

Supplementary information for

A Recyclable Biomass Electrolyte Towards Green Zinc-Ion Batteries

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1. Supplementary Experimental Details

1.1 Calculation Details. The specific capacity of Zn/CPZ-H//MnO₂ full cells are acquired from the discharge curve of GCD tests based on the following equations:

$$C = \frac{\int_0^{\Delta t} i dt}{m}$$

Where C (mAh g) is the specific capacity of full cell, i (mA) indicates discharge current, Δt (h) is the discharge time, and m (mg) represents the mass of the active material on the electrodes.

The energy density of the Zn/CPZ-H//MnO₂ full cell was calculated based on the following equation:

$$E = \frac{C \times m_{\text{MnO}_2} \times V}{m_{\text{MnO}_2}}$$

Where C indicates the calculated specific capacity, V is the operating voltage, m_{MnO_2} is the mass of the active material on MnO₂ cathode.

The power density of the Zn/CPZ-H//MnO₂ full battery was calculated by the following equation:

$$P = \frac{E}{t}$$

Where E is the calculated energy density and t is the discharge time.

The contribution of capacitance behavior of full cell can be qualitatively calculated by the following equations:

$$i = av^b$$

Which can be expressed as:

$$\log(i) = b \log(v) + \log(a)$$

Where i is the peak current (A), v is the relevant scan rate (V s⁻¹), a and b are adjustable parameters. The b value can be acquired from the linear relation between log (i) and log (v) of the redox peaks. When b = 0.5, capacitance behavior is dominated by diffusion-controlled. The value of b approaches 1.0, capacitance behavior is dominated by capacitive energy storage process.

The contribution of capacitance process and diffusion process in whole capacity can be calculated by the following formula:

$$i = k_1 v + k_2 v^{1/2}$$

Which can be reformulated as:

$$i/v^{1/2} = k_1 v^{1/2} + k_2$$

Where i is the current response, $k_1 v$ is the capacitance contribution, and $k_2 v^{1/2}$ indicates diffusion-controlled contribution. The value of k_1 can be calculated.

The depth of discharge (DOD) of Zn anode was calculated by the following equation:

$$DOD_{(\%) } = \frac{I \times t \times S}{m \times C_{theoretical}} \times 100\%$$

Where I (mA cm⁻²) indicates the applied current density, t (h) is the discharge time, m(g) represents mass of electrode, S(cm²) is actual area of electrode, C_{theoretical} is theoretical specific capacity of Zn anode (~820 mAh g⁻¹).

Specifically,

$$DOD_{(5\%)} = \frac{4.1 \text{ mA cm}^{-2} \times 1 \text{ h} \times 1 \text{ cm}^{-2}}{0.05 \text{ g} \times 820 \text{ mAh g}^{-1}} \times 100\%$$

$$DOD_{(25\%)} = \frac{10.25 \text{ mA cm}^{-2} \times 1 \text{ h} \times 1 \text{ cm}^{-2}}{0.05 \text{ g} \times 820 \text{ mAh g}^{-1}} \times 100\%$$

$$DOD_{(40\%)} = \frac{16.4 \text{ mA cm}^{-2} \times 1 \text{ h} \times 1 \text{ cm}^{-2}}{0.05 \text{ g} \times 820 \text{ mAh g}^{-1}} \times 100\%$$

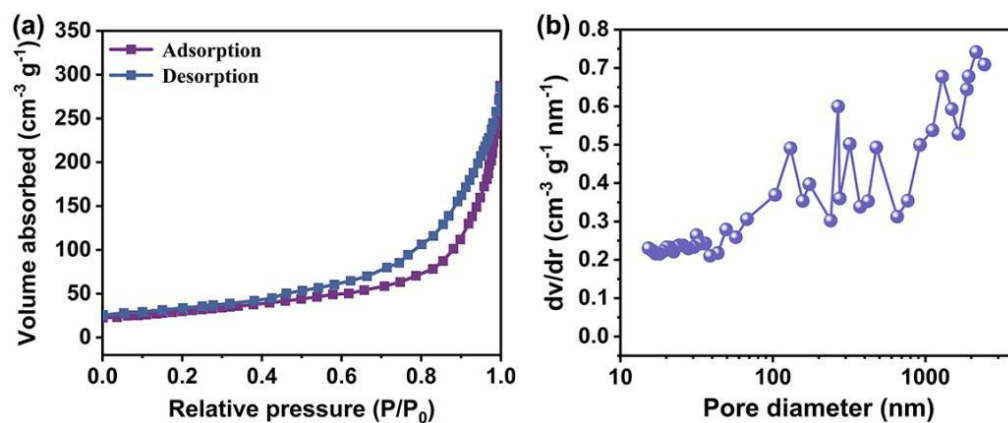
$$DOD_{(80\%)} = \frac{32.8 \text{ mA cm}^{-2} \times 1 \text{ h} \times 1 \text{ cm}^{-2}}{0.05 \text{ g} \times 820 \text{ mAh g}^{-1}} \times 100\%$$

2. Supplementary Notes

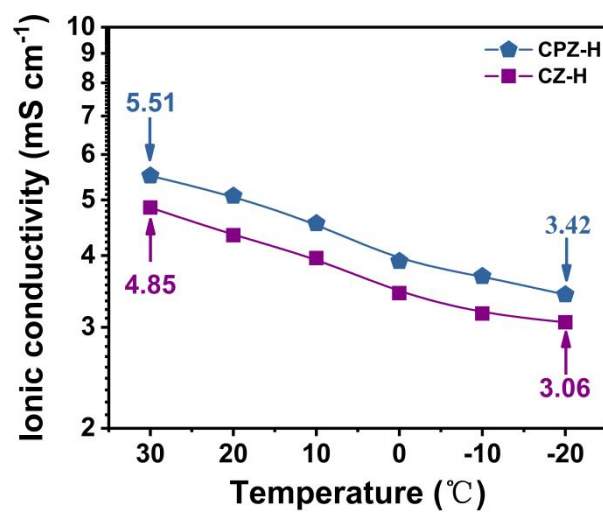
2.1 Characterization of MnO₂ cathode.

MnO₂ cathode materials were synthesized by a simple one-step hydrothermal method. Field-emission scanning electron microscope (SEM) images (Supplementary Figure 15a, b) show that the as-obtained MnO₂ possesses a ball-like structure composed of MnO₂ nanosheets with 300-500 nm, which exhibits a hierarchical porous structure. The transmission electron microscopic (TEM) images of the as-obtained MnO₂ samples (Supplementary Figure 15c) show a morphology similar to that observed in the SEM images, and this highly porous structure may be accessible to electrolytes with a better capacitance properties. A typical high-resolution TEM image (Supplementary Figure 15d) shows well-defined lattice fringes with a spacing of 0.31 nm, which agrees well with the crystallographic plane spacing (110) of MnO₂.

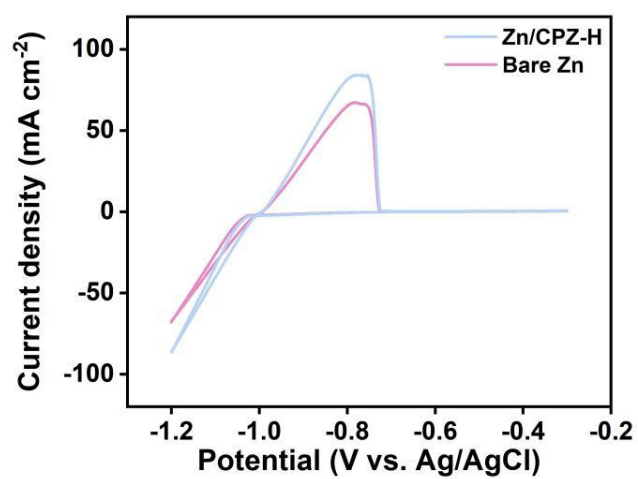
3. Supplementary Figures



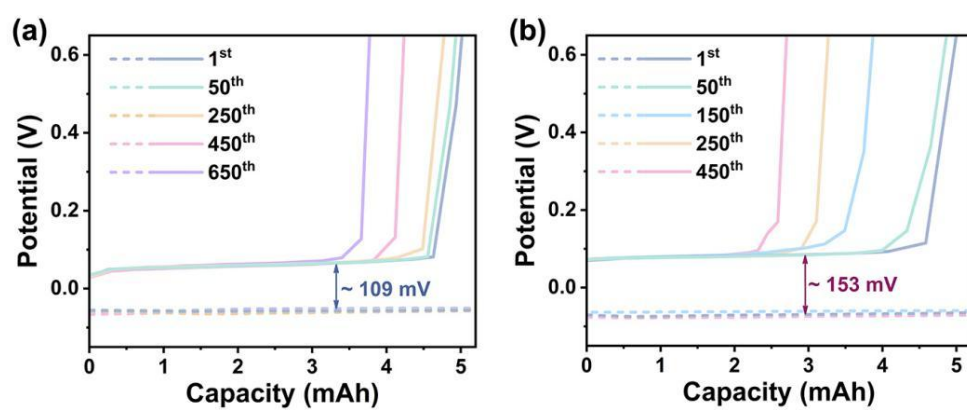
Supplementary Figure 1. Measurement of specific surface area of CPZ-H. (a) N₂ absorption/desorption isotherms and the pore size distribution (b) of the freeze-dried CPZ-H electrolyte.



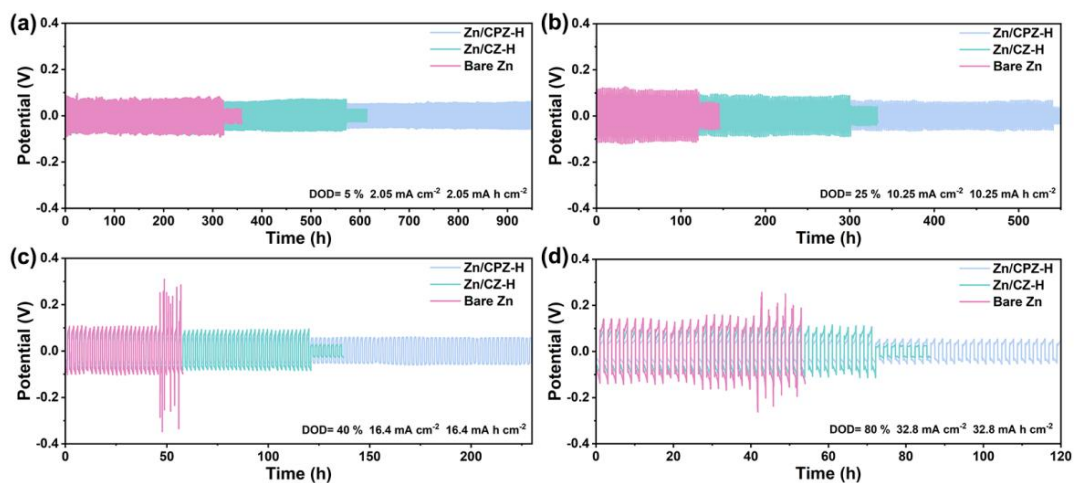
Supplementary Figure 2. Ionic conductivity of CPZ-H and CZ-H electrolytes at different temperatures.



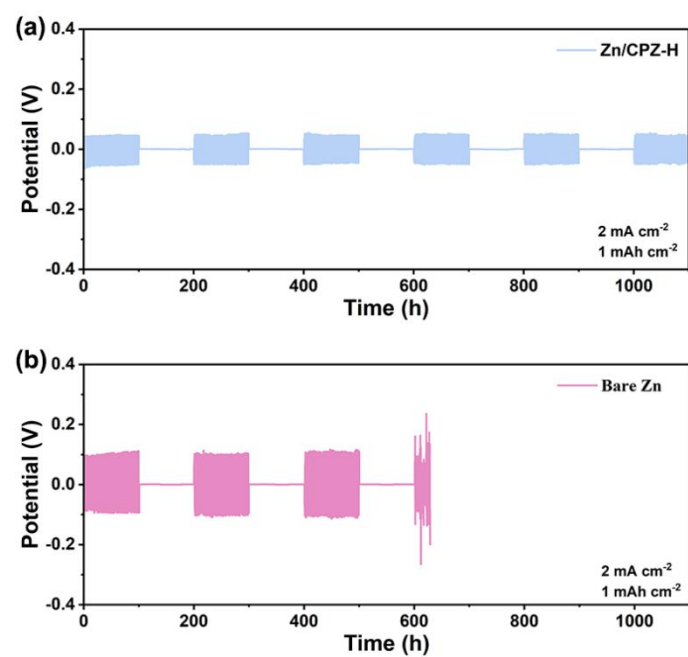
Supplementary Figure 3. CV curves of Zn/CPZ-H and bare Zn anodes.



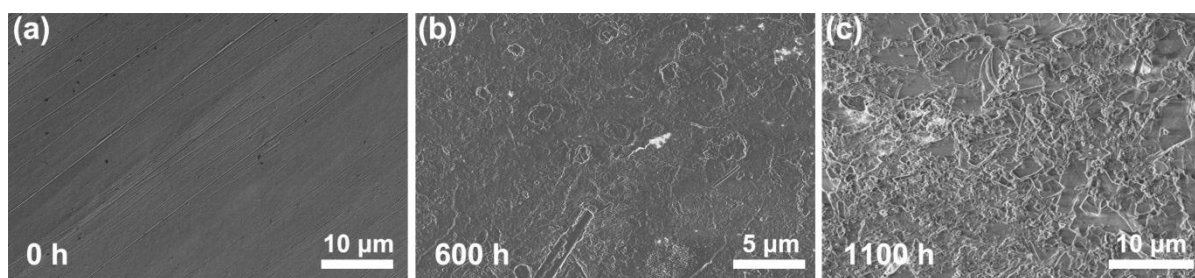
Supplementary Figure 4. Voltage profiles of the (a) Zn/CZ-H and (b) bare Zn anodes at 10 mA cm⁻².



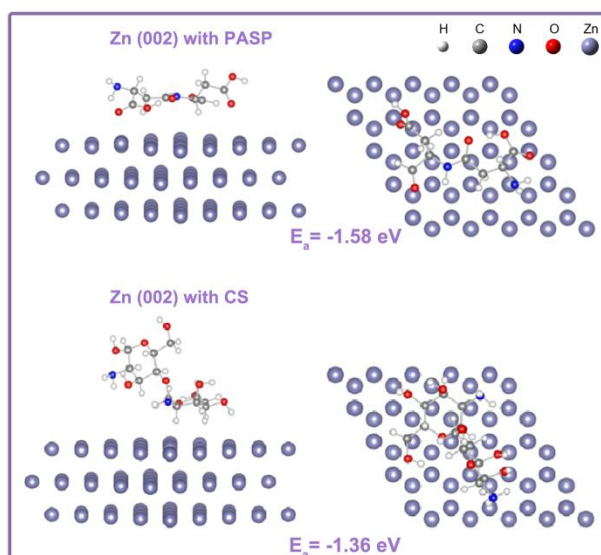
Supplementary Figure 5. Long-term galvanostatic cycling of symmetrical Zn cells at high (a) DOD:5 %, (b) 25 %, (c) 40 % and (d) 80 %.



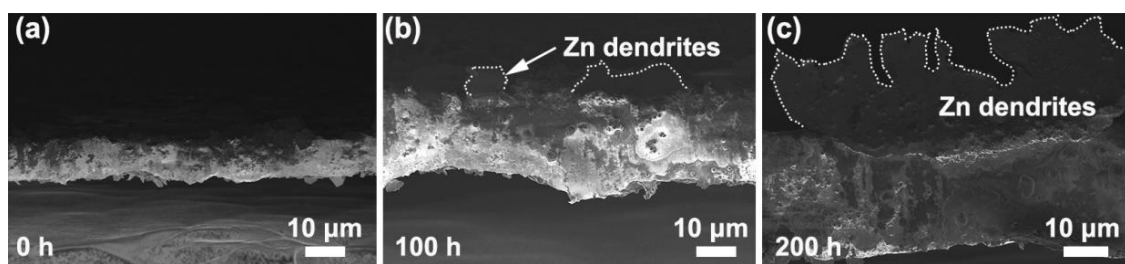
Supplementary Figure 6. Shelving recovery performance of (a) bare Zn/CPZ-H and (b) bare Zn symmetric cells.



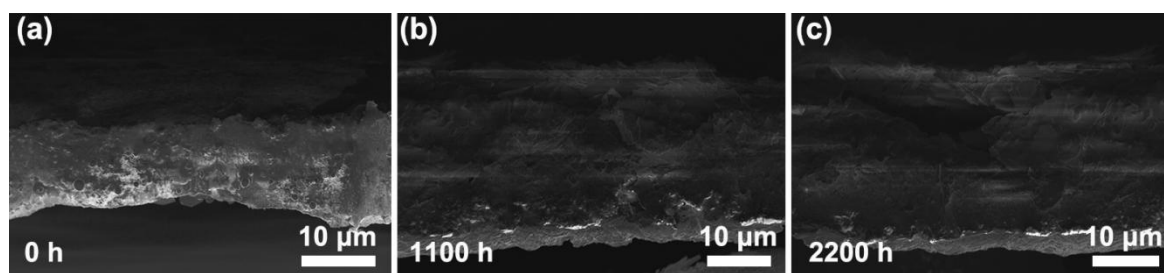
Supplementary Figure 7. Ex-situ SEM images of Zn/CZ-H anode at (a) 0 h, (b) 600 h and (c) 1100 h.



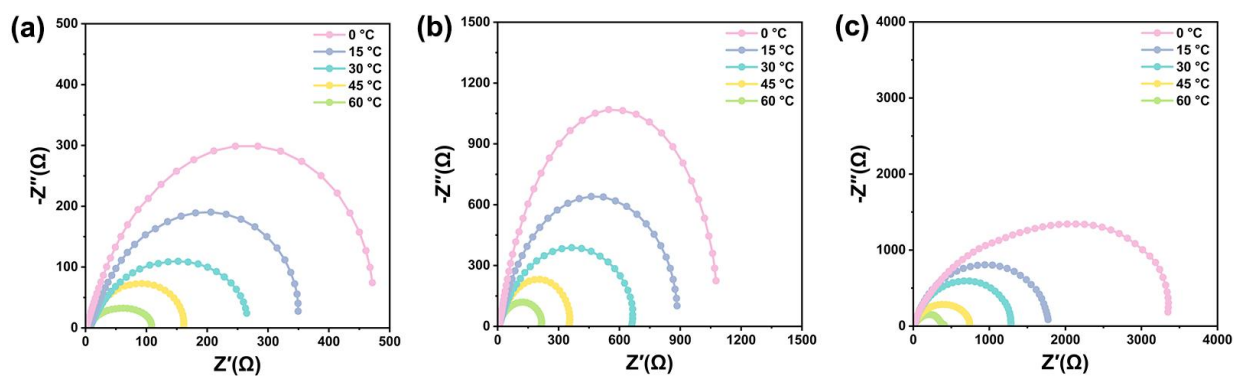
Supplementary Figure 8. Adsorption energy of the PASP and CS to Zn (002) plane.



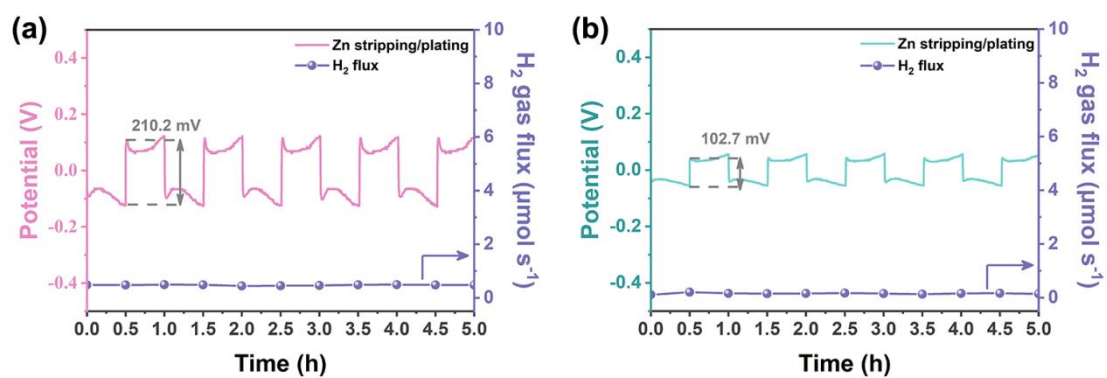
Supplementary Figure 9. Cross-sectional SEM images of bare Zn anode at cyclic time of (a) 0 h, (b) 100 h and (c) 200 h.



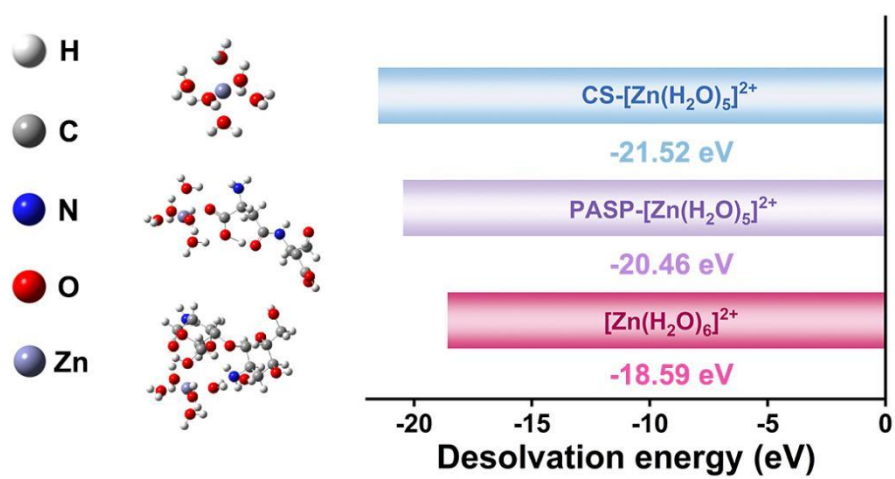
Supplementary Figure 10. Cross-sectional SEM images of Zn/CPZ-H anode at cyclic time of (a) 0 h, (b) 1100 h and (c) 2200 h.



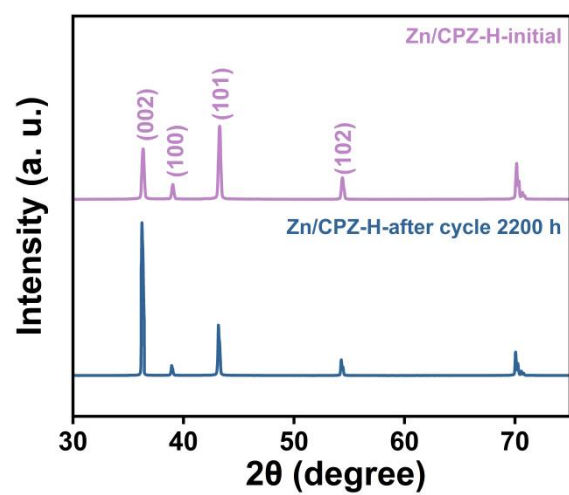
Supplementary Figure 11. Nyquist plots at different temperatures for (a) Zn/CPZ-H, (b) Zn/CZ-H and (c) bare Zn symmetric cells.



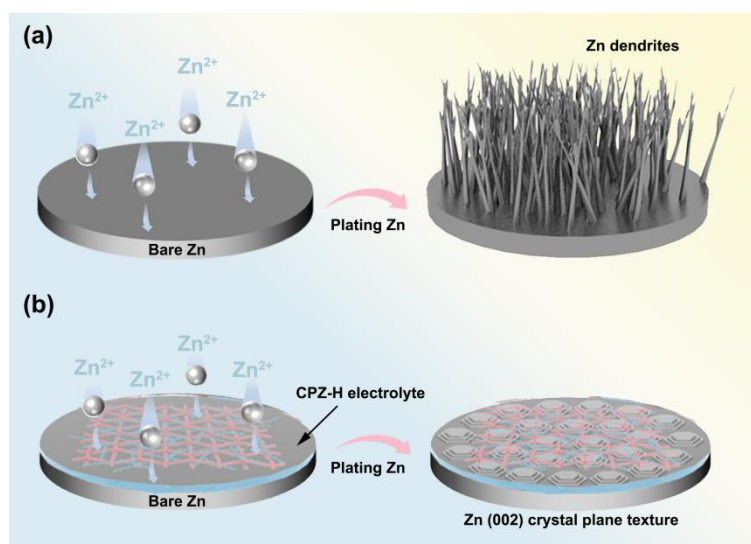
Supplementary Figure 12. Ex-monitoring of H_2 evolution flux of (a) bare Zn anode and (b) Zn/CZ-H anode.



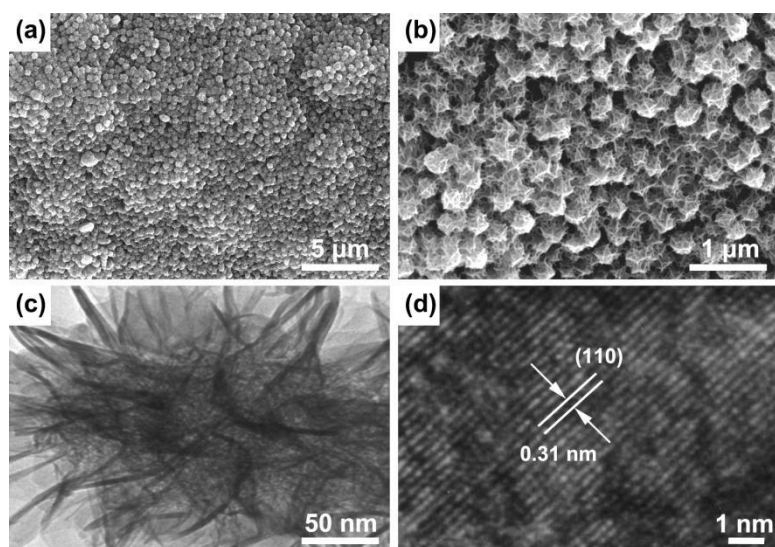
Supplementary Figure 13. Calculated desolvation energies of CS-[Zn(H₂O)₅]²⁺, PASP-[Zn(H₂O)₅]²⁺ and [Zn(H₂O)₆]²⁺.



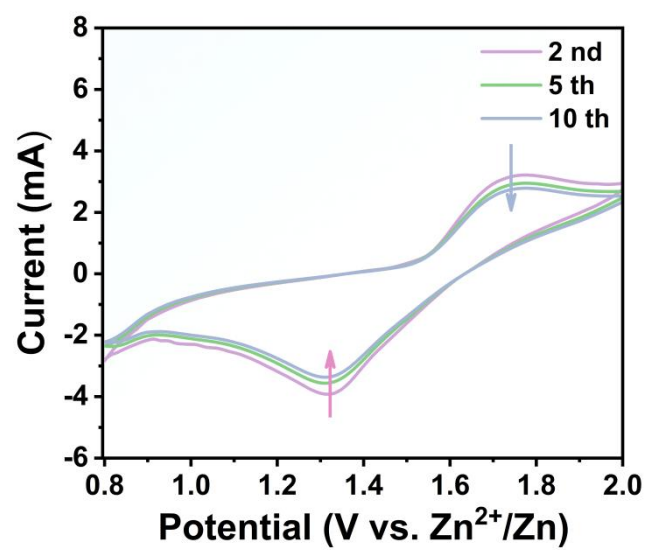
Supplementary Figure 14. XRD patterns of initial Zn/CPZ-H anode and Zn/CPZ-H anode after cycle 2200 h.



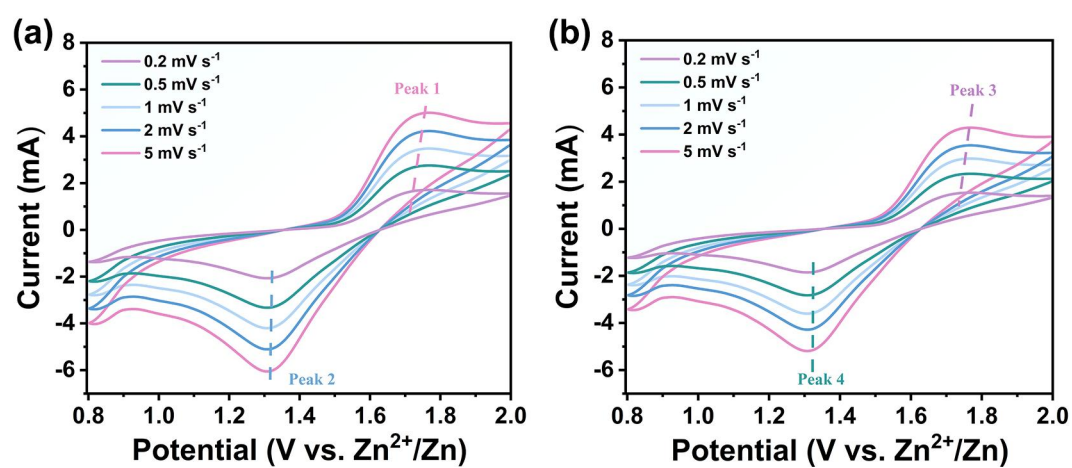
Supplementary Figure 15. Schematic diagram of Zn plating on (a) bare Zn and (b) Zn/CPZ-H anodes.



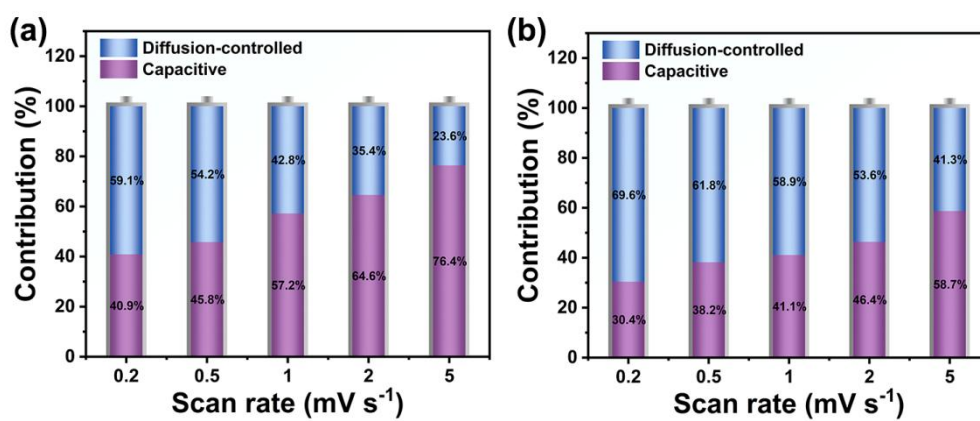
Supplementary Figure 16. Microstructure characterization of MnO₂ cathode. (a,b) SEM images, (c) TEM and (d) HRTEM images of MnO₂ cathode.



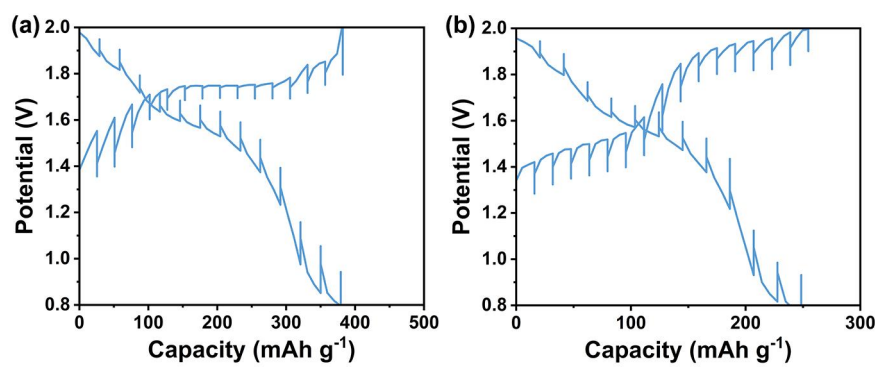
Supplementary Figure 17. CV curves of Zn/CPZ-H//MnO₂ full cell at first 10 cycle.



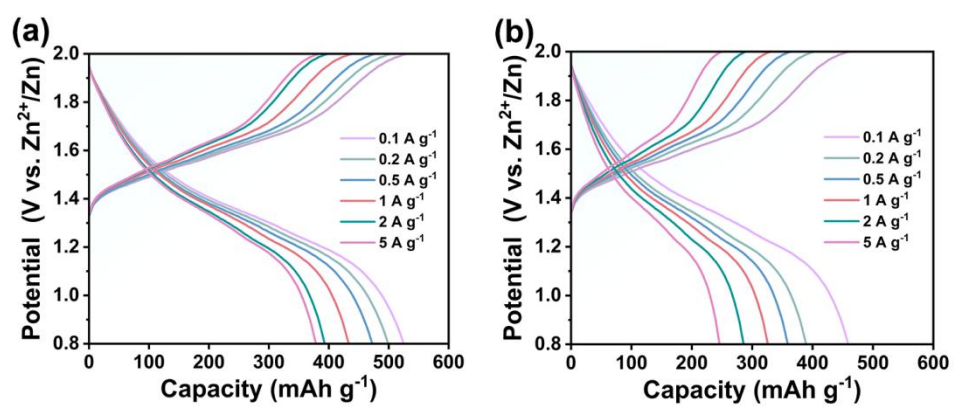
Supplementary Figure 18. CV curves of (a) Zn/CPZ-H/MnO₂ and (b) bare Zn/MnO₂ full cell at scan rate from 0.2 mV s^{-1} to 5 mV s^{-1} .



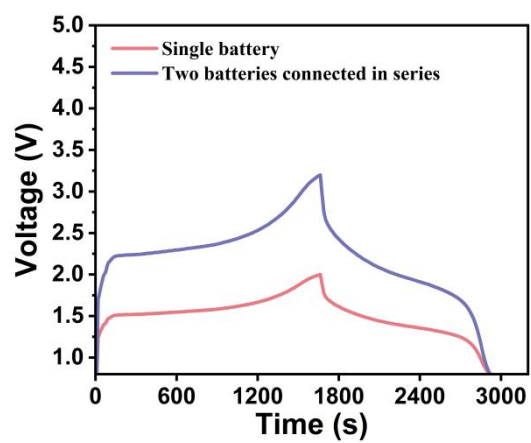
Supplementary Figure 19. Normalized capacity contributions of (a) Zn/CPZ-H// MnO₂ full cell and (b) bare Zn//MnO₂ full cell at different scan rates from 0.2 mV s⁻¹ to 5 mV s⁻¹.



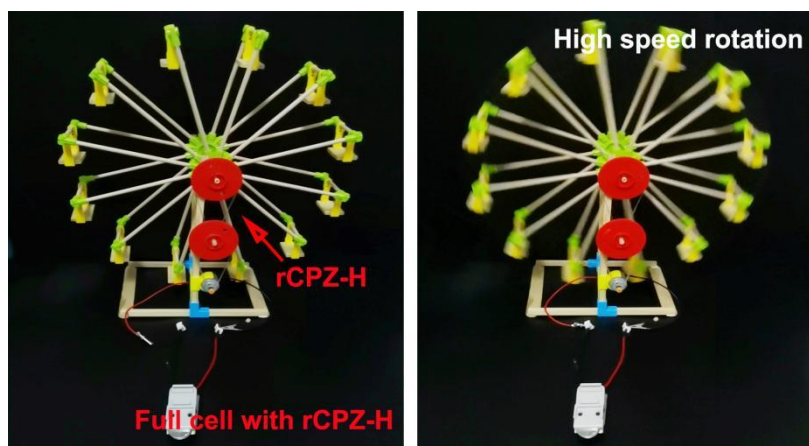
Supplementary Figure 20. GITT curves of (a) Zn/CPZ-H//MnO₂ full cell and (b) bare Zn//MnO₂ full cell at 5 A g⁻¹.



Supplementary Figure 21. GCD curves of (a) Zn/CPZ-H/MnO₂ full cell and (b) bare Zn/MnO₂ full cell at different current densities.



Supplementary Figure 22. GCD curves of single battery and two batteries connected in series.



Supplementary Figure 23. Photographs of small Ferris wheel self-powered by Zn/rCPZ-H//MnO₂ full cell.

Supplementary Table 1. Comparison of the assembled Zn/CPZ-H//MnO₂ full cell with the previously reported aqueous Zn ion battery.

Cathode	Anode	Electrolyte	Current Density	Capacity	Life	Energy/Power Density	Reference
3DCEP-MXene/Co-MnHCF	3DCEP-MXene/Zn-P	PAAm-3M Zn(OTf) ₂	0.2 A g ⁻¹	218.4 mAh g ⁻¹	95.7% after 1600 cycles at 2 A g ⁻¹	283.92 Wh Kg ⁻¹ 141.96 W Kg ⁻¹	[3] Adv. Mater. 2022 , 2209886
K ₂ MnFe(CN) ₆	Zn Foil	30 M KFSI+1 M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	0.2 A g ⁻¹	138 mA h g ⁻¹	83% after 400 cycles at 0.2 A g ⁻¹	150 Wh Kg ⁻¹ 187.5 W Kg ⁻¹	[23] Adv. Energy Mater. 2021 , 2003639
V ₆ O ₁₃	ZP@Zn	2M ZnSO ₄	1 A g ⁻¹	326.6 mA h g ⁻¹	86.1 % after 100 cycles at 1 A g ⁻¹	333.1Wh Kg ⁻¹ 237.9 W Kg ⁻¹	[24] Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2023 , e202215324
Zn ₃ V ₂ O ₈	Zn/PDZ-H	PAAm+DMSO+3 M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	0.2 A g ⁻¹	265.2 mAh g ⁻¹	95.27 % After 3000 cycles at 0.2 A g ⁻¹	412.3 Wh Kg ⁻¹ 280.3 Wh Kg ⁻¹	[5] Adv. Funct. Mater. 2022 , 2112540
MnO ₂	SDF	2 M ZnSO ₄ and 0.1 M MnSO ₄	0.3 A g ⁻¹	213 mAh g ⁻¹	97.6 % after 800 cycles at 3 A g ⁻¹	212.81 Wh Kg ⁻¹ 103.8 W Kg ⁻¹	[25] Adv. Energy Mater. 2021 , 11, 2100214
Cu ₃ (HHTP) ₂	Zn foil	3M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	0.1 A g ⁻¹	189.2 mAh g ⁻¹	75 % after 500 cycles at 4 A g ⁻¹	151.4 Wh Kg ⁻¹ 75.61 W Kg ⁻¹	[26] Nature Communications, 2019 10:4948
Zn ₃ V ₃ O ₈	Zn foil	21 M LiN(CF ₃ SO ₂) ₂ +1 M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	0.15 A g ⁻¹	127 mAh g ⁻¹	72.6 % after 2000 cycles at 5 A g ⁻¹	190.5 Wh Kg ⁻¹ 86.59 W Kg ⁻¹	[27] Energy Storage Materials 2021 41 297–309
MnO ₂	PVC-Zn-AAAn-COF@Zn	1 M ZnSO ₄ + 0.1 M MnSO ₄	0.2 A g ⁻¹	302 mAh g ⁻¹	73.2 % after 6000 cycles at 2 A g ⁻¹	305.02 Wh kg ⁻¹ 190.6 W kg ⁻¹	[28] Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2022 , 61, e202210871

CoFe(CN) ₆	Zn Foil	4 M Zn(OTf) ₂	0.3 A g ⁻¹	173.4 mAh g ⁻¹	2200 cycles at 3 A g ⁻¹	260.1 Wh Kg ⁻¹ 104.04 W Kg ⁻¹	[29] <i>Adv. Energy Mater.</i> 2019 , 1902446
LMO	PCu@Zn	2 M ZnSO ₄	0.45 A g ⁻¹	84 mAh g ⁻¹	77.6 % after 300 cycles at 0.148 A g ⁻¹	50.82 Wh Kg ⁻¹ 23.15 W Kg ⁻¹	[17] <i>Adv. Mater.</i> 2022 , 34, 2200782
NVPOF	Zn Foil	0.5 M Zn ²⁺ and 1.0 M Na ⁺ in TMP	0.2 C	113 mAh g ⁻¹	83.5 % after 1000 cycles at 1.0 C	203 Wh Kg ⁻¹ 145 W Kg ⁻¹	[30] <i>J. Mater. Chem. A</i> , 2020 , 8, 3252–3261
VO ₂	Zn Foil	PAM-ChNF hydrogel	0.2 A g ⁻¹	343.9 mAh g ⁻¹	90.7 % after 1000 cycles at 10 A g ⁻¹	213.9 Wh Kg ⁻¹ 139.0 W Kg ⁻¹	[31] <i>Adv. Energy Mater.</i> 2021 , 2003902
V ₂ O ₅	3DP-PC/SiOC@Zn	3 M ZnSO ₄	129.3 mA g ⁻¹	0.5 A g ⁻¹	76.5 % after 500 cycles at 0.45 A g ⁻¹	232.8 Wh Kg ⁻¹ 155.2 W Kg ⁻¹	[32] <i>Nano Energy</i> 2020 , 100, 107505
VO ₂	3DP-NC@Zn	1 M ZnSO ₄	287.9 mA g ⁻¹	0.1 A g ⁻¹	80 % after 100 cycles at 1 A g ⁻¹	273 Wh Kg ⁻¹ 136.7 W Kg ⁻¹	[33] <i>Adv. Energy Mater.</i> 2022 , 12, 2103708
MnO ₂	Zn/CPZ-H	CS+PASP+2 M ZnSO ₄	0.1 A g ⁻¹	523.6 mAh g ⁻¹	92.5 % after 5000 cycles at 5 A g ⁻¹	628.3 Wh Kg ⁻¹ 392.7 W Kg ⁻¹ And 452.16 Wh Kg ⁻¹ 753.6 W Kg ⁻¹	Our work