

Supporting Information

Mesoporous VCN nanobelts For High-Performance Flexible Zn-ion batteries

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The capacitances C_{device} (F) were calculated from discharging profiles (GCD) according to equation (1):

$$C_{device} = It/U \quad (1)$$

in which $U(V)$ is the working voltage window; v ($V s^{-1}$) is the scan rate; $I(A)$ is the current. And areal capacitances C_A ($F cm^{-2}$) were calculated by the following equation:

$$C_A = C_{device}/A \quad (2)$$

in which $A(cm^2)$ is the effective area of the device.

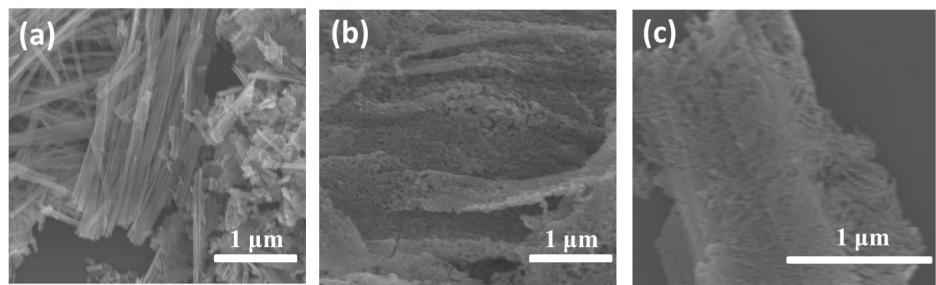


Figure S1. Typical SEM of sample (a) VN, (b) VCN-1 and (c) VCN-3.

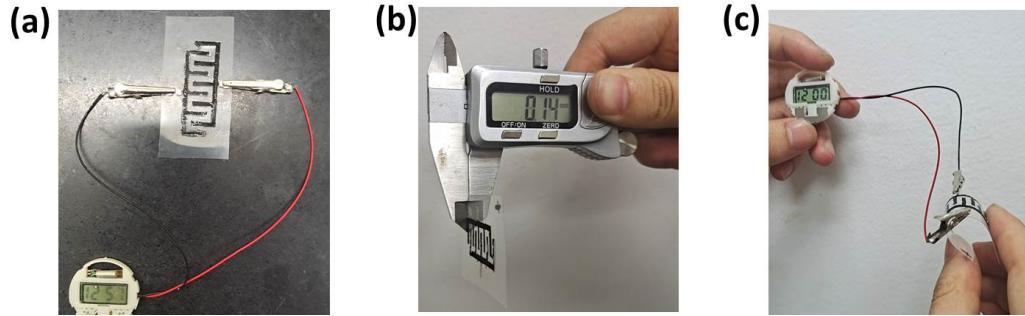


Figure S2. (a) the flexible battery after 1h can still power a digital clock normally. (b) Thickness of the FZIB, the number shows that only 0.14 mm. (c) The flexibility test of the FZIB.

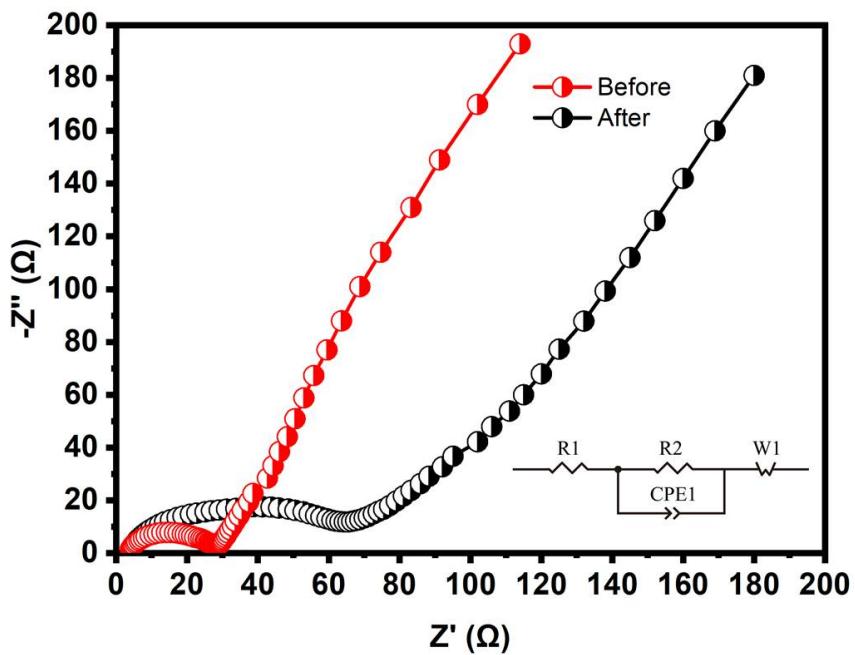
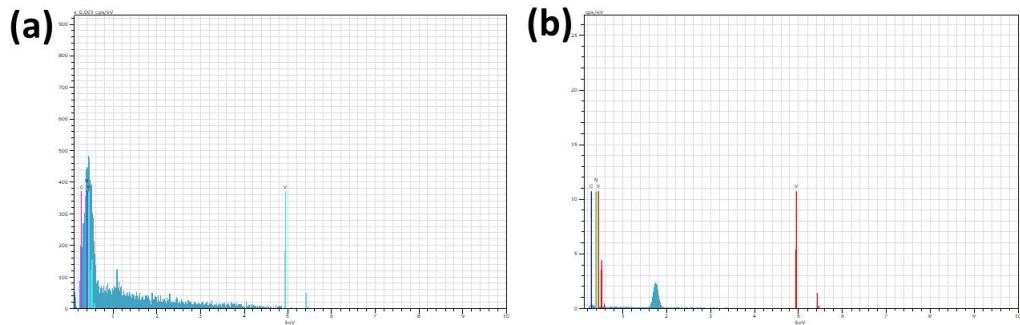


Figure S3. EIS curve before and after cycling, with the equivalent circuit model in the lower right corner.



Element	Atom.C(at.%)
V	32.47
N	38.27
C	29.26

Element	Atom.C(at.%)
V	20.41
N	18.64
C	60.65

Figure S4. Representative EDX spectrum of sample (a)VCN-1 and (b)VCN-3.

Table S1. Comparison of Electrochemical performance between VCN electrode and other previously reported Vanadium-based Electrodes

Electrode	Electrolyte	Capability	Ref.
Zn ₃ V ₂ O ₇ (OH) ₂ ·2H ₂ O@HfO ₂	1 M ZnSO ₄ (L)	227/0.2	¹
Ba _{1.2} V ₆ O ₁₆ ·3H ₂ O	2 M ZnSO ₄ (L)	241/0.5	²
Zn-VO(CH ₂ O) ₂	3 M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂ (L)	217/0.1	³
Polyaniline-VOH	3 M Zn(TfO) ₂ + 6 M LiTFSI(L)	323/1	⁴
K ₂ V ₃ O ₈	3 M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂ (L)	302.8/0.1	⁵
NaV ₃ O ₈	3 M ZnSO ₄ + 0.5 M Na ₂ SO ₄ (L)	280/0.05	⁶
NaVPO ₄ F/C	15 M NaClO ₄ + 1 M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂ (L)	89.6/0.1	⁷
Urchin-like spinel MgV ₂ O ₄	2 M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂ (L)	272/0.2	⁸
Coral VN/C	3.5 M ZnSO ₄ (L)	322/0.5	⁹
Mesoporous VCN nanobelts	PVA/KOH + 2 M ZnSO ₄ (S)	318.2/0.3	This work

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