

Cu₂Se-based thermoelectric cellular architectures for efficient and durable power generation

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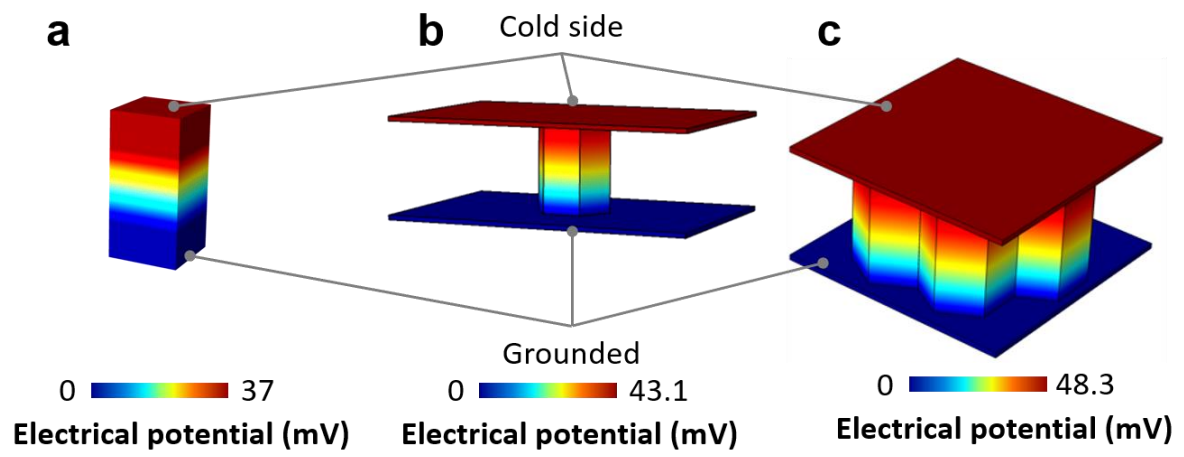
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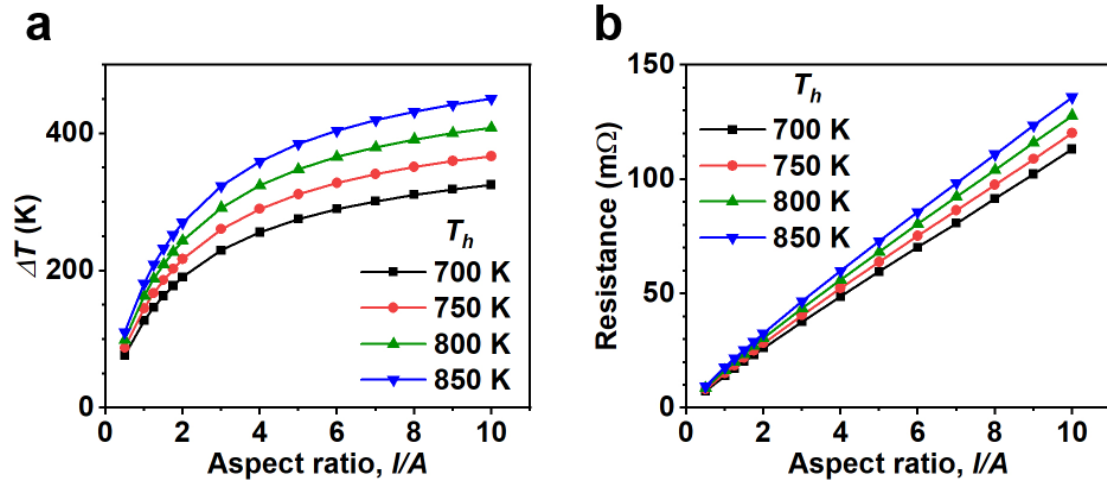
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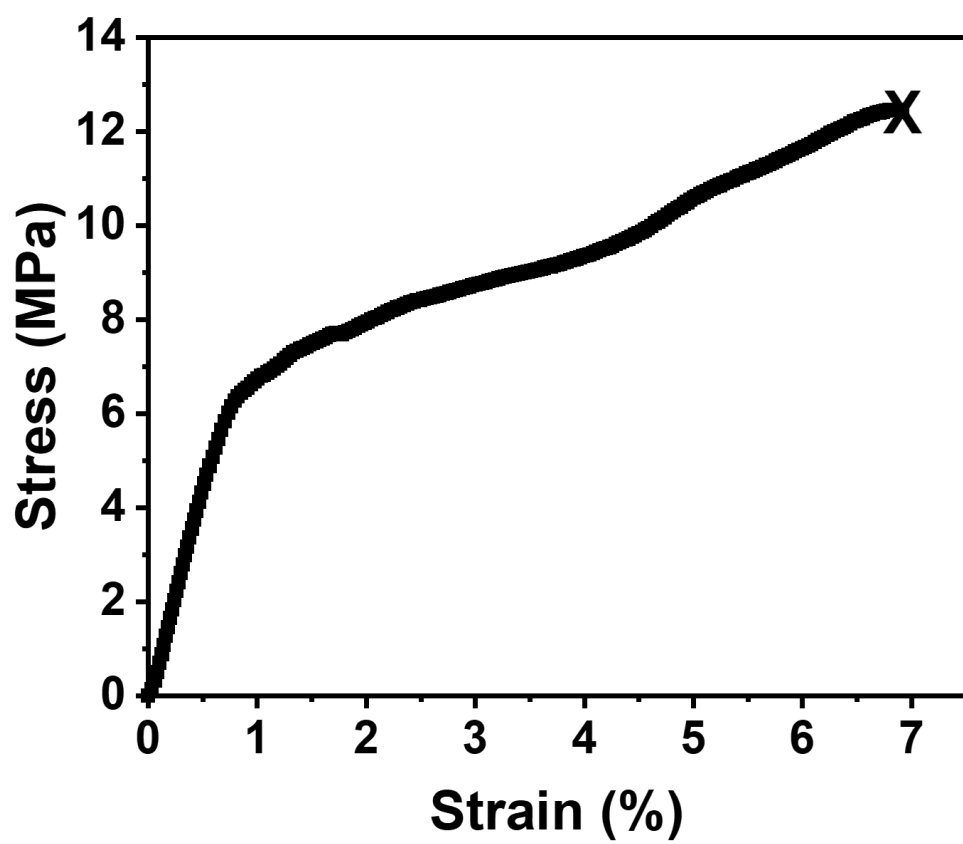
Supplementary Table 1



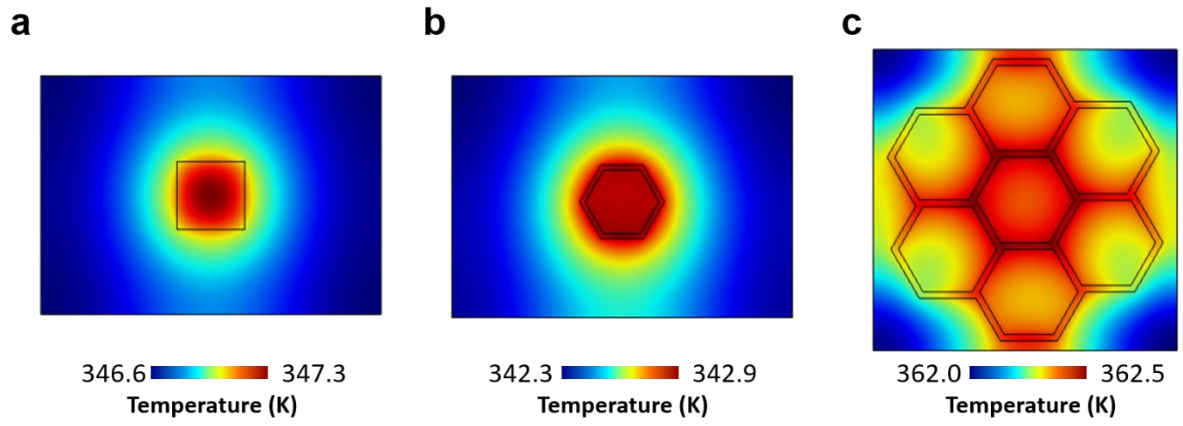
Supplementary Fig. 1 Simulated electrical potential distributions of (a) cuboid-, (b) hollow hexagonal column-, and (c) honeycomb-shaped Cu₂Se TE legs.



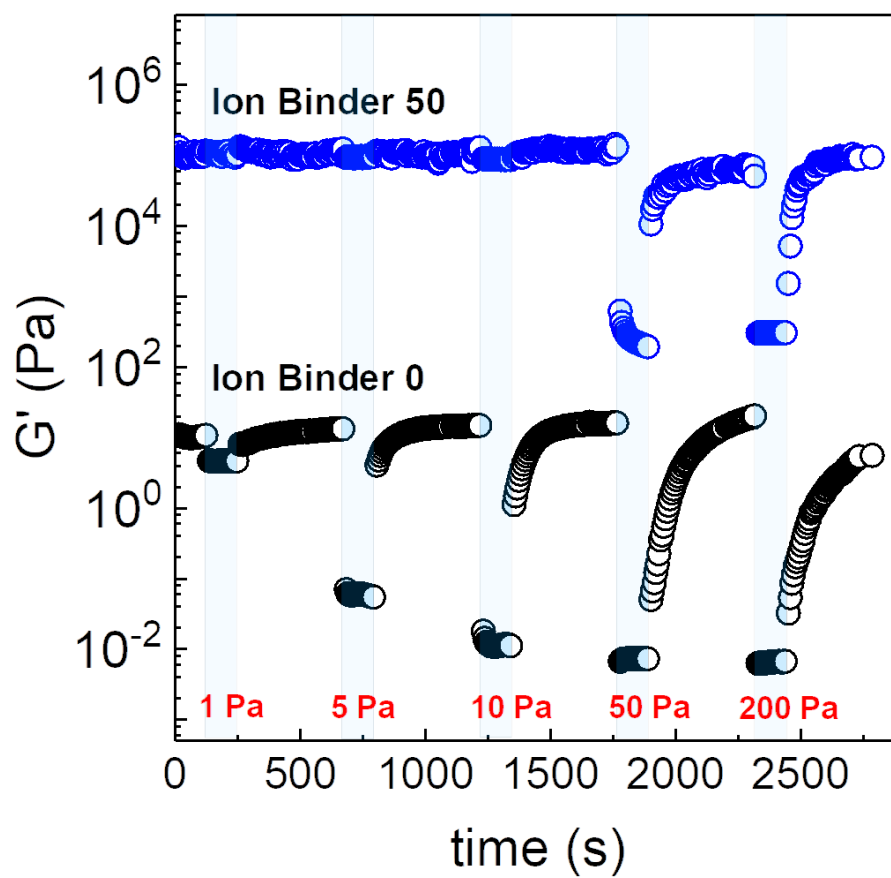
Supplementary Fig. 2 Simulated (a) ΔT and (b) electrical resistance of a cuboid TEG as a function of aspect ratio (l/A) when the hot-side temperature is varied from 700 K to 850 K.



Supplementary Fig. 3 Stress-strain curves of 3D-printed Cu_2Se cuboid by compressive stress test.

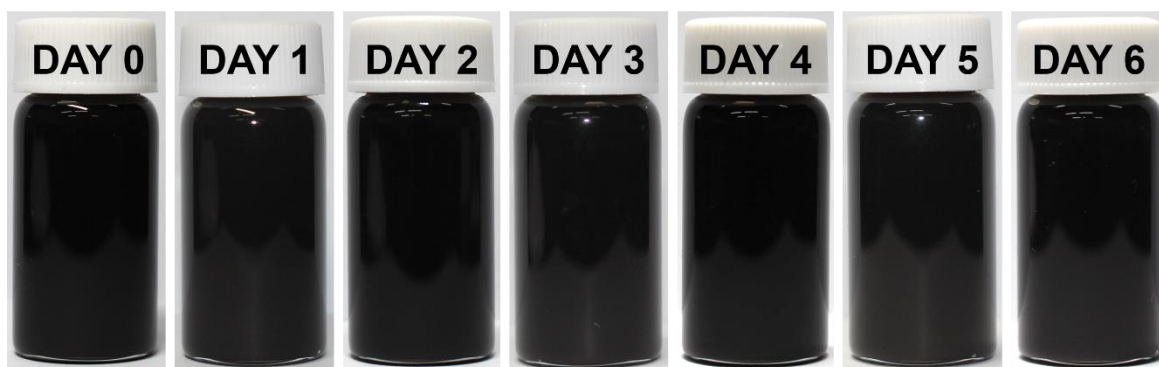


Supplementary Fig. 4 Simulated cold-side temperature distributions of (a) cuboid-, (b) hollow hexagonal column-, and (c) honeycomb-shaped Cu_2Se TE legs when the hot-side temperature is 873 K.

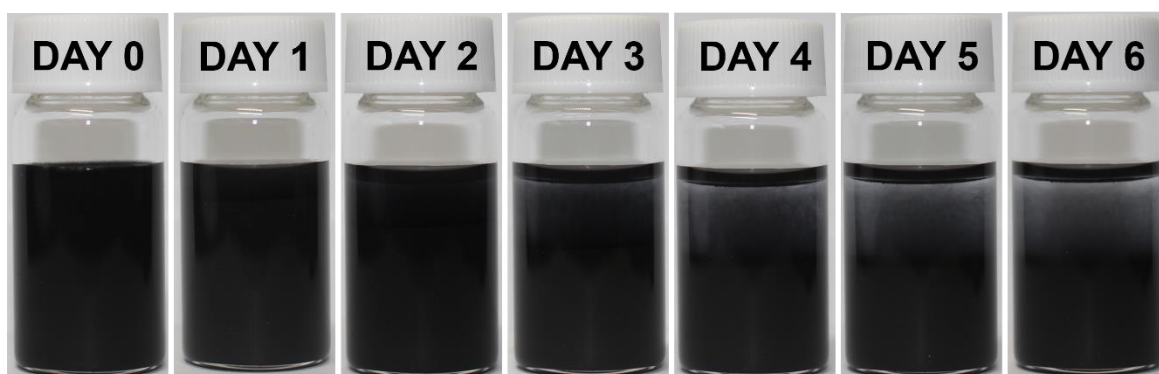


Supplementary Fig. 5 The G' curves from the sequential 3ITTs for binder-free (black symbol) and 50 wt% Se_8^{2-} polyanion binder containing inks (blue symbol) at various shear stresses.

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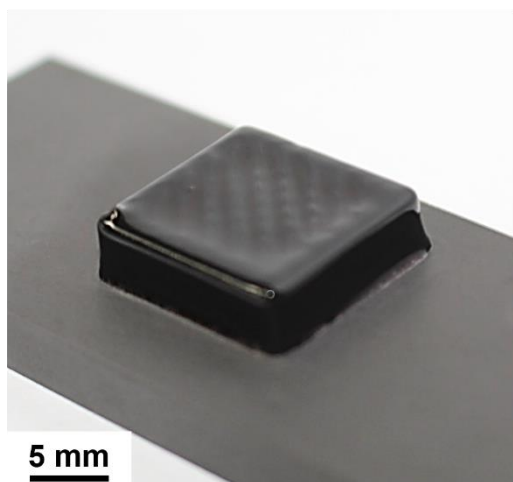


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Supplementary Fig. 6 Photographs showing the time-evolution of the dispersibility of Cu₂Se inks (a) with 50 wt% of Se ion binder and (b) without binder inks.

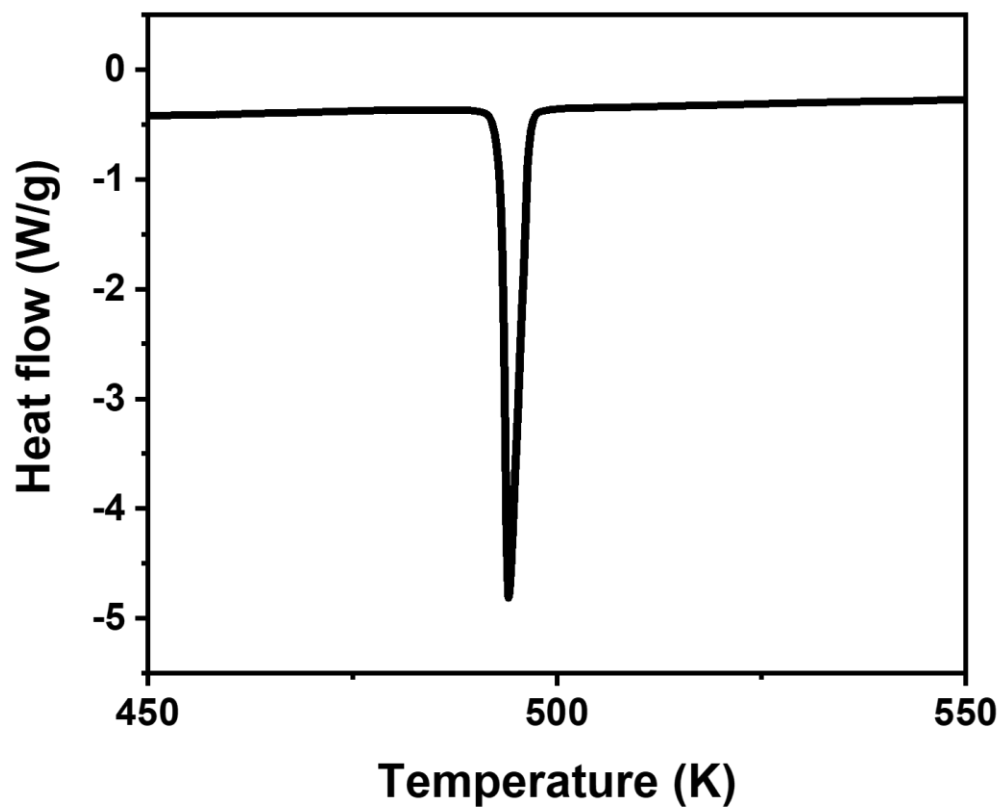
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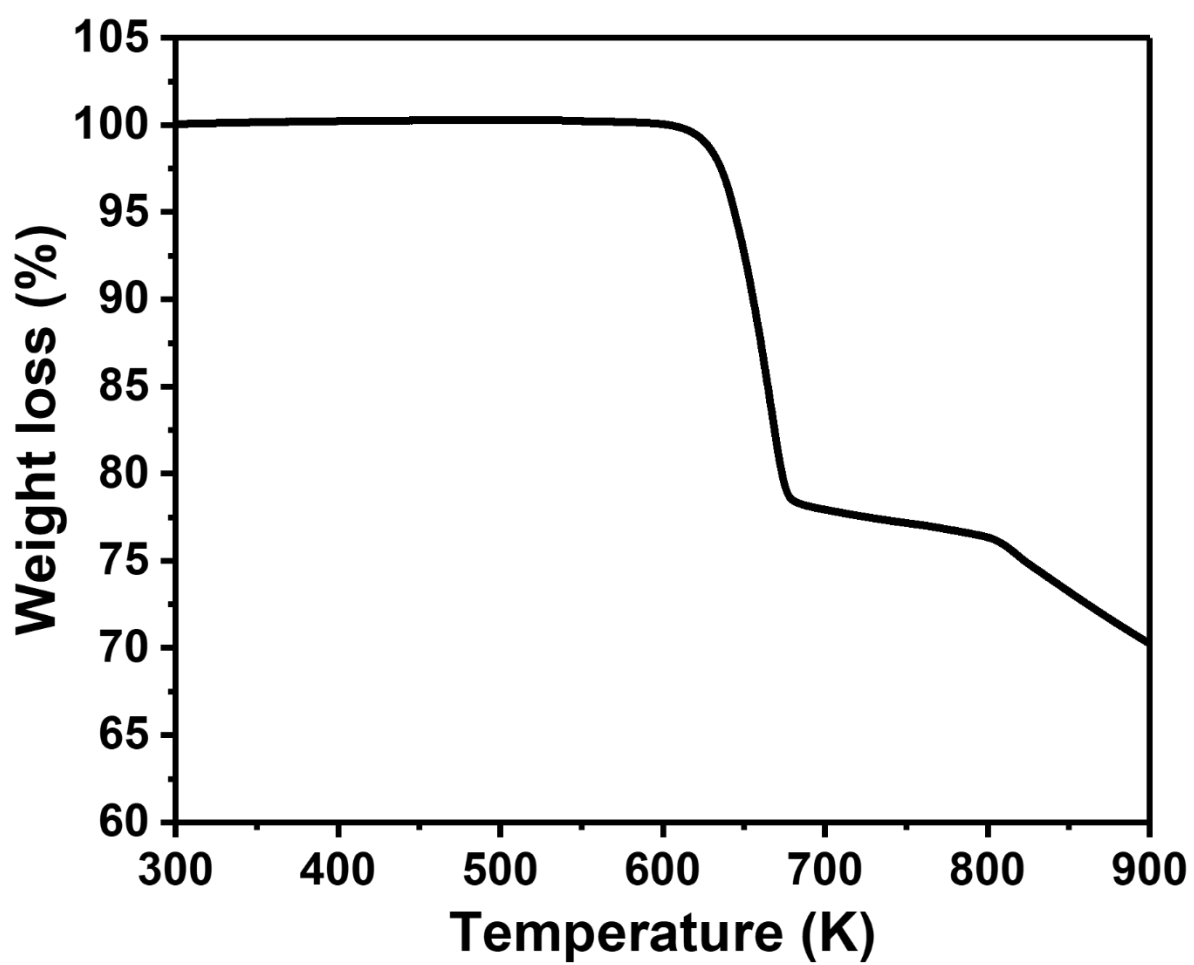
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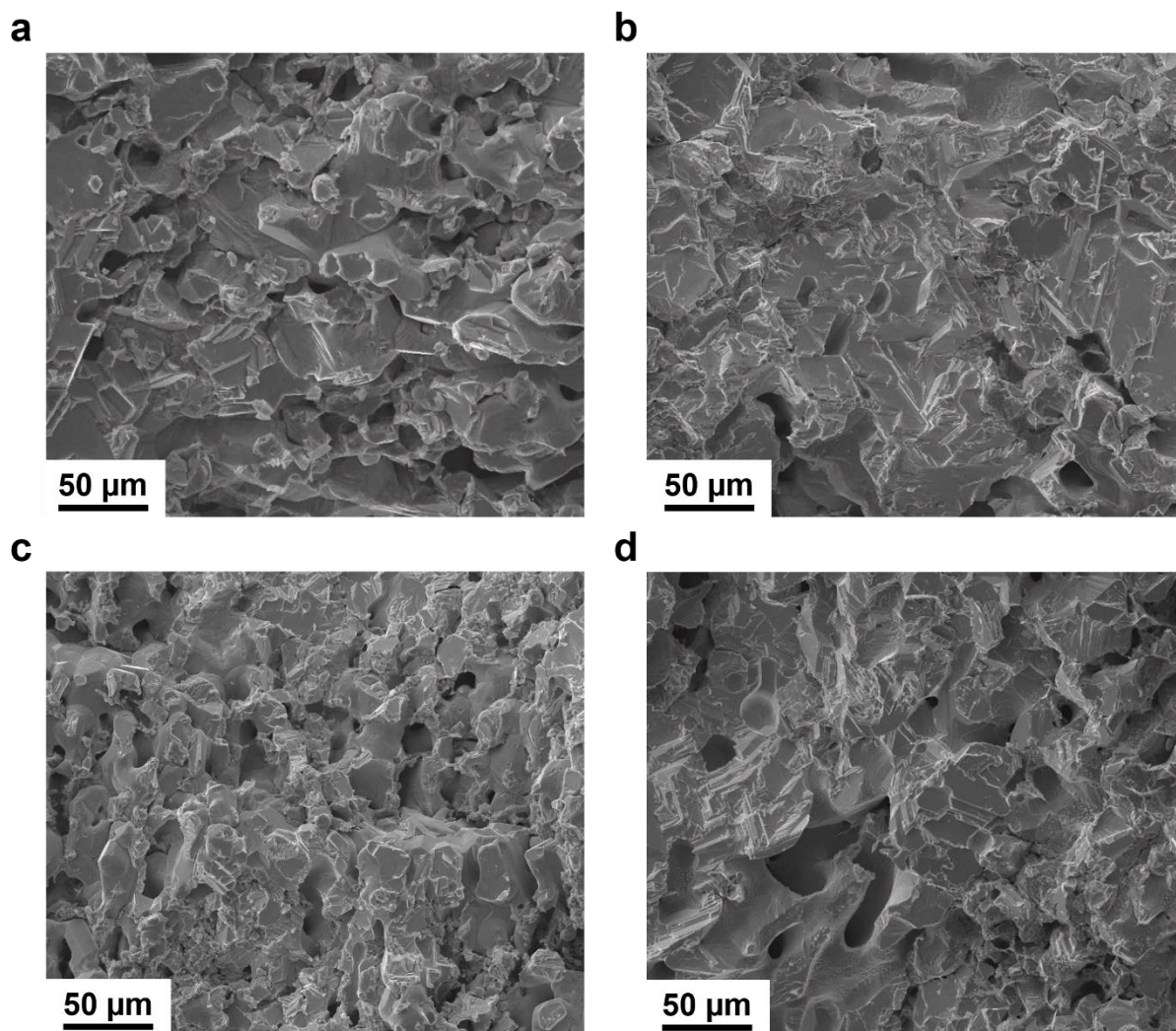
Supplementary Fig. 7 Photographs of the 3D-printed (a) cuboid-and (b) disc-shaped Cu_2Se samples.



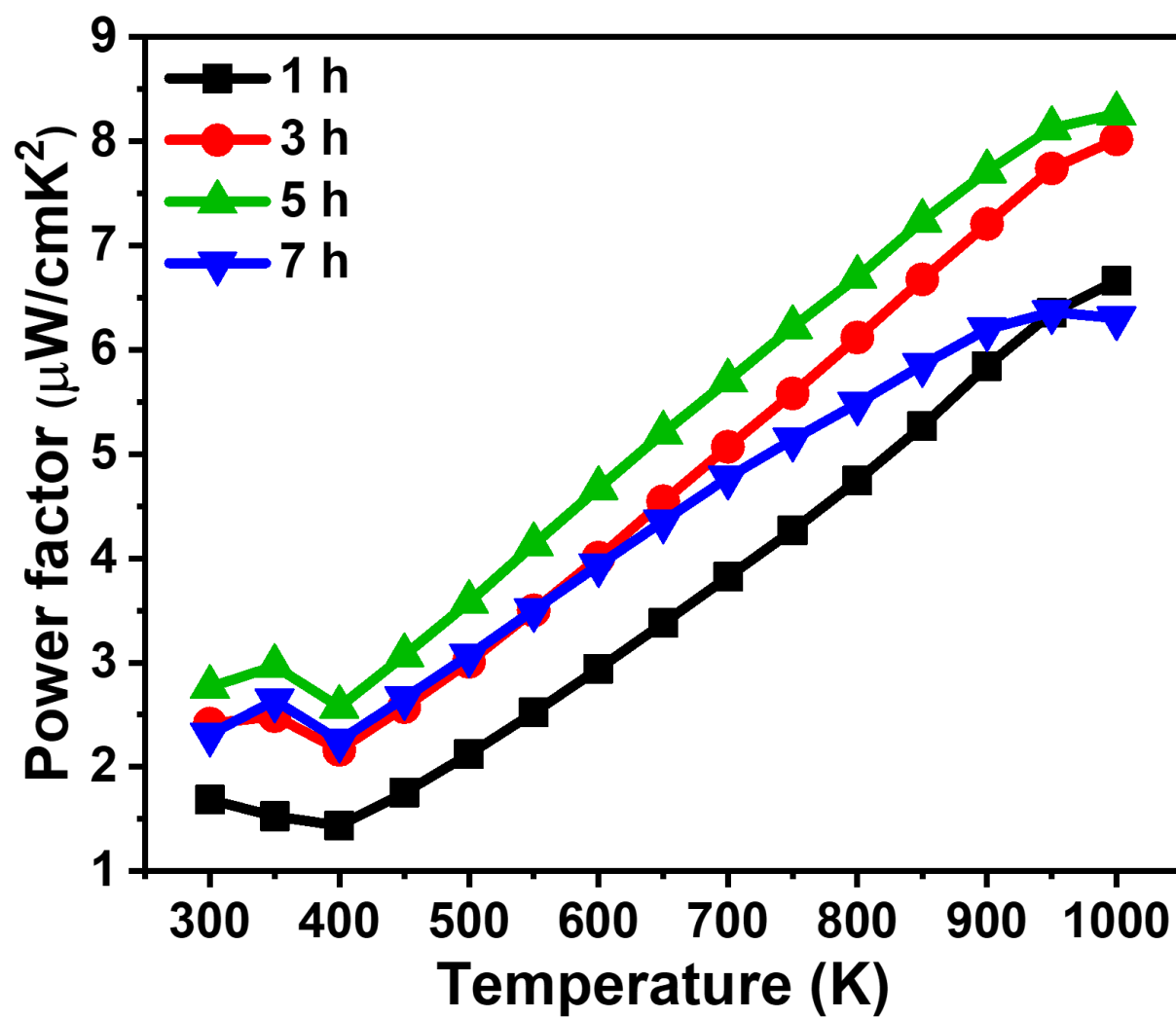
Supplementary Fig. 8 DSC spectrum of the Cu₂Se-based ink.



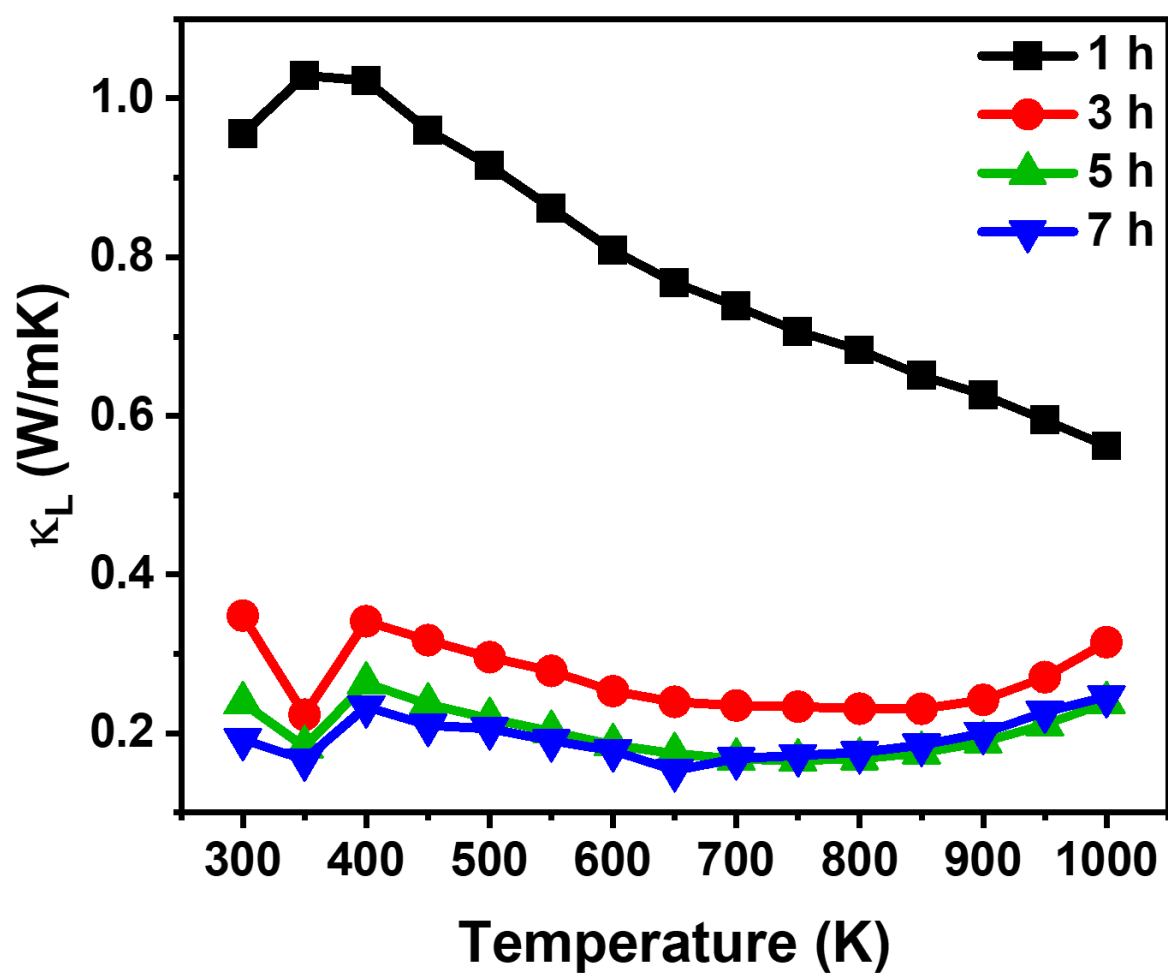
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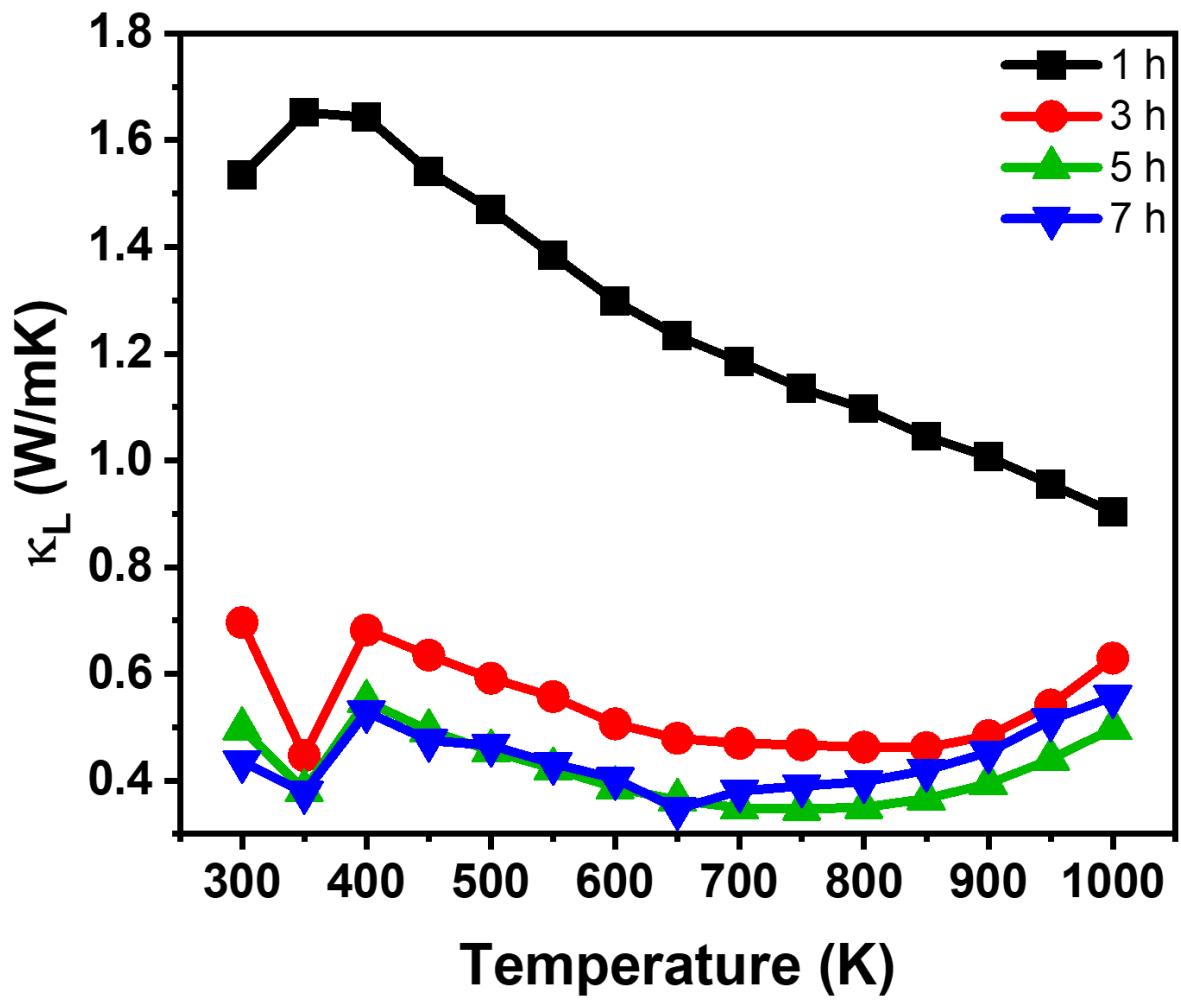
Supplementary Fig. 10 SEM images of 3D-printed Cu_{2-x}Se samples sintered for (A) 1 h, (B) 3 h, (C) 5 h, and (D) 7 h at 873 K.



Supplementary Fig. 11 Temperature-dependent power factors of 3D-printed Cu_2Se samples sintered at 873 K for 1, 3, 5, and 7 h.



Supplementary Fig. 12 Temperature-dependent lattice thermal conductivities of 3D printed Cu_2Se sintered at 873 K for 1, 3, 5, and 7 h.



Supplementary Fig. 13 Estimated lattice thermal conductivities of the 100% dense, 3D-printed Cu_2Se sintered at 873 K for 1, 3, 5, and 7 h using the formulation of the modified effective medium theory.



Supplementary Fig. 14 (a) Scheme and photograph showing the output power measurement set-up (b) unveiled and veiled (c) with glass fabric.

Supplementary Table 1. Densities of the 3D-printed Cu_{2-x}Se samples sintered at 873 K for 1, 3, 5, and 7 h.

	1 h	3 h	5 h	7 h
Density (g/cm ³)	4.89	4.10	3.97	3.71