

## Supporting Information for

### Litchi-like TiO<sub>2</sub>@TiN dual-function composite material for lithium-sulfur battery

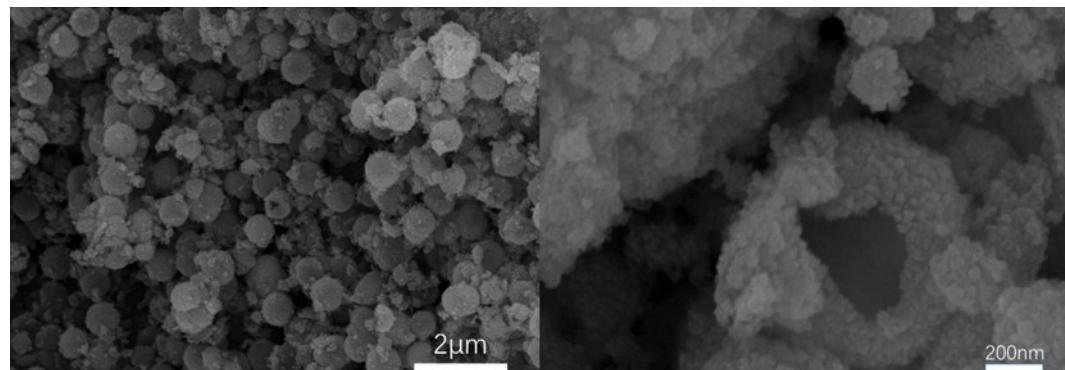
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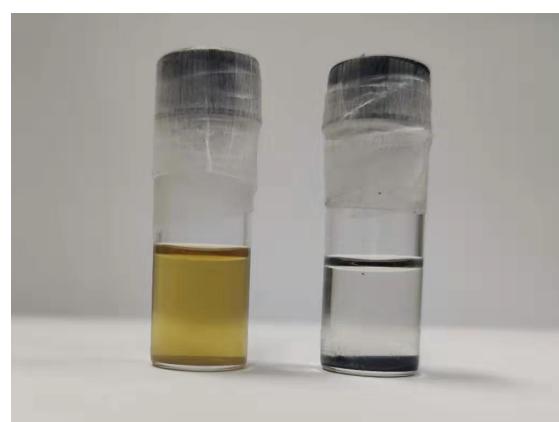
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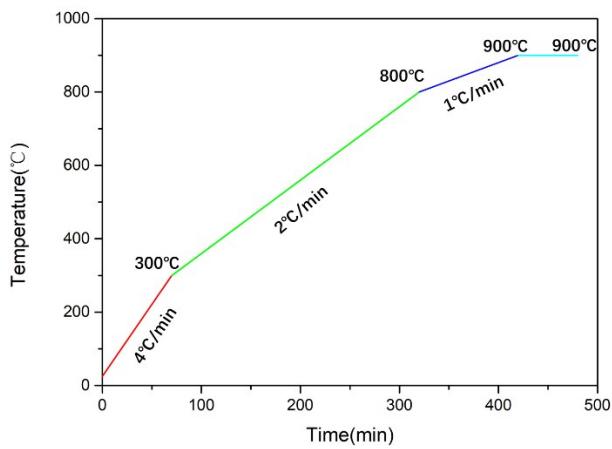
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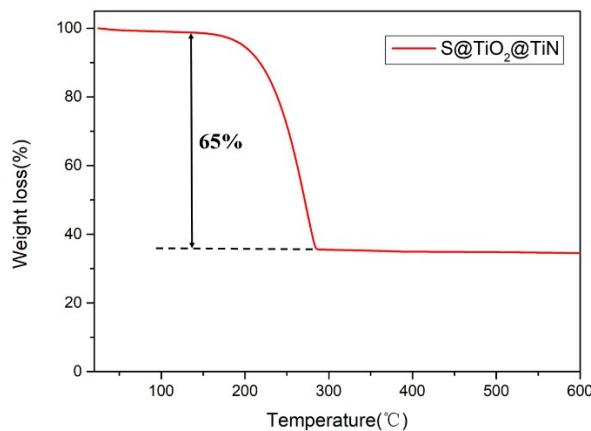
**Fig. S1** SEM images of broken LTTHS



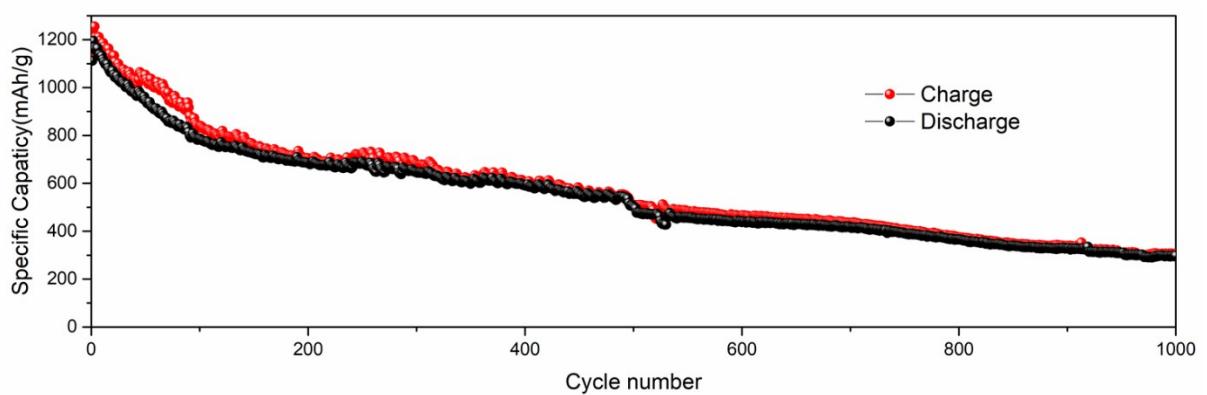
**Fig. S2** Static adsorption of Li<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub> by LTTHS materials.



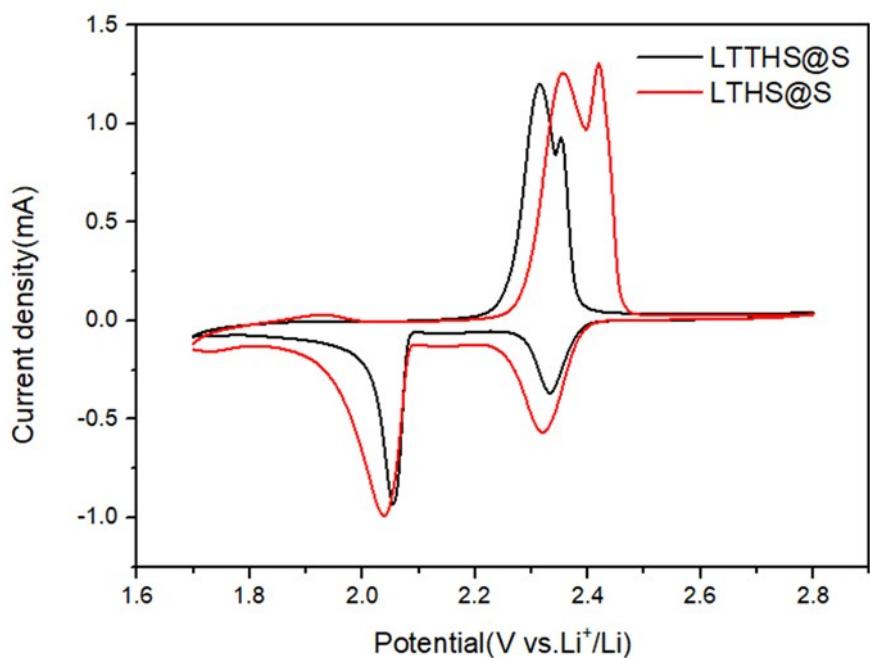
**Fig. S3** Heating rate



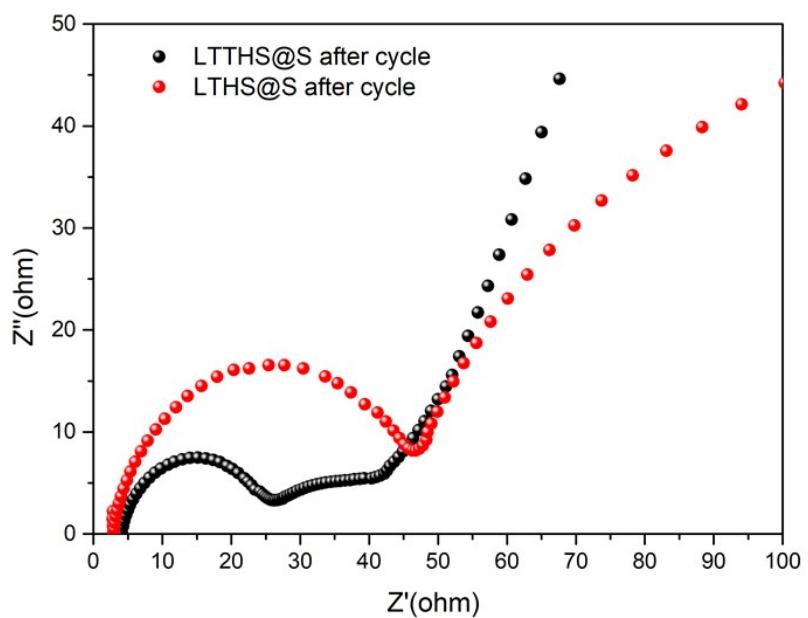
**Fig. S4** TGA curves of S@TiO<sub>2</sub>@TiN



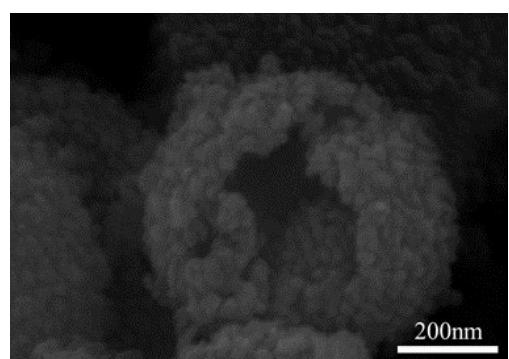
**Fig. S5** Cycle performance of LSTTHS over 1000 cycles at 0.2 C.



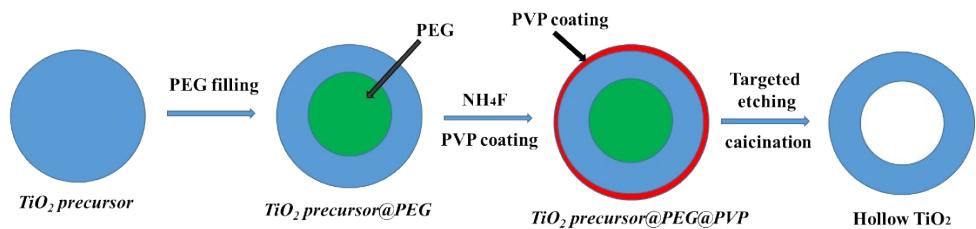
**Fig. S6** CV profiles of LTTHS@S and LTHS@S at a scan rate of  $0.1 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ .



**Fig. S7** Electrochemical impedance spectra of LTTHS@S and LTHS@S after cycle.



**Fig. S8** SEM images of the TiN sample



**Fig. S9** Schematic illustration of formation of hollow structures of  $TiO_2$  spheres