## **Supporting Information for**

## Polymer-assisted Synthesis of 3D Hierarchical Porous Network-like NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Framework towards High-performance Electrochemical Capacitors

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Fig. S1 Nitrogen sorption isotherm of the hierarchical porous network-like NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> framework.



Fig. S2 TEM images of the NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-EDTA sample prepared without using PEI.

Evidently, the NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-EDTA sample prepared without using PEI demonstrates some simple particle aggregations.



**Fig. S3** TEM image of the NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-PEI sample synthesized without using EDTA.

Clearly, the NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-PEI sample synthesized without using EDTA presents some simple particles of different sizes varying from *ca*. 60 to *ca*. 700 nm.



Fig. S4 EIS spectra of NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-EDTA and NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>-PEI electrodes at 0.35 V (vs. SCE), respectively.



Fig. S5 Specific capacitances of  $NiCo_2O_4$ -EDTA and  $NiCo_2O_4$ -PEI electrodes as a function of current density.