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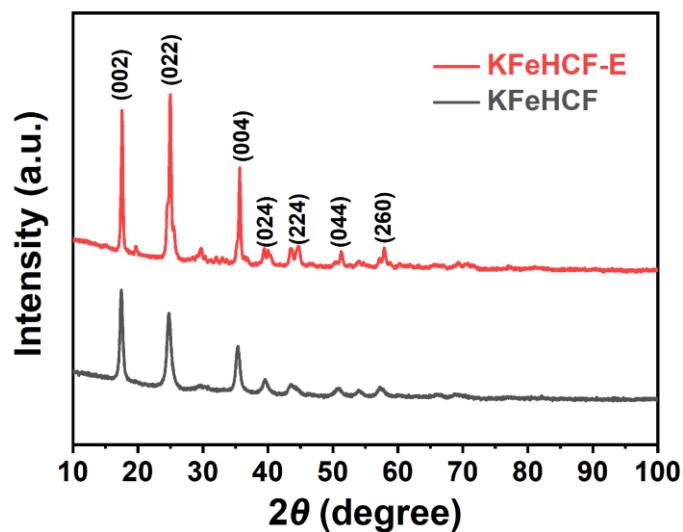


Figure S1. XRD patterns of KFeHCF-E and KFeHCF.

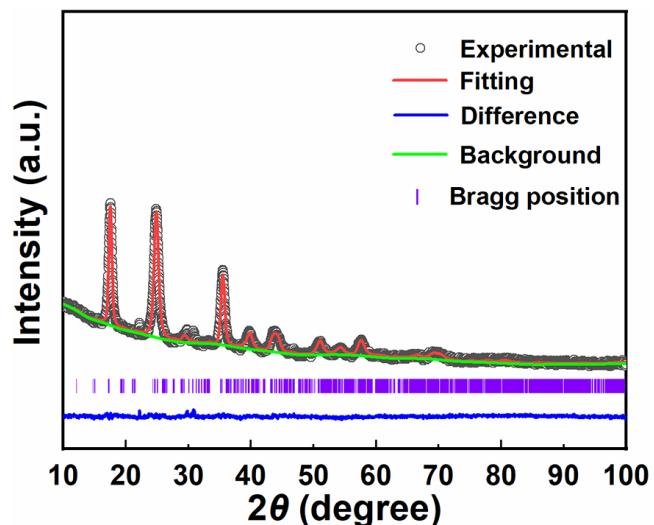


Figure S2. Rietveld refinement XRD pattern of KFeHCF.

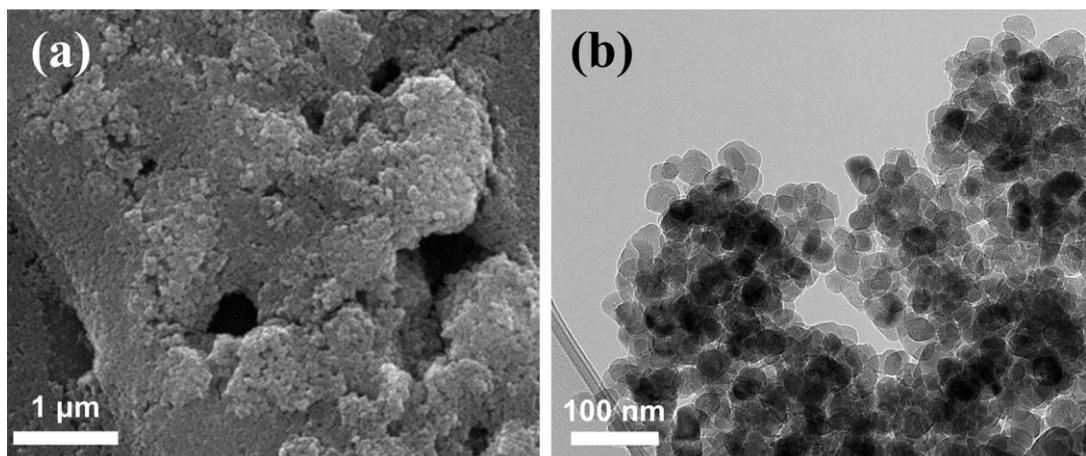


Figure S3. (a) SEM and (b) TEM image of KFeHCF-E.

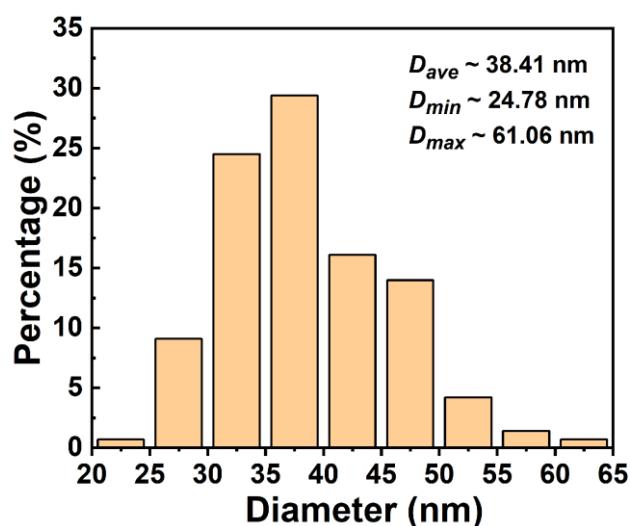


Figure S4. The size distribution of KFeHCF-E, counted and calculated from Figure S3b.

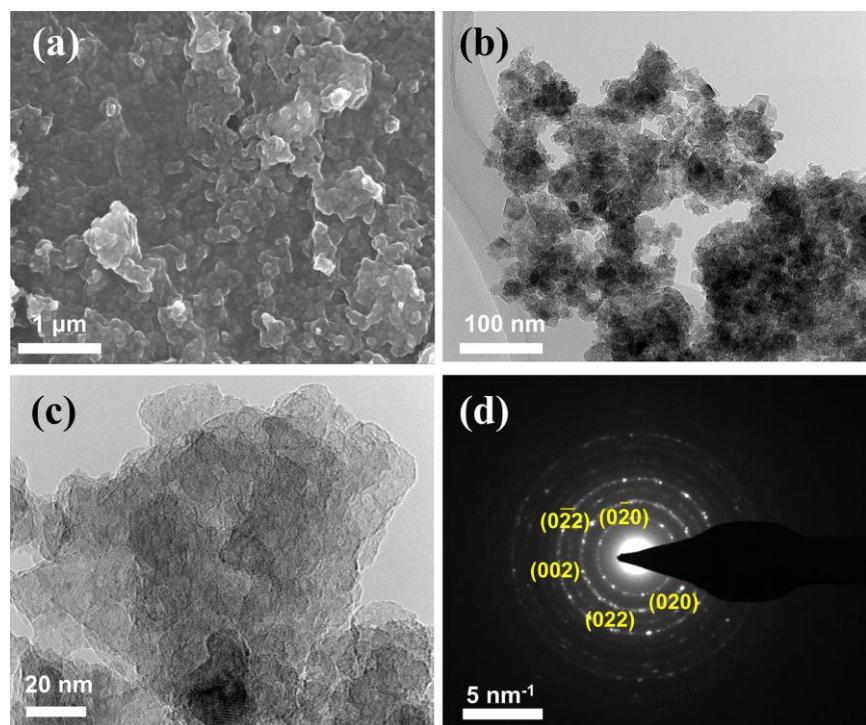


Figure S5. Characterizations of KFeHCF: (a) SEM image. (b-d) TEM images and SAED pattern.

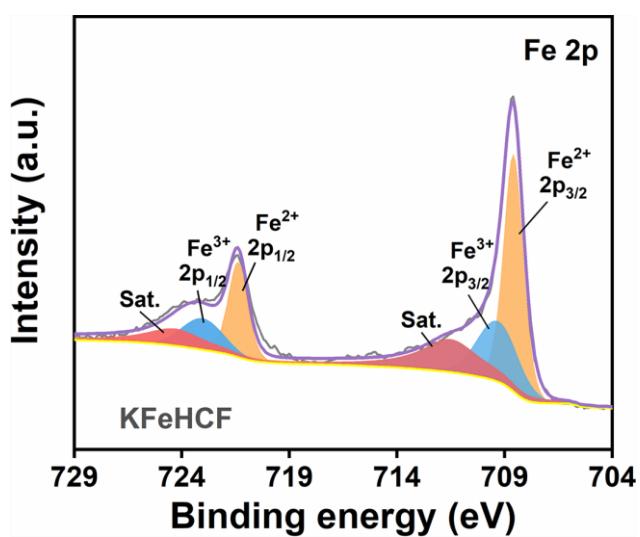


Figure S6. Fe 2p fitting spectra of KFeHCF.

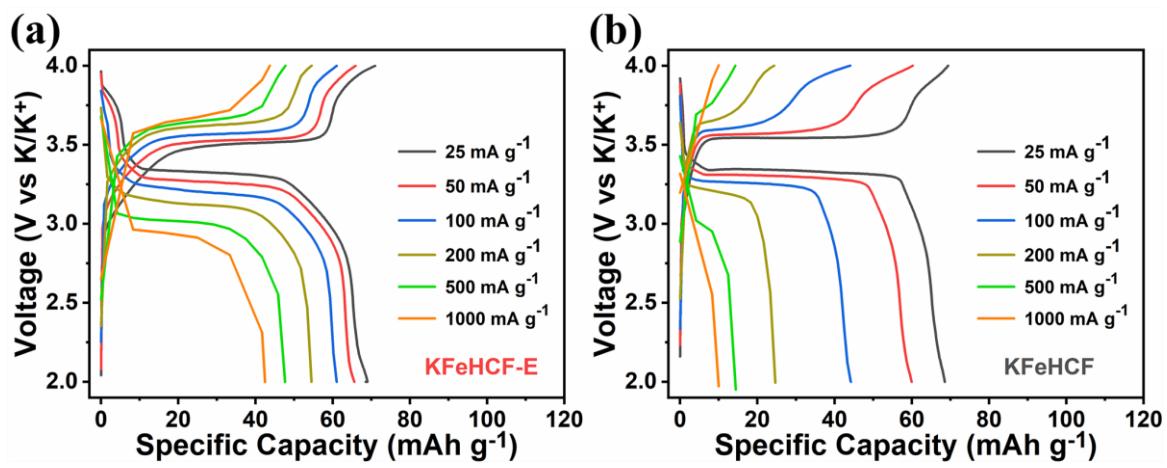


Figure S7. Charge/discharge profiles at various current densities of (a) KFeHCF-E and (b) KFeHCF.

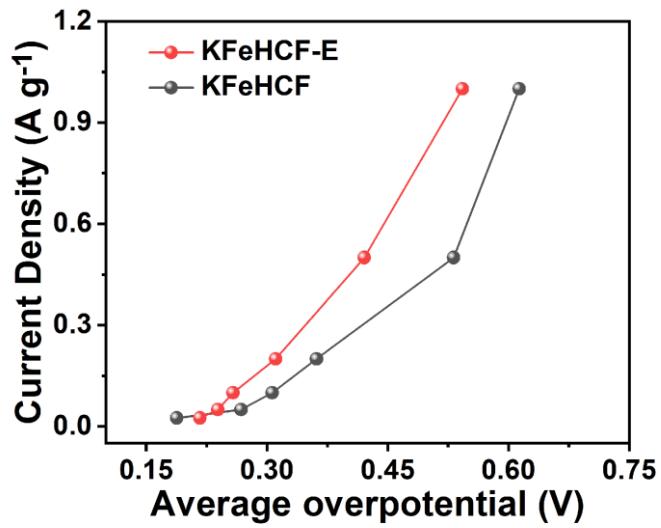


Figure S8. Derived plots of average overpotential *vs.* current density.

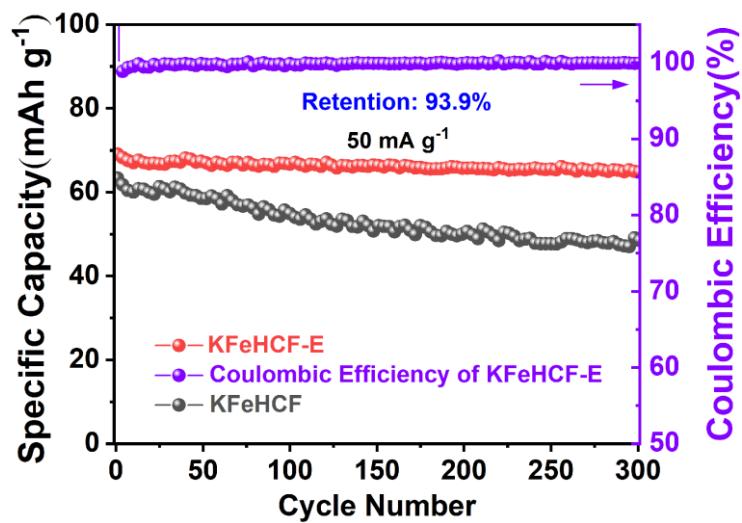


Figure S9. Cycling comparison performance at 50 mA g^{-1} .

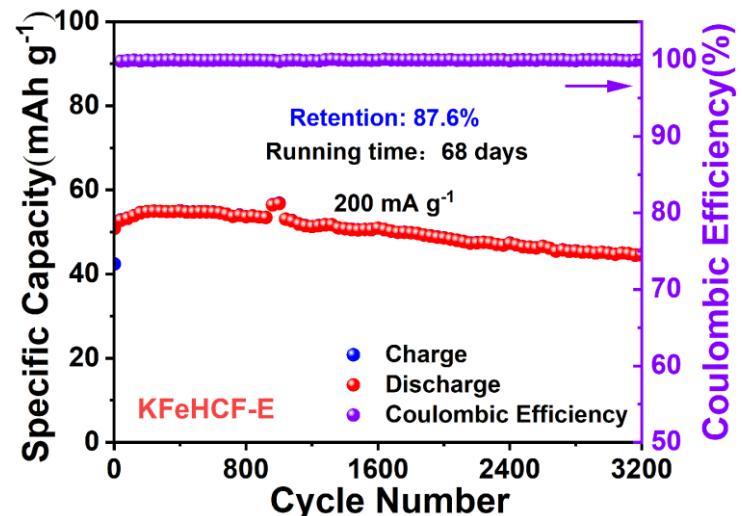


Figure S10. Long-term cycle performance of KFeHCF-E at 200 mA g^{-1} .

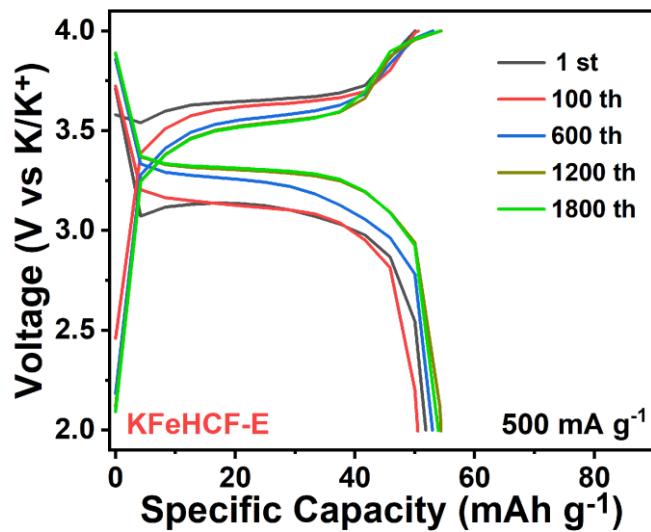


Figure S11. Charge/discharge profiles of KFeHCF-E at 500 mA g^{-1} .

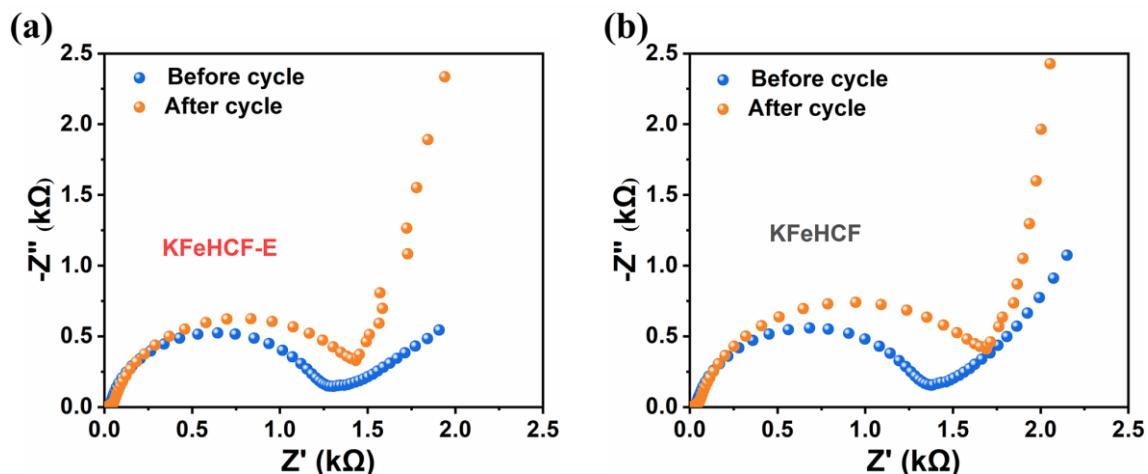


Figure S12. EIS of (a) KFeHCF-E and (b) KFeHCF.

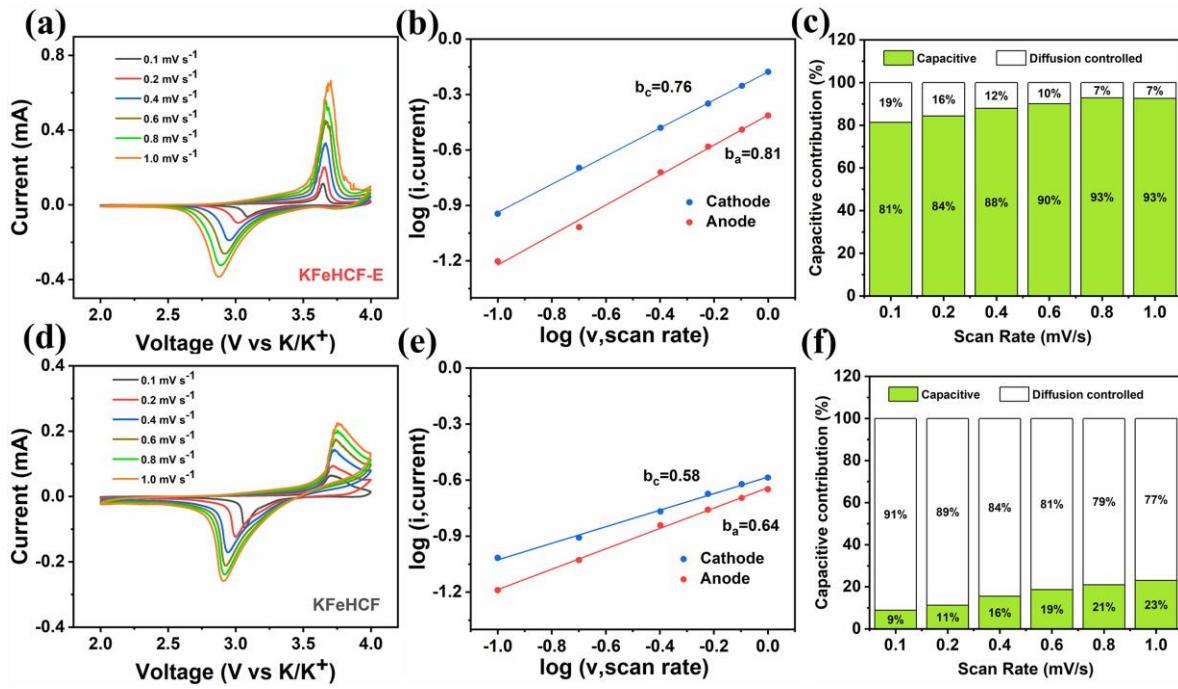


Figure S13. CV curves of KFeHCF-E (a) and KFeHCF (d) at scan rates range from 0.1 to 1.0 mV s⁻¹. Linear relationship of log(i) vs. log(v) of KFeHCF-E (b) and KFeHCF (e). The percentage of capacitive and diffusion-controlled contributions for KFeHCF-E (c) and KFeHCF (f) at various scan rates.

Scheme 1. A general method to measure the degree of pseudocapacitive effect is to make a qualitative analysis based on the following equation: $i = av^b$, where a and b are constants.^[1] Generally, for the ideal Faraday intercalation process controlled by the diffusion effect, the b value is 0.5; for a surface-dominated process without diffusion control, the b value is 1.0.^[2] Moreover, by further dividing the response current at the same potential into a surface-dominated process ($k_1 v$) and a diffusion-dependent process ($k_2 v^{1/2}$) as the following equation: $i = k_1 v + k_2 v^{1/2}$, the percentage of capacitive contribution can be quantified.

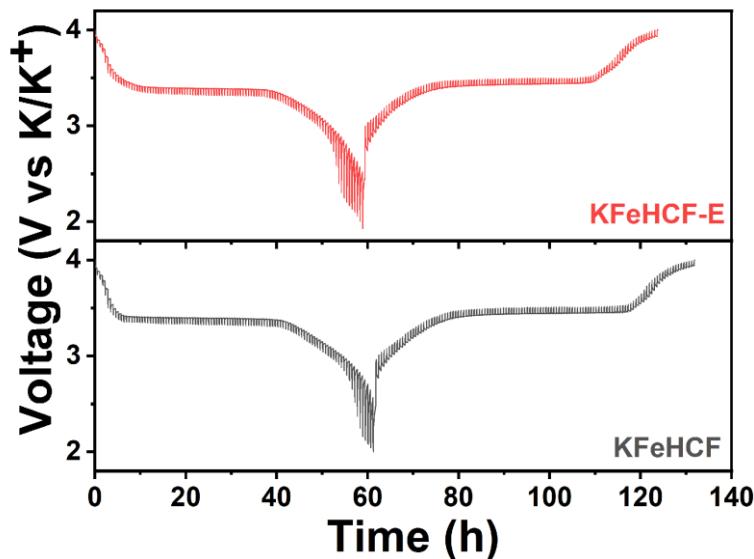


Figure S14. GITT curves of the initial discharge/charge process at 8 mA g⁻¹.

Scheme 2. The diffusion coefficient of K⁺ is calculated^[3]:

$$D = \frac{4}{\pi\tau} \left(\frac{m_B V_M}{M_B S} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\Delta E_S}{\Delta E_\tau} \right)^2$$

Where τ refers to constant current pulse time, m_B , V_M , M_B , and S are the mass, molar volume, molar mass of the cathode material, and electrode-electrolyte interface area, respectively. ΔE_S is voltage difference during a single-step experiment, and ΔE_τ is the total change of cell voltage during a constant current pulse excluding the IR drop.

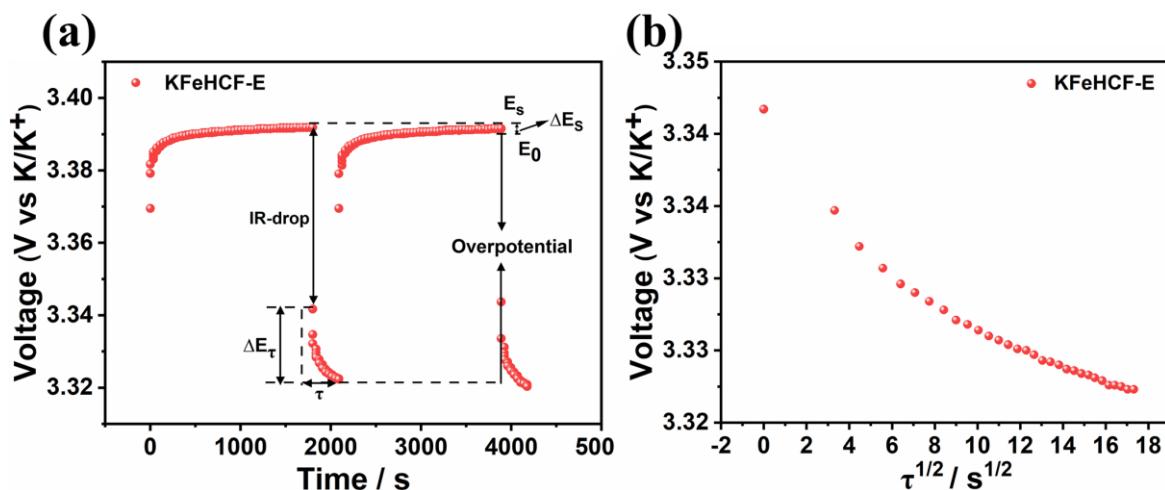


Figure S15. (a) The two pulse-relaxation cycles at DOC of ~40%, and (b) the plots of voltage as a function of $\tau^{1/2}$ of single discharge process of KFeHCF-E.

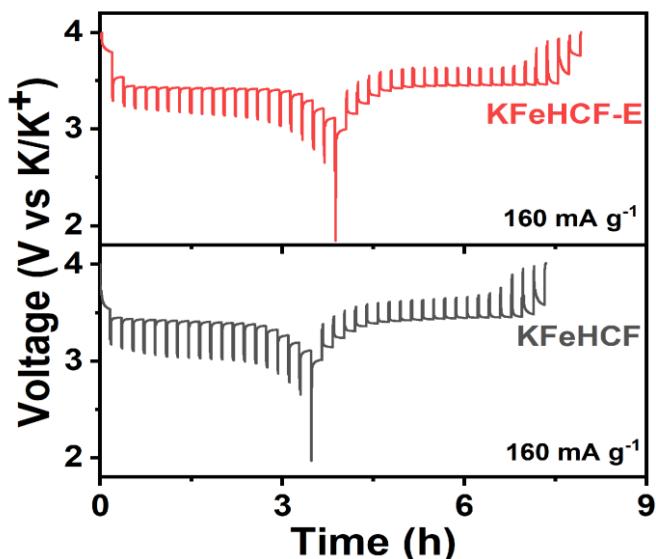


Figure S16. GITT potential response curve with time. The experiment was conducted at constant current pulse of 160 mA g^{-1} for 1 min followed by a relaxation period of 10 min.

Table S1. ICP and elemental analysis results of KFeHCF-E and KFeHCF.

Sample	K content	Fe content	C content	N content
KFeHCF-E	0.859	1	3.126	2.801
KFeHCF	0.823	1	3.073	2.710

Scheme 3. The general molecular formulae of Prussian blue is $\text{K}_x\text{Fe}[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_y \cdot z\text{H}_2\text{O}$. The molar ratio of cyanide in the samples is calculated based on the molar ratio of N.^[4] For the KFeHCF-E, the detailed calculation process is given as follows:

$$\frac{x}{1+y} = 0.859$$

$$\frac{6y}{1+y} = 2.801$$

$$\frac{18z}{39x + 56(1+y) + 156y} = 0.0283$$

Calculated: x=1.61; y=0.88; z=0.43

For KFeHCF:

$$\frac{x}{1+y} = 0.823$$

$$\frac{6y}{1+y} = 2.710$$

$$\frac{18z}{39x + 56(1+y) + 156y} = 0.0403$$

Calculated: x=1.51; y=0.82; z=0.59

Thus, the molecular formulae of KFeHCF-E and KFeHCF are $K_{1.61}Fe[Fe(CN)_6]_{0.88} \cdot 0.43H_2O$ and $K_{1.51}Fe[Fe(CN)_6]_{0.82} \cdot 0.59H_2O$, respectively.

Table S2. Structural parameters of KFeHCF-E obtained from Rietveld analysis.

Atom	Wyckoff	x	y	z	Occupancy
K1	4e	0.2647(30)	0.2772(22)	0.2266(22)	0.84771
K2	4e	0.2363(11)	0.7309(10)	0.2649(13)	0.93234
Fe1	2a	0	0	0	1
Fe2	2d	0.5	0	0.5	1
Fe3	2b	0.5	0	0	1
Fe4	2c	0	0	0.5	1
C1	4e	0.183(8)	0.014(17)	0.018(11)	1
C2	4e	0.03100	0.18000	0.01500	0.99041
C3	4e	0.00700	-0.00800	0.18700	1
C4	4e	0.52700	0.52700	0.17300	1
C5	4e	0.50600	0.17900	0.50400	1
C6	4e	0.68400	0.47900	0.02500	1
N1	4e	0.2890(22)	0.006(6)	0.0280(28)	1
N2	4e	0.02800	0.28600	0.06100	0.99041
N3	4e	-0.01100	0.06200	0.27600	1
N4	4e	0.50400	0.50200	0.0280(28)	1
N5	4e	0.52800	0.28900	0.52200	1
N6	4e	0.78900	0.51400	0.00300	1
O1	4e	0.265(18)	0.265(17)	0.229(15)	0.15224
O2	4e	0.223(27)	0.73(4)	0.301(25)	0.06768

S.G. $P2_1/n$ $a = 10.0652(4)$, $b = 10.0754(5)$, $c = 10.0298(9)$ Å,
 $\alpha=\gamma=90^\circ$ $\beta=92.216(8)^\circ$

$R_p = 0.99\%$, $R_{wp} = 1.41\%$, $\text{Chi2} = 4.44$

Table S3. Structural parameters of KFeHCF obtained from Rietveld analysis.

Atom	Wyckoff	x	y	z	Occupancy
K1	4e	0.24738	0.27483	0.24656	0.60994
K2	4e	0.24215	0.26764	0.25306	0.84474
Fe1	2a	0	0	0	1
Fe2	2d	0.5	0	0.5	1
Fe3	2b	0.5	0	0	1
Fe4	2c	0	0	0.5	1
C1	4e	0.19143	0.00748	0.05093	0.98387
C2	4e	-0.00731	0.17929	-0.01793	0.94983
C3	4e	0.00744	-0.02023	0.18833	0.9968
C4	4e	0.52444	0.48635	0.16590	1
C5	4e	0.48711	0.17790	0.48746	1
C6	4e	0.69610	0.48737	0.05009	1
N1	4e	0.29962	-0.00517	0.03812	0.98387
N2	4e	0.03508	0.26864	0.04330	0.94983
N3	4e	-0.00795	0.00511	0.29540	0.9968
N4	4e	0.48273	0.49744	0.28958	1
N5	4e	0.53099	0.28611	0.52642	1
N6	4e	0.79733	0.50117	0.03217	1
O1	4e	0.24913	0.26764	0.24623	0.39003
O2	4e	0.23917	0.72498	0.33236	0.15522

S.G. $P2_1/n$ $a = 10.1070(7)$, $b = 10.1261(8)$, $c = 10.0810(15)$ Å,
 $\alpha=\gamma=90^\circ$ $\beta=91.606(16)^\circ$

$R_p = 0.65\%$, $R_{wp} = 0.83\%$, Chi2= 1.49

Table S4. Summary of KFeHCF-E or other cathodes for potassium-ion batteries.

Materials	Half-cell					References
	Average Voltage (V)	Capacity (mAh g ⁻¹)	Rate performance	Capacity retention		
KFeHCF-E	3.4	77.0 (25 mA g ⁻¹)	42.5 (1 A g ⁻¹)	61.3% cycle 5000 (100 mA g ⁻¹)		This work
KFeHCF-V	3.4	77.6 (25 mA g ⁻¹)	45.0 (200 mA g ⁻¹)	57.5% cycle 250 (100 mA g ⁻¹)		[5]
KPB-2E	3.35	70.9 (30 mA g ⁻¹)	44.5 (200 mA g ⁻¹)			[6]
K _{0.220} Fe[Fe(CN) ₆] _{0.8} 0.5 · 4.01H ₂ O	3.3	74.5 (50 mA g ⁻¹)	36.0 (400 mA g ⁻¹)	86.5% cycle 150 (200 mA g ⁻¹)		[7]
K _{1.4} Fe ₄ [Fe(CN) ₆] ₃	3.2	71.0 (50 mA g ⁻¹)	24.9 (600 mA g ⁻¹)	75.2% cycle 100 (200 mA g ⁻¹)		[8]
K ₄ Fe(CN) ₆ /C	3.6	65.5 (20 mA g ⁻¹)	25.2 (200 mA g ⁻¹)	75.0% cycle 400 (20 mA g ⁻¹)		[9]
P3 - K _{0.5} MnO ₂	2.6	100 (50 mA g ⁻¹)	72.0 (100 mA g ⁻¹)	86.5% cycle 150 (200 mA g ⁻¹)		[10]
K-birnessite K _{0.77} MnO ₂ · 0.23H ₂ O	2.75	134 (100 mA g ⁻¹)	77.0 (1 A g ⁻¹)	80.5% cycle 1000 (1 A g ⁻¹)		[11]
KVOPO ₄	3.65	115 (24 mA g ⁻¹)	83.4 (2.4 A g ⁻¹)	86.8% cycle 100 (60 mA g ⁻¹)		[12]

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