

Supporting Information

Interfacially coupled thin sheet-like NiO/NiMoO₄ nanocomposites synthesized by simple reflux method for excellent electrochemical performance

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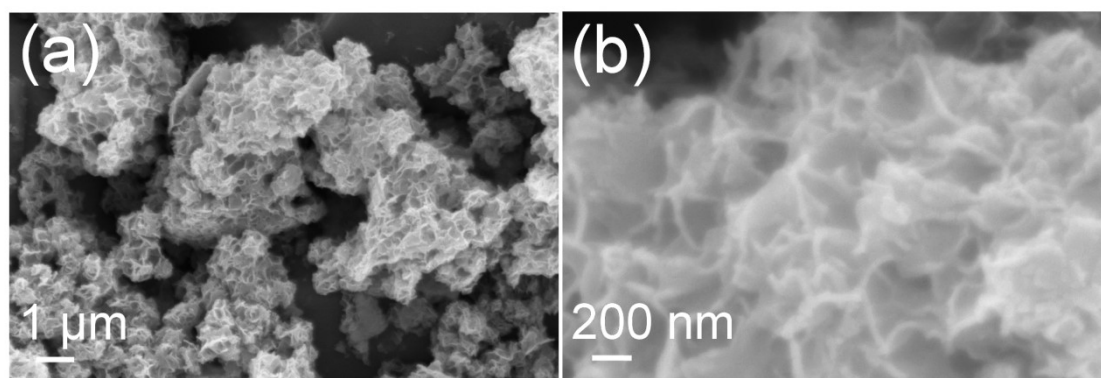


Fig. S1 FESEM micrographs of Ni-Mo hydroxide precursor synthesized during 10 h reflux time. Low-magnification (a) and corresponding high-magnification (b).

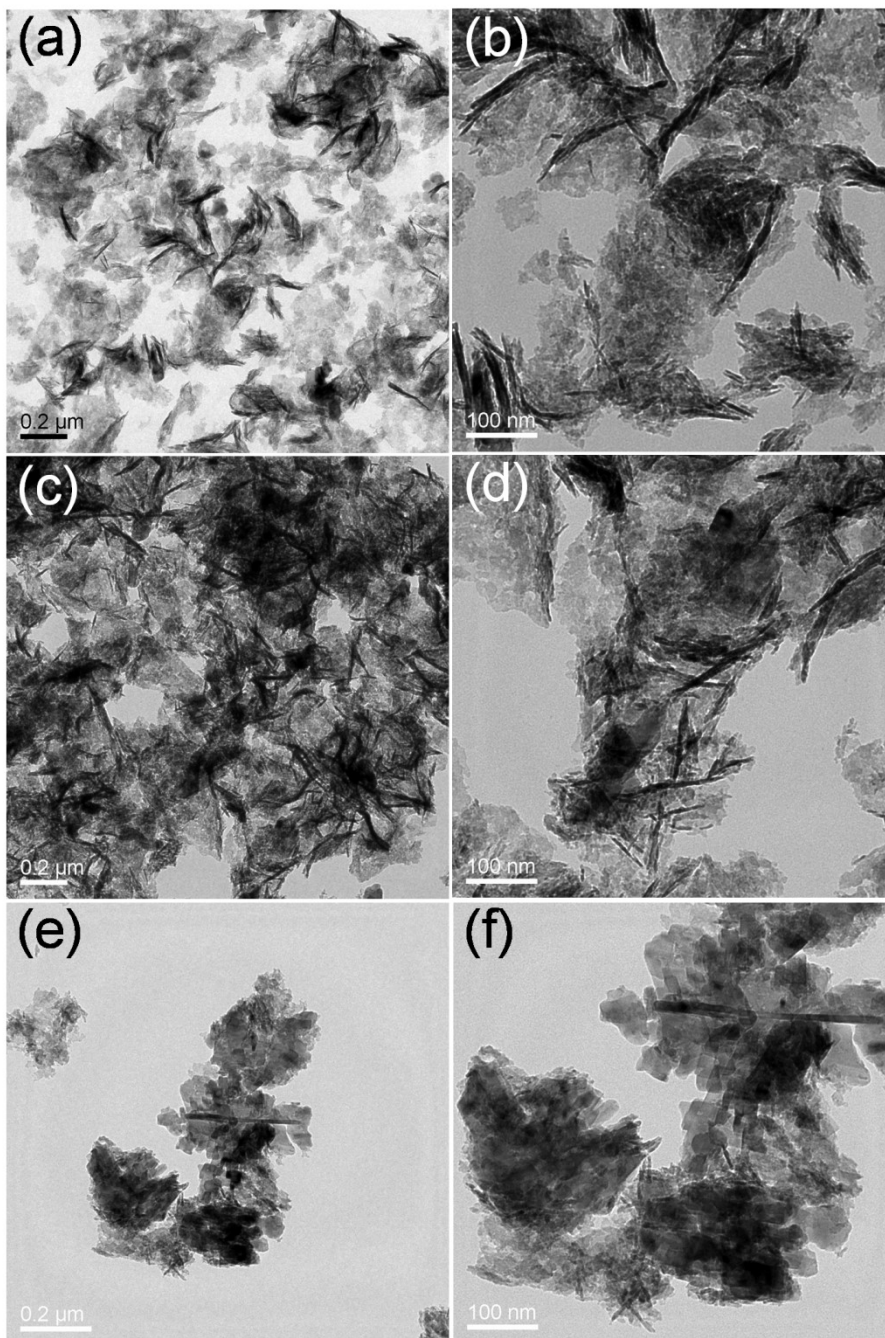


Fig. S2 Different magnification TEM images of NNMO-1 (a, b), NNMO-2 (c, d), and NNMO-4 (e, f) nanocomposites.

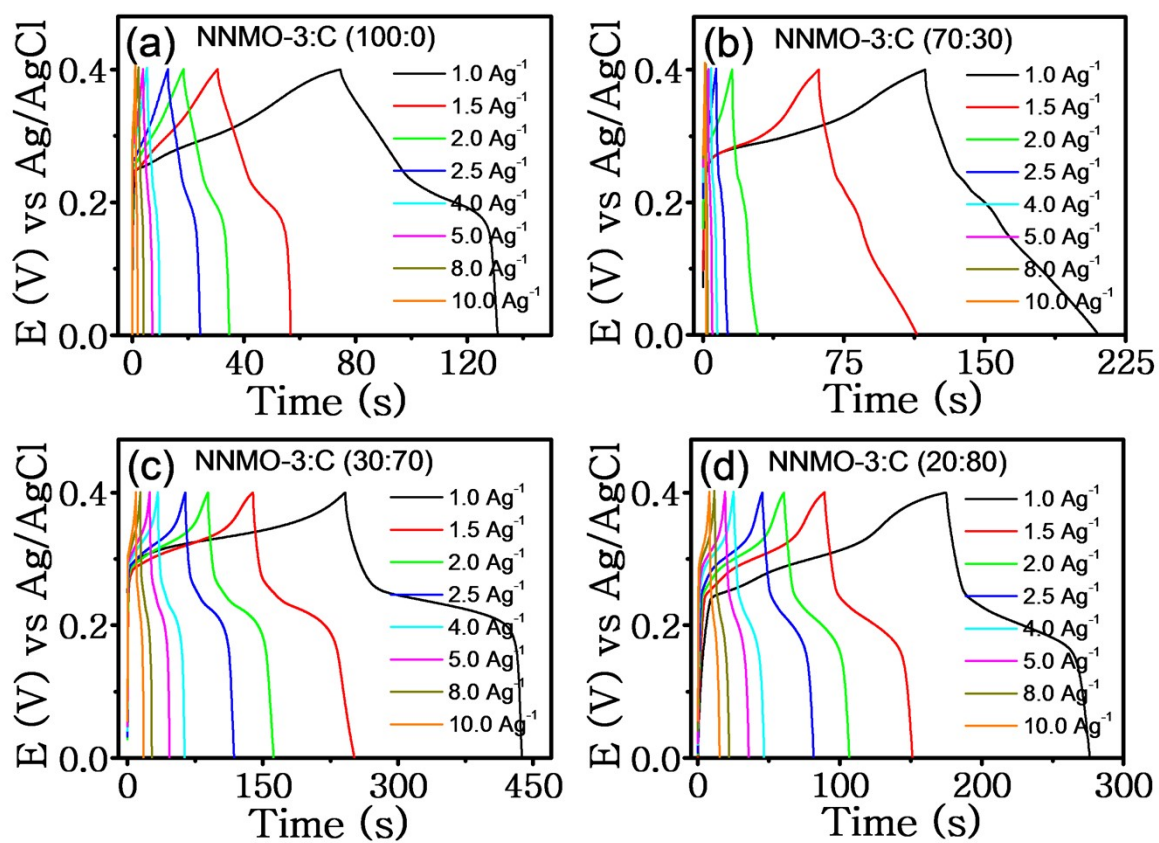


Fig. S3 GCD curves according to different specific currents of 1.0 to 10.0 Ag^{-1} for different combinations of NNMO-3: C as 100: 0 (a), 70: 30 (b), 30: 70 (c), and 20: 80 (d). (Color)

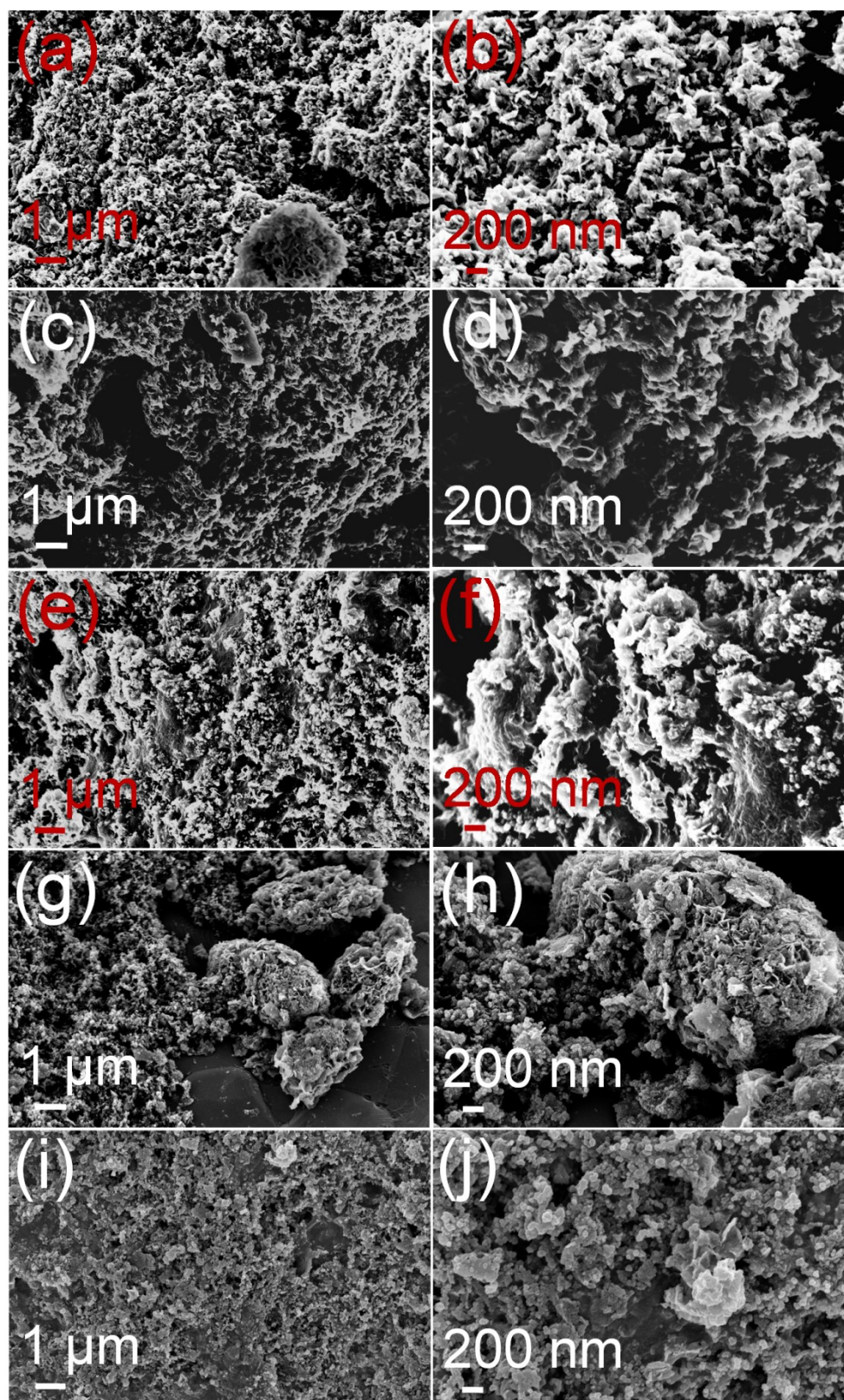


Fig. S4 Low- and corresponding high-magnification SEM micrographs of fabricated working electrodes according to different combinations of NNMO-3: C as 100: 0 (a, b), 70: 30 (c, d), 50: 50 (e, f), 30: 70 (g, h), and 20: 80 (i, j).

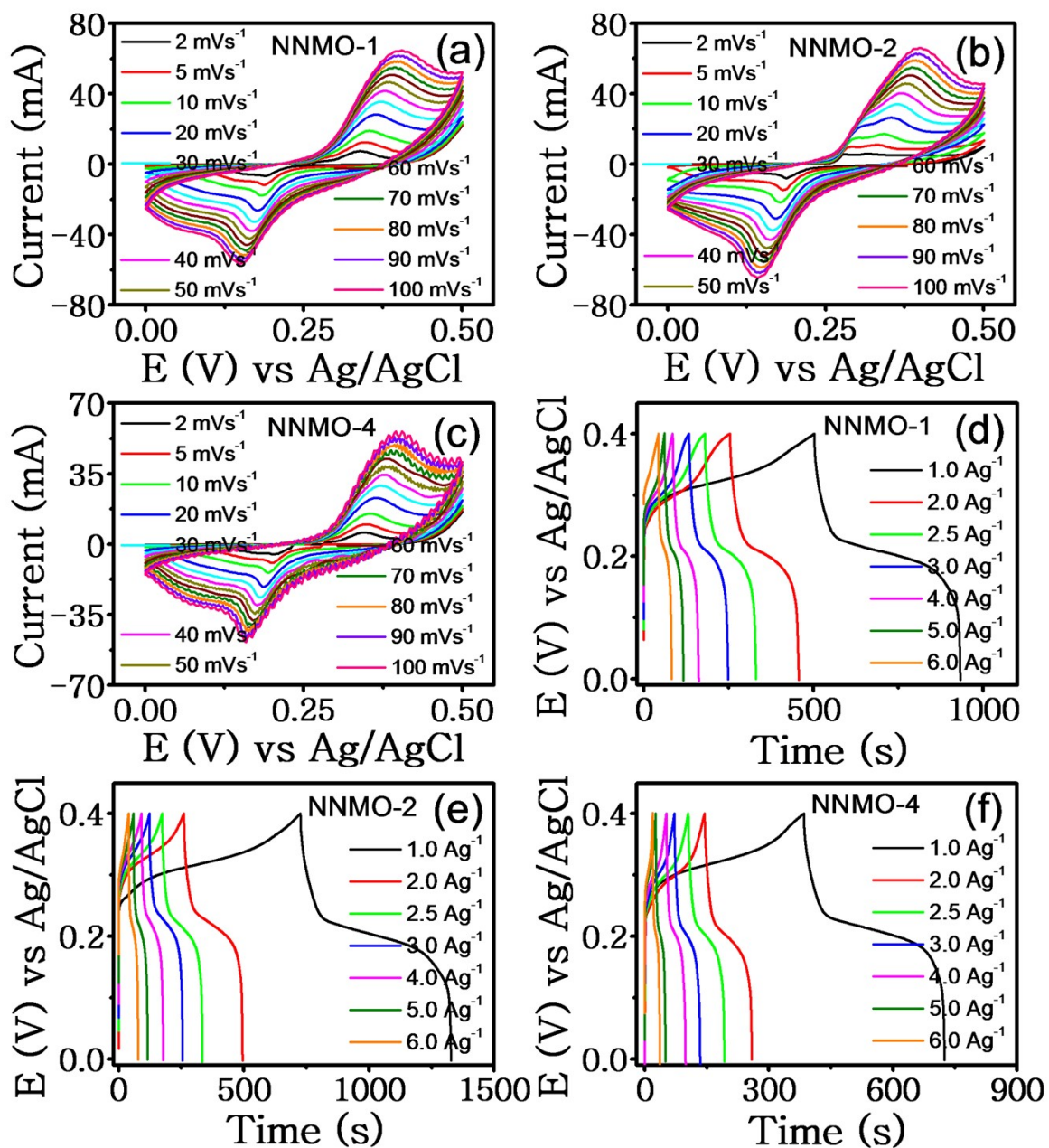


Fig. S5 CV curves at different scan rates (2 to 100 mVs⁻¹) (a, b, c) and GCD curves at various specific currents (1.0 to 6.0 Ag⁻¹) (d, e, f) of NNMO-1, NNMO-2, and NNMO-4 electrodes, respectively. (Color)

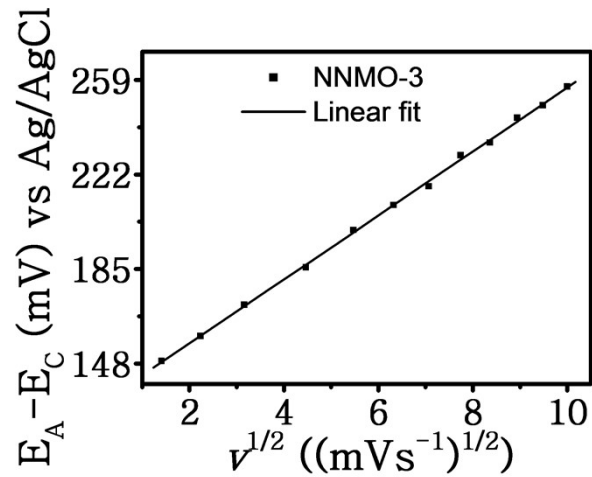


Fig. S6 Linear fitted plot of peak potential difference (anodic and cathodic) as a function of square root of scan rates for NNMO-3 electrode.

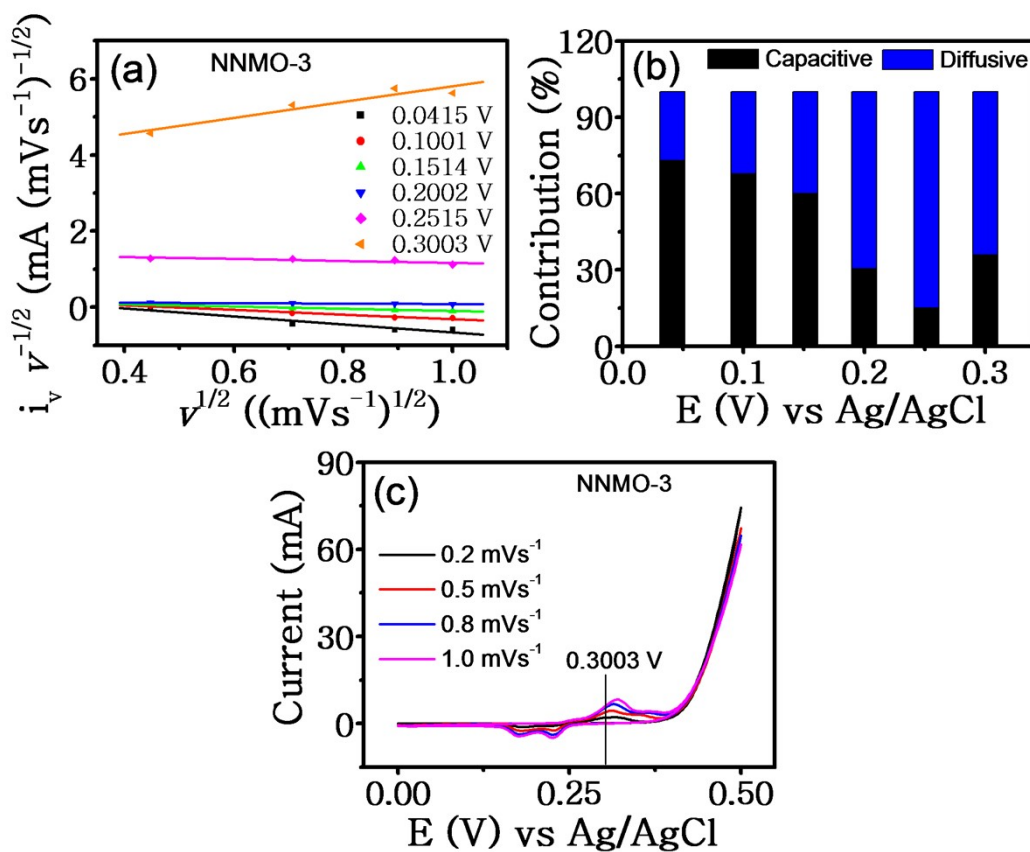


Fig. S7 Linear fitted plots of scan rate (v)^{1/2} as a function of $i_p v^{-1/2}$ for NNMO-3 electrode at different fixed potentials obtained from slow scan rate CV curves (0.2 to 1 mVs⁻¹) (a, c) and corresponding bar diagram of capacitive/ diffusive contributions (b). (Color)

Estimation of electrochemical active surface area (ECASA):

The ECASA of the fabricated nanocomposite electrodes (NNMO-1, NNMO-2, NNMO-3, and NNMO-4) is estimated from CV measurements within a potential window of 0 to 0.5 V (vs Ag/AgCl) at different scan rates (2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, and 100 mVs⁻¹). Plots of current response (mA) with respect to scan rate of all the tested electrodes for a particular potential of 0.0415 V (vs Ag/AgCl) are shown in Fig. S8, which follow linear relationships. The double-layer capacitance (C_{dl}) at non-Faradic region by adsorption of electrolytic ions is calculated from the slope of current response as a function of scan rate at a particular potential according to the following relationship [1, 2]:

$$i = C_{dl} \frac{dV}{dt}$$

Where i (A) is the response current at a fixed potential, $\frac{dV}{dt}$ (mVs⁻¹) is the scan rate, and C_{dl} (F) is the double-layer capacitance.

Furthermore, C_{dl} can be correlated to ECASA as follows [1, 2].

$$ECASA = \frac{C_{dl}}{C_s}$$

where C_s is the generalized capacitance in KOH aqueous medium (20 μFcm^{-2}).

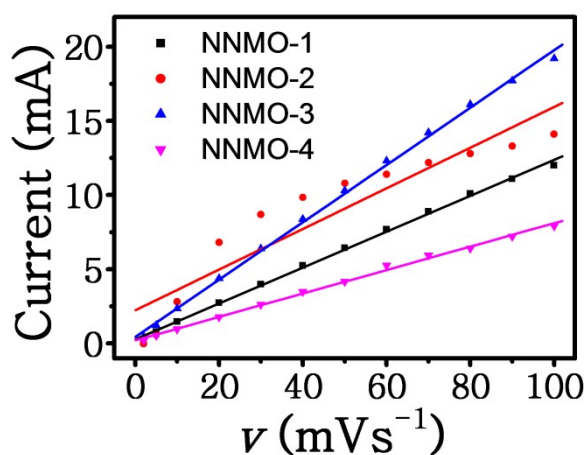


Fig. S8 Linear fitted plots of response currents as a function of scan rates for all the tested nanocomposite electrodes. (Color)

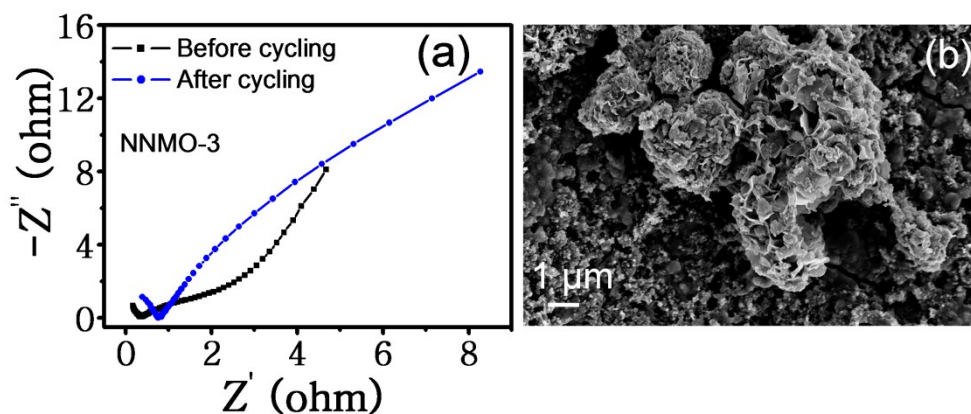


Fig. S9 Nyquist plots of NNMO-3 electrode before and after cycling experiment (a) and corresponding FESEM micrograph after 2200 cycling test (b). (Color)

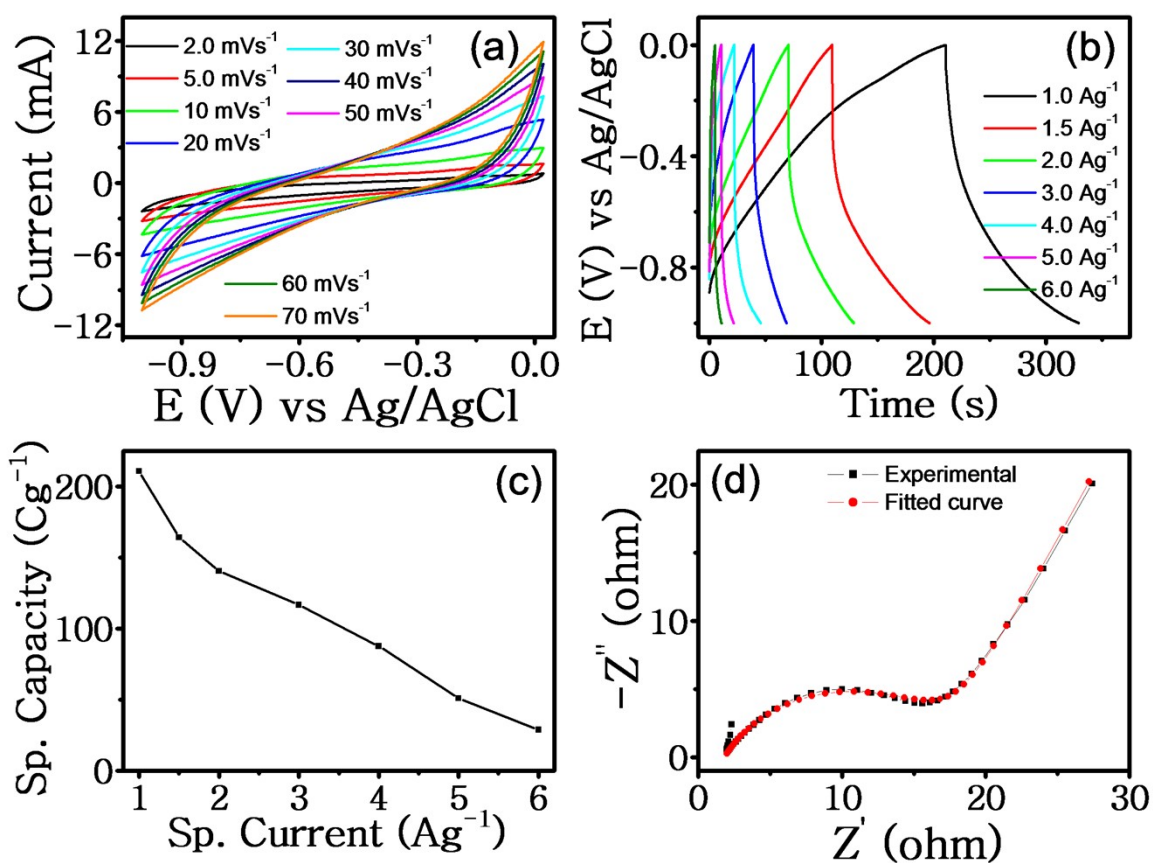


Fig. S10 CV curves at various scan rates of 2 to 70 mVs⁻¹ (a), GCD plots according to varying specific currents (b), specific capacity as a function of specific current (c), and Nyquist plot (d) of AC electrode material. (Color)

Table S1. Structural parameters of NNMO nanocomposites calculated from XRD profiles.

Materials	Phase content (%) corresponding to (220) plane			d spacing (nm) corresponding to (220) plane			Crystallite size, D_p (nm) corresponding to (220) plane		
	α -NMO	β -NMO	NiO	α -NMO	β -NMO	NiO	α -NMO	β -NMO	NiO
	NNMO-1	40.6	18.2	41.2	0.310	0.334	0.15	21.3	25.4
NNMO-2	27.6	19.6	52.8				17.9	16.9	6.7
NNMO-3	23.7	18.7	57.6				22.6	20.7	7.7
NNMO-4	18.0	12.1	69.9				17.9	15.3	8.3

Table S2. Planes corresponding to different rings in the SAED pattern.

Rings	$1/2r$, (1/nm)	$1/r$	r (nm)/ d spacing	d (Å)	(hkl)	Phase
1	3.26	1.63	0.613497	6.134969	(110)	α -NMO
2	5.221	2.6105	0.383068	3.830684	(02-1)	β -NMO
3	6.456	3.228	0.309789	3.097893	(220)	α -NMO
4	8.194	4.097	0.244081	2.44081	(111)	NiO
5	9.574	4.787	0.208899	2.088991	(200)	NiO
6	12.434	6.217	0.160849	1.608493	(024)	α -NMO
7	13.558	6.779	0.147514	1.475144	(220)	NiO
8	16.607	8.3035	0.120431	1.204311	(222)	NiO
9	19.215	9.6075	0.104085	1.040853	(400)	NiO
10	21.39	10.695	0.093502	0.935016	(420)	NiO
11	23.49	11.745	0.085143	0.851426	(1022)	β -NMO

Table S3. The calculated value of specific capacities from CV and GCD curves for different combinations of NNMO-3: C electrodes.

Electrode materials	Sp. capacity, Q_1 (Cg ⁻¹) at 2.0 mVs ⁻¹	Sp. capacity, Q_1 (Cg ⁻¹) at 30.0 mVs ⁻¹	Sp. capacity, Q_2 (Cg ⁻¹) at 1.0 Ag ⁻¹	Sp. capacity, Q_2 (Cg ⁻¹) at 10.0 Ag ⁻¹	Capacitive retention (%)
NNMO-3:C (100:0)	121.2	138.0	56.2	8.0	14.2
NNMO-3:C (70:30)	230.8	76.1	92.4	6.0	6.5
NNMO-3:C (50:50)	877.7	432.1	649.8	276.0	42.5
NNMO-3:C (30:70)	182.1	111.6	195.9	84.0	42.9
NNMO-3:C (20:80)	83.9	73.9	101.1	71.0	70.2

Table S4. The calculated value of specific capacities from CV and GCD curves for different NNMO nanocomposite electrodes.

Electrode materials	Sp. capacity, Q_1 (Cg^{-1}) at 2.0 mVs^{-1}	Sp. capacity, Q_1 (Cg^{-1}) at 30.0 mVs^{-1}	Sp. capacity, Q_2 (Cg^{-1}) at 1.0 Ag^{-1}
NNMO-1	548.6	270.1	430.1
NNMO-2	813.3	261.7	601.1
NNMO-3	877.7	432.1	649.8
NNMO-4	401.5	208.8	340.2

Table S5. The capacitive and diffusive contributions of NNMO-3 electrode from slow scan rate CV curves (0.2 to 1.0 mVs^{-1}) at various fixed potentials.

Potential (V) vs Ag/AgCl	NNMO-3	
	Slope, k_1 (%)	Intercept, k_2 (%)
0.0415	-1.060 (72.9)	0.395 (27.1)
0.1001	-0.603 (67.7)	0.288 (32.3)
0.1514	-0.308 (60.1)	0.205 (39.9)
0.2002	-0.063 (30.4)	0.144 (69.6)
0.2515	-0.248 (14.9)	1.413 (85.1)
0.3003	2.081 (35.8)	3.726 (64.2)

Table S6. Comparison of electrochemical performance (in the three-electrode system) of the NNMO-3 electrode with reported NMO based binder-free nanocomposite/ hybrid electrode materials.

Electrode materials	Synthetic method	Specific surface area (m^2g^{-1})	Sp. capacitance (Fg^{-1}) @ Sp. current (Ag^{-1})	Capacitive retention (%) @ Number of cycles (Sp. current/ Ag^{-1})	Ref.
$Co_3O_4/NiMoO_4$ core/shell nanowire arrays@NF	H, C	—	1230.0 @ 1.9	77.0 @ 3000 (9.6)	[3]
3D $Co_3O_4/NiMoO_4$ nanocomposites@NF	H, C	—	2041.0 @ 0.5	72.0 @ 3000 (0.5)	[4]
$CoMoO_4/NiMoO_4 \cdot xH_2O$ core-shell heterostructure@CF	H, C	100.8	1582.0 @ 1.0	97.1 @ 3000 (1.0)	[5]
$Ni_{0.75}Co_{0.25}MoO_4$ porous nanosheets@CC	H, C	—	1321.1 @ 1.0	97.2 @ 3000 (5.0)	[6]
$NiMoO_4/Ni-Co-S$ core-shell nanorods@NF	H, C	—	1892.0 @ 5.0*	91.7 @ 6000 (20.0*)	[7]
$NiMoO_4/NiWO_4$ honeycomb@NF	H, C	—	1290.0 @ 2.0	93.1 @ 3000 (6.0)	[8]
$NiO/NiCo_2O_4$ core-shell nanosheet arrays@NF	H, C	—	1623.6 @ 2.0	90.0 @ 10,000 (10.0)	[9]
$NiCo_2S_4/NiMoO_4$ core-shell nanosheet arrays@NF	H	—	1487.6 @ 1.0	89.7 @ 8000 (5.0)	[10]
$MgCo_2O_4/NiMoO_4$ urchin-like core-shell nanomaterial@NF	H, C	—	1775.0 @ 1.0	74.7 @ 5000 (5.0)	[11]

MnCo ₂ O ₄ /NiMoO ₄ core-shell nanowire array@NF	H, C	119.2	1244.0 @ 1.0	81.0 @ 2500 (5.0)	[12]
NiCo ₂ O ₄ @NiMoO ₄ /PANI holothurian@CC	H, C, P	—	1322.2 @ 0.6	92.36 @ 5000 (0.6)	[13]
NiCo ₂ O ₄ @NiMoO ₄ nanowires/nanosheets array@CC	H, C	272.3	1576.0 @ 1.0	89.8 @ 5000 (3.3)	[14]
CuCo ₂ O ₄ /NiMoO ₄ nanoarchitecture@NF	H, C	—	2215.0 @ 1.0	98.3 @ 8000 (5.0)	[15]
NiCo ₂ O ₄ /NiMoO ₄ nanostructure@NF	H, C	—	1371.4 @ 1.0	100 @ 10,000 (8.0)	[16]
NiCoMn–O@NiMoO ₄ @C nanosheet arrays@CC	H, C	—	2189.5 @ 0.25	81.6 @ 1500 (6.0)	[17]
ZnCo ₂ O ₄ @NiMoO ₄ core-shell nanowire/nanosheets nanoarrays@NF	H, C	—	1912.0 @ 1.0	—	[18]
NiMoO ₄ /NiSe ₂ /MoSe ₂ nanowire@GCE	H, C, Se	55.6	955.0 @ 1.0	86.1 @ 5000 (10.0)	[19]
NNMO-3 sheet-like nanocomposite	Reflux, C	113.0	1624.5 @ 1.0	73.5 @ 2200 (1.0)	This work

NF: Ni foam; CF: Carbon fabric; CC: Carbon cloth, GCE: Glassy carbon electrode; H: Hydrothermal; C: Calcination/ Annealing; P: Polymerization; Se: Selenylation; *: mAcm⁻².

Table S7. The calculated values of C_{dl} and ECASA for different nanocomposite electrodes.

Electrode material	Double-layer capacitance, C _{dl} (mF)	ECASA (cm ²)
NNMO-1	120.6	6031.3
NNMO-2	137.3	6863.2
NNMO-3	193.0	9650.1
NNMO-4	79.0	3949.0

Table S8. Various fitting parameters and values obtained from EIS measurements of all the tested nanocomposite electrodes.

Electrode materials	R _s (Ω)	R _{ct} (Ω)	CPE in low frequency region		Impedance (Ω)	- Phase angle (intercept of – Z'' axis at 0.1 Hz)
			Y ₀ (Ω ⁻¹)	n		
NNMO-1	1.15	15.21	0.07	0.56	32.35	30.2
NNMO-2	0.34	8.53	0.08	0.74	23.21	48.6
NNMO-3	0.32	3.07	0.19	0.88	9.36	60.1
NNMO-4	1.06	24.0	0.08	0.37	36.67	15.9
NNMO-3 (after cycling)	0.76	7.61	0.14	0.73		

Table S9. The calculated values of specific capacity, specific energy and specific power of NNMO-3//AC ASC device.

ASC device	Sp. capacity, Q ₁ (Cg ⁻¹) at 2.0 mVs ⁻¹	Sp. capacity, Q ₂ (Cg ⁻¹) at 1.0 Ag ⁻¹	Sp. capacity, Q ₂ (Cg ⁻¹) at 5.0 Ag ⁻¹	Capacitive retention (%) from 1.0 to 5.0 Ag ⁻¹	Sp. energy, E (Whkg ⁻¹)	Sp. power, P (Wkg ⁻¹)
NNMO-3//AC	222.9	216.2	126.5	58.5	45.0 @ 1.0 Ag ⁻¹	750.0 @ 1.0 Ag ⁻¹
					26.4 @ 5.0 Ag ⁻¹	3750.0 @ 5.0 Ag ⁻¹

Table S10. Fitting parameters like R_s , R_{ct} , n of the NNMO-3//AC ASC device obtained from Nyquist plots before and after cycling test.

Parameters→	R_s (Ω)	R_{ct} (Ω)	n
Before cycling	1.15	15.21	0.64
After cycling	8.75	19.68	0.50

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