## **Supporting Informations**

## Novel Sodium/Lithium-ion Anode Material Based on Ultrathin

## Na<sub>2</sub>Ti<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub> Nanosheet

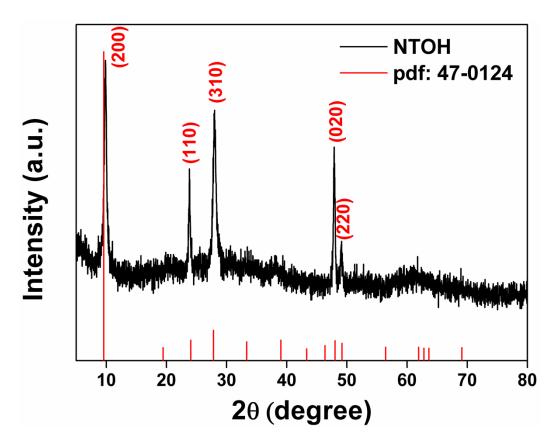
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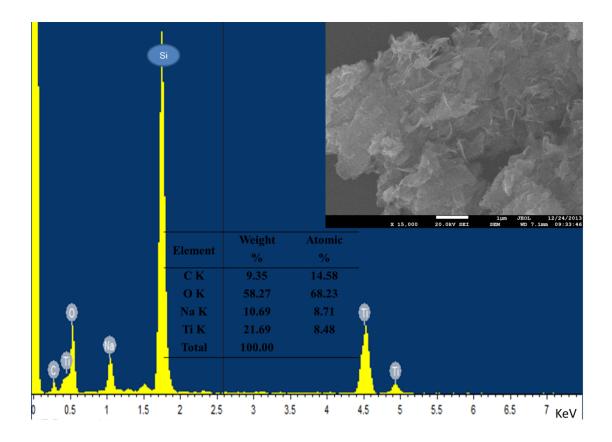
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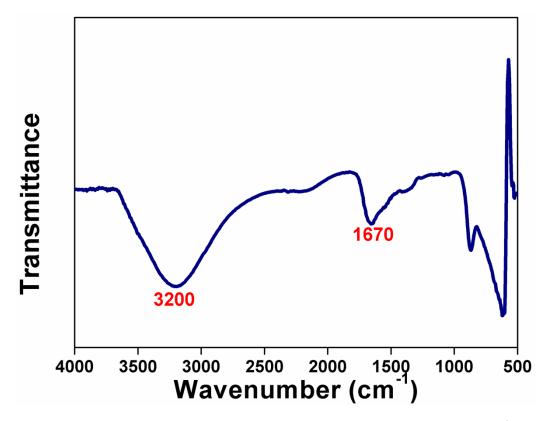
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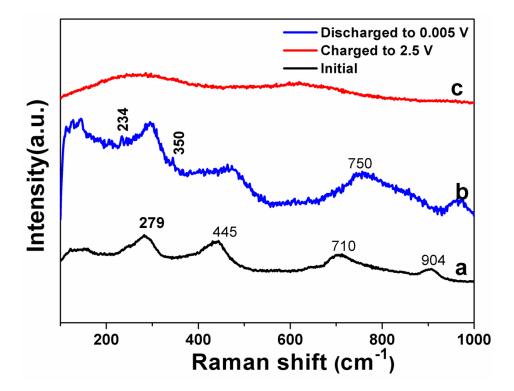
**Figure S1**. XRD pattern of the as prepared ultrathin NTOH nanosheets. All diffraction peaks are similar to the diffraction pattern of body-centered orthorhombic crystal structure of  $H_2Ti_2O_4(OH)_2$  (denoted as HTOH), the most obvious difference lie in that the (200) diffraction peak of NTOH is a bit higher shift than that of HTOH, as the bond distance of Na-O is larger than that of H-O.



**Figure S2**. EDX spectrum of the ultrathin NTOH nanosheets (inset is an SEM image and inset table of element ratio distribution) As shown in EDX spectrum, the elements of Ti, Na, O are clearly observed, and as shown inset table of ultrathin NTOH nanosheets, Ti/Na atomic ratio is 1.0, which is equal to that of in  $Na_2Ti_2O_4(OH)_2$ . In addition, the C and Si contents mainly derived from the pollution of electrically conductive adhesive and Si substrate.

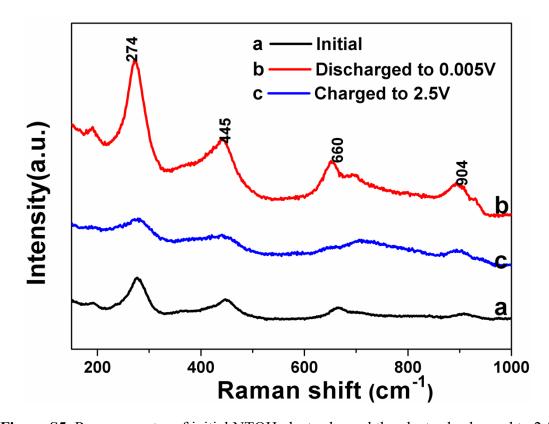


**Figure S 3.** IR spectra of as prepared NTOH nanosheets. A band at 3200 cm<sup>-1</sup> is due to stretching modes of bonded -OH groups and of water molecules coordinated to surface  $Ti^{4+}$  cations, the bending modes of which also produce a band at 1670 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>[1]</sup>



**Figure S4.** Raman spectra of initial NTOH electrode, and the electrode charged to 2.5 V and full discharged to 0.005 V over the coin cell of Lithium ion batteries. The a curve in Figure S4 is the Raman spectra of initial ultrathin  $Na_2Ti_2O_4(OH)_2$  electrode, the bands at 279, 445 cm<sup>-1</sup> are ascribed to Na-O-Ti stretching. The band at 710 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 750 cm<sup>-1</sup> is respectively assigned to Ti-O-Ti and Ti-O stretching in TiO<sub>6</sub>, while the band at 904 cm<sup>-1</sup> is indicated to symmetric stretch of short Ti-O bonds involving nonbridging oxygen coordinated with sodium ions. However, when the Li<sup>+</sup> inserted into the frame of NTOH, the lattice structure of NTOH was changed. As shown in b curve in Figure 4S, the intensity of Raman bands representing NTOH is weaking, indicating that Li<sup>+</sup> almost replaced the Na<sup>+</sup>. The bands at 350 cm<sup>-1</sup> can be assigned to stretching vibration of Li-O bond, further proofing that Li<sup>+</sup> inserted into NTOH frame. In addition, when fully discharged NTOH was almost disappeared, indicating that Li<sup>+</sup>

were extracted during the charge process, left only an Li-free frame as shown in the c curve in Figure 4S.<sup>[2-4]</sup>



**Figure S5.** Raman spectra of initial NTOH electrode, and the electrode charged to 2.5 V and full discharged to 0.005 V over the coin cell of sodium ion batteries. As shown in Figure 5S, the bands at 274, 445 and 660 cm<sup>-1</sup> are indexed to Na-O-Ti stretching. The band at 905 cm<sup>-1</sup> is indicated to symmetric stretch of short Ti-O bonds involving nonbridging oxygen coordinated with sodium ions. The a) curve is Raman spectra of initial NTOH , the curve b) represents the fully discharged NTOH and the curve c is Raman spectra of fully charged NTOH. There is no obvious position difference of Raman bands between curve a, b and c, only difference is lying in the intensity of the Raman band. The Raman intensity signal of b is much higher than that of a, indicating that more Na<sup>+</sup> inserted in to frame of NTOH, strengthing the Raman signal. However, when the fully Na-inserted NTOH experiences the charge process, the

Raman intensity is decreasing comparing with the initial NTOH, indicating that Na<sup>+</sup> extracted during the process.

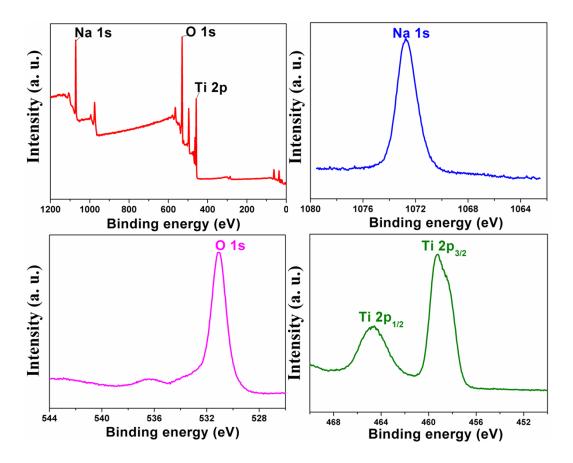


Figure S6. XPS spectra of as prepared  $Na_2Ti_2O_4(OH)_2$  nanosheet.

**Table1S**. Impedance parameters calculated from equivalent circuits from

 fresh cell of NIB and LIB

lon-storage	Re (Ω)	Rct (Ω)	Zw (Ω)
SIBs	20	150	45
LIBs	4	60	59

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Material	Reversible	Rate	Ref.
	Capacity (mAh/g)		(manuscript)
Na <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub>	120/500cycles/ SIBs	10C	This work
nanosheet	150/500cycles/LIBs	1C	This work
SnO <sub>2</sub>	420/100cycles/SIBs	20 mA/g	27
		( current density)	
	163/50cycles/LIBs	100 mA/g	26
		( current density)	
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	160/100cycles/LIBs	300 mA/g	30
		( current density)	
	135/100cycle/SIBs	320 mA/g	31
		( current density)	
TiO <sub>2</sub>	125/200cycle/LIBs	1/3 C rate	32
	140/60cycle/SIBs	50 mA/g	33
		( current density)	

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