

Supplementary Information

Ampere-hour-scale soft-package potassium-ion hybrid capacitors enabling 6-minute fast-charging

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Supplementary Note 1: Calculating capacitive vs diffusive current.

To verify the contribution of pseudocapacitive behaviour, further analysis was conducted as follows. The relationship between the peak current density (i) and the sweep rate (v) could be described as the following equations¹:

$$i = av^b \quad (1)$$

$$\log(i) = b * \log(v) + \log(a) \quad (2)$$

where the b value could be determined by the slope of linear fitted $\log(i)$ - $\log(v)$ curves.

Typically, when the b value is approaching 0.5, it indicates that the intercalation of potassium ion is mainly determined by the diffusion process, while the b value gets close to 1.0, the potassium storage is dominated by the pseudocapacitor behaviours, such as surface-controlled capacitive process or intercalation without phase transition.

The quantitative calculation of capacitive contribution ratio during the potassium-ion storage process was conducted by the following equation²:

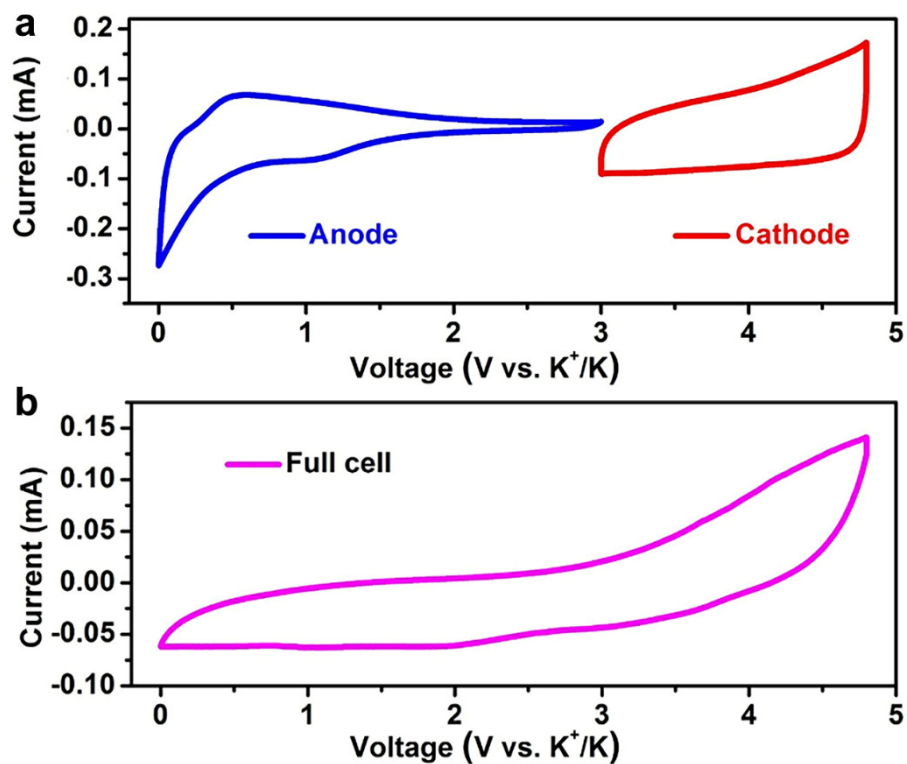
$$i(V) = k_1 v^{1/2} + k_2 v \quad (3)$$

$$i/v^{1/2} = k_1 + k_2 v^{1/2} \quad (4)$$

where i (V) is the current density at a certain potential, v is the scan rate, k_1 and k_2 are constants at a certain potential. The values of k_1 and k_2 can be calculated through Eq. (3) and (4), which correspond to the slope and intercept of the fitted lines of $v^{1/2}$ versus $i/v^{1/2}$ plots.

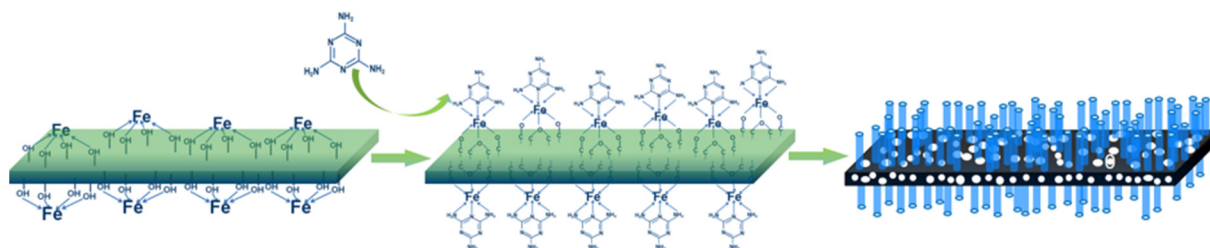
Supplementary Figures

CV tests for the capacitive behaviours

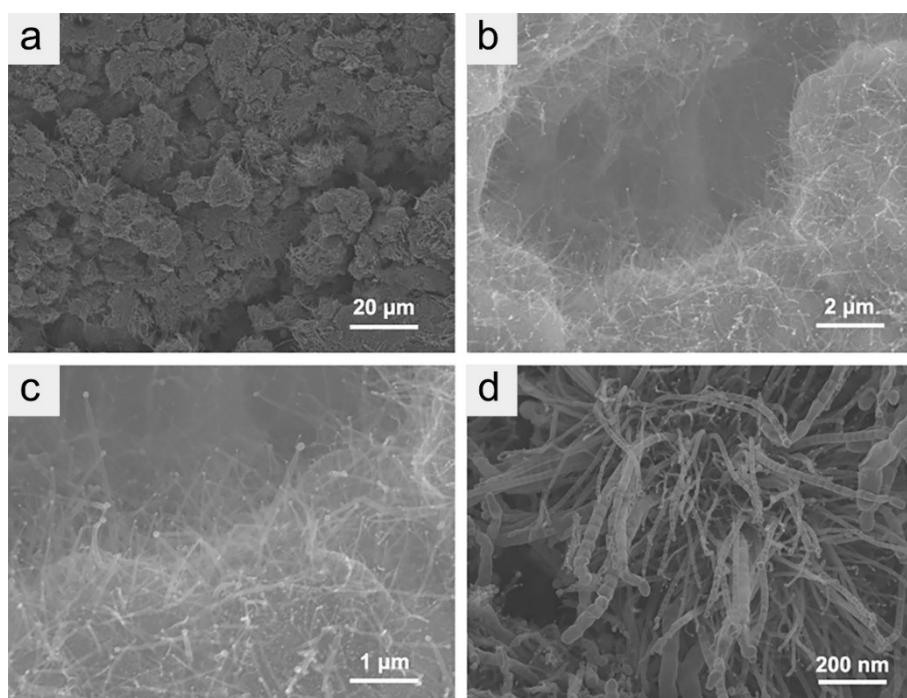


Supplementary Fig. 1. **a** Schematic of the mechanism for potassium storage in PIBHCD. **b** The relative shapes of CV curves for full cell.

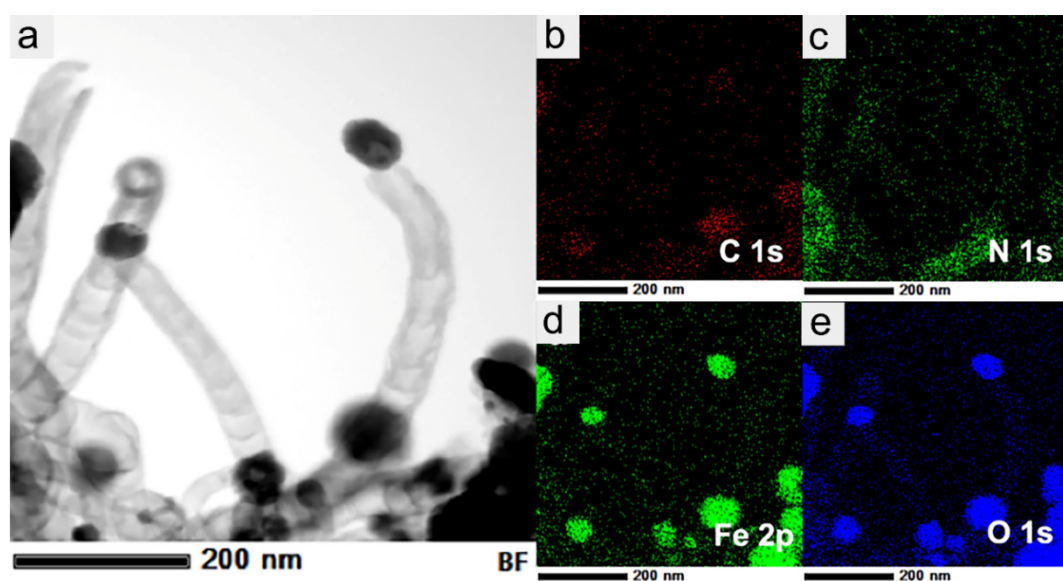
Morphologies of electrodes (Supplementary Fig. 2-7)



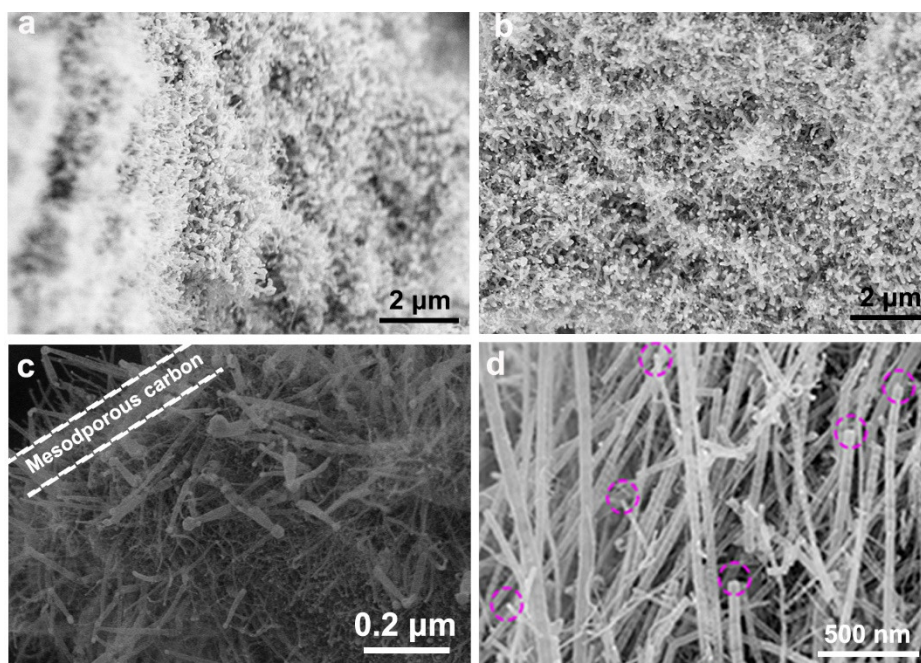
Supplementary Fig. 2 The schematic illustration of the process of preparing the N-CNTs@MC.



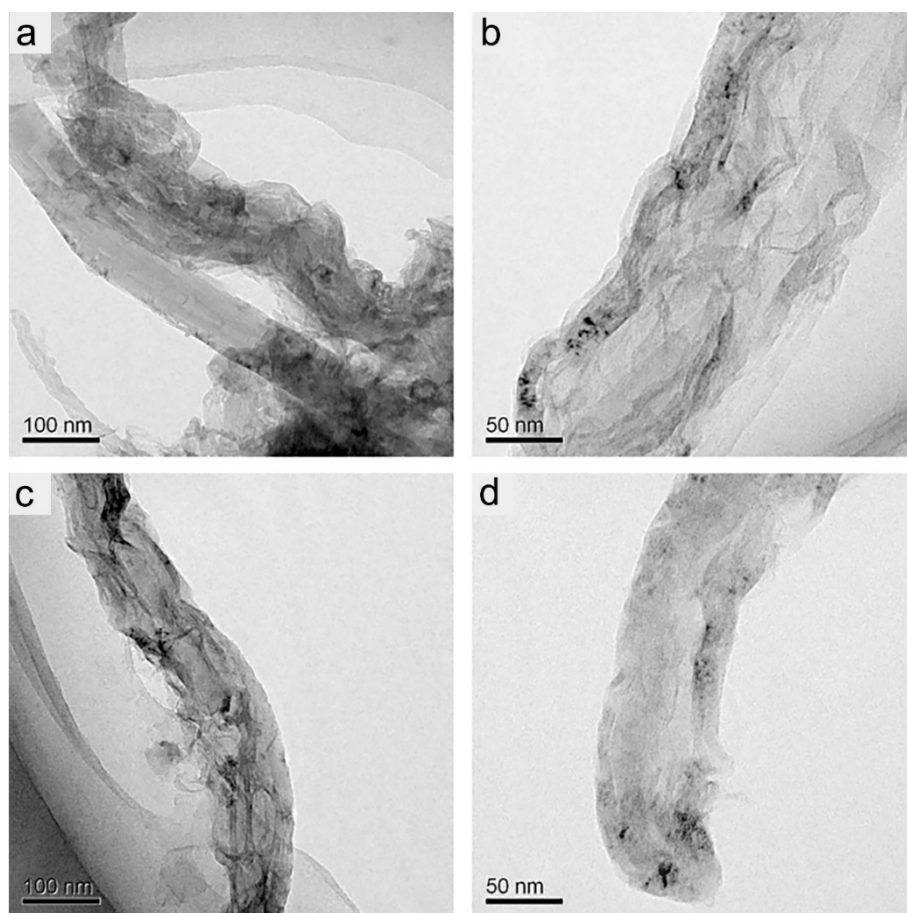
Supplementary Fig. 3. SEM images of Fe₂O₃-N-CNTs@MC at different magnification, scale bar: **a** 20 μm . **b** 2 μm . **c** 1 μm . **d** 200 nm.



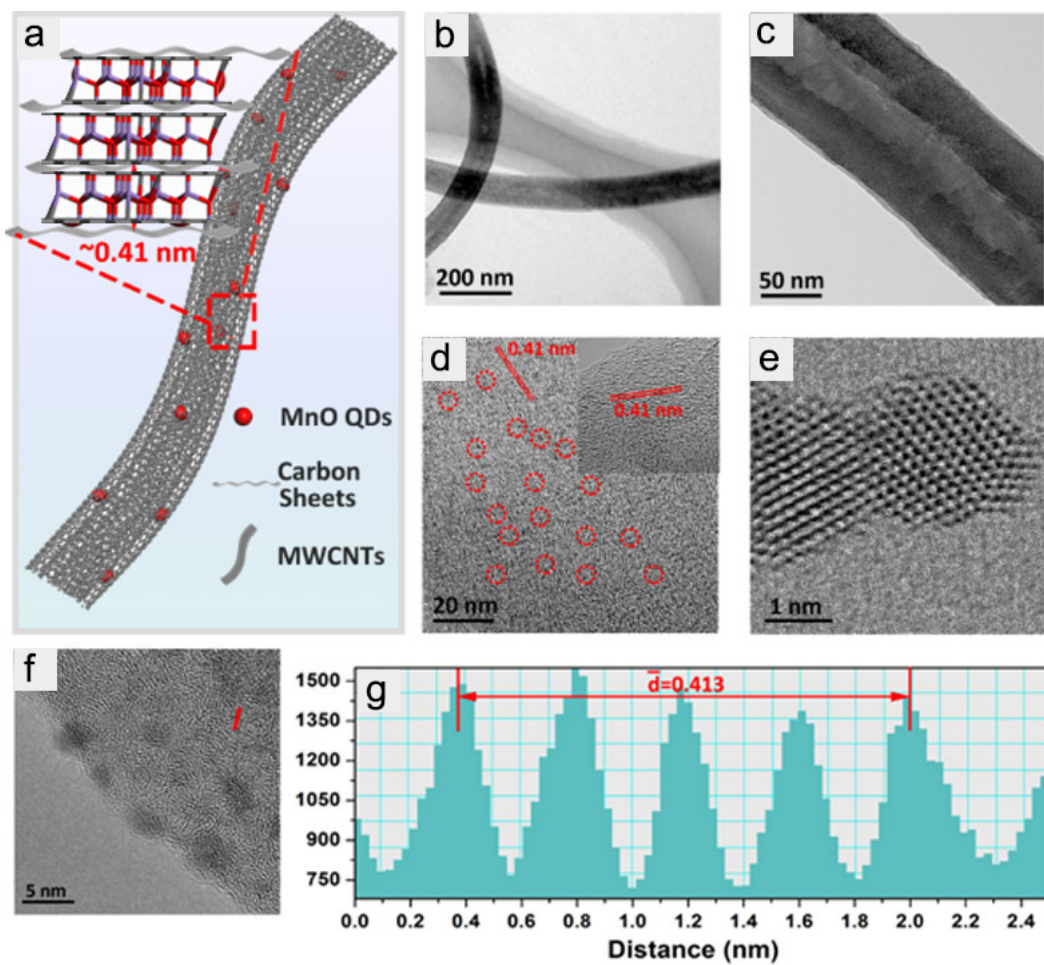
Supplementary Fig. 4. **a** Typical TEM images of Fe₂O₃-N-CNTs@MC and corresponding mapping images for **b** C, **c** N, **d** Fe and **e** O elements.



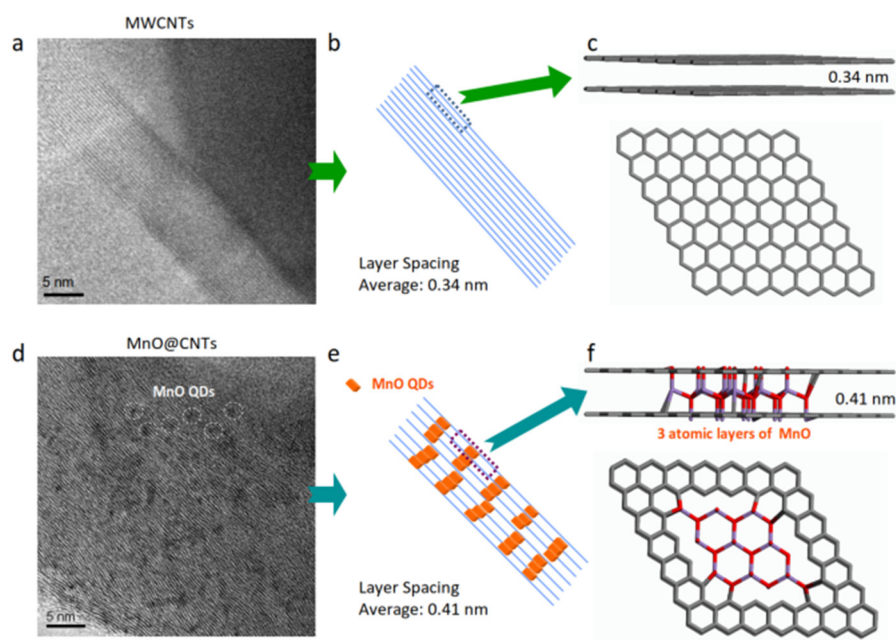
Supplementary Fig. 5. SEM images of N-CNTs@MC after acid wash and high-temperature heat treatment at different magnification, scale bar: **a** 2 μm, **b** 2 μm, **c**. 0.2 μm, **d** 500 nm (pink circle: open end of the CNTs).



Supplementary Fig. 6. TEM images of the carbon nanotubes in N-CNTs@MC after acid washing: **a** and **b** depict N-CNTs at various locations on the MC, while **c** and **d** show individual N-CNTs in distinct regions.

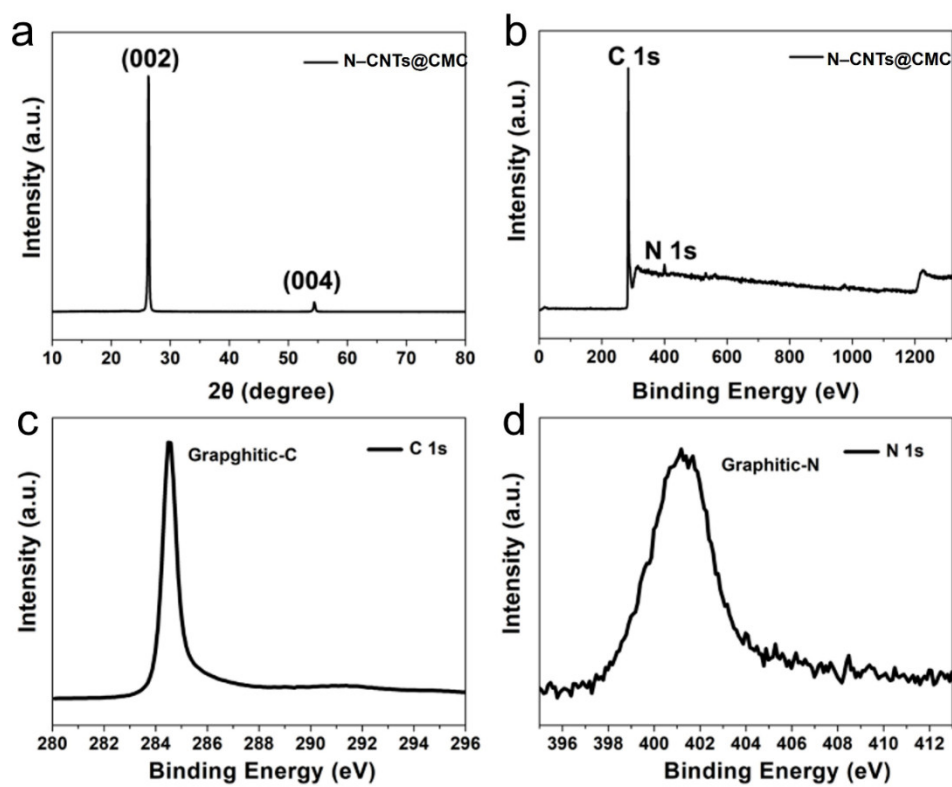


Supplementary Fig. 7. **a** Schematic diagram, **b** TEM, and **c** enlarged TEM images of MnO@CNTs; **d** High resolution TEM image on the wall of MnO@CNTs; **e** Atomic image of the MnO quantum dots; **f** TEM image of MnO@CNTs with clear diffraction fringes of carbon layer and **g** corresponding carbon layer spacing.

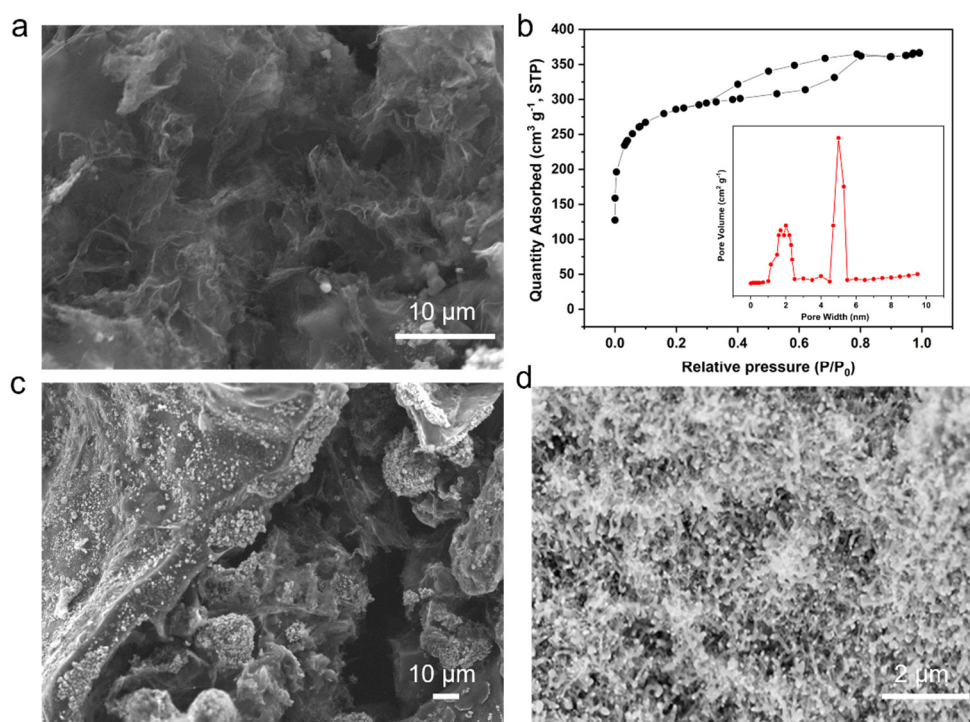


Supplementary Fig. 8. The illustration of the comparison between MWCNTs and MnO@CNTs. **a** The TEM image of the MWCNTs, **b** The schematic illustration of the layer spacing of the MWCNTs, **c** The atomic structure of the MWCNTs, **d** The TEM image of the MnO@CNTs, **e** The schematic illustration of the structure of the MnO@CNTs, **f** The atomic structure of the MnO@CNTs.

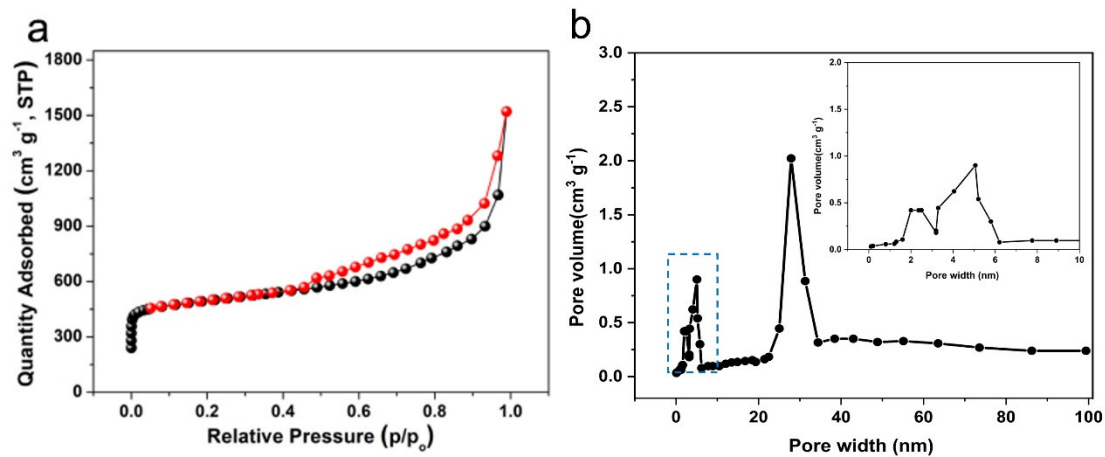
Compositions and structures (Supplementary Fig. 9-16)



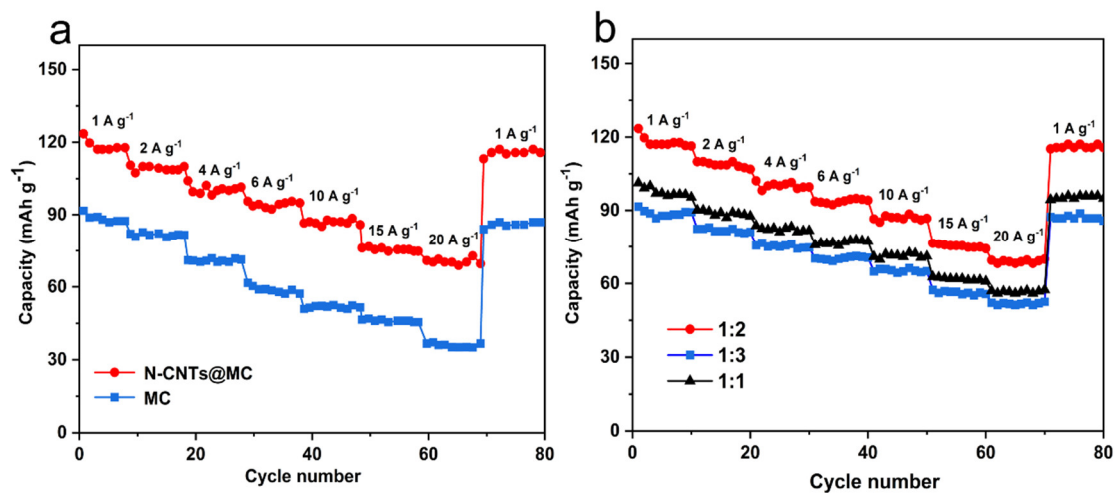
Supplementary Fig. 9. **a** XRD pattern of N-CNTs@CMC; **b** XPS survey of N-CNTs@CMC; **c** XPS high resolution peaks of C 1s and **d** N 1s in N-CNTs@CMC.



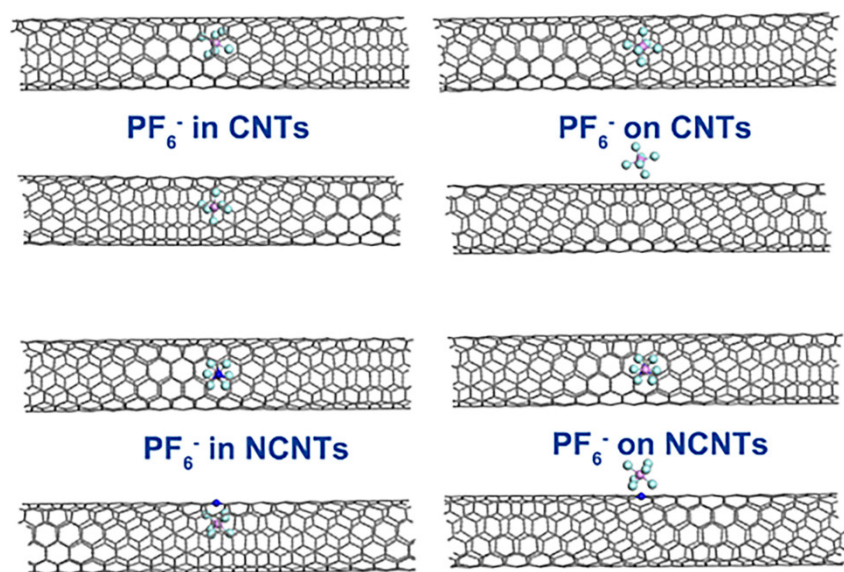
Supplementary Fig. 10. **a** The SEM of the MC; **b** the Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms and pores size distribution of the MC; **c** The SEM of Fe_2O_3 @MC; **d** the SEM of the N-CNTs@MC



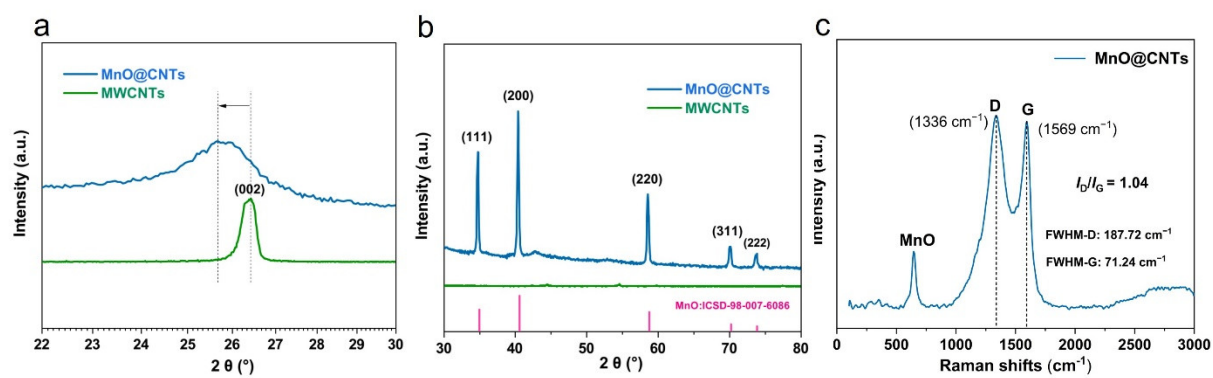
Supplementary Fig. 11. **a** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms and **b** pore size distributions of N-CNTs@MC.



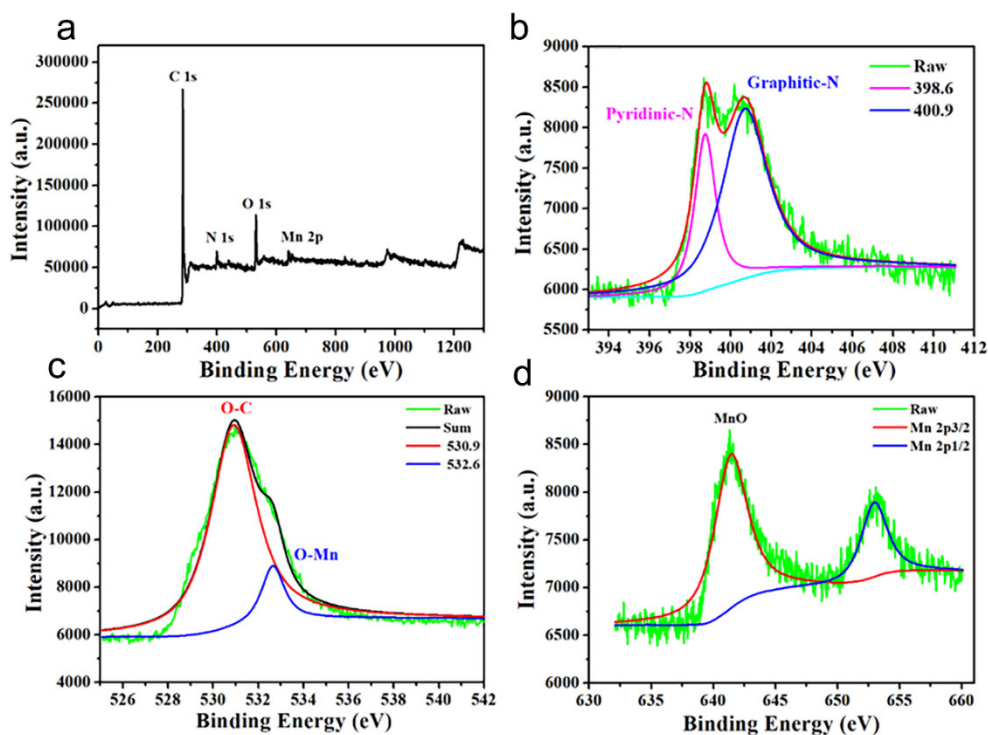
Supplementary Fig. 12. **a** Rate performance of the MC and N-CNTs@MC samples, **b** The comparison of the rate performance of N-CNTs@MC prepared with different ratios of MC precursor and melamine.



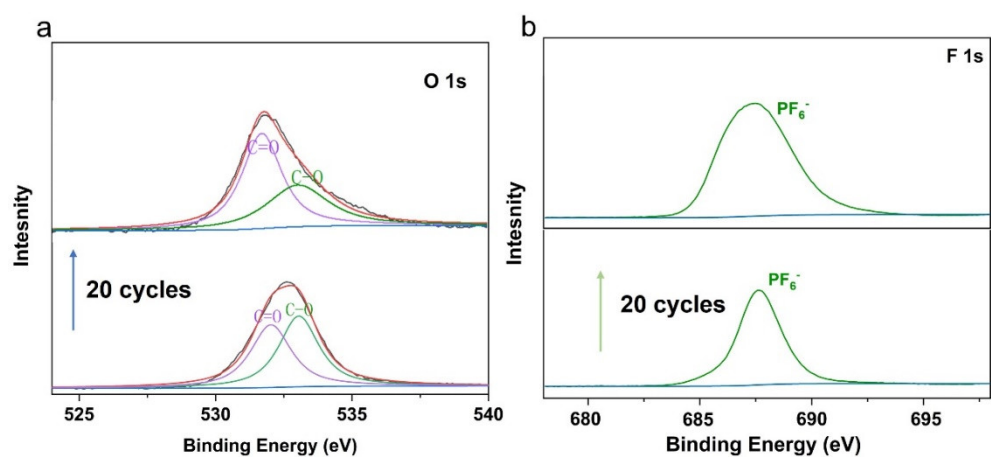
Supplementary Fig. 13. The optimized structures of adsorbed PF₆⁻ ions on CNT and N-CNT.



Supplementary Fig. 14. XRD patterns of MnO@CNTs and CNTs: **a** from 22° to 30° , **b** from 30° to 80° . **c** Raman spectra of MnO@CNTs.

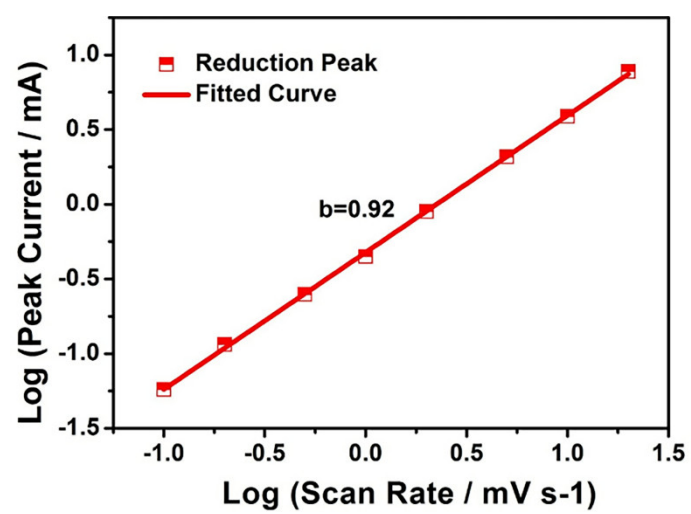


Supplementary Fig. 15. XPS survey of MnO@CNTs: **a** XPS full spectra, and high resolution XPS spectra with fittings of **b** N 1s, **c**. O 1s, **d** Mn 2p.

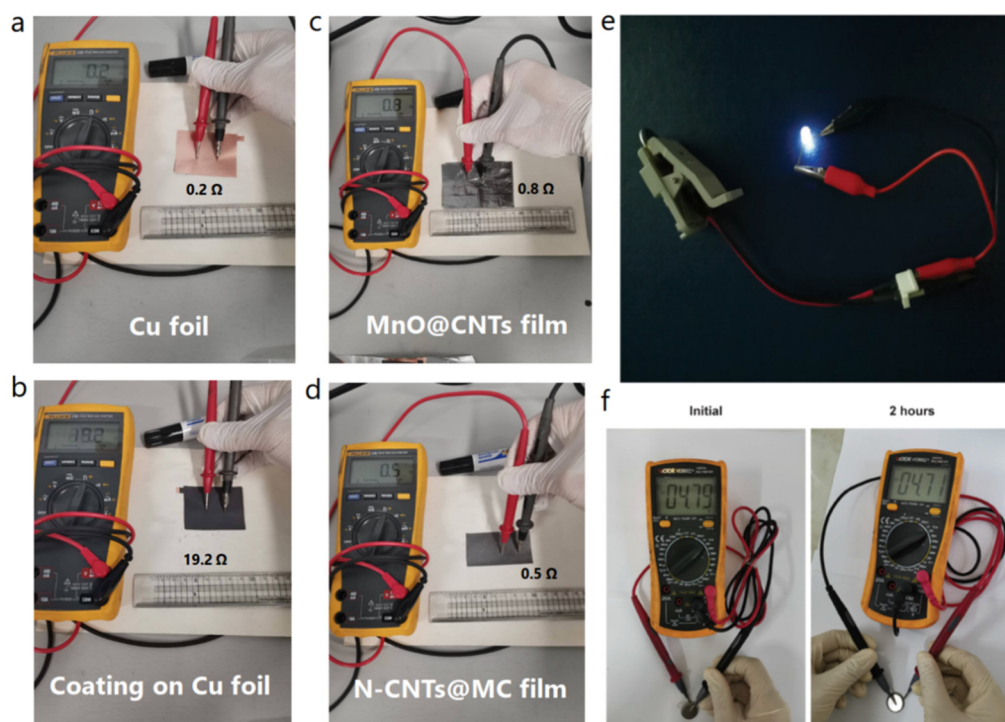


Supplementary Fig. 16. The XPS analysis of the cathode electrode before and after 20cycles:

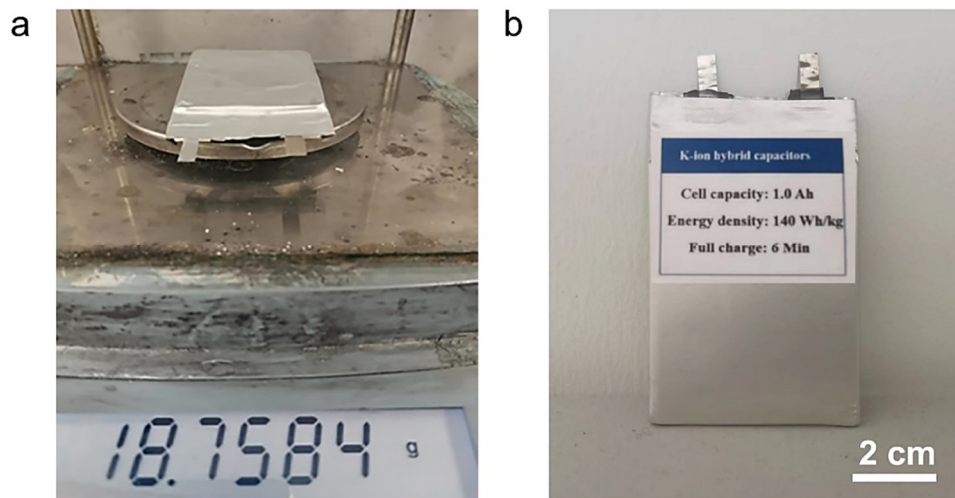
a. O 1s curves, **b** F 1s curves of cathode before and after 20 cycles.



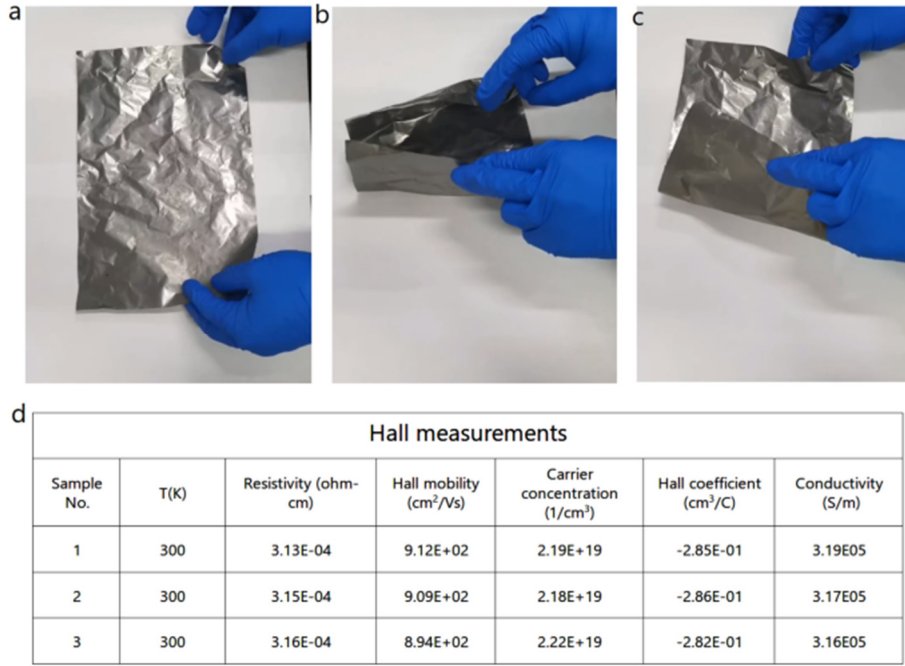
Supplementary Fig. 17. Log(i)–log(v) curves for b-value determination



Supplementary Fig. 18. Comparison of the conductivity of **a** Cu foil, **b** the anode material coated on Cu foil, **c** N-CNTs@MC film and **d** MnO@CNTs film. **e** the photograph of the coin cell lighting a LED light, **f** the self-discharge test of the coin cell



Supplementary Fig. 19. a The weight of ~1Ah PIHC. **b** The picture of the prepared 1Ah PIHC



Supplementary Fig. 20. The photographs of **a** the N-CNTs@MC film, **b** the folded N-CNTs@MC film, **c** the N-CNTs@MC film after continuous folding. **d** The data of the Hall measurement for the N-CNTs@MC film

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1 Optimized parameters of the soft-packaged PIHC with the capacity of ~1Ah

Parameters of winded soft-package PHICs						
	Cathode	Anode	Separator	S (cm ²)	Total V (cm ³)	Volume Density (Wh/L)
Area mass (mg cm ⁻²)	30	10	1.7	Single	7.5	283.2
				24.8		
Thickness (μm)	150	40	12.0	Stack	Electrolyte (mg)	Shell and Tags (mg)
				10	4474.5	3186.4
Density (g cm ⁻³)	~20	~2.5	~1.42	Core mass	Total mass (mg)	Energy density (Wh/Kg)
Mass (mg)	7425.0	2722.5	950.0	11097.5	18758.4	140.0

Supplementary Table 2 Free energies from DFT calculations for PF_6^- , CNTs, NCNTs, PF_6^- @CNTs, PF_6^- @NCNTs, K^+ , MnO@G , and K^+ on G and K^+ on MnO@G

Calculation of adsorption energies (eV)			
PF_6^- on SCNT			
$E_{\text{PF}_6^-}$ (eV)	E_{CNTs} (eV)	$E_{\text{PF}_6^-@\text{CNTs}}$ (eV)	$\Delta E_{\text{ads}} (\text{CNTs} - \text{PF}_6^-)$ (eV)
-30.92	-3103.04	-3136.15	-2.19
PF_6^- on N-CNT			
$E_{\text{PF}_6^-}$ (eV)	$E_{\text{N-CNTs}}$ (eV)	$E_{\text{PF}_6^-@\text{N-CNTs}}$ (eV)	$\Delta E_{\text{ads}} (\text{N-CNTs} - \text{PF}_6^-)$ (eV)
-30.92	-3107.30	3148.42	-10.21
K^+ on G			
E_{K^+} (eV)	E_{G} (eV)	$E_{\text{K}^+@\text{G}}$ (eV)	$\Delta E_{\text{ads}} (\text{G} - \text{K}^+)$ (eV)
-2.36	-526.32	-529.94	-1.26
K^+ on MnO@G			
E_{K^+} (eV)	E_{G} (eV)	$E_{\text{K}^+@\text{MnO@G}}$ (eV)	$\Delta E_{\text{ads}} (\text{MnO@G} - \text{K}^+)$ (eV)
-2.36	-690.95	-698.08	-4.76

Supplementary Table 3. Comparison with the recently-reported representative PIHC

Cathode// Anode^[Ref.]	Voltage (V)	Energy density (Wh kg⁻¹)	Power density (W kg⁻¹)	Type of devices
N-CNTs@MC//MnO@CNTs [Our work]	0.8-4.8	140 Wh kg ⁻¹ (based on the whole weight of PIBHCD);	1400 W kg ⁻¹ (10 C, fully charged within 6 mins)	1Ah Pouch cell
FCDAC//CNS ₃	0-4.2	40 (based on the weight of the electrode)	21000	coin cell
ANHCS//NHCS ₄	0.01-4	19.1	8203	coin cell
3DNFC//3DNFAC ⁵	1.5-4.2	76.4	21000	coin cell
WS ₂ @NCN//NCHS ⁶	0.6-4.2	103.4	235	coin cell
AC//Ca _{0.5} Ti ₂ (PO ₄) ₃ @C ⁷	1-4	34	5144	coin cell
U-Co ₂ P@rGO-14//AC ⁸	1-4	87	4260	coin cell
AC//Sn ⁹	1-4	120	2850	2-layer pouch cell
AC//SC ¹⁰	0-4	120	599	coin cell
KTO//NGC ¹¹	0-3.5	58.2	7200	coin cell
WPCS//WPCS ₁₂	0-4.5	44	15400	coin cell
AC//MoSe ₂ /C-700 ¹³	1-4	106	588	coin cell
AC//NMCP@rGO ¹⁴	0.01-4.2	63.6	19091	coin cell
AC//NbSe ₂ /NSeCNFs ¹⁵	0.01-4	145	/	coin cell

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