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Electrochemically grown MnO₂ nanowires for dual viz., supercapacitor and electrocatalysis applications

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Formulae used

The specific capacitance of the prepared MnO₂ electrode has been calculated using the formula,

$$C = \frac{I \times \Delta t}{m \times \Delta V} \tag{1}$$

The energy and power densities have been calculated using the formulae,

$$E = \frac{C \times (\Delta V)^2}{7.2} \tag{2}$$

$$P = \frac{3600 \times E}{\Delta t} \tag{3}$$

Where,

I-Applied current (A),

 Δ t-Discharge time (s),

m- Active mass of the electrode material (g),

 ΔV - Operating voltage window (V).

C- Specific capacitance,

E- Energy density (Whkg⁻¹), and P- Power density (Wkg⁻¹).

The potential towards reversible hydrogen electrode (RHE) has been determined using the Nernst equation,

$$E_{RHE} = E_{\rm Hg/Hg0} + 0.059 \times pH + E^{0}_{\rm Hg/Hg0}$$
(4)

Where, E_{RHE} is the converted potential versus an RHE, $E_{Hg/Hg0}^{0}$ = 0.098 at room temperature (27 °C) and $E_{Hg/Hg0}$ is the experimental measured potential versus Hg/Hg0 reference electrode. The over potential (η) has been calculated using the following equation:

$$\eta = E_{RHE} - 1.23 \tag{5}$$

where, η and E_{RHE} are the over and converted potentials, respectively.

The Tafel slope has been determined using the equation,

$$\eta = b \log j + a \tag{6}$$

where, b is the Tafel slope and a is the fitting parameter.





Figure S1: FE-SEM images of 3-D NF and MnO_2 nanowires with various magnifications.

Figure S2: Images of steps implicated while formulating $MnO_2//MnO_2$ SSC device; (a) MnO_2 film deposited on 3D-NF, (b) Plastic cylindrical tube, (c) device, (d) Charging panel, and (e) Actual demonstration lighting the LED using SSC device.