## New bi-functional additive enabled stable cycling Li-metal batteries

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emerging as promising energy storage devices because of their high energy density. However, Li/Ni-rich NCM batteries have been plagued by the

issue of the thermodynamic instability of the Li metal anode and aggressive surface chemistry of the N-rich cathode. In this work, we propose a

bifunctional additive, adiponitrile which can effectively stabilize both the Li metal anode and N-rich NCM cathode interfaces. In the Li/N-rich

NCM battery, the addition of 1 wt.% adiponitrile in carbonate based electrolyte helps to produce a conductive and robust Li anode/electrolyte

interface, while the strong coordination between N4+ on the delithiated N-rich cathode and the nitrile group in adiponitrile reduces parasitic

reactions between the electrolyte and NI-rich cathode surface. Therefore, upon using 1 wt.% adiponitrile, Li/NI-rich NCM

(Li[Ni0.75Co0.10Mn0.15]O2) battery achieves an unprecedented cycle retention of 75% over 800 cycles even under high capacity loading of 1.8

mAh cm-2 and fast charge-discharge time of 2 h.