## MoS<sub>2</sub> Nanosheets Grown on Hollow Carbon Spheres as Strong Polysulfide Anchor for High Performance Lithium Sulfur Batteries

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## **Supplementary Materials**



**Figure S1** TEM BF (a) image and SEI (b) of HCS illustrates the detailed morphology and pore structure.



Figure S2 SEM images of pure MoS<sub>2</sub> nanosheets.







**Figure S4** The  $N_2$  isothermal adsorption (a) and pore size distribution curve (b) of HCS show the 1489 m<sup>2</sup>/g BET specific surface area and 5.6 nm average pore size.



Figure S5 High resolution SEI image of MoS<sub>2</sub>@HCS/S cathodes.



**Figure S6** The XRD spectrum (a) of the as prepared MoS<sub>2</sub>@HCS/S electrodes suggests the successfully loading of sulfur. The TG curve (b) illustrates the 74%, 71% and 69% of sulfur loading amount for MoS<sub>2</sub>@HCS/S, HCS/S and MoS<sub>2</sub>/S electrodes.



Figure S7 TGA curves of  $MoS_2@HCS$  nanocomposites with different  $MoS_2$  growth amount.



**Figure S8** The cycling performance of  $MoS_2@HCS/S$  cathodes with different  $MoS_2$  growth amount under the current density of 0.5 C.



Figure S9 The cycling performance of  $MoS_2@HCS/S$  electrodes at the current density of 1C and the sulfur loading of 1.8 mg·cm<sup>-1</sup>.



Figure S10 The digital photographs of (a) Li anode, (b) separator and (c) cathode after 500 cycles illustrate no obvious yellow color. The SEM image (d) suggests the excellent morphology retention of  $MoS_2@HCS/S$  electrodes.