

## Construction of defective cobalt oxide for methane combustion by oxygen vacancy engineering

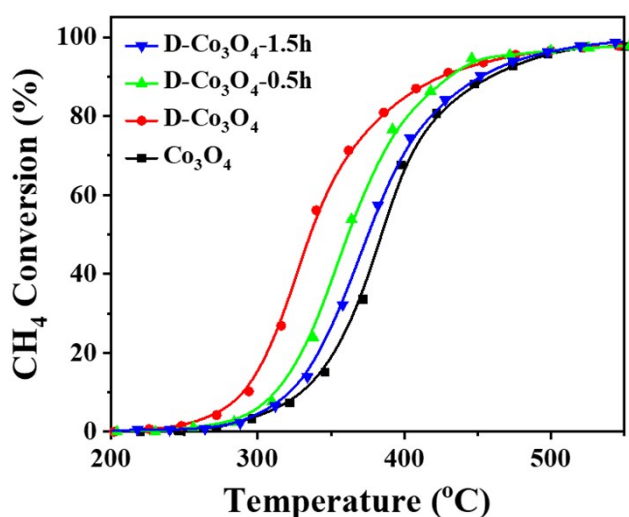
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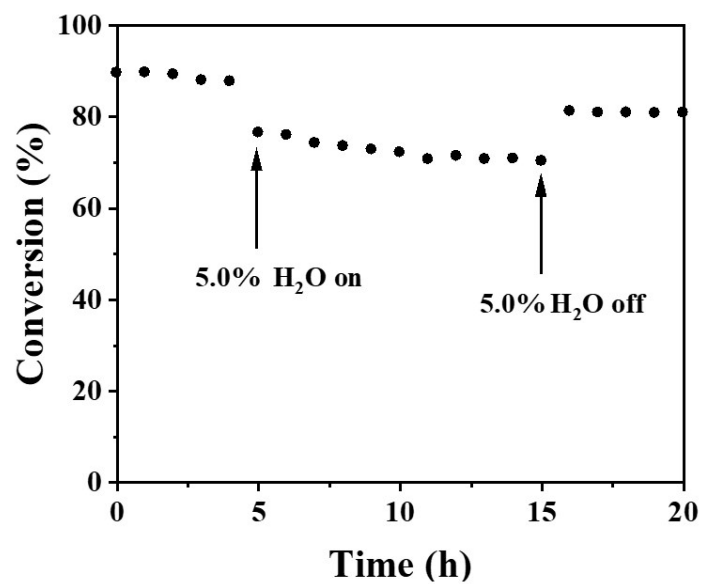


**Fig. S1** Catalytic performance of D-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> with different milling time. Reactant mixer: 2% CH<sub>4</sub>, 20% O<sub>2</sub>, Ar as balance gas. WHSV=33,000 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>.

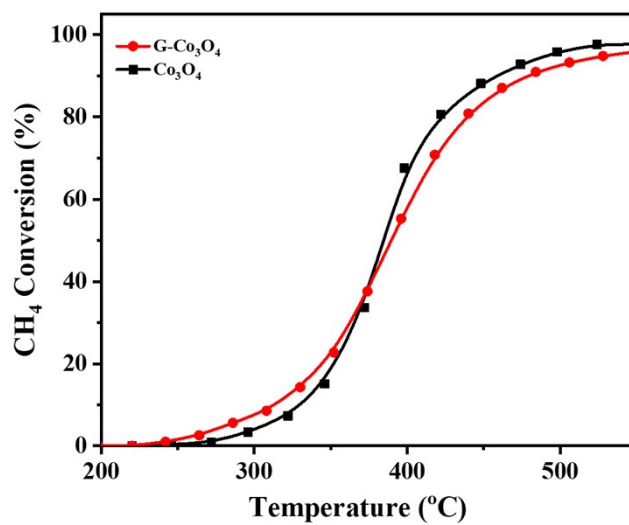
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**Fig. S2** Stability test of G-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. Reactant mixer: 2% CH<sub>4</sub>, 20% O<sub>2</sub>, Ar as balance gas. WHSV=33,000 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S3** Catalytic performance over Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and G-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. Reactant mixer: 2% CH<sub>4</sub>, 20% O<sub>2</sub>, Ar as balance gas. WHSV=33,000 mL g<sup>-1</sup> h<sup>-1</sup>.

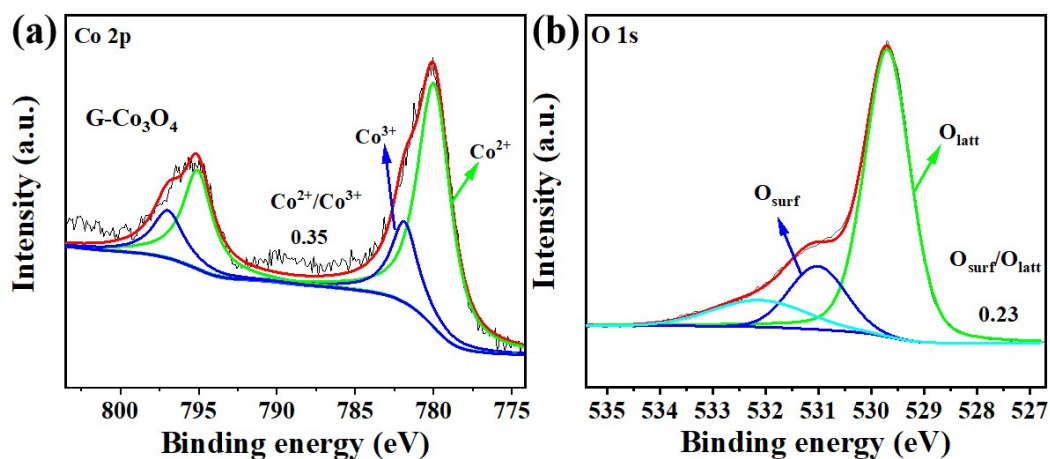


Fig. S4 Deconvolution of (a) Co 2p (b) O 1s XPS spectra of G-Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.

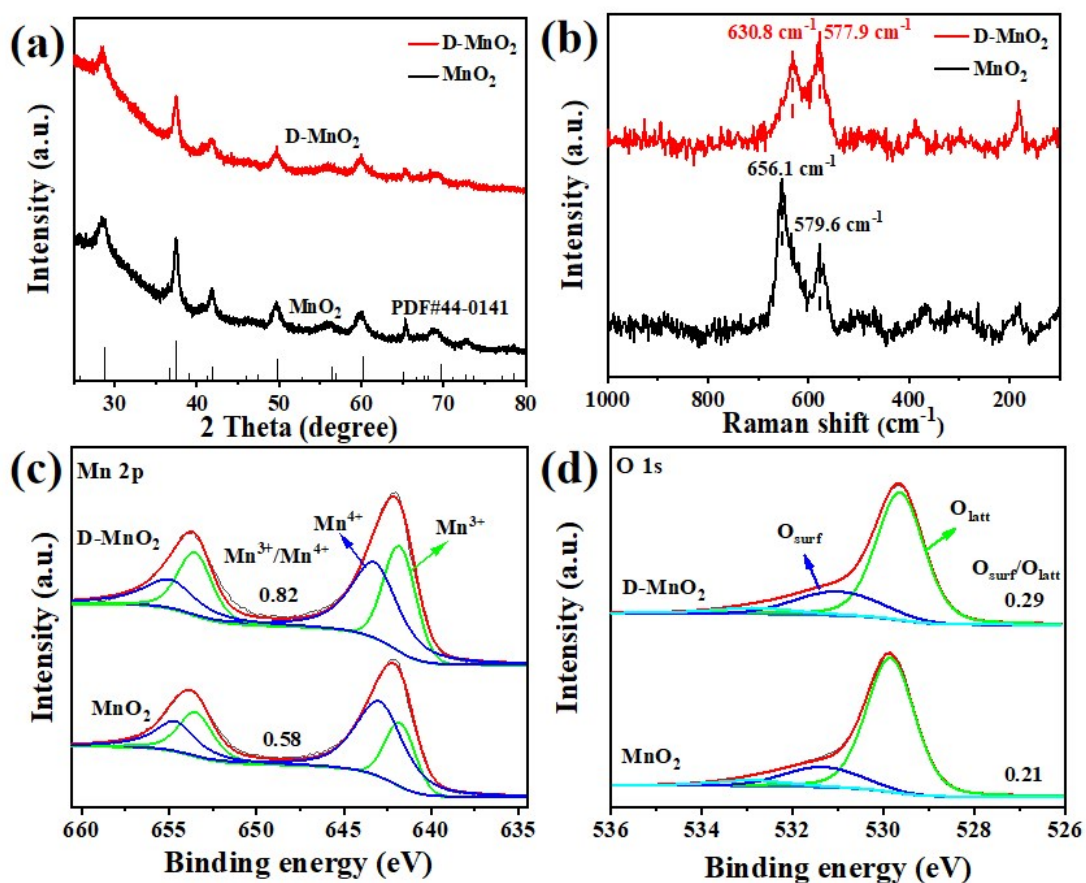


Fig. S5 (a) XRD, (b) Raman, deconvolution of (c) Mn 2p and (d) O 1s XPS spectra of D-MnO<sub>2</sub> and MnO<sub>2</sub>.