

Supporting Information

Highly crystalline sodium manganese ferrocyanide microcubes for advanced sodium ion battery cathodes

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Table S1 ICP results of the as-prepared PBM samples (Fe/Mn/Na molar ratio)

Samples	Fe	Mn	Na	Chemical formula
H-PBM	0.98	1	1.95	$\text{Na}_{1.92}\text{Mn}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.98}\square_{0.02}$
L-PBM	0.90	1	1.62	$\text{Na}_{1.60}\text{Mn}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.9}\square_{0.10}$

In this work, the synthesis process of $\text{Na}_2\text{MnFe}(\text{CN})_6$ microcubes (H-PBM) was in room temperature. In this condition the $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}$ could not decompose to generate Fe^{2+} and CN^- , thus the number of $(\text{CN})_6$ was directly related to Fe content. Actually self-decomposition of $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}$ only occurs in hot acidic solution. In the preparation of L-PBM no acidic reagent was used, thus the chemical composition of obtained $\text{Na}_x\text{Mn}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_y$ both for H-PBM and L-PBM can be calculated from ICP results of Na/Mn/Fe. As shown in Table S1 the ICP results of Fe/Mn/Na were 0.98/1/1.95 for H-PBM and 0.90/1/1.62 for L-PBM respectively in this work. Considering the charge balance we described the chemical formula of H-PBM as $\text{Na}_{1.92}\text{Mn}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.98}\square_{0.02}$ (\square represents a $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}$ vacancy), and chemical formula of L-PBM as $\text{Na}_{1.60}\text{Mn}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.9}\square_{0.10}$.

Table S2. The comparison of representative Prussian blue analogue materials for sodium-ion batteries.

Composition Synthesis method	Size (μm)	Reversible capacity in Na cells (mAh g^{-1} / mA g^{-1})	Average working voltage (V vs. Na^+/Na)	Rate Performance (mAh g^{-1})	Cycle life
$\text{Na}_{0.84}\text{Ni}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.71} \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}^1$ Simple co-precipitation	~0.05	66 / 20	3.1	N.A.	99.7% $@200^{\text{th}}$ at 20 mA g^{-1}
$\text{Na}_2\text{Zn}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_2 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}^2$ Simple co-precipitation	~0.5	56.4 / 10	3.3	N.A.	85.2% $@50^{\text{th}}$ at 10 mA g^{-1}
$\text{Na}_{0.7}\text{Ti}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.9}^3$ Simple co-precipitation	0.1- 0.15	92.3 / 50	3.4/3.0	38 mAh g^{-1} / 4C	70% $@50^{\text{th}}$ at 50 mA g^{-1}
$\text{Cu}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_2^4$ Simple co-precipitation	0.03- 0.08	44 / 20	3.3	25 mAh g^{-1} / 1C	57.1% $@50^{\text{th}}$ at 20 mA g^{-1}
$\text{FeFe}(\text{CN})_6^5$ Simple co-precipitation	~0.4	120 / 60	3.4/2.8	78 mAh g^{-1} / 20C	87% $@500^{\text{th}}$ at 2 C
$\text{Na}_{0.61}\text{Fe}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.94} \cdot 2.79\text{H}_2\text{O}^6$ Acid-assisted single iron-source	0.3- 0.6	170 / 25	3.4/2.7	70 mAh g^{-1} / 4C	100% $@150^{\text{th}}$ at 0.2 C
$\text{Na}_{1.56}\text{FeFe}(\text{CN})_6 \cdot 3.1\text{H}_2\text{O}^7$ Acid-assisted single iron-source	0.5-3	103.6 / 20	3.4/2.9	90 mAh g^{-1} / 1C	97% $@400^{\text{th}}$ at 20 mA g^{-1}
$\text{Na}_{1.63}\text{Fe}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.89}^8$ Acid-assisted single iron-source	1-3	150 / 25	3.5/2.6	N.A.	90% $@200^{\text{th}}$ at 25 mA g^{-1}
$\text{Na}_{1.70}\text{FeFe}(\text{CN})_6^9$ Citrate as chelating agent	~0.05	129 / 200	3.45/2.7	71.2 mAh g^{-1} / 12C	70.5% $@100^{\text{th}}$ at 200 mA g^{-1}
$\text{Na}_{1.73}\text{Fe}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.98}^{10}$ Simple co-precipitation	0.06- 0.1	123 / 100	3.25/ 2.85	78 mAh g^{-1} / 8C	73% $@200^{\text{th}}$ at 1 C
Dehydrated $\text{Na}_{1.92}\text{FeFe}(\text{CN})_6^{11}$ Acid-assisted single iron-source	0.8-4	160 / 10	3.29/3.0	145 mAh g^{-1} / 10C	80% $@750^{\text{th}}$ at 2 C
$\text{Na}_{1.95}\text{Fe}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.93} \cdot 0.07^{12}$ Citrate as chelating agent	3-4	~120 / 50	3.02/ 2.87	60 mAh g^{-1} / 16C	79% $@280^{\text{th}}$ at 100 mA g^{-1}
$\text{Na}_{1.60}\text{Co}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.90} \cdot 2.9\text{H}_2\text{O}^{13}$ Electrochemical deposition	N.A.	139 / 70	3.8/3.4	121 mAh g^{-1} / 60C	71% $@100^{\text{th}}$ at 0.6 C
$\text{Na}_{1.85}\text{Co}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.99} \cdot 1.9\text{H}_2\text{O}^{14}$ Citrate as chelating agent	~0.6	153 / 10	3.8/3.2	60 mAh g^{-1} / 5C	90% $@200^{\text{th}}$ at 200 mA g^{-1}
$\text{Na}_{1.32}\text{Mn}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.83} \cdot 3.5\text{H}_2\text{O}^{15}$ Electrochemical deposition	~1	109 / 50	3.6/3.2	80 mAh g^{-1} / 20C	90% $@100^{\text{th}}$ at 0.5 C
$\text{Na}_{1.72}\text{Mn}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.99} \cdot 2.0\text{H}_2\text{O}^{16}$ Simple co-precipitation	N.A.	134 / 6	3.57/ 3.27	46 mAh g^{-1} / 40C	90% $@30^{\text{th}}$ at 6 mA g^{-1}
R- $\text{Na}_{1.89}\text{Mn}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.97}^{17}$ Simple co-precipitation (in 25% ethanol solution)	0.08- 0.35	150 / 15	3.44	121 mAh g^{-1} / 20C	75% $@500^{\text{th}}$ at 100 mA g^{-1}
$\text{Na}_{1.96}\text{Mn}[\text{Mn}(\text{CN})_6]_{0.99} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}^{18}$	~0.1	209 / 40	3.6/2.8	156 mAh g^{-1}	75% $@100^{\text{th}}$

Simple co-precipitation				/ 5C	at 2 C
Na _{1.7} MnFe(CN) ₆ ·2.38H ₂ O ¹⁹ Citrate as chelating agent	0.2- 0.5	136.8 / 12	3.45/ 3.25	~10 mAh g ⁻¹ / 40C	~45% ^{@200th} at 2 C
Na _{1.92} Mn[Fe(CN) ₆] _{0.98} ·1.38H ₂ O dissociation/precipitation method using EDTA-MnNa ₂ precursor (in this work)	3-5	152.8 / 10	3.45	110.3mAh g ⁻¹ / 10C	82% ^{@500th} at 100 mA g ⁻¹

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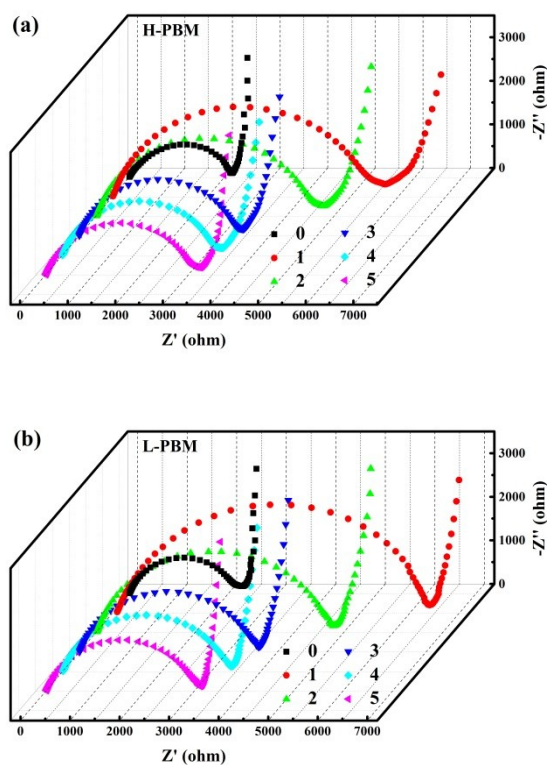


Fig. S1 EIS plots of (a) H-PBM and (b) L-PBM cells before cycle and after 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th cycle at 0.1C rate, respectively.

The EIS plots of H-PBM and L-PBM cells were recorded before cycle and after 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th cycle at 0.1C rate, respectively. It is clear that all the EIS plots consist one depressed semicircle in the high frequency region and an inclined line in the low frequency region. The depressed semicircle at higher frequency region represents the impedance of charge transfer process. The slop at low frequency region reflects a semi-infinite Warburg diffusion process. It can be seen that after the first cycle, the charge transfer resistance obviously increased owing to the formation of SEI on the electrode surface. Then the resistance decreased in the subsequent cycles as the SEI film turn to be stable. It is noted that even though the larger surface area of L-PBM may benefit the interface charge transfer reaction the observed electrochemical impedance of the L-PBM electrode was still similar or slightly larger than that of the H-PBM electrode for each tested cycle. This result indicates that the enhanced Na⁺ transfer kinetic of H-PBM ensured its good electrochemical performance in spite of its large particle size.

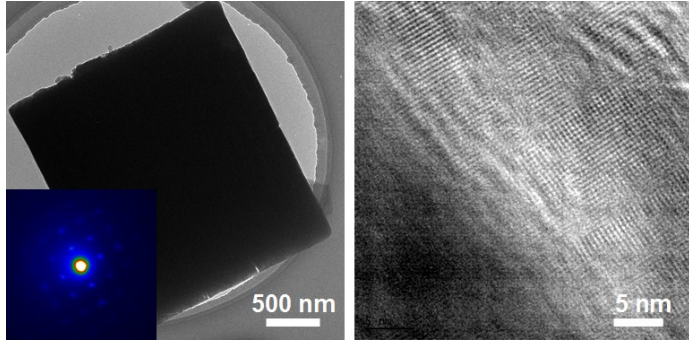


Fig. S2 TEM, HRTEM images and selected area electron diffraction (SAED) pattern of a H-PBM particle after 500 cycles.