

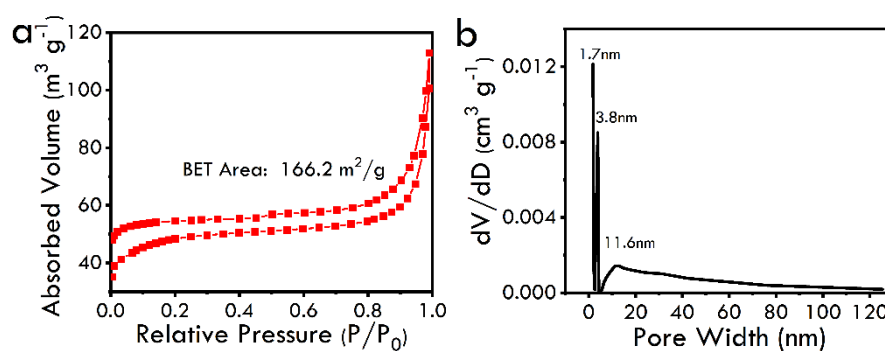
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**Carbon encapsulated hybrid Fe-based nanorods with durable lithium storage**

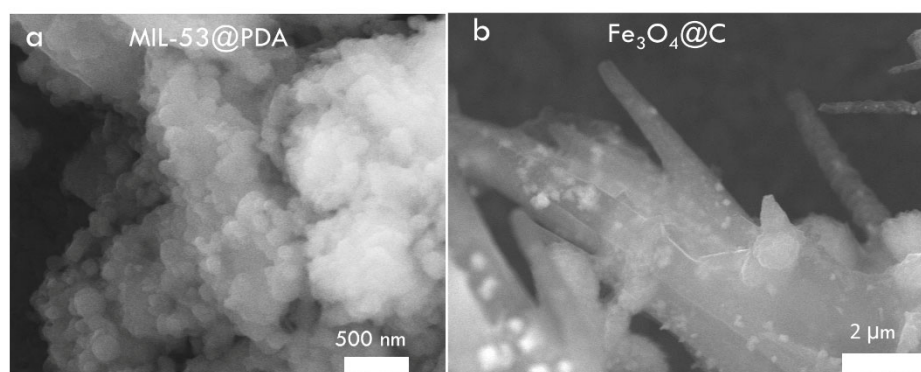
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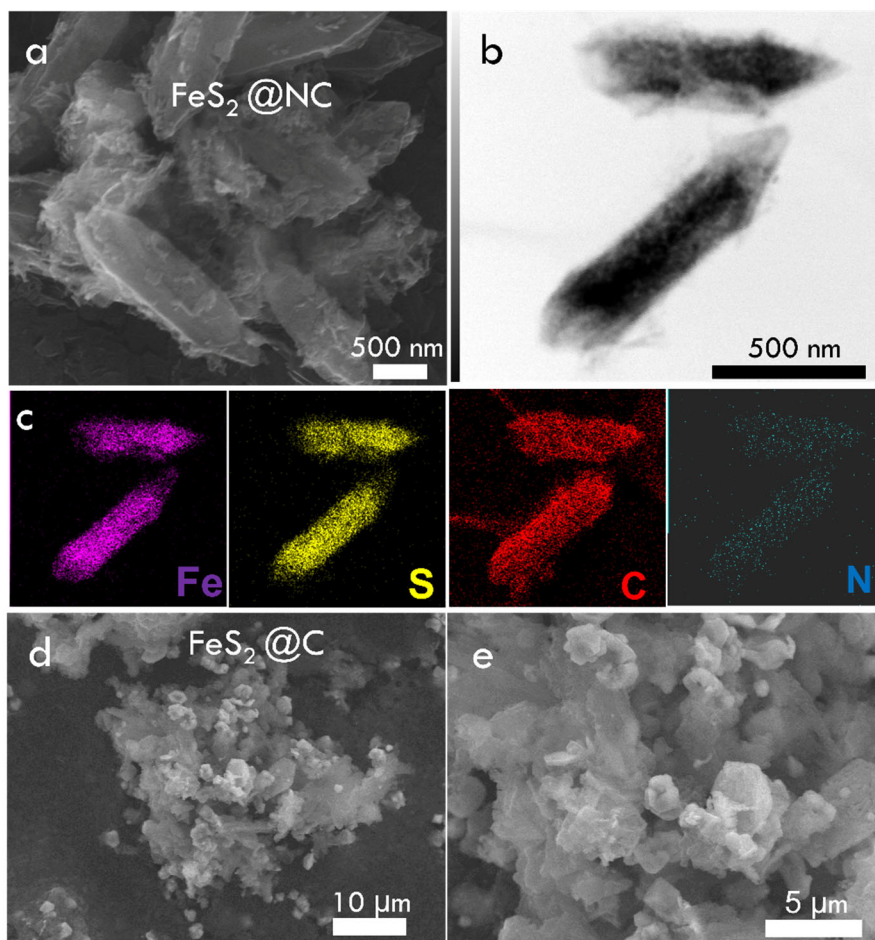
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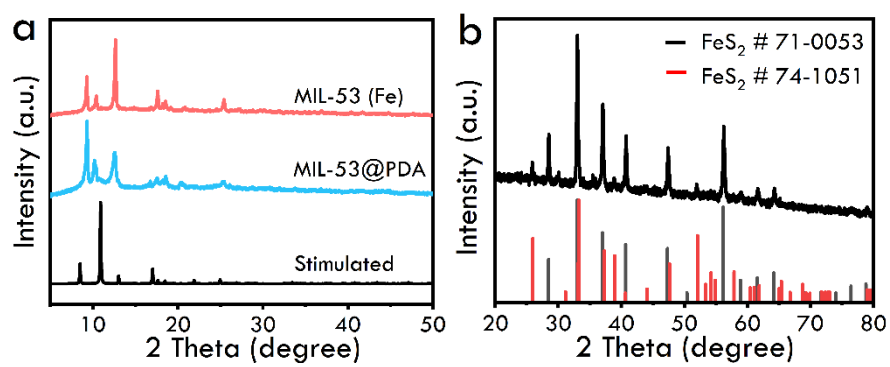
**Fig. S1** (a) Nitrogen adsorption and desorption isotherms of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@NC. (b) The corresponding pore-size distributions calculated through BJH method from adsorption branch.



**Fig. S2** The SEM images of MIL-53@PDA (a), Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>@C (b).



**Fig. S3** (a, b) SEM and TEM images of FeS<sub>2</sub>@NC, (c) Mapping of the FeS<sub>2</sub>@NC, (d, e) SEM images of FeS<sub>2</sub>@C.



**Fig. S4** XRD patterns of MIL-53 (Fe) (a), FeS<sub>2</sub>@NC (b).

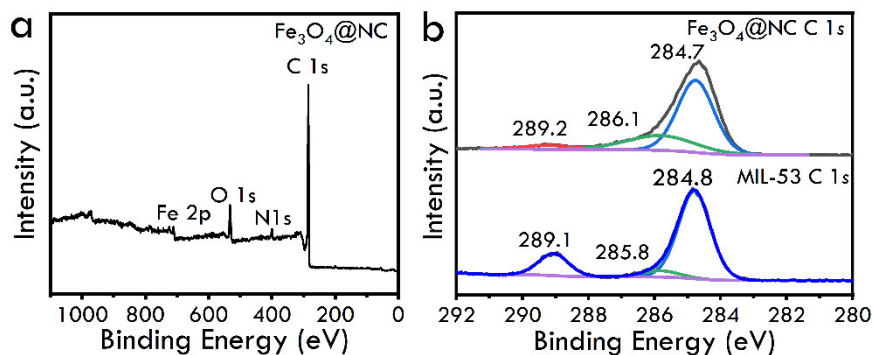


Fig. S5 XPS spectra of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{NC}$  (a), C 1s (b) of the  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{NC}$  and MIL-53 (Fe).

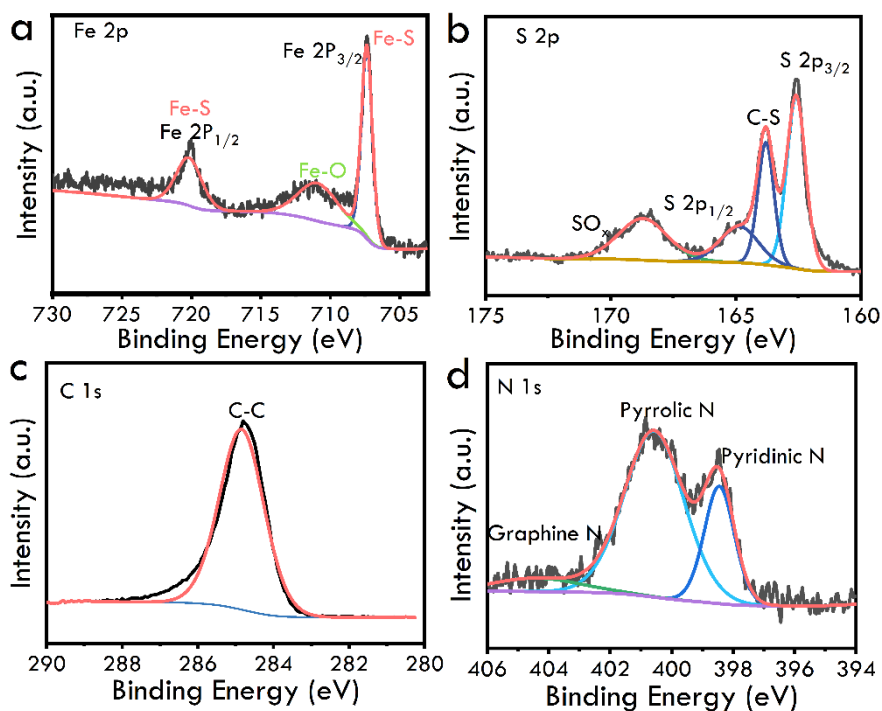


Fig. S6 XPS spectra of  $\text{FeS}_2@\text{NC}$ .

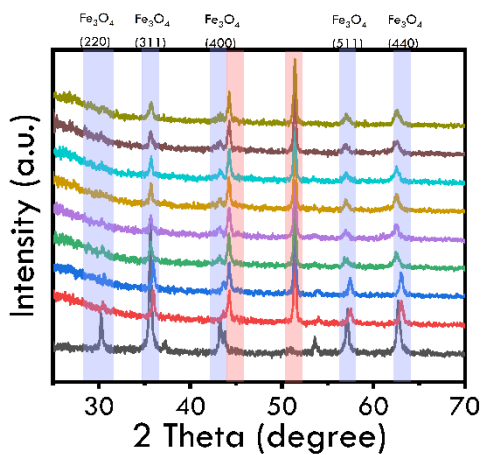
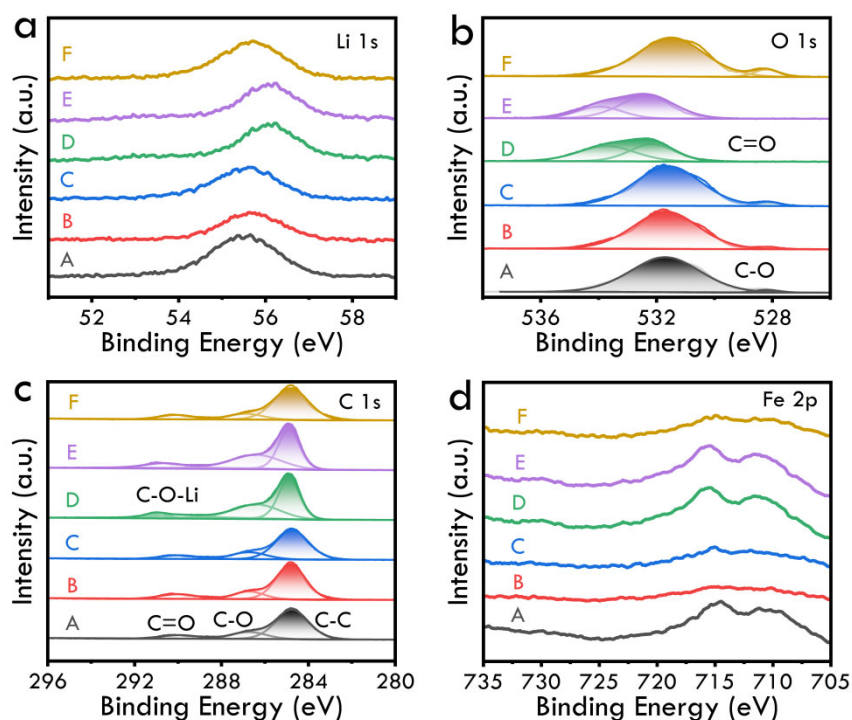
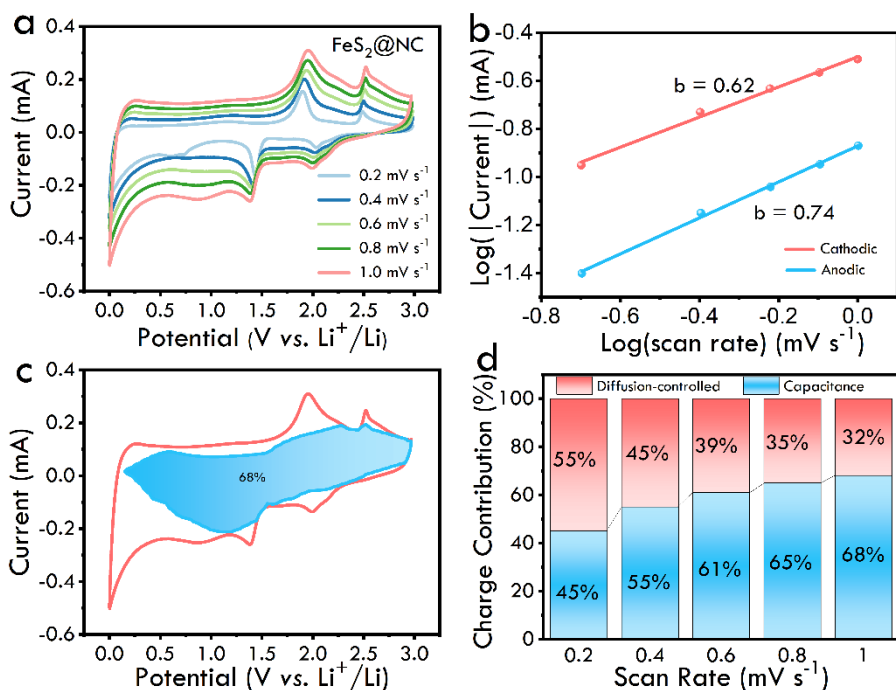


Fig. S7 In situ XRD of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{NC}$  during the initial lithiation. The red constant peaks are the shell of

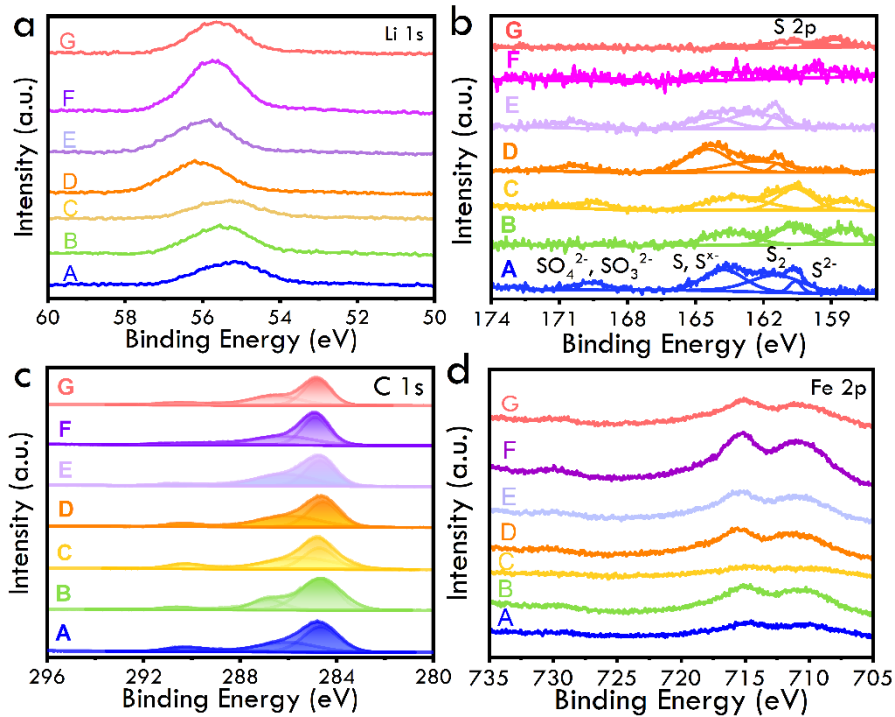
the coin battery. The black line is the electrode and the red line is the XRD of the unrun battery.



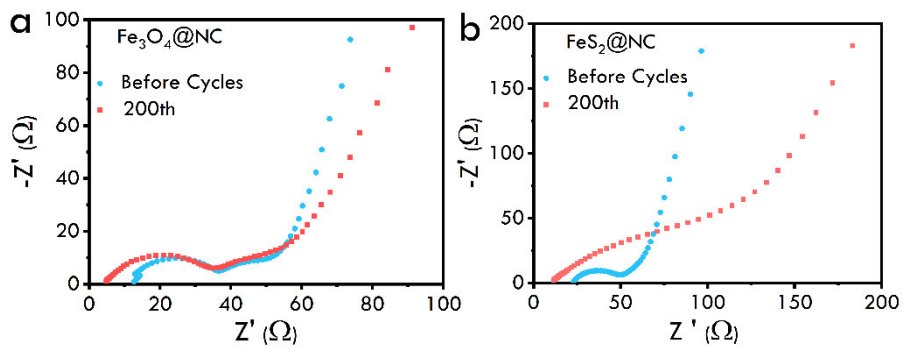
**Fig. S8** XPS spectra of Li 1s (a), O 1s (b), C 1s (c) and Fe 2p (d) of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{NC}$ . (A: the initial of the 1nd cycling; B: discharged to 1.02 V; C: discharged to 0.86 V; D: charged to 1.63 V; E: charged to 1.89 V; F: charged to 3 V)



**Fig. S9** (a) CV curves of  $\text{FeS}_2@\text{NC}$  electrode at different scanning speed. (b) Oxidation and reduction current peak diagrams with sweep rate of  $0.2\text{--}1 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$ . (c) CV curve of capacitance current (middle blue part) and total current at  $1 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$  scanning speed. (d) Dependence of capacitance contribution of different scan rates.



**Fig. S10** ex situ XPS spectra of Li 1s (a), S 2p (b), C 1s (c) and Fe 2p (d). (A: the initial of the 1nd cycling; B: discharged to 2.12 V; C: discharged to 1.52 V; D: charged to 0.95 V; E: charged to 1.84 V; F: charged to 2.43 V; G: charged to 3 V)



**Fig. S11** EIS analysis of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@NC$  (a) and  $\text{FeS}_2@NC$  (b) before and after 200th cycles.