

Supporting Information

Designing Ternary Hydrated Eutectic Electrolyte Capable of Four-Electron Conversion for Advanced Zn-I₂ Full Batteries

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1. Experimental Procedures

1.1 Chemicals and Materials

Niacinamide (NA) and Dimethyl sulfone (DMS) (99% purity) were purchased from Aladdin. Both $\text{Zn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and zinc trifluoromethylsulfonimide abbreviated as $\text{Zn}(\text{OTf})_2$ were purchased from Macklin. PVDF binder with an average MW of $\sim 1,000,000$ is provided by Sigma-Aldrich. N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP, 99.9% purity) was purchased from Aladdin. Conductive carbon black (AR, 99% purity) was purchased from Aladdin. Glass fiber separator (Whatman GF/A) with a thickness of $260 \mu\text{m}$ was purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Carbon cloth with a thickness of 0.02 mm is purchased from Shanghai Hesun electric Co., LTD. Zinc foil with a thickness of 0.03 mm is purchased from Wenzhou metal materials commercial company. Iodine powder was purchased from Beijing Ionochem technology Co., LTD. KI and ICl powder was purchased from Adamas Co., LTD.

1.2 Electrolyte/Electrode preparation and coin cell assembly

The zinc-based ternary hydrated eutectic electrolytes (ZTEs) were prepared by mixing niacinamide (NA), dimethyl sulfone (DMS), and $\text{Zn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ after heating at $80 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ and then cooling at room temperature (the optimal molar ratio of NA, DMS to $\text{Zn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ is 0.5:3:1). In addition, the $1\text{M Zn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2$ electrolyte (ZW) was prepared at room temperature was prepared as a reference. The I_2 -composed cathode was prepared in the gas-adsorption method. In brief, conductive carbon black and iodine (weight ratio: 1:3) were homogeneously mixed and then heated at $120 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 12 h in vacuum-sealed. Then the $\text{I}_2@\text{C}$ was collected after heating to $60 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ for 5 h to remove excess iodine. The iodine cathode (80 wt.%) (iodine content 25 wt.%) was here prepared by mixing 80 wt.% of $\text{I}_2@\text{C}$, 10 wt.% of Super P as a conductive agent, and 10 wt.% of PVDF as the binder in NMP solvent and cast onto a clean carbon cloth that was cut into small disks with a diameter of 12 mm. The loading for the $\text{I}_2@\text{C}$ composite is 1.5 mg cm^{-2} for electrochemistry tests. Coin cells were assembled with glass fiber as a separator, $\text{I}_2@\text{C}$ served as cathode and Zn as anode, each cell contains $100 \mu\text{L}$ of ZTEs or ZW electrolyte. In the fabrication of Zn// I_2 pouch cell, the prepared $\text{I}_2@\text{C}$ composite was directly applied as the active cathode materials. The active cathode materials were mixed with conductive carbon black and PVDF in an agate mortar at a ratio of 8:1:1, using N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone (NMP) as the solvent. The above slurry was then scratched onto a piece of carbon cloth ($5\text{cm} \times 8\text{cm}$). The mass loading of the active material was 0.8 mg cm^{-2} . The typical weight

of Zn foil is 13 mg cm^{-2} , and its thickness was $\sim 20 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$. The electrolyte was using ZTEs electrolyte. Then, the cathode, glass fiber (applied as the separator, Whatman, GF/A) and anode Zn foil were assembled into a pouch cell for further investigation.

1.3 Electrochemical measurements.

The electrochemical performances of symmetrical Zn//Zn cells, Zn//Ti cells, and Zn-I₂ batteries were studied in 2032-type coin cells at room temperature. Galvanostatic cycling tests were conducted on a multichannel battery tester in the voltage range of 0.5-1.9 V (vs. Zn/Zn²⁺). The specific capacities of the Zn-I₂ batteries were calculated based on the mass of iodine. Impedance measurements were performed using (CHI-760E) within a frequency range of 1 MHz to 0.1 Hz. The CV measurements were performed from 0.5 to 1.9 V on CHI-760E electrochemical workstation at scan rates varying from 1.0 to 3.0 mV s^{-1} .

2. Characterization.

The morphologies of Zn deposits on the Zn-metal anodes were detected by SEM (GeminiSEM-450, Zeiss). The Raman spectra were collected on an inVia Reflex system with an excitation wavelength of 532 nm. XPS spectra were carried out using a Thermo Kalpha equipped with Al K α X-ray source. UV-vis spectrum characterization was carried out on a Lambda950 with a range from 200 to 1200 nm. FTIR measurements were performed on a Perkin-Elmer spectrometer in the reflection mode. XRD measurements were conducted in a Rying-AXS diffractometer (D8 ADVANCE) employing Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.5405 \text{ \AA}$).

3. Calculation methods.

The ab initio molecular dynamics (AIMD) simulations for revealing the Zn²⁺ coordinate structures of the electrolyte were performed using Vienna Ab initio simulation package (VASP). The exchange correlation function is processed by means of the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) formulate Generalized Gradient Approximation (GGA). The projector-augmented wave method was applied to describe the interaction between the atomic core and electrons. The plane-wave basis cutoff energy was set to 400 eV. All structures were fully relaxed without restriction to optimize, and the electronic step's convergence criteria were set to $< 1 \times 10^{-6}$ eV. The time step is set as 1.0 fs, and $1 \times 1 \times 1$ k-point Gamma (Γ) centered Monkhorst-Pack mesh sampling is used. The Nose-Hoover thermostat was utilized to maintain the canonical temperature at 300 K. After 5 ps of pre-balancing, 30 ps of AIMD was used for data analysis. The Electrostatic potential (ESP) is plotted using Multiwfn. The

adsorption energy (E_a) in NA/DMS-Zn²⁺/I⁺ system was used to describe the interaction between Zn matrix (or I⁺) and organic ligands. The energy of isolated ligand and Zn matrix (or I⁺) is defined as E_l and E_{Zn} (or E_{I^+}), and E_{total} represents whole system energy.

$$E_a = E_{total} - E_l - E_{Zn} \text{ (or } E_{I^+})$$

4. Supplementary Figures



Figure S1. (a) Scheme for preparing the ZTEs. (b) Optical photographs of prepared ZTEs in a predetermined Zn(ClO₄)₂·6H₂O/DMS/NA with molar ratio of 1:3:0.5.

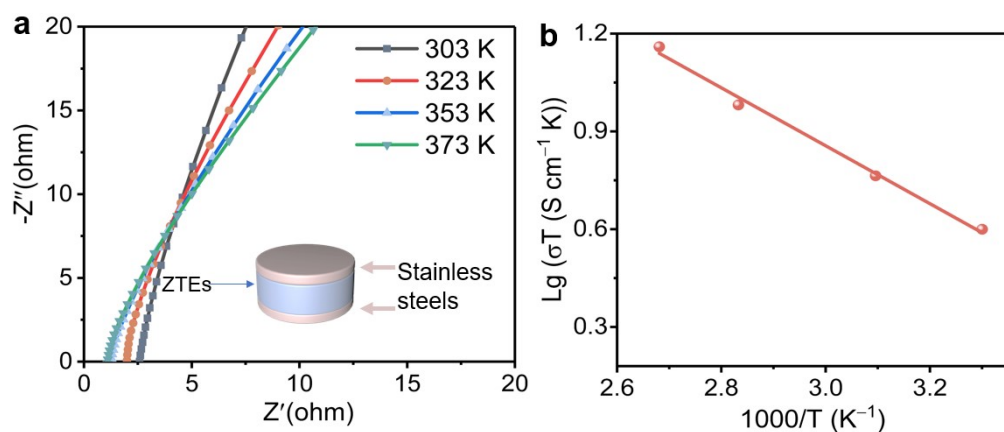


Figure S2. (a) EIS measurements made over a range of temperatures from 303 to 373 K. (b) Arrhenius plot of ionic conductivity as a function of temperature.

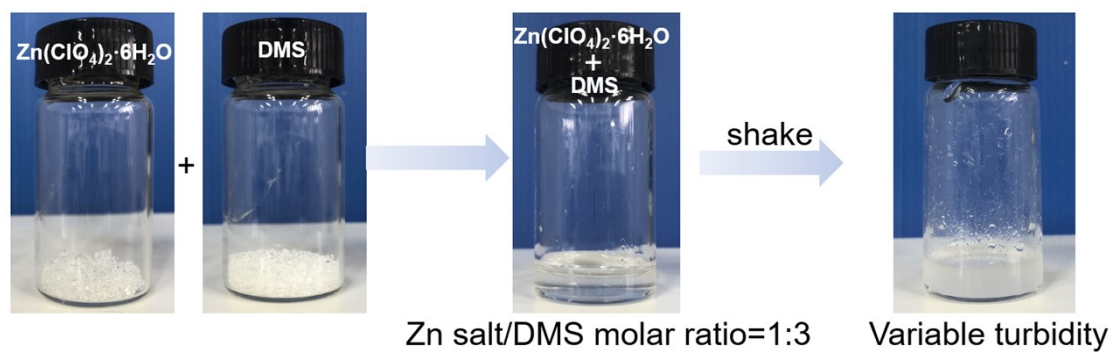


Figure S3. Scheme for preparing the ZTE in a predetermined $\text{Zn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ /DMS molar ratio of 1:3.

Note: The formed ZTEs in a predetermined $\text{Zn}(\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ /DMS molar ratio of 1:3 is unstable.

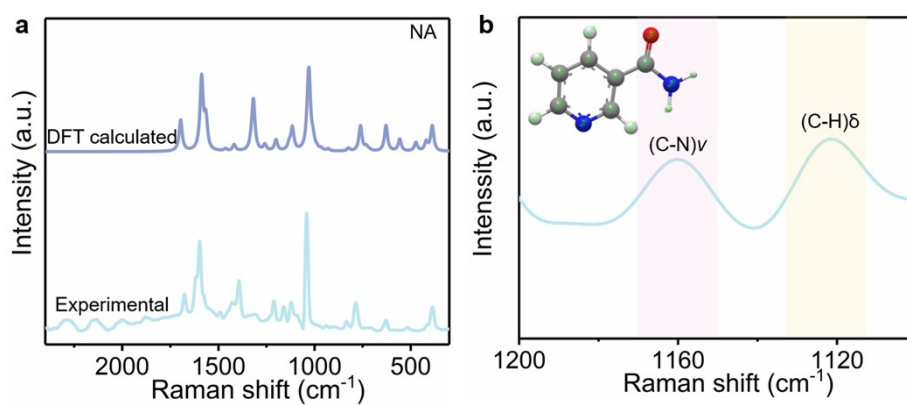


Figure S4. (a) Experimental and DFT calculated Raman spectra of NA. (b) The enlarged Raman spectrum of NA.

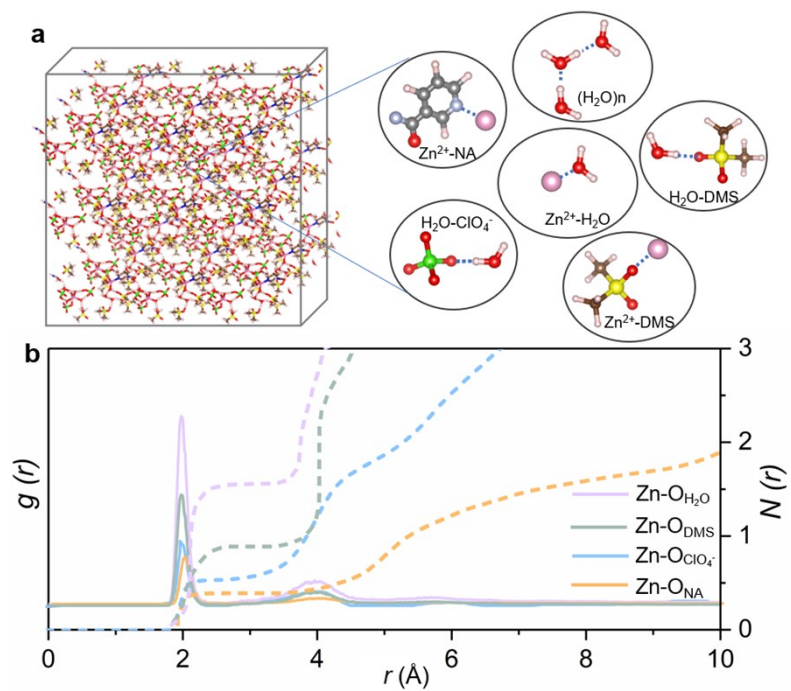


Figure S5. (a) A snapshot of ZTEs electrolyte in AIMD simulation. (b) The RDF and coordination number among Zn²⁺, H₂O, NA, ClO₄⁻ and DMS.

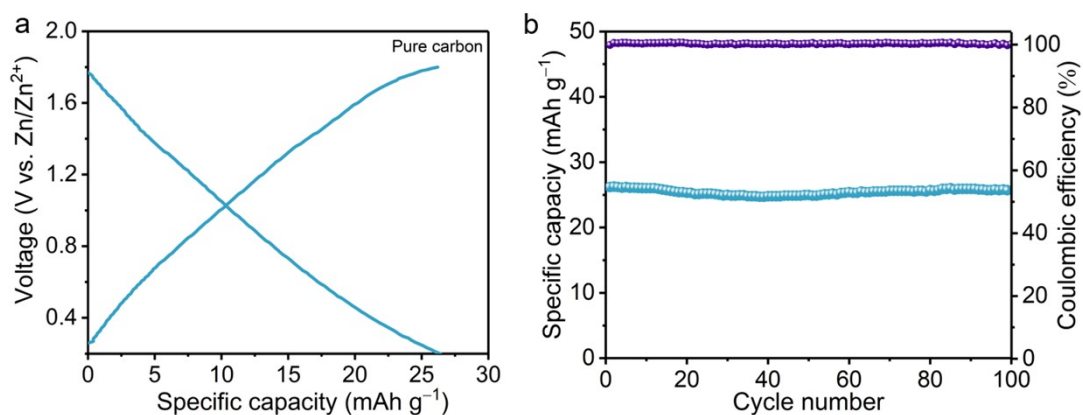


Figure S6. (a) The discharge/charge curves of pure carbon in the voltage range from 0.2-1.8 V and (b) corresponding cycling performance. (Current density: 1.0 A g⁻¹; electrolyte: ZTEs)

Note: To exclude the effect of conductive electric carbon black on the capacity for Zn-I₂ batteries, we conduct the discharge/charge measurement with carbon black served as active material under the same conditions, the battery with pure carbon as a cathode has very low capacities of 26 mAh g⁻¹. Therefore, the capacity contributed by carbon material can be neglected.

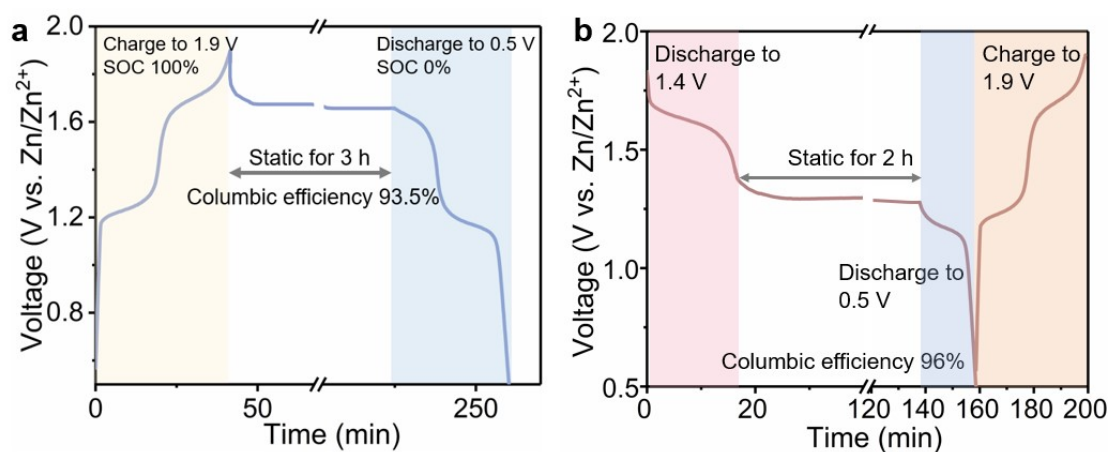


Figure S7. (a) The Zn-I₂ battery in ZTEs was first fully charged to 1.9 V at 1.0 A g⁻¹ (based on active materials of cathode), and then the cells were rested at 100 % stage of charge for 3.0 h, followed by full discharging. (b) The Zn-I₂ battery in ZTEs was first discharged to 1.4 V (50 % stage of discharge) at 1.0 A g⁻¹ rested for 2.0 h, and then the battery discharged to 0.5 V, followed by full discharging.

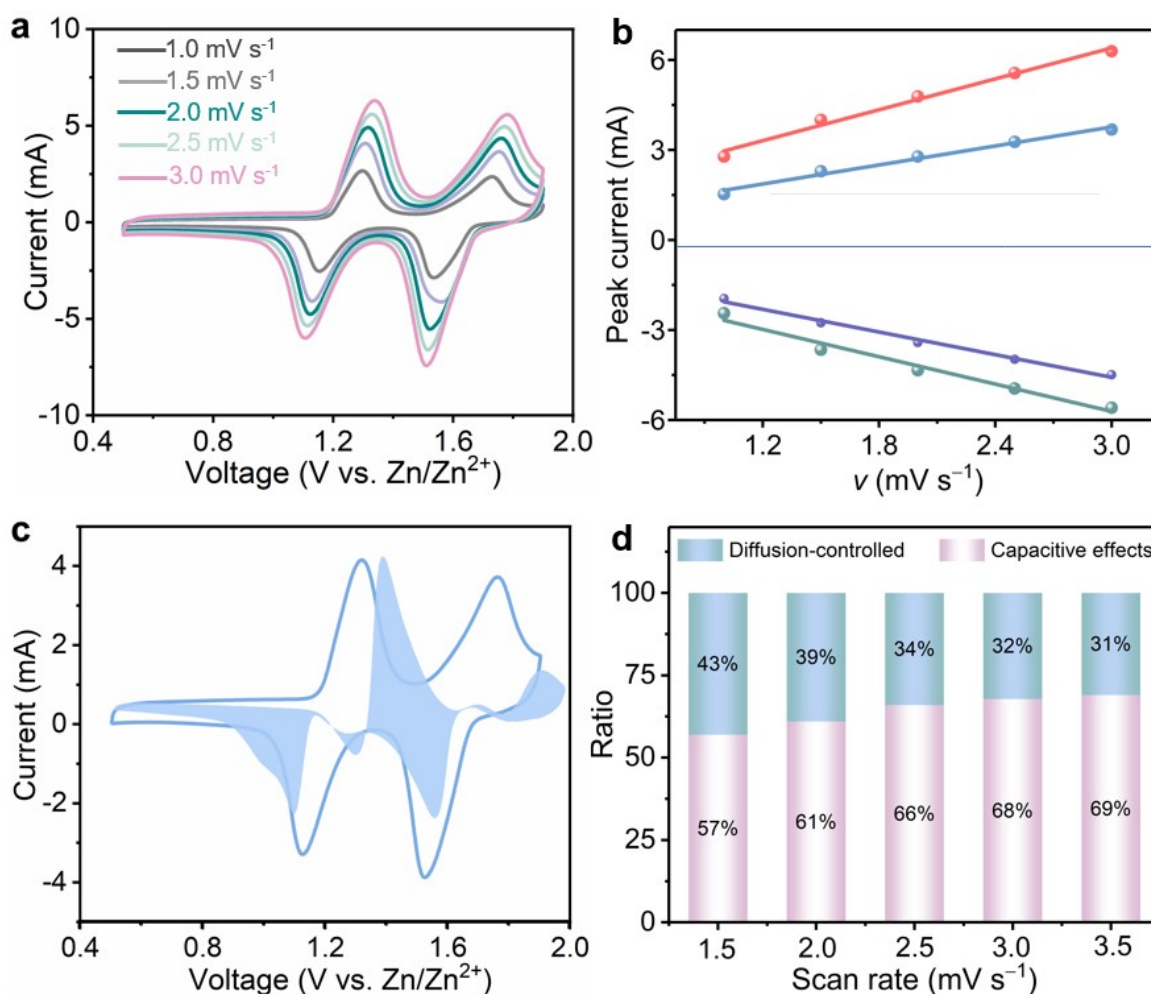


Figure S8. (a) The CV curves were obtained at different scan rates. (b) plots of i vs. v at sharp cathodic/anodic peak pair (peak current: i , scanning rate: v). (c) Capacitive contribution at 1.5 mV s⁻¹. (d) Ratios of capacitive and diffusion-controlled contribution at various scan rates.

To further understand the kinetics origin, the CV curves of the I₂@C composite cathode at various scan rates from 1.0 to 3.0 mV s⁻¹ between 0.2 and 1.8 V (vs. Zn²⁺/Zn). As shown in (a), the CV curves exhibit similar peak shape and shift during both anodic and cathodic processes. As clearly displayed, a slightly positive shift in the anodic peaks and a negative shift in the cathodic peaks can be observed with an increasing scan rate, which is caused by the polarization effect during the cycling process. The degree of the capacitive effect can be qualitatively analyzed based on the relationship between the measured current (i) and scan rate (v) from the CV curves:(1)

$$i = av^b$$

where a and b are two adjustable constants. The value of b is in the range of 0.5 to 1.0, which is determined by the slope of the $\log(i)$ vs. $\log(v)$ plot. When b is close to 1.0, the electrochemical behavior is dominated by a surface capacitive process, whereas b approaches 0.5, indicating a diffusion-controlled process. In the current experiments, the values of b for the cathodic and anodic sweep processes are calculated to be 0.73, 0.81, 0.74 and 0.89, respectively, suggesting the more significant capacitive storage kinetics of the $I_2@C$ composite cathode in the ZTEs electrolyte.

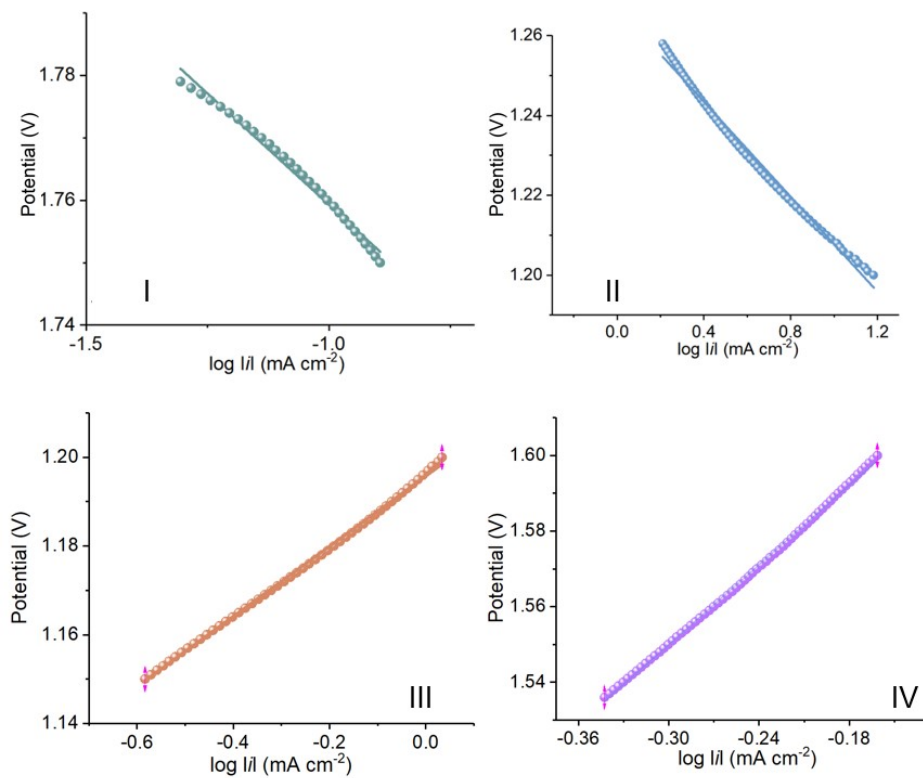


Figure S9. Reaction kinetic analysis. The Tafel slope determined from CV curves of Zn-I₂ battery with ZTEs.

Note: The Tafel slope can give information on the reaction kinetics of Zn-I₂ batteries at different redox processes based on the I⁻/I₂/I⁺ conversion enabled by ZTEs. A smaller Tafel slope is a sign of faster reaction kinetics.

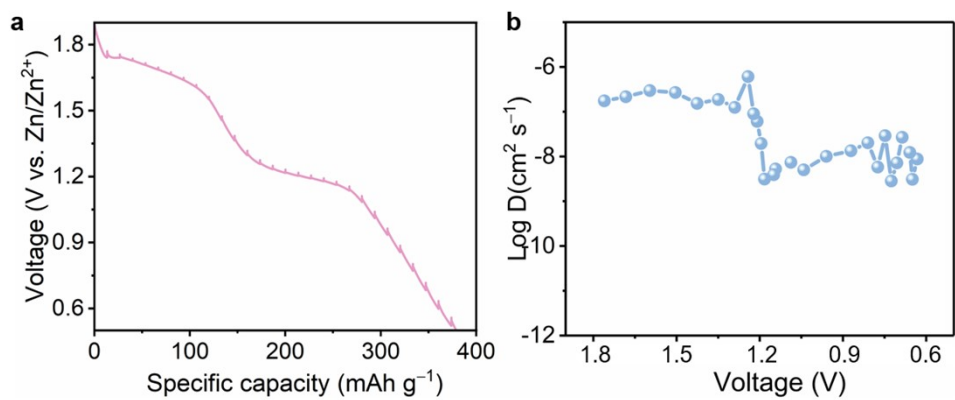


Figure S10. (a) The GITT curve of Zn-I₂ battery using ZTEs electrolyte. (b) Diffusion coefficient versus voltage calculated from GITT measurements.

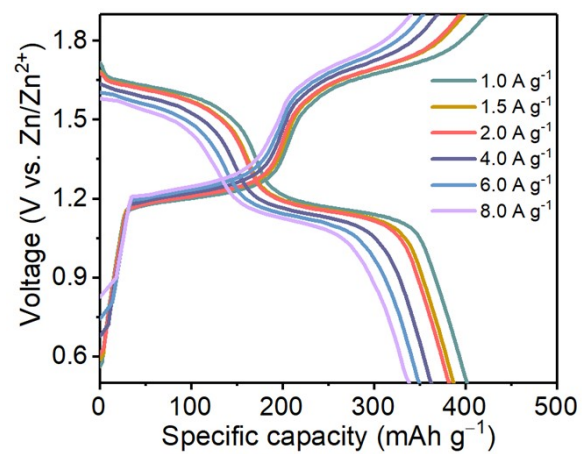


Figure S11. Voltage-capacity profiles of Zn-I₂ battery with ZTEs at various current densities.

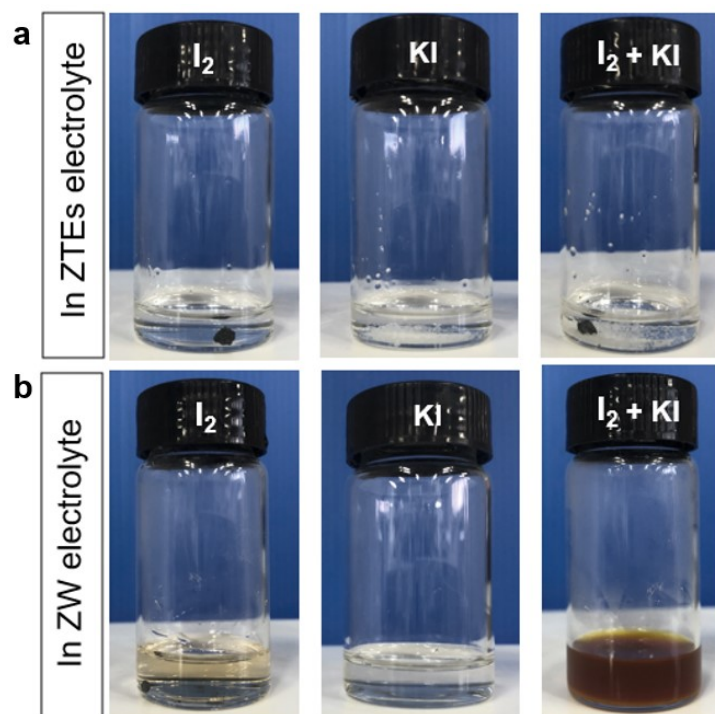


Figure S12. The solubility compared of iodine species in different electrolytes. Optical images of the KI, I_2 and $KI+I_2$ in (a) ZTEs and (b) ZW electrolytes, respectively.

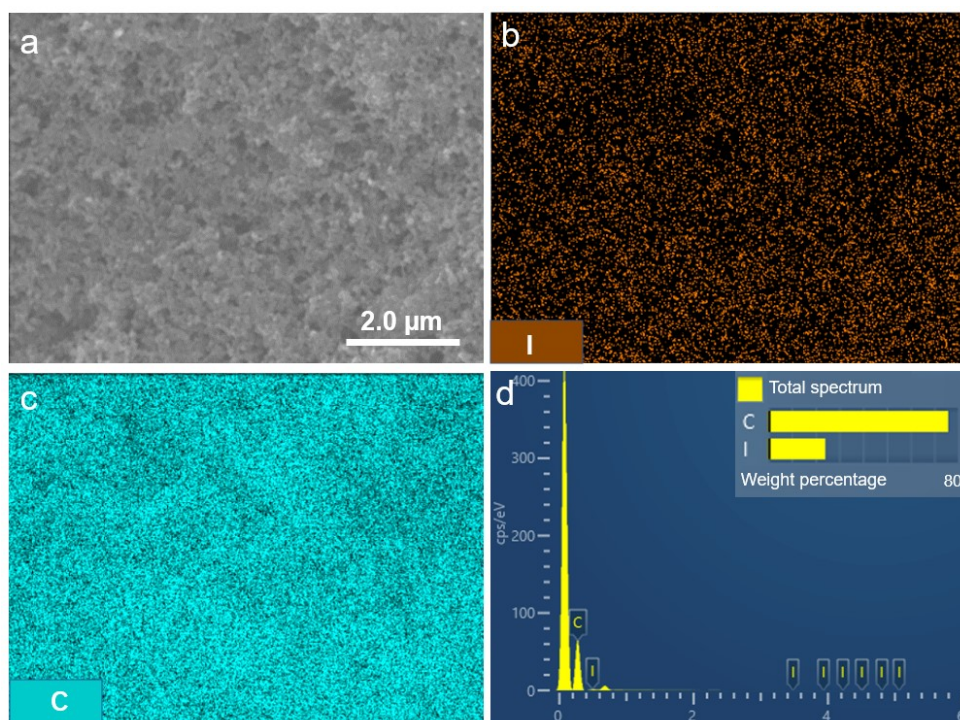


Figure S13. Elemental analysis. (a) SEM image and (b, c) element distribution maps of $I_2@C$ composite cathode. (d) The total spectrum of element distribution.

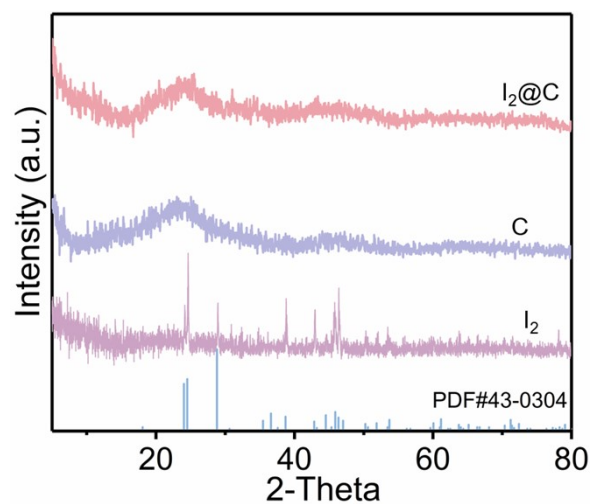


Figure S14. XRD patterns of the I₂, carbon black (C) and I₂@C composite.

Note: According to the complementary XRD measurement of the I₂@C composite cathode (Figure S14), the typical iodine diffraction peak was not detected, confirming the I₂ was adequately dispersed in carbon in the form of molecules.

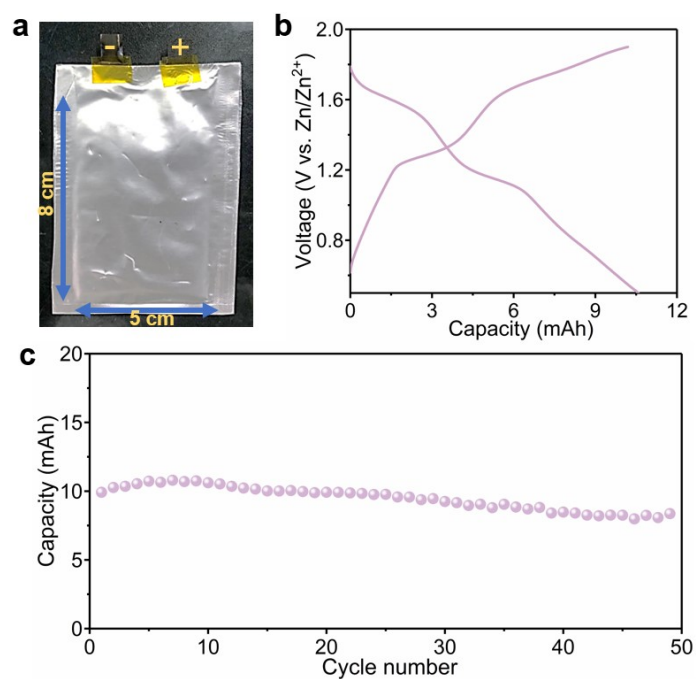


Figure S15. (a) The optical photograph of the Zn-I₂ pouch cell using ZTEs electrolyte. The charge-discharge curve (b) and cycle performance (c) of the Zn-I₂ pouch cell.

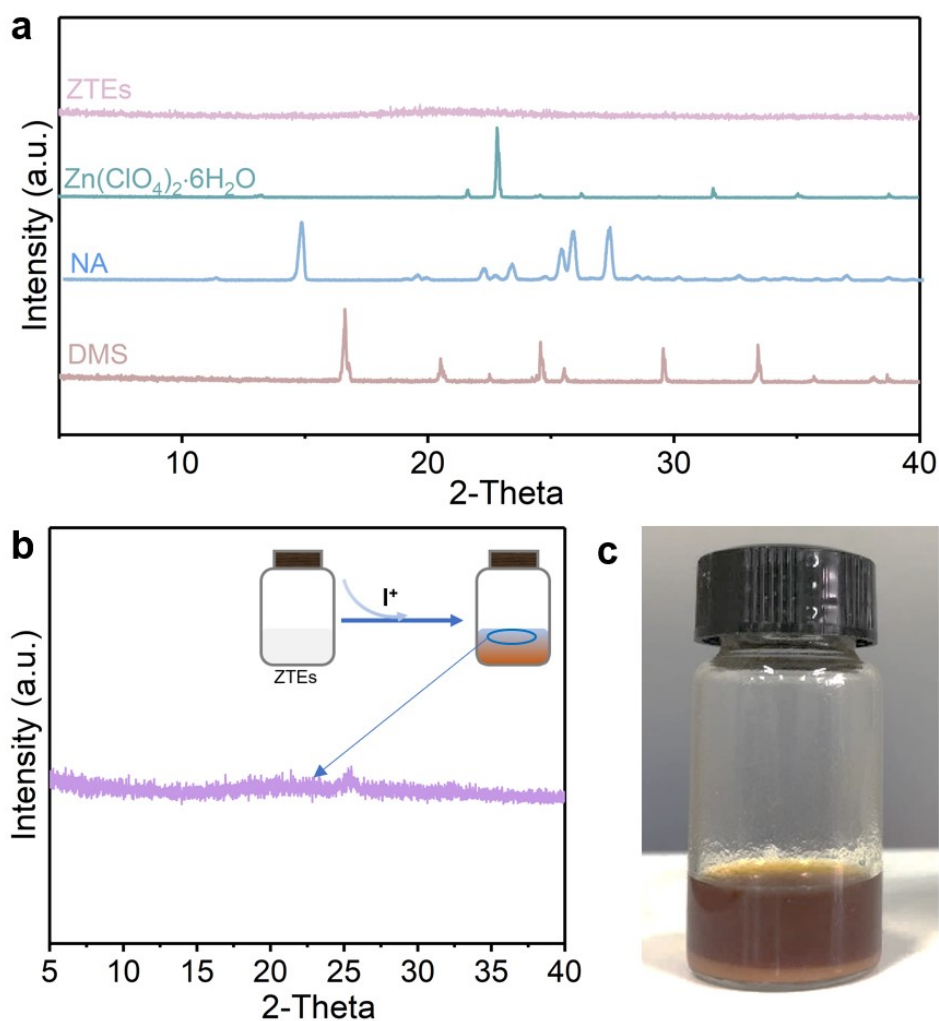


Figure S16. Crystal phase characterization. (a) The XRD pattern of DMS, NA, ZN and ZTEs. (b) The XRD spectra of the supernatant were obtained after I^+ was introduced into the ZTEs electrolyte. (c) Optical images of the ZTEs electrolyte after I^+ was introduced.

Note: Obviously, the ZTEs electrolyte demonstrate a homogeneous characteristic, while the I^+ can bond with a component of electrolyte to form precipitate. Currently, the trait makes the I^0 *in-situ* translated into stable I^+ charge-complex on the carbon matrix during charge process.

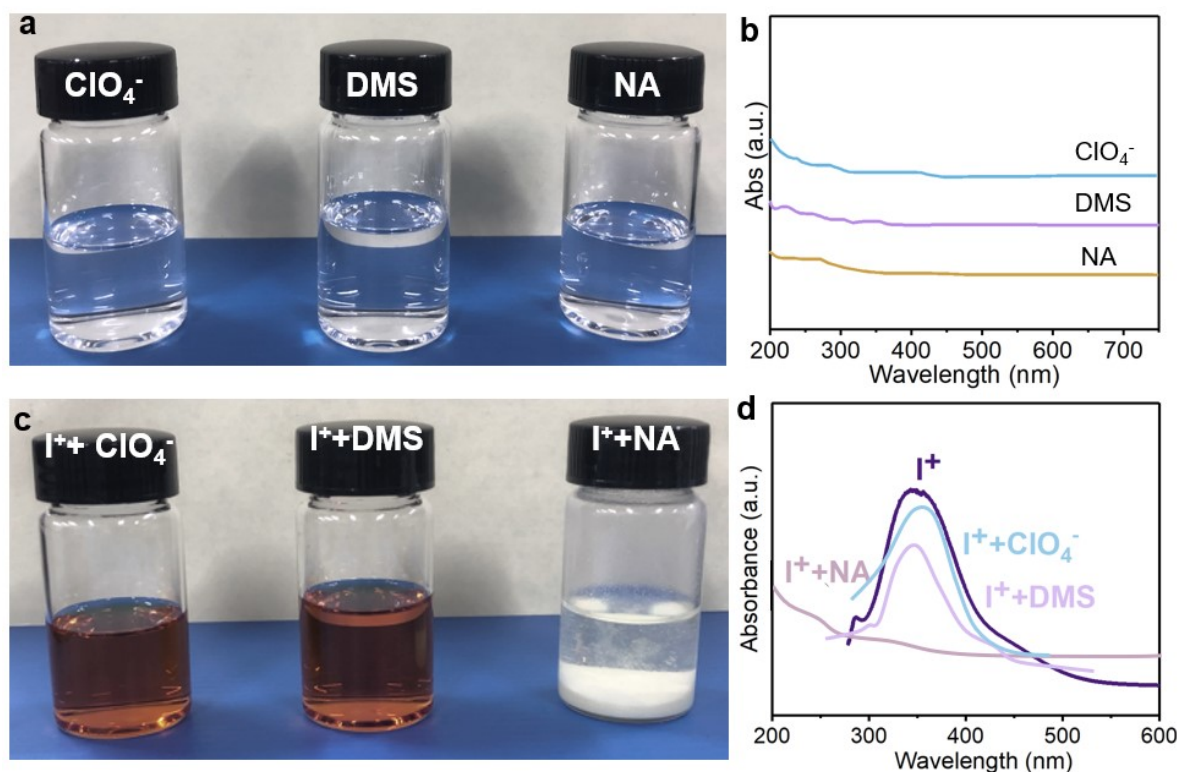


Figure S17. Characterization of force between I^+ and each component of ZTEs electrolyte. (a) Optical images of the solutions containing different ions or molecules and (b) corresponding UV-vis spectroscopy. (c) Optical images of the solutions containing different ions or molecules after adding I^+ (the molar ratio of ion or molecule to I^+ =1:1).

Note: Considering that I^+ will be hydrolyzed in an aqueous solution, here we adopt anhydrous ethanol as solvent. According to the UV-vis spectral spectrum and optical images, we can conclude there exists strong action between NA and I^+ due to the rapid generation of precipitates, while the action between I^+ and ClO_4^- (and DMS) almost can be negligible.

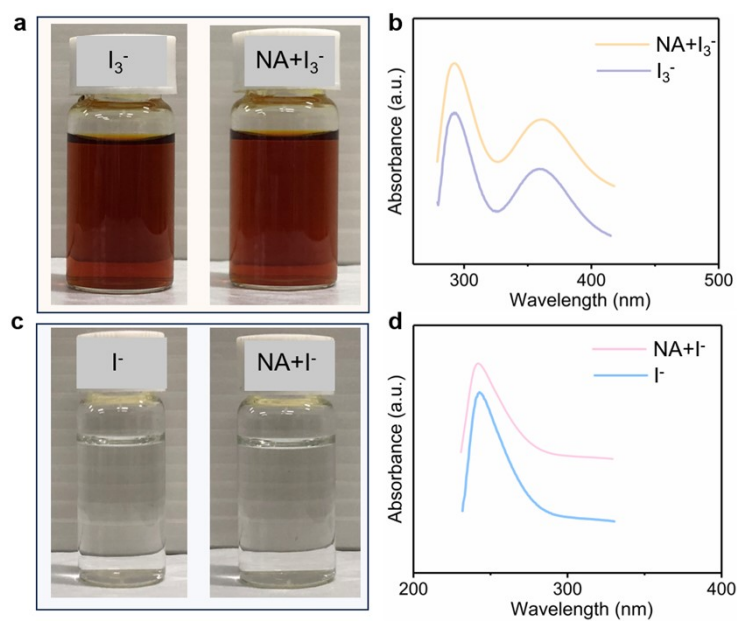


Figure S18. (a) The optical photos of I_3^- and $NA+I_3^-$ solutions (b) corresponding UV-vis spectrum. (c) The optical photos of I^- and $NA+I^-$ solutions (d) corresponding UV-vis spectrum.

Note: There is no color change and absorption peaks shift for $I_3^-/NA+I_3^-$ and I^- and $NA+I^-$ solutions, confirming that the NA molecule does not have strong interactions with iodine ions (I_3^- and I^-).

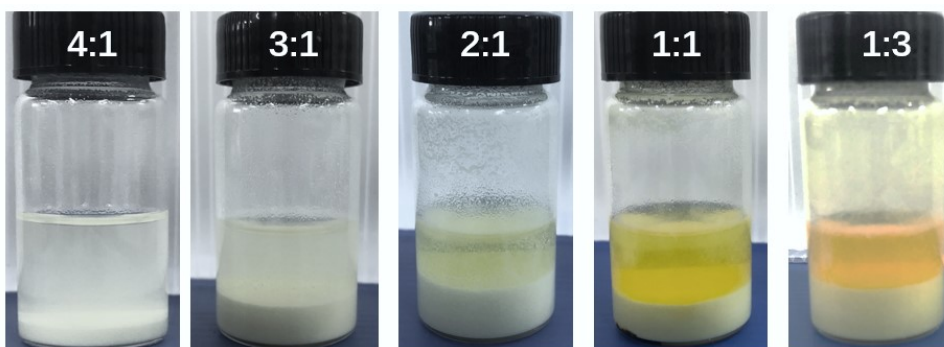


Figure S19. Study on the coordination ratio of I⁺ to NA. The optical images of mixing I⁺ and NA solution at different molar ratios.

Note: According to the optical images, the I⁺ can be bonded steadily by NA to form a solid precipitate due to strong dipole-ions acting force. When the molar ratio of NA to I⁺ more than 3, the I⁺ can be sufficiently bonded. there will exist free I⁺ when the ratio is less than 1. Therefore, the formed solid precipitate can be conjectured as $[I(NA)_2]^+$. The following DFT calculation also verified the conclusion.

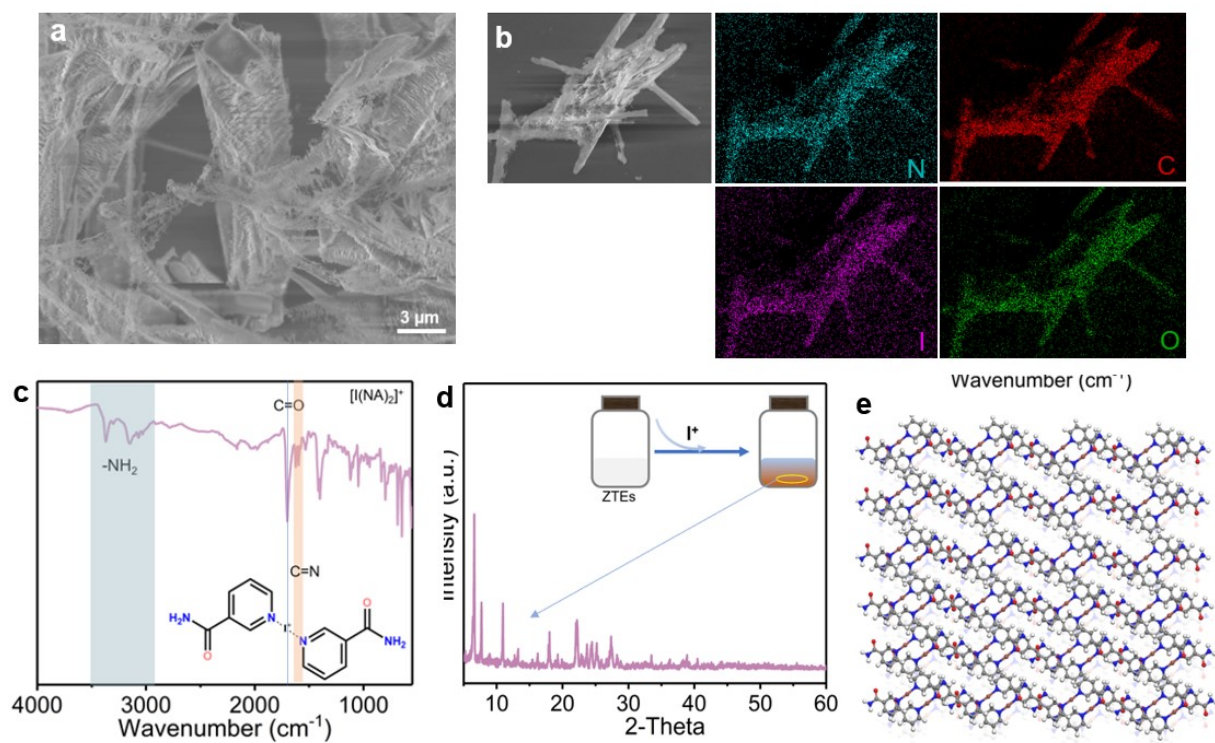


Figure S20. Structural characterization of $[I(NA)_2]^+$. (a) SEM image and (b) corresponding EDS mapping. (c) FTIR spectroscopy of $[I(NA)_2]^+$ composite. (d) XRD pattern and (e) corresponding crystal configuration.

Note: The $[I(NA)_2]^+$ can be assembly to form specific crystal structure due to the hydrogen bonding and π - π stacking.

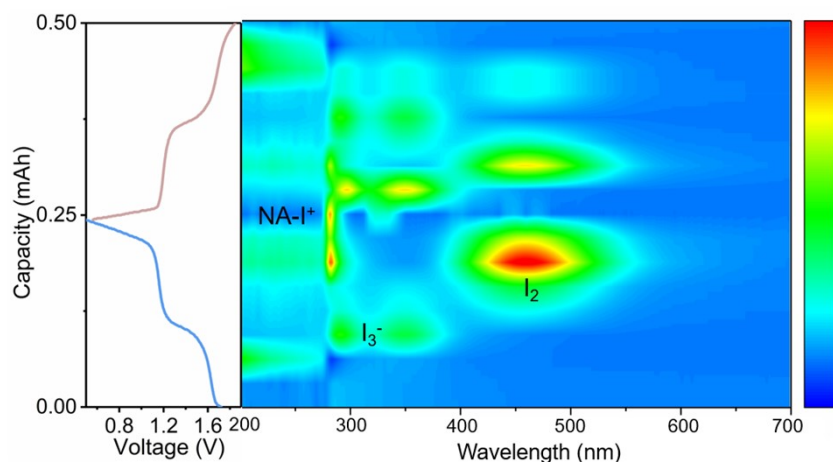


Figure S21. The *in-situ* UV-vis spectrum of the Zn-I₂ battery employing ZTEs electrolyte during discharge/charge process.

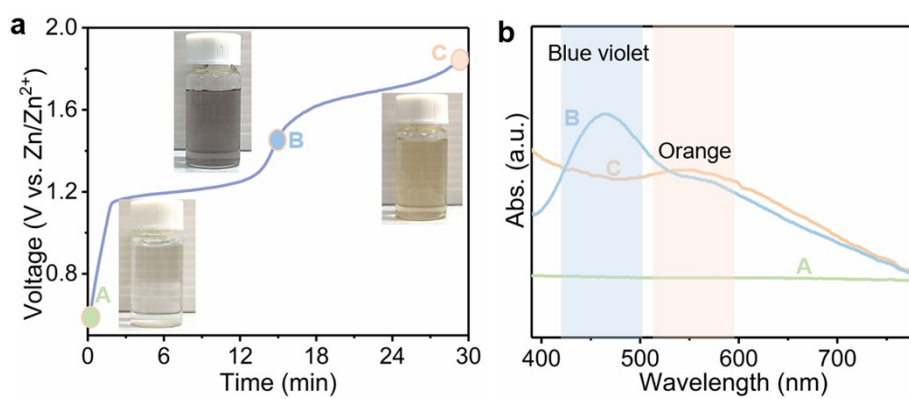


Figure S22. (a) The optical photos of the starch solution after soaking the electrodes in different states and (b) the corresponding visible absorption spectrum.

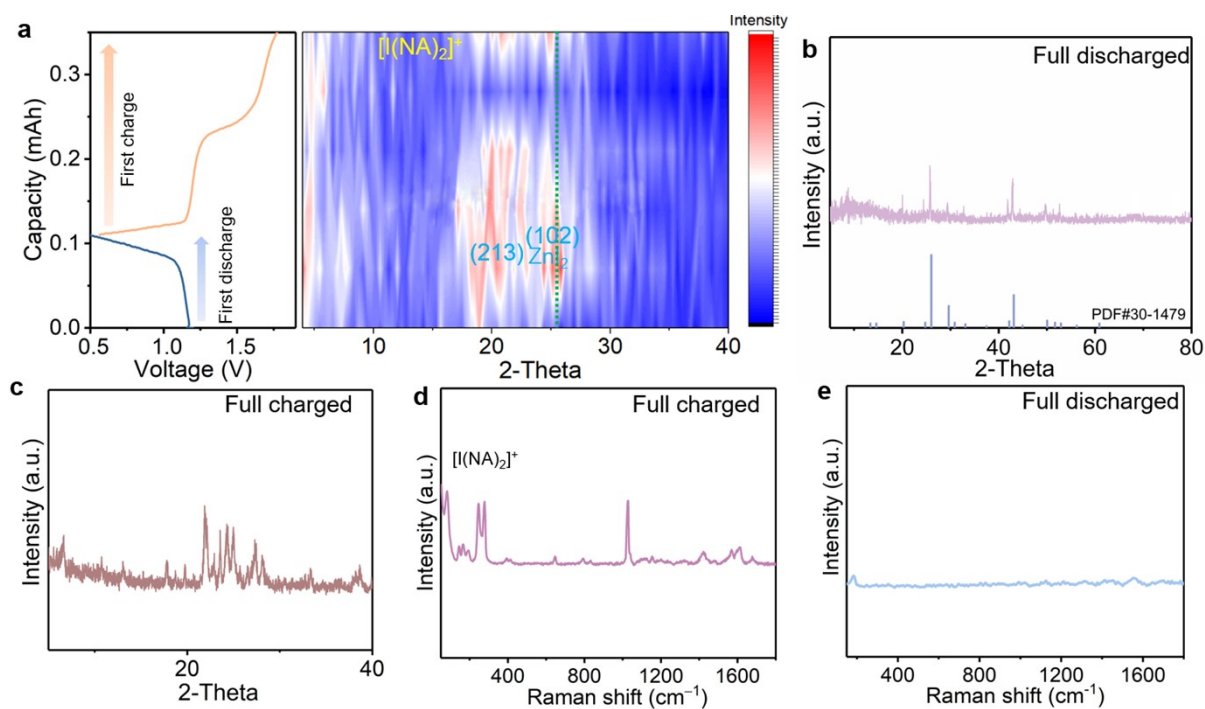


Figure S23. Evolution of iodine species. (a) The *ex-situ* XRD spectra of $I_2@C$ cathode during charge/discharge process. (b) Corresponding XRD spectra after full discharged. (c) The corresponding XRD spectra after full charged. The Raman spectra of $I_2@C$ cathode (d) after full charged and (e) after full discharged in ZTEs electrolyte, respectively.

Note: After full charged, the XRD spectra together with Raman spectra further confirmed that the $[I(NA)_2]^+$ is the final charging species.

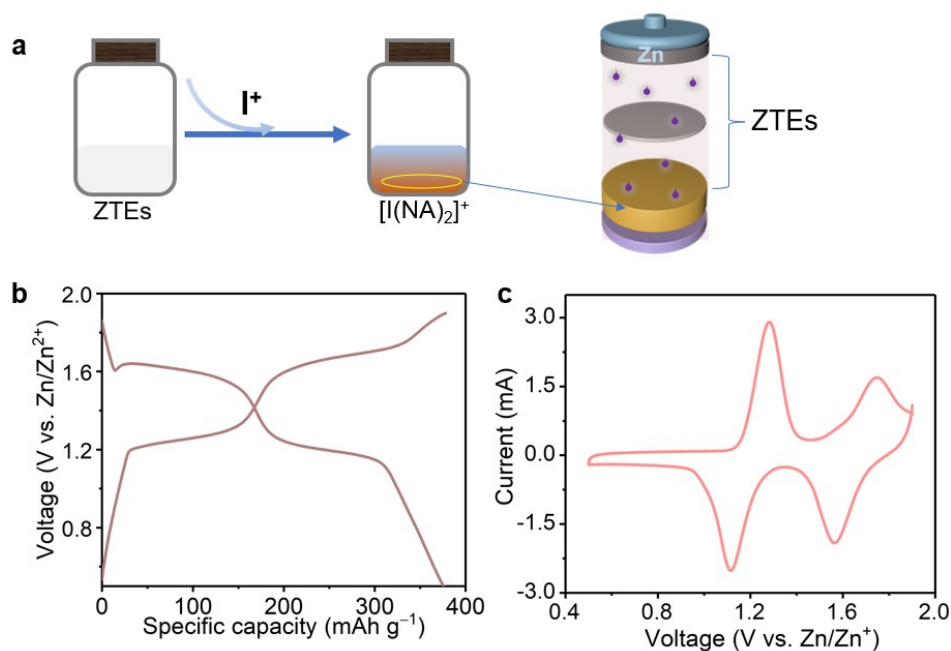


Figure S24. Performance of Zn²⁺ battery with [I(NA)₂]⁺ as cathode. (a) Schematic diagram of assembling a Zn²⁺ battery with [I(NA)₂]⁺ served as cathode. (b) Voltage specific capacity curve and (c) CV curve of Zn-[I(NA)₂]⁺ battery.

Note: In order to amply confirm the hypothesis of the [I(NA)₂]⁺ the final charging species, we performed the measurement of Zn²⁺ battery with [I(NA)₂]⁺ as cathode. The battery shows two pairs of reversible redox peaks that corresponding 2I⁻/I₂/2I⁺ four-electron conversion. Therefore, the [I(NA)₂]⁺ can be the final charging species in our study Zn-I₂ battery system using ZTEs electrolyte.

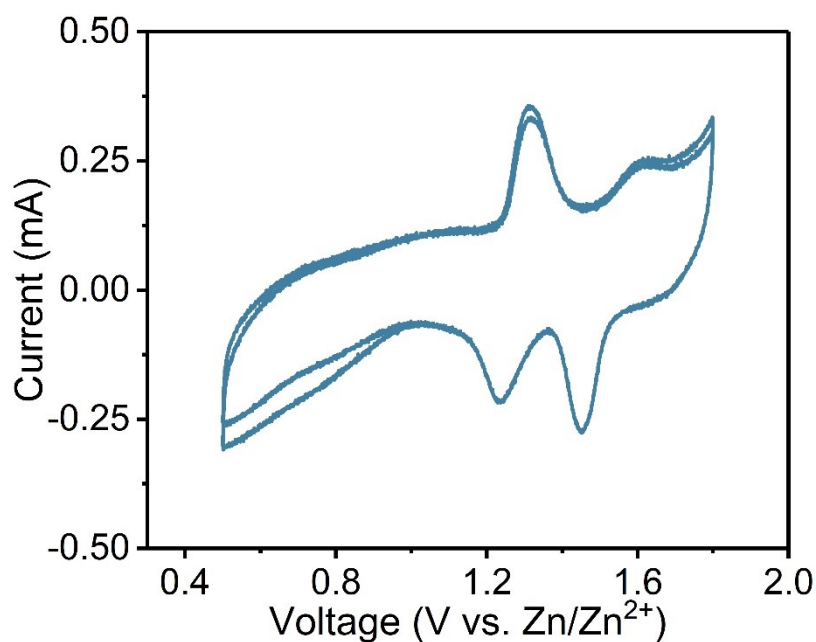


Figure S25. CV curves of Zn-I₂ battery using as I₂@C cathode and 2M Zn(OTf)₂+NA as electrolyte. Here, the 0.2 g NA was added to a 5mL 2M Zn(OTf)₂ solution (Zn(OTf)₂/NA) to serve as a contrast electrolyte.

Note: The previously reported literature has confirmed that the Cl⁻ can activate the high valance oxidation of I species. Therefore, in order to exclude ClO₄⁻ influence in this work, we further conducted an electrochemistry test using Zn(OTf)₂/NA electrolyte. Generally, there is a lot of free water in the 2M Zn(OTf)₂ electrolyte, which will cause hydrolysis of iodide cations. The water molecule is hydrogen bonds locked by NA to further reduce its activity by adding a large number of NA molecules, For the cell using the Zn(OTf)₂/NA electrolyte, the CV curves demonstrate two couples of redox peaks, suggesting the I⁺ was stabilized by NA and realized the 2I⁻/I₂/2I⁺ four-electron conversion in other electrolyte systems. The low potential corresponding to the redox peaks may be due to polarization. Therefore, the above results exclude ClO₄⁻ influence in stabilizing iodine cations.

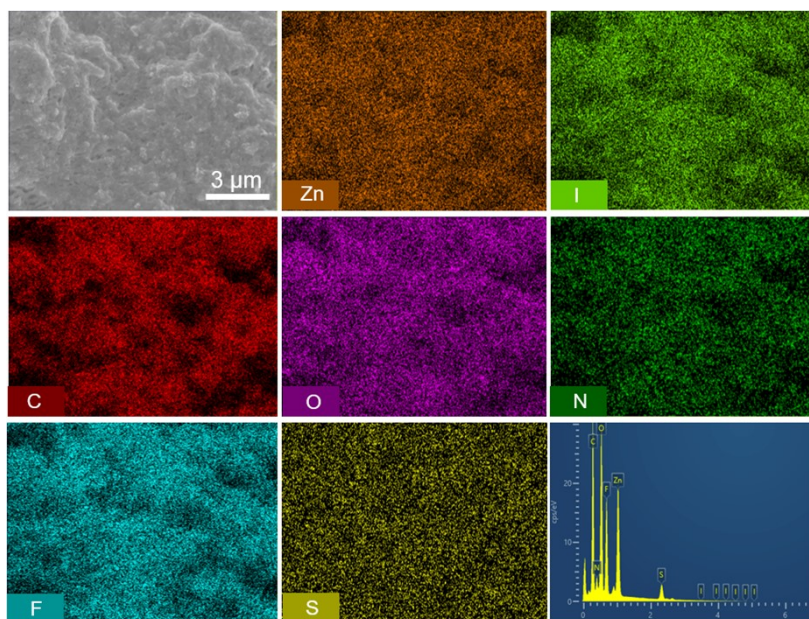


Figure S26. The EDS mapping of the $I_2@C$ cathode after full discharge.

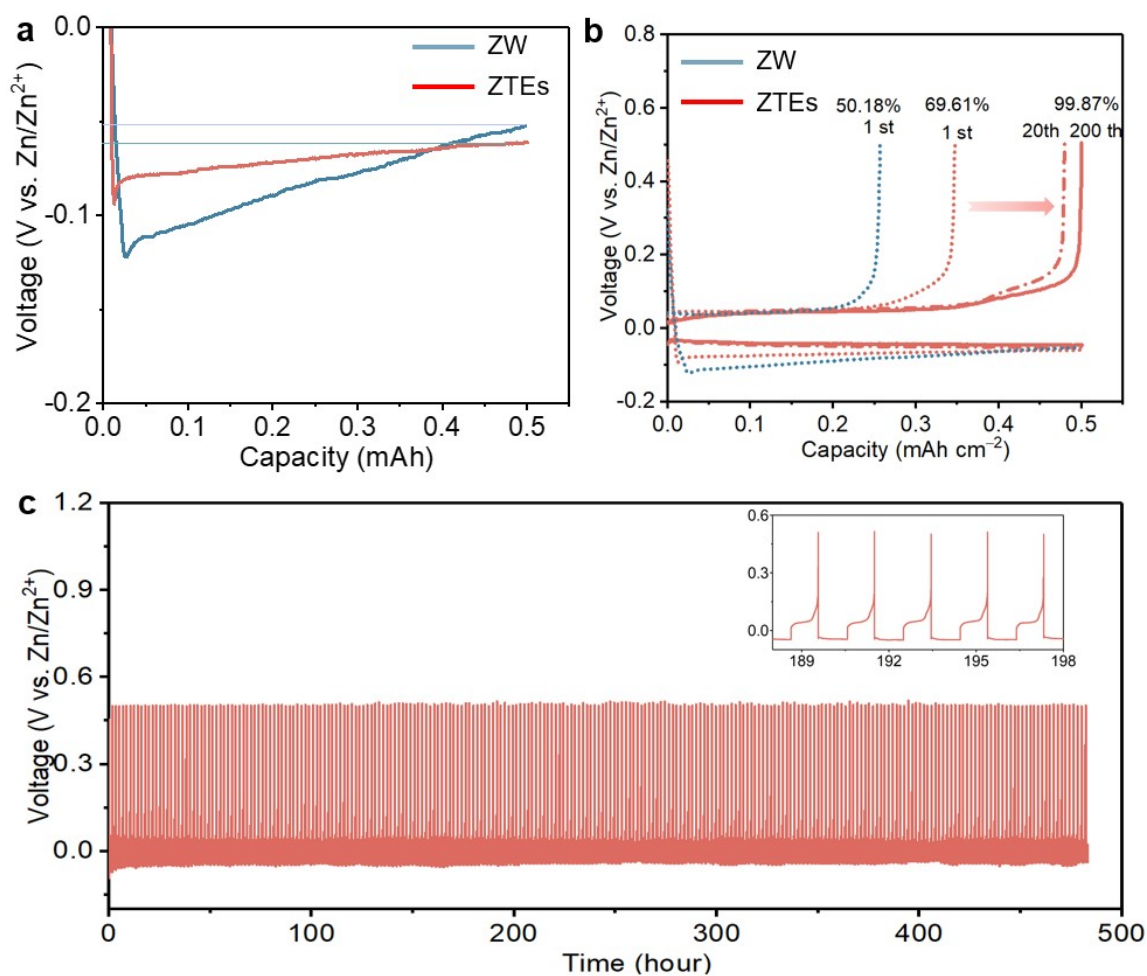


Figure S27. Zn plating/stripping performance in ZTEs. (a) Voltage profiles of galvanostatic Zn plating/stripping with the maximum oxidation potential of 0.5 V (vs. Zn/Zn²⁺) in ZTEs and ZW at a rate of 0.5 mA cm⁻² (0.5 mAh cm⁻²). The working and counter electrodes are Ti and Zn, respectively. (b) Voltage profiles and corresponding Coulombic efficiency of Zn plating and stripping processes at selected cycles in different electrolytes. (c) Voltage profiles of Zn plating and stripping in ZTEs.

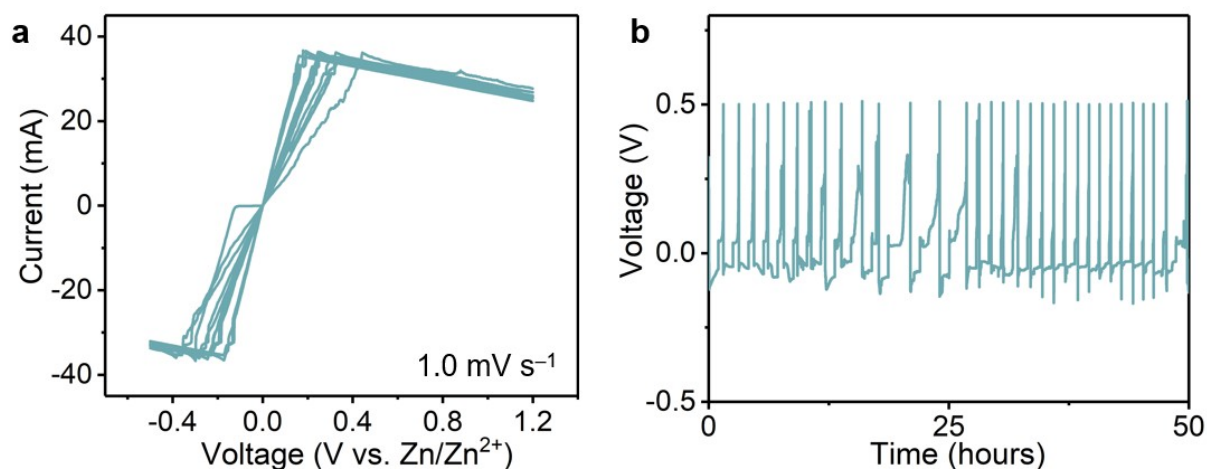


Figure S28. Zn plating/stripping in ZW. (a) Cyclic voltammetry (CV) curves of Zn plating/stripping in ZW at a scan rate of 1 mV s^{-1} with a potential range of -0.5 - 1.2 V . (b) Voltage-time curves of Zn plating/stripping in ZW. The working and counter electrodes are Zn and Ti, respectively.

Note: The CV curves of Zn plating/stripping in ZW demonstrate an abnormal deposition peak potential, which can be attributed to the violent side reactions on the zinc metal interface.

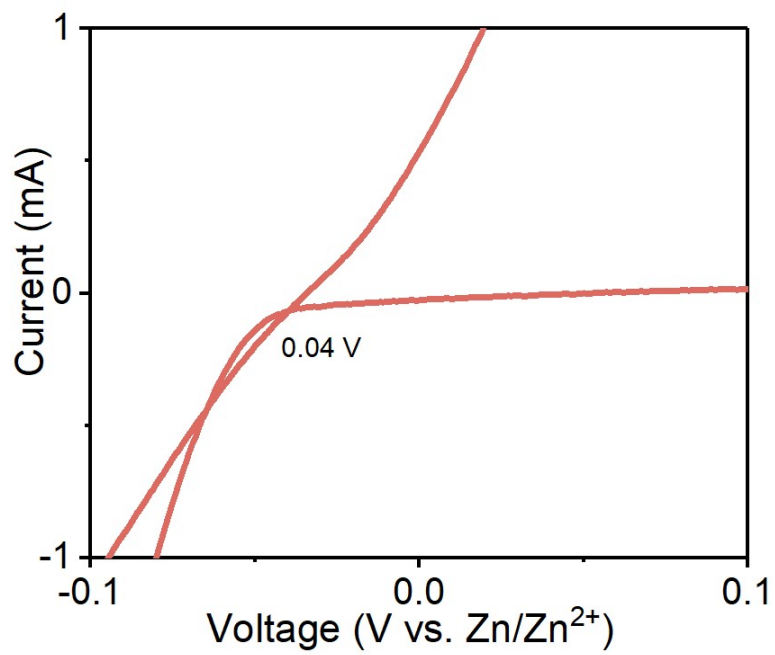


Figure S29. CV curves of ZTEs in a cell at a scan rate of 0.5 mV s^{-1} .

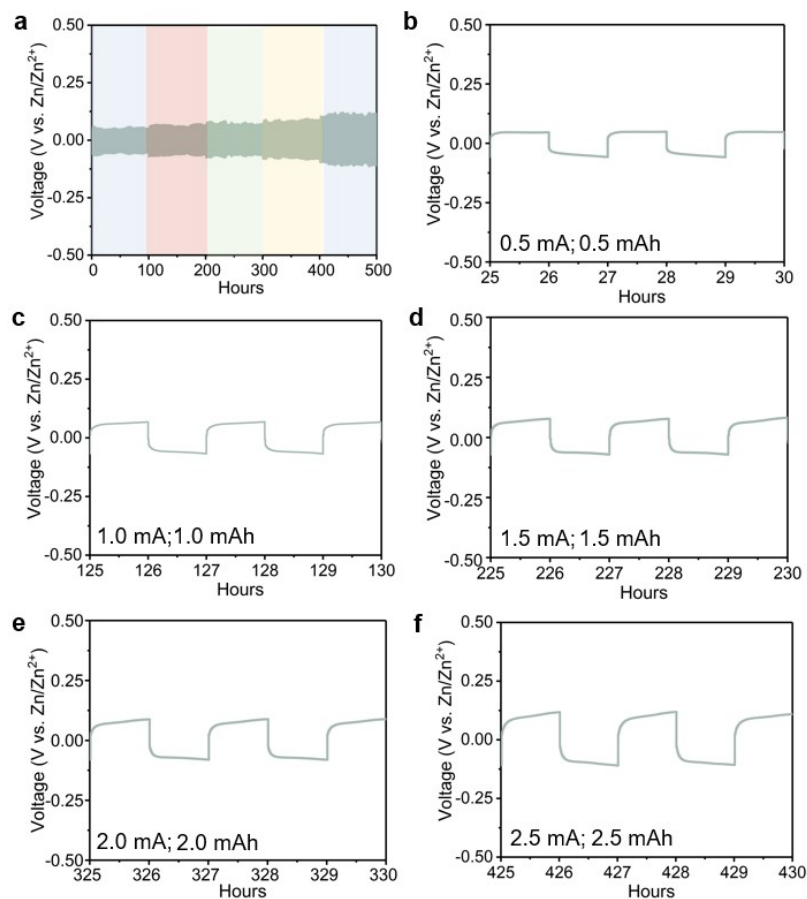


Figure S30. (a) Voltage responses of Zn/Zn cell with ZTEs at rates of 0.5-2.5 mA cm⁻² (each half cycle lasts for 1.0 h). (b-f) The enlarged partial details voltage responses of Zn/Zn cell.

Note: The potential of ZTEs for supporting the reversible Zn electrochemistry was also investigated under galvanostatic conditions at elevated current densities from 0.5-2.5 mA cm⁻².

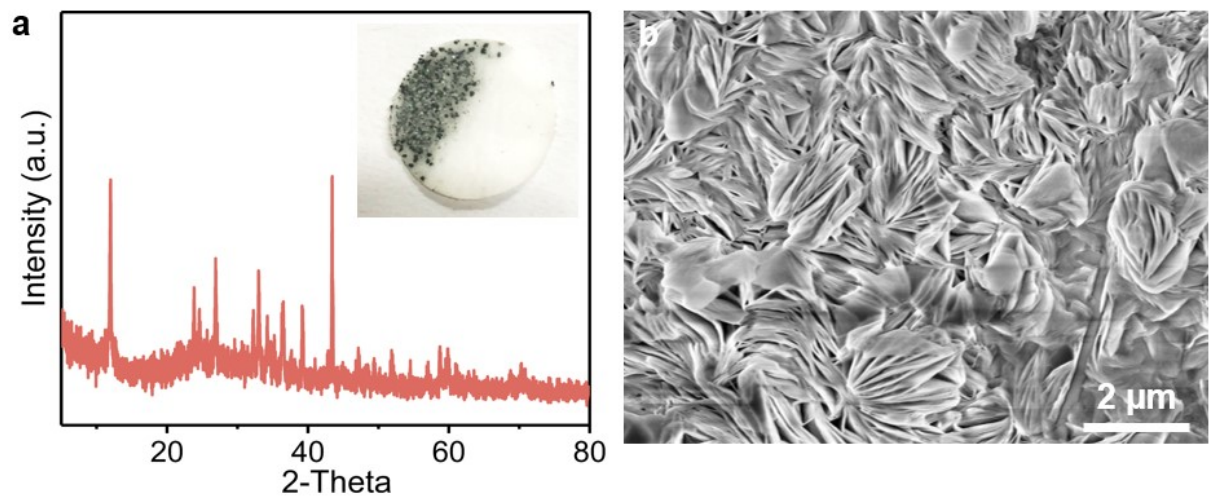


Figure S31. (a) XRD spectra and (b) SEM image of the cyclized glass fiber membrane using ZW electrolyte (insert of the optical photograph).

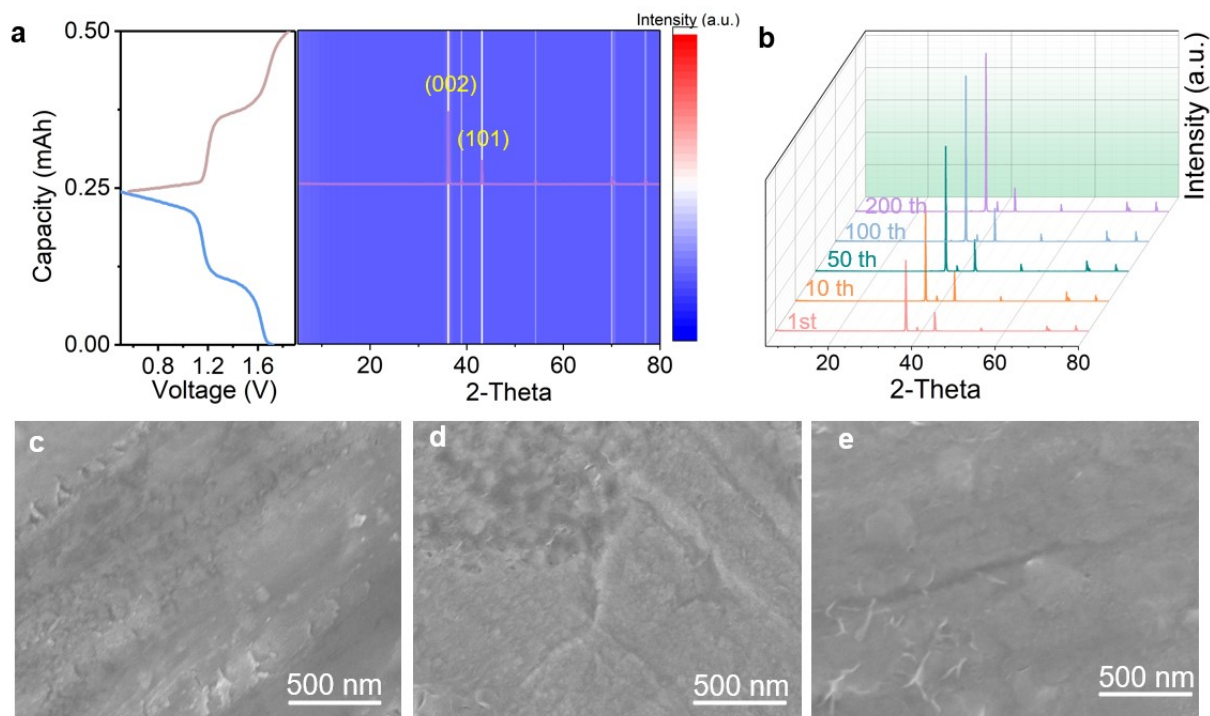


Figure S32. Characterizations of Zn anode cycled in ZTEs. (a) The *ex-situ* XRD spectra of Zn anode during charge/discharge process. (b) The XRD spectra of Zn anode after different cycles. SEM images of the Zn anode after (c) 1st (d)10th and (e) 50 cycled using ZTEs electrolyte.

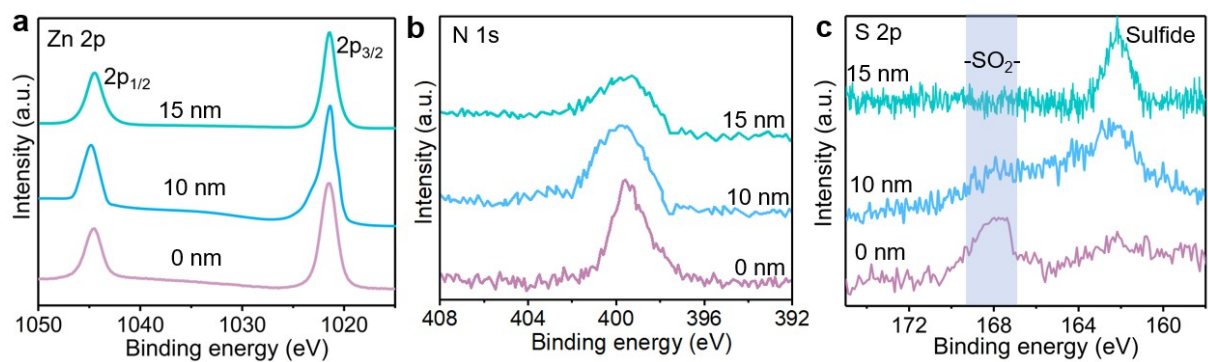


Figure S33. XPS spectral regions for Zn 2p, N 1s, and S 2p at various argon (Ar⁺) sputtering depths on the Zn anode after cycled in ZTEs.

Note: As the etching depth increased, the intensity of sulfide increases gradually while those of nitrides decrease, indicating that S/N-rich organic compounds are mainly distributed in the SEI layer.

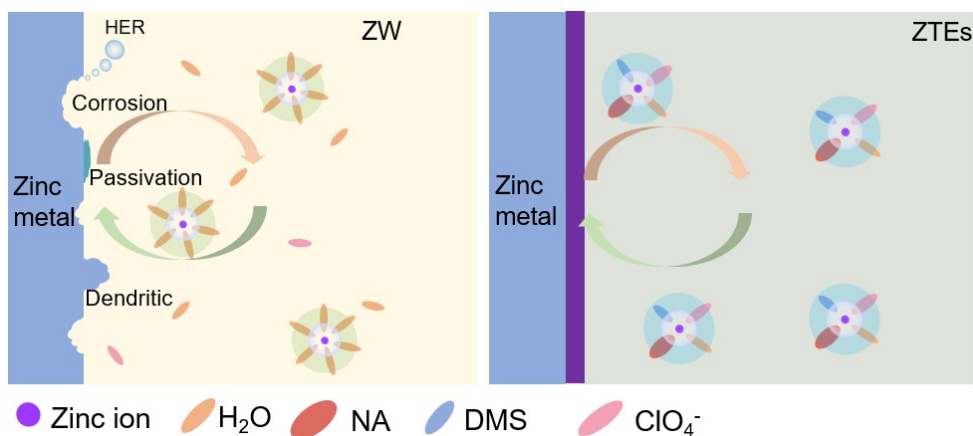


Figure S34. In the conventional electrolyte (left), intrinsic weak acidity of the electrolyte leads to uncontrolled dendrites and notorious side reactions occurring at the Zn-electrolyte interface. In the ZTEs electrolyte (right), the zincophilic effect of neutral ligands and the hydrogen bond locking with water by distinguished solvated shell structure of Zn²⁺ enables a record Zn plating/stripping lifespan.

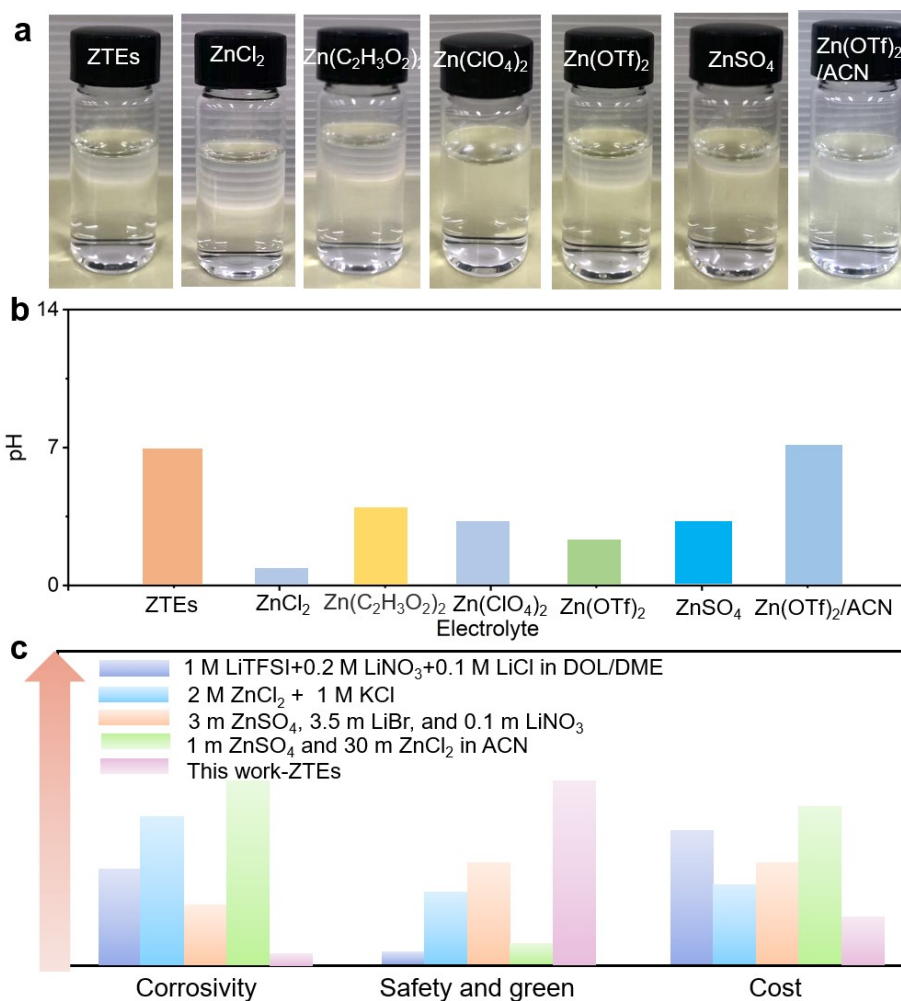


Figure S35. Comparison of commonly used Zn²⁺ electrolytes. (a) The optical photograph of commonly used Zn²⁺ electrolytes. (b) pH of the commonly used Zn²⁺ electrolytes. (c) The superiorities of the ZTEs electrolyte compared with the reported electrolytes of I₂-metal battery that realized four-electron 2I⁻/I₂/2I⁺ conversion chemistry.

Note: Generally, the commonly used zinc salts for Zn-based batteries include ZnSO₄, Zn(ClO₄)₂ and Zn(OTf)₂, et al., there are exist plentiful protons in aqueous Zn²⁺ electrolytes due to the hydrolysis reaction of Zn salt. Therefore, the Zn anodes inevitably suffer and face hydrogen evolution and dendrite issues. Additionally, there are limited reports of chloride-containing electrolytes used to achieve the four-electron conversion of iodine, the presence of chloride ions severely corrodes battery components that greatly limiting their application. Moreover, The components of ZTEs electrolyte are green and harmless, and inexpensive. Therefore, the ZTEs electrolyte demonstrates great advantages in terms of green and cost for large-scale use.

Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Comparison of polarization voltage of this work to reported I₂-metal, Mn-Zn, and V-Zn battery systems.

Cathodes		Electrolyte	Anode type	Specific capacity	Ref.
I ₂ -Metal	I ₂ @C	ZTEs	Zn	412 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.5 A g ⁻¹	This work
	ACC/I ₂	1M ZnSO ₄	Zn	220 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.2 A g ⁻¹	(2)
	TiO ₂ /I ₂	0.5M ZnI ₂	Zn	114 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.5 A g ⁻¹	(3)
	ACF/I ₂	1M ZnSO ₄	Zn	174 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.2 A g ⁻¹	(4)
	I ₂ -ZIF	0.5M ZnSO ₄	Zn	182 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.2 A g ⁻¹	(5)
	C/I ₂	0.5M KPF ₆	K	156 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.05 A g ⁻¹	(6)
	CMK/I ₂	1M KPF ₆	K	89 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.5 A g ⁻¹	(7)
Zn-Mn	γ-MnO ₂	1M ZnSO ₄	Zn	285 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.05 A g ⁻¹	(8)
	β-MnO ₂	1M ZnSO ₄	Zn	270 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	(9)
	MnO ₂	1M ZnSO ₄ +0.2M MnSO ₄	Zn	290 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	(10)
	MnO ₂	ZSC-gel	Zn	275 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.3 A g ⁻¹	(11)
	γ-MnO ₂	Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂ +Mn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	Zn	132 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.15 A g ⁻¹	(12)
	Mn ₃ O ₄	2M ZnSO ₄	Zn	239 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	(13)
	δ-MnO ₂	2M ZnSO ₄ +0.2M MnSO ₄	Zn	278 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.3 A g ⁻¹	(14)
Zn-V	Zn _{0.25} V ₂ O ₅ ·nH ₂ O	1M ZnSO ₄	Zn	260 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.3 A g ⁻¹	(15)
	Ca _{0.24} V ₂ O ₅ ·0.83H ₂ O	1M ZnSO ₄	Zn	180 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.5 A g ⁻¹	(16)
	V ₂ O ₅	3M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	Zn	410 mAh g ⁻¹ at 1 A g ⁻¹	(17)
	V ₂ O ₅ ·nH ₂ O	3M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	Zn	381 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.06 A g ⁻¹	(18)
	H ₂ V ₃ O ₈	3M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	Zn	240 mAh g ⁻¹ at 1 A g ⁻¹	(19)
	LiV ₃ O ₈	1M ZnSO ₄	Zn	188 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.13 A g ⁻¹	(20)
	V ₂ O ₅ /V ₃ O ₇ ·nH ₂ O	Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂ + LiTFSI	Zn	250 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.5 A g ⁻¹	(21)
Zn-Organic	PANI	3M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	Zn	174 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.5 A g ⁻¹	(22)
	PQ-MCT	1Zn-0.5Sc in AcNDI ₄	Zn	120.8 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	(23)
	PANI	ZnCl ₂ /EG	Zn	180 mAh g ⁻¹ at 2 A g ⁻¹	(24)

	PTD-1	2 M ZnSO ₄	Zn	145 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.1 A g ⁻¹	(25)
	PQ-MCT	0.5m ZnTFMS/DM F	Zn	131 mAh g ⁻¹ at 0.2 A g ⁻¹	(26)
	PDB	Zn(ClO ₄) ₂ /H ₂ O/SN	Zn	100 mAh g ⁻¹ at 50 mA g ⁻¹	(27)
	HATN-PNZ	3M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	Zn	257 mAh g ⁻¹ at 5 A g ⁻¹	(28)
	PANI	2M ZnSO ₄ + 0.01 m SG	Zn	192 mAh g ⁻¹ at 1 A g ⁻¹	(29)

Supplementary Calculations.

The theoretical capacity of I₂ cathode based four-electron conversion is

$$C = \frac{nF}{M} = \frac{4 \times 26800 \frac{\text{mAh}}{\text{mol}}}{2 \times 126.9 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}}} = 422.4 \frac{\text{mAh}}{\text{g}}$$

The electromotive force of Zn-I₂ battery is

$$V = -\frac{\Delta G_f}{nF} = \frac{558 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}}{4 \times 94,685 \frac{\text{C}}{\text{mol}}} = 1.47 \text{ V}$$

The theoretical energy density of I₂ cathode based four-electron conversion is

$$E = C \times V = 422.4 \frac{\text{mAh}}{\text{g}} \times 1.47 \text{ V} = 621 \text{ Wh/kg}$$

The theoretical energy density of Zn-I₂ battery based four-electron conversion is

$$E = -\frac{\Delta G_f}{M} = \frac{558 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{mol}}}{320 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}}} = \frac{\text{kJ}}{1746 \text{ kg}} = \frac{\text{Wh}}{485 \text{ kg}}$$

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