

### Decoupling Mechanical and Interfacial Failure in Silicon Anodes via a Rigid-Flexible Binder Design for High-Energy-Density Lithium-Ion Batteries

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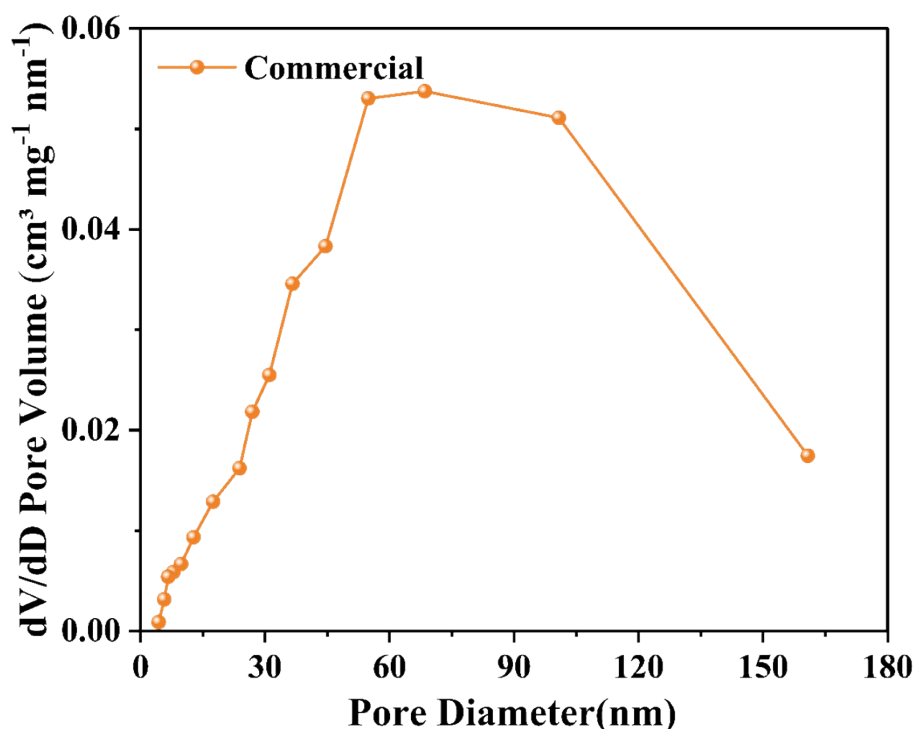


Fig. S1 Pore size distributions of pristine Si NPs.

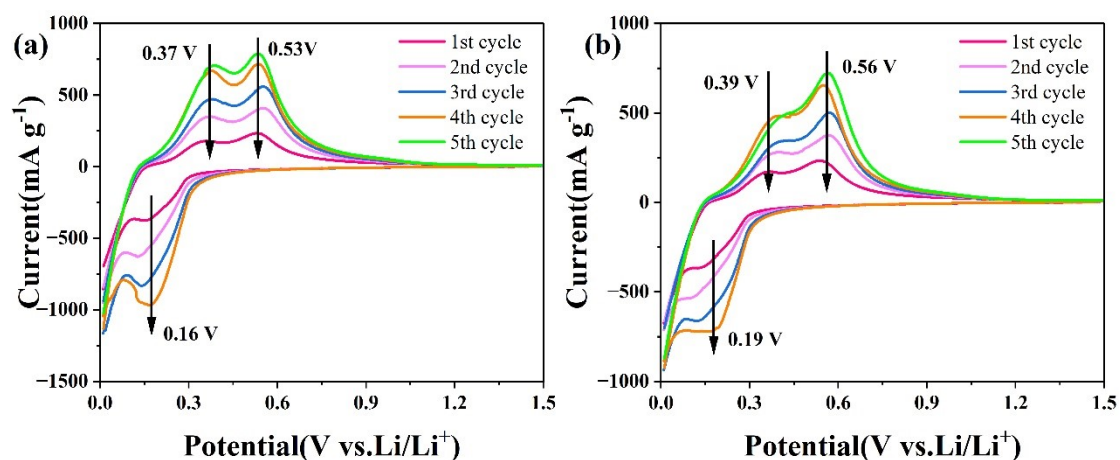
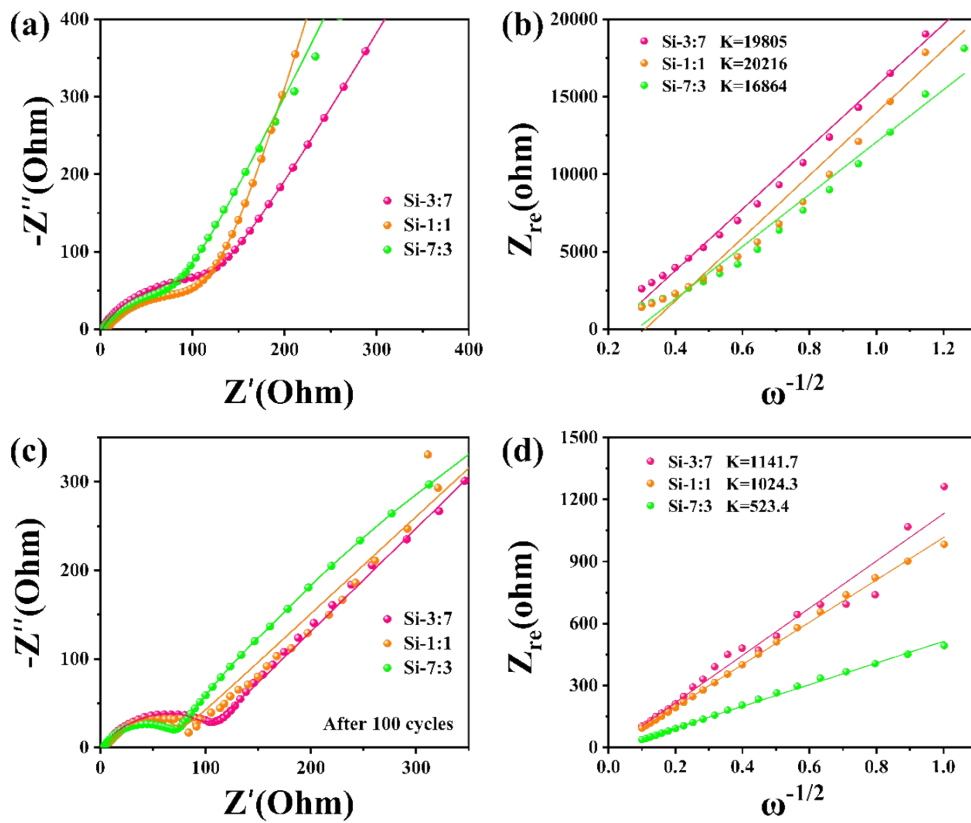
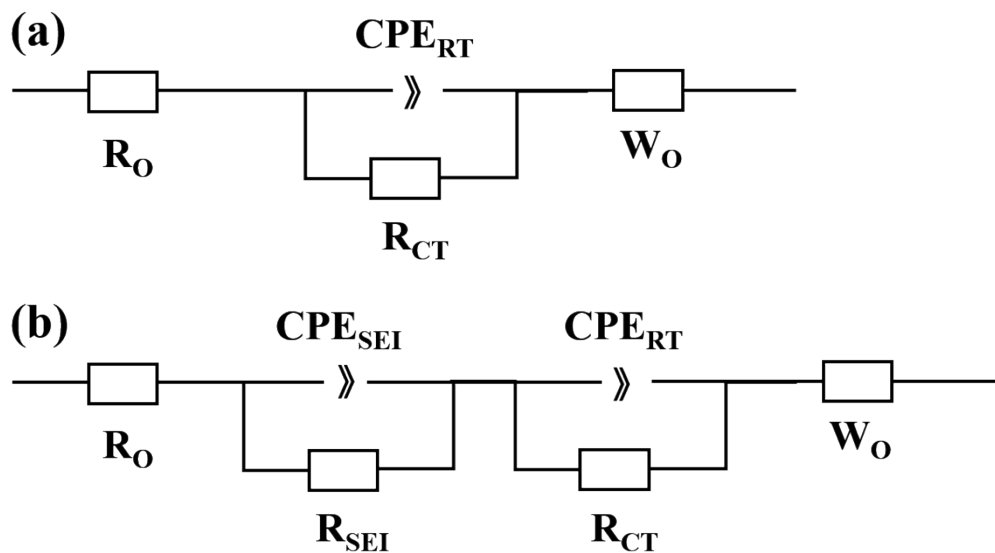


Fig. S2 (a) CV curves at  $0.1 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$  of Si-3:7 anode, (b) CV curves at  $0.1 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$  of Si-1:1 anode.



**Fig. S3** Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy analysis of the Si-3:7, Si-1:1, and Si-7:3 electrodes. (a) Nyquist plots and (b) the linear relationship between  $Z_{re}$  and  $\omega^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  in the low-frequency region before cycling. (c) Nyquist plots and (d) the corresponding linear fitting of  $Z_{re}$  and  $\omega^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  after 100 cycles.



**Fig. S4** (a) The analog circuit for Nyquist plots before cycling. (b) The analog circuit for Nyquist plots after cycling.

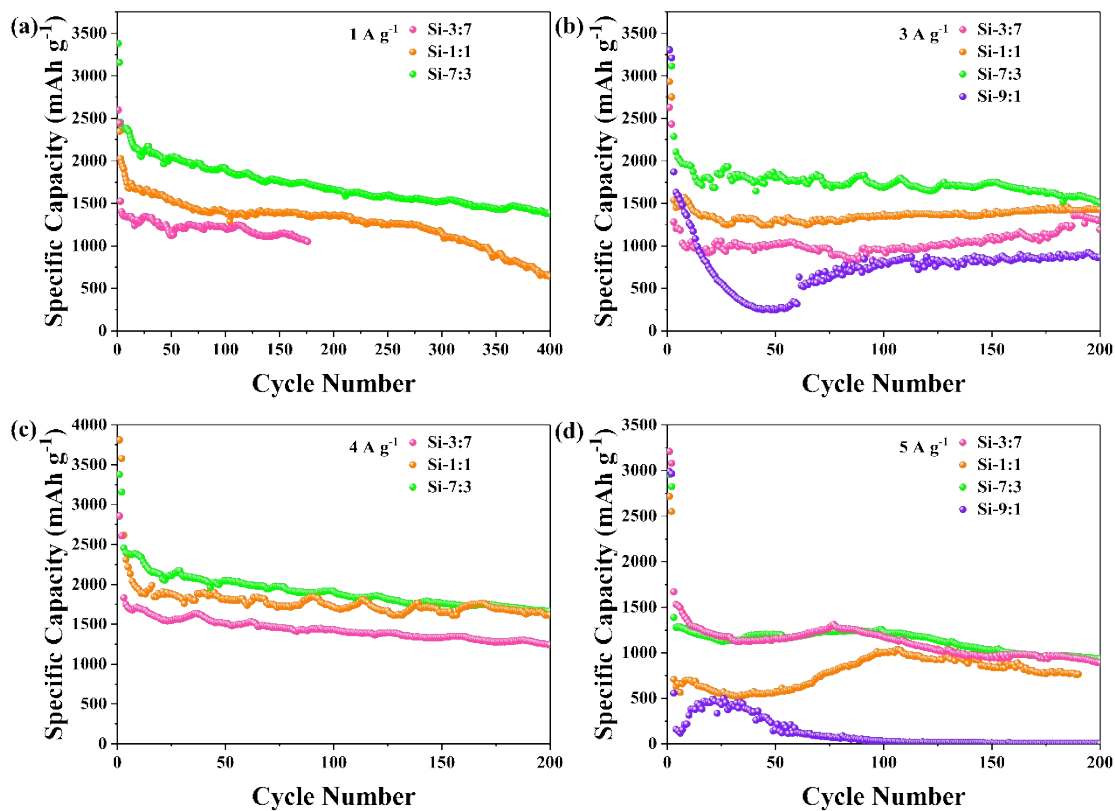


Fig. S5 (a-d) Cycling performances at 1A g<sup>-1</sup>, 3A g<sup>-1</sup>, 4A g<sup>-1</sup> and 5A g<sup>-1</sup> of Si-3:7, Si-1:1, Si-7:3 and Si-9:1 anode.

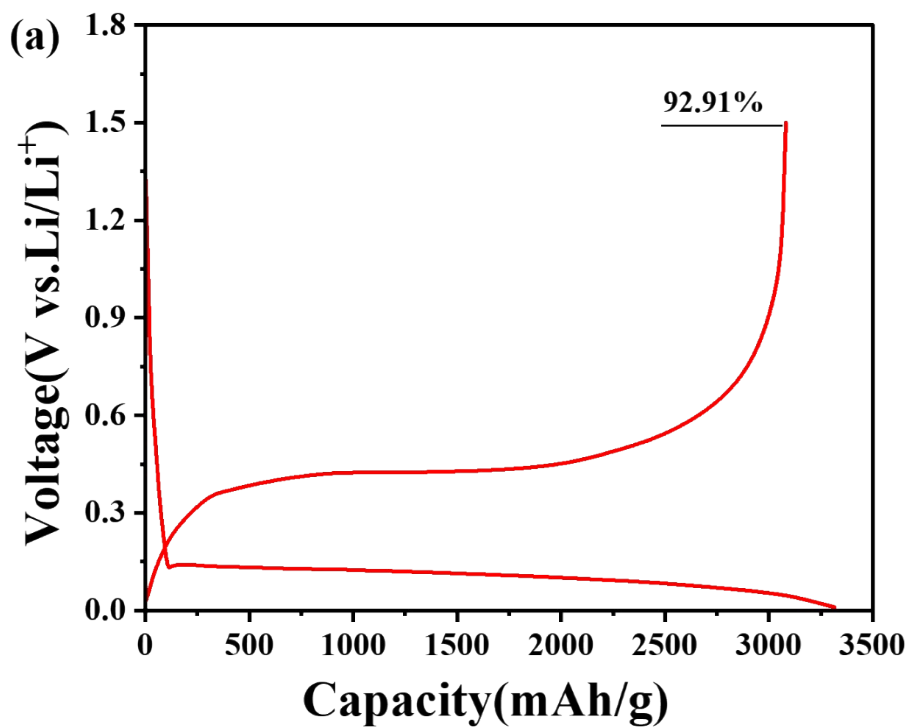
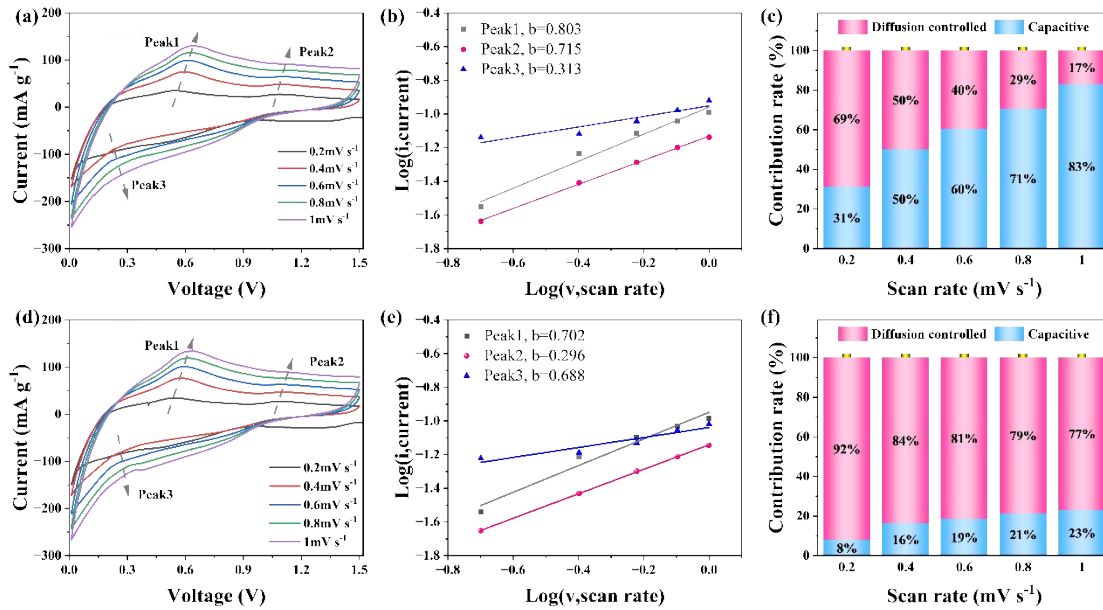


Fig. S6 (a) The initial charge–discharge curves of the Si-7:3 electrodes at 0.1A g<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S7** (a, d) CV curves of Si-1:1, Si-3:7 electrode under different scan rates from 0.2 to 1.0  $\text{mV s}^{-1}$ . (b, e) Corresponding plots of  $\log(i)$  versus  $\log(v)$  for the cathodic and anodic peaks. (c, f) Normalized contribution ratio of capacitive-controlled and diffusion-controlled processes at different scan rates for the Si-1:1 and Si-3:7.

**Table S1** The peak area compositions of the C 1s spectrum.

|        | $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ | C=O    | C-O    | C-C    | Total |
|--------|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Si-3:7 | 1.62%                    | 11.59% | 11.29% | 75.5%  | 100%  |
| Si-1:1 | 1.47%                    | 11.76% | 14.44% | 72.33% | 100%  |
| Si-7:3 | 1.4%                     | 11.21% | 14.59% | 72.8%  | 100%  |

**Table S2.** Detailed electrochemical conditions and performance metrics of the literature reports used for comparison in Fig. 4h, including cycle number, current density, and remaining specific capacity, together with the data from this work.

| References | Cycle Number | Current density ( $\text{A g}^{-1}$ ) | Remaining specific capacity ( $\text{mAh g}^{-1}$ ) |
|------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Ref.S1     | 150          | 0.5                                   | 1000  |
| Ref.S2     | 100          | 0.1                                   | 1250  |
| Ref.S3     | 100          | 0.1                                   | 300   |
| Ref.S4     | 200          | 0.2                                   | 230   |
| Ref.S5     | 200          | 0.5                                   | 1500  |
| Ref.S6     | 200          | 0.2                                   | 750   |
| Ref.S7     | 100          | 1                                     | 900   |
| Ref.S8     | 200          | 1                                     | 450   |
| Ref.S9     | 200          | 0.5                                   | 520   |
| Ref.S10    | 200          | 4                                     | 500   |
| This work  | 200          | 2                                     | 1875.3  |

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