

Supplementary information for
**Oxygen enriched porous carbon nanoflakes enable high-performance zinc ion
hybrid capacitors**

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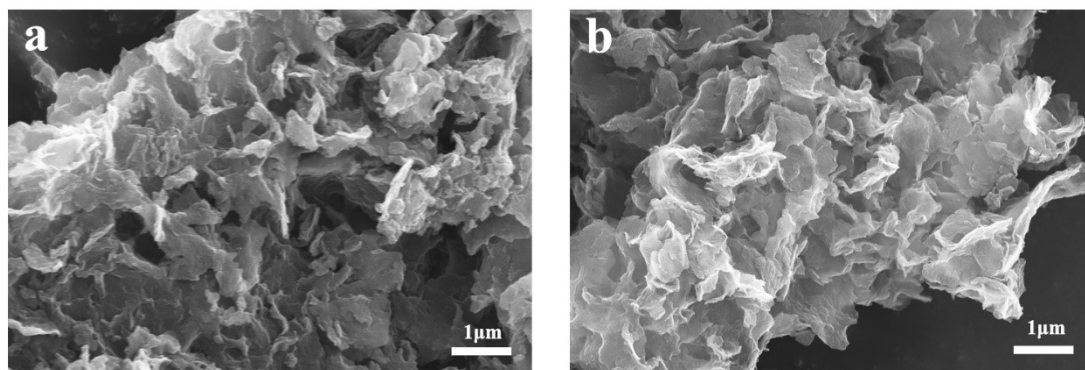


Fig. S1 SEM images of (a) PCNs-700 and (b) PCNs-900.

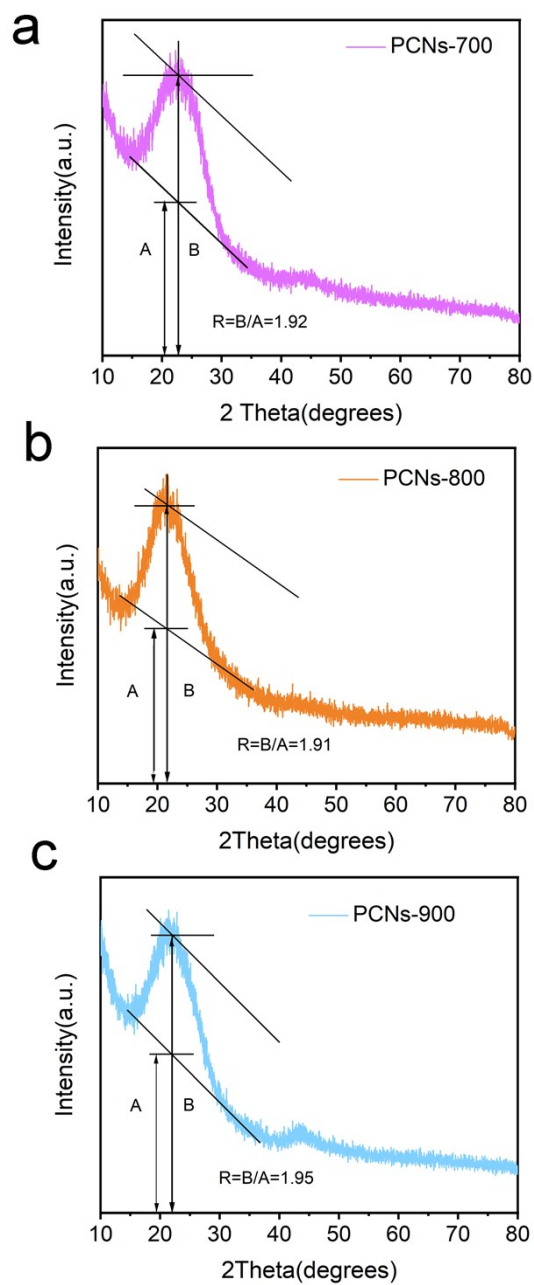


Fig. S2 XRD patterns of (a) PCNs-700, (b) PCNs-800, and (c) PCNs-900.

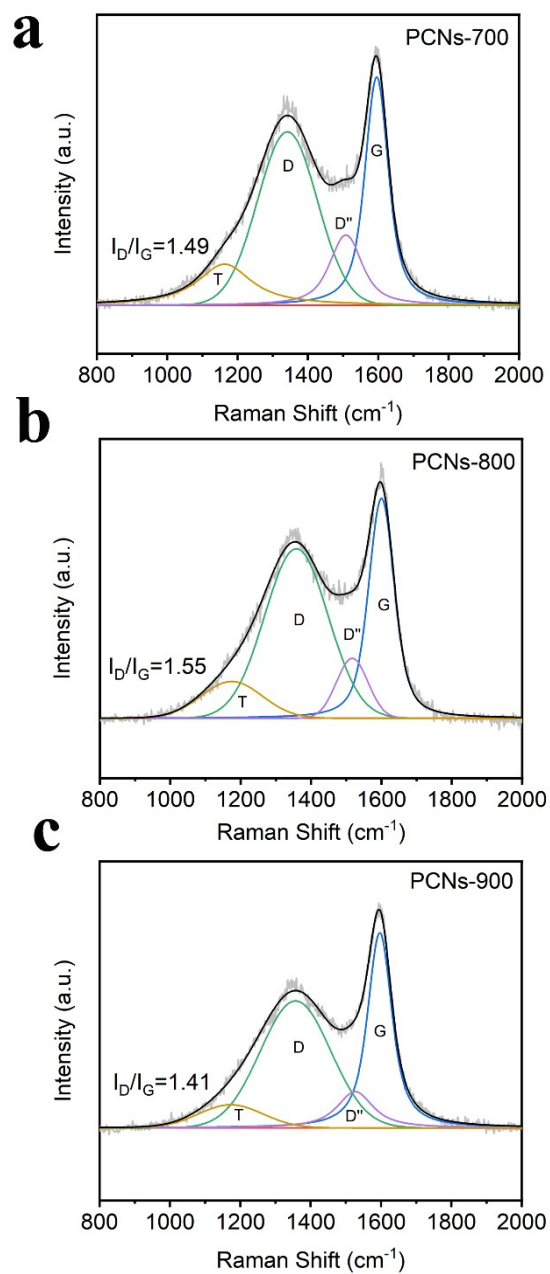


Fig. S3 Raman spectra of (a) PCNs-700, (b) PCNs-800, and (c) PCNs-900.

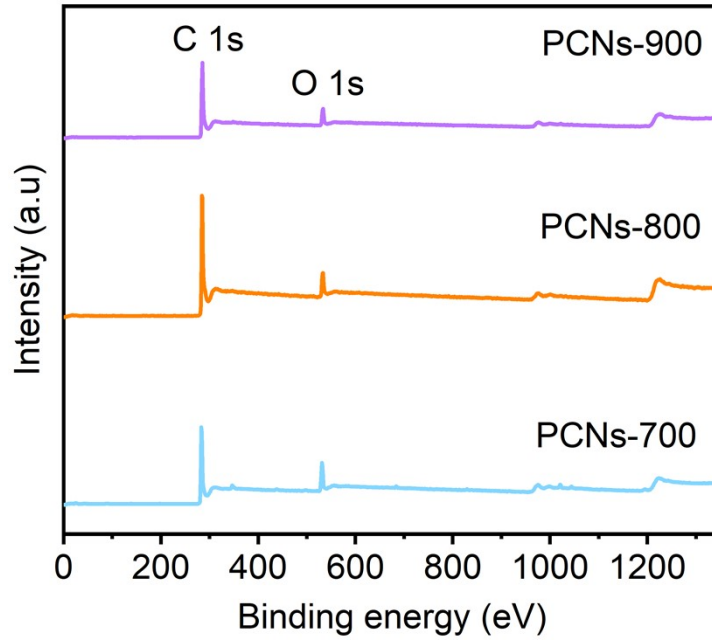


Fig. S4 XPS survey spectra of PCNs-700, PCNs-800, and PCNs-900.

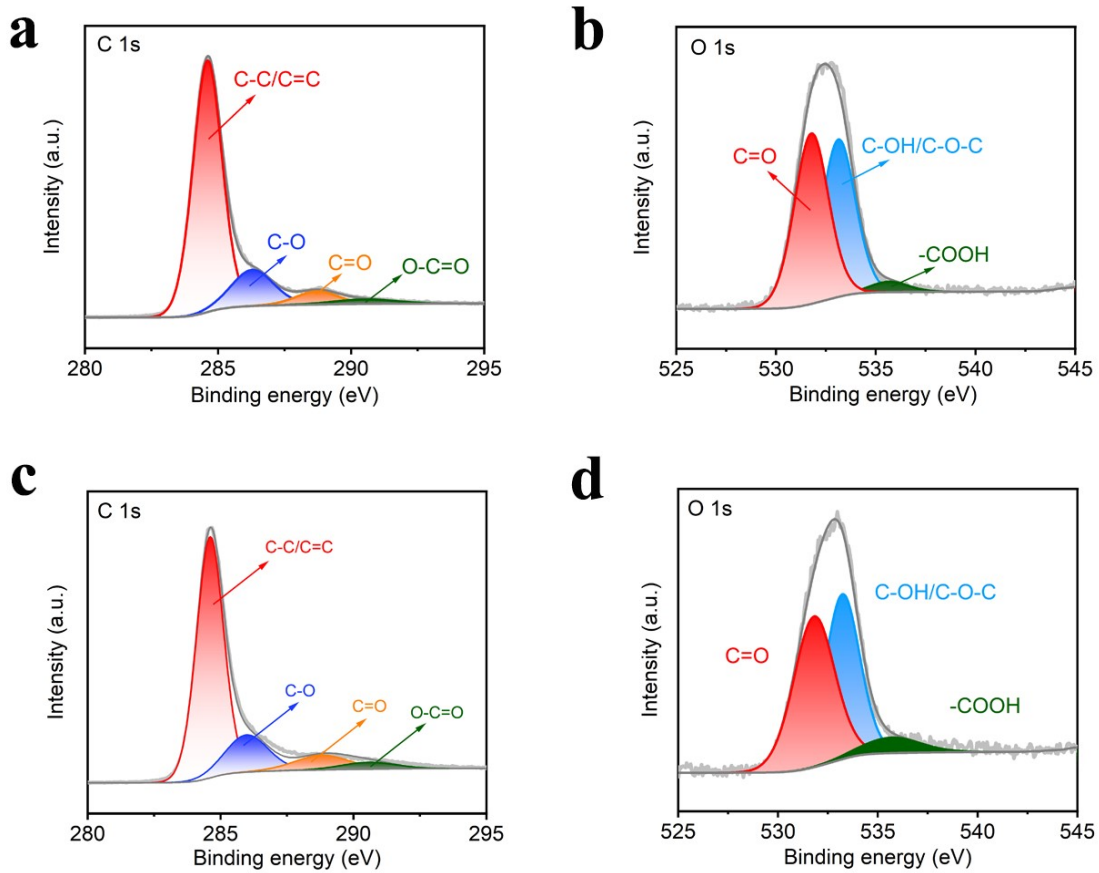


Fig. S5 High resolution (a) C 1s and (b) O 1s spectra of PCNs-700; High resolution (c) C 1s spectra and (d) O 1s spectra of PCNs-900.

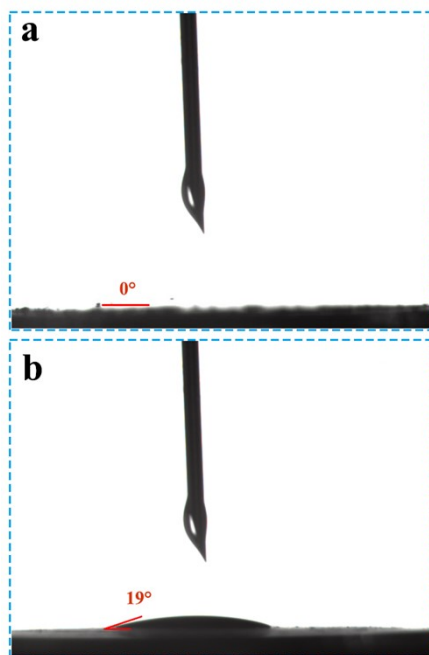


Fig. S6 Water contact angles of (a) PCNs-800, and (b) commercial activated carbon (YP-50F).

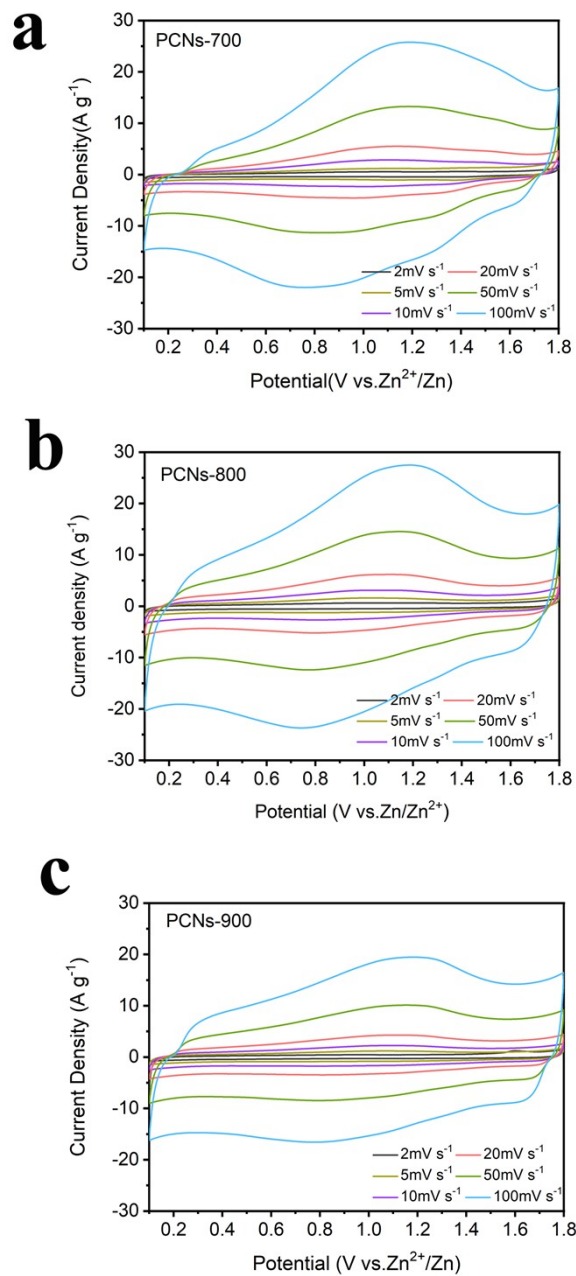


Fig. S7 CV curves of (a) PCNs-700, (b) PCNs-800, and (c) PCNs-900 based ZIHCs at scan rates range of 2-100 $\text{mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$.

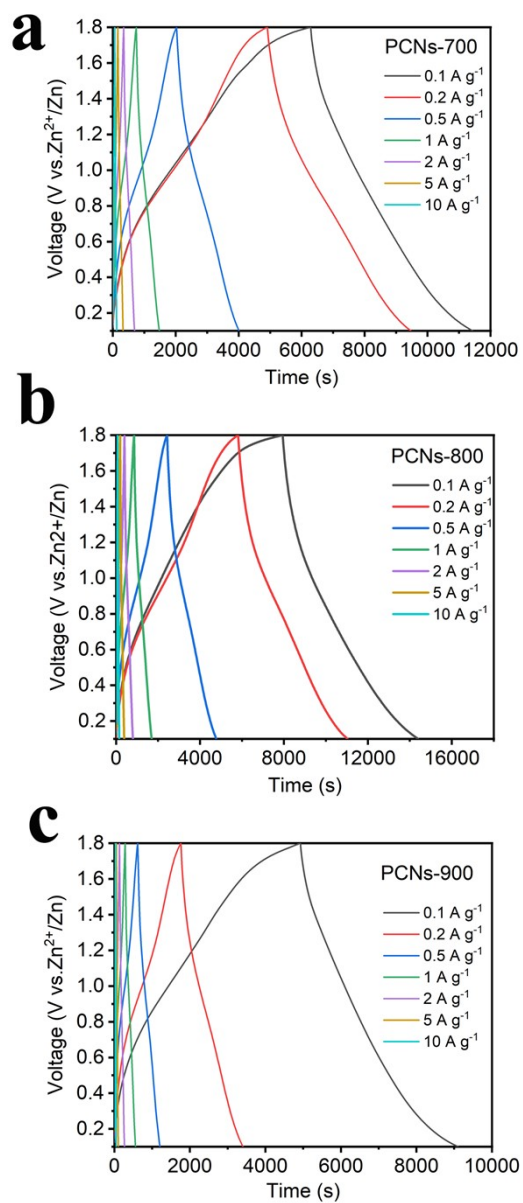


Fig. S8 Galvanostatic charge–discharge profiles at 0.1–10 A g^{-1} for (a) PCNs-700, (b) PCNs-800, and (c) PCNs-900.

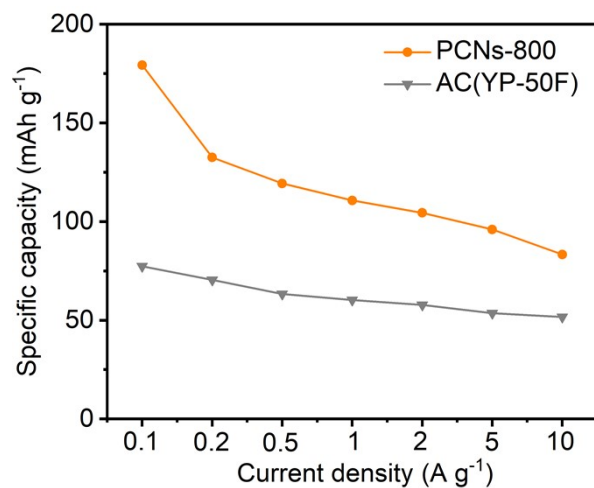


Fig. S9 Comparison for rate capability between PCNs-800 cathode and commercial activated carbon (YP-50F).

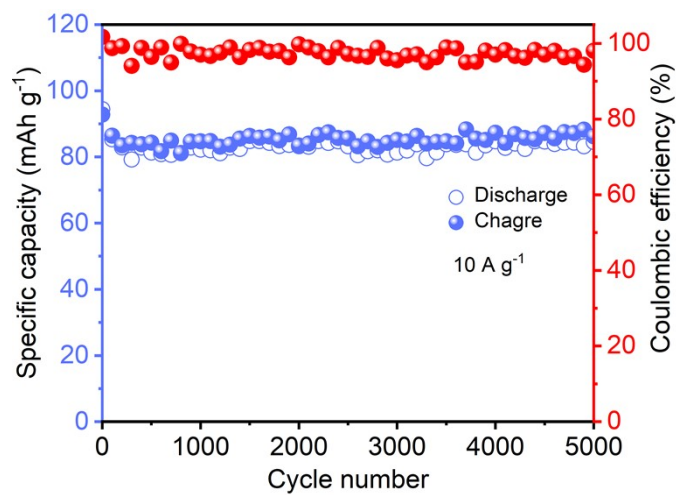


Fig. S10 Cyclic performance of PCNs-800 at 10 A g⁻¹.

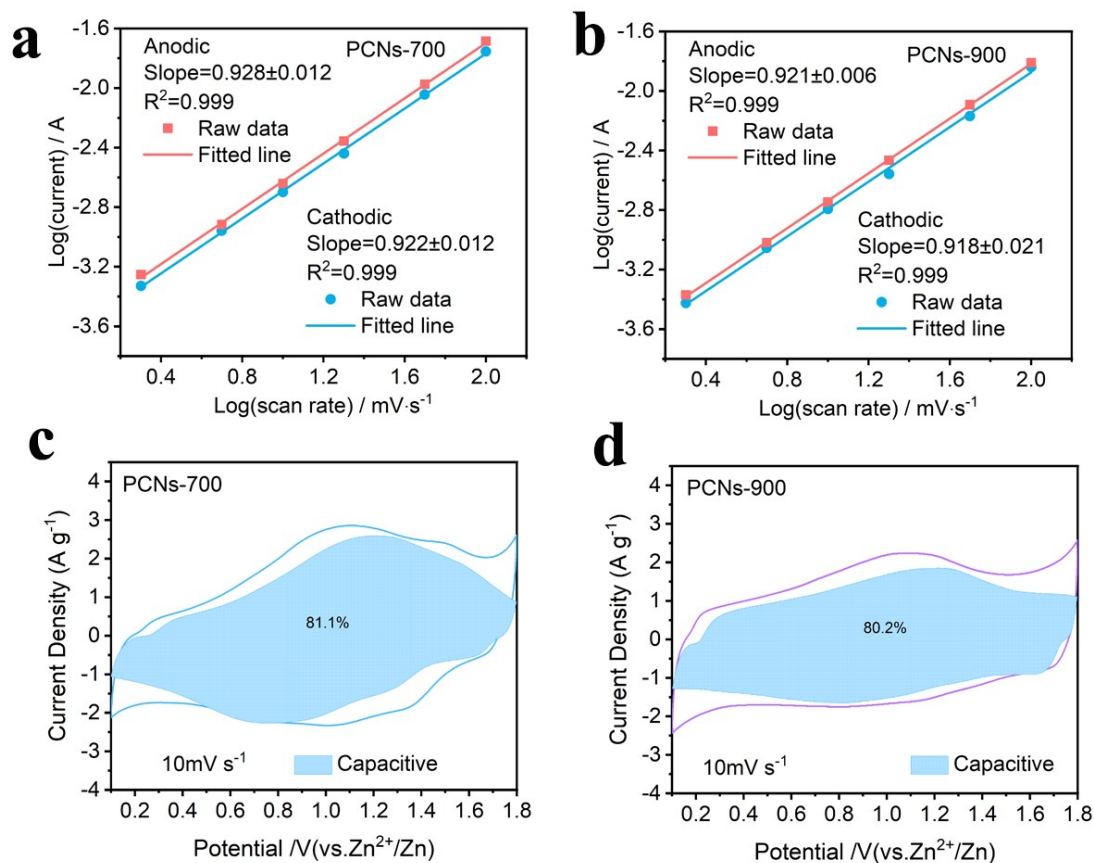


Fig. S11 Selected cathodic and anodic b values of peak currents for (a) PCNs-700, and (b) PCNs-900; Capacitive contribution of (c) PCNs-700 and (d) PCNs-900 cathodes-based ZIHCs at 10 $mV s^{-1}$.

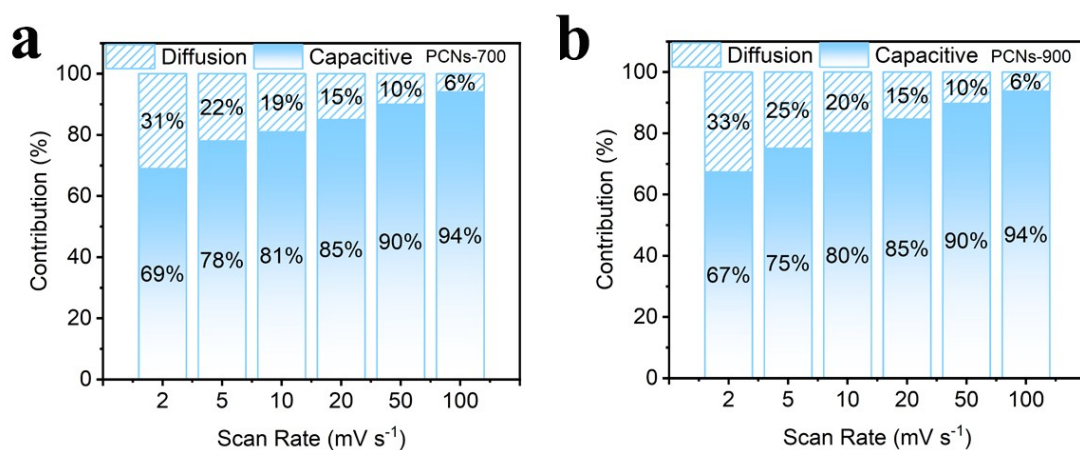


Fig. S12 Capacitive/diffusion contribution ratios of (a) PCNs-700 and (b) PCNs-900 at different scan rates.

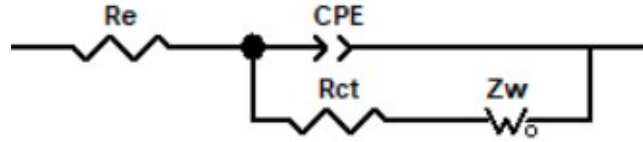


Fig. S13 The corresponding simulating equivalent circuit.

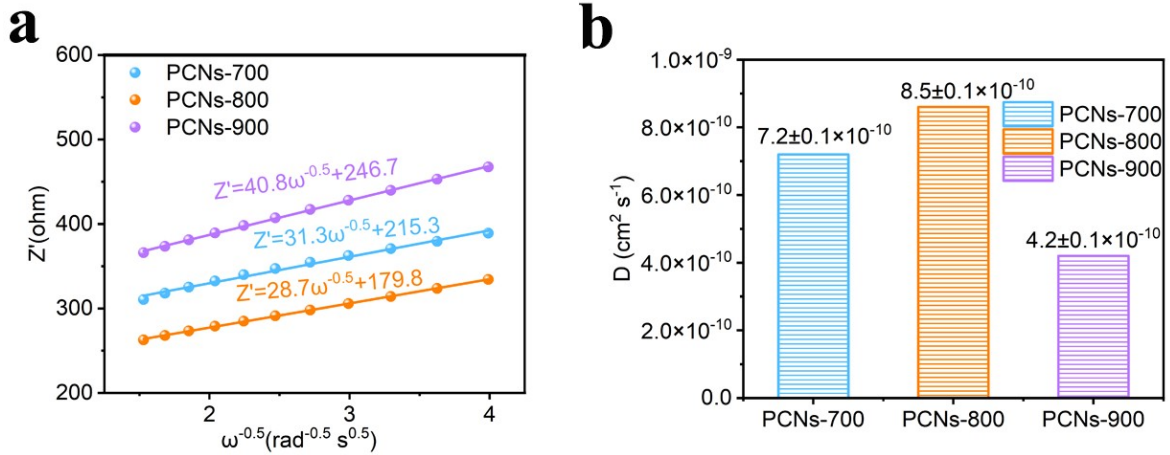


Fig. S14 (a) Linear plots of real resistances (Z') against angular frequencies ($\omega^{-0.5}$) in the low-frequency region for PCNs-700, PCNs-800, and PCNs-900, respectively. (b) Ion diffusion coefficients of PCNs-700, PCNs-800, and PCNs-900.

The diffusion coefficient of ions could be calculated by the EIS technique based on the following formulas¹⁻³:

$$Z' = \sigma \omega^{-0.5} + R_e + R_{ct} \quad (S1)$$

$$D_{Zn^{2+}} = \frac{R^2 T^2}{2A^2 F^4 C^2 n^4 \sigma^2} \quad (S2)$$

where Z' is real part of impedance (Ω), ω is angle frequency (rad s^{-1}), σ is diffusion resistance ($\Omega \text{ s}^{-0.5}$), R_e is ohmic resistance between the electrode and electrolyte (Ω), R_{ct} is charge transfer resistance (Ω), n is electron transfer numbers per molecule during electron reaction, D is ion diffusion coefficient ($\text{cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$), A is the surface area of electrode (cm^2), R is gas constant ($8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$), T is Kelvin temperature (293.15 K), C is molar concentration of electrolyte (mol L^{-1}), and F is Faraday constant (96485 C mol^{-1}).

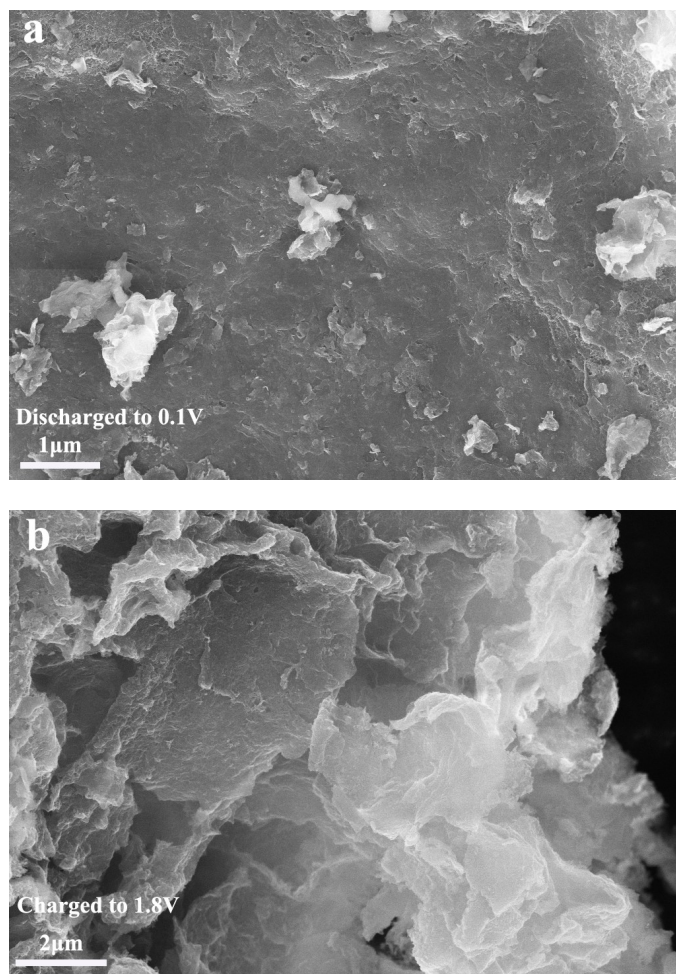


Fig. S15 *Ex-situ* SEM of PCNs-800 electrode at (a) discharged and (b) charged states.

Table S1 Physical and chemical parameters for PCNs-700, PCNs-800, and PCNs-900.

Samples	R	I_D/I_G	S_{BET}^a ($m^2 g^{-1}$)	V_t^b ($cm^3 g^{-1}$)	Pore volume (%)		XPS composition (at%)	
					V<2nm	V>2nm	C	O
PCNs-700	1.92	1.5	757	1.13	14	86	86.5	13.5
PCNs-800	1.91	1.6	1134	1.41	15	85	81.0	19.0
PCNs-900	1.95	1.4	532	1.03	6	94	91.2	8.8

a) Surface area was calculated by BET method;

b) The total pore volume was determined by DFT method

Table S2 Specific capacities of PCNs-800 and other reported cathode materials for ZIHCs.

Cathode (Specific surface area)	Low rate specific capacity	High rate specific capacity	Mass loading	Ref.
PCNs-800 (1134 $m^2 g^{-1}$)	179 mAh g^{-1} at 0.1 A g^{-1}	83 mAh g^{-1} at 10 A g^{-1}	$\sim 1.0 mg cm^{-2}$	This Work
SOCN-10 (1877 $m^2 g^{-1}$)	151 mAh g^{-1} at 0.1 A g^{-1}	80 mAh g^{-1} at 10 A g^{-1}	-	3
PHC3 (1469.3 $m^2 g^{-1}$)	149 mAh g^{-1} at 0.1 A g^{-1}	88 mAh g^{-1} at 10 A g^{-1}	$\sim 2.3 mg cm^{-2}$	4
S-O-PC-HB (818.17 $m^2 g^{-1}$)	107.5 mAh g^{-1} at 0.2 A g^{-1}	14 mAh g^{-1} at 10 A g^{-1}	$\sim 1.0 mg cm^{-2}$	5
Zn-MET-800 (651.6 $m^2 g^{-1}$)	164 mAh g^{-1} at 0.1 A g^{-1}	64 mAh g^{-1} at 10 A g^{-1}	1.5-2.0 $mg cm^{-2}$	6
PCN-6 (1267.29 $m^2 g^{-1}$)	120 mAh g^{-1} at 0.1 A g^{-1}	76 mAh g^{-1} at 10 A g^{-1}	1-2 $mg cm^{-2}$	7
NPC (1197.91 $m^2 g^{-1}$)	158.2 mAh g^{-1} at 0.25 A g^{-1}	85 mAh g^{-1} at 10 A g^{-1}	$\sim 2.0 mg cm^{-2}$	8
PSR-4 (2072 $m^2 g^{-1}$)	88 mAh g^{-1} at 0.1 A g^{-1}	58.1 mAh g^{-1} at 5 A g^{-1}	$\sim 1.4 mg cm^{-2}$	9

Table S3 The ion diffusion resistance (σ) and ion diffusion coefficient (D) of PCNs-

700, PCNs-800, and PCNs-900 (Average of three test).

Samples	ion diffusion resistance (σ)/ $\Omega \text{ s}^{-0.5}$	ion diffusion coefficient (D)/ $\text{cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$
PCNs-700	31.3 \pm 0.1	(7.2 \pm 0.1) $\times 10^{-10}$
PCNs-800	28.7 \pm 0.1	(8.5 \pm 0.1) $\times 10^{-10}$
PCNs-900	40.8 \pm 0.1	(4.2 \pm 0.1) $\times 10^{-10}$

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