

## Supplementary Information

### Highly Compact, Free-Standing Porous Electrodes from Polymer-Derived Nanoporous Carbons for Efficient Electrochemical Capacitive Deionization

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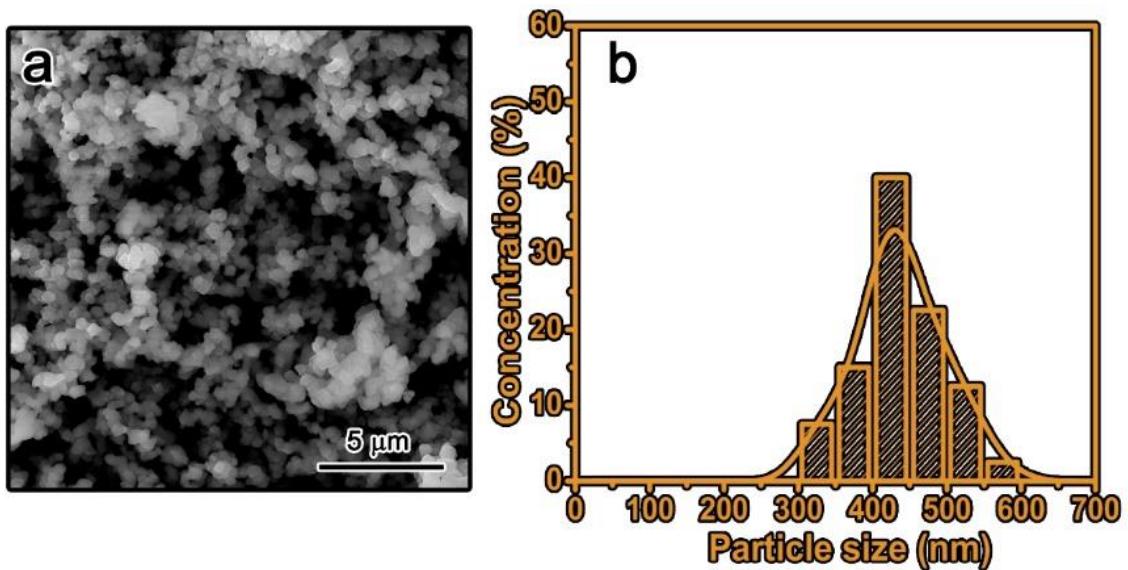


Figure S1. a) SEM image of PPy. b) The particle size distribution of PPy. The average particle size is about  $440 \pm 46.9$  nm.

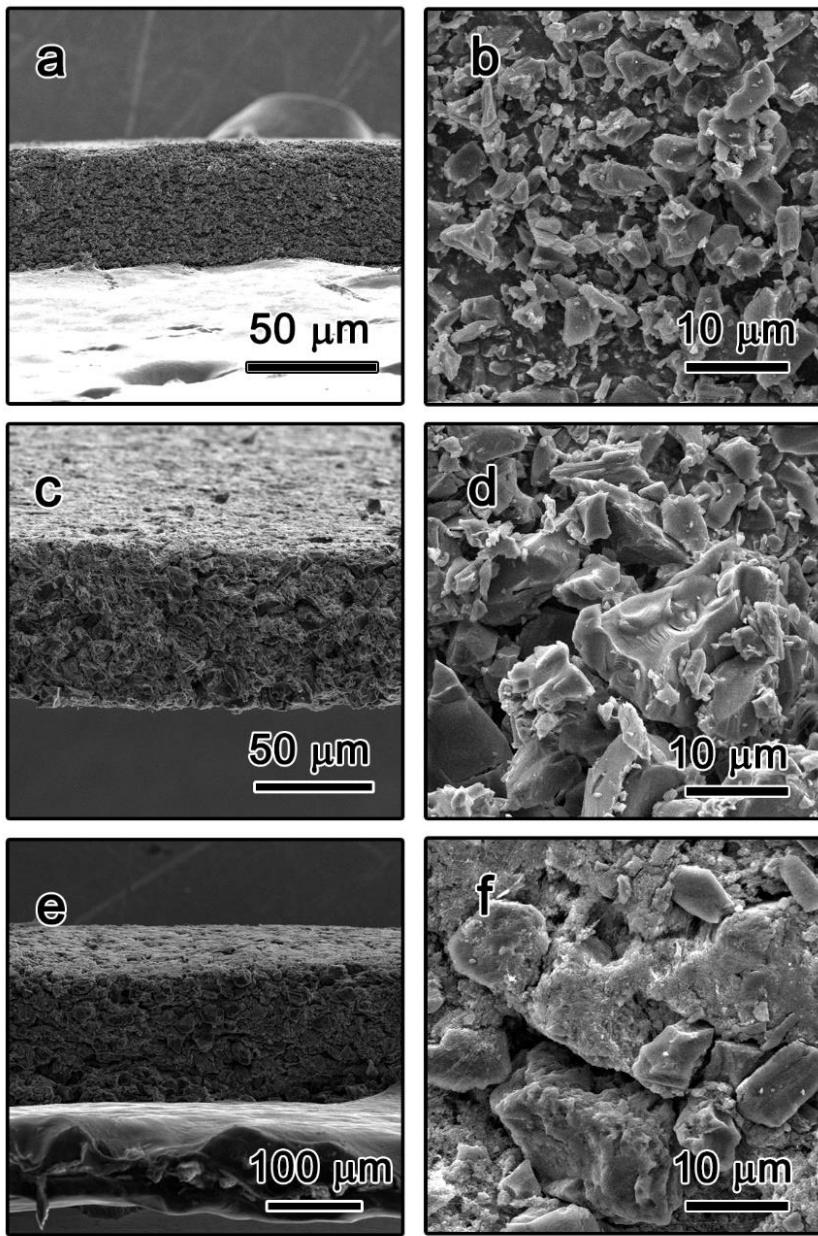


Figure S2. Cross-sectional and magnified SEM images of a,b) AC-1, c,d) AC-2, and e,f) PACMM.

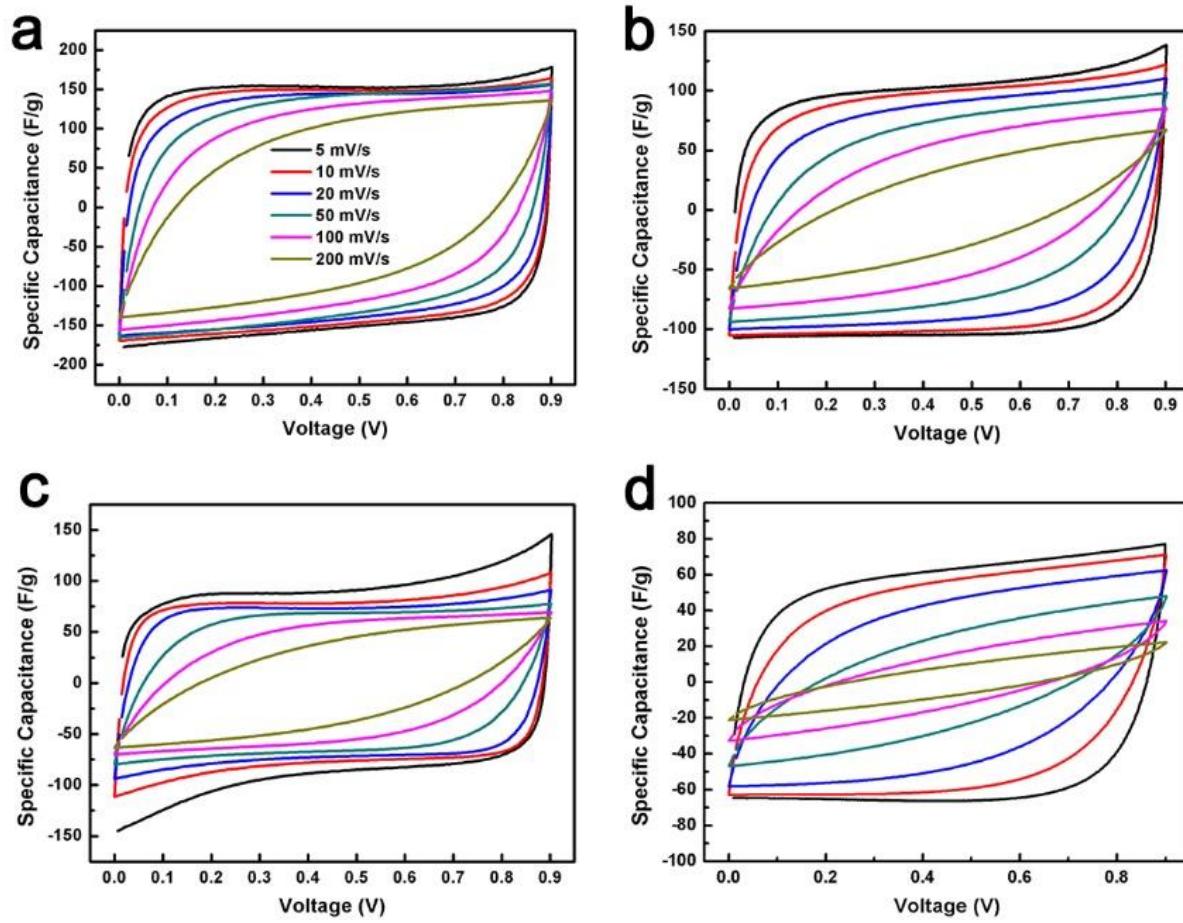


Figure S3. Cyclic voltammetry (CV) curves of a) PPy-AMC, b) AC-1, c) AC-2, and d) PACMM with different scan rates ranging from 5 mV/s to 200 mV/s.

Table S1. Summary of state-of-art porous carbon materials used for capacitive deionization.

Materials	Surface area (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	NaCl concentration	Scan rate (mV/s)	C <sub>sp</sub> (F g <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
3D Hierarchical Carbon	2061	1.01	0.5 M	5 10 40	142 95 40	(1)
Nitrogen-doped hollow carbon spheres	512	0.70	1 M	5 40	152 46	(2)
3D Graphene Architectures	824	NA	0.5 M	1	151	(3)
High surface area graphene	305	NA	0.5 M	10 200	57 34	(4)
Graphene-like carbon nanosheets	220	NA	0.5 M	10 40	54.7 18.4	(5)
3D porous graphene	3513	NA	0.015 M	2	20.1	(6)
Carbon fiber/graphene	649	0.202	1 M	2 100	111 76	(7)
Sandwich-like N-doped graphene	918	2.41	0.5 M	10	56.2	(8)
N,P co-doped 3D hierarchical carbon	349	0.38	0.5 M	5	221	(9)
<b>PPy-AMC (this work)</b>	<b>2789</b>	<b>1.85</b>	<b>0.5 M</b>	<b>5 200</b>	<b>157 93</b>	<b>This work</b>

Table S2. Charge efficiency of electrode materials at various charging voltages

	0.4 V	0.6 V	0.8 V	1 V	1.2 V
PPy-AMC	0.97	0.92	0.97	0.96	0.88
AC-1	0.97	0.99	0.98	0.97	0.91
AC-2	0.44	0.89	0.99	0.91	0.98
PACMM	0.49	0.75	0.78	0.67	0.71

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