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## Supporting materials:

## NiCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/tryptophan-functionalized graphene quantum dots nanohybrid for

## high-performance supercapacitors

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Fig. s1 SEM images of the Ni/Co-LDH (a) and NiCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (b) prepared by classical two-step method



Fig. s2 The TEM image (A) and particle size ditribution of Trp-GQD



Fig. s3 TEM image and TEM iamge (insert) of the NiCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/Trp-GQD nanohybrid



Fig. s4 EDS patterns of NiCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/Trp-GQD nanohybrid



Fig. s5 The relationship curve of the specific capacitance with the Trp-GQD content for  $NiCo_2S_4$ /Trp-GQD electrode

using a three-electrode test system in a 3 M KOH at the current density of 3 A  $g^{\text{-}1}$ 



Fig. s6A: CV curves of single AC electrode (a) and  $NiCo_2S_4$  electrode in a 3 M KOH aqueous solution at the scan rate of 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup> using a three-electrode test system. B: CV curve of the  $NiCo_2S_4$ /Trp-GQDs/AC cell in a 3 M KOH aqueous solution at the scan rate of 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>



Fig. s7 SEM images of the NiCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>/Trp-GQD (A) and NiCo<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>-two/Trp-GQD (B) after 5000 cycles



Fig. s8 The eleasticity modulus of the CMC film with different amounts of Trp-GQD