

## Supporting information

# Boost-up Electrochemical Performance of MOFs via Confined Synthesis within Nanoporous Carbon Matrices for Supercapacitor and Oxygen Reduction Reaction Applications

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## Note 1. Calculation of the MOF volume fraction inside CM

For the following calculations, values listed in the Table 1 are used.

### 1. Densities of the pristine MOFs used for this work

#### *Assumptions*

1. We assume that the formula of HKUST-1 (Cu & Ni) are  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{btc})_2]$  and  $[\text{Ni}_3(\text{btc})_2]$ , respectively.
2. The crystallographic density (0.96 g/cc) of  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{btc})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$  reported in the paper (Chui et al. Science 1999, 283, 1148) is used for obtaining the following densities of Cu-/Ni-MOFs.
3. Molecular weights:  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{btc})_2] = 604.62 \text{ g/mol}$ ;  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{btc})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3] = 658.62 \text{ g/mol}$ ;  $[\text{Ni}_3(\text{btc})_2] = 590.07 \text{ g/mol}$

- Density of  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{btc})_2]$ : 0.88 g/cc

The molecular weight ratio of  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{btc})_2]$  and  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{btc})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$  is 0.918 (604.62 g/mol / 658.62 g/mol), so the density for  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{btc})_2]$  is 0.88 g/cc ( $0.96 \text{ g/cc} \times 0.918$ )

- Density of  $[\text{Ni}_3(\text{btc})_2]$ : 0.86 g/cc

The molecular weight ratio of  $[\text{Ni}_3(\text{btc})_2]$  and  $[\text{Cu}_3(\text{btc})_2]$  is 0.976 (590.07 g/mol / 604.62 g/mol), so the density for  $[\text{Ni}_3(\text{btc})_2]$  is 0.86 g/cc ( $0.88 \text{ g/cc} \times 0.976$ )

## 2. Calculation of density of MC, NMC and mC

### *Assumptions*

1. The density of solid carbon is assumed to be 2 g/cc (usually 1.8–2.1 g/cc).
2. Silica particles are packed in a *fcc* array (packing density = 74%).
3. The size of silica spheres is assumed to be uniform.
4. The density of air at 25 °C is 0.00118 g/cc.
5. The information of porosity for CMs can be obtained from nitrogen-sorption measurements.

► CMs contain 74% free volume, which is filled with air at ambient condition; this is because they are the inverse structure of the close-packed silica templates. The carbon content (the inverse *fcc*) is 26% in the CMs. Therefore, the density of CMs without considering microporosity is

$$(0.26 \times 2 \text{ g/cc}) + (0.74 \times 0.00118 \text{ g/cc}) = 0.52 \text{ g/cc},$$

So, CM 1g = 1.923 cc.

► The microporosity of carbon should be considered for density.

- Volume fraction of MC within inverse *fcc* (microporosity = 0.15 cc/g): 92.2%

→  $(0.15 \text{ cc} / 1.923 \text{ cc}) \times 100 = 7.8\%$  for empty space of carbon due to micropores, so volume fraction of carbon is 92.2%.

- Volume fraction of NMC within inverse *fcc* (microporosity = 0.11 cc/g): 94.3%

→  $(0.11 \text{ cc} / 1.923 \text{ cc}) \times 100 = 5.7\%$  for empty space of carbon due to micropores, so volume fraction of carbon is 94.3%.

- Volume fraction of mC within inverse *fcc* (microporosity = 0.04 cc/g): 97.9%

→  $(0.04 \text{ cc} / 1.923 \text{ cc}) \times 100 = 2.1\%$  for empty space of carbon due to micropores, so volume fraction of carbon is 97.9%.

- Density of MC: 0.48 g/cc

$$: (0.26 \times 0.922 \times 2 \text{ g/cc}) + (0.26 \times 0.078 \times 0.00118 \text{ g/cc}) + (0.74 \times 0.00118 \text{ g/cc}) = 0.48 \text{ g/cc}$$

- Density of NMC: 0.49 g/cc

$$: (0.26 \times 0.943 \times 2 \text{ g/cc}) + (0.26 \times 0.057 \times 0.00118 \text{ g/cc}) + (0.74 \times 0.00118 \text{ g/cc}) = 0.49 \text{ g/cc}$$

- Density of mC: 0.51 g/cc

$$: (0.26 \times 0.979 \times 2 \text{ g/cc}) + (0.26 \times 0.021 \times 0.00118 \text{ g/cc}) + (0.74 \times 0.00118 \text{ g/cc}) = 0.51 \text{ g/cc}$$

### **3. Calculation of the MOF volume fraction inside CMs using the micropore volume**

Cu-MOF: density (0.88 g/cc) and micropore volume (0.49 cc/g)

Ni-MOF: density (0.86 g/cc) and micropore volume (0.3 cc/g)

MC: density (0.48 g/cc) and micropore volume (0.15 cc/g)

NMC: density (0.49 g/cc) and micropore volume (0.11 cc/g)

mC: density (0.51 g/cc) and micropore volume (0.04 cc/g)

Cu-MOF@MC-1: micropore volume (0.28 cc/g)

Cu-MOF@MC-2: micropore volume (0.33 cc/g)

Cu-MOF@NMC: micropore volume (0.32 cc/g)

Cu-MOF@mC: micropore volume (0.28 cc/g)

Ni-MOF@mC: micropore volume (0.17 cc/g)

► Considering that CMs have a free volume of 74% which can be occupied by a MOF, then the relative weights of MOF and CMs are follows

- In the 1 cc of Cu-MOF@MC, total weight =  $0.651 + 0.125 = 0.776$  g

Cu-MOF  $\rightarrow 0.74 \text{ (cc, \%)} \times 0.88 \text{ g/cc} = 0.651 \text{ g (83.9\%)}$

MC  $\rightarrow 0.26 \text{ (cc, \%)} \times 0.48 \text{ g/cc} = 0.125 \text{ g (16.1\%)}$

- In the 1 cc of Cu-MOF@NMC, total weight =  $0.651 + 0.125 = 0.778$  g

Cu-MOF  $\rightarrow 0.74 \text{ (cc, \%)} \times 0.88 \text{ g/cc} = 0.651 \text{ g (83.7\%)}$

NMC  $\rightarrow 0.26 \text{ (cc, \%)} \times 0.49 \text{ g/cc} = 0.127 \text{ g (16.3\%)}$

- In the 1 cc of Cu-MOF@mC, total weight =  $0.651 + 0.133 = 0.784$  g

Cu-MOF  $\rightarrow 0.74 \text{ (cc, \%)} \times 0.88 \text{ g/cc} = 0.651 \text{ g (83\%)}$

mC  $\rightarrow 0.26 \text{ (cc, \%)} \times 0.51 \text{ g/cc} = 0.133 \text{ g (17\%)}$

- In the 1 cc of Ni-MOF@mC, total weight =  $0.636 + 0.133 = 0.769$  g

Ni-MOF  $\rightarrow 0.74\% \text{ (cc)} \times 0.86 \text{ g/cc} = 0.636 \text{ g (82.7\%)}$

mC  $\rightarrow 0.26\% \text{ (cc)} \times 0.51 \text{ g/cc} = 0.133 \text{ g (17.3\%)}$

► If the entire free volume (74%) of CMs is occupied by MOF, then ideal micropore volumes of MOF@CMs are follows

- Cu-MOF@MC:

$$(0.839 \times 0.49 \text{ cc/g}) + (0.161 \times 0.15 \text{ cc/g}) = 0.435 \text{ cc/g}$$

- Cu-MOF@NMC:

$$(0.837 \times 0.49 \text{ cc/g}) + (0.163 \times 0.11 \text{ cc/g}) = 0.428 \text{ cc/g}$$

- Cu-MOF@mC:

$$(0.83 \times 0.49 \text{ cc/g}) + (0.17 \times 0.04 \text{ cc/g}) = 0.414 \text{ cc/g}$$

- Ni-MOF@mC:

$$(0.827 \times 0.3 \text{ cc/g}) + (0.173 \times 0.04 \text{ cc/g}) = 0.255 \text{ cc/g}$$

► Then, the relative micropore volume fractions of MOF inside CMs are follows

- Cu-MOF@MC-1 →  $(0.28 \text{ cc/g}) / (0.435 \text{ cc/g}) = 64.4\%$
- Cu-MOF@MC-2 →  $(0.33 \text{ cc/g}) / (0.435 \text{ cc/g}) = 75.9\%$
- Cu-MOF@NMC →  $(0.32 \text{ cc/g}) / (0.428 \text{ cc/g}) = 74.8\%$
- Cu-MOF@mC →  $(0.28 \text{ cc/g}) / (0.414 \text{ cc/g}) = 67.6\%$
- Ni-MOF@mC →  $(0.17 \text{ cc/g}) / (0.255 \text{ cc/g}) = 66.7\%$

#### **4. Calculation of the MOF volume fraction inside CMs using TGA**

##### *Assumptions*

1. Cu-/Ni-MOFs are transformed to CuO and NiO, respectively, and carbons are completely burned out during TGA measurement (air condition).
2. One mole of Cu-/Ni-MOFs ( $[Cu_3(btc)_2]$  &  $[Ni_3(btc)_2]$ ) gives three moles of CuO & NiO upon TGA measurement.
3. The volume fraction of MOF inside CM can be obtained from the relative weight ratio of MOF@CM sample and ideal weight of MOF@CM that a free volume (74%) of CM is completely occupied by MOF.
3. Molecular weights:  $[Cu_3(btc)_2] = 604.62$  g/mol;  $[Ni_3(btc)_2] = 590.07$  g/mol; CuO (MW): 79.54 g/mol; NiO (MW): 74.69 g/mol

► Considering that CMs have a free volume of 74%, which can be completely occupied by MOF, then the relative weights of MOF occupied in a free volume and MC are follows

- In the 1 cc of Cu-MOF@MC, total weight = 0.776 g

$$MC \rightarrow 0.26 \text{ (cc, %)} \times 0.48 \text{ g/cc} = 0.125 \text{ g (16.1\%)}$$

$$\text{Cu-MOF} \rightarrow 0.74 \text{ (cc, %)} \times 0.88 \text{ g/cc} = 0.651 \text{ g (83.9\%)} \rightarrow 1.077 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol of } [Cu_3(btc)_2]$$

$$\rightarrow 3.231 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol of CuO} \rightarrow (3.231 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \times 79.54 \text{ g/mol}) = 0.257 \text{ g of CuO}$$

So, the ideal leftover weight of Cu-MOF@MC when a free volume completely occupied by MOF after TGA is

$$0.257 / 0.776 = 33.1\%$$

- In the 1 cc of Cu-MOF@NMC, total weight = 0.778 g

$$NMC \rightarrow 0.26 \text{ (cc, %)} \times 0.49 \text{ g/cc} = 0.127 \text{ g (16.3\%)}$$

$$\text{Cu-MOF} \rightarrow 0.74 \text{ (cc, %)} \times 0.88 \text{ g/cc} = 0.651 \text{ g (83.7\%)} \rightarrow 1.077 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol of } [Cu_3(btc)_2]$$

$$\rightarrow 3.231 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol of CuO} \rightarrow (3.231 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \times 79.54 \text{ g/mol}) = 0.257 \text{ g of CuO}$$

So, the ideal leftover weight of Cu-MOF@MC when a free volume completely occupied by MOF after TGA is

$$0.257 / 0.778 = 33\%$$

- In the 1 cc of Cu-MOF@mC, total weight = 0.784 g

$$mC \rightarrow 0.26 \text{ (cc, %)} \times 0.51 \text{ g/cc} = 0.133 \text{ g (17%)}$$

$$\text{Cu-MOF} \rightarrow 0.74 \text{ (cc, %)} \times 0.88 \text{ g/cc} = 0.651 \text{ g (83\%)} \rightarrow 1.077 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol of } [\text{Cu}_3(\text{btc})_2]$$

$$\rightarrow 3.231 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol of CuO} \rightarrow (3.231 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \times 79.54 \text{ g/mol}) = 0.257 \text{ g of CuO}$$

So, the ideal leftover weight of Cu-MOF@MC when a free volume completely occupied by MOF after TGA is

$$0.257 / 0.784 = 32.8\%$$

- In the 1 cc of Ni-MOF@mC, total weight =  $0.636 + 0.133 = 0.769 \text{ g}$

$$mC \rightarrow 0.26\% \text{ (cc)} \times 0.51 \text{ g/cc} = 0.133 \text{ g (17.3\%)}$$

$$\text{Ni-MOF} \rightarrow 0.74\% \text{ (cc)} \times 0.86 \text{ g/cc} = 0.636 \text{ g (82.7\%)} \rightarrow 1.078 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol mol of } [\text{Cu}_3(\text{btc})_2]$$

$$\rightarrow 3.234 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol of NiO} \rightarrow (3.234 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol} \times 74.69 \text{ g/mol}) = 0.242 \text{ g of NiO}$$

So, the ideal leftover weight of Cu-MOF@MC when a free volume completely occupied by MOF after TGA is

$$0.242 / 0.769 = 31.5\%$$

► The relative weight fractions of MOF@CMs and ideal weights of MOF@CMs with a free volume completely occupied by MOF can be obtained using TGA data.

$$\text{Cu-MOF@MC-1: } 18.7\% \rightarrow 18.7 / 33.1 = 56.5\%$$

$$\text{Cu-MOF@MC-2: } 25.7\% \rightarrow 25.7 / 33.1 = 77.6\%$$

$$\text{Cu-MOF@NMC: } 24.7\% \rightarrow 24.7 / 33 = 74.8\%$$

$$\text{Cu-MOF@mC: } 22.7\% \rightarrow 22.7 / 32.8 = 69.2\%$$

$$\text{Ni-MOF@mC: } 18.5\% \rightarrow 18.5 / 31.5 = 58.7\%$$

## Note 2. Calculation of normalized capacitances (NCs) of MOFs

### *Assumptions*

1. The capacitances of MOFs are boosted due to incorporation within conductive CMs.
2. The normalized capacitances of MOFs are obtained by considering the weight percentage of MOFs inside CMs.

- Cu-MOF@MC (77 F/g @0.3A/g): normalization capacitance (96 F/g @0.3A/g)

In the 1 cc of Cu-MOF@MC, actual volume fraction of Cu-MOF: 77.6%

Total weight: 0.63 g

$$\text{MC} \rightarrow 0.26 (\text{cc, \%}) \times 0.48 \text{ g/cc} = 0.125 \text{ g (19.8\%)}$$

$$\text{Cu-MOF} \rightarrow 0.74 (\text{cc, \%}) \times 0.776 (\%) \times 0.88 \text{ g/cc} = 0.505 \text{ g (80.2\%)}$$

$$\text{Normalization factor: } 1.247 \text{ (100 / 80.2), so } 77 \text{ F/g} \times 1.247 = 96 \text{ F/g}$$

- Cu-MOF@NMC (95 F/g @0.3A/g): normalization capacitance (119.8 F/g @0.3A/g)

In the 1 cc of Cu-MOF@NMC, actual volume fraction of Cu-MOF: 74.8%

Total weight: 0.614 g

$$\text{NMC} \rightarrow 0.26 (\text{cc, \%}) \times 0.49 \text{ g/cc} = 0.127 \text{ g (20.7\%)}$$

$$\text{Cu-MOF} \rightarrow 0.74 (\text{cc, \%}) \times 0.748 \times 0.88 \text{ g/cc} = 0.487 \text{ g (79.3\%)}$$

$$\text{Normalization factor: } 1.261 \text{ (100 / 79.3) so, } 95 \text{ F/g} \times 1.261 = 119.8 \text{ F/g}$$

- Cu-MOF@mC (103 F/g @0.3A/g): normalization capacitance (132.6 F/g @0.3A/g)

In the 1 cc of Cu-MOF@mC, actual volume fraction of Cu-MOF: 69.2%

Total weight: 0.596 g

$$\text{mC} \rightarrow 0.26 (\text{cc, \%}) \times 0.51 \text{ g/cc} = 0.133 \text{ g (22.3\%)}$$

$$\text{Cu-MOF} \rightarrow 0.74 (\text{cc, \%}) \times 0.692 \times 0.88 \text{ g/cc} = 0.463 \text{ g (77.7\%)}$$

$$\text{Normalization factor: } 1.287 \text{ (100 / 77.7) so, } 103 \text{ F/g} \times 1.287 = 132.6 \text{ F/g}$$

- Ni-MOF@mC: (103 F/g @ 0.3A/g): normalization capacitance (147.7 F/g @0.3A/g)

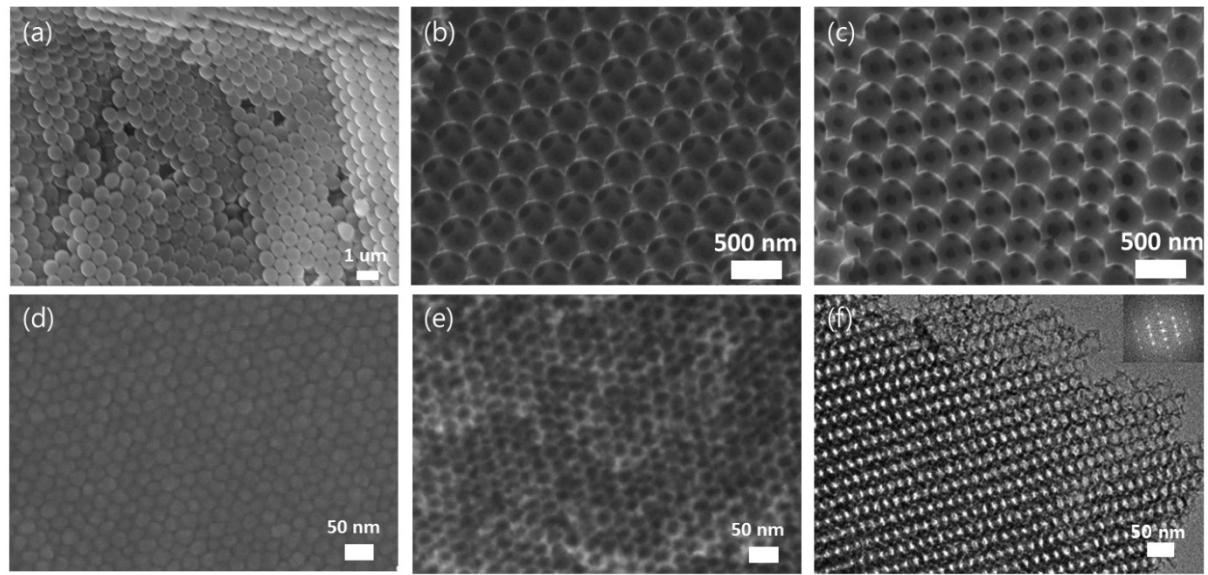
- In the 1 cc of Ni-MOF@mC, actual volume fraction of Cu-MOF: 58.7%

Total weight: 0.507 g

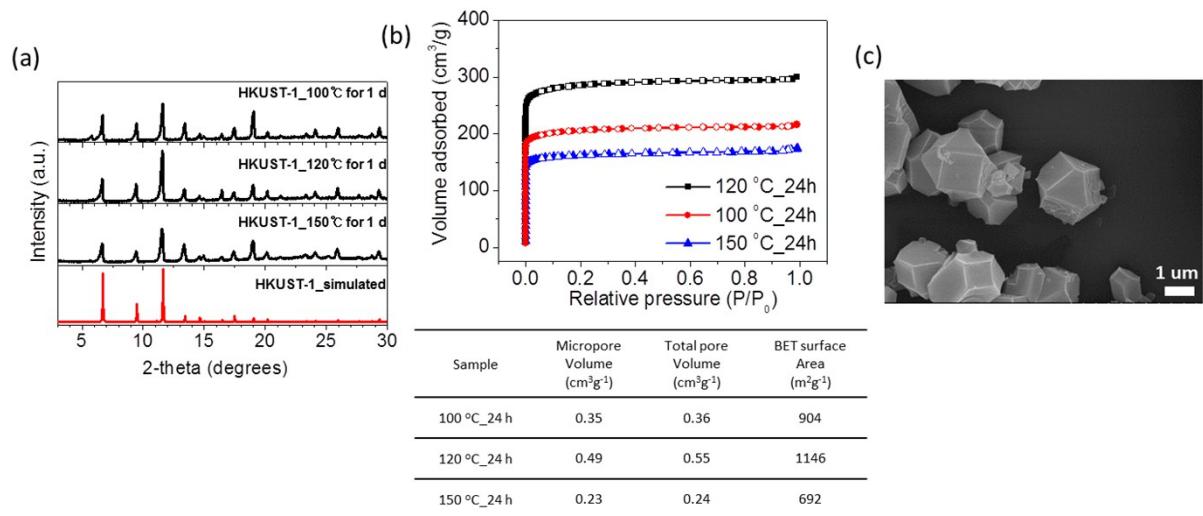
$mC \rightarrow 0.26\% \text{ (cc)} \times 0.51 \text{ g/cc} = 0.133 \text{ g (26.2\%)}$

$\text{Ni-MOF} \rightarrow 0.74\% \text{ (cc)} \times 0.587 \times 0.86 \text{ g/cc} = 0.374 \text{ g (73.8\%)}$

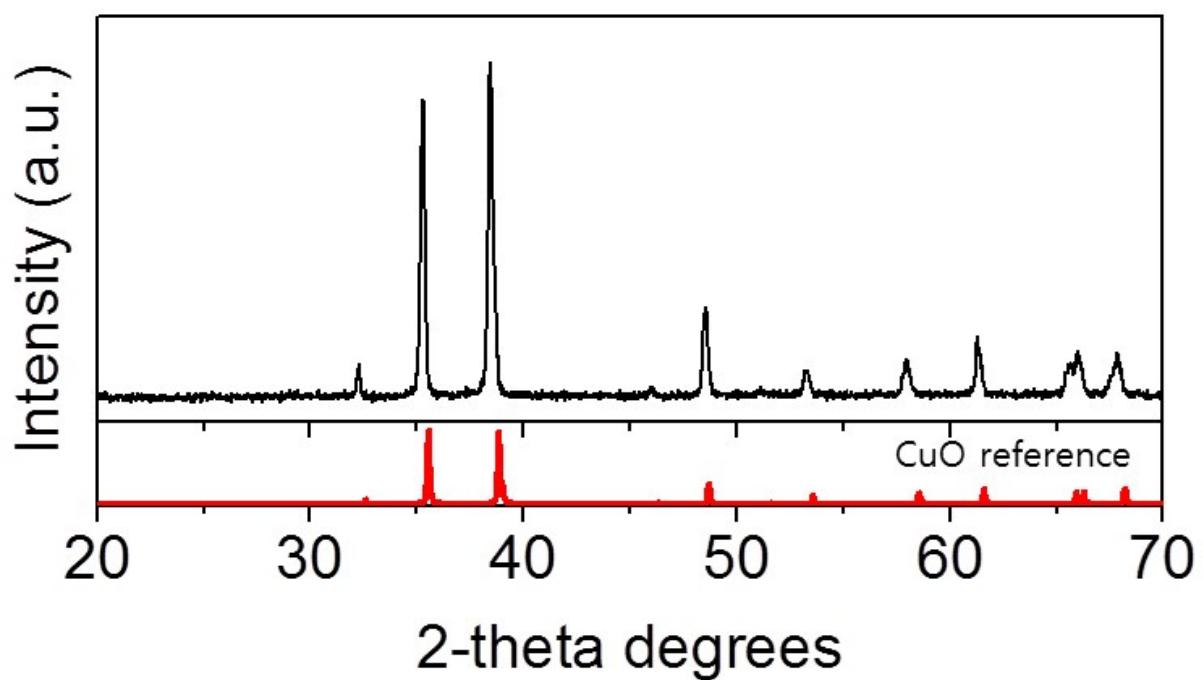
Normalization factor:  $1.355$  ( $100 / 73.8$ ) so,  $109 \text{ F/g} \times 1.355 = 147.7 \text{ F/g}$



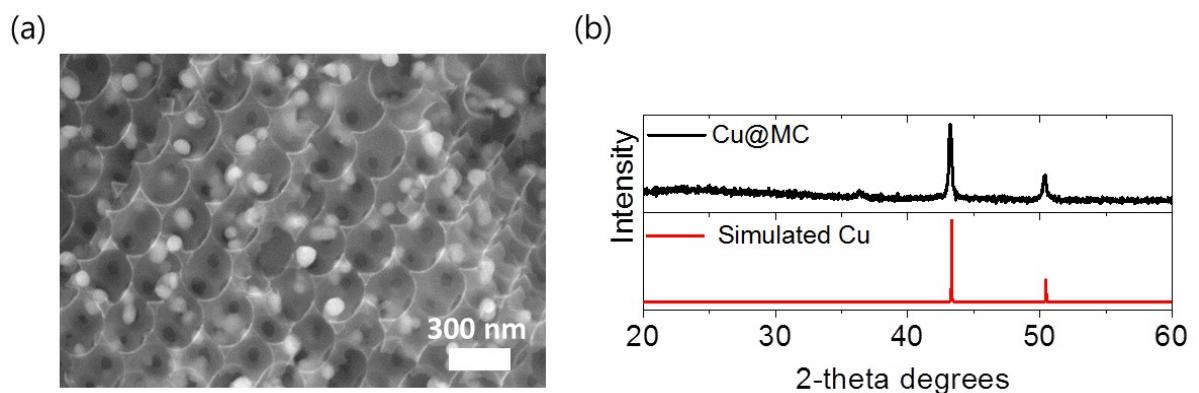
**Figure S1.** SEM images of PMMA colloidal crystal (a), MC (b), NMC (c), silica colloidal crystal (d), mC (d), and TEM image of mC (f) with corresponding FFT image (inset).



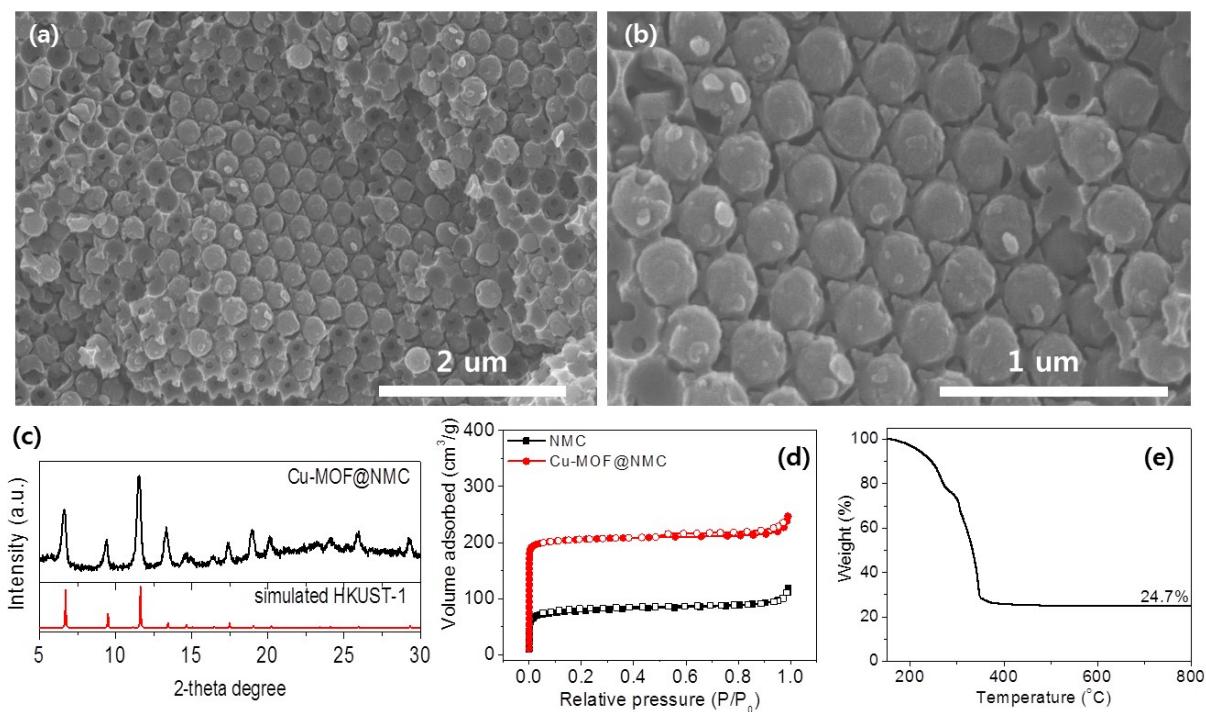
**Figure S2.** Characterization of HKUST-1 synthesized by VAC process under different conditions (100, 120, and 150 °C for 24h): XRD results (a), N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherms and corresponding textural features, and SEM image of Cu-MOF synthesized at 120 °C for 24h (c).



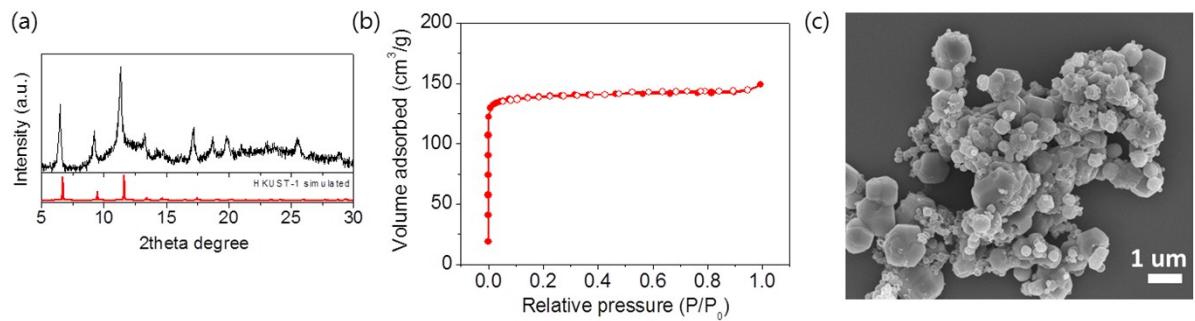
**Figure S3.** XRD data for leftover of Cu-MOF@MC after TGA measurement.



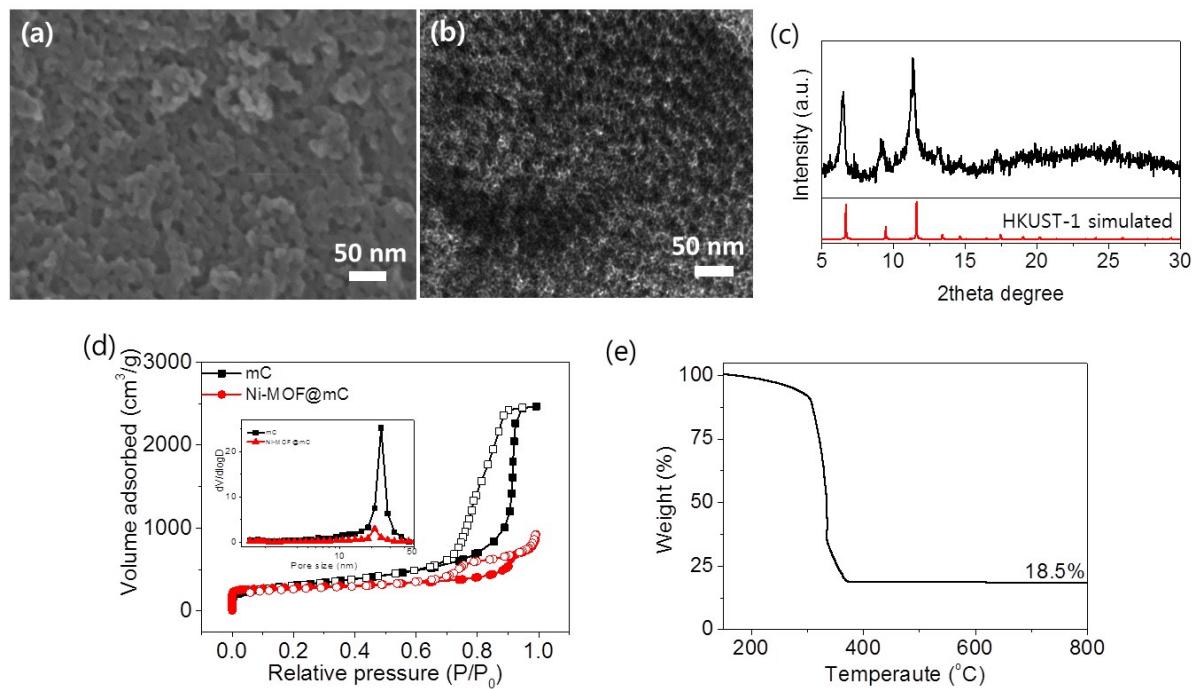
**Figure S4.** SEM image (a) and corresponding XRD data (b) of Cu@MC prepared through heat treatment of Cu-MOF@MC under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at 800 °C for 3h.



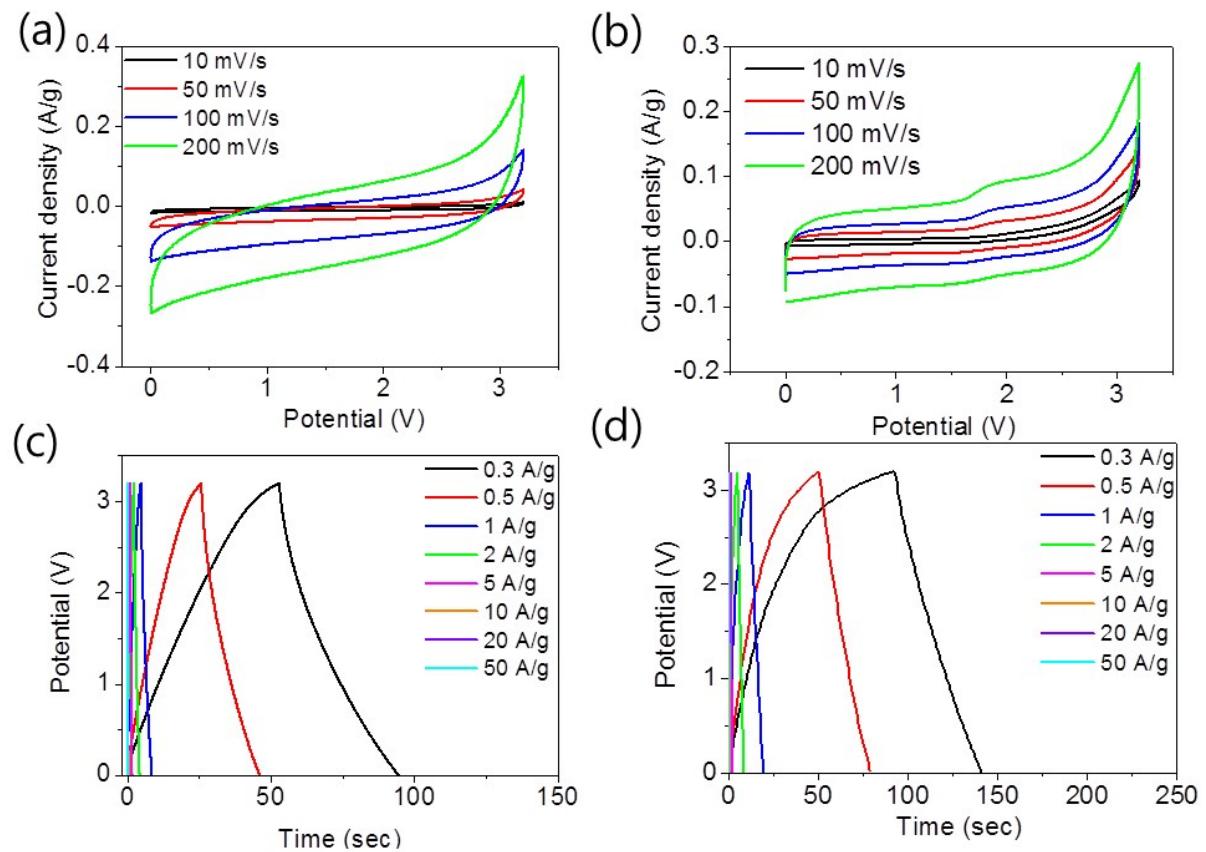
**Figure S5.** Characterization of Cu-MOF@NMC: low magnification (a) and enlarged (b) SEM images, XRD (c),  $N_2$  sorption isotherms, and TGA result (e) of Cu-MOF@NMC.



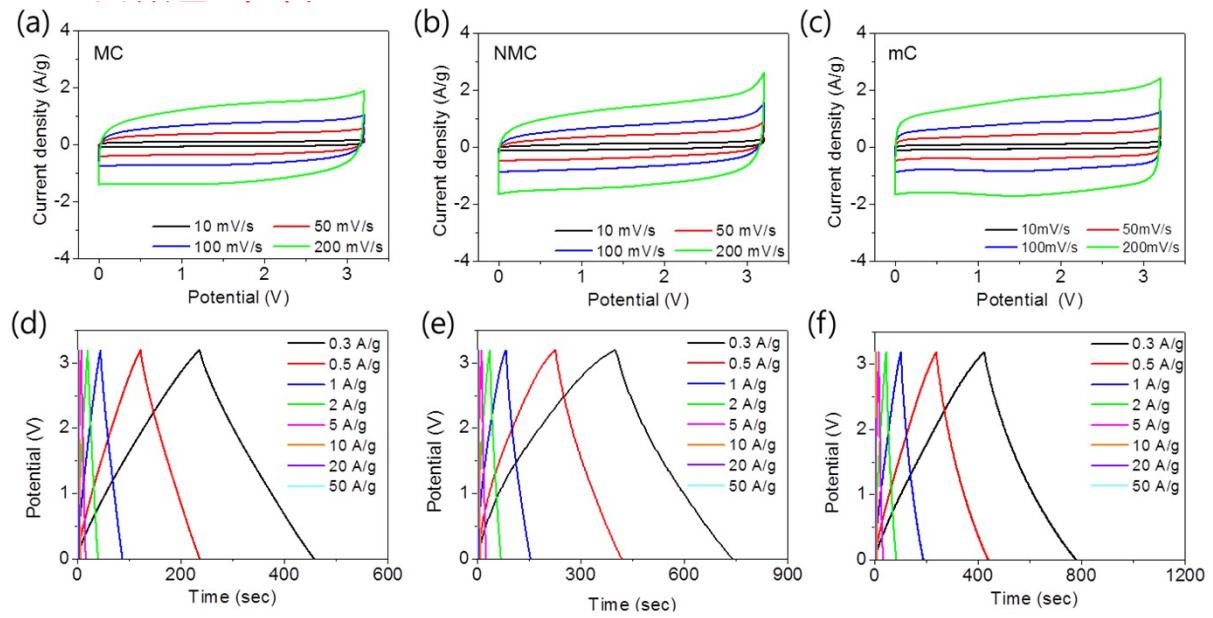
**Figure S6.** Characterization of Ni-MOF: XRD data (a), N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherm (b), and SEM image (c) of Ni-MOF.



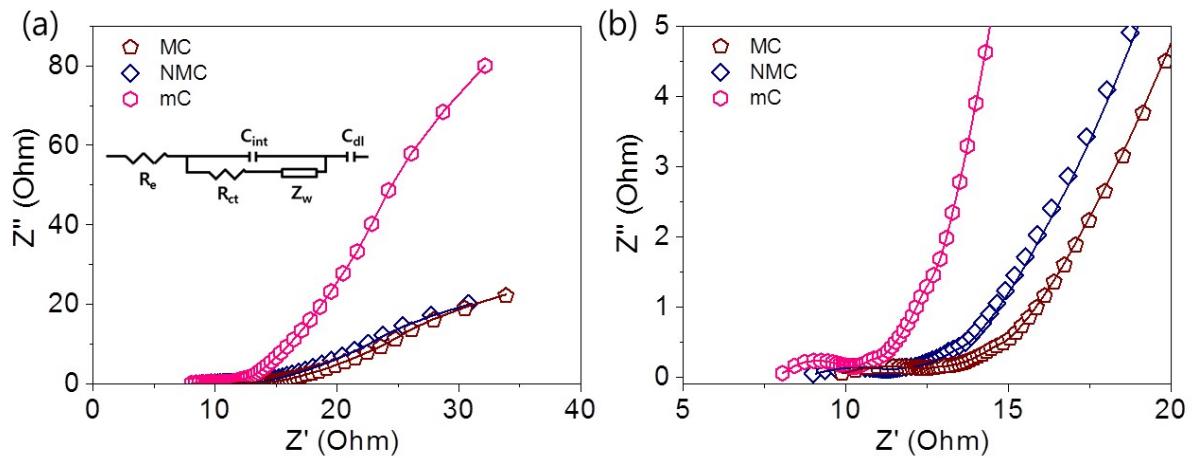
**Figure S7.** Characterization of Ni-MOF@mC: SEM (a) and TEM (b) images, XRD data (c), N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherms (d), and TGA result (e) of Ni-MOF@mC.



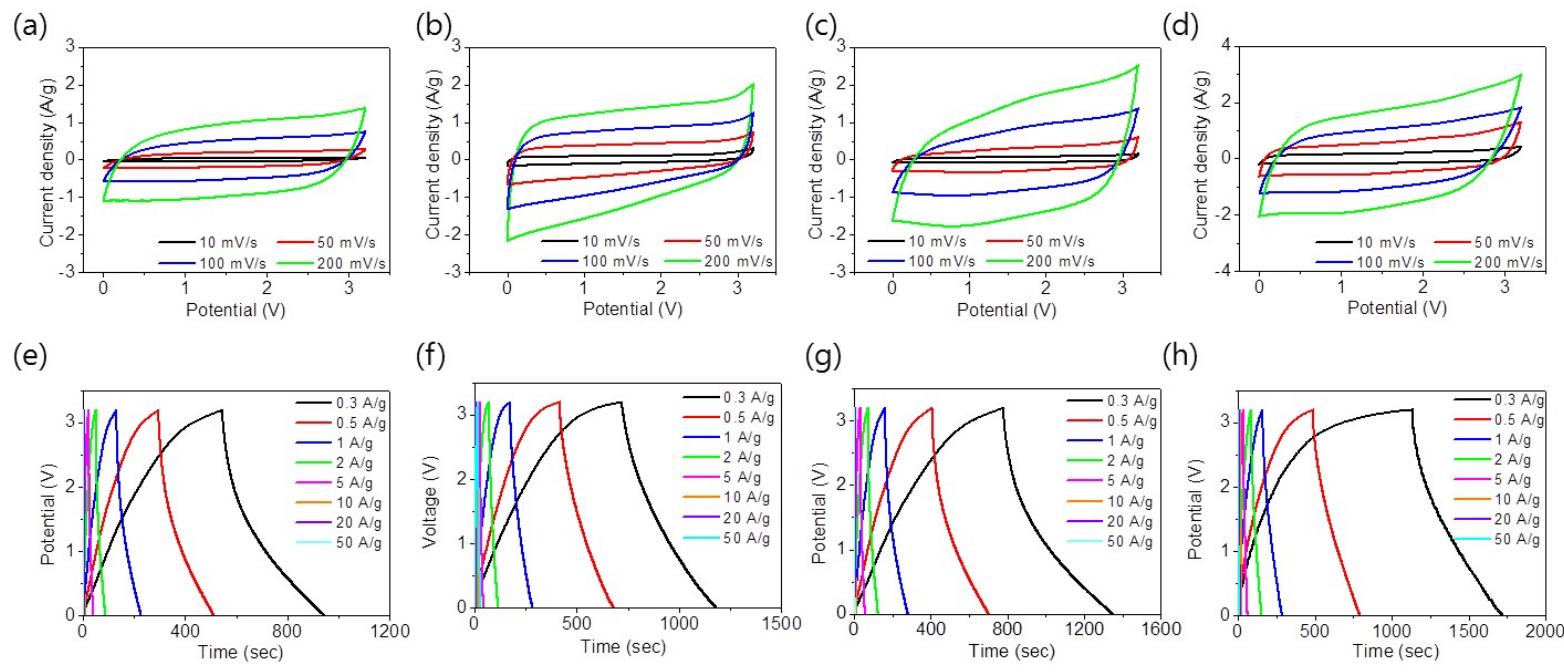
**Figure S8.** CV curves of Cu-MOF (a) and Ni-MOF (b) and charge-discharge curves of Cu-MOF (c) and Ni-MOF (d).



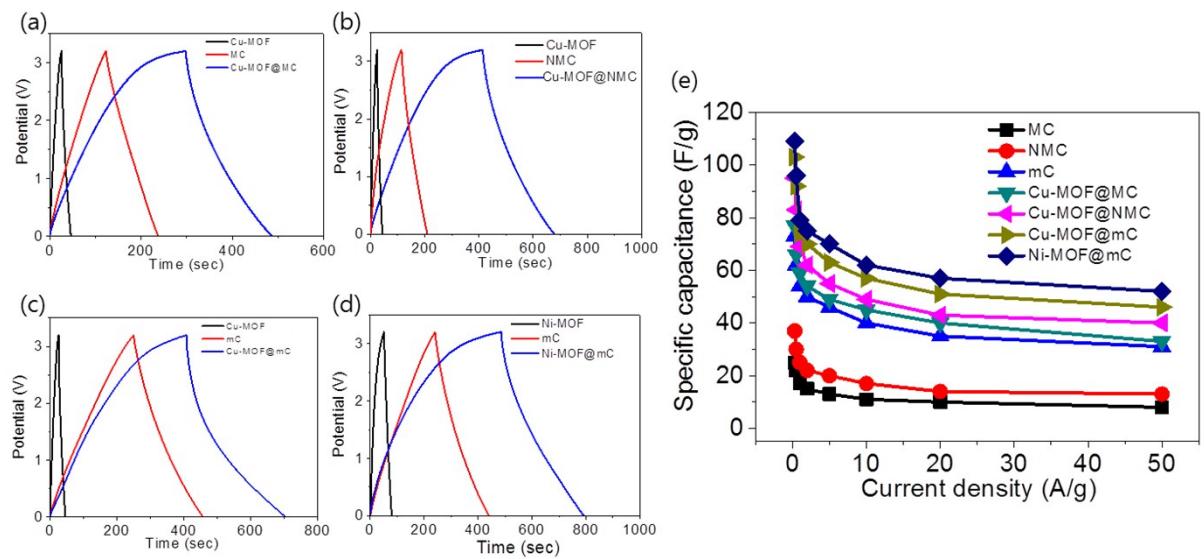
**Figure S9.** CV (a, b, and c) and charge-discharge (d, e, and f) curves of MC, NMC, and mC, respectively.



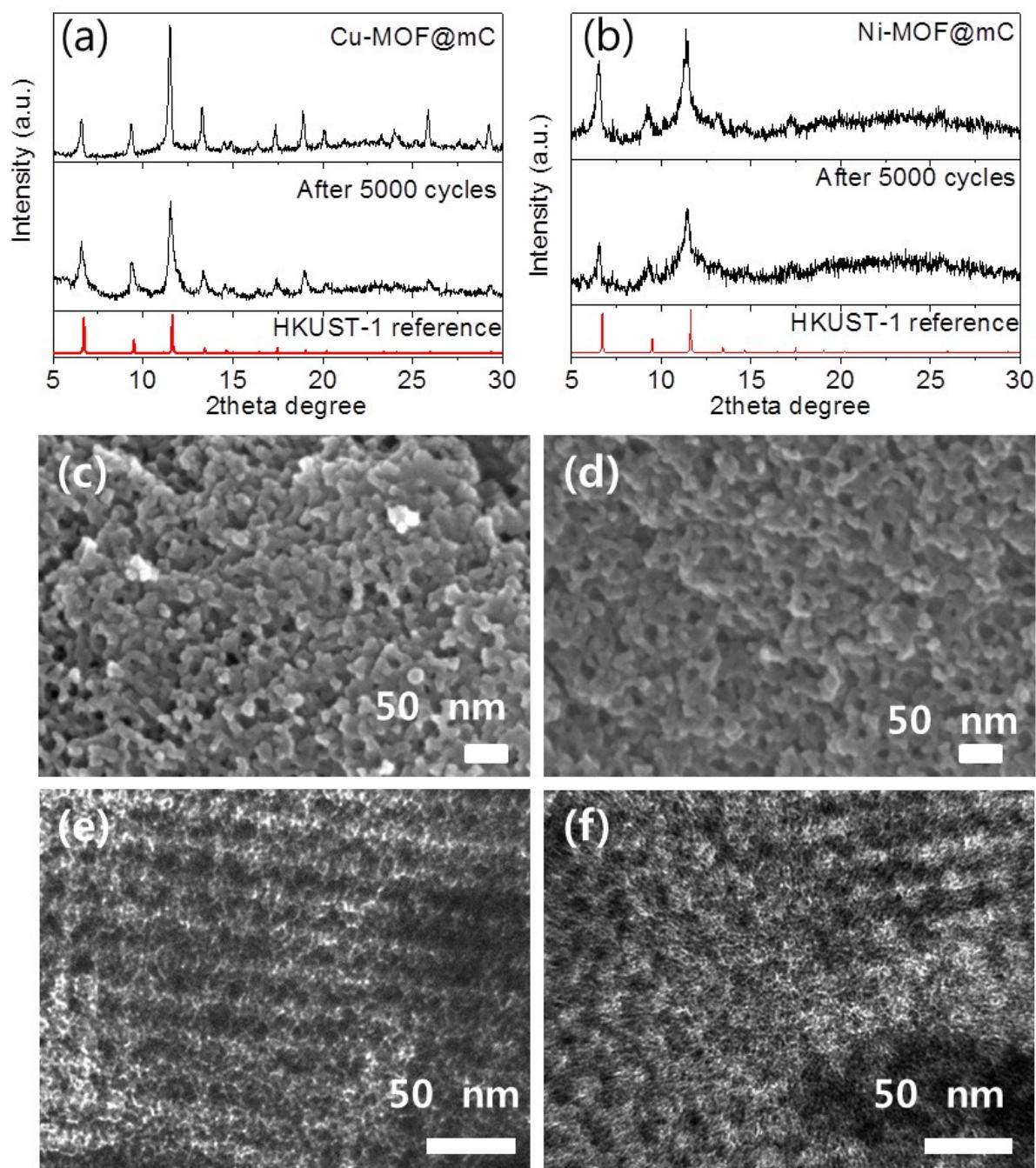
**Figure S10.** The Nyquist plots (a) of MC, NMC, and mC with inset of the equivalent circuit used for the fitting curves, and the details of Nyquist plots (b) in a high frequency range of MC, NMC, and mC.



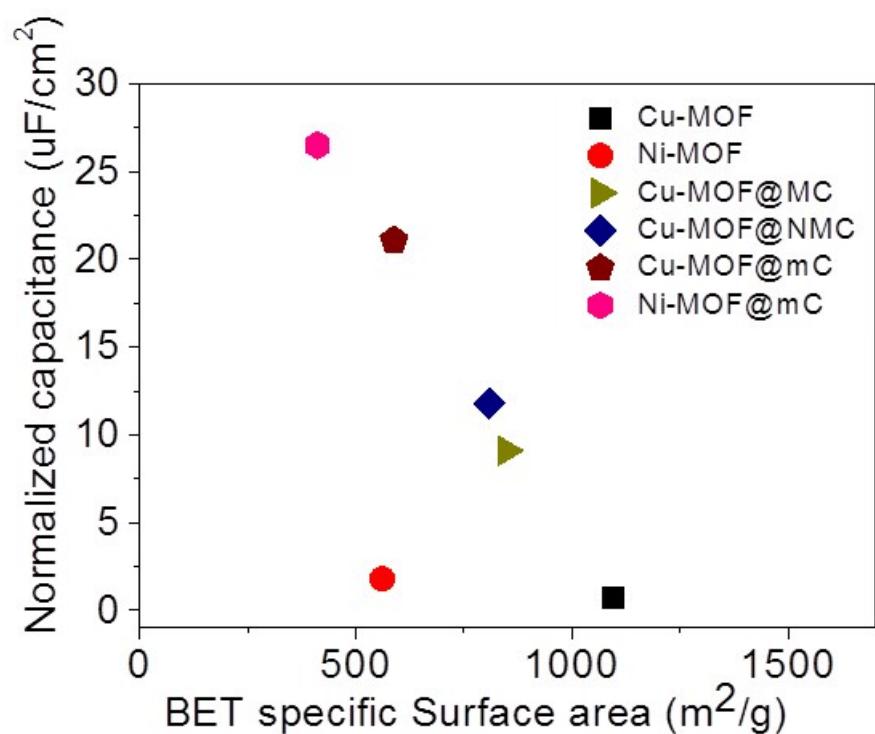
**Figure S11.** CV (a, b, c, and d) and charge-discharge (e, f, g, and h) curves of Cu-MOF@MC, Cu-MOF@NMC, Cu-MOF@mC, and Ni-MOF@mC, respectively.



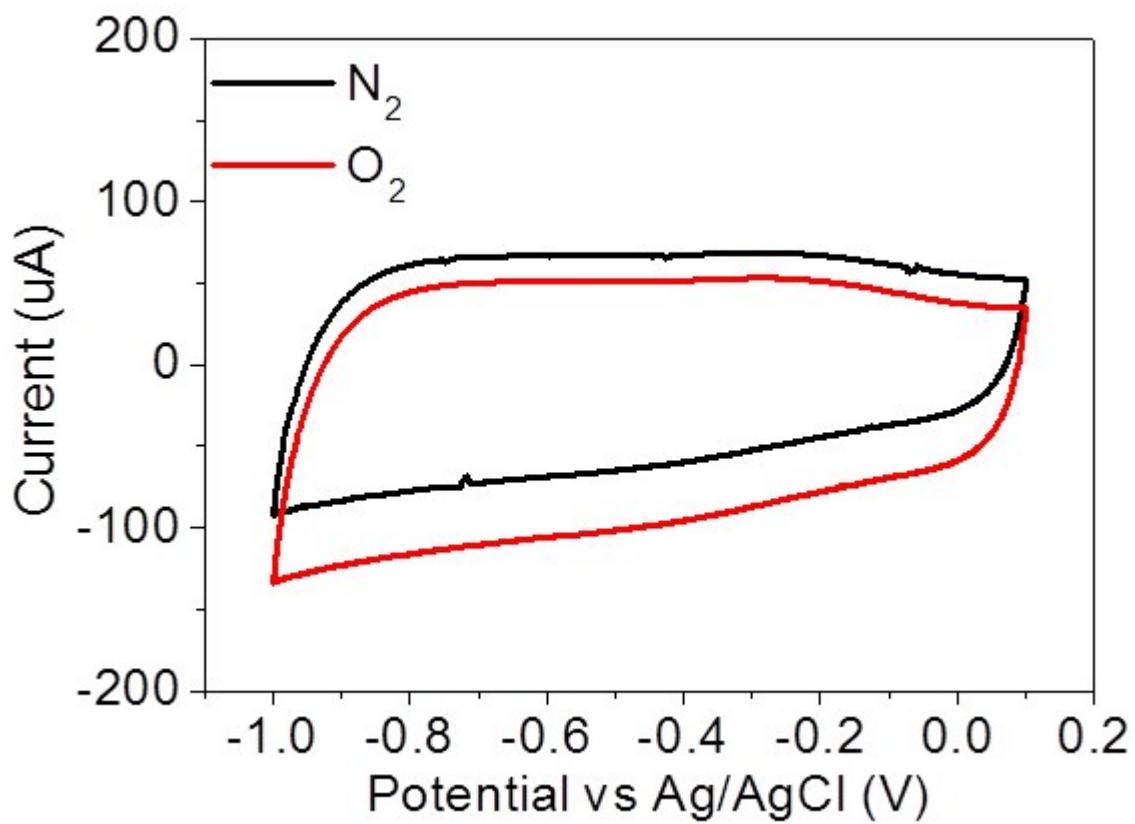
**Figure S12.** Charge-discharge profiles @0.5 A/g of a series of comparison groups such as Cu-MOF/MC/Cu-MOF@MC (a), Cu-MOF/NMC/Cu-MOF@NMC (b), Cu-MOF/mC/Cu-MOF@mC (c), and Ni-MOF/mC/Ni-MOF@mC (d), and capacity retention (e) at various current densities for CMs and MOF@CMs.



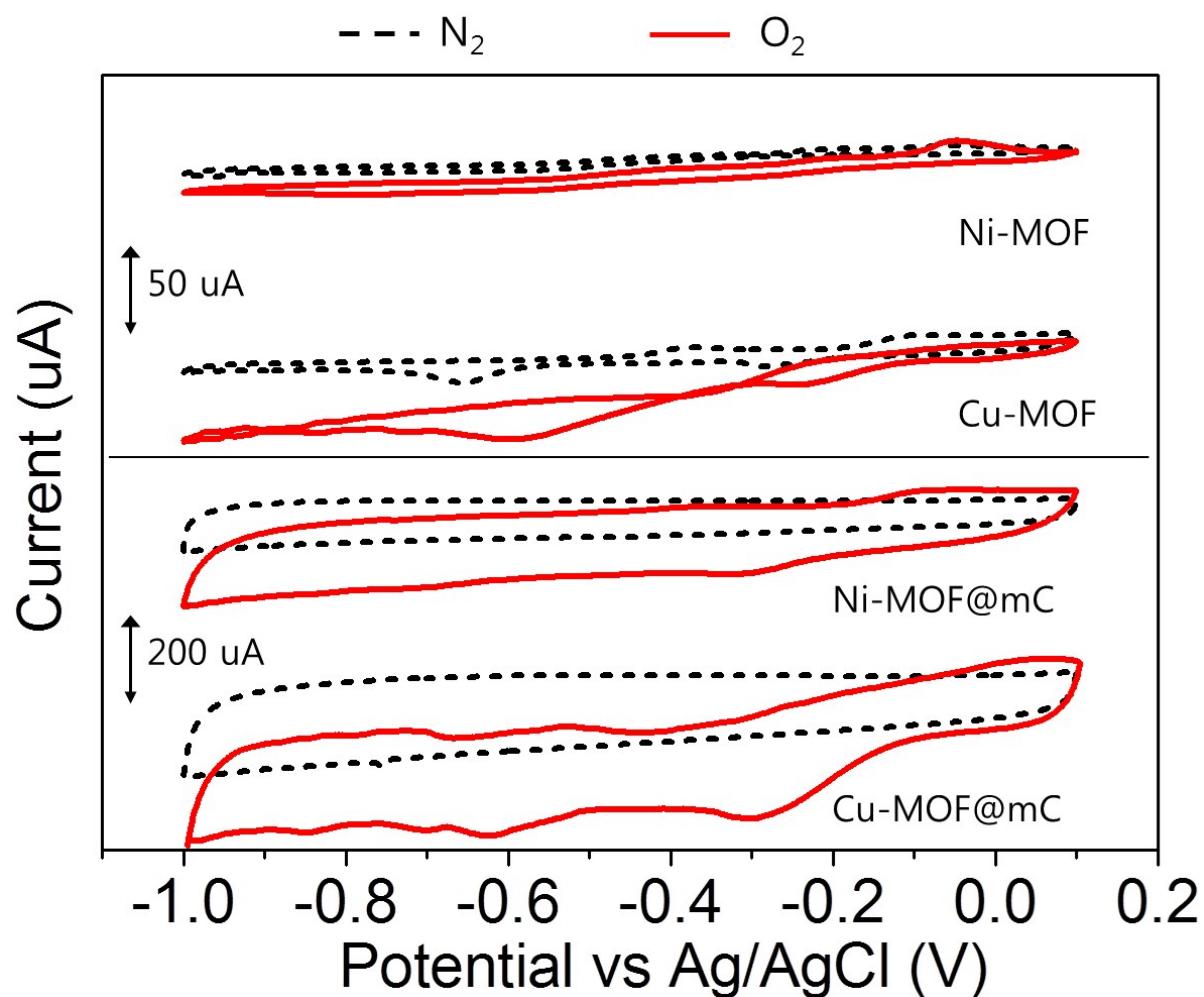
**Figure S13.** XRD (a), SEM (c) and TEM (e) images for Cu-MOF@mC, and XRD (b), SEM (d) and TEM (f) images for Ni-MOF@mC after 5000 cycles at current density of 5 A/g.



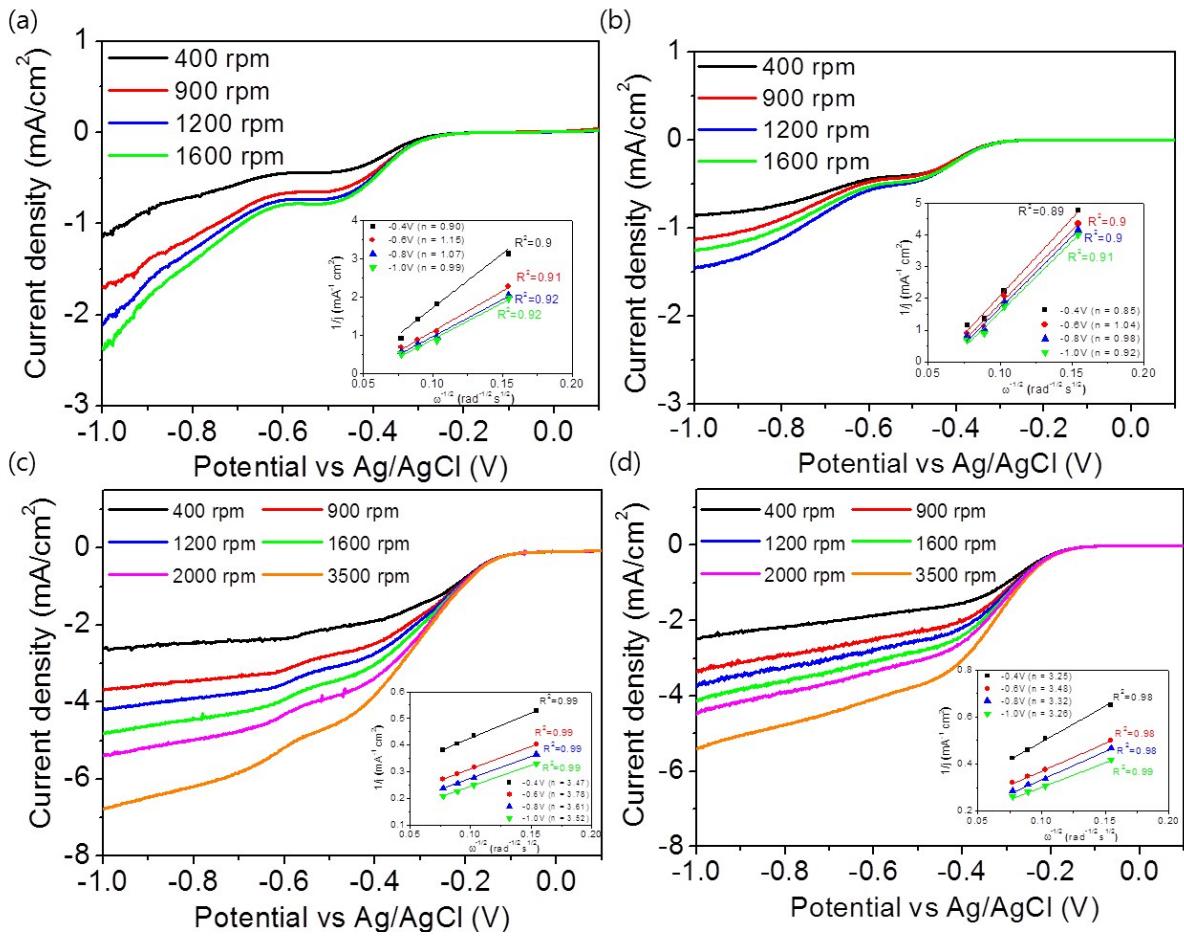
**Figure S14.** Comparison of SSA normalized capacitances of the pristine MOFs and MOF@CMs.



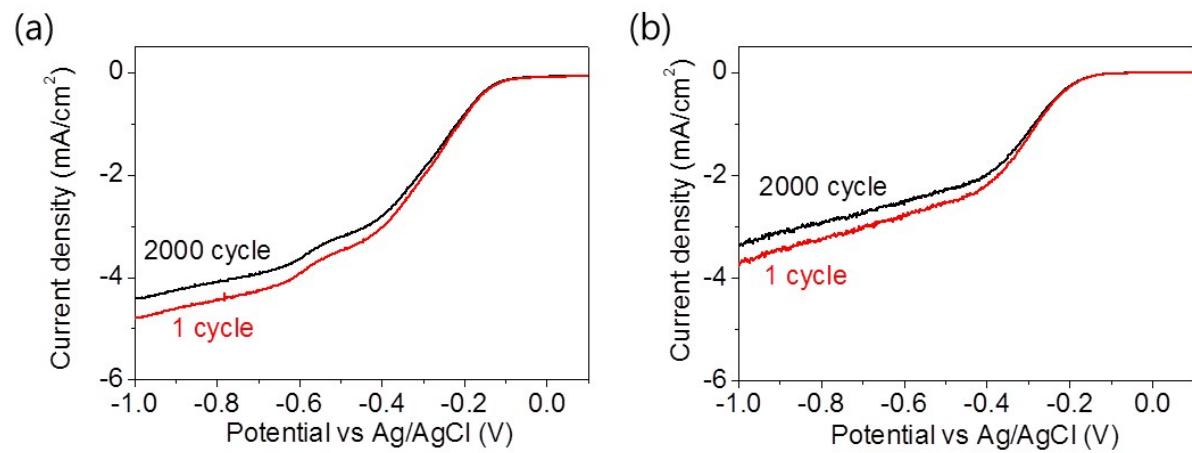
**Figure S15.** CV curves of mC under  $\text{N}_2$  and  $\text{O}_2$  saturated 0.1 M KOH solutions.



**Figure S16.** CV curves of the pristine MOFs and Cu-/Ni-MOF@mCs under  $N_2$  and  $O_2$  saturated 0.1 M KOH solutions.



**Figure S17.** RDE polarization curves in O<sub>2</sub>-saturated 0.1 M KOH with various scan rates of Cu-MOF (a), Ni-MOF (b), Cu-MOF@mC (c), and Ni-MOF@mC with insets of KL plots at various potentials vs. Ag/AgCl (V).



**Figure S18.** RDE polarization curves before/after 2000 cycles for Cu-MOF@mC (a) and Ni-MOF@mC (b).

**Table S1.** The supercapacitive performances of pristine MOFs, CMs, and MOF@CMs, and MOFs incorporated within CMs.

| Sample                     | C@0.3 A/g (F/g) <sup>a</sup> | C@0.5 A/g (F/g) | C@1 A/g (F/g) | C@2 A/g (F/g) | C@5 A/g (F/g) | C@10 A/g (F/g) | C@20 A/g (F/g) | C@50 A/g (F/g) | Retention @50A/g (%) <sup>b</sup> | CE @50 A/g <sup>c</sup> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cu-MOF                     | 8                            | 6               | 4             | 3             | 1.9           | 1.4            | 1              | 0.66           | 17                                |                         |
| Ni-MOF                     | 10                           | 9               | 5             | 4.3           | 3.1           | 2.1            | 1.5            | 0.92           | 18                                |                         |
| MC                         | 25                           | 22              | 17            | 15            | 13            | 11             | 10             | 8              | 47                                |                         |
| NMC                        | 37                           | 30              | 25            | 22            | 20            | 17             | 14             | 13             | 52                                |                         |
| mC                         | 73                           | 62              | 54            | 50            | 46            | 40             | 35             | 31             | 57                                |                         |
| Cu-MOF @MC                 | 77                           | 66              | 59            | 54            | 49            | 45             | 40             | 33             | 56                                |                         |
| Cu-MOF @NMC                | 95                           | 83              | 69            | 62            | 55            | 49             | 43             | 40             | 58                                |                         |
| Cu-MOF @mC                 | 103                          | 92              | 74            | 70            | 63            | 57             | 51             | 46             | 62                                |                         |
| Ni-MOF @mC                 | 109                          | 96              | 79            | 75            | 70            | 62             | 57             | 52             | 66                                |                         |
| N-Cu-MOF @MC <sup>d</sup>  | 96                           | 82              | 74            | 67            | 61            | 56             | 50             | 41             |                                   | 62                      |
| N-Cu-MOF @NMC <sup>d</sup> | 120                          | 105             | 87            | 78            | 69            | 62             | 54             | 50             |                                   | 76                      |
| N-Cu-MOF @mC <sup>d</sup>  | 133                          | 118             | 95            | 90            | 81            | 73             | 66             | 59             |                                   | 89                      |
| N-Ni-MOF @mC <sup>d</sup>  | 148                          | 130             | 107           | 102           | 95            | 84             | 77             | 70             |                                   | 76                      |

<sup>a</sup>Gravimetric capacitance at various current densities; <sup>b</sup>Retention@50 A/g compared to capacitance@1A/g; <sup>c</sup>Capacity enhancement obtained from the ratio of normalized capacitance to weight content of MOF incorporated within CM and capacitance of pristine MOF; <sup>d</sup>MOF incorporated within CM; the values in the shaded area: normalized capacitances.

**Table S2.** Equivalent series resistance ( $R_e$ ) and charge transfer resistance ( $R_{ct}$ ) of the pristine MOFs, MCs, and MOF@CMs

| Sample            | Cu-MOF | Ni-MOF | MC  | NMC | mC   | Cu-MOF<br>@MC | Cu-MOF<br>@NMC | Cu-MOF<br>@mC | Ni-MOF<br>@mC |
|-------------------|--------|--------|-----|-----|------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| $R_e (\Omega)$    | 12.1   | 11.9   | 9.8 | 8.2 | 7.6  | 7.7           | 6.02           | 3.8           | 3.73          |
| $R_{ct} (\Omega)$ | -      | -      | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.47 | 2.1           | 1.4            | 0.9           | 0.82          |

**Table S3.** The supercapacitive performances of CMs, pristine MOFs, and MOF@CMs.

| Sample     | Normalized Capacitance<br>(0.3 A/g, uF/cm <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>a</sup><br>(BET SSA, m <sup>2</sup> /g) | Normalized Capacitance<br>(50 A/g, uF/cm <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>a</sup><br>(BET SSA, m <sup>2</sup> /g) | Maximum energy density<br>(Wh/kg) | Maximum power density<br>(W/kg) |
|------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| MC         | 6.4 (391)   | 2.0 (391)  | -                                 | -                               |
| NMC        | 12.3 (302)  | 4.3 (302)  | -                                 | -                               |
| mC         | 6.6 (1107)  | 2.8 (1107)   | -                                 | -                               |
| Cu-MOF     | 0.7 (1146)  | 0.06 (1146)  | 2.8                               | 2197                            |
| Ni-MOF     | 1.8 (561)   | 0.15 (561)   | 3.6                               | 2520                            |
| Cu-MOF@MC  | 9.1 (848)   | 3.9 (848)  | 27.4                              | 14388                           |
| Cu-MOF@NMC | 11.8 (808)  | 4.7 (808)  | 33.8                              | 15140                           |
| Cu-MOF@mC  | 21.1 (488)  | 9.4 (488)  | 36.6                              | 19620                           |
| Ni-MOF@mC  | 26.5 (411)  | 12.7 (411)   | 38.8                              | 21005                           |

<sup>a</sup>Specific surface area (SSA) normalized capacitances.

**Table S4.** Comparison of the SSA normalized capacitances of Cu-/Ni-MOF@mCs and various EDLCs plotted in the Figure 4a.

| Sample                              | BET surface Area<br>(m <sup>2</sup> /g) | Capacitance<br>(F/g) | Normalized Capacitance<br>(uF/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | Electrolyte                       | Ref          |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Ni <sub>3</sub> (HTTP) <sub>2</sub> | 630                                     | 111 (0.05 A/g)       | 18  | 1M TEABF <sub>4</sub> /ACN        | Ref S1.      |
| Cu-CAT NWA                          | 540                                     | 202 (0.5 A/g)        | 22  | 3M KCl                            | Ref S2.      |
| CDC                                 | 1850                                    | 140 (1 A/g)          | 7.6   | 6M KOH                            | Ref S3.      |
| M-30                                | 2298                                    | 121 (1 A/g)          | 5.3   | 1M TEABF <sub>4</sub> /ACN        | Ref S4.      |
| DCG-5                               | 1121                                    | 83 (1 A/g)           | 7.4   | 1M TEABF <sub>4</sub> /ACN        | Ref S4.      |
| PC94-11ox                           | 1165                                    | 78 (1 A/g)           | 4.6   | 1M TEABF <sub>4</sub> /ACN        | Ref S4.      |
| KP-1500                             | 1568                                    | 107 (1 A/g)          | 6.8   | 1M TEABF <sub>4</sub> /ACN        | Ref S4.      |
| AC-700                              | 1606                                    | 72 (0.1 A/g)         | 4.5   | 1M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | Ref S4.      |
| Chemically reduced graphene         | 2400                                    | 165 (1.4 A/g)        | 7   | 1M TEABF <sub>4</sub> /ACN        | Ref S5.      |
| SWNT arrays                         | 1300                                    | 160 (1A/g)           | 12  | 1M TEABF <sub>4</sub> /ACN        | Ref S6.      |
| Activated graphene                  | 3523                                    | 202 (1A/g)           | 6   | 1M TEABF <sub>4</sub> /ACN        | Ref S7.      |
| Holey Graphene                      | 810                                     | 262 (1A/g)           | 32  | EMIMBF <sub>4</sub> /ACN          | Ref S8.      |
| N-A graphene                        | 1542                                    | 84 (0.5A/g)          | 5.4   | 6M KOH                            | Ref S9.      |
| PaGM-600                            | 891                                     | 172 (0.2A/g)         | 19.3  | BMIMBF <sub>4</sub>               | Ref S10.     |
| Cu-MOF@mC                           | 488                                     | 103 (0.3 A/g)        | 21.1  | 1M TEABF <sub>4</sub> /ACN        | In this work |
| Ni-MOF@mC                           | 411                                     | 109 (0.3 A/g)        | 26.5  | 1M TEABF <sub>4</sub> /ACN        | In this work |

**Table S5.** Comparison of supercapacitive performances of Cu-/Ni-MOF@mCs and various MOF-based EDLCs.

| Sample                              | Max energy density                                       | Max power density                                 | Long-term cycle performance (%) | Reference    |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Ni <sub>3</sub> (HITP) <sub>2</sub> | 2.4 Wh kg <sup>-1</sup> <sup>a</sup>                     | 2200 W kg <sup>-1</sup> <sup>a</sup>              | 10000 cycle, 90%                | Ref S1.      |
| Cu-MOF-NWs                          | 2.6 Wh/kg  | 3100 W/kg   | 5000 cycle, 85%                 | Ref S2.      |
| nMOF-867                            | 0.00385 mWh/cm <sup>2</sup>                              | 8.67 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>                           | 5.09                            | Ref S11.     |
| HKUST/RGO                           | 42 Wh/ kg  | 3100 W/ kg  | 4000 cycle, 99%                 | Ref S12.     |
| CNTs@Mn-MOF                         | 6.9 Wh/ kg   | 2240 W/ kg  | 3000 cycle, 88%                 | Ref S13.     |
| ZIF-67/PANI                         | 0.0161 mWh/cm <sup>3</sup><br>0.0044 mWh/cm <sup>2</sup> | 833 mW/cm <sup>3</sup><br>245 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>  | 2000 cycle, 80%                 | Ref S14.     |
| PEDOT/HKUST-1/Graphene/CNTF         | 0.0022 mWh/cm <sup>2</sup>                               | 0.2 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>                            | 1000 cycle, 80%                 | Ref S15.     |
| ZIF-PPy                             | 0.0113 mWh/cm <sup>2</sup>                               | 1.44 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>                           | 10000 cycle, 91%                | Ref S16.     |
| Cu-MOF@mC                           | 36.6 Wh/kg<br>0.0395 mWh/cm <sup>2</sup> <sup>b</sup>    | 19620 W/ kg<br>21 mW/cm <sup>2</sup> <sup>b</sup> | 5000 cycle, 91%                 | In this work |
| Ni-MOF@mC                           | 38.8 Wh/kg<br>0.042 mWh/cm <sup>2</sup> <sup>b</sup>     | 21005 W/ kg<br>23 mW/cm <sup>2</sup> <sup>b</sup> | 5000 cycle, 91%                 | In this work |

<sup>a</sup>Gravimetric maximum energy and power densities calculated according to the reported values; <sup>b</sup>Electrode area obtained as follows:  $\pi (0.55)^2 = 0.95 \text{ cm}^2 \times 2$  (symmetric cell) = 1.9 cm<sup>2</sup>

**Table S6.** Comparison of ORR activities of our Cu-/Ni-MOF@mCs and MOF-based ORR electrocatalysts.

| Sample<br>(RDE measurement)                         | Onset<br>Potential<br>(V vs. Ag/AgCl) <sup>a</sup> | Half-wave<br>Potential<br>(V vs. Ag/AgCl) <sup>a</sup> | Maximum<br>Current<br>Density<br>(mA/cm <sup>2</sup> ) | Maximum<br>Electron<br>Transfer<br>Number | Ref          |
|---|--|--|--|---|--------------|
| (G-dye 50wt%-FeP) <sub>n</sub> MOF<br>(2000 rpm)    | -  | - 0.5  | 6.2  | 3.82                                      | Ref S17.     |
| (GO 8wt%)Cu.MOF<br>(3500 rpm)                       | - 0.67   | - 1.16   | 5.32   | 3.95                                      | Ref S18.     |
| MOF(Fe/Co)<br>(1600 rpm)                            | - 0.13   | - 0.7  | 3.9  | 4.0                                       | Ref S19.     |
| Ni <sub>3</sub> (HITP) <sub>2</sub><br>(2000 rpm)   | - 0.144  | - 0.26   | 2.5  | 2.25                                      | Ref S20.     |
| Ni/Co-MOF<br>(1600rpm)                              | - 0.204  | - 0.41   | 4.51   | 3.7                                       | Ref S21.     |
| $\epsilon$ -MnO <sub>2</sub> /MOF(Fe)<br>(1600 rpm) | - 0.12   | - 0.324  | 5.56   | 3.9                                       | Ref S22.     |
| Ni-MOF@mC<br>(3500 rpm)                             | - 0.101  | - 0.38   | 5.4  | 3.48                                      | In this work |
| Cu-MOF@mC<br>(3500 rpm)                             | - 0.091  | - 0.36   | 6.8  | 3.78                                      | In this work |

<sup>a</sup>Onset and half-wave potentials of references converted to potentials vs. Ag/AgCl using the following relationship of Ag/AgCl (V) + 0.0964 = RHE.

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