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ABSTRACT

We have developed a facile, low-cost and novel method to fabricate three-dimensional (3D) vertically aligned Ag nanoplates (NPs) on Nickel foam-graphene (NFG) substrate using Electrodeposition with sonication (S-Electrodeposition) growth in a AgNO₃ solution. The vertically deposited Ag NPs with irregular polyhedron shapes standing on the surface of NFG attributes to enhance the surface area, and sequentially be beneficial for supercapacitor. The novel architecture of composite Ag/Nickel-foam graphene with sonication ((Ag@NFG)S1) exhibits a specific capacitance (SC) of 900 Fg⁻¹ at an applied current density of 0.5 Ag⁻¹, a value 3.5 fold higher than that of the composite (Ag@NFG)S0 without sonication and six-fold higher than NFG. Moreover, the composite (Ag@NFG)S1 shows good long-term cyclic stability after 5000 cycles and columbic efficiency was almost 99% with the initial value. This study provides a new strategy to enhance the capacitive properties of NFG based composites, which is a promising candidate for the application of energy storage devices.

Keywords: CVD, Sonication, Electrodeposition, 3D Vertically Aligned Silver NPs, Supercapacitor

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