## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

## Unraveling the Role of Structural Water in Bilayer V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> during Zn<sup>2+</sup>-Intercalation: Insights from DFT Calculations

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Fig. S1 The optimized different configurations for bilayer  $V_2O_5$  with different numbers of Zn-ion intercalation.



Fig. S2 The optimized different configurations for  $V_2O_5 \cdot H_2O$  with different numbers of Zn-ion intercalation.



Fig. S3 The optimized different configurations for  $V_2O_5 \cdot 1.75H_2O$  with different numbers of Zn-ion intercalation.



Fig. S4 The formation energies of Zn for V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O and V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>·1.75 H<sub>2</sub>O with different numbers of Zn intercalation. The formation energies of Zn can be calculated using equation  $\Delta E_f(Zn) = E(Zn_yV_{16}O_{40} \cdot xH_2O) - E(V_{16}O_{40} \cdot xH_2O) - yE(Zn).$ 



Fig. S5 The calculated OCV by different functional for  $V_2O_5$ ,  $V_2O_5$ ·H<sub>2</sub>O and  $V_2O_5$ ·1.75 H<sub>2</sub>O.

Method	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)
PBE	11.82	3.66	11.84
optB88-vdW	11.68	3.64	11.13
optPBE-vdW	11.62	3.63	11.26
DFT-D2	11.63	3.61	11.35
$V_2O_5 \cdot nH_2O$ (exp.)	11.72	3.57	11.52

Table S1 Comparison of calculated lattice parameters of V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>·1.75H<sub>2</sub>O by different functionals.