Bifunctional separator blocking the polysulfide anions in Li-S batteries

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High order lithium polysulfide dissolves in electrolyte and it moves from cathode to anode in lithium-sulfur(Li-S) batteries. This shuttle effect causes the loss of active sulfur and it makes the electrochemical performances of cell decreased. It is most critical issue to enhance the Li-S battery performance. Here, we present a simple strategy to block the shuttle effect using metal-organic framework(MOF) and Nafion coated battery separator. –SO3 group in MOF and Nafion push the negatively charged polysulfide, but positively charged lithium ion can be permitted to pass. This functionalized –SO3 group also help to improve the ionic conductivity. This NOF-Nafion coated separator for Li-S batteries shows a low capacity decay(0.079% per cycle within 250 cycles)