

Supporting Information

Facile Fabrication of Three-Dimensional Graphene and Metal-Organic Framework Composites and Their Derivatives for Flexible All-Solid-State Supercapacitors

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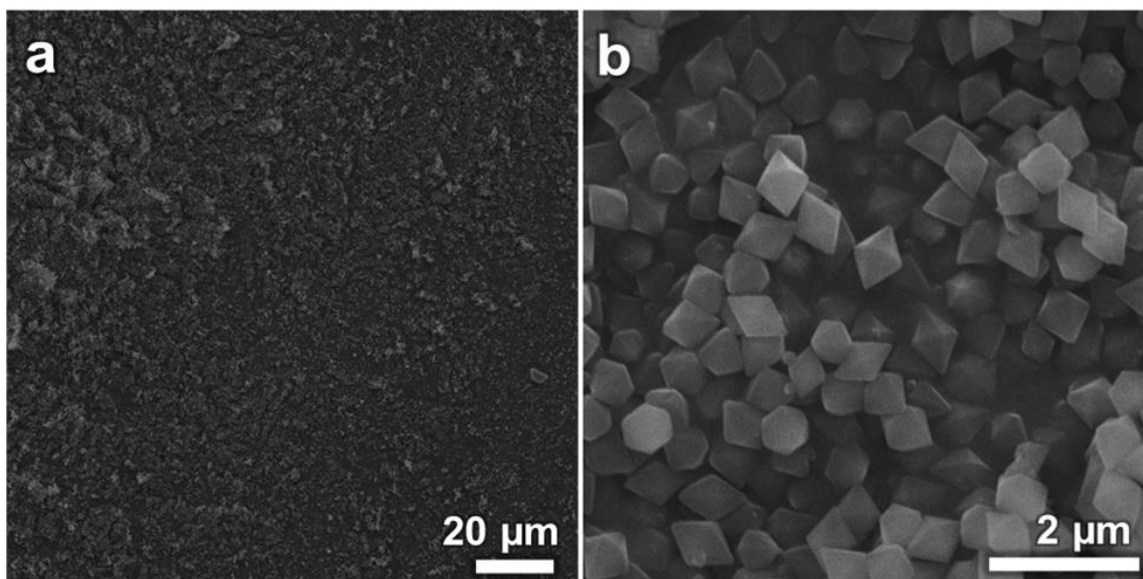


Figure S1. SEM images of Fe-MOF crystals.

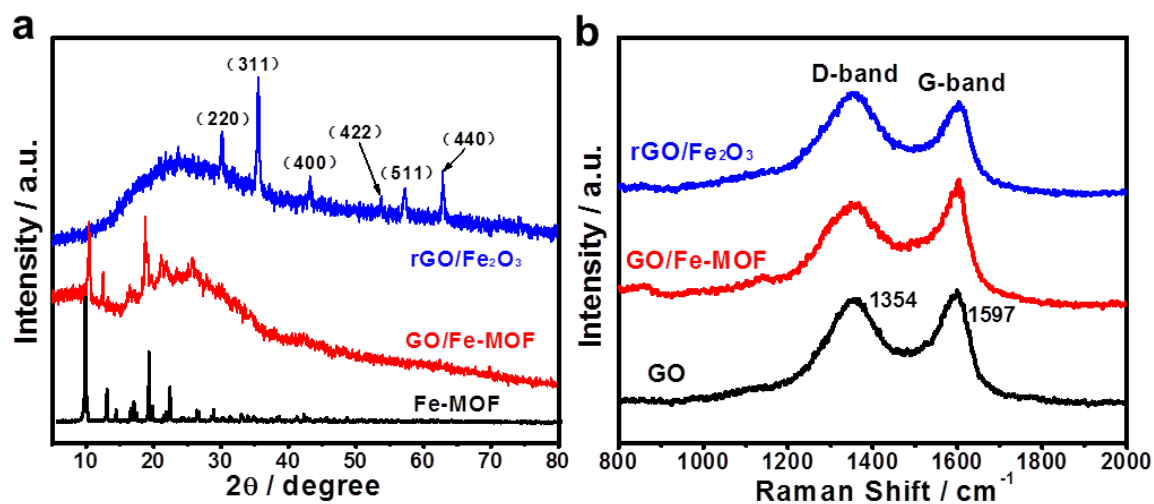


Figure S2. (a) XRD patterns of Fe-MOF crystals, GO/Fe-MOF and rGO/Fe₂O₃ composite aerogels. (b) Raman spectra of GO, GO/Fe-MOF and rGO/Fe₂O₃ composites.

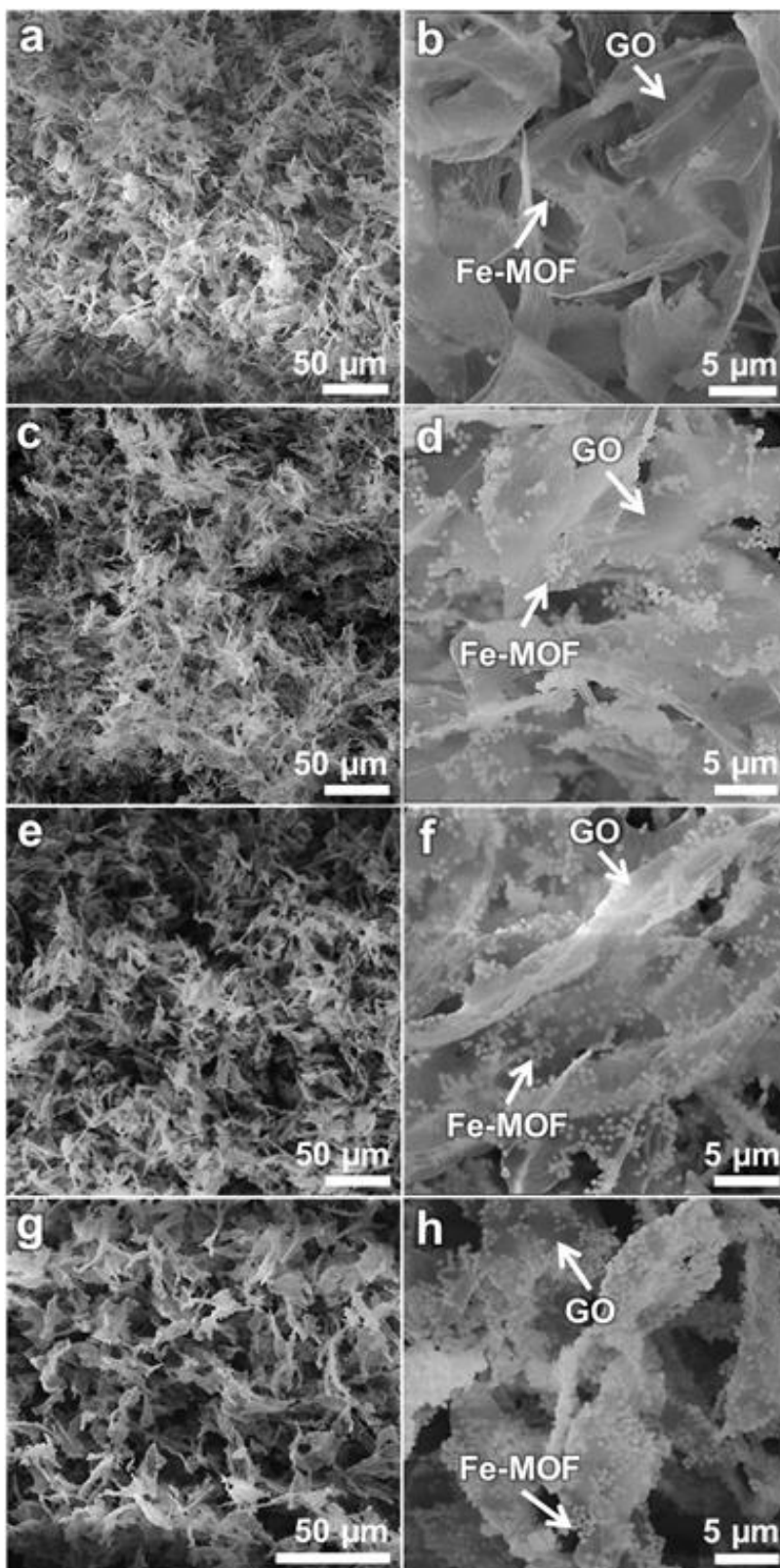


Figure S3. SEM images of GO/Fe-MOF composite aerogels with different weight ratios. (a, b) Fe-MOF : GO = 1 : 1. (c, d) Fe-MOF : GO = 2 : 1. (e, f) Fe-MOF : GO = 4 : 1. (g, h) Fe-MOF : GO = 5 : 1.

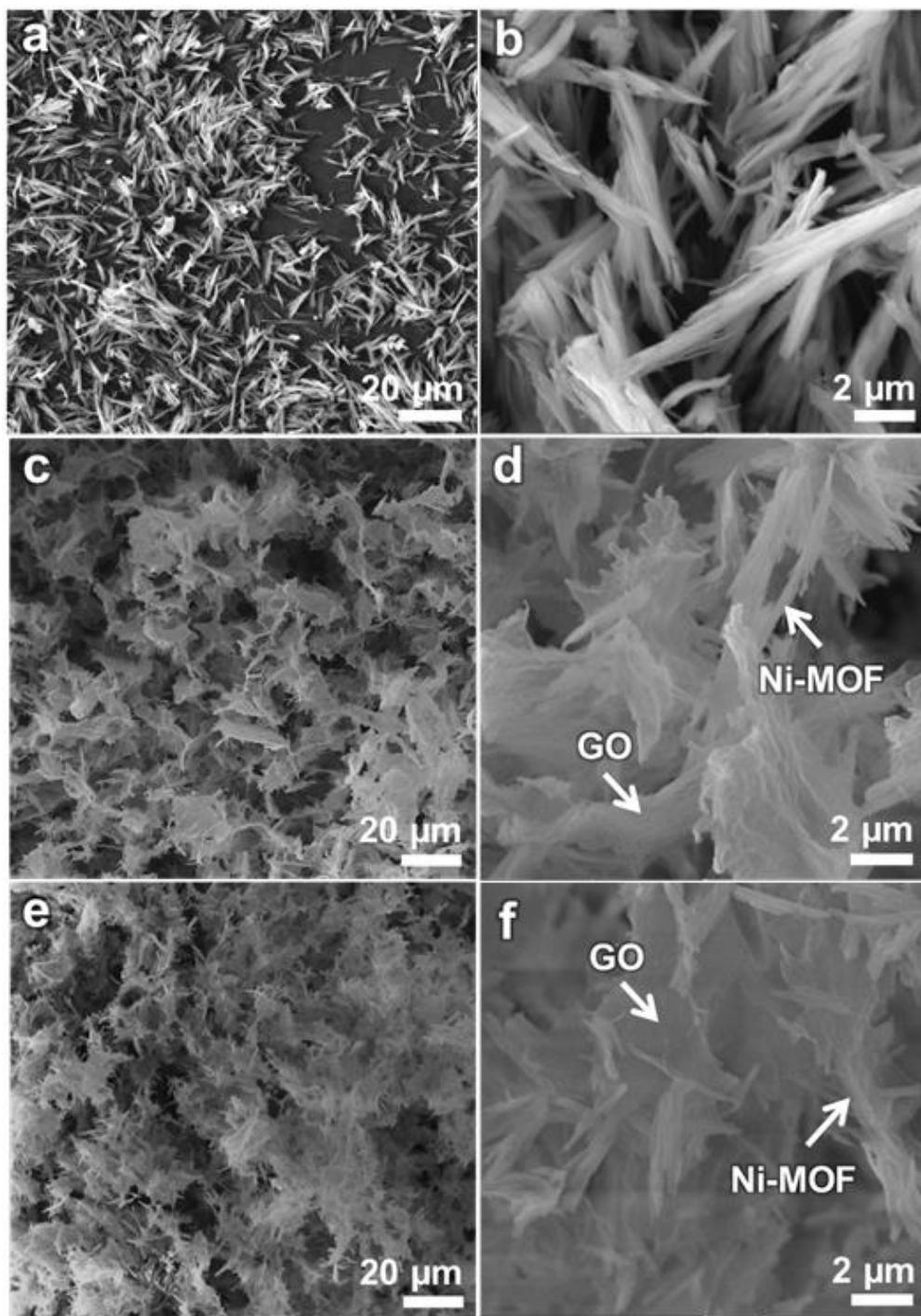


Figure S4. SEM images of (a, b) Ni-MOF crystals and (c-f) GO/Ni-MOF composite aerogels with different weight ratios. Ni-MOF : GO = 1 : 1 (c, d) and 3 : 1 (e, f).

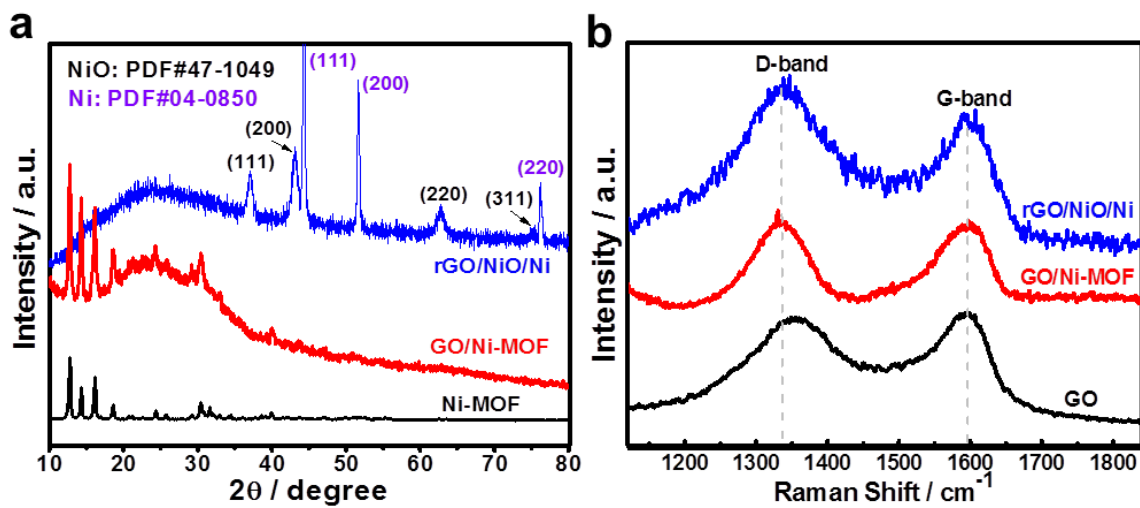


Figure S5. (a) XRD patterns of Ni-MOF crystals, GO/Ni-MOF and rGO/NiO/Ni composites. (b) Raman spectra of GO, GO/Ni-MOF and rGO/NiO/Ni composites.

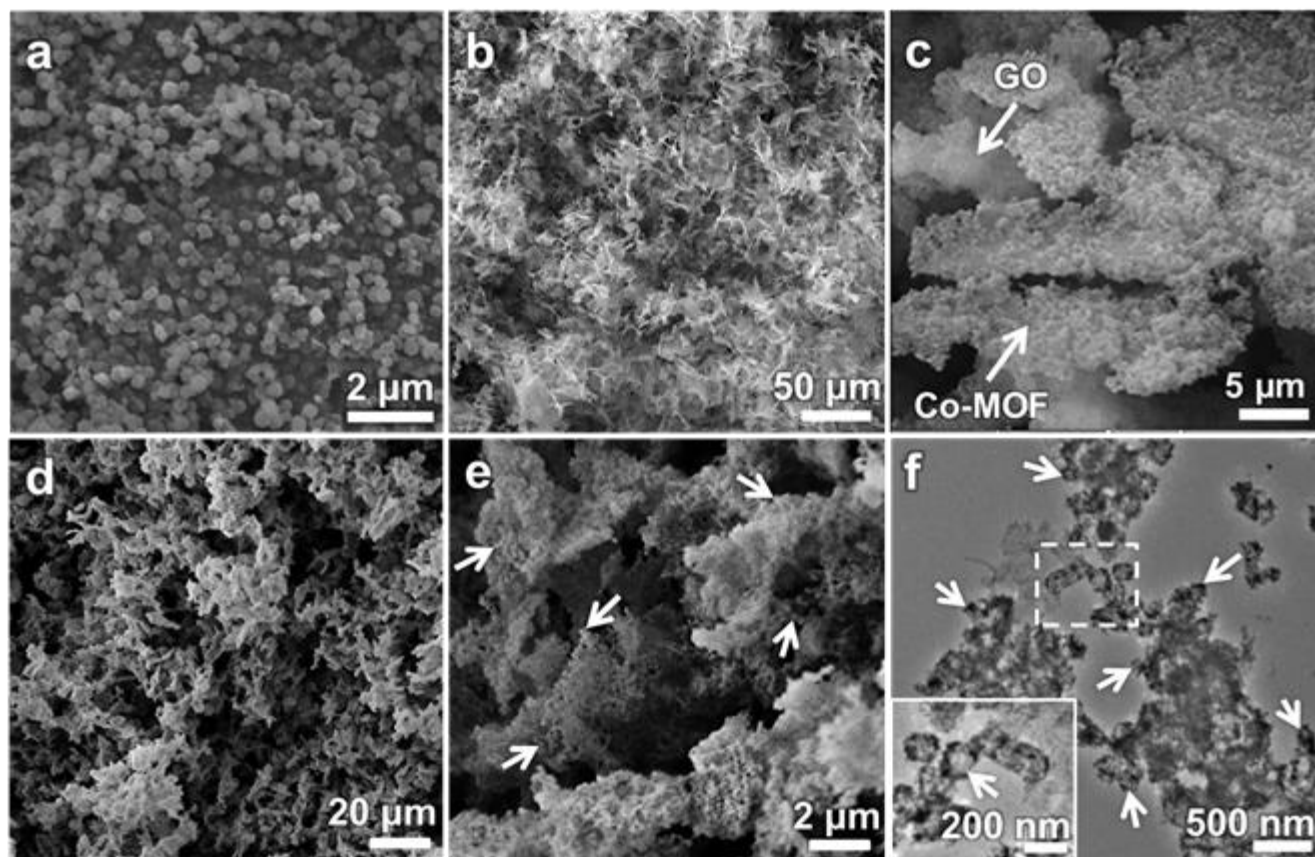


Figure S6. SEM images of (a) Co-MOF crystals, and (b-e) the GO/Co-MOF composite aerogels (weight ratio of Co-MOF to GO is 15 : 1) before (b,c) and after (d,e) the two-step annealing process. (f) TEM image of the rGO/Co-MOF-derived composite. Inset: High-magnification TEM image of the rectangular range in (f). The arrows in (e,f) indicate the Co-MOF-derived structures.

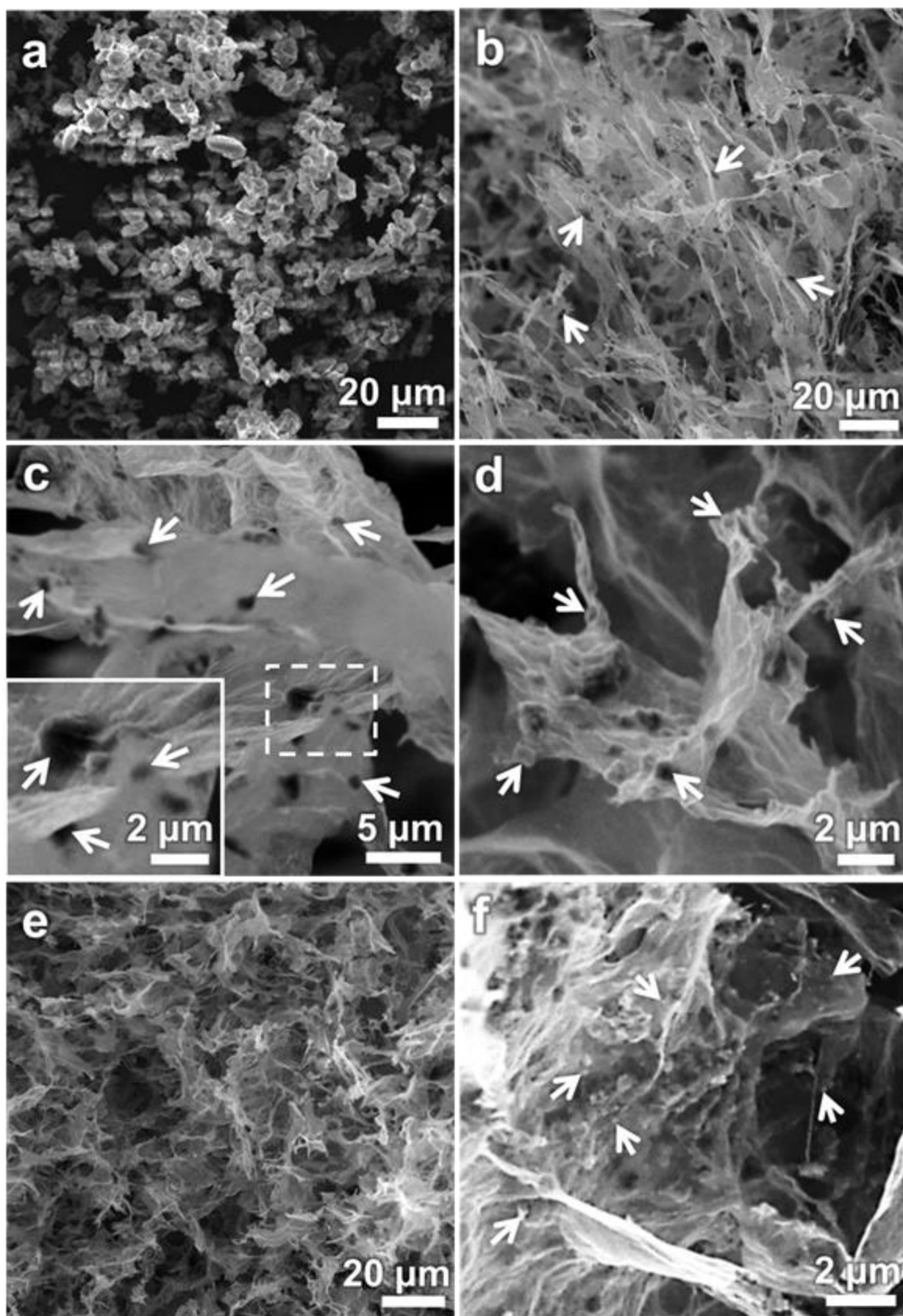


Figure S7. SEM images of (a) Sn-MOF crystals, and (b-f) the GO/Sn-MOF composite aerogels (weight ratio of Sn-MOF to GO is 5 : 1) before (b-d) and after (e,f) the two-step annealing process. Inset in (c): High-magnification SEM image of the rectangular range in (c). The arrows indicate the Sn-MOF crystals (b-d) and Sn-MOF-derived materials (f).

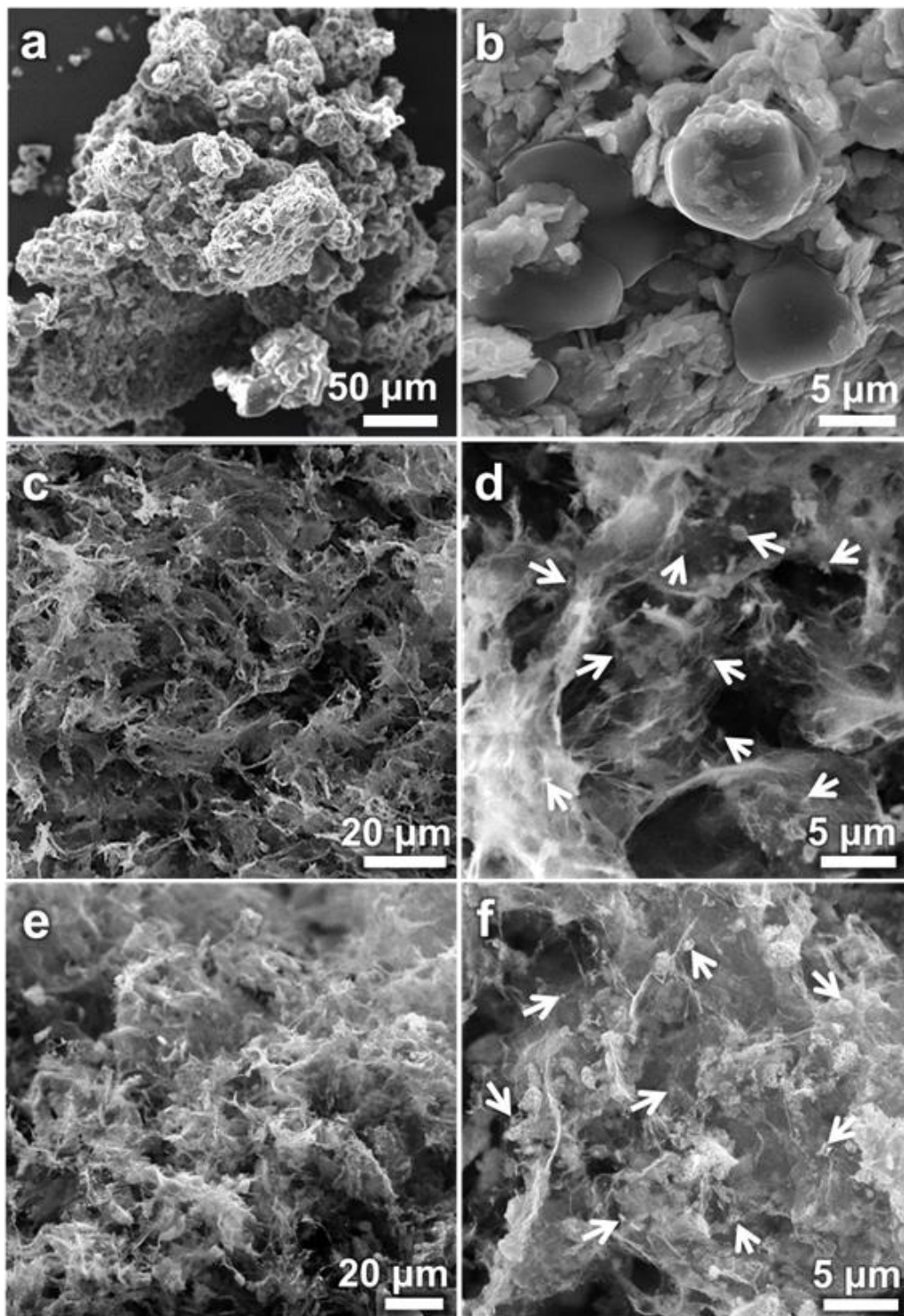


Figure S8. SEM images of (a,b) ZIF-8 crystals, and (c-f) the GO/ZIF-8 composite aerogels (weight ratio of ZIF-8 to GO is 5 : 1) before (c,d) and after (e,f) the two-step annealing process. The arrows indicate the ZIF-8 crystals (d) and ZIF-8-derived materials (f).

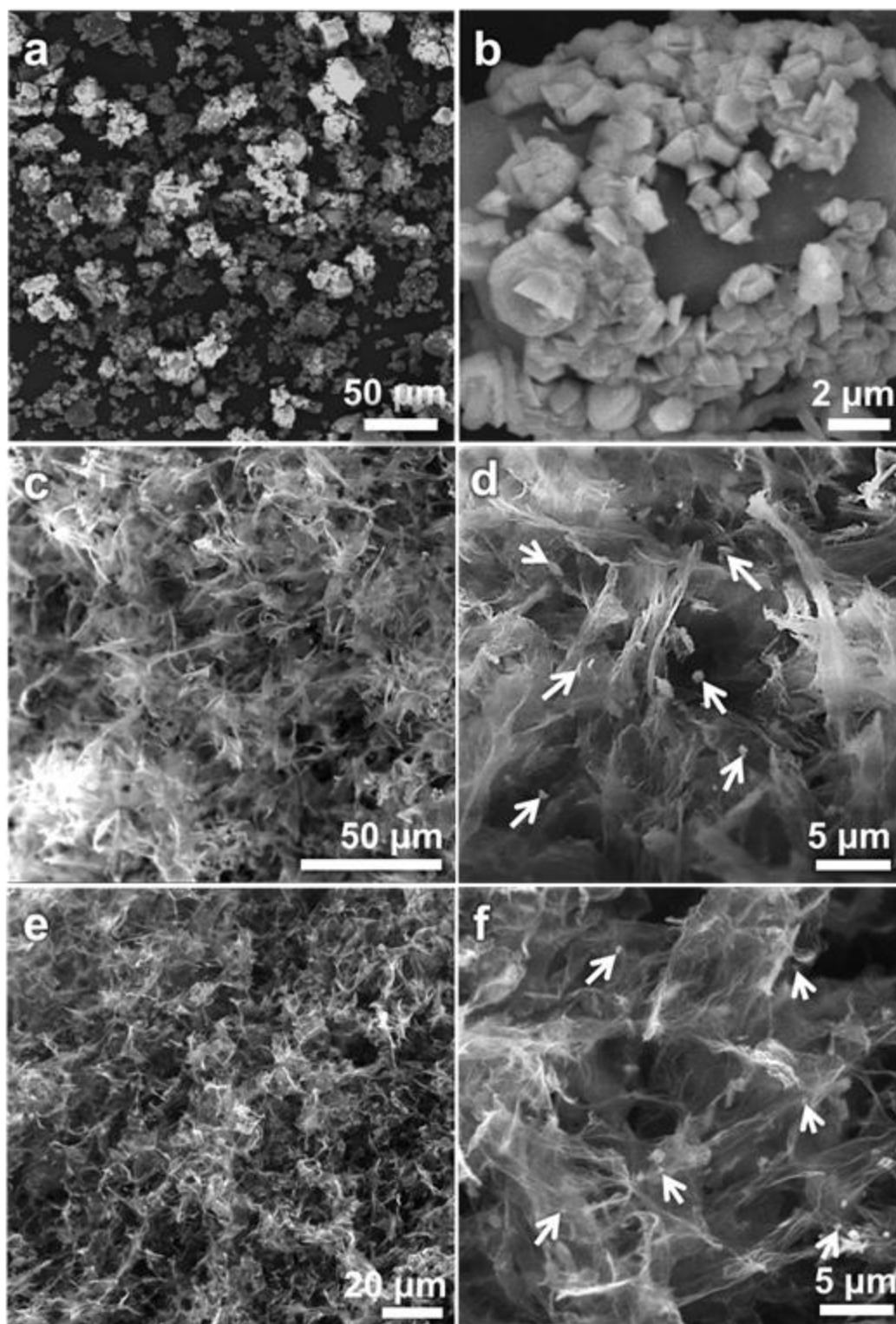


Figure S9. SEM images of (a,b) MOF-5 crystals and (c-f) the GO/MOF-5 composite aerogels (weight ratio of MOF-5 to GO is 5 : 1) before (c,d) and after (e,f) the two-step annealing process. The arrows indicate the MOF-5 crystals (d) and MOF-5-derived materials (f).

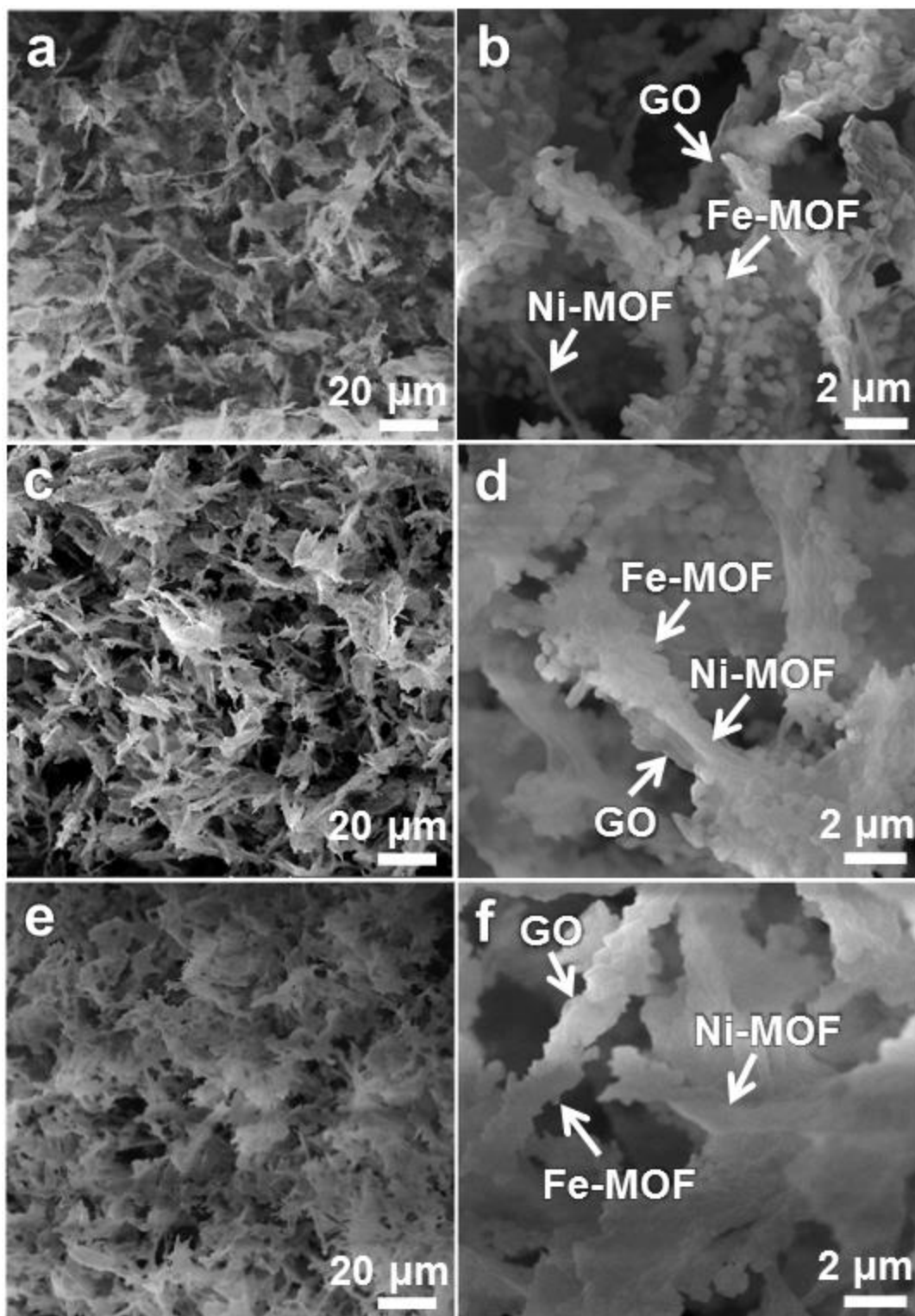


Figure S10. SEM images of GO/Fe-MOF/Ni-MOF composite aerogels with different weight ratios. Fe-MOF : Ni-MOF : GO = 5 : 1 : 1 (a, b), 5 : 3 : 1 (c, d), and 5 : 5 : 1 (e, f).

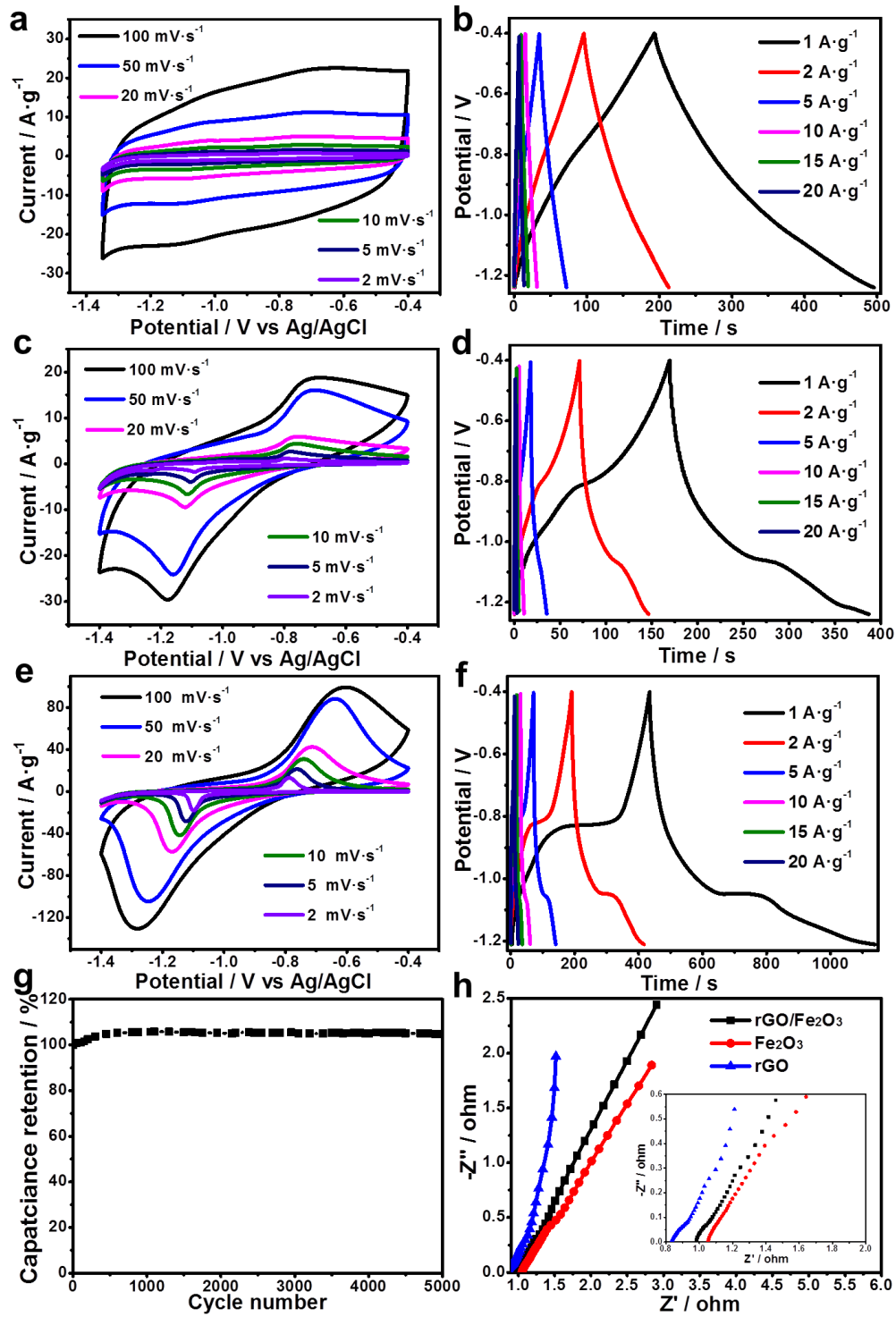


Figure S11. Electrochemical performance of the obtained rGO/Fe₂O₃, rGO and Fe₂O₃. The CV and charge/discharge curves of (a,b) rGO, (c,d) Fe₂O₃, and (e,f) rGO/Fe₂O₃ electrodes. (g) Cycling performance of rGO/Fe₂O₃ composite electrode measured by charging and discharging it at 20 A·g⁻¹ for 5000 cycles. (h) Nyquist plots of rGO/Fe₂O₃, Fe₂O₃ and rGO electrodes.

The CV curves of rGO/Fe₂O₃ and Fe₂O₃ electrodes show a pair of well-defined peaks at around -0.7 and -1.2 V, which are attributed to the reversible oxidation and reduction processes of Fe²⁺ ↔ Fe³⁺.^{S1} The CV curves of the rGO/Fe₂O₃ composites exhibit no obvious distortion of shapes at higher scan rates, suggesting good rate capability and rapid diffusion of electrolyte ions into the composite (Figure S11e). Figure S11g shows the Cs of rGO/Fe₂O₃ composite increased in the first 500 cycles. This could be due to the gradually penetration of electrolyte ions into the rGO/Fe₂O₃ composite electrode.^{S2} The Cs of the composite electrode shows no obvious change in the subsequent 4500 cycles.

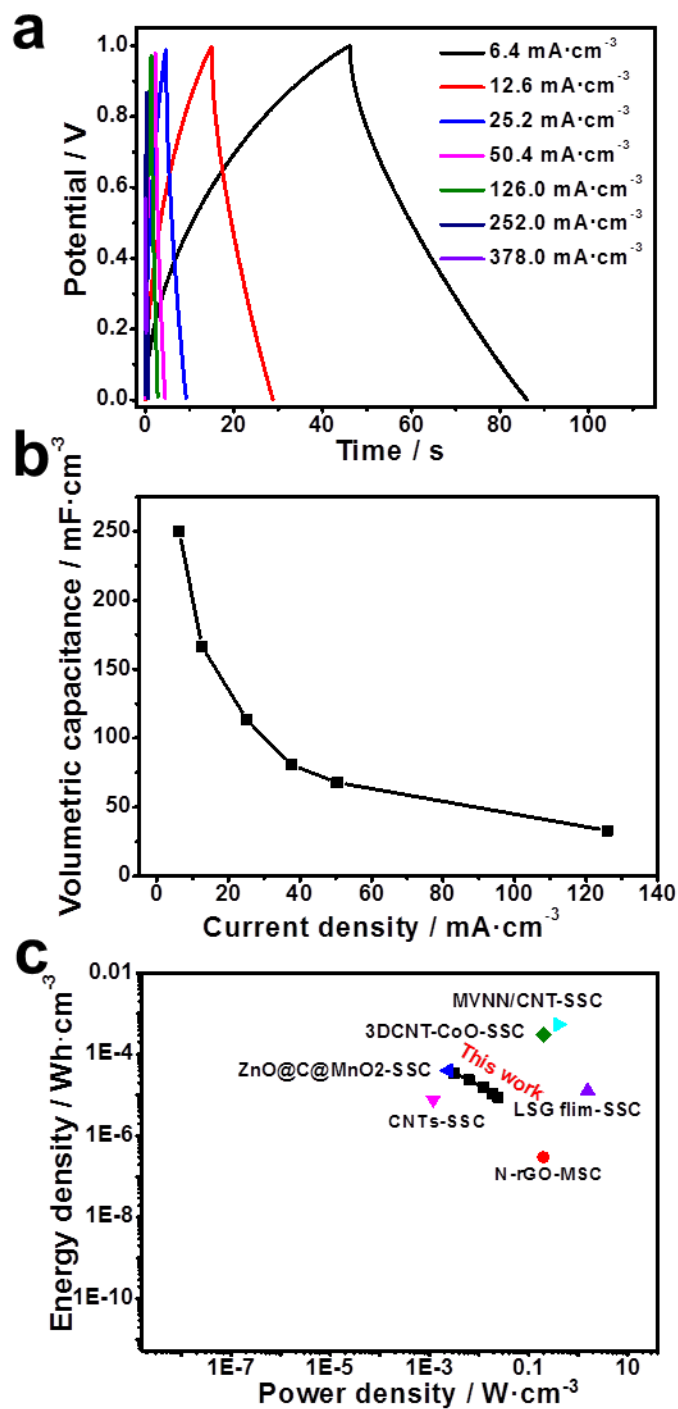


Figure S12. (a) Charge/discharge curves of the all-solid-state symmetric supercapacitor device fabricated using rGO/Fe₂O₃ composite at different current densities. (b) Volumetric capacitance at different current densities. (c) The Ragone plots of the fabricated device, and the comparison of our performance with previous reports.

Table S1. The comparison of electrochemical performance of graphene/Fe₂O₃ composite-based electrodes in various aqueous electrolytes.

Materials	Morphology of Fe ₂ O ₃	Specific capacitance (F/g)	Rate capability (F/g)	Cycling performance	Electrolyte	Ref
Graphene/Fe ₂ O ₃	particles	908 at 2 A/g	626 at 50 A/g	75% after 200 cycles at 20 mV/s	1 M KOH	S1
Fe ₂ O ₃ QDs/FGS	quantum dots	347 at 10 mV/s	140 at 1600 mV/s	95% after 5000 cycles at 0.5 A/g	1 M Na ₂ SO ₄	S3
α-Fe ₂ O ₃ NTs-rGO	nanotubes	181 at 3 A/g	69 at 10 A/g	110% after 2000 cycles at 5 A/g	0.1 M K ₂ SO ₄	S4
NGFeCs	particles	260 at 2A/g	110 at 7 A/g	82.5% after 1000 cycles at 2 A/g	1 M Na ₂ SO ₄	S5
NR-rGO	nanorods	504 at 2 mA/cm ²	Not reported	Not reported	1 M Na ₂ SO ₄	S6
Fe ₂ O ₃ -graphene	particles	226 at 1 A/g	90.8 at 5A/g	Not reported	1 M Na ₂ SO ₄	S7
GNS/Fe ₂ O ₃	nanorods	320 at 10 mA/cm ²	152 at 100 mA/cm ²	97% after 500 cycles at 10 mA/cm ²	6 M KOH	S8
Fe ₂ O ₃ -graphene	nanoparticles	151.8 at 1 A/g	94 at 16 A/g	86% after 1000 cycles at 2 A/g	2 M KOH	S9
Fe ₂ O ₃ /NrGO	nanoparticles	618 at 0.5 A/g	350 at 10 A/g	56.7% after 5000 cycles at 4 A/g	1 M KOH	S10
Fe ₂ O ₃ /rGOA	nanoparticles	627 at 1 A/g	522 at 20 A/g	57% after 1500 cycles at 5 A/g	2 M KOH	S11
Fe ₂ O ₃ NDs@NG	nanodots	274 at 1 A/g	140 at 50 A/g	75.3% after 100000 cycles at 5 A/g	1 M KOH	S12
Fe ₂ O ₃ /GH	nanoparticles	1111 at 5 A/g	615 at 100 A/g	46.8% after 5000 cycles at 20 mV/s	6 M KOH	S13
G-Fe ₂ O ₃	nanoparticles	1095 at 3 A/g	506.6 at 30 A/g	91.1% after 1 000 cycles at 10 A/g	3 M KOH	S14
Fe ₂ O ₃ /GA	nanoparticles	81.3 at 1 A/g	62.7 at 10 A/g	Not reported	0.5 M Na ₂ SO ₄	S15
α-Fe ₂ O ₃ /rGO	nanoplates	903 at 1 A/g	Not reported	70% after 1000 cycles at 5 A/g	1 M KOH	S16
Fe ₂ O ₃ /rGO	nanoplates	1083 at 2 A/g	199 at 20 A/g	75.3% after 1000 cycles at 4 A/g	1 M KOH	S17
γ-Fe ₂ O ₃ /graphene	spheres	332.7 at 2 A/g	98.9 at 10 A/g	95% after 2000 cycles at 10 A/g	1 M KOH	S18
rGO/Fe₂O₃	porous structure assembled by particles	869.2 at 1 A/g	289.6 at 20 A/g 362.5 at 10 A/g 431.1 at 5 A/g	105.1% after 5000 cycles at 20 A/g	6 M KOH	This work

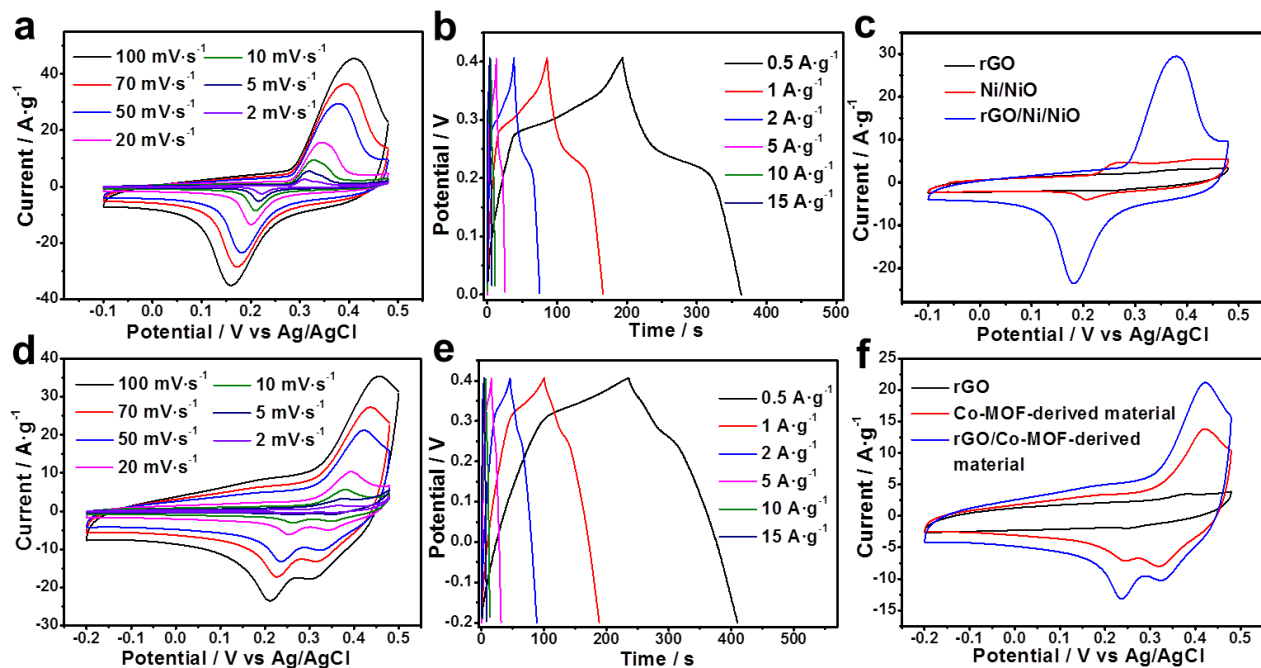


Figure S13. Electrochemical performances of the (a,b) rGO/Ni/NiO and (d,e) rGO/Co-MOF-derived composite aerogels. Comparison of electrochemical performance of the (c) rGO/Ni/NiO and (f) rGO/Co-MOF-derived composite aerogels with their corresponding individual counterparts (scan rate = 50 $\text{mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$).

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