Graphene quantum dots/Ni(OH)2 nanocomposites on carbon cloth as a binder-free electrode for supercapacitors

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Graphene quantum dots (GQDs)/N(OH)2 composites on carbon cloth (G-NH/CC) are prepared through simple hydrothermal reactions. The resulting G-NH/CC is employed as a binder-free electrode of supercapacitors. Due to the enhanced electrical conductivity and efficient ion transport by the addition of GQDs, the G-NH/CC electrode exhibits enhanced electrochemical performances. Specifically, the G-NH/CC delivers a maximum specific capacitance of 1825 F•g-1 at a current density of 1 A•g-1 as well as a good cycle stability of 83.5% capacity retention after 8000 cycles. Additionally, all-solid-state symmetric supercapacitor (SSC) is assembled with G-NH/CC composites as both positive and negative electrodes. The fabricated SSC exhibits a high energy density of 80.8 Wh•kg-1 at a power density of 2021 W•kg-1. The present study provides a facile and efficient strategy to prepare high-performance electrode materials for advanced electrochemical energy storage devices.