

## Support Information

### Chinese Hydrangea Lantern-like $\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8@\text{MoS}_2$ Composites with Enhanced Lithium ion Battery Properties

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#### Synthesis of pure $\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8$ Spheres

1 mmol  $\text{CoCO}_3$  was dispersed in 20 mL EA by ultrasound for 30 min to form a pink solution. Then 1.5 mmol TAA were added to the above solution under magnetic stirring to form homogeneous solution, at the same time, 10 mL DMF and 3 mL NaOH solution ( $0.02 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ) were added and vigorously stirred for 30 min. The mixture solution was transferred into a 50 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave and heated in an oven at  $160 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature, black precipitate was collected by centrifugation and washed with DI and ethanol there time, respectively, and then dried at  $60 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  for 12 h.

#### Synthesis of pure $\text{MoS}_2$

1 mmol  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and 2 mmol TAA were added to the above solution under magnetic stirring to form homogeneous solution, at the same time, 10 mL DMF

and 3 mL NaOH solution ( $0.02 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ ) were added and vigorously stirred for 30 min. The mixture solution was transferred into a 50 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave and heated in an oven at  $160 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 24 h. After cooling to room temperature, black precipitate was collected by centrifugation and washed with DI and ethanol there time, respectively, and then dried at  $60 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 12 h.

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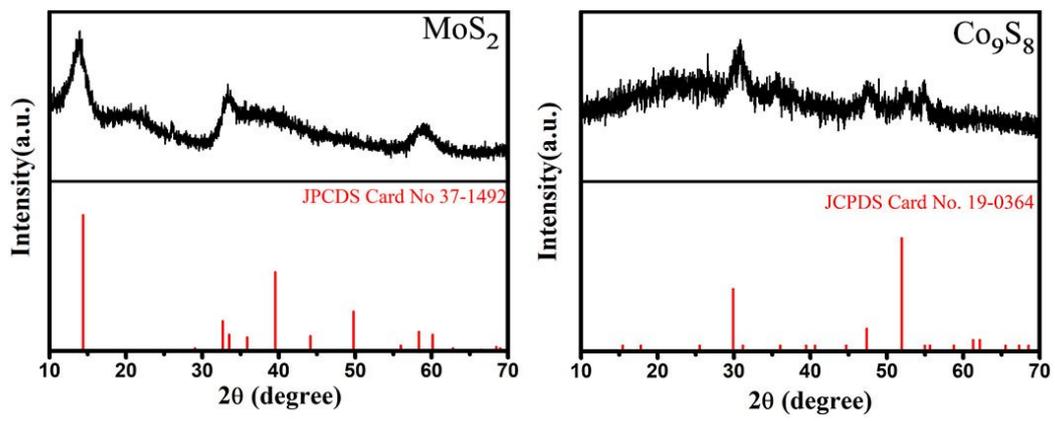


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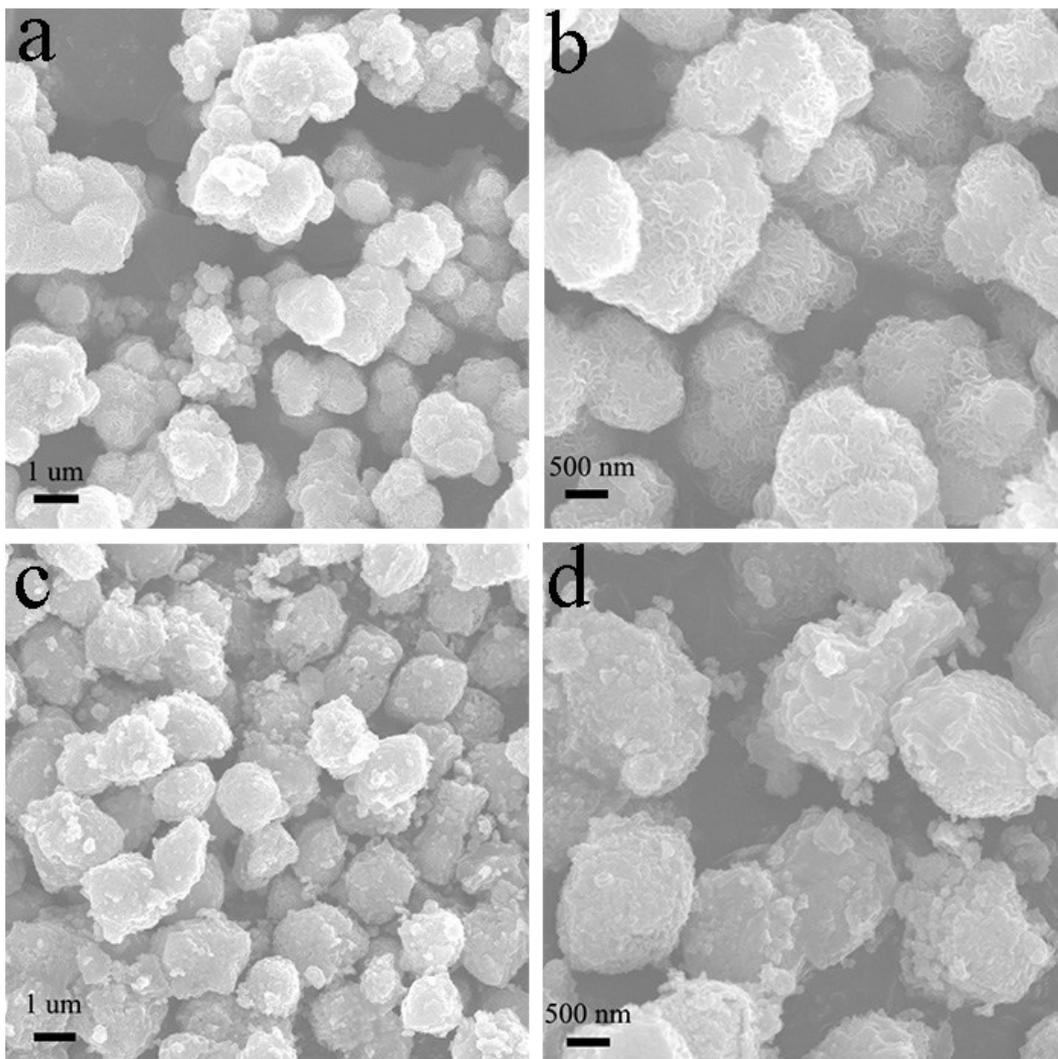


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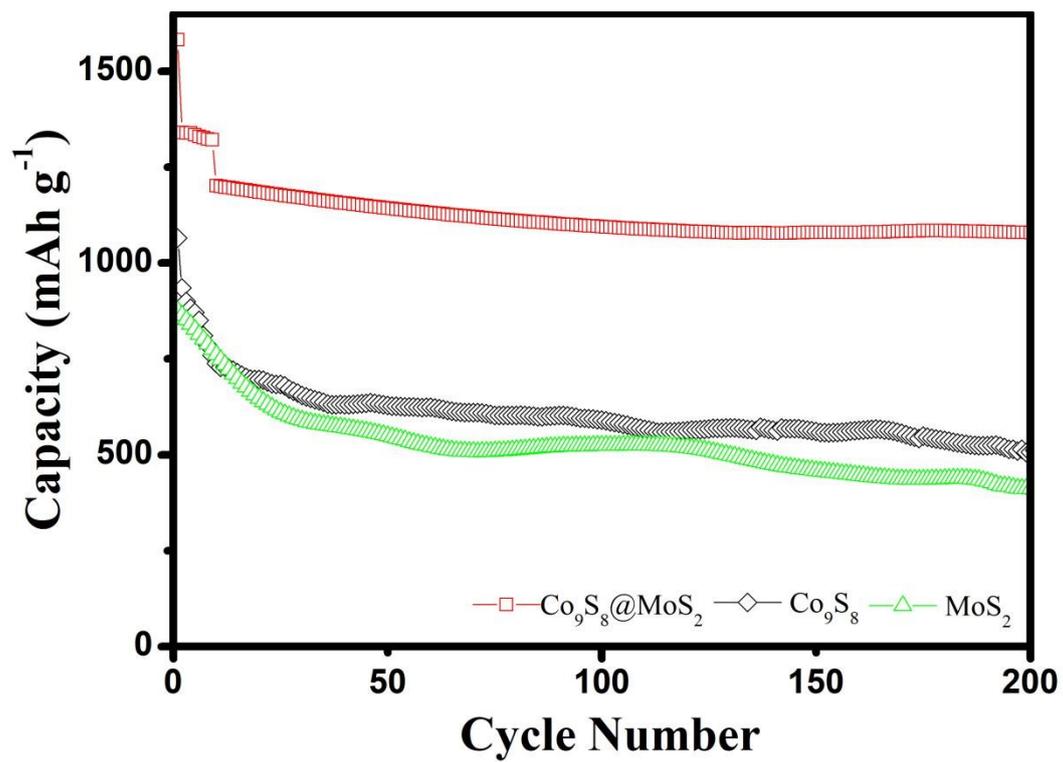


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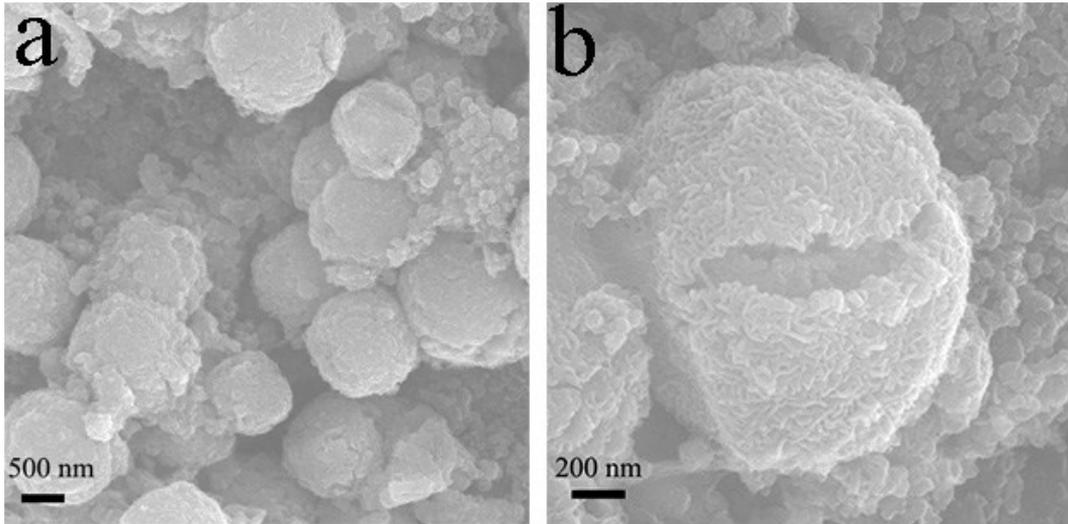


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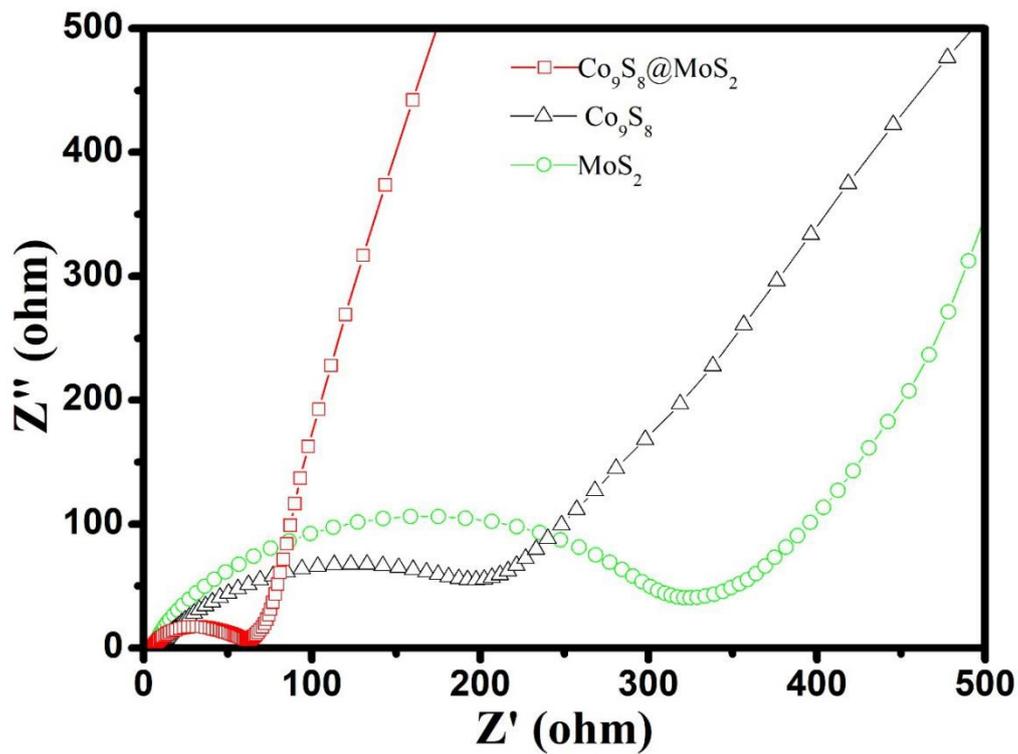


Figure S5. Nyquist plots of the AC impedance spectra for pure  $\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8$ ,  $\text{MoS}_2$  and  $\text{Co}_9\text{S}_8@MoS_2$

Element	Weight/%	Atomic/%
S	40.51	59.99
Co	20.55	18.04
Mo	38.94	21.97
Aggregate	100	100

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