

**Supporting Information for
High Specific Capacity and Mechanism of a Metal-organic Framework Based
Cathode for Aqueous Zinc-ion Batteries**

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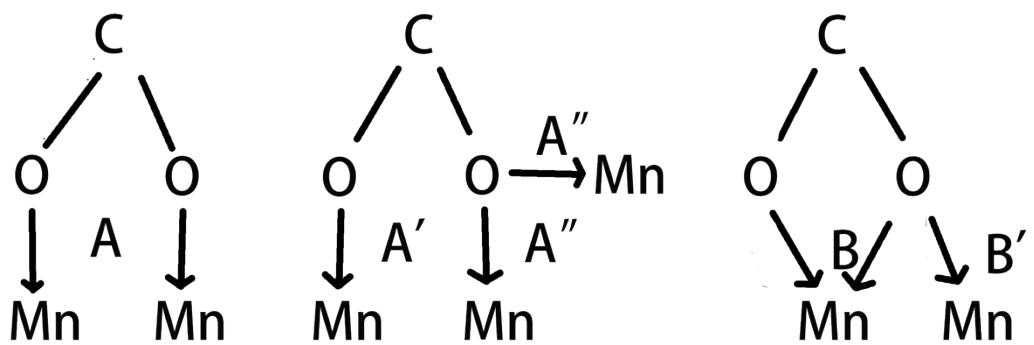


Fig. S1. The different modes of Mn-O-C rods (carboxylate links are coordinated to the metal centers).

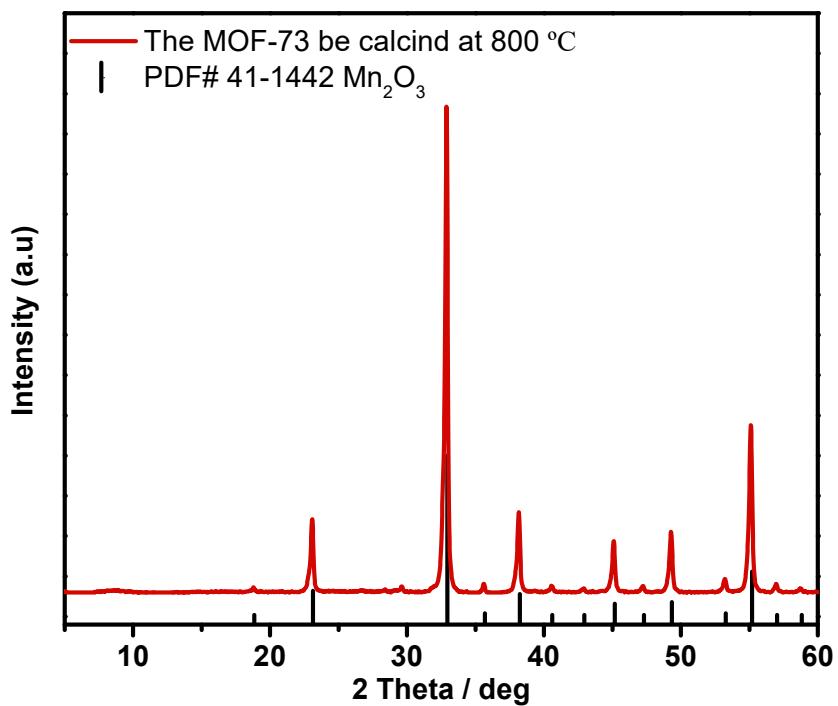


Fig. S2. The XRD pattern of MOF-73 after calcine at 800°C in air.

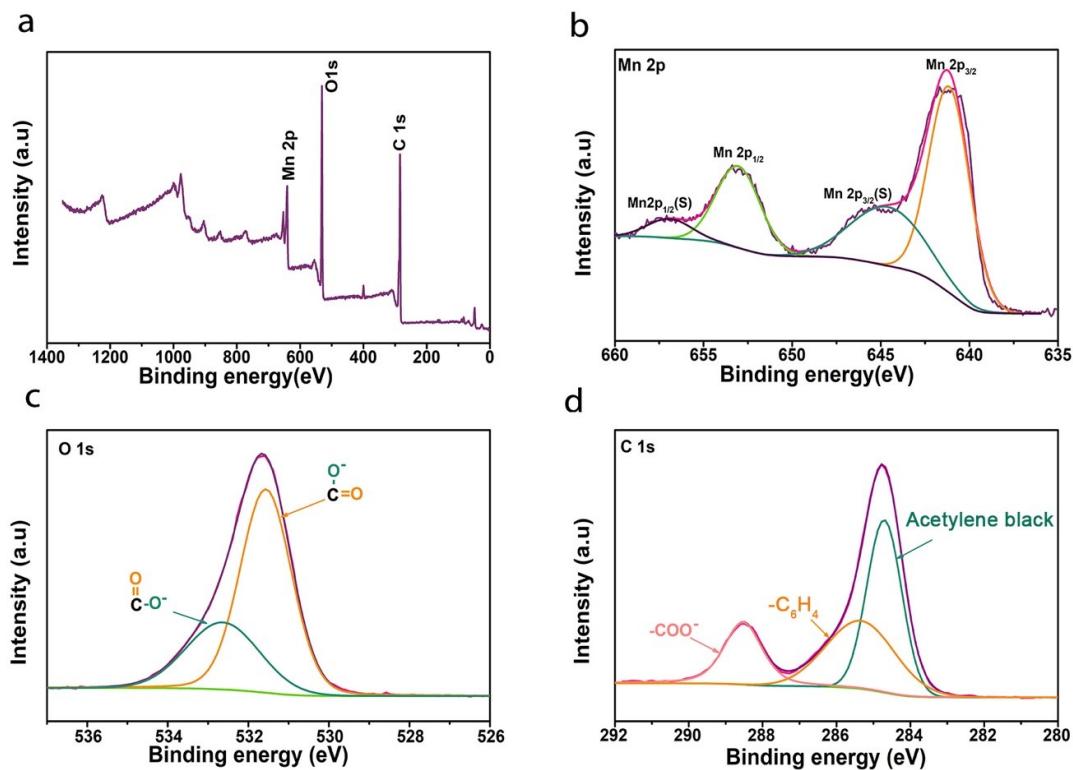


Fig. S3. XPS survey spectra (a) of the as-prepared MOF-73 and narrow spectra for Mn 2p (b) O 1s (c) and C 1s (d).

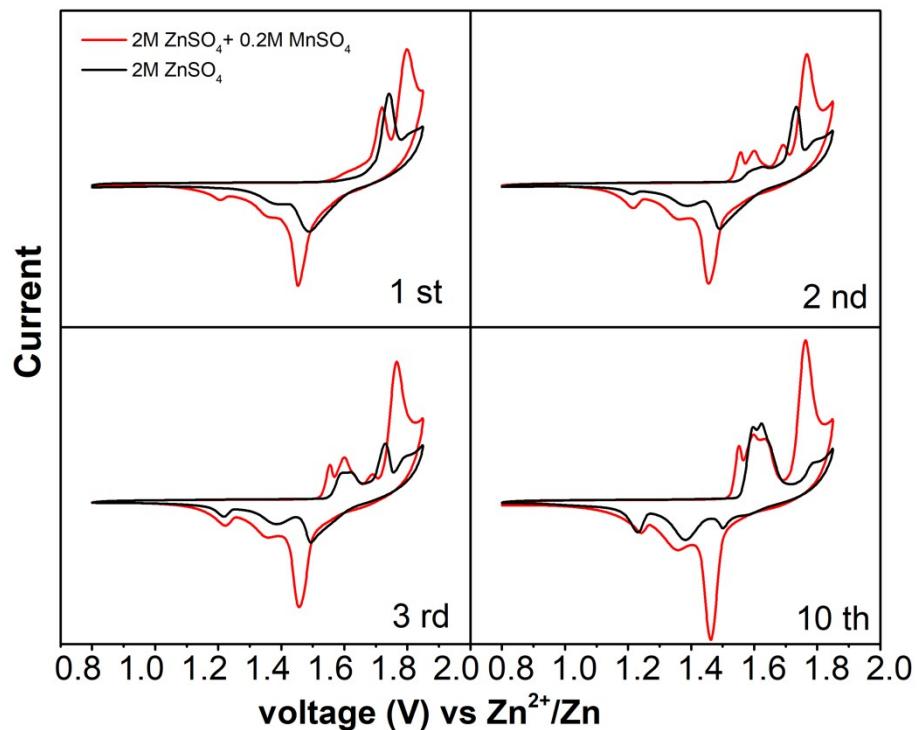


Fig. S4. The CV curves of ZIBs with or without $MnSO_4$ added.

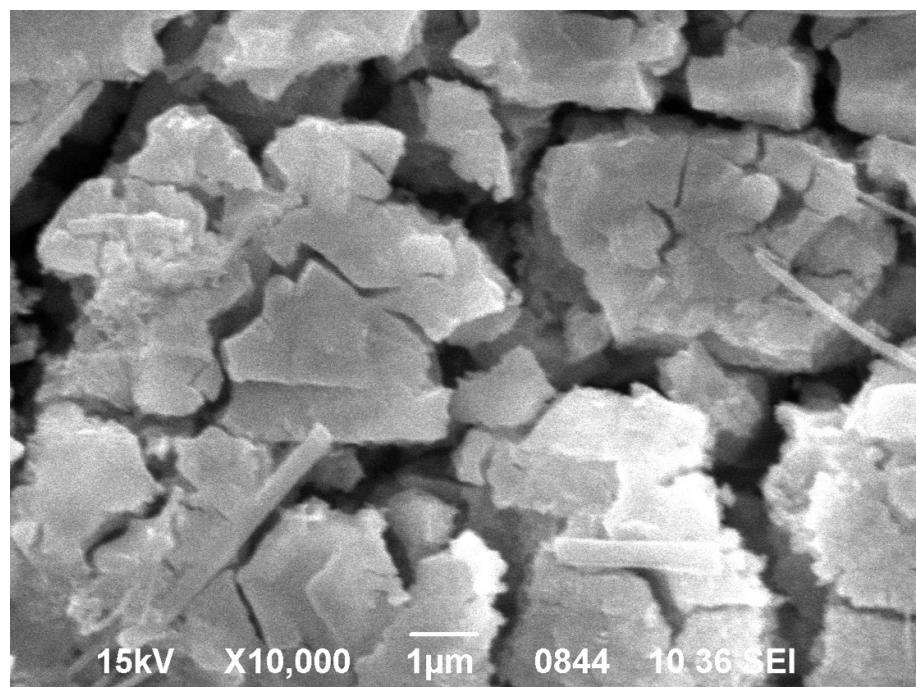


Fig. S5. The SEM of cathode at original state.

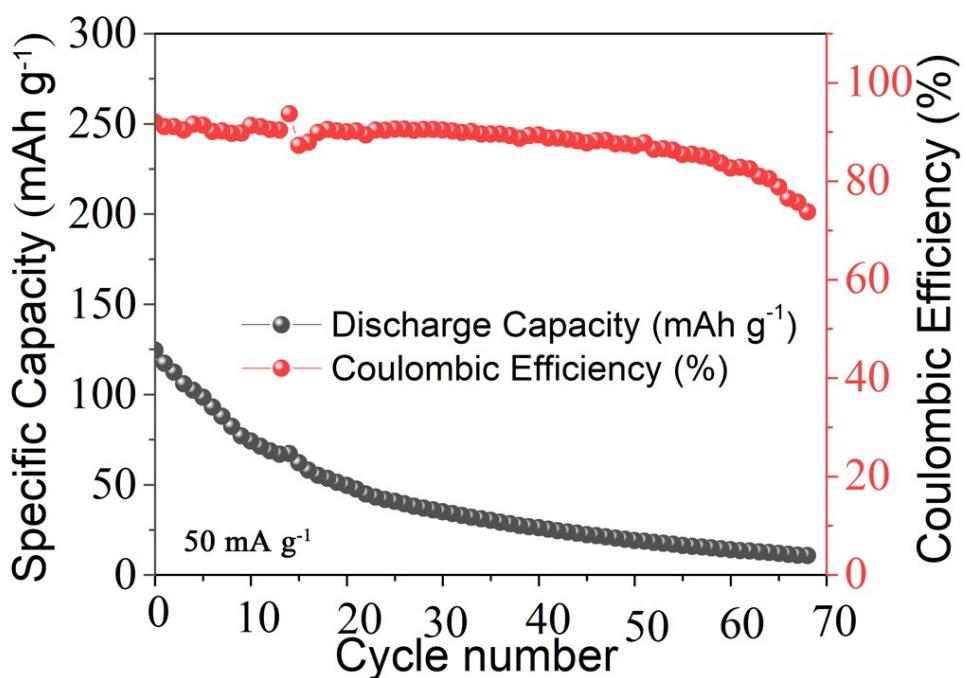


Fig. S6. The cycle performance of other carbon ZIBs with 0.2M MnSO₄ added.

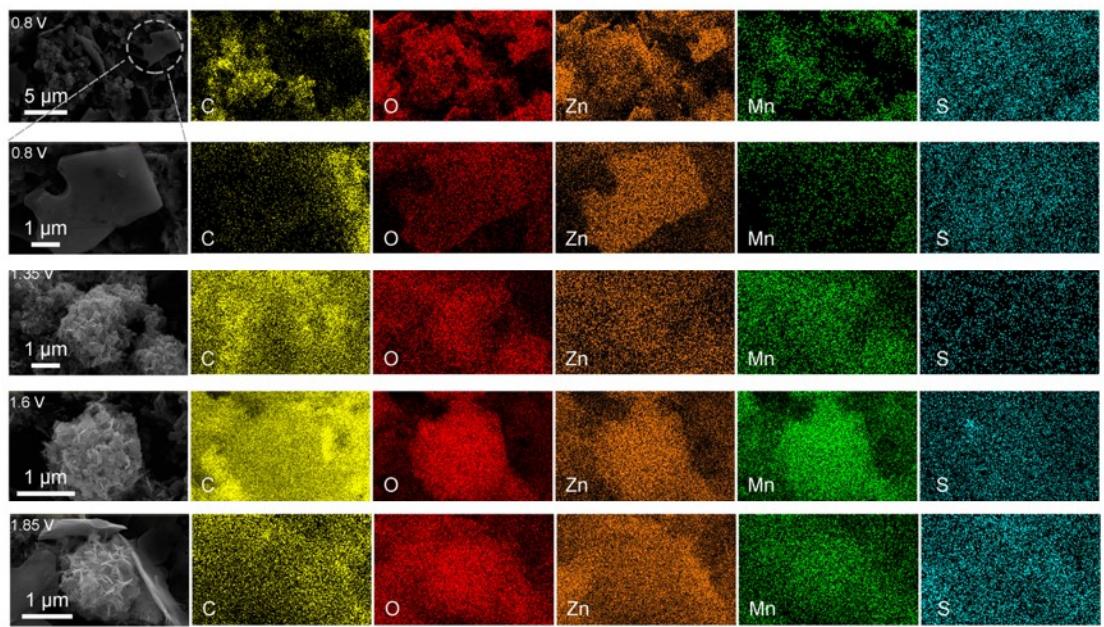


Fig S7. The EDS mapping of cathode at different charge/discharge states.

Electrode materials	Electrolyte	Current density (A g ⁻¹)	Specific capacity (mA h g ⁻¹)
MnO ₂ /PAN [1]	2 M ZnSO ₄ + 0.1 M MnSO ₄	0.2 (0.4 mA cm ⁻²)	280 (0.56 mA h cm ⁻²)
N-CNSs@MnO ₂ [2]	2 M ZnSO ₄ + 0.2 M MnSO ₄	0.2 (0.46 mA cm ⁻²)	303 (0.69 mA h cm ⁻² at)
Mn ₃ O ₄ [3]	2 M ZnSO ₄ + 0.2 M MnSO ₄	0.1 (0.2 mA cm ⁻²)	221 (0.44 mA h cm ⁻² at)
MnO [4]	1M ZnSO ₄ + 1 M MnSO ₄	(0.2 mA cm ⁻²)	0.325 mA h cm ⁻²
γ - MnO ₂ /graphene [5]	2 M ZnSO ₄ + 0.2 M MnSO ₄	2 (1 mA cm ⁻²)	301 (0.6 mA h cm ⁻²)
δ -MnO ₂ [6]	2 M ZnSO ₄ + 0.2 M MnSO ₄	0.308 (0.62 mA cm ⁻²)	278 (0.55 mA h cm ⁻²)
MnO ₂ /Co ₃ O ₄ [7]	2 M ZnSO ₄ + 0.2 M MnSO ₄	0.5 (1.25 mA cm ⁻²)	250 (0.62 mA h cm ⁻²)
β -MnO ₂ nanorod [8]	3 M ZnSO ₄ + 0.2 M MnSO ₄	0.0308 (0.077 mA cm ⁻²)	288 (0.72 mA h cm ⁻²)
β -MnO ₂ [9]	2 M ZnSO ₄ + 0.5 M MnSO ₄	0.1 (0.1 mA cm ⁻²)	300 (0.3 mA h cm ⁻²)
Polyfurfural/MnO ₂ [10]	1 M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂ + 0.1 M MnSO ₄	0.2 (0.4 mA cm ⁻²)	275 (0.55 mA h cm ⁻²)
D- β -MnO ₂ [11]	2 M ZnSO ₄	0.05 (0.6 mA cm ⁻²)	305 (0.60 mA h cm ⁻²)
MnO ₂ -Ce [12]	2 M ZnSO ₄ + 0.1 M MnSO ₄	0.15 (0.3 mA cm ⁻²)	255 (0.51 mA h cm ⁻²)
This work	2 M ZnSO ₄ + 0.2 M MnSO ₄	0.05 (53 mA cm ⁻²)	815 (0.84 mA h cm ⁻²)

Table S1. the comparison of electrochemical properties between the proposed battery and the recently reported data about aqueous Zn²⁺ battery. (the area-specific capacity is calculated according to the mass loading per unit area provided in the article)

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