## **Supporting Information**

## Insight on the Sodium Storage Mechanism of Bi2Te3 Nanosheets as a Superior Anode for

## **Sodium-ion Batteries**

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Fig.S1 SEM image of the bulk Bi<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>3</sub> and the corresponding EDS maps for Bi and Te.



Fig.S2 High-resolution XPS spectrum for the Te 3d in BT-N.



**Fig.S3** (a) Galvanostatic charge-discharge profiles of BT-B at current density of 0.1 A g<sup>-1</sup>, (b) galvanostatic charge-discharge profiles of BT-B at different current densities.



Fig.S4 Partial magnification of the GITT curves of (a) BT-N and (b) BT-B.



Fig.S5 (a) Galvanostatic charge-discharge curves of  $Na_3V_2(PO_4)_3$  cathode at current density of 0.1 A g<sup>-1</sup>, (b) cyclic performance of  $Na_3V_2(PO_4)_3$  cathode at current density of 0.1 A g<sup>-1</sup>.

Table S1. Summary on synthesis methods an	d electrochemical performance of the bismuth-
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Materials	Synthetic method	Cycle capacity [mAh g <sup>-1</sup> ] (cycles, I)	Rate capacity [mAh $g^{-1}$ ] C <sub>11</sub> , C <sub>12</sub> , C <sub>13</sub> (I <sub>1</sub> -I <sub>2</sub> -I <sub>3</sub> , A $g^{-1}$ )	Ref.
Bi <sub>2</sub> Te <sub>3</sub>	Solution	364 (1200, 5 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	435.9, 411.7, 339.4 (0.1-0.5-10)	this work
Bi <sub>2</sub> Te <sub>3</sub> @PPy	Solvothermal	165.3 (1000, 5 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	305, 223.2, 128.3 (0.1-0.5-10)	[1]
Bi <sub>2</sub> Te <sub>3</sub> @PPy	Hydrothermal	406 (100, 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	415, 337.6, 231.6 (0.1-0.5-5)	[2]
Bi <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> /Graphene	Hydrothermal	348 (120, 1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	520, 420, 336 (0.1-0.5-2)	[3]
$Bi_2S_3/MoS_2$	Solvothermal	323.4 (1200, 10 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	427.9, 370.8, 330.4 (0.2-0.5-5)	[4]
Bi <sub>2</sub> Se <sub>3</sub> /graphene	Ice-bath	323.4 (1200, 10 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	229, 212, 181 (1-5-10)	[5]
Bismuthene	Electrochemica	200 (2500-20 A σ <sup>-1</sup> )	423 356 227 (2 5-5-15)	[6]
nanosheets	l exfoliation	200 (2000, 2011g )	125, 556, 227 (2.5 5 15)	[0]

based as anode material for SIBs.

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