

Supporting Information

First-Principles Study on Ultrafast Li-ion Diffusion in Halospinel $\text{Li}_2\text{Sc}_{2/3}\text{Cl}_4$ Through Multichannels Designed by Aliovalent Doping

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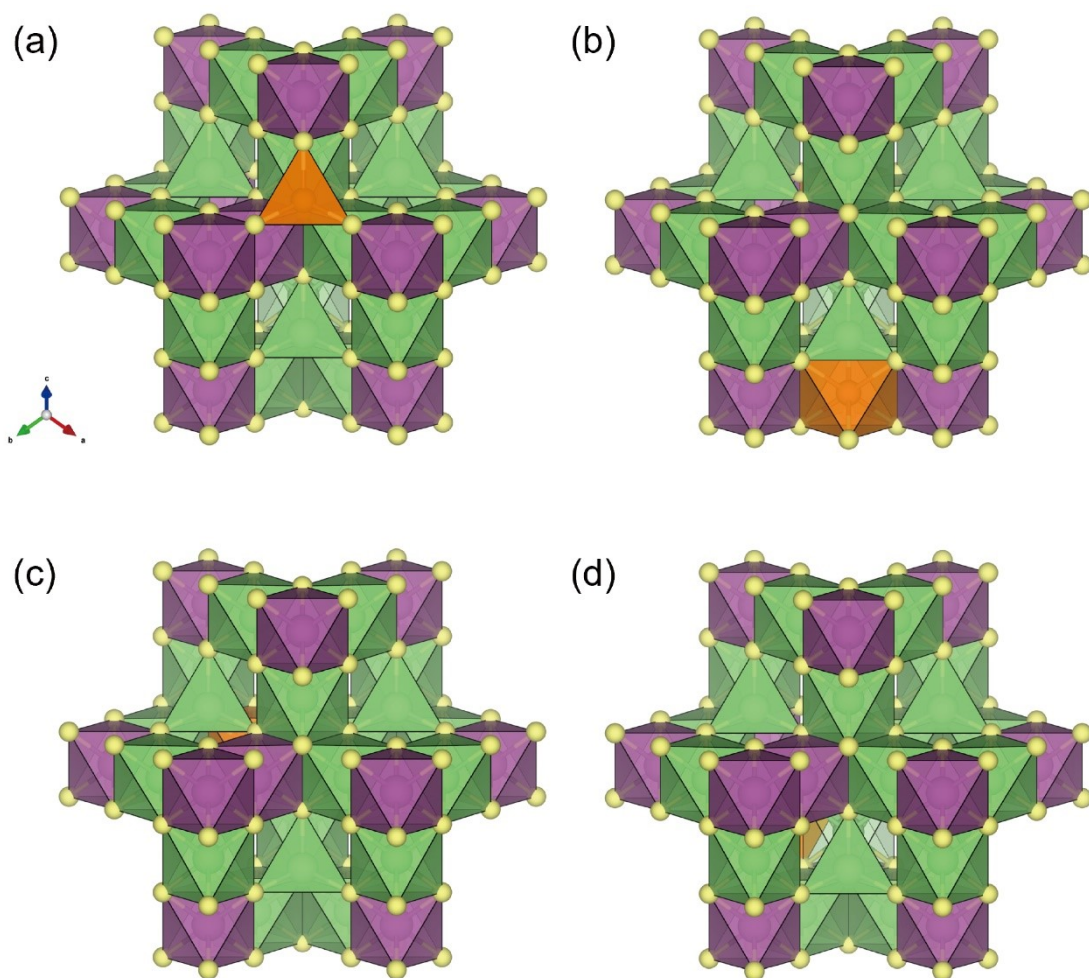
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1 **Table S1.** Type of sharing for each site of halospinel.

Site	8a	16c	16d	48f
8a	None	Face	Corner	Corner / Edge
16c	Face	Edge	Corner / Edge	Corner / Face
16d	Corner	Corner / Edge	Edge	Face
48f	Corner / Edge	Corner / Face	Face	Corner / Edge

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2 **Figure S1.** The structure of LSC-0.2Fe with Fe doping at (a) 8a, (b) 16c, (c) 16d, and (d) 48f sites, respectively.

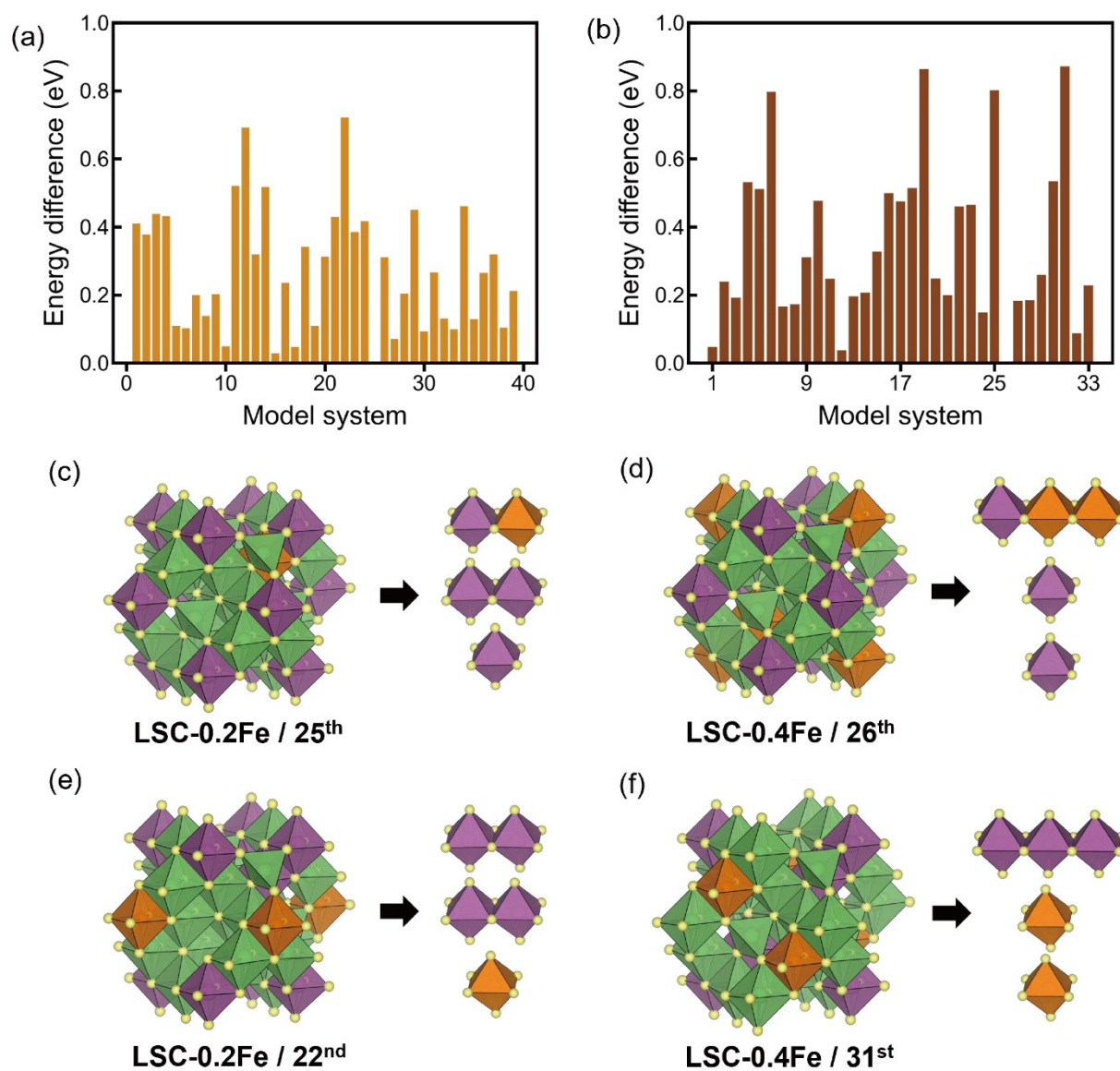
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3 **Table S2.** The doping energy of LSC-0.2Fe with several doping sites obtained by DFT calculations. Each
4 energy corresponds to Fig. S1(a-d).

Site	8a	16c	16d	48f
Doping energy (eV)	5.267	4.729	2.632	4.469

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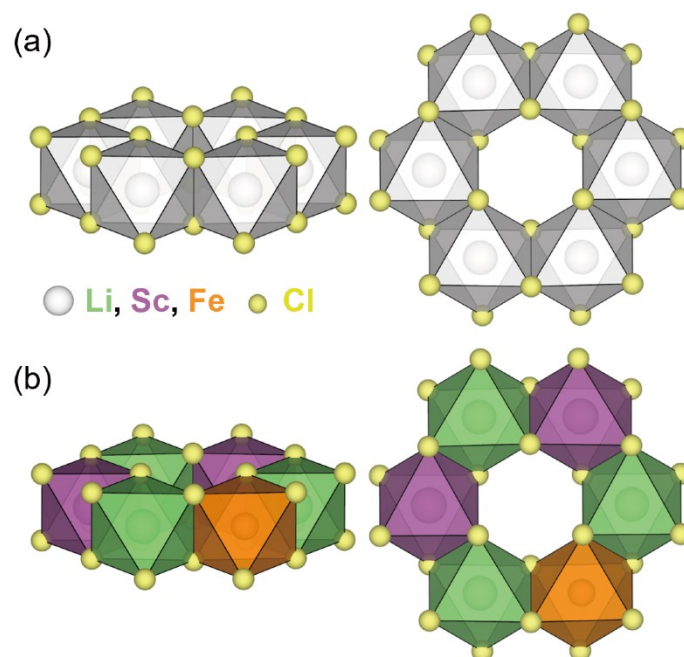
2 **Fig. S2.** DFT energy differences relative to the energy of the most thermodynamically stable structure for (a) LSC-
3 0.2Fe and (b) LSC-0.4Fe; the most stable structure and its cation polyhedron distribution for (c) LSC-0.2Fe and (d)
4 LSC-0.4Fe; the most unstable structure and its cation polyhedron distribution for (e) LSC-0.2Fe and (f) LSC-0.4Fe.

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1 **Table S3.** The doping energy of halospinel with doping Fe³⁺ (Li₁₇Sc₄FeCl₃₂) and Fe²⁺ (Li₁₈Sc₄FeCl₃₂), respectively.
 2 In both cases, Fe was doped at the 16d site which is the most thermodynamically stable one.

LSC-0.2Fe	Formal charge				Doping Energy (eV)
	Li	Sc	Fe	Cl	
Li ₁₇ Sc ₄ FeCl ₃₂	+1	+3	+3	-1	5.589
Li ₁₈ Sc ₄ FeCl ₃₂	+1	+3	+2	-1	2.632

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2 **Fig. S3** (a) Schematic of the gate. (b) Gate considered in our study. The octahedral site can be occupied in the center
 3 of the gate, which is here called the 'gate site'.

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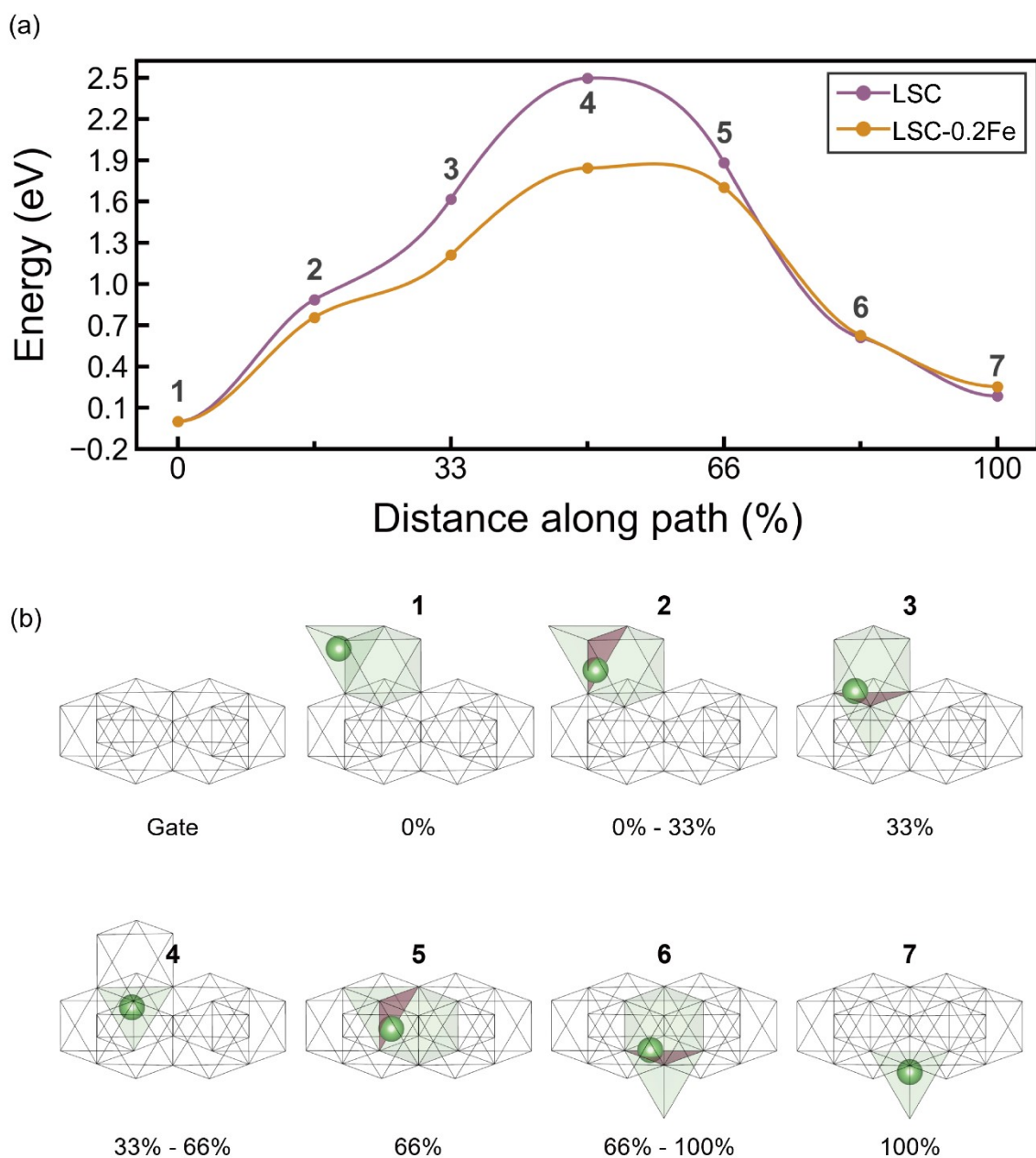
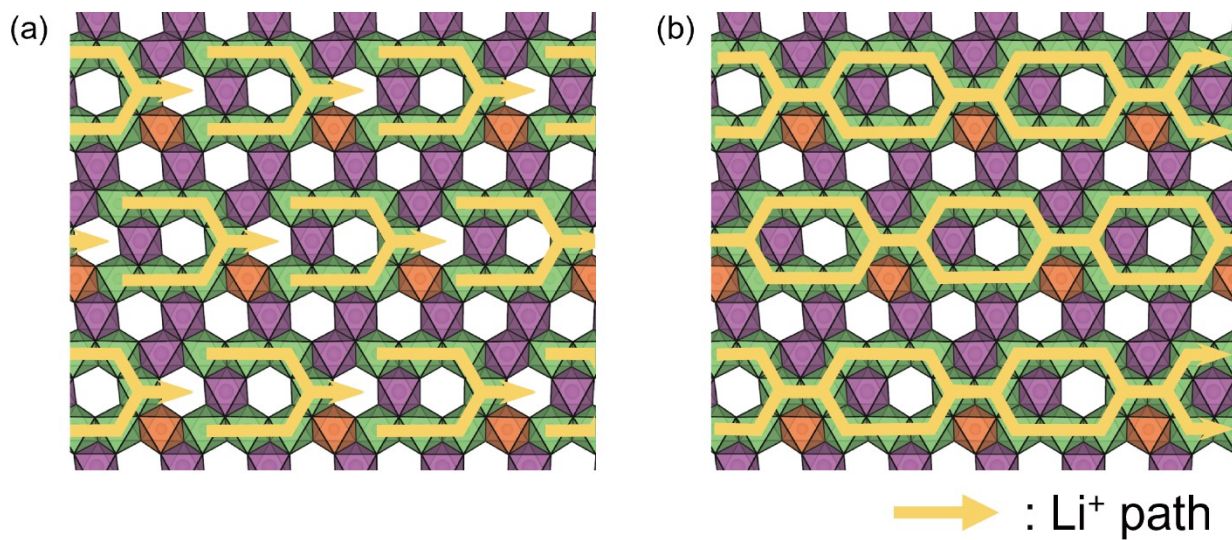


Fig. S4 Li^+ migration pathway through the gate site. (a) Energy profile of the migrating Li^+ along the path and (b) image of migration. It is one of the tetrahedral-to-tetrahedral (8a-to-8a site) pathways but was not considered significant because the migration occurs through face sharing and accordingly has a high energy barrier.

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2 **Fig. S5.** Formation of a new connection on the $(11\bar{1})$ plane during the migration of Li⁺ through the gate, as illustrated
 3 in Fig. 3: (a) 1st and (b) 5th images, respectively.

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1 **Table S4.** Li-Cl distances($d_{Li^+ - Cl^-}$), bader charges (Q), and the estimated electrostatic interactions ($Q_{Li^+}Q_{Cl^-}/d_{Li-Cl}$) of the atoms shown in Fig. 5(b), for each model system.
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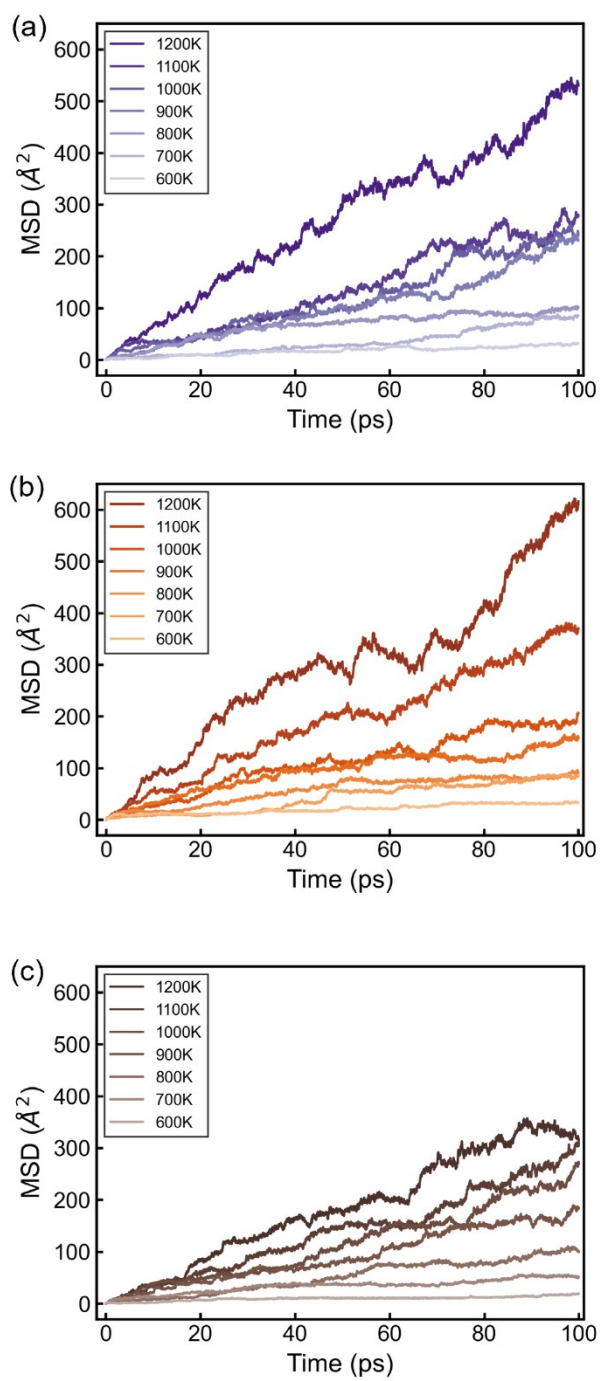
Model system	$d_{Li^+ - Cl^-}$ (Å)	Q_{Cl^-} (e) _a	Q_{Li^+} (e) _b	$Q_{Li^+}Q_{Cl^-}/d_{Li-Cl}$ _c
LSC	2.649	-0.752	0.887	-0.252
LSC-0.2Fe	2.518	-0.762	0.886	-0.268

3 The approximation of electrostatic energy was calculated on the 4th image of migration in Fig. S4.
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5 ^a The average value of three Cl close to Li among Cl constituting [FeCl₆]⁴⁺ octahedron.
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7 ^b The Li⁺ passing through the gate

8 ^c A higher negative value indicates a stronger attraction.

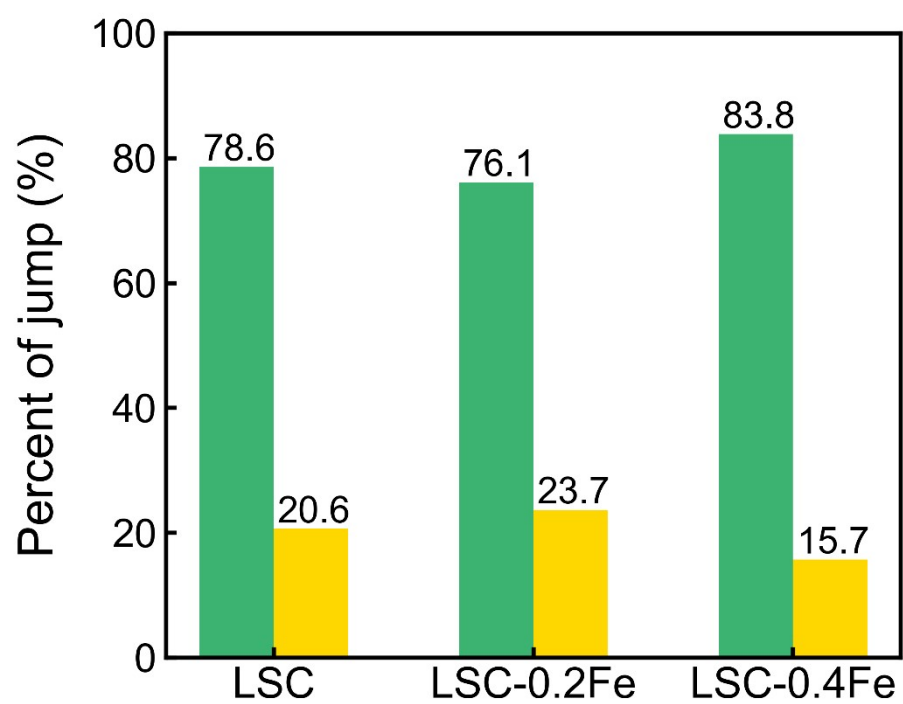


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2 **Fig. S6** Mean-square displacement (MSD) plots of Li^+ for (a) LSC, (b) LSC-0.2Fe, and (c) LSC-0.4Fe.
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1 **Table. S5.** The distance between the initial and final positions for considerable Li⁺ hopping in this work. The distance
 2 was measured in the most stable LSC-0.2Fe.

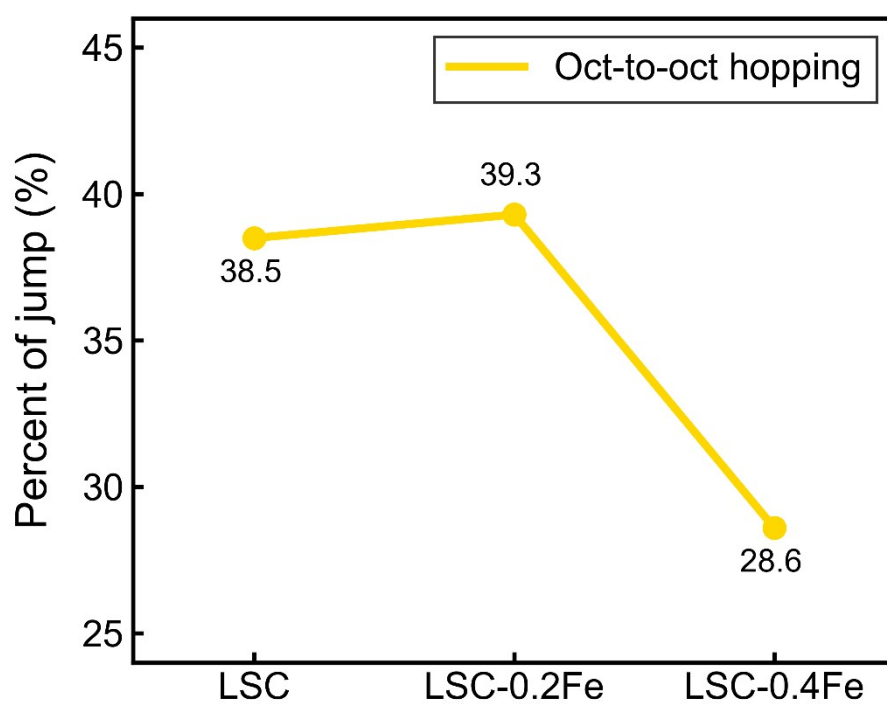
Model system	Tet – Tet	Tet – Oct	Oct – Oct	
Initial – Final	8a – 8a	8a – 16c ^a	16c ^a -16d	16d – 16d
Distance (Å)	4.50	2.25	3.68	3.68

3 ^a The gate site notated in Fig. S3.
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2 Fig. S7. The total collective motion of Li⁺ (green) and collective motion paired only octahedron to
3 octahedron hopping (yellow). The data are from the AIMD simulation at 1000K.

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2 **Fig. S8.** The ratio of Octahedral – Octahedral site hopping for single Li^+ , among the considered type of
3 hopping listed in Table. S5. The data are from the AIMD simulation at 800K.

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