

## Pristine S,N-containing Mn-based metal organic framework nanorods enable efficient oxygen reduction electrocatalysis

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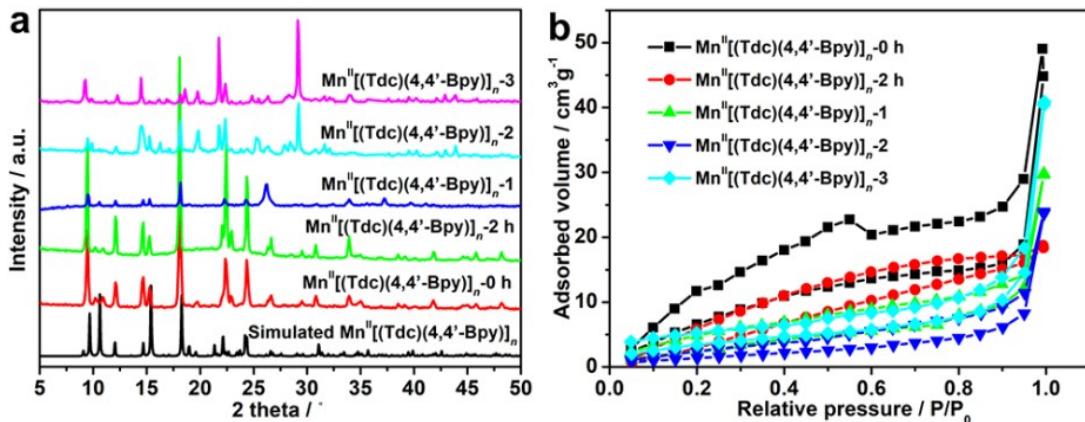
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For comparison, all the potential values from references were converted to *vs.* RHE in Table S1. All electrochemical tests were conducted in 0.1 M KOH solution.

**Table S1.** List of the ORR onset potentials ( $E_o$ ) and half-wave potentials ( $E_{1/2}$ ) of some reported MOFs.

Materials	$E_o$ (V vs. RHE)	$E_{1/2}$ (V vs. RHE)	References
Mn <sup>II</sup> [(Tdc)(4,4'-Bpy)] <sub>n</sub>	0.98	0.78	This work
Mn/Fe-HIB-MOF	0.98	0.88	[1]
Mn-BTC@AC	0.92	0.78	[2]
Ni-Co-MOF	0.76	0.82	[3]
$\epsilon$ -MnO <sub>2</sub> /MOF(Fe)	0.84	0.64	[4]
Co/MIL-101(Cr)-R	0.95	0.67	[5]
rGO/(Ni <sup>2+</sup> /THPP/Co <sup>2+</sup> /THPP) <sub>8</sub>	0.84	0.60	[6]

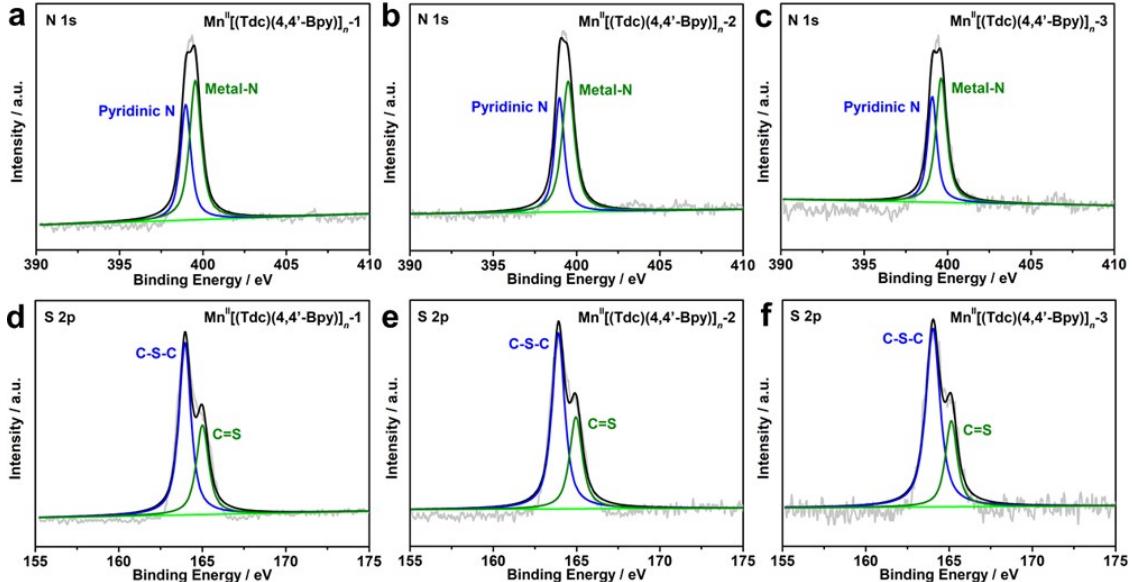


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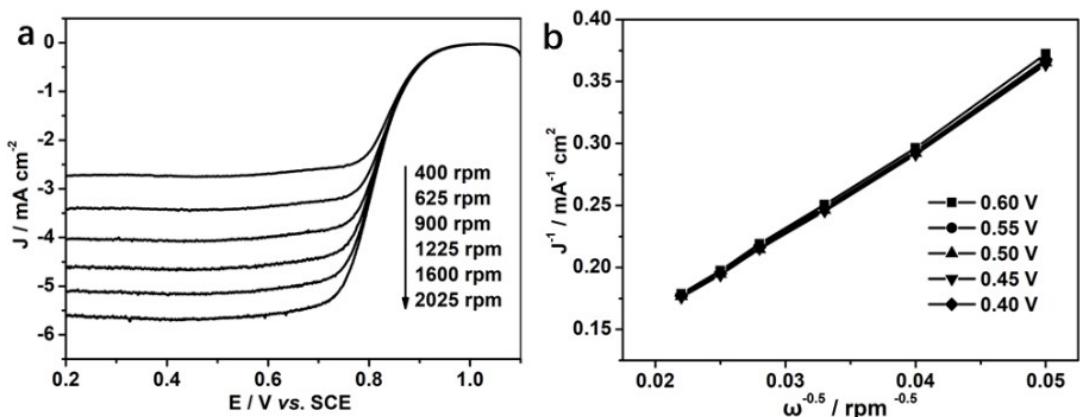
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Samples	Mn	O	C	N	S
Mn <sup>II</sup> [(Tdc)(4,4'-Bpy)] <sub>n</sub>	9.53	29.43	50.36	6.54	4.14

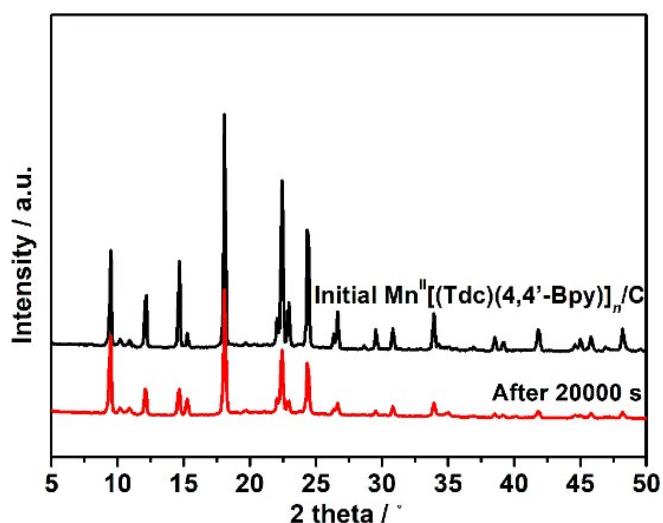
$\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}[(\text{Tdc})(4,4'\text{-Bpy})]_n\text{-1}$	6.63	24.64	58.89	5.71	4.08
$\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}[(\text{Tdc})(4,4'\text{-Bpy})]_n\text{-2}$	5.16	21.54	64.67	5.61	3.02
$\text{Mn}^{\text{II}}[(\text{Tdc})(4,4'\text{-Bpy})]_n\text{-3}$	14.43	40.52	39.08	3.8	2.17



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