

Supporting Information

Highly Active and Selective Electrocatalytic CO₂ Conversion Enabled by Core/Shell Ag/(Amorphous-Sn(IV)) Nanostructures with Tunable Shell Thickness

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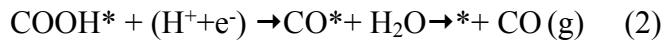
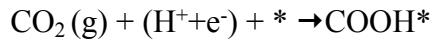
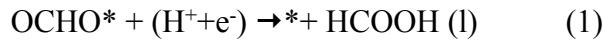
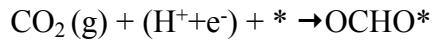
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Computational Method: In this work, the SnO₂ (110) surface is adopted to simulate A-Sn(IV) shell as shown in Supplementary Figure S27. Based on experimentally measured thickness (0.51 nm to 0.94 nm), we employed 6 (0.6nm) and 9 (0.9nm) atomic layers thickness to calculate free energy profiles. The thinnest two A-Sn(IV) shell consist of only 6 and 9 atomic layers, due to the presence of the substrate and periodicity. Moreover, the Ag/A-Sn(IV) shell is model by replacing one surface Sn atom with one Ag atom. DFT computations were performed using the plane-wave technique implemented in Vienna *ab initio* simulation package (VASP). The ion-electron interaction was described using the projector-augmented plane wave (PAW) approach. The generalized gradient approximation (GGA) expressed by PBE functional and a 420 eV cutoff for the plane-wave basis set were adopted in all the computations. The Gaussian smearing method with σ value 0.1 eV was used in this system. The convergence threshold was set as 10⁻⁵ eV in energy and 0.04 eV/Å in force. A Monkhorst–Pack grid 5×5×1 was chosen for slab calculation. The vacuum was chosen 15 Å to avoid images interactions. The solvent effect on adsorbates was simulated using the Poisson-Boltzmann implicit solvation model with a dielectric constant of 80. For the SnO₂ and Ag/SnO₂ shell, the top three atomic layers were relaxed while the other layers were fixed at the bulk lattice position.

The computational hydrogen electrode (CHE) method has been applied to determine the Gibbs free energy of reaction intermediates. In this method, the electrochemical potential of an electron-proton pair (H⁺+e⁻) is equal to the free energy of half of hydrogen (1/2H₂) at standard pressure. The ECR involve 2e pathway can be classified into two types:



Where * represents the adsorption site, OCHO*, COOH* and CO* represent reaction intermediates, respectively. The free energy (G) of each species is estimated at $T=298$ K according to:

$$G = E_{DFT} + E_{ZPE} - TS$$

where E_{DFT} , E_{ZPE} and S , is electronic energy, zero point energy, entropy, respectively. For adsorbed intermediates, E_{ZPE} and S were determined by vibration frequencies calculations, where all 3N degrees of freedom are treated as harmonic vibration motions with neglecting contributions from the slab, while for molecules those were taken from the NIST database. The contribution of zero point energy and entropy corrections to G is provided in **Table S2**.

Note. Detailed information of structures for calculation.

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Sn O

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Selective dynamics

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Selective dynamics

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Sn O C H
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Selective dynamics

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Selective dynamics

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Selective dynamics

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Ag-SnO₂-COOH:

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Selective dynamics

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Selective dynamics

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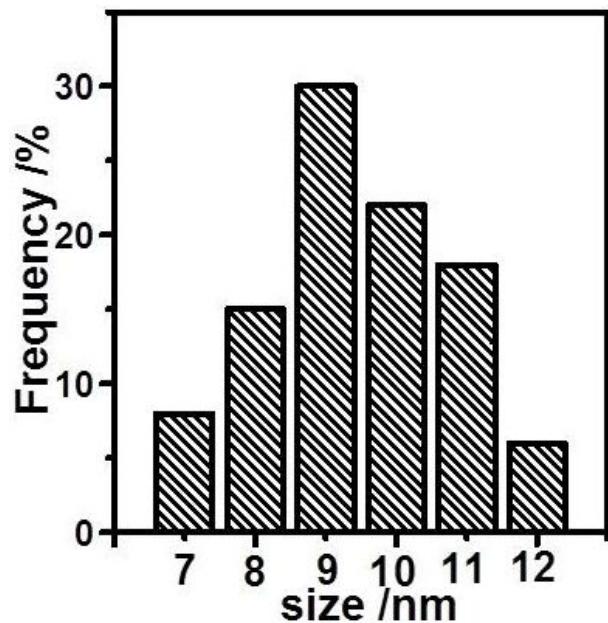


Figure S1. Particle size statistics of the core/shell $\text{Ag}_{75}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{25}$.

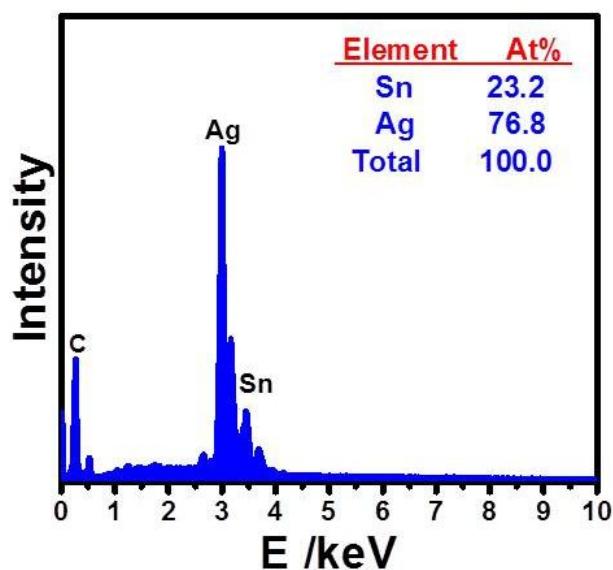


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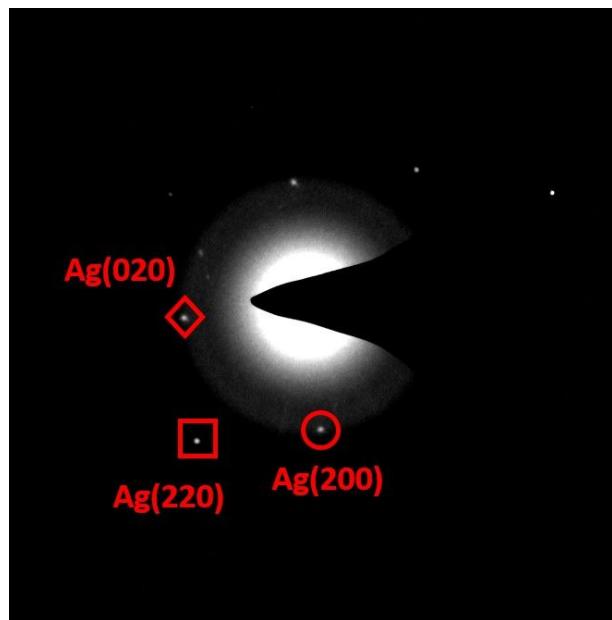


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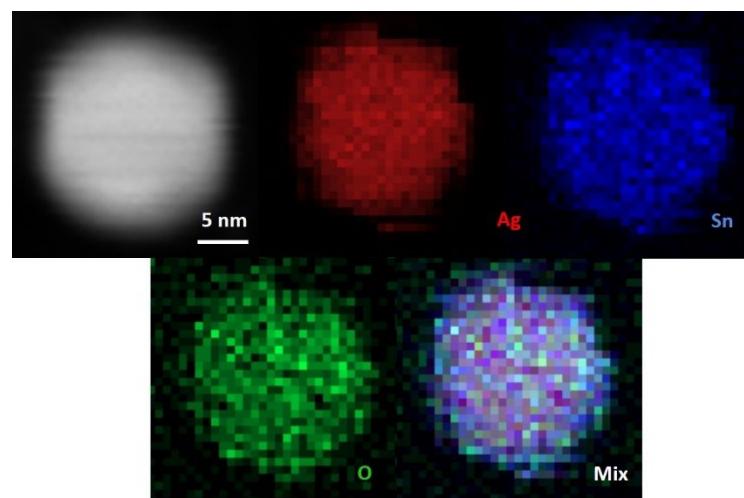


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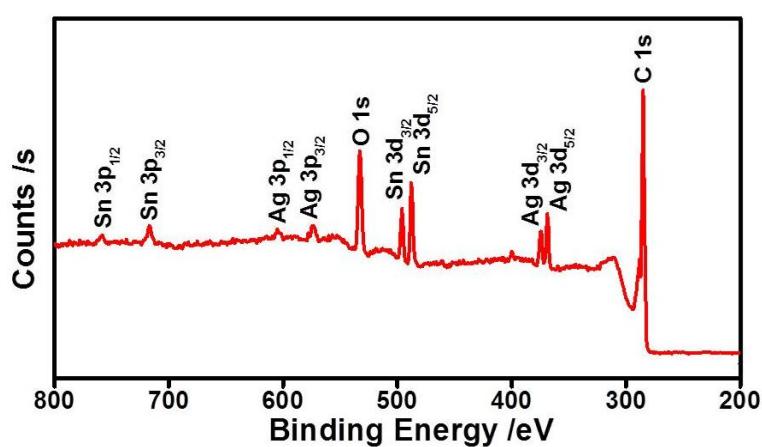


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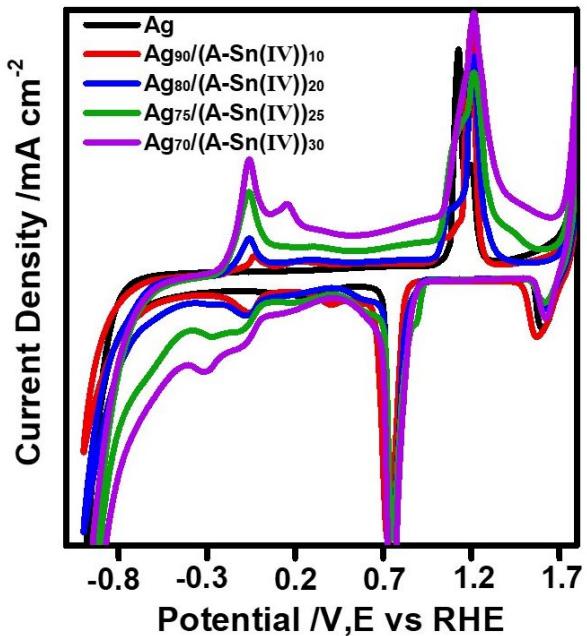


Figure S6. CV curves of Ag/(A-Sn(IV)) in Ar-saturated 0.5 M NaHCO₃ solution at a scan rate of 50 mV/s.

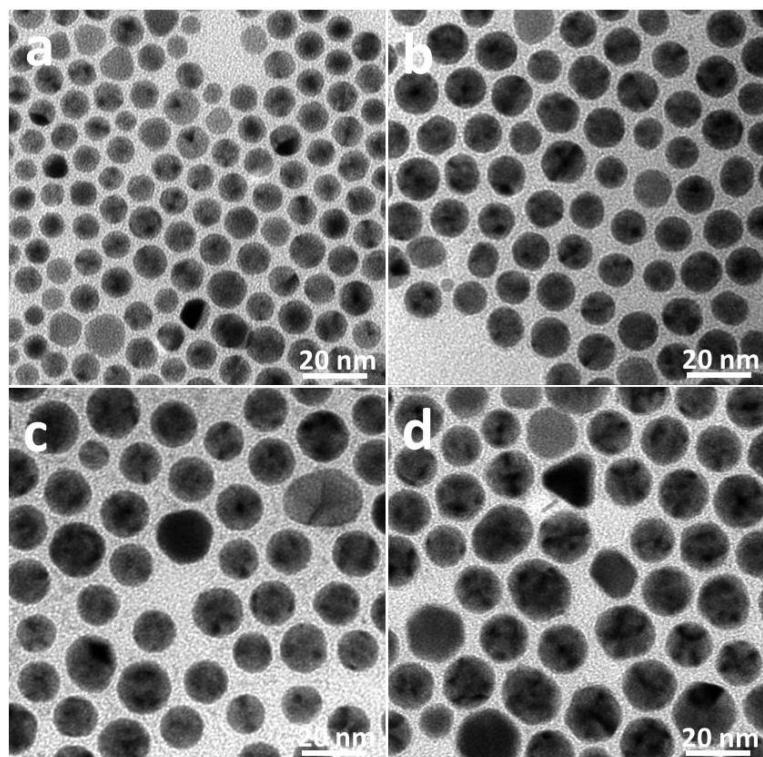


Figure S7. TEM images of (a) Ag, (b) Ag₉₀/(A-Sn(IV))₁₀, (c) Ag₈₀/(A-Sn(IV))₂₀, and (d) Ag₇₀/(A-Sn(IV))₃₀.

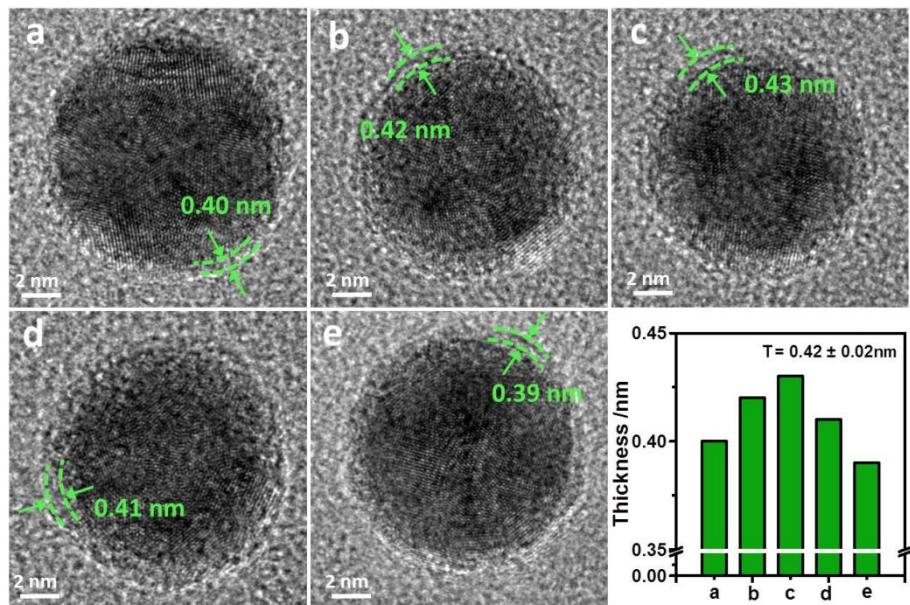


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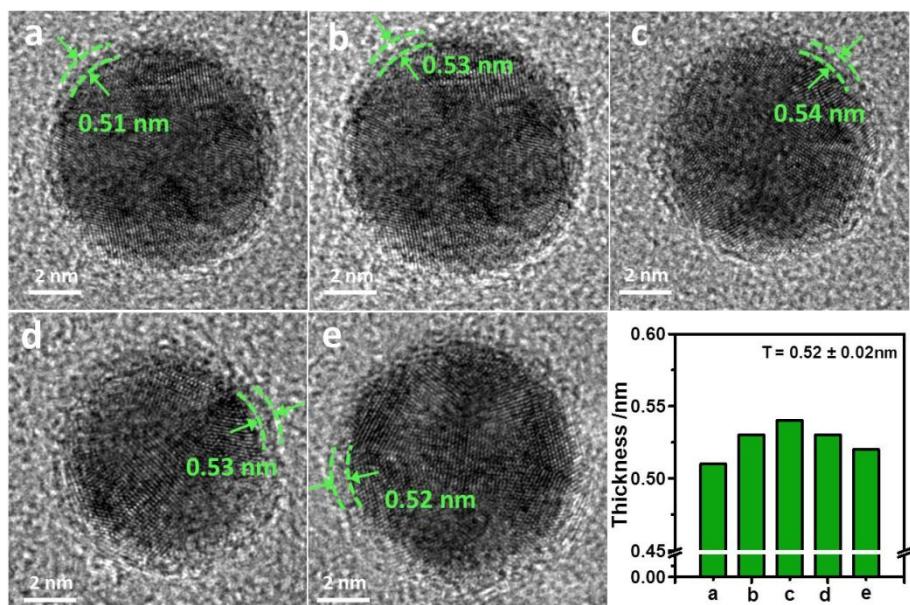


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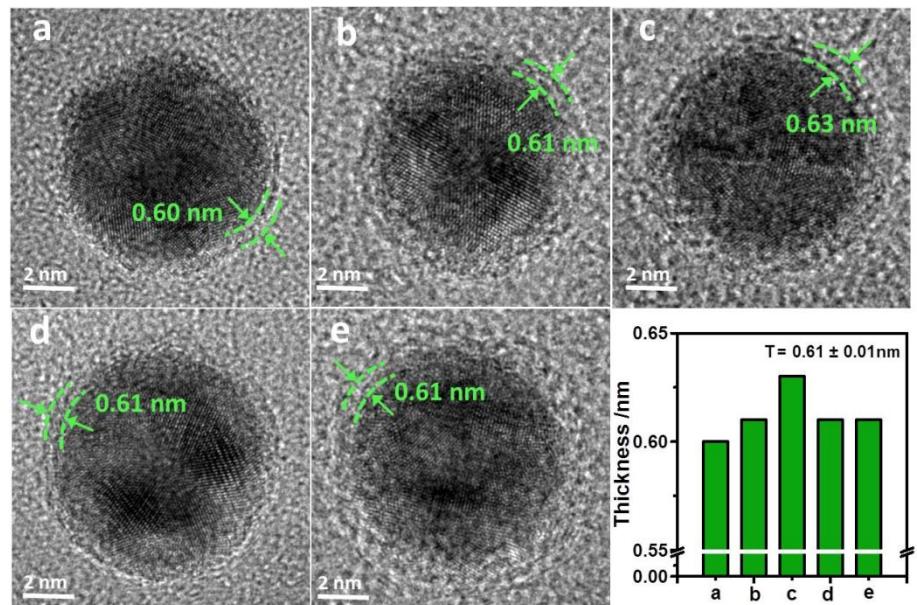


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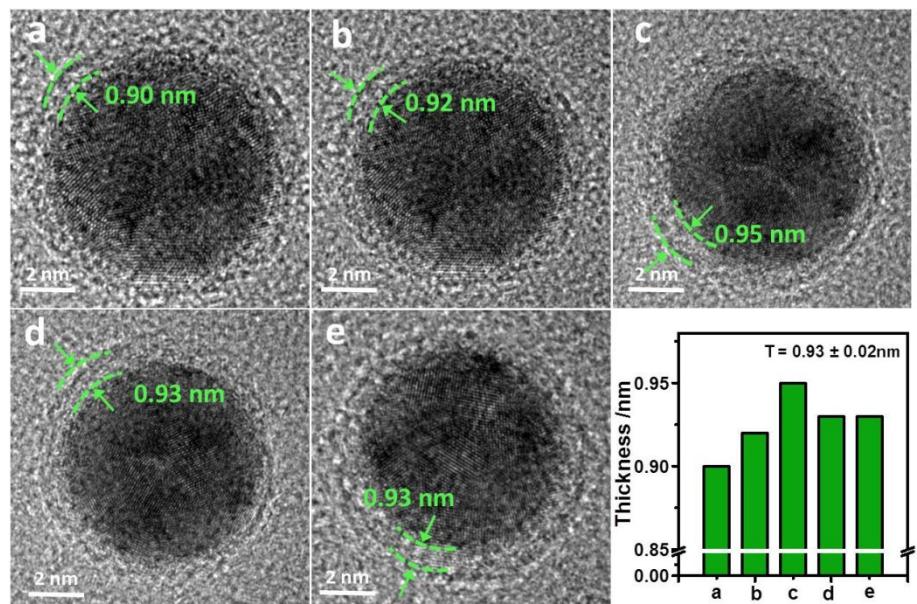


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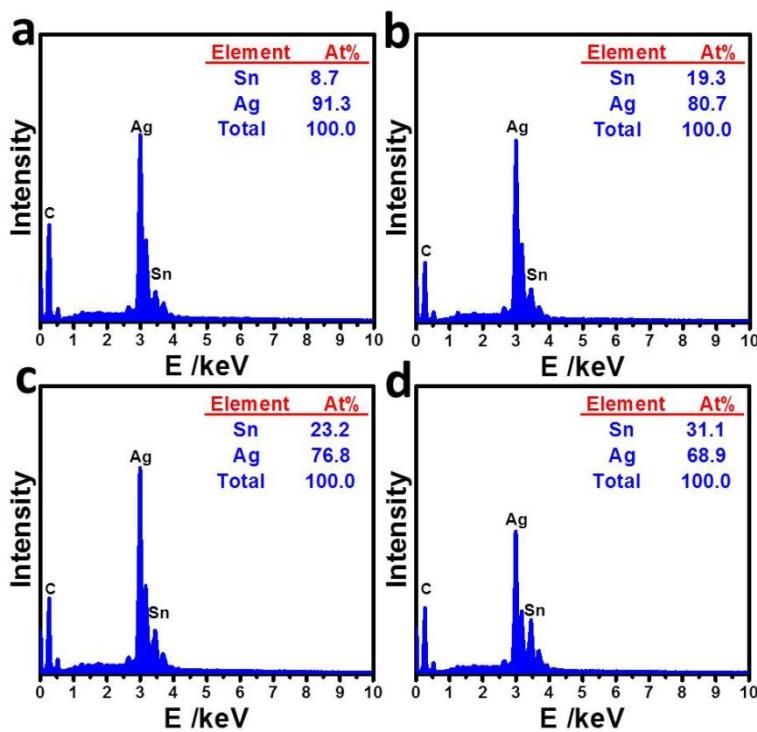


Figure S12. The SEM-EDS results of (a) $\text{Ag}_{90}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{10}$, (b) $\text{Ag}_{80}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{20}$, (c) $\text{Ag}_{75}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{25}$, and (d) $\text{Ag}_{70}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{30}$.

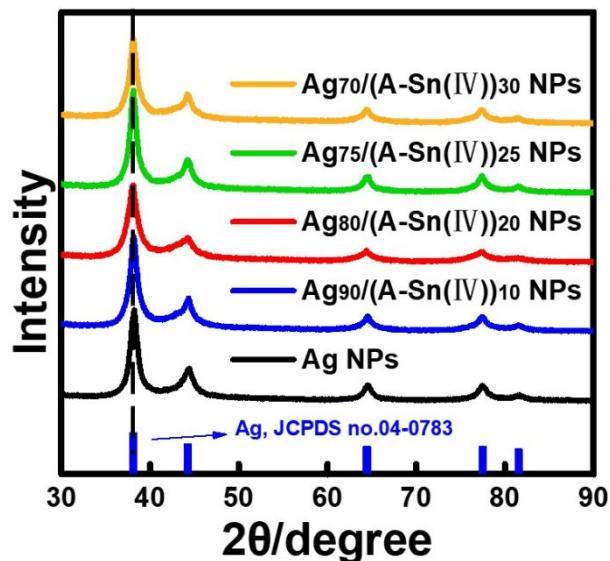


Figure S13. The XRD patterns of Ag NPs and four $\text{Ag}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})$ catalysts.

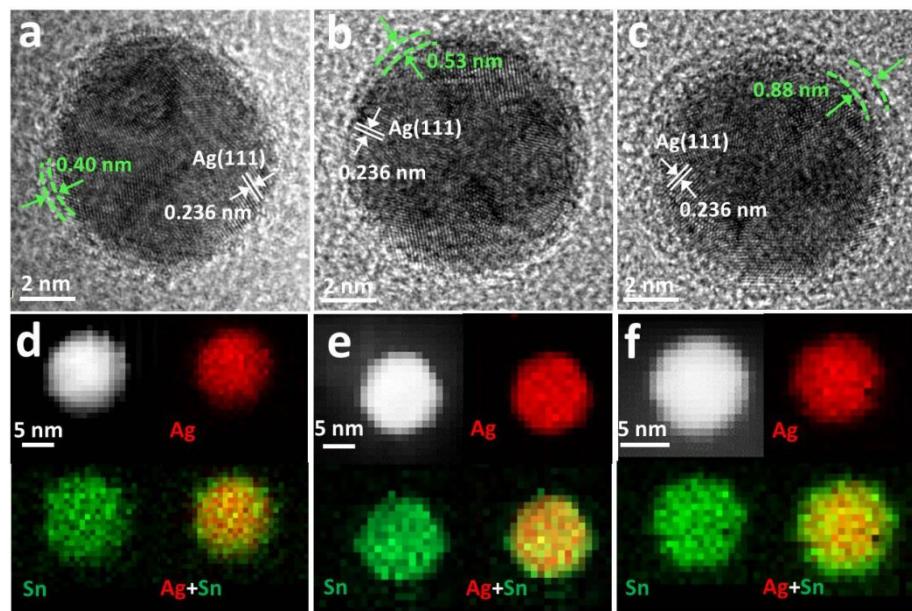


Figure S14. (a-c) HRTEM images, (d-f) HAADF-STEM images and corresponding element mappings of (a, d) core/shell Ag/(A-Sn(IV)) ($\text{Ag}_{90}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{10}$), (b, e) $\text{Ag}_{80}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{20}$, and (c, f) $\text{Ag}_{70}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{30}$.

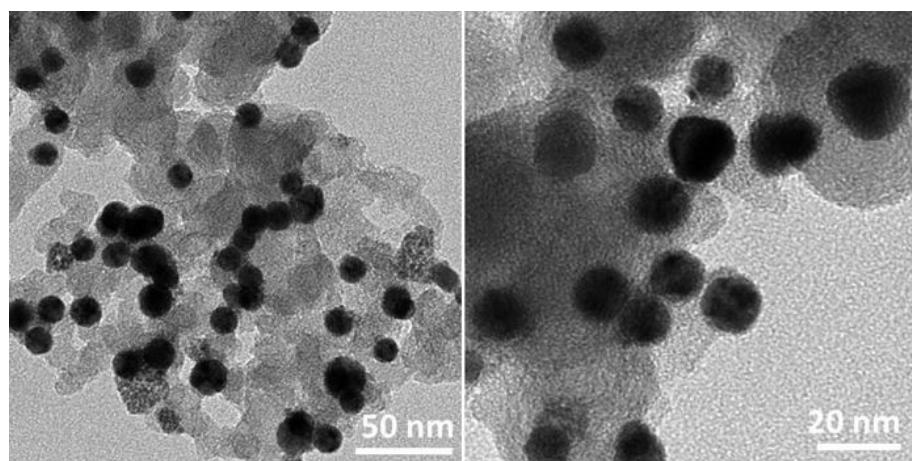


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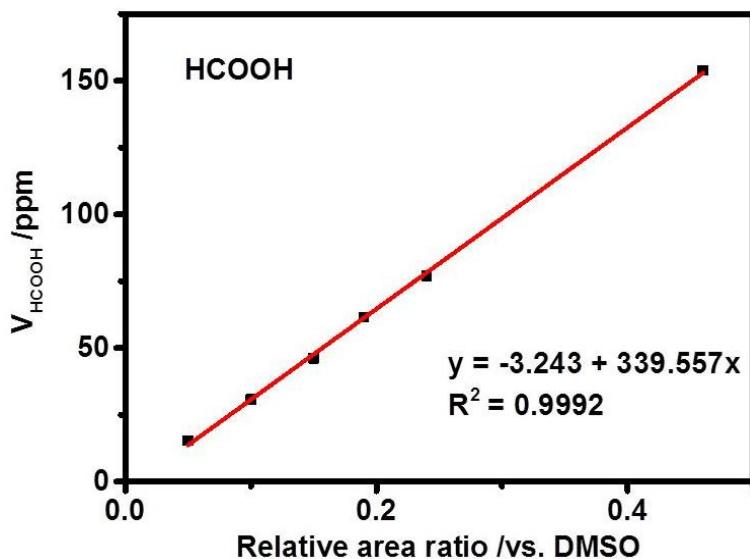


Figure S16. Linear relationship between the formic acid volume and relative area vs. DMSO. The linear correlation coefficient is 0.9992. The standard curve was made as follows: 1 mL aqueous formic acid with different concentrations (0.02 μ L/mL, 0.04 μ L/mL, 0.06 μ L/mL, 0.08 μ L/mL, 0.1 μ L/mL, and 0.2 μ L/mL) was mixed with 0.2 mL D_2O and 0.1 mL, 14.08 mM DMSO solution. DMSO solution was added as internal standard.

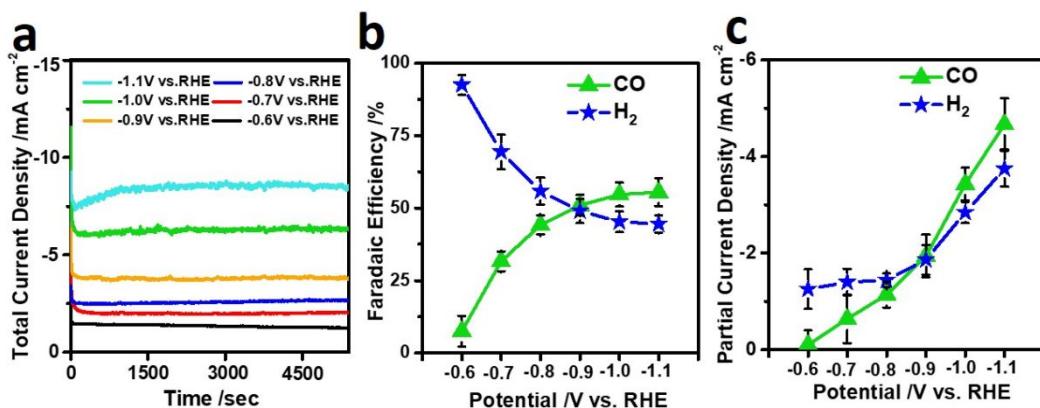


Figure S17. The electrochemical CO_2 reduction of (a) i - T curves, (b) faradaic efficiencies, and (c) partial current densities at different applied voltages for Ag.

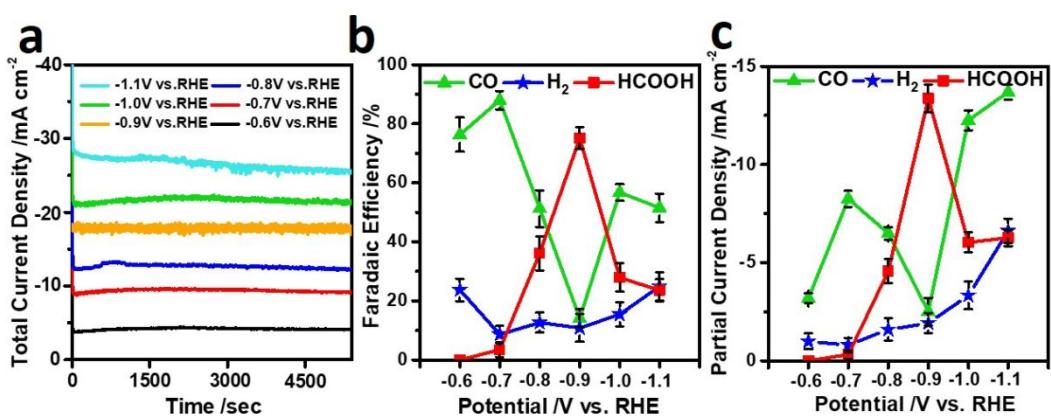
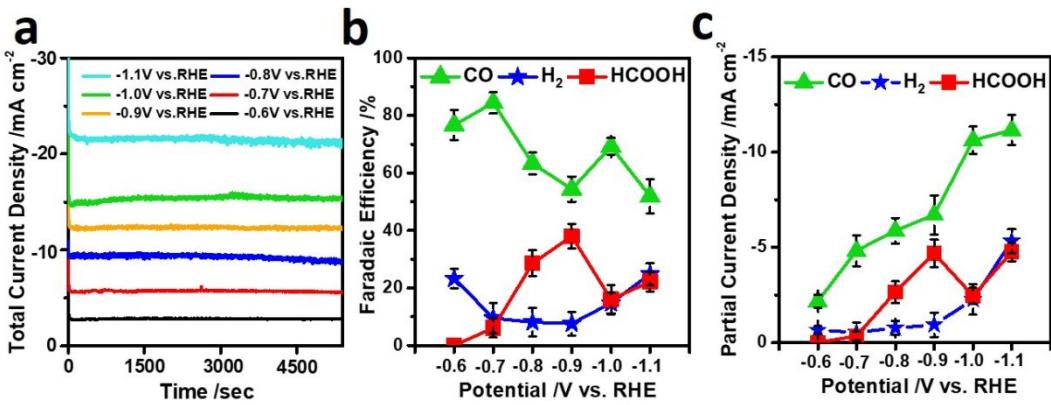
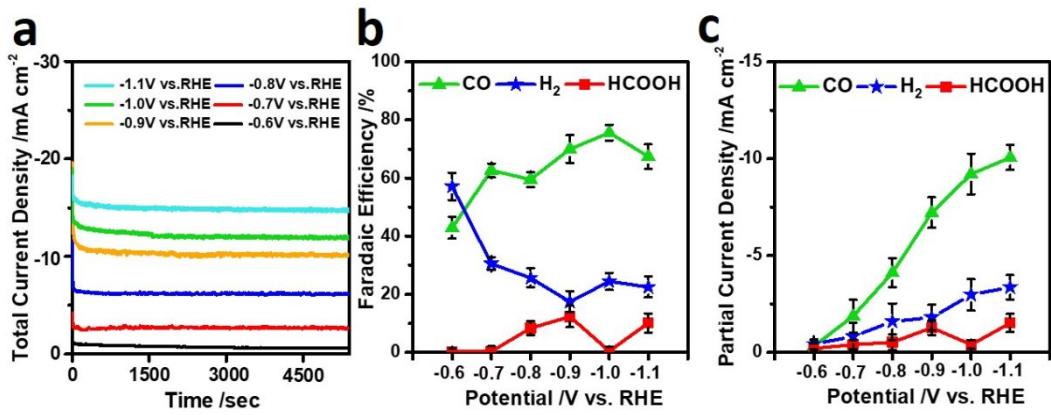


Figure S20. The electrochemical CO_2 reduction of (a) i -T curves, (b) faradaic efficiencies, and (c) partial current densities at different applied voltages for $\text{Ag}_{75}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{25}$.

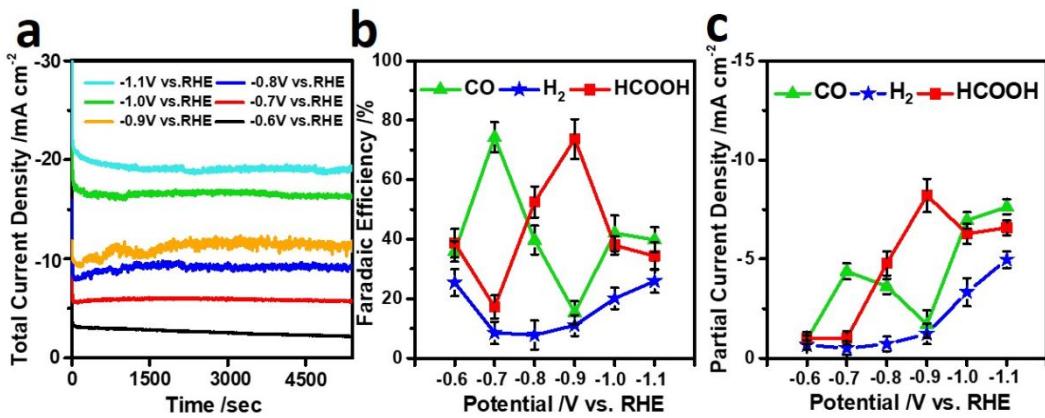


Figure S21. The electrochemical CO_2 reduction of (a) i -T curves, (b) faradaic efficiencies, and (c) partial current densities at different applied voltages for $\text{Ag}_{70}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{30}$.

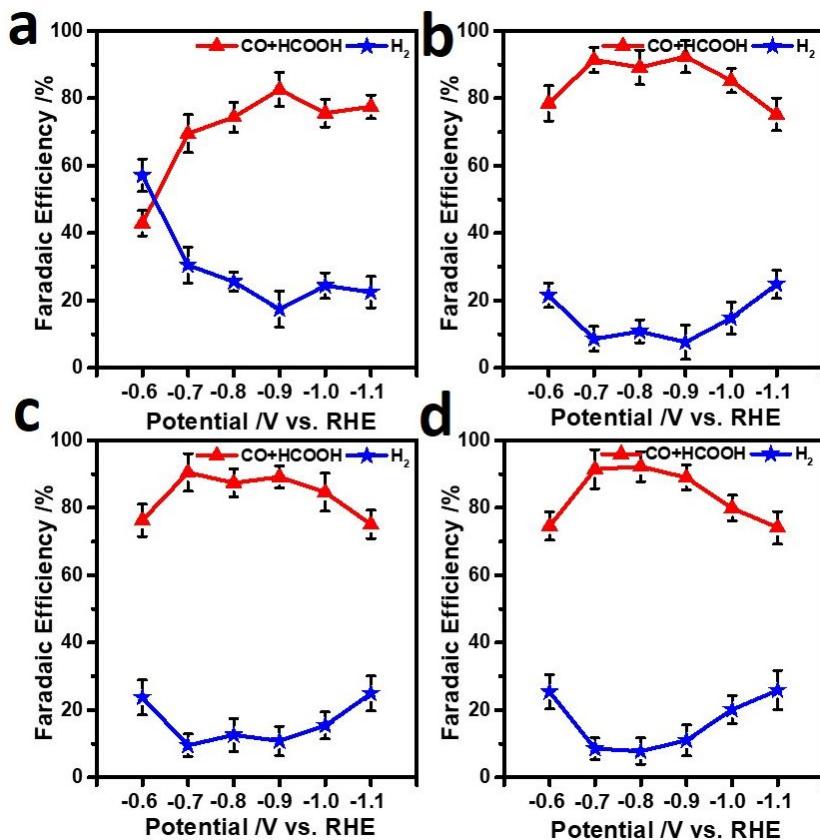


Figure S22. The electrochemical CO_2 reduction faradaic efficiencies of (a) $\text{Ag}_{90}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{10}$, (b) $\text{Ag}_{80}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{20}$, (c) $\text{Ag}_{75}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{25}$, and (d) $\text{Ag}_{70}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{30}$.

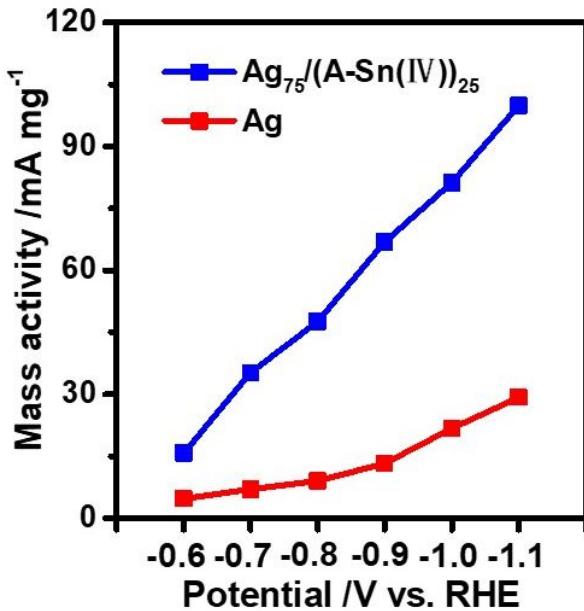


Figure S23. The mass activities of $\text{Ag}_{75}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{25}$ and Ag for electrochemical CO_2 reduction.

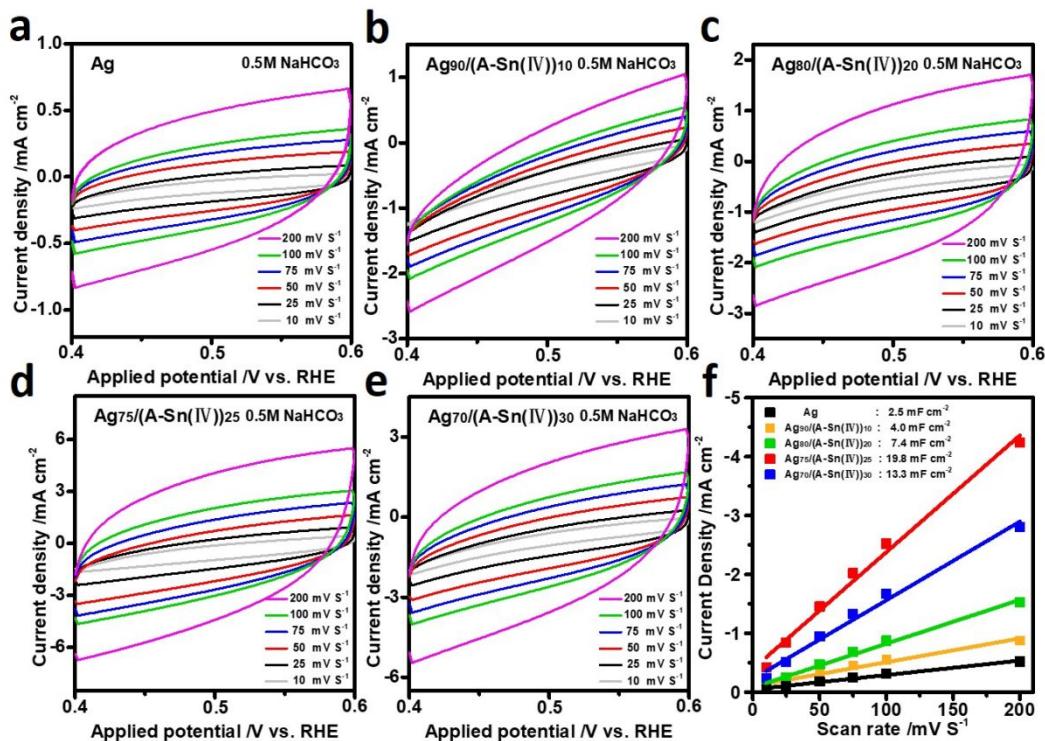


Figure S24. CV curves of (a) Ag, (b) $\text{Ag}_{90}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{10}$, (c) $\text{Ag}_{80}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{20}$, (d) $\text{Ag}_{75}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{25}$ and (e) $\text{Ag}_{70}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{30}$ catalysts with various scan rates. (f) The electric double layer capacitance value of different catalysts.

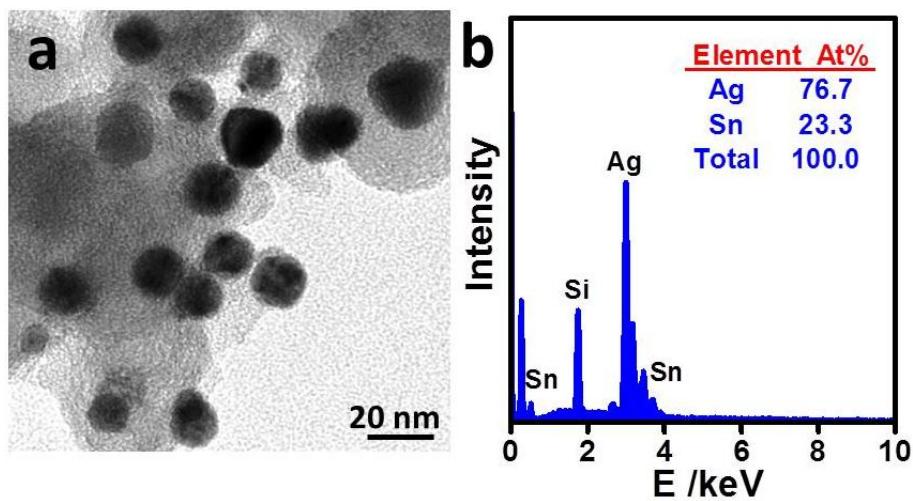


Figure S25. (a) TEM image and (b) SEM-EDS pattern of $\text{Ag}_{75}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})_{25}$ after stability test.

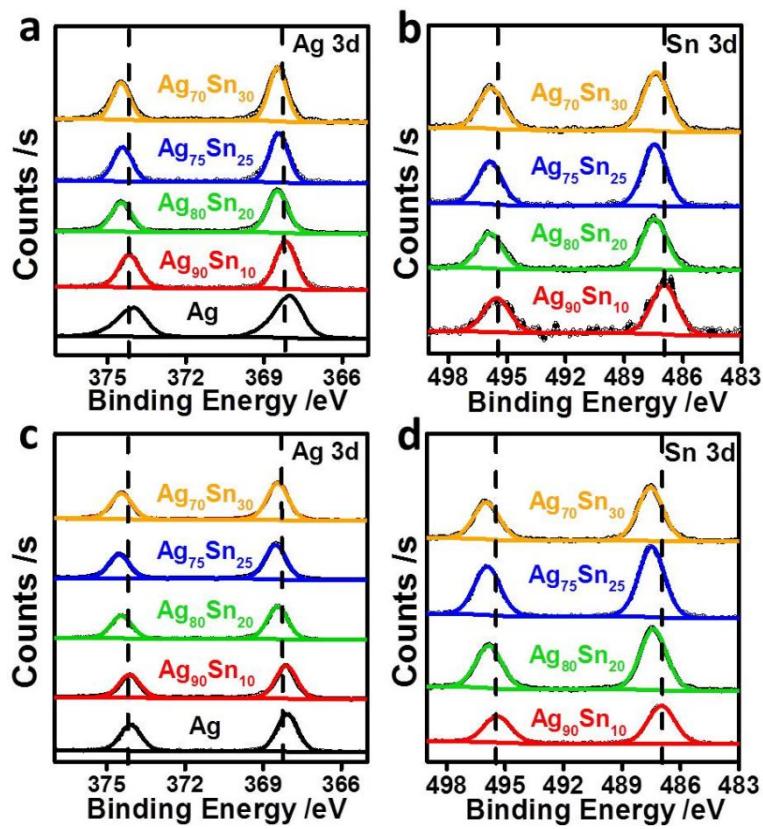


Figure S26. XPS spectra of the core/shell $\text{Ag}/(\text{A-Sn(IV)})$ (a, b) before and (c, d) after the electrochemical reduction reaction.

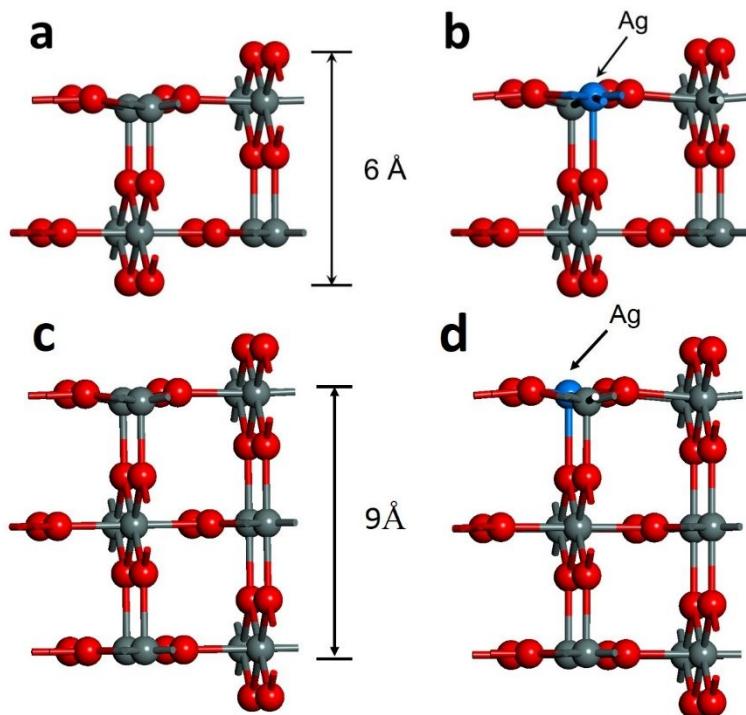


Figure S27. Geometry model of (a) 6 Å pure SnO_2 (110) surface, (b) 6 Å Ag/ SnO_2 (110) surface, (c) 9 Å pure SnO_2 (110) surface and (d) 9 Å Ag/ SnO_2 (110) surface with one Ag atom substituting Sn atom on the surface. Sn, O and Ag atoms are presented by dark grey, red and blue spheres, respectively.

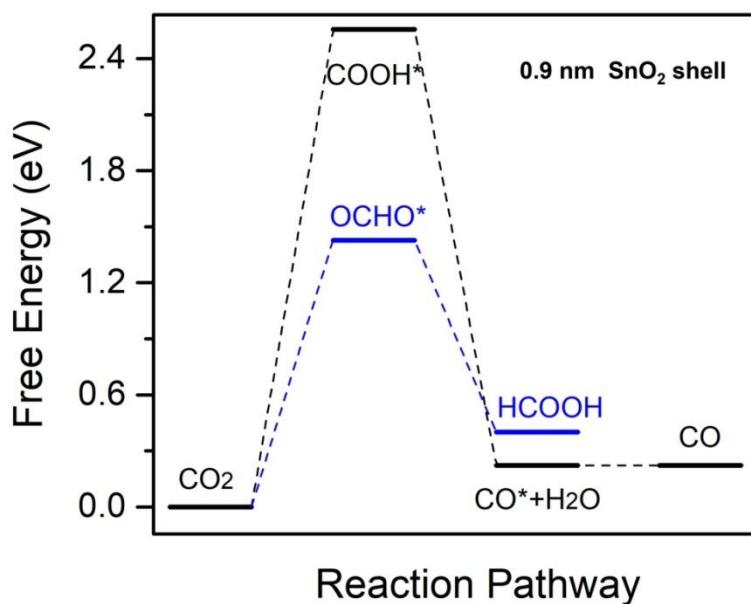


Figure S28. Free energy profiles of two ECR pathways on 0.9 nm SnO_2 shell.

Table S1. The ECR data of Ag/(A-Sn(IV)) NPs catalysts.

Catalyst	Potential ^a (V vs.RHE)	Product					
		CO		HCOOH		H ₂	
		FE ^b (%)	Partial C·D ^c (mA cm ⁻²)	FE (%)	Partial C·D (mA cm ⁻²)	FE (%)	Partial C·D (mA cm ⁻²)
Ag	-0.6	7.5	0.10	-	-	90.1	1.20
	-0.7	29.5	0.64	-	-	67.4	1.40
	-0.8	41.2	1.08	-	-	55.4	1.42
	-0.9	50.1	1.91	-	-	48.1	1.84
	-1.0	52.7	3.34	-	-	46.3	2.71
	-1.1	54.5	4.49	-	-	41.5	3.38
Ag ₉₀ /(A-Sn(IV)) ₁₀	-0.6	42.4	0.31	-	-	56.5	0.39
	-0.7	68.5	1.87	-	-	29.5	0.82
	-0.8	64.3	4.04	7.1	0.47	22.8	1.48
	-0.9	68.1	7.19	11.3	1.22	14.7	1.51
	-1.0	75.3	9.19	-	-	22.7	2.77
	-1.1	65.9	10.01	9.4	1.41	20.6	3.12
Ag ₈₀ /(A-Sn(IV)) ₂₀	-0.6	74.1	2.07	-	-	22.7	0.63
	-0.7	83.4	4.82	5.1	0.35	7.3	0.54
	-0.8	63.8	5.82	27.6	2.58	8.1	0.77
	-0.9	53.4	6.67	35.7	4.60	7.6	0.94
	-1.0	69.2	10.62	15.4	2.41	10.8	2.07
	-1.1	48.1	10.89	20.5	4.79	21.7	5.33
Ag ₇₅ /(A-Sn(IV)) ₂₅	-0.6	72.7	3.11	-	-	20.7	0.76
	-0.7	88.0	8.25	6.4	0.45	6.6	0.51
	-0.8	50.7	6.45	34.7	4.44	12.4	1.59
	-0.9	9.8	1.51	75.1	13.36	10.1	1.92
	-1.0	53.2	11.95	22.4	5.89	10.7	3.18
	-1.1	50.5	13.69	21.4	6.12	22.0	6.54
Ag ₇₀ /(A-Sn(IV)) ₃₀	-0.6	31.4	0.88	36.2	0.97	23.1	0.55
	-0.7	73.1	4.38	14.9	1.01	7.2	0.50
	-0.8	37.9	3.54	52.5	4.78	7.1	0.67
	-0.9	13.9	1.62	71.7	8.11	10.7	1.21
	-1.0	41.2	6.89	35.1	6.08	19.7	3.21
	-1.1	37.2	7.41	32.4	6.31	21.7	4.52

Where potential ^a means applied voltage, FE ^b means faradaic efficiency, and partial C·D ^c means partial current density.

Table S2. Zero-pint energy correction (E_{ZPE}), entropy contribution (TS), and the total free energy correction ($G - E_{elec}$) in this study.

Species	E_{ZPE} (eV)	$\int CpdT$ (eV)	$-TS$ (eV)	$G - E_{elec}$ (eV)
H ₂	0.27	0.09	-0.42	-0.06
H ₂ O	0.57	0.10	-0.69	-0.02
CO	0.13	0.09	-0.61	-0.39
CO ₂	0.31	0.12	-0.68	-0.25
HCOOH	0.89	0.09	-0.99	-0.01
COOH* on Ag/(A-Sn(IV))	0.61	0.11	-0.26	0.46
HCOO* on Ag/(A-Sn(IV))	0.62	0.09	-0.18	0.53
CO* on Ag/(A-Sn(IV))	0.17	0.09	-0.23	0.03
H* on Ag/(A-Sn(IV))	0.19	0.01	-0.01	0.19
COOH* on SnO ₂ (110)	0.60	0.11	-0.26	0.45
HCOO* on SnO ₂ (110)	0.63	0.09	-0.16	0.56
CO* on SnO ₂ (110)	0.18	0.09	-0.23	0.03
COOH* on Ag(111)	0.58	0.12	-0.30	0.40
CO* on Ag(111)	0.16	0.10	-0.28	-0.02
H* on Ag(111)	0.13	0.01	-0.02	0.12

Table S3. Comparison of different catalysts for electrochemical reduction of CO₂ to C₁ product.

Catalyst	Electrolyte	Potential (V vs.RHE)	Loading Mass (mg cm ⁻²)	Main Product FE	Current Density (mA cm ⁻²)	Ref.
Ag ₇₅ /(A-Sn(IV)) ₂₅	0.5 M NaHCO ₃	-0.7	0.45	CO (88%)	9.4	This Work
Ag ₇₅ /(A-Sn(IV)) ₂₅	0.5 M NaHCO ₃	-0.9	0.45	HCOOH (75.1%)	17.8	This Work
Ag	0.1 M KHCO ₃	-1.35	N/A	CO (40%)	10.0	[1]
Tri-Ag-NPs	0.1 M KHCO ₃	-0.856	0.637	CO (96.8%)	1.25	[2]
CoO _x	0.1 M Na ₂ SO ₄	-0.25	0.07	HCOOH (90%)	9.0	[3]
Sn-graphene	0.1 M	-1.16	0.05	HCOOH	21.1	[4]

		NaHCO ₃		(89%)		
SnO ₂ /graphene	0.1 M	-1.16	0.05	HCOOH (93.6%)	10.2	[5]
	NaHCO ₃					
Sn/SnO _x	0.5 M	-0.7	N/A	HCOOH (58%)	2.5	[6]
	NaHCO ₃					
Sn on gas diffusion electrode	0.5 M	-1.10	2.6	C ₁ FE (82%)	8.13	[7]
Core-shell Ag-Sn	0.5 M	-0.80	1	C ₁ FE (90%)	19.5	[8]
Nanoscale Sn/SnO ₂	0.1 M	-1.26	0.2	C ₁ FE (86.2%)	9	[9]
Bi nanosheet	0.5 M	-1.5 (vs.SCE)	1	HCOOH (>95%)	16	[10]
C-Cu/SnO ₂ -0.8	0.5 M	-0.7	13.5	CO (93%)	4.6	[11]
	KHCO ₃			HCOOH		
C-Cu/SnO ₂ -1.8	0.5 M	-0.9	14.3	(95%)	N/A	[11]
	KHCO ₃			HCOOH (40.2%)	12.0 A/cm ²	[12]
Sn particles	0.5M			HCOOH		
	KHCO ₃ + 0.5 M KCl	-1.4	0.1	(64.6%)	90	[13]

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