Supporting Information

## Manipulation of 2D Carbon Nanoplates with Core-Shell Structure for High Performance Potassium-Ion Batteries

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Figure S1. Photograph of (a) Zn-MOF. (b) 2D Zn-MOF@Co-MOF. (c) Co-MOF.



Figure S2. SEM of the AC@GC before etching.



Figure S3. TEM of the AC@GC before etching.



**Figure S4.** Global XPS profiles for the AC, the AC@GC and the GC (a) and high resolution XPS spectra of C 1s for the AC (b), the AC@GC (c), and the GC (d).



Figure S5. Schematic illustration of different nitrogen contents.



Figure S6. Charge/discharge profiles of the AC@GC at 0.1 A g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S7.** Long cycling performance at  $0.5 \text{ A g}^{-1}$  of the AC@GC.



Figure S8. Comparison of rate performance of the AC@GC with other reports.

Types of materials	Rate performance		Reference
	Specific	Current	- in supporting
	Capacity	Density	information
	(mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	(A g <sup>-1</sup> )	
N/O Dual-Doped Hard Carbon	118	3	1
S/O Codoped Porous Hard Carbon	158	1	2
Hard-Soft composite carbon	81	2.8	3
Hard Carbon Microspheres	136	1.4	4
N and O Rich Carbon Nanofiber	110	2.8	5
N-Doped Carbon Nanotube	75	1	6
AC@GC	120	5	This work

Table S1 Detailed Comparison of AC@GC with other carbon-based anodes in KIBs.



**Figure S9.** (a) EIS curves and the corresponding equivalent circuit (inset of (a)) and (b) The linear fits of the Z' versus  $\omega^{-1/2}$  in the low-frequency region of the AC, the AC@GC and the GC.

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