

Supporting Information

Electrostatic-induced Assembly of Graphene-encapsulated Carbon@Nickel-Aluminum Layered Double Hydroxide Core-Shell Spheres Hybrid Structure for High-energy and High-power-density Asymmetric Supercapacitor

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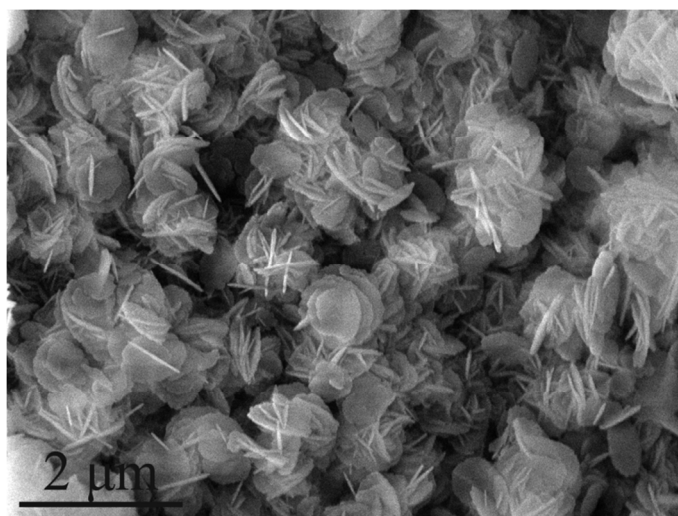


Figure S1. SEM image of CLH

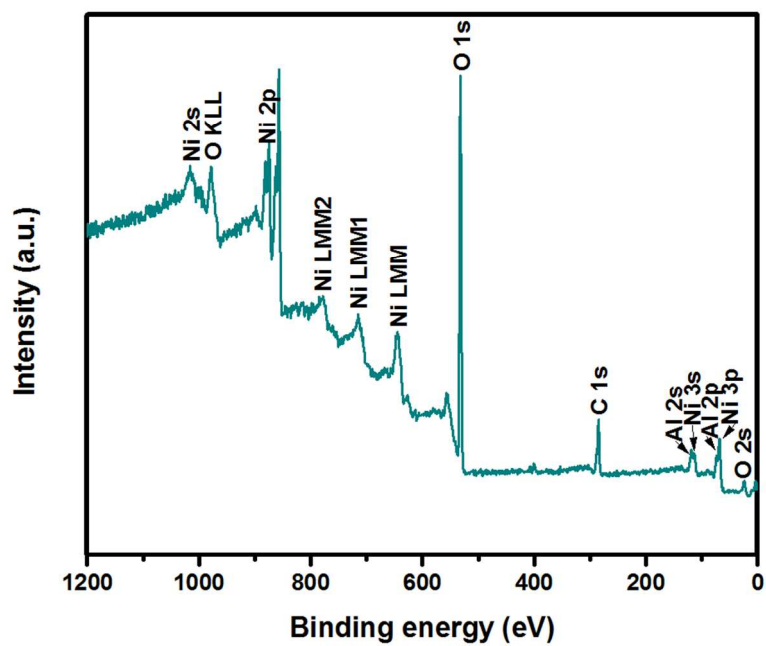


Figure S2. XPS survey spectra of CLS

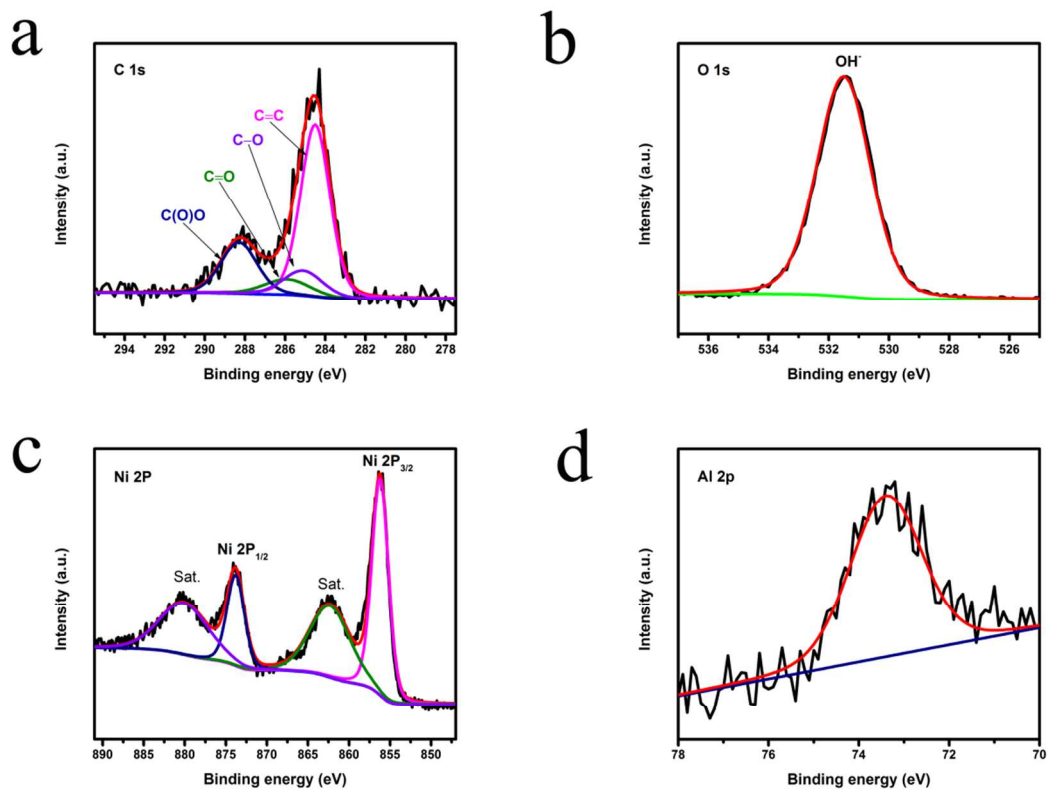


Figure S3. High-resolution XPS spectrum of C 1s (a), O1s (b), Ni 2p (c), and Al 2p (d).

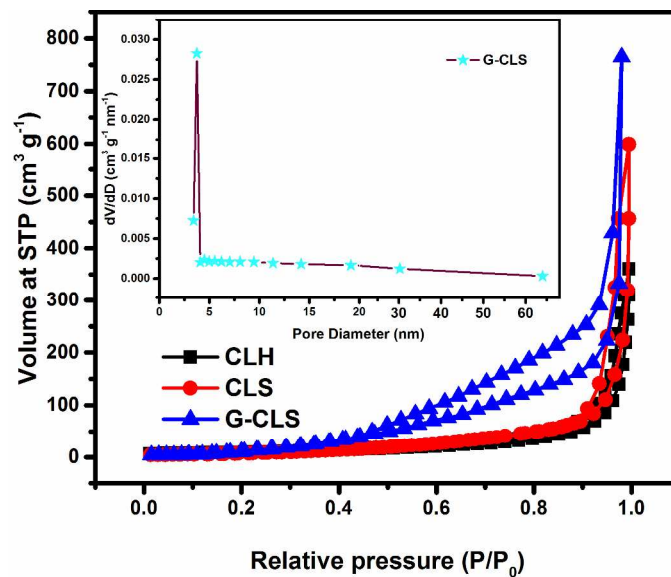


Figure S4. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of CLH, CLS and G-CLS, and pore size distribution (inset) of G-CLS

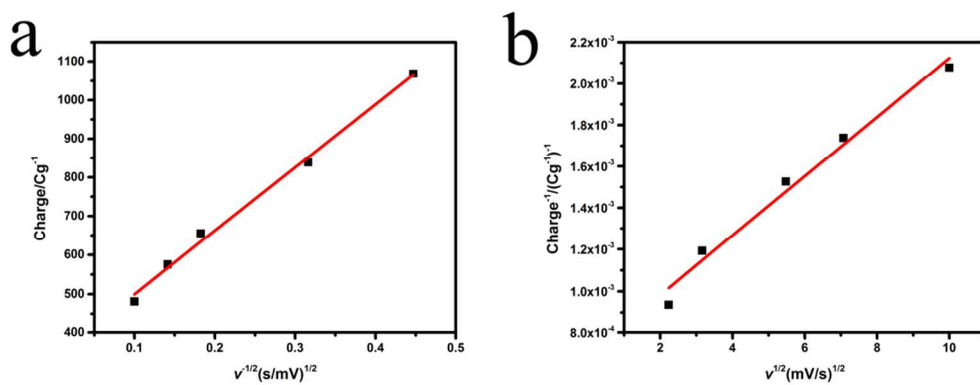


Figure S5. The relationship of (a) charge Q vs $v^{-1/2}$ and (b) Q^{-1} vs $v^{1/2}$

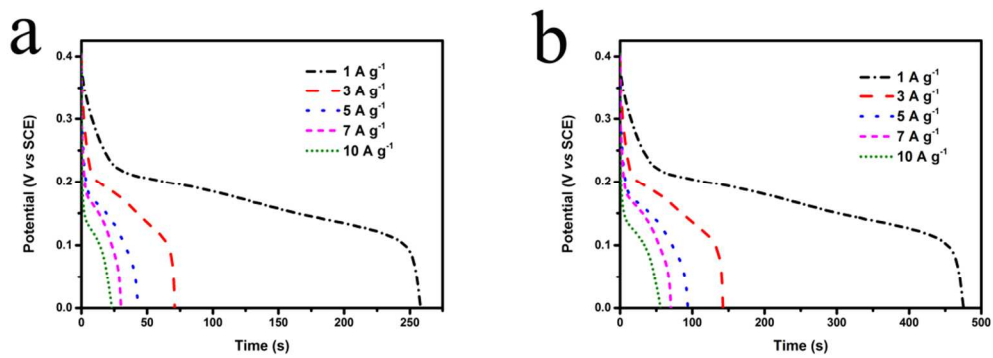


Figure S6. Discharge curves of CLH (a) and CLS (b) at various densities.



Figure S7. A red LED powered by two G-CLS//rGO ASC devices.

Table S1 Comparison of the electrochemical performance of the reported LDHs and graphene based electrodes in recent three years and the present work.

Ref.	Electrode materials	Electrolyte	Specific capacitance (F/g)	Rate performance	Capacitance retention (cycles)
This work	Graphene encapsulated Carbon shphere@NiAl LDH	6 M KOH	1710.5 (1 A/g)	86.4% (10 A/g)	77.9% (8000)
1 ¹	Electrostatic self-assembly rGO/CoAl LDH	6 M NaOH	825 (1 A/g)	62.3% (8 A/g)	89.3% (4000)
2 ²	NiAl LDH/graphene	3 M KOH	915 (2 A/g)	16.8% (10 A/g)	95% (1500)
3 ³	NiAl LDH/rGO	6 M KOH	1630 (1 A/g)	49.4% (8 A/g)	65% (2000)
4 ⁴	3D hierarchical rGO LDH	1 M KOH	621 (1 A/g)	65.5% (8 A/g)	92.4% (5000)
5 ⁵	Porous CoAl LDH/graphene	6 M KOH	479.2 (1 A/g)	71.2% (10 A/g)	93.9% (2000)
6 ⁶	CoAl LDH/graphene 3D porous hybrid aerogel	6 M KOH	640 (1 A/g)	47.7% (20 A/g)	97% (10000)
7 ⁷	Porous NiCo LDH/rGO	3 M KOH	1911 (2 A/g)	76.9% (20 A/g)	74% (1000)
8 ⁸	GNS/NiCoAl-LDH	6 M KOH	1962 (1 A/g)	60.1% (10 A/g)	96.2% (2000)
9 ⁹	rGO/Ni _{1-x} CoAl LDH	6 M KOH	1902 (1 A/g)	74.8% (10 A/g)	62% (1500)
10 ¹⁰	3D NiCoMn LDH/rGO	2 M KOH	912 (1 A/g)	81.4% (10 A/g)	63.3% (5000)
11 ¹¹	CoAl LDH nanosheets/rGO	2 M KOH	1296 (1 A/g)	42.7% (10 A/g)	90.5% (1000)
12 ¹²	CoAl LDH/graphene nanosheets	6 M KOH	974.1 (10 mV s ⁻¹)	30.1% (100 mV s ⁻¹)	94% (3000)
13 ¹³	NiCo LDH nanoflakes/graphene sheets	6 M KOH	1980.7 (1 A/g)	64.4% (15 A/g)	102.9% (1500)
14 ¹⁴	Ultrathin NoCoAl LDH/rGO	6 M KOH	1544 (1 A/g)	70% (40 A/g)	100% (2000)
15 ¹⁵	LDH monolayer/graphene	6 M KOH	379.7 (1 mA/cm ²)	81.1% (10 mA/cm ²)	88.1% (1000)
16 ¹⁶	CoMn LDH/rGo	2 M KOH	1635 (1 A/g)	71% (10 A/g)	100% (10000)

Table S2 Fitted values of R_s , R_{ct} , C_{dl} , W , and C_{ps} through CNLS fitting of the EIS based on the proposed equivalent circuit in Figure 5e

Electrodes	$R_s (\Omega)$	$R_{ct} (\Omega)$	$C_{dl} (F)$	$W(\Omega)$	$C_{ps} (F)$
CLH	1.69	1.634	0.007545	1.214	3.678
CLS	1.53	0.896	0.006443	1.029	3.754
G-CLS	0.86	0.662	0.01049	0.7328	2.865

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