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Size-controllable Co_3O_4 nanograin-decorated $\text{Co}(\text{OH})_2$ sheets synthesized with MOF templates for high-performance all-solid-state asymmetric supercapacitor electrodes

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In this study, a novel hybrid structure of homogeneously distributed Co_3O_4 nanograins on a hexagonal $\text{Co}(\text{OH})_2$ plate (CNG/ $\text{Co}(\text{OH})_2$) is synthesized using a one-pot hydrothermal reaction of zeolitic imidazolate framework-67 (ZIF-67). Particularly, because Co-containing ZIF-67 serves as a self-template during the hydrothermal conversion process, various-sized CNG/ $\text{Co}(\text{OH})_2$ can be prepared using different sizes of ZIF-67 as the precursor material. The unique structural features of CNG/ $\text{Co}(\text{OH})_2$ effectively boost the electrochemical activation of the active materials (i.e., Co_3O_4 , $\text{Co}(\text{OH})_2$) by preventing aggregation. Among the various-sized CNG/ $\text{Co}(\text{OH})_2$, large-sized CNG/ $\text{Co}(\text{OH})_2$ (L_CNG/ $\text{Co}(\text{OH})_2$) exhibits the highest capacitance (1284 F g^{-1} at 1 A g^{-1}), indicating that the electrochemical performance is improved as the size of the hybrid architecture increases. Furthermore, multifarious all-solid-state asymmetric supercapacitors (ASCs) are successfully fabricated with various-sized CNG/ $\text{Co}(\text{OH})_2$ as the positive electrode and mesoporous plasma-reduced graphene oxide (MPRGO) as the negative electrode. Owing to the synergistic contributions from the two electrodes, the L_CNG/ $\text{Co}(\text{OH})_2$ -based ASC delivers a maximum energy density of 41.2 Wh kg^{-1} at 2.8 kW kg^{-1} , and holds 31.5 Wh kg^{-1} , even at the highest power density of 45 kW kg^{-1} , demonstrating great potential for next-generation energy storage devices.

Biography

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