Synergistically enhancing stable interface with soft gel and garnet-type Li_{6.4}La₃Zr_{1.4}Ta_{0.6}O₁₂ bi-functional composite electrolyte of lithium metal batteries

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Fig. S1. SEM images of (a) glass fiber; (b) ceramic-rich layer; (c) gel-rich layer.



Fig. S2. Digital photographs of (a) glass fiber; (b) ceramic-rich layer; (c) gel-rich layer.



Fig. S3. Cross-section of As-THCE-10%LLZTO.



Fig. S4. SEM of images Li metal surface obtained from (a) Li||As-THCE-10%LLZTO||LEP; and (b) FEC-Li||As-THCE-10%LLZTO||LEP cells after 100 cycles.



Fig. S5. (a) The cycle performance of LFP||As-THCE-10%LLZTO||Li-FEC cell at 0.2 C at 50 °C; (b) Charge-discharge curves at 0.2 C of LFP||As-THCE-10%LLZTO||Li-FEC cell at 50 °C



Fig. S6. Nyquist plots of LFP||As-THCE-10%LLZTO||Li-FEC before cycling, after 100 cycles, 280cycles.



Fig. S7. XPS profiles of LFP obtained from (a) LFP||As-THCE-10%LLZTO||Li and (b) LFP||As-THCE-10%LLZTO||Li-FEC cells.

| Sample | As-THCE- | As-THCE- | As-THCE- | As-THCE- |
|----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 5%LLZTO | 10%LLZTO | 15%LLZTO | 20%LLZTO |
| Ea (kJ·mol ⁻¹) | 7.8 | 6.978 | 7.976 | 8.239 |
| Ea (eV) | 0.081 | 0.072 | 0.083 | 0.086 |

Tab. S1. Comparison of Ea of different samples

| CPEs | Cell | Rate performance | Cycling | Ref. |
|--|---------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | | | stability | |
| PEO-LiTFSI-ACN-LLZTO | Li LEP | 0.1 C,99.1 mAh g ⁻¹ | 82.4%/200 th @25 | 1 |
| | | | °C | |
| TPGDA-LiPF ₆ -EC-DMC- | Li NCM | 149.1 mAh g ⁻¹ | 83.5%/100 th @25 | 2 |
| EMC-LLZAO | | | °C | |
| PEO-PAN-LiTFSI-LLZTO | Li LEP | 0.2 C,159.9 mAh g ⁻¹ | 96%/90 th | 3 |
| | | | | |
| TPGDA- VEImNTF ₂ - LiPF ₆ -EC- | Li LEP | 0.5 C | 300 th @25 °C | 4 |
| DMC-EMC-LLZTO | | | | |
| AHPAA-PEO-LiTFSI | Li LEP | 0.5 C | 84%/2000 th | 5 |
| | | | | |
| TMPTMA-HDDA-N _{1,4,4,4} TFSI- | Li LEP | 2 C, 111.6 mAh g ⁻¹ | 84.73%/500 th @25 | This work |
| LiTFSI-DMC-LLZTO | | | °C | |

Tab. S2. Electrochemical performance comparison of the asymmetric electrolytes.

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