

## Supplementary Material

# **Inhibited corrosion-promotion activity of graphene encapsulated in nanosized silicon oxide**

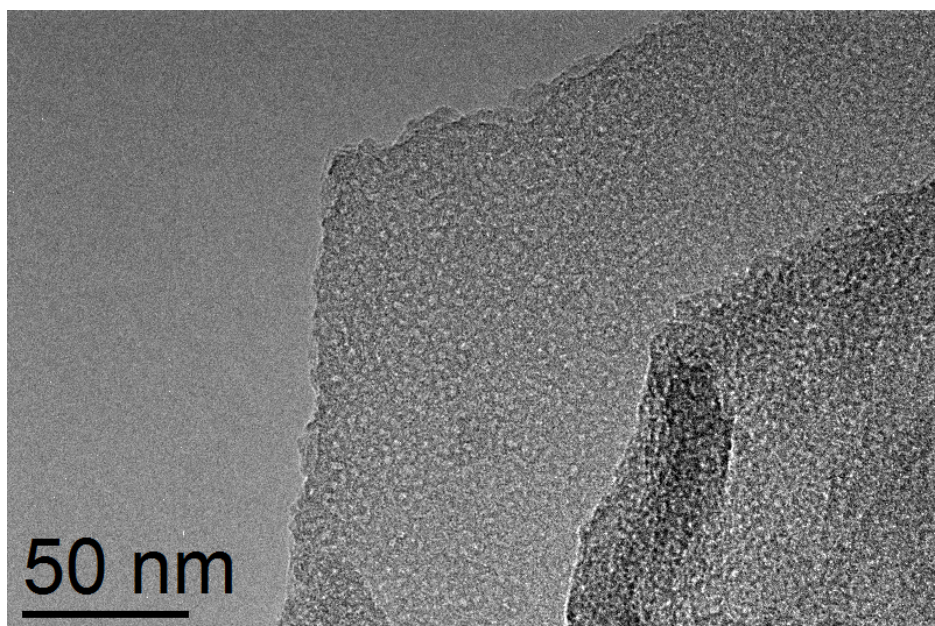
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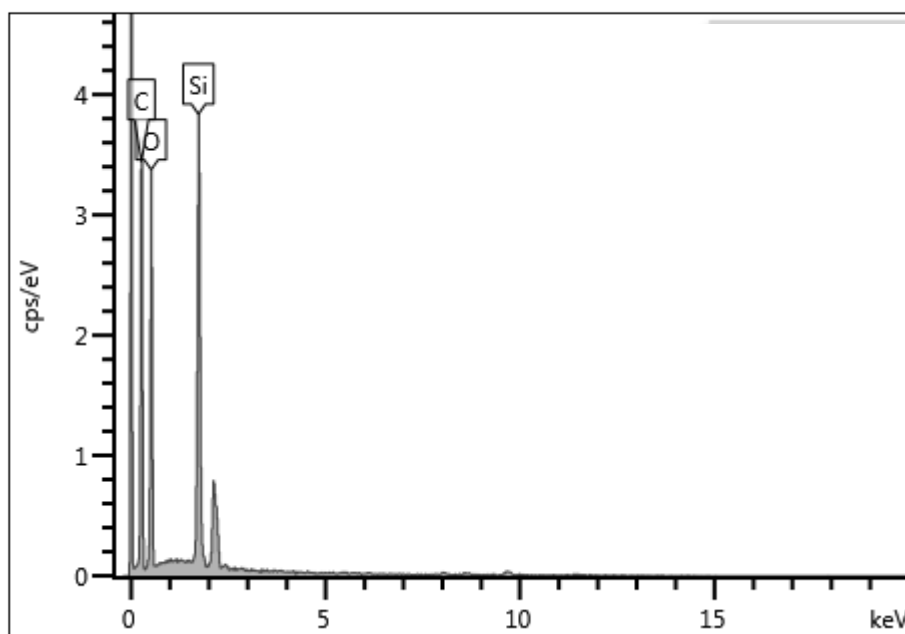
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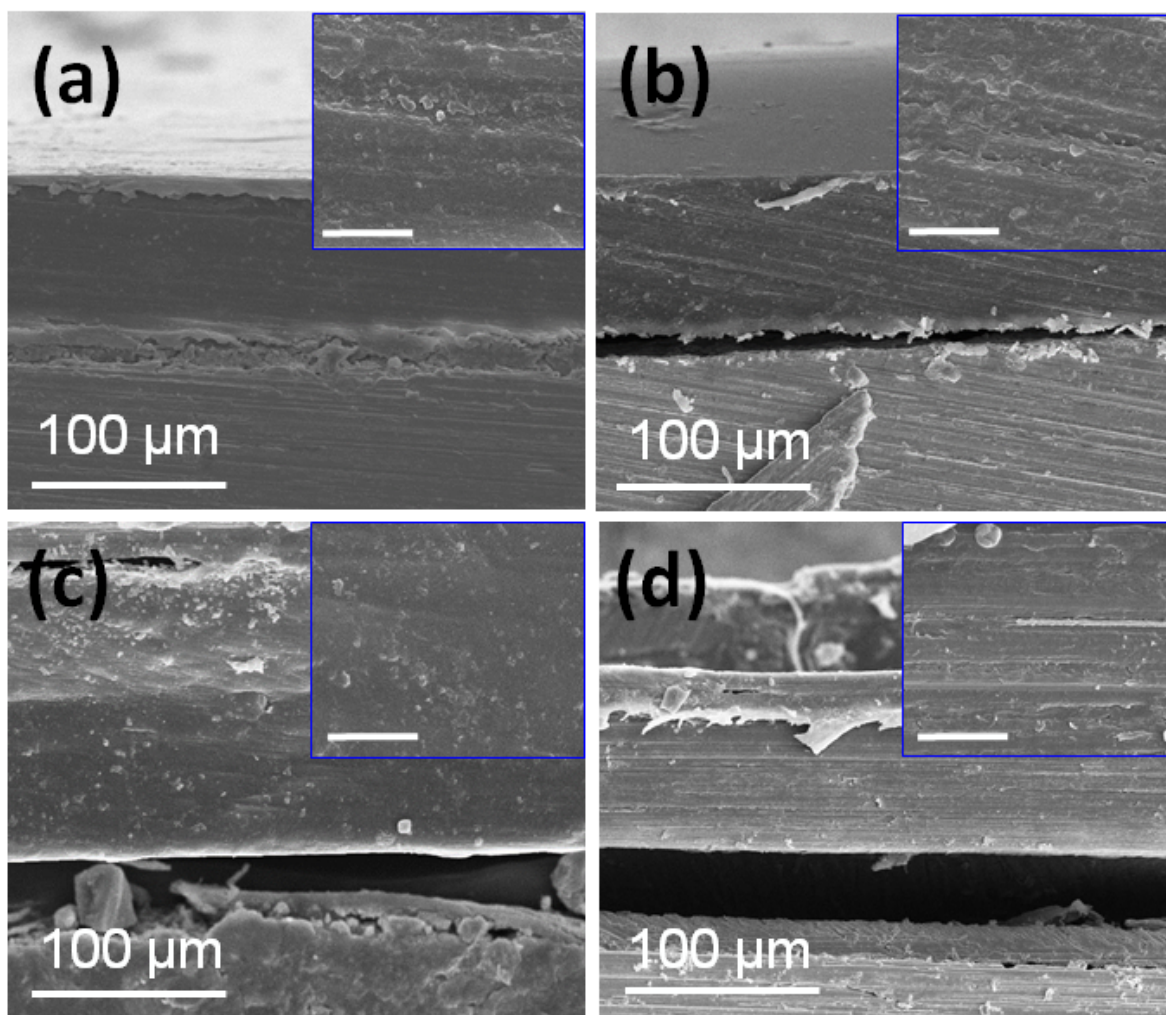
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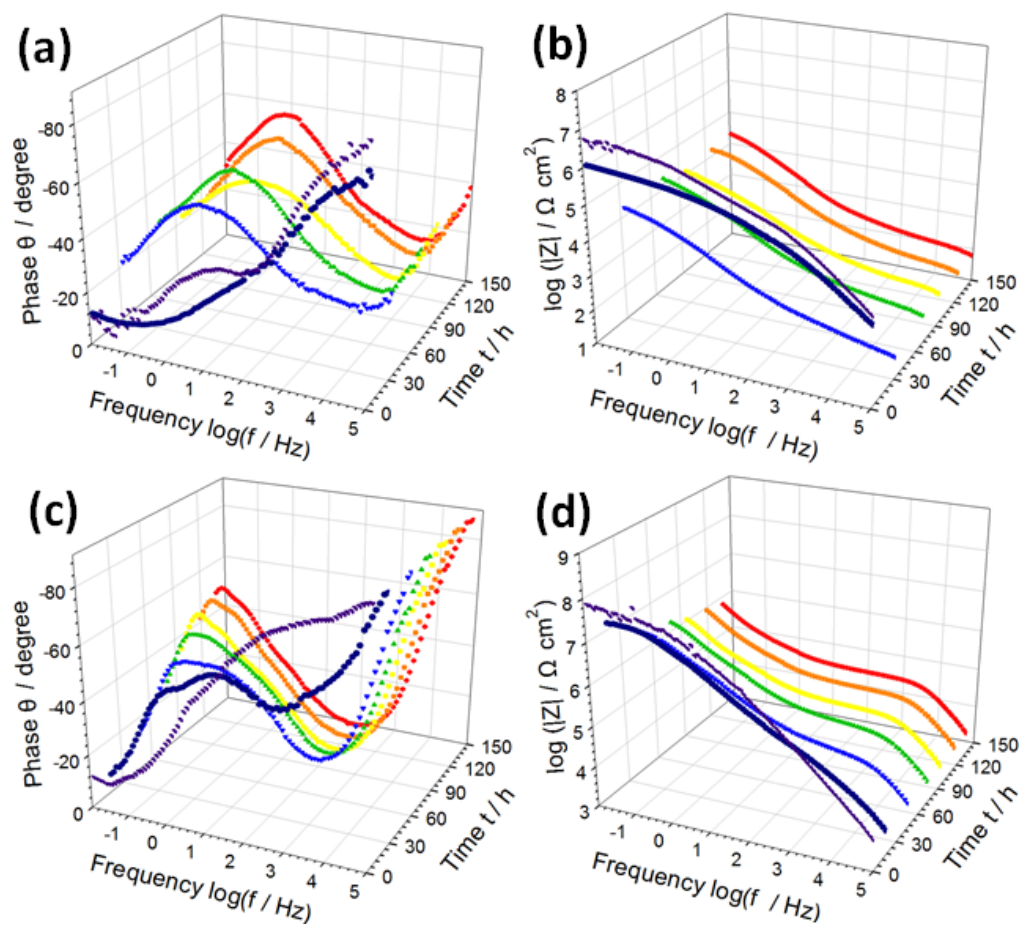
**Figure S1.** Magnified TEM image shows GSs have a mesoporous structure



**Figure S2.** EDX spectrum of GSs

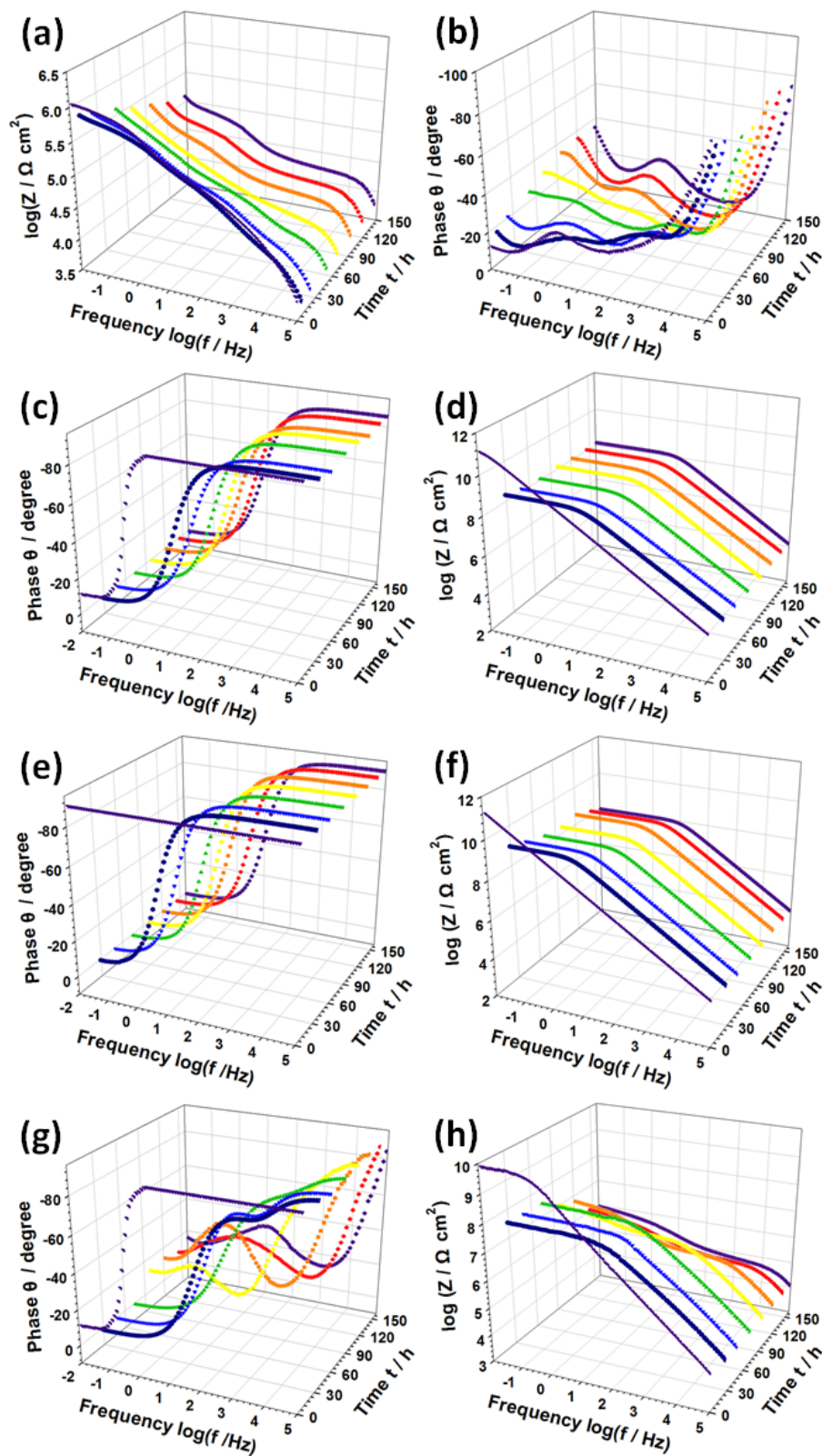


**Figure S3.** SEM images of cross-section of (a)  $GS_{0.025}$ , (b)  $GS_{0.05}$ , (c)  $GAP_{0.15}$  and (d)  $GAP_{0.2}$ . Inset: Magnified SEM images of cross-section (bar=10  $\mu m$ ).

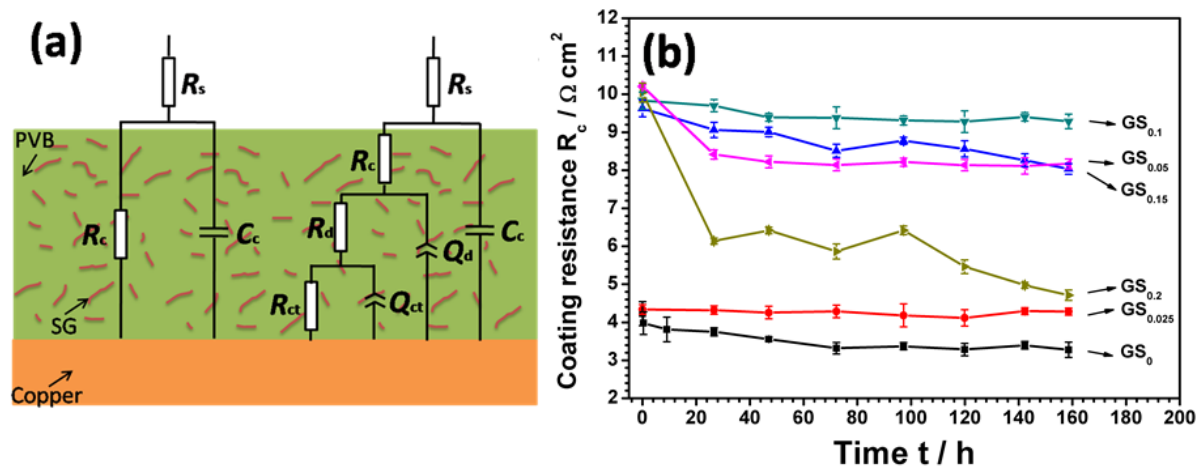


**Figure S4.** Bode plots of different PVB coating systems reinforced with (a)(b)  $\text{SiO}_2$  nanoparticles and (c)(d) the mixture of  $\text{SiO}_2$  and rGO.

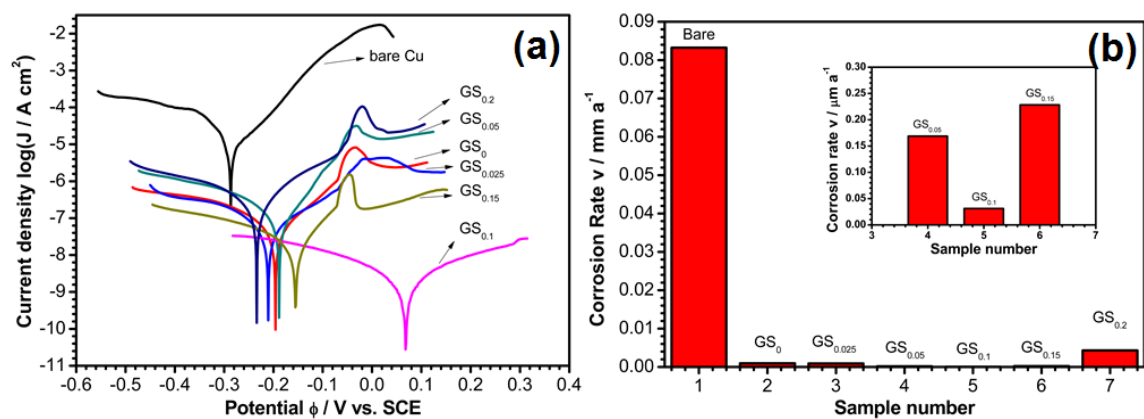




**Figure S5.** Bode plots of different coating systems. (a)(b)  $GS_{0.025}$ , (c)(d)  $GS_{0.05}$ , (e)(f)  $GS_{0.15}$ , (g)(h)  $GS_{0.2}$

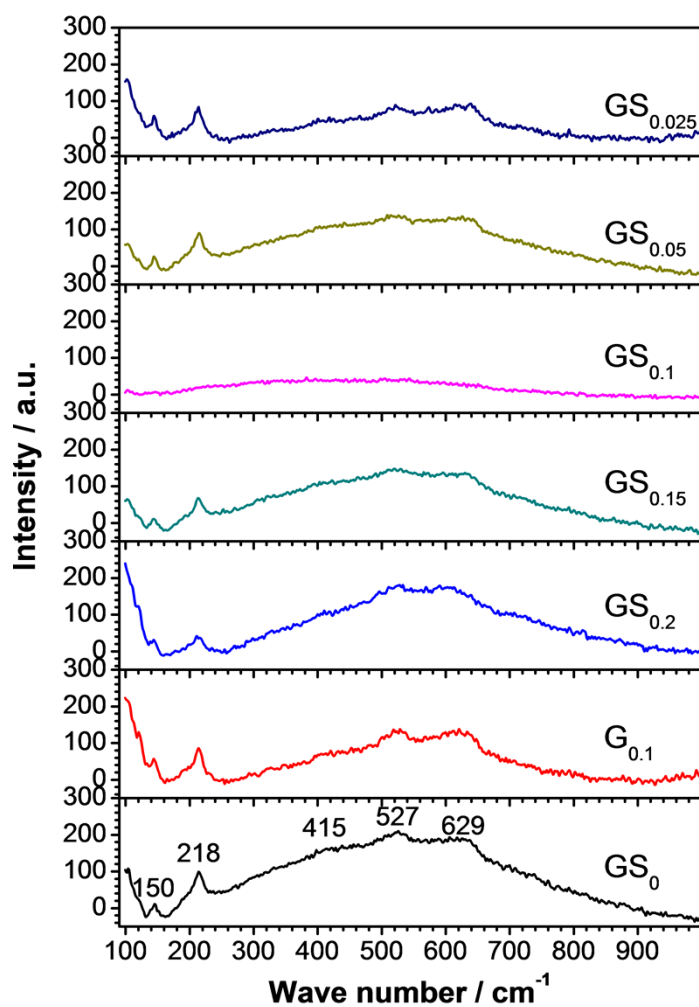


**Figure S6.** (a) Equivalent circuits. The circuit on the left is suitable for a coating with high anticorrosion performance, while the one on the right can be applied to fit the results of a failed coating. (b) The fitting results of the coating resistances of different coatings.



**Figure S7.** Polarization curves of different coatings after immersing in 3.5 wt.% NaCl aqueous solution for 1 day. (a) Polarization curves. (b) Calculated corrosion rates.





**Figure S8.** Raman spectra of the copper substrates beneath different coatings

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