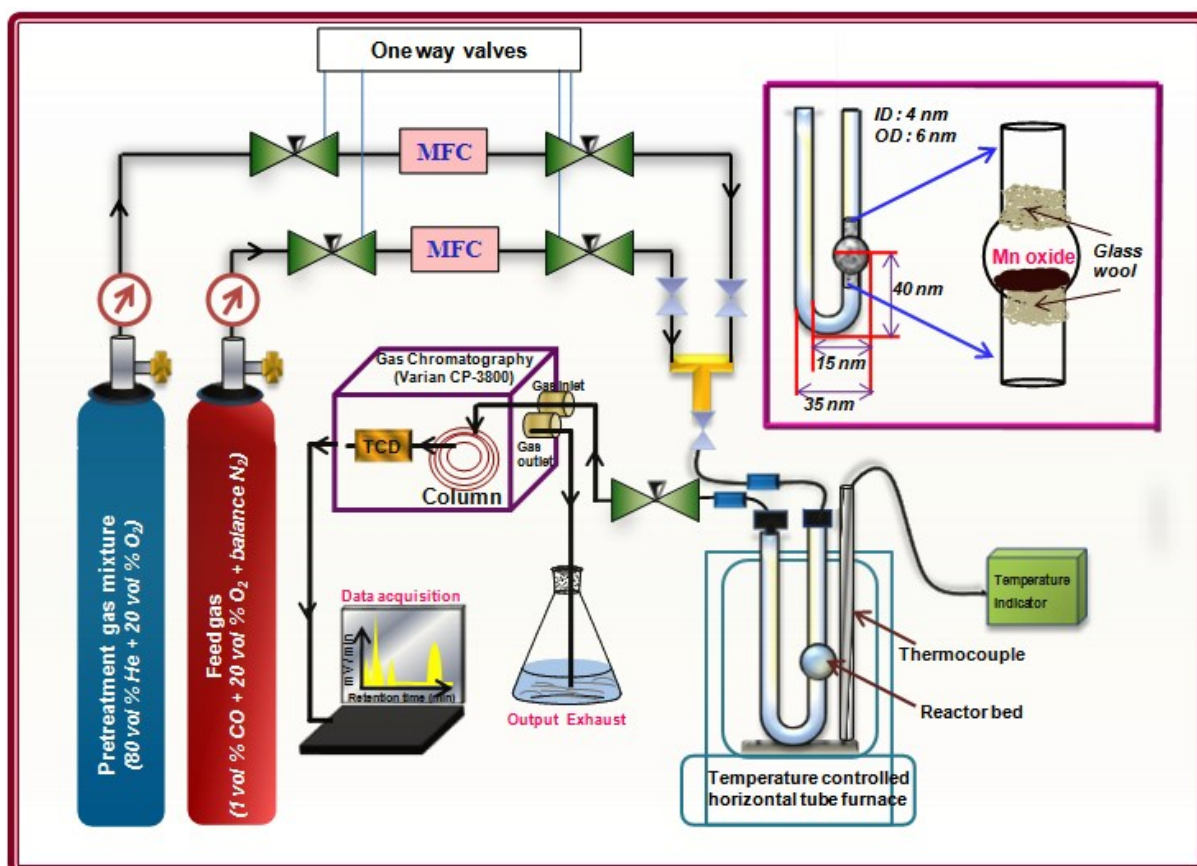
## Electronic Supporting Information

### Bi-template assisted synthesis of mesoporous manganese oxide nanostructures: Tuning properties for efficient CO oxidation

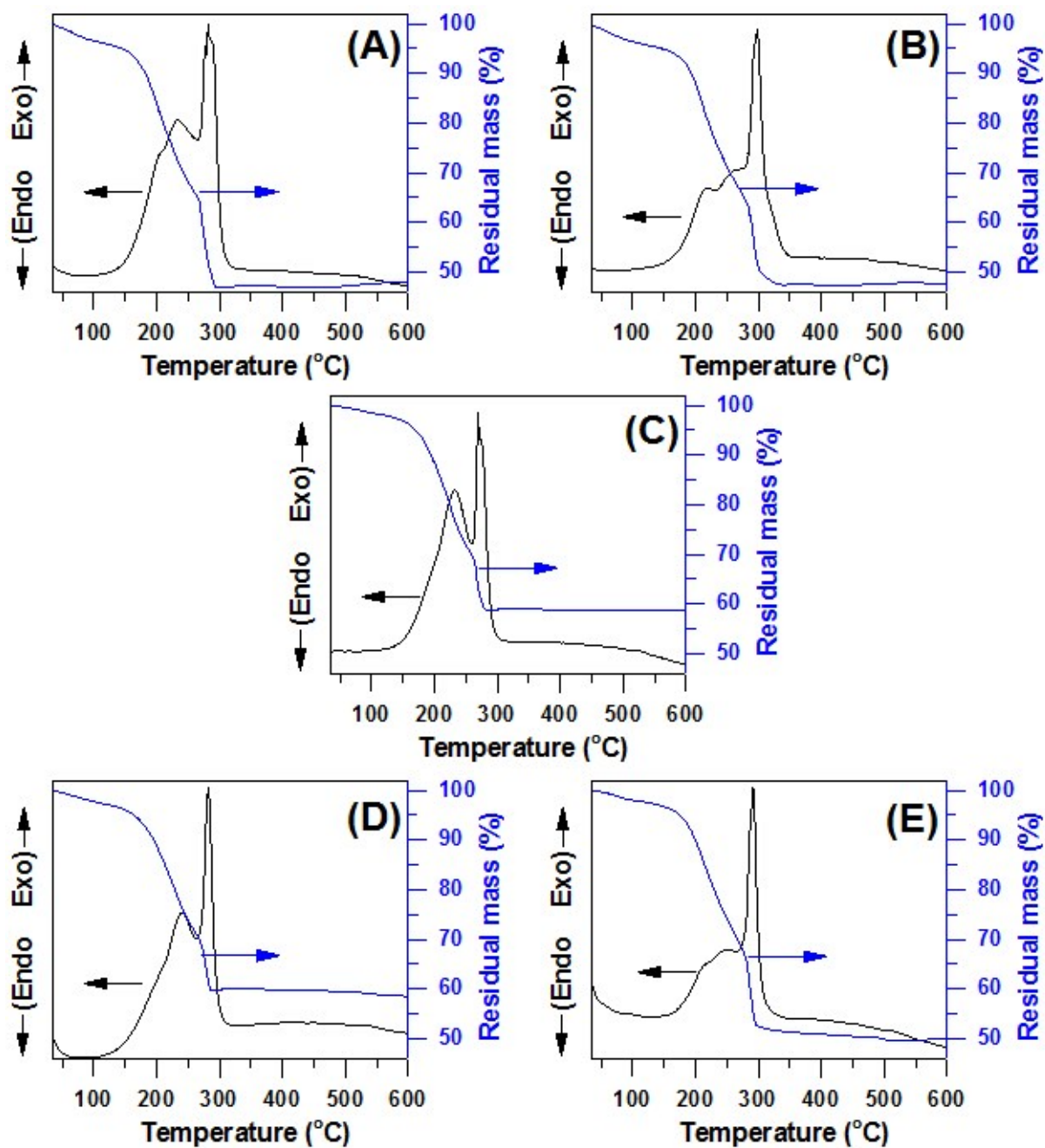
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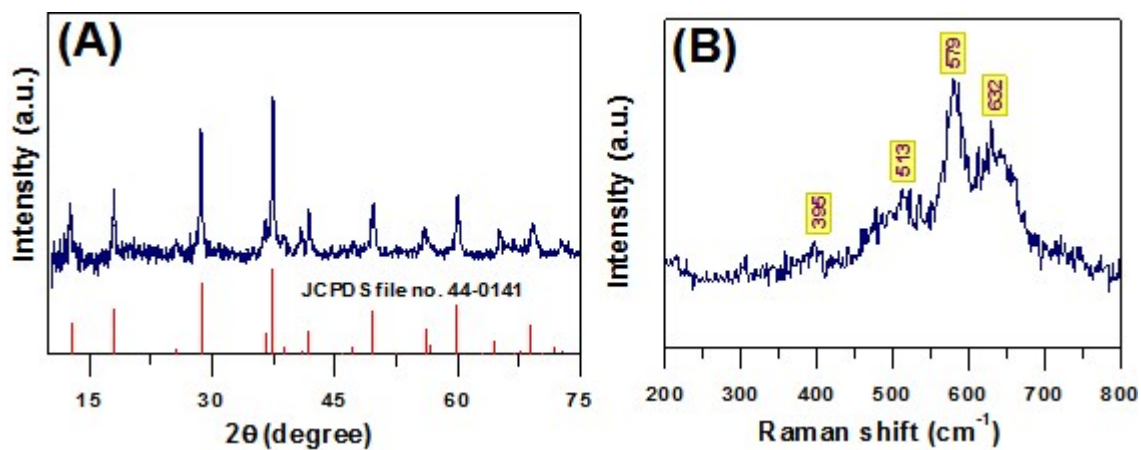
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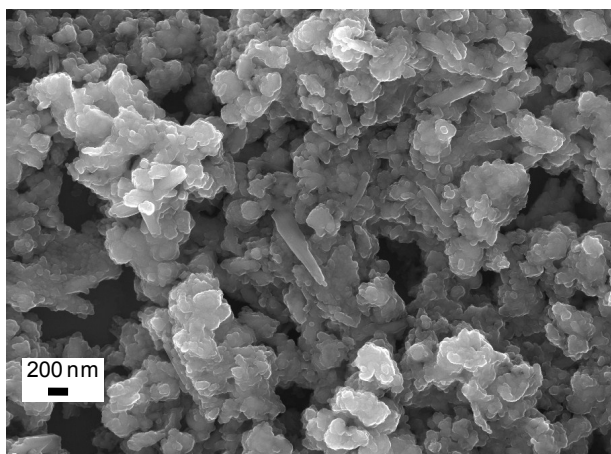
**Figure S1:** Schematic diagram of the experimental set-up for oxidative conversion of carbon monoxide.



**Figure S2:** DTA-TG of Mn oxide samples before thermal treatment: (A) S-2@20, (B) S-2@80, (C) S-2@40, (D) S-10@40 and (E) S-20@40.



**Figure S3:** (A) XRD and (B) Raman spectra of Mn oxide prepared without benzaldehyde (S-2@0).



**Figure S4:** FESEM image of Mn oxide prepared without benzaldehyde (S-2@0).

**Table S1:** The phase identified by XRD and Raman spectroscopy, and AOS determined by XPS analysis of different Mn oxides.

Sample ID	Phase identified by XRD and Raman spectroscopy	$\Delta E_s$	Average oxidation state (AOS) <sup>a</sup> of Mn in oxides samples
S-2@20	Mn <sub>5</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	5.20	3.1
S-2@80	Mn <sub>5</sub> O <sub>8</sub> + MnO <sub>2</sub>	5.30	3.0
S-2@40	Mn <sub>5</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	5.23	3.1
S-10@40	Mn <sub>5</sub> O <sub>8</sub> + MnO <sub>2</sub>	5.38	2.9
S-20@40	MnO <sub>2</sub>	4.70	3.7

<sup>a</sup> AOS = 8.956 - 1.126 $\Delta E_s$ , where  $\Delta E_s$  = binding energy obtained from doublet separation of Mn3s

**Table S2:** The textural property of prepared Mn oxide samples

Sample ID	$S_{BET}$ (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	$V_{p-Total}$ (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	D <sup>a</sup> (nm)
S-2@20	65	0.55	34.2
S-2@80	28	0.10	15.5
S-2@40	48	0.24	19.8
S-10@40	32	0.13	16.6
S-20@40	61	0.22	14.2

<sup>a</sup> Average pore diameter

**Table S3:** The temperatures corresponding to CO oxidations with the prepared Mn oxide catalysts

Catalyst ID	Temperature for CO conversion			
	T <sub>10%</sub>	T <sub>50%</sub>	T <sub>90%</sub>	T <sub>100%</sub>
S-2@20	117	183	227	232
S-2@80	152	220	287	298
S-2@40	211	265	332	350
S-10@40	157	221	279	284
S-20@40	168	237	320	340

**Table S4:** Data of research papers regarding activation energy required for CO oxidation over Mn oxide catalysts

Type of oxide	Conditions	T <sub>z</sub> °C	E <sub>a</sub> (kJ/mol)	Ref. no.
Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1% CO, 18% O <sub>2</sub> ; GHSV=10,000 h <sup>-1</sup>	T <sub>50</sub> = 423	46.05	1
α-MnO <sub>2</sub>	1% CO, 16% O <sub>2</sub> ; D <sub>total</sub> =100 mlmin <sup>-1</sup> ; m=150 mg	T <sub>90</sub> = 399	–	2
δ-MnO <sub>2</sub>	5% CO, 21% O <sub>2</sub> ; D <sub>total</sub> =21 mL min <sup>-1</sup> ; m = 1 g	T <sub>45</sub> = 353	20.93	3
3DOM Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1% CO, 20% O <sub>2</sub> ; GHSV=20,000 h <sup>-1</sup> ; m=500 mg	T <sub>90</sub> = 180	80	4
α-Mn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1% CO, 20% O <sub>2</sub> ; D <sub>total</sub> = 50 mL min <sup>-1</sup> ; m = 50 mg	T <sub>50</sub> = 407	37	5
MnO <sub>x</sub>	2% CO, 2% O <sub>2</sub> ; D <sub>total</sub> = 50 mlmin <sup>-1</sup> ; m=20 mg	T <sub>90</sub> = 410	17	6
Non-stoichiometric Mix phase (Mn <sub>5</sub> O <sub>8</sub> +MnO <sub>2</sub> )	1% CO, 20% O <sub>2</sub> ; D <sub>total</sub> = 40 mlmin <sup>-1</sup> ; m=50 mg	T <sub>90</sub> = 279	17	Present work

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