

Supporting Information for

## Microwave Assisted Synthesis of NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> Double-Shelled Hollow Spheres for High Performance Sodium Ion Batteries

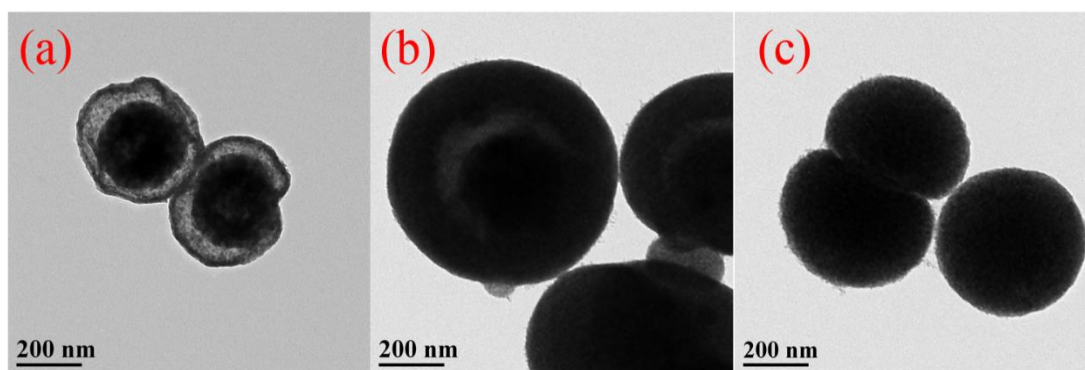
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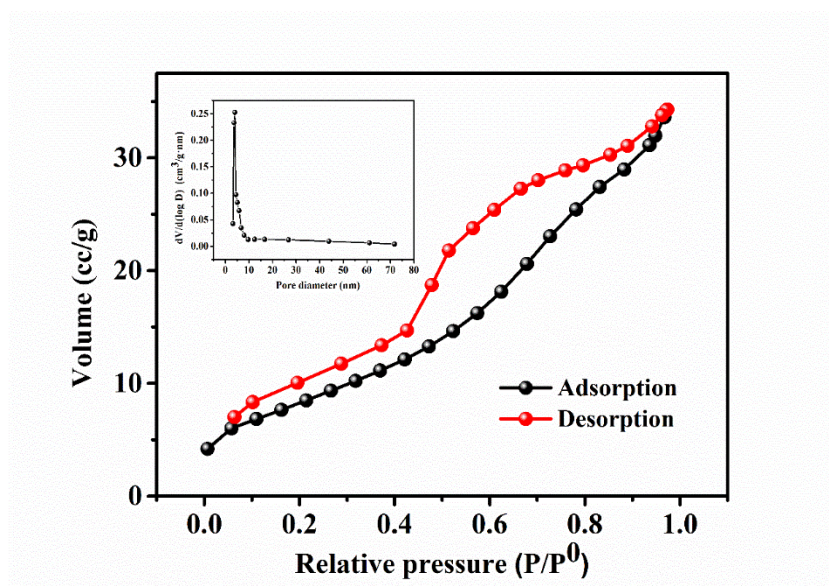
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### Figures and Table



**Fig. S1** The TEM images of NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> obtained at different heating rates **a** 1 °C min<sup>-1</sup>, **b** 5 °C min<sup>-1</sup>, and **c** 10 °C min<sup>-1</sup>



**Fig. S2** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherm and the corresponding pore size distribution curves (insets) of the as-synthesized NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> double-shelled hollow spheres

**Table S1** Sodium storage performance of different NiCo<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> electrodes

Type of material	Capacity (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	Rate capacity (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	Cycling stability (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference
NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> double hollow sphere	814 (at 100 mA g <sup>-1</sup> )	251 (at 1000 mA g <sup>-1</sup> )	341 (After 100 cycles at 100 mA g <sup>-1</sup> )	This work
NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> hollow nanoboxs	826 (at 50 mA g <sup>-1</sup> )	----	328 (After 30 cycles at 50 mA g <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref. [7]
----	618 (at 0.1 C)	----	200 (After 3 cycles at 0.1 C)	Ref. [24]
NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> nanosheet	690.4 (at 100 mA g <sup>-1</sup> )	141.8 (at 1000 mA g <sup>-1</sup> )	203.7 (After 50 cycles at 200 mA g <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref. [25]
NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> microrods	431.1 (at 100 mA g <sup>-1</sup> )	130.8 (at 1000 mA g <sup>-1</sup> )	----	Ref. [26]