

Supporting Information

**MnS/MnO-coated N, S-doped Carbon Anode obtained
from a Mn(II)-coordinated Polymer for Long-cycle Life
Li-ion Batteries**

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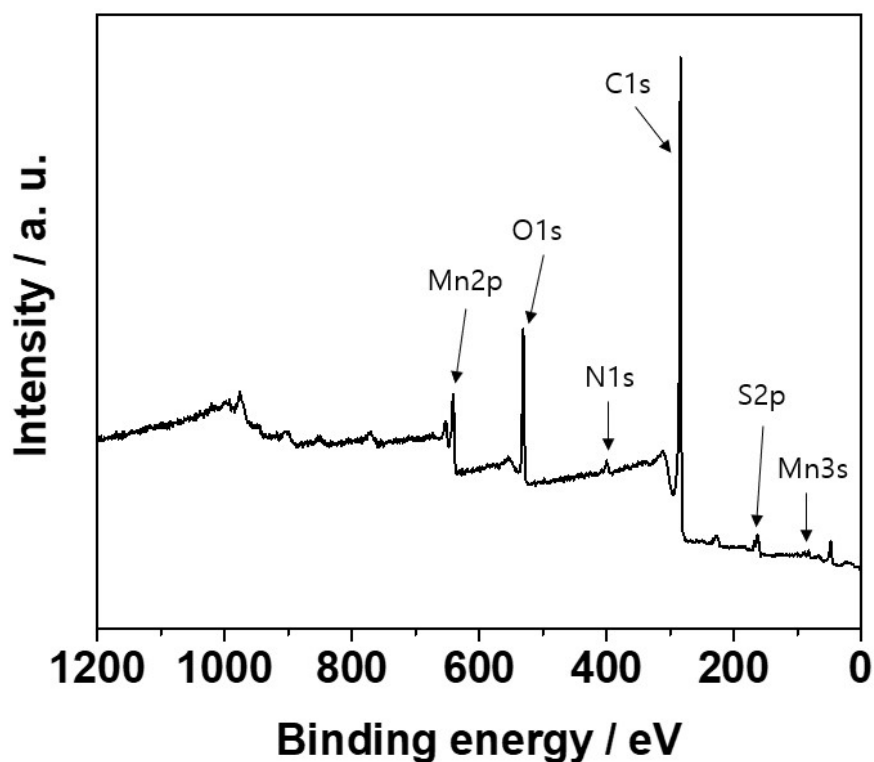


Figure S1. XPS survey spectra of MSNC (powder samples).

Table S1. Peak positions of the XPS (powder sample)

(Unit: eV)

C1s			N1s			O1s		
C-C	C-O/C-N/C-S	C=O	Pyrrolic-N	quaternary-N	Pyndinic-N	Metal-O	C-O	C=O
284.61	285.77	288.36	400.59	401.66	398.46	529.62	531.39	533.05
S2p			Mn2p					
C-S-C	MnS	Sulphate	Mn ²⁺ (MnO)	Mn ²⁺ (MnS)	Mn ^{3+,4+}	Mn ²⁺ satellite		
163.57/164.78	160.81/162.08	168.23	640.77	642.41	644.08	646.77		

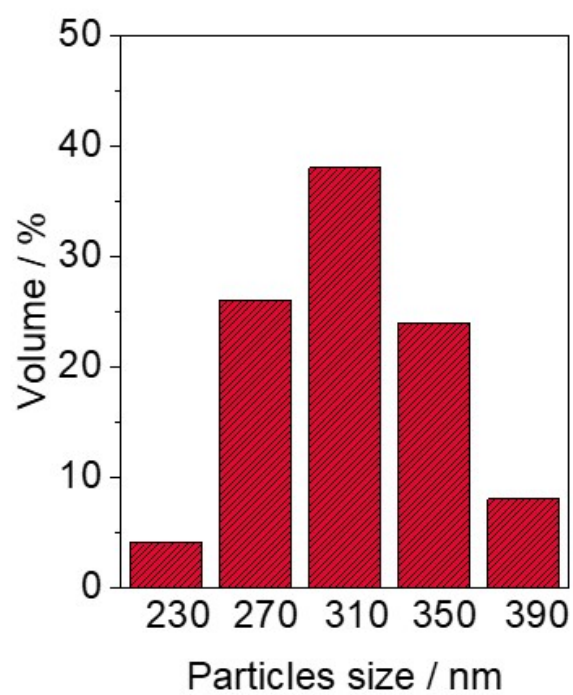


Figure S2. Size distribution of MSMC powders.

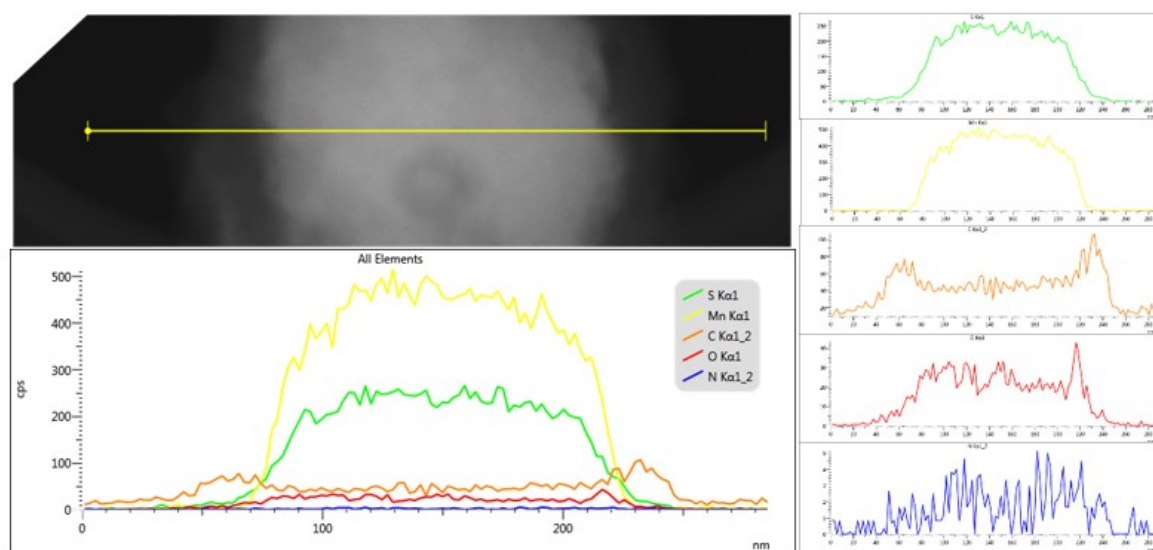


Figure S3. Line profile of the core-shell structure for MSNC.

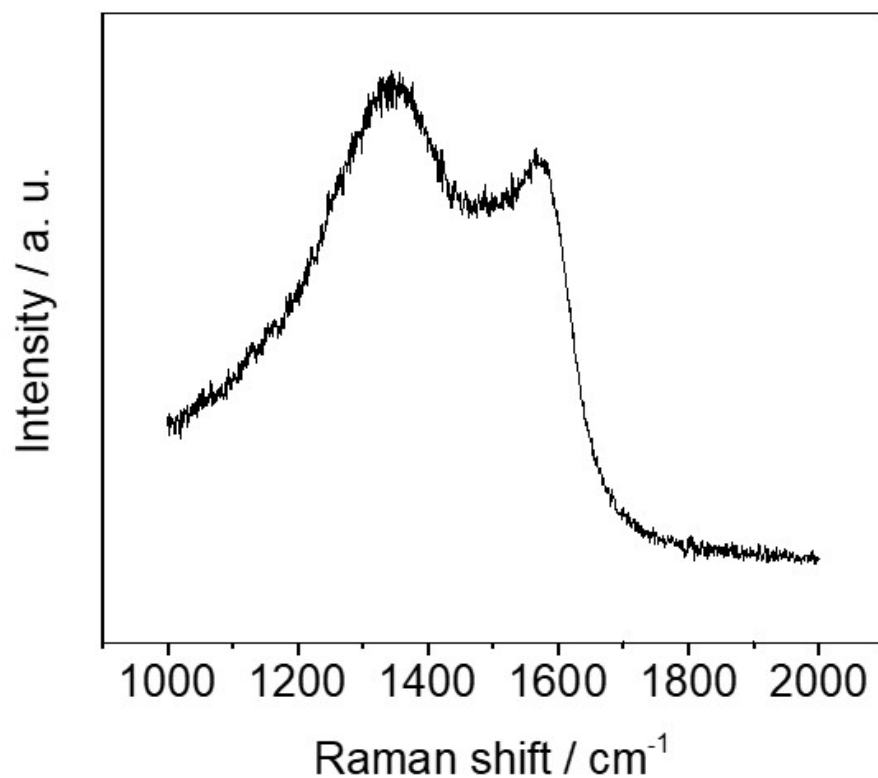


Figure S4. Electrochemical active surface area (ECSA) test using the double-layer capacitance of the MSNC.

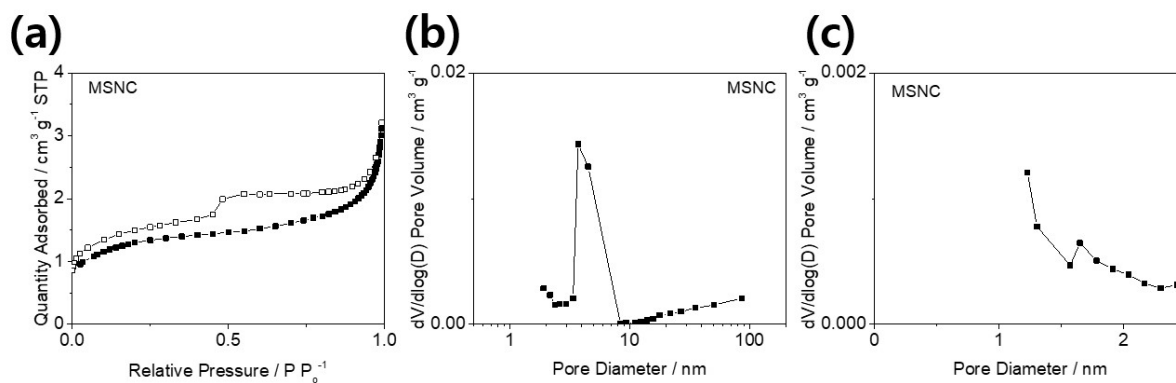


Figure S5. (a) N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherms of the sample at 77K. (b) Pore size distributions of the samples obtained by the BJH method (desorption branch) and (c) the HK method (adsorption branch).

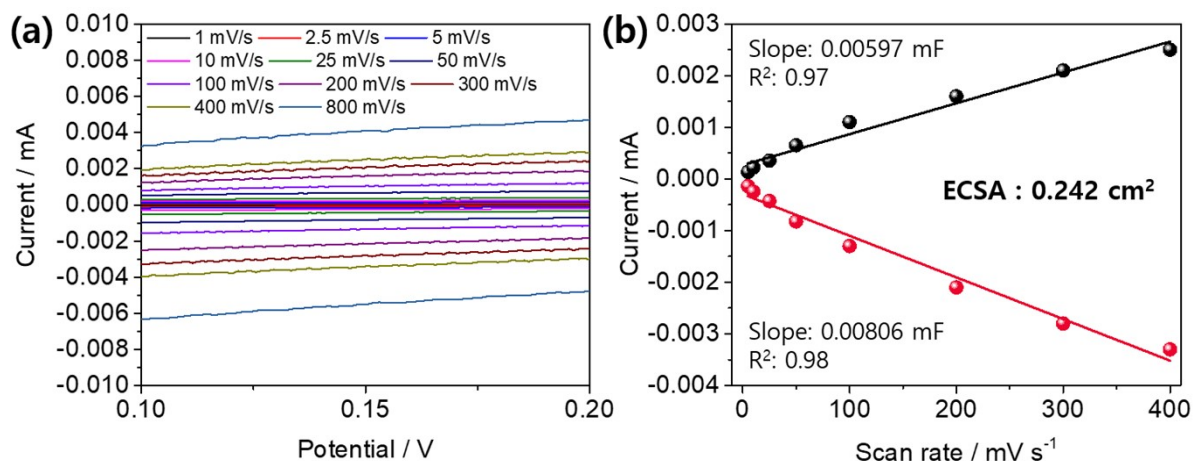


Figure S6. Electrochemical active surface area (ECSA) test using the double-layer capacitance of the MSNC.

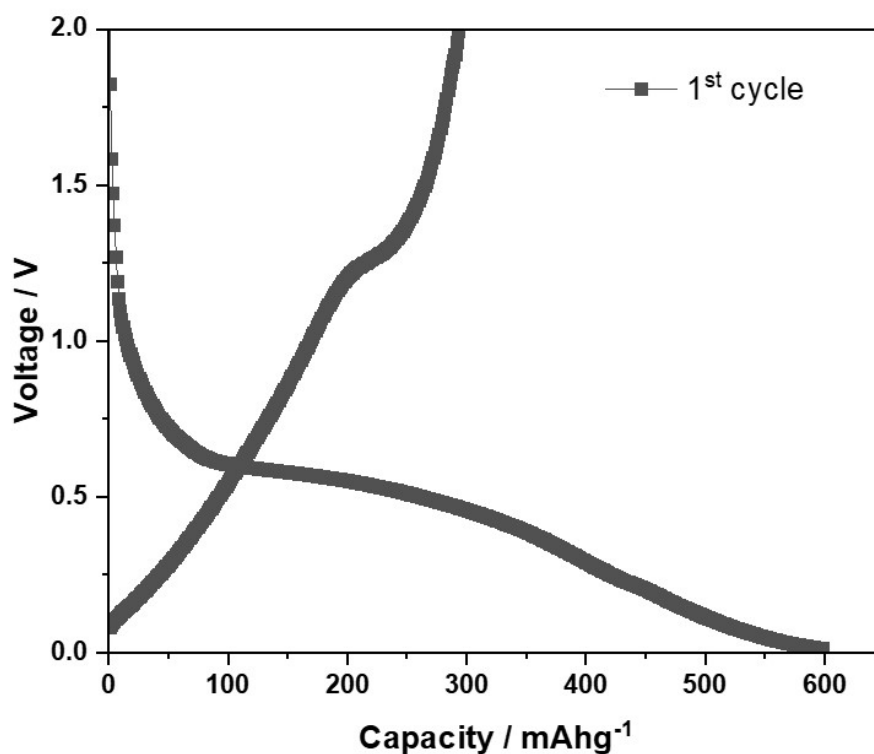


Figure S7. Discharge/charge profile of the Li/MSNC cell for the 1st cycle.

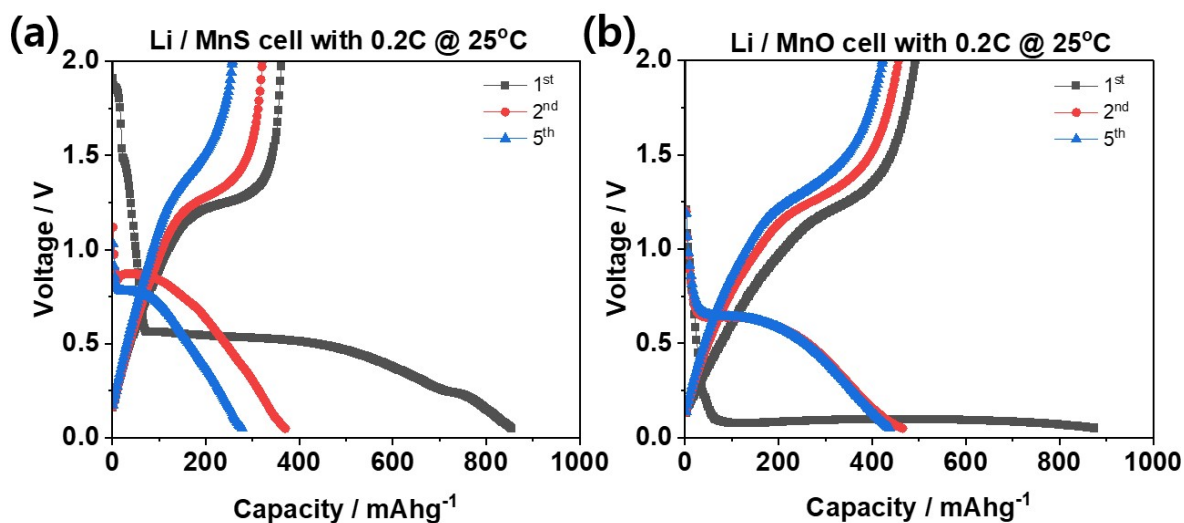


Figure S8. Discharge/charge profile of the for the 1st, 2nd, and 5th cycle (a) Li/MnS cell, (b) Li/MnO cell

Figures S8 illustrates the discharge/charge curves of the MnS and MnO electrode for 5 cycles at a rate of 0.2C, ranging from 0.05 to 2.0 V. The MnS and MnO electrode initially exhibits discharge and charge capacities of 854 and 357 mA h g⁻¹(MnS), 880 and 495 mA h g⁻¹ (MnO), respectively.

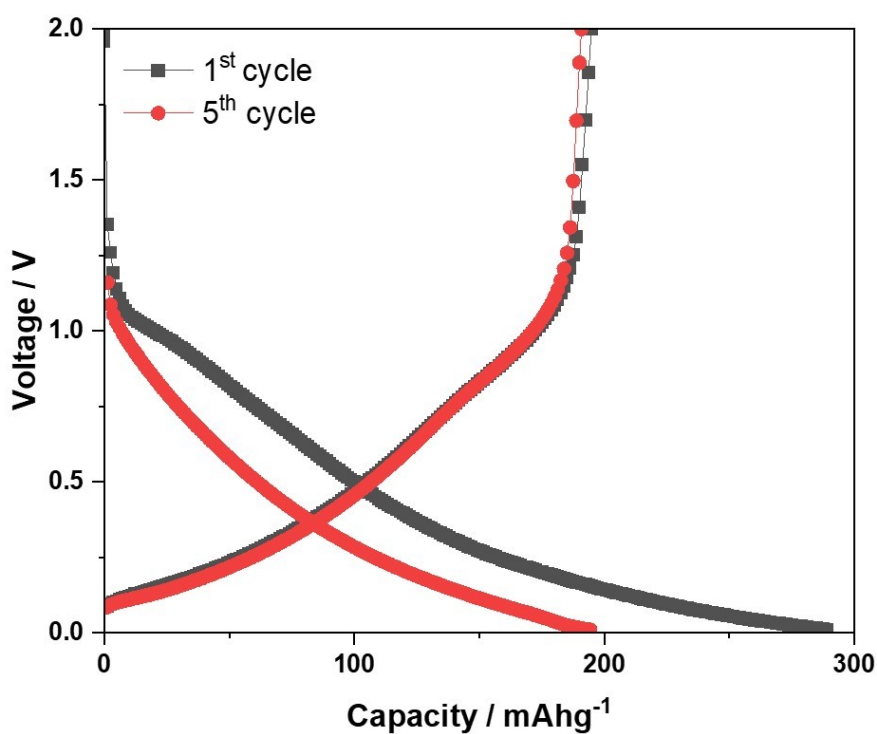


Figure S9. Discharge/Charge profile of the Li/HC cell.

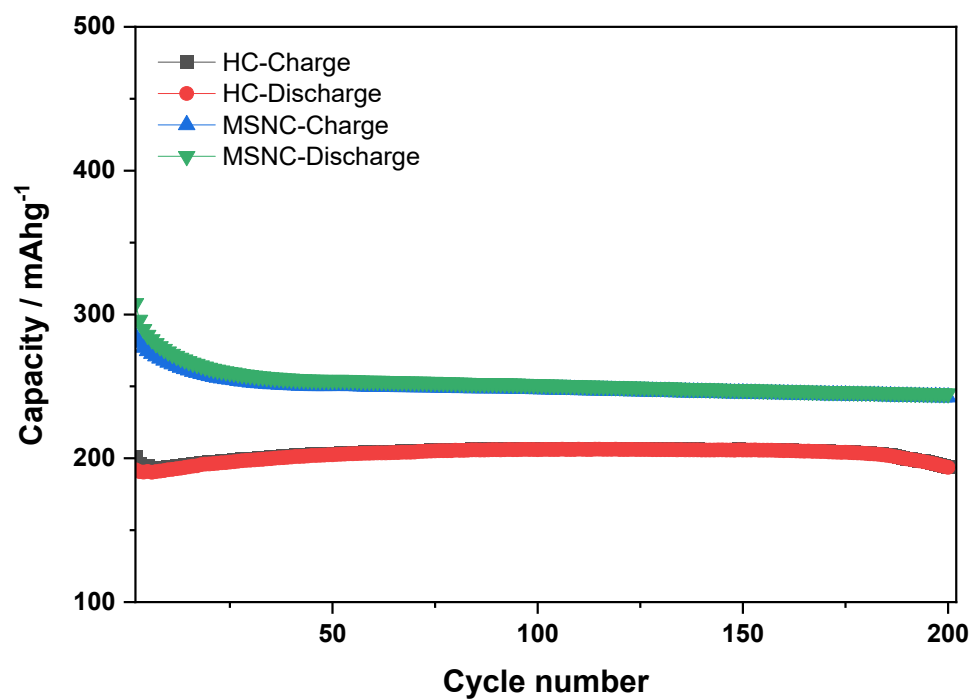


Figure S10. Comparison of the cyclability of MSNC and HC cells for up to 200 cycles with 0.2 C.

Table S2. Electrochemical performances comparison of MSNC anodes with recently reported Mn-based carbon composite anodes

	Composition	Organic compounds (%)	Initial electrochemical performances				Cycle stability (mAh/g @ n cycle)
			Discharge (mAh/g)	Charge (mAh/g)	Current density (mA/g)	Voltage cut-off (V)	
This work	MnS/MnO@N,S-C	71.34	598	293	74.4	0.05 - 2	232 @ 500
R1	MnO/MnS@N,S-C	20.45	535	530	100	0.01 - 3	574 @ 500
R2	2AQ-MnO ₂	73.3	965.7	465.6	100	0.005 - 3	756 @ 200
R3	MnO/MnS-C	-	~1480	~980	100	0.01 - 3	534 @ 300
R4	MnO/C	46.3	~2130	~1100	100	0.05 - 3	741 @ 300
R5	MnO@C/CNTs	19.41	1089	735	200	0.05 - 3	1266 @ 300
R6	α -MnS/C	35.9	~900	~590	200	0.01 - 3	672 @ 200
R7	MnS@N,S-C	-	840	750	100	0.01 - 3	282 @ 500

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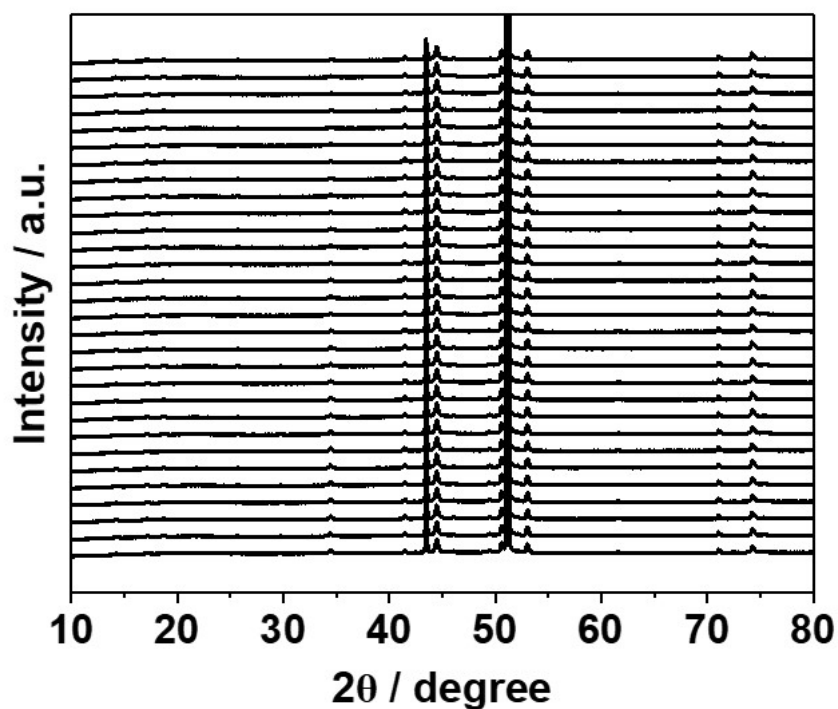


Figure S11. *In-situ* XRD measurements of Li/MSNC cells during discharge/charge.

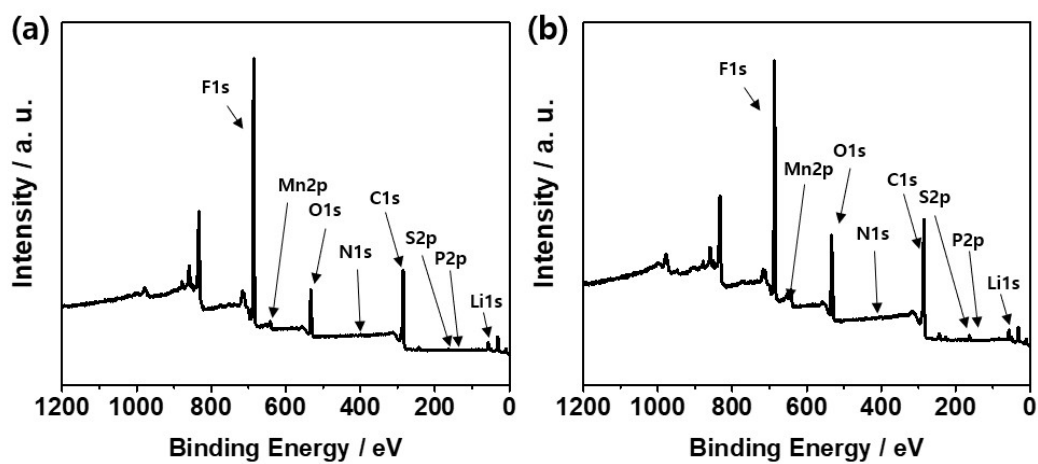


Figure S12. XPS spectra (survey) of the MSNC electrode (a) after one cycle and (b) after 20 cycles.

Table S3. XPS peak positions (after one cycle)

(Unit: eV)

C1s				Mn2P			
C-C	C-O/C-N/C-S	C=O	C-F	Mn ²⁺ (MnO)	Mn ²⁺ (MnS)	Mn ^{3+,4+}	Mn ²⁺ satellite
284.64	285.85	287.68	289.88	640.30	641.78	644.35	646.98
S2p			O1s			Li1s	
MnS	C-S-C	Sulphate	Li ₂ O	MnO	C=O	LiF	Li ₂ O
161.60	162.98	169.74	528.39	529.38	532.20	56.03	56.51

Table S4. XPS peak positions (after 20 cycles)

(Unit: eV)

C1s				Mn2P			
C-C	C-O/C-N/C-S	C=O	C-F	Mn ²⁺ (MnO)	Mn ²⁺ (MnS)	Mn ^{3+,4+}	Mn ²⁺ satellite
284.60	285.78	287.65	290.75	640.22	641.68	644.29	646.72
S2p			O1s			Li1s	
MnS	C-S-C	Sulphate	Li ₂ O	MnO	C=O	LiF	Li ₂ O
161.89	163.21	169.81	529.77	529.59	532.58	56.24	57.24

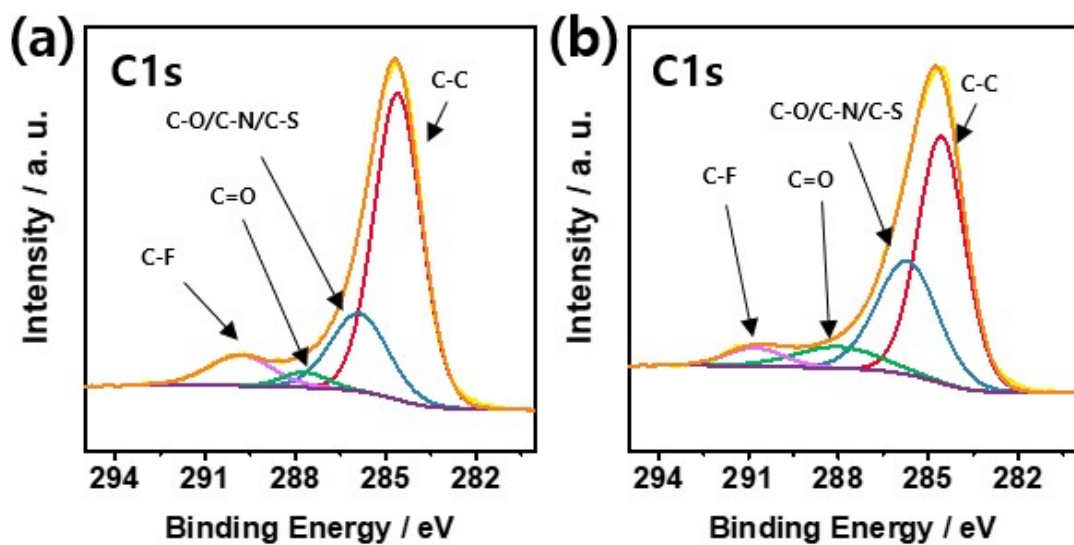


Figure S13. High-resolution C1s spectra of the MSNC electrode (a) after one cycle and (b) after 20 cycles.

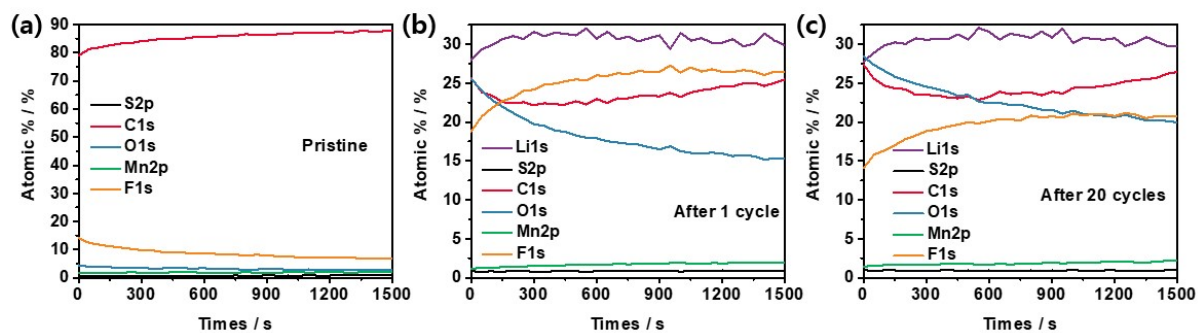


Figure S14. XPS depth study of the MSNC electrode (a) pristine, (b) after one cycle, and (c) after 20 cycles.