

Supporting Information

Secondary Doping of Mn/Co Bimetallic ZIF-derived Catalysts for Oxygen Reduction Reactions

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Experimental Details

Chemicals

Zinc acetate ($\text{CH}_3\text{COO}_2\text{Zn}\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$), cobalt nitrate hexahydrate ($\text{Co}(\text{NO}_3)_2\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$), manganese (II) acetate tetrahydrate $\text{Mn}(\text{CH}_3\text{COO})_2\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and 2-methylimidazole (2-MIM). The commercial Pt/C (Com. Pt/C) catalyst is 20 wt.% of ~ 3 nm Pt nanoparticles on Vulcan XC-72 carbon support. Nafion was acquired from Sigma-Aldrich. All chemicals were used as received without any further purification.

Electrochemical measurements

Cyclic voltammetry (CV) was carried out in a nitrogen (N_2) or oxygen (O_2) saturated electrolyte (0.1 M KOH or 0.1 M HClO_4) with a scan rate of 50 mV s^{-1} . Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) curves were measured in an O_2 -saturated electrolyte (0.1 M KOH or 0.1 M HClO_4) through the RDE method at 1600 rpm with a scan rate of 10 mV s^{-1} . Tafel slopes were calculated as follows:

$$\eta = a + b \log \left(\frac{j}{j_0} \right) \quad \#(1)$$

where η , b , j , and j_0 are the overpotential, the Tafel slope, the current density, and the exchange current density, respectively.

Also, the ORR diffusion kinetics and electron transfer number (n) were studied according to the Koutecky-Levich equations by measuring the diffusion-limiting currents at different rotation speeds ranging from 400 to 2025 rpm. The n and kinetic current density (J_k) were calculated from Koutecky-Levich equation at various electrode potential:

$$\frac{1}{J} = \frac{1}{J_L} + \frac{1}{J_K} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{B\omega^2}} + \frac{1}{J_K} \quad \#(2)$$

$$B = 0.2nFC_0D_0^{\frac{2}{3}}V^{-\frac{1}{6}} \quad \#(3)$$

where J , J_K and J_L are the measured current density, the kinetic current density and the diffusion-limiting current density, respectively; ω is the angular velocity; n and F is the electron transfer number and the Faraday constant (96485 C mol^{-1}); C_0 and D_0 are the bulk concentration of O_2 ($1.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol cm}^{-3}$) and the diffusion coefficient of O_2 ($1.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$); V is the kinematic viscosity of the electrolyte ($0.01 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$). The constant 0.2 is adopted when the rotation speed is expressed in rpm.

The four-electron selectivity of catalysts was assessed based on the H_2O_2 yield.

The H_2O_2 yield and the n were determined by the following equations:

$$H_2O_2(\%) = 200 \frac{\frac{I_r}{N}}{I_d + \frac{I_r}{N}} \quad \#(4)$$

$$n = 4 \frac{I_d}{I_d + \frac{I_r}{n}} \quad \#(5)$$

where I_d is disk current, I_r is ring current, N is current collection efficiency of the Pt ring, and was determined to be 0.40. Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) was carried out from 100 kHz to 0.01 Hz at the 0.85 V (vs. RHE) potential with an amplitude of 5 mV.

The accelerated durability tests (ADTs) of the as-synthesized catalysts and Com. Pt/C were performed in all the O_2 -saturated electrolytes (0.1 M KOH or 0.1 M $HClO_4$) at room temperature by potential cycling ranging from for 20 000 cycles. At the end of

cycling, the final catalyst-loaded working electrode was subjected to polarization measurement, highlight the difference of half-wave potential($E_{1/2}$) for catalysts before and after 5 000 cycles. Fixed voltage of 0.50 V (vs. RHE) to the working electrode, the stability of the catalyst was analyzed by Chronoamperometry to record the change in current intensity with test time (I-t) and to analyze the stability of the catalyst.

In addition, methanol tolerance of the catalysts was tested by conducting the ORR in the presence of methanol (1M) in O₂-saturated electrolytes of 0.1 M KOH or 0.1 M HClO₄ by chronoamperometric measurements.”

Supplementary Figures and Tables

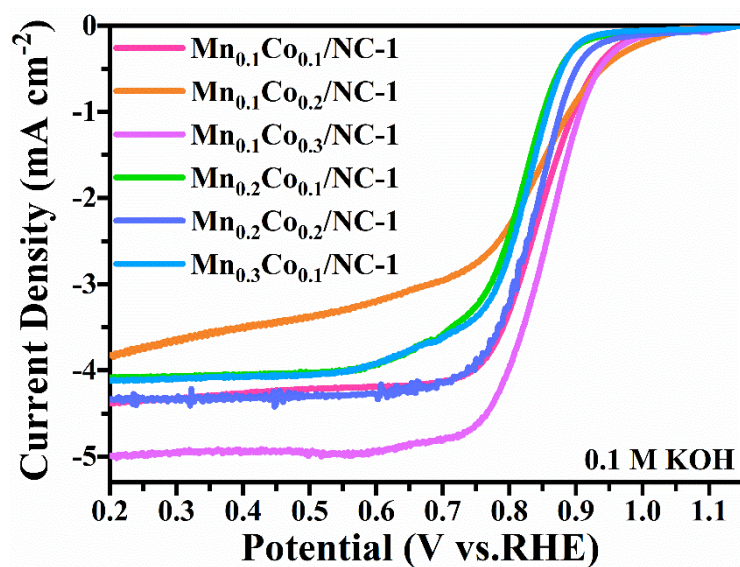


Fig. S1 LSV curves of catalysts with different Mn, Co molar ratios

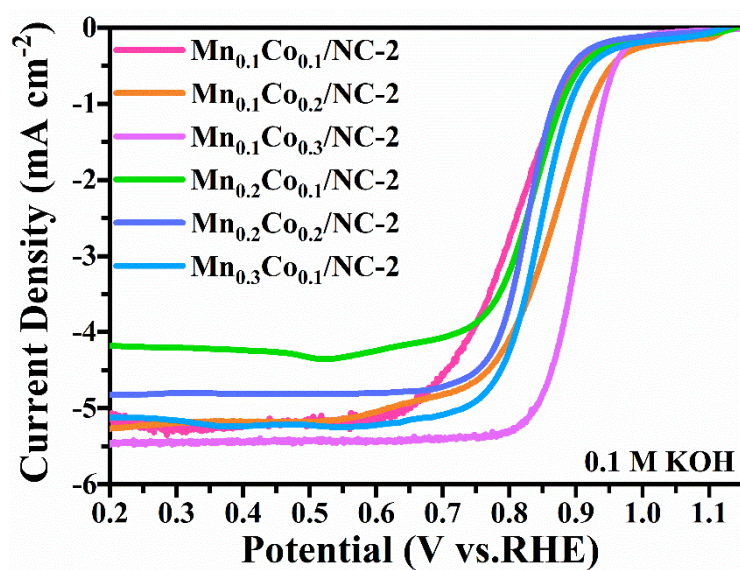


Fig. S2 LSV curves of secondary doping of catalysts

Table. S1 Elemental quantification (at%) determined by XPS of Mn_{0.4}/NC-2, Mn_{0.1}Co_{0.3}/NC-1, Mn_{0.1}Co_{0.3}/NC-2 and Co_{0.4}/NC-2

Samples	C	N	Mn	Co
Mn _{0.4} /NC-2	87.25	12.58	0.57	
Mn _{0.1} Co _{0.3} /NC-2	87.59	12.04	0.15	0.22
Mn _{0.1} Co _{0.3} /NC- 2	86.84	12.52	0.28	0.36
Co _{0.4} /NC-2	87.41	12.19		0.4

Table. S2 The peak fitting of N 1s XPS data of Mn_{0.4}/NC-2, Mn_{0.1}Co_{0.3}/NC-1, Mn_{0.1}Co_{0.3}/NC-2 and Co_{0.4}/NC-2

Samples	M-N _x (%) (399.3 eV)	M-N _x (at%)
Mn _{0.4} /N/C-2	11.18	1.41
Mn _{0.1} Co _{0.3} /NC-1	10.15	1.22
Mn _{0.1} Co _{0.3} /NC-2	16.56	2.07
Co _{0.4} /NC-2	12.23	1.49

Table. S3 E₀ and E_{1/2} for different amounts of Mn and Co first doping catalysts

Samples	E ₀ (V)	E _{1/2} (V)
Mn _{0.1} Co _{0.1} /NC-1	0.959	0.848
Mn _{0.1} Co _{0.2} /NC-1	0.961	0.841
Mn _{0.1} Co _{0.3} /NC-1	0.975	0.859
Mn _{0.2} Co _{0.1} /NC-1	0.903	0.829
Mn _{0.2} Co _{0.2} /NC-1	0.932	0.846
Mn _{0.3} Co _{0.1} /NC-1	0.901	0.832

Table. S4 E₀ and E_{1/2} for different amounts of Mn and Co secondary doping catalysts

Samples	E ₀ (V)	E _{1/2} (V)
Mn _{0.1} Co _{0.1} /NC-2	0.928	0.803
Mn _{0.1} Co _{0.2} /NC-2	0.950	0.859
Mn _{0.1} Co _{0.3} /NC-2	0.985	0.903
Mn _{0.2} Co _{0.1} /NC-2	0.933	0.847
Mn _{0.2} Co _{0.2} /NC-2	0.919	0.835
Mn _{0.3} Co _{0.1} /NC-2	0.948	0.849