

**SnO<sub>2</sub> Nanoparticles Anchored on Carbon Foam as Freestanding Anode for High  
Performance Potassium-Ion Batteries**

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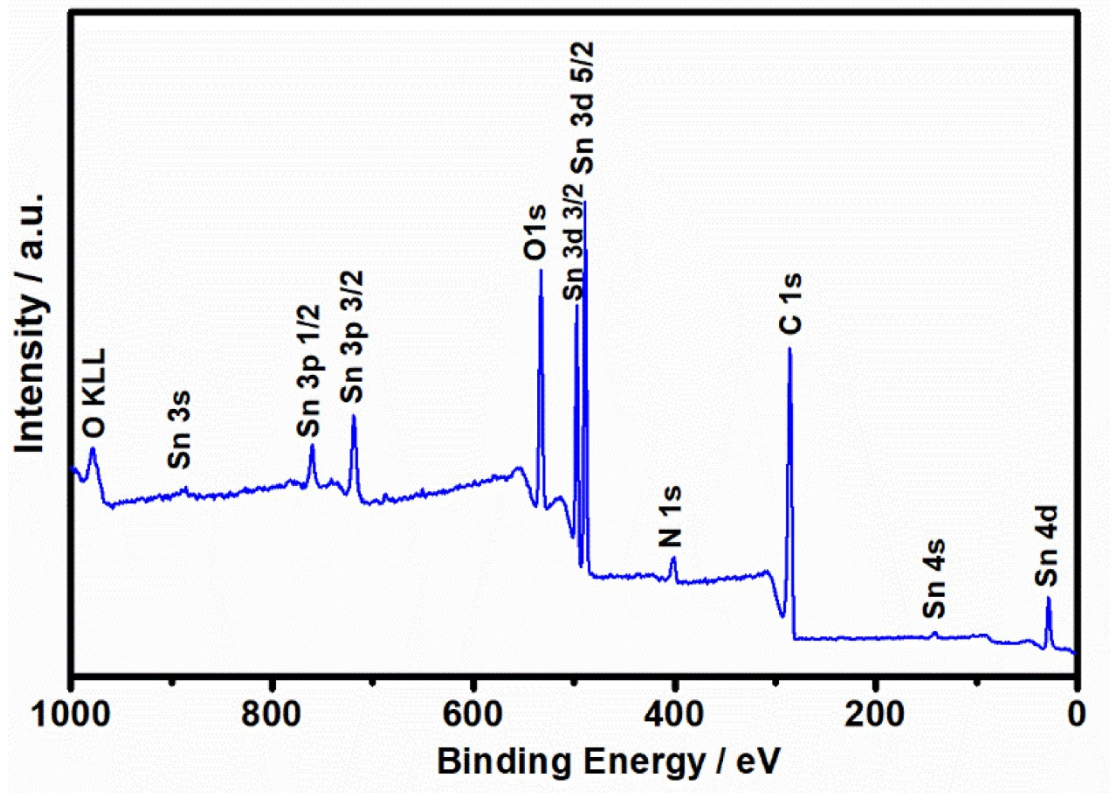


Figure S1. XPS survey spectra of SnO<sub>2</sub>@CF.

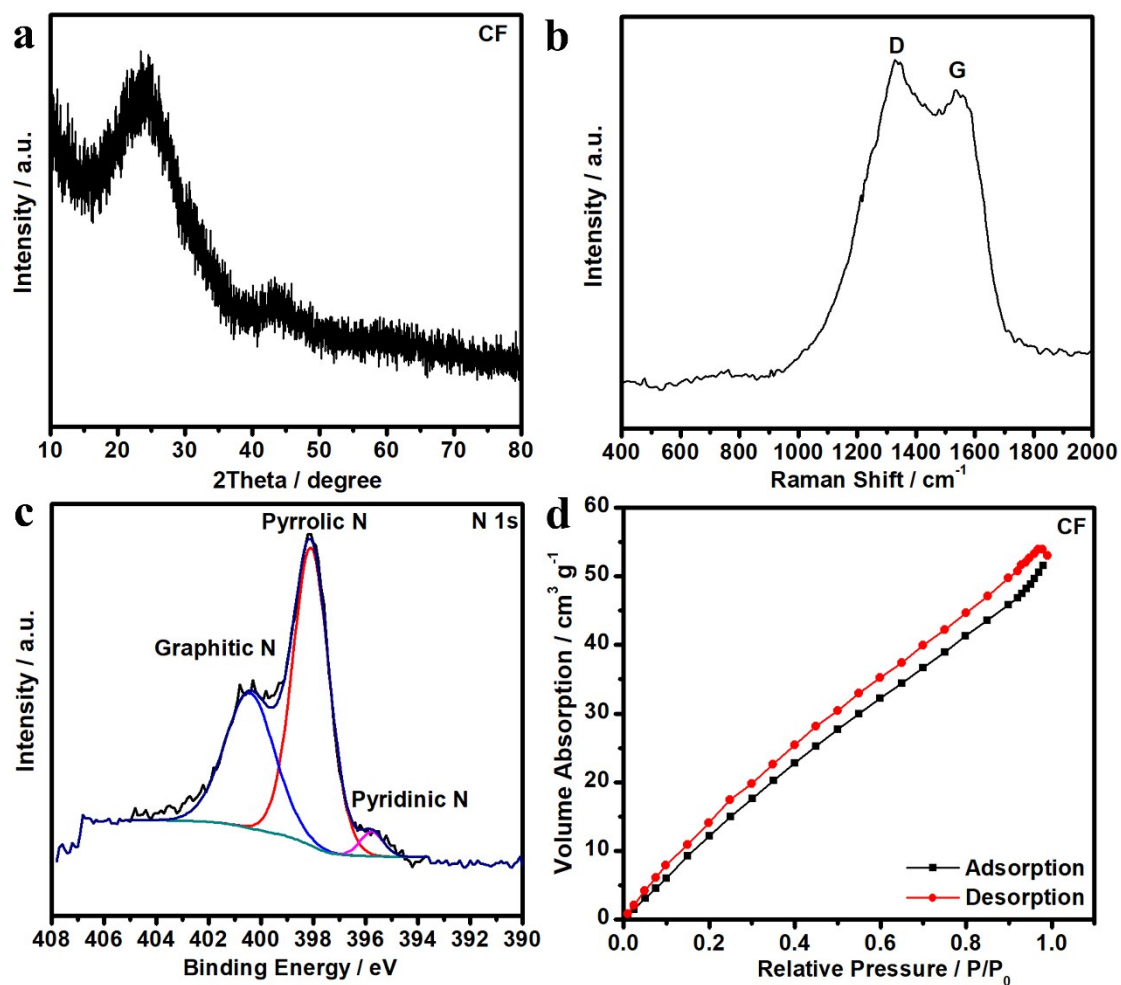
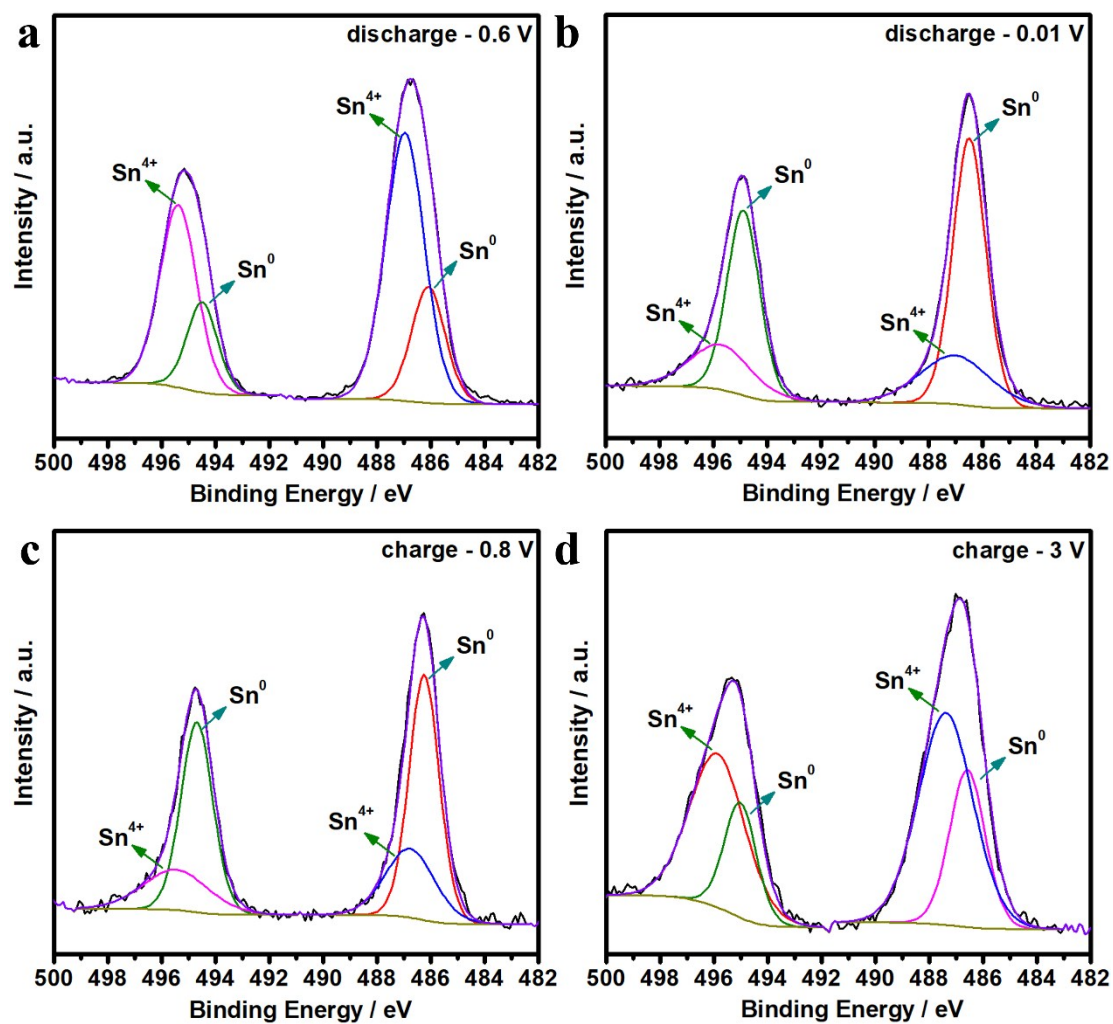
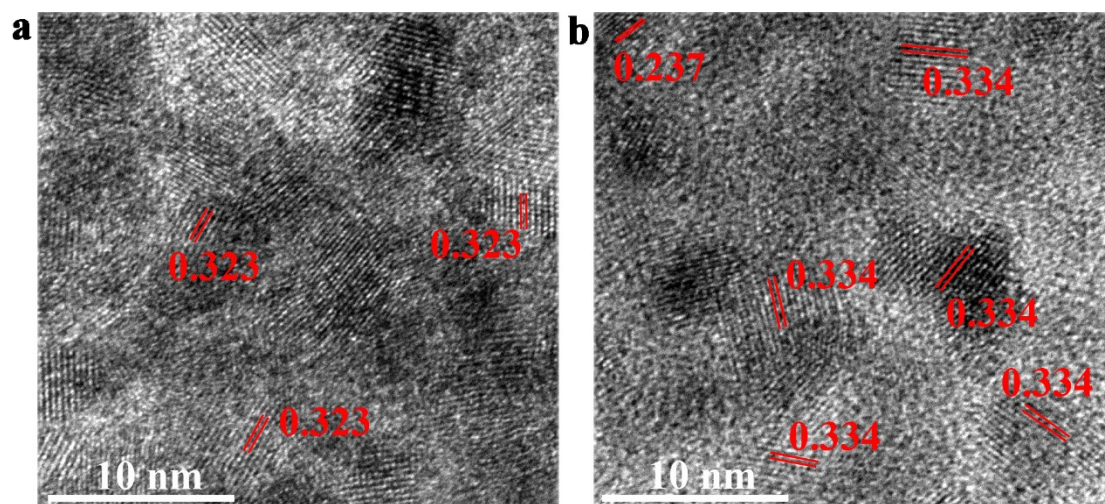


Figure S2. (a) XRD patterns and (b) Raman spectra of SnO<sub>2</sub>@CF. The high-resolution (c) N 1s XPS spectra and (d) N<sub>2</sub> adsorption and desorption isotherms of CF.



**Figure S3. Ex-situ XPS of SnO<sub>2</sub>@CF for K storage at different charge/discharge states in the first cycle, Sn 3d: (a) discharge to 0.6 V, (b) discharge to 0.01 V, (c) charge to 0.8 V and (d) charge to 3 V.**



**Figure S4.** HRTEM images of SnO<sub>2</sub>@CF electrode materials observed (a) at fully discharged and (b) at fully charged states.

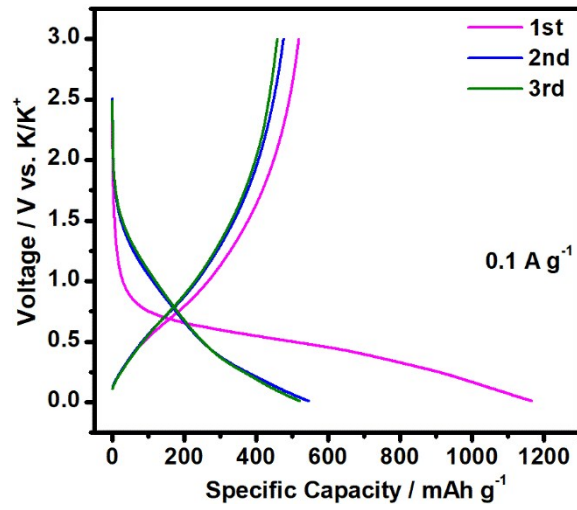


Figure S5. Galvanostatic charge and discharge curves at  $0.1 \text{ A g}^{-1}$  for the initial three cycles.

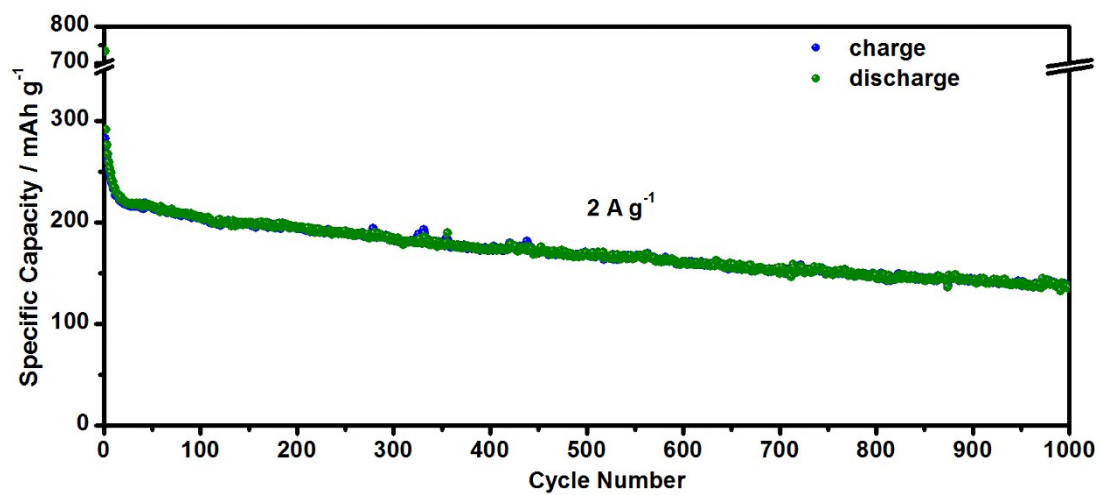
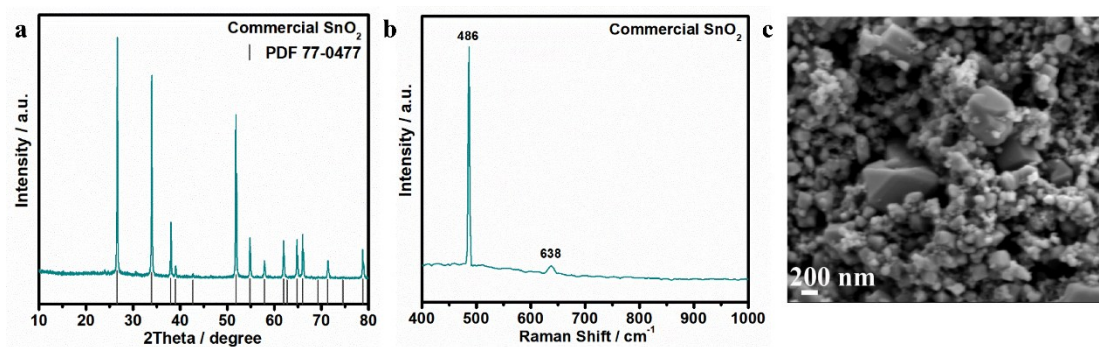


Figure S6. Cycle stability of SnO<sub>2</sub>@CF for K ions storage at 2 A g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S7. (a) XRD patterns, (b) Raman spectra and (c) SEM image of commercial SnO<sub>2</sub>.**



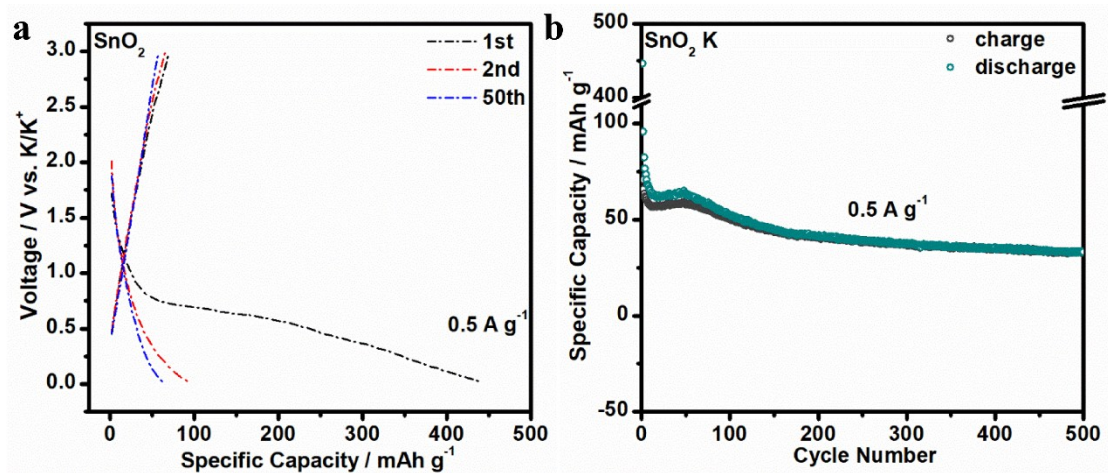


Figure S8. Electrochemical performances of SnO<sub>2</sub>, (a) Galvanostatic charge and discharge curves and (b) cycle stability at 0.5 A g<sup>-1</sup> for K ions storage.

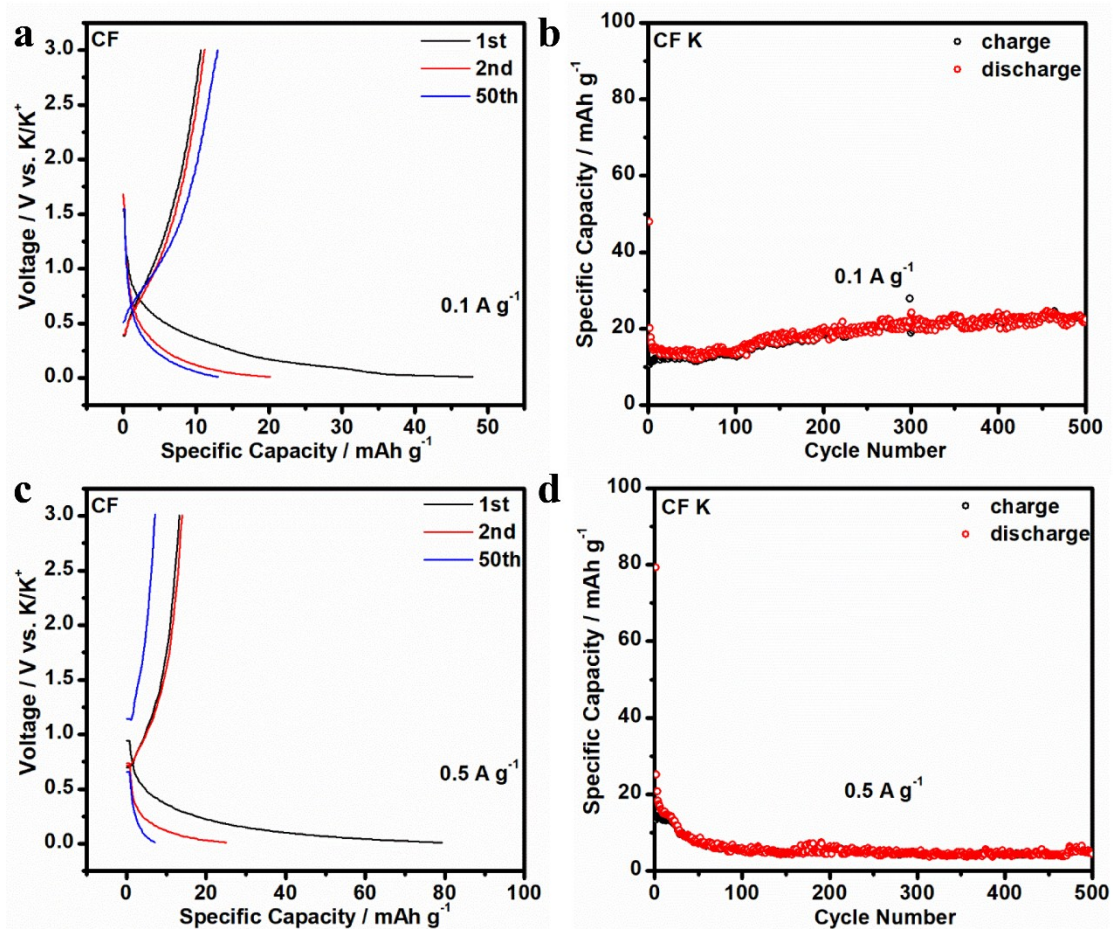
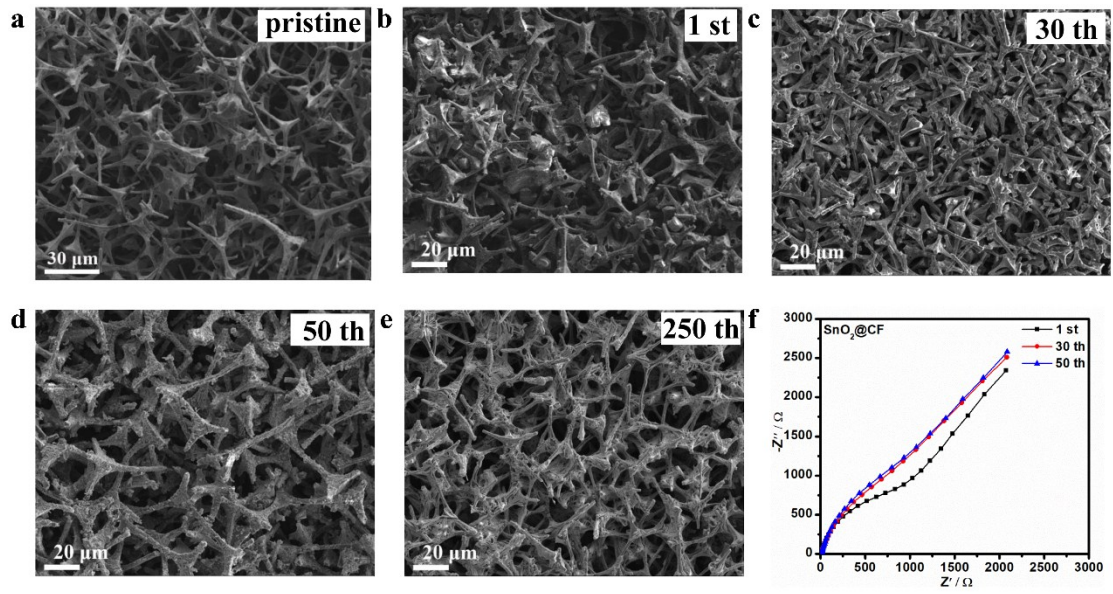
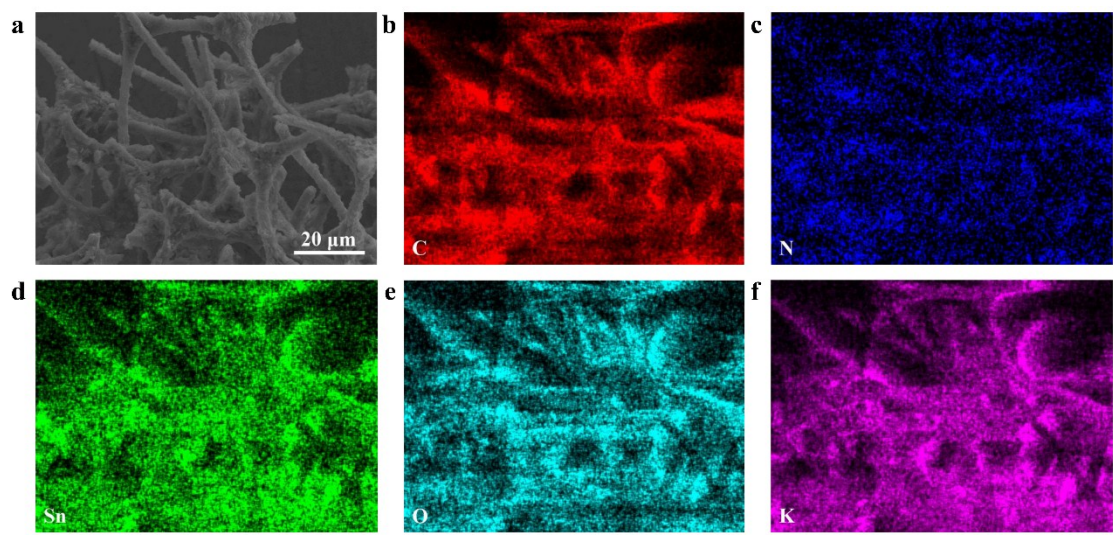


Figure S9. Electrochemical performances of CF for K ions storage, (a) Galvanostatic charge and discharge curves and (b) cycle stability at  $0.1 \text{ A g}^{-1}$ . (c) Galvanostatic charge and discharge curves and (d) Cycle stability at  $0.5 \text{ A g}^{-1}$ .



**Figure S10.** (a-e) SEM images of SnO<sub>2</sub>@CF after different cycles for K ions storage. (f) Nyquist plots of SnO<sub>2</sub>@CF after different cycles.



**Figure S11. (a) SEM image of the SnO<sub>2</sub>@CF electrode after cycling. (b) C, (c) N, (d) Sn, (e) O and (f) k elemental mapping of the SnO<sub>2</sub>@CF electrode after cycling.**

**Table S1. Comparison of electrochemical performance of the SnO<sub>2</sub>@CF anode with the previously reported SnO<sub>2</sub> based PIBs anodes.**

Material	Capacity- Current density	Cycle performance	Energy density	Reference
SnO <sub>2</sub> @CF	564.2 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	398.8 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 150 cycles	227.1 Wh kg <sup>-1</sup> (0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	this work
	440.0 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>			
	371.4 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>			
	307.6 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>			
	247.3 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>			
	143.5 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup>			
P-SGC	287.0 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	285.9 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 60 cycles	~253.2 Wh kg <sup>-1</sup> (0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	1
	237.3 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>			
	208.5 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>			
SnO <sub>2</sub> @G @C	270.1 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	202.06 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 100 cycles	~135.6 Wh kg <sup>-1</sup> (0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	2
	219.9 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>			
	159.2 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>			
	114.8 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>			
SnO	229 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	183 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 25 mA g <sup>-1</sup> after 30 cycles	~75.3 Wh kg <sup>-1</sup> 25 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	3
G@C@S	179 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	147.8 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at	~153.7	4

nO <sub>2</sub>	150 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 85 cycles	Wh kg <sup>-1</sup> (0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )
	129 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.3 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
	119 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.4 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
SnO <sub>2</sub> @SS M	472 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup>	351 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 100 cycles	~188.2 Wh kg <sup>-1</sup> (0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )
	361 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
	292 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
	195 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
	125 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		

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**Notes:**

**The energy density is calculated based solely on the mass of the active materials.**

**P-SGC:** phosphoric acid doped SnO<sub>2</sub>-graphene-carbon nanofibers

**SnO<sub>2</sub>@G@C:** SnO<sub>2</sub>-graphene-carbon nanofiber

**G@C@SnO<sub>2</sub>:** Dual Carbon-Confined SnO<sub>2</sub> Hollow Nanospheres

**SnO<sub>2</sub>@SSM:** SnO<sub>2</sub> nanosheets grown on stainless steel mesh

**Table S2. Comparison of electrochemical performance of the SnO<sub>2</sub>@CF anode with the other state-of-the-art PIBs anodes.**

Material	Capacity- Current density	Cycle performance	Reference
SnO <sub>2</sub> @CF	564.2 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	398.8 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A	this work
	440.0 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	g <sup>-1</sup> after 150 cycles	
	371.4 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	231.7 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
	307.6 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	after 400 cycles	
	247.3 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	136.1 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
	143.5 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	after 1000 cycles	
SnP <sub>0.94</sub> @GO	309 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.025 A g <sup>-1</sup>	162 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 50 cycles	6
	84 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
	57 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
SnS <sub>2</sub> @C@rG O	721.9 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup>	298.1 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 500 cycles	7
	397.4 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
ZnSC@C@R GO	419 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.02 A g <sup>-1</sup>	254 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 100 cycles 208 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 300 cycles	8
	362 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
	295 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
	223 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
	162 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>		

	406 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
FeS <sub>2</sub> @G@C	332 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	120 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	9
NF	243 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	after 680 cycles	
	171 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
	486.7 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
CoS@C	381.9 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	401.2 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 100 cycles	10
	306.7 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.4 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
	244.8 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.8 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
	201.6 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1.6 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
	258 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
MoS <sub>2</sub> @NC	238 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	212 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	11
	204 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	after 100 cycles	
	171 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
	420 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
TiNb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> @M	373 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	174 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	12
oS <sub>2</sub> @C	309 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	after 300 cycles	
	233 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
	350 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	355 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
MoSe <sub>2</sub> @MXe	324 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	after 100 cycles	13
ne@C	294 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	317 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
	270 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	after 300 cycles	
	374 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
VSe <sub>2</sub>	350 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	335 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	14
	334 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	after 200 cycles	
	269 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
	254 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	230 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	15
ReSe <sub>2</sub> @G@CNFs	157 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	after 200 cycles	
	261mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	228 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	16
VN@QDS@			



CM	215 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	after 100 cycles	17
	187 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	215 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
	152 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	after 500 cycles	
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> @PNCN	240 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup>	~215 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup>	17
Fs	134 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	g <sup>-1</sup> after 500 cycles	
TiO <sub>2</sub> @C	208.5 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>		18
	180.1 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.4 A g <sup>-1</sup>	132.8 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
	114.6 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	g <sup>-1</sup> after 1200 cycles	
	97.3 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
MoO <sub>2</sub> @rGO	281.8 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup>	218.9 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup>	19
	240.3 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	g <sup>-1</sup> after 200 cycles	
	214.1 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	104.2 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
	176.4 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	g <sup>-1</sup> after 500 cycles	
Nb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5-x</sub> @rGO	111 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	81 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	20
	O	after 3500 cycles	
FeP@CNBs	201 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		21
	156 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	205 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
	101 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	after 300 cycles	
	65 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
P@N- PHCNFs	745 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		22
	689 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.3 A g <sup>-1</sup>	465 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	
	651 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	after 800 cycles	
	613 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>		
Bi	398.4 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.02 A g <sup>-1</sup>	322.7 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.8 A g <sup>-1</sup>	23
		g <sup>-1</sup> after 300 cycles	

MXene@Sb	503.84 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> 459.98 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup> 393.58 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.3 A g <sup>-1</sup> 335.54 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.4 A g <sup>-1</sup> 270.81 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	270 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 500 cycles	24
np-Ge	290 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.02 A g <sup>-1</sup>	120 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.02 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 400 cycles	25
NCNF	238 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> 217 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.3 A g <sup>-1</sup> 192 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup> 172 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	205 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 1000 cycles 164 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 2000 cycles	26
NHC	266.1 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> 260.9 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup> 242.6 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup> 224.3 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	161.3 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 1600 cycles	27
SHCS	202 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1.5 A g <sup>-1</sup> 160 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 3 A g <sup>-1</sup> 110 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	~284 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 1000 cycles	28
SOPCMs	230 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup> 213 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 A g <sup>-1</sup> 176 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup> 158 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	226.6 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 100 cycles 108.4 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 2000 cycles	29
ADAPTS	66 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 1.55 A g <sup>-1</sup>	70 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.155 A g <sup>-1</sup> after 1000 cycles	30

**Notes:**

**ZnSC@C@RGO:** carbon-encapsulated ZnS subunits nanosphere@carbon nanosphere@ reduced graphene oxide networks

**FeS<sub>2</sub>@G@CNF**: FeS<sub>2</sub>@graphene@carbon nanofibers

**CoS@C**: 3D amorphous carbon-encapsulated CoS@nitrogen-doped carbon nanofiber nanotube/CoS-coated carbon nanofiber (AC@CoS/NCNTs/CoS@CNFs) network

**MoS<sub>2</sub>@NC**: MoS<sub>2</sub>@N-doped-C

**TiNb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>@MoS<sub>2</sub>@C**: porous metallic TiNb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub> as the core and carbon encapsulated MoS<sub>2</sub> nanosheets as the shell

**ReSe<sub>2</sub>@G@CNFs**: ReSe<sub>2</sub>-carbon nanofiber

**VN-QDS@CM**: VN quantum dots encapsulated in ultralarge pillared N-doped mesoporous carbon microspheres

**V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>@PNCNFs**: V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles embedded in porous N-doped carbon nanofiber

**FeP@CNBs**: yolk-shell FeP@C nanoboxes

**P@N-PHCNFs**: P @free-standing nitrogen-doped porous hollow carbon nanofiber

**np-Ge**: Nanoporous Ge

**NCNF**: N-doped carbon nanofibers

**SHCS**: sulfur-grafted hollow carbon spheres

**SOPCMs**: sulfur and oxygen codoped porous hard carbon microspheres

**ADAPTS**: azobenzene-4,4'-dicarboxylic acid potassium salts

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