

## Supplementary Material

### Constructing robust Si-Ni alloy/carbon nanofiber composites for high-rate lithium-ion battery anodes

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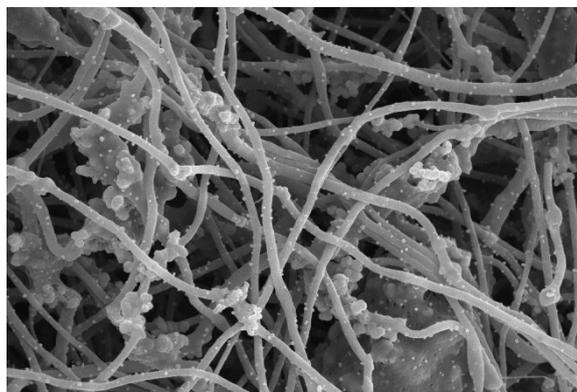


Fig. S1. SEM morphology image of SiNi<sub>1.2</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrode

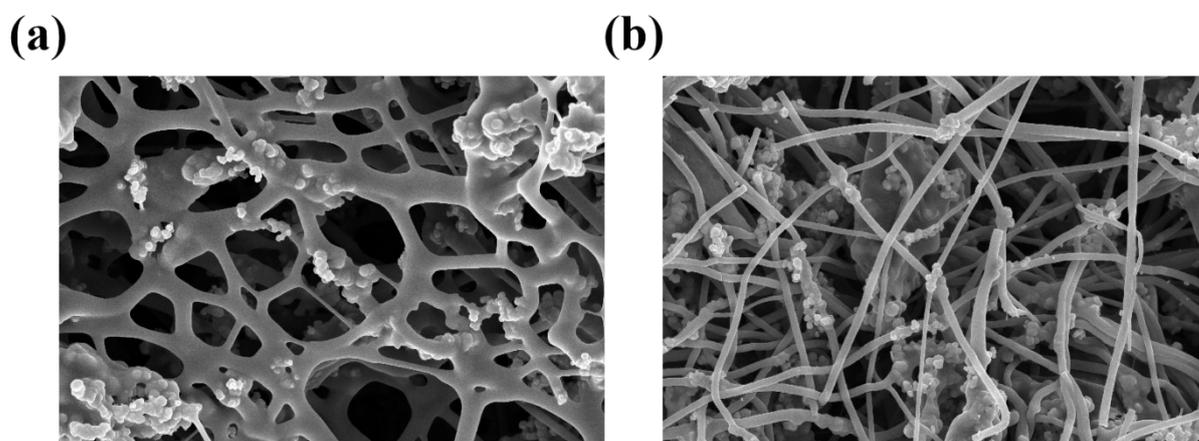


Fig. S2. (a) SEM morphology image of SiNi<sub>1.0</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrode, (b) SEM morphology image of SiNi<sub>1.1</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrode

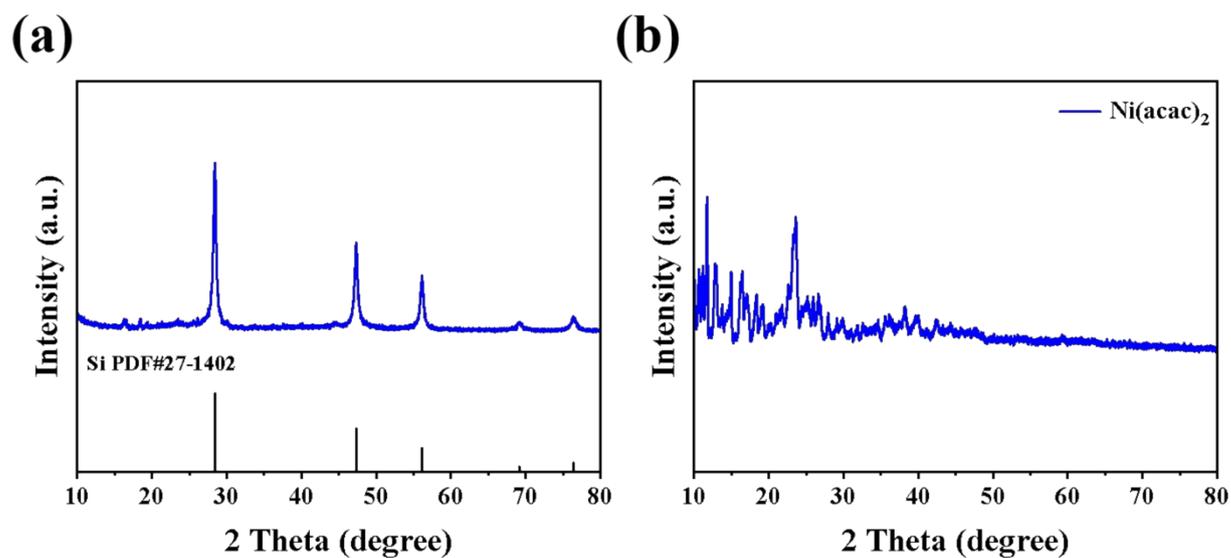
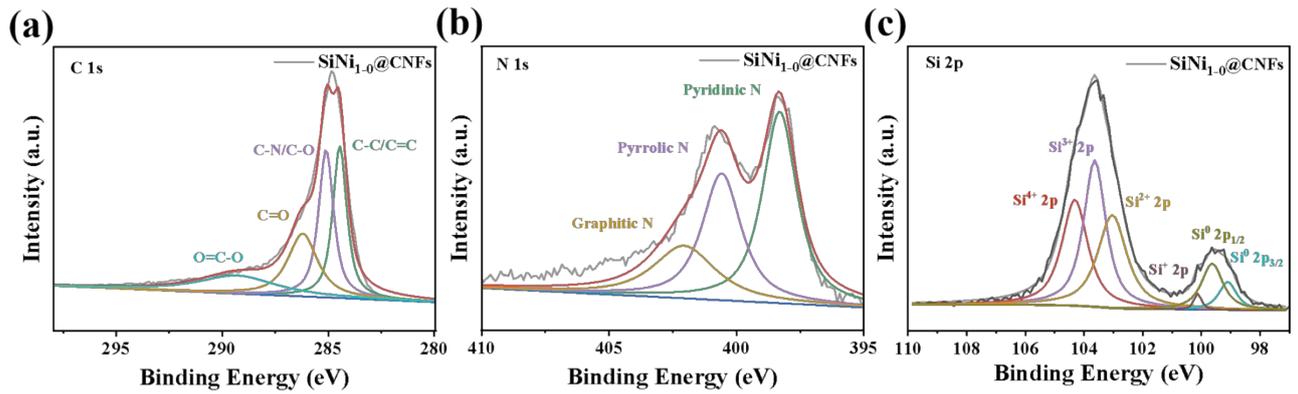
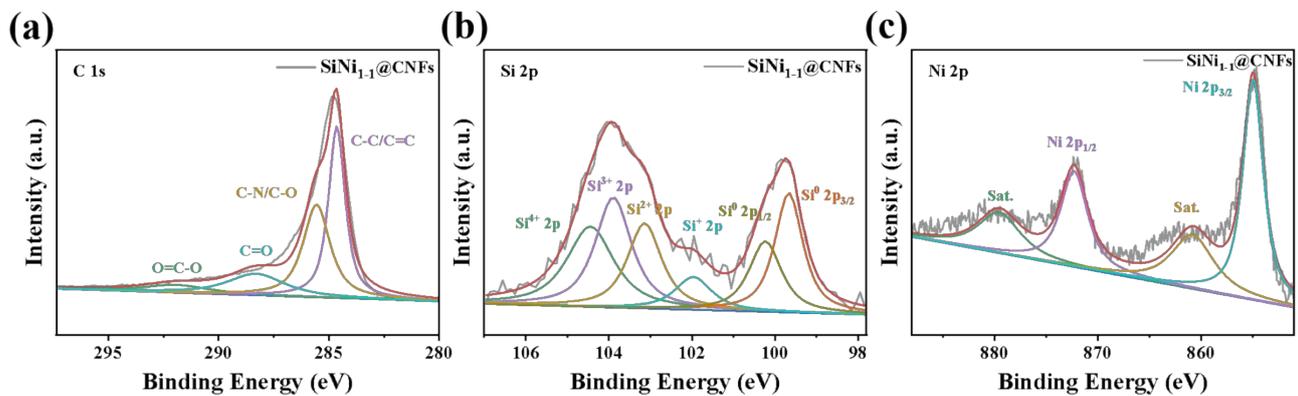


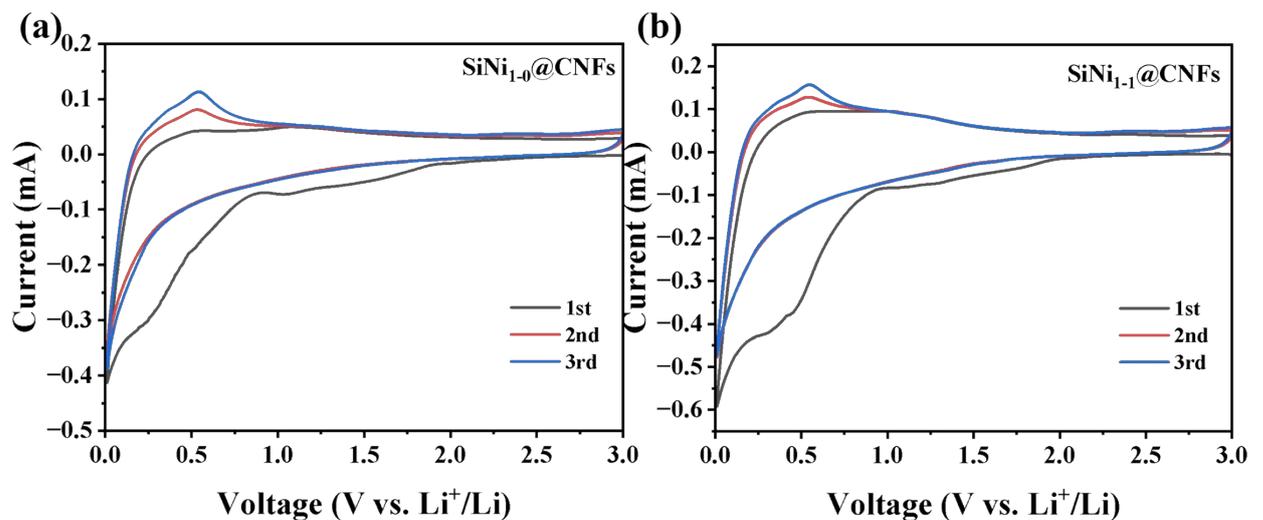
Fig. S3. XRD patterns of (a) Si-Ni alloys prepared by ball milling, (b) Ni(acac)<sub>2</sub>.



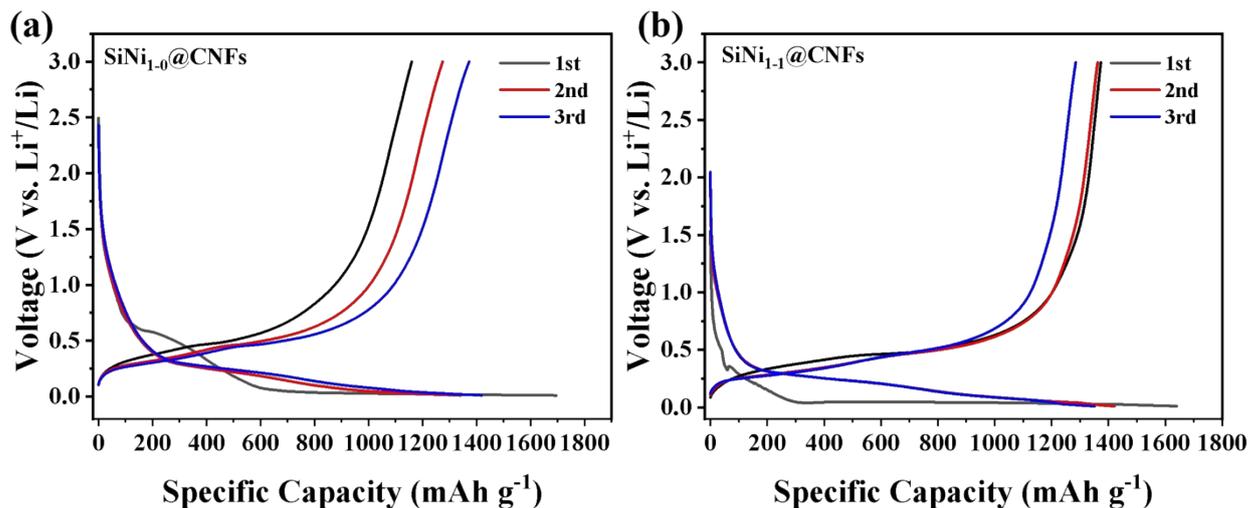
**Fig. S4.** (a) XPS spectrum of C 1s for the SiNi<sub>1.0</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrode, (b) XPS spectrum of N 1s for the SiNi<sub>1.0</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrode, (c) XPS spectrum of Si 2p for the SiNi<sub>1.0</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrode



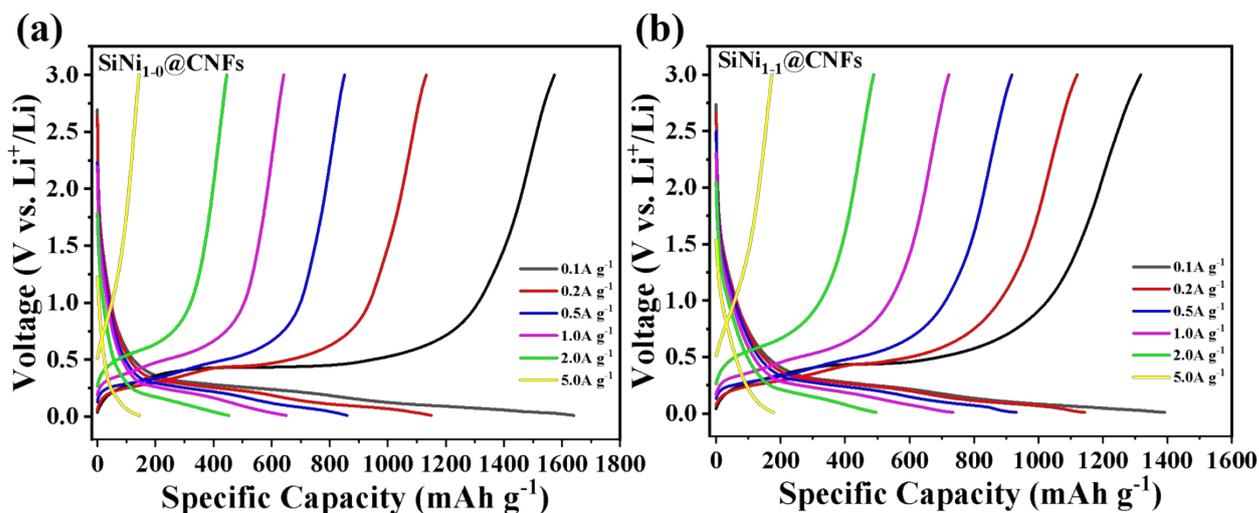
**Fig. S5.** (a) XPS spectrum of C 1s for the SiNi<sub>1.1</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrode, (b) XPS spectrum of Si 2p for the SiNi<sub>1.1</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrode, (c) XPS spectrum of Ni 2p for the SiNi<sub>1.1</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrode



**Fig. S6.** (a) CV curve of SiNi<sub>1.0</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrode, (b) CV curve of SiNi<sub>1.1</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrode



**Fig. S7.** (a) Charge-discharge curves of SiNi<sub>1-0</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrodes at different cycle numbers, (b) Charge-discharge curves of SiNi<sub>1-1</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrodes at different cycle numbers



**Fig. S8.** (a) Charge-discharge curves of SiNi<sub>1-0</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrodes at different current densities, (b) Charge-discharge curves of SiNi<sub>1-1</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrodes at different current densities

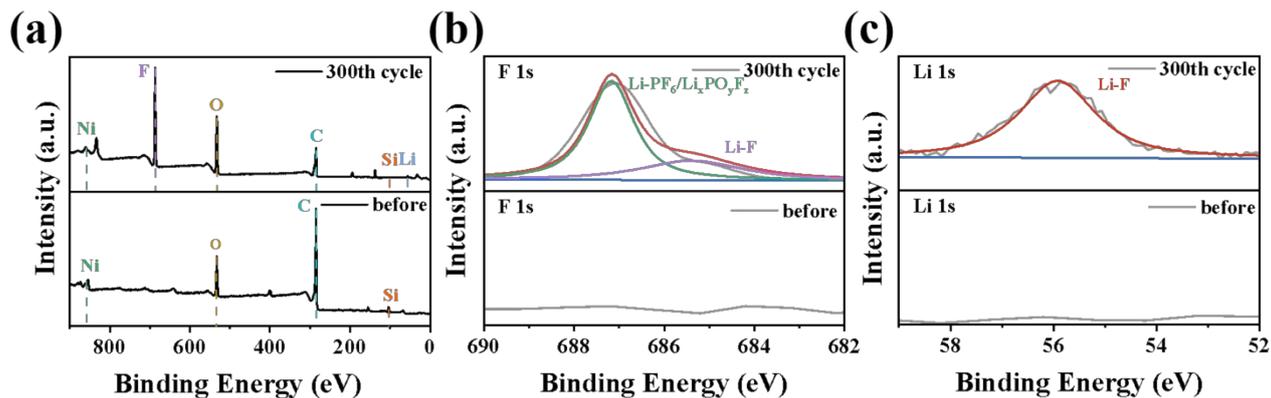


Fig. S9. XPS spectrum of the SiNi<sub>1-2</sub>@CNFs: (a) XPS score, (b) F 1s, (c) Li 1s

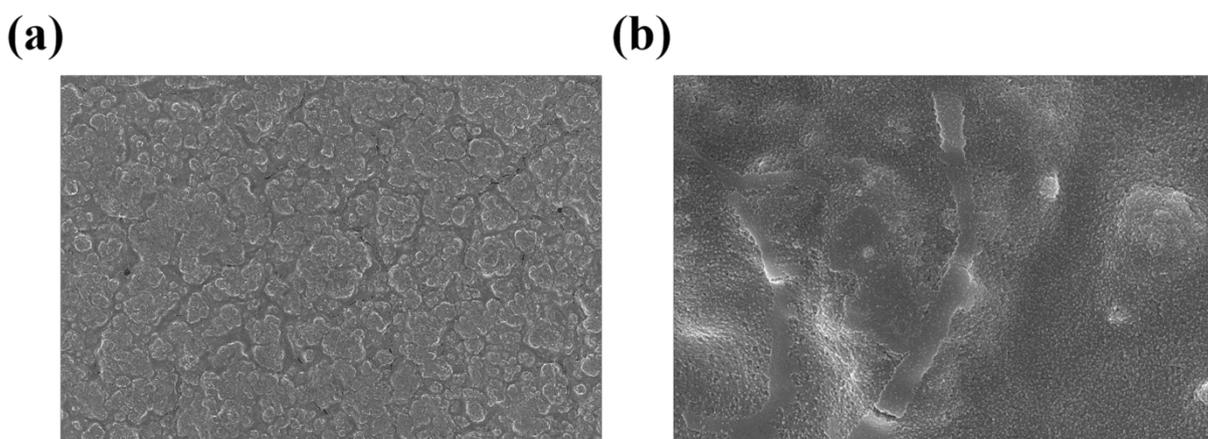


Fig. S10. SEM image of SiNi<sub>1-2</sub>@CNFs after 300 cycles: (a) 30 μm, (b) 500 nm

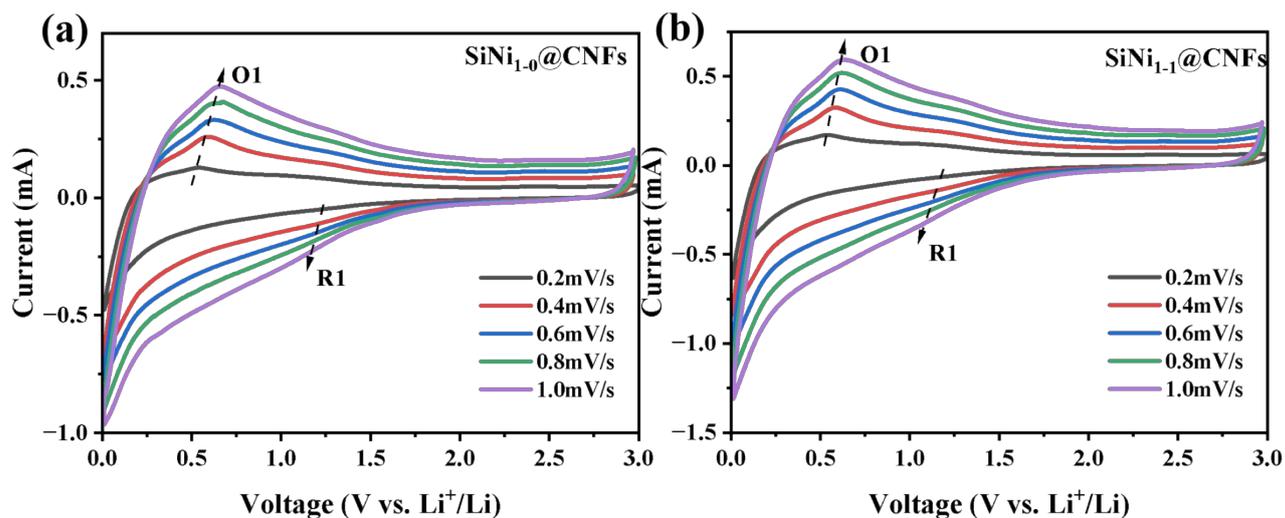
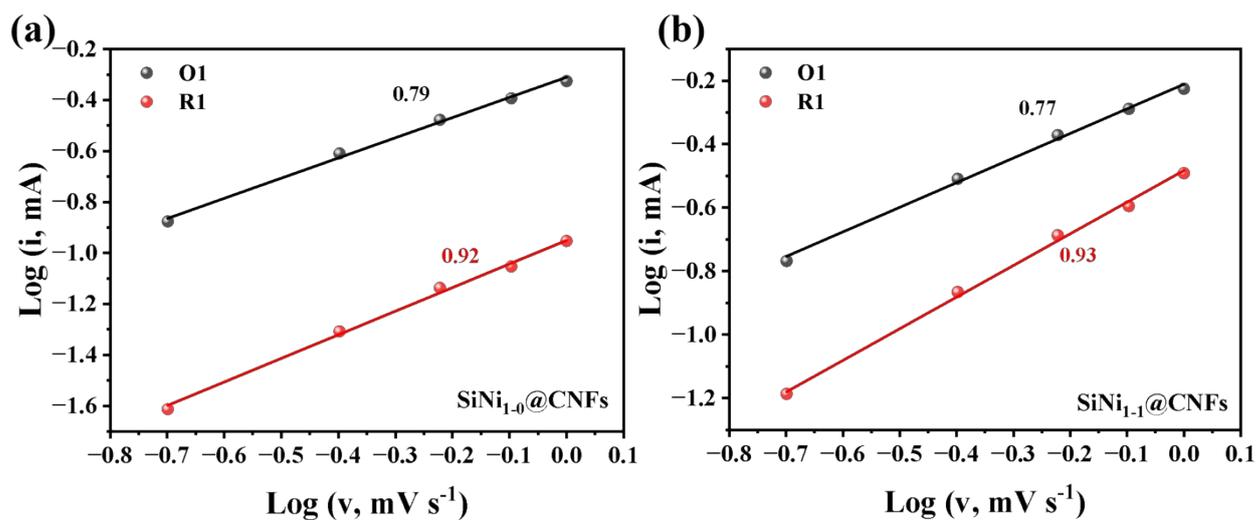
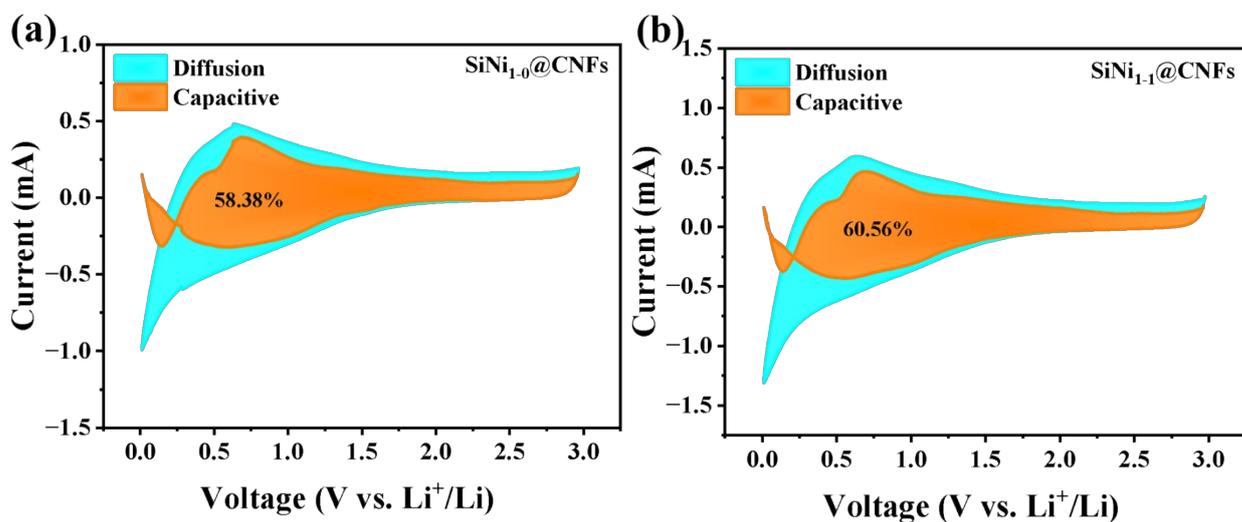


Fig. S11. (a) CV curves of SiNi<sub>1-0</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrodes at different scan rates, (b) CV curves of SiNi<sub>1-1</sub>@CNFs nanofiber electrodes at different scan rates



**Fig. S12.** (a) b-value of redox peaks on  $\text{SiNi}_{1-0}@\text{CNFs}$  nanofiber electrodes, (b) b-value of redox peaks on  $\text{SiNi}_{1-1}@\text{CNFs}$  nanofiber electrodes



**Fig. S13.** (a) Capacitance contribution of  $\text{SiNi}_{1-0}@\text{CNFs}$  nanofiber electrodes at  $1.0 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ , (b) Capacitance contribution of  $\text{SiNi}_{1-1}@\text{CNFs}$  nanofiber electrodes at  $1.0 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$