

Supporting Information for

## 3D N, O-codoped Egg-box-like Carbons with Tuned Channels for High Areal Capacitance Supercapacitors

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### S1 Experimental Section

**Characterization:** The EBC materials were characterized by field emission scanning electron microscopy (FESEM, Nano-430, USA), transmission electron microscopy (TEM, JEM-2100, Japan), X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS, Thermo EBCALAB250, USA), Fourier transform infrared spectrometer (FTIR, Nicolet6700, USA), X-ray diffraction (XRD, D8ADVANCE, German) and Raman spectroscopy (INVIA, England). The pore structure of EBCs was tested by nitrogen adsorption/desorption technique at -196 °C (Micrometrics, ASAP2460, USA), and the specific surface area of EBCs was calculated by the Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) method in the relative pressure ranges from 0.05 to 0.30. The elemental analysis was performed on the elemental analyzer (Vario EL III). The conductivity of EBCs was measured by a four-probe method using a source measure unit (Keithley 6430). The contact angle of EBC electrodes was carried out by OCA15Pro contact angle tester (DataPhysics, Germany).

The average carbon crystallite lattice parameters: inter-layer spacing ( $d_{002}$ ) and crystallite height ( $L_c$ ) were determined on basis of XRD results *via* the Bragg [S1] and Scherrer equations [S2] (Eqs. S1 and S2):

$$2d_{002}\sin\theta = \lambda \quad (\text{S1})$$

$$L_c = \frac{0.89\lambda}{B_c \cos\theta_c} \quad (\text{S2})$$

Where  $\lambda$  (nm),  $\theta_c$  ( $^\circ$ ),  $B_c$  ( $^\circ$ ) stands for the X-ray wavelength (0.154056 nm for copper  $K\alpha$  radiation), the peak position of (002) band and the full width at half maximum (FWHM) of the corresponding band, respectively.

**Electrochemical Test of EBC Electrodes:** The supercapacitive properties were evaluated by cyclic voltammetry (CV) on a CHI760E electrochemical workstation (Chenhua Instrument, China). The galvanostatic charge-discharge (GCD) was performed on the supercapacitor test system (SCTS, Arbin Instruments, USA). The electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) measurement was performed by using a SI 1260 Solartron impedance analyzer (Solartron Analytical, UK) with a SI 1287 Solartron potentiostat.

For the three-electrode cell and the symmetric two-electrode cell, the gravimetric capacitance ( $C_g$ ,  $\text{F g}^{-1}$ ) of EBC electrodes was calculated from the GCD curves by the Eqs. S3 and S4, respectively.

$$C_g = \frac{I}{m \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t}} \quad (\text{S3})$$

$$C_g = \frac{4I}{m \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t}} \quad (\text{S4})$$

Where  $I$  (A),  $\Delta V$  (V),  $\Delta t$  (s) and  $m$  (g) signifies the discharge current, the discharge voltage after the IR drop, the discharge time and total mass of active materials (EBCs) in both electrodes, respectively.

The coulombic efficiency ( $\eta$ ) of EBC-based SC was calculated *via* Eq. S5.

$$\eta = \frac{t_d}{t_c} \quad (\text{S5})$$

Where  $t_d$  (s),  $t_c$  (s) is the discharge and charge time, respectively.

The areal capacitance ( $C_a$ ,  $\mu\text{F cm}^{-2}$ ) of EBC electrodes was obtained *via* Eq. S6:

$$C_a = \frac{C_g}{S_{\text{BET}}} \quad (\text{S6})$$

The energy density ( $E_g$ ,  $\text{Wh kg}^{-1}$ ) and average power density ( $P_g$ ,  $\text{W kg}^{-1}$ ) of EBC electrodes were calculated *via* Eqs. S7 and S8, respectively.

$$E_g = \frac{1}{2 \times 4 \times 3.6} CV^2 \quad (\text{S7})$$

$$P_g = \frac{E_g}{\Delta t} \quad (\text{S8})$$

Where  $V$  (V),  $\Delta t$  (h) stands for the usable voltage after the IR drop and the discharge time, respectively.

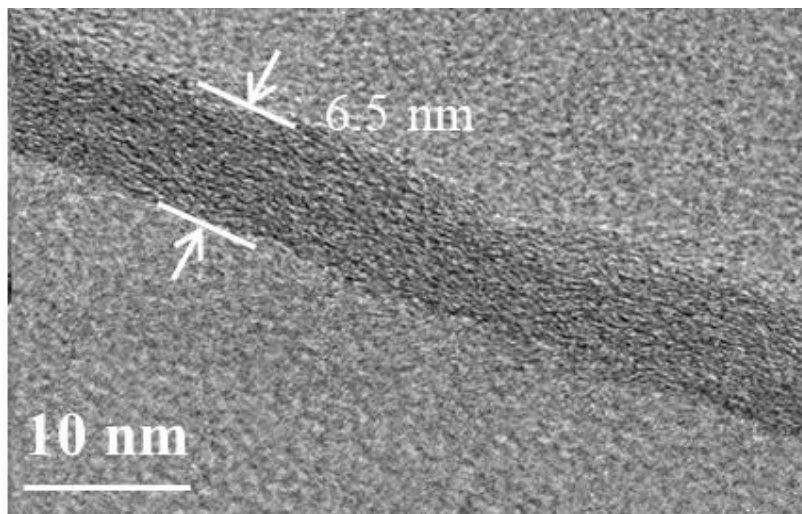
The areal energy density ( $E_A$ , Wh cm<sup>-2</sup>) and power density ( $P_A$ , W cm<sup>-2</sup>) of EBC electrodes were calculated *via* Eqs. S9 and S10, respectively.

$$E_A = \frac{E_g \times m_A}{10^6} \quad (\text{S9})$$

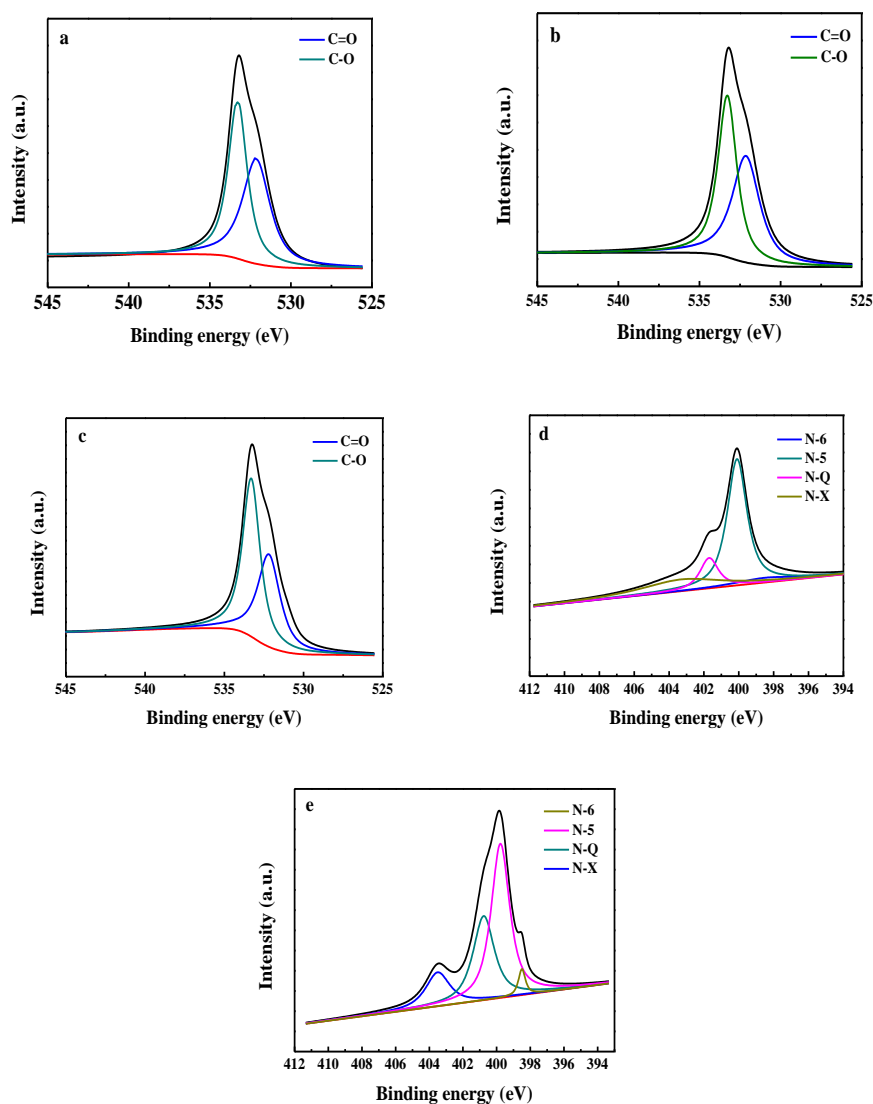
$$P_A = \frac{P_g \times m_A}{10^6} \quad (\text{S10})$$

Where  $m_A$  (mg cm<sup>-2</sup>) is the areal loading of active material on each EBC electrode

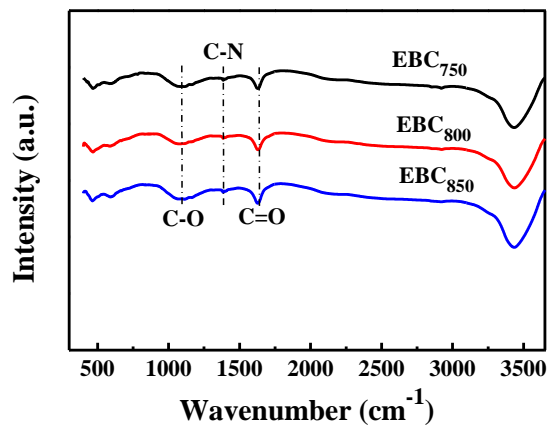
## S2 Supplementary Figures and Tables



**Fig. S1** HRTEM image of EBC<sub>800</sub>



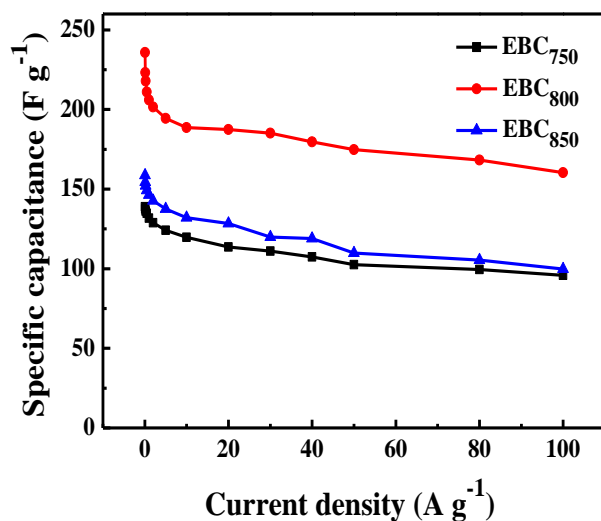
**Fig. S2** High-resolution XPS spectra at O1s region of (a) EBC<sub>750</sub>, (b) EBC<sub>800</sub>, (c) EBC<sub>850</sub>; high-resolution XPS spectra at N1s region of (d) EBC<sub>750</sub>, (e) EBC<sub>850</sub>



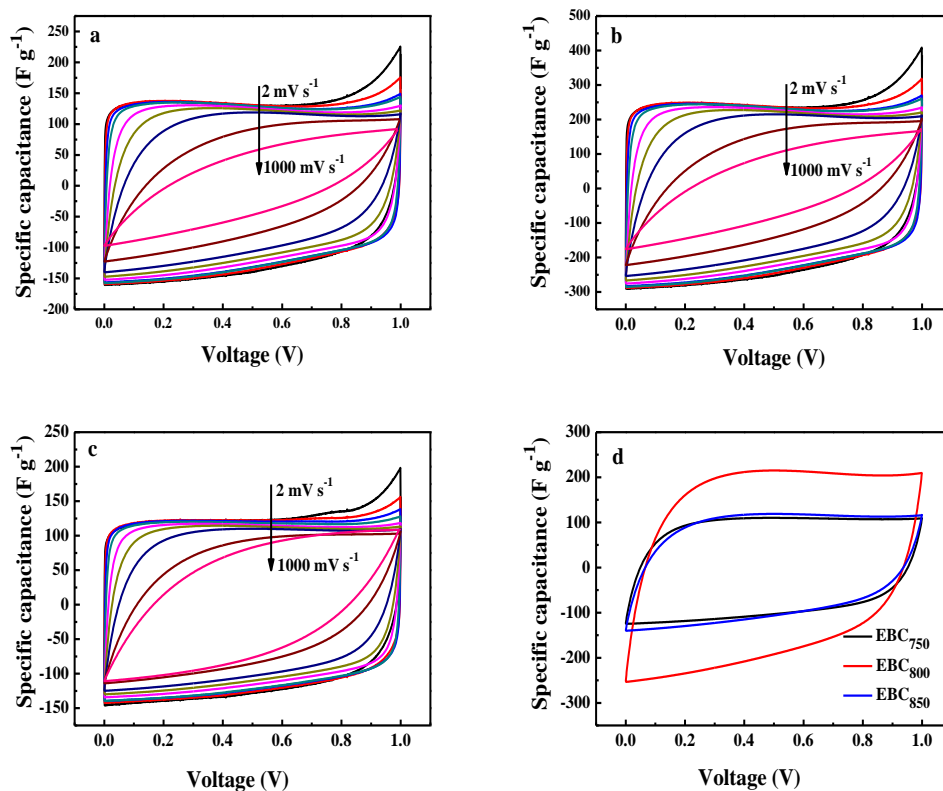
**Fig. S3** FTIR spectra of EBC samples



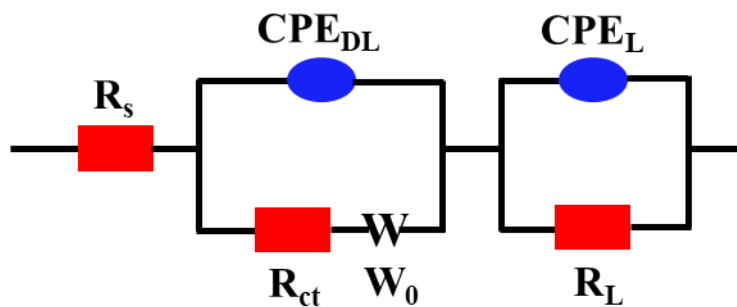
**Fig. S4** Water contact angles of (a) EBC<sub>750</sub>, (b) EBC<sub>800</sub>, and (c) EBC<sub>850</sub>



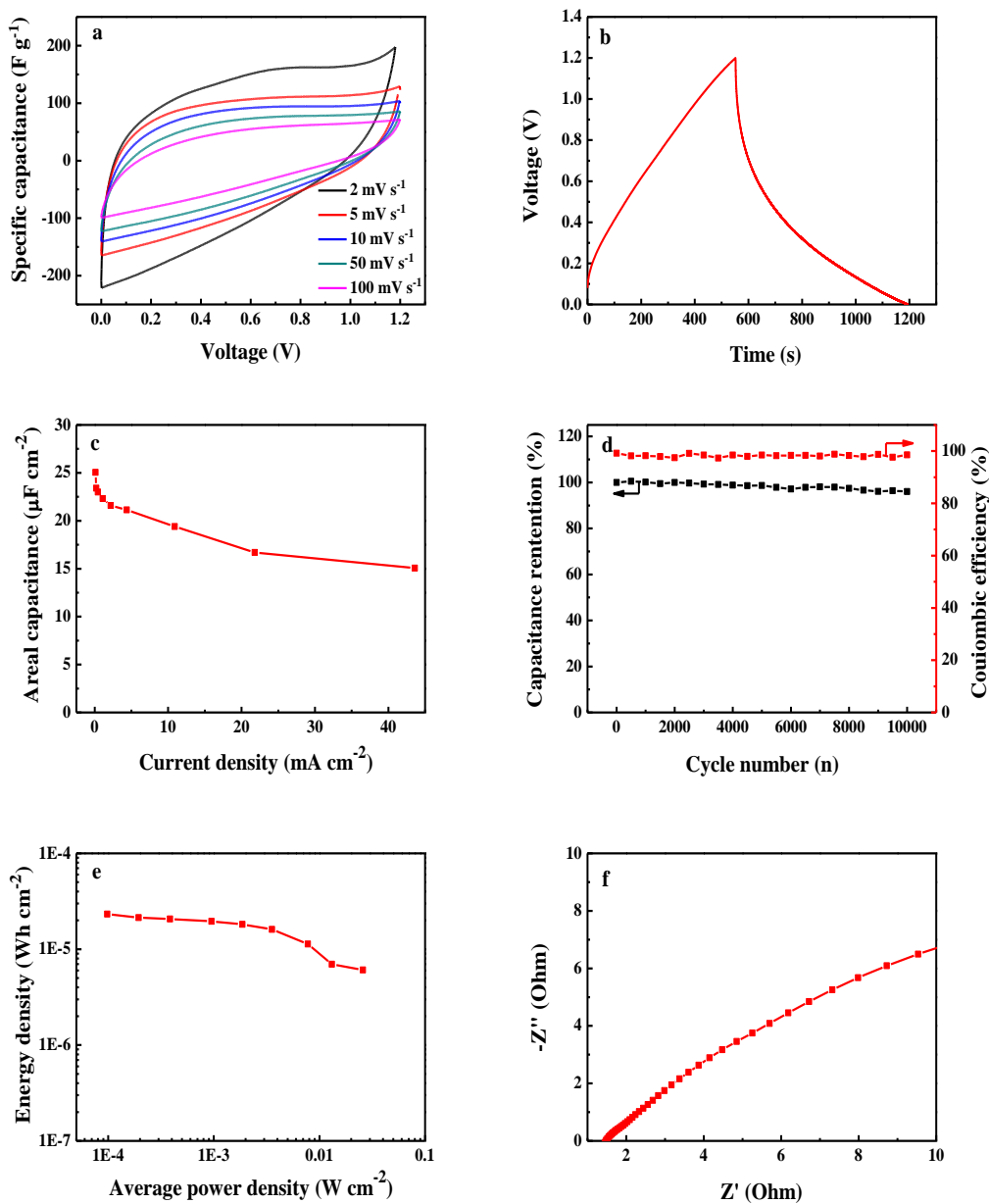
**Fig. S5** Gravimetric capacitances of EBC electrodes at various current densities



**Fig. S6** CV curves of (a) EBC<sub>750</sub>, (b) EBC<sub>800</sub> and (c) EBC<sub>850</sub> at various scan rates; (d) CV curves of EBC electrodes at the scan rate of 200 mV s<sup>-1</sup>



**Fig. S7** Electric equivalent circuit model of EBC electrodes



**Fig. S8** The electrochemical performance of EBC<sub>800</sub> electrode in the all-solid-state SC: (a) CV curves of EBC<sub>800</sub> electrode at various scan rates; (b) GCD curve of EBC<sub>800</sub>

electrode at the current density of  $0.218 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ ; (c) areal capacitance of EBC<sub>800</sub> electrode at various current densities; (d) capacitance retention and coulombic efficiency of EBC<sub>800</sub>-based SC after 10,000 cycles at  $10.9 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ ; (e) Ragone plots of EBC<sub>800</sub>-based SC; (f) Nyquist plots of EBC<sub>800</sub> electrode

**Table S1** Crystallite lattice parameters of the EBC samples

Samples	$d_{002}$ (nm)	$L_c$ (nm)
EBC <sub>750</sub>	0.3576	1.1574
EBC <sub>800</sub>	0.3543	1.1737
EBC <sub>850</sub>	0.3515	1.2417

**Table S2** XPS results of the EBC samples

Samples	C 1s (at%)	O 1s (at%)	N 1s (at%)	O 1s (at%)		N 1s (at%)			
				C=O	C-O	N-6	N-5	N-Q	N-X
EBC <sub>750</sub>	88.31	6.85	4.53	3.67	3.18	0.28	2.66	0.60	0.99
EBC <sub>800</sub>	87.87	8.21	3.55	4.03	4.18	1.25	1.67	0.53	0.10
EBC <sub>850</sub>	91.09	5.18	3.30	2.22	2.96	0.12	1.67	1.04	0.47

**Table S3** Elemental analysis results of EBC samples

Samples	C (wt%)	H (wt.%)	N (wt%)	O (wt%)
EBC <sub>750</sub>	88.88	0.73	4.15	6.24
EBC <sub>800</sub>	87.66	0.80	3.41	8.13
EBC <sub>850</sub>	90.34	0.68	3.12	5.86

### S3 Supplementary References

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