

Supplementary Information

Tuning conductivity and magnetism of CuFe₂O₄ via cation redistribution

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Table S1 The refinement parameters for all CFO samples

| Sample | RQ/ SC-1000 | RQ-500 | RQ-700 | RQ-900 |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Crystal system | Tetragonal | Tetragonal | Cubic | Cubic |
| Space group | I41/amd | I41/amd | Fd-3m | Fd-3m |
| Unit cell parameters | $a=b=5.832 \text{ \AA}$ $c=8.643 \text{ \AA}$ $R_{wp}=0.0717$ | $a=b=5.882 \text{ \AA}$ $c=8.549 \text{ \AA}$ $R_{wp}=0.0271$ | $a=b=c=8.394 \text{ \AA}$ $R_{wp}=0.0117$ | $a=b=c=8.389 \text{ \AA}$ $R_{wp}=0.0073$ |
| R factors | $R_p=0.0527$ $R_{exp}=0.0170$ | $R_p=0.0211$ $R_{exp}=0.0190$ | $R_p=0.0079$ $R_{exp}=0.0073$ | $R_p=0.0055$ $R_{exp}=0.0058$ |
| Atom Occupancy (Td site) | Cu: 0.1206 Fe: 0.8794 | Cu: 0.1866 Fe: 0.8134 | Cu: 0.2732 Fe: 0.7268 | Cu: 0.3078 Fe: 0.6922 |
| Atom Occupancy (Oh site) | Cu: 0.4397 Fe: 0.5603 | Cu: 0.4067 Fe: 0.5933 | Cu: 0.3634 Fe: 0.6366 | Cu: 0.3461 Fe: 0.6539 |

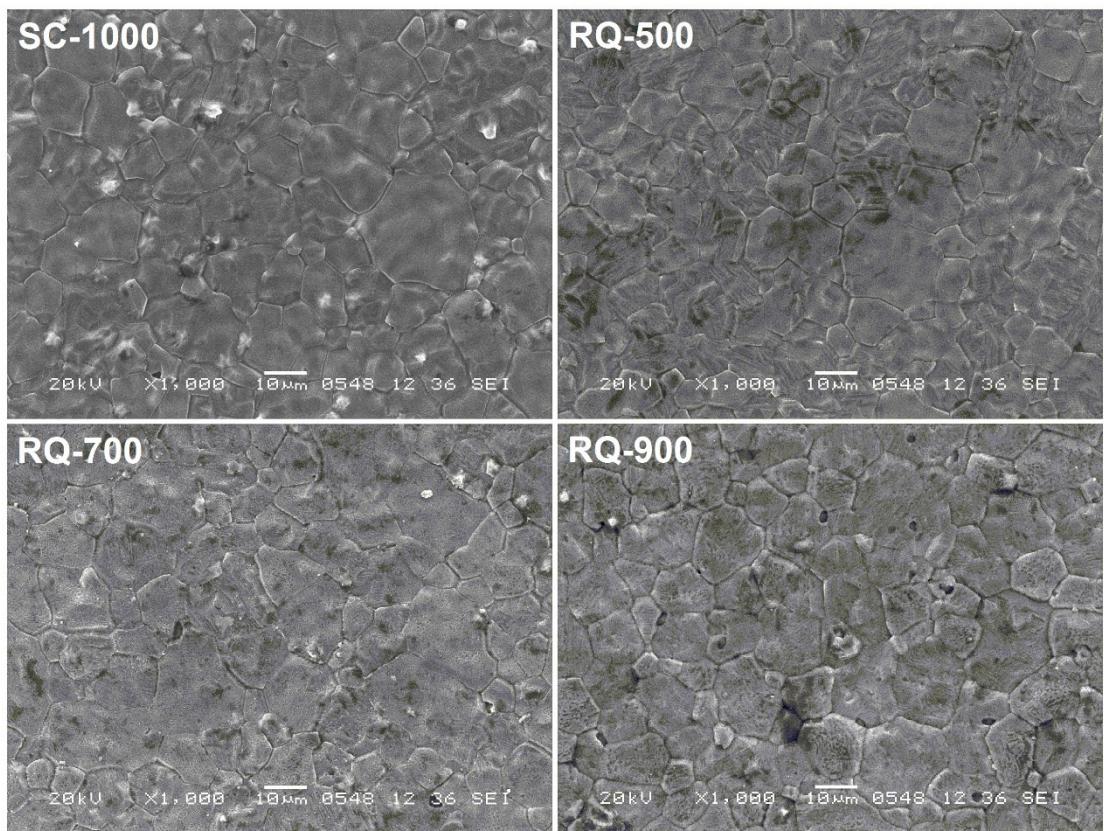


Fig. S1 The SEM images for all CFO samples. The average grain sizes for the RQ-0, RQ-500, RQ-700, and RQ-900 are around 10.8 μm , 11.6 μm , 11.5 μm , and 11.1 μm , respectively.

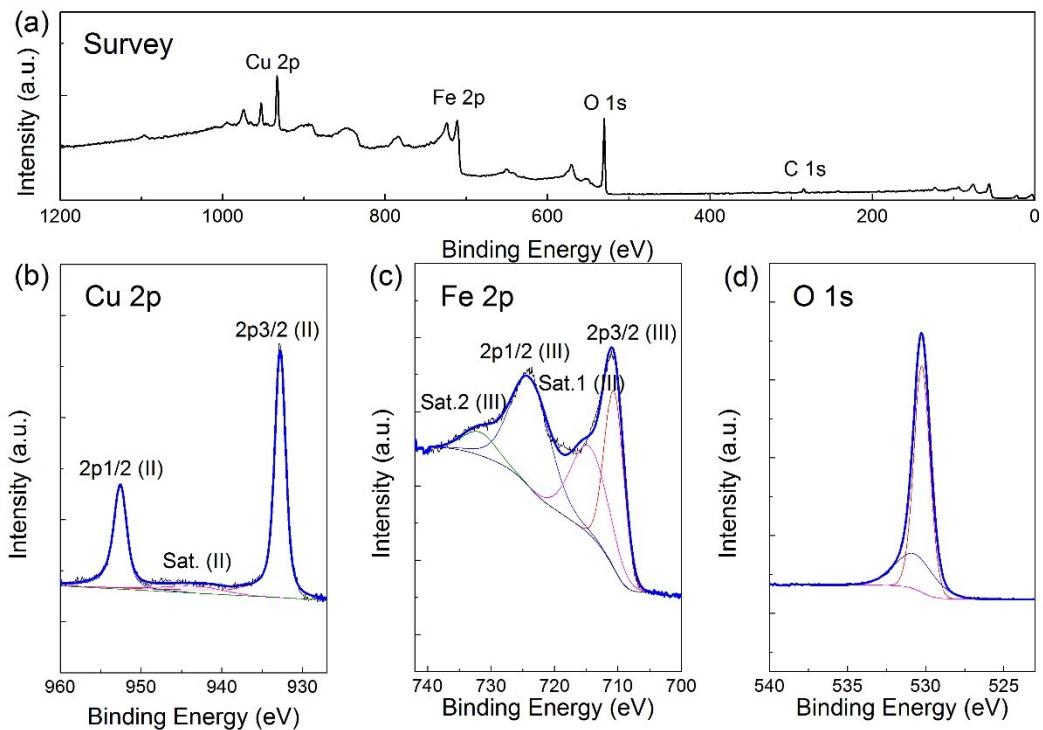


Fig. S2 XPS Spectra for 900 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ quenched CFO samples. (a). Survey scan; (b) Cu 2p;

(c) Fe 2p; (d) O 1s. The XPS study shows the high temperature quenched CFO sample possess an almost ideal stoichiometry of 1:2:4 for the concentration of Cu, Fe, and O element. The core level peak fits indicate no Cu^+ or Fe^{2+} ions form after performing rapid quenching process on CFO sample.