

## Supporting Information

### CO oxidation over MO<sub>x</sub> (M = Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu)

### supported on SmMn<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> composite catalysts

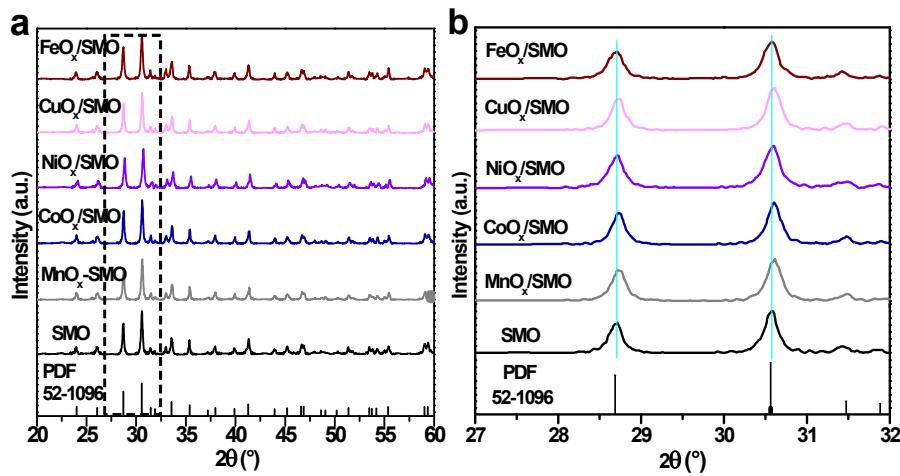
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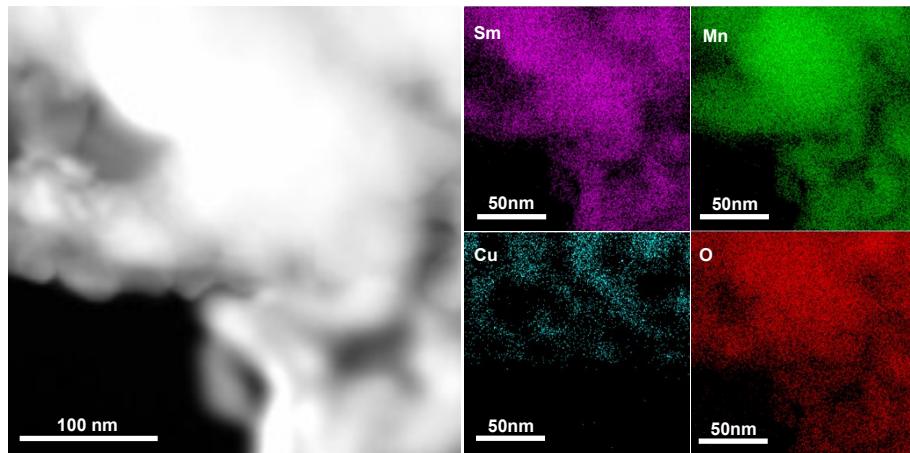
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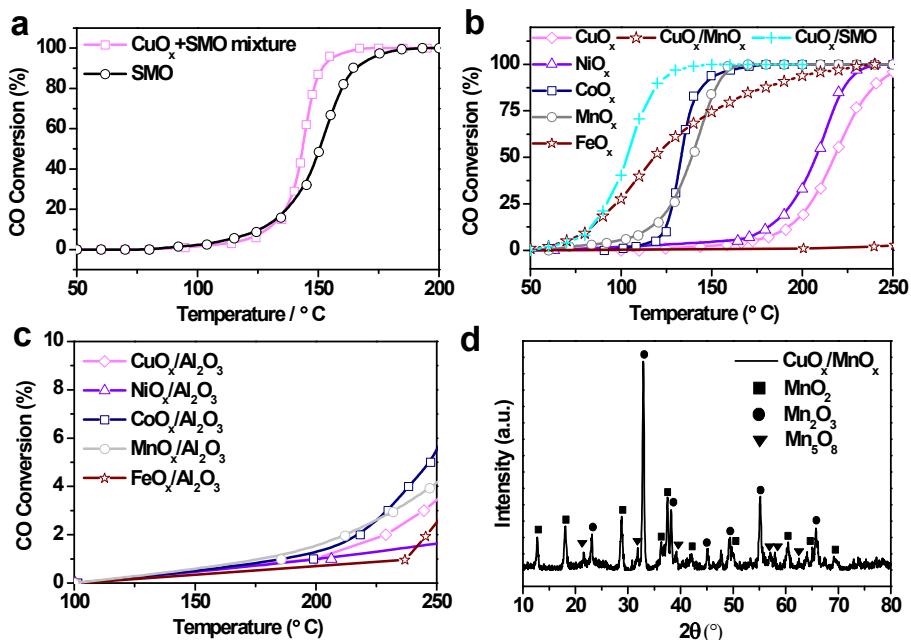
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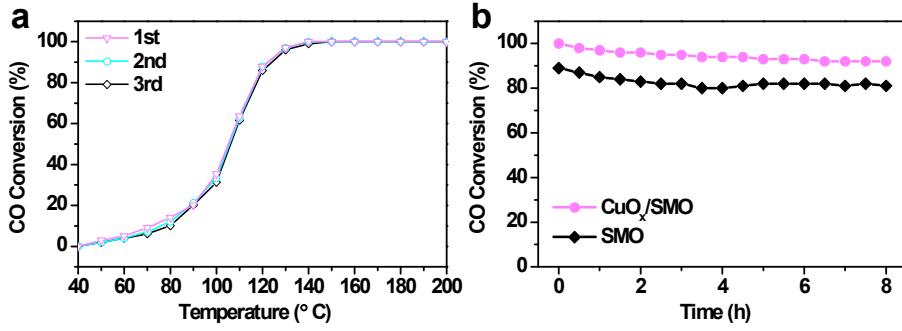
**Fig. S1** (a) XRD patterns of all  $\text{MO}_x/\text{SMO}$  samples; (b) corresponding enlarged figures.



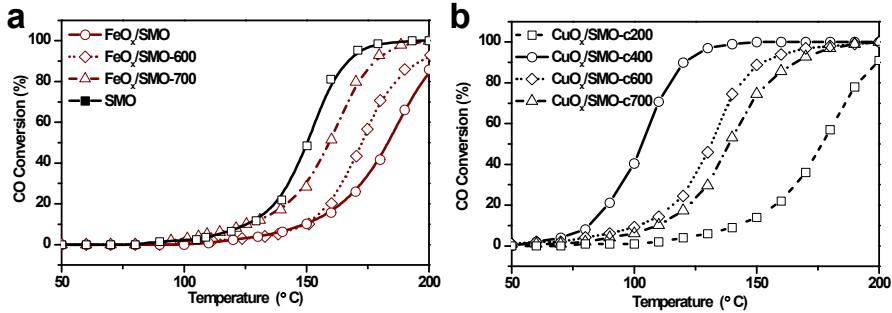
**Fig. S2** Dark field STEM and EDX-mapping images of  $\text{CuO}_x/\text{SMO}$  sample.



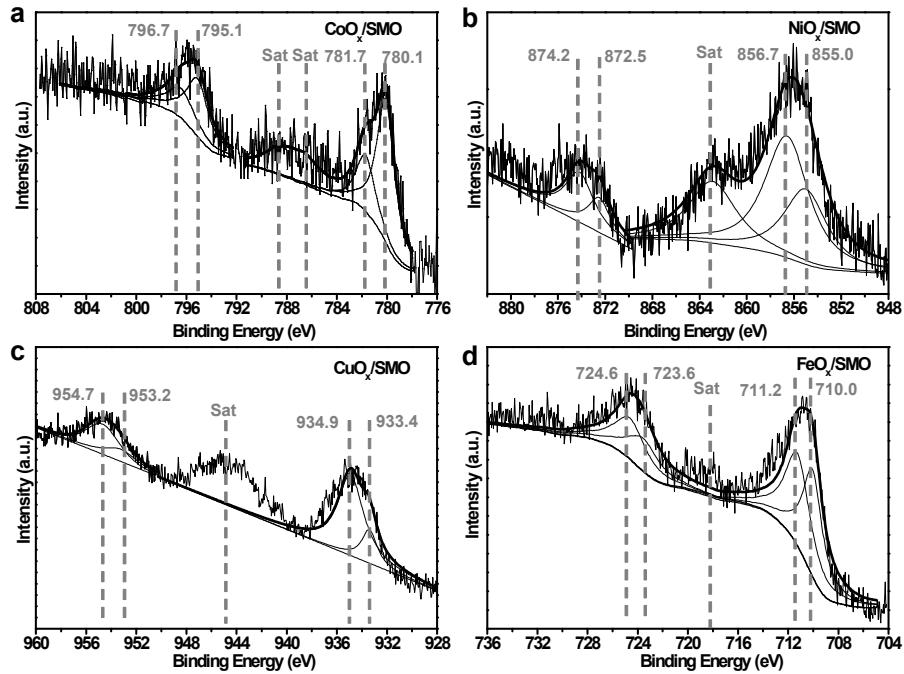
**Fig. S3** Light off CO oxidation curves of (a) 1 wt.% CuO<sub>x</sub> + SMO mechanical mixture and pure SMO; (b) pure MO<sub>x</sub>, 1 wt% CuO<sub>x</sub>/MnO<sub>x</sub> and 1 wt% CuO<sub>x</sub>/SMO; (c) 1 wt% MO<sub>x</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> samples, below 200 °C, CO conversion of MO<sub>x</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> samples is negligible (<2%), which suggests that MO<sub>x</sub> surface is not the active center for CO oxidation over MO<sub>x</sub>/SMO composites; (d) XRD pattern of 1 wt% CuO<sub>x</sub>/MnO<sub>x</sub> sample, the peaks of CuO or Cu<sub>2</sub>O can't be detected in the pattern, as the same as the MO<sub>x</sub>/SMO samples.



**Fig. S4** (a) Reusability test for CO oxidation over CuO<sub>x</sub>/SMO, the sample had been repeatedly tested for three times; (b) catalytic performance at 160 °C for CO oxidation versus time on line over the CuO<sub>x</sub>/SMO and bare SMO, the feed gas was the same with that in the activity tests (1.3 %CO/10 %O<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> at 100 ml min<sup>-1</sup>, with a space velocity of 120000 ml g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>).

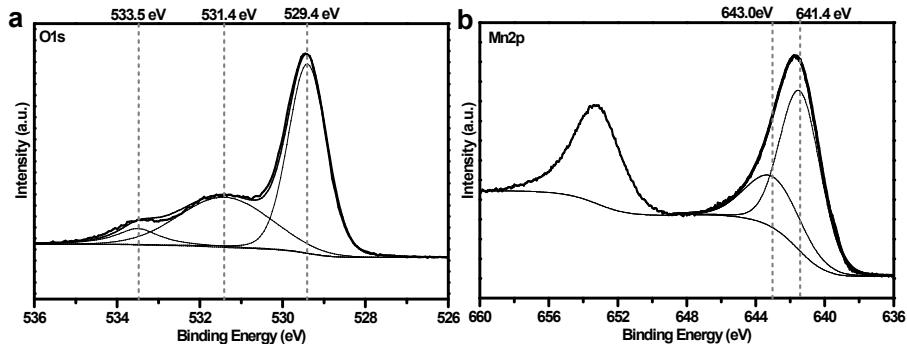


**Fig. S5** Light off CO oxidation curves of (a) FeO<sub>x</sub>/SMO, FeO<sub>x</sub>/SMO-600, FeO<sub>x</sub>/SMO-700 and bare SMO, where FeO<sub>x</sub>/SMO-600 and FeO<sub>x</sub>/SMO-700 are ascribed to FeO<sub>x</sub>/SMO samples annealed at 600 and 700 °C in static air for 2h; (b) CuO<sub>x</sub>/SMO samples which were calcined at 400, 600 and 700 °C for 4h after the precipitation process (in the catalysts preparation).



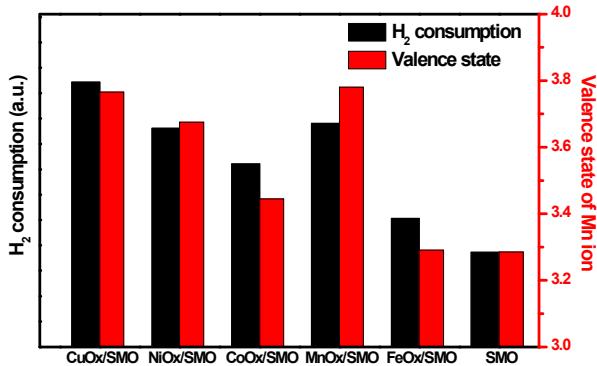
**Fig. S6** XPS patterns of (a) Co 2p (b) Ni 2p (c) Cu 2p (d) Fe 2p over  $\text{MO}_x/\text{SMO}$  samples. Sat stand for the satellite peak.

The XPS pattern of Co, Ni and Cu in  $\text{MO}_x/\text{SMO}$  is given in Fig. S4. For Co 2p core levels, peak at 780.1 and 795.1 eV is assigned to  $\text{Co}^3$ , the 781.7 and 796.7 eV is assigned to  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ .<sup>1</sup> For Ni 2p core levels, peak at 855.0 and 872.5 eV is assigned to  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ , the 856.7 and 874.2 eV is assigned to  $\text{Ni}^{3+}$ .<sup>2,3</sup> For Cu 2p core levels, peak at 933.4 and 953.2 eV is assigned to  $\text{Cu}^+$ , the 934.9 and 954.7 eV is assigned to  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ .<sup>4,5</sup> For Fe 2p core levels, peak at 710.0 and 723.6 eV is assigned to  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ , the 711.2 and 724.6 eV and is assigned to  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ .<sup>6,7</sup>

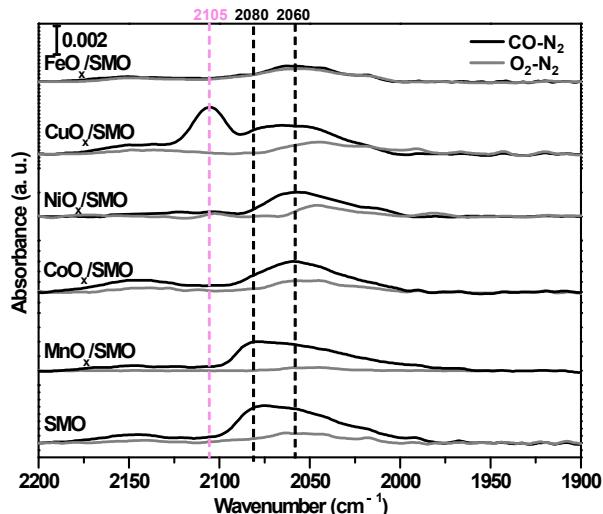


**Fig. S7** XPS patterns of pure  $\text{MnO}_x$ .

The XPS pattern of Mn 2p and O 1s over pure  $\text{MnO}_x$  is shown in Fig. S5. Peak at 641.4 eV is identified as  $\text{Mn}^{3+}$  and the 643.0 eV is referred to  $\text{Mn}^{4+}$ , The atomic ratio of  $\text{Mn}^{4+}/\text{Mn}^{3+}$  in  $\text{MnO}_x$  is 0.43, the molar ratio of  $\text{O}_{\text{ads}}/\text{O}_{\text{latt}}$  is 0.59. For either  $\text{MnO}_x$  or bare SMO, their  $\text{Mn}^{4+}/\text{Mn}^{3+}$  atomic ratio is much lower than that of  $\text{MnO}_x/\text{SMO}$  catalyst.



**Fig. S8** H<sub>2</sub> consumptions in the reduction process of “Mn<sup>4+</sup> to Mn<sup>3+</sup>” and the average valence states of Mn ion over the MO<sub>x</sub>/SMO composites and pure SMO sample.



**Fig. S9** linear CO adsorption spectra of MO<sub>x</sub>/SMO and SMO.

Linear CO adsorption spectrum of MO<sub>x</sub>/SMO series catalysts is shown in Fig. S6. The CO adsorption band on Mn can be observed over all SMO samples, which is located around 2080 <sup>1</sup> and 2060 cm<sup>-1</sup> <sup>8,9</sup>. Among loaded MO<sub>x</sub>/SMO, additional lineal CO adsorption only appears over CuO<sub>x</sub>-SMO catalyst at 2105 cm<sup>-1</sup>, it's indicated by CO adsorption on Cu<sup>+</sup> <sup>10,11</sup>.

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