

**Supplementary Information** 

## Synthesis of micro-assembled Si/titanium silicide nanotube anodes for high-performance lithium-ion batteries

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**Figure S1**. Control of SiO<sub>2</sub> layer thickness by volumetric ratio of NH<sub>4</sub>OH and TEOS. (a) NH<sub>4</sub>OH /TEOS = 16 mL/9 mL, (b) NH<sub>4</sub>OH /TEOS = 8 mL/9 mL, (c) NH<sub>4</sub>OH /TEOS = 12 mL/12 mL, and (d) NH<sub>4</sub>OH /TEOS = 12 mL/9 mL.



**Figure S2.** XRD patterns of as-synthesized CNT@SiC@Si prepared by a magnesiothermic reduction of SiO<sub>2</sub>-coated CNTs. During the magnesiothermic reaction, SiC was formed at the interface between CNT and Si due to additional reaction of carbon source, CNT, and Si. Solid circle and triangle represent crystalline Si and SiC, respectively. Small peaks represent Mg<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> by-products.



Figure S3. (a) SEM images and (b) EDAX profile of carbon-coated Si nanotubes.



**Figure S4.** SEM images of (a)  $TiO_2$ -coated CNT and (c) micro-assembled CNT@TiO\_2@SiO\_2 particles. EDAX profiles and elemental contents of (b)  $TiO_2$ -coated CNT and (d) micro-assembled CNT@TiO\_2@SiO\_2 particles.



**Figure S5.** XRD patterns of as-synthesized  $CNT@TiC/Ti_xSi_y@Si$  prepared by magnesiothermic reduction of  $TiO_2/SiO_2$  double layer coated CNTs. During magnesiothermic reaction, TiC was formed at the interface between CNT and  $TiO_2$  due to additional reaction of carbon source, CNT, and  $TiO_2$  in addition  $Ti_xSi_y$  was formed at the interface between  $SiO_2$  and  $TiO_2$ .



**Figure S6.** Electrochemical properties of carbon-coated  $CNT@TiC/Ti_xSi_y@Si$  electrodes. (a) The first cycle voltage profile and (b) cycling performance of the carbon-coated  $CNT@TiC/Ti_xSi_y@Si$  electrodes was obtained in the range of 0.01-1.2 V.



Figure S7. (a) SEM image and (b) EDAX profile of carbon-coated  $Ti_xSi_y@Si$  nanotubes.