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## One-step synthesis of Co-doped Zn<sub>2</sub>SnO<sub>4</sub>-graphene-carbon nanocomposites with improved

## lithium storage performances

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Figure S1. Survey XPS spectra of Co-ZTO-G-C, Co-ZTO-G and ZTO-G-C nanocomposites.



Figure S2. FESEM images of (a) and (d) Co-ZTO-G-C, (b) and (e) Co-ZTO-G and (c) and (f) ZTO-G-

C nanocomposites.

Table S1 Atomic and weight ratios of Zn, Sn and Co elements of Co-ZTO-G-C nanocomposites.

| Element | Weight % | Atomic % |
|---------|----------|----------|
| Zn (K)  | 41       | 53       |
| Sn (K)  | 52       | 37       |
| Co (K)  | 7        | 10       |



**Figure S3.** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherm loop and pore-size distribution plots of (a) and (d) Co-ZTO-G-C, (b) and (e) Co-ZTO-G and (c) and (f) ZTO-G-C nanocomposites.

Table S2 The  $N_2$  adsorption-desorption test results of three nanocomposites.

| Composites | Specific surface         | Pore volume | Dono gizo (nm)   |  |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------|------------------|--|
|            | area (m <sup>2</sup> /g) | $(cm^3/g)$  | Pole size (IIII) |  |
| Co-ZTO-G-C | 144.5                    | 0.188       | 5.20             |  |
| Co-ZTO-G   | 118.9                    | 0.175       | 5.88             |  |
| ZTO-G-C    | 150.9                    | 0.220       | 5.84             |  |

Table S3 Kinetic parameters of Co-ZTO-G-C, Co-ZTO-G and ZTO-G-C electrodes.

| Sample     | $R_{e}(\Omega)$ | $R_{ct}\left(\Omega ight)$ | i <sup>0</sup> (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> ) |
|------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Co-ZTO-G-C | 4.9             | 47.4                       | 3.76 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>               |
| Co-ZTO-G   | 6.7             | 112.9                      | $1.58 \times 10^{-5}$                 |
| ZTO-G-C    | 5.4             | 72.4                       | $2.46 \times 10^{-5}$                 |

Note: The exchange current density  $i^0$  is calculated according to the equation of  $i^0 = RT/ nFR_{ct}$ , where R is the gas constant (8.314 J mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>), T is the absolute temperature (298.15 K), n is the number of transferred electrons, F is the Faraday constant (96500 C mol<sup>-1</sup>).