

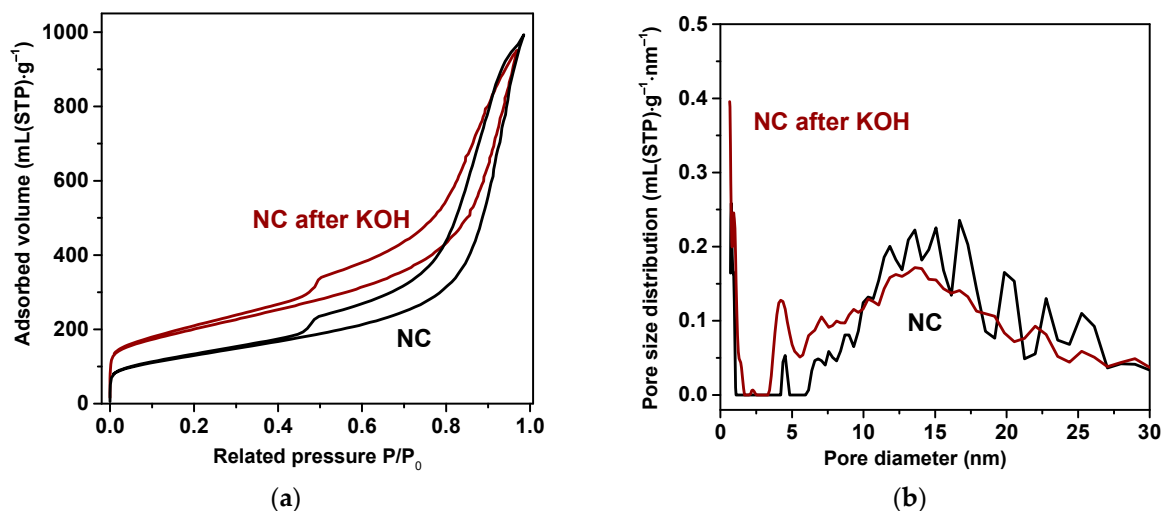
# Electrochemical performance of potassium hydroxide and ammonia activated porous nitrogen-doped carbon in sodium-ion batteries and supercapacitors

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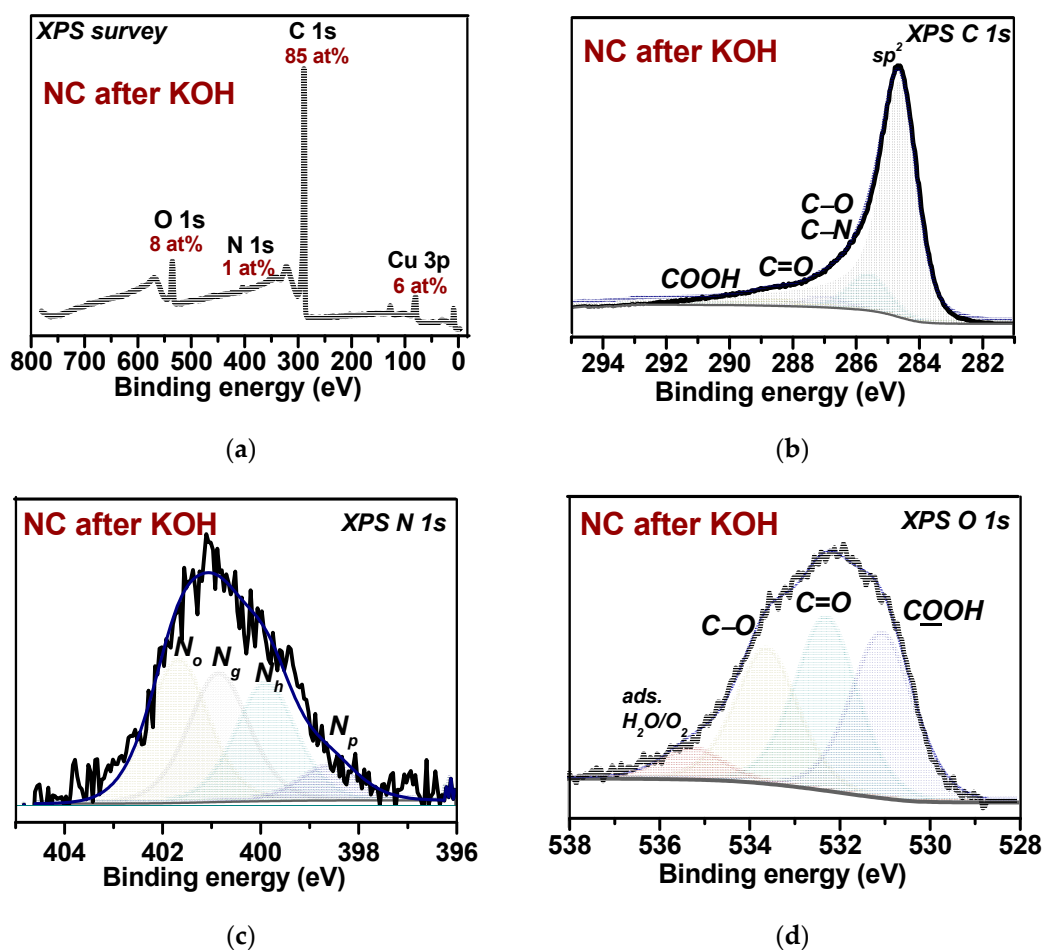
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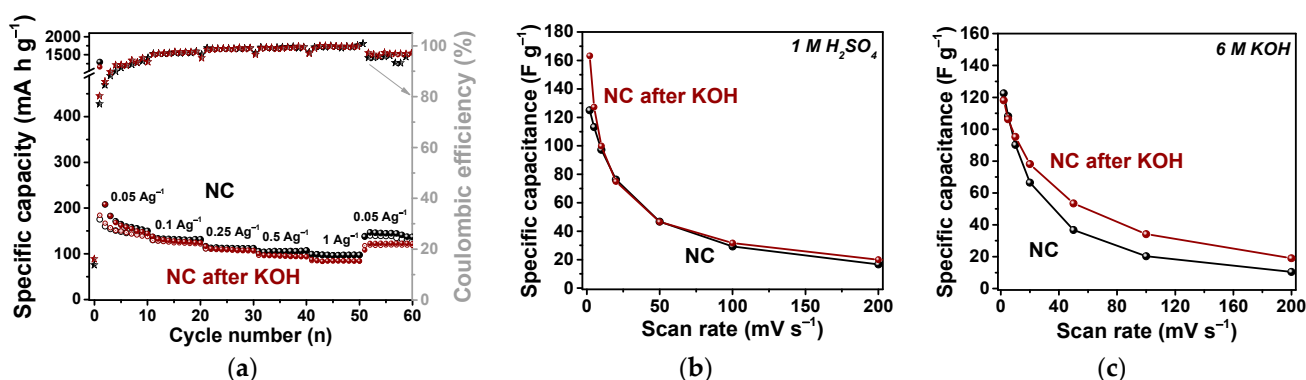
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**Figure S1.** (a) Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms at 77 K and (b) DFT pore size distributions of NC and NC after the treatment with potassium hydroxide.



**Figure S2.** XPS (a) survey, (b) C 1s, (c) N 1s and (d) O 1s spectra of NC after the treatment with potassium hydroxide.



**Figure S3.** (a) Rate capability of NC and NC after KOH-treatment electrodes at current densities of 0.05–1.00 A g<sup>-1</sup> in SIB cell; gravimetric capacitance of NC and NC after KOH-treatment at scan rates of 2–200 mV s<sup>-1</sup> in (b) 1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and (c) 1 M KOH electrolytes in supercapacitors.

**Table S1.** Capacitance in aqueous supercapacitors (SCs) in 1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and 6 M KOH electrolytes and capacity in sodium-ion batteries (SIB) for nitrogen-doped carbon materials are reported in the literature

| Material  | Nitrogen concentration | Specific surface area               | Capacitance in aqueous SCs or SIB capacity   |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>SCs in 1 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> electrolyte</b> |                        |                                     |  |
| activated carbon <sup>1</sup>                             | 2 wt. %                | 2062 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> | 358 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 mV s <sup>-1</sup>   |
| nitrogen-doped porous carbon <sup>2</sup>                 | 3.3 wt. %              | 1463 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> | 282 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 2 mV s <sup>-1</sup><br>148 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 100 mV s <sup>-1</sup> |
| mica templated carbon <sup>3</sup>                        | 10 wt. %               | 87.5 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> | 105 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 1 mV s <sup>-1</sup>   |
| MOF-templated porous carbon <sup>4</sup>                  | 5.3 wt. %              | 822 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>  | 72 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 5 mV s <sup>-1</sup>  |
|   | 5.2 wt. %              | 586 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>  | 37 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 5 mV s <sup>-1</sup>  |
| N-doped reduced graphene oxide <sup>5</sup>               | 3 at. %                | 355 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>  | 220 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 25 mV s <sup>-1</sup>  |
| porous carbon nanosheets <sup>6</sup>                     | 12.7 at. %             | 410 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>  | 305 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 2 mV s <sup>-1</sup>   |
| activated carbon <sup>7</sup>                             | 5.5 at. %              | 657 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>  | 200 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 10 mV s <sup>-1</sup>  |
| <b>SCs in 6 M KOH electrolyte</b>                         |                        |                                     |  |
| nitrogen-containing carbon nanotubes <sup>8</sup>         | 6.1 wt. %              | -                                   | 160 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 50 mV s <sup>-1</sup>  |
| nitrogen-doped carbon nanoparticles <sup>9</sup>          | 10.5 wt. %             | 365 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>  | 156 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 2 mV s <sup>-1</sup><br>80 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 100 mV s <sup>-1</sup>  |
| nitrogen-doped carbon microfibers <sup>10</sup>           | 4.5 wt. %              | 230 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>  | 189 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 5 mV s <sup>-1</sup>   |

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| <b>nitrogen-containing mesoporous carbon<sup>11</sup></b>                | 8.4 wt. %   | 930 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>  | 230 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 5 mV s <sup>-1</sup><br>215 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 100 mV s <sup>-1</sup>   |
| <b>nitrogen-doped hierarchically porous carbon material<sup>12</sup></b> | 6.3 at. %   | 1091 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> | 187 Fg <sup>-1</sup> at 5 mV s <sup>-1</sup>   |
| <b>SIBs</b>  |             |                                     |  |
| <b>N-rich carbon nanosheets<sup>13</sup></b>                             | 12 at. %    | 352 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>  | 185 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 Ag <sup>-1</sup>   |
| <b>N-doped nano-sized carbon spheres<sup>14</sup></b>                    | 9.12 at. %  | 604 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>  | 245 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 0.03 Ag <sup>-1</sup>  |
| <b>N-doped amorphous carbon nanofibers<sup>15</sup></b>                  | 7.29 at. %  | 370 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>  | 321 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 Ag <sup>-1</sup>  |
| <b>N-doped carbon/graphene<sup>16</sup></b>                              | 7.54 at. %  | 94 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>   | 303 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 Ag <sup>-1</sup><br>274 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 Ag <sup>-1</sup><br>94 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 5 Ag <sup>-1</sup> |
| <b>N-rich hollow carbon-onion-constructed nanosheets<sup>17</sup></b>    | 16.54 at. % | 108 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>  | 262 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 Ag <sup>-1</sup><br>151 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 5 Ag <sup>-1</sup>   |
| <b>N-doped porous carbon nanofibers<sup>18</sup></b>                     | -           | 138 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>  | 174 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 Ag <sup>-1</sup><br>156 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 Ag <sup>-1</sup>  |
| <b>N-doped carbon fiber aerogels<sup>19</sup></b>                        | 12.2 at. %  | 65 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>   | ~170 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 Ag <sup>-1</sup><br>~140 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 1 Ag <sup>-1</sup>   |
| <b>N-doped carbon nanobubbles<sup>20</sup></b>                           | 11.6 at. %  | 672 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>  | 248 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 0.3 Ag <sup>-1</sup>   |
| <b>N-doped carbon nanotubes<sup>21</sup></b>                             | 5 at. %     | 737 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup>  | 185 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 Ag <sup>-1</sup><br>153 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 1 Ag <sup>-1</sup>   |

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| <b>N-doped double-shell hollow carbon sphere<sup>22</sup></b> | -         | 674 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> | 250 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 0.06 Ag <sup>-1</sup><br>137 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 1.2 Ag <sup>-1</sup> |
| <b>N-doped carbon spheres<sup>23</sup></b>                    | -         | -                                  | 152 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 Ag <sup>-1</sup><br>83 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 1 Ag <sup>-1</sup>    |
| <b>hierarchically porous N-doped carbon<sup>24</sup></b>      | 2.1 wt. % | 800 m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> | 205 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 Ag <sup>-1</sup><br>132 mAhg <sup>-1</sup> at 1 Ag <sup>-1</sup>    |

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