

## Supporting Information

### Defect-engineered VO<sub>x</sub> cathode and novel polyvinyl alcohol@polyaniline hydrogel separator for ultra-stable fiber Zn-ion batteries

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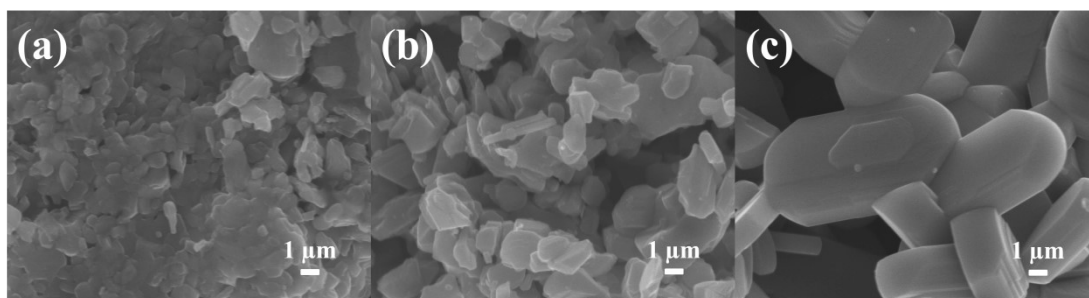


Fig S1. SEM images of (a) VO@280; (b) VO@350; (c) VO@450 composites.

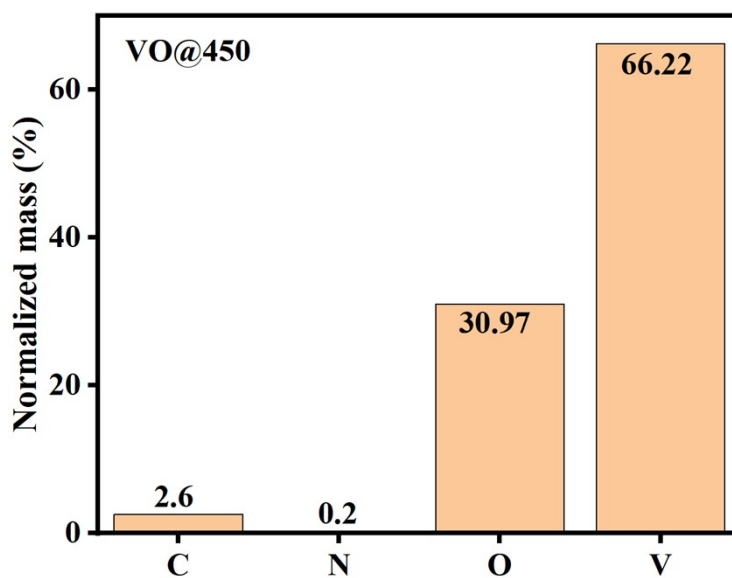


Fig S2. Normalized mass proportion of N element in VO@450 materials.

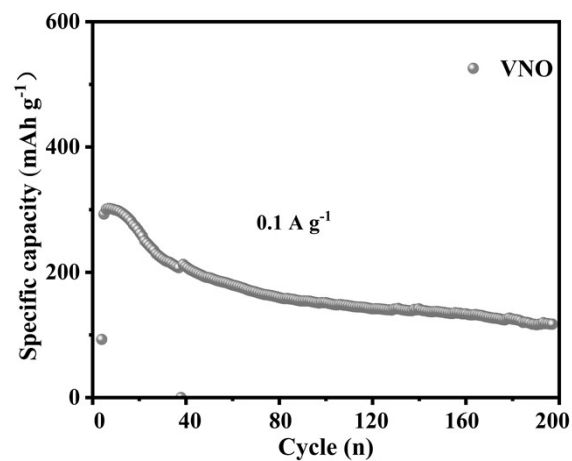


Fig S3. Cycling performance of VNO electrode at 0.1 A g<sup>-1</sup>.

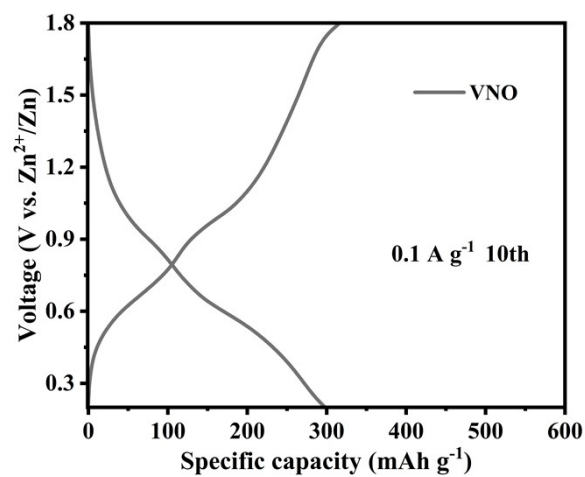


Fig S4. GCD curves of VNO electrode for the 10th turn at 0.1 A g<sup>-1</sup>.

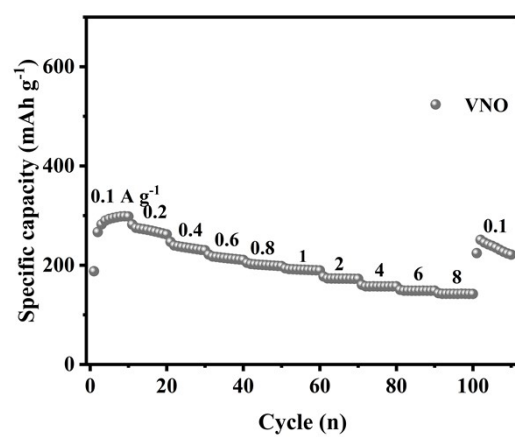
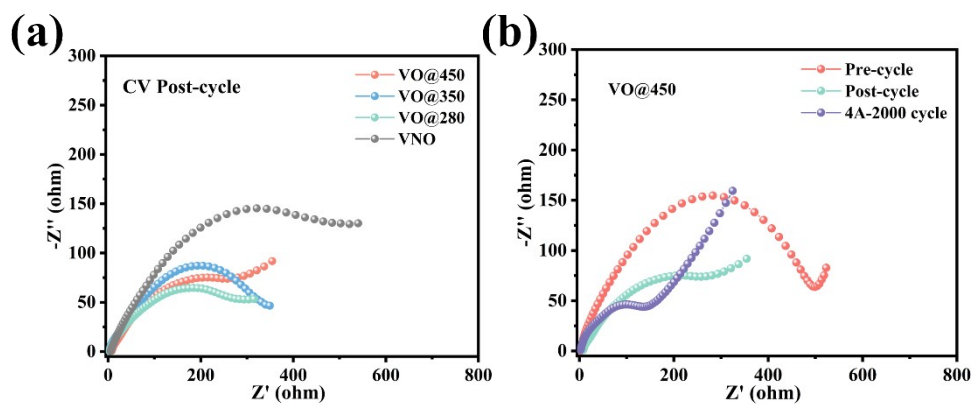
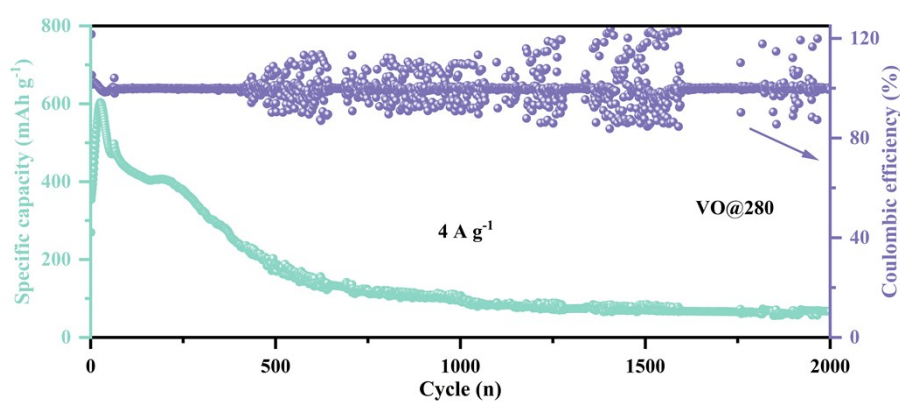


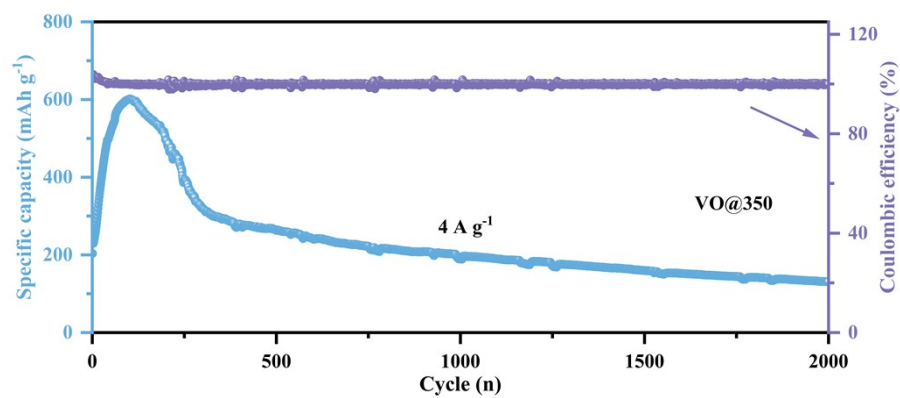
Fig S5. Rate performance of VNO electrode.



**Fig S6.** EIS curves: (a) After the CV tests; (b) Different stages of the VO@450 electrode.



**Fig S7.** Long cycle performance of VO@280 electrodes at 4 A g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig S8.** Long cycle performance of VO@350 electrodes at 4 A g<sup>-1</sup>.

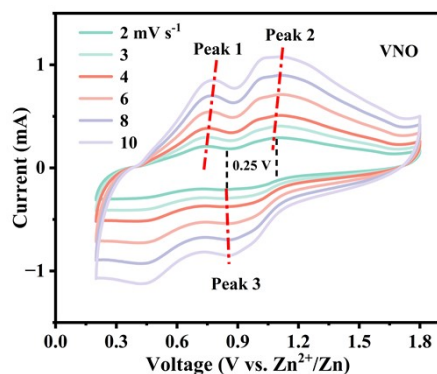


Fig S9. CV curves of the VNO electrode at varied scan rates.

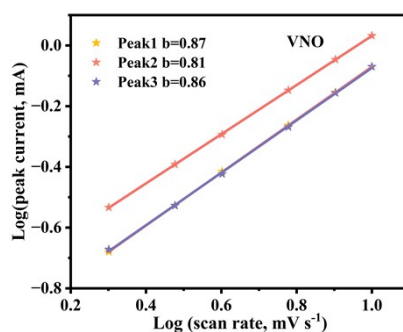


Fig S10. Plots of  $\log(i)$  vs  $\log(v)$  at specific peak currents for the VNO electrode.

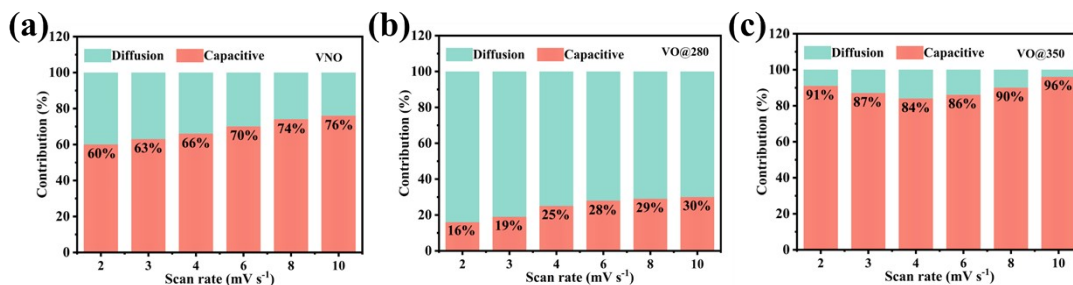


Fig S11. Capacitive and diffusion contribution at different scan rates of (a) VNO; (b) VO@280; (c) VO@350 electrodes, respectively.

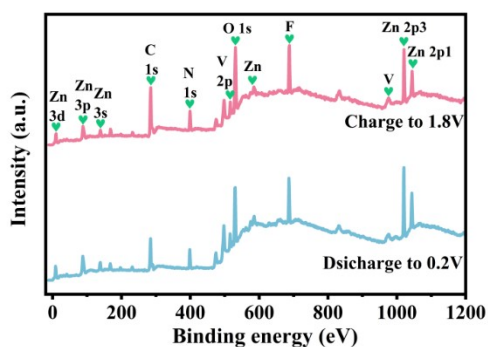
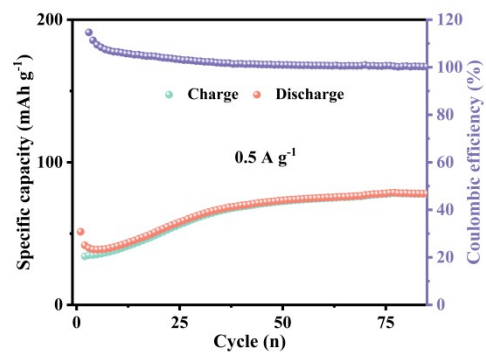


Fig S12. XPS full spectrum of VO@450 electrode at different charging/discharging states.



**Fig S13.** Cycling performance of the VO@450 based fiber zinc ion battery with PVA hydrogel separator at 0.5 A g<sup>-1</sup>.