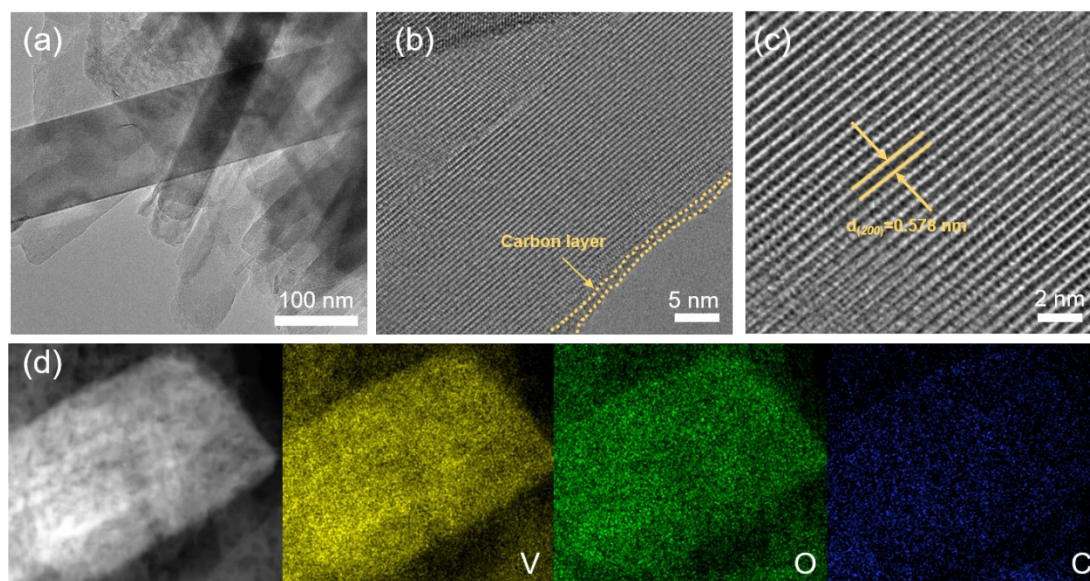
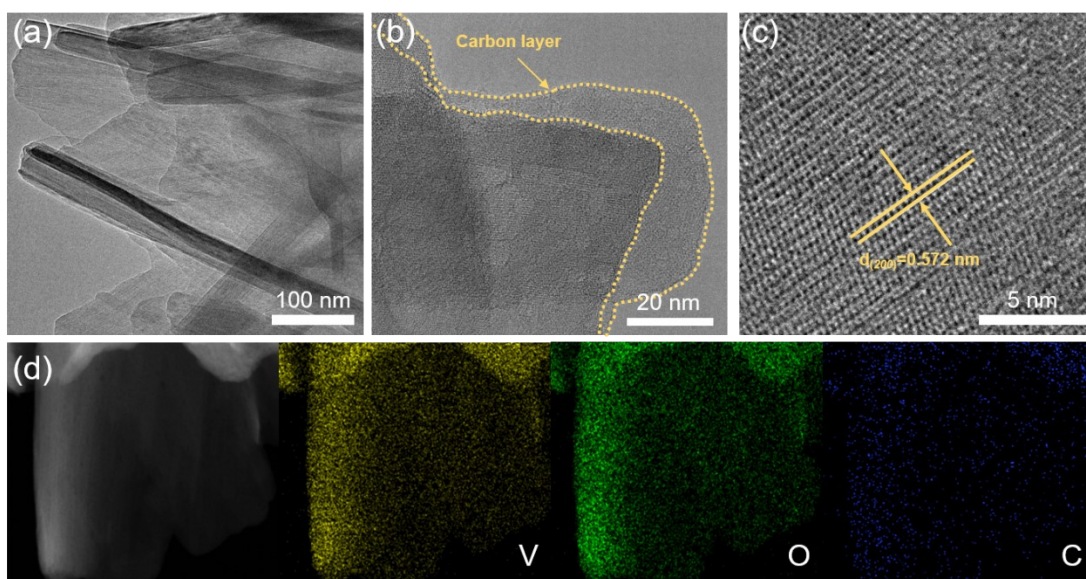


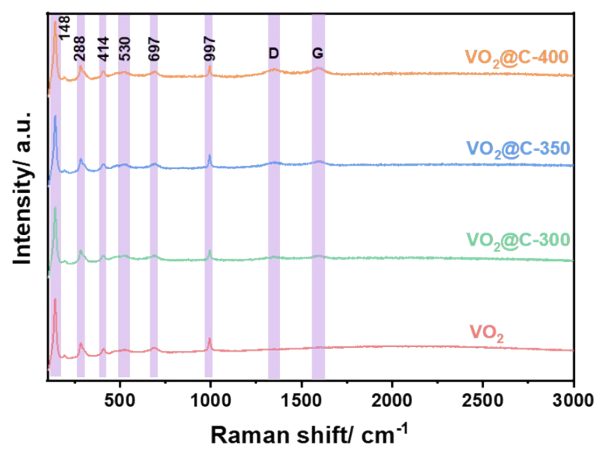
## Supplementary Materials



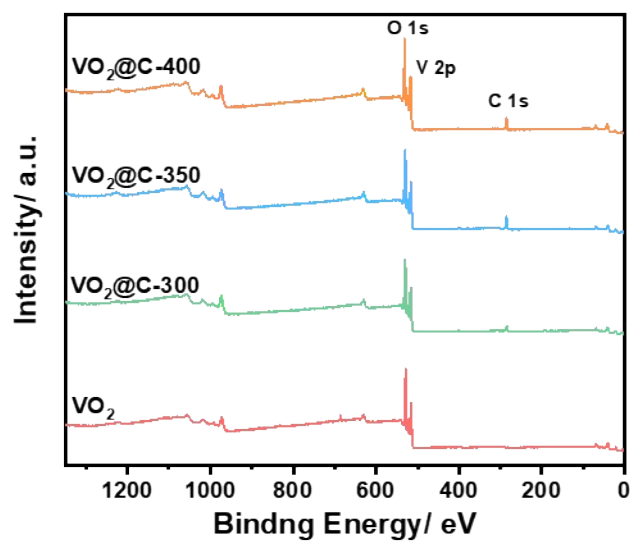
**Fig. S1.** (a) TEM image, (b, c) HRTEM images, and (d) EDS elemental mapping images of VO<sub>2</sub>@C-300.



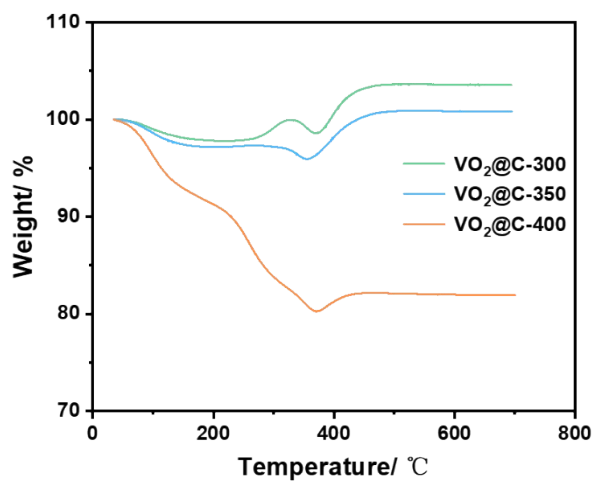
**Fig. S2.** (a, b) TEM images, (c) HRTEM image, and (d) EDS elemental mapping images of  $\text{VO}_2@\text{C-400}$ .



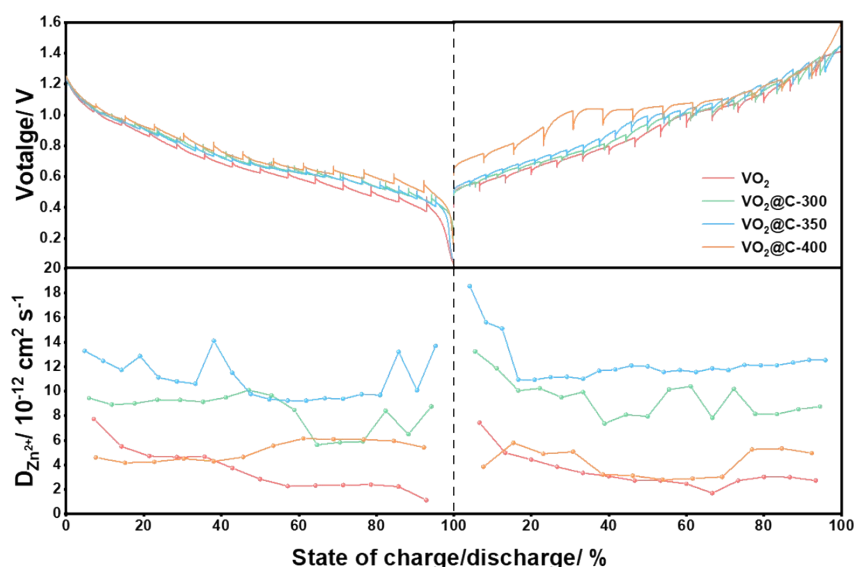
**Fig. S3.** Raman spectra of  $\text{VO}_2$ ,  $\text{VO}_2@\text{C-300}$ ,  $\text{VO}_2@\text{C-350}$ , and  $\text{VO}_2@\text{C-400}$ .



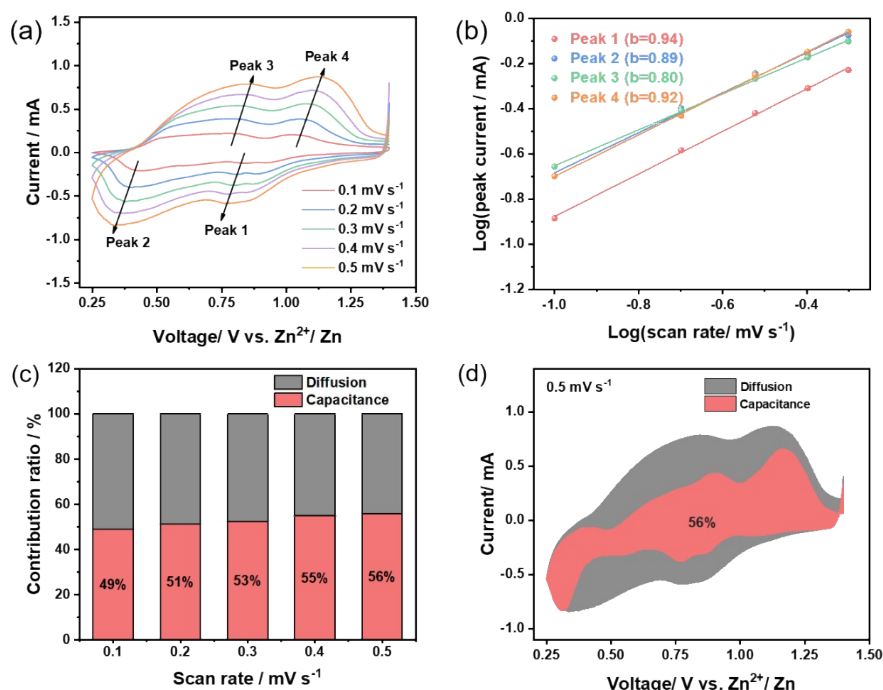
**Fig. S4.** Survey XPS spectra of VO<sub>2</sub>, VO<sub>2</sub>@C-300, VO<sub>2</sub>@C-350, and VO<sub>2</sub>@C-400.



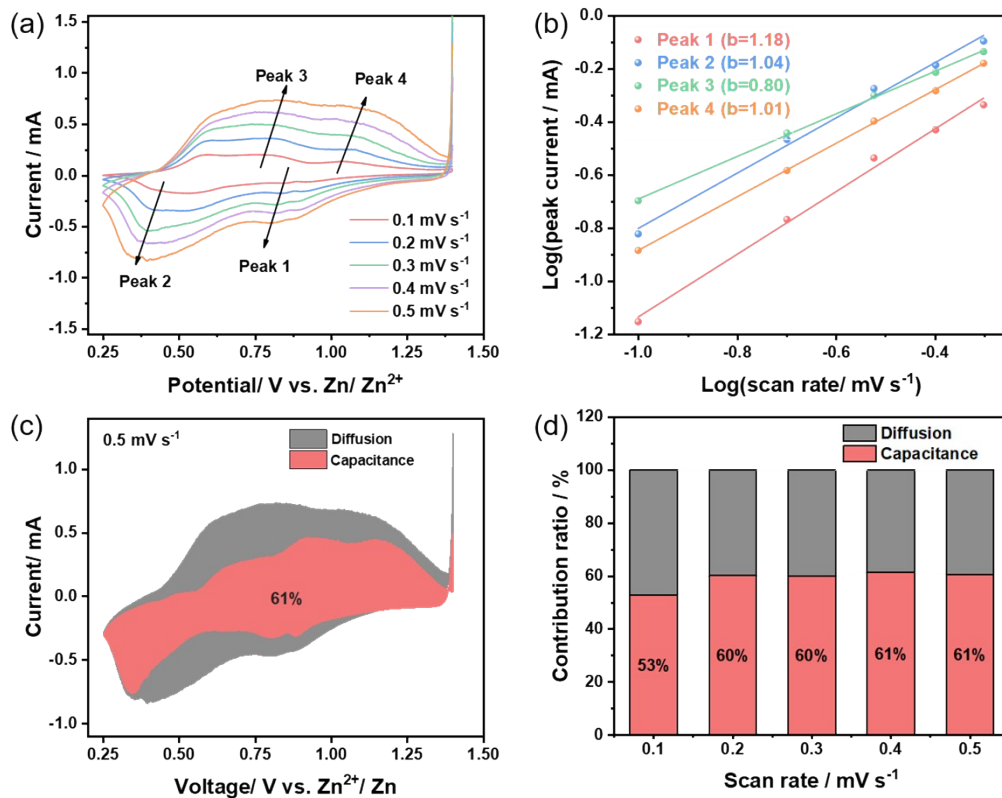
**Fig. S5.** TGA curves of VO<sub>2</sub>@C-300, VO<sub>2</sub>@C-350, and VO<sub>2</sub>@C-400 in the air.



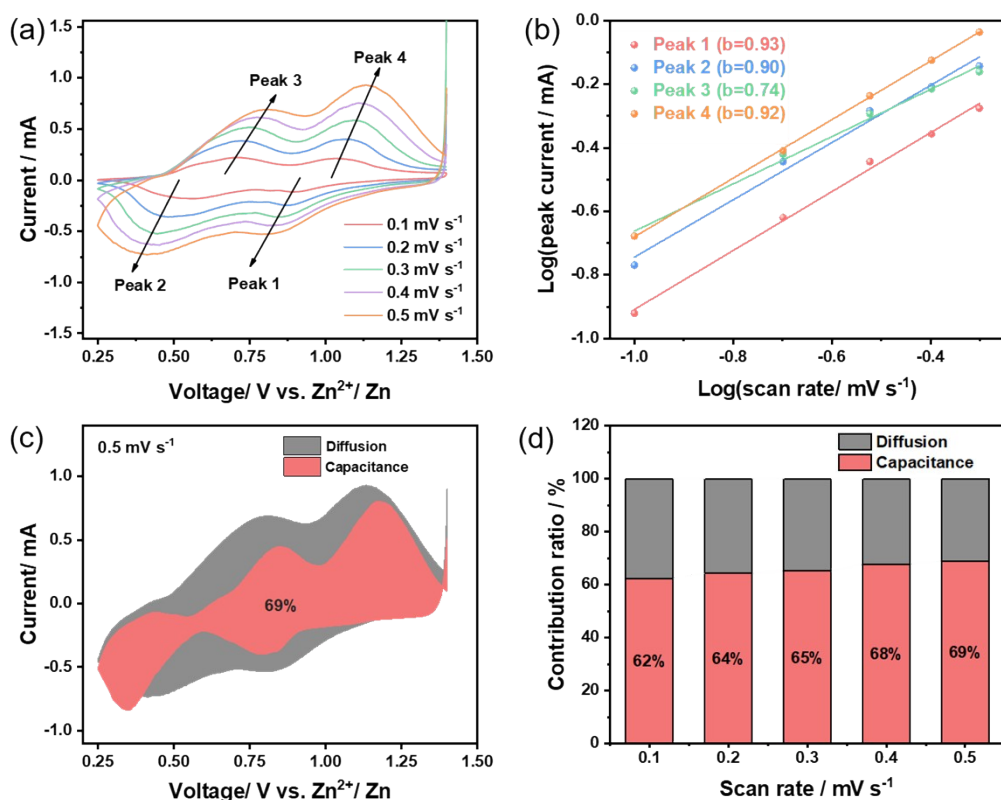
**Fig. S6.** (a) GITT curves for VO<sub>2</sub>, VO<sub>2</sub>@C-300, VO<sub>2</sub>@C-350, and VO<sub>2</sub>@C-400. (b, c) Zn<sup>2+</sup> diffusion coefficient curves with the corresponding discharge/charge states of VO<sub>2</sub>, VO<sub>2</sub>@C-300, VO<sub>2</sub>@C-350, and VO<sub>2</sub>@C-400.



**Fig. S7.** Electrochemical kinetics investigation of pure VO<sub>2</sub>. (a) CV curves at various scan rates from 0.1 to 0.5 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. (b) Log(*i*) versus log(*v*) plots and *b* values for the slopes. (c) Capacitive contribution at various scan rates. (d) Capacitive contribution at 0.5 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S8.** Electrochemical kinetics investigation of VO<sub>2</sub>@C-300. (a) CV curves for VO<sub>2</sub>@C-300 at 0.1-0.5 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. (b) Log(*i*) versus log(*v*) plots of VO<sub>2</sub>@C-300. (c) Contribution of capacitive ion storage of VO<sub>2</sub>@C-300 at 0.1-0.5 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. (d) Contribution of capacitive ion storage of VO<sub>2</sub>@C-300 at 0.5 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S9.** Electrochemical kinetics investigation of VO<sub>2</sub>@C-400. (a) CV curves for VO<sub>2</sub>@C-400 at 0.1-0.5 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. (b) Log(*i*) versus log(*v*) plots of VO<sub>2</sub>@C-400. (c) Contribution of capacitive ion storage of VO<sub>2</sub>@C-400 at 0.1-0.5 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. (d) Contribution of capacitive ion storage of VO<sub>2</sub>@C-400 at 0.5 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.

**Table S1.** Fitting results of the EIS spectra for the AZIBs in Fig. 4a.

Electrode	$R_s / \Omega$	$R_{ct} / \Omega$	$\sigma / \Omega \text{ s}^{-1/2}$	$D_{\text{Zn}}^{2+} / \text{cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$
VO <sub>2</sub>	15.0	119.1	31.8	$9.7 \times 10^{-11}$
VO <sub>2</sub> @C-300	13.2	100.4	24.0	$1.7 \times 10^{-10}$
VO <sub>2</sub> @C-350	4.2	92.2	6.0	$2.7 \times 10^{-9}$
VO <sub>2</sub> @C-400	17.4	127.3	27.3	$1.3 \times 10^{-10}$