A flexible solid-state zinc ion hybrid supercapacitors based on copolymer derived hollow carbon spheres

Shengmei Chen^{a,#}, Longtao Ma^{a,#}, Kui Zhang^{b,*}, M. Kamruzzaman^c, Chunyi Zhi^a, Juan Antonio

Zapien^{a,*}

^a Department of Materials and Science Engineering, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong 999077, China.

^b School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Anhui University of Technology, Ma'anshan, Anhui 243032, China.

^c Department of Physics, Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur, Rangpur-5400, Bangladesh.

[#] These authors contribute equally to this work.

* These are corresponding authors.

E-mail addresses: apjazs@cityu.edu.hk (J. A. Zapien); zhangkui@mail.ustc.edu.cn (K. Zhang).



Fig. S1. XRD pattern of deposited-Zn on carbon cloth. It is indexed to metallic zinc (Zn JSPDS No. 2304-0831).



Fig. S2. SEM images of deposited-Zn on carbon cloth at different magnifications.



Fig. S3. CV curves of solid-state ZHS using HCS as cathode at higher scan rates from 100-500 mV/s.



Fig. S4. Ragone plots of flexible solid-state ZHS using HCS as cathode (red line, this work) and other flexible energy storage devices: black line, CNT/BNC/ion gel-based all-solid-state supercapacitor¹; green line, KCu₇S₄/GP based all-solid-state supercapacitor²; pink line, Bi₂O₃//MnO₂-asymmetric supercapacitor³; brown line, BN-Gas based all-solid-state supercapacitor⁴; purple line, lithium-ion battery⁵; blue line, Na_{0.44}MnO₂//NaTi₂(PO₄)₃@C based flexible aqueous sodium-ion battery⁶.



Fig. S5. SEM image of the cathode materials after cycling stability tests over 15,000 cycles. The red arrow indicates the electrolyte remnant and the blue arrow indicates the side reaction product flake-like $Zn_4SO_4(OH)_6\bullet 5H_2O$.



Fig. S6. Cycling stability of the flexible solid-state ZHS under various deformation conditions using an especially designed stepper motor for 1000 cycles at a current density of 1.0 A/g.

References

- 1. Y. J. Kang, S.-J. Chun, S.-S. Lee, B.-Y. Kim, J. H. Kim, H. Chung, S.-Y. Lee and W. Kim, *ACS Nano*, 2012, **6**, 6400-6406.
- 2. S. Dai, W. Xu, Y. Xi, M. Wang, X. Gu, D. Guo and C. Hu, *Nano Energy*, 2016, **19**, 363-372.
- 3. H. Xu, X. Hu, H. Yang, Y. Sun, C. Hu and Y. Huang, *Advanced Energy Materials*, 2015, 5, 1401882.
- 4. Z.-S. Wu, A. Winter, L. Chen, Y. Sun, A. Turchanin, X. Feng and K. Müllen, *Advanced Materials*, 2012, **24**, 5130-5135.
- 5. Q. Zheng, A. Kvit, Z. Cai, Z. Ma and S. Gong, *Journal of Materials Chemistry A*, 2017, **5**, 12528-12541.
- 6. Z. Guo, Y. Zhao, Y. Ding, X. Dong, L. Chen, J. Cao, C. Wang, Y. Xia, H. Peng and Y. Wang, *Chem*, 2017, **3**, 348-362.