

Supporting Information

Extremely Durable Supercapacitor Enabled by Disordered Porous Carbon with a Capacity Retention up to 60,000 Cycles

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Experimental Section

Materials and Chemicals:

Citric acid monohydrate ($C_6H_8O_7 \cdot H_2O$) and sodium chloride (NaCl) were purchased from Meryer, while potassium hydroxide (KOH) was sourced from Aladdin. Polytetrafluoroethylene dispersion (PTFE, D210C) and acetylene black were procured from Taiyuan LZ Y Technology Co., Ltd. All the water utilized in the present study is deionized water.

Preparation of C-T:

Synthesis of C-900: $C_6H_8O_7 \cdot H_2O$ (2.9 mmol, 0.613 g) was mixed in water (100 mL) under continuous stirring at room temperature until precipitation was completed. Subsequently, the resulting precipitation was subjected to freeze-drying, thereby obtaining white powders. The precursor was directly carbonized in a N_2 atmosphere at 900 °C for 2 h. The mixtures were collected by filtration using commercial filter paper and thoroughly washed with deionized water. Thereafter, they were placed in an oven and dried at 50 °C for 48 h. The product was named C-900.

Synthesis of HC_2 -900: $C_6H_8O_7 \cdot H_2O$ (2.9 mmol, 0.613 g) and varying amounts of NaCl (21.3, 25.6 and 29.9 mmol, respectively) were thoroughly blended at room temperature for 10 minutes. Subsequently, the mixtures were subjected to freeze-drying for 96 h. The resultant composites were pyrolyzed in a N_2 atmosphere at 900 °C for 2 h. The prepared samples are denoted as HC_x -900, where x represents the mole ratio of NaCl ($x = 21.3, 25.6$ and 29.9 mmol, while $C_6H_8O_7 \cdot H_2O$ is maintained at 2.9 mmol).

Characterizations:

The morphologies of samples were characterized via a field emission scanning electron microscope (SEM, Sigma500, ZEISS, Germany) and transmission electron microscopy (TEM, JEM F200, JEOL, Japan). Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectra were analyzed with a Shimadzu spectrometer, in a frequency range of 4000-500 cm^{-1} . The elemental mapping and content were characterized using energy dispersive spectrometer (EDS, UltimMax 40e, CIQTEK, China). The surface species and chemical states were measured by X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS, ES-CALAB 250Xi, Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA). The crystallographic structure of samples was characterized using X-ray powder diffraction (XRD, DX-2700BH, Haoyuan Instrument, China), with the samples being scanned from 10 to 90°. Raman spectra (DXR, Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA) were employed to characterize the phase compositions with a laser wavelength of 532 nm. The N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherms were collected on machine (ASAP 2420, Micrometrics, USA) at 77.350 K.

Electrochemical measurements:

Three-electrode system: cyclic voltammetry (CV), galvanostatic charge-discharge (GCD) and electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) curves of all samples were conducted on an electrochemistry workstation system (CHI 660E, CH Instruments Inc.) in a typical three-electrode system. In the test, a Pt foil serves as the counter electrode, a Hg/HgO electrode acts as the reference electrode, and 6 M KOH aqueous solution is employed as the electrolyte.

The working electrode was prepared as follows: the samples, carbon black, and polytetrafluoroethylene are thoroughly ground in an ethanol/water mixture at a ratio of 8:1:1. The resulting slurry is pressed into nickel foam ($1 \times 1 \text{ cm}^2$), and then dried at $50 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 12 h. Subsequently, it is pressed on a tablet press at a pressure of 10 MPa for 1 minute, and then placed in an oven for another 12 h of drying at $50 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

CV tests were conducted a potential window of $-1.1 \sim 0 \text{ V}$ at a scan rate of 100 mV s^{-1} . GCD tests were evaluated at different current densities ranging from 1 to 20 A g^{-1} . The EIS plot was recorded over the frequency range of $100000 \sim 0.01 \text{ Hz}$ with a 5 mV sinusoidal voltage at open circuit potential. The specific capacitance of electrodes (C_s , F g^{-1}) was calculated from the discharge curves according to the following equation:

$$C_s = \frac{I \Delta t}{m \Delta V}$$

where I (A) denotes the constant current, Δt (s) is the discharge time, ΔV (V) represents the absolute discharge potential window, and m (g) corresponds to the total mass of the samples.

For the test of two-electrode system, a symmetrical two-electrode device was fabricated in $1 \text{ M Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ electrolyte with a potential window from 0 to 2 V. The specific capacitance of electrode (C_g , F g^{-1}), the energy density E (Wh kg^{-1}), power density P (W kg^{-1}) of the devices were calculated using the following equations:

$$C_g = \frac{4I\Delta t}{m \Delta V}$$

$$E = \frac{C \Delta V^2}{2}$$

$$P = \frac{E}{\Delta t}$$

where I (A) represents the constant current, Δt (s) is the discharge time, ΔV (V) signifies the absolute discharge potential window, m (g) corresponds to the total mass of the samples, and C (F g^{-1}) indicates the capacitance.

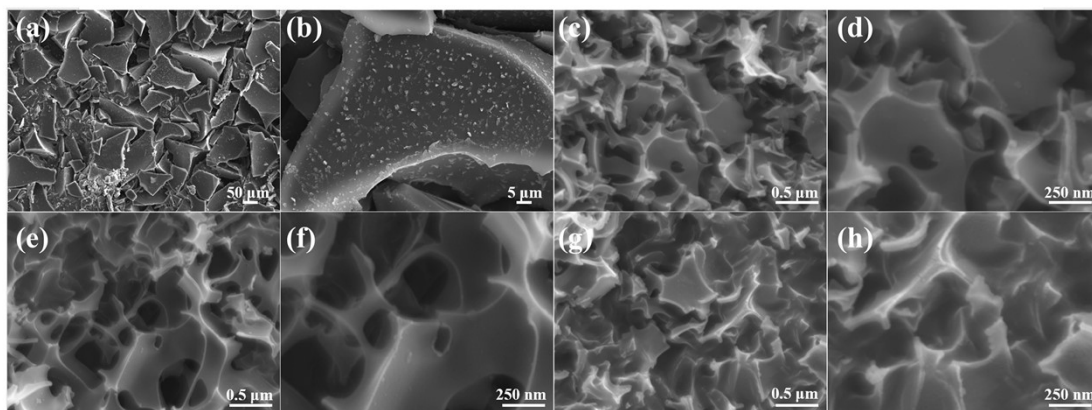


Figure S1. SEM images of samples (a-b) C-900, (c-d) HC₁-900, (e-f) HC₂-900, (g-h) HC₃-900.

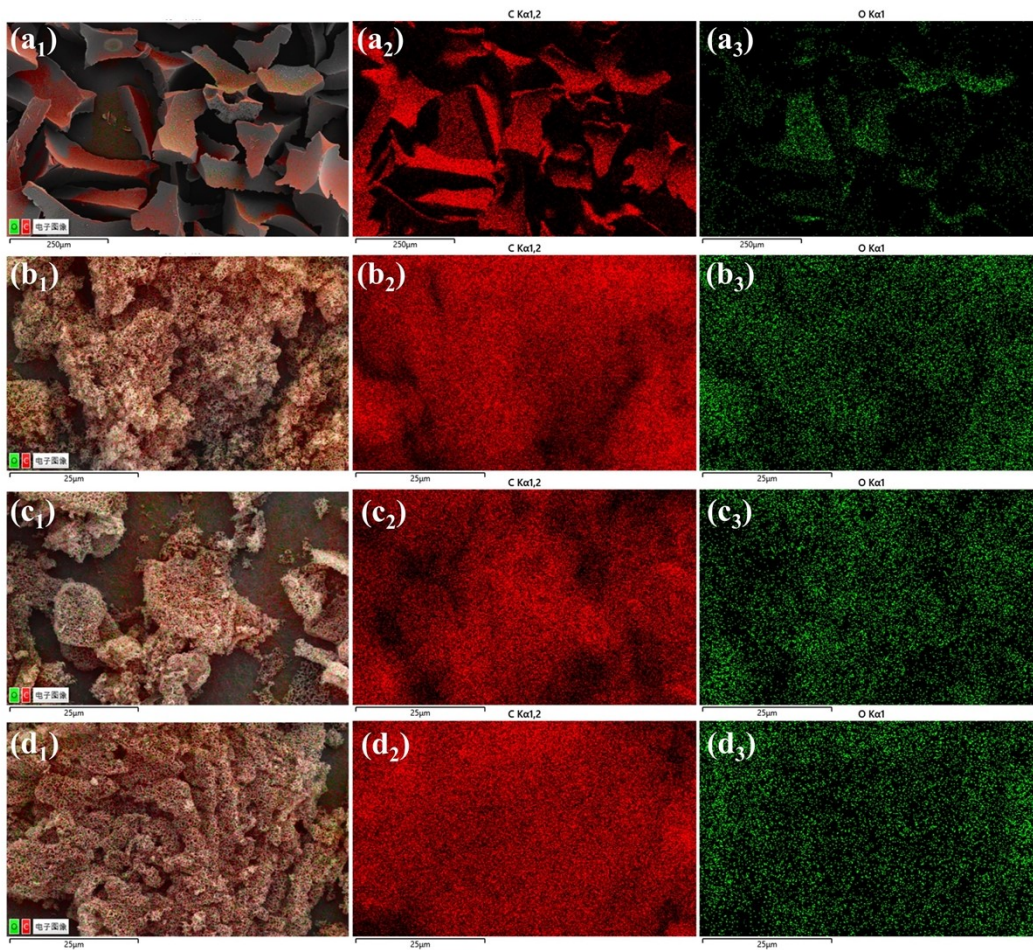


Figure S2. EDS mapping of samples (a₁-a₃) C-900, (b₁-b₃) HC₁-900, (c₁-c₃) HC₂-900 and (d₁-d₃) HC₃-900.

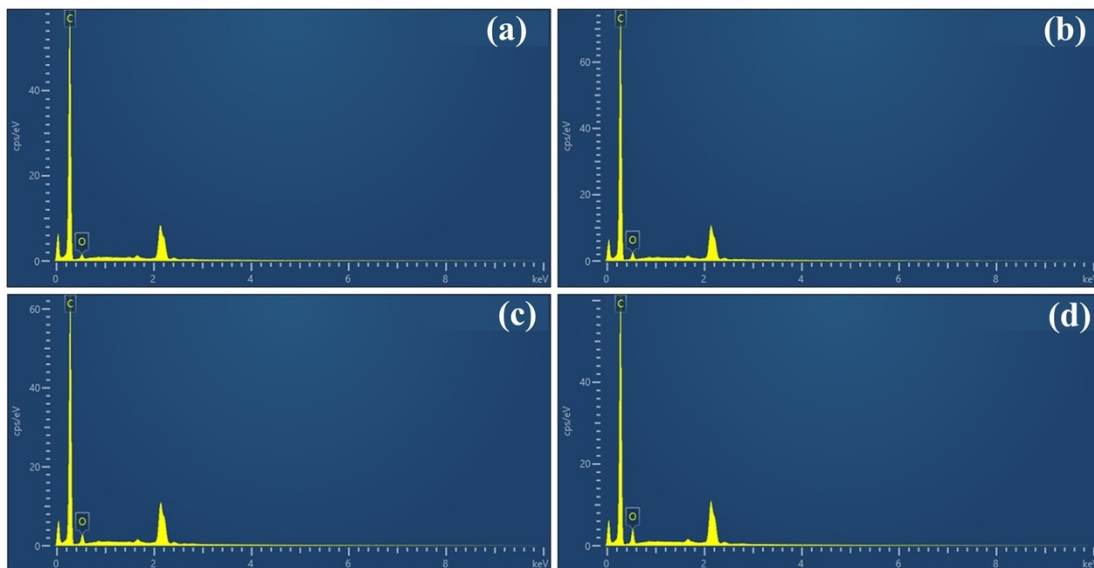


Figure S3. EDS curve of samples (a) C-900, (b) HC₁-900, (c) HC₂-900 and (d) HC₃-900.

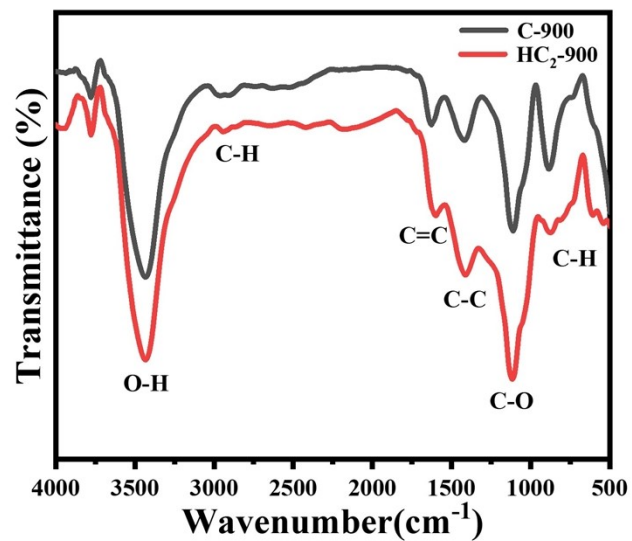


Figure S4. FTIR spectrum of samples C-900 and HC₂-900.

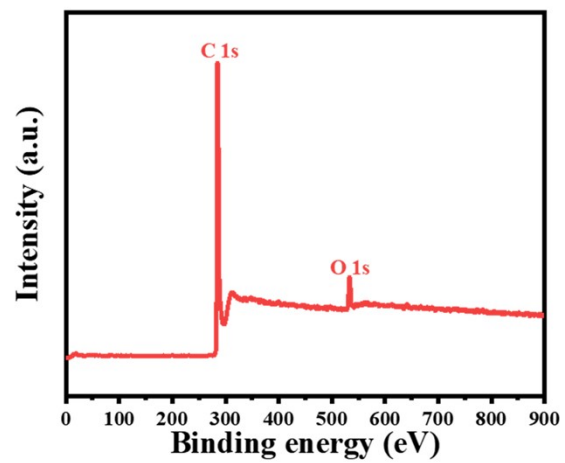


Figure S5. XPS survey spectrum of sample HC₂-900.

Table S1. Chemical compositions of all samples.

Sample	C (wt%)	O (wt%)
C-900	95.87	4.13
HC ₁ -900	93.74	6.26
HC₂-900	91.95	8.05
HC ₃ -900	88.77	11.23

Table S2. Overview of the cycling stability of typical symmetric supercapacitors based on carbon electrodes ever reported.

Electrode materials	Current density (A g⁻¹)	Cycle number	Retention (%)	Rf.
NBC-100	2	5000	95	1
GPC-900-1h	5	10000	90	2
NS-HPLC-K	5	10000	99.8	3
HPCs-60	10	20000	89.9	4
MG-18	0.1	2500	84.8	5
O-PCN-20	10	20000	86.2	6
N-MHCNs-2	5	3000	90	7
CPC-2	5	3000	76	8
C ₈₀₀ K _{0.4}	5	10000	94.83	9
NCO/GQDs-10%	1	3000	93	10
HC₂-900	4	60000	98.2	This work

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