

## Electronic Supporting Information

### Pre-crosslinking enables a promising cyclodextrin-derived carbon anode with large plateau capacity for sodium ion batteries

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Fig. S1. Optical imaging of these precursors.

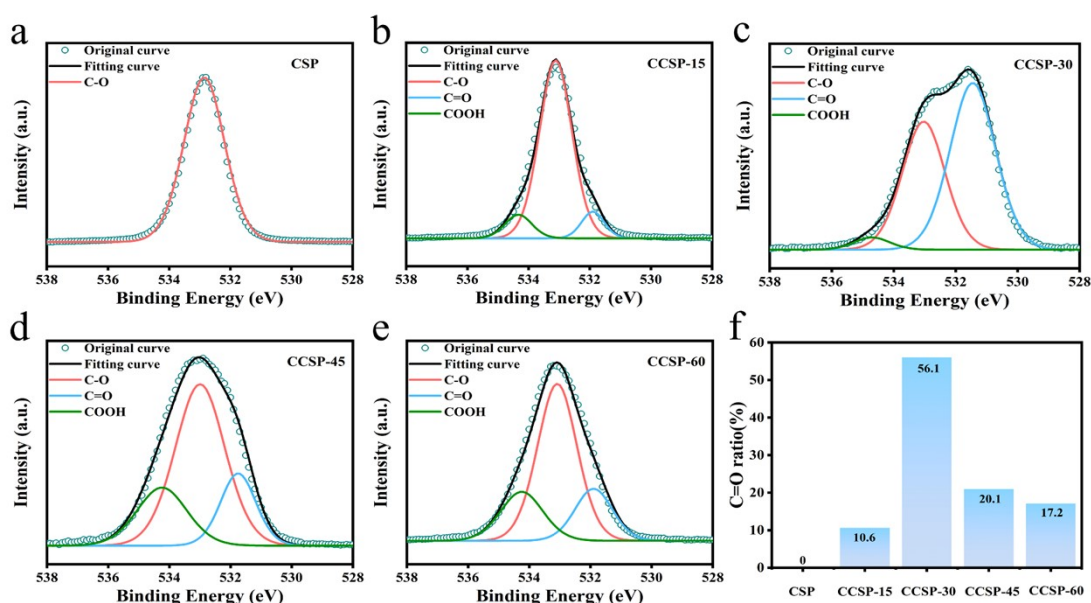


Fig. S2. High-resolution O 1s XPS spectra of these precursors. (a) CSP, (b) CCSP-15, (c)

CCSP-30, (d) CCSP-45 and (e) CCSP-60, respectively; (f) Variation of C=O contents in these precursors.

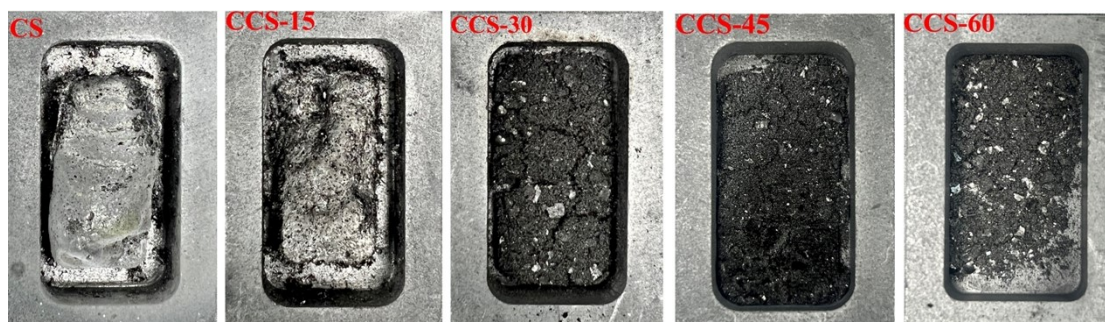


Fig. S3. Optical imaging of these as-obtained hard carbon samples.

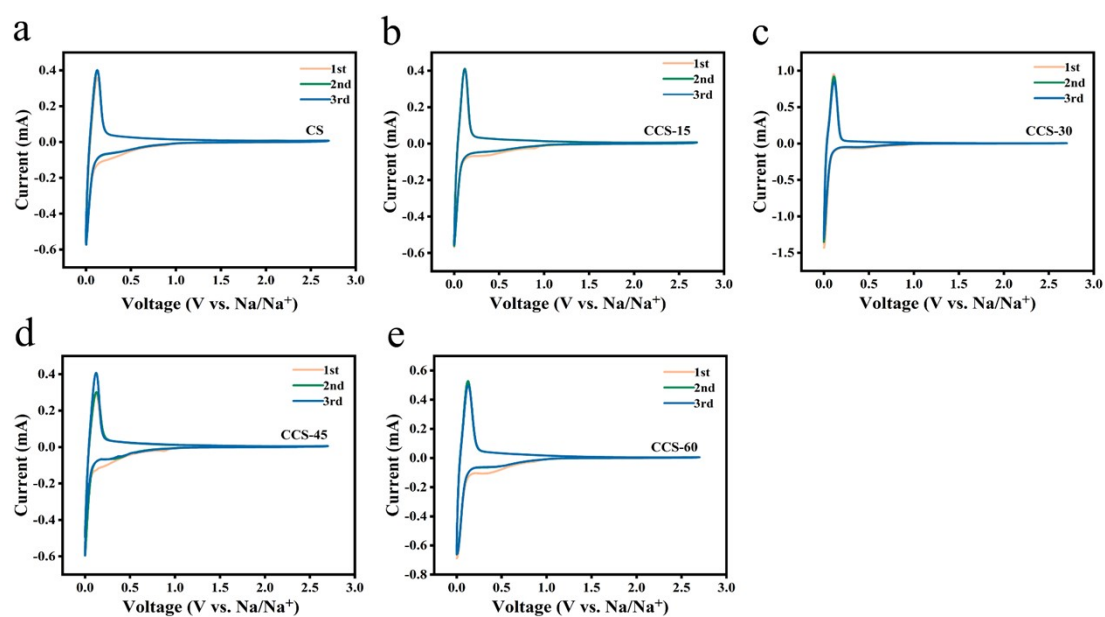


Fig. S4. CV curves of these samples at  $0.1 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$

**Table 1 Structural parameters calculated** from XRD, Raman, Nitrogen adsorption-desorption and SAXS results.

Sample	XRD	Raman		Nitrogen adsorption		SAXS	Percentage of closed pores	
	$d_{002}$ (Å)	$L_c$ (nm)	$I_D/I_G$	$L_a$ (nm)	$S_{BET}$ (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	$V_{pore}$ (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Intensity	$P(c) = 1 - \frac{V(op)}{I(wp)}$
CS	4.12	3.05	1.53	12.56	518.02	0.3316	0.6122	45.84%
CCS-15	4.18	3.20	1.48	12.98	3.63	0.0063	0.5030	98.75%
CCS-30	4.20	2.98	1.74	11.04	1.47	0.0051	0.4663	98.91%
CCS-45	4.19	3.12	1.43	13.44	2.93	0.0055	0.4310	98.73%
CCS-60	4.17	3.17	1.40	13.73	4.34	0.0078	0.3780	97.92%