

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### ***a*-MoS<sub>3</sub>@CNT nanowire cathode for rechargeable Mg batteries: A pseudocapacitive approach for efficient Mg-storage**

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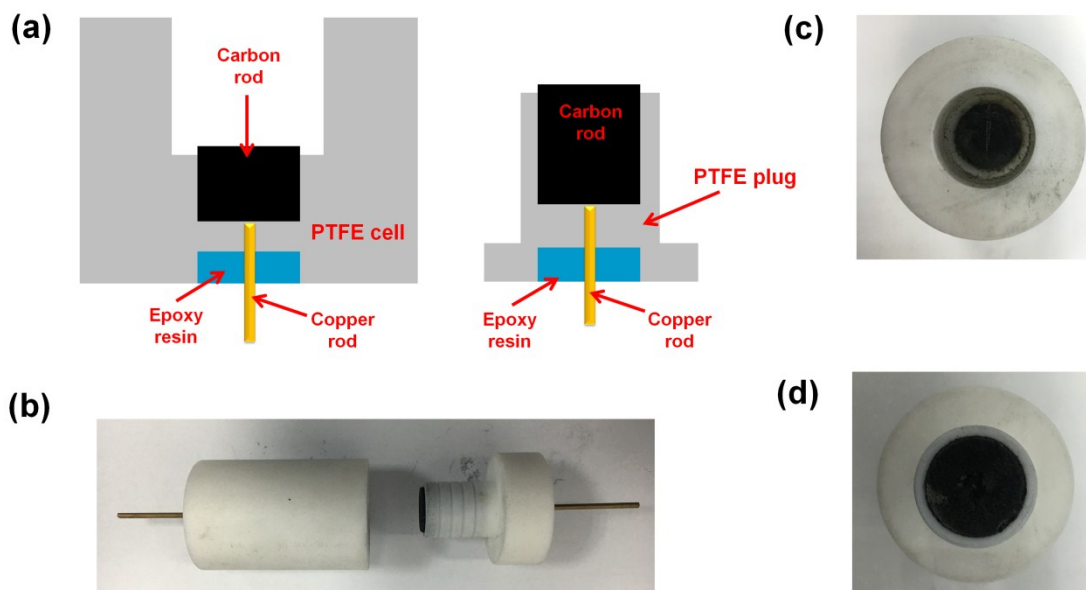
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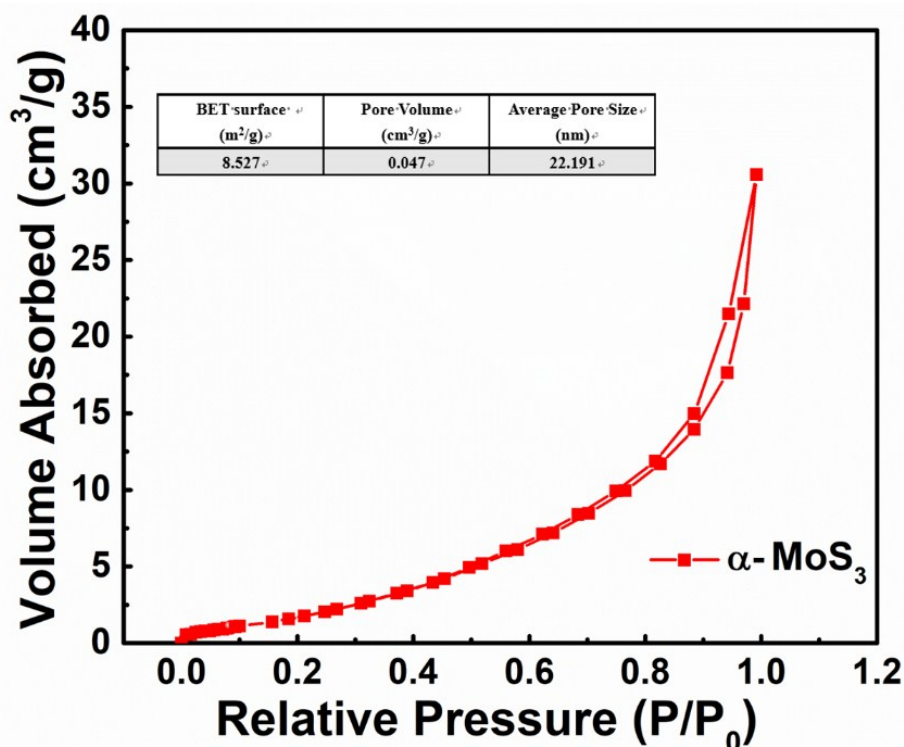
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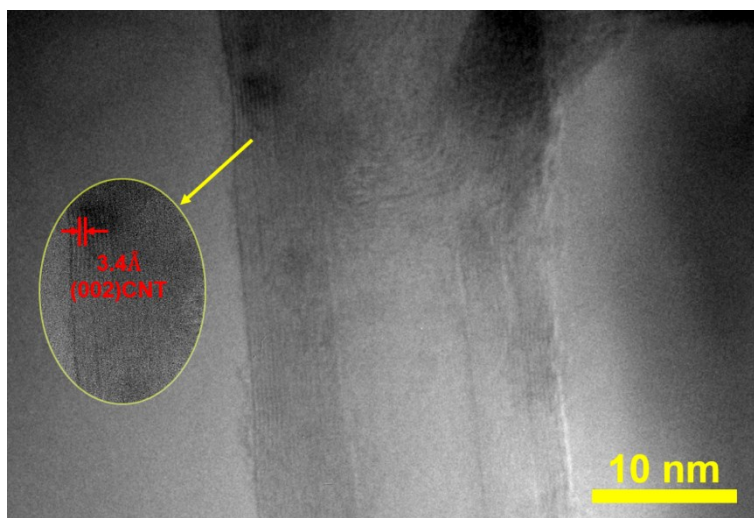
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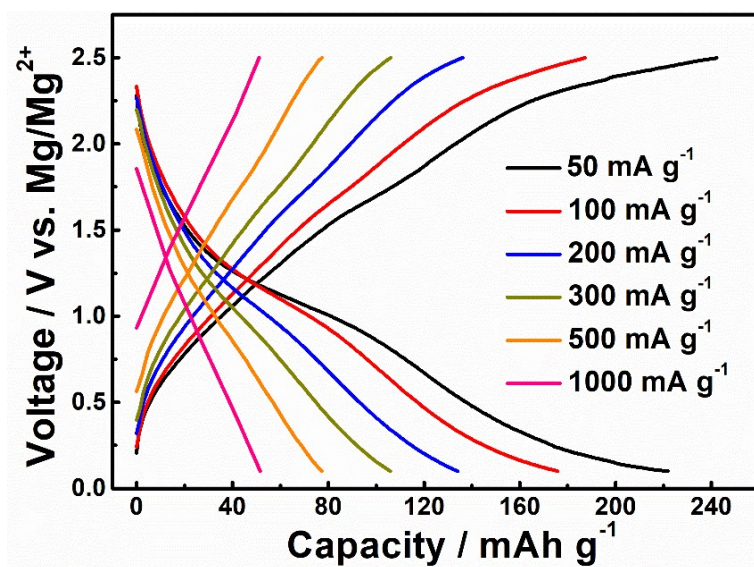
**Fig. S1** (a) Schematic drawing and (b, c, d) photos of the lab-made PTFE cell used for Mg battery tests. The cell is made of customer-designed PTFE cell body and carbon rod electrode (with a copper rod inserted in). Epoxy resin is used to fix the carbon electrode and seal the crack. PTFE tape is used for the sealing during the Mg cell fabrication.



**Fig. S2** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms of  $\alpha$ -MoS<sub>3</sub>@CNT and corresponding BET analysis results.



**Fig. S3** TEM image of *a*-MoS<sub>3</sub>@CNT.



**Fig. S4** Discharge/charge profiles of *a*-MoS<sub>3</sub>@CNT at different current densities from 50 to 1000 mA g<sup>-1</sup>.

**Table. S1** Summary of representative cathode materials electrochemical performance for Mg batteries reported in recent literature.

Material	Voltage	Capacity	Rate capability	Cycling stability	Ref.
$\alpha$ -MoS <sub>3</sub> @CNT	1.0 V	175 mAh g <sup>-1</sup>	225 (50 mA g <sup>-1</sup> ) 175 (100) 135 (200) 105 (300) 80 (500) 50 (1000)	500 cycles, 50 mAh g <sup>-1</sup>	This work
Cu <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>6</sub> S <sub>8</sub>	1.1 V	123 mAh g <sup>-1</sup>	85 (4 mA g <sup>-1</sup> ) 78 (8) 70 (16) 70 (40) 50 (80) 30 (160)	20 cycles, 85 mAh g <sup>-1</sup>	1
TiS <sub>2</sub>	0.7 V	275 mAh g <sup>-1</sup>	275 (12 mA g <sup>-1</sup> ) 250 (23.9) 140 (47.8)	20 cycles, 85 mAh g <sup>-1</sup>	2
<i>peo</i> -MoS <sub>2</sub>	0.65 V	82 mAh g <sup>-1</sup>	70 (5 mA g <sup>-1</sup> ) 62 (10) 55 (25) 44 (50) 38 (100)	30 cycles, 74 mAh g <sup>-1</sup>	3
Ti <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	1.2 V	200 mAh g <sup>-1</sup>	200 (12 mA g <sup>-1</sup> ) 195 (23.9) 190 (47.8)	40 cycles, 140 mAh g <sup>-1</sup>	4
Mn <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0.8 V	100 mAh g <sup>-1</sup>	103 (15.4 mA g <sup>-1</sup> ) 84 (30.8) 76 (77) 67 (154) 58 (308) 37.5 (770) 22.5 (1540)	1000 cycles, 63 mAh g <sup>-1</sup>	5
K <sub>x</sub> Mn <sub>8</sub> O <sub>16</sub>	2.9 V	123 mAh g <sup>-1</sup>	100 (100 mA g <sup>-1</sup> ) 50 (200)	20 cycles, 180 mAh g <sup>-1</sup>	6

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