

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### **Facile synthesis of manganese-based complex as cathode materials for conductive-carbon-assisted aqueous rechargeable batteries**

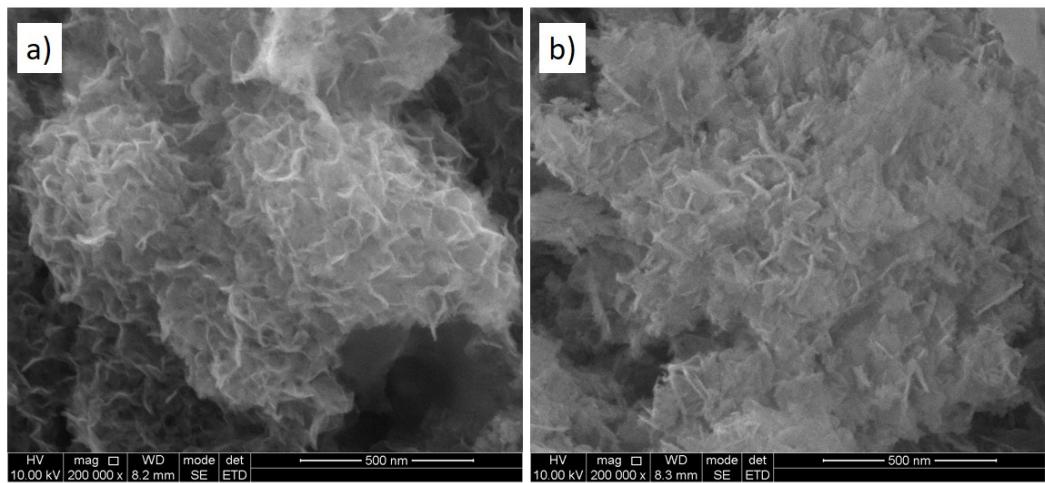
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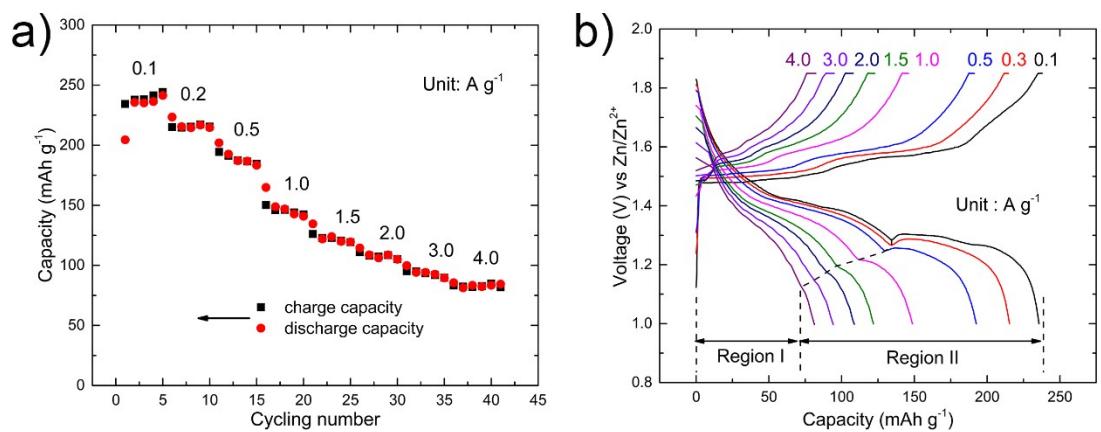
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**Figure S1.** The photographs of the cathode film.



**Figure S2.** SEM images of cathode electrode in the charged/discharged state. a) 1.85V, charged state, b) 1V discharged state.



**Figure S3.** Electrochemical performance of manganese-based complex in 1M ZnSO<sub>4</sub>. a) Cycling performance at various current densities (0.1-4.0 A g<sup>-1</sup>). b) Charge and discharge voltage profiles using 1M ZnSO<sub>4</sub> as electrolyte at various current densities between 1.0-1.85 V vs. Zn/Zn<sup>2+</sup>

**Table S1.** Specific capacity and energy density of manganese-based complex.

Current density (A g <sup>-1</sup> )	0.1	0.2	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	4.0
Discharge capacity (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	248	231	196	175	160	149	131
Energy density (Wh kg <sup>-1</sup> )	335.0	317.3	261.5	231.0	211.8	197.5	175.0

**Table S2.** Summary of electrochemical performance of different cathode materials for aqueous rechargeable batteries

Samples	Electrolyte	Energy density base on the active mass of electrode materials	Cycling performance	Reference number
LiMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	21M LiTFSI	~200 Wh/kg at 24 mA/g	~40 mAh/g 68% with 1000 cycles at 540 mA/g and 78% with 100 cycles at 18 mA/g	<sup>3</sup>
LiMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0.5 M Li <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	~75 Wh/kg at 500 mA/g	~120 mAh/g 100% capacity after 1200 cycles at 500 mA/g	<sup>4</sup>
LiMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0.5 M Li <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	~100 Wh/kg at 500 mA/g	37 mAh/g 93% capacity retained after 10000 cycles at 1000 mA/g	<sup>5</sup>
NaMnO <sub>2</sub>	2 M CH <sub>3</sub> COONa	30Wh/kg at 60 mA/g	37 mAh/g 75% capacity retained after 500 cycles at 300	<sup>6</sup>
Na <sub>0.95</sub> MnO <sub>2</sub>	0.5M Zn(CH <sub>3</sub> COO) <sub>2</sub> 0.5M CH <sub>3</sub> COONa	~84 Wh/kg at 1C	40 mAh/g 92% capacity retained after 1000 cycles at 4C	<sup>7</sup>
Amorphous FePO <sub>4</sub>	1M ZnSO <sub>4</sub>	--	96mAh/g at 10 mA/g	<sup>8</sup>
ZnMn <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	3M Zn(CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	~202 Wh/kg at 50 mA/g	~90 mAh/g 94% capacity retained after 500 cycles at 500 mA/g	<sup>2</sup>
CuHCF	20mM ZnSO <sub>4</sub>	~95Wh/kg at 60 mA/g	~55 mAh/g 96.3% capacity retained after 100 cycles at 60 mA/g	<sup>9</sup>
Zn <sub>3</sub> [Fe(CN) <sub>6</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	1M ZnSO <sub>4</sub>	100 Wh/kg at 60 mA/g	~65 mAh/g 76% capacity retained after 100 cycles at 60 mA/g	<sup>10</sup>

$\alpha$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	1M ZnSO <sub>4</sub>	--	195 mAh/g 70% capacity retained after 30 cycles at 10 mA/g	<sup>11</sup>
$\alpha$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	1M ZnSO <sub>4</sub>	$\sim$ 315 Wh/kg at 32 mA/g	100 mAh/g 100% capacity retained after 100 cycles at 380 mA/g	<sup>12</sup>
$\delta$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	1M ZnSO <sub>4</sub>	--	252 mAh/g 44% capacity retained after 100 cycles at 83 mA/g	<sup>13</sup>
$\alpha$ -MnO <sub>2</sub>	1M ZnSO <sub>4</sub>	--	225 mAh/g 63% capacity retained after 50 cycles at 83 mA/g	<sup>14</sup>
VS <sub>2</sub>	1M ZnSO <sub>4</sub>	123 Wh/kg at 50 mA/g	190.3 mAh/g 98% capacity retained after 200 cycles at 50 mA/g	<sup>15</sup>
Na <sub>3</sub> MnTi(PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	1M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	$\sim$ 82 Wh/kg at 58.7 mA/g	58.4 mAh/g 98% capacity retained after 100 cycles at 58.7 mA/g	<sup>16</sup>
$\gamma$ -MnO <sub>2</sub> with TiB <sub>2</sub>	1M ZnSO <sub>4</sub> saturated LiOH	--	220 mAh/g 55% capacity retained after 40 cycles at 0.5 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	<sup>17</sup>
$\gamma$ -MnO <sub>2</sub> with TiS <sub>2</sub>	1M ZnSO <sub>4</sub> saturated LiOH	--	148 mAh/g 50% capacity retained after 40 cycles at 0.5 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	<sup>18</sup>
Manganese-based complex.	1M ZnSO <sub>4</sub> 0.1M MnSO <sub>4</sub>	335 Wh/kg at 100 mA/g 175 Wh/kg at 4000 mA/g	149 mAh/g 100% capacity retained after 500 cycles at 2000 mA/g 131 mAh/g 93.9% capacity retained after 2000 cycles at 4000 mA/g	This work

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