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#### **Abstract**

Hierarchical mesoporous  $NiCo_2O_4$  nanoflowers with large specific surface area have been prepared through a simple, low cost and green method. The electrochemical performances of the  $NiCo_2O_4$  electrode materials have been investigated, and the results show that  $NiCo_2O_4$  electrode materials exhibited high specific capacitances of 1635 F/g at 2 A/g, low internal resistance ~ 0.24  $\Omega$ , and remarkable long-term cycling stability, demonstrating its excellent electrochemical performances for supercapacitors. Such enhanced electrochemical performances and the facile synthetic method of  $NiCo_2O_4$  electrode materials can offer great promise in next generation supercapacitor applications.

**Key words:** porous materials; structural; energy storage and conversion; NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>; large specific surface area; high-performance

#### 1.1 Introduction

Nowadays, supercapacitors, also known as electrochemical capacitors (ECs), are considered as a very attractive candidate for next-generation efficient energy

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