

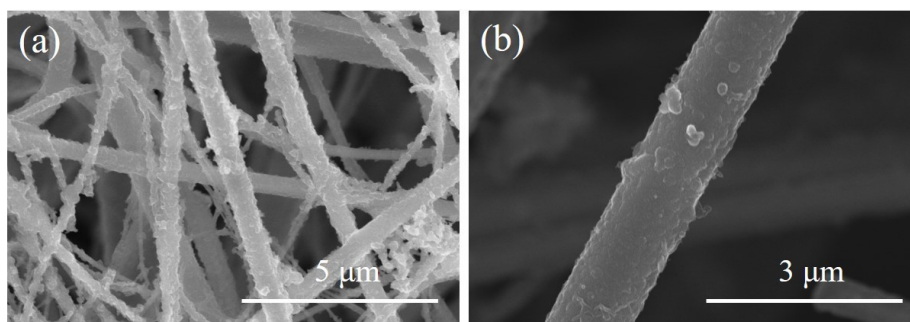
## Supporting Information

### **Multifunctional SnSe-C composite modified 3D scaffolds to regulate lithium nucleation and fast transport for dendrite-free lithium metal anode**

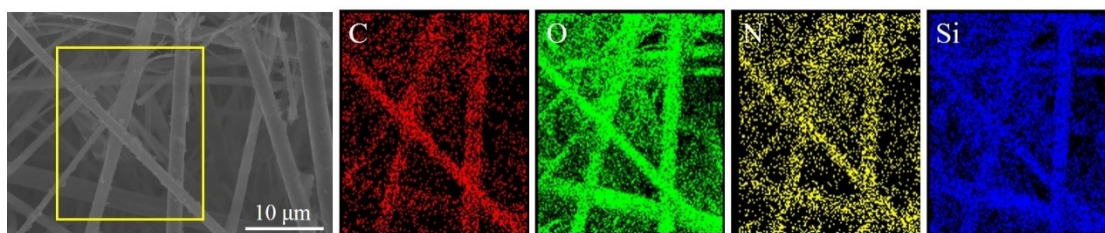
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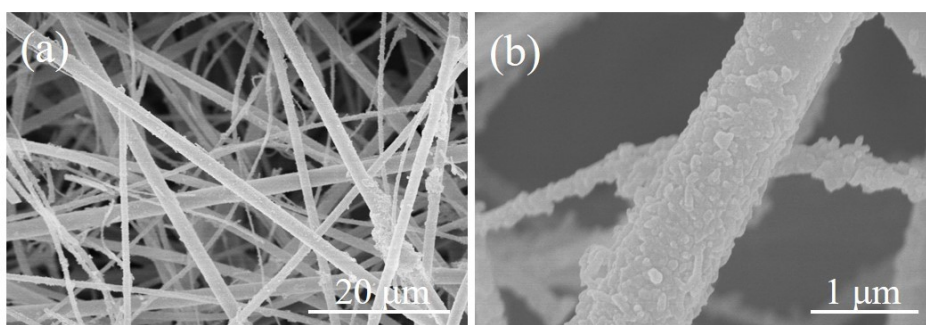
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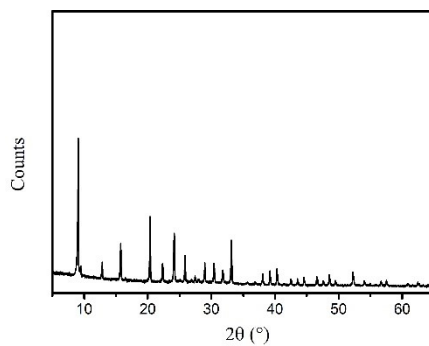
**Figure S1.** Morphologies of PANi/GFs fabricated by aniline chemical oxidation polymerization on GFs (a) low and (b) high magnification.



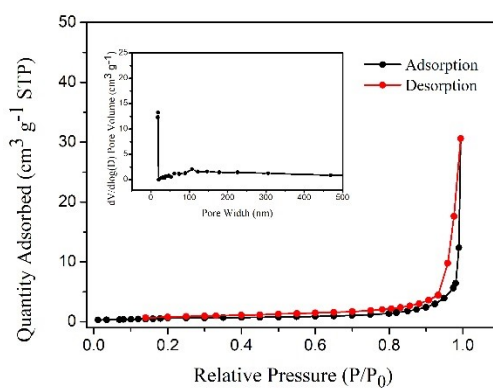
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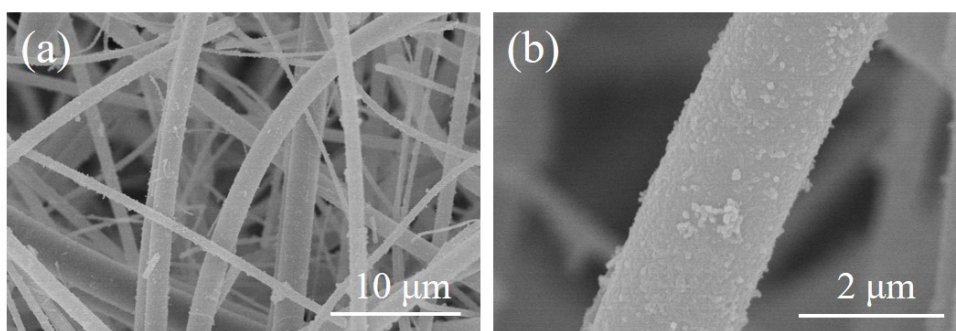
**Figure S3.** Morphologies of Sn-MOFs/PAni/GFs (a) low and (b) high magnification.



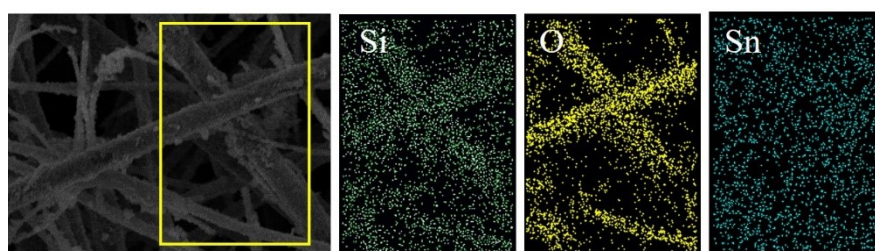
**Figure S4.** XRD pattern of synthesized Sn-MOFs.



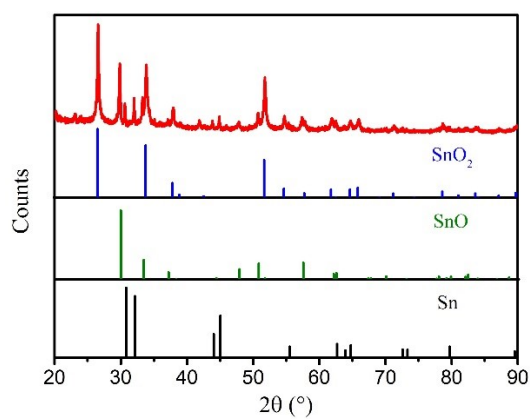
**Figure S5.** The nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm of the Sn-MOFs powder and the inset is corresponding pore-size distribution.



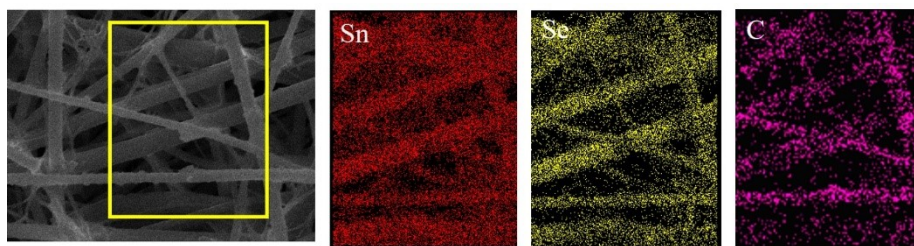
**Figure S6.** Morphologies of SnO<sub>x</sub>-C/MGFs (a) low and (b) high magnification.



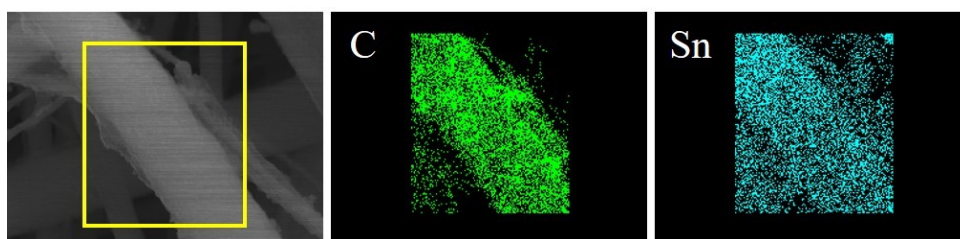
**Figure S7.** EDS elemental mapping diagram of Si, O and Sn of the SnO<sub>x</sub>-C/MGFs matrix.



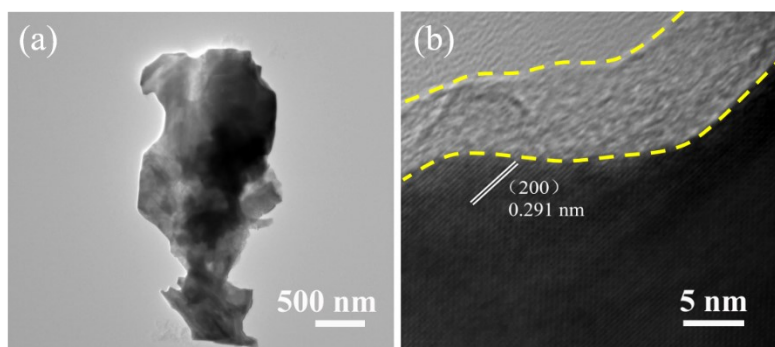
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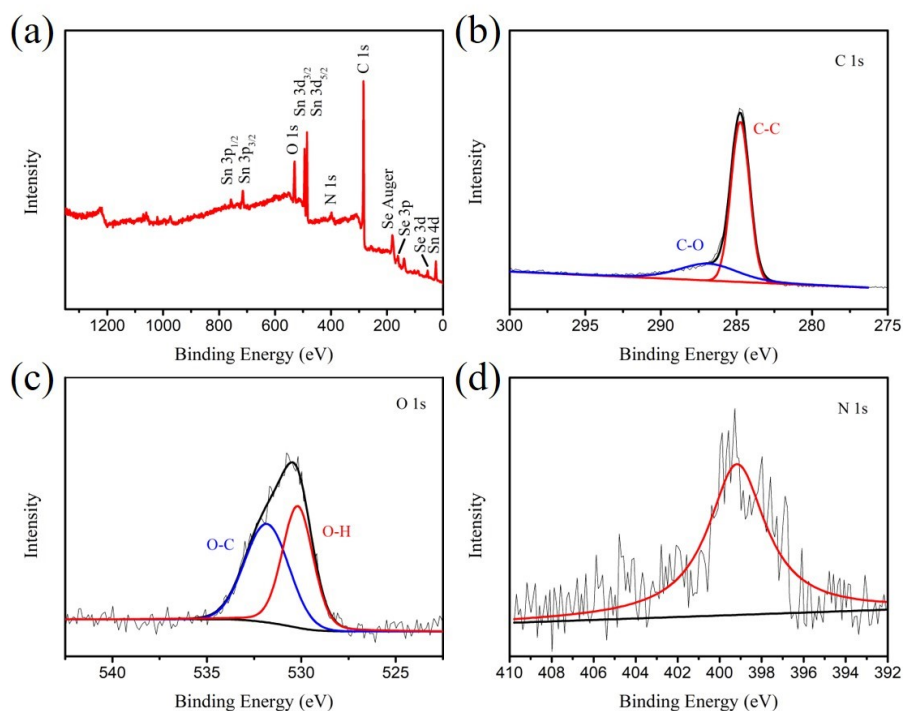
**Figure S9.** EDS elemental mapping diagram of Sn, Se and C of the SnSe-C/MGFs matrix.



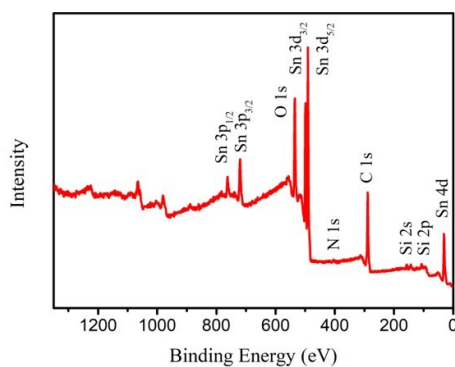
**Figure S10.** EDS elemental mapping diagram of C and Sn of the Sn-C/MGFs matrix.



**Figure S11.** TEM of Sn-C/MGFs: (a) low resolution and (b) high resolution.

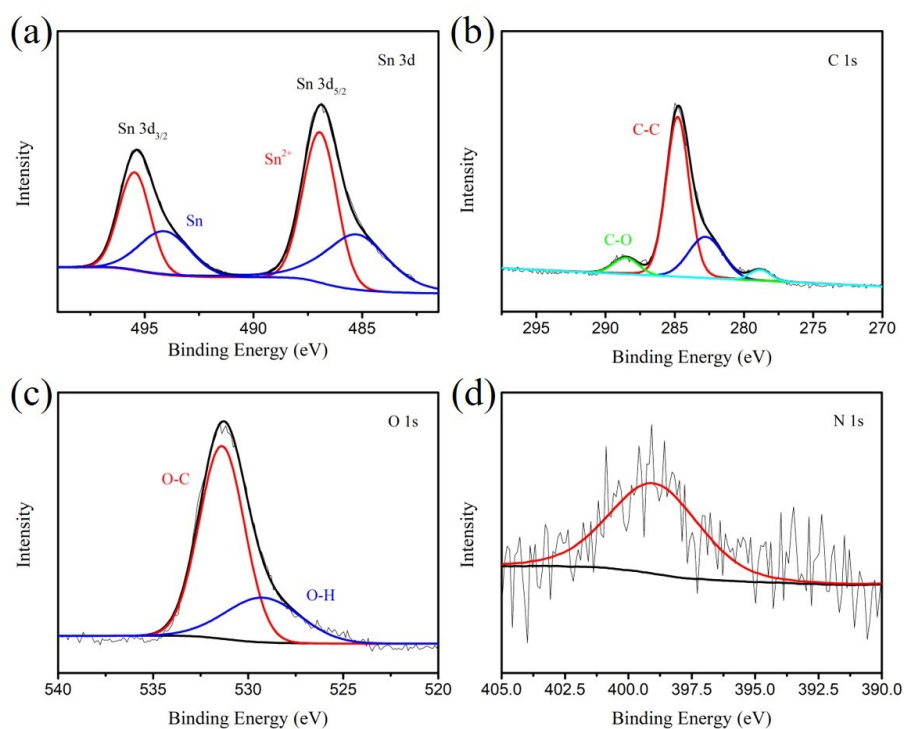


**Figure S12.** (a) the survey of the SnSe-C/MGFs scaffold XPS spectrum. (b) High-resolution C 1s XPS spectrum. (c) High-resolution O 1s XPS spectrum. (d) High-resolution N 1s XPS spectrum.

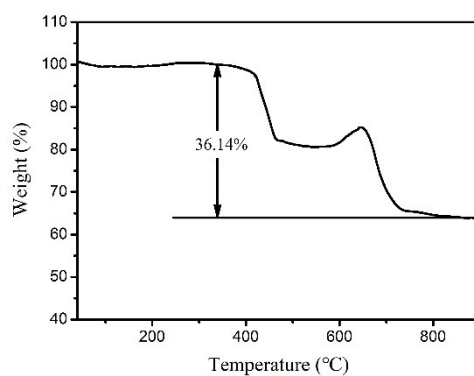


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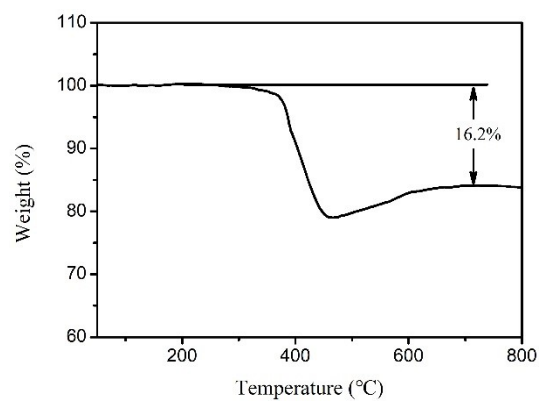




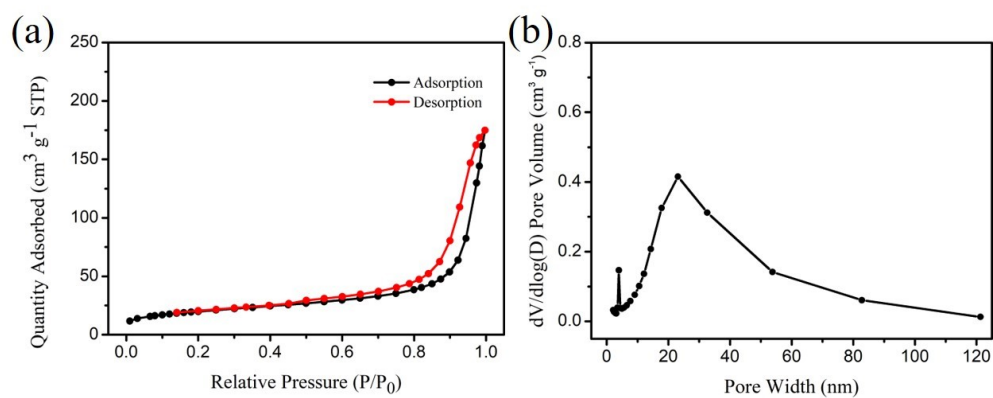
**Figure S14.** (a) High-resolution Sn 3d XPS spectrum. (b) High-resolution C 1s XPS spectrum. (c) High-resolution O 1s XPS spectrum. (d) High-resolution N 1s XPS spectrum.



**Figure S15.** TGA of SnSe-C composite.

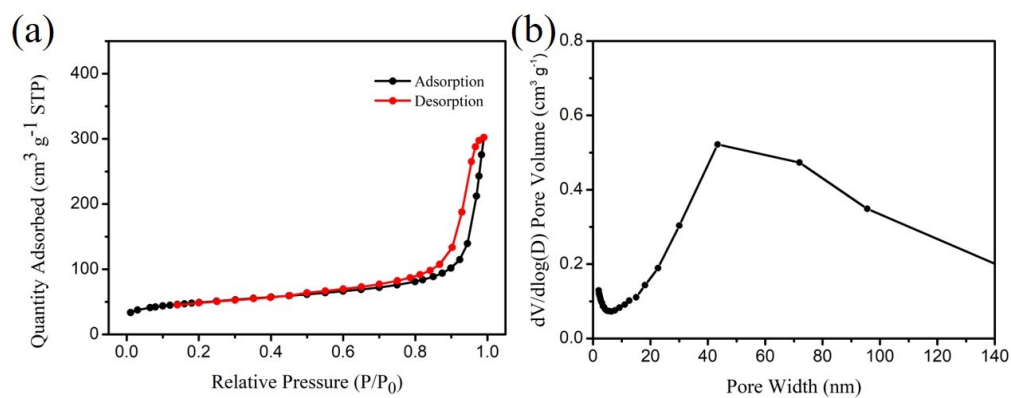


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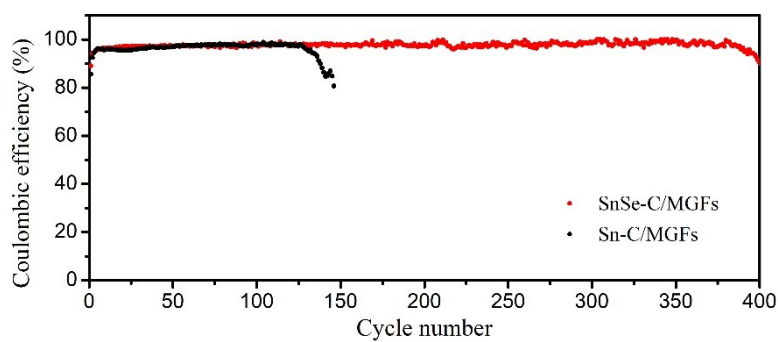


**Figure S17.** Specific surface area measurement of SnSe-C composite: (a) Nitrogen adsorption/desorption curve (b) corresponding pore size distribution.

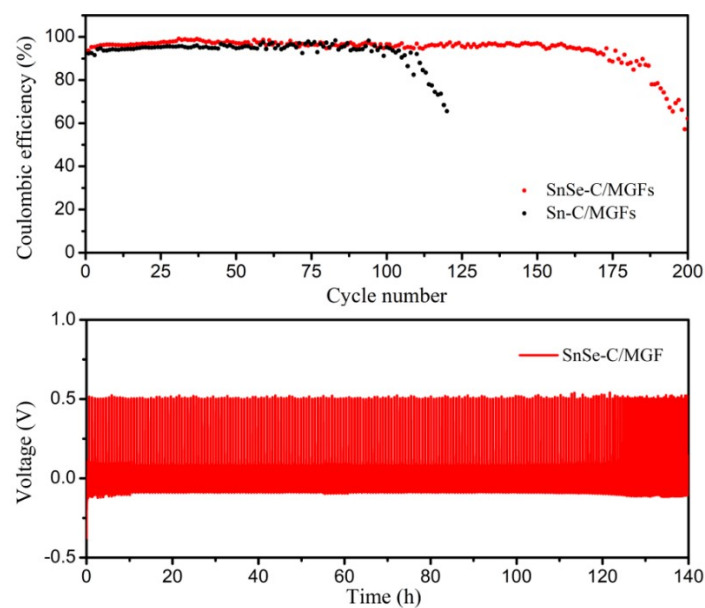




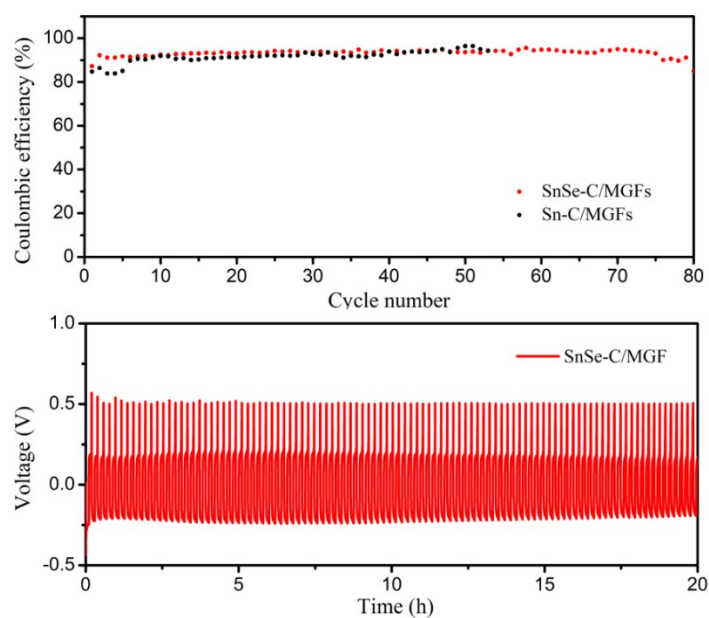
**Figure S18.** Specific surface area measurement of Sn-C composite: (a) Nitrogen adsorption/desorption curve (b) corresponding pore size distribution.



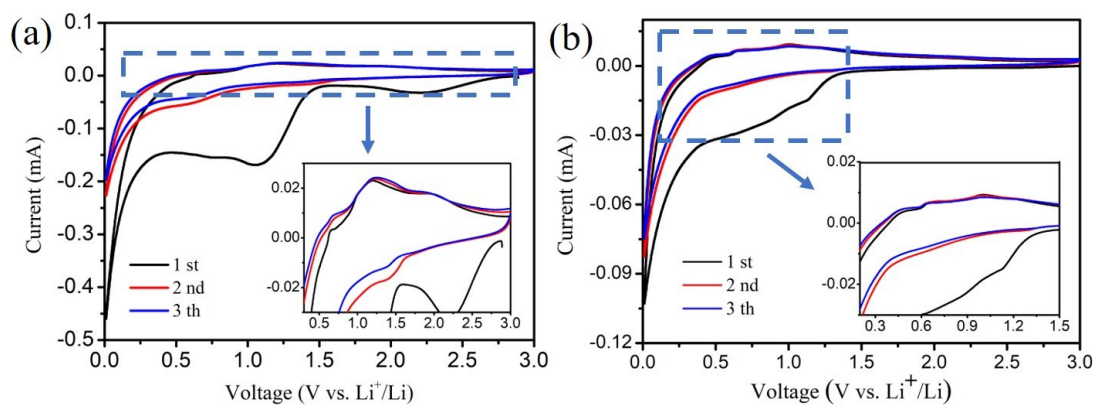
**Figure S19.** Coulombic efficiency of lithium plating on SnSe-C/MGFs and Sn-C/MGFs with amount of  $1 \text{ mA h cm}^{-2}$  at  $2 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ .



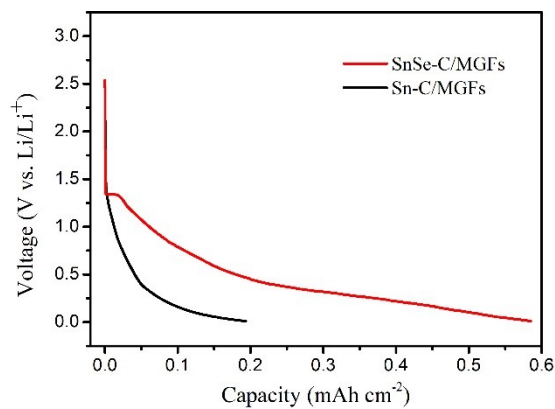
**Figure S20.** Coulombic efficiency of lithium plating on SnSe-C/MGFs and Sn-C/MGFs and corresponding discharge/charge curves with amount of  $1 \text{ mA h cm}^{-2}$  at  $3 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ .



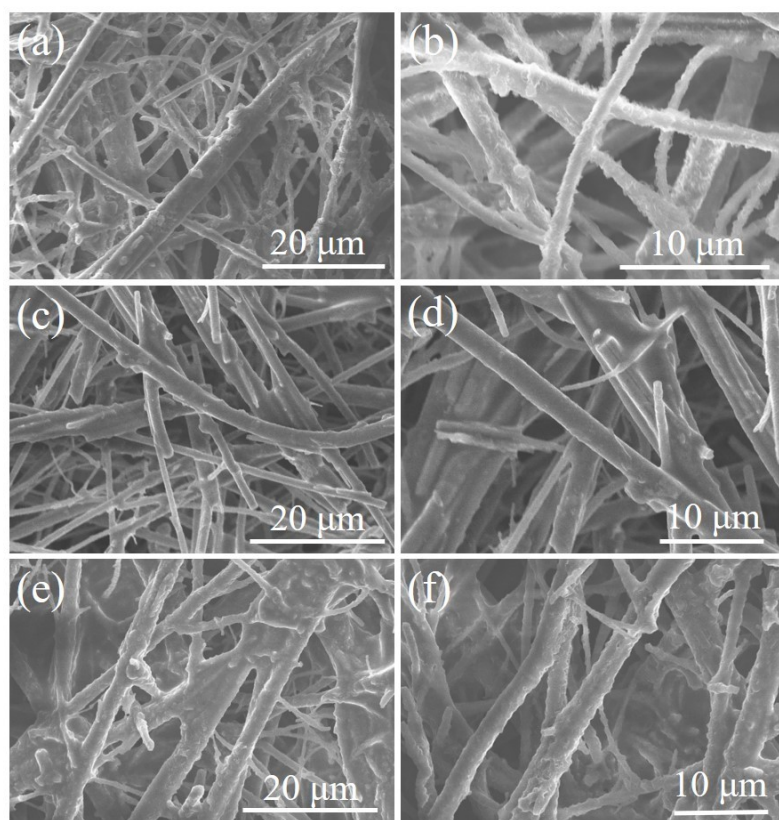
**Figure S21.** Coulombic efficiency of lithium plating on SnSe-C/MGFs and Sn-C/MGFs and corresponding discharge/charge curves with amount of  $1 \text{ mA h cm}^{-2}$  at  $10 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ .



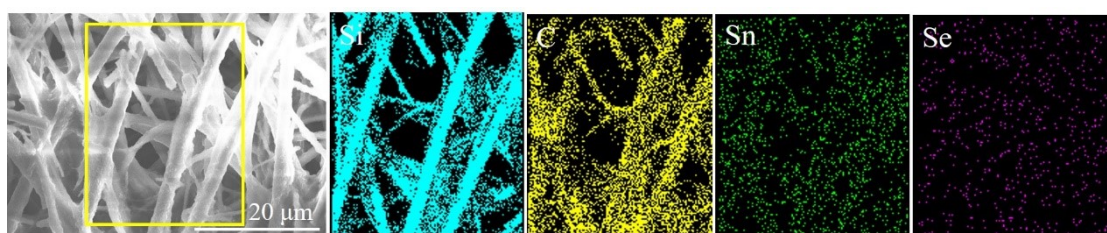
**Figure S22.** CV curves of SnSe-C/MGFs and Sn-C/MGFs anode counter to lithium metal plate. Test voltage range is from 2.0 V to 0.01 V and the sweep speed is  $0.1 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ . (a) SnSe-C/MGFs; (b) Partial enlarged view of (a); (c) Sn-C/MGFs; (d) Partial enlarged view of (c).



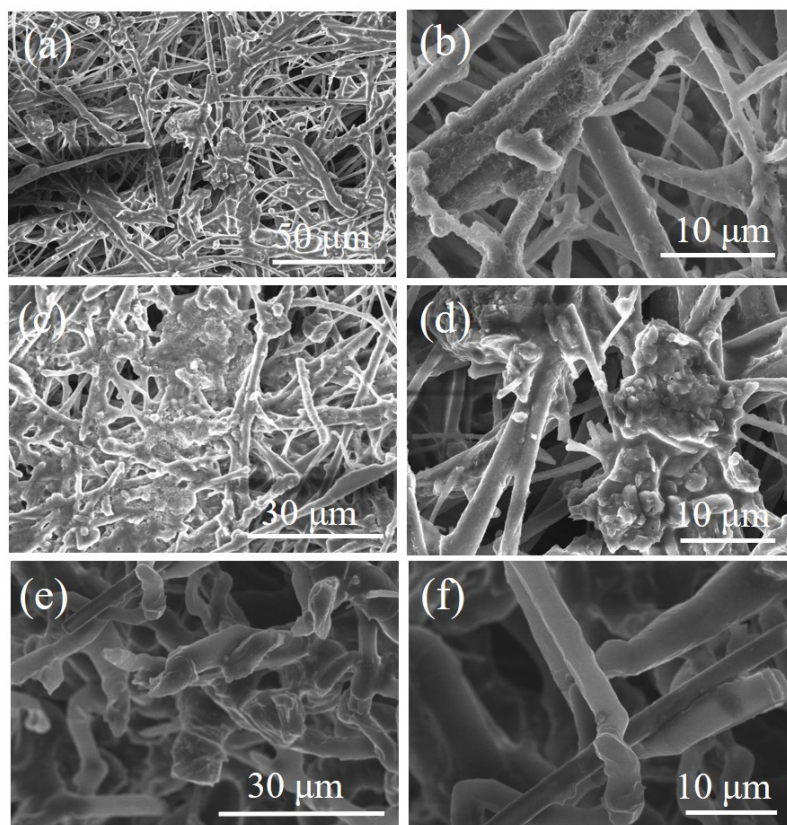
**Figure S23.** First cycle discharge voltage–time curve of SnSe-C/MGFs and Sn-C/MGFs at  $0.05 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ .



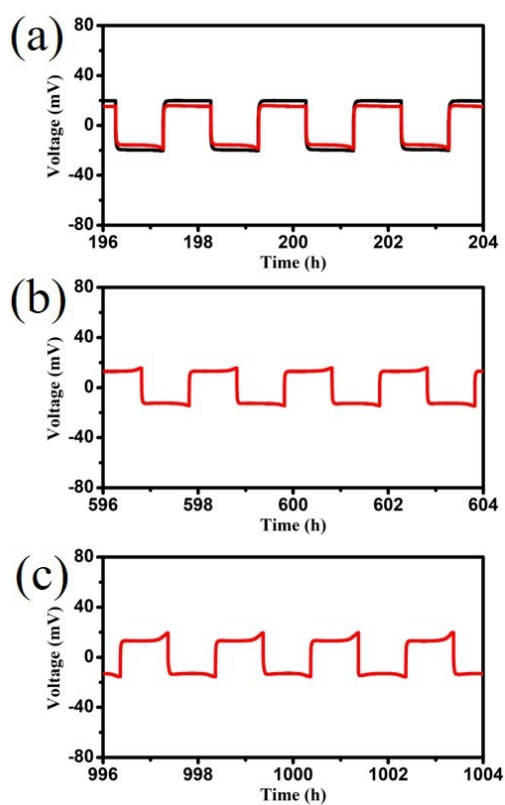
**Figure S24.** SEM images of the morphologies of lithium deposited on SnSe-C/MGFs at a current density of  $1 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$  with the capacity of (a-b)  $1 \text{ mAh cm}^{-2}$  (c-d)  $3 \text{ mAh cm}^{-2}$  (e-f)  $5 \text{ mAh cm}^{-2}$ .



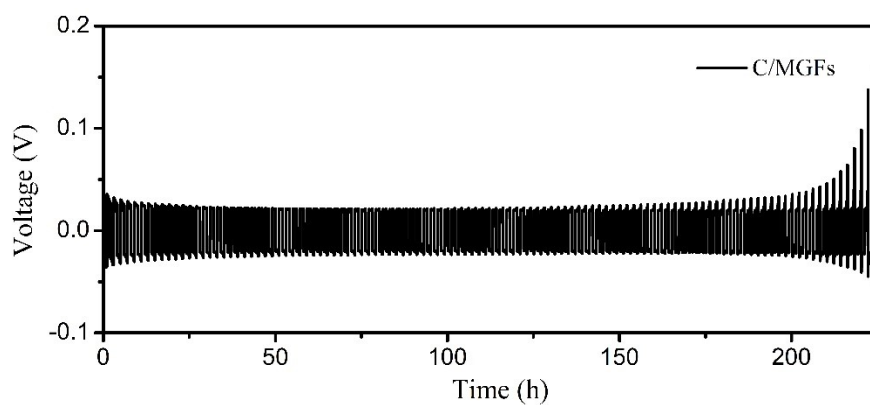
**Figure S25.** EDS elemental mapping diagram of Si, C, Sn and Se of the SnSe-C/MGFs after deposited  $5 \text{ mAh cm}^{-2}$  lithium.



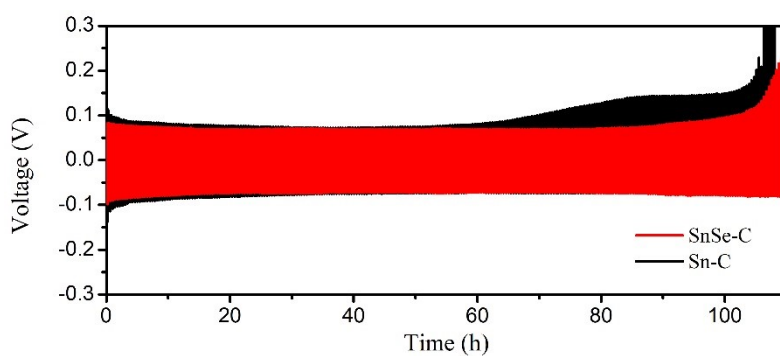
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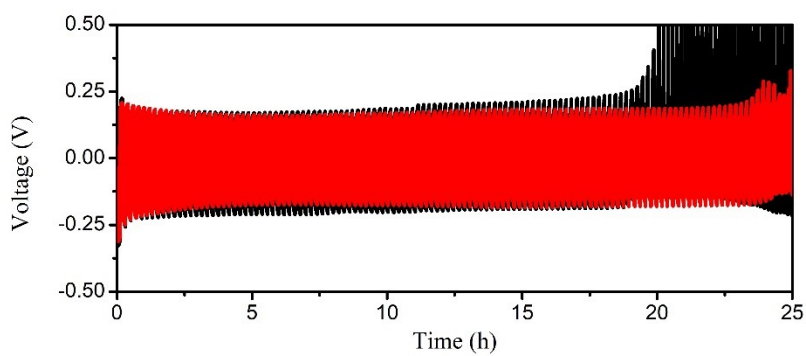
**Figure S27.** Partial enlarged voltage-time profiles of Figure 3a at 100th, 300th and 500th cycles.



**Figure S28.** Voltage-time profiles of the symmetrical Li|Li/-C batteries with a capacity of  $1 \text{ mA h cm}^{-2} \text{ Li}$  at  $1 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ .

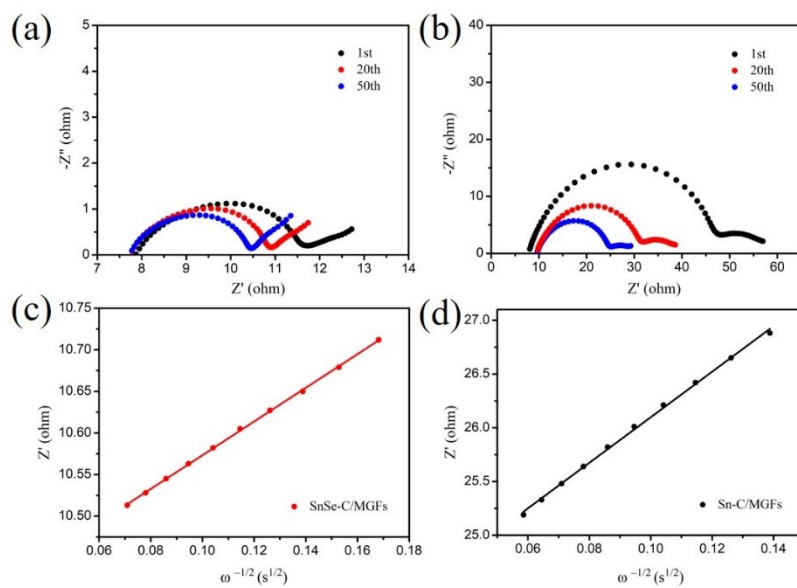


**Figure S29.** Voltage-time profiles of the symmetrical Li|Li/SnSe-C and Li|Li/Sn-C batteries with a capacity of 1 mA h cm<sup>-2</sup> Li at 5 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>.

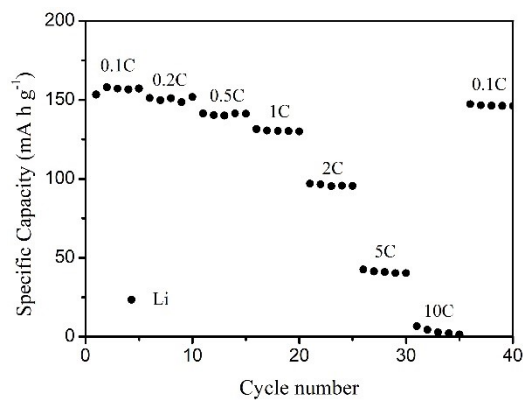


**Figure S30.** Voltage-time profiles of the symmetrical Li|Li/SnSe-C and Li|Li/Sn-C batteries with a capacity of 1 mA h cm<sup>-2</sup> Li at 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>.

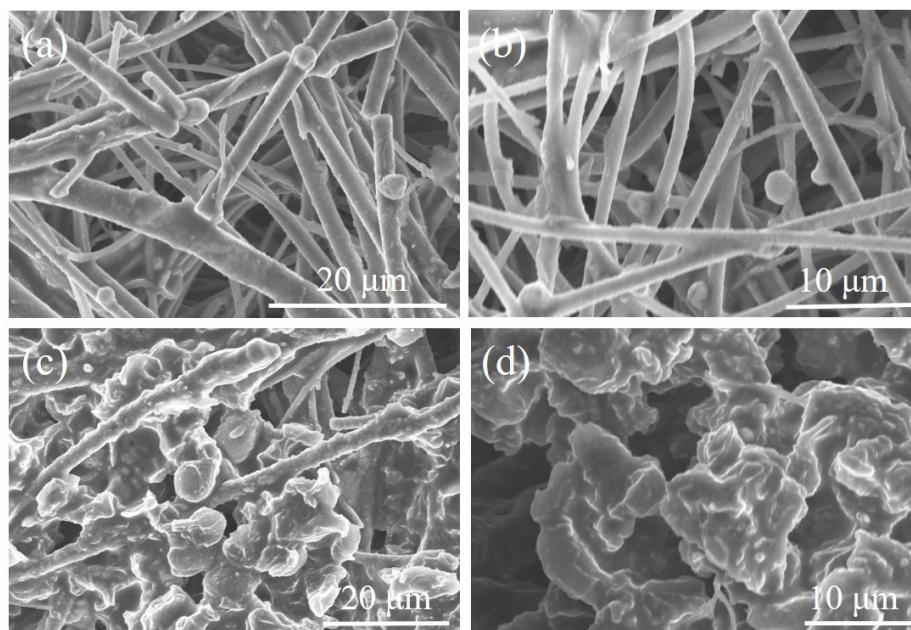




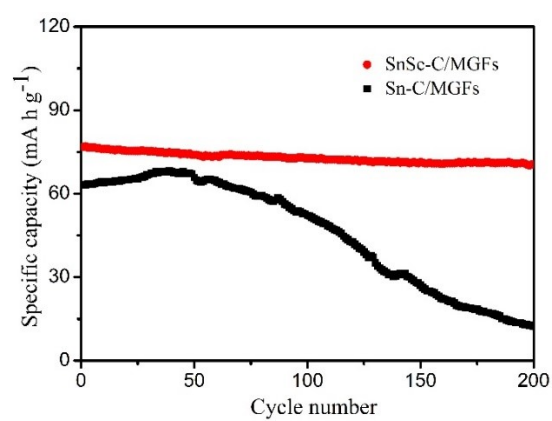
**Figure S31.** EIS curves of (a) Li/SnSe-C and (b) Li/Sn-C at different cycles in symmetrical cells. The fitted lines of the impedance versus  $\omega^{-1/2}$  for Li/SnSe-C anode (c) and Li/Sn-C anode (d).



**Figure S32.** The rate performance of pristine Li in full cells.



**Figure S33.** Morphologies of Li/SnSe-C anode (a-b) and Li/Sn-C anode (c-d) after 100 cycles at 2 C rate in full cells.



**Figure S34.** The cycling performances of Li/SnSe-C and Li/Sn-C at the rate of 5 C.

**Table S1.** Coulombic efficiency of SnSe-C/MGFs compared with various anode substrates.

substrates	Current/Capacity (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> /mAh cm <sup>-2</sup> )	CE (%)	cycle	Max current (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Ref.
PDA@3D Cu	0.5/1	97.3	200	1	<i>Energy Storage Materials</i> , 2020, 29, 84-91
ZnO@HPC	1/1	97.1	200	2	<i>Nano Energy</i> , 2017, 37, 177-186.
3D PI-coated copper	0.5/1	90	150	2	<i>Nat. Commun.</i> 2018, 9, 464.
g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> @ Ni foam	2/1	97	140	3	<i>Adv. Energy Mater.</i> 2019, 9, 1803186.
Nitrogen-doped graphdiyne nanowall on Cu foam	1/1	98	250	5	<i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> , 2019, 48, 27535-27546.
3D oxidized polyacrylonitrile nanofiber layer	3/1	71.3	120	3	<i>Nano letters</i> , 2015, 15, 2910-2916.
3D copper nanowire-phosphide	1/1	97.4	150	3	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2019, 31, 1904991.
<b>This work</b>	1/1	98.2	500	10	
	5/1	96.7	150		
	10/1	93.5	80		