

High performances aqueous rechargeable nickel//bismuth batteries with $\text{Bi}_2\text{MoO}_6@\text{rGO}$ and $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{MoO}_4@\text{rGO}$ as electrode materials

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Electrochemical Calculations:

1. Single electrode :

Based on discharge curves, the specific gravimetric capacity of active materials for the single electrode can be calculated according to the following equation (1):

$$C_m = \frac{I}{m} \times \Delta t \quad (1)$$

Where C_m (mAh/g) means the specific gravimetric capacity, I (A) means the discharge current, m (g) means the mass of active materials in the single electrode, Δt (s) means discharge time.

2. Ni//Bi battery:

The mass of the electrode active materials should be adjusted before assembling Ni//Bi battery so that two electrodes are balanced on the basis of equation (2):

$$C_m^- \times M_- = C_m^+ \times M_+ \quad (2)$$

Where C_m^- and C_m^+ are the specific capacity of the cathode and anode (mAh/g), M_+ and M_- are the mass of active materials (mg), respectively.

The specific capacity of two-electrode cell model (C_{cell}) can also be calculated depending on software or equation (3):

$$C_{cell} = \frac{I}{m} \times \Delta t \quad (3)$$

Where C_{cell} (mAh/g) is specific capacity, I (A) is discharge current, Δt (s) is discharging time, and m (g) is total mass of active materials.

The energy density (E) and power density (P) of Ni//Bi battery can be calculated by the following equations (4) and (5):

$$E = \int_0^{\Delta t} IV_{(t)} dt \quad (4)$$

$$P = \frac{E}{\Delta t} \quad (5)$$

Where E (Wh/kg) is energy density, I (A/g) is current density, $V(t)$ (V) is discharging voltage and dt is time differential, P (W/kg) is power density, Δt (s) is the discharging time.

The calculation of "b values":

The relationship between peak current (i) and scanning rate (v) obeying the equation (6):

$$i = av^b \quad (6)$$

Where a and b are different positive number. When $0.5 < b < 1$, the electrochemical behavior of electrode active materials is controlled by diffusion-controlled process and surface-capacitive effect. When $b = 0.5$, the electrochemical behavior is controlled by diffusion process. And when $b = 1$, the electrode exhibits surface-capacitive effect.

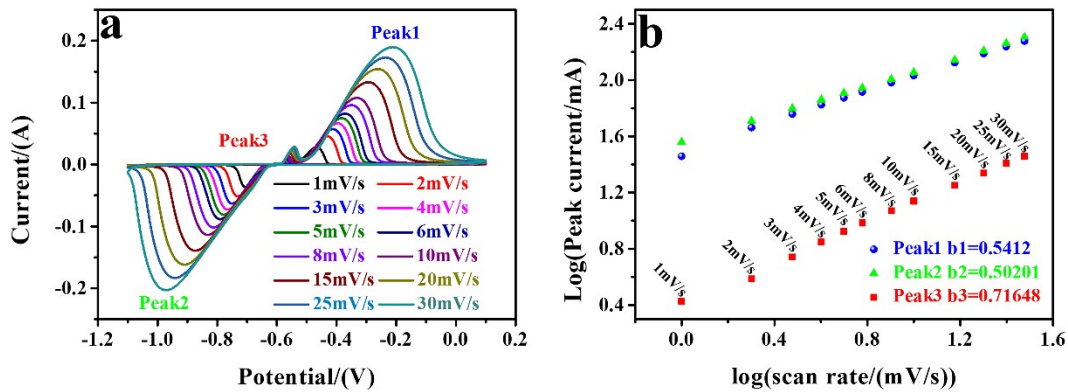


Fig. S1 CV curves of $\text{Bi}_2\text{MoO}_6@\text{rGO}-25$ (a); The relation between the anodic/cathodic peak current and the scan rate of $\text{Bi}_2\text{MoO}_6@\text{rGO}-25$ (b)

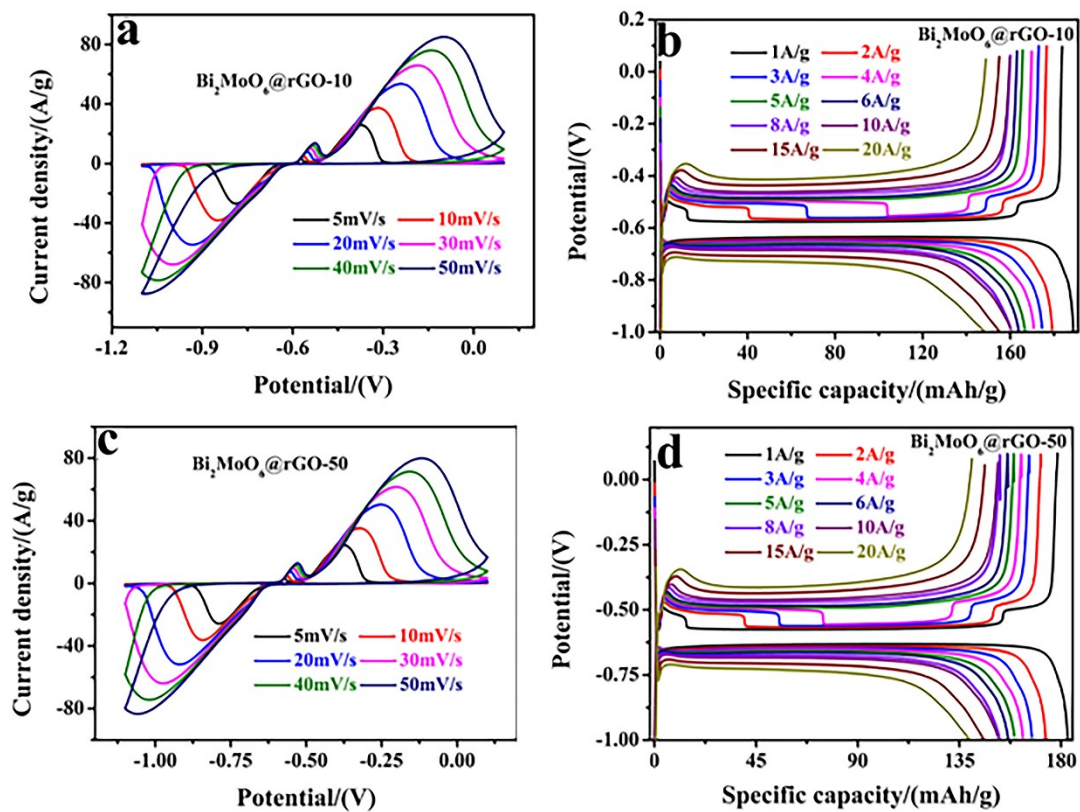


Fig. S2 CV curves of Bi_2MoO_6 @rGO-10 (a) and Bi_2MoO_6 @rGO-50 (c); GCD curves of Bi_2MoO_6 @rGO-10 (b) and Bi_2MoO_6 @rGO-50 (d)

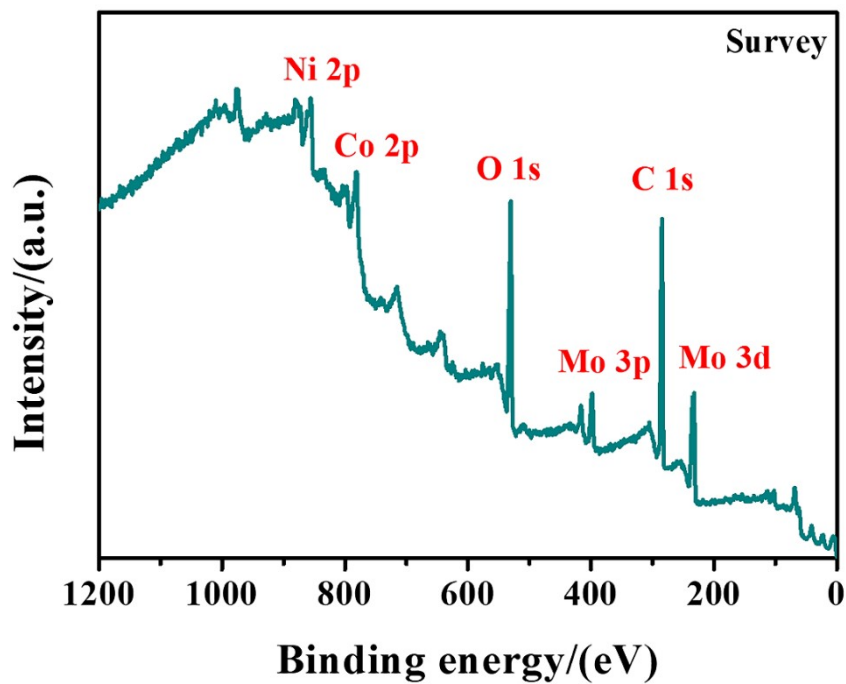


Fig. S3 XPS survey spectrum of $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{MoO}_4$ @rGO-10

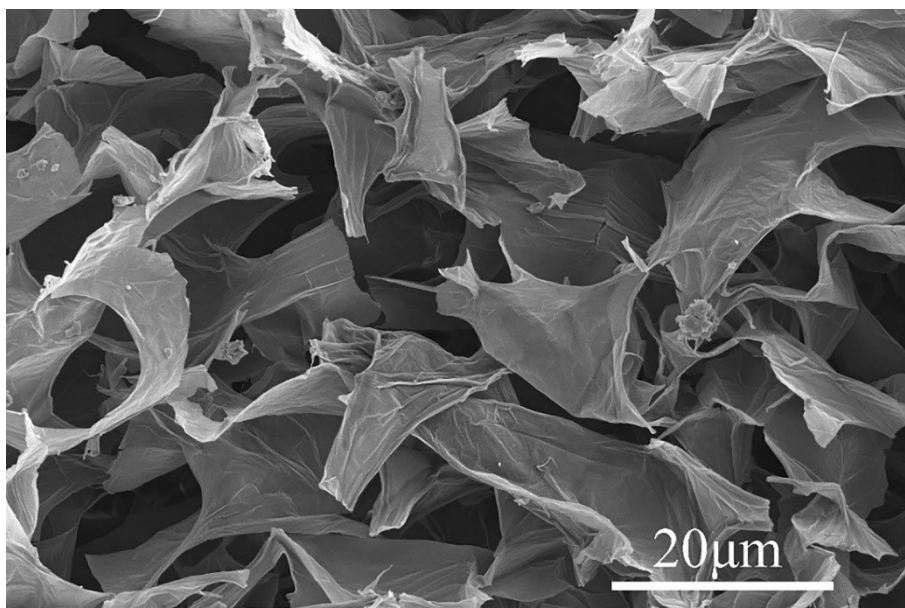


Fig. S4 SEM image of graphene oxide for cathode active materials

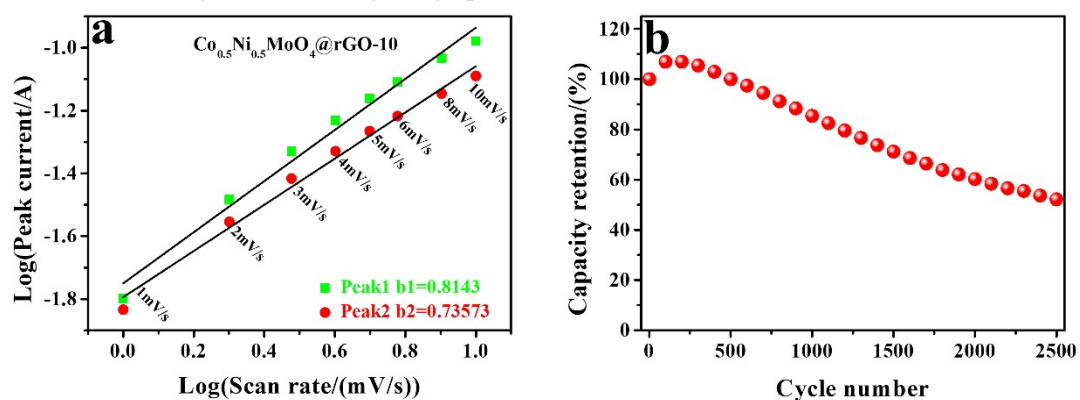


Fig. S5 The relation between the anodic/cathodic peak current and the scan rate of $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{MoO}_4@\text{rGO}-10$ (a); Cycling performance of $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{MoO}_4@\text{rGO}-10$ at 15 A/g (b)

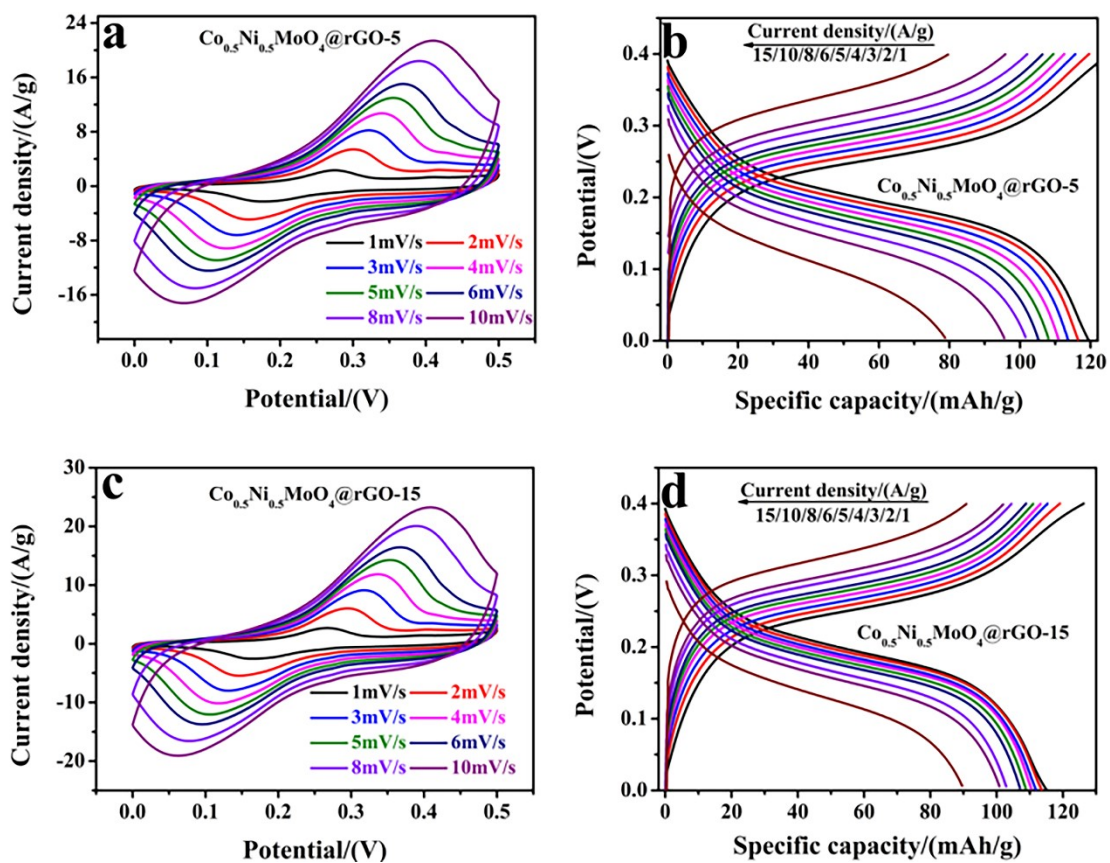


Fig. S6 CV curves of $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{MoO}_4@\text{rGO-5}$ (a) and $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{MoO}_4@\text{rGO-15}$ (c); GCD curves of $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{MoO}_4@\text{rGO-5}$ (b) and $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{MoO}_4@\text{rGO-15}$ (d)

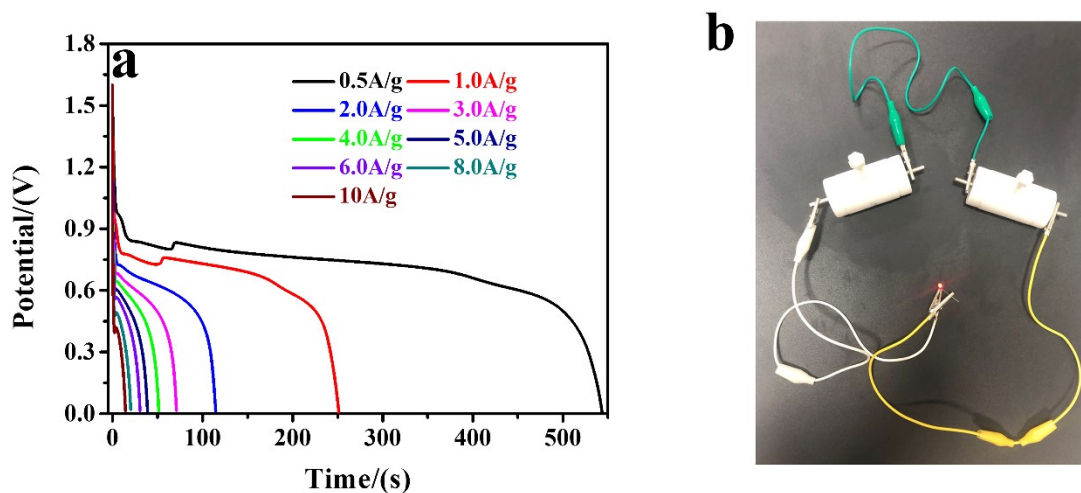


Fig. S7 Discharging curves at different current densities (a); picture shows two devices connected in series can light up one red LED bulb (b)