## **Supporting Information**

# Construction of aqueous supercapacitors with oxidation suppression of nickel phosphide via interfacial engineering and electric field modulation for enhanced secondary energy storage

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### **Results and discussion**



1. Crystallographic, morphological, and elemental composition

Figure S1. XPS analysis and mapping: (a) Ni 2p; (b) P 2p; (c) O 1s.



Figure S2. (a) and (b) Elemental mapping graphs of nickel-cobalt hydrotalcite.



Figure S3. (a) and (b) Elemental mapping graphs of  $Ni_2P$ .



**Figure S4. (a)** Low-magnification morphologies of Ni<sub>2</sub>P@NiCo-LDHs-6; **(b)** Elemental mapping graphs of Ni<sub>2</sub>P@NiCo-LDHs-6; **(c)** Elemental content diagram of Ni<sub>2</sub>P@NiCo-LDHs-6.

### 2. First principle calculations



Figure S5. The following were calculated for nickel cobalt layered double hydroxide and nickel phosphide: (a) and (d) structural models; (b) and (e) energy level diagrams; (c) and (f) density of states diagrams.



Figure S6. (a) Three-view diagrams of the nickel cobalt hydrotalcite model; (b) Three-view diagrams of the nickel phosphide model.



main viewside viewtop viewFigure S7. Three-view diagrams of the constructed Ni2P@NiCo-LDHs heterostructure model.



Figure S8. The d-orbital center of Co in the calculated  $Ni_2P@NiCo-LDHs$  heterostructure model.

3. Three-Electrode System



Figure S9. (a) CV curve of NiCo-LDHs; (b) GCD curve of NiCo-LDHs; (c) CV curve of  $Ni_2P$ ; (d) GCD curve of  $Ni_2P$ .



Figure S10. (a) CV curve of  $Ni_2P@NiCo-LDHs-4$ ; (b) GCD curve of  $Ni_2P@NiCo-LDHs-4$ ; (c) CV curve of  $Ni_2P@NiCo-LDHs-8$ ; (d) GCD curve of  $Ni_2P@NiCo-LDHs-8$ .



Figure S11. The relationship between the logarithm of the peak-to-peak current of anodes composed of different materials and the logarithm of the scan rate.



Figure S12. The proportion of the double-layer capacitance control to the total capacitance control at different scanning rates in  $Ni_2P@NiCo-LDHs-6$ .



Figure S13. The following of AC materials employed in the assembly of asymmetric supercapacitors: (a) CV curves; (b) GCD curves; (c) specific capacitance and capacitance retention rate; (d) EIS curves.

Electrode materials	Specific capacitance	Rate capability	Capacitance retention	Reference
Ni <sub>2</sub> P@NiCo-LDHs	1001.46 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	75.63% at 10 A g <sup>-1</sup>	92.86% after 4000 cycles	This work
NiCo MOF-2	927.1 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	69.7% at 10 A g <sup>-1</sup>	-	1
NiCoS/ACC	413.3 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	78.39% at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	86% after 5000 cycles	2
MXene-LDH	983.98 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	54.53% at 50 A g <sup>-1</sup>	76% after 5000 cycles	3
NiCo/NMCS-50	585 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	36.6% at 10 A g <sup>-1</sup>	-	4
CoS <sub>x</sub> /NiCo LDH	1903.8 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	76.1% at 10 A g <sup>-1</sup>	-	5
NiCo/NHCS-23	536 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	64.7% at 10 A g <sup>-1</sup>	-	6
NiCo LDHMs/NF- 100	1156 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	72% at 10 A $g^{\mbox{-}1}$	95.37% after 5000 cycles	7
MO/NMO/NiCo LDH	815 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	23.72% at 20 A g <sup>-1</sup>	-	8
Ni-Co-S-10	640 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	-	84% after 10000 cycles	9
NiCoP/HMCS-2	856.06 F g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	$87.07\%$ at 20 A $g^{\text{-1}}$	86.45% after 5000 cycles	10

 Table S1. Electrochemical performance comparison of electrode materials in this work with previously published works.

Electrode	Mass content (mg)	$R_{ct}(\Omega)$
Ni <sub>2</sub> P	1.7	3.78
NiCo-LDHs	1.56	0.67
Ni <sub>2</sub> P@NiCo-LDHs-4	1.63	0.24
Ni <sub>2</sub> P@NiCo-LDHs-6	1.61	0.21
Ni <sub>2</sub> P@NiCo-LDHs-8	1.68	0.22

 Table S2. the Nyquist impedance value of the electrode in the three electrodes.

Electrode materials	Power density (W kg <sup>-1</sup> )	Energy density (W h kg <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
Ni2P/NiSe2/MoSe2//AC	400	23.5	67
NiP/NCHTs//AC	1125	46.53	68
NiCo-LDH@Ni(OH)2//AC	799.9	30.6	69
Mo-Ni <sub>2</sub> P/Co2P//AC	800	35.56	70
WS <sub>2</sub> /NiCo(PO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> /MXenes//AC	703	38	71
NiCo-LDH/Ni/CC//AC	750	49.3	72
Ni <sub>2</sub> P/CNT//AC	749.8	25.2	73
Ni <sub>2</sub> P@NiCo-LDHs-6//AC	766.81	51.88	This work

**Table S3.** Energy density for the  $Ni_2P@NiCo-LDHs-6//AC$  ASC device with other ASC devices reported preciously. The reference numbers are consistent with the main text.

Asymmetric supercapacitors	R <sub>ct</sub> (Ω) 5,500 cycles before	$ m R_{ct}(\Omega)$ 5,500 cycles after
Ni <sub>2</sub> P//AC	0.47	5.84
Ni <sub>2</sub> P@NiCo-LDHs-6//AC	0.25	2.14

 Table S4. the Nyquist impedance values of assembled asymmetric supercapacitors.

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