

Supporting Information

Interfacial Chemistry and Ion Transfer Mechanism for Tailored Poly(thioether) Enabled Hybrid Solid Polymer Electrolyte with Electrochemical Properties in All-Solid-State Lithium-Sulfur Batteries

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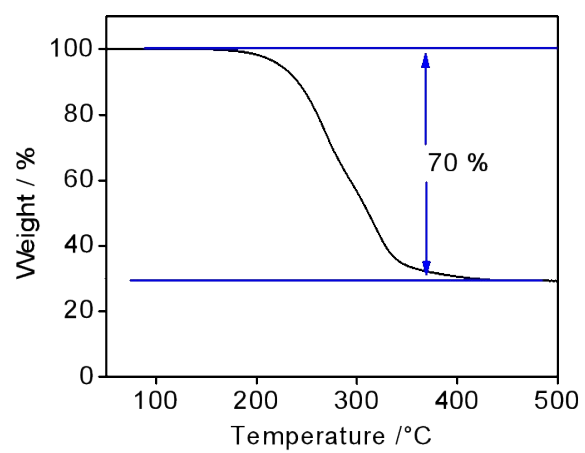


Figure S1. TG plot of the CMK-3/S mixture (30-500 °C) shows the composite's carbon and S content.

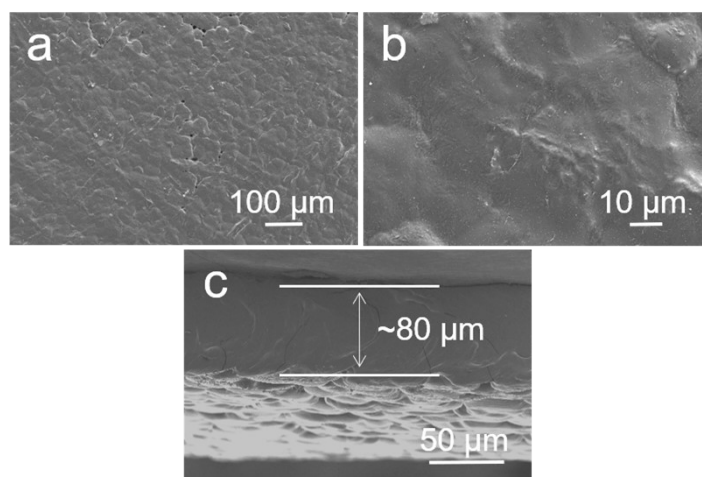


Figure S2. (a) The SEM image of PEO/LiTFSI SPE. The amplified SEM image (b) and the cross-sectional SEM image (c) of PEO/LiTFSI SPE film.

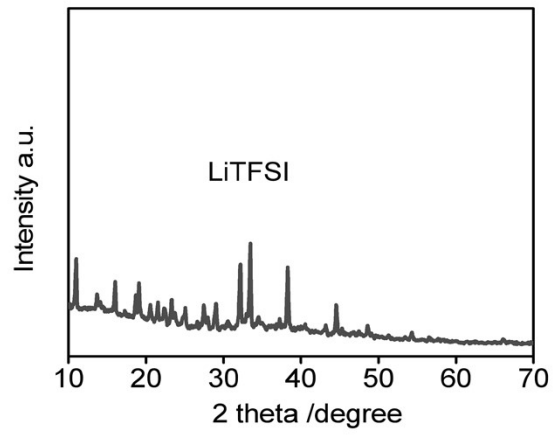


Figure S3. The XRD plot of LiTFSI.

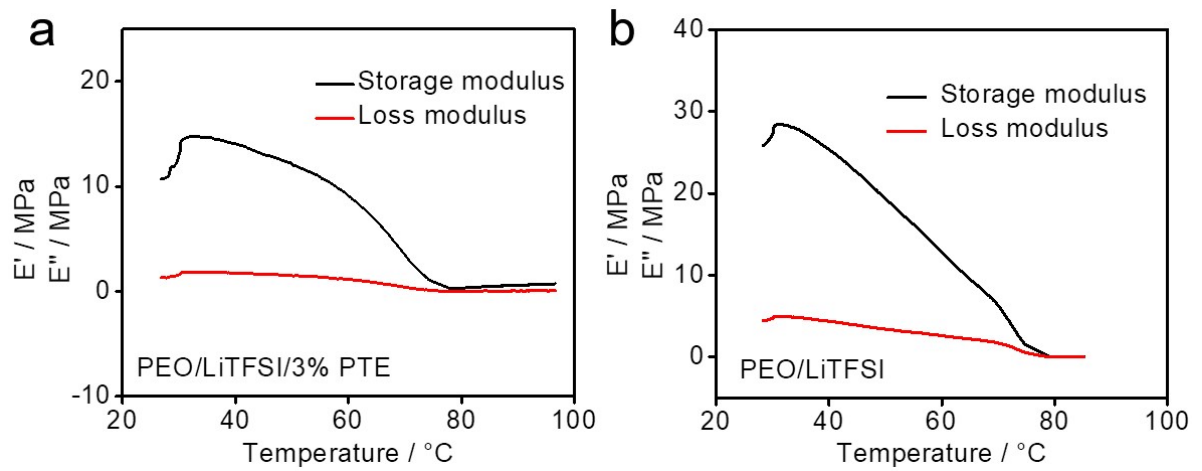


Figure S4. The dynamic mechanical analysis (DMA) of the various solid polymer electrolyte measured in the range 25-100 °C show the plots for elastic modulus and loss modulus of: (a) PEO/LiTFSI/3% PTE CPE, (b) PEO/LiTFSI SPE.

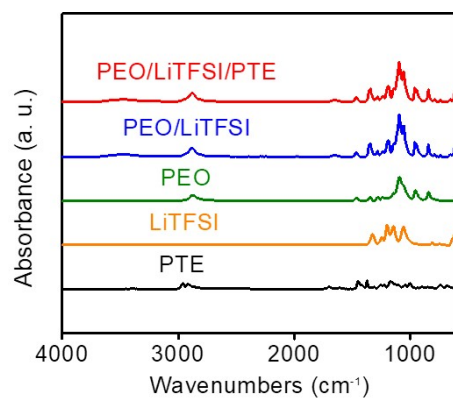


Figure S5. FTIR spectra (600-4000 cm⁻¹) of LiTFSI, PEO, PTE, PEO/LiTFSI and PEO/LiTFSI/PTE CPE.

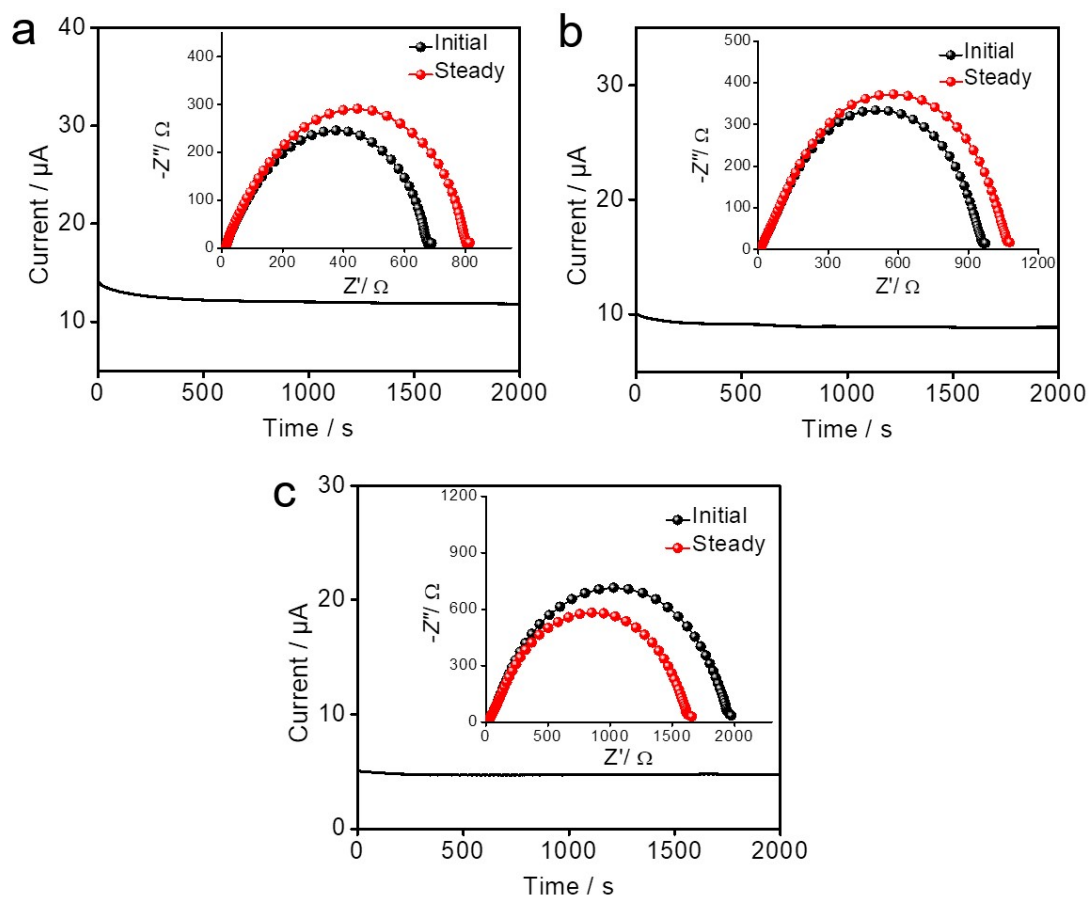


Figure S6. The lithium ion transference number (t_{Li^+}) of the composite solid polymer electrolyte with various PTE content: I-t curve and EIS plots before and after polarization for (a) PEO/LiTFSI/1% PTE CPE, (b) PEO/LiTFSI/5% PTE CPE and (c) PEO/LiTFSI/7% PTE CPE.

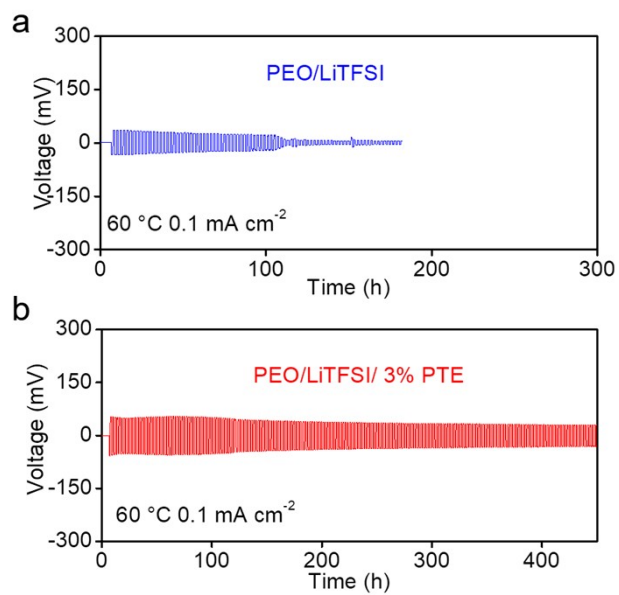


Figure S7. Long-term cycling of symmetrical Li-Li symmetric cells with (a) pure PEO SPE and (b) 3% PTE CPE at 0.1 mA cm⁻² under 60 °C.

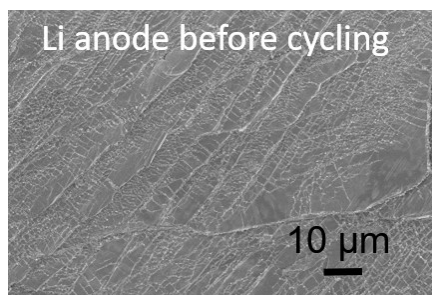


Figure S8. SEM image of the lithium metal anode before cycling.

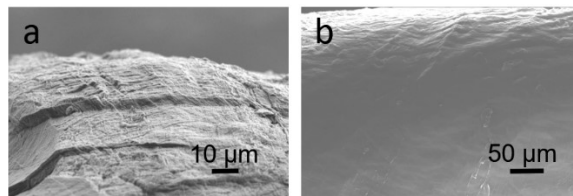


Figure S9. The cross-sectional SEM image of lithium metal anode in the Li-S battery with (a) PEO/LiTFSI SPE and (b) PEO/LiTFSI/PTE CPE after cycling.

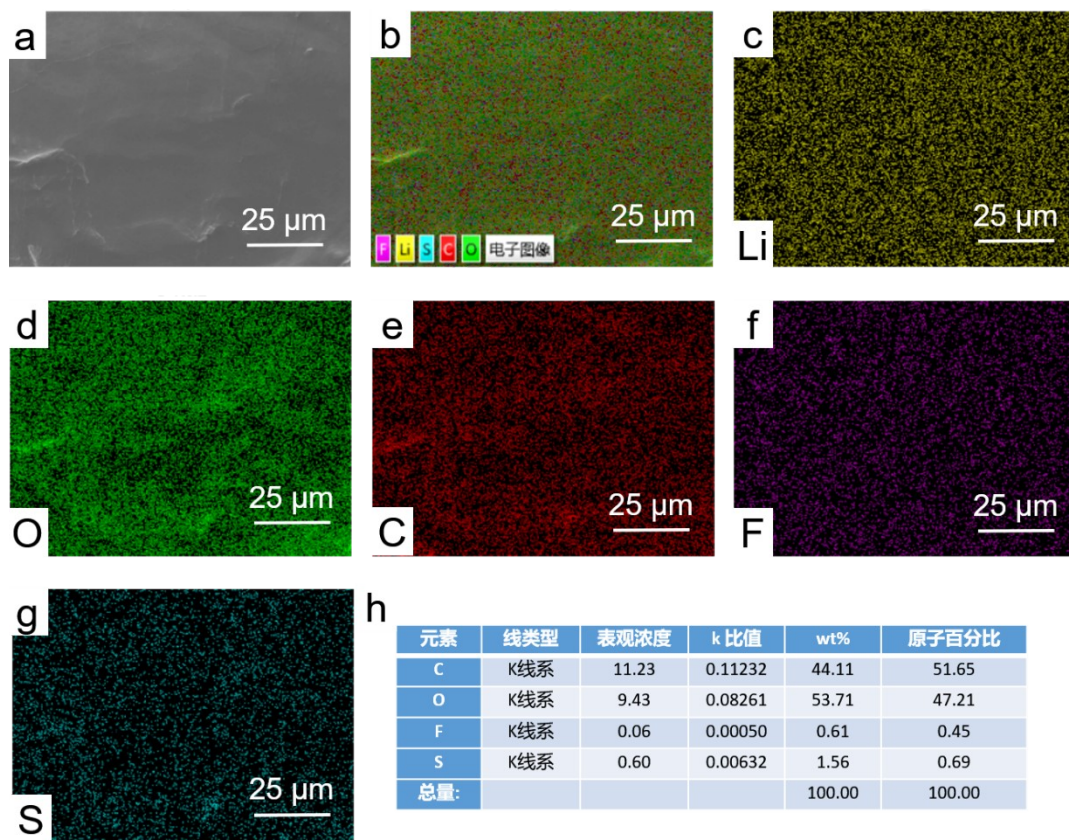


Figure S10. (a) The SEM image of the lithium metal anode in the Li-S battery with PEO/LiTFSI/PTE CPE after 10 cycles. (b-g) The EDS mapping of the lithium metal anode in the Li-S battery with PEO/LiTFSI/PTE CPE after 10 cycles. (h) Element content distribution of the lithium metal anode in the Li-S battery with PEO/LiTFSI/PTE CPE after 10 cycles.

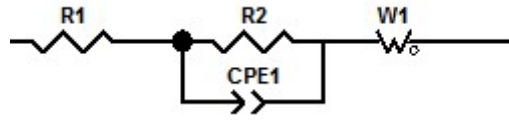


Figure S11. The equivalent circuit diagram of all-solid-state Li-S batteries before and after 5 cycles. R_1 , R_2 , CPE_1 and W_1 are represented R_0 , R_{ct} , CPE and W_0 .

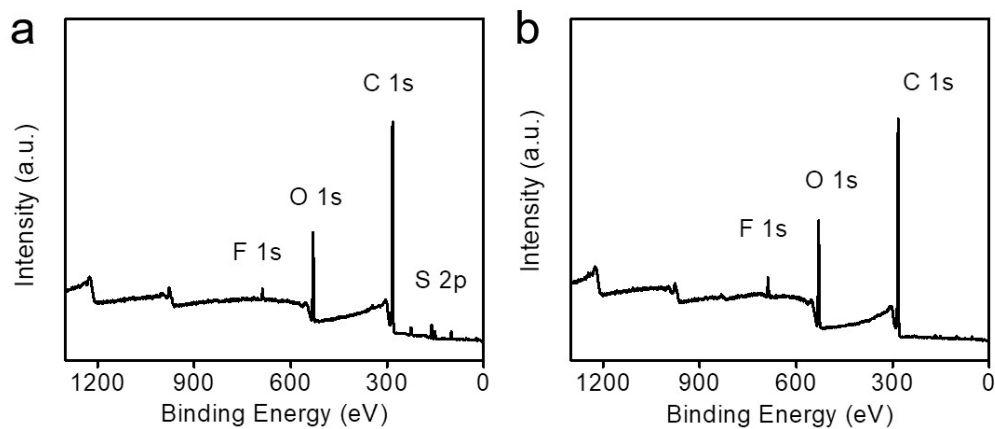


Figure S12. XPS survey scan of the surface for the lithium metal anode after 10 cycles in all-solid-state Li-S batteries with: (a) PEO/LiTFSI/3% PTE CPE and (b) PEO/LiTFSI SPE.

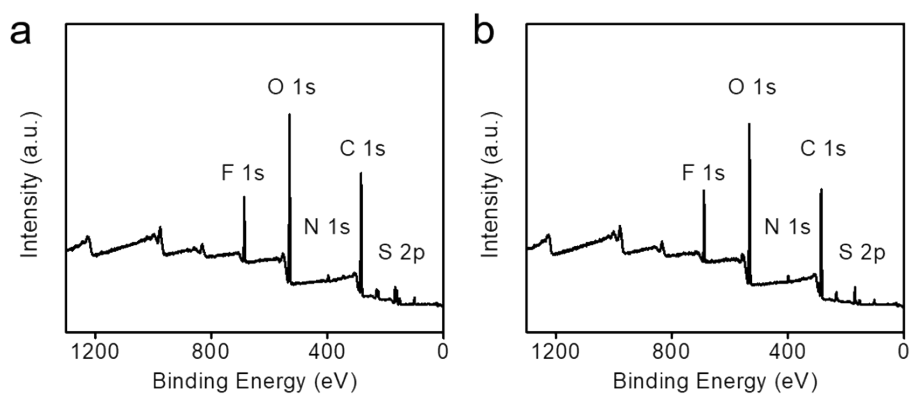


Figure S13. XPS survey scan of the interface between lithium metal anode for PEO/LiTFSI/3% PTE CPE (a) and PEO/LiTFSI SPE (b) in the all-solid-state Li-S battery after 10 cycles.

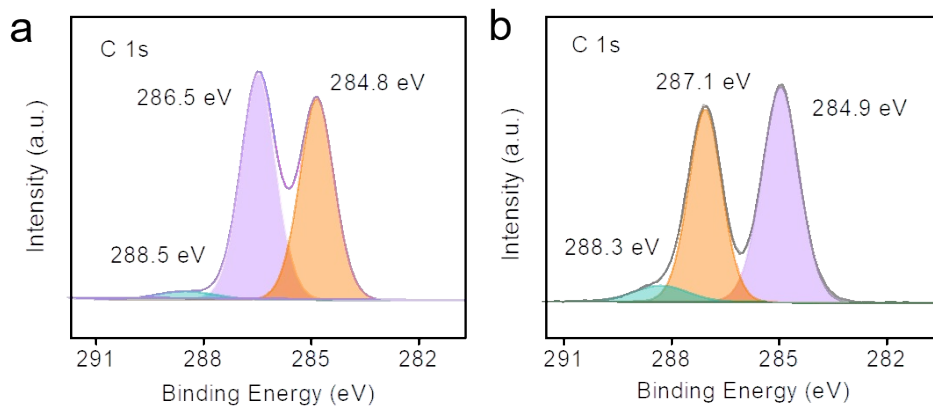


Figure S14. (a) XPS high-resolution C 1s spectra of the surface to the side of lithium metal anode or PEO/LiTFSI/3% PTE CPE in the Li-S battery after 10 cycles. (b) XPS high-resolution C 1s spectra of the surface to the side of lithium metal anode or PEO/LiTFSI SPE in the Li-S battery after 10 cycles.

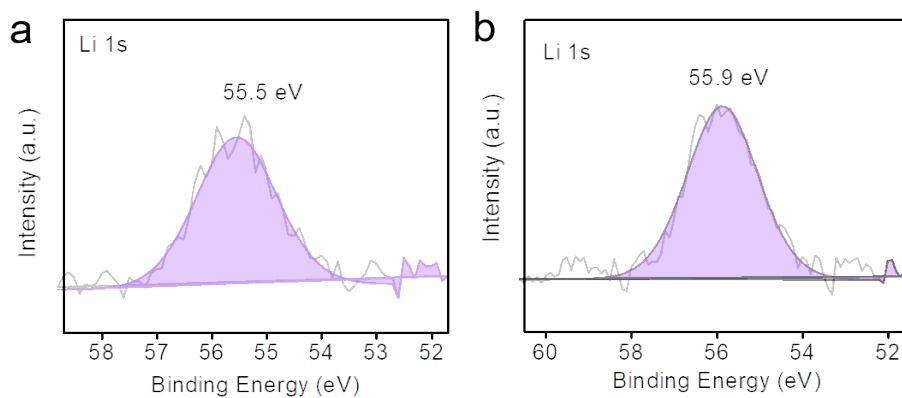


Figure S15. (a) XPS high-resolution Li 1s spectra of the surface for electrolyte to the side of lithium metal anode in the Li-S battery with PEO/LiTFSI/3% PTE CPE after 10 cycles. (b) XPS high-resolution Li 1s spectra of the electrolyte surface to the side of lithium metal anode or PEO/LiTFSI SPE in the Li-S battery after 10 cycles.

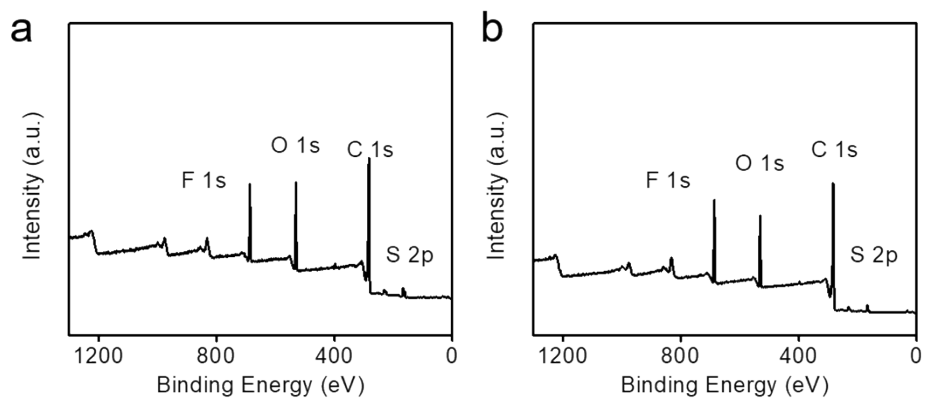


Figure S16. (a) XPS survey scan of the surface to the side of the sulfur cathode in the Li-S battery with PEO/LiTFSI/3% PTE CPE after 10 cycles. (b) XPS survey scan of the surface to the side of the sulfur cathode in the Li-S battery with PEO/LiTFSI SPE after 10 cycles.

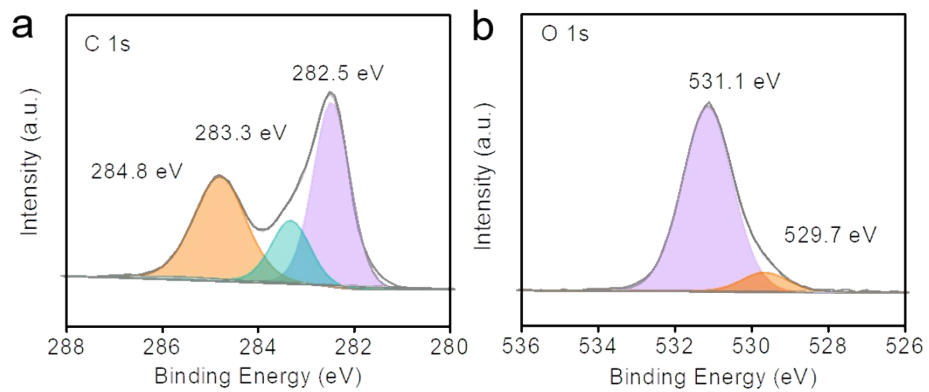


Figure S17. XPS high-resolution C 1s spectra (a) and O 1s spectra (b) of the surface to the side of the sulfur cathode in the Li-S battery with PEO/LiTFSI/3% PTE CPE after 10 cycles.

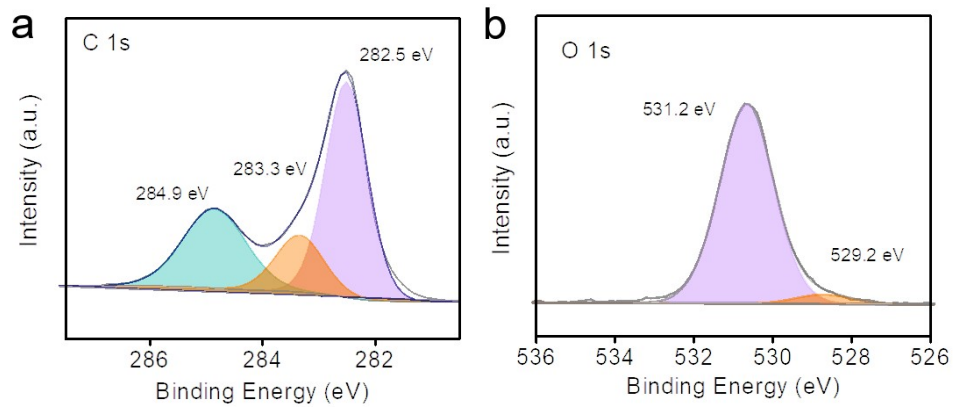


Figure S18. XPS high-resolution C 1s spectra (a) and O 1s spectra (b) of the surface to the side of the sulfur cathode in the Li-S battery with PEO/LiTFSI SPE after 10 cycles.

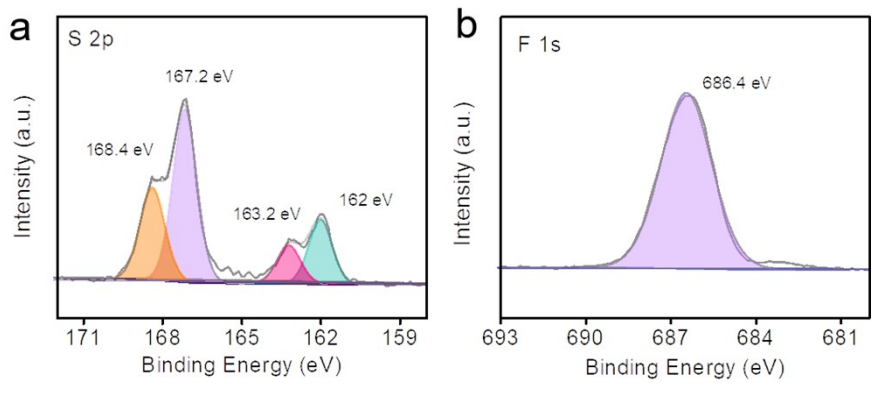


Figure S19. XPS high-resolution S 2p spectra (a) and F 1s spectra (b) of the surface to the side of the sulfur cathode in the Li-S battery with PEO/LiTFSI SPE after 10 cycles.

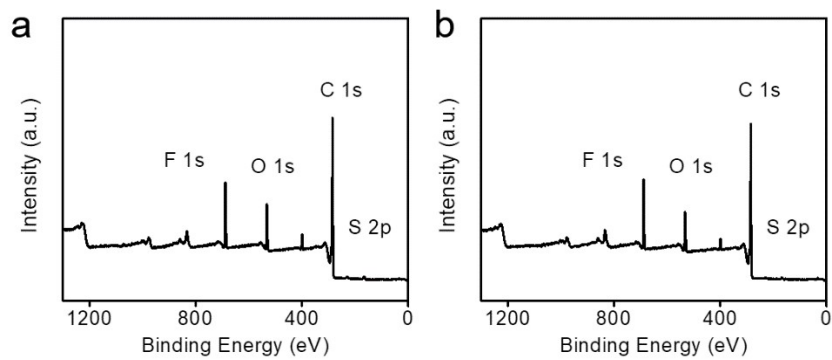


Figure S20. XPS survey scan of the surface of sulfur cathode in the Li-S battery with PEO/LiTFSI/3% PTE CPE (a) and PEO/LiTFSI SPE (b) after 10 cycles.

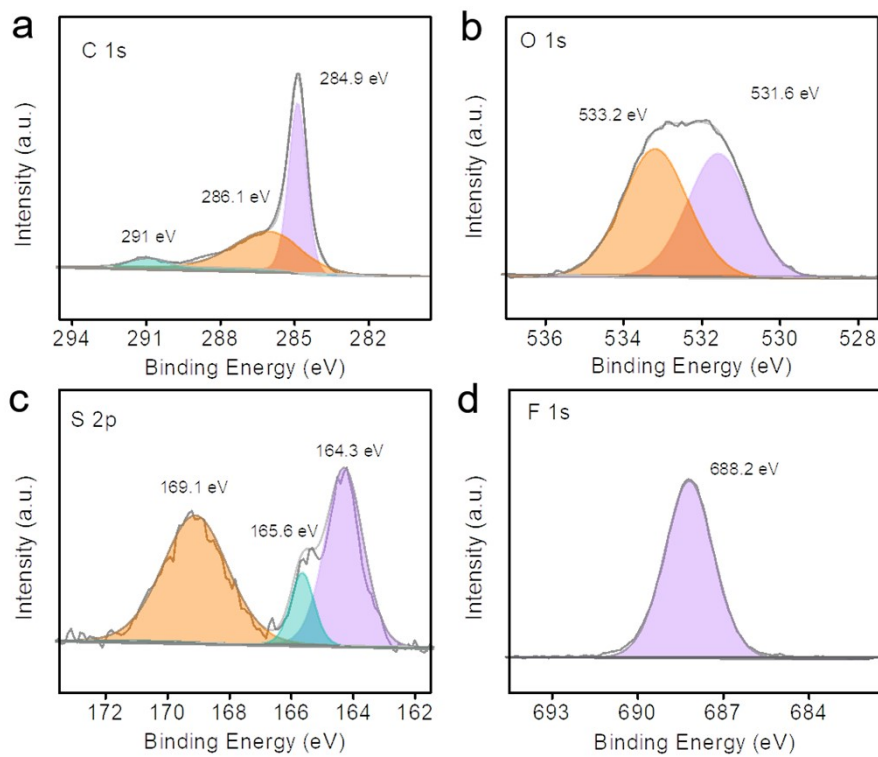


Figure S21. XPS high-resolution C 1s spectra (a), F 1s spectra (b), S 2p (c) and F 1s (d) of the surface of sulfur cathode in the Li-S battery with PEO/LiTFSI/PTE CPE after 10 cycles.

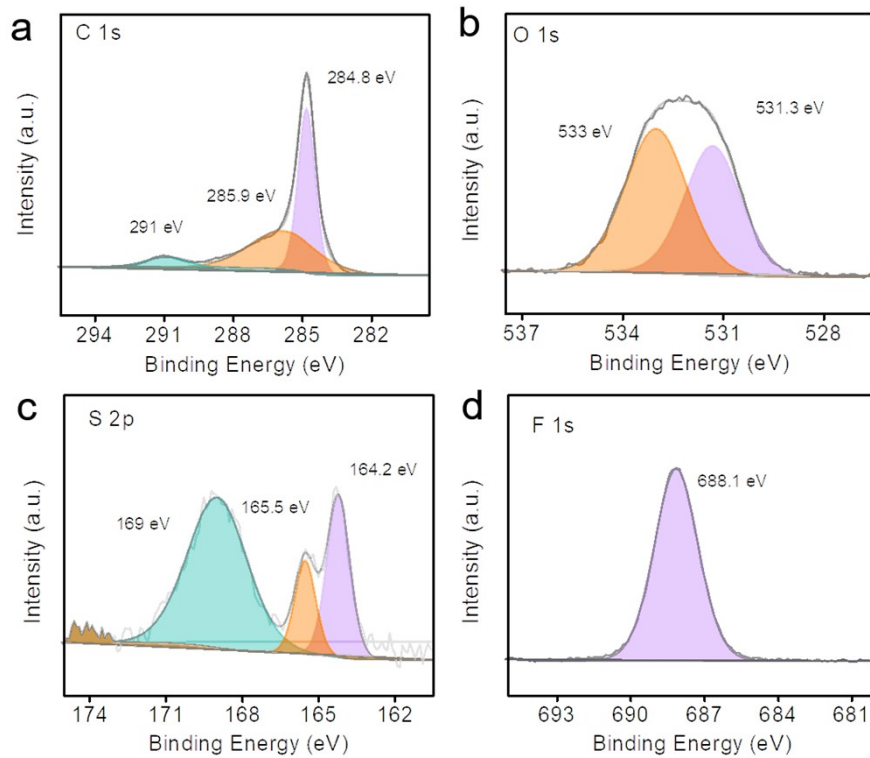


Figure S22. XPS high-resolution C 1s spectra (a), O 1s spectra (b), S 2p spectra (c) and F 1s spectra (d) for the surface of sulfur cathode for PEO/LiTFSI SPE in the battery after 10 cycles.

Table S1. The peaks and corresponding assignments for LiTFSI, PEO, PEO/LiTFSI and PEO/LiTFSI/PTE CPE

Peak assignment	Wavenumber/cm ⁻¹			
	PEO	LiTFSI	PEO/LiTFSI	PEO/LiTFSI/PTE
-CH ₂ - wagging absorptions in trans planar structure	1346.2		1342.1	1342.2
-CH ₂ - twist in helical structure	1280.6		1280.6	1280.5
-CH ₂ - twist in trans planar structure	1238.7		1240.7	1240.7
Asymmetric -SO ₂ - stretching		1325	1333.4	1332.2
Symmetric stretching of -CF ₃		1244	1231.4	1231.6
Asymmetric stretching of -CF ₃		1197.7	1189.2	1189.3

Table S2. The corresponding simulated impedance parameters in an equivalent circuit.

	Before cycle		After 5 cycles	
	R_0 (Ω)	R_{ct} (Ω)	R_0 (Ω)	R_{ct} (Ω)
PEO/LiTFSI/3% PTE	14.52	102.4	16.77	123.1

Table S3. Comparison of electrochemical cycle performance of Li/PEO/LiTFSI/PTE CPE/Li with the other reported PEO-based electrolyte.

Electrolyte	Cycle time	Polarization voltage	Current density	Reference
PEO/LiTFSI/PTE CPE	1400 h	~ 25 mV	0.05 mA cm ⁻²	This work
ZnO quantum dots /PEO composite polymer electrolyte	500 h	~ 40 mV	0.1 mA cm ⁻²	Energy Storage Materials, 2021, 43, 258-265.
Al ₂ O ₃ modified PEO-based composite polymer electrolyte	1240 h	~ 40 mV	0.1 mA cm ⁻²	Journal of Electroanalytical Chemistry, 2021, 881, 114916.
SiO ₂ based functional polymer electrolyte	1200 h	~ 170 mV	0.1 mA cm ⁻²	Journal of Materials Chemistry A, 2022, 10, 3400-3408.
PVDF/organo-polysulfide polymer electrolyte	250 h	~ 15 mV	0.5 mA cm ⁻²	Journal of Energy Chemistry, 2020, 48, 267-276.
Crosslinked poly(allyl glycidyl ether) polymer electrolyte	255 h	~ 8 mV	0.5 mA cm ⁻²	Electrochimica Acta, 2020, 362, 137141
PVDF/PEO/garnet composite polymer electrolyte	1400 h	~ 80 mV	0.15 mA cm ⁻²	Advanced Energy Materials, 2021, 11, 2101612.
PEO/LLZO NFs-DI-Ca ²⁺ /LiTFSI composite polymer electrolyte	1200 h	~ 60 mV	0.1 mA cm ⁻²	ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces, 2022, 14, 5346-5354.
La ₂ Zr ₂ O ₇ /PEO solid electrolyte	1600 h	~ 190 mV	0.1 mA cm ⁻²	Energy & Environmental Science, 2022,15, 1503-1511.
PEO/Li ₂ S ₆ composite polymer electrolyte	400 h	25 mV	0.2 mA cm ⁻²	Angewandte Chemie International Edition, 2021, 60, 17701-17706.

