



# Sodium Pre-Intercalation-Based $\text{Na}_3\text{-}\delta\text{-MnO}_2\text{@CC}$ for High-Performance Aqueous Asymmetric Supercapacitor: Joint Experimental and DFT Study

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The mass balance of cathode and anode is obtained from the following charge balance formula,

$$\frac{m_+}{m_-} = \frac{C_- \times \Delta E_-}{C_+ \times \Delta E_+} \quad (\text{S1})$$

In above equation

$m$  is the mass of the cathode and anode.

$C$  is the specific capacitance.

$\Delta E$  (V) is the potential window of a single electrode and the subscript + and – are cathode and anode respectively.

The specific capacitance of the electrode was calculated by Equation (S2).

$$C = \frac{I\Delta t}{m\Delta V} \quad (\text{S2})$$

Where

$I$  (A) is the discharge current.

$\Delta t$  (s) is the discharge time

$m$  (g) is the mass of the active material.

$\Delta V$  (V) is the potential window of the discharge.

The energy density ( $E$ , Wh  $\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) and power density ( $P$ , W  $\text{kg}^{-1}$ ) of the asymmetric supercapacitor can be obtained by Equations (S3) and (S4).

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \frac{C(\Delta V)^2}{3.6} \quad (\text{S3})$$

$$P = \frac{E_D \times 3600}{\Delta t} \quad (\text{S4})$$

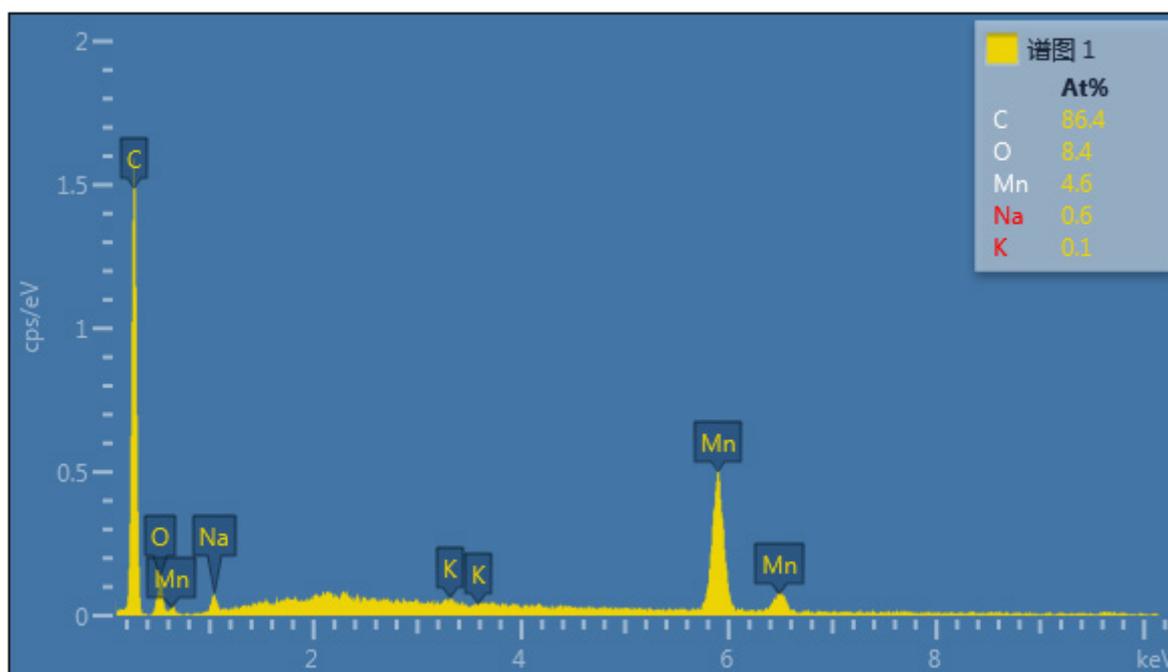


Figure S1. EDS elemental mapping of  $\text{Na}_3\text{-MnO}_2$ .

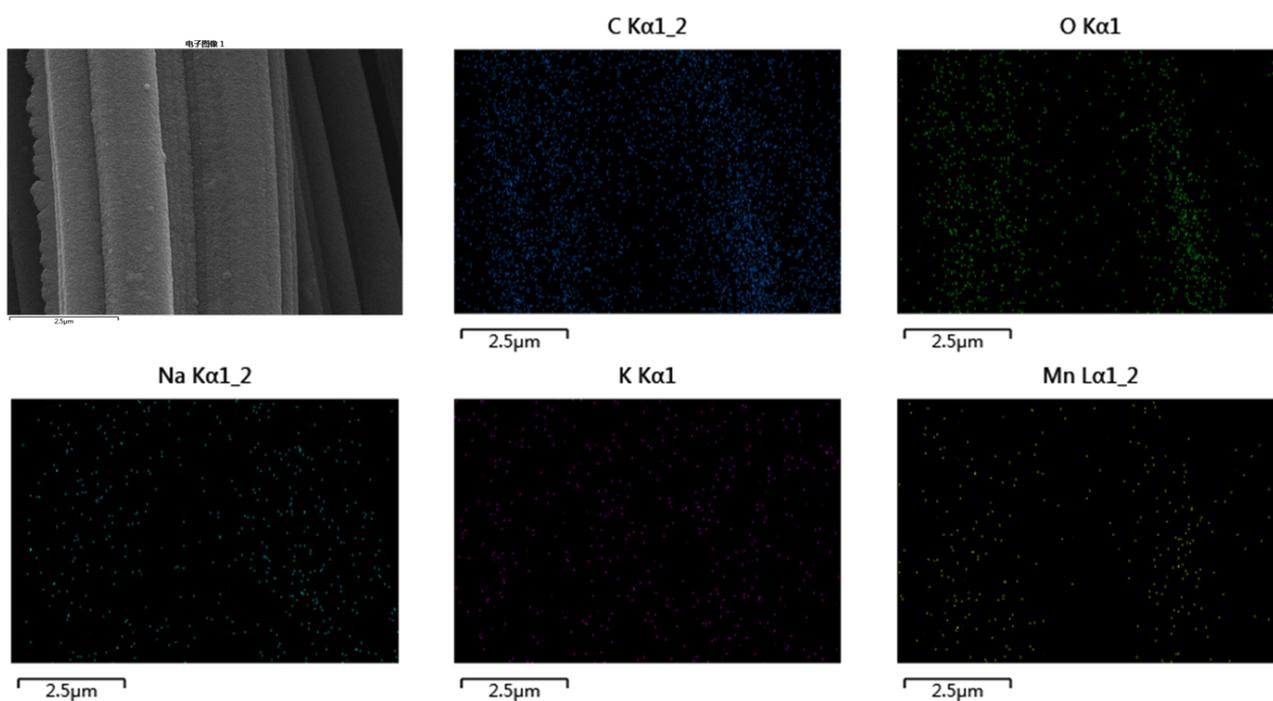
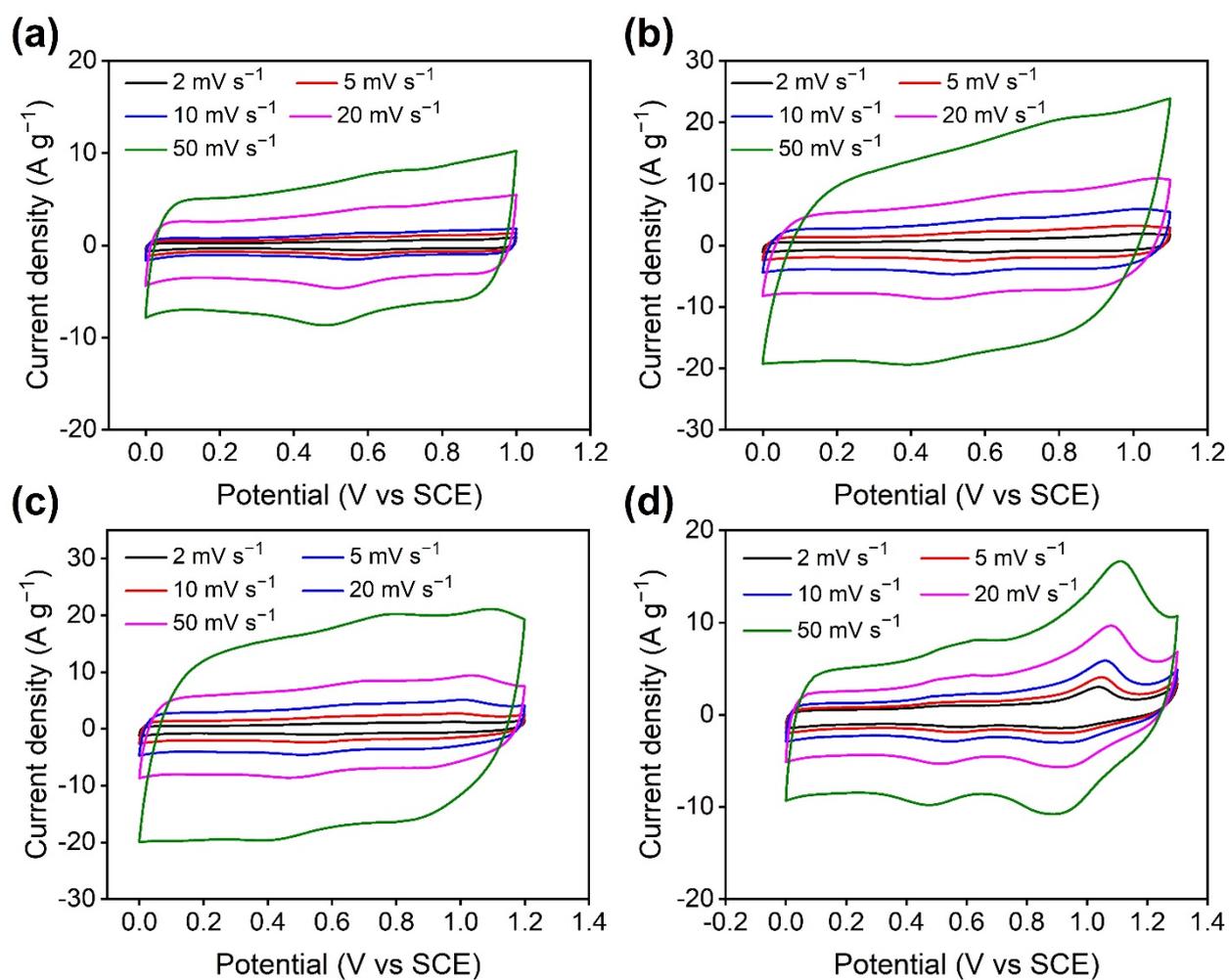
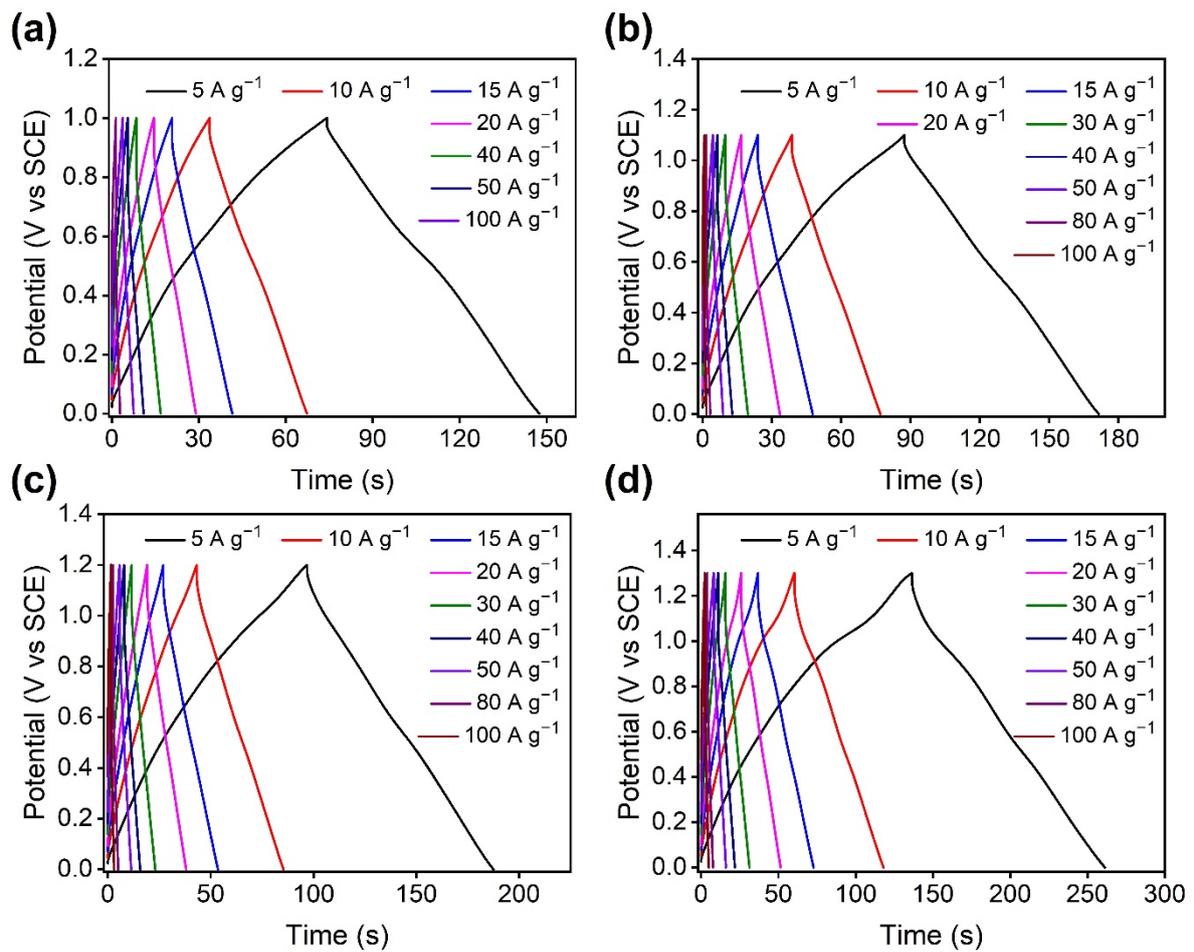


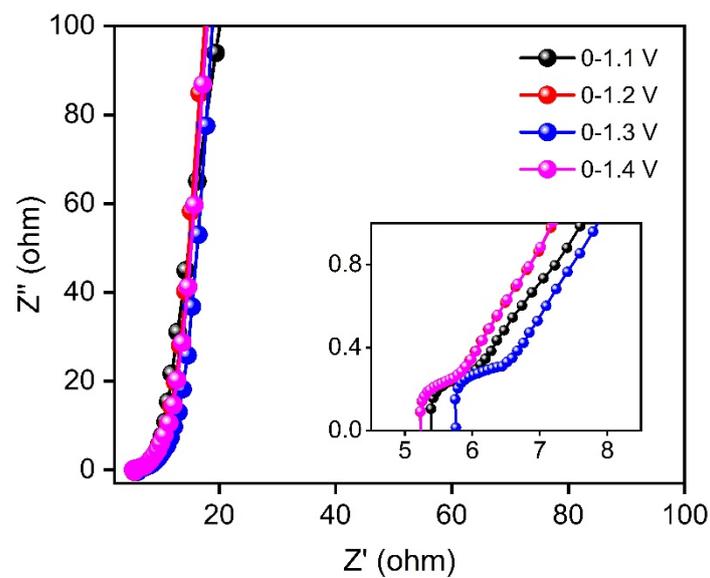
Figure S2. EDS mapping of  $\text{Na}_3\text{-MnO}_2$ .



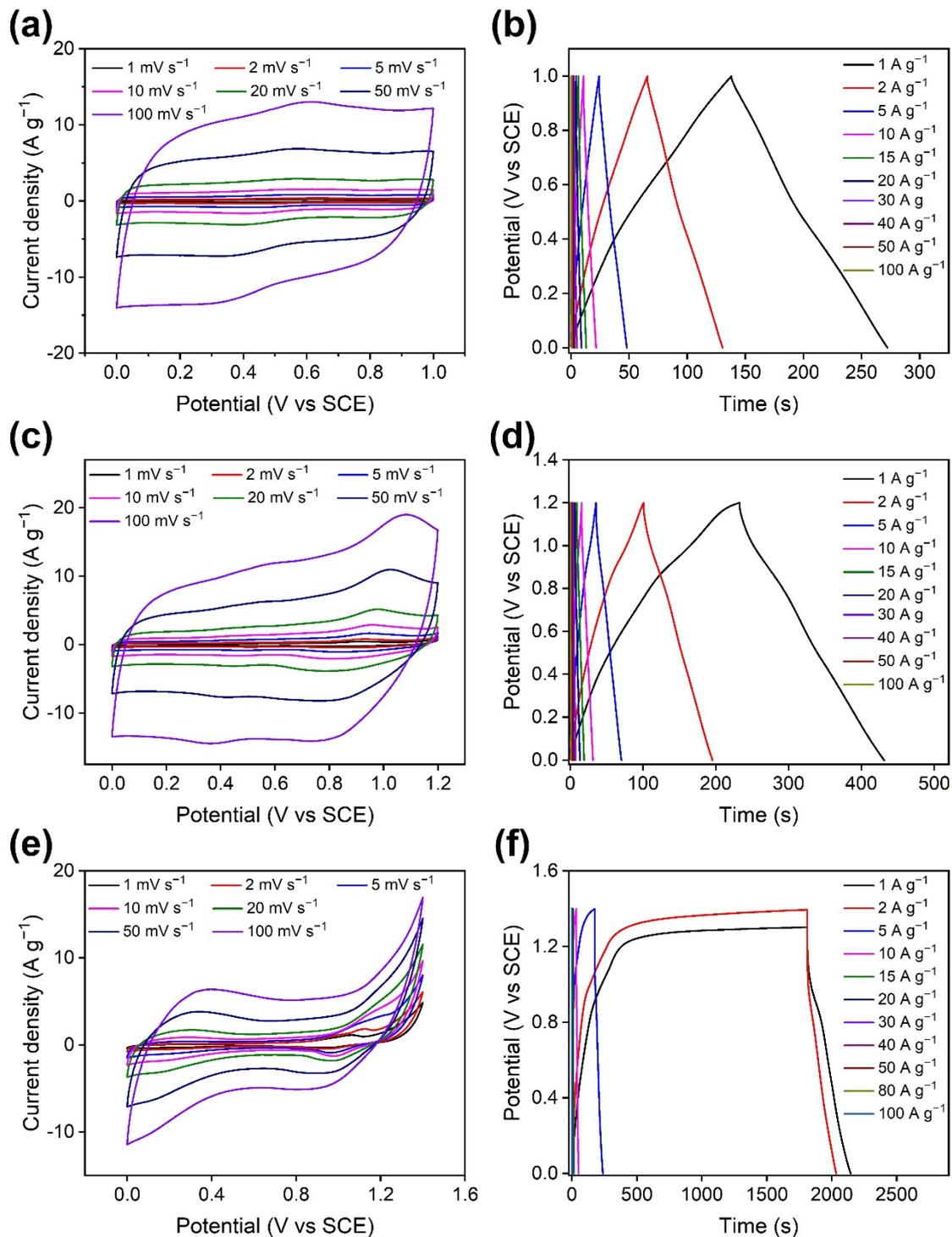
**Figure S3.** The CV of  $\text{Na}_3\text{-MnO}_2$  at a scan rate of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50  $\text{mV s}^{-1}$  in different working potential windows of (a) 0–1.0 V (b) 0–1.1 V; (c) 0–1.2 V; and (d) 0–1.3 V.



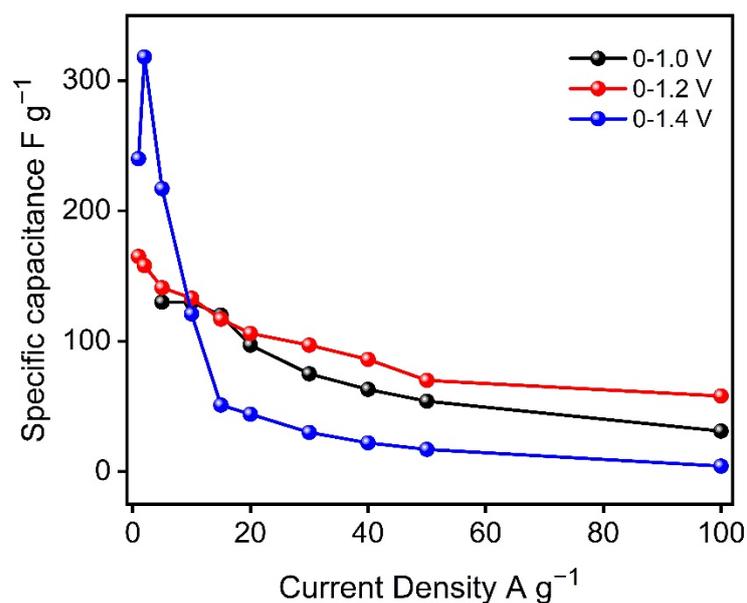
**Figure S4.** The GCD of  $\text{Na}_3\text{-MnO}_2$  at various current densities of 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 80 and 100  $\text{A g}^{-1}$  in different working potential windows of (a) 0–1.0 V (b) 0–1.1V; (c) 0–1.2 V; and (d) 0–1.3 V.



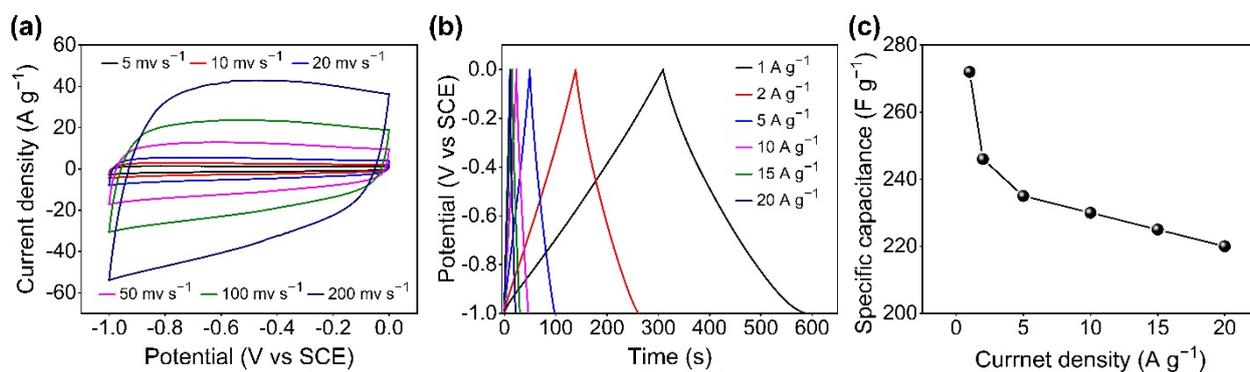
**Figure S5.** Nyquist plots recorded at 100 kHz to 10 MHz of  $\text{Na}_3\text{-MnO}_2$  at different working potential windows.



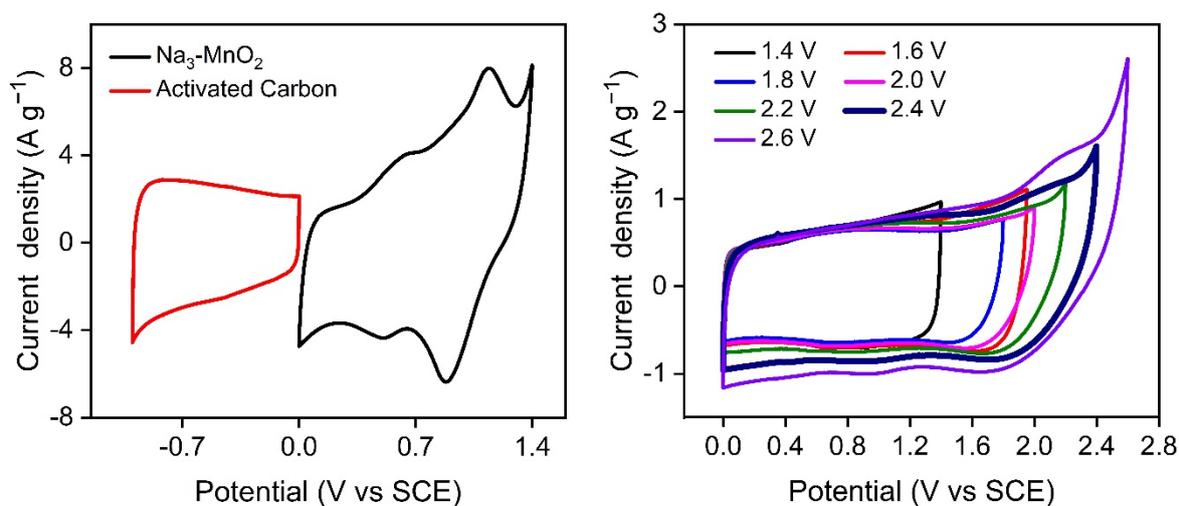
**Figure S6.** Electrochemical performance of the of MnO<sub>2</sub> without Na ions; CV at a scan rate of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup> in different working potential windows (a) 0-1.0 V; (c) 0-1.2 V; (e) 0-1.4 V; GCD curves at a various current density of 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 50, 80 and 100 A g<sup>-1</sup> in different working potential windows of (b) 0-1.0 V; (d) 0-1.2 V and (f) 0-1.4 V.



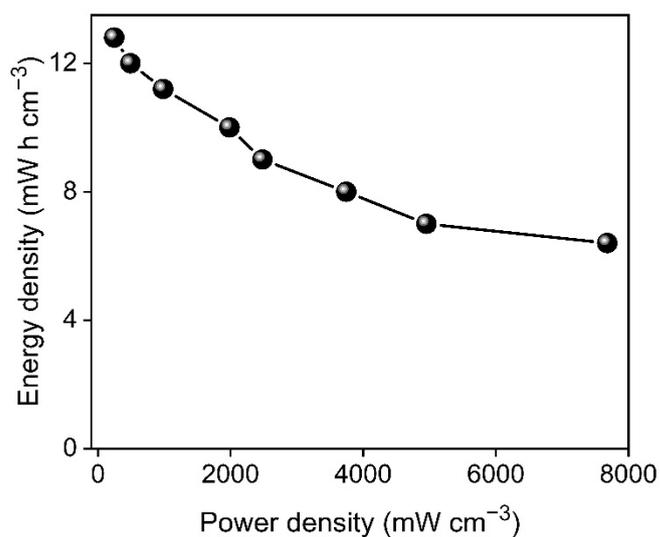
**Figure S7.** comparison of specific capacitance of MnO<sub>2</sub> electrode at different potential window of 0-1.0, 0-1.2, and 0-1.4 V as function of current density.



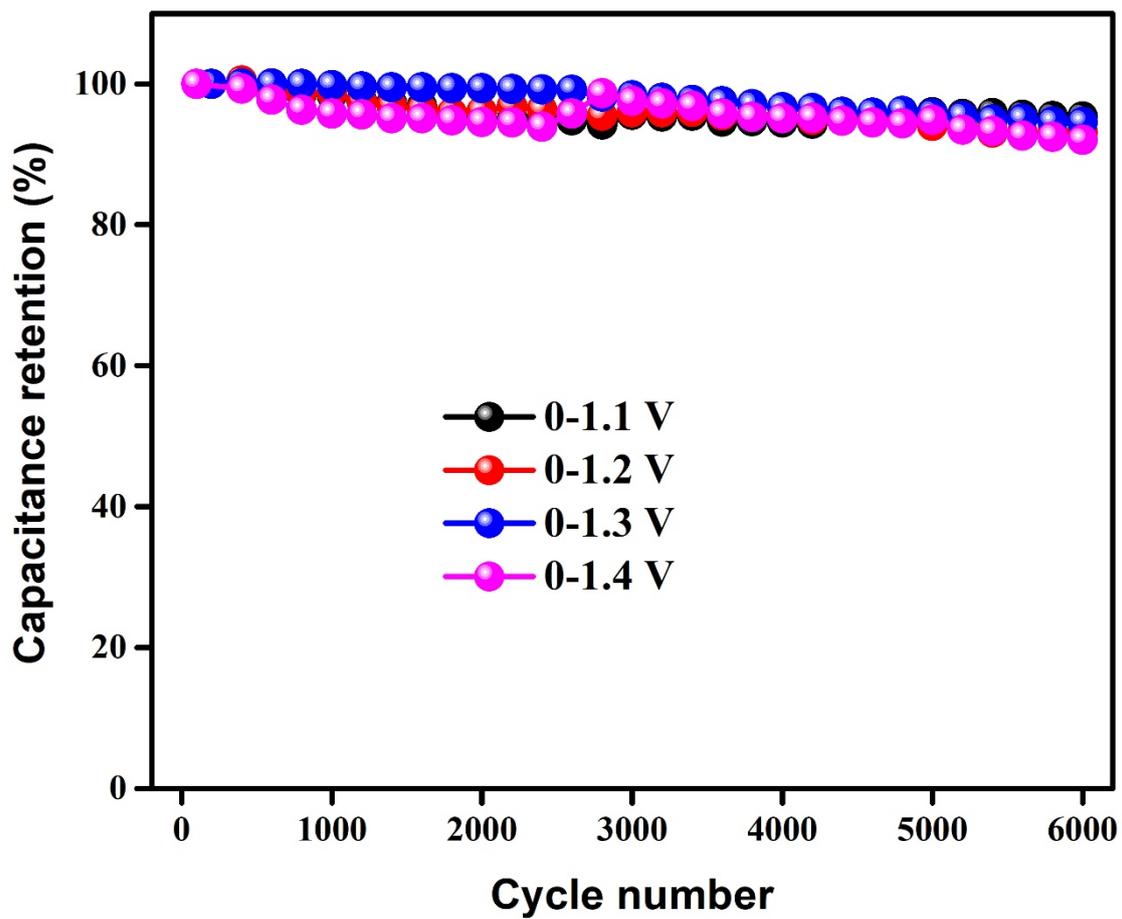
**Figure S8.** the electrochemical performance of AC was recorded in the three-electrode system; (a) CV of the at a scan rate of 10-200 mV s<sup>-1</sup> in 0-1.0 V; (b) GC of the at a current density of 1-20 A g<sup>-1</sup> in 0-1.0 V; (c) specific capacitance as a function of current density.



**Figure S9.** Comparison of CV curves of  $\text{Na}_3\text{-MnO}_2$  electrode and N-AC in their separate potential windows of 1.4-0 V and 0-1.0 V respectively at a scan rate of  $10 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ ; (b) CV curves at different potential windows from 1.6 to 2.6 V were recorded at a scan rate of  $10 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ .



**Figure S10.** Ragone plots of  $\text{Na}_3\text{-MnO}_2$  //N-AC device volumetric energy and power density.



**Figure S11.** Cycling performance comparison at potential window of 0-1.0, 0-1.1, 0-1.2, 0-1.3, and 0-1.4 V.