

Supplementary Material

Direct regeneration of spent graphite anode material via a simple thermal treatment method

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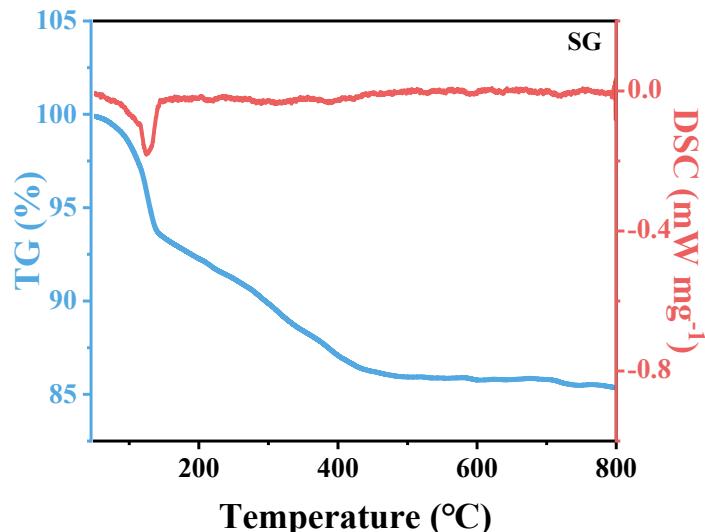
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Supplementary electrochemical measurements

"A well-mixed slurry is applied to the copper foil with a mass loading of the active material of approximately 0.9 mg, and the mass loading of the active material does not fluctuate up or down by more than 0.1 mg."

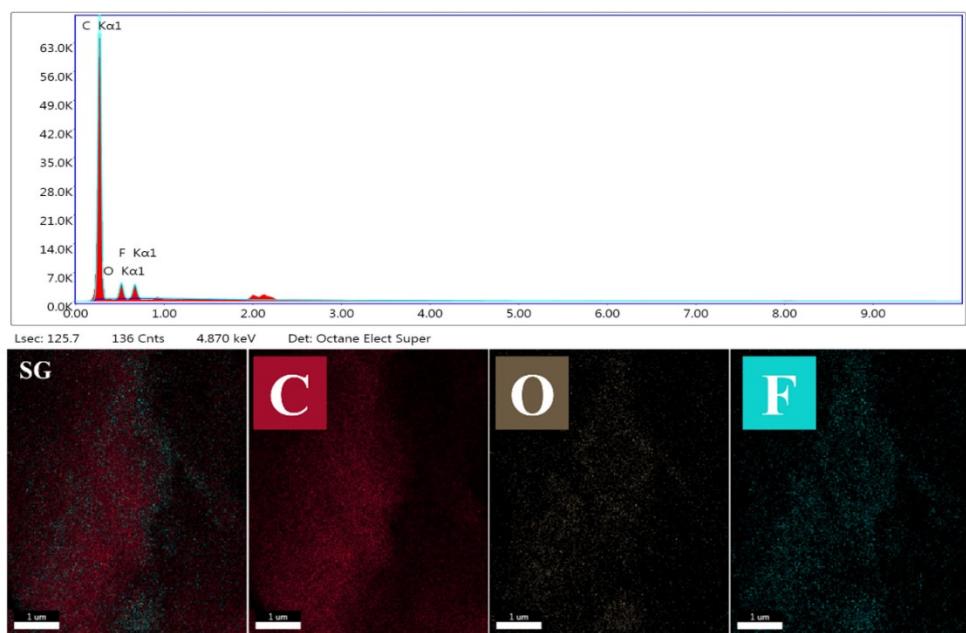
"Placing coin cells in a temperature-regulated incubator at 26°C during testing, helps minimize variations arising from fluctuations in ambient temperature."



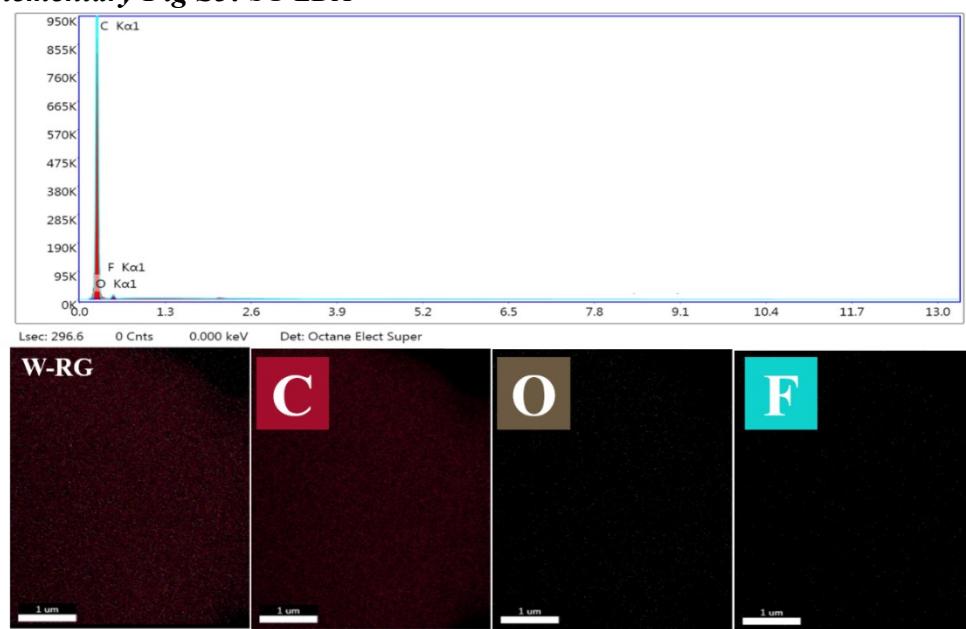
Supplementary Fig S1: thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of the spent graphite (SG)



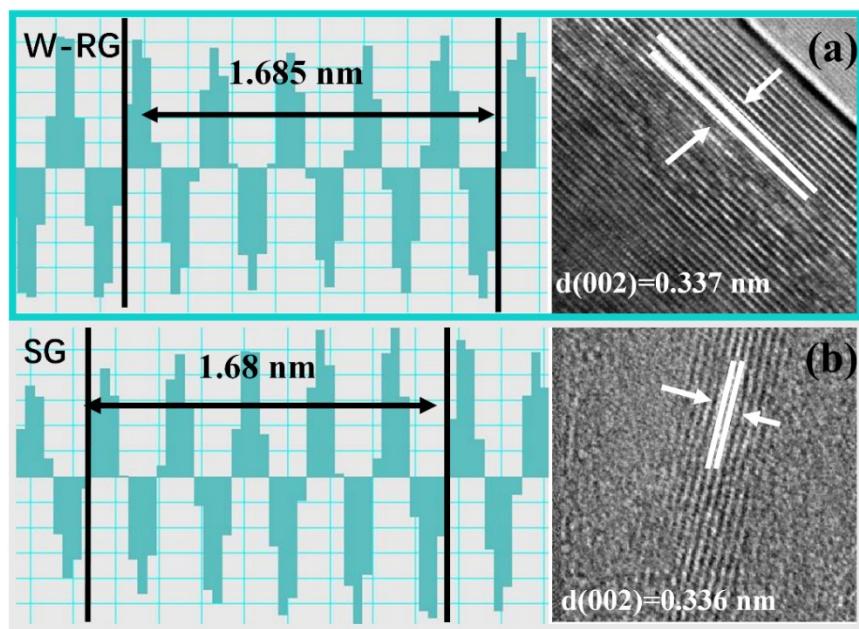
Supplementary Fig S2: comparison of graphite copper foil stripped by heat treatment



Supplementary Fig S3: SG-EDX



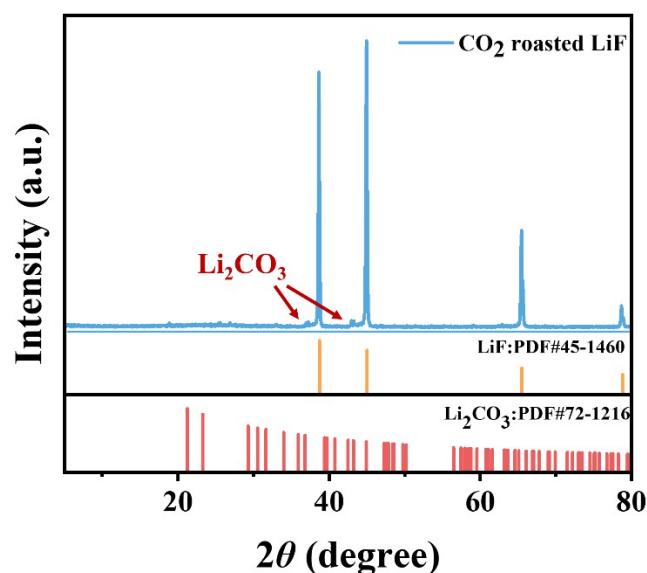
Supplementary Fig S4: W-RG-EDX



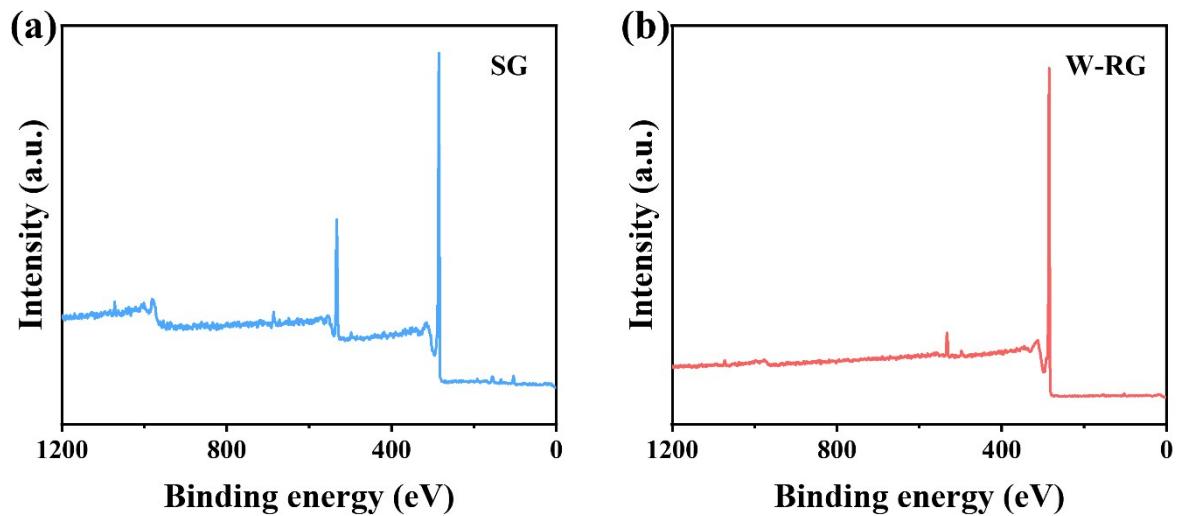
Supplementary Fig S5: line profiles of (a) W-RG, and (b) SG



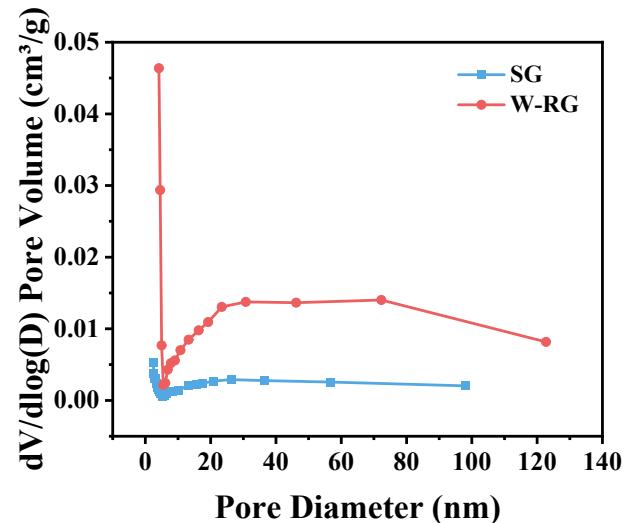
Supplementary Fig S6: white crystals from evaporation of washing solution.



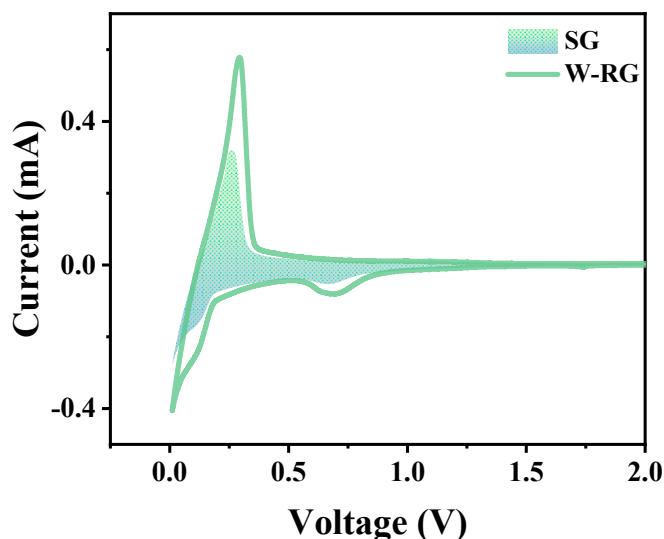
Supplementary Fig S7: XRD of LiF roasted with CO₂.



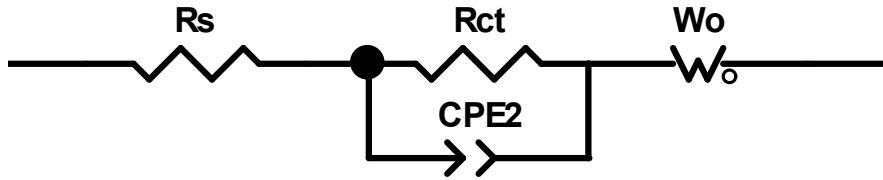
Supplementary Fig S8: XPS survey scan of (a) SG, and (b) W-RG.



Supplementary Fig S9: Cumulative pore volume as a function of pore size, all based on BJH theory.



Supplementary Fig S10: Cumulative pore volume as a function of pore size, all based on BJH theory.



Supplementary Fig S11: Equivalent circuit models for W-RG, SG and CG
Supplementary Table S1 :

The metal impurity content of each sample.

| Metal(ppm) | Li | Fe | Cu |
|------------|--------|---------|-------|
| Sample | | | |
| SG | 85.51 | 27.16 | 34.69 |
| | 93.6 | 30.98 | 38.75 |
| | 87.64 | 31.54 | 31.52 |
| WG | 38.46 | 9.516 | 10.83 |
| | 34.91 | 9.156 | 9.826 |
| | 40.2 | 9.173 | 11.51 |
| N-RG | 28.43 | 8.93867 | 8.402 |
| | 24.92 | 8.76717 | 8.74 |
| | 20.84 | 8.59567 | 8.082 |
| W-RG | 0.2736 | 3.82 | 4.882 |
| | 0.3461 | 3.597 | 4.018 |
| | 0.2208 | 2.835 | 3.597 |

Supplementary Table S2 :

The electrochemical properties of graphite recovered using different methods are demonstrated.

| Recycling methods | Initial coulombic efficiency (%) | Discharge specific capacity (mAh g^{-1}) | Author |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Bituminous coating ^{S1} | | 394 (1C) | YiHua Xiao |
| Carbon modification ^{S2} | 82.47 | 263.38(0.5C) | Yongzhi Chen |
| Water treatment ^{S3} | 75.90 | 345(0.2C) | Huirong Wang |

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|--|-------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Calcined acid leaching ^{S4} | | 370(0.1C) | Dan Yang |
| Structural reconstruction ^{S5} | 92.8% | 147.26(50 mA g ⁻¹) | Kui Liu |

Supplementary Table S3 :

Table S3. The parameters of the fitted circuit data for each sample.

| Sample | R _s | R _{ct} | CPE ₂ | W ₀ |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| SG | 20.16 | 135.62 | 3.8099 E-5 | 516.5 |
| W-RG | 2.091 | 84.56 | 1.6629E-5 | 204.8 |
| CG | 2.002 | 82.4 | 1.5978E-5 | 213.3 |

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