

Supporting Information

## A graphene/Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub> nanocomposite paper as a binder-free and free-standing anode for Lithium-ion batteries

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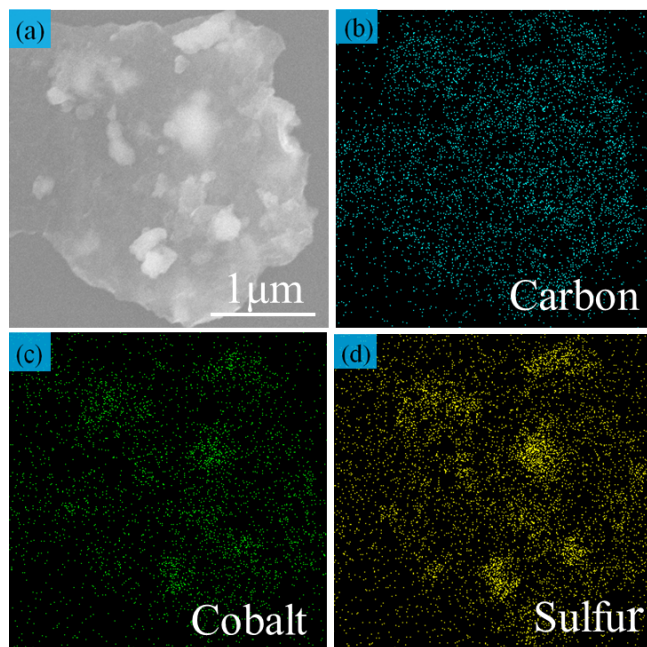
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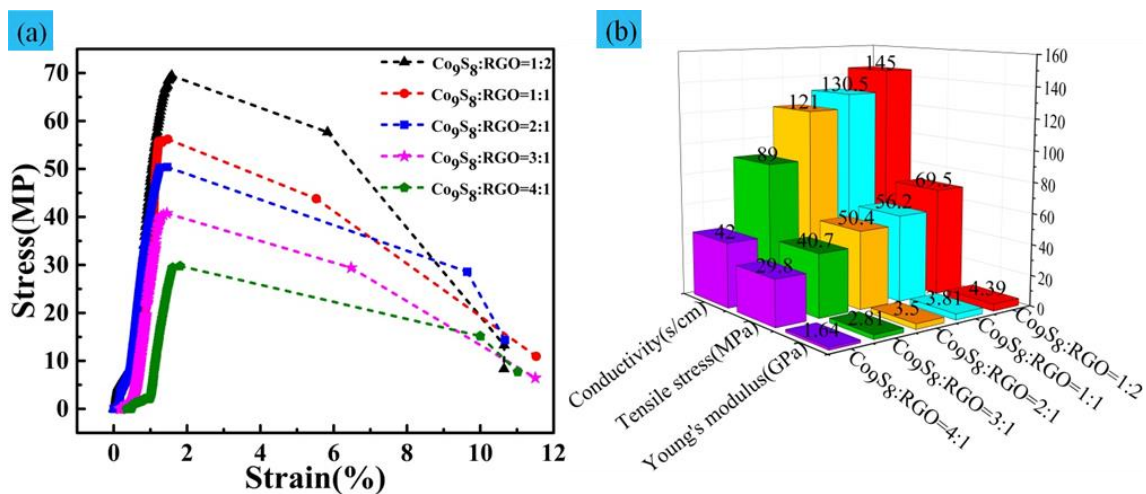
**Table S1.** Electrochemical properties of cobalt sulfide prepared by various methods from literature.

electrode	Current collectors	Voltage rang[V]/ Current rate	Initial C <sub>dis</sub> /C <sub>cha</sub> [mAh g <sup>-1</sup> ]	Discharge capacity[mA h g <sup>-1</sup> ]/ cycles	Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> content
Hierarchical Hollow Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> Microspheres <sup>1</sup>	copper foil	0.02-3.0/50 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	910/-	57.37/20th	—
Mesocrystal Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> hollow spheres <sup>2</sup>	copper foil	0.01-3.0/100 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	1103.9/838.1	254.9/100th	—
Hollow nanospheres of mesoporous Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> <sup>3</sup>	copper foil	0.01-3.0/100 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	1267/1002	1414/100th	—
MWCNT@a-C@Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> <sup>4</sup>	copper foil	0.01-3.0/(0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> -1 A g <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	1397.45/988	662/120th	~81.2%
C@Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> dandelion <sup>5</sup>	copper foil	0.01-3.0/1000 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	848/619	520/50th	—
This work RGO/Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub>	Free-standing	0.01-3.0/1C (1C=545.4 mA g <sup>-1</sup> )	1415/922	~573/500th	66.7%

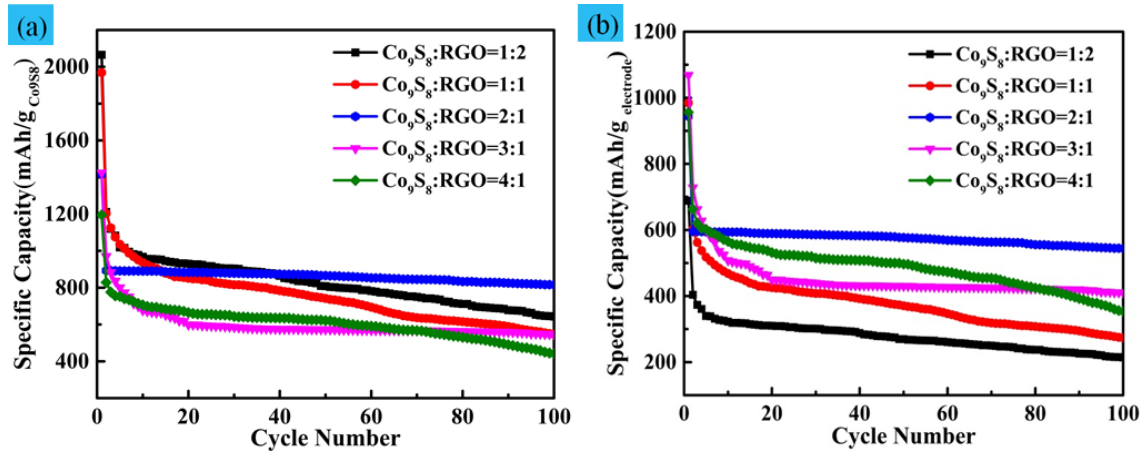
<sup>a</sup>The cycling performance of the MWCNT@a-C@Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub> nanocomposite was tested over 0.01–3.0 V at a current density of 0.1 A g<sup>-1</sup> for the first five cycles then a current density of 1 A g<sup>-1</sup> for the left.



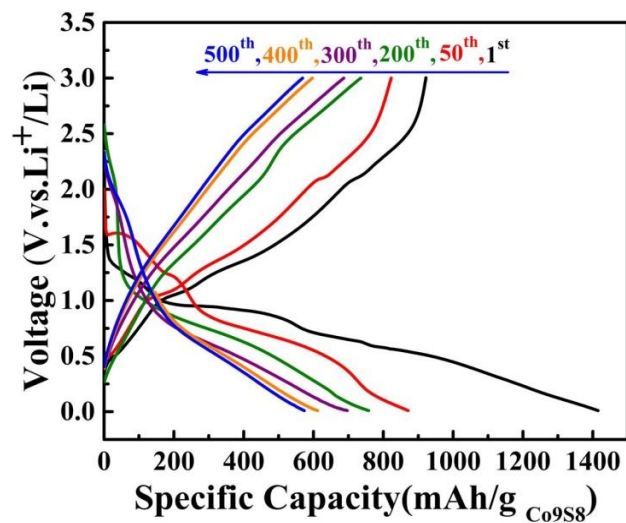
**Fig. S1** EDX elemental mapping of RGO/Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub> paper (a) SEM image; (b) carbon map; (c) cobalt map; and (d) sulfur map.



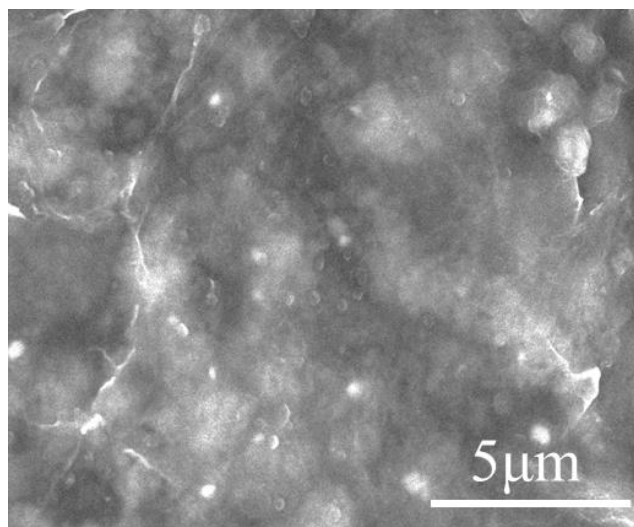
**Fig. S2** (a) typical stress-strain curves of the RGO/Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub> paper with different mass ratios before discharge-charge tests. (b) Electric conductivity, Tensile stress and Young's modulus of the RGO/Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub> paper with different mass ratios.



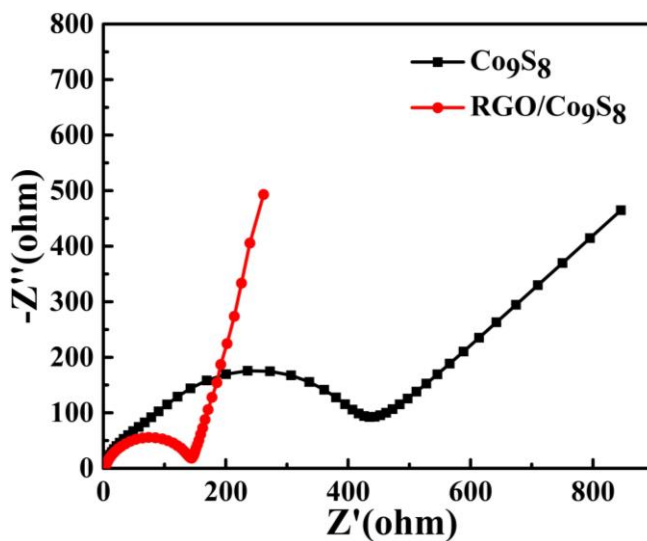
**Fig. S3** Capacity based on (a) the Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub> weight and (b) the electrode weight as a function of cycle numbers of RGO/Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub> paper with different mass ratios.



**Fig. S4** Charge-discharge voltage profiles of RGO/Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub> paper.



**Fig. S5** (a) Characterization of RGO/Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub> nanocomposite paper after 500 charge-discharge cycles at a current rate of 1 C.



**Fig. S6** Nyquist plots of RGO/Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub> nanocomposite and Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub> electrodes after 500 cycles.

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