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Abstract

Co₃S₄ nanoneedle decorated NiCo₂O₄ nanosheets are successfully prepared by a two-step hydrothermal process for supercapacitors. The NiCo₂O₄ nanosheets are served as ideal backbones to enhance the surface area and provide more electroactive sites for faradaic reaction. The optimized NiCo₂O₄/Co₃S₄ electrode shows a high specific capacity of 1468 F g⁻¹ at the current density of 1 A g⁻¹. When assembled an asymmetric supercapacitor, the device exhibits high energy density of 14.0 Wh kg⁻¹ at 400 W kg⁻¹, and retains 84.7% of the capacity after 3000 cycles.

Keywords: Supercapacitor, Co₃S₄ nanoneedles, NiCo₂O₄ nanosheets, Electrodes

Introduction

As a new-type energy storage devices, supercapacitors show higher power density than batteries and higher energy density than traditional dielectric capacitors, which have drawn significant research attention in recent years. [1,2] Based on the charge-storage mechanism, pseudocapacitor always show higher capacity than double layer capacitor, and the electrode material plays an important role in energy storage. Transition metal oxides are a kind of ideal pseudocapacitor electrode materials due to their various oxidation states for the redox reaction

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