

# Supporting Information for

## **Graphene liquid cell electron microscopy of initial lithiation in $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$ nanoparticles**

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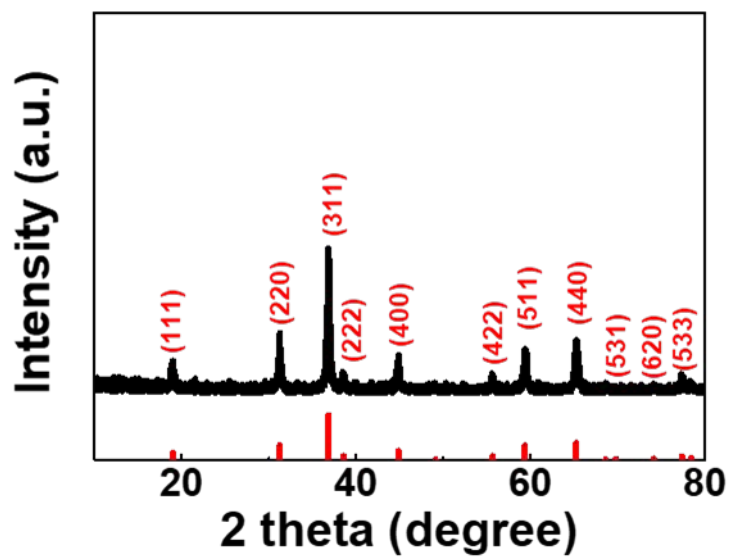
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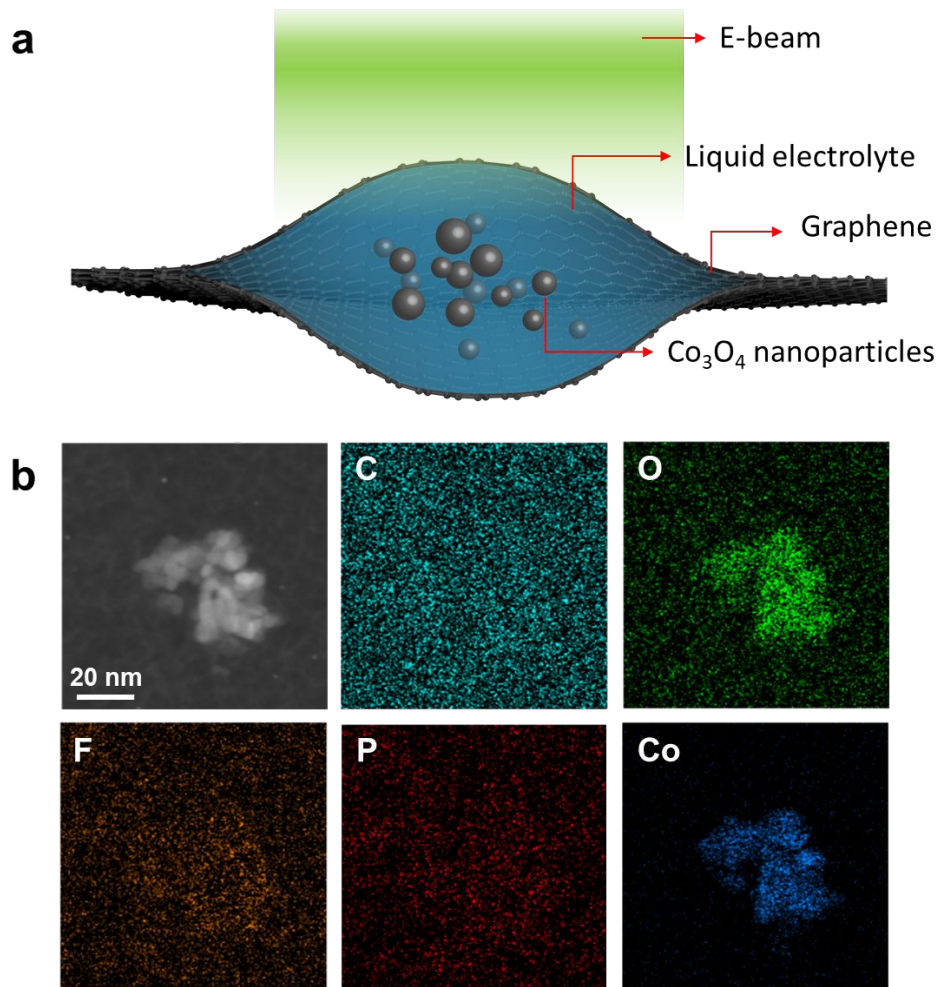
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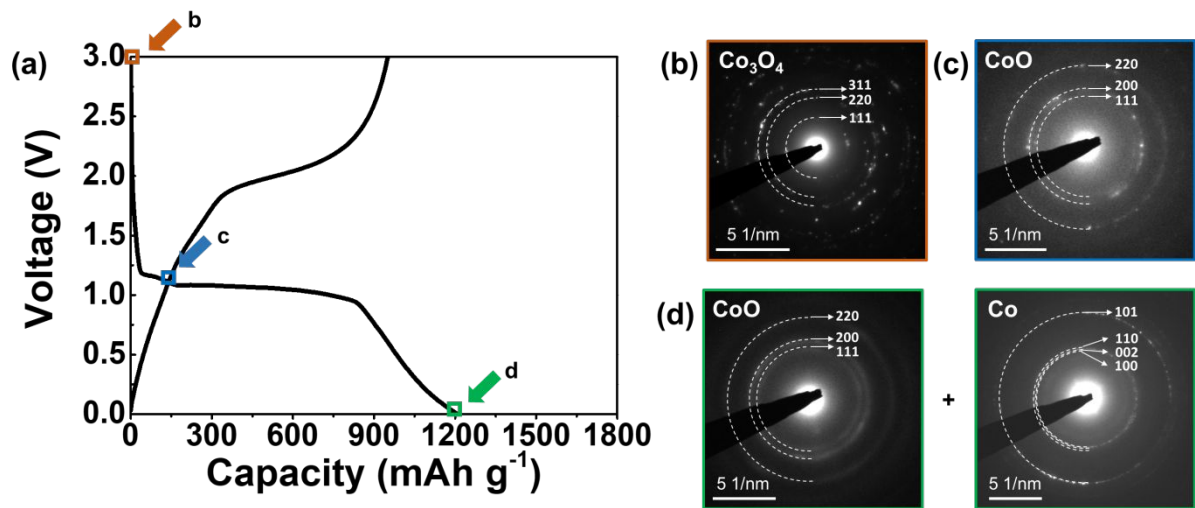
## Supporting Figures



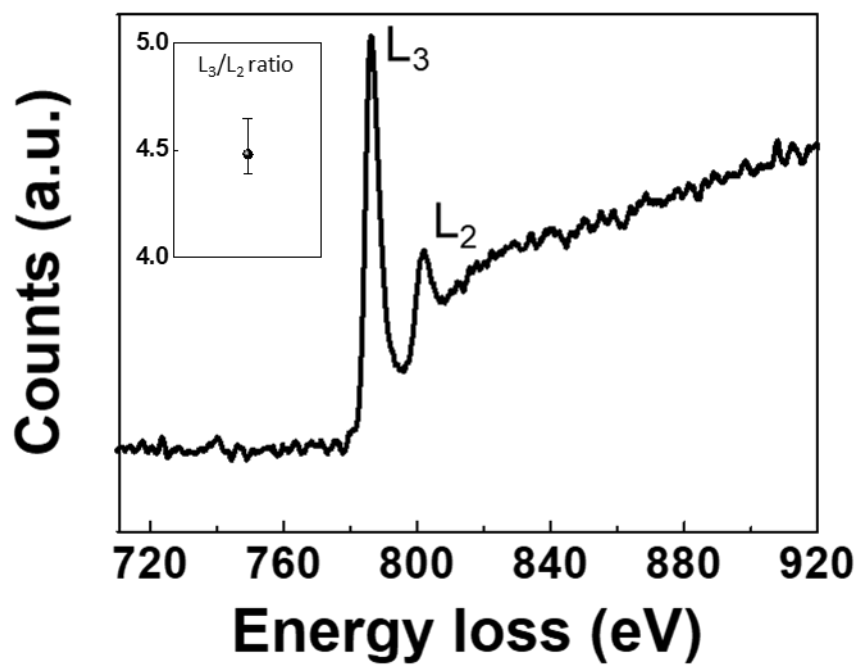
**Figure S1.** XRD pattern of pristine  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles. The crystal structure well matched with  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  (JCPDS #42-1467).



**Figure S2.** (a) Schematic diagram of GLC, consisting of two graphene sheets, liquid electrolyte, and  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles. (b) HAADF-STEM image of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles inside the GLC and corresponding STEM-EDS mapping of C, O, F, P, and Co.



**Figure S3.** (a) Galvanostatic charge-discharge profile of 1st cycle. (b, c, d) corresponding *ex situ* SAED patterns marked as brown, blue and green arrows in (a).



**Figure S4.** EELS spectrum of Co-L<sub>2,3</sub> edge from *ex situ* experiment, at 1.2 V in Figure S3 (inset: ratio between L<sub>3</sub>/L<sub>2</sub> peaks).

## Supporting Movie

Movie S1. Real-time TEM movie showing lithiation of  $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles in GLC (x4 faster).