- Supplementary Information -1 of a Novel Tin Gas **Diffusion Electrode** 2 Fabrication for 3 Electrochemical Reduction of Carbon Dioxide to Formic Acid Qinian Wang, Heng Dong\*, Hongbing Yu\* 5 College of Environmental Science and Engineering, Nankai University, No. 94 Weijin 6 Road, Nankai District, Tianjin 300071, China \*Corresponding Authors; Phone: (86)22-23502756; Fax: (86)22-23502756; E-mail: 8 dongheng@nankai.edu.cn; hongbingyu1130@sina.com. 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

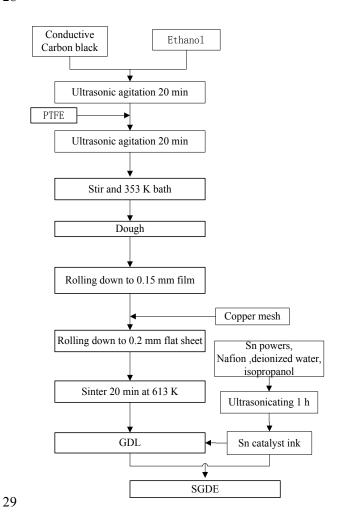
- 24 Table S1 Simulated data of equivalent circuits for the Nyquist plots of the SGDEs
- 25 with different Sn loadings.

Element	3 mg cm <sup>-2</sup>	5 mg cm <sup>-2</sup>	7 mg cm <sup>-2</sup>	9 mg cm <sup>-2</sup>
$R_{\rm s}(\Omega)$	1.459	1.392	1.290	1.440
$R_1(\Omega)$	1.241	1.255	1.222	1.246
$R_2(\Omega)$	7.588	7.078	6.453	6.724

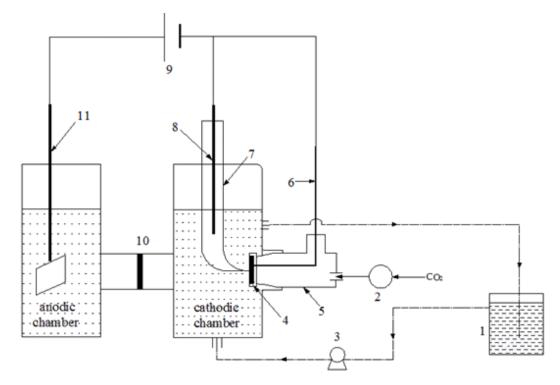
- 26 **Table S2**Simulated data of equivalent circuits for the Nyquist plots of the SGDEs
- 27 with different Nafion fractions.

Element	20 wt%	33 wt%	50 wt%	60wt%
$R_{ m s}(\Omega)$	1.438	1.278	1.392	1.262
$R_1(\Omega)$	1.381	0.990	1.255	1.052
$R_2(\Omega)$	8.522	7.654	7.078	4.649

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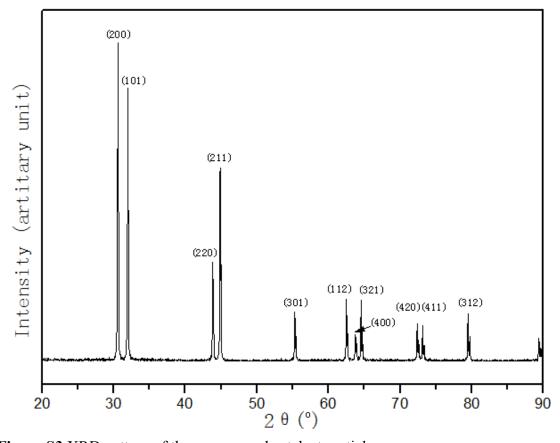
30 Figure S1 Fabrication procedure of the SGDE.



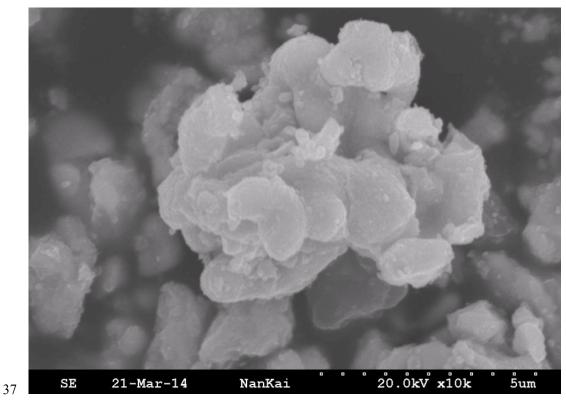
- 32 1 Electrolyte, 2 Flowmeter, 3 Pump, 4 Working electrode (SGDE), 5 Gas chamber, 6 Titanium wire, 7
- 33 Luggin capillary, 8 Ag/AgCl electrode, 9 Electrochemical workstation, 10 PEM, 11 Counter electrode.
- Figure S2 Schematic overview of the three-compartment electrochemical cell.

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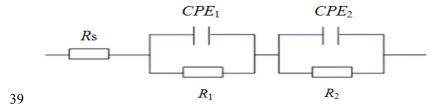
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36 **Figure S3** XRD pattern of the as-prepared catalyst particles.



38 **Figure S4** SEM image of the as-prepared catalyst particles.

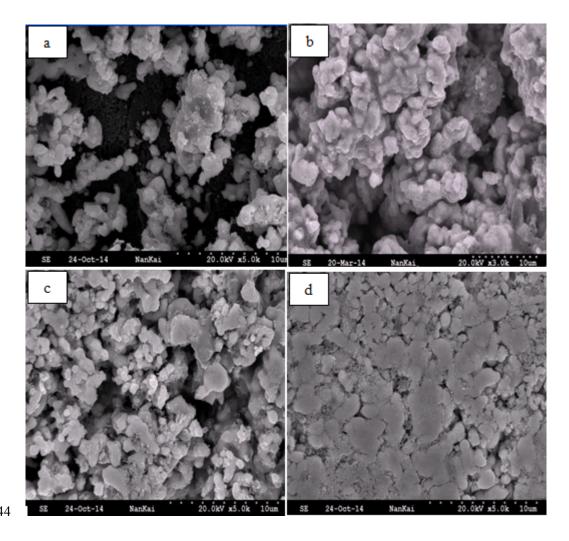


40 **Figure S5** Equivalent circuit used for fitting of the impedance.  $R_s$ : solution

resistance,  $R_1$ : ohm resistance,  $R_2$ : charge transfer resistance,  $CPE_1$  and  $CPE_2$ : constant

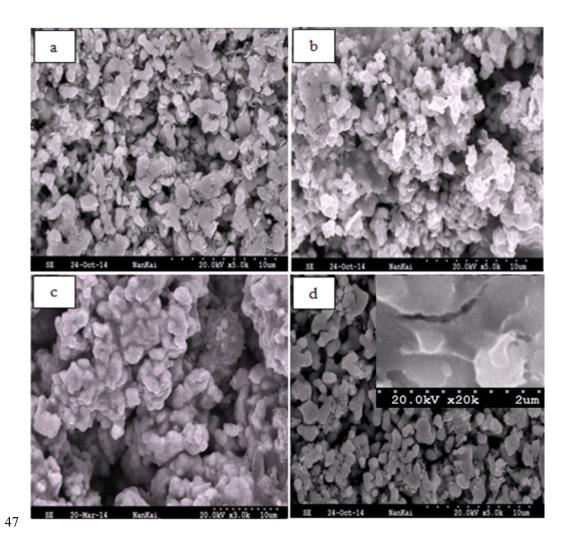
42 phase element.

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45 **Figure S6** SEM image of the SGDEs with different Sn loadings. (a) 3 mg cm<sup>-2</sup>, (b) 5

46 mg cm $^{-2}$ , (c) 7 mg cm $^{-2}$  and (d) 9 mg cm $^{-2}$ .



48 **Figure S7** SEM image of the SGDEs with different Nafion fractions. (a) 20 wt%, (b) 49 33 wt%, (c) 50 wt% and (d) 60 wt%, the insert plot shows high-resolution SEM image

of the SGDE with Nafion fraction of 60 wt%.

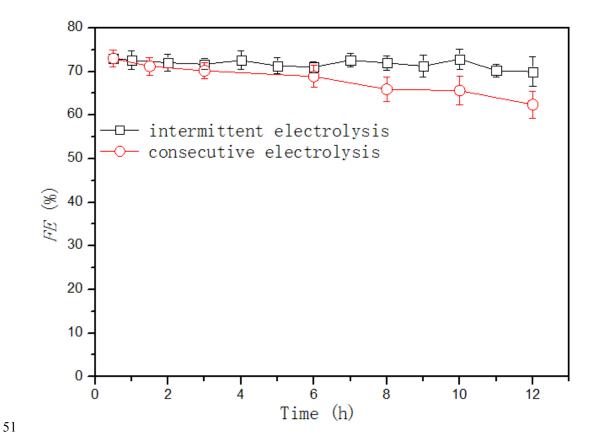


Figure S8 The long term performance of ERCF with the optimal SGDE using two electrolysis models: consecutive electrolysis and intermittent electrolysis with 3 h in each run.