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Supporting Information

Hierarchically porous graphene/wood-derived carbon activated using ZnCl₂ and decorated with in situ grown NiCo₂O₄ for high-performance asymmetric supercapacitors

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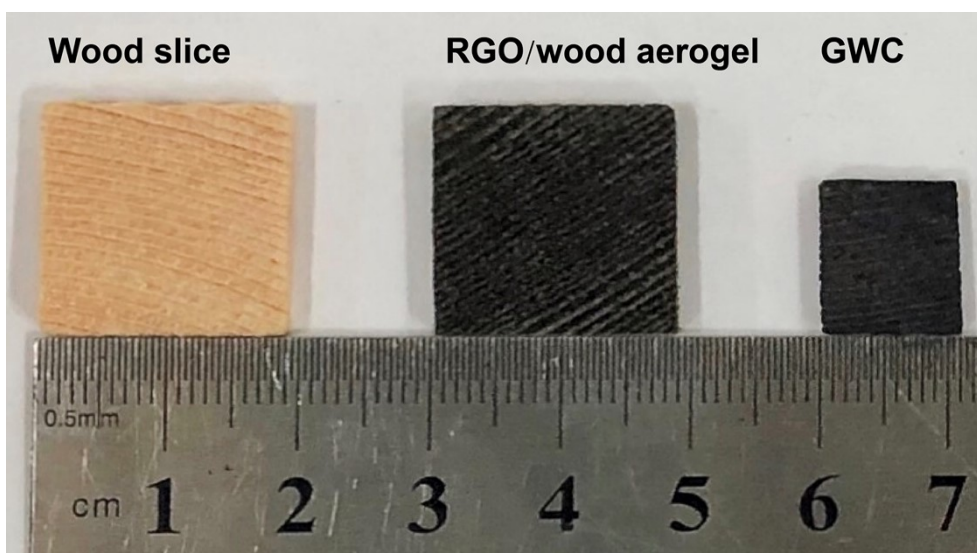


Fig. S1. Digital images of wood slice, RGO/wood aerogel, and GWC.

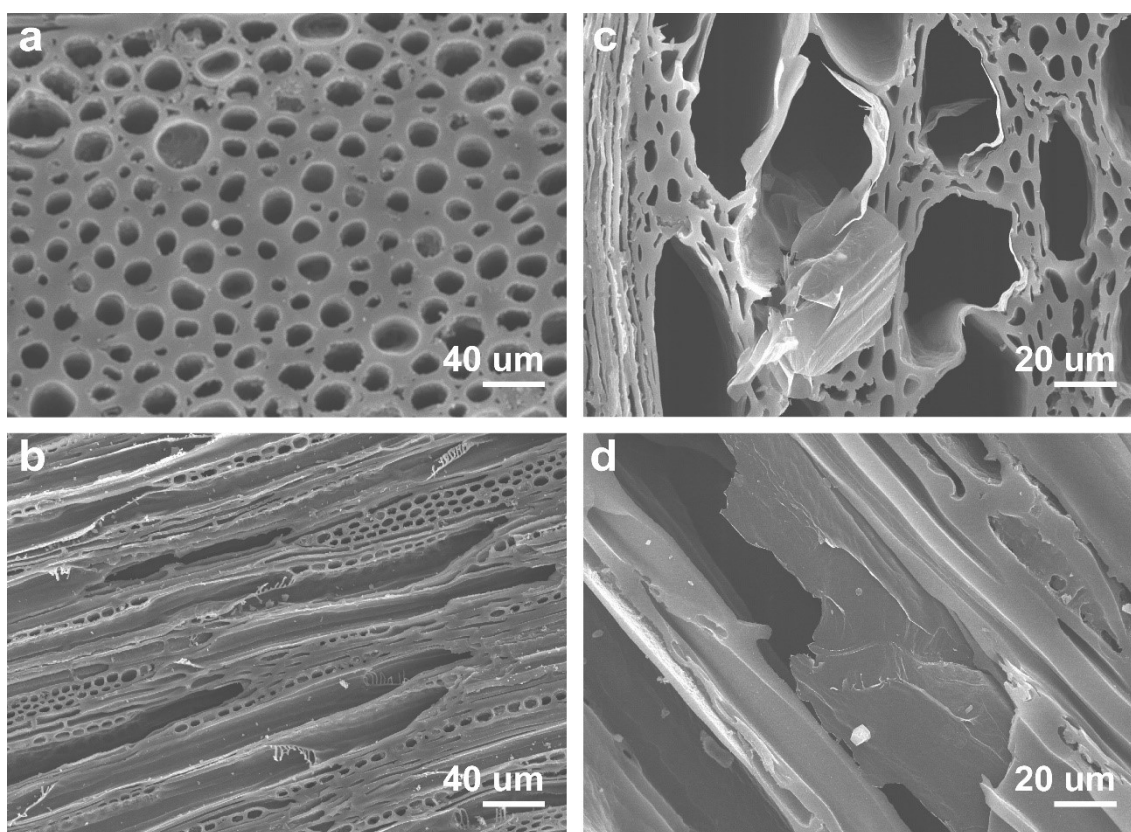


Fig. S2. (a) Top-view and (b) side-view SEM images of hardwood carbon. (c) Top-view and (d) side-view SEM images of hardwood carbon filled with RGO.

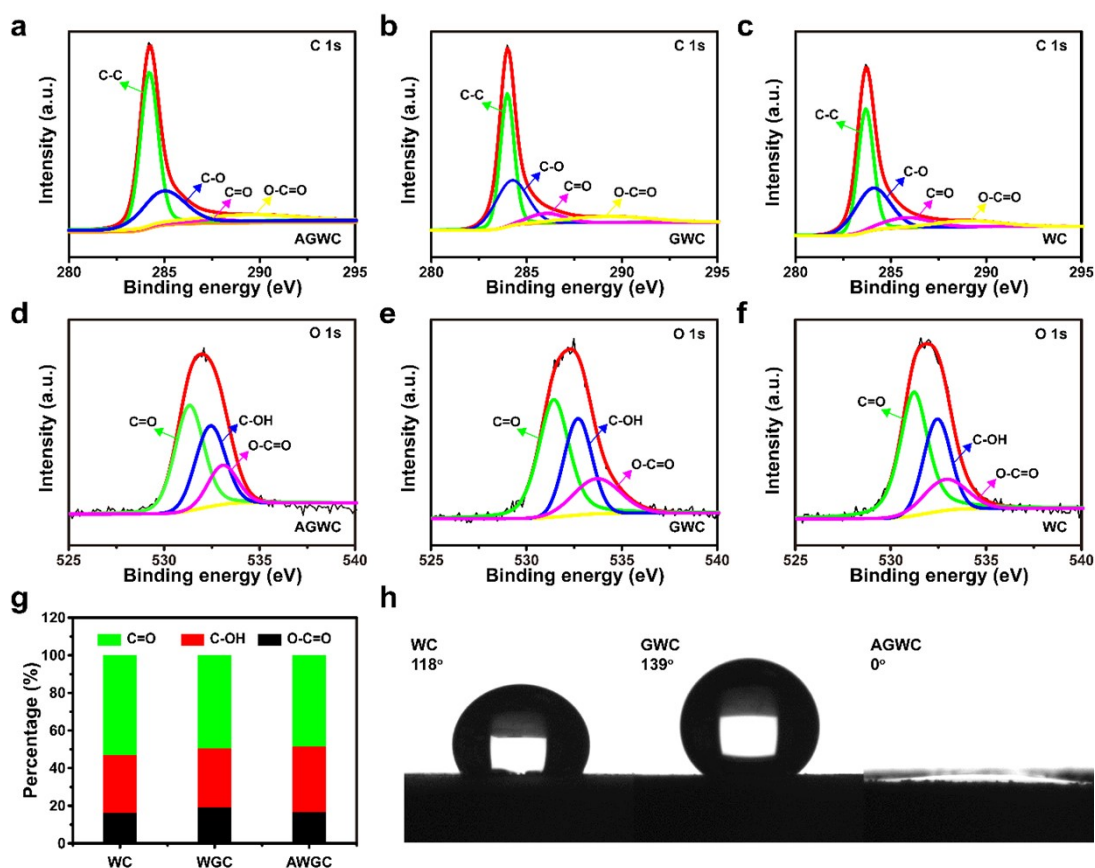


Fig. S3. (a) XPS C 1s and (d) O 1s spectra of AGWC. (b) XPS C 1s and (e) O 1s spectra of GWC. (c) XPS C 1s and (f) O 1s spectra of WC. (g) Percentages of oxygen-containing species, and (h) contact angles of water on WC, GWC, and AGWC.

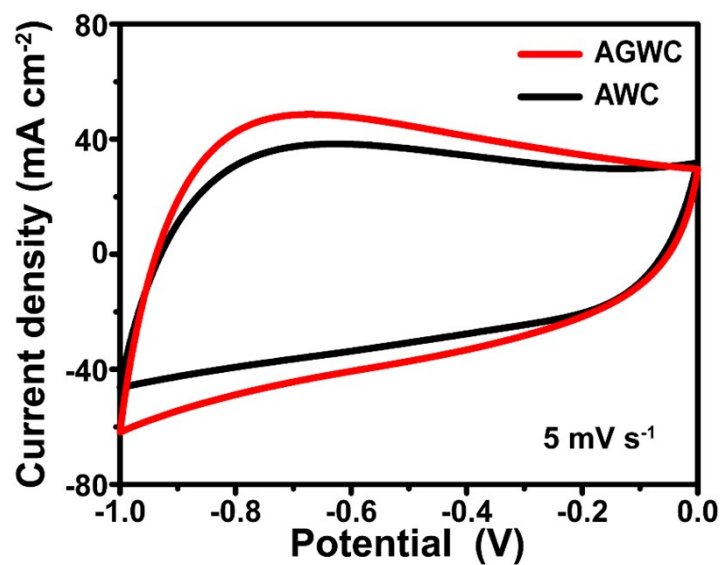


Fig. S4. CV curves of AWC and AGWC electrodes in the range of -1 – 0 V at 5 mV s⁻¹.

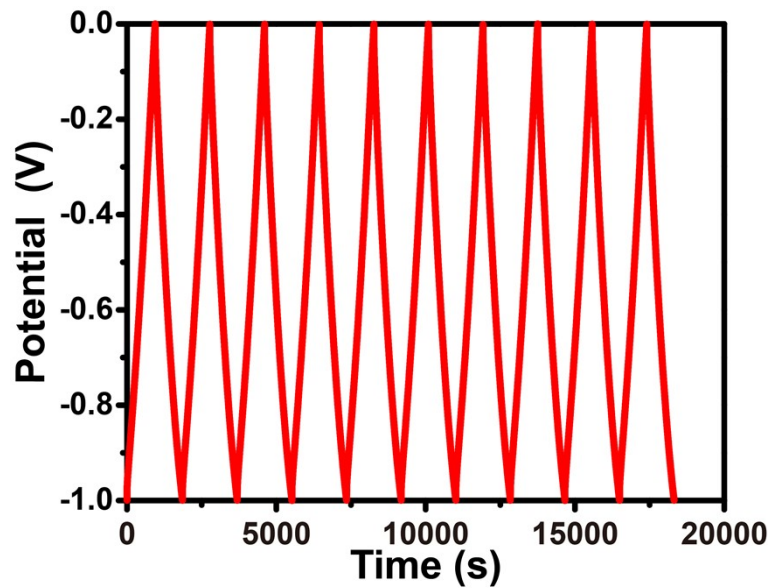


Fig. S5. Charge-discharge profile of the AGWC electrode for 10 cycles at 10 mA cm⁻².

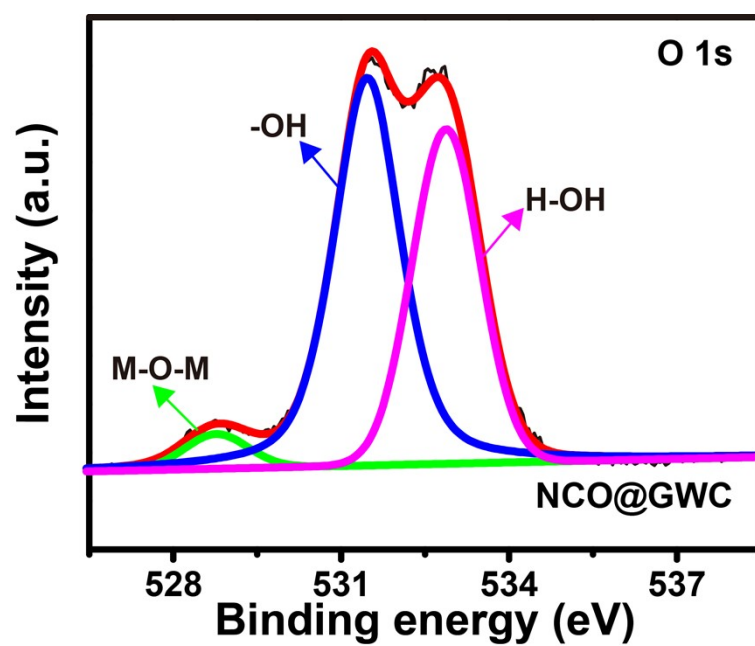


Fig. S6. XPS O 1s spectrum of the NCO@GWC.

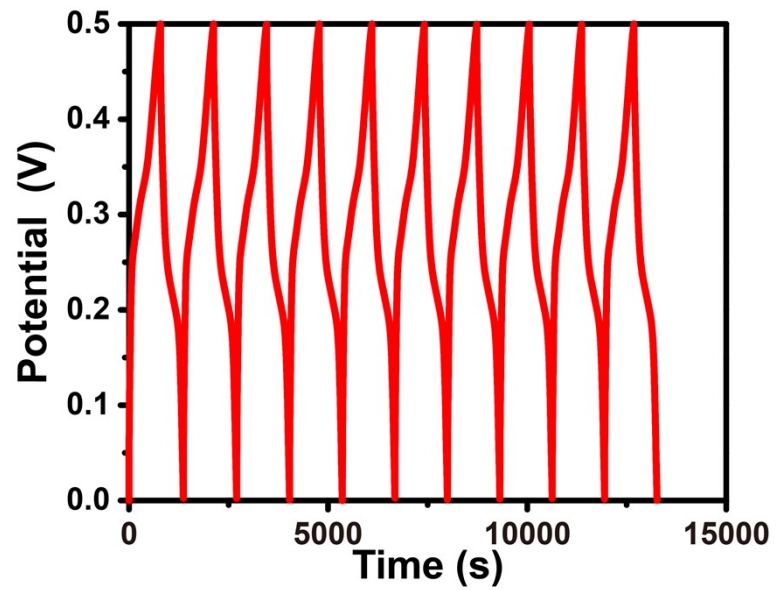


Fig. S7. Charge-discharge profile of the NCO@GWC electrode for 10 cycles at 10 mA cm^{-2} .

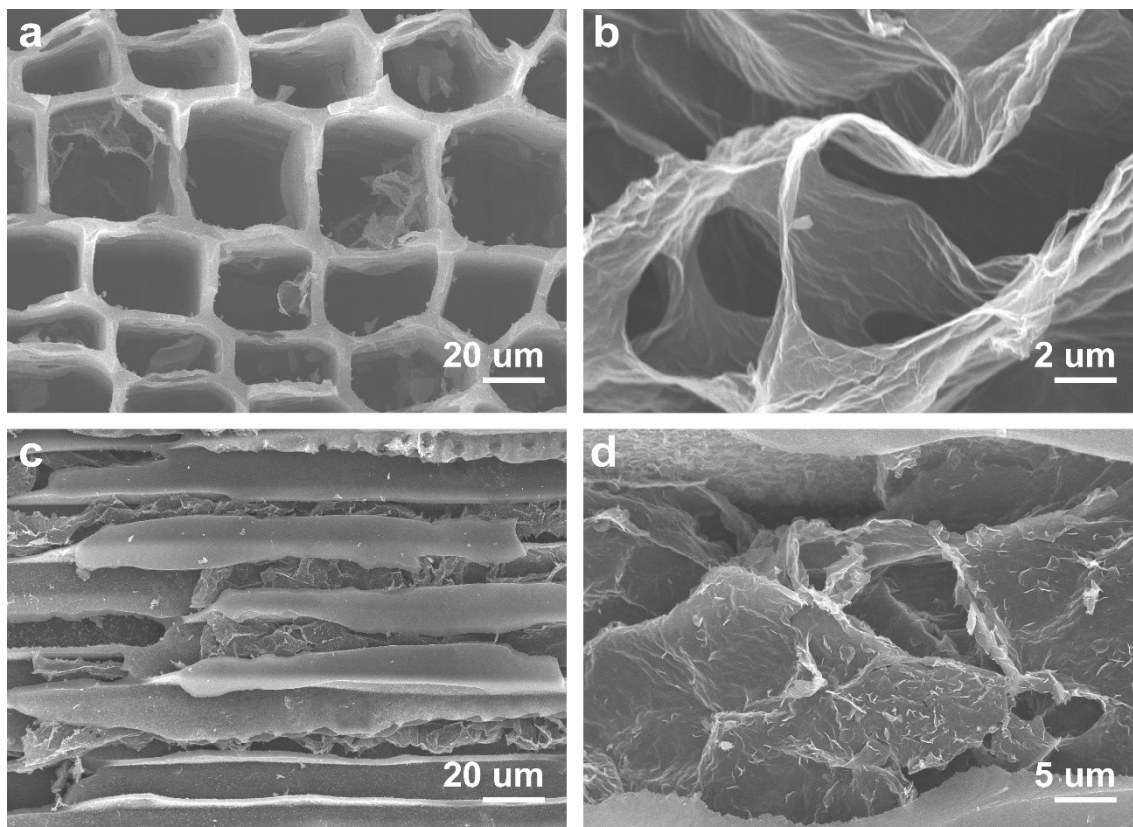


Fig. S8. SEM images of the as-assembled (a, b) AGWC and (c, d) NCO@GWC electrodes after cycling.

Table S1. Sizes and densities of wood, WC, and GWC.

Samples	Size (mm³)	Density (g cm⁻³)
Wood	20 × 20 × 3	0.37
WC	12 × 15 × 2	0.30
GWC	12 × 15 × 2	0.32

Table S2. Comparison of capacitances of AGWC with those of other GO-based electrodes.

Electrodes	Electrolytes	Performances	Ref.
Graphene ribbon films	6 M KOH	6700 mF cm ⁻² at 5 mA cm ⁻² 318 F g ⁻¹ at 5 mA cm ⁻²	[56]
Hydroxyl-rich graphene hydrogels	1 M H ₂ SO ₄	2675 mF cm ⁻² at 1 mA cm ⁻² 260 F g ⁻¹ at 1 A g ⁻¹	[57]
Chlorine-doped graphene films	6 M KOH	2312 mF cm ⁻² at 1 mA cm ⁻² 210 F g ⁻¹ at 1 A g ⁻¹	[58]
AGWC-1	6 M KOH	9462 mF cm ⁻² at 1 mA cm ⁻² 158 F g ⁻¹ at 1 mA cm ⁻²	This work
AGWC-2	6 M KOH	10965 mF cm ⁻² at 1 mA cm ⁻² 183 F g ⁻¹ at 1 mA cm ⁻²	This work
AGWC-3	6 M KOH	10127 mF cm ⁻² at 1 mA cm ⁻² 168 F g ⁻¹ at 1 mA cm ⁻²	This work

Table S3. Densities and areal mass loadings of different NCO@GWC samples.

Sample	Density (g cm⁻³)	Areal mass loading (mg cm⁻²)
NCO@GWC-1	0.33	7.5
NCO@GWC-2	0.35	10
NCO@GWC-3	0.36	12.9
NCO@WC	0.33	8.5

Table S4. Comparison of the capacitances of NCO@GWC with those of other NiCo₂O₄-based electrodes reported.

Electrodes	Electrolytes	Performances	Ref.
NiCo ₂ O ₄ @Ni-S	1 M NaOH	1850 mF cm ⁻² at 8 mA cm ⁻² 926 F g ⁻¹ at 8 mA cm ⁻²	[64]
Oxygen-vacancies-enabled NiCo ₂ O ₄	6 M KOH	3800 mF cm ⁻² at 2 mA cm ⁻² 338.5 F g ⁻¹ at 2 mA cm ⁻²	[65]
NiCo ₂ O ₄ @RGO	6 M KOH	3600 mF cm ⁻² at 5 mA cm ⁻² 1125 F g ⁻¹ at 5 mA cm ⁻²	[66]
NCO@GWC-1	6 M KOH	1927 mF cm ⁻² at 1 mA cm ⁻² 257 F g ⁻¹ at 1 mA cm ⁻²	This work
NCO@GWC-2	6 M KOH	8540 mF cm ⁻² at 1 mA cm ⁻² 854 F g ⁻¹ at 1 mA cm ⁻²	This work
NCO@GWC-3	6 M KOH	4179 mF cm ⁻² at 1 mA cm ⁻² 324 F g ⁻¹ at 1 mA cm ⁻²	This work
NCO@WC-2	6 M KOH	3480 mF cm ⁻² at 1 mA cm ⁻² 409 F g ⁻¹ at 1 mA cm ⁻²	This work

Table S5. Comparison of electrochemical performances of wood-based or carbon-based asymmetric supercapacitors.

Materials		Areal Capacitance	Energy Density	Power Density	Ref.
Cathodes	Anodes				
NiCo ₂ O ₄ @TiN NFs		82 mF cm ⁻²	0.083 mWh cm ⁻³	5.005 mW cm ⁻³	[67]
NiCo ₂ O ₄ @Ni ₃ S ₂ NWAs 3000 mF cm ⁻²	Activated carbon	1380 mF cm ⁻²	1.89 mWh cm ⁻³	5.81 mW cm ⁻³	[68]
CoP NW	MnO ₂ NW		0.69 mWh cm ⁻³	10.15 mW cm ⁻³	[69]
MnO ₂ @WC 4155 mF cm ⁻²	AWC 3204 mF cm ⁻²	3600 mF cm ⁻²	1.6 mWh cm ⁻²	1.04 mW cm ⁻²	[35]
Co(OH) ₂ @CW 3723cm ⁻²	CW	2200 mF cm ⁻²	4.45 mWh cm ⁻³	7.51 mW cm ⁻³	[36]
WG@Ni(OH) ₂ /Co(OH) ₂ 5306 mF cm ⁻²	Graphitized wood 3060 mF cm ⁻²	2409 mF cm ⁻²	0.75 mWh cm ⁻²	0.75 mW cm ⁻²	[37]
NCO@GWC 8540 mF cm ⁻²	AGWC 10965 mF cm ⁻²	7116 mF cm ⁻²	4.9 mWh cm ⁻³	11.7 mW cm ⁻³	This work