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 $NH_4V_3O_8\cdot 0.5H_2O$ Nanobelts with Intercalated Water Molecules as High Performance Zinc Ion Battery Cathode

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Experimental section

Synthesis of NH₄V₃O₈·0.5H₂O nanowires

All chemicals purchased from Sinopharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd were with analytical grade and used without any further purification. In a typical procedure, 0.585 g of NH_4VO_3 , 0.63 g of $H_2C_2O_4 \cdot 2H_2O$ and 35 mL distilled water were mixed and magnetic stirred for 30 min at the room temperature. The above solution was transferred into a 50 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel autoclave and kept at 110 °C for 8 h. After the reaction, the products were filtered off, washed with distilled H_2O and absolute ethanol several times to remove any possible residues, and dried in vacuum at 75 °C over night to obtain $NH_4V_3O_8 \cdot 0.5H_2O$ nanowires.

Materials characterization

The phase and composition of the products were identified by X-ray powder diffraction (XRD, Panalytical X'Pert powder diffractometer at 40 kV and 40 mA with Ni-filtered Cu Kα radiation). The chemical composition of as-obtained samples was revealed by use of an energy-dispersive X-ray spectrometer (EDS) and EDS mapping attached to a scanning electron microscope (SEM, QUANTA450). X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) was used to investigate the composition of the products and confirm the oxidation state of vanadium performed on ESCALAB250Xi, Thermo Fisher Scientific. The Raman spectra were obtained using a Thermo Scientific spectrometer, with a 532 nm excitation line. Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) pattern of the solid samples was measured using KBr pellet technique (About 1 wt. % of the samples and 99 wt. % of KBr were mixed homogeneously, and then the mixture was pressed to a pellet) and recorded on a Nicolet 6700 spectrometer from 4000 to 400 cm⁻¹ with a resolution of 4 cm⁻¹. The morphology and dimensions of the products were observed by field emission scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM, NOVA NanoSEM 450, FEI) and transmission electron microscopy (TEM, FEITecnai F30, FEI). The high-resolution transmission electron microscopy (HRTEM) and selected area electron diffraction (SAED) were also carried out on FEITecnai F30. The samples were dispersed in absolute ethanol with ultrasonication before TEM characterization.

For the ex situ XRD, Raman and XPS characterizations, the cycled electrodes were washed with deionized water and dried naturally in air. But as for the ex situ TEM investigations, the cycled electrodes could easily peel off from the titanium foil and then ultrasound with alcohol.

Electrochemical characterization

Electrochemical tests of the NH₄V₃O₈·0.5H₂O nanowires were performed with CR2032 coin-type cells. The working electrode was fabricated by mixing the active material, a conductive agent (Super-P, Sigma-Aldrich), and PVDF (Sigma-Aldrich), in a weight ratio of 7 : 2 : 1. Next, the mixture was coated on Ti sheet. The total mass of the electrode materials was around 2 mg, measured by an ultramicro analytical balance (Mettler Toledo XP2U, 0.1 mg resolution). After drying in air at 90 °C for 12 h, the electrodes were assembled in coin type cells (CR2032) and zinc foil and glass fiber (Whatman GF/A) were employed as the anode and separator, respectively. A 3 M Zn(CF₃SO₃)₂ aqueous solution was used as the electrolyte. Cyclic voltammetry (0.3–1.3 V) and electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) were performed on a CHI 660D electrochemical workstation. The charge/discharge tests were performed using a Wuhan LAND battery tester at different current rates.

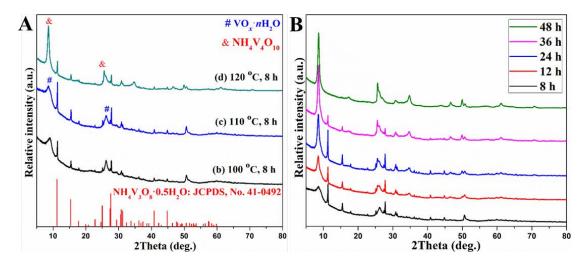


Figure S1. XRD patterns of the samples synthesized with different conditions: (A) at various reaction temperatures for 8 h; (B) at 110 °C for various reaction times.

NH₄V₃O₈·0.5H₂O nanowires were synthesized using NH₄VO₃ and H₂C₂O₄·2H₂O as the starting materials by a facile hydrothermal method and this route is convenience and large-scale. Figure S1A shows the XRD patterns of the samples obtained at different reaction temperatures for 8 h. When the reaction temperature is at 100 °C, the mixture of NH₄V₃O₈·0.5H₂O and VO_x·nH₂O are obtained. With the reaction temperature increasing, the phase of VO_x·nH₂O decreases and it converts to NH₄V₄O₁₀. At 110 °C, the dominated phase is NH₄V₃O₈·0.5H₂O with minor VO_x·nH₂O. However, the phase is major NH₄V₄O₁₀ with minor NH₄V₃O₈·0.5H₂O. Figure S1B shows the XRD patterns of the samples obtained at 110 °C for different reaction times. With the reaction time increasing, the phase gradually changes to NH₄V₄O₁₀, and the phase is complete NH₄V₄O₁₀ at 110 °C for 48 h. Figures S2 show the FE-SEM images of the samples obtained at various reaction conditions. The wire-like morphology is obtained at 100 °C for 8 h (Figure S2a), however the shape changes to sheet-like morphology changes to sheet-like morphology (Figures 1c and S2c-d). Thus, the optimized parameter of the preparation of NH₄V₃O₈·0.5H₂O is at 110 °C for 8 h, although it contains minor VO_x·nH₂O.

Figure S2

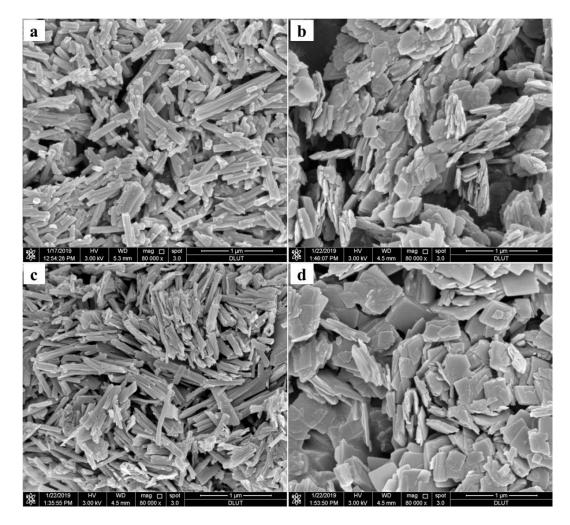


Figure S2. FE-SEM images of the samples synthesized with different conditions: (a) at $100\,^{\circ}$ C for $8\,h$; (b) at $120\,^{\circ}$ C for $8\,h$; (c) at $110\,^{\circ}$ C for $12\,h$; (c) at $110\,^{\circ}$ C for $36\,h$.

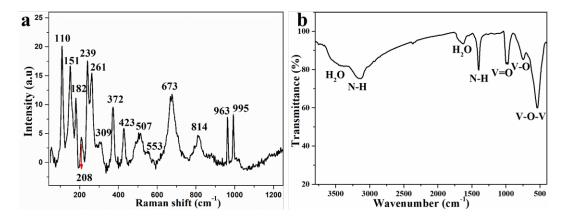


Figure S3. Raman (a) and FTIR (b) spectra of $NH_4V_3O_8\cdot 0.5H_2O$ nanowires.

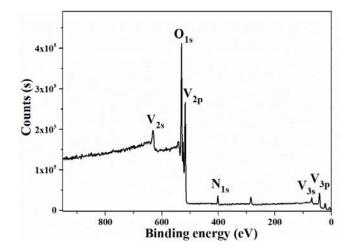


Figure S4. XPS full spectrum of $NH_4V_3O_8\cdotp 0.5H_2O$ nanowires.

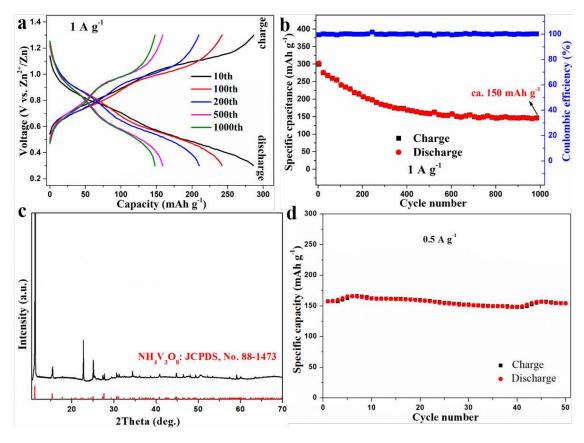


Figure S5. (a-b) Cycling performance at 1 $A \cdot g^{-1}$ of $Zn//NH_4V_3O_8 \cdot 0.5H_2O$ battery; Characterizations of $NH_4V_3O_8$ (c) XRD patterns; (d) Cycling performance at 0.5 $A \cdot g^{-1}$ of $Zn//NH_4V_3O_8$ battery.

 $NH_4V_3O_8$ was prepared by modified reported method¹. 0.585 g $NH_4V_3O_8$ was dissolved in 80 mL deionized water to form a light-yellow solution at 80° C, then an appropriate amount of dilute hydrochloric acid (1 M) was added dropwise under continuous stirring to adjust the desired pH value of the solution to about 2.0. Then, the resulting solution was maintained at 90° C for 2.5h with water-bath and then allowed to cool down to room temperature naturally. The product was washed several times with deionized water, and then dried at 60° C in oven for 12h to obtain $NH_4V_3O_8$, as shown in Figure S5c.

Figure S6

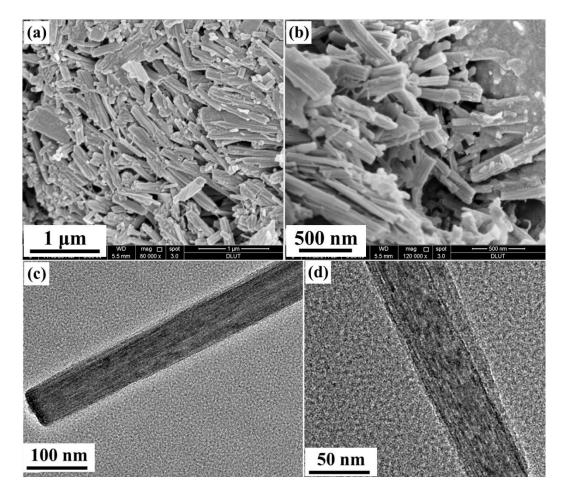


Figure S6. FE-SEM (a, b) and TEM (c, d) images of the cathode materials in $Zn//NH_4V_3O_8\cdot 0.5H_2O$ battery after cycles.

Figure S7

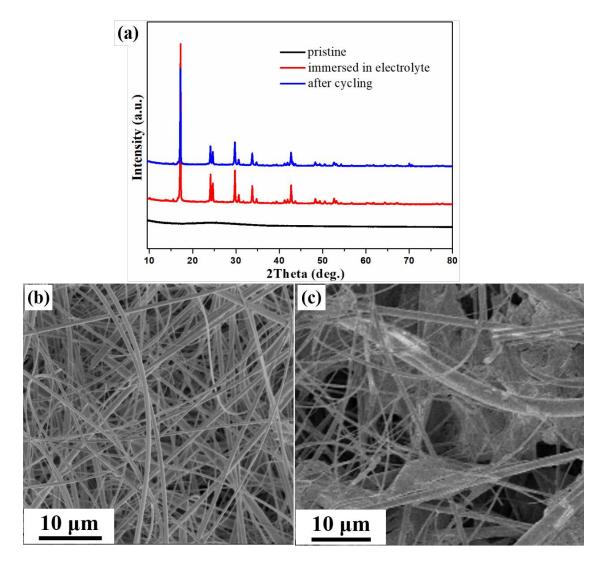


Figure S7. (a) XRD of glass fiber; (b) SEM of pristine glass fiber; (c) SEM of glass fiber after 1000 cycles at $1~\rm A\cdot g^{-1}$ in Zn//NH₄V₃O₈·0.5H₂O battery.

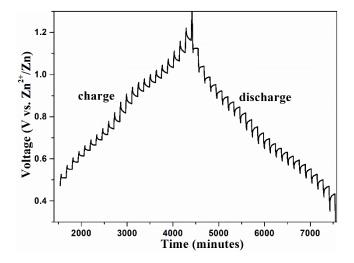


Figure S8. GITT curves: the voltage vs. the discharge/charge time.

Before the GITT measurement, the assembled cell was first discharged/charged at 100 mA g^{-1} for 6 cycles to obtain a stable state. Subsequently, the cell was discharged or charged at 100 mA g^{-1} for 20 min, and then relaxed for 120 min to make the voltage reach the equilibrium. The procedure was repeatedly applied to the cell during the entire charge/discharge process. The Zn^{2+} diffusion coefficient can be calculated based on the following equation 2,3 :

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

where τ is the duration time of the current pulse, m_B is the mass of the active material, M_B is the molecular weight (g/mol) and V_M is its molar volume (cm³/mol), S is the total contacting area of electrode with electrolyte, ΔE_S and ΔE_{τ} are the change in the steady state voltage and overall cell voltage after the application of a current pulse in a single step GITT experiment, respectively.

Zn²⁺ diffusion coefficient from EIS

The Zn^{2+} diffusion coefficients of $Zn/NH_4V_3O_8\cdot 0.5H_2O$ battery at various cycles are calculated using EIS by the following equation:

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

where R (8.314 J mol⁻¹ K⁻¹) is the gas constant, T (298 K) is the absolute temperature, F (96500 C mol⁻¹) is the Faraday constant, A (cm²), C (mol cm⁻³) and n are the surface area of the electrode, concentration of ion in the electrolyte and number of electrons transferred per molecule, respectively. Warburg coefficient (σ_w) is the slope of Z'- $\omega^{-1/2}$ at low frequency area, ω (Rad s⁻¹) is the angular frequency.

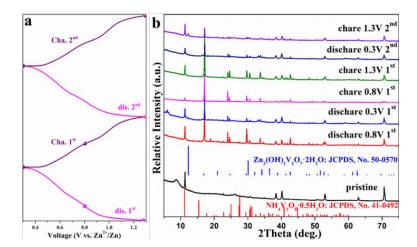


Figure S9. The discharge/charge states (a) and ex situ XRD patterns of the material at different discharge/charge states (b) in $Zn/NH_4V_3O_8\cdot 0.5H_2O$ battery.

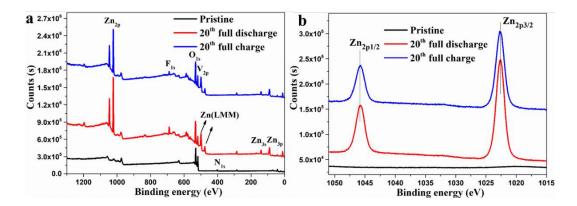


Figure S10. Ex situ full XPS spectra (a) and Zn_{2p} core-level XPS spectra (b) of the cathode materials at different discharge/charge states in $Zn/NH_4V_3O_8\cdot 0.5H_2O$ battery.

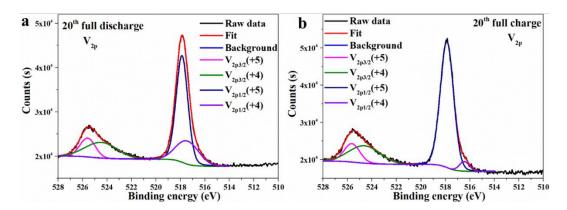


Figure S11. Ex situ V_{2p} core-level XPS spectra of the cathode materials at different discharge/charge states in $Zn/NH_4V_3O_8\cdot 0.5H_2O$ battery: (a) full discharge; (b) full charge.

Table S1. Comparison of the electrochemical performance of $NH_4V_3O_8 \cdot 0.5H_2O$ with the state-of-the-art reported ammonium vanadates cathode materials.

Cathode Materials	Capacity	Cycle performance	Ref.
NH ₄ V ₃ O ₈ ·0.5H ₂ O	423, 399, 380, 364, 344, 306 and 266 mA h g ⁻¹ at 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8 and 1.0 A g ⁻¹	400 mA h g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A·g ⁻¹ after 70 cycles 330 mA h g ⁻¹ at 0.2 A·g ⁻¹ after 120 cycles 148 mA h g ⁻¹ at 1 A g ⁻¹ after 1000 cycles	This work
$NH_4V_3O_8$	~55 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.5 A g ⁻¹	~60 mA h g $^{-1}$ at 0.1 A·g $^{-1}$ after 100 cycles	4
(NH ₄) ₂ V ₃ O ₈	~160 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	~75 mA h g $^{-1}$ at 0.1 A·g $^{-1}$ after 100 cycles	4
NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀	380.3 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹ 361.6 mAh g ⁻¹ at 1 A g ⁻¹	125.6 mA h g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A·g ⁻¹ after 100 cycles 275.3 mA h g ⁻¹ at 1 A·g ⁻¹ after 100 cycles 255.5 mA h g ⁻¹ at 10 A g ⁻¹ after 1000 cycles	4
NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀ nanobelt	147, 126, 104, 91 and 72 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.05, 0.2, 0.6, 1.0 and 2.0 A g ⁻¹ , respectively.	~90 mA h g $^{-1}$ at 0.5 A·g $^{-1}$ after 500 cycles ~70 mA h g $^{-1}$ at 1.0 A g $^{-1}$ after 1000 cycles	5
$(NH_4)_2V_{10}O_{25}\cdot 8H_2O$	228.8, 216.2, 196.1, 180.0, 156.7 and 123.6 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1.0, 2.0 and 5.0 A g ⁻¹ , respectively.	~220 mA h g^{-1} at 0.1 A· g^{-1} after 100 cycles ~170 mA h g^{-1} at 0.5 A g^{-1} after 1000 cycles	6
$(NH_4)_2V_6O_{16}\cdot 1.5H_2O$	479.4, 399.6, 345.8, 295.3, and 215.1 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1, 0.3, 0.5, 1, and 3 A g ⁻¹ , respectively.	209.6 mA h g^{-1} at 3 A· g^{-1} after 1000 cycles	7

Table S2. Comparison of the cycle performance between the previous cathode materials for ARZIBs and this work.

Cathode Materials	Electrochemical Performance (Capacity retention)	Ref.
	400 mA h g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A·g ⁻¹ after 70 cycles	
NH ₄ V ₃ O ₈ ·0.5H ₂ O	330 mA h g^{-1} at 0.2 A· g^{-1} after 120 cycles	This work
	148 mA h g^{-1} at 1 A g^{-1} after 1000 cycles	
LiV ₃ O ₈	172 mA h g^{-1} at 0.133 A g^{-1} after 65 cycles	8
$Fe_{5}V_{15}O_{39}(OH)_{9}\cdotp 9H_{2}O$	About 100 mA h g^{-1} at 5 A g^{-1} after 300 cycles	9
V_2O_5	$110\ mA\ h\ g^{-1}$ at $2\ A\ g^{-1}$ after 2000 cycles	10
VO _{1.52} (OH) _{0.77}	$105~\text{mA}~\text{h}~\text{g}^{-1}$ at $0.015~\text{A}~\text{g}^{-1}$ after $50~\text{cycles}$	11
$H_2V_3O_8$	136.1 mA h $\rm g^{-1}$ at 5 A $\rm g^{-1}$ after 1000 cycles	12
$V_2O_5 \cdot nH_2O$	About 220 mA h g ⁻¹ at 6 A g ⁻¹ after 900 cycles	13
$K_2V_8O_{21}$	$128.3 \text{ mA h g}^{-1}$ at 6 A g^{-1} after 300 cycles	14
$Ag_{0.4}V_2O_5$	$144~\text{mA}~\text{h}~\text{g}^{-1}$ at $20~\text{A}~\text{g}^{-1}$ after $4000~\text{cycles}$	9
VS_2	110.9 mA h g^{-1} at 0.5 A g^{-1} after 200 cycles	15
$\alpha - Z n_2 V_2 O_7$	$138\ mA\ h\ g^{-1}$ at $4\ A\ g^{-1}$ after $1000\ cycles$	16
$Zn_3V_2O_7(OH)_2{\cdot}2H_2O$	$101~\text{mA}~\text{h}~\text{g}^{-1}$ at $0.2~\text{A}~\text{g}^{-1}$ after $300~\text{cycles}$	17
$ZnMn_2O_4$	$106.5 \text{ mA h g}^{-1}$ at 0.1 A g^{-1} after 300 cycles	18
$Na_{1.1}V_3O_{7.9}@rGO$	171 mA h g^{-1} at 0.3 A g^{-1} after 100 cycles	19
MnO_2	135 mA h g^{-1} at 2 A g^{-1} after 2000 cycles	20
β-MnO ₂	135 mA h g^{-1} at 0.2 A g^{-1} after 200 cycles	21
α -Mn ₂ O ₃	82.2 mA h g^{-1} at 2 A g^{-1} after 1000 cycles	22
Mn_3O_4	$106.1 \text{ mA h g}^{-1}$ at 0.5 A g^{-1} after 300 cycles	23
ZnHCF@MnO ₂	About 80 mA h $\rm g^{-1}$ at 0.5 A $\rm g^{-1}$ after 1000 cycles	24
$Na_3V_2(PO_4)_2F_3$	$63.8~\text{mA}~\text{h}~\text{g}^{-1}$ at $6~\text{A}~\text{g}^{-1}$ after $600~\text{cycles}$	25

$\label{eq:comparison} \text{Table S3. Comparison of the electrochemical performance of } NH_4V_3O_8 \cdot 0.5H_2O \text{ with the state-of-the-art }$

reported cathode materials.

Cathode Materials	Electrochemical Performance	Ref.
NH4V3O8·0.5H2O	$423, 399, 380, 364, 344, 306 \ and \ 266 \ mA\ h\ g^{-1}$ at 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8 and 1.0 A g^{-1}	This work
$(NH_4)_2V_3O_8$	~160 mAh g^{-1} at 0.1 A g^{-1}	4
$NH_4V_4O_{10}$	$361.6 \text{ mAh } \text{g}^{-1} \text{ at } 1 \text{ A } \text{g}^{-1}$ $380.3 \text{ mAh } \text{g}^{-1} \text{ at } 0.1 \text{ A } \text{g}^{-1}$	4
$NH_4V_3O_8$	~80 mAh g^{-1} at 0.1 A g^{-1}	4
NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀ nanobelt	$147 \text{ mAh g}^{-1} \text{ at } 0.05 \text{ A g}^{-1}$	5
$Zn_{0.25}V_2O_5{\cdot}nH_2O$	300, 260 and 223 mAh g^{-1} at C/6, 1 C, and 15 C, respectively. (1C=300 mA g^{-1})	26
$Mg_{0.34}V_2O_5\cdotp nH_2O$	353, 330, 291, 264 and 81 mAh g^{-1} at 0.05, 0.1, 0.5, 1 and 5 A g^{-1} , respectively	27
$Ca_{0.25}V_2O_5{\cdot}nH_2O$	340, and 289 mAh g^{-1} at 0.2 C and 1C, respectively. (1C=250 mA g^{-1})	28
LiV_3O_8	256, 311, 172, 148, and 47 mAh g^{-1} at 0.016, 0.066, 0.133, 0.266 and 1.066 A g^{-1} , respectively.	8
Na _{1.1} V ₃ O _{7.9} nanoribbons/graphene	191 mAh g^{-1} at 0.05 A g^{-1}	19
Na _{0.33} V ₂ O ₅ nanowire	$367.1, 253.7, 173.4, 137.5$ and 96.4 mAh g^{-1} at $0.1, 0.2, 0.5, 1$, and 2 A g^{-1} , respectively.	29
$Na_5V_{12}O_{32} (Na_{1.25}V_3O_8)$	281 mAh g^{-1} at 0.5 A g^{-1}	30
$\begin{array}{l} HNaV_{6}O_{16}\!\cdot\! 4H_{2}O \\ (H_{0.5}Na_{0.5}V_{3}O_{8}\!\cdot\! 2H_{2}O) \end{array}$	304 mAh g^{-1} at 0.5 A g^{-1}	30
β -Na _{0.33} V ₂ O ₅ -type tunneled structure Na _{0.76} V ₆ O ₁₅ (Na _{0.253} V ₂ O ₅)	135 mAh g^{-1} at 0.5 A g^{-1}	30
Na ₂ V ₆ O ₁₆ ·1.63H ₂ O nanowire	352, 261, and 219 mAh g^{-1} at 0.05, 0.5 and 1 A g^{-1} , respectively	31
$Zn_3V_2O_7(OH)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$	200, 122, 84 and 54 mAh g^{-1} at 0.05, 0.5, 1 and 3 A g^{-1} , respectively	17
$\mathrm{Zn_2(OH)VO_4}$	204, 160 and 101 mAh g^{-1} at 0.5 C, 10 C and 50 C, respectively. (1 C= 200 mA g^{-1})	24
$Fe_5V_{15}O_{39}(OH)_9 \cdot 9H_2O$	385 mAh g^{-1} at 0.1A g^{-1}	9
$\text{a-Zn}_2\text{V}_2\text{O}_7$	248, 231, 223, 218, 213, 209, 205, 190, and 170 mAh $\rm g^{-1}$ at 50, 100, 200, 300, 500, 700, 900,1100, 2200, and 4400 mA $\rm g^{-1}$, respectively.	16
VO ₂ (B) nanofibers	357 mAh g^{-1} at 0.1 A g^{-1}	32
VO ₂ (B)/rGO	365 mAh g^{-1} at 0.05 A g^{-1}	33
VO ₂ (B)	338 mAh g^{-1} at 0.05 A g^{-1}	33

VO ₂ (B) nanobelts	274 mAh g^{-1} at 0.1 A g^{-1}	34
RGO/VO ₂ composite	276 mAh g^{-1} at 0.1 A g^{-1}	35
H ₂ V ₃ O ₈ nanowire	$423.8 \text{ mAh } \text{g}^{-1} \text{ at } 0.1 \text{ A } \text{g}^{-1}$	12
V_2O_5	215 mAh g^{-1} at 0.1 A g^{-1}	10
H ₂ V ₃ O ₈ nanowire/Graphene	$394 \text{ mAh } \text{g}^{-1} \text{ at } 0.1 \text{ A } \text{g}^{-1}$	36
$V_{10}O_{24} \cdot 12H_2O$	164.5 mAh g^{-1} at 0.2 A g^{-1} after 2 cycles	37
V_2O_5 · nH_2O /graphene	$381 \text{ mAh } \text{g}^{-1} \text{ at } 0.3 \text{ A } \text{g}^{-1}$	13
V_2O_5	470 mAh g^{-1} at 0.2 A g^{-1}	2
V ₂ O ₅ nanofibers	319 mAh g^{-1} at 0.02 A g^{-1}	38
V_6O_{13} · nH_2O	$395 \text{ mAh g}^{-1} \text{ at } 0.1 \text{ A g}^{-1}$	39
V ₂ O ₅ nanospheres	188.7 mAh g^{-1} at 0.5 A g^{-1}	40
V ₂ O ₅ nanopaper	$375 \text{ mAh g}^{-1} \text{ at } 0.5 \text{ A g}^{-1}$	41
V ₂ O ₅ hollow spheres	$280 \text{ mAh g}^{-1} \text{ at } 0.2 \text{ A g}^{-1}$	42
VS_2	190.3, 136.8 and 121.5 mAh g^{-1} at 0.05, 0.5 and 1 A $g^{-1},$ respectively	43
VS ₄ @rGO	~250 mAh g $^{-1}$ at 0.2 A g $^{-1}$	44

Table S4. Comparison of the electrochemical performance of $NH_4V_3O_8\cdot 0.5H_2O$ nanowires with the state-of-the-art reported cathode materials towards ARZIBs at 0.1 A g^{-1} .c

Electrode Materials	Electrochemical Performance	Ref.
NH ₄ V ₃ O ₈ ·0.5H ₂ O nanowires	423 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	This work
NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀	380.3 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	4
(NH ₄) ₂ V ₃ O ₈	~160 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	4
NH ₄ V ₃ O ₈	~80 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	4
NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀ nanobelt	147 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.05 A g ⁻¹	5
Na _{0.33} V ₂ O ₅ nanowire	367.1 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	29
$Mg_{0.34}V_2O_5 \cdot nH_2O$	330 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	27
$Zn_2(OH)VO_4$	204 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	24
Fe ₅ V ₁₅ O ₃₉ (OH) ₉ ·9H ₂ O	385 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1A g ⁻¹	9
a-Zn ₃ V ₂ O ₇	231 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1A g ⁻¹	16
VO ₂ (B) nanofibers	357 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	32
VO ₂ (B) nanobelts	274 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	34
RGO/VO ₂ composite	276 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	35
H ₂ V ₃ O ₈ nanowire	423.8 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	12
V_2O_5	215 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	10
H ₂ V ₃ O ₈ nanowire/Graphene	394 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	36
V ₆ O ₁₃ ·nH ₂ O	395 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	39

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