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Interfacial Instability in Operating Lithium-Ion Batteries Unraveled by SHINERS

The fundamental understanding of the electrode/electrolyte interfacial processes in lithium-sodium ion batteries (LIBs) and of their dynamics upon cycling is of prime importance for the development of new generation electrode materials. Operando analyses using the utmost sensitive techniques are required to produce an accurate depiction of the underlying processes at the origin of the battery performance decay. If enhanced Raman Spectroscopy through the use of signal nano-amplifiers (SHINs) shows the required sensitivity [1,2,3,4], its implementation in operando conditions and particularly on functional materials in contact with organic electrolytes remains challenging. Through extensive optimization of SHINERS conditions for operando diagnosis of LIB materials, including the design of near-infrared active amplifiers and the control of the photon dose, the dynamics of interfacial composition upon cycling of various electrode materials in LIB coin-cells can be extracted. Interfacial instability unraveled on both negative (Solid Electrolyte Interphase: SEI) and positive (Cathode Electrolyte interface: CEI) electrodes can be tamed through fine tuning of the electrolyte composition.

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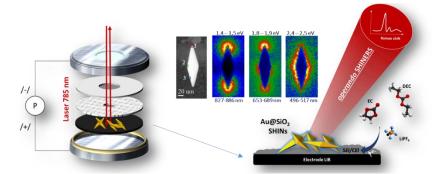


Figure 1: Operando SHINERS - Coin-cell Li-ion battery with SHIN-decorated electrode for operando diagnosis. SEI/CEI passive layer formation can be tracked operando using anisotropic SHINs (Au@SiO₂ core-shell bipyramid nanoparticles) combined with near-infrared Raman probe.