

## Supporting Information

### Investigation of the Mechanism of Small Size Effect in Carbon-based Supercapacitors

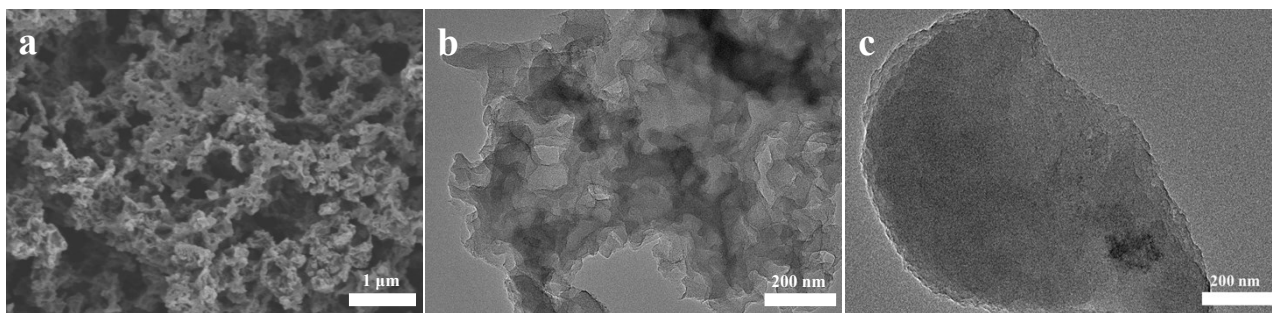
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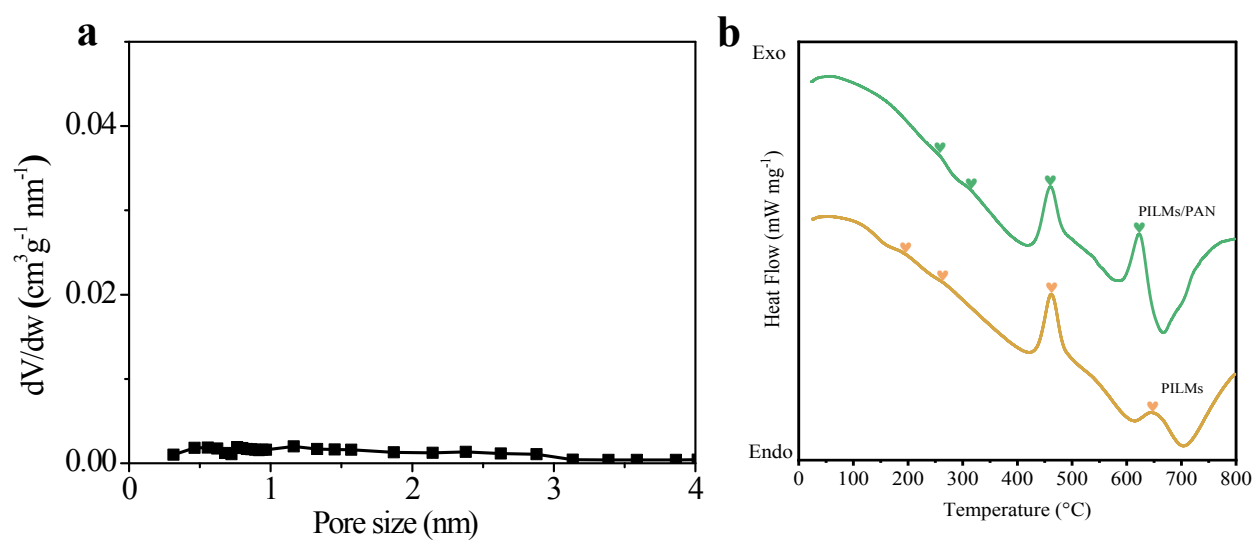
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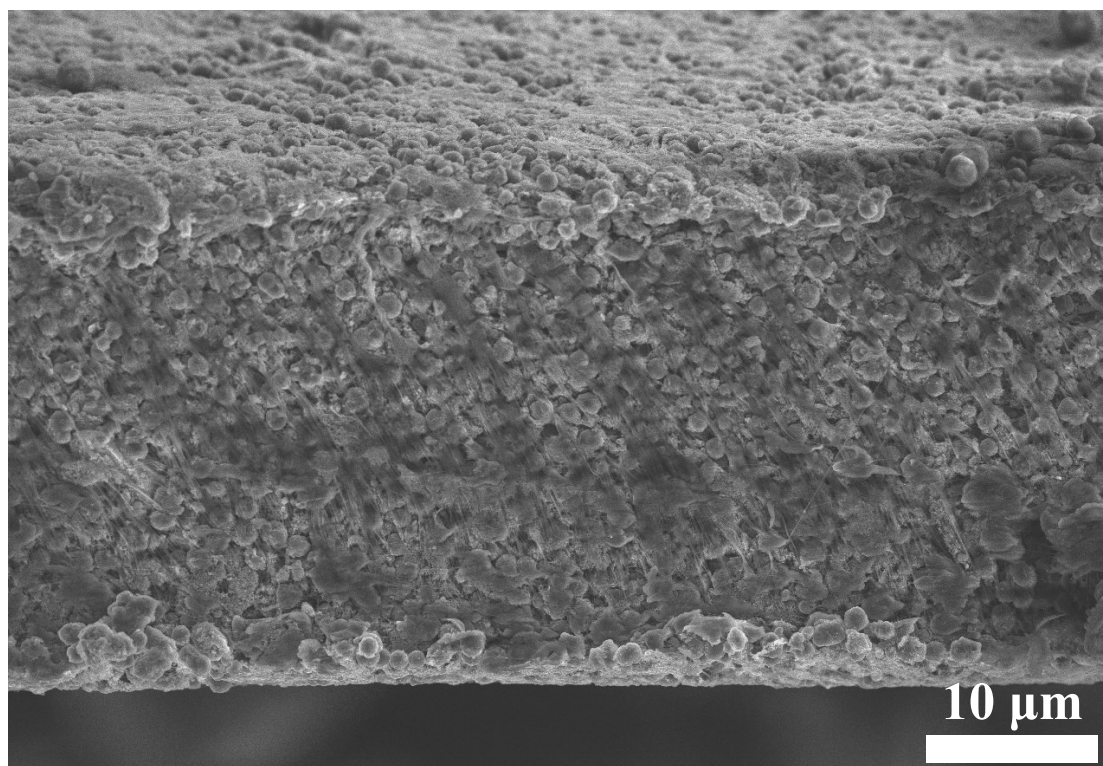
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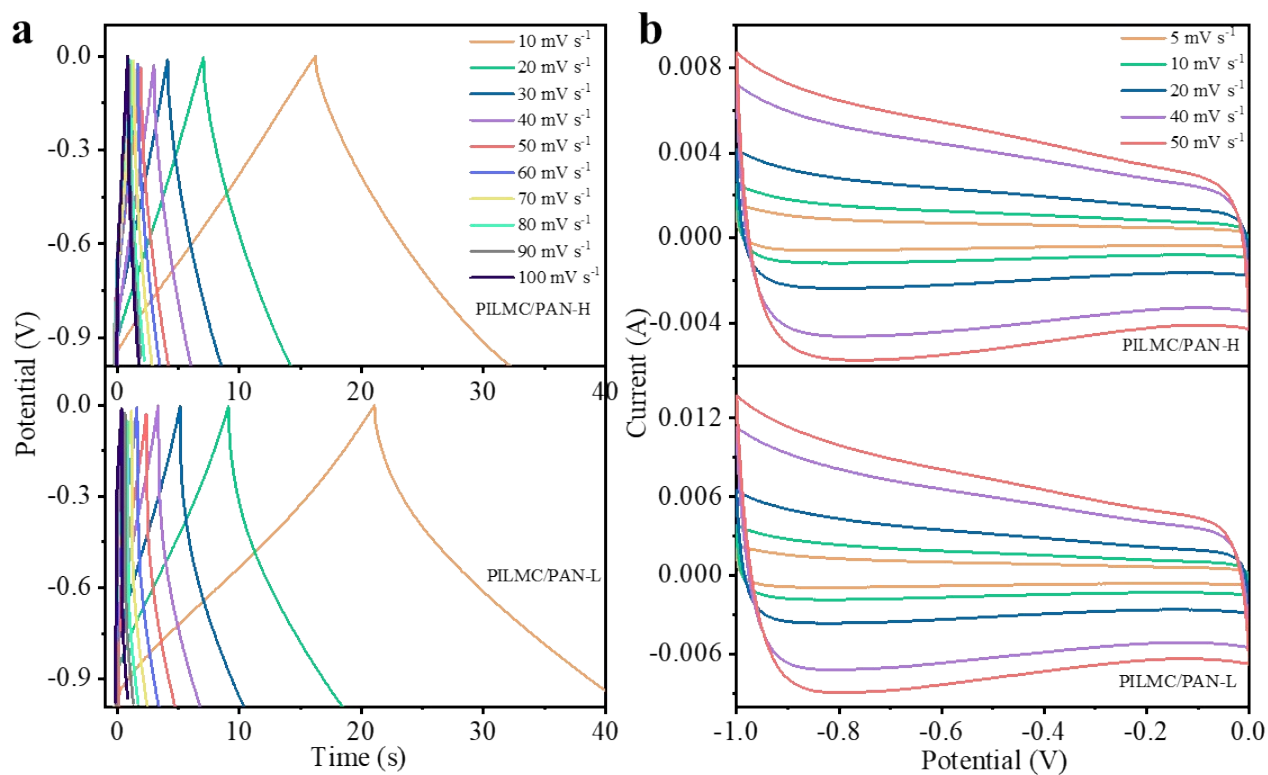
**Figure S1.** (a) The SEM image of PILMC after modification by ball-milling, (b) The TEM image of PILMC after modification by ball-milling, (c) The SEM image of internal features of PILM/PAN-L.



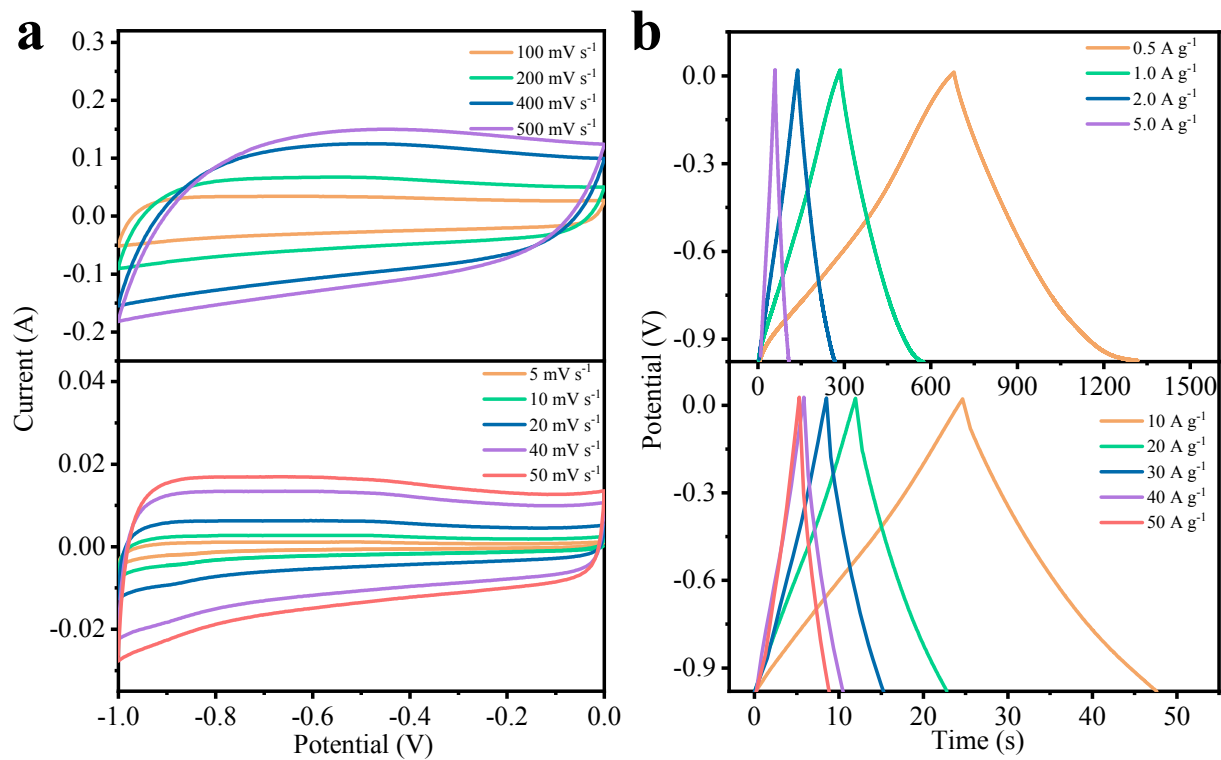
**Figure S2.** (a) Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm of PAN-loaded PILMs by the stepwise method, (b) DSC curves of PILMs and PILMs/PAN.



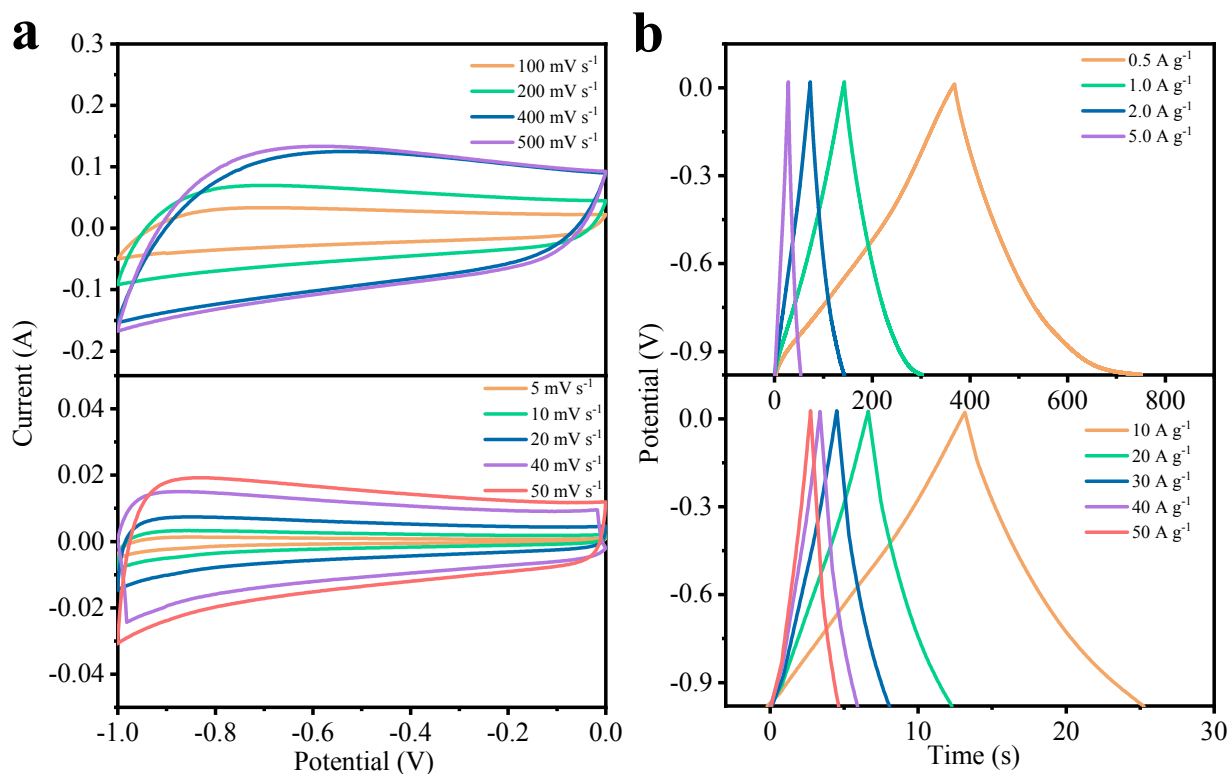
**Figure S3.** The cross-sectional SEM image of the carbon materials (PILMC/PAN-L) within the electrode.



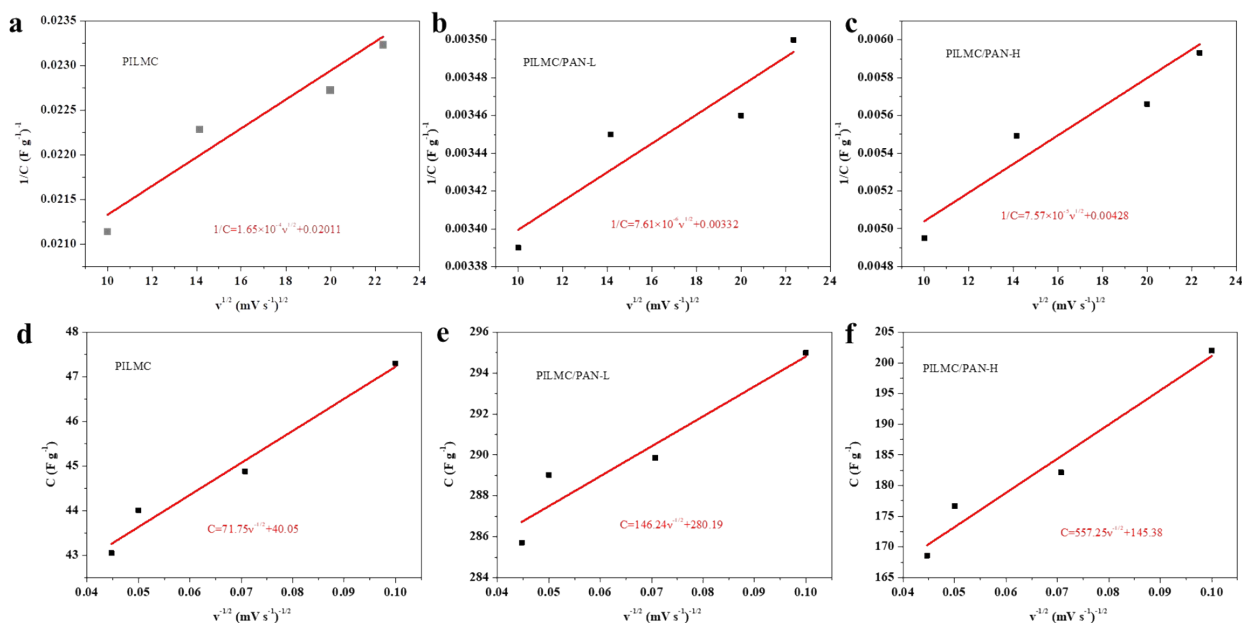
**Figure S4.** (a) CV curves of PILMCs/PAN-x, (b) GCD curves of PILMCs/PAN-x.



**Figure S5.** (a) CV curves of commercial activated carbon at different scan rates, (b) GCD curves of commercial activated carbon at different current densities.



**Figure S6.** (a) CV curves of PILMC/PAN-L with mass loading of 5 mg cm<sup>-2</sup> at different scan rates, (b) GCD curves of PILMC/PAN-L with mass loading of 5 mg cm<sup>-2</sup> at different current densities.



**Figure S7.** Plots of reciprocal of calculated gravimetric capacity ( $C^{-1}$ ) vs. square root of scan rate ( $v^{1/2}$ ) of the (a) PILMC, (b) PILMC/PAN-L, (c) PILMC/PAN-H; Plots of calculated gravimetric capacity ( $C$ ) vs. reciprocal of square root of scan rate ( $v^{-1/2}$ ) of the (d) PILMC, (e) PILMC/PAN-L, (f) PILMC/PAN-H.



**Table S1** Elemental composition of PILMCs/PAN-x via XPS survey.

<b>Element</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Br</b>
<b>Sample</b>	<b>(wt %)</b>	<b>(wt %)</b>	<b>(wt %)</b>	<b>(wt %)</b>
PILMC	89.55	2.21	7.59	0.65
PILMC/PAN-L	86.52	2.56	9.89	1.03
PILMC/PAN-H	85.70	6.08	7.58	0.64