

## Supplementary Information

### Tuning Porous $\text{Li}_{6.25}\text{Ga}_{0.25}\text{La}_3\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_{12}$ (LGLZO) Frameworks for Enhanced Ion Transport in Semi-Solid-State Lithium Metal Batteries

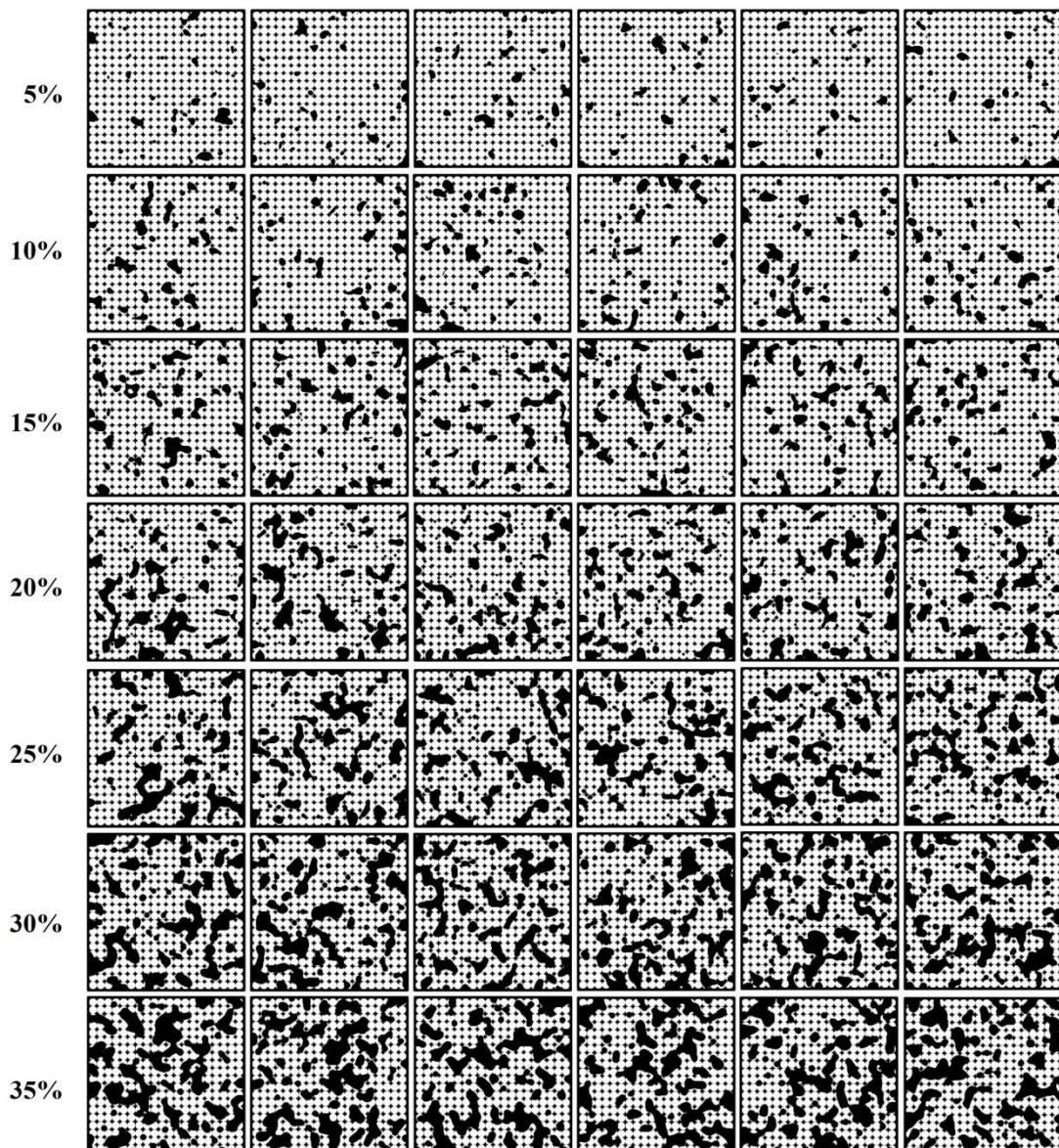
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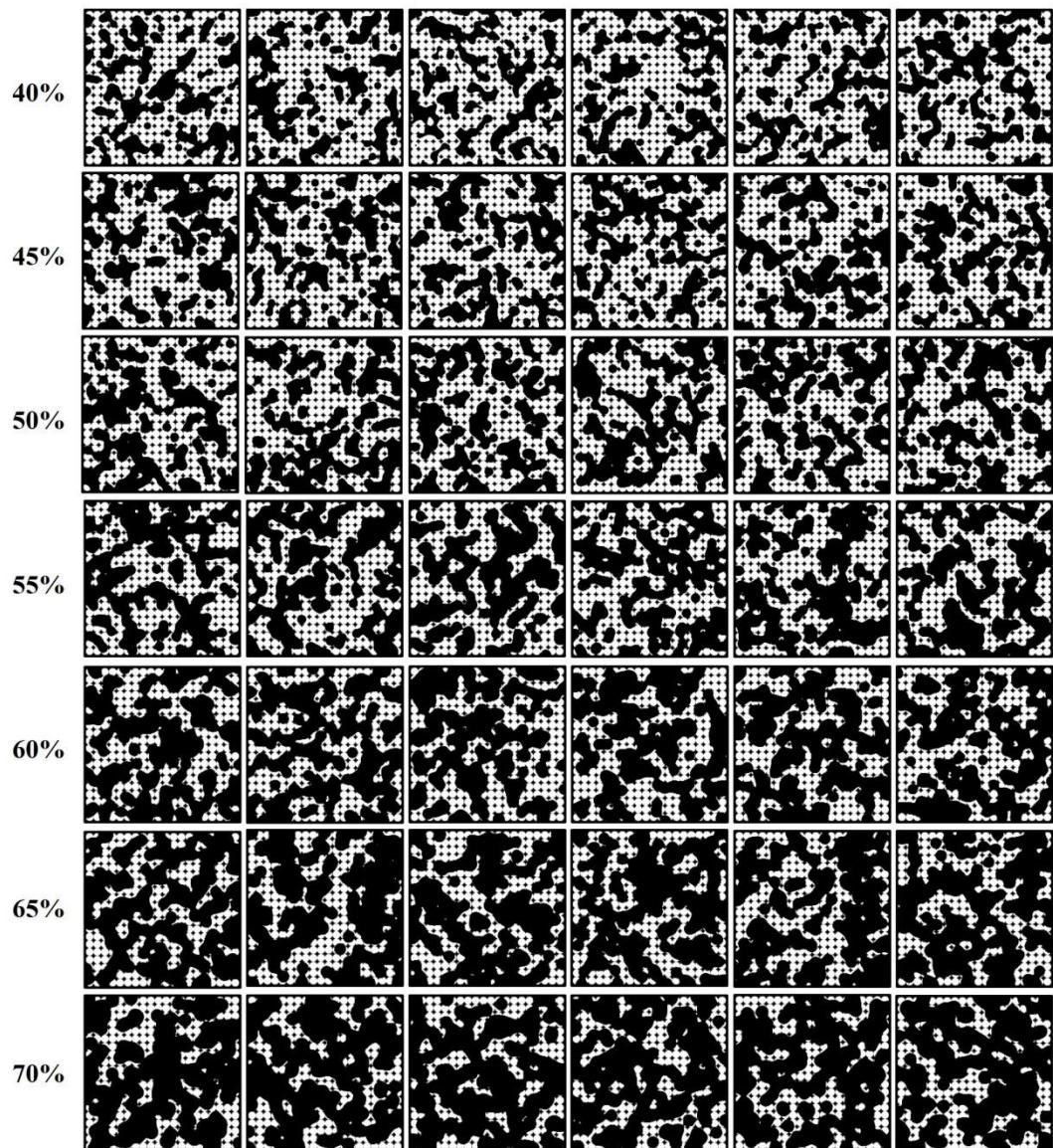
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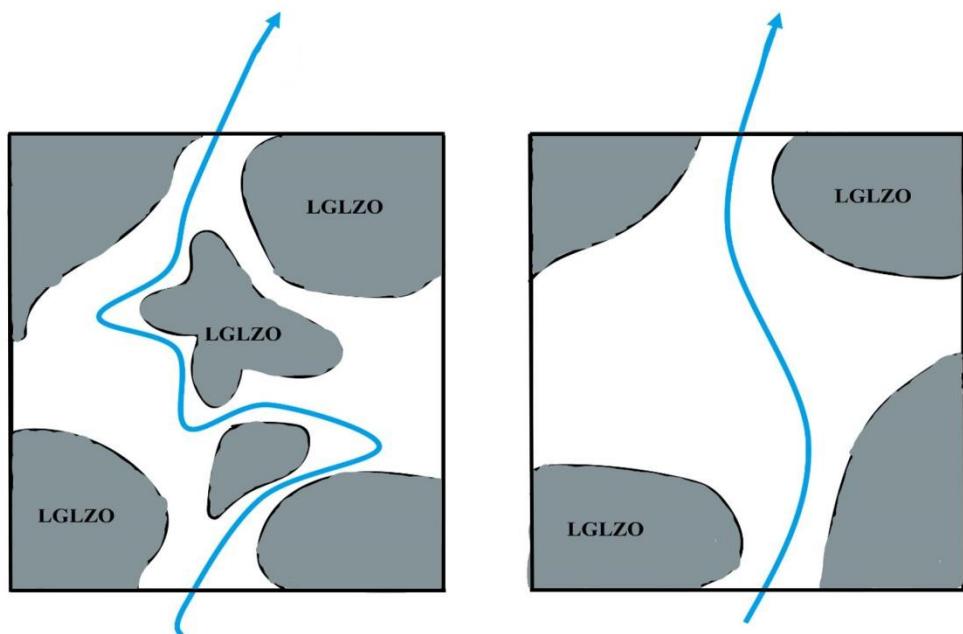


**Figure S1.** Randomly generated two-dimensional pore structures with porosity ranging from 5% to 35%, where the black regions represent pores and the white regions correspond to the LGLZO framework.

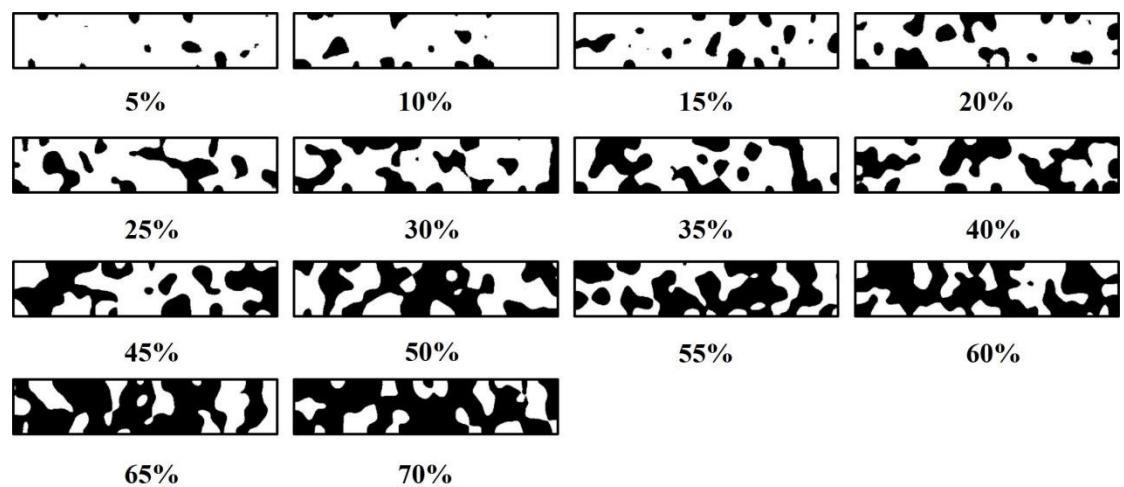
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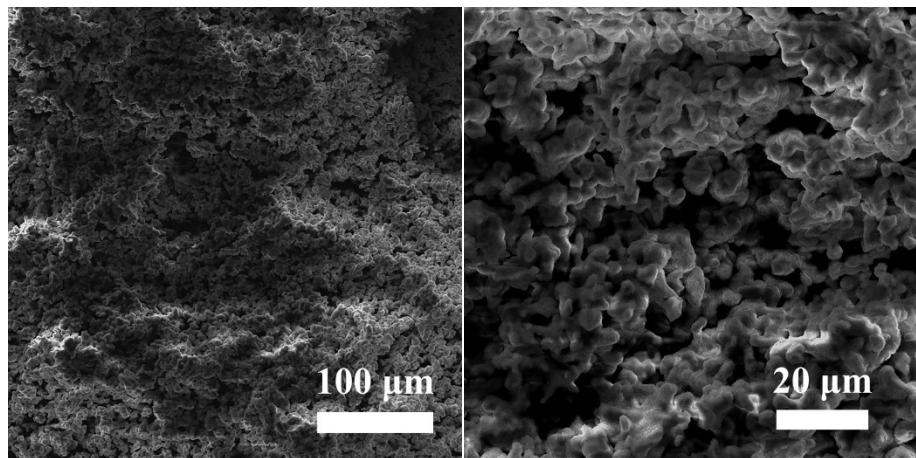
**Figure S1.** Randomly generated two-dimensional pore structures with porosity ranging from 40% to 70%, where the black regions represent pores and the white regions correspond to the LGLZO framework.



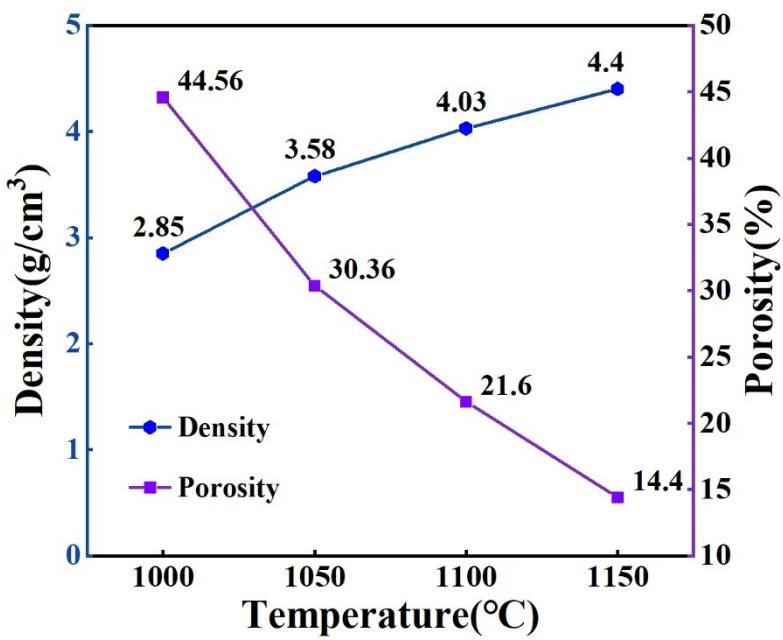
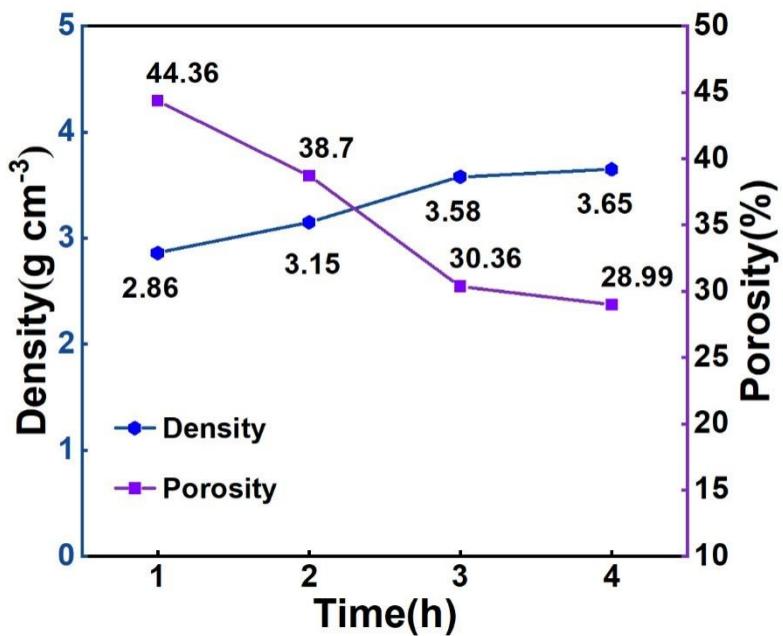
**Figure S2.** Schematic illustration of lithium-ion migration in different pore structures.



**Figure S3.** Two-dimensional images (100 dpi  $\times$  500 dpi) of porous structures with porosity ranging from 5% to 70%.



**Figure S4.** LGLZO green body after calcination for carbon removal and before sintering.

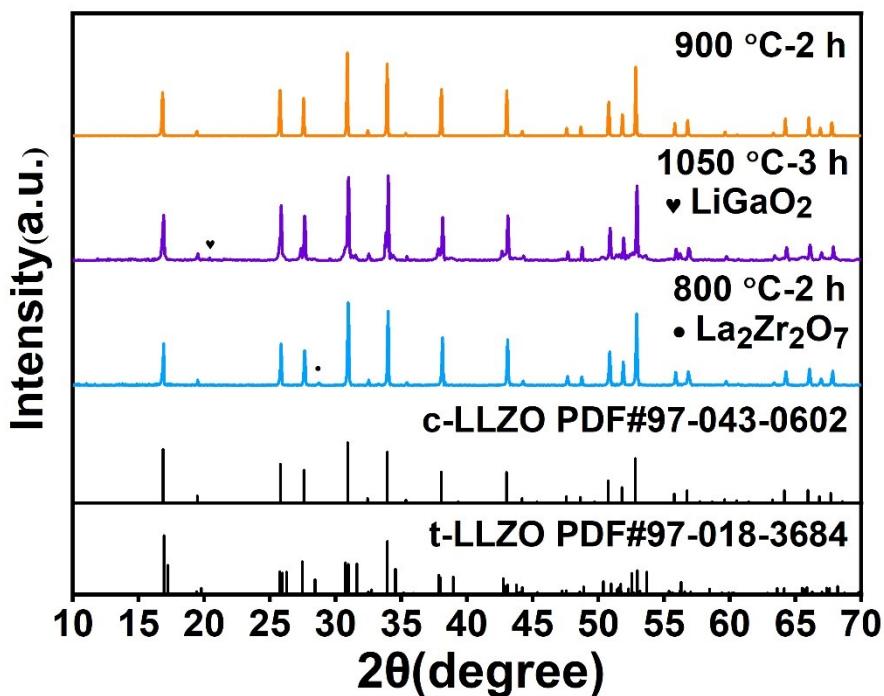


**Figure S5.** Variation of framework density and porosity with sintering time and temperature.

The density was calculated from pellets with a diameter of 10 mm based on mass and volume, while subsequent porosity measurements were performed using pellets with a diameter of 18 mm.

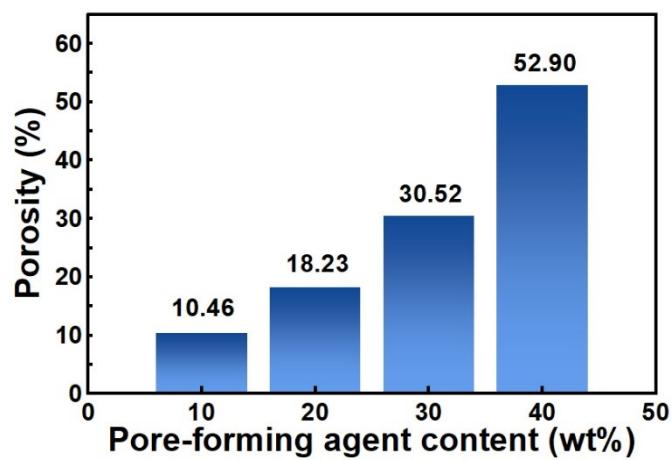


**Figure S6.** Optical photographs of ceramic bodies.

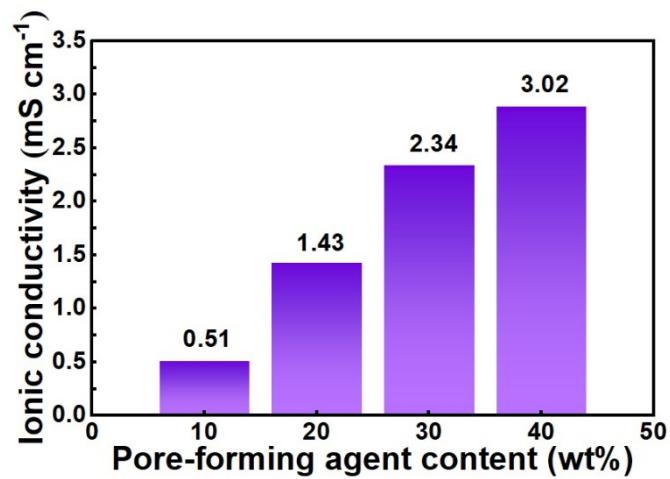


**Figure S7.** Phase evolution of the framework during the preparation process.

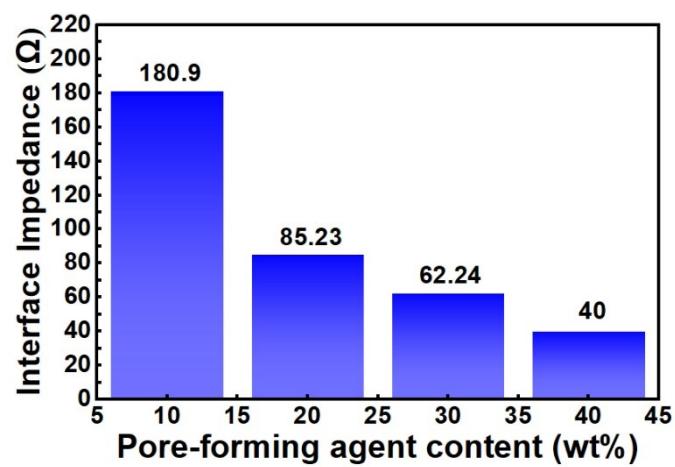
During the high-temperature sintering process of LLZO ceramics, significant volatilization of lithium results in a decrease in lithium-ion concentration within the lattice. This leads to the formation of enriched  $\text{Li}_2\text{O}$  liquid phases at grain boundaries. Upon cooling, these liquid phases react with the doped  $\text{Ga}_2\text{O}_3$  to form  $\text{LiGaO}_2$ . Concurrently, if the precursor reaction is incomplete,  $\text{La}_2\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_7$  phases may remain. The presence of these secondary phases severely impedes lithium-ion transport: the discontinuous distribution of  $\text{LiGaO}_2$  disrupts the continuity of grain boundary conduction, while the non-lithium-ion-conducting  $\text{La}_2\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_7$  directly blocks transport pathways. Collectively, these effects increase grain boundary impedance and reduce overall ionic conductivity. However, subsequent heat treatment eliminates these metastable secondary phases.  $\text{LiGaO}_2$  decomposes to provide a lithium source, while  $\text{La}_2\text{Zr}_2\text{O}_7$  reacts with this lithium source and reintegrates into the lattice, ultimately transforming into pure cubic LLZO.



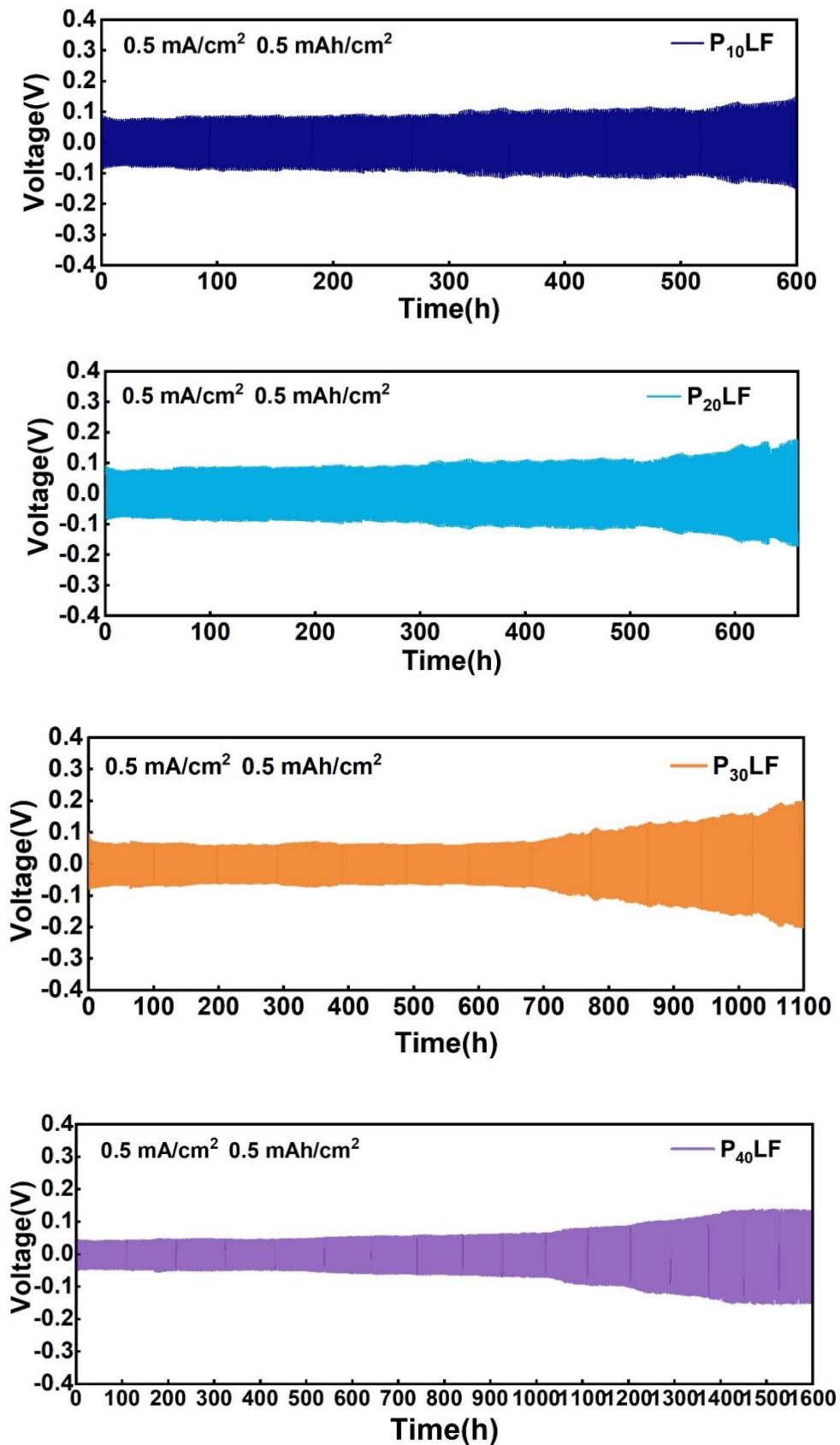
**Figure S8.** Variation of porosity with pore-forming agent content.



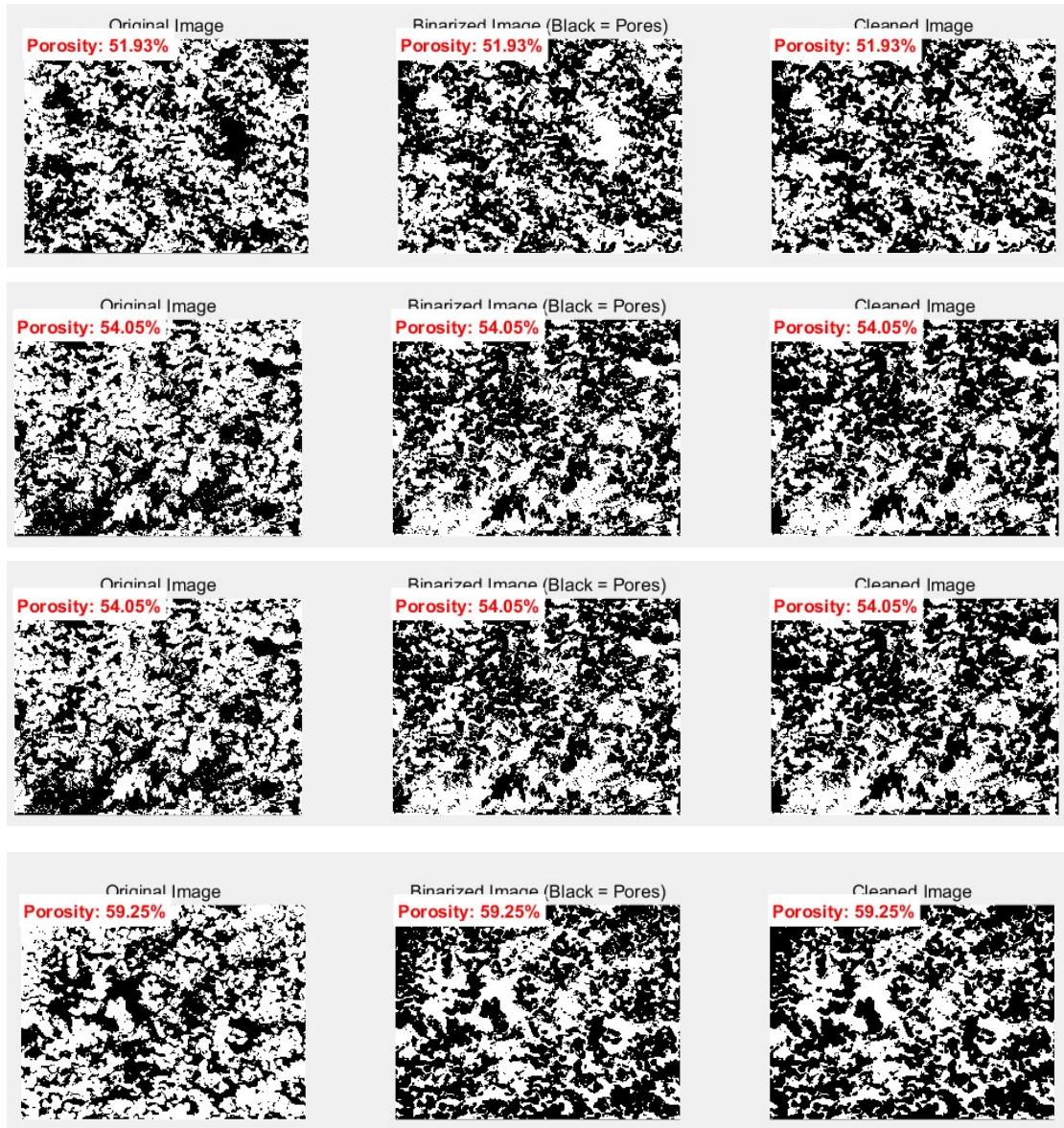
**Figure S9.** Variation of ionic conductivity with pore-forming agent content.



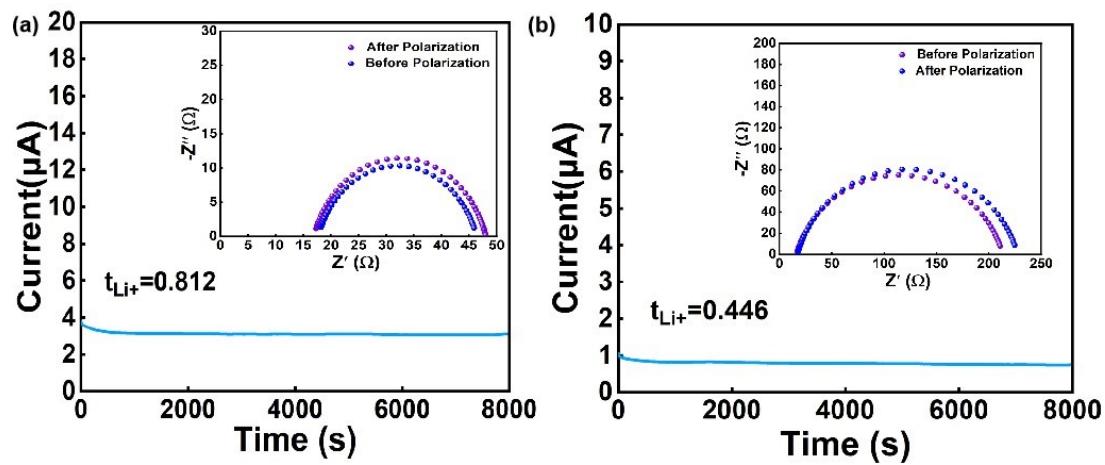
**Figure S10.** Variation of interfacial impedance with pore-forming agent content.



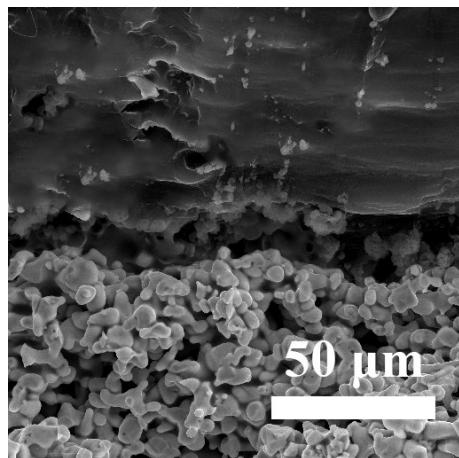
**Figure S11.** Long-term cycling performance of Li/PLF-LiPF<sub>6</sub>/Li cells at 25 °C under a current density of 0.5 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>.



**Figure S12.** Pore analysis of SEM-imaged specimens

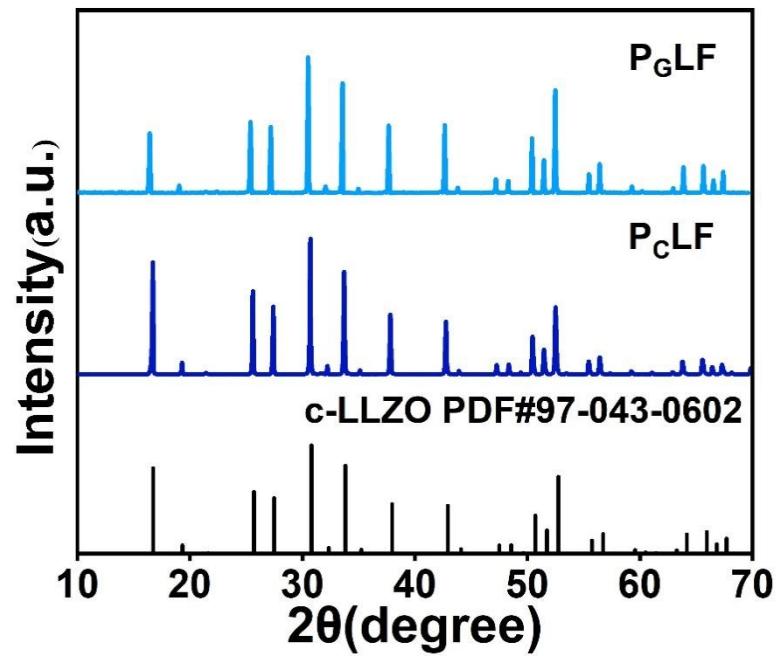


**Figure S13.** Comparison of lithium ion mobility between Li/ P<sub>G</sub>LF-LiPF<sub>6</sub>/Li and Li/ SiO<sub>2</sub> -LiPF<sub>6</sub>/Li symmetric cells.

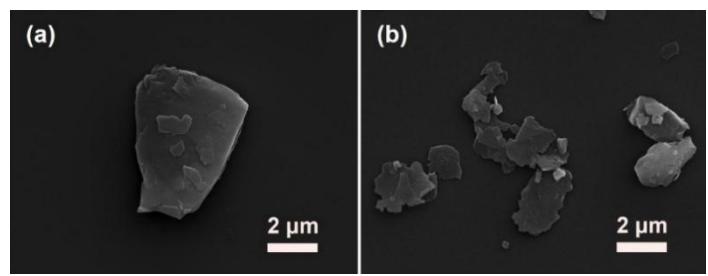


**Figure S14.** SEM image of the anode-framework interface after 100 cycles at 1 C.

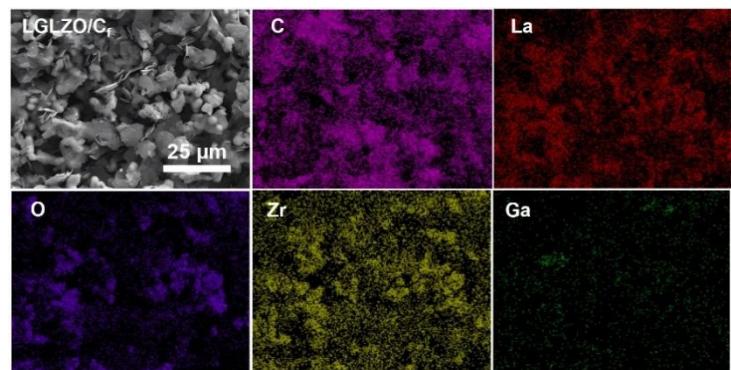
The battery was disassembled after 100 cycles at 1 C, followed by vacuum drying at 40 °C for 24 h, and the electrode–electrolyte interface was then examined using SEM.



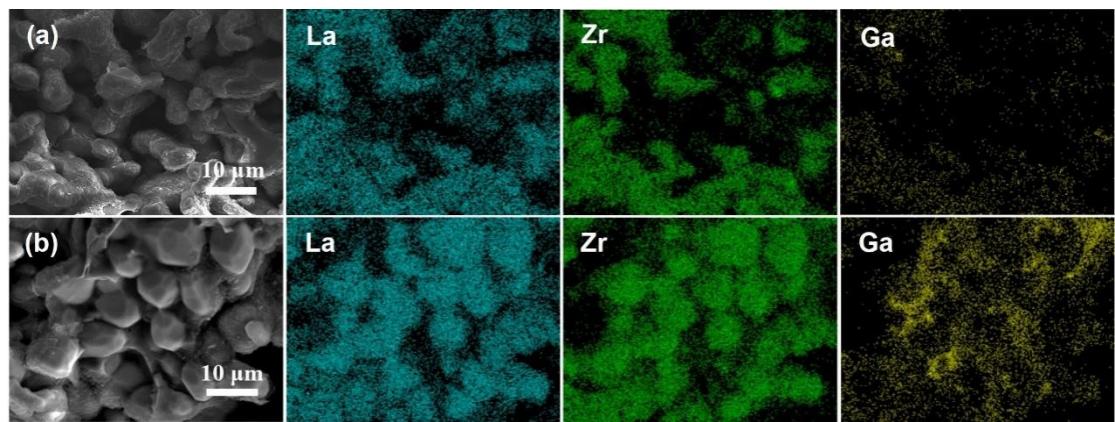
**Figure S15.** Phase structures of  $P_GLF$  and  $P_CLF$ .



**Figure S16.** (a) Graphite and (b) Charcoal Microstructure



**Figure S17.** EDS of LGLZO/C<sub>f</sub> composite powder



**Figure S18.** SEM images and EDS spectra of (a) P<sub>G</sub>LF and (b) P<sub>C</sub>LF.

**Table S1.** Porosity in Quasi-Solid Electrolyte article

Title	Porosit	Ref.
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Garnet-Based Solid-State Li Batteries with High-Surface-Area Porous LLZO Membranes (ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces, 2024).	51%	[S1]
Oriented porous LLZO 3D structures obtained by freeze casting for battery applications (Journal of Materials Chemistry A, 2019)	60%	[S2]
Uniformly porous PVDF-co-HFP membranes prepared by mixed solvent phase separation for direct contact membrane distillation (Journal of Membrane Science, 2024)	86%	[S3]
Self-adaptable gel polymer electrolytes enable high-performance and all-round safety lithium ion batteries (Energy Storage Materials, 2022)	78%	[S4]
Poly(vinylidene fluoride)/SiO <sub>2</sub> composite membranes prepared by electrospinning and their excellent properties for nonwoven separators for lithium-ion batteries (Journal of Power Sources, 2014)	75%	[S5]

**Table S2.** Changes in the Quality with Different Carbon Content

Content of perforating agent	Organization	Before calcination	After calcination	Variation in Mass Before and After
10 %	Quality (g)	1.0942	0.9615	-11.13 %
20 %	Quality (g)	1.2244	0.9545	-22.04 %
30 %	Quality (g)	1.1303	0.7700	-31.87 %
40 %	Quality (g)	1.0392	0.6306	-39.32 %

**Table S3.** Comparison of ionic conductivity, current density, and cycling stability of this work with previously reported electrolytes.

Electrolyte	Ionic conductivity ( $\times 10^{-3}$ S cm $^{-1}$ )	Current density (mA cm $^{-2}$ )	Cycle Time (h)	Ref.
PEO/LLZO	1.36	0.2	400	[S6]
PEO/LLZO framework	0.14	0.2	400	[S7]
LE/LLZO framework	4.2	0.5	1400	[S8]
PEO/LLZO nanowires	1.53	0.5	1050	[S9]
PVDF/LLZTO	0.12	0.1	1200	[S10]
PEO/LICGC	0.29	0.2	800	[S11]
PEO/Li <sub>2</sub> ZrO <sub>3</sub>	0.5	0.1	200	[S12]
LE/FEC/LLZTO	0.65	0.1	500	[S13]
PVDF/TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.33	0.2	3800	[S14]
LE/MOFs	0.24	0.5	1000	[S15]
LE/MOFs	7.74	0.2	1000	[S16]
LE/LATP framework	7.9	1	120	[S17]
PEO/LLZTO	0.22	0.1	2500	[S18]
PEO/LLZO	0.18	0.5	200	[S19]
PEO/LLZO	0.64	0.2	600	[S20]
PEO/Bi <sub>4</sub> Ti <sub>3</sub> O <sub>12</sub>	0.62	0.1	3000	[S21]
LE/ODA nanofiber	2.9	1	2000	[S22]
LE/PIM-CONH <sub>2</sub>	1.08	0.1	1500	[S23]
LE/LLZO framework	2.06	0.5	800	[S24]
LE/LLZO-TiO <sub>2</sub>	1.6	0.3	500	[S25]

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LE/LGLZO framework	2.54	0.5	1150	This work
LE/LGLZO framework	3.02	0.5	1600	This work

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