

Supporting Information for

MXene-Derived Defect-Rich TiO₂@rGO as High-Rate Anodes for Full Na-Ion Batteries and Capacitors

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Supplementary Table and Figures

Table S1 Size determination of the TiO₂ in M-TiO₂@rGO and M-TiO₂

Sample	Index	2θ (degree)	β (degree)	Length(nm)
M-TiO ₂	(101)	25.28	0.441	18.27
M-TiO ₂ @rGO	(101)	25.28	0.620	12.68

Calculation Method

Based on the XRD dates in Fig. 3a. Through the Scherrer equation:

$$\text{Diameter} = 0.89 * \lambda / (\beta * \cos\theta) \quad (1)$$

where λ is the wavelength of the X-ray (0.15418 nm) and β is the full width at half maximum of the diffraction peak (radian) [S1]. The average sizes were 12.68 nm and 18.27 nm for M-TiO₂@rGO and M-TiO₂, respectively

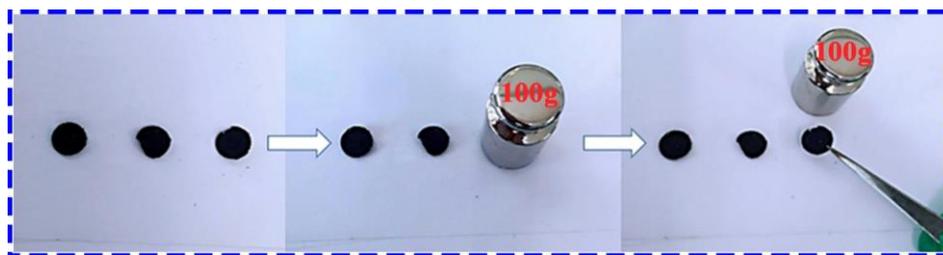


Fig. S1 Mechanical properties of the self-supporting M-TiO₂@rGO electrode sheets. After 100 g weight pressed, the electrode sheets were still intact

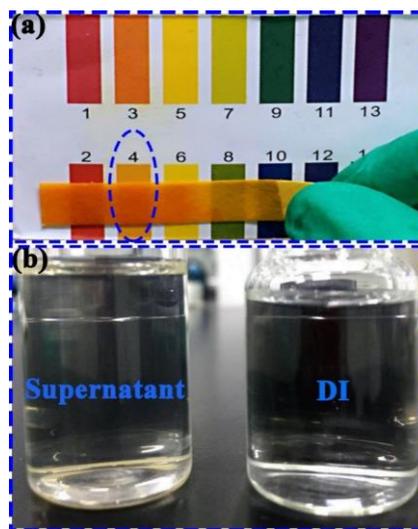


Fig. S2 Properties of the supernatant after M-TiO₂ formation

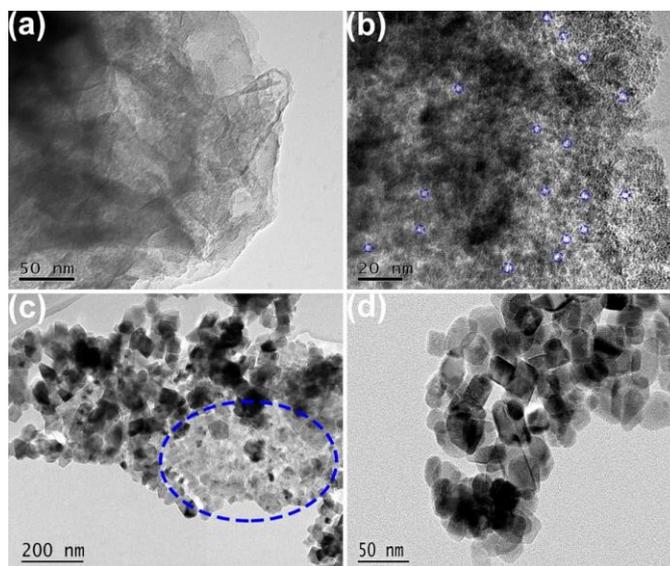


Fig. S3 TEM images of the change process from Ti₂CT_x to M-TiO₂. (a) The initial Ti₂CT_x image. (b) After sonication for 5 hours in distilled water, it could be seen that many nanopores on the Ti₂CT_x. (c) After sonication for 8 hours, most of the Ti₂CT_x nanosheet had converted into M-TiO₂ nanoparticles, but a small area remained lamellar. (d) After sonication for 10 h, M-TiO₂ nanoparticles formed completely

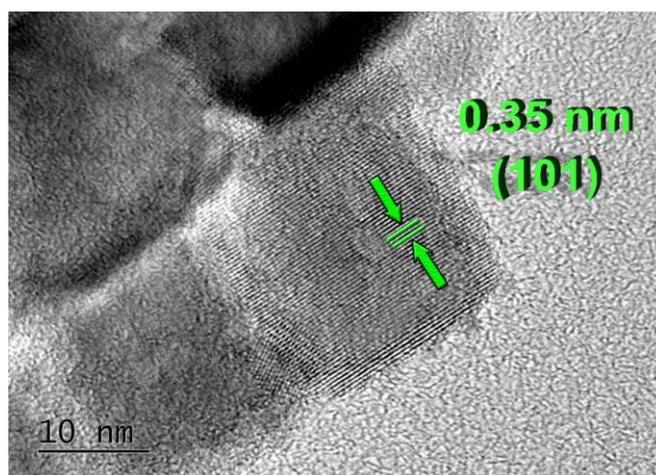


Fig. S4 HR-TEM image of the M-TiO₂

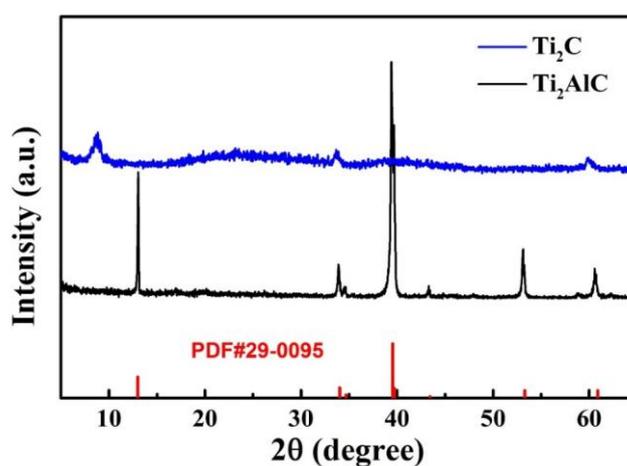


Fig. S5 XRD profiles of Ti₂AlC and Ti₂CT_x

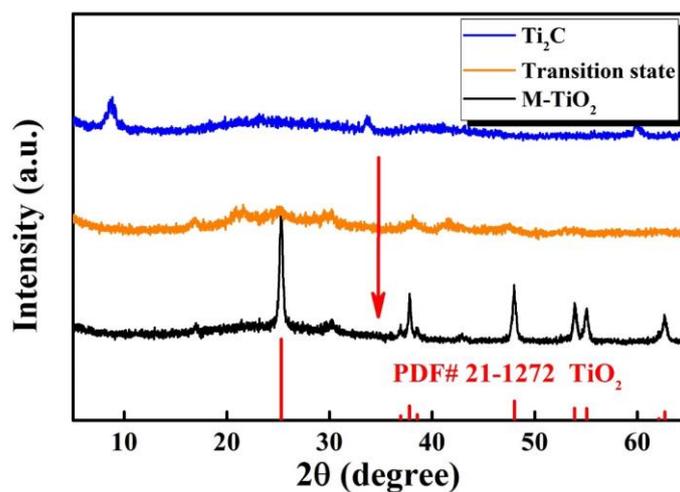


Fig. S6 XRD curves for the formation process of M-TiO₂. It shows the change processes from the Ti₂CT_x nanosheets (blue) to the amorphous phase (yellow) to the M-TiO₂ (black)

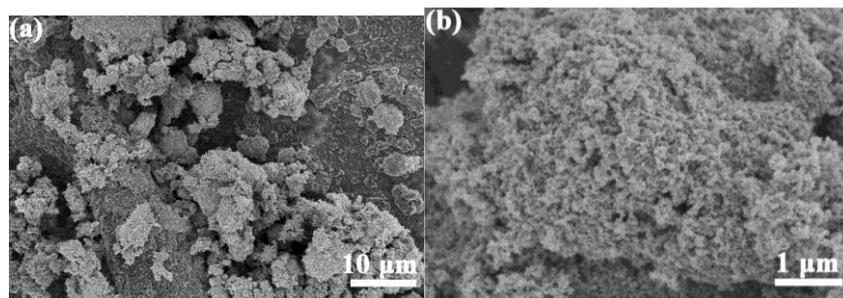


Fig. S7 SEM images of the M- TiO₂ with a serious agglomeration

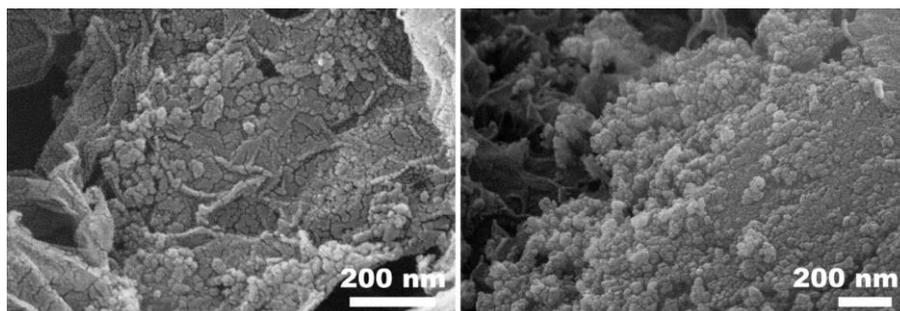


Fig. S8 Uniformly dispersed M-TiO₂ nanoparticles on rGO nanosheets

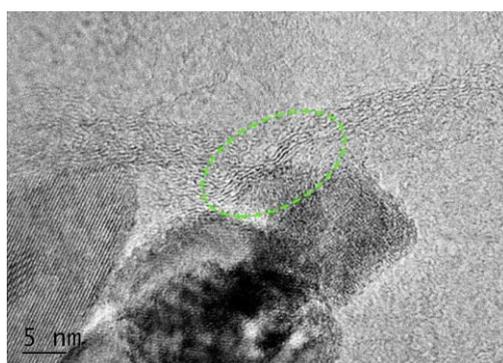


Fig. S9 HR-TEM image of lattice fringes of rGO in M-TiO₂@rGO

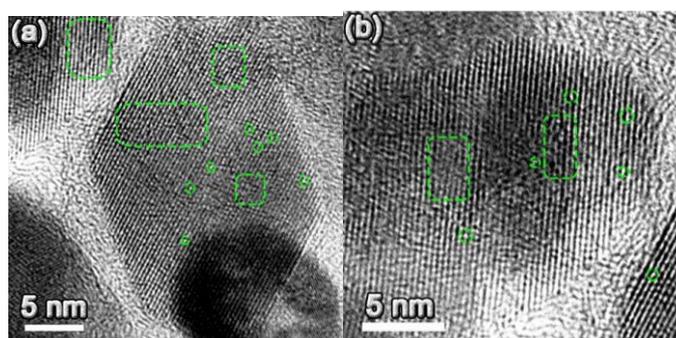


Fig. S10 HR-TEM images of lattice defects of TiO₂ in M-TiO₂@rGO. Lattice stripes exhibit a lot of distortion, blur, and breakage.

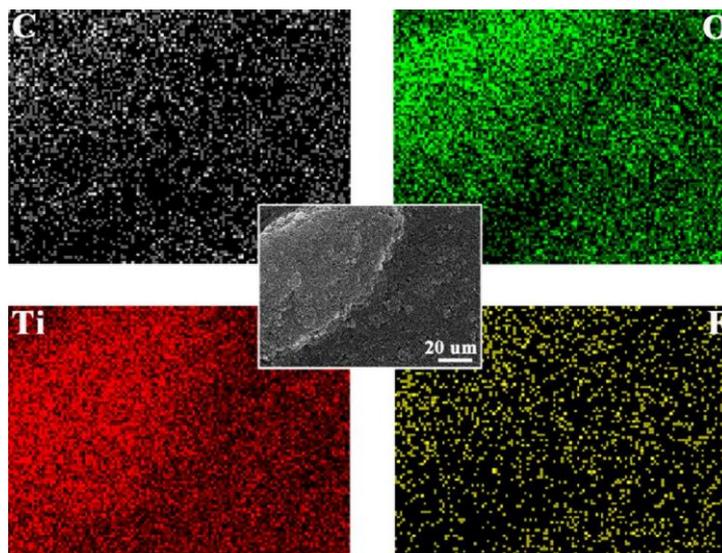


Fig. S11 EDS mapping images of SEM of pure M-TiO₂



Fig. S12 The difference between commercial TiO₂ and M-TiO₂ in color

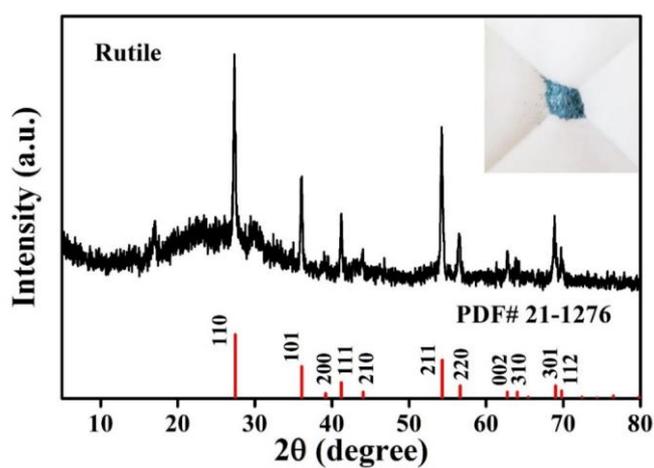


Fig. S13 XRD of the blue rutile-M-TiO₂ [S2] prepared by controlling the reaction conditions

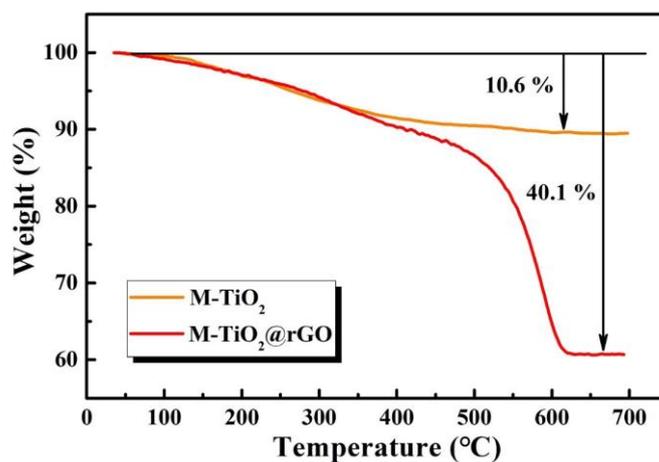


Fig. S14 TG curves of the M-TiO₂ and M-TiO₂@rGO

$$\text{TiO}_2 \text{ wt}\% = \frac{1-40.1\%}{1-10.6\%} = 67\%$$

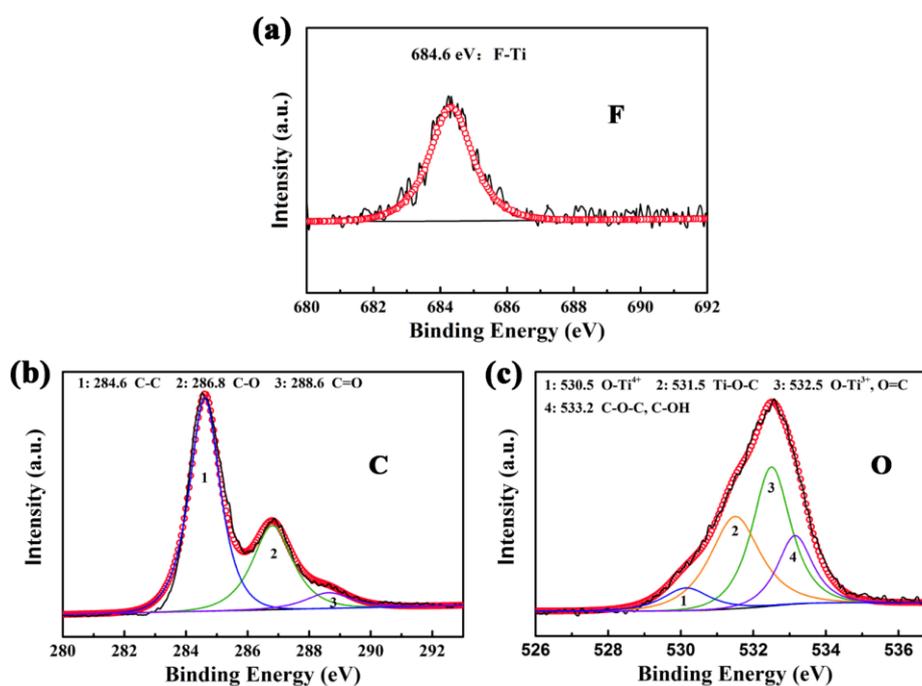


Fig. S15 XPS of M-TiO₂@rGO [S3-5]. (a) F 1s. (b) C 1s. (c) O 1s. From the b and c images, the M-TiO₂ links with rGO by Ti-O-C bond

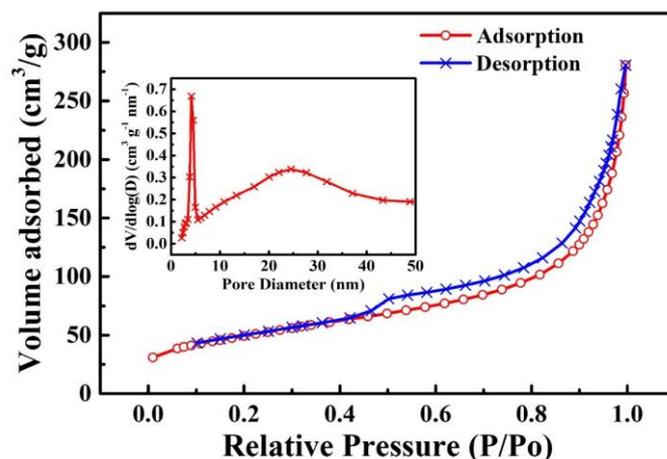


Fig. S16 BET curves of M-TiO₂@rGO. In inset: the pore size distribution

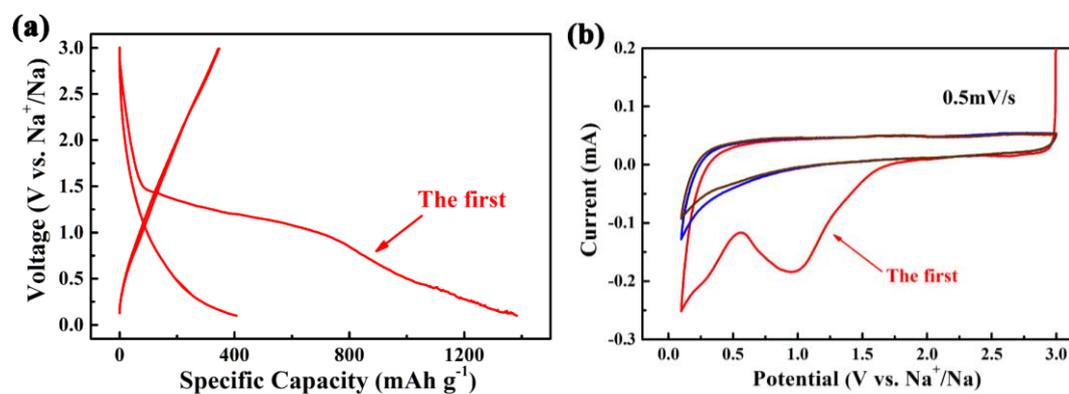


Fig. S17 Initial electrochemical performance of the M-TiO₂@rGO. (a) Charge-discharge curves at 50 mA g⁻¹. (b) CV curves at 0.5 mV s⁻¹. A large irreversible capacity was obtained below 1.0 V

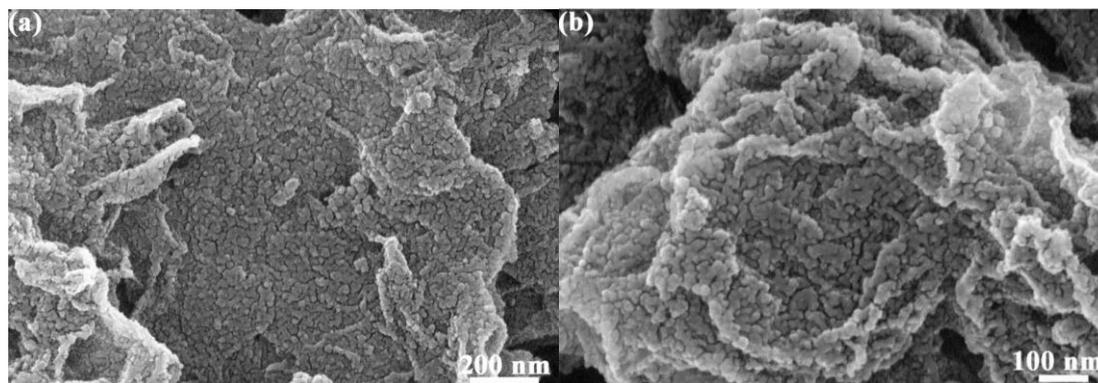


Fig. S18 SEM of the M-TiO₂@rGO electrodes after 1000 cycles at 1.0 A g⁻¹. (a) At low magnification. (b) At high magnification. The smooth edge of M-TiO₂ was attributed to repeated insertion and extraction of Na-ions

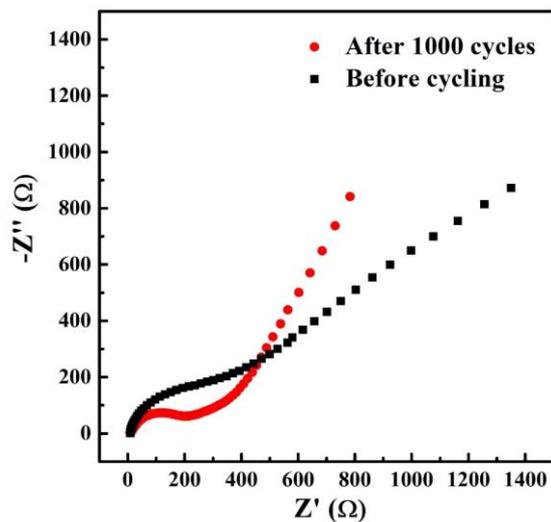


Fig. S19 EIS of the self-supporting M-TiO₂@rGO electrode before and after 1000 cycles at 1.0 A g⁻¹

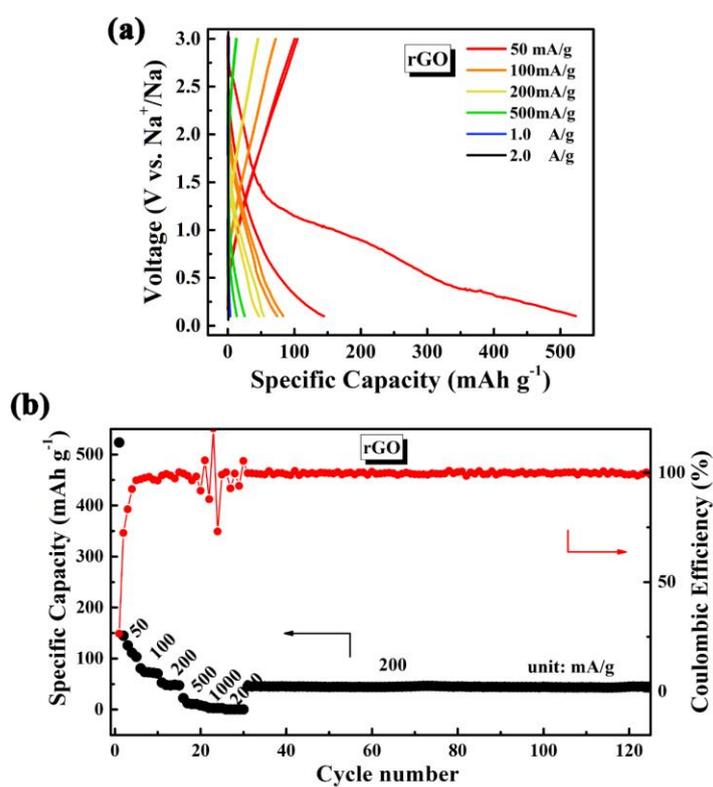


Fig. S20 Electrochemical performance of the rGO. (a) Charge-discharge curves at different current densities. A large irreversible capacity was observed at the first discharge. (b) Rate performance at different current densities and cycling performance at 200 mA g⁻¹

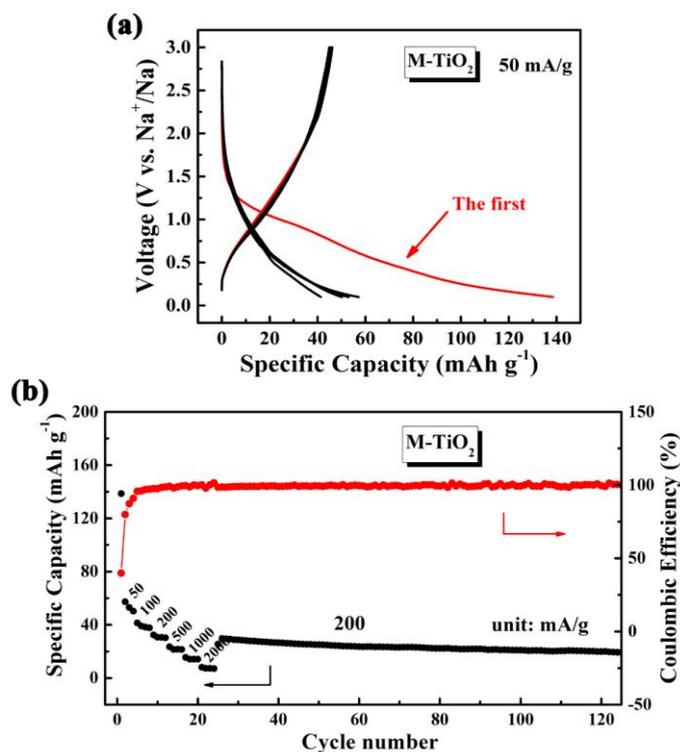


Fig. S21 Electrochemical performance of the M-TiO₂. (a) Charge-discharge curves at 50 mA g⁻¹. A large irreversible capacity was observed at the first discharge. (b) The rate performance with low capacity was obtained at different current densities and a cycling performance at 200 mA g⁻¹

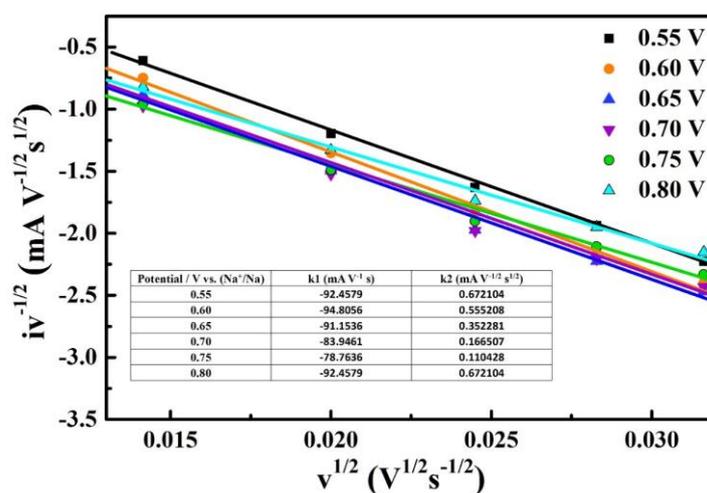


Fig. S22 K values around the cathode peaks based on Fig. 5a

Calculation Method

$$I(V) = k_1 v + k_2 v^{1/2} \quad (2)$$

In Eq. (2), I -values are the current at a particular voltage and different scan rates, v is the scan rate, $k_1 v$ and $k_2 v^{1/2}$ represent surface and diffusion control, respectively [S1,

S6].

Converting the formula (2) to equation (3)

$$I(V)/v^{1/2}=k_1v^{1/2}+k_2 \quad (3)$$

k_1 and k_2 can be obtained by finding the slope and intercept of $k_1v^{1/2}$ versus $I(V)/v^{1/2}$ at a specific potential and different sweep speeds as shown in Fig. S22. If the k_1 value at all potentials (or selection point) is found, the current value contributed by the capacitance can be obtained.

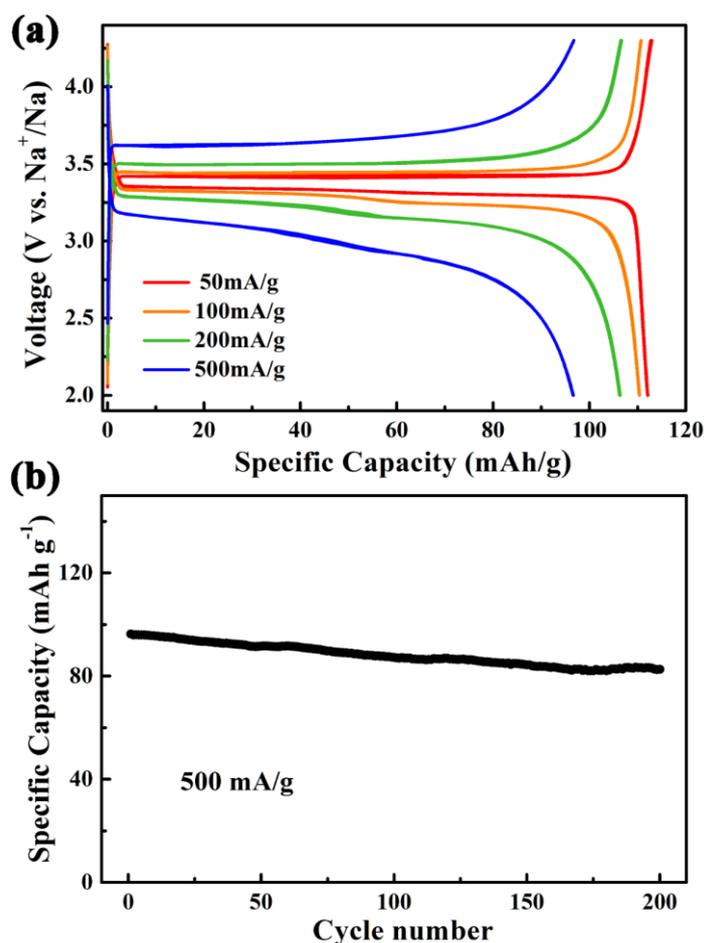


Fig. S23 Electrochemical performance of the NVP cathode in half-cells. (a) Charge-discharge curves. The specific capacities were 112.0, 110.4, 106.3, and 96.6 mAh g⁻¹ at 50, 100, 200, and 500 mA g⁻¹. (b) Cycling performance at 500 mA g⁻¹. Capacity retention of 85% was obtained after 200 cycles

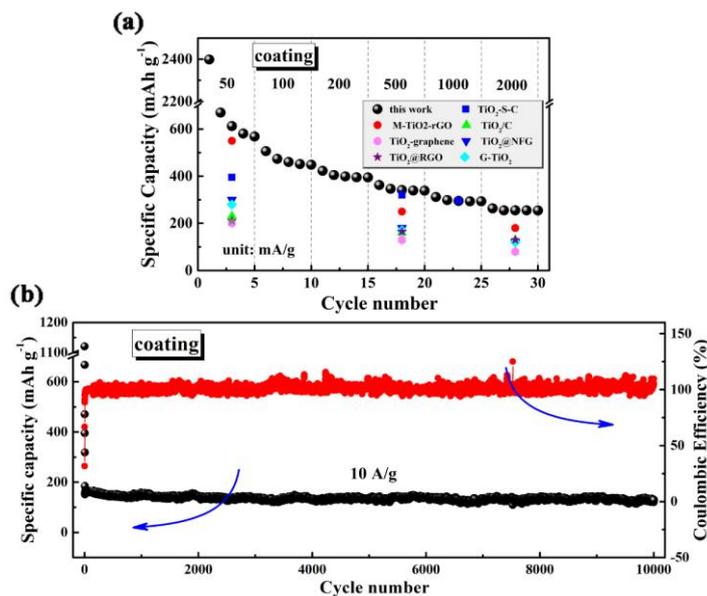


Fig. S24 Half-cells performance of the M-TiO₂@rGO electrodes coated on copper foil. (a) Rate performance at different current densities contrasted with other works, such as TiO₂-S-C [S7], M-TiO₂-rGO [S8], TiO₂/C [S9], TiO₂-graphene [S10], TiO₂@NFG [S11], TiO₂@RGO [S12], and G-TiO₂ [S6]. The coating-M-TiO₂@rGO electrodes exhibited average capacities of 610, 460, 400, 341, 295, and 255 mAh/g at 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, and 2000, respectively. (b) Cycling performance at 10 A/g. An active process of 5 cycles was performed at 50 mA/g. After that, a capacity of 127.2 mAh/g and capacity retention of 84.6 % were obtained after 10,000 cycles

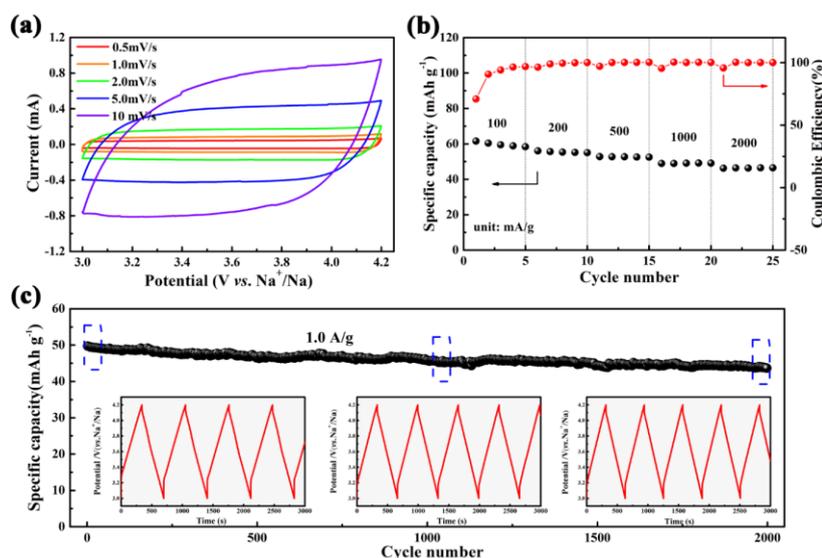


Fig. S25 Electrochemical performance of the HPAC in half-cells. (a) CV curves at different scan rates with little polarization phenomenon. (b) Rate performance at different current densities. The average specific capacities were 61.5, 55.2, 53.1, 49.6, and 46.4 mAh/g at 100, 200, 500, 1000, and 2000 mA/g, respectively. (c) A capacity retention of 89.3 % could be achieved after 2000 cycles at 1.0 A/g. The insets are the CP curves at different stages of cycling

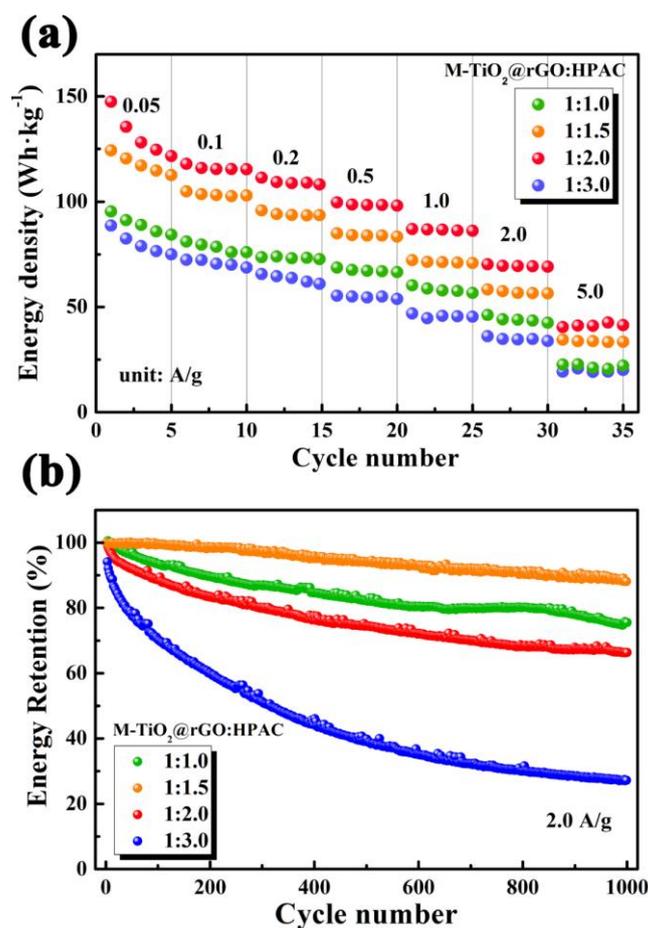


Fig. S26 Electrochemical performance of the SICs at different mass ratios. (a) Rate performance at different current densities. When the mass ratio was 1:2, the energy density was up to 147.3 Wh/kg (0.05 A/g), and after stabilization, it was 115.5 Wh/kg (0.1 A/g). When the mass ratio was 1:1.5, the energy density was up to 124.3 Wh/kg (0.05 A/g), and after stabilization, it was 101.2 Wh/kg (0.1 A/g). The energy densities were lower at 1:1 and 1:3. (b) Cycling performance at 2.0 A/g. The energy retention ratios were 88.6, 75.5, 66.3, and 27.0 % at the mass ratio of 1:1.5, 1:1, 1:2, and 1:3

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