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## **Supplementary Information**

## Preparation of Bacterial Cellulose Based Nitrogen-doped Carbon Nanofibers and Their Applications in Oxygen Reduction Reaction and Sodium-ion Battery

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Fig. S1 Optical images showing the sample preparation involved in this work.



Fig. S2 Representative SEM images of (a) CBC-900, (b) NC@CBC-0.02-900, (c) NC@CBC-0.05-900, and (d) NC@CBC-0.1-900.



Fig. S3 STEM image of NC@CBC-0.05-900 and the corresponding elemental mapping of C (red), O (blue), and N (green).



Fig. S4 CV curves of CBC-900 and NC@CBC-X-900 in N<sub>2</sub>-saturated 0.1 M KOH aqueous solution at a scanning rate of 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S5 LSV curves of (a) CBC-900, (b) NC@CBC-0.02-900, (c) NC@CBC-0.05-900, and (d) NC@CBC-0.1-900 in  $O_2$ -saturated 0.1 M KOH aqueous solution obtained under different rotation rates.

Table S1 Onset potential, half-wave potential, diffusion-limiting current density ( $J_L$ ), and kinetic current density ( $J_K$ ) of CBC-900 and NC@CBC-X-900 derived from LSV curves obtained under a consistent rotating rate of 1600 rpm.

Samples	Onset potential (V)	Half-wave potential (V) <sup>a</sup>	$J_{\rm L}$ (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> ) <sup>b</sup>	$J_{\rm K}$ (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> ) <sup>c</sup>
CBC-900	-0.090	-0.329	-2.576	8.78
NC@CBC-0.02-900	-0.046	-0.303	-3.462	18.21
NC@CBC-0.05-900	-0.019	-0.229	-3.877	74.71
NC@CBC-0.1-900	-0.090	-0.302	-3.541	25.60

<sup>a</sup> Half-wave potential is calculated at which the current density is a half of the  $J_{\rm L}$ 

 ${}^{\rm b}J_{\rm L}$  is derived from the current density of the LSV (1600 rpm) at -0.8 V

 ${}^{c}J_{K}$  is calculated from the mass-transport correction of RDEwith equation:  $J_{K} = J \times J_{L}/(J_{L} - J)$ 



Fig. S6 K-L plots of (a) CBC-900, (b) NC@CBC-0.02-900, (c) NC@CBC-0.05-900, and (d) NC@CBC-0.1-900 at the potentials ranging from -0.65 to -0.40 V (*vs.* Ag/AgCl).



Fig. S7 XPS survey spectra of NC@CBC-0.05-800, NC@CBC-0.05-900, and NC@CBC-0.05-1000.



Fig. S8 XPS N1s spectra of (a) NC@CBC-0.05-800, (b) NC@CBC-0.05-900 and (c) NC@CBC-0.05-1000.



Fig. S9 Long-term cycle performance of CBC-900 as anode in SIBs at a current density of 400 mA  $g^{-1}$ .



Fig. S10 The first CV cycle of NC@CBC-0.05-900 as anode in SIBs at a scan rate of 0.1 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S11 Comparison of conductivity between CBC-900 and NC@CBC-0.05-900.



Fig. S12 Rate performance of CBC-900 electrode at various current densities.