

## Supporting Information

### **Dendrite-Free Lithium Metal Batteries Achieved with Ce-MOF Membrane Coating with One-dimensional Continuous Oxygen-Containing Channel for Rapid Migration of Li ions**

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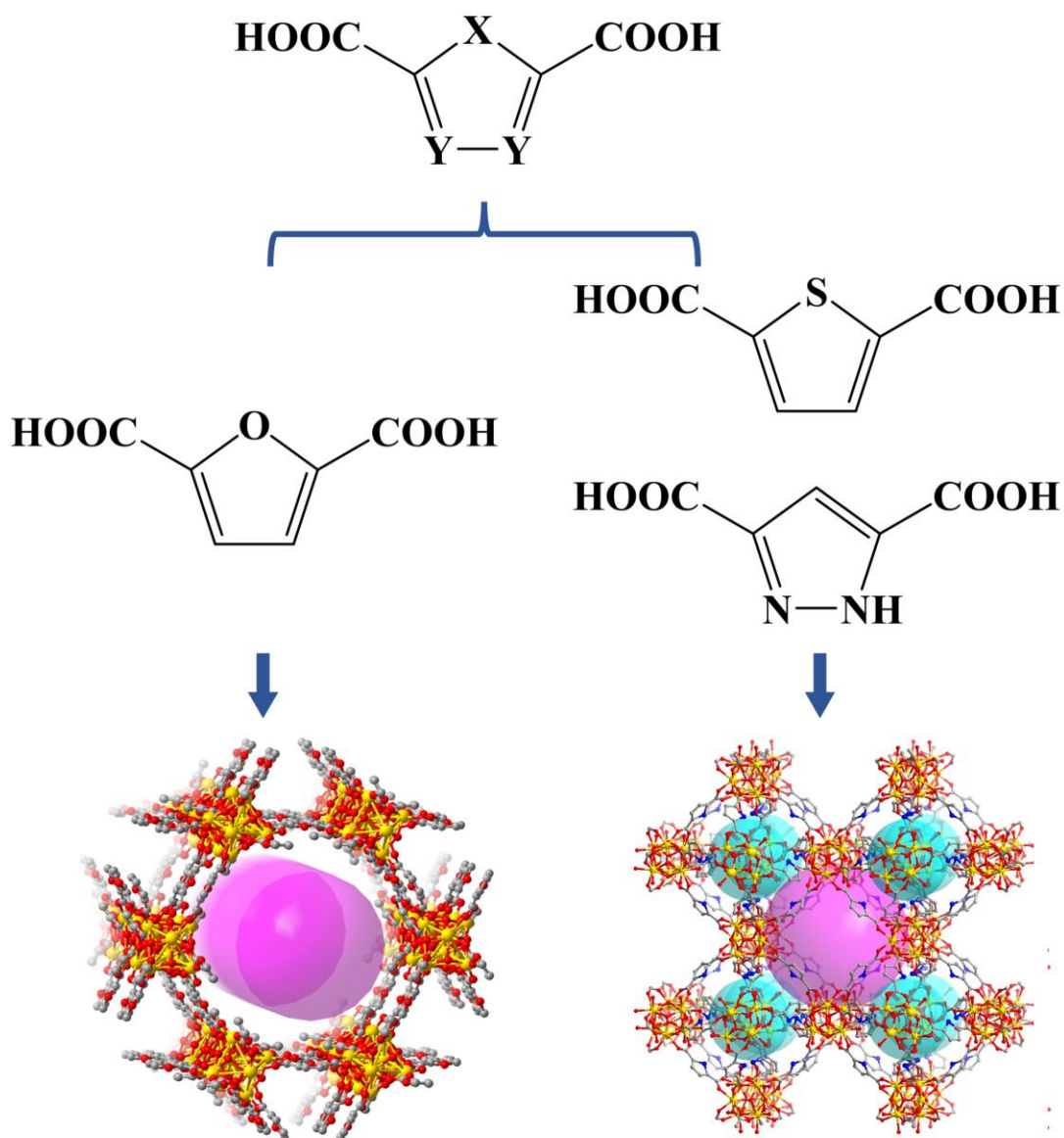
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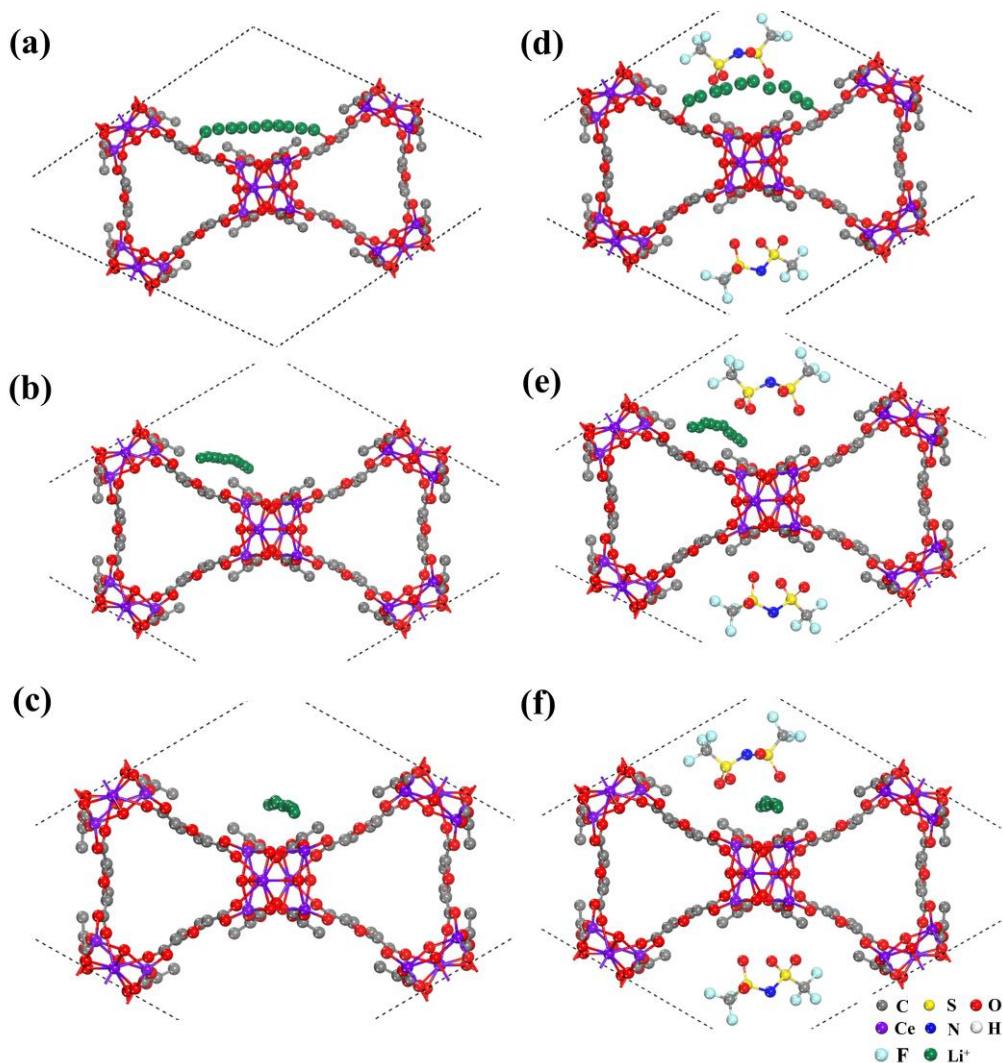
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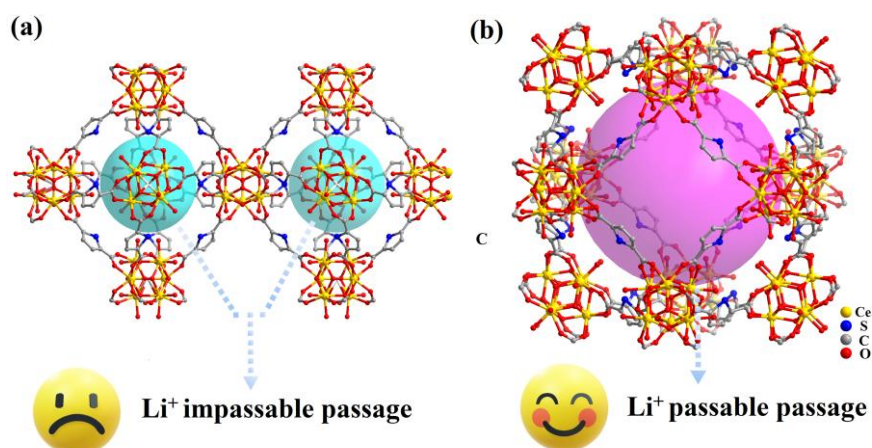


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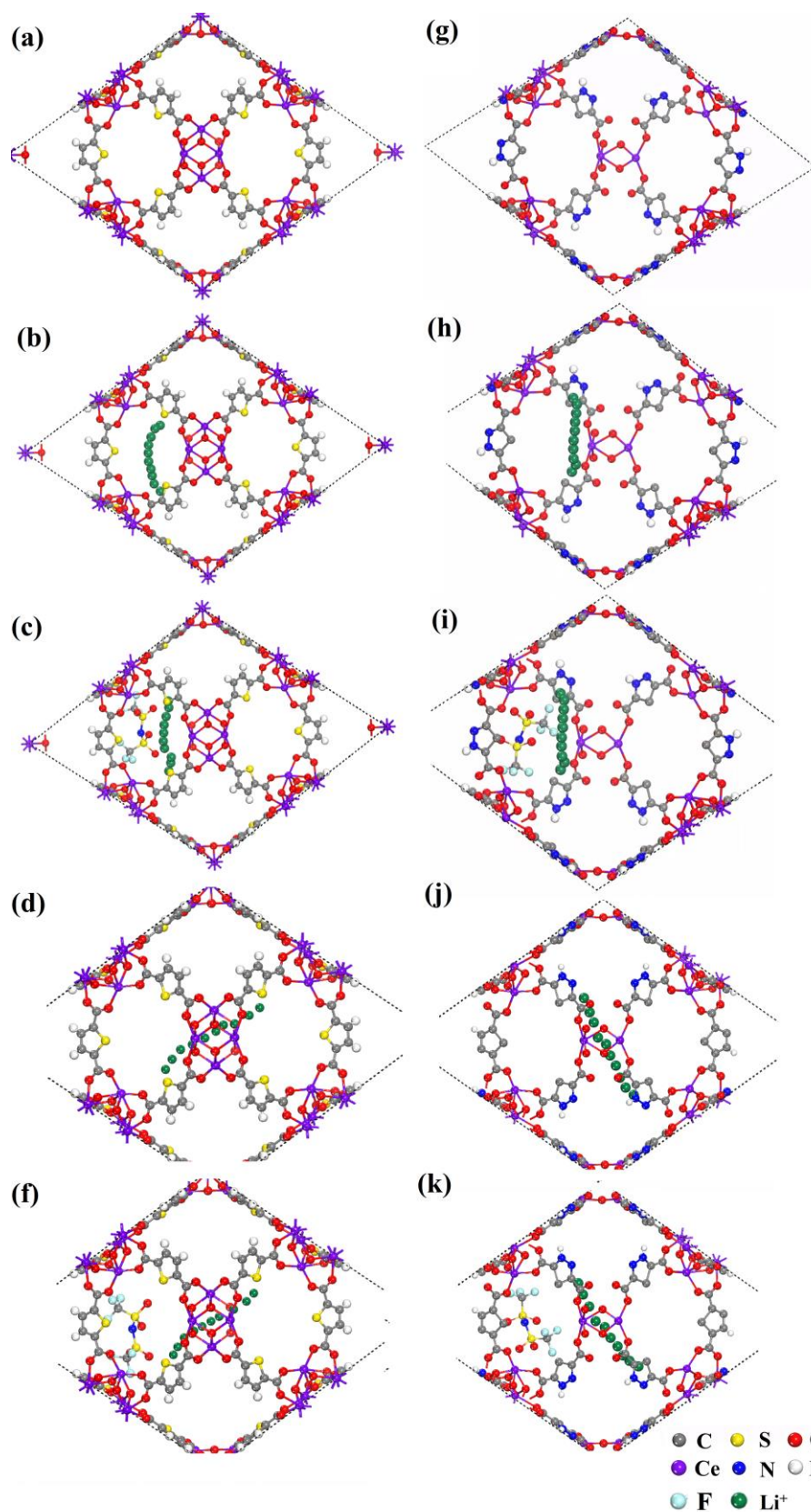
As shown in Figure **S1**, we synthesized a series of Ce-MOFs with different ligands. The frame channel of Ce-MOF synthesized from 2, 5-furan dicarboxylic acid is a continuous one-dimensional channel, which enables continuous running migration of  $\text{Li}^+$ . However, the frame channels of Ce-MOFs synthesized by 2, 5-thiophene dicarboxylic acid and 3, 5-pyrazole dicarboxylic acid are all cage channels, and  $\text{Li}^+$  can only migrate by jumping. These three kinds of Ce-MOF were named as Ce-MOF-1, Ce-MOF-2 and Ce-MOF-3, respectively.



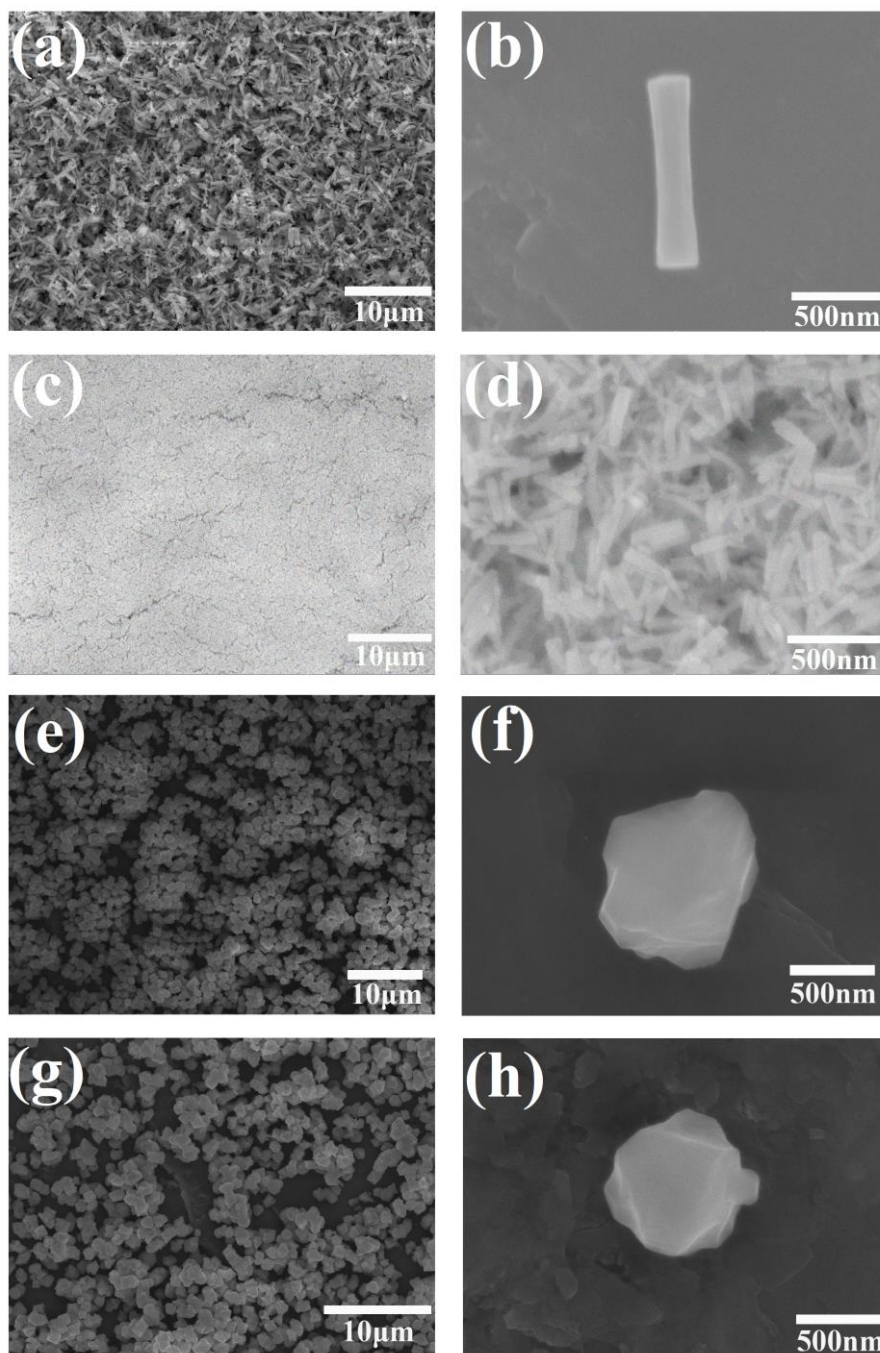
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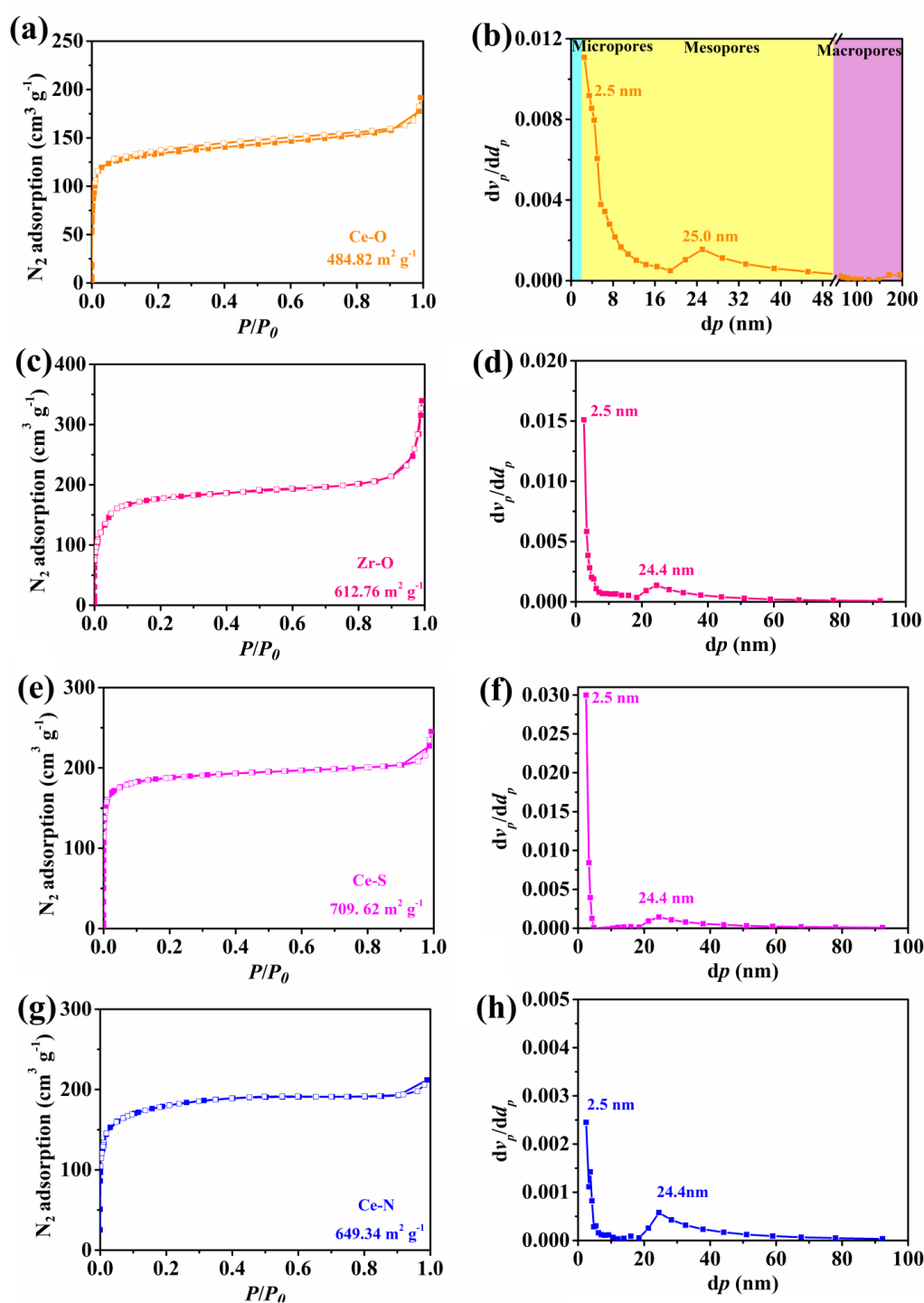
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**Figure S5.** SEM images of (a, b) Ce-MOF-1, (c, d) Zr-MOF, (e, f) Ce-MOF-2, and (g, h) Ce-MOF-3.

As shown in Figure S 5a and b, the SEM image show that the Ce-MOF-1 was an extremely uniform rod with a size of approximately 1  $\mu\text{m}$ . The SEM images of Zr-MOF were shown in the Figure S 5c and d, it can be clearly seen that the Zr-MOF also presents uniform rod shape, but it is much smaller than that of Ce-MOF-1. Moreover, the SEM images show uniform and irregular particles with the size of about 1  $\mu\text{m}$  of Ce-MOF-2 and Ce-MOF-3 (Figure S 5e-h).





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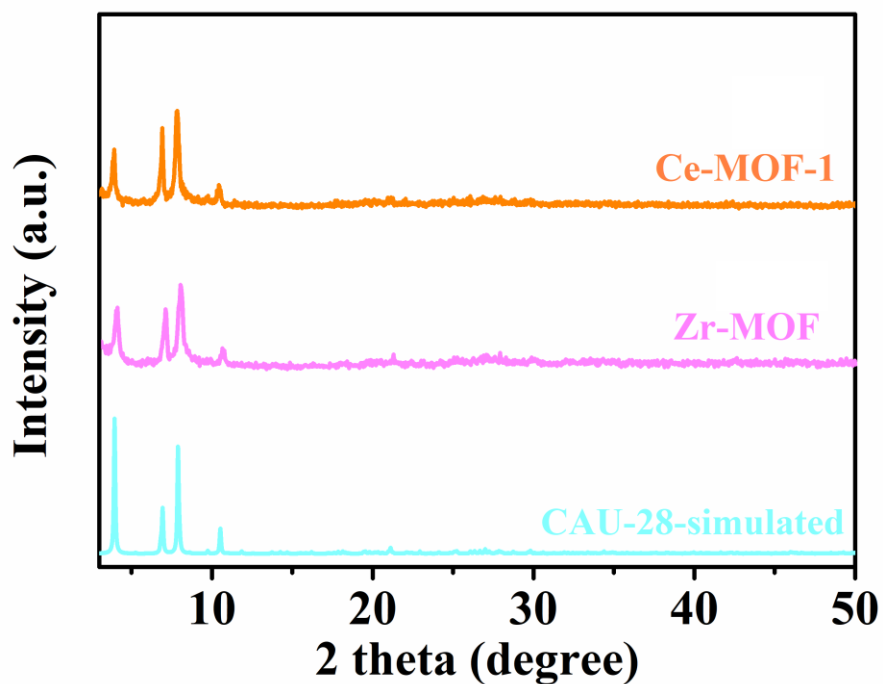


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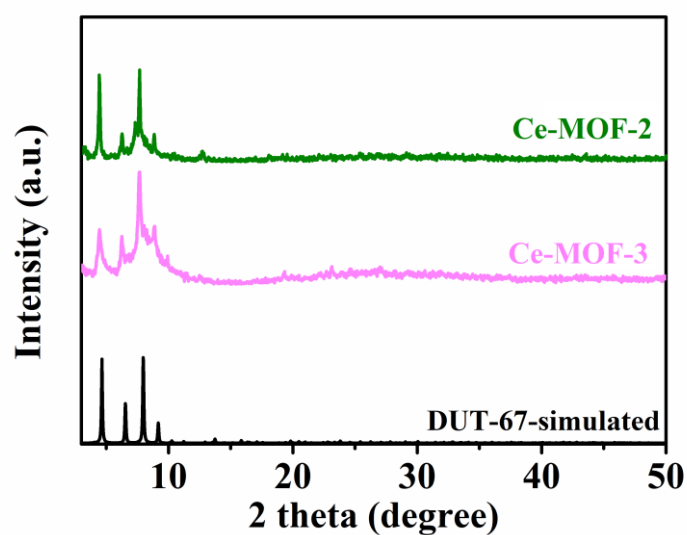
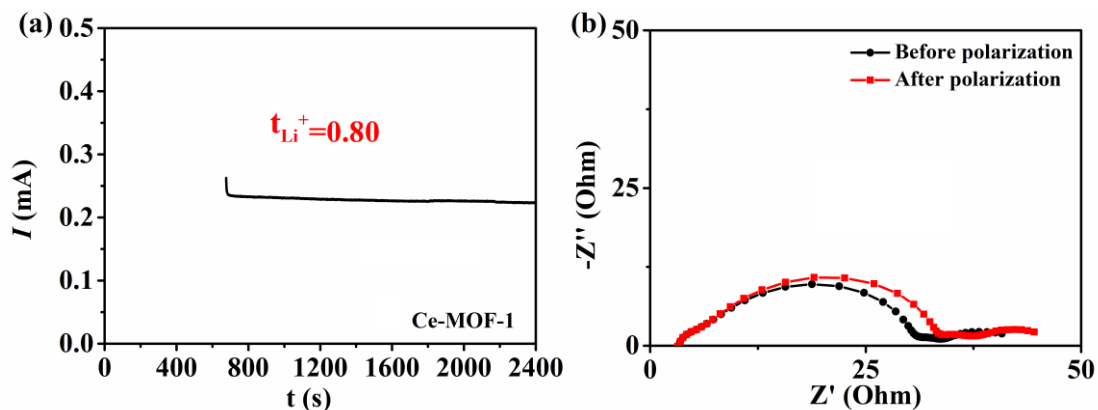
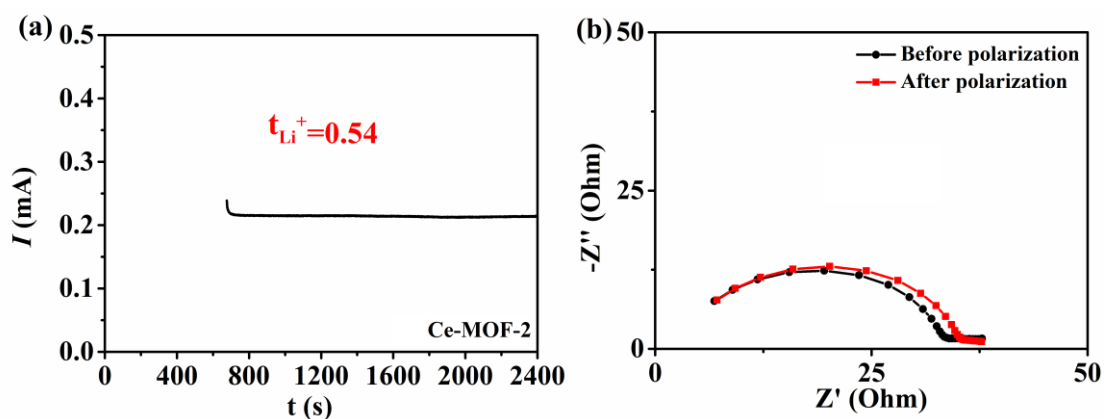


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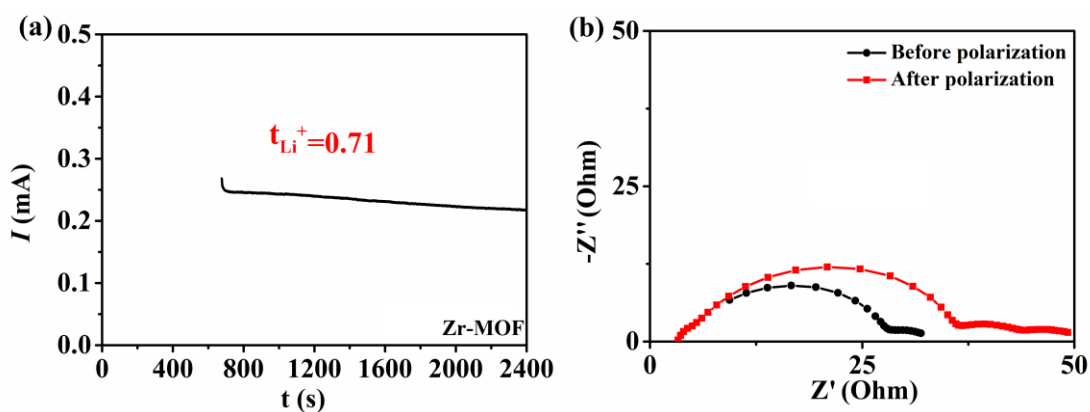
As shown in Figure S7 and S8, the XRD patterns shows that Ce-MOF-1 and Zr-MOF were CAU-28-MOF, and Ce-MOF-2 and Ce-MOF-3 were DUT-67-MOF.



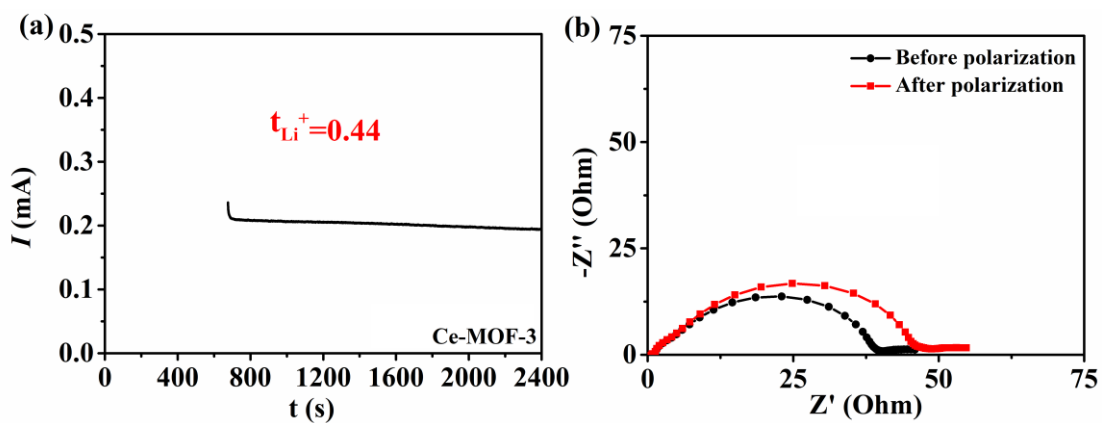
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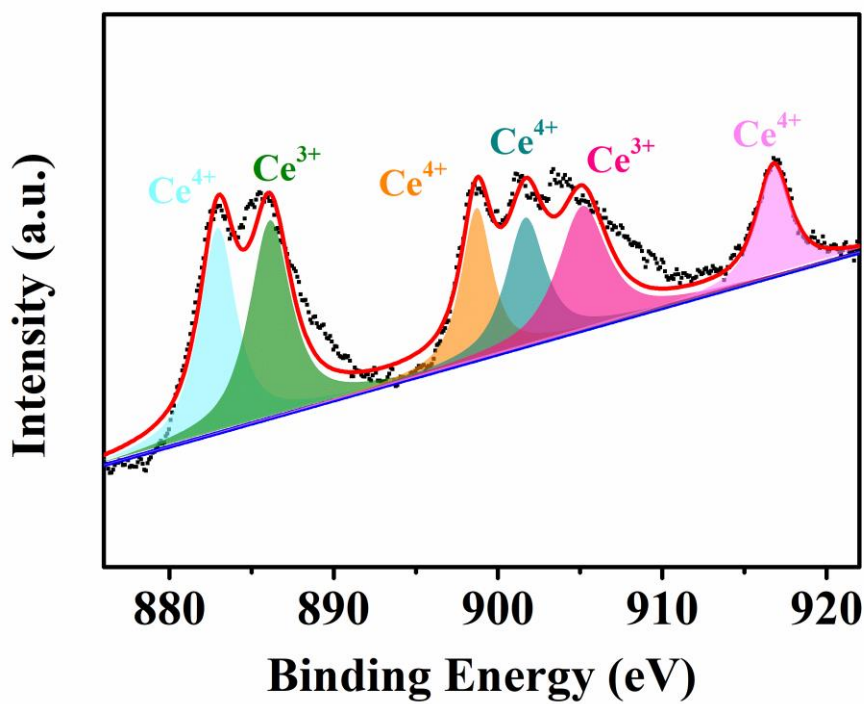
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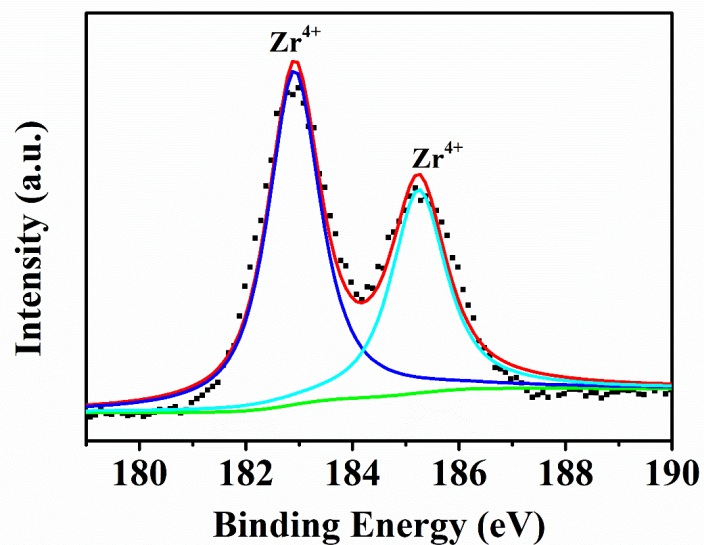
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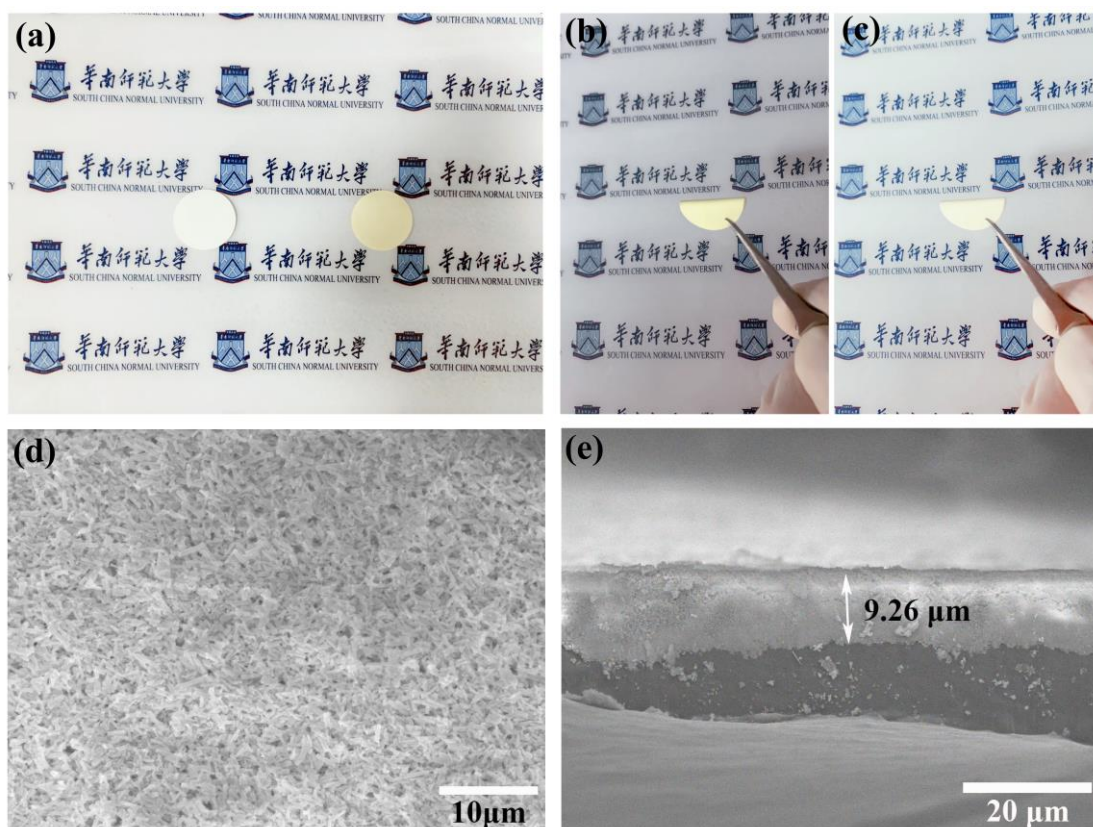
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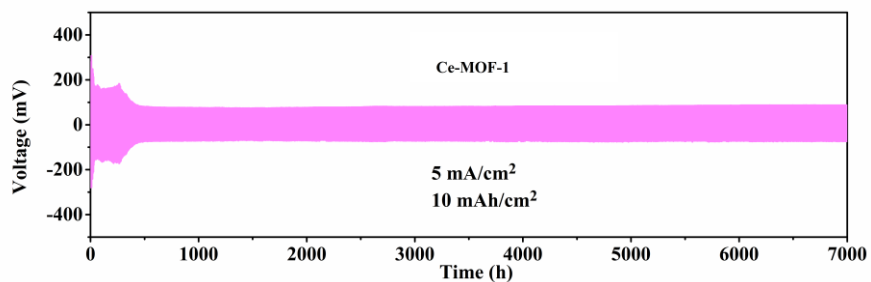


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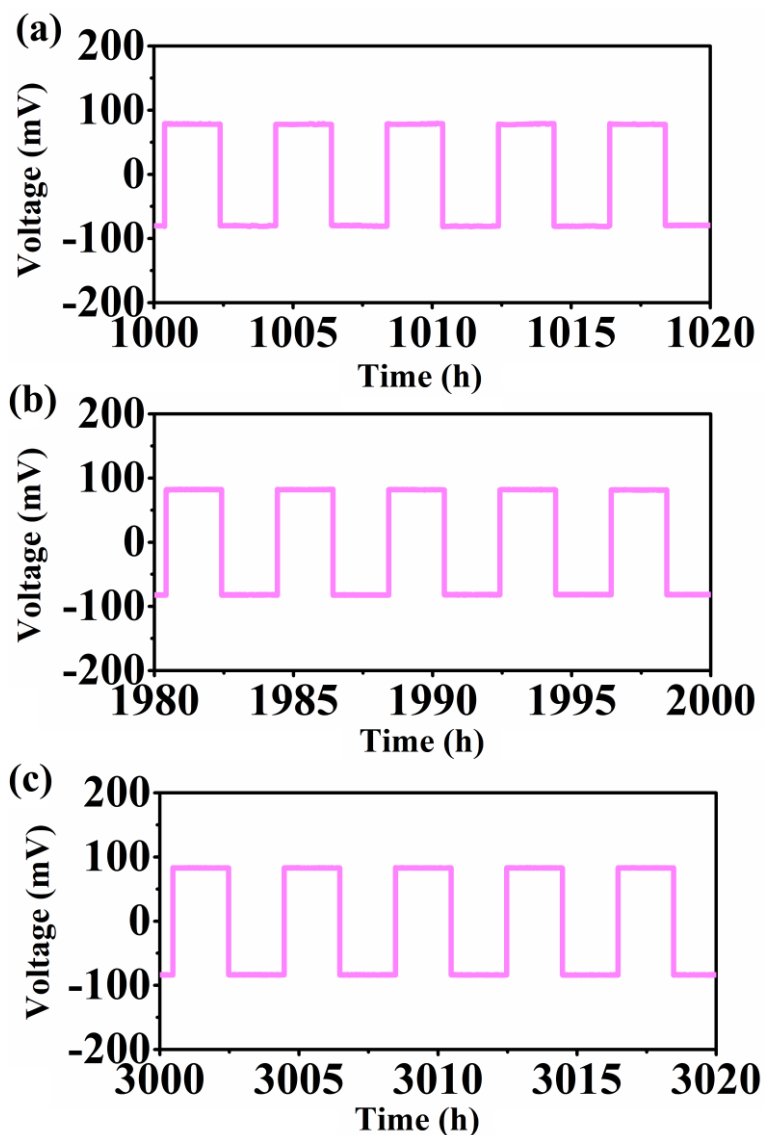


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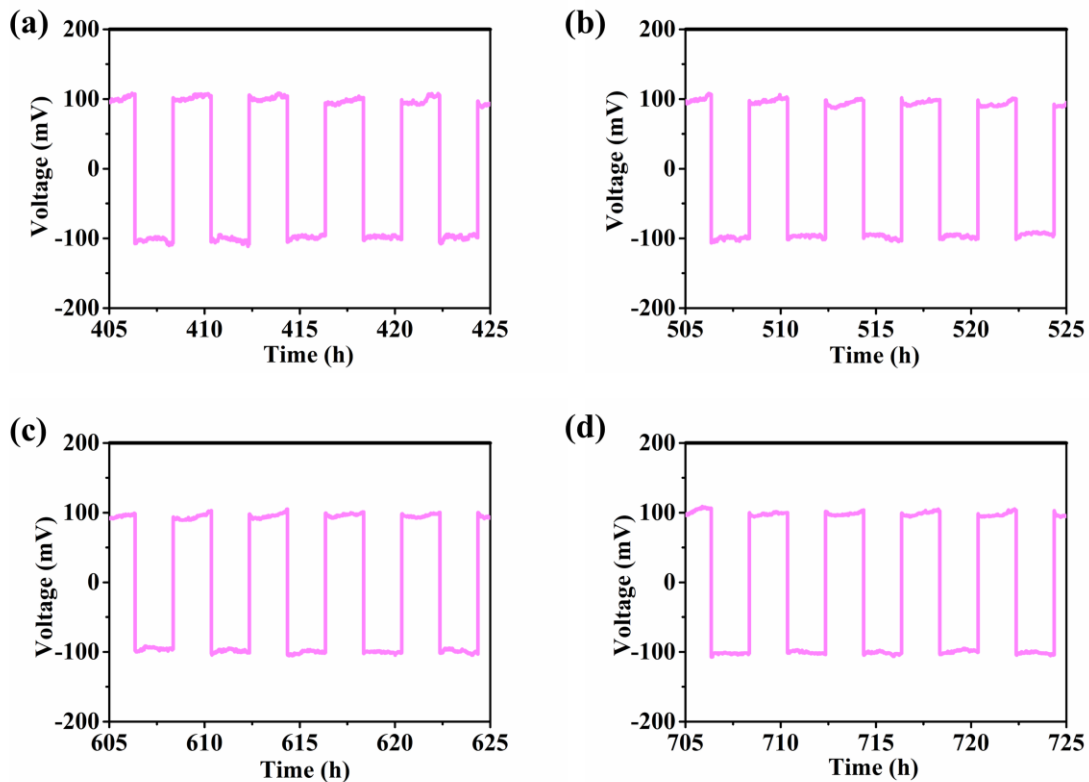
As shown in Figure S15, SEM tests show that Ce-MOF-1 was evenly distributed on the separator with the thickness of only  $\sim 9.26 \mu\text{m}$ , while the weight of coating materials is just  $\sim 0.11 \text{ mg cm}^{-2}$ , which will not have much impact on the overall energy density of the battery.



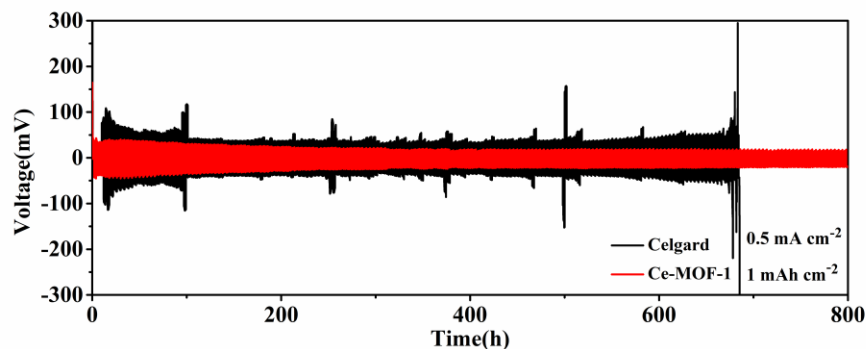
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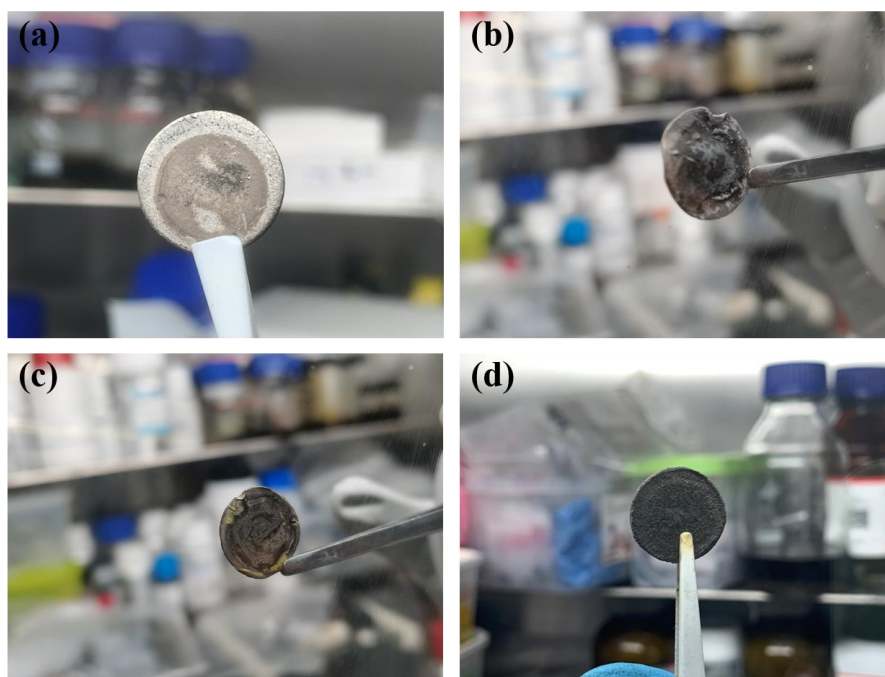
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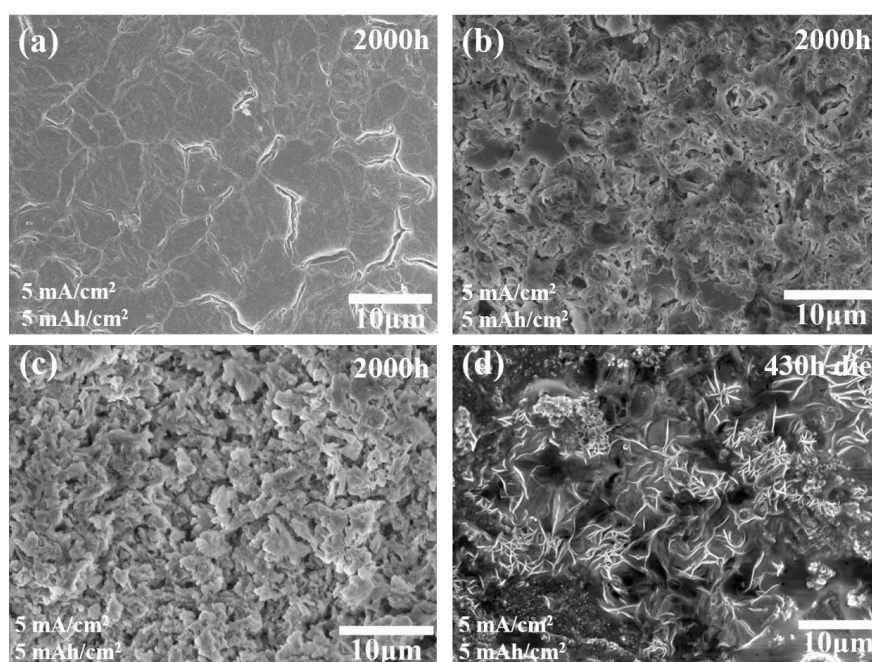
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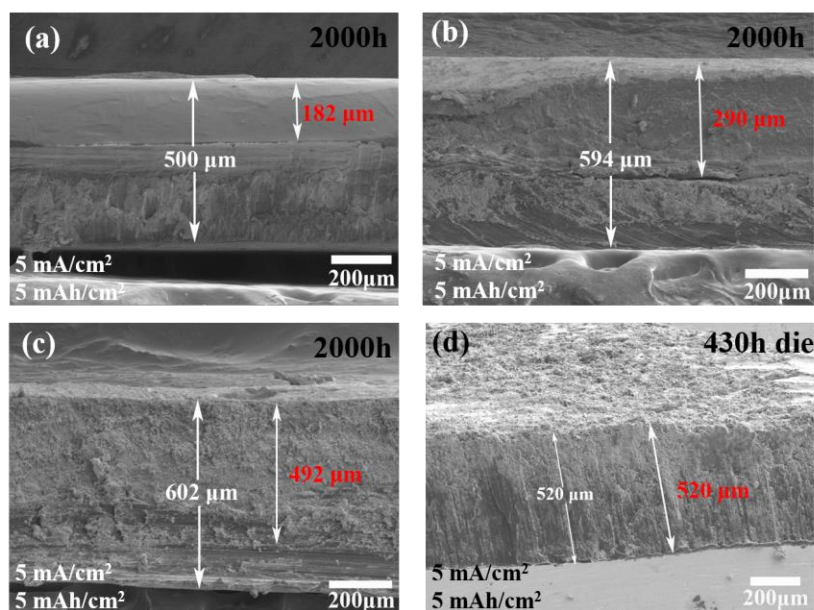


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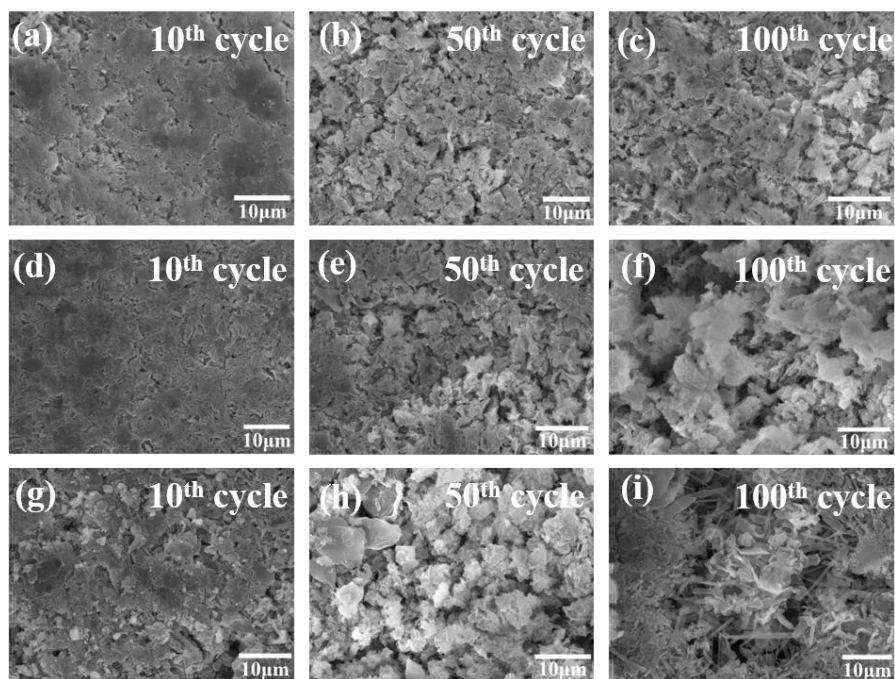


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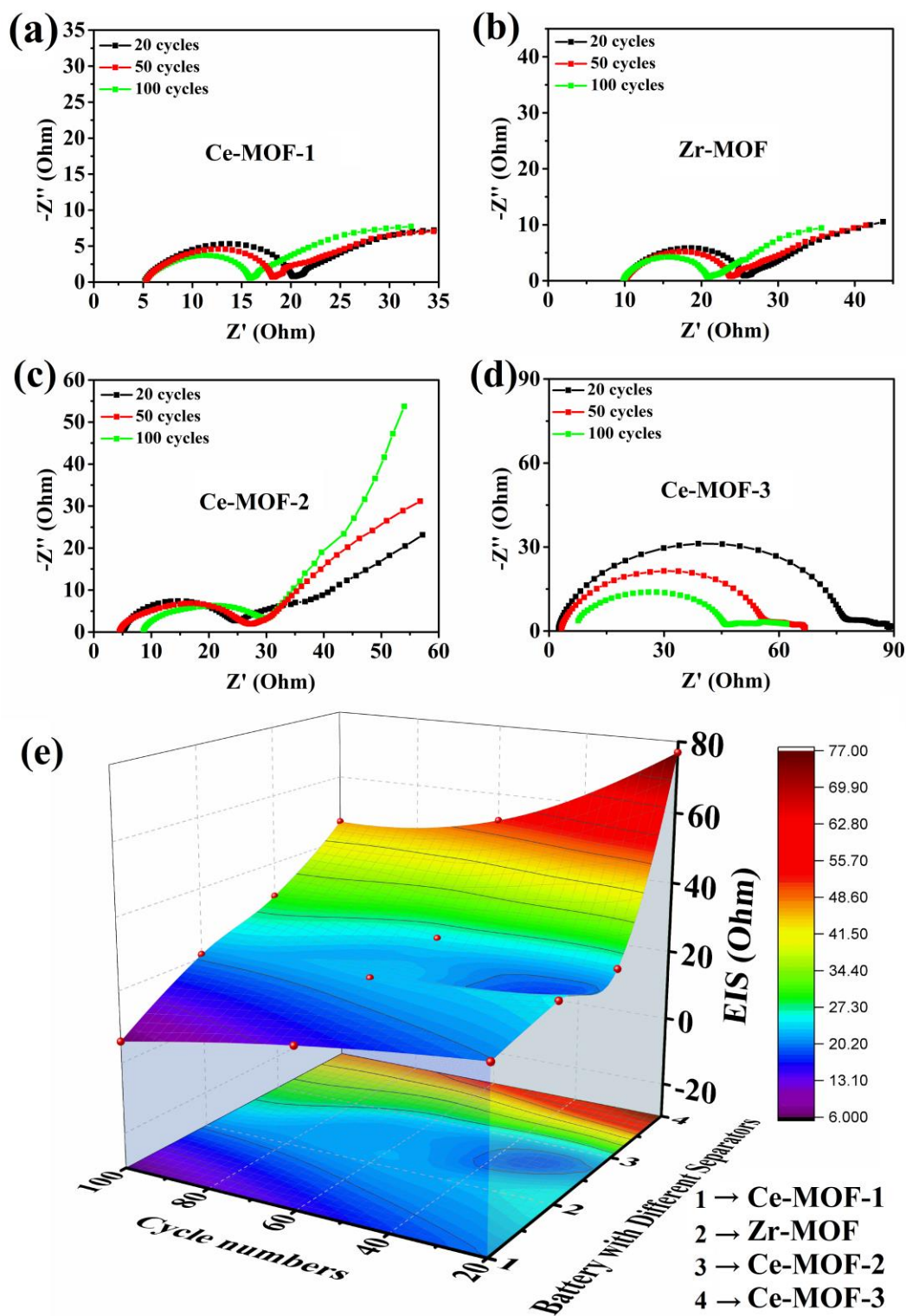




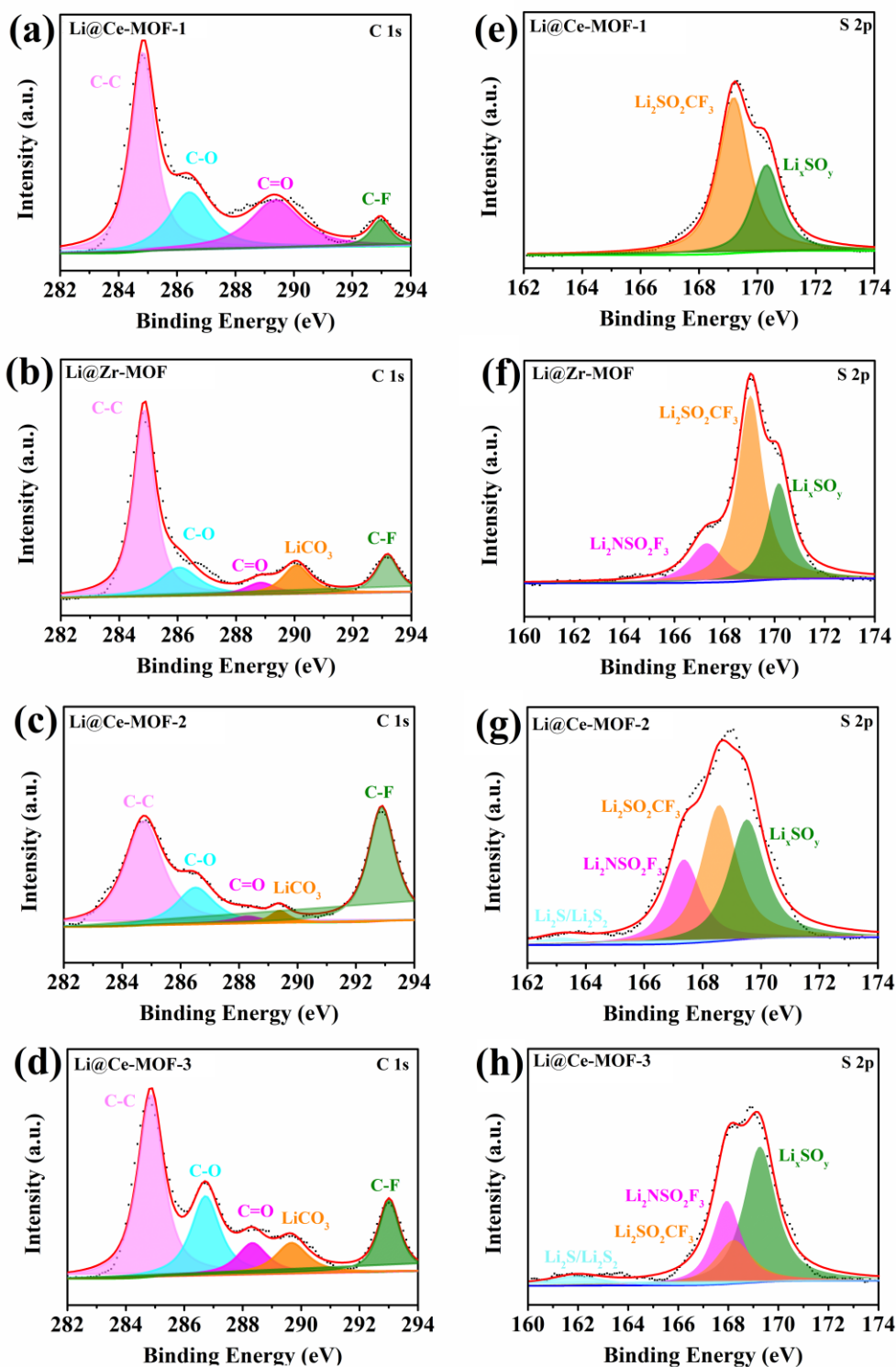
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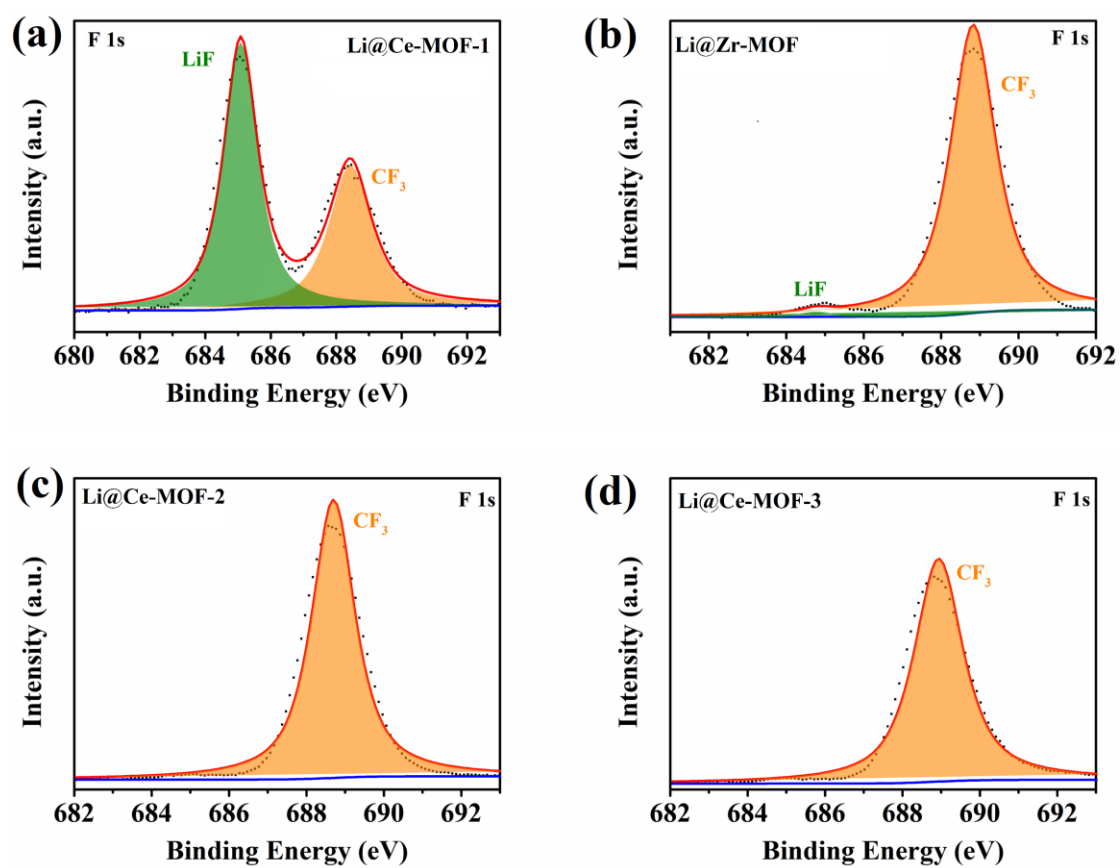
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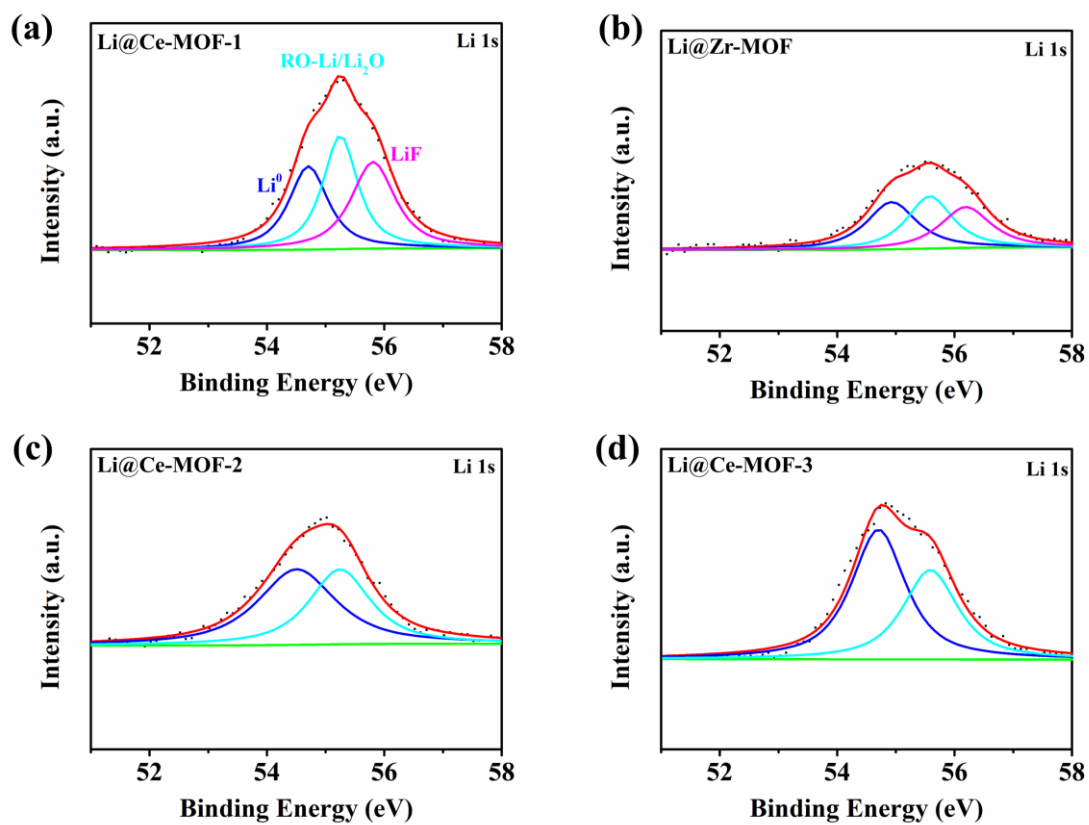
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**Figure S27.** Li 1s XPS spectra of Li anode of the symmetric cells with (a) Ce-MOF-1, (b) Zr-MOF, (c) Ce-MOF-2, and (d) Ce-MOF-3 after 100 cycles at 5 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> for 5 mAh cm<sup>-2</sup>.

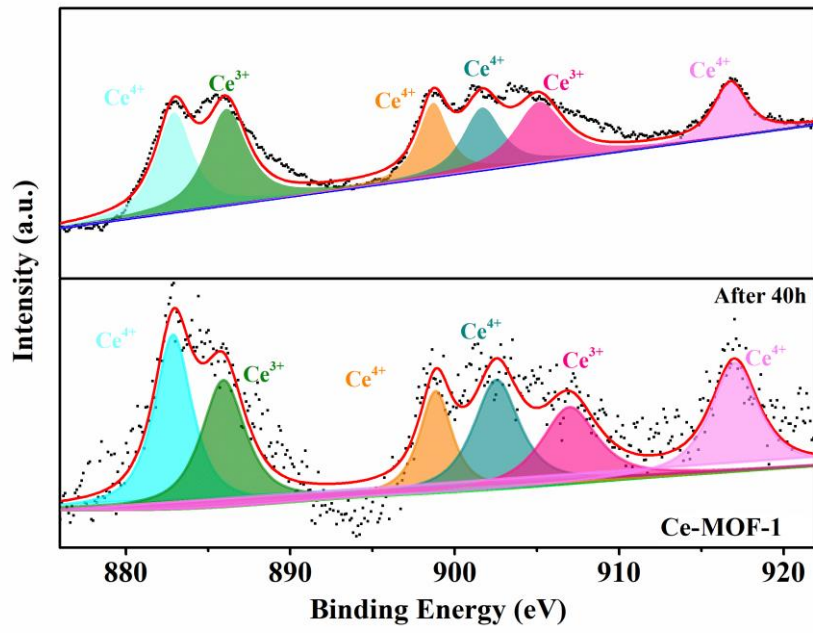


Figure S28. Ce 2p XPS spectra of Ce-MOF-1 after cycles.

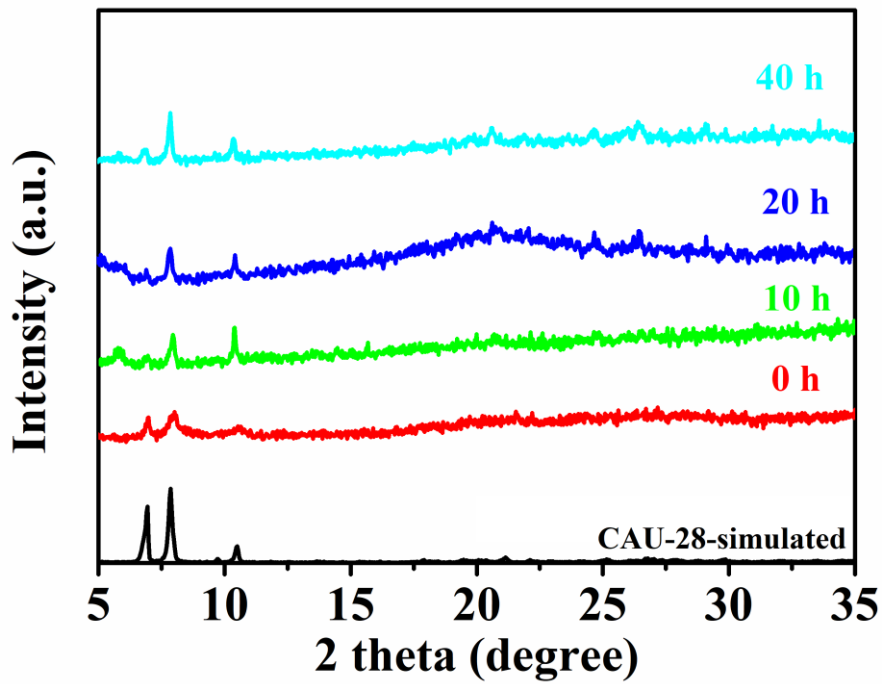
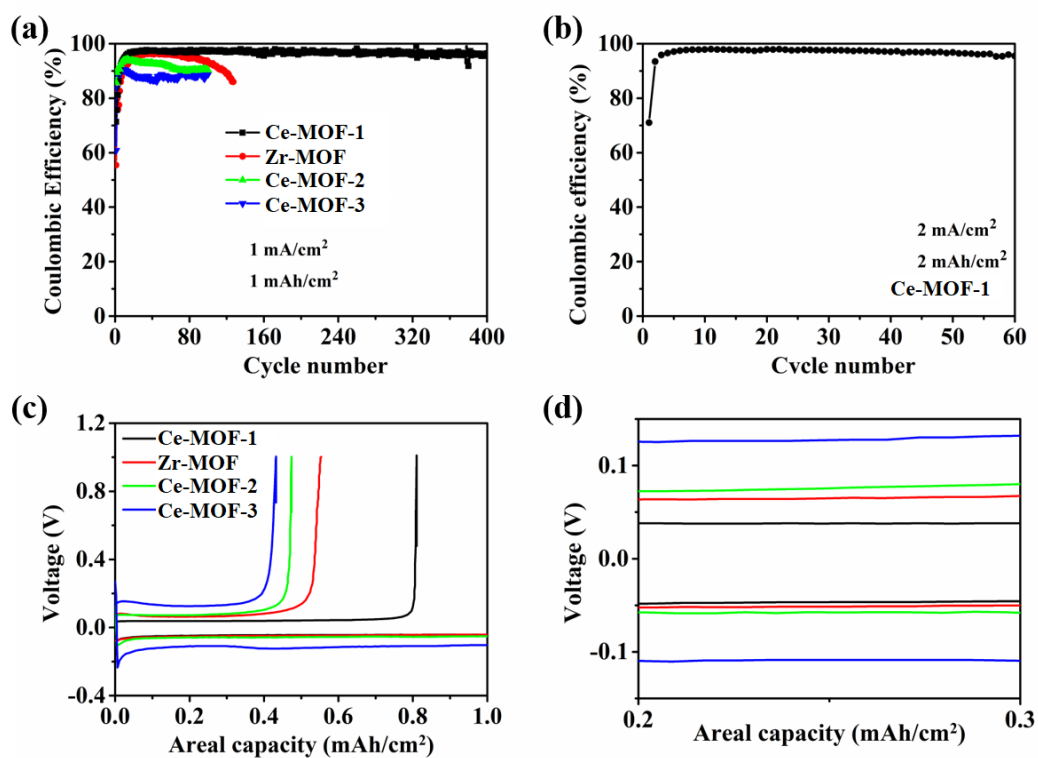
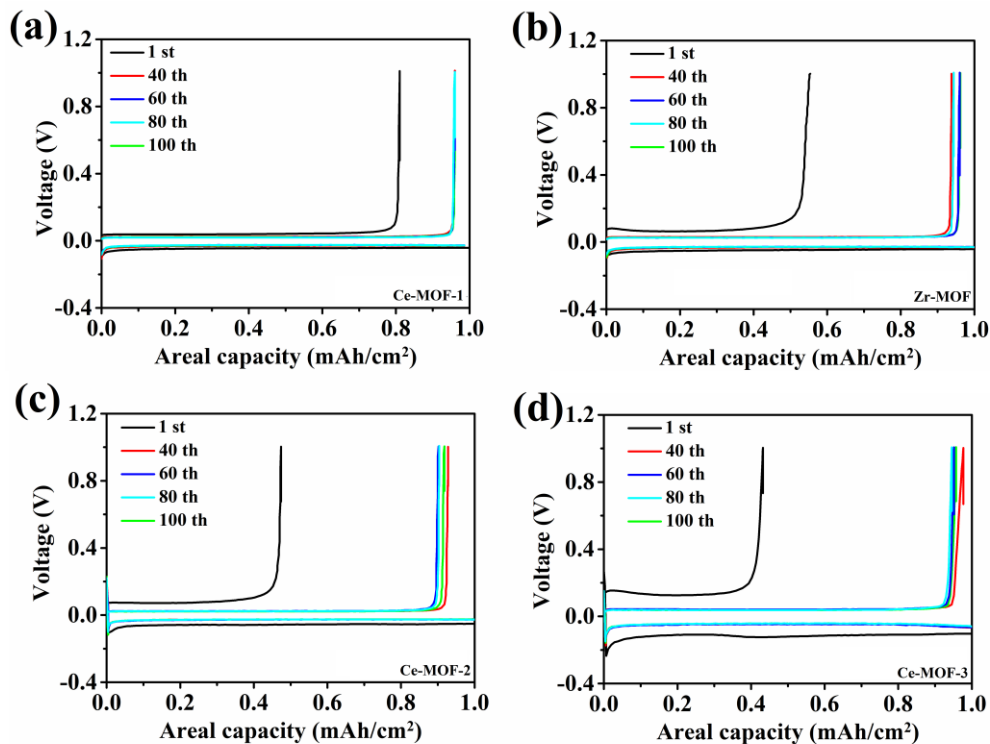


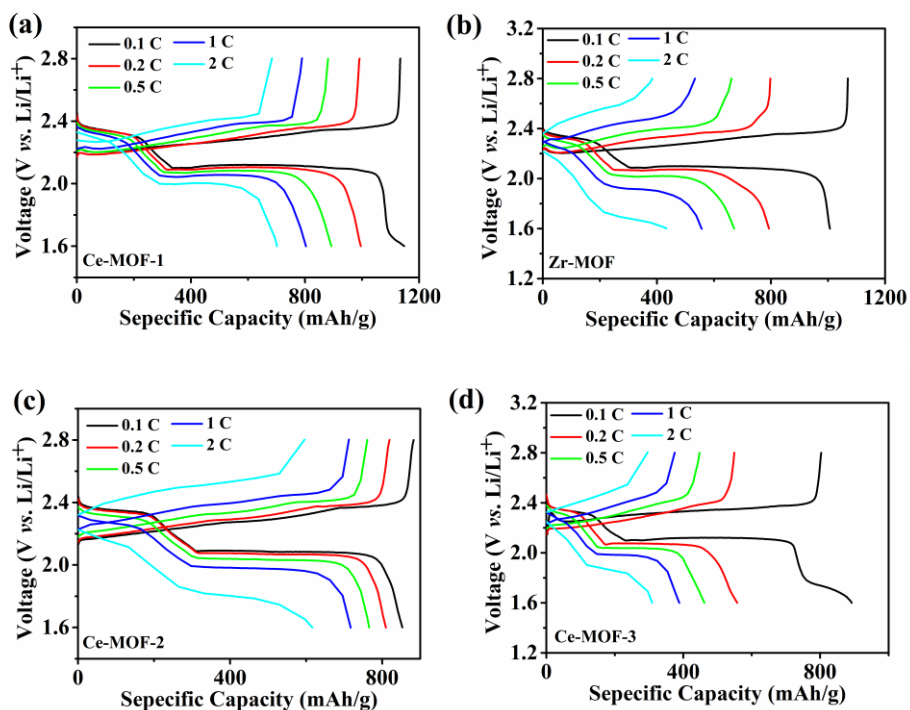
Figure S29. In situ XRD of the symmetric cell with Ce-MOF-1.



**Figure S30.** (a) The coulomb efficiency of Li-Cu cell with different separators at an areal capacity of 1 mAh cm<sup>-2</sup> with the current density of 1 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>. (b) The coulomb efficiency of Li-Cu cell with Ce-MOF-1 at an areal capacity of 2 mAh cm<sup>-2</sup> with the current density of 2 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>. (c) The Voltage curve of the Li|Cu cells with different separators at first cycle. (d) The enlarged pictures of the Voltage curve of the Li|Cu cells with different separators at first cycle.

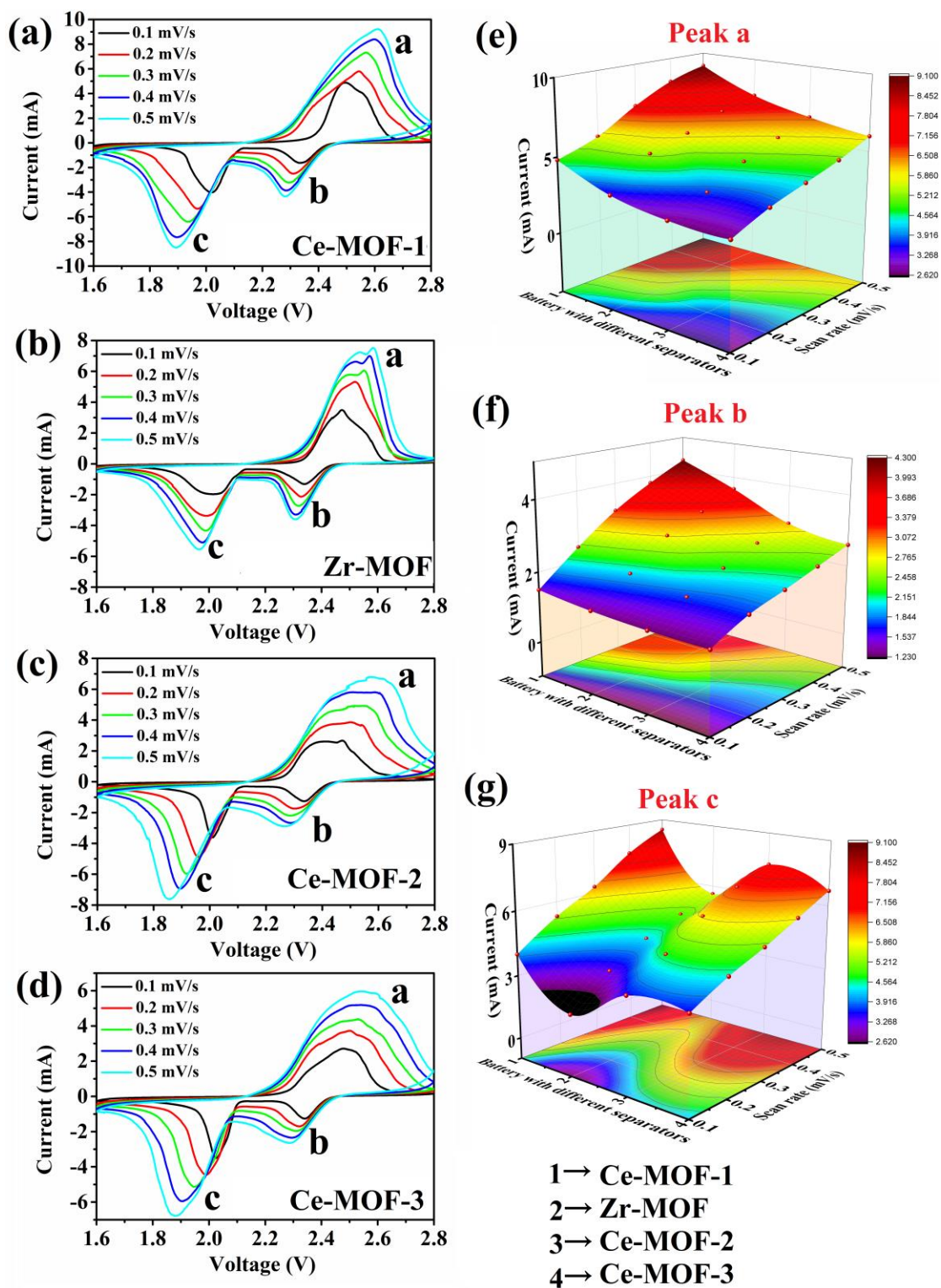


**Figure S31.** Voltage curves of the Li|Cu cells with different separators at different cycles.



**Figure S32.** Voltage curves of the Li-S cells with different separators at different current density.





**Figure S33.** CV curves of the symmetrical cell of (a) Ce-MOF-1, (b) Zr-MOF, (c) Ce-MOF-2 and (d) Ce-MOF-3 under different scanning rate. Corresponding relationship between the scan rate mV/s and current  $I$  of different separators for (e) peak a, (f) peak b and (g) peak c.

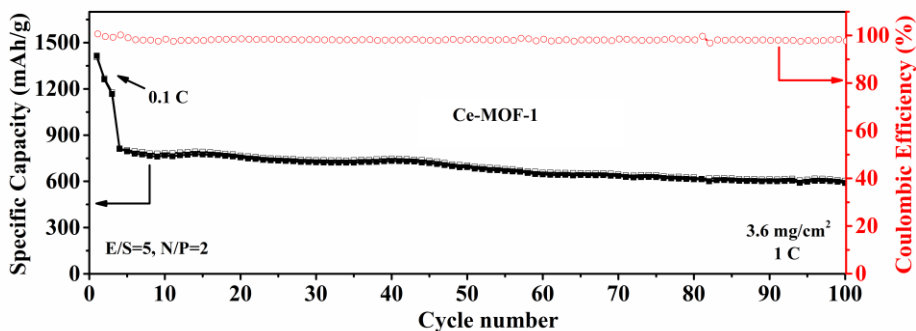


Figure S34. Cycling performance of the Li-S batteries with Ce-MOF-1 at 1 C rate.

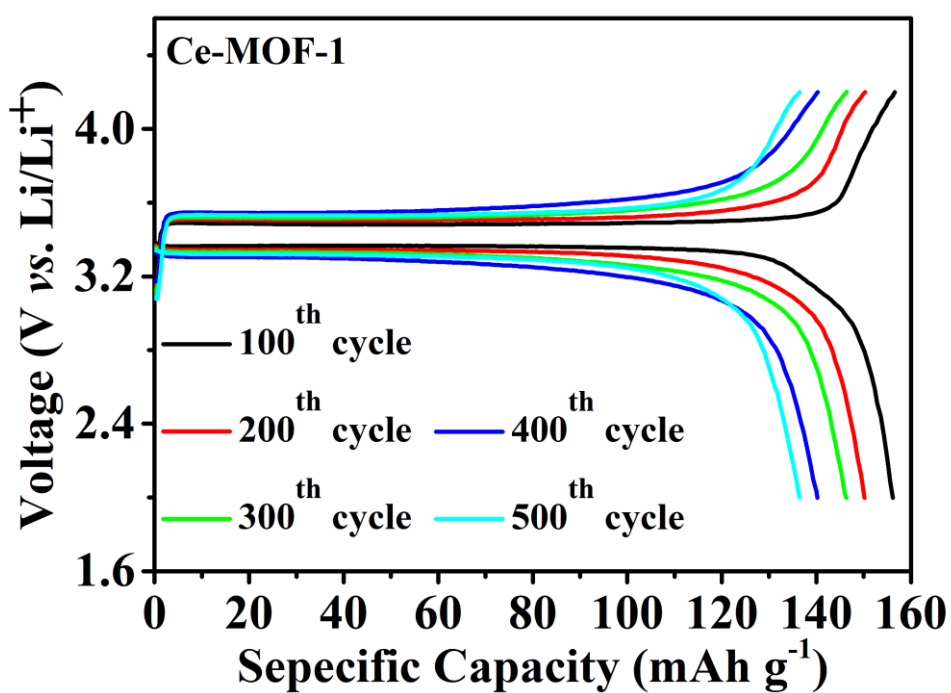


Figure S35. Voltage curves of the Li-LFP cells with Ce-MOF-1 at different cycles.

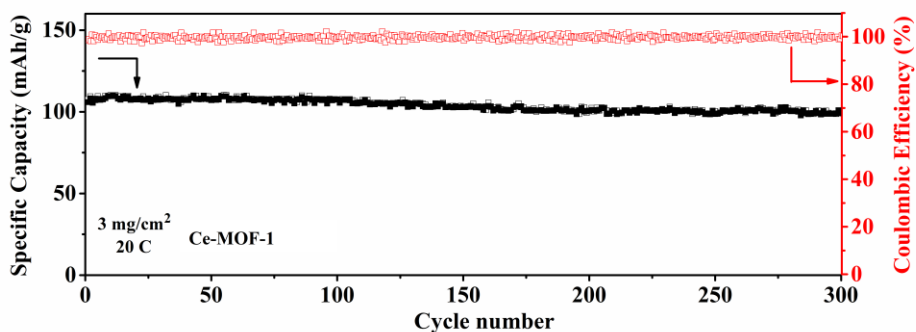
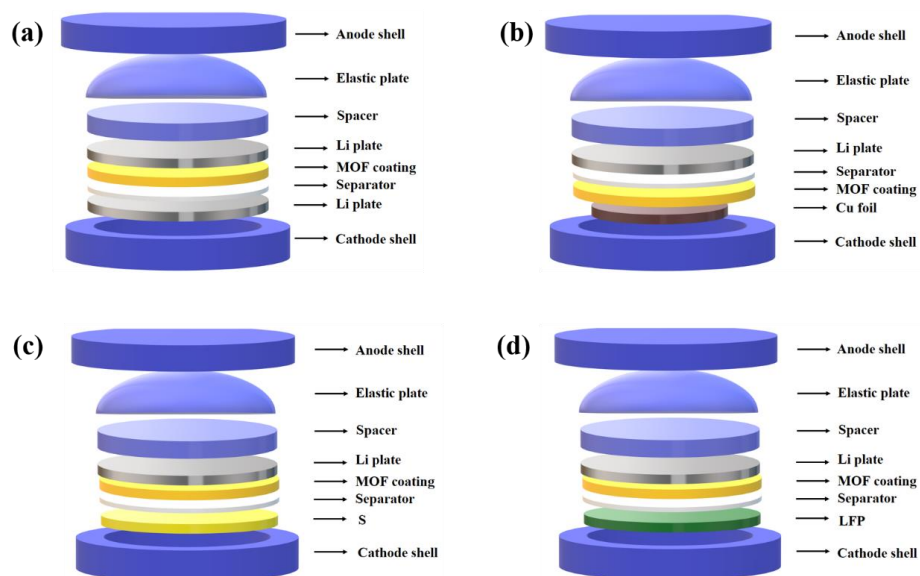
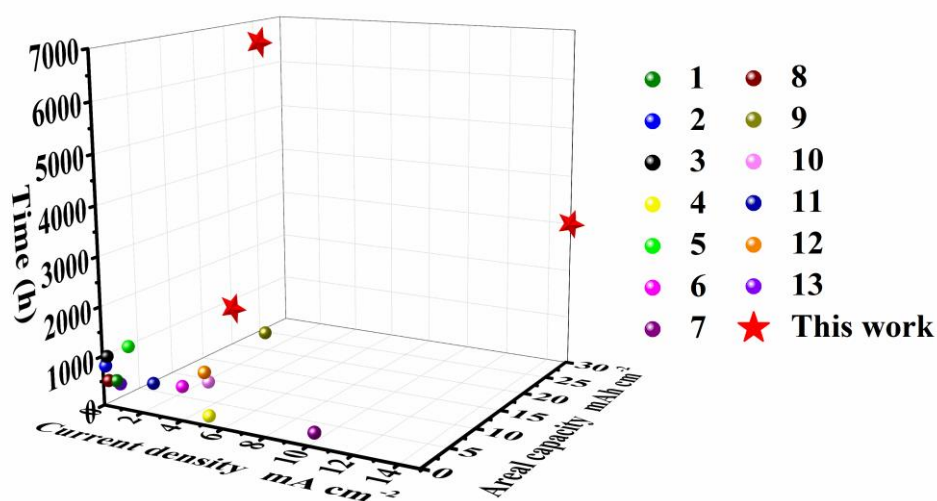


Figure S36. Cycling performance of the Li-LFP batteries with Ce-MOF-1 at 20 C rate.

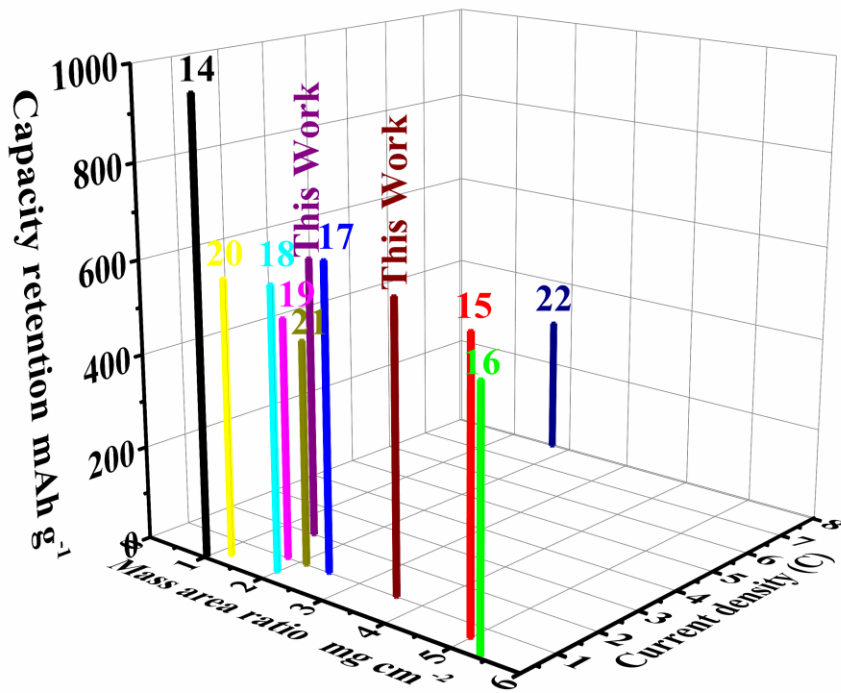


**Figure S37.** All battery assembly methods that appear in this article.

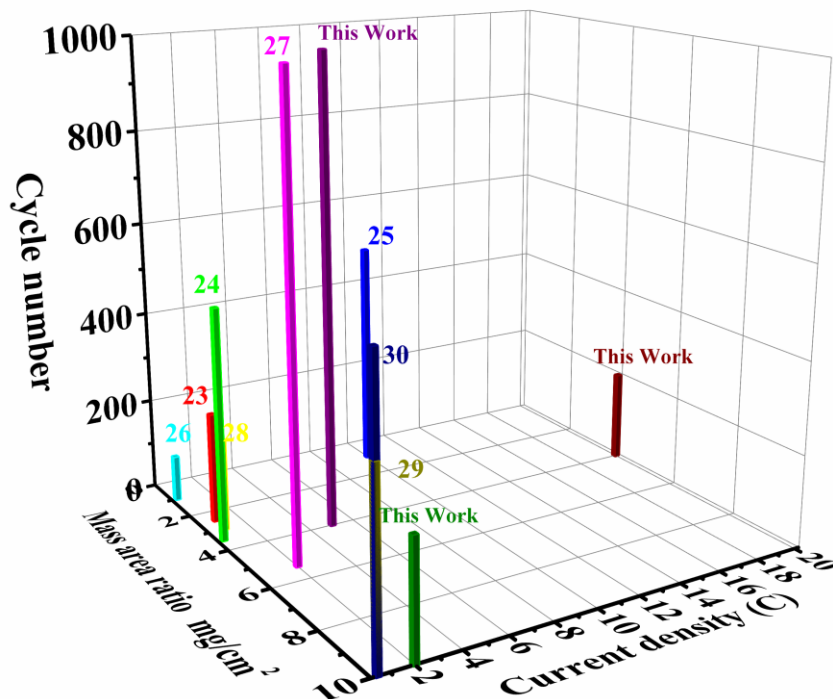


**Figure S38** The comparison of Li-Li symmetric cells performance comparison of Ce-MOF-1 with different lithium metal protection.

As shown in **Figure S38**, at 15 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> and 30 mAh cm<sup>-2</sup>, the symmetric cell with Ce-MOF-1 ran stably for more than 3000 h, which is far superior to previously reported lithium protection strategies.



**Figure S39.** The comparison of the electrochemical performances of the lithium-sulfur cells using different lithium metal protection strategy reported in the literatures.



**Figure S40.** The comparison of the electrochemical performances of the Li-LiFeO<sub>4</sub> cells using different lithium metal protection strategy reported in the literatures.

**Table S1. The Li-Li symmetric cells performance comparison of Ce-MOF-1 with different lithium metal protection.**

Lithium metal protection strategy	Current density (mA cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Cycling capacity (mAh cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Cycling time (h)	Overpotential (mV)	Refs.	
Solid electrolyte	PEO-n-UIO electrolytes	0.5	0.5	500	500	1
	ZIF-8	0.1	0.1	800	~50	2
	LATP	0.2	0.1	1000	130.5	3
Lithium interface modification	Li@25ZrEG	5	1	100	250	4
	Li@UCLN	5	1	300	100	5
Lithium deposition carrier	N-doped CNTs/Ni Foam	3	3	400	62	6
	Li-Cu composite anode	10	1	180	400	7
Electrolyte additive	Novel CPE membrane	0.2	0.2	500	70	8
Separator	OVA-PANI-Janus separator	5	10	1200	60	9
	TiO <sub>2</sub> -BDC separator	4	4	500	50	10
	UiO-66-NH <sub>2</sub> separator	1.5	3	350	50	11
	UiO-66-SO <sub>3</sub> Li separator	5	0.5	1000	42	12
	LP-EMP separator	0.5	1	400	55	13
	<b>Ce-MOF-1 separator</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7000</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>This Work</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3000</b>	<b>82</b>		

**Table S2. The Li-S performance comparison of Ce-MOF-1 with different materials.**

Materials	Role	Mass area ratio (mg cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Current density (C)	cycles	Capacity retention (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
Z-PMIA separator	Separator	1	0.2	350	961	14
LiSPAN@CuLMA	Cathode	5	0.6	400	~600	15
TpPa-SO <sub>3</sub> Li/Celgard separator	Separator	5.4	0.2	100	~535	16
IS-Li	Lithium	2.5	1	500	650	17
A-TiO <sub>2</sub> -BDC-C coated Separator	Separator	2	0.5	150	~600	18
SnF <sub>2</sub> treated Li	Lithium	1.8	1	1000	511	19
UiO-66-ClO <sub>4</sub> treated Li	Lithium	1.2	0.5	200	587.8	20
LPE-50	Lithium	2.116	1	100	475	21
OCCu-Li	Lithium	1.72	8	400	~300	22
<b>Ce-MOF-1</b>	<b>Separator</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>600.2</b>	<b>This Work</b>
		<b>3.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>612.1</b>	

**Table S3. The Li-LiFeO<sub>4</sub> performance comparison of Ce-MOF-1 with different materials.**

Materials	Role	Mass area ratio (mg cm <sup>-2</sup> )	Current density (C)	cycles	Capacity retention (mAh g <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
Sb-Li	Lithium	2.5-3.0	1	240	125	23
NHCF/CN/ZnO	Lithium	3.5-3.8	0.5	500	144	24
Zn MXene layer	Lithium	1	10	500	100	25
PVA-PANI Janus separators	Separator	1	0.5	100	~135	26
UiO-66-ClO <sub>4</sub> treated Li	Lithium	5.4	2	1000	~125	20
VDF-HFP	gel electrolyte	3	1	200	126	27
PVA-protected Li	Lithium	10	0.5	400	~123	28
NHPM	Lithium	10	0.5	600	116.8	29
<b>Ce-MOF-1</b>	<b>Separator</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>This Work</b>
		<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>116.6</b>	
		<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>100.2</b>	
		<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>132.7</b>	

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