

Supporting Information

Carbon nanoflakes for energy storage: scalable and low-cost synthesis, excellent performances toward comprehensive application

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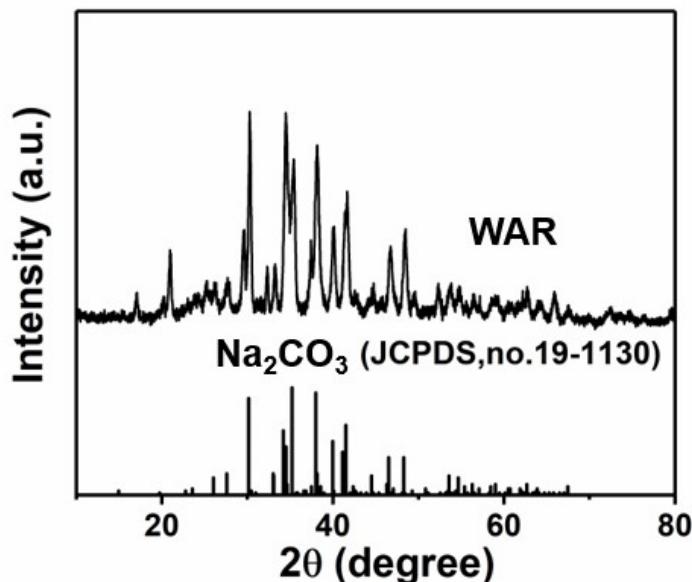


Fig. S1 XRD pattern of the sintered WAR.

Tab. S1 Price comparison of raw materials for different carbon precursors.

Material	Brand	Weight/g	Price
Sodium citrate	Aladdin	500	¥148
D-(+)-Glucose	Aladdin	500	¥69
Sodium alginate	Aladdin	500	¥307

D-(-)-Fructose	Aladdin	500	¥130
Sodium chloride	Aladdin	500	¥243
WAR	LINYILVSEN Co.Ltd.	500	¥22.5

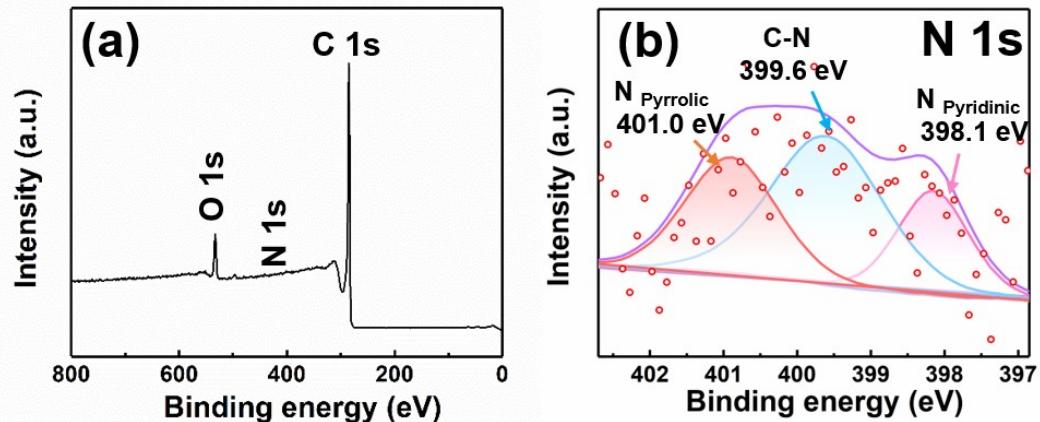


Fig. S2 Survey XPS spectrum (a), high resolution XPS spectrum of N 1s (b) for the WAR-CNFs.

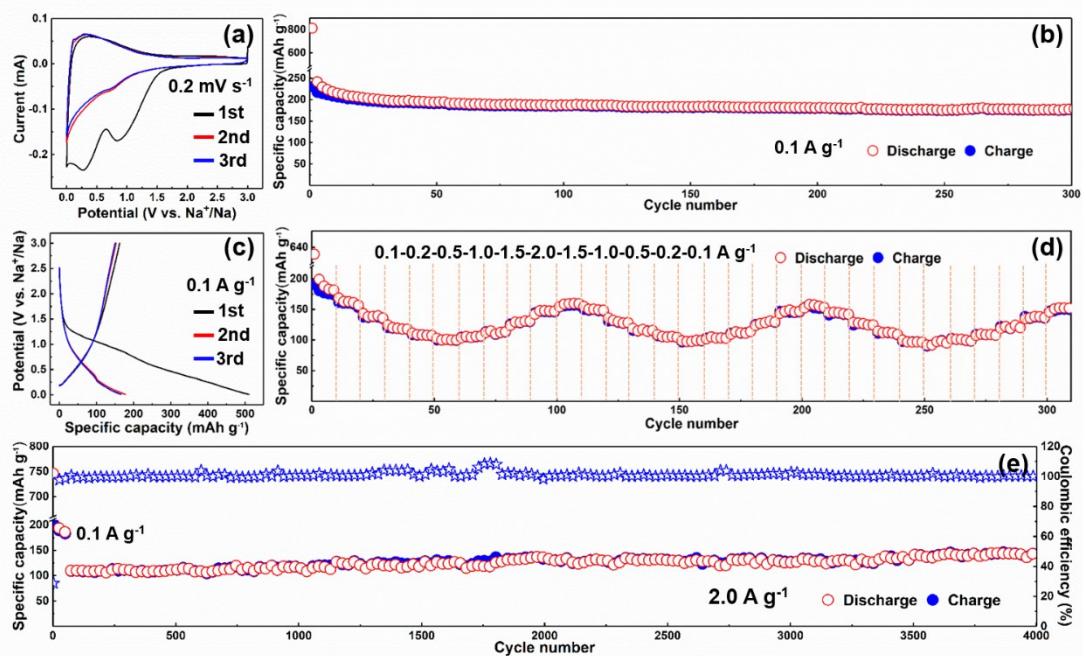


Fig. S3 Electrochemical performance of the WAR-CNFs anode in Na ion storage. (a) Cyclic voltammogram curves at scan rate of 0.2 mV s⁻¹. (b) Cycle performance at specific current of 0.1 A g⁻¹ and (c) the initial three charge/discharge curves. (d) Cycle performance at various rates (0.1-0.2-0.5-1.0-1.5-2.0-1.0-0.5-0.2-0.1 A g⁻¹). (e) Cycle performance at a specific current of 2.0 A g⁻¹.

Capacity variation at various currents. (e) long-life performance at high current of 2.0 A g⁻¹.

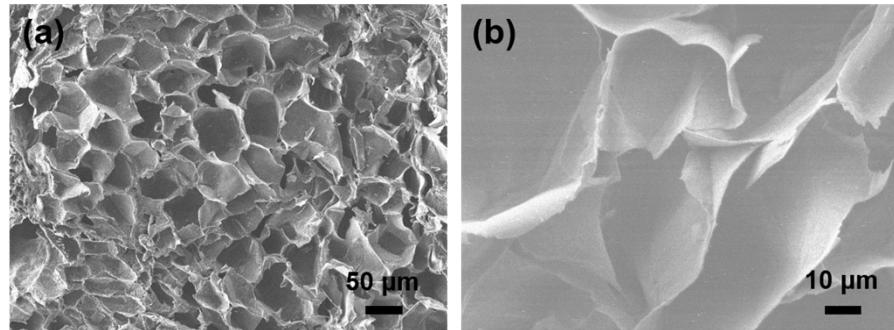


Fig. S4 Morphological and microstructural information of the TTF-CNFs. (a) Low and (b) High magnification SEM images of TTF-CNFs.

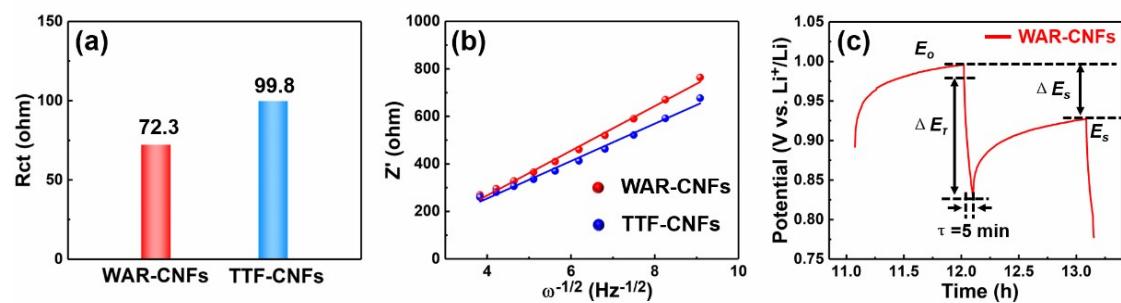


Fig. S5 (a) Fitted R_{ct} and (b) Z' vs. $\omega^{-1/2}$ of WAR-CNFs and TTF-CNFs electrodes after one cycle. (c) Typical profile in a single GITT test.

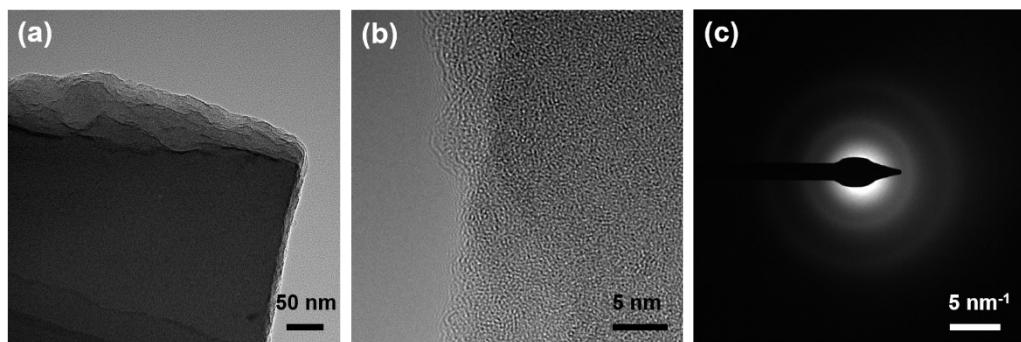


Fig. S6 (a) Low and (b) High magnification TEM images. (c) SAED pattern of TTF-CNFs.

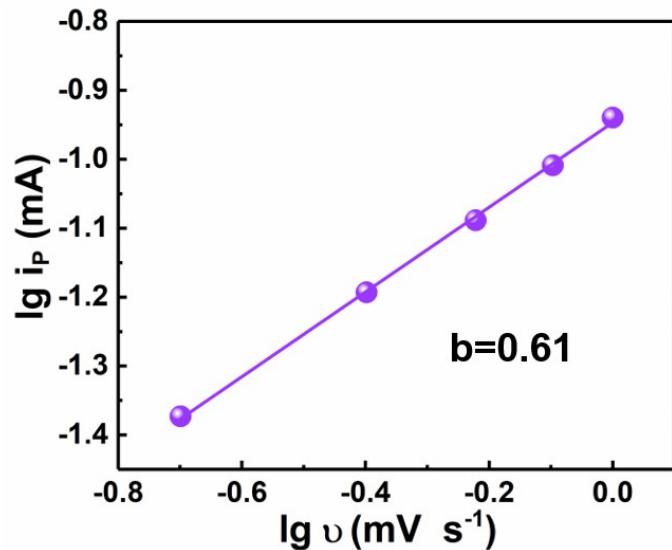


Fig. S7 Relationship between \lg anodic peak current and \lg scan rate (b value) for the WAR-CNFs electrode after one cycle.

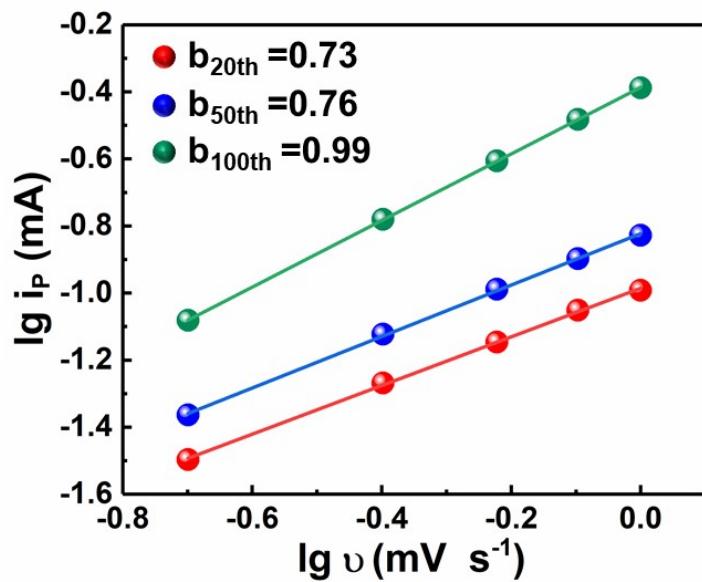


Fig. S8 Relationship between \lg anodic peak current and \lg scan rate (b value) for the WAR-CNFs electrodes after 20 cycles, 50 cycles and 100 cycles.

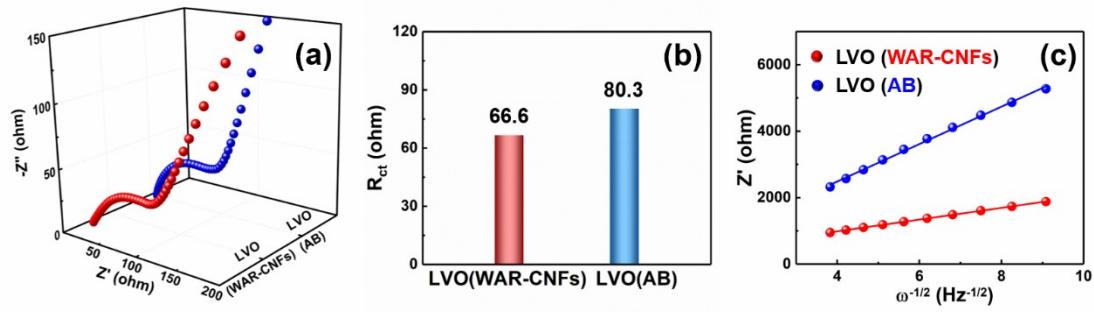


Fig. S9 Reaction kinetics analysis of the LVO electrode with WAR-CNFs and AB additives, respectively. (a) EIS spectra, (b) Fitted R_{ct} and (c) Z' vs. $\omega^{-1/2}$.

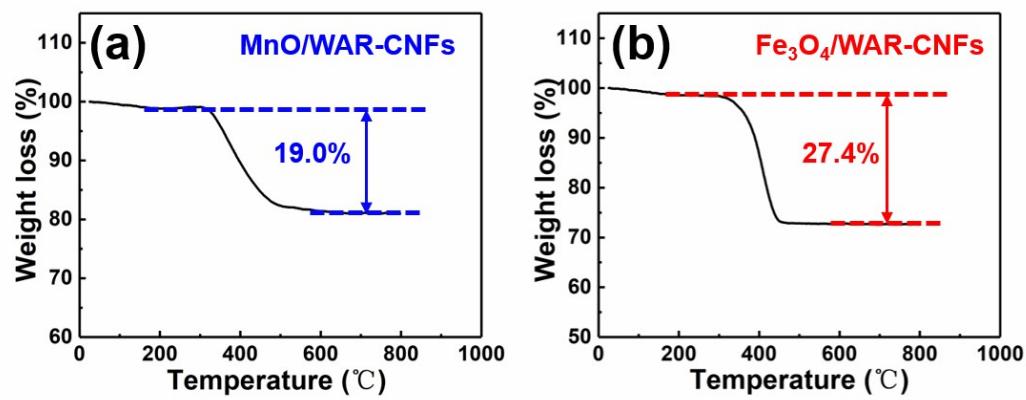


Fig. S10 Thermal gravimetric analysis of the MnO/WAR-CNFs and Fe_3O_4 /WAR-CNFs.