

All-solid-state Li-metal cell using nanocomposite TiO₂ /polymer electrolyte and self-standing LiFePO₄ cathode

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Supporting Information

Table S1: Electrolyte resistance (R_e), interphase resistance (R_i), and chi-square value indicating the accuracy (χ^2) of the non-linear least squares (NLLS) analysis using the equivalent circuit $R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$ on the EIS data of the symmetrical Li/membrane/Li cells with different polymer-to-salt ratio (EO/Li), collected at OCV of the cells and after 25 hours. See Figure 1b,d in the manuscript for related Nyquist plots.

	Cell Condition	R_e (Ω)	$R_i = R_1 + R_2$ (Ω)	$R = R_e + R_i$ (Ω)	χ^2
EO/Li 18:1	OCV	18.7 ± 0.2	190 ± 11	209 ± 11	2×10^{-5}
	After 25 hours	3.6 ± 0.6	448 ± 6	452 ± 6	1×10^{-5}
EO/Li 21:1	OCV	11.0 ± 0.4	125 ± 6	136 ± 6	4×10^{-5}
	After 25 hours	13.3 ± 0.3	178 ± 11	191 ± 11	3×10^{-5}
EO/Li 25:1	OCV	10 ± 2	776 ± 13	786 ± 13	2×10^{-5}
	After 25 hours	24.3 ± 0.3	929 ± 8	953 ± 8	1×10^{-5}

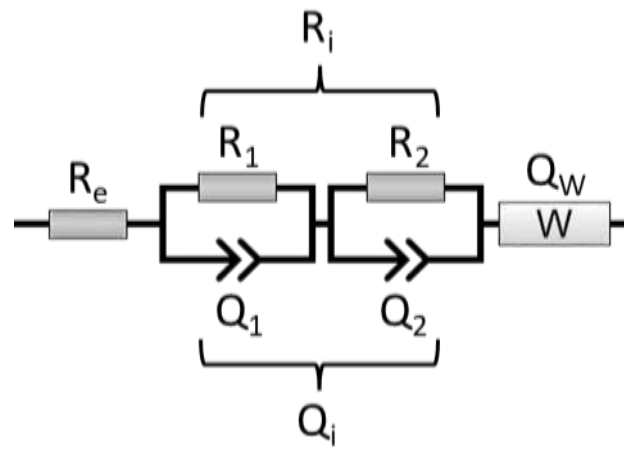


Figure S1: Representation of the equivalent circuit used in Figure 1b,d.

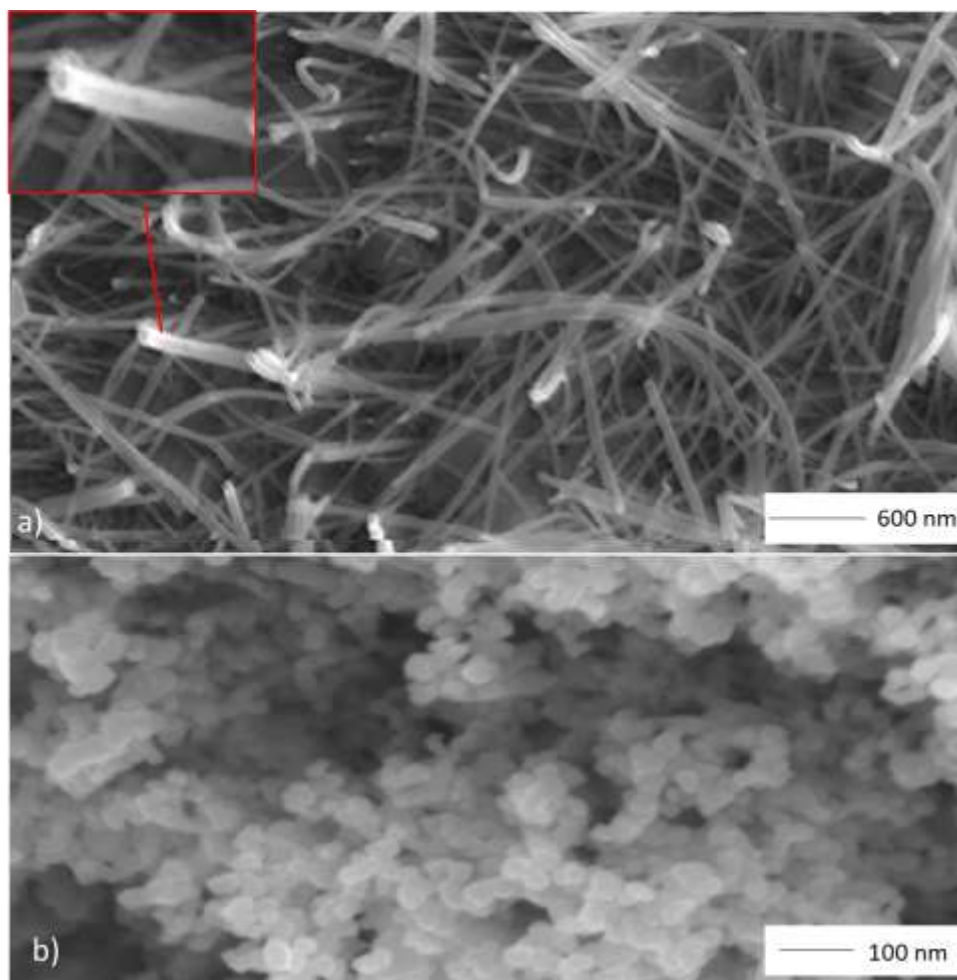


Figure S2: SEM images of (a) synthesized titanium dioxide nanotubes and (b) commercial P25 nanoparticles.

Table S2: Electrolyte resistance (R_e), interphase resistance (R_i), and chi-square value indicating the accuracy (χ^2) of the non-linear least squares (NLLS) analysis using the equivalent circuit $R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$ on the EIS data of the symmetrical Li/membrane/Li cells with TiO_2 filler with different morphologies (nanotubes or nanoparticles) and concentration, collected at OCV of the cells and after 25 hours. See Figure 3 in the manuscript for related Nyquist plots.

	Filler Concentration	Cell Condition	$R_e (\Omega)$	$R_i = R_1 + R_2 (\Omega)$	χ^2
Nanoparticles	NP15	OCV	17.0 ± 0.3	193 ± 14	2×10^{-5}
		After 25 hours	13.2 ± 0.2	445 ± 34	1×10^{-5}
	NP10	OCV	22.8 ± 0.9	78 ± 8	2×10^{-5}
		After 25 hours	18.3 ± 0.3	209 ± 18	2×10^{-5}
	NP3	OCV	22.8 ± 0.2	380 ± 10	7×10^{-6}
		After 25 hours	16.6 ± 0.2	437 ± 9	8×10^{-6}
Nanotubes	NT15	OCV	41.8 ± 0.2	103 ± 4	1×10^{-5}
		After 25 hours	25.9 ± 0.9	155 ± 11	5×10^{-5}
	NT10	OCV	21.1 ± 0.3	73 ± 4	1×10^{-5}
		After 25 hours	16.4 ± 0.3	91 ± 5	2×10^{-5}
	NT3	OCV	34.5 ± 0.6	254 ± 8	7×10^{-6}
		After 25 hours	21.6 ± 0.5	400 ± 10	1×10^{-5}

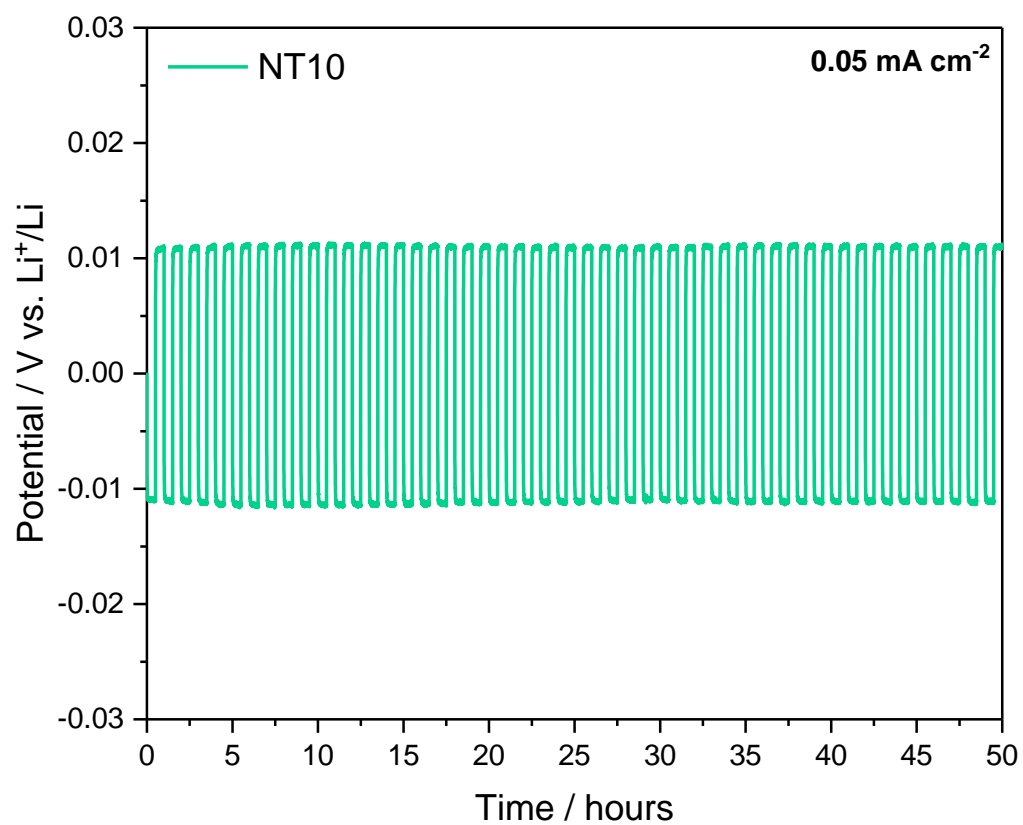


Figure S3: 50 hours of galvanostatic plating/stripping test performed on symmetrical Li/NT10/Li cells. $I = 0.05 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$; $T = 65 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

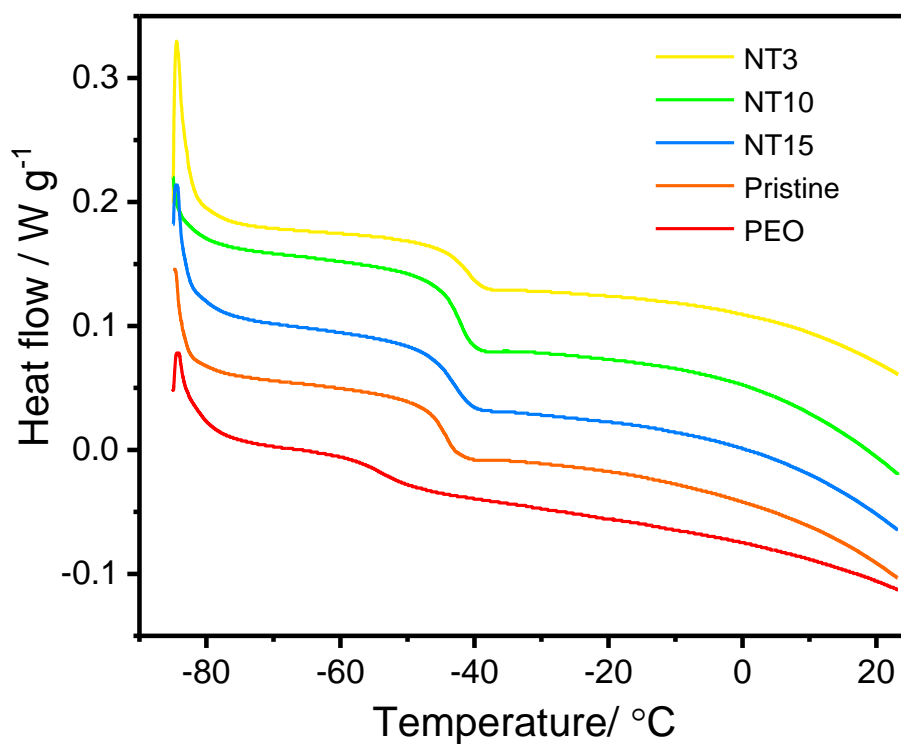


Figure S4: Differential Scanning Calorimetry curves of PEO polymer (red), pristine membrane (orange), NT15 (blue), NT10 (green), and NT3 (yellow) recorded under nitrogen flow in the -80 – 25 °C temperature range.

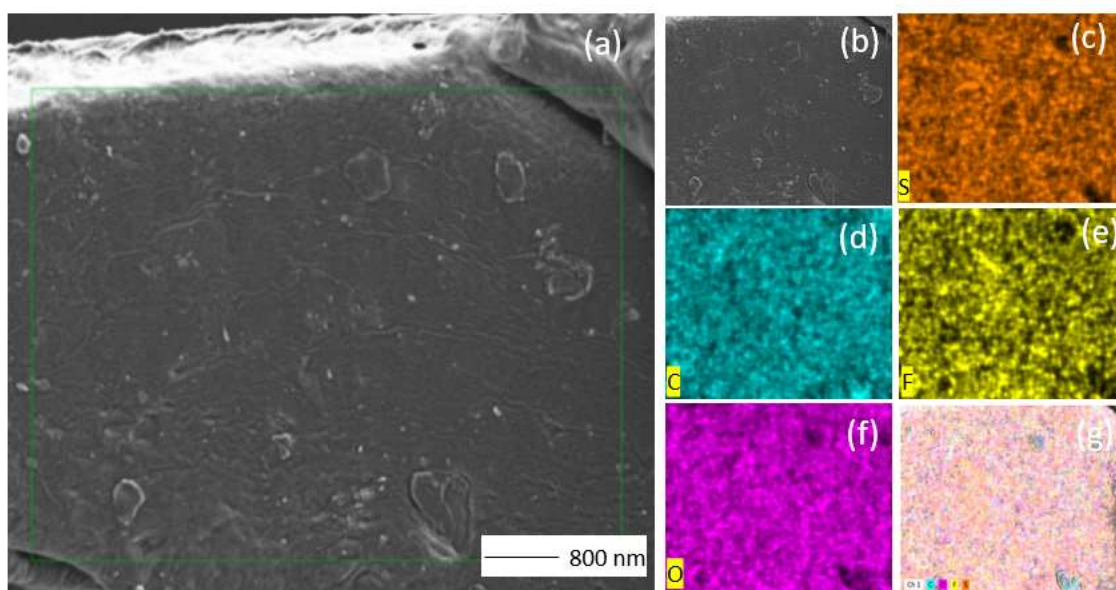


Figure S5: (a) SEM image of the pristine membrane, (b) EDS mapping of (c) sulfur (d) carbon (e) fluorine and (f) oxygen. (g) Overlapping of all the elements detected by EDS.

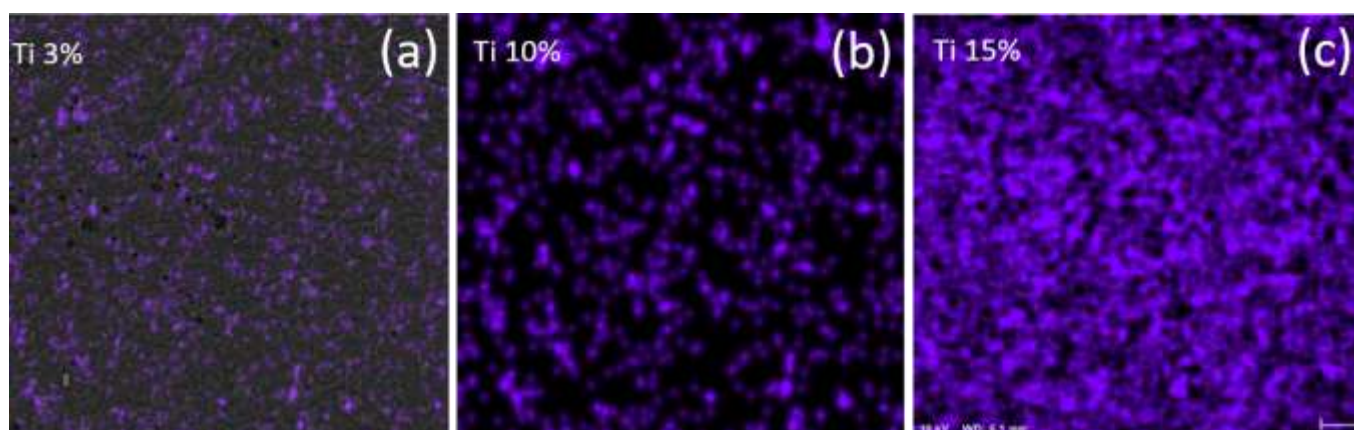


Figure S6: EDS elemental maps of different concentrations of TiO_2 in (a) NT3, (b) NT10, and (c) NT15.

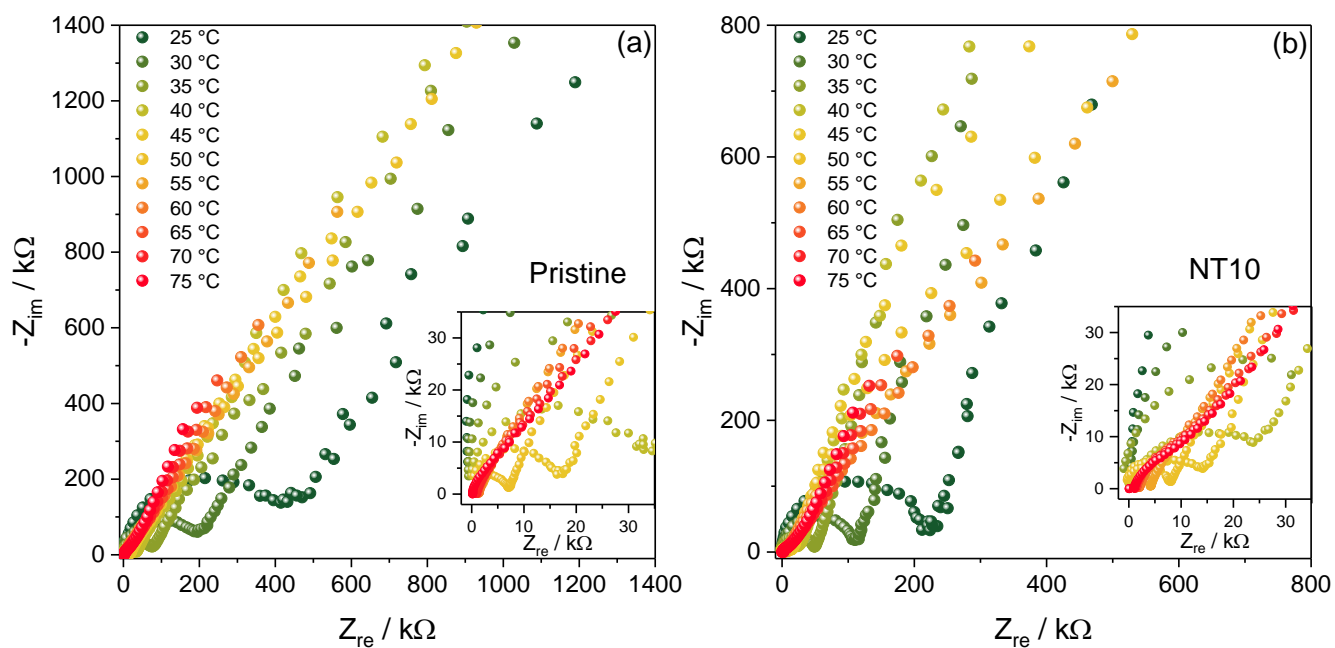


Figure S7: Nyquist plots related to EIS measurements performed at various temperatures on a stainless-steel/membrane/stainless-steel symmetrical cell with (a) pristine membrane and (b) NT10 to evaluate the electrolyte ionic conductivity, with magnification of the high-frequency region in the insets.

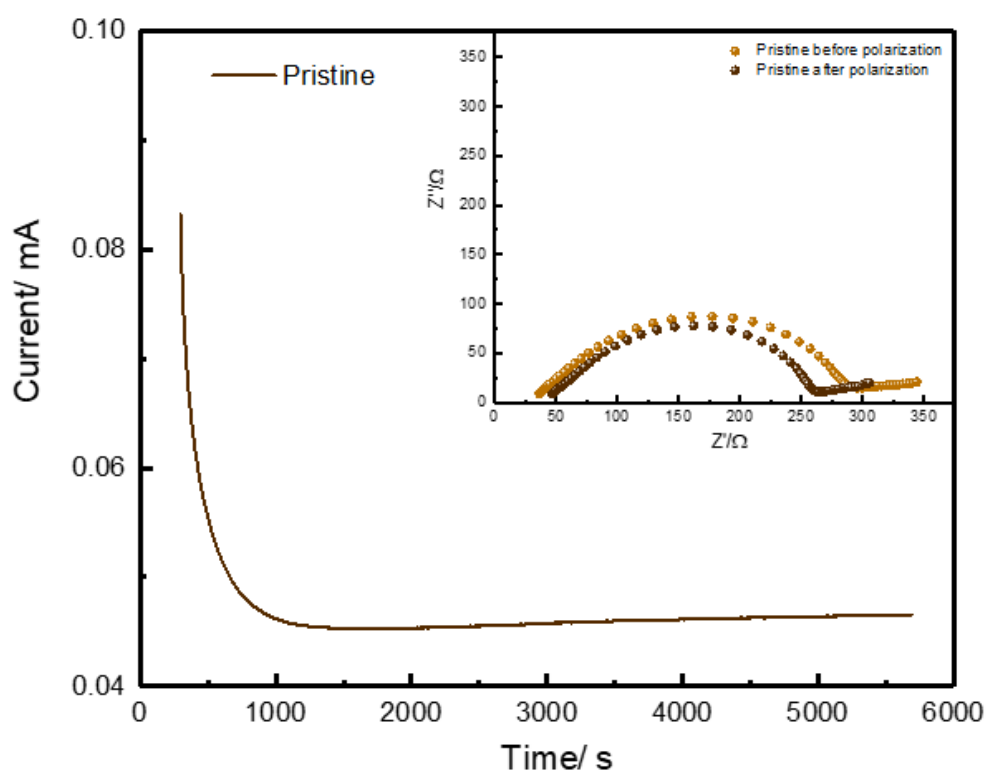


Figure S8: Chronoamperometry curve recorded on a Li/Li symmetrical cell using pristine membrane as electrolyte for determination of Li^+ transference number at 65 °C. The inset displays the corresponding Nyquist plots obtained by EIS at the initial and steady state.

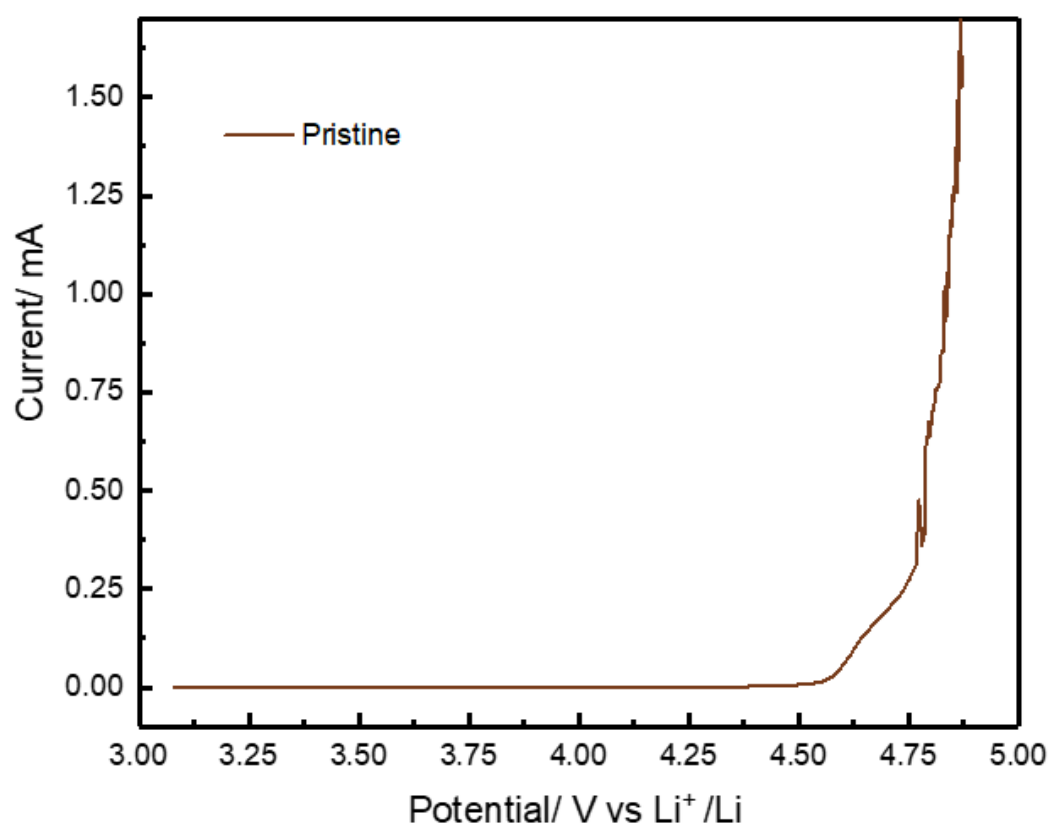


Figure S9: Linear sweep voltammetry in anodic region (OCV – 5 V vs. Li⁺/Li potential range) performed at 65 °C in lithium cell using the pristine membrane as the electrolyte and Super P carbon coated on aluminium as the working electrode.

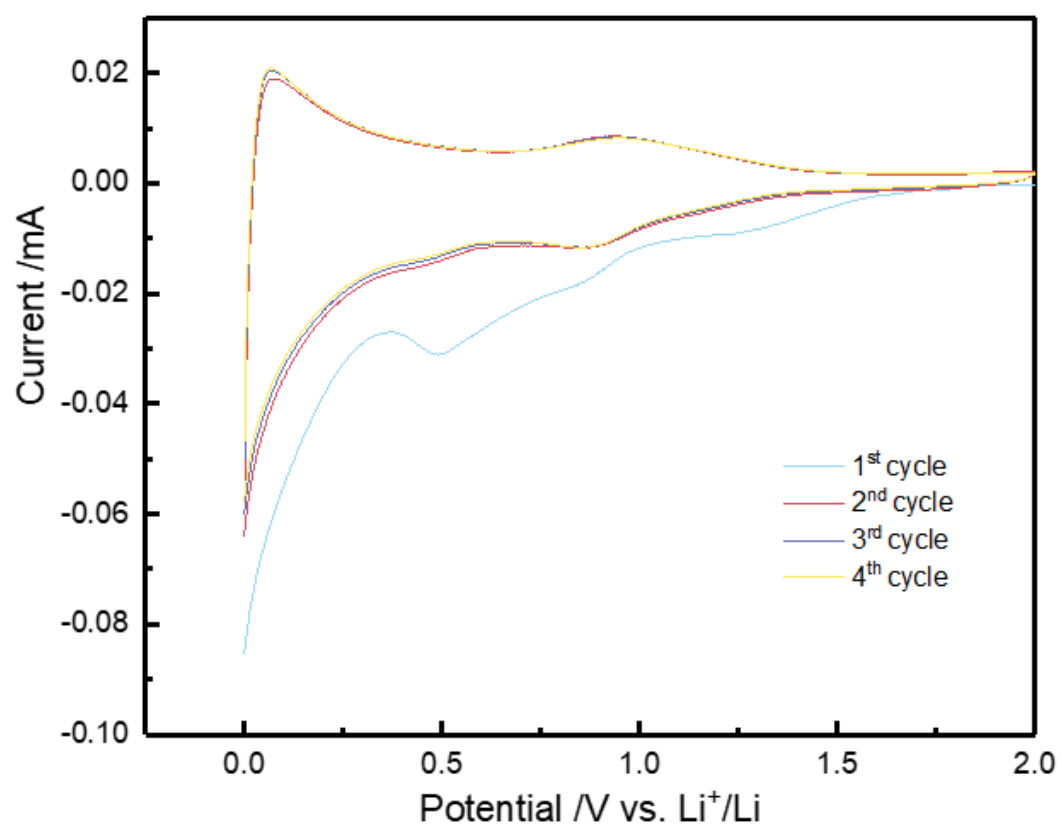


Figure S10: CV curve of the cathodic region (0.01 – 2 V vs. Li^+/Li potential range) performed at 65 ° using the NT10 membrane as the electrolyte and Super P carbon coated on copper as the working electrode.

Table S3: NLLS analysis on the Nyquist plots reported in Figure 7d in the manuscript collected by EIS on a Li/NT10/Li symmetrical cell upon aging. The NLLS fitting was performed through the RelaxIS3 software, and the corresponding resistance trend is shown in Figure 7e in the manuscript.

Cell Condition	Equivalent Circuit	$R_i = R_1 + R_2 (\Omega)$	χ^2
After 1 hour	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	90	3×10^{-5}
After 3 hours	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	95	6×10^{-6}
After 8 hours	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	102	5×10^{-6}
After 20 hours	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	108	7×10^{-6}
After 32 hours	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	104	7×10^{-6}
After 2 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	103	7×10^{-6}
After 2.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	104	7×10^{-6}
After 3 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	103	2×10^{-5}
After 3.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	100	2×10^{-5}
After 4 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	99	8×10^{-6}
After 4.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	98	6×10^{-6}
After 5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	99	9×10^{-6}
After 5.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	98	1×10^{-5}
After 6 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	98	1×10^{-5}
After 6.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	97	1×10^{-5}
After 7 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	96	1×10^{-5}
After 7.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	96	1×10^{-5}
After 8 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	95	9×10^{-6}
After 8.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	94	1×10^{-5}
After 9 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	95	1×10^{-5}
After 9.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	95	9×10^{-6}
After 10 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	96	9×10^{-6}
After 10.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	97	9×10^{-6}
After 11 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	98	9×10^{-6}
After 11.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	99	8×10^{-6}
After 12 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	100	9×10^{-6}
After 12.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	101	8×10^{-6}
After 13 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	103	8×10^{-6}
After 13.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	104	8×10^{-6}
After 14 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	105	8×10^{-6}
After 14.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	107	8×10^{-6}
After 15 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	110	1×10^{-5}
After 15.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	110	7×10^{-6}
After 16 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	112	7×10^{-6}
After 16.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	114	7×10^{-6}
After 17 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	115	7×10^{-6}
After 17.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	117	7×10^{-6}
After 18 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	118	7×10^{-6}
After 18.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	120	5×10^{-6}
After 19 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	122	5×10^{-6}
After 19.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	123	5×10^{-6}

After 20 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	125	5×10^{-6}
After 20.5 days	$R_e(R_1C_1)(R_2C_2)Q_w$	128	4×10^{-6}

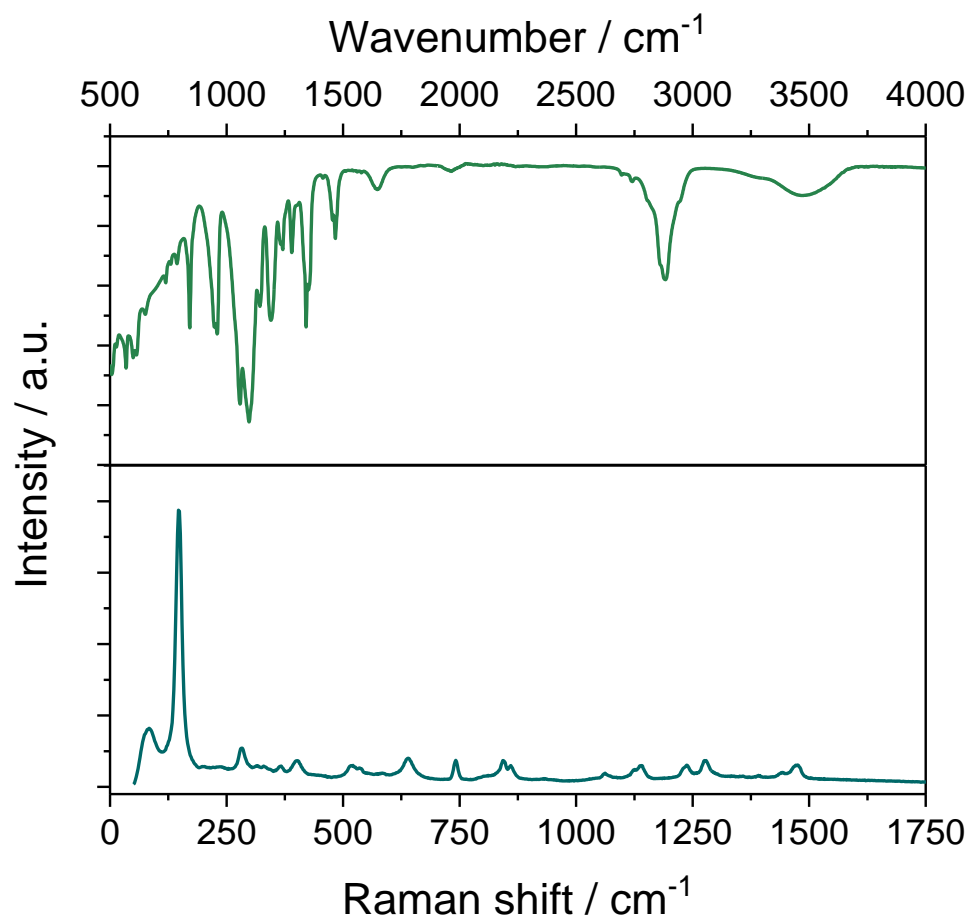


Figure S11: IR spectrum (top panel), recorded in the 500 – 4000 cm⁻¹ range, and Raman spectrum (bottom panel), recorded in the 0 – 1750 cm⁻¹ range, of the NT10.

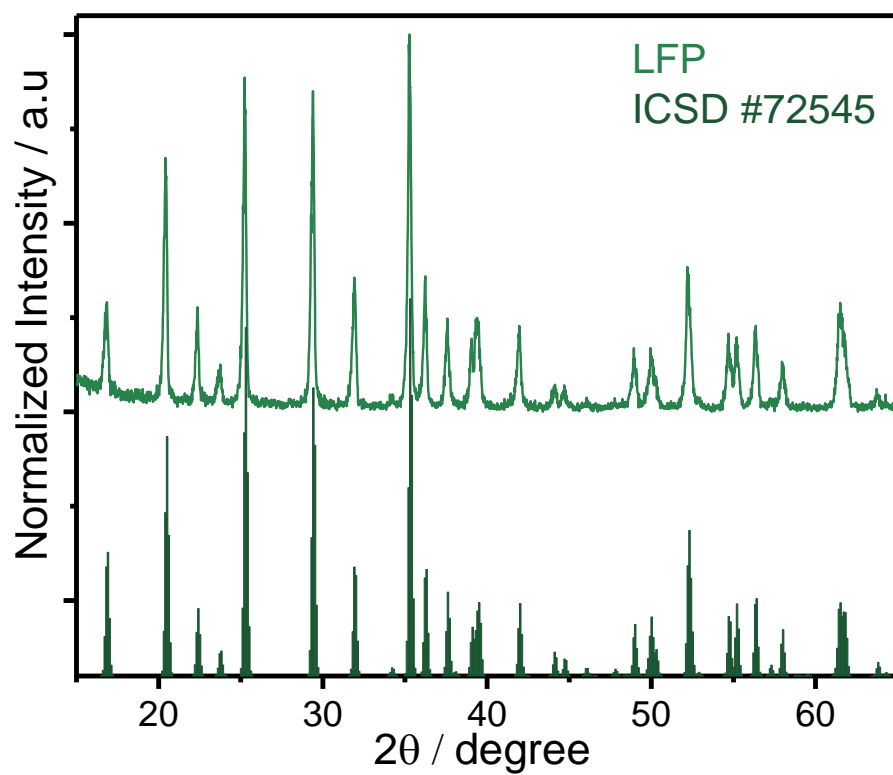


Figure S12: XRD pattern of commercial LFP powder compared to corresponding reference diffractogram (ICSD #72545).

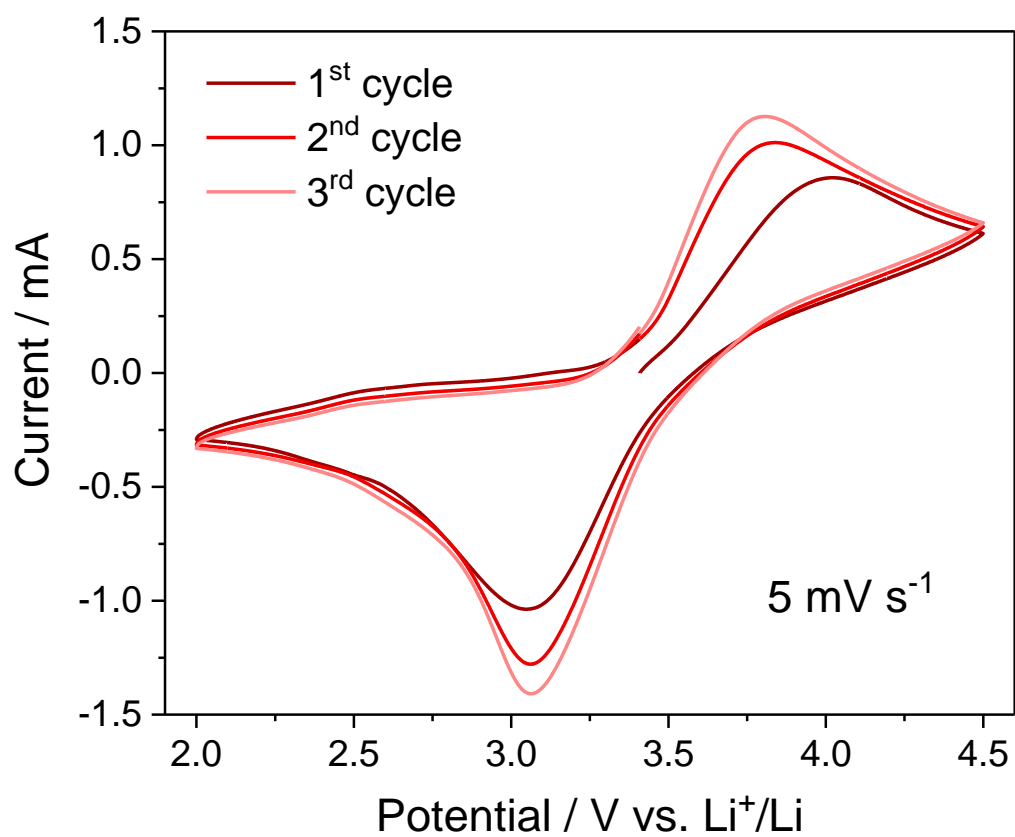


Figure S13: CV measurement performed on the Li/NT10/SS_LFP cell in the potential range 2.5 – 4.5 V vs. Li⁺/Li at the scan rate of 5 mV s⁻¹.