## **Supplementary information**

## Sulfur-doped Silicon Oxycarbide by Facile Pyrolysis Process as an Outstanding Stable Performance Lithium-Ion Battery Anode

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- Fig. S1 N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherms of (a) SiOC and (b) S-SiOC. (BET surface area of SiOC, S-SiOC is 0.257 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>, 2.033 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup> respectively.) (c) BJH pore size distribution for the SiOC and S-SiOC.
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**Fig. S2.** Morphology and microstructure of SiOC. (a) SEM image of SiOC; (b) TEM and (c) HRTEM images of SiOC (SAED pattern inset); (e) Carbon, (f) oxygen, (g) silicon, (h) sulfur elemental mappings of SiOC corresponding (d).

а		SiOC	Sum Spectrum	b		S-	-SiO	С	Su	m Spectrum
		Element (Atomic%)				Eleme	nt (Atomi	c%)		
		С	59.47				С		54.54	4
		0	26.48				0		29.9	7
<b>A</b>		Si	13.98				Si		13.60	6
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**Fig. S3.** Quantitative analysis spectra and atomic percentage of (a) SiOC and (b) S-SiOC corresponding from EDS analysis (inset).



Fig. S4. XRD patterns of SiOC and S-SiOC.



Fig. S5. High resolution XPS spectra of (a) C 1s, (b) O 1s, (c) Si 2p and (d) S 2p in SiOC.



**Fig. S6.** XPS spectra of (a) F 1s, (b) O 1s, and (c) C 1s in SiOC and S-SiOC anode after initial cycle.



**Fig. S7.** Voltage profile of (a) SiOC and (b) S-SiOC during GITT analysis. (c) Demonstration of a single titration with  $\Delta E_t$ ,  $\Delta E_s$  parameters. (d) Relationship between the voltage and square root of the pulse time at a single current pulse during GITT analysis of both electrodes.



**Fig. S8.** Cycle performance and coulombic efficiency of S-SiOC electrode at 1 A g<sup>-1</sup> for 2000 cycles (0.7 mg cm<sup>-2</sup> of loading mass).



**Fig. S9.** SEM images of S-SiOC (a) before and (b) after cycling test. (c) TEM image of S-SiOC after cycling test.

Parameter	SiOC	S-SiOC
$R_s/\Omega$	4.69	4.57
$R_{SEI}/\Omega$	12.8	12.2
$R_{ct}/\Omega$	87.2	43.0
$W-R/\Omega$	0.00158	0.00461

**Table S1.** EIS fitting results of SiOC and S-SiOC electrodes.

Anode	Synthesis method	Initial specific capacity (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	Initial Coulombic efficiency (%)	Cycle property	Ref.
S-SiOC	Facile one- pot pyrolysis (800°C for 5 hours)	1146 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	69.9	89.2% retention after 2000 cycles at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	This work
Onion-like pre-SiOC/C spheres	One-step injection pyrolysis (900°C for 30 min)	839.3 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	78.4	82% retention after 500 cycles at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	[1]
Divinylbenzene and polymethylsilsesquioxane coordinated SiOC (S- DVB-1)	One-step pyrolysis (1200°C for 1 hour)	1273.5 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	64.38	Remaining capacity to 476 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> after 500 cycles at 0.5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	[2]
Rambutan-like vertical graphene coated hollow porous SiOC (Hp- SiOC@VG)	Hydrothermal (180°C for 12 hours) + pyrolysis (1000°C for 2 hours)	729 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	75	98% retention after 600 cycles at 1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	[3]
Intercalated SiOC/graphene composites	Pyrolysis (800°C for 4 hours)	965 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.05 A g <sup>-1</sup>	63	60% retention after 90 cycles	[4]
Nearly kilogram-scale proparation of SiOC composites	CVD method (1000°C)	988 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 A g <sup>-1</sup>	70	88% retention after 2000 cycles at 1	[5]

 Table S2. Comparison of electrochemical performances between the S-SiOC electrode and other reported SiOC-based electrodes.

Amorphous polymer- derived SiOC (NGA- SiOC25)	Pyrolysis (900°C for 1 hour)	1116 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.037 A g <sup>-1</sup>	67.3	95% retention after 1000 cycles at 1.48 A g <sup>-1</sup>	[6]
A SiOC bead mixture of vinyltrimethoxysilane with phenyltrimethoxysilane (Vi-Ph-SiOC)	MicroJet reactor technique + pyrolysis (1100°C for 3 hours)	922 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 0.035 A g <sup>-1</sup>	76.8	83% retention after 100 cycles at 0.07 A g <sup>-1</sup>	[7]

A g<sup>-1</sup>

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