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Investigation of different aqueous electrolytes on the electrochemical performance of activated carbon-based supercapacitors

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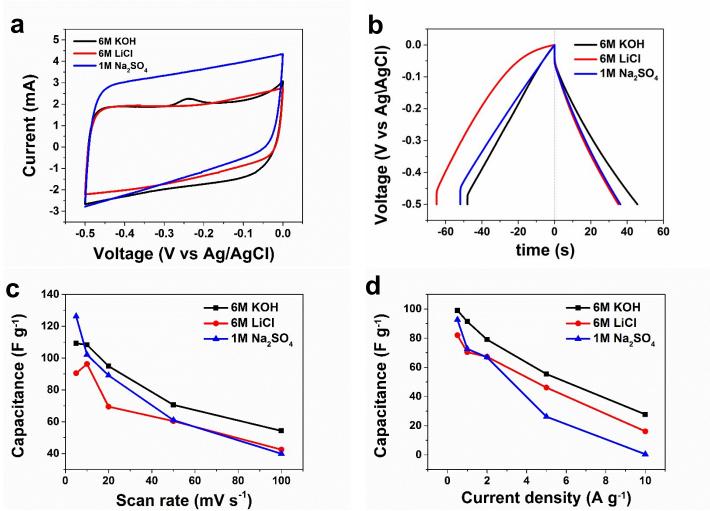


Figure S1 (a) CV curves at scan rates of 5 m Vs⁻¹, (b) The galvanostatic charge/discharge curves at 1 A g⁻¹, (c) the specific capacitance as function of the scan rate and (d) the specific capacitance as function of the current density at 0.5 potential window

Table S1 Result of the specific capacitance as function of the current density at 0.8 V potential window of 6 M KOH

6 М КОН	Current density (A g ⁻¹)					
	0.5	1	2	5	10	
C _{Dch} (F g ⁻¹) a	129.5	118.49	107.11	89.38	69.88	
C _{Ch} (F g ⁻¹) a	126.21	115.8	107.23	89.55	70.14	
C _{Average} (F g ⁻¹)	127.86	117.15	107.17	89.47	70.01	
η (%) ^b	102.6	102.32	99.89	99.81	99.63	

 $^{^{\}rm a}$ $C_{\rm Dch}$ and $C_{\rm Ch}$ refer, respectively, to discharge and charge capacitance.

^b η= C_{Deh}/C_{Ch}, the charge/discharge efficiency of electrode with current density

Table S2 Result of the specific capacitance as function of the current density at 0.8 V potential window of 6 M LiCl

6 M LiCl	Current density (A g ⁻¹)						
	0.5	1	2	5	10		
C _{Dch} (F g ⁻¹)	-	184.22	122.63	75.75	45.05		
C _{Ch} (F g ⁻¹)	-	209.16	129.23	78.53	46.59		
C _{Average} (F g ⁻¹)	-	196.69	125.93	77.14	45.82		
η (%)	-	88.07	94.89	96.46	96.69		

Table S3 Result of the specific capacitance as function of the current density at 0.8~V potential window of $1~M~Na_2SO_4$

1 M Na ₂ SO ₄	Current density (A g ⁻¹)						
	0.5	1	2	5	10		
C _{Dch} (F g ⁻¹)	-	93.3	86.09	70.71	31.58		
C _{Ch} (F g ⁻¹)	-	120.9	96.78	74.43	32.38		
C _{Average} (F g ⁻¹)	-	106.65	80.26	72.57	31.98		
η (%)	-	77.17	88.95	95	97.52		