

Supporting Information for

Boosting Pseudocapacitive Behavior of Supercapattery Electrodes by Incorporating a Schottky Junction for Ultrahigh Energy Density

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Supplementary Figures and Tables

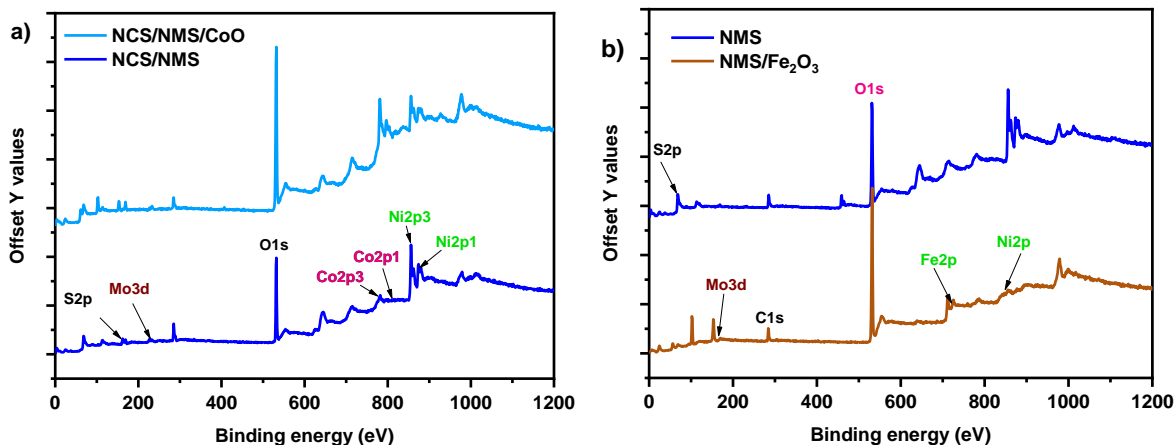


Fig. S1 (a) Survey spectra of NiCo₂S₄/NiMo₂S₄ (NCS/NMS) and NiCo₂S₄/NiMo₂S₄/Co₃O₄ (NCS/NMS/CoO). (b) Survey spectra of NiMo₂S₄ (NMS) and NiMo₂S₄/Fe₂O₃ (NMS/FeO)

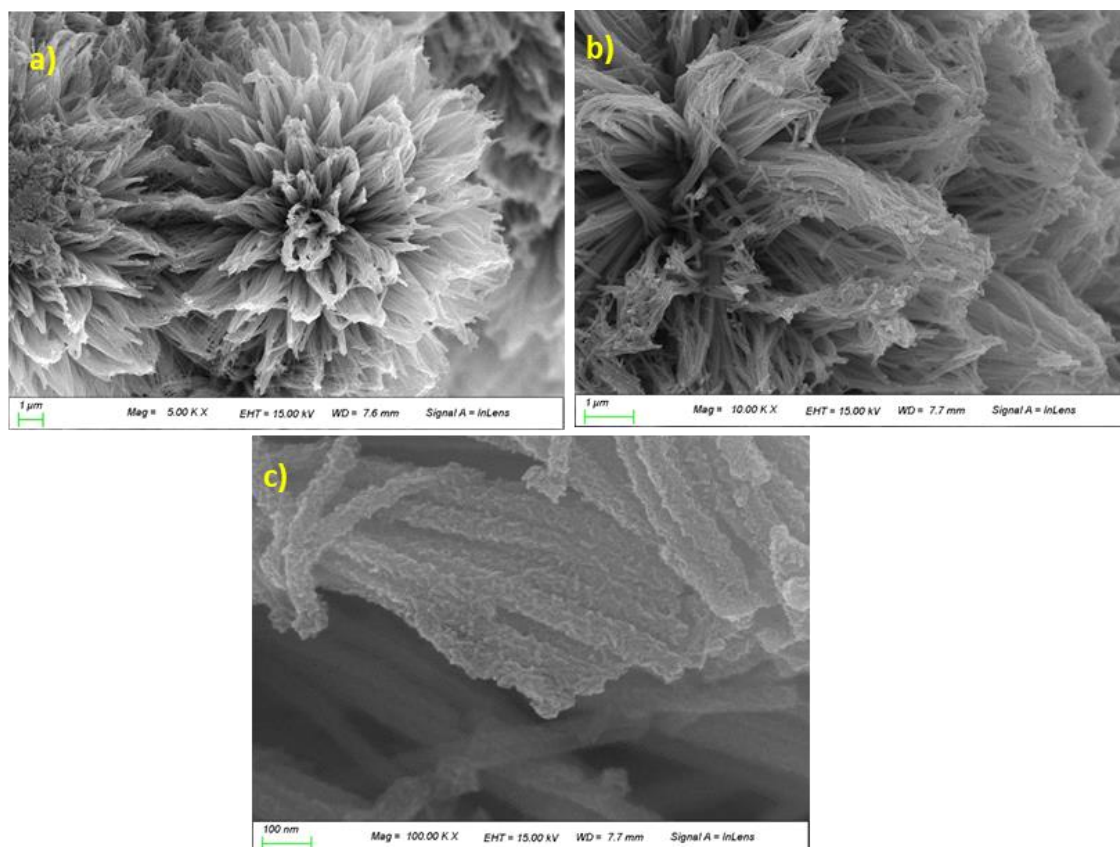


Fig. S2 (a-c) High-resolution SEM images of NCS grown on Ni foam

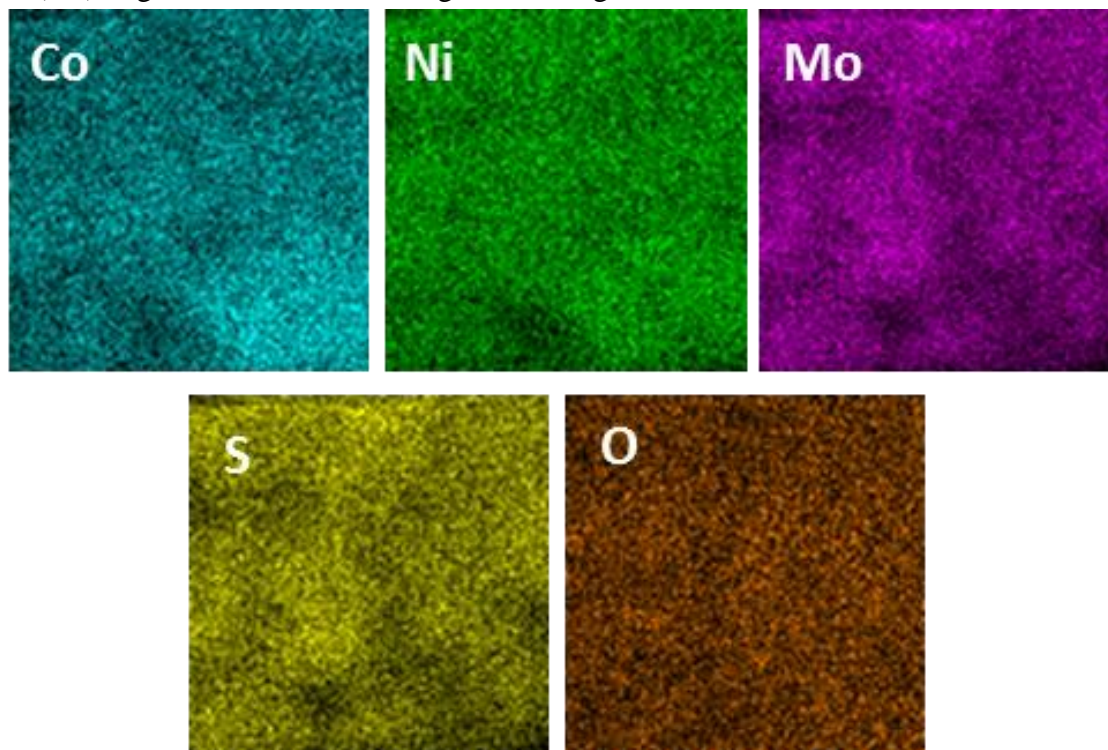


Fig. S3 Scanning transmission electron microscopy-energy dispersive spectroscopic (STEM-EDS) images of the NCS/NMS/CoO electrode

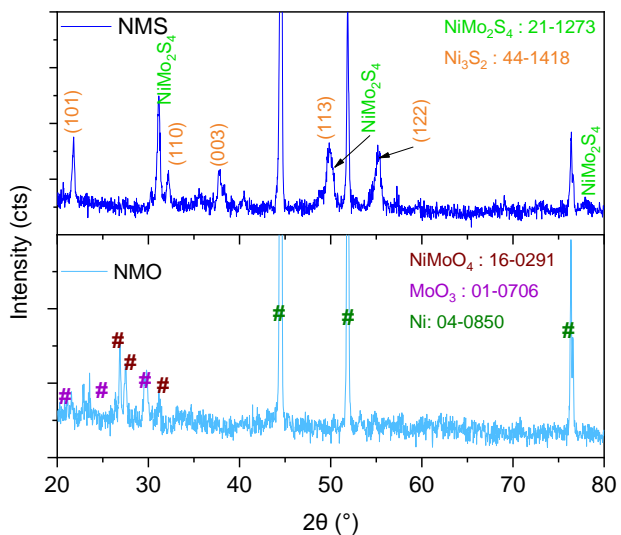


Fig. S4 XRD spectra of NMO and NMS electrodes

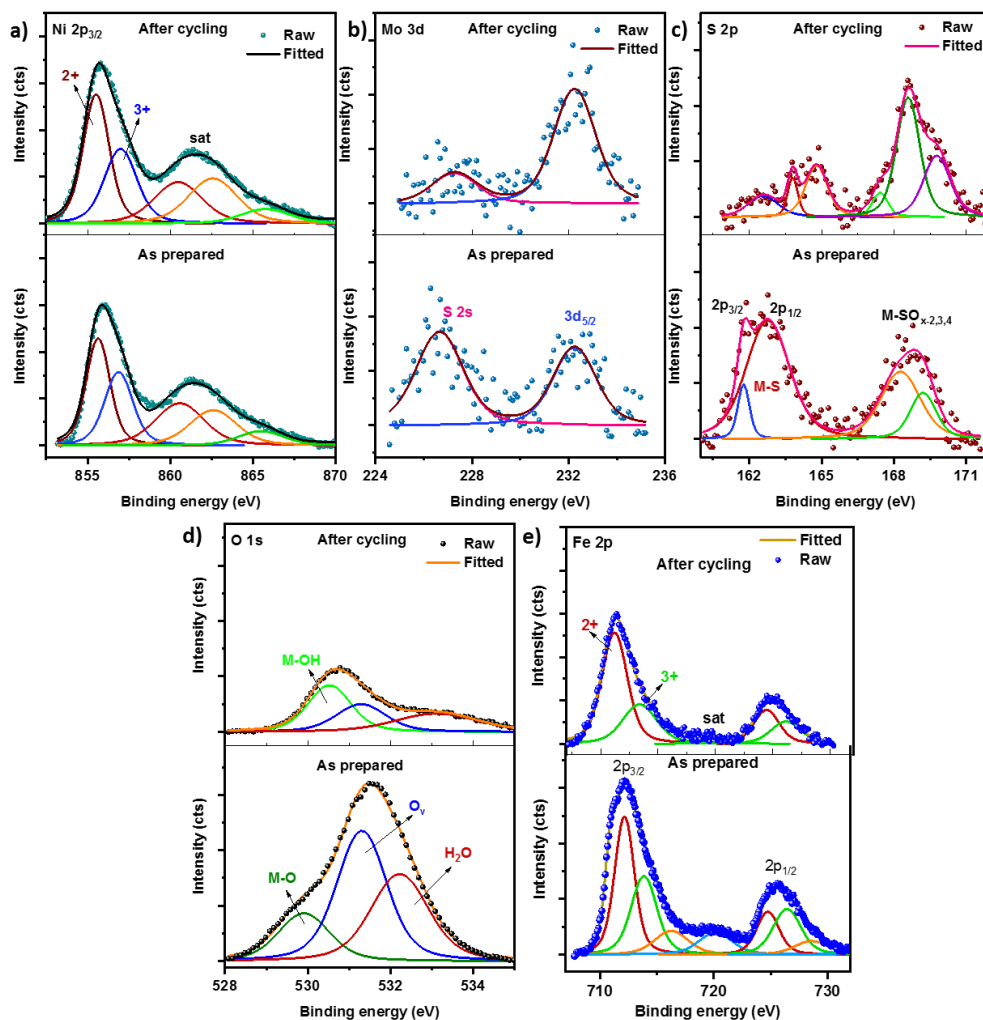


Fig. S5 XPS spectra of the NMS/FeO electrode before and after 20,000 GCD cycles at 10 A/g; (a) Ni 2p, (b) Mo 3d, (c) S 2p, (d) O 1s, and (e) Fe 2p

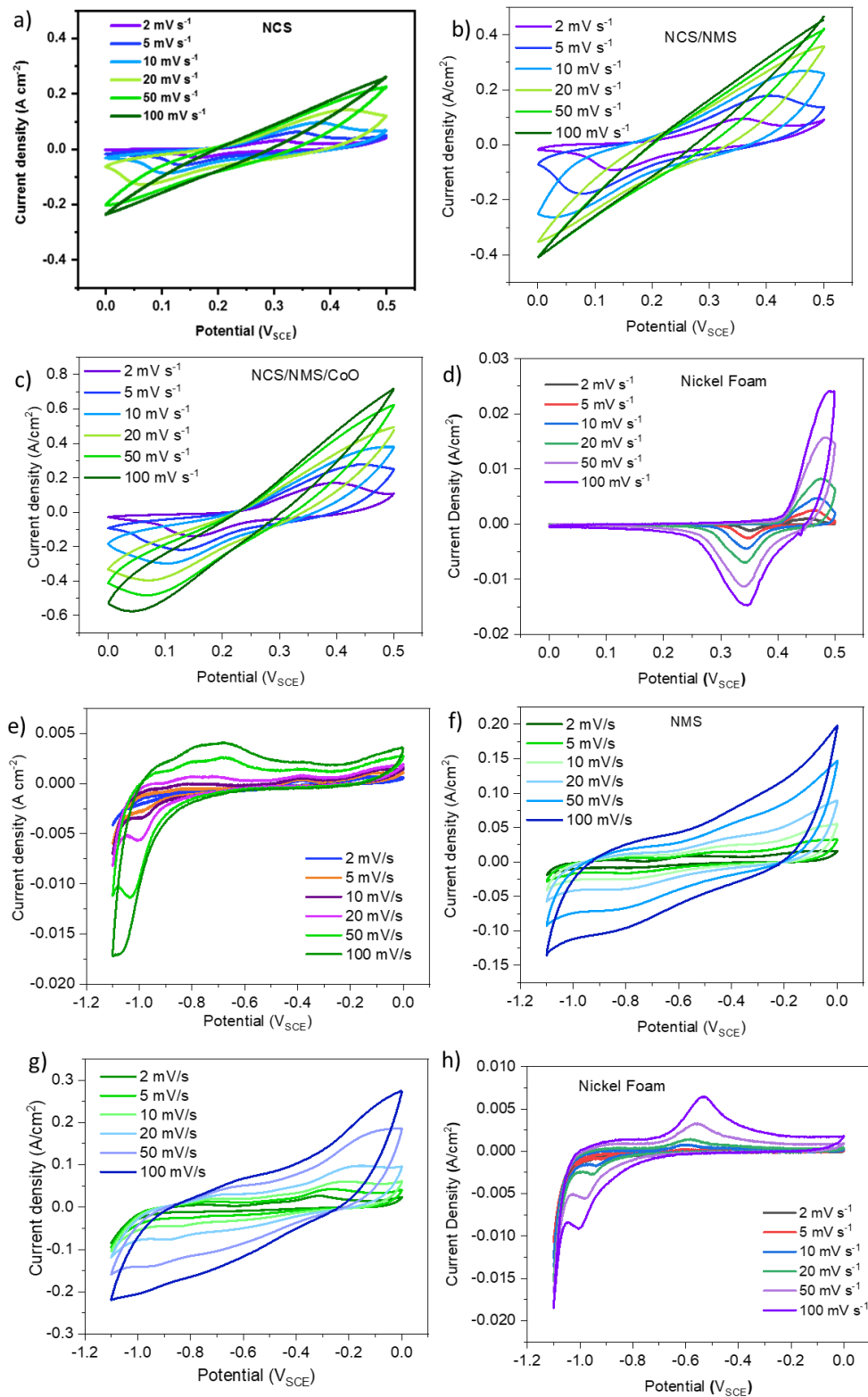


Fig. S6 CV plots of (a) NCS, (b) NCS/NMS, (c) NCS/NMS/CoO, (d) bare Ni foam under positive potentials. CV plots of (e) NMO, (f) NMS, (g) NMS/FeO, and (h) bare Ni foam under negative potentials at various scan rates

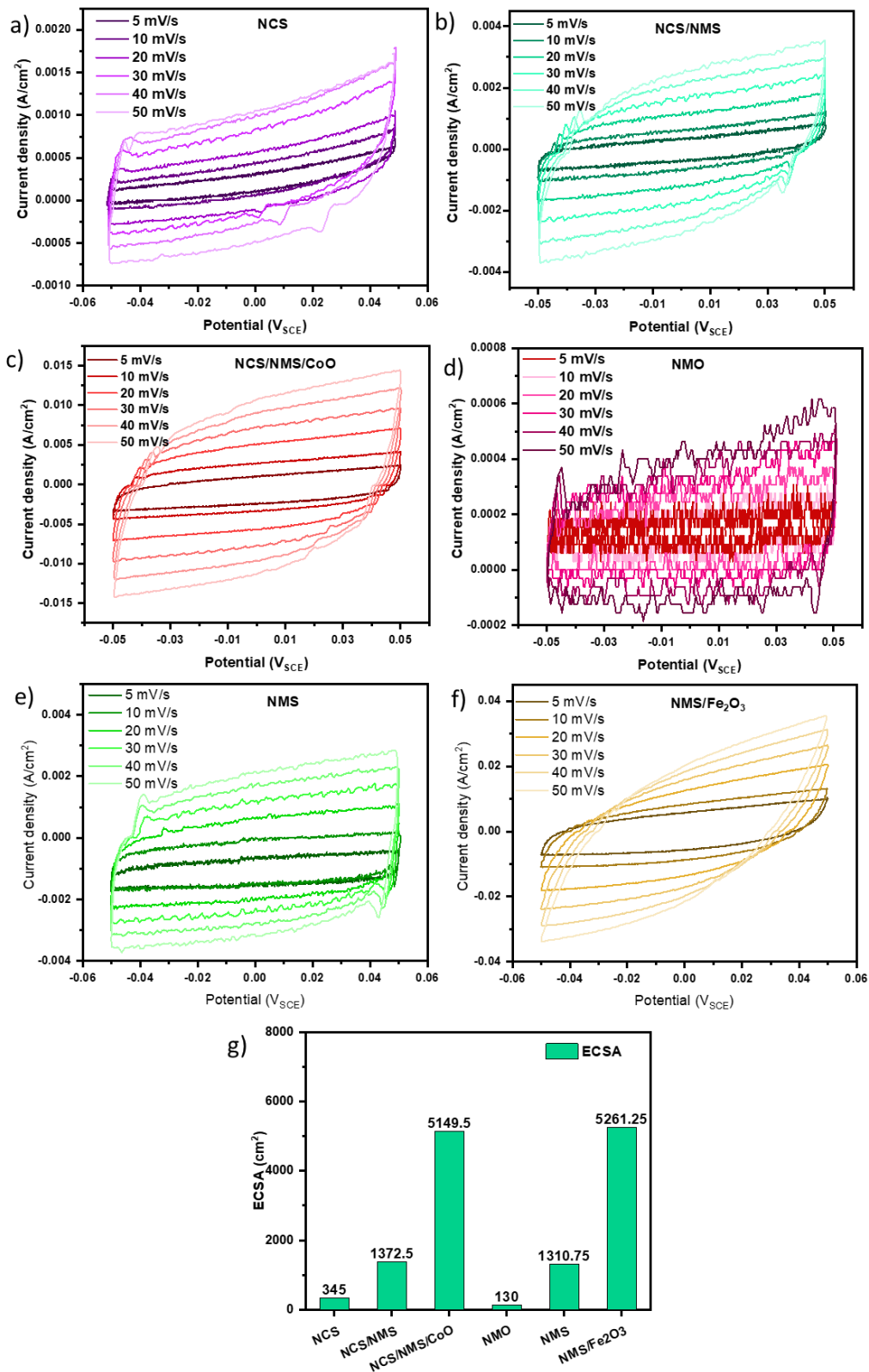


Fig. S7 (a–f) CV measurements of NCS, NCS/NMS, NCS/NMS/CoO, NMO, NMS, and NMS/FeO at scan rates of 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 mV/s in 2 M KOH electrolyte. **(g)** Comparison of measured ECSA values

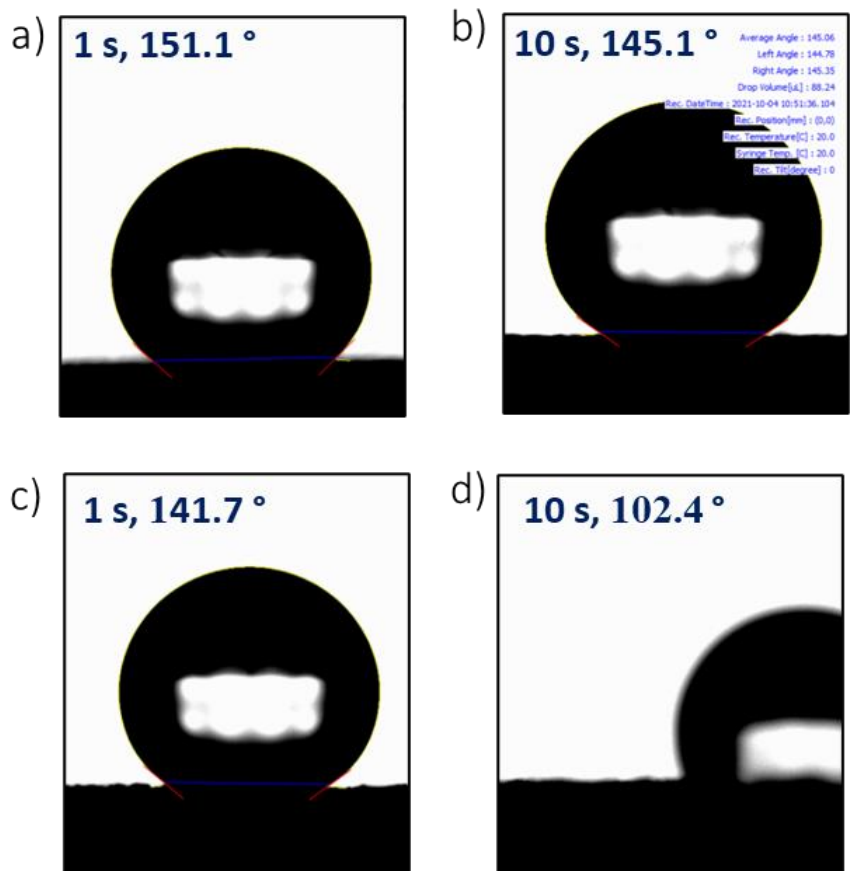


Fig. S8 Contact angle (θ) measurement of (a, b) NCS/NMS, and (c, d) NCS/NMS/CoO electrodes

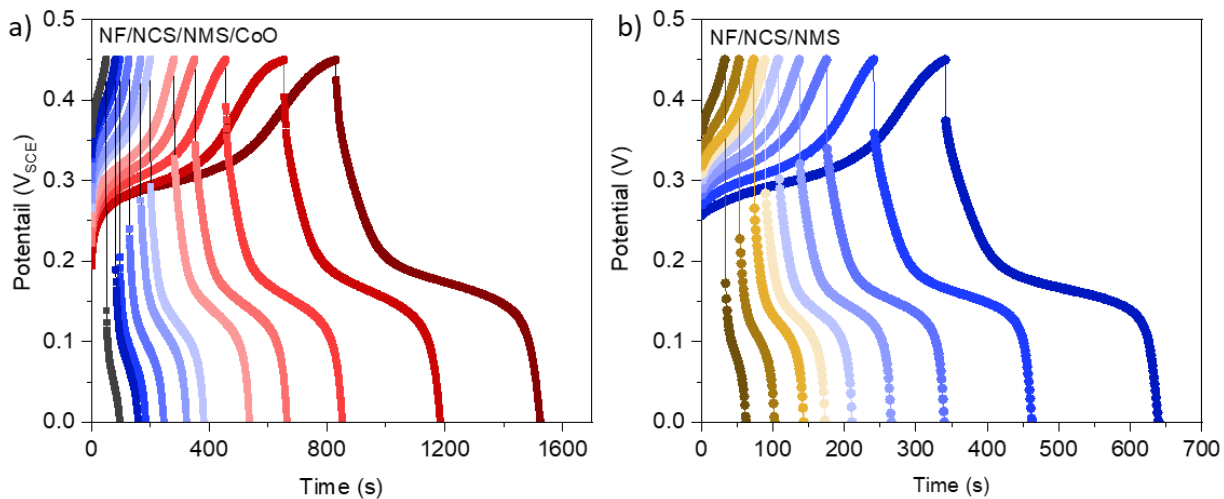


Fig. S9 GCD curves of (a) NCS/NMS/CoO, and (b) NCS/NMS positive electrodes at various current densities

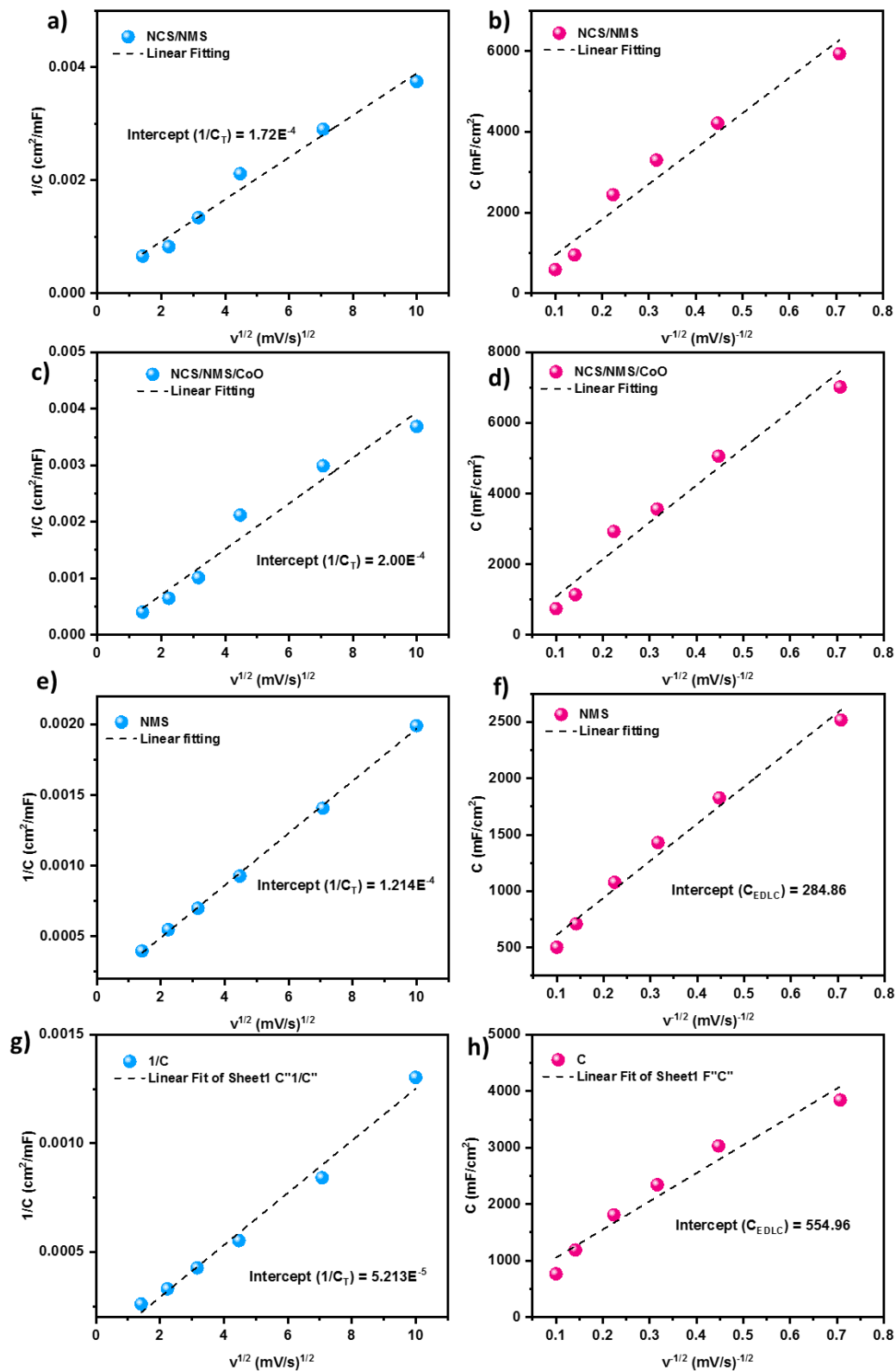


Fig. S10 (a, c, e, g) Plots of reciprocal of areal capacitance ($1/C$) versus square root of scan rates ($v^{1/2}$) and (b, d, f, h) plots of gravimetric capacitance (C) versus reciprocal of square root of scan rate ($v^{-1/2}$) for NCS/NMS, NCS/NMS/CoO, NMS, and NMS/FeO electrodes

Trasatti Method

The contributions of the pseudocapacitive and electrical double layer mechanisms are typically calculated using the Trasatti method. First, the areas of the CV curves at various scan rates are evaluated and the capacitance is calculated using the following formula:

$$C = \frac{A}{2 \Delta V \nu} \quad (\text{S1})$$

where C is the areal capacitance (mF/cm^2), ΔV refers to the potential window (V), and A is the area enclosed by the CV curves (mAV/cm^2) at different scan rates ν (V/s). Assuming a semi-infinite diffusion pattern of ion diffusion, a linear relationship can be derived between the reciprocal of areal capacitance ($1/C$) and square root of scan rates ($\nu^{1/2}$) as follows:

$$\frac{1}{C} = \frac{1}{C_T} + c\nu^{1/2} \quad (\text{S2})$$

where C_T is the maximum capacitance (mF/cm^2), the sum of the contributions of the pseudocapacitive and electrical double layer mechanisms, and c is a constant. The electrical double layer contribution can be calculated using the following relation,

$$C = C_{EDLC} + c\nu^{-1/2} \quad (\text{S3})$$

The intercept obtained from linear fitting of the above relationship gives the value of the electrical double layer contribution at the maximum areal capacitance. The subtraction of C_{EDLC} from C_T yields the maximum pseudocapacitance (C_D).

$$C_D = C_T - C_{EDLC} \quad (\text{S4})$$

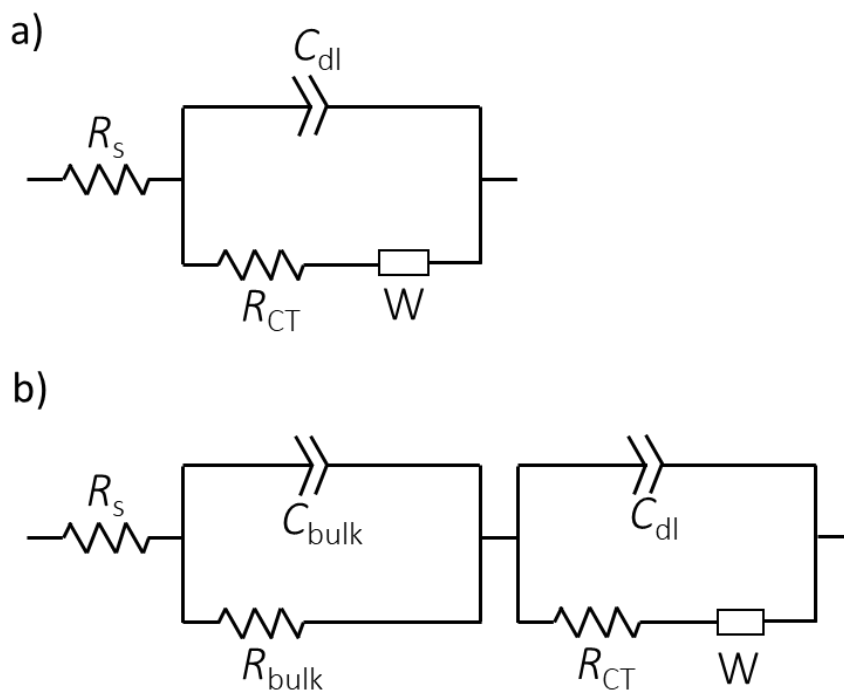


Fig. S11 (a) Equivalent circuit used to fit the data in (a) Fig. 4h and Fig. 5h, and (b) Fig. S24

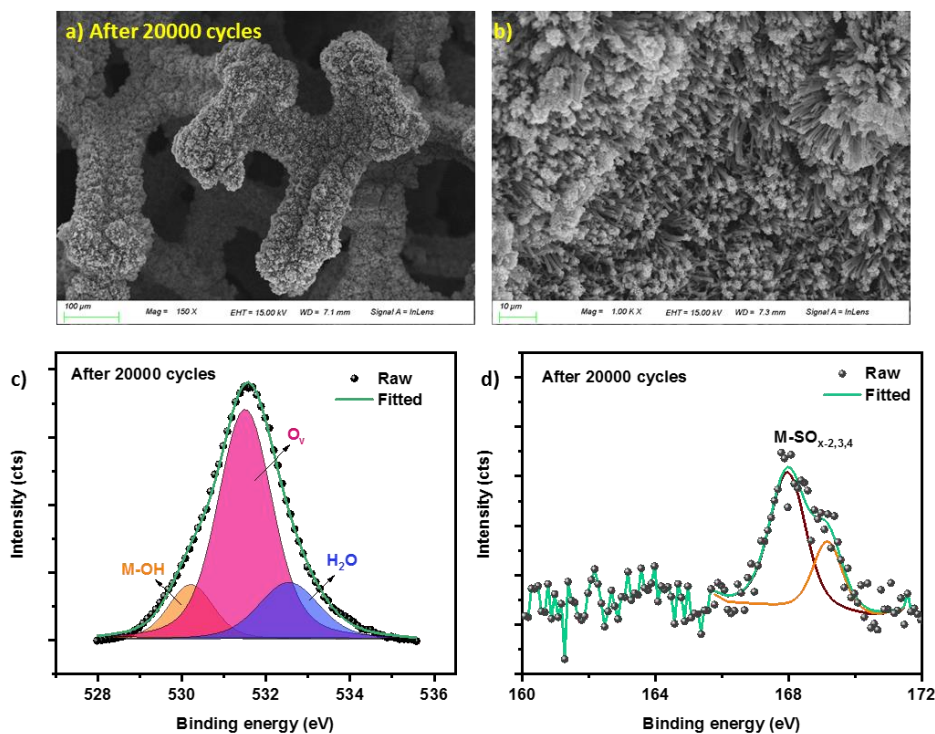


Fig. S12 (a, b) HR-SEM images of NCS/NMS/CoO electrode after 20,000 GCD cycles at 10.8 A/g current density, and high resolution XPS profiles of (c) O 1s and (d) S 2p

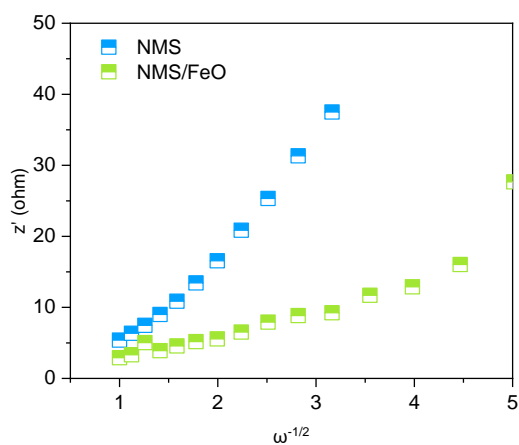


Fig. S13 Plot of real impedance and reciprocal of square root of angular frequency from EIS spectra of NMS and NMS/FeO

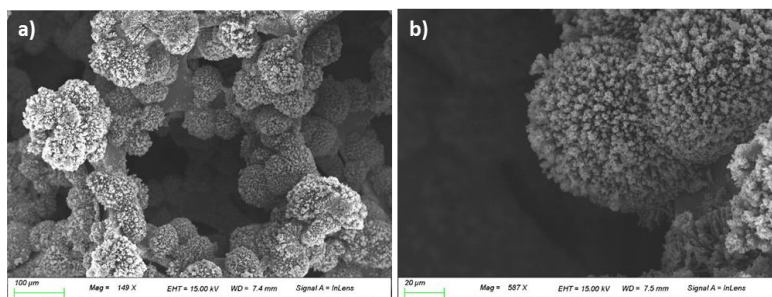


Fig. S14 HR-SEM images of the NMS/FeO negative electrode after 20,000 GCD cycles

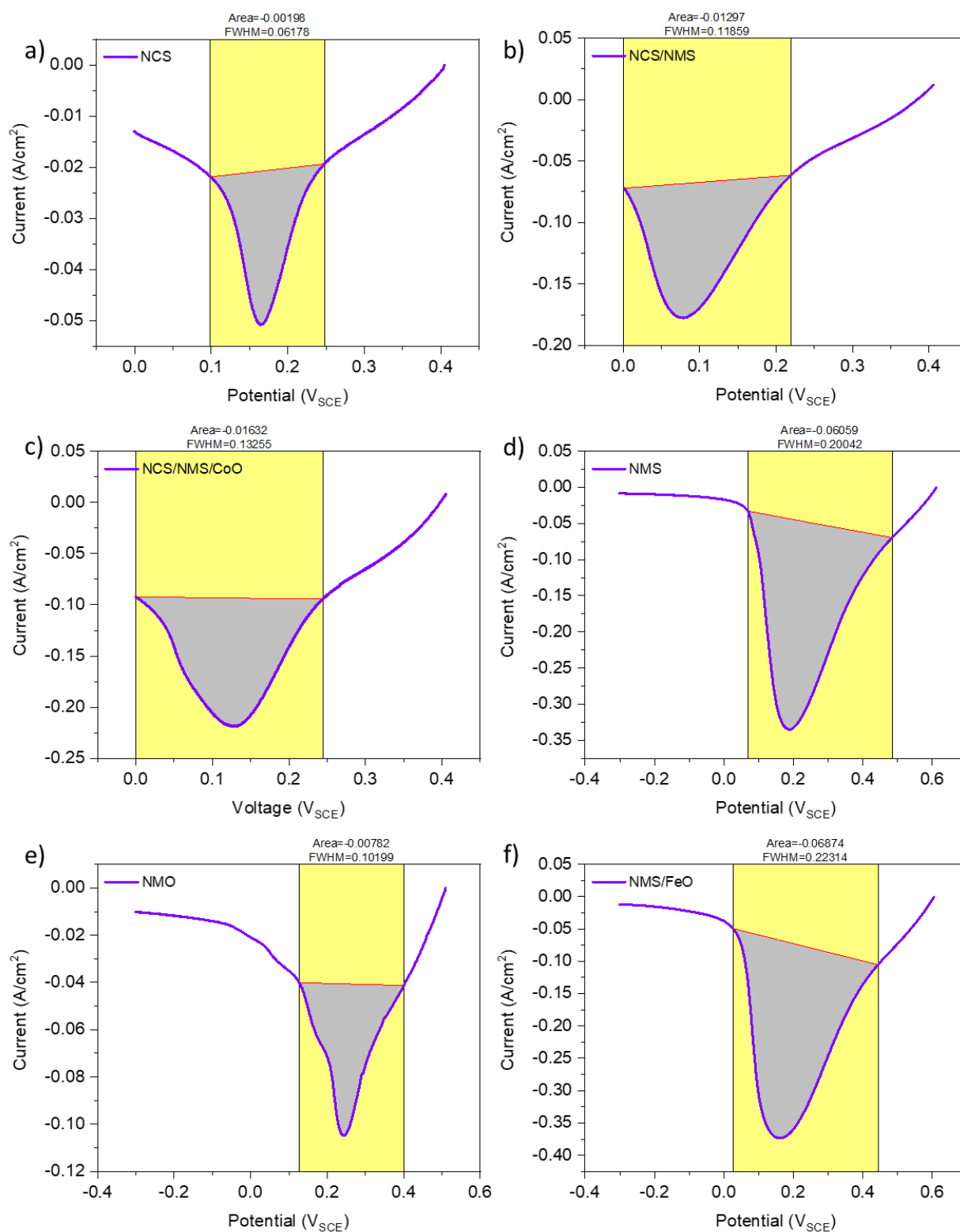


Fig. S15 Reduction peak of (a) NCS, (b) NCS/NMS, and (c) NCS/NMS/CoO positive electrodes at 5 mV/s. (d) NMS, (e) NMO, and (f) NMS/FeO negative electrodes at 50 mV/s

Calculation of Number Surface Active Sites (N_A)

Associated charge with the reduction peak (Q) can be calculated using the following expression: [S1]

$$Q = \frac{\int I dV}{\nu} \quad (\text{S5})$$

where Q (C) is the total charge associated with the reduction peak and ν (V/s) is the scan rate. For simplicity, we assume that all the surface redox reactions are single electron transfer reactions. Then, the number of electrons calculated above is the number of surface active sites (N). $q = 1.602 \times 10^{-19}$ C.

$$N = \frac{Q}{q} \quad (\text{S6})$$

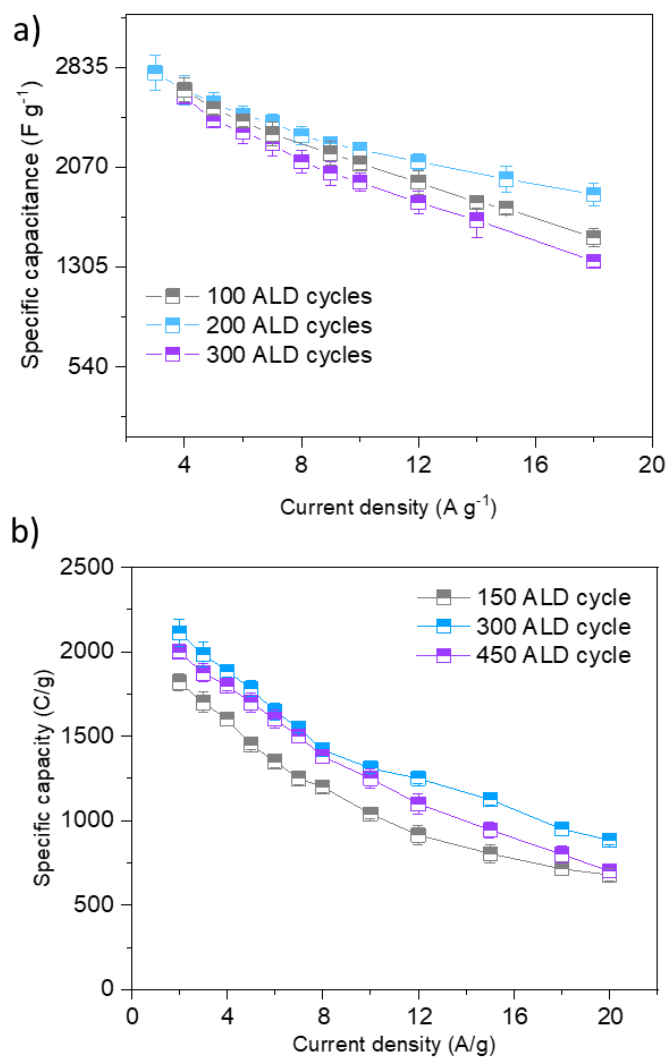


Fig. S16 (a) Specific capacity of the NCS/NMS/CoO electrode after 100, 200, and 300 ALD cycles. (b) Specific capacity of the NMS/FeO electrode after 150, 300, and 450 ALD cycles

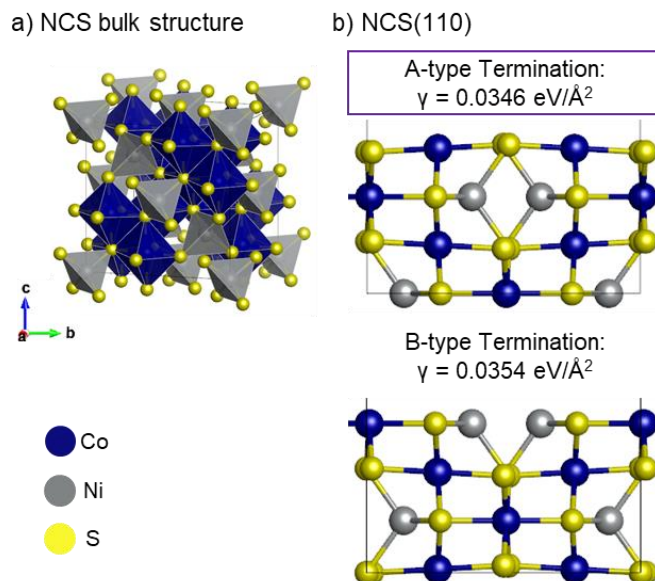


Fig. S17 Bulk structures and terminations of (a, c) NCS and (b, d) NMS samples. The DFT-optimized lattice parameters of spinel NiCo_2S_4 (NCS) were $a = b = c = 9.33 \text{ \AA}$. The more stable A-type termination was selected by comparing the surface energy (γ) of A-type and B-type termination. NMS(110) facet was adopted since hydrothermal synthesis was utilized.

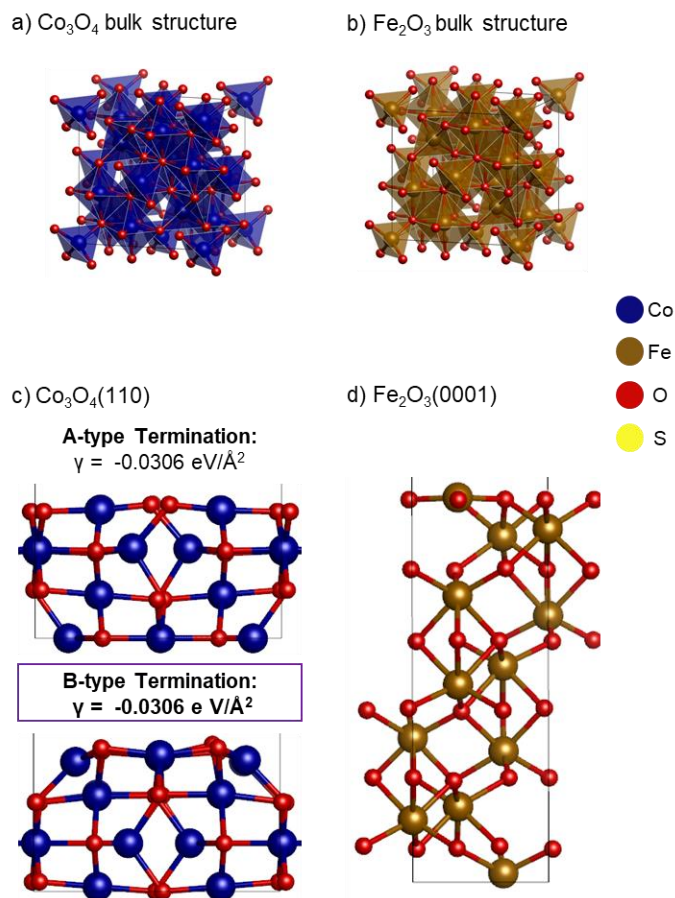


Fig. S18 Bulk structures and terminations of (a, c) CoO and (b, d) FeO overlayers

The DFT-optimized lattice parameters of spinel Co_3O_4 were $a = b = c = 8.15 \text{ \AA}$. According to the literature, $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4(110)$ facet was selected as an active surface. (110) facet is dominant and known to have a high density of exposed Co atoms [S2, S3]. The more stable B-type termination was selected by comparing the surface energy (γ) of A-type and B-type termination. The DFT-optimized lattice parameters of spinel $\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ were $a = b = 5.10 \text{ \AA}$ and $c = 13.88 \text{ \AA}$, and Fe–O₃–Fe-termination was selected since it is known as the most stable termination.

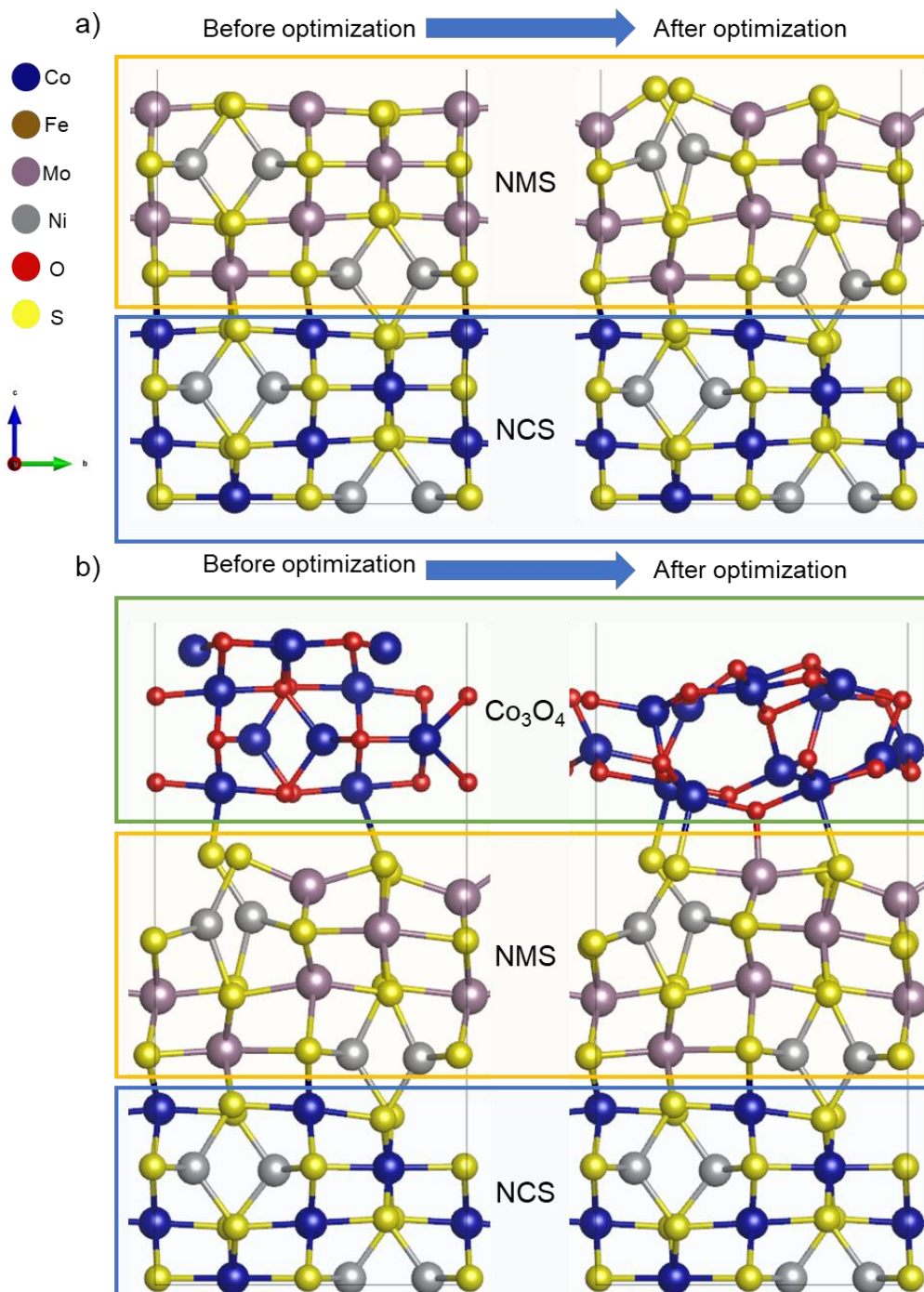


Fig. S19 (a) NCS/NMS(110) heterostructure was optimized. (b) Optimized junction of NCS/NMS/CoO hybrid model

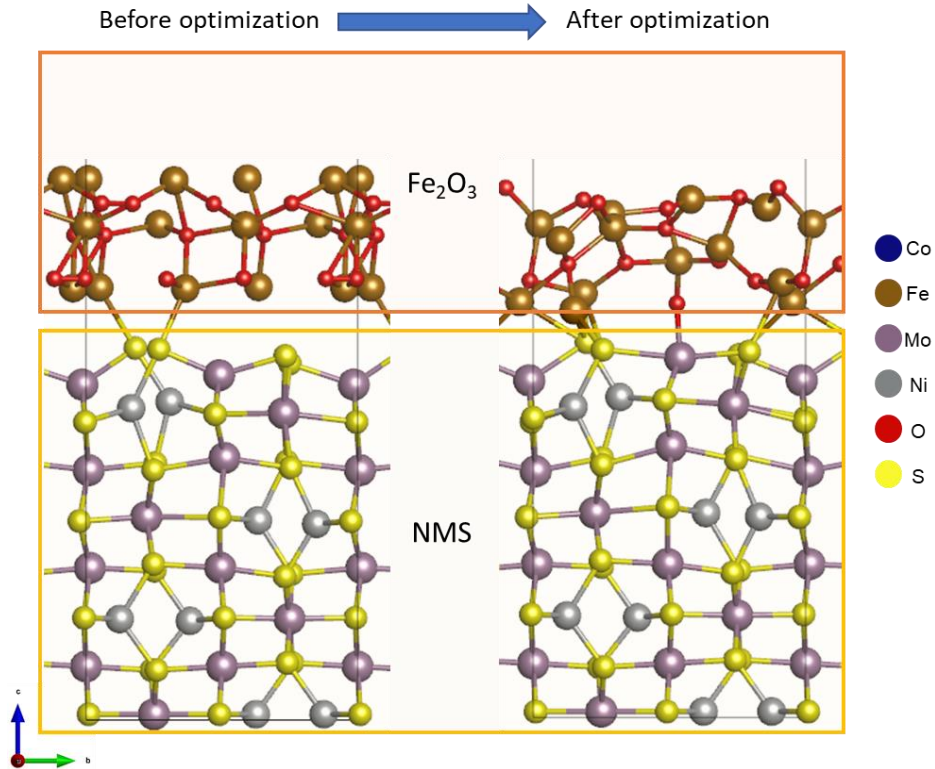


Fig. S20 Optimized junction of NMS/FeO hybrid model

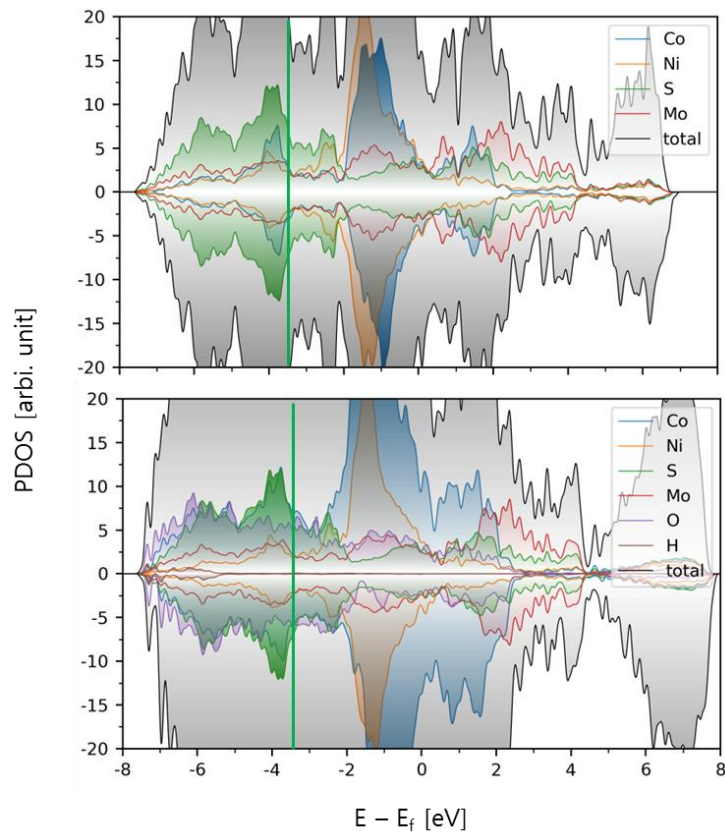


Fig. S21 Partial density of states of NCS/NMS and NCS/NMS/CoO/OH⁻ heterostructure models

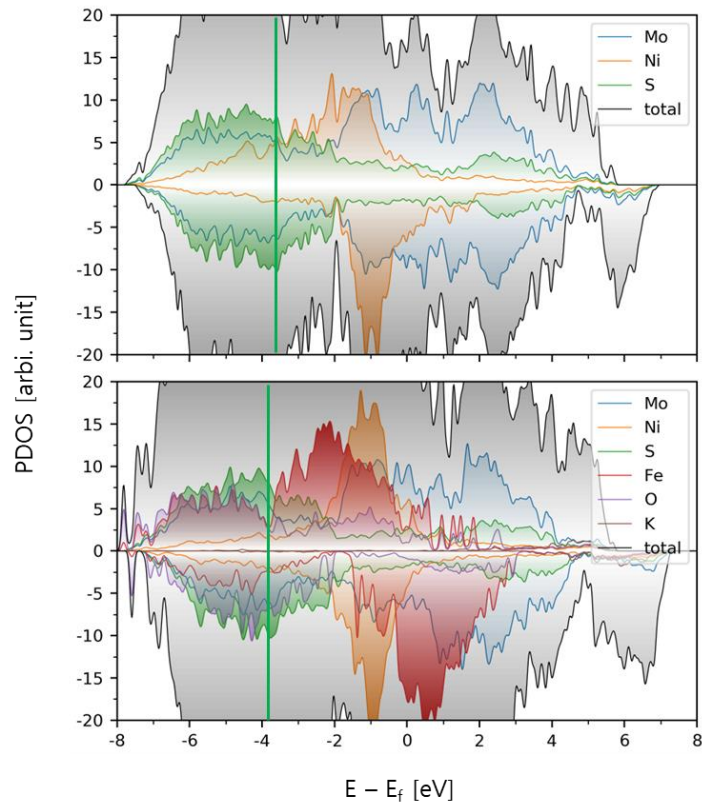


Fig. S22 Partial density of states of NMS and NMS/FeO/K⁺ heterostructure models

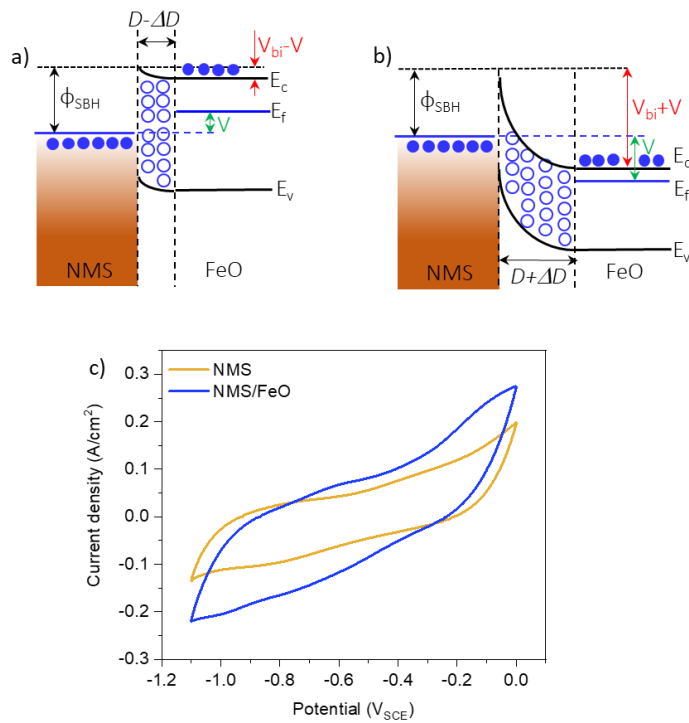


Fig. 23 Band alignment of NMS||FeO junction under (a) charging and (b) discharging conditions. (c) CV curves of bare and FeO deposited NMS negative electrode at 100 mV/s scan rate

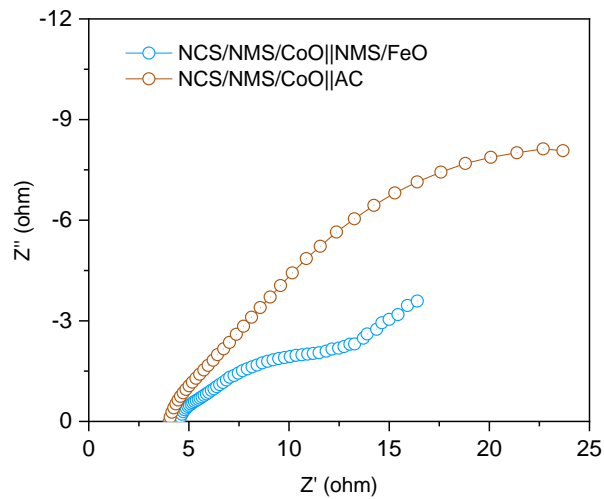


Fig. S24 Nyquist plot of all solid-state NCS/NMS/CoO||NMS/FeO and NCS/NMS/CoO||AC devices measured at 0.5 V versus open circuit voltage

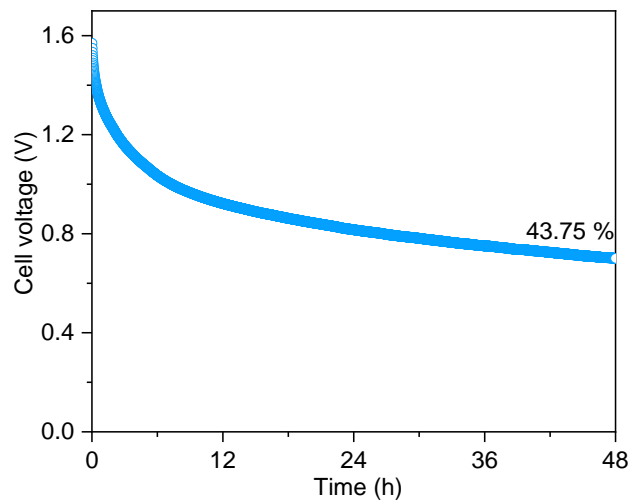


Fig. S25 Voltage retention of NCS/NMS/CoO||NMS/FeO supercapattery device

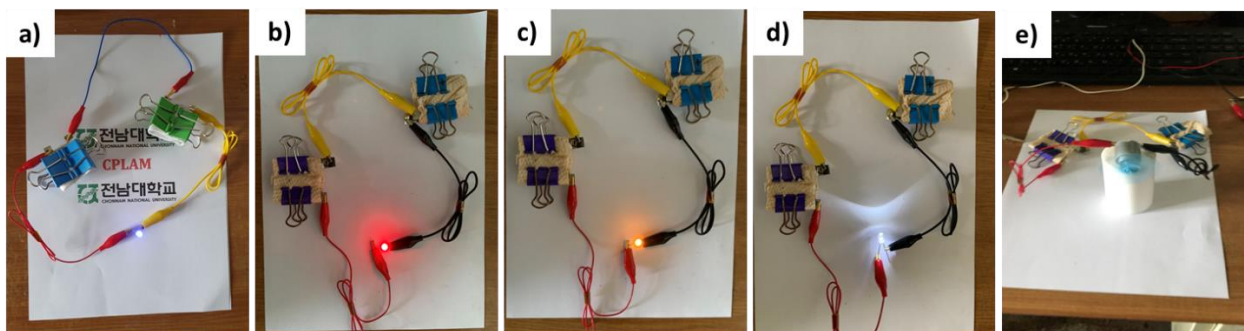


Fig. S26 Digital photograph of (a) blue, (b) red, (c) yellow, (d) white LED and (e) electric fan powered by two NCS/NMS/CoO||NMS/FeO supercapattery devices in series

Table S1 Comparison of the electrochemical performances of recently reported transition metal-based positive electrodes

No.	Material	Mass loading (mg/cm ²)	Electrolyte	Specific capacitance, F/g, or Capacity, C/g (Current density, A/g)	Stability (Cycles)	Refs.
1	NiCo ₂ S ₄ /NiMo ₂ S ₄ /Co ₃ O ₄	10	2 M KOH	6,210 F/g or 2794.5 C/g (3.0 A/g)	94.3% (20,000)	This work
2	NiCo ₂ S ₄	2	1 M KOH	2,206 F/g (4 A/g)	94.6% (2,000)	[S4]
3	CuS/rGO	0.75	6 M KOH	2,317.8 F/g (1 A/g)	96.2% (1,200)	[S5]
4	WS ₂ /rGO	10	1 M KOH	2,508.07 F/g (1 mV/s)	89.6% (5,000)	[S6]
5	MnS/rGO	0.9	3 M KOH	2,220.07 F/g (0.5 A/g)	92.1% (1,000)	[S7]
6	Bi ₂ S ₃ /MoS ₂	-	6 M KOH	3,040 F/g (1 A/g)	92.6% (5,000)	[S8]
7	CoS ₂ -Co ₉ S ₈ /Mo ₂ S ₃	0.5	3 M KOH	2,777.5 F/g (1 A/g)	100% (8,000)	[S9]
8	NiCo ₂ O ₄ /MoO ₂ /NiO	4.2	2 M KOH	1,732.5 C/g (2 A/g)	97% (20,000)	[S10]
9	rGO/CuCo ₂ O ₄ /Ni ₄ Mo/MoO ₂ /Co ₃ O ₄	4.4	2 M KOH	2,334.8 F/g (1 A/g)	92.3% (20,000)	[S11]
10	CuCo ₂ O ₄ /NiMoO ₄	3.6	3 M KOH	2,215 F/g (1 A/g)	98.3% (7,500)	[S12]
11	NiCo ₂ O ₄	0.5	3 M KOH	2,065 F/g (1 A/g)	89.3% (10,000)	[S13]
12	Ni _{1.43} Co _{0.5} Fe _{0.5} S	2.25	6 M KOH	1,156 C/g (1 A/g)	92.9% (10,000)	[S14]
13	Zn-Co-S	2.4-2.6	6 M KOH	971 C/g (1 A/g)	90% (10,000)	[S15]
14	Co ₃ O ₄ /NiO	1.8	2 M KOH	2,324 F/g (2 A/g)	95.5% (12,000)	[S16]
15	Cu/p-CuO/NiCo-P	1.4	2 M KOH	3,537 F/g (2 A/g)	92% (10,000)	[S17]
16	ZnCo _{1.5} (OH) _{4.5} Cl _{0.5} ·0.45H ₂ O	1.1	1 M KOH	3,946.5 F/g (1 A/g)	81% (5,000)	[S18]
17	ZnNiCo-P	1.25	6 M KOH	958 C/g (1 A/g)	90% (6,000)	[S19]
18	Co ₃ O ₄ @CoNi-LDH	4.5	2 M KOH	2676.9 F/g (0.5 A/g)	67.7% (10,000)	[S20]
19	NiCo-LDH/NiMoS _x	3.3 ± 0.1	3 M KOH	404 mAh/g (3 mA/cm ²)	93.2% (10,000)	[S21]
20	Mn ₃ O ₄ /MnOOH	10	1 M LiCl	192.2 C/g (1 A/g)	96.7% (10,000)	[S22]
21	TGO/Ni(OH) ₂	12.5	6 M KOH	996.2 F/g (1 A/g)	91.2% (10,000)	[S23]
22	NiCoS	10	6 M KOH	1620 F/g (1 A/g)	84% (30,000)	[S24]
23	CNT/MnO ₂ /GCC	9.1	1 M Na ₂ SO ₄	371.4 F/g (1 mA/cm ²)	81.4% (10,000)	[S25]

Table S2 Fitted data of electrochemical impedance spectra shown in Fig. 4h and Fig. 5h

Electrode	R_s (Ω)	C_{dl} (mF/cm ²)	R_{CT} (Ω)	W
NCS	1.401	0.046	128.3	3.866
NCS/NMS	1.339	0.030	42.50	113.10
NCS/NMS/CoO (100 cycles)	1.312	1.216	10.21	56.12
NCS/NMS/CoO (200 cycles)	1.302	1.498	7.06	39.11
NCS/NMS/CoO (300 cycles)	1.186	1.380	14.21	35.21
NMO	1.139	0.00024	1.123	303.87
NMS	1.412	0.00134	0.456	544.62
NMS/FeO	1.478	0.02713	0.200	75.24

Table S3 Comparison of electrochemical performances of recently reported transition metal-based negative electrodes

No.	Material	Mass loading (mg/cm ²)	Electrolyte	Specific capacitance, F/g, or Capacity, C/g (Current density, A/g)	Stability (Cycles)	Refs.
1	NiMo ₂ S ₄ /Fe ₂ O ₃	5	2 M KOH	1921.8 F/g or 2114 C/g (2 A/g)	93.8% (20,000)	This work
2	Fe ₃ O ₄ /ALD-TiO ₂	6.3	2 M KOH	372.6 C/g (3 A/g)	90.4% (20,000)	[S11]
3	B-rGO/ALD-Fe ₂ O ₃	5.8	2 M KOH	341.0 F/g (4 A/g)	91.0% (20,000)	[S10]
4	Fe ₃ O ₄ /FeS ₂	6	1 M KOH	597.1 F/g (3 A/g)	62.1% (10,000)	[S26]
5	α -MnO ₂	2	1 M KOH	736.3 F/g (1 A/g)	76.4% (10,000)	[S27]
6	Fe ₃ O ₄ /CNTs/MnO ₂	-	3 M KOH	643.8 F/g (1 A/g)	-	[S28]
7	Fe ₃ O ₄ /C/CuO/CF	12	6 M KOH	1,250 F/g (5 mA/cm ²)	88.0% (5,000)	[S29]
8	Ni/CoFe-LDH	1.6	6 M KOH	1,289 F/g (1 A/g)	76.6% (1,000)	[S30]
9	Graphene/Fe ₂ O ₃	1	1 M KOH	908 F/g (2 A/g)	75.0% (200)	[S31]
10	Graphene/Fe ₂ O ₃	-	1 M Na ₂ SO ₄	504 (2 mA/cm ²)	-	[S32]
11	Cu ₂ O-Cu(OH) ₂ -graphene	0.146	0.5 M Na ₂ SO ₄	425 F/g (5 A/g)	87.0% (2,000)	[S33]
13	Graphene/polypyrrole/Cu ₂ O-Cu(OH) ₂	1	0.5 M Na ₂ SO ₄	997 F/g (10 A/g)	-	[S34]
14	3D MoS ₂	0.5	6 M KOH	395 F/g (1.5 A/g)	86.0% (1,000)	[S35]
15	Nitrogen-doped graphene encapsulated FeS	3.2	2 M KOH	467 F/g (1 A/g)	-	[S36]

16	CuWS	0.7	1 M LiSO ₄	626.7 F/g (5 mV/s)	-	[S37]
17	Cu _{1.4} S	1	-	485 F/g or 727.5 C/g (0.25 A/g)	80.2% (1,000)	[S38]
18	Graphene nanosheet/Co _{0.33} Fe _{0.67} S ₂	2.5	3 M KOH	262 C/g (2 mV/s)	-	[S39]
19	PPy-rGO-MoS ₂	2	6 M KOH	462 F/g (1 A/g)	60% (2,000)	[S40]
20	MoO ₂ /MoS ₂	4	1 M Na ₂ SO ₄	341.0 F/g (10 mV/s)	84.41% (5,000)	[S41]
21	MoS ₂ /MWCNT	-	0.5 M Na ₂ SO ₄	266.9 F/g (0.5 A/g)	-	[S42]
22	Bi ₂ S ₃	-	1 M KOH	532 C/g (1 A/g)	91% (3,000)	[S43]
23	rGO/Bi ₂ S ₃	2	2 M KOH	1,932 F/g (1 A/g)	100% (700)	[S44]
24	SnS ₂	5.21	1 M KCl	524.5 F/g (0.08 A/g)	-	[S45]

Table S4 Data on the thickness of the ALD coating layer for different numbers of ALD cycles

	Number of ALD cycles	Thickness (nm)
NCS/NMS/CoO	100	1.62
	200	3.24
	300	5.00
NMS/FeO	150	3.40
	300	6.80
	450	10.20

Table S5 Comparison of electrochemical performances of recently reported transition metal-based supercapacitor/supercapattery devices

No.	Supercapacitor/ Supercapattery devices	Cell voltage (V)	Electrolyte	C _s (F/g) (Current density, A/g)	Stability (Cycles)	Energy density (Wh/kg)	Power density (W/kg)	Refs.
1	NiCo ₂ S ₄ /NiMo ₂ S ₄ /Co ₃ O ₄ NiMo ₂ S ₄ /Fe ₂ O ₃	1.6	2 M KOH	664.14 F/g (1062.62 C/g) (2 A/g)	75.45% (25,000)	921.94	2417.94	This work
2	Co ₃ O ₄ @CoNi-LDH//AC	1.5	2 M KOH	195.9 F/g (1 A/g)	103.5% (5,000)	61.2	750	[S20]
3	Fe ₃ O ₄ /CNTs@MnO ₂ // Fe ₃ O ₄ /CNTs@MnO ₂	1.6	3 M KOH	195.9 F/g (1 A/g)	63% (10,000)	52.98	849.9	[S28]
4	Ni-Co-hydroxides/Cu(OH) ₂ /CF// Fe ₃ O ₄ @carbon/CuO/CF	1.6	-	271.4 F/g (5 mA/cm ²)	86% (5,000)	90.6	188.4	[S29]
5	Co ₈ FeS ₈ @NG//FeS@NG	1.6	2 M KOH	198 F/g (1 A/g)	93.7% (10,000)	70.4	598	[S36]
6	NiCo-LDH/NiMoS _x //Fe ₂ O ₃ /rGO	1.6	3 M KOH	203.9 F/g	91.5 %	72.6	522.7	[S21]

				(3 mA/cm ²)	(10,000)			
7	GCNAS//GCFS-0.33	1.6	3 M KOH	187.8 F/g (2 mV/s)	~102.2% (10,000)	66.8	300.5	[S39]
8	CNTs@NCDHNS//rGO-Fe ₂ O ₃	1.6	6 M KOH	108.7 F/g (1 A/g)	93.5% (1,000)	54.6	1130	[S46]
9	CuCo ₂ O ₄ @MnMoO ₄ //graphene	1.6	6 M KOH	165.7 F/g (1 A/g)	92.5% (6,000)	58.9	670	[S47]
10	GA@UiO-66-NH ₂ //Ti ₃ C ₂ T _x	1.6	1 M Na ₂ SO ₄	212 F/g (1.3 A/g)	88% (10,000)	73	1,000	[S48]
11	NiFe ₂ O ₄ -NP-NS@CC//NPC	1.6	6 M KOH	202 F/g (0.5 A/g)	94.2 % (5,000)	69	771	[S49]
12	CuS@Cu ₂ O//Bi ₂ O ₃	1.6	0.1 M KOH	559 F/g (0.8 A/g)	87.23% (5,000)	52	750	[S50]
13	Zn _x Co _{1-x} O//Zn _x Co _{1-x} O	1.5	6 M KOH	450 F/g (1 V/s)	90.7% (5,000)	67.3	1,670	[S51]
14	NiCo ₂ S ₄ @NC-array//RGO@NF	1.6	3 M KOH	23.4 mAh/g (0.5 A/g)	93.9% (3,000)	66.5	400	[S52]
15	Cu/p-CuO/NiCo-P//3DPG	1.6	2 M KOH	250 F/g(1 A/g)	89% (10,000)	88.1	800.6	[S17]
16	ZnCo _{1.5} (OH) _{4.5} Cl _{0.5} ·0.45H ₂ O//rGO	1.5	1 M KOH	255.8 F/g (1 A/g)	81% (5,000)	114.8	643.8	[S18]
17	NiCo ₂ O ₄ /MoO ₂ @ALD-NiO//B-RGO@ALD-Fe ₂ O ₃	1.8	2 M KOH	545.7 C/g (2 A/g)	92.3% (20,000)	136	1,800	[S10]
18	rGO/CuCo ₂ O ₄ /Ni ₄ Mo/MoO ₂ /ALD-Co ₃ O ₄ /Fe ₃ O ₄ /ALD-TiO ₂	1.7	2 M KOH	467.6 C/g (3 A/g)	90% (20,000)	110.4	2,184	[S11]
19	CoSnO ₃ @RGO//B-RGO	1.5	2 M KOH	286.1 C/g (2 A/g)	93.1% (10,000)	76.1	1,915.8	[S53]
20	5 nm NiO/Co ₃ O ₄ @NF//AC	1.7	2 M KOH	358.7 C/g (5 A/g)	95.5% (12,000)	81.45	4,268	[S16]

Table S6 Fitted data of electrochemical impedance spectra shown in Fig. S24

	NCS/NMS/CoO NMS/FeO	NCS/NMS/CoO AC
R_s (Ω)	4.57	4.14
R_{bulk} (Ω)	1.58	2.52
C_{bulk} (mF/cm^2)	0.0002034	0.0002609
R_{CT} (Ω)	7.31	17.54
C_{dl} (mF/cm^2)	0.029757	0.51024
W	58.12	-

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