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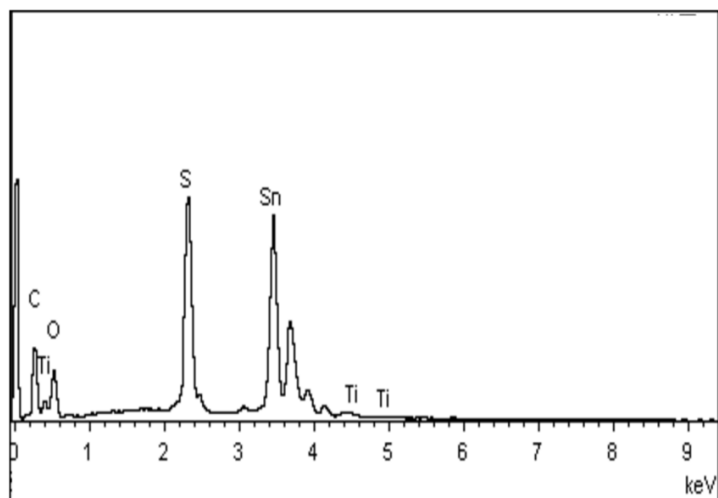


Figure S1. EDX spectra of carbon coated 3D porous interconnected SnS.

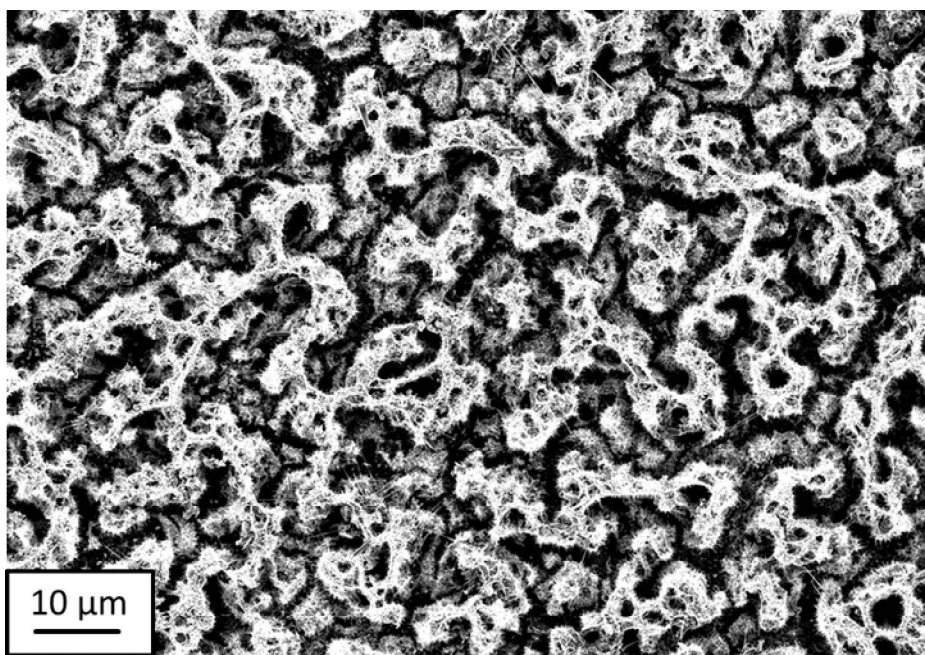


Figure S2. SEM image of SnO<sub>2</sub>/C nanocomposite without using L-cysteine in the precursor.

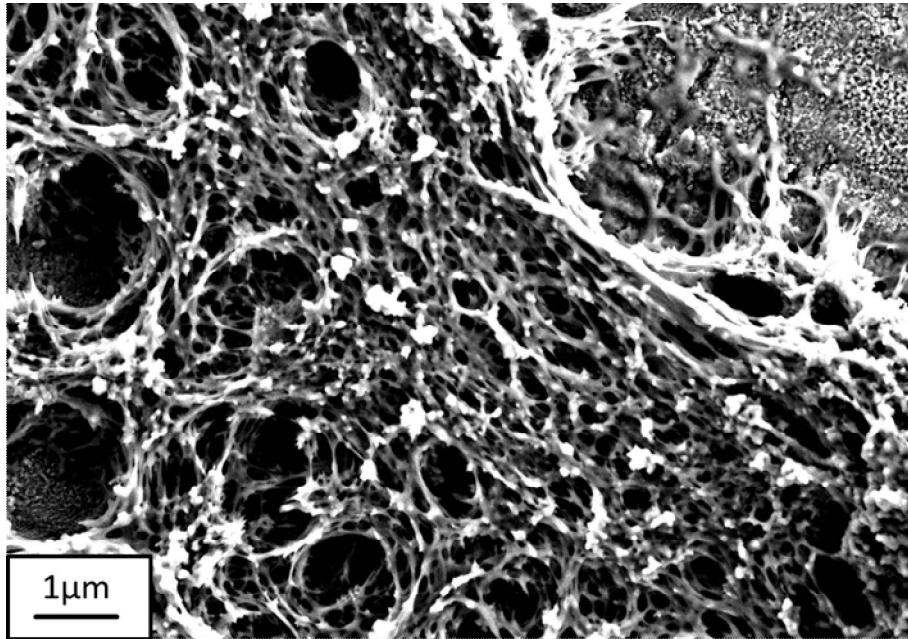


Figure S3. SEM image of carbon without using  $\text{SnCl}_2$  in the precursor.

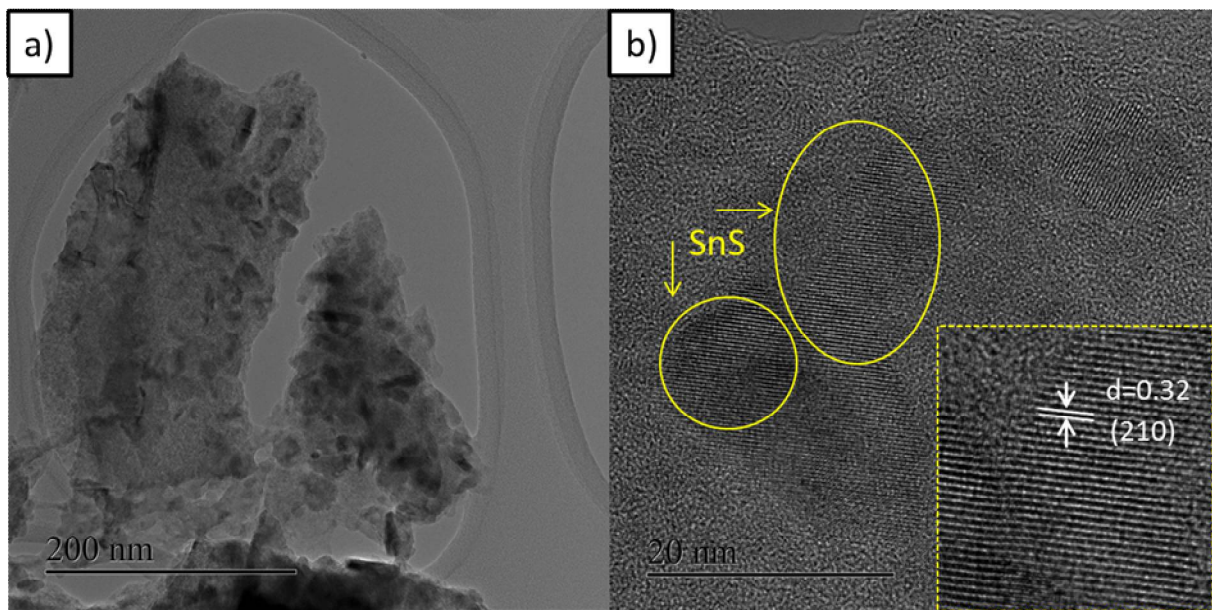


Figure S4. TEM and HRTEM images of nanoplates appearing on the surface of composite.

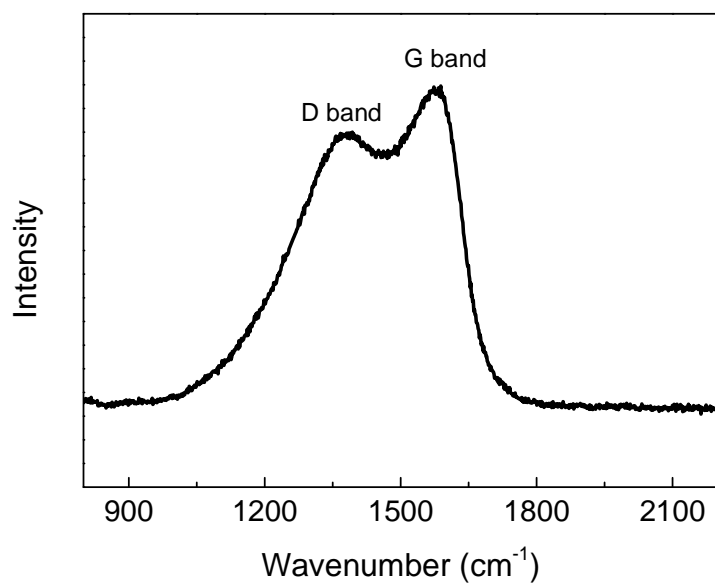


Figure S5. Raman spectra for carbon coated 3D porous interconnected SnS.

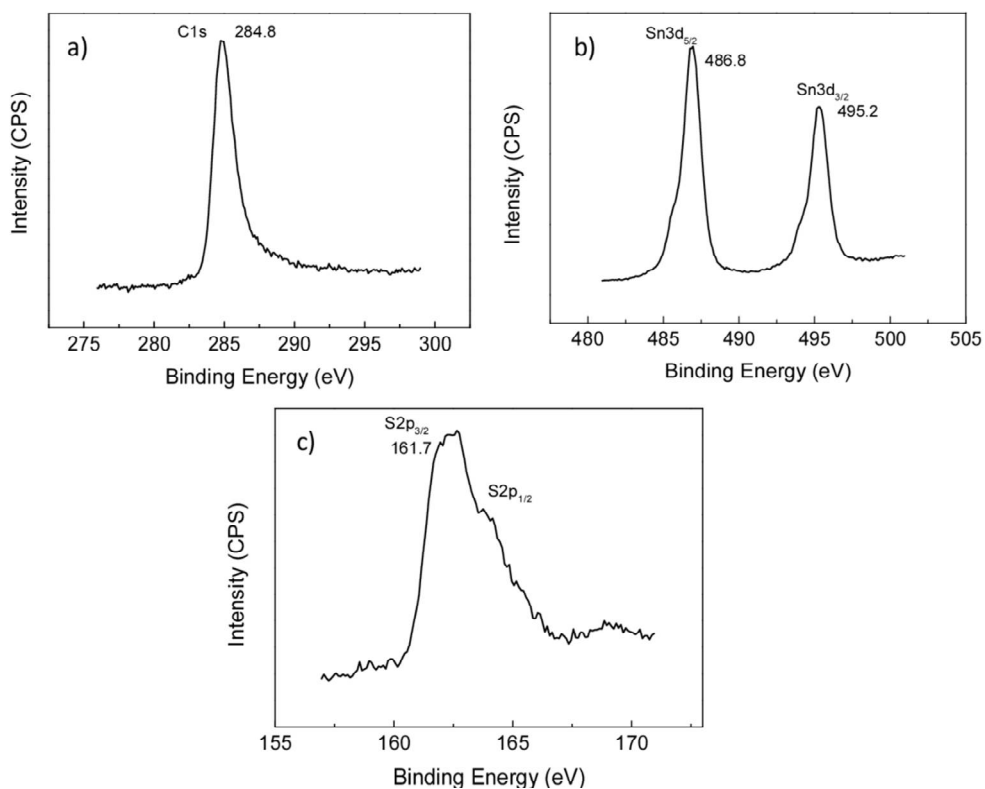


Figure S6. XPS spectra of the SnS/C nanocomposite: a) C region, b) Sn region and c) S region.

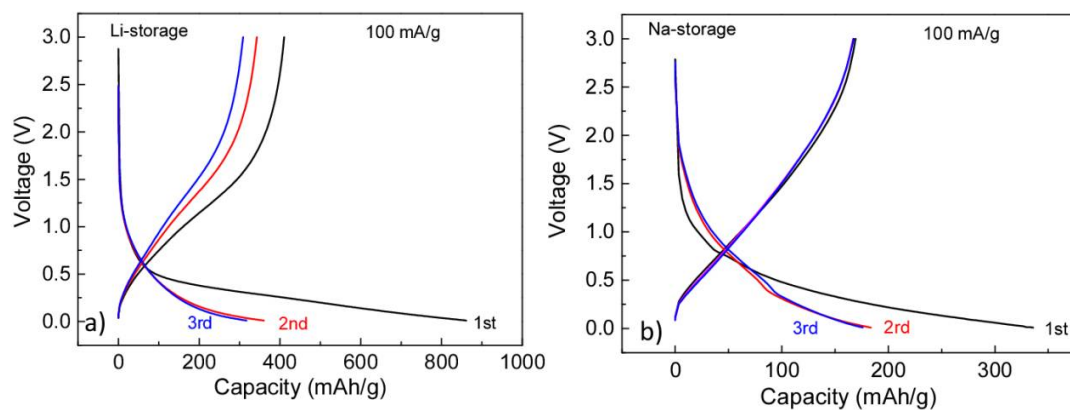


Figure S7. Charge and discharge voltage profiles for the first three cycles at current density of 100mA/g for both lithium and sodium storage for the carbon materials obtained without using  $\text{SnCl}_2$  in the precursor.

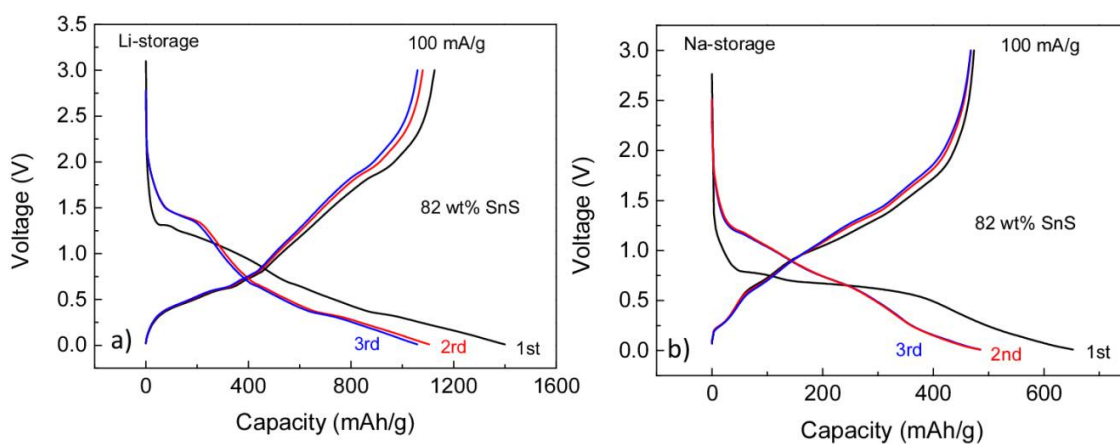


Figure S8. Charge and discharge voltage profiles for the first three cycles at current density of 100mA/g for both lithium and sodium storage for the SnS/C nanocomposite with 82wt% of SnS.

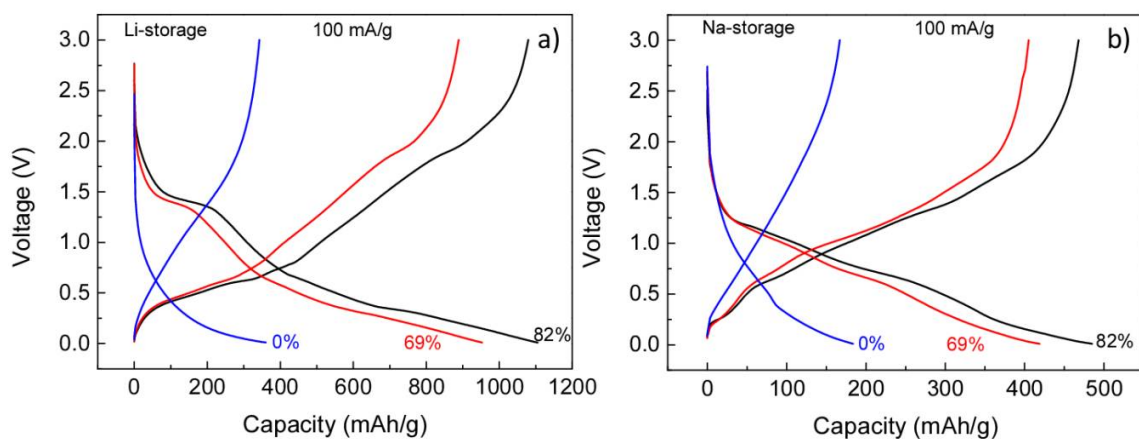


Figure S9. Comparisons of electrochemical performance of SnS/C nanocomposite with various SnS content for both lithium and sodium storage.

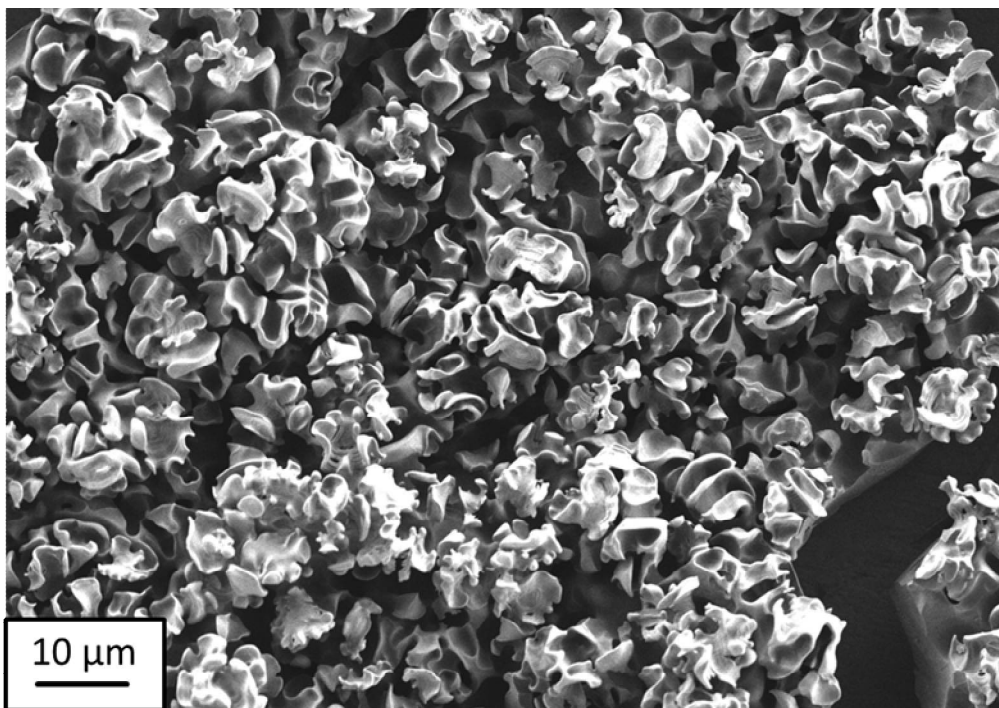


Figure S10. SEM image of 3D porous interconnected carbon coated ZnS prepared by ESD technique.