

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Triethylsulfonium-Based Ionic Liquids Enforce Lithium Salts Electrolytes

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Table S1. The atom-atom distances for the most characteristic non-covalent interactions determining the structure of the lithium salts dissolved in the sulfonium-based RTILs (systems 5-8).

| [Li][S ₂₂₂][ClO ₄] ₂ | [Li][S ₂₂₂][OTF] ₂ | [Li][S ₂₂₂][PF ₆] ₂ | [Li][S ₂₂₂][TOTF] ₂ | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Interaction | r, Å | Interaction | r, Å | Interaction | r, Å | Interaction | r, Å |
| Li-S | 3.213 | Li-S | 3.282 | Li-S | 3.575 | Li-S | 3.607 |
| Li-Cl(1) | 2.567 | Li-O(1) | 1.863 | Li-F(1) | 1.874 | Li-O(1) | 1.905 |
| Li-Cl(2) | 2.559 | Li-O(2) | 1.847 | Li-F(2) | 1.894 | Li-O(2) | 1.888 |
| Li-O(1) | 1.964 | Li-F(1) | 2.071 | Li-F(3) | 1.893 | Li-O(3) | 2.072 |
| Li-O(2) | 2.061 | Li-F(2) | 2.082 | Li-F(4) | 1.926 | Li-N(1) | 3.439 |
| Li-O(3) | 2.002 | S-O(1) | 3.086 | Li-F(5) | 2.531 | Li-N(2) | 2.069 |
| Li-O(4) | 2.028 | S-O(2) | 2.918 | Li-P(1) | 2.714 | | |
| S-O(1) | 2.869 | | | Li-P(2) | 2.667 | | |
| S-O(2) | 3.100 | | | S-F(1) | 2.884 | | |
| | | | | S-F(2) | 2.964 | | |
| | | | | S-F(3) | 3.096 | | |
| | | | | S-F(4) | 3.071 | | |

Table S2. The non-covalent planar angles, in degrees, which are responsible for maintaining the local structure of the lithium salts dissolved in the sulfonium-based RTILs (systems 5-8).

| [Li][S ₂₂₂][ClO ₄] ₂ | [Li][S ₂₂₂][OTF] ₂ | [Li][S ₂₂₂][PF ₆] ₂ | [Li][S ₂₂₂][TOTF] ₂ | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Interaction | angle, ° | Interaction | angle, ° | Interaction | angle, ° | Interaction | angle, ° |
| S-Li-O(1) | 110.0 | S-Li-O(1) | 67.3 | S-Li-F(1) | 106.0 | S-Li-O(1) | 51.6 |
| S-Li-O(2) | 61.4 | S-Li-O(2) | 80.1 | S-Li-F(2) | 59.9 | S-Li-O(2) | 146.1 |
| S-Li-O(3) | 82.6 | O-Li-O | 144.1 | S-Li-F(3) | 51.9 | S-Li-O(3) | 73.0 |
| S-Li-O(4) | 68.6 | F-Li-F | 151.2 | S-Li-F(4) | 111.5 | S-Li-N(1) | 68.6 |
| O-Li-O(1) | 162.6 | | | S-Li-F(5) | 59.1 | N-Li-N(2) | 161.6 |
| O-Li-O(2) | 136.4 | | | S-Li-F(6) | 54.8 | O-Li-O | 96.9 |
| O-Li-O(3) | 120.8 | | | F-Li-F(1) | 139.1 | O-Li-N | 71.6 |
| O-Li-O(4) | 104.8 | | | F-Li-F(2) | 138.7 | | |
| O-Li-O(5) | 72.9 | | | F-Li-F(3) | 115.2 | | |
| O-Li-O(6) | 72.9 | | | F-Li-F(4) | 118.5 | | |
| | | | | F-Li-F(5) | 74.8 | | |
| | | | | F-Li-F(6) | 73.4 | | |

Table S3. The atom-atom distances for the most characteristic non-covalent interactions determining the structure of the sulfonium-based RTILs. (systems 1-4).

| [Li][S ₂₂₂][ClO ₄] ₂ | [Li][S ₂₂₂][OTF] ₂ | [Li][S ₂₂₂][PF ₆] ₂ | [Li][S ₂₂₂][TOTF] ₂ | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| Interaction | angle, ° | Interaction | angle, ° | Interaction | angle, ° | Interaction | angle, ° |
| Cl-S | 3.257 | S-S | 3.753 | P-S | 3.729 | N-S | 3.220 |
| O-S(1) | 2.716 | O-S(1) | 2.704 | F-P(1) | 2.928 | O-S(1) | 3.023 |
| O-S(2) | 3.130 | | | F-P(2) | 2.923 | O-S(2) | 3.105 |

Table S4. The non-covalent planar angles, in degrees, which are responsible for maintaining the local structure of the sulfonium-based RTILs.

| [Li][S ₂₂₂][ClO ₄] ₂ | | [Li][S ₂₂₂][OTF] ₂ | | [Li][S ₂₂₂][PF ₆] ₂ | | [Li][S ₂₂₂][TOTF] ₂ | |
|---|----------|---|----------|--|----------|--|----------|
| Interaction | angle, ° | Interaction | angle, ° | Interaction | angle, ° | Interaction | angle, ° |
| S-O-Cl(1) | 81.1 | S-O-S(1) | 123.8 | S-F-P(1) | 105.4 | S-N-S(1) | 86.4 |
| S-O-Cl(2) | 73.0 | S-O-S(2) | 73.3 | S-F-P(2) | 105.5 | S-N-S(2) | 91.4 |
| S-O-Cl(3) | 56.0 | S-F-C(1) | 112.0 | S-F-P(3) | 91.3 | S-N-S(3) | 120.9 |
| S-O-Cl(4) | 163.8 | S-F-C(2) | | | | S-O-S(1) | 92.9 |
| | | | | | | S-O-S(2) | 102.2 |

Table S5. The total potential energies, corrections due to the basis set superposition errors, and cohesion energies of the simulated systems.

| # | Corrected total energy, Hartree | Energy of lone ions, Hartree | BSSE, % | Cohesion energy, kJ mol ⁻¹ |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|--|
| 1 | -2463.024351981464 | -2462.888094503994 | 7.6 | -357 |
| 2 | -1597.304769368906 | -1597.164355229179 | 7.5 | -368 |
| 3 | -1576.440477492900 | -1576.305990991169 | 12 | -353 |
| 4 | -1396.594631770183 | -1396.457304672688 | 6.0 | -360 |
| 5 | -4297.852884573810 | -4297.400066169365 | 9.1 | -1188 |
| 6 | -2566.403356874999 | -2565.946311911832 | 8.6 | -1199 |
| 7 | -2524.672339907543 | -2524.222775677016 | 13 | -1179 |
| 8 | -2164.993015861260 | -2164.538442517457 | 7.3 | -1192 |

Table S6. Comparison of calculated IR data (this study) with experimental IR band (in cm^{-1})

| #system | group | This Study | Ref. 5 | Ref. 58 | Ref. 25 | Ref. 59 | Ref. 60 | Ref. |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------|----------|---------|------------|
| 1 | C-H (stretching) | 2912, 2974 | 2967, 2875 to | 2966, 2800 to | 2953, | 2979 | | |
| 2 | C-H (stretching) | 2899, 3011 | 2967, 2875 to | 2966, 2800 to | 2953, | 2979 | | |
| 3 | C-H (stretching) | 2905, 3013 | 2967, 2875 to | 2966, 2800 to | 2953, | 2979 | | |
| 4 | C-H (stretching) | 2906, 2981 | 2967, 2875 to | 2966, 2800 to | 2953, | 2979 | | |
| 5 | C-H (stretching) | 2907, 2965 | 2967, 2875 to | 2966, 2800 to | 2953, | 2979 | | |
| 6 | C-H (stretching) | 2901, 2978 | 2967, 2875 to | 2966, 2800 to | 2953, | 2979 | | |
| 7 | C-H (stretching) | 2908, 2976 | 2967, 2875 to | 2966, 2800 to | 2953, | 2979 | | |
| 8 | C-H (stretching) | 2903, 2966 | 2967, 2875 to | 2966, 2800 to | 2953, | 2979 | | |
| 1 | SO2 (asymmetric bending) | 623 | | | 608 | 601, 625 | | |
| 1 | SO2 (symmetric stretching) | 1198 | | 1146 | | | | |
| 1 | CF3 (symmetric bending) | 682 | | 757 | 743 | | | |
| 1 | S-N-S (asymmetric | 1026 | | 1051 | | | | |
| 1 | S-N (stretching) | 949 | | | 785 | | | |
| 5 | SO2 (asymmetric stretching) | 1221 | | | 1252 | 1325 | 1238 | |
| 5 | SO2 (symmetric stretching) | 1151 | | | | 1132 | 1152 | |
| 5 | S-N-S (asymmetric | 1010 | | | | 1060 | 1058 | |
| 5 | C-SO2-N (bonding) | 1373 | | | | 1335 | | 1332 |
| 5 | CF3 (asymmetric bending) | 528 | | | | 574 | | 515, 574 |
| 5 | CF3 (symmetric stretching) | 1127 | | | | | | 1195 |
| 5 | CF3 (symmetric bending) | 1151 | | | | | | 1227, 1234 |
| 5 | SO2 (asymmetric bending) | 567, 637 | | | | | | 600 to |
| 6 | SO3 | 902 | | | | | | 933 |
| 7 | P-F | 511, 588, 652 | | | | | | 561 |
| 7 | P-F (asymmetric stretching) | 852 | | | | | | 850 |