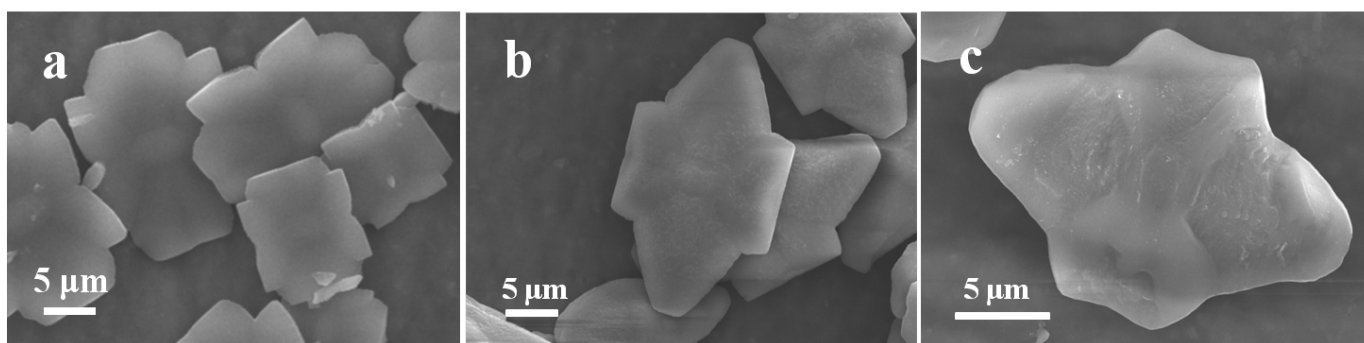


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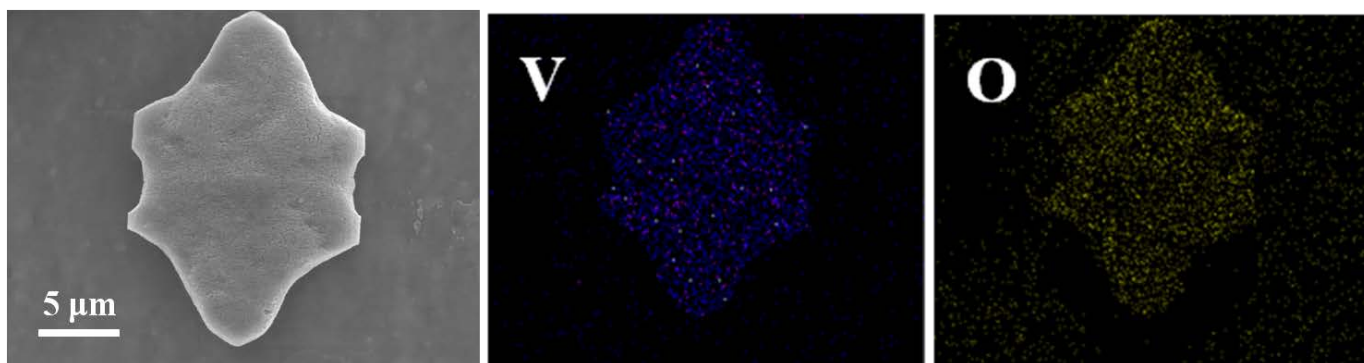
## **Top-Down Fabrication of Three-Dimensional Porous V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> Hierarchical Microplates with Tunable Porosity for Improved Lithium Batteries<sup>†</sup>**

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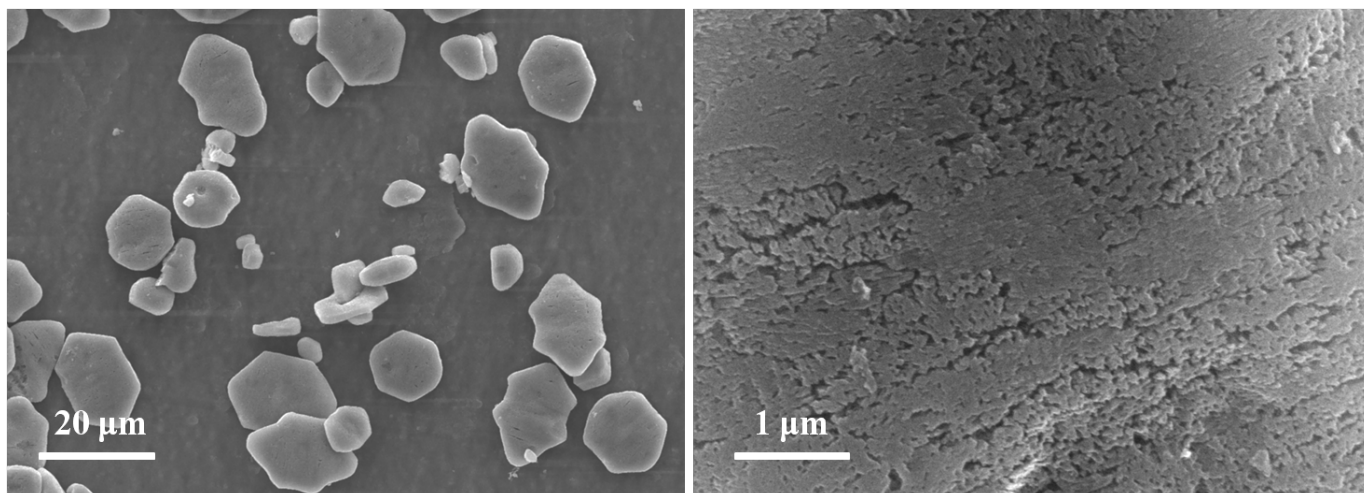
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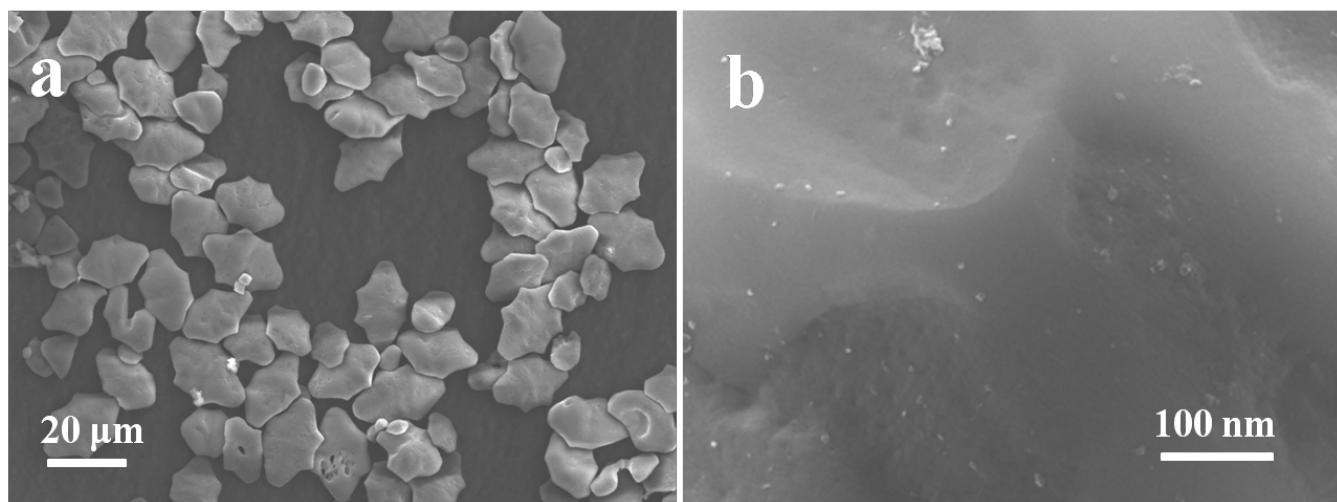
**Figure S1.** SEM images of the samples synthesized under different solvothermal times: (a) 0 h, (b) 6 h and (c) 12 h.



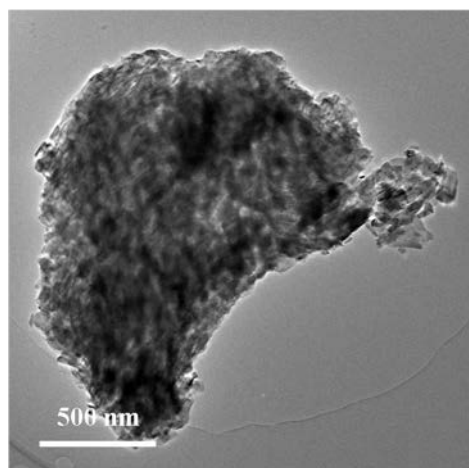
**Figure S2.** EDS mapping of the porous  $V_2O_5$  hierarchical microplate.



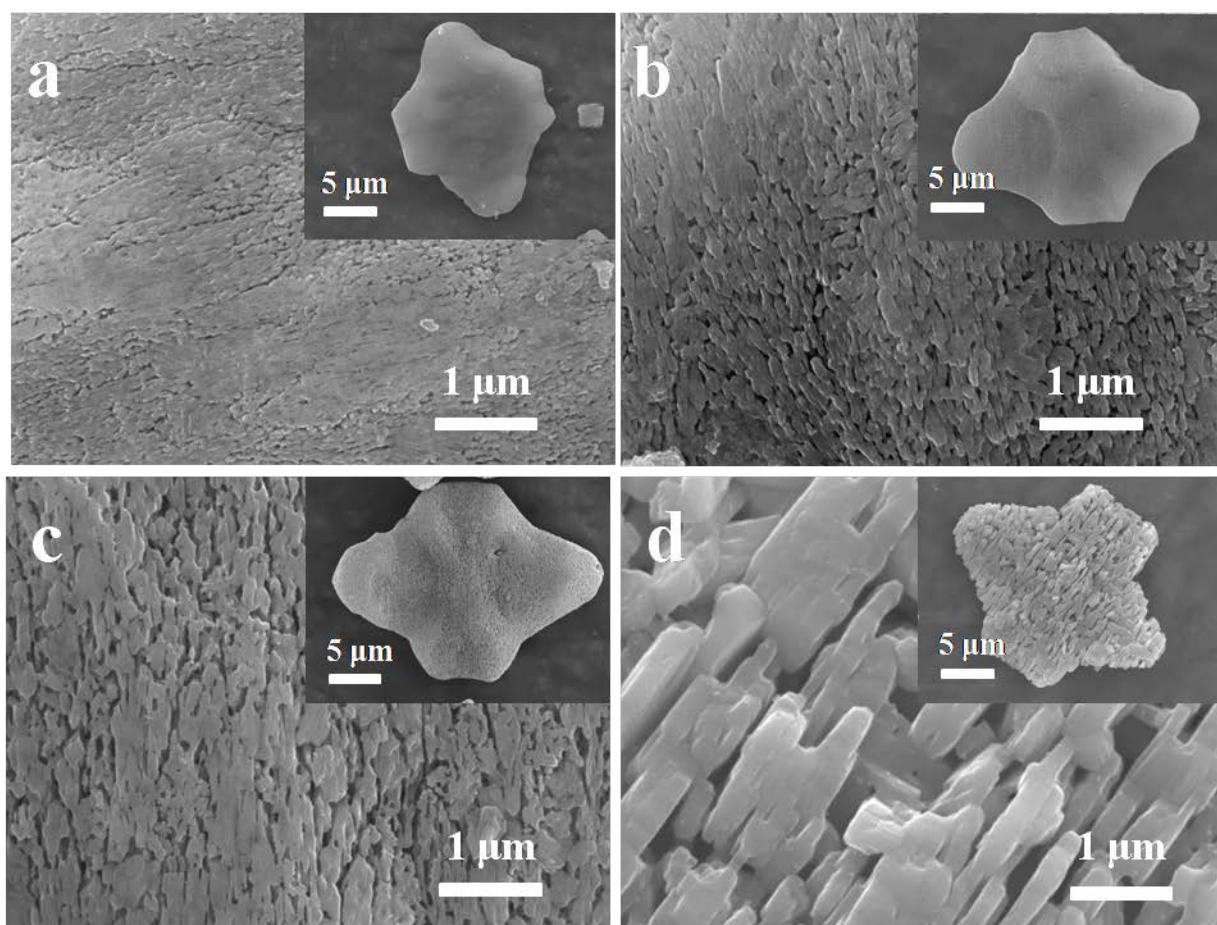
**Figure S3.** SEM images of the porous  $V_2O_5$  hierarchical microplates calcinated at 350 °C.



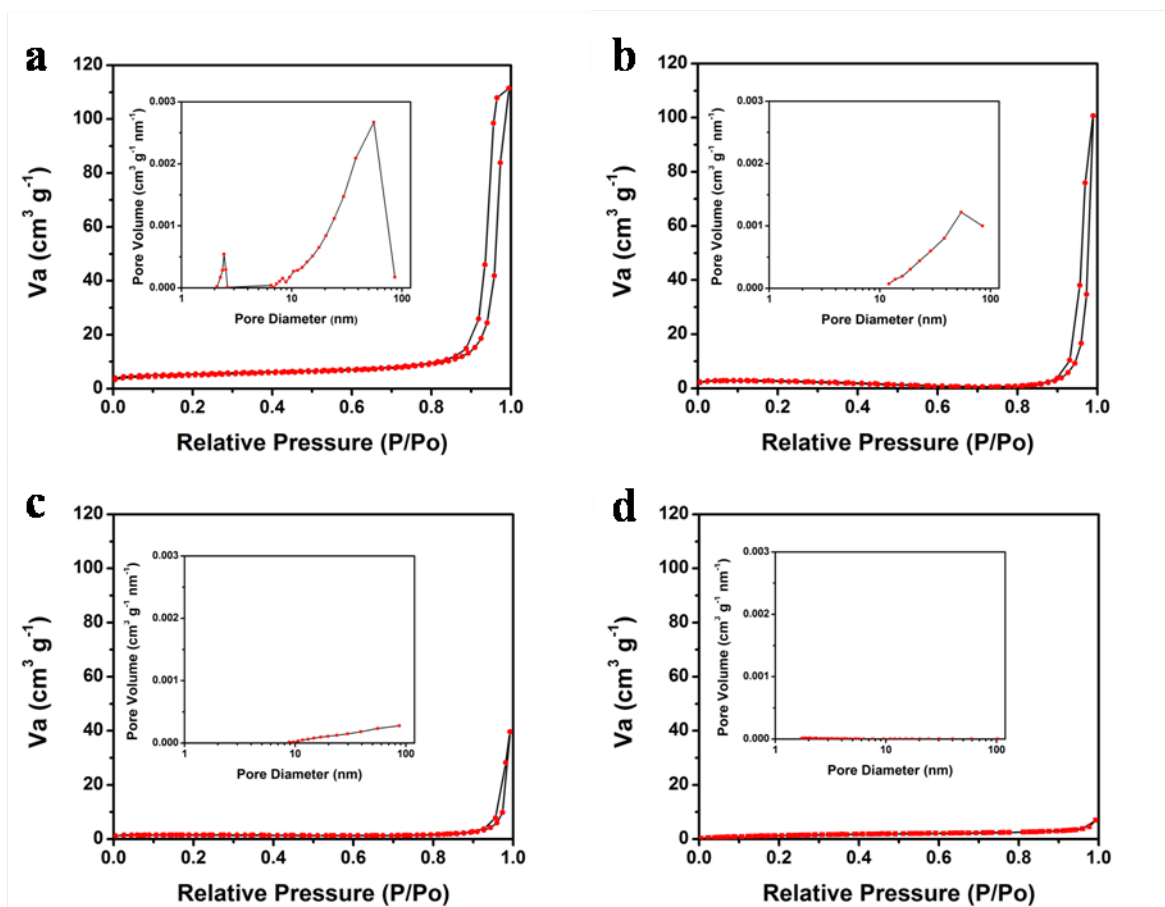
**Figure S4.** SEM images of  $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$  microplates.



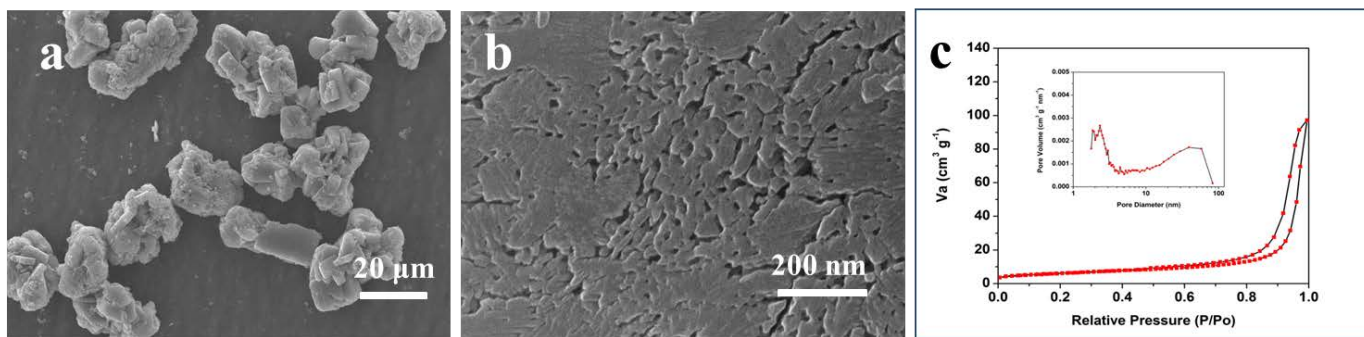
**Figure S5.** TEM image of irregular  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  particle.



**Figure S6.** SEM images of quasi-hexagonal microplates annealed at 400 °C (a), 450 °C (b), 500 °C (c) and 600 °C (d).



**Figure S7.** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of porous  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$  microplates and corresponding pore size distribution (inset) annealed at 400 °C (a), 450 °C (b), 500 °C (c) and 600 °C (d).



**Figure S8.** (a, b) SEM images of the sample obtained by calcining the bulk  $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$  at 350 °C; (c) Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherms of the sample and corresponding pore size distribution (inset).

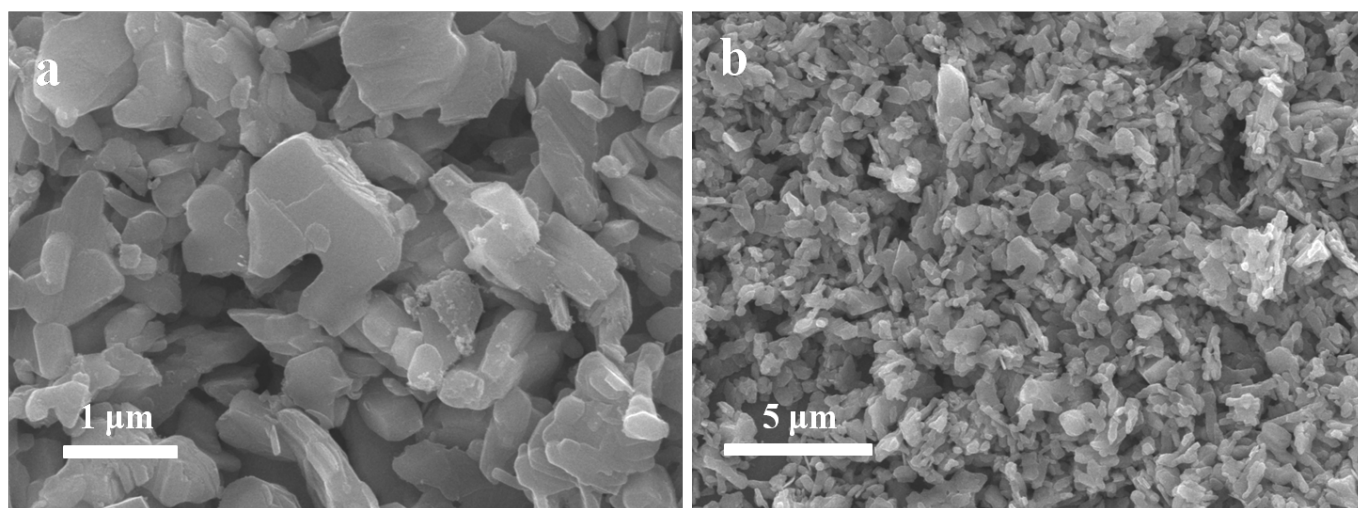


Figure S9. SEM images of the bulk  $V_2O_5$ .

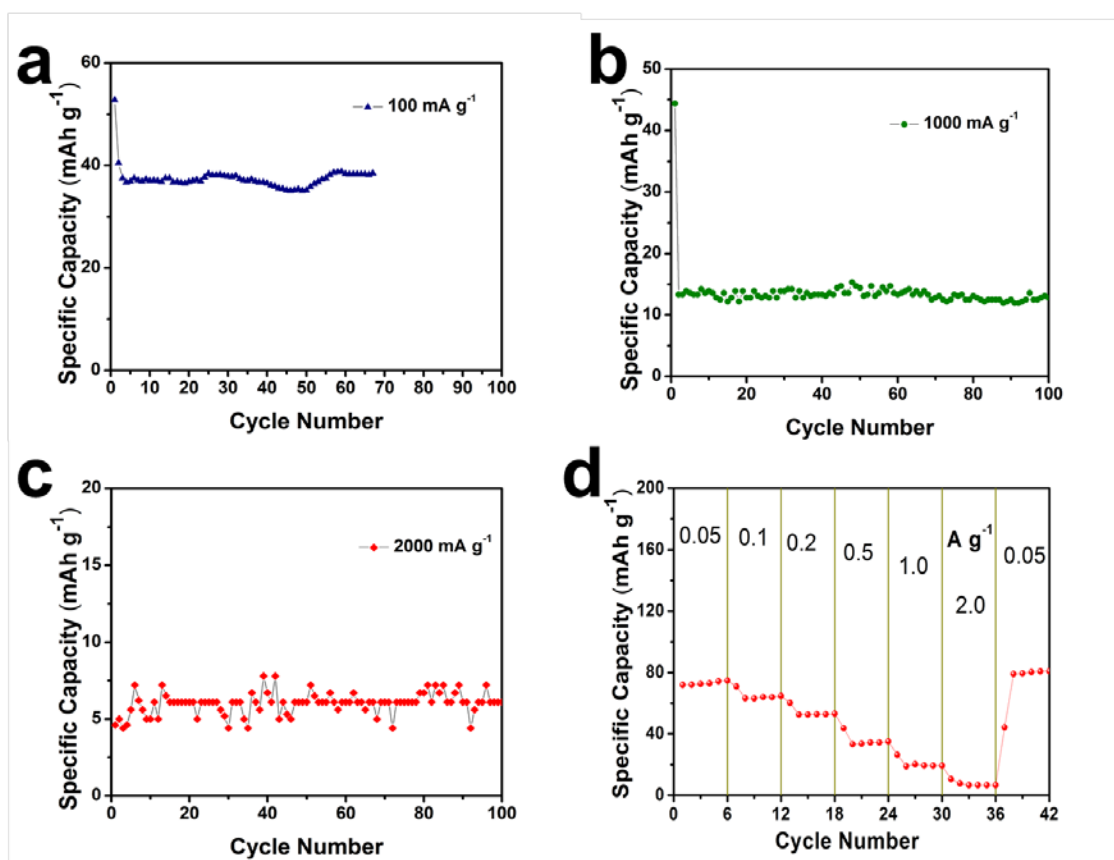
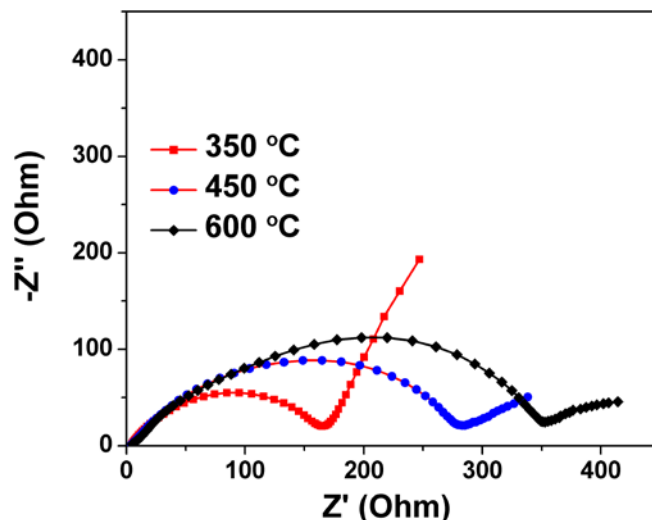


Figure S10. Electrochemical characterizations of the bulk  $V_2O_5$ : cycling performance at the current densities of  $100 \text{ mA g}^{-1}$  (a),  $1000 \text{ mA g}^{-1}$  (b), and  $2000 \text{ mA g}^{-1}$  (c); (d) The rate performance.



**Figure S11.** AC-impedance spectra of  $V_2O_5$  electrodes prepared under different annealing temperatures.

**Table S1.** The electrochemical performances (cycling performance at relevant current rate or density, and rate capability) of the 3D porous  $V_2O_5$  hierarchical microplates and the reported  $V_2O_5$  materials.

Sample	Voltage range	Capacity (mAh $g^{-1}$ )/Cycle number	Current rate or density	Rate capacity (mAh $g^{-1}$ ) at relevant current rate or density
As-prepared 3D porous $V_2O_5$ hierarchical microplates in this work	2.4 – 4 V	123/100	1 A $g^{-1}$	112 at 2 A $g^{-1}$
$V_2O_5$ microspheres <sup>1</sup>	2.5 – 4 V	~ 135/100	~ 0.3 A $g^{-1}$	92.2 at 2.25 A $g^{-1}$
$V_2O_5$ /CNTs composites <sup>2</sup>	2 – 4 V	104/200	0.75 A $g^{-1}$	169 at 1.5 A $g^{-1}$
Porous $V_2O_5$ nanotubes <sup>3</sup>	2.5 – 4 V	105/250	2 A $g^{-1}$	62.5 at 15 A $g^{-1}$
3D porous $V_2O_5$ <sup>4</sup>	2.5 – 4 V	110/200	1.5 A $g^{-1}$	86.7 at 8.4 A $g^{-1}$ (Charge at 0.15 A $g^{-1}$ )
$V_2O_5$ nanofibers <sup>5</sup>	2.5 – 4 V	127/30	0.02 A $g^{-1}$	no given

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