

## Supplementary Information

### A new approach to very high lithium salt content quasi-solid state electrolytes for lithium metal batteries using plastic crystals

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Table S1. Transition temperatures (onset) and entropies for the [C<sub>2</sub>epyr][FSI]/Li[FSI] salts, T<sub>s</sub> = solid–solid transition, T<sub>m</sub> = melting. Data for Li[FSI] obtained from ref [1]

	T <sub>s</sub> (°C) ± 1	ΔS (J K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> ) ± 10%	T <sub>m</sub> (°C) ± 1	ΔS (J K <sup>-1</sup> mol <sup>-1</sup> ) ± 10%
[C <sub>2</sub> epyr][FSI]	-35	36	129	9
90mol% LiFSI in [C <sub>2</sub> epyr][FSI]	-50	1	94	28
Li[FSI] <sup>[1]</sup>	-51	2	140	41

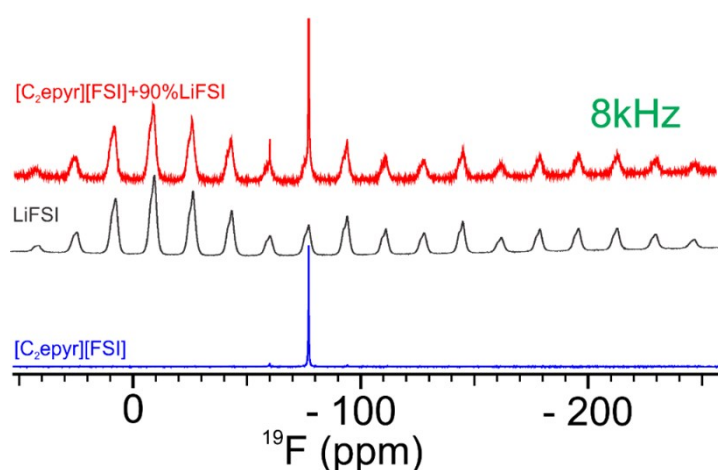


Figure S1. 8 kHz MAS <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of neat [C<sub>2</sub>epyr][FSI], neat Li [FSI] and 90 mol% Li[FSI] in [C<sub>2</sub>epyr][FSI].

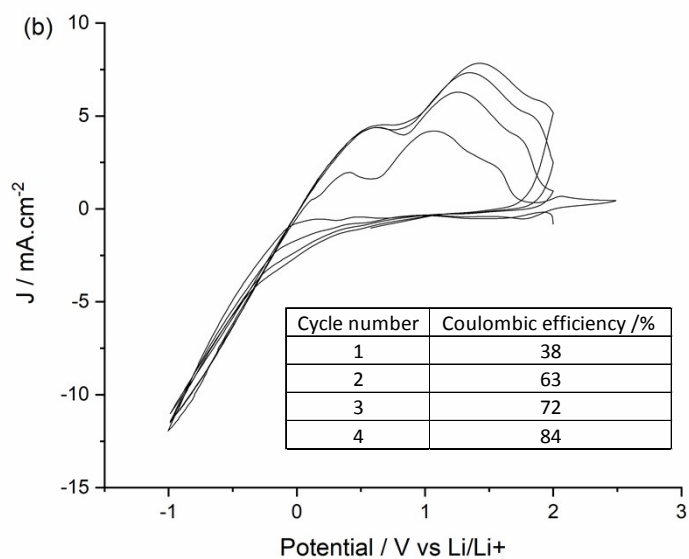


Figure S2. Cyclic voltammogram of the quasi-solid state 90 mol% Li[FSI] in  $[C_2\text{epyr}][\text{FSI}]$  electrolyte at  $50^\circ\text{C}$ . The arrows show the direction of peak progression from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup> scan, with platinum working electrode ( $2.0\text{ mm}^2$  surface area), lithium strip as a quasi-reference electrode and a coiled lithium metal strip as counter electrode.

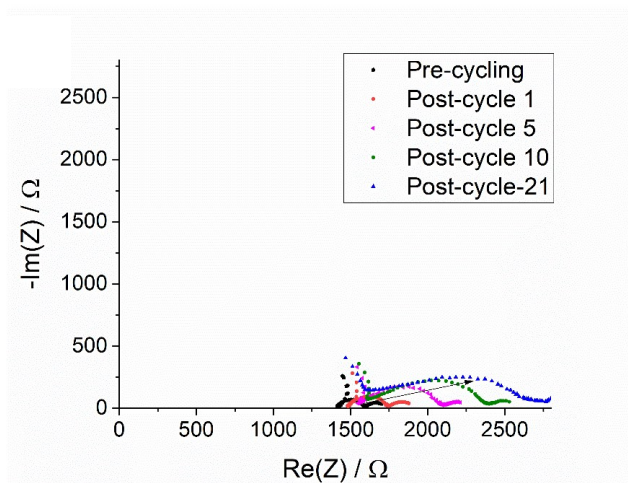


Figure S3. The Nyquist plots obtained after select plating cycles in a Li | Li symmetrical cell containing the quasi-solid 90 mol% Li[FSI] in  $[C_2\text{epyr}][\text{FSI}]$ . Cycling data shown in Figure 5 (a).

#### References.

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