Supporting Information

Regulation of Nitrogen Configurations and Content in 3D Porous Carbons for Improved Lithium Storage

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Figure S1. XRD pattern of CN-6 before washing.



Figure S2. (a) SEM image of CN-6. (b-c) TEM images of CN-6 at different magnification. SEM images of (d) CN-5, (e) CN-7, and (f) CN-8. (g) XRD patterns and (h) Raman spectra of the CNs obtained at different temperatures.



Figure S3. (a) XRD patterns, (b) Raman spectra, and (c) XPS of N-doped CN-6 with the same N doping level of around 4.0 at.% obtained at different temperatures. High-resolution XPS N 1s spectra of N-doped CN-6 obtained at different temperatures: (d) 500 °C, (e) 700 °C, and (f) 800 °C.



Figure S4. Nitrogen configurations correlated with heat temperatures.



Figure S5. BET results of NCN-10.



Figure S6. SEM images of (a) AC, (b) CNTs, and (c) graphitic carbon (GC). (d) Raman spectra of AC, CNTs, GC before and after N-doping. (e) XRD pattern of GC before and after N-doping. (f) XRD patterns of AC and CNTs before and after N-doping. (g) XPS of AC, CNTs and GC after N-doping.



Figure S7. Cycling performance of (a) CNs and (b) N-doped CN-6 at different temperature at 1.0 A g⁻¹ and 4.0 A g⁻¹ for lithium storage. (c) Rate capability of N-doped CN-6 at different temperature.



Figure S8. Electrochemical performance of NCN-10 for lithium storage. (a) CV tests at varying scan rates from 0.2 to 1.4 mV s⁻¹. (b) Nyquist plot recorded with a fresh half-cell at 2.6 V vs. Li/Li⁺. (c) GITT measurement and the diffusivity coefficient during (d) discharge and (e) charge for the half-cell.



Figure S9. Cycling performance of AC, CNTs, and graphite before and after N-doping at 1.0 A g^{-1} for lithium storage.



Figure S10. Structure and electrochemical characterization of the AC cathode. (a) SEM image, (b) Nitrogen-sorption isotherm of the AC, inset in (b) is the pore-size distribution. (c) GCD profiles within the potential range 2.0–4.5 V *vs* Li⁺/Li at 1.0 A g⁻¹. (d) Cycling performance evaluated at 1.0 A g⁻¹ for lithium storage.



Figure S11. Cycling performances of the LICs for AC/NCN-10 mass ratios of (c) 2.0 and (d) 4.0.