## **Supporting Information**

## Expanded-Graphite Embedded in Lithium Metal as Dendrite-Free Anode of

## **Lithium Metal Batteries**

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Fig. S1 Characterization of EG. (a) Raman spectra and (b)  $N_2$  adsorption and desorption isotherms.



**Fig. S2** Optical photographs of (a) Li-EG after pressing, (b) Li-EG after heating at 200 °C and (c) Li foil after heating at 200 °C.



**Fig. S3** SEM image of cross-section of the Li-EG anode (a), corresponding EDS mapping images of C (b), O (c) and overlapped elemental (d).



**Fig. S4** Galvanostatic stripping/plating voltage profile of Li-EG/Li half-cell using Li-EG with the mass ratio of 1:3 (EG : Li) at 1 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> with a stripping/plating capacity of 1 mAh cm<sup>-2</sup>.



**Fig. S5** (a) The enlarged voltage profiles of the 100–120 h and 800–820 h of Fig. 3a. (b) The EIS of half-cells after 100 cycles at 1 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> and 1 mAh cm<sup>-2</sup>.



**Fig. S6** Morphology of anodes after stripping for 10 h at a current density of 1 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>:(a, b) Li foil and (c, d) Li-EG.



**Fig. S7** SEM images of Li foil (a, b) and Li-EG (c, d) after the first stripping and plating for 20 h at a current density of 1 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>.



**Fig. S8** Charge-discharge voltage profiles at different rates of (a) Li||LFP and (b) Li-EG||LFP full cells.



Fig. S9 Voltage profiles of the first plating for the Li foil and Li-EG half-cell.

Sample	Test condition (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> / mAh cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Cycling time (h)	Reference
Li-EG	1/1	1000	
	1/3	800	This work
	10/1	300	
Lithium-graphite hybrid -	1/1.5	600	1
	5/1.5	60	
ZnO/carbon framework	1/1	400	
	10/1	40	2
	1/5	400	
OPA-Li-CNT anode	1/0.5	200	3
	3/0.5	200	
Li/CF composite anode -	1/1	1000	4
	5/5	90	
3D G/Li anode -	5/1	200 cycles	5
	10/1	70 cycles	
Li@3D-AGBN composite anode	0.5/1	400	
	5/1	120	6
	40/1	50	

Table S1. Summary of cycling performance of Li-C anodes in previous results and this work.

3D-HCFs@Li	1/1	1200	
	2/1	600	7
	2/2	300	
Straw-brick-like CFC/Li composite electrode _	0.5/1	200	
	1/1	200	8
	3/1	100	
Li-CNT-AB –	0.5/0.5	500	0
	3/1	100	9
Three-dimensional nitrogen-doped graphene – foam	1/2	800	10
	0.5/1	1000	10

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