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Preparation of Fe₃O₄ with high specific surface area and improved capacitance as supercapacitor

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Table S1 Summary of electrochemical measurements reported in recent papers for Fe₃O₄ supercapacitor electrodes.

Preparation method	Nature of Fe ₃ O ₄	Current collector	Electrolyte	The Potential window	Measurement protocol ^a	Maximum specific capacitance	Capacitance retention after cycle test	Ref (year)
Electrocoagulation	Powder	Ti meshes	1M	0-	Cp	27 F g ⁻¹	100% after 10,000 cycles	[21] (2003)
			Na ₂ SO ₃	1.2V	(i = 0.015A g ⁻¹)			
Electroplating	film	-	1M	-0.8-	CV	~170 F g ⁻¹	-	[22] (2006)
			Na ₂ SO ₃	(-0.1V)	(v=2mv s ⁻¹)			
Hydrothermal	Film	Stainless steel foil	1M Na ₂ SO ₃	-1-0.1V	I = 0.006A	118.2 F g ⁻¹	88.75% after 500 cycles	[23] (2009)
Microwave method	AC-Fe ₃ O ₄ , ^b Powder	Nickel grid	6M KOH	0-1.2V	Cp (i=0.5mA cm ⁻²)	37.9 F g ⁻¹	82% after 500 cycles	[24] (2009)
Hydrothermal, and treated with pyrrole	Powder	Stainless steel foil	0.1M Na ₂ SO ₃	-1.2-0V	Cp (i < 0.5 A g ⁻¹)	190 F g ⁻¹	~85% after 500 cycles	[25] (2010)
Drop-coating technique	film	Stainless steel foil	1M Na ₂ SO ₄	0-1V	CV (v=50mv s ⁻¹)	82 F g ⁻¹	-	[26] (2010)
The electrospinning technique and solvent-thermal process	Powder	Nickel foam	1M Na ₂ SO ₃	-0.9-0.1V	Cp (i = 0.42 A g ⁻¹)	83 F g ⁻¹	91% after 1000 cycles	[27] (2011)
	Fe ₃ O ₄ /CNFs, ^c Powder					135 F g ⁻¹	64% after 1000 cycles	
Hydrothermal	Fe ₃ O ₄ /SnO ₂ , Film	Ti foil	1M	-0.7-	Cp	~3.8	82.8% after 2000 cycles	[28] (2012)
			Na ₂ SO ₃	(-0.2V)	(i=0.5mA cm ⁻²)	mF cm ⁻²		
Ultrasonic + Hydrothermal	Powder	Graphite sheet	1M Na ₂ SO ₃	-0.9-0.1V	Cp (i = 0.4 A g ⁻¹)	207.7 F g ⁻¹		This work
							(i = 1 A g ⁻¹)	

^a CV = Cyclic Voltammetry, Cp = Chronopotentiometry, v = Scan rate, i = Current density, I = Current value.

^b Activated carbon (AC)-Fe₃O₄ composite

^c Carbon nanofibers (CNFs)- Fe₃O₄ composite