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Three-Dimensional Fibrous Iron as Anode Current Collector for Rechargeable Zinc-air Batteries

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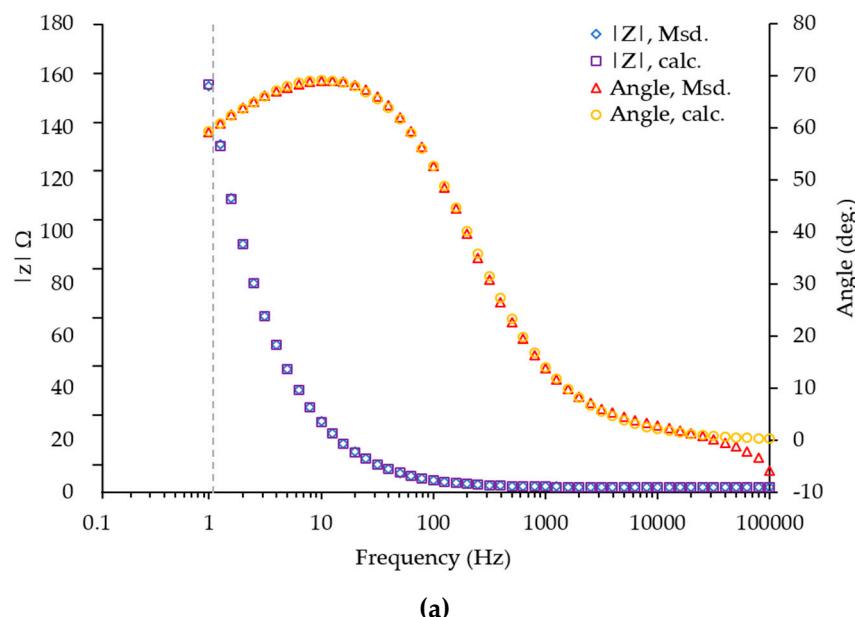
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Table S1. Surface area, pore volume, and average pore diameter (N_2 adsorption–desorption isotherm) of different bare and anode samples.

| No. | Sample | BET Surface Area (m^2/g) | Pore Size (nm) | Pore Volume (cm^3/g) |
|-----|--------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Iron Fibers (bare) | 0.07 | 2.801 | 0.091 |
| 2 | Nickel Foam (bare) | 1.20 | 3.302 | 0.12 |
| 3 | Zinc-Iron fiber | 0.90 | 2.246 | 0.052 |
| 4 | Zinc- Nickel foam | 4.09 | 2.804 | 0.087 |



(a)

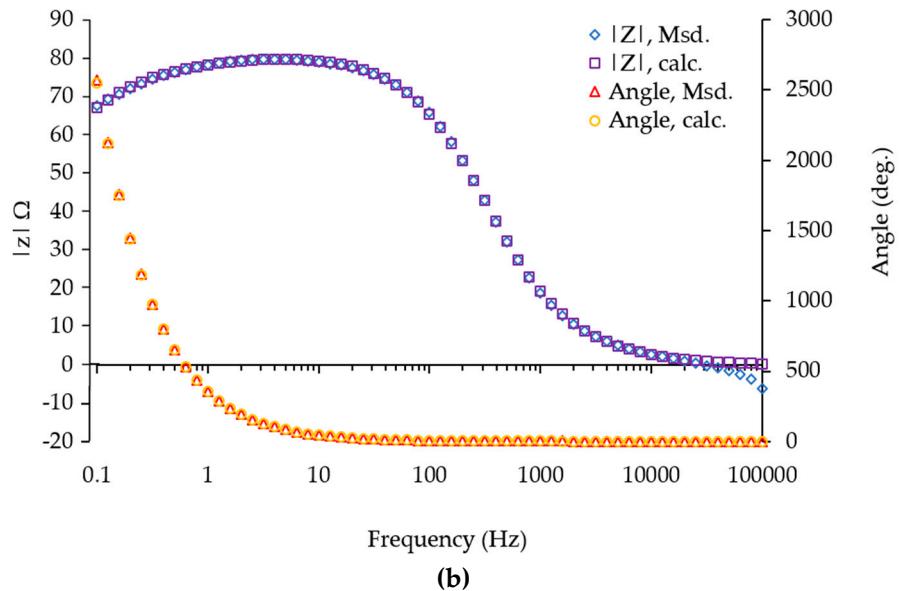


Figure S1. Bode diagrams of fitted EIS lines at a starting frequency of 100 kHz to 0.1 Hz for (a) Zn/IF and (b) Zn/NF electrode around OCV in electrolyte solution.

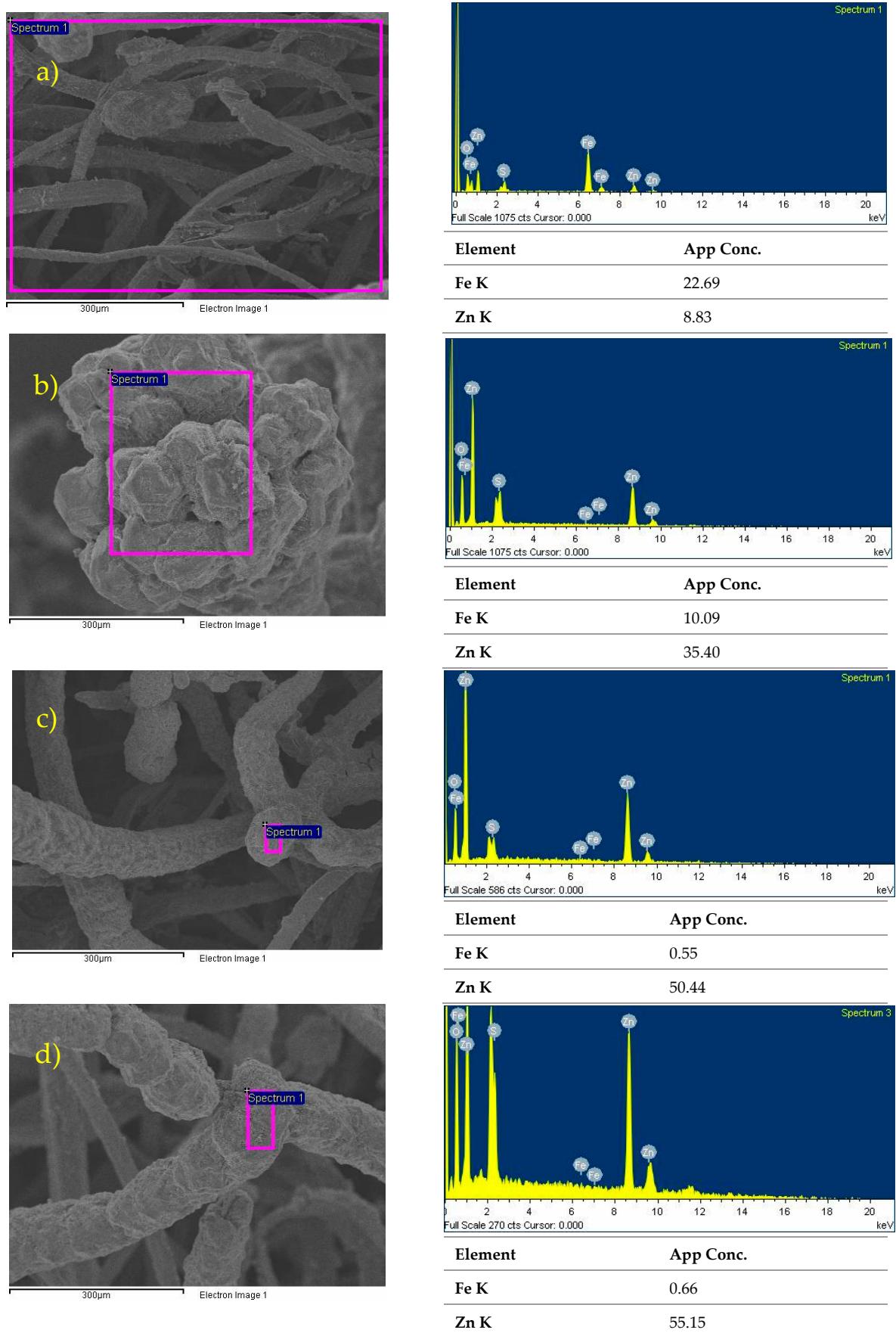


Figure S2. EDX of zinc electrodeposition on IF at potential of (a) -1.60 V vs. Hg/HgO, (b) -1.55 V vs. Hg/HgO, (c) -1.50 V vs. Hg/HgO and (d) -1.45 V vs. Hg/HgO.

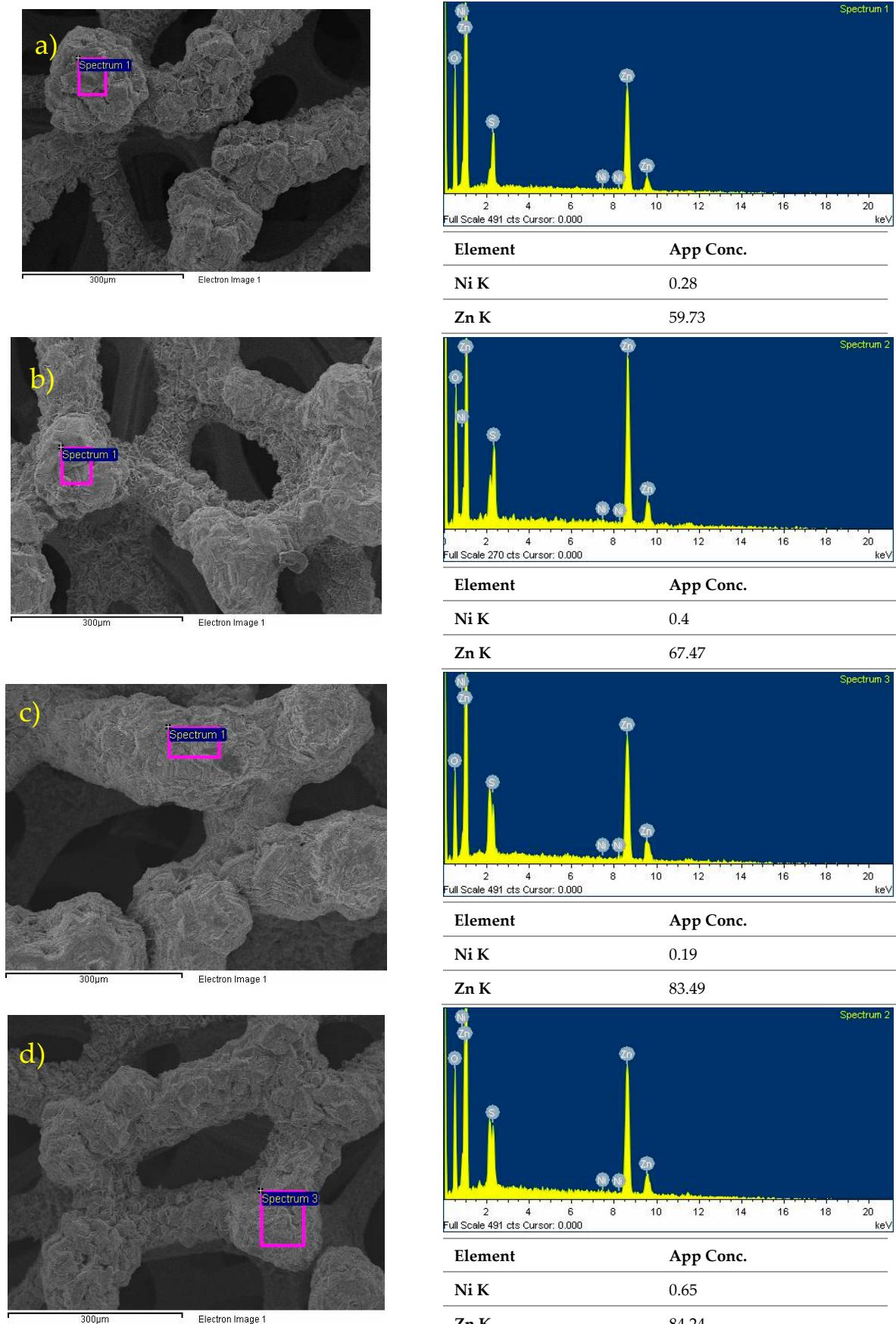


Figure S3. EDX of zinc electrodeposition on NF at potential of (a) -1.60 V vs. Hg/HgO, (b) -1.55 V vs. Hg/HgO, (c) -1.50 V vs. Hg/HgO and (d) -1.45 V vs. Hg/HgO.

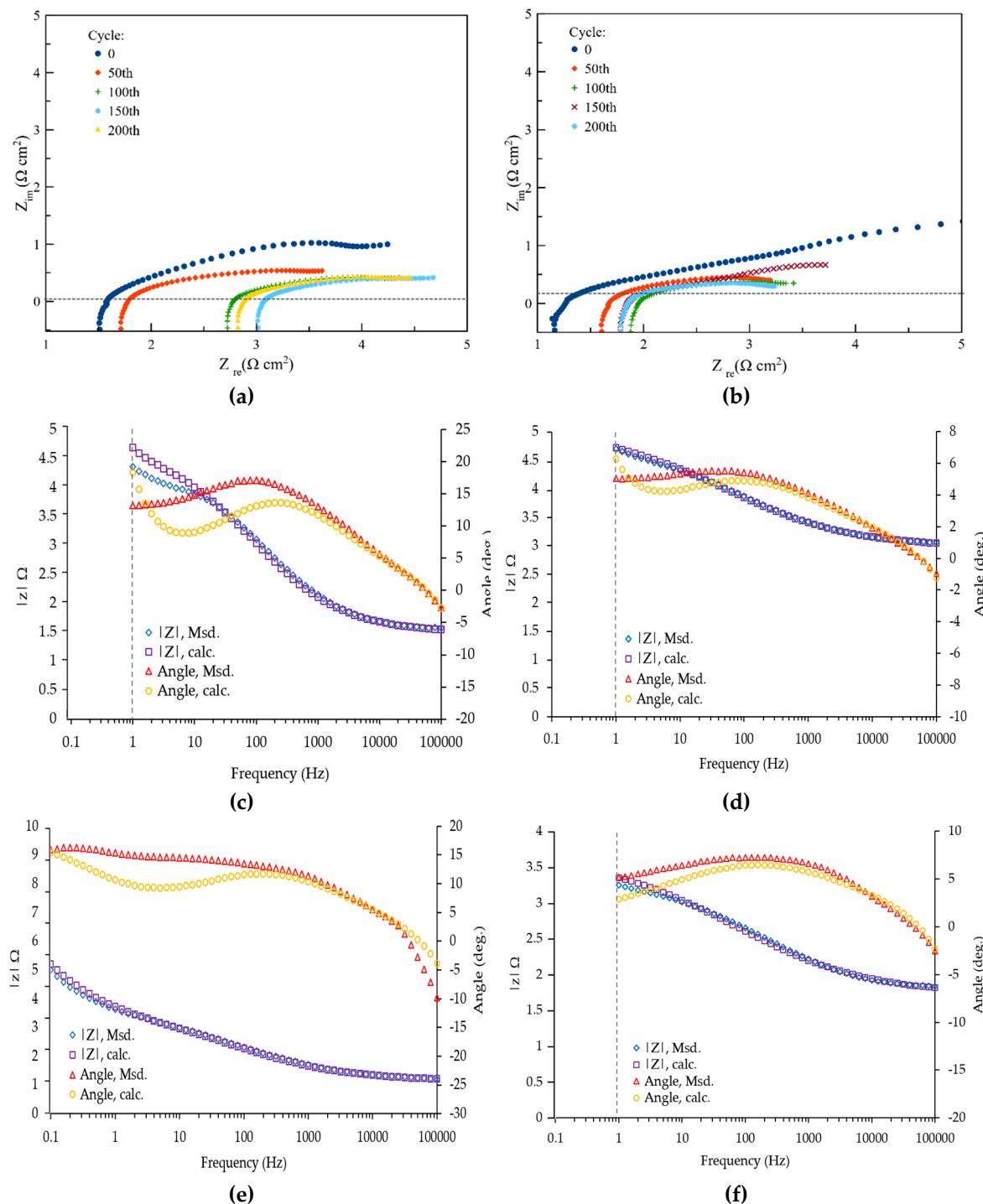


Figure S4. Evolution of cell impedance at initial stage and after 50th, 100th, 150th and 200th charge-discharge cycle: (a) Nyquist plots when used Zn/IF, (b) Nyquist plots when used Zn/NF, (c) Bode diagram when used Zn/IF at initial state ($t = 0$), (d) Bode diagram when used Zn/IF at 200th cycle, (e) Bode diagram when used Zn/NF at initial state ($t = 0$), (f) Bode diagram when used Zn/NF at 200th cycle at a frequency range from 100 kHz to 0.1 Hz with an alternate current amplitude of 10 mV around OCV.