

## Supporting Information

### **Porous-carbon aerogels with tailored subnanopores for high cycling stability and rate capability potassium ion battery anodes**

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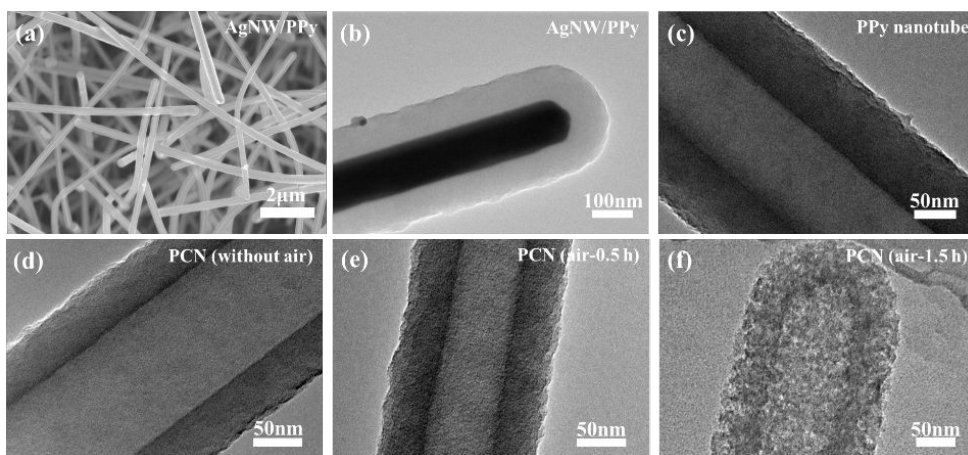
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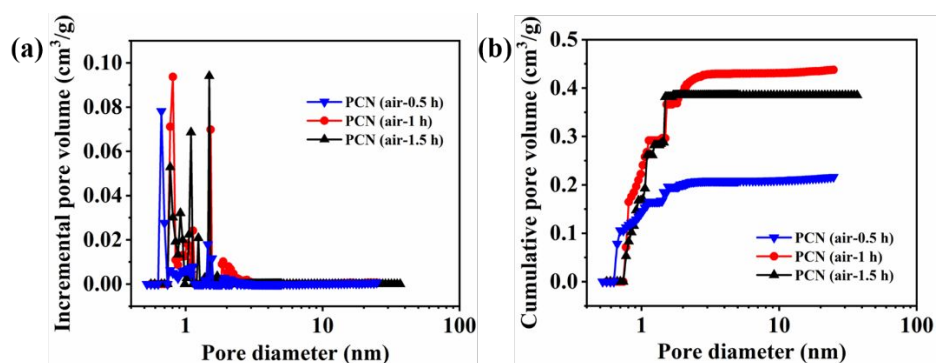
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**Figure S1.** (a) SEM and (b) TEM characterizations of AgNW/PPy, TEM images of (c) PPy nanotube, (d) PCN (without air), (e) PCN (air-0.5 h) and (f) PCN (air-1.5 h).



**Figure S2.** (a) Incremental pore volume and (b) cumulative pore volume of PCN (air-0.5 h), PCN (air-1 h), and PCN (air-1.5 h).

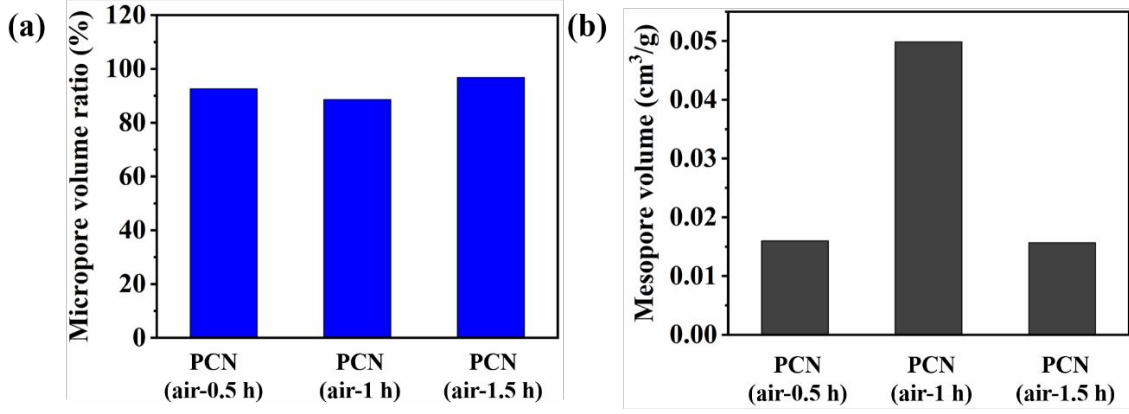


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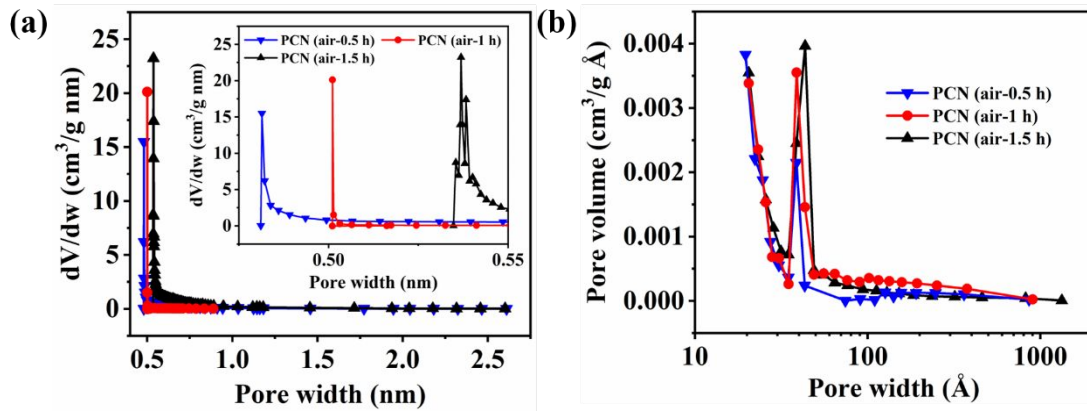
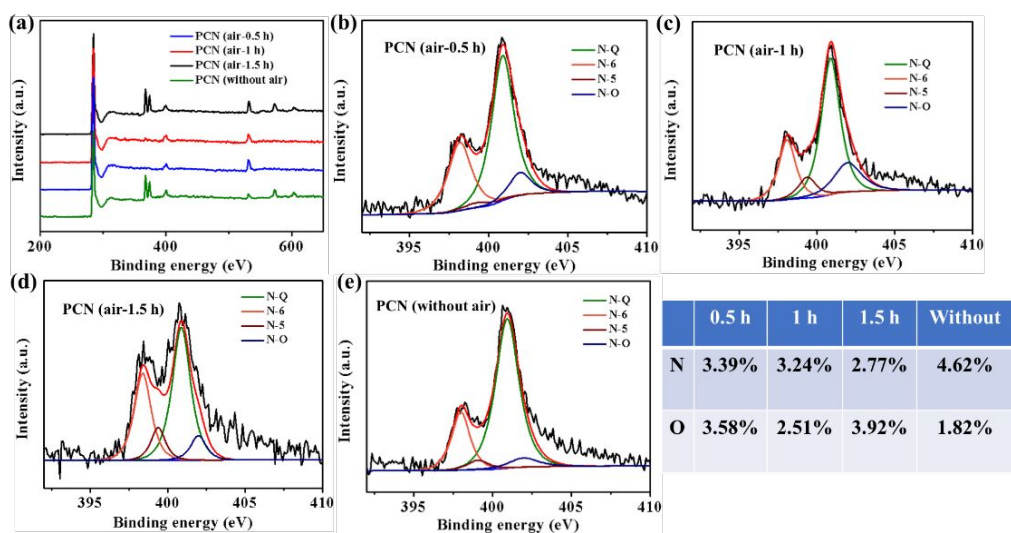
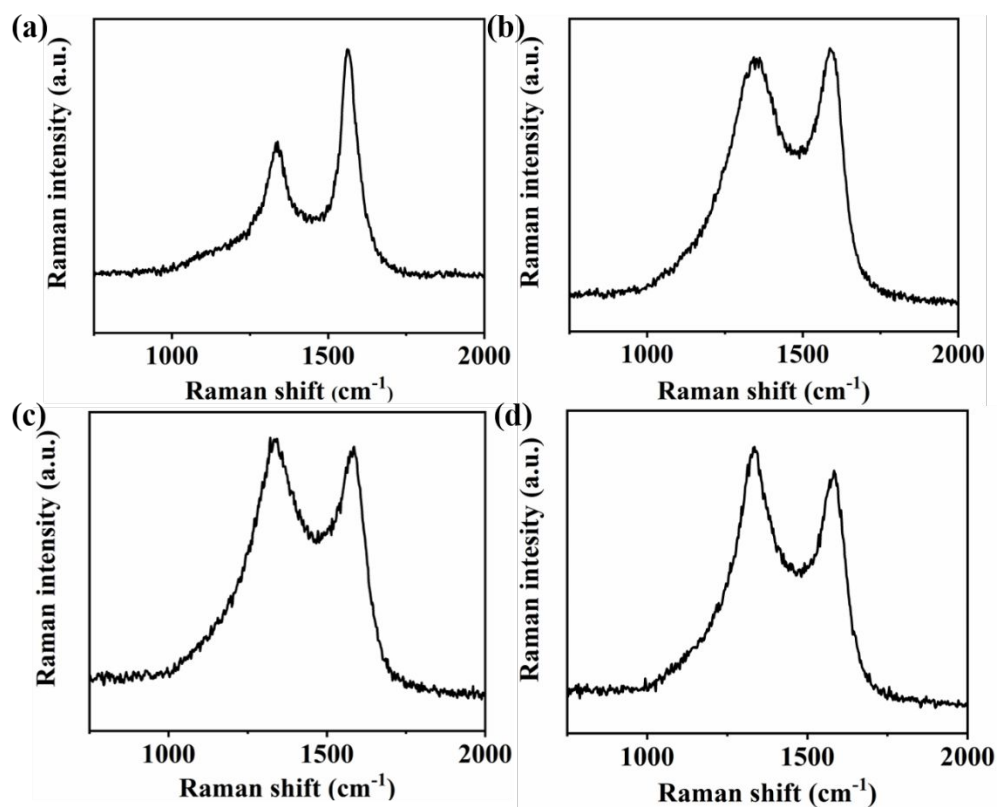


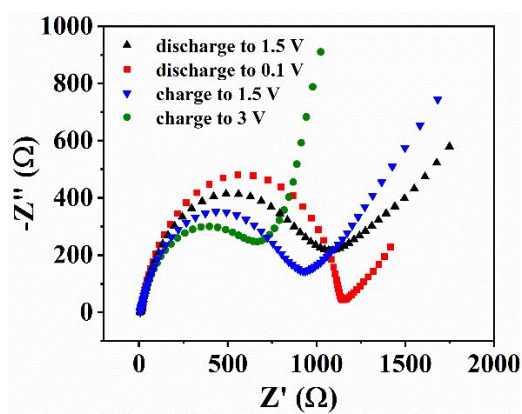
Figure S4. (a) Horvath-Kawazoe (HK) differential pore volume plots of PCN (air-0.5 h), PCN (air-1 h), and PCN (air-1.5 h) show increased pore size and pore volume as the air treatment prolonged. (b) Barrett-Joyner-Halenda (BJH) desorption differential pore volume plots. The corresponding surface area based on BJH method are 67.1 m²/g (PCN (air-0.5 h)), 93.1 m²/g (PCN (air-1 h)), 100.3 m²/g (PCN (air-1.5 h)).



**Figure S5. XPS characterizations.** (a) XPS survey spectra of the four samples. (b-e) N 1s XPS spectra of PCN (air-0.5 h), PCN (air-1 h), PCN (air-1.5 h) and PCN (without air), respectively. Table: N and O content of the four samples.



**Figure S6. Raman spectra.** (a) PCN (without air). (b) PCN (air-0.5 h). (c) PCN (air-1 h). (d) PCN (air-1.5 h).



**Figure S7.** EIS of PCN electrodes were recorded during the first cycle at different states.

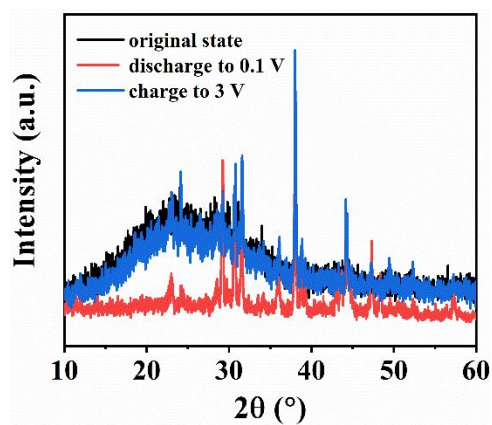


Figure S8. XRD patterns of PCN electrodes were tested at different states.

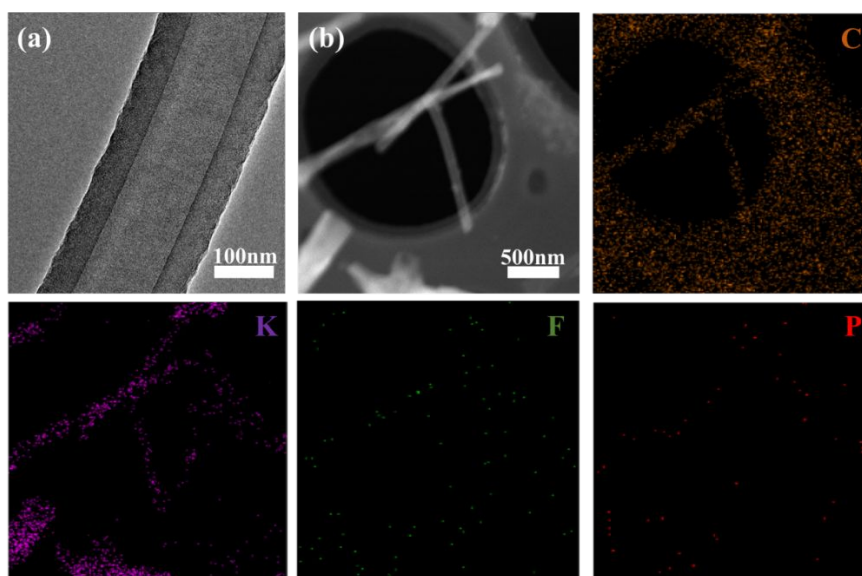
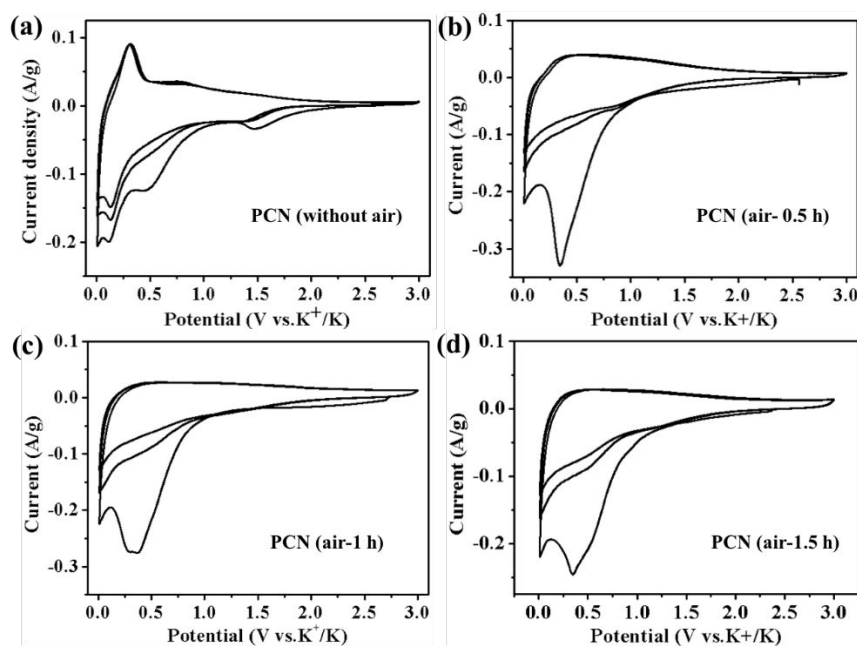
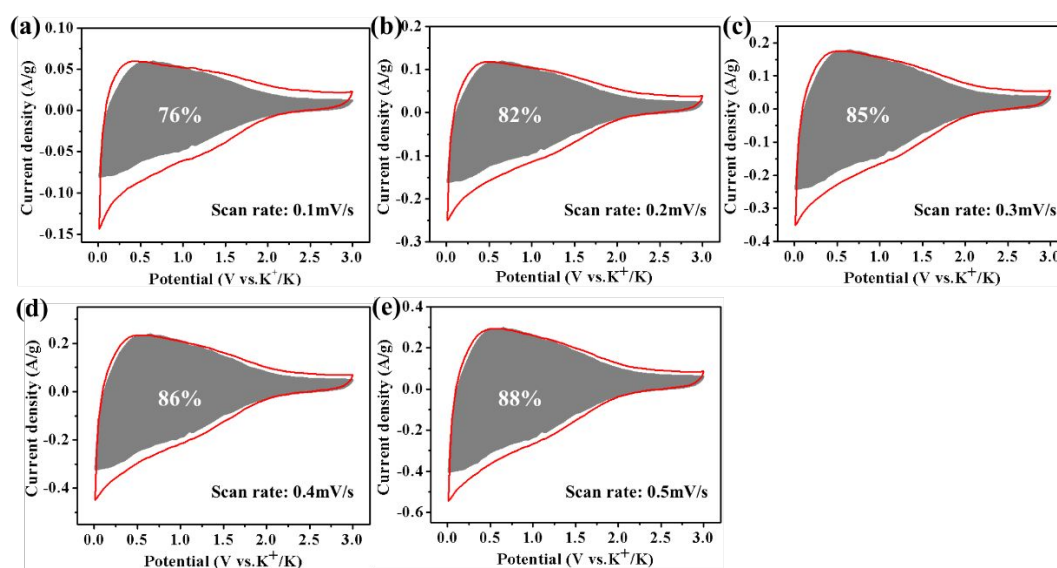


Figure S9. (a) TEM characterizations and (b) elements mapping of PCN (air-1 h) after 5000 cycles at various rates from 70 mA/g to 5 A/g.

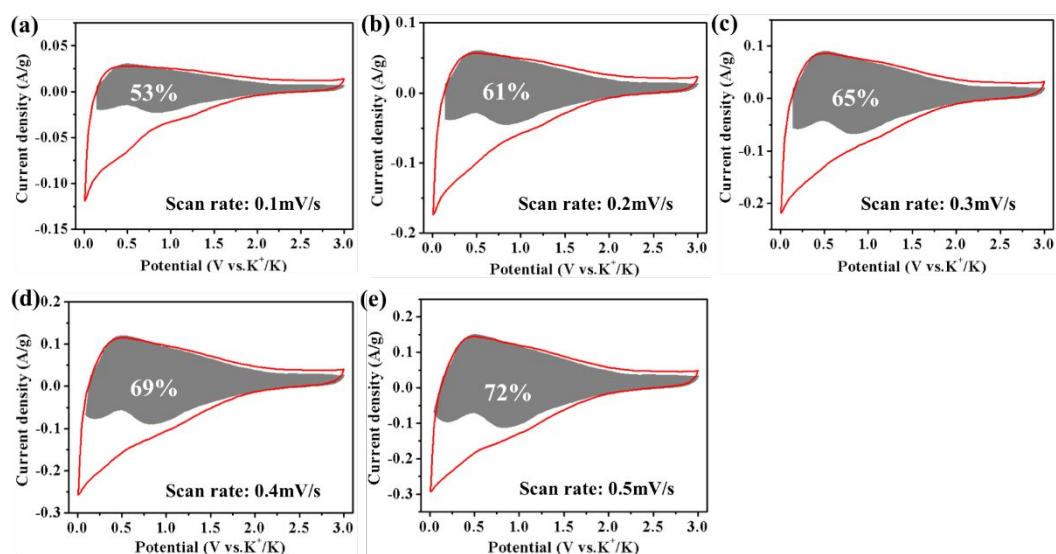


**Figure S10.** First three cycles of CV curves for the four samples at 0.1 mV/s. (a) PCN (without air). (b) PCN (air-0.5 h). (c) PCN (air-1 h). (d) PCN (air-1.5 h).

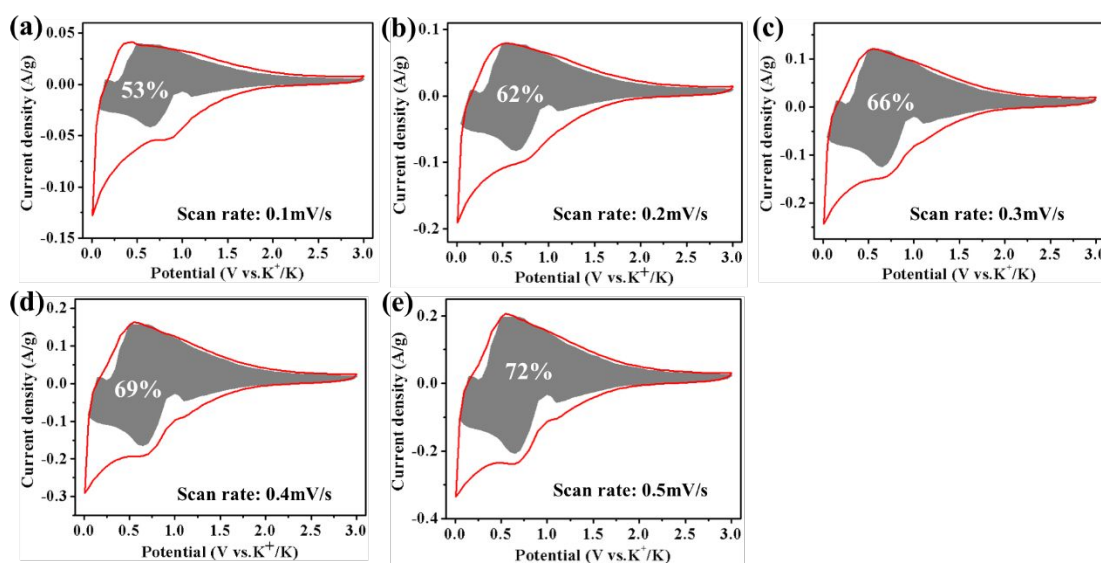


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**Figure S12.** Capacitive contribution of PCN (air-1.5 h) at (a) 0.1 mV/s, (b) 0.2 mV/s, (c) 0.3 mV/s, (d) 0.4 mV/s, and (e) 0.5 mV/s.



**Figure S13.** Capacitive contribution of PCN (air-0.5 h) at (a) 0.1 mV/s, (b) 0.2 mV/s, (c) 0.3 mV/s, (d) 0.4 mV/s, and (e) 0.5 mV/s.