Supporting Information

Tuning the ionic conduction and structure stability of ammonium vanadate by intercalating polyaniline molecular for advanced aqueous zinc-ion batteries

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Electrochemical method

CV: The Zn^{2+} diffusion coefficient was calculated by the CV curves at different scanning rate, which was based on the following equation:

$$I_P = 2.695 \times 10^5 A C D^{1/2} n^{2/3} v^{1/2}$$
(S1)

Where Ip is the peak current of cathodic and anodic peaks, A is the area of electroactive material contact with electrolyte, C is the concentration of Zn^{2+} in electrode, D is the diffusion coefficient of Zn^{2+} , n represents the number of electrons transferred per molecule, v is the scan rate

GITT: The Galvanostatic and intermittent titration technique (GITT) was measured to investigate the solid-state diffusion kinetics of Zn^{2+} in the charging and discharge process. After discharged and charged for several cycles to stable state, the battery was discharged or charged about 10 min at 0.1 A g⁻¹, and followed relaxed for 60 min during the entire process. The Zn^{2+} diffusion coefficient was calculated by the above GITT date, which was based on the following equation:

$$D_{Zn^{2}+} = \frac{4}{\pi\tau} \left(\frac{m_{B}V_{M}}{M_{B}S}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{\Delta E_{s}}{\Delta E_{\tau}}\right)^{2}$$
(S2)

Where D is the diffusion coefficient of Zn^{2+} , τ is to the current pulse time of battery, m_B is the mass of the active material, M_B is the molecular weight (g mol⁻¹) and V_M is the molar volume (cm³ mol⁻¹), S represents the surface area of electrode. The $\Delta E\tau$ and ΔEs correspond to the voltage change of constant current pulse and the steady-state voltage change of the current pulse, respectively.



Fig. S1 (a) XRD patterns of NVO/PANI60, NVO/PANI80, NVO/PANI100, NVO/PANI120 and

NVO/PANI140. (b) XRD pattern of pure PANI.



Fig. S2 (a) XPS spectra and (b) High-resolution spectra of V 2p of $NH_4V_4O_{10}$.



Fig. S3 (a) XPS spectra and (b) High-resolution spectra of V 2p of NVO without adding aniline.



Fig. S4 The TG curve of NVO/PANI120.



Fig. S5 (a) CV curves at various scan rates. (b) rate performance at different current densities and

(c) cycling performance at 5 A g^{-1} of the PANI.



Fig. S6 (a) Rate performance and (b) cycling performance at 5 A $\rm g^{\text{-1}}$ of NVO/PANI60,

NVO/PANI80, NVO/PANI100, NVO/PANI120 and NVO/PANI140.



Fig. S7 The SEM image of NVO/PANI120 electrode at 0.1 A g⁻¹ after 100 cycles.



Fig. S8 (a) CV curves from 0.1 mV s⁻¹ to 1.0 mV s⁻¹, (b) the relationship between peak currents and scan rate, (c) the percent of calculated capacitive contribution and (e) the linear relation of Ip



and $v^{1\!/2}$ of $NH_4V_4O_{10}$ electrode.

Fig. S9 Nyquist plots of NH₄V₄O₁₀, NVO/PANI60, NVO/PANI80, NVO/PANI100,

NVO/PANI120 and NVO/PANI140.



Fig. S10 GITT curves of the $NH_4V_4O_{10}$ electrode at 0.1A g⁻¹.



Fig. S11 (a) Schematic illustration of partial enlarged GITT curve and (b) the linear relationship

between E and $\tau^{1/2}$ at the discharge process for NVO/PANI120.



Fig. S12 The ex-situ XRD patterns of NVO/PANI120 during the first cycle.



Fig. S13 XRD pattern of NVO/PANI at 1.6 V after different cycle number



Fig. S14 (a) XRD pattern of NVO/PANI with discharging to 0.2 V, (b) the corresponding EDS

mapping.

Cathode	Electrolyte	Specific capacity	Rate performa nce	Cycling stability	Ref.
(NH ₄) _{0.5} V ₂ O 5	2M ZnSO ₄	418.4 mAh g ⁻ ¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	223 mAh g ⁻¹ at 5 A g ⁻¹	91.4% retention after 2000 cycles at 5 A g ⁻¹	1
NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀	3M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	475.8 mAh g ⁻ ¹ at 0.4 A g ⁻¹	142.5 mAh g ⁻¹ at 5 A g ⁻¹	90.0% retention after 2100 cycles at 5 A g ⁻¹	2
Oxygen- deficient NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀	3M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	484.3 mAh g ⁻ ¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	328.1 mAh g ⁻¹ at 3 A g ⁻¹	66.2% retention after 1000 cycles at 2 A g ⁻¹	3
Optimizing engineering NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀	2M ZnSO ₄	430 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	277.1 mAh g ⁻¹ at 10 A g ⁻¹	72.2% retention after 3000 cycles at 10 A g ⁻¹	4
NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀	3M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	147 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.05 A g ⁻¹	72 mAh g ⁻ ¹ at 2 A g ⁻¹	70.3% retention after 5000 cycles at 2 A g^{-1}	5
Mo-doped NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀	1M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	335 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	145.4 mAh g ⁻¹ at 2 A g ⁻¹	83.6% retention after 500 cycles at 0.5 A g ⁻¹	6
Ti-doped NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀	3M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	298 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	143 mAh g ⁻¹ at 2 A g ⁻¹	89.0% retention after 2000 cycles at 2 A g ⁻¹	7
NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀ ·0 .28H ₂ O	2M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	410 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.2 A g ⁻¹	112 mAh g ⁻¹ at 10 A g ⁻¹	76% retention after 500 cycles at 2 A g ⁻¹	8
Deficient NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀	3M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	457 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	170 mAh g ⁻¹ at 5 A g ⁻¹	81.0% retention after 1000 cycles at 2 A g^{-1}	9

Table S1. Electrochemical performances of V-based electrode materials of the aqueous

 zinc ion batteries.

Carbon fiber/ NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀	2M ZnSO ₄	434 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.5 A g ⁻¹	140 mAh g ⁻¹ at 20 A g ⁻¹	83.0% retention after 2500 cycles at 20 A g ⁻¹	10
3D- NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀	1M Zn(ClO ₄) ₂	485 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	142 mAh g ⁻¹ at 10 A g ⁻¹	80.6% retention after 3000 cycles at 10 A g ⁻¹	11
NVO/PANI	3M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	433.8 mAh g ⁻ ¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	308.06 mAh g ⁻¹ at 10 A g ⁻¹	92.23% retention after 5000 cycles at 5 A g ⁻¹	This work

Table S2. The charge transfer resistivities (R_{ct}) of NVO/PANI120 and reported cathode.

Samples	<i>R_{ct}</i> (initial cycle)	<i>R_{ct}</i> (after the cycle)	Reference	
3D-NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀	35.17Ω	27Ω	2	
NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀ -Na	143Ω	105Ω	12	
NH ₄ V ₄ O ₁₀ -Ti	121.5Ω	62Ω	7	
V ₂ O ₅ -PANI	24.1Ω	15.4	13	
V ₂ O ₅ -Al	230.3Ω	53.04Ω	14	
NVO/PANNI120	111.5 Ω	17.6 Ω	This work	

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