Supplementary Information

One-step uniform rotation solvothermal synthesis of Li₃VO₄@rGO anode material with superior cycle and rate performance

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Experimental

Material synthesis

The graphene–wrapped Li₃VO₄@rGO hybrid was prepared via a one–step URS process. In brief, 4 mmol NH₄VO₃ and 12 mmol LiOH·H₂O were put in a mixed solution of 5 mL deionized water and 20 mL ethylene glycol (EG) with stirring until fully dissolved. Then, 5 mL GO dispersed solution (5 g L⁻¹) prepared by the modified Hummers method was added into the mixed solution after ultrasonically treated. The mixed solution was further stirred for 30 min. Then the mixed solution was poured into a 70 mL Teflon–lined autoclave and heated at 180 °C for 2h with uniform rotation

at a constant speed (20 r min⁻¹). After the reactor cooled down to the room temperature, a black precipitate was collected by suction filtration and washed for several times with deionized water and alcohol. Finally, the black precipitate denoted as the Li₃VO₄@rGO-R was dried at 80 $^{\circ}$ C for 12 h during vacuum atmosphere.

For comparison, $Li_3VO_4@rGO$ hybrid denoted as the $Li_3VO_4@rGO-T$ was also prepared by traditional solvothermal (TS) with autoclave placed in the oven without rotation. Pure Li_3VO_4 denoted as Li_3VO_4-R was also prepared via the URS without adding GO dispersed solution.

Materials characterization

Field–emission scanning electron microscopy (HITACHI S–4800) and transmission electron microscopy (TEM, Tecnai G2 F30) were performed to observe the morphologies of the products. The phase structure of the products were confirmed by X–ray diffraction (XRD, Panalytical) with Cu K α radiation (λ = 0.15418 nm). The valence state and chemical environment of the products were characterized via X–ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) (AXIS–Ultra DLD with Al Ka, 15 kV, Japan) and Raman spectroscopy (Horiba Labram HR Evolution) with a 532 nm solid–state laser. The carbon content of the products were analyzed by Simultaneous thermal analysis (STA449F5 Jupiter) from 30 °C to 900 °C with a heating rate of 10 °C min⁻¹ in air. The specific surface area of the products was estimated by N₂ adsorption–desorption isotherms (JW–BK200B) at 77.35 K.

Electrochemical characterization

The synthesized Li₃VO₄@rGO powder as active materials, acetylene black and polyvinylidene fluoride in the weight ratio of 7:2:1 were mixed with N-methyl-2-pyrrolidon (NMP) solvent to form slurry. Then the working electrodes were fabricated by blade coating the mixed slurry on a Cu foil and dried at 80 $^{\circ}$ C in a vacuum oven for 12 h. The active material loading on electrode slice was about 0.8–1.1 mg cm⁻². The electrolyte was 1.0 M of LiPF₆ in a mixture of ethylene carbonate/diethyl carbonate (1:1 vol/vol), the Celgard2400 was applied as separator and Li foil was used

as counter electrode. The electrochemical properties of the Li₃VO₄@rGO-R, the Li₃VO₄@rGO-T and Li₃VO₄-R were then studied by assembling CR2032 coin-type half cells in an argon-filled glovebox. The cyclic voltammetry curves (cut-off voltage: 0.01-3 V, scan rate: 0.1 mV s^{-1} - 1.0 mV s^{-1}) and electrochemical impedance spectra in the frequency range of 0.01 Hz to 1 MHz were tested by the CHI 660E electrochemical workstation. Galvanostatic charge-discharge (GCD) tests were performed by using a LAND CT2001A cell test system with a voltage window of 0.01-3 V at 25 °C.



Fig S1. SEM image of (a)(b) Li₃VO₄@rGO-T, (c)(d) Li₃VO₄-R



Fig S2. Raman spectra of (a) Li_3VO_4 -R, (b) $Li_3VO_4@rGO-T$



Fig S3. N₂ adsorption/desorption isotherms of (a) Li₃VO₄@rGO-T, (b) Li₃VO₄-R



Fig S4. SEM images of (a) $Li_3VO_4@rGO-R$ and (b) $Li_3VO_4@rGO-T$ cycled at 5 A g⁻¹ after

1000 cycles



Fig S5. CV curves with the percentage of pseudocapacitive contribution at 0.4 mV s⁻¹ of (a) $Li_3VO_4@rGO-T$, (b) Li_3VO_4-R



Fig S6. percentage of pseudocapacitive contribution at various scan rates (a) $Li_3VO_4@rGO-T$, (b) Li_3VO_4-R