



Vertically aligned nanostructured FeOOH@MnO₂ core shell electrode with better areal capacitance

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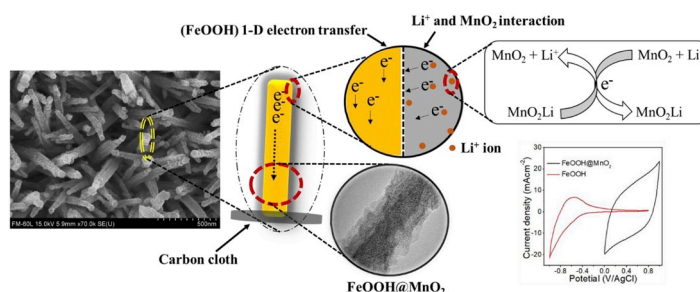
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HIGHLIGHTS

- 1-D FeOOH@MnO₂ core shell nanostructure is prepared by hydrothermal route.
- FeOOH@MnO₂ applied for electrochemical charge storage in 0–1 V/AgCl window.
- Electro-active MnO₂ shell supplies electrons and FeOOH nanorods transfer them.
- FeOOH@MnO₂ core shell nanostructure shows 0.252 Fcm⁻² capacitance at 1 mAcm⁻².
- FeOOH@MnO₂/FeOOH@MnO₂ SC gives 0.05 mWhcm⁻² energy and 1.5 mWcm⁻² power.

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Present work focuses on hydrothermal preparation of FeOOH@MnO₂ core shell as a vertically aligned 1-D nanostructure and improvement in electrochemical charge storage by utilizing MnO₂ nanostructure as an active electrode material and vertically aligned FeOOH nanorods for one dimensional electron transfer paths. A FeOOH@MnO₂ core shell thin film electrode gives maximum capacitance of 0.252 Fcm⁻² for the applied current density of 1 mAcm⁻² and maintains 99.5% capacitance retention for 2000 charge discharge cycles at 5 mAcm⁻² that attributes to better capacitive charge storage in the material. Assembled solid state symmetric electrochemical capacitor of FeOOH@MnO₂ electrode yields maximum of 0.05 mWhcm⁻² energy density with power delivery of 1.5 mWcm⁻².

1. Introduction

Supercapacitors or electrochemical capacitors are modern energy storage devices with boosted energy density than dielectric capacitors and higher power density than secondary batteries [1–4].

Pseudocapacitors store higher energy density by the courtesy of higher redox activity metal oxide or conducting polymer electrode materials than electric double layer capacitors (EDLCs), which are formed with electrodes of carbon allotropes such as graphene oxide and carbon nanotubes [5,6]. However, the energy density of pseudocapacitors

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formed with metal oxide electrodes is diminished by small surface area, low electronic conductivity and sluggish electron transfer behaviour [7–11].

Manganese oxide represents most suitable pseudocapacitive material with the low cost of preparation, high theoretical capacitance (1370 F g^{-1}) and wide operating potential window (1.0 V) for MnO_2 polymorph than other metal oxide materials such as NiO (0.5 V) and Co_3O_4 (0.45 V) [12]. However, experimentally achieved capacitances of MnO_2 electrodes are very poor than theoretical value due to the low conductivity of manganese oxide [13–15]. Therefore, different MnO_2 based core shell heterostructures have been fabricated such as $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4/\text{SnO}_2@/\text{MnO}_2$ [16], $\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4@/\text{MnO}_2$ [17], $\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4@/\text{MnO}_2$ [18], $\text{ZnO}@\text{MnO}_2$ [19] and $\text{TiO}_2@/\text{MnO}_2@/\text{C}$ [20]. In these heterostructures individual constituents help to boost up electrochemical performances of whole core shell electrodes. Recently, $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ [21–23] and $\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3@/\text{MnO}_x$ [24] core shell nanostructures are extensively studied for improved electrochemical charge storage application. Recent works of core shell $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ [22,23] demonstrated either preparation of micro-structure material that resulted less active sites available for electrochemical charge storage or preparation of $\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3@/\text{MnO}_x$ core shell nanostructure [24] that included low theoretical capacitance MnO_x component in the material. Therefore, $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ nanostructure core shell material should be prepared that include more conducting FeOOH core (than Fe_2O_3) and high theoretical capacitance MnO_2 shell material in order to achieve maximum pseudocapacitive charge storage.

This work is focused on direct hydrothermal synthesis of $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ 1-D nanostructure core shell material on a carbon cloth substrate for electrochemical charge storage application. For $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ core shell nanostructure, individual constituents boost up electrochemical charge storage as; core FeOOH nanorods reduce electron scattering phenomenon and shell MnO_2 nano-layer stores maximum charge storage in the electrode. During electrochemical charge storage in $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ electrode, the nanostructured MnO_2 layer serves as an active nano-surface material for electrochemical interactions with lithium (Li^+) ions and the core FeOOH nanorods serve as conductive unidirectional path ways by utilizing low scattering electron transfer phenomenon between MnO_2 and carbon cloth.

2. Experimental work

Analytical reagent iron chloride (FeCl_3), sodium sulphate (Na_2SO_4), potassium permanganate (KMnO_4), methanol (CH_3OH), hydrochloric acid (HCl) and hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich Company. Initially, carbon cloth was activated using 1 M HCl and 30% H_2O_2 advantageous for thin film deposition.

2.1. MnO_2 thin film preparation

MnO_2 thin film was directly prepared on carbon cloth substrate using hydrothermal method. Briefly, diluted solution of methanol was prepared in 30 ml DI water and 0.02 M KMnO_4 was added into it under constant magnetic stirring. This final solution was poured in Teflon liner accompanying activated carbon cloth substrate. Then, Teflon liner was sealed in stainless steel autoclave and heated in laboratory oven at 353 K temperature for 1 h. Brown color thin film was formed on carbon cloth substrate after hydrothermal treatment.

2.2. FeOOH thin film preparation

A 0.1 M 15 ml FeCl_3 and 0.05 M 15 ml Na_2SO_4 solutions were mixed together, stirred vigorously and transferred to Teflon liner autoclave with activated carbon cloth. Thereafter, sealed autoclave was heated in laboratory oven at 393 K temperature for 6 h and cooled naturally after hydrothermal treatment. Then, yellow color, FeOOH coated carbon cloth substrate was removed from autoclave and washed several times with ethanol to eliminate ionic impurities from the material.

2.3. $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ thin film preparation

$\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ core shell thin film was prepared using second hydrothermal treatment. Initially, a FeOOH coated carbon cloth substrate was kept in diluted methanol solution for 20 min in order to uniform adsorption of methanol solution on FeOOH nanorods. Then, 0.02 M KMnO_4 solution was prepared in DI water. Finally, methanol adsorbed FeOOH thin film and KMnO_4 solution was transferred to Teflon liner autoclave. Thereafter, sealed autoclave was heated in laboratory oven at 353 K temperature for 1 h. After hydrothermal treatment, brown color $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ core shell deposited carbon cloth was removed from autoclave and washed with ethanol repeatedly. Synthesis procedure of $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ core shell material on carbon cloth substrate is schematically presented by Fig. S1.

2.4. Characterization of materials

Surface morphology observation and elemental mapping of thin films were carried out using field-emission scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM) technique with the help of FE-SEM; SU-70, Hitachi High Technologies. Thin films were structurally analysed using X-ray diffractometer (XRD; X'Pert Pro, Malvern Panalytical B.V.) having $\text{Cu K}\alpha$ lines X-ray source and high resolution transmission electron microscopy (HR-TEM; Philips TECNAI F20). Composition and elemental valence states of $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ thin film was analysed using X-ray photo emission spectroscopy (XPS) technique with the help of XPS; ESCALab Mark II, VG Scientific Ltd. model. Surface area of $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ core shell material was assessed by Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) surface area analysis using a BET, Micromeritics (ASAP2010) model. The electrochemical charge storage analyses of MnO_2 and $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ thin film electrodes were carried out using cyclic voltammetry (CV) and galvanostatic charge discharge (GCD) techniques in aqueous 1 M LiClO_4 electrolyte. Impedance study of thin film electrodes was performed within frequency range of 0.1–100 kHz at 10 mV ac amplitude.

2.5. Fabrication of symmetric supercapacitor

Symmetric $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2//\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ supercapacitor device was constructed using $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ ($1 \times 0.5 \text{ cm}^2$) thin film electrode. For solid-state supercapacitor design, PVA- LiClO_4 hydrogel was prepared by solution casting method with the composition of 1:1 in 30 ml DI water. As prepared PVA- LiClO_4 hydrogel was pasted over two $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ electrodes and dried overnight in the ambient conditions. The outer edges of PVA- LiClO_4 covered electrodes were sealed by insulating tape for the elimination of direct electrode contact during device fabrication process. Finally, two $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ electrodes were formed symmetric $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2//\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ supercapacitor. Similarly, solid state symmetric $\text{MnO}_2//\text{MnO}_2$ supercapacitor was also fabricated using two MnO_2 thin film ($1 \times 0.5 \text{ cm}^2$) electrodes and PVA- LiClO_4 gel electrolyte.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Physicochemical characterizations of materials

FE-SEM images (Fig. 1 (A and B)) of MnO_2 thin film present nano-sphere like surface morphology on carbon cloth substrate. For FeOOH thin film, FE-SEM images (Fig. 1 (C, D)) show uniform growth of nanorods with average diameter varies from 20 to 100 nm. $\text{FeOOH}@\text{MnO}_2$ core shell thin film exhibits MnO_2 nano-layer grown on FeOOH nanorods (Fig. 1 (E, F)). Thin nano-coating of MnO_2 material is observed on FeOOH nanorods instead of nano-sphere like surface morphology in case of bare MnO_2 thin film. Thin MnO_2 nano-coating on FeOOH nanorods becomes possible due to long time exposure of FeOOH thin film to methanol solution during experimental design (Fig. S1).

X-ray diffraction study reveals mixed phase (α , γ , β) crystal structure

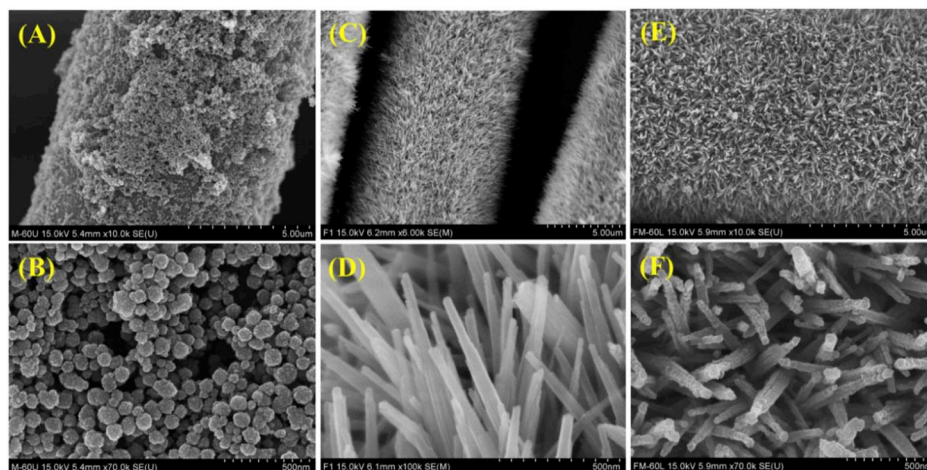


Fig. 1. FE-SEM images of (A, B) MnO_2 , (C, D) FeOOH and (E, F) FeOOH@MnO_2 thin films prepared by hydrothermal method.

of manganese oxide (MnO_2) and beta phase of iron oxy-hydroxide ($\beta\text{-FeOOH}$) presented in Fig. S2 [25–27]. Other two peaks marked as # show presence of $\gamma\text{-FeOOH}$ (JCPDS 01-076-2301) phase, while a single XRD peak dictated by @ with very small intensity correspond to $\alpha\text{-Mn}_2\text{O}_3$ (JCPDS, 41–1442) [28,29]. Peaks marked by * correspond to carbon cloth substrate. The XRD peaks for core shell FeOOH@MnO_2 thin film show less intensity than bare MnO_2 thin film. It is due to fine nanosize-coating of MnO_2 material on FeOOH nanorods, as observed in FE-SEM study. Elemental mapping of different elements (Iron (Fe),

manganese (Mn) and oxygen (O 1s)) in FeOOH@MnO_2 sample is presented in Supplementary Fig. S3 in order to test homogeneous distribution of the elements.

Chemical composition and elemental valence states of FeOOH@MnO_2 core shell material is inspected using XPS technique. Survey scan spectrum (Fig. 2 (A)) shows presence of iron, manganese and oxygen elements in the material. Low intensity Fe peaks in the survey scan spectrum attribute to MnO_2 coating on FeOOH nanorods. Additionally, XPS peak observed at 377.6 eV binding energy

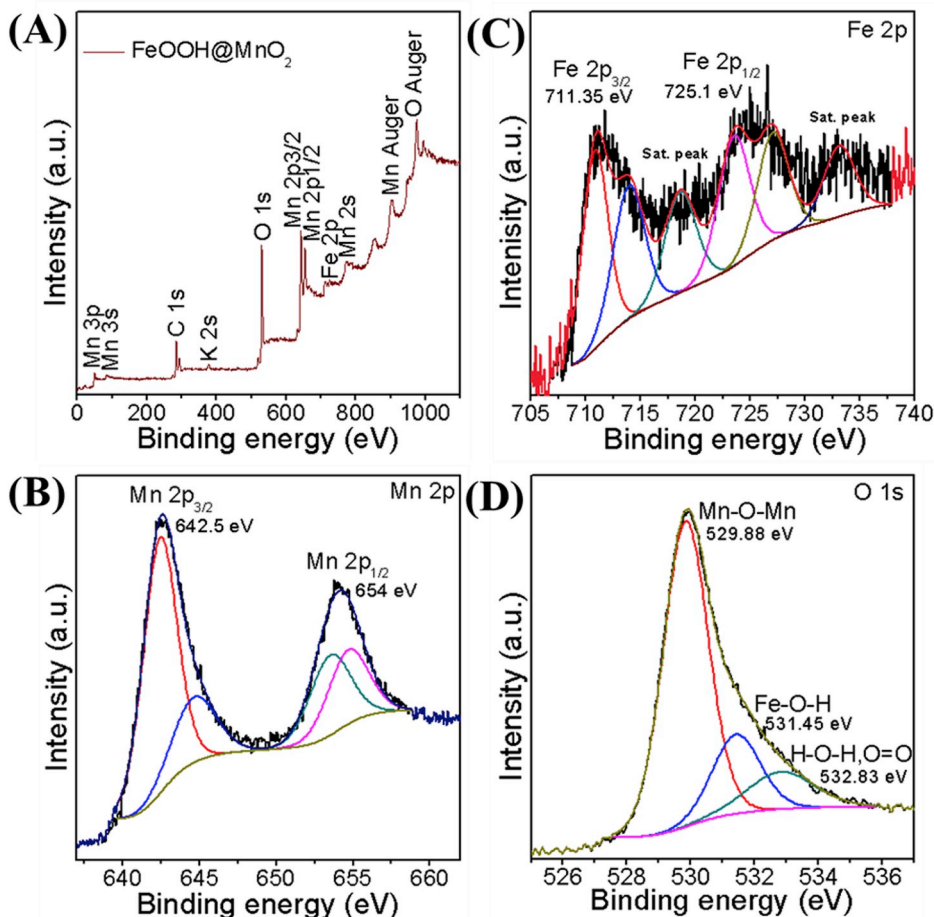


Fig. 2. (A) Broad scan survey spectrum of FeOOH@MnO_2 and narrow scan spectra of (B) manganese (Mn), (C) iron (Fe) and (D) oxygen (O) elements.

corresponds to K 2s energy state of ionized potassium [30]. These potassium ions (K^+) from $KMnO_4$ precursor were adsorbed on $FeOOH@MnO_2$ core shell thin film during MnO_2 growth. $Mn2p_{3/2}$ and $Mn2p_{1/2}$ chemical states of manganese at binding energies of 642.5 and 654 eV dictate MnO_2 phase of manganese oxide Fig. 2 (B) [31]. The XPS peaks at 711.35 and 725.1 eV correspond to energy states of $Fe2p_{3/2}$ and $Fe2p_{1/2}$, respectively with higher energy satellite peaks in Fig. 2 (C) confirms $FeOOH$ phase of material, consistent with the earlier reports [32–34]. A O 1s state of oxygen is de-convoluted into 3 sub-states (Fig. 2 (D)) at the binding energies of 529.88, 531.45 and 532.83 eV that dictate Mn–O–Mn, Fe–O–H and surface adsorbed oxygen (including O_2 and H_2O molecules) bonding, respectively [35,36].

Core shell $FeOOH@MnO_2$ nanostructure is clearly observed through HR-TEM images (Fig. 3 (A–C)) that show MnO_2 coating on highly crystalline $FeOOH$ nanorods consistent with FE-SEM results. Fig. 3 (D and E) show fast fourier transform (FFT) patterns obtained from HR-TEM images of MnO_2 and $FeOOH@MnO_2$, respectively. Selected area electron diffraction (SAED) patterns dictate crystal orientations of bare MnO_2 and $FeOOH@MnO_2$. Ring pattern of MnO_2 material (Fig. 3 (F)) shows presence of (101), (200) and (211) planes. For $FeOOH@MnO_2$ core shell nanostructure (Fig. 3 (G)), dot pattern co-exists with ring pattern, which is evidence of core shell $FeOOH@MnO_2$ nanostructure. In Fig. 3 (G), two adjacent dots dictate (120) and (251) planes of crystalline $FeOOH$ nanorods, consistent with the XRD results.

Surface area of $FeOOH@MnO_2$ material is obtained by Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) surface area method using N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherm (Fig. S4 (A)). $FeOOH@MnO_2$ exhibited Brunauer-Deming-Deming-Teller (BDDT) data with the characteristic feature of type IV isotherm and H3-type hysteresis loop that suggests presence of mesopores in the material.

The pore size distribution in $FeOOH@MnO_2$ material is evaluated via Barrett-Joyner-Halenda (BJH) model (Fig. S4 (B)) that shows occupancy of meso-pores in the range of 2.44–50 nm and BET specific surface area of $FeOOH@MnO_2$ is calculated to be $300\text{ m}^2\text{ g}^{-1}$. Such a high surface area $FeOOH@MnO_2$ material with meso-porous structure can be fully utilized for electrochemical aqueous supercapacitor application, as mesopores are easily accessible for solvated lithium ions. However, material with micro (pore size < 2 nm) and/or macro pore structure (pore size > 50 nm) hinders electrochemical performance due to inaccessible pores and/or low specific surface area of material, respectively.

3.2. Electrochemical charge storage analyses

Fig. 4 (A, B) present CV curves at 5 to 100 mVs^{-1} scan rates of MnO_2 and $FeOOH@MnO_2$ electrodes, respectively that show better rectangular nature of CV curves for $FeOOH@MnO_2$ electrode. Moreover, $FeOOH@MnO_2$ electrode shows higher integrated area of CV loops

suitable for higher charge storage than bare MnO_2 electrode. All CV curves show nearly rectangular shapes without obvious redox peaks indicative of surface pseudocapacitive charge storage of both the electrodes in $LiClO_4$ electrolyte. The symmetrical charging and discharging of CV curves of both electrodes suggest higher columbic efficiency of material [37]. Following reversible reaction is responsible for charge storage at the surface of MnO_2 nanoparticles due to Mn (IV) and Mn (III) redox transitions [38,39],



Comparative CV curves of $FeOOH$ and $FeOOH@MnO_2$ electrodes are recorded (Fig. S5) in positive potential window (0 to +1.0 V/AgCl) in order to demonstrate charge storage of both the electrodes. It demonstrates that for $FeOOH@MnO_2$ core shell electrode, mainly MnO_2 nanoparticles take part in redox activity by utilizing reversible reactions shown in equation (1) and $FeOOH$ nanorods mainly serve for instantaneous transfer of electrons between MnO_2 nanoparticles and current collector (carbon cloth), which helps to reduce electron scattering phenomenon in the electrode (Fig. 5). More insights on charge storage mechanism of both $FeOOH@MnO_2$ and MnO_2 electrodes in $LiClO_4$ electrolyte are provided in Fig. S6. The generalised equation between current responses versus scan rates of CV curve for infinitesimal diffusion process is given by following equation,

$$I = av^b \quad (2)$$

where, a , b are adjusting parameters; I and v are current response at 0.6 V/AgCl potential and scan rate for a CV curve, respectively. For $b = 1.0$ value, surface capacitive charge storage is expected for the electrode, corresponding to double layer electrostatic and/or surface pseudocapacitive reversible reactions, while $b = 0.5$ predicts charge storage is influenced by diffusion mechanism of electrolyte ions through electrode matrix. Both MnO_2 and $FeOOH@MnO_2$ electrodes exhibit surface pseudocapacitive type charge storage indicated by 0.93 and 0.89 slope (b) values, respectively obtained for $\log(i)$ versus $\log(v)$ plots of both electrodes (Fig. S6).

The recorded GCD curves of both MnO_2 and $FeOOH@MnO_2$ electrodes (Fig. 4 (C, D)), respectively show symmetrical shape for charging and discharging that suggests better columbic efficiency of the electrodes. Areal capacitances of MnO_2 and $FeOOH@MnO_2$ electrodes are calculated using following equation,

$$\text{Areal capacitance} = \frac{I_d \times t_d}{V \times A} \quad (3)$$

where, I_d , t_d , V and A are designated as magnitude of applied current density, discharging time, applied potential window and 1 cm^2 area of electrode, respectively. The highest 0.252 Fcm^{-2} areal capacitance is obtained for $FeOOH@MnO_2$ core shell electrode in comparison with

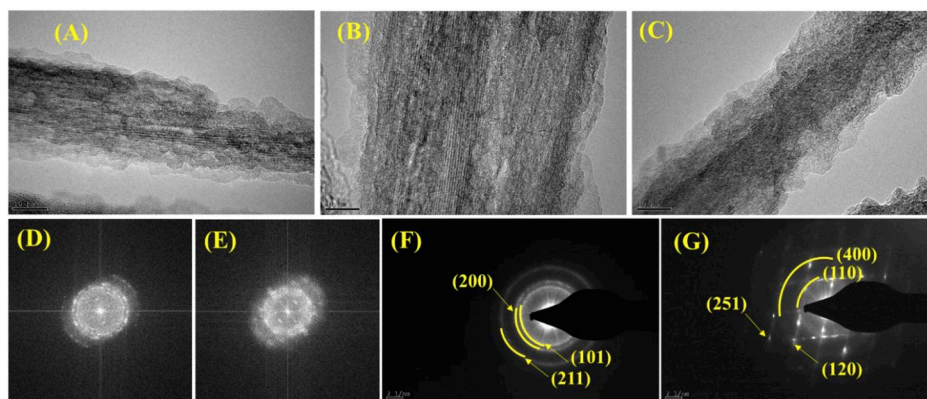


Fig. 3. (A–C) HR-TEM images of $FeOOH@MnO_2$ nanorods, FFT patterns of (D) MnO_2 and (E) $FeOOH@MnO_2$ core shell and selected area diffraction patterns of (F) MnO_2 and (G) $FeOOH@MnO_2$.

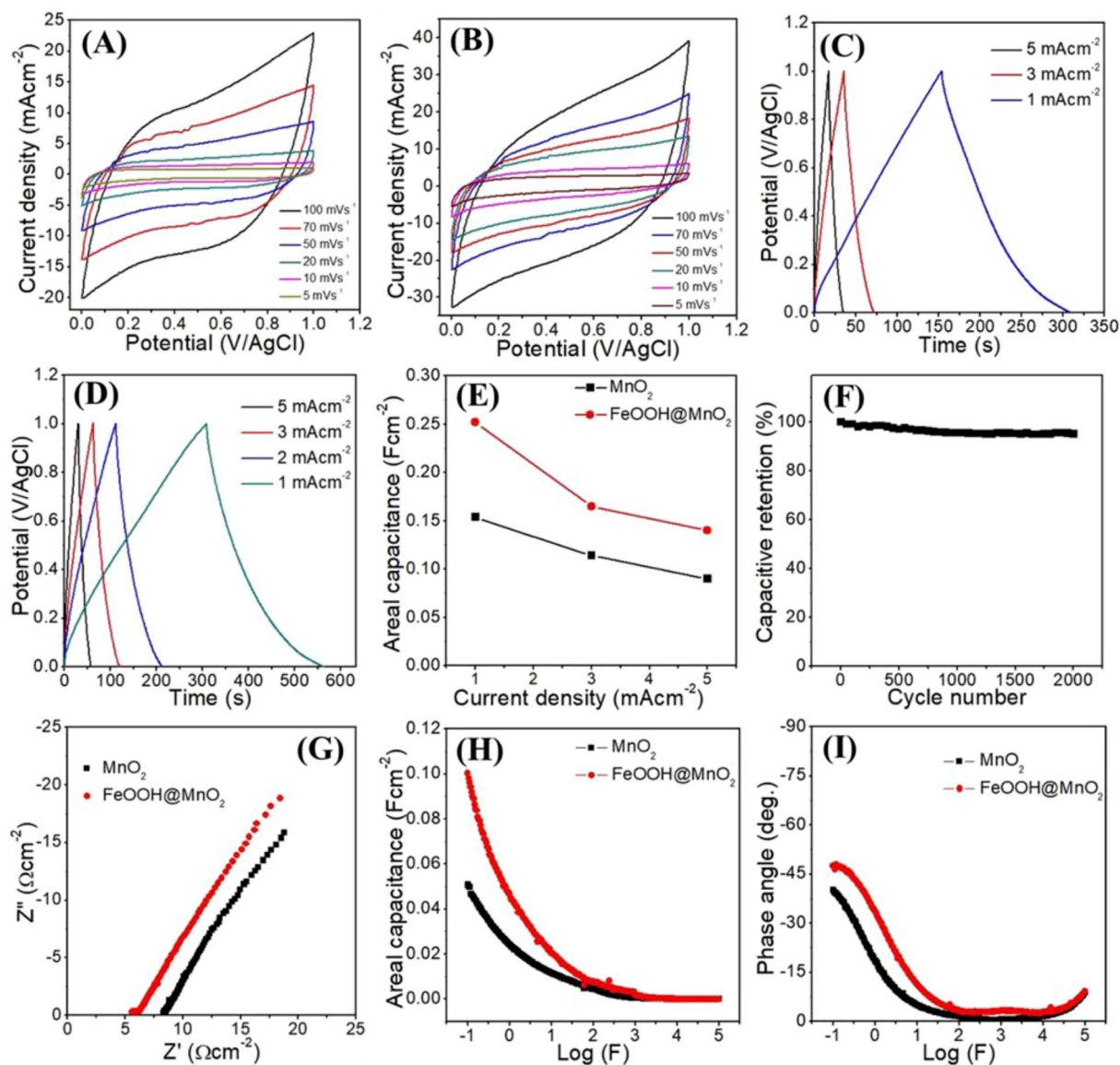


Fig. 4. CV curves of (A) MnO_2 and (B) FeOOH@MnO_2 electrodes recorded at different scan rates. (C) and (D) are GCD curves of MnO_2 and FeOOH@MnO_2 , respectively. (E) Comparative plots of areal capacitances of MnO_2 and FeOOH@MnO_2 electrodes versus different current densities, (F) capacitive retention of FeOOH@MnO_2 electrode over 2000 charge discharge cycles scanned at 5 mAcm^{-2} current density, (G) impedance spectra of electrodes within 0.1–100 kHz frequency range, (H) comparative areal capacitances and (I) phase angle relation with applied frequency range of 0.1–100 kHz.

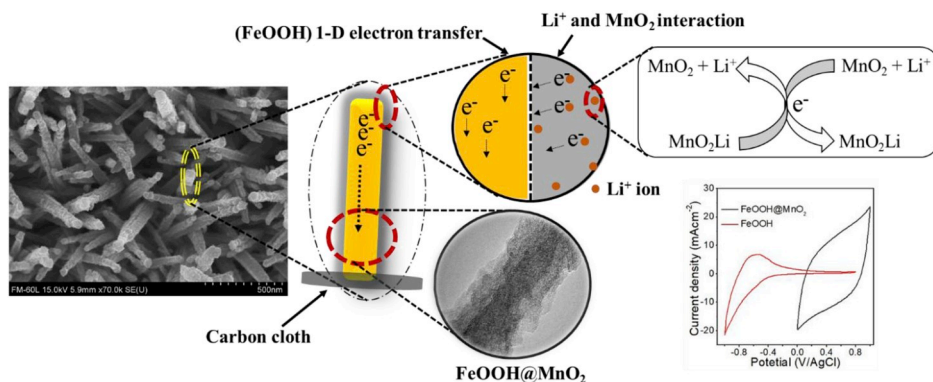


Fig. 5. Schematic representation for electrochemical charge storage and electron transfer phenomenon of FeOOH@MnO_2 core shell electrode in aqueous 1 M LiClO_4 electrolyte.

0.153 Fcm⁻² for bare MnO₂ at the applied current density of 1 mAcm⁻² seen in Fig. 4 (E). FeOOH@MnO₂ electrode still retains 0.140 Fcm⁻² capacitance at high current density of 5 mAcm⁻². In order to examine, whether carbon cloth substrate contributes for any capacitance, CV and GCD curves are recorded at 100 mVs⁻¹ scan rate and 1 mAcm⁻² current density, respectively (Fig. S7). For carbon cloth, integrated area of closed CV loop and discharging time in GCD curve are negligible quantities (less than 1%) compared with FeOOH@MnO₂ core shell electrode. It indicates negligible capacitance contribution of carbon cloth substrate in the performance of FeOOH@MnO₂ thin film electrode.

The improvement in capacitance of core shell electrode is achieved by utilizing high surface area (300 m²g⁻¹) of electrode and fast instantaneous electron transfer phenomenon via vertically grown FeOOH nanorods. The achieved capacitance in present work for FeOOH@MnO₂ core shell electrode is higher than 0.227 Fcm⁻² obtained by Sarkar et al. [24] for α-Fe₂O₃@MnO_x electrode at 0.5 mAcm⁻² current density.

Cyclic lifetime of FeOOH@MnO₂ electrode is performed for continuous 2000 C V cycles that exhibits excellent 99.5% (Fig. 4 (F)) capacitive retention, which is indicative of good reversibility of active electrode material. The comparative impedance spectra (Fig. 4 (G)) of MnO₂ and FeOOH@MnO₂ electrodes present lowered equivalent series resistance (ESR) (5.5 Ωcm⁻²) for FeOOH@MnO₂ electrode than MnO₂ (8.2 Ωcm⁻²). It signifies to unidirectional transfer of electrons via FeOOH nanorods towards current collector resulting less electron scattering phenomenon in FeOOH@MnO₂ electrode. Areal capacitance response in Fig. 4 (H) of FeOOH@MnO₂ core shell electrode exhibits higher capacitance (0.105 Fcm⁻²) at 0.1 Hz frequency of ac signal compared to 0.051 Fcm⁻² for MnO₂ electrode. Similarly, phase angle response (Fig. 4 (I)) shows better supercapacitive behaviour for core shell FeOOH@MnO₂ electrode, while for MnO₂ case it becomes more resistive in lower frequency region.

The constructed solid state symmetric FeOOH@MnO₂//FeOOH@MnO₂ supercapacitor is evaluated for electrochemical charge storage within operating potential window of 0 to +1.0 V. Symmetrical CV (Fig. 6 (A)) and GCD (Fig. 6 (B)) curves of FeOOH@MnO₂//

FeOOH@MnO₂ supercapacitor at different scan rates and currents, respectively exhibit better coulombic efficiency of the device. Highest areal capacitance of 0.135 F is obtained for the device at 0.5 mA current seen in Fig. 6 (C). Ragone plot of FeOOH@MnO₂//FeOOH@MnO₂ supercapacitor (Fig. 6 (D)) shows highest energy density of 0.05 mWhcm⁻² for corresponding power density of 1.5 mWcm⁻². Cyclic lifetime of supercapacitor is tested for 2000 GCD cycles at 2 mAcm⁻² current that shows 94.5% capacitive retention in the device seen in Fig. 6 (E). Impedance spectrum (Fig. 6 (F)) exhibits better supercapacitive feature of the device, as Nyquist plot have low impedance values along the diagonal of plot in low frequency region. Areal capacitance and phase angle responses (Fig. S8) of FeOOH@MnO₂//FeOOH@MnO₂ supercapacitor dictate better rate capability and supercapacitive nature with varied high to low frequency range of ac signal.

Similarly, symmetric MnO₂//MnO₂ supercapacitor is also studied for charge storage evaluation (Fig. S9) using CV and GCD techniques within operating potential window of 0 to +1.0 V. Rectangular CV curves without obvious redox peaks at each scan rates show pseudocapacitive charge storage in the device. The highest 0.102 F areal capacitance of MnO₂//MnO₂ supercapacitor is obtained at 0.5 mA current, which is higher than 0.047 Fcm⁻² reported for typical MnO₂//MnO₂ supercapacitor by Wang et al. [40]. The highest 0.035 mWhcm⁻² energy density and 1.25 mWcm⁻² power density are obtained for MnO₂//MnO₂ supercapacitor. Cyclic lifetime of device is tested for 2000 GCD cycles at 2 mAcm⁻² current that shows 90% capacitive retention of device after cycling process.

4. Conclusions

Core shell 1-dimensional FeOOH@MnO₂ nanostructure thin film electrode have been successfully deposited on carbon cloth substrate by hydrothermal method. Maximum electrochemical charge storage of FeOOH@MnO₂ electrode is achieved by MnO₂ nano-layer coating on vertically grown FeOOH nanorods. MnO₂ nano-layer is used as an electro-active electrode, while FeOOH nanorods served for low electron

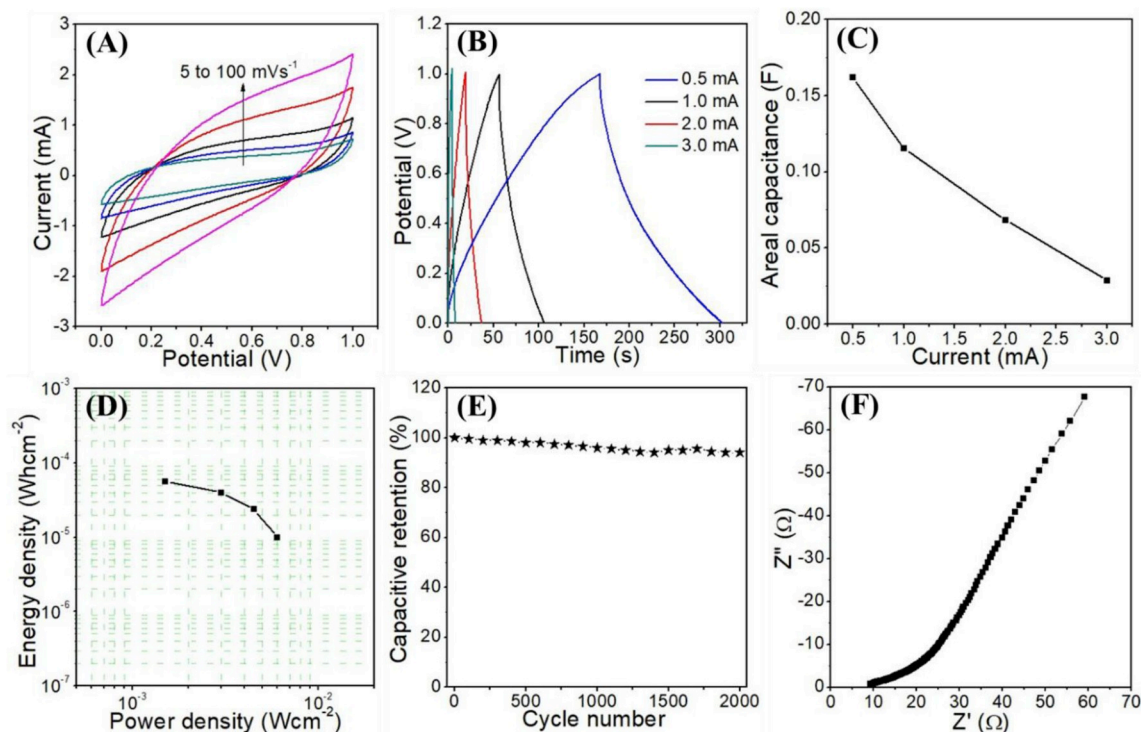


Fig. 6. (A) CV curves, (B) GCD curves, (C) areal capacitances, (D) Ragone plot, (E) capacitive retention for 2000 GCD cycles and (F) impedance spectrum of symmetric FeOOH@MnO₂//FeOOH@MnO₂ supercapacitor.

scattering phenomenon useful for charge conduction. Thus, present synthesis strategy synergistically improved areal capacitance of FeOOH@MnO₂ core shell electrode. Therefore, assembled core shell electrode based symmetric FeOOH@MnO₂/FeOOH@MnO₂ supercapacitor exhibited better 0.05 mWhcm⁻² energy density and 1.5 mWcm⁻² power density and demonstrated FeOOH@MnO₂ nanostructure core shell electrode suitable for supercapacitor application. Similar synthesis strategy can be applied for other metal oxides such as cobalt oxide and nickel oxide for enhancement in their areal capacitances.

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