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Abstract

A three-dimensional (3D) flexible hybrid foam composed of graphene foam@carbon nanotubes decorated with MoS₂ nanoparticles is synthesized for flexible anode applications in lithium-ion battery. The inner layer of graphene foam (GF), serving as a 3D skeleton of the hybrid foam, which enlarges the electrode/electrolyte contact, shortens the diffusion distance of Li⁺ ions and provides enough internal void space to accommodate the large volume change of MoS₂ nanoparticles. The middle carbon nanotubes (CNT) layer wrapped on the graphene foam is more conductive to facilitate electron/ion transport within the hybrid foam and can further enhance the flexibility of the hybrid foam. The outer layer of active MoS₂ nanoparticles can provide high specific capacity. Owing to these advantages, the flexible GF@CNT@MoS₂ electrodes delivers a specific capacity of 935 mAh g⁻¹ at a current density of 0.1 A g⁻¹, high reversible capacity of 606 mAh g⁻¹ after 200 cycles at 0.2 A g⁻¹.

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