## **Supplementary Information for:**

## Novel double-cathode configuration to improve cycling stability of

## lithium-sulfur battery

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Fig. S1 SEM images of (a) CMK-3 purchased and (b) MiPCS synthesized.



Fig. S2 XRD patterns of pristine S, CMK-3, S/CMK-3, MiPCS and S/MiPCS.



Fig. S3 Thermo-gravimetric analysis (TGA) of (a) S/CMK-3 and (b) S/MiPCS.



Fig. S4 Cycling performance of the S/MiPCS cell at 0.1C and 0.5C at 1.0–3.0 V.



**Fig. S5** Electrolyte of (a) S/MiPCS and (b) S/CMK-3 cathodes collected from cycled cells at 0.2C between 1–3 V after 3 cycles. (c) Dissembled cells of S/MiPCS and S/CMK-3.

Three S/CMK-3 cells and S/MiPCS cells were dissembled to collected electrolyte for considering different sulfur loading. Both of them were washed with 2 ml DME, and 1.5 ml was stored in a transparent 5 ml glass bottle.



Fig. S6 Cycling performance comparison of the PureS cathode cell and DCC-PureS.

|   | S/CMK-3 cathode | S/MiPCS cathode | DCC(S/CMK-3@S/MiPCS)<br>cathode |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Mass specific capacity<br>(mAh/g) (0.5C)                | 400             | 190             | 320                             |
| Area specific capacity<br>(mAh/cm <sup>2</sup> ) (0.5C) | 1.15            | 0.29            | 1.34                            |

Gravimetric specific capacity is based on the mass of S/C, super P and binder.