

Supporting Information

Tailored PolyMOFs for Ion Transport in Lithium-based Battery Electrolyte

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Figure S1. Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy cell setup. Kapton-covered vise sandwiches two copper strips and the EIS pellet cell (sealed with electrical tape) to retain contact and constant pressure.

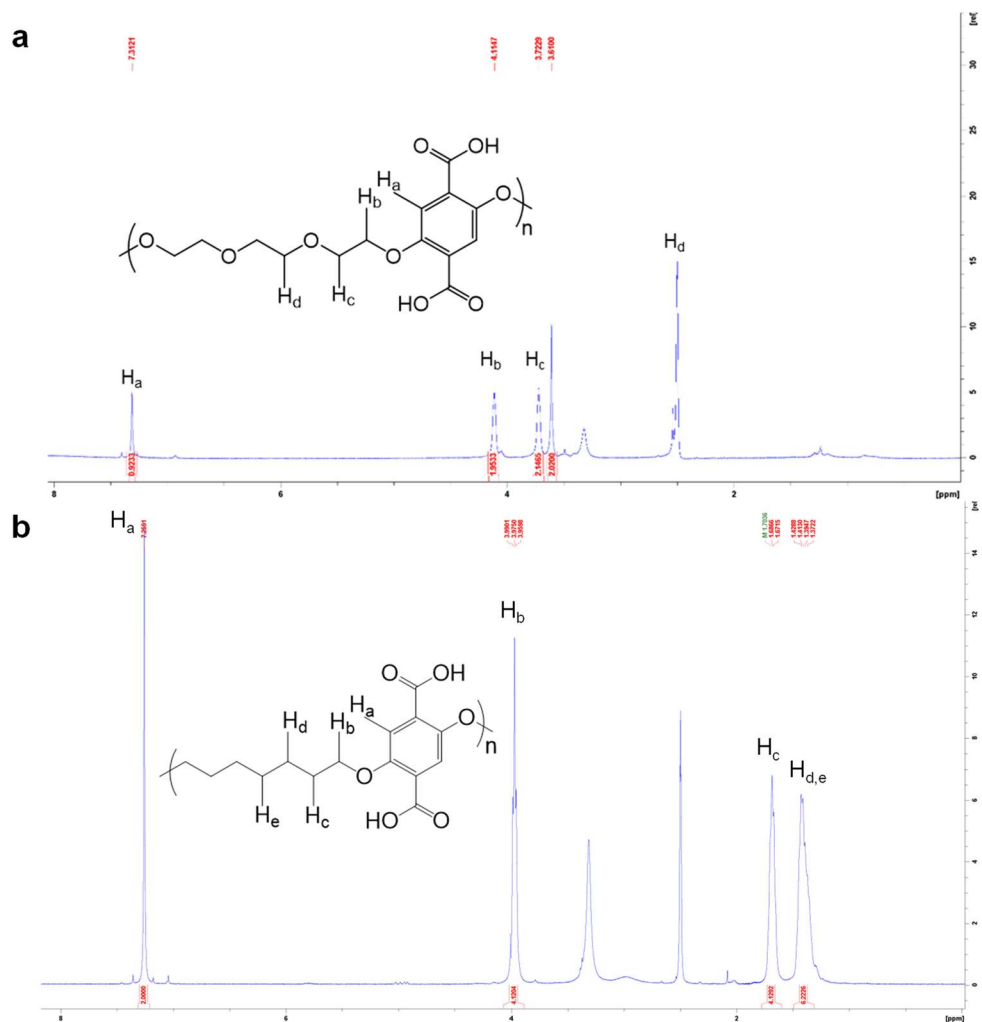


Figure S2. ^1H NMR of pbdc-8peg (a) and pbcd-7pe (b) with associated chemical structures and proton assignments

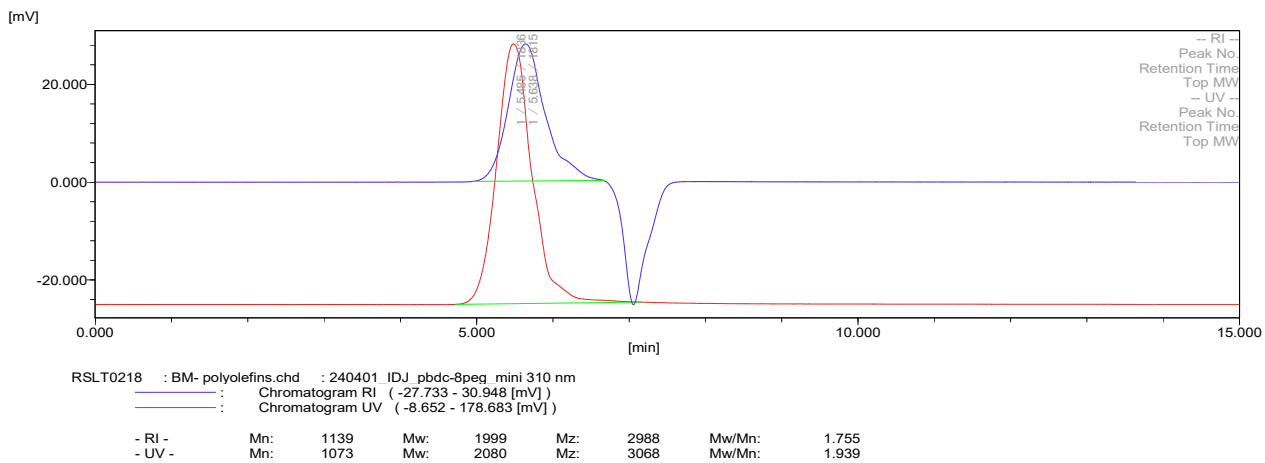


Figure S3. Gel permeation chromatography trace of pbdc-8peg, the polylinker used to synthesize polyUiO-66-PEG. Molecular weight values for both refractive index (RI) and ultraviolet (UV) detectors is shown at the bottom.

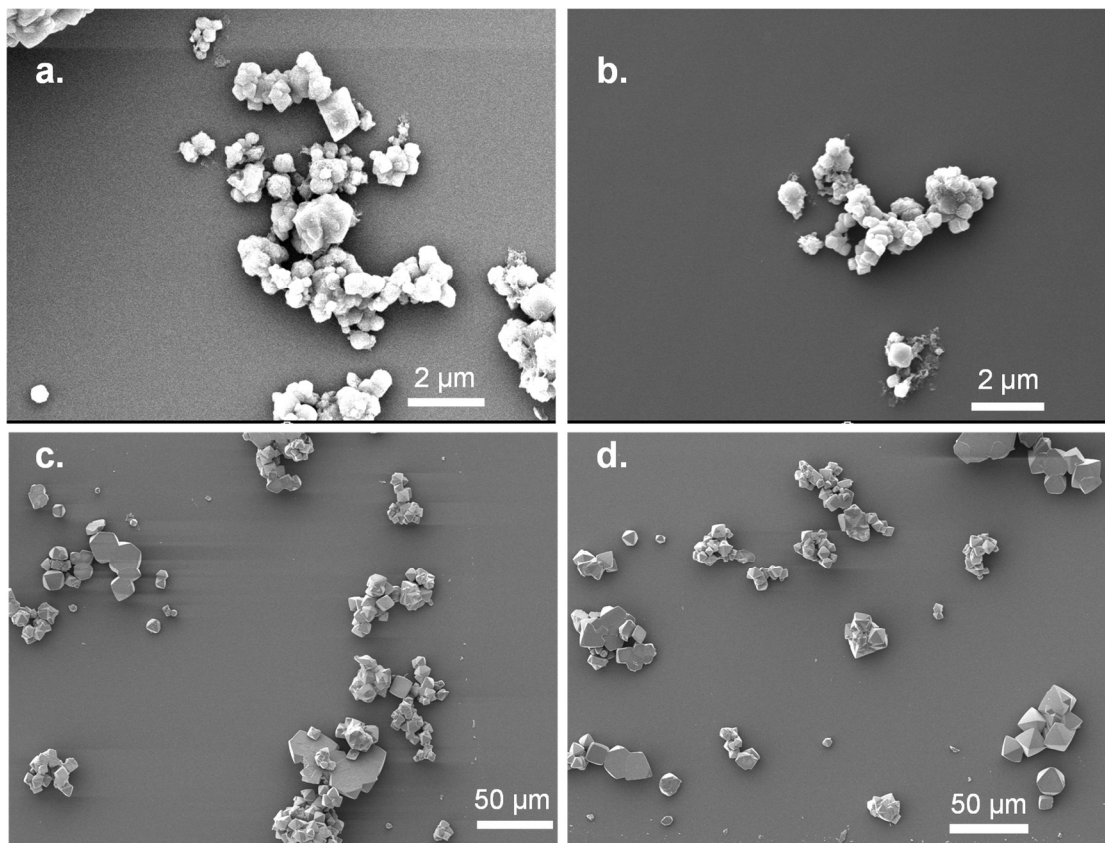


Figure S4. Scanning electron microscope imagery of (a,b) polyUiO-66-PE and (c,d) polyUiO-66-PEG particles

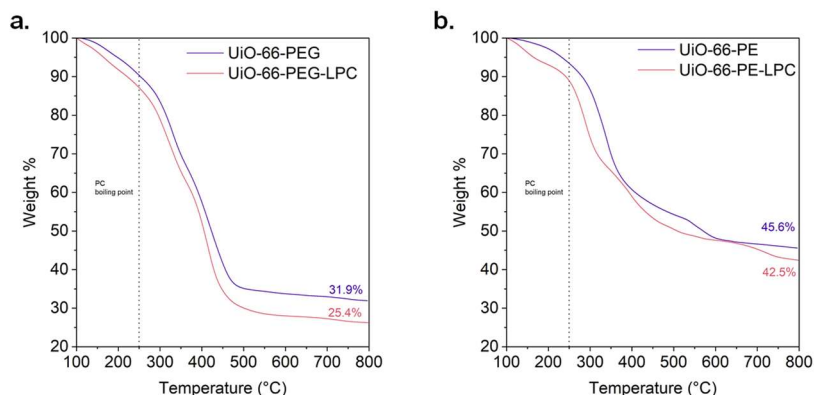


Figure S5. TGA of polyUiO-66-PEG and polyUiO-66-PE after isothermal heating at 100 °C for 60 min to remove residual physisorbed solvents. Each sample was run before and after soaking with 1.0 M LiClO₄ in PC electrolyte solution, with the boiling point of PC denoted.

Table S1. Molar ratio of MOF to Li of dried polyMOF powders after soaking in 1.0 M LiClO₄/PC solution.

LiClO ₄ /PC-soaked MOF sample	Molar MOF:Li ratio*
polyUiO-66-PE	1 : 9.39
polyUiO-66-PEG	1 : 9.45

*Li content was determined using AAS, with samples completely digested in H₂SO₄ for 12 h before dilution with DI water and using a standard calibration curve.

Method for PC quantification in MOF samples. PC quantification was conducted using a method adapted from literature.¹ Using thermogravimetric analysis, we assume the final mass of the electrolyte-soaked MOF TGA to be composed entirely of ZrO₂ and LiCl (the assumed decomposition products of the metals in the sample). With the calculated ratio of MOF repeating unit to Li from AAS (**Table S1**), we calculate the quantity of PC in the initial sample of soaked MOF. An example calculation for polyUiO-66-PEG (**Figure S5a**) is shown below:

$$\frac{25.4\%}{(6 \times MW_{ZrO_2} + 9.45 \times MW_{LiCl})} = \frac{100\%}{(MW_{polyUiO-66-PEG} + 9.45 \times MW_{LiClO_4} + Z \times MW_{PC})}$$

where the empirical formula of polyUiO-66-PEG is Zr₆O₄(OH)₄(pbdc-8peg)₆ and MW is the molecular weight. Solving for Z, we get 8.27 PC per repeating unit of polyUiO-66-PEG

$$t_{\text{Li}^+} = \frac{I_{\text{SS}}(\Delta V - I_0 R_0)}{I_0(\Delta V - I_{\text{SS}} R_{\text{SS}})} \quad (\text{Eq. S1})$$

Equation S1: Equation for Li^+ transference number, where I_0 and I_{SS} are the initial and steady-state currents, respectively, at either end of the polarization process, ΔV is the magnitude of the applied voltage, and R_0 and R_{SS} are the resistances collected from EIS measurements directly before and after polarization, respectively.²

$$\sigma_T = A e^{\left(\frac{-E_a}{kT}\right)} \quad (\text{Eq. S2})$$

Equation S2: Arrhenius equation for activation energy of long-range ionic conductivity. σ_T is ionic conductivity at a given temperature, T is temperature in K, E_a is activation energy in eV, and k is the Boltzmann constant.

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{w} - \frac{1}{A}\right) = -\left(\frac{E_a}{kT}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{1}{B} - \frac{1}{A}\right) \quad (\text{Eq. S3})$$

Equation S3: Linearized form of Hendrickson and Bray equation, where w is the width of the peak at half-maximum intensity, A is the width of the peak at or below the temperature at which broadening reaches its maximum, and B is the width of the peak at or above the temperature at which broadening reaches its minimum. E_a , k , and T are activation energy of local Li hopping, Boltzmann constant, and temperature in K, respectively

$$\sigma = \frac{l}{R \cdot A} \quad (\text{Eq. 4})$$

Equation S4: Equation for ionic conductivity from resistance measurements, where σ is ionic conductivity in S cm^{-1} , l is thickness of pellet in cm, A is area of pellet face in cm^2 , and R is resistance in Ω .³

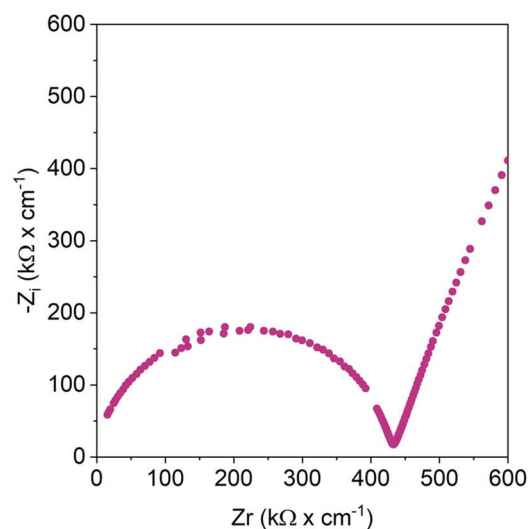


Figure S6. Room temperature (25 °C) EIS spectrum for UiO-66 loaded with 1.0M LiClO₄ in propylene carbonate.

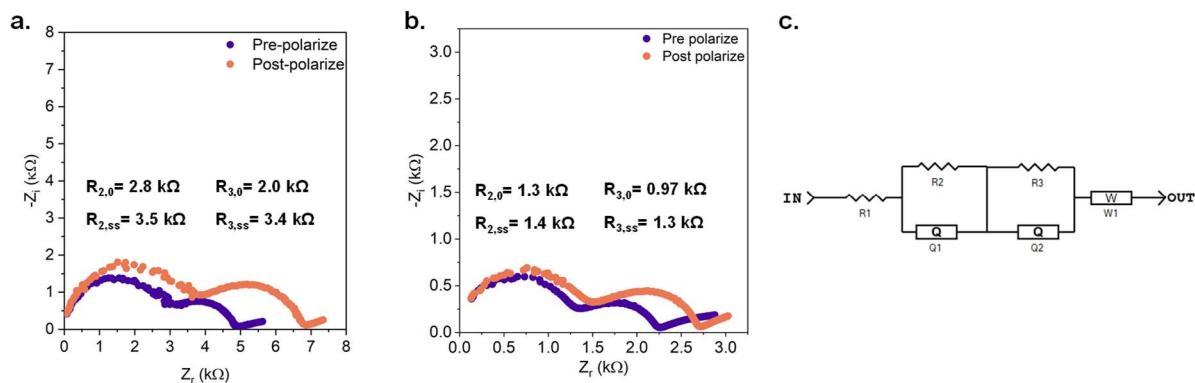


Figure S7. EIS of (a) polyUiO-66-PEG and (b) polyUiO-66-PE before and after polarization using nonblocking Li metal electrodes for Li⁺ transference number measurements. (c) equivalent circuit model used for fitting EIS data. Impedance values for (a) and (b) before and after polarization are denoted with subscript “0” and “ss”, respectively.

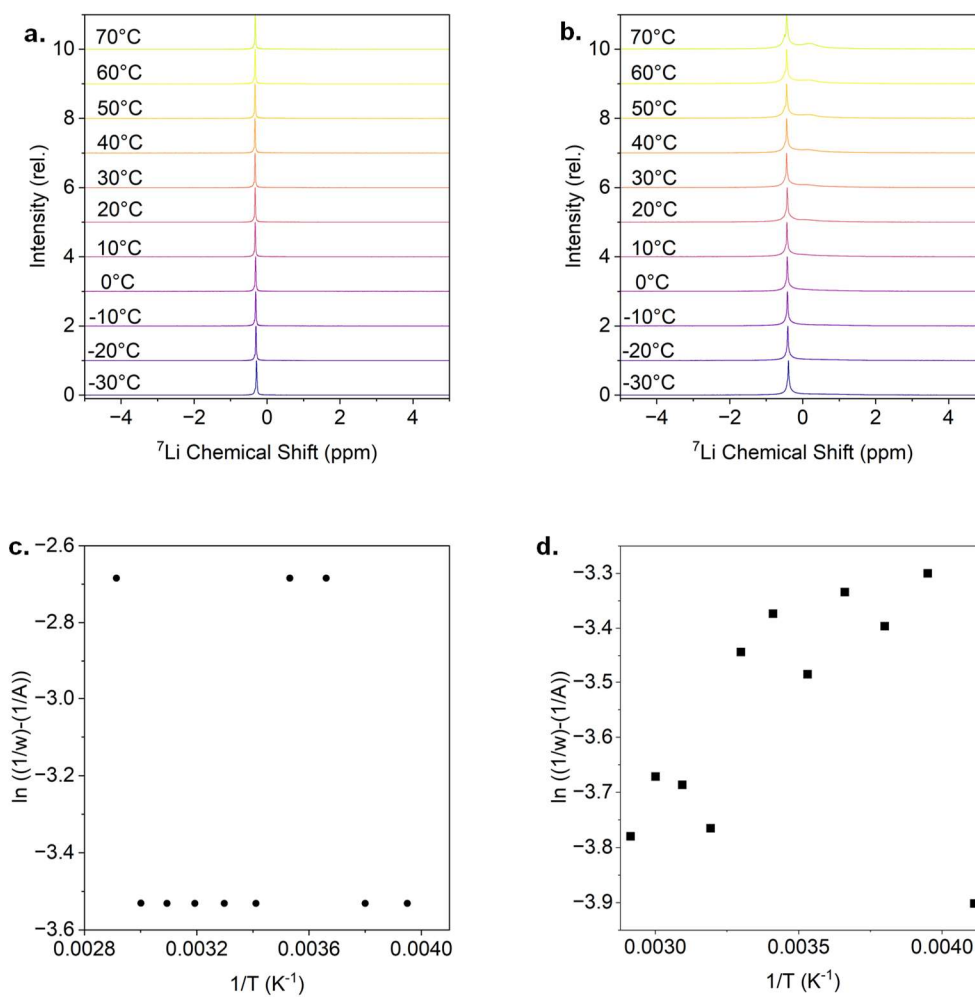


Figure S8. Temperature dependent ^7Li solid-state NMR for (a) polyUiO-66-PE, and (b) UiO-66 samples after soaking the samples in 1.0 M LiClO_4 in propylene carbonate, with data fit to the Hendrickson and Bray equation showing no linear correlation ((c) is data from polyUiO-66-PE, and (d) is data from UiO-66, using only the main peak width).

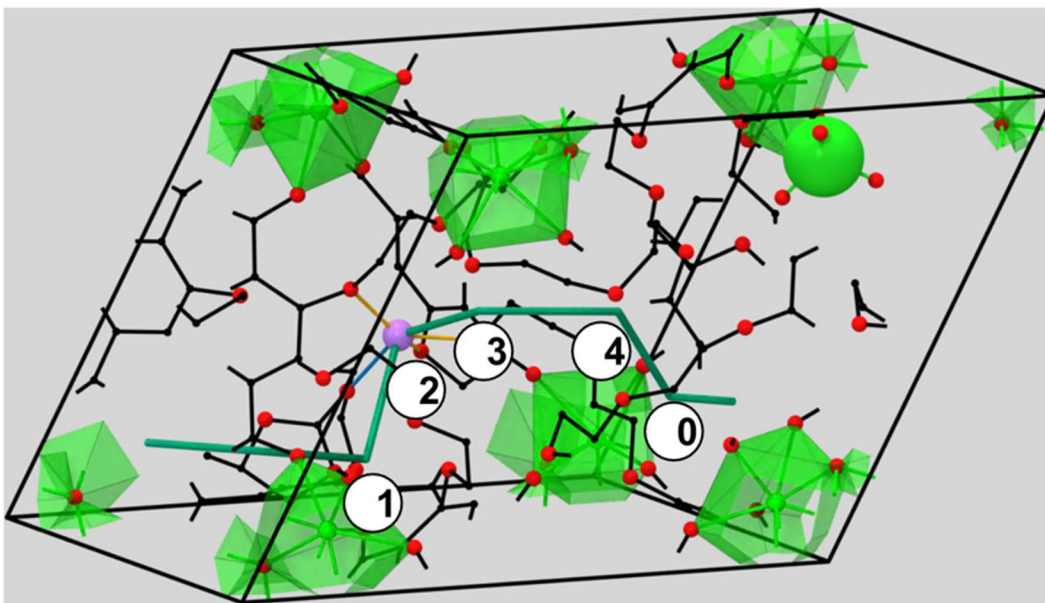


Figure S9. Schematic of different sites across the polyUiO-66-PEG forming a connected pathway

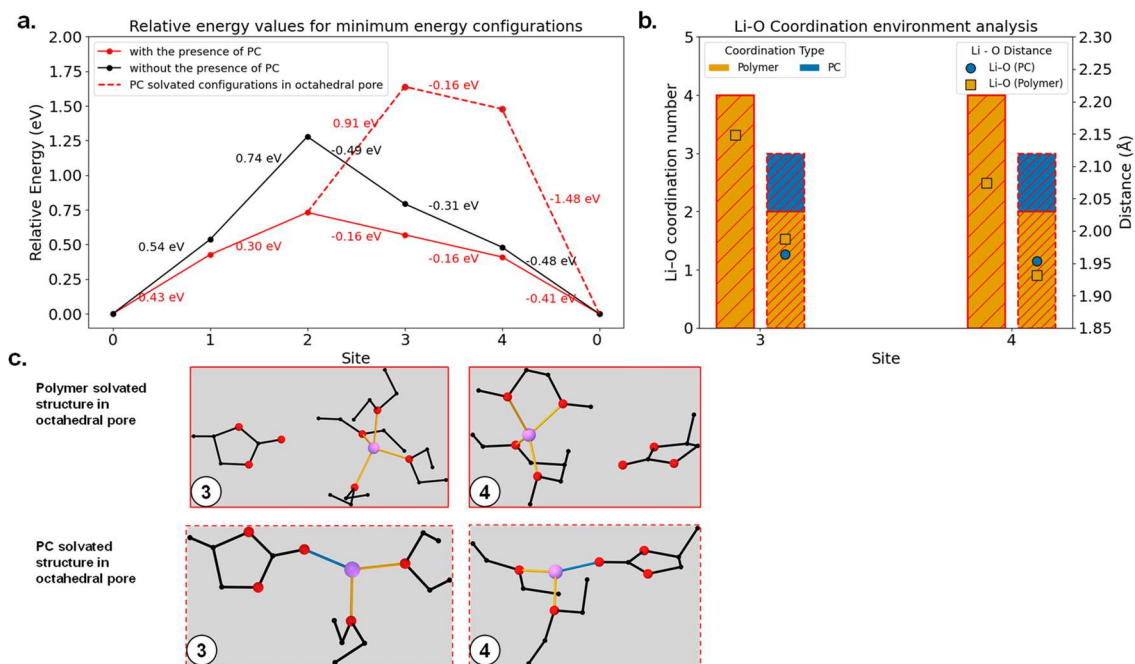


Figure S10. (a) Relative energetics for most stable Li⁺ configurations at different sites in polyUiO-66-PEG shown with and without the presence of PC in addition to configurations where PC is inside the octahedral void solvating the Li⁺. (b) Corresponding Li-O coordination number and distance resolved with corresponding solvating species for sites 3 and 4 in the presence of PC. The plot color in (a) corresponds to the bar plot border color in (b). (c) Schematic of minimum energy configurations at site 3 and 4 in the presence of PC. The Li-O bond color is consistent with Li-O coordination number in part (b)

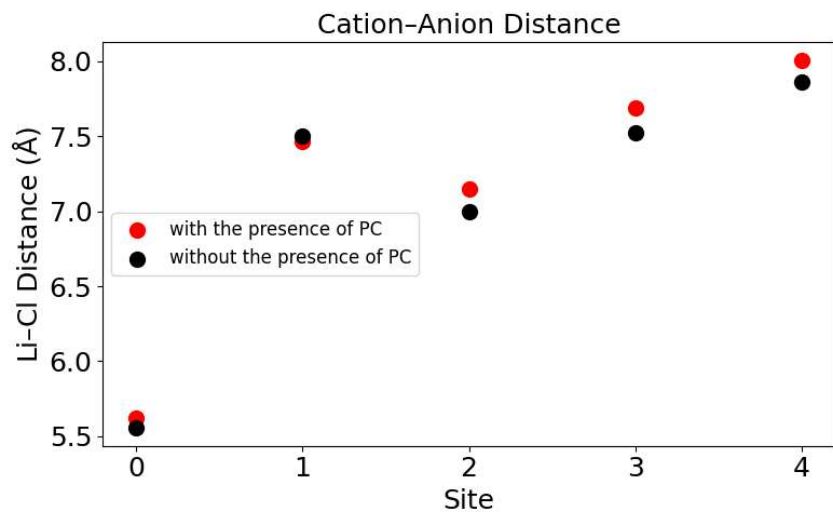


Figure S11. Cation – Anion distance for different sites in polyUiO-66-PEG during the DFT calculations shown with and without the presence of PC

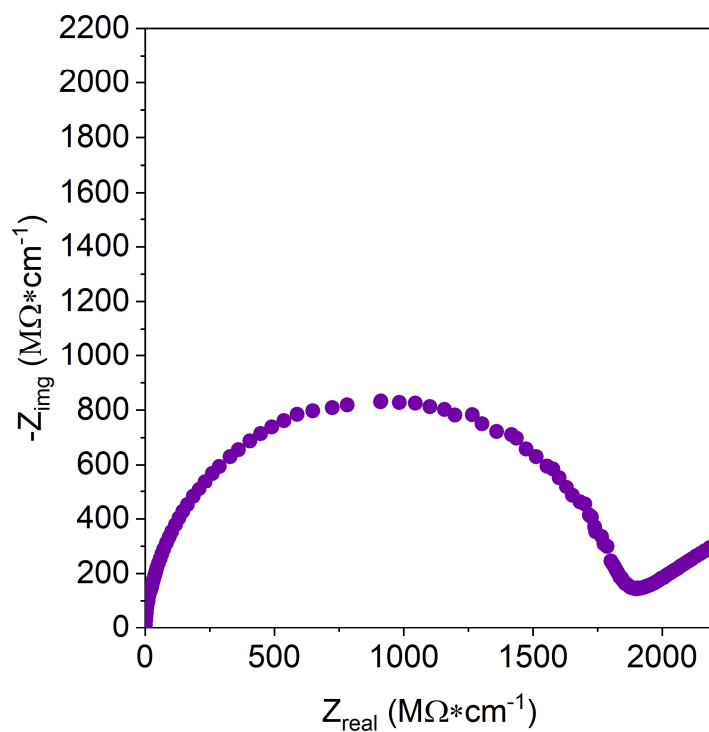


Figure S12. EIS of polyUiO-66-PEG after infiltration with 1.0 M LiTFSI in a 1:1 by volume of DOL:DME solution.

Table S2. Select MOF-based electrolytes in literature.

Electrolyte composition	Type	Ionic conductivity (S cm ⁻¹)	Li ⁺ transference number	Ref.
20 wt% ZIF-8, PEO, LiTFSI	MOF-Polymer Composite	2.2 x 10 ⁻⁵ at 30°C	0.36	[4]
10 wt% MIL-53-Al, PEO, LiTFSI	MOF-Polymer Composite	3.9 x 10 ⁻³ at 120°C	0.343	[5]
40 wt% UiO-66, PEO, LiTFSI	MOF-Polymer Composite	1.3 x 10 ⁻⁴ at 30°C	0.35	[6]
50 wt% UiO-66, PC/dimethyl carbonate, LiClO ₄ , PVDF-HFP	MOF-polymer Composite	1.5 x 10 ⁻⁴ at room temperature	0.61	[7]
UiO-67, LiClO ₄ , PC	Embedded Electrolyte	6.5 x 10 ⁻⁴ at room temperature	0.65 (for MOF-PTFE composite membrane)	[1]
UiO-66, LiTFSI, [EMIM][TFSI] ionic liquid	Embedded Ionic Liquid	3.2 x 10 ⁻⁴ at 25°C	0.33	[8]
polyUiO-66-PE, LiClO₄, PC	Embedded Electrolyte	6.4 x 10⁻⁵ – 3.0 x 10⁻⁵ at 25°C**	0.44	This work
polyUiO-66-PEG, LiClO₄, PC	Embedded Electrolyte	1.8 x 10⁻⁴ – 7.2 x 10⁻⁵ at 25°C**	0.81	This work

PEO = polyethylene oxide (also known as polyethylene glycol, PEG); PVDF-HFP = poly(vinylidene fluoride-co-hexafluoropropylene); EMIM = 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium

**intra-grain and total ion conductivity, respectively

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