

Supporting information

**Regulating Weak Solvation Structure in Electrolyte for  
High-Rate Li-Metal Batteries at Low Temperature**

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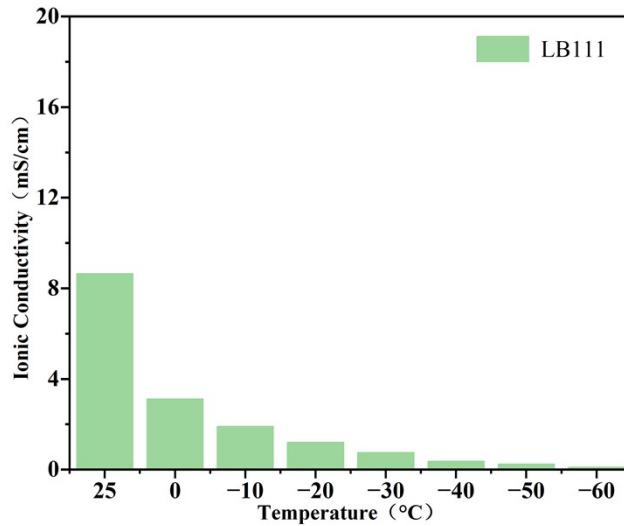
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**Table S1.** Summary of the ionic conductivity at low temperature with different electrolytes

No	Electrolyte formula	-20 °C	-40 °C	-60 °C (mS/cm)
1	1M LiPF <sub>6</sub> EC/EMC/DEC/MA(1:1:1:1)	5.5	3.4	0.26
2	1M LiPF <sub>6</sub> EC/EMC/TFENH(1:4:1)	3.2	0.53	
3	1M LiTFSI DOL/DME(8:2)	5.6	3.2	0.92
4	2M LiFSI/BFE	2.8	1.87	0.95
5	0.75 M LiPF <sub>6</sub> EC/EMC/MTFA(1:4:2)	2.2	0.43	
6	1M LiPF <sub>6</sub> MP/FEC(9:1)	6.3	4.1	2.1
7	0.7M LiPF <sub>6</sub> +0.3M LiBF <sub>4</sub> EC/DMC/EMC/BA	0.828	0.726	
8	1M LiPF <sub>6</sub> MTFP/FEC(9:1)		3.2	1.68
This work	0.5M LiDFOB+0.5M LiBF <sub>4</sub> IZ/EMC/FEC(5:2:3)	6.9	3.87	1.86

**Table S2.** Summary of the Li<sup>+</sup> transference number with different electrolytes

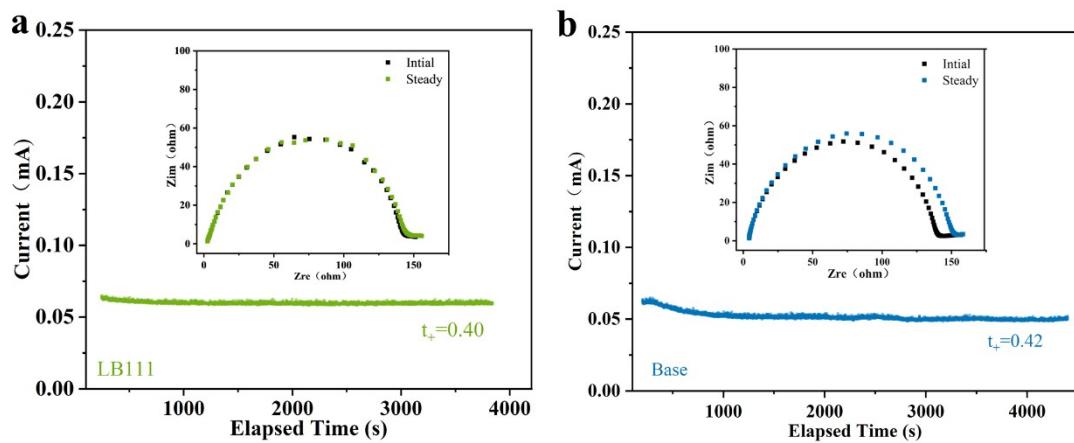
No	Electrolyte formula	t <sub>Li+</sub> (25°C)
9	LiFSA/SL/HFE(1:2.5:2)	0.38
10	0.9 M LiFSI+0.1MLiDFOB IZ/FEC(7:3)	0.53
11	1M LiTFSI MP/FEC(9:1)+HFE+LiDFOB	0.61
12	1 M LiTFSI in [EMIM][TFSI] with 20 wt.% of PIL	0.41
13	1M LiFSI-DTDL	0.75
This work	0.5M LiDFOB+0.5M LiBF <sub>4</sub> IZ/EMC/FEC(5:2:3)	0.56



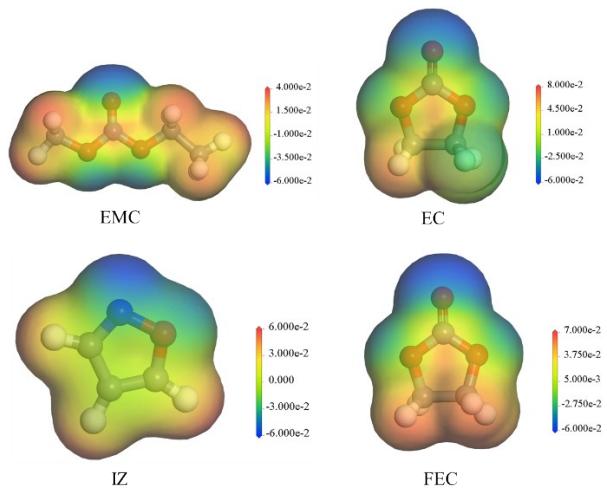
**Figure S1.** Ionic conductivities of LB111 electrolyte from 25 to  $-60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



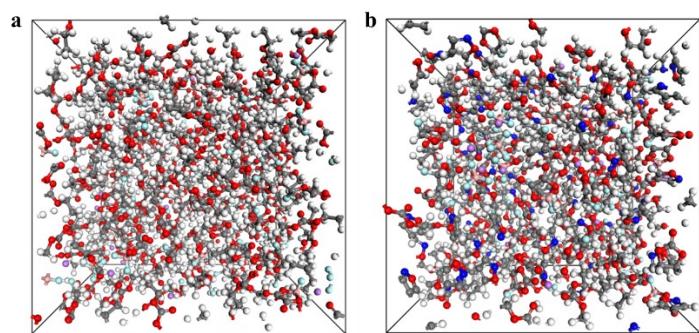
**Figure S2.** The photographs of different electrolytes at  $-60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



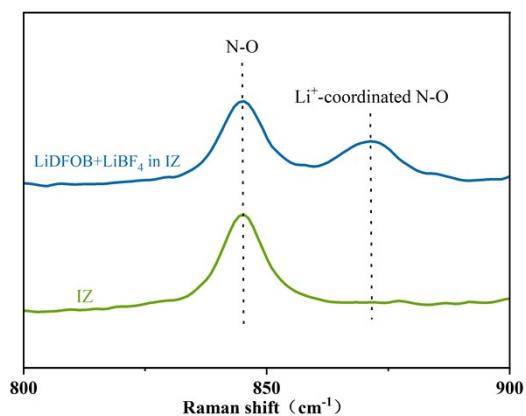
**Figure S3.**  $t_{\text{Li}^{+}}$  of LB111 and Base electrolytes.



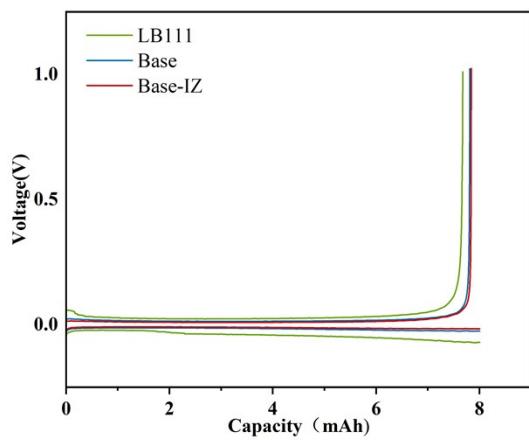
**Figure S4.** ESP of different solvents.



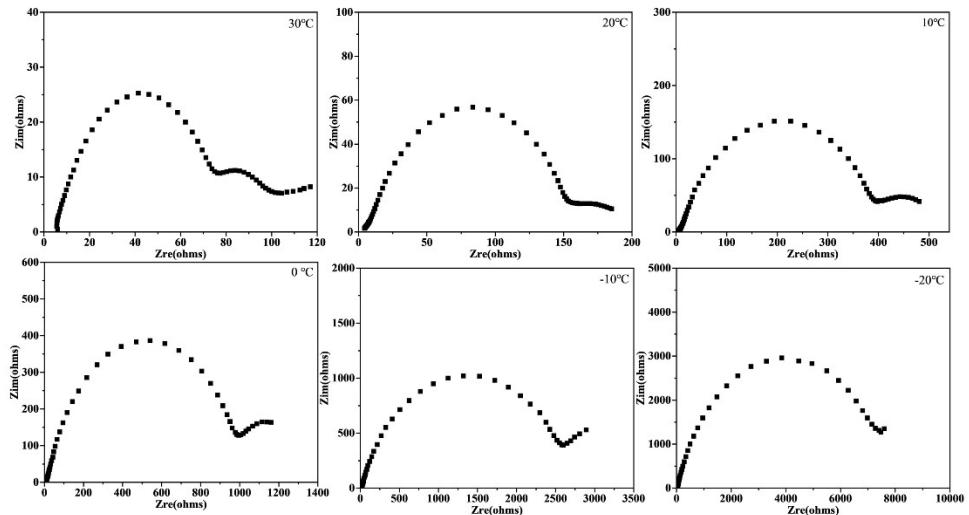
**Figure S5.** Snapshots of MD simulation for a) Base and b) Base-IZ.



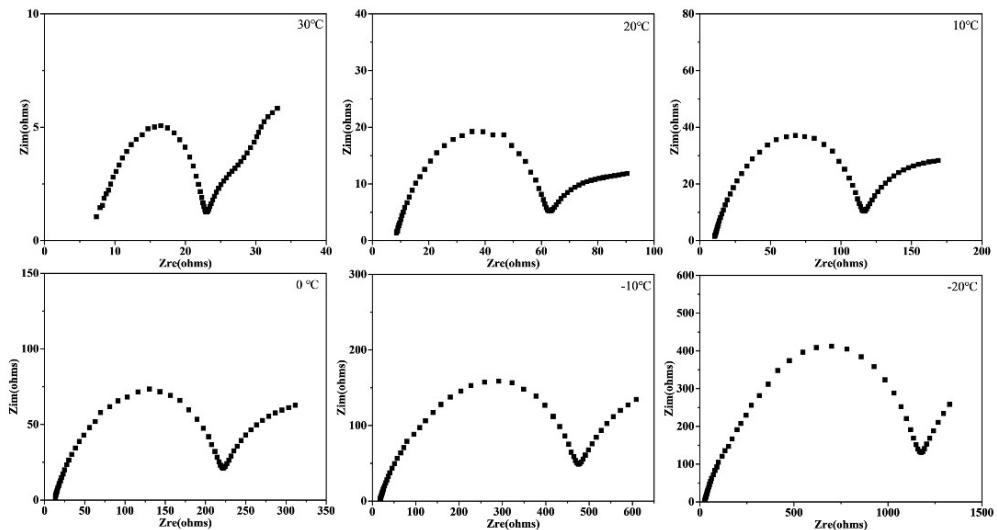
**Figure S6.** Raman spectra of electrolytes with IZ.



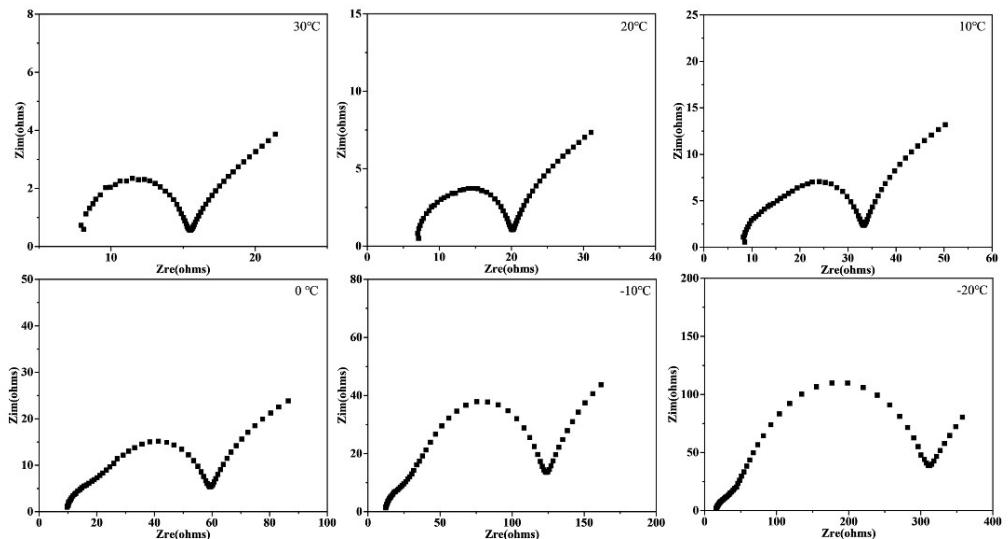
**Figure S7.** The corresponding deposition/stripping curves in different electrolytes.



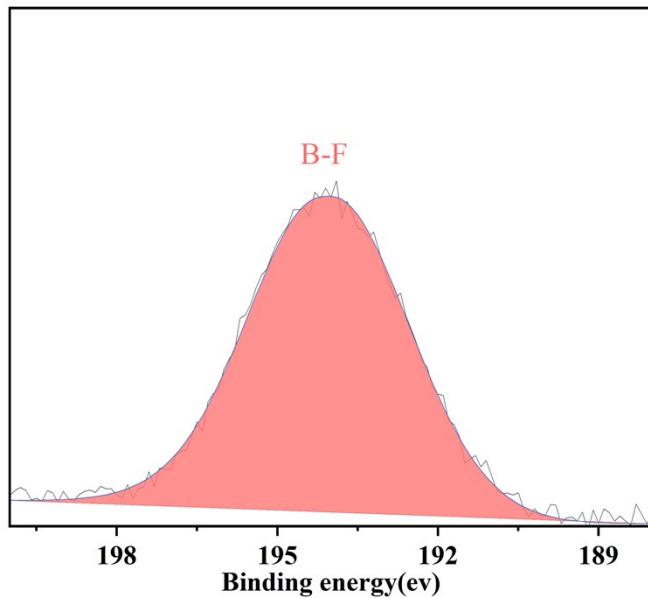
**Figure S8.** EIS measurements of  $\text{Li}||\text{Li}$  symmetric cells at varies temperatures from  $-20$  to  $30$   $^{\circ}\text{C}$  in LB111.



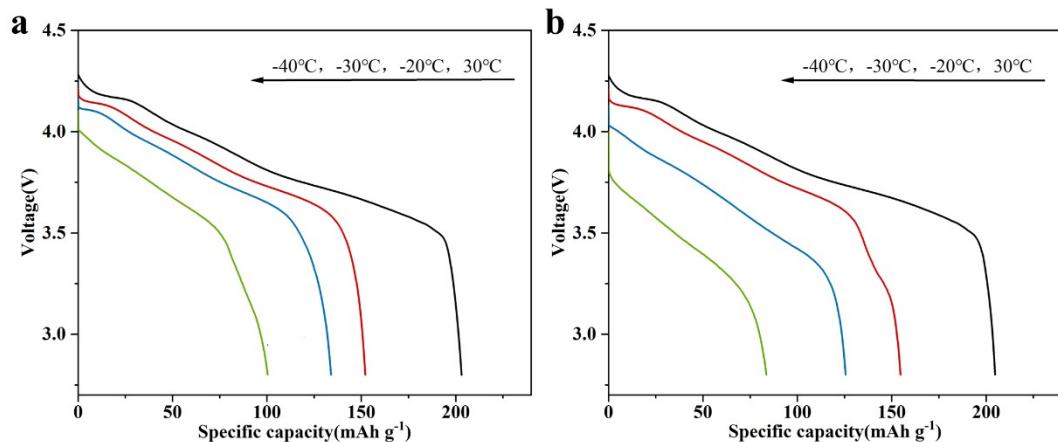
**Figure S9.** EIS measurements of Li||Li symmetric cells at varies temperatures from  $-20$  to  $30$   $^{\circ}\text{C}$  in Base.



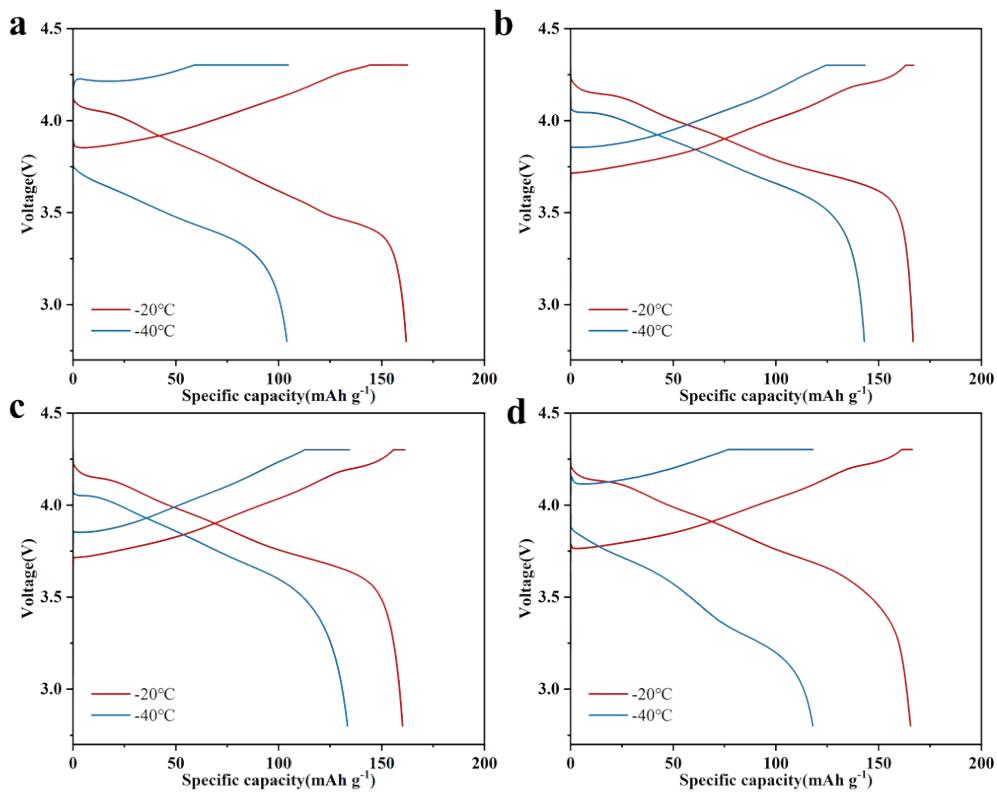
**Figure S10.** EIS measurements of Li||Li symmetric cells at varies temperatures from  $-20$  to  $30$   $^{\circ}\text{C}$  in Base-IZ.



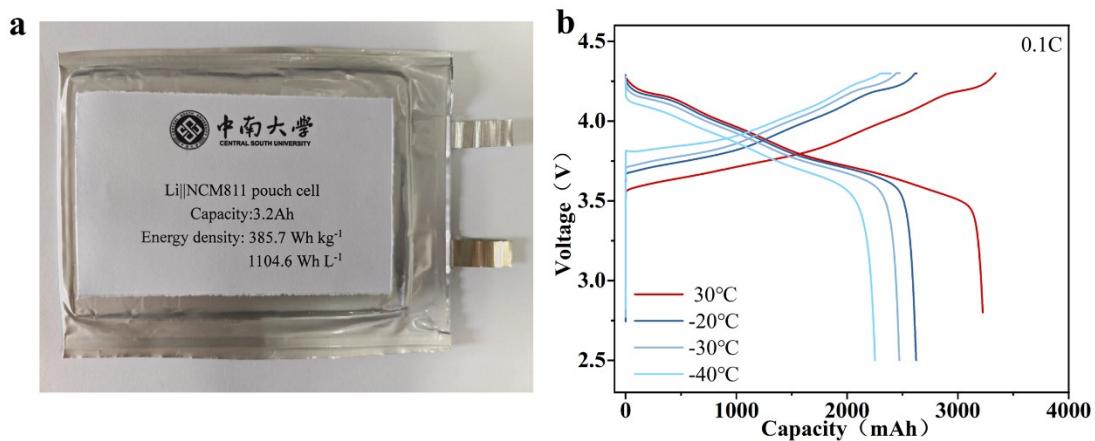
**Figure S11.** XPS spectrum of B 1s in Li metal anodes after 20 cycles with Base-IZ.



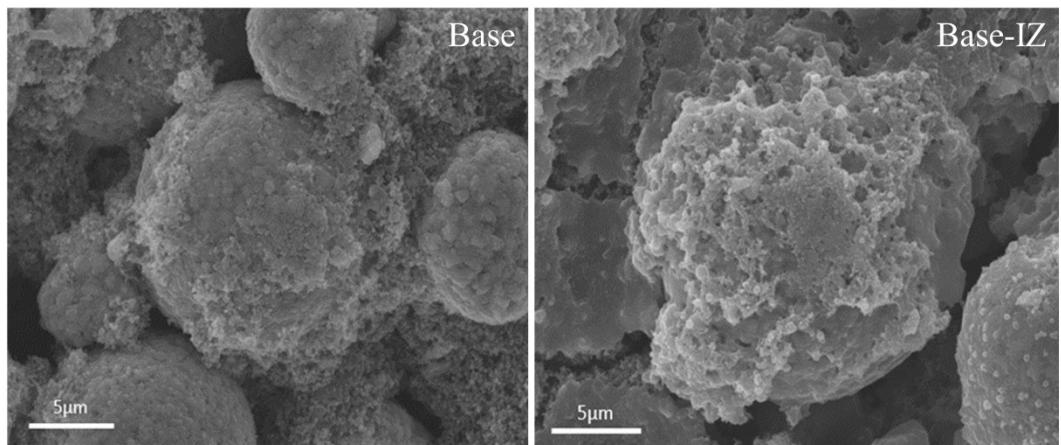
**Figure S12.** Discharge curves of NCM811 cell with a) 0.5M LiDFOB +0.5M LiBF<sub>4</sub> in IZ/EMC/FEC=3:5:2; and b) 1M LiPF<sub>6</sub> in IZ/EMC/FEC=5:2:3 under various temperatures.



**Figure S13.** Charge and discharge curves of NCM811 cells with a) 1M LiBF<sub>4</sub> in IZ/EMC/FEC=5:2:3; b) 1M LiDFOB in IZ/EMC/FEC=5:2:3; c) 0.5M LiDFOB + 0.5M LiBF<sub>4</sub> in IZ; d) 0.5M LiDFOB + 0.5M LiBF<sub>4</sub> in IZ/DME/FEC=5:2:3 under various temperatures.



**Figure S14.** a) Digital photograph and b) the charge/discharge curves at 0.1 C under various temperatures of the NCM811||Li pouch battery (3.2 Ah).



**Figure S15.** SEM images of the positive electrodes from cells with different electrolytes after cycling at  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

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