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Systematic investigation of reduced graphene oxide foams for high-performance

supercapacitors

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Abstract: Highly flexible energy-storage devices strongly depend on both mechanical integrity of

the constitutive materials and electrical properties. The preparations and electrochemical properties

of reduced graphene oxide (RGO) foams used as electrodes in supercapacitors have been

systematically investigated. The rational design of preparation led to excellent electrochemical

performance in supercapacitors such as high specific capacitance (224 F g⁻¹ at 0.1 A g⁻¹) and rate

performance. Highly flexible solid-state supercapacitors based on RGO foams exhibit high

gravimetric specific capacitances (193 F g⁻¹ at 0.1 A g⁻¹) with excellent cycling stability (~100%)

retention after 5000 cycles). This work provides the proper preparation of RGO foams by

hydrothermal process with excellent electrochemical performance and high mechanical flexibility in

solid-state supercapacitors, suggesting that the RGO foams have great potential in the development

of lightweight high-performance flexible energy storage device.

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