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**Abstract:** Porous activated carbon was successfully fabricated from bio waste-mango stone via a two-step chemical etching strategy. The optimized carbon material (denoted as MGKZ-2) displayed a high specific capacitance of  $353.8 \text{ F g}^{-1}$  at  $0.5 \text{ A g}^{-1}$  and a satisfactory rate capability in the three-electrode supercapacitor system. Moreover, MGKZ-2-based symmetric cell presented a high energy density of  $27.6 \text{ Wh kg}^{-1}$  at  $159.9 \text{ W kg}^{-1}$ , as well as long-term cycling stability due to its hierarchical pores to offer large ion-accessible surface area, efficient ion diffusion and electron transport pathways.

**Keywords:** Mango stone; Carbon materials; Hierarchical pores; Electrical properties; supercapacitor.

## 1. Introduction

Among numerous available energy storage technologies, electrochemical capacitors are attractive because of their high power density, good rate capability, and long cycling life [1, 2]. As one possible resource of carbons served as electrical double layer capacitors (EDLCs) electrode materials, biomass has unique advantages including easy availability, low cost, renewability and friendly to the environment [3-5]. Additionally, biomass-derived carbon materials inherit both the structural flexibility and chemical diversity of the natural resources, which can facilitate improving capacitive performance.

Mango is a common fruit and a large amount of bio waste-mango stone is generated. Herein, we adopt a

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