

# Supplementary Materials

## **Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/Porous Carbon Composite Derived from Oily Sludge Waste as an Advanced Anode Material for Supercapacitor Application**

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**Table S1 Elemental and proximate analyses of oily sludge**

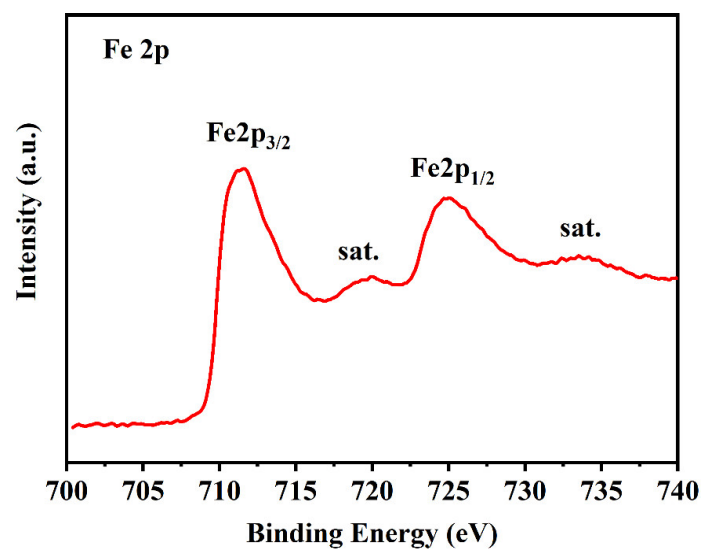
Items		Oil sludge				
Elemental	analysis	C	H	O	N	S
(wt%)		16.38	4.25	8.91	0.32	2.34
Proximate	analysis	Moisture <sup>a</sup>	Volatile matter <sup>b</sup>		Fixed carbon <sup>a</sup>	Ash <sup>a</sup>
(wt%)		16.61	27.38		4.82	51.19

<sup>a</sup> As received.

<sup>b</sup> Dry basis.

**Table S2 Pore structure parameters of samples**

Sample	$S_{\text{BET}}$ [m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ]	$S_{\text{mirco}}$ [m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ]	$S_{\text{meso}}$ [m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ]	$V_{\text{pore}}$ [cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ]	$V_{\text{mirco}}$ [cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ]	$V_{\text{meso}}$ [cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ]
FPC-90	851.3	363.7	487.6	0.739	0.269	0.470
FPC-180	635.2	337.7	297.5	0.382	0.236	0.146
$\alpha$ -Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	168.6	21.65	146.95	0.248	0.015	0.233



**Figure S1 High-resolution of XPS spectrum of Fe2p**

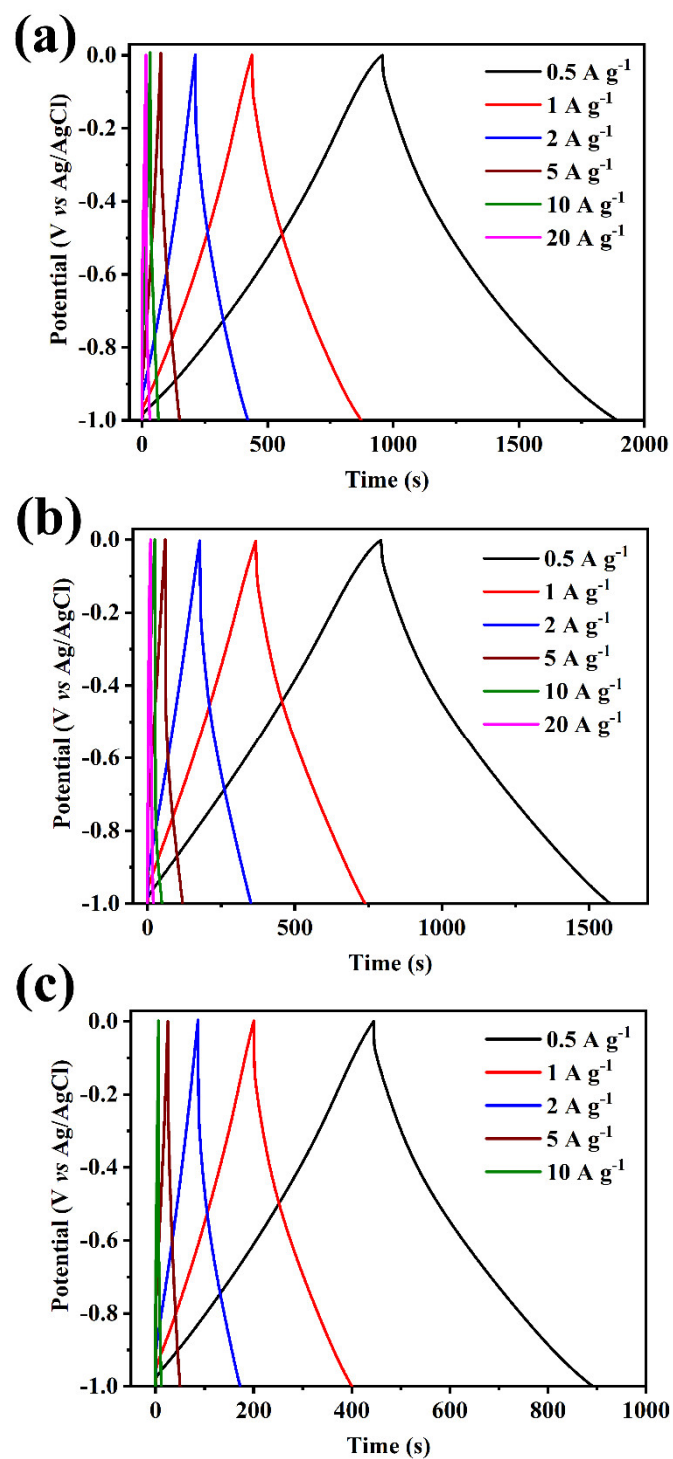
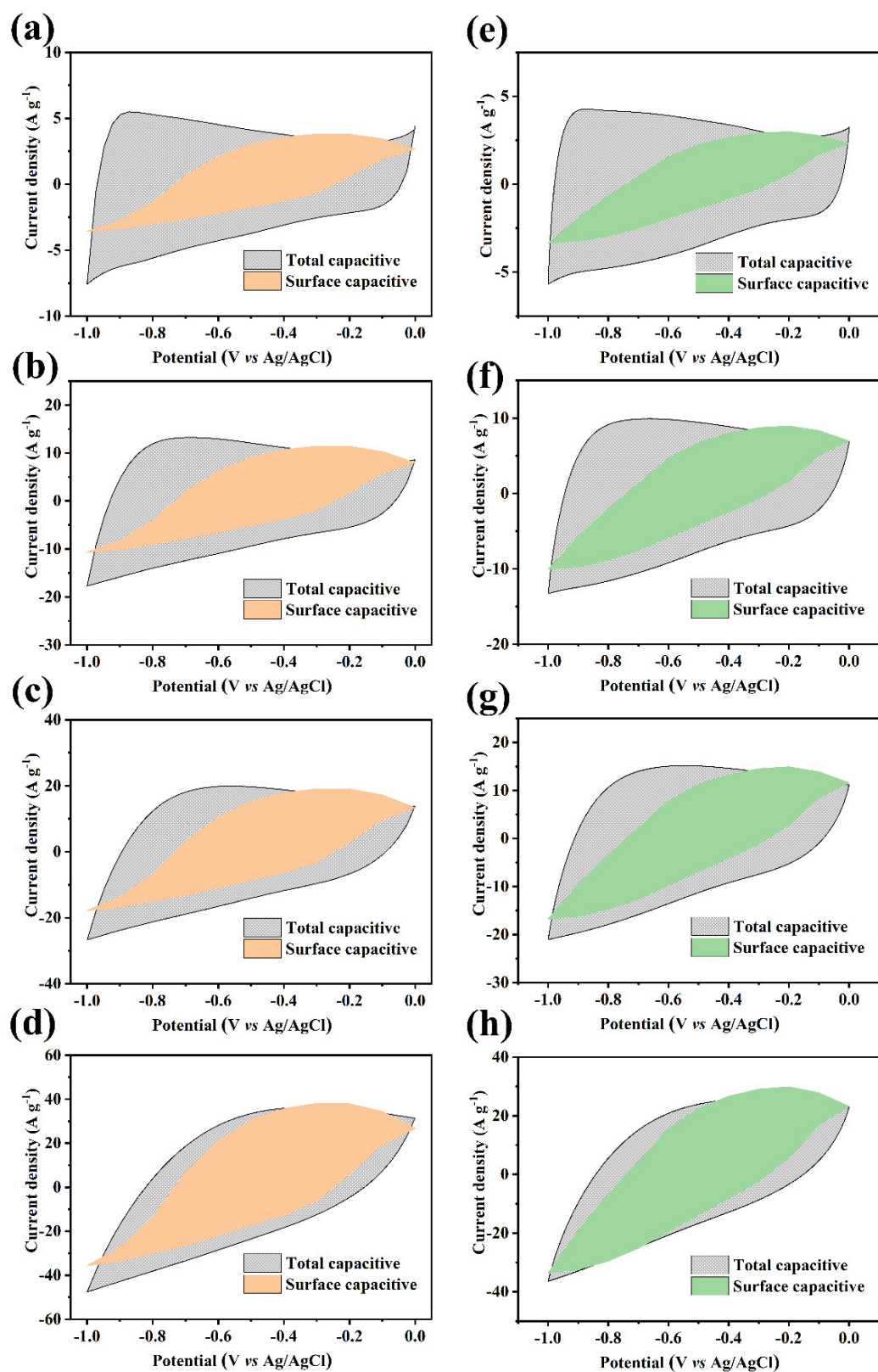


Figure S2 GCD curves of FPC composites (a) FPC-90, (b) FPC-180, (c)  $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> at different current densities



**Figure S3** The charge storage contributions of FPC-90 (a, b, c, d) and FPC-180

(e, f, g, h) at different scan rates

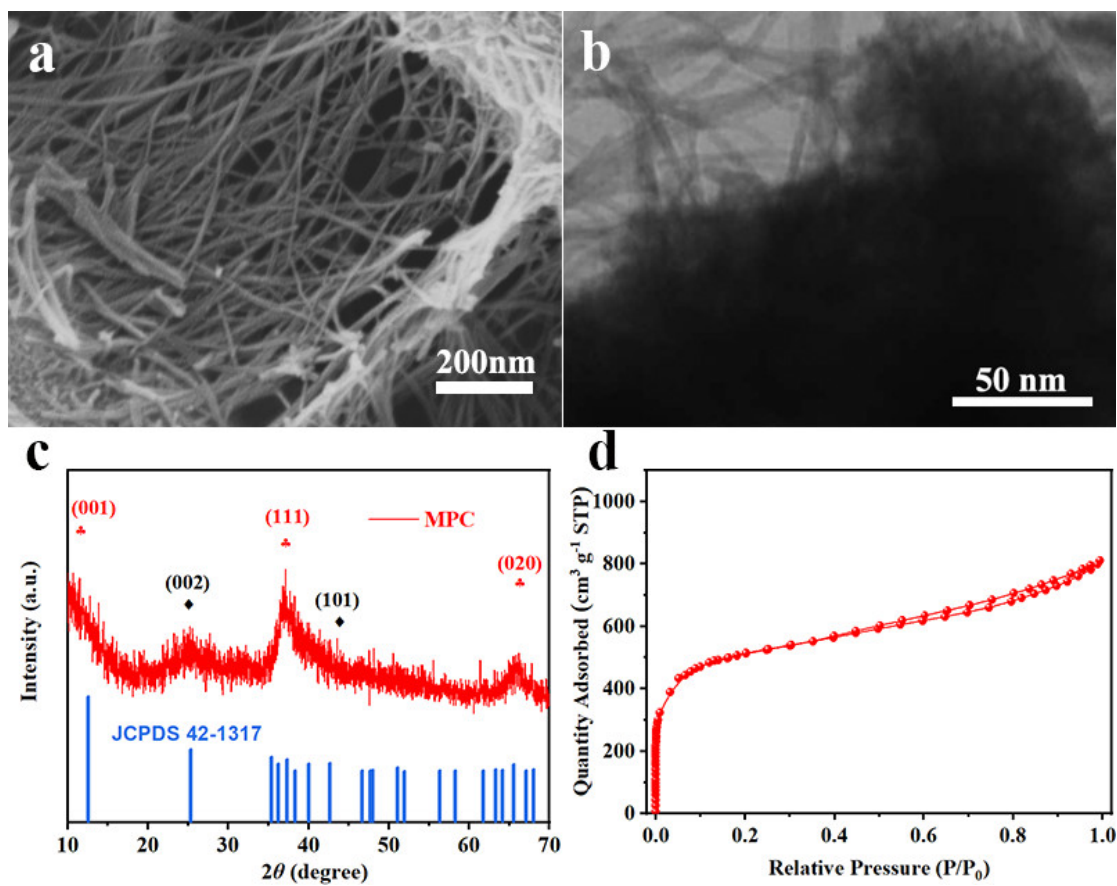
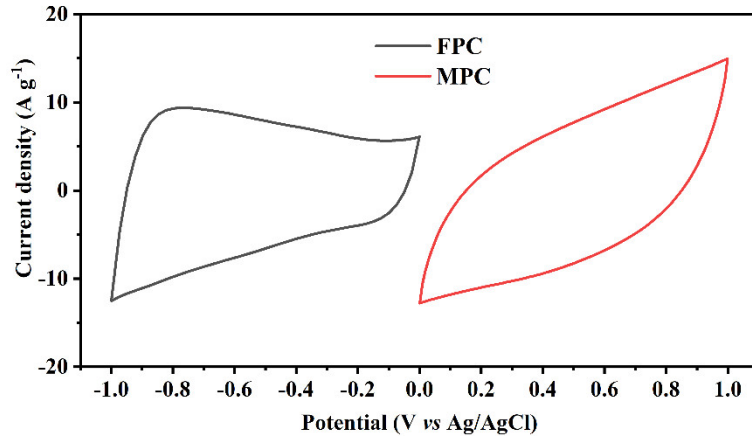


Figure S4 Characterization of MPC cathode material. (a) SEM image, TEM image, XRD pattern, and BET isotherm of MPC samples.



**Figure S5 Comparative CV curves of MPC and FPC electrodes**

For an ASC device, charge storage on the cathode and anode will be balance and follow the relationship of  $Q_{\text{cathode}} = Q_{\text{anode}}$ . The mass ratio of active material on both electrodes for the optimum performance satisfied the following equation:

$$\frac{m_{\text{cathode}}}{m_{\text{anode}}} = \frac{C_{\text{anode}} \times V_{\text{anode}}}{C_{\text{cathode}} \times V_{\text{cathode}}}$$

The overlaid CV curves of MPC and FPC measured on three electrode systems at a scan rate of  $20 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$  are illustrated in Fig. S5. As observed from the curves, the potential window of cathode (MPC) and anode (FPC) is in the range of 0-1.0 V and -1.0-0 V, respectively.

The specific capacitance of cathode and anode could be obtained by integrating these two CV curves. Therefore, the mass ratio of these two electrodes was calculated as about 1:1 according to the above charge balance equation.





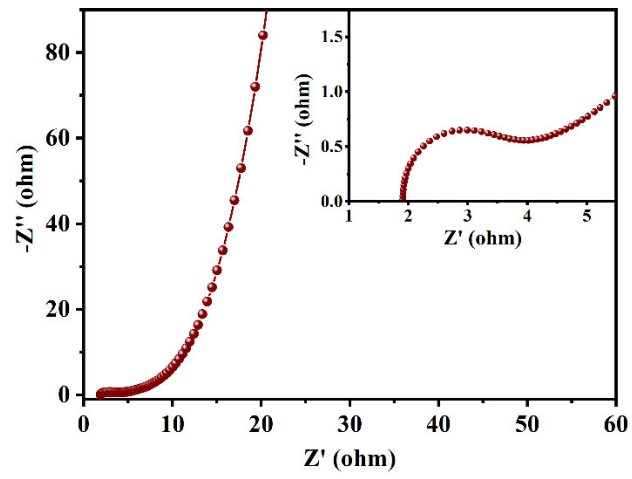


Figure S6 Nyquist plot of the ASC device

**Table S3 Specific capacitance of recently published Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/Carbon composites**

Active material	Electrolyte	Potential (V)	Capacitance (F g <sup>-1</sup> )
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /HPC in this work	1 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	-1.0 ~ 0 V <i>vs</i> Ag/AgCl	465 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /ordered mesoporous carbon <sup>[1]</sup>	1 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	-1.0 ~ -0.2 V <i>vs</i> Ag/AgCl	235 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /CNT <sup>[2]</sup>	2 M KCl	-1.0 ~ 0 V <i>vs</i> Ag/AgCl	296.3 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 mV s <sup>-1</sup>
α-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /Graphene <sup>[3]</sup>	1 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	-1.0 ~ -0.3 V <i>vs</i> Ag/AgCl	343.7 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 3 A g <sup>-1</sup>
α-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /Graphene <sup>[4]</sup>	1 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	-1.2 ~ -0.2 V <i>vs</i> Ag/AgCl	306.9 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 3 A g <sup>-1</sup>
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /Graphene <sup>[5]</sup>	2 M KOH	-1.0 ~ 0 V <i>vs</i> SCE	264 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 2.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /N-doped Graphene <sup>[6]</sup>	1 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	-1.1 ~ -0.1 V <i>vs</i> SCE	260.1 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>
α- Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /Graphene aerogel <sup>[7]</sup>	0.5 M Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	-0.8~0.8 V <i>vs</i> SCE	81.3 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> nanodots/N-doped Graphene <sup>[8]</sup>	2 M KOH	-1.0~0 V <i>vs</i> SCE	274 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>

**Table S4 Performance of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-based electrodes in asymmetric supercapacitors**

Cathode	Anode	Voltage	Specific capacitance	Energy density
MnO <sub>2</sub> /HPC	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /HPC	0-2.0 V	130.1 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup> 81 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 20 A g <sup>-1</sup>	72.3 W h kg <sup>-1</sup> at 500 W kg <sup>-1</sup>
MnO <sub>2</sub> /m-rGO	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /m-rGO <sup>[9]</sup>	0-1.8 V	73.9 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 16.7 A g <sup>-1</sup>	41.7 W h kg <sup>-1</sup> at 13.5 kW kg <sup>-1</sup>
GF/CoMoO <sub>4</sub>	GF-CNT/Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>[10]</sup>	0-1.6 V	115.5 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 14 A g <sup>-1</sup>	74.7 W h kg <sup>-1</sup> at 1.4 kW kg <sup>-1</sup>
MnO <sub>2</sub> /FGS	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /FGS <sup>[11]</sup>	0-2.0 V	73.2 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 10 mV s <sup>-1</sup>	50.7 W h kg <sup>-1</sup> at 100 W kg <sup>-1</sup>
3D HPC/NiCo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	3DHPC/Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>[12]</sup>	0-1.6 V	101.2 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 4 A g <sup>-1</sup>	44.4 W h kg <sup>-1</sup> at 1.62 kW kg <sup>-1</sup>
NiO nanosheets	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> NR <sup>[13]</sup>	0-1.8 V	57.2 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	12.4 W h kg <sup>-1</sup> at 312 W kg <sup>-1</sup>
NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /NiO	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> NP <sup>[14]</sup>	0-1.6 V	57.2 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.33 A g <sup>-1</sup>	19 W h kg <sup>-1</sup> at 157 W kg <sup>-1</sup>
N-HPC	C@Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>[15]</sup>	1-4 V	-	65 W h kg <sup>-1</sup> at 368 W kg <sup>-1</sup>
MnO <sub>2</sub> /CNTs	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /CNTs <sup>[16]</sup>	0-2.0 V	82.4 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	45.8 W h kg <sup>-1</sup> at 0.41 kW kg <sup>-1</sup>
ZnCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @MnO <sub>2</sub>	Porous α-Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>[17]</sup>	0-1.3 V	161 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 2.5 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	35 W h kg <sup>-1</sup> at 163 W kg <sup>-1</sup>
CuCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /CuO	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /rGO <sup>[18]</sup>	0-1.6 V	83 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	33 W h kg <sup>-1</sup> at 200 W kg <sup>-1</sup>
CoMoO <sub>4</sub> /NiMo O <sub>4</sub> ·xH <sub>2</sub> O	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> <sup>[19]</sup>	0-1.6 V	153.6 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	41.8 W h kg <sup>-1</sup> at 700 W kg <sup>-1</sup>
Ni <sub>3</sub> (PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> @GO	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> @GO <sup>[20]</sup>	0-1.6 V	175 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	67.2 W h kg <sup>-1</sup> at 200 W kg <sup>-1</sup>

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