

# Supporting Information

## **Foldable Potassium-Ion Batteries Enabled by Free-standing and Flexible SnS<sub>2</sub>@C Nanofibers**

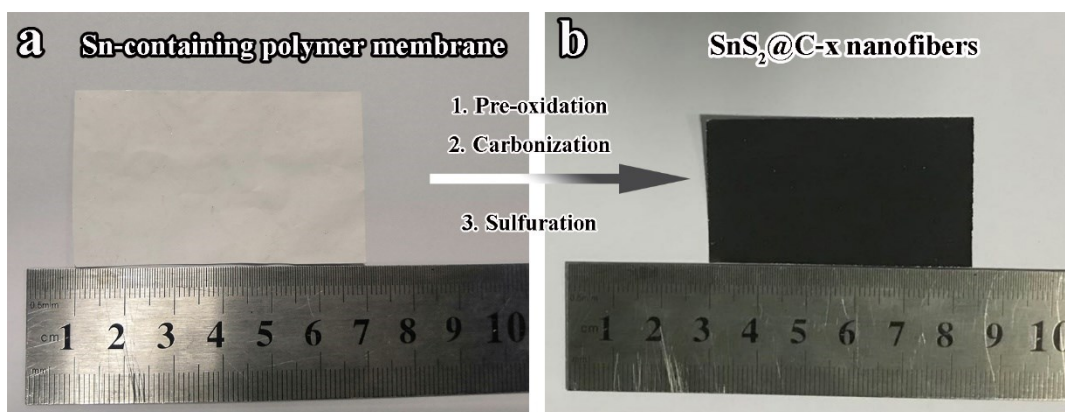
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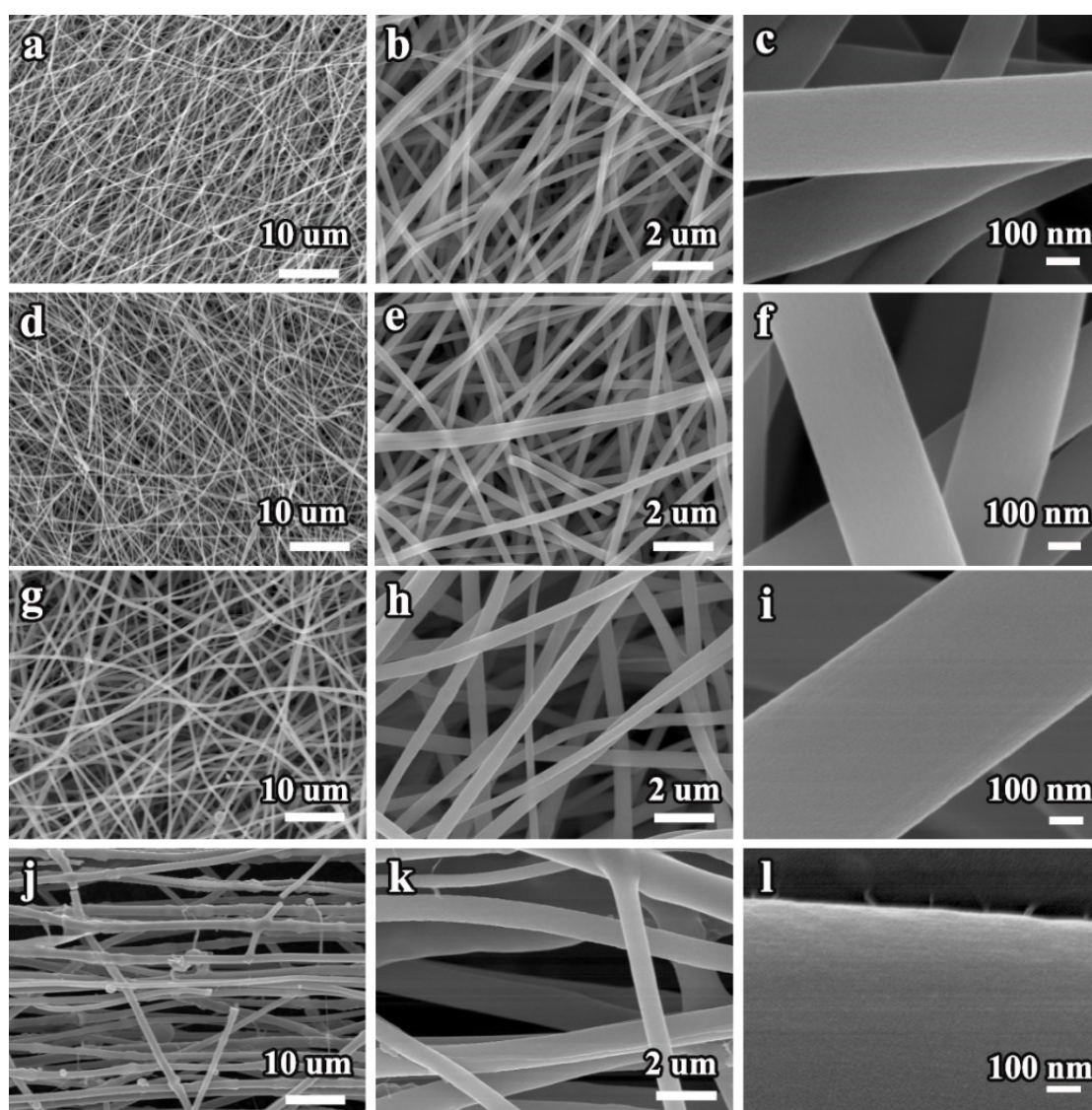
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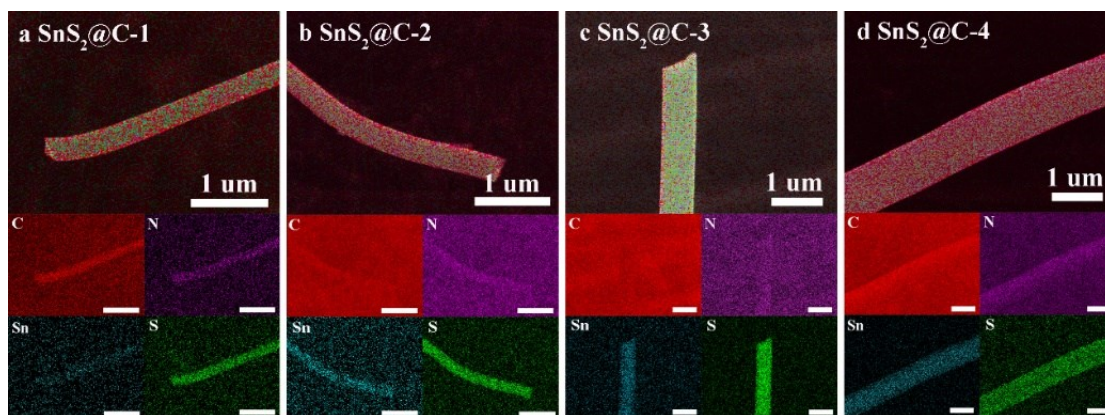
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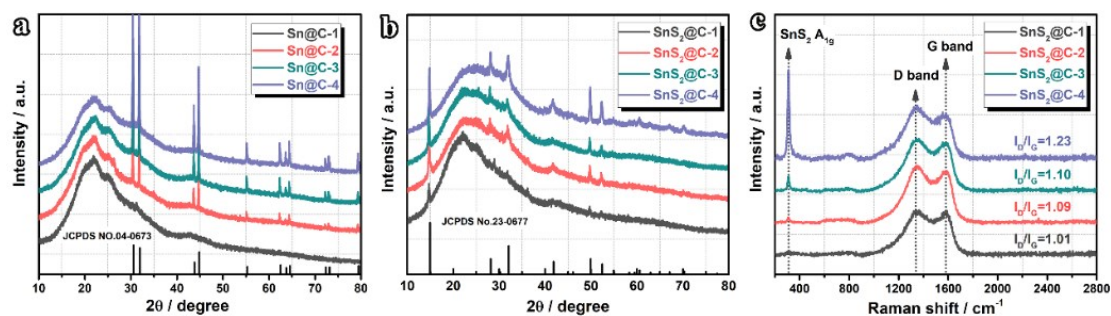
**Figure S1.** Digital photos of (a) Sn-containing polymer membrane and (b)  $\text{SnS}_2@\text{C-x}$  nanofibers.



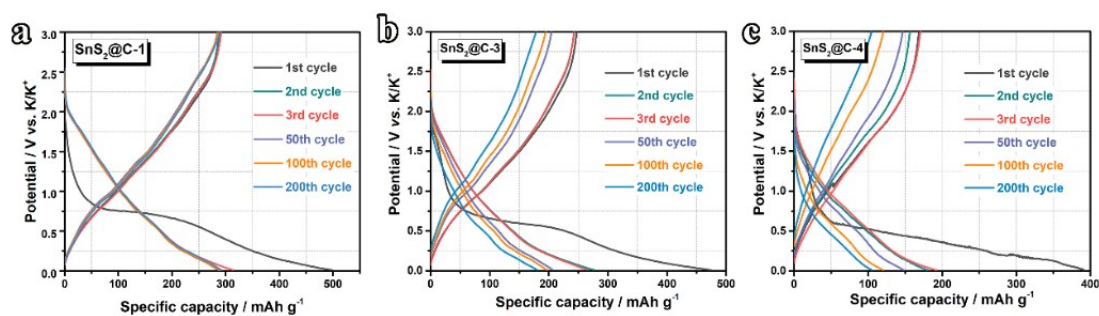
**Figure S2.** SEM images of  $\text{Sn}@\text{C-x}$  nanofibers. (a-c)  $\text{Sn}@\text{C-1}$ , (d-f)  $\text{Sn}@\text{C-2}$ , (g-i)  $\text{Sn}@\text{C-3}$  and (j-l)  $\text{Sn}@\text{C-4}$ .



**Figure S3.** EDS mapping results of SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-x nanofibers (C, N, Sn and S). (a) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-1, (b) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-2, (c) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-3 and (d) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-4.



**Figure S4.** Structural analyses. XRD patterns of (a) Sn@C-x and (b) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-x nanofibers. (c) Raman spectra of SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-x nanofibers.



**Figure S5.** Charge-discharge curves of (a) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-1, (b) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-3 and (c) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-4 electrodes.



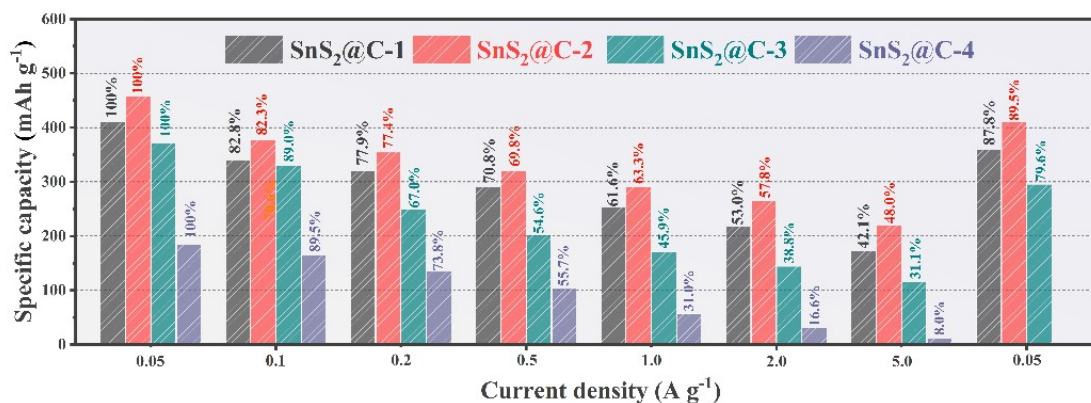


Figure S6. Capacity retention ratios at various current densities.

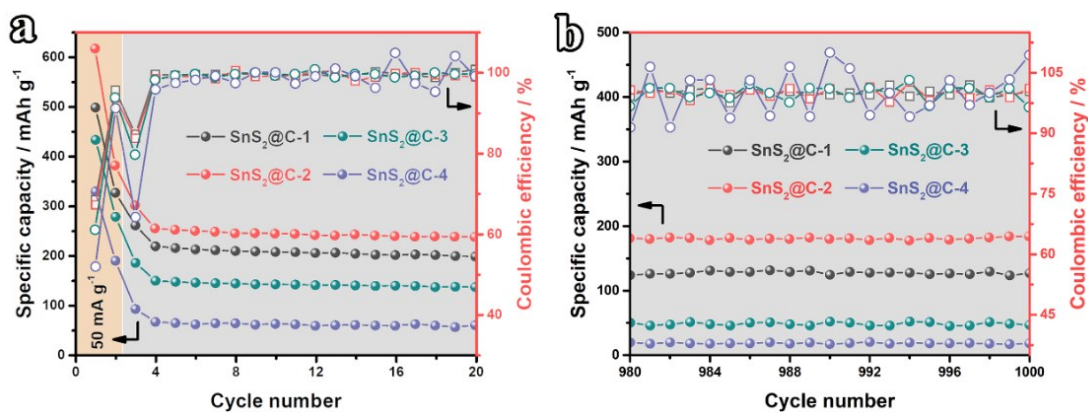


Figure S7. Long-term cycling test (magnified plots of Figure 4d). (a) the initial 20 cycles and (b) the last 20 cycles.

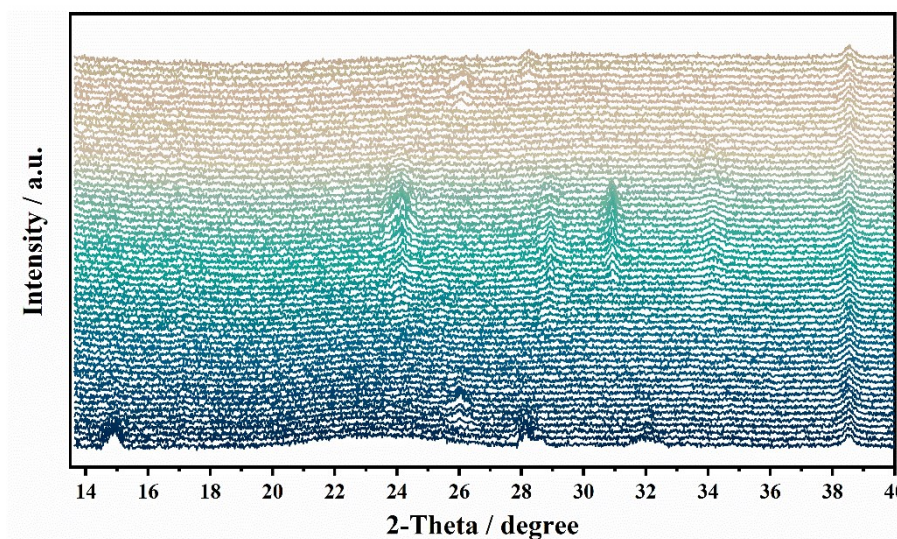


Figure S8. *In situ* XRD results (raw data for plotting Figure 5a).

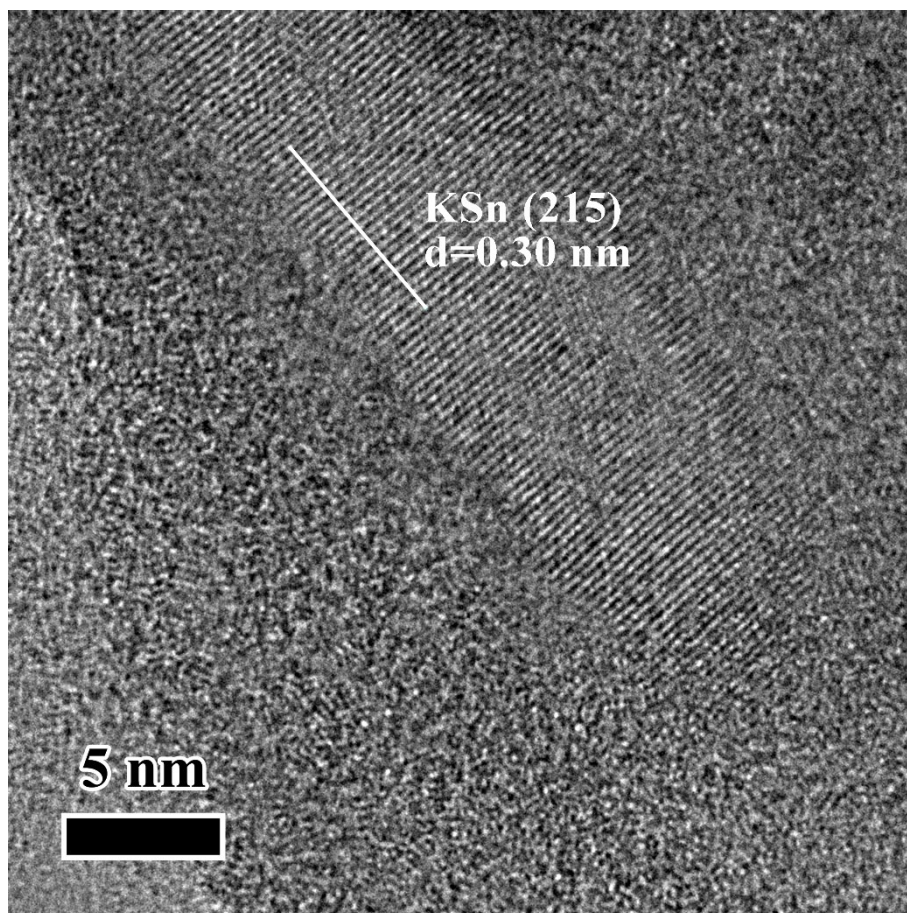


Figure S9 Magnified Figure of Figure 5b.

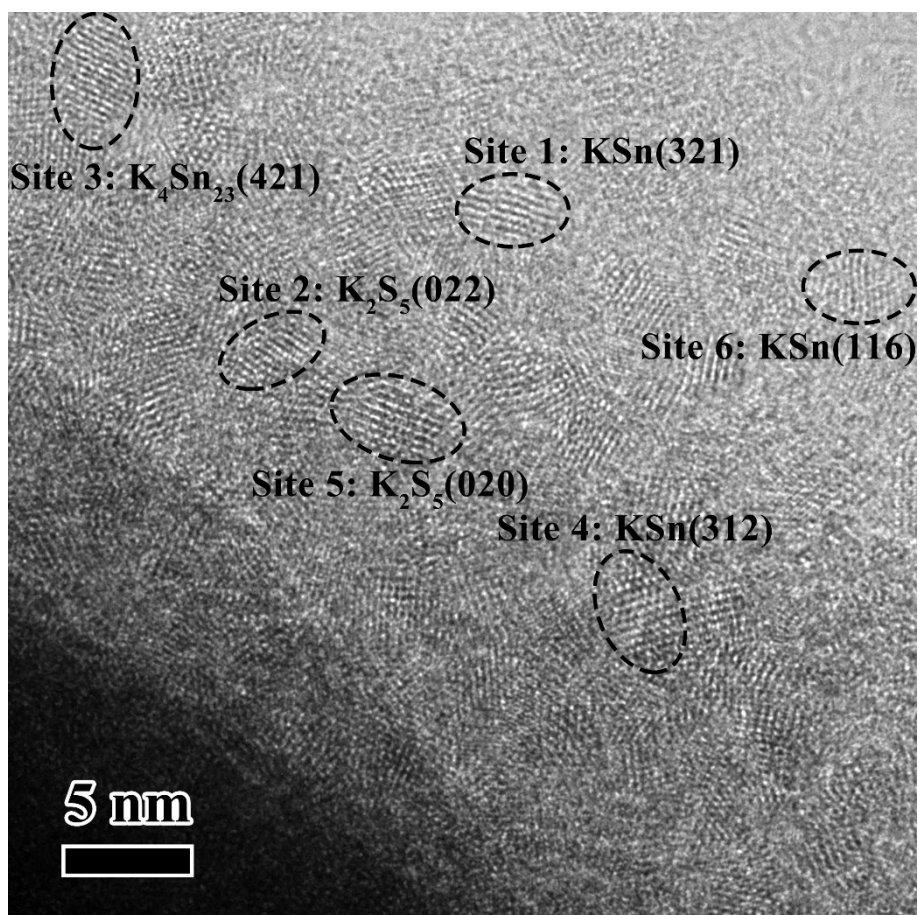
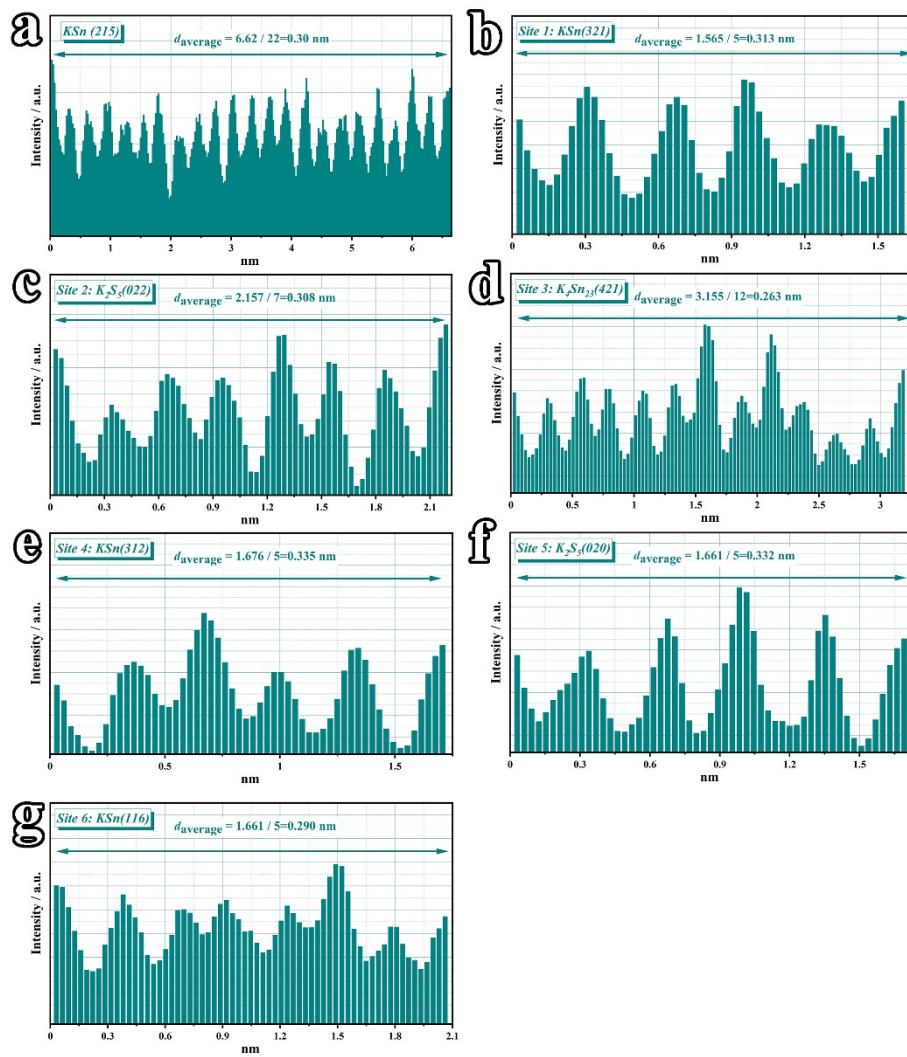
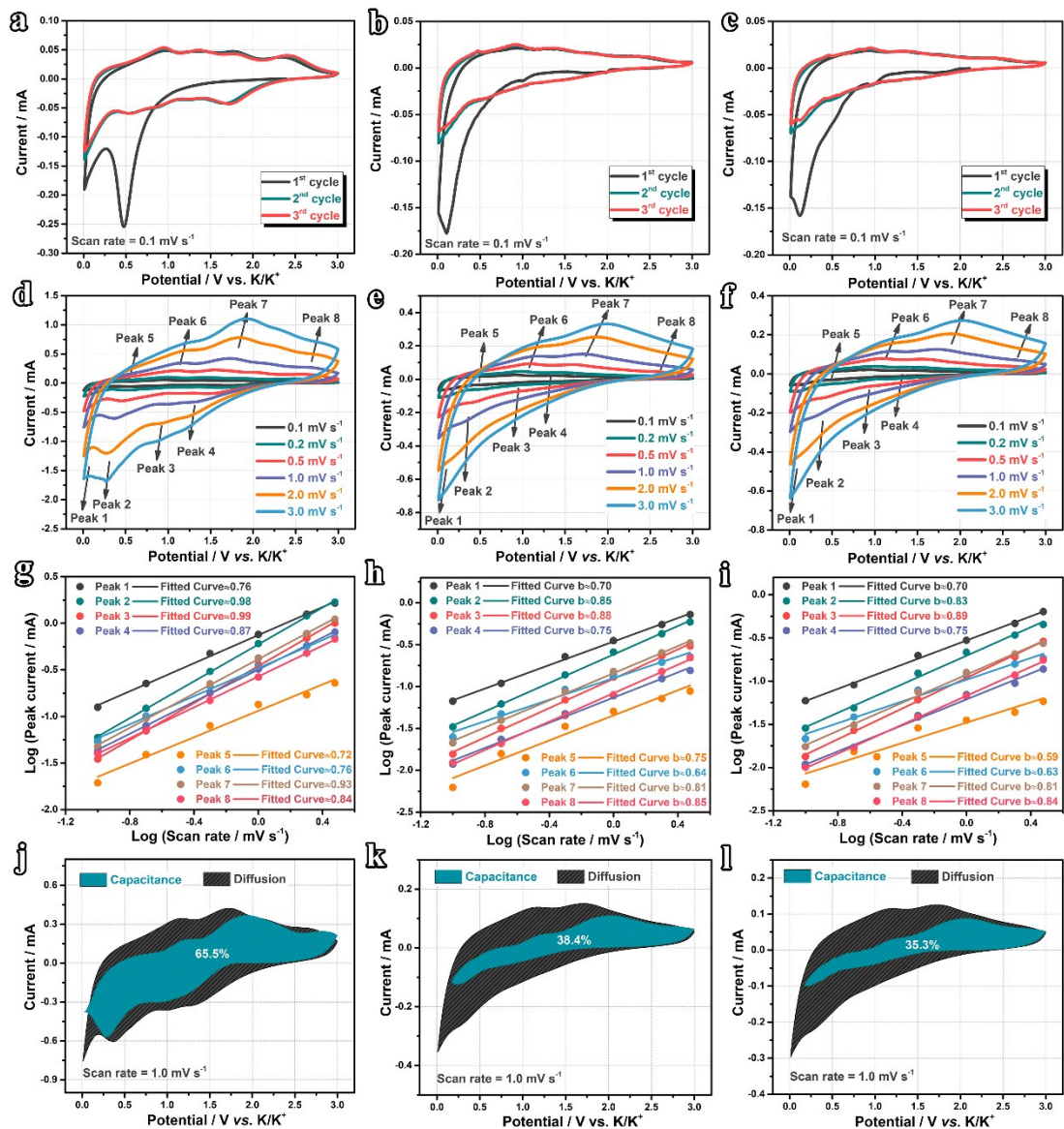


Figure S10 Magnified Figure of Figure 5c.



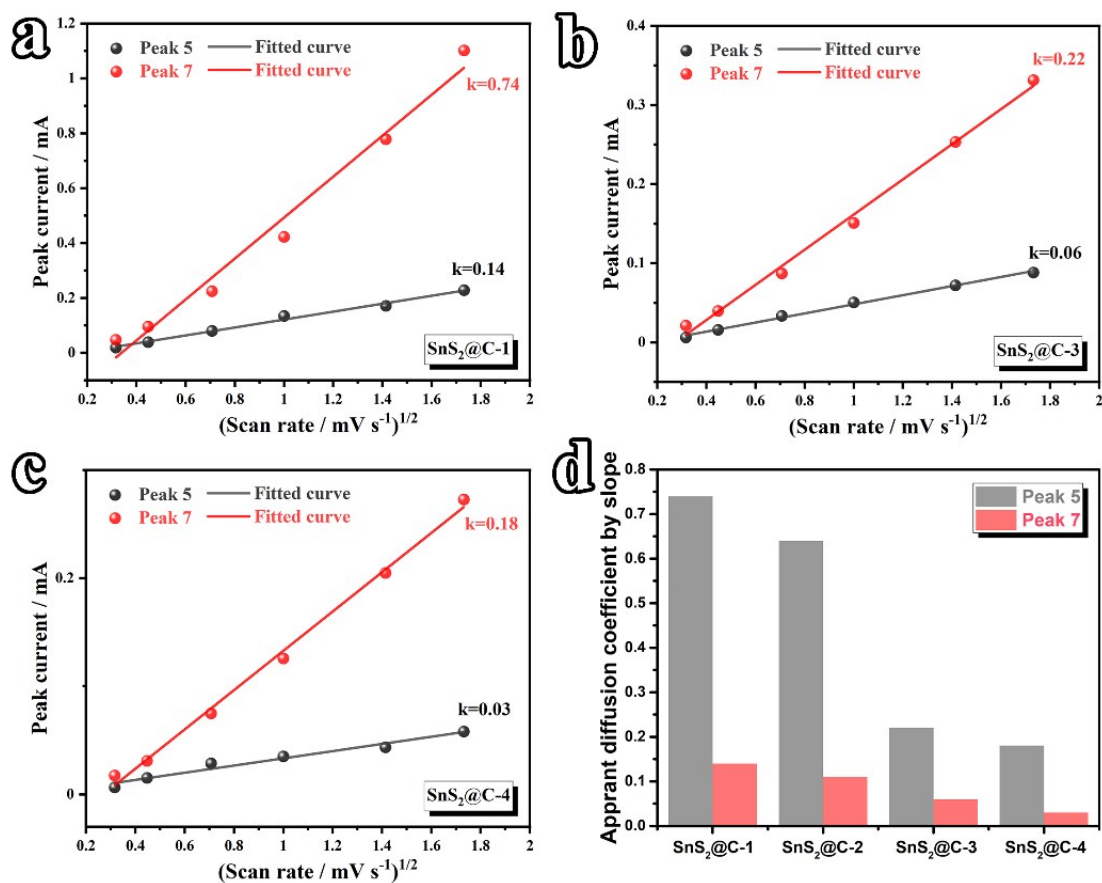


**Figure S11** Profiles for averaging the lattice distances in Figure 5b-c and Figure S9-S10. (a) Plot for Figure 5b and Figure S9. (b-g) Site 1 to site 6 of Figure 5c and Figure S10.

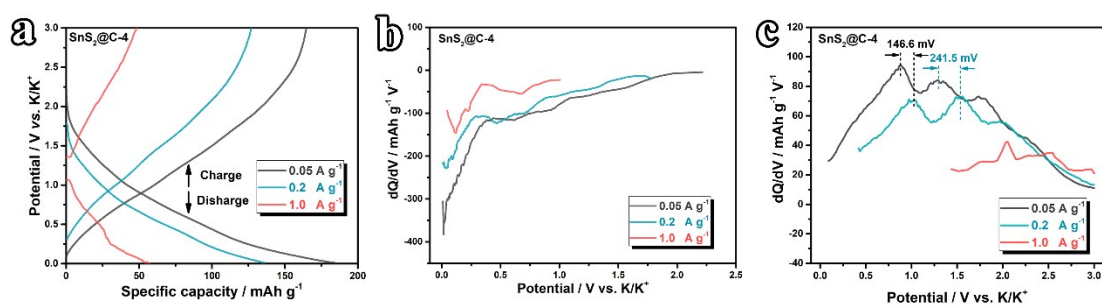


**Figure S12.** Studies on K-ion storage behaviors. CV curves of (a, d) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-1, (b, e) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-3 and (c, f) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-4 electrodes. Plots for *b*-value determination and sketch view of the capacitive contribution at 1.0 mV s<sup>-1</sup>: (g, j) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-1, (h, k) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-3 and (i, l) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-4 electrodes.

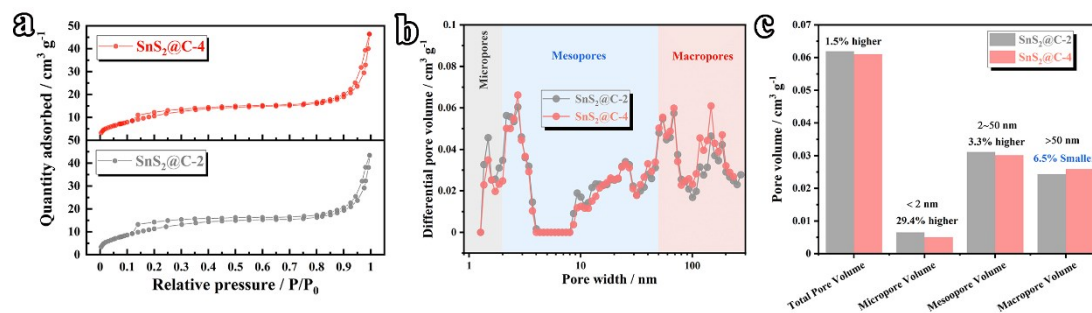




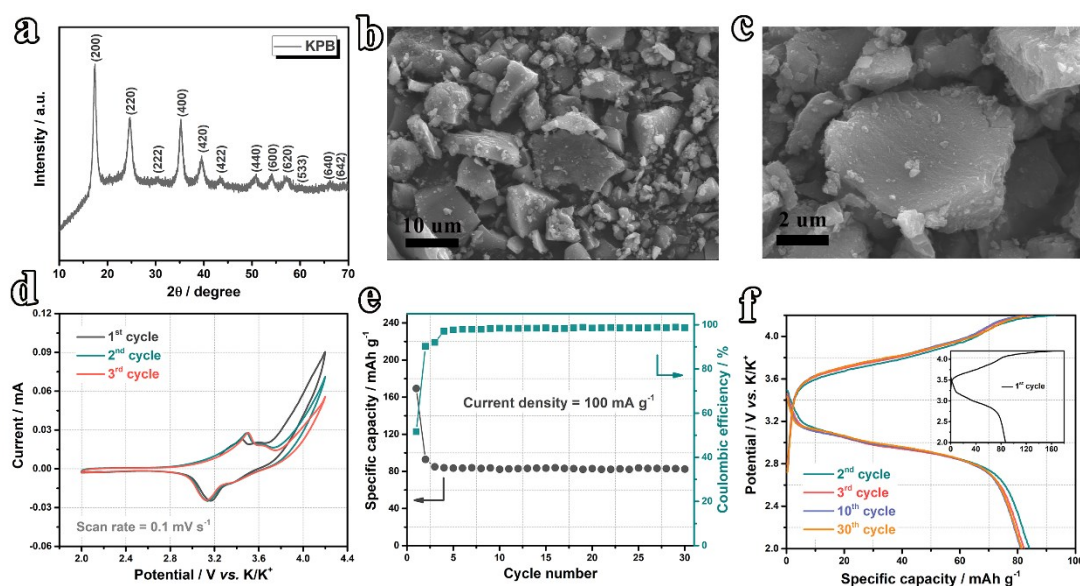
**Figure S13.** Evaluations of K-ion diffusion kinetics. Plots for K-ion diffusion coefficient determination: (a) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-1, (b) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-3, (c) SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-4. (d) Survey of the K-ion diffusion coefficient of SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-x electrodes.



**Figure S14.** (a) Charge-discharge curves, dQ/dV profiles of (d) potassiation and (e) depotassiation processes of SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-4 electrode at selected current densities.



**Figure S15.** Evaluations on pore structure of SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-2 and SnS<sub>2</sub>@C-4. (a) N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms, (b) pore size distributions calculated by NLDFT model (Non-local density functional theory), (c) pore volume distributions.



**Figure S16.** Microstructural and electrochemical evaluations of KPB cathode materials. (a) XRD pattern. (b-c) SEM images. (d) CV curves at 0.1 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. (e) Cycling performance and (f) corresponding GCD profiles

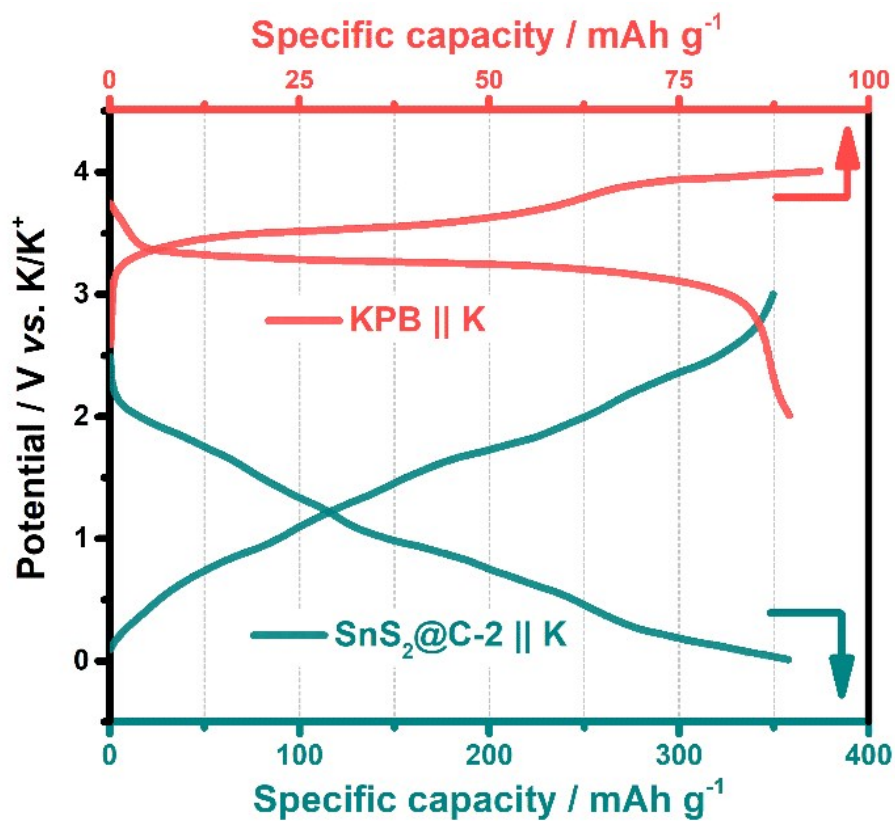


Figure S17. GCD profiles for cathode-anode match before the full-cell assembly.

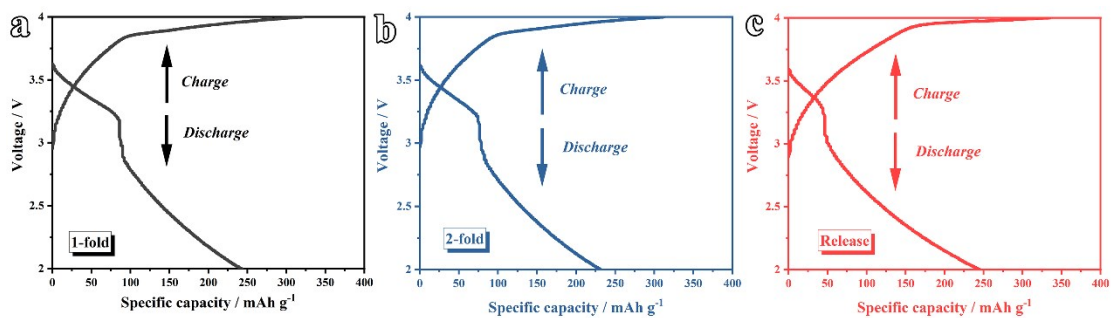


Figure S18. GCD profiles of pouch cell at various deformation states. (a) 1-fold, (b) 2-fold and (c) Final release state.



**Table S1.** A survey of reported anode materials for PIBs.

| Anode Materials                         | Electrolyte  | Reversible capacity & Rate capability                                 | Cycling stability  | Refs      |
|---|--|---|--|-----------|
| SnS <sub>2</sub> @NCNF                  | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 457.4 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>289.7 mAh/g@1000 mA/g<br>219.4 mAh/g@5000 mA/g | 342.2 mAh/g@200 cycles@100 mA/g<br>183.1 mAh/g@1000 cycles@2000 mA/g   | This work |
| <b>Carbonaceous electrode materials</b> |  |   |  |           |
| Graphite                                | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 263 mAh/g@27.9 mA/g<br>80 mAh/g@279 mA/g                              | 100 mAh/g@50 cycles@140 mA/g   | <b>1</b>  |
| Soft carbon                             | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 273 mAh/g@6.975 mA/g<br>140 mAh/g@1395 mA/g                           | 150.6 mAh/g@50 cycles@558 mA/g   | <b>1</b>  |
| N-doped graphene                        | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 200 mAh/g@100 mA/g<br>50 mAh/g@200 mA/g                               | 210 mAh/g@100 cycles@100 mA/g  | <b>2</b>  |
| Hard carbon                             | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 262 mAh/g@28 mA/g<br>136 mAh/g@1400 mA/g                              | 216 mAh/g@100 cycles@28 mA/g   | <b>3</b>  |
| Amorphous ordered carbon                | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 286.4 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>144.2 mAh/g@1000 mA/g                          | 146.5 mAh/g@1000 cycles@1000 mA/g                                      | <b>4</b>  |
| N-doped hard carbon                     | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DMC(1:1)           | 365 mAh/g@25 mA/g<br>118 mAh/g@3000 mA/g                              | 230.6 mAh/g@100 cycles@50 mA/g<br>123 mAh/g@1100 cycles@1050 mA/g      | <b>5</b>  |
| N-doped carbon nanofiber                | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:PC(1:1)            | 238 mAh/g@100 mA/g<br>101 mAh/g@20000 mA/g                            | 248 mAh/g@100 cycles@25 mA/g<br>146 mAh/g@4000 cycles@2000 mA/g        | <b>6</b>  |
| Hierarchical CNT                        | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | ~ 330 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>162 mAh/g@1600 mA/g                            | 210 mAh/g@500 cycles@100 mA/g  | <b>7</b>  |
| Porous carbon nanofiber foam            | 1.0 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DMC:EMC<br>(4:3:2) | 240 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>164 mAh/g@1000 mA/g                              | 168 mAh/g@100 cycles@200 mA/g<br>158 mAh/g@2000 cycles@1000 mA/g       | <b>8</b>  |
| Activated hollow carbon nanospheres     | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 365.5 mAh/g@200 mA/g<br>137 mAh/g@4000 mA/g                           | 192.7 mAh/g@5000 cycles@2000 mA/g<br>144.3 mAh/g@2000 cycles@4000 mA/g | <b>9</b>  |
| N-doped hollow carbon                   | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 277.8 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>204.8 mAh/g@2000 mA/g                          | 225.4 mAh/g@1000 cycles@200 mA/g<br>163.1 mAh/g@1600 cycles@1000 mA/g  | <b>10</b> |
| Coal-based carbon                       | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 260 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>88 mAh/g@5000 mA/g                               | 118 mAh/g@1200 cycles@1000 mA/g  | <b>11</b> |
| Graphite                                | KFSI:EMC<br>with molar ratio<br>of 1:2.5           | 255 mAh/g@20 mA/g   | 255 mAh/g@2000 cycles@20 mA/g  | <b>12</b> |
| Defect-rich graphitic nanocarbons       | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 280 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>152 mAh/g@1000 mA/g<br>56.6 mAh/g@5000 mA/g      | 189 mAh/g@200 cycles@200 mA/g  | <b>13</b> |
| N-doped porous carbon                   | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 419.7 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>185 mAh/g@10000 mA/g                           | 342.8 mAh/g@500 cycles@100 mA/g<br>144.4 mAh/g@1000 cycles@5000 mA/g   | <b>14</b> |
| N-doped carbon microspheres             | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 250 mAh/g@33.6 mA/g<br>156 mAh/g@5040 mA/g                            | 205 mAh/g@200 cycles@33.6 mA/g<br>180 mAh/g@4000 cycles@504 mA/g       | <b>15</b> |

| <b>Non-carbonaceous electrode materials</b>   |  |  |  |           |
|---|--|--|--|-----------|
| <b>(Including: Intercalation-type, conversion-type, alloying-type and organic type)</b> |  |  |  |           |
| a-Ti <sub>3</sub> C <sub>2</sub> MNRs   | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 141 mAh/g@20 mA/g<br>60 mAh/g@300 mA/g       | 42 mAh/g@500 cycles@200 mA/g   | <b>16</b> |
| TiSe <sub>2</sub>   | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 89.0 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>44.5 mAh/g@1000 mA/g   | ~50 mAh/g@300 cycles@400 mA/g  | <b>17</b> |
| K <sub>2</sub> Ti <sub>8</sub> O <sub>17</sub>  | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | ~120 mAh/g@20 mA/g<br>44.2 mAh/g@500 mA/g    | 110.7 mAh/g@50 cycles@20 mA/g  | <b>18</b> |
| MoS <sub>2</sub> @rGO   | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 427 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>178 mAh/g@500 mA/g      | 381 mAh/g@100 cycles@100 mA/g  | <b>19</b> |
| Co <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /C                       | 0.75 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)          | Not mentioned                                | 220 mAh/g@50 cycles@50 mA/g  | <b>20</b> |
| CoS@G-25  | 0.6 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | ~420 mAh/g@500 mA/g<br>~220 mAh/g@4000 mA/g  | 310.8 mAh/g@100 cycles@500 mA/g                                      | <b>21</b> |
| FeCl <sub>3</sub> @C  | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 269.5 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>133.1 mAh/g@5000 mA/g | 224.1 mAh/g@500 cycles@100 mA/g<br>106.1 mAh/g@1300 cycles@2000 mA/g | <b>22</b> |
| CoP@C   | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DMC:DEC<br>(1:1:1) | 174 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>54 mAh/g@2000 mA/g      | 127 mAh/g@1000 cycles@100 mA/g<br>114 mAh/g@1000 cycles@500 mA/g     | <b>23</b> |
| FeS <sub>2</sub> @C   | 1.0 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:PC(1:1)            | 360 mAh/g@1000 mA/g<br>203 mAh/g@10000 mA/g  | 270 mAh/g@1000 cycles@300 mA/g<br>162 mAh/g@1000 cycles@1000 mA/g    | <b>24</b> |
| V <sub>5</sub> S <sub>8</sub> @C  | 1.0 M KFSI in<br>EC:PC(1:1)                        | 474 mAh/g@100 mA/g<br>153 mAh/g@10000 mA/g   | 360 mAh/g@500 cycles@500 mA/g<br>190 mAh/g@1000 cycles@2000 mA/g     | <b>25</b> |
| MoSe <sub>2</sub> /Mxene  | 1.0 M KFSI in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)                       | 350 mAh/g@100 mA/g<br>183 mAh/g@10000 mA/g   | 355 mAh/g@100 cycles@200 mA/g<br>207 mAh/g@300 cycles@5000 mA/g      | <b>26</b> |
| Bi/rGO  | 1.0 M KFSI in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)                       | 309 mAh/g@100 mA/g<br>235 mAh/g@500 mA/g     | 290 mAh/g@50 cycles@50 mA/g  | <b>27</b> |
| Sn/C  | 0.8 M KClO <sub>4</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)          | 310 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>150 mAh/g@500 mA/g      | 276.4 mAh/g@100 cycles@50 mA/g                                       | <b>28</b> |
| Sb/Carbon<br>shpere network   | 4.0 M KTFSI in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)                      | 589 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>530 mAh/g@200 mA/g      | 551 mAh/g@100 cycles@100 mA/g<br>504 mAh/g@220 cycles@200 mA/g       | <b>29</b> |
| Sb/Carbon<br>nanosheets   | 1.0 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DMC(1:1)           | 395.5 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>101.4 mAh/g@2000 mA/g | 288.2 mAh/g@50 cycles@50 mA/g<br>247 mAh/g@600 cycles@200 mA/g       | <b>30</b> |
| Red P@CNFs  | 0.7 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 745 mAh/g@100 mA/g<br>342 mAh/g@5000 mA/g    | 650 mAh/g@100 cycles@100 mA/g<br>282 mAh/g@800 cycles@5000 mA/g      | <b>31</b> |
| Amorphous Ge  | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 350 mAh/g@200 mA/g<br>125 mAh/g@1200 mA/g    | 210 mAh/g@100 cycles@80 mA/g<br>175 mAh/g@200 cycles@240 mA/g        | <b>32</b> |
| GeP <sub>5</sub>  | 1.0 M KFSI in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)                       | 721.8 mAh/g@20 mA/g<br>284.2 mAh/g@1000 mA/g | 495.1 mAh/g@50 cycles@50 mA/g<br>213.7 mAh/g@2000 cycles@500 mA/g    | <b>33</b> |
| Sn <sub>4</sub> P <sub>3</sub> /C   | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)           | 399.4 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>221.9 mAh/g@1000 mA/g | 307.2 mAh/g@50 cycles@50 mA/g  | <b>34</b> |
| Sn <sub>4</sub> P <sub>3</sub> @Carbon<br>Fiber   | 1.0 M KFSI in<br>EC:DEC(1:1)                       | 514.7 mAh/g@50 mA/g<br>169.6 mAh/g@2000 mA/g | 403.1 mAh/g@200 cycles@50 mA/g<br>160.7 mAh/g@1000 cycles@500 mA/g   | <b>35</b> |
| PASP@SnS <sub>2</sub> @   | 1 M KFSI in  | 564 mAh/g @ 50 mA/g                          | 372 mAh/g @ 100 cycles @100 mA/g                                     | <b>36</b> |

|   |                            |                       |                                  |           |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| CN  | DME                        | 273 mAh/g @ 2000 mA/g | 269 mAh/g @ 500 cycles @500 mA/g |           |
| SnS <sub>2</sub> @C@rGO                         | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in  | 499.4 mAh/g@50 mA/g   | 309.1 mAh/g@100 cycles@100 mA/g  | <b>37</b> |
|   | EC:DEC(1:1)                | 287.5 mAh/g@500 mA/g  | 298.1 mAh/g@500 cycles@500 mA/g  |           |
| SeS <sub>2</sub> @NCNFs                         | 0.7 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in  | 751 mAh/g@50 mA/g     | 703 mAh/g@150 cycles@50 mA/g     | <b>38</b> |
|   | EC:DEC(1:1)                | 372 mAh/g@2000 mA/g   | 417 mAh/g@1000 cycles@500 mA/g   |           |
| Sb <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> /C               | 1.0 M KSiF <sub>6</sub> in | ~500 mAh/g@50 mA/g    | ~500 mAh/g@500 cycles@50 mA/g    | <b>39</b> |
|   | EC:PC(1:1)                 | ~50 mAh/g@1000 mA/g   | 404 mAh/g@200 cycles@500 mA/g    |           |
| SnSb@NC   | 0.5 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in  | 357.2 mAh/g@50 mA/g   | 185.8 mAh/g@200 cycles@500 mA/g  | <b>40</b> |
|   | DME                        | 116.6 mAh/g@2000 mA/g |                                  |           |
| (Bi,Sb) <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub><br>Nanotube | 3.0 M KFSI in              | 611 mAh/g@100 mA/g    | 353 mAh/g@1000 cycles@500 mA/g   | <b>41</b> |
|   | DME                        | 300 mAh/g@1000 mA/g   |                                  |           |
| Amorphous<br>black P@C                          | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in  | 367 mAh/g@50 mA/g     | 71.5 mAh/g@500 cycles@500 mA/g   | <b>42</b> |
|   | EC:DEC(1:1)                | 90 mAh/g@500 mA/g     |                                  |           |
| Sb <sub>2</sub> MoO <sub>6</sub> /rGO           | 3.0 M KFSI in              | 402 mAh/g@100 mA/g    | 381 mAh/g@50 cycles@200 mA/g     | <b>43</b> |
|   | DME                        | 161 mAh/g@1000 mA/g   |                                  |           |
| K <sub>2</sub> PC                               | 1.0 M KFSI in              | 245 mAh/g@11 mA/g     | 190 mAh/g@100 cycles@44 mA/g     | <b>44</b> |
|   | EC:DMC(1:1)                | 79 mAh/g@440 mA/g     |                                  |           |
| K <sub>2</sub> TP                               | 1.0 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in  | 261 mAh/g@50 mA/g     | 229 mAh/g@100 cycles@200 mA/g    | <b>45</b> |
|   | DME                        | 185 mAh/g@1000 mA/g   | 194 mAh/g@500 cycles@1000 mA/g   |           |
| PyBT  | 0.8 M KPF <sub>6</sub> in  | 358 mAh/g@30 mA/g     | 272 mAh/g@500 cycles@500 mA/g    | <b>46</b> |
|   | EC:DEC(1:1)                | 104 mAh/g@500 mA/g    |                                  |           |

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