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Supporting Information

Preferred coordination of polymer at MOFs enables improved lithium-ion battery anode performance

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Figure S1. TGA of ZnO and ZnO-C@SiOC nanocomposite.



Figure S2. (a-c) SEM and HR-SEM images of ZIF-8 and (d-f) the corresponding pyrolyzed ZnO-C images.



Figure S Charge and discharge phenomenon in ZnO-C@SiOC nanocomposite.



Figure S4. HR-TEM images of pyrolyzed ZIF-8 (ZnO-C) polyhedrons at different magnification.



Figure S5. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms and their corresponding pore size distribution of (a) ZnO-C and (b) ZnO-C@SiOC nanocomposite.

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Figure S6. (a) XRD patterns and (b) Raman spectra of ZnO-C and ZnO-C@SiOC nanocomposite. (c) EPR spectra of ZnO-C@SiOC nanocomposite.



Figure S7. CV curves of ZnO-C anode at 0.02 mV s⁻¹.



Figure S8. Galvanostatic charge-discharge profiles of the ZnO-C anode at 0.1 A $g^{\text{-}1}$



Figure S9. TEM and HR-TEM images (a, b), X-ray diffraction pattern (d) and Raman spectra of SiOC specimen confirming the amorphous nature.



Figure S10. SEM images of cycled ZnO-C@SiOC nanocomposite at (a, b) low and (c) high magnification. HRTEM images of cycled (d) ZnO-C and (e, f) ZnO-C@SiOC nanocomposite anode materials.



Figure S11. Ex-situ XRD pattern recorded at charge state after 100 cycles for lithium-ion half-cell.



Figure S12. (a) Cycling stability and Coulombic efficiency at 0.1 A g⁻¹, (b) galvanostatic chare-dischareg profiles at different current densities, (c) energy ensity and power densities of ZnO-C@SiOC nanocomposite for lithium-ion full cell and. (c) low and (d) high resolution SEM images of cycled ZnO-C nanocomposite at charge state for lithium-ion full-cell.



Figure S13. Linear fitting of Z' *vs.* $\omega^{-1/2}$ at low frequency range for (a) ZnO-C and (b) ZnO-C@SiOC nanocomposite anodes.

Anode material	First discharge/charge capacity (mAh g ⁻¹)	Specific capacity (mAh g ⁻¹)	Cycles No. (nth)	Reference
ZnO/carbon black	~1572/1081 at 100 mA g ⁻¹	769.5	500	1
ZnTe/C	690/530 at 100 mA g ⁻¹	623	200	2
ZnO/graphene oxide	~1540/780 at 100 mA g ⁻¹	752.8	65	3
ZnO/multiwalled CNT	1477/845 at 100 mA g ⁻¹	419.8	100	4
ZnO@ZnO QDs/C Core-shell NRAs	~1610/1160 at 100 mA g ⁻¹	699	100	5
ZnO nanosheets	1523/~780 at 200 mA g ⁻¹	421	100	6
Ge-Doped ZnO	1496.5/1014 at 100 mA g ⁻¹	~690	100	7
Zn ₄ Sb ₃ nanotubes	1160/~590 at 100 mA g ⁻¹	450	100	8
ZnS/C nanoparticles	1157/694 at 100 mA g ⁻¹	506	600	9
ZnO-C@SiOC nanocomposite	1364/911 at 100 mA g ⁻¹	~940	80	This work
//		~592	500	This work
//		~472	1000	This work

 Table S1. Comparison of the electrochemical performance of ZnO-based anode materials.

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