Supporting information

Enabling high electrochemical activity of hollow SiO₂ anode by decorating with ultrafine cobalt and carbon matrix for long-lifespan lithium ion batteries

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Fig. S1 TEM image of pristine SiO_2/C hierarchical hollow spheres.



Fig. S2 XRD pattern of the Co_2SiO_4/C intermediate.



Fig. S3 TG curves of the SiO₂/Co/C and H-SiO₂/C composites.

After TG test in air atmosphere, the final products of the $SiO_2/Co/C$ and $H-SiO_2/C$ composites are SiO_2/Co_3O_4 and SiO_2 , respectively. According to the following equations and mass changes revealed from the TG result (Fig. S3), the specific contents of SiO_2 , Co and C in the $SiO_2/Co/C$ composite can be calculated to be 55.1, 25.4 and 19.5 wt. % based on the following three equations.

$$SiO_2$$
 (wt. %) + Co (wt. %) + C (wt. %) = 100 (1)

$$SiO_2 (wt. \%) / C (wt. \%) = 73.9 / 26.1$$
 (2)

 SiO_2 (wt. %) + Co_3O_4 (molecular weight) / 3 Co (molecular weight) × Co (wt. %) = 89.7 (3)



Fig. S4 CV curves of pristine H-SiO₂/C at a scan rate of 0.1 mV s⁻¹ in the potential range from 3.0 to

0.01 V vs. Li+/Li.



Fig. S5 Coulomb efficiency of $SiO_2/Co/C$ and pristine H-SiO₂/C for the first 30 cycles.



Fig. S6 (a)XRD pattern, (b) SEM image, (c) CV curves and (d) cycling performance of the SiO₂/Co

composite.



Fig. S7 SEM image of SiO₂/Co/C after 50 discharge/charge cycles at 0.2 A g^{-1} .



Fig. S8 TEM image of SiO₂/Co/C after 20 discharge/charge cycles at 0.2 A $\rm g^{-1}.$



Fig. S9 Nyquist plots of SiO₂/Co/C and pristine H-SiO₂/C.



Fig. S10 (a)XRD pattern, (b) SEM image, (c) CV curves and (d) cycling performance of the SiO₂/Ni/C

composite.

SiO ₂ -based anode	Current density	Capacity	Cycle	Rate capability	Ref.
materials	(A g ⁻¹)	(mAh g ⁻¹)	number	$(mAh g^{-1})$	
nanofibrous SiO ₂ /C	0.1	400	200	263 (0.5 A g ⁻¹)	22
N-OMC/SiO ₂	0.2	630	100	372 (0.5 A g ⁻¹)	25
hollow porous SiO_2	0.1	919	30	377 (0.5 A g ⁻¹)	27
hollow porous SiO ₂ nanobelts	0.1	1012	100	390 (1.0 A g ⁻¹)	28
HSiO ₂ @CN	0.2	810	100	378 (5.0 A g ⁻¹)	30
SiO ₂ /Cu/PAN-C	0.11	450	185	352 (0.44 A g ⁻¹)	31
multi-shell hollow SiO ₂	0.1	750	500	289 (1.0 A g ⁻¹)	33
H-SCC	0.05	776.1	100	492 (0.5 A g ⁻¹)	35
Ni/SiO ₂	0.1	676	50	337 (10.0 A g ⁻¹)	43
SiO ₂ /Sb@CNF	0.2	700	400	520 (2.0 A g ⁻¹)	S 1
SiO ₂ /MXene microspheres	0.2	799	100	517 (3.0 A g ⁻¹)	S2
SiO ₂ -C	0.1	693	100	232 (1.5 A g ⁻¹)	S3
SiO _x /C	0.1	550	180	390 (0.8 A g ⁻¹)	S4
silica/carbon	0.1	820	100	255 (5.0 A g ⁻¹)	S5
SiO ₂ /Co/C	0.2	1050	200	439 (5.0A g ⁻¹)	This
	1.0	548	1000		work

Table S1 Comparison of lithium storage properties of various SiO₂-based anode materials.

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