Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

Janus *In-Situ* Formed CoO/Li₂CO₃/LiF Interlayer Between LiCoO₂ and Li₆PS₅Cl Solid Electrolytes Boosting the 4.5 V Performance of Sulfide-Based All-Solid-State Batteries

Zengzhu Li,^{a, b} Shiliang Zheng,^{a, b} Bingkai Zhang^{a, b*}

^a Guangdong Provincial Laboratory of Chemistry and Fine Chemical Engineering Jieyang Center, Jieyang 515200, P. R. China.
^b School of Chemical Engineering and Light Industry, Guangdong University of Technology, Guangzhou 510006, China.
E-mail addresses: <u>zhangbk@gdut.edu.cn</u>

Experimental details

Preparation of the Materials

Xiamen Tungsten Co., Ltd (XTC) supplied the LiCoO₂. Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) was purchased from Shenzhen Kejing Zhida Technology Co., Ltd. Indium foils (0.05 mm in thickness) were purchased from Tengfeng Metal Materials Technology Co., Ltd. Solid electrolytes (Li₆PS₅Cl (LPSCl)) were purchased from Hefei Kejing Materials Technology Co., Ltd. Lithium (99.99% purity, 50 mm in thickness) was brought from China Energy Lithium Co., Ltd.

Electrochemical tests

Using the battery testing system (LAND, Wuhan) at room temperature (25 °C), the galvanostatic discharge/charge tests of ASSLBs with LCO cathodes were conducted within a potential range of 2.6-4.3 V vs. Li⁺/Li, with 1C defined as 120 mA g⁻¹. For high voltage test conditions, potential ranges of 2.6-4.5 V vs. Li⁺/Li were applied, maintaining 1C as 120 mA g⁻¹. The GITT curves of ASSLBs were obtained with a 20-minute discharge at 0.1 C followed by a 2-hour relaxation period. Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) of ASSLBs was performed using an Autolab workstation (Wantong, Switzerland) with a frequency range from 3500 Hz to 0.01 Hz and an AC perturbation signal of 5 mV. *Materials characterization*

Powder X-ray diffraction (XRD) was performed using a Rigaku Ultima IV with a Cu K α radiation source. Samples were scanned over a 2 θ range of 5° to 90° at a scan speed of 1° min⁻¹. A scanning electron microscope (SEM, TESCAN MIRA4) was used to observe the morphology of the cathodes before and after reduction. A high-resolution transmission electron microscope (HRTEM) was employed to study the CoO/Li₂CO₃/LiF layer on the surface of LCO at an accelerating voltage of approximately 200 kV. Prior to TEM observation, thin sections of the PVDF-LCO particles were prepared using the Focused Ion Beam (FIB) technique. Surface components of the samples were analyzed using a PHI5000 Versaprobe III electron spectrometer (X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy, XPS). Al K α monochromatized radiation (h ν = 1486.6 eV) was used as the X-ray source. The surface of the specimen was sputtered by inert gas ion bombardment at a sputter rate of 15 nm (using SiO₂ as the standard reference) each time, and spectra were subsequently collected from the center of the etched area. **Supplementary figures**



Figure S1. The preparation process of PVDF-LCO.



3 / 9

Figure S2. Rietveld refinement on the XRD data of LCO.



Figure S3. Bare-LCO and PVDF-LCO particle size analysis.



Figure S4. SEM-EDS images of 0.5%-PVDF-LCO. a is the total elemental distribution. b, c, d and e are the elemental distributions of C, O, Co and F, respectively.



Figure S5. a, b are the FTIR spectra and Raman spectra of Bare-LCO and 0.5%-PVDF-LCO.



 Figure S6. a is the TEM image of the FIB-cut PVDF-LCO, and b is the corresponding high-resolution

 TEM
 image.



Figure S7. The initial charge-discharge curves of LCO ASSLBs at 0.2 C in the voltage range of 2.6-4.3 V.



Figure S8. Polarization curves and Ion diffusion coefficient log D of 0.5%-PVDF-LCO.



Figure S9. Energy spectra of S and P at the positive/electrolyte interface of Bare-LCO and 0.5%-PVDF-LCO after cycling.



Figure S10. Cycling performance of Bare-LCO and 0.5% PVDF-LCO at 4.3 V at 50 °C.