## **Supporting information**

Synergistic Effect Between Layer Surface Configurations and K ions of

Potassium Vanadate Nanowires for Enhanced Energy Storage

## Performance

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Table S1. Crystallographic parameters of  $V_2O_5$ ,  $KV_3O_8$  and  $K_{0.25}V_2O_5$ , respectively.

Chemical formula	V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	KV <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	K <sub>0.25</sub> V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>
Reference code	00-041-1426	01-073-1483	00-039-0889
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	Pmmn	P21/m	A2/m
a/Å	11.5160	7.6400	10.1300
b/Å	3.5656	8.3800	3.6150
c/Å	4.3727	4.9790	15.7400
<b>α/°</b>	90.0000	90.0000	90.0000
<b>β/</b> °	90.0000	96.9500	109.5000
γ/°	90.0000	90.0000	90.0000
Cell volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	179.55	316.43	543.34



Fig. S1 XRD pattern and SEM image of H<sub>2</sub>V<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> nanowires.



**Fig. S2** CV curves of  $V_2O_5$  (a),  $KV_3O_8$  (b) and  $K_{0.25}V_2O_5$  (c) nanowires obtained at a scan rate of 0.2 mV s<sup>-1</sup> and potentials ranging from 1.5-4 V vs. Li/Li<sup>+</sup>. Charge-discharge curves of  $V_2O_5$  (d),  $KV_3O_8$  (e) and  $K_{0.25}V_2O_5$  (f) nanowires tested at the current density of 100 mA g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S3** The galvanostatic intermittent titration technique (GITT) for  $V_2O_5$  (a),  $KV_3O_8$  (b) and  $K_{0.25}V_2O_5$  (c) nanowires as Li-ion battery cathodes.



**Fig. S4** Charge-discharge curves of  $K_{0.25}V_2O_5$  nanowires as Li-ion battery cathodes obtained at different current densities from 100 to 200, 300, 500 and 1000 mA g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S5** AC impedance plots of  $V_2O_5$ ,  $KV_3O_8$  and  $K_{0.25}V_2O_5$  nanowires as Li-ion battery cathodes.



**Fig. S6** Charge-discharge curves of  $V_2O_5(d)$ ,  $KV_3O_8$  (e) and  $K_{0.25}V_2O_5(f)$  nanowires as Na-ion battery cathodes tested at the current density of 100 mA g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S7** *In-situ* X-ray diffraction patterns of  $KV_3O_8$  nanowires during galvanostatic charge and discharge at 150 mA g<sup>-1</sup> in lithium ion batteries. The horizontal axis represents the selected 2 $\theta$  regions, and time is on the vertical axis. The diffraction intensity is colour coded with the scale bar shown on left. The corresponding voltage curve is plotted to the right.

	K:V at initial stage	K:V after 100 cycles	Change ratio of K
KV <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> nanowires	1.013:3	0.792:3	21.8%
$K_{0.25}V_2O_5$ nanowires	0.252:2	0.241:2	4.4%

**Table S2** The ICP test results of  $KV_3O_8$  and  $K_{0.25}V_2O_5$  nanowires at initial stage and after 100 cycles,<br/>respectively.