

**One pot Hydrothermal synthesis of Molybdenum Nickel Sulfide with GQDs as a novel  
conductive additive for enhanced supercapacitive performance**

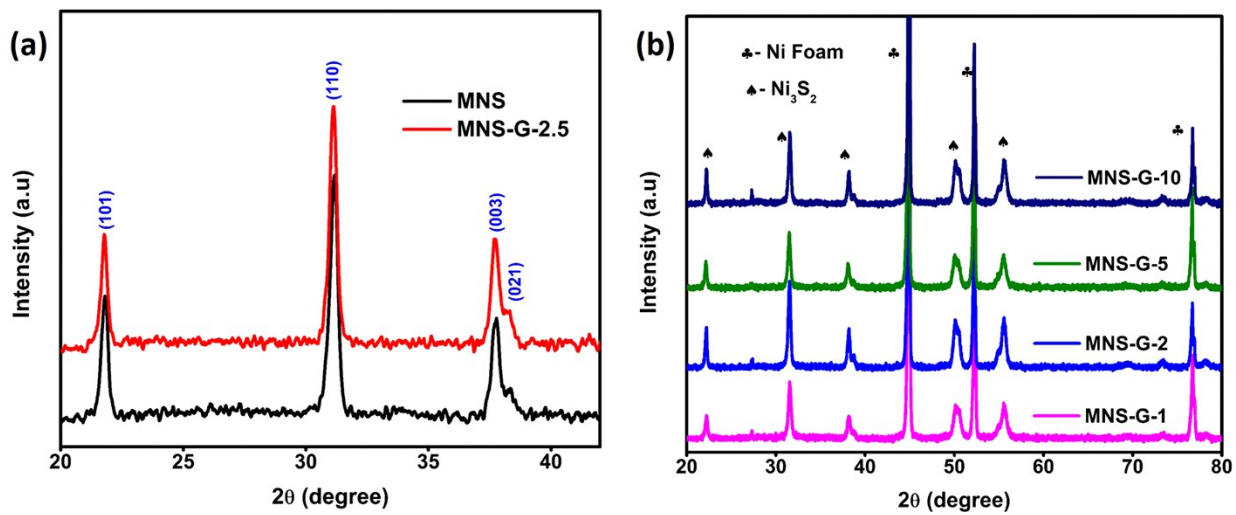
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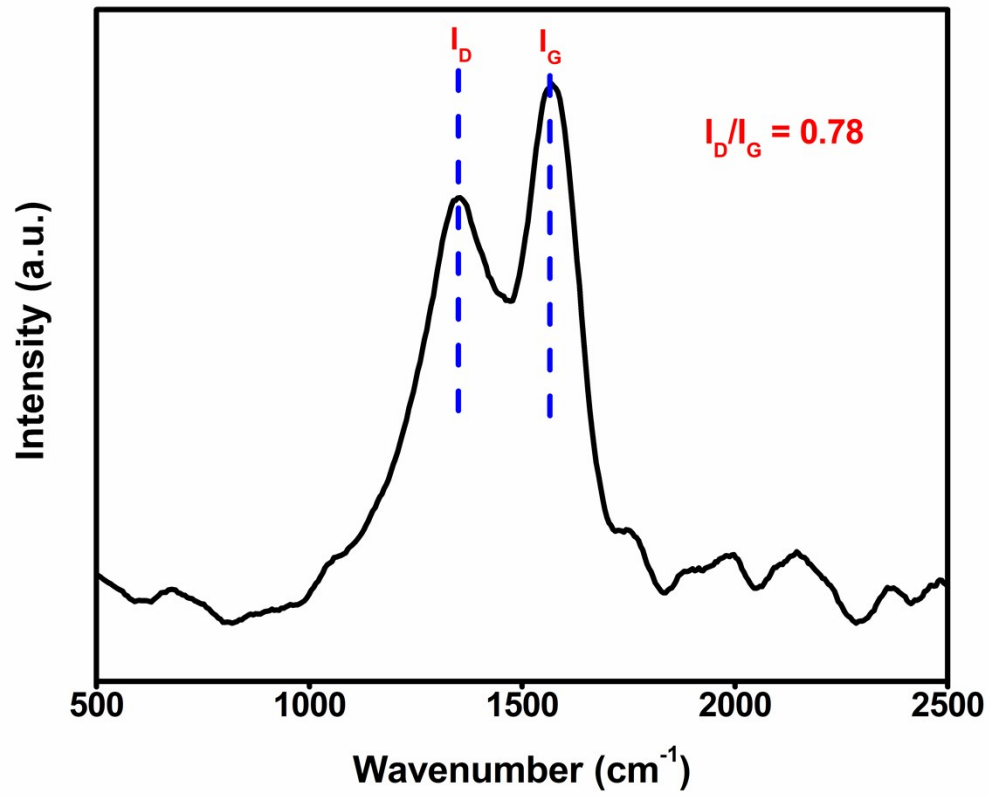
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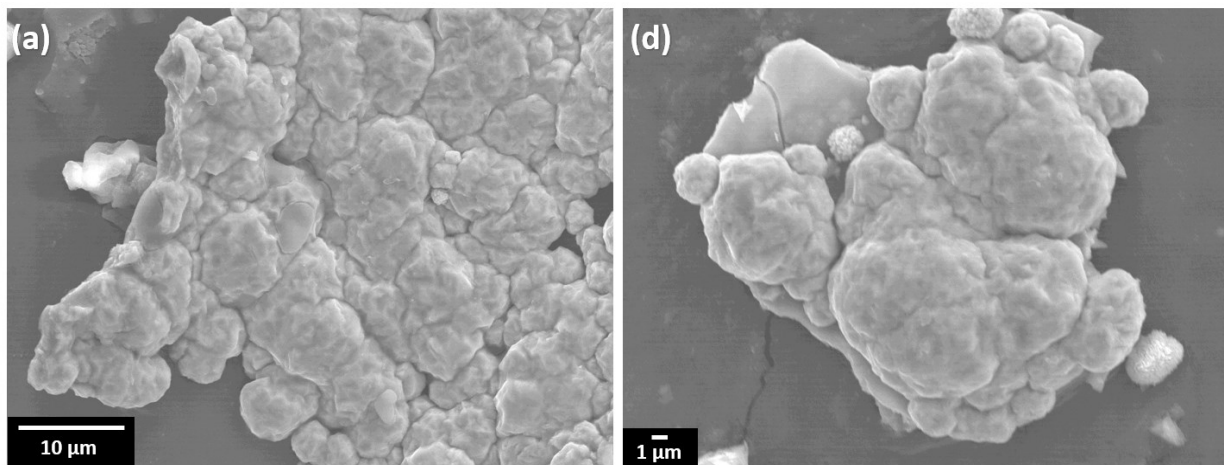
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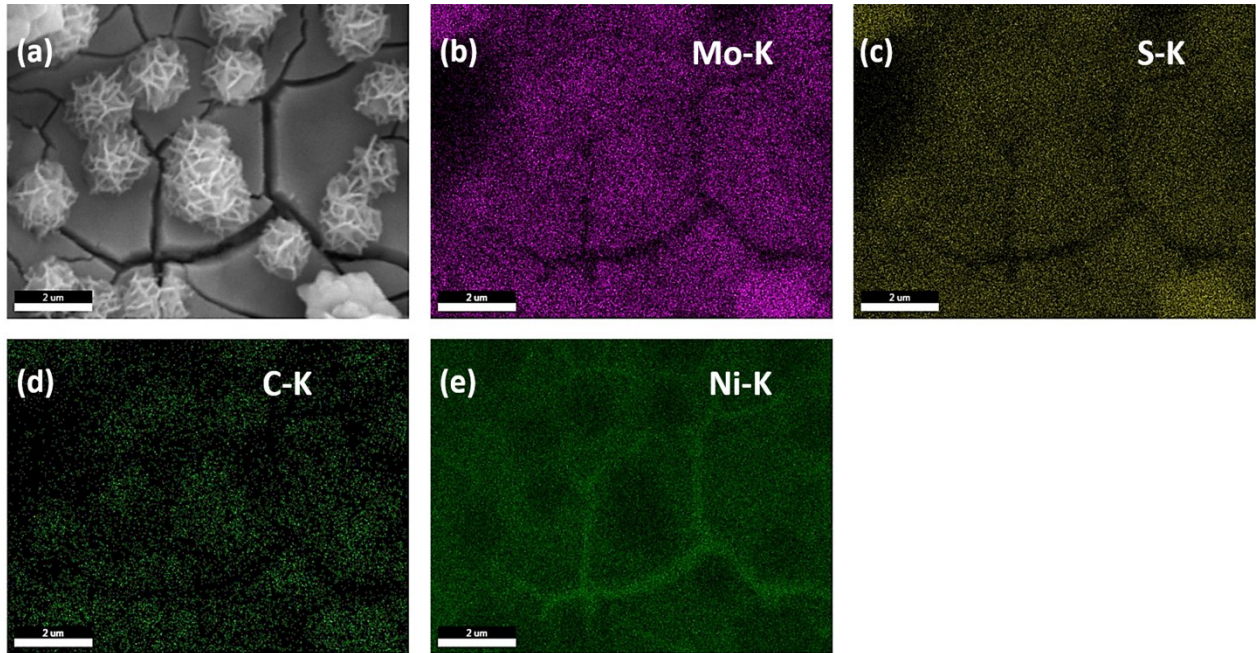
**Figure S1.** (a) The enlarged view of the XRD pattern of MNS and MNS-G-2.5 composites prepared on nickel foam (b) XRD patterns of MNS-G-1, MNS-G-2, MNS-G-5 and MNS-G-10.



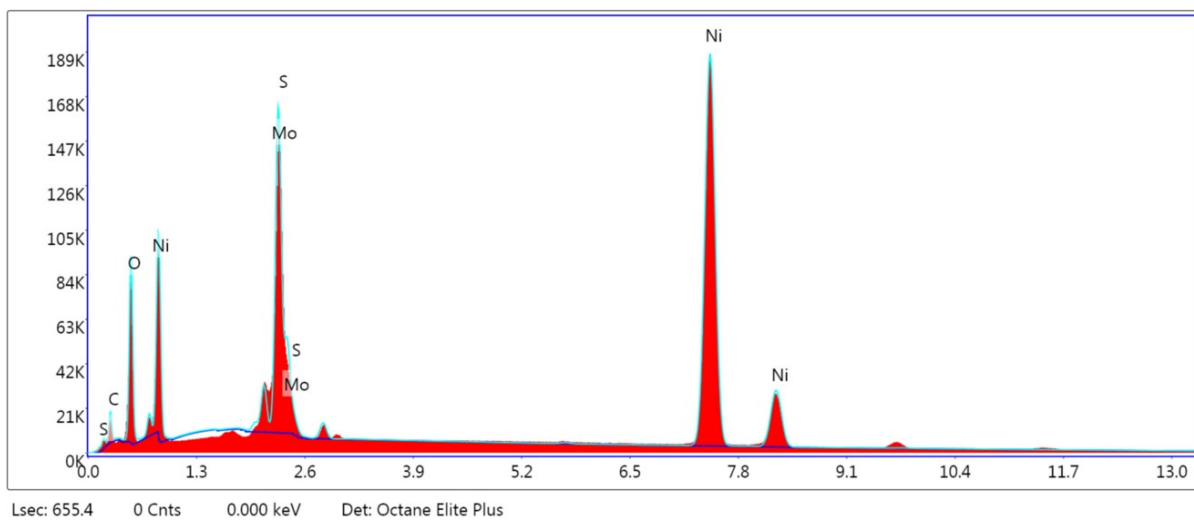
**Figure S2.** RAMAN spectrum of the prepared Graphene Quantum Dots (GQDs).



**Figure S3.** FESEM micrograph of agglomerated GQDs.



**Figure S4.** Elemental mapping of MNS-G-2.5 composite.



S.No	Element	Weight %
1	C	2
2	Mo	16
3	S	18
4	Ni	55

**Figure S5.** Energy dispersive spectrum (EDS) of MNS-G-2.5.

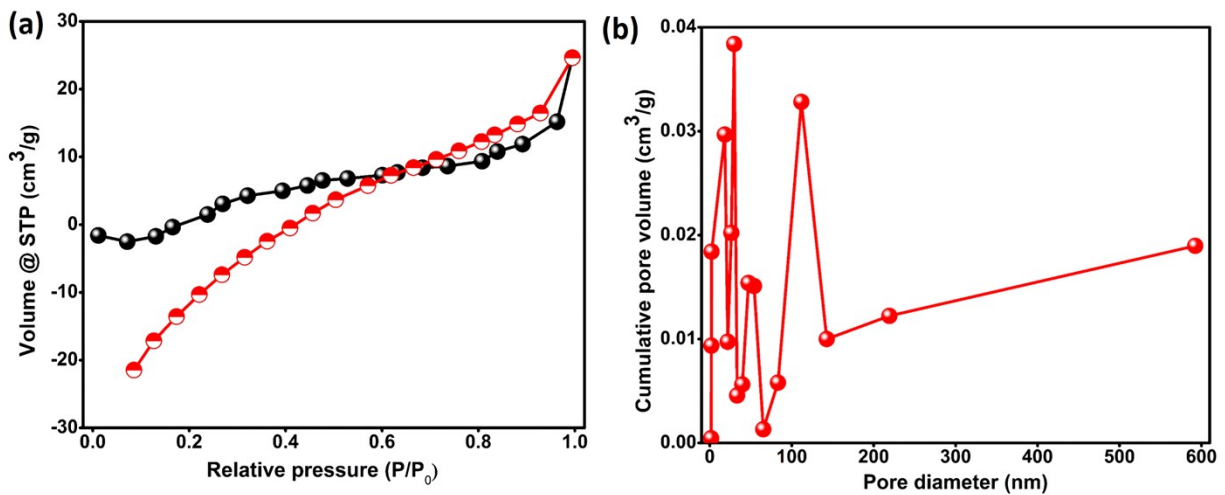
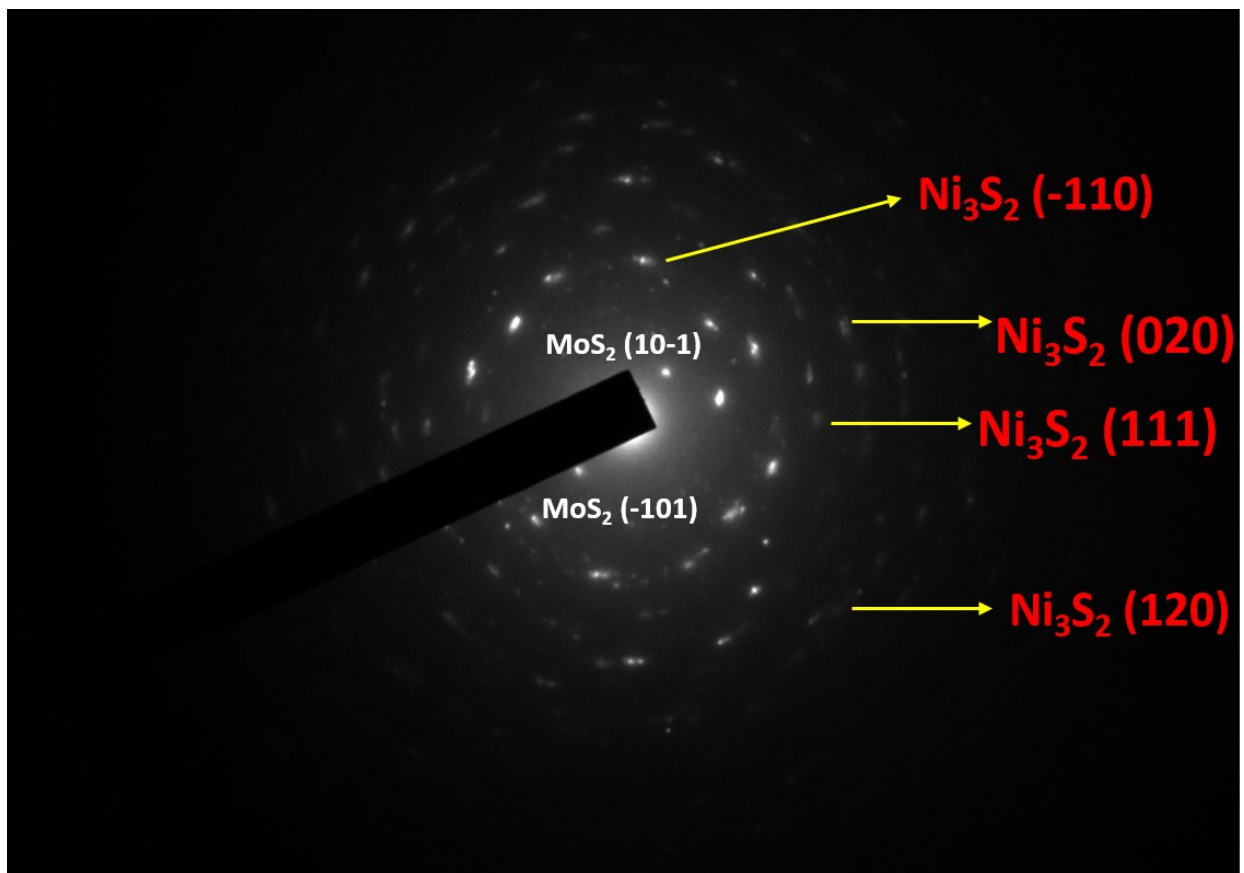
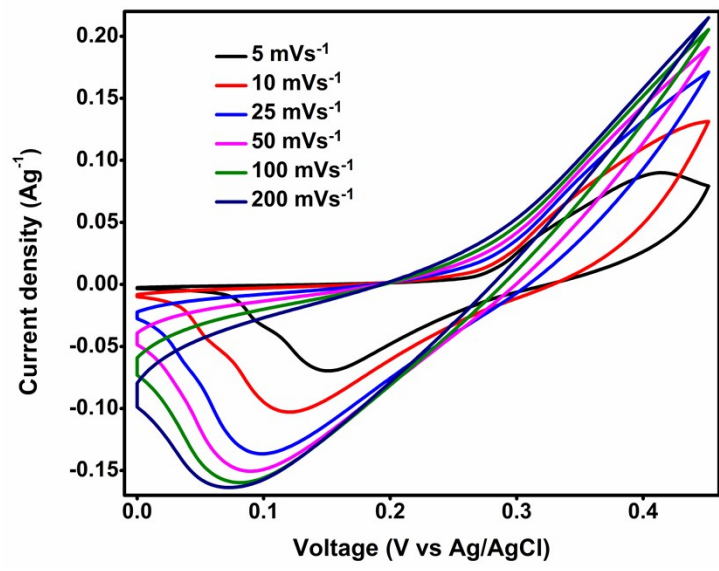


Figure S6. (a) N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherms for MNS-G-2.5 and (b) Corresponding pore size distribution.

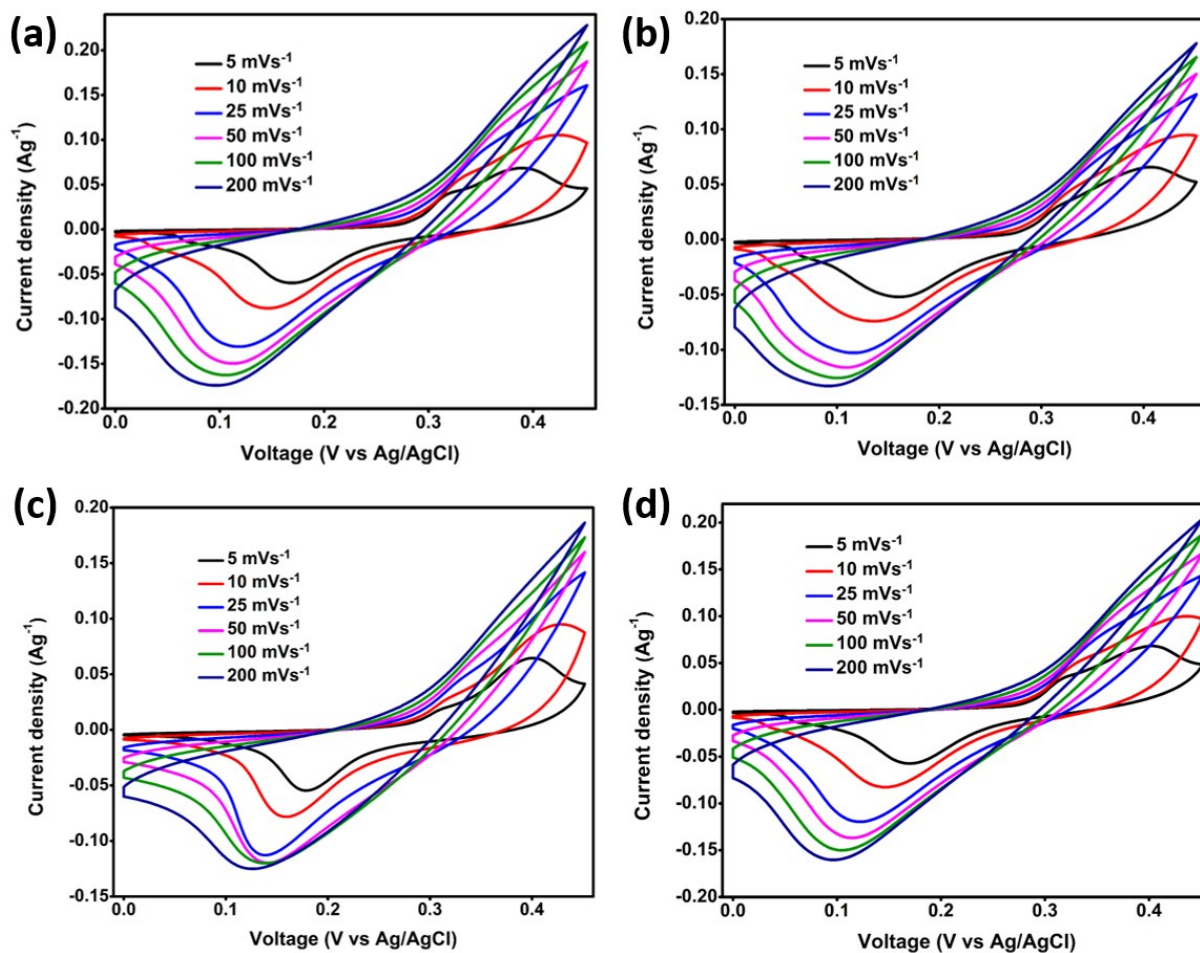


**Figure S7.** Indexed selected area diffraction (SAED) pattern of MNS-G-2.5 composite.

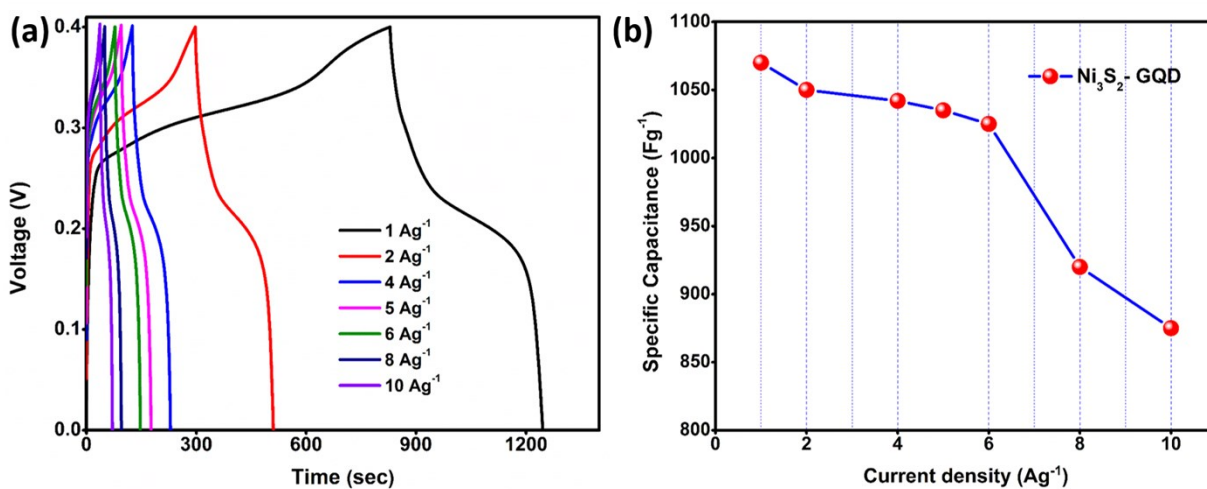




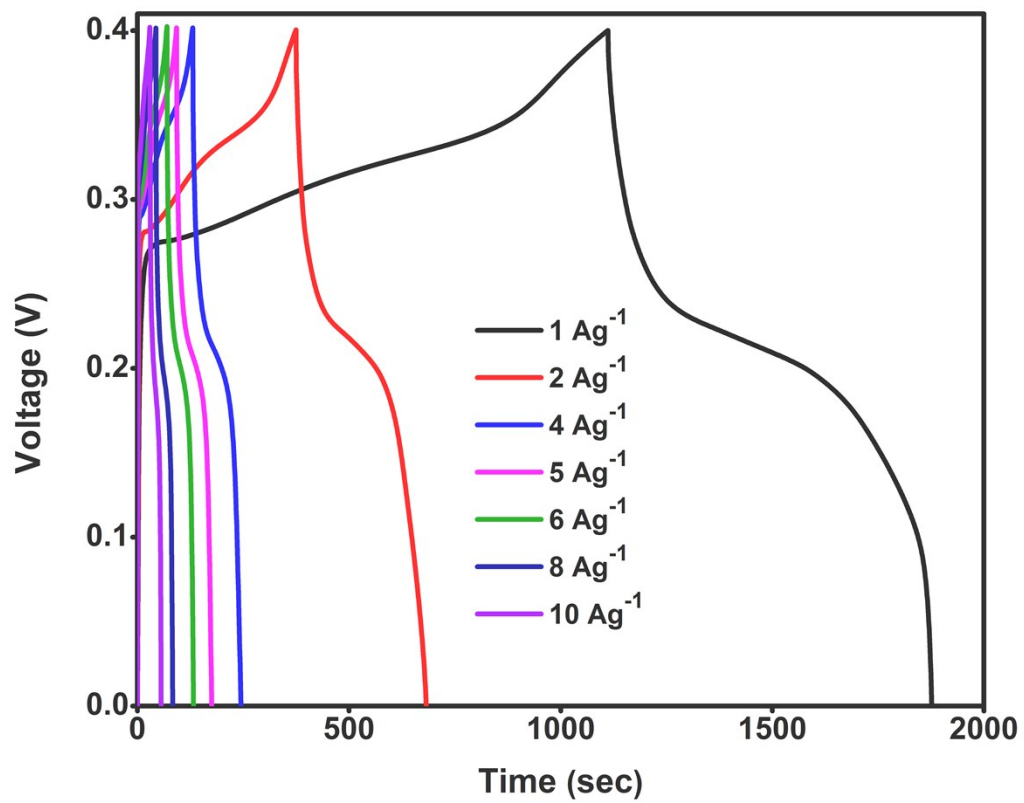
**Figure S8.** Cyclic Voltammogram (CV) of MNS at different scan rates.



**Figure S9.** Cyclic Voltammogram (CV) curves of MNS-G-n samples at different scan rates (a) MNS-G-1, (b) MNS-G-2, (c) MNS-G-5 and (d) MNS-G-10.



**Figure S10.** (a) Galvanostatic charge discharge (GCD) curve of Ni<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>-GQDs composite at different current densities (b) The mass specific capacitance at different current densities.



**Figure S11.** Galvanostatic charge discharge (GCD) curve of MNS at different current densities.

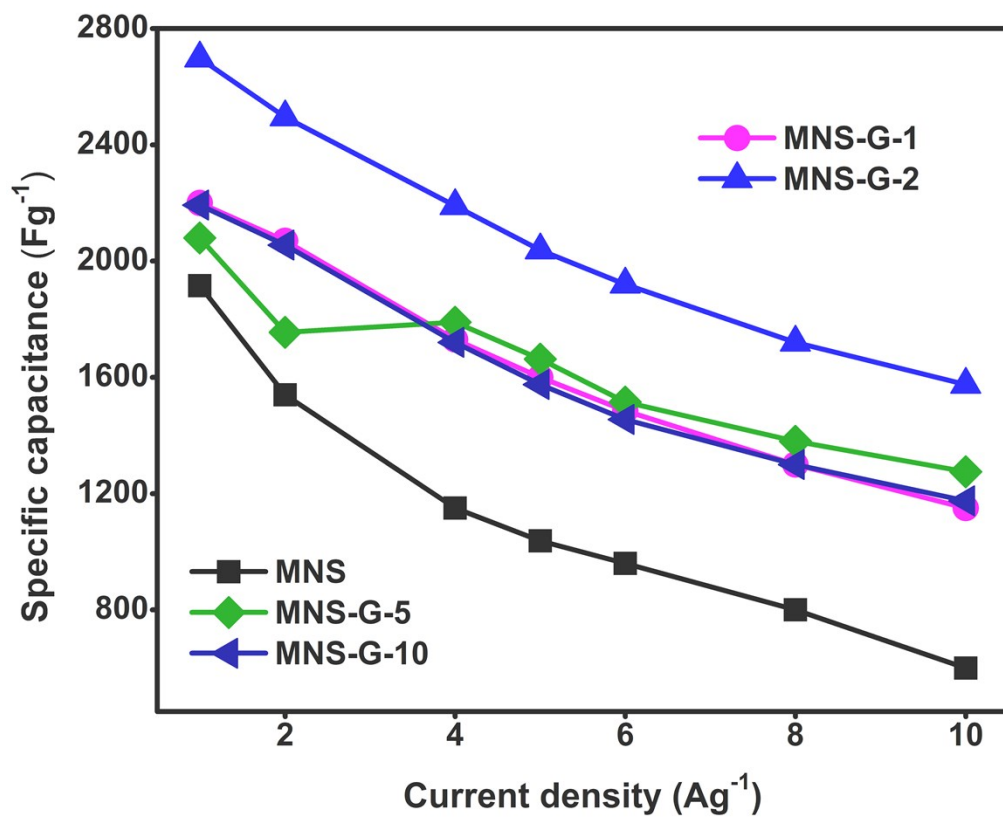
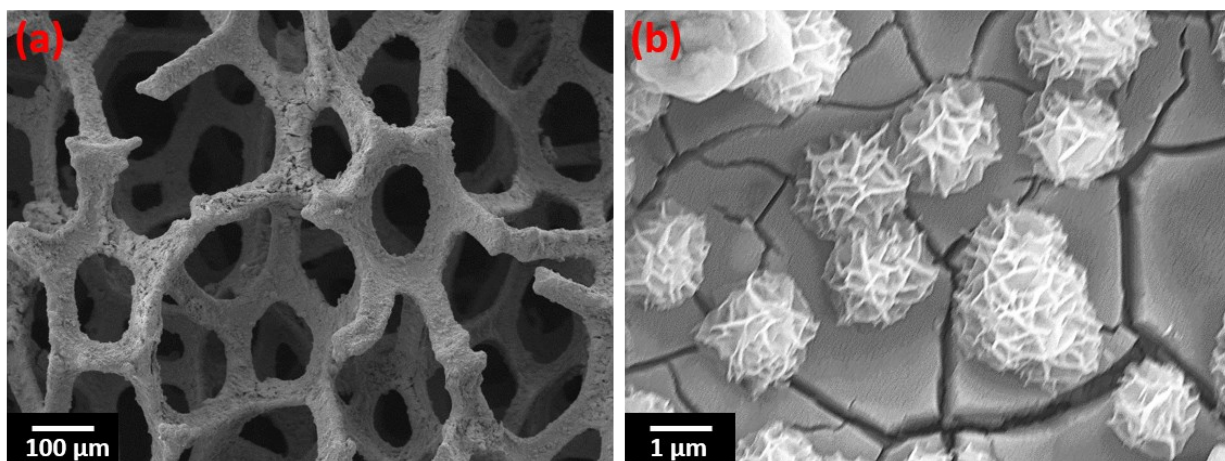
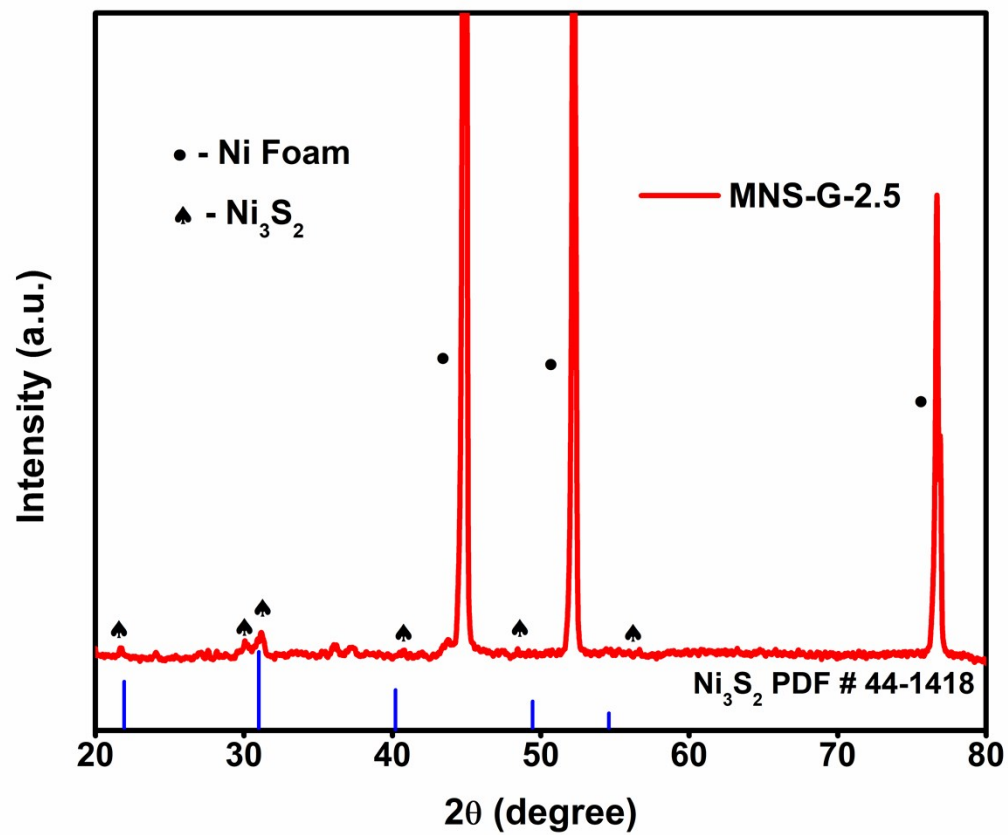


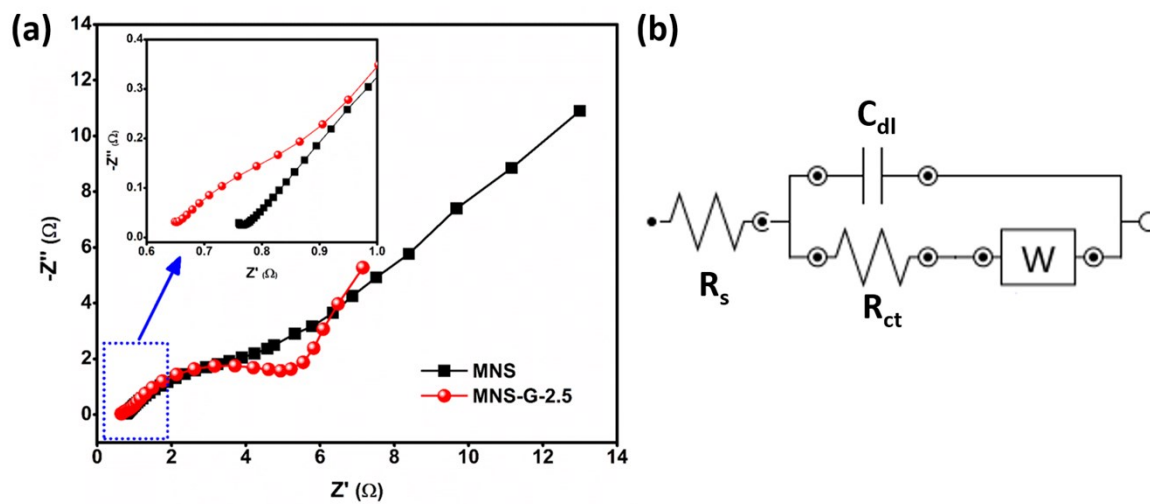
Figure S12. Mass specific capacitance of MNS-G-n composites at different current densities.



**Figure S13.** FESEM micrograph of MNS-G-2.5 composite after stability test.



**Figure S14.** XRD analysis of MNS-G-2.5 composite after stability test.



**Figure S15.** (a) EIS profile of MNS and MNS-G-2.5 composites in the frequency range of 0.01 Hz–100 kHz (b) Corresponding equivalent circuit used for EIS fitting.



**Table S1.** Performance comparison of the nickel sulfide-based electrode materials in three-electrode configuration with previously published results.

Electrode material	Capacitance	Current density	Cyclic stability	Ref
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> @RGO	2188.8 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	2.9 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	90.98 % after 1000 cycles @ 50 mA cm <sup>-2</sup>	1
NiS	1636.4 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	2 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	102.8 % after 1000 cycles @ 50 mVs <sup>-1</sup>	2
NiS <sub>2</sub> /NiO	2251 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	1 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	78 % after 2000 cycles @ 5 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	3
Ni <sub>x</sub> S <sub>y</sub> @CoS	2291 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	2 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	37.6 % after 2000 cycles @ 20 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	4
Ni <sub>0.31</sub> Co <sub>0.69</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /graphene	1166 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	1 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	74.5 % after 1000 cycles @ 5 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	5
Ni <sub>7</sub> S <sub>6</sub> hollow spheres	2283.2 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	1 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	97.1 % after 1000 cycles	6
rGO/Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> composite	1929.1 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	1 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	86.5% after 1000 cycles @ 20 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	7
NiS/Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4</sub> nanosheets	2070 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	2.5 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	86% after 10000 cycles @ 3 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	8
Rose like Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	1797.5 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	0.5 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	----	9
Mushroom like Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	1670 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	1 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	89.6 % after 5000 cycles @ 5 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	10
Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> core/shell nanowire arrays	1710 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	1 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	85.3 % after 1000 cycles @ 4 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	11
Ni <sub>0.75</sub> Co <sub>0.25</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	2142 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	2 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	75.3 % after 3000 cycles @ 10 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	12
Graphene-wrapped nickel sulfide nanoprisms	1337 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	3 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	71 % after 2000 cycles @ 5 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	13
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> @graphene	1420 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	2 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	2000 cycles @ 6 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	14
NS-CNT-1	2014.7 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	10 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	70.4 % after	15

			6000 cycles @ 10 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	
NS-CNT-2	2699 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	10 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	68.2 % after 6000 cycles @ 10 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	15
NS-CNT-3	1747 Fg <sup>-1</sup>	10 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	76.4 % after 6000 cycles @ 10 Ag <sup>-1</sup>	15
<b>3D Flower MoNiS</b>	<b>1915 Fg<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>1 Ag<sup>-1</sup></b>	----	<b>This work</b>
<b>GQD induced 3D flower MoNiS</b>	<b>2622 Fg<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>1 Ag<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>92.2 % after 10000 cycles @ 20 Ag<sup>-1</sup></b>	<b>This work</b>

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