## **Supplementary Material**

## MOFs-derived carbon coated Cu<sub>3</sub>P with Ni doping as advanced supercapacitor

## electrode materials

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The samples doped with Ni show the diffraction peak of  $Ni_2P$  corresponding to the crystal plane.



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The Cu-MOF-based precursors all showed smooth surfaces, while nanoparticles gathered on the surfaces after carbonization and phosphorization.



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Specific capacitance	5 mV s <sup>-</sup>	10 mV	20 mV	30 mV	50 mV	80 mV	100 mV
(C g-1)	1	S <sup>-1</sup>	S				
Cu <sub>3</sub> P/C	353.6	235.3	204.1	191.5	173.6	155.3	131.2
Cu <sub>3</sub> P/C-	394.0	267.0	227.7	210.0	188.8	168.0	157.9
3% Ni							
Cu <sub>3</sub> P/C-	562.6	397.0	320.0	279.5	235.0	200.0	184.9
4% Ni							
Cu <sub>3</sub> P/C-	694.0	441.4	347.5	303.8	257.5	220.6	204.8
5% Ni							
Cu <sub>3</sub> P/C-	700.0	561.0	465.0	410.6	346.0	291.9	264.8
6% Ni							
Cu <sub>3</sub> P/C-	534.0	437.2	368.9	328.6	272.2	215.4	188.0
10% Ni	554.0	HJ1.4	500.9	528.0	212.2	213.7	100.0
Cu <sub>3</sub> P/C-	382 3	304.0	255 7	231.8	202.5	173 5	158 1
15% Ni	562.5	504.0	255.1	231.0	202.3	1/3.3	1.50.1

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capacitance	1A g <sup>-1</sup>	2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	10 A g <sup>-1</sup>	20 A g <sup>-1</sup>
(C g <sup>-1</sup> )					
Cu <sub>3</sub> P/C	81.8	77.6	68.5	58	48
Cu <sub>3</sub> P/C-3% Ni	99.1	90.4	77.5	65	52
Cu <sub>3</sub> P/C-4% Ni	196	164.8	124.5	94	68
Cu <sub>3</sub> P/C-5% Ni	211.7	177	135.5	104	78
Cu <sub>3</sub> P/C-6% Ni	283.8	232.2	173.5	134	98
Cu <sub>3</sub> P/C- 10% Ni	186.2	171	138	105	62
Cu <sub>3</sub> P/C- 15% Ni	123.9	104.8	85	69	52

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