

## Supplementary information

### Thin Carbon Layer Enveloped Cobalt-Iron Oxide Nanocages as High-Efficiency Sulfur Container for Li-S Batteries

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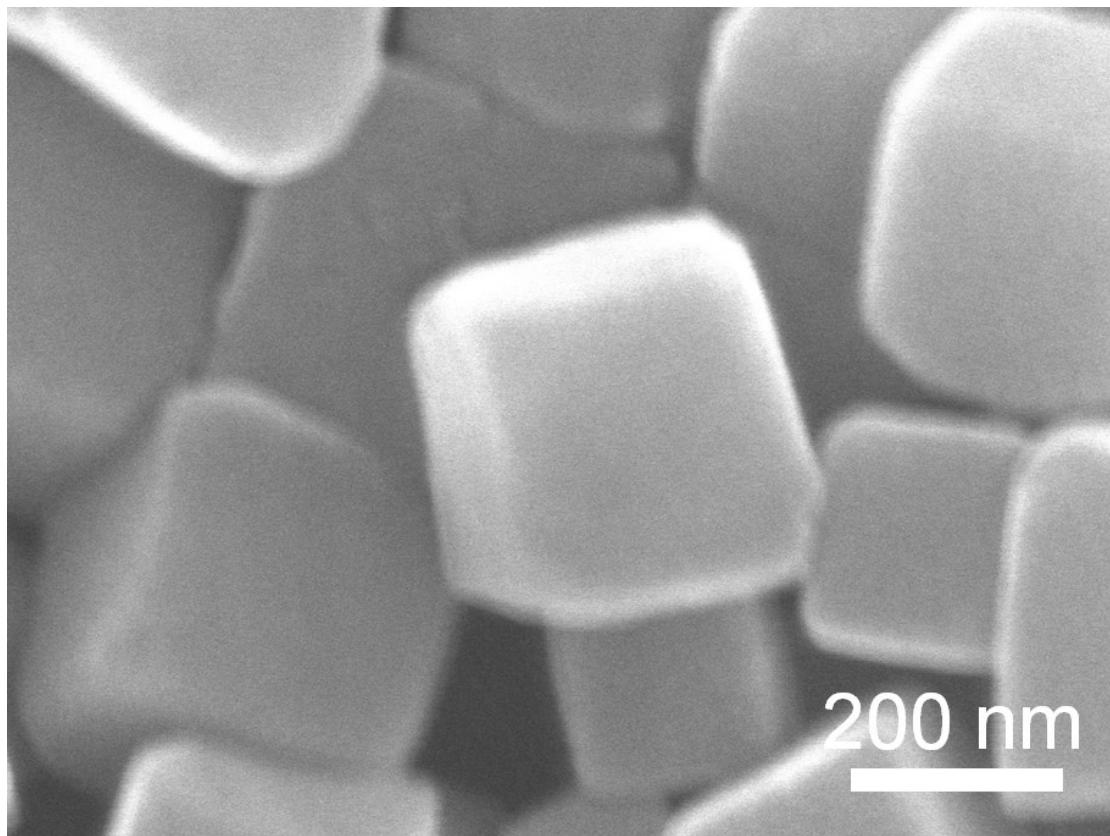


Fig. S1 High magnification SEM image of the Co-Fe PBA precursor.

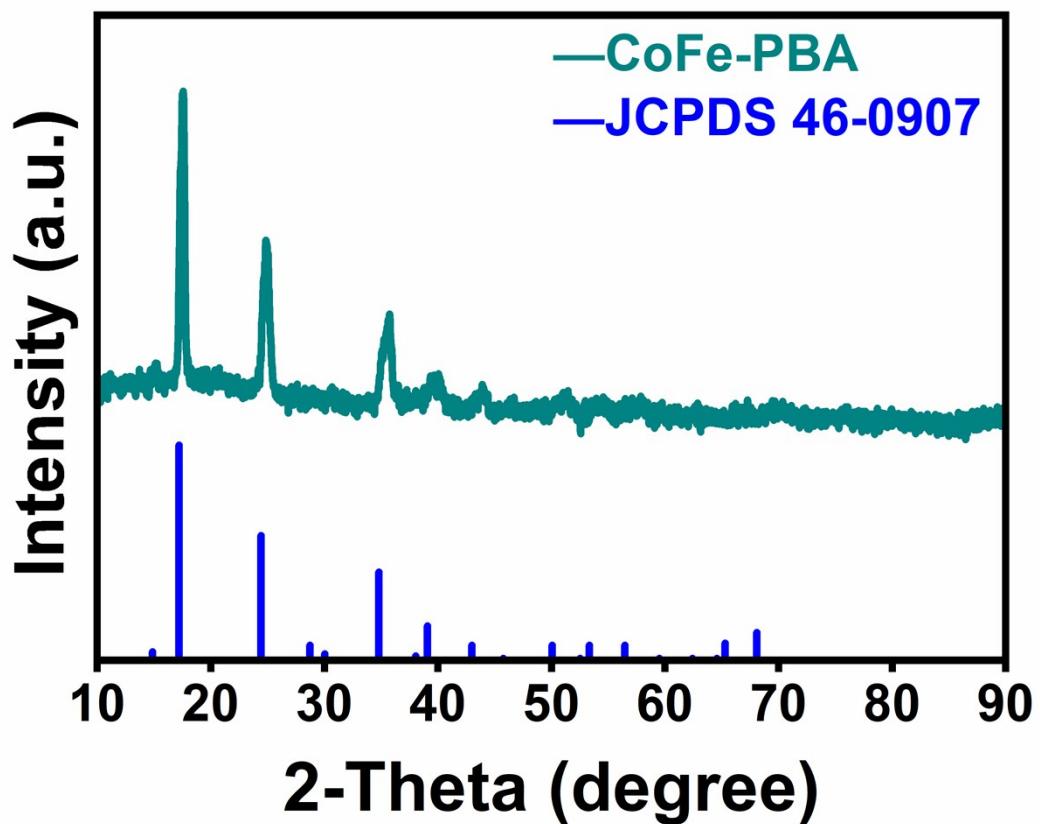


Fig. S2 XRD pattern of Co-Fe PBA precursor.

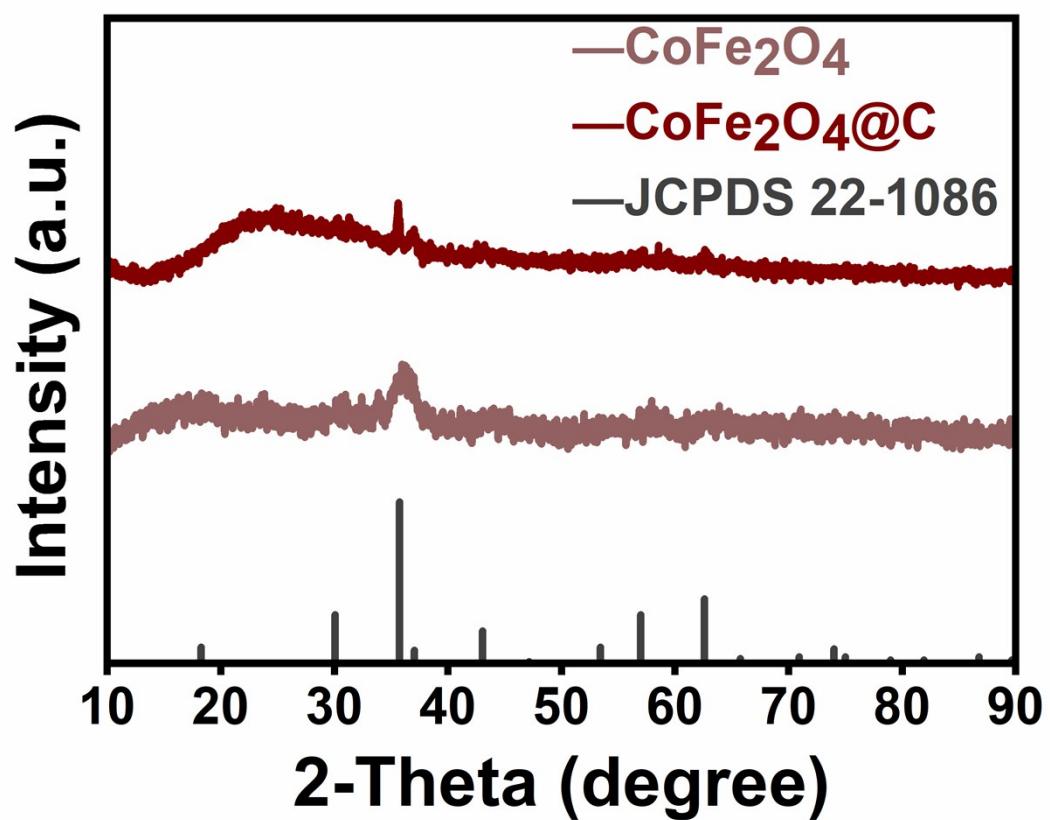


Fig. S3 XRD patterns of  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4@\text{C}$ .

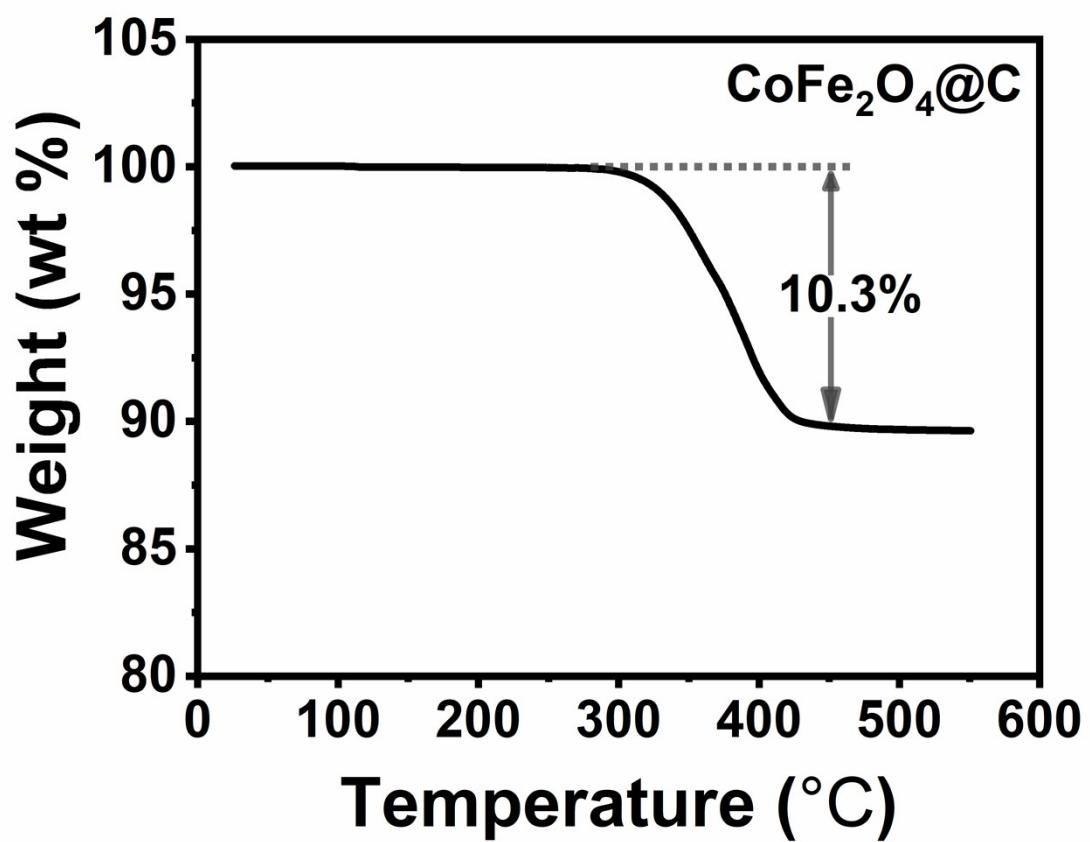


Fig. S4 TGA curve of  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4@\text{C}$  under air atmosphere.

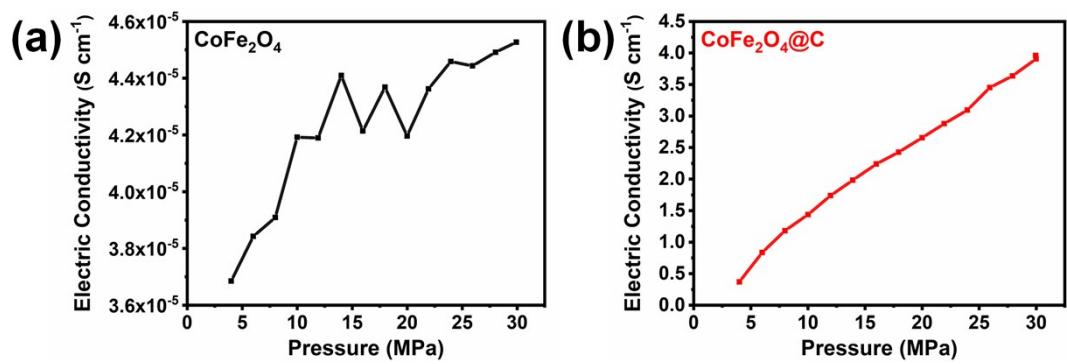


Fig. S5 the electrical conductivity of  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4$  and  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4@\text{C}$ .

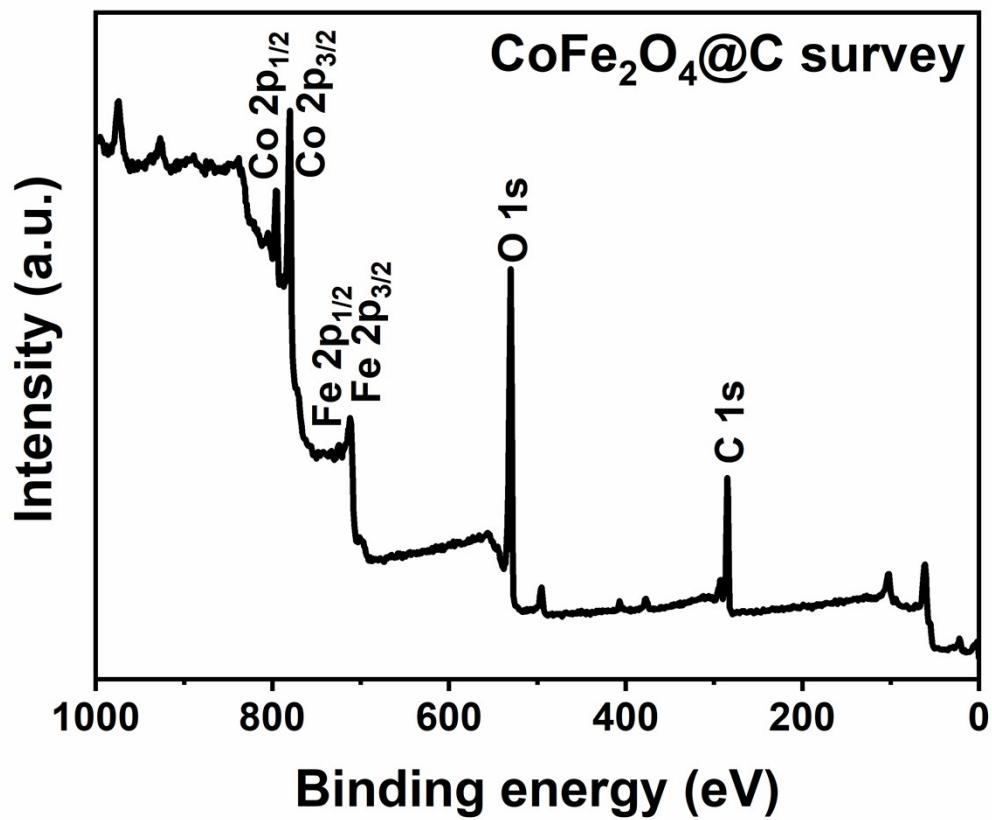


Fig. S6 XPS wide-scan survey of CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C.

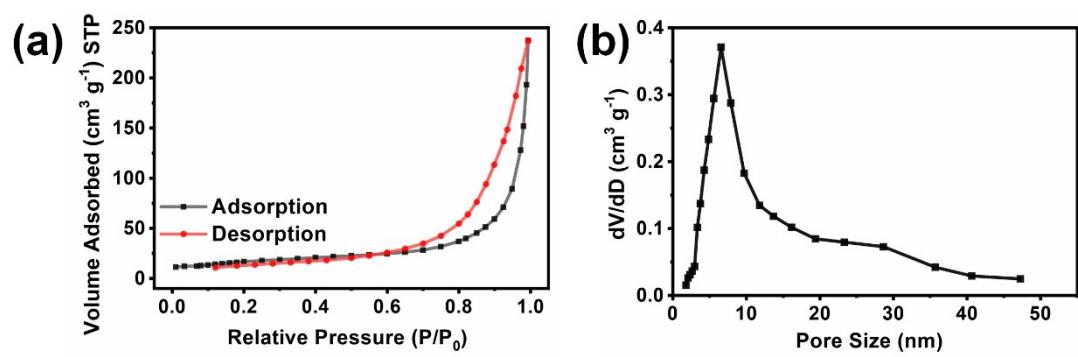


Fig. S7 Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms and pore size distribution of  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4@\text{C}$ .

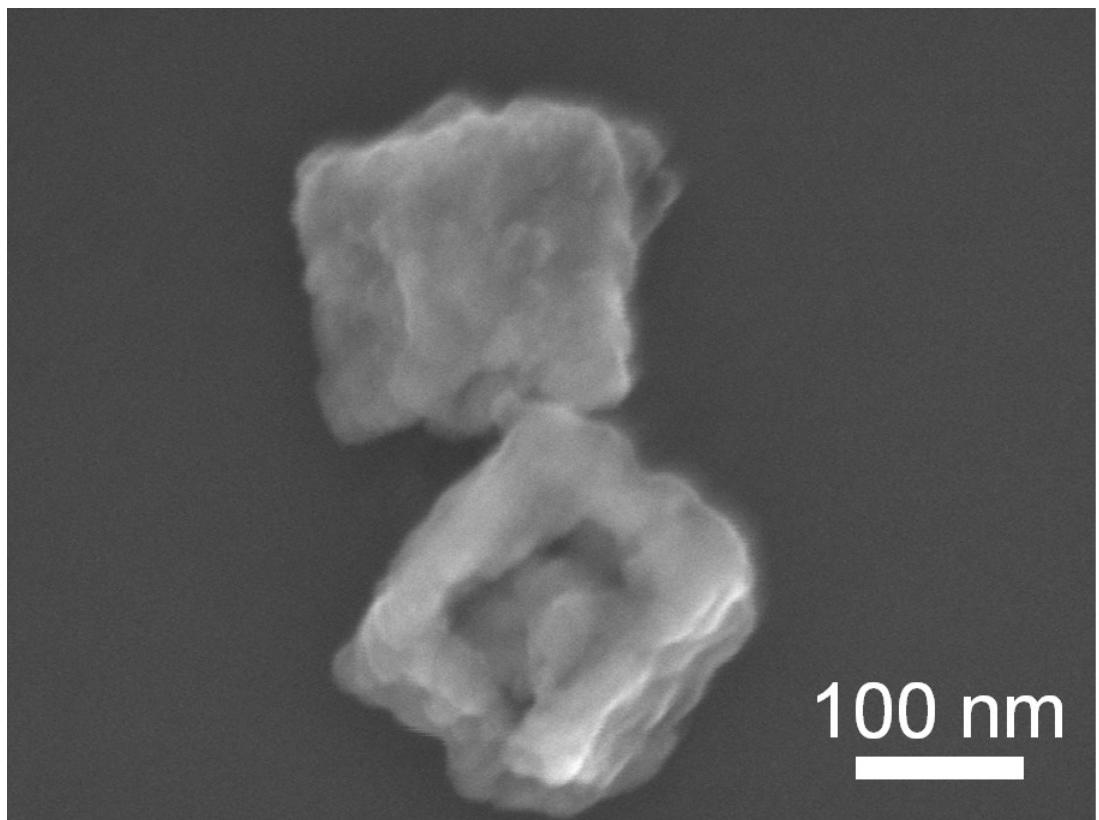


Fig. S8 SEM image of the S/CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C composite.

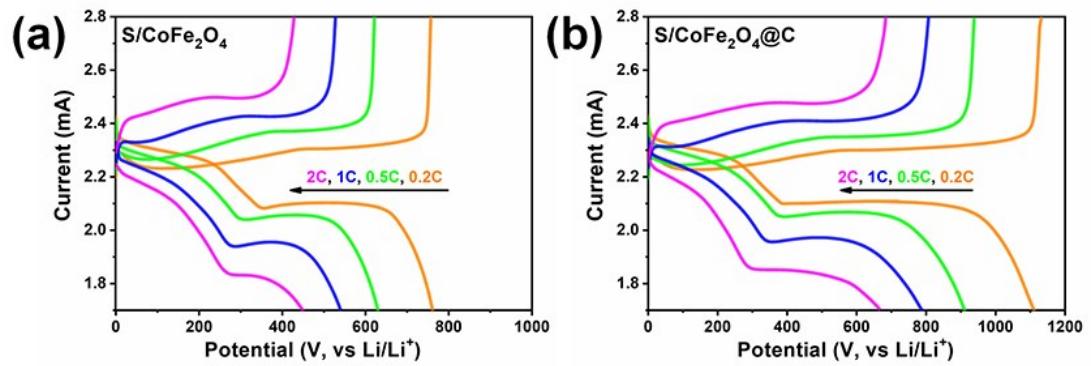


Fig. S9 Discharge/charge profiles at different rates. a)  $\text{S}/\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4$  electrode. b)  $\text{S}/\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4@\text{C}$  electrode.

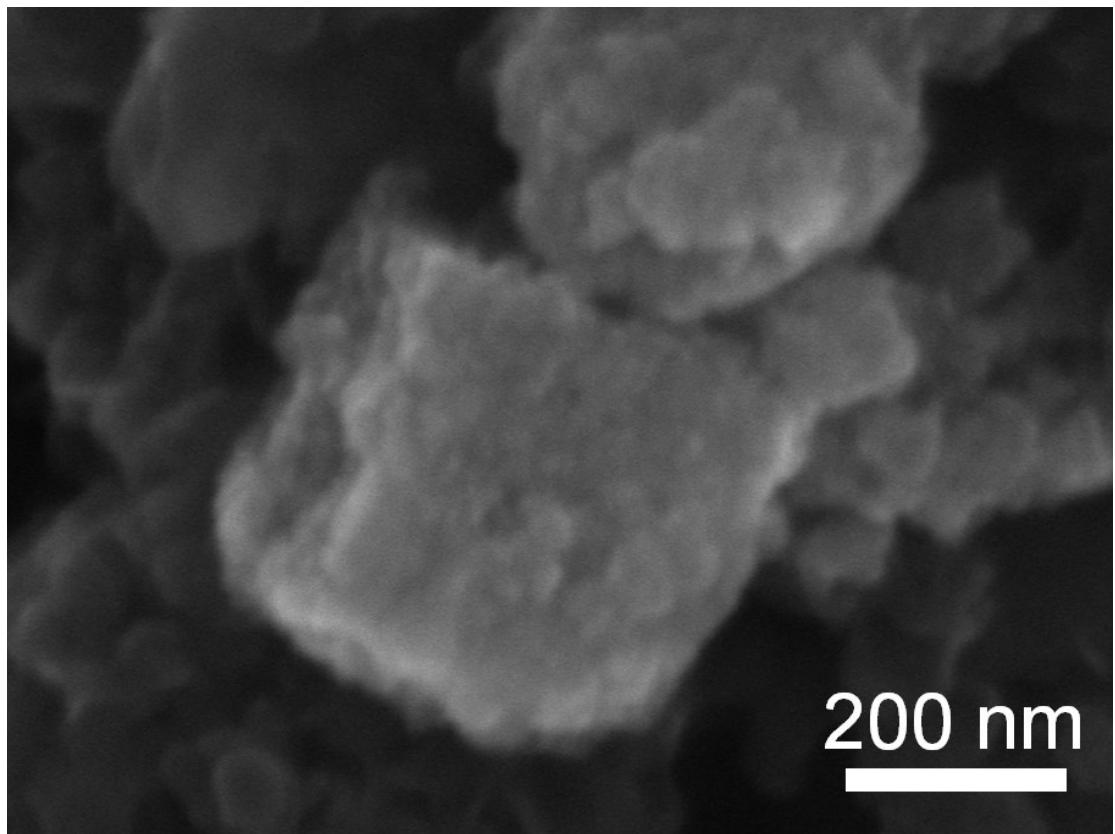


Fig. S10 SEM image of the S/CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C composite after 500 cycles at 2 C.

Table S1: The slope of linear fitting equation for S/CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and S/CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C electrodes

Slope (A (V s <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>-0.5</sup> )	A (cathodic peak)	B (cathodic peak)	C (anodic peak)
S/CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0.01298	0.01922	0.04446
S/CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @C	0.02358	0.03225	0.06015

Table S2: The comparison of EIS fitting results for S/CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and S/CoFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C electrodes

	R <sub>Ω</sub>	R <sub>int</sub>	R <sub>ct</sub>
S/CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	6.1	43.2	153.9
S/CoFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @C	4.5	34.1	100.8