

Supplementary Material

Porous array of BaLi₄ alloy microchannels enforced carbon cloth for a stable Li composite anode

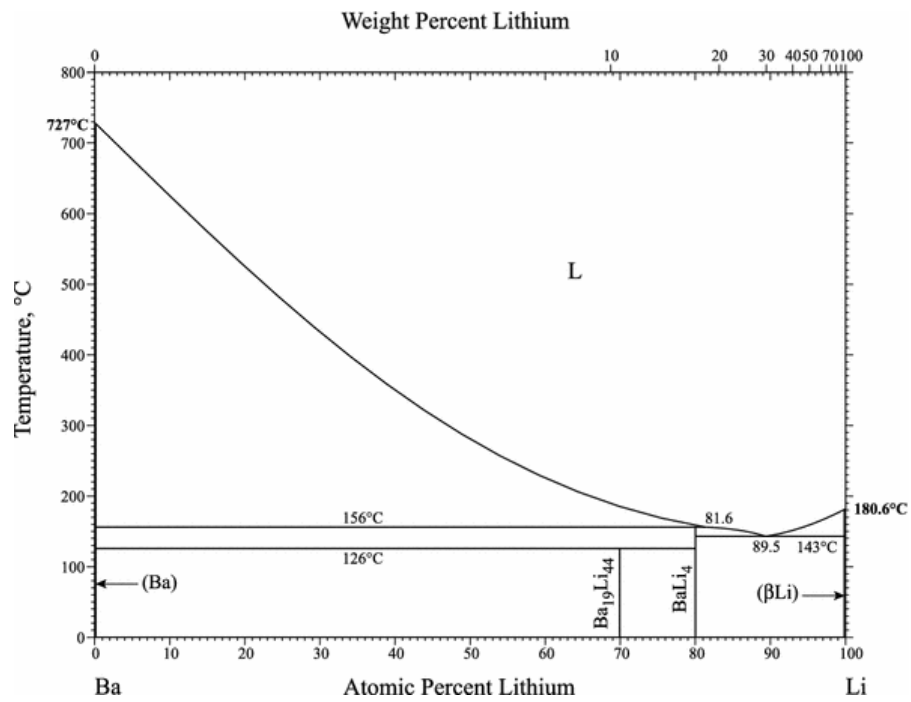
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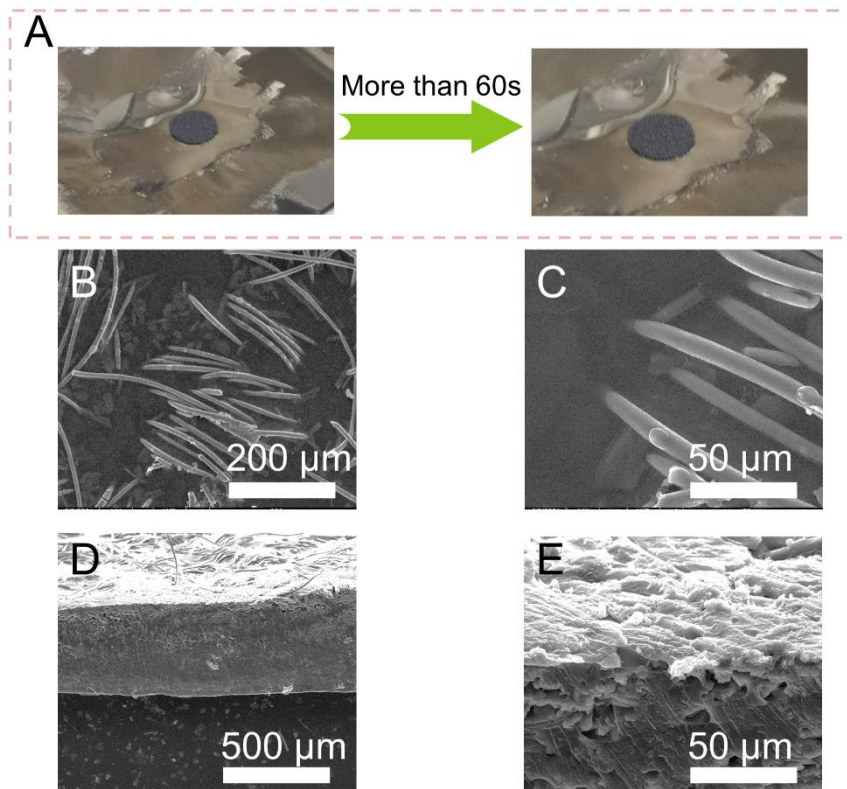
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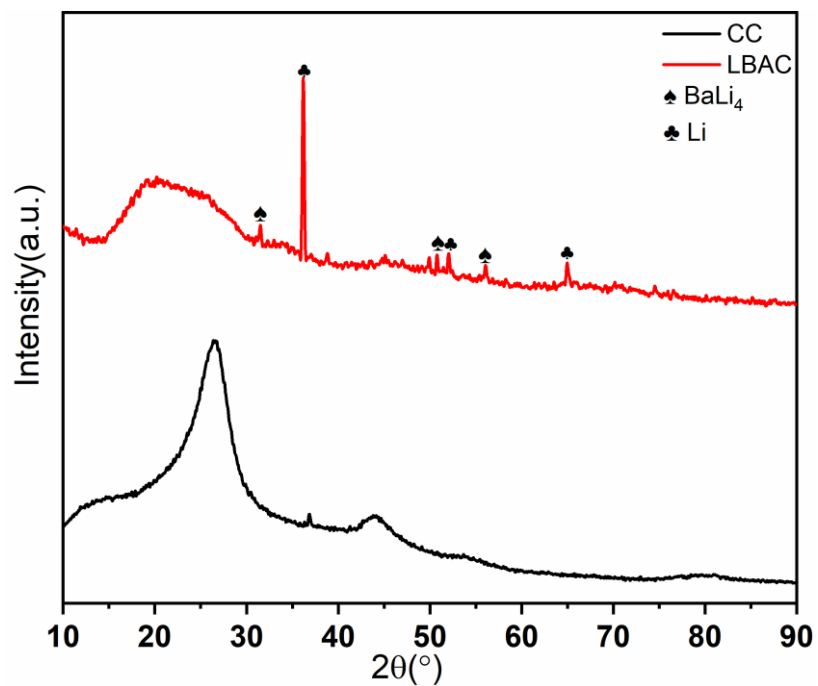
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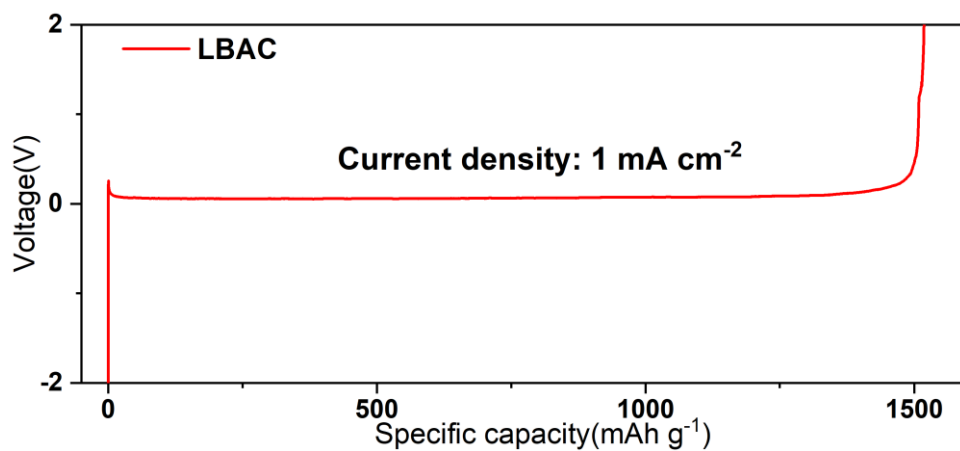
Supplementary Figure 1. Li-Ba phase diagram^[1]



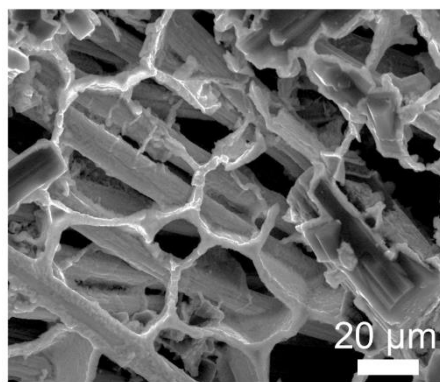
Supplementary Figure 2. (A) The images of liquid Li infusion process on the CC at 400 °C. The (B, C) top-view and (D, E) side-view SEM images of the Li-C.



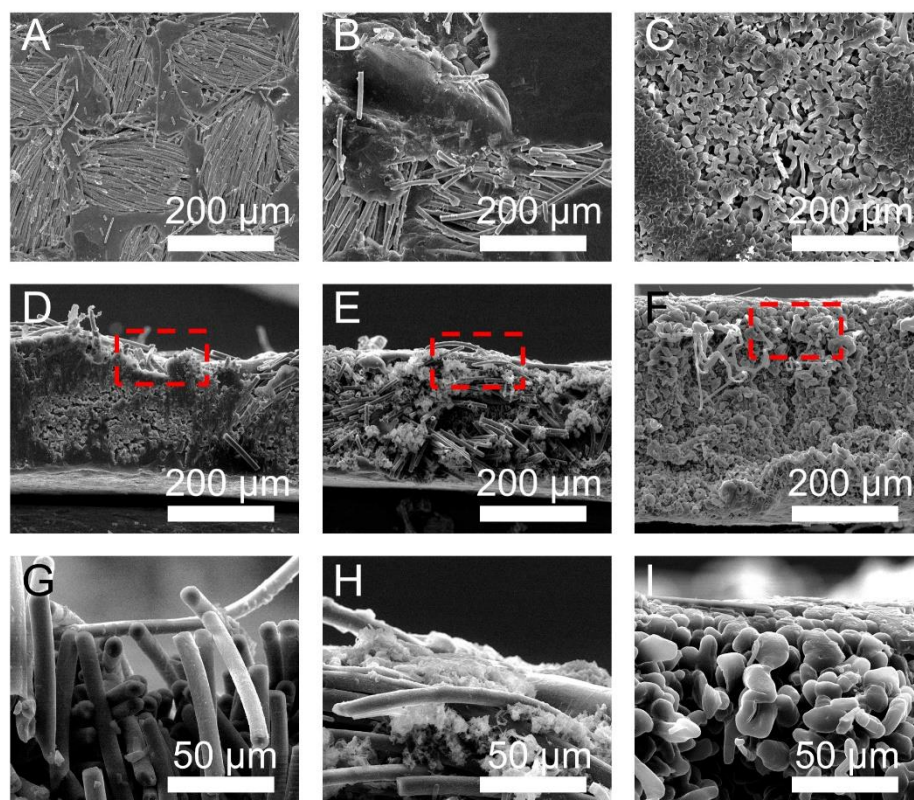
Supplementary Figure 3. The XRD pattern of the LBAC.



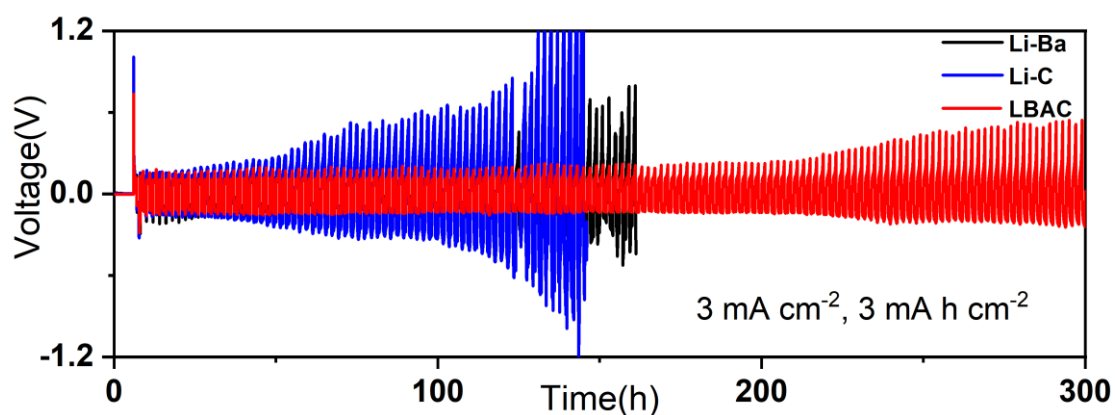
Supplementary Figure 4. Voltage profile of stripping Li from LBAC electrode to 2 V versus Li⁺/Li.



Supplementary Figure 5. The top-view SEM image of LBAC electrode after stripping 20 mAh cm⁻² Li.



Supplementary Figure 6. The top-view SEM images of Li-C electrode after (A) stripping 10 mA h cm^{-2} Li, (B) plating 5 mA h cm^{-2} Li back and (C) plating 10 mA h cm^{-2} Li back. The side-view SEM images of Li-C electrode (D, G) stripping 10 mA h cm^{-2} Li, (E, H) plating 5 mA h cm^{-2} Li back and (F, I) plating 10 mA h cm^{-2} Li back.



Supplementary Figure 7. Electrochemical characterization of symmetric cells at charge/discharge of 3 mAh cm^{-2} and 3 mA cm^{-2} .

Supplementary Table 1. Data used to calculate theoretical specific capacity of LBAC electrode.

	Average quality (mg)	wt. (%)
LBAC	38.5	100
CC	9.5	24.5
Ba, from BaLi ₄	12.8	33.2
Li, from BaLi ₄ and metallic Li phases	16.2	42.3

LBAC theoretical specific capacity: $16.2 \div 38.5 \times 3860 \approx 1621 \text{ mA h g}^{-1}$

Supplementary Table 2. Comparison of the LBAC anode in this work with other carbon-based scaffolds under carbonate electrolyte conditions reported in recent publications.

	Current density (mA cm ⁻²)	Capacity of Li (mAh cm ⁻²)	Time
C/SiNW/Li ^[2]	1	1	600 h
	3	1	200 h
CI ^[3]	1	1	450 h
	5	1	70 h
Li-C ^[4]	1	1	450 h
	3	1	120h
Li/C wood ^[5]	3	1	150 h
Li-Carbon ^[6]	1	1	500 h
Li-CF ^[7]	1	1	744 h

	3	1	120 h
This work	1	1	1000 h
	3	1	420 h
	3	3	300 h
	5	1	220 h

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