

## Supplementary material

### Revealing the unexpected promotion effect of diverse potassium-precursors on α-MnO<sub>2</sub> for toluene catalytic destruction

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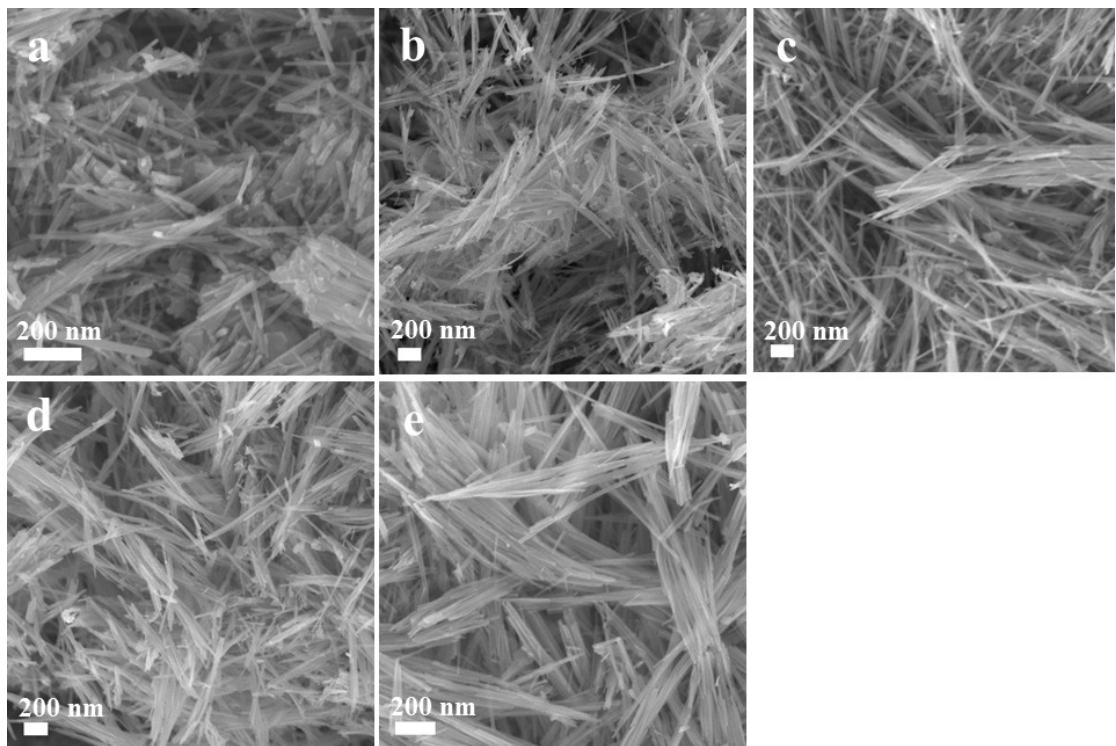
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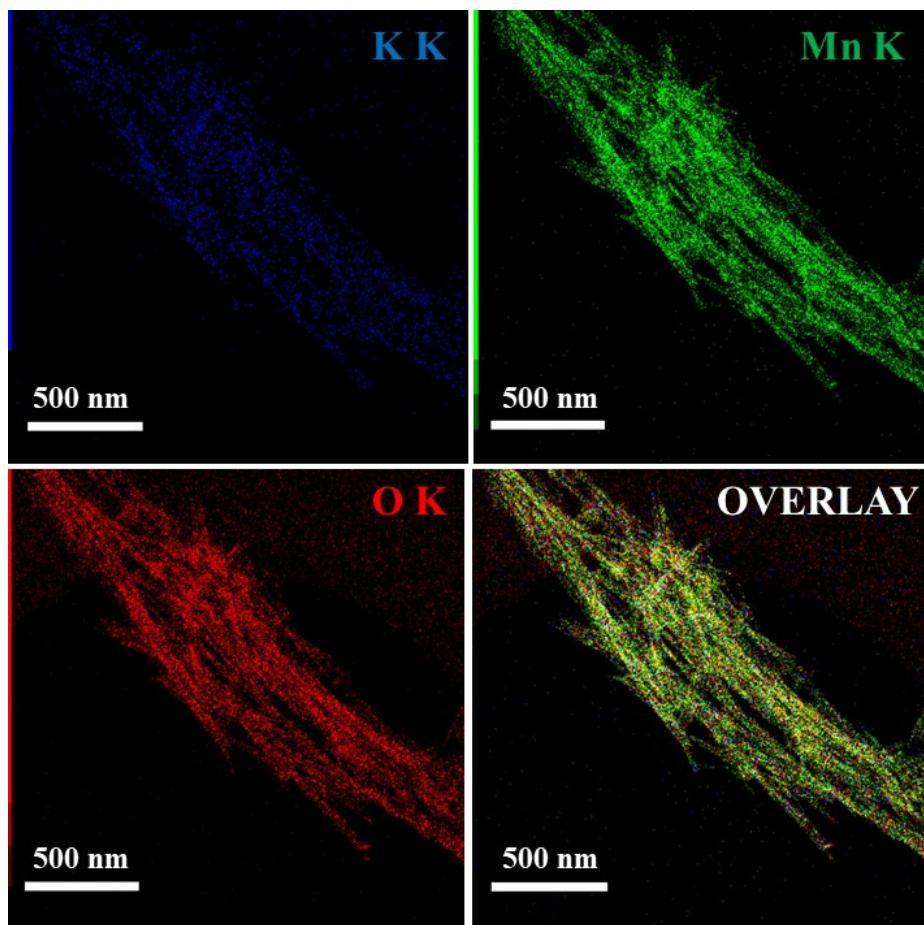
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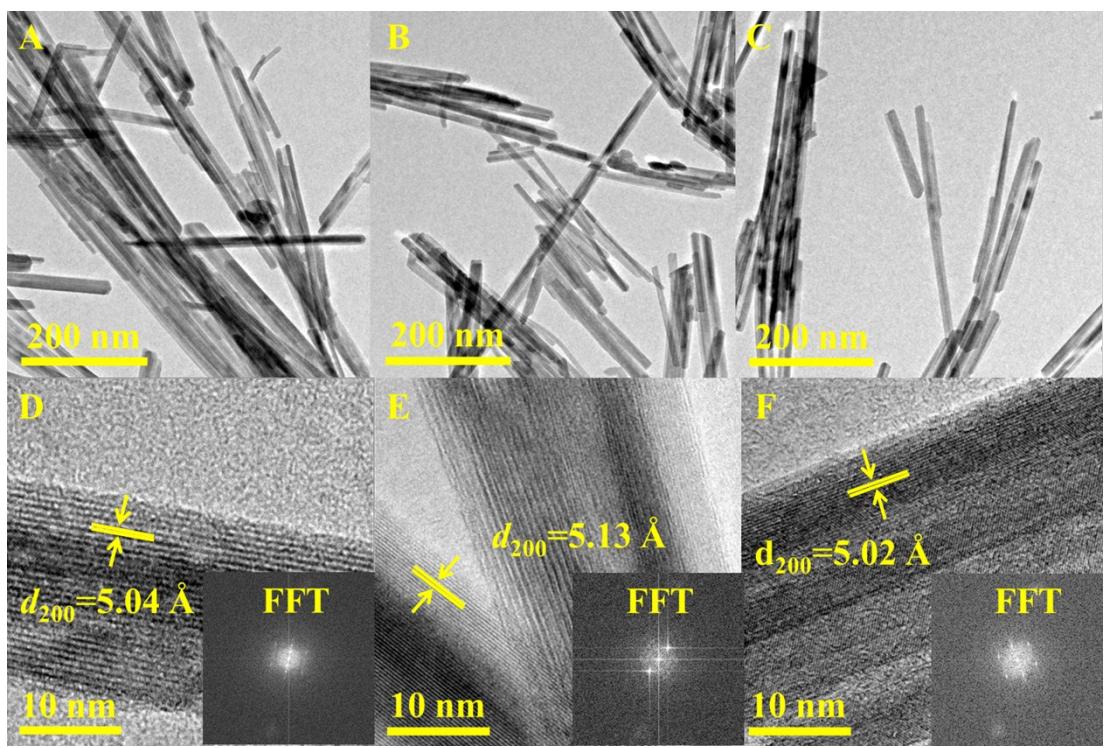
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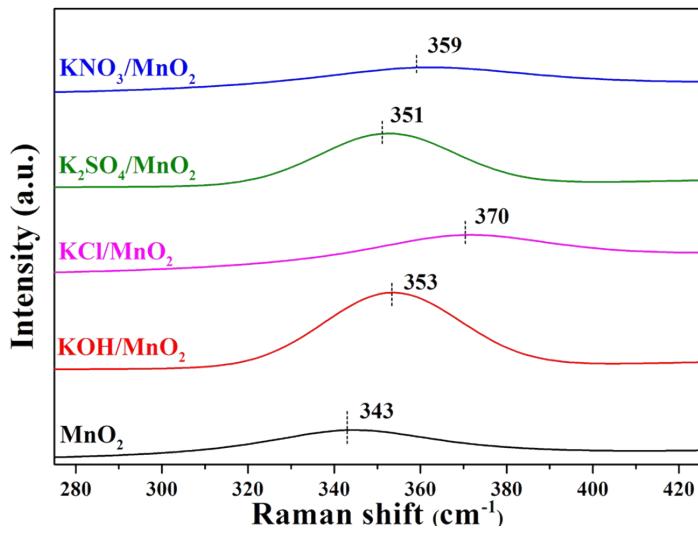
**Fig. S1** SEM images of synthesized catalysts: (a) MnO<sub>2</sub>; (b) KOH/MnO<sub>2</sub>; (c) KCl/MnO<sub>2</sub>; (d) K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/MnO<sub>2</sub> and (e) KNO<sub>3</sub>/MnO<sub>2</sub>.



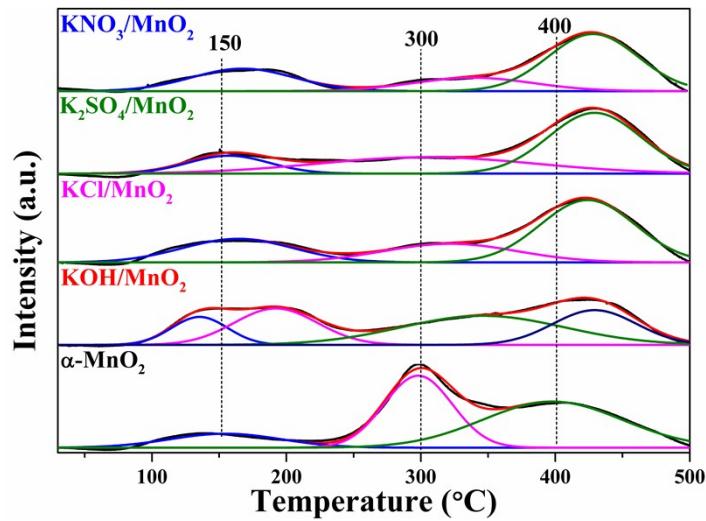
**Fig. S2** SEM-EDX mapping of KOH/MnO<sub>2</sub> catalyst.



**Fig. S3** (A, D) HR-TEM images of KCl/MnO<sub>2</sub>; (B, E) HR-TEM images of K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/MnO<sub>2</sub>; (C, F) HR-TEM images of KNO<sub>3</sub>/MnO<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S4** Laser Raman spectra of prepared materials



**Fig. S5** NH<sub>3</sub>-TPD spectra of prepared materials

**Table S1** XRF results of all synthesized catalysts.

Samples	K content wt.%	Mn content wt.%	O content wt.%
MnO <sub>2</sub>	0	56.9	43.1
KOH/MnO <sub>2</sub>	4.7	56.2	39.1
KCl/MnO <sub>2</sub>	2.4	57.6	40.0
K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> /MnO <sub>2</sub>	3.0	57.1	39.9
KNO <sub>3</sub> /MnO <sub>2</sub>	3.1	54.4	42.5

**Table S2** Reducibility of all synthesized samples.

Sample	Reduction temperature (°C)		H <sub>2</sub> consumption (mmol/g)		
	Peak 1	Peak 2	Peak 1	Peak 2	Total
MnO <sub>2</sub>	397	573	4.01	2.21	6.22
KOH/MnO <sub>2</sub>	346	403	6.51	1.34	7.85
KCl/MnO <sub>2</sub>	385	437	7.14	1.39	8.54
K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> /MnO <sub>2</sub>	401	460	7.30	1.08	8.38
KNO <sub>3</sub> /MnO <sub>2</sub>	373	426	6.89	1.37	8.26

**Table S3** Summarized percentage of mass lost from thermos-gravimetry analysis.

Sample	Temperature (°C)			
	30-200	200-300	300-700	200-700
MnO <sub>2</sub>	2.5	0.4	7.2	7.6
KOH/MnO <sub>2</sub>	1.6	1.0	9.5	10.5
KCl/MnO <sub>2</sub>	1.9	0.7	10.5	11.2
K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> /MnO <sub>2</sub>	2.2	0.8	10.0	10.8
KNO <sub>3</sub> /MnO <sub>2</sub>	3.3	1.6	8.2	9.8

**Table S4** The assigned peaks obtained from NH<sub>3</sub>-TPD results.

Sample	Temperature (°C)			Peak area			
	Peak 1	Peak 2	Peak3	Peak 1	Peak 2	Peak 3	Total
MnO <sub>2</sub>	155	298	398	57	180	236	473
KOH/MnO <sub>2</sub>	172	349	430	181	172	105	458
KCl/MnO <sub>2</sub>	164	322	424	96	91	217	404
K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> /MnO <sub>2</sub>	157	304	429	53	131	206	390
KNO <sub>3</sub> /MnO <sub>2</sub>	168	339	428	85	58	187	330