## **Supporting Information**

## Assembling Organic-Inorganic Building Blocks for High-Capacity Electrode Design

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Figure S1. (a) Fe2p, (b) N1s and (c) N1s XPS spectra of  $FeF_3(4,4'-bpy)$ .



**Figure S2.** (a) The bond lengths of different Fe-F bonds in crystal structure of  $Li_x[FeF_3(4,4'-bpy)]$  (x=0, 2, 4, 6, 8). (b) The bond lengths of different C=N and C=C double bonds in crystal structure of  $Li_x[FeF_3(4,4'-bpy)]$  (x=0, 2, 4, 6, 8). (c) The double bond reformation of FeF\_3(4,4'-bpy).

	Reaction	ΔG/eV
1	$\text{Li}_4[\text{FeF}_3(4,4'\text{-bpy})] \rightarrow \text{Li}_4(4,4'\text{-bpy}) + \text{FeF}_3$	10.44
2	$Li_8[FeF_3(4,4'-bpy)] \rightarrow Li_8(4,4'-bpy) + FeF_3$	11.71
3	$\text{Li}_4[\text{FeF}_3(4,4'\text{-bpy})] \rightarrow \text{Li}[\text{Fe}(4,4'\text{-bpy})] + 3\text{LiF}$	0.57
4	$\text{Li}_8[\text{FeF}_3(4,4'\text{-bpy})] \rightarrow \text{Li}_5[\text{Fe}(4,4'\text{-bpy})] + 3\text{LiF}$	2.42

**Table S1.** The Gibbs free energy of the decomposition reaction for the  $Li_4FeF_3(4,4'-bpy)$  and  $Li_8FeF_3(4,4'-bpy)$ .



Figure S3. DFT-based molecular dynamic simulation for lithiated structures a.  $Li_4[FeF_3(4,4'-bpy)]$  and b.  $Li_8[FeF_3(4,4'-bpy)]$ .



**Figure S4.** The projected density of states (pDOS) of  $Li_x[FeF_3(4,4'-bpy)]$  (x=2, 4, 6, 8).

$Li_{x}[FeF_{3}(4,4'-bpy)]$	0	2	4	6	8
Magnetic moment	4.8	4.2	0	1.7	3.2
Spin state	High spin	High spin	Low spin	High spin	High spin
Electron number of d	d <sup>5.2</sup>	d <sup>5.8</sup>	$d^{6}$	d <sup>6.3</sup>	d <sup>6.8</sup>
Valence of Fe	+2.8	+2.2	+2	+1.7	+1.2

**Table S2.** The magnetic moment of Fe in  $\text{Li}_{x}[\text{FeF}_{3}(4,4'-\text{bpy})]$  (x=0, 2, 4, 6, 8)



**Figure S5.** The crystal structure of (a)  $VF_3(4,4'-bpy)$  (b)  $MnF_3(4,4'-bpy)$  (c)  $FeCl_2(4,4'-bpy)$  (d)  $MnCl_2(4,4'-bpy)$  (e)  $CuF_2(4,4'-bpy)$  along (100) direction and (001) direction.  $VF_3(4,4'-bpy)$ 



Figure S6. The Li-ions storage sites and the structural evolution in  $VF_3(4,4'$ -bpy)



Figure S7. The Li-ions storage sites and the structural evolution in  $MnF_3(4,4'-bpy)$ 



**Figure S8.** The change in Bader charge of (a)  $VF_3(4,4'-bpy)$  and (b)MnF<sub>3</sub>(4,4'-bpy) during the discharge.



Figure S9. The Li-ions storage sites and the structural evolution in  $CuF_2(4,4'$ -bpy)



**Figure S10.** The Li-ions storage sites and the structural evolution in (a)  $\text{FeCl}_2(4,4'\text{-bpy})$  and (b)  $\text{MnCl}_2(4,4'\text{-bpy})$ .



**Figure S11.** The voltages of (a)  $VF_3(4,4'-bpy)$ , (b)  $MnF_3(4,4'-bpy)$ , (c)  $FeCl_2(4,4'-bpy)$ , (d)  $MnCl_2(4,4'-bpy)$  and (e)  $CuF_2(4,4'-bpy)$  during the discharge.

**Table S3.** Comparison of the lattice parameters of  $TMF_3(4,4'-bpy)$  (TM=Fe, V, Mn) and  $TMCl_2(4,4'-bpy)$  (TM=Fe, Mn) and the bond lengths of TM-F/Cl/N that were calculated by DFT and DFT+U.

Matariala	Method	Lattice parameters				Bond length/Å	
Materials		a/Å	b/Å	c/Å	$\alpha = \beta = \gamma / \circ$	TM-F/Cl	TM-N
	DFT+ $U$ ( $U_{\rm eff}$ = 3.9)	3.924	10.540	11.402	90	1.892	2.170
FeF <sub>3</sub> (4,4'-bpy)	DFT	3.927	10.545	11.406	90	1.891	2.172
	Experiment <sup>1</sup>	3.890	10.799	11.395	90	1.859	2.160
	DFT+ $U$ ( $U_{\rm eff}$ = 3.9)	11.983	11.114	3.425	90	2.318	1.975
FeCl <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-bpy)	DFT	11.976	11.114	3.422	90	2.318	1.975
	Experiment <sup>2</sup>	11.929	11.447	3.638	90	2.504	2.184
	DFT+ $U$ ( $U_{\rm eff}$ = 3.3)	3.859	10.656	11.313	90	1.877	2.115
VF <sub>3</sub> (4,4'-bpy)	DFT	3.858	10.648	11.315	90	1.877	2.116
	Experiment <sup>3</sup>	3.797	10.769	11.312	90	1.841	2.128
	DFT+ $U$ ( $U_{\rm eff}$ = 4.6)	10.483	11.415	3.941	90	1.834	2.175
MnF <sub>3</sub> (4,4'-bpy)	DFT	10.474	11.412	3.943	90	1.835	2.174
	Experiment <sup>4</sup>	10.703	11.383	3.941	90	1.793	2.160
MnCl <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-bpy)	DFT+ $U$ ( $U_{\rm eff}$ = 4.6)	11.581	11.878	3.612	90	2.536	2.237
	DFT	11.202	11.884	3.377	90	2.331	2.018
	Experiment <sup>5</sup>	11.641	11.955	3.678	90	2.552	2.276