

Supporting Information  
for  
Adsorption Effect of Freestanding SiO<sub>x</sub>-decorated  
Stabilized Polyacrylonitrile Interlayers in Lithium-Sulfur  
Batteries

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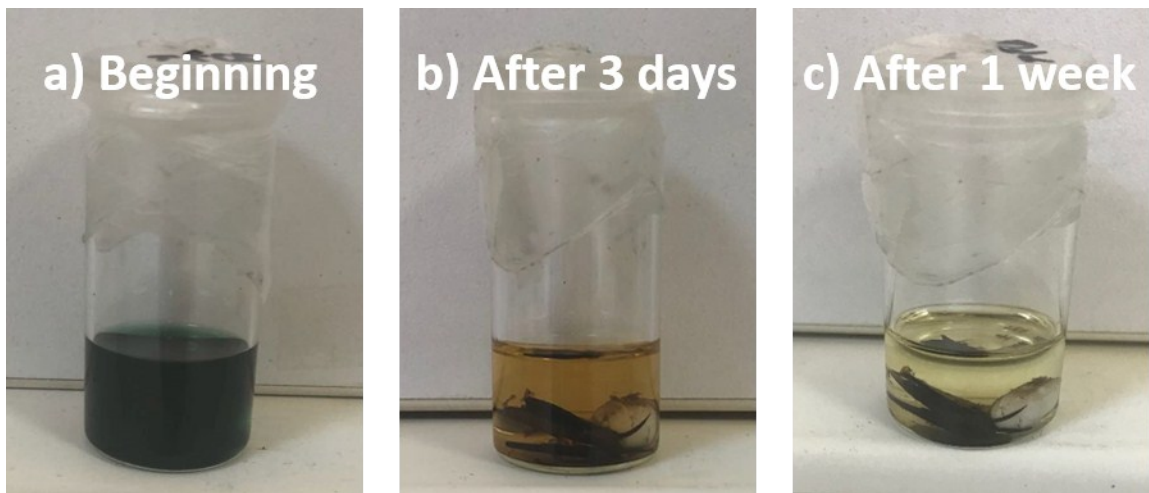


Fig. S1. Adsorption test for observing the adsorption capability of PAN-SiO<sub>x</sub> fiber mat. Color changes of 0.03 M Li<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> containing DOL solution with PAN-SiO<sub>x</sub> fiber mat a) at the beginning, b) after 3 days and c) after 1 week of soaking.

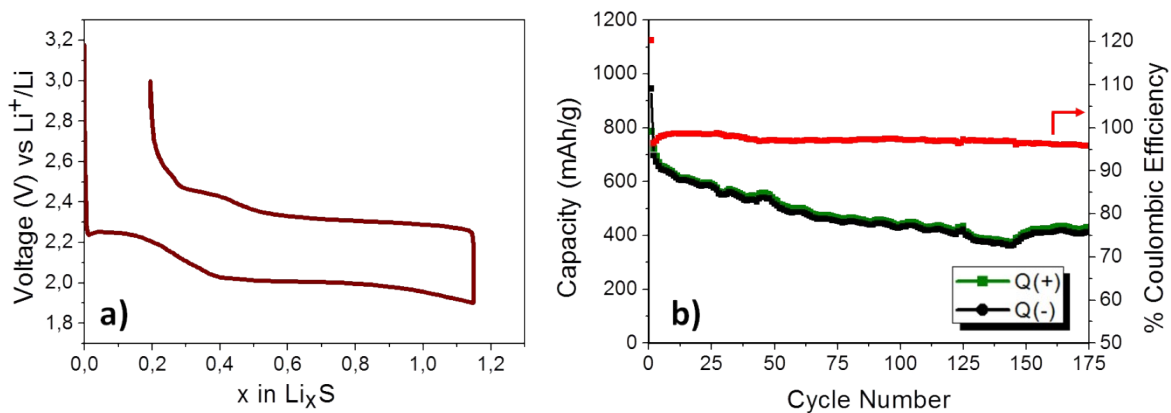


Fig. S2. a) First charge-discharge profile of cell with sPAN-SiO<sub>x</sub> at C/2 rate, b) discharge capacities as a function of cycle number for the cell with sPAN-SiO<sub>x</sub> at C/2 rate.

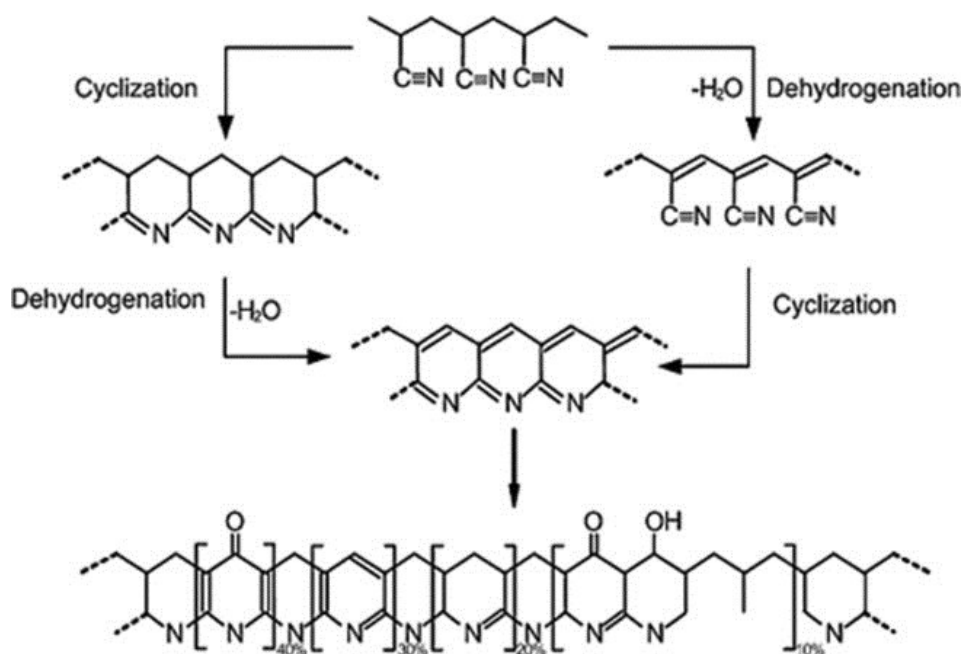


Fig. S3. The evolution of chemical structure of polyacrylonitrile (PAN) during stabilization under air.

Table S1. Electrochemical Impedance Spectra (EIS) results obtained from fitted lines (from Fig. 6b and Fig. 6c).

<i>Sample</i>	<i>Hour</i>	<i>R<sub>ohm</sub> (Ohm)</i>	<i>R<sub>SEI</sub> (Ohm)</i>	<i>R<sub>ct</sub> (Ohm)</i>
<i>Without Interlayer</i>	0	9.524	43.49	35.86
	60	7.751	199.4	99.19
<i>With sPAN</i>	0	7.638	37.05	33.47
	60	8.856	29.45	157.9
<i>With sPAN-SiO<sub>x</sub></i>	0	8.948	38.04	34.74
	60	10.07	22.62	122.0

