

## Supporting information

Extraordinary dual-ion electrochemical deionization capacity and energy efficiency enabled by coupling of  $\text{Na}_3\text{Fe}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3$  and NiVAl layered double hydroxides electrodes

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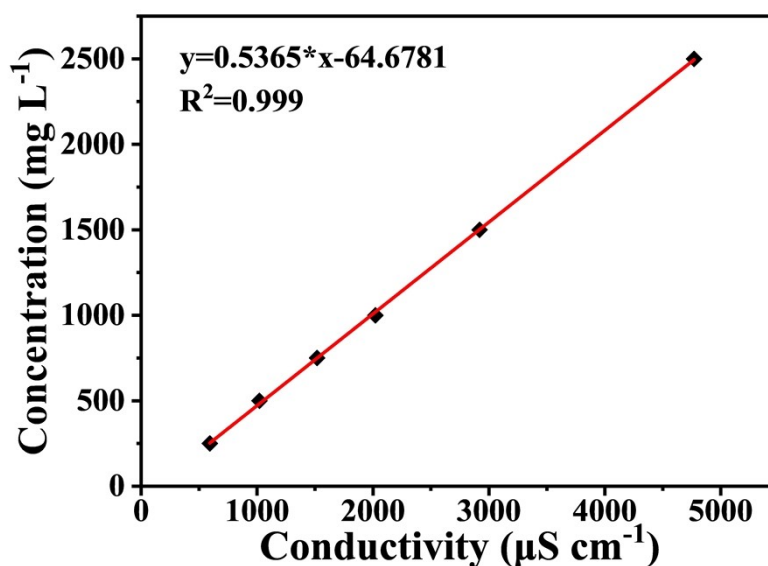


Fig. S1 The relationship between the conductivity and concentration of NaCl solution.

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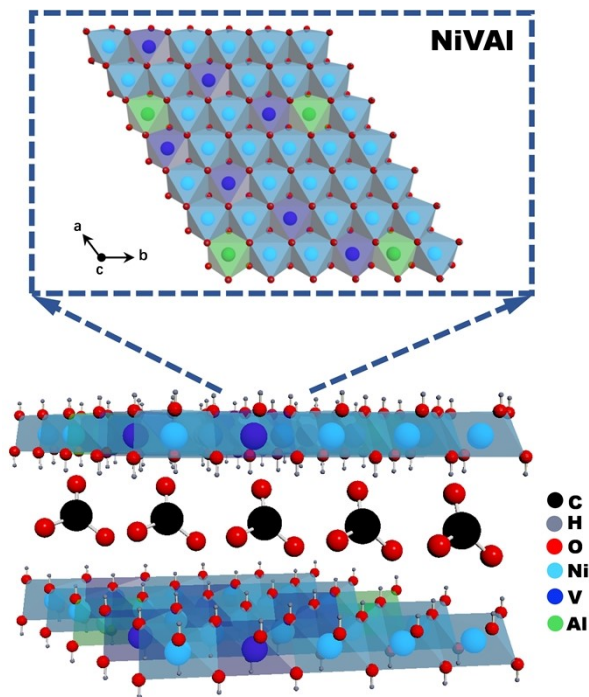


Fig. S2 Top-view and front view schematic diagram of NiVAI-LDH crystal with Cl<sup>-</sup> in the interlayer.

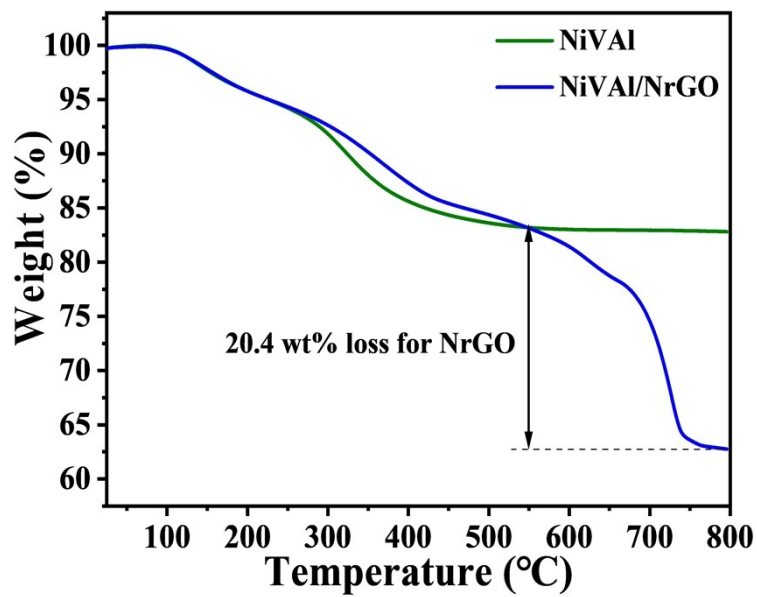


Fig. S3 TGA curves of NiVAI and NiVAI/NrGO.

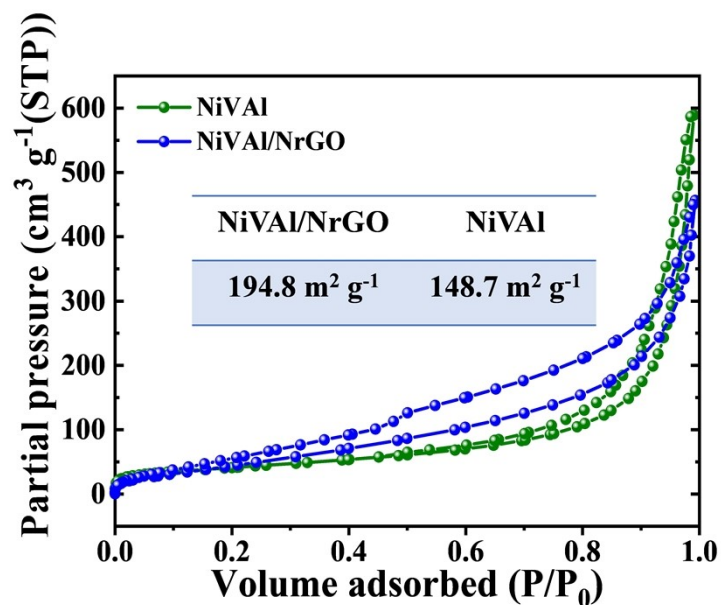


Fig. S4  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption–desorption isotherms and BET analysis of NiVAI and NiVAI/NrGO.

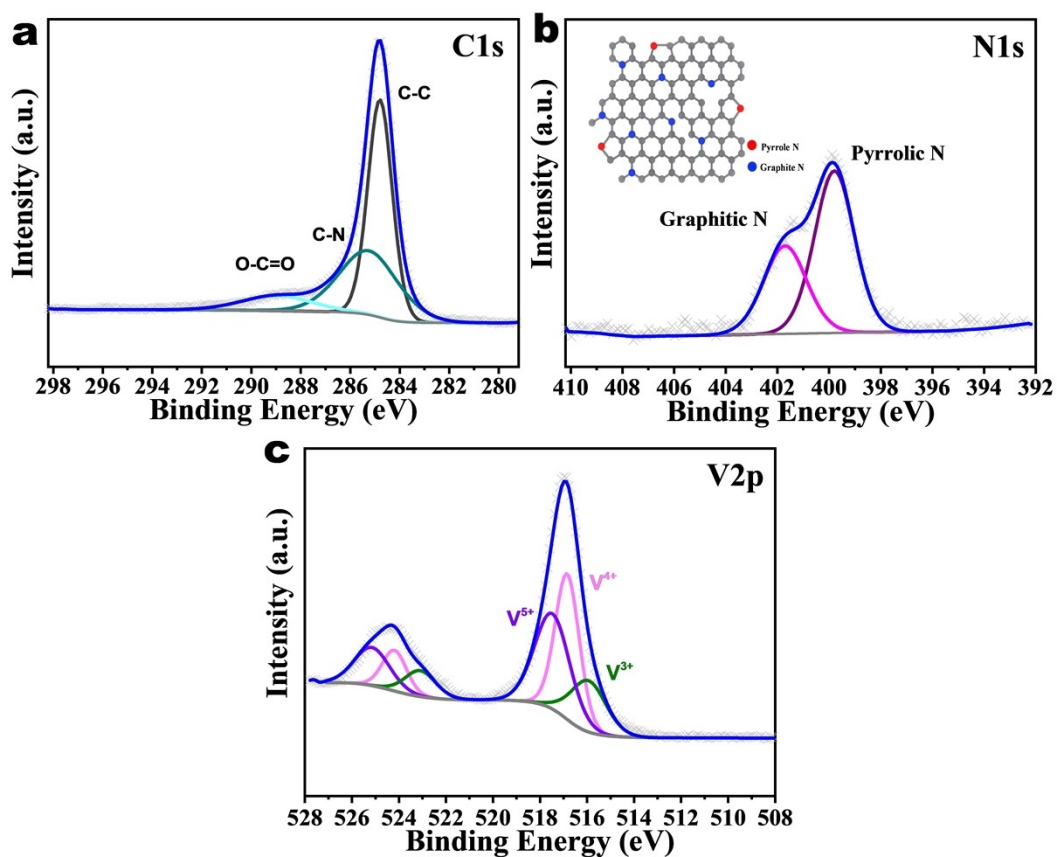


Fig. S5 High-resolution XPS spectra of: (a) C1s; (b) N1s; and (c) V2p in NiVAI/NrGO.

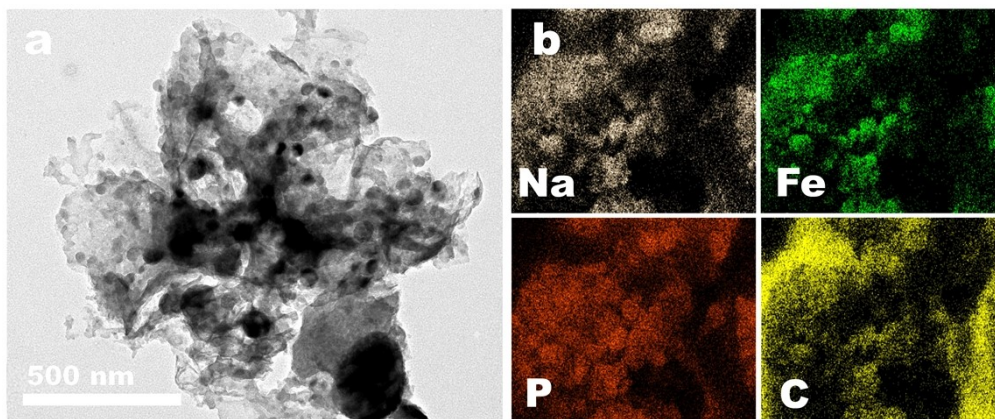


Fig. S6 (a) TEM image of NFP@C and (b) EDS elemental mapping.

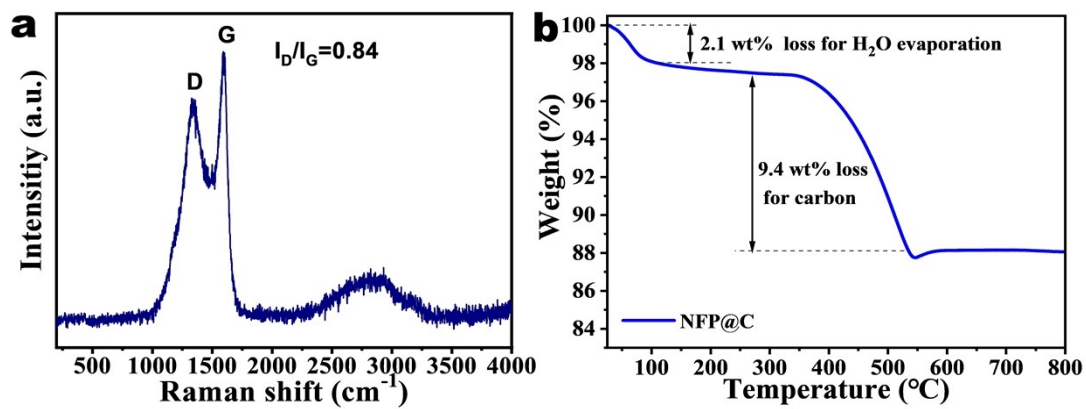


Fig. S7 (a) Raman spectrum and (b) TGA curve of NFP@C.

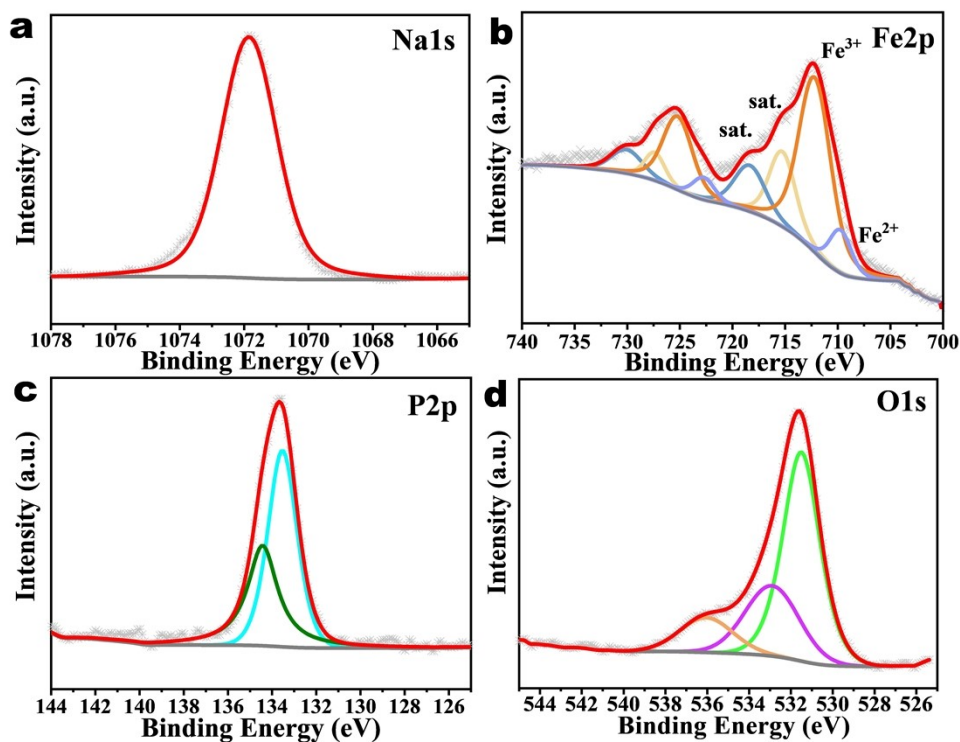


Fig. S8 XPS high-resolution spectra of the as-prepared NFP@C nanocomposite: (a) Na1s; (b) Fe2p; (c) P2p; and (d) O1s.

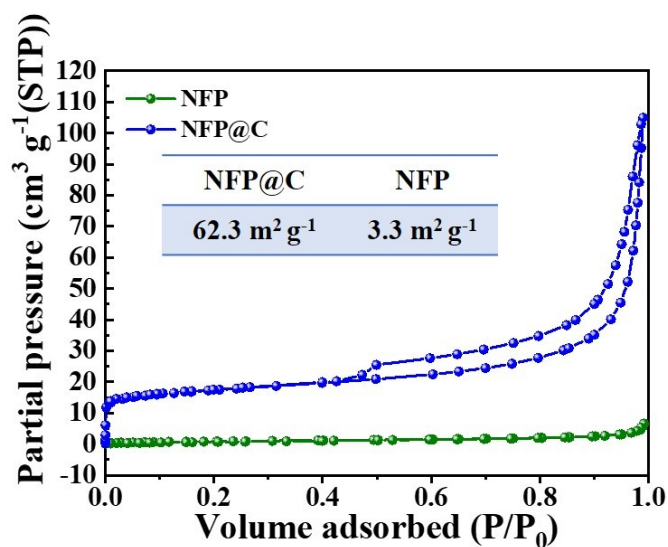


Fig. S9 N<sub>2</sub> adsorption–desorption isotherms and specific surface analysis of NFP@C and NFP.

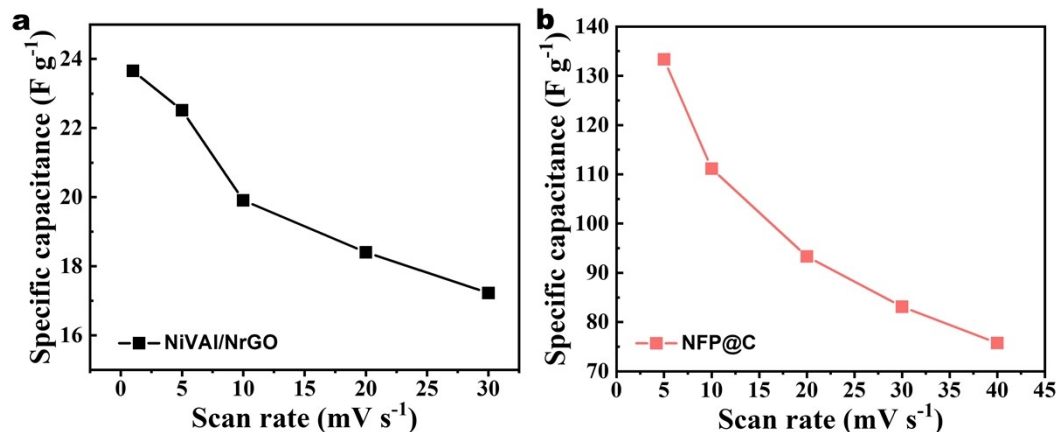


Fig. S10 Specific capacitances of: (a) NiVAI/NrGO and (b) NFP@C at different scan rates determined using a CV method.

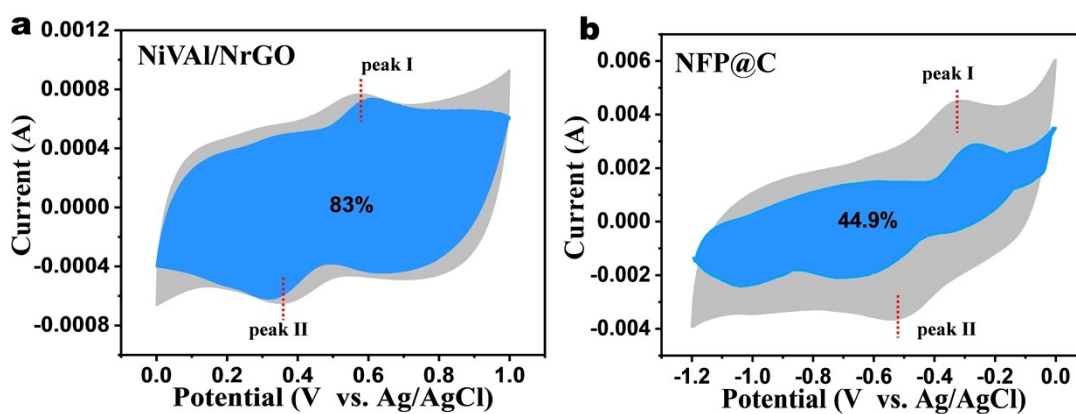


Fig. S11 CV curves showing the capacitive (blue area) and diffusion-controlled (grey area) contributions to intercalation process for: (a) NiVAI/NrGO and (b) NFP@C at a scan rate of  $20 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ .

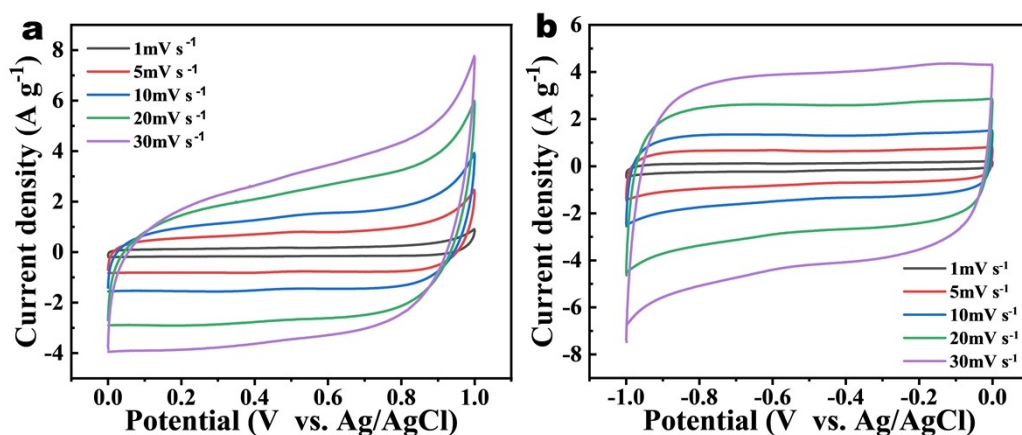


Fig. S12 CV curves of AC in different potential ranges. Electrolyte: 1 M NaCl.

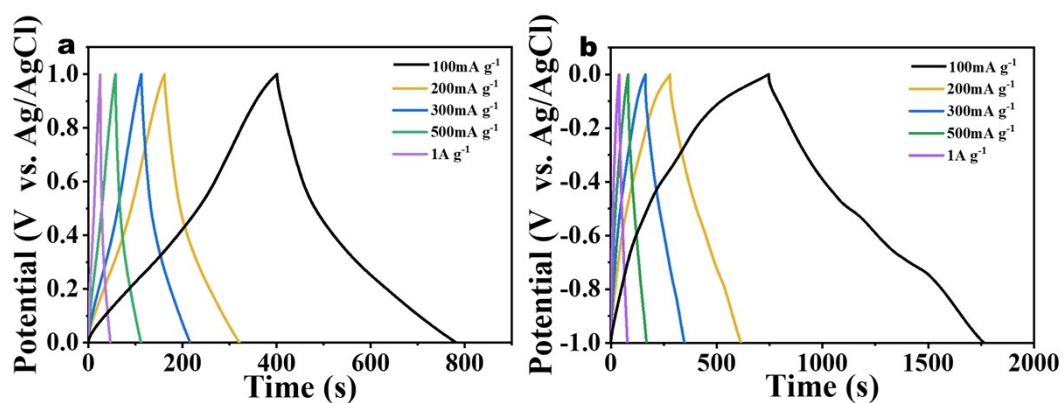


Fig. S13 GCD curves acquired in a three-electrode cell for: (a) NiVAI/NrGO and (b) NFP@C at different current densities. Electrolyte: 1 M NaCl.

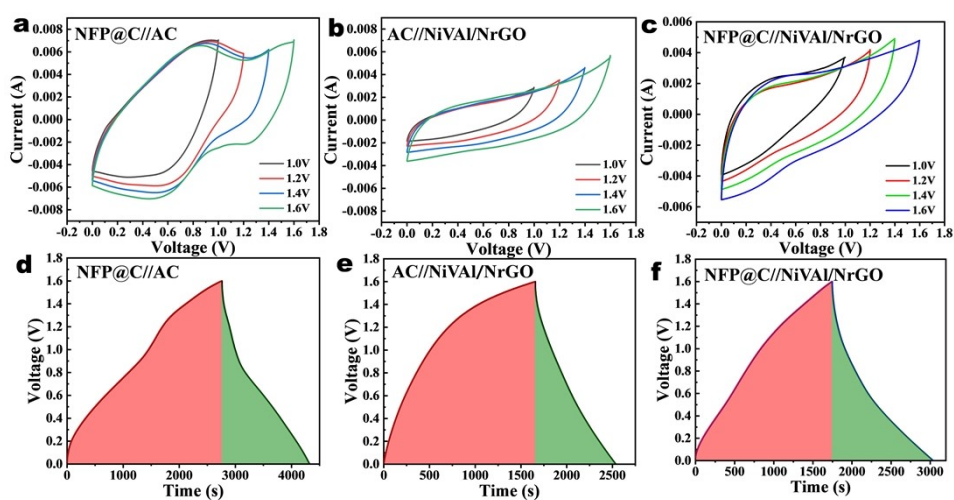


Fig. S14 (a-c) CV curves ( $5\text{mV s}^{-1}$ ) acquired in different voltage ranges for the three EDI systems and (d-f) GCD curves measured at a current density of  $50\text{ mA g}^{-1}$ . The red and green shaded areas indicate the energy consumed and recoverable during charge and discharge. Electrolyte:  $1000\text{ mg L}^{-1}$  NaCl.

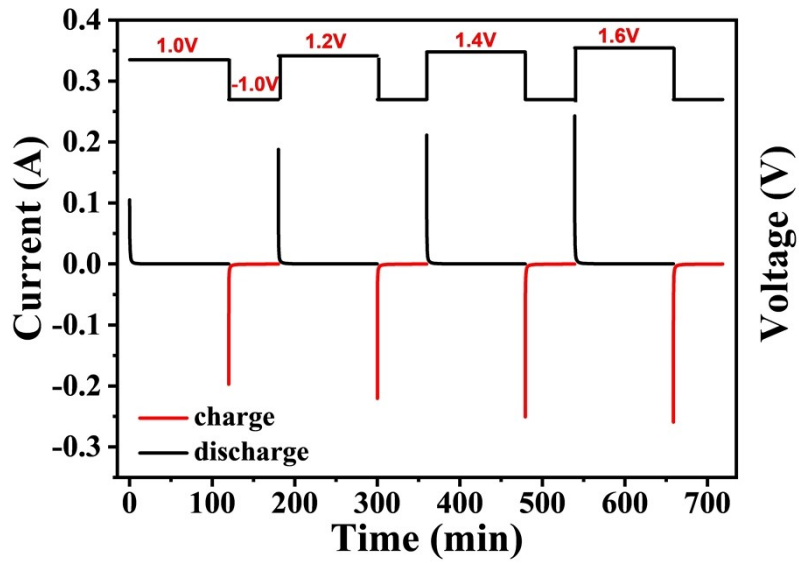


Fig. S15 Chronocoulometry curves of the DEDI system tested at different charging voltages. Electrolyte: 1000 mg L<sup>-1</sup> NaCl.

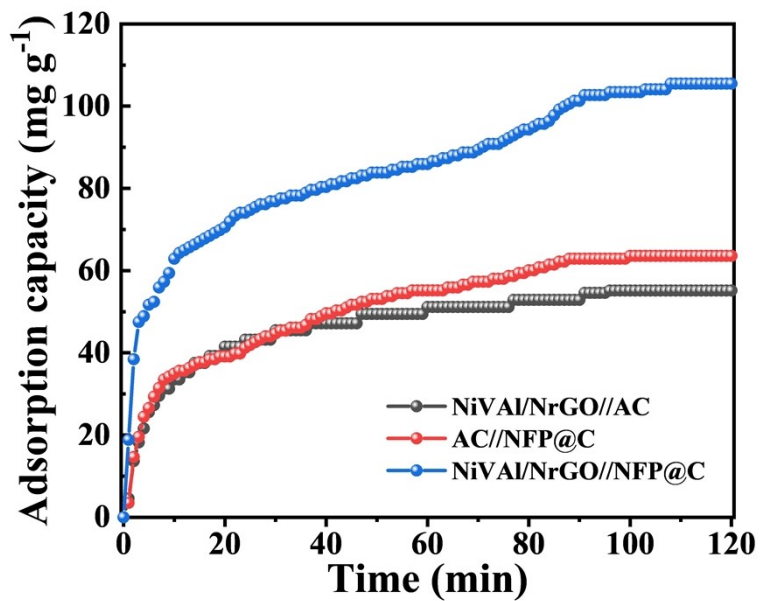


Fig. S16 Comparison of salt adsorption capacity of AC/NFP@C, NiVAI/NrGO//AC and NiVAI/NrGO//NFP@C systems. Electrolyte: 1000 mg L<sup>-1</sup> NaCl.



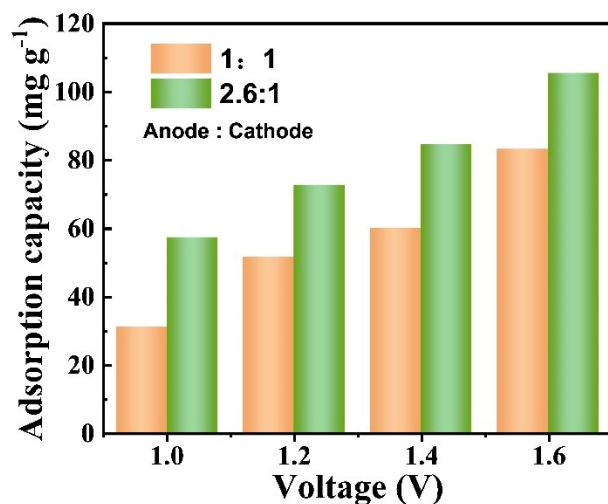


Fig. S17 Comparison of desalination performance of NiVAI/NrGO/NFP@C system constructed with different mass ratios.

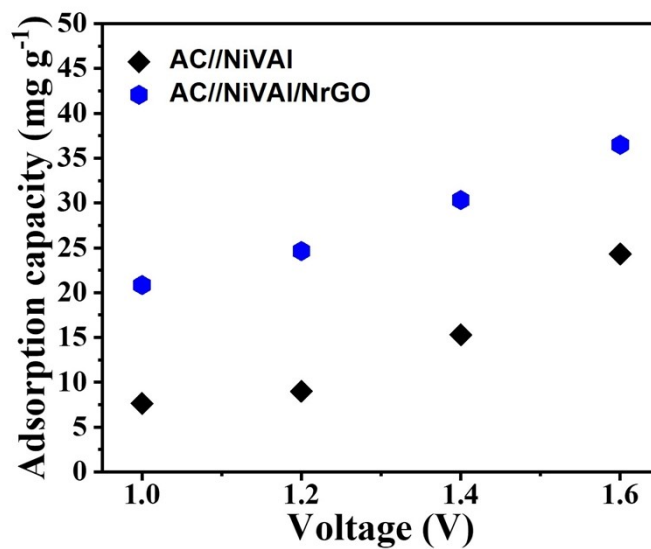


Fig. S18 Comparison of salt adsorption capacity for NiVAI//AC and NiVAI/NrGO//AC. Concentration of the salt: 250 mg L<sup>-1</sup>.

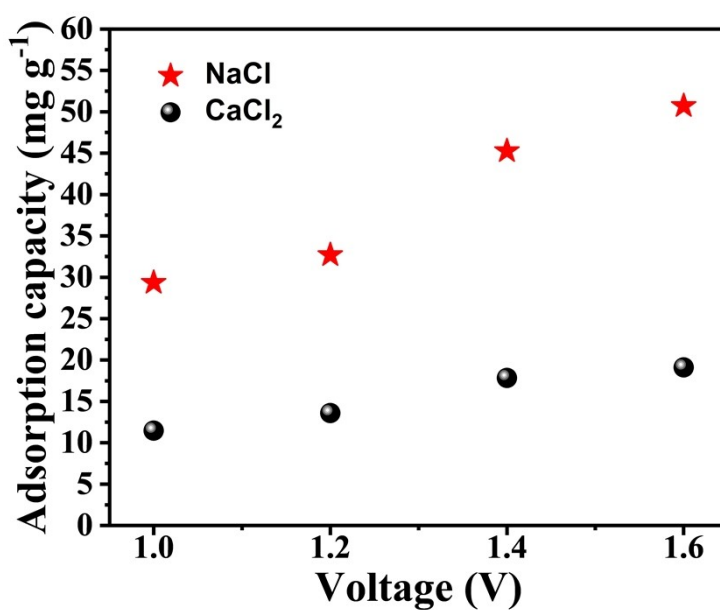


Fig. S19 Comparison of the adsorption capacity towards NaCl and CaCl<sub>2</sub> by the AC//NFP@C system. Concentration of the salts: 500 mg L<sup>-1</sup>.

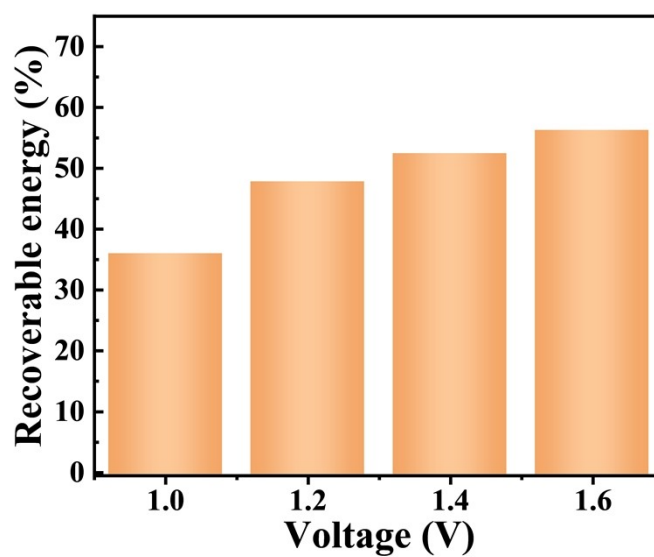


Fig. S20 The fraction of recoverable energy among the energy consumed for NiVAI/NrGO/NFP@C at various voltages. Electrolyte: 1000 mg L<sup>-1</sup> NaCl.

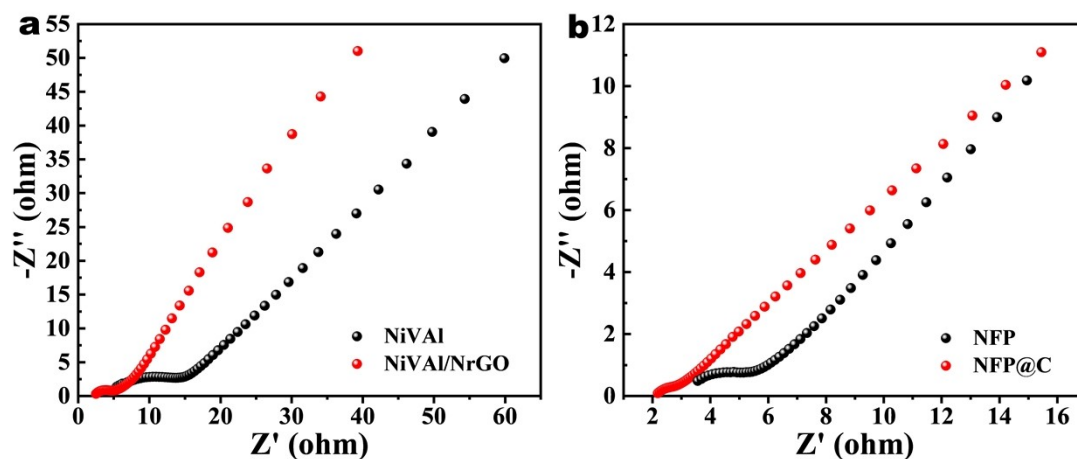


Fig. S21 Nyquist plots of the NiVAI, NiVAI/NrGO, NFP and NFP@C electrodes tested in a three-electrode system. Electrolyte: 1 M NaCl.

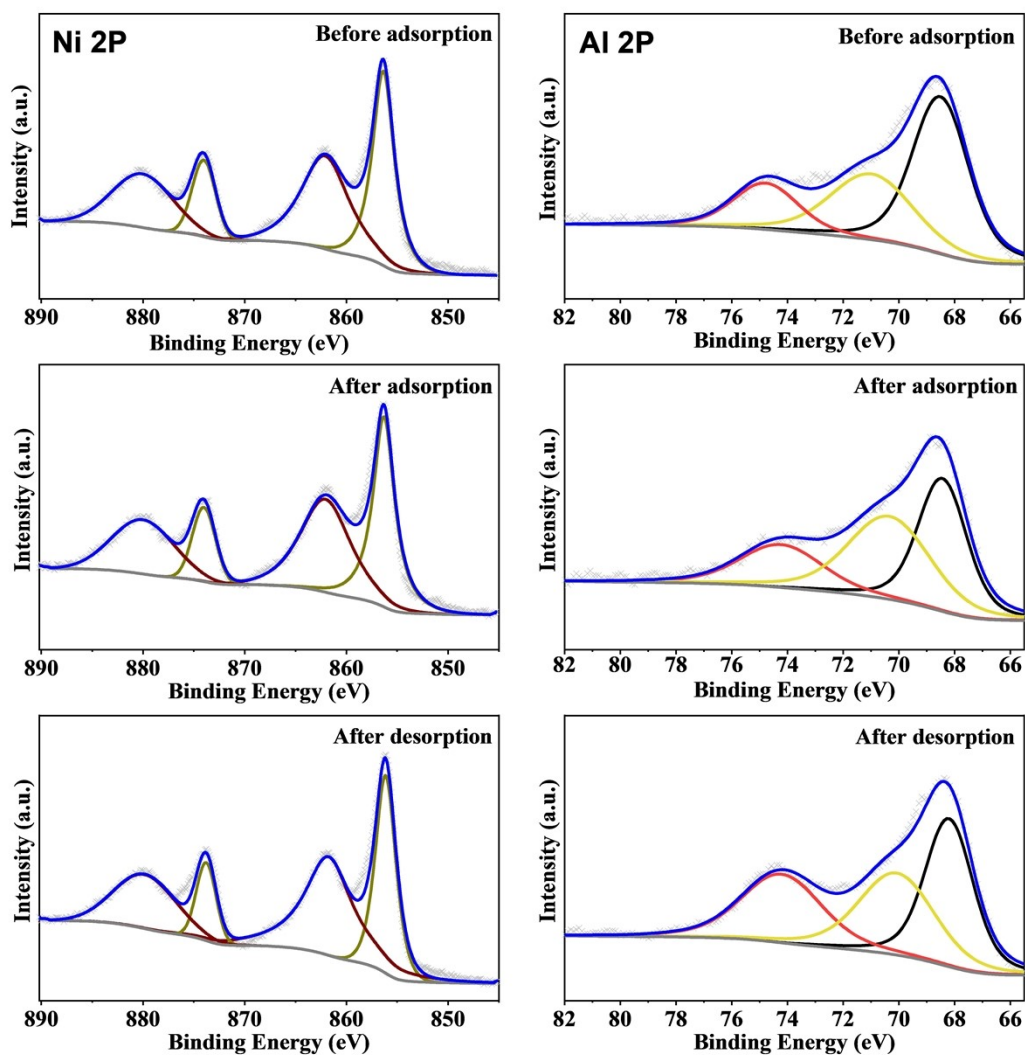


Fig. S22 XPS spectra of Ni2P and Al2P of NiVAI /NrGO at different states.

**Table S1.** Comparison between NFP@C//NiVAl/NrGO and other CDI applications.

Cathode	Anode	Voltage (V)	NaCl Concentration (mg L <sup>-1</sup> )	Desalination capacity (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
VO <sub>x</sub> NT <sub>s</sub> /CNPT	AC	1.6	350.6	25	1
Na <sub>2</sub> FeP <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>	AC	1.2	5844	30.2	2
MoS <sub>2</sub> /NOMC	AC	1.6	250	28.82	3
G-V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	G-V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1.2	584	12.5	4
NaOH-Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub>	AC	1.2	500	16.02	5
Na <sub>x</sub> CoO <sub>2</sub>	AC	1.4	500	92.9	6
FeHCF@3DNC	AC	1.2	5844	60.5	7
TiO <sub>2</sub> @COF-2	AC	1.6	200	33.66	8
Na <sub>3</sub> MnTi(PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> /C	AC	1.2	2000	72.2	9
Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> MXene	AC	1.2	500	26.8	10
MnO <sub>2</sub>	Ppy/AC	1.4	820	52.9	11
PVDF	CS +3GA	1.2	1000	16.7	12
Na <sub>1.1</sub> V <sub>3</sub> O <sub>7.9</sub> @rGO	Ag@rGO	1.4	2000	82.2	13
CLF@Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub>	CLF@Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub>	1.2	600	34	14
NFP@C	NiVAl/NrGO	1.6	1000	105.5	this work

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