

Supporting Information for

## **Rational Design of Layered SnS<sub>2</sub> on Ultralight Graphene Fiber Fabrics as Binder-Free Anodes for Enhanced Practical Capacity of Sodium-Ion Batteries**

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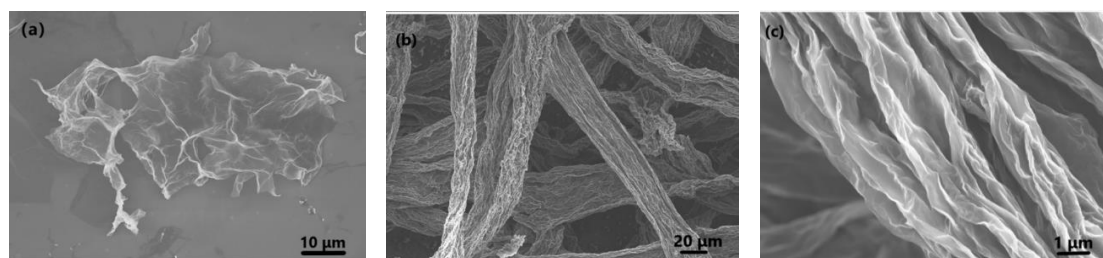
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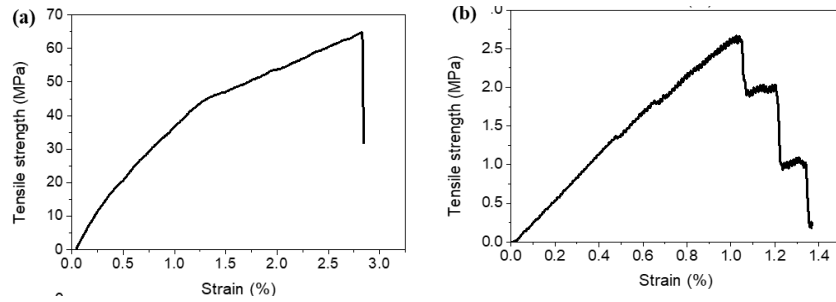
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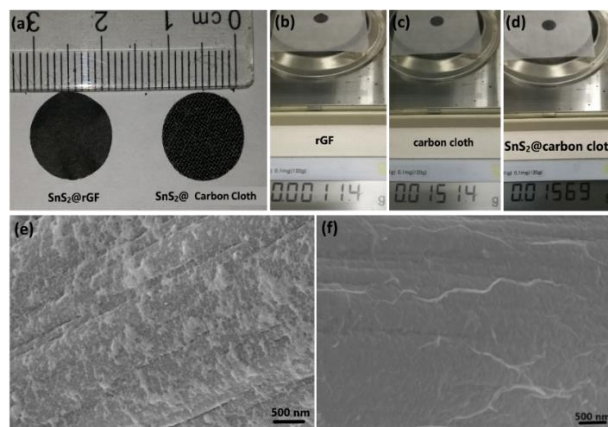
### **Supplementary Figures and Table**



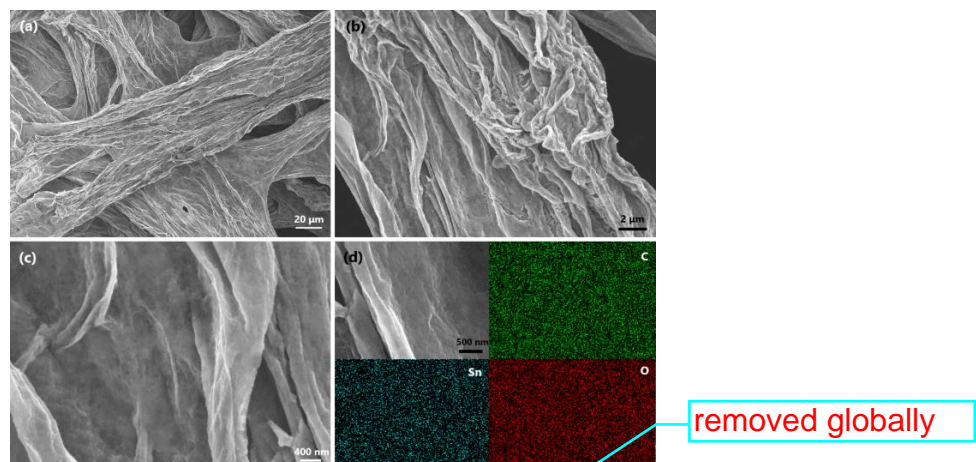
**Fig. S1** SEM images of **a** GO, and **b, c** rGF



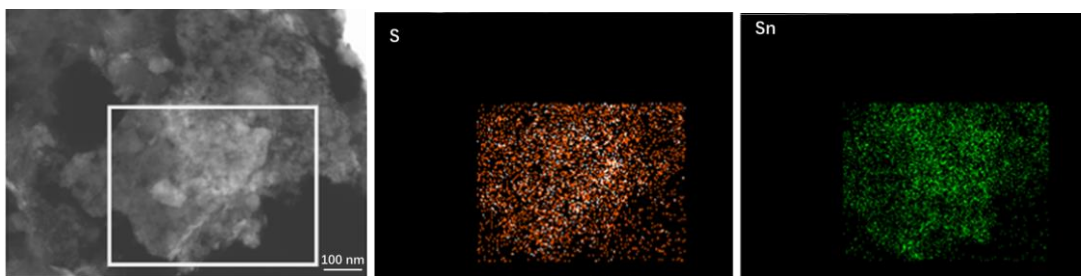
**Fig. S2** The tensile strength of **a** rGF fiber and **b** rGF fabric. In the tensile experiment, the length of rGF fiber is 0.5 mm, and the size of fabric is 20 mm long, 5 mm wide, 14  $\mu\text{m}$  thick



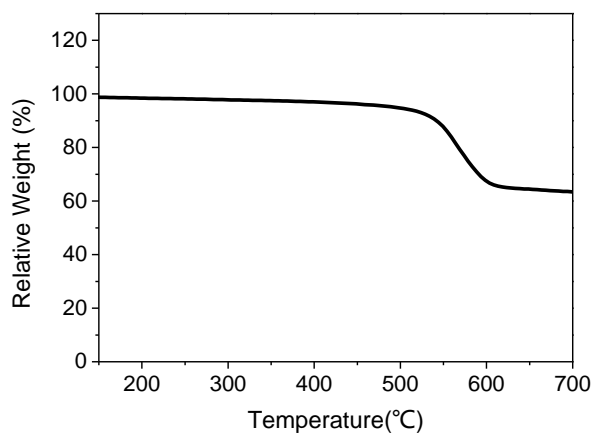
**Fig. S3 a** Optical photo of SnS<sub>2</sub>@rGF and SnS<sub>2</sub>@carbon cloth electrode. The weight of **b** rGF and **c** carbon cloth electrode, **d** SnS<sub>2</sub>@carbon cloth electrode. SEM photos of the **e** SnO<sub>2</sub>@carbon cloth and **f** SnS<sub>2</sub>@carbon cloth. In **Fig. S3a–d**, the diameter of all samples is 12 mm. It can be told obviously whether there is SnS<sub>2</sub> attached; rGF fabric samples are much lighter than the carbon cloth samples



**Fig. S4 a-c** SEM images, **d** elemental mapping images of the SnO<sub>2</sub>@rGF



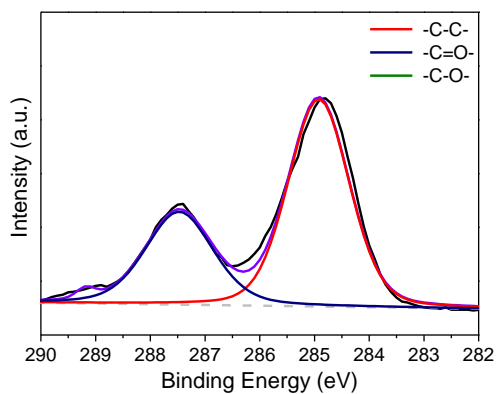
**Fig. S5** EDX-STEM images of SnS<sub>2</sub>@rGF



**Fig. S6** Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) profile of SnS<sub>2</sub>@rGF composites

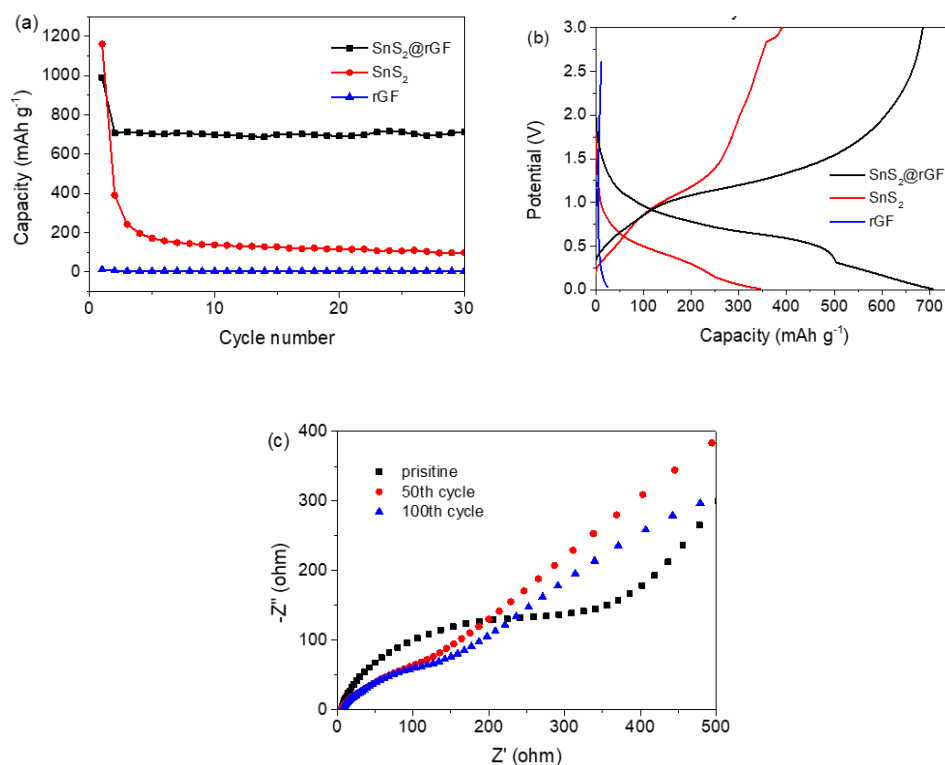
In O<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, the SnS<sub>2</sub>@rGF was heated to 700 °C, then turn into SnO<sub>2</sub>. The remaining mass was 60.05 wt%, the mass percentage of SnS<sub>2</sub> was calculated by Eq. S1:

$$\text{Mass Percentage} = \frac{M_{\text{SnS}_2} * 0.6005}{M_{\text{SnO}_2}} * 100\% = 67.2\% \quad (\text{S1})$$

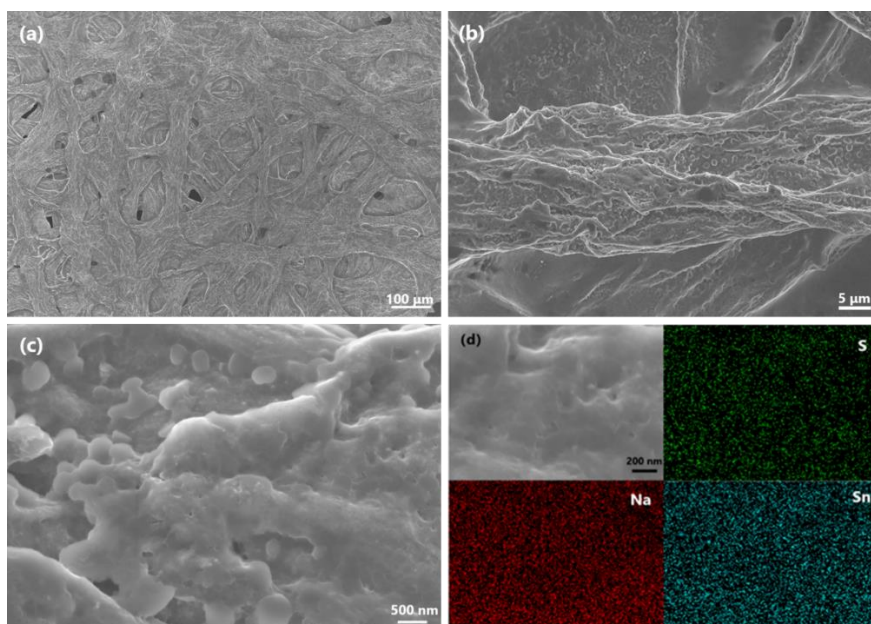


**Fig. S7** XPS spectra C1s region of GOF



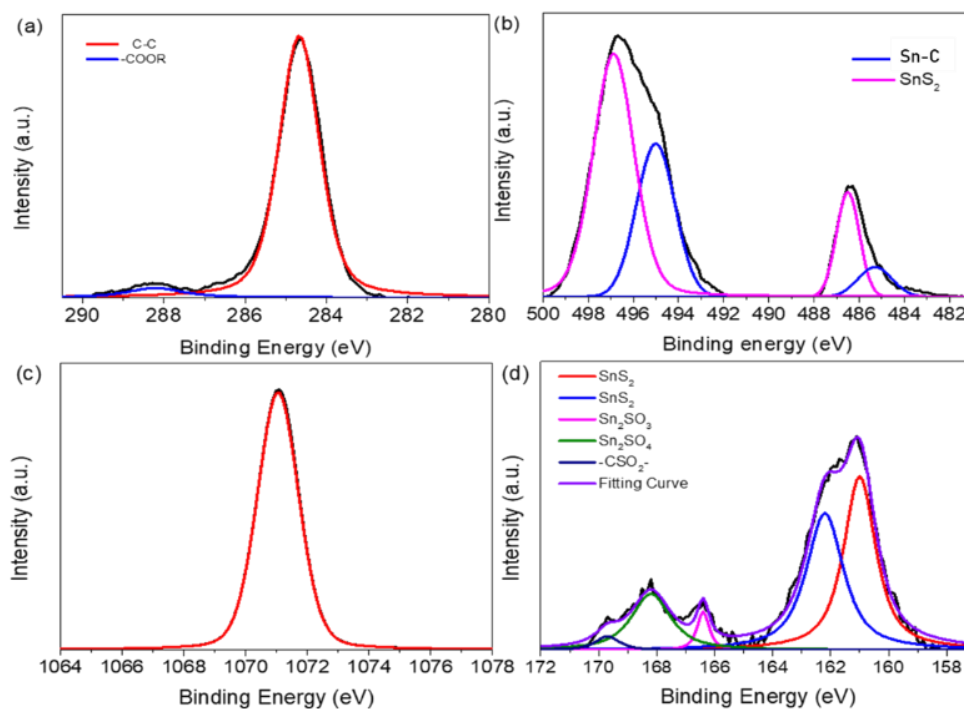


**Fig. S8** **a** cycle rate and **b** 2nd discharge-charge curves of the SnS<sub>2</sub>@rGF, SnS<sub>2</sub>, and rGF electrode at a current rate of 0.5 A g<sup>-1</sup>. **c** pristine, 50<sup>th</sup> cycle, and 100<sup>th</sup> cycle in a frequency range of 100 kHz to 0.1 Hz with AC voltage amplitude of 5 mV



**Fig. S9** **a-c** SEM images, and **d** elemental mapping images of the SnS<sub>2</sub>@rGF after 100 cycles





**Fig. S10** XPS spectra of SnS<sub>2</sub>@rGF composites: **a** C 1s region, **b** S 2p region, **c** Na 1s region and **d** Sn 3d narrow scan spectra

**Figure S10b** shows that there is no peak corresponding to chlorine, so Na<sup>+</sup> doesn't exist with a form of Sodium Perchlorate.



**Table S1** Comparison of sodium storage performance of different anode materials at current rate of 0.2 A g<sup>-1</sup>

Refs.	Active Material	Substrate	If separated Current Collector	Current Collector	Electrolyte	Active Material Weight Percentage (% , including current collector)	Reversible Specific Capacity before 50 cycles (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	Specific Capacity (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> , including current collector)
[S1]	SnS <sub>2</sub>	Graphene, CNTs	yes	Copper foil	1 M NaClO <sub>4</sub> in PC and EC (1:1 by volume) along with 5 wt% of FEC	32.24 wt%	600	194
[S2]	SnS <sub>2</sub>	Carbon hollow structure	yes	Copper foil	1 M NaClO <sub>4</sub> in PC and EC (1:1 by volume) along with 5 wt% of FEC	24.82 wt%	696	173
[S3]	SnS <sub>2</sub>	Sea-sponge structure	yes	Copper foil	1 M NaClO <sub>4</sub> in PC and EC (1:1 by volume) along with 5 wt% of FEC	21.17 wt%	530	112
[S4]	SnS	CNTs	yes	Copper foil	1 M NaClO <sub>4</sub> in PC and EC (1:1 by volume) along with 5 wt% of FEC	24.82 wt%	435	108
[S5]	SnS <sub>2</sub>	graphene	yes	Ni foam	1 M NaClO <sub>4</sub> in PC and EC (1:1 by volume) along with	No collector density data	582	/

					5 wt% of FEC				
[S6]	SnS <sub>2</sub>	MWNTs, C	yes	Ni foam	1 M NaClO <sub>4</sub> in PC and EC (1:1 by volume) along with 5 wt% of FEC	No collector density data	910 (0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup> )	/	
[S7]	SnS <sub>2</sub>	Carbon paper	no	/	1 M NaClO <sub>4</sub> in PC and EC (1:1 by volume) along with 5 wt% of FEC	Not mentioned	1006	/	
[S8]	SnS <sub>2</sub>	Graphene nanoribbons	no	/	1 M NaClO <sub>4</sub> in PC and EC (1:1 by volume) along with 5 wt% of FEC	52.5 wt%	1032	542	
[S9]	SnS	Carbon nanofiber	Free-Standing 1 M NaClO <sub>4</sub> in PC and EC (1:1 by volume) along with 5 wt% of FEC					444	/
[S10]	SnS <sub>2</sub>	graphene foam	No	/	1 M NaClO <sub>4</sub> in PC and EC (1:1 by volume) along with 5 wt% of FEC	Not mentioned	900	/	
This work	SnS <sub>2</sub>	rGF fabric	no	/	1 M NaClO <sub>4</sub> in PC and EC (1:1 by volume) along with 5 wt% of FEC	67.2 wt%	802	539	

All these data in this blank is found in original papers. The radius of electrode which is not mentioned in some papers is postulated as 12 mm, which actually has no influence on the calculation. The specific capacity (including current collector) is calculated on the basis of Eq. S2:



$$\text{Specific Capacity} = \frac{\text{Reversible Specific Capacity Mentioned in Article}}{m_{\text{active material}} + m_{\text{binder}} + m_{\text{collector}}} \quad (\text{S2})$$

Comparison of the estimated mass loading based on commonly employed CF cloth (CeTech, WOS1002), Al foil (15  $\mu\text{m}$ ), Cu foil (9  $\mu\text{m}$ ), and our rGF fabrics.

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