Robust heterostructure of bimetallic sodium–zinc metal–organic framework and reduced graphene oxide for high–performance supercapacitors

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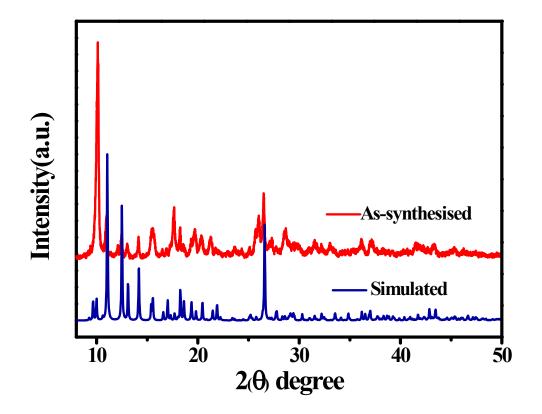


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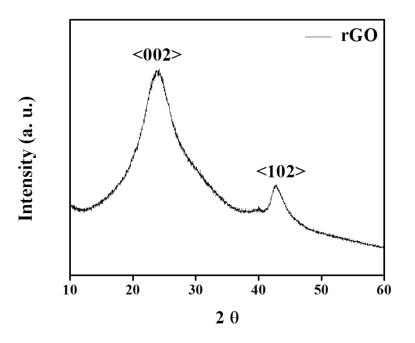


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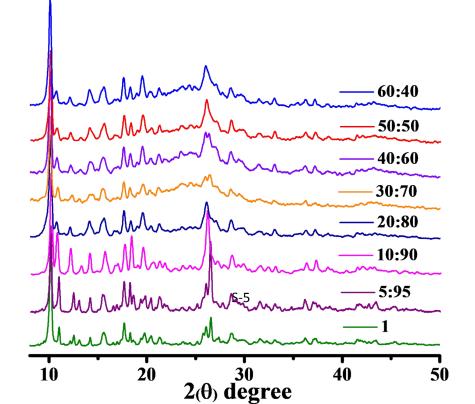


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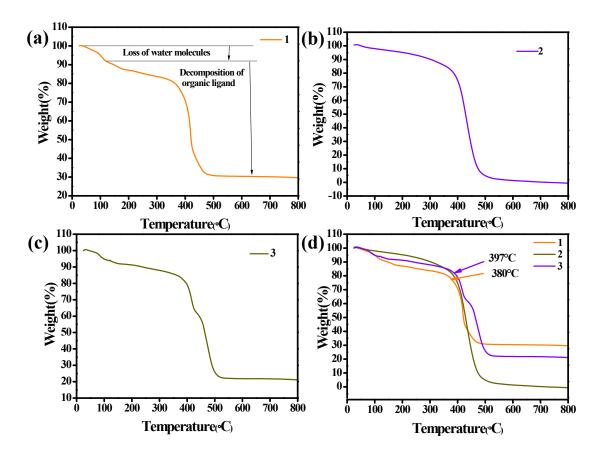


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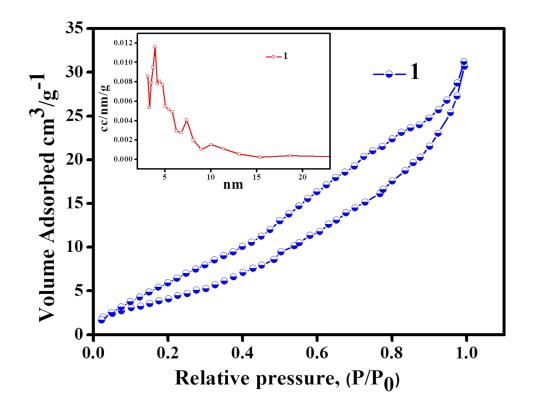


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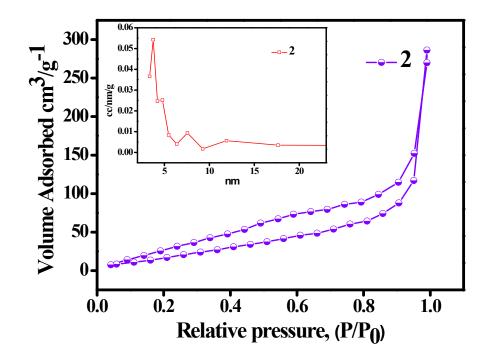


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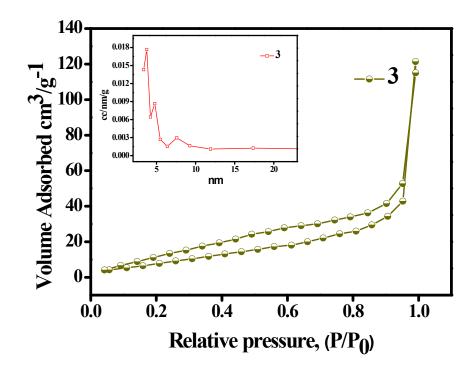


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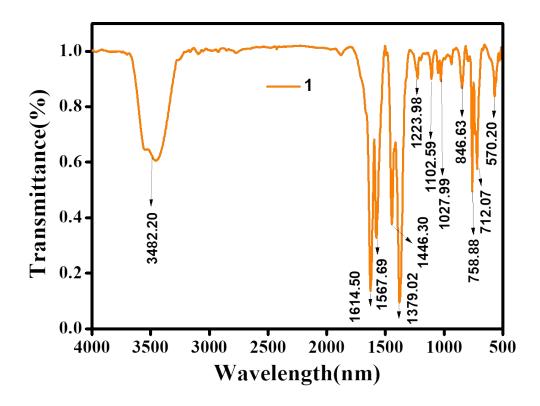


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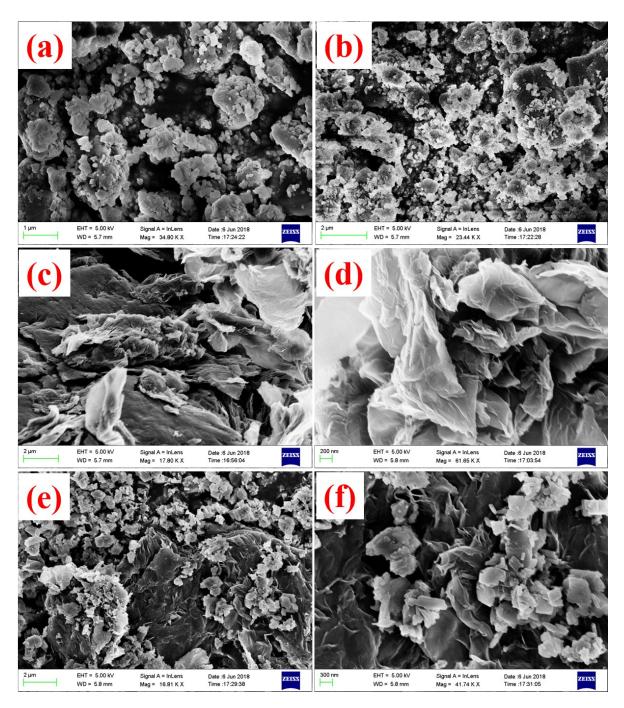


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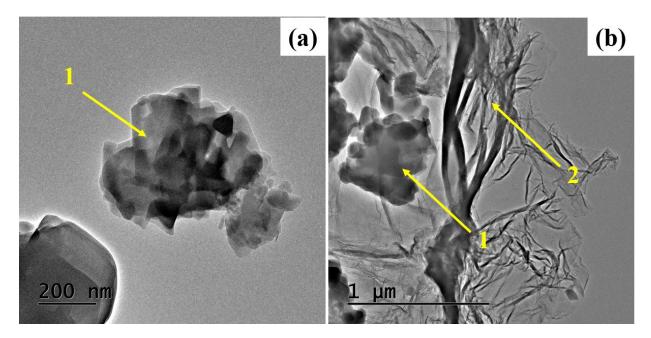


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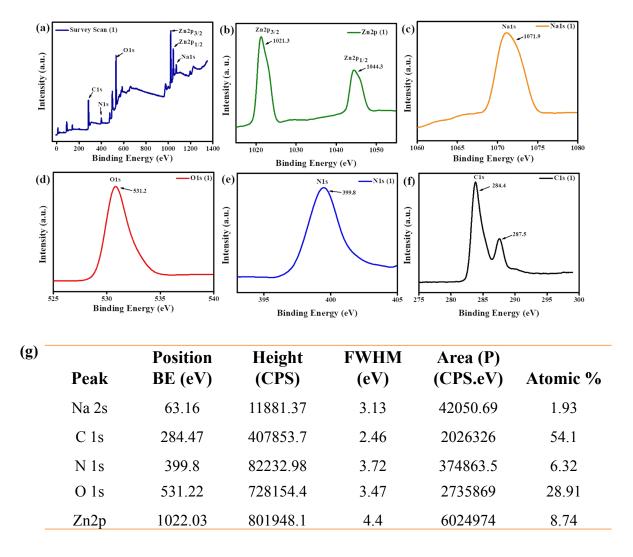


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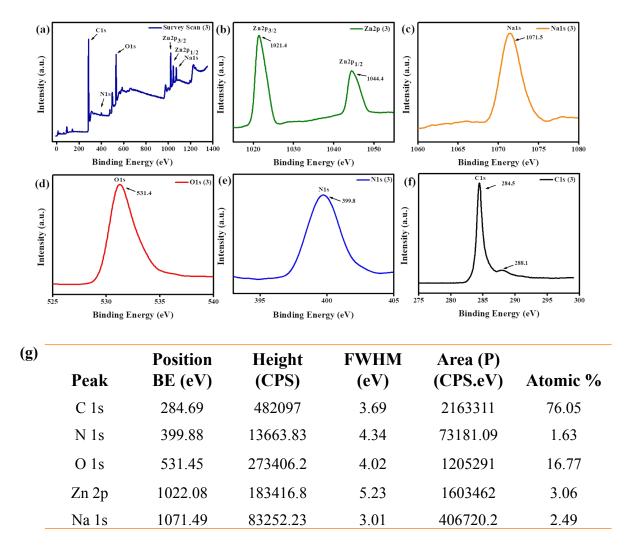


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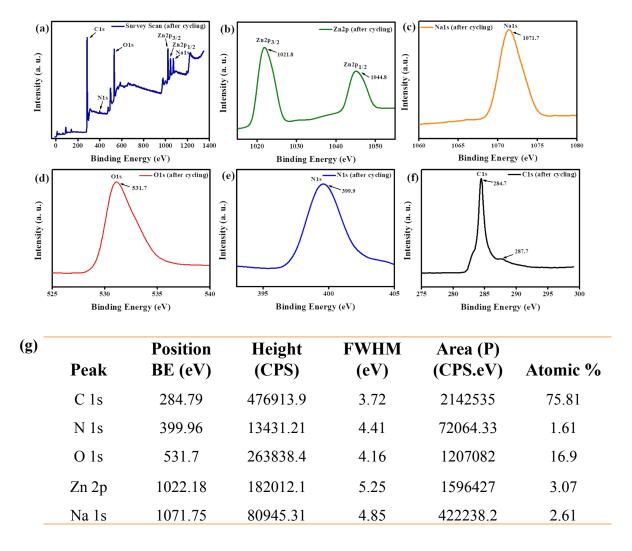


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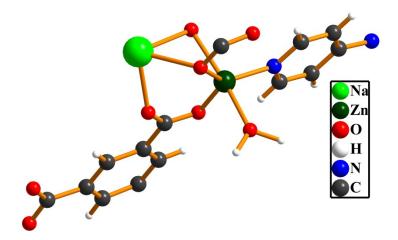


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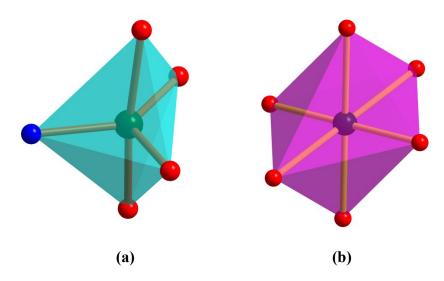


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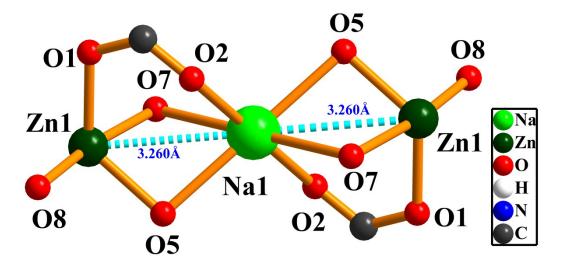
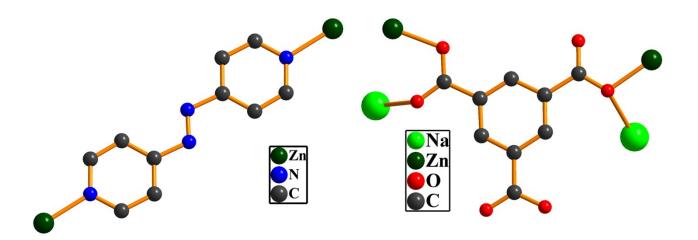


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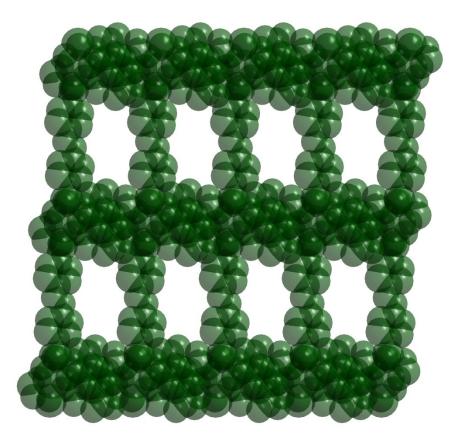


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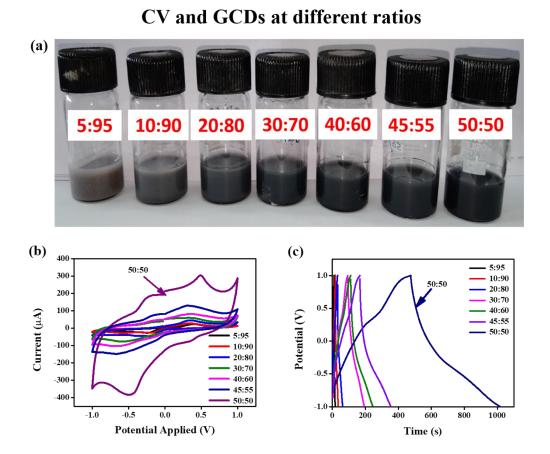


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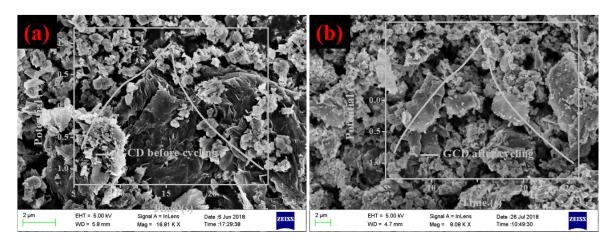


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The supercapacitor properties of **3**–**GCE** has been analysed at higher mass loading with an effective mass of ~0.25 mg and mass loading of ~3.5 mg/cm² in addition to the original mass loading of 0.35 mg/cm². The comparison of CV profiles of bare GCE and **3**–**GCE** clearly shows an enhanced CV area and better charge propagation in **3** (Fig. S21a). However, the current response was lesser than that obtained at lower mass loading as shown in Fig. 6c. The CV profiles ware recorded at different scan rates as shown in Fig. S21b. Furthermore, GCD profiles were also recorded at different current densities (Fig. S21c). The discharge time was found to be lesser at each current density compared to that at lower mass loadings (Fig. 7e). The plot between specific capacitance and applied current density (Fig. S21d). The maximum specific capacitance obtained was 251.2 F g⁻¹ at 1.6 A g⁻¹, which kept on decreasing up to 84 F g⁻¹ at 4 A g⁻¹. It was observed that at higher mass loading, specific capacitance decreases, which approves Stoller's findings (*Energy Environ. Sci.*, 2010, **3**, 1294–1301), and also in agreement with the general thumb rule that specific capacitance decreases on increasing mass loading.

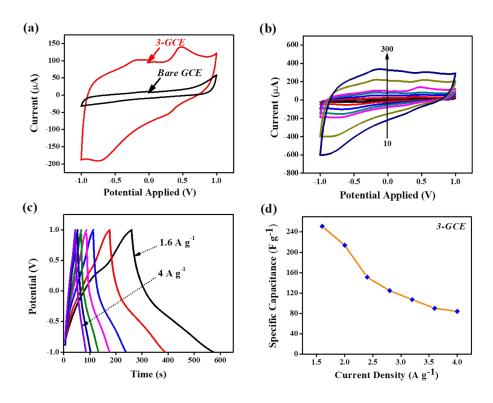


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Bond dista	nces
Na(1) —O(2)	2.292(3)
Na(1)O(2)#1	2.292(3)
Na(1)O(5)#1	2.418(3)
Na(1) —O(5)	2.420(3)
Na(1)O(7)#1	2.505(3)
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Na(1) —Zn(1)#1	3.2595(5)
Na(1) —Zn(1)	3.2595(5)
Zn(1)—O(5)	1.991(3)
Zn(1) —O(1)	2.000(3)
Zn(1) —N(1)	2.073(3)
Zn(1) —O(8)	2.098(4)
Zn(1) —O(7)	2.250(3)
Bond ang	les
O(5) —Zn(1) —O(1)	124.01(12)
O(5) —Zn(1) —N(1)	136.57(13)
O(1) —Zn(1) —N(1)	98.92(13)
O(5) —Zn(1) —O(8)	89.72(15)
O(1) —Zn(1) —O(8)	93.69(17)
N(1) —Zn(1) —O(8)	94.12(15)
O(5) —Zn(1) —O(7)	83.01(12)
O(1) —Zn(1) —O(7)	87.84(14)
N(1) —Zn(1) —O(7)	93.30(13)
O(8) —Zn(1) —O(7)	172.10(13)
O(5) —Zn(1) —Na(1)	47.67(8)
O(1) —Zn(1) —Na(1)	85.61(9)
N(1) —Zn(1) —Na(1)	143.11(10)
O(8) —Zn(1) —Na(1)	122.27(11)
O(7) —Zn(1) —Na(1)	50.06(8)
O(2) —Na(1) —O(2)#1	180.0
O(2) —Na(1) —O(5)#1	101.26(11)
O(2)#1—Na(1) —O(5)#1	78.74(11)
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O(5)#1—Na(1) —O(5)	180.0
O(2) —Na(1) —O(7)#1	93.17(11)
O(2)#1—Na(1) —O(7)#1	86.83(11)
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O(7)#1—Na(1) —O(7)	180.0
O(2) —Na(1) —Zn(1)#1	121.03(8)
O(2)#1—Na(1) —Zn(1)#1	58.97(8)
O(5)#1—Na(1) —Zn(1)#1	37.50(6)
O(5) —Na(1) —Zn(1)#1	142.50(6)
O(7)#1—Na(1) —Zn(1)#1	43.55(7)
O(7) —Na(1) —Zn(1)#1	136.45(7)
O(7)—Na(1)—Zn(1)	43.55(7)
Zn(1)#1-Na(1)-Zn(1)	180.0

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x,-y,-z #2 -x+1,-y+1,-z-2 #3 x+1,y,z #4 x-1,y,z