## Reversible electrodeposition and stripping of magnesium from solvate ionic liquid–tetrabutylammonium chloride mixtures

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## **Supplementary figures**



**Figure S1.** Raman spectra of  $[Mg(G1)_3][Tf_2N]_2$  (top), pure G1 (middle), and  $Mg(Tf_2N)_2$  (bottom) in the range from 900 cm<sup>-1</sup> to 720 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The red and blue dashed lines are a visual aid to show the bands corresponding to coordinated and uncoordinated ligands/anions, respectively.



**Figure S2.** Raman spectra of  $[Mg(G3)_2][Tf_2N]_2$  (top), pure G3 (middle), and  $Mg(Tf_2N)_2$  (bottom) in the range from 900 cm<sup>-1</sup> to 720 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The red and blue dashed lines are a visual aid to show the bands corresponding to coordinated and uncoordinated ligands/anions, respectively.



**Figure S3.** Schematic representation of the proposed solvent separated ion pair (SSIP) solvate structures of  $[Mg(G1)_3][Tf_2N]_2$  (left),  $[Mg(G2)_2][Tf_2N]_2$  (middle), and  $[Mg(G3)_2][Tf_2N]_2$  (right).



**Figure S4.** Cyclic voltammograms (first cycle) of  $[Mg(G1)_3][Tf_2N]_2$ :TBACl 1:1 (top), and  $[Mg(G3)_2][Tf_2N]_2$ :TBACl 1:1 (bottom), recorded on a platinum disk working electrode at 80 °C. The counter and reference electrode was magnesium and the scan rate was 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup>. Due to the use of a magnesium pseudo-reference electrode, the potential is shifted to the negative side, as illustrated by the negative potential of the stripping peak onset.



**Figure S5.** Cyclic voltammograms of  $[Mg(G3)_2][Tf_2N]_2$ :TBACl 1:1, recorded on a platinum-coated silicon wafer (black curve), a gold-coated silicon wafer (red curve) or magnesium metal strip (blue curve) at 80 °C. The reference electrode was Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc in [BMP][Tf\_2N], the counter electrode was magnesium metal and the scan rate was 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



Figure S6. Charge *vs.* time plots accompanying cyclic voltammograms (first cycle) of  $[Mg(G3)_2][Tf_2N]_2$ :TBACl in various ratios, recorded on a platinum disk working electrode at 80 °C, as depicted in Figure 6a.



**Figure S7.** Cyclic voltammograms of  $[Mg(G3)_2][Tf_2N]_2$ :TBACl in various ratios, recorded on a platinum disk electrode. The pseudo-reference and counter electrodes were magnesium metal and the scan rate was 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.