

Supporting Information

New Energy Storage Option: Toward ZnCo₂O₄

Nanorods/Nickel Foam Architectures for

High-Performance Supercapacitors

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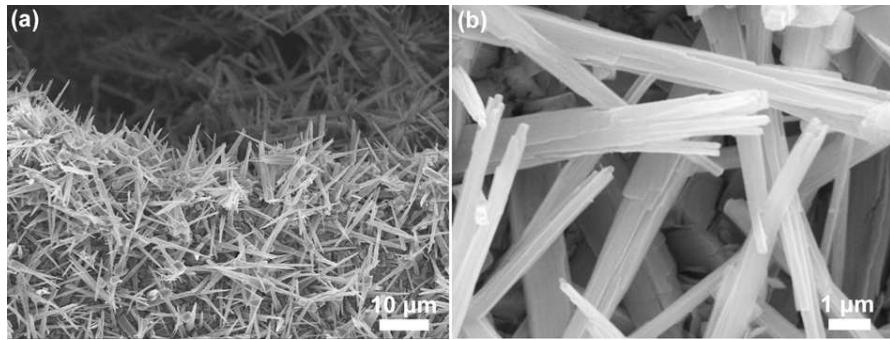


Figure S1. (a) Low- and (b) high-resolution SEM images of hierarchical ZnCo_2O_4 nanorods/nickel foam architectures.

Table S1. The corresponding EDS microanalysis for *Wt%* and *At%* of elements in the as-prepared sample, indicating that the molar ratio of Zn: Co: O is ~1: 2: 4 within it.

Element	Wt%	At%
O K	32.56	56.95
Co K	43.49	28.77
Zn K	23.95	14.28

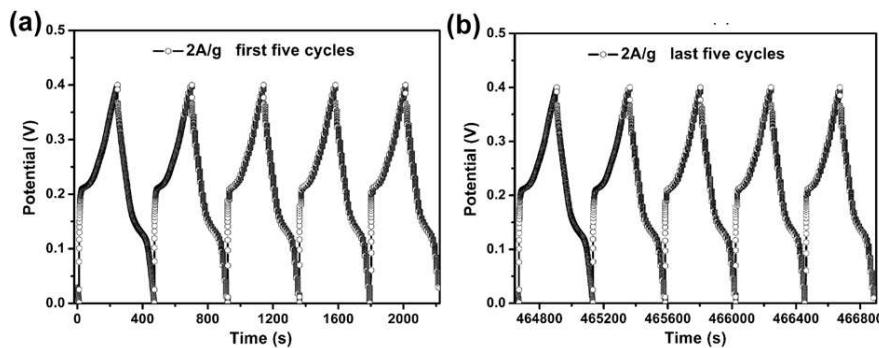


Figure S2. The charge–discharge curves of first (a) and last 5 cycles (b) at the current density of 2 A g^{-1} for ZnCo_2O_4 /nickel foam electrodes, showing their excellent cycling capability.

Table S2. A comparison of the desired performance between existing ZnCo_2O_4 /nickel foam composite

electrodes and other reported ZnCo_2O_4 -based electrodes for supercapacitors.

ZnCo ₂ O ₄ -based electrochemical systems	Three electrodes			Two electrodes			Ref
	Capacitance	Potential range	Cycling retention & stability	Capacitance	Potential range	Cycling retention & stability	
ZnCo ₂ O ₄ nanoparticle/CNF	-	-	-	77 F g ⁻¹	0-1.2 V	high	1
ZnCo ₂ O ₄ nanocrystals	568 F g ⁻¹	0.05-0.5 V	95 %, low	-	-	-	2
ZnCo ₂ O ₄ NWs arrays/carbon fibers	-	-	-	650 mF g ⁻¹	0-1.5 V	94 %, high	3
ZnCo ₂ O ₄ nanorods/nickel foam	1400 F g ⁻¹	0-0.4 V	97 %, high	39 F g ⁻¹	0-1.0 V	97 %, high	This work

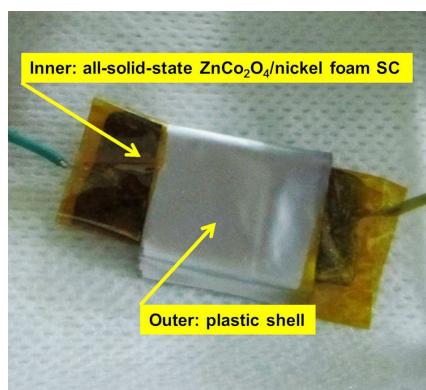


Figure S3. Optical image of the as-assembled all-solid-state ZnCo_2O_4 /nickel foam devices.

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