

Supporting information

In-situ engineered ZnS-FeS heterostructures in N-doping carbon nanocages accelerating polysulfides redox kinetics for lithium sulfur batteries

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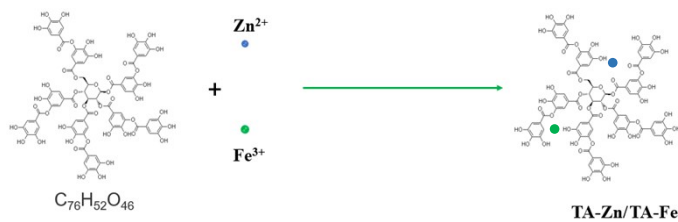


Fig. S1. The chemical reaction between metal ion and TA.

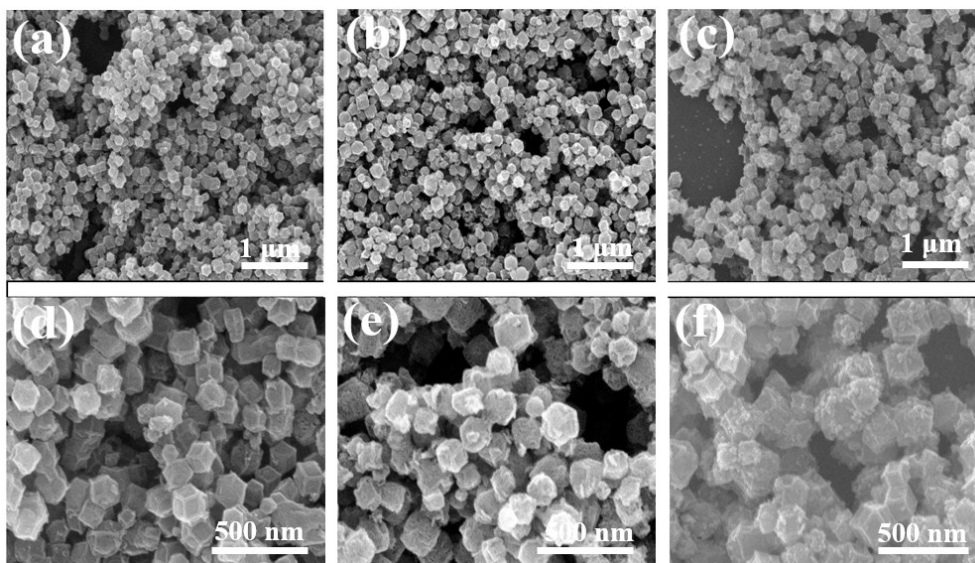


Fig. S2. The SEM images of Fe/ZIF-8 with different Fe:Zn ratio (a)-(d) 1:2; (b)-(e) 1:1; (c)-(f) 2:1.

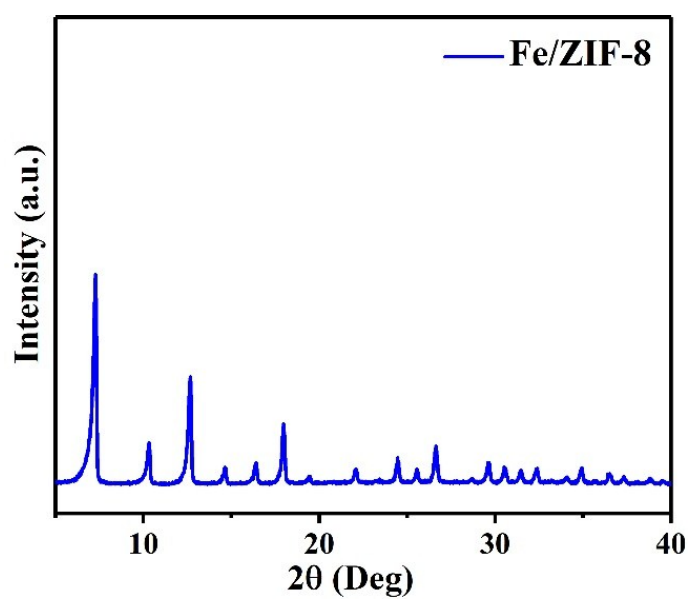


Fig. S3. The XRD patterns of Fe/ZIF-8 samples.

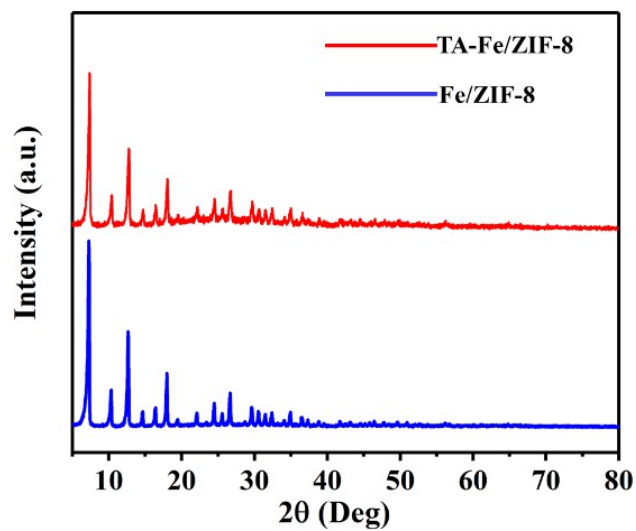


Fig. S4. The XRD patrons of Fe/ZIF-8 and TA-ZIF-8 nanocages.

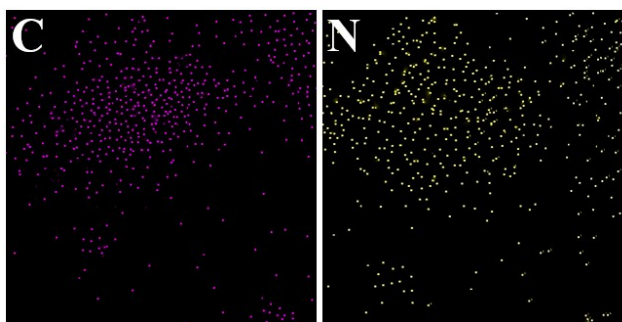


Fig. S5. The EDS mapping images of ZnS-FeS/NC samples for C and N elements

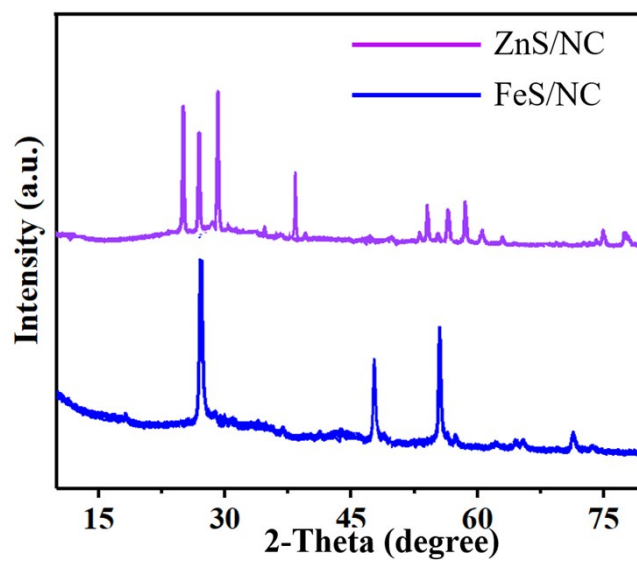


Fig. S6. The XRD patterns of ZnS/NC and FeS/NC composites.

Table S1. Co and Fe content in ZnS-FeS@NC sample analyzed by ICP technique.

Sample	Zn (wt.%)	Fe (wt.%)
ZnS-FeS@NC	20.3	9.6

Table S2. C and N content in ZnS-FeS@NC sample analyzed by EA technique.

Sample	C (wt.%)	N (wt.%)
ZnS-FeS@NC	44.2	6.4

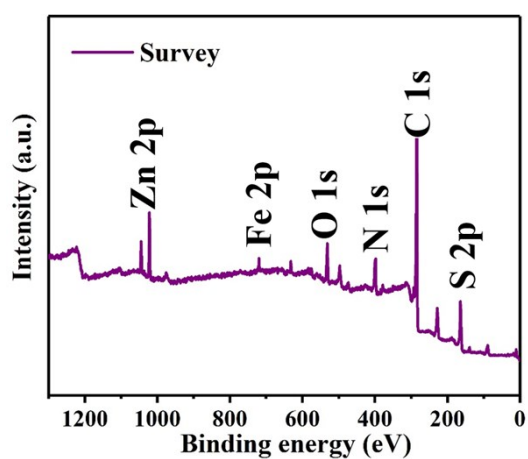


Fig. S7. The XPS survey of FeS-ZnS/NC samples.

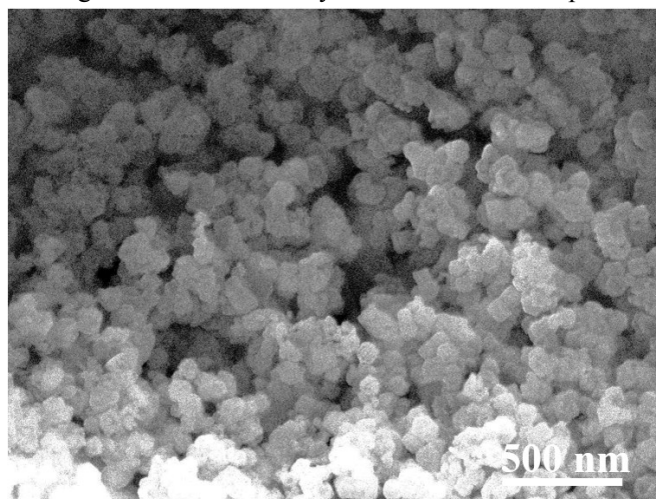


Fig. S8. The SEM images of S@ZnS-FeS/NC composite.

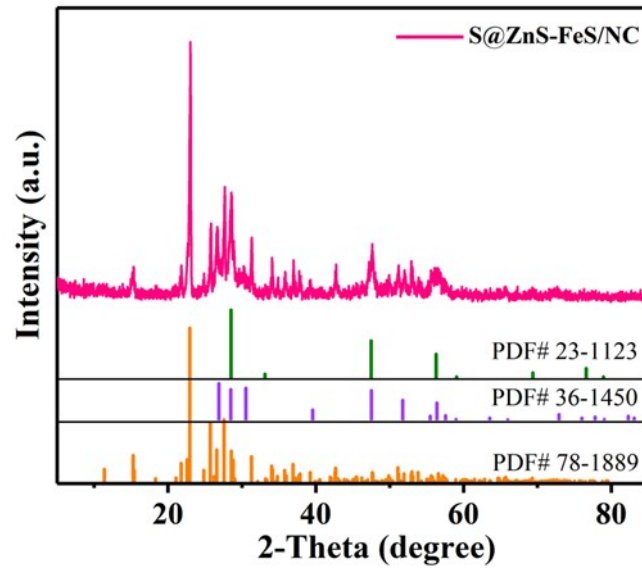


Fig. S9. The XRD pattern of S@ZnS-FeS/NC composite.

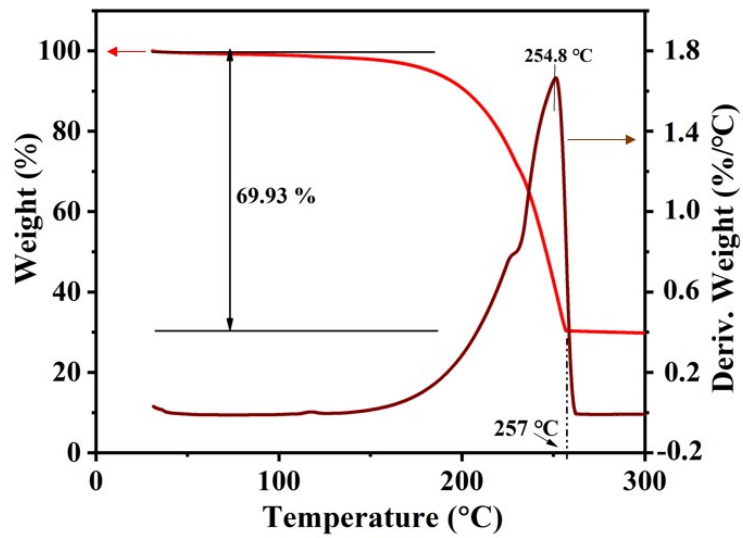


Fig. S10. The TGA and DSC curves of the S@ZnS-FeS@NC composite.

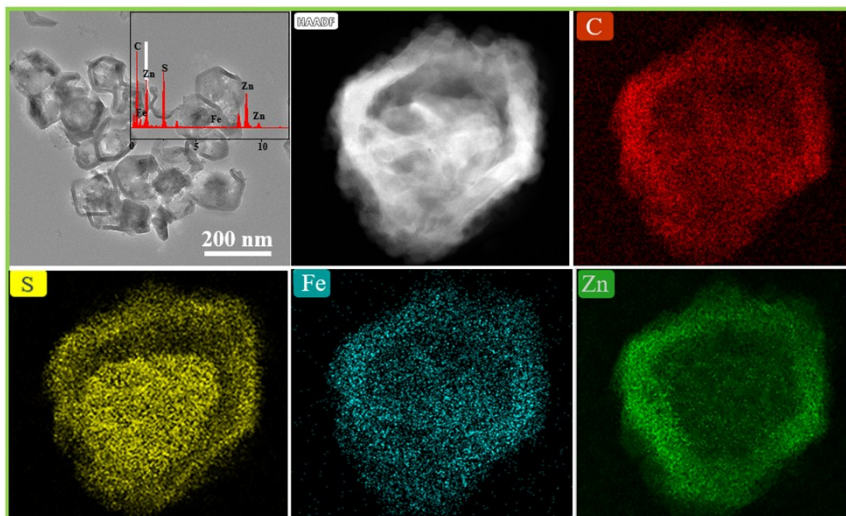


Fig. S11. TEM image of the S@ZnS-FeS@NC and the corresponding EDS elemental mapping images.

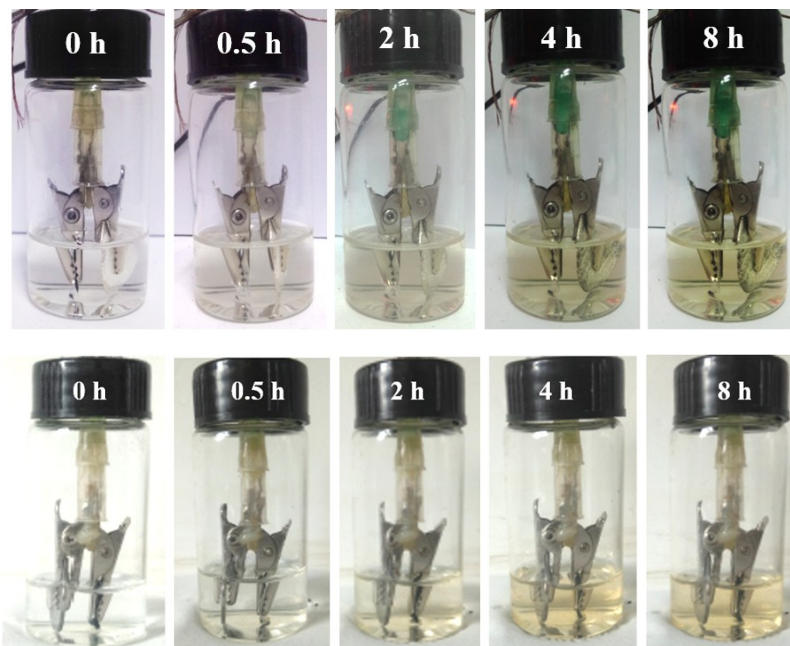


Fig. S12. Digital photos of the visual Li-S cell with S@ZnS/NC cathode and S@FeS/NC at different time.

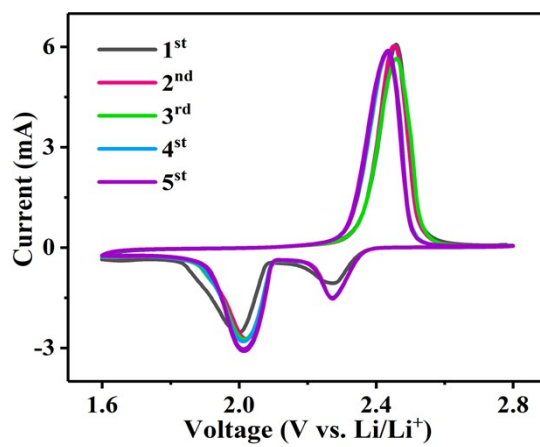


Fig. S13. The CV curves of the S@ZnS-FeS/NC cathode for the first five cycles at a scan rate of 0.1 mV s⁻¹

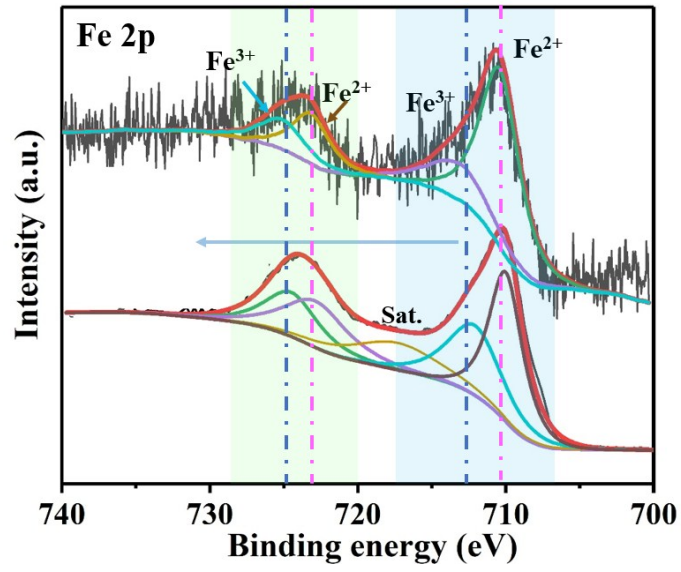


Fig. S14. Fe2p XPS spectrum of ZnS-FeS/NC and ZnS-FeS/NC+Li₂S₆.

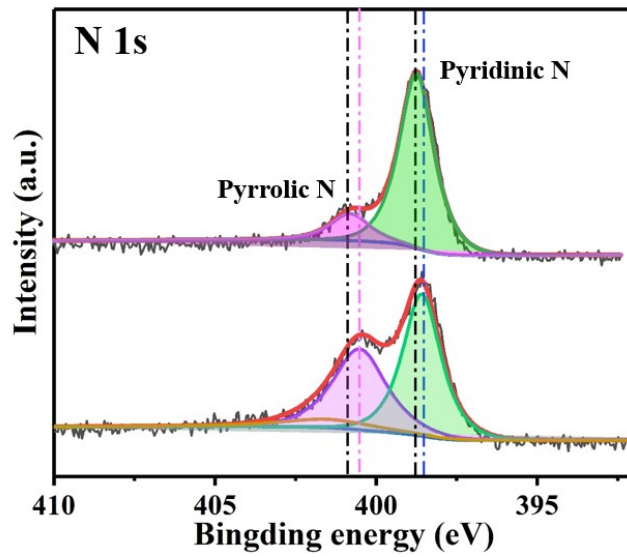


Fig. S15. N1s XPS spectrum of ZnS-FeS/NC and ZnS-FeS/NC+Li₂S₆.

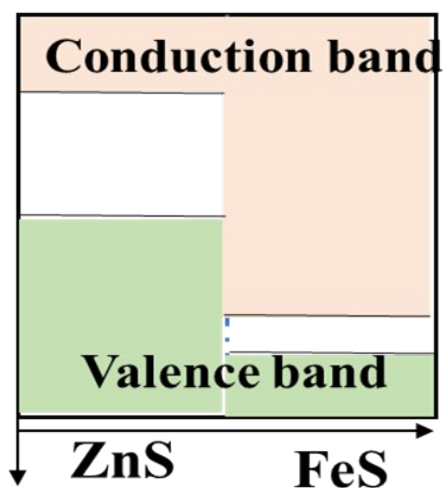


Fig. S16. The band alignment of the ZnS and FeS.

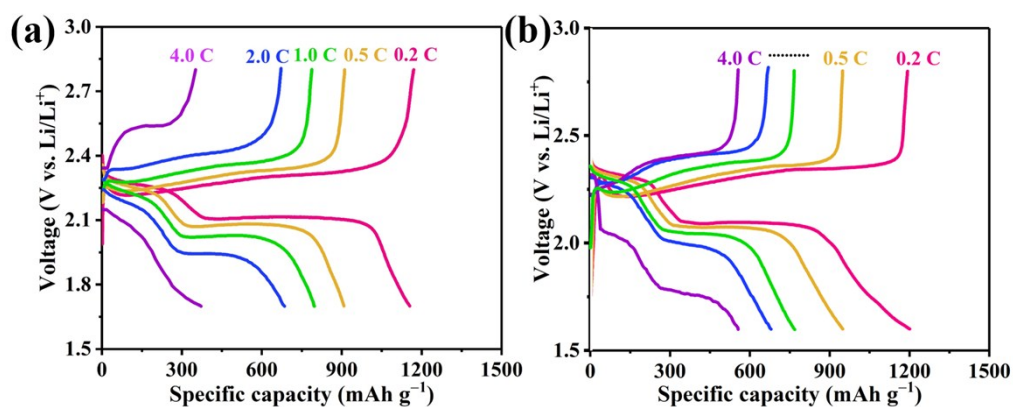


Fig. S17. The charge and discharge profiles at different current densities of S@ZnS/NC and S@FeS/NC composites cathode.

Table S3. Performance comparison between S@ZnS-FeS/NC and sulfur electrodes based on metal sulfides in recent publications.

1	S@ZnS-FeS/NC	738 mA h g ⁻¹ 4.0 C	This work
2	S/CoS ₂	580 mA h g ⁻¹ 2.0 C	Ref. ¹
3	S/CuS	568 mAh g ⁻¹ at 3.0 C	Ref. ²
4	NiS@C-HS	718 mAh g ⁻¹ at 4.0 C	Ref. ³
5	rGO-VS ₂ /S	616 mAh g ⁻¹ 3.0 C	Ref. ⁴
6	MnS nanocrystal decorated N/S codoped graphene	572 mAh g ⁻¹ 4.0 C	Ref. ⁵
7	S/AHCNS-SnS ₂	717.6 mAh g ⁻¹ 2.0 C	Ref. ⁶

8	Co ₃ S ₄ @S	617 mAh g ⁻¹ 4.0 C	Ref. ⁷
9	NbS ₂ @S@I-Doped Graphene	603 mAh g ⁻¹ 5.0 C	Ref. ⁸
10	C@WS ₂ /S	448 mAh g ⁻¹ 3.0 C	Ref. ⁹

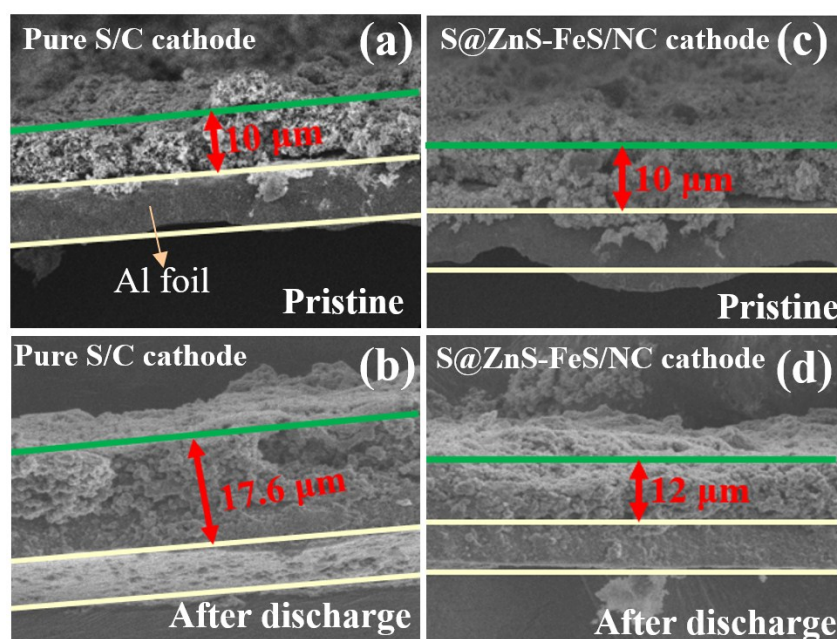


Fig. S18. The pristine and after discharge cross-sectional SEM image of the sulfur/carbon (a)-(b) and S@ZnS-FeS/NC (c)-(d) cathodes with low sulfur loading.

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