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## **Supplementary Information**

# Systematic safety evaluation of quasi-solid-state lithium batteries:

## a case study

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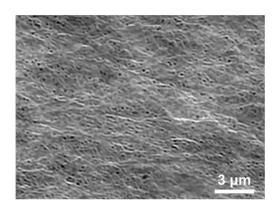


Fig. S1 SEM image of conventional PE separator.

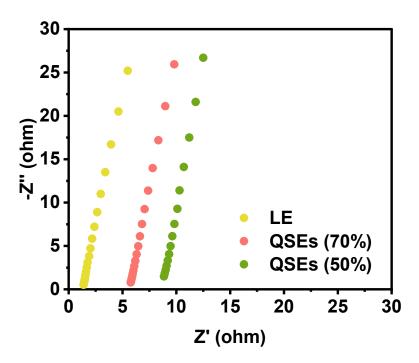


Fig. S2 Nyquist plots of SS || LE || SS and SS || QSEs (70%) || SS and SS || QSEs (50%) || SS.

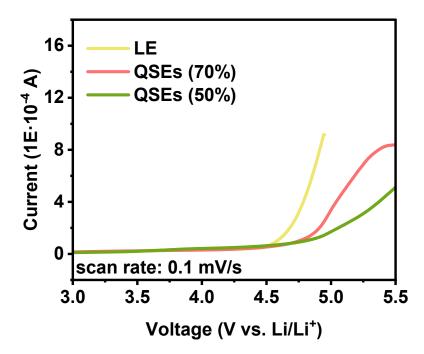


Fig. S3 The LSV plot with Li || LE || SS, Li || QSEs (70%) || SS and Li || QSEs (50%) || SS.

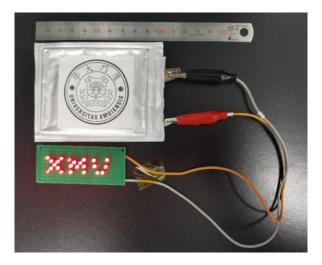


Fig. S4 Optical images of the LED lamp powered by the pouch battery.

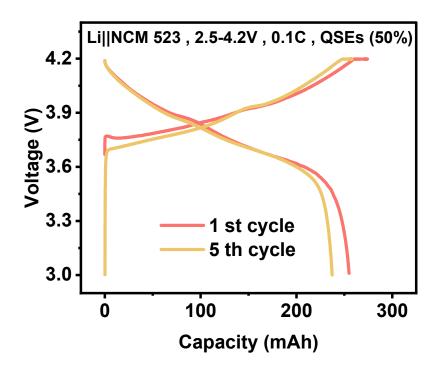


Fig. S5 The cycle performance of Li  $\parallel$  QSEs (50%)  $\parallel$  NCM523 pouch battery (10 mg cm<sup>-2</sup>) at 0.1 C cycle rates in the voltage range 3.0 - 4.2 V.

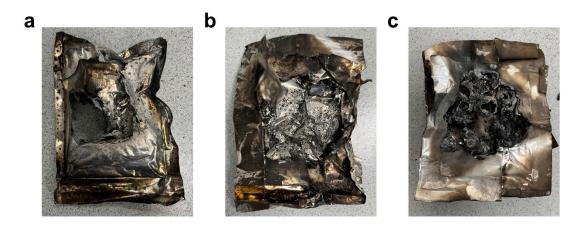


Fig. S6 Optical images of battery after ARC test: (a) LE, (b) QSEs (70%), (c) QSEs (50%).

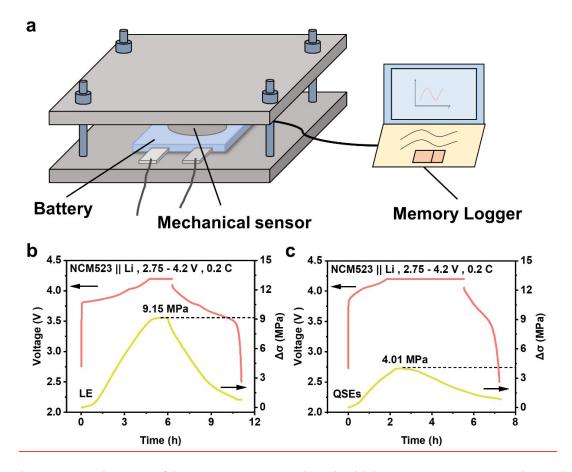


Fig. S7 (a) Diagram of battery stress test; (b) Liquid battery stress test results and voltage curve with time; (c) Quasi-solid-state battery (QSEs (50%)) stress test results and voltage curve with time.

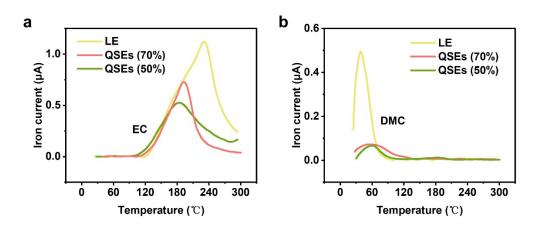


Fig. S8 Mass spectrometry profiles of (a) DMC, (b) EC were collected simultaneously during DSC tests.

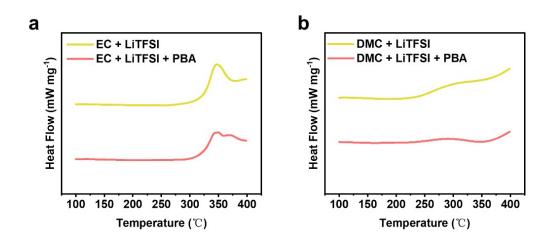


Fig. S9 (a) Heat flow for the EC + LiTFSI system and the EC + LiTFSI + BA polymerization system. (b) Heat flow for the DMC + LiTFSI system and the DMC + LiTFSI + BA polymerization system.

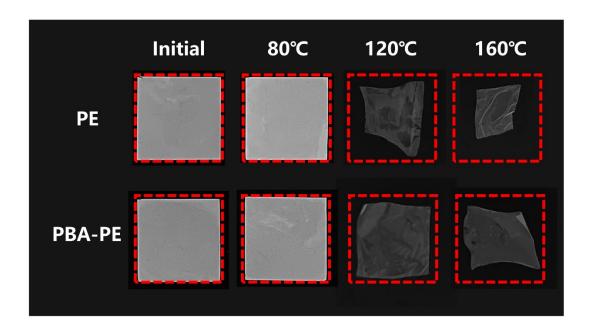


Fig. S10. Photographs of the PE, PBA@PE separators after the thermal shrinkage test at various temperatures for 30 mins.

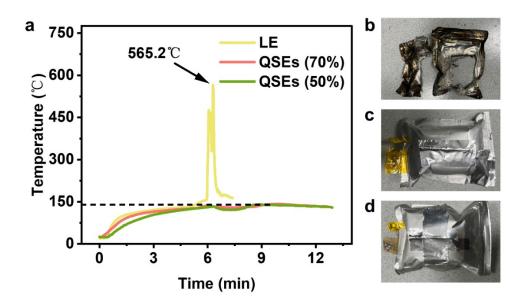


Fig. S11 (a) Real-time temperature change of battery in heat abuse experiment; Optical picture of battery after heat abuse test: (b) LE, (c) QSEs (70%), (d) QSEs (50%).

Battery name	Plasticizer	Polymer	Volume ratio	Mass ratio of	Mass ratio of
	volume ratio	volume ratio	of prepolymer	plasticizer in	plasticizer in
			in battery	prepolymer	battery
LE	100.0%	0%	30.0%	100.0%	30.0%
QSEs(70%)	70.0%	30.0%	30.0%	78.0%	23.4%
QSEs(50%)	50.0%	50.0%	30.0%	60.3%	18.1%

Table S1. The volume of the plasticizer in the LE and QSEs in all cells.

Table S2. Information about the pouch battery.

Electrode	NCM523	Lithium metal	
Piece	4	5	
Length	65 [mm]	69 [mm]	
Width			
	45 [mm]	49 [mm]	
Area Capacity	1.76 [mAh cm <sup>-2</sup> ]	-	