

Supporting Information for

Facile synthesis, shape evolution and magnetic properties of Polyhedral  
50-Facet  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanocrystals: Partially Enclosed by  $\{311\}$  High-Index  
Planes

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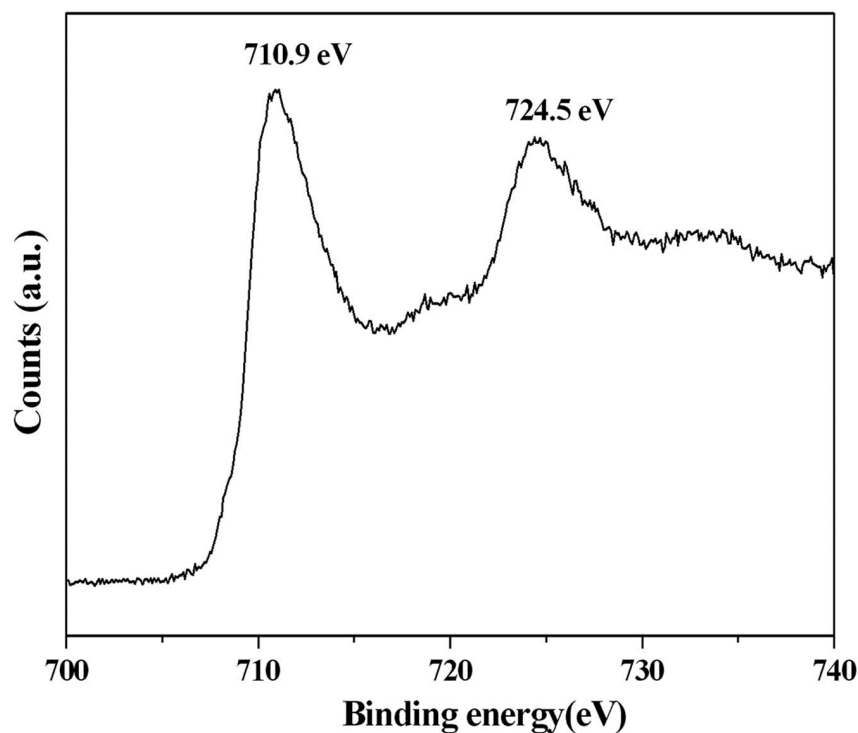


Fig. S1. Fe 2p XPS spectrum of as-synthesized polyhedral 50-facet  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanocrystals.

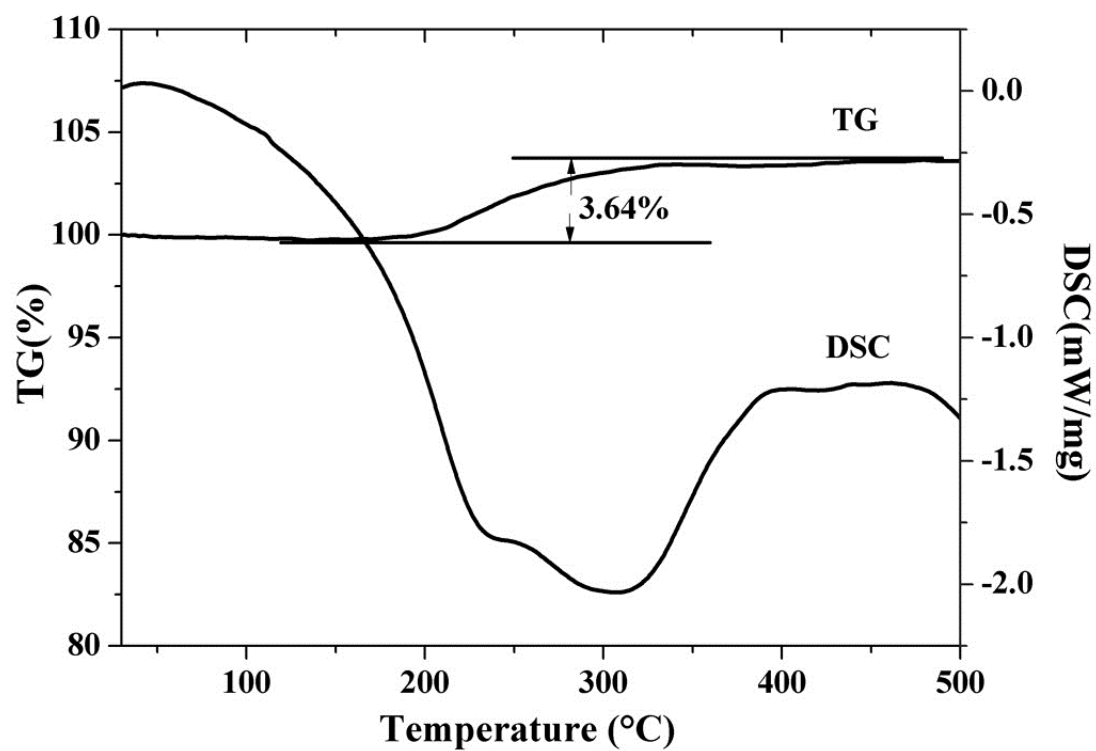


Fig. S2. TG and DSC curves of of as-synthesized polyhedral 50-facet  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanocrystals.

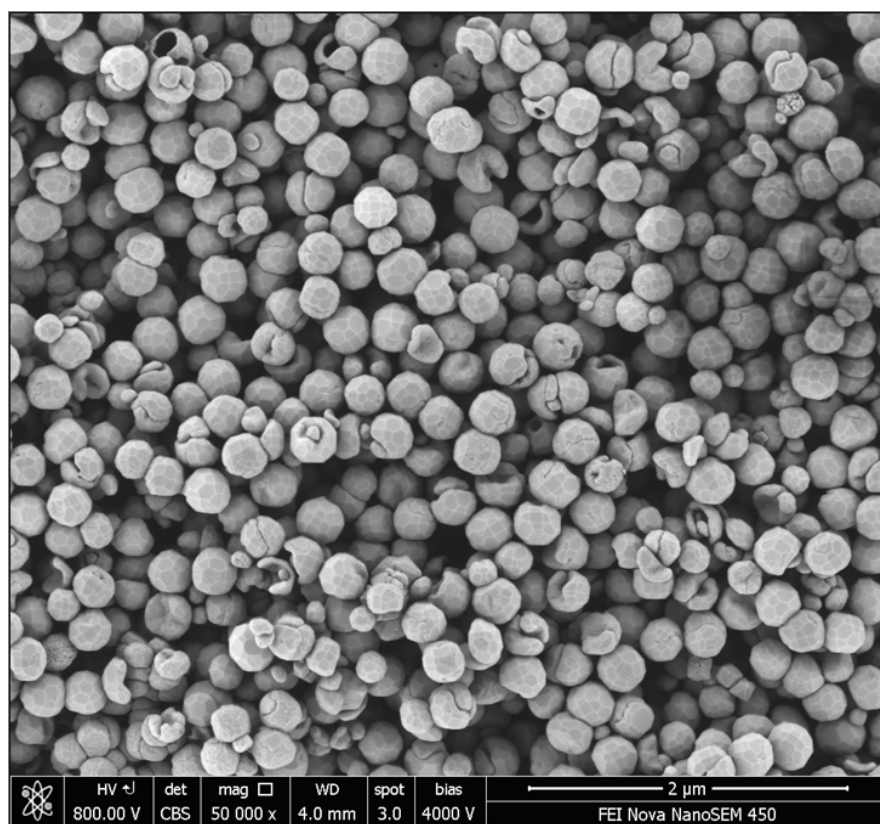


Fig. S3. Low magnification SEM image of as-synthesized polyhedral 50-facet  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanocrystals.

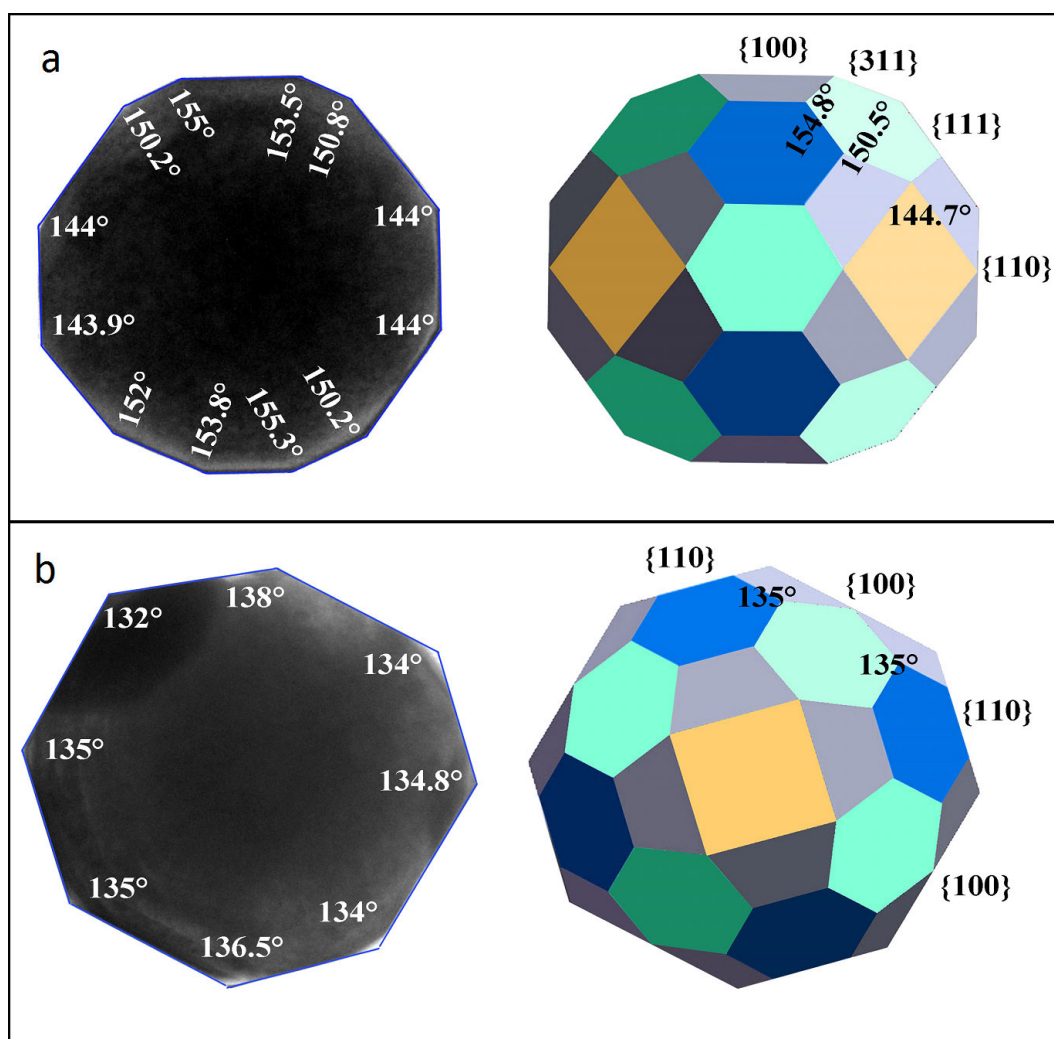


Fig. S4. TEM images (left side) and corresponding models (right side) of two polyhedral 50-facet  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanocrystals projected from  $[011]$  (a) and  $[001]$  (b) directions.

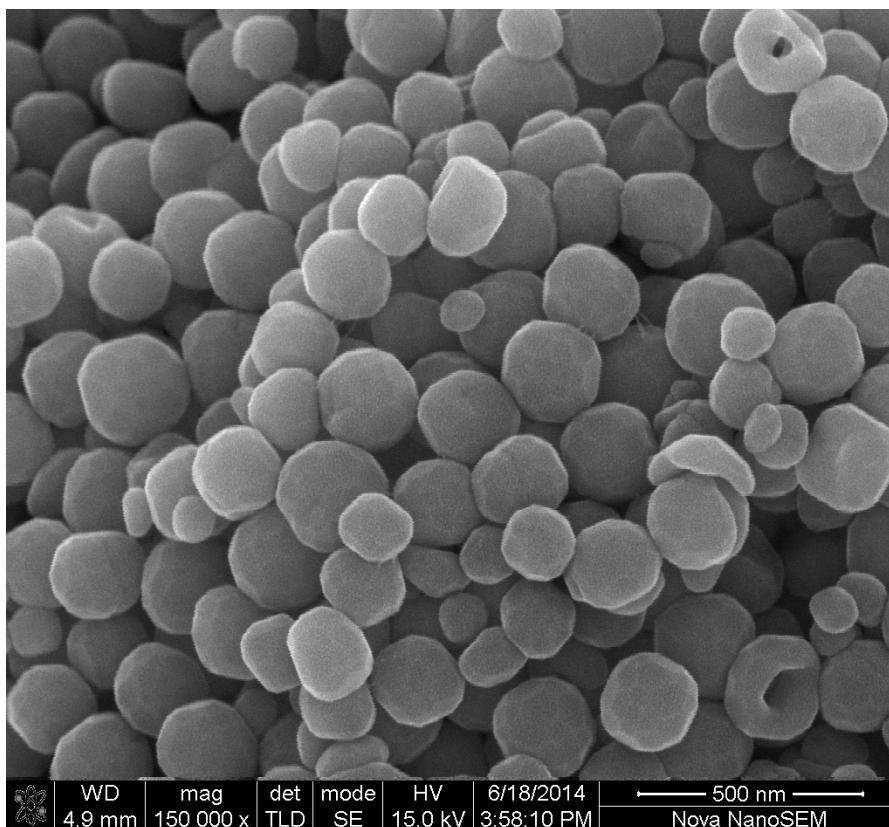


Fig. S5. SEM image of the polyhedral 50-facet  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanocrystals obtained at  $220^\circ\text{C}$  for 18h.

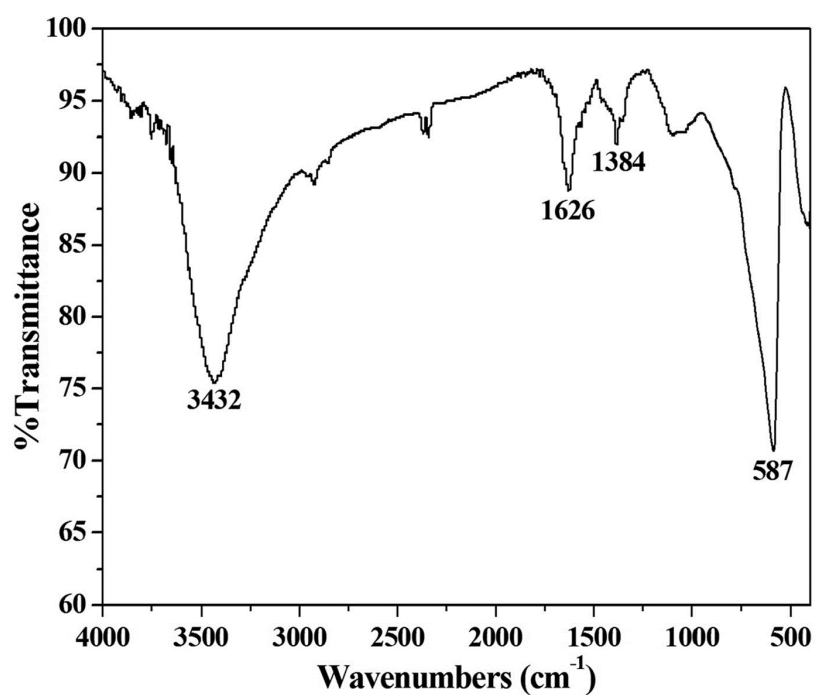


Fig. S6. IR spectrum of as-synthesized polyhedral 50-facet  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanocrystals.

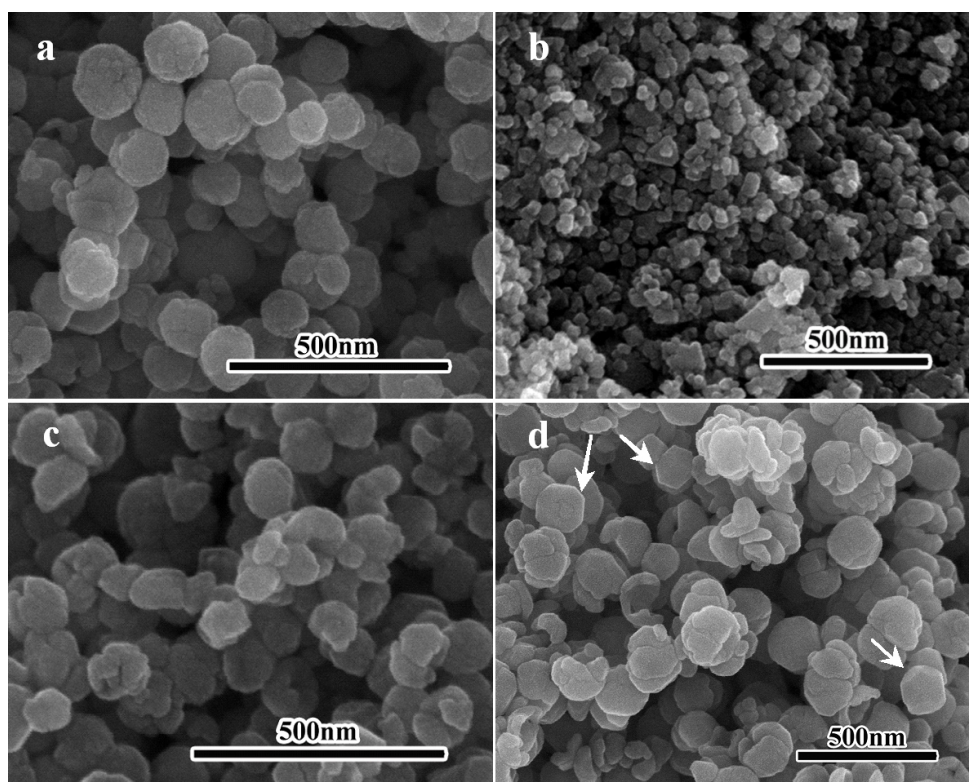


Fig. S7. SEM images of products synthesized with different types of alkaline: (a) 0.5 mmol NaOH; (b) 5 mmol NaOH; (c) 0.6 mL of 25% ammonia; (d) 1.25 mmol  $\text{NH}_4\text{HCO}_3$ . The reaction condition was: 0.53 mmol of  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 14.0 mL of ethylene glycol (EG) and 0.5 mL of distilled water, 220 °C 6h.