

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for

**Transformative route to nanoporous manganese oxides of controlled
oxidation states with identical textural properties**

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Table S1. X-ray crystallographic data of Mn-MOF.

| Compound | Mn-MOF |
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| formula | Mn ₂ C ₁₆ N ₂ O ₁₀ H ₂₄ |
| crystal system | <i>Triclinic</i> |
| space group | <i>P-1</i> |
| fw | 514.25 |
| <i>a</i> , Å | 6.473(13) |
| <i>b</i> , Å | 7.970(16) |
| <i>c</i> , Å | 10.577(2) |
| α , deg | 101.69(3) |
| β , deg | 102.84(3) |
| γ , deg | 105.70(3) |
| <i>V</i> , Å ³ | 491.7(17) |
| <i>Z</i> | 1 |
| ρ_{calcd} , g cm ⁻³ | 1.737 |
| temp, K | 100(2) |
| λ , Å | 0.69999 |
| μ , mm ⁻¹ | 1.343 |
| goodness-of-fit (<i>F</i> ²) | 1.093 |
| <i>F</i> (000) | 264 |
| reflections collected | 5533 |
| independent reflections | 2865 [<i>R</i> (int) = 0.0122] |
| completeness to θ_{max} , % | 88.0 |
| data/parameters/restraints | 2865/136/0 |
| θ range for data collection, deg | 3.42-33.96 |
| diffraction limits (<i>h</i> , <i>k</i> , <i>l</i>) | -9 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 9, -11 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 11, -15 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 15 |
| refinement method | Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> ² |
| <i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)] | 0.0379 ^a , 0.1079 ^b |
| <i>R</i> ₁ , <i>wR</i> ₂ (all data) | 0.0384 ^a , 0.1082 ^b |
| largest peak, hole, eÅ ⁻³ | 0.973, -0.925 |

^a $R = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$. ^b $wR(F^2) = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ where $w = 1 / [\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0573P)^2 + (0.0000)P]$, $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2) / 3$.

Table S2. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg) of Mn-MOF.

| | | | |
|-----------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Mn(1)-O(1) | 2.1177(15) | Mn(1)-O(2) | 2.1204(16) |
| Mn(1)-O(3) | 2.1097(14) | Mn(1)-O(4) | 2.1246(14) |
| Mn(1)-O(5) | 2.0771(18) | Mn(1)-Mn(1) ^{#1} | 3.0511(11) |
| O(1)-Mn(1)-O(2) | 157.55(7) | O(1)-Mn(1)-O(3) | 85.21(6) |
| O(1)-Mn(1)-O(4) | 88.96(6) | O(1)-Mn(1)-O(5) | 99.23(7) |
| O(2)-Mn(1)-O(3) | 89.29(6) | O(2)-Mn(1)-O(4) | 87.98(6) |
| O(2)-Mn(1)-O(5) | 103.09(7) | O(3)-Mn(1)-O(4) | 157.81(6) |
| O(3)-Mn(1)-O(5) | 98.18(7) | O(4)-Mn(1)-O(5) | 103.89(7) |

Symmetry transformation used to generate equivalent atoms:

^{#1}, -x+2,-y+1,-z+1

Table S3. BET surface areas and total pore volumes obtained from nitrogen adsorption analysis, and the nanocrystalline sizes of nanoparticles composing frameworks of manganese oxides.

| Sample | BET surface area ^a (m ² g ⁻¹) | Pore volume ^b (cm ³ g ⁻¹) | Nanocrystalline size ^c (nm) |
|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| MnO | 146 | 0.29 | 5.0 |
| Mn ₃ O ₄ | 144 | 0.33 | 5.6 |
| Mn ₅ O ₈ | 147 | 0.33 | 5.2 |
| Mn ₂ O ₃ | 39 | 0.22 | 20 |

^a BET surface area was obtained in the relative pressure range of 0.05-0.3.

^b Pore volume was calculated at the relative pressure of 0.98-0.99.

^c Nanocrystalline size was calculated by applying the Scherrer equation to the proper reflection of XRPD patterns.

Table S4. The peak positions and multiplet splittings deduced from Mn 2p and 3s XPS analyses.

| Sample | 3s ^a (eV) | 3s ^b (eV) | ΔE_{3s} ^c |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| MnO | 82.9 | 88.7 | 5.8 |
| Mn ₃ O ₄ | 83.4 | 88.6 | 5.2 |
| Mn ₅ O ₈ | 84.1 | 88.7 | 4.6 |

^{a, b} Peaks at lower and higher binding energies, respectively

^c Multiplet splitting values between the peaks for lower and higher BEs were obtained from the fitted XPS spectra.

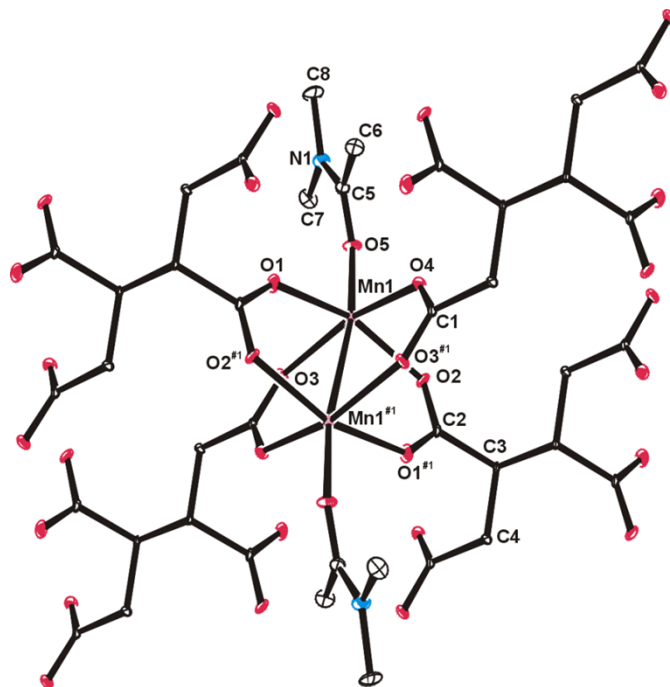


Figure S1. An ORTEP drawing of Mn-MOF with an atomic numbering scheme (thermal ellipsoids at 30% probability). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Symmetry operations: #1, -x+2, -y+1, -z+1.

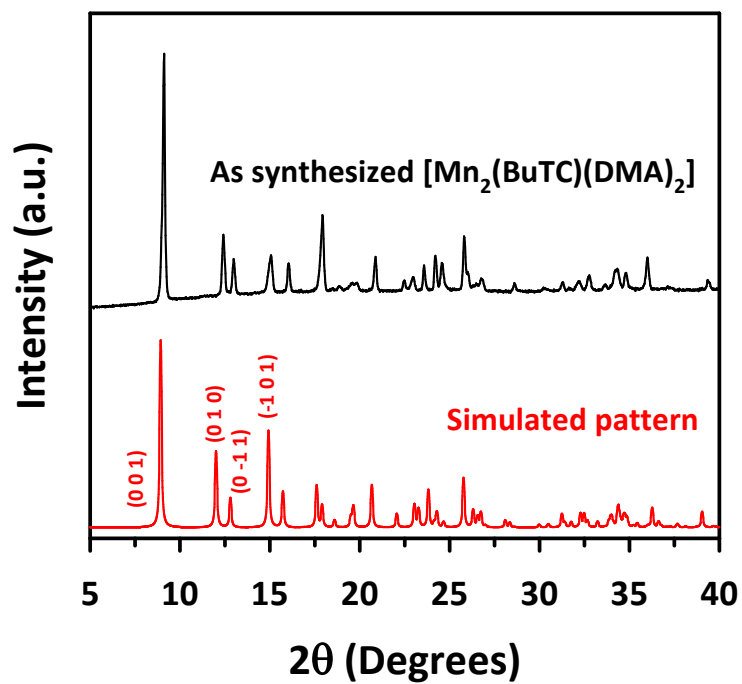


Figure S2. XRPD patterns of Mn-MOF: (a) experimental data and (b) simulated pattern from X-ray single-crystal data.

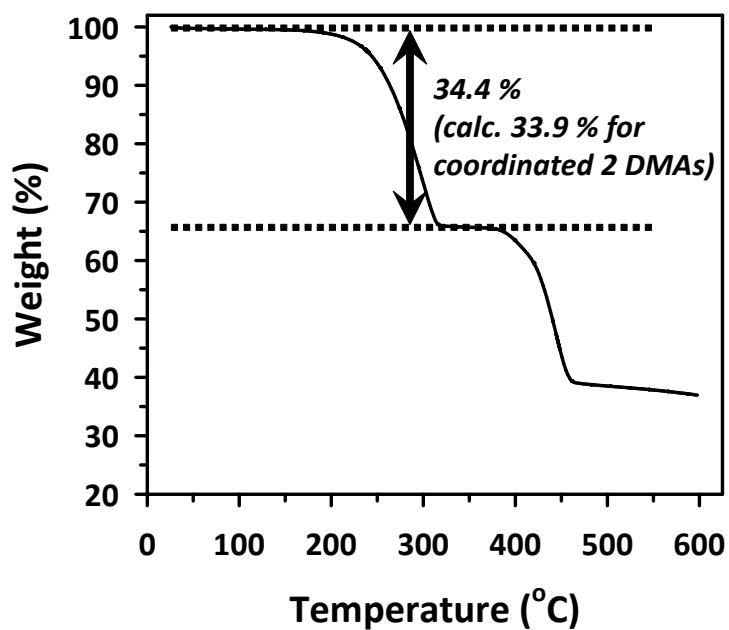


Figure S3. TGA trace of $[\text{Mn}_2(\text{BuTC})(\text{DMA})_2]_n(\text{Mn-MOF})$. The result indicates that 34.4% weight loss at 200 – 300 °C, corresponding to the loss of 2 DMA molecules (calc. 33.9%), followed by additional weight loss at ~400°C, corresponding to decomposition of Mn-MOF.

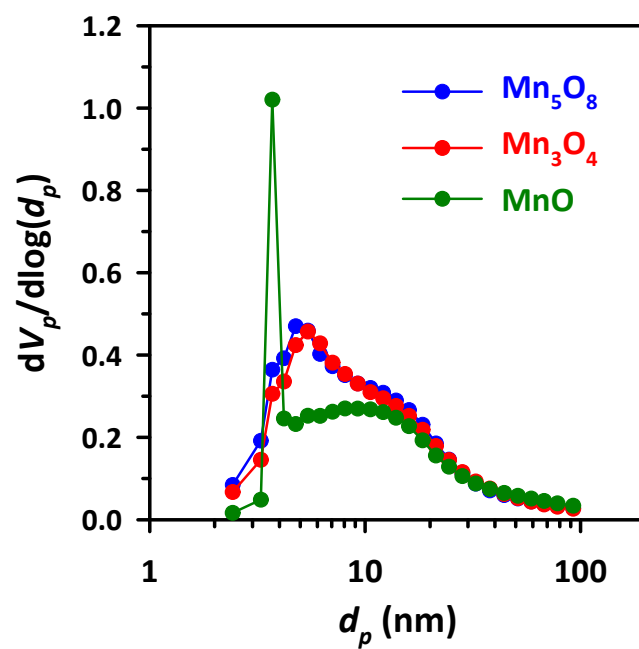


Figure S4. Pore size distribution of the nanoporous manganese oxides obtained by BJH method from desorption branch of N₂ physisorption isotherm

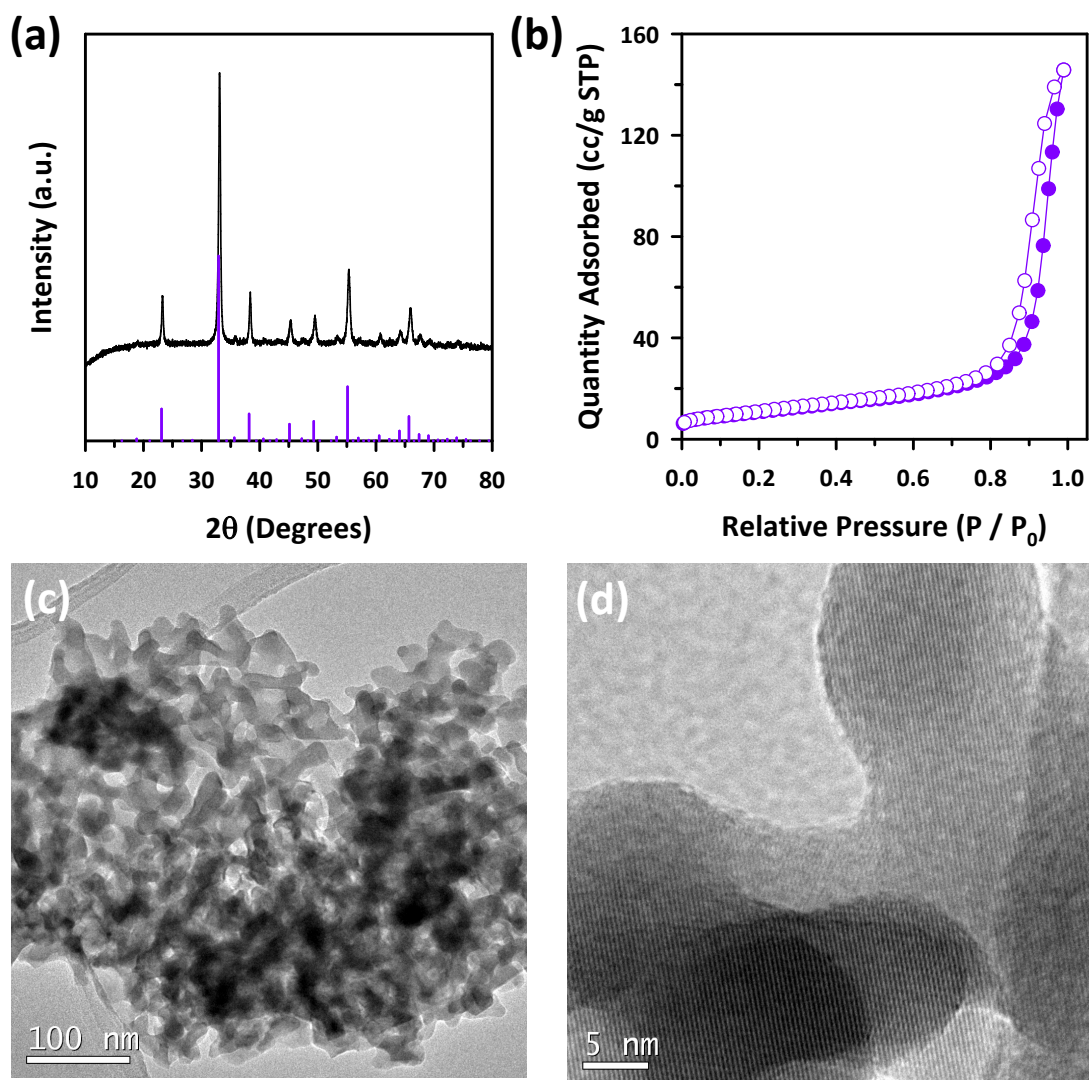


Figure S5. Characterization of an Mn₂O₃ sample: (a) XRPD pattern, (b) nitrogen adsorption–desorption isotherms, and (c,d) TEM images.

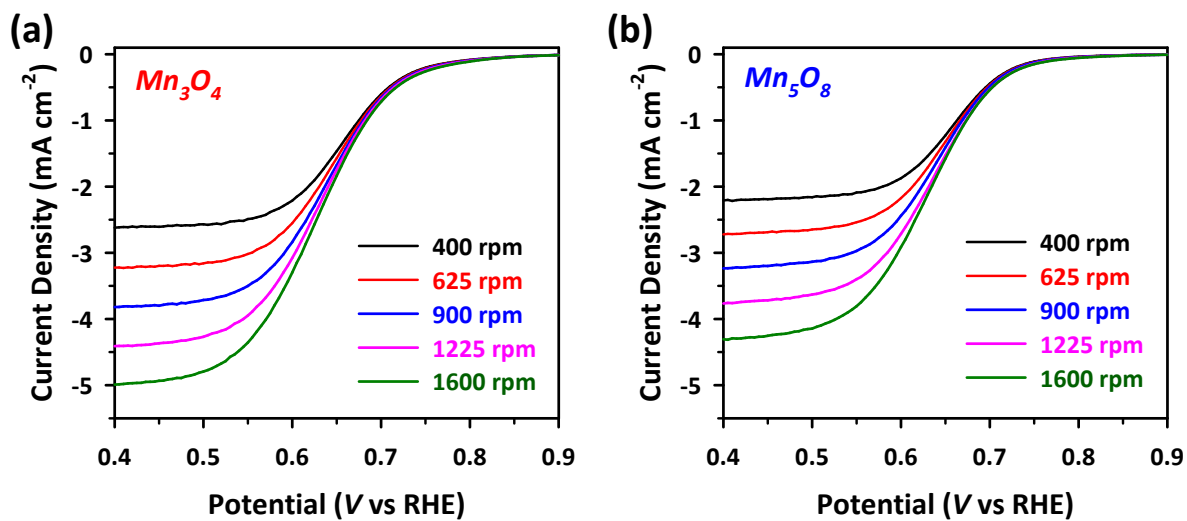


Figure S6. LSV polarization curves for the ORR measured at different rotating rates: (a) nanoporous Mn_3O_4 , and (b) nanoporous Mn_5O_8 .

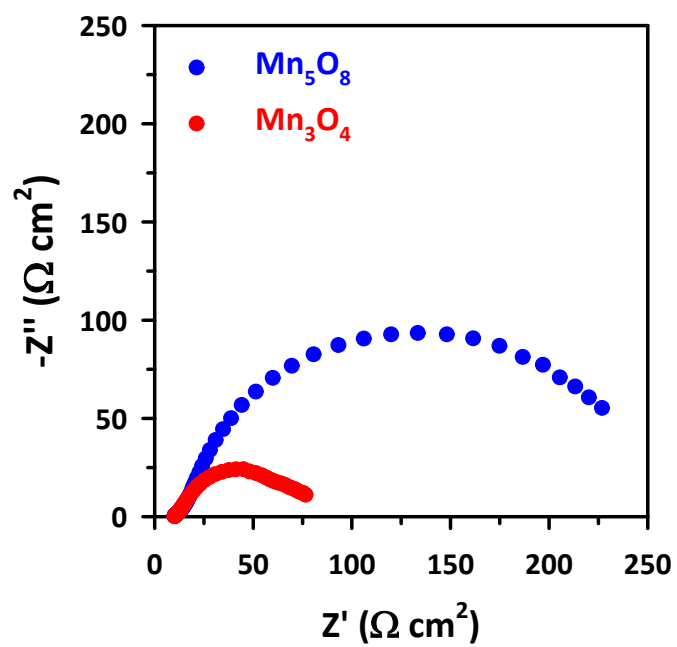


Figure S7. Nyquist plots of the manganese oxide samples obtained by impedance spectra at a fixed potential of 0.7 V (vs. RHE) in O_2 -saturated 0.1 M KOH.

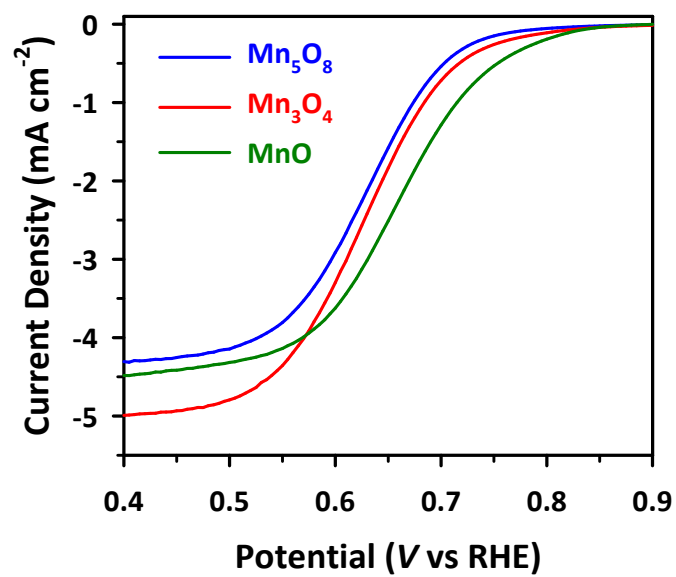


Figure S8. LSV polarization curves for the nanoporous Mn₅O₈, Mn₃O₄, and MnO measured at 1600 rpm in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH