

Supporting Information

Advanced *In-Situ* Technology for Li/Na Metal Anodes: An In-Depth Mechanism Understanding

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Summary of Li/Na metal anodes with different *in-situ* technologies:

Table S1. Performance and parameters of Li/Na anodes with functional solvents or Li/Na salts.

Solvents or Li/Na salts	Half cells test				Symmetrical cells test				Ref.
	Current (mA cm ⁻²)	Capacity (mAh cm ⁻²)	CE	Cycle	Current (mA cm ⁻²)	Capacity (mA cm ⁻²)	Cycle		
FEC solvent	--	--	--	--	2	3.3	~1100	1	
VEC solvent	0.5	0.5	98.1%	1400	1	1	500	2	
FFS solvent	0.5	0.5	99%	400	0.5	0.5	550	3	
LiTFPFB salt	--	--	--	--	0.5	0.5	250	4	
LiHFDF salt	--	--	--	--	0.5 2	1 4	250 ~90	5	
NaDFOB salt	--	--	--	--	1.5	0.1	515	6	

Annotations:

1. FEC: fluoroethylene carbonate

VEC: vinylethylene carbonate

FFS: “full fluorosulfonyl” electrolyte

LiTFPFB: lithium trifluoro(tert-butyloxyl)borate

LiHFDF: lithium 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3-hexafluoropropane-1, 3-disulfonimide

NaDFOB: sodium-difluoro(oxalato)borate

2. “--” means that no information is provided in the literature.

Table S2. Performance and parameters of Li/Na anodes with different additives.

Additives	Half cells test				Symmetrical cells test			Ref.
	Current (mA cm ⁻²)	Capacity (mAh cm ⁻²)	CE	Cycle	Current (mA cm ⁻²)	Capacity (mAh cm ⁻²)	Cycle	
Li ₂ S ₈	0.5	0.5	~97%	~120	10	10	2000	7
PSD	2	1	99.1%	420	--	--	--	8
	2	2	99%	250	--	--	--	8
	2	3	98.9%	250	--	--	--	8
PST	2	1	99%	400	--	--	--	9
	2	2	98.9%	220	--	--	--	9
	2	3	98.6%	220	--	--	--	9
LiPO ₂ F ₂	--	--	--	--	0.5 1	0.5 1	250 100	10
LiDFOB	0.5	1	98.5%	200	1 2	1 1	300 180	11
	--	--	--	--	0.5	0.5	216	12
KPF ₆	--	--	--	--	0.5	0.5	~500	13
HFAA	--	--	--	--	1 2	0.5 1	200 100	14
	--	--	--	--	5	2	~22	15
	--	--	--	--	3	1	~150	15
AlCl ₃	0.5	2	99%	150	0.5	1	~237	16
SiCl ₄	--	--	--	--	3	1	~500	17
SO ₂ Cl ₂	0.5	0.5	95%	150	0.5 1	1 1	500 600	18

Annotations:

1. PSD: poly(sulfur-random-1,3-diisopropenylbenzene)

PST: poly(sulfur-random-triallylamine)

LiDFOB: lithium difluoro(oxalate)borate

HFAA: hexafluoroacetylacetone

TCBQ: tetrachloro-1,4-benzoquinone

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Table S3. Performance and parameters of Li/Na anodes with high concentration electrolytes.

Additives	Half cells test				Symmetrical cells test				Ref.
	Current (mA cm ⁻²)	Capacity (mAh cm ⁻²)	CE	Cycle	Current (mA cm ⁻²)	Capacity (mA cm ⁻²)	Cycle		
4 M LiFSI-DME	4 10	1 1	98.4% 97%	1000 500	10	0.5	6000	19	
2.1 M NaFSI/DME-BTFE	1	1	~99%	400	1 2	1 1	500 ~960	20	
3 M LiCF ₃ SO ₃ -DOL/DME	1	3	98.6%	100	1	3	~135	21	
4 M LiTFSI-LiDFOB-FEC/DMC	0.5	1	>98%	800	0.5	0.5	500	22	
10 M LiFSI-EC/DMC	0.5	1	98.8%	150	--	--	--	23	

Annotations:

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Table S4. Performance and parameters of Li/Na anodes with *in-situ* protective layers.

Additives	Half cells test				Symmetrical cells test				Ref.
	Current (mA cm ⁻²)	Capacity (mAh cm ⁻²)	CE	Cycle	Current (mA cm ⁻²)	Capacity (mAh cm ⁻²)	Cycle		
COF layer	--	--	--	--	1 2	1 2	200 200	24	
PPy@Ni foam	1	2	99%	250					
	1	5	98%	90	--	--	--	25	
	1	10	--	60					
PDA@3D Cu	0.5	1	97.3%	200					
	1	1	96.2%	150	1	1	500	26	
	2	2	96.4%	150					
CAM layer	3	1	99%	400	0.5	1.5	~258	27	
LiECHFP layer	--	--	--	--	1 2 5	1 2 5	100	28	
	--	--	--	--					
	--	--	--	--					
CPLi	--	--	--	--	3	2	~750	29	
LiF layer	--	--	--	--	1 2 5	1 1 1	350 400 240	30	
	--	--	--	--					
	--	--	--	--					
LPS layer	--	--	--	--	1 4	1 1	200 800	31	
Li ₃ PS ₄ layer	--	--	--	--	0.5	1	400	32	
Na ₃ PS ₄ layer	--	--	--	--	1 3	1 1	~135 ~210	33	
[LiNBH] _n layer	--	--	--	--	1 3	1 1	550 ~1050	34	
Li-Al layer	--	--	--	--	0.5 5	1 1	800 ~1125	35	
LiF/Cu layer	--	--	--	--	2.5	0.5	~2000	36	

O-I hybrid layer	--	--	--	--	1 2	1 1	1500 1100	37
3D LiF-Li layer	--	--	--	--	1	1	800	38
LiF layer (G-S)	--	--	--	--	1 3 5	1 1 1	300 180 300	39
C-Li ₂ S-LiI layer	--	--	--	--	1 2 3	1 1 1	300 200 200	40
Al ₂ O ₃ layer	--	--	--	--	0.25 0.25 0.5	0.125 1 1	900 50 30	41

Annotations:

1. COF: covalent organic framework

PPy: polymerizing polypyrrole

PDA: polydopamine

CAM: cyanuric acid and melamine

LiECHFP: lithium 2-((ethoxycarbonyl)oxy)-1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoro-propan-2-olate

CPLi: carboxylate-protected Li

LPS: Li₃PS₄

O-I: organic-inorganic

G-S: gas-solid reaction

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Table S5. Performance and parameters of Li/Na anodes with *in-situ* polymer electrolytes.

Additives	Half cells test				Symmetrical cells test				Ref.
	Current (mA cm ⁻²)	Capacity (mAh cm ⁻²)	CE	Cycle	Current (mA cm ⁻²)	Capacity (mA cm ⁻²)	Cycle		
Quasi SSGPE	--	--	--	--	1	1	220	42	
PEGA+PFE	--	--	--	--	2	4	1000	43	

Annotations:

1. SSGPE: solid state gel polymer electrolyte

PEGA+PFE: poly(ethylene glycol) methyl ether methacrylate + 2,2,3,3,3-pentafluoropropyl acrylate

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Table S6. Performance and parameters of Li/Na anodes with *in-situ* growth techniques.

Additives	Half cells test				Symmetrical cells test				Ref.
	Current (mA cm ⁻²)	Capacity (mAh cm ⁻²)	CE	Cycle	Current (mA cm ⁻²)	Capacity (mAh cm ⁻²)	Cycle		
Au NPs@C	0.5	1	>98%	300	--	--	--	44	
Sn-C	2	1	99.7%	500					
	2	3	99.5%	250	--	--	--	45	
	2	5	99.3%	250					
NaF@SnO ₂ -RGO	1	0.5	99.7%	3000	0.5	1	900	46	

Annotations:

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