

Electronic Supplementary Information

**Thiostannate Coordination Transformation-Induced Self-crosslinking
Chalcogenide Aerogel with Local Coordination Control and Effective Cs⁺
Remediation Functionality**

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Single crystal X-ray diffraction analysis of $\text{Na}_4\text{Sn}_2\text{S}_6 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

The crystal was grown by slow diffusion of methanol into 100 mg/ml aqueous solution of $\text{Na}_4\text{Sn}_2\text{S}_6 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ at room temperature. Single crystal X-ray diffraction data for the $\text{Na}_4\text{Sn}_2\text{S}_6 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ were collected at room temperature using a Bruker D8 QEUST diffractometer equipped with a graphite-monochromated Mo K α radiation. Colorless octahedron-like crystal with the size of 0.376 mm \times 0.443 mm \times 0.464 mm was selected to data collection. The data were integrated using the program SAINT,¹ and the absorption correction was made through the program SADABS.² An initial structure solution was obtained using SHELXS-2013³ and further refinement was performed via SHELXL-2013,⁴ implemented in the program WinGX-2014.⁵ The crystallographic information and selected bond lengths for $\text{Na}_4\text{Sn}_2\text{S}_6 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ are listed in Tables S1–S2, respectively.

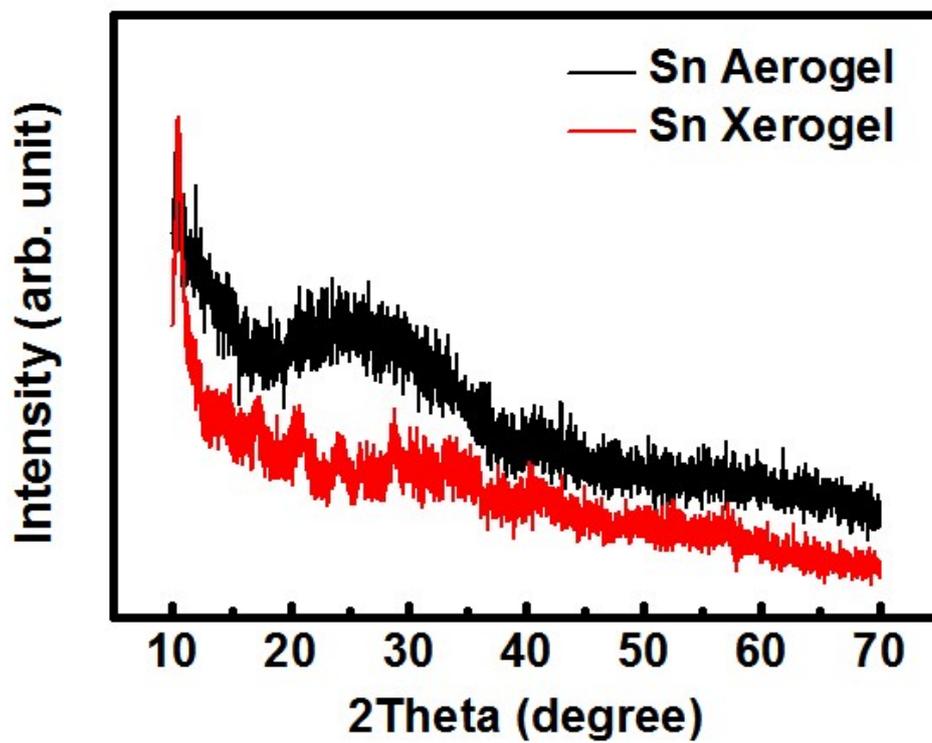


Figure S1. PXRD analysis of TAC-1 and its Xerogel counterpart.

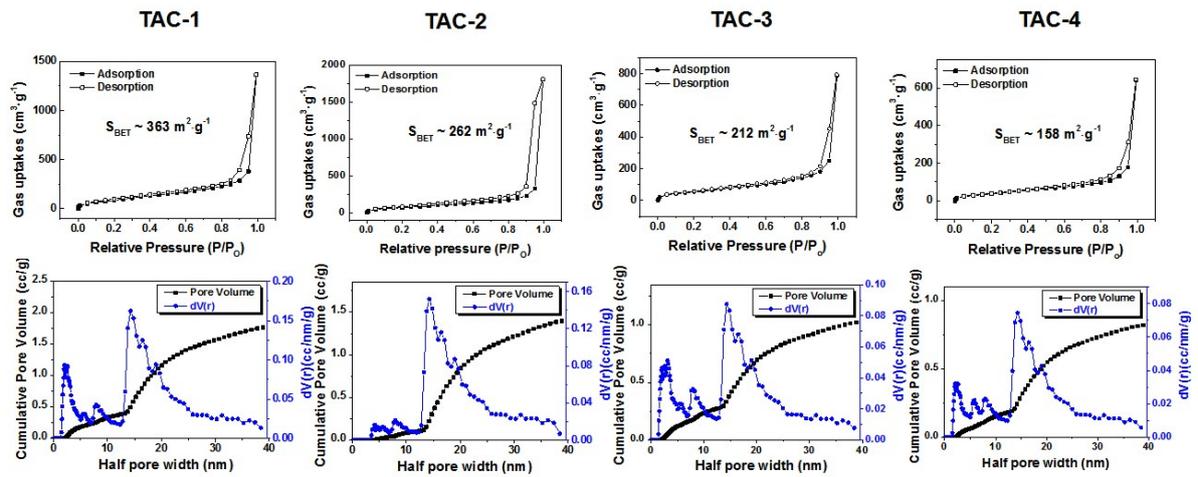


Figure S2. BET surface area measurement and BJH pore size distribution of TAC-1, TAC-2, TAC-3, and TAC-4.

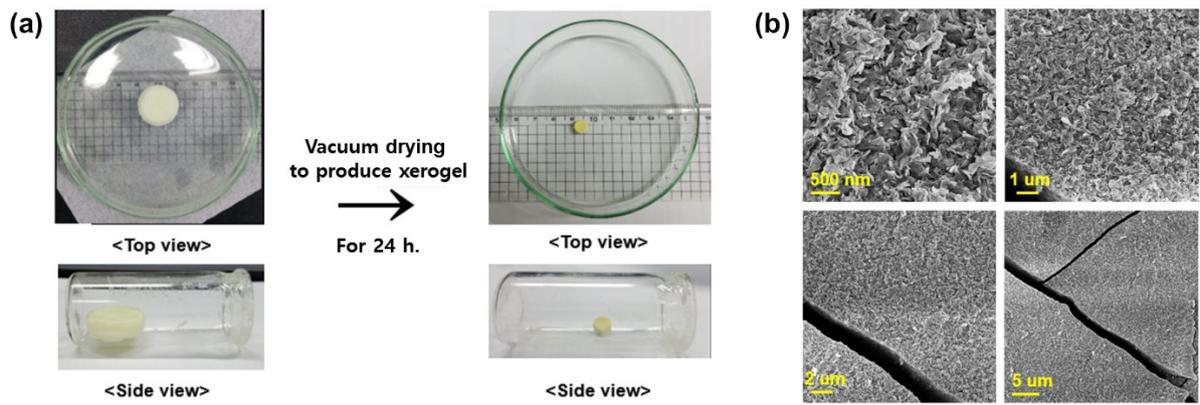


Figure S3. Effect of surface tension (vacuum drying) on macrostructure of TAC-1. (a) volume shrinkage of gel (b) FE-SEM analysis of TAC-1 xerogel.

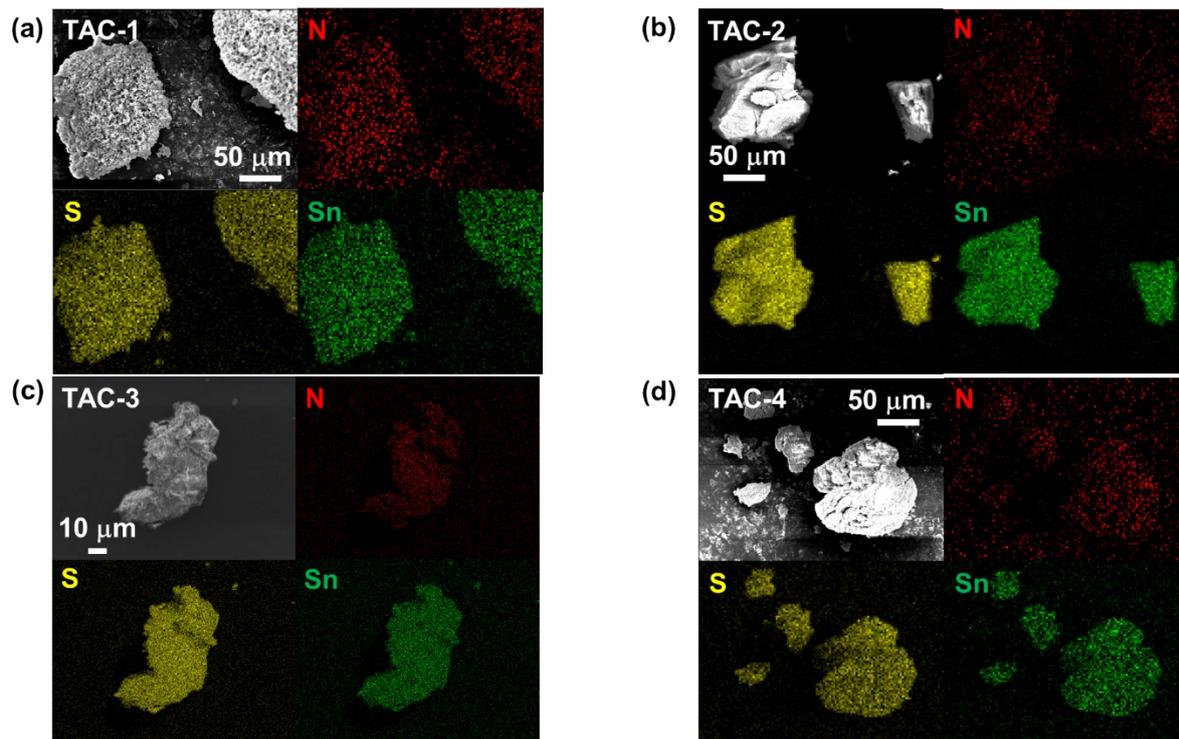
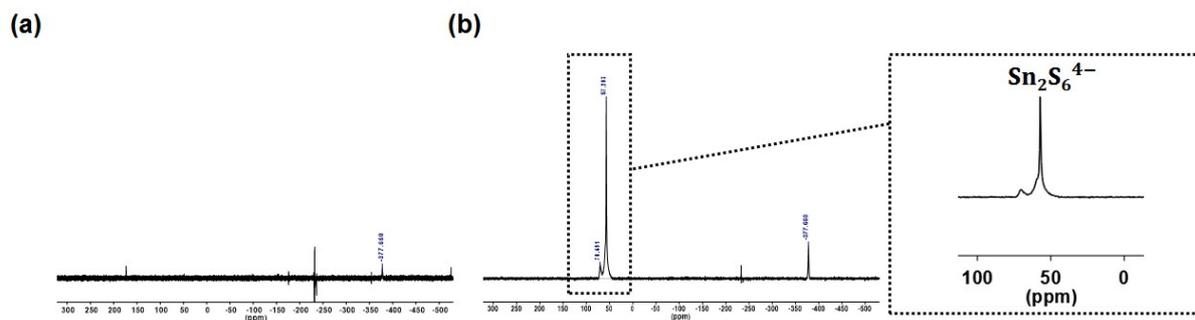


Figure S4. EDS mapping analysis of (a) TAC-1 (b) TAC-2 (c) TAC-3 (d) TAC-4.



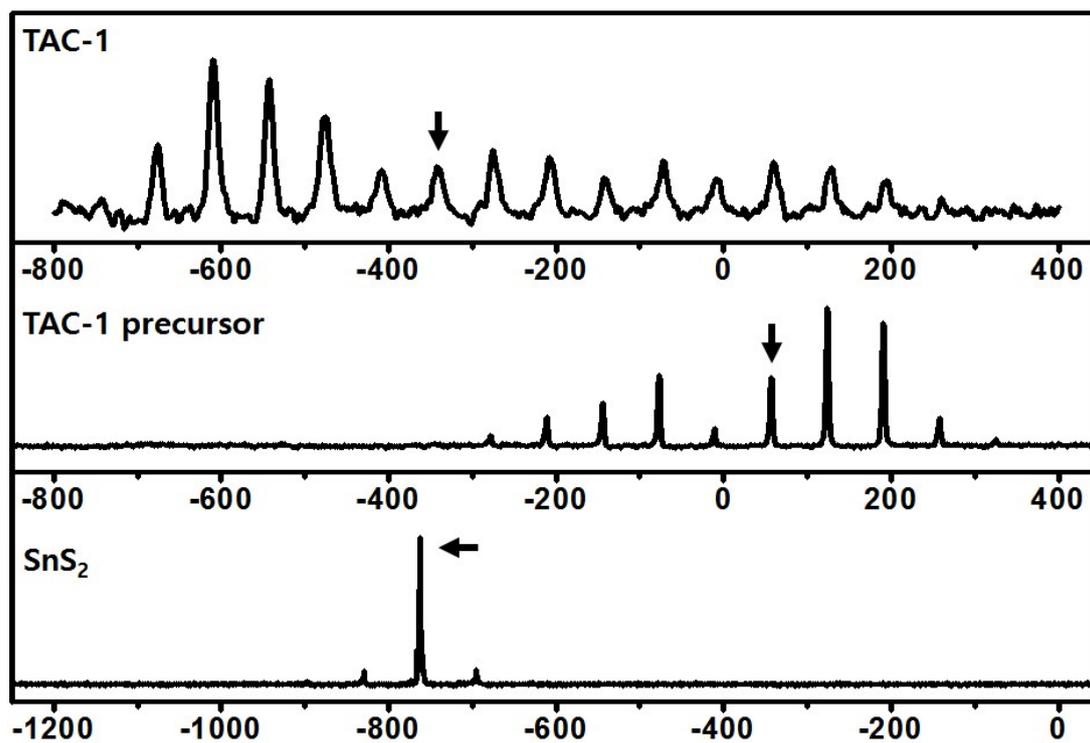


Figure S6. Solid state ^{119}Sn NMR of TAC-1, TAC-1 precursor, and SnS₂ reference material.

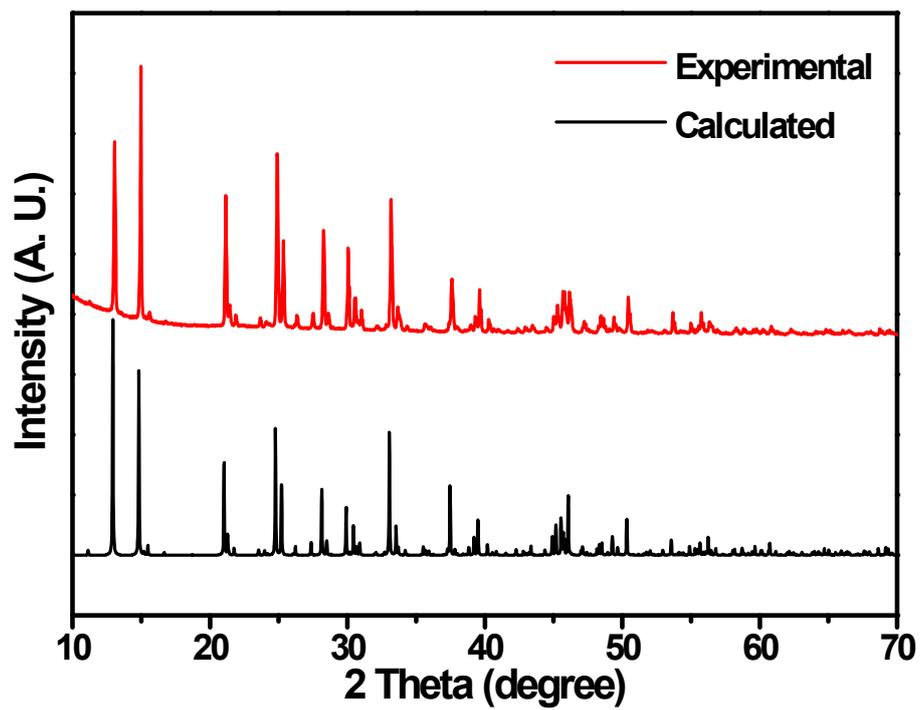


Figure S7. Calculated and experimental powder X-ray diffraction patterns for $\text{Na}_4\text{Sn}_2\text{S}_6 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

Table S1. Stoichiometric ratio of TACs through pyrolytic elemental analysis (EA)* and energy dispersive x-ray spectroscopy (EDS)

		Sn	S	N	C
TAC-1	EA	1.0	2.3	0.6	2.8
	EDS	1.0	1.9	-	-
TAC-2	EA	1.0	2.4	0.6	1.5
	EDS	1.0	1.8	-	-
TAC-3	EA	1.0	2.4	0.6	1.1
	EDS	1.0	1.7	-	-
TAC-4	EA	1.0	2.3	0.4	N/A
	EDS	1.0	1.9	-	-

*the weight % of Sn was evaluated based on the sum of all other elements (S, N, C, H, and O) in chalcogel through pyrolytic elemental analysis

Table S2. Crystal data and structure refinement for Na₄Sn₂S₆·5H₂O

Formula weight	611.78
Temperature	300(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å
Crystal system, space group	Tetragonal, P 4 ₁ 2 ₁ 2
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 8.44260(10) \text{ \AA}$ $\alpha = 90^\circ$ $b = 8.44260(10) \text{ \AA}$ $\beta = 90^\circ$ $c = 23.3145(5) \text{ \AA}$ $\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	1661.80(5) Å ³
Z, Calculated density	4, 2.445 g/cm ³
Absorption coefficient	3.862 mm ⁻¹
F(000)	1160
Crystal size	0.464 x 0.443 x 0.376 mm
Theta range for data collection	2.566 to 28.329°
Limiting indices	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -11 ≤ k ≤ 11, -31 ≤ l ≤ 31
Reflections collected / unique	45537 / 2069 [R(int) = 0.0266]
Completeness to theta = 25.242	99.70%
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	2069 / 8 / 100
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.351
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0113, wR ₂ = 0.0279
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0113, wR ₂ = 0.0279
Absolute structure parameter	0.016(5)
Extinction coefficient	0.0157(3)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.463 and -0.359 e Å ⁻³

Table S3. Selected bond lengths (Å) for Na₄Sn₂S₆·5H₂O

Sn(1)–S(3)	2.3355(6)
Sn(1)–S(1)	2.3504(6)
Sn(1)–S(2)	2.4435(6)
Sn(1)–S(4)	2.4560(6)
Na(1)–O(1)	2.306(3)
Na(1)–O(2)	2.342(3)
Na(1)–S(3)#1	2.8392(17)
Na(1)–S(1)	2.8663(16)
Na(1)–S(4)#2	3.2434(17)
Na(2)–O(1)	2.378(3)
Na(2)–O(2)	2.414(3)
Na(2)–O(3)	2.542(2)
Na(2)–S(3)#3	2.9731(15)
Na(2)–S(3)#2	2.9949(16)
Na(2)–S(2)#4	3.1439(16)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 $x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z+3/4$ #2 $-y+3/2, x+1/2, z+1/4$ #3 $y+1, x, -z+1$ #4 $-y+3/2, x-1/2, z+1/4$

Table S4. ICP-MS analysis of TAC-3 in Cs⁺ solution before and after Cs⁺ adsorption

	Cs	Sn
	ppm	ppm
The solution before Cs ⁺ adsorption	79.8	-
The solution after Cs ⁺ adsorption	46.8	-

- below detection limit (<0.1ppm)

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