

## Supporting Information

### Sustainable synthesis of metal compound/carbon composites via coordination chemistry for high-performance lithium-ion batteries

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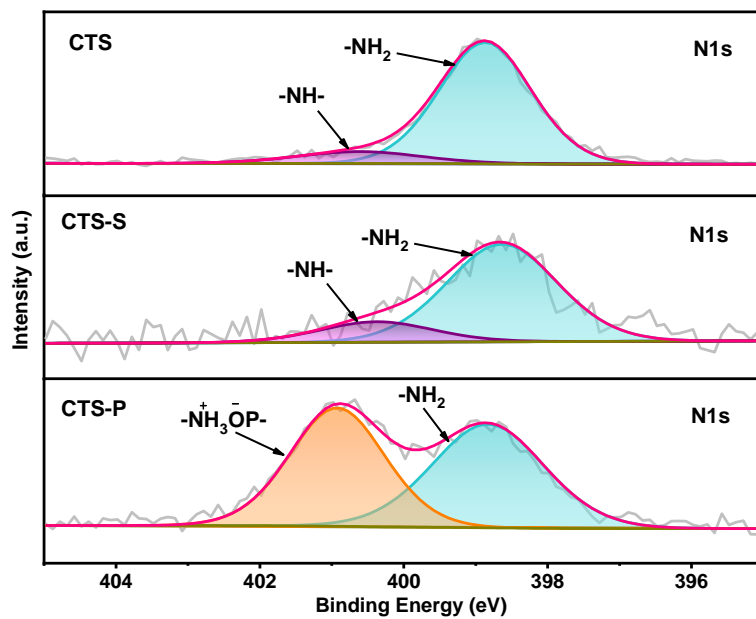


Fig. S1 N 1s spectra of CTS, CTS-S and CTS-P.

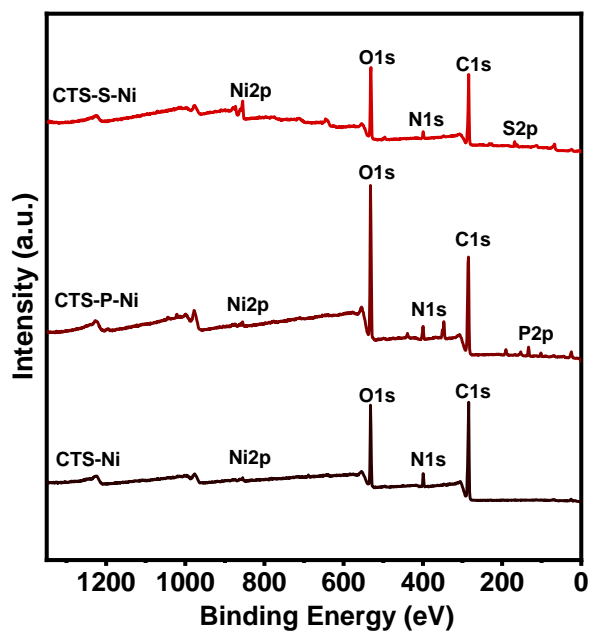
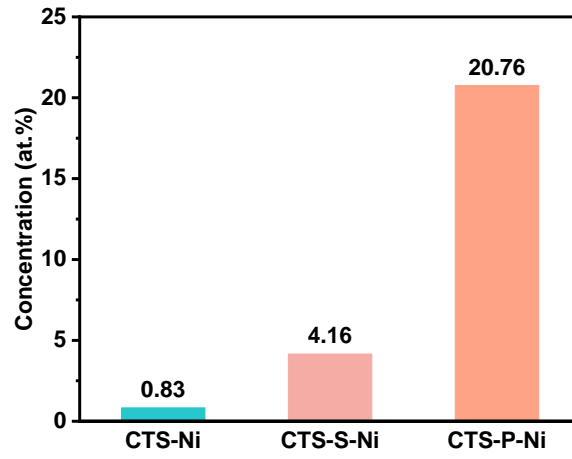
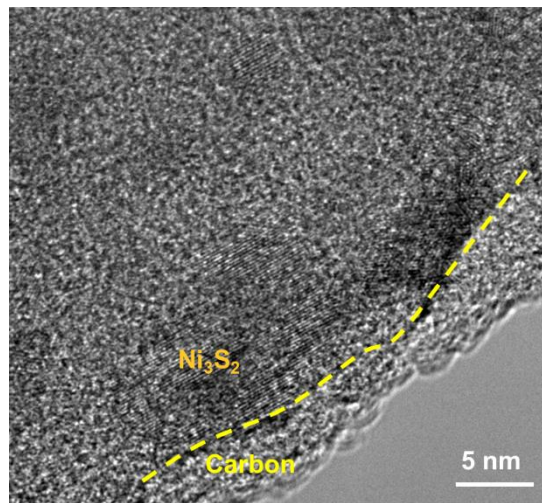


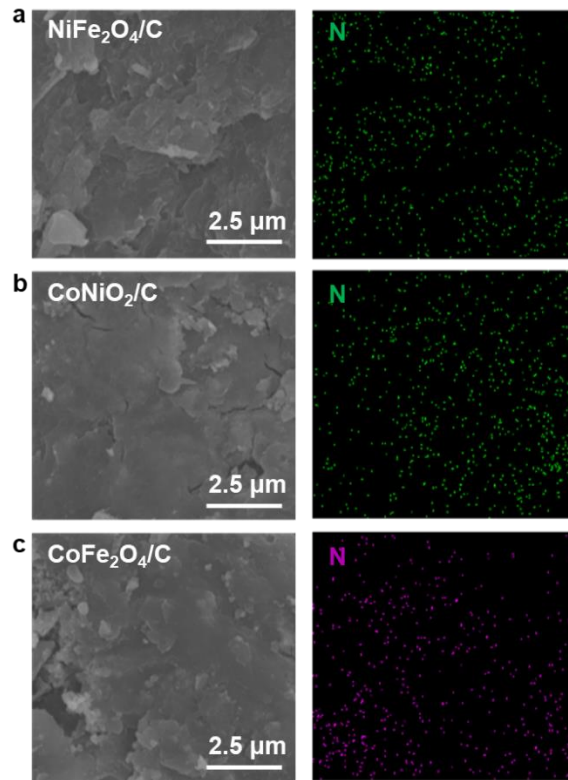
Fig. S2 XPS spectra of CTS-Ni, CTS-P-Ni and CTS-S-Ni.



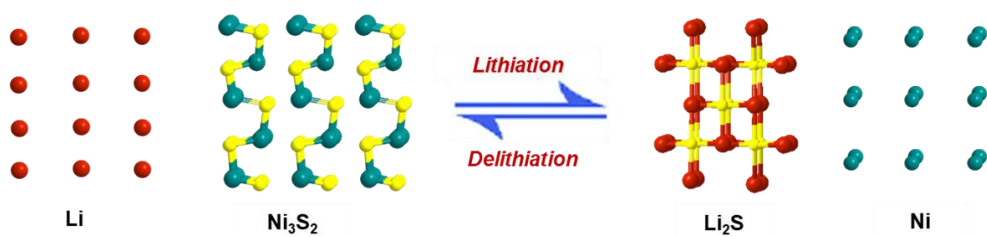
**Fig. S3** Concentration of Ni in CTS-Ni, CTS-S-Ni and CTS-P-Ni.



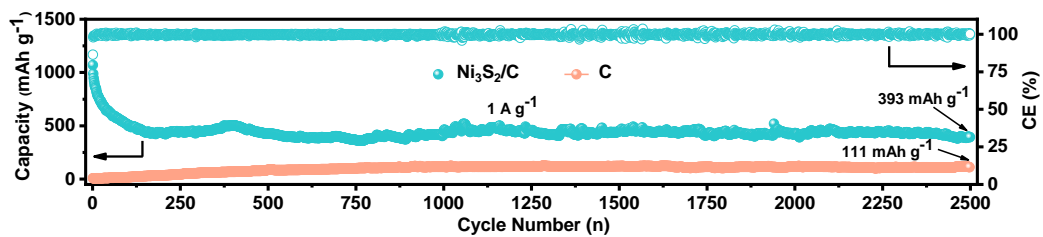
**Fig. S4** HRTEM image of  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{C}$ .



**Fig. S5** SEM images and EDS images of  $\text{NiFe}_2\text{O}_4/\text{C}$ ,  $\text{CoNiO}_2/\text{C}$  and  $\text{CoFe}_2\text{O}_4/\text{C}$ .

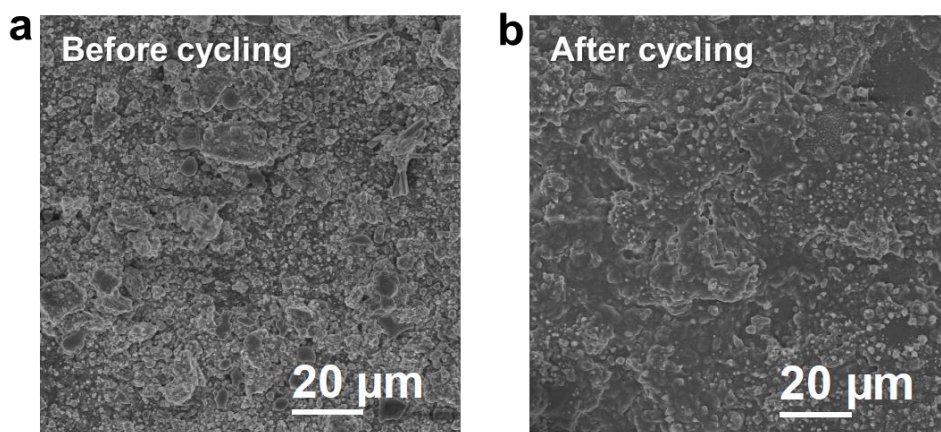


**Fig. S6** Schematic illustration of lithium storage mechanism in  $\text{Ni}_3\text{S}_2/\text{C}$  anode.

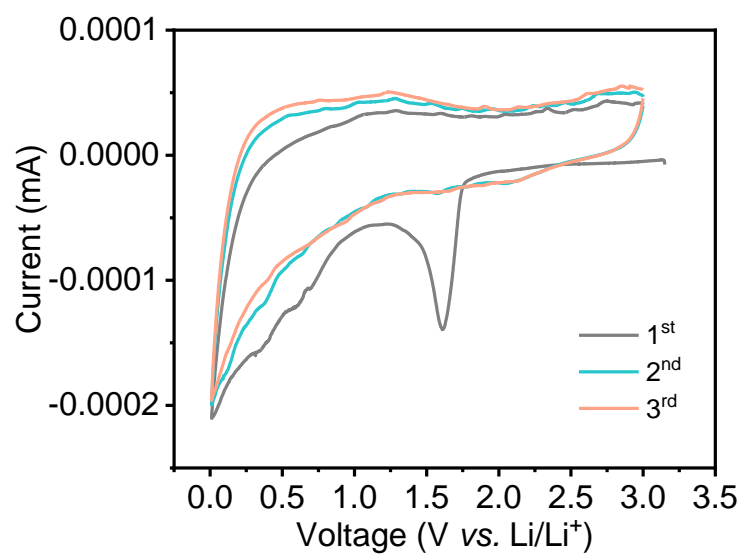


**Fig. S7** Cycling performances of Ni<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>/C and C anodes at the current density of 1.0 A

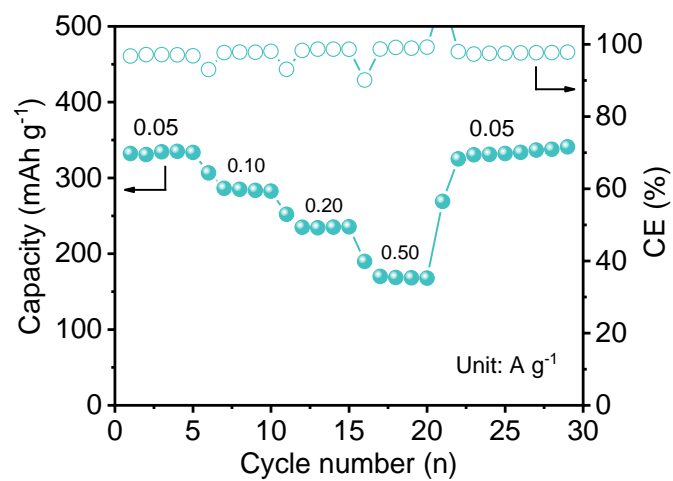
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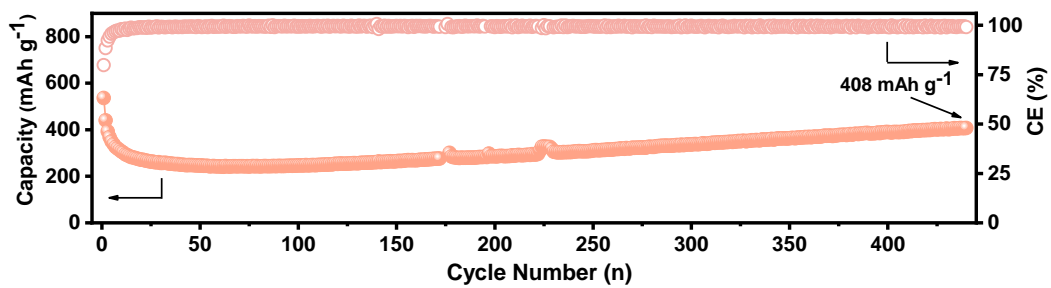
**Fig. S8** SEM images of Ni<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>/C anode before and after cycling.



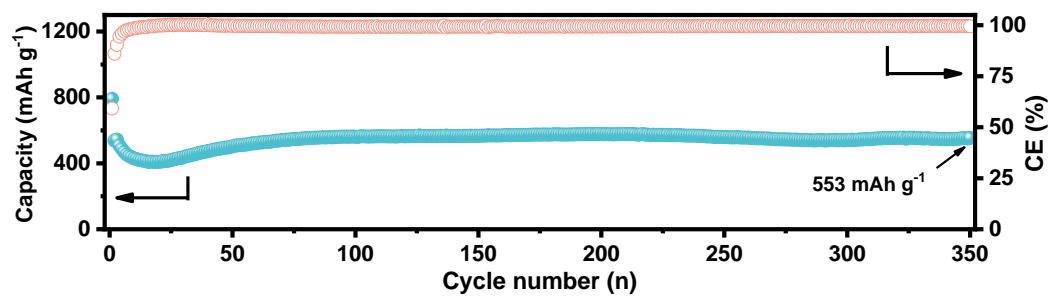
**Fig. S9** CV curves of Ni<sub>12</sub>P<sub>5</sub>/C anodes at 0.2 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S10** Rate performance of Ni<sub>12</sub>P<sub>5</sub>/C anode.



**Fig. S11** Cycling performance of ZnS/C anode at the current density of 0.05 A g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S12** Cycling performance of NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>/C anode at the current density of 0.10 A g<sup>-1</sup>.

**Table S1.** Comparisons of the cycling performance of Ni<sub>x</sub>S<sub>y</sub>-based anodes for LIBs.

Anodes	Current density (A g <sup>-1</sup> )	Cycle number	Discharge capacity (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
NiS-GNS	0.1	60	887	[1]
NiS@OLC	0.1	100	546	[2]
C <sup>o</sup> NiS-L	60	100	300	[3]
NiS/N-rGO	0.5	100	467	[4]
CSF-NiS/C	0.1	100	411.6	[5]
NiS/G	50	400	481	[6]
NiS <sub>x</sub> /rGO-500	0.1	60	1026.0	[7]
NiS@SiO <sub>2</sub> /graphene	0.1	100	750	[8]
HBC-NiS/C	0.2	100	652	[9]
NiS@NSC	0.1	200	715.9	[10]
<b>Ni<sub>3</sub>S<sub>2</sub>/C</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>1434</b>	<b>This work</b>



**Table S2.** Comparisons of the rate performance of Ni<sub>x</sub>S<sub>y</sub>-based anodes for LIBs.

Anodes	Rate capability/mAh g <sup>-1</sup> (Numbers in parentheses denote current density in mA g <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
NiS@SiO <sub>2</sub> /graphene	680 (20), 640 (30), 610 (50), 570 (80), 540 (1200), 500 (1600)	[8]
GeS <sub>2</sub> @NiS@N-C	1166.2 (100), 1059.5 (200), 905.8 (500), 841.2 (800), 817.4 (1000), 724.8 (2000), 641.7 (5000), 593.2 (8000)	[11]
HBC-NiS/C	621 (200), 519 (500), 358 (1000), 170 (2000), 108 (3000)	[9]
NiS@NSC	601.2 (100), 530.4 (200), 491.5 (500), 479.1(1000),446.1(2000)	[10]
rGO@NiS	1025.7 (100), 933.6 (200), 835.8 (500), 752.1 (1000), 673.6 (2000), 538.1(5000)	[12]
NiS/C	827.8 (100), 715.0 (200), 551.8 (500), 455.6 (800), 384.5 (1000)	[13]
NiS <sub>p</sub> CW <sub>c</sub> GN	625 (200),542 (500), 519 (800), 506 (1000), 476 (2000), 430(5000),374(10000)	[14]
NiS-GNS-CNT	935 (250),752 (500), 650 (1000), 565 (2000), 440 (4000), 330(8000)	[15]
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /C	<b>1370 (50), 1117 (100), 1035 (200), 891 (500), 787 (750), 717 (1000), 565 (2000)</b>	<b>This work</b>

**Table S3.** Comparisons of the lithium-ion diffusion rate of MC/Cs anode in LIBs.

Anodes	$D_{Li}$ (cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Methods	Ref.
NiS/C	$1.3 \times 10^{-10}$	CV	[13]
FeP@C	$1.04 \times 10^{-14}$	CV	[16]
Ni-FeP@C	$2.53 \times 10^{-14}$	CV	
MoS <sub>2</sub>	$3.04 \times 10^{-14}$	EIS	[17]
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> -NCNFs	$2.47 \times 10^{-7}$	CV	[18]
ZnSe/C	$2.48 \times 10^{-12}$	EIS	[19]
CoSe@C	$6.0 \times 10^{-11}$	EIS	[20]
SnSe/CoSe@C	$3.6 \times 10^{-9}$	EIS	
rGO/MnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	$1.62 \times 10^{-6}$	CV	[21]
MnO <sub>2</sub> @PNC	$1.0 \times 10^{-8}$	GITT	[22]
Co <sub>2</sub> GeO <sub>4</sub>	$6.3 \times 10^{-8}$	CV	[23]
Co <sub>x</sub> O <sub>y</sub> @PC	$6.6 \times 10^{-17}$	CV	[24]
O <sub>v</sub> -MnO/Ni OCNs	$8.43 \times 10^{-12}$	GITT	[25]
CFO@N-C	$2.76 \times 10^{-13}$	EIS	[26]
O <sub>v</sub> -MnO/Co NCPs	$3.92 \times 10^{-12}$	EIS	[27]
Sb/Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> -NC-450	$9.5384 \times 10^{-7}$	CV	[28]
Co-MnO@C-CNTs	$6.93 \times 10^{-14}$	GITT	[29]
MnO-CNTs@TiO <sub>2</sub> -C	$7.78 \times 10^{-10}$	EIS	[30]
Mn <sub>2</sub> Mo <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> @C	$8.20 \times 10^{-17}$	EIS	[31]
F-GeO <sub>2</sub> @C	$2.8 \sim 5.7 \times 10^{-11}$ (discharge) $0.5 \sim 8.0 \times 10^{-11}$ (charge)	GITT	[32]
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /C	<b><math>2.71 \times 10^{-9}</math> (discharge)</b> <b><math>2.27 \times 10^{-9}</math> (charge)</b>	<b>GITT</b>	<b>This work</b>

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