

Supporting Information

Engineering of Mn₃O₄@Ag Microsphere Assembled by Nanosheets for Superior O₃ Decomposition

1 Catalyst Characterization and catalytic activity test

XRD (X-ray powder diffraction) patterns were collected on a Panalytical Aries X-ray diffractometer under Cu K_α radiation. The data were obtained at a scan speed of 5 (°)·min⁻¹ from 10° to 80° with a step of 0.01°. The Raman spectra were obtained from a LabRAM HR800 UV Laser Raman spectrometer with a wavelength of 633 nm, with a power of 0.04 mW. FE-SEM (field emission scanning electron microscopy) was performed with electron microscopy (SU8220, Hitachi). HRTEM of the catalyst was performed on an FEI Themis Z instrument at 300 kV. N₂ adsorption-desorption experiments were performed with an Autosorb iQ2 (ANTON PAAR QUANTATEC INC) and all samples were degassed at 250 °C for 2 h at vacuum ambiance. Specific surface area was measured with the BET method, and average pore size distribution with the BJH method. The amount of Ag in Mn₃O₄ was measured on inductively coupled plasma light emission spectroscopy (Agilent 5110). H₂-TPR (hydrogen temperature-programmed reduction) and O₂-TPD (oxygen temperature-programmed desorption) experiments were conducted with the Micro. AutoChem II 2920. During H₂-TPR, 30 mg of the sample were preprocessed in Ar at 110 °C for 0.5 h. After cooling to room temperature, it was heated to 600 °C in 5% H₂/Ar with a rate of 10 °C min⁻¹.

For O₂-TPD, 30 mg of catalyst was pretreated under He atmosphere at 110 °C for 30 min, and then cooled to room temperature, followed by exposing to O₂ for 30 min. Then, it was heated to 800 °C in flowing He. The signals were detected by TCD. Water desorption (H₂O-TPD-MS) measurement was performed on a Hiden catlab test instrument equipped with a mass spectrometer. The catalyst was heated to 110°C under Ar and kept for 0.5 h to remove the adsorbed water and cooled to room temperature (30°C). Then saturated water (30°C) was introduced by Ar (40mL min⁻¹) for 1 h; The supersaturated adsorbed water was removed by Ar. Finally, the catalyst was heated from 30°C to 600 °C, and the desorption signals were detected: 32(O₂), 18(H₂O), 44(CO₂), 28(CO or N₂). XPS (X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy) data was acquired with an VG MultiLab 2000 device employing an MgK_α source. Thermogravimetric testing (TG) was performed on a thermogravimetric analyzer (NETZSCH STA449F5). The test conditions are: nitrogen atmosphere, heating at a rate of 10 °C min⁻¹.

The catalytic activity was evaluated in a fixed-bed continuous flow reactor (8 mm inner diameter). 20 mg of catalyst was packed into the reactor at a gas hourly space velocity (GHSV) of 600 L g⁻¹ h⁻¹. During the test, the temperature was maintained at 25°C and the relative humidity (RH) of the feed gas was maintained at 50%. Ozone was generated by a vacuum ultraviolet lamp, and the inlet and outlet ozone concentrations were analyzed using an ozone detector (Model 106-L, 2B Technologies, USA). The ozone conversion was calculated by the following equation:

$$\text{O}_3 \text{ conversion} = (C_{\text{in}} - C_{\text{out}}) / C_{\text{in}} \times 100\%$$

where C_{in} and C_{out} are the inlet and outlet concentration of ozone, respectively.

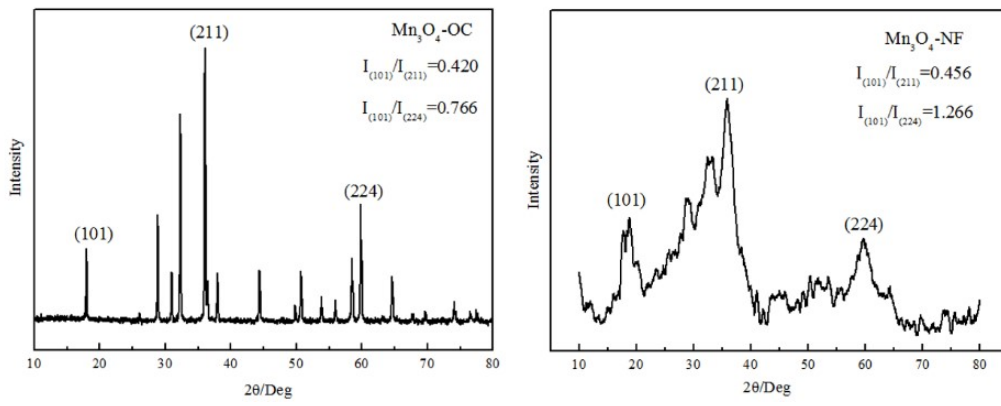


Fig.S1 Compare of XRD patterns of Mn₃O₄-OC and Mn₃O₄-NF

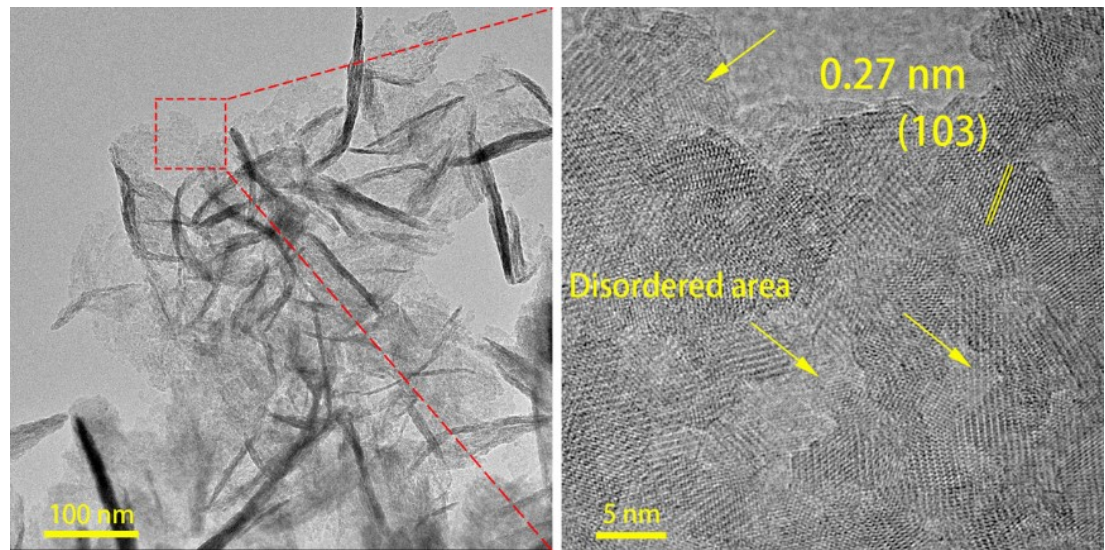


Fig.S2 the HRTEM image of Mn₃O₄-NF

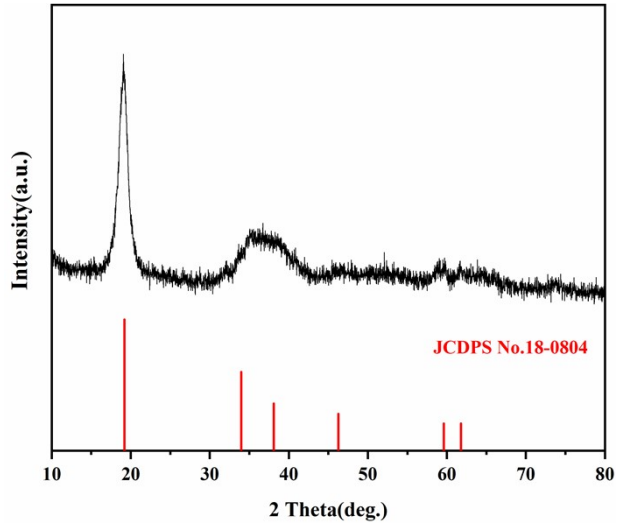


Fig.S3 the XRD pattern of the precursor β-MnOOH

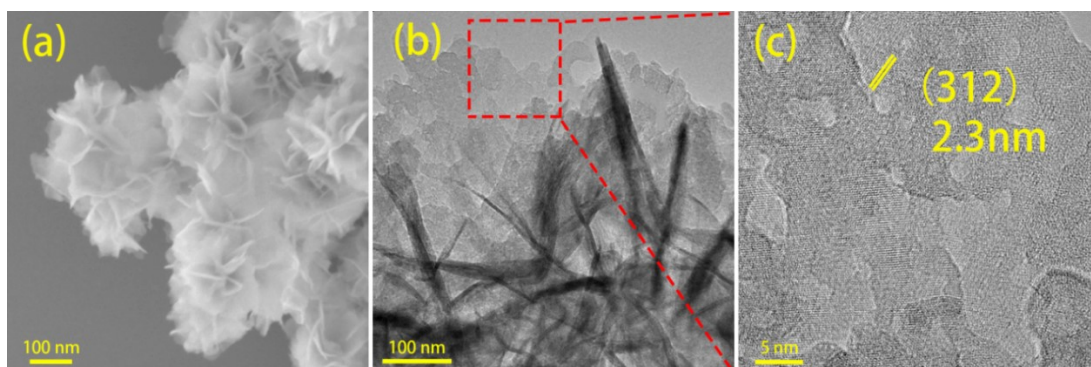


Fig.S4 the SEM (a) and HRTEM (b) image of the precursor β -MnOOH

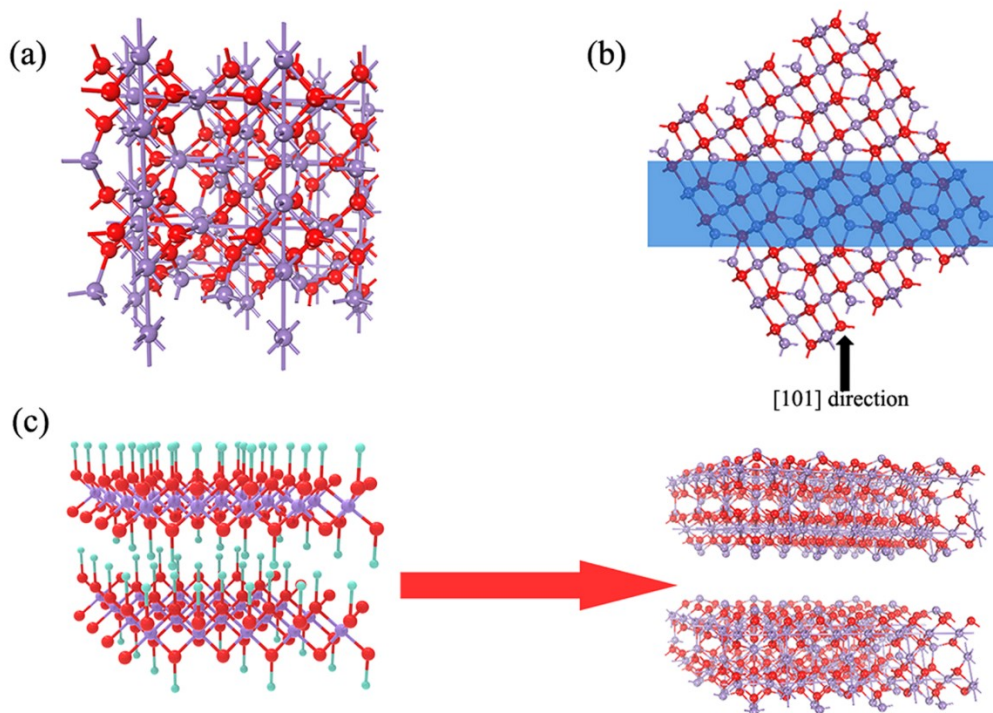


Fig.S5 Crystal structure of bulk Mn_3O_4 . (b) Side-view of Mn_3O_4 along b axis. (c) Schematic diagram of topochemical conversion from β -MnOOH nanosheets to Mn_3O_4 nanosheets.

(the CIF file of β -MnOOH can not be found from the CrystallographyOpen Data website, its structure is referenced as reported in : *Inorg. Chem.* 2000, 39, 741)

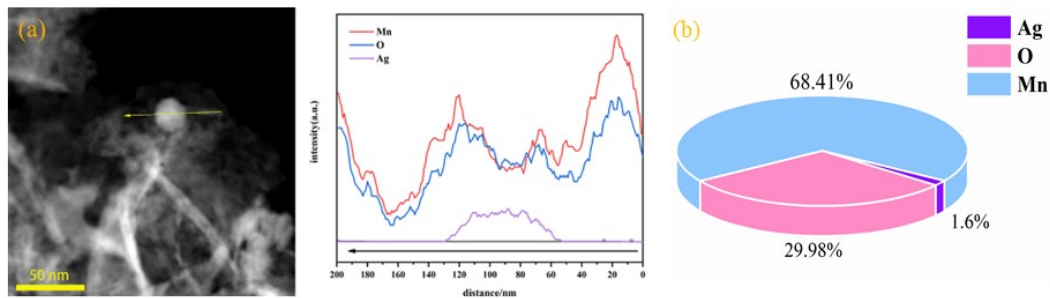


Fig.S6 the line-mapping of Ag@Mn₃O₄-NF(a) and ICP-OES result (b)

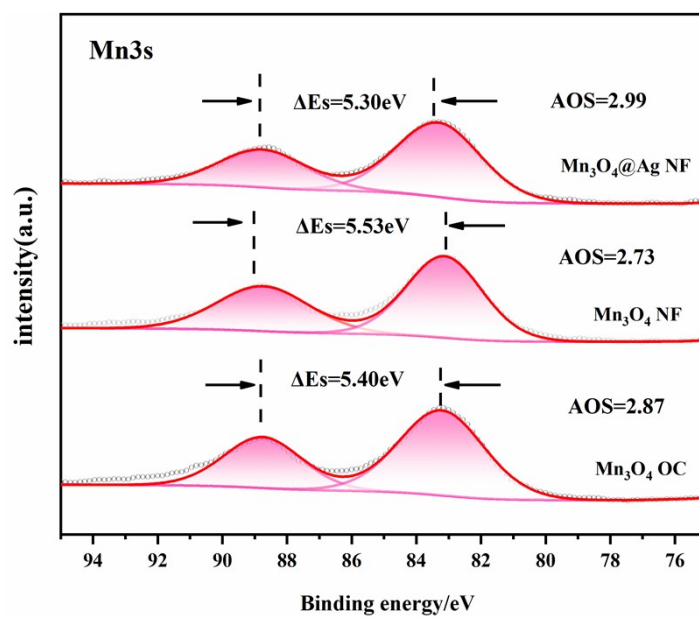


Fig.S7 the Mn3s spectra of Mn₃O₄-OC, Mn₃O₄-NF and Mn₃O₄@Ag-NF (AOS=8.956-1.126ΔEs)

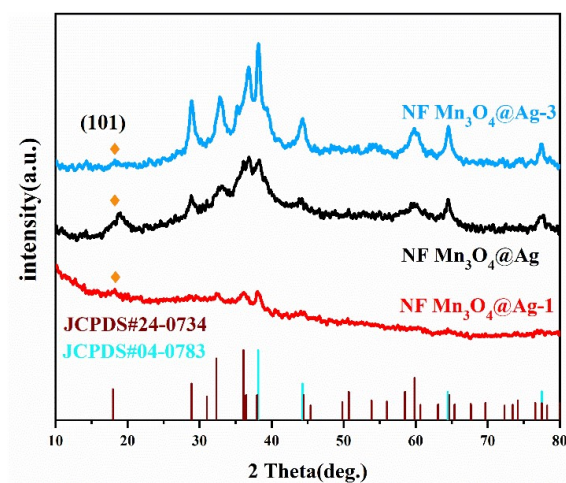


Fig. S8 the XRD patterns of Mn₃O₄@Ag-NF(1), Mn₃O₄@Ag-NF and Mn₃O₄@Ag-NF(3)

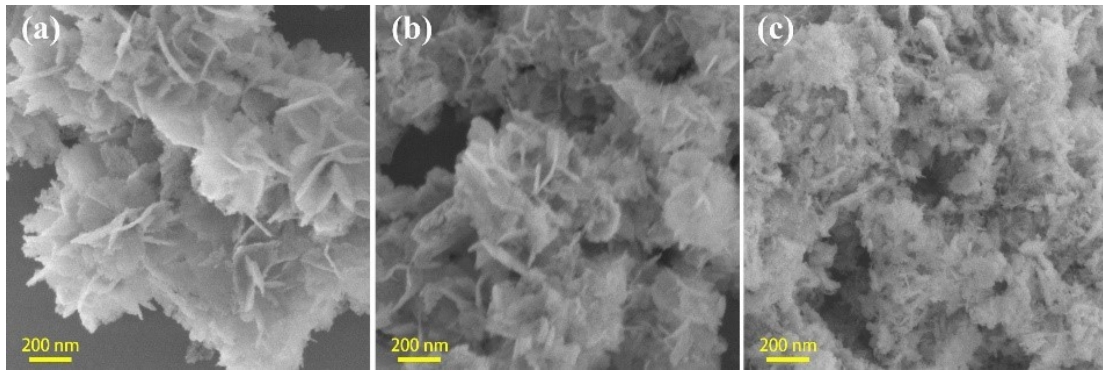


Fig. S9 SEM images of Mn₃O₄@Ag-NF(1)(a), Mn₃O₄@Ag-NF(b) and Mn₃O₄@Ag-NF(3) (c)

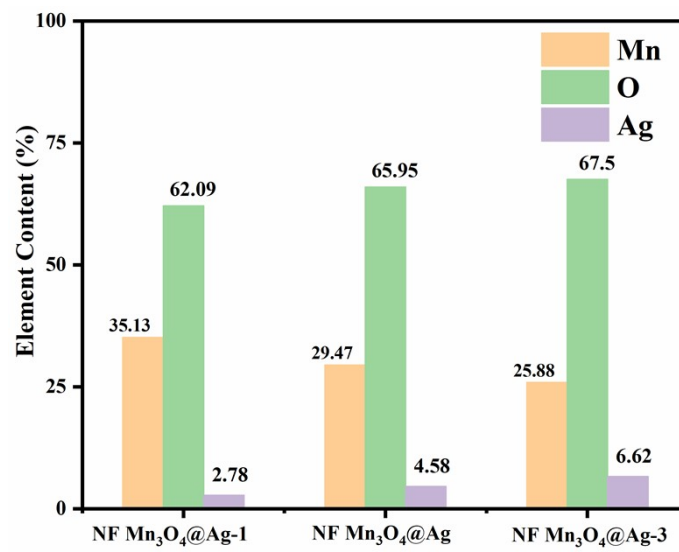


Fig. S10 The EDX of Mn₃O₄@Ag-NF(1), Mn₃O₄@Ag-NF and Mn₃O₄@Ag-NF(2)

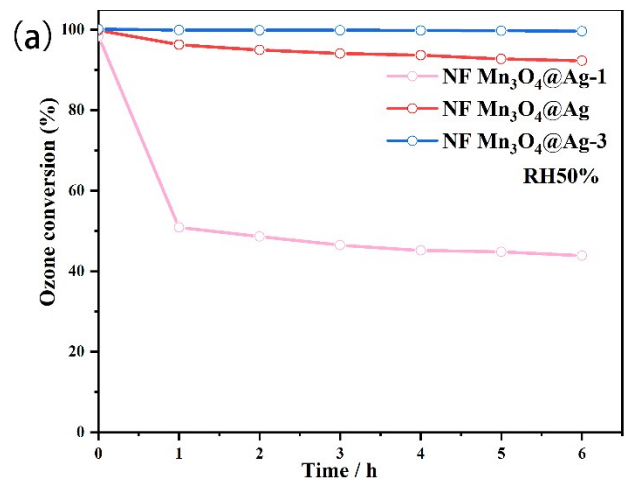


Fig.S11 Conversion of O₃ over Mn₃O₄@Ag-NF(1), Mn₃O₄@Ag-NF and Mn₃O₄@Ag-NF(3)

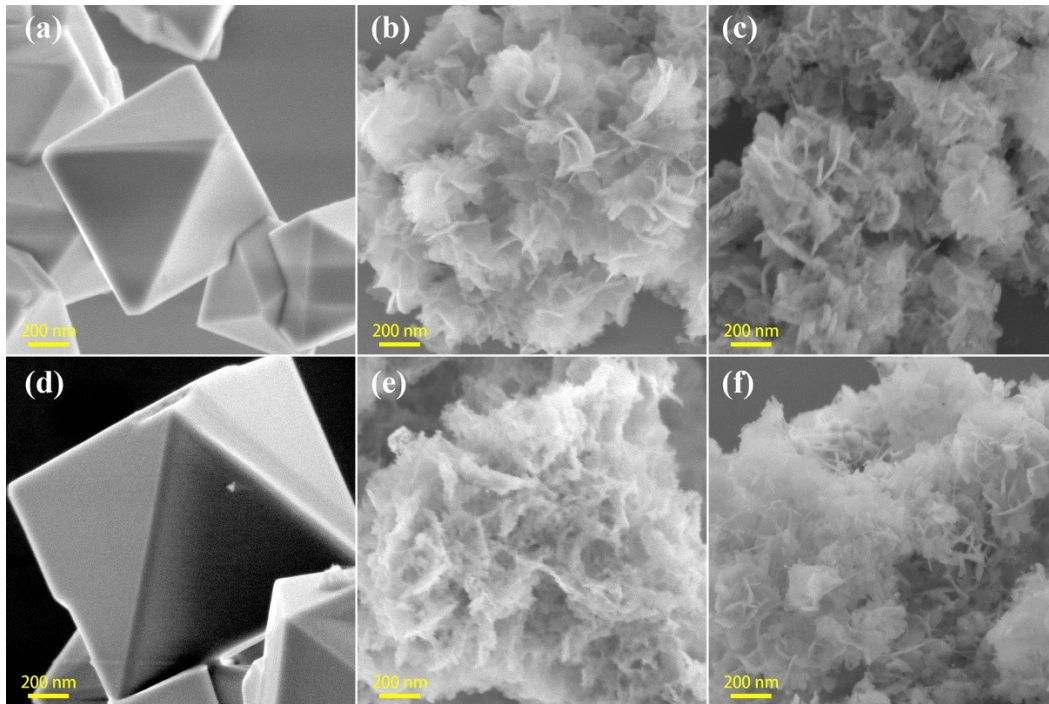


Fig. S12 SEM images before test: $\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4\text{-OC}$ (a), $\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4\text{-NF}$ (b) and $\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4\text{@Ag-NF}$ (c) and SEM images after test: $\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4\text{-OC}$ (d), $\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4\text{-NF}$ (e) and $\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4\text{@Ag-NF}$ (f)

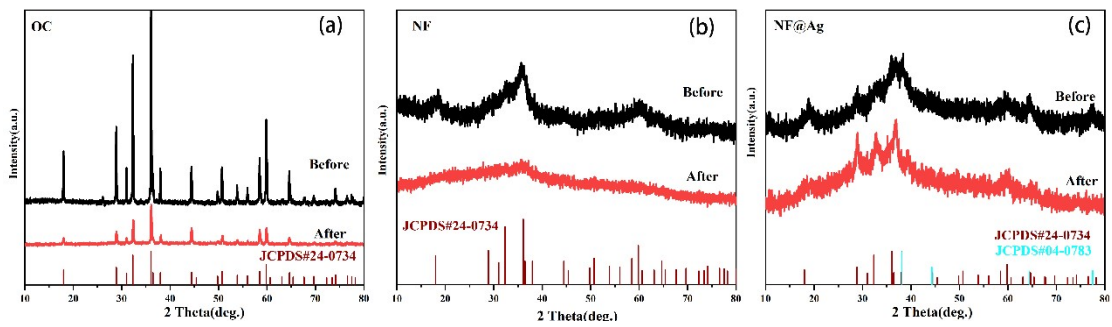


Fig. S13 The XRD before and after test: $\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4\text{-OC}$ (a), $\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4\text{-NF}$ (b) and $\text{Mn}_3\text{O}_4\text{@Ag-NF}$ (c)

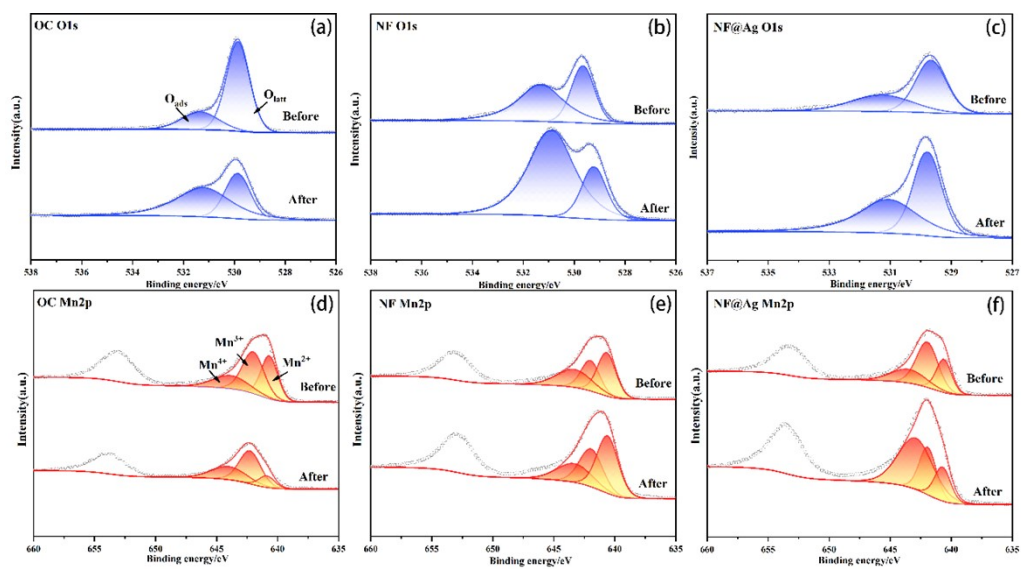


Fig. S14 XPS spectra of the fresh (marked as before) and used (marked as after) Mn_3O_4 -OC, Mn_3O_4 -NF and $Mn_3O_4@Ag$ -NF: (a,b,c)O1s;(d,e,f)Mn2p

Table S1 the O₃ decomposition performance over reported MnOx based catalysts

Catalyst	O ₃ Con./ppm	Catalyst amount/mg	WHSV L g ⁻¹ h ⁻¹	RH	Activity after 6h
Mn ₃ O ₄ -NF	20	100	600	50	57%
Mn ₃ O ₄ @Ag-NF (This work)	20	100	600	50	92.5%
Mn ₃ O ₄ ¹	15	100	600	50%	~35%
Fe-MnOx ²	100	100	660	60	~73%
Ce-MnO ₂ ³	50-60	50	300	Dry gas	< 80%
Ce-MnO ₂ ⁴	40	100	600	45%	~97%
MnO ₂ @GR ⁵	50	100	540	50	~72%
Amorphous MnO ₂ ⁶	20	100	600	50	100%
Li-K-OMS-2 ⁷	45	100	660	60	~92%
Ce- α/γ -MnO ₂ ⁸	45	100	300	65	98%
α -MnO ₂ ⁹	23	unknown	880	45	<60%
Ce-OMS-2 ¹⁰	40	100	600	45	~100%
Co-OMS-2 ¹⁰	40	100	600	45	~70%
Fe-OMS-2 ¹⁰	40	100	600	45	~55%

Table S2 the chemical properties of used catalysts based on XPS

Sample	Content (%)			O _{ads} /O _{latt}
	Mn ²⁺	Mn ³⁺	Mn ⁴⁺	
Mn ₃ O ₄ -OC	14.07	50.25	35.68	1.56
Mn ₃ O ₄ -NF	21.2	50.51	28.29	3.22
Mn ₃ O ₄ @Ag-NF	25.48	35.91	38.61	0.96

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