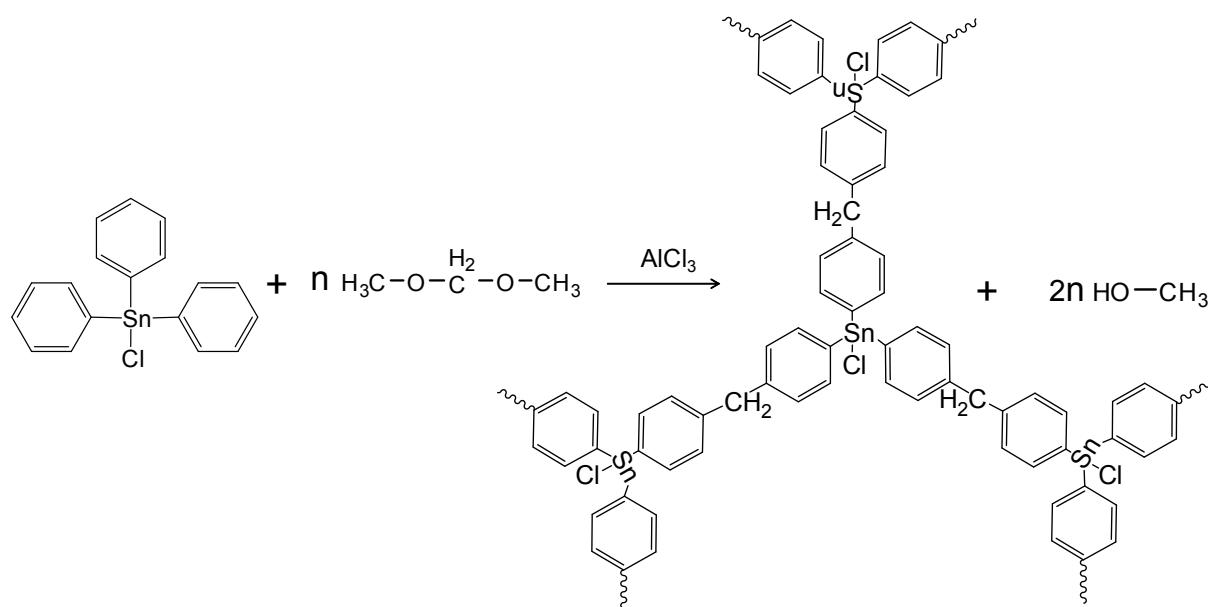


## Supporting information

### Rapid preparation of SnO<sub>2</sub>/C nanospheres by using organotin as building blocks and their application in lithium-ion batteries

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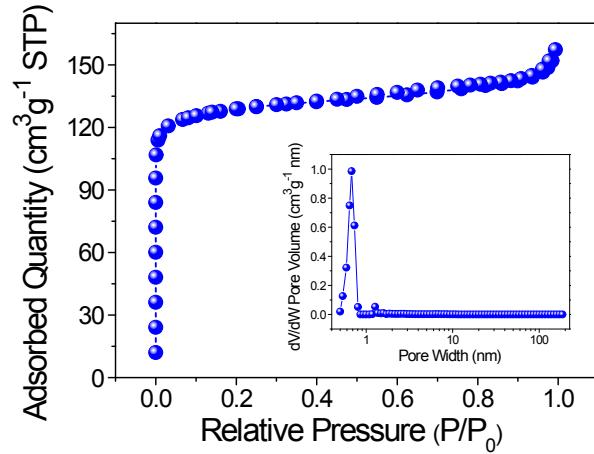
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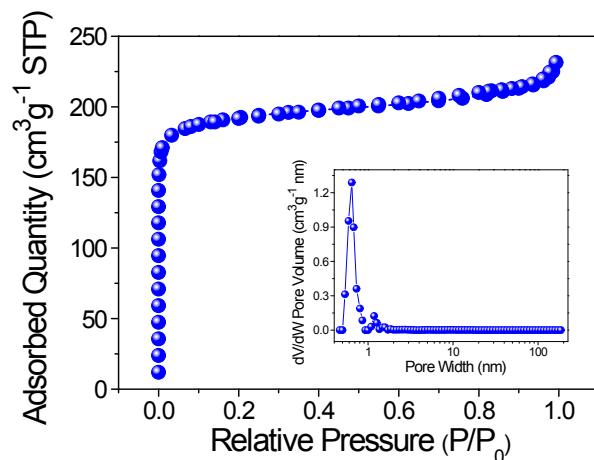
**Figure S1.** Schematic figure of Friedel-Crafts crosslinking between triphenyltin chloride and dimethoxymethane.

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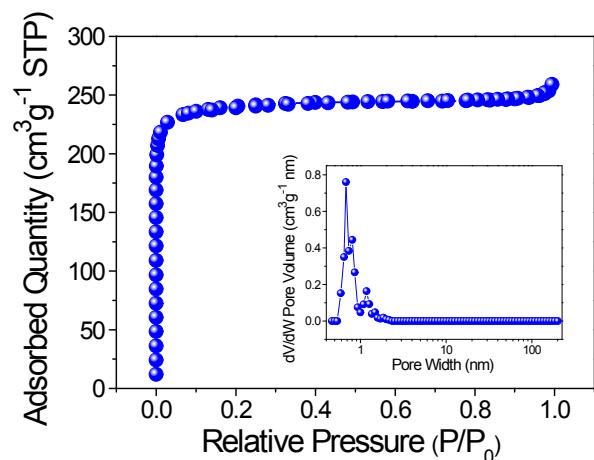
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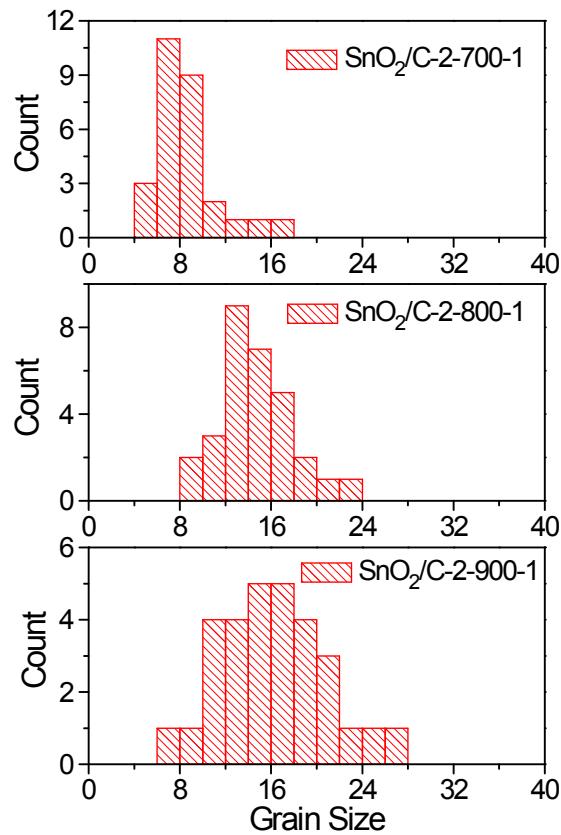
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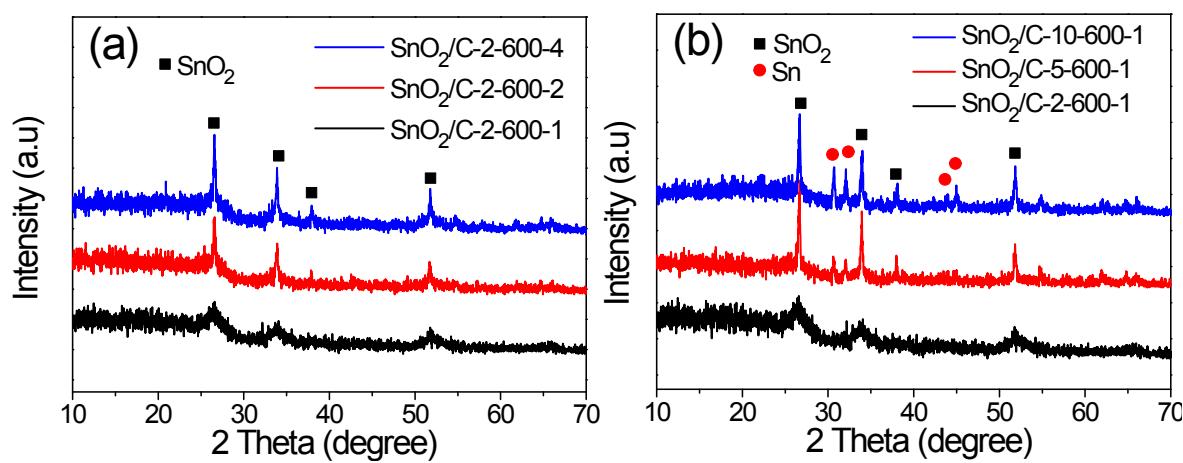
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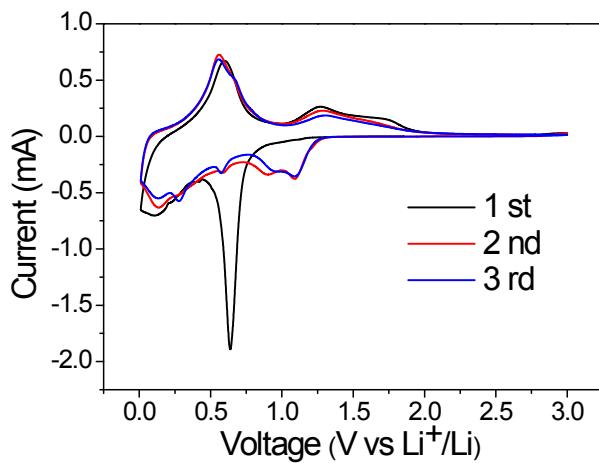
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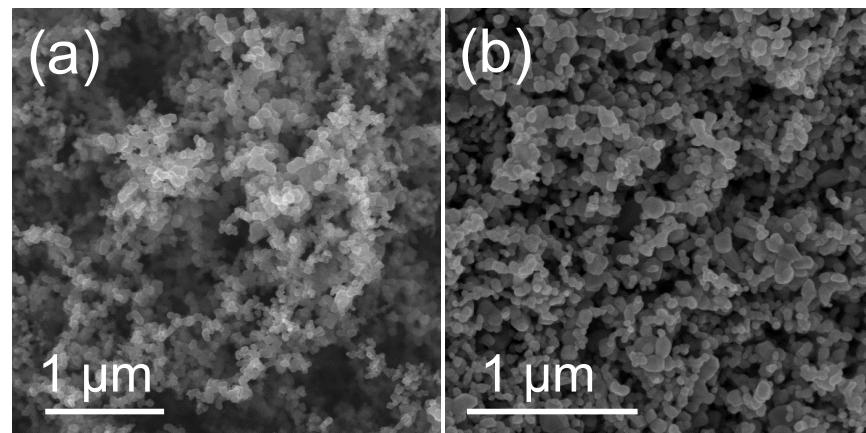
**Figure S5.** Grain size distribution for TEM images of  $\text{SnO}_2/\text{C}-2\text{-}700\text{-}1$ ,  $\text{SnO}_2/\text{C}-2\text{-}800\text{-}1$  and  $\text{SnO}_2/\text{C}-2\text{-}900\text{-}1$ .



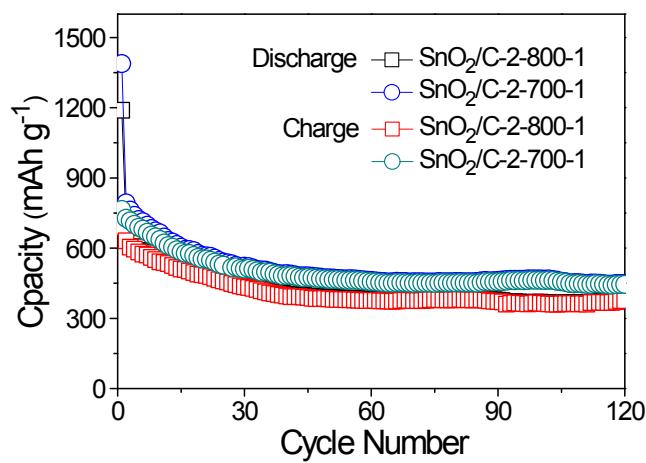
**Figure S6.** XRD patterns of (a)  $\text{SnO}_2/\text{C}-2\text{-}600\text{-}1$ ,  $\text{SnO}_2/\text{C}-2\text{-}600\text{-}2$  and  $\text{SnO}_2/\text{C}-2\text{-}600\text{-}4$ , and (b)  $\text{SnO}_2/\text{C}-2\text{-}600\text{-}1$ ,  $\text{SnO}_2/\text{C}-5\text{-}600\text{-}1$  and  $\text{SnO}_2/\text{C}-10\text{-}600\text{-}1$ .



**Figure S7.** Cyclic voltammetry of the initial 3 cycles scanned between 0.01 and 3 V at  $0.2 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$  of commercial nano- $\text{SnO}_2$ .



**Figure S8.** SEM images of (a) carbon and (b) commercial nano- $\text{SnO}_2$ .



**Figure S9.** Cycling performance of  $\text{SnO}_2/\text{C-2-700-1}$  and  $\text{SnO}_2/\text{C-2-800-1}$  at the current density of  $200 \text{ mA g}^{-1}$ .

**Table S1. Electrochemical performance of SnO<sub>2</sub>/C composites.**

No.	Sample	Capacity (1 <sup>st</sup> cycle mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )		Cycling performance		Size of SnO <sub>2</sub> particles (nm)	Reference
		discharge	charge	number	Capacity (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )		
1	SnO <sub>2</sub> /C	1453	718.8	120	628.5	~4	This work
2	SnO <sub>2</sub> /C	1460	970	200	597.3	~4	1
3	Porous SnO <sub>2</sub> / C	1450	843	100	503	10	2
4	N-doped porous C/SnO <sub>2</sub>	1110	990	50	650	18	3
5	SnO <sub>2</sub> /C	1394	732	120	623	6	4
6	SnO <sub>2</sub> /CNT	1466	709.9	100	402	5-10	5
7	SnO <sub>2</sub> /C/graphene	1310	1050	150	757	5-8	6
8	SnO <sub>2</sub> /graphene oxide	1410	1280	200	610	4	7

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