

Supporting Information

An advanced hybrid supercapacitor constructed from rugby-ball-like NiCo₂Se₄ yolk-shell nanostructures

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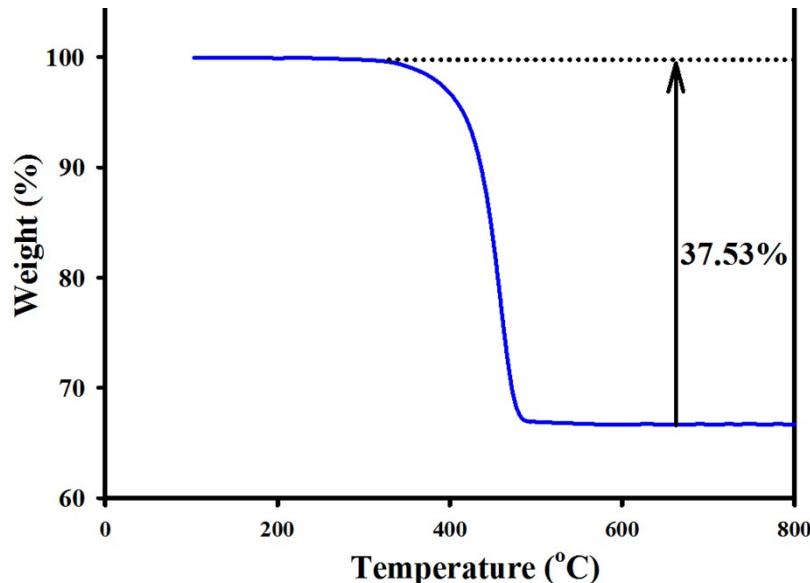


Fig S1. Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) of the NiCO₃@CoCO₃ precursor with the temperature ramp of 5 °C/min under air flow.

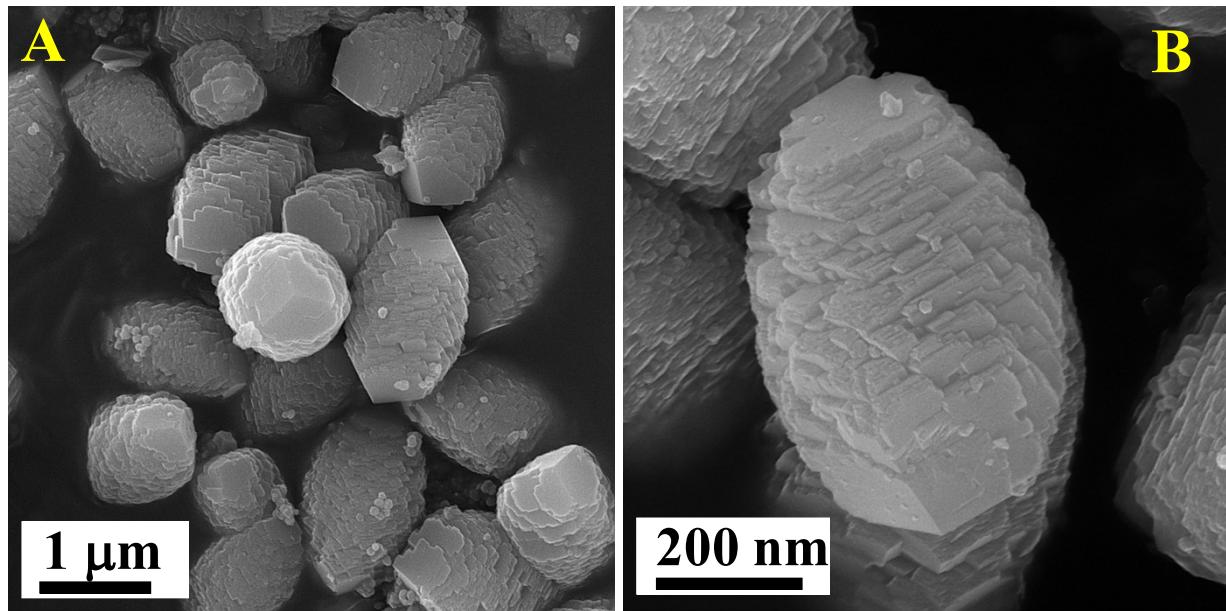


Fig S2. (A and B) FE-SEM images of the NiCO_3 @ CoCO_3 sample.

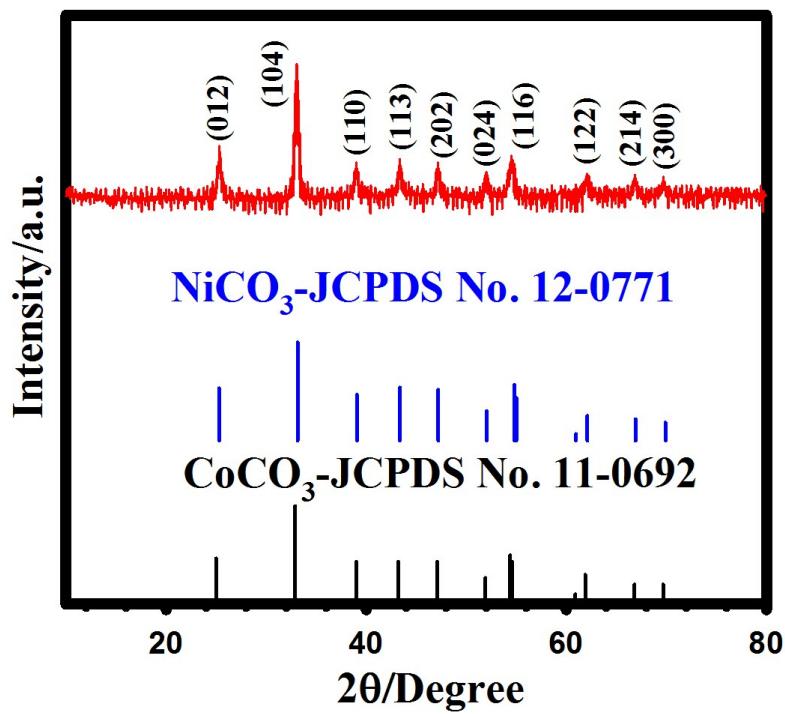


Fig S3. XRD pattern of the NiCO_3 @ CoCO_3 sample.

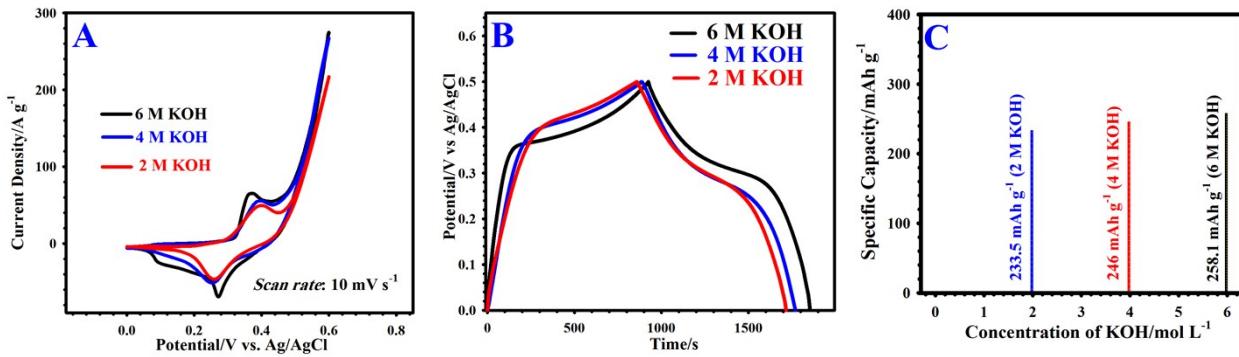


Fig S4. (A) CV profiles of the RB-NCS electrode at 10 mV/s in several concentration of KOH electrolyte. (B) GCD plots of the RB-NCS electrode at 1 A/g in various concentration of KOH electrolyte. (C) The specific capacity values of the RB-NCS electrode in several concentration of KOH electrolyte at 1 A/g.

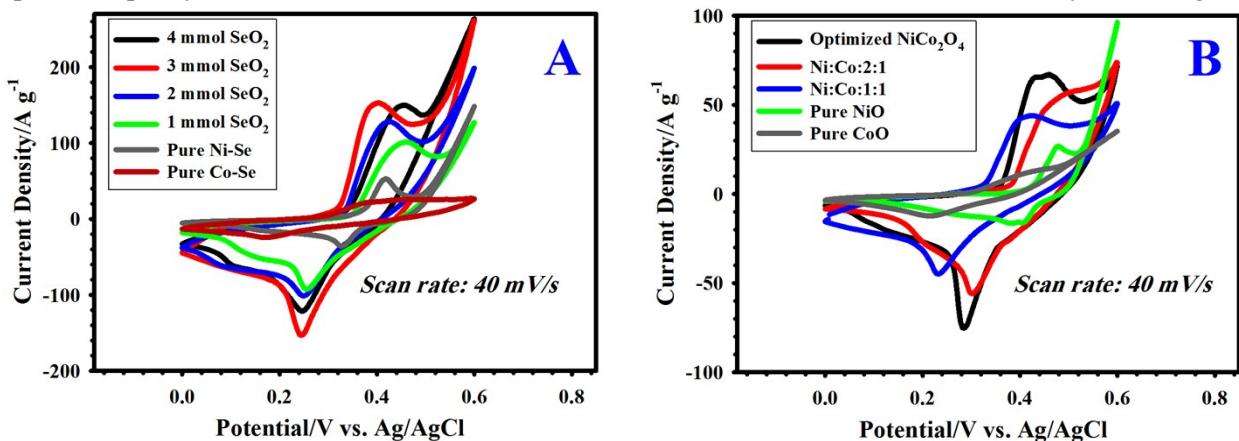


Fig S5. (A) CV curves of the Ni-Co-selenide electrodes at 40 mV/s. (B) CV curves of the Ni-Co-oxide electrodes at 40 mV/s.

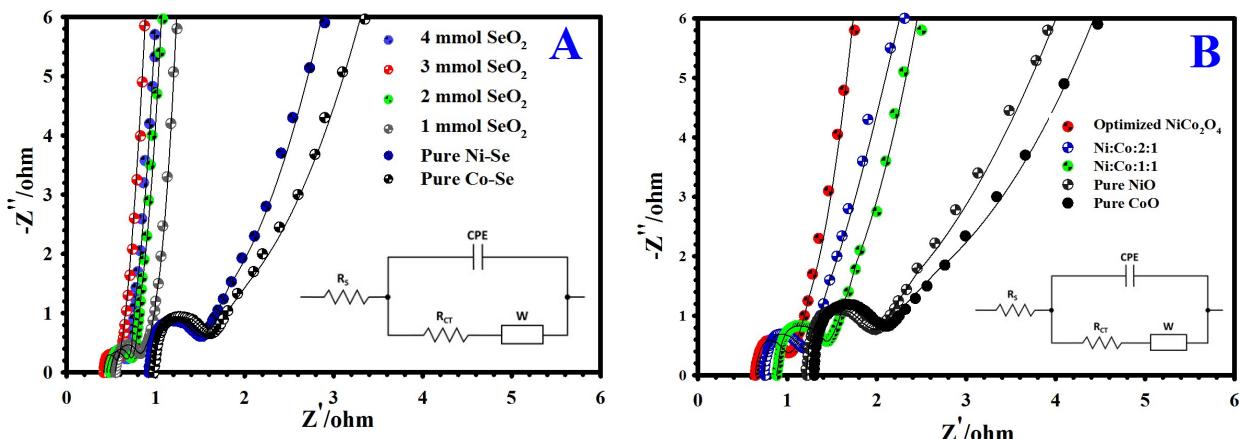


Fig S6. (A) EIS plots of the Ni-Co-selenide electrodes. (B) EIS plots of the Ni-Co-oxide electrodes.

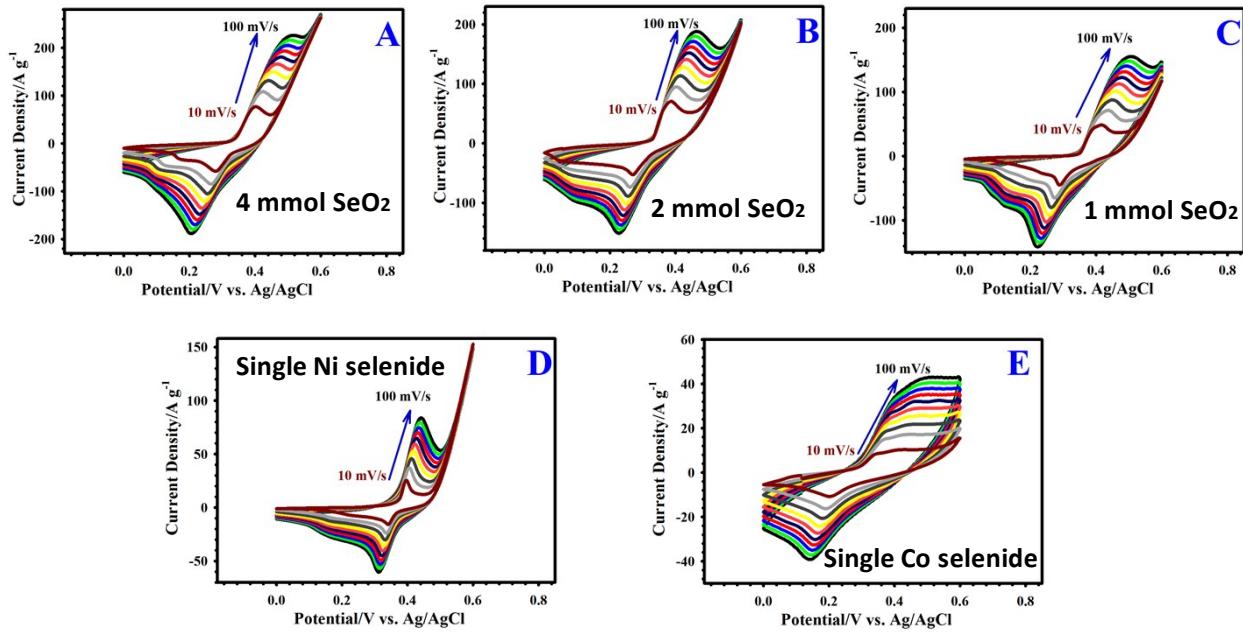


Fig S7. (A-E) CV curves of the Ni-Co-selenide electrodes at various scan rates.

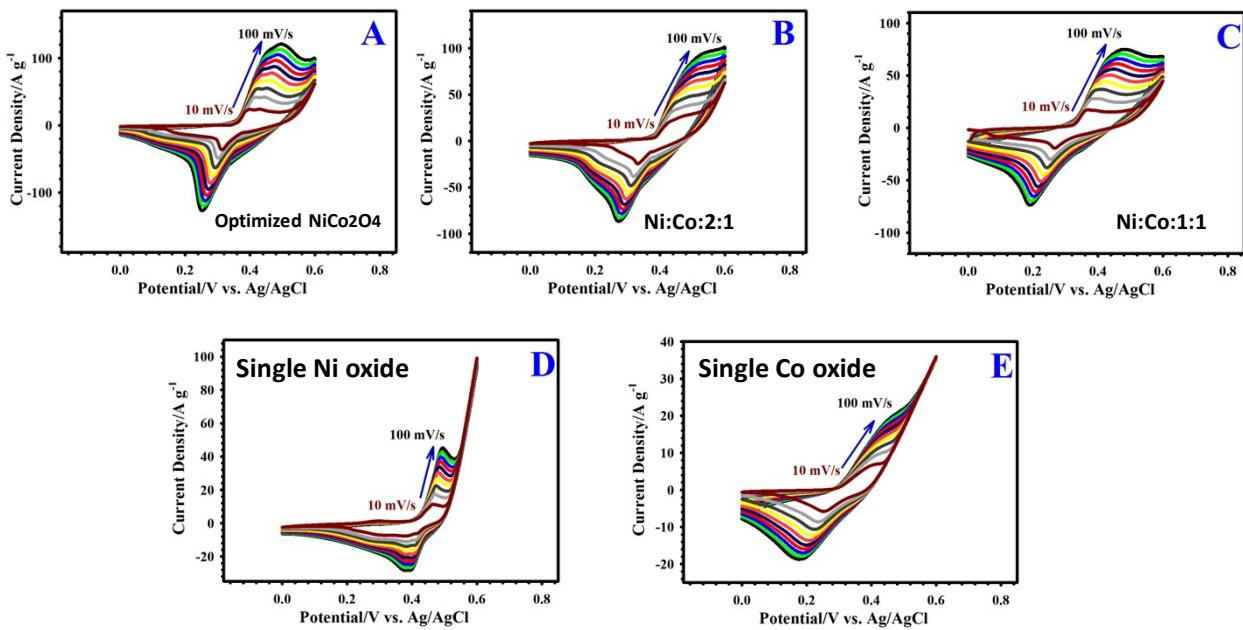


Fig S8. (A-E) CV curves of the Ni-Co-oxide electrodes at various scan rates.

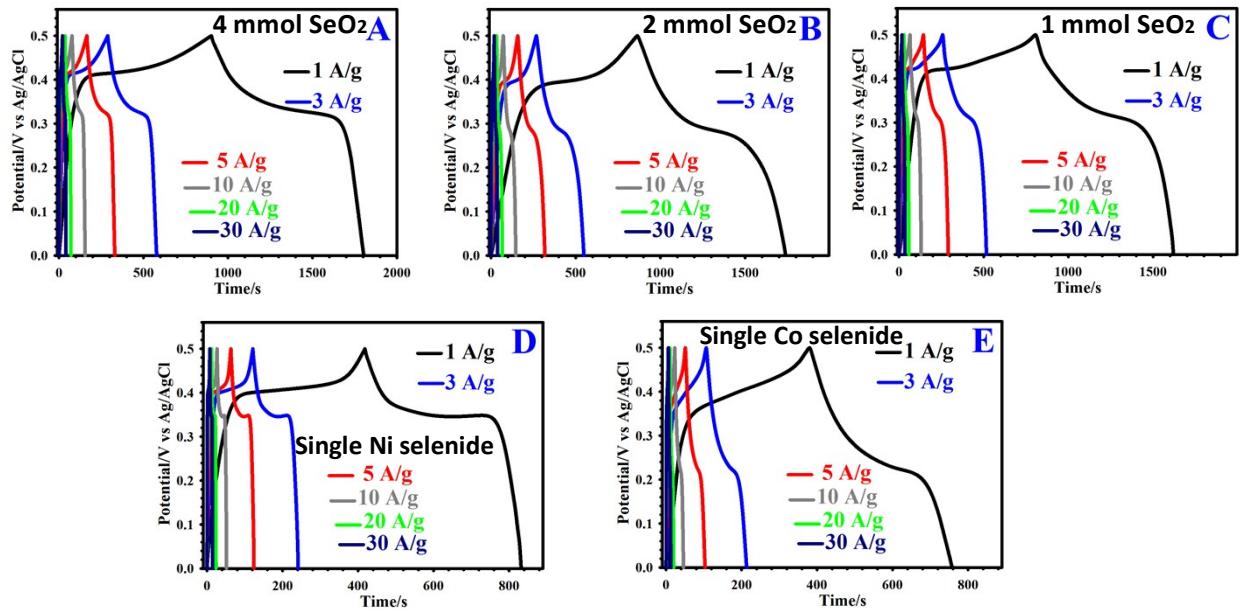


Fig S9. (A-E) GCD curves of the Ni-Co-selenide electrodes at various current densities.

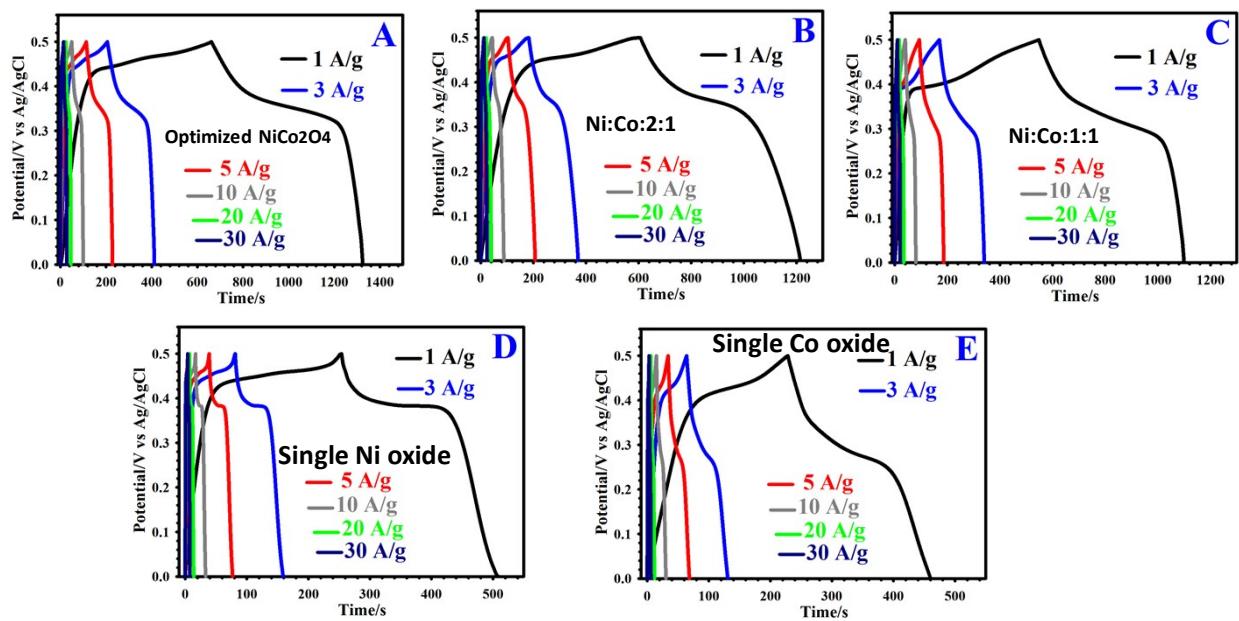


Fig S10. (A-E) GCD curves of the Ni-Co-oxide electrodes at various current densities.

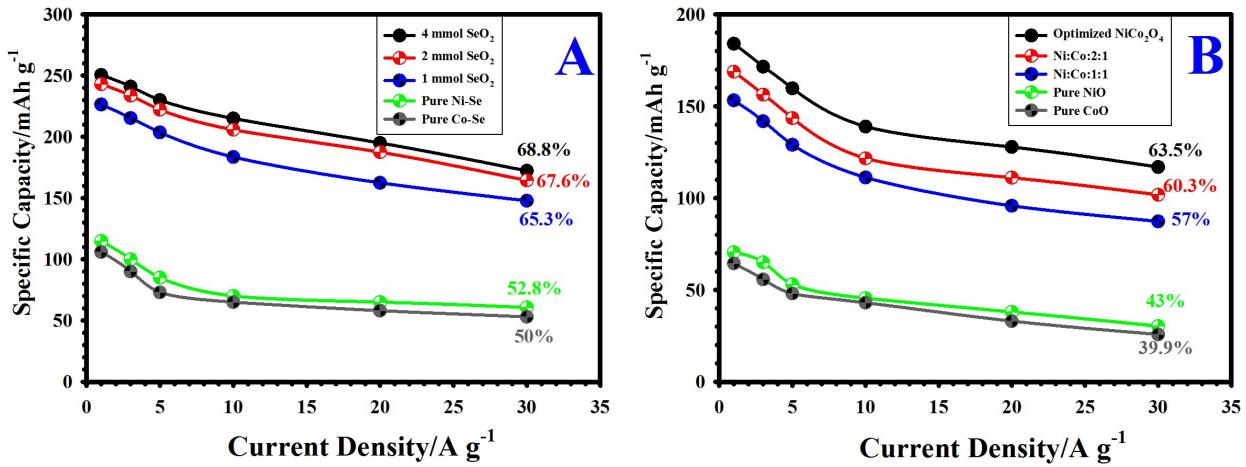


Fig S11. (A) Rate capability of the Ni-Co-selenide electrodes. (B) Rate capability of the Ni-Co-oxide electrodes.

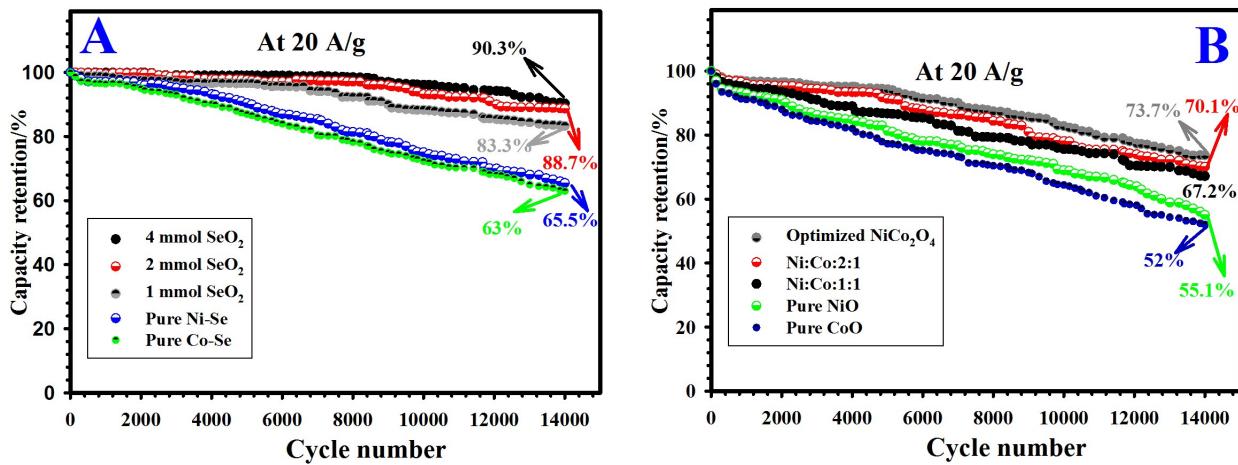


Fig S12. (A) Cyclic performance of the Ni-Co-selenide electrodes. (B) Cyclic performance of the Ni-Co-oxide electrodes.

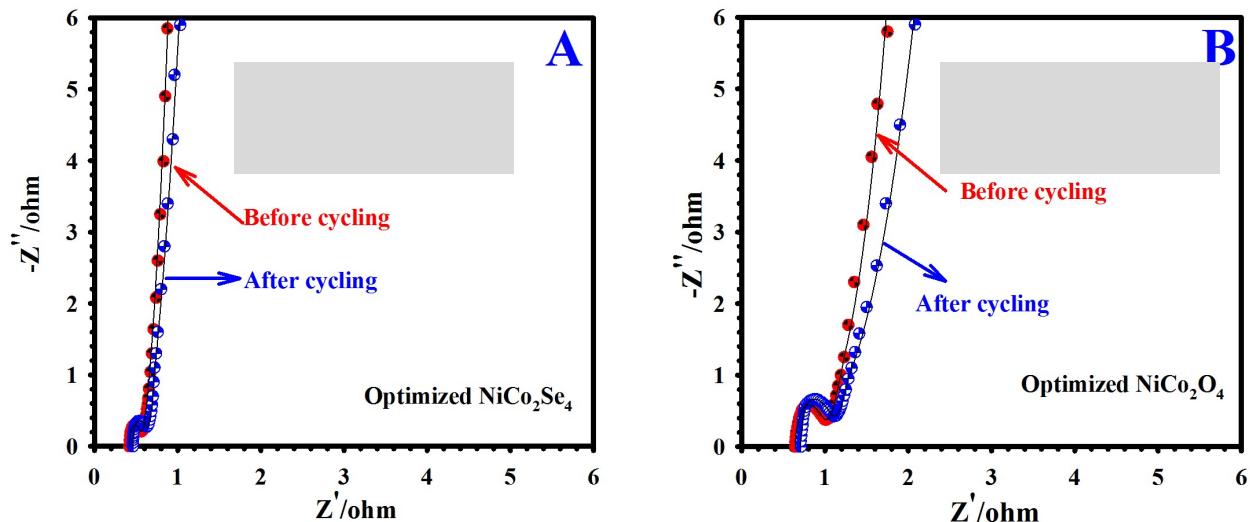


Fig S13. (A) EIS plots of the RB-NCS electrode before and after longevity test. (B) EIS plots of the RB-NCO electrode before and after longevity test.

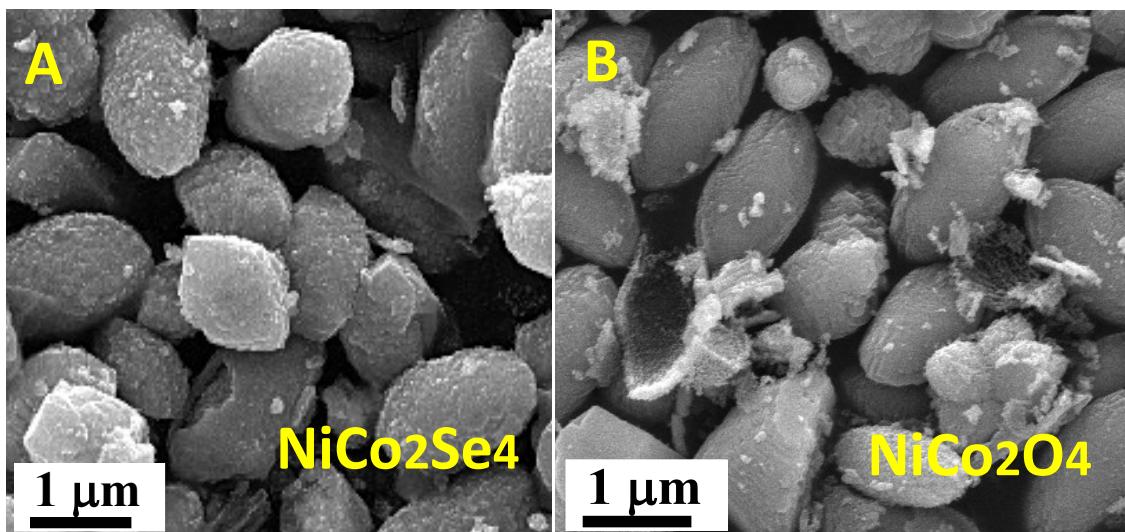


Fig S14. (A) FE-SEM image of the RB-NCS sample after longevity test. (B) FE-SEM image of the RB-NCO sample after longevity test.

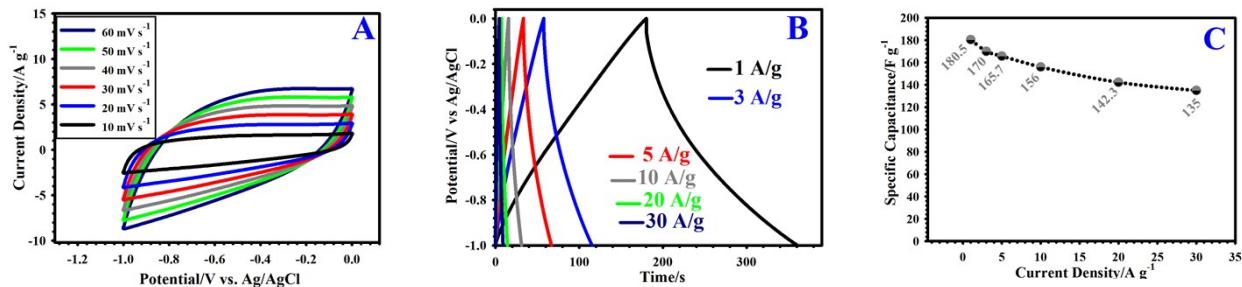


Fig S15. (A) CV curves of the AC-based electrode at various sweep speeds of 10-60 mV/s. (B) GCD curves of the AC-based electrode at various current densities of 1-30 A/g. (C) Specific capacity vs. current density of AC-based electrode.

Table S1. Comparison of the electrochemical performance of the RB-NCS-based electrode in three electrode systems with other previously reported electrodes.

Composition	Capacity (mAh g ⁻¹)	Cycles, retention	Rate capability	Reference
CoSe ₂ /NC	120.2 mAh g ⁻¹ at 1 A g ⁻¹	10000, 92% (3 E)	61.2% at 20 A g ⁻¹	1
(Ni, Co)Se ₂	106 mAh g ⁻¹ at 1 A g ⁻¹	5000, 78%	75% at 10 A g ⁻¹	2
Ni,Co)Se ₂ /NiCo-LDH	170 mAh g ⁻¹ at 1 A g ⁻¹	3000, 89%	71% at 20 A g ⁻¹	3
NiCoSe-4	211 mAh g ⁻¹ at 1 A g ⁻¹	5000, 90.31%	71.7% at 20 A g ⁻¹	4
CoSe ₂ /MoSe ₂ -3-1	211.97 mAh g ⁻¹ at 1 A g ⁻¹	2000, 94.2%	67.8% at 30 A g ⁻¹	5
(GNR)/Co _{0.85} Se	76.4 mAh/g at 1 A g ⁻¹	5000, 89%	73% at 10 A g ⁻¹	6
Ni _{1/2} Co _{1/2} Se ₂	166.1 mAh g ⁻¹ at 1 A g ⁻¹	6000, 91.2%	75.1% at 20 A g ⁻¹	7
Ni _{0.85} Se	114.6 mAh g ⁻¹ at 1 A g ⁻¹	5000, 73.9%	60.5% at 10 A g ⁻¹	8
(Ni, Co)Se ₂	106 mAh g ⁻¹ at 2 A g ⁻¹	5000, 90.5%	75% at 10 A g ⁻¹	9
RB-NCS electrode	258.1 mAh g ⁻¹ at 1 A g ⁻¹	14000, 92.2%	70.6% at 30 A g ⁻¹	This work

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