

Supporting Information

Carbon nanotubes-embedded hollow carbon nanofibers as efficient host for advanced lithium-sulfur batteries

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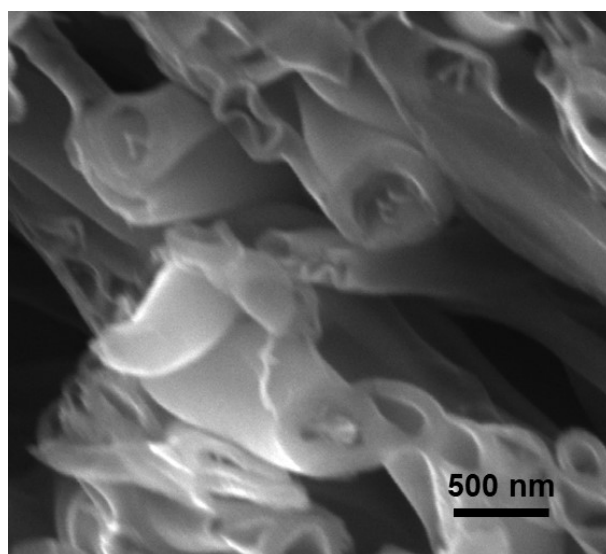


Fig. S1 SEM image of HCNF/CNT.

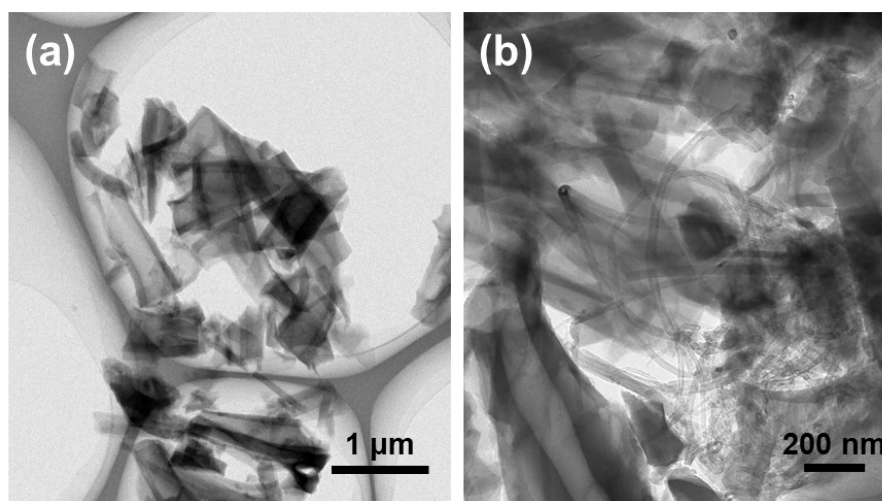


Fig. S2 TEM images of HCNF (a) and HCNF/CNT (b).

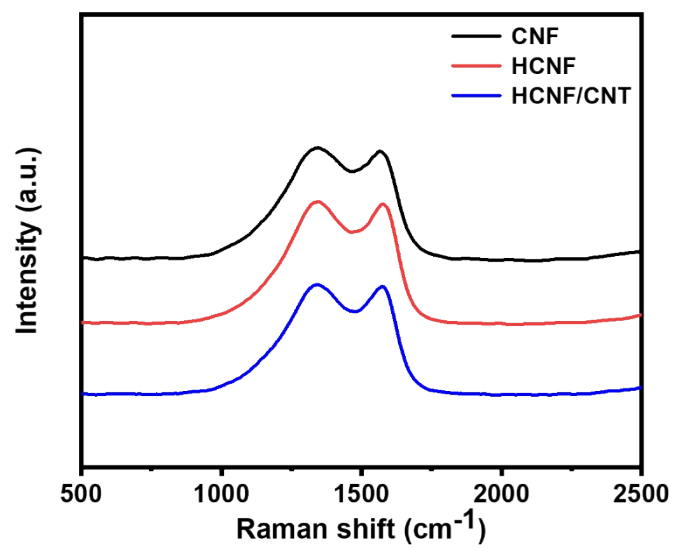


Fig. S3 Raman spectra of CNF, HCNF and HCNF/CNT.

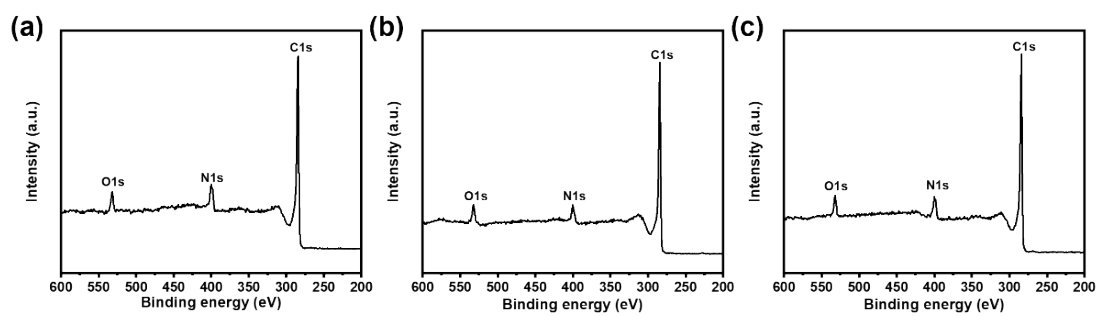


Fig. S4 XPS spectra of CNF (a), HCNF (b) and HCNF/CNT (c).

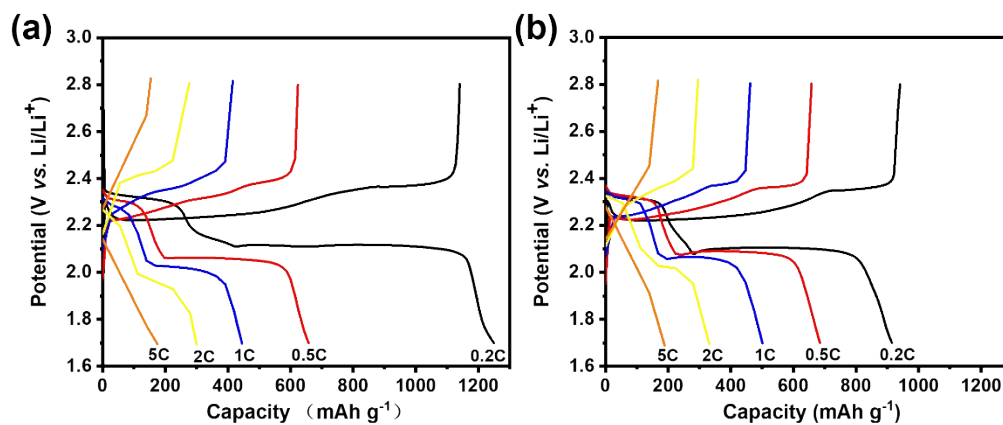


Fig. S5 Galvanostatic discharge-charge profiles at various current rates of CNF-S (a) and of HCNF-S (b).

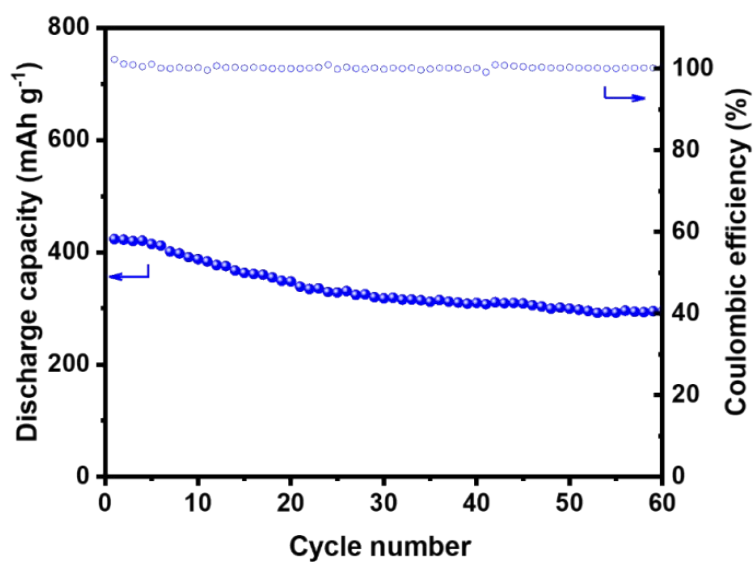


Fig. S6 Cycling performance of HCNF/CNT-S with sulfur loading of 3 mg cm⁻² at 1C.

Table S1 The cycling performance of carbon and sulfur compound materials reported in the literature is compared with this work.

Materials	Sulfur content (wt%)	Current density	Cycle times	Cycle performance (mA h g⁻¹)
PC@RGO/S[1]	71.2	0.2 A g ⁻¹	100	543
CFS@graphene[2]	33	0.2 A	50	611
N-doped CNT@ highly porous carbon /S[3]	57.5	0.2 C	250	613
phosphorus codoped hierarchically porous carbon /S[4]	73	1 C	200	575
AC-RH/S _I [5]	80	0.2 C	100	679
SiCN-S[6]	66	0.2 C	40	310
carbon aerogel /GNs0.1-S[7]	58.86	0.1 C	100	471
HCNF/CNT-S (This work)	67.8	0.2 C	100	679
		2 C	200	522

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