

Supplementary Materials

Three-Dimensionally Ordered Macro/Mesoporous Nb₂O₅/Nb₄N₅ Heterostructure as Sulfur Host for High-Performance Lithium/Sulfur Batteries

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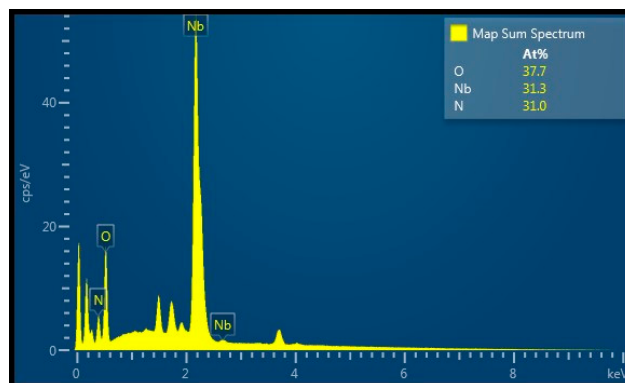


Figure S1. EDS mapping of Nb₂O₅/Nb₄N₅

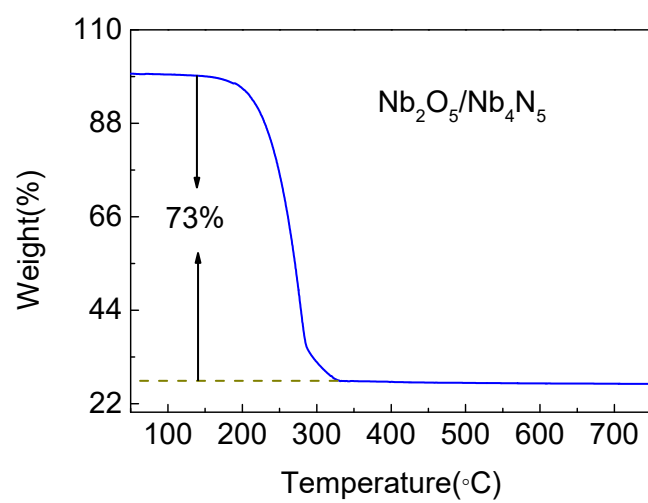


Figure S2. TGA profile of $\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5/\text{Nb}_4\text{N}_5$

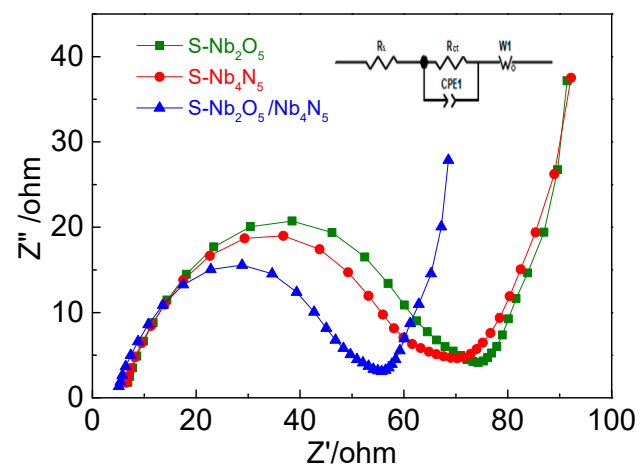


Figure S3. Nyquist plots of S-Nb₄N₅, S-Nb₂O₅/Nb₄N₅ and S-Nb₂O₅

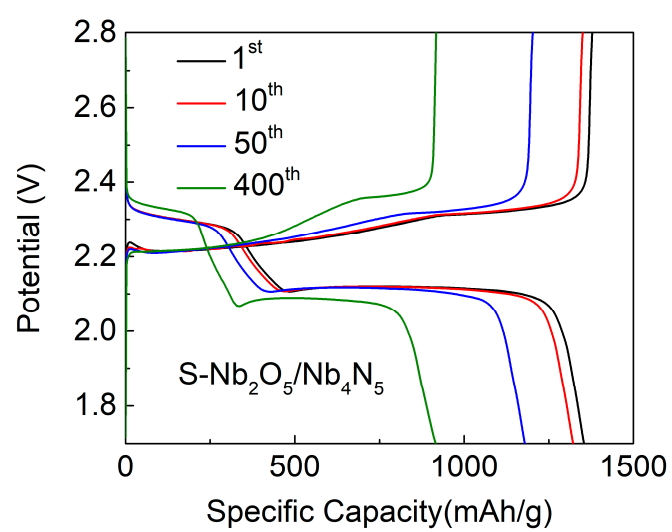


Figure S4. Voltage profiles of S-Nb₂O₅/Nb₄N₅ at 1 C

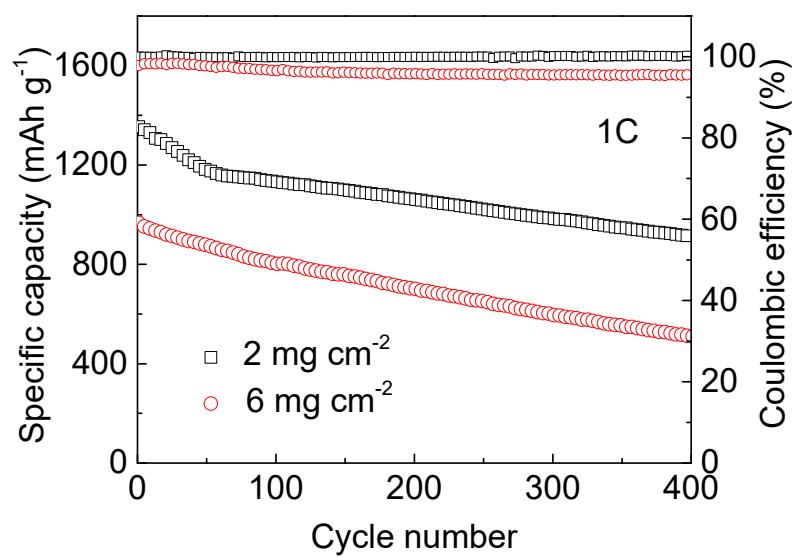


Figure S5. Cycling tests at 1 C with different mass loading

Table S1. Conductivities of Nb₄N₅, Nb₂O₅/Nb₄N₅ and Nb₂O₅

Sample	Conductivity
Nb ₄ N ₅	6.6×10 ⁻³ S cm ⁻¹
Nb ₂ O ₅ /Nb ₄ N ₅	4.35×10 ⁻⁴ S cm ⁻¹
Nb ₂ O ₅	6.91×10 ⁻⁶ S cm ⁻¹

Table S2. The resistance of Rs and Rct simulated from equivalent circuits

Sample	Rs	Rct
Nb ₂ O ₅ /Nb ₄ N ₅	4.48 Ω	46.79 Ω
Nb ₄ N ₅	5.64 Ω	57.55 Ω
Nb ₂ O ₅	5.97 Ω	62.38 Ω

Table S3. Pore size distribution and/or pore volume of Nb₄N₅, Nb₂O₅/Nb₄N₅ and Nb₂O₅

Sample	Pore size distribution	Pore volume
Nb ₂ O ₅ /Nb ₄ N ₅	2.7 nm	0.16 cm ³ /g
Nb ₄ N ₅	2.1 nm	0.08 cm ³ /g
Nb ₂ O ₅	3.8, 14.2 nm	0.05 cm ³ /g

Table S4. Comparison of electrochemical properties of our work with other works

Materials	Rate / Specific capacity/Cycle (C)/ (mAh g ⁻¹)	Reference
Ag/VN@Co/NCNT	2/693/2000	ACS Nano 2021, 15, 4, 6849-6860
Co ₉ S ₈ @MoS ₂ /CNF	1/803/400	ACS Nano 2020, 14,12,17285-17294
V ₈ C ₇ -VO ₂	4/410/800	Adv. Mater. 2020, 32, 50, 2005967
TiO ₂ -Ni ₃ S ₂	0.5/638/900	Adv. Mater. 2020, 32, 32, 2000315
TiO ₂ -TiN	1/2000/704	Energy Environ. Sci., 2017,10, 1694-1703
Co ₉ S ₈ /CoO	1/601/1000	Nano Energy 2019, 60, 332-339
MoSe ₂ /MoO ₂	0.5/848/500	Chem. Eng. J. 2020,381, 122672
Nb ₂ O ₅ /Nb ₄ N ₅	1/913/400	Our work