

Supporting Information

Ionic liquid surfactant-derived carbon micro/nanostructures toward application for supercapacitors

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Table S1. EDX element composition analysis result of NMHCSs-1.2-55-0.

| Element | NMHCSs-1.2-55-0 (wt.%) | | | NMHCSs-1.2-55-0 (at.%) | | |
|---------|------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------|-------|-------|
| | a | b | c | a | b | c |
| C | 94.04 | 93.09 | 91.66 | 95.14 | 94.37 | 93.31 |
| N | 3.07 | 3.46 | 3.93 | 2.66 | 3.01 | 3.42 |
| O | 2.88 | 3.43 | 4.39 | 2.19 | 2.61 | 3.35 |

Table S2. Fluorescence spectral data of solubilized pyrene under different molar concentration of 3-aminophenol.

| curve | c(3-aminophenol) / (mmol · L ⁻¹) | λ_1 /nm | λ_3 /nm | I ₁ | I ₃ | I ₁ /I ₃ |
|-------|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| 0 | 0.00 | 372.8 | 383.7 | 10050 | 7473 | 1.345 |
| 1 | 9.16 | 372.8 | 383.6 | 7870 | 5859 | 1.343 |
| 2 | 18.33 | 372.8 | 383.7 | 3345 | 2523 | 1.326 |
| 3 | 27.49 | 372.8 | 383.7 | 1835 | 1387 | 1.323 |
| 4 | 36.65 | 372.8 | 383.6 | 1361 | 1040 | 1.308 |
| 5 | 45.82 | 372.8 | 383.6 | 821 | 639 | 1.285 |
| 6 | 54.98 | 372.8 | 383.6 | 859 | 670 | 1.282 |
| 7 | 64.14 | 372.8 | 383.6 | 645 | 508 | 1.270 |
| 8 | 73.31 | 372.8 | 383.7 | 503 | 402 | 1.251 |
| 9 | 82.47 | 372.8 | 383.6 | 339 | 278 | 1.219 |
| 10 | 91.63 | 372.8 | 383.7 | 325 | 272 | 1.195 |

Table S3. Elemental compositions of C, N, and O, and relative contents of nitrogen species to N 1s in NMHCSs, NMHCSs-b and A-NMHCSs.

| Sample | C (at.%) | N (at.%) | O (at.%) | N-6 (%) 398.3eV | N-5(%) 399.8eV | N-Q(%) 401.0eV | N-OX(%) 402.6eV |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| NMHCSs-1.2-55-6 | 87.17 | 6.72 | 4.48 | 37.90 | 10.90 | 38.40 | 12.70 |
| NMHCSs-b | 90.24 | 3.14 | 5.31 | 28.90 | 3.10 | 62.80 | 5.20 |
| NMHCSs-1.0-55-6 | 82.08 | 6.02 | 8.53 | 15.27 | 12.55 | 60.88 | 11.30 |
| NMHCSs-0.8-55-6 | 85.62 | 5.30 | 6.94 | 23.16 | 14.07 | 52.38 | 10.39 |
| NMHCSs-0.6-55-6 | 83.47 | 6.85 | 6.35 | 22.73 | 10.91 | 59.32 | 7.04 |
| NMHCSs-0.4-50-25 | 82.16 | 6.77 | 8.74 | 18.46 | 10.25 | 60.43 | 10.86 |
| A-NMHCSs | 74.25 | 2.92 | 14.07 | - | - | - | - |

Table S4. Specific capacitances ($F g^{-1}$) of NMHCSs-based electrodes at different current densities.

| Sample | 0.2 A g ⁻¹ 1 | 1 A g ⁻¹ 1 | 3 A g ⁻¹ | 5 A g ⁻¹ | 10 A g ⁻¹ | 15 A g ⁻¹ 1 | 20 A g ⁻¹ 1 |
|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| NMHCSs-0.6-55-6 | 176 | 157 | 143 | 137 | 126 | 120 | 112 |
| NMHCSs-1.2-55-6 | 184 | 166 | 149 | 145 | 136 | 132 | 128 |
| NMHCSs-1.2-55-0 | 198 | 184 | 164 | 155 | 145 | 137 | 132 |
| NMHCSs-1.2-95-0 | 201 | 187 | 166 | 161 | 151 | 145 | 142 |
| NMHCSs-1.2-55-15 | 176 | 155 | 139 | 132 | 120 | 114 | 104 |
| NMHCSs-0.4-55-15 | 138 | 117 | 101 | 93 | 92 | 75 | 72 |
| NMHCSs-0.4-50-25 | 218 | 203 | 184 | 179 | 171 | 166 | 160 |
| NMHCSs-0.4-25-50 | 211 | 195 | 174 | 165 | 142 | 125 | 105 |
| A-NMHCSs | 308 | 291 | 263 | 254 | 246 | 238 | 233 |

Table S5. Comparison of specific surface area, pore volume and EDLCs specific capacitance for sample A-NMHCSs with previous reported carbon materials.

| Samples | S_{BET} ($\text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$) | Pore volume ($\text{cm}^3 \text{g}^{-1}$) | Capacitance (F g^{-1}) | Current density | Electrolyte | Ref. |
|-----------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| A-NMHCSs | 1906 | 1.43 | 308 | 0.2 A g^{-1} | 6 M KOH | This work |
| | | | 293 | 0.5 A g^{-1} | | |
| | | | 291 | 1 A g^{-1} | | |
| | | | 254 | 5 A g^{-1} | | |
| | | | 246 | 10 A g^{-1} | | |
| | | | 233 | 20 A g^{-1} | | |
| | | | 208 | 50 A g^{-1} | | |
| | | | 174 | 100 A g^{-1} | | |
| GWAC | 2134 | 1.01 | 150 | 0.25 A g^{-1} | TEABF ₄ | 1 |
| PC -Cs/CNTs | 804 | 0.8 | 102.5 | 0.5 A g^{-1} | 6 M KOH | 2 |
| DUT-108 | 750 | 0.38 | 192 | 0.2 A g^{-1} | 1 M NaCl | 3 |
| PANI/CNO | 18 | / | 196 | 1 A g^{-1} | 1 M H ₂ SO ₄ | 4 |
| FL-CNSs | 779 | / | 60.5 | 0.05 V s^{-1} | 1 M TEABF ₄ | 5 |
| SPHA-ac-700-2 | 1900 | 1.15 | 271 | 1 A g^{-1} | 6 M KOH | 6 |
| 3D-MCA | 1750 | / | 148.6 | 5 mV s^{-1} | 0.5 M TEABF ₄ | 7 |
| CBC-800 | 861 | 0.861 | 233.5 | 0.2 A g^{-1} | 6 M KOH | 8 |
| biomass-derived | / | / | 170 | 0.5 A g^{-1} | 1 M H ₂ SO ₄ | 9 |

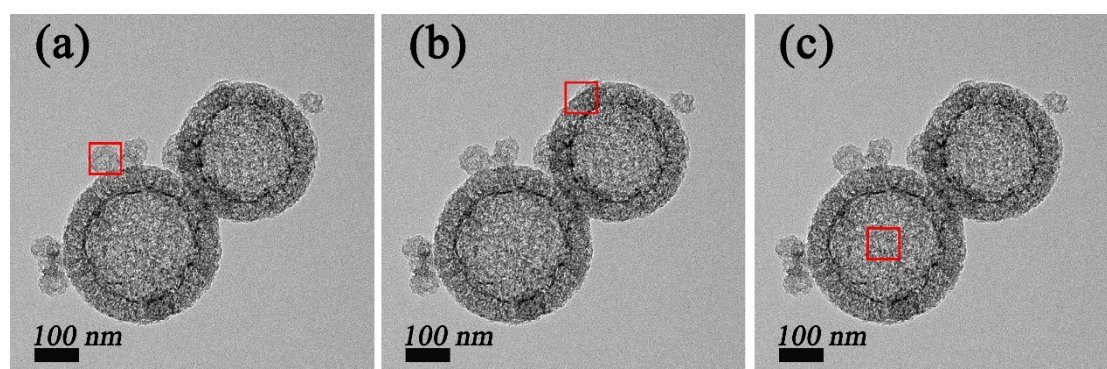


Figure S1. EDX elemental analysis of NMHCSs-1.2-55-0 nanospheres.

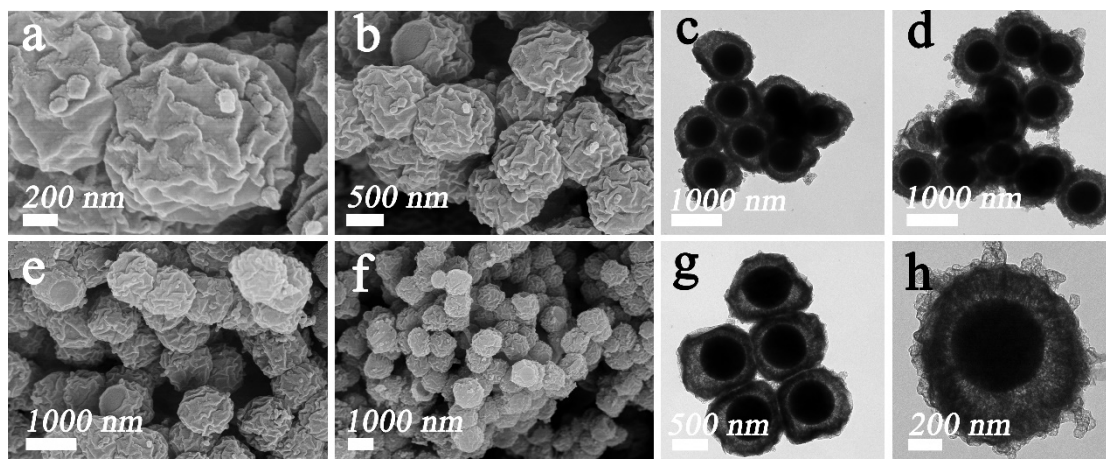


Figure S2. FE-SEM (a, b, e, f) and TEM (c, d, g, h) images of NMHCSs-0.4-55-15 synthesized by nanoemulsion polymerization in the microbalance system of micelles and vesicles.

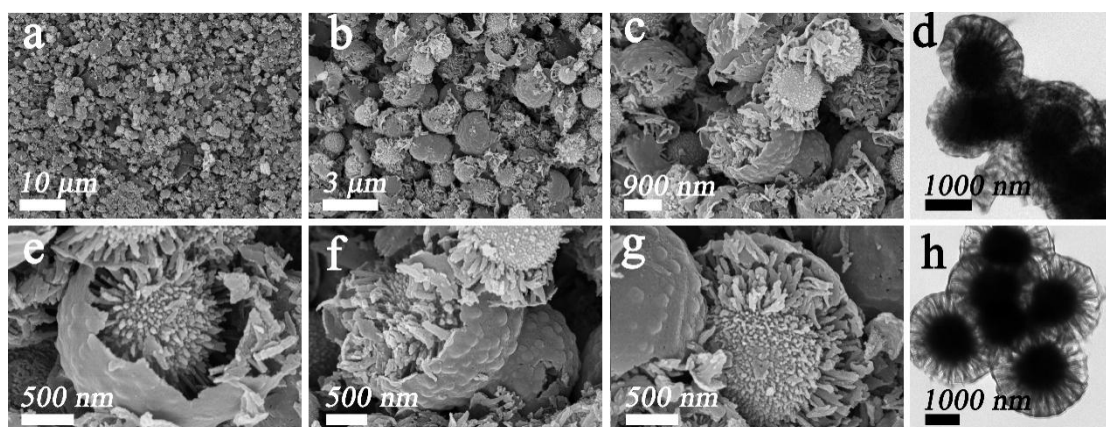


Figure S3. FE-SEM (a, b, c, e, f, g) and TEM (c, h) images of NMHCSs-0.4-50-25 synthesized by nanoemulsion polymerization in the microbalance system of micelles and vesicles.

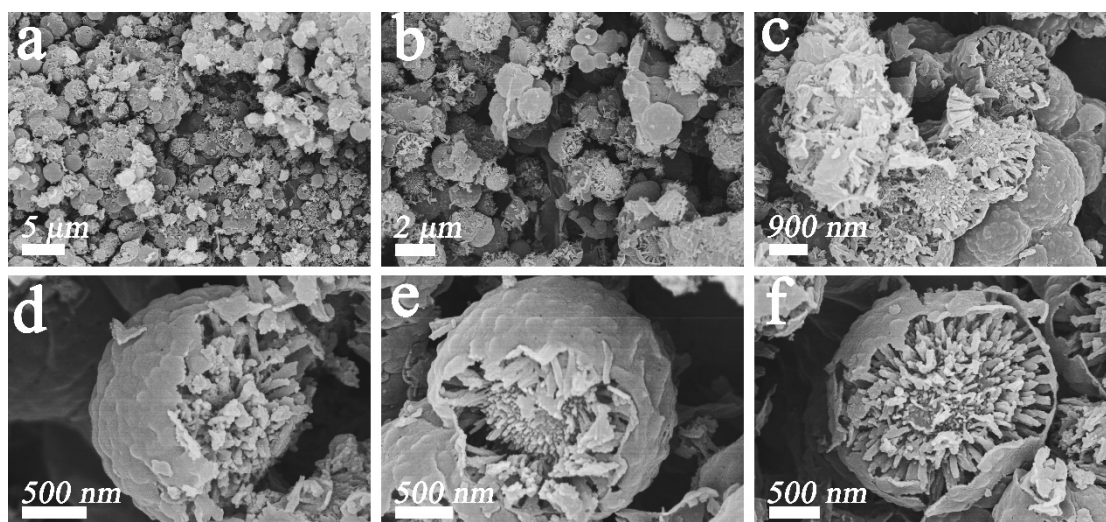


Figure S4. FE-SEM images of open structured hemispheric A-NMHCSs activated by KOH with chrysanthemum-like mesoporous core and ultrathin mesoporous shell.

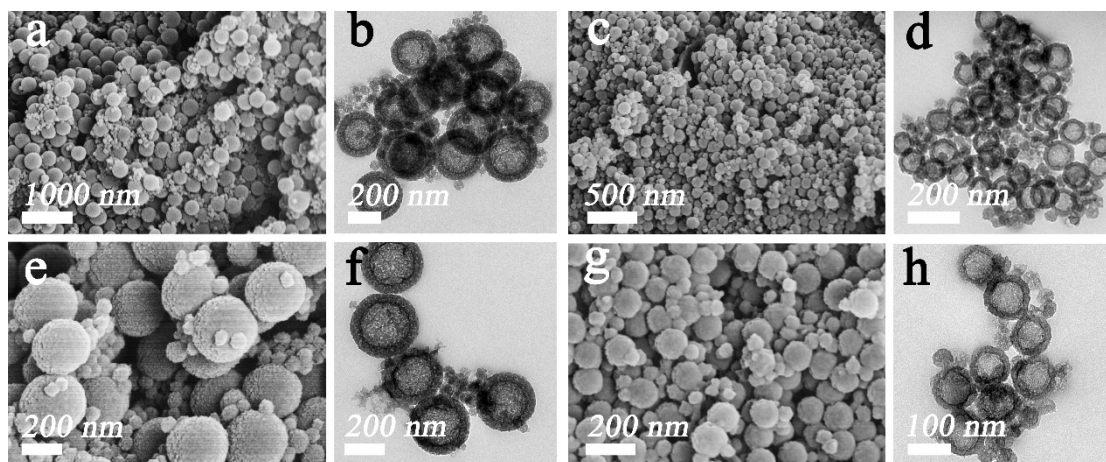


Figure S5. TEM and FE-SEM images of (a, b, e, f) NMHCSs-1.2-55-0 and (c, d, g, h) NMHCSs-1.2-95-0 synthesized by nanoemulsion polymerization in the microbalance system of micelles and vesicles.

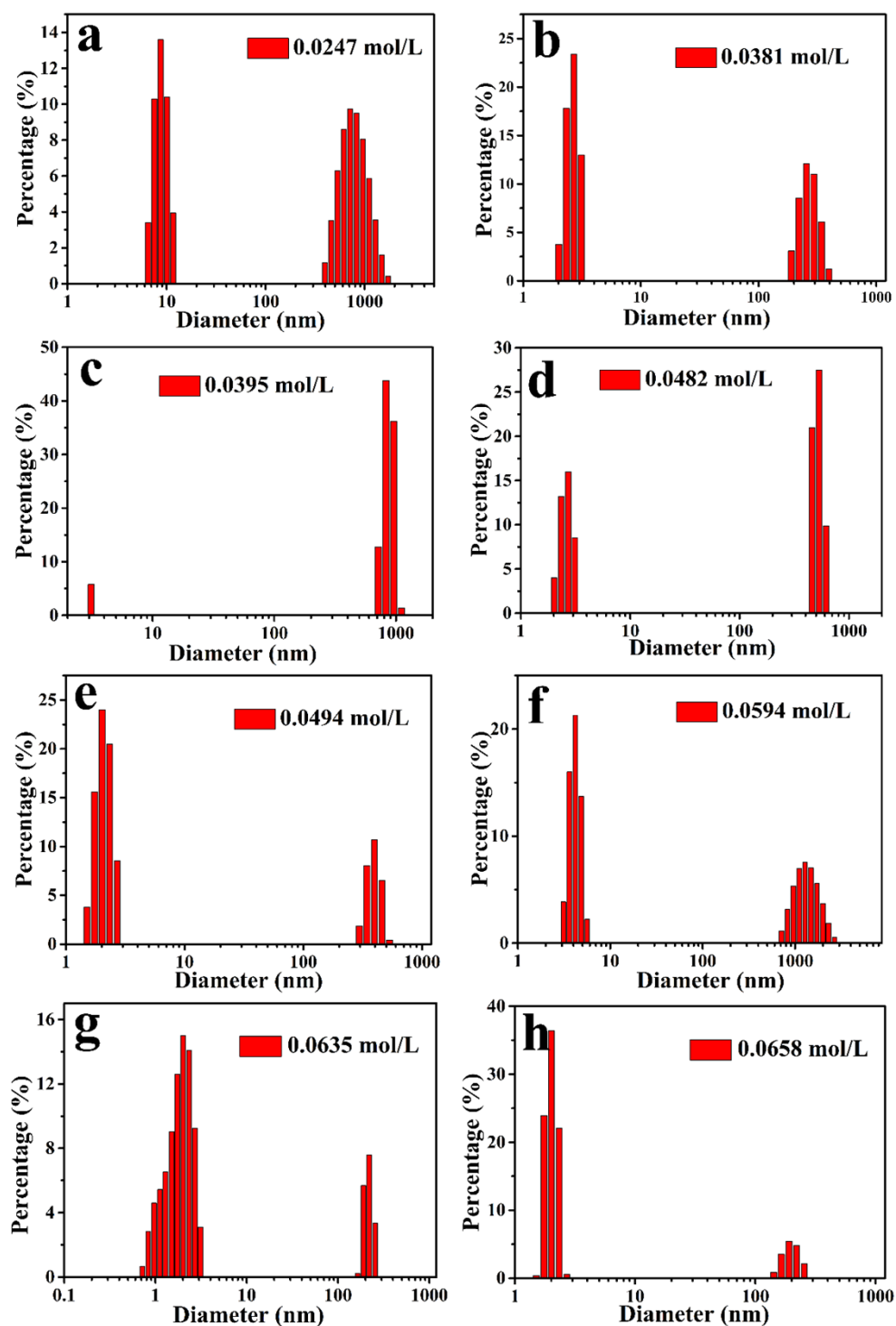


Figure S6. The size distribution for the assemble of ionic liquid surfactant $[C_{12}mim]Br$ with different concentrations in the mixture of water and ethanol obtained by DLS



Figure S7. The photos of the aggregates of $[C_{12}mim]Br$ in the mixture of water and ethanol collected from the reaction systems of the synthesized NMHCSs-1.2-95-0 (a), NMHCSs-1.2-55-0 (b), NMHCSs-1.2-55-6 (c) and NMHCSs-0.4-50-25 (d).

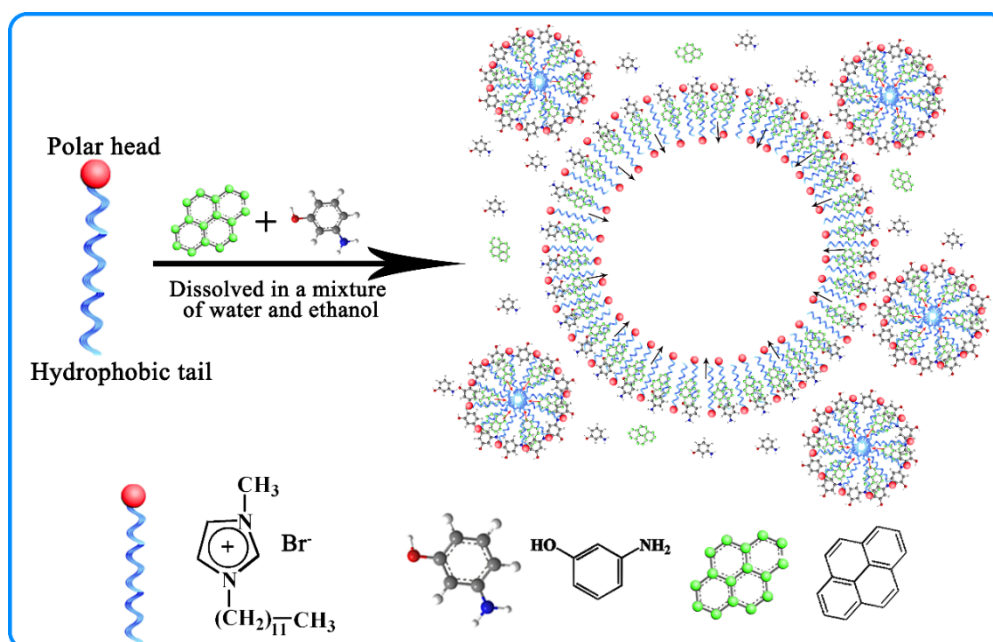


Figure S8. Pyrene fluorescence probe spectrometry characterizes the process of 3-aminophenol compatibilize to the micelles and vesicles of ionic liquid $[C_{12}mim]Br$.

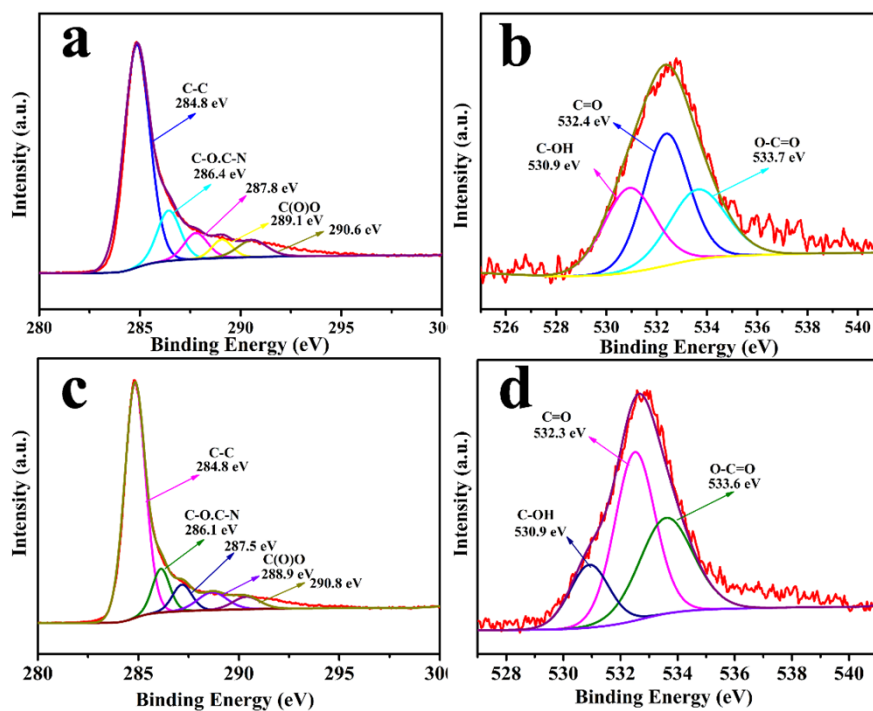


Figure S9. High-resolution spectra of the C 1s, N 1s and O 1s of NMHCSs-1.2-55-6 (a, b) and NMHCSs-b (c, d).

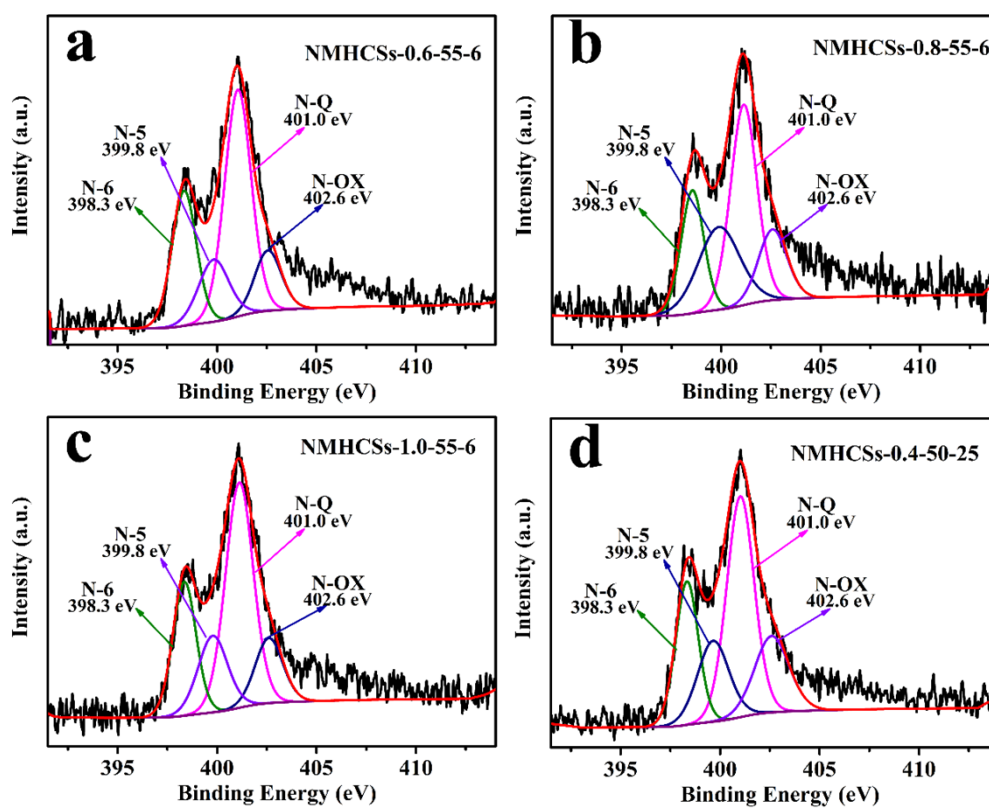


Figure S10. Fitted high-resolution XPS spectra of N 1s for NMHCSs-0.6-55-6 (a), NMHCSs-0.8-55-6 (b), NMHCSs-1.0-55-6 (c) and NMHCSs-0.4-50-25 (d).

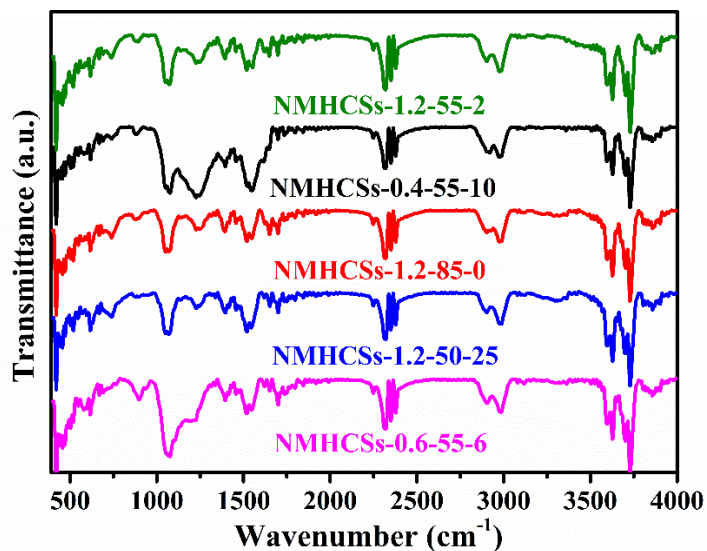


Figure S11. FT-IR spectrums of NMHCSs (NMHCSs-1.2-55-2, NMHCSs-1.2-0.4-55-10, NMHCSs-1.2-85-0, NMHCSs-1.2-50-25 and NMHCSs-0.6-55-6).

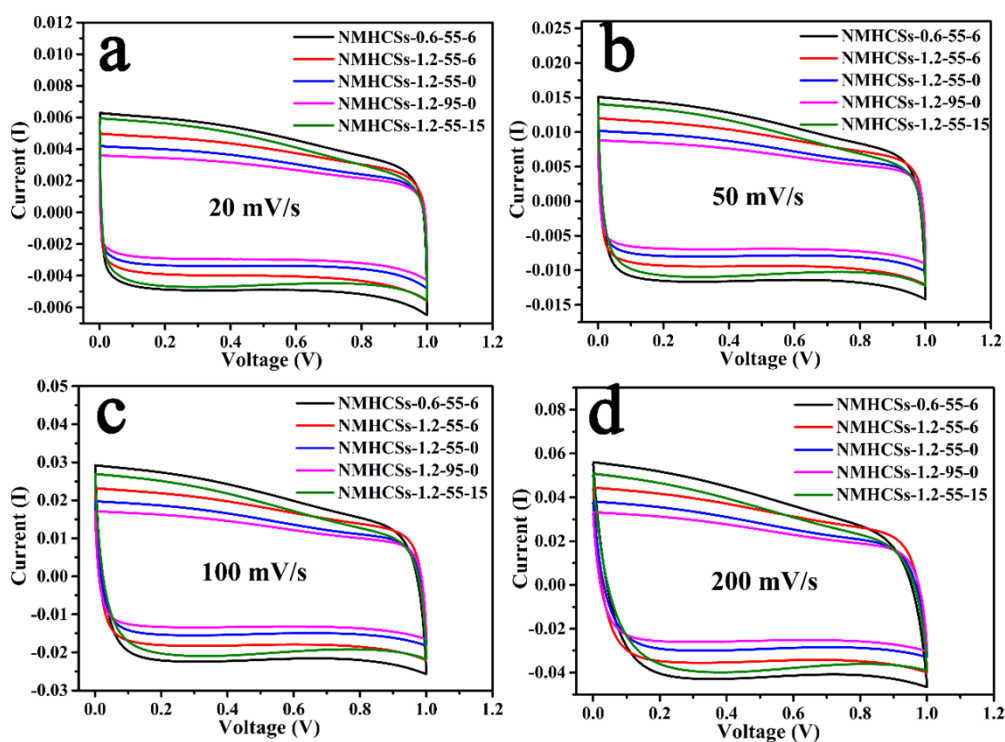


Figure S12. Cyclic voltammograms curves of the prepared NMHCSs (NMHCSs-0.6-55-6, NMHCSs-1.2-55-6, NMHCSs-1.2-55-0, NMHCSs-1.2-95-0 and NMHCSs-1.2-5-15) at the scan rate of 20-200 mV s^{-1} .

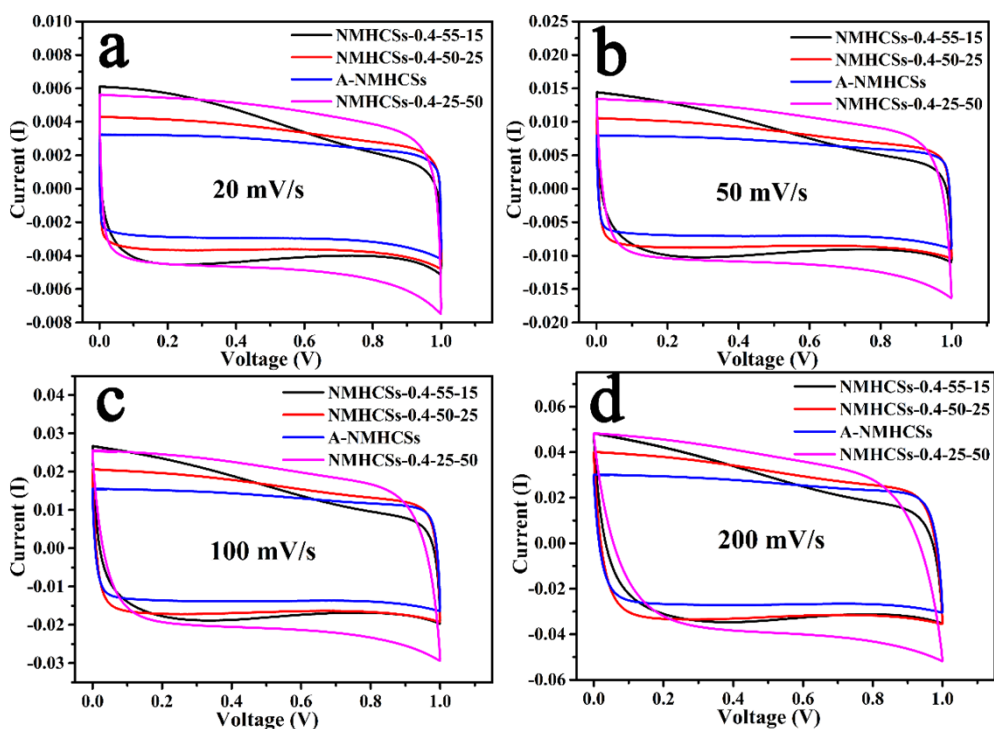


Figure S13. Cyclic voltammograms curves of the prepared NMHCSs (NMHCSs-0.4-55-15, NMHCSs-0.4-50-25, A-NMHCSs and NMHCSs-0.4-25-50) at the scan rate of 20-200 mV s^{-1} .

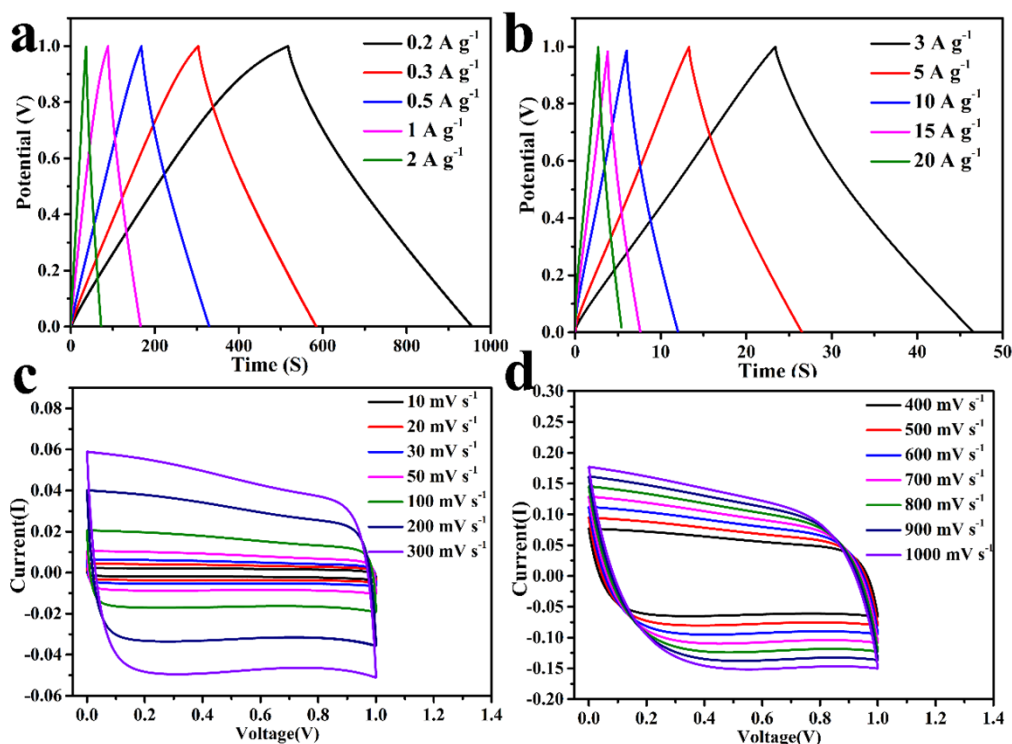


Figure S14. Electrochemical performance of NMHCSs-0.4-50-25 in 6 M KOH electrolyte in a two-electrode system; (a, b) Galvanostatic charge-discharge curves at the current density of 0.2-20 A g^{-1} ; (c, d) CV curves at the scan rate of 10-1000 mV s^{-1} .

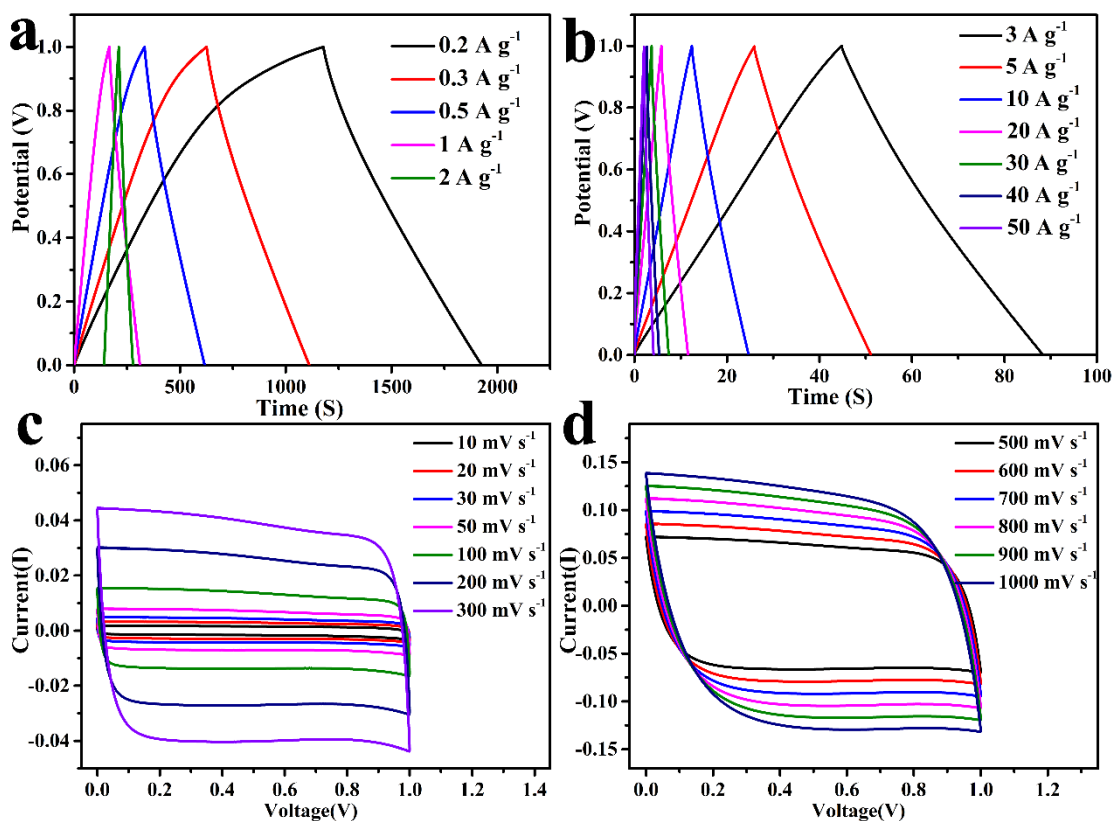


Figure S15. Electrochemical performance of A-NMHCSs in 6 M KOH electrolyte in a two-electrode system; (a, b) Galvanostatic charge-discharge curves at the current density of 0.2-50 A g⁻¹; (c, d) CV curves at the scan rate of 10-1000 mV s⁻¹.

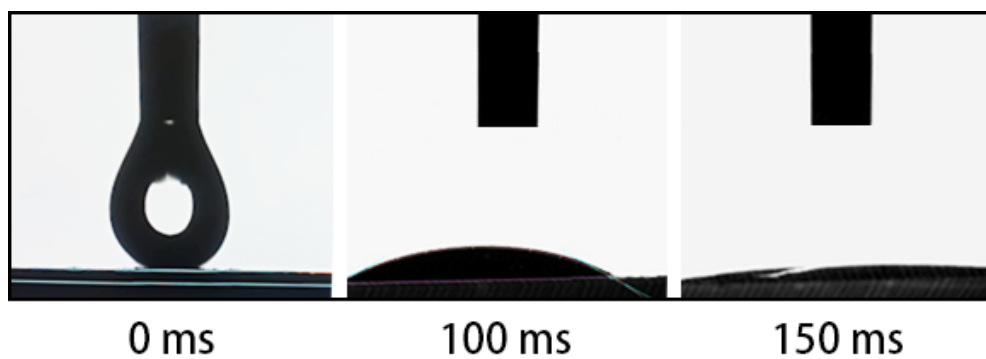


Figure S16. Wettability of electrolyte on the surface of the prepared electrode materials (A-NMHCSs).

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