

# Electronic Supplementary Information

Impact of electrolyte impurities and SEI  
composition on battery safety

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## 1. Preamble

The following document contains the information needed to replicate the thermal runaway study of Li-ion batteries presented in the main manuscript, if it is not given in our earlier publication<sup>[1]</sup>. Also, figures and descriptions are added that make it easier to understand the performed study or how certain parameters have been obtained.

## 2. Reference conditions

Using the reactions connected to conductive salt decomposition, namely CSD, PFD and POFD, we can estimate the initial values for their reactants. Here, we emulate the initial mixing of the electrolyte by a simulation of the reaction of electrolyte species with 40 ppm H<sub>2</sub>O, which is present as an impurity in the electrolyte. At equilibrium, most of the water has been consumed, and the electrolyte contains 8 ppm H<sub>2</sub>O and 50 ppm HF which is in excellent agreement with the recorded <10 ppm H<sub>2</sub>O and <50 ppm HF by electrolyte suppliers<sup>[2]</sup>. During cell assembly, we assume that further H<sub>2</sub>O is introduced into the system, originating from the separator and both electrodes. Values for water contamination for the anode, cathode, and separator are based on the medium drying procedure reported in the publication by Huttner et al.<sup>[3]</sup>. This is estimated to result in an additional 334 ppm of water in the electrolyte for the reference case. The water contained in the anode is assumed to react to LiOH fully (LSP). After cell assembly, cell formation is conducted. This procedure introduces Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> as part of the SEI into the system. Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, in turn, reacts swiftly already at room temperature with HF to form H<sub>2</sub>O (ISD). The H<sub>2</sub>O is then used up by the reactions of PF<sub>5</sub> (PFD) and POF<sub>3</sub> (POFD), which occur steadily but slowly at room temperature. Therefore, the last step to get realistic initial conditions for the simulation of the ARC measurement is estimating the time between cell formation and testing. For our study, we assume direct testing and consider the initial values after a formation period of three days with C/10. Details and intermediate results are described in the below. This procedure calculates the initial values for the electrolyte decomposition products PF<sub>5</sub>, POF<sub>3</sub>, HPO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>, HF, and H<sub>2</sub>O as 992 ppm, 46 ppm, 1306 ppm, 0 ppm, and 260 ppm, respectively.

Initial values for the SEI composition are challenging to obtain as most literature does not report quantitative values. Thus, we base our assumptions on the study of Liu et al.<sup>[4]</sup>. Using an electrochemical quartz crystal microbalance, they measured the mass increase on a graphite anode during formation. Combined with electrochemical data, online electrochemical mass spectrometry measurements, and x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy, they could reasonably estimate the corresponding mass attributed to individual SEI species. From this, we deduct the volumetric SEI composition as follows (details see below):

- $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ : Liu et al.<sup>[4]</sup> found that within the first discharge after formation, the anode lost weight. Based on the measured weight loss, they assume the following oxidation to occur:  $(\text{CH}_2\text{OCO}_2\text{Li})_2 \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{O} + 2\text{CO}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{O}_2$ . Following this, we estimate the  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  content to be 10 vol-%.
- $(\text{CH}_2\text{OCO}_2\text{Li})_2$ : The content is estimated to be 45 vol-%
- $\text{LiOH}$ : It is assumed that all residual water in the anode reacts to form  $\text{LiOH}$  (LSP) during cell formation. This amounts to 0.6 vol-% for the reference wetting case.
- $\text{LiF}$ : Since Liu et al.<sup>[4]</sup> could not distinguish between  $\text{LiOH}$  and  $\text{LiF}$ , we assume that both substances add up to 10 vol-% of the SEI. Combined with the additional production of  $\text{LiF}$  by decomposition of  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  (ISD) during the applied ageing procedure, this amounts to 10.4 vol-% for  $\text{LiF}$ .
- $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ : The last 34 vol-% of the SEI is assumed to be composed of  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ .

### 3. Estimation of initial values of $\text{LiPF}_6$ decomposition products

In the following, the results including a visualization for the procedure of identifying proper initial values for the decomposition products of  $\text{LiPF}_6$  are shown.

In Figure 1, the initial mixing of the electrolyte is shown. The very first process occurring is the equilibration of  $\text{LiPF}_6$  with  $\text{PF}_5$  and  $\text{LiF}$ . This process happens extremely fast. Afterwards,  $\text{PF}_5$  and  $\text{POF}_3$  decompose with the water within the solvent. After 60 days, the  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  concentration dropped under 10 ppm, and the HF concentration rose over 50 ppm. This is in very good agreement with the  $<15$  ppm  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

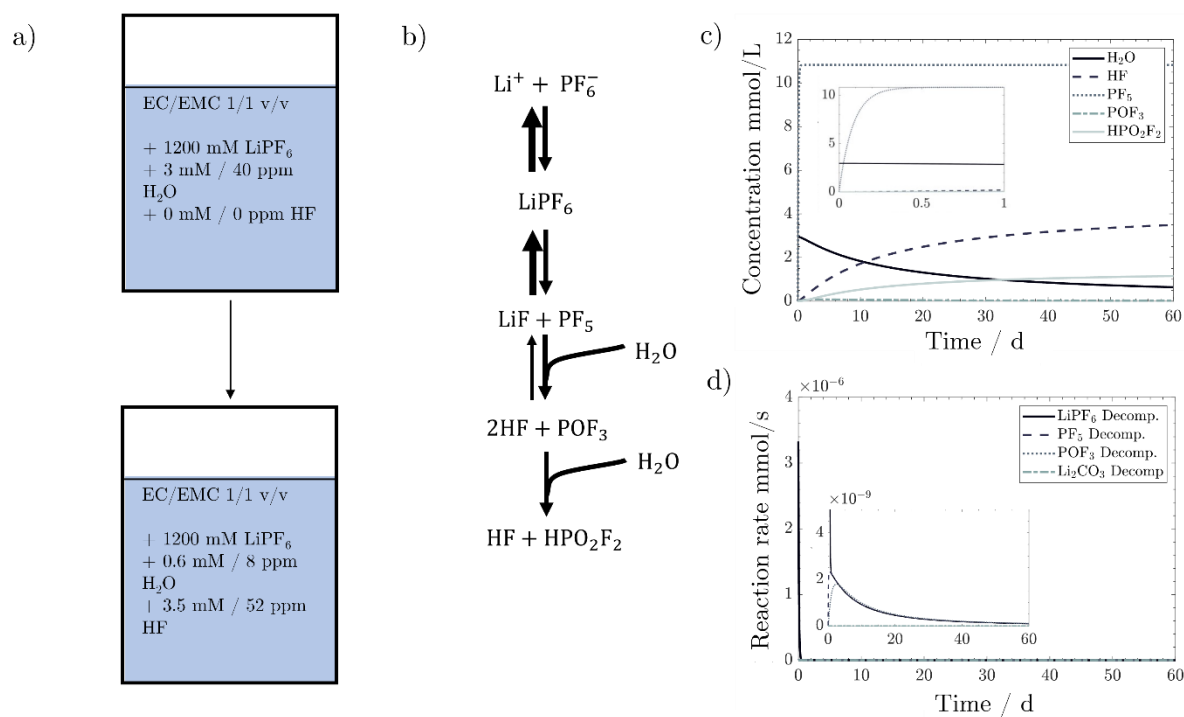


Figure 1: Calendaric aging of the electrolyte after initial mixing with a) initial and final values after 60 days for  $\text{LiPF}_6$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and HF, b) the considered reaction scheme. c) the concentration progression and d) the reaction rates.

and  $<50$  ppm HF reported by electrolyte producers [2].

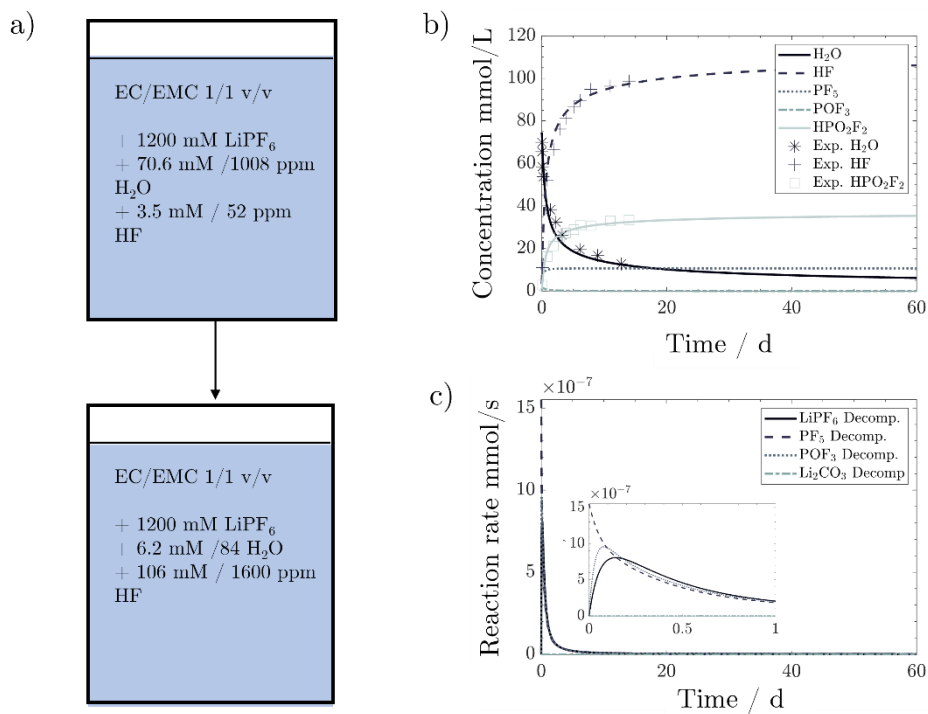


Figure 2: Calendaric aging of electrolyte after adding 1000 ppm of water to initial electrolyte mixture with a) initial and final values after 60 days for LiPF<sub>6</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O and HF, b) the concentration progression with experimental values taken from Stich et al. and c) the reaction rates.

Figure 2 shows the same system after adding 1000 ppm or 70 mM of H<sub>2</sub>O as an impurity. The results resemble those of the experimental study conducted by Stich et

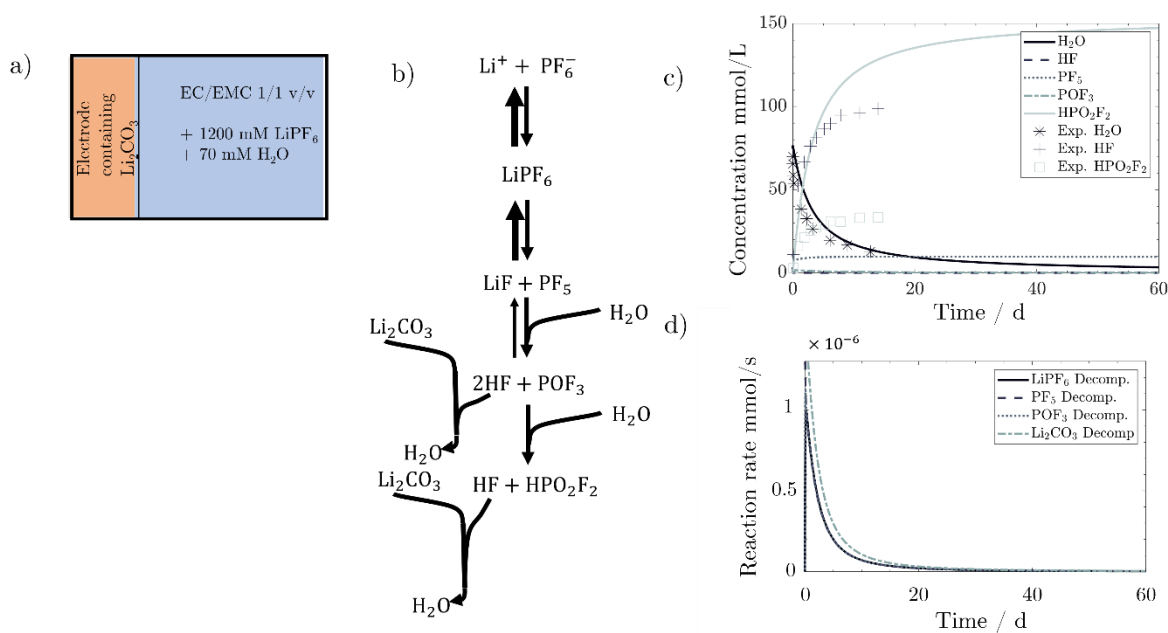


Figure 3: Simulation of impact of cell assembly, formation and subsequent 60 days calendaric ageing on battery composition with a) sketch of the simulated setup, b) the considered reaction scheme, and c) the concentration progression with experimental values taken from Stich et al. as comparison to reactions without Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, and d) the reaction rates.

al., which was used to parameterize the reactions shown in Figure 2 b). Experimental points, extracted from Stich’s publication [5], are shown as stars, crosses, and circles, referring to HF, H<sub>2</sub>O, and HPO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>, respectively.

In Figure 3, the change occurring in the “formation and conditioning” period is shown, and our simulation including Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> is compared to the experimental results of Stich et al.[5] where no Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> was present. Due to very fast reaction of Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> with HF, the HF level almost immediately drops to 0. Further, due to the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O, the depletion is slowed down and the concentration of HPO<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> is drastically increased. Based on the strong difference between the electrolyte composition before and after assembly and formation, we conclude that it is advised to conduct studies on electrolyte ageing always in a true battery environment, if the goal is to compare electrolyte composition of a fresh cell with aged cells.

#### 4. Estimation of initial SEI composition

In the following, the calculations for the initial SEI composition are presented. In their study, Liu et al.[4] measured a maximum SEI weight of 3250 ng. 1750 ng are attributed to LEDC based on the slope of 80 Δg/ΔC mass change per charge. Here, the value has to be multiplied by two since two electrons are transferred to produce LEDC. The resulting 160 Δg/ΔC are very close to molar mass of 162 g/mol for LEDC. In the first discharge, the overall weight is reduced to 2400 ng. Here, the re-oxidation of LEDC is assumed to take place following the reaction:  $(\text{CH}_2\text{OCO}_2\text{Li})_2 \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{O} + 2\text{CO}_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{O}_2$ . This results into a weight loss of 850 ng. Considering a 1.22 ratio of weight of the gaseous products to LEDC, a loss of 1040 ng LEDC is estimated and a production of roughly 200 ng Li<sub>2</sub>O. Considering the overall mass of the SEI of 2400 ng and 700 ng of LEDC and 200 ng of Li<sub>2</sub>O, translates to 32 wt-% LEDC and 8 wt-% Li<sub>2</sub>O. Further, 350 ng LiF production translates to 14 wt-% of SEI content. This corresponds to 45 vol-%, 8vol-% and 12 vol-% for LEDC, Li<sub>2</sub>O and LiF, respectively. The amount of LiOH is calculated based on the assumption that all H<sub>2</sub>O present in the anode after drying will react to LiOH. For the reference case, this gives 0.6 vol-% LiOH. We round Li<sub>2</sub>O and the sum of LiF and LiOH to 10 vol-% each. Eventually, the last 33 vol-% are

assumed to consist of  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ . Please note that these estimations give only a rough idea of the order of magnitude for the SEI composition. Also note that these are the values before the “formation and conditioning” procedure, described above, will be performed. Thus, the initial compositions listed in Table 2 are slightly different to the ones described here.

## 5. Additional model equations

Table 1: Constitutive model equations for the simulation of a thermal abuse in Li-ion batteries

Description	Equation	No.
Energy balance	Preheating: $\frac{dT}{dt} = 1 \frac{^\circ\text{C}}{\text{min}}$ Heat – Wait – Seek: $\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{T_{\text{Setpoint}} - T}{K}$	(1), (2)
Heat capacity	$C_{p,\text{bat}} = \sum_{i \in \Omega_{\text{SP}}} c_{p,i} n_i + C_{p,\text{Al}} + C_{p,\text{Cu}} + C_{p,\text{Casing}} + C_{p,\text{Separator}}$	(3)
Produced heat	$q_j = r_j \Delta_r \underline{H}_j(T), \forall j \in \Omega_{\text{RE}}$	(4)
Activity, solubility	$C_i = \frac{n'_i}{V}, \forall i \in \Omega_{\text{SP}}$ $p_g = p x'_g \forall g \in \Omega_G$	(5), (6)
	$a_l = \frac{C_l}{C^\ominus}, \forall l \in \Omega_L$ $a_s = \frac{C_s}{C^\ominus}, \forall s \in \Omega_S$ $a_g = \frac{p_g}{p^\ominus}, \forall g \in \Omega_G$	(7), (8), (9)
	$x'_{g,\sigma} = \frac{p_g}{H_{g,\sigma}} \forall g \in \Omega_G \setminus \{\text{EC, EMC}\} \wedge \forall \sigma \in \{\text{EC, EMC}\}$	(10)
	$n_g^{\prime,\text{max}} = \sum_{\sigma \in \{\text{EC, EMC}\}} \frac{\frac{n'_\sigma p n_g}{H_{g,\sigma} \sum_{\gamma \in \Omega_G} n_\gamma}}{1 - (n'_\sigma p n_g)}, \forall g \in \Omega_G \setminus \{\text{EC, EMC}\}$	(11)
	$n'_g, n''_g = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} n'_g = n_g, n''_g = 0, \text{ for } n_g \leq n_g^{\prime,\text{max}} \\ n'_g = n_g^{\prime,\text{max}}, n''_g = n_g - n_g^{\prime,\text{max}} \text{ for } n_g > n_g^{\prime,\text{max}} \end{array} \right\} \forall g \in \Omega_G$	(12)



## 6. Initial values

The full set of initial conditions of the reference case as well of the broad set of all possible combinations of cases is given in Table 2 and Table 3.

Table 2: Values for initial conditions for SEI composition and  $\text{LiPF}_6$  decomposition products for all simulated variations.  $d_{\text{SEI}}$  denotes SEI thickness,  $\epsilon$  the volume-fraction inside the SEI, and  $C_{xy}$  the concentration in the electrolyte.

Cases	$d_{\text{SEI}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{LEDC}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3}$	$\epsilon_{\text{LiF}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{Li}_2\text{O}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{LiOH}}$	$C_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$	$C_{\text{HF}}$	$C_{\text{PF}_5}$	$C_{\text{POF}_3}$	$C_{\text{HPO}_2\text{F}_2}$	$C_{\text{LiPF}_6}$
Unit	nm	vol%	vol%	vol%	vol%	vol%	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm
R/OS/W	50	91	0	4	0	5	503	0	879	116	5358	133367
R/OS/D	50	90	9.2	0.4	0	0.4	168	0	1016	37	536	135084
R/IS/W	50	0	36	29	30	5	504	0	880	95	5348	128966
R/IS/D	50	0	39.6	30	30	0.4	168	0	1017	30	537	135092
TkS/R/W	75	45	32	8	10	5	505	0	880	95	5334	128983
TkS/R/D	75	45	34.6	10	10	0.4	168	0	1016	30	535	135093
TnS/R/W	25	46	26	13	10	5	504	0	880	95	5342	128975
TnS/R/D	25	45	34.6	10	10	0.4	168	0	1016	30	538	135091
TkS/OS/R	75	90.2	8.6	0	0.6	0.6	260	0	992	55	1319	134083
TkS/IS/R	75	0	39.4	30	30	0.6	259	0	992	46	1303	134113
TnS/OS/R	25	90.6	7	1.8	0	0.6	259	0	992	55	1319	134083
TnS/IS/R	25	0	38	31.4	30	0.6	259	0	991	46	1310	134106
TkS/OS/W	75	90.8	1.8	2.4	0	5	503	0	880	116	5363	129921
TkS/OS/D	75	90	9.2	0.4	0	0.4	168	0	1017	37	540	135079
TkS/IS/W	75	0	37	28	30	5	504	0	880	95	5349	128964
TkS/IS/D	75	0	39.6	30	30	0.4	168	0	1016	30	538	135091
TnS/OS/W	25	91	0	5	0	5	299	725	977	31	3946	130750
TnS/OS/D	25	90.2	8.6	0	0.8	0.4	168	0	1017	37	540	135082
TnS/IS/W	25	0	31	34	30	5	505	0	880	95	5344	128972
TnS/IS/D	25	0	39.1	30.1	30.4	0.4	168	0	1017	30	538	135093

R=Reference depending on position, i.e., SEI thickness, SEI composition or humidity

TkS = Thick SEI, TnS = Thin SEI, IS = Inorganic SEI, OS = Organic SEI, W = Wet, D = Dry

Table 3: Initial molar amounts ( $n_i(t = 0)$ ) for all considered species, states of each species and reference volume for concentration calculation for the reference case (45 vol-% LEDC, 260 ppm H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 nm thick SEI).

Species	States /Sets	$n_i(t = 0)$ in mmol	Reference volume
(CH <sub>2</sub> OCO <sub>2</sub> Li) <sub>2</sub> (LEDC)	Solid/ $\Omega_S, \Omega_{SEI}$	0.5976	$V_{SEI} + V_{AM, An}$
Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	Solid/ $\Omega_S, \Omega_{SEI}$	1.5946	$V_{SEI} + V_{AM, An}$
LiOH	Solid/ $\Omega_S, \Omega_{SEI}$	0.0601	$V_{SEI} + V_{AM, An}$
Li <sub>2</sub> O	Solid/ $\Omega_S, \Omega_{SEI}$	1.1143	$V_{SEI} + V_{AM, An}$
LiF	Solid/ $\Omega_S, \Omega_{SEI}$	1.7359	$V_{SEI} + V_{AM, An}$
LiPF <sub>6</sub>	Liquid/ $\Omega_L$	2.6035	$V_{El}$
PF <sub>5</sub>	Liquid, Gas/ $\Omega_L, \Omega_G$	0.0232	$V_{El}$
POF <sub>3</sub>	Liquid, Gas/ $\Omega_L, \Omega_G$	0.0016	$V_{El}$
HPO <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub>	Liquid/ $\Omega_L$	0.0381	$V_{El}$
H <sub>2</sub> O	Liquid, Gas/ $\Omega_L, \Omega_G$	0.0424	$V_{El}$
HF	Liquid, Gas/ $\Omega_L, \Omega_G$	0	$V_{El}$
CO <sub>2</sub>	Liquid, Gas/ $\Omega_L, \Omega_G$	0	$V_{El}$
O <sub>2</sub>	Liquid, Gas/ $\Omega_L, \Omega_G$	0	$V_{El}$
H <sub>2</sub>	Liquid, Gas/ $\Omega_L, \Omega_G$	0	$V_{El}$
Li <sub>2</sub> CoO <sub>2</sub>	Solid/ $\Omega_S$	27.3571	$V_{AM, Cat}$
CO <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	Solid/ $\Omega_S$	0	$V_{AM, Cat}$
LiC <sub>6</sub>	Solid/ $\Omega_S$	24.6048	$V_{AM, An}$
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (EC)	Liquid/ $\Omega_L$	16.8104	$V_{El}$
C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (EMC)	Liquid/ $\Omega_L$	10.2377	$V_{El}$

## Physical parameters of species and geometrical parameters of the battery

Table 4: Property values for the added species in this publication, comprising the density, molar heat capacity, heat of formation, entropy and molar mass at standard conditions  $\theta$  of 25 °C and 101325 Pa.

Species	$\rho^\ominus$ kg/m <sup>3</sup>	$c_p^\ominus$ J/mol/K	$\Delta_f H^\ominus$ kJ/mol	$s^\ominus$ J/mol/K	M g/mol
(CH <sub>2</sub> OCO <sub>2</sub> Li) <sub>2</sub>	1300 <sup>[6,7]</sup>	200.82 <sup>[8]</sup>	-1370.00 <sup>[9]</sup>	88.8 <sup>[9]</sup>	161.95 <sup>[10]</sup>
Li <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub>	2110 <sup>[11]</sup>	96.27 <sup>[10,12]</sup>	-1216.04 <sup>[10]</sup>	90.31 <sup>[10]</sup>	73.89 <sup>[10]</sup>
Li <sub>2</sub> O	2013 <sup>[10]</sup>	54.10 <sup>[10]</sup>	-598.73 <sup>[10]</sup>	37.8482 <sup>[10]</sup>	29.881 <sup>[10]</sup>
LiOH	1450 <sup>[10]</sup>	49.57 <sup>[10]</sup>	-484.93 <sup>[10]</sup>	42.8143 <sup>[10]</sup>	23.94 <sup>[10]8</sup>
LiF	2640 <sup>[11]</sup>	41.89 <sup>[10,12]</sup>	-616.93 <sup>[10]</sup>	35.73 <sup>[10]</sup>	25.94 <sup>[10]</sup>
LiPF <sub>6</sub>	1500 <sup>[11]</sup>	151.15 <sup>[13]</sup>	-2296.00 <sup>[13]</sup>	160.8184 <sup>[13]</sup>	151.91
LiC <sub>6</sub>	1622 <sup>[14]</sup>	49.22 <sup>[14]</sup>	-3.9170 <sup>[15]</sup>	-	79.01 <sup>[10]</sup>
Li <sub>x</sub> CoO <sub>2</sub>	3115 <sup>[14]</sup>	66.37 <sup>[16-18]</sup>	-499.76 <sup>[16-18]</sup>	-	97.87 <sup>[10]</sup>
CO <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	6110 <sup>[11]</sup>	123.17 <sup>[10,12]</sup>	-910.02 <sup>[10]</sup>	114.44 <sup>[10]</sup>	240.80 <sup>[10]</sup>

$C_2H_4$	1.14 <sup>[19]</sup>	43.13 <sup>[12,19]</sup>	52.47 <sup>[19]</sup>	219.32 <sup>[10]</sup>	28.10 <sup>[10]</sup>
$H_2$	0.0813 <sup>[19]</sup>	28.83 <sup>[19]</sup>	0 <sup>[19]</sup>	107.7091 <sup>[19]</sup>	2.0159 <sup>[10]</sup>
$CO_2$	1.78 <sup>[19]</sup>	37.44 <sup>[12,19]</sup>	-393.52 <sup>[10]</sup>	213.79 <sup>[10]</sup>	44.01 <sup>[10]</sup>
$O_2$	1.29 <sup>[19]</sup>	29.43 <sup>[12,19]</sup>	0 <sup>[10]</sup>	205.15 <sup>[10]</sup>	32.00 <sup>[10]</sup>
$H_2O$	997 <sup>[19]</sup>	75.33 <sup>[12,19]</sup>	-285.83 <sup>[10]</sup>	69.95 <sup>[10]</sup>	18.05 <sup>[10]</sup>
HF	0.83 <sup>[20]</sup>	29.14 <sup>[12,19]</sup>	-272.55 <sup>[10]</sup>	173.78 <sup>[10]</sup>	20.01 <sup>[10]</sup>
$PF_5$	5.13 <sup>[21]</sup>	84.79 <sup>[10,12]</sup>	-1594.41 <sup>[10]</sup>	300.80 <sup>[10]</sup>	125.97 <sup>[10]</sup>
$POF_3$	4.26 <sup>[21]</sup>	68.79 <sup>[10,12]</sup>	-1254.25 <sup>[10]</sup>	285.41 <sup>[10]</sup>	103.97 <sup>[10]</sup>
$HPO_2F_2$	1583 <sup>[22]</sup>	145.04 <sup>[10]</sup>	-971.00 <sup>[23]</sup>	193.0196 <sup>[23]</sup>	101.977 <sup>[10]</sup>
$C_3H_4O_3$	1333 <sup>[24,25]</sup>	123.62 <sup>[9,26]</sup>	-590.90 <sup>[10]</sup>	132.54 <sup>[10]</sup>	88.06 <sup>[10]</sup>
$C_4H_8O_3$	1060 <sup>[21,24]</sup>	175.15 <sup>[24]</sup>	-645.73 <sup>[10]</sup>	-	101.10 <sup>[10]</sup>

Table 5: Structural parameters for thermal runaway modelling of Li-ion battery.

Parameter	Symbol	Value
Battery thickness	$d_{Cell}$	6.5 mm <sup>[27]</sup>
Battery length	$l_{Cell}$	42.5 mm <sup>[27]</sup>
Battery width	$w_{Cell}$	25.7 mm <sup>[27]</sup>
Cell area	$A_{Cell}$	1097 mm <sup>2</sup> *
Volume fraction AM anode	$\epsilon_{AM,An}$	0.62 <sup>[28]</sup>
Volume fraction AM cathode	$\epsilon_{AM,Cat}$	0.61 <sup>[28]</sup>
Volume fraction electrolyte anode	$\epsilon_{El An}$	0.32 <sup>[28]</sup>
Volume fraction electrolyte separator	$\epsilon_{El Sep}$	0.5 <sup>[28]</sup>
Volume fraction electrolyte cathode	$\epsilon_{El Cat}$	0.33 <sup>[28]</sup>
Volume fraction PVDF	$\epsilon_{PVDF}$	0.06 *
Particle radius anode	$r_{An}$	1 $\mu m$ <sup>[29]</sup>
Particle radius cathode	$r_{Cat}$	1 $\mu m$ <sup>[29]</sup>
Thickness anode	$d_{An}$	77 $\mu m$ <sup>[28]</sup>
Thickness separator	$d_{Sep}$	25 $\mu m$ <sup>[28]</sup>
Thickness cathode	$d_{Cat}$	68 $\mu m$ <sup>[28]</sup>
Volume cell	$V_{Cell}$	7.1 mL *
Volume copper	$V_{Cu}$	0.19 mL *
Volume aluminum	$V_{Al}$	0.37 mL *
Volume PVDF	$V_{PVDF}$	0.32 mL *
Volume pouch foil	$V_{Pouch\ foil}$	0.95 mL *
Volume AM anode	$V_{AM,An}$	1.77 mL *
Volume AM cathode	$V_{AM,Cat}$	1.54 mL *
Volume SEI	$V_{SEI,0}$	0.16 mL *
Volume electrolyte	$V_{El,0}$	1.54 mL *
Specific surface area anode	$a_{s,An}$	1860000 m <sup>-1</sup> *
Specific surface area cathode	$a_{s,Cat}$	1830000 m <sup>-1</sup> *
Number of double coated sheets anode	$n_{DCS,An}$	17 <sup>[28]</sup>

Number of double coated sheets cathode	$n_{\text{DCS,Cat}}$	16 [28]
Number of single coated sheets cathode	$n_{\text{SCS,Cat}}$	2 [28]
Thickness aluminum single coated sheets	$d_{\text{SCS,Al}}$	50 $\mu\text{m}$ [28]
Thickness aluminum double coated	$d_{\text{DCS,Al}}$	15 $\mu\text{m}$ [28]
Thickness copper double coated	$d_{\text{DCS,Cu}}$	10 $\mu\text{m}$ [28]
Thickness pouch foil	$d_{\text{Pouch foil}}$	346 $\mu\text{m}^*$
Intercalation fraction 100% SOC anode	$z_{1,\text{An}}$	0.676 [29]
Intercalation fraction 0% SOC anode	$z_{0,\text{An}}$	0.181 [29]
Intercalation fraction 100% SOC cathode	$z_{1,\text{Cat}}$	0.442 [29]
Intercalation fraction 0% SOC cathode	$z_{0,\text{Cat}}$	0.986 [29]
Maximal concentration AM anode	$C_{\text{max,An}}$	20530 mol $\text{m}^{-3*}$
Maximal concentration AM cathode	$C_{\text{max,Cat}}$	31827 mol $\text{m}^{-3*}$
Concentration conductive salt	$C_{\text{LiPF}_6}$	1200 mol $\text{m}^{-3*}$
SEI thickness	$d_{\text{SEI}}$	50 nm
Battery heat capacity	$C_{\text{p,cell}}$	9.43 J $\text{K}^{-1*}$
Battery mass	$m_{\text{cell}}$	11.12 g <sup>*</sup>

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\*Calculated details see our previous publication[1].

## 6 Kinetic parameters

Table 6: Kinetic parameters  $k_{0,j}$ , and  $E_{A,j}$  for all Li ion battery degradation reactions obtained by parameterizing the model with the experiments of Stich et al.<sup>[5]</sup> and Maleki et al.<sup>[14]</sup>

Reaction	Frequency factor, $k_{0,j}$ mol/s	Activation energy, $E_{A,j}$ kJ/mol
$\text{LiPF}_6 \rightleftharpoons \text{LiF} + \text{PF}_5$	18	53
$\text{PF}_5 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons 2\text{HF} + \text{POF}_3$	35	35
$\text{POF}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HF} + \text{HPO}_2\text{F}_2$	27.5	37.5
$2\text{LiC}_6 + 2\text{C}_3\text{H}_4\text{O}_3(\text{EC}) \rightarrow$ $(\text{CH}_2\text{OCO}_2\text{Li})_2 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + 2\text{C}_6$	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-11*}$	42
$2\text{LiC}_6 + \text{C}_3\text{H}_4\text{O}_3(\text{EC}) \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3 +$ $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + 2\text{C}_6$	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-11*}$	42
$\text{LiC}_6 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{LiOH} + 0.5\text{H}_2 + \text{C}_6$	$3.2 \cdot 10^{-11*}$	42
$(\text{CH}_2\text{OCO}_2\text{Li})_2 \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 +$ $\text{CO}_2 + 0.5\text{O}_2$	$1 \cdot 10^{14}$	148
$\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3 + 2\text{HF} \rightarrow 2\text{LiF} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2$	$8 \cdot 10^{14}$	65
$\text{LiC}_6 + \text{LiOH} \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{O} + 0.5\text{H}_2 + \text{C}_6$	350	126
$\text{Li}_z\text{CoO}_2 \rightarrow z\text{LiCoO}_2 + \frac{1-z}{3}\text{O}_2 +$ $\frac{1-z}{3}\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$	$10^{47**}$	$480^{**}$
$3.5\text{O}_2 + \text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_3(\text{EMC}) \rightarrow 4\text{CO}_2 +$ $4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{53**}$	$470^{**}$
$2.5\text{O}_2 + \text{C}_3\text{H}_4\text{O}_3(\text{EC}) \rightarrow 3\text{CO}_2 +$ $2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	$2.5 \cdot 10^{53**}$	$470^{**}$

\* mol/m/s, \*\* Only with such high values in activation energy and frequency factor could the reaction behaviour be reproduced with power law kinetics.

## 7 Additional figures

Figure 4 shows the parameterization of the reference case against the experimental data of Maleki et al.<sup>[14]</sup> Figure 5 a) shows the produced heats of the formation reactions of LEDC,  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$  and  $\text{LiOH}$ . Note that  $\text{LiOH}$  does not occur to a notably extent since the water concentration is too low and most of it has been consumed before substantial

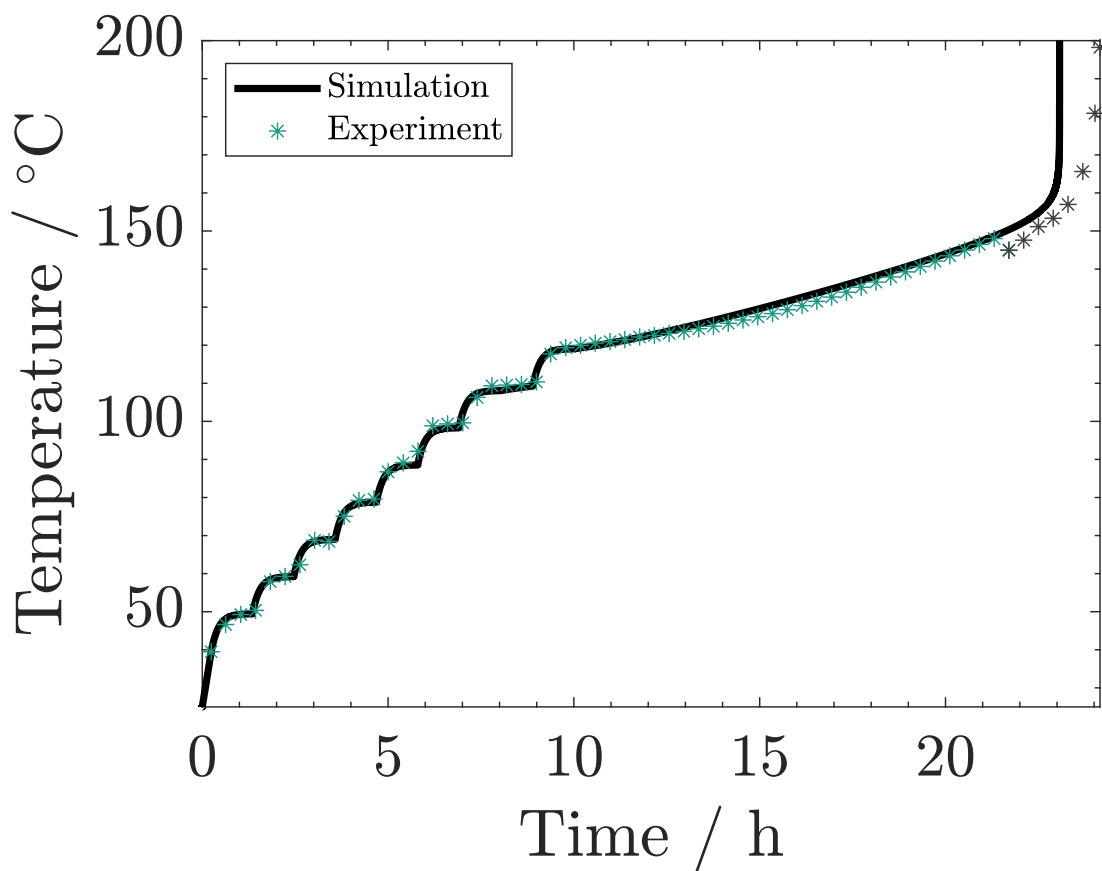


Figure 4: Experimental data from Maleki et al.<sup>[13]</sup> used for the parameterization of the model. The solid black line indicates the simulation based on the reference scenario. The green and grey stars represent experimental data before and after cell opening, respectively.

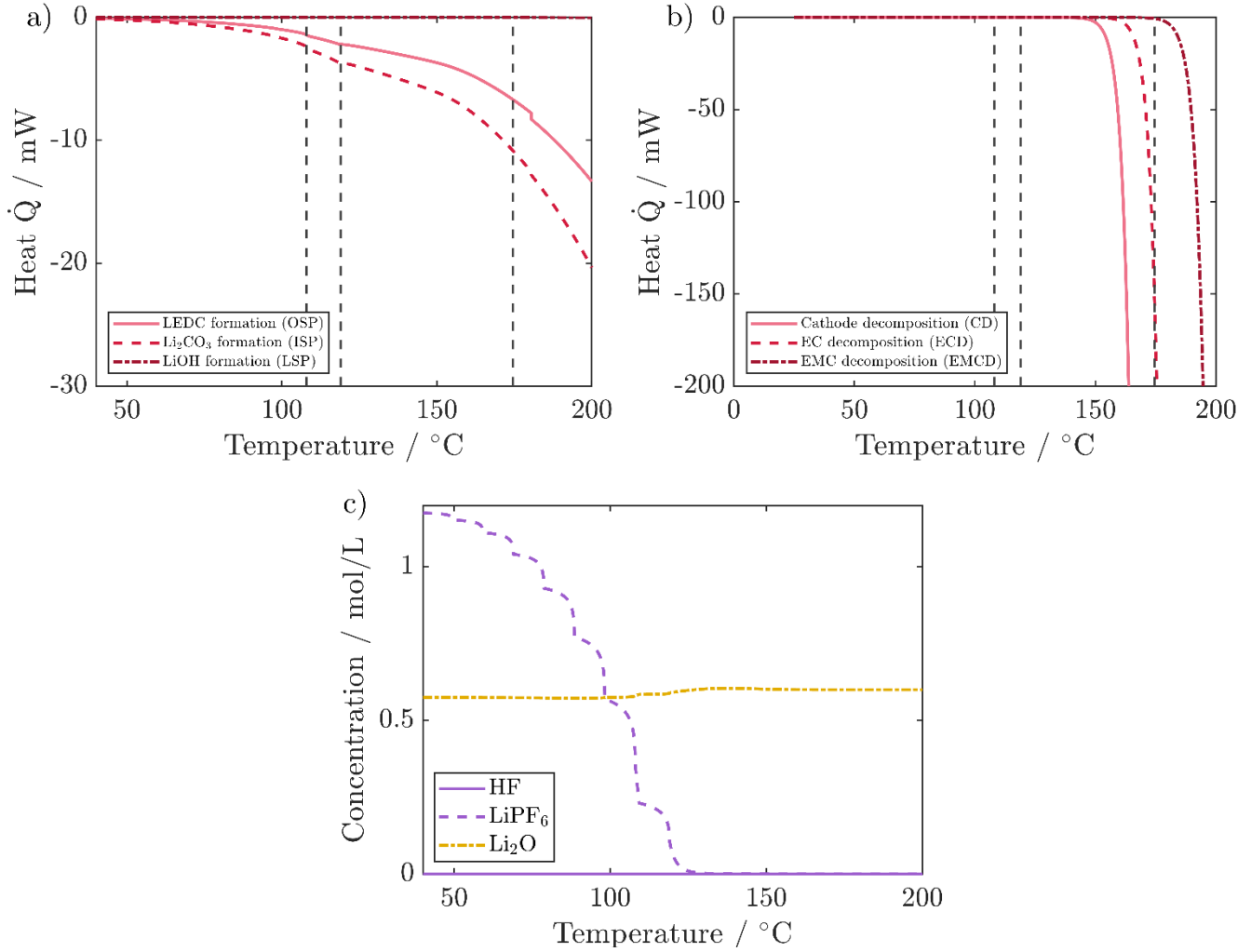


Figure 5: Changes during accelerated rate calorimetry simulation for the reference case (45 vol-% LEDC, 260 ppm H<sub>2</sub>O, 50 nm thick SEI): produced heats from a) SEI forming reaction: LEDC, Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>, and LiOH, and from b) cathode decomposition, EC decomposition, and EMC decomposition. c) additional concentrations of HF LiPF<sub>6</sub> and Li<sub>2</sub>O.

formation could take place. Figure 5 b shows the produced heats of cathode, EC and EMC decomposition. Figure 5 c shows the concentrations of HF, LiPF<sub>6</sub> and Li<sub>2</sub>O.

Figure 6, Figure 7, and Figure 8 show the comprehensive comparison for the SEI composition variation, the SEI thickness variation and the water impurity variation, respectively.

Figure 9 shows the simulation of the variation for water impurities with the alternative temperature step of 2.5 °C compared to the 10 °C of the experiment utilized for model parameterization.



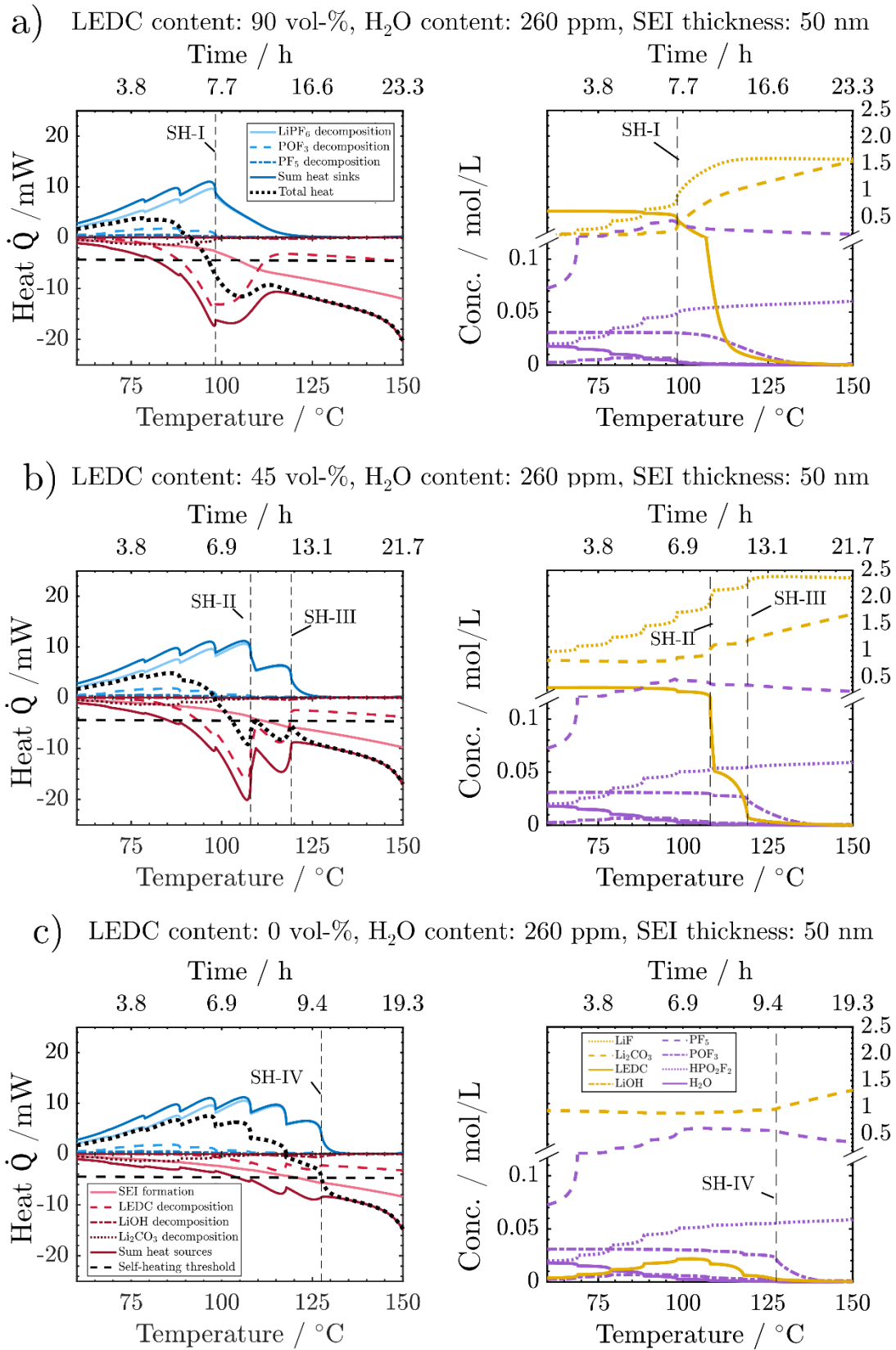


Figure 6: Comprehensive comparison of progression of heat sinks and sources and concentration for the high LEDC (a), the reference (b), and the low LEDC case (c).

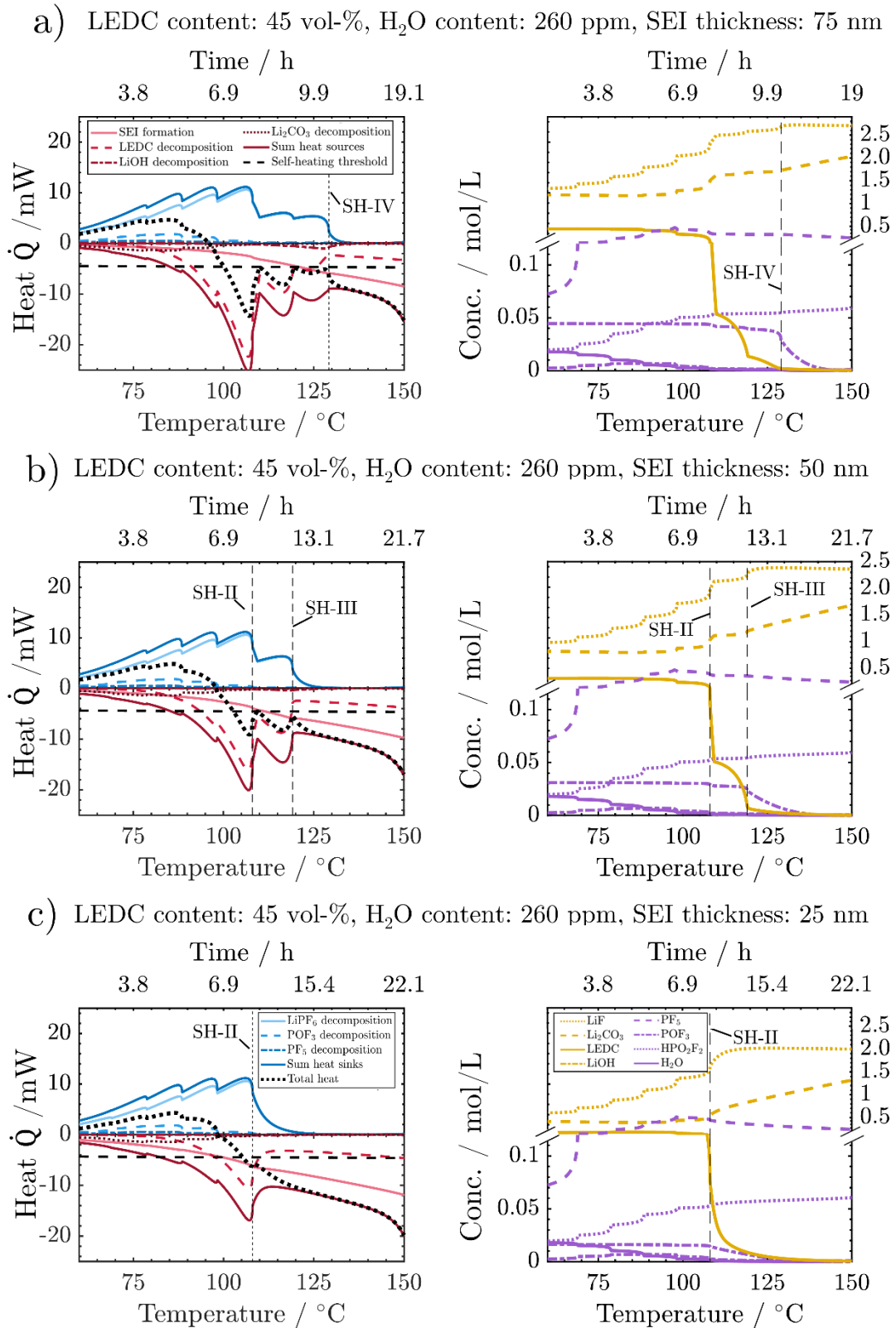


Figure 7: Comprehensive comparison of progression of heat sinks and sources and concentration for the thick SEI (a), the reference (b), and the thin SEI case (c).

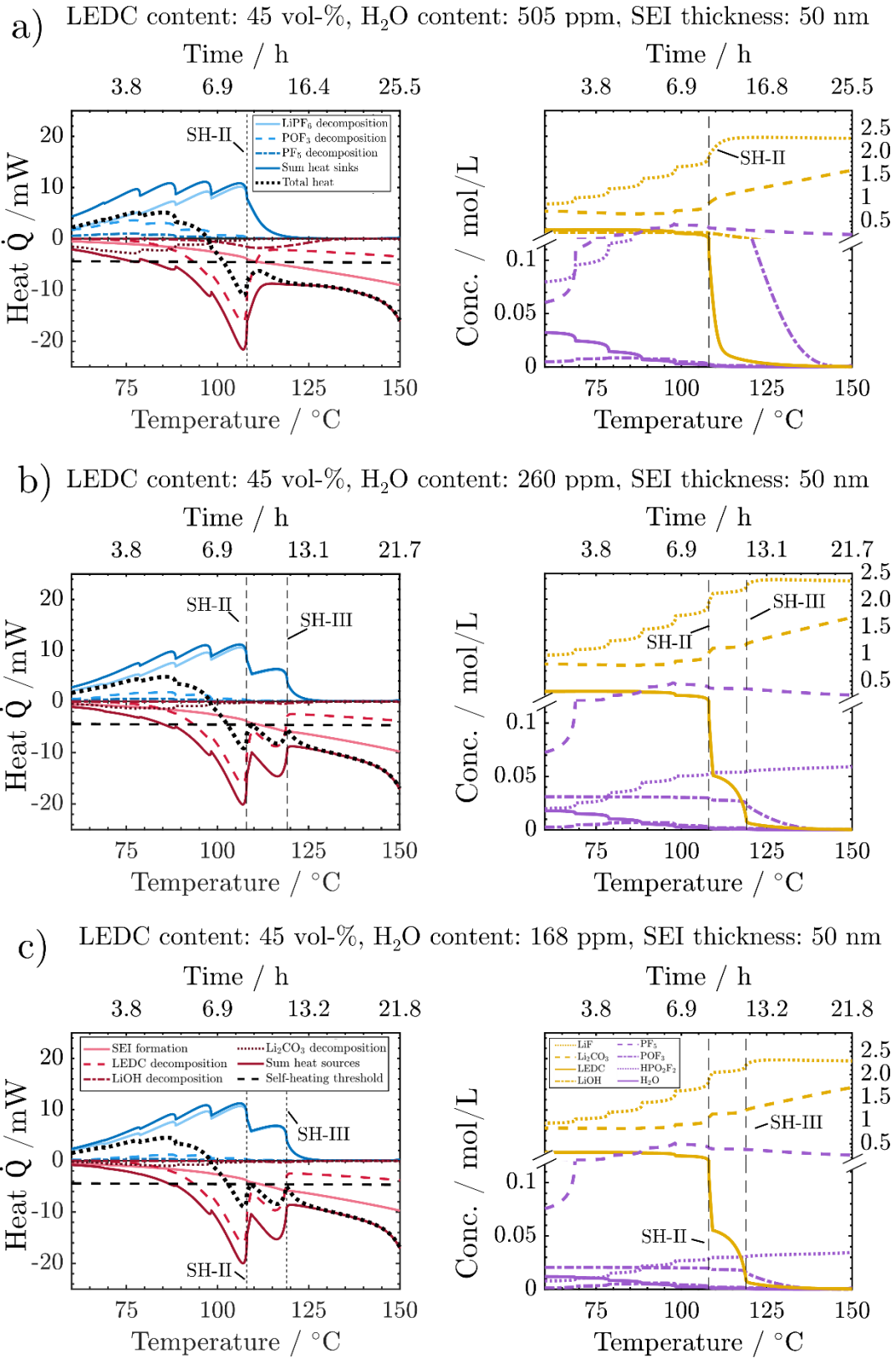


Figure 8: Comprehensive comparison of progression of heat sinks and sources and concentration for the high water contamination (a), the reference (b), and the low water contamination case (c).

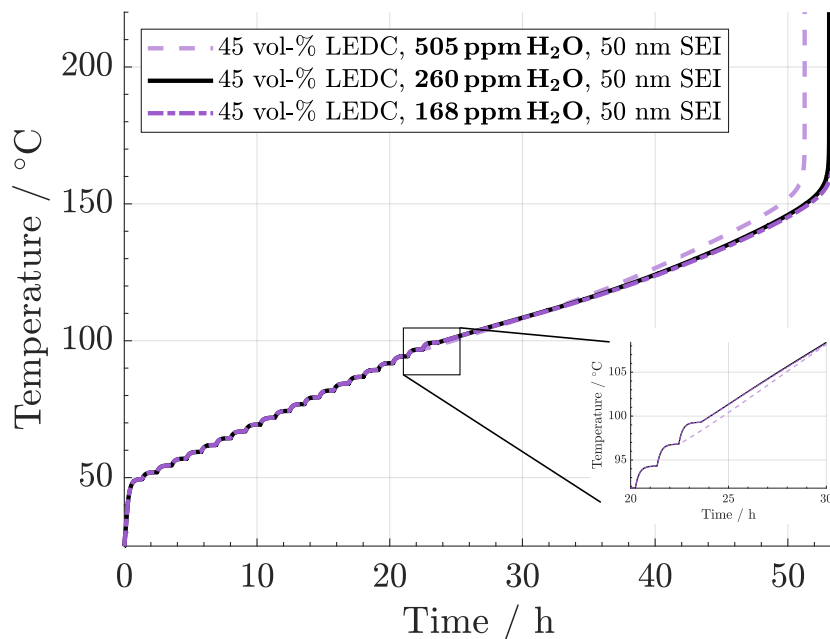


Figure 9: Simulation of the H<sub>2</sub>O impurity variation ARC measurements with a 2.5 °C temperature step.

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