

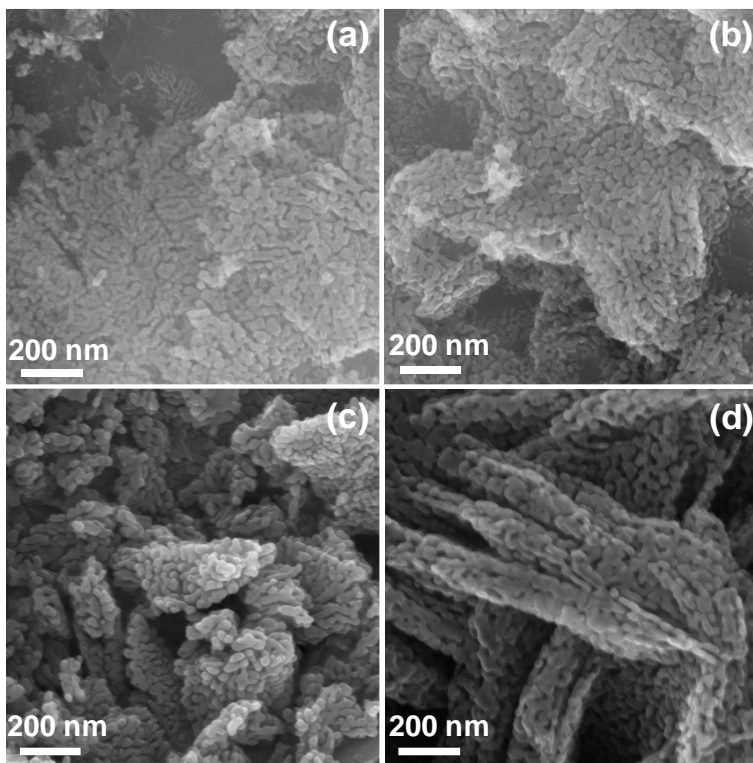
## Supplementary Information

### Self-assembly of corn-like $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ from nanoparticles induced by graphene wrinkles and its application in lithium ion batteries

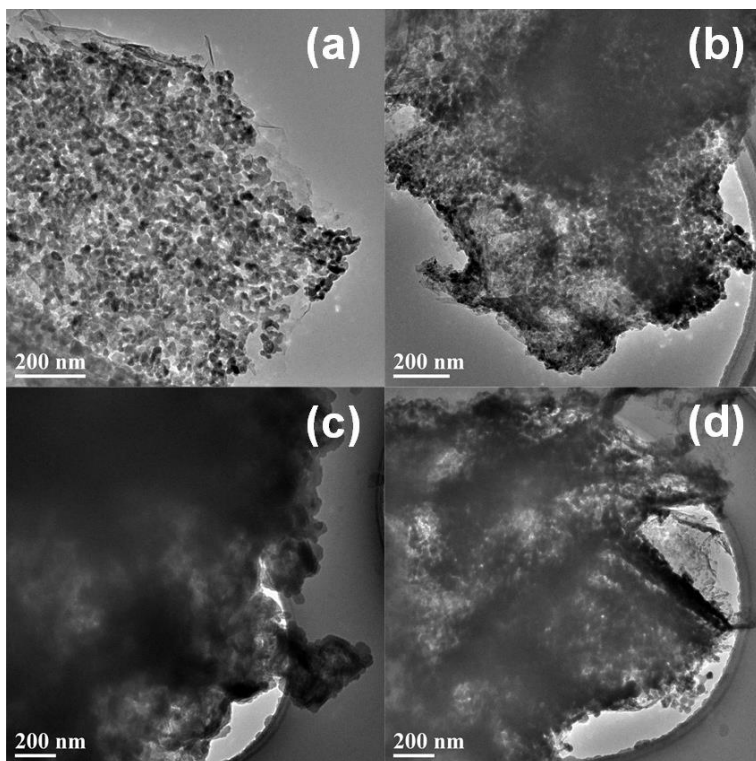
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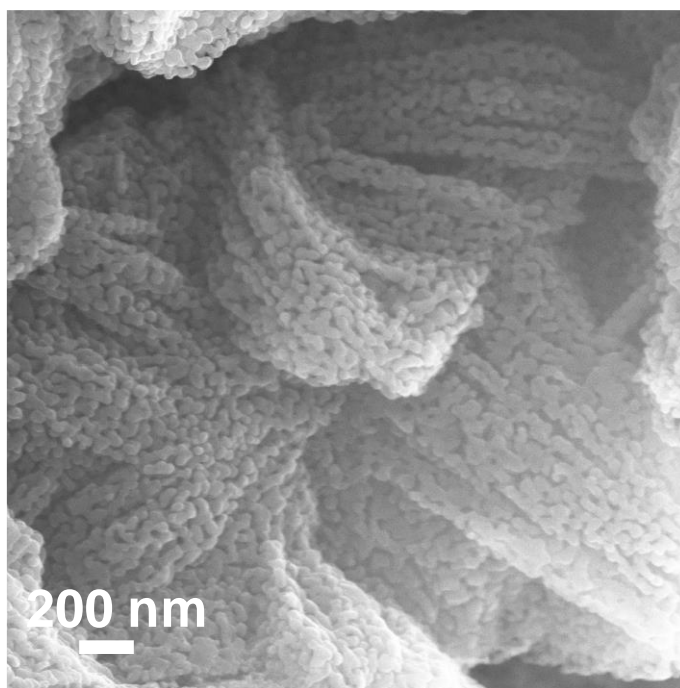
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**Fig. S1** SEM images of (a)  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{GNSs-3}$ , (b)  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{GNSs-2}$ , (c)  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{GNSs-1}$  and (d)  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{GNSs}$ .



**Fig. S2** TEM images of (a) Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/GNSs-3, (b) Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/GNSs-2, (c) Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/GNSs-1 and (d) Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/GNSs.



**Fig. S3** SEM image of Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/GNSs after annealing at 500 °C for 3 h in the air.

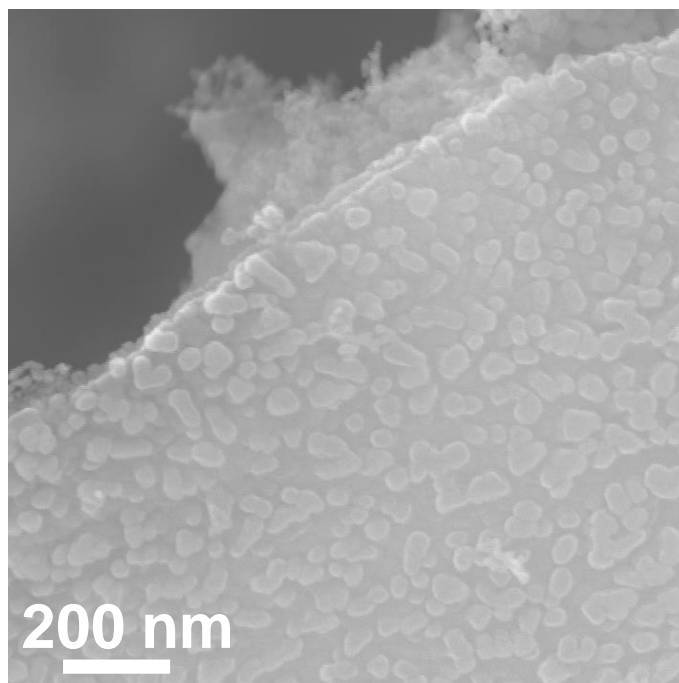


Fig. S4 SEM image of pure Co<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.

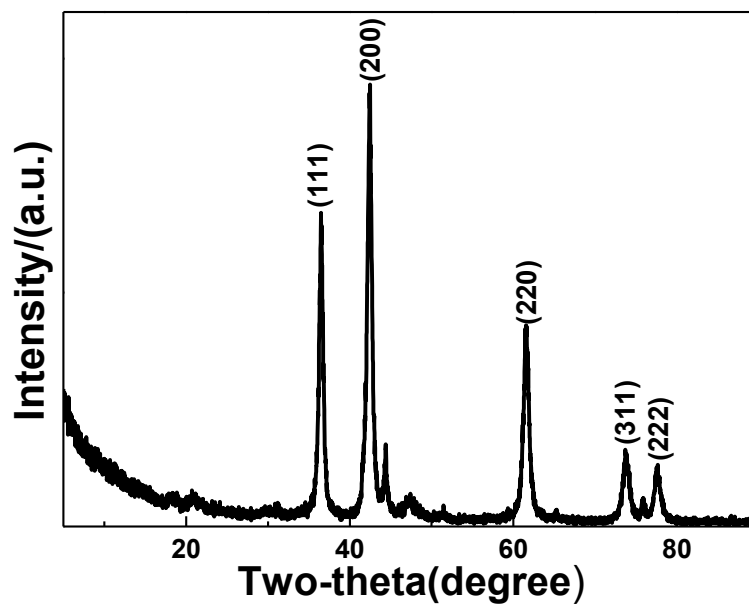
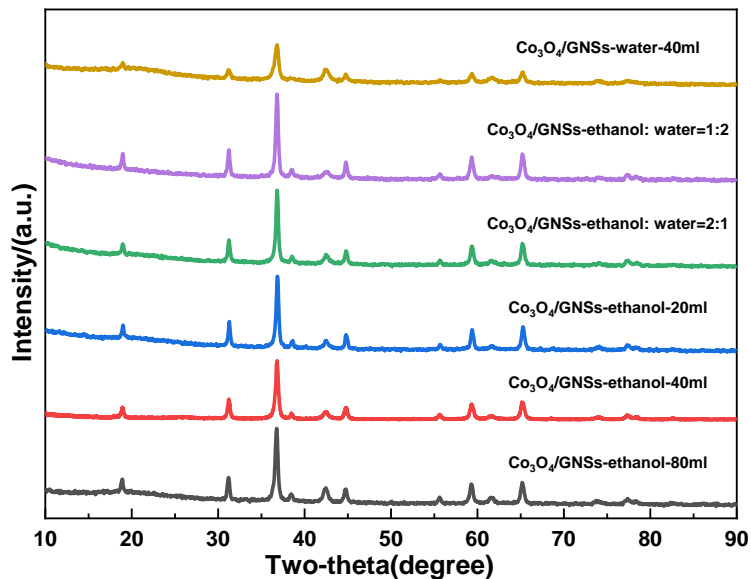
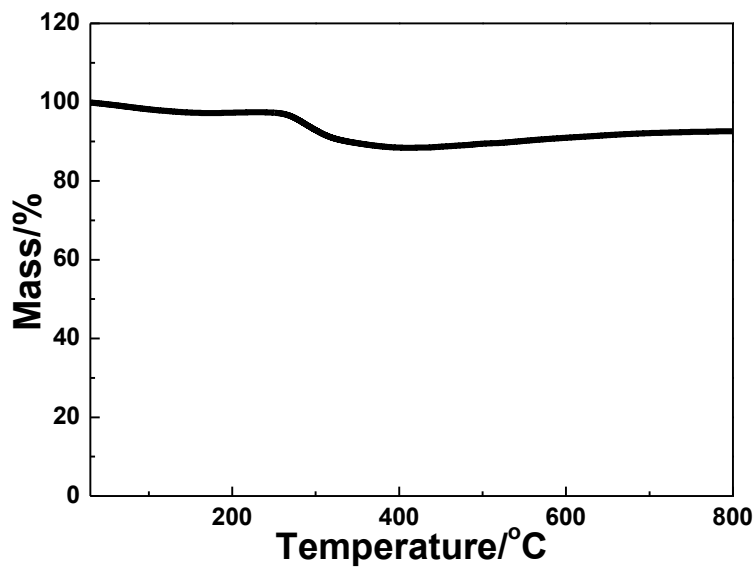


Fig. S5 XRD pattern of Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> after annealing at 400 °C for 3 h in argon.



**Fig. S6** XRD patterns of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{GNSs}$  prepared with different solvents.



**Fig. S7** TG curve of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{GNSs}$ .

According to the TG result, we can know the content of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  and graphene are 93 % and 7 %, respectively. Therefore, the theoretical capacity of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{GNSs}$  can be calculated based on the theoretical capacity of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  ( $890 \text{ mAhg}^{-1}$ ) and first reversible capacity of GNSs ( $578 \text{ mAhg}^{-1}$ ).