Supporting Information for

Stabilizing the cationic/anionic redox of Li-rich layered cathodes by tuning

upper cut-off voltage for high energy-density lithium-ion batteries

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Figure S1 Electrochemical performance of LLOs cycled under the upper cut-off voltage of 4.6 V (vs. Li/Li^+): (a) the initial charge/discharge curve at 0.1C, (b) cyclic test at 0.5C, (c) charge/discharge profile under 0.5C at different cycles, and (d) dQ/dV curves at different cycles.



Figure S2 (a) Capacity and (b) voltage stability of LLOs employing the standard electrolyte and the high-voltage electrolyte in half cells.



Figure S3 SEM images of the cycled LLO electrodes at fully discharged state after 200 cycles under the upper cut-off voltages of (a,b) 4.8 V and (c,d) 4.5 V.



Figure S4 Cross-section of LLOs after 200 cycles under the upper cut-off voltages of (a) 4.8 V and (b) 4.5 V.



Figure S5 EDS elemental mapping of the cross-section of LLOs after 200 cycles under the upper cut-off voltage of 4.8 V.



Figure S6 EDS elemental mapping of the cross-section of LLOs after 200 cycles under the upper cut-off voltage of 4.5 V.



Figure S7 Enlarged O-K edges, integrated from surface to bulk of cycled particle under the upper cut-off voltages of (a) 4.8 V and (b) 4.5 V.



Figure S8 The Mn concentration dissolved in electrolyte under the upper cut-off voltages of 4.8 V and 4.5 V after 100 and 200 cycles.



Figure S9 The pre-lithiation curves of the MCMB anode between 0.01 V and 3.0 V.



Figure S10 Continuous charge/discharge curves of the MCMB|LLOs full cells cycled under the cut-off voltages of (a) 4.7 V and (b) 4.4 V.



| Component | Cathode | Al Foil | Anode | Cu Foil | Separator | Electrolyte | Pouch | Total |
|-------------------|---------|---------|-------|---------|-----------|-------------|-------|-------|
| Weight (g) | 2.85 | 0.29 | 2.55 | 0.58 | 0.18 | 0.90 | 0.86 | 8.21 |
| Mass fraction (%) | 34.71 | 3.53 | 31.06 | 7.06 | 2.19 | 10.96 | 10.49 | 100 |

Figure S11 The main components of the pouch full cells using LLOs as cathode and MCMB as anode. The areal density of 20 mg cm⁻² is commonly used for the active cathode materials in full cells.^[1-3]



Figure S12 Charge/discharge curves of the MCMB|LLOs full cells at varied rates.

Table S1 A comparison of electrochemical performance of LLO cathodes between this work and recent related reports.

| Method | Capacity retention % (cycles) | Ref. |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------|
| stepped pre-cycling treatment from 4.5, 4.6 to 4.7 V | 92.5 (55) | 4 |
| pre-cycling treatment from 4.5 to 4.8V | 92 (50) | 5 |
| 4.8 V on two cycles and then 4.6 V on the subsequent cycles | 84(100) | 6 |
| 4.8 V on two cycles and then 4.6 V on the subsequent cycles | 60 (290) | 7 |
| constant 4.6 V | 70 (290) | 7 |
| pre-cycling treatment from 4.45, 4.55, 4.6 to 4.7 V | 84(100) | 8 |
| 4.8 V on first cycle and then 4.6 V on the subsequent cycles | 83 (200) | 9 |
| 4.8 V on first cycle and then 4.4 V on the subsequent cycles | 86 (200) | 9 |
| 4.6 V on first cycle and then 4.5 V on the subsequent cycles | 95.2 (200) | This work |

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