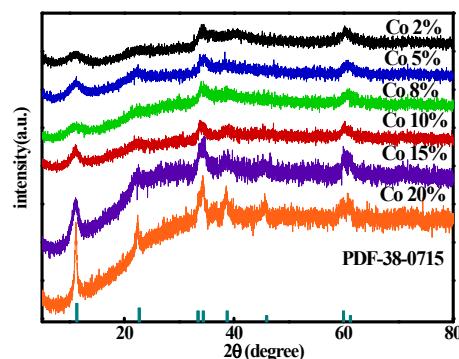


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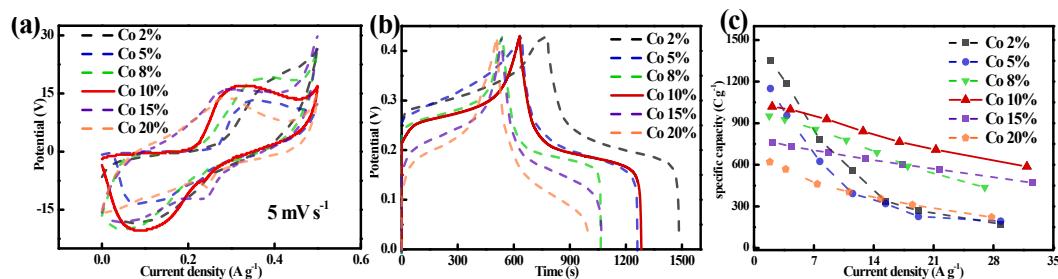
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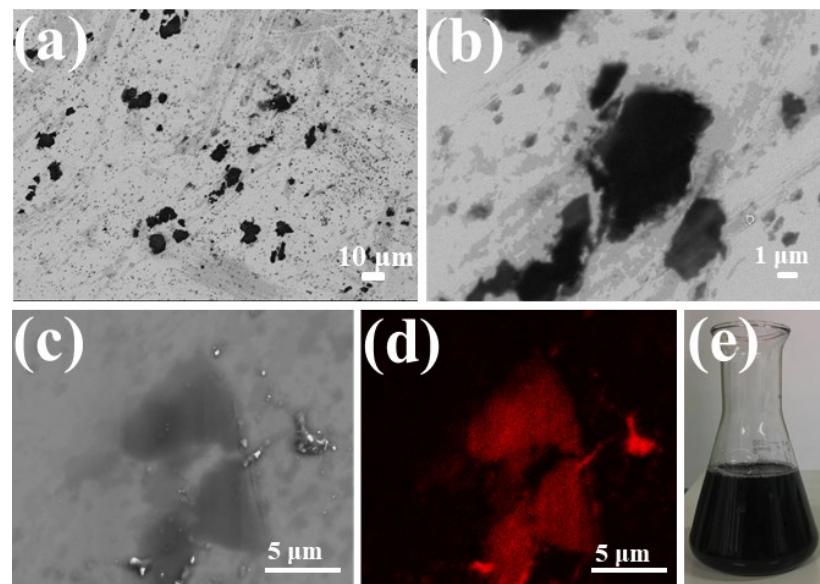
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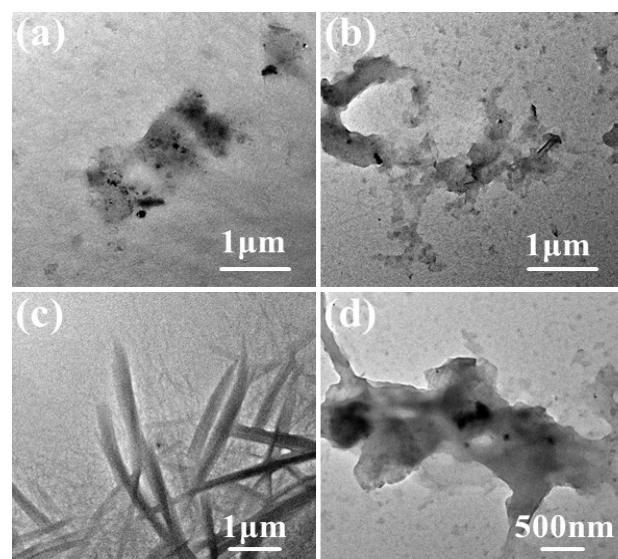
**Fig. S1** XRD patterns of Ni-Co LDH samples prepared with different cobalt ions percentages in the absence of PVP and graphene.



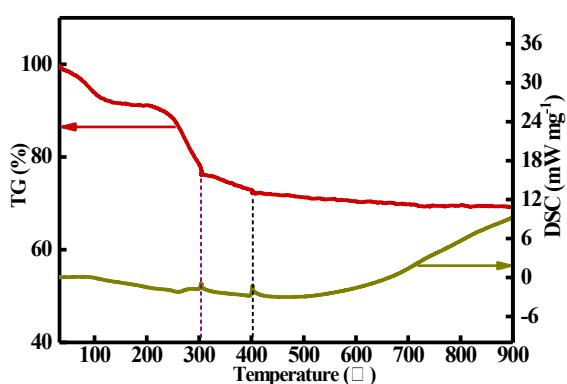
**Fig. S2** (a) CV curves at 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup> for the Ni-Co LDH samples prepared with different cobalt ions percentages in the absence of PVP and graphene; (b) GCD curves at current density of 2.5 A g<sup>-1</sup> for these samples; (c) curves of specific capacity vs. current density for these Ni-Co LDH samples.



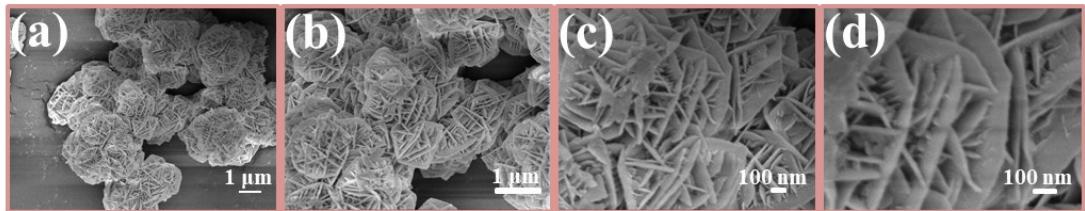
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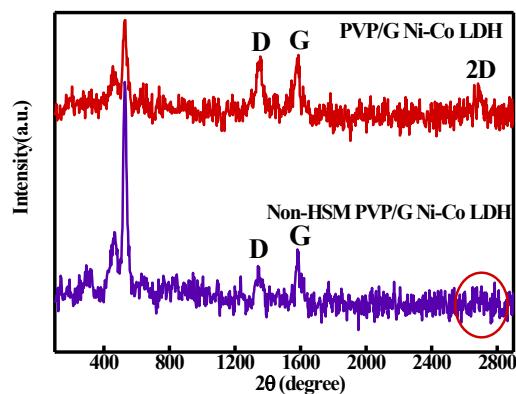
**Fig. S4** (a-d) TEM images of graphene.



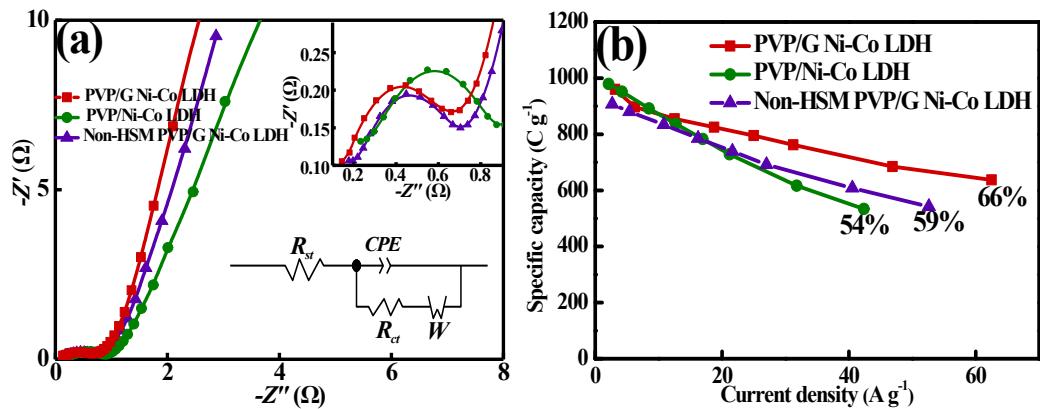
**Fig. S5** TG/DSC curves of sample PVP/G Ni-Co LDH.



**Fig. S6** (a-d) FE-SEM images of sample Non-HSM-PVP/G Ni-Co LDH.



**Fig. S7** Micro-Raman spectra of samples PVP/G Ni-Co LDH and Non-HSM-PVP/G Ni-Co LDH.



**Fig. S8** (a) Nyquist plots and (b) curves of specific capacity vs. current density for samples PVP/Ni-Co LDH, PVP/G Ni-Co LDH and Non-HSM PVP/G Ni-Co LDH.