

Highly Ordered Mesoporous NiCo₂O₄ with Superior Pseudocapacitance Performance for Supercapacitors

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Part I: Calculations

The specific capacitance (C) of the electrode was calculated from the discharge curves using the following formula¹:

$$C = \frac{I \times \Delta t}{m \times \Delta V}$$

where I (A), Δt (s), m (g), and ΔV (V) are the discharge current, discharge time consumed in the potential range of ΔV , mass of the active materials, and the potential windows, respectively.

The energy density (E) and power density (P) are calculated from the discharge curves using the following formula:

$$E = \text{Error!} \times C \times \Delta V^2$$
$$P = \frac{E}{\Delta t}$$

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Part II: Supplementary Figures

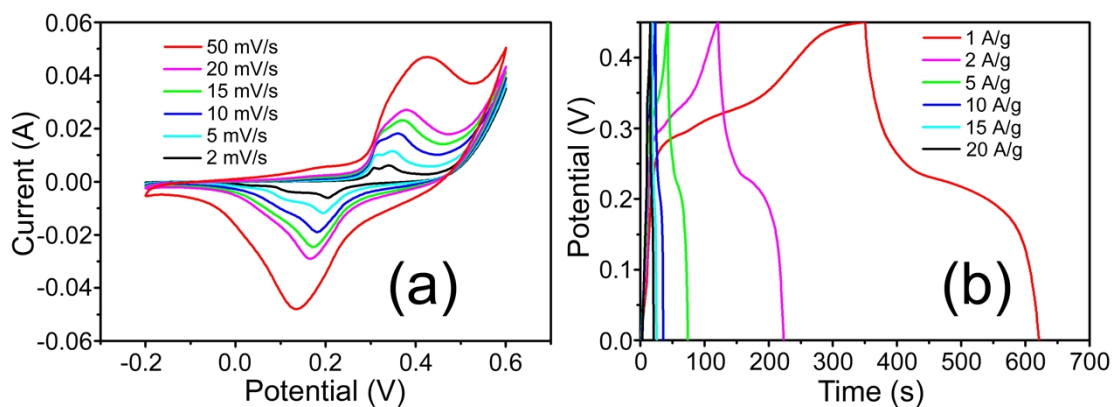


Fig. S1 (a) CV curves at different scan rates and (b) galvanostatic charge-discharge curves at different current densities of the conventional NiCo₂O₄, respectively.

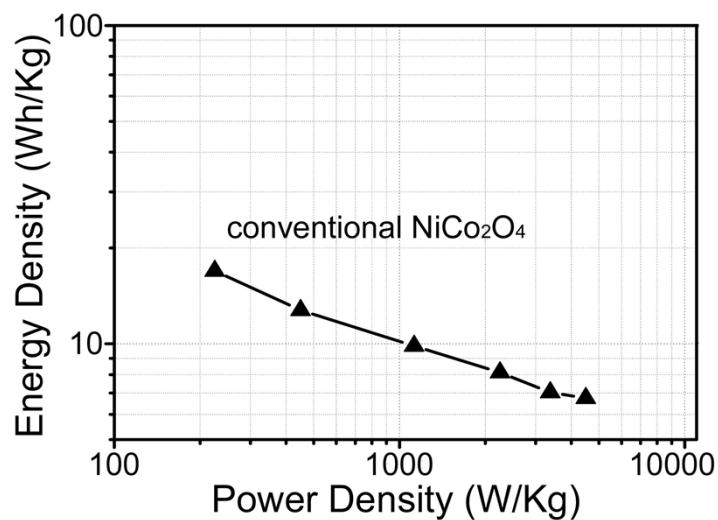


Fig. S2 Ragone plot (energy density vs. power density) of the conventional NiCo₂O₄.

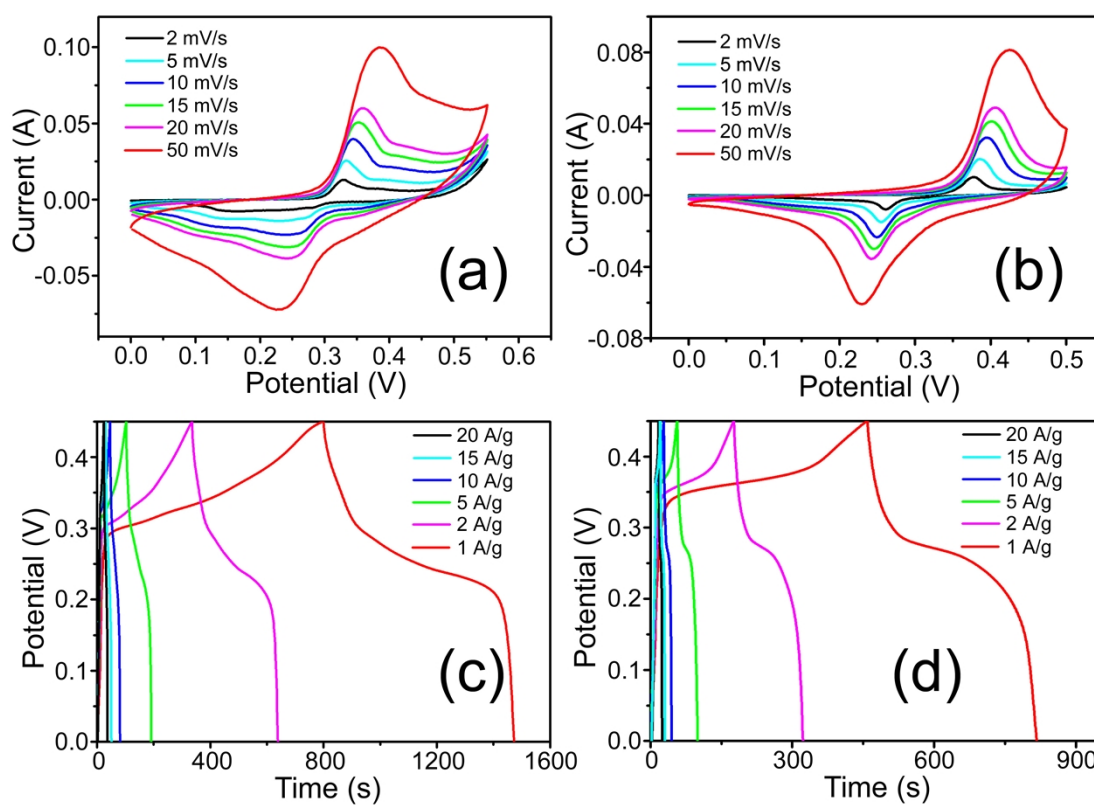


Fig. S3 CV curves at different scan rates and galvanostatic charge-discharge curves at different current densities of the mesoporous Co₃O₄ (a, c) and mesoporous NiO (b, d), respectively.

Table S1 A comparison of the capacitance for the highly ordered mesoporous NiCo_2O_4 electrode material with other reported NiCo_2O_4 electrodes in previous literatures.

Electrode Materials	Specific Capacitance	Ref.
Highly ordered mesoporous NiCo_2O_4	1699 F/g at 1 A/g	This work
Porous NiCo_2O_4 hetero-structure arrays	891 F/g at 1 A/g	16
NiCo_2O_4 nanorods	565 F/g at 1 A/g	18
Porous NiCo_2O_4 nanowires	743 F/g at 1 A/g	20
Porous NiCo_2O_4 flowerlike nanostructure	658 F/g at 1 A/g	21
Porous NiCo_2O_4 nanostructures	1197 F/g at 1 A/g	25
porous spinel NiCo_2O_4	726.8 F/g at 1 A/g	36
Flower-shaped NiCo_2O_4 microsphere	1006 F/g at 1 A/g	37

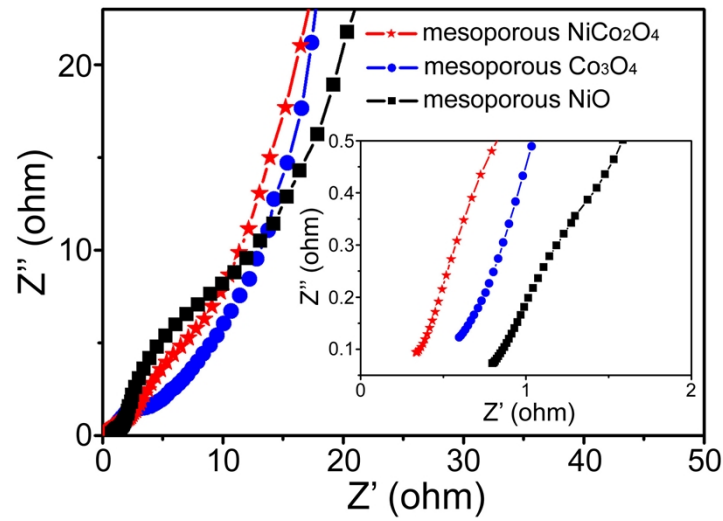


Fig. S4 EIS spectra comparison of the mesoporous NiCo_2O_4 , mesoporous Co_3O_4 and mesoporous NiO electrodes, respectively.