

## Electronic Supplementary Information

# Single crystalline magnetite, maghemite, and hematite nanoparticles with rich coercivity

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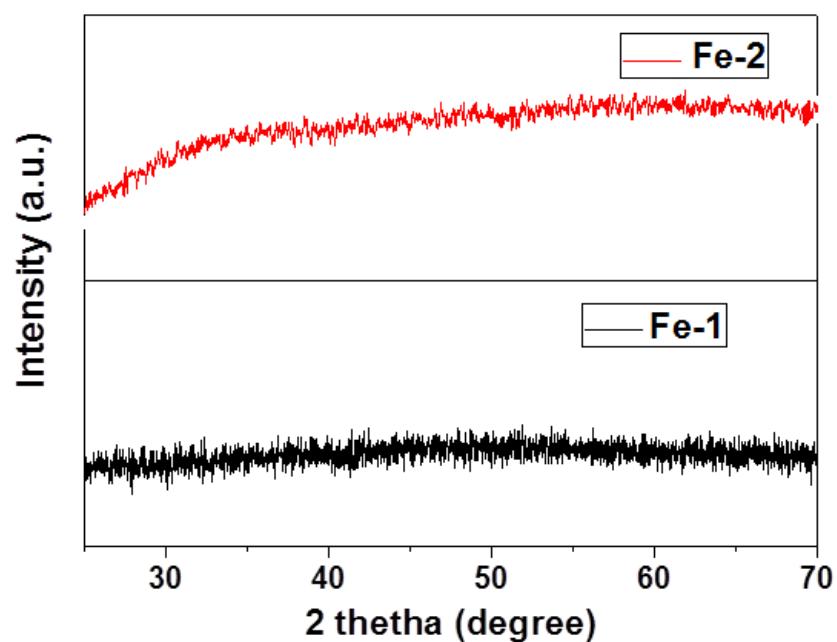
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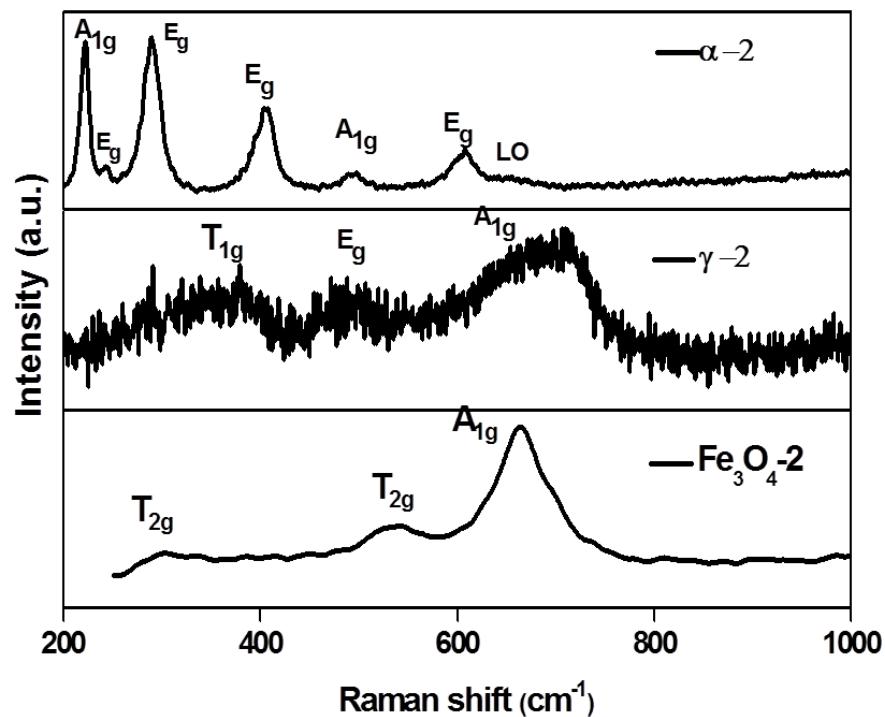
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**Table S1.** Table showing comparison of *d*-spacing values of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and γ-Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles

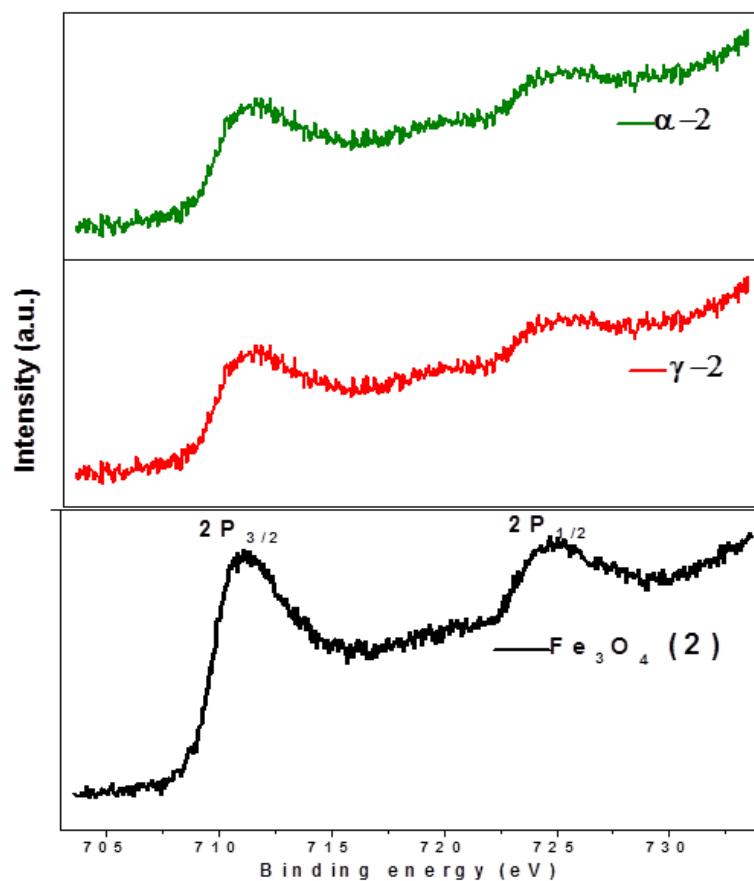
γ-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (JCPDS no = 39-1346)	Magnetite- (JCPDS no=19-0629)	γ-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Magnetite
30.241	30.095	30.299	30.077
35.631	35.423	35.657	35.401
43.285	43.053	43.368	43.009
62.927	62.516	62.974	62.522



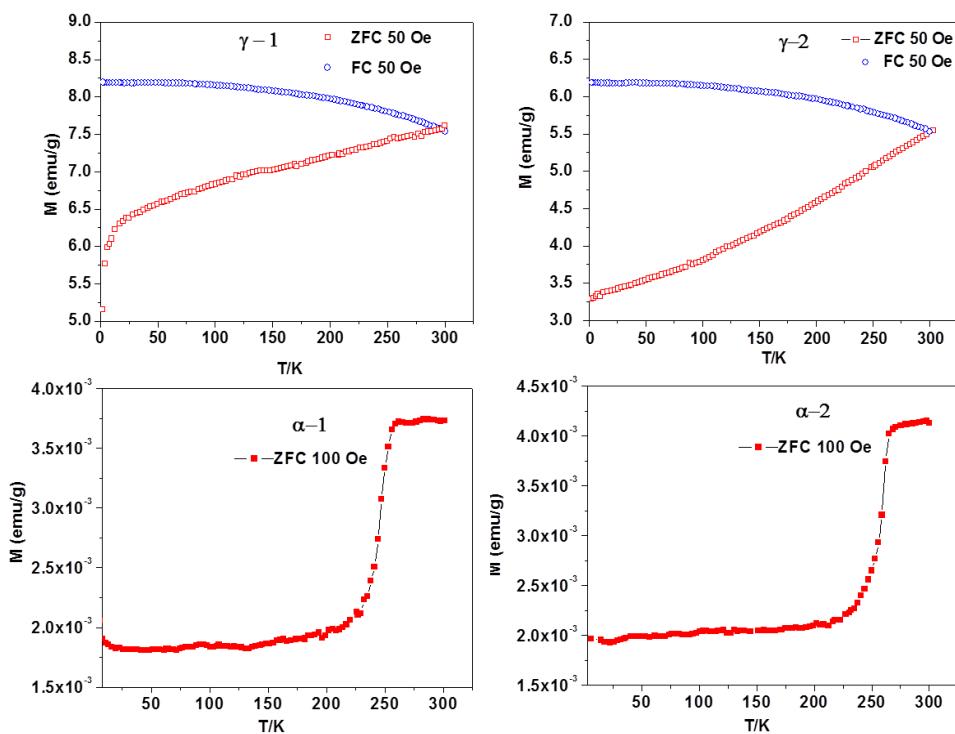
**Fig. S1** X-ray powder diffraction patterns for Fe-1 and Fe-2 nanoparticles



**Fig. S2** Raman spectra of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ -2,  $\gamma$ -2 and  $\alpha$ -2 nanoparticles.



**Fig. S3** Core shell Fe2p XPS data for Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-2,  $\gamma$ -2 and  $\alpha$ -2 nanoparticles.



**Fig. S4** Temperature-dependent magnetization in  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles.

**Stoner-Wohlfarth equation:**

The Coercivity ( $H_C$ ) is given by

$$H_C = \frac{2K}{M_S} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{25kT}{KV} \right)^{1/2} \right]$$

where  $H_C$  is the coercivity,  $K$  is the anisotropic constant,  $M_S$  is the saturation magnetization,  $k$  is the Boltzmann constant,  $V$  is the volume of the particle and  $T$  is the absolute temperature.

**Table S2:** Summary of magnetic data for different samples derived from hysteresis loops obtained at 300 K and the corresponding calculated  $H_C$  values at 300 K.

Sample code	Nanocrystal size (TEM)	$M_S$ (emu/g)	$H_C$ (Oe)	$H_C$ (Oe) (calculated)
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ - 1	30	72	818	1530
$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ - 2	37	71	927	1770
$\gamma$ -1	35	70	813	1492
$\gamma$ -2	39	69	910	1687
$\alpha$ -1	60	0.9	3531	5771
$\alpha$ -2	65	0.5	3590	5942