## **Supporting information**

## Locally regulating Li<sup>+</sup> distribution on electrode surface with Li-

## Sn alloying nanoparticles for stable lithium metal anodes

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Fig. S1 The SEM images of (a) bare Li and (b) Sn powders.



Fig. S2 The binary phase diagram of Li-Sn.



Fig. S3 The elemental distribution of Sn on the surface of Li-Sn anode.



Fig. S4 Comparison of Li nucleation overpotential on the bare Li and Li-Sn anode.



Fig. S5The cycling performance of Li-Sn symmetrical cell with the plating/stripping capacity of 5 mAh cm<sup>-2</sup> at the current density of 1 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>.



Fig. S6 Comparison of impedance of bare Li and Li-Sn symmetrical cells before cycling and after 100 cycles.

Li-M alloy	Modification method	Current	Hysteresis	Cycling	Reference
anode		density-	voltage	time	
		capacity	(mV)	(h)	
		(mA cm <sup>-2</sup> -			
		mAh cm <sup>-2</sup> )			
Li@NFZO	Li melting infusion	1-1	57	700	[1]
Li-LiAl	Li-Al thermal	1-1	15	1100	[2]
	melting				
Li@Li-Zn	Depositing Zn on Cu	1-1	23	400	[3]
	foam- electrochemical				
	deposition				
Li@CuSn	Electroless Sn plating-	1-1	~20	800	[4]
	electrochemical				
	deposition				
CP/Sn/SnO2@Li	Heat treatment (SnO2,	1-1	~25	800	[5]
	Li)				
Li-Mg alloy	Melting-spontaneous	1-1	23	1000	[6]
	reaction				
Sn-Li scaffold	Electrodeposition	1-1	21.3	750	[7]
Li-Sn	Rolling	1-1	10	1200	This
		1-5	20	800	work

Table S1 Comparison of electrochemical performance of similar configuration of anode.

Table S2 Simulation parameters of impedance for bare Li and Li-Sn symmetrical cells

Electrode	Before cycling		After 100 cycles	
	$R_{SEI}\left(\Omega ight)$	$R_{ct}\left(\Omega ight)$	$R_{SEI}\left(\Omega ight)$	$R_{ct}\left(\Omega\right)$
Li	93.4	14.2	30.5	68.1
Li-Sn	60.7	9.3	13.2	59.6

before and after cycling.

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