

Supporting Information

**Ni<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>/Co<sub>3</sub>S<sub>4</sub> with controlled surface electron arrangement for high-performance aqueous  
energy storage**

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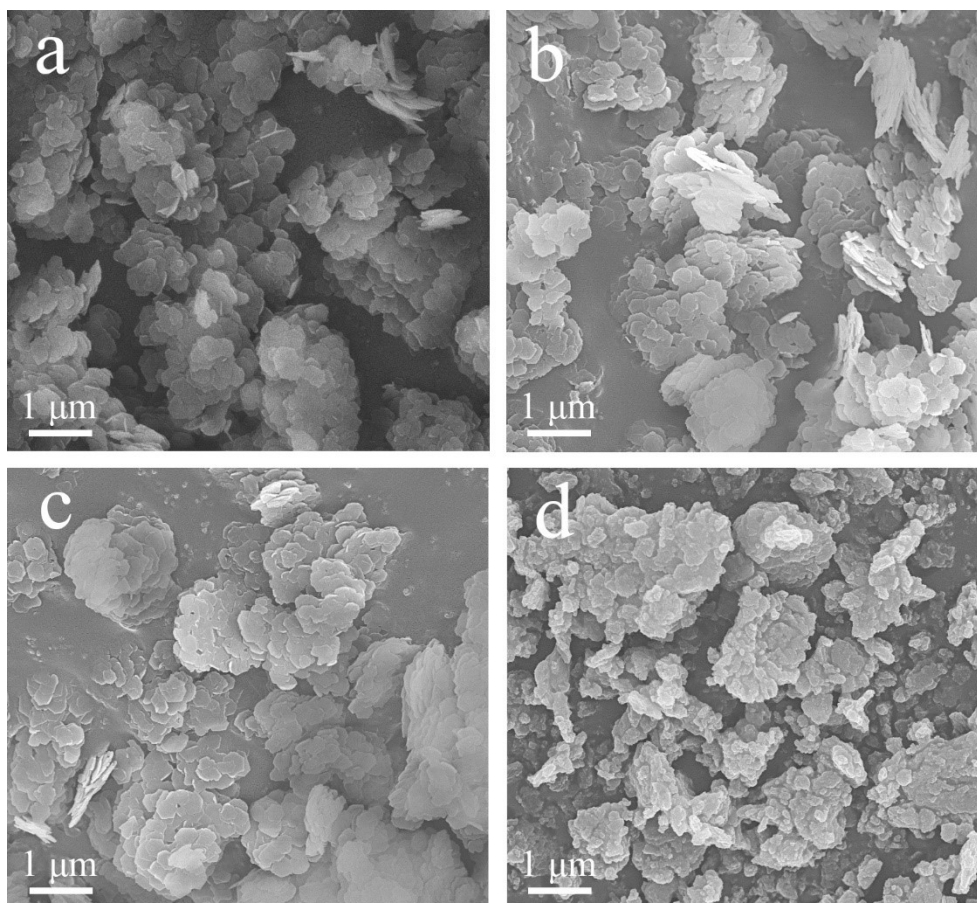


Fig. S1 SEM images of (a)  $\text{Co}_5(\text{O}_{9.48}\text{H}_{8.52})\text{NO}_3$ , (b)  $\text{Ni}/\text{Co}_5(\text{O}_{9.48}\text{H}_{8.52})\text{NO}_3$ , (c)  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4$ , (d)  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4\text{-Sv}$ , respectively under low magnifications.

Table S1 The specific ICP results of  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4\text{-Sv}$  sample

Sample Name	Mass $m_0$ (g)	Constant Volume $V_0$ (mL)	Test Element	Concentration of tested element in solution $C_0$ (mg/L)	Dilution factor $f$	Element concentration in original decomposition reagent $C_1$ (mg/L)	Element Content $C_x$ (mg/kg)	Average Value (mg/kg)	%
$\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_4/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4\text{-Sv}$	0.02070	50	Co	4.3564	50	217.82000	526135.27	5.23E+05	52.3%
	0.02045	50		4.2597	50	212.98500	520745.72		
	0.02070	50	Ni	1.9571	10	19.57100	47272.95	4.69E+04	4.69%
	0.02045	50		1.8997	10	18.99700	46447.43		

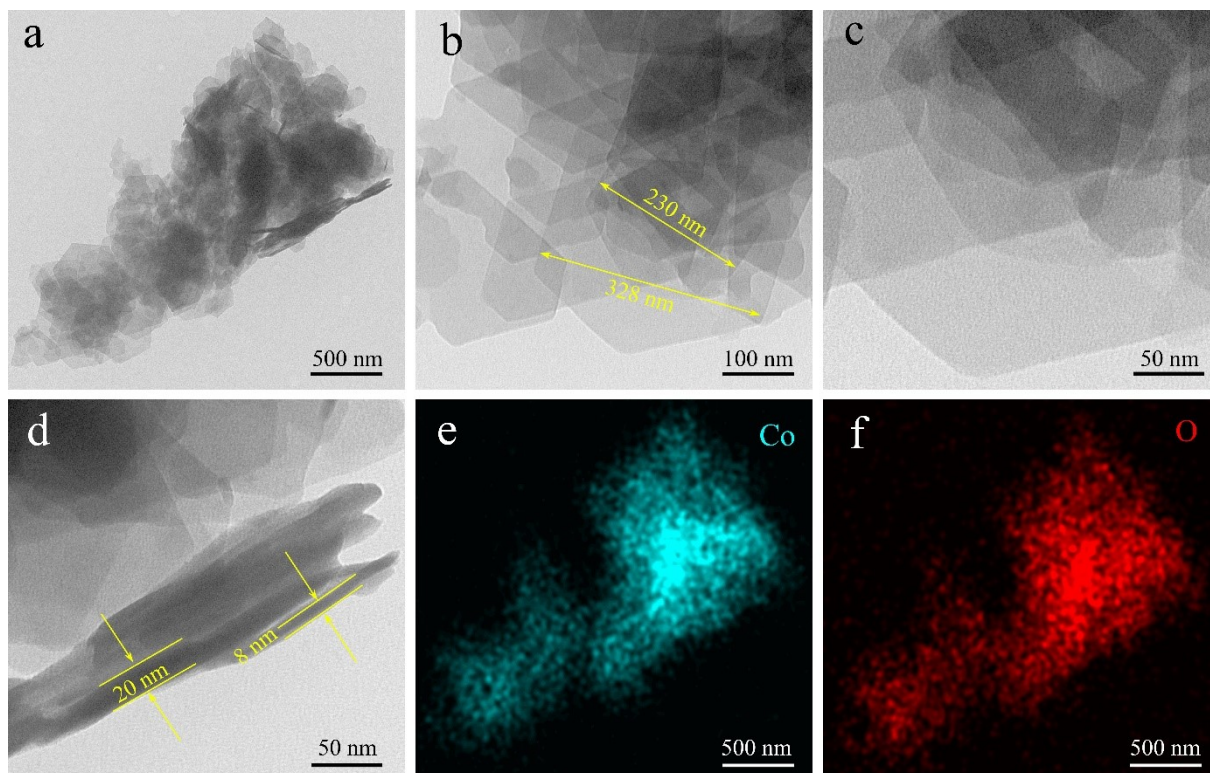


Fig. S2 (a), (b), (c), (d) TEM and elemental mapping of (e) Co, (f) O in  $\text{Co}_5(\text{O}_{9.48}\text{H}_{8.52})\text{NO}_3$

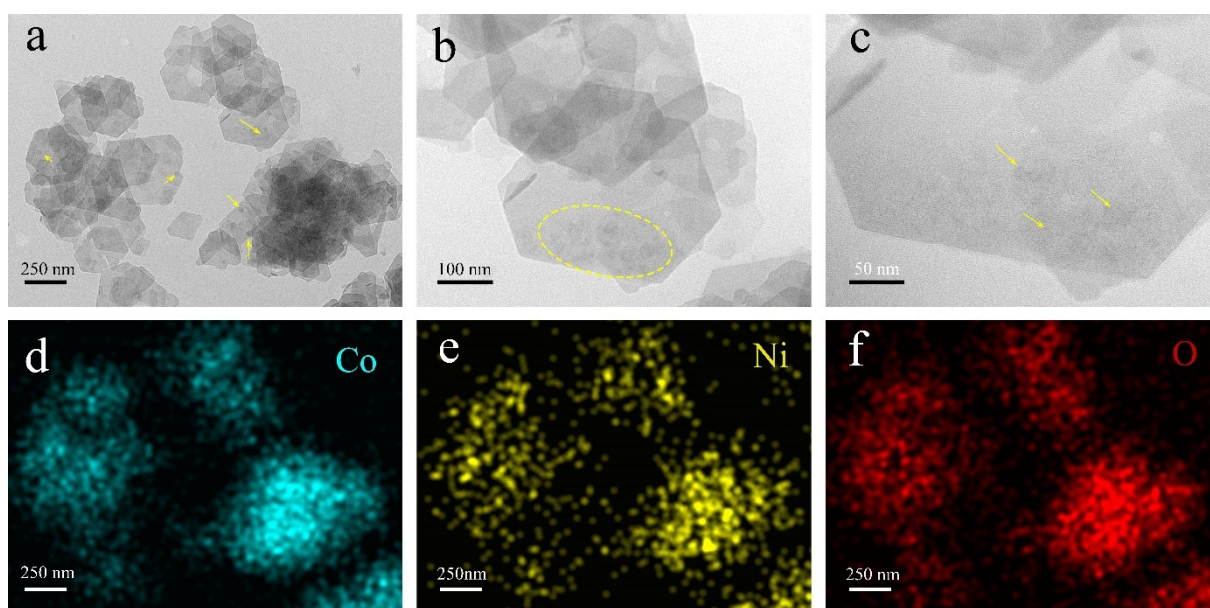
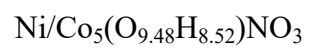


Fig. S3 (a), (b), (c) TEM and elemental mapping of (d) Co, (e) Ni, (f) O in



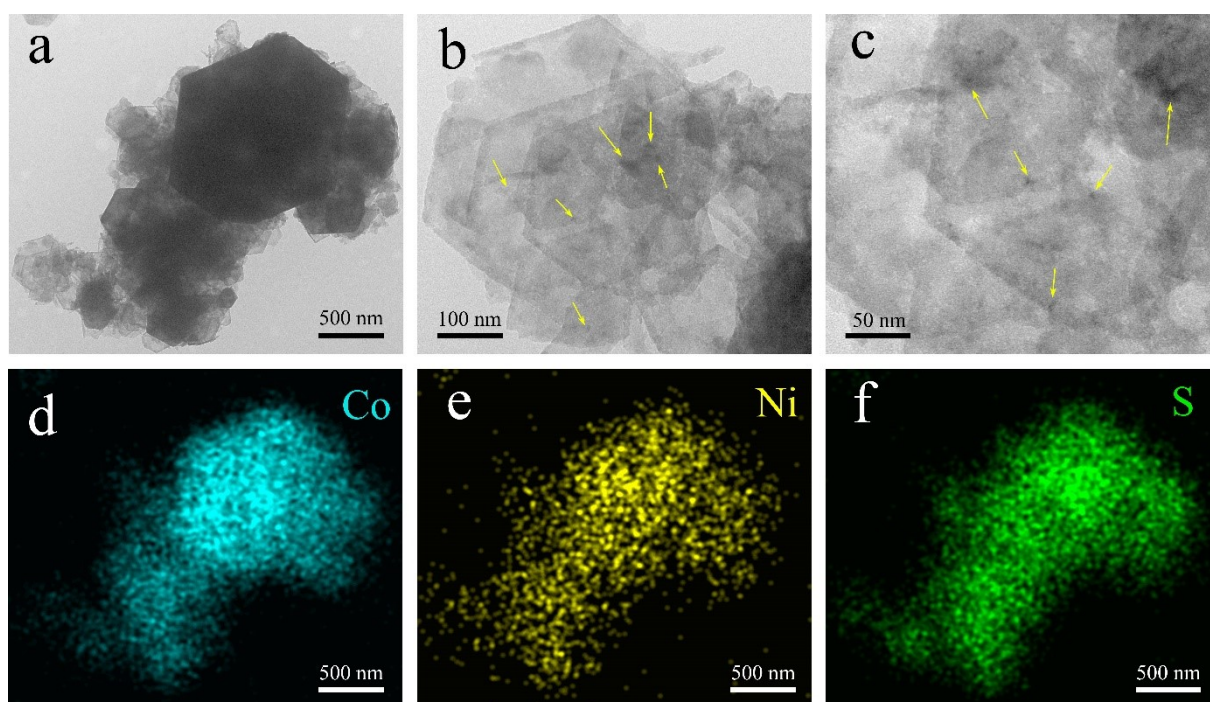


Fig. S4 (a), (b), (c) TEM and elemental mapping of (d) Co, (e) Ni, (f) S in  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4$

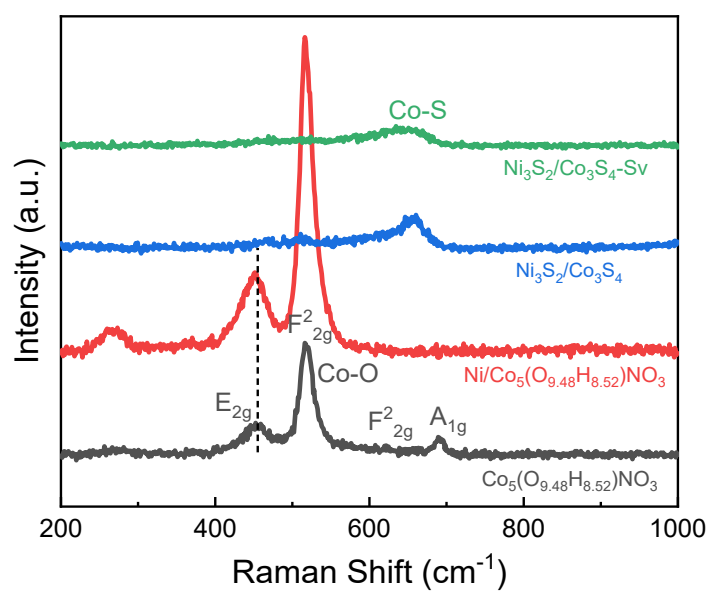


Fig. S5 Raman spectra of samples

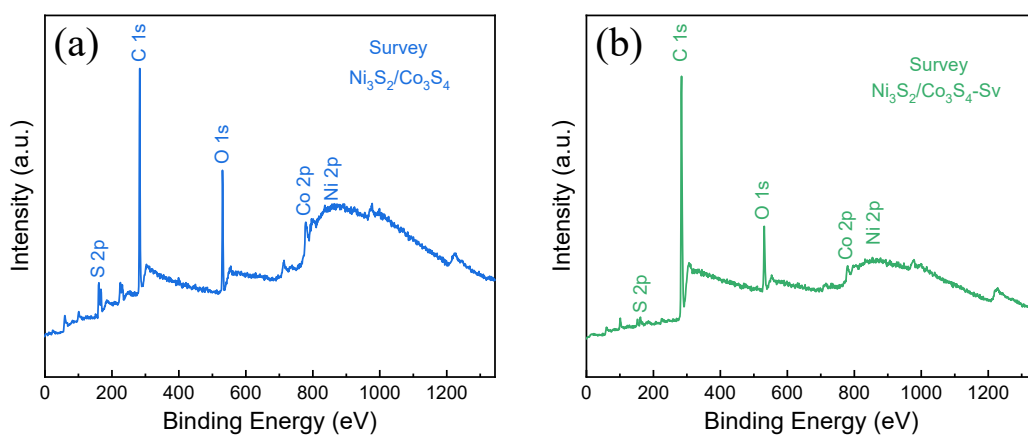


Fig. S6 The survey spectrum of XPS for (a)  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4$ , (b)  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4\text{-Sv}$

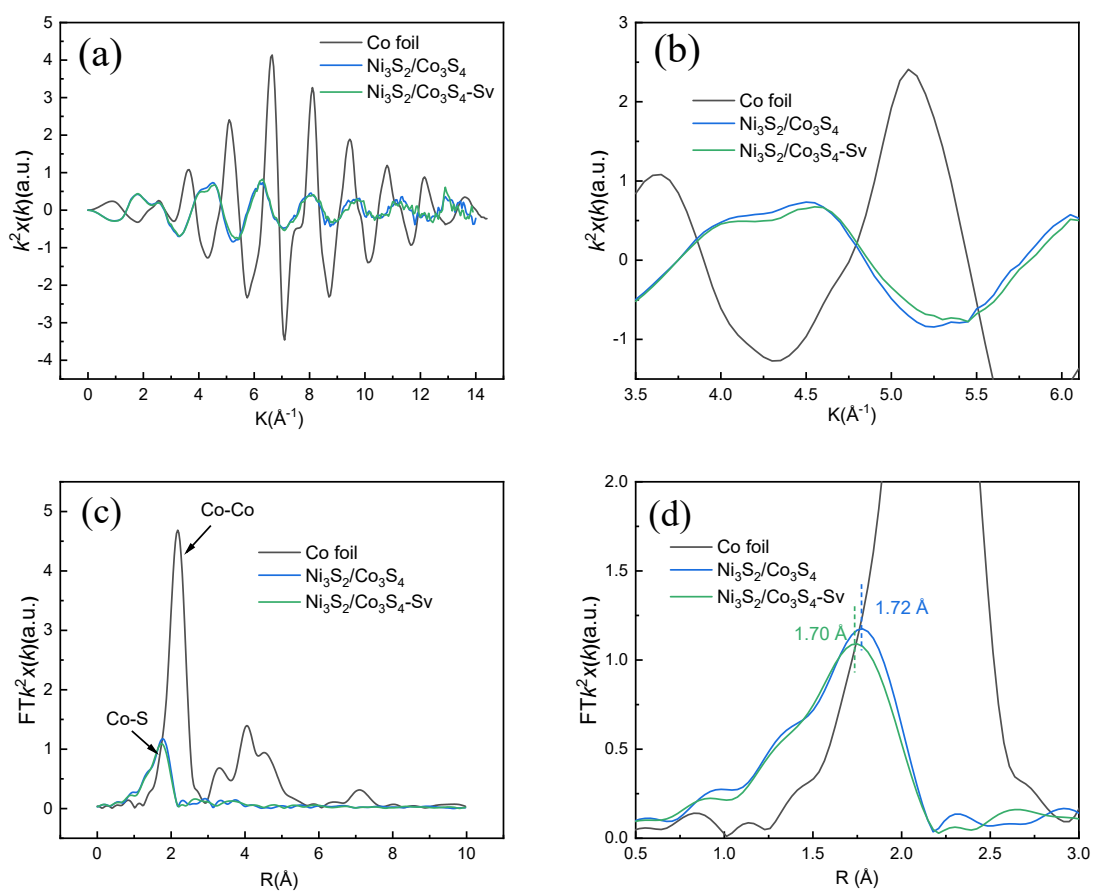


Fig. S7 Co K-edge EXAFS spectra of  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4$  and  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4\text{-Sv}$ : (a), (b) k-space spectra, (c), (d) R-space

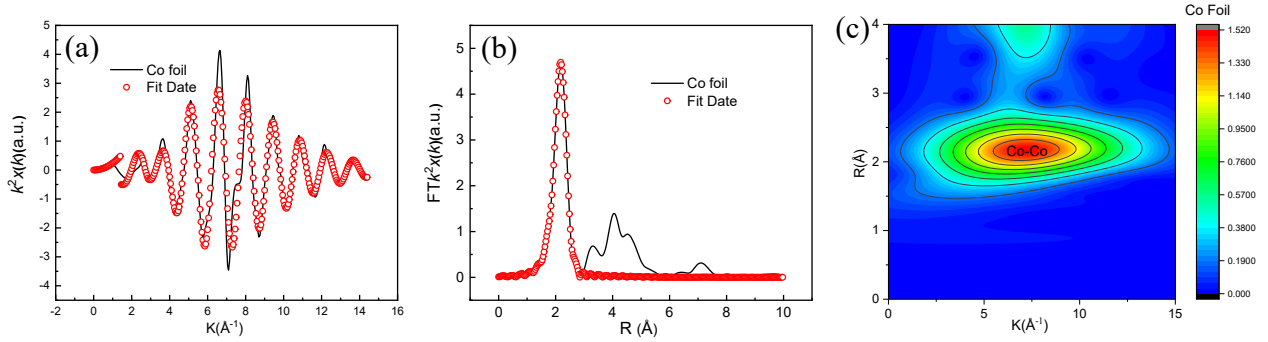


Fig. S8 Co K-edge EXAFS spectra of Co foil: (a) k-space spectra, (b) R-space, (c)

**Table S2** EXAFS fitting parameters at the Co K-edge for various samples ( $S_0^2=0.74$ )

Sample	shell	CN	R(Å)	$\sigma^2$	$\Delta E_0$	R factor
Co foil	Co-Co	12*	2.49±0.01	0.0063	7.6±0.4	0.0021
$\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4\text{-Co}$	Co-S	3.1±0.1	2.22±0.01	0.0053	-5.0±1.1	0.0091
$\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4\text{-Sv-Co}$	Co-S	2.8±0.1	2.20±0.01	0.0051	-6.2±1.4	0.0123

### Fitting parameters of EXAFS

The obtained XAFS data was processed in Athena (version 0.9.26) for background, pre-edge line and post-edge line calibrations. Then Fourier transformed fitting was carried out in Artemis (version 0.9.26). The  $k^2$  weighting, k-range of 3 - 14  $\text{\AA}^{-1}$  and R range of 1 -  $\sim 3$   $\text{\AA}$  were used for the fitting of Co foil; k-range of 3 - 11.03  $\text{\AA}^{-1}$  and R range of 1 -  $\sim 2.5$   $\text{\AA}$  were used for the fitting of samples. The four parameters, coordination number, bond length, Debye-Waller factor and  $E_0$  shift (CN, R,  $\Delta E_0$ ) were fitted without anyone was fixed, the  $\sigma^2$  was set.

### Parameters for Wavelet Transform analysis

For Wavelet Transform analysis, the  $\chi(k)$  exported from Athena was imported into the Hama Fortran code. The parameters were listed as follow: R range, 1 - 4  $\text{\AA}$ , k range, 0 - 15  $\text{\AA}^{-1}$  for samples; k weight, 2; and Morlet function with  $\kappa=10$ ,  $\sigma=1$  was used as the mother wavelet to provide the overall distribution.

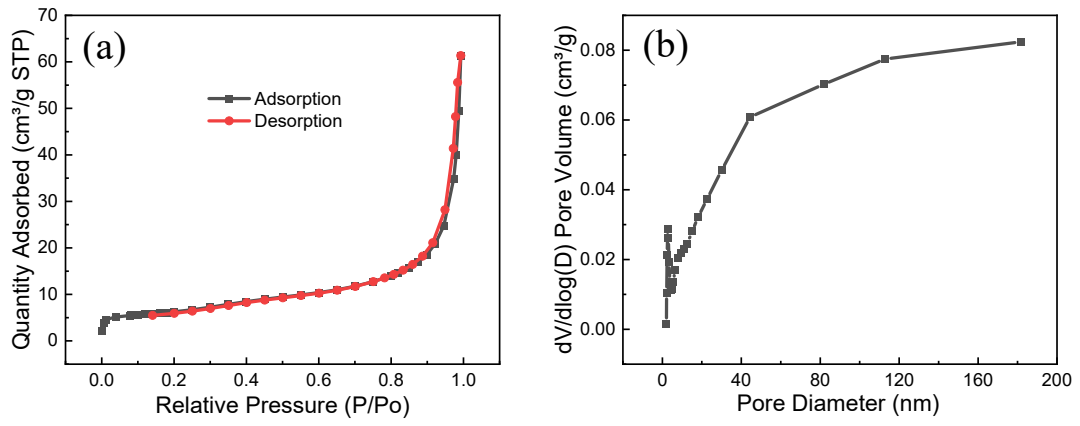


Fig. S9 (a) Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm, (b) BJH pore size distribution of



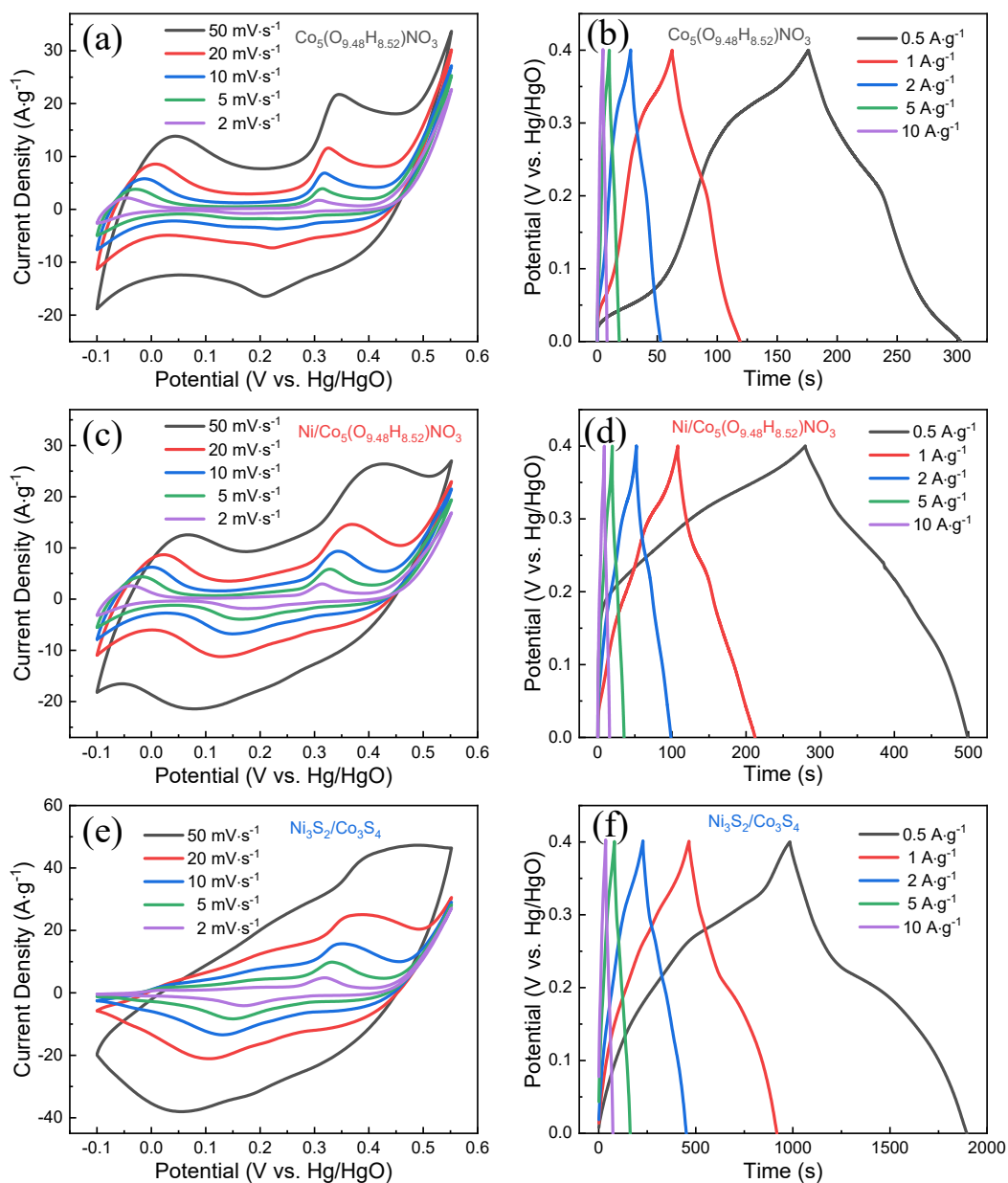


Fig. S10 CV curves at different scan rates of (a) the  $\text{Co}_5(\text{O}_{9.48}\text{H}_{8.52})\text{NO}_3$  electrode, (c) the  $\text{Ni}/\text{Co}_5(\text{O}_{9.48}\text{H}_{8.52})\text{NO}_3$  electrode, (e) the  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4$  electrode, respectively. GCD profiles at different current densities of (b) the  $\text{Co}_5(\text{O}_{9.48}\text{H}_{8.52})\text{NO}_3$  electrode, (d) the  $\text{Ni}/\text{Co}_5(\text{O}_{9.48}\text{H}_{8.52})\text{NO}_3$  electrode, (f) the  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4$  electrode, respectively.



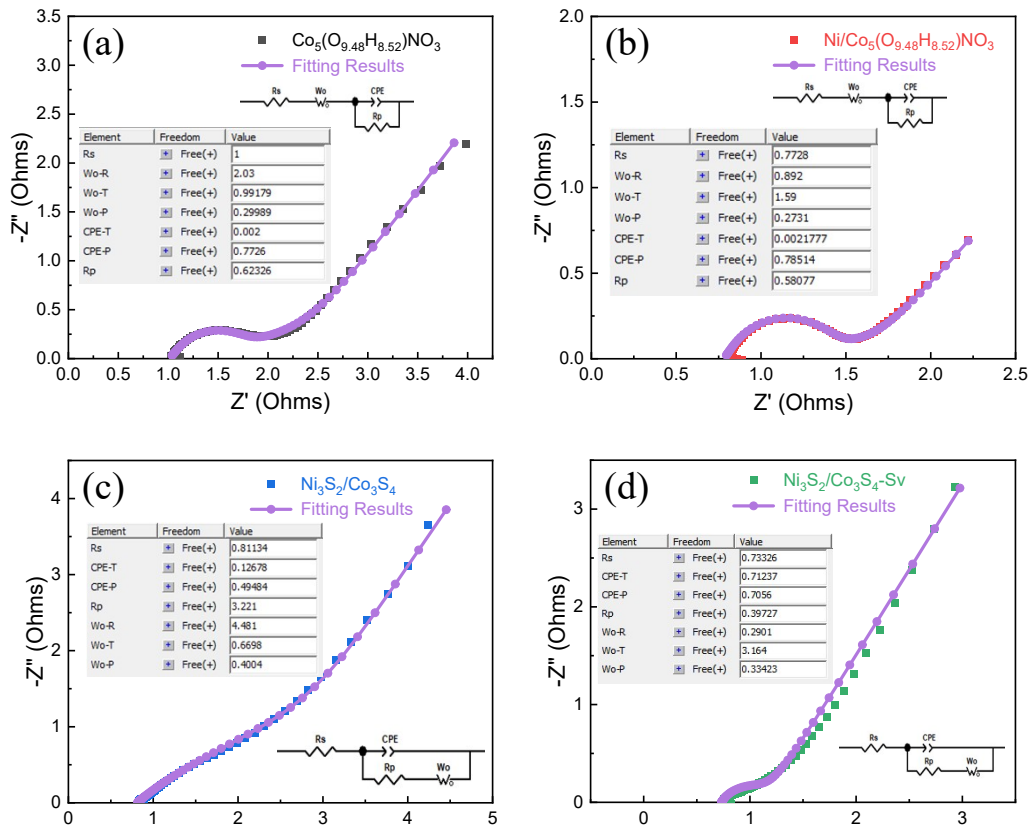


Fig. S11 The EIS fitting results and related equivalent circuit of samples.

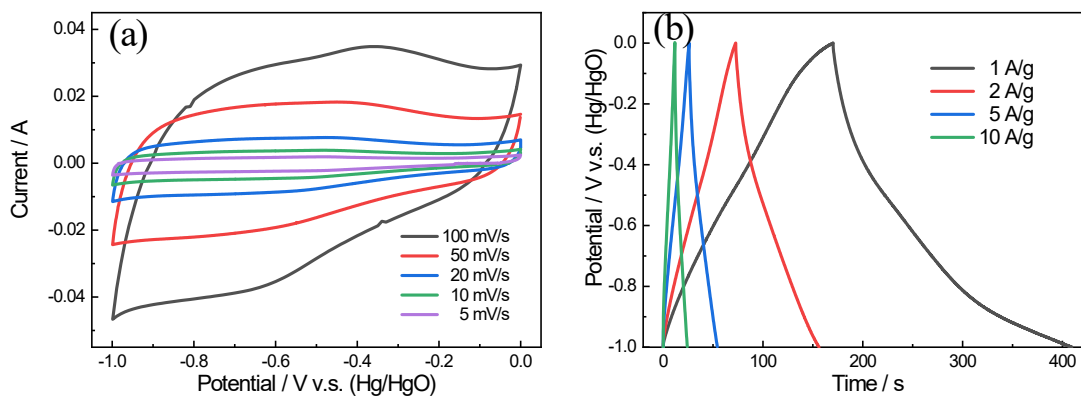


Fig. S12 (a) CV curves at different scan rates and (b) GCD profiles at varied current densities of the AC electrode

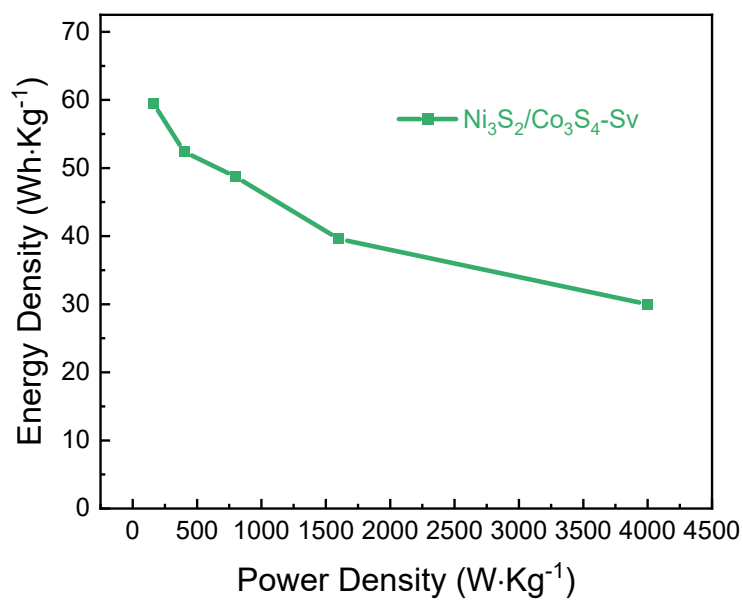


Fig. S13 The energy density vs. power density of  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4\text{-Sv}$ //AC

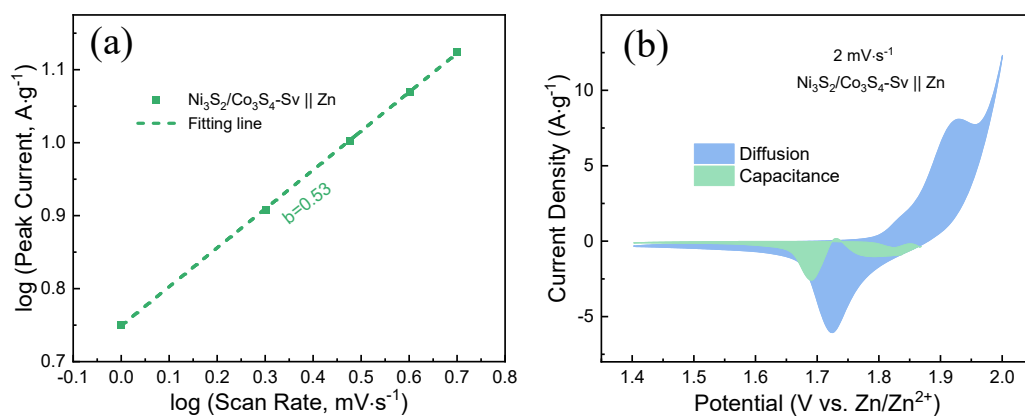


Fig. S14 (a) The plot of peak current vs. scanning rate; (b) Capacitive and diffusion-controlled contribution to charge storage of  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4\text{-Sv} // \text{Zn}$

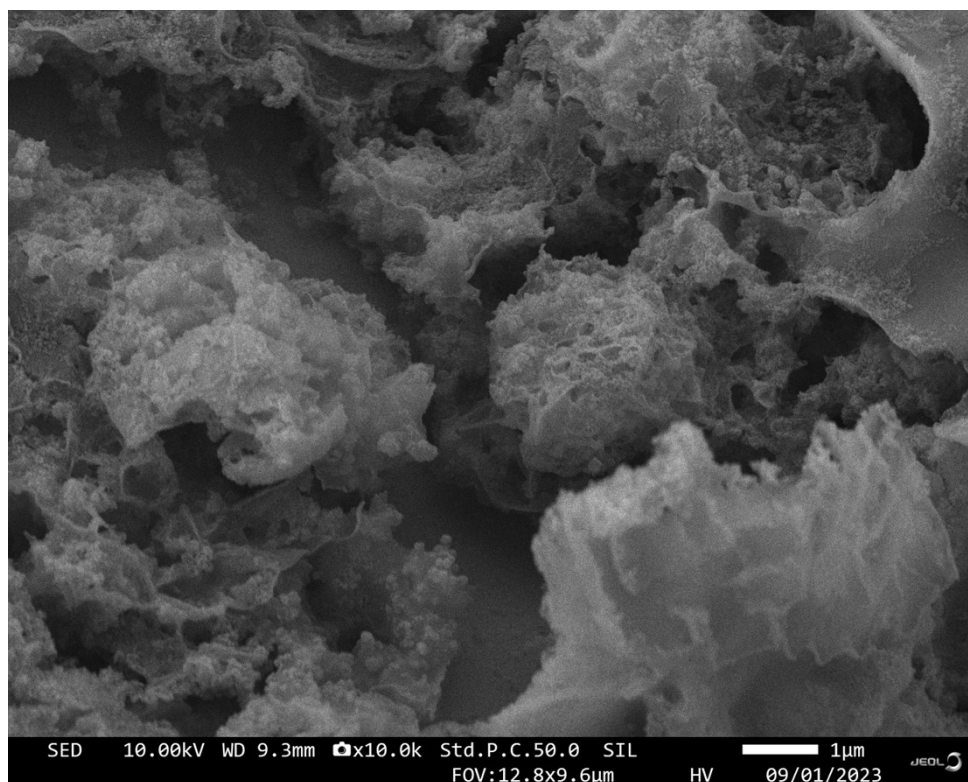


Fig. S15 The SEM image of  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4\text{-Sv}$  after 2000 cycles

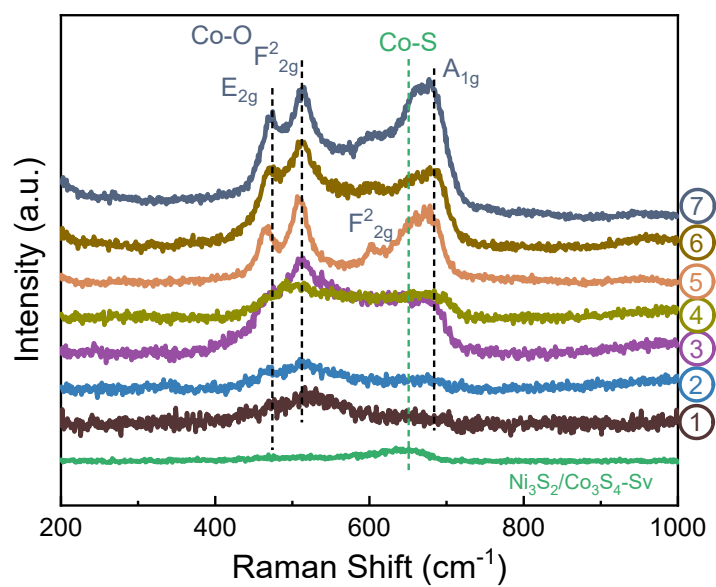


Fig. S16 Ex-situ Raman spectra of  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4\text{-Sv}$  during charge/discharge process

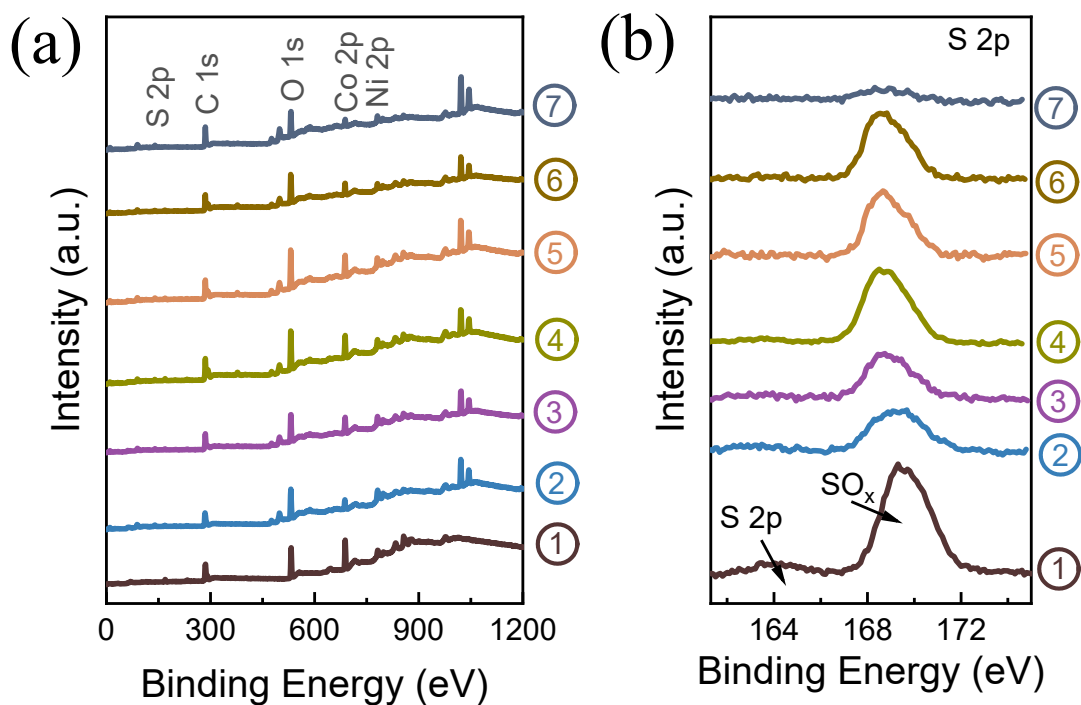


Fig. S17 Ex-situ XPS spectra of (a) survey spectra, (b) S 2p spectra

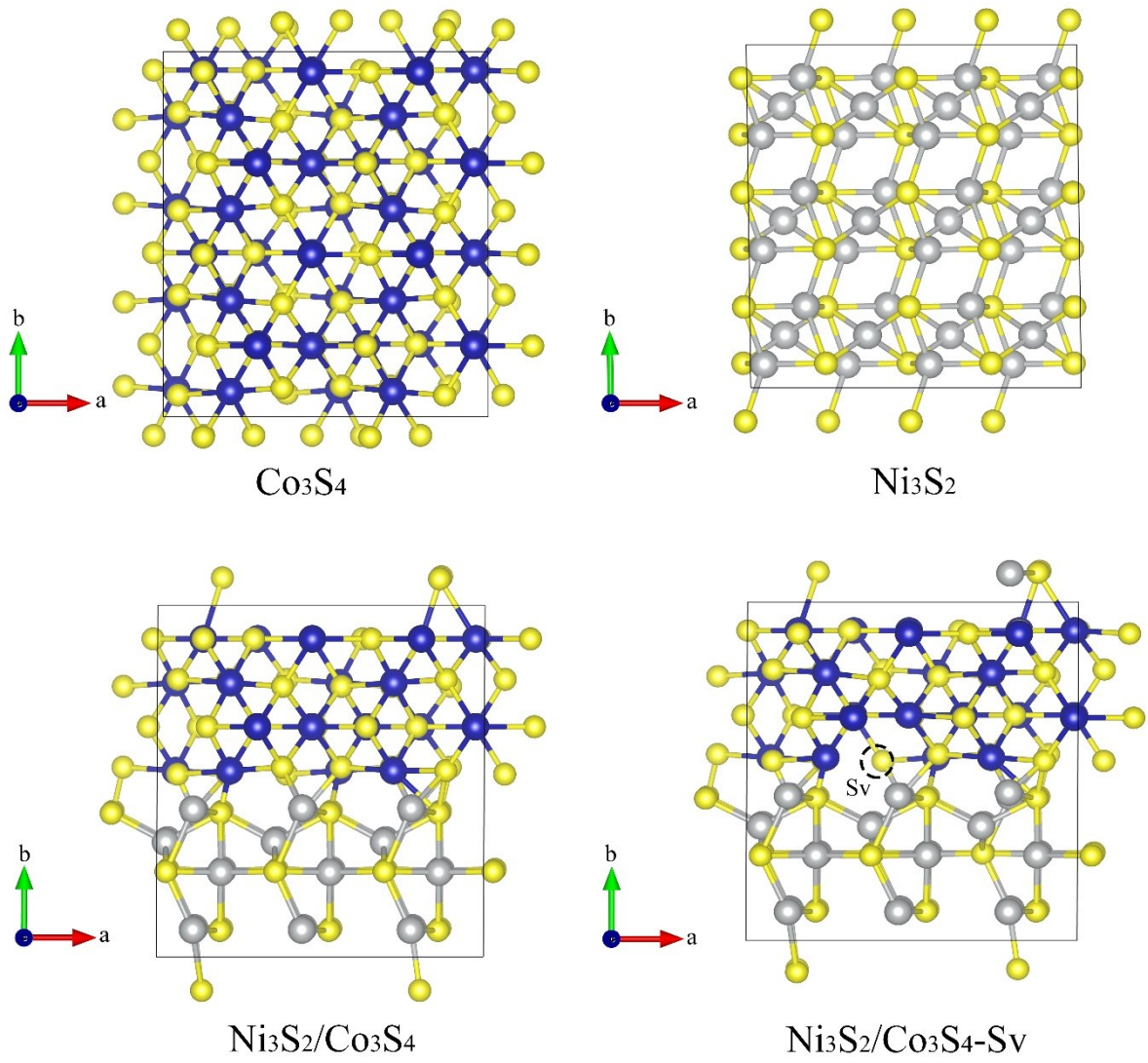


Fig. S18 Top-view models of (a)  $\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4$ , (b)  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4$ , (c)  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{Co}_3\text{S}_4\text{-Sv}$ , respectively.