

Supporting Information for

## Interior and Exterior Decoration of Transition Metal Oxide through Cu<sup>0</sup>/Cu<sup>+</sup> Co-Doping Strategy for High-Performance Supercapacitor

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### Supplementary Tables and Figures

#### Calculation of specific capacitance, energy density, and power density

The specific capacitance, energy density, and power density are determined by the following calculation formulas:

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

$$E = \frac{1}{2 \times 3.6} C_s \Delta V^2 \quad (2)$$

$$P = \frac{3600 \times E}{\Delta t} \quad (3)$$

Where  $C_s$  ( $F g^{-1}$ ) is the specific capacitance,  $I$  (A) is the discharge current,  $\Delta t$  (s) is the discharge time,  $m$  (g) is the full mass of the active election,  $\Delta V$  (V) is the operating voltage range during a full discharge,  $E$  ( $Wh kg^{-1}$ ) and  $P$  ( $W kg^{-1}$ ) is the energy density and power density, respectively.

### Determination of diffusion-controlled and surface capacitance contribution

In theory, diffusion-controlled and surface capacitance contribution can be identified by analyzing the CV curves according to the equation (4) and (5):

$$i = av^b \quad (4)$$

$$\log i = b \log v + \log a \quad (5)$$

where  $i$  and  $v$  is the current response and scan rate;  $a$  and  $b$  are the adjustable constants. The  $b$  value, estimated from the slope of the linear fit from  $\log i$  versus  $\log v$ , is related to different charge storage mechanism. When  $b$  approaches 0.5, the current is controlled by diffusion-controlled behavior; while  $b$  is close to 1, the current is dominated by the capacitive-type charge storage behavior.

In addition, the different charge storage contributions can also be quantitatively estimated using the following equation:

$$i(V) = k_1v + k_2v^{0.5} \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{i(V)}{v^{0.5}} = k_1v^{0.5} + k_2 \quad (7)$$

where  $i$  is the response current at a specific potential,  $v$  is the scan rate.  $k_1v$  and  $k_2v^{0.5}$  are capacitive and diffusion-controlled currents, respectively.

### Calculations of formation energy

The formation energies (FEs) were calculated as  $FEs = E_{total} - \mu_{Cu} - E_{CoO} + \mu_{Co}$ , where  $E_{total}$  is the total energies of Cu doping structure, and  $\mu_{Cu}$ ,  $\mu_{Co}$  is the Cu, Co chemical potential.  $E_{CoO}$  is the energy of CoO structure, respectively. For the heterojunction structure, the formation energies can be obtained by:  $FEs = E_{A/B} - E_A - E_B$ , where  $E_{A/B}$  is the energy of heterojunction structure,  $E_A$  is the energy of Cu doping CoO slab and  $E_B$  is the energy of Cu metal slab.

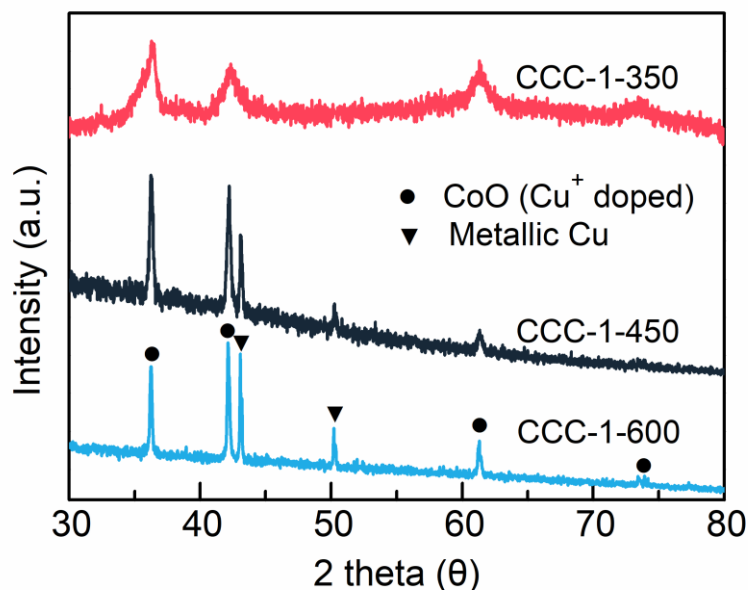
**Table S1** Comparison the theoretical capacity of typical TMOs

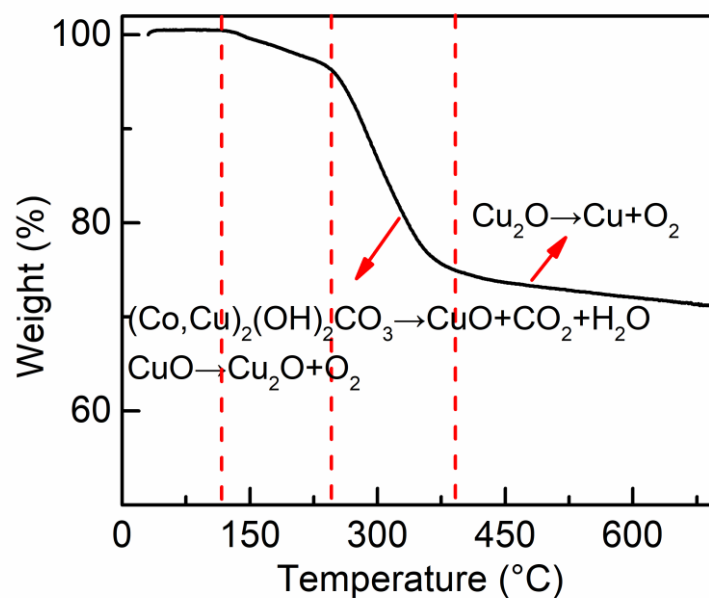
| Materials                      | Molecular weight<br>(g mol <sup>-1</sup> ) | Chemical reaction equation   | Potential<br>window (V) | Theoretical<br>capacity (F g <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|--------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|--|
| CoO                            | 74.9                                       | $\text{CoO} + 2\text{OH}^- \leftrightarrow \text{CoO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + 2\text{e}^-$              | 0.6                     | 4292   |
| Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | 240.8                                      | $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4 + 4\text{OH}^- \leftrightarrow 3\text{CoO}_2 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O} + 4\text{e}^-$ | 0.45                    | 3561   |
| NiO                            | 74.7                                       | $\text{NiO} + 3\text{OH}^- \leftrightarrow \text{NiOOH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{e}^-$               | 0.5                     | 2583   |
| MnO <sub>2</sub>               | 86.9                                       | $\text{MnO}_2 + \text{Na}^+ + \text{e}^- \leftrightarrow \text{NaMnO}_2$                                 | 0.8                     | 1387   |
| Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> | 159.7                                      | $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} + 6\text{e}^- \leftrightarrow 2\text{Fe} + 6\text{OH}^-$    | 1.0                     | 3625   |

The theoretical capacity calculated based on the following formula:

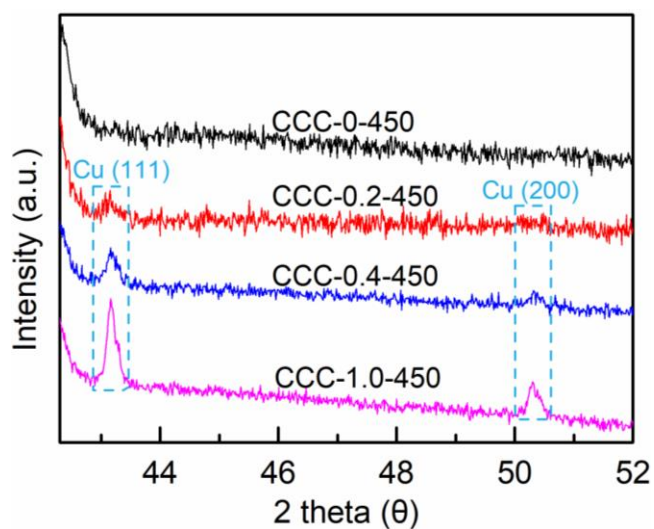
$$C_s = \frac{n \times F}{m \times v}$$

Where  $n$  is the electron number,  $F$  is the Faraday constant (96,485 C mol<sup>-1</sup>),  $m$  is the molecular weight and  $v$  is the redox potential window.

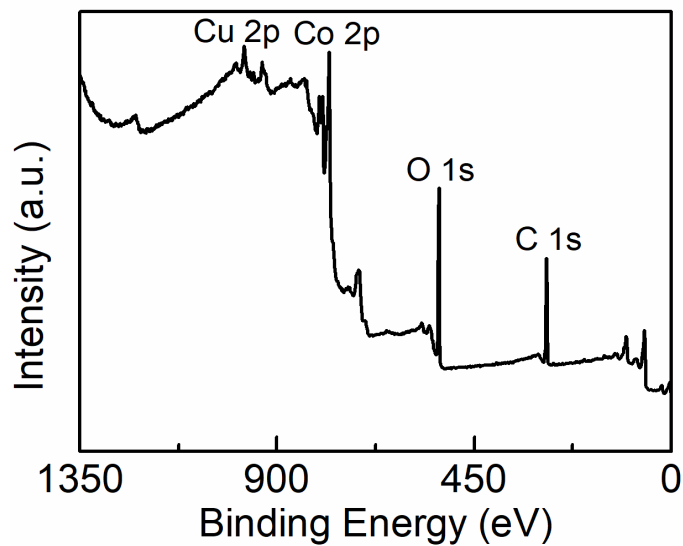
**Fig. S1** XRD patterns of the CCC-1-350, CCC-1-450 and CCC-1-600



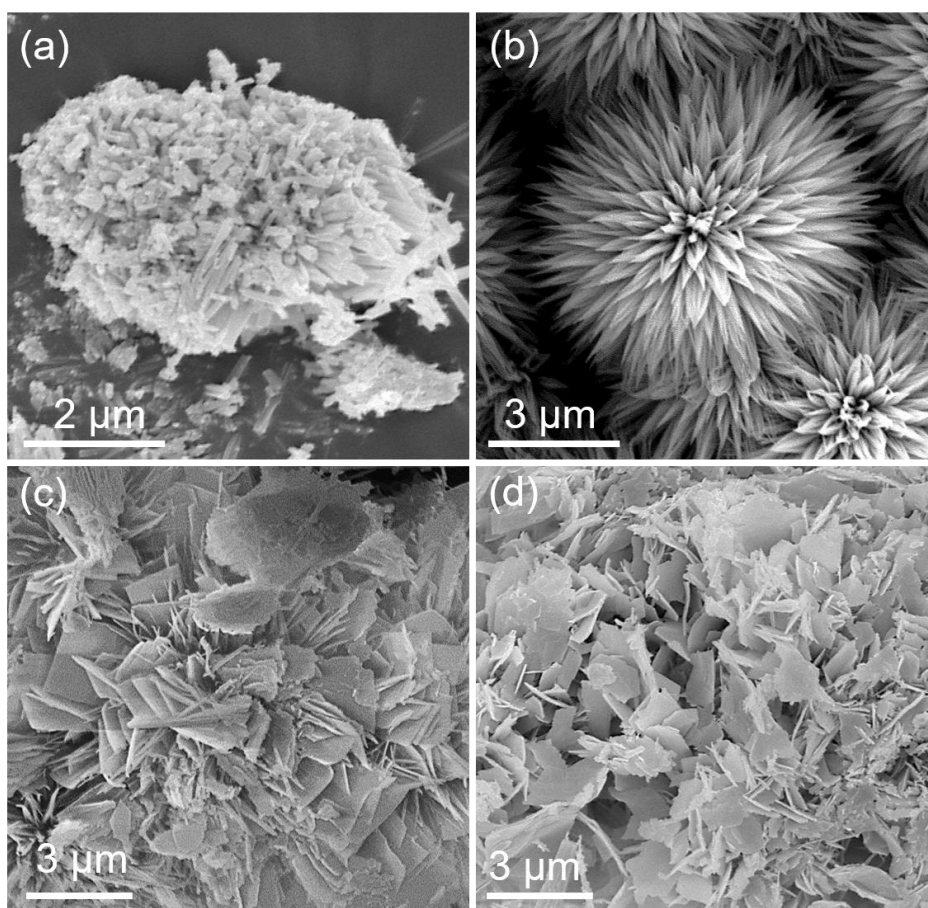
**Fig. S2** TG curve of the CCC-0.2-450 under the N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere



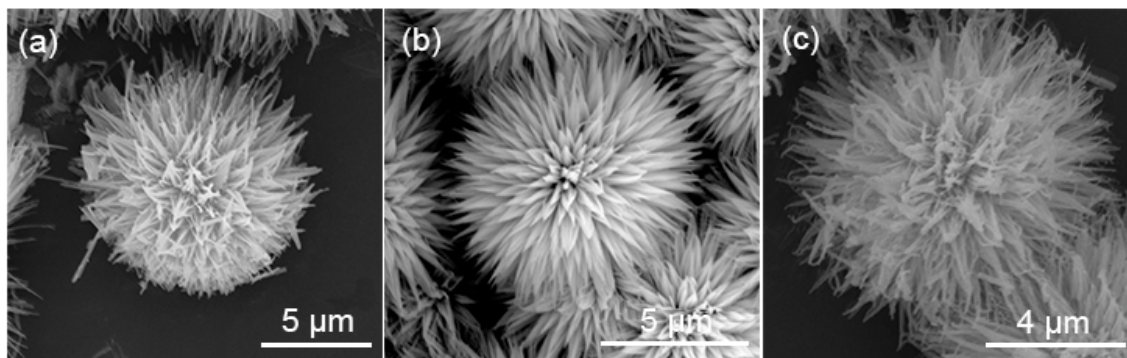
**Fig. S3** Local magnification on the XRD patterns of the CCC-0-450, CCC-0.2-450, CCC-0.4-450 and CCC-1.0-450



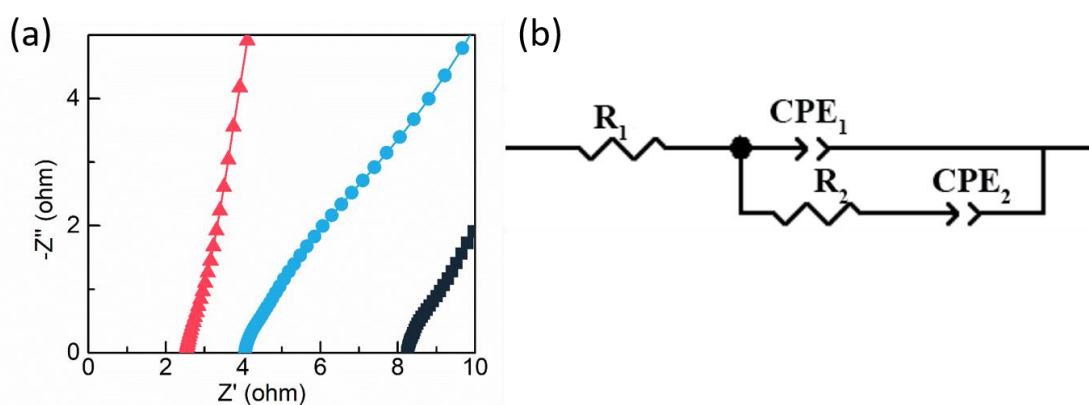
**Fig. S4** The wide XPS spectrum of CCC-0.2-450



**Fig. S5** SEM images of **a** CCC-0-450, **b** CCC-0.2-450, **c** CCC-0.4-450 and **d** CCC-1.0-4



**Fig. S6** SEM images of **a** CCC-0.2-350, **b** CCC-0.2-450 and **c** CCC-0.2-600

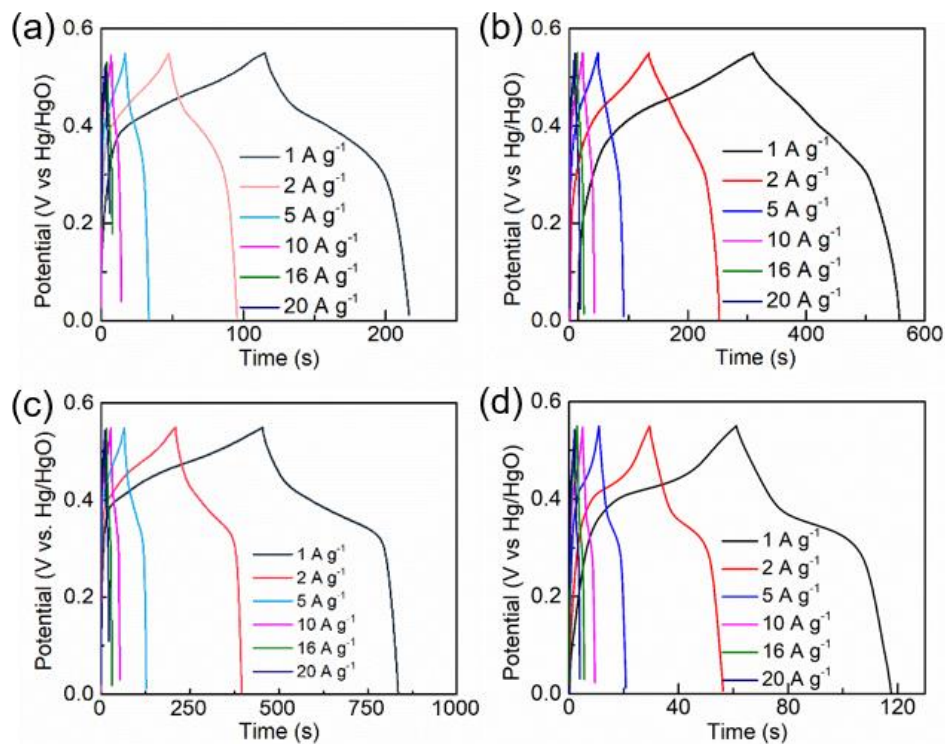


**Fig. S7 a** The magnified high frequency region of the Nyquist plot, **b** Equivalent circuit for the fitting of CCC-0.2-450 EIS spectra.  $R_1$  represent bulk solution resistance ( $R_s$ ),  $R_2$  represent charge transfer resistance ( $R_{ct}$ ),  $CPE_1$  and  $CPE_2$  represent pseudocapacitance and constant phase element, respectively

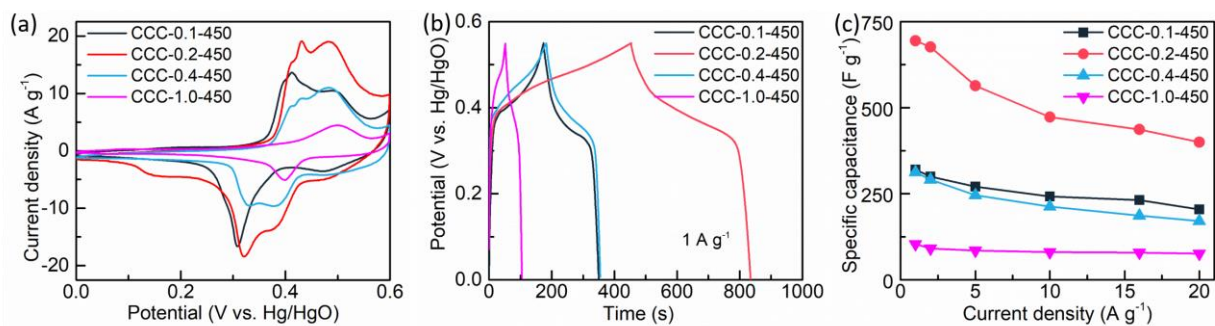
**Table S2** Resistance of the samples by the fitting of the EIS spectra

| Materials          | $R_s$ ( $\Omega$ ) | $R_{ct}$ ( $\Omega$ ) |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>CCC-0.2-450</b> | <b>2.534</b>       | <b>2.662</b>          |
| CCC-0.2-350        | 3.976              | 3.717                 |
| CCC-0-450          | 8.176              | 6.965                 |

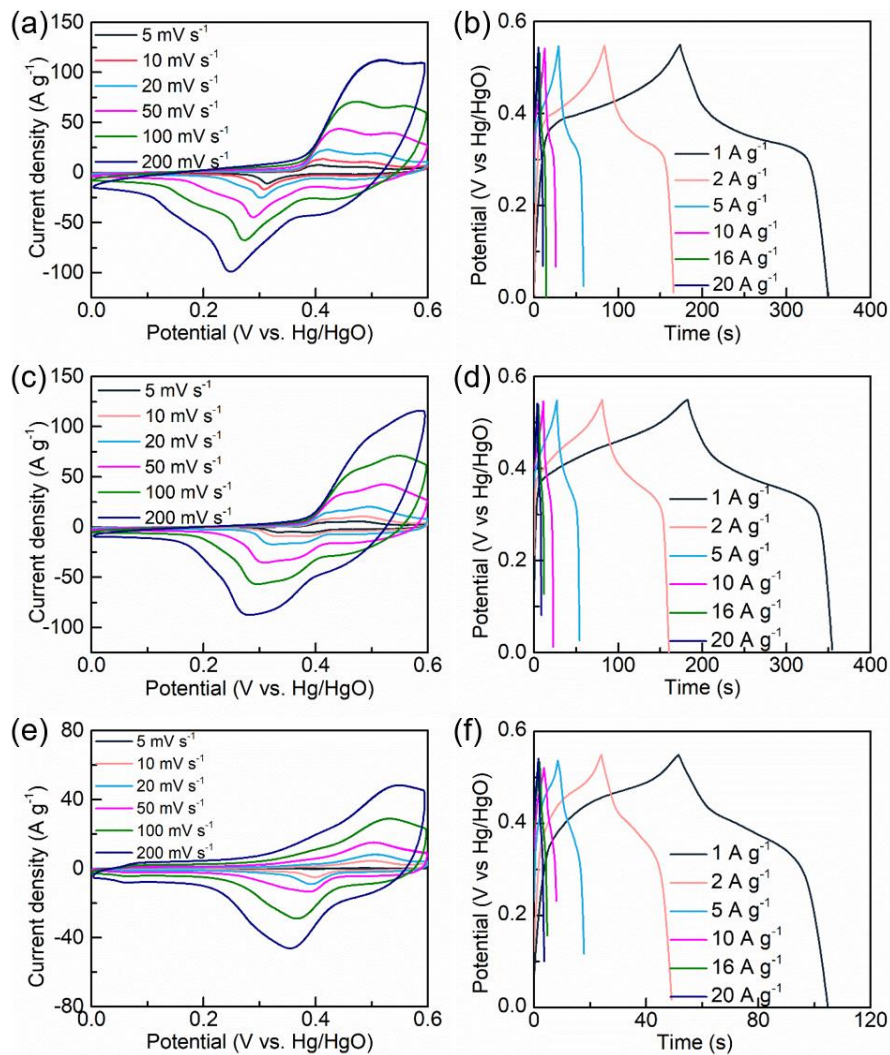




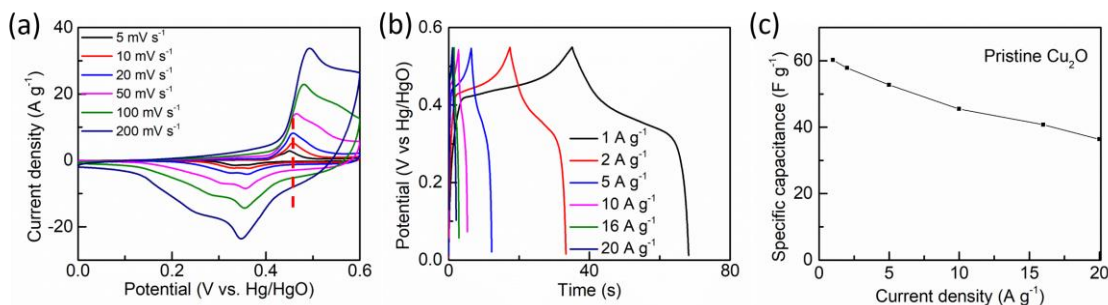
**Fig. S8** GCD curves: **a** CCC-0-450 (Pristine CoO), **b** CCC-0.2-350 ( $\text{Cu}^+$  doped CoO), **c** CCC-0.2-450 ( $\text{Cu}^0/\text{Cu}^+$  co-doped CoO), **d** CCC-0.2-600 ( $\text{Cu}^0/\text{Cu}^+$  co-doped CoO)



**Fig. S9** **a** CV curves at  $10 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ , **b** GCD curves at  $1 \text{ A g}^{-1}$ , and **c** the specific capacitance at different Cu doping content of CCC-0.1-450, CCC-0.2-450, CCC-0.4-450 and CCC-1.0-450

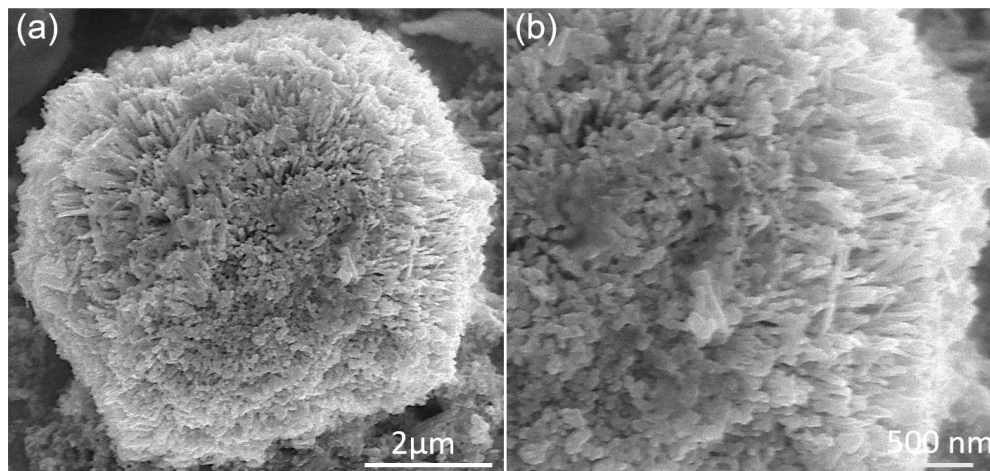


**Fig. S10** CV curves **a** and GCD curves **b** of CCC-0.1-450; CV curves **c** and GCD curves **d** of CCC-0.4-450; CV curves **e** and GCD curves **f** of CCC-1.0-450



**Fig. S11** Cu<sub>2</sub>O at the annealing temperature of 350 °C: **a** CV curves, **b** GCD curves and **c** the specific capacitance



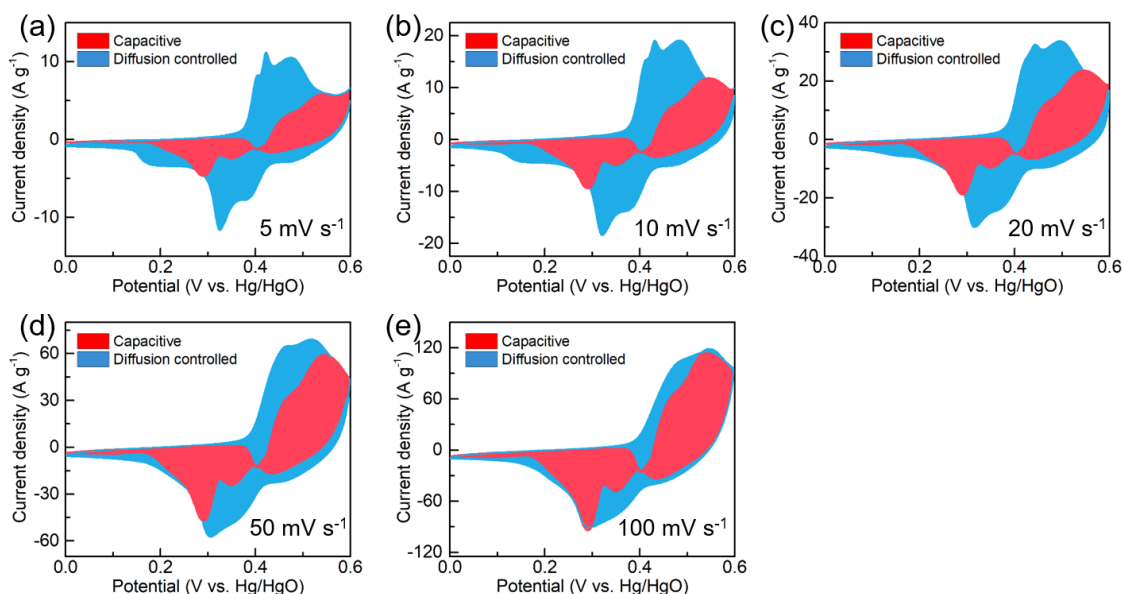


**Fig. S12** SEM images of CCC-0.2-450 electrode after 10000 cycles

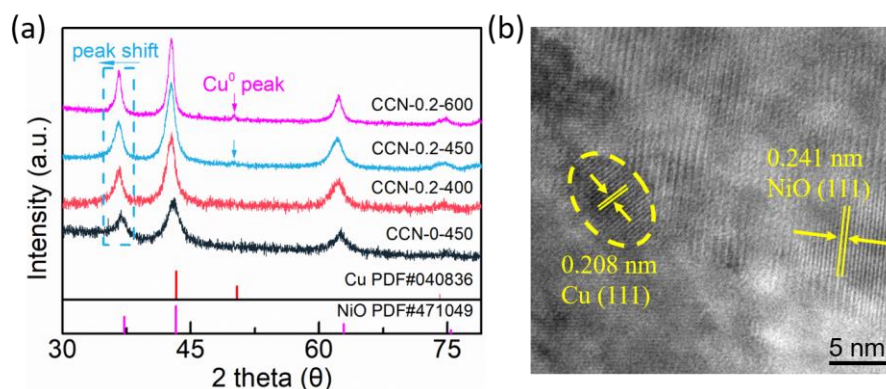
**Table S3** Comparison of electrochemical performance of CCC-0.2-450 electrode with previously reported electrodes

| Electrode material   | Specific capacity (F g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Capacitance maintains       | Year | Ref.            |
|--|--|-----------------------------|------|-----------------|
| <b>Cu<sup>0</sup>/Cu<sup>+</sup> co-doped CoO (CCC-0.2-450)</b>  | <b>695 (1 A g<sup>-1</sup>)</b>        | <b>93.4% (10000 cycles)</b> |      | <b>Our work</b> |
| porous CoO nanowall  | 352 (1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )             | 92.9% (5000 cycles)         | 2019 | [S1]            |
| manganese doped Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>                   | 668.4 (1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )           | 104% (10000 cycles)         | 2019 | [S2]            |
| CoO nanocones  | 319.5 (1 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )         | 92.6% (5000 cycles)         | 2018 | [S3]            |
| Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> nanosheets@ nitrogen-doped carbon | 581 (1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )             | 95.2% (5000 cycles)         | 2018 | [S4]            |
| CoO/C Composite  | 648 (0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup> )           | 100% (8000 cycles)          | 2017 | [S5]            |
| nano-Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> decorated with gold          | 681 (0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup> )           | 83.1% (13000 cycles)        | 2017 | [S6]            |
| Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /NGF composite                    | 451 (1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )             | 95% (1000 cycles)           | 2015 | [S7]            |
| ball milled CoO  | 600 (0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup> )           | 95.3% (2000 cycles)         | 2014 | [S8]            |
| graphene/Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> nanocrystals             | 570 (1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )             | 83.4% (5000 cycles)         | 2020 | [S9]            |

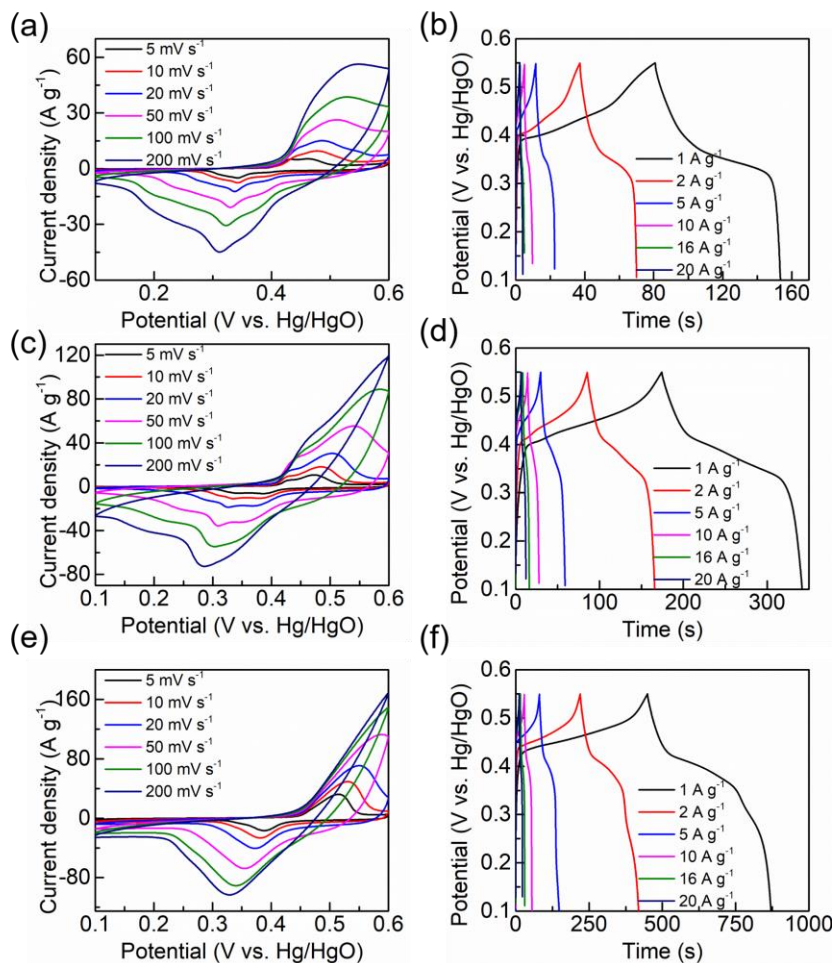
|   |                                |                      |      |       |
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| Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> grow on porous carbons                                       | 659.7 (10 mV s <sup>-1</sup> ) | 87.5% (2000 cycles)  | 2020 | [S10] |
| hydroxyl-rich Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>  | ~502 (1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )    | 99.7% (5000 cycles)  | 2020 | [S11] |
| oxygen-vacancy Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /Graphene                                     | 978.1 (1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )   | 99.3% (20000 cycles) | 2018 | [S12] |
| Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @biomass-derived carbon fiber@Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> | 892 (1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )     | 88% (6000 cycles)    | 2018 | [S13] |



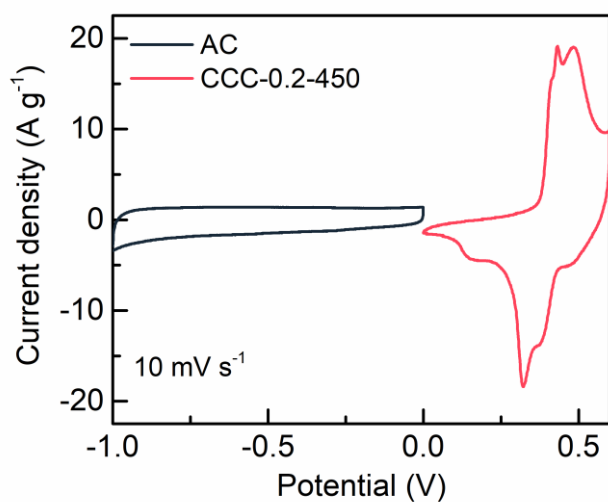
**Fig. S13** Contribution ratio of capacitive and diffusion controlled: **a** 5 mV s<sup>-1</sup>, **b** 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>, **c** 20 mV s<sup>-1</sup>, **d** 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup>, **e** 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>



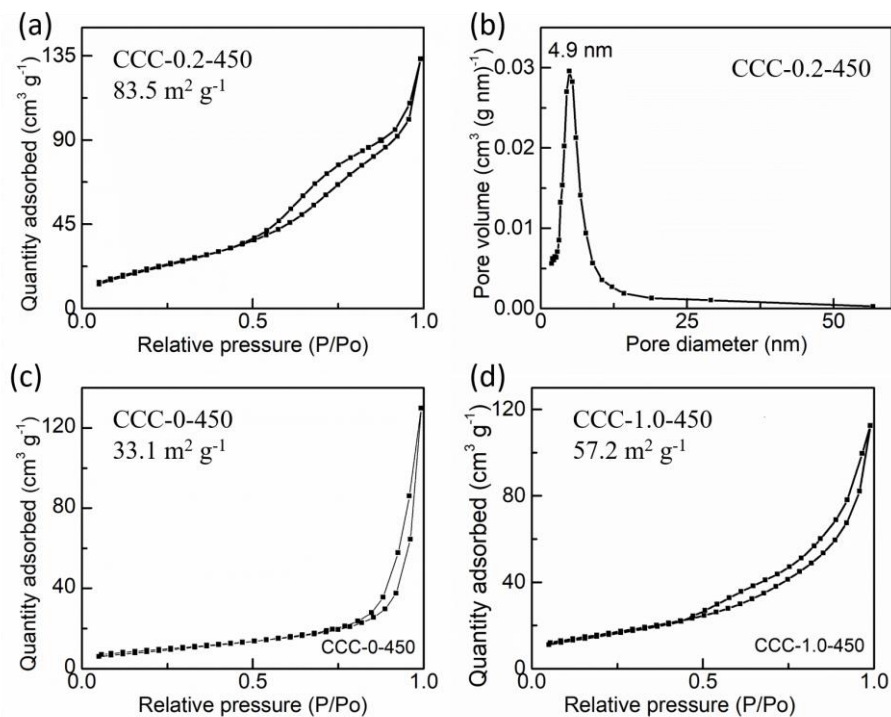
**Fig. S14 a** XRD patterns of the as-prepared CCN-0-450 (pristine NiO), CCN-0.2-400 (Cu<sup>+</sup> doped NiO), CCN-0.2-450 (Cu<sup>0</sup>/Cu<sup>+</sup> co-doped NiO) and CCN-0.2-600 (Cu<sup>0</sup>/Cu<sup>+</sup> co-doped NiO); **b** High-resolution TEM image of CCN-0.2-450



**Fig. S15** CV curves **a** and GCD curves **b** of CCN-0-450; CV curves **c** and GCD curves **d** of CCN-0.2-400; CV curves **e** and GCD curves **f** of CCN-0.2-450



**Fig. S16** Comparative CV curves of the positive and negative electrode



**Fig. S17** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms: **a** CCC-0.2-450, **c** CCC-0-450 and **d** CCC-1.0-450; **b** pore-size distributions of CCC-0.2-450

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