

Supplementary Information

Free-standing rGO-CNT Nanocomposites with Excellent Rate Capability and Cycling Stability for Na₂SO₄ Aqueous Electrolyte Supercapacitors

1. Preparation of graphene oxide (GO)

In a modified Hummer's method, 1.5 g of natural powdered flake graphite is added into a beaker containing 50.7 mL of concentrated sulfuric acid and stirred magnetically in ice-water bath. 10 minutes later, 1.14 g of sodium nitrate is slowly added into it. And after two hours, add 3.0 g of potassium permanganate into it slowly and keep stirring continuously. Three days later, 150 ml of sulfuric acid (5%) and 4.5 mL of H₂O₂ (30%) are added into the above solution in turn and slowly under continuous magnetic stirring, which we can observe that the color of solution gradually turning bright yellow. After standing for half a day, the yellow mixture is centrifuged several times with dilute hydrochloric acid (10%), then washed with plenty of DI water until nearly neutral (pH ~ 7). Finally, GO can be obtained by freeze-drying the obtained viscous solution after centrifugation for 48 hours.

2. Supplementary Figures

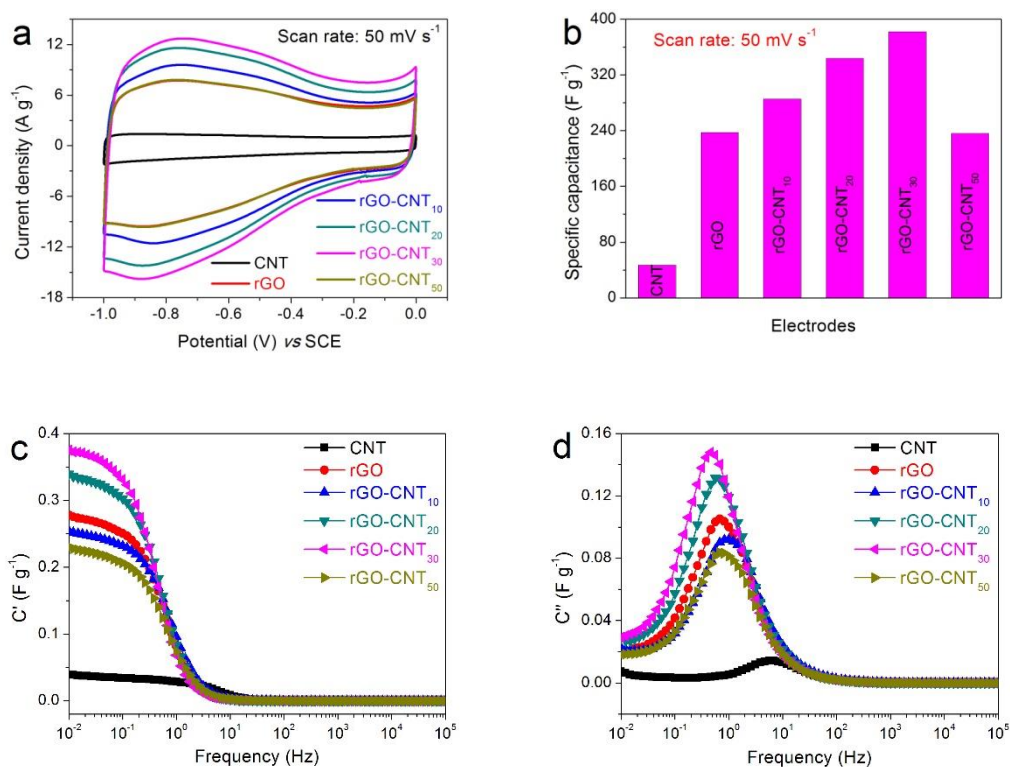


Figure S1. (a) CV curves, (b) Specific capacitance, (c) C' , and (d) C'' calculated from the impedance data vs frequency of CNT, rGO, rGO-CNT₁₀, rGO-CNT₂₀, rGO-CNT₃₀, and rGO-CNT₅₀ samples.

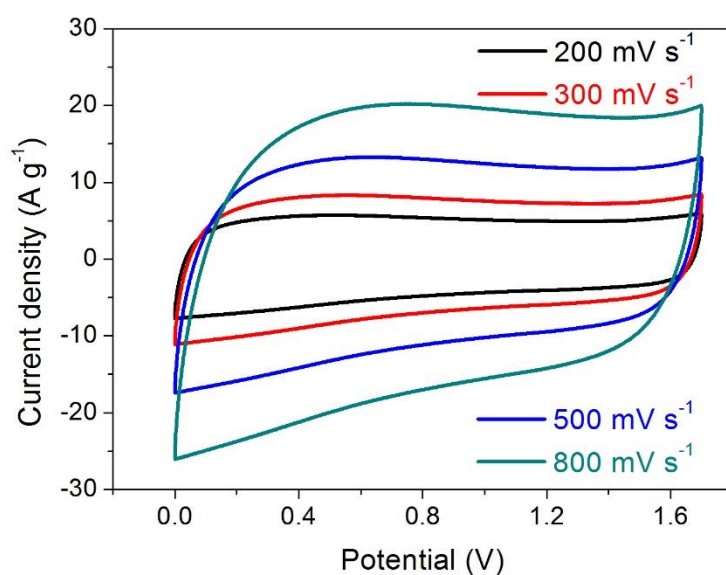


Figure S2. CV curves of rGO-CNT₃₀//rGO-CNT₃₀ SSS at various scan rates from 200 to 800 mV s⁻¹.

Table S1. Textural parameters of the CNT, GO, rGO and rGO-CNTs samples

Sample	S _{BET} (m ² g ⁻¹)	D _{DFT} (nm)	V (cm ³ g ⁻¹)
CNT	147.97	18.871	0.747
GO	8.70	2.197	0.001
rGO	132.50	20.571	0.504
rGO-CNT ₁₀	153.48	17.446	0.324
rGO-CNT ₂₀	163.42	23.100	0.481
rGO-CNT ₃₀	204.12	21.327	0.575
rGO-CNT ₅₀	180.95	20.570	0.536

Note: S_{BET} is the BET surface area; D_{DFT} is the DFT desorption average pore diameter;

V is the total pore volume.