

Supplementary Materials

CoFe₂O₄ nanoparticles as a bifunctional agent on activated porous carbon for battery-type asymmetrical supercapacitor

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Supplementary Table 1. The electricity consumption and material use for preparing carbon products and discharging

Item	AC	140MAC24
<i>Preparation of carbon products</i>		
EUO Thumb (g)	20	20
85 wt% H ₃ PO ₄ (g)	23.5	23.5
Activation time (h)	6	6
The power for Activation (kw)	2.5	2.5
N ₂ (L)	5	5
HCl (mL)	5	5
FeSO ₄ ·7H ₂ O (g)	0	4
FeCl ₃ ·6H ₂ O (g)	0	7.834
CoCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	0	10.47
NaOH (g)	0	8.128
Distilled water (mL)	56.5	256.5
Stirring time (h)	1	3
The power of stirring (kw)	0.6	0.6
Hydrothermal reaction time	0	24
The power of hydrothermal heating (kw)	0	2
Drying time (h)	12	24
The power for drying (kw)	1	1
<i>Process of charging</i>		
Activate material of electrode (mg)	4.2	4.2
Charging time (s)	310.39	685.20
The power of charging	0.5	0.5
KOH (g)	2.8	2.8
Distilled water (mL)	50	50

Supplementary Table 2. The price of electricity and material

Item	Price
EUO-wood (¥/g)	0.012
85% H ₃ PO ₄ (¥/g)	0.050
Electricity (¥/kwh)	0.725
N ₂ (¥/L)	0.024
Distilled water (¥/mL)	0.002
FeSO ₄ ·7 H ₂ O (¥/g)	0.022
FeCl ₃ ·6H ₂ O (¥/g)	0.053
CoCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	0.725
NaOH (¥/g)	0.026

Supplementary Table 3. The relative content of elements on the surface of MACs

	C		O		Fe		Co	
	FWHM ^a	A.C. ^b	FWHM ^a	A.C. ^b	FWHM ^a	A.C. ^b	FWHM ^a	A.C. ^b
120MAC24	2.82	79.27	4.08	18.69	2.79	0.47	4.26	1.57
140MAC18	2.86	77.56	4.07	17.84	6.53	3.06	8.27	2.45
140MAC24	2.74	70.36	3.65	21.1	6.47	4.44	8.27	2.74
140MAC30	2.95	77.2	4.36	20.44	0.77	0.55	4.06	1.82
160MAC24	2.85	78.03	4.41	19.12	5.38	1.9	1.97	0.96

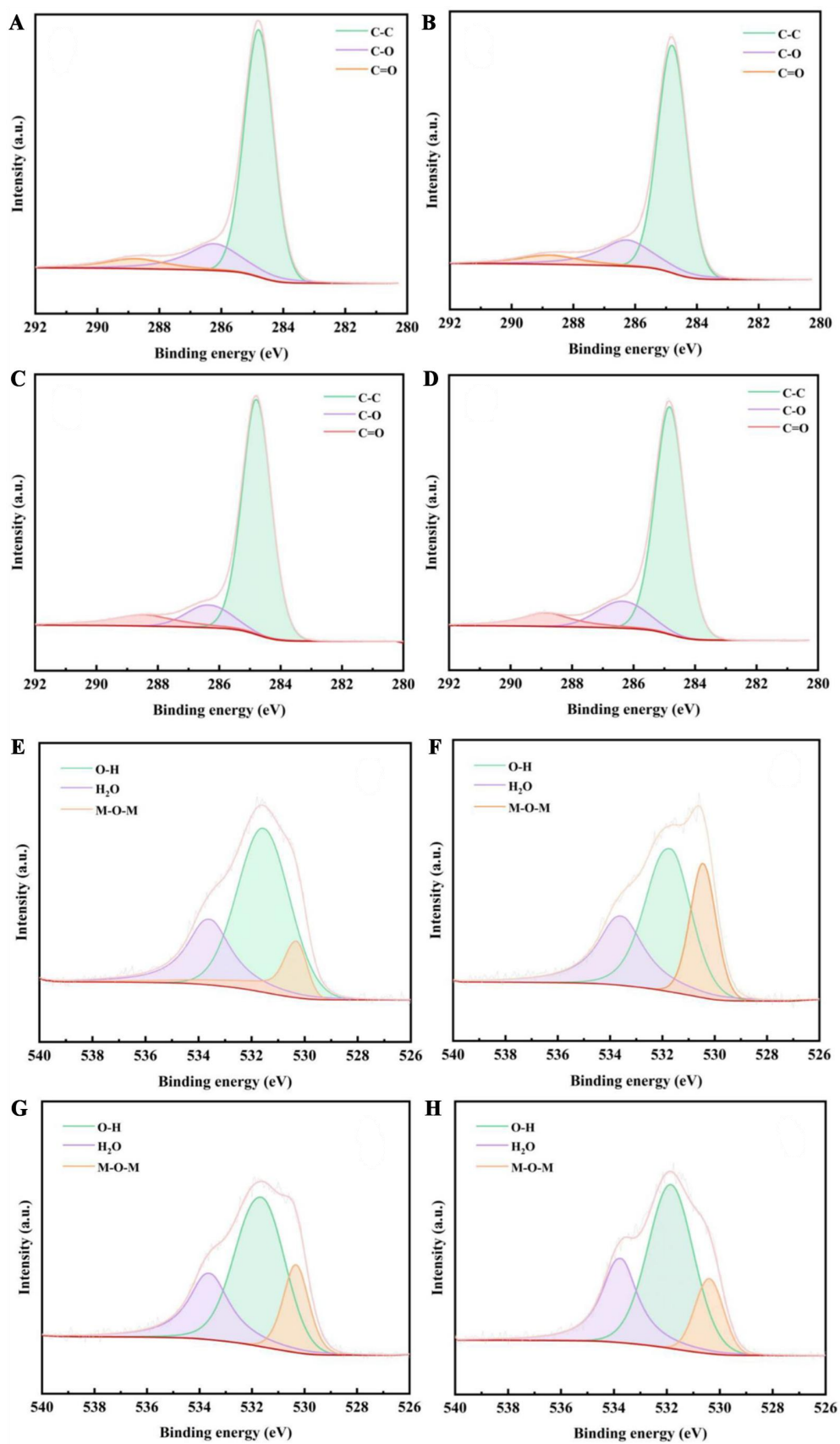
^afull width at half maxima (eV); ^brelative atomic percent contents (%).

Supplementary Table 4. The relative content of various groups on the surface of MACs

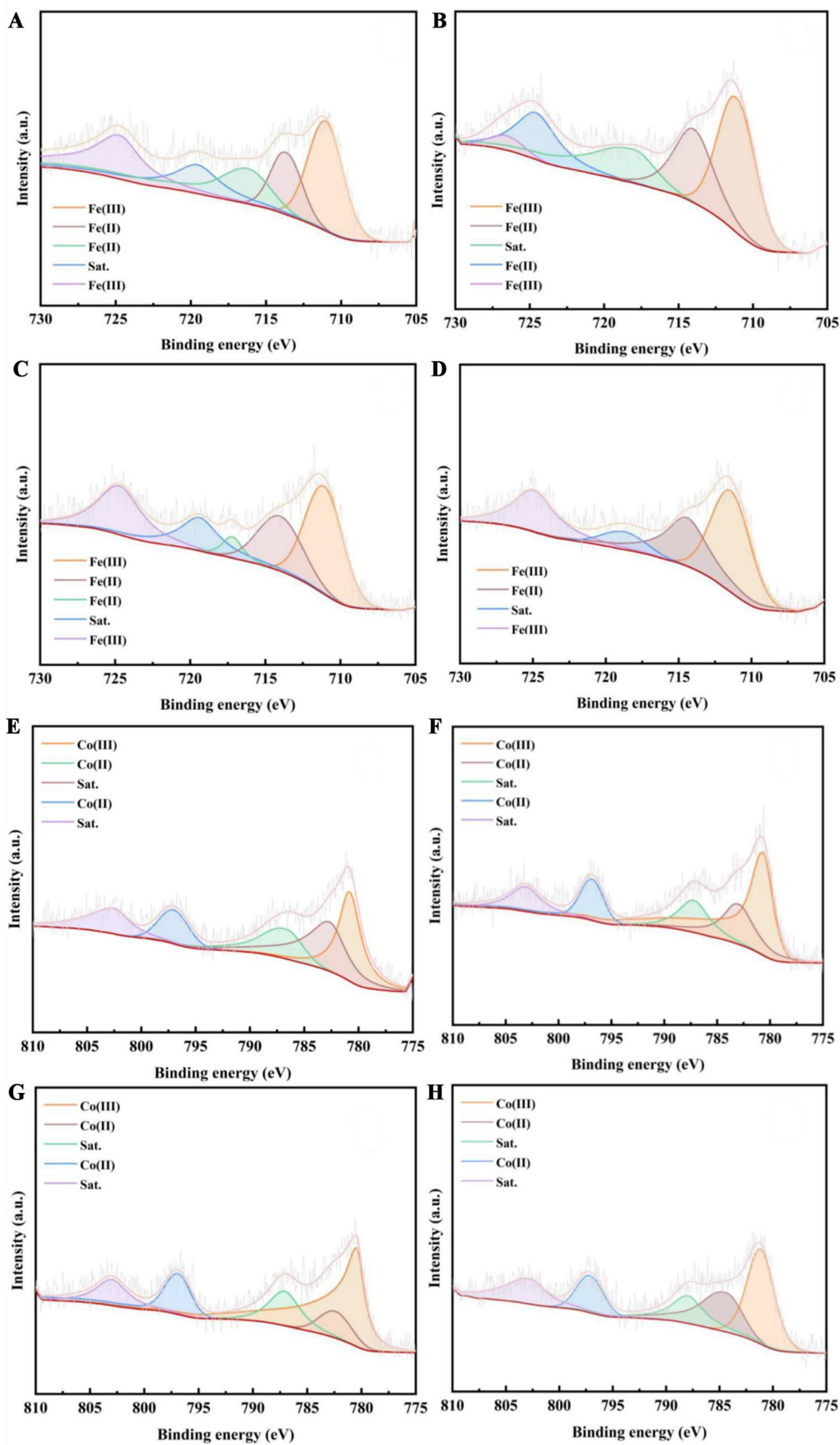
	120MAC24	140MAC18	140MAC24	140MAC30	160MAC24
C					
C-C/C=C/C-H	75%	75%	73%	78%	75%
C-O	18%	18%	21%	12%	15%
C=O	7%	7%	6%	10%	10%
O					
H ₂ O	14%	25%	9%	18%	16%
O-H	60%	47%	66%	56%	56%
M-O-M	26%	29%	30%	26%	28%
Fe					
Fe(II)	21%	4%	14%	22%	22%
Fe(III)	13%	17%	8%	16%	0%
Sat.	19%	19%	26%	4%	8%
Fe(II)	14%	23%	21%	22%	28%
Fe(III)	32%	38%	31%	36%	41%
Co					
Sat.	14%	11%	10%	12%	16%
Co(II)	12%	13%	13%	15%	12%
Sat.	16%	13%	21%	14%	15%
Co(II)	29%	19%	22%	10%	23%
Co(III)	29%	45%	33%	49%	33%

Supplementary Table 5. The operation costs of discharging using electrode based on AC and 140MAC24

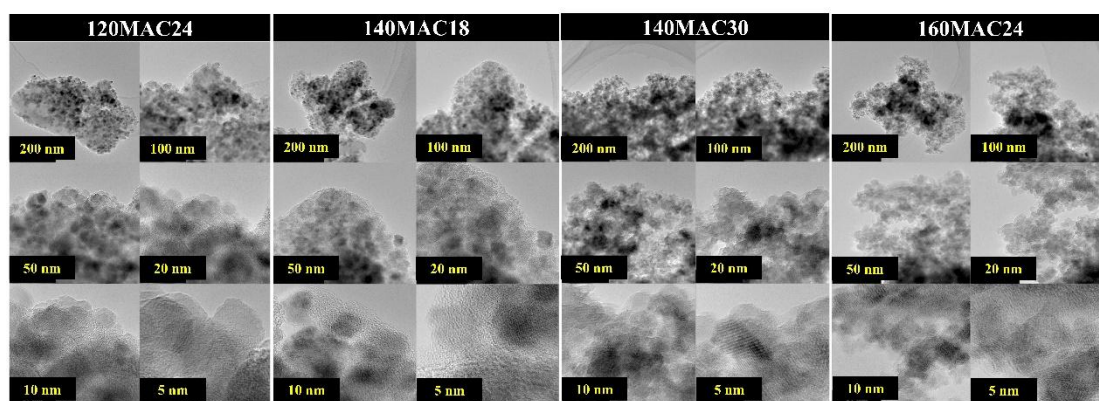
Samples	Material cost for preparation of carbon products (¥)	Electricity cost for preparation of carbon products (¥)	Material cost for charging using electrode (¥)	Electricity cost for charging using electrode (¥)	The cost of discharge using electrode [¥/(specific capacitance F/g*h)]
AC	1.898	20.01	3.986×10^{-4}	0.031	5.540×10^{-5}
140MAC24	10.603	64.38	2.227×10^{-3}	0.067	2.753×10^{-4}



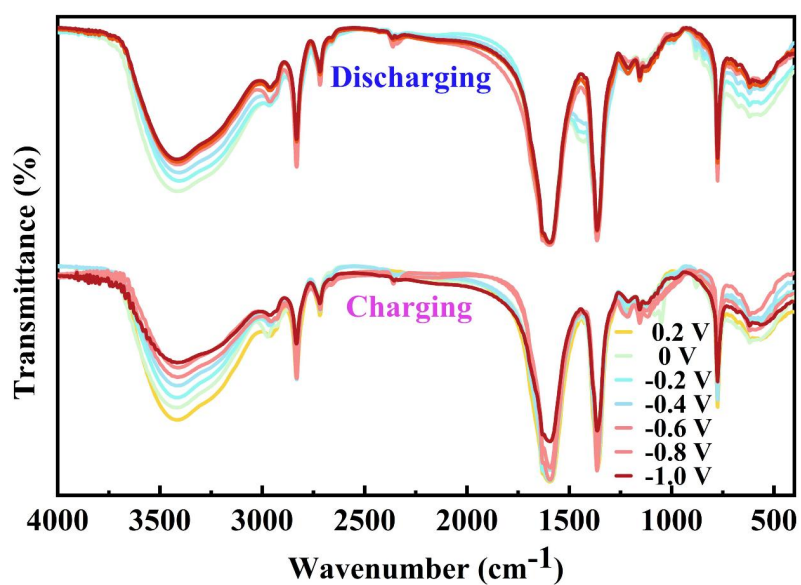
Supplementary Figure 1. The C 1s and O 1s spectra of (A and E) AC; (B and F) 120MAC24; (C and G) 140MAC18; and (D and H) 140MAC30.



Supplementary Figure 2. The Fe 2p and Co 2p spectra of (A and E) AC; (B and F) 120MAC24; (C and G) 140MAC18; and (D and H) 140MAC30.



Supplementary Figure 3. The TEM images of 120MAC24, 140MAC18, 140MAC30, and 160MAC24.



Supplementary Figure 4. The FTIR spectrum of 140MAC24 based electrode after charging-discharging for 10,000 cycles.