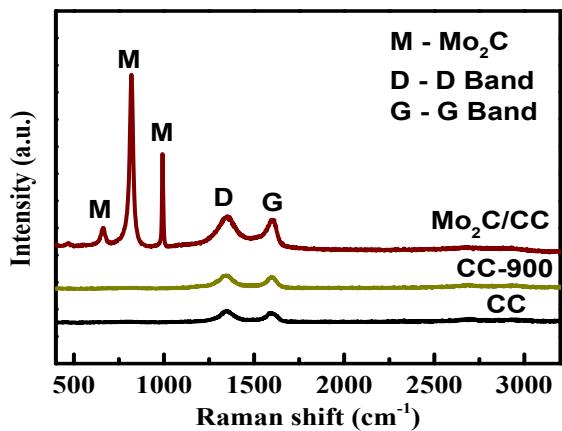


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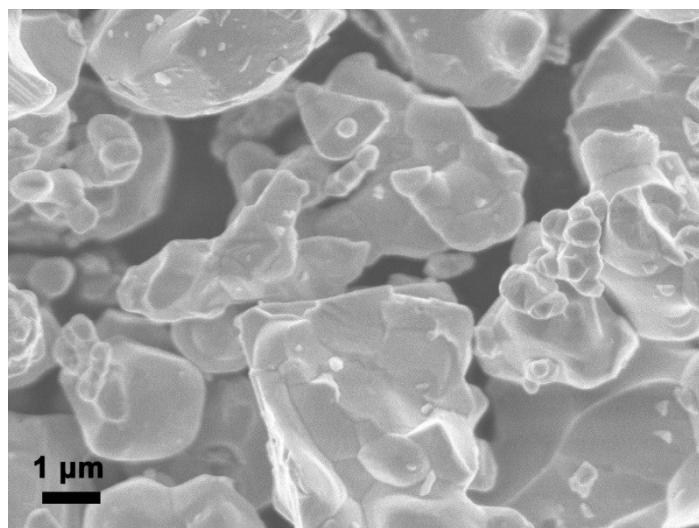
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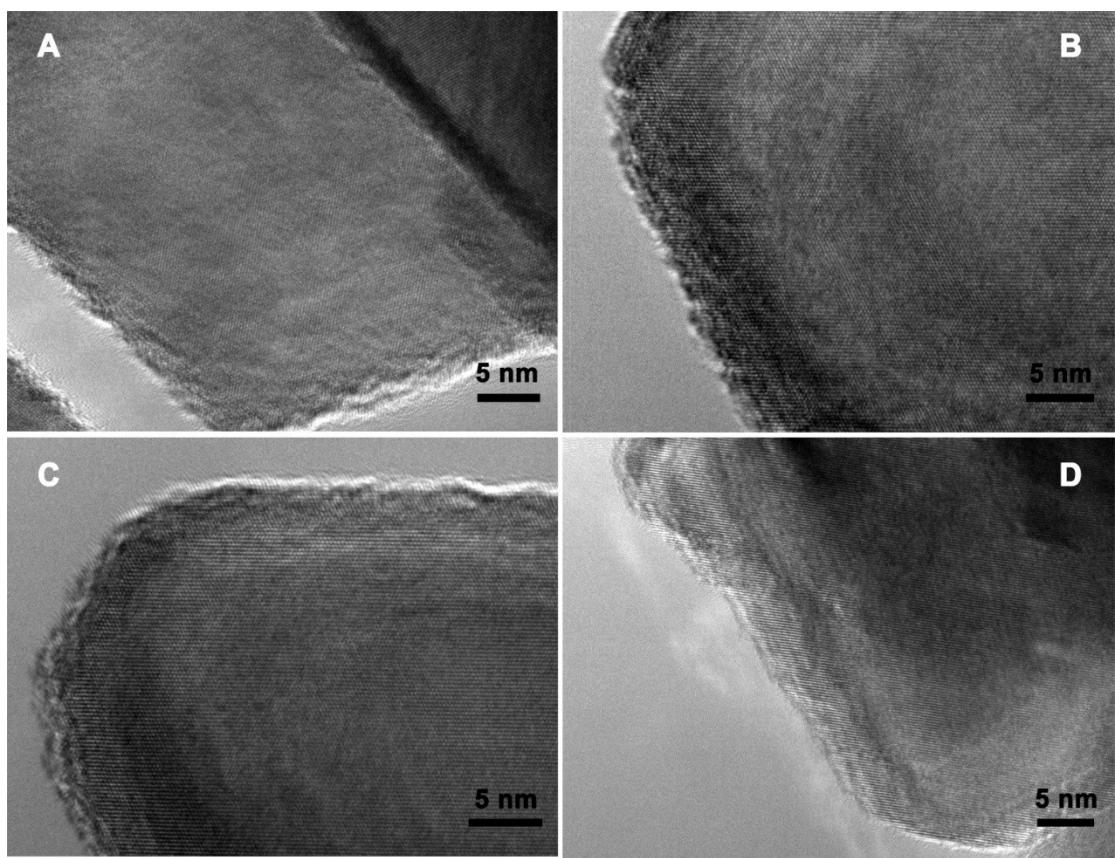
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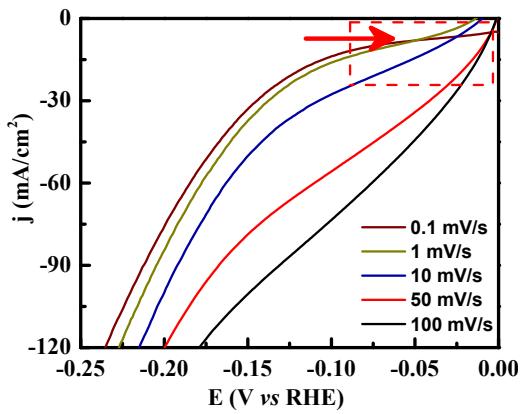
**Fig. S1** Raman spectra of Mo<sub>2</sub>C/CC, CC and CC after thermal treatment after 900 °C.



**Fig. S2** SEM image of C-Mo<sub>2</sub>C.



**Fig. S3** HRTEM images of P-Mo<sub>2</sub>C. These images show that there is no extra carbon around Mo<sub>2</sub>C particles in the P-Mo<sub>2</sub>C.



**Fig. S4** polarization curves with Mo<sub>2</sub>C/CC at different scan rates (0.1-100 mV/s). From the figure, it is seen that low scan rate can reduce the capacitive current, but do not completely eliminate the capacitive current.