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Self-assembled 3D flower-like $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C}$ architecture with superior lithium ion storage performance

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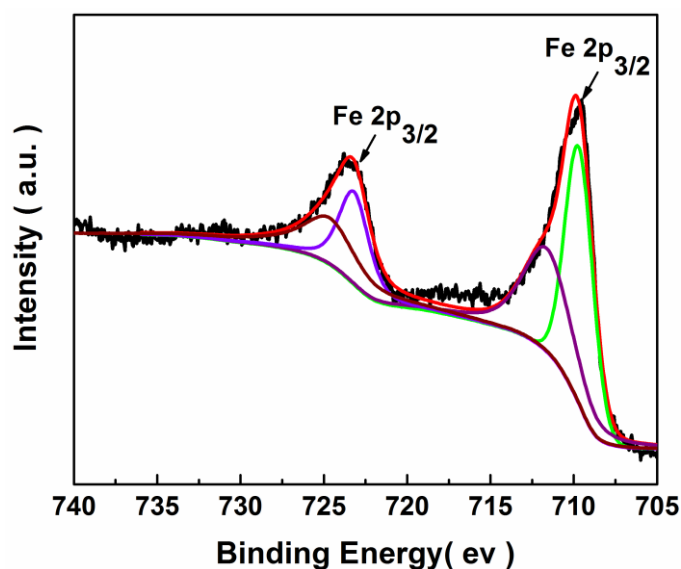


Fig. S1 Fe 2p XPS spectrum of flower-like $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C}$ precursor.

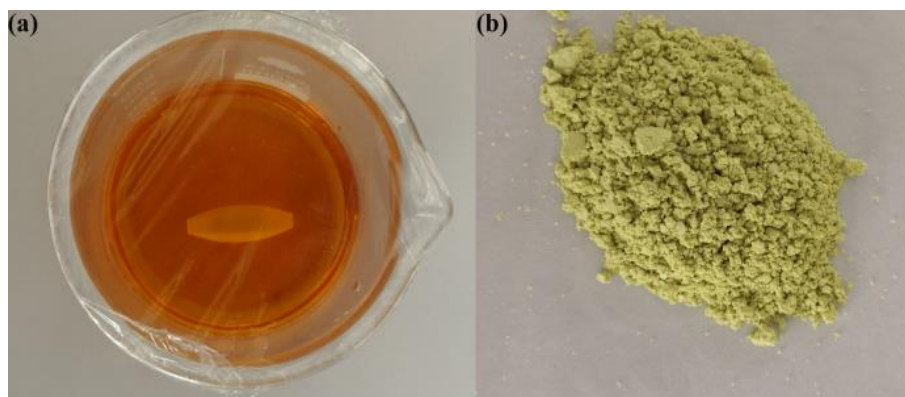


Fig. S2 Photograph of (a) $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C}$ precursor reaction solution and (b) flower-like $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C}$ precursor.

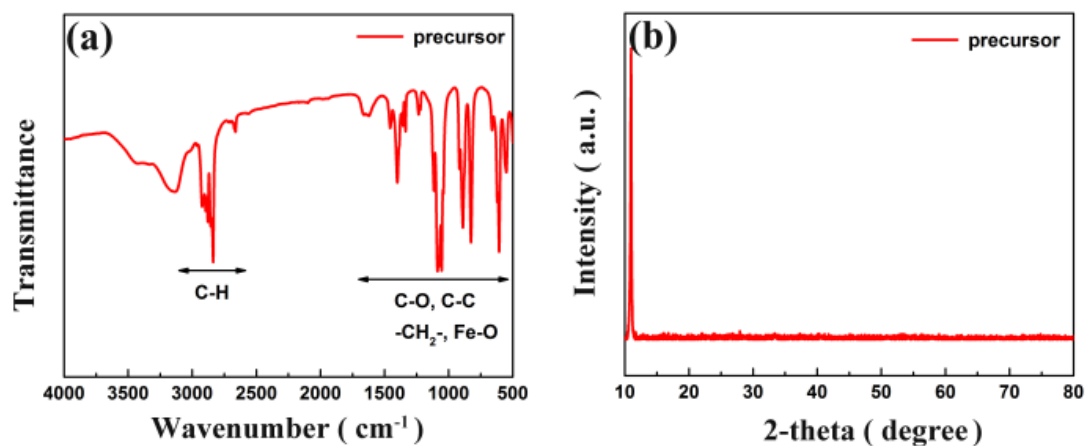


Fig. S3 (a) FTIR spectrum and (b) XRD pattern of flower-like $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C}$ precursor.

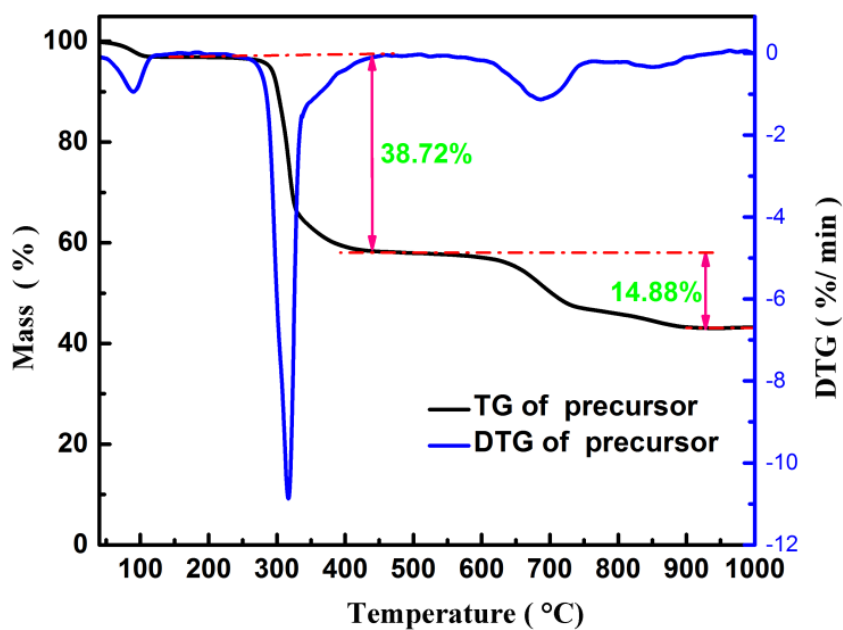


Fig. S4 (a) TG and DTG of flower-like $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C}$ precursor.

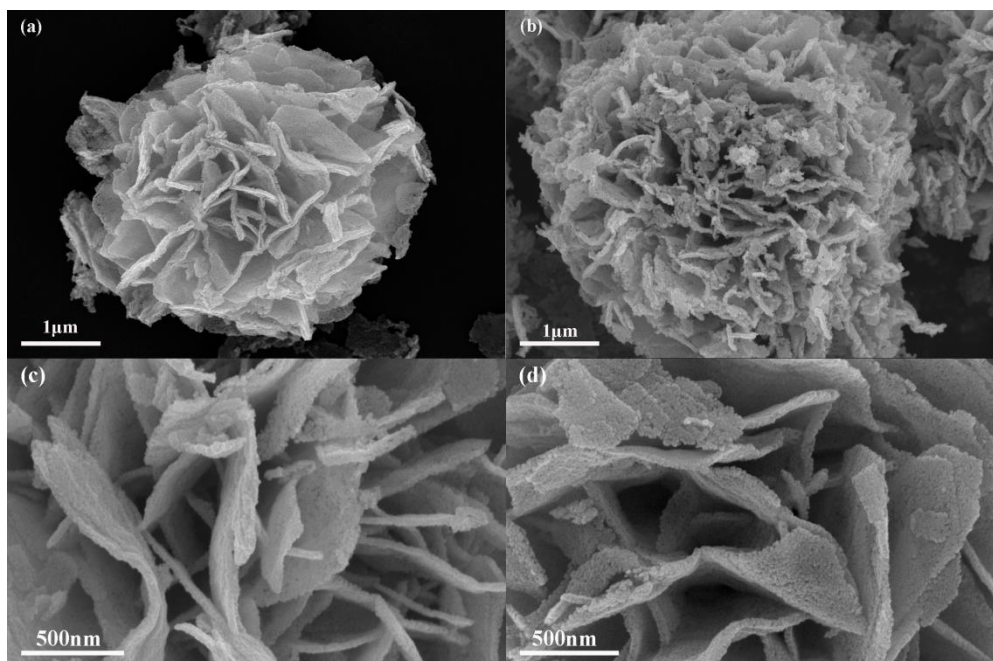


Fig. S5 FESEM images of (a, c) $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C-350}$ and (b, d) $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C-500}$ at different magnifications.

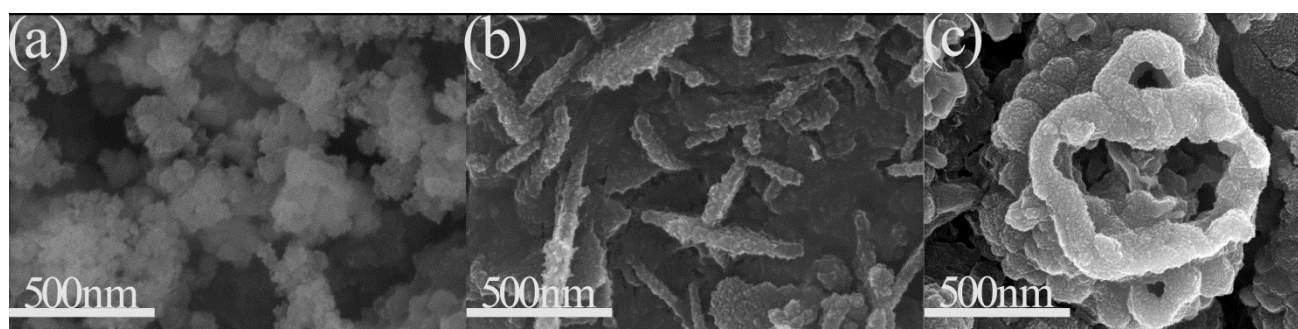


Fig. S6 FESM images of (a) $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C-350}$, (b) $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C-400}$, and (c) $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C-500}$ electrodes after 300 cycles.

Table S1 Testing parameters of $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C-350}$, $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C-400}$, and $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C-500}$.

Samples	Material	I_G/I_D	BET surface area	Mean pore diameter	R_{ct}
			($\text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$)	(nm)	(Ω)
1	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C-350}$	1.32	86.04	3.412	120
2	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C-400}$	1.25	107.84	3.883	36.7
3	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4/\text{C-500}$	1.41	84.43	3.407	60.8

Table S2 Lithium-storage performance of Fe₃O₄/C-400 in this work compared with other reported Fe₃O₄-based anode materials in the literatures.

Anode	Initial Coulombic Efficiency	Reversible Specific Capacity	Current Density	Cycle number	Capacity retention rate	Refs.
	(%)	(mAh g ⁻¹)	(mA g ⁻¹)	(cycles)	(%)	
Fe ₃ O ₄ /C nanotubes	-	600	139	100	82.5	Ref. S1
Fe ₃ O ₄ /C microrods	-	~ 650	200	100	~83	Ref. S2
Graphene-wrapped Fe ₃ O ₄ /graphene nanoribbons	<67	708	400	300	88.5	Ref. S3
2D carbon encapsulated hollow Fe ₃ O ₄ nanoparticles	66	1064	500	100	98.4	Ref. S4
Graphene nanosheets encapsulated Fe ₃ O ₄ octahedral	65	724.7	300	300	62.4	Ref. S5
Fe ₃ O ₄ /graphene composites	60	1070	200	160	86.3	Ref. S6
Graphene-doped carbon/Fe ₃ O ₄ porous nanofibers	74.4	872	100	100	83	Ref. S7
Flower-like Fe ₃ O ₄ /C-400	80.0	1165.4	277.2	300	98	This work

Table S3 Comparison of lithium storage performance of Fe₃O₄/C-400 in this work and various flower-like anode materials reported in the literatures.

Material	Cell	Reversible Specific Capacity	Current Density	Cycle number	Refs.
	(type)	(mAh g ⁻¹)	(mA g ⁻¹)	(cycles)	
α-Fe ₂ O ₃	Li-ion	1069	50	25	Ref. S8
SnS ₂	Li-ion	432~519	100	50	Ref. S9
Co ₃ O ₄ /C	Li-ion	1085.2	200	100	Ref. S10
graphene-embedded Co ₃ O ₄	Li-ion	990.8	90	100	Ref. S11
SnS ₂ /Co ₃ O ₄	Li-ion	~715	100	100	Ref. S12
NiO/Ni	Li-ion	846	1000	100	Ref. S13
S/graphene	Li-S	1020	335	900	Ref. S14
SnFe ₅ (PO ₄) ₄ (OH) _{3.2} ·H ₂ O/graphene	Li-ion	1000	100	100	Ref. S15
Fe ₃ O ₄ /C-400	Li-ion	1165.4	277.2	300	This work

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