

# Fluorinated boron nitride nanosheet enhanced ultrathin and conductive polymer electrolyte for high-rate solid-state lithium metal batteries

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## Abstract

Polyethylene oxide (PEO)-based polymer solid electrolytes (PSE) have been pursued for the next-generation extremely safe and high-energy-density lithium metal batteries due to their exceptional flexibility, manufacturability, and lightweight nature. However, the practical application of PEO-PSE has been hindered by low ionic conductivity, limited lithium-ion transfer number ( $t_{Li+}$ ), and inferior stability with lithium metal. Herein, an ultrathin composite solid-state electrolyte (CSSE) film with a thickness of 20  $\mu$ m, incorporating uniformly dispersed two-dimensional fluorinated boron nitride (F-BN) nanosheet fillers (F-BN CSSE) is fabricated via a solution-casting process. The integration of F-BN effectively reduces the crystallinity of the PEO polymer matrix, creating additional channels that facilitate lithium-ion transport. Moreover, the presence of F-BN promotes an inorganic phase-dominated electrolyte interface film dominated by LiF, Li<sub>2</sub>O, and Li<sub>3</sub>N on the lithium anode surface, greatly enhancing the stability of the electrode-electrolyte interface. Consequently, the F-BN CSSE exhibits a high ionic conductivity of 0.11 mS cm<sup>-1</sup> at 30°C, high  $t_{Li+}$  of 0.56, and large electrochemical window of 4.78 V, and demonstrates stable lithium plating/stripping behavior with a voltage of 20 mV for 640 h, effectively mitigating the formation of lithium dendrites. When coupled with LiFePO<sub>4</sub>, the as-assembled LiFePO<sub>4</sub>|F-BN CSSE|Li solid-state battery achieves a high capacity of 142 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> with an impressive retention rate of 82.4% after 500 cycles at 5 C. Furthermore, even at an ultrahigh rate of 50 C, a capacity of 37 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> is

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achieved. This study provides a novel and reliable strategy for the design of advanced solid-state electrolytes for high-rate and long-life lithium metal batteries.

#### KEY WORDS

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## 1 | INTRODUCTION

Lithium (Li) metal is regarded as the optimal choice of anode material for high-energy-density battery because of its high theoretical capacity ( $3860 \text{ mAh g}^{-1}$ ) and lowest electrode potential ( $-3.04 \text{ V}$  as compared to standard hydrogen electrode).<sup>[1–5]</sup> Nevertheless, the practical applicability of Li metal batteries has been intrinsically limited due to both safety concerns and well-established challenges associated with Li anodes in organic electrolyte systems, such as Li dendrite formation, unstable thickening of solid electrolyte interphase (SEI), and “dead” Li generation.<sup>[6–9]</sup> To address these issues, solid-state electrolytes have emerged as a promising alternative, offering a significant enhancement in safety by replacing the use of flammable organic solvents.<sup>[10–13]</sup>

Until now, polymer solid electrolytes (PSE), such as polyethylene oxide (PEO)-based PSE, are considered the most promising for commercialization due to their advantageous properties, such as good flexibility, low density, high safety, good processability, and low cost.<sup>[14–16]</sup> However, there are still many problems existing in the PEO-based PSE like poor ionic conductivity ( $10^{-7}$ – $10^{-5} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$ ) at room temperature (RT), and the weak mechanical strength renders them susceptible to puncture by lithium dendrites, causing a rapid battery failure.<sup>[17–21]</sup> To address these limitations, the incorporation of organic–inorganic composite solid-state electrolyte (CSSE) has been proposed to enhance the overall performance of electrolytes.<sup>[17,22,23]</sup> The CSSE combines the flexibility of polymers and good electrode contact, as well as high ionic conductivity similar to inorganic solid electrolytes.<sup>[23–25]</sup> Typically, PEO is blended with inorganic electrolytes, such as  $\text{Li}_{0.25}\text{Ga}_{0.25}\text{La}_3\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_{12}$ ,<sup>[26,27]</sup>  $\text{Li}_{1.3}\text{Al}_{0.3}\text{Ti}_{1.7}\text{P(O}_4)_3$ , and  $\text{Li}_{10}\text{GeP}_2\text{S}_{12}$ ,<sup>[28–31]</sup> or inorganic fillers like  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{MoO}_3$ .<sup>[24,32,33]</sup> Nevertheless, the agglomeration between inorganic particles, poor compatibility between PEO and fillers, and unstable interface stability between CSSE with Li anode are the key limitations for the assembled solid-state batteries. Therefore, it is urgently imperative to develop new functional inorganic fillers that can simultaneously achieve high lithium-ion ( $\text{Li}^+$ )

conductivity and alleviate dendrite issues in solid-state Li metal batteries (SSLMBs).

Two-dimensional (2D) boron nitride (BN) is well-known for its favorable chemical/electrochemical and thermal stability, low electrical conductivity, chemical inertness, and high mechanical strength.<sup>[34,35]</sup> Moreover, the B atom in the BN can act as a Lewis acid, facilitating the dissociation of Lewis basic anions from Li salt, thereby reducing the concentration of  $\text{Li}^+$  for uniform deposition. Additionally, functionalization of BN with various functional groups can promote the generation of a stabilized SEI, which helps suppress the side reaction.<sup>[36,37]</sup> Therefore, BN is expected to be a promising filler for improving the comprehensive properties of SSLMBs.

In this study, 2D F-BN nanosheets were for the first time incorporated into PEO-based PSE to fabricate ultrathin ( $20 \mu\text{m}$  in thickness) freestanding CSSE film via a solution-casting process. The introduction of F-BN fillers effectively reduces the crystallinity of the PEO matrix, creating additional channels for rapid  $\text{Li}^+$  transport. Moreover, the fluoride functional groups in F-BN promote the formation of a stable inorganic SEI rich in  $\text{LiF}$ ,  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ , and  $\text{Li}_3\text{N}$  on the surface of the lithium anode, which contributes to reducing the interface impedance and inhibits the growth of Li dendrites. Consequently, F-BN CSSE demonstrates a high  $\text{Li}^+$  conductivity of  $0.11 \text{ mS cm}^{-1}$  at  $30^\circ\text{C}$  and a large  $\text{Li}^+$  transference number ( $t_{\text{Li}^+}$ ) of 0.56. The F-BN CSSE also exhibits superior electrochemical stability during the Li stripping-plating process for over 600 h at  $0.1 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ . The as-assembled  $\text{LiFePO}_4$  (LFP)|F-BN CSSE|Li solid-state batteries deliver a high discharge capacity of  $142 \text{ mAh g}^{-1}$  at 5 C and retains 82.4% of its capacity after 500 cycles, with an average columbic efficiency of 99.9% at  $60^\circ\text{C}$ . In addition, our solid-state pouch cell using F-BN CSSE can readily power LED lights under folded and cutting conditions, demonstrating the potential application of CSSE for high-safety SSLMBs.

## 2 | RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

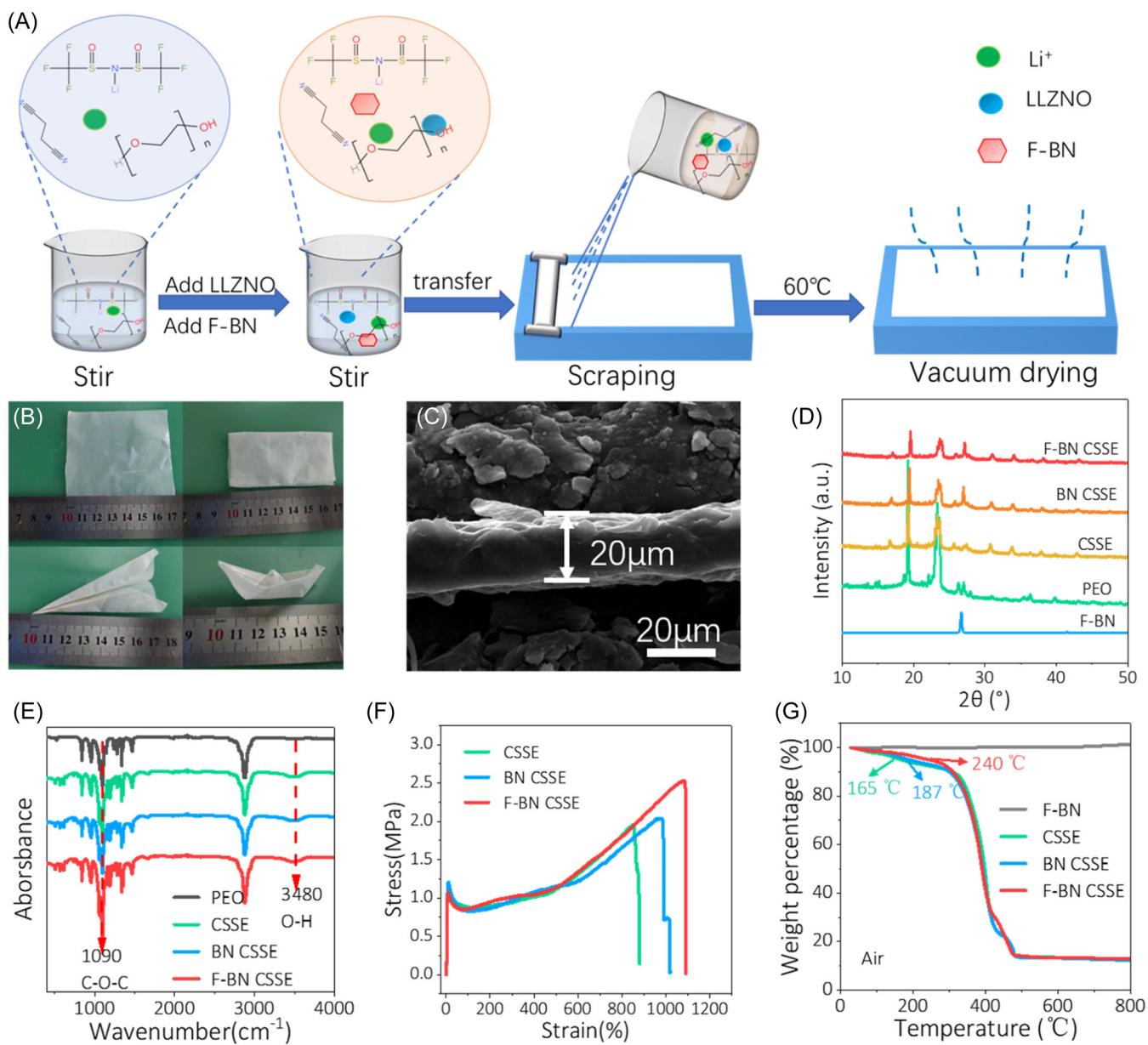
The 2D F-BN nanosheets (Supporting Information: Figure S1A) were synthesized via hydrothermal method using ammonium fluoride ( $\text{NH}_4\text{F}$ ) as the fluorinating

agent.<sup>[38]</sup> The crystallographic structure (average crystallite size: 7.6 nm) and chemical properties of F-BN are confirmed through Raman and X-ray diffraction (XRD) analyses. The peak at  $1366\text{ cm}^{-1}$  represents the B–N bond (Supporting Information: Figure S1B), and the full width at half maxima of F-BN is significantly larger than that of BN, indicating the few-layer nature of F-BN.<sup>[39]</sup> Notably, the XRD pattern of F-BN displays a peak at  $2\theta = 26.7^\circ$  assigned to (002) crystal plane (JCPDS: No. 73-2095) that shifts to a higher angle after fluorination (Supporting Information: Figure S1C). Additionally, X-ray photoelectron microscopy (XPS) spectra were performed to reveal to molecular structure and atomic valence state of F-BN (Supporting Information: Figure S1D–F). Obviously, the peaks of the B–N bond are observed at 189.9 and 397.5 eV in the B 1s and N 1s spectra, respectively. Meanwhile, the presence of fluoride in F-BN is confirmed by the appearance of peaks at 190.5 and 398.2 eV, which are attributed to B–F and N–F bonds in the F 1s spectrum (Supporting Information: Figure S1F).<sup>[40]</sup>

As shown in Figure 1A, the F-BN CSSE film was prepared by solution-casting technique. The film exhibits excellent mechanical flexibility, allowing it to be folded into various shapes, as shown in Figure 1B. Cross-sectional scanning electron microscope (SEM) images reveal that the thickness of electrolyte film is only  $20\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  (Figure 1C), which is comparable to the commercial polypropylene separators. It is noted that this ultrathin electrolyte film is a crucial precondition for realizing high-energy density solid-state batteries.<sup>[11]</sup> The XRD patterns presented in Figure 1D show the diffraction peaks of both F-BN ( $26.7^\circ$ ,  $40.8^\circ$ , and  $43.8^\circ$ ) and PEO ( $19^\circ$  and  $23^\circ$ ) in F-BN CSSE, confirming the successful preparation of the composite electrolyte. Remarkably, the doping of F-BN nanosheets leads to a significant decrease in the crystalline degree of PEO chains, thereby enhancing the movement of coordination  $\text{Li}^+$  along polymer chain segments. The FTIR analysis of the various CSSEs is presented in Figure 1E. The peak at  $3480\text{ cm}^{-1}$  corresponding to O–H of PEO appears more intense in F-BN CSSE than in bare CSSE and PEO. This suggests an increased presence of O–H due to the partial destruction of the PEO crystalline structure after the addition of F-BN. This effect is further supported by the significantly higher C–O–C stretching vibration ( $1090\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) in F-BN CSSE compared to CSSE and BN CSSE, indicating an increased presence of the –EO– group. The reduced crystallinity and increased freedom short chains of PEO facilitate the segmental motion of polymer chains, providing more pathways for  $\text{Li}^+$  transmission.<sup>[41]</sup> The mechanical properties and macroscopic toughness play a critical role in inhibiting Li dendrites growth. As shown in Figure 1F, when

F-BN is added to CSSE, both the strength and deformability are increased simultaneously. The tensile strength and tensile fracture values of F-BN CSSE film reach 2.53 MPa and 1120%, respectively, surpassing those of bare CSSE (tensile strength 1.6 MPa and tensile fracture 920%). Figure 1G presents the thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of electrolyte film. F-BN CSSE film experiences 5% weight loss at  $240^\circ\text{C}$ , which is significantly higher than those of bare CSSE ( $165^\circ\text{C}$ ) and BN CSSE ( $187^\circ\text{C}$ ), indicative of enhanced thermal stability owing to the addition of F-BN.

The ionic conductivities of F-BN CSSE films with different weight ratios of F-BN were obtained via electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) by assembling Li||Li symmetric cells at  $30^\circ\text{C}$ , and the comparative results of the ionic conductivities are presented in Figure 2A. Remarkably, all F-BN CSSE films exhibit higher ionic conductivities compared to bare CSSE, and 1% F-BN CSSE film demonstrates the highest  $\text{Li}^+$  conductivity up to  $0.11\text{ mS cm}^{-1}$  at  $30^\circ\text{C}$  (Figure 2B,C). This can be attributed to the well-dispersed BN, which reduces the crystallinity of PEO and promotes the interaction with the Lewis basic anions from Li salt. However, at a high weight ratio (2%–4%) of F-BN, a decrease in  $\text{Li}^+$  conductivity is observed due to the nanofiller agglomeration and free volume depletion (Supporting Information: Figure S2). Figure 2C and Supporting Information: Figure S3 show ionic conductivity versus temperature for different electrolytes. It can be seen that ionic conductivity increased with an increase of temperature because the  $\text{Li}^+$  movement in solid-state electrolytes is higher at elevated temperatures. Furthermore, the Arrhenius plots of CSSE membranes display different slopes in the higher and lower temperature regions, indicating the gradual transformation of crystalline regions into amorphous regions as the temperature rises.<sup>[42]</sup> The  $t_{\text{Li}^+}$  of CSSE is calculated using chronoamperometry combined with EIS, providing further evidence for the enhancement of the ion-conductive pathways of CSSE with the addition of F-BN filler. The calculated  $t_{\text{Li}^+}$  of F-BN CSSE reaches 0.56 (Figure 2D), significantly higher than those of bare CSSE (0.3) and BN CSSE (0.33) (Supporting Information: Figure S4). Notably, this value also exceeds most reported values for PSE ( $t_{\text{Li}^+} < 0.4$ ),<sup>[43]</sup> such as PEO-LiTFSI/ZIF (zeolitic imidazolate framework as the filler) and poly (DOL-TTE)-LP (crosslinked polymerization of DOL and trimethylolpropane triglycidyl ether (TTE) within a lithium nitrate-releasing mesoporous polymer).<sup>[44,45]</sup> High electrochemical stability of CSSE is crucial to match the high-voltage cathode. However, PEO-based polymer electrolytes typically begin to be oxidized and decomposed at 3.8 V, which significantly limits their application.<sup>[46]</sup> To this end, linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) is applied to analyze the

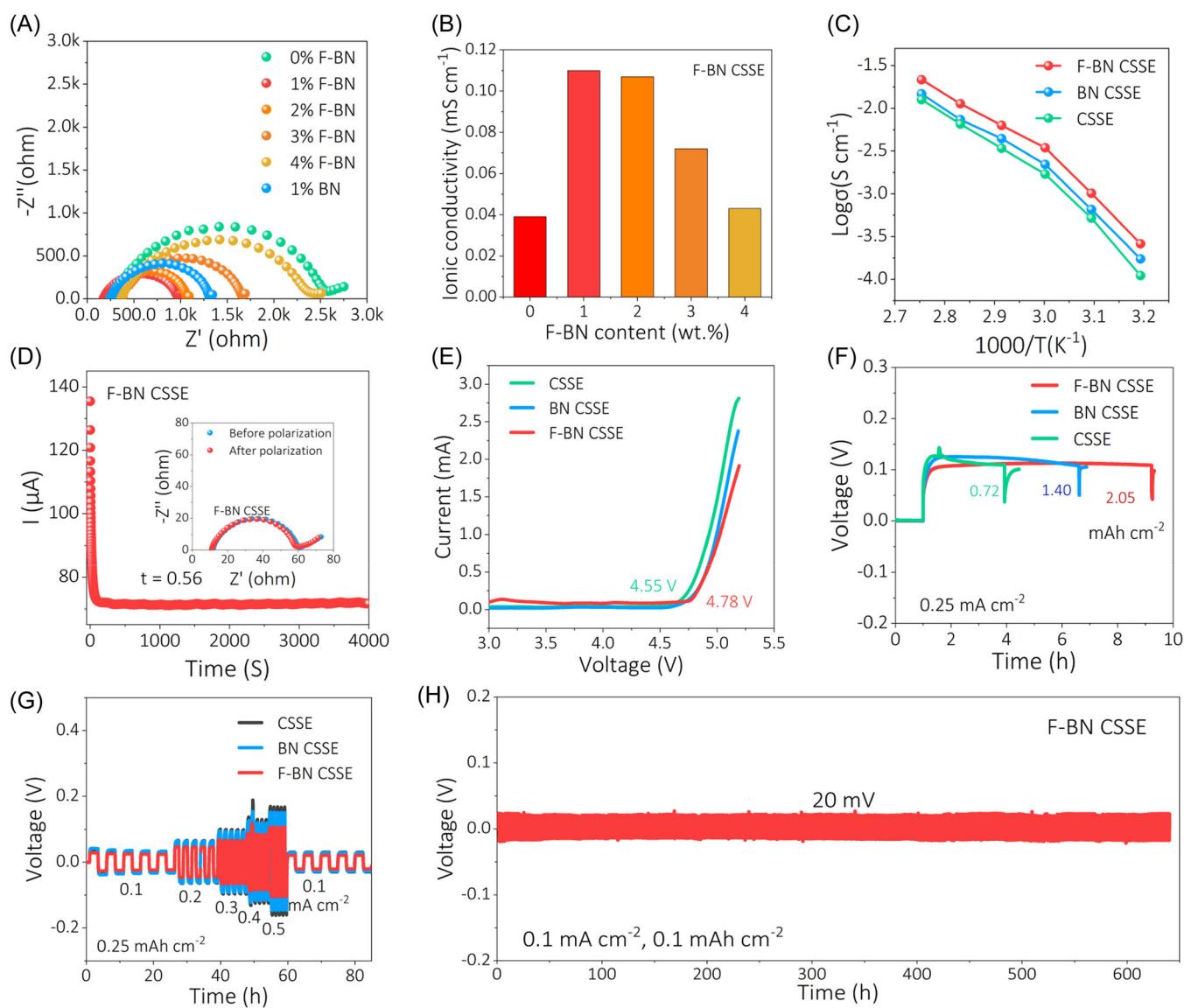


**FIGURE 1** (A) Schematic diagram of preparation and (B) optical photographs of F-BN CSSE films. (C) Cross-sectional SEM image of F-BN CSSE film. (D) XRD patterns, (E) FTIR spectra of F-BN, PEO, CSSE, BN CSSE, and F-BN CSSE. (F) Stress–strain curves of the CSSE, BN CSSE, and F-BN CSSE. (G) TGA analysis of F-BN, CSSE, BN CSSE, and F-BN CSSE. BN, boron nitride; CSSE, composite solid-state electrolyte; F-BN, fluorinated boron nitride; PEO, polyethylene oxide; SEM, scanning electron microscope; TGA, thermogravimetric analysis; XRD, X-ray diffraction.

electrochemical stability of CSSE films. Remarkably, the electrochemical window of F-BN CSSE reaches  $4.78\text{ V}$ , which is much higher than those of CSSE ( $4.55\text{ V}$ ) and BN CSSE ( $4.6\text{ V}$ ) (Figure 2E), holding great potential for achieving high energy density batteries.

Furthermore, our F-BN CSSE also demonstrates remarkable compatibility with Li metal anodes. To evaluate the stability of F-BN CSSE toward Li metal, galvanostatic charge-discharge tests were conducted in

a  $\text{Li|F-BN CSSE|Li}$  symmetric battery to evaluate the Li plating/stripping behavior and cycle stability (Supporting Information: Figure S5). The maximum Li deposition capacity of F-BN CSSE reaches  $2.05\text{ mAh cm}^{-2}$ , nearly three times higher than CSSE ( $0.75\text{ mAh cm}^{-2}$ ) and 1.5 times higher than that of BN CSSE ( $1.40\text{ mAh cm}^{-2}$ ) at  $0.25\text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ , demonstrative of enhanced electrochemical stability and electrode compatibility of F-BN CSSE (Figure 2F). Importantly, a stable plating/stripping

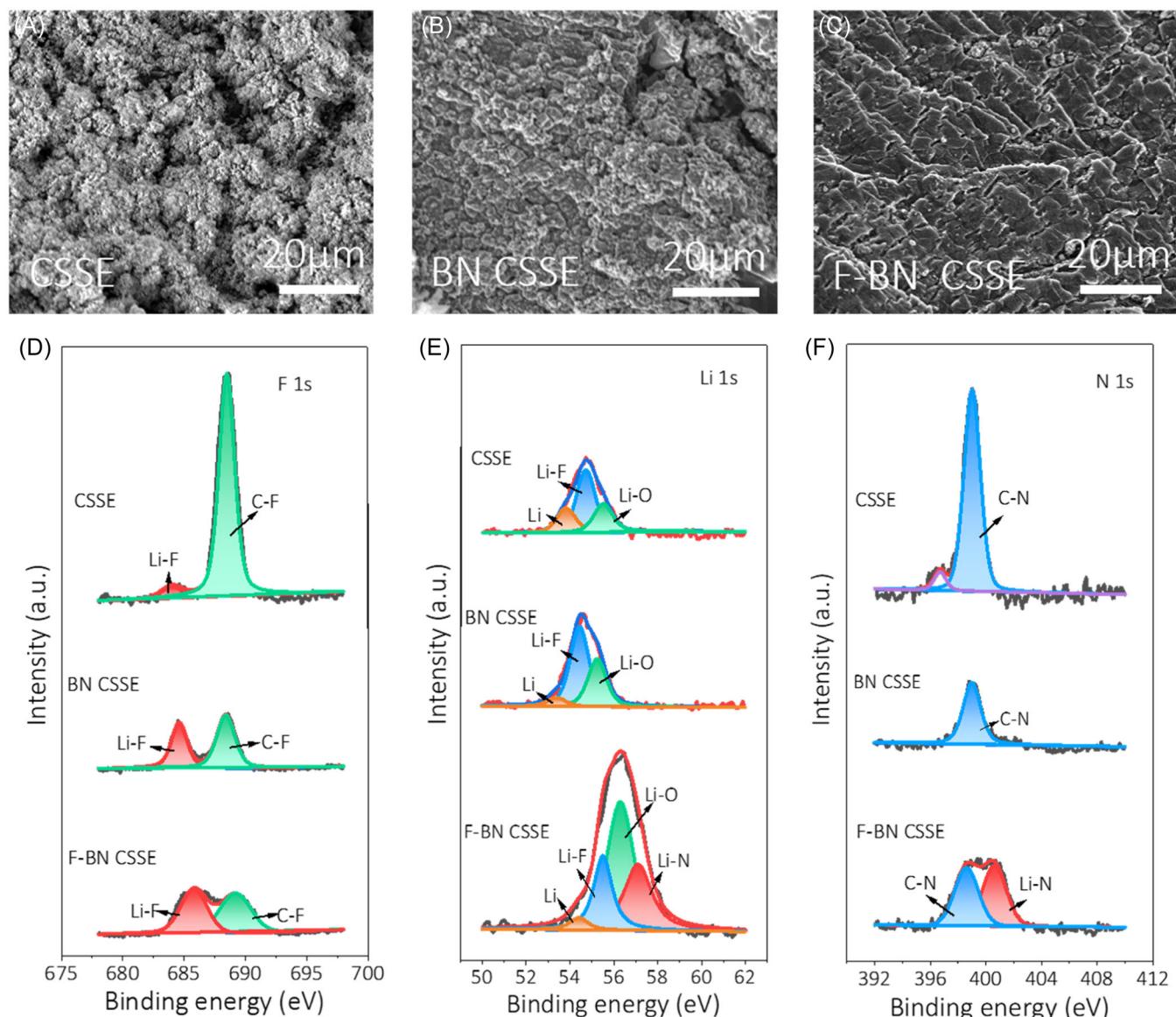


**FIGURE 2** (A) EIS plots of the CSSE films with 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 wt% F-BN, and 1 wt% BN at 30°C. (B) Ionic conductivity of F-BN CSSE films with different weight ratios of F-BN at 30°C. (C) Arrhenius curves of the CSSE, BN CSSE, and F-BN CSSE films. (D) Chronoamperometry curve for F-BN CSSE with a polarization voltage of 10 mV. The inset shows EIS plots before and after the polarization. (E) Linear sweep voltammetry curves, (F) voltage profiles at  $0.25 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ , and (G) rate performance of  $\text{Li}||\text{Li}$  symmetric cells with CSSE, BN CSSE, and F-BN CSSE films. (H) Cycling stability of  $\text{Li}||\text{Li}$  symmetric cell with F-BN CSSE film at  $0.1 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ . BN, boron nitride; CSSE, composite solid-state electrolyte; EIS, electrochemical impedance spectroscopy; F-BN, fluorinated boron nitride.

process is observed for the  $\text{Li}||\text{F-BN CSSE}||\text{Li}$  cell at  $0.5 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ . In contrast, both  $\text{Li}||\text{BN CSSE}||\text{Li}$  and  $\text{Li}||\text{CSSE}||\text{Li}$  cells experience significant amplitude fluctuations at  $0.5 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$  (Figure 2G). Additionally, a stable charge/discharge voltage of 20 mV is maintained for  $\text{Li}||\text{F-BN CSSE}||\text{Li}$  cells at  $0.1 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$  after 640 h (Figure 2H).

SEM characterization was conducted to check the surface of Li anodes in  $\text{Li}||\text{Li}$  symmetric cells after 20 cycles, and their SEM images are displayed in Figure 3A–C. The surface of Li metals in contact with CSSE and BN CSSE exhibit uneven and cracked

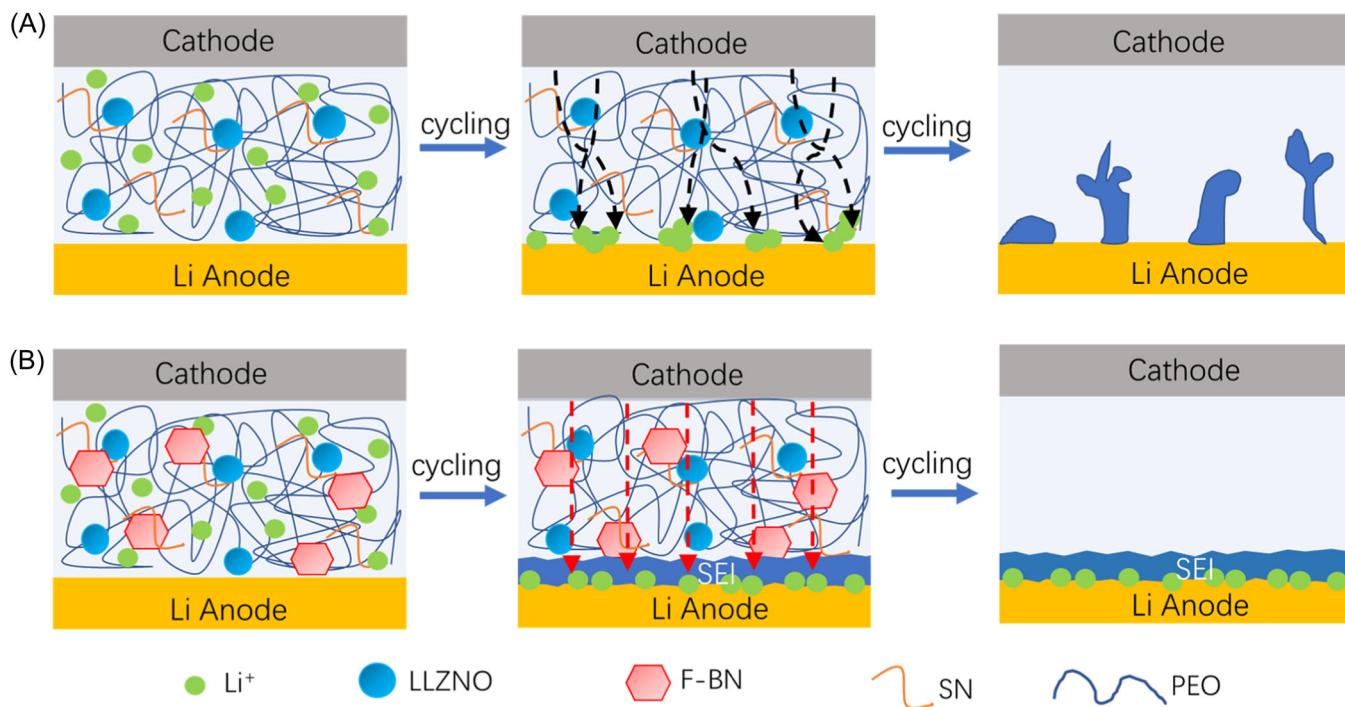
morphology (Figure 3A,B), attributed to the uneven Li deposition. In contrast, the Li metal with F-BN CSSE displays relatively plane and smooth morphology, without Li dendrite growth (Figure 3C), indicating favorable compatibility with Li metal. Furthermore, the SEI of Li anode was examined by XPS measurements. The Li–F peak (685.8 eV) in the F 1s spectrum of F-BN CSSE is significantly stronger than that of CSSE (Figure 3D), indicating that F-BN assists in the formation of a LiF-rich SEI film on the Li metal surface. It is well-known that the presence of the LiF is responsible for exceptional chemical



**FIGURE 3** (A–C) SEM images of the cycled Li anode using (A) CSSE, (B) BN CSSE, and (C) F-BN CSSE. (D–F) XPS spectra for (D) F 1s, (E) Li 1s, and (F) N 1s of the cycled Li metal surface in  $\text{Li}||\text{Li}$  symmetric batteries using CSSE, BN CSSE, and F-BN CSSE. BN, boron nitride; CSSE, composite solid-state electrolyte; F-BN, fluorinated boron nitride; XPS, X-ray photoelectron microscopy.

stability and high mechanical strength of the SEI layer.<sup>[36,47]</sup> Additionally, compared to the weaker Li-O (55.3 eV) and Li-N peaks (55.6 eV) CSSE and BN CSSE, respectively, the Li-O peak of F-BN CSSE battery is more prominent (Figure 3E). Moreover, the N 1s spectrum reveals a peak located at 400.5 eV, corresponding to the presence of a Li-N bond, confirming the existence of  $\text{Li}_3\text{N}$  on the surface of lithium metal with F-BN CSSE (Figure 3F). It is noted that  $\text{Li}_3\text{N}$  is a fast Li conductor due to its outstanding stability with metal.<sup>[48]</sup> Therefore, these stable inorganic SEI films containing LiF,  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$ , and  $\text{Li}_3\text{N}$  contribute to high durability and low interface resistance, resulting in better cycling properties of Li metal batteries.

On the basis of the aforementioned results, the functional mechanism of F-BN CSSE for high-performance Li metal batteries is depicted in Figure 4. In PEO-based PSE,  $\text{Li}^+$  transportation occurs through repeated “decomplexation–recomplexation” of  $\text{Li}^+$  and  $-\text{EO}-$  induced by segmental movement of the polymer’s amorphous region.<sup>[49]</sup> However, in the case of bare CSSE, Li dendrites rapidly form and propagate during the charge and discharge process, eventually penetrating the electrolyte due to the limited  $\text{Li}^+$  migration channels and weak mechanical strength (Figure 4A). The utilization of F-BN CSSE achieves a dendrite-free Li anode with uniform Li deposition, accomplished through two primary mechanisms. First, the addition of F-BN significantly reduces the



**FIGURE 4** Schematic illustration for Li deposition process with (A) CSSE and (B) F-BN CSSE. CSSE, composite solid-state electrolyte; F-BN, fluorinated boron nitride; PEO, polyethylene oxide.

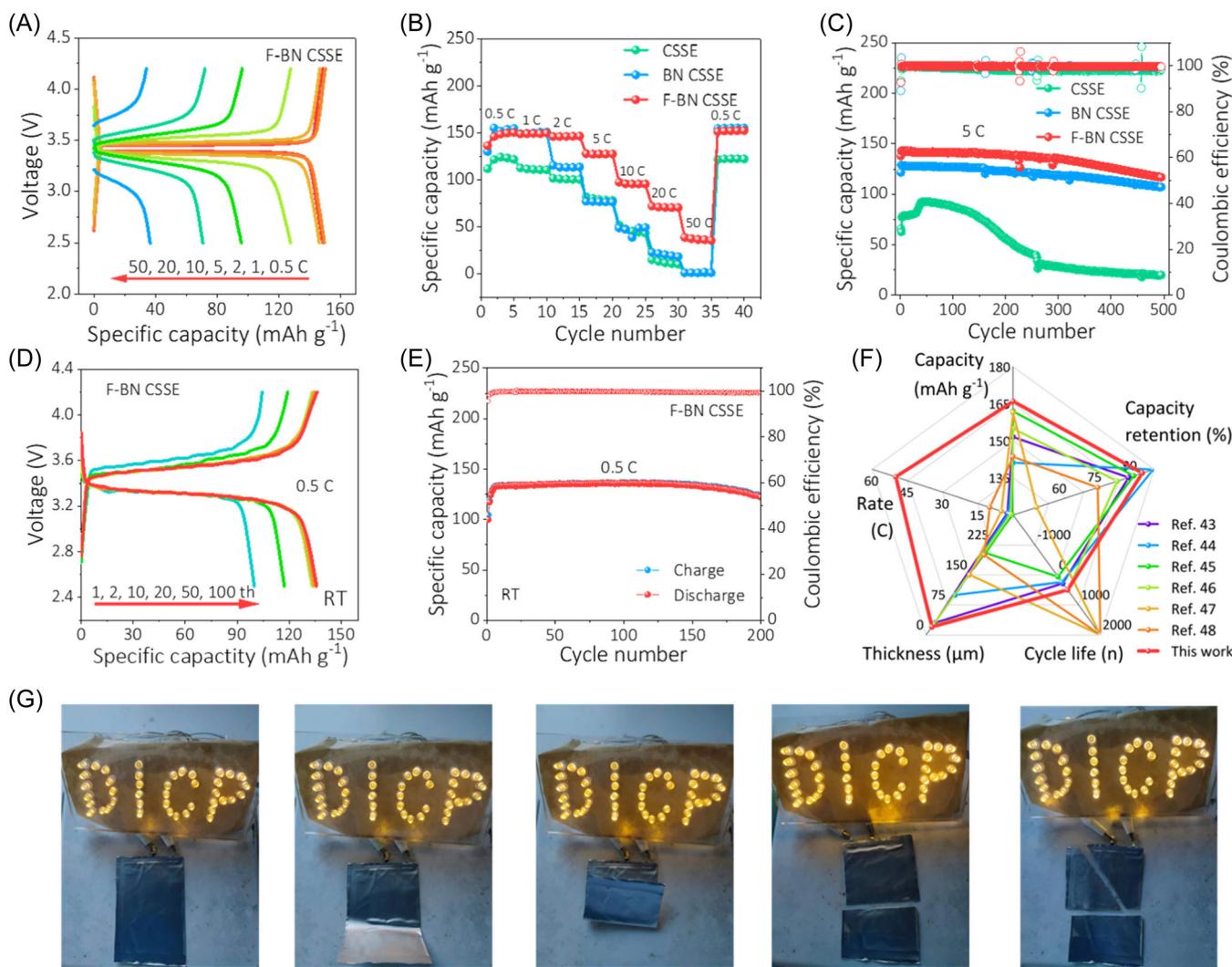
crystallinity of PEO, providing more –EO– segments for rapid transport of Li<sup>+</sup>, thus improving ionic conductivity and  $t_{Li+}$  of electrolyte. Second, the F-BN with rich fluorine ions and surface defects facilitates the generation of an inorganic SEI film enriched with LiF, Li<sub>2</sub>O, and Li<sub>3</sub>N on the surface of Li anode. This not only facilitates the transport of Li<sup>+</sup> at the interface between the electrolyte and Li anode but also prevents direct contact between them, thereby reducing the side reactions (Figure 4B).

Next, LFP cathodes are incorporated into Li metal batteries to evaluate the F-BN CSSE. The rate performance of LFP|F-BN CSSE|Li batteries was examined from 0.5 to 50 C within a voltage window of 2.5–4.2 V. Notably, the LFP|F-BN CSSE|Li battery shows outstanding capacities of 150, 149, 146, 127, 96, 71 and 37 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> at 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 C, respectively (Figure 5A). Moreover, the capacity recovers to 153 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> as the rate increases to 0.5 C, clearly higher than those of the LFP|CSSE|Li and LFP|BN CSSE|Li batteries (Figure 5B and Supporting Information: Figure S6). Even at a high rate of 5 C, LFP|F-BN CSSE|Li delivers a capacity of 142 mAh g<sup>-1</sup>, outperforming LFP|BN CSSE|Li (128 mAh g<sup>-1</sup>) and LFP|CSSE|Li (77 mAh g<sup>-1</sup>) (Supporting Information: Figure S7). After 500 cycles, LFP|F-BN CSSE|Li sustains a steady capacity of 117 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> with a retention rate of 82.4% (Figure 5C). The higher capacity of LFP|F-BN CSSE|Li is mainly attributed to its better interfacial stability and higher ionic conductivity. Furthermore, after 500 cycles, LFP|F-BN CSSE|Li

displays a superior capacity of 158 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> with a retention of 95% at 0.5 C, while LFP|CSSE|Li and LFP|BN CSSE|Li batteries deliver an inferior capacity of 120 and 140 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> with a retention of only 78% and 71%, respectively (Supporting Information: Figure S8). Remarkably, LFP|F-BN CSSE|Li batteries deliver a satisfactory capacity of 142 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> after 200 cycles without attenuation at 0.5 C at 30°C (Figure 5D,E). It is worth noting that the electrochemical properties of our LFP|F-BN CSSE|Li are superior to the majority of recently reported solid-state batteries (Figure 5F and Supporting Information: Table S1), such as bifunctional regular-random dual cross-linking network solid polymer electrolyte (140.1 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> at 0.5 C),<sup>[50]</sup> amine-functionalized BN nanosheets-ion gel (132.8 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> at 0.2 C),<sup>[51]</sup> and matrix and ionic liquid (150.4 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> at 0.1 C).<sup>[52]</sup> More importantly, the LFP|F-BN CSSE|Li pouch cell exhibits exceptional safety and practicality as it can power a string of DICP LED lights even when folded or cut in air (Figure 5G), highlighting the immense potential of F-BN CSSE in solid-state Li metal pouch batteries.

### 3 | CONCLUSION

In summary, we prepare ultrathin freestanding CSSE film using highly dispersed and surface-functionalized F-BN nanosheets as inorganic fillers for all solid-state Li



**FIGURE 5** (A) Galvanostatic charge and discharge (GCD) profiles of solid-state LFP|F-BN CSSE|Li batteries measured at 60°C. (B) Rate performance of LFP||Li batteries with CSSE, BN CSSE, and F-BN CSSE at 60°C. (C) Cycling performance of LFP||Li batteries with CSSE, BN CSSE, and F-BN CSSE obtained at 60°C and 5 C. (D) GCD profiles and (E) corresponding cycling performance of solid-state LFP|F-BN CSSE|Li batteries with F-BN CSSE at 30°C. (F) The electrochemical performances of LFP|F-BN CSSE|Li batteries compared with the recently reported advanced electrolytes. (G) Optical photographs of the flexible LFP|F-BN CSSE|Li pouch cells lighting LED lamps under bending and cutting conditions. BN, boron nitride; CSSE, composite solid-state electrolyte; F-BN, fluorinated boron nitride.

metal batteries. Owing to the fast Li<sup>+</sup> migration channels, enhanced tensile strength as well as the stable inorganic-rich SEI film of the surface of the Li anode, the F-BN CSSE demonstrates an improved Li<sup>+</sup> conductivity and superior electrochemical stability. Consequently, a high current density of 0.5 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> coupled with a stable plating/stripping process for over 600 h at 0.1 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> is achieved for the Li|F-BN CSSE|Li cell. The corresponding LFP|F-BN CSSE|Li solid-state battery demonstrates a superior capacity of 142 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> at 5 C and 60°C, with retention of 82.4% after 500 cycles while maintaining an average columbic efficiency of 99.9%. Furthermore, even at an ultrahigh rate of 50 C, a capacity of 37 mAh g<sup>-1</sup> is still attained. These outstanding results demonstrate the

potential of F-BN CSSE for the next-generation high energy density and high safety Li-metal batteries.

## 4 | EXPERIMENT SECTION

### 4.1 | Materials synthesis

#### 4.1.1 | Preparation of F-BN nanosheet

First, 0.2 g BN and 1.0 g ammonium fluoride (NH<sub>4</sub>F) were homogeneously mixed, and then transferred to a hydrothermal kettle. Next, 20 mL of deionized water was added, and the mixture was hydrothermally treated at

180°C for 24 h. Afterward, the solution was centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 5 min, and the resulting precipitate was washed with deionized water using ultrasonication for 20 min. Subsequently, the washed precipitate was centrifuged at 8000 rpm, and the ultrasonic washing was repeated three and four times until the pH of the supernatant reached approximately 7. Finally, the precipitate was washed two to three times with absolute ethanol, followed by centrifugation, and then dried in an oven at 60°C for 12 h to obtain F-BN powder.

#### 4.1.2 | Preparation of composite solid-state electrolyte (CSSE) films

A total of 1.0 g PEO, 0.315 g LiTFSI, 0.45 g SN, 0.1315 g LLZNO and a certain amount of F-BN or bare BN nanosheets were dissolved into 10 mL of acetonitrile, and the mixture was stirred magnetically at 200 rpm for 2 h until it became uniform and transparent. The uniformly mixed slurry was then set aside for later use. Using a spatula to evenly spread the solution on the polytetrafluoroethylene plate, allowing most of the acetonitrile to volatilize. Then, the plate was transferred to a vacuum drying oven at 60°C for 12 h to remove the remaining acetonitrile. After drying, the composite polymer electrolyte films (BN CSSE or F-BN CSSE films) were peeled off from the polytetrafluoroethylene plate with the tweezers, cut into a diaphragm with a diameter of 19 mm using a microtome, and placed in a glove box for later use. The CSSE film without filler was also prepared using the above method.

#### 4.1.3 | Preparation of LiFePO<sub>4</sub> (LFP) cathode

A total of 80 mg LFP, 10 mg composite solid electrolyte, and 10 mg Ketjen black were dissolved in 200 μL acetonitrile, ground evenly and coated onto carbon-coated aluminum foil. Then, it was vacuum-dried at 60°C for 12 h to obtain LFP cathode electrode. The mass loading of LFP is about 1 mg cm<sup>-2</sup>.

### 4.2 | Materials characterization

The morphology and structure are measured by SEM (JEOL JSM-7900F and FEI Quanta 200F), TEM (HITA-CHI HT770), XRD (Rigaku SmartLab), Raman spectrometer (Renishaw NanoWizard), FTIR spectrometer (Thermofisher scientific Nicolet iS50), and XPS (Thermo Escalab 250Xi+). The TGA analysis is measured by thermal gravity difference heat (PE Diamond TG/DTA),

and stress-strain curve is measured by Tensile testing machine (Dongri Electric DR-5010AS).

### 4.3 | Electrochemical measurement

Symmetric cell was composed of two lithium metal pellets with a diameter of 12 mm, and the as-prepared CSSE films. Asymmetric cells of Li|CSSE|stainless steel were assembled and Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) were conducted between 3.0 and 5.2 V with a scan rate of 1 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. EIS was tested by the Zahner electrochemical workstation (Zennium Pro) in the frequency range of 500 kHz to 0.1 Hz by applying an AC amplitude of 10 mV. The ion transference number ( $t_{Li}^+$ ) of the CSSE was determined by the steady-state amperometric method. Electrochemical experiments were performed via 2025-type coin cells using a lithium metal anode, solid-state electrolyte film and LFP cathode. The LAND CT2001A battery system was used to test the GCD and voltage profiles of batteries from 2.5 to 4.2 V.

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