Supporting Information for:

## Tailoring nanobranches in three-dimensional hierarchical rutile heterostructures: A case study of TiO<sub>2</sub>-SnO<sub>2</sub>

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**Fig. S1.** (a) low and (b) high magnification of cross-sectional SEM images of the SnO<sub>2</sub> NBs, and (c) XRD graphs of the FTO substrate, Sb:SnO<sub>2</sub> NBs, and undoped-SnO<sub>2</sub> NWs.



Fig. S2. SEM images of TiO<sub>2</sub> NRs in CBD (a) with and (b) without the SnO<sub>2</sub> NBs substrates.



Fig. S3. TEM images of  $TiO_2$  nanobranches synthesized by CBD with the addition of (a) HNO<sub>3</sub> and (b) HCl



**Fig. S4.** XRD graphs of nanobranches synthesized in the presence of HNO<sub>3</sub> at different concentrations: (a) 0.02 M, (b) 0.06 M, (c) 0.1 M, (d) 0.2 M, (e) 0.3 M, and (f) 0.6 M.



**Fig. S5.** XRD graphs of nanobranches synthesized in the presence of 0.2 M HNO<sub>3</sub> along the reaction time: (a) 0.5 h, (b) 1 h, (c) 1.5 h, (d) 2 h, (e) 2.5 h, and (f) 3 h.



Fig. S6. Photographs of the TiCl<sub>4</sub> solution under various concentration of HNO<sub>3</sub> and reaction duration.



Fig. S7. A cross-sectional TEM image of a  $TiO_2$ -  $SnO_2$ .



Fig. S8. Charging-discharging curves of the  $SnO_2$  NBs electrode over 1.0 - 2.5 V.



**Fig. S9.** Specific capacity versus cycle number of the TiO<sub>2</sub>–SnO<sub>2</sub> electrode cycled ten times at every C-rate (0.1 C, 0.2 C, 0.5 C, 1 C, and 2 C).



**Fig. S10.** Specific capacity versus cycle number of the TiO<sub>2</sub>-SnO<sub>2</sub> electrode cycled ten times at every C-rate (0.1 C, 0.2 C, 0.5 C, 1 C, 2 C, 3 C, 6 C, and 10 C) over 1.0–2.5 V.