

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for

Fabrication of Novel Cubic-Fe₃O₄@rGO Composite via Colloid

Electrostatic Self-assembly Process for Supercapacitors

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Experimental section

Synthesis of graphene oxide. Graphene oxide (GO) was synthesized using the following modified Hummer's method.^{S1} Graphite (2 g) was mixed with concentrated H₂SO₄ (69 mL) and the mixture was stirred for 30 min within an ice bath. KMnO₄ (8 g) was added very slowly into the dark suspension and the reaction mixture was stirred and sonicated for another 15 min under a reaction temperature of 20 °C. Then the ice bath was removed, and the mixture was stirred at 35 °C overnight. Distilled water was added to the pasty solution under magnetic stirring and the color of the solution turned to yellowish brown. After another 2 h of vigorous stirring, H₂O₂ (30wt %, 25 mL) was added and the color turned golden yellow immediately. The mixture was washed with HCl (5 %) for several times and then deionized water until the solution became acid free. The reaction mixture was filtered and dried under vacuum at 65 °C. The GO was obtained as a gray powder and used for the further experimental.

Fe(OH)₃ colloid solution was prepared using the method reported previously^{S2}. 200mL of deionized water was boiled for 2 min, and then 40mL of FeCl₃ solution (10%

wt) was added dropwisely into the boiling water. After that, it needs to be heated for another 2 min to obtain the $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$ colloid solution. The $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$ colloid solution was cooled to room temperature for the further experiments.

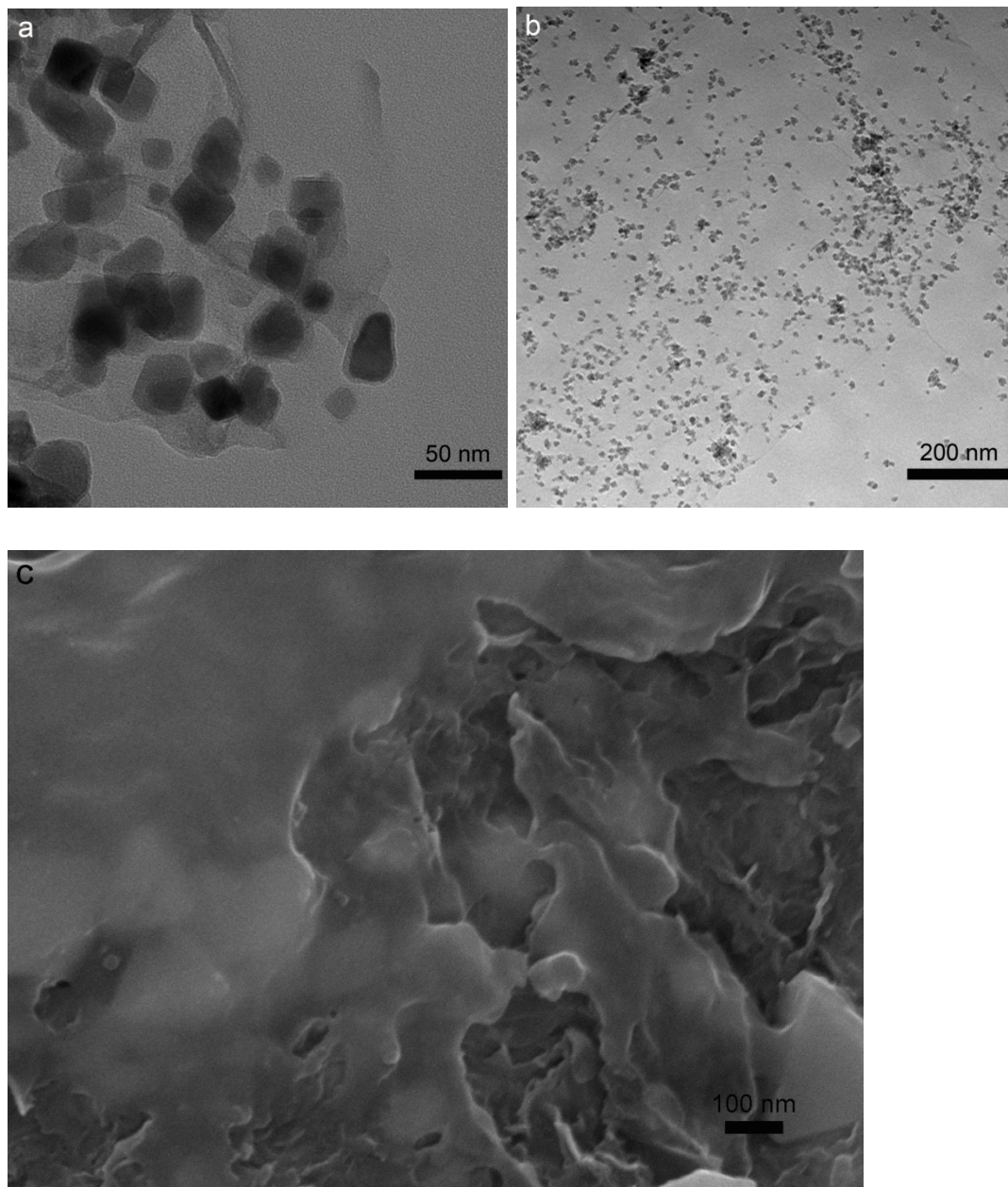


Fig. S1 (a) TEM images of CFGC nanocomposite; (b) TEM images of $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$ /graphene oxide nanocomposite; (c) SEM images of CFGC nanocomposite.

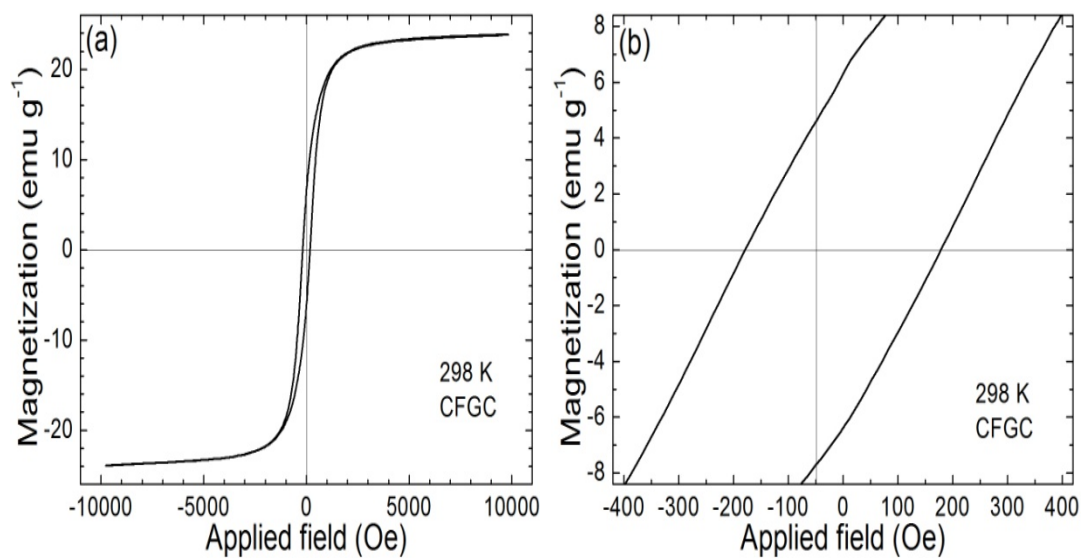


Figure S2. Magnetization curves for the CFGC.

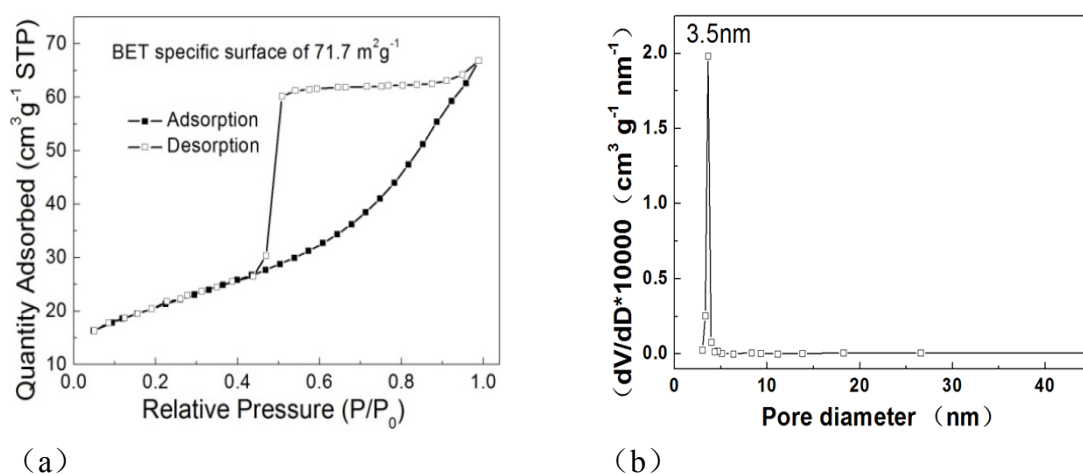
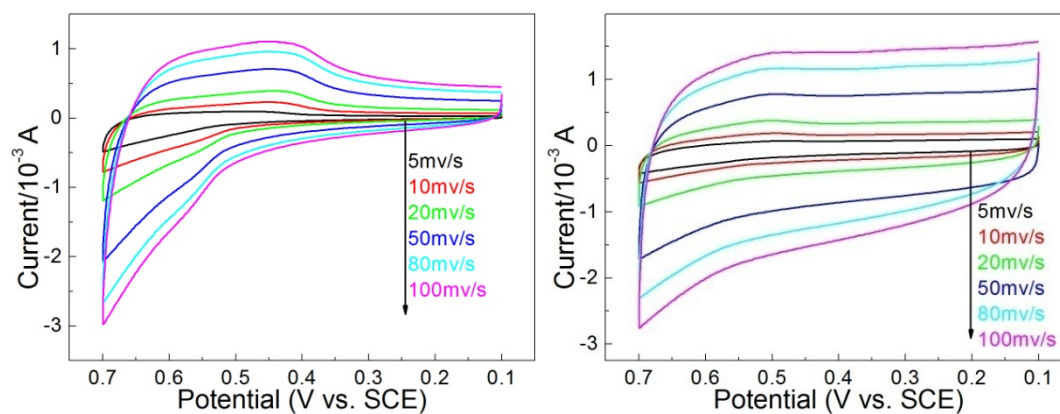


Figure S3. (a) Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms at 77 K. and (b) pore width distribution of CFGC.



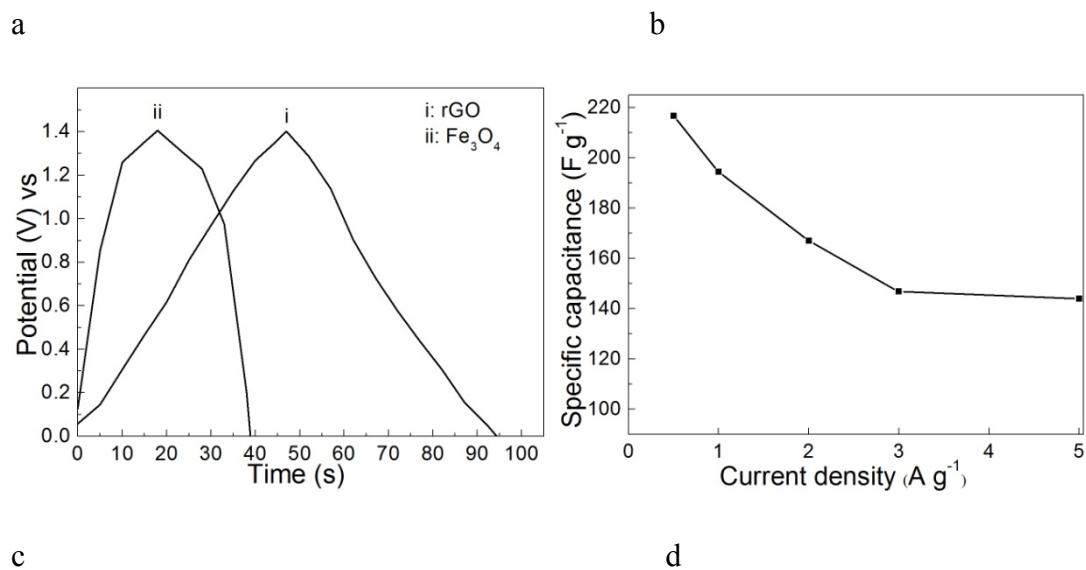


Figure S4. (a) The cyclic voltammogram (CV) curves of Fe₃O₄ under the different scan rates of 5, 10, 20, 50, 80, and 100 mV s⁻¹; (b) The cyclic voltammogram (CV) curves of rGO under the different scan rates of 5, 10, 20, 50, 80, and 100 mV s⁻¹; (c) (i) rGO and (ii) Fe₃O₄ GCD curves at current density of 500 mA g⁻¹; (d) Specific capacitance of CFGC at different current densities.

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