

Introduction

Advantages of aqueous sodium-ion battery

Table 1. Candidates for post lithium-ion batteries.			
Electrolyte	Aqueous	Non-aqueous	Solid
Commercialized Advantage /disadvantage	Nickel metal hydride(OH) High power Memory effect	Lithium-ion (Li ⁺) High energy density Flammable Expensive Low ionic conduction	Sodium-sulfur (Na ⁺) No minor metal High temperature operation (300 °C)
Research stage	Aqueous lithium-ion (Li ⁺) Non-flammable High power Low energy density (low voltage)		Sodium-ion (Na ⁺) Room temperature operation Inexpensive Low power
Target of this work	Aqueous sodium-ion (Na ⁺) Non-flammable High power Inexpensive Low energy density (low voltage)		

Stability window of water

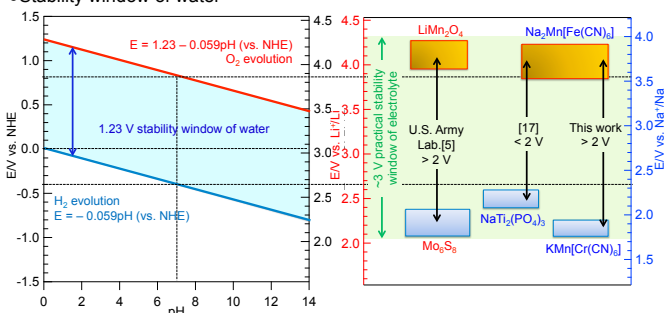
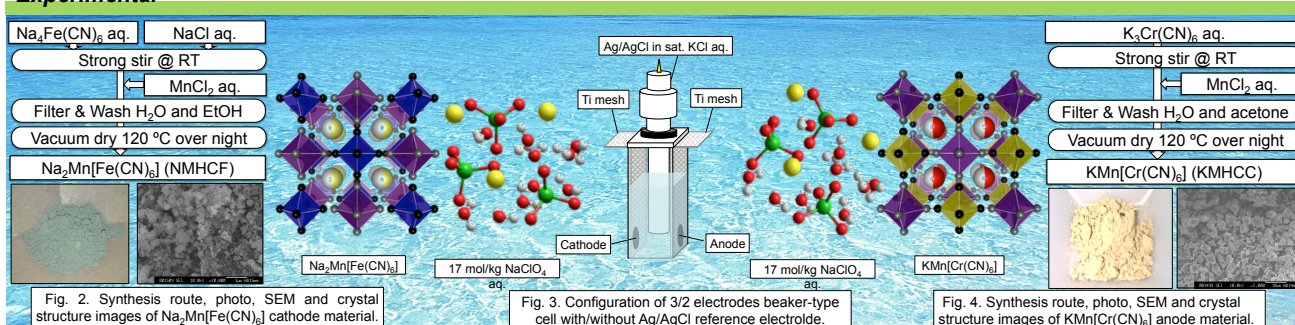


Fig. 1. Stability window of water and candidates of materials for aqueous alkali metal ion batteries.

Aqueous sodium-ion battery with Na₂Mn[Fe(CN)₆] (sodium manganese hexacyanoferrate; NMHCF) cathode, KMn[Cr(CN)₆] (potassium manganese hexacyanochromate; KMHCC) anode, and highly concentrated NaClO₄ aqueous electrolyte may realize high voltage operation and high cost effectiveness.

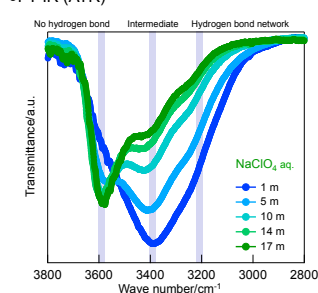
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Experimental



Result & Discussion

FT-IR (ATR)



Ionic conductivity

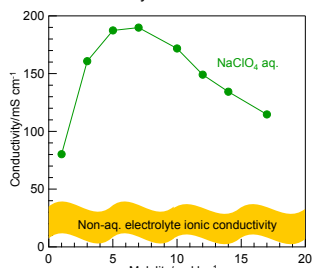
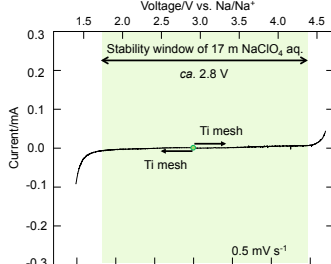


Fig. 5. (upper) FT-IR/ATR spectra and (lower) ionic conductivities of NaClO₄ aq. dependence on molality. Highly concentrated NaClO₄ aqueous electrolyte differs from diluted in terms of interaction between Na⁺ and H₂O, ionic conductivity, and electrochemical stability.

CV of Ti current collector



CV of active materials

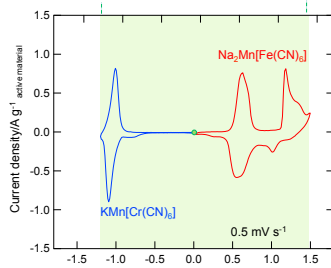
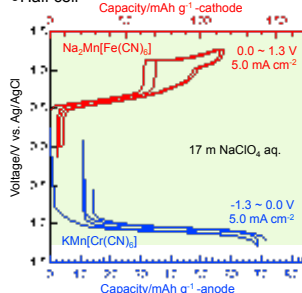


Fig. 6. Cyclic voltammogram of (upper) Ti mesh current collector, (lower) NMHCF cathode, and KMHCC anode.

Reported aqueous alkali metal ion batteries

Table 2. Reported aqueous alkali metal ion batteries.					
Cathode	Anode	Electrolyte	Capacity/mAh g ⁻¹	Voltage/V	Ref.
LiMn ₂ O ₄	VO ₂	5 mol/l LiNO ₃ aq.	50 (electrodes)	1.5	1
LiMn ₂ O ₄	LiTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	1 mol/l Li ₂ SO ₄ aq.	40 (electrodes)	1.5	2
LiFePO ₄	LiTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	1 mol/l Li ₂ SO ₄ aq.	55 (electrodes)	0.9	3
LiCoO ₂	Polyimide	5 mol/l LiNO ₃ aq.	71 (electrodes)	1.1	4
LiMn ₂ O ₄	Mo ₆ S ₈	21 mol/kg LiTfSA aq.	47 (electrodes)	2.0	5
LiMn ₂ O ₄	TiO ₂	21 mol/kg LiTfSA + 7 mol/kg LiOTf aq.	48 (electrodes)	2.1	6
LiCoO ₂	Li ₄ Ti ₅ O ₁₂	20 mol/kg LiTfSA + 8 mol/kg LiBETA aq.	55 (electrodes)	2.4	7
LiNi _{0.8} Mn _{0.2} O ₄			30 (electrodes)	3.0	
LiMn ₂ O ₄	S ₈	21 mol/kg LiTfSA + 7 mol/kg LiOTf aq. + 10 wt% PVA	84 (electrodes) 1327 (anode)	1.6	8
λ-MnO ₂	Active carbon	1 mol/l Na ₂ SO ₄ aq.	50 (electrolyte)	1.2	9
NaVPO ₄ F	Polyimide	5 mol/l NaNO ₃ aq.	40 (electrodes)	1.1	4
Na ₃ V ₂ O(PO ₄) ₂ F	NaTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	10 mol/l NaClO ₄ aq.	40 (cathode)	1.4	10
Na ₄ Mn ₆ O ₁₈	NaTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	1 mol/l Na ₂ SO ₄ aq.	100 (anode)	1.0	11
Na ₂ FeP ₂ O ₇	NaTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	4 mol/l NaClO ₄ aq.	48 (cathode)	0.9	12
Na ₂ Ni[Fe(CN) ₆]	NaTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	1 mol/l Na ₂ SO ₄ aq.	100 (anode)	1.3	13
Na ₂ Cu[Fe(CN) ₆]	NaTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	1 mol/l Na ₂ SO ₄ aq.	102 (anode)	1.4	14
NaCr[Mn(CN) ₆]	Na ₂ Mn[Mn(CN) ₆]	10 mol/l NaClO ₄ aq.	28 (electrodes)	1.0	15
Na ₂ Co[Fe(CN) ₆]	NaTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	1 mol/l Na ₂ SO ₄ aq.	120 (cathode)	1.6	16
Na ₂ Mn[Fe(CN) ₆]	NaTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	17 mol/kg NaClO ₄ aq.	117 (cathode)	1.4	17
Na ₃ (VOPO ₄) ₂ F	NaTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	35 mol/kg NaFSA aq.	ND	1.5	18
Na ₂ [Mn ₂ Ti] ₂ O ₆	NaTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	9 mol/kg NaOTf aq.	31 (electrodes)	1.0	19
Na ₂ Mn[Fe(CN) ₆]	KMn[Cr(CN) ₆]	17 mol/kg NaClO ₄ aq.	111 (cathode)	> 2	This work

Half cell



Full cell

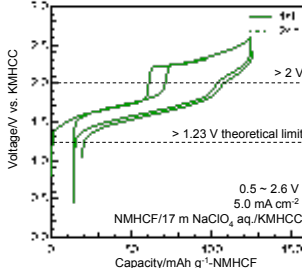
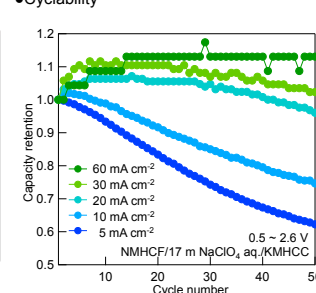


Fig. 7. Charge/discharge curves of (upper) NMHCF cathode, KMHCC anode half cells, and (lower) its full cell. NMHCF/17 m NaClO₄ aq./KMHCC aqueous sodium-ion battery operated at high voltage over 2 V with remarkable high rate performance.

Cyclability



Rate capability

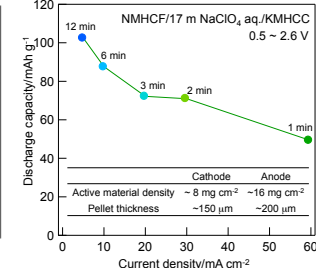


Fig. 8. (upper) Cyclabilities and (lower) rate capability of NMHCF/17 mol kg⁻¹ NaClO₄ aq./KMHCC full cell. Active material density ~ 8 mg cm⁻² ~ 16 mg cm⁻². Pellet thickness ~ 150 μm ~ 200 μm.

Conclusion

A combination of Prussian blue-type Na₂Mn[Fe(CN)₆] cathode and KMn[Cr(CN)₆] anode was examined as aqueous sodium-ion battery. The battery displayed high operation voltage over 2 V and remarkable high rate performance assisted by open-framework electrodes and concentrated but high ionic conductive electrolyte.