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Ultra-Stable Solid-State Lithium Metal Batteries with Ferroelectric Oxide-Enhanced PVDF-Based Hybrid Solid Electrolytes

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Fig. S1 X-ray diffraction (XRD) analysis of (a) Ga/Nb-LLZO and (b) BTO inorganic nanoparticle.



Fig. S2 SEM images of pre-mixed Ga/Nb-LLZO and BTO inorganic nanoparticle



Fig. S3 Top-view SEM images of the (a, d) PVDF, (b, e) PLO and (c, f) PLBO membranes.



Fig. S4 AFM image and height profile (inset) of the (a) PLO and (b) PVDF membranes.



Fig. S5 cross-sectional SEM images of the (a) PVDF, (b) PLO and (c) PLBO membranes.



Fig. S6 FT-IR spectra of the PVDF, PLO and PLBO membranes in the range of (a) 1550-1750 cm⁻¹ and (b) 700-800 cm⁻¹.



Fig. S7 Ionic conductivities of different ratio inorganic nanoparticle SPEs at 25 °C.



Fig. S8 EIS at different temperatures of stainless steel sheet symmetrical cells with different ratio inorganic nanoparticle SPEs



Fig. S9 The t_{Li+} of (a) Li||PVDF||Li, (b) Li||PLO||Li and (c) Li||PLBO||Li symmetrical cells and the electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) before and after dc polarization (inset). Raman spectra of the PVDF (d), PLO (e) and PLBO (f) electrolytes and corresponding quantification results of the FSI⁻ anion states in the electrolytes (g-i). CIP, contact ion pairs; AGGs, aggregate clusters.

Note 1: Raman spectra was exploited to examine the FSI⁻ anion states. From Fig. S9d-i, the content of free FSI⁻, contact ion pairs and aggregate clusters in PVDF are 28%, 54% and 18%, respectively, while the corresponding values for PLBO are 76%, 15% and 9%, respectively. Introduction of BTO induces a higher concentration of free FSI⁻, indicating the formation of more movable Li⁺ owing to the notable dissociation of Li salt activated by BTO.



Fig. S10 EIS of Li/Li symmetric cells using PVDF, PLO and PLBO electrolytes.



Fig. S11 EIS of solid-state NCM811||PLBO||Li, NCM811||PLO||Li and NCM811||PVDF||Li cells before cycle at 25 °C.



Fig. S12 Cycle performance of liquid NCM811||Li cell at (a) 0.5 C and (b) 1 C under 25 °C.



Fig. S13 XPS spectra of (a) Li 1s, (b) F 1s, and (c) S 2p of the interface layers on the Li electrodes before and after cycling. XPS spectra of (d) C 1s, (b) F 1s, and (c) Li 1s of the interface layers on the NCM 811 electrodes before and after cycling.

Note 2: The XPS analysis on the anode and cathode before and after cycling were performed to investigate the characteristics of the SEI and CEI formed on their surfaces. **Fig. S13 (a-c)** show the comparison of the lithium anode before and after cycling. According to the XPS spectra, the SEI layer formed after cycling primarily consists of LiF, Li₂CO₃, Li₂SO_x, and decomposition fragments of PVDF. New peaks for LiF appear in both the Li 1s and F 1s spectra, which is beneficial for interfacial stability and battery performance. The LiF may originate from

the dehydrogenation of the PVDF chains or the decomposition of LiFSI. Species such as SO₂F⁻ are formed due to the decomposition of LiFSI, releasing additional F⁻ to form LiF. **Fig. 13 (d-f)** show the comparison of the cathode before and after cycling. According to the XPS spectra, the CEI layer formed after cycling mainly consists of LiF, Li₂CO₃, LiOH, C-F, Li₃N, and decomposition fragments of PVDF. The generated C-F peak confirms the occurrence of the dehydrofluorination phenomenon of PVDF. The production of LiF results from the reaction between lithium ions and fluorine during cycling, which helps prevent further degradation of the electrolyte. A robust CEI is conducive to the intimate coupling of solid electrolytes with electrode materials, maintaining the interfacial and structural stability of the NCM811 cathode.



Fig. S14 (a) Rate performance of the LFP||Li solid-state batteries. (b) Cycling stability of the LFP||Li solid-state batteries at 0.5 C under 25 °C. (c) Charge/discharge curves of LFP||Li solid-state battery at 2 C. (d) EIS of solid-state LFP||Li cells before cycle at 25 °C. (e) CV measurements of LFP ||PLBO||Li solid-state battery at a scan rate of 0.05 mV s⁻¹. (f) Charge/discharge curves at different cycles of LFP||PLBO||Li solid-state battery.



Fig. S15 Cycling stability of the LFP||Li solid-state batteries at 0.5 C under 25 °C.



Fig. S16 Cycling stability of the LFP||Li solid-state batteries at (a) 1 C and (b) 2 C at 25 °C.

Solid state electrolyte	cell	Temperatur e (°C)	Rate (C)	Cycle number	Capacity after cycling (mA h g ⁻¹)	capacity retention (%)	Ref.
PVDF-LLZTO	LiCoO ₂	25	0.4	120	147	98	1
PVDF-PCILs-	LFP	25	0.5	1000	140	88.5	2
LZSP	NCM811	25	0.1	200	160	81.4	2
PVDF-LLTO nanofibers	LFP	25	1	100	121	99	3
PVDF-SiO ₂	NCM811	25	0.5	300	173	67.5	4
PVDF-g-C ₃ N ₄ nanosheets	NCM811	25	1	1700	112	76.6	5
PVDF-b-PTFE	LFP	25	1	1000	125	92	- 6
(PVT)- CuPcLi	NCM622	25	1	300	124	88	
PVDF-Li ₄ Ti ₅ O ₁₂	LFP	35	0.5	250	150	99.7	7
PVDF- LiTaO ₃	NCM811	25	2	740	99.3	68.3	8
PVDF-LPPO	NCM811	25	1	1550	80	70.9	9
PVDF-NaNbO ₃	NCM811	25	2	2200	56	60	10
PVDF- BaTiO ₃ - Li _{0.33} La _{0.56} TiO _{3-x}	NCM811	25	1	1500	91	57.1	11
PVDF- HFP/La ₂ O ₃	LFP	25	0.4	180	97	83	12
(PVDF)- LiN(SO ₂ F) ₂	LFP	28	1	350	79.7	100	13
PVDF-LLZO- BaTiO ₃ (noted as PLBO)	LFP	25	1	500	119.5	92	
			2	1000	80.1	70	Our
	NCM811	25	0.5	200	101	80.7	work
			2	700	73	81	

 Table S1. Performance of solid-state batteries using CSEs.

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