

# A Novel Electrolyte Additive Enables High Voltage Operation of Nickel-rich Oxide/Graphite Cell

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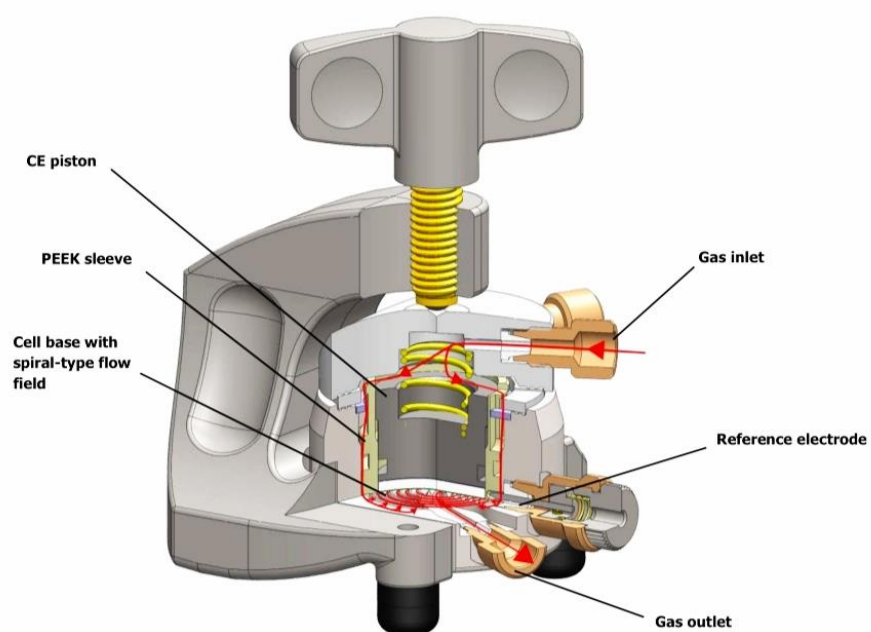
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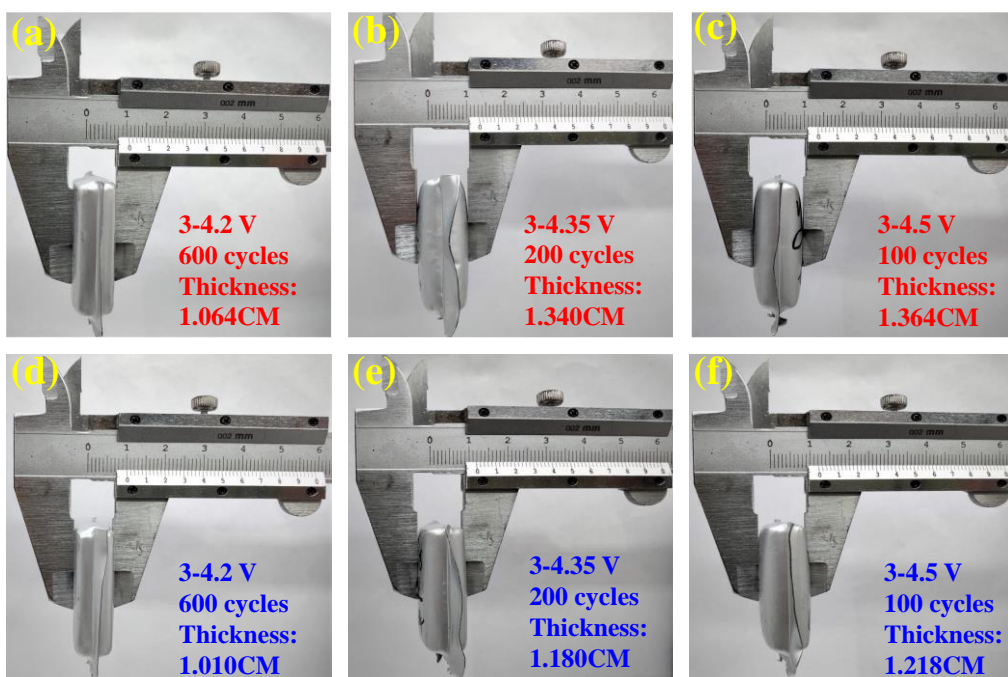
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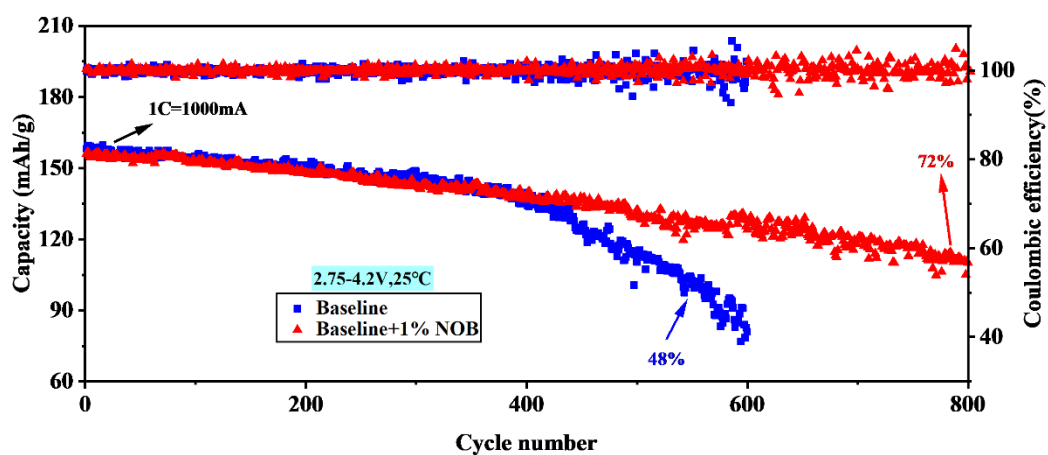


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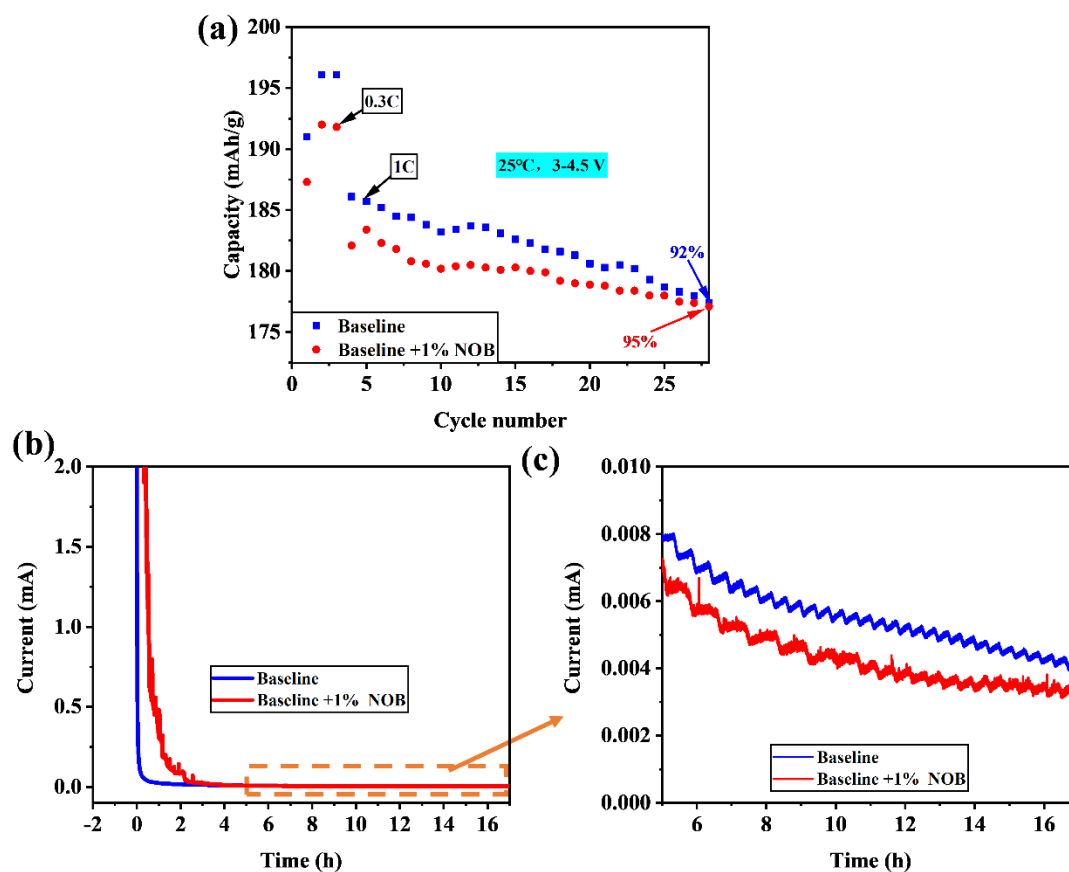


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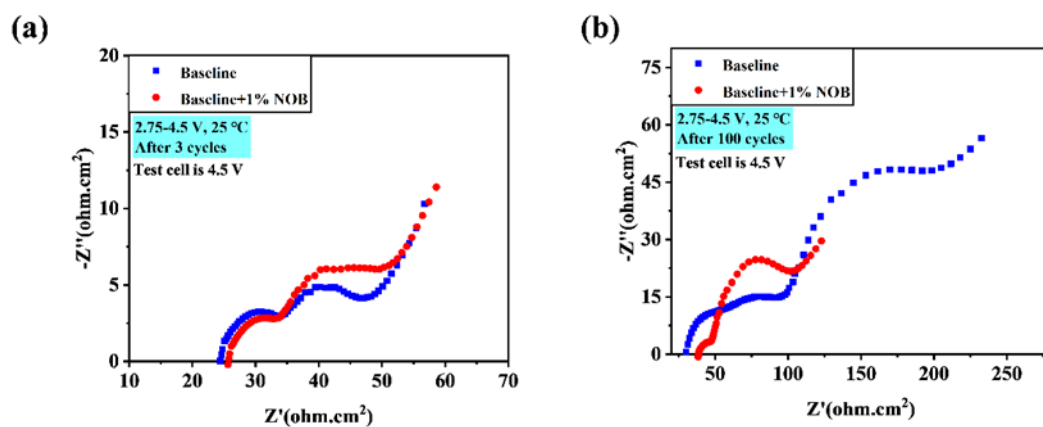
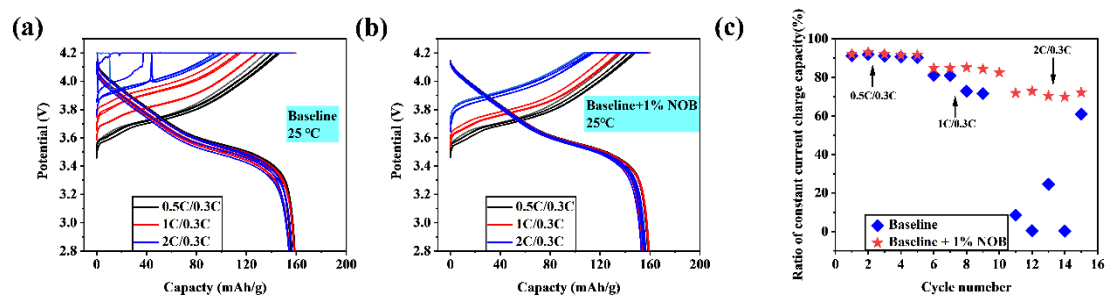
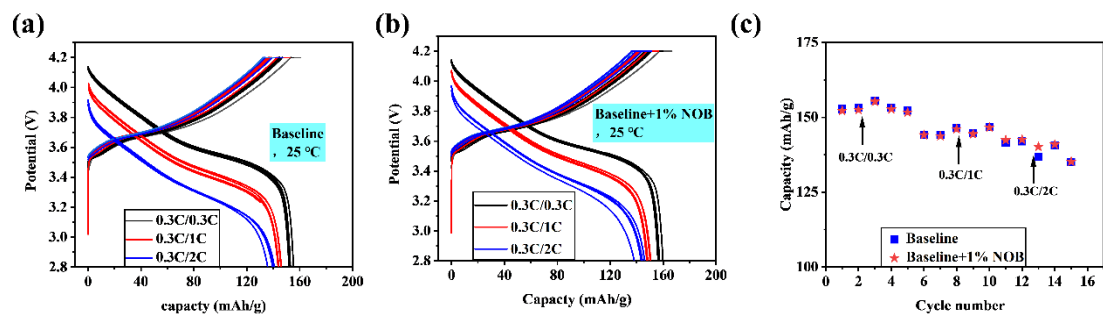


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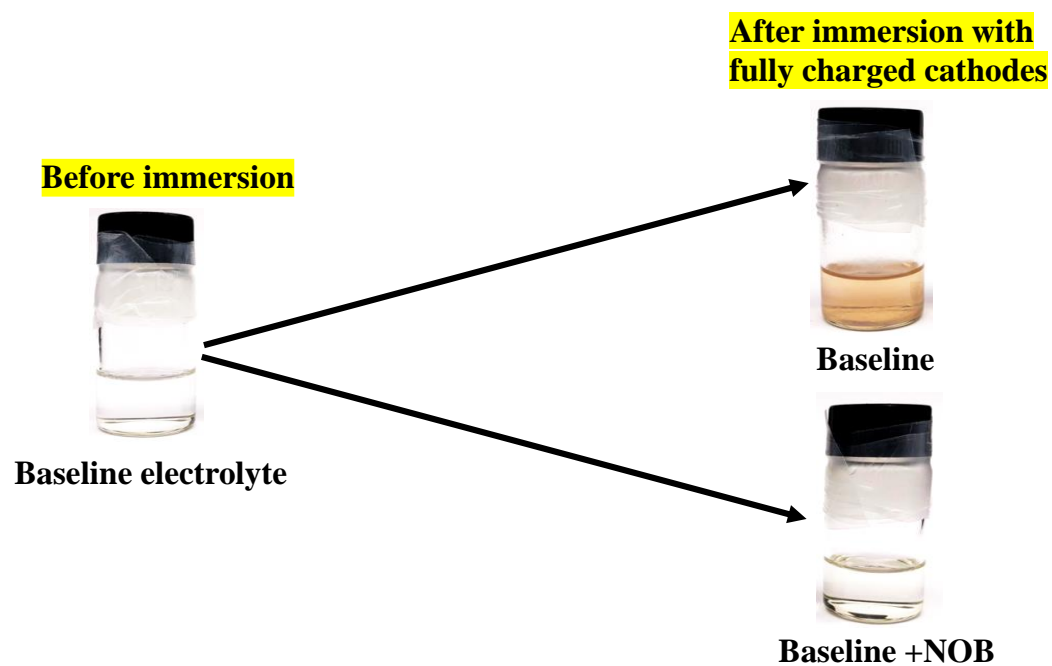
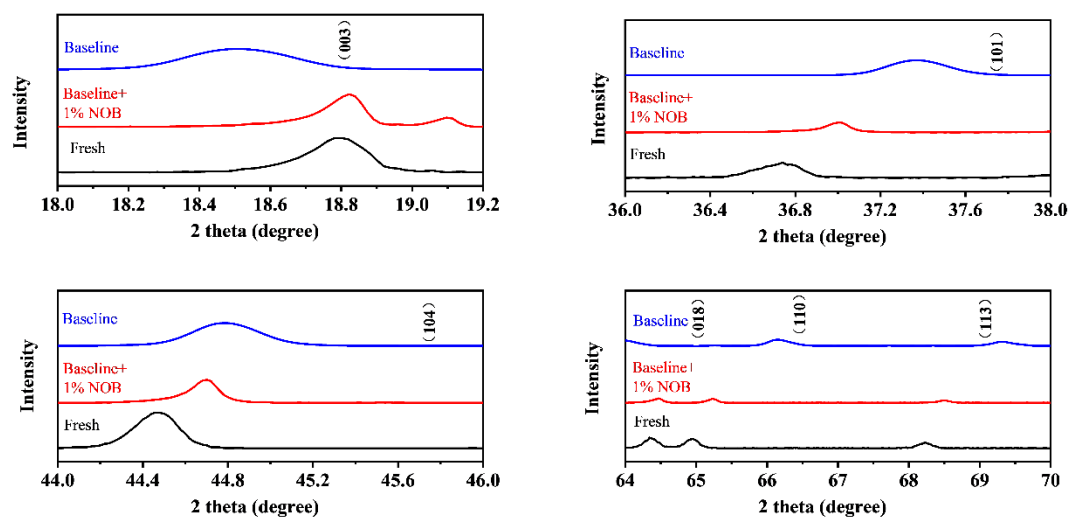


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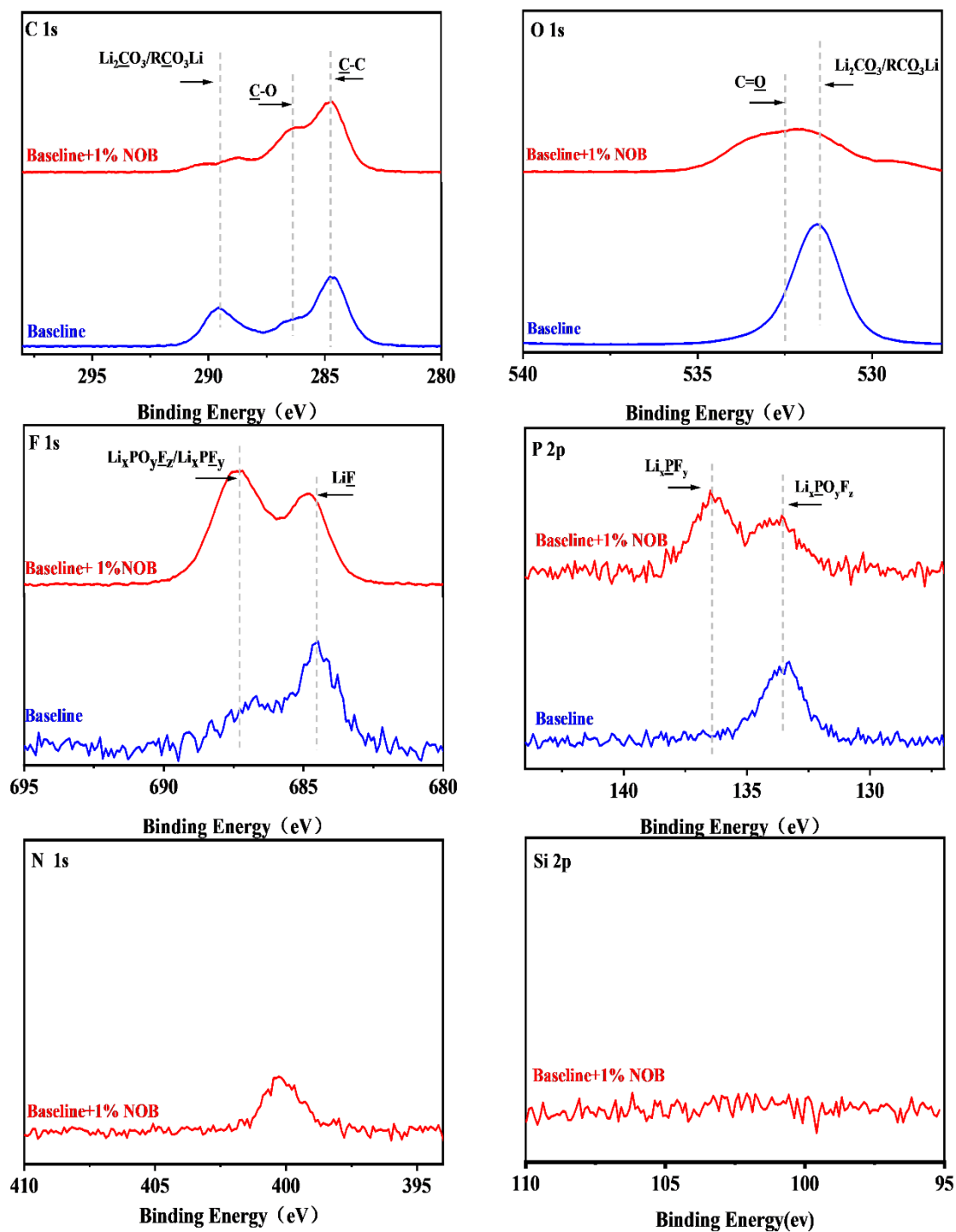
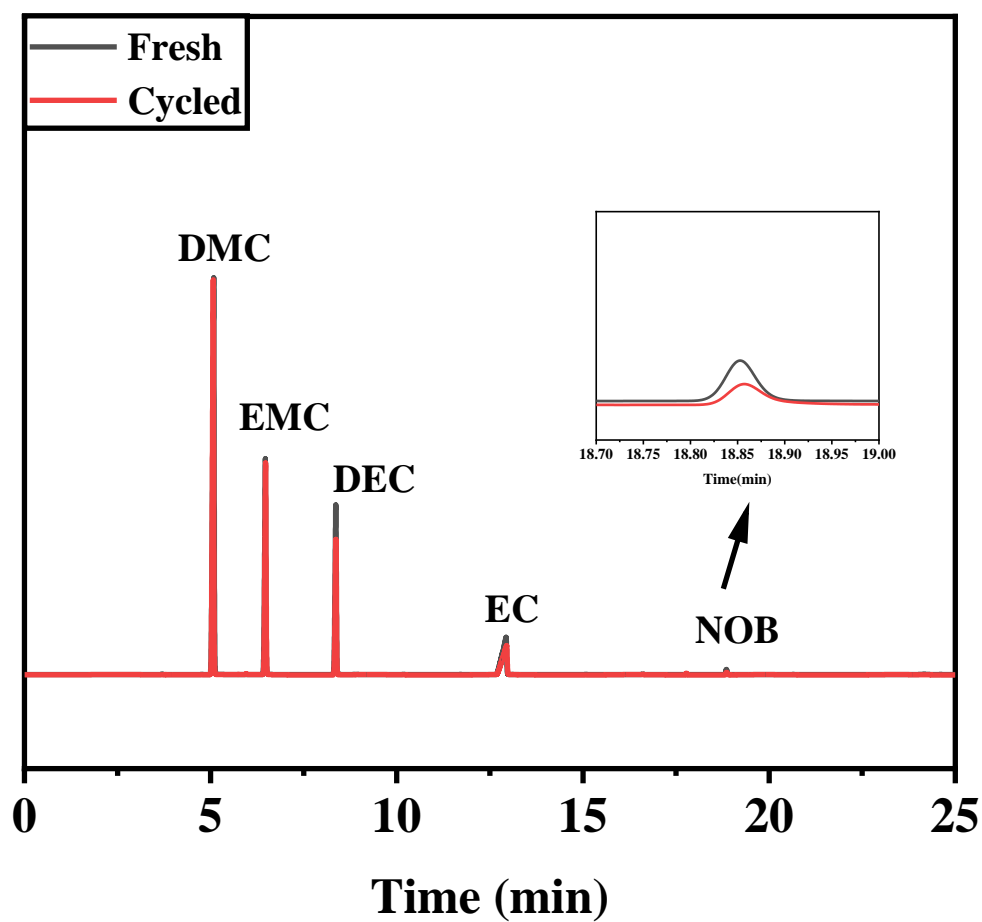
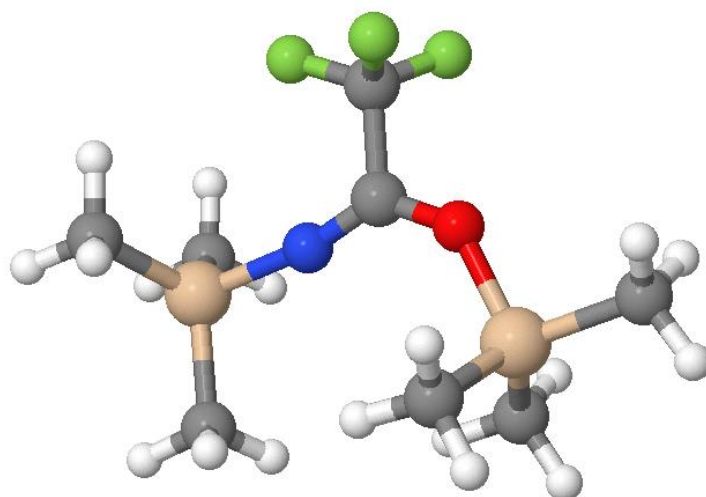


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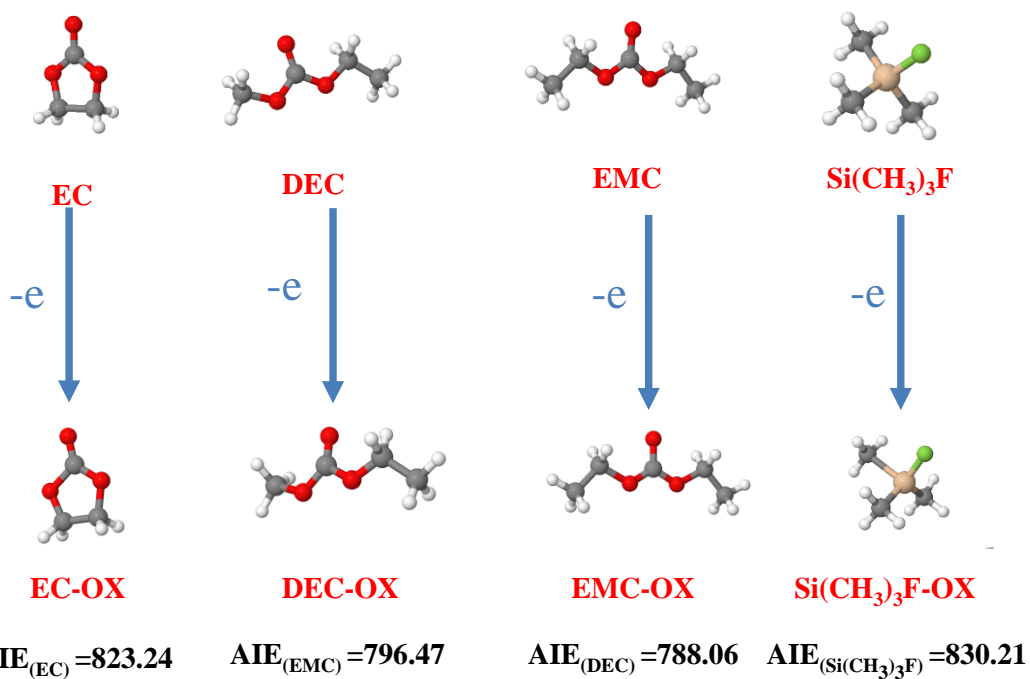


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**Table S1 A comparison of electrolyte additives for improving high voltage cycle stability of high-nickel oxide/graphite cells.**

Electrolyte Additive	Cell	Voltage Range(V)	Current rate (C)	Cycle Number	Capacity Retention Improvement
N,O-bis(trimethylsilyl)- trifluoroacetamide (NOB) (This work)	Graphite/NCM523	2.75-4.2 V	1	600	30%
N,O-bis(trimethylsilyl)- trifluoroacetamide (NOB) (This work)	Graphite/NCM523	2.75-4.5 V	1	100	35%
N,N-diethylamino trimethylsilane(DEATMS) [39]	Graphite/NCM523	3-4.5 V	1	100	14%
Lithium difluorophosphate (LiPO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> ) [40]	Graphite/NCM523	3-4.4V	1	150	28%
tris(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl) phosphite (TTFP) [41]	Graphite/NCM523	3-4.6 V	1	50	5%
2,3,4,5,6-Pentafluorophenyl Methanesulfonate (PFPMs) [42]	Graphite/NCM523	3-4.2 V	1	400	17%
vinylene carbonate (VC) [42]	Graphite/NCM523	3-4.2 V	1	400	2%
1,4-Dicyanobutane (ADN) [43]	Graphite/NCM523	3-4.4 V	1	120	17%