

**Formation of Li₃O₄ nano particles in the discharge products of non-aqueous
lithium-oxygen batteries leads to lower charge voltage**

Supporting Information

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Table. S1 Lattice constant of LiO₂ (*Pnmm*)

	Zhuravlev et al. [1]	Seriani [2]	Lau et al. [3]	Kang et al [4]	Our work	Experiment by Bakulina et al. [5]
a (Å)	3.99	3.90	3.95	4.01	3.94	5.91
b (Å)	4.88	4.64	4.94	4.80	4.92	4.94
c (Å)	2.96	2.81	2.96	3.03	2.96	4.38
Note	GGA	GGA	GGA	HSE	GGA	

Table. S2 Lattice constant of Li₂O₂ and Li₃O₄

	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)
Li ₂ O ₂ (<i>P6₃/mmc</i>)	3.14	3.14	7.65
Li ₃ O ₄ (<i>P$\bar{6}$m2</i>)	3.13	3.13	7.38

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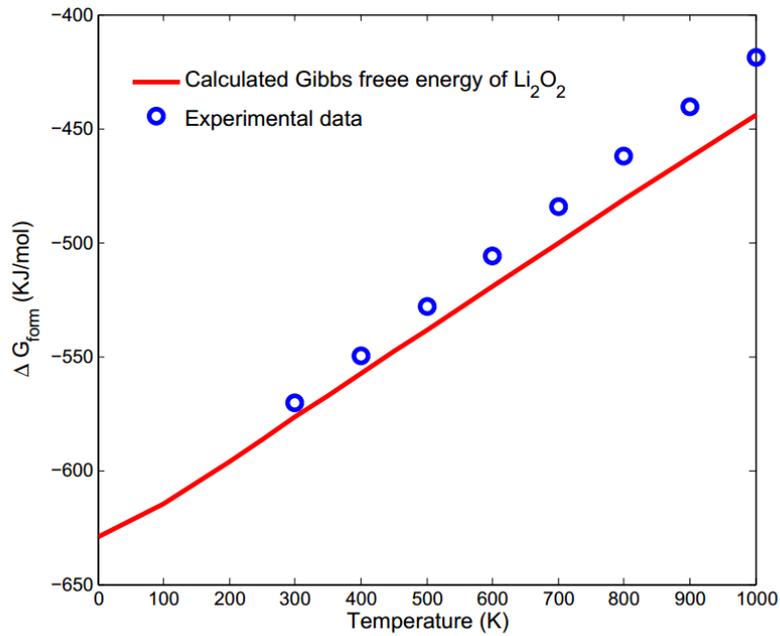


Fig. S1 Calculated Gibbs free energy of Li_2O_2 compared with experimental values [6]

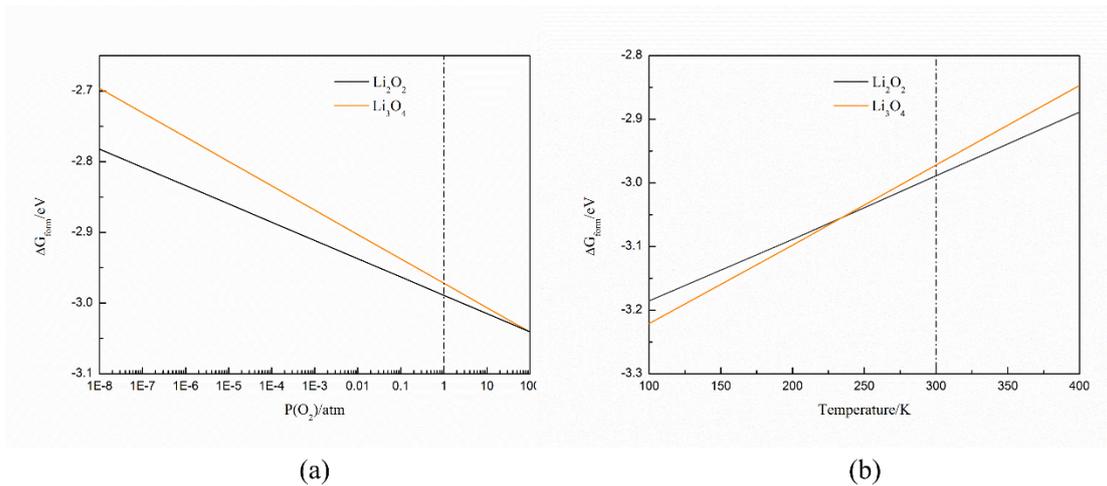


Fig. S2 Formation Gibbs free energy of Li_2O_2 and Li_3O_4 under (a) different oxygen pressures when $T = 300 \text{ K}$ (b) different temperatures when $P(\text{O}_2) = 1 \text{ atm}$

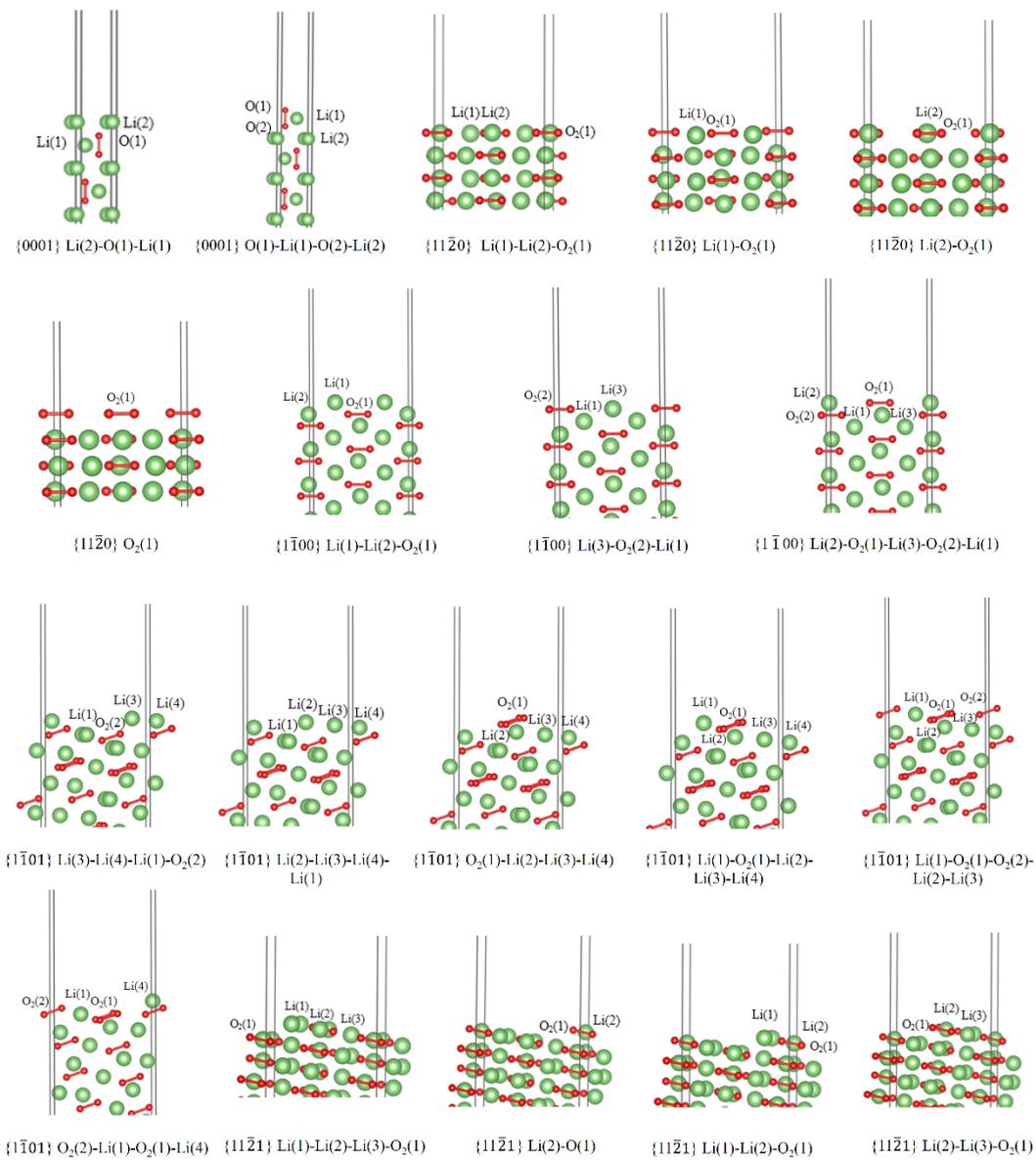


Fig. S3 Structures of terminations considered in the calculation of Li_2O_2 surface energies

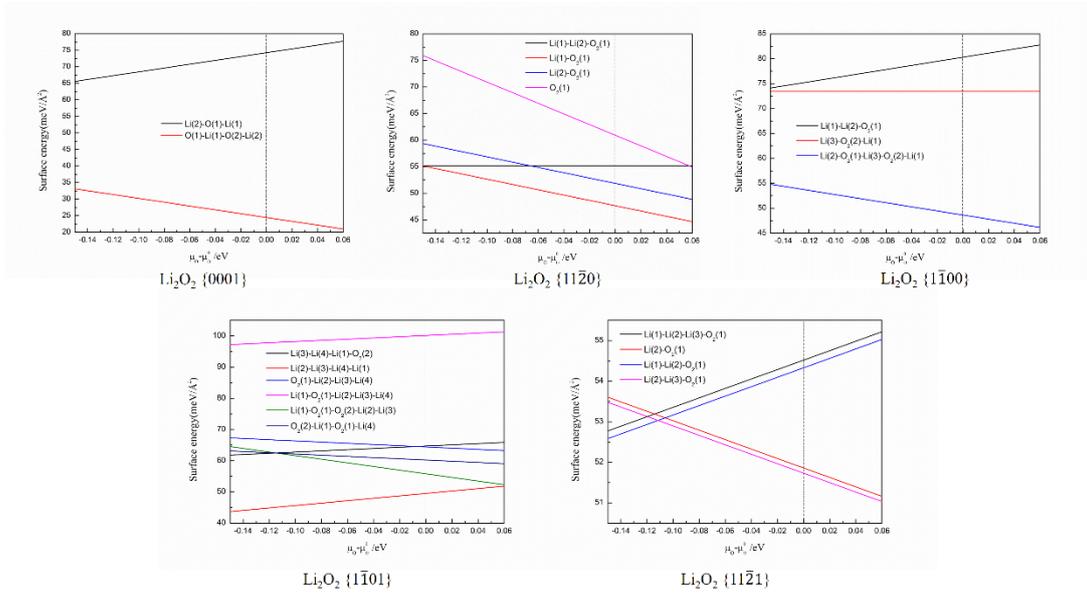


Fig. S4 Surface energies of different terminations of Li₂O₂ as a function of oxygen chemical potential

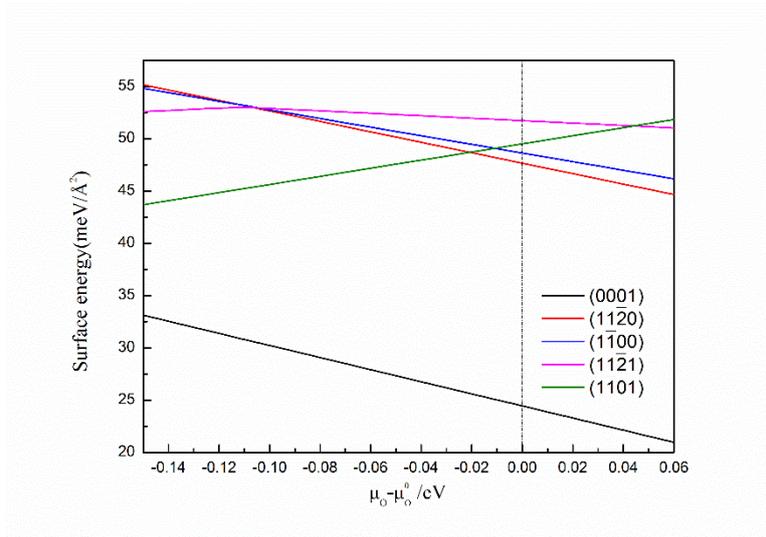


Fig. S5 Surface energies of different orientations of Li₂O₂ as a function of oxygen chemical potential

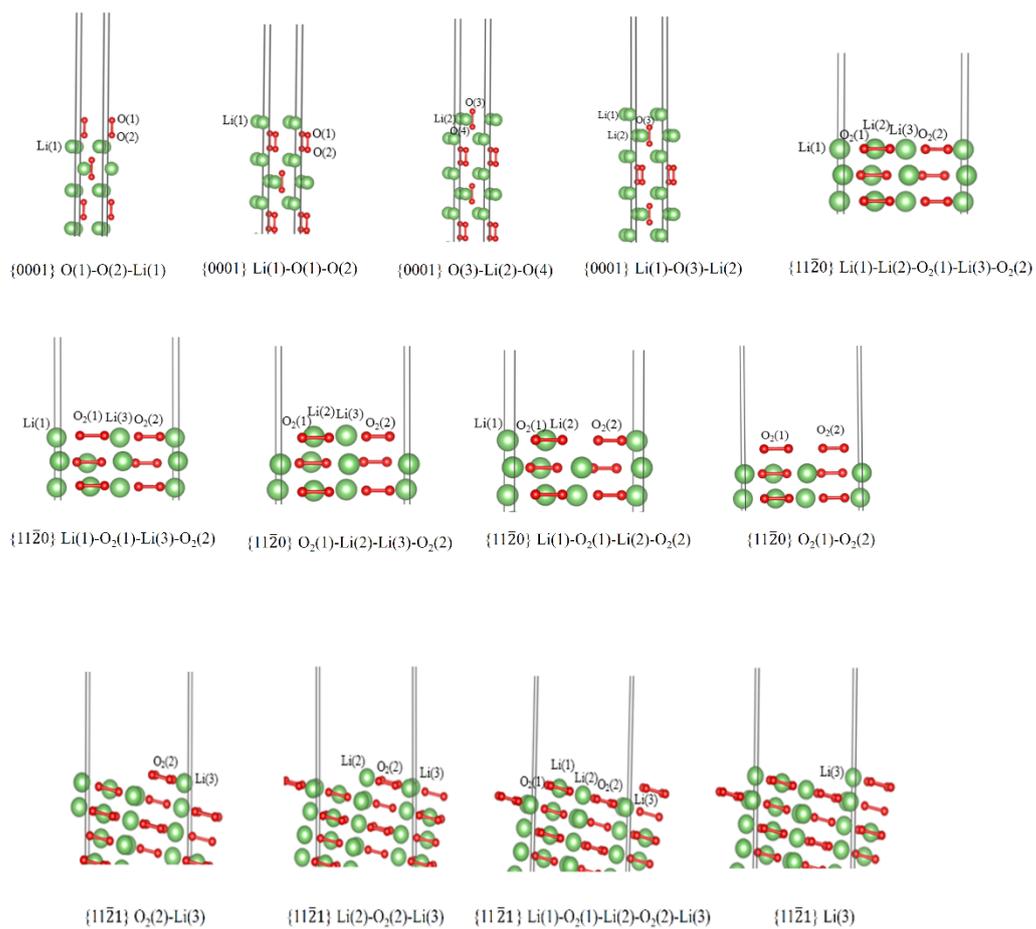


Fig. S6 Structures of terminations considered in the calculation of Li_3O_4 surface energies

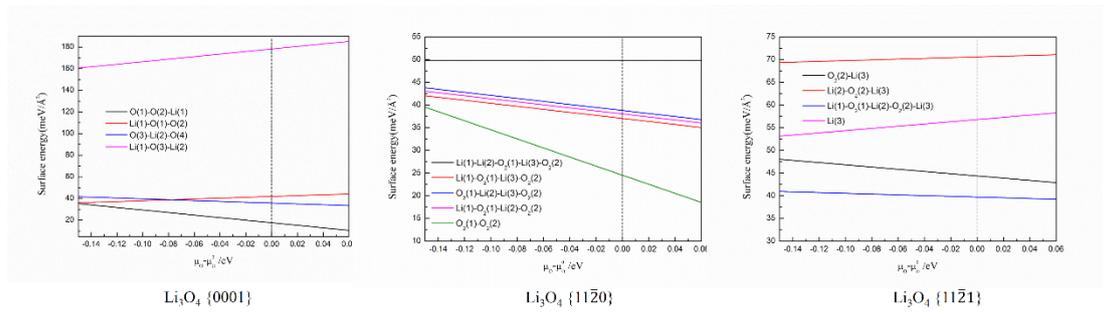


Fig. S7 Surface energies of different terminations of Li₃O₄ as a function of oxygen chemical potential

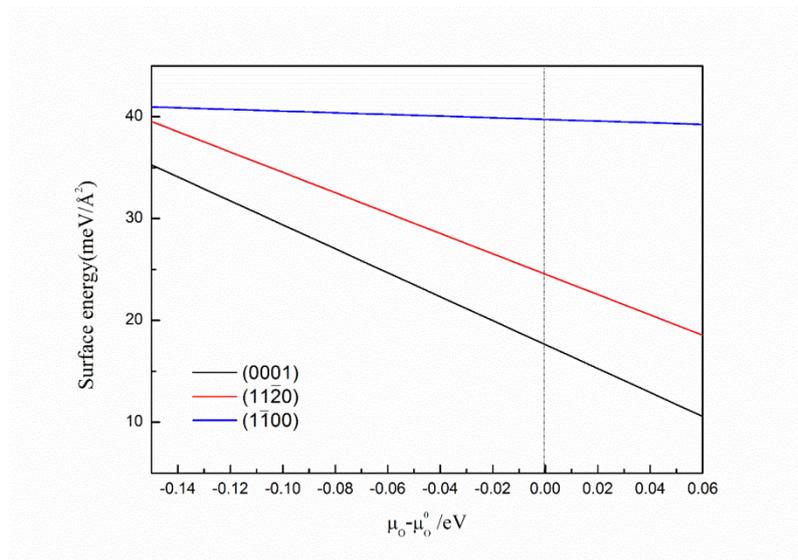


Fig. S8 Surface energies of different orientations of Li₃O₄ as a function of oxygen chemical potential

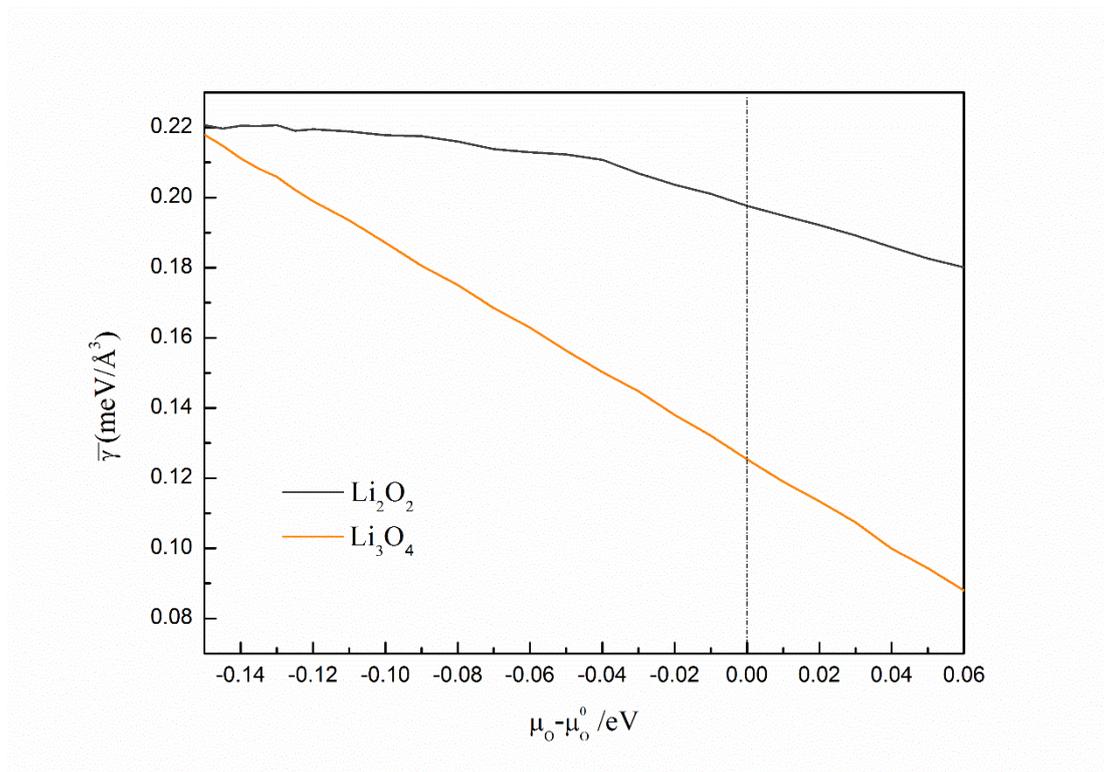


Fig. S9 The normalized surface energies of Li₃O₄ and Li₂O₂ as a function of oxygen chemical potential

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