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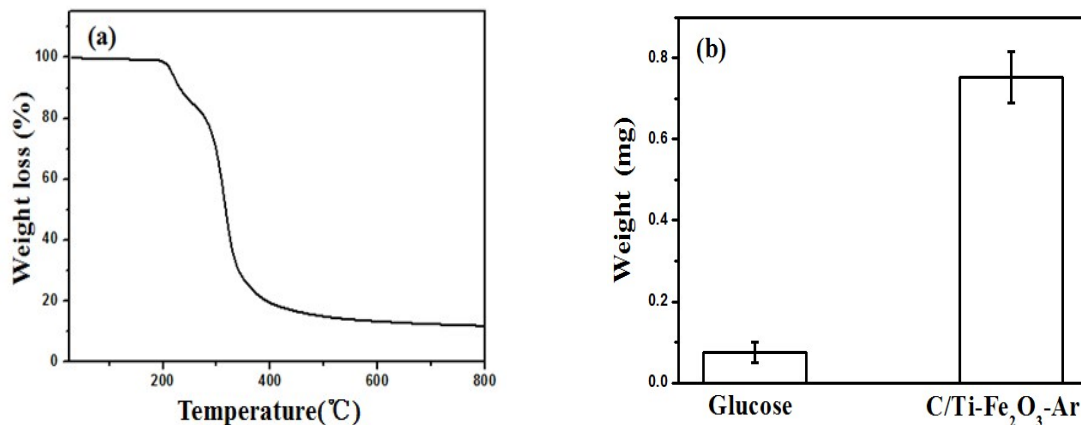
**Ti-doped  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanorods with controllable morphology by carbon layer coating for enhanced photoelectrochemical water oxidation**

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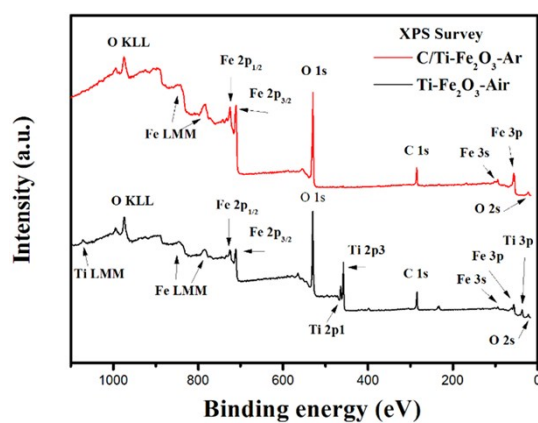
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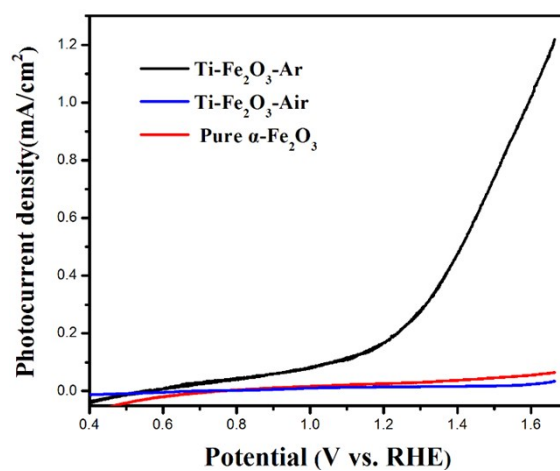
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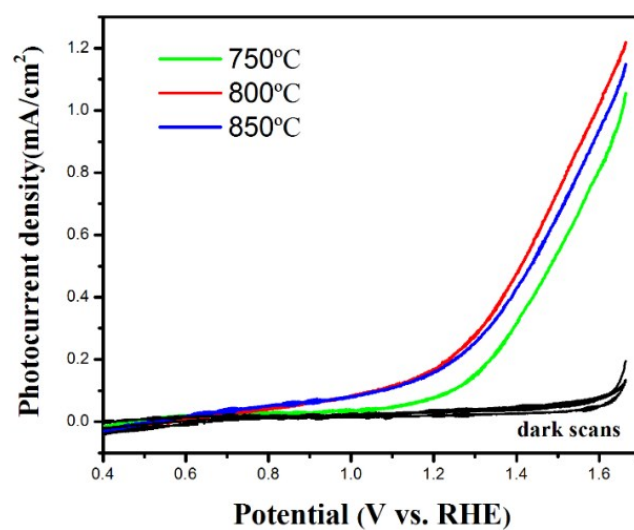
**Fig. S1** (a) The TGA curves of glucose in N<sub>2</sub>; (b) The weight of glucose and C/Ti-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Ar on per square centimeter of Ti foil substrate.



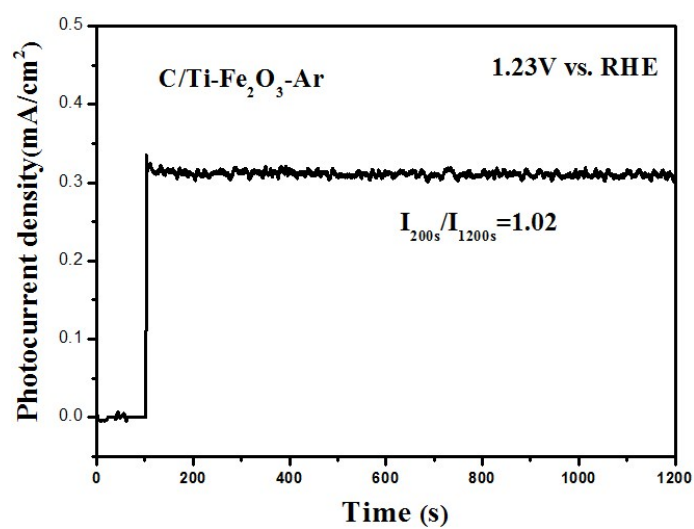
**Fig. S2** The general survey XPS spectra of the C/Ti-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Ar and Ti-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Air.



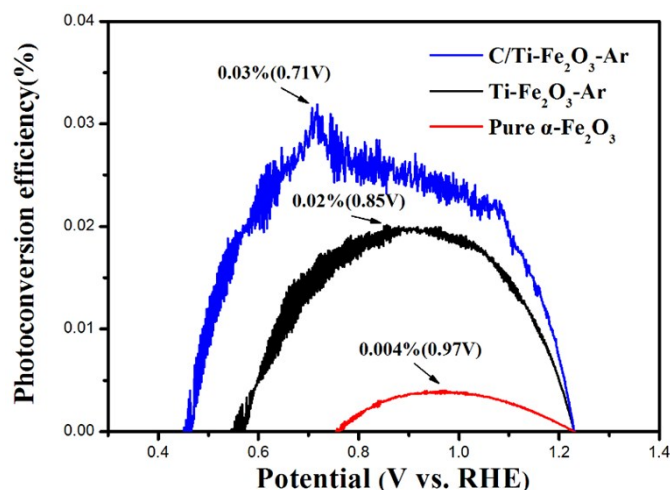
**Fig. S3** LSV measurements for the Pure  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Ti-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Air and Ti-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Ar photoanodes.



**Fig. S4** LSV measurements for the Ti-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Ar synthesized with different annealing temperatures in argon



**Fig. S5** Transient photocurrent responses of the C/Ti-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Ar under simulated sunlight irradiation at 1.23 V.

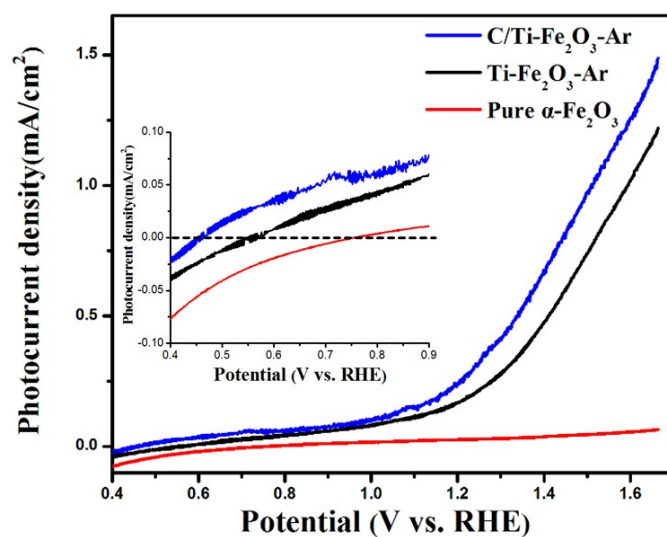


**Fig. S6** The Photoconversion efficiency of the C/Ti-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Ar, Ti-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Ar and Pure  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.

Photoconversion efficiency,  $\eta$ , which is the light energy to chemical energy conversion efficiency, is calculated as:

$$\eta = j_p \times (1.23 - |V|) / I_0$$

where  $V$  is the bias potential vs. RHE,  $j_p$  is the photocurrent density at the measured potential, and  $I_0$  is the power density of incident light.



**Fig. S7** LSV measurements for the C/Ti-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Ar (blue), Ti-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-Ar (black) and Pure  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (red) irradiated with simulated sunlight. The inset are the highlighted onset potentials.