

## Electronic Supplementary Information

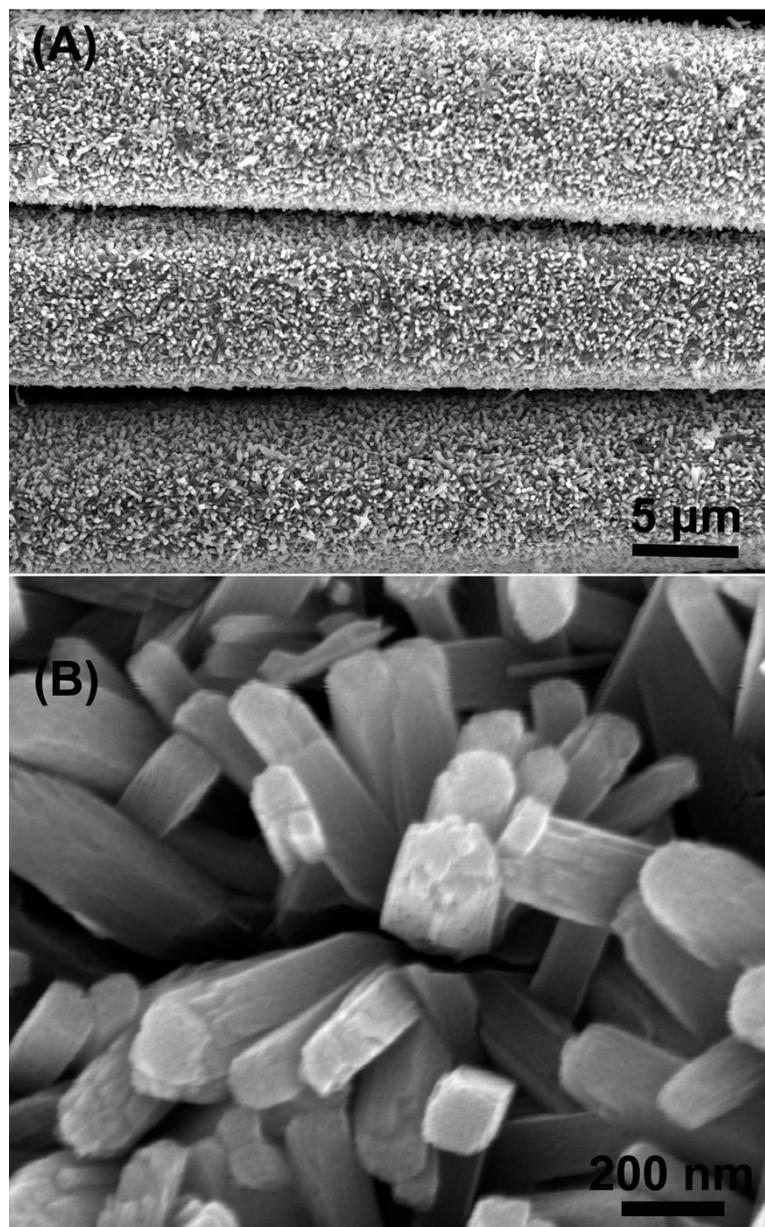
### **Coaxial Nickel Cobalt Selenide/Nitrogen-doped Carbon Nanotube Array as a Three-Dimensional Self-Supported Electrode for Electrochemical Energy Storage**

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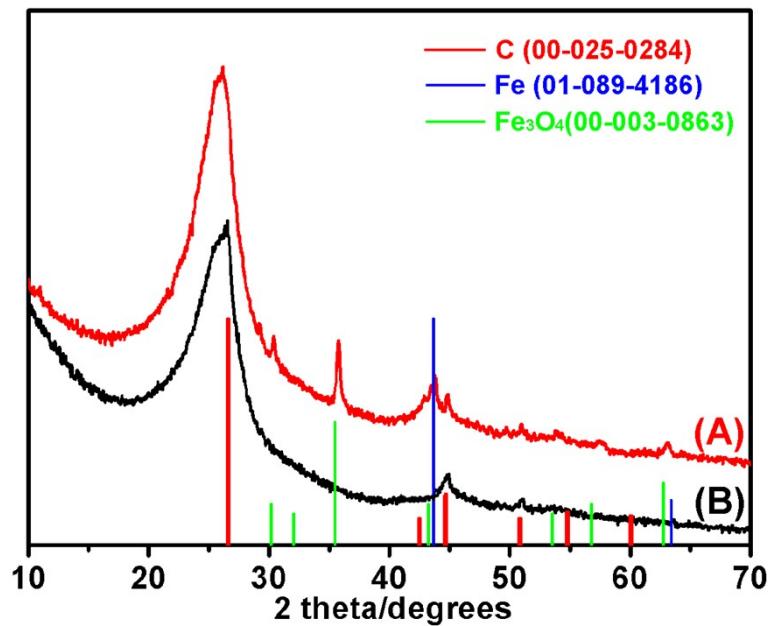
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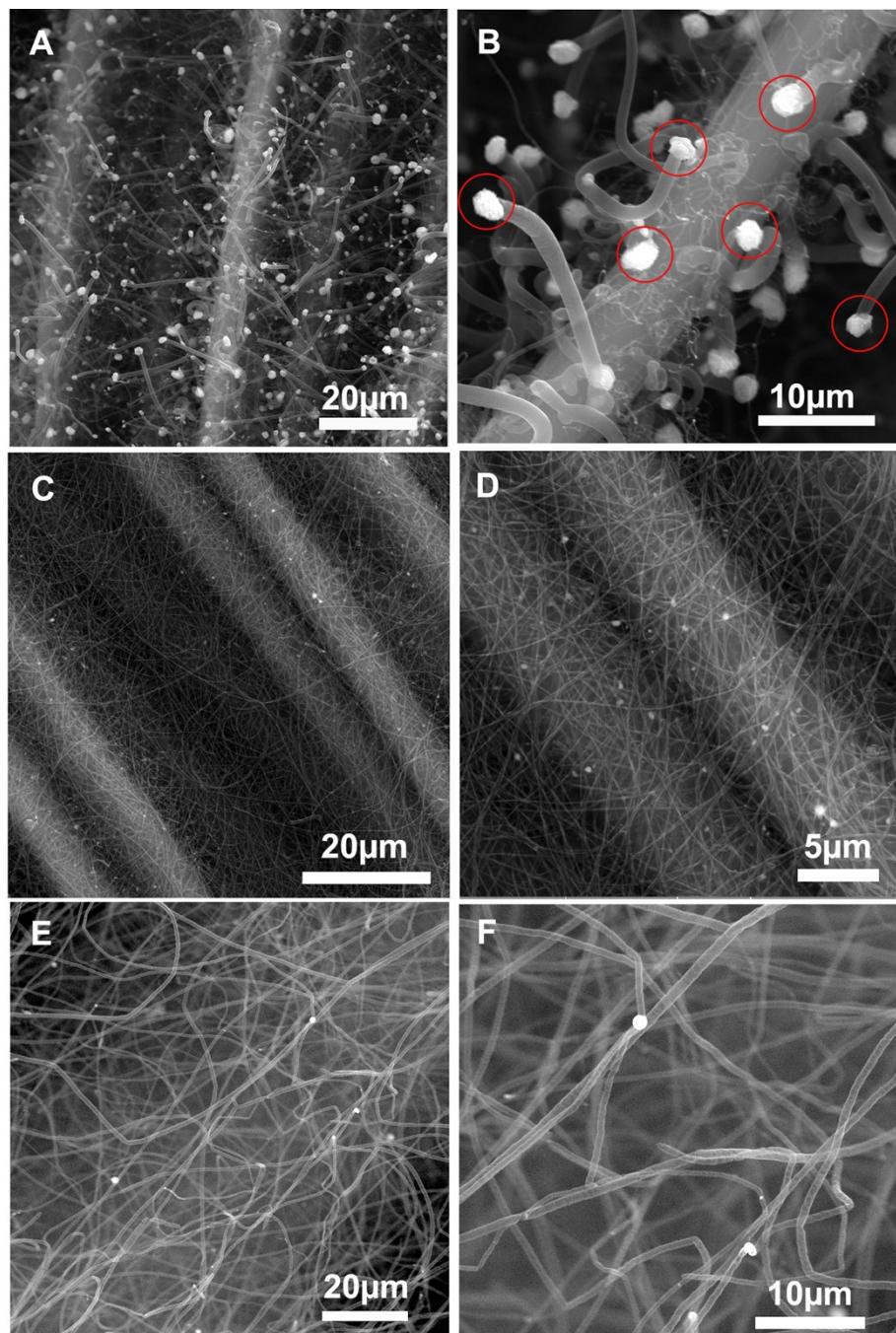
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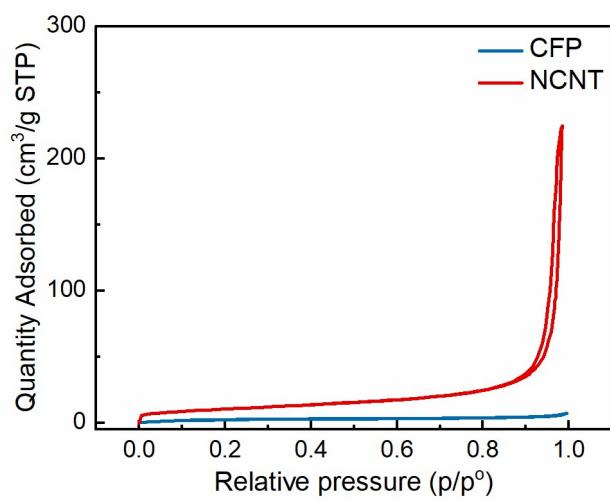
**Figure S1.** (A) Low and (B) high magnified SEM images of FeOOH nanoarray grown on carbon fiber paper via a hydrolysis of  $\text{FeCl}_3$ .



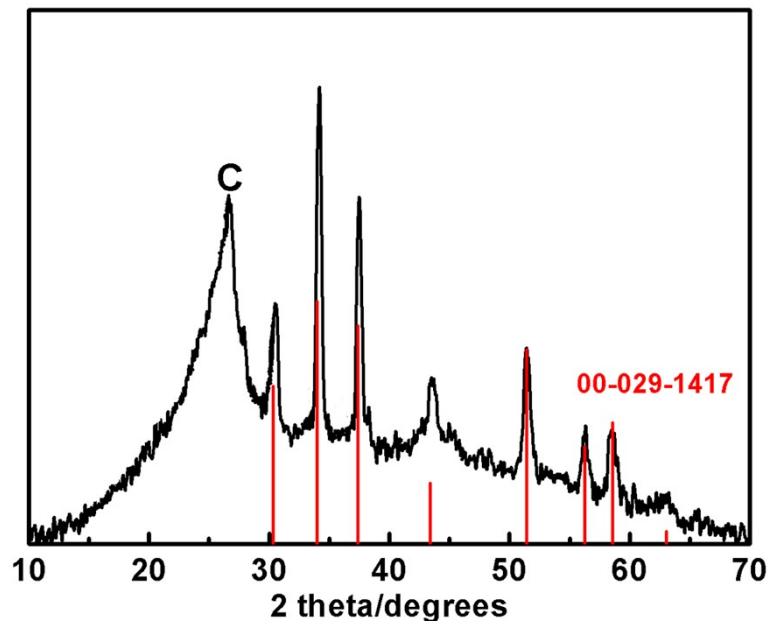
**Figure S2.** XRD pattern of (A) Fe/Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/NCNT and (B) NCNT array.



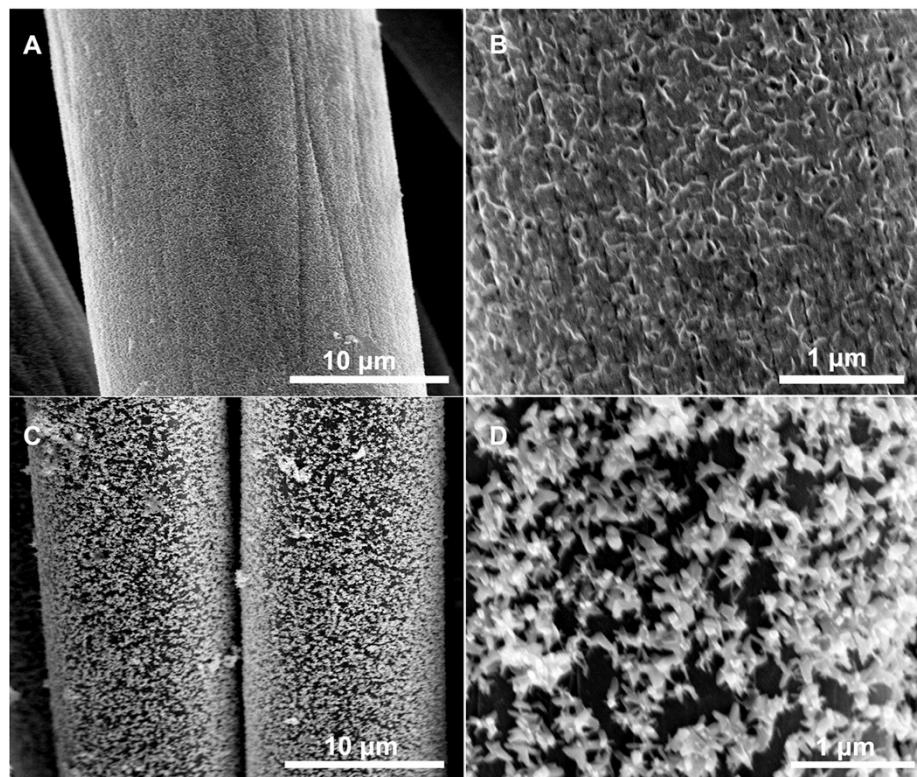
**Figure S3.** SEM images of Fe/Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/NCNT array formed after different pyrolysis times: (A, B) 10 min, (C, D) 30 min, and (E, F) 60 min.



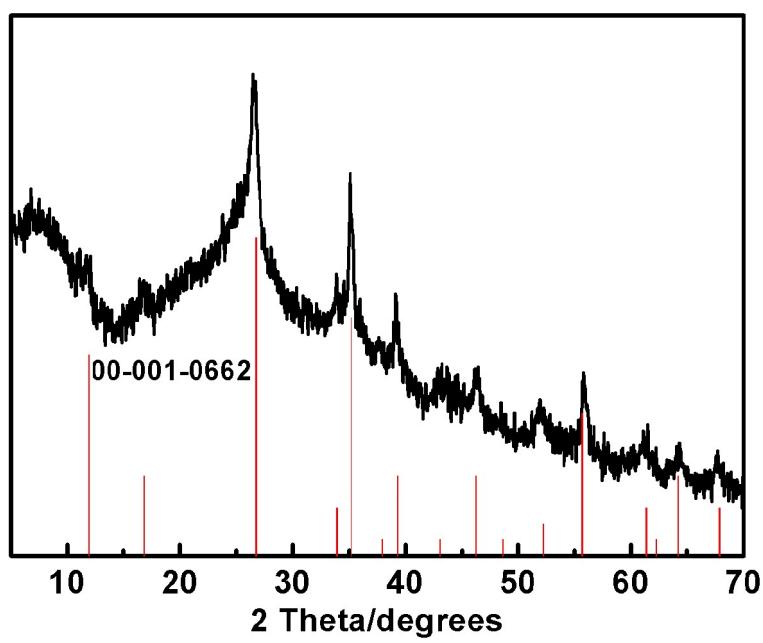
**Figure S4.** N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherms of carbon fiber paper (CFP) and NCNT array.



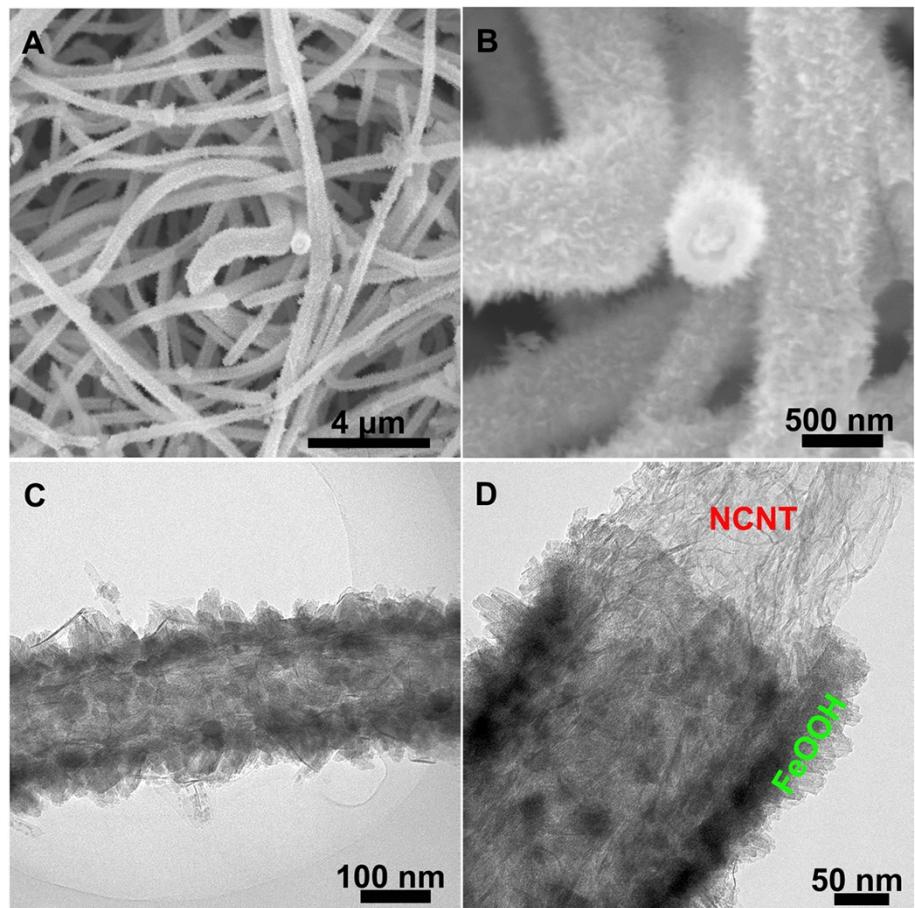
**Figure S5.** XRD pattern of  $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Se}_2/\text{NCNT}$ , which is in consistent with the standard pattern of  $\text{CoSe}_2$  (JCPDS 00-029-1417).



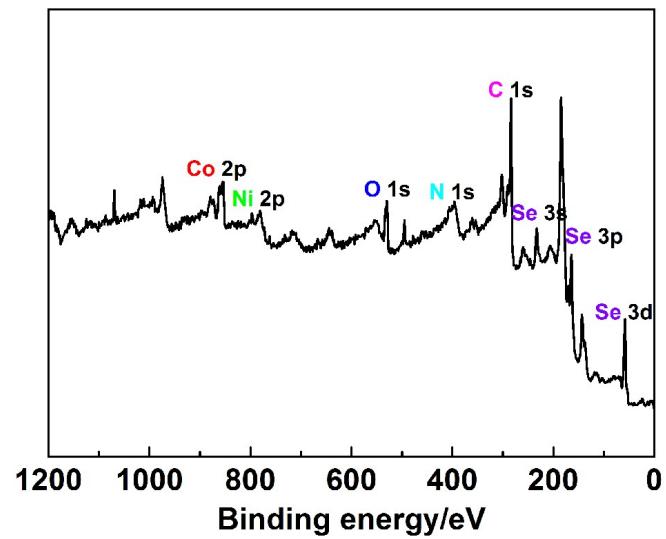
**Figure S6.** SEM images of (A, B)  $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}(\text{OH})_2/\text{CFP}$  and (C, D)  $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Se}_2/\text{CFP}$ .



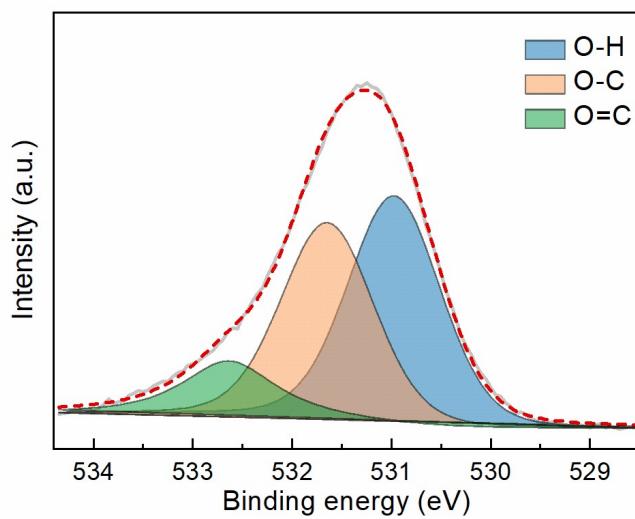
**Figure S7.** XRD pattern of the coaxial FeOOH/NCNT array, which is in accordance with the standard pattern of FeOOH (JCPDS 00-001-0662).



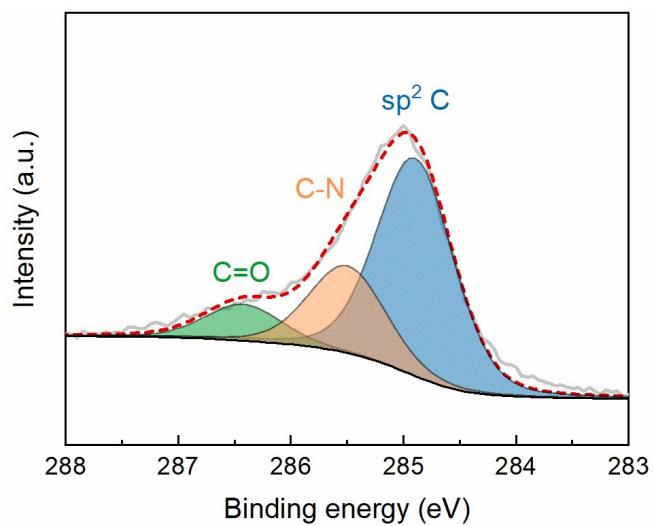
**Figure S8.** (A, B) SEM and (C, D) TEM images of the coaxial FeOOH/NCNT array.



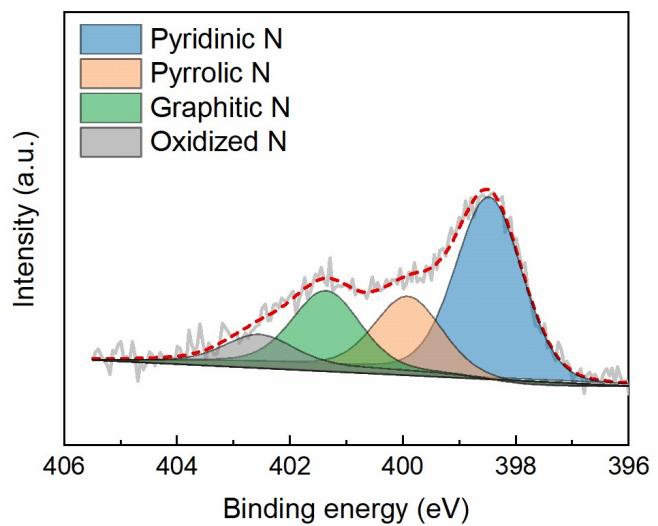
**Figure S9.** The XPS full spectrum of  $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Se}_2/\text{NCNT}$ .



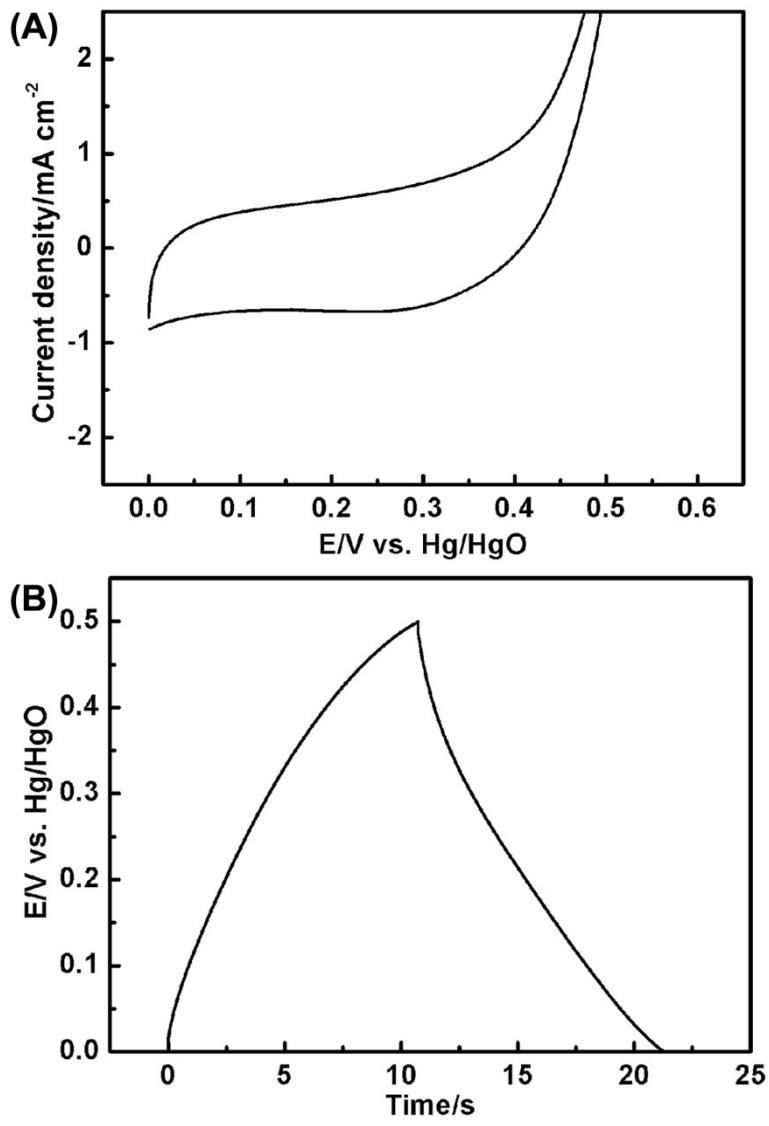
**Figure S10.** The O 1s XPS fine spectrum for  $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Se}_2/\text{NCNT}$ .



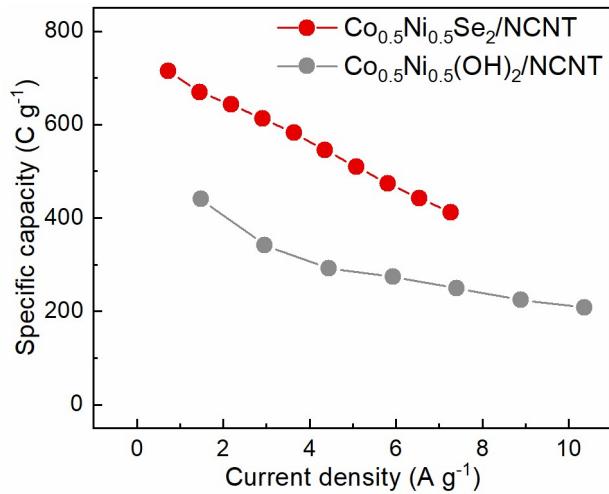
**Figure S11.** The C 1s XPS fine spectrum for  $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Se}_2/\text{NCNT}$ .



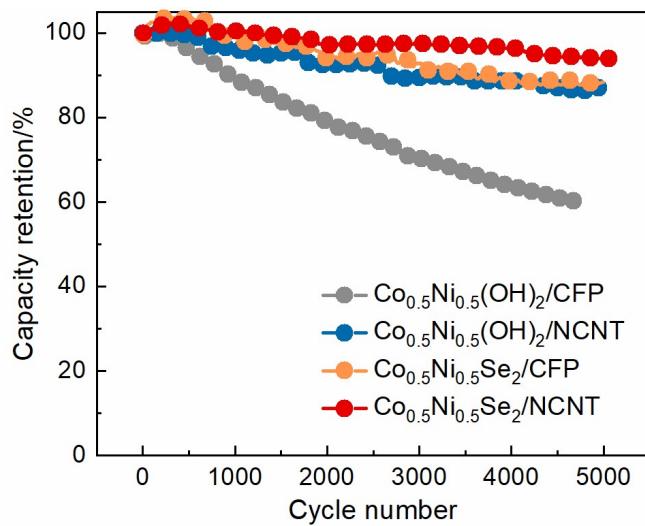
**Figure S12.** The N 1s XPS fine spectrum for  $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Se}_2/\text{NCNT}$ .



**Figure S13.** (A) CV curve ( $10 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ) and (B) galvanostatic charge/discharge curves at  $4 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$  of NCNT. The areal capacity is  $21.0 \text{ mC cm}^{-2}$  at  $4 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ .



**Figure S14.** Specific capacity of  $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}(\text{OH})_2/\text{NCNT}$  and  $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Se}_2/\text{NCNT}$  electrodes.



**Figure S15.** The long-term cycling performances of  $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}(\text{OH})_2/\text{CFP}$ ,  $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}(\text{OH})_2/\text{NCNT}$ ,  $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Se}_2/\text{CFP}$ , and  $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Se}_2/\text{NCNT}$  at a charging/discharging current of  $20 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ .

**Table S1.** Comparison of the specific capacity and rate capability of the  $\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Se}_2/\text{NCNT}$  coaxial electrode with the Ni-Co-Se electrodes reported before.

Samples	Current density	Specific capacity	Rate capability	Ref.
$\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Se}_2/\text{NCNT}$	$4.0 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	$3.9 \text{ C cm}^{-2}$ ( $714.5 \text{ C g}^{-1}$ )	$57.6\% (4-40)$	This work
$\text{Ni}_{0.34}\text{Co}_{0.66}\text{Se}_2$	$4.0 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	$1.31 \text{ C cm}^{-2}$	$75\% (4-20)$	<sup>1</sup>
Ni-Co-Se	$1 \text{ A g}^{-1}$	$333.0 \text{ C g}^{-1}$	$40.6\% (1-20)$	<sup>2</sup>
Ni-Mn-Se	$2 \text{ A g}^{-1}$	$1221.1 \text{ C g}^{-1}$	$78.8\% (2-32)$	<sup>3</sup>
$\text{NiCo}_{2.1}\text{Se}_{3.3}$	$1 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$	$371.2 \text{ C g}^{-1}$	$63.5\% (1-10)$	<sup>4</sup>
$\text{NiCoSe}_2$	$3 \text{ A g}^{-1}$	$375 \text{ C g}^{-1}$	$88.0\% (3-10)$	<sup>5</sup>
$(\text{Ni}_x\text{Co}_{1-x})_9\text{Se}_8$	$5 \text{ A g}^{-1}$	$1692.9 \text{ C g}^{-1}$	$91.8\% (5-30)$	<sup>6</sup>
$\text{NiCoSe}_4$	$0.5 \text{ A g}^{-1}$	$504 \text{ C g}^{-1}$	$85.2\% (0.5-20)$	<sup>7</sup>
$\text{Ni}_{0.5}\text{Co}_{0.5}\text{Se}_2$	$1 \text{ A g}^{-1}$	$262 \text{ C g}^{-1}$	$56.0\% (1-50)$	<sup>8</sup>
$(\text{Ni}_{0.33}\text{Co}_{0.67})\text{Se}_2$	$1 \text{ A g}^{-1}$	$414.0 \text{ C g}^{-1}$	$78.0\% (1-30)$	<sup>9</sup>
$\text{NiCoSe}_2$	$1 \text{ A g}^{-1}$	$150.1 \text{ C g}^{-1}$	$63.3\% (1-20)$	<sup>10</sup>
$\text{NiCoSe}_2$	$1 \text{ A g}^{-1}$	$520 \text{ C g}^{-1}$	$53.7\% (1-30)$	<sup>11</sup>

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