

### **Supporting Information**

for

# Facile synthesis of carbon nanotube-supported NiO//Fe $_2$ O $_3$ for all-solid-state supercapacitors

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Specific capacitance calculation and additional figures

### Calculation

The specific capacitance from GCD can be calculated [1] by the equation

$$c_{s} = \frac{I * \triangle t}{m * \triangle V} \tag{S1}$$

Where  $c_s$  is the specific capacitance (F g<sup>-1</sup>), I is the response current (A), m is the mass of active material (mg),  $\Delta t$  is the discharge time (s), and  $\Delta V$  is the voltage window (V).

The capacity (C) of the single cell is calculated by the equation

$$C = \frac{c_s}{3.6} \tag{S2}$$

The specific capacitance of full cells can be calculated by equation (S1). The energy density of the device can be calculated by the equation

$$E = \frac{1}{2} * Cs * V^2$$
 (S3)

and the power density is given by

$$P = \frac{E}{t} \tag{S4}$$

Where E is the energy density (Wh kg<sup>-1</sup>), Cs is the specific capacitance (F g<sup>-1</sup>) calculated by GCD curves of device, V is the voltage window (V), P is the power density (W kg<sup>-1</sup>), and t is the discharge time (s).

To maintain a charge balance between the cathode and anode, the mass ratio between the cathode  $(m_{-})$  and anode  $(m_{-})$  electrodes needs to follow the equation (S5):

$$\frac{m_+}{m_-} = \frac{C_- * \Delta V_-}{C_+ * \Delta V_+} \tag{S5}$$

#### **Supporting Figures**

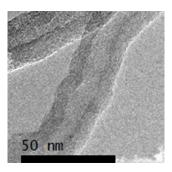
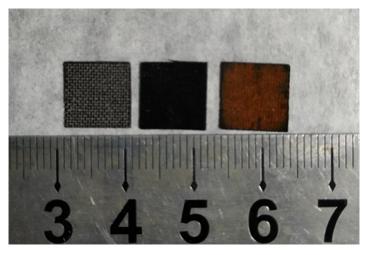
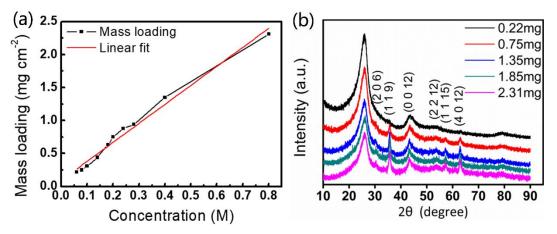


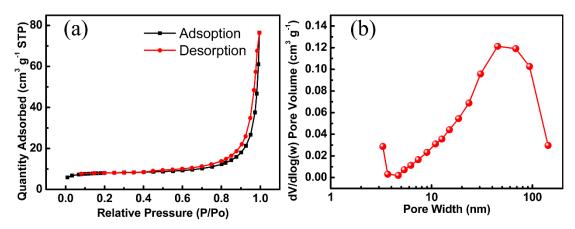
Figure S1: TEM of the CNT.



**Figure S2:** Optical photograph of CC, CC-CNT and CC-CNT@Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (from left to right).



**Figure S3:** (a) Linear relationship between the mass loading of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> on CC-CNT and the concentration of the FeCl<sub>3</sub> solution. (b) XRD of CC-CNT@Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> with different mass loadings of Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S4:** (a) N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms and (b) BJH pore size distribution of CC-CNT@Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> at 75.9 K and (b) CC-CNT@NiO.

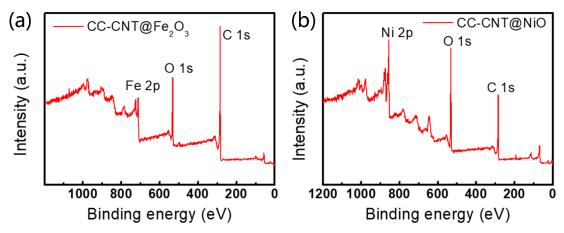
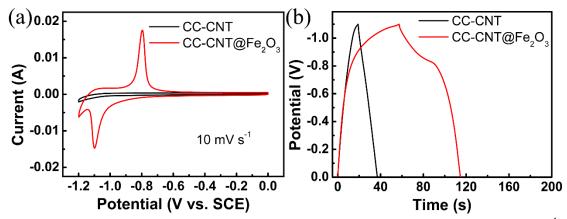


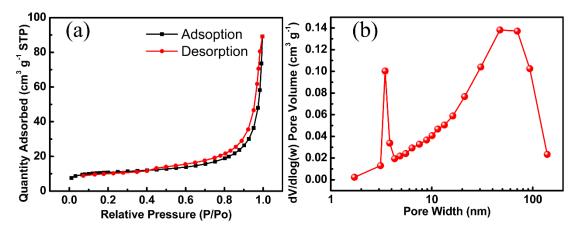
Figure S5: Whole XPS spectra of (a) CC-CNT@Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and (b) CC-CNT@NiO.



**Figure S6:** Comparison of CC-CNT and CC-CNT@Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>: (a) CV curves at 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>, (b) GCD curves at 4.3 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>.

**Table S1:** Fitted EIS values of CC-CNT@Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and CC-CNT@NiO.

	Rs	CPE-T	CPE-P	Rct	W-R	W-T	W-P	С
CC-CNT @Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.125	0.0035572	0.85	0.002	0.35	0.056	0.37	0.8
CC-CNT @NiO	1.27	0.0012409	0.85	0.1	0.7	0.12	0.3327	0.465



**Figure S7:** (a) N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms and (b) BJH pore size distribution of CC-CNT@NiO at 75.9 K.

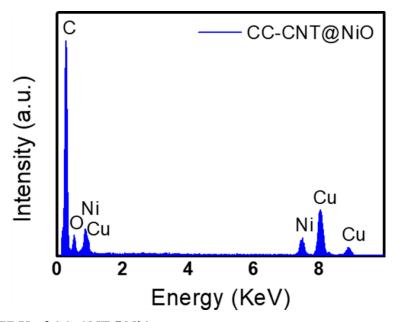
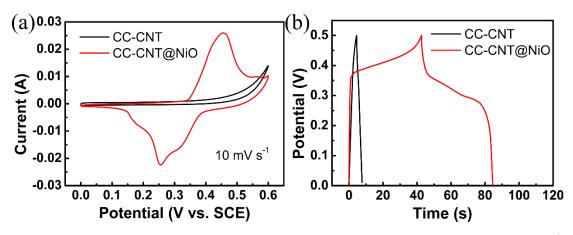
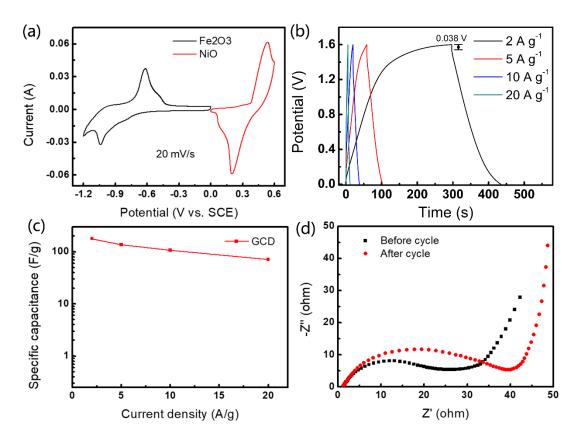


Figure S8: EDX of CC-CNT@NiO.



**Figure S9:** Comparison of CC-CNT and CC-CNT@NiO: (a) CV curves at  $10 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ , (b) GCD curves at  $6.6 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ .



**Figure S10:** (a) CV curves of CC-CNT@Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and CC-CNT@NiO at 20 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. (b) GCD curves and (c) Specific capacitances at 2, 5, 10 and 20 A g<sup>-1</sup> of the all-solid-state ASC. (d) EIS curve of the device before and after 5000 cycles.

## References

[1] Zhou, J.; Zhao, H.; Mu, X.; Chen, J.; Zhang, P.; Wang, Y.; He, Y.; Zhang, Z.; Pan, X.; Xie, E. *Nanoscale* **2015**, *35*, 14697–14706. doi:10.1039/c5nr03426d