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### 22 Summary

23 Electrochemical energy storage (EES) devices that provide high power and energy for micropower systems 24 are considered to be essential for developing micro/nano electronics, such as nanorobotics, environmental 25 sensors, and connected smart electronics. One promising research direction in this field has been to develop 26

on-chip EES whose length scales integrate with those of miniaturized electronic devices. In the work 27 described here, we provide the first report of a hydroxide ion conducting solid electrolyte which can be

- 28 patterned using standard lithography. By combining a negative photoresist with a polymerizable ionic liquid,
- 29 we obtain a thermally and dimensionally stable, hydroxide ion conducting solid electrolyte with a 30 conductivity of 10 mS cm<sup>-1</sup>. Patterning the solid electrolyte directly on interdigitated vanadium nitride (VN)

31 electrodes enables a scalable fabrication approach for producing high resolution, solid-state VN micro32 supercapacitors (MSC) in both single and multiple devices. Individual solid-state MSC devices exhibit 33 better areal energy and power densities compared to previously reported solid-state MSC systems while 34 tandem VN MSC devices demonstrated the ability to increase the cell working voltage and total current 35 output. These results effectively extend the field of on-chip micro-supercapacitors into the important 36 direction of integrated high-energy and high-power solid-state EES devices for powering IoT technology.

### 36 Introduction

37 Advances in electrochemical energy storage (EES) technology have changed the landscape of the portable 38 electronics industry and the electric vehicle market in the past decade and are on the same track for enabling 39 the 'Internet of Things' (IoT).<sup>1</sup> A robust, high-energy and high-power micropower system is a key technology for the future development of micro/nano electronics, such as nanorobotics, 40 microelectromechanical systems (MEMS), environmental sensors, and connected smart electronics.<sup>2,3</sup> 41 42 However, the power sources for these devices often become the limitation in achieving the small formfactor 43 required by miniaturized electronics because energy-storage components scale down poorly in size. It is 44 well known that miniaturization of electrochemical energy storage (EES) system devices such as batteries 45 and capacitors have lagged far behind Moore's Law and that improvements of only about 10%/year have been achieved.<sup>4</sup> A brief overview of miniaturized EES that use various fabrication methods is presented in 46 47 the SI and summarized in Table S1. Of particular interest for the current research is the development of 48 integrated on-chip EES to power miniaturized electronic devices. Such a technology holds significant 49 promise towards enabling the IoT and further enhancing the distribution and utilization of sustainable energy. To achieve this goal, however, there needs to be an appropriate chemistry where EES components, 50 i.e. the anode, cathode, and solid electrolyte, can be formed and defined spatially through the very 51 52 techniques that are utilized in achieving high-resolution patterns in the semiconductor industry.<sup>5,6</sup>

53 In recent years, there have been substantial efforts at fabricating EES devices using semiconductor 54 processing fabrication methods. This research includes on-chip micro-supercapacitors  $(MSC)^{7-10}$  and multi-dimensional batteries.<sup>5,11–13</sup> Some devices have demonstrated areal energy densities (> 1 mWh cm<sup>-2</sup>) 55 or power densities (> 5 mW cm<sup>-2</sup>) that are comparable to those of bulk-scale EES systems. However, these 56 57 micropower sources use liquid electrolytes which are not compatible with on-chip integration because of 58 the inability to spatially confine a liquid. There is, therefore, a critical need to develop solid electrolyte 59 materials which would enable the fabrication of micropower sources using semiconductor processing 60 methods. Typical solid electrolytes for miniaturized MSC devices consist of an ionic salt solvated in 61 polymeric or inorganic solid host materials. The most popular solid electrolytes being explored for 62 supercapacitors use aqueous electrolytes embedded in polymer hydrogels such as poly(vinyl alcohol) (PVA), poly(ethylene oxide) (PEO), and poly(acrylic acid) (PAA).<sup>14–17</sup> A representative system is KOH in 63 PVA, which exhibits an ionic conductivity exceeding  $10^{-2}$  S cm<sup>-1</sup> at room temperature. Ionogel 64 65 electrolytes, based on the incorporation of an ionic liquid such as 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide [EMIM][TFSI] encapsulated in SiO<sub>2</sub> or polyvinylidene fluoride, 66 constitutes another class of solid electrolyte that is used in supercapacitors.<sup>18</sup> This nonaqueous solid 67 electrolyte exhibits an electrochemical window up to 2.5 V in MSCs, although its ionic conductivity at 68 69 ambient temperatures ( $10^{-3}$  to  $10^{-4}$  S cm<sup>-1</sup>) is lower than aqueous systems due to slow diffusivity of the bulky ions.<sup>19</sup> Both of these systems represent gel-type electrolytes whose utilization in advanced devices 70 71 is restricted by several concerns including poor mechanical integrity and fabrication difficulties which 72 limit their integration with high resolution devices.<sup>20,21</sup>

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74 In this paper, we describe the development of a hydroxide-conducting photopatternable solid electrolyte 75 that possesses a high room temperature ionic conductivity of 10 mS cm<sup>-1</sup> along with excellent thermal 76 stability and mechanical integrity. This material represents one of the very few photopatternable solid 77 electrolytes reported to date and, to the best of our knowledge, is the first one to exhibit hydroxide ion 78 conduction. This solid-state electrolyte, and especially its ability to be photopatterned, enables interdigitated 79 MSC to be fully fabricated by semiconductor processing methods. We demonstrate the application of the hydroxide-conducting photopatternable solid electrolyte by integrating it with VN interdigitated electrodes. 80 81 leading to the fabrication of high-resolution, high performance solid-state VN MSC devices. In addition to demonstrating individual MSC devices, we characterize tandem device architectures which lead to 82 increased cell voltages and total currents beyond what is available with individual devices. 83

#### 84 Results and Discussion

85 Our approach to creating photopatternable solid electrolyte materials involves modifying the chemistry of 86 commercial SU-8 photoresists to achieve ion transport without compromising its photopatterning functionality. We previously demonstrated this general methodology enabling the development of 87 lithiumion conducting photopatterned electrolytes with sub-100 µm resolution.<sup>6</sup> In the research reported 88 89 here, the particular challenge in achieving hydroxide-ion conduction is the hydrophobic nature of the SU-8 photoresist. Our synthesis strategy for preparing the photopatternable hydroxide-conducting solid 90 91 electrolyte involved two steps. First, the cationic polymerizable 1-Allyl-3-methylimidazolium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide [AMIM][TFSI] was grafted onto the SU-8 polymer matrix. This was 92 93 followed by anion exchange to incorporate hydroxides (Figure 1a, S1). The resulting electrolyte system consists of the SU-8 host material that provides the photopatterning capability while hydroxides in the 94 95 polymerizable ionic liquid phase provide the charge-carrying hydroxide ions required for the VN redox 96 process (Figure 1b). Ionic liquid [AMIM][TFSI] grafted SU-8 polymer was successfully photopatterned using a photomask with cylindrical features 100 µm in diameter (Figure S1). This signifies that the 97 photopatterned solid electrolyte material can be paired with any miniaturized EES systems that are 10 x 10 98 99  $\mu$ m<sup>2</sup> in size. The photopatterned electrolyte was further characterized using energy-dispersive X-ray 100 spectroscopy (EDS). The presence of ionic liquid constituents (sulfur and fluorine) in the photopatterned 101 structure confirms that the photopatternable polymer matrix encapsulates the ionic liquid (Figure S1b). 102 After the anion exchange process with hydroxides, only trace amounts of fluorine and sulfur were detected 103 (Figure S1c).

104 The lithography-assisted crosslinking between polymerizable cations and SU-8 matrix was verified by analyzing Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra. The disappearance of the vinyl group at 1648 cm<sup>-1</sup> 105 106 (stretching vibration of C=C) upon polymerization indicates that vinyl groups are participating in the photopolymerization process (Figure S2a). The grafting of polymerizable ionic liquids was further 107 confirmed by evaluating the solubility of the ionic liquid phase using an IL miscible solvent (i.e. acetone or 108 ethanol). In general, for a given ionogel system, ionic liquids contained in the host network are readily 109 soluble in certain solvent media.<sup>18,21</sup> However, it is evident in the infrared spectra in Figure S2b that 110 111 polymerizable cations in the [AMIM][TFSI] ionic liquid are covalently bonded to the SU-8 matrix and are 112 no longer soluble. Once grafting of the cation was confirmed, the mobile TFSI<sup>-</sup> anions were exchanged with OH<sup>-</sup> in 1M KOH (aq.). The approximate concentration of hydroxide anions in [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 113 114 electrolyte is calculated to be 1.8M based on the total volume of the electrolyte with the assumption that TFSI anions are fully substituted. The anion exchange process in the ionic liquid grafted SU-8 electrolyte 115 116 was assessed by observing changes in the characteristic peaks (Figure 2a) ascribed to TFSI<sup>-</sup> anion (Table S2) and OH<sup>-</sup> anion (3200-3400 cm<sup>-1</sup>). It is also clear that the IR absorbance bands assigned to the 117 imidazolium cation (752, 1432, 1464 cm<sup>-1</sup>) are still present after the TFSI<sup>-</sup> anions are exchanged. 118

119 We validated the mobility of OH<sup>-</sup> transport in the photopatternable [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 material by using it 120 as a solid electrolyte which leads to charge storage in NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. This transition metal oxide is well known 121 for undergoing redox reactions with hydroxide anions through the following mechanisms<sup>23,24</sup>:

122  $\text{NiCo}_2\text{O}_4 + \mathbf{OH}^- + \text{H}_2\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{NiOOH} + 2\text{CoOOH} + e^-$  (1)

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$$\text{CoOOH} + \text{OH}^- \leftrightarrow \text{CoO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{e}^-$$
 (2)

124 In this experiment, a 10  $\mu$ m film of the [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 solid electrolyte was coated and polymerized 125 on the NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> electrode. The CV curves for this system were compared to those for the same NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 126 material in 1M KOH (Figure S3). The similarity in redox potential, peak current response, and observed 127 gravimetric capacities (89 vs 92 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> at 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>) for NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> samples tested in patternable solid 128 electrolyte and 1M KOH control liquid electrolyte, confirms that hydroxide ion transport occurs in the 129 patternable electrolyte. This observation was consistent over a range of sweep rates (1, 2, 5, 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>),

130 suggesting that the [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 not only facilitates OH<sup>-</sup> transport but also provides a coherent 131 electrode/electrolyte interface. These attributes are among the most vital electrochemical features for solid

132 electrolytes.

133 The thermal stability of the electrolyte was determined using thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) as shown 134 in Figure 2b. In view of possible heating effects associated with high power operation, thermal stability of 135 the electrolyte can be a potential concern. The photopatterned electrolyte is quite stable as it showed no appreciable weight loss to temperatures above 300 °C in the TG profile. In contrast, the unmodified SU-8 136 photoresist begins to undergo thermal decomposition below 200 °C (Figure S4a). One other feature of the 137 138 solid-like behavior of [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 is that there is only a nominal change in the mechanical integrity after heat treatment (Figure S4b). The noticeable increase in thermal stability is attributed to the grafting of 139 the thermally stable [AMIM]-based ionic liquid with the SU-8 matrix. Overall, the results showed excellent 140

141 thermal stability with about 5 % weight loss by 320 °C.

142 The mechanical properties of the patternable solid electrolyte films were evaluated using nanoindentation measurements (Figure 2c). The mechanical integrity of the solid electrolyte is important for maintaining 143 144 good contact with the electrodes and preventing electrical shorts. Prior to the ionic liquid grafting, the SU8 145 film demonstrates a high elastic modulus of 5.1 GPa. Upon incorporation of the polymerized ionic liquid 146 phase, the elastic modulus value was reduced to 230 MPa. Nonetheless, the [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 ionogel electrolyte is far more rigid and dimensionally stable than that of the PVA/KOH gel electrolyte (3.75 MPa) 147 and other gel electrolytes including PAA/KOH and polyacrylamide(PAM)/KOH.<sup>25-27</sup> To put this into 148 perspective, the elastic modulus of 230 MPa (compressive) exceeds the 100 MPa elastic modulus 149 150 requirement (tensile) identified for commercial Li-ion battery separators to possess sufficient mechanical 151 integrity during battery manufacturing.<sup>28,29</sup> It is also important to reiterate that none of these other electrolytes have demonstrated photopatterning and thus, it is not possible to use these electrolytes to 152 153 achieve the high spatial resolution that is required for on-chip integration.

One of the most favorable hydroxide-redox electrode materials for MSCs is VN. The material possesses 154 155 high electronic conductivity (1.6 x  $10^4$  S cm<sup>-1</sup>) with a high rate surface redox electrochemical response (Figure S5).<sup>32</sup> The preparation strategies and electrochemical characterization of interdigitated VN MSCs 156 have been reported recently.<sup>33</sup> These MSC devices, however, were based on using a KOH aqueous 157 electrolyte which is not compatible with on-chip integration because of the inability to spatially confine a 158 159 liquid. The high-resolution photopatterning capability of [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 combined with interdigitated 160 VN devices enables the integration of a solid-state MSC at the point-of-load and leads to in-series and/or 161 in-parallel device configurations in a defined area.

162 The high electronic conductivity of the VN film allows it to be used as a blocking electrode in characterizing the impedance of the [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 ionogel electrolyte. Two- and three-electrode cells were used to 163 compare the impedance of the ionogel electrolyte with that of 1M KOH. For the former, a 10 µm film of 164 the ionogel electrolyte was patterned directly on VN electrodes. This thickness is comparable to the 165 interlayer gap spacing distance used in the MSC interdigitated devices (vide infra). The Nyquist plot (Figure 166 167 3a, S8a) indicates that both electrolytes display a low series resistance with a low frequency capacitive tail. Despite the relatively low ionic conductivity of the patternable solid electrolyte compared to that of 1M 168 KOH liquid electrolyte ( $\sigma \sim 0.5 \ S \ cm^{-1}$ ), the near-identical trend in impedance spectra highlights the 169 effectiveness of high-resolution spatial control that can be achieved by [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 patterning. The 170 room temperature ionic conductivity at 25 °C for the hydroxide conducting patternable solid electrolyte is 171 172 calculated to be 10 mS cm<sup>-1</sup> which represents a comparable or higher ionic conductivity than that of previously reported hydroxide-conducting electrolytes, such as PVA/KOH, PEO/KOH, 173 and PAM/tetraethylammonium hydroxide.34-37 Although PVA/KOH is the most widely used 174 hydroxideconducting electrolyte for solid supercapacitors,<sup>15,17</sup> there has been only modest improvement in 175

176 its electrochemical and physical properties since the adoption of PVA hydrogel chemistry. Additionally,

- the ionic conductivity of the [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 ionogel electrolyte is as much as 5 times higher than
  another polymer based ionogel, [EMIM][TFSI]/PVDF, which was incorporated in 3D MSCs with MnO<sub>2</sub>
- pseudocapacitive electrodes.  $^{19,38}$  It is also interesting to note that the room temperature conductivity value
- 180 for the hydroxide ion conducting electrolyte is comparable to that of conventional nonaqueous liquid
- electrolytes based on quaternary ammonium salts and lithium-ion compounds.<sup>39</sup> Figure 3b compares the
- Bode plots for the [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 solid electrolyte and the 1M KOH. The characteristic time constants
- 183 for the two samples were about 8.0 s for the liquid electrolyte and 12.6 s for the patterned ionogel electrolyte,
- 184 signifying that shorter charge/discharge times may lead to a kinetically limited electrochemical response.
- 185 Nonetheless, the fact that it is possible to fabricate high spatial resolution patterns of this solid electrolyte
- 186 with only a small difference in transient response time compared to standard 1M KOH, is very impressive.
- A series of experiments was carried out in which the photopatternable [AMIM][TFSI]/SU-8 served as the 187 electrolyte for sputtered VN films, thus enabling the electrochemical properties to be determined. The 188 189 asprepared VN films exhibit strong preferential crystalline orientation in the (111) direction (Figure S6a) 190 and faceted growth (Figure S6b,c). The intercolumnar porosity from this faceted morphology enables 191 electrolytes in their liquid phase to penetrate throughout the structure (Figure S6d,e, S7). After the [AMIM][TFSI]/SU-8 ionogel electrolyte was patterned directly on top of the planar VN and polymerized, 192 193 the uniform penetration of the electrolyte was verified by an EDS elemental mapping image (Figure S7), showing that fluorine and sulfur signals originating from the ionic liquids are present throughout the VN 194 195 layer. The cross-sectional SEM image in Figure S6c indicates that the as-prepared VN electrode thickness 196 was about 5 µm. The surface composition of the VN film, probed by the X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy
- 197 (XPS) analysis (Figure S6f), is consistent with other VN systems reported in the literature.<sup>32,33</sup>
- The charge storage properties of sputtered VN films using the photopatternable solid electrolyte were 198 evaluated in both planar and interdigitated configurations. Linear sweep voltammetry experiments 199 displayed no evidence of electrolyte decomposition between -1.2 and 0.2 V (vs. Hg/HgO) for the 200 photopatternable [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 electrolyte (Figure S4c). The cyclic voltammogram (CV) responses 201 202 of solid electrolyte patterned VN exhibits the ideal quasi-rectangular capacitive response between 5-20 mV 203 s<sup>-1</sup> sweep rates over 0.6 V window (Figure 3c). As discussed in previous studies, this pseudocapacitive 204 charge storage behavior arises from redox properties associated with the reduction and oxidation of vanadium between V<sup>3+</sup> and V<sup>4+</sup> occurring at the surface or near surface of the VN.<sup>33</sup> Because the electrolyte 205 206 penetrates the intercolumnar pore network of VN prior to polymerization, the resulting solid electrolyte is in contact with the redox active VN material throughout the entire film and not just at the surface of the 207 208 film. At a sweep rate of 5 mV  $s^{-1}$ , the VN coated with the solid-state electrolyte achieves an areal capacitance of about 0.43 F cm<sup>-2</sup> which corresponds to 860 F cm<sup>-3</sup> based on the electrode volume. This areal capacitance 209 210 is comparable to those reported for CDC films and  $Ti_3C_2T_x$  electrodes tested in liquid electrolyte (1M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>).<sup>7,40</sup> That is, the solid-state VN electrode exhibited an areal capacitance that exceeds or is on par with 211 high performance supercapacitor materials tested in liquid electrolytes. Moreover, up to a sweep rate of 50 212 mV  $s^{-1}$ , the areal capacitance for VN electrodes with either KOH or solid-state electrolytes are comparable 213 (Figure 3d). Above this sweep rate, the capacitive signature starts to deviate from the ideal shape for both 214 the liquid and solid electrolytes (Figure 3c and S8b). This response can be associated with the fact that the 215 sweep rate of 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup> corresponds to a 12s charge / discharge cycle time, which matches the characteristic 216 time constant obtained from the Bode plot for the solid electrolyte. The VN electrode paired with the 217 [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 patternable electrolyte also demonstrates excellent long-term cyclability, retaining 218 about 80% of the initial capacitance at 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> by the 10,000<sup>th</sup> cycle (Figure 3e). 219
- VN interdigitated microdevices were fabricated at the wafer-level as described in the SI (Figure S9a). Figure
   S9b and Table S3 illustrate the important device parameters for interdigitated cells and fabrication
   arrangebes to achieve cellid at the microdevices. CV profiles (Figure 4a) of a cellid at the interdigitated MSC
- approaches to achieve solid-state microdevices. CV profiles (Figure 4c) of a solid-state interdigitated MSC

showed well-defined capacitive behavior over a wide range of scan rates (20 to 200 mV s<sup>-1</sup>). The areal 223 capacitance of the cell was calculated to be almost 250 mF cm<sup>-2</sup> at a scan rate of 20 mV s<sup>-1</sup> and an individual 224 225 solid-state MSC device was capable of delivering about 10 µWh cm<sup>-2</sup> in the range of 1-10 mW cm<sup>-2</sup>. This level of areal capacitance for the solid-state VN MSC is comparable to other interdigitated MSCs tested in 226 liquid electrolytes, including both carbon-based<sup>7</sup> and pseudocapacitive systems (Table S4).<sup>9,41–43</sup> The 227 capacitive behavior of this solid-state microdevice was further studied through galvanostatic measurements 228 at current densities from 2 to 50 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> (Figure 4d). The galvanostatic profiles at all current densities 229 demonstrated linear behavior, which is a defining feature of a pseudocapacitive material.<sup>44</sup> Figure 4h shows 230 a Ragone plot comparing the performance of solid-state VN MSC to other solid-state MSC devices paired 231 with solid electrolytes such as PVA based hydrogels and silica ionogels.<sup>19,45–48</sup> The results show that VN 232 MSC with the [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 electrolyte achieves better performance in terms of areal energy and 233 234 power densities compared to previously reported solid-state MSC systems. Moreover, it is important to emphasize that all components of the solid-state VN MSC are defined spatially via lithography, thus 235 236 enabling miniaturized arrays to be formed in a tiny form factor.

237 To demonstrate the advantages of semiconductor-based processing, we tested 'tandem' MSC microdevices. 238 These interdigitated structures are connected in series and/or parallel configurations using VN layers (without any external wires or deposition of metals) to increase the working cell voltage and/or total current 239 240 response of an integrated microdevice (Figure 4 e-g). The ability to integrate multiple MSCs in a small footprint area is achieved because spatial control of the photopatternable hydroxide-conducting solid 241 242 electrolyte effectively prevents leakage current between individual MSC devices. The tandem microdevice in a series configuration demonstrated reliable cycling over a 1.2 V window, twice the voltage of a single 243 244 MSC device. Accordingly, the total capacitance for the tandem device increased to over 11 mF. As expected, 245 a parallel configuration provided twice the current response compared to a single MSC device. Capacitive 246 behavior was maintained throughout a 0.6 V window in both cyclic voltammetry and galvanostatic 247 experiments, producing a total current above 1 mA. Unfortunately, the circuit layout for the microfabricated wafer did not allow us to evaluate more than four devices in either parallel or series configuration. 248 249 Nonetheless, these electrochemical measurements made on tandem VN-MSC microdevices confirm that 250 the cell voltage range and total current output of MSC devices can be tailored easily by modifying the device configurations. Considering that all components in this solid-state tandem energy storage system are fully 251 252 processed with semiconductor-based fabrication techniques, the approach shown here provides the basis for 253 achieving miniaturized energy-storage systems that can be incorporated with densely packed integrated 254 circuits without compromising their electrochemical properties.

255 It is interesting to consider the prospect of using miniaturized EES systems to power IoT devices. In particular, to power a sensor node platform (MICA2 and IMote2), as an example, an average power 256 257 consumption for these sensor nodes are 3 and 12 mW with the peak power requirement of 60 and 250 mW, 258 respectively.<sup>49</sup> It becomes clear that a single 4 mm<sup>2</sup> solid VN MSC device that is capable of delivering 110 259 mW cm<sup>-2</sup> is still far below the power requirements for commercial sensor nodes, especially with regard to the limited energy density it provides (~ 10  $\mu$ Wh cm<sup>-2</sup>). However, the demonstrated tandem approach to 260 261 MSCs suggests a viable solution as the footprint area of these sensor nodes is around 18 cm<sup>2</sup>. Thus, fabricating MSCs at wafer-scale offers the prospect of providing the energy and power requirements for 262 263 this basic IoT component. To be sure, there are still a number of challenges that need to be addressed in order to realize this micropower system, but the basic elements of using a single VN material to be both 264 265 redox-active electrodes and interconnects, coupled with the photopatternable, hydroxide ion conducting 266 solid electrolyte provide the basis for enhancing micropower technology.

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268 Conclusion

- Among the few hydroxide ion conducting solid electrolytes reported to date, none offer the combination of
- high room temperature ionic conductivity (10 mS cm<sup>-1</sup>), excellent thermal stability, mechanical integrity,
- and the photopatterning capability of the [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 solid electrolyte presented here. The ion transport properties of this electrolyte and ability to carry out charge transfer at the electrolyte/electrode
- transport properties of this electrolyte and ability to carry out charge transfer at the electrolyte/electrode interface were validated using hydroxide-based redox-active  $NiCo_2O_4$  and VN. For device-level
- demonstration, [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 hydroxide-conducting solid electrolyte was directly patterned onto VN
- 275 MSC electrodes to create both individual and tandem devices. The performance of individual MSC devices
- of nearly 250 mF cm<sup>-2</sup> at 20 mV s<sup>-1</sup> sweep rate goes beyond what has been reported for interdigitated MSC
- 277 devices with liquid electrolytes and underscores the significance of this solid electrolyte. Electrochemical
- testing of tandem micro-supercapacitor devices has shown that the potential range and total current output
- of micro-supercapacitor devices can be tailored by modifying the device arrangements in appropriate series
- 280 or parallel configurations. Finally, the semiconductor processing methods demonstrated here hold promise
- for achieving the power and energy density demands for IoT technology.
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### 284 Experimental Procedures

- 285 *Resource availability*
- *Lead contact:* Further information and requests for resources and materials should be directed to and willbe fulfilled by the lead contact, Bruce Dunn (bdunn@ucla.edu).
- 288 *Materials availability:* This study did not generate new unique materials.

Data and Code Availability: Much of the data presented in this work is available by request from the lead
 contact. This study did not generate any code for analysis.

Materials: 1-Allyl-3H-imidazolium bis(trifluoromethanesulfonyl)imide ([AMIM][TFSI], 99% purchased
 from Solvionic), SU-8 3000 (purchased from MicroChem), KOH (purchased from Alfa-Aesar), and
 dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO, 99.9% purchased from Sigma Aldrich) were used as received.

294 Photopatternable Hydroxide-Conducting Solid Electrolyte Preparation: All sample preparation was carried out in class 100 clean room with yellow lighting to reduce the exposure of the materials to shorter 295 296 wavelengths. [AMIM][TFSI] SU 8 was prepared by mixing 40 weight percent [AMIM][TFSI] and SU 8 297 prior to deposition. Films prepared for electrochemical measurements were spin coated onto flat substrates 298 (i.e. Si/SiO<sub>2</sub> or VN) at 500 rpm for 5 s followed by 3000 rpm for 30 s. Samples were then soft baked at 95 299 °C for 5 min for solvent removal prior to patterning. Features were patterned using a Karl Suss MA6 Contact Aligner and photomask. The [AMIM][TFSI] SU 8 samples were subjected to a total of 1600 mW of UV 300 301 exposure at 365 nm. The films were then postexposure baked at 95 °C for 5 min to crosslink the material 302 (40% [AMIM][TFSI]/SU-8). UV exposed samples were then developed. For the anion exchange process, photopatterned [AMIM][TFSI]/SU-8 electrolytes were soaked in DMSO to swell the crosslinked polymer 303 for a minimum of 1 hr. Subsequent soaking in 1M KOH replaced TFSI<sup>-</sup> in the structure with OH<sup>-</sup> (40% 304 [AMIM][OH]/SU-8). 305

306 Physical and Chemical Characterizations: FTIR spectroscopy was carried out using a Jasco 6100 with a 4 cm<sup>-1</sup> spectral resolution from 4000 to 500 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The photopatternable electrolyte was prepared on IR 307 transparent polytetrafluoroethylene films for the measurement. Nanoindentation measurements were made 308 using an MTS Nano Indenter XP Instrument with a Berkovich indenter to determine the elastic modulus of 309 hydroxide-conducting SU 8 films. Samples were indented to a depth of 2 µm at 20 different locations. The 310 elastic modulus was determined using a Poisson's ratio of 0.22 for SU 8 and the Oliver and Pharr analysis. 311 312 Film thicknesses were measured using a Dektak 6 surface profilometer. TGA was performed using an Instrument Specialists thermogravimetric analyzer tool in air at a heating rate of 10 °C min<sup>-1</sup>. Scanning 313 314 electron microscope (SEM) was performed using an FEI Nova 230 Nano with attached EDS. XPS analysis 315 was carried out using a Kratos Axis Ultra DLD with a monochromatic Al Ka radiation source. The charge 316 neutralizer filament was used to control charging of the sample, a 20 eV pass energy was used with a 0.05 eV step size, and all scans were calibrated using the C 1s peak shifted to 284.8 eV. The integrated area of 317 318 the peaks was found using the CasaXPS software.

319 Synthesis of NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> was prepared using a one-step microwave synthesis. Nickel nitrate 320 hexahydrate (0.15 g, Sigma-Aldrich) and cobalt nitrate hexahydrate (0.18 g, Sigma-Aldrich) precursors 321 were dissolved in deionized water (5 ml), and ethylene glycol (17.5 ml) and urea (0.1 g, Sigma-Aldrich) were added in this solution with stirring. The homogeneous solution was then transferred into the 30 ml 322 microwave reaction vessel and placed in a microwave synthesis system (Discover SP, CEM Corporation). 323 324 The sample was heated to 140 °C for 30 min. The resulting green-colored solution was centrifuged and washed with deionized water and ethanol and dried in vacuum for 24 h. The samples were then fully 325 oxidized by annealing the as-prepared samples at 300 °C for 1 h. 326

- 327 *Vanadium Nitride Electrode Preparation*: To prevent electrical short-circuits and chemical etching from
- basic electrolytes, a 500 nm-thick  $Si_3N_4$  layer was deposited by low pressure chemical vapor deposition at
- 329 800 °C to protect the Si wafer. The VN thin films were then deposited by reactive magnetron sputtering
- using a 4-inch target of pure metallic vanadium in an Alliance Concept CT-200 reactor. Prior to
- deposition, the pressure of the chamber was kept below  $10^{-6}$  mbar and the target-substrate was fixed at 6
- 332 cm. The deposition parameters were fixed at  $100^{\circ}$ C for the temperature, 25 and 5 sccm for the argon and 333 nitrogen flow rates, 7.5 x  $10^{-3}$  mbar for the deposition pressure, and 2 W.cm<sup>-2</sup> for the power density. The
- deposition time was tuned to achieve  $5\mu$ m-thick VN thick films. The typical loading of the VN electrode
- 334 deposition time was tuned to achieve spin-timek VIN times 335 film was 2.5 mg cm<sup>-2</sup>.
  - **Fabrication** of the symmetric interdigitated micro-supercapacitor (MSC): After the deposition of the  $Si_3N_4$ (500 nm) and the VN (5 µm) thin films, photoresist was spin-coated to form the resist mask. The VN was etched using Inductively Coupled Plasma Reactive Ion Etching (ICP RIE) process using a mixture of chlorine/argon gases (Cl<sub>2</sub> / Ar). To avoid short-circuits between the interdigitated VN electrodes, the etching was stopped once the top 10 nm of the Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> layer was etched. Due to this four-step process, 40 MSCs can
  - be fabricated on a single 3-inch silicon wafer (7.5 cm diameter / thickness = 0.385 mm).
  - 342 *Electrochemical Characterization*: All electrochemical measurements were using a Bio Logic VMP 3
  - Potentiostat. Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) was performed on a
     VN/[AMIM][OH]SU8/VN 2-electrode cell between 1 MHz and 5 mHz using a 10 mV amplitude and 0 V
  - bias. Linear-sweep voltammetry (LSV) was used to evaluate the electrochemical stability window of the
  - 346 [AMIM][OH]/SU-8
  - using a solid electrolyte coated glassy carbon as a working electrode. LSV was conducted from the open
  - circuit voltage (OCV) to 0.7 V (vs. Hg/HgO) and from OCV to -1.4 V at a sweep rate of 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. For
  - the CV and galvanostatic cycling measurements, the planar VN film (deposited directed on a  $Si/Si_3N_4$  wafer)
  - was tested in 1M KOH using a conventional 3-electrode set-up. A Hg/HgO reference electrode and a Pt foil
     were used as a reference electrode and counter electrode, respectively. For the solid-state samples, 10 μm
  - thick film of the photopatternable electrolyte was directly patterned onto the VN and tested using the same
  - cell configuration. For the electrochemical testing of interdigitated devices, the 2-electrode measurement
  - 354 was carried out using a standard probe station with the sample stationed on an air table.
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# Figure 1



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## Figure 2



# Figure 3





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Figure 1. (a) The chemical structure of SU-8 photoresist before and after the UV-induced polymerization. The polymerizable ionic liquid [AMIM][TFSI] is in-situ grafted during this process. (b) Schematic diagram of polymerized ionic liquids with charge-carrying mobile anions.<sup>22</sup>

Figure 2. (a) FT-IR of the photopatterned electrolytes before (red) and after (blue) the hydroxide anion exchange. Once the anions exchanged, the infrared absorbance bands of TFSI anions disappeared as those of OH<sup>-</sup> emerged. It is should be noted that the characteristic peaks of polymerized cations are still present after this process (Table S2). (b) TGA of ionic liquid modified SU-8. The [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 patternable electrolyte exhibits excellent thermal stability up to 320 °C in air. (c) Mechanical properties of [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 films measured by nanoindentation compared with other hydroxide conducting solid electrolytes.<sup>25,30,31</sup> The elastic modulus of [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 was 230 MPa.

Figure 3. (a) Impedance spectra of [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 and 1M KOH. The ionic conductivity value determined for the patterned electrolyte was 10 mS cm<sup>-1</sup>. (b) Bode plot for the two electrolyte systems. The characteristic time constants determined from the transition frequency for two samples were about

8 s for the liquid electrolyte control and 12.6 s for the patterned electrolyte. (c) CV profile of the [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 solid electrolyte patterned VN electrode at sweep rates of 5 to 20 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. The dashed lines of the same color represent the CV results from the 1M KOH liquid electrolyte which serves as a control. (d) Comparison of the areal capacitance vs. sweep rate for planar VN electrodes using 1M KOH and [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 patternable electrolytes. At scan rates below 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup>, the areal capacitance values are nearly identical. (e) Long-term galvanostatic cycling of the solid electrolyte patterned VN electrode at a 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> current density.

Figure 4. (a) A photograph of wafer-scale fabricated interdigitated VN MSC devices. 40 individual interdigitated devices are fabricated per a 3" Si wafer. The solid-state device configurations for (b) a single MSC device and (e) two MSC units connected in parallel and in series. (c) Cyclic voltammetry of a symmetric solid-state MSC device at sweep rates of 20 to 200 mV s<sup>-1</sup> over 0.6 V window. (d)

Galvanostatic charge–discharge curves of a symmetric solid-state MSC device at various areal current densities. The solid-state MSC device exhibits a linear behavior at all current densities. (f) CV curves of MSC devices configured in various series and parallel arrangement. Various configurations show a capacitor-like rectangular feature, indicating an ideal capacitive behavior. (g) Galvanostatic profiles of tandem MSC devices connected in various series or parallel arrangement compared with a single MSC device. (h) Areal energy and

power densities of solid-state VN MSC compared with other highperformance solid-state MSC systems. Our solid VN MSC demonstrates the highest areal energy and power densities, delivering about 10 μWh cm<sup>-2</sup> in the range of 1-10 mW cm<sup>-2</sup>. The legend lists the active materials/ionic species/solid host material.

Figure Legends:

Figure 2. (a) 40wt% [AMIM][OH]/SU-8; 40wt% [AMIM][TFSI]/SU-8; SU-8 Reference (b) 40wt% [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 (c) SU-8; 40wt% [AMIM][OH]/SU-8; Poly (Aryl Ether Sulfone); PVA-KOH; PBI

Figure 3. (a) 40wt% [AMIM][OH]/SU-8; 1M KOH (b) 40wt% [AMIM][OH]/SU-8; 1M KOH (c) 20 mV/s; 10 mV/s; 5 mV/s; 1M KOH Liquid Electrolyte Control (d) 1M KOH; 40wt% [AMIM][OH]/SU-8

Figure 4. (c) 200 mV/s; 100 mV/s; 50 mV/s; 20 mV/s (d) 50 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>; 20; 10; 5; 2 (f) Single Device; 2 Devices in Series; 2 Devices in Parallel; 2 x 2 Series and Parallel (g) Single Device; 2 Devices in Series; 2 Devices in Parallel (h) This work: VN/AMIM-OH/SU-8; [43]: Graphene/BMIM-TFSI/SiO<sub>2</sub>; [19]: MnO<sub>2</sub>/EMIM-TFSI/PVDF; [44]: C/EMI-TFSI/SiO<sub>2</sub>; [45]: MnO<sub>2</sub>/LiCl/PVA; [46]: RuO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>/PVA

### 1 Survey of miniaturized electrochemical energy storage systems

- 2 Miniaturized electrochemical energy storage (EES) systems, in general, have great design flexibility and
- 3 have been manufactured by a range of fabrication techniques, leading to various device form factors with
- 4 multiple functionalities without deterioration in performance.<sup>1–3</sup> Recent advances in the community have
- 5 included the demonstration of novel fabrication approaches and unique battery designs, and the
- 6 incorporation of solid electrolytes (Table S1).<sup>4–11</sup>
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### 8 <u>Table S1. Summary of Notable Miniaturized Electrochemical Energy Storage Systems</u>

			Fabrication		Energy Density [uWh/cm²] 2	
Classification	Materials	<u>Electrolytes</u>	Approaches	Functionality	(Power Density in [mW/cm ])	_Ref.
Micro-						
Supercapacitor	RuO <sub>2</sub>	PVA/H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	Microfabrication P	Planar design, on-chip 0.	48 (50)	4
Micro-	2	2 4				
Supercapacitor	MnO	0.5M Na SO	Microfabrication	Planar design, on-chip	10 (20)	5
Micro-						
Supercapacitor	Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub>	PVA/H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	3D Printing	Planar design, on-chip	54.3 (5.7)	6
Micro-						
Supercapacitor	Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>x</sub>	PVA/H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	3D Printing	Planar design, on-chip	24.4 (0.64)	7
Stretchable						
Supercapacitor	Graphene	PVP/NaCl	Laser-Writing	Stretchable	0.09 (0.02)	8
		1M LiTFSI in				
3D Microbattery	LiFePO <sub>4</sub> /Li metal	DOL/DME	3D Printing	Planar design, on-chip	225.7 (0.02)	9
Coaxial Fiber- 4512 LiPF6 in EC/DMC						
Shaped Battery	LiFePO₄/Li Ti O	in PVDF-co-HFP	3D Printing	Flexible, unique design	2596.6 (0.22)	10
Coaxial Fiber-						
Shaped						
Supercapacitor	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /VN	PVA/KOH	3D Printing	Flexible, unique design	54.3 (0.80)	11

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10 Synthesis and properties of hydroxide conducting photopatternable solid electrolytes



Figure S1. (a) Schematic diagram of fabricating photopatternable [AMIM][OH] solid electrolytes. 13 14 Epoxybased SU-8 photoresist was modified with the polymerizable ionic liquid and photopatterned using conventional photolithographic techniques. TFSI- anions in the photopatterns are then ion exchanged with 15 hydroxides in aqueous KOH solution. (b) SEM images of photopatterned [AMIM][TFSI]/SU-8 electrolytes. 16 17 Each circular feature represents 100 µm diameter cylindrical posts with 10 µm in height. EDS analysis of 18 ionic liquid modified SU-8 electrolytes show the presence of sulfur and fluorine atoms, which come only 19 from the [AMIM][TFSI], confirming the successful encapsulation of ionic liquids. (c) The EDS analysis of 20 the photopatterned electrolyte monitoring sulfur and fluorine signals of TFSI<sup>-</sup> reveal that TFSI<sup>-</sup> anion has

- been successfully exchanged with hydroxides. After the anion exchange process, less than 1wt% trace
- 21 Deen succession y exchanged with hydroxides. After the amon exchange process, less than 1Wt% tra
- amount of sulfur and fluorine were detected from the EDS analysis.







Figure S2. (a) FT-IR spectra of the [AMIM][TFSI] SU-8 before and after the polmyerization reaction and
of neat [AMIM][TFSI] as a reference. The changes in the intensity of C=C group at 1648 cm<sup>-1</sup> before and
after polymerization indicate that the vinyl groups in the polymerizable ionic liquids have been fully reacted.
The band at 1608 cm<sup>-1</sup> is attributed to the aromatic ring of the SU-8 that does not undergo any chemical
changes during the polymerization reaction. (b) FT-IR spectra of the [AMIM][TFSI] SU-8 and reference
patterns. It shows that polymerized [AMIM][TFSI] in SU-8 is covalently bonded and not soluble in solvents.



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34 Table S2. Characteristic IR absorption bands of [AMIM][TFSI] and their assignments

	Frequency	
	$(cm^{-1})$	Dominant Vibrational assignment
	569	CF <sub>3</sub> antisymmetric bend
	600	SO <sub>2</sub> antisymmetric bend
	611	SO <sub>2</sub> antisymmetric bend
	650	SNS bend
Anion	789	CS stretch
Assignment	1051	SNS antisymmetric stretch
	1132	SO <sub>2</sub> symmetric stretch
	1182	CF <sub>3</sub> antisymmetric stretch
	1331	SO <sub>2</sub> antisymmetric stretch
	1348	SO <sub>2</sub> antisymmetric stretch
Cation	752	Ring HCCH symmetric bend

Assignment 1464		CCH HCH antisymmetric bend, CH <sub>3</sub> (N)HCH symmetric bend, terminal CH <sub>3</sub> HCH antisymmetric bend
	1474	Ring in-plane antisymmetric stretch, CH <sub>3</sub> (N) stretch

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39 Figure S3. The nickel cobalt oxide material has been prepared by the microwave assisted synthesis. The 40 corresponding XRD (a) shows low crystallinity of the material that did not affect the electrochemistry. CV curves of NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> that were obtained using (b)  $OH^{-}$  conducting patternable electrolytes and (c) 1M KOH 41 42 control liquid electrolytes. The redox behavior is similar in the two electrolytes, confirming that there is hydroxide conduction through the solid electrolyte. (d) Graphical diagram highlighting differences between 43 44 the sample preparation of a solid-state working electrode versus a control electrode tested in liquid 45 electrolytes.

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50 Figure S4. (a) TGA profile of neat [AMIM][TFSI] ionic liquid and SU-8. The thermal stability of 51 [AMIM][OH] photopatternable electrolytes was significantly improved by incorporating thermally stable 52 [AMIM][TFSI] ionic liquids. (b) Mechanical properties of [AMIM][OH]/SU-8 films measured by 53 nanoindentation before and after heat treatment at 100°C for 12 hours. (c) Linear sweep voltammetry with 54 [AMIM][OH]SU-8 electrolytes on a glassy carbon working electrode in three-electrode experiments. The

- photopatternable electrolyte was shown to have a decent electrochemical stability window with no residual current between -1.2 and 0.2 V (vs. Hg/HgO).

### 59 Physical and electrochemical properties of pseudocapacitive electrode materials



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Figure S5. Schematic representation of a pseudocapacitive charge storage device. Pseudocapacitive materials such as RuO<sub>2</sub>, MnO<sub>2</sub>, and VN, store electrochemical energy primarily via a faradaic process

63 involving surface or near-surface redox reactions. Due to this characteristic, pseudocapacitive materials

64 exhibit capacitor-like electrochemical features.<sup>12,13</sup>





Figure S6. Chemical characterization of as-deposited VN films. (a) XRD patterns of the as-deposited VN 66 show strong preferential orientation in (111) direction with visible (111) and (222) peaks. (b) Top down 67 SEM image of the as-deposited VN. The grain growth of VN occurs in a strongly faceted manner. (c) 68 69 Crosssectional SEM images of VN films, in which the intercolumnar structures can be observed. As-70 prepared VN thickness was about 5 µm. (d) The I–V curves of a VN film, exhibiting a linear I-V curve with the high electrical conductivity of 413 S cm<sup>-1</sup>. (e) Nyquist impedance spectra of a VN film confirms the 71 72 electrical conductivity measurement results obtained from the I-V curve. (f) XPS spectra (V 2p region) of 73 the VN film. The  $V^{3+}$  and  $V^{4+}$  peaks ascribed vanadium oxynitride groups were present at the VN surface.

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Figure S7. A cross-sectional SEM image of a planar VN electrode. The thickness of as-prepared VN was 5
µm and that of the solid electrolyte film was patterned to be 10 µm. EDS analysis of the solid electrolyte
coated VN electrode verified the homogeneous distribution of sulfur and fluorine signals that are present in
the [AMIM][TFSI] prior to the hydroxide anion exchange.

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Figure S8. (a) Nyquist impedance spectra of [AMIM][OH] SU-8 and 1M KOH (zoom out of Figure 3a), demonstrating the capacitive tail at the low frequency region. (b) Cyclic voltammetry of the hydroxide photopatternable solid electrolyte patterned VN electrode at scan rates of 50 to 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. The dashed lines represent the CV curve obtained from the 1M KOH liquid electrolyte which serves as a control.

### 90 Solid-state VN micro-supercapacitor fabrication

91 The central role played by the photopatternable hydroxide-conducting solid electrolyte in miniaturized EES 92 applications is best shown by providing an overview of the vanadium nitride (VN) fabrication process in Figure S9a. Briefly, the vanadium nitride electrode material is sputtered onto a silicon (Si) / silicon nitride 93 94 (Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>) substrate. An important benefit of VN-based MSC devices is that a separate current collector is not 95 needed because of the high electronic conductivity for VN. The VN layer can then be patterned and selectively etched using conventional photolithography and plasma etching techniques, creating 96 97 highresolution interdigitated electrodes with a minimum feature size of 10 µm. Subsequently, the liquid 98 precursor for the solid-state electrolyte is spin-coated directly onto the interdigitated device structure to 99 provide ion conduction between electrodes. The pseudocapacitive charge storage mechanism in VN involves a faradaic reaction between  $V^{4+}$  and  $V^{3+}$  through an oxy/oxyhydrate couple at the surface.<sup>14</sup> An important 100 factor here is that the highest pseudocapacitive contributions to VN have been observed using basic 101 102 electrolytes, with hydroxide being the dominant charge-carrying ion. This behavior indicates that fast ion 103 transport of hydroxide in the solid electrolyte material is required in order to achieve rapid charge storage 104 in VN materials.

The process was designed such that for each 3" wafer, 40 individual devices are fabricated and electrically 105 connected in various series and parallel configurations without any additional metal layers. Each device has 106 a 4 mm<sup>2</sup> footprint area and is composed of two VN interdigitated electrodes with a 10  $\mu$ m spacing between 107 electrode fingers. It is important to note that this spacing of 10 µm, the distance that charge carrying ions 108 109 travel during charge/discharge, is much shorter than the thickness of commercial separators typically ranging between 20-50 µm.<sup>15</sup> The thickness of the VN layer is approximately 5 µm. Once interdigitated VN 110 microdevices were fabricated, the hydroxide ion conducting solid electrolyte was patterned directly over, 111 covering the entire device to provide ion conduction between the two VN electrodes upon charge/discharge. 112

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- 115 <u>Table S3. The important design parameters of wafer-scale</u> fabrication of interdigitated MSC devices.

Number of interdigitated devices	40
Number of fingers per device	8.5
Finger length	2 mm
Finger width	100 µm
Space between fingers	10 µm
Active material (VN) loading	2.5 mg cm <sup>-2</sup>
[AMIM][OH]/SU-8 Electrolyte loading	1.7 mg cm <sup>-2</sup>
Gravimetric capacitance of the VN electrode	172 F/g

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- Figure S9. (a) Schematic representation of the process for fabricating solid-state VN MSCs using the photopatternable [AMIM][OH] electrolyte. Both electrode and electrolyte materials are formed through microfabrication techniques. (b) A fabrication approach to form solid-state MSC devices. Both electrode and electrolyte materials can be patterned to high-resolution features using microfabrication techniques.
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128 Table S4. Comparison of interdigitated MSCs based on solid and liquid electrolytes

Solid Electrolyte					
Electrode	Electrolyte Materials	Energy Density* [[]Wh/cm2]	Cycle Life (Retention)	n) Main Text	
Materials		(Power Density in [mW/cm2])		Reference	
VN	[AMIM][OH]/SU-8	7.6 (9.1)	10,000 (80%)	This Work	
		12.8 (0.8)			
MnO₂	[EMIM][TFSI]/PVDF	3.2 (3.8)	30,000 (96.2%)	19	
Graphene		4.5 (0.7)			
	[BMIM][TFSI]/Fumed	4.4 (45.4)	10,000 (96%)	43	
	Silica	4.92 (0.4)			
Pyrolyzed	[EMIM][TFSI]/Fumed	3.1 (3.1)	10,000 (94%)	44	
Carbon	Silica	4.2 (0.8)			
MnO <sub>2</sub>	LiCI/PVA	0.8 (3.8)	4,000 (92%)	45	
		2.2 (0.6)			
RuO <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> /PVA	0.6 (2.2)	10,000 (90%)	46	
		3.3 (1.2)			
Liquid Electrolyte					
Electrode	Electrolyte Materials	Energy Density [uWh/cm2]	Cycle Life (Retention)	Main Text	
Materials		(Power Density in [mW/cm2])		Reference	
VN	1М КОН	10.6 (0.2)	50,000 (80%)	9	
		0.9 (4.1)			
CDC	1M H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	1.6 (0.3)	10,000 (100%)	7	
		1.2 (8.9)			

\* Energy density at a given power density. Power density is in parentheses. Energy density given at low
 and high values of power density.

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