

## Formation of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C/Ni microtubes for efficient catalysis and protein adsorption

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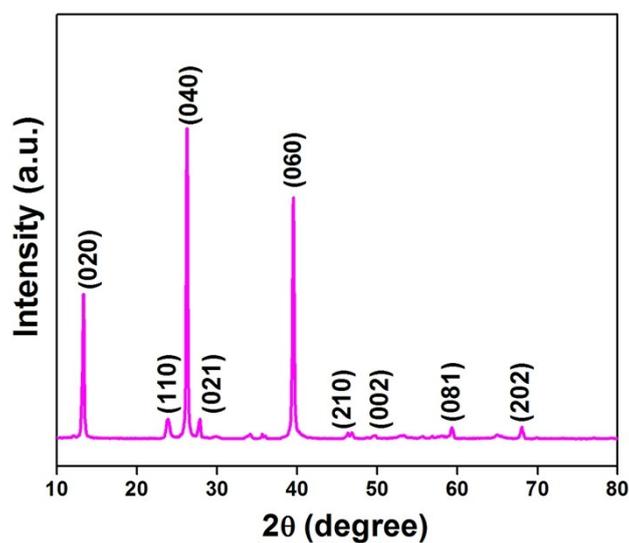


Figure S1. X-Ray diffraction patterns of MoO<sub>3</sub>.

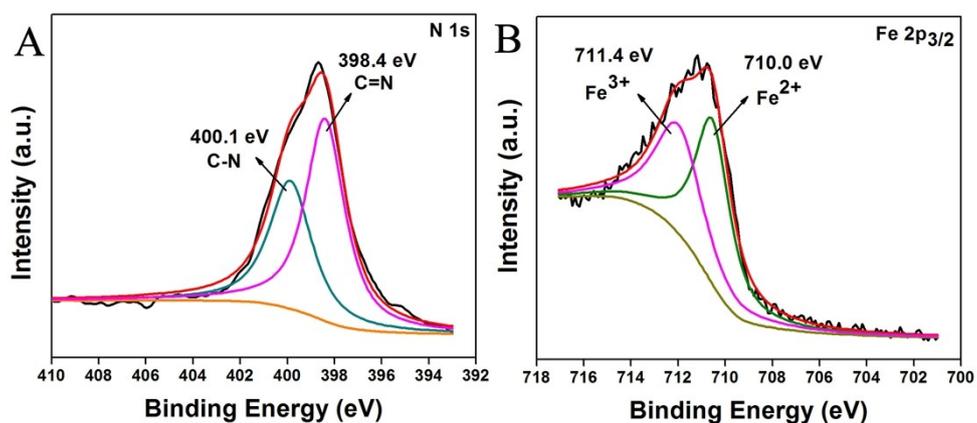
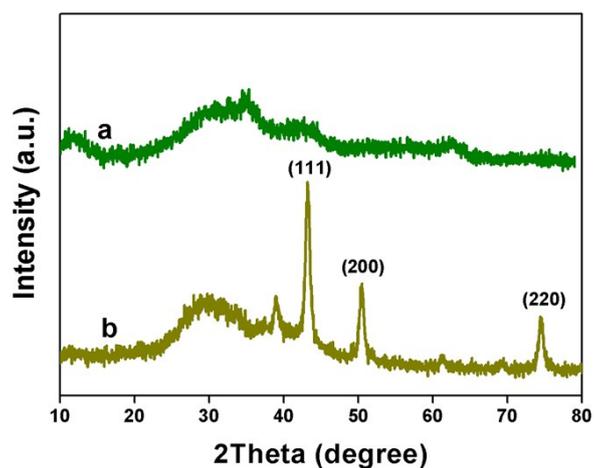
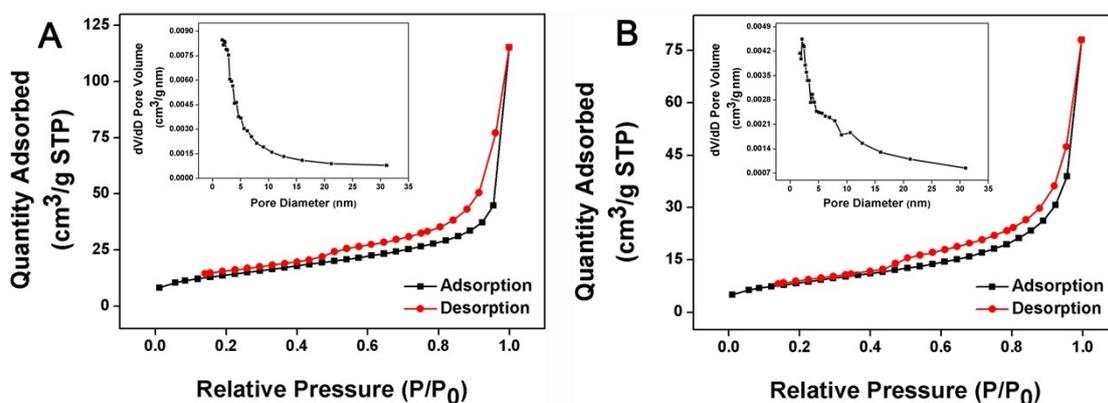


Figure S2. XPS spectra of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C/Ni microtubes (b): (A) N1s, (B) Fe 2p<sub>3/2</sub>.



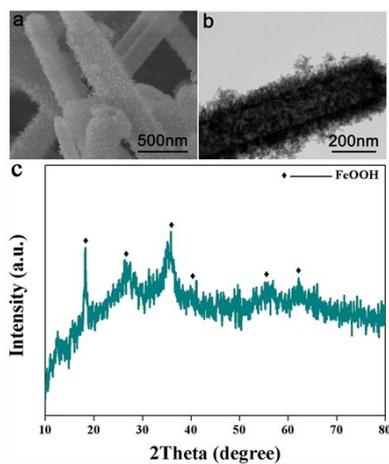
**Figure S3.** XRD patterns of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}/\text{Ni}$  microtubes (a:  $350^\circ\text{C}$ , b:  $700^\circ\text{C}$ ).



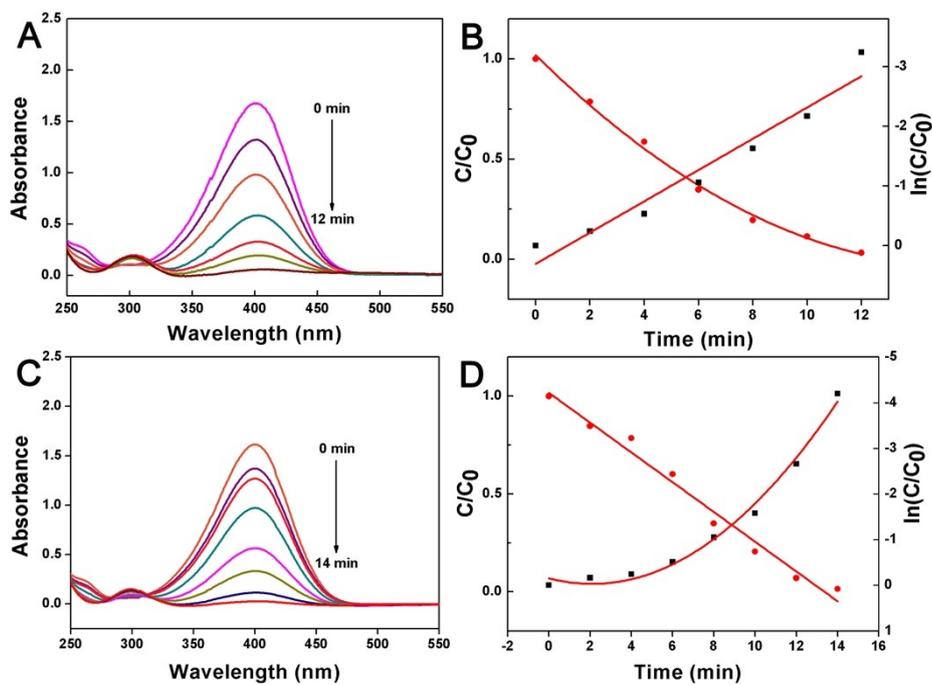
**Figure S4.** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}/\text{Ni}$ -350 (A) and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}/\text{Ni}$ -700 (B).

Table. S1 BET data of different samples from Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms.

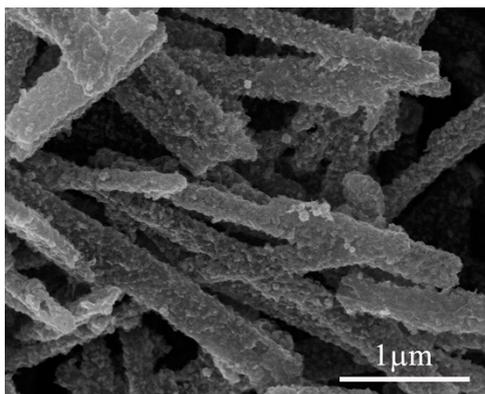
Samples	Special Surface ( $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$ )	Pore Size (nm)	Pore Volume ( $\text{cm}^3/\text{g}$ )
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}/\text{Ni}$ -500	77.05	10.9	0.17
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}/\text{Ni}$ -350	49.9	9.6	0.114
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}/\text{Ni}$ -700	30.8	8.6	0.0728



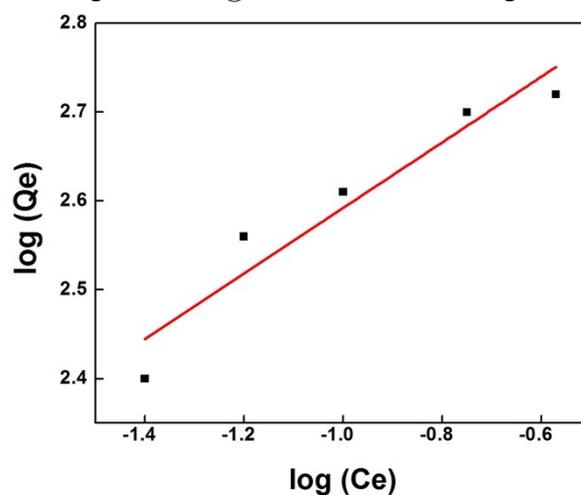
**Figure S5.** SEM(a), TEM images(b) and XRD(c) of FeOOH@SiO<sub>2</sub> adding 50  $\mu$ L TEOS.



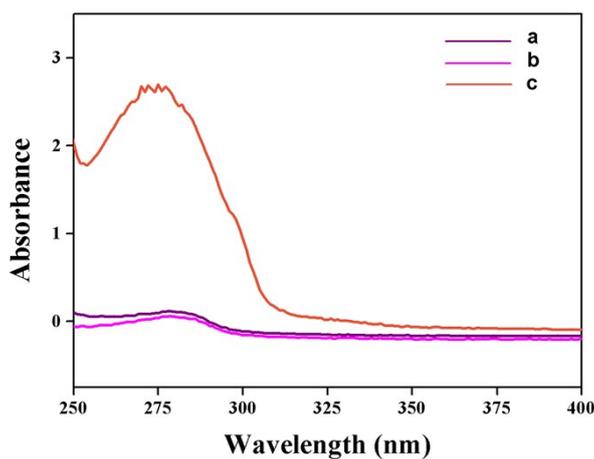
**Figure S6.** UV-vis spectra of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C/Ni-350 (A) and Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C/Ni-700 (C) catalyzed 4-NP to 4-AP developed at different reaction times and corresponding  $C/C_0$  and  $\ln(C/C_0)$  versus time for the reduction of 4-NP over 1.0 mg catalysts



**Figure S7.** SEM image of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}/\text{Ni}$ -500 after reducing 4-NP for five times.



**Figure S8.** Linear fitting of adsorption isotherms plots based on Freundlich model.



**Figure S9.** Curve a is the UV-vis spectrum of  $0.4 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$  of the BSA solution before adsorption by  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}/\text{Ni}$ . Curve b is the UV-vis spectrum of supernatant of BSA after adsorbed by  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}/\text{Ni}$ . Curve c is the UV-vis spectrum of desorption solution of the adsorbed protein by  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{C}/\text{Ni}$  in BSA solution using concentration of  $0.2 \text{ g}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$  of 2-methylimidazole solution as the eluent.

### **Catalytic activity of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C/Ni-500**

Typically, 10 mg NaBH<sub>4</sub> was mixed with the freshly prepared 4-nitrophenol aqueous solution (0.1 mM, 5 mL). Afterwards, the as-prepared Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C/Ni-500 nanocatalysts (1 mg) were added into the reaction mixture. The reaction process was monitored by UV–vis spectroscopy.