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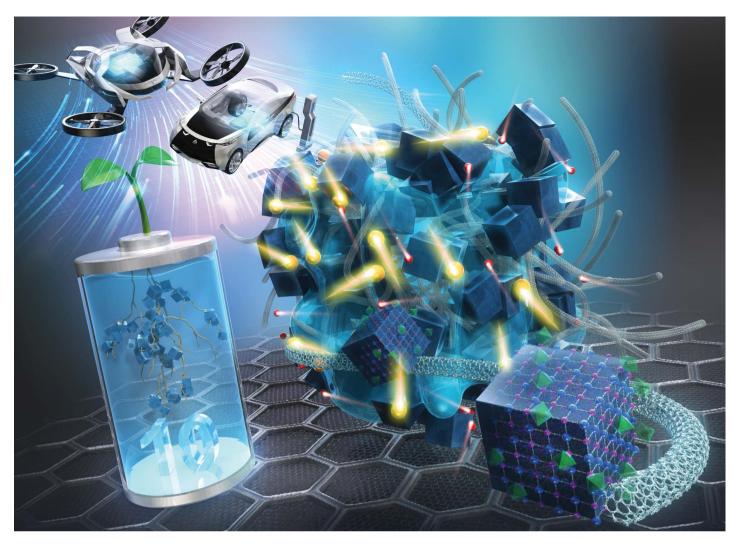
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Showcasing research from Professor Kurihara's and Associate Professor Ishizaki's research group, Faculty of Science, Yamagata University, Japan.

High-density cathode structure of independently acting Prussian-blue-analog nanoparticles: a high-power Zn-Na-ion battery discharging ~200 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> at 1000C

A binder-free cathode is constructed using water-dispersible metal-hexacyanoferrate (MHCF) nanoparticles (NPs) for independently interacting with single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs). As nanometer-scale spaces between the NPs are filled with electrolytes, this unique structure resembles a model of plant roots (SWNTs) entangling sands (NPs) to hold water (electrolytes). The root-sand-water (RSW) model cathode drastically increases the C-rate capabilities by shortened ion-diffusion lengths of densely stacked ZnHCF NPs and realizes an ultrahigh current density/ power density of 198 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>/246 mW cm<sup>-2</sup> by full-discharging the theoretical capacity at 1000C in Zn-Na-ion batteries.

