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# SnS@C nanospheres coated with few-layer MoS₂ nanosheets and nitrogen, phosphorus-codoped carbon as robust sodium ion battery anodes

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Fig. S1 XRD patterns of SnS@C and SnS@C/MoS<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S2 Comparison of the Raman spectra for SnS@C, SnS@C/MoS $_2$  and SnS@C/MoS $_2$ @N,P-C.



Fig. S3 Comparison of the TGA curves for SnS@C,  $SnS@C/MoS_2$  and  $SnS@C/MoS_2@N,P-C$ .



**Fig. S4** High-resolution XPS spectra of P 2p in SnS@C/MoS<sub>2</sub>@N,P-C composite.



Fig. S5 SEM images of (a) SnO<sub>2</sub>@C precursor, (b) SnS@C, (c) SnO<sub>2</sub>@C/PPy-PMo<sub>12</sub>, (d) SnS@C/MoS<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S6** CV curves at a scan rate of 0.1 mV s<sup>-1</sup> for SnS@C/MoS<sub>2</sub>@N,P-C composite.



Fig. S7 TEM images of (a) SnS@C electrode, (b) SnS@C/MoS<sub>2</sub>@N,P-C composite electrode after charge-discharge cycling.



**Fig. S8** b-value analyses of (a)SnS@C and (b) SnS@C/MoS<sub>2</sub> based on the relationship between the peak currents and the scan rates.



Fig. S9 (a) XRD pattern of the homemade NVP@C. (b) Galvanostatic charge and discharge curves. (c) Cycling performance of NVP@C half cells at 500 mA  $g^{-1}$ .

Analyte	Conc.Units	
Sn	3.026 mg/L	
Мо	1.754 mg/L	

**Table S1.** ICP result of the SnS@C/MoS<sub>2</sub>@N,P-C nanocomposite.

Materials	Rate capacity	Initial Coulombic	References
	(mA h g <sup>-1</sup> )	efficiency (%)	
SnS@C/MoS2@N,P-C	577 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> 250 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 10.0 A g <sup>-1</sup>	74.9%	This work
SnS@C/MoS₂	519 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> 217 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 10.0 A g <sup>-1</sup>	72.1%	This work
SnS@C	539 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> 192 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 10.0 A g <sup>-1</sup>	67.8%	This work
SnS@C-rGO	825 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> 336 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 1.6 A g <sup>-1</sup>	62.0%	[S1]
SnS HNFs	615 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> 228 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 2.0 A g <sup>-1</sup>	48.3%	[S2]
SnS@SPC	512 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> 235 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 3.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	64.6%	[\$3]
C@SnS-rGO	534.6 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> 287.6 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 3.2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	66.0%	[S4]
SnS/SnSb@C	458 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> 159 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 2.0 A g <sup>-1</sup>	62.5%	[\$5]
3D SnS/N-CNNs	791 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> 265 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 5.0 A g <sup>-1</sup>	70.4%	[S6]
C@SnS/SnO₂@Gr	520 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.81 A g <sup>-1</sup> 430 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 2.43 A g <sup>-1</sup>	74.6%	[\$7]
SnS@RGO	457 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.02 A g <sup>-1</sup> 240 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.4 A g <sup>-1</sup>	60.0%	[\$8]
NBT/C@MoS <sub>2</sub> NFs	474.5 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0. 1 A g <sup>-1</sup> 258.3 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 2.0 A g <sup>-1</sup>	50.3%	[9]
Ex-MoS <sub>2</sub> /RGO@C	466 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0. 1 A g <sup>-1</sup> 316 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 2.0 A g <sup>-1</sup> 627 2 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0. 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	66.3%	[10]
Fe <sub>1-x</sub> S/MoS <sub>2</sub>	$372.1 \text{ mA h g}^{-1} \text{ at } 3.0 \text{ A g}^{-1}$	60.0%	[11]
Co-doped 1T-MoS <sub>2</sub> /	459.4 mA n g <sup>-</sup> at 0. 2 A g <sup>-1</sup> 235.9 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 25 A g <sup>-1</sup>	67.5%	[12]

**Table S2.** Electrochemical performance of the reported SnS-based nanostructures as anode materials for SIBs.

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	MoS <sub>2</sub> -C@C	583 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 0. 1 A g <sup>-1</sup> 164 mA h g <sup>-1</sup> at 20.0 A g <sup>-1</sup>	52.0%	[13]
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**Table S3.** The Warburg impedance coefficient ( $\sigma_w$ ), the molar concentration of Na<sup>+</sup>(C) and diffusion coefficient of Na<sup>+</sup> ( $D_{Na}$ ) of the SnS@C/MoS<sub>2</sub>@N,P-C,SnS@C/MoS<sub>2</sub> and SnS@C electrodes.

Cycle	Potential	Electrodes	$σ_{ m w}$ (Ω s <sup>-1/2</sup> )	<i>C</i> (mol cm <sup>-3</sup> )	D <sub>Na</sub> (cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )
numbers	(∨)				
50	Charge to	SnS@C/MoS₂	188.9	1.94×10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.07×10 <sup>-13</sup>
Cycles	2.6 V	@N,P-C			
		SnS@C/MoS₂	236.2	1.91×10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.37×10 <sup>-13</sup>
		SnS@C	415.3	2.39×10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.81×10 <sup>-14</sup>

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