

Supporting Information

Scalable Synthesis of Nano-sandwich N-doped Carbon Materials with Hierarchical-structure for energy conversion and storage

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Table S1. Comparison of ORR performance in literature

Source/References	Solution	Loading (mg cm⁻²)	Activity (V vs. Ag/AgCl)
Our work (NNCM-1050-70)	PBS 50 mM	0.1	$E_{\text{onset}} = 0.26$
N-doped carbon nanofibers¹	PBS 100 mM	0.14	$E_{\text{onset}} = 0.12$
Activated Carbon²	KCl 0.1 M	0.16	$E_{\text{onset}} = 0.15$
Activated Carbon³	PBS 100 mM	0.5	$E_{\text{onset}} = 0.12$
HP-Fe-N-Cs⁴	PBS 100 mM	0.15	$E_{\text{onset}} = 0.197$
BP-NF⁵	PBS 50 mM	0.1	$E_{\text{onset}} = 0.2$
N-Fe/Fe₃C@C⁶	PBS 100 mM	0.5	$E_{\text{onset}} = 0.21$

Table S2. Comparison of supercapacitor performance in our work and some references

Source/References	Electrolyte	Current density	Capacitance(F g ⁻¹)
Our work (NNCM-900-70)	6 M KOH	1 A g ⁻¹	178
		8 A g ⁻¹	121
RGO ⁷	6 M KOH	1 A g ⁻¹	190
Graphene ⁸	5 M KOH	0.1 A g ⁻¹	155
r[GO-CNT] ⁹	1 M TEABF ₄	1 A g ⁻¹	109.1
Graphene ¹⁰	0.5 M NaCl	0.6 A g ⁻¹	230
N-doped carbon fibers ¹¹	6 M KOH	1 A g ⁻¹	202
Co₃O₄/r-GO ¹²	6 M KOH	1 A g ⁻¹	163.8

Performance of gas storage

Considering the tunable pore size, heteroatom doping and high specific surface area in NNCMs, especially the NNCMs-1050-70, and the energy gas molecules, such as the hydrogen and acetylene, uptake were measured. Hydrogen adsorption isotherms of those carbon materials from 0-1 atm at 77 K by the volumetric method are shown in Figure S1. The hydrogen uptakes of NNCM-1050-70 were 1.74 wt% at 1 atm, which is comparable with best activated carbon (about 1.8 %) as reported previously.¹³ This excellent performance may be resulted from the synergetic effect of the high specific surface area, suitable pore size and the N-doping in the carbon nanomaterials. In practice, C₂H₂ gas is stored at ambient temperatures. The C₂H₂ adsorption experiment was carried out at room temperature (295 K) under 1 atm. The C₂H₂ adsorption amount for NNCM-1050-70 reaches up to 75 cm³(STP) g⁻¹ at 295 K and 1 atm, near to the highest record of pores space adsorption 113 cm³ (STP) g⁻¹.¹⁴ The tunable pore size, heteroatom doping and high specific surface area of the NNCMs may be responsible for C₂H₂ storage. In conclusion, the obtained NNCMs with hierarchical structure can be used as a potential candidate for the renewable energy gas storage.

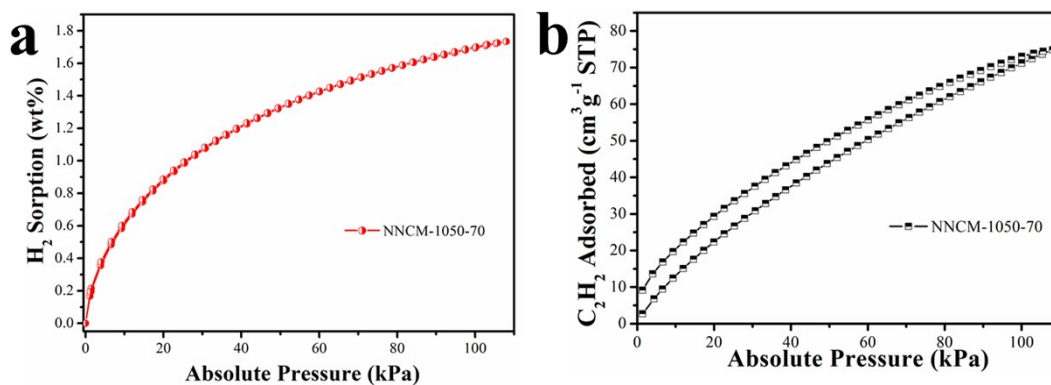


Figure S1. (a) Hydrogen adsorption isotherms of NNCM-1050-70 from 0 to 1 atm at 77 K by the volumetric method. (b) C₂H₂ adsorption of NNCM-1050-70 from 0 to 1 atm at 295 K.

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