

Supporting Information:

Lithiation Confined in One Dimensional Nanospace of TiO₂ (Anatase) Nanotube to Enhance the Lithium Storage Property of CuO Nanowires

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SI-1. XPS spectra analysis of CuO@TiO₂-NCAs

XPS spectra of CuO@TiO₂-NCAs are shown in Fig.S1. The curve fitting of Cu 2p, O 1s, and Ti 2p was carried out by using Gaussian-Lorentzian peak shape after a Shirley back-ground correction. In Fig. S1a, the Cu 2p_{3/2} peak is composed of two components at 931.8 and 933.9 eV, corresponding to Cu₂O and CuO, respectively.^{s1,s2} The peaks at 529.9 and 531.5 eV can be assigned to oxygen bonded to Ti⁴⁺ and Ti³⁺, as illustrated in Fig. S1b.^{s3-s5} Binding energy positions of Ti 2p_{3/2} and Ti 2p_{1/2} for CuO@TiO₂-NCAs were 458.7 and 464.3 eV (Fig. S1c), respectively. These values are in good agreement with the binding energy values of Ti⁴⁺ in TiO₂. XPS spectra can also help to confirm the Ti³⁺ defects on the interfaces. The Ti³⁺ defects in anatase will destroy the symmetry of coordinated Ti⁴⁺ ions peak at 458.7 eV.^{s6} A small shoulder at around 457.5 eV is consistent with the existence of Ti³⁺ defects on the interfaces, as can be seen in the red circle in Fig. S1d.^{s6}

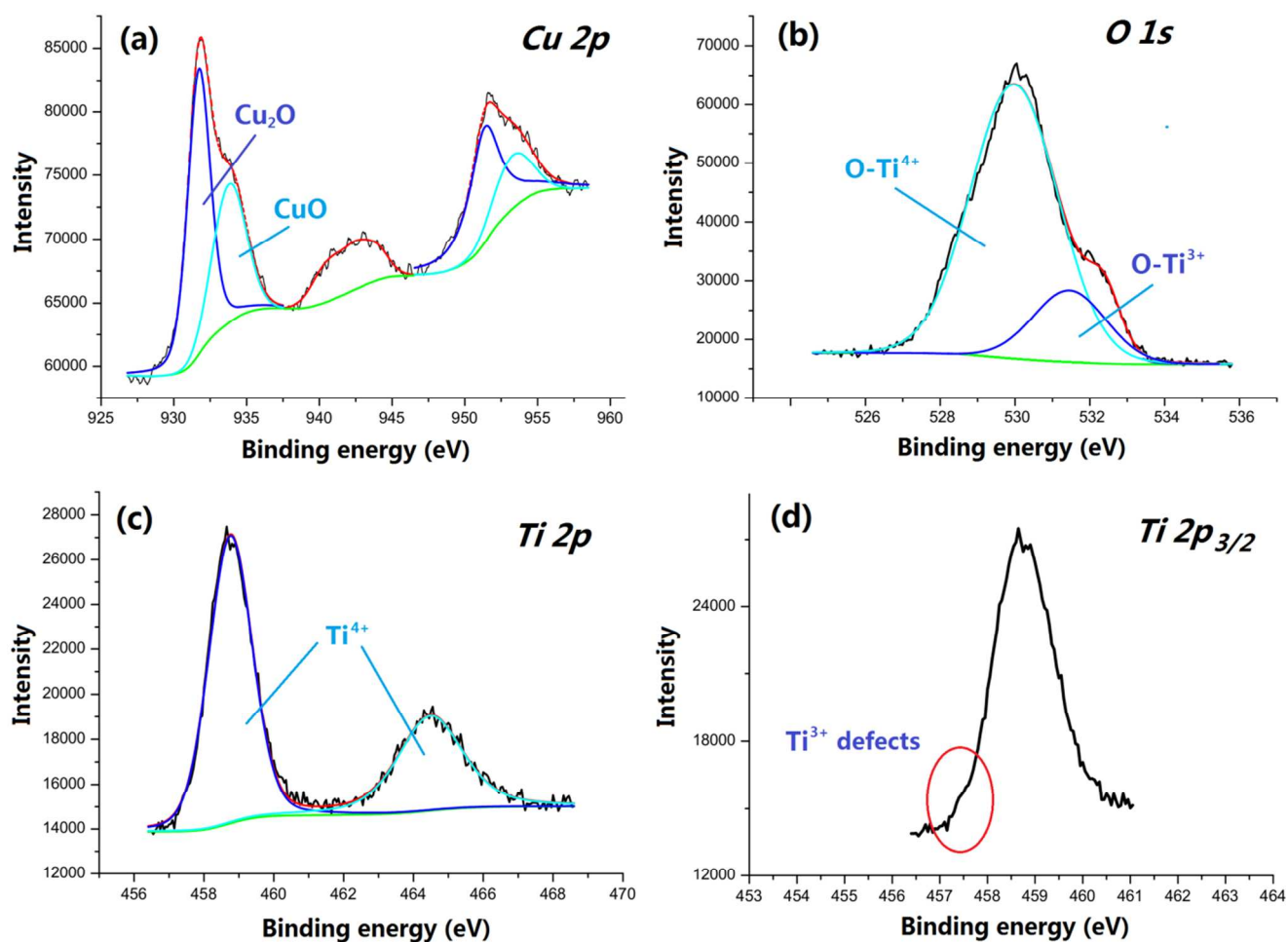


Fig.S1 XPS spectra of $\text{CuO@TiO}_2\text{-NCAs}$: (a) $\text{Cu}2p$; (b) $\text{O}1s$; (c) $\text{Ti}2p$; (d) $\text{Ti}2p_{3/2}$.

SI-2. Cyclic voltammograms of CuO@TiO₂-NCAs

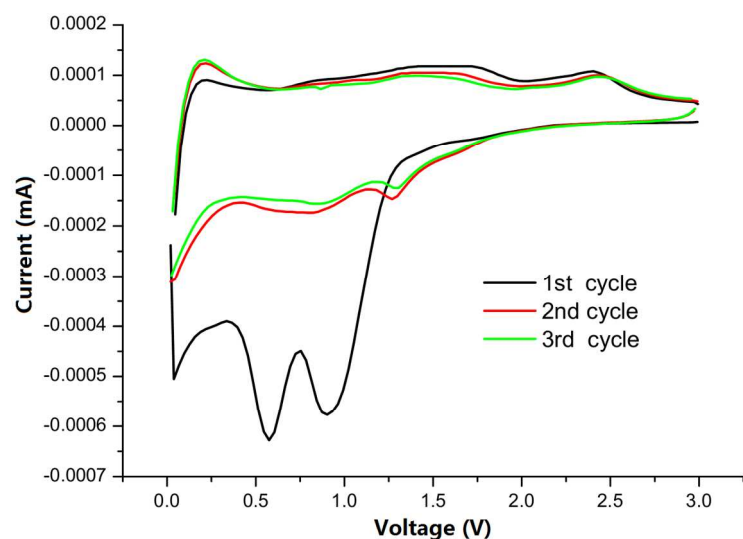


Fig.S2 Cyclic voltammograms of CuO-NWAs electrodes with scanning rate at 0.01 mV s^{-1} in the range of 0.01-3.0 V.

SI-3. Cycle performance of pure TiO₂

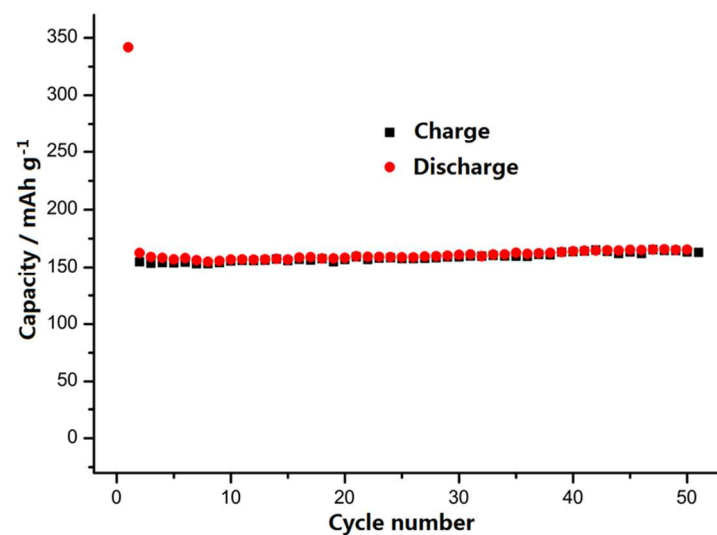


Fig.S3 The cycle performance of pure TiO₂ at 60 mA g^{-1} for 50 cycles.

SI-4. AC impedance spectra of CuO-NWAs

The AC impedance spectra of CuO-NWAs also used modified Randles equivalent circuit as the model for EIS analysis to quantify the experimental results. The results show that R_f and R_{ct} of CuO-NWAs is 9.25 and 40.26 Ω , respectively.

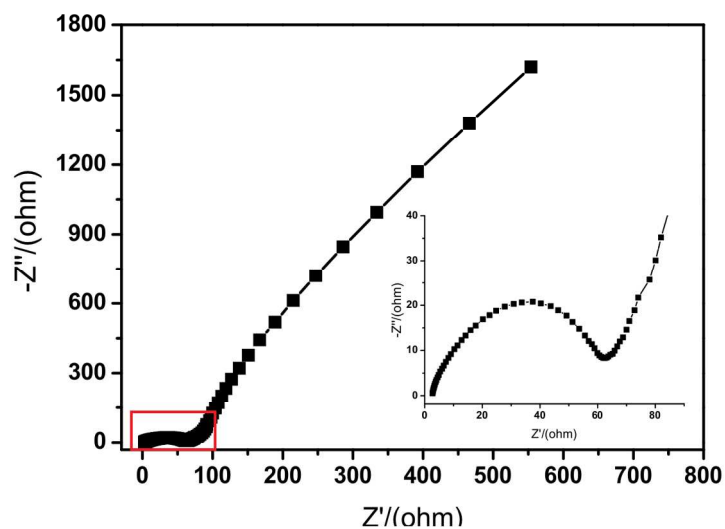


Fig.S4 AC impedance spectra of CuO-NWAs electrodes after 100 cycles (the inset is the part of the Nyquist plots in red box).

SI-5. HRTEM images of the CuO core in fully lithium insertion state

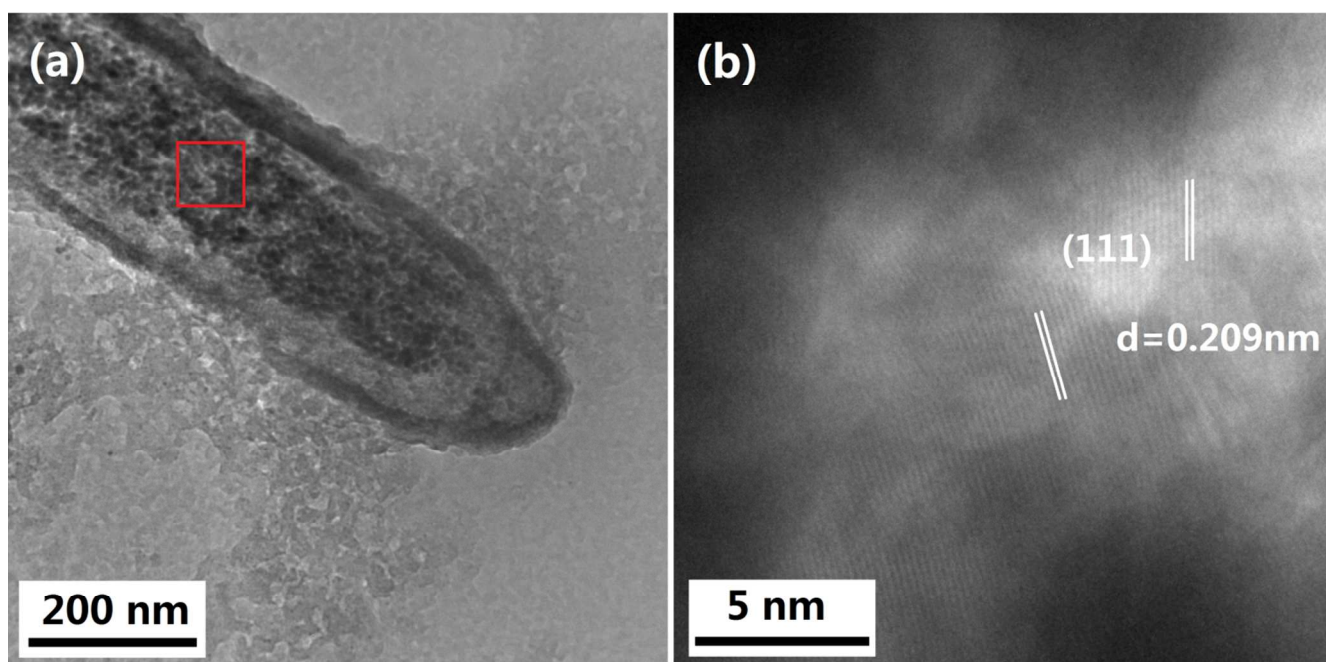


Fig.S5 HRTEM images of the CuO core in fully lithium insertion state: (a) a view of CuO@TiO₂-nanocable and its (b) details of the core.

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