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Supplementary information:



Figure S1: Infrared spectra of MCM-41 and MSU-H.



Figure S2: Thickness map with the chosen section for the depth profile shown in Fig. 2c (MCM-41). Thickness maps were obtained by acquiring unfiltered and zeroloss filtered images, where only elastically scattered electrons with no energy loss contribute to the second one. The logarithm of the ratio of these images is displayed which is a measure of the specimen thickness.



Figure S3: Thickness map with the chosen section for the depth profile shown in Fig. 3c (MSU-H). Thickness maps were obtained by acquiring unfiltered and zero-loss filtered images, where only elastically scattered electrons with no energy loss contribute to the second one. The logarithm of the ratio of these images is displayed which is a measure of the specimen thickness.



Figure S4: BET isotherms of MCM-41 and MSU-H.



Figure S5: Pore size distribution of MCM-41 obtained from the DFT analysis of the nitrogen adsorption isotherm.



Figure S6: Pore size distribution of MSU-H obtained from the DFT analysis of the nitrogen adsorption isotherm.



Figure S7: Cumulative pore volume of B-PMO obtained from the DFT analysis of N_2 at room temperature. Red curve: volume, blue curve: derivative.



Figure S8: BET isotherms of B-PMO. Red curve: adsorption, blue curve: desorption.

Sample	t_{m+}
1 M LiOTf / PEG-150	0.27
1 M LiOTf / PEG-150 / SiO ₂ 7 nm fumed ($\varphi = 3\%$)	0.52
1 M LiOTf / PEG-150 / SiO ₂ 7 nm fumed ($\varphi = 5\%$)	0.37
1 M LiOTf / PEG-150 / SiO ₂ 7 nm fumed ($\varphi = 10\%$)	0.46
1 M LiOTf / PEG-150 / SiO ₂ 7 nm fumed ($\varphi = 12\%$)	0.48

Table S1: Lithium transference numbers of soggy sand electrolytes containing large volume fractions of fumed silica.