

## Supporting Information

### **3D Hierarchical Rose-like Ni<sub>2</sub>P@rGO Assembled from Interconnected Nanoflakes as Anode for Lithium Ion Batteries**

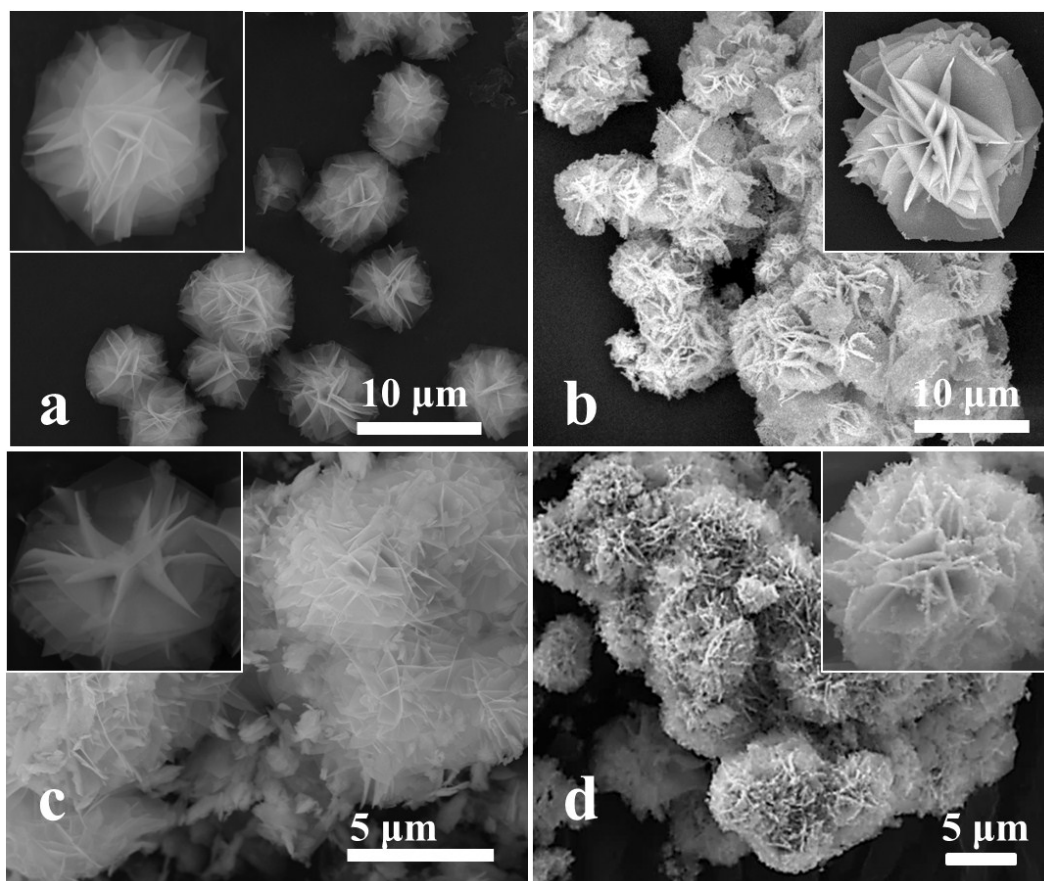
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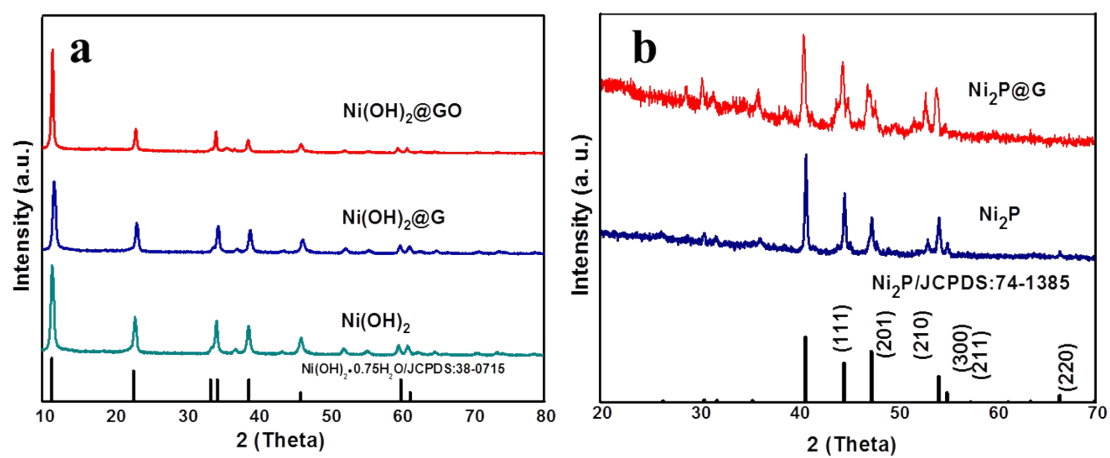
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**Fig. S1.** SEM images of the precursor and product for  $\text{Ni}_2\text{P}$  and  $\text{Ni}_2\text{P}@G$  samples. (a)  $\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2$  precursor of  $\text{Ni}_2\text{P}$  sample, (b)  $\text{Ni}_2\text{P}$  sample, (c)  $\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2@G$  precursor of  $\text{Ni}_2\text{P}@G$  sample, and (d)  $\text{Ni}_2\text{P}@G$  sample.



**Fig. S2.** XRD patterns of the (a)  $\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2$  precursor,  $\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2@G$  precursor and  $\text{Ni}(\text{OH})_2@GO$  precursor, and (b)  $\text{Ni}_2\text{P}$  and  $\text{Ni}_2\text{P}@G$  samples.

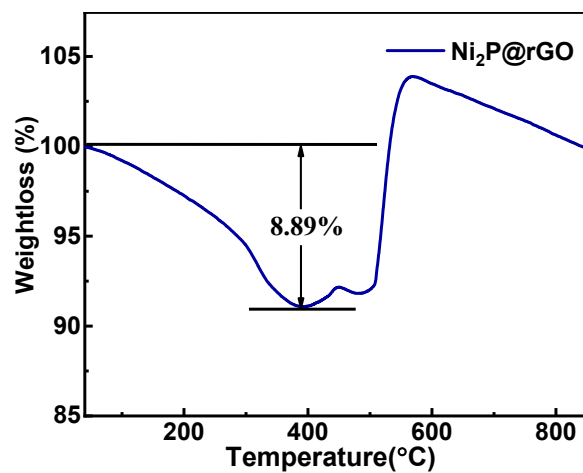


Fig. S3 TGA curve of Ni<sub>2</sub>P@rGO

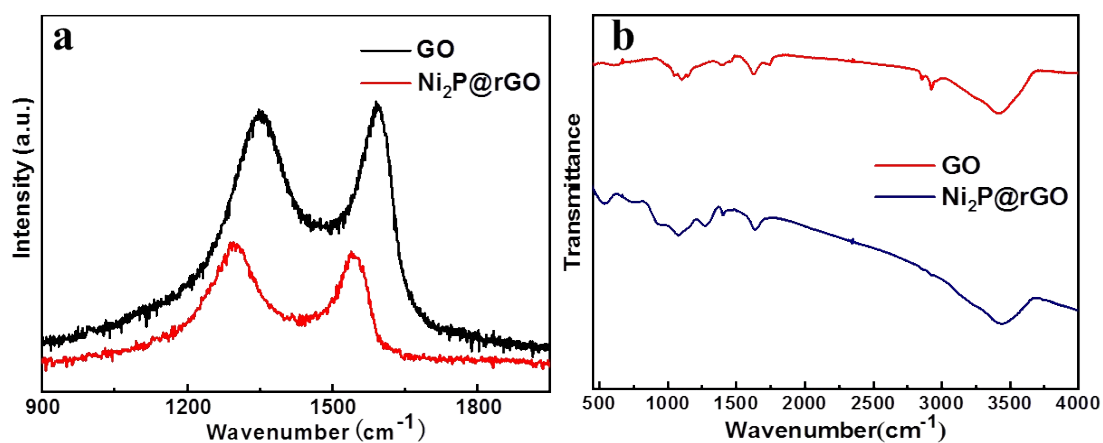
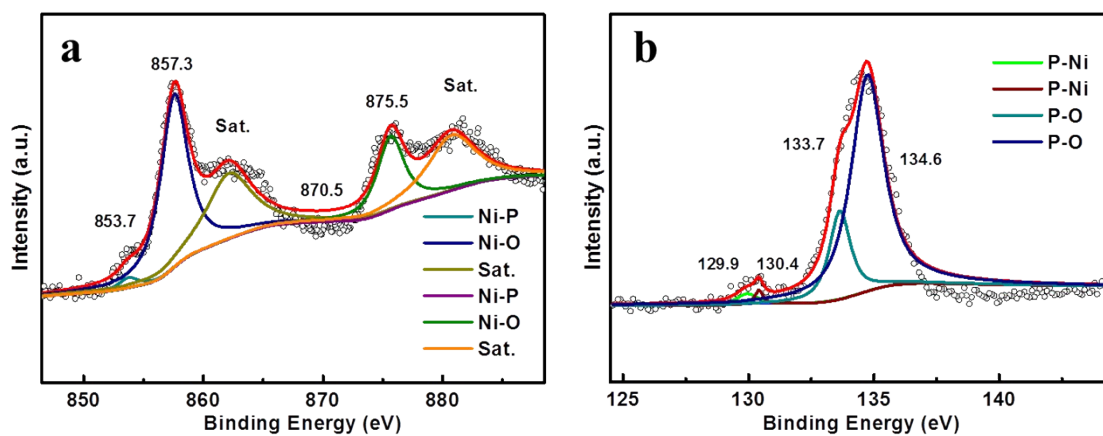
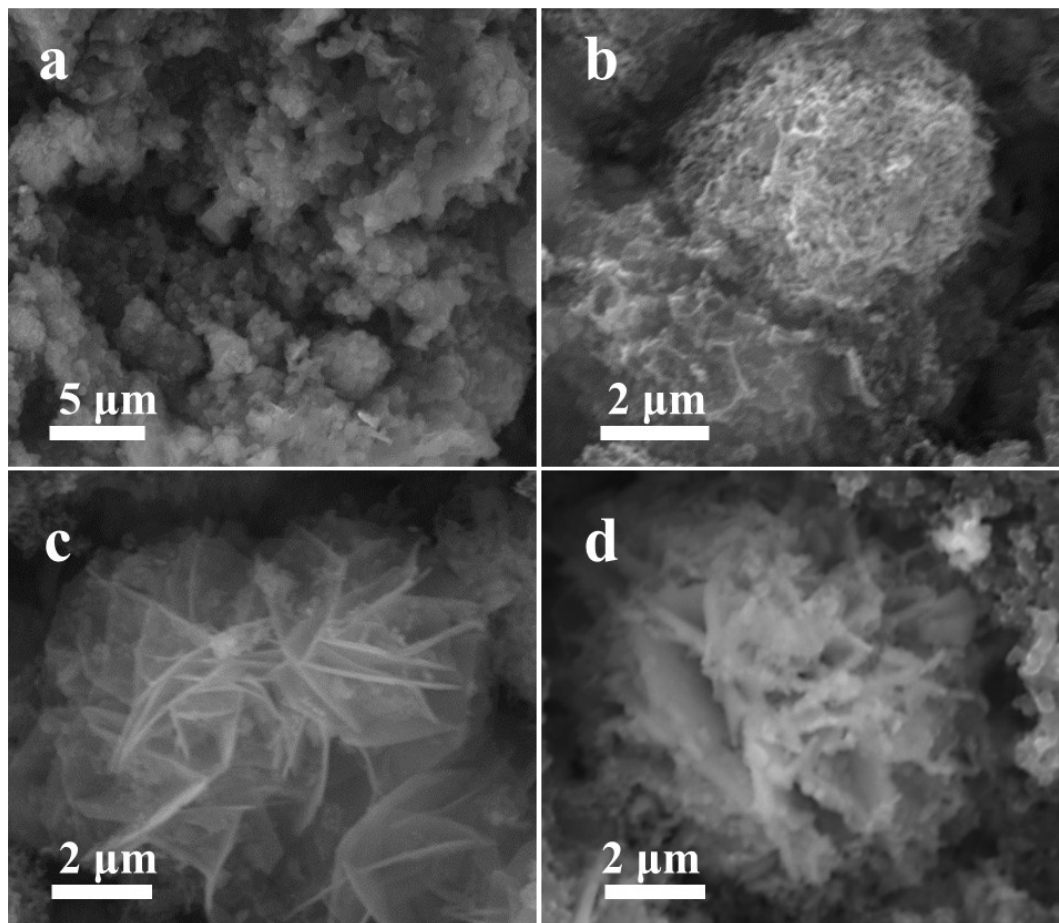


Fig. S4 (a) Raman spectra of GO and Ni<sub>2</sub>P@rGO (b) FTIR spectra of GO and Ni<sub>2</sub>P@rGO



**Fig. S5** XPS spectra of as-prepared Ni<sub>2</sub>P sample: (a) Ni 2p and (b) P 2p.



**Fig. S6** SEM images of electrode material (a) Ni<sub>2</sub>P, (b) Ni<sub>2</sub>P@G and (c) Ni<sub>2</sub>P@rGO after 100 cycles at 100 mA g<sup>-1</sup> of, and (d) Ni<sub>2</sub>P@rGO after 300 cycles at 300 mA g<sup>-1</sup>