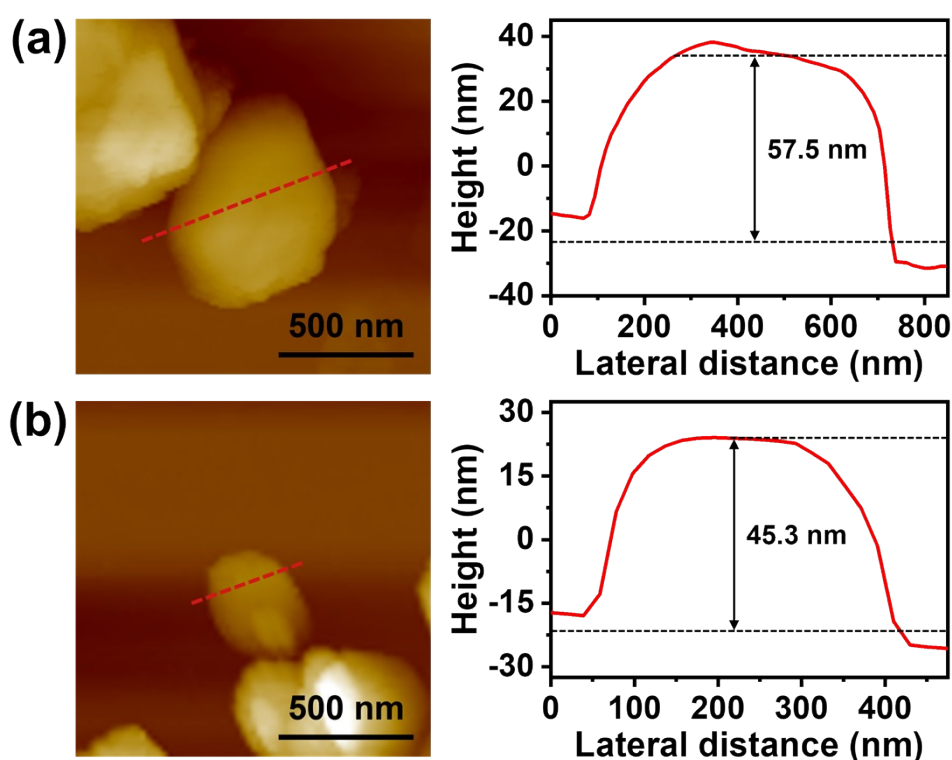
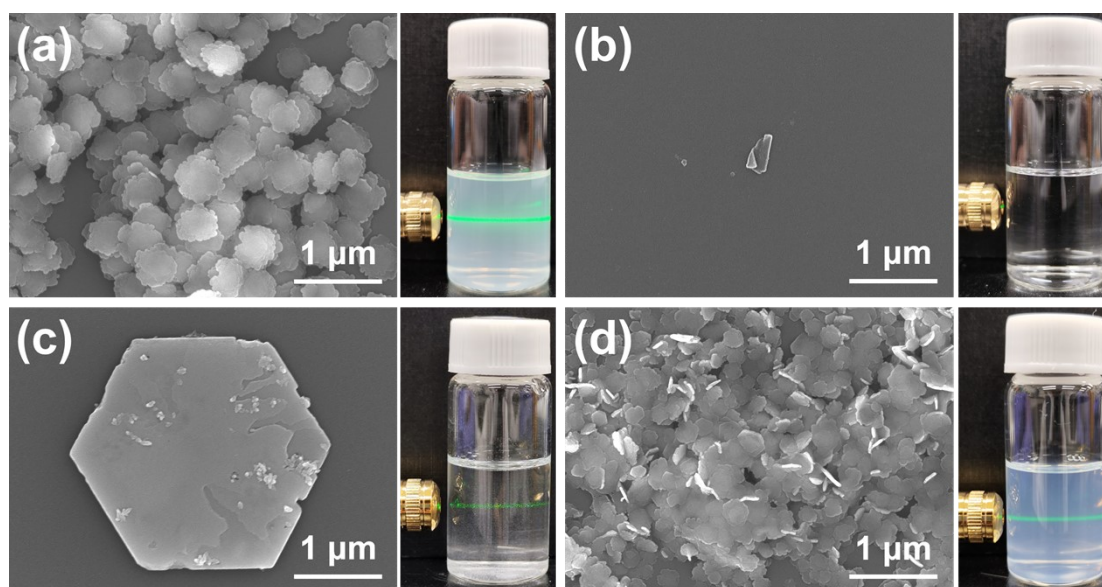


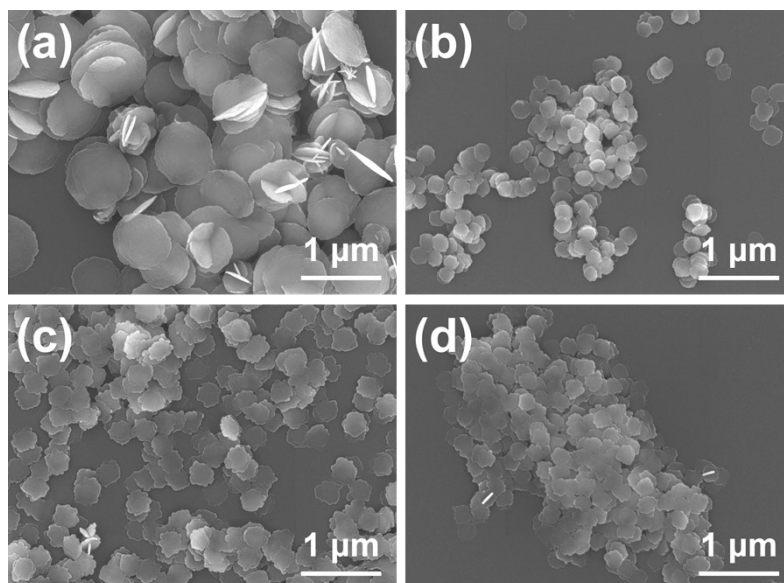
### Supplementary Information



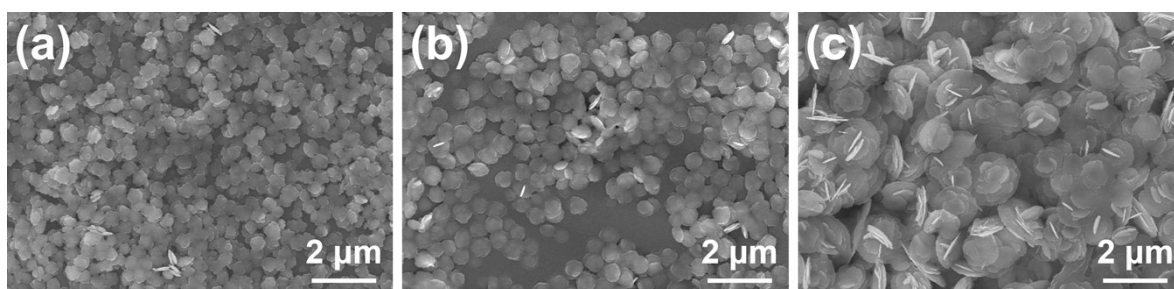
**Fig. S1.** AFM images and height profiles of 2D-assembled PG nanoparticles.



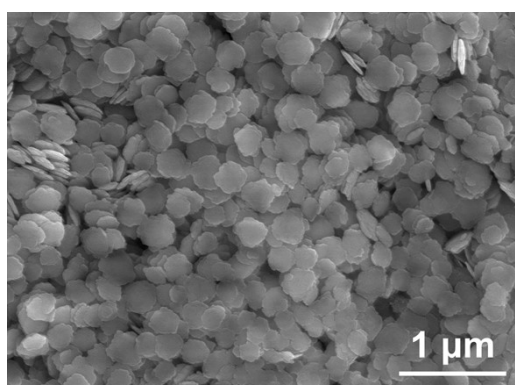
**Fig. S2.** SEM images of PG nanostructures and photographs of laser-exposed PG structure suspensions, synthesized under different solvent compositions at constant precursor content. The precursor : water : organic solvent volume ratio is (a) 1 : 1 : 11 (with water in ethanol), (b) 1 : 0 : 12 (without water in ethanol), (c) 1 : 12 : 0 (without ethanol in water), and (d) 1 : 1 : 11 (with water in acetone).



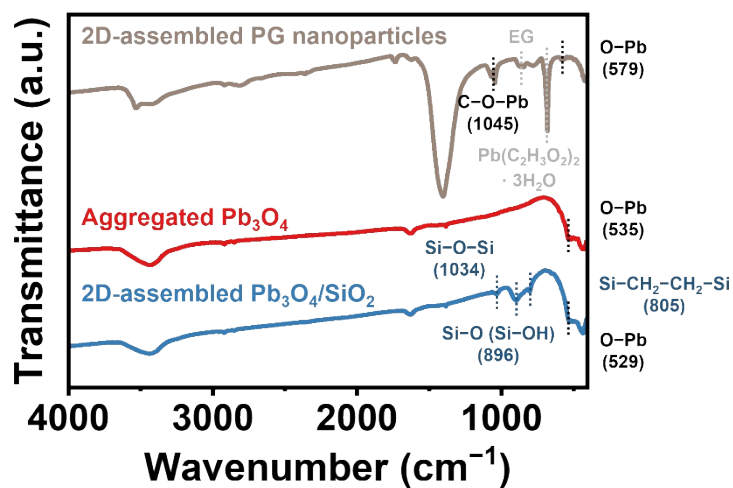
**Fig. S3.** SEM images of PG nanoparticles synthesized with constant precursor : water : alcohol volume ratio of 1 : 1 : 11 using different alcohol solvents: (a) methanol, (b) ethanol, (c) 1-propanol, and (d) 1-butanol.



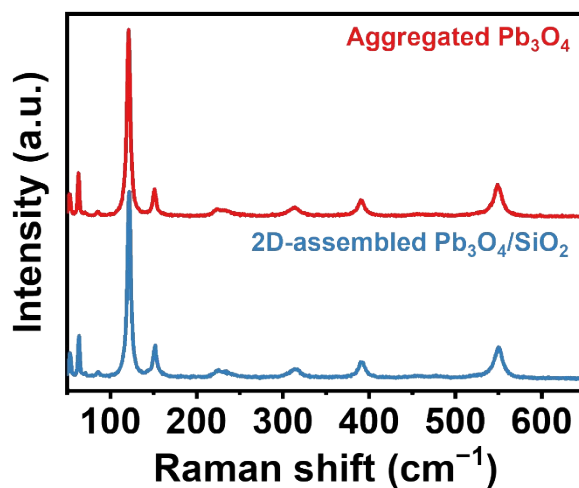
**Fig. S4.** SEM images of PG nanoparticles synthesized at constant precursor : water : alcohol volume ratio of 1 : 1 : 11 with increasing Pb concentration of precursor solution: (a) 0.015, (b) 0.074, and (c) 0.148 M



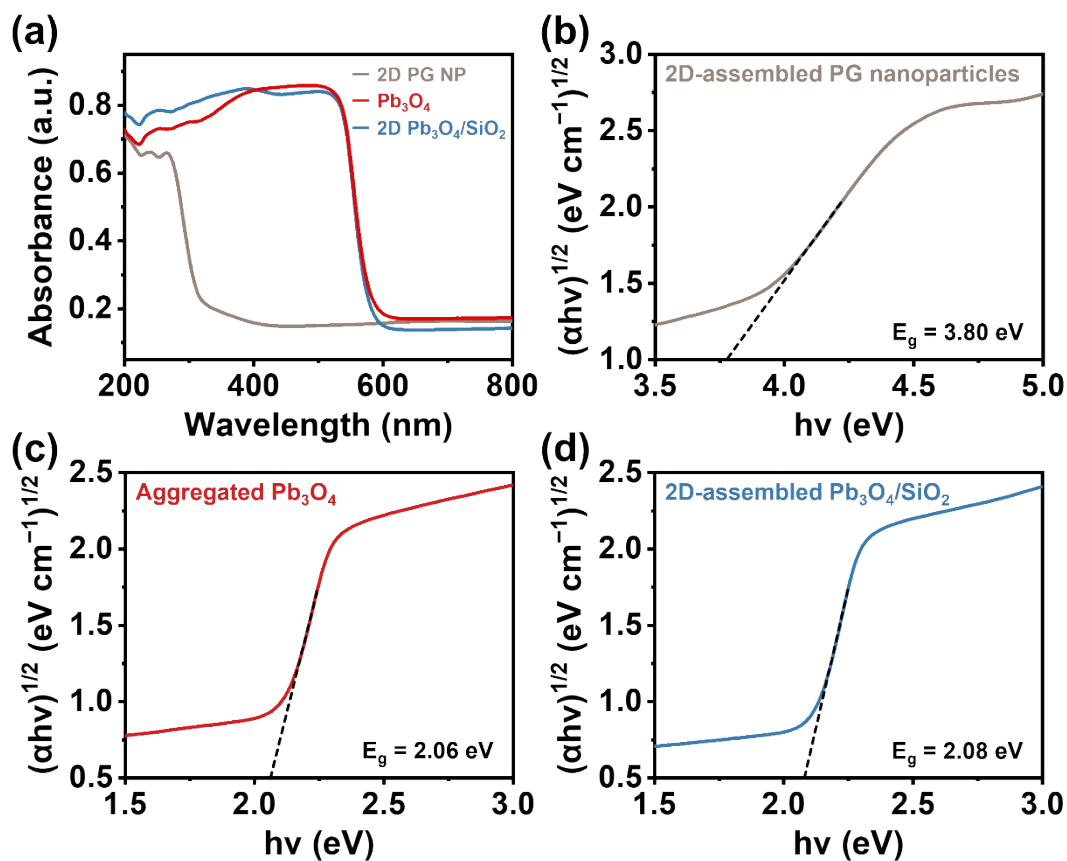
**Fig. S5.** SEM images of 2D-assembled PG nanoparticles using ammonia as a basic catalyst.



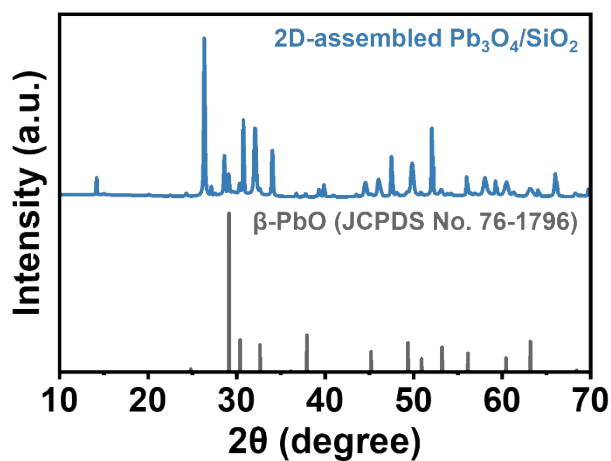
**Fig. S6.** FT-IR spectra of 2D-assembled PG nanoparticles, aggregated  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4$ , and 2D-assembled  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4/\text{SiO}_2$ .



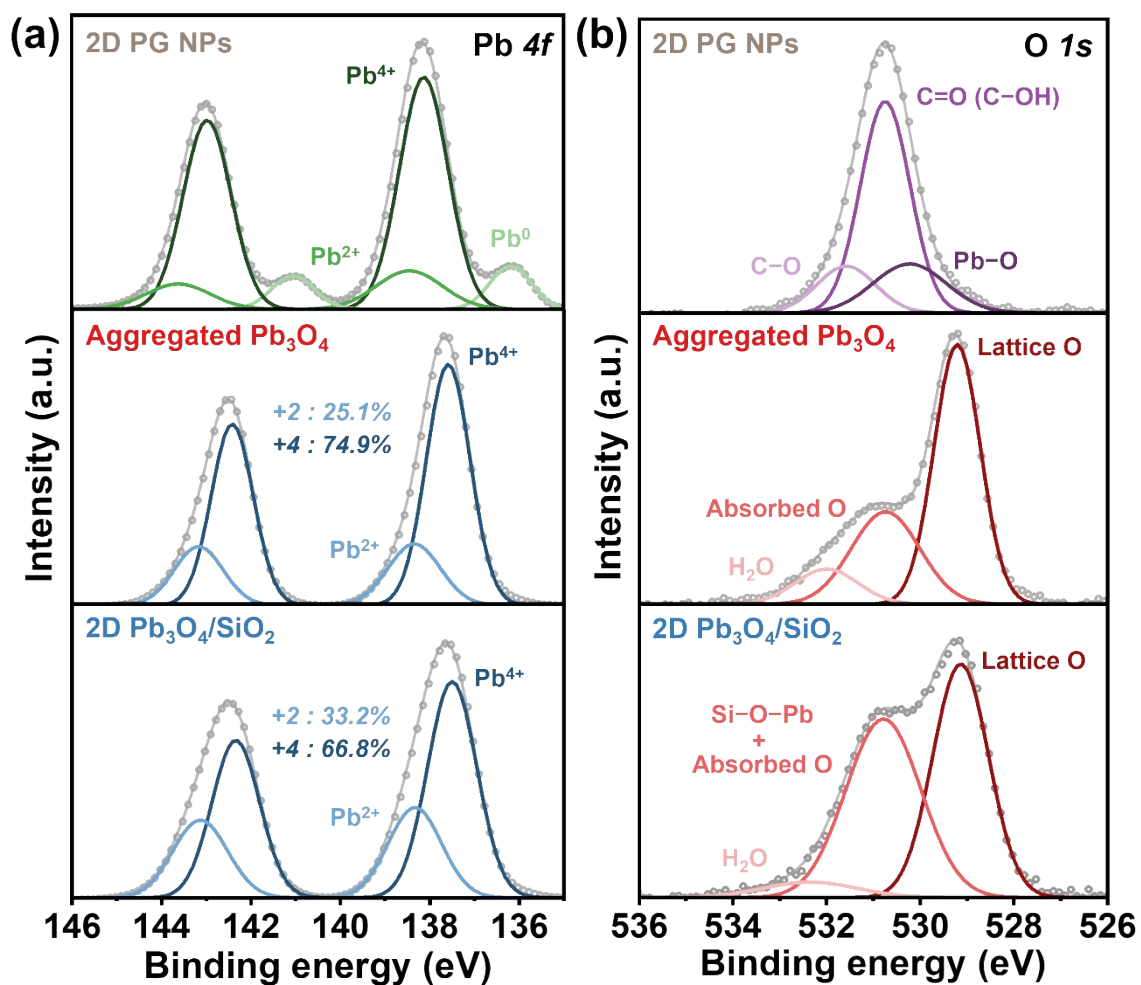
**Fig. S7.** Raman spectra of aggregated  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4$  and 2D-assembled  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4/\text{SiO}_2$ .



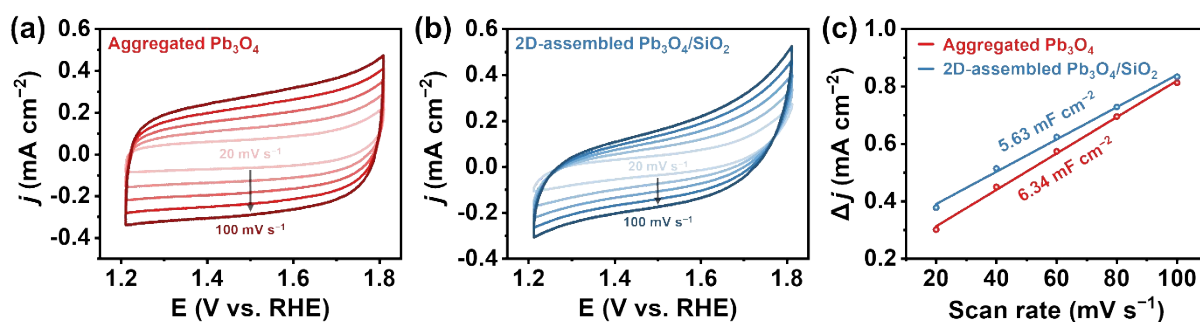
**Fig. S8.** (a) UV-Vis diffuse reflectance spectra and Tauc plots of (b) 2D-assembled PG nanoparticles, (c) aggregated  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4$ , and (d) 2D-assembled  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4/\text{SiO}_2$  ( $E_g$  = bandgap).



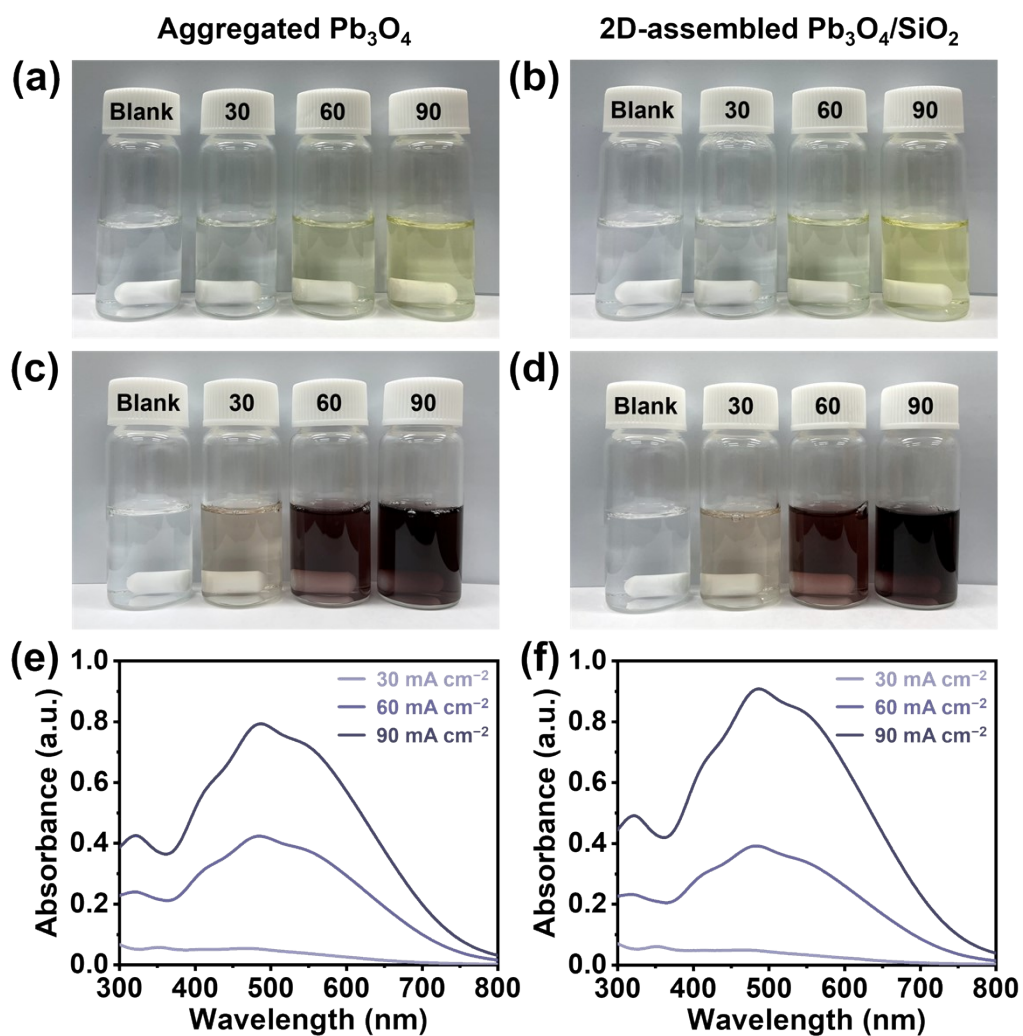
**Fig. S9.** XRD pattern of 2D-assembled  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4/\text{SiO}_2$  with weak  $\beta$ - $\text{PbO}$  reflections.



**Fig. S10.** (a) Pb 4f and (b) O 1s XPS spectra of 2D-assembled PG nanoparticles, aggregated  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4$ , and 2D-assembled  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4/\text{SiO}_2$ .



**Fig. S11.** (a,b) CV curves at different scan rates of 20, 40, 60, 80, 100  $\text{mV s}^{-1}$  and (c) corresponding  $C_{dl}$  of aggregated  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4$  and 2D-assembled  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4/\text{SiO}_2$ .



**Fig. S12.** Qualitative comparison of ozone formation at different current densities. Electrolyte color change after (a, b) KI addition and (c, d) KI and starch addition. UV-Vis absorption spectra of electrolytes obtained from (e) aggregated Pb<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and (f) 2D-assembled Pb<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub> anodes.

**Table S1.** Crystallite sizes calculated by the Scherrer equation for selected diffraction planes of aggregated  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4$  and 2D-assembled  $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4/\text{SiO}_2$ .

Diffraction plane	Crystallite size (nm)	
	Aggregated $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4$	2D $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4/\text{SiO}_2$
(110)	72	71
(211)	42	50
(202)	36	45

**Table S2.** Comparison of overpotential values for EOP with previously reported lead oxide-based catalysts.

Catalysts	Overpotential (V)	Reference
<b><u>2D-assembled <math>\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4/\text{SiO}_2</math></u></b>	<b><u>2.77</u></b>	<b><u>This work</u></b>
$\text{Pb}_2\text{O}_3@\text{Bi}_2\text{O}_3$ -tube	3.26	1
$\beta$ - $\text{PbO}_2/\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$ nanorods	2.90	2
$\text{Bi}_{12}\text{PbO}_{20}$	2.69~2.84	3
$\text{Bi}_6\text{Pb}_2\text{O}_x$	2.77	4
Commercial $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4$	2.73	5
$\beta$ - $\text{PbO}_2$ -120 nanorods	2.63	6
Cubic $\text{Pb}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2$	2.61	7
Commercial $\beta$ - $\text{PbO}_2$	2.51	5
$\text{PbO}_2$ nanorods	2.06	8

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