## Rational design of NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-rGO by tuning the compositional

## chemistry and their enhanced performance for Li-ion battery anode

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The Raman spectra was conducted using HORIBA Jobin Yvon HR800. The particle size distributions were obtained from SEM. This manuscript focuses on the rational design of NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-rGO and reveals a tendency of lithium storage performance with increased NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> clusters. If the exact ratio of Ni and Fe in the composite is needed, the ICP-AES technology may be adopted.

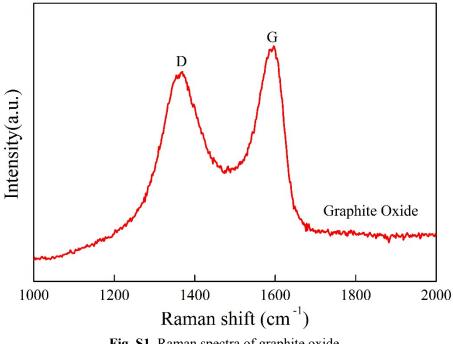


Fig. S1. Raman spectra of graphite oxide.

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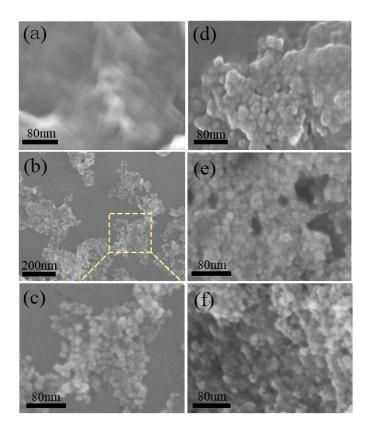


Fig. S2. SEM images of (a) Ni-Fe-G1, (b-c) Ni-Fe-G2, (d) Ni-Fe-G3, (e) Ni-Fe-G4, and (f) Ni-Fe-G5.

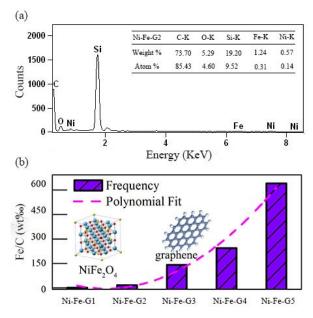
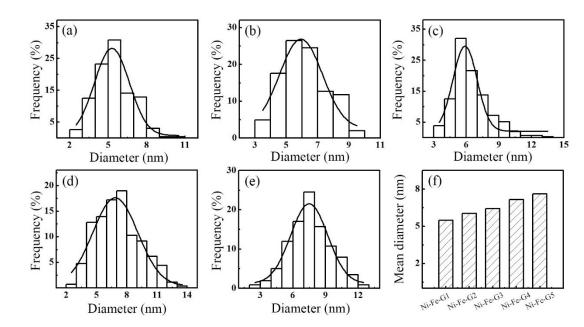
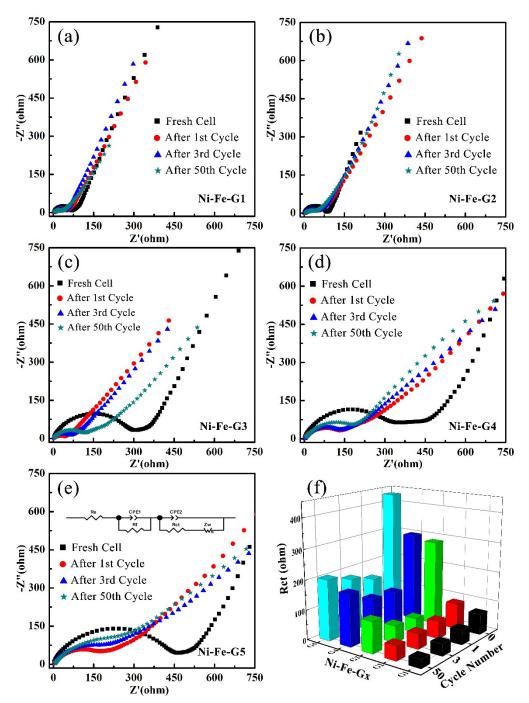


Fig. S3. (a) EDS of Ni-Fe-G2, and (b) the weight ratios of Fe/C for NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-rGO.



**Fig. S4.** The particle size distributions of (a) Ni-Fe-G1, (b) Ni-Fe-G2, (c) Ni-Fe-G3, (d) Ni-Fe-G4, and (e) Ni-Fe-G5. (f) Average particle size of  $NiFe_2O_4$ -rGO.



**Fig. S5.** Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy profiles of (a) Ni-Fe-G1, (b) Ni-Fe-G2, (c) Ni-Fe-G3, (d) Ni-Fe-G4, and (e) Ni-Fe-G5. (f) 3D plot of  $R_{ct}$  for NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-rGO.