

Supporting Information for

A Molecular-Sieving Interphase Towards Low-Concentrated Aqueous Sodium-Ion Batteries

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Supplementary Tables and Figures

Table S1 Molecular dynamic (MD) simulations of NaOTF, and H₂O electrolytes

	NaOTF:H ₂ O = 1.1:28
Number of NaOTF per box	88
Number of H ₂ O per box	2240
Total number of atoms	7512
Simulation box size (Å ³)	45.2×45.2×45.2
MD, density (g/cm ³)	1.168
Bias temperature (K)	298

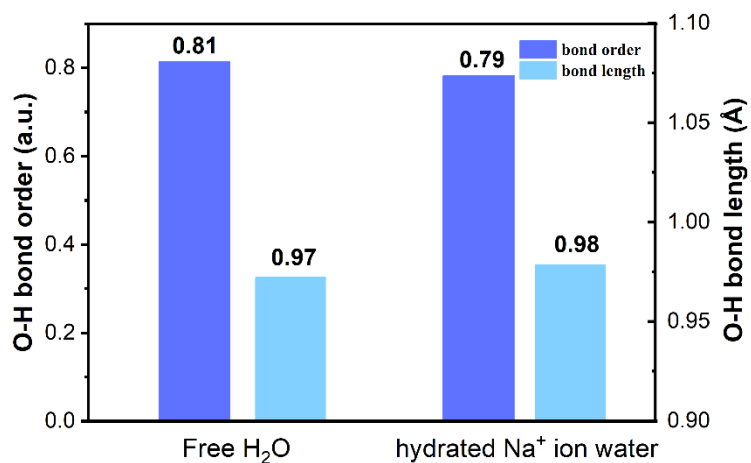


Fig. S1 Computed O-H bond order and bond length from solvation structures and free water molecules

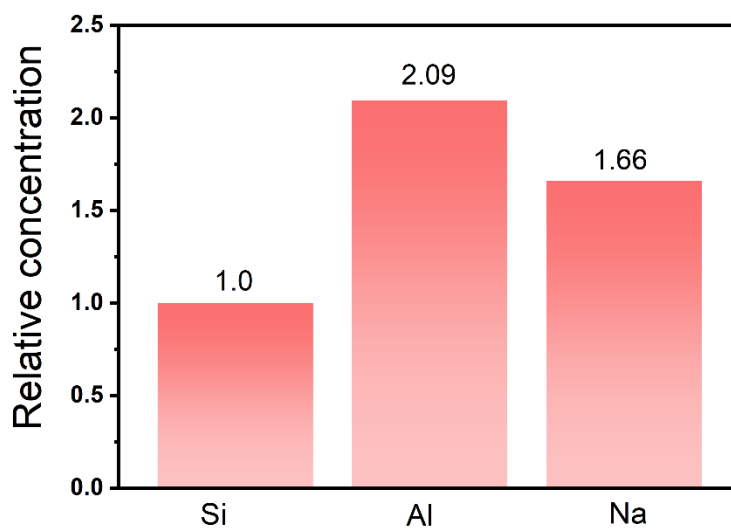


Fig. S2 ICP detection of NaX zeolite

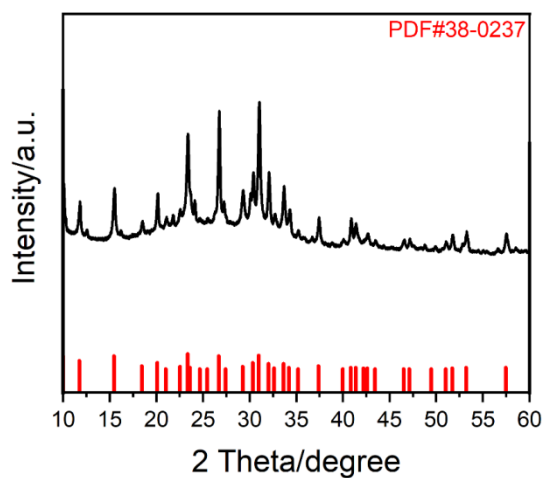


Fig. S3 XRD pattern of NaX zeolite

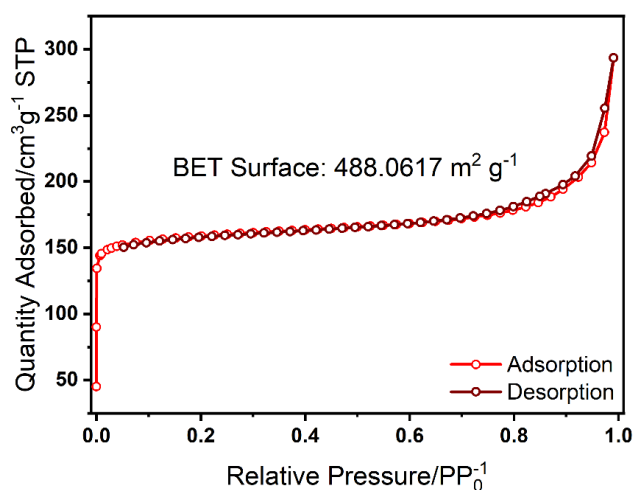


Fig. S4 N₂ adsorption/desorption isotherm of NaX zeolite

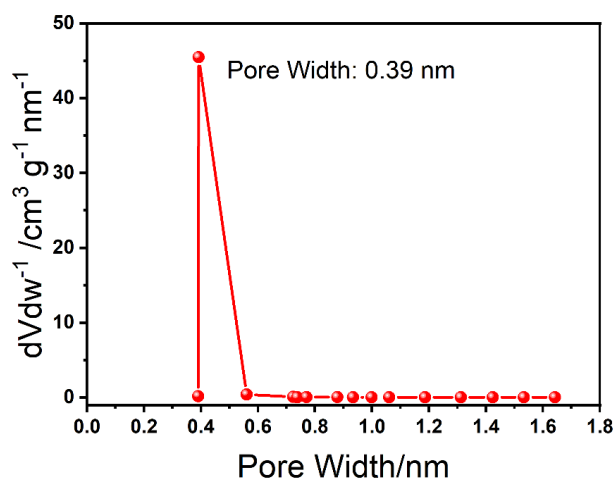


Fig. S5 Micropore volume dispersity of NaX zeolite

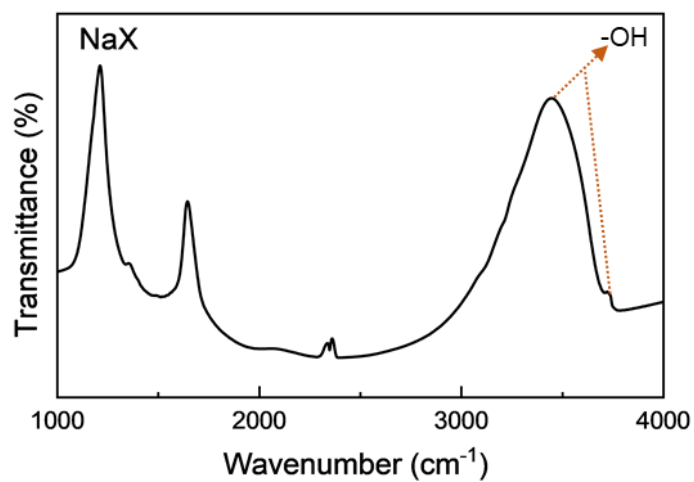


Fig. S6 The vacuum infrared spectrum of NaX

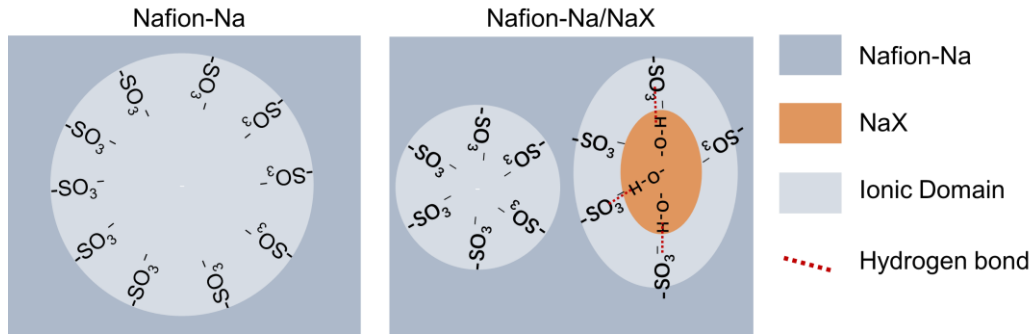


Fig. S7 Schematic diagram of the ion domain in Nafion-Na before and after the addition of NaX

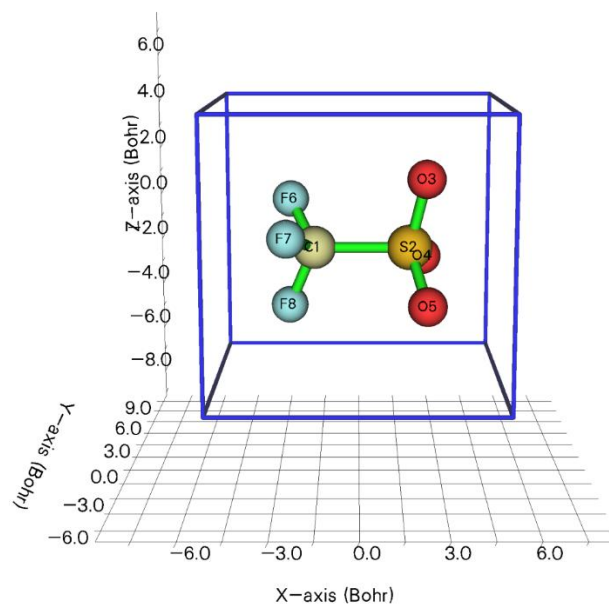


Fig. S8 The calculated Van der Waals diameter of OTF^- is 6.818\AA

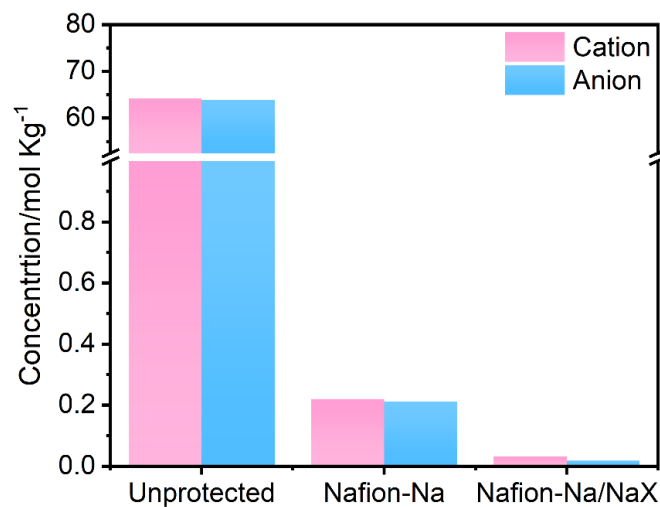


Fig. S9 ICP results of Na^+ and OTF^- permeability test with cellulose, Nafion-Na coated cellulose and Nafion-Na/NaX coated cellulose membrane

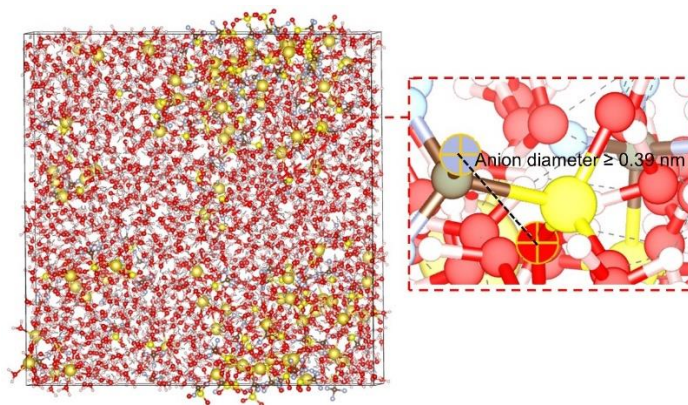


Fig. S10 Snapshot of MD simulation of 2 m NaOTF

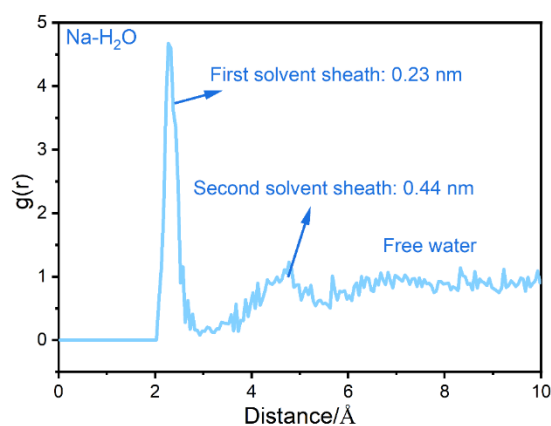


Fig. S11 MD simulations of electrolyte structure. The RDFs around Na^+ in 2 M NaOTF. The radial distance is the center of mass (COM) distance between center (Na^+) and H_2O molecules

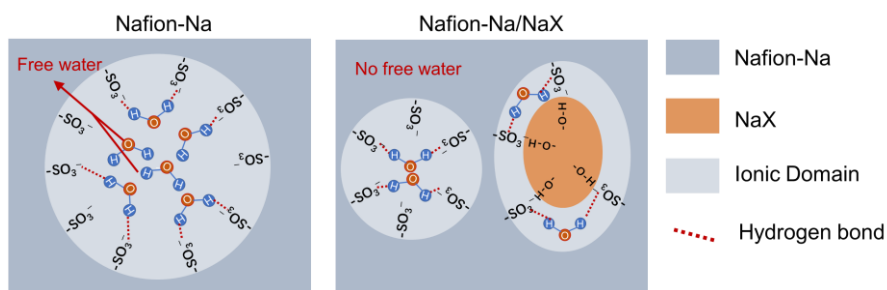


Fig. S12 Schematic diagram of the water state in Nafion-Na and Nafion-Na/NaX

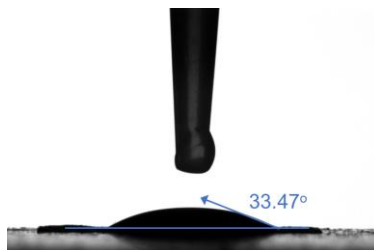


Fig. S13 The wetting behavior of NMF electrode surface with the precursor solution of Nafion-Na/Na

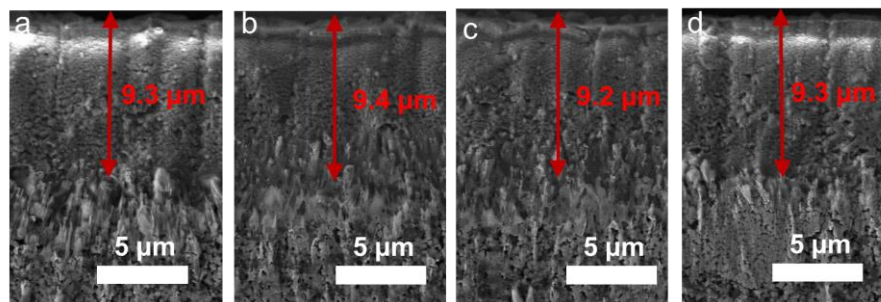


Fig. S14 SEM images of cross-sections at various locations of the NMF electrode coated with Nafion-Na/NaX

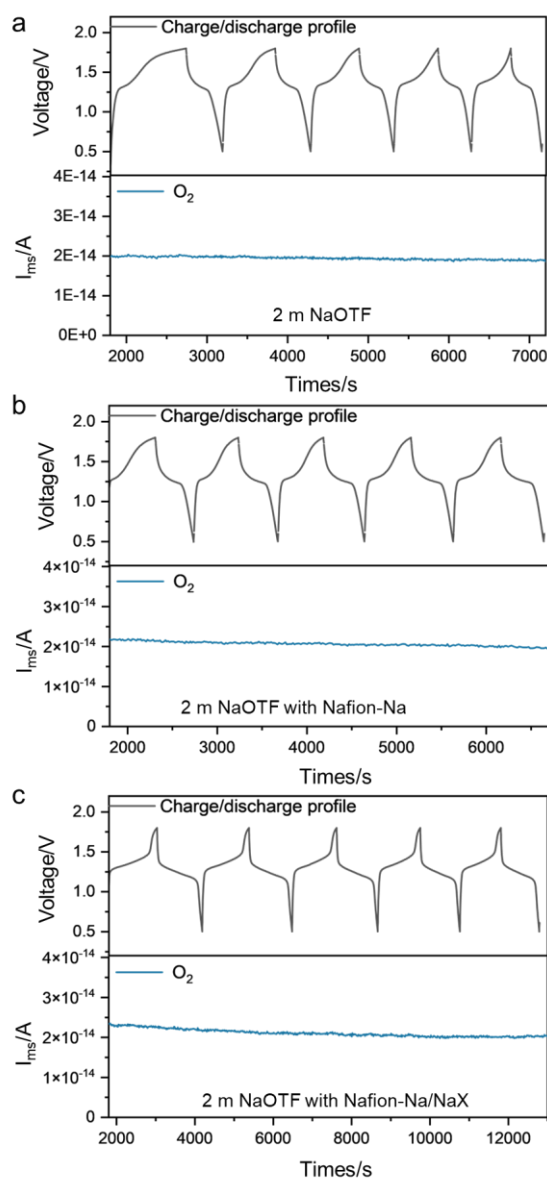


Fig. S15 Gas monitoring of NMF//NTP full cell in 2 m NaOTF. Potential and oxygen evolution as a function of time at 140 mA g⁻¹ was monitored using a DEMS cell (after pre-cycled for 1 cycle) with (a) unprotected (b) Nafion-Na protected (c) Nafion-Na/NaX protected electrolytes, respectively

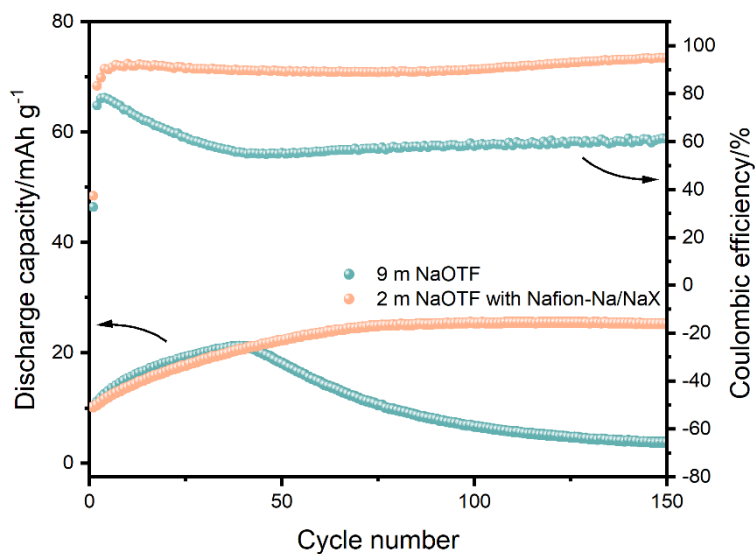


Fig. S16 Cycle performance comparison of NMF//NTP full cell with the unprotected 9 m NaOTF, 2 M NaOTF with Nafion-Na/NaX cycled at 140 mA g⁻¹

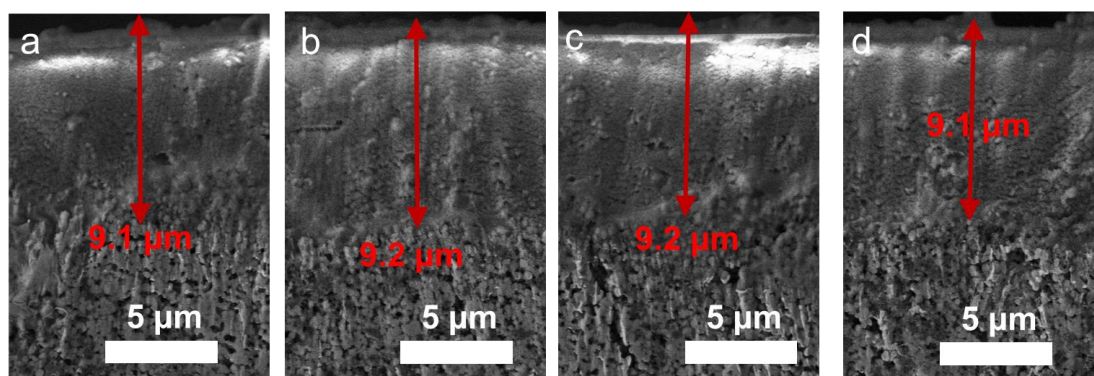


Fig. S17 SEM images of cross-sections of the NMF electrode coated with Nafion-Na/NaX after cycling

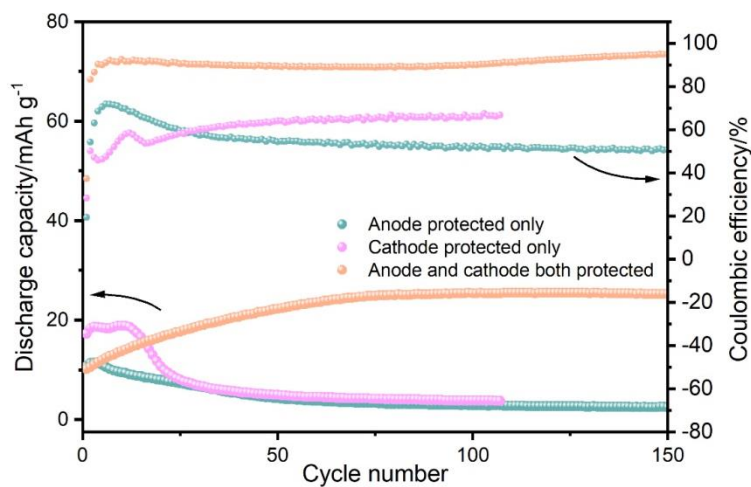


Fig. S18 Cycle performance comparison of the anode protected, cathode protected and fully protected NMF//NTP full cell

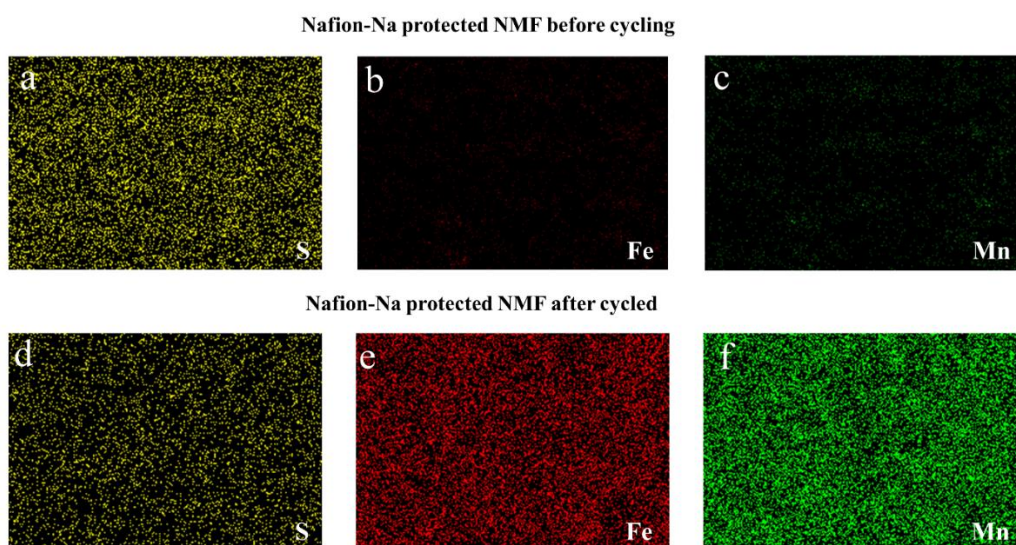


Fig. S19 EDS mapping of battery using Nafion-Na protected electrode in 2 m NaOTF electrolyte

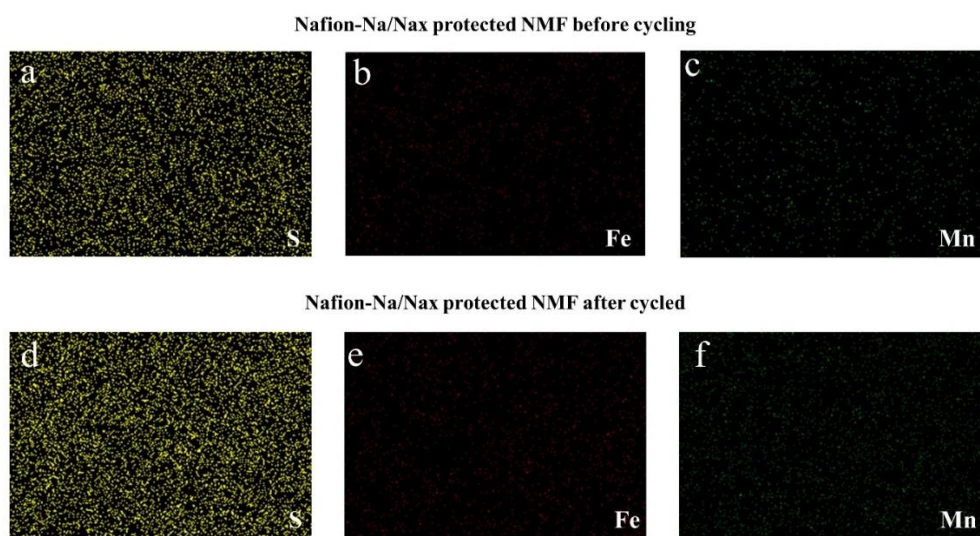


Fig. S20 EDS mapping of battery using Nafion-Na/NaX protected electrode in 2 m NaOTF electrolyte

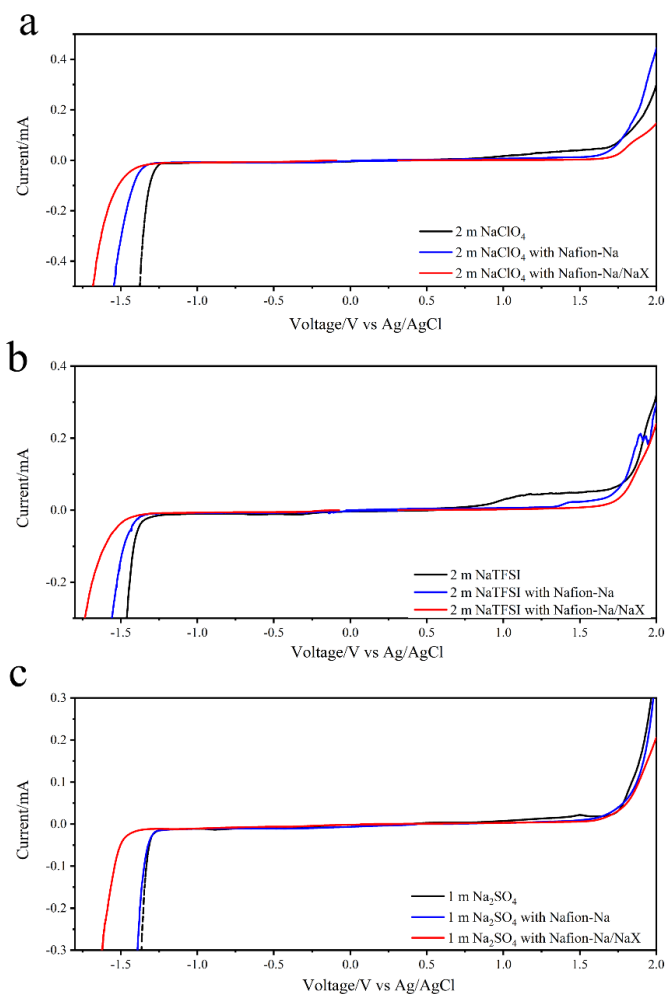


Fig. S21 The potential of hydrogen evolution and oxygen evolution on unprotected, Nafion-Na protected and Nafion-Na/NaX protected glassy carbon working electrode in (a) 2 m NaClO₄, (b) 2 m NaTFSI and (c) 1 m Na₂SO₄ electrolytes at a scan rate of 1 mV s⁻¹

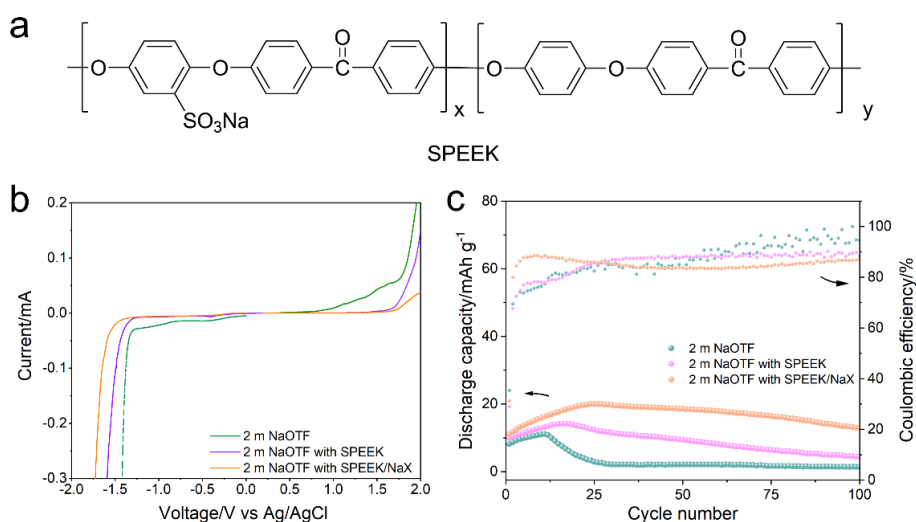


Fig. S22 (a) The chemical structure of SPEEK (b) Cycle performance comparison of the NMF/NTP full cell coupled with 2 m NaOTF at 140 mA g⁻¹

Table S2 The performance of reported electrode modifications for aqueous sodium ion batteries

Protective layer	Protected electrode	Electrolyte	Capacity Retention	Coulombic Efficiency (%)	References
70 nm HfO ₂	NaTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	1 m Na ₂ SO ₄	91% after 100 cycles (1 C)	94	[S1]
Polypyrrole	NaTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	1 m Na ₂ SO ₄	-	95	[S2]
Polypyrrole	Pyromellitic dianhydride and 4,4'-oxydianiline	1 m Na ₂ SO ₄	77.8% after 100 cycles (1 C)	-	[S3]
TiN	NaTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	1 m Na ₂ SO ₄	69.7% after 100 cycles (2 C)	89	[S4]
Nafion-Na/NaX	Na ₂ MnFe(CN) ₆ // NaTi ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	2 m NaOTF	94.9% after 200 cycles (1 C)	96.8	This work

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