

## Supporting Information

### **A one-pot method to prepare a multi-metal sulfide/carbon composite with a high lithium-ion storage capability**

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## Supplementary Figures

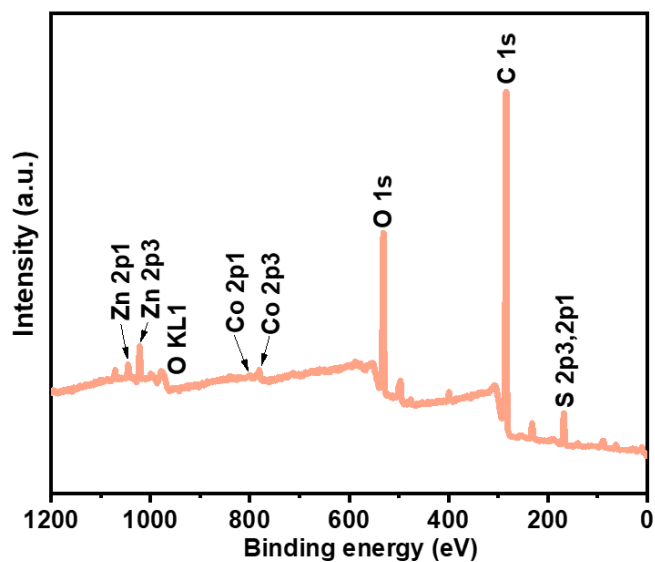


Figure S1. XPS spectrum of IER-S-Zn/Co hybrid assembly.

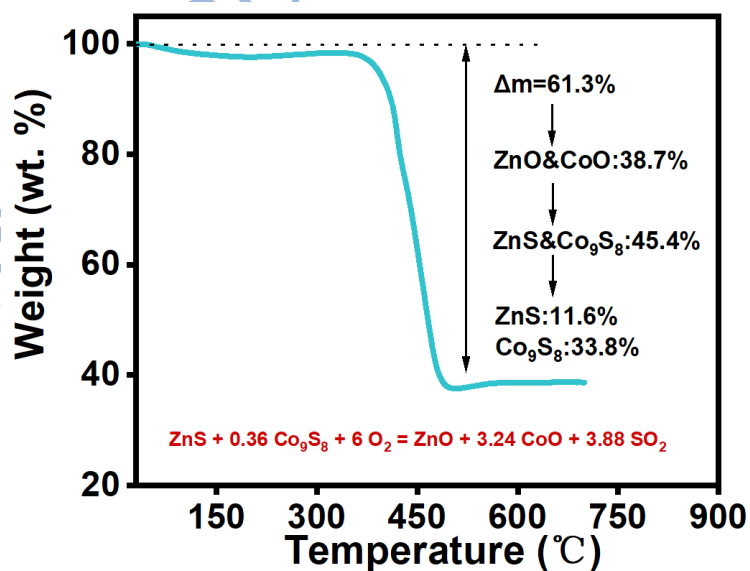


Figure S2. TGA curve of ZnS-Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub>/C tested in air flow.

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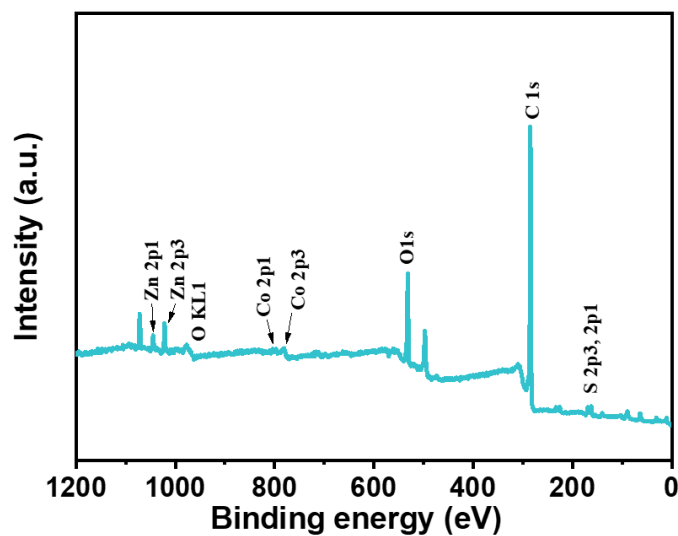


Figure S3. XPS spectrum of ZnS-Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub>/C.

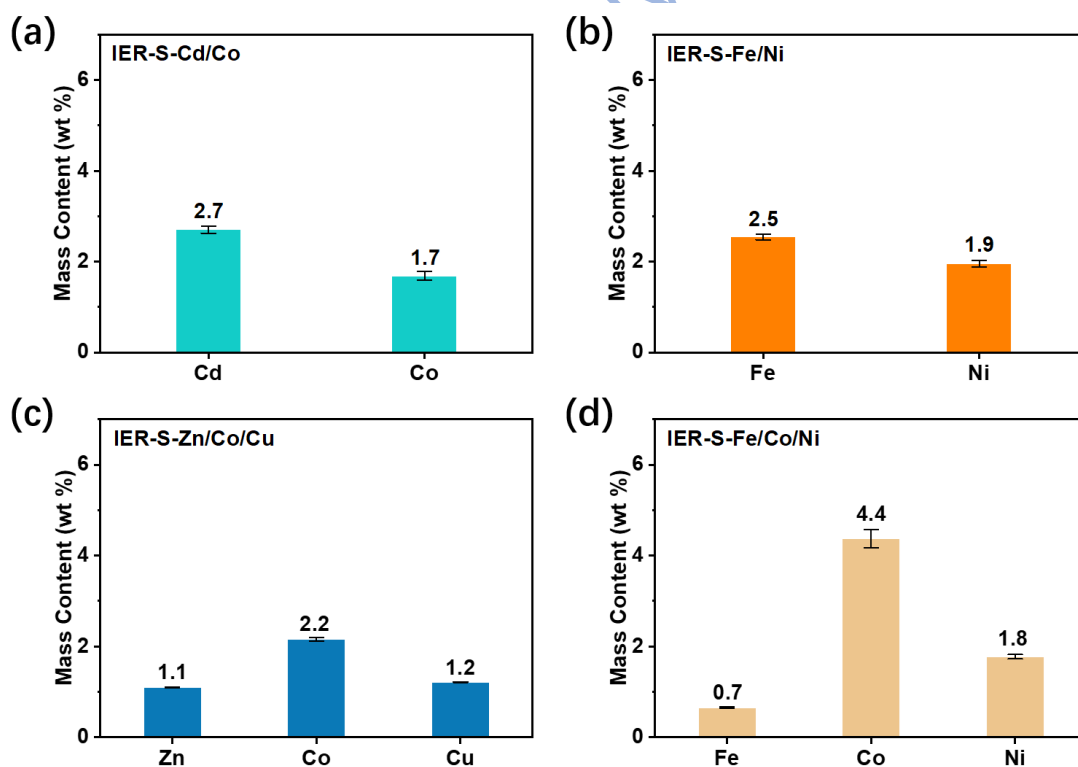


Figure S4. Mass content of each metal element in different IER-S-M<sub>1</sub>/M<sub>2</sub> or

IER-S-M<sub>1</sub>/M<sub>2</sub>/M<sub>3</sub> hybrid assemblies.

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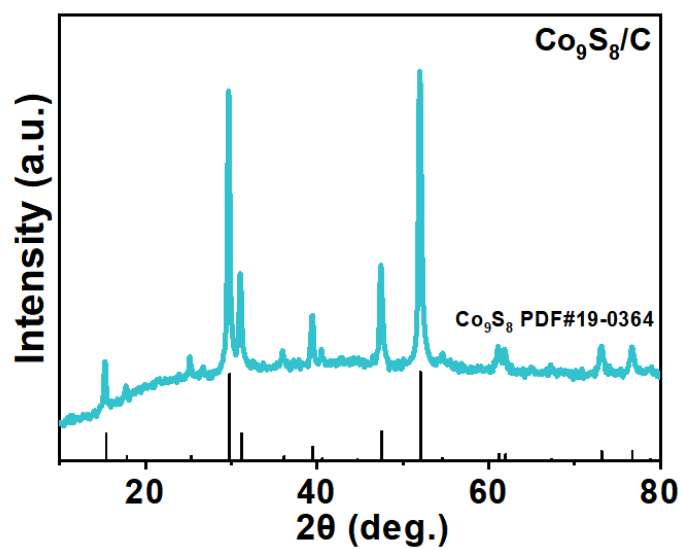


Figure S5. XRD pattern of Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub>/C.

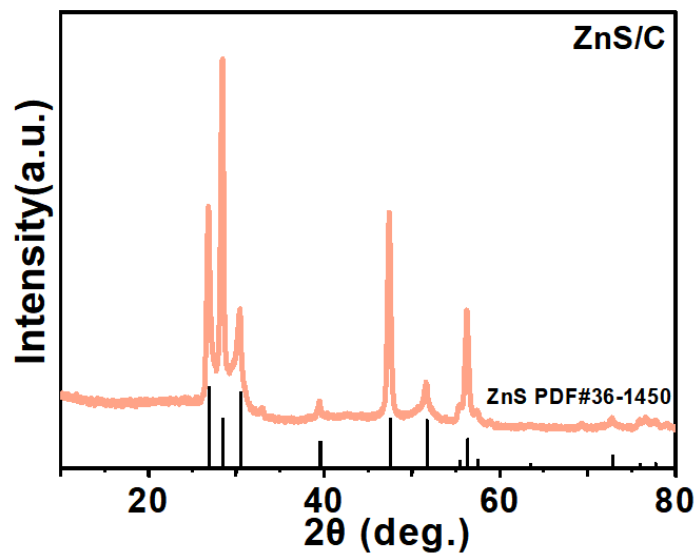


Figure S6. XRD pattern of ZnS/C.

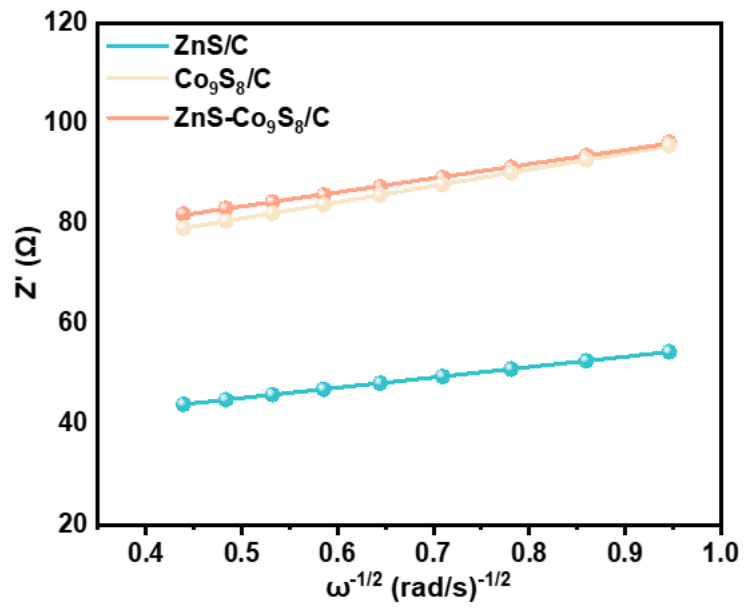


Figure S7. Plots of  $\omega^{-1/2}$ - $Z'$  of different anodes in lithium-ion batteries.

## Supplementary Tables

**Table S1.** Comparisons of the cycling performance of metal sulfide-based anodes for lithium-ion batteries.

Anodes	Current density (A g <sup>-1</sup> )	Cycle number	Discharge capacity (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> /ZnS@NC	0.1	400	647.2	[1]
Ni <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub> /Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> @S	0.3	200	528	[2]
Fe <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub>	0.1	100	945	[3]
Sb <sub>2</sub> S <sub>3</sub> -Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> /NC	2	900	616	[4]
Co <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4</sub> /CoMo <sub>2</sub> S <sub>4</sub> @rGO	0.2	100	595.4	[5]
Zn-Co-S@N-C	1	300	667.7	[6]
SnS <sub>2</sub> /ZnS rGO	10	4000	432.4	[7]
CoS <sub>2</sub> -MnS@rGO	0.1	100	1327	[8]
MnS/Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> /C	1	40	422	[9]
<b>ZnS-Co<sub>9</sub>S<sub>8</sub>/C</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>This work</b>

**Table S2.** Kinetic parameters of different anodes.

Parameters	ZnS/C	Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> /C	ZnS-Co <sub>9</sub> S <sub>8</sub> /C
R <sub>s</sub> (Ω)	4.5	6.0	2.8
R <sub>ct</sub> (Ω)	67.7	63.3	34.0
σ (Ω Hz <sup>1/2</sup> )	28.1	32.5	20.6
D <sub>Li</sub> (10 <sup>-20</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	12.8	9.6	23.9

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