

Supporting Information

Enhanced Lithium Storage Performances of Novel Layered Nickel Germanate Anodes Inspired by Spatial Arrangement of Lotus Leaves

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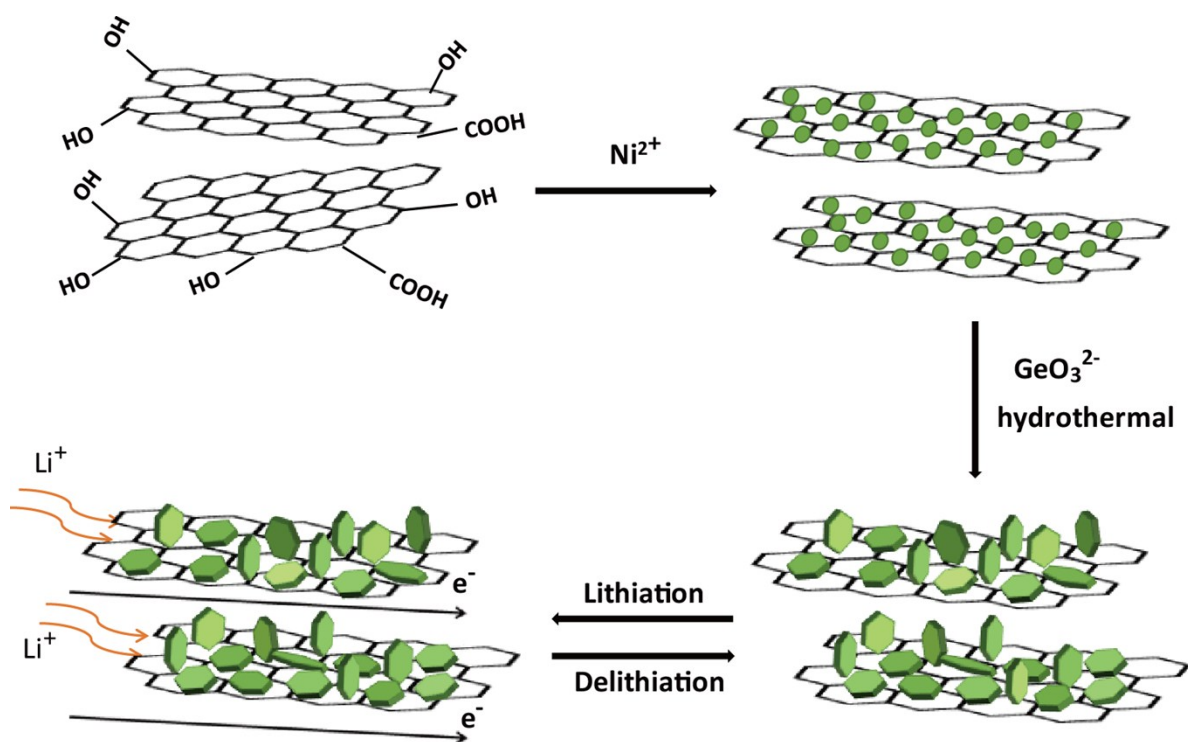


Figure S1. Schematic illustrating the synthesis of $\text{Ni}_3\text{Ge}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4/\text{RGO}$ hybrids.

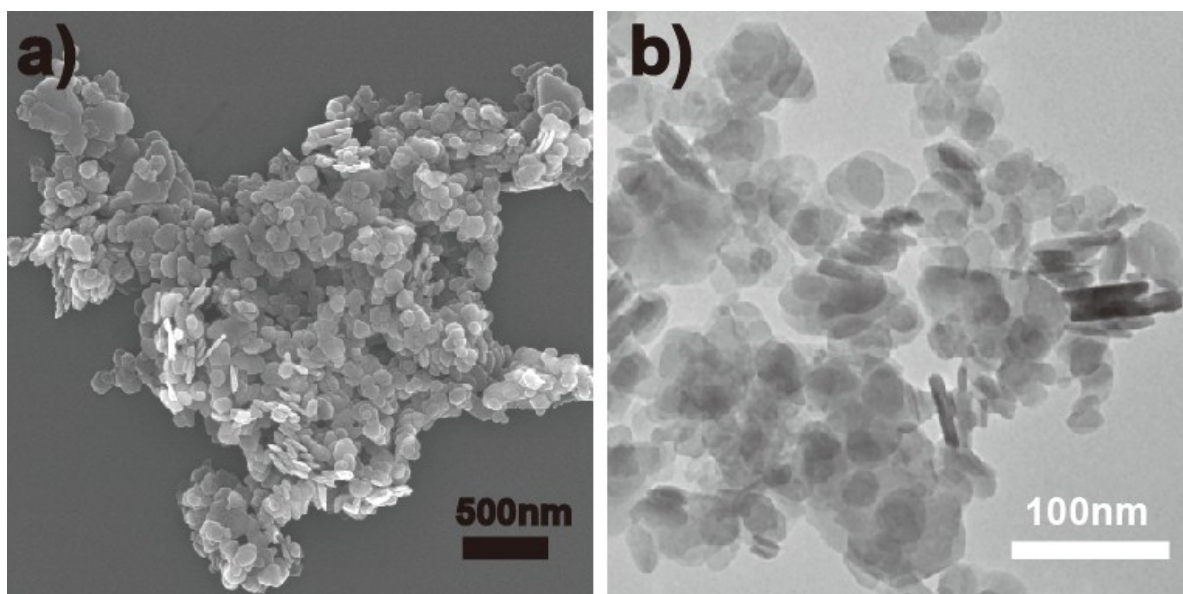


Figure S2. (a) SEM and (b) TEM images of $\text{Ni}_3\text{Ge}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4$ nanosheets.

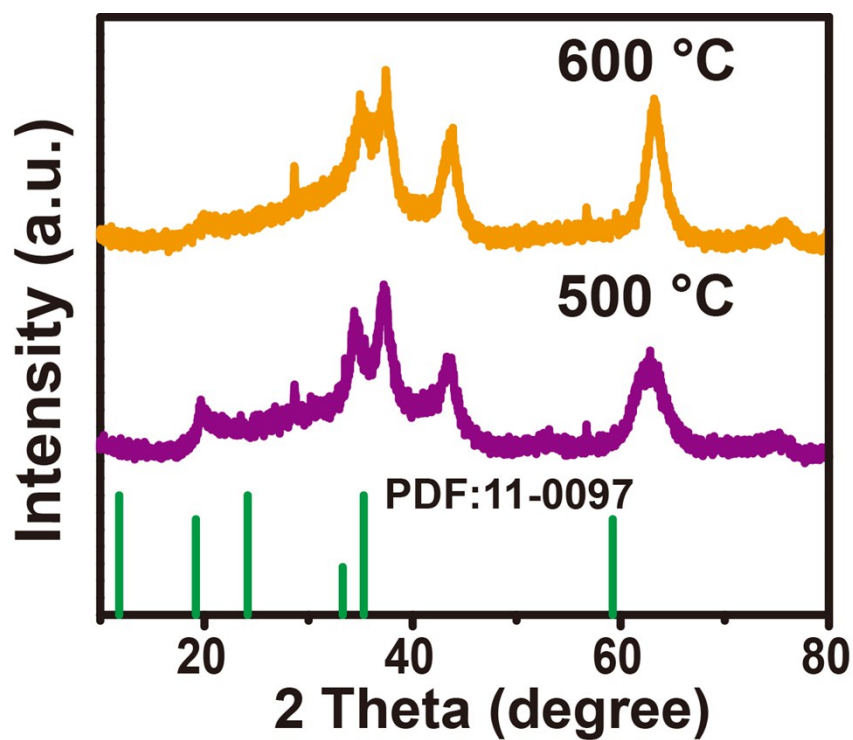


Figure S3. XRD patterns of $\text{Ni}_3\text{Ge}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4/\text{RGO}-120$ thermally annealed at different temperatures.

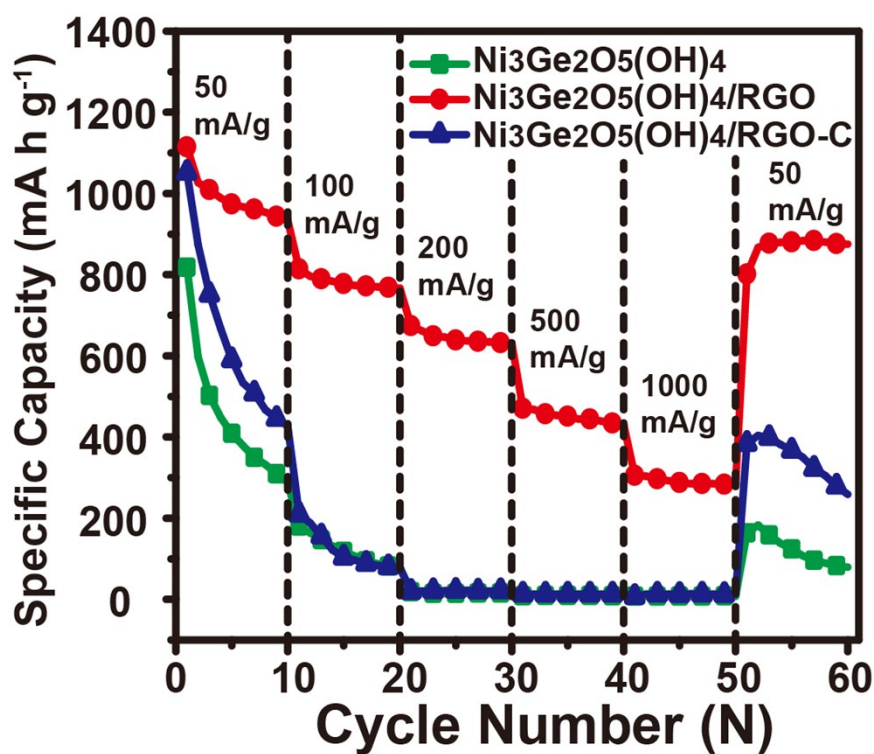


Figure S4. Rate performances of $\text{Ni}_3\text{Ge}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4$, $\text{Ni}_3\text{Ge}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4/\text{RGO}-\text{C}$, and $\text{Ni}_3\text{Ge}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4/\text{RGO}$ hybrids thermally annealed at 300 °C.

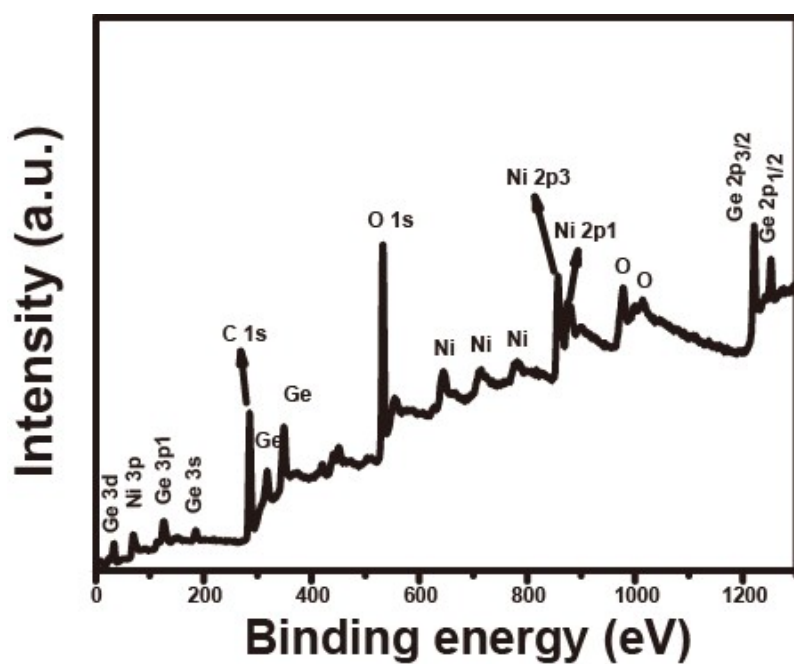


Figure S5. Wide-survey XPS spectrum of $\text{Ni}_3\text{Ge}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4/\text{RGO}$ -120 hybrid.

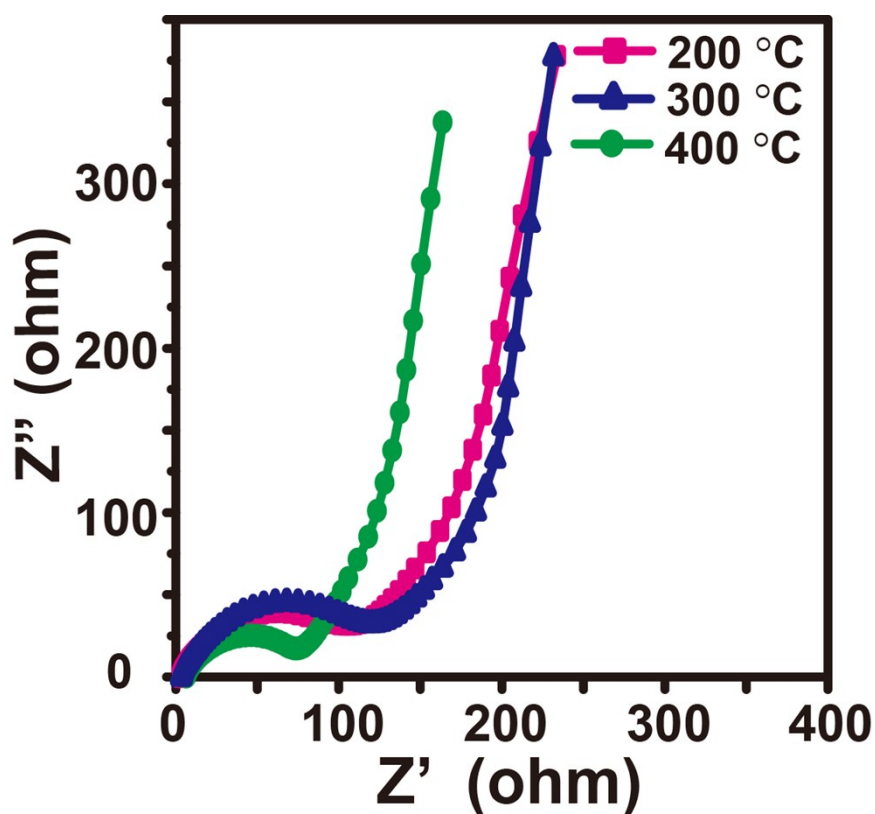


Figure S6. EIS curves of $\text{Ni}_3\text{Ge}_2\text{O}_5(\text{OH})_4/\text{RGO}$ hybrids thermally annealed at different temperatures.