Supporting Information for

# **Enhanced Reversible Zinc Ion Intercalation in Deficient Ammonium**

# Vanadate for High-Performance Aqueous Zinc-Ion Battery

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# **Supplementary Tables and Figures**



Fig. S1 XRD patterns of NVO,  $NH_4V_4O_{10}$  and  $V_2O_5$  and the enlarged area ( $12^{\circ} \sim 24^{\circ}$ ). The  $V_2O_5$  sample is obtained via heat treatment at 400 °C. Some new weak peaks assigned to  $V_2O_5$  can be observed in NVO as shown in the enlarged patterns, which can be attributed to uneven heat transfer.



**Fig. S2** Contact angle of carbon cloth after treatment. The hydrophilic surface of activated carbon cloth is suitable for the uniform growth of nanosheets



Fig. S3 SEM images of NH<sub>4</sub>V<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub> nanosheets



Fig. S4 XPS spectrum of V  $2p_{3/2}$  of NH<sub>4</sub>V<sub>4</sub>O<sub>10</sub>



Fig. S5 CV curves of  $NH_4V_4O_{10}$  nanosheets in the first three cycles. There is an irreversible reaction process in the first two cycles



Fig. S6 (a) CV curves of  $NH_4V_4O_{10}$  at different scan rates. (b) The relationship between peak currents and scan rates



Fig. S7 (a) CV curves of  $V_2O_5$  at different scan rates. (b) GCD curves of NVO in first three cycles. (c) Rate performance. (d) Cycling performance



**Fig. S8** GCD curves of  $NH_4V_4O_{10}$  nanosheets in first three cycles at 100 mA g<sup>-1</sup>. The  $NH_4V_4O_{10}$  nanosheets exhibit an irreversible reaction



Fig. S9 GCD curves of NVO at different current densities



Fig. S10 SEM image of NVO electrode after 1000 cycles



Fig. S11 XRD pattern of NVO after 1000 cycles

 Table S1 Comparison of electrochemical properties of previous reported ammonium vanadates and our work

Electrode	Specific capacity	Rate performance	Cycling	Refs.
			performance	
NVO	457 mAh $g^{-1}$ at 0.1 A $g^{-1}$	170 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 5 A g <sup>-1</sup>	81% (1000)	This work
(NH4) <sub>2</sub> V <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> /C	356 mAh $g^{-1}$ at 0.1 A $g^{-1}$	232 mAh $g^{-1}$ at 0.5 A $g^{-1}$	50% (2000)	[S1]
$(NH_4)_2V_4O_9$	376 mAh $g^{-1}$ at 0.1 A $g^{-1}$	259 mAh $g^{-1}$ at 1 A $g^{-1}$	86.7% (100)	[S2]
$(NH_4)_xV_2O_5 \cdot nH_2O$	351 mAh $g^{-1}$ at 0.2 A $g^{-1}$	204 mAh $g^{-1}$ at 4 A $g^{-1}$	80% (2000)	[S3]
$NH_4V_4O_{10}$	147 mAh $g^{-1}$ at 0.2 A $g^{-1}$	72 mAh g <sup>-1</sup> at 2 A g <sup>-1</sup>	70.3% (5000)	[S4]
$NH_4V_3O_8{\cdot}0.5H_2O$	423 mAh $g^{-1}$ at 0.1 A $g^{-1}$	266 mAh $g^{-1}$ at 1 A $g^{-1}$	50.1% (1000)	[S5]



**Fig. S12** HRTEM images of the electrode (**a**) discharged to 1.2V and (**b**) charged to 1.6V. EDS mapping in (**c**) the fully discharged state and (**d**) the fully charged state

The Zn-ion diffusion coefficient can be calculated by using the following equation [S6]:

$$D_{Zn^{2+}} = \frac{R^2 T^2}{2A^2 n^4 F^4 C^2 \sigma_{\omega}^2}$$

where R is the gas constant (8.314 J mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>), T is the absolute temperature (298 K), A is the surface area of the electrode (1 cm<sup>2</sup>), n is number of electrons transferred per molecule (4), F is the Faraday constant (96500 C mol<sup>-1</sup>), C is concentration of ion  $(3x10^{-3} \text{ mol cm}^{-3})$  in the electrolyte, D is the diffusion coefficient (cm<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>), and  $\sigma_{\omega}$  is the Warburg coefficient, which is the slope of the fit line for Z' and angular frequency  $\omega^{-1/2}$  (equation).

$$Z' = R_D + R_L + \sigma_\omega \omega^{-1/2}$$

The GITT was employed to calculate the ion diffusion coefficient of  $Zn^{2+}$  based the following equation [S7, S8]:

$$D_{Zn} = \frac{4}{\pi\tau} \left(\frac{m_B V_M}{M_B A}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\Delta E_s}{\Delta E_\tau}\right)^2$$

where  $\tau$  is the duration time of the current pulse (600s),  $m_B$  is the mass of the active materials,  $V_M$  is the molar volume (cm<sup>3</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>),  $M_B$  is the molecular weight (g mol<sup>-1</sup>), A is the total contacting area of electrode with electrolyte, and  $\Delta E_s$  and  $\Delta E_{\tau}$  are related to the change of steady-state voltage and overall cell voltage for the corresponding step.



**Fig. S13** Definition of  $\Delta E \tau$ ,  $\Delta Es$  and  $\tau$ 

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