

Supporting information

High Electrochemical Stability of 3D Cross-linked Network

PEO@nano-SiO₂ Composite Polymer Electrolyte for Lithium Metal

Batteries

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Table S1. Results of electrolyte uptake ability tests

Sample	Uptake (wt%)	Ionic conductivity (S cm ⁻¹)
3D-GPE	300.9%	2.3×10 ⁻³
4%-SiO ₂ -GPE	276%	3.2×10 ⁻³
3D-GCPE4	340%	4.65×10 ⁻³
3D-GCPE8	274%	2.2×10 ⁻³

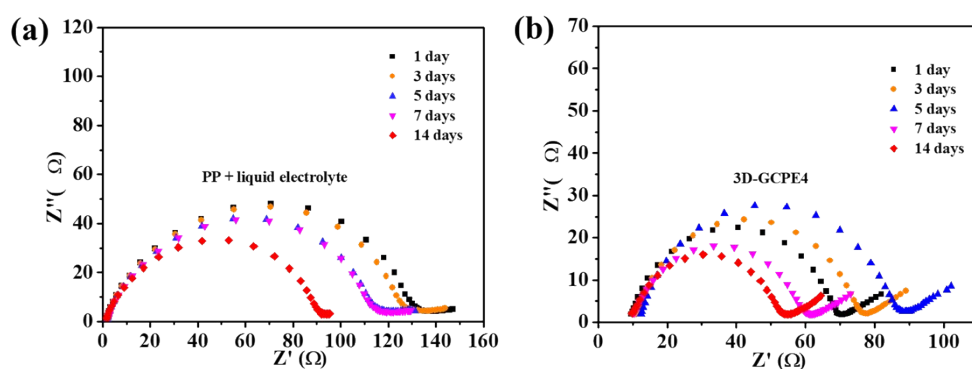


Fig. S1. Electrochemical impedance spectra of a symmetric cell Li/Electrolyte/Li after different aging time at room temperature (a) PP+ liquid electrolyte, (b) 3D-GCPE4.

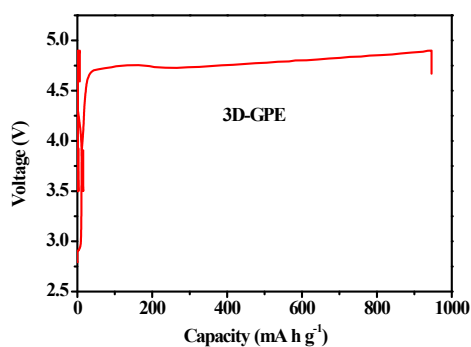


Fig. S2 Charge/discharge voltage profile of Li/3D-GPE/LiNi_{0.5}Mn_{1.5}O₄ at 0.5C.

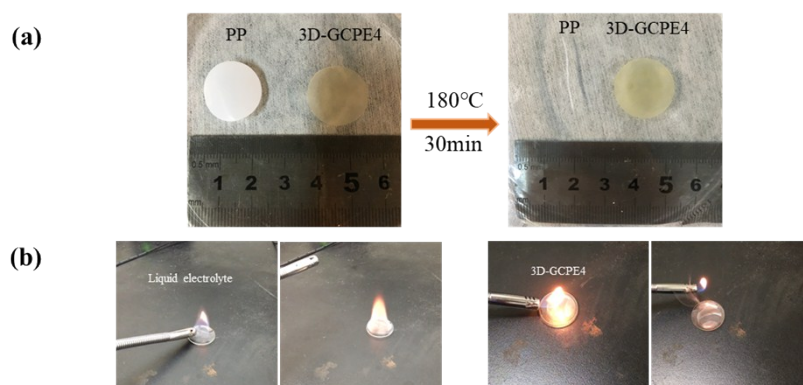


Fig. S3. (a) photographs of thermal shrinkage of PP separator and 3D-GCPE4 membrane at 180 °C for 30 min. (b) Flammability testing for liquid electrolyte and 3D-GCPE4, samples were exposed to flame for 5s.

Fig. S3a is the dimension thermal stability of dimensional thermal stability experiment. After exposure to 180 °C for 30 min, PP separator sharply shrank and partially melted, while the 3D-GCPE4 membrane still retains original feature with negligible change in its dimensions. Fig. S3b is combustion test of the 1M LiPF₆ in EC/DMC/DEC and 3D-GCPE4. After exposure to flame for 5s, the liquid electrolyte exhibits high flammability. on the contrary, the 3D-GCPE4 exhibits low flammability and did not continue to burn.

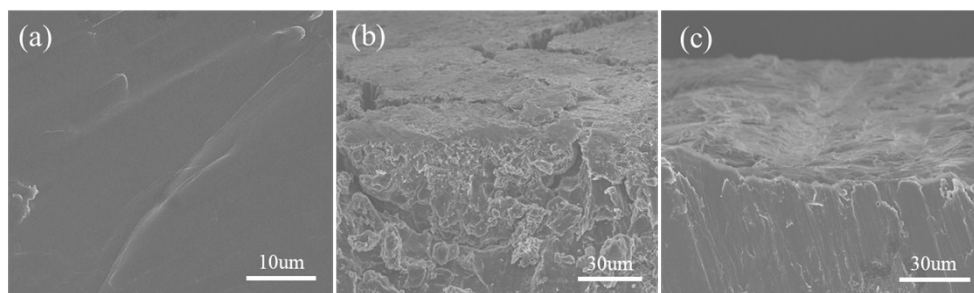


Fig. S4. SEM images of (a) fresh lithium metal surface. cross-section of lithium metal after 200 cycles at 1C with a configuration of (b) Li/PP + liquid electrolyte/LiFePO₄ cell. (c) Li/3D-GCPE₄/LiFePO₄ cell.

Fig. S4a is the SEM image of fresh lithium metal surface, which was smooth and without cracks. Fig. S4b, c show the SEM images of cross-section of lithium metal after 200 cycles at 1C. The lithium metal with PP + liquid electrolyte was cracked and pulverized, while the lithium metal with 3D-GCPE₄ was still smooth and compact.