

Supporting Information for

## Nitrogen-Doped TiO<sub>2</sub>-C Composite Nanofibers with High-Capacity and Long-Cycle Life as Anode Materials for Sodium-ion Batteries

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### Supplementary Figures

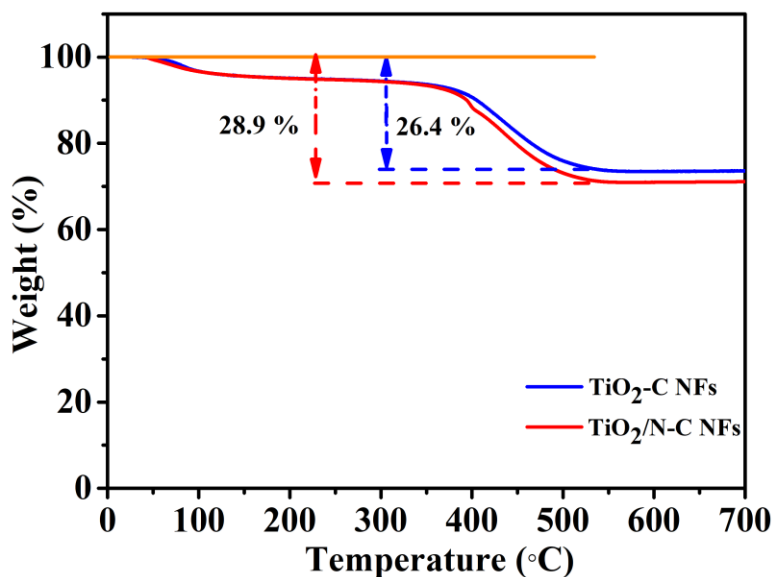
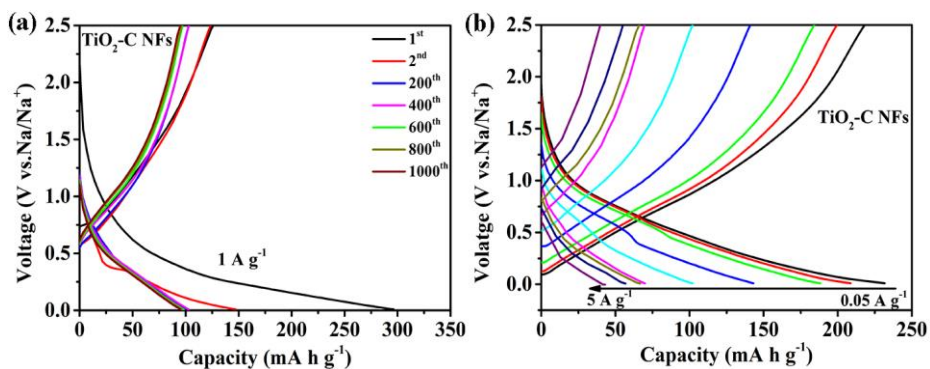
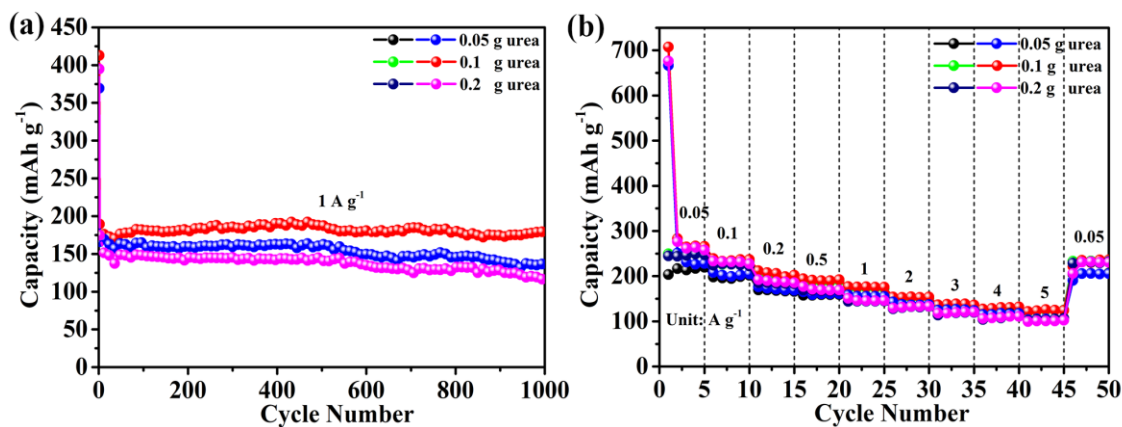


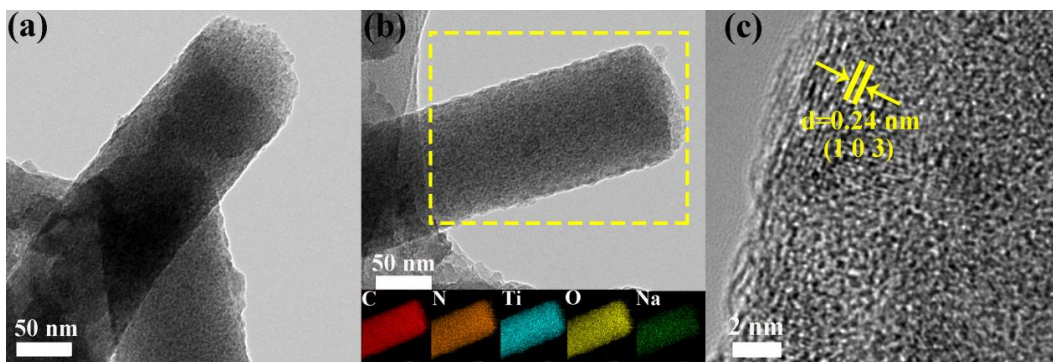
Fig. S1 TGA curves of TiO<sub>2</sub>/N-C NFs and TiO<sub>2</sub>-C NFs



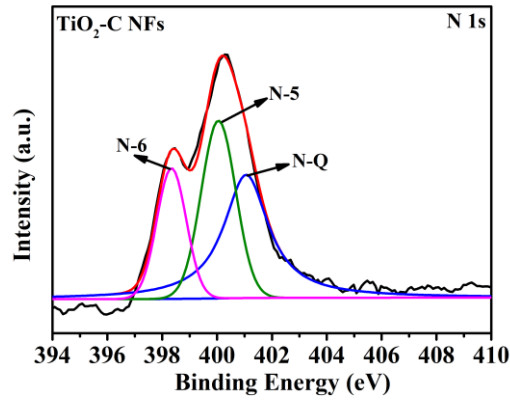
**Fig. S2** **a** Continuous discharge and charge curves of TiO<sub>2</sub>-C NFs electrode under a current density of 1 A g<sup>-1</sup>. **b** Charge-discharge curves of TiO<sub>2</sub>-C NFs at 0.05-5 A g<sup>-1</sup> in the range of 0.01-2.5 V



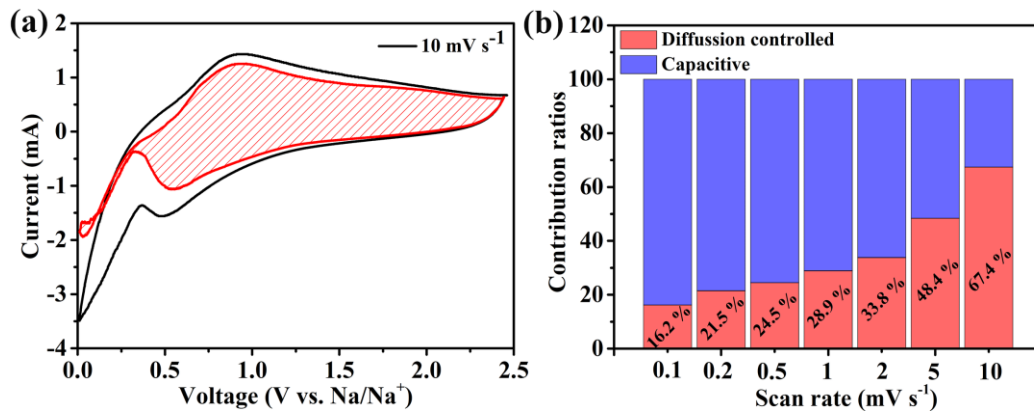
**Fig. S3** The electrochemical performances of TiO<sub>2</sub>/N-C NFs added with different amounts of urea: **a** Cycle performance at current densities of 1 A g<sup>-1</sup>. **b** rate capability



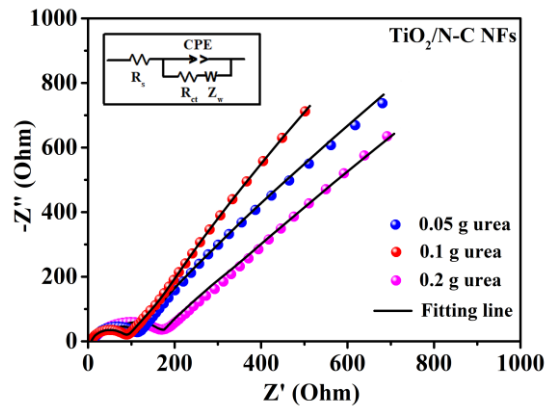
**Fig. S4** **a, b** TEM images and **c** HR-TEM image of the TiO<sub>2</sub>/N-C NFs electrode after cycling for 1000 cycles at 1 A g<sup>-1</sup> in SIBs (the EDS elemental mapping of the area, marked by the yellow rectangle in image **b**)



**Fig. S5** High-resolution N 1s spectra of TiO<sub>2</sub>-C NFs



**Fig. S6 a** Black curve shows the CV curve of TiO<sub>2</sub>-C NFs and the red shaded part indicates the capacitive contribution measured at 10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. **b** Diagram of capacitive contribution to the total capacity at different scan rate of TiO<sub>2</sub>-C NFs



**Fig. S7** Nyquist plots and equivalent circuit of the TiO<sub>2</sub>/N-C NFs with different amounts of urea in SIBs the first cycle at 0.05 A g<sup>-1</sup>

**Table S1** Comparison of the electrochemical performance of TiO<sub>2</sub>/N-C NFs with previously reported TiO<sub>2</sub>-based materials as anode in sodium ion batteries

Materials	Rate Performance (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> / A g <sup>-1</sup> )	Cycle Performance (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> (cycle number)A g <sup>-1</sup> )	References
Nitrogen-doped mesoporous TiO <sub>2</sub> Nanofibers	310/0.067 108/3.35	110(500 <sup>th</sup> )/3.35	[S1]
Nitrogen-Doped TiO <sub>2</sub> nanospheres	185/0.2 156/5	162(1000 <sup>th</sup> )/1	[S2]
Anatase TiO <sub>2</sub> @C composites	230/0.033 80/6.68	148(500 <sup>th</sup> )/0.5	[S3]
Anatase TiO <sub>2</sub> /PVDF	229.8/0.168 102.1/6.72	180(500 <sup>th</sup> )/0.335	[S4]
Mesoporous TiO <sub>2</sub> nanosheets anchored on graphene	190.8/0.05 88.9/1.67	130(2000 <sup>th</sup> )/1.675	[S5]
N-doped carbon coated TiO <sub>2</sub> nanoparticles	204.8/0.168 84.9/3.35	122.1(3000 <sup>th</sup> )/3.36	[S6]
Olive-like anatase TiO <sub>2</sub>	267/0.336 110/6.72	125 (1000 <sup>th</sup> )/3.36	[S7]
Defect-rich TiO <sub>2</sub> - s/mooncake-shaped carbon	330/0.05 98.1/5	88.5(5000 <sup>th</sup> )/10	[S8]
TiO <sub>2</sub> @CNT@C Nanorods	230/0.05 115.5/4	153/(1000 <sup>th</sup> )/1	[S9]
TiO <sub>2</sub> particles/carbon	311.5/0.05 91.3/6.4	241(500 <sup>th</sup> )/0.4	[S10]
<b>Nitrogen-doped TiO<sub>2</sub>- C composite nanofibers</b>	<b>268.5/0.05 124.5/5</b>	<b>179.2(1000<sup>th</sup>)/1 118.1(2000<sup>th</sup>)/5</b>	<b>this work</b>

**Table S2** Simulated impedance parameters ( $R_s$  and  $R_{ct}$ ) of the TiO<sub>2</sub>/N-C NFs with different amounts of urea in SIBs

Samples	0.05 g urea	0.1 g urea	0.2 g urea
$R_s$ ( $\Omega$ )	7.51	7.33	8.26
$R_{ct}$ ( $\Omega$ )	104.3	85.5	170.2

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