

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for
MnOOH/Nitrogen-Doped Graphene Hybrid Nanowires
Sandwiched by Annealing Graphene Oxide Sheets for
Flexible All-Solid-State Supercapacitors

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Part I: Calculations

Areal capacitance for the flexible freestanding MNGHNs/AGO sandwich film, and volumetric capacitance, energy density, and power density for the MNGHNs/AGO flexible all-solid-state SCs. Areal capacitance values of the flexible freestanding MNGHNs/AGO sandwich film were obtained by $C_a = I\Delta t/\Delta E S$, where Δt is the discharge time (seconds), I is the discharge current (A), ΔE is the operating potential window (V) during the discharge, and S is the working area of the electrodes (cm^2).^[1]

The volumetric capacitances for the MNGHNs/AGO flexible all-solid-state SCs were calculated from the discharge curves by the following equations:^[2]

$$C_v = I\Delta t/V\Delta U \quad (1)$$

where C_v is the volumetric capacitance, I is the discharge current, Δt is the discharge time, ΔU is the potential window during the discharge process, and V (cm^3) was the volume of the whole SCs device (including electrodes, separator and electrolyte).

The volumetric energy (E) and power density (P) of the whole all-solid-state SCs were calculated from the discharge curves using the following equations:^[3]

$$E = 0.5 C_v (\Delta U)^2 / 3600 \quad (2)$$

$$P = E / \Delta t \quad (3)$$

where E (mWh cm^{-3}) is the energy density, C_v is the volumetric capacitance, ΔU was the SCs voltage window, P (W cm^{-3}) is the power density, and Δt is the discharge time.

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Part II: Charge Storage Mechanism

The principal charge storage mechanism involved in the charging and discharging process for MNGHNS/AGO all-solid-state supercapacitors could be assigned to a variation of the manganese valency from III to IV. Redox reactions occurring in the supercapacitor devices involve proton insertion between the positive and negative electrodes which can be represented as follows:^[1, 2]

Positive electrode



Negative electrode



For MnOOH, it has an inherent redox capability for facile electron-transfer processes and is the main electroactive species for the charge storage/delivery in the redox transition of the corresponding oxide.^[3, 4] Besides MnOOH, analogous results for NiOOH and CoOOH have been also reported by G. W. Yang and Y. X. Tong.^[5, 6]

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Part III: Supplementary Figures

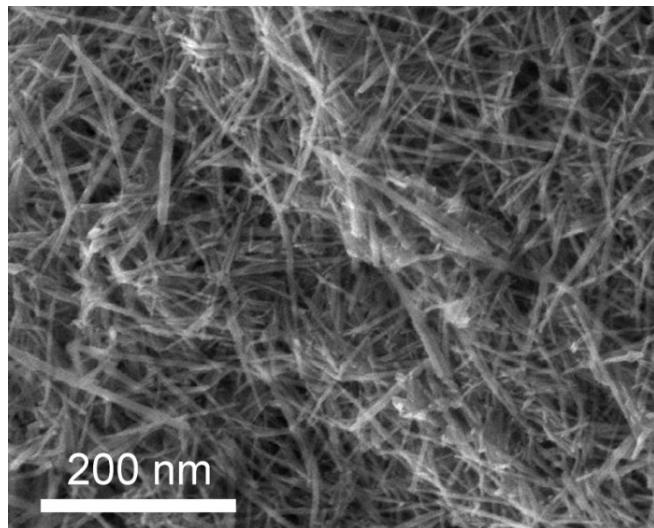


Fig. S1. SEM image of MNGHNs

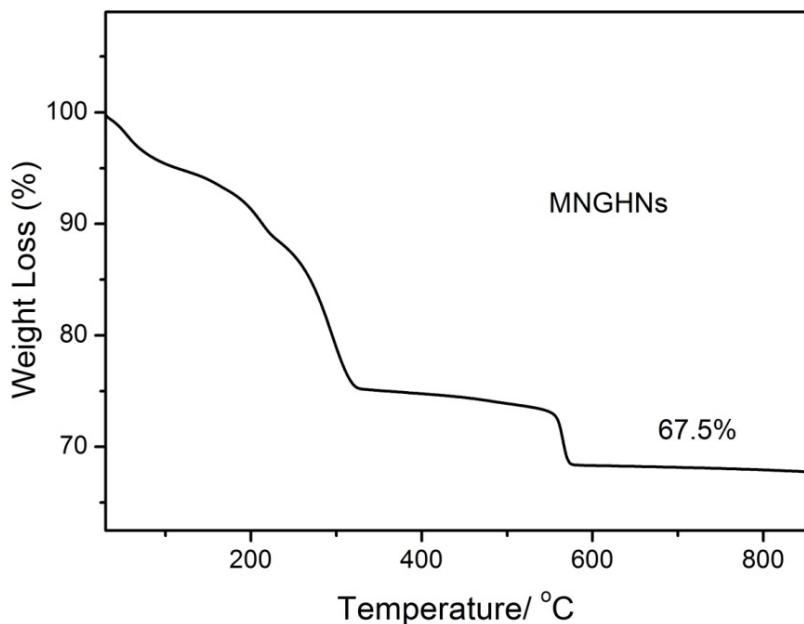


Fig. S2. TGA curve of MNGHNs.

The experiments were performed from 30 to 850 °C in air flow at a heating rate of 10 °C/min. In the process, the NG sheets were burned up, whereas MnOOH turned into Mn₂O₃. Accordingly, the mass ratio of MnOOH is 75.2 wt % in the MNGHNs.

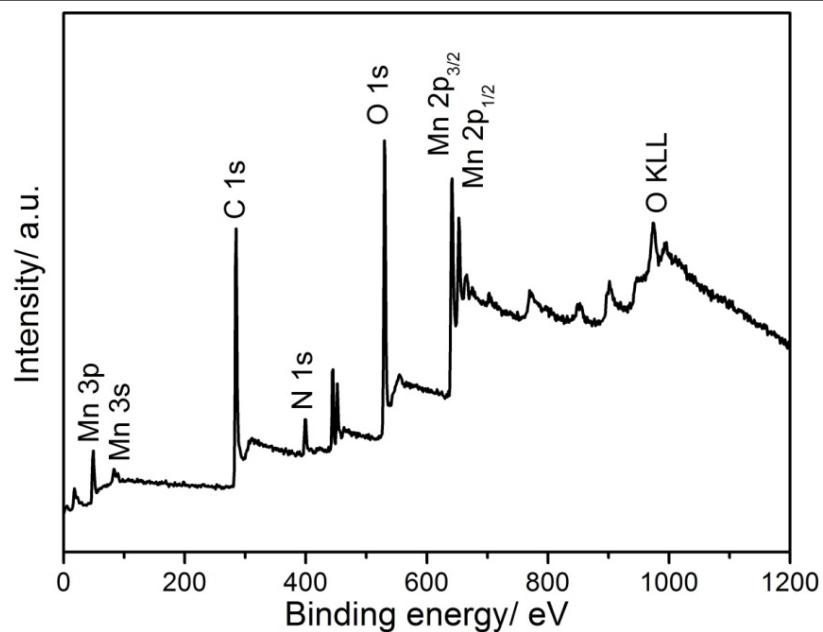


Fig. S3. XPS survey spectra of MNGHNs.

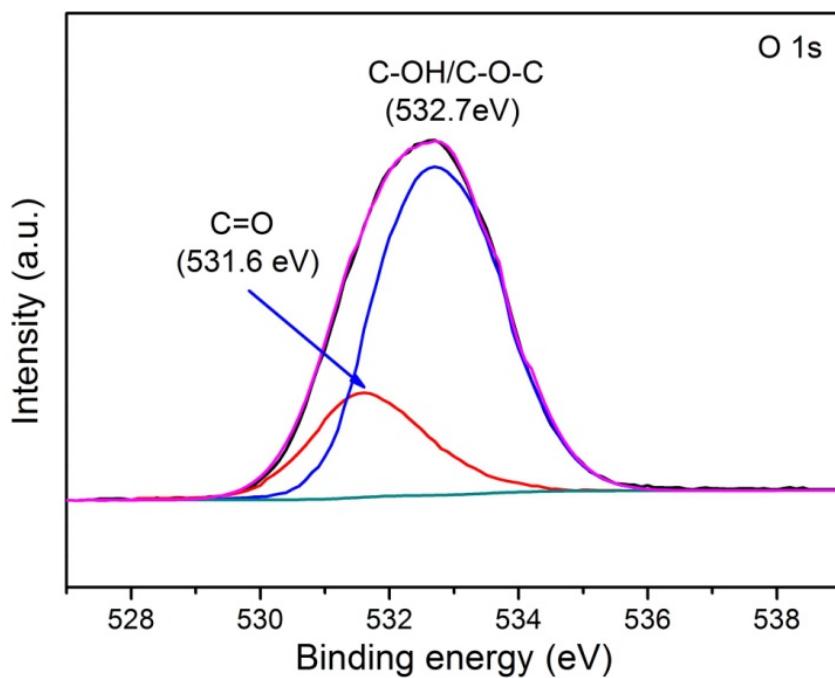


Fig. S4. Narrow O 1s XPS spectra of the graphene.

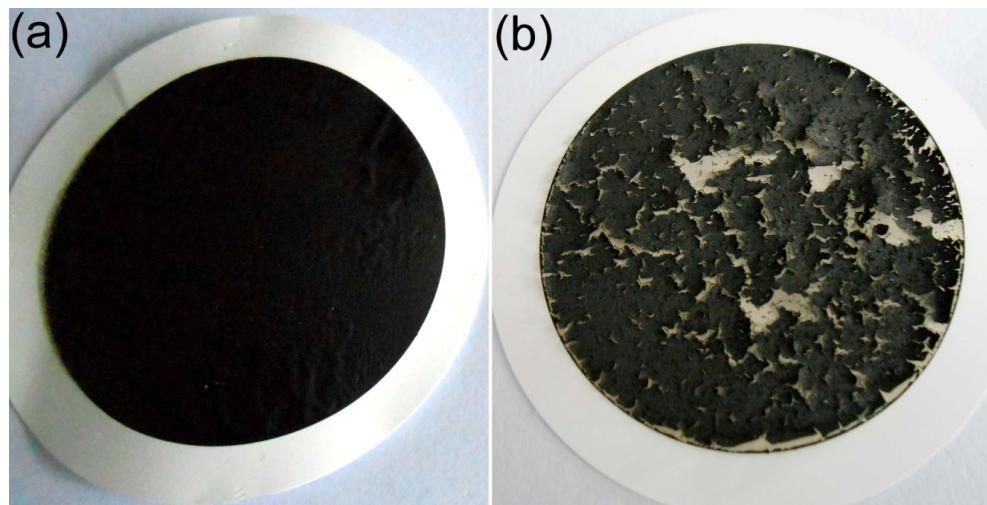


Fig. S5. Digital images of (a) freestanding MNGHNs/AGO sandwich film, and (b) freestanding MNGHNs/RGO sandwich film. The MNGHNs in MNGHNs/AGO sandwich film (or MNGHNs/RGO sandwich film) was about 80% of the whole weight.

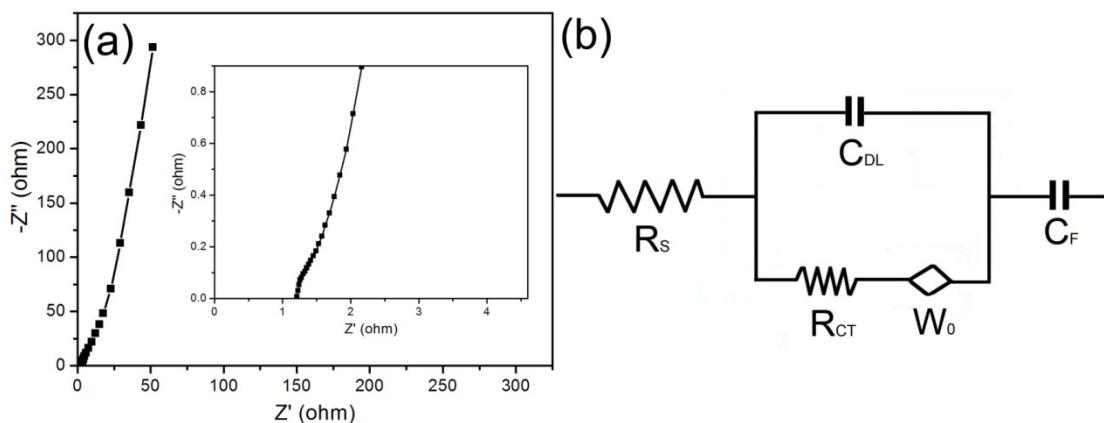


Fig. S6. (a) EIS of the flexible freestanding MNGHNs/AGO sandwich film. The inset shows the enlarged EIS at the high frequency region. (b) The electrical equivalent circuit used for fitting impedance spectra.

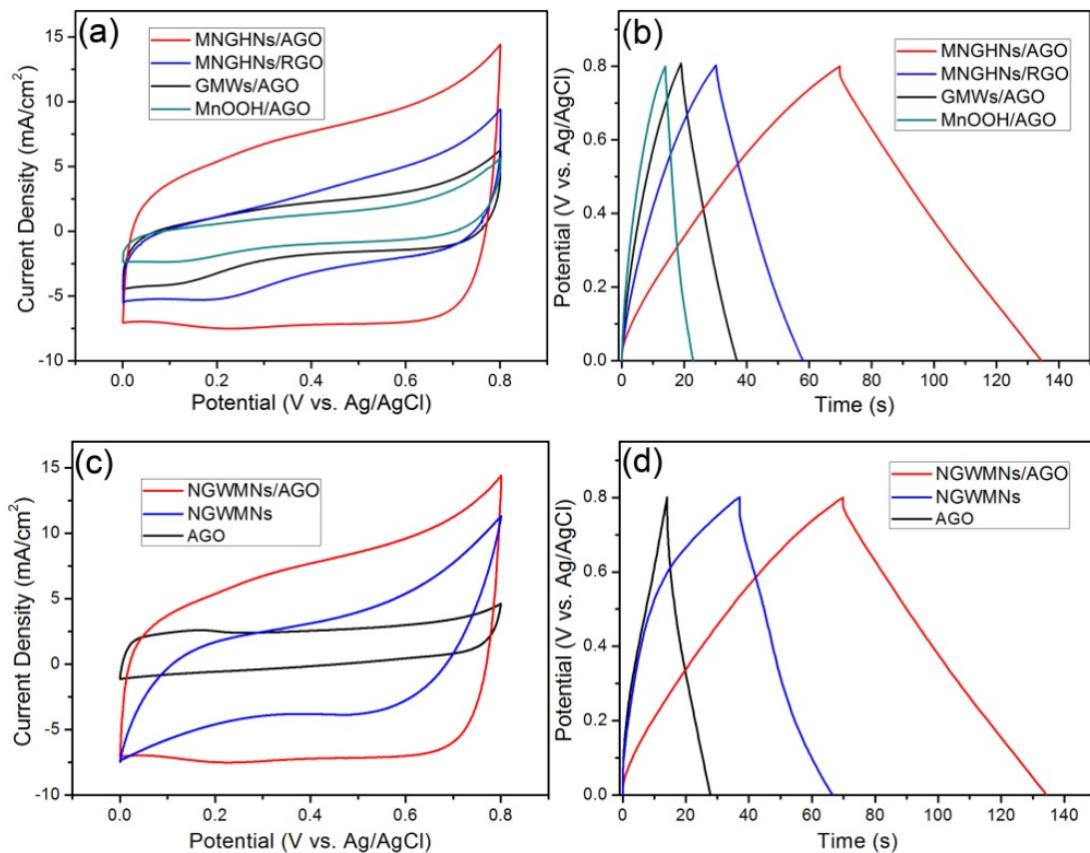


Fig. S7. (a, c) CV curves at a scan rate of 50 mV/s, and (b, d) CD curves at 2 mA/cm² in 1 M Na₂SO₄ aqueous electrolyte for MNGHNS/AGO, MNGHNS/RGO, GMWs/AGO, and MnOOH/AGO sandwich films (and pure AGO and MNGHNS electrode made by mixing the samples, acetylene black, and a polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF) binder in a mass ratio of 70 : 20 : 10 in N-methyl pyrrolidone (NMP) solvent, and then pressing the mixture onto the nickel foam substrate (1 cm×1 cm)), respectively.

The electrochemical properties of the MNGHNS/RGO, GMWs/AGO, and MnOOH/AGO sandwich films obtained by replacing AGO with RGO or replacing MNGHNS with GMWs (or MnOOH) for comparison with the as-prepared MNGHNS/AGO sandwich film.

For comparison, all films contain the same mass loading (2 mg/cm²) and active area (1×1.65 cm²). All the electrochemical performances of each electrode were measured under the same experimental conditions (three electrode cells, 1 M Na₂SO₄ aqueous solution as electrolyte).

Cyclic voltammetry (CV) measurements were performed at a scan rate of 50 mV/s, as shown in Fig. S6a. The relatively rectangular and symmetric CV curves of four sandwich films indicate the ideal capacitive nature of the fabricated electrodes. However, the MNGHNS/AGO sandwich film exhibits the highest specific capacity, basing on the integral area of CV. Moreover, galvanostatic charge-discharge (CD) measurements were carried out at a current density of 2 mA/cm². According to Fig. S6b, the specific capacitances of the four different electrodes are calculated to be 161.5, 70.3, 45.5, and 22.3 mF/cm², respectively. Obviously, the MNGHNS/AGO sandwich film shows the highest capacity among the four samples at the same current density, which is consistent with the CV results (Fig. S6a). In addition, the electrochemical properties of the

MNGHNs/AGO sandwich film also compared with those of pure AGO and MNGHNs electrode. The capacitive performance of pure AGO and MNGHNs electrode significantly smaller than that of MNGHNs/AGO sandwich film. The significantly improved capacitance of the MNGHNs/AGO sandwich film can be attributed to synergistic effect of the MNGHNs and AGO.

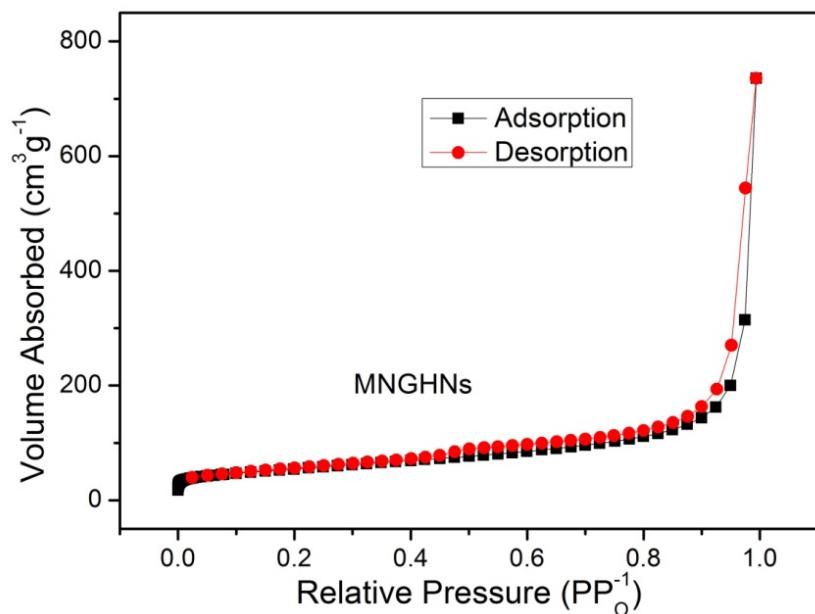


Fig. S8. Nitrogen adsorption and desorption isotherms of MNGHNs.

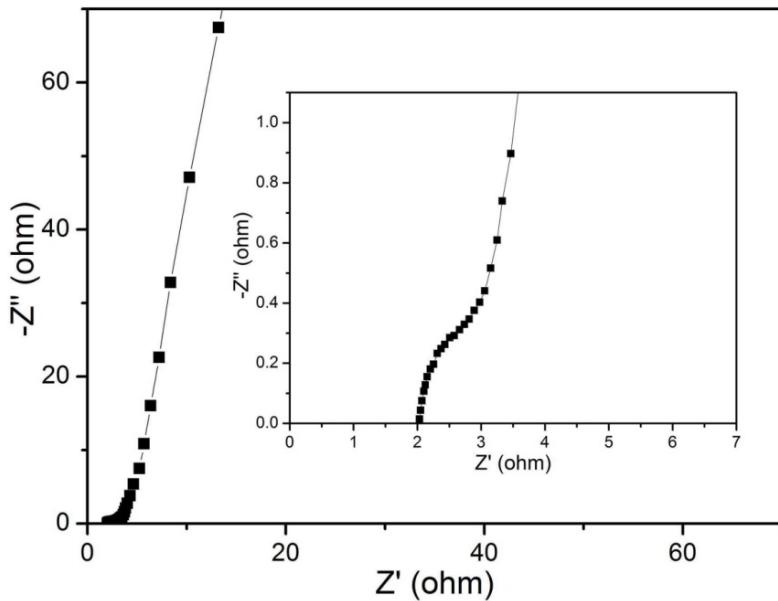


Fig. S9. EIS of MNGHNs/AGO all-solid-state SC under a curvature of 90°. The inset shows the enlarged EIS at the high frequency region.

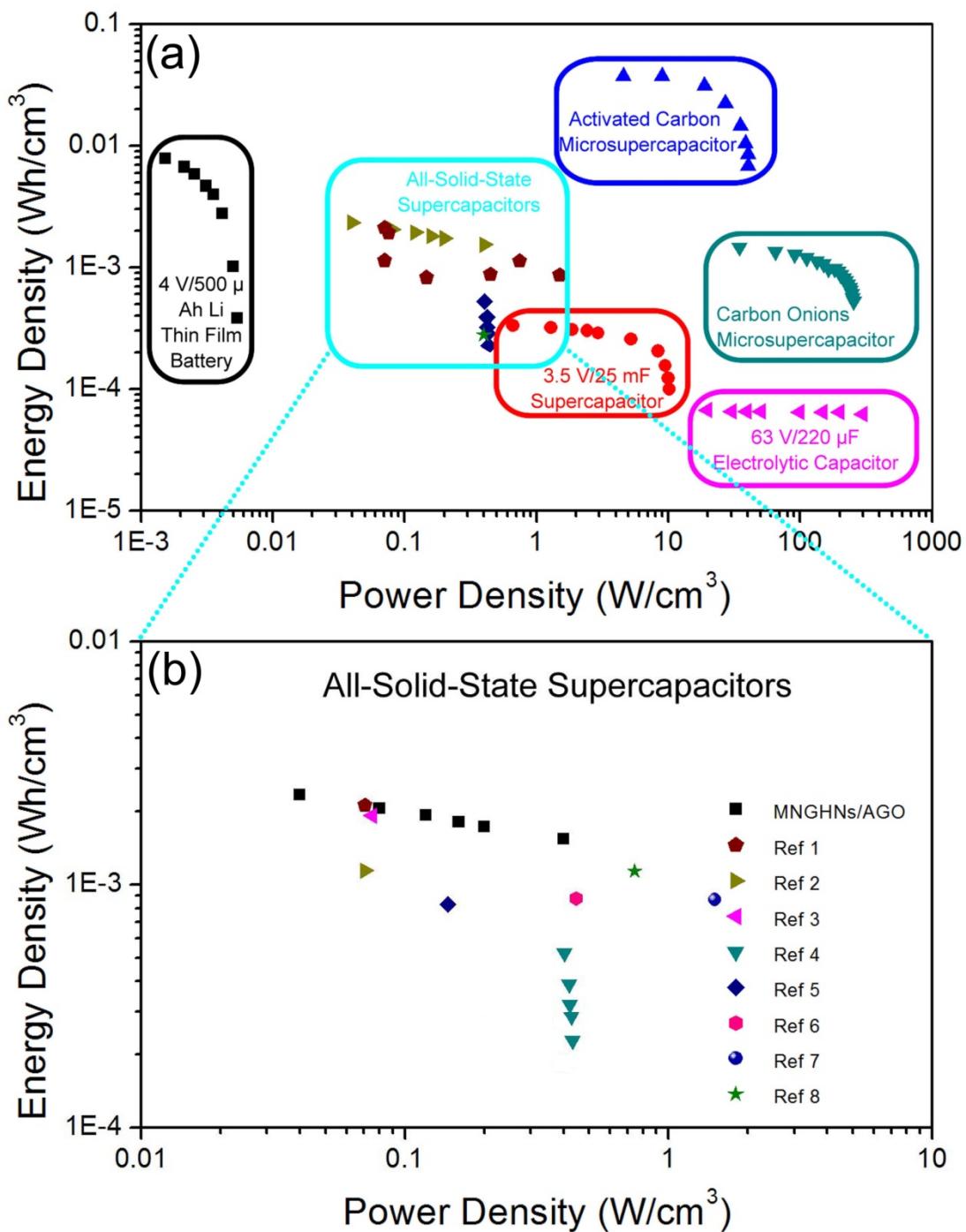


Fig. S10. (a) The Ragone plot for MNGHNs/AGO all-solid-state SC device, compared with the results of typical literature reported previously.^[1-9] The plot was made based on the Fig. 4 in the study reported by Prof. P. Simon and co-workers.^[9] Compared with the other energy storage devices, the MNGHNs/AGO flexible all-solid-state SC exhibits excellent energy-power characteristics. (b) The magnified plot for various all-solid-state SCs in (a).

The Ragone plots include a 500- μ Ah thin-film lithium battery, a 25-mF supercapacitor, and a 220- μ F electrolytic capacitor, which are made based on the Fig. 4 in the study reported by Prof. P. Simon and co-workers (Fig. S9a),^[9] along with other all-solid-state SCs reported previously (Fig. S9b)^[1-8] for comparison with our results. The plots show the volumetric energy density and power density of various devices. The MNGHNs/AGO all-solid-state SC exhibits energy densities of up to 2.34 mWh/cm³. Additionally, the results are superior to most of the results reported by other groups for all-solid-state SC (Fig. S9b). It should be noted that Fig. S9 is used only to show the general range of our devices because different current densities and various calculations were used in the cited data.

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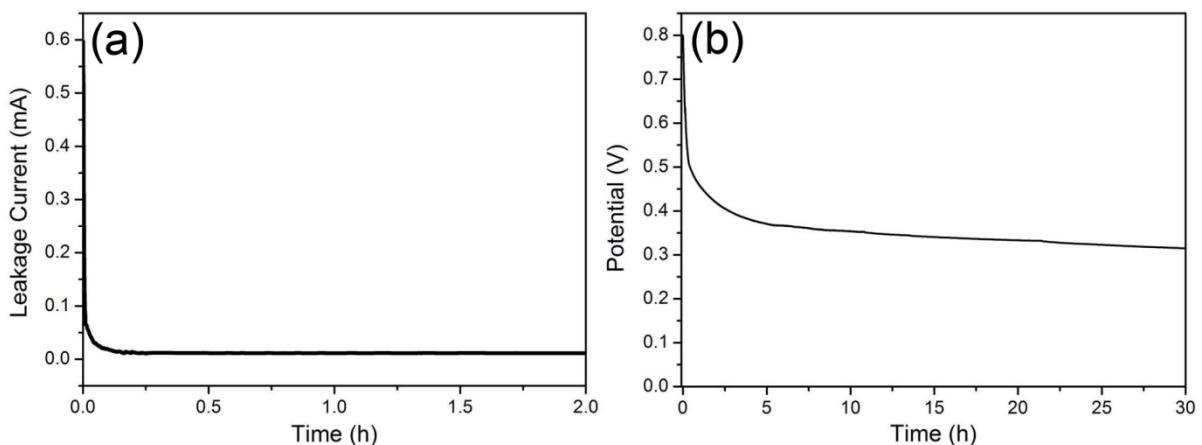


Fig. S11. (a) Leakage current and (b) Self-discharge curves for MNGHNS/AGO all-solid-state SC.

For the leakage current test, the device was first charged to 0.8 V at 2 mA and then the potential was kept at 0.8 V for 2 h while acquiring the current data. For the self-discharge test, the device was first charged to 0.8 V at 2 mA and kept at 0.8 V for 15 min, and then the open potential of the device was recorded as a function of time.

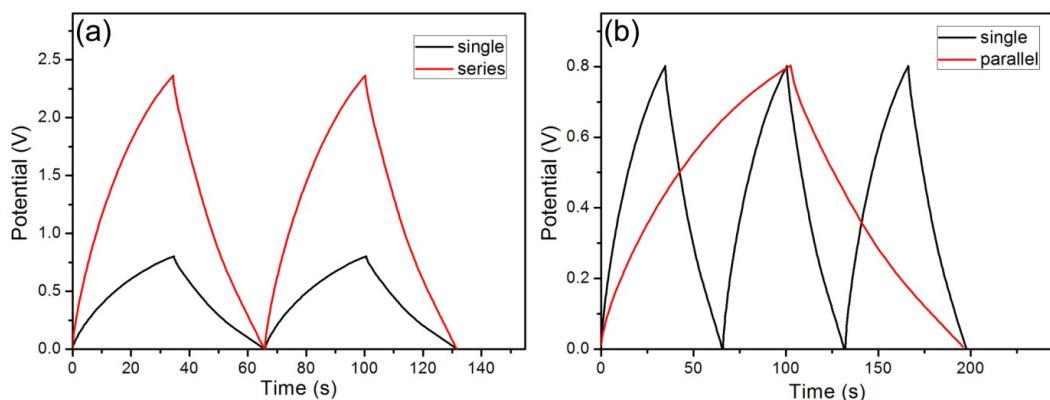


Fig. S12. CD curves at $0.5 \text{ A}/\text{cm}^2$ of (a) a single all-solid-state SC (black) and three all-solid-state SCs in series (red), and (b) a single all-solid-state SC (black) and three all-solid-state SCs in parallel (red).

Table S1. Thickness and mass loading ever reported for free standing films for comparison with our results.

| Materials | Thickness (μm) | Mass loading (mg/cm^2) | Ref. |
|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------|
| MoS ₂ /Graphene | 10-20 | 4 | 1 |
| graphene/MnO ₂ /CNTs | 30 | 2.02 | 2 |
| VN/CNT | 48 | 4 | 3 |
| CuO/Graphene | ~10 | N/A | 4 |
| Graphene/MnO ₂ | ~10 | N/A | 5 |
| Activated carbon | 50±5 | 3.2 | 6 |
| Graphene Hydrogel | 120 | ~2 | 7 |
| 3D graphene/MnO ₂ | 200-300 | 0.4 | 8 |
| CNT/Si | 4 | 0.5 | 9 |
| V ₂ O ₅ /MWNT | N/A | 3-5 | 10 |
| Ni(OH) ₂ /3D Graphite | 37±3 | 0.2 | 11 |
| Graphene-TiO ₂ | 2.6-9.3 | 1.03-1.26 | 12 |
| Fe ₃ O ₄ /graphene | 12.3 | ~1.7 | 13 |
| SnO ₂ /SP-Li | 5 | 0.5 | 14 |
| MNGHNs/AGO | ~16 | 2 | This work |

According to Table 1, the MNGHNs/AGO sandwich film achieves a high mass loading of 2 mg/cm^2 with a film thickness of ~16 μm , which is much higher than that of carbon nanotube-based films and three-dimensional (3 D) architecture films, and comparable to two-dimensional (2 D) architecture films, such as MoS₂/Graphene film with a mass loading of 4 mg/cm^2 and a film thickness of 10-20 μm , indicating that the as-fabricated film electrodes offer high mass loading.

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Table S2. Superior cycle stability ever reported for manganese oxide-based electrodes for comparison with our results.

| Manganese oxide-based electrodes | Electrolyte | C _a (mF/cm ²) | Cycle stability | Ref. |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------|
| Graphene/MnO ₂ /Conducting polymer | 0.5 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | 95% retention after 3000 cycles | 1 |
| Graphene/MnO ₂ //Activated carbon nanofibers | 1 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | 97.3% retention after 1000 cycles | 2 |
| GO/MnO ₂ | 1 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | 84.1% retention after 1000 cycles | 3 |
| Zn ₂ SnO ₄ /MnO ₂ Nanocable-Carbon Microfiber | 1 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | 98.8% retention after 1000 cycles | 4 |
| WO _{3-x} @Au@MnO ₂ | 0.1 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | 110% retention after 5000 cycles | 5 |
| Carbon nanoparticles /MnO ₂ nanorods | 0.1 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | 109 | 97.3% retention after 10,000 cycles | 6 |
| Three-Dimensional Graphene/MnO ₂ | 0.5 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | 81.2% retention after 5000 cycles | 7 |
| Two-Dimensional MnO ₂ /Graphene | PVA/H ₃ PO ₄ gel | N/A | 92% retention after 7000 cycles | 8 |
| MnO ₂ nanowires // Fe ₂ O ₃ nanotubes | PVA/LiCl gel | 150 | 84% retention after 5000 cycles | 9 |
| Bacterial-Cellulose-Derived Carbon Nanofiber @ MnO ₂ //N-Doped Carbon Nanofiber | 1 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | 95.4% retention after 2000 cycles | 10 |
| MnO ₂ Nanowire /Graphene // Graphene | 1 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | 79% retention after 1000 cycles | 11 |
| H-TiO ₂ @MnO ₂ core-shell NWs //H-TiO ₂ @C core-shell NWs | PVA/LiCl gel | N/A | 91.2% retention after 5000 cycles | 12 |
| Hierarchical M(OH) ₂ /MnO ₂ Nanofibril/Nanowires | 1 M LiClO ₄ | 181 | 85.2% retention after 1000 cycles | 13 |
| Highly Ordered MnO ₂ Nanopillars | 1 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | 93% retention after 5000 cycles | 14 |
| Graphen/MnO ₂ -Textile// CNT-Textile | 0.5 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | ~95% retention after 5000 cycles | 15 |
| Au-doped MnO ₂ films | 2 M Li ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | 107% retention after 15,000 cycles | 16 |

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| Graphene/MnO ₂ Nanospheres// Graphene/MoO ₃ Nanosheets | 1 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | >100% retention after 1000 cycles | 17 |
| Nanoporous gold/MnO ₂ | 2 M Li ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | ~85% retention after 1000 cycles | 18 |
| Activated carbon//MnO ₂ | 0.1M K ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | ~87.5% retention after 195,000 cycles | 19 |
| MnO ₂ | 0.1 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | 100% retention after 1000 cycles | 20 |
| Nickel-manganese oxide | 1 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | ~88% retention after 10,000 cycles | 21 |
| Cobalt-manganese oxide | 1 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | ~86% retention after 10,000 cycles | 21 |
| MnO ₂ -CNT-sponge | 1 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | ~96% retention after 100,000 cycles | 22 |
| MnO ₂ /carbon cloth | PVA/H ₃ PO ₄ gel | 2.3 | >90% retention after 60,000 cycles | 23 |
| Manganese Oxide/Graphene Aerogel | 0.5 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | 95% retention after 100,000 cycles | 24 |
| Carbon/MnO ₂ | 5 M LiNO ₃ | N/A | 95% retention after 15,000 cycles | 25 |
| AC//NaMnO ₂ | 0.5 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | 97% retention after 10,000 cycles >80% retention after 100,000 cycles | 26 |
| Carbon/LiMn ₂ O ₄ | 1 M Li ₂ SO ₄ | N/A | 95% retention after 20,000 cycles | 27 |
| MNGHNs/AGO | 1 M Na ₂ SO ₄ | 173.2 | 96.1% retention after 5000 cycles 90.2% retention after 200,000 cycles | This work |
| MNGHNs/AGO | PVA/H ₃ PO ₄ gel | 161.0 | 99.7% retention after 5000 cycles 91.5% retention after 200,000 cycles | This work |

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Table S3. Performance comparison of both carbon-based materials and non-carbon-based materials (including metal oxides, sulfides, nitrides etc.) for two-electrode supercapacitors (including symmetric SCs (SSCs) and asymmetric SCs (ASCs)), along with typical literature results for commercial supercapacitors, based on whole volume of the SCs stack—including two electrodes, electrolyte, a separator between two electrodes, and current collectors.

| Electrode Materials | | Electrolyte | C _v (F/cm ³) | Energy Density (mWh/cm ³) | Ref. |
|----------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|
| Carbon-based materials | Laser Scribing Graphene-SSCs | PVA/H ₃ PO ₄ gel | ~0.43 | ~0.06 | 1 |
| | Laser Scribing Graphene-SSCs | TEA-BF ₄ /CH ₃ CN | 0.59 | ~0.74 | 1 |
| | Laser Scribing Graphene-SSCs | Ionic liquid | 0.61 | 1.36 | 1 |
| | PANASONIC 2.75 V/44mF Commercial AC-EC | N/A | ~0.68 | ~0.72 | 1 |
| | Graphene Hydrogel-SSCs | PVA/H ₂ SO ₄ gel | 31 | 1.92 | 2 |
| | Commercial Activated Carbon-SSCs | Aqueous electrolyte | 80~110 | 5~8 | 3 |
| | Commercial Activated Carbon-SSCs | Organic electrolyte | 60~120 | N/A | 3 |
| | Activated carbon-SSCs | PEO/KOH | ~3.7 | 0.33~0.44 | 4 |
| | Hydrated Graphite Oxide-SSCs | H ₂ O | 3.1 | 0.43 | 5 |
| | Onion-Like Carbon-SSCs | Et ₄ NBF ₄ /PC | 1.3 | ~1.5 | 6 |
| | Activated Carbon-SSCs | Et ₄ NBF ₄ /PC | 9.0 | 10 | 6 |
| Non-carbon-based materials | VN/CNT-SSCs | PVA/H ₃ PO ₄ gel | 7.9 | 0.54 | 7 |
| | VOx//VN-ASCs | PVA/LiCl gel | 1.35 | 0.61 | 8 |
| | TiN on carbon fabric-SSCs | PVA/KOH gel | 0.33 | 0.05 | 9 |
| | Carbon/MnO ₂ -SSCs | PVA/H ₃ PO ₄ gel | 2.5 | 0.12 | 10 |
| | ZnO@amorphous ZnO-doped MnO ₂ -SSCs | PVA/LiCl gel | 0.325 | 0.04 | 11 |
| | TiO ₂ @carbon fabrics-SSCs | PVA/H ₂ SO ₄ gel | 0.125 | 0.011 | 12 |
| | H-TiO ₂ @MnO ₂ //H-TiO ₂ @C-ASCs | PVA/LiCl gel | 0.71 | 0.3 | 13 |
| | Co ₉ S ₈ //Co ₃ O ₄ @RuO ₂ -ASCs | PVA/KOH gel | 4.82 | 1.21 | 14 |

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|---------------|---------------------------------|--|------|-------|-----------|
| | ZnO@MnO ₂ //RGO-ASCs | PVA/LiCl gel | 0.52 | 0.234 | 15 |
| Our materials | MNGHNS/AGO-SSCs | PVA/H ₃ PO ₄ gel | 26.3 | 2.34 | This work |

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