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## Integrated SnO<sub>2</sub> Nanorod Array with Polypyrrole Coverage for High-rate and Long-life Lithium Batteries

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Figure S1, SEM image of the bare SnO2 nanorod array



Figure S2, SEM image of the SnO<sub>2</sub>-PPy nanorod array with higher current density (A, B, C); the core-shell SnO<sub>2</sub>-PPy nanorod array (D, E, F).



Figure S3, (A) Nyquist plots of bare  $SnO_2 NA$ , core-shell  $SnO_2$ -PPy NA, and  $SnO_2$ -PPy nanofilm, (B) the schematic illustration of the  $SnO_2$ -PPy nanofilm in which the conducting polymer provides a flexible confinement for anchoring each nanorod and maintaining the whole structural integrity.



Figure S4, SEM images of as-prepared sample with the electro deposition time of 100 s (A), 300 s (B), 500 s (C), 700 s (D), 2500 s (F) and 3000 s (E).



Figure S5, SEM images of bare PPy.



Figure S6, SEM images and the corresponding EDAX results of bare SnO<sub>2</sub> NA (A), core-shell SnO<sub>2</sub>-PPy NA (B), SnO<sub>2</sub>-PPy nanofilm (C) and bare PPy (D).



Figure S7, the nitrogen adsorption–desorption isotherm of bare SnO2 nanorod (A) and the SnO<sub>2</sub>-PPy nanofilm (B).



Figure S8, the CV curves of the  $SnO_2$ -PPy nanofilm at scan rate of 0.1 mV/s.



Figure S9, the cycle performance of bare PPy at current density of 200 and 600 mAh/g at voltage window of 0.01-2 V.



Figure S10, SEM images of the bare SnO<sub>2</sub> NA after cycling 100 cycles.