



Flexible, high-voltage, ion-conducting composite membranes with 3D aramid nanofiber frameworks for stable all-solid-state lithium metal batteries

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ABSTRACT The practical application of solid polymer electrolytes in high-energy Li metal batteries is hindered by Li dendrites, electrochemical instability and insufficient ion conductance. To address these issues, flexible composite polymer electrolyte (CPE) membranes with three dimensional (3D) aramid nanofiber (ANF) frameworks are facilely fabricated by filling polyethylene oxide (PEO)-lithium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl)imide (LiTFSI) electrolyte into 3D ANF scaffolds. Because of the unique composite structure design and the continuous ion conduction at the 3D ANF framework/PEO-LiTFSI interfaces, the CPE membranes show higher mechanical strength (10.0 MPa), thermostability, electrochemical stability (4.6 V at 60°C) and ionic conductivity than the pristine PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte. Thus, the CPEs display greatly improved interfacial stability against Li dendrites (≥ 1000 h at 30°C under 0.10 mA cm^{-2}), compared with the pristine electrolyte (short circuit in 13 h). The CPE-based all-solid-state $\text{LiFePO}_4/\text{Li}$ cells also exhibit superior cycling performance (e.g., 130 mA h g^{-1} with 93% retention after 100 cycles at 0.4 C) than the ANF-free cells (e.g., 82 mA h g^{-1} with 66% retention). This work offers a simple and effective way to achieve high-performance composite electrolyte membranes with 3D nanofiller framework for promising solid-state Li metal battery applications.

Keywords: composite electrolyte, aramid nanofiber, three-dimensional scaffold, mechanical stability, Li metal battery

INTRODUCTION

Lithium-ion batteries (LIBs) are widely applied in many areas such as portable devices and electric vehicles [1,2]. The further utilization of Li metal anodes with high ca-

capacity (3860 mA h g^{-1}) and low reduction potential ($-3.04 \text{ V vs. standard hydrogen electrode}$) offers a major way to obtain high-energy-density LIBs [3,4]. However, the Li dendrite formation/growth results in serious safety risks such as overheating and short circuit [5,6]. Additionally, the commonly used organic liquid electrolytes with high flammability, narrow electrochemical window and more side reactions aggravate the safety issues [7,8].

Fabricating all-solid-state Li metal batteries with solid-state electrolytes (SSEs) instead of the liquid ones is expected to tackle the aforementioned issues for better safety and higher energy density [4,9]. Solid polymer electrolytes (SPEs) based on polymer matrices and Li salts are promising SSEs in all-solid-state batteries, because of their low density, high flexibility, good film-formation ability, easy fabrication, excellent interfacial compatibility with electrodes, and low cost [10]. Compared with other polymers, polyethylene oxide (PEO) has good capacity of dissolving Li salts and relatively high ion conductivity, and thus is regarded as one of the most important polymer matrices for SPEs [11]. Unfortunately, the SPEs with insufficient mechanical strength suffer from the penetration of Li dendrites especially under high current densities [3,5,12]. Li^+ ions can move in the free volume of the polymer matrices by inter/intra-chain hopping, but the high crystallization of the polymer matrices causes the low ionic conductivity (10^{-8} – $10^{-6} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$) of the SPEs at ambient temperature, due to the slow-down dynamics of the polymer chains [5,13,14]. With the increasing ionic conductance at elevating temperatures, the SPEs lose mechanical strength and dimensional stability in the molten state [5,15]. Besides, the low oxidation potential of

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the SPEs impedes their practical applications in high-energy batteries [4,16,17]. Thus, it is necessary to comprehensively improve the SPE properties for better Li metal battery performance.

Recently tremendous effort has been focused on preparing composite polymer electrolytes (CPEs) by adding inorganic nanofillers into the polymer matrices to enhance the mechanical properties, electrochemical stability and ionic conductivity [18–25]. Nevertheless, it is difficult to greatly increase the mechanical strength by using the nanofillers for commercial applications due to the failure of forming interconnected reinforcements [3,26]. Moreover, the room-temperature ion conductivity cannot be greatly improved, because of the low dispersity of the high-surface-area nanofillers, poor interactions between the nanofiller and the electrolyte matrices, and short ion transport pathways between the nanofiller/polymer-Li salt interfaces [13,25,27–29]. To address these issues, constructing special CPEs by filling the SPEs in porous inorganic films as three-dimensional (3D) scaffolds has been reported to significantly enhance the thermal stability, electrochemical window and ionic conductivity [30–36]; however, there are few reports on the mechanical properties of these CPEs and the cycling performance of the CPE-based all-solid-state batteries, possibly due to the high stiffness/brittleness of the ceramic scaffolds. The preparation of the 3D inorganic scaffolds by electrospinning [30–32,37,38], hydrogel [35,36], aerogel [26] and template [39] approaches is also not suitable for large-scale electrolyte film production, due to the complicated and time-consuming processes [3]. Using commercial polypropylene (PP) separators instead of the inorganic scaffolds can improve the flexibility and mechanical strength of the CPEs to effectively hinder the Li dendrite growth; however, the 3D PP scaffold-based CPEs exhibit low thermostability and ionic conductivity [40]. In this regard, it is of significance to exploit simple, inexpensive and scalable methods to prepare appropriate 3D scaffolds for desirable CPEs with high flexibility, mechanical strength, thermostability, electrochemical stability and ionic conductivity.

Aramid fibers comprised of poly(*p*-phenylene terephthalamide) (PPTA) have been widely utilized to fabricate high-strength products including body armors, thanks to their outstanding characteristics such as abundant amide groups, high mechanical tensile strength (up to 3.8 GPa), light weight, large aspect ratio, high thermal decomposition temperature (500°C), and low electro-conductivity [41,42]. Since the discovery of stable aramid nanofiber (ANF) dispersions by Kotov group [43],

more and more studies focused on the fabrication of the 1D ANF-containing nanocomposites for versatile applications [44–46]. ANF/PEO [47] and ANF/PP [48] nanocomposite films with high mechanical strength and Li⁺ ion conductivity have been prepared as separators in the traditional organic liquid electrolyte-based LIBs, because of the effective prevention of Li dendrites [47,48], and the inhibition of the PEO crystallization by the hydrogen bond interactions between the ANFs and PEO [47]. As another aromatic polyamide with meta-type benzeneamide linkages in its skeletal chain, poly(*m*-phenylene isophthalamide) (PMIA) has also been prepared as separators with great improvements in thermostability and electrochemical stability [49]. We have fabricated 3D porous ANF films with high mechanical, thermal and chemical stabilities by spin coating of the ANF dispersion [41], and different nanocomposite films of ANF/Au (Ag) [42,50] and ANF/polyaniline (PANi) [51] with 3D ANF frameworks by filling Au (Ag) nanoparticles and PANi into the 3D porous ANF films, respectively. Thus, porous ANF films can be facilely fabricated and further utilized as attractive 3D scaffolds to acquire high-performance CPE membranes for Li metal batteries, while it has not yet fully elucidated in the literature.

Here, a facile, low-cost and scalable method is developed to prepare 3D porous ANF films by scraper coating of the ANF dispersion and subsequent drying (Fig. 1a), with the assistance of the hydrogen bond interactions between the amide groups in the ANFs (Fig. 1b). 3D ANF scaffold-supported CPE membranes were then fabricated by filling PEO-lithium bis(trifluoromethylsulfonyl) imide (LiTFSI) electrolyte into the porous ANF films *via* vacuum filtration or dripping (Fig. 1a). Owing to the high-strength 3D ANF networks, the CPE membranes were expected to show high flexibility, mechanical strength, thermostability and electrochemical stability. The hydrogen bond interactions between the ANFs, the PEO and TFSI⁻ would inhibit the PEO crystallization, weaken the ion-dipole or coordination interaction between PEO and Li⁺ cations and facilitate the LiTFSI dissociation (Fig. 1c), and thereby lead to continuous Li⁺ ion transport pathways at the 3D ANF framework/PEO-LiTFSI interfaces (Fig. 1d).

As demonstrated by various characterizations such as scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS), the 3D ANF framework-based CPE membranes display greatly enhanced mechanical properties, thermostability, electrochemical stability and Li⁺ ion conductivity, and therefore exhibit significantly improved interfacial resistance against Li

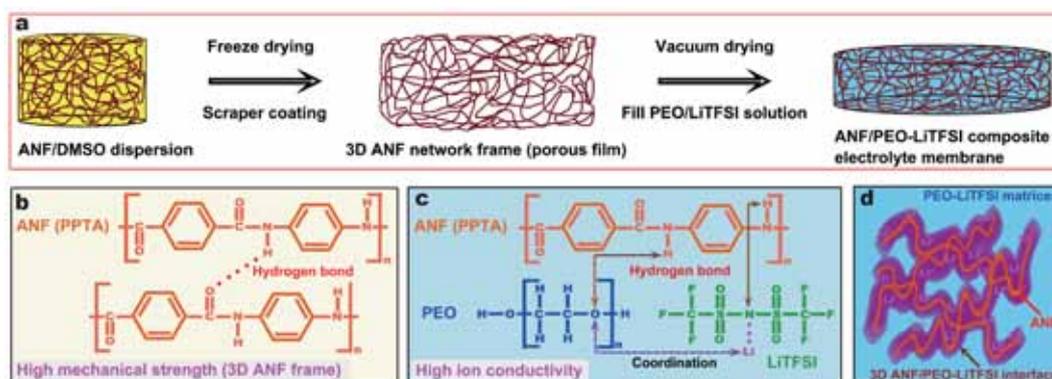


Figure 1 (a) Schematic illustration of the preparation of ANF/PEO-LiTFSI composite electrolyte membranes. (b) The hydrogen bond interaction between the amide groups of the ANFs. (c) The interactions between the ANF, PEO and LiTFSI. (d) The structure of the ANF framework-supported PEO-LiTFSI electrolytes.

dendrites (Tables S1–4). Additionally, the CPE-based all-solid-state $\text{LiFePO}_4/\text{Li}$ cells show superior cycling performance than the pristine PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte-based cell and even other CPE-based cells reported recently (Table S5). Hence, this work offers a facile and effective way to fabricate high-performance composite electrolytes with 3D scaffold design for potential Li metal battery applications.

EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Preparation of ANF/PEO-LiTFSI CPE membranes

The ANF dispersion was synthesized by modifying our previously reported method [41,42,50]. Specifically, 200.0 g of dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO), 1.0 g of KOH and 2.0 g of bulk Kevlar 69 were put in a glass bottle with a cap for sealing, and vigorously stirred for 4 weeks until complete dissolution of the microfibrils. To prepare 3D porous ANF films, the ANF/DMSO dispersion was coated on clean glass slides by a scraper, immersed in deionized water for three times and then a mixture solution of water and isopropanol (1:1, v/v), and finally freeze dried for at least 12 h until complete desiccation. The mixture solution of PEO and LiTFSI was prepared by dissolving 1.83 g of PEO (molecule weight: 400,000) and 0.66 g of LiTFSI in 30 mL acetonitrile at 60°C for 6 h. This solution concentration was optimized to effectively fill the pores of the porous ANF films (Fig. S1). The ANF/PEO-LiTFSI CPE membranes with different ANF contents of 7.7 and 10.9 wt% were fabricated by filling the PEO/LiTFSI/acetonitrile solution in the porous ANF films by vacuum filtration and dripping, respectively, and then dried in vacuum condition at 40°C for 24 h. The CPEs prepared by vacuum filtration and dripping were

represented as ANF/PEO-FF and ANF/PEO-DF, respectively. The PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte film was obtained by dropping the PEO/LiTFSI/acetonitrile solution with 0.92 g of PEO and 0.33 g of LiTFSI in a Teflon plate and then desiccated at 40°C for 24 h in vacuum condition. All the films were stored in an argon-filled glove box for at least 3 days before different characterizations.

Characterizations

The crystal structure of the electrolyte films were detected by a Bruker D8 Focus X-ray diffraction (XRD) analyzer (Cu K α radiation, $\lambda=0.154$ nm). The microstructure and morphology of the ANFs and electrolytes were characterized by an FEI F20 transmission electron microscope (TEM) and a Hitachi SU8010 scanning electron microscope (SEM) coupled with an energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS). The applied voltages for taking SEM and EDS images were 3.0 and 20.0 kV, respectively. A PerkinElmer Frontier Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy analyzer was used to obtain the FTIR absorbance spectra of the electrolyte films. A GOTTECH AI-7000-ST mechanical tester was applied to measure the mechanical tensile properties of the electrolyte films with a speed of 2 mm min^{-1} . The thermal stability of the electrolytes was tested by using a D840TA Q500 thermogravimetric analyzer (TGA) in argon flow with a heating speed of 10°C min^{-1} .

Electrochemical measurements

The cells with different configurations of stainless steel (SS)/SPE/SS, Li/SPE/SS, Li/SPE/Li and $\text{LiFePO}_4/\text{SPE}/\text{Li}$ were assembled in an argon-filled glove box for various electrochemical measurements. The LiFePO_4 cathodes with a mass loading of ~ 2.0 mg cm^{-2} were prepared by

scraper coating of a mixture slurry of LiFePO_4 , poly(vinylidene fluoride) (PVDF), carbon black and carbon nanotube (8:1:0.97:0.03, wt/wt) on clean Al foils and followed by vacuum desiccation at 60°C for 24 h. Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) measurements were conducted in a CHI660E electrochemical workstation with a scanning rate of 1 mV s^{-1} . A Zahner Zennium electrochemical workstation was utilized to obtain the electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) in a frequency range of $10^6\text{--}10^{-2}\text{ Hz}$. The ionic conductivity (σ) of the electrolytes was calculated based on the equation: $\sigma=L/SR$, where R , L and S were the resistance, thickness and surface area of the electrolyte films, respectively [38]. The cells were kept at each measurement temperature ($30\text{--}80^\circ\text{C}$) for 1.0 h for thermal equilibrium prior to the EIS measurements. Li^+ ion transference number (t_{Li^+}) of the electrolytes was obtained by the combined measurements of EIS and chronoamperometry (CA) of the Li/SPE/Li cells at 80°C . t_{Li^+} was calculated by using the classic equation: $t_{\text{Li}^+}=I^s$

$(\Delta V-I^0R_i^0)/I^0(\Delta V-I^sR_i^s)$, where I^0 and I^s were the currents at the initial and steady states, respectively, ΔV was the applied direct current (DC) polarization potential of 10 mV, and R_i^0 and R_i^s were the electrolyte/Li metal interface resistances at the initial and steady states, respectively [11,52]. Galvanostatic charge-discharge tests were conducted in a Land LANHE CT2001A multi-channel battery tester between 2.5–3.8 V under various operation temperatures and C rates ($1\text{ C} = 170\text{ mA h g}^{-1}$).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Morphology and microstructure

The ANF dispersion is viscous and dark red after the complete dissolution of the microscale Kevlar fibers in DMSO (Fig. 2a). The ultra-long ANFs have a small mean diameter of $\sim 15\text{ nm}$, with a high aspect ratio (Fig. 2c). The ANFs were then employed to prepare 3D porous ANF films by the conventional blade coating technology

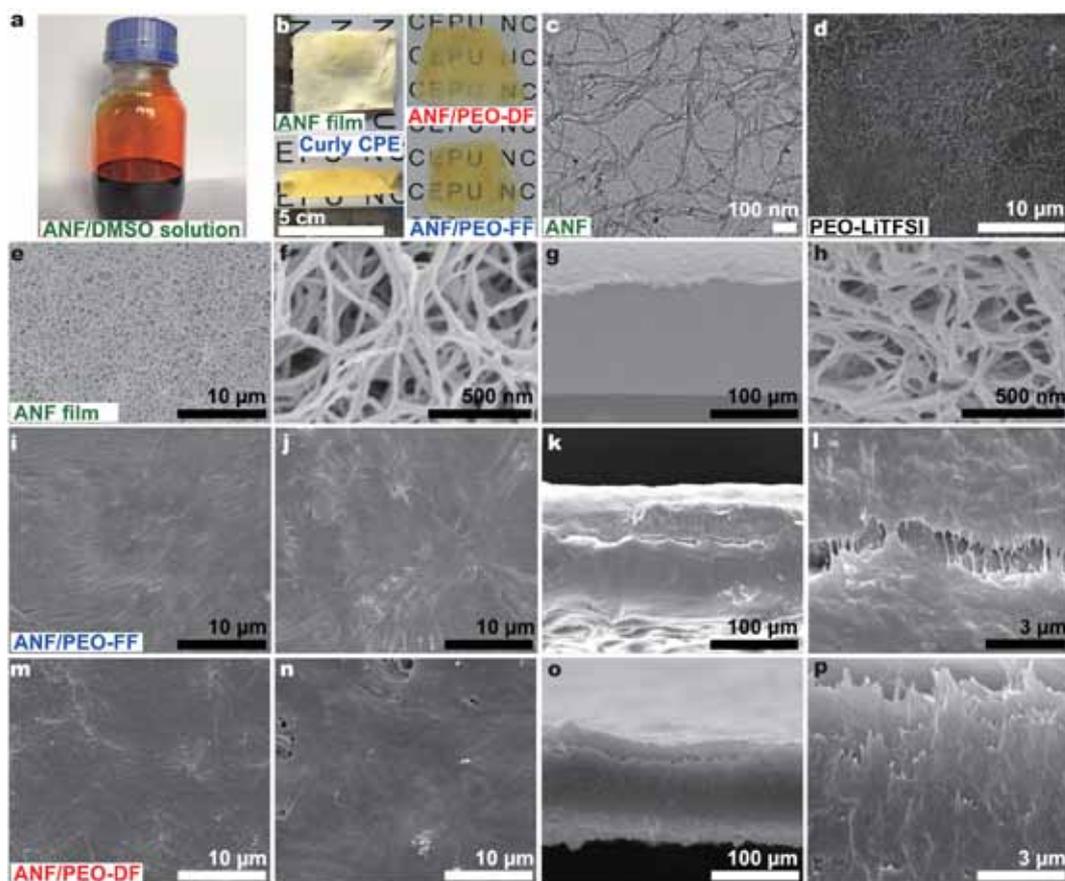


Figure 2 Optical images of (a) the ANF/DMSO solution, and (b) the 3D porous ANF film and the ANF/PEO-DF and ANF/PEO-FF composite electrolyte membranes. (c) TEM image of the ANFs. (d) Surfacial SEM image of the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte film. (e, f) Surfacial and (g, h) cross-sectional SEM images of the 3D porous ANF film. (i) Top-view, (j) back-view, and (k, l) cross-sectional SEM images of the ANF/PEO-FF CPE membrane. (m) Top-view, (n) back-view, and (o, p) cross-sectional SEM images of the ANF/PEO-DF CPE membrane.

usually utilized to fabricate battery electrodes (Fig. 2b). The porous ANF films (~129 μm in thickness) are non-transparent with many uniform nano-pores (Fig. 2e–h), due to the strong hydrogen bond interactions between the -NH and -C=O groups in the PPTA chains and the resulting interconnection of the ultralong ANFs [41]. The hydrogen bond interactions also lead to the increasing average diameter (~36 nm) of ANF by merging the adjacent fibers.

After the infiltration of the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte, the ANF films became transparent and the color also changed (Fig. 2b). The obtained CPE membranes can be easily curled around a glass rod without rupture, indicating high flexibility of the CPE films. The mechanical tensile properties will be further discussed in the following. As shown in the SEM images at the top, back and cross section of the CPEs, almost all the void spaces of the 3D porous ANF films are filled by the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte (Fig. 2i–l and m–p). The uniform distribution of the elements such as C, O, N and F in EDS mappings also manifested the effective incorporation of the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte in the 3D ANF scaffold (Fig. S2). The ANF/PEO-FF CPE membrane had a thickness of ~134 μm comparable to that of the 3D porous ANF film but larger than that of the ANF/PEO-DF CPE membrane (~116 μm , Fig. 2g, k and o), due to the effective filling of the polymer electrolyte solution by vacuum filtration. The ANF/PEO-FF and ANF/PEO-DF CPEs showed less wrinkles than the pristine PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte on the surfaces (Fig. 2i, j, m, n and d), implying the effective suppression of the PEO crystallization by the ANF frameworks [53]. We can see a lot of interconnected ANFs inside the CPEs at the cross sections (Fig. 2k, l and o, p), compared with the pristine electrolyte (Fig. S3). Moreover, the ANF/PEO-DF CPE film had a much denser ANF framework with the aggregation of the ANFs than the ANF/PEO-FF CPE film, because of the higher ANF filling content of 10.9 wt% than that of the ANF/PEO-FF CPE film (7.7 wt%). The aggregation phenomenon could be also verified by the diameter change of the ANFs in the ANF/PEO-FF (~62 nm) and ANF/PEO-DF (~73 nm) CPEs. The unique CPE design with various ANF frameworks would have important impacts on the electrolyte properties such as mechanical properties and ionic conductivity.

Electrochemical, mechanical and thermal stabilities

The electrochemical stability of the electrolytes was investigated by LSV measurements of the Li/SPE/SS coin cells. The PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte has oxidation potentials

of around 4.6 and 4.1 V at 30 and 60°C, respectively (Fig. 3a). In comparison, the CPEs with the ANF frameworks exhibited the elevated oxidation potentials of around 5.0 and 4.6 V at 30 and 60°C, respectively, higher than that of the organic liquid and ether-based electrolytes [54]. Previous study has reported the much higher electrochemical stability of the meta-aramid separator than the PP separator [49]. The great improvement of the electrochemical stability of the CPEs should be ascribed to the incorporation of the high-stability ANF frameworks.

The mechanical tensile stress-strain curves of the electrolyte films are shown in Fig. 3b. The pristine PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte membrane showed a low ultimate tensile strength of 0.2 MPa with a tensile strain of 684.3%. In stark contrast, the ANF/PEO-FF CPE membrane showed a much higher ultimate tensile strength of 5.3 MPa with a lower strain of 32.1%, owing to the incorporation of the ANF framework. Further, the ANF/PEO-DF CPE membrane with higher ANF content exhibited the highest ultimate tensile strength of 10.0 MPa. The mechanical strength of the ANF framework-based CPE membranes was comparable to those of the commercial PP/PE separators and much higher than those of other nanoparticle-filled CPEs such as aluminosilicate nanoparticle [52], $\text{Mg}_2\text{B}_2\text{O}_5$ nanowire [55], $\text{g-C}_3\text{N}_4$ nanosheet [56], and 3D PEO-grafted polyimide scaffold [5]. The ANF/PEO-DF and ANF/PEO-FF CPE membranes also exhibited greatly enhanced Young's modulus of 33.4 and 17.0 MPa, which were 83.5 and 42.5 times higher than that of the pristine PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte membrane (0.4 MPa), respectively. The high mechanical strength and flexibility of the ANF framework-based CPE membranes can afford the curliness of the films around the glass rod without destruction (Fig. 2b).

The thermal stability of the electrolyte films was firstly determined by TGA test (Fig. 3c). Because of the integration of the 3D ANF frameworks with high-thermostability [41], the ANF/PEO-FF and ANF/PEO-DF CPEs also have higher decomposition temperatures at around 411 and 420°C than the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte (366°C), respectively. Two different decomposition processes (i.e., slow weight loss at around 90–130°C, and rapid weight loss at around 130–220°C) are in the TGA curves of the ANF/PEO-DF and ANF/PEO-FF electrolytes, in addition to the main decomposition process beginning at ~350°C. The weight loss of ANF/PEO-FF electrolyte is much more than that of the ANF/PEO-DF electrolyte at ~150°C. The slow weight loss at low temperatures of $\leq 100^\circ\text{C}$ is ascribed to the evaporation of the absorbed H_2O (due to the

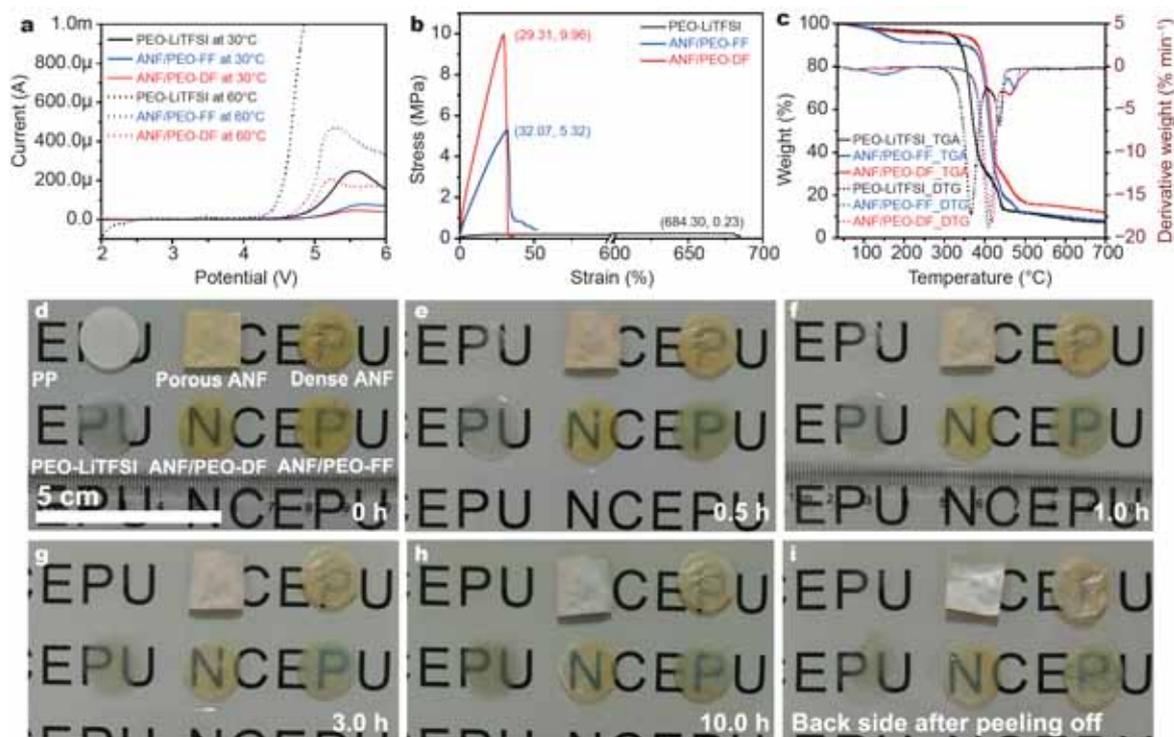


Figure 3 (a) LSV profiles, (b) mechanical tensile stress-strain curves, (c) TGA curves, and optical photographs at 160°C for (d) 0, (e) 0.5, (f) 1.0, (g) 3.0 and (h) 10.0 h in an oven of the films. (i) Optical image of the films at the back side after peeling off from the glass substrate.

delayed TGA test); however, the weight loss is much more severe at 130–220°C. This phenomenon also occurred in our previous studies (especially Fig. S4a) [39,44], and the aramid fiber size and the pore structure of the aramid-based films affected the thermo-decomposition behaviors. Besides, acetonitrile (used as solvent in this work) has much lower boiling point of ~80°C and density of ~0.8 g cm⁻³ than H₂O (~100°C and 1.0 g cm⁻³) at 0.1 MPa. Thus, the thermal process (decomposition at ~150°C) should be attributed to the change of the composite electrolyte structure, particularly of the ANF diameter (the average ANF size increased from 36 nm in the porous ANF film to 62 nm in the ANF/PEO-FF electrolyte and to 73 nm in the ANF/PEO-DF electrolyte, Fig. 2e–h, k, l, o, p). The aggregation/re-organization of the ANFs through the hydrogen bond interactions during the filling and drying procedures seemed to effectively enhance the thermostability and mechanical strength (Fig. 3b, c) of the ANF/PEO-DF electrolyte.

Furthermore, the thermostability of the electrolyte films with circle shape was detected by observing the shape and color changes at 160°C in ambient environment (Fig. 3d–i). Similar to the commercial PP separator, the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte film easily melted after 0.5 h (Fig. 3e).

By contrast, the ANF/PEO-FF and ANF/PEO-DF CPE films maintained their original shape even after 10.0 h (Fig. 3h), due to the high thermostability of the ANF frameworks. The PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte film cannot be peeled off from the glass substrate after the heating test; however, the ANF films and the ANF-containing CPE films can be easily peeled off, further manifesting the high dimensional stability of the CPEs (Fig. 3i). The superior mechanical strength, thermostability and electrochemical stability of the ANF-containing CPEs would effectively procrastinate the nucleation of Li dendrites, and prohibit the crack formation in the polymer electrolytes when the Li dendrites permeated into the electrolytes [27,57,58].

Ion conductance

The ion conductivity (σ) can be calculated using the classic equation: $\sigma = \sum C_i Q_i \mu_i$, where C_i , Q_i and μ_i represent the concentration, charge and mobility of the ions in the polymer electrolyte, respectively [59,60]. In typical polymer electrolyte systems, the dominated ion motions occur in the amorphous polymer regions through the local segmental motions, affecting the Li⁺ ion mobility. Moreover, the interactions between the components in the polymer electrolytes would have an important impact

on the free ion concentration and thus change the ion conductance.

As is known to all that the elements of Li, H, S, N, Cl, O and F have the electronegativity values of 0.98, 2.18, 2.58, 3.04, 3.16, 3.44 and 3.98, respectively. There is an ion-dipole or coordination interaction between the -O- groups in PEO and the Li^+ ions in LiTFSI (Fig. 1c) [59]. It has been reported that the strong hydrogen bond interactions between the -NH groups in polyamides (e.g., PPTA) and the -O- groups in PEO can afford their layer-by-layer assembly for composite membranes [46,61]. Other studies also show that calix[2]-*p*-benzo[4]pyrroles [62] and urea calix[4]arene [63,64] can effectively capture the anions of Li salts (e.g., ClO_4^-) by the hydrogen bond interactions through their -NH groups, and emancipate more free Li^+ cations in the polymer electrolytes. Thus, the ANFs (more exactly, the -NH groups in PPTA) should have hydrogen bond interactions with the -O- groups in PEO and the TFSI⁻ anions in LiTFSI in theory (Fig. 1b), and have great influence on the polymer electrolytes (e.g., C_i or μ_i of the Li^+ ion).

FTIR measurements were further conducted to analyze the hydrogen bond interactions between the ANFs and

the PEO/LiTFSI matrices (Fig. 4a, b). The PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte showed a few typical absorbance peaks at around 842 and 1468 cm^{-1} and 788, 950, 1061, 1098 and 1348 cm^{-1} , corresponding to the stretching/bending vibrations of the C-H (CH_2) and C-O (C-O-C) groups of the PEO matrices, respectively [65,66]. Other absorbance peaks at around 568, 740, 763 and 1283 cm^{-1} related to the stretching vibrations of CF_3 and C-F groups in LiTFSI also appeared [67,68]. The characteristic peaks at around 653, 1187 and 1631 cm^{-1} were attributed to the S-O stretching, C-SO₂-N stretching and LiTFSI aggregation, respectively [67,68]. The obvious peaks at around 732 and 1517, 1548, and 1660 cm^{-1} were ascribed to the stretching/bending vibrations of the N-H, C-N, and C=O in the 3D porous ANF film, respectively.

The interactions between the ANF nanofillers and the electrolyte matrices were investigated by analyzing the changes of the FTIR spectra. The decrease in the peak intensity and the peak shift of the N-H bands from 732 cm^{-1} in the 3D porous ANF film to 708 cm^{-1} in the ANF-containing CPEs, and some other changes including the peak shape and position of the C-N and C=O bands together manifested the strong interactions between the

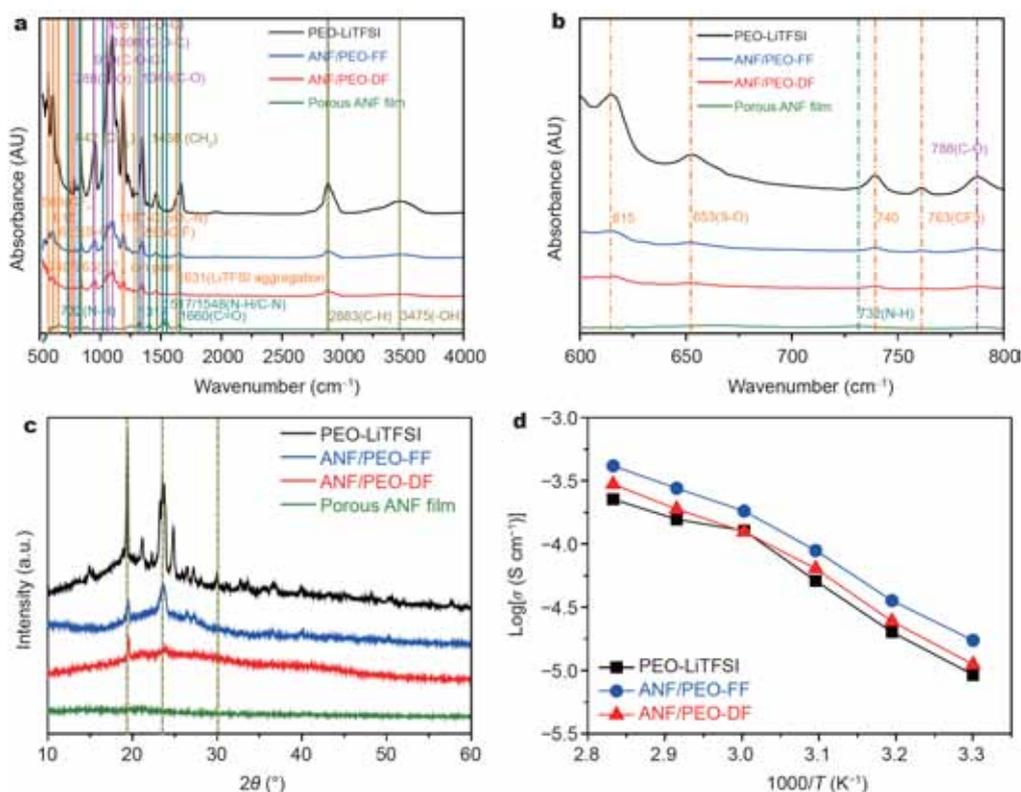


Figure 4 (a, b) FTIR spectra, and (c) XRD patterns of the porous ANF film and the electrolyte membranes. (d) Ionic conductivities of the electrolyte membranes.

PEO/LiTFSI matrices and the ANFs. In comparison with the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte, the intensity, shape and position of the C–O (C–O–C) vibration peaks also changed greatly in the CPEs. These obvious changes should be ascribed to the hydrogen bond interactions between the C–O groups of the PEO and the N–H groups of the ANFs, which would inhibit the PEO crystallization by perturbing the ordering of the PEO chains. The intensity of the typical peaks at around 19.5°, 23.7° and 30.1° related to the PEO crystallinity [69] became weaker in the ANF-based CPEs (Fig. 4c), further proving the effective suppression of the PEO crystallization by the ANF frameworks. These results were consistent with the surficial SEM images of the electrolyte membranes regarding the wrinkles and roughness (Fig. 2i, j, m, n and d). The decrease of the PEO crystallization would lead to the accelerated local segmental motions in the amorphous regions, and the increase of the Li⁺ ion mobility (μ_i) by hopping along/between the PEO chains [59].

Furthermore, the CPEs showed lower intensity of the peaks at around 740 and 763 cm⁻¹ than the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte (Fig. 4a, b), suggesting that less triflate-containing anions were in pairs in the ANF-based electrolytes [68]. The intensity of the peak at around 1631 cm⁻¹ with respect to the LiTFSI aggregation [67] also decreased greatly. On the basis of the elemental electronegativity values, FTIR analyses and reports from other researchers [62–64], we can easily deduce that the hydrogen bond interactions between the –NH groups in ANF and the TFSI⁻ anions (mainly the F atoms, because of the high F electronegativity and the F-related peak intensity change) resulted in the effective dissolution and dissociation of LiTFSI, which would increase the free ion concentration (C_i). The PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte showed a Li⁺ ion transference number of 0.24 (Fig. S5a, b), consistent with other reports of 0.2–0.3 [9,25,50]. In comparison, the ANF/PEO-FF and ANF/PEO-DF electrolytes had much higher Li⁺ ion transference numbers of 0.47 (Fig. S5e, f) and 0.36 (Fig. S5c, d), respectively. This also suggested the effective immobilization or capture capability of the TFSI⁻ anions by the ANF nanofillers through the hydrogen bond interaction, in accordance with the FTIR analyses (Fig. 4a, b). The lower Li⁺ ion transference number of the ANF/PEO-DF electrolyte than that of the ANF/PEO-FF electrolyte should be attributed to the large aggregation of the ANF nanofillers in the ANF/PEO-DF electrolyte and the insufficient contact between the ANFs and the PEO/LiTFSI matrices (Fig. 2k, l, o, p).

According to the ion conductivity equation: $\sigma = \sum C_i Q_i \mu_i$, increase of either μ_i or C_i would increase the ion con-

ductivity. As discussed above, the hydrogen bond interactions have multiple impacts on the electrolyte matrices: (1) the hydrogen bond between ANF and PEO can inhibit the PEO crystallization, accelerate the PEO chain motions, and therefore increase the Li⁺ ion mobility (μ_i); (2) the hydrogen bond between ANF and PEO can also weaken the coordination strength between the –O– groups in PEO and the Li⁺ cations and thus increase the free Li⁺ cation concentration (C_i) on the ANF nanofiller surfaces [59,70]; (3) according to the classic Lewis acid-base theory, the hydrogen bond between ANF and TFSI⁻ in LiTFSI can capture the anions and release more free Li⁺ cations (i.e., increase the C_i of the Li⁺ ion) on the ANF nanofiller surfaces, leading to an expressway for Li⁺ ion migration at the ANF/PEO-LiTFSI interfaces [71,72]; (4) the 3D ANF network formed by the ANF nanofillers through hydrogen bond interactions would further result in continuous ion conduction on the 3D ANF framework surface (Fig. 1d). Because of these synergistic effects of the ANF nanofillers on the PEO and LiTFSI, the PEO/ANF-FF CPE membrane showed higher ionic conductivities of 1.7×10⁻⁵ and 1.8×10⁻⁴ S cm⁻¹ than the pristine PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte (9.2×10⁻⁶ and 1.3×10⁻⁴ S cm⁻¹) at 30 and 60°C, respectively (Fig. S6 and Fig. 4d). The PEO/ANF-DF CPE membrane also exhibited a decent room-temperature conductivity of 1.1×10⁻⁵ S cm⁻¹. In stark contrast, the utilization of PP-based Celgard 2500 separator [40] and SiO₂-based glass fiber [3] as 3D scaffolds was reported to reduce the ionic conductivity, possibly attributed to the poor interactions between these scaffolds and the electrolyte matrices or the large size of the scaffolds.

To explain the higher ionic conductivity (σ) of the ANF/PEO-FF electrolyte (than that of the ANF/PEO-DF electrolyte), the activation energy (E_a) was calculated by the Arrhenius relationship equation: $\sigma = A \exp(-E_a/RT)$, where A , E_a , R and T represent the pre-exponential factor, activation energy, gas constant, and absolute temperature, respectively [71,73]. In the low-temperature range of 30–60°C, the ANF/PEO-FF electrolyte showed lower activation energy of 64 kJ mol⁻¹ than the ANF/PEO-DF (72 kJ mol⁻¹) and PEO-LiTFSI (77 kJ mol⁻¹) electrolytes, indicating the relatively fast ion migration [74] and low-energy-barrier ion transport pathway in the ANF/PEO-FF electrolyte [66]. According to the ion conductivity equation: $\sigma = \sum C_i Q_i \mu_i$, the low crystallization of the ANF/PEO-DF electrolyte (Fig. 4c) implied the facilitated motion and ion mobility (μ_i) of PEO chains, which would lead to the improved ion conductivity. However, the ionic conductivity was related to not only the mobility and con-

centration of the ions, but also the ion transport pathways in the electrolyte [75]. The hydrogen bond interactions between the ANFs and PEO can not only suppress the PEO crystallization, but also weaken the coordination strength between the -O- groups in PEO and the Li⁺ cations to increase the free Li⁺ ion concentration (C_i) on the ANF surfaces [59,70]. Compared with the ANF/PEO-FF electrolyte, the ANFs aggregated more severely in the ANF/PEO-DF electrolyte (Fig. 2k, l, o, p), implying the limited contact areas between the ANFs and the PEO/LiTFSI matrices and less free ion concentration in the ANF/PEO-DF electrolyte. Moreover, the insufficient filling of the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte by the dripping method caused the generation of the pores in the ANF/PEO-DF electrolyte (Fig. 2m, n), and would result in the discontinuous ion transport and have detrimental effect on the ion conductivity. Besides, the excessive utilization of inert/low-conductivity nanofillers can decrease the ionic conductivity of the composite electrolytes. We have also proven the much lower ionic conductivity of the ANF (i.e., PPTA)-LiTFSI electrolyte ($9.2 \times 10^{-8} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$ at 30°C, Fig. S7), consistent with other reports on the rigid amide-benzene backbone-based polymer electrolytes [76–78]. The high ANF content in the ANF/PEO-DF electrolyte (10.9 wt% vs. 7.7 wt% ANF in the ANF/PEO-FF electrolyte) may be adverse to the ionic conductivity. Previous studies have also verified that the excessive addition of nanofillers into the polymer matrices resulted in the aggregation and free-volume depletion of the nanofillers and the reduction of the ionic conductivity [55,69,79]. Overall, the lower ionic conductance of the ANF/PEO-DF electrolyte should be attributed to the agglomeration of the ANFs, generation of the pores, and the high content of the inert/low-conductivity ANFs in the ANF/PEO-DF electrolyte. This also indicated that the ionic conductivity of the ANF/PEO-FF electrolyte can be further elevated by inhibiting the ANF aggregation *via* optimizing the filling method, because the average ANF diameter also increased from 36 nm (in the porous ANF film) to 62 nm (in the ANF/PEO-FF electrolyte).

Interfacial resistance against Li dendrites

The mechanical resistance of the electrolyte films against Li dendrites was vital to their practical implementations in Li metal batteries, and thus was scrutinized in the Li/SPE/Li cell configuration. During the periodic charge-discharge cycling processes, Li⁺ ions were alternatively stripping and plating on the Li metal electrodes, which may cause the formation/growth of Li dendrites and the destruction of the electrolyte films. The cells were first

electrochemically cycled at a high temperature of 60°C under various current densities of 0.025–0.50 mA cm⁻² (Fig. 5a, b and Fig. S8a). The over-potential of all the cells increased with the increase of the current density. Specifically, the over-potential of the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte-based cell increased from 0.1256 V at 0.05 mA cm⁻² to 1.3935 V at 0.50 mA cm⁻², and then decreased to 0.0552 V when the current density returned to 0.05 mA cm⁻² after 200 h (Fig. 5a). In comparison, both the cells with the ANF/PEO-FF and ANF/PEO-DF CPEs exhibited much lower over-potentials (e.g., around 0.1 V at 0.50 mA cm⁻², Fig. 5b and Fig. S8a), reflecting the lower interfacial resistance between the ANF-containing electrolytes and the Li metal electrodes.

The cells were then galvanostatically cycled at a lower temperature of 30°C with a charge-discharge cycle of 10 min (Fig. 5c, d and Fig. S8b). The ANF-containing cells also exhibited much lower over-potentials of around 0.2 V than the ANF-free cells (around 0.9 V after 500 h) during the long-term cycling. Moreover, the continuous decrease of the over-potential of the cells was ascribed to the improved interfacial contact between the Li metal electrodes and the electrolyte films [30]. Further, the charge-discharge time was increased to 60 min per cycle to observe the cycling stability (Fig. 5e, f and Fig. S8c). The PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte-based cell showed high potentials up to around 4 V, and short circuits (i.e., sudden potential drop to ~0 V) also occurred in the first 2 h (Fig. 5e), implying the piercing of the electrolyte film by the Li dendrites [80,81]. The following charging and discharging with the flux of the overpotential could be attributed to the non-zero resistance of the Li dendrites [82] and the continuous formation of passivation layers [83]. In distinct contrast, no short circuits occurred in both the ANF-containing cells, and the over-potentials almost kept at around 0.4 V during the whole cycling (Fig. 5f and Fig. S8c), again verifying the dual and positive effects of the ANF frameworks on the mechanical strength and interfacial resistance, consistent with the mechanical tensile and ionic conductivity results (Figs 3b and 4d). It should be noted that not only the increase of the charge/discharge time (from 10 to 60 min per cycle, Fig. 5c–f), but also other factors such as the high current density (from 0.025 to 0.50 mA cm⁻², Fig. 5a, b) and low operation temperature (from 60 to 30°C, Fig. 5a–d) can cause the overpotential increase of the cells due to the resistance change [3,15,30,36,84]. It was also interesting to disclose the impact of the charge/discharge condition on the Coulombic efficiency (CE) of the cells (Fig. S9). All the cells showed a similar CE of 100±5% when increasing

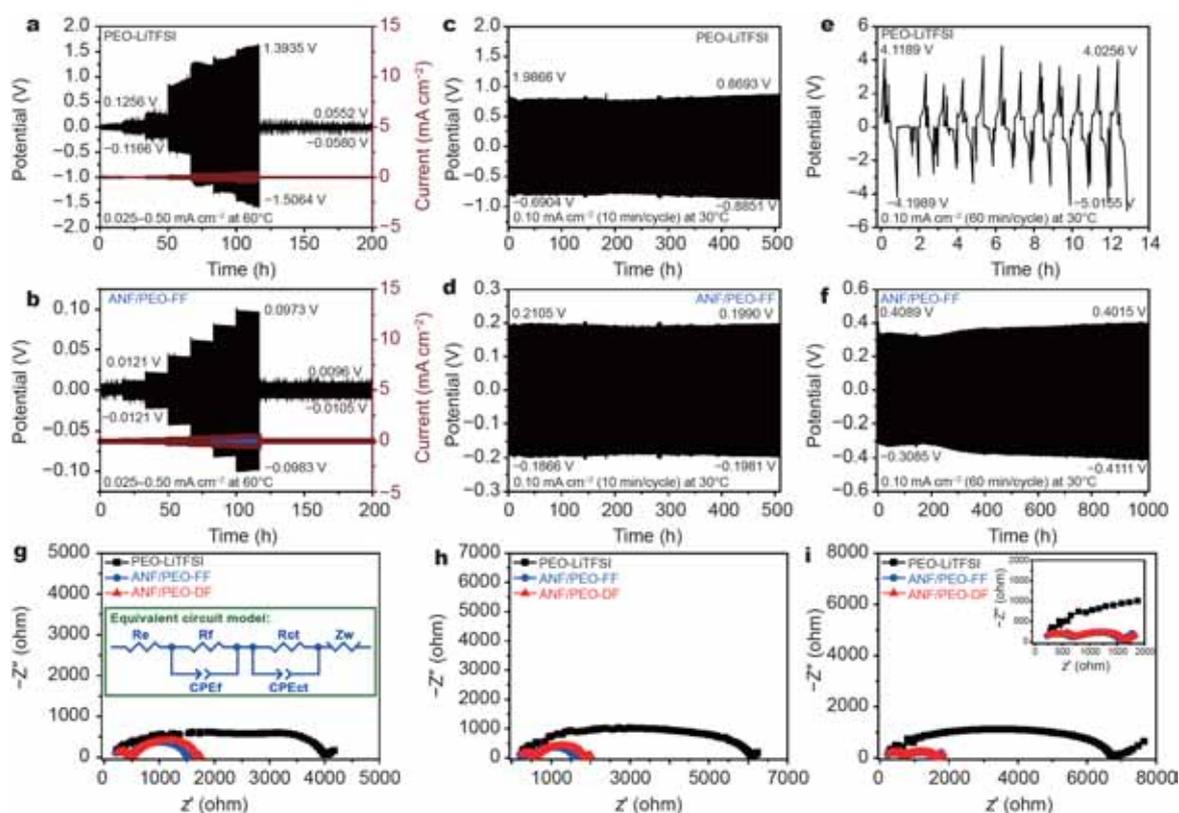


Figure 5 Galvanostatic cycling curves of the (a, c and e) PEO-LiTFSI and (b, d and f) ANF/PEO-FF electrolyte-based Li/Li cells under (a, b) various current densities of 0.025–0.50 mA cm⁻² for 200 h at 60°C, (c, d) 0.10 mA cm⁻² with the charge-discharge time of 10 min per cycle for 500 h at 30°C, and (e, f) 0.10 mA cm⁻² with the charge-discharge time of 60 min per cycle for 1000 h at 30°C. EIS spectra of the Li/Li cells at 30°C (g) before and after the galvanostatic cycling under (h) 0.10 mA cm⁻² for 500 h with the charge-discharge time of 10 min per cycle and then under (i) 0.10 mA cm⁻² for 1000 h with the charge-discharge time of 60 min per cycle (an equivalent circuit model was given in Fig. 5g).

the current density from 0.025 to 0.50 mA cm⁻² at 60°C, and the CE fluctuated more severely when returning to 0.05 mA cm⁻² again (Fig. S9a). The cells also exhibited the similar CE of ~100% when cycled at 30°C and 0.10 mA cm⁻² with the charge/discharge time of 10 min per cycle (Fig. S9b). With increasing charge/discharge time to 60 min per cycle, the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte-based cell had the increasing overpotential of ~5.0 V at the 13th cycle (Fig. 5e) and then stopped with a low CE of 74% (Fig. S9c); however, the ANF-based cells had relatively stable and high CEs of ~100% during the long-term cycling.

The impedance change of the Li/SPE/Li cells during the Li stripping/plating processes was investigated by the EIS technology (Fig. 5g–i and Fig. S10). The semicircles at high and low frequencies were related to the ohmic resistance from the electrolytes (R_e) and the SPE/Li interfacial resistance (R_i), respectively [30,69,80]. The interfacial resistance contained two parts, i.e., the resistance resulting from the electrolyte decomposition (R_t)

and the charge transfer resistance (R_{ct}) [85]. The fitted data were given in Tables S1–3. During the first cycling at various rates of 0.025–0.50 mA cm⁻², 60°C, the total resistances of the cells based on the ANF/PEO-FF, ANF/PEO-DF and PEO-LiTFSI electrolytes decreased from 223, 259 and 867 ohm to 138, 233 and 426 ohm at 60°C, respectively (Fig. S10 and Table S1), indicating the improved interfacial contact between the SPEs and Li metal electrodes upon the cycling [30,69,80]. This also led to the decreasing overpotentials of the Li/SPE/Li cells (0.05 mA cm⁻², Fig. 5a, b and Fig. S8a). Furthermore, when cycled at 0.10 mA cm⁻², 30°C, the total resistance of the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte-based cell increased from 4058 to 6897 ohm, which was much higher than those of the PEO/ANF-FF (from 1524 to 1574 ohm) and the PEO/ANF-DF (from 1735 to 1671 ohm) CPE-based cells (Fig. 5g–i and Tables S2, 3). This explained why the ANF-containing cells exhibited relatively low and stable overpotentials, and also manifested the higher interfacial stability of the ANF-containing CPEs than the pristine

PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte.

The surficial microstructure of the electrolyte films after the long-time galvanostatic cycling was further detected by SEM (Fig. S11). We can clearly see that many dendrites formed on the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte surface (Fig. S11a–c), which should be the reason of the short circuit of the Li/SPE/Li cell during the galvanostatic cycling (Fig. 5e). In stark contrast, no Li dendrite was found on both the ANF/PEO-FF and ANF/PEO-DF CPE membrane surfaces (Fig. S11d–f and g–i), again proving the superior interfacial resistance against Li dendrite formation by the ANF framework-supported CPE films. These electrochemical results agreed well with the abovementioned discussion that the high mechanical strength and thermostability can delay the nucleation of the Li dendrite and inhibit the dendrite growth in the electrolytes [32,57]. Moreover, the dendrite formation time (τ) was calculated with the equation $\tau = \pi D(C_0 e / 2Jt_a)^2$, where J , C_0 , D and t_a are the current density, initial ion concentration, diffusion constant and anion transference number, respectively [86,87]. The ANF framework-based CPEs had much higher Li^+ ion transference numbers than the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte (Fig. S5), which can effectively mediate the space charge at the electrolyte/electrode interfaces, eliminate the concentration polarization and delay the dendrite generation, and thereby result in less dendrites [58,88,89].

All-solid-state Li metal battery performance

As described above, the 3D ANF framework-supported CPEs showed comprehensively improved properties of mechanical strength, thermostability, electrochemical stability, ion conductivity, and interfacial resistance against Li dendrites (Table S4). To examine their practical implementations in Li metal batteries, all-solid-state $\text{LiFePO}_4/\text{SPE}/\text{Li}$ cells were then fabricated and tested. When cycled at 0.1 C, the capacity of all the cells increased with the operation temperature increase (Fig. 6a), owing to the increasing Li^+ ion conductivity (Fig. 4d). The ANF/PEO-FF CPE-based cell also showed higher capacities of 94, 155, 159, 159, 160 and 158 mA h g^{-1} than the ANF/PEO-DF (47, 117, 146, 148, 150 and 149 mA h g^{-1}) and PEO-LiTFSI (18, 71, 112, 124, 131 and 134 mA h g^{-1}) electrolyte-based cells at 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 and 80°C, respectively.

When cycled at 60°C under various C rates, both the ANF-based cells showed much higher capacities than the ANF-free cell (Fig. 6b–d and Fig. S12a). Specifically, the ANF/PEO-FF CPE-based cell had higher capacities of 149, 155, 152, 146 and 96 mA h g^{-1} than the ANF/PEO-

DF (134, 144, 138, 120 and 77 mA h g^{-1}) and PEO-LiTFSI (129, 135, 129, 100 and 53 mA h g^{-1}) electrolyte-based cells at 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5 and 1.0 C, respectively. The increasing capacity with the increase of the current density from 0.1 to 0.2 C may be attributed to the enhanced interfacial contact between the SPEs and the electrodes and the activation of the LiFePO_4 [69]. After the return of the current density to 0.1 C again, the ANF/PEO-FF CPE-based cell also exhibited higher capacity of 147 mA h g^{-1} with a retention rate of 99% than the ANF/PEO-DF (134 mA h g^{-1}) and PEO-LiTFSI (128 mA h g^{-1}) electrolyte-based cells.

The long-term cycling stability of the cells was also examined (Fig. 6e–i and Fig. S12b). The ANF/PEO-FF CPE-based cell displayed higher capacity of 130 mA h g^{-1} and capacity retention of 93% than the ANF/PEO-DF (120 mA h g^{-1} and 87%) and PEO-LiTFSI (82 mA h g^{-1} and 66%) electrolyte-based cells after 100 cycles at 0.4 C and 60°C (Fig. 6g). The greatly improved battery performance should be attributed to the comprehensively enhanced properties of mechanical strength, thermostability, electrochemical stability, ion conductance and interfacial stability against Li dendrites by the multifunctional ANF frameworks (Table S4). Even compared with the all-solid-state cells with other nanoadditive-functionalized CPEs, the ANF/PEO-FF CPE-based cell still exhibited superior cycling performance (Table S5). We can see the severe deformation of the charge/discharge curves in the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte-based cell (Fig. 6e), also reported in other studies [90,91]. The cell displayed two typical platforms at ~ 3.5 V in the charge state and at ~ 3.4 V in the discharge state at a low current density of 0.1 C; however, the charge/discharge curves began to change or deform at 0.2 C, and the deformation was much more severe at 0.3 and 0.5 C (Fig. 6b). The deformation was quite similar to that in Fig. 6e (at 0.4 C). The deformation of the charge/discharge curves caused the great increase of the charge potential and the decrease of the discharge potential, and thus can be also regarded as a polarization behavior. Moreover, the deformation became more and more severe with increasing charge/discharge cycle number or current density, consistent with the previous studies [15,56,91,92]. Actually the ANF/PEO-FF and ANF/PEO-DF electrolyte-based cells also showed the similar yet non-severe deformation at high current densities of 0.5–1.0 C (Fig. 6c and Fig. S12). Based on these analyses and other reports on the high stability of the LiFePO_4 cathodes [56,72], one can easily conclude that the deformation is not related to the LiFePO_4 cathode but the electrolyte. Previous studies usually ascribed

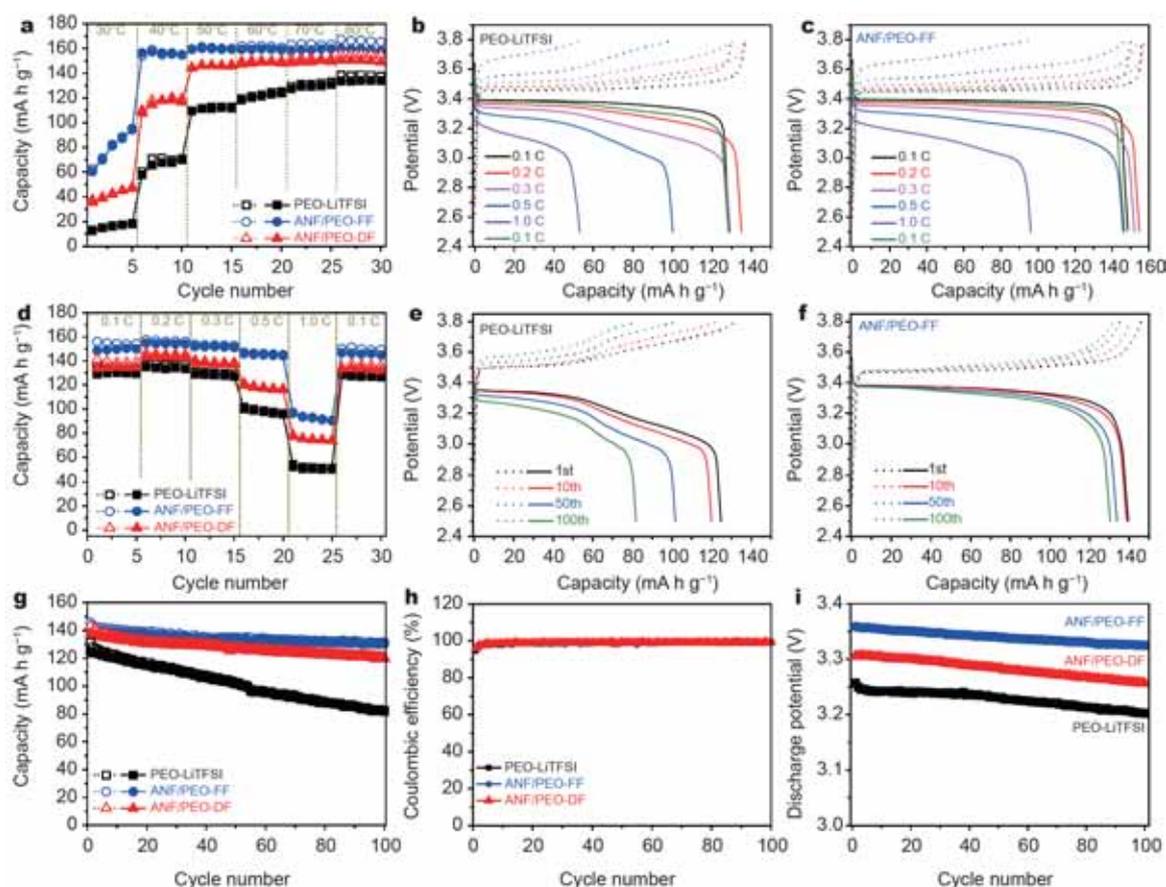


Figure 6 (a) Cycling performance of the solid-state $\text{LiFePO}_4/\text{Li}$ cells at 0.1 C under various operation temperatures. Typical charge-discharge profiles of the solid-state cells using (b) PEO-LiTFSI and (c) ANF/PEO-FF electrolytes at 60°C and various current densities, respectively. (d) Rate performance of the solid-state $\text{LiFePO}_4/\text{Li}$ cells at 60°C. The charge-discharge profiles of the solid-state cells using (e) PEO-LiTFSI and (f) ANF/PEO-FF electrolytes at 0.4 C and 60°C, respectively. (g) Cycling performance, (h) Coulombic efficiency and (i) average discharge voltage change of the solid-state $\text{LiFePO}_4/\text{Li}$ cells at 0.4 C and 60°C for 100 cycles.

to the high polarization (or severe charge/discharge curve deformation) to the increase of the internal resistance of the battery and the low Li^+ ion diffusivity in the solid-state electrolyte and the electrolyte/electrode interface [15,56,72,91–93]. Note that all the solid-state cells exhibited much higher Coulombic efficiencies of nearly 100% during the whole cycling than the traditional LIBs with the organic liquid electrolytes (Fig. 6h). Besides, the ANF-containing cells showed less polarization than the ANF-free cell (Fig. 6e, f and Fig. S12b), and the ANF/PEO-FF and ANF/PEO-DF CPE-based cells also had higher average discharge potential (around 3.3 V) than the PEO-LiTFSI (around 3.2 V) electrolyte-based cell during the long-term cycling (Fig. 6i).

The impedance change of the all-solid-state $\text{LiFePO}_4/\text{Li}$ cells was further disclosed by EIS measurements at 30°C (Fig. S13). An equivalent circuit model was given in Fig. S13a, where R_e , R_i , and R_{ct} represent the ohmic re-

sistance, interfacial resistance and charge transfer resistance, respectively [69]. The R_i values of the PEO-LiTFSI, ANF/PEO-FF and ANF/PEO-DF electrolyte-based cells before and after the charge/discharge cycling were 1570 and 965 ohm, 1050 and 473 ohm, and 1190 and 423 ohm, respectively, while the corresponding R_{ct} values before and after the cycling were 3820 and 36,035 ohm, 1810 and 14,627 ohm, and 2410 and 19,677 ohm, respectively. Overall, the ANF/PEO-FF (around 2860 and 15,100 ohm) and the ANF/PEO-DF (3600 and 20,100 ohm) CPE-based cells had lower total resistances than the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte-based cell (5390 and 37,000 ohm) before and after the 100 cycles, respectively. This not only indicates the much rapid charge transfer in the CPE-based LIBs and again verifies the positive effect of the 3D ANF frameworks [69], but also explains the more and more severe charge/discharge curve deformation or polarization during the cycling process to some

extent, though deeper investigation of the deformation behavior is needed in future work.

CONCLUSIONS

In summary, 3D porous ANF films were facilely prepared by the traditional blade coating method, and then flexible CPE membranes with 3D ANF frameworks were acquired by filling the PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte in the 3D ANF scaffolds. Because of the incorporation of the 3D ANF frames, the CPE membranes showed higher mechanical strength (up to 10.0 MPa) and thermostability (up to 420°C) and wider electrochemical window (4.6 V at 60°C) than the pristine PEO-LiTFSI electrolyte (0.2 MPa, 366°C and 4.1 V). The CPEs also exhibited higher ionic conductivities (e.g., two times that of the pristine electrolyte at ambient temperature), owing to the inhibition of the PEO crystallization, facilitation of the LiTFSI dissociation, and the continuous Li⁺ ion transport at the 3D ANF framework/PEO-LiTFSI interfaces. Consequently, the CPE membranes had significantly enhanced interfacial resistance against Li dendrites (1000 h at 0.10 mA cm⁻² and 30°C), compared with the pristine electrolyte-based cell (short circuit in 13 h). The CPE-based all-solid-state LiFePO₄/Li cells exhibited better cycling performance (e.g., 130 mA h g⁻¹ with 93% retention after 100 cycles at 0.4 C) than the ANF-free cell (82 mA h g⁻¹ with 66% retention). This study provides a simple and effective method to fabricate high-performance CPEs with 3D nanofiller framework for potential Li metal battery applications.

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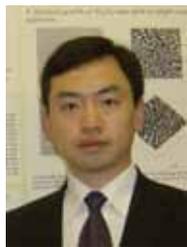
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基于三维芳纶纳米纤维骨架的柔性高压复合电解质膜及其固态锂金属电池

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摘要 聚合物电解质在锂金属电池中的应用受限于锂枝晶生长、电化学不稳定性及较低的离子电导率。为解决这些问题, 本文通过向三维多孔芳纶纳米纤维(ANF)中填充聚环氧乙烷(PEO)-双三氟甲基磺酰亚胺锂(LiTFSI)电解质, 制备了基于三维芳纶纳米纤维网络骨架的柔性ANF/PEO-LiTFSI复合电解质薄膜。由于其独特的构造及离子在三维ANF/PEO-LiTFSI界面中的连续运输, 该复合电解质膜具有比PEO-LiTFSI电解质膜更高的力学强度(10.0 MPa)、热稳定性、电化学稳定性(60°C下4.6 V)和离子电导率, 以及较强的抑制锂枝晶能力。基于该复合电解质的固态LiFePO₄/Li电池表现出优异的循环性能(在0.4 C下充放电百次后的容量达130 mA h g⁻¹、保持率为93%)。该研究提供了一种基于三维骨架设计和制备高性能电解质的有效方法, 有望应用于固态锂金属电池。