## Supplementary materials

## Atomic layer deposition of ZnO/TiO<sub>2</sub> nanolaminates as ultra-long life anode material for lithium-ion batteries

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Figure S1. The schematic of ALD deposition process for ZnO/TiO<sub>2</sub> nanolaminates.



Figure S2. (a) Width and (b) length distribution of spindly grains for pure ZnO.



Figure S3. Grain size distribution of ZnO/TiO<sub>2</sub> nanolaminates.



Figure S4. EDS spectrum of ZnO/TiO<sub>2</sub> nanolaminates.



Figure S5. Cross-section SEM images of (a) pristine ZnO films and (b) ZnO/TiO<sub>2</sub> nanolaminates.



Figure S6. XRD spectra of (a) pure ZnO and (b) ZnO/TiO2 nanolaminates before and after cycling



Figure S7. XPS depth profile of Ti/(Ti+Zn) atom% for ZnO/TiO<sub>2</sub> nanolaminates.



Figure S8. TEM images of (16 cycles ZnO/16 cycles  $TiO_2$ )\*24 nanolaminates with different magnification.



**Figure S9.** CV curves of pristine ZnO films electrodes for the initial three cycles at the scan rate of 0.3 mV/s in the voltage range of 0-3 V.



Figure S10. Discharge/charge profiles of (a) ZnO and (b)  $ZnO/TiO_2$  nanolaminates at 500 mA g<sup>-1</sup> within 0.05-2.0 V.



Figure S11. Cycling performance and CE of  $ZnO/TiO_2$  nanolaminates and pristine ZnO films at 200 mA/g for 100 cycles in the potential range of 0.05-2.0 V.



Figure S12. Discharge/charge profiles of (a) ZnO and (b)  $ZnO/TiO_2$  nanolaminates at 200 mA g<sup>-1</sup> within 0.05-2.0 V.



Figure S13. SEM images of (a) pristine ZnO films and (b)  $ZnO/TiO_2$  nanolaminates after 100 cycles charging-discharging at 500 mA g<sup>-1</sup>.



Figure S14. EDS mapping results of ZnO/TiO<sub>2</sub> nanolaminates after 100 cycling of 500 mA g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S15.** Cycling performance of  $ZnO/TiO_2$  nanolaminates in the potential range of 0.05-2.0 V and 0.05-2.5 V. (a) 200 mA g<sup>-1</sup> and (b) 500 mA g<sup>-1</sup>. Discharge/charge profiles of  $ZnO/TiO_2$  nanolaminates at within 0.05-2.5 V with 200 mA g<sup>-1</sup> and (b) 500 mA g<sup>-1</sup>.



Figure S16. Cycling performance of different ZnO/TiO<sub>2</sub> nanolaminates based anode.

We also explored the performance of  $(ZnO/TiO_2)*1$  and  $(ZnO/TiO_2)*6$  nanolaminate by fixing the total deposition cycles of 624 cycles ZnO and 624 cycles TiO\_2. Please see Fig. S14, it can be seen that the nanolaminate structure with more layers (thinner ZnO thickness) possesses the better cycling stability.