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## **Supporting information**

## Synthesis of Uniform Hierarchical Na<sub>3</sub>V<sub>1.95</sub>Mn<sub>0.05</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>F<sub>3</sub>@C Hollow

## Microspheres as a Cathode Material for Sodium Ion Batteries

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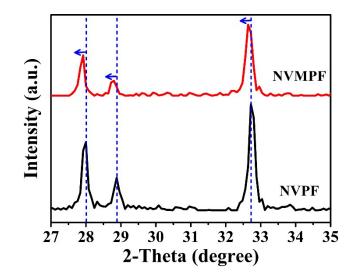


Fig. S1 Partial magnified view of XRD patterns of the NVPF and NVMPF.

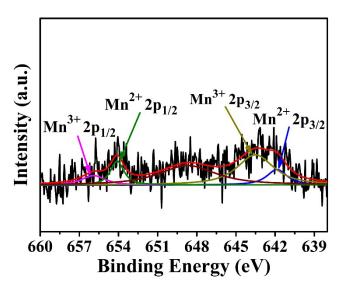


Fig. S2 XPS spectra of Mn 2p of NVMPF.

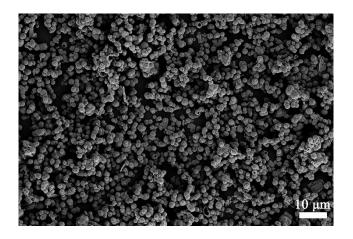
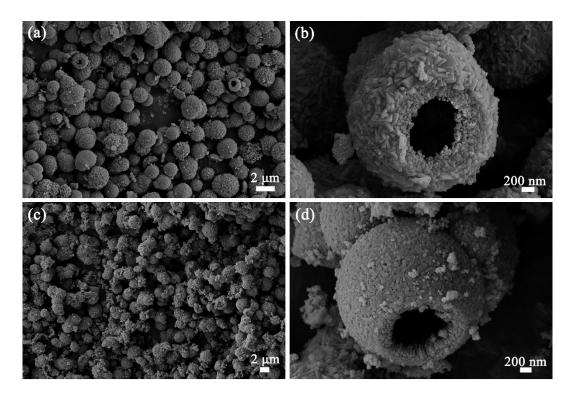


Fig. S3 Low magnification SEM image of NVPF.



**Fig. S4** SEM images of (a-b) NVMPF and (c-d) NVPF@C; low magnification SEM images (a, c) and enlarged images (b, d) of broken NVMPF and NVPF@C.

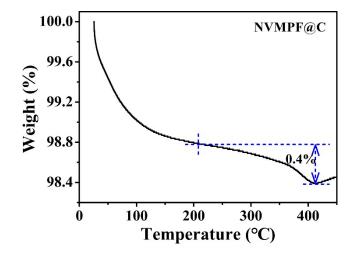


Fig. S5 TG curve of NVMPF@C.

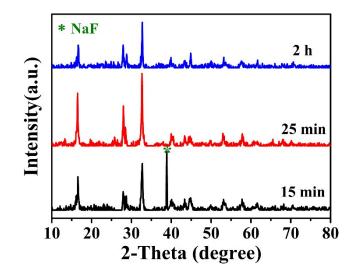


Fig. S6 XRD patterns of NVPF with different hydrothermal time.

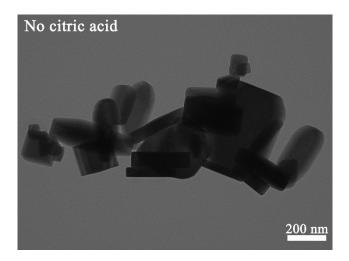


Fig. S7 TEM image of NVPF obtained with no citric acid.

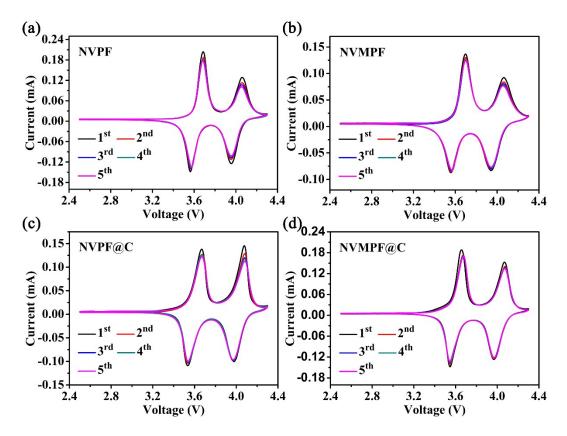
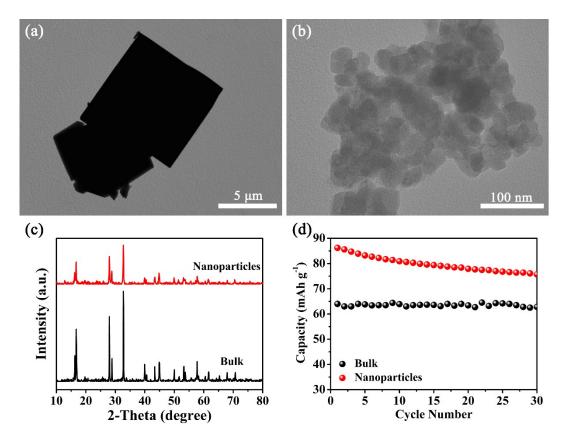


Fig. S8 CV curves of (a) NVPF, (b) NVMPF, (c) NVPF@C and (d) NVMPF@C for the anterior five cycles.



**Fig. S9** TEM images of (a) bulk and (b) nanoparticles NVPF samples; XRD patterns (c) and cycling performance (d) of bulk and nanoparticles NVPF samples at 0.2 C for 30 cycles.

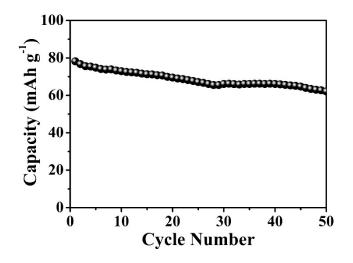


Fig. S10 Cycling performance of NVPF obtained at 2 h.

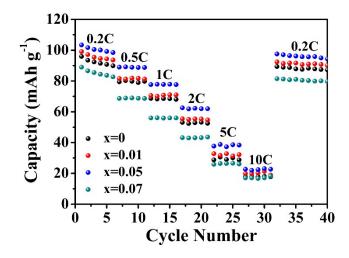


Fig. S11 Rate performance of  $Na_3V_{2-x}Mn_x(PO_4)_2F_3$  (x=0, 0.01, 0.05, 0.07) at different rates.

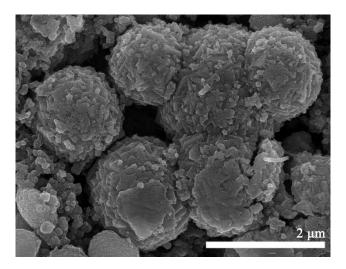


Fig. S12 SEM image of NVMPF@C electrode after 500 cycles at 0.2C.