

Fig. S1. SEM image of (a) S/VCM, EDX mappings of S/VCM: (b) C, (c) S, (d) V and (e) O.



Fig. S2. (a) TG curves for the S/CM and S/VCM composites under Ar atmosphere; (b)theenlargedimageof(a).



Fig. S3. The initial second discharge/charge curves of the S/CM and S/VCM composite cathodes at 0.2 C.

 Table S1. Pore structure parameters of CM and VCM.

| sample | $S_{BET}(m^2g^{-1})$ | V (cm ³ g ⁻¹) |
|--------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| СМ | 713.4 | 0.816 |
| VCM | 698.2 | 0.768 |