

# **A theoretic insight on catalytic activity promotion of CeO<sub>2</sub> surface by Mn doping**

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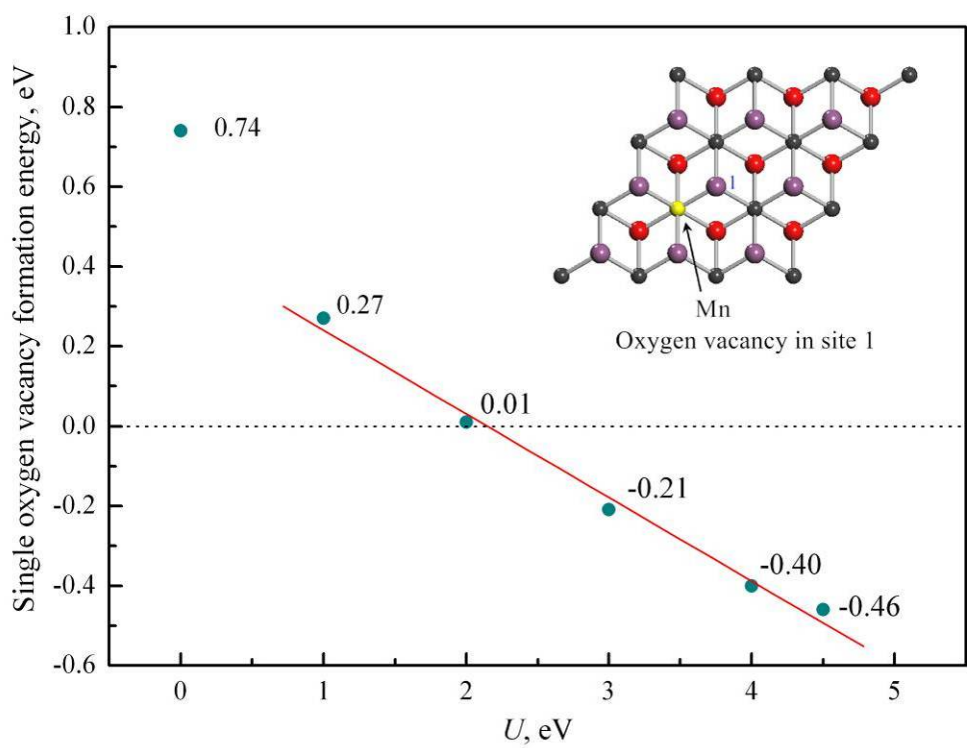


Fig. S1 Single oxygen vacancy formation energy for  $U = 0 \sim 4.5$  eV. The formation energies were labeled with aside the data points. Inset: oxygen vacancy site in MnCe labeled 1.

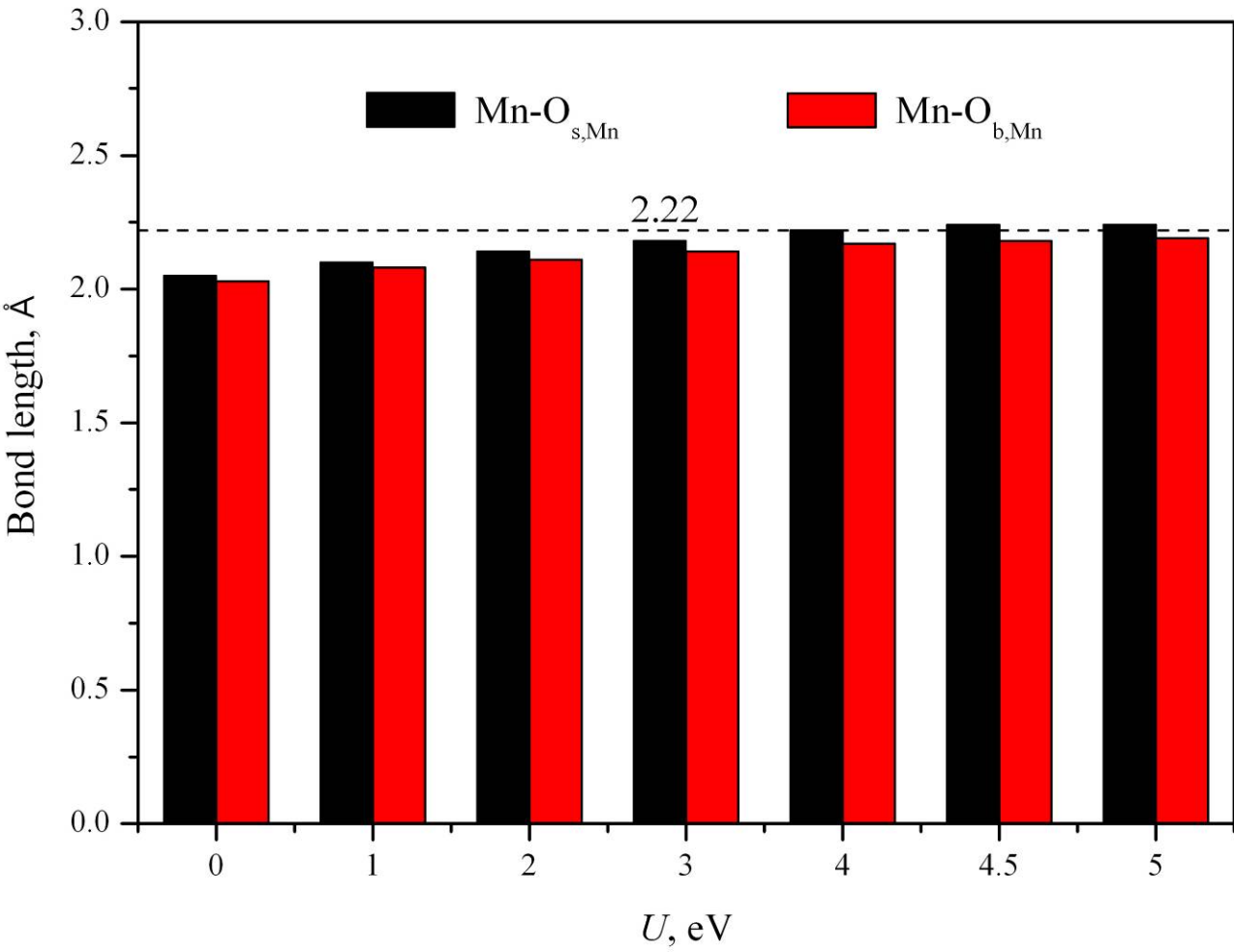


Fig. S2 Selected Mn-O bond lengths in vMnCe with oxygen vacancy in site 1.

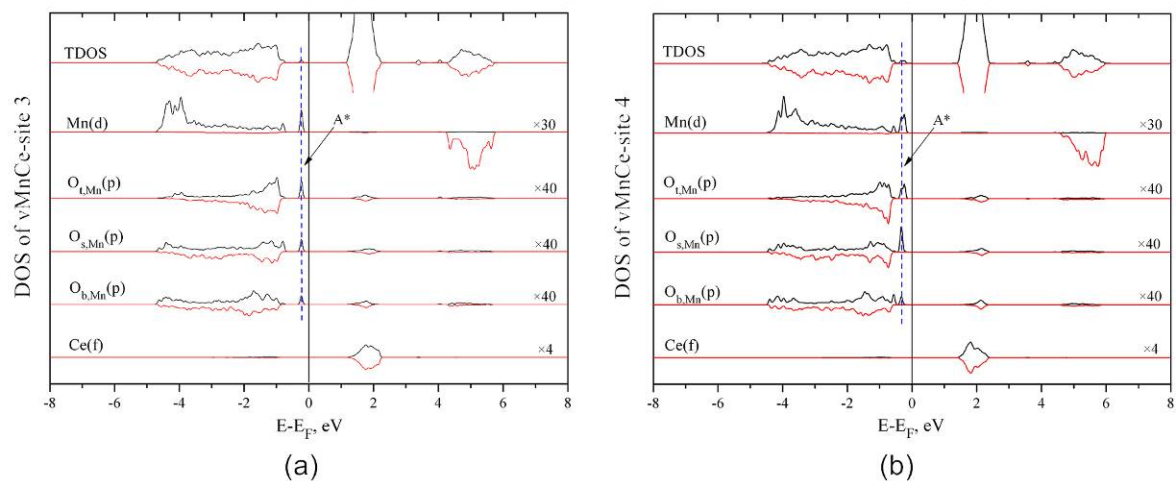


Fig. S3 Total and partial DOS of vMnCe with oxygen vacancy in site 3 and 4. The blue dashed lines labeled as A\* are Mn 3d-O 2p gap states acting as electrons buffer instead of Ce 4f. Fermi level is set to be zero point.

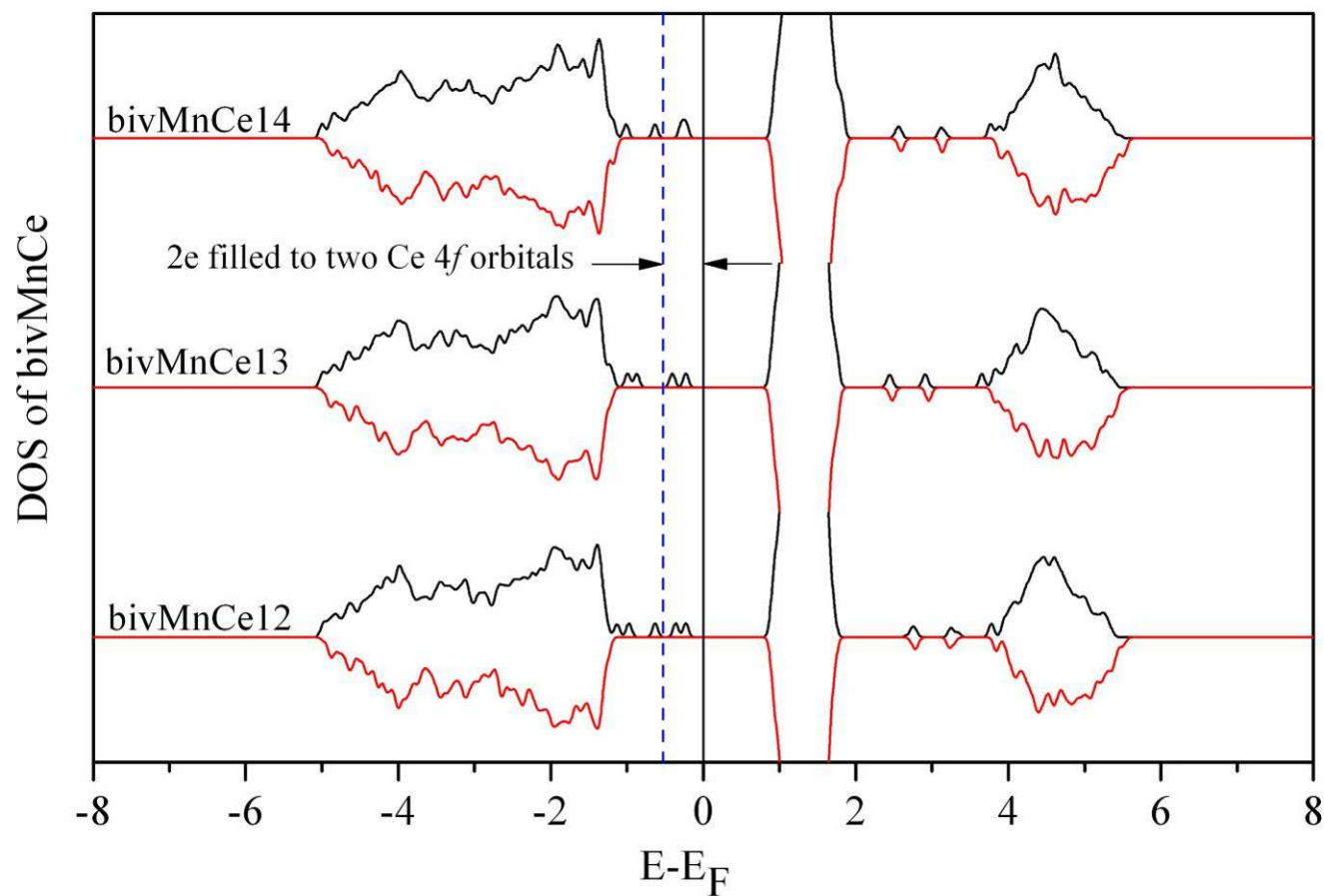


Fig. S4 DOS of bivMnCe with two oxygen vacancies at sites 1-2, 1-3 and 1-4. All the populations of the occupied Ce 4f states are 2 e by DOS integration.

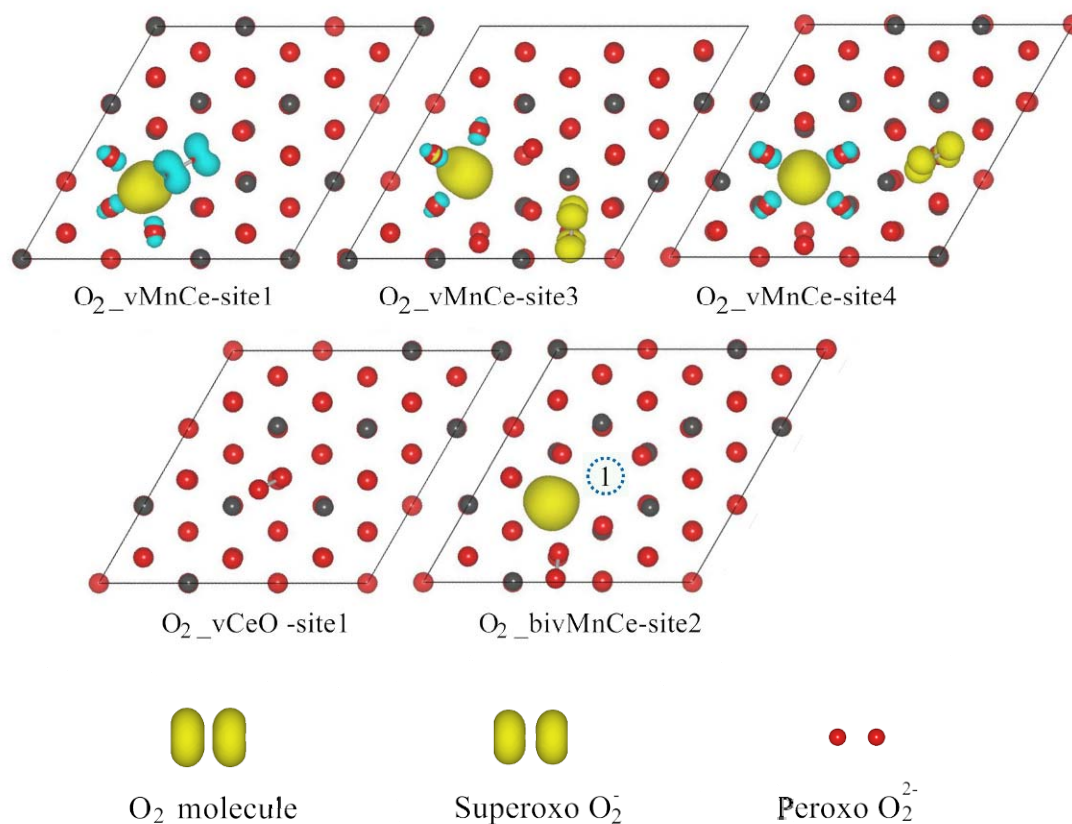


Fig. S5 Spin charge density of:  $\text{O}_2$ \_vMnCe with  $\text{O}_2$  molecule adsorbed at oxygen vacancy site 1, 3 and 4,  $\text{O}_2$ \_vCeO<sub>2</sub> at site 1,  $\text{O}_2$ \_bivMnCe at site 2, free  $\text{O}_2$  molecule, superoxo  $\text{O}_2^-$ , and peroxo  $\text{O}_2^{2-}$ . The isovalue is  $0.05 \text{ e}/\text{\AA}^3$ . The *p*-like spin-polarized charge density distribution of the adsorbed  $\text{O}_2$  on vMnCe indicates  $\text{O}_2^-$  specie. The spin-unpolarized charge density distribution of the adsorbed  $\text{O}_2$  on bivMnCe and vCeO<sub>2</sub> indicates  $\text{O}_2^{2-}$  specie.

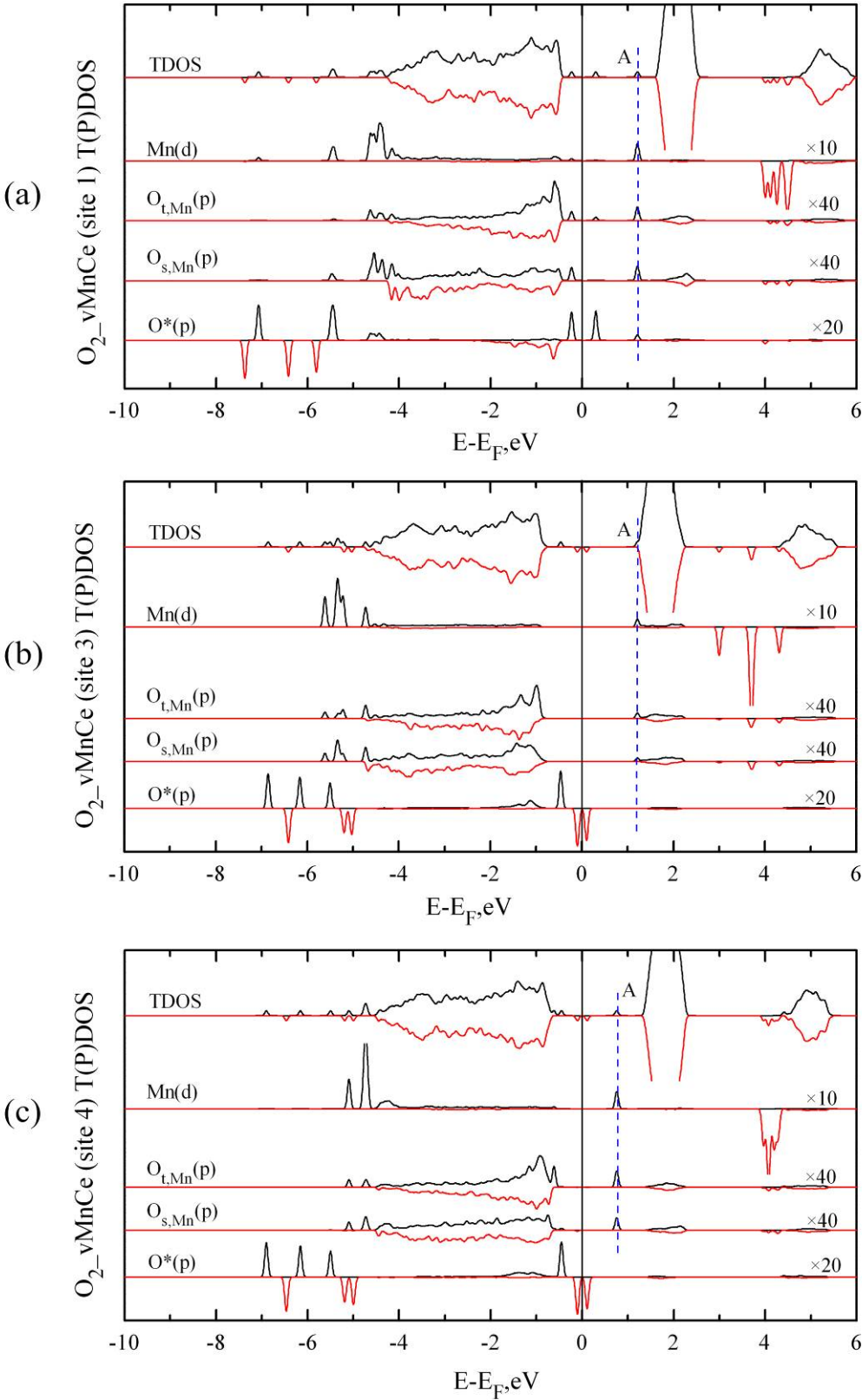


Fig. S6 DOS of  $O_2$ -vMnCe with oxygen molecule adsorbed on different vacancy sites. Mn 3d-O 2p gap state is marked by the dashed line A.

Table S1 Population with different Wigner Seitz radiuses for MnCe and vMnCe at  $U = 4.5$  eV for Mn  $3d$ .

Items	vMnCe		MnCe	
	default <sup>c</sup>	1 <sup>d</sup>	default	1
Wigner Seitz radius, Å				
Mn $3d$ in VB, e	4.73	4.29	4.45	4.07
Mn $3d$ -O $2p$ gap state in PDOS, e				
O <sub>t,Mn</sub> $2p$	0.167	0.185	0.194	0.214
O <sub>s,Mn</sub> $2p$	0.171	0.187	0.133	0.145
O <sub>b,Mn</sub> $2p$	0.108	0.118	-	-
(O <sub>t,Mn</sub> + O <sub>s,Mn</sub> ) $\times 3$ <sup>a</sup>	-	-	0.981	1.077
O <sub>b,Mn</sub> $2p$ + O <sub>t,Mn</sub> $2p \times 2$ + O <sub>s,Mn</sub> $2p \times 3$ <sup>b</sup>	0.955	1.049	-	-
Mn $3d$	0.383	0.373	0.317	0.311
Sum	1.338	1.422	1.298	1.388
Mn $3d$ -O $2p$ gap state in TDOS, e	1.999	1.999	1.999	2.000

a: the MnCe slab is in  $C_{3v}$  symmetry, so there are three equivalent atoms each of the O<sub>t,Mn</sub> and O<sub>s,Mn</sub> atoms;  
b: there are one O<sub>b,Mn</sub> atom, two O<sub>t,Mn</sub> atoms and three O<sub>s,Mn</sub> atoms as shown in Fig. 1a and b.  
c: all the radiuses are employed as default in the pseudopotential files: Mn 1.323 Å, Ce 1.323 Å, O 0.820 Å.  
d: all the radiuses for Ce, Mn and O atoms are set to be 1 Å.

Table S2 Calculated properties of adsorbed O<sub>2</sub> and Mn in O<sub>2</sub>-vMnCe

Adsorption site	Bond length, Å	Stretching frequency, cm <sup>-1</sup>	Magnetic moment, $\mu_B$		
			O <sub>2</sub> <sup>*</sup>	Mn	Mn in vMnCe
1	1.32	1134	-1.04	4.09	4.70
3	1.35	1119	0.92	3.90	4.71
4	1.34	1119	0.93	4.12	4.72