

## Supplementary information for

### Stable lithium metal anodes enabled by inorganic/organic double-layered alloy and polymer coating

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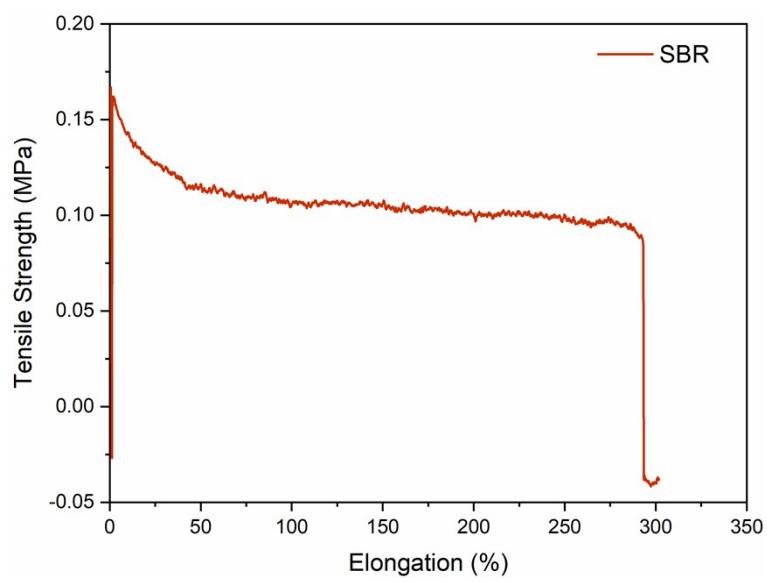
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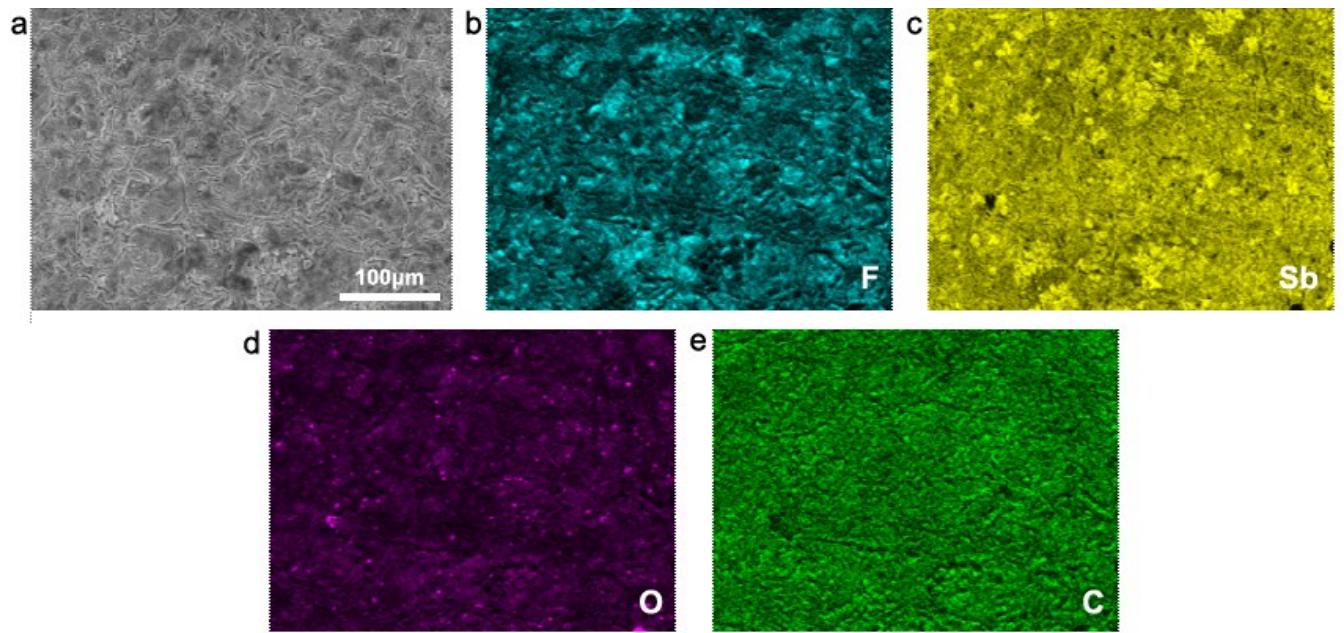
**Table S1** The price comparison of different metal salts for fabricating the lithiophilic alloy.

Chemicals	Brand	Price (\$/g)*	Reference
GeCl <sub>4</sub>	Sigma-Aldrich	21.6	1
InF <sub>3</sub>	Sigma-Aldrich	41.6	2
SnCl <sub>4</sub>	Sigma-Aldrich	9.32	3
SnTFSI	Alfa Aesar	224.6	4
ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	Sigma-Aldrich	12.3	5
InCl <sub>3</sub>	Sigma-Aldrich	9.2	5
BiCl <sub>3</sub>	Sigma-Aldrich	3.7	5
SbF <sub>3</sub>	Sigma-Aldrich	2.5	This work

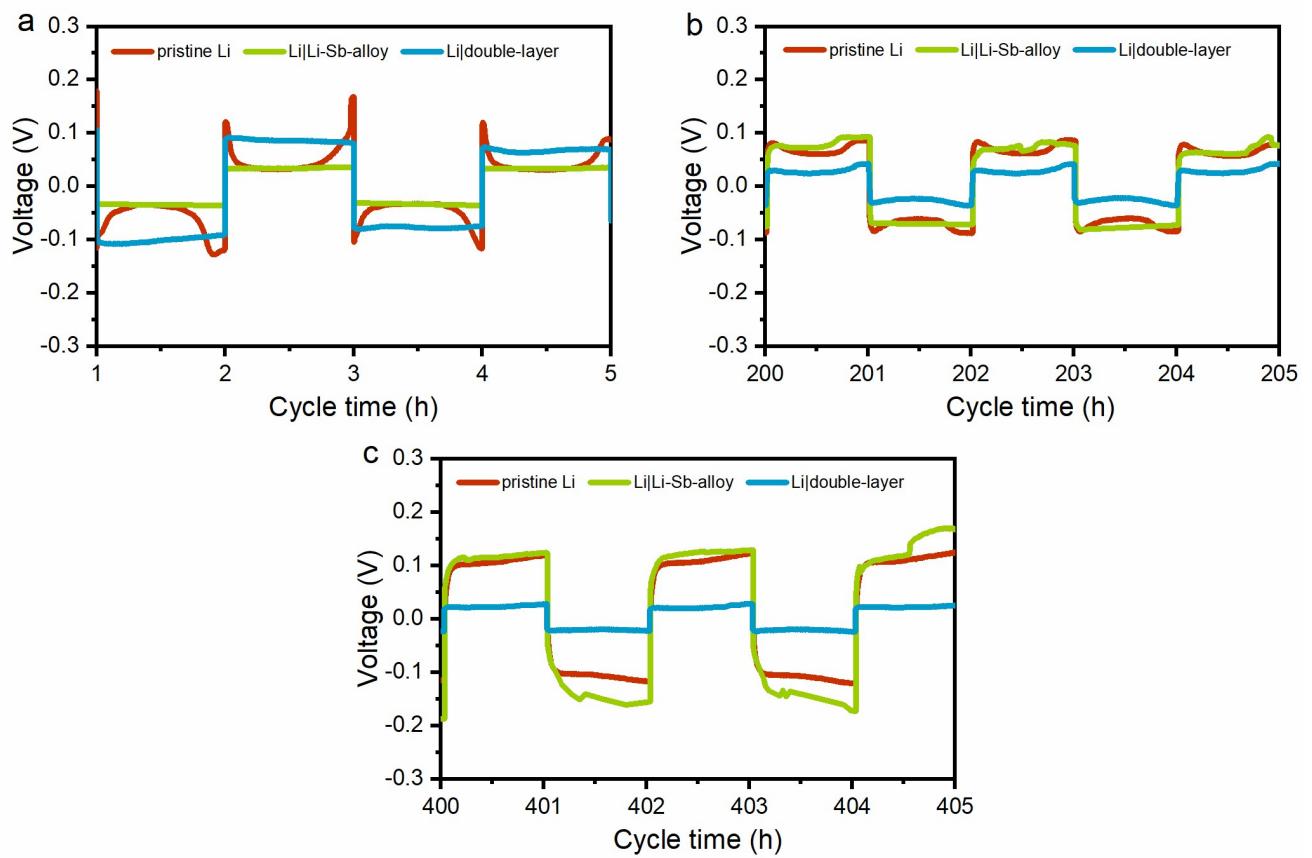
\*The price was recorded on 2019/07/26



**Fig.S1** The tensile strength of commercial SBR.



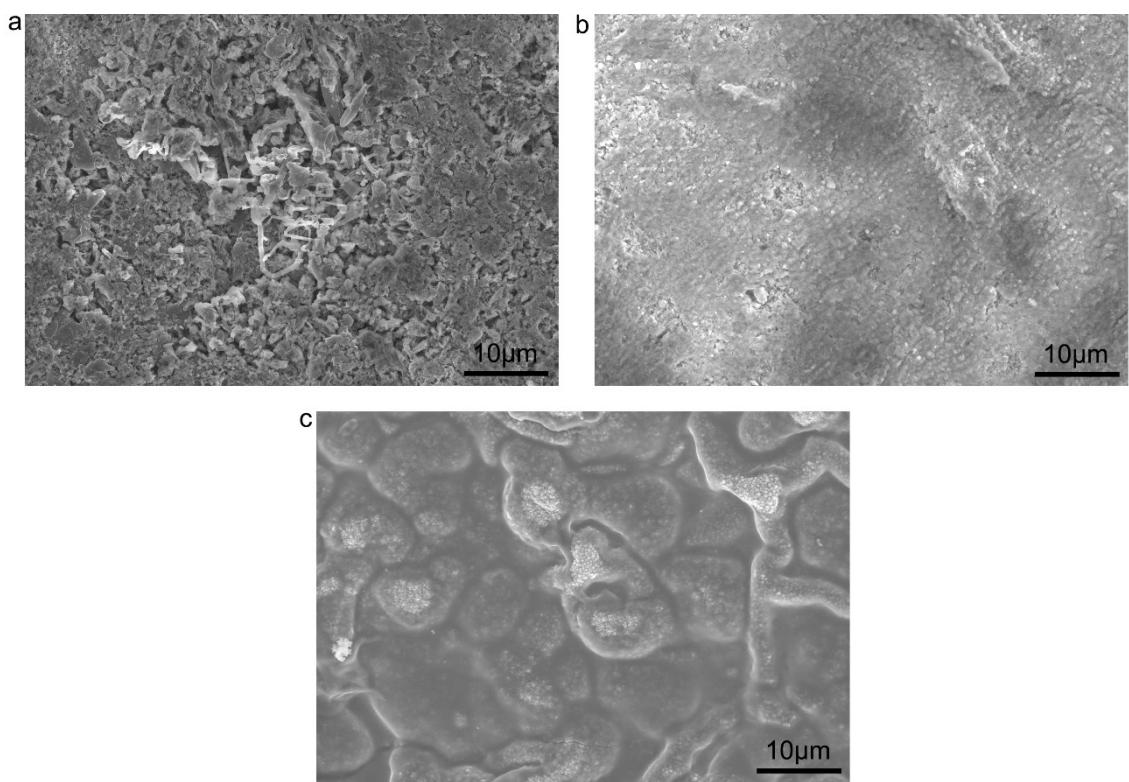
**Fig. S2** The SEM image (a) and EDS mapping images of Li|Li-Sb-alloy electrode: (b) F, (c) Sb, (d) O, and (e) C.



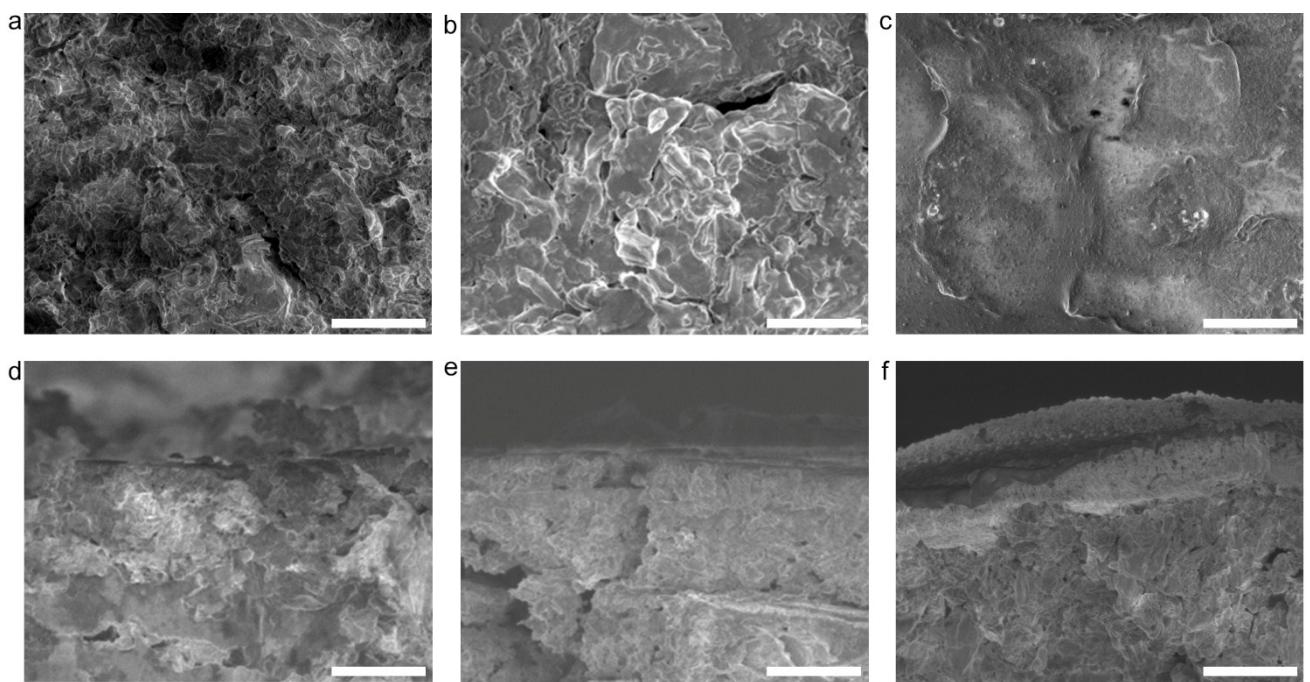
**Fig. S3** Enlarged views for cycling performance of Li|Li symmetric cells containing pristine Li, Li|Li-Sb-alloy, and Li|double-layer under current density of  $1 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$  for 1 h at different cycling times: (a) 1-5 h, (b) 200-205 h, and (c) 400-405 h. The electrolyte was 1 M  $\text{LiPF}_6$  in EC/DEC (1:1, v/v).

**Table S2** The comparison between double-layer protected lithium foils and other treated lithium foils reported in the previous literatures.

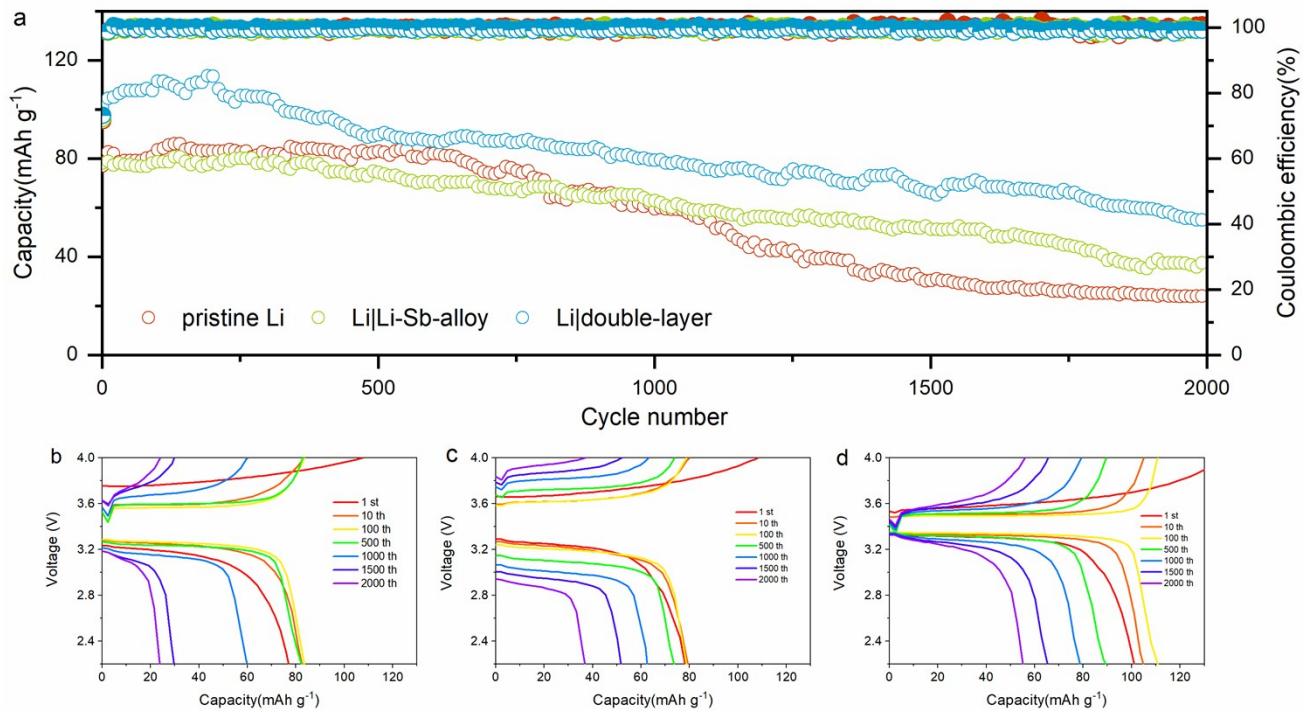
Electrolyte	Modifications/treatments	Current density & capacity	Plating/Stripping time	Overpotential	Reference
1M LiPF <sub>6</sub> EC/DMC (1:1, v/v) with 60 mM InF <sub>3</sub>	InF <sub>3</sub> treated Li	1 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> , 1 mA h cm <sup>-2</sup>	400 h	167 mV	2
1M LiPF <sub>6</sub> EC/DMC (1:1, v/v)	PECA & LiNO <sub>3</sub> treated Li	1 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> , 1 mA h cm <sup>-2</sup>	400 h	74 mV	6
1M LiPF <sub>6</sub> +0.2 M SiCl <sub>4</sub> in PC	SiCl <sub>4</sub> treated Li	1 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> , 1 mA h cm <sup>-2</sup>	100 h	86 mV	7
1M LiPF <sub>6</sub> in EC/DMC/DEC (1:1:1, v/v/v)	PAA treated Li	1 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> , 1 mA h cm <sup>-2</sup>	250 h	120 mV	8
1 M LiPF <sub>6</sub> in EC/DEC (1:1, v/v)	carbonized wood as Li host	1 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> , 1 mA h cm <sup>-2</sup>	330 h	86 mV	9
1.3 M LiPF <sub>6</sub> in EC/DEC (3:7, v/v) with 0.01 mg/mL carbon dots	carbon dots as electrolyte additives	1 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> , 1 mA h cm <sup>-2</sup>	250 h	122 mV	10
1M LiPF <sub>6</sub> EC/EMC/DMC (1:1:1, v/v/v)	zinc phosphate treated Li	1 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> , 1 mA h cm <sup>-2</sup>	500 h 600 h	130 mV 280 mV	11
1 M LiPF <sub>6</sub> in EC/DEC (1:1, v/v)	SbF <sub>3</sub> & SBR double layer protected Li	1 mA cm <sup>-2</sup> , 1 mA h cm <sup>-2</sup>	500 h	21 mv	This work



**Fig. S4** Top-view SEM images of (a) pristine Li, (b) Li|Li-Sb-alloy, and (c) Li|double-layer after cycling for 100 h. The electrolyte was 1 M LiPF<sub>6</sub> in EC/DEC (1:1, v/v).



**Fig. S5** Top-view SEM images of (a) pristine Li, (b) Li|Li-Sb-alloy after cycling for 400 h and (c) Li|double-layer after cycling for 500 h. Cross-sectional SEM images of (d) pristine Li, (e) Li|Li-Sb-alloy after cycling for 400 h and (f) Li|double-layer after cycling for 500 h. The electrolyte was 1 M LiTFSI in DOL/DME (1:1, v/v). The white scale bars are 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .



**Fig. S6** (a) Cycling performance of Li|LiFePO<sub>4</sub> full cells containing the pristine Li, Li|Li-Sb-alloy, and Li|double-layer at 5C (1C = 170 mA g<sup>-1</sup>). Charge/discharge curves of the Li|LiFePO<sub>4</sub> cells containing (b) pristine Li, (c) Li|Li-Sb-alloy, and (d) Li|double-layer. The electrolyte was 1 M LiPF<sub>6</sub> in EC/DEC (1:1, v/v).

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