

## Supporting Information

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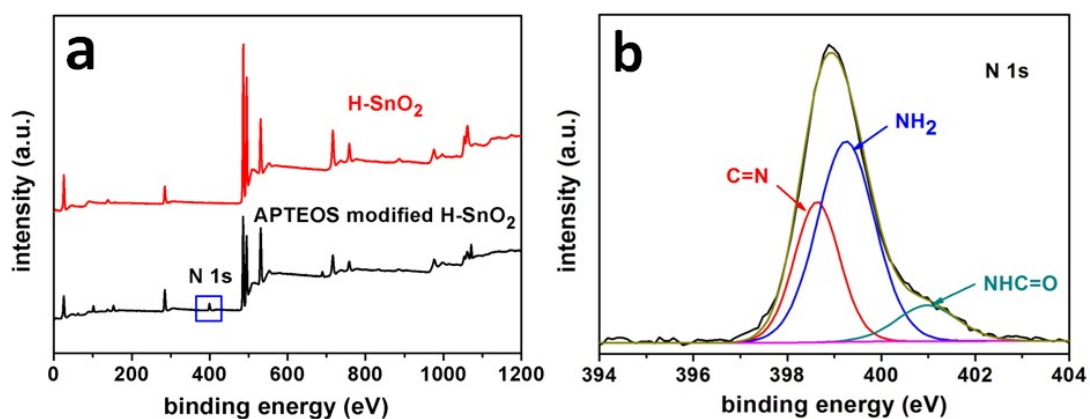
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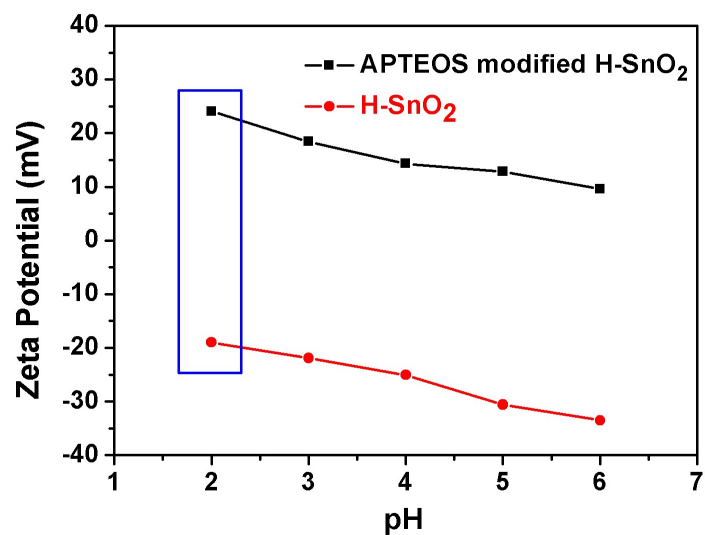
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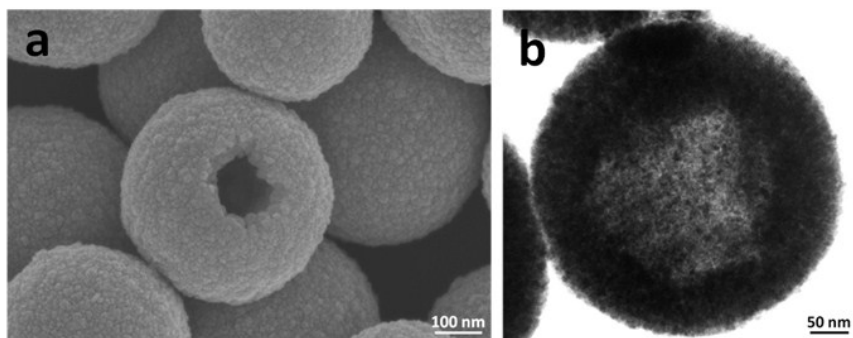
**Figure S1.** XPS survey spectra (a) of APTEOS modified H-SnO<sub>2</sub> and pure H-SnO<sub>2</sub> samples, and high resolution XPS spectrum of N 1s (b) for the APTEOS modified H-SnO<sub>2</sub> samples. The N 1s peak shows that the primary amines (NH<sub>2</sub>, 399.3 eV) and secondary amines (N=C, 398.6 eV) along with oxidized species as amides (NHC=O, 400.9 eV) in the high resolution XPS spectrum. The abundant amino groups can serve as deposition places to coat graphene nanosheets, resulting in graphene fully wrapped H-SnO<sub>2</sub> nanospheres by electrostatic adsorption.



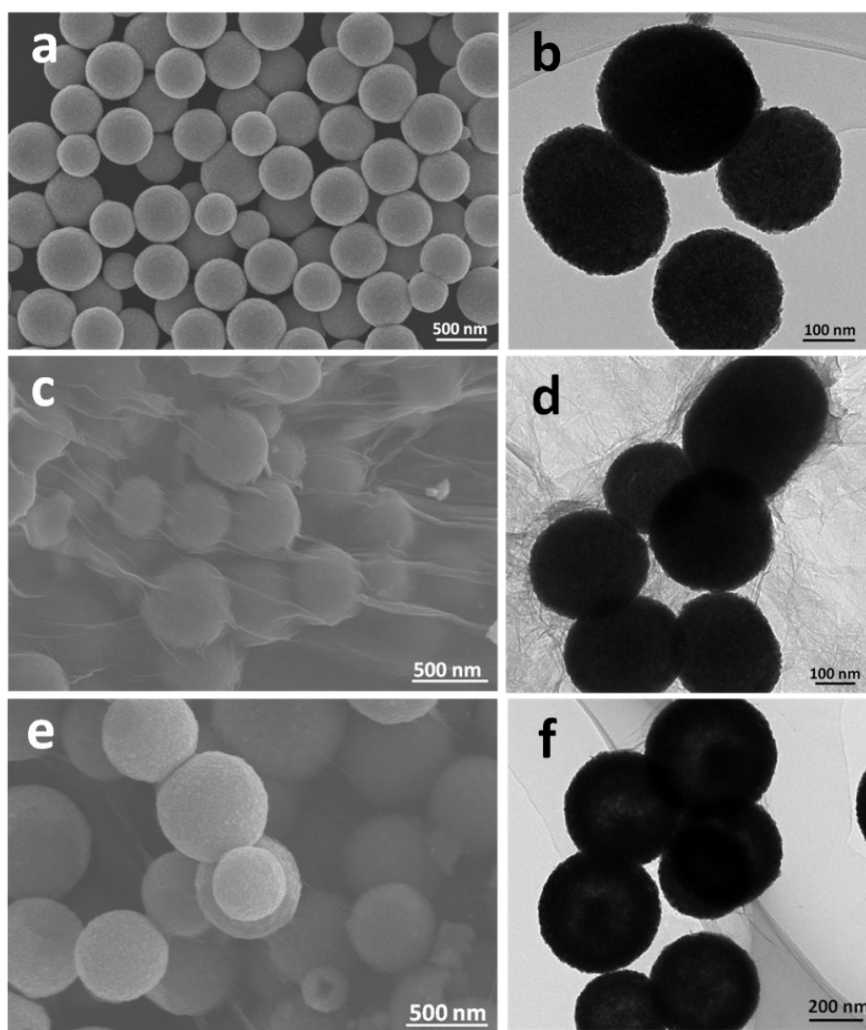
**Figure S2.** Zeta potentials of APTEOS modified H-SnO<sub>2</sub> (black square) and graphene oxide (red circle) in aqueous solution at different pH values. The blue rectangle indicates that the assembly process can be spontaneous at pH 2 where the maximum electrostatic interactions are achieved between the APTEOS modified H-SnO<sub>2</sub> and graphene oxide.



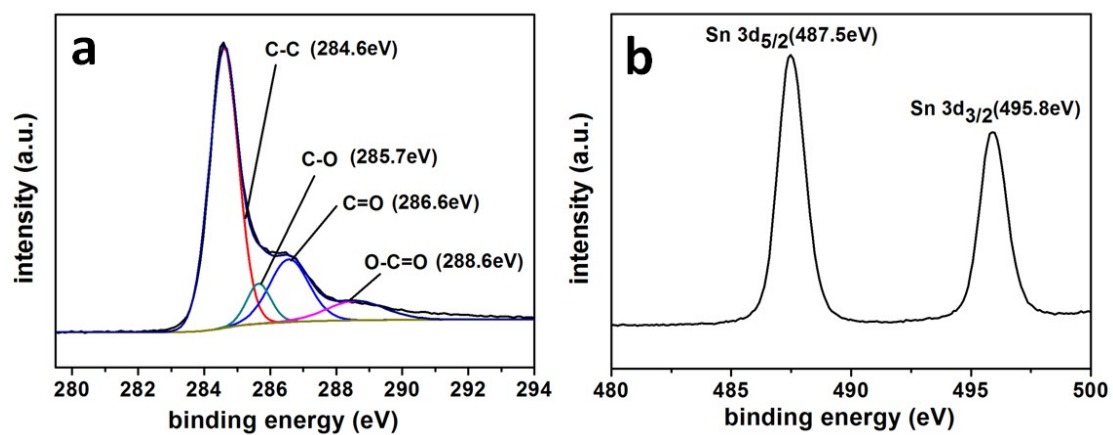
**Figure S3.** Photographs of the assembly process of APTEOS modified H-SnO<sub>2</sub> and graphene oxide in aqueous solutions at pH 2.



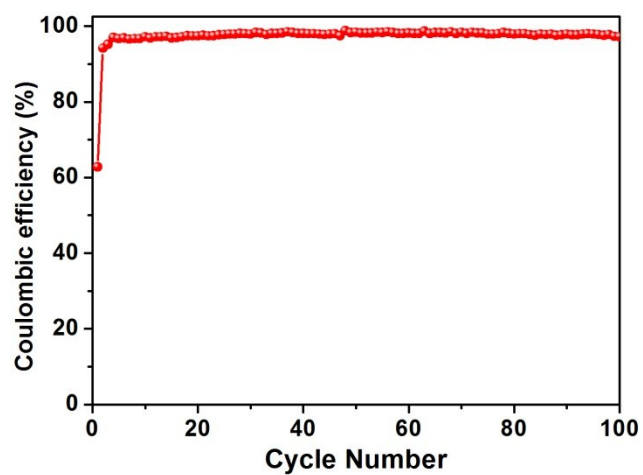
**Figure S4.** The magnified a) FESEM and b) TEM images of the as-prepared H-SnO<sub>2</sub>.



**Figure S5.** a) FESEM and b) TEM images of the solid SnO<sub>2</sub> nanospheres (S-SnO<sub>2</sub>) prepared at 150 °C for 6 h. c) FESEM and d) TEM images of after self-assembled wrapping of interconnected graphene networks (S-SnO<sub>2</sub>@rGO). e) FESEM and f) TEM images of graphene loading hollow SnO<sub>2</sub> nanospheres (H-SnO<sub>2</sub>/rGO).

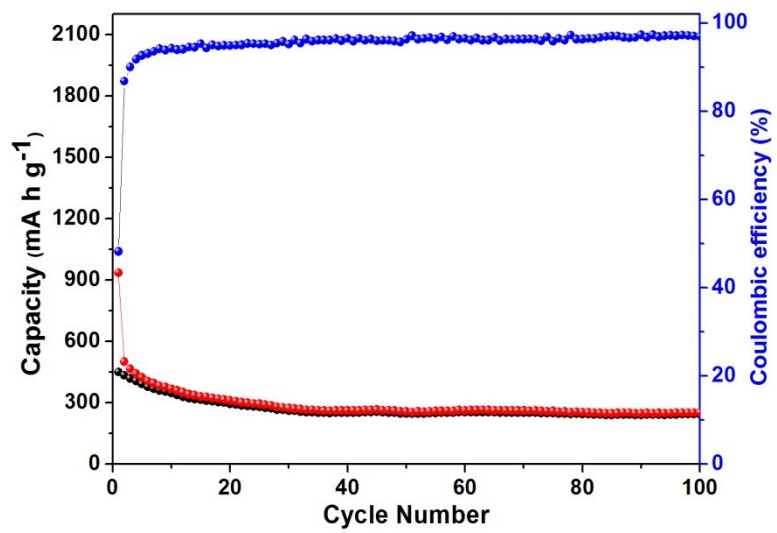


**Figure S6.** a) XPS of C 1s and b) XPS Sn 3d fine scan spectrum of H-SnO<sub>2</sub>@rGO.

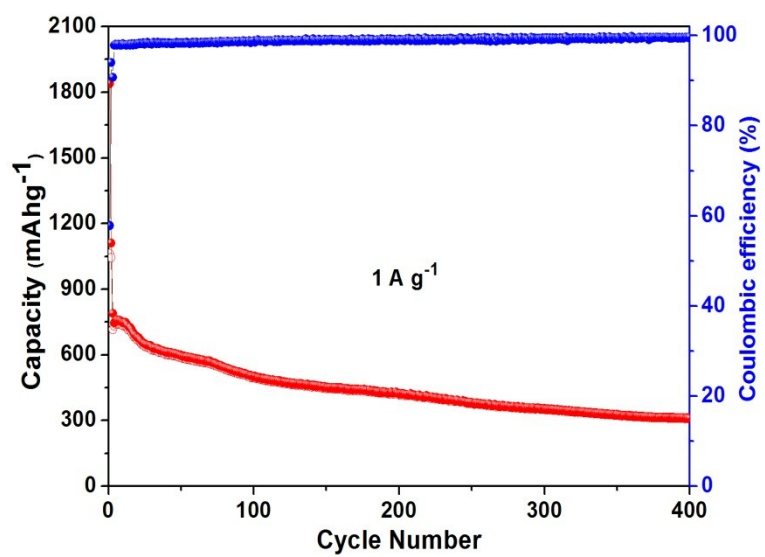


**Figure S7.** The coulombic efficiency of the H-SnO<sub>2</sub>@rGO electrode materials at a current density of 0.1 A g<sup>-1</sup>.

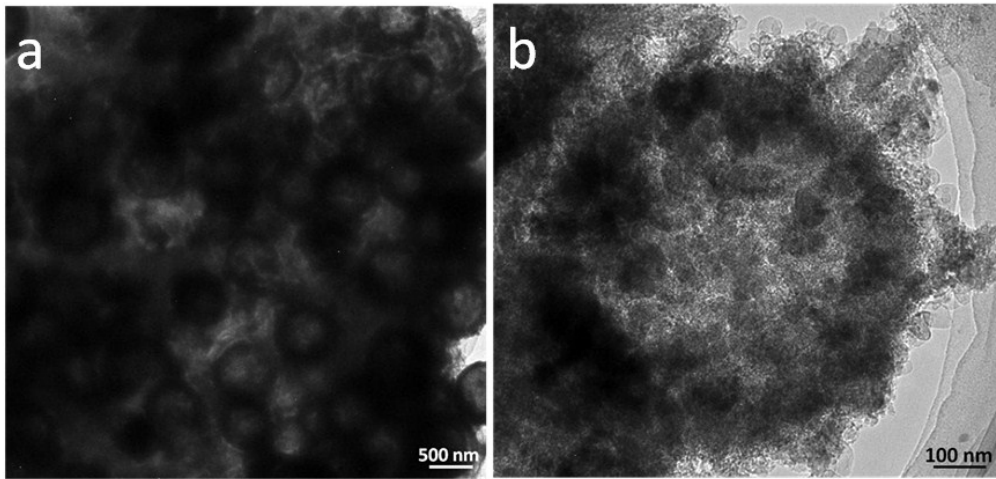




**Figure S8.** The electrochemical performance of rGO at a current density of 0.1 A g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S9.** Cycling performance and Coulombic efficiency of S-SnO<sub>2</sub>@rGO for 400 cycles at the current density of 1 A g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S10.** a,b) Typical TEM image of a fully charged H-SnO<sub>2</sub>@rGO electrode after 100 cycles at a current density of 100 mA g<sup>-1</sup>.

**Table S1.** Electrochemical performance comparison of H-SnO<sub>2</sub>@rGO with previously reported graphene-based SnO<sub>2</sub> composites with different morphologies or compositions.

<b>Materials</b>	<b>Voltage range(V)</b>	<b>Current density (mA g<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>Cycle number</b>	<b>Specific capacity (mAh g<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>Reference</b>
H-SnO <sub>2</sub> @rGO	0.01-3.0	100 1000	100 500	1107 552	Our Work
S-SnO <sub>2</sub> @rGO	0.01-3.0	100	100	744	Our Work
Graphene-based mesoporous SnO <sub>2</sub>	0.01-3.0	78	50	848	1
SnO <sub>2</sub> /GNS	0.005-2.0	50	30	570	2
3D SnO <sub>2</sub> /graphene	0.01-3.0	200	50	845	3
Dually fixed SnO <sub>2</sub> /G@Pani	0.01-3.0	100	100	770	4
SnO <sub>2</sub> -GO hybrid	0.005-2.5	100	200	800	5
Graphene nanoribbons/SnO <sub>2</sub>	0.01-2.5	100	50	825	6
3D-G/SnO <sub>2</sub> @C	0.005-3	100	100	820	7
N-doped G-SnO <sub>2</sub> Sandwich Papers	0.005-3	50	50	910	8
SnO <sub>2</sub> Quantum Dots@GO	0.01-3	100	100	1121	9
SnO <sub>2</sub> /graphene	0.01-2.5	100	200	830	10

SnO <sub>2</sub> @C@GS	0.01-2	200	100	830	11
SnO <sub>2</sub> -HNS/G	0.005-3	500	300	696	12
Polyaniline @SnO <sub>2</sub> @Graphene	0.01-3	1000	100	560	13
SnO <sub>2</sub> nanosheets @graphene sheets	0.01-1.2	160	50	518	14
SnO <sub>2</sub> /RGO/C foam	0.01-1.5	130	100	717	15
SnO <sub>2</sub> quantum dots/RGO	0.01-3	100	200	924	16
rGO/SnO <sub>2</sub>	0.01-3	100	100	536	17
polydopamine- coated RGO/SnO <sub>2</sub>	0.01-2	100	200	718	18
SnO <sub>2</sub> @G@G	0.01-2	80	120	591	19
graphene/C-SnO <sub>2</sub>	0.005-3	100	50	502	20

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