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## Supporting Information

Biomolecule-assisted synthesis of porous network-like Ni<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>  
nanoarchitectures assembled with ultrathin nanosheets as  
integrated negative electrodes for high-performance lithium  
storage

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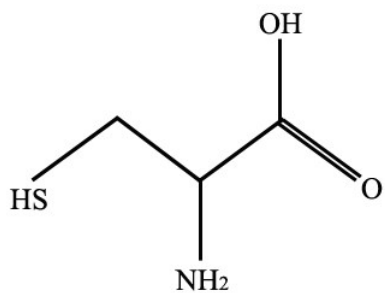
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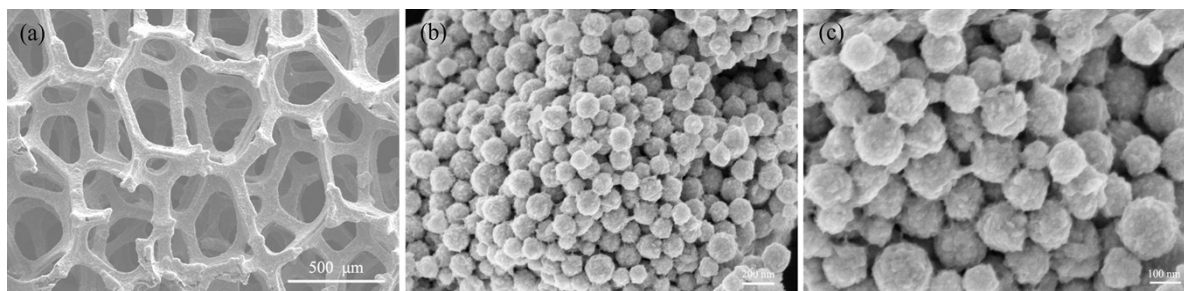
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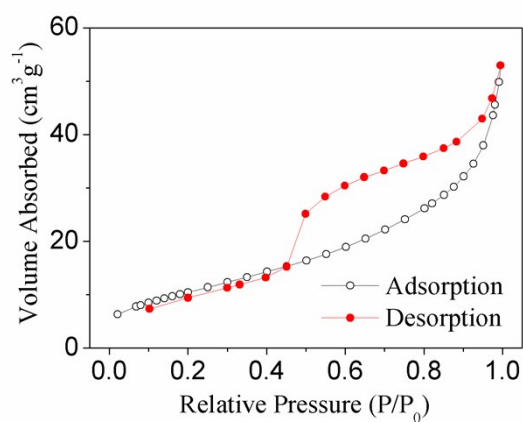
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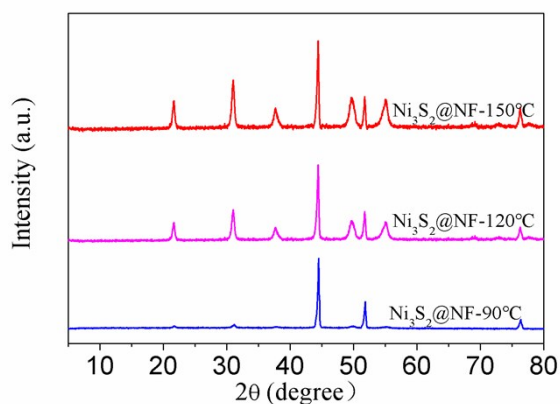
**Fig. S1** Chemical structure of L-cysteine.



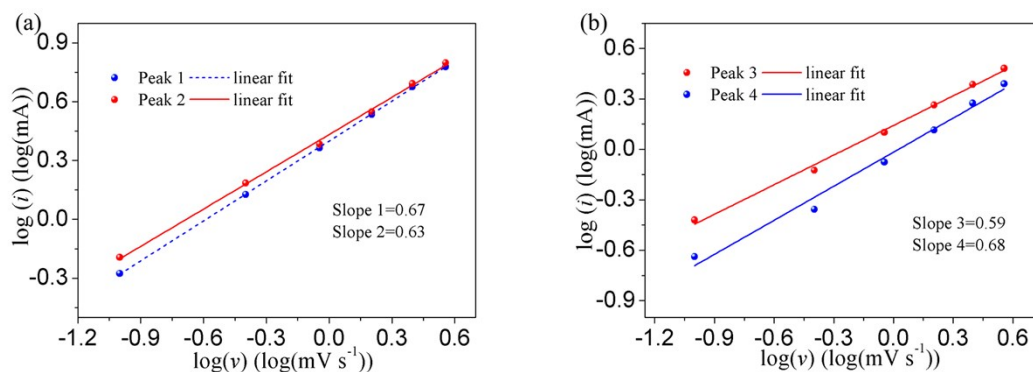
**Fig. S2** SEM images of the (a) bare NF and (b and c) as-prepared Ni<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub> powders at different magnifications.



**Fig. S3** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms of the as-prepared Ni<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>@NF composites.



**Fig. S4** XRD pattern of the as-prepared  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2@\text{NF}$  composites under different reaction temperatures.



**Fig. S5** The relationship between  $\log(i)$  and  $\log(v)$  of (a)  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2@\text{NF}$  and (b)  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2$  powder pasted electrodes.

**Table S1** The elemental composition of the  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2@\text{NF}$  composites from the EDS (Fig. 3f) .

<i>Element</i>	<i>Weight %</i>	<i>Atomic %</i>
<i>C K</i>	06.47	09.15
<i>O K</i>	03.44	06.50
<i>Ni K</i>	67.64	51.22
<i>S K</i>	22.45	33.13

**Table S2.** Comparison of electrochemical performance of the Ni<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>@NF in this work with some other Ni<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>-based electrodes reported in recent literature.

Type of material	Initial reversible specific capacity	Specific capacity after cycling	Capacity retention	Reference
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /C fibers	550 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 50 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	421.4 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> after 50 cycles	35.7% from 200 to 2000 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	1
Electrodeposition of Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /Ni <sub>4</sub> composites	338 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 170 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	322 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> after 100 cycles	~60% from 170 to 1700 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	2
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> @N-doped carbon core/shell arrays	420 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 100 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	368 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> after 100 cycles	91.6% from 100 to 2000 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	3
3D porous Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> electrode	593 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 150 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	622 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> after 55 cycles	73% from 150 to 1200 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	4
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> nanoslices anchored on reduced graphene oxide	608.4 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 100 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	465 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> after 100 cycles	67.2% from 100 to 1000 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	5
Porous Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> nanosheets Network grown on NF	987.8 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 200 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	569.86 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> after 300 cycles	45.4% from 200 to 3200 mA g <sup>-1</sup>	This work

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