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## **Supporting information**

Enabling a compatible Li/garnet interface via a multifunctional additive of sulfur

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Fig. S1 XRD pattern of the synthesized LLZTO electrolyte.



Fig. S2 Cross-section FESEM image of the LLZTO electrolyte.



Fig. S3 The surface FESEM images of (a) LS5 and (b) LS20.



Fig. S4 (a, b) FESEM images of the cross-section of the LS10 electrode and the corresponding EDS mapping analysis on the different marked areas in the LS10|LLZTO|LS10 symmetric cell.



Fig. S5 Calculated mutual reaction energy between  $Li_2S$ /pure Li and garnet LLZO electrolyte.



Fig. S6 EIS plots of the LS10|LLZTO|LS10 symmetric cell after different cycles.



Fig. S7 The cross-sectional FESEM image of the LS10|LLZTO|LS10 symmetric cell after cycling at the current density of 0.2 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>: (a) low magnification and (b) high magnification.



Fig. S8 Cycling performance of the LS10|LLZTO|LS10 symmetric cell at the current density of 0.2 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> and capacity of 1 mAh cm<sup>-2</sup>.



Fig. S9 Galvanostatic Li plating/stripping curves of symmetric Li|LLZTO|Li cells at room temperature.



Fig. S10 Enlarged Li plating/stripping curves of symmetric LS10|LLZTO|LS10 cells at different current densities.



Fig. S11 Schematic illustration of the charge transfer at the interface for the Li|LLZTO|Li symmetric cell.



Fig. S12 (a) Stepped rate-capability of the fabricated Li|LLZTO|LiFePO<sub>4</sub> cell and (b) the corresponding charge/discharge curves at the different current densities.



Fig. S13 Discharge/charge curves of the LS10|LLZTO|LiFePO<sub>4</sub> cell at the different current densities.

Reactants	Ratio of LLZO	Mutual reaction energy(eV/atom )	Phase equilibria
LLZO+Li <sub>2</sub> S	100%	0	$Li_7La_3Zr_2O_{12}$
	40%	-0.00038	La <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> ,Li <sub>2</sub> O,Li <sub>6</sub> Zr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub>
	0%	0	Li <sub>2</sub> S
LLZO+Li	100%	0	$Li_7La_3Zr_2O_{12}$
	12.5%	-0.006	Li <sub>2</sub> O,La <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ,Zr <sub>4</sub> O
	0%	0	Li

Table S1 The detailed first-principles calculation results