

Porous cubes constructed by cobalt oxide nanocrystals with graphene sheets coating for enhanced lithium storage properties

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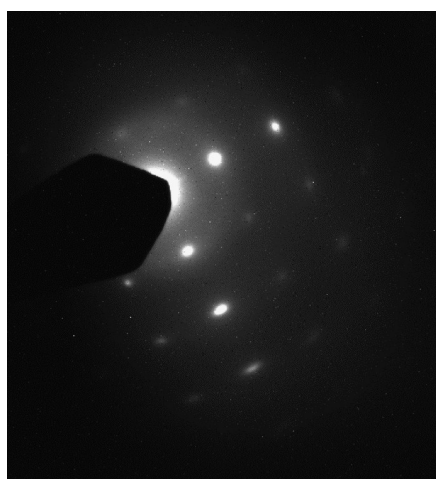


Fig. S1 Selected-area electron diffraction (SAED) pattern of the $\text{Co}_3[\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6]_2$ cubes.

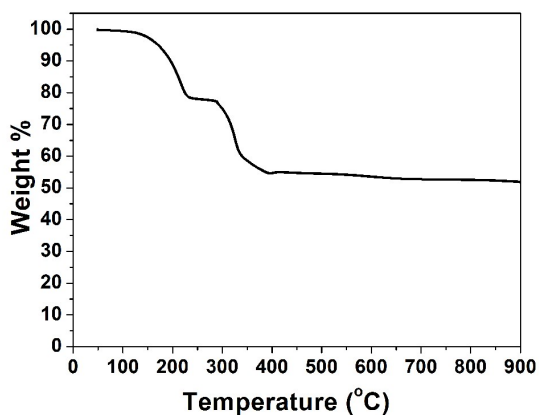


Fig. S2 TGA plot of the $\text{Co}_3[\text{Co}(\text{CN})_6]_2$ cubes.

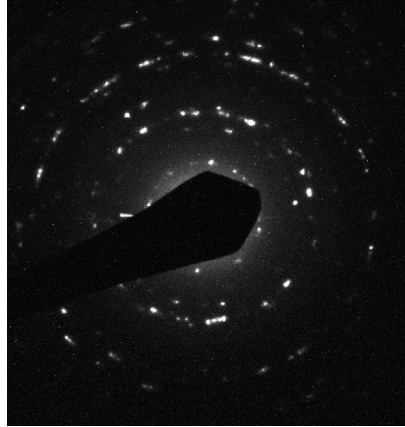


Fig. S3 Selected-area electron diffraction (SAED) pattern of the porous Co_3O_4 cubes.

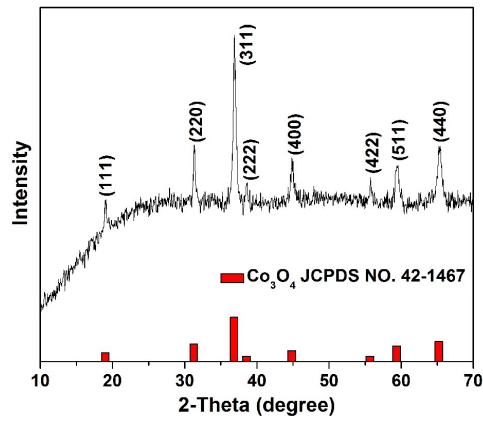


Fig. S4 XRD pattern of the porous Co_3O_4 cubes.

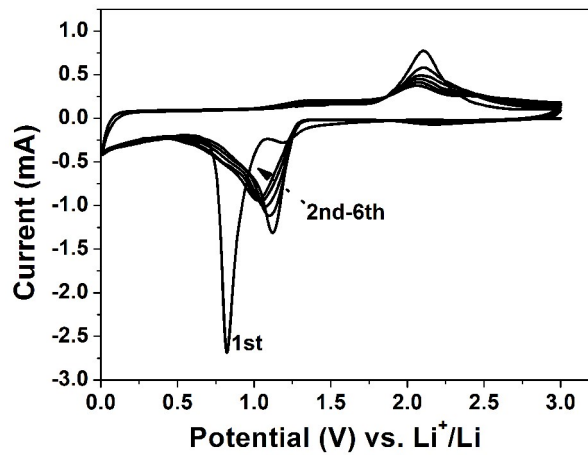


Fig. S5 Representative CV spectra of the porous Co_3O_4 cubes electrode for the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth cycle at a scan rate of 0.1 mV s^{-1} between 0.01 and 3 V.

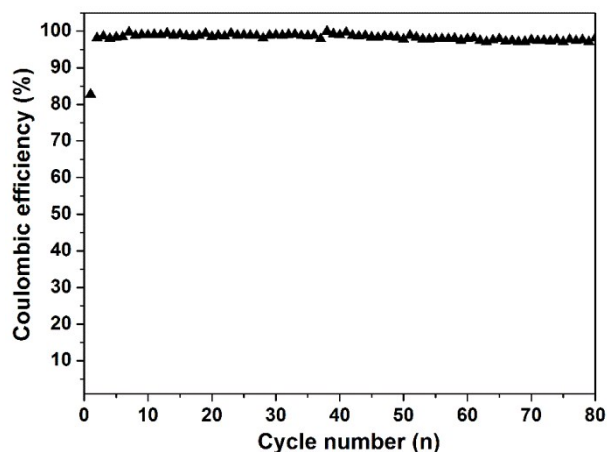


Fig.S6 The coulombic efficiency of $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4@\text{G}$ electrode.

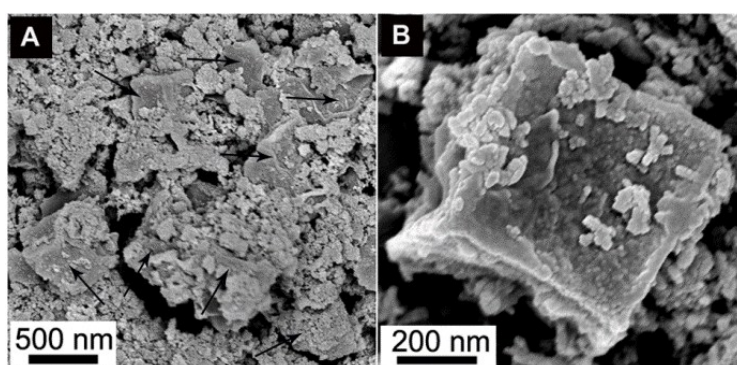


Fig. S7 SEM images (A-B) of $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4@\text{G}$ electrode after 80 cycles at the current density of 200 mA g^{-1} .

Table S1. Comparison of specific capacities of the current $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4@\text{G}$ electrode with other hybrid electrode materials reported in literatures.

| Materials | Current density | Cycle number | Specific capacity (mA h g^{-1}) | Ref. |
|--|--------------------|--------------|---|------|
| Graphene anchored with Co_3O_4 nanoparticles | 50 mA/g | 30 | about 935 mA h g^{-1} | 1 |
| Multishelled Co_3O_4 hollow spheres | 178 mA/g | 50 | about 866 mA h g^{-1} | 2 |
| Porous Co_3O_4 spheres | 100 mA/g | 80 | about 900 mA h g^{-1} | 3 |
| $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{Carbon}$ nanowires | 100 mA/g | 20 | about 534 mA h g^{-1} | 4 |
| Sandwich-like $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{TiO}_2$ composite | 100 mA/g | 80 | about 800 mA h g^{-1} | 5 |
| Co_3O_4 hexapods | 100 mA/g | 40 | about 800 mA h g^{-1} | 6 |
| Co_3O_4 on the carbon matrix | 100 mA/g | 80 | about 900 mA h g^{-1} | 7 |
| $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4@\text{TiO}_2$ core-shell nanorods | 200 mA/g | 80 | about 803 mA h g^{-1} | 8 |
| Co_3O_4 nanocages | 178 mA/g | 50 | about 846 mA h g^{-1} | 9 |

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| Co ₃ O ₄ nanobelt array | 177mA/g | 25 | about 750 mA h g ⁻¹ | 10 |
| Co ₃ O ₄ @G | 200 mA/g | 80 | about 980 mA h g ⁻¹ | Current study |

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