

Zero-strain reductive intercalation in a molecular framework

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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1 Materials and Methods

Synthesis

$\text{Ag}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$ was prepared from an aqueous solutions of $\text{Ag}(\text{NO}_3)_2$ (Sigma-Aldrich) and $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ (Sigma-Aldrich) mixed at room temperature with stirring as described previously.^{S1} The resulting precipitate was filtered, washed with H_2O (3×5 ml) and dried at 50°C overnight to yield a brick-red polycrystalline solid.

Conversion of $\text{Ag}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$ to $\text{KAg}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$ was performed using a solution of potassium naphthalenide in 25 ml tetrahydrofuran (THF) under nitrogen. Stoichiometric potassium naphthalenide — prepared by the reaction, under nitrogen with at least 5 hours stirring, of potassium metal with naphthalene dissolved in 25 ml THF — was chilled to between -5°C and 0°C with a salt-ice bath and added to $\text{Ag}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$. This mixture was stirred at between -5 to 0°C overnight. The resulting suspension was filtered then washed twice with 20 ml dry THF. The resulting brown powder was dried under vacuum for 2 hours.

Characterisation

Room temperature powder diffraction patterns were collected using a PANalytical X'Pert Pro diffractometer according to a 6 h scan regime using variable divergence slit width (fixed sample illumination of 10 cm) on a rotating sample.

Infrared spectra were collected at room temperature using a Bruker Tensor27 FT-IR spectrometer fitted with a diamond attenuated total reflection (ATR) module operated with the OPUS data collection programme.

2 Data & Refinements

Powder X-ray diffraction and infrared spectroscopy

Rietveld analysis of powder X-ray diffraction patterns was carried out with TOPAS Academic V4.1 by non-linear least squares refinement.^{S2} In both cases variable divergence intensity with a TCHZ peak-shape and simple axial model were used. Special positions and constraints are noted in Tables S1 and S2 as appropriate.

Table S1: X-ray powder diffraction structural and refinement parameters for $\text{Ag}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$. Estimated standard deviations are given in parentheses. Atom positions were fixed to those determined in a previous neutron diffraction study.^{S1}

R_{wp}	5.462			
a (\AA)	7.0279(5)			
c (\AA)	7.2546(5)			
V (\AA^3)	310.31(5)			
Atom	x	y	z	B_{eq} (\AA^2)
Fe [†]	0	0	0	5.36(14)
Ag [†]	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	8.50(6)
C [‡]	0.22037	0	0.16111	6.1(3)
N [‡]	0.33609	0	0.26732	6.1(3)

[†] Refined with anisotropic displacement parameters

[‡] Refined with isotropic displacement parameters constrained to be identical.

Table S2: X-ray powder diffraction structural and refinement parameters for KAg₃[Fe(CN)₆] resulting from a two-phase refinement with Ag₃[Fe(CN)₆] (see Table S1). Estimated standard deviations are given in parentheses. Ag₃[Fe(CN)₆] structure is fixed to the values resulting from refinement of Ag₃[Fe(CN)₆] alone. Atomic positions are fixed to those reported for KMn[Ag(CN)₂]₃ and were not refined.^{S5} Weight percent of product may be underestimated due to peak anisotropy of KAg₃[Fe(CN)₆].

R_{wp}	5.591				
Weight percent	85.7(4)				
a (Å)	7.0698(2)				
c (Å)	7.1836(3)				
V (Å ³)	310.95(3)				
Atom	x	y	z	Occ.	B_{eq} (Å ²)
K*	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	0.920(13)	4.1(4)
Fe	0	0	0	1	4.15(13)
Ag [†]	0.50467	0.00934	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	7.25(7)
C [‡]	0.2553	-0.0045	0.1669	1	8.1(4)
N [‡]	0.3462	0.0033	0.2837	1	8.1(4)

[†]Refined with anisotropic displacement parameters

[‡]Refined with isotropic displacement parameters constrained to be identical.

Figure S1: Infrared (IR) spectra are in excellent agreement with previous work on thin films of $\text{Ag}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ and $\text{KAg}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ made by electrochemical reduction. The corresponding asymmetric cyanide stretching frequencies reported in Ref. S3 are 2169 and 2093 cm^{-1} , respectively; here we observe these stretches at 2169.6 cm^{-1} and 2091.1 cm^{-1} . The π -bonding interaction between low-lying CN π^* and Fe t_{2g} orbitals is dependent on d-orbital occupancy. Reduction from M^{III} to M^{II} results in a red shift in the asymmetric C–N stretching due to greater availability of t_{2g} d-electrons, and therefore more significant back-bonding. There is a small residual reagent peak in the $\text{KAg}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ pattern at 2169.7 cm^{-1} , consistent with the remaining starting material indicated by PXRD. The extra peaks in the starting material at 2113.898 and 2096.41 cm^{-1} are likely due to decomposition of the starting material. (Silver hexacyanoferate changes colour from brick red to green over a period of months. IR spectra were collected over a month after synthesis, leaving sufficient time for some degradation.) All other IR active fundamental modes are below 600 cm^{-1} .

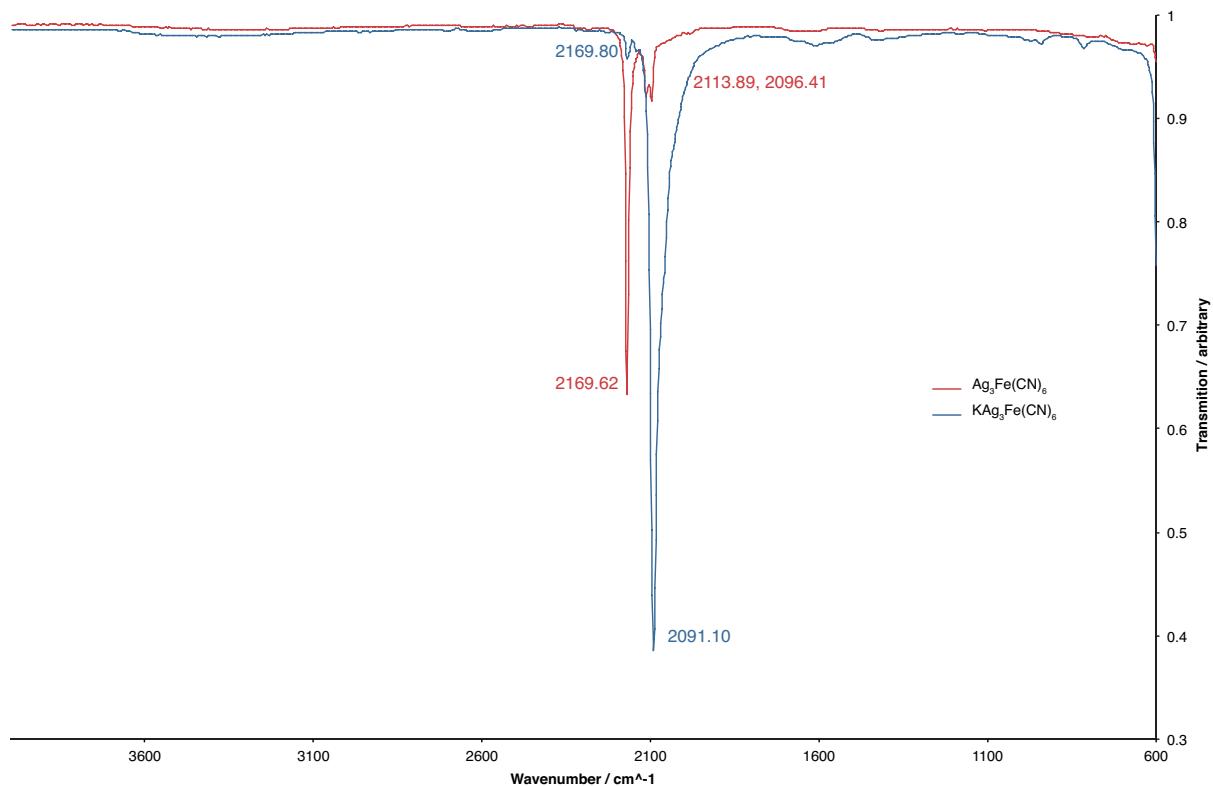


Table S3: Crystallographic data for various topical and canonical intercalation ion-storage compounds in deintercalated and intercalated states. Cell symmetry and size normalised to cell contents where necessary (indicated by *). In each case the intercalated ion is indicated in bold for the intercalated compound.

Compound	V (\AA^3)	a (\AA)	b (\AA)	c (\AA)	α ($^\circ$)	β ($^\circ$)	γ ($^\circ$)	$ \Delta V $ (\AA^3)	$ \Delta V/V $ (%)	Formula units per cell	e^- per formula unit	Normalised $ \Delta V $ ($\text{\AA}^3/e^-$)	Stored charge density ($e^-/\text{\AA}^3$)	Ref.
FeSiO ₄	341.45	10.3434	6.5779	5.0185	90	90	90	12.064	3.533	8	2.00	0.754	0.04686	S6
MgFeSiO₄	329.38	10.2464	6.5038	4.9427	90	90	90							
Li _{0.68} CoO ₂	97.31	2.8107	2.8107	14.2235	90	90	120	0.823	0.845	3	0.32	0.857	0.00987	S7
LiCoO₂	96.49	2.8156	2.8156	14.0542	90	90	120							
FePO ₄	271.94	9.8195	5.79174	4.78166	90	90	90	19.198	7.060	4	1.00	4.799	0.01471	S8
LiFePO₄	291.14	10.3248	6.00715	4.69409	90	90	90							
Li _{1.33} Ti _{1.67} O ₄	584.17	8.3595	8.3595	8.3595	90	90	90	1.194	0.204	8	1.00	0.149	0.01369	S9
Li_{2.33}Ti_{1.67}O₄	582.98	8.3538	8.3538	8.3538	90	90	90							
2,6-Naph(COOLi) ₂	468.08	10.27	5.34	8.63	90	98.83	90	1.545	0.330	2	2.00	0.386	0.00855	S10
Li₂[2,6-Naph(COOLi)₂]	469.62	9.709	5.965	8.417	90	105.55	90							
C*	52.90	4.26	4.26	3.36	90	90	120	1.121	2.119	1	1.00	1.121	0.01890	S11
LiC₆	51.78	4.0307	4.0307	3.68	90	90	120							
Mn ₂ (CN) ₆ *	1227.10	10.71	10.71	10.71	90	90	90	16.669	1.358	4	3.00	1.389	0.00978	S12
Na₃Mn₂(CN)₆*	1243.77	10.459	10.905	10.905	90	90	90							
Na _{0.5} VP _{4.8} F _{0.7}	842.24	8.80	8.80	10.88	90	90	90	25.829	3.067	8	1.00	3.229	0.00950	S13
Na_{1.5}VP_{4.8}F_{0.7}	868.07	9.035	9.035	10.634	90	90	90							
NaFePO ₄ F	851.85	5.22	13.85	11.78	90	90	90	31.909	3.746	8	1.00	3.989	0.00939	S14
Na₂FePO₄F	819.94	5.1047	14.133	11.366	90	90	90							
Na _{0.04} Ni[Fe(CN) ₆] _{0.71}	1058.09	10.19	10.19	10.19	90	90	90	6.242	0.590	4	0.80	1.951	0.00302	S15
Na_{0.84}Ni[Fe(CN)₆]_{0.71}	1064.33	10.21	10.21	10.21	90	90	90							
β -NaFeP ₂ O ₇	562.09	6.33	9.46	11.10	62.611	83.29	72.242	18.962	3.374	3	1.00	6.321	0.00534	S16
Na₂FeP₂O₇	581.05	6.4490	9.4825	10.9933	64.847	86.240	73.133							
NaV ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	1321.57	8.43	8.43	21.49	90	90	120	120.909	9.149	6	2.00	10.076	0.00908	S17, S18
Na₃V₂(PO₄)₃	1442.48	8.738	8.738	21.815	90	90	120							
NaMn ₂ (CN) ₆ *	1235.13	10.69	10.75	10.75	90	90	90	33.981	2.751	4	1.00	8.495	0.00324	S12
Na₂Mn₂(CN)₆*	1201.15	10.658	10.616	10.616	90	90	90							
CuHCF	1015.08	10.05	10.05	10.05	90	90	90	27.516	2.711	4	0.72	9.554	0.00284	S19
K_{0.7}CuHCF	1042.59	10.14	10.14	10.14	90	90	90							
Ag ₃ Fe(CN) ₆	310.31	7.03	7.03	7.25	90	90	120	0.640	0.206	1	0.92	0.696	0.00296	This work
K_{0.92}Ag₃Fe(CN)₆	310.95	7.0698	7.0698	7.1836	90	90	120							
C*	566.09	4.93	8.54	13.46	90	90	90	329.915	58.280	8	1.00	41.239	0.01413	S20
KC₈	896.00	4.92	8.51	21.4	90	90	90							

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