

## Supplementary Materials

### Mo-Doped Inducing Amorphous and Sulfur Vacancy Healing in VS<sub>4</sub> for Enhancing the Storage of Lithium Ions

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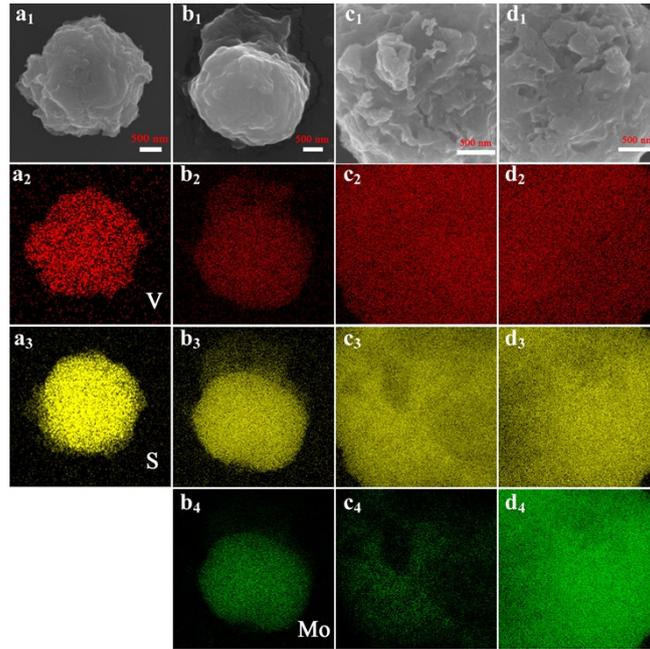
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Table S1. The atomic content of various elements of four materials through EDX.

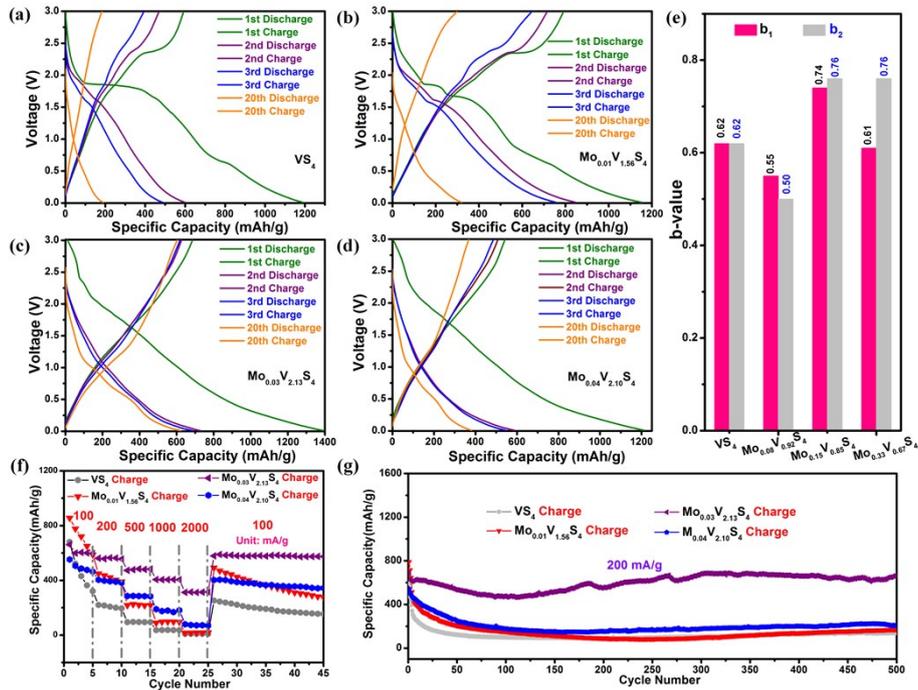
| Element<br>Sample                                   | Atomic content (%) |       |       |
|---|--------------------|-------|-------|
|   | Mo                 | V     | S     |
| VS <sub>4</sub>                                     | 0                  | 24.02 | 75.98 |
| Mo <sub>0.01</sub> V <sub>1.56</sub> S <sub>4</sub> | 0.18               | 27.97 | 71.86 |
| Mo <sub>0.03</sub> V <sub>2.13</sub> S <sub>4</sub> | 0.45               | 34.59 | 64.96 |
| Mo <sub>0.04</sub> V <sub>2.10</sub> S <sub>4</sub> | 0.66               | 34.16 | 65.17 |

Table S2. The pore parameters of the as-prepared samples.

| Material  | S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Total pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> ·g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Pore size (nm) |
|---|---|---|----------------|
| VS <sub>4</sub>                                     | 10.91   | 0.025   | 2.10           |
| Mo <sub>0.01</sub> V <sub>1.56</sub> S <sub>4</sub> | 21.17   | 0.052   | 1.64           |
| Mo <sub>0.03</sub> V <sub>2.13</sub> S <sub>4</sub> | 29.62   | 0.17  | 1.21           |
| Mo <sub>0.04</sub> V <sub>2.10</sub> S <sub>4</sub> | 25.70   | 0.14  | 1.21           |



**Fig. S1.** EDX mapping (V: red, S: yellow, and Mo: green) of  $\text{VS}_4$  (a<sub>1</sub>-a<sub>3</sub>),  $\text{Mo}_{0.08}\text{V}_{0.92}\text{S}_4$  (b<sub>1</sub>-b<sub>4</sub>),  $\text{Mo}_{0.15}\text{V}_{0.85}\text{S}_4$  (c<sub>1</sub>-c<sub>4</sub>), and  $\text{Mo}_{0.33}\text{V}_{0.67}\text{S}_4$  (d<sub>1</sub>-d<sub>4</sub>).



**Fig. S2.** The selected galvanostatic discharge-charge curves of  $\text{VS}_4$  (a),  $\text{Mo}_{0.08}\text{V}_{0.92}\text{S}_4$  (b),  $\text{Mo}_{0.15}\text{V}_{0.85}\text{S}_4$  (c), and  $\text{Mo}_{0.33}\text{V}_{0.67}\text{S}_4$  (d) at  $200 \text{ mA} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$ ; The  $b$ -values (e) of four samples calculated from the CV curves; The charge specific capacity of four materials at different current densities (f) and  $200 \text{ mA} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$  (g).

Table S3. The first coulombic efficiency of four samples.

| Material  | First discharge capacity (mAh·g <sup>-1</sup> ) | First discharge capacity (mAh·g <sup>-1</sup> ) | Coulombic efficiency (%) |
|---|---|---|--------------------------|
| VS <sub>4</sub>                                     | 1189.5  | 592.4   | 49.80                    |
| Mo <sub>0.01</sub> V <sub>1.56</sub> S <sub>4</sub> | 1152.8  | 791.5   | 68.66                    |
| Mo <sub>0.03</sub> V <sub>2.13</sub> S <sub>4</sub> | 1392.3  | 684.8   | 49.18                    |
| Mo <sub>0.04</sub> V <sub>2.10</sub> S <sub>4</sub> | 1211.9  | 542.9   | 44.79                    |

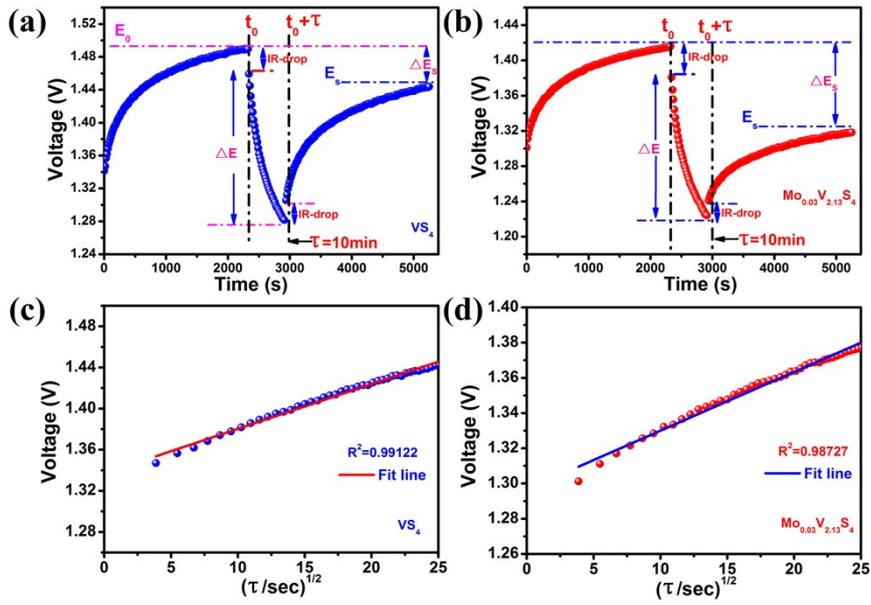
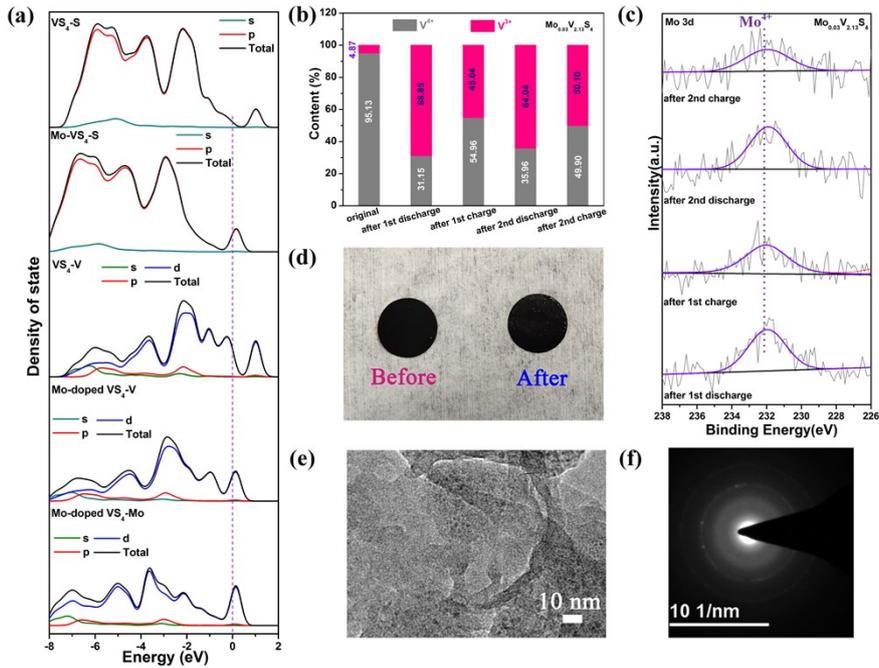


Fig. S3. The single step of GITT curves and voltage changes as a function of  $\tau^{1/2}$  of VS<sub>4</sub> (a, c) and Mo<sub>0.03</sub>V<sub>2.13</sub>S<sub>4</sub> (b, d).



**Fig. S4.** Density of states (a) of each element of VS<sub>4</sub> and Mo-doped VS<sub>4</sub>; The content (b) of V at different states after various cycles and XPS spectra of Mo 3d (c) at different state; Digital photos (d), HRTEM (e), and SAED images (f) of Mo<sub>0.03</sub>V<sub>2.13</sub>S<sub>4</sub> after 500 cycles.

Table S4. The structure and capacity of the VS<sub>4</sub> and its composites as anode materials for LIBs.

| Material  | Morphology    | Structure        | Capacity  | Ref.             |
|---|---------------|------------------|---|------------------|
| VS <sub>4</sub> -PANI                                 | Sphere        | Crystalline      | A reversible capacity of 755 mAh·g <sup>-1</sup> after 50 cycles at 0.1 A·g <sup>-1</sup>         | 1                |
| VS <sub>4</sub> -RGO                                  | Nanoparticle  | Crystalline      | A reversible capacity of 954 mAh·g <sup>-1</sup> after 100 cycles at 0.1 A·g <sup>-1</sup>        | 2                |
| VS <sub>4</sub> -RGO                                  | Nanoparticle  | Crystalline      | A reversible capacity of 890.8 mAh·g <sup>-1</sup> after 80 cycles at 0.2 A·g <sup>-1</sup>       | 3                |
| VS <sub>4</sub> -CNTs                                 | Nanoparticle  | Crystalline      | A reversible capacity of 447 mAh·g <sup>-1</sup> after 400 cycles at 1 A·g <sup>-1</sup>          | 4                |
| VS <sub>4</sub> -porous carbon                        | Flower        | Crystalline      | A reversible capacity of 562.4 mAh·g <sup>-1</sup> after 150 cycles at 0.1 A·g <sup>-1</sup>      | 5                |
| VS <sub>4</sub>                                       | Urchin        | Crystalline      | A reversible capacity of 500 mAh·g <sup>-1</sup> after 100 cycles at 0.1 A·g <sup>-1</sup>        | 6                |
| VS <sub>4</sub>                                       | Nanoparticle  | Crystalline      | A reversible capacity of 452 mAh·g <sup>-1</sup> after 150 cycles at 0.5 A·g <sup>-1</sup>        | 7                |
| <b>Mo<sub>0.03</sub>V<sub>2.13</sub>S<sub>4</sub></b> | <b>Flower</b> | <b>Amorphous</b> | <b>A reversible capacity of 671.4 mAh·g<sup>-1</sup> after 500 cycles at 0.2 A·g<sup>-1</sup></b> | <b>This work</b> |

Table S5. Parameters of the impedance and diffusion of lithium ion calculated from the EIS of as-obtained materials.

| Material  | R <sub>c</sub> (Ω) | R <sub>ct</sub> (Ω) | D <sub>Li<sup>+</sup></sub> (cm <sup>2</sup> ·s <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|---|
| VS <sub>4</sub>                                     | 2.44               | 121                 | 1.19*10 <sup>-11</sup>  |
| Mo <sub>0.01</sub> V <sub>1.56</sub> S <sub>4</sub> | 1.92               | 95                  | 2.10*10 <sup>-11</sup>  |
| Mo <sub>0.03</sub> V <sub>2.13</sub> S <sub>4</sub> | 3.61               | 82.5                | 7.62*10 <sup>-11</sup>  |
| Mo <sub>0.04</sub> V <sub>2.10</sub> S <sub>4</sub> | 2.32               | 50                  | 1.30*10 <sup>-10</sup>  |

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