

Supplementary Information

Stitchable Supercapacitors with High Energy Density and High Rate Capability Using Metal Nanoparticle-Assembled Cotton Threads†

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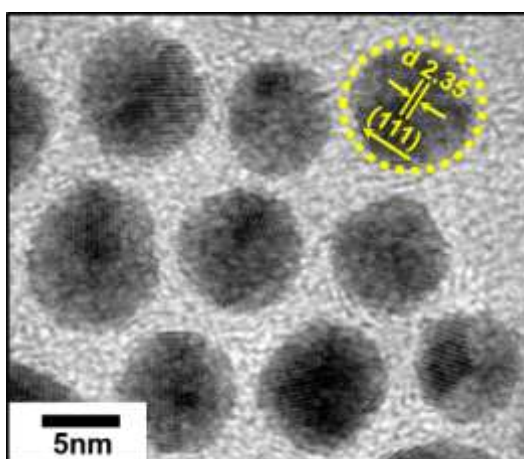


Fig. S1 HR-TEM image of the TOABr-Au NPs.

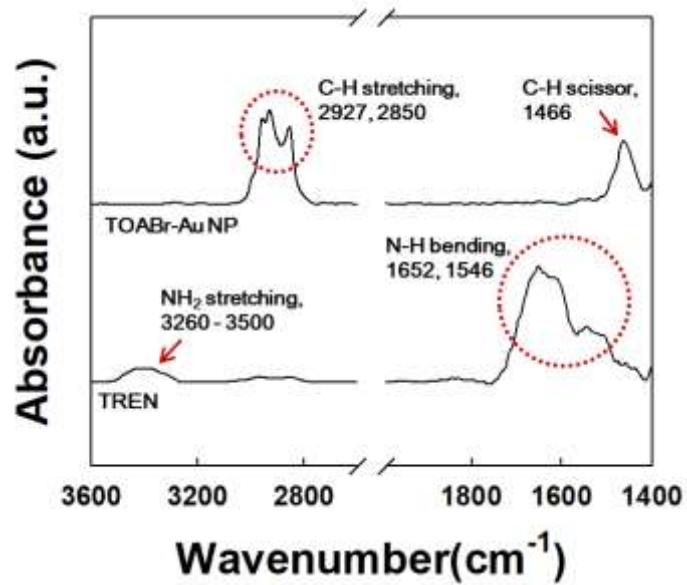


Fig. S2 Characteristic FTIR spectra of the TOABr-Au NPs and TREN.

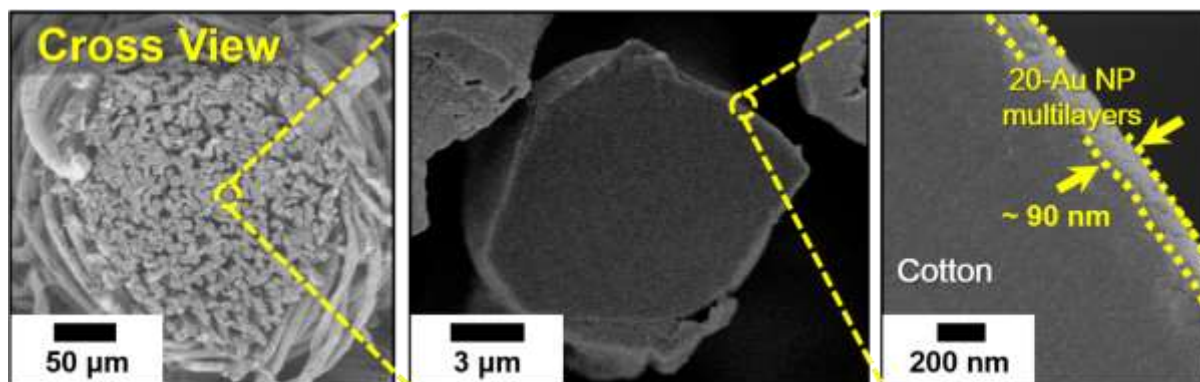


Fig. S3 Cross-sectional FE-SEM images of the (TREN/TOABr-Au NP)₂₀-coated cotton threads.

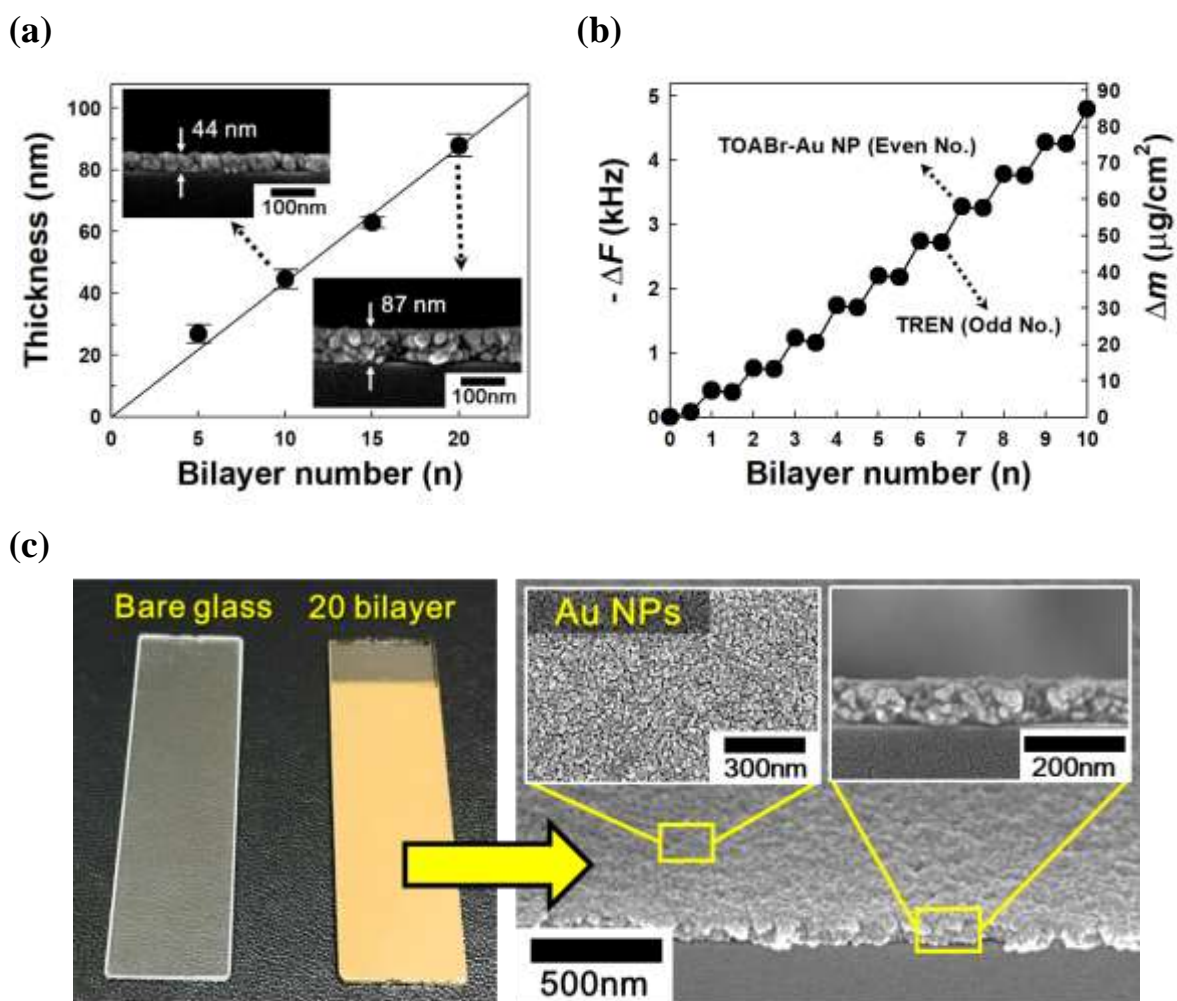
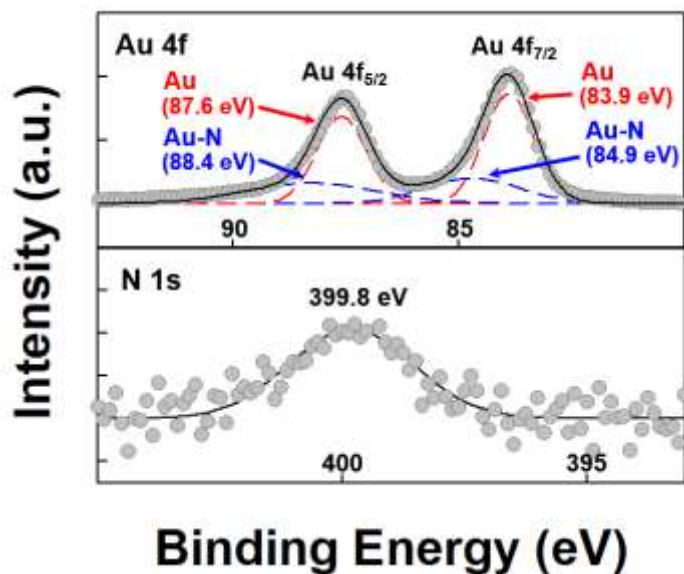


Fig. S4 (a) Film thickness, (b) frequency and mass change of the (TREN/TOABr-Au NP)_n multilayers deposited onto nonporous flat substrates as a function of the bilayer number (n). (c) Photographs and FE-SEM images of the (TREN/TOABr-Au NP)₂₀ multilayers deposited onto nonporous flat substrates.

(a)



(b)

Elements	Au	N	C	O	Br
Atomic ratio (%)	45.2	7.5	34.6	10.4	2.3

Fig. S5 (a) XPS spectra analysis of (TREN/TOABr-Au NP)₂₀ multilayers. In this case, the Au 4f XPS spectrum shows the narrow two spin-orbital splitting of Au 4f_{5/2} and Au 4f_{7/2}, and these characteristic peaks can also be deconvoluted into two pairs of spectra derived from bulk Au (at 87.6 and 83.9 eV) and Au-N bond (at 84.9 and 88.4 eV), respectively.^{S1,S2} Additionally, N 1s spectrum at 399.8 eV is also consistent with previous reports that metal-amine bonds exhibit binding energies in the range of 398 to 400 eV.^{S3,S4} (b) Atomic ratios of (TREN/TOABr-Au NP)₂₀ multilayer.

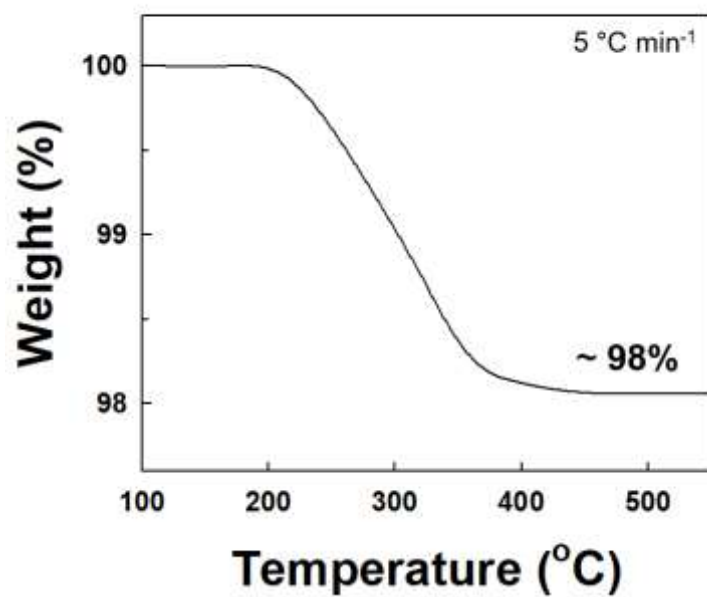
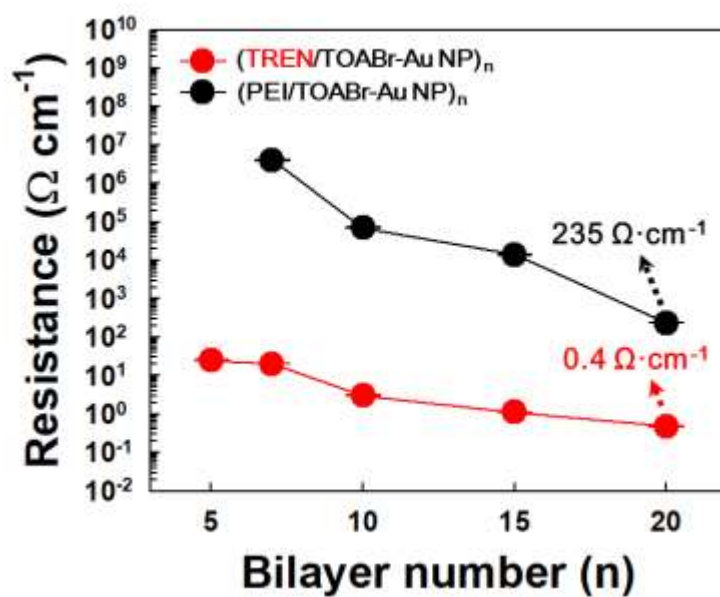


Fig. S6 Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of the (TREN/TOABr-Au NP)₂₀ multilayer with a heating rate of 5°C min⁻¹ under nitrogen environment.

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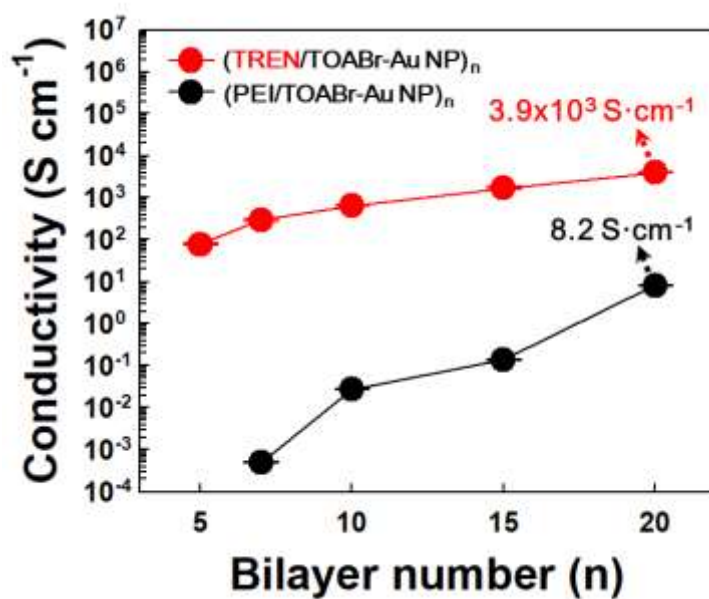


Fig. S7 (a) Resistance and (b) electrical conductivity of the (TREN/TOABr-Au NP)_n and (PEI/TOABr-Au NP)_n multilayer-coated cotton threads as a function of the bilayer number (n).

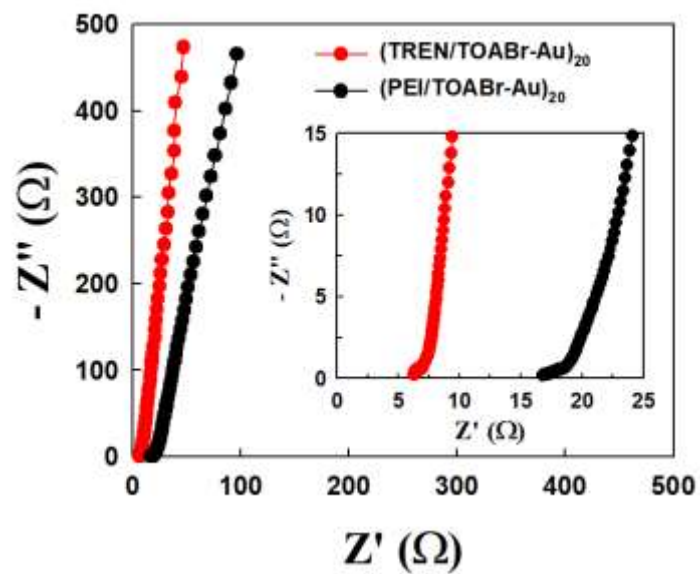
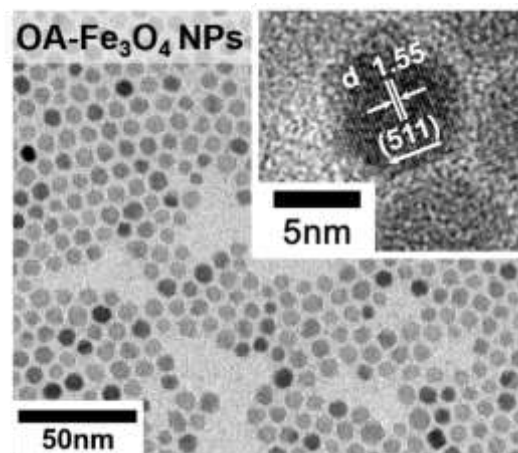


Fig. S8 Nyquist plots of the (TREN/TOABr-Au NP)₂₀ and (PEI/TOABr-Au NP)₂₀ multilayer-coated cotton threads.

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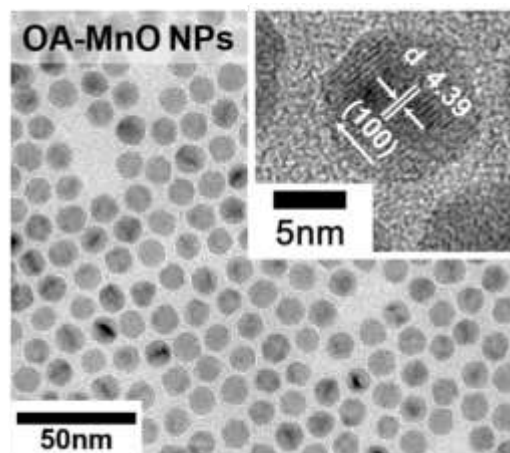


Fig. S9 (a) HR-TEM images of the OA-Fe₃O₄ NPs and (b) OA-MnO NPs.

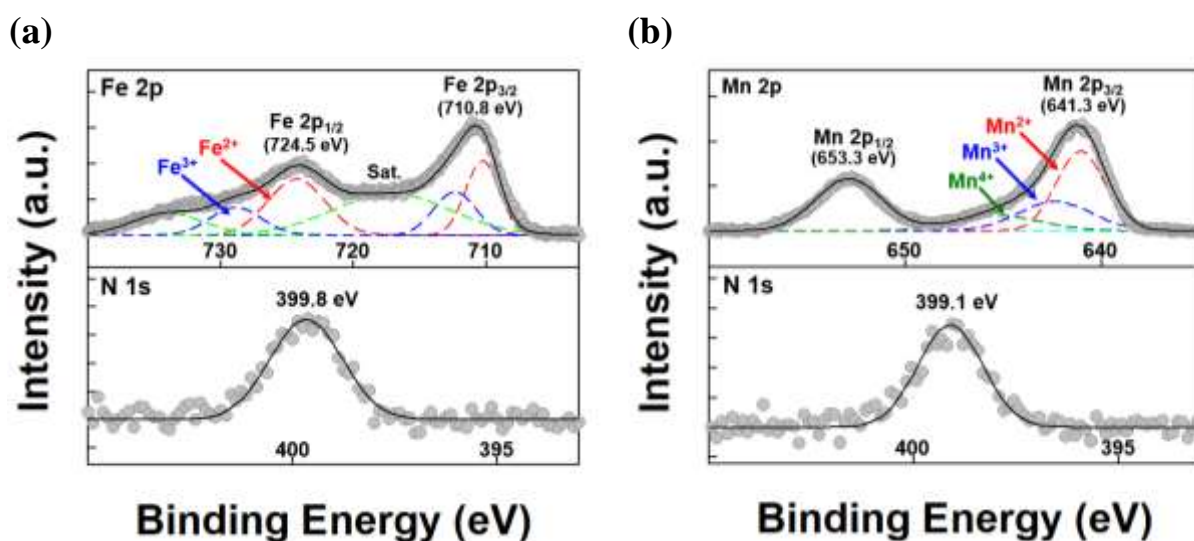


Fig. S10 (a) XPS analysis of the (TREN/OA-Fe₃O₄ NPs)₂₀ and (b) (TREN/OA-MnO NPs)₂₀ multilayers. The Fe2p spectrum of (TREN/OA-Fe₃O₄ NP)₂₀ multilayer exhibits two characteristic peaks at 710.8 eV for Fe2p_{3/2} and 724.5 eV for Fe2p_{1/2}.^{S5,S6} These Fe2p spectra can further be deconvoluted into two spectra of Fe²⁺ (710.7 and 724.3 eV) and Fe³⁺ (712.3 and 728.8 eV) of Fe species. In this case, the absence of a satellite peak at 717.2 eV was ascribed to a typical characteristic of Fe₃O₄.^{S6,S7} The Mn2p spectrum of (TREN/OA-MnO NP)₂₀ multilayer showed two spin-orbitals of Mn 2p_{3/2} (641.3 eV) and Mn 2p_{1/2} (653.3 eV) involving multivalent Mn species (Mn²⁺, Mn³⁺, and Mn⁴⁺), indicating the typical oxidation state of MnO.^{S8,S9,S10} Furthermore, the N 1s peaks of the OA-Fe₃O₄- and MnO NP-based multilayers in the ranges of 398 – 400 eV also demonstrate the metal-N bonds.^{S3,S4}

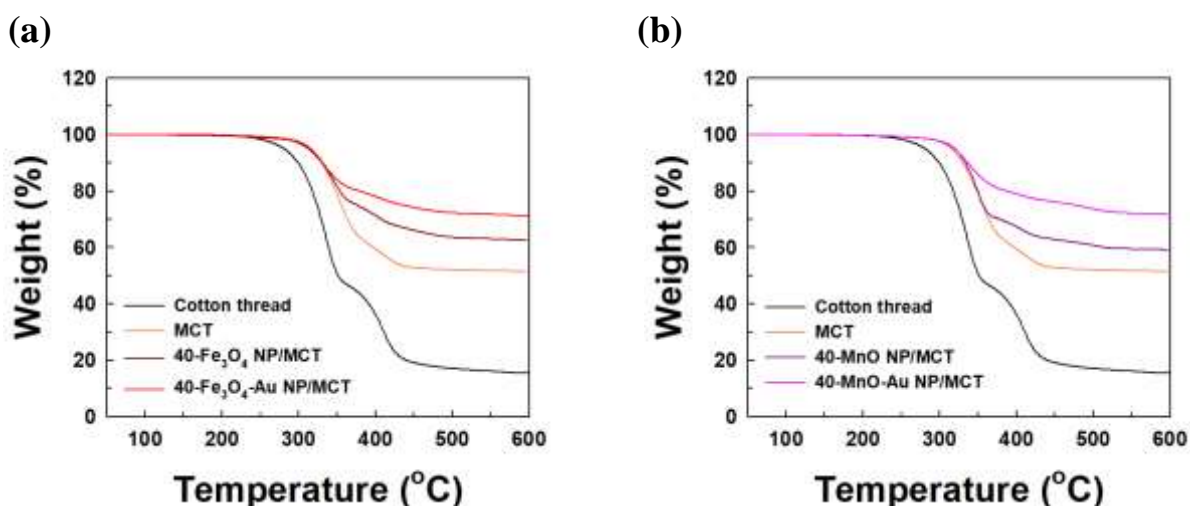


Fig. S11 (a) TGA of the Fe_3O_4 NPs-based and (b) MnO NPs-based thread electrodes with a heating rate of 5°C min^{-1} under nitrogen environment. The residual amounts of the cotton thread, MCT, 40- Fe_3O_4 NP/MCT and 40- Fe_3O_4 -Au NP/MCT were measured to be approximately $0.095 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ (15.4 %, **ash**), $0.57 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ (52.3 %, **ash + 20-Au NP**), $0.88 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ (62.2 %, **ash + 20-Au NP + 40- Fe_3O_4 NP**), and $1.31 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ (70.8 %, **ash + 20-Au NP + 40- Fe_3O_4 NP + Inserted Au NP**), respectively. In case of 40-MnO NP/MCT and 40-MnO-Au NP/MCT, their residual amounts were estimated to be $0.85 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ (61.4 %, **ash + 20-Au NP + 40-MnO NP**) and $1.27 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ (70.1 %, **ash + 20-Au NP + 40-MnO NP + Inserted Au NP**), respectively. As a result, the loading amount per length of 40- Fe_3O_4 and 40-MnO NPs in MCTs are 0.31 and $0.28 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$, respectively.

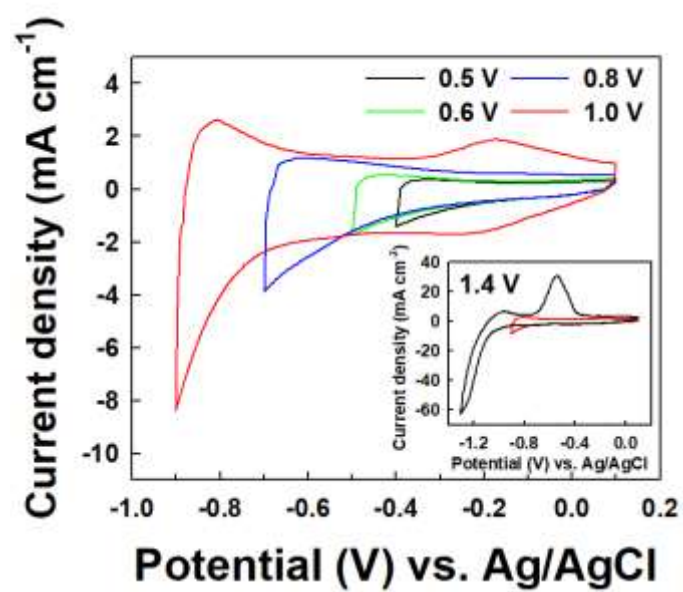
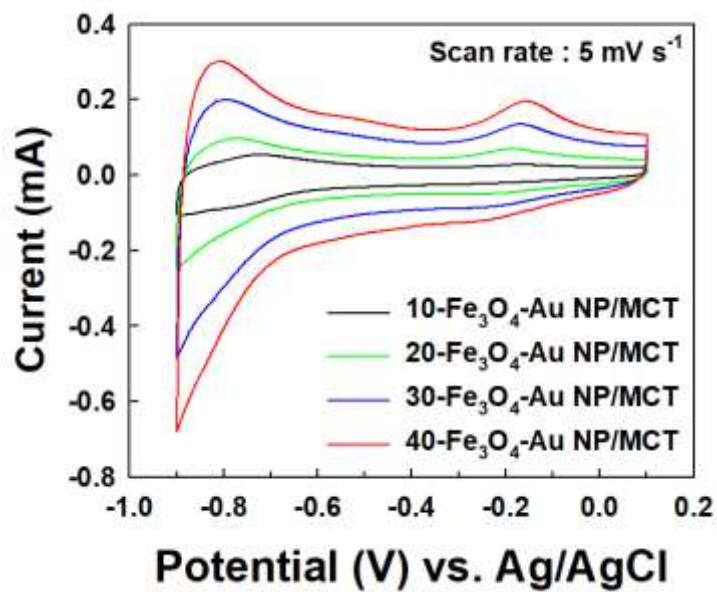


Fig. S12 CV scans of the 40-Fe₃O₄-Au NP/MCT over different potential regions from 0.5 to 1.4 V at a scan rate 5 mV s⁻¹.

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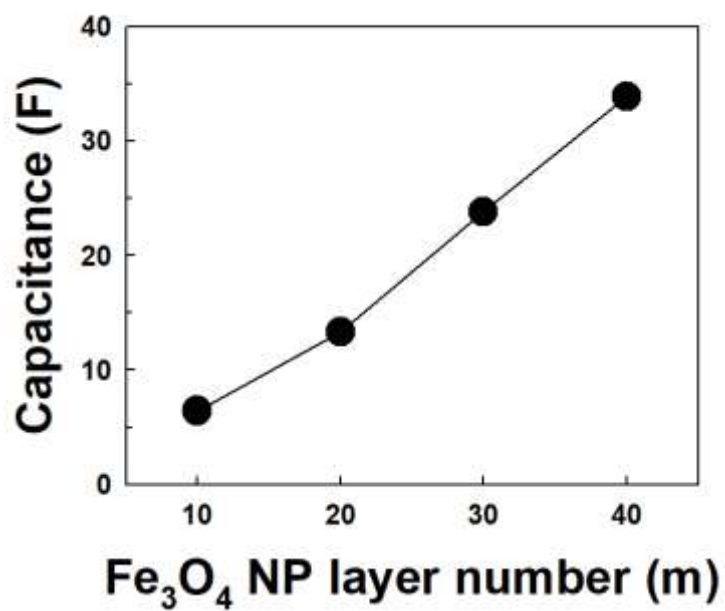


Fig. S13 (a) CV scans and (b) capacitance of the m-Fe₃O₄-Au NP/MCT electrodes as a function of the total Fe₃O₄ NP layer number (m) at a scan rate of 5 mV s⁻¹.

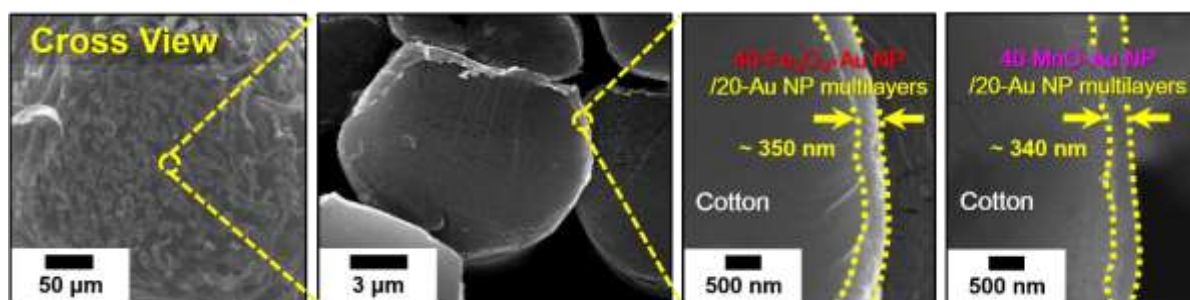


Fig. S14 Cross-sectional FE-SEM images of the 40-Fe₃O₄-Au NP/MCT and 40-MnO-Au NP/MCT electrodes.

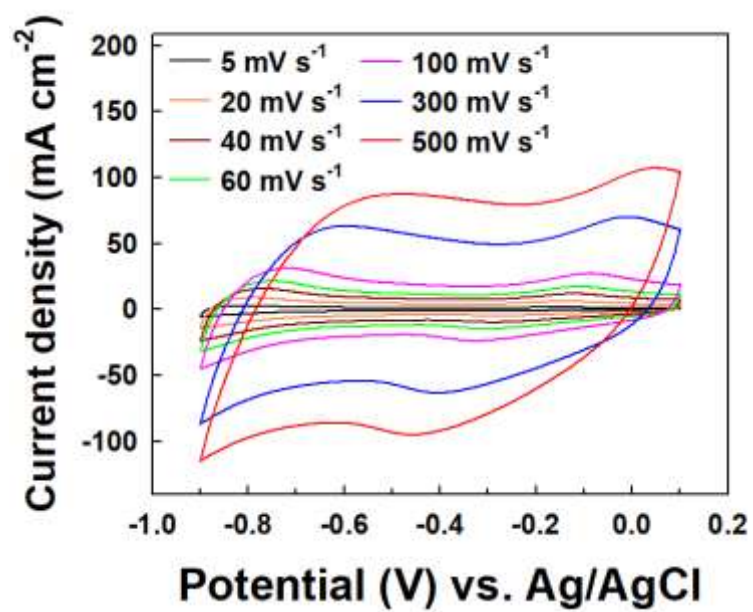
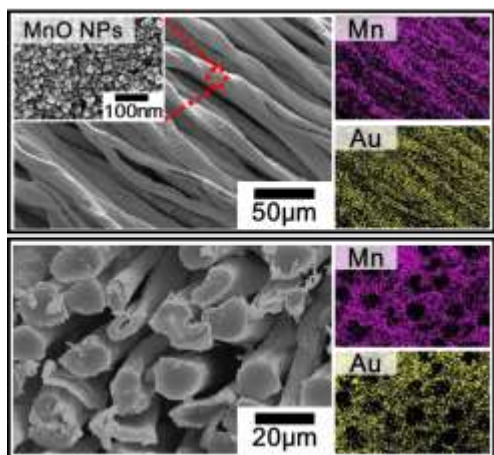
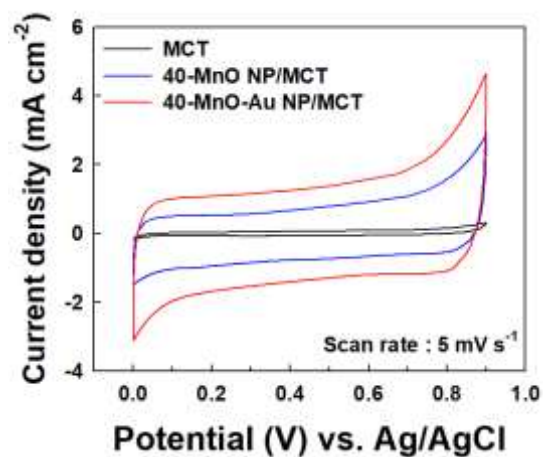


Fig. S15 CV scans of the 40-Fe₃O₄-Au NP/MCT electrodes at varied scan rate from 5 to 500 mV s⁻¹.

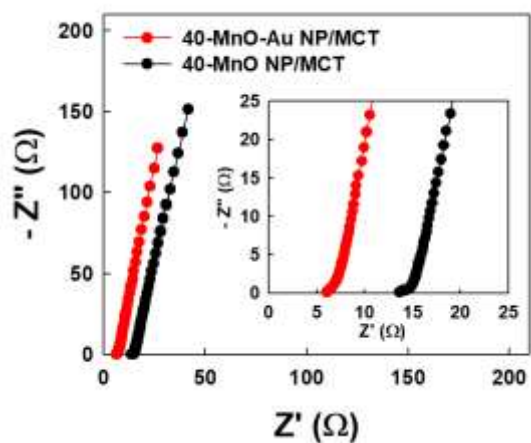
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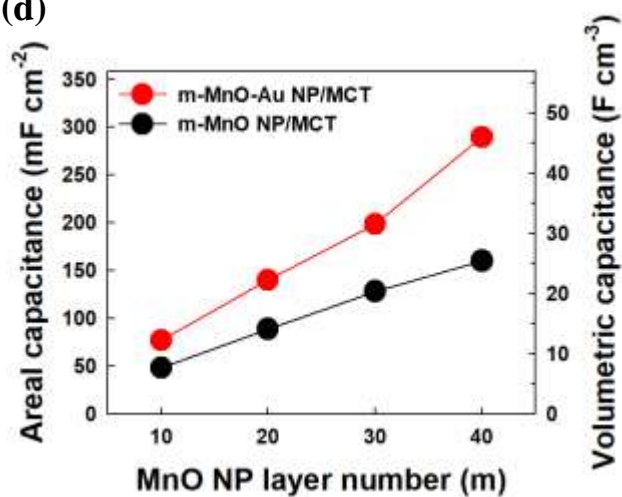
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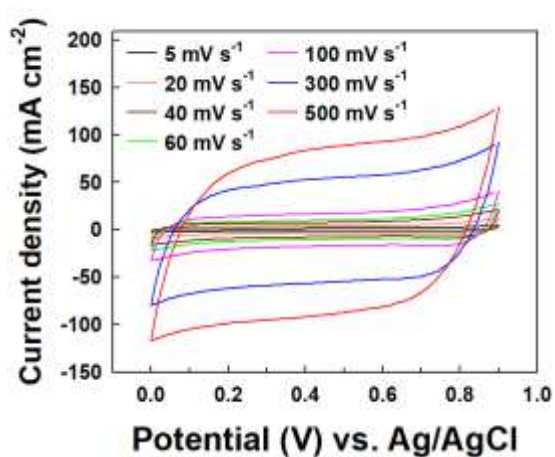
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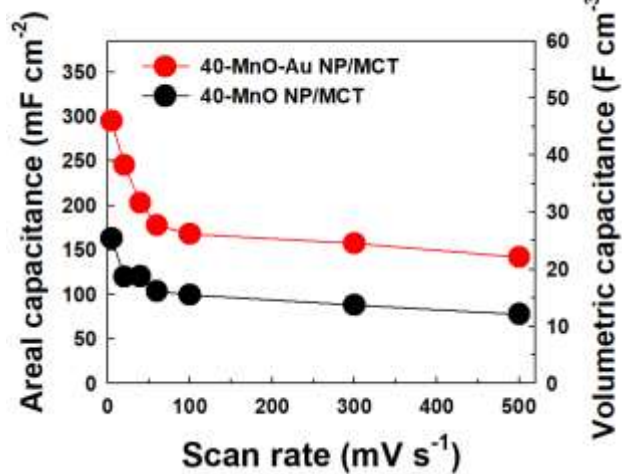


Fig. S16 (a) FE-SEM and EDS mapping images of the 40-MnO-Au NP/MCT electrodes. (b) CV scans of the MCT, 40-MnO NP/MCT, and 40-MnO-Au NP/MCT electrodes at a scan rate of 5 mV s^{-1} . (c) Nyquist plots of the 40-MnO NP/MCT and 40-MnO-Au NP/MCT electrodes. (d) Areal and volumetric capacitances of the 40-MnO NP/MCT and 40-MnO-Au NP/MCT electrodes as a function of the total MnO NP layer number (m) at a scan rate of 5 mV s^{-1} . (e) CV scans of the 40-MnO-Au NP/MCT electrodes with increasing scan rate from 5 to 500 mV s^{-1} . (f) Areal and volumetric capacitances of the 40-MnO NP/MCT and 40-MnO-Au NP/MCT electrodes as a function of the scan rate.

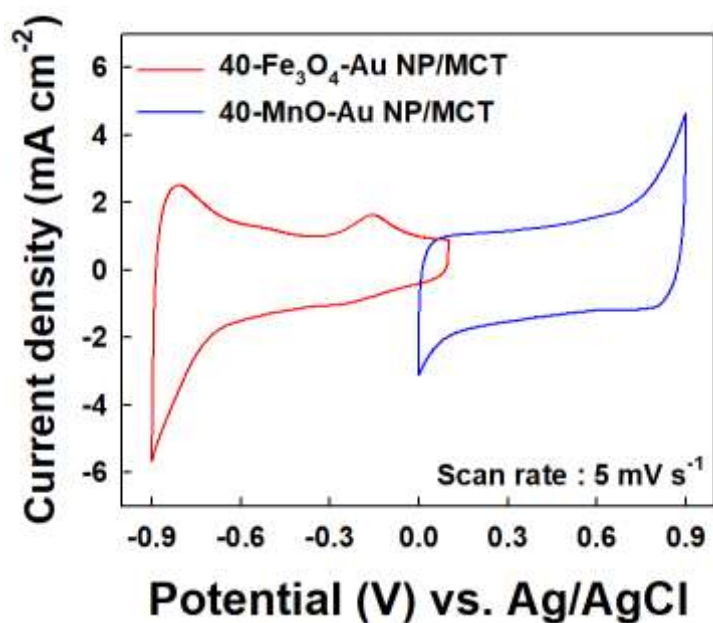


Fig. S17 CV scans of the 40-Fe₃O₄-Au NP/MCT and 40-MnO-Au NP/MCT electrodes at a scan rate of 5 mV s⁻¹. The charge balance ($q^+ = q^-$) between the 40-Fe₃O₄-Au NP/MCT (negative electrode) and 40-MnO-Au NP/MCT (positive electrode) follows the relationship:

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$$A^+/A^- = C^-\Delta V^-/C^+\Delta V^+ \quad (q = C \times \Delta V \times A)$$

where q is the stored charge, C is the specific capacitance, ΔV is the voltage window, and A is the surface area of the electrode. On the basis of this equation, the length ratio between the two electrodes (i.e., $L(\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4)/L(\text{MnO})$) was calculated to be approximately 0.95.

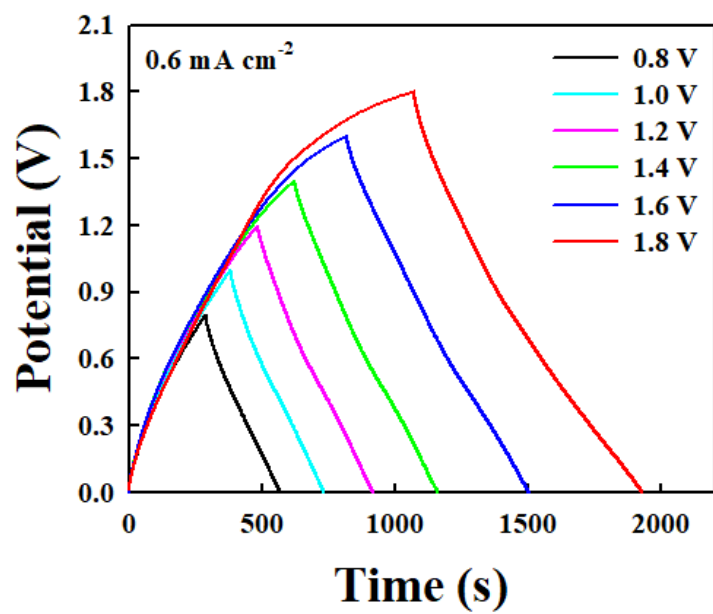


Fig. S18 GCD curves of the Au NP-incorporated 1D-ASCs tested at different voltages from 0.8 to 1.8 V at a current density of 0.6 mA cm^{-2} .

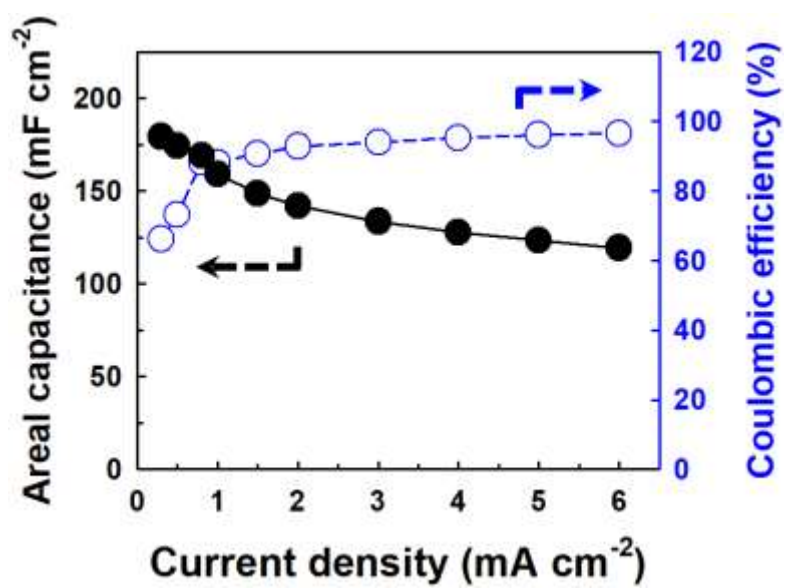


Fig. S19 Areal capacitances and Coulombic efficiency of the Au NP-incorporated 1D-ASCs at different current densities from 0.3 to 6.0 mA cm⁻².

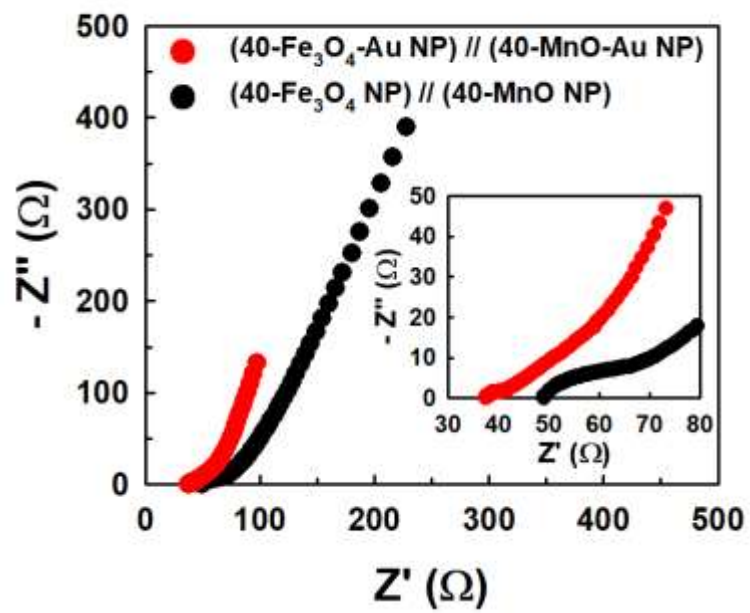


Fig. S20 Nyquist plots of the Au NP-incorporated 1D-ASC and 1D-ASC without Au NPs.

Table S1. Comparison of electrochemical performance of solid-state fiber (or thread) type SCs in two-electrode measurement.

Negative electrode	Positive electrode	Length of electrode (cm)	Electrolyte	Potential (V)	C_A ($\text{mF}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$)	C_V ($\text{F}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$)	C_L ($\text{mF}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$)	C_M ($\text{F}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)	E_A ($\mu\text{Wh}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$)	P_A ($\mu\text{W}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$)	Ref.
									E_V ($\text{mWh}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$)	P_V ($\text{mW}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$)	
									E_L ($\mu\text{Wh}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$)	P_L ($\mu\text{W}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$)	
									E_M ($\text{mWh}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)	P_M ($\text{mWh}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$)	
Fe_3O_4 -Au NP /MCT	MnO-Au NP /MCT	1.5	Na ₂ SO ₄ /PVA	1.8	179.2 at 0.3mA·cm ⁻²	27.9 at 0.3mA·cm ⁻²	28.6 at 0.3mA·cm ⁻²	7.8 at 0.3mA·cm ⁻²	E_A : 80.7 E_V : 12.6 E_L : 12.9 E_M : 3.5	P_A : 3450.1 P_V : 537.7 P_L : 552.1 P_M : 150.5	Our work
		1.5			169.0 at 0.8mA·cm ⁻²	26.3 at 0.8mA·cm ⁻²	27.0 at 0.8mA·cm ⁻²		E_A : 76	P_A : 457.5	
		20			136.7 at 0.8mA·cm ⁻²	21.3 at 0.8mA·cm ⁻²	21.9 at 0.8mA·cm ⁻²		E_A : 61.5	P_A : 457	
CNPs /rGO-CT	CNPs /rGO-CT	1.5	H ₃ PO ₄ /PVA	0.8	-	0.00379 at 50mV·s ⁻¹	-		E_V : 8.4x10 ⁻⁵	P_V : 0.0564	S12
GHs /MWCNTs-CT	GHs /MWCNTs-CT	1	H ₃ PO ₄ /PVA	0.8	-	-	0.097 at 2mV·s ⁻¹		E_L : 4.79x10 ⁻³	P_L : 1.25	S13
rGO/Ni-CT	rGO/Ni-CT	3.5	LiCl /PVA	0.8	-	68.2 at 50mV·s ⁻¹	110 at 50mV·s ⁻¹	311 at 50mV·s ⁻¹	E_V : 6.1	P_V : 1400	25
PPy/MnO ₂ /CNT-CT	PPy/MnO ₂ /CNT-CT	-	H ₃ PO ₄ /PVA	0.8	-	-	1490 at 1mV·s ⁻¹		E_A : 33	P_A : 13000	60
OMC-MnO ₂ /CVD gr-CT	OMC-MnO ₂ /CVD gr-CT	5	Li ₂ SO ₄ /BMIMCl /PVA	1.5	1100 at 4.3mA·cm ⁻²	35.2 at 4.3mA·cm ⁻²	-		E_V : 2.7	P_V : 300	S14
rGO/SWNT@KTP	rGO/SWNT@KTP	-	H ₂ SO ₄ /PVA	1				366 at 25mV·s ⁻¹	E_V : 0.29 E_M : 0.0117	P_V : 91000 P_M : 3700	23
rGO /Ni-polyester	rGO /Ni-polyester	-	H ₃ PO ₄ /PVA	0.8	49.4 at 1mA·cm ⁻²	-	8.9 at 1mA·cm ⁻²		E_A : 1.6	P_A : 2420	36
CF	CF	3	LiCl /PVA	1.2	-	-	32		E_V : 6.8 E_M : 0.052	P_V : - P_M : 0.407	26

							at 0.8mA·cm ⁻¹				
Activated CF	Activated CF	-	H ₃ PO ₄ /PVA	1.0	-	2.55 at 10mV·s ⁻¹	-		Ev: 0.35	Pv: 3000	S15
MWCNT /CMF	CNF film	-	H ₃ PO ₄ /PVA	1.0	86.8 at 2mV·s ⁻¹		6.3 at 2mV·s ⁻¹		E _A : 9.8 E _L : 0.7	P _A : 8070 P _L : 583	S16
Graphene fiber	Graphene fiber	-	H ₂ SO ₄ /PVA	0.8	390 at 2mV·s ⁻¹	78 at 2mV·s ⁻¹		350 at 2mV·s ⁻¹	Ev: 6.6	Pv: 49	S17
Biscrolled rGO/CNT	Biscrolled MnO/CNT	-	LiCl /PVA	1.2	382.2 at 2.3mA·cm ⁻²	104.7 at 2.3mA·cm ⁻²	17.7 at 2.3mA·cm ⁻²	165.6 at 2.3mA·cm ⁻²	E _A : 35.8		24
CF	MnO ₂ /ZnO NWs/CF	-	H ₂ SO ₄ /PVA	1.8	31.15 at 10 μA	-	-		E _A : 13.25	P _A : 2120	61
CNT /Carbon paper	MnO ₂ /Au wire	-	LiCl /PVA	1.8	12 at 0.3mA·cm ⁻²	-	-		E _A : 5.4	P _A : 2531	62
PPy@CNT film	MnO ₂ /CF	-	KOH /PVA	1.5	60.43 at 10mV·s ⁻¹	9.46 at 10mV·s ⁻¹	19.86 at 10mV·s ⁻¹	7.72 at 10mV·s ⁻¹	E _A : 18.88 Ev: 2.98 E _L : 6.20	-	63
MnO ₂ /CNT yarn	MnO ₂ /CNT yarn	-	KOH /PVA	0.9	-	25.4 at 10mV·s ⁻¹	-		Ev: 3.52	Pv: avg. 127	S18
Fe ₂ O ₃ @C /CF	MnO ₂ /AuPd /CuO /Cu wire	-	LiCl /PVA	1.6	-	2.46 at 130mA·cm ⁻³	-		Ev: 0.85	-	33
GH /Copper wire	MnO ₂ /RGO /CF	-	KCl /PAKK	1.6	50.8 at 0.2mA·cm ⁻²	2.54 at 0.2mA·cm ⁻²	-		E _A : 18.1 Ev: 0.9	- Pv: 200	34
rGO/Au wire	rGO/Au wire	2	H ₃ PO ₄ /PVA	1.0	0.726 at 2.5μA·cm ⁻¹	-	0.0114 at 2.5μA·cm ⁻¹		-	-	31
MnO ₂ /PPy /rGO /Steel fiber	MnO ₂ /PPy /rGO /Steel fiber	-	H ₃ PO ₄ /PVA	0.8	103 at 11mA·cm ⁻³	12.4 at 11mA·cm ⁻³	-		E _A : 9.2 Ev: 1.1	P _A : 1330 Pv: 160	30
C@Fe ₃ O ₄ /Steel fiber	PEDOT@MnO ₂ /Steel fiber	10	LiCl /PVA	2.0	60 at 0.9mA	7.23 at 0.9mA	-		E _A : 33.5 Ev: 4.02 E _L : 5	-	32
NiCo ₂ O ₄ /Ni wire	NiCo ₂ O ₄ /Ni wire	-	KOH /PVA	1.0	-	1.86 at 0.1mA	-	18.8 at 0.1mA	Ev: 0.21 E _A : 2.18	Pv: 15.5 P _A : 157.5	35

*MCT: metallic cotton thread *CT: cotton thread *CF: carbon fiber *GH: graphene hydrogel *CMC: carboxymethyl cellulose sodium

*CNP: carbon nanoparticle *CMF: carbon microfiber *CNF: carbon nanofiber *AC: activated carbon

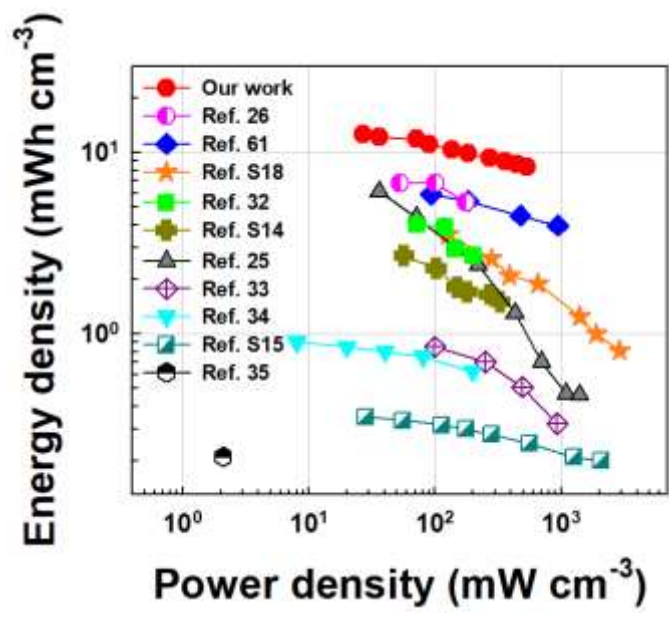


Fig. S21 Ragone plots of the volumetric energy and power density of the Au NP-incorporated 1D-ASCs compared with the solid-state fiber (or thread)-type SCs reported by other research groups.

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