

Supporting Information

Porous ZrNb₂₄O₆₂ Nanowires with Pseudocapacitive Behavior Achieve High-Performance Lithium-Ion Storage

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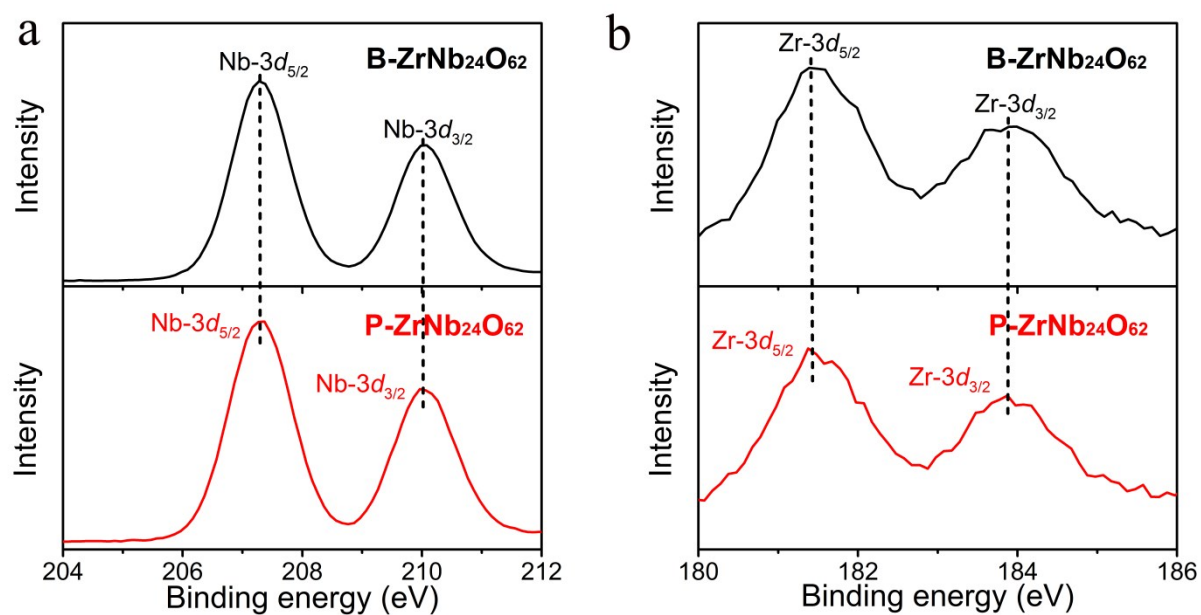


Fig. S1 XPS spectra of (a) Nb and (b) Zr in B-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂ and P-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂.

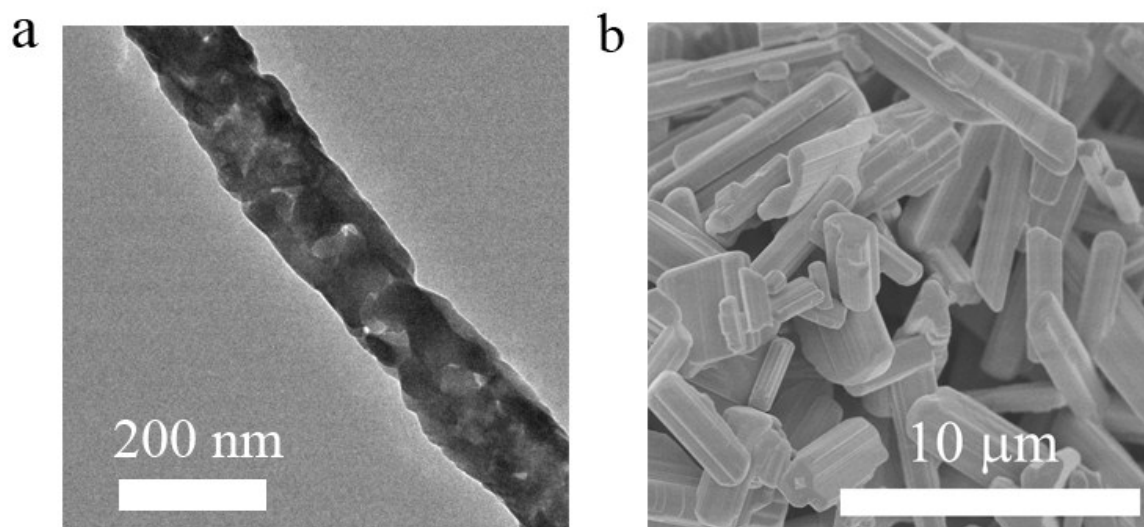


Fig. S2 (a) High magnification TEM image of P-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂; (b) SEM image of B-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂ with an average size of ~1.6 μm.

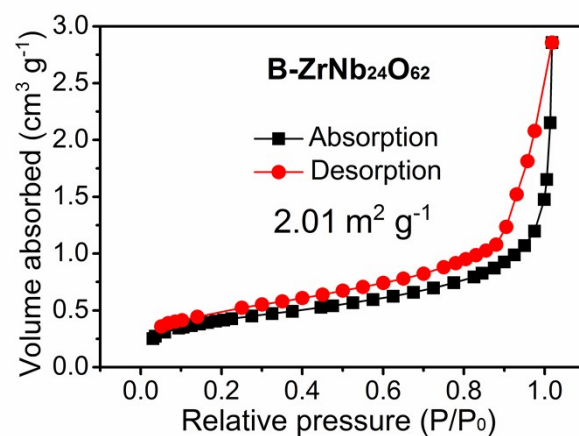


Fig. S3 N₂ adsorption–desorption isotherm of B-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂.

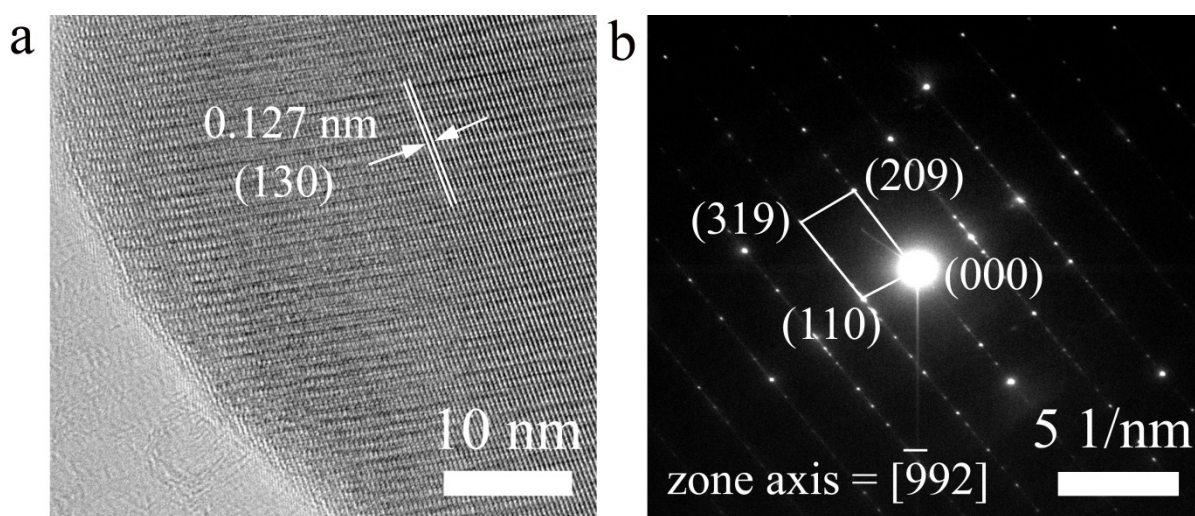


Fig. S4 (a) HRTEM image and (b) SAED pattern of B-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂.

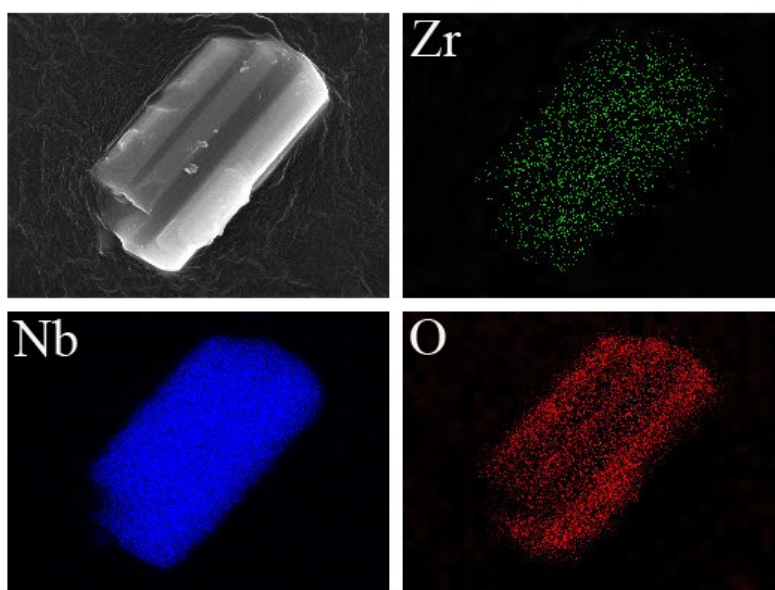


Fig. S5 EDX mapping image of B-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂.

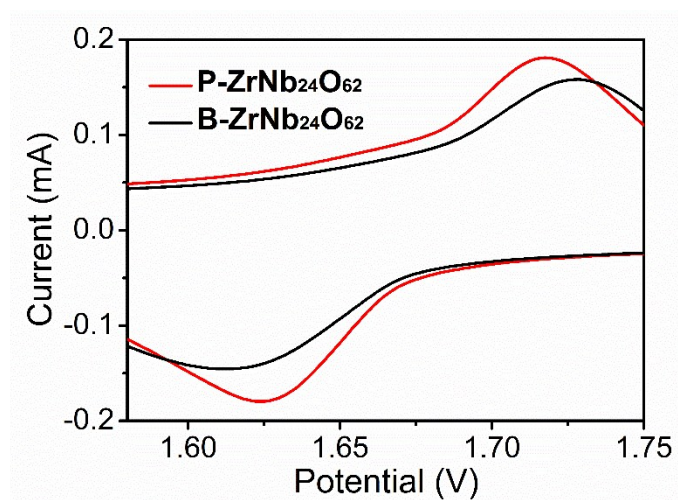


Fig. S6 CV curves of B-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂/Li and P-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂/Li cells between 1.58 V and 1.75 V at 0.1 mV s⁻¹ (2nd cycle).

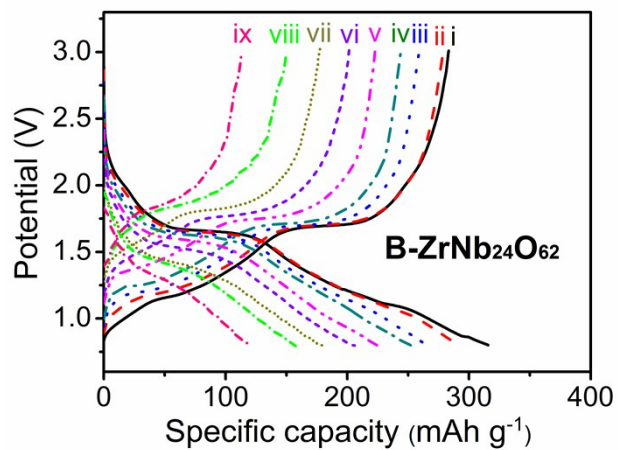


Fig. S7 (i) First-cycle discharge–charge curves of B-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂/Li cell at 0.1 C and second-cycle discharge–charge curves at (ii) 0.1, (iii) 0.5, (iv) 1, (v) 2, (vi) 5, (vii) 10, (viii) 20 and (ix) 30 C.

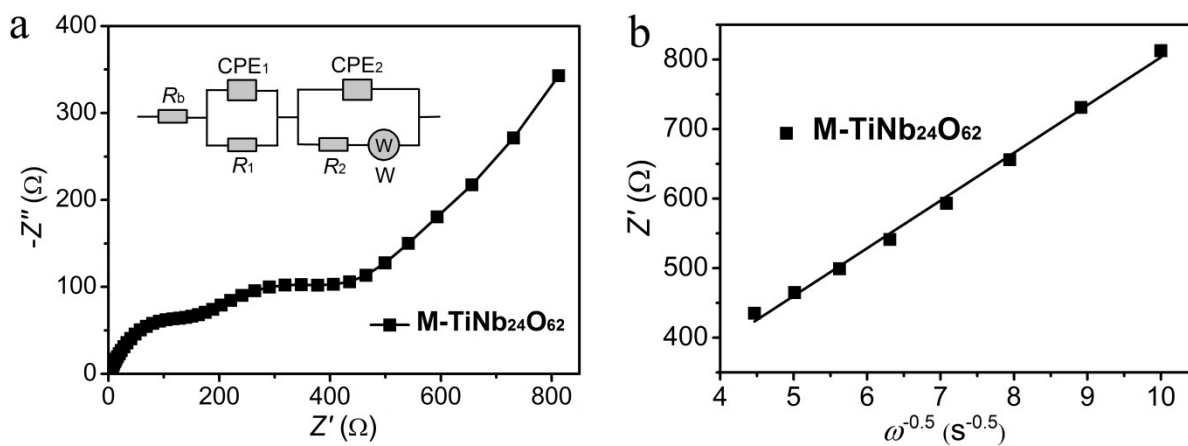


Fig. S8 (a) Nyquist plot of M-TiNb₂₄O₆₂/Li cell (M-TiNb₂₄O₆₂: micron-sized TiNb₂₄O₆₂ particles, *inset*: selected equivalent circuit). (b) Relationship between real impedance with low frequency for M-TiNb₂₄O₆₂/Li cell. The obtained R_b , R_1 , R_2 , σ and D values are 2.61 Ω, 209 Ω, 677 Ω, 66.7 Ω s^{-0.5} and 2.13×10^{-14} cm² s⁻¹, respectively.

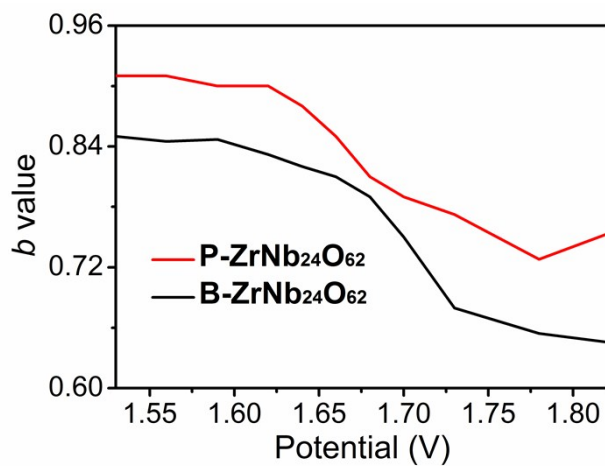


Fig. S9 Determination of the anodic b -values at different potentials during delithiation for B-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂/Li and P-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂/Li cells.

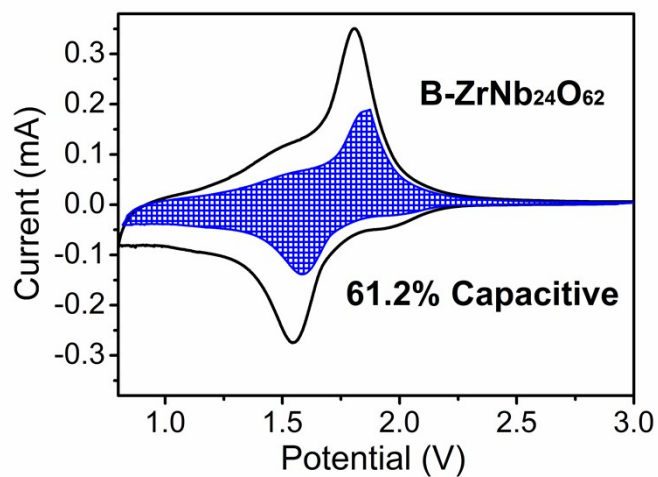


Fig. S10 CV curve of B-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂/Li cell with pseudocapacitive fraction (blue region) at 1.1 mV s⁻¹.

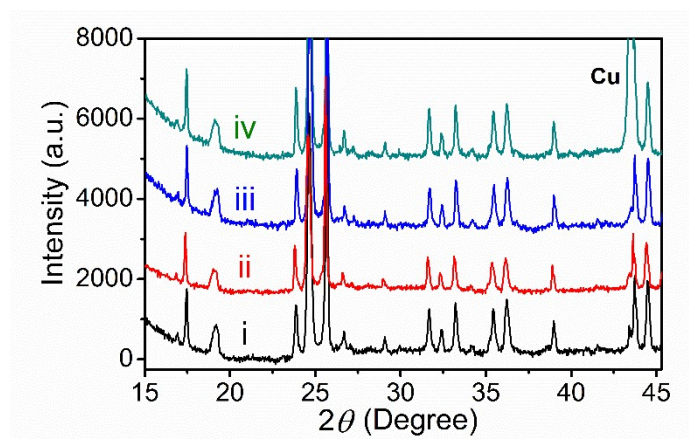


Fig. S11 *Ex-situ* XRD patterns of B-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂ electrodes after (i) as-fabricated, (ii) discharged to 0.8 V in 1st cycle, and charged to 3.0 V in (iii) 1st and (iv) 100th cycles at 0.1 C.

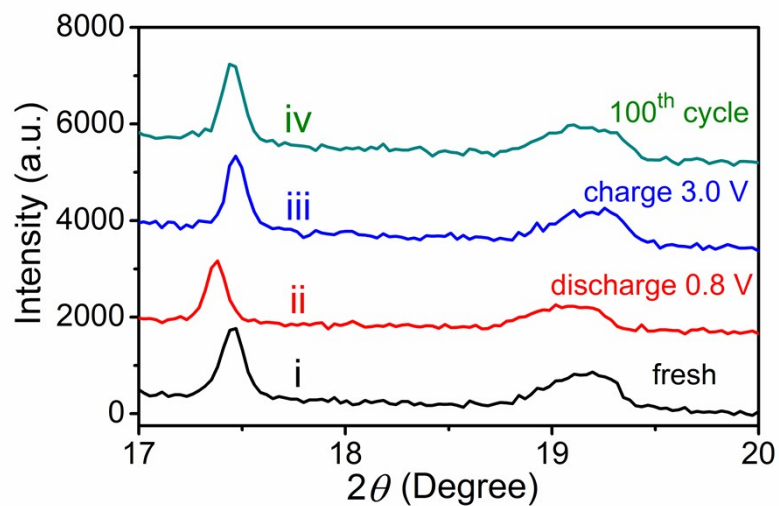


Fig. S12 *Ex-situ* XRD patterns of B-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂ electrodes after (i) as-fabricated, (ii) discharged to 0.8 V in 1st cycle, and charged to 3.0 V in (iii) 1st and (iv) 100th cycles at 0.1 C in 17.0°–20.0°.

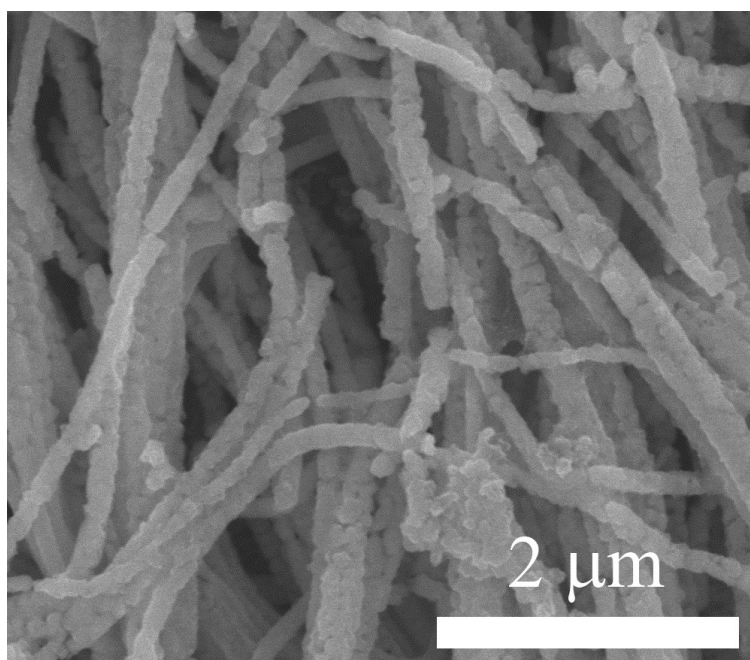


Fig. S13 *Ex-situ* SEM image of P-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂ electrode after 1500 cycles at 10 C.

Table S1 Results of crystal analyses by Rietveld refinements in ZrNb₂₄O₆₂ and TiNb₂₄O₆₂.

Sample	Space group	<i>a</i> (Å)	<i>b</i> (Å)	<i>c</i> (Å)	α, γ (°)	β (°)	<i>V</i> (Å ³)	<i>R</i> _{wp} *	Reference
ZrNb ₂₄ O ₆₂	<i>C2</i>	29.8712 3(255)	3.8220 9(26)	21.1637 9(157)	90	95.07 8(7)	2406.79 8(430)	0.1146	this work
TiNb ₂₄ O ₆₂	<i>C2</i>	29.7921 2(173)	3.8175 1(20)	21.0998 6(114)	90	95.01 8(5)	2390.52 6(288)	0.1067	[S1]

* Weighted profile residual.

Table S2 Fractional atomic parameters of $\text{ZrNb}_{24}\text{O}_{62}$ with $C2$ space group. During the refinement, the following instrumental/structural parameters were successively refined: background parameters, zero-shift, lattice parameters, profile parameters, atomic fractional coordinates and atomic isotropic temperature factors. The site occupancies of Zr^{4+} , Nb^{5+} and O^{2-} ions were fixed to be 0.04, 0.96 and 1, respectively. All the isotropic temperature factors were fixed to be the same.

Atom [*]	Symmetry	Site	x	y	z
M1	2	2a	0	0.25	0
M2	1	4c	0.1140	0	0.0123
M3	1	4c	0.2449	0	0.0552
M4	1	4c	0.3706	0	0.1148
M5	1	4c	0.4972	0	0.1629
M6	1	4c	0.0915	0	0.1782
M7	1	4c	0.2174	0	0.2361
M8	1	4c	0.3451	0	0.2869
M9	1	4c	0.4783	0	0.3320
M10	1	4c	0.0707	0	0.3598
M11	1	4c	0.1965	0	0.4151
M12	1	4c	0.3220	0	0.4614
M13	1	4c	0.4452	0	0.5125
O1	1	4c	0.3852	0	0.0166
O2	1	4c	0.1770	0	0.0308
O3	1	4c	0.3081	0	0.0934
O4	1	4c	0.1026	0	0.1025
O5	1	4c	0.4371	0	0.1384
O6	1	4c	0.2285	0	0.1510
O7	1	4c	0.0017	0	0.1506
O8	1	4c	0.3563	0	0.2013
O9	1	4c	0.1475	0	0.2118
O10	1	4c	0.4936	0	0.2465
O11	1	4c	0.2858	0	0.2581

O12	1	4c	0.0737	0	0.2718
O13	1	4c	0.4243	0	0.3098
O14	1	4c	0.2015	0	0.3254
O15	1	4c	0.3381	0	0.3823
O16	1	4c	0.1287	0	0.3914
O17	1	4c	0.4663	0	0.4429
O18	1	4c	0.2500	0	0.4360
O19	1	4c	0.0429	0	0.4695
O20	1	4c	0.3929	0	0.4954
O21	1	4c	0.1814	0	0.5229
O22	1	4c	0.3113	0	0.5721
O23	1	4c	0.4402	0	0.6184
O24	1	4c	0.0221	0	0.6663
O25	1	4c	0.1527	0	0.7190
O26	1	4c	0.2811	0	0.7553
O27	1	4c	0.4166	0	0.8512
O28	1	4c	0.1238	0	0.9148
O29	1	4c	0.4723	0	0.9156
O30	1	4c	0.2470	0	0.9567
O31	1	4c	0.0376	0	0.9696

* M = 0.04Zr + 0.96Nb

Table S3 Potentials at intensive cathodic/anodic CV peaks and potential differences of B-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂/Li and P-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂/Li cells at 0.1 mV s⁻¹ (2nd cycle).

Sample	Potential at intensive cathodic peak (V)	Potential at intensive anodic peak (V)	Potential difference (V)
B-ZrNb ₂₄ O ₆₂	1.610	1.731	0.121
P-ZrNb ₂₄ O ₆₂	1.626	1.717	0.091

Table S4 Impedance parameters and Li⁺-ion diffusion coefficients of B-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂ and P-ZrNb₂₄O₆₂.

Sample	R_b (Ω)	R_1 (Ω)	R_2 (Ω)	σ (Ω s ^{-0.5})	D (cm ² s ⁻¹)
B-ZrNb ₂₄ O ₆₂	2.19	196	621	61.3	3.76×10^{-14}
P-ZrNb ₂₄ O ₆₂	2.36	87	205	7.43	2.47×10^{-13}

Reference

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