Supporting Information for:

Anion Storage Behavior of Graphite Electrode in LiBF₄/Sulfone/Ethyl Methyl Carbonate Solutions

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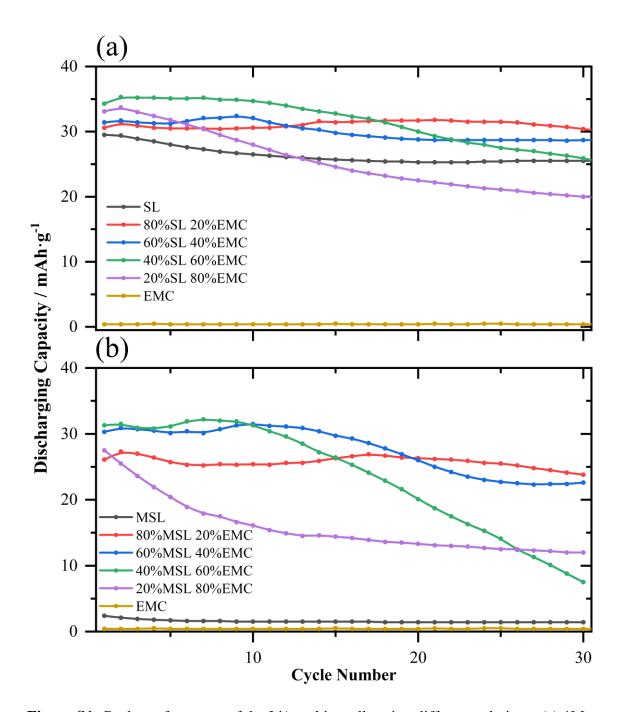


Figure S1. Cycle performance of the Li/graphite cells using different solutions: (a) 1M LiBF4/EMC/SL (b). 1M LiBF4/EMC/MSL.

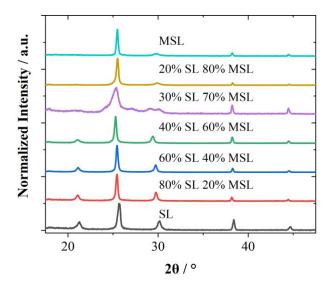


Figure S2. Ex situ XRD patterns of graphite electrodes in 1M LiBF₄/SL/MSL electrolyte. The graphite electrodes were charged to 5.0V (vs. Li^+/Li) and then held for 30 minutes in solutions before XRD test.

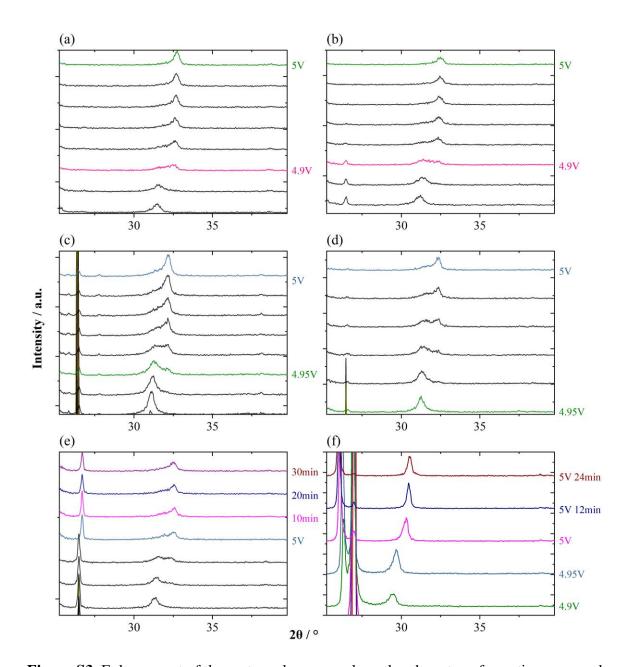
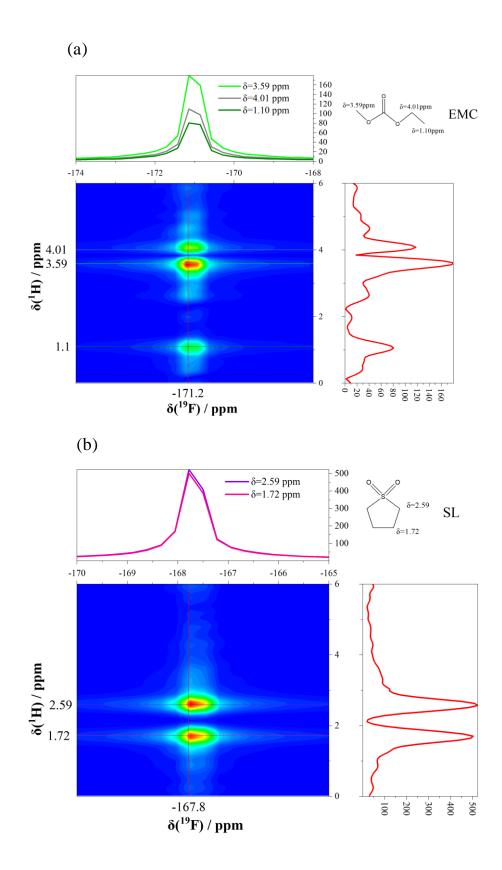


Figure S3. Enlargement of the rectangular areas where the phase transformations proceed in Figure 5. As a reference, Figure S3 (f) stands for the case in the absence of such transformation where the peaks of graphite charged in pure SL keep symmetrical and smooth.



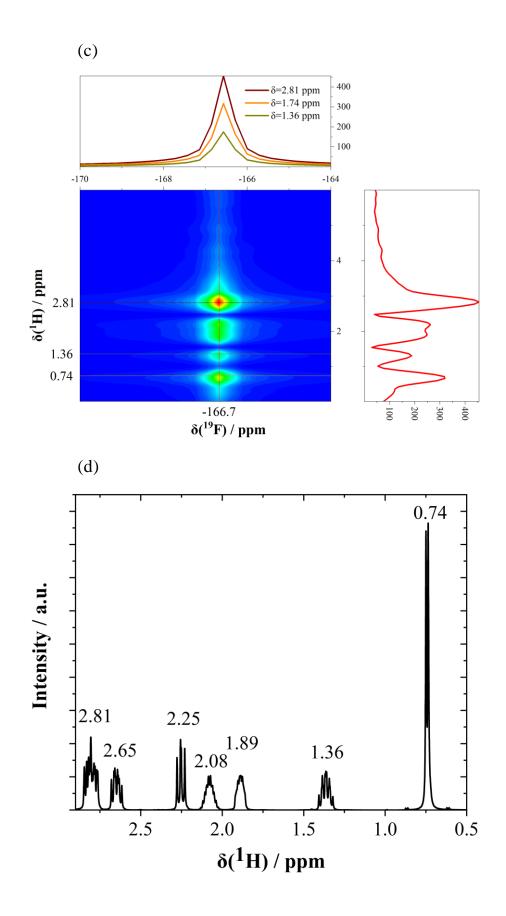
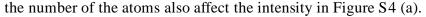


Figure S4. ${}^{1}\text{H} - {}^{19}\text{F}$ HOESY spectra of 1M LiBF₄ in (a). EMC (b). SL (c). MSL and (d)¹H NMR spectrum of 1M LiBF₄ in MSL. The chemical shifts of ¹Hs labeled near the structure formula are gotten from ¹H NMR spectra for pure solvents. In Figure S4 (a), (b) and (c), the stronger signals appear in the positions with higher chemical shifts. Besides



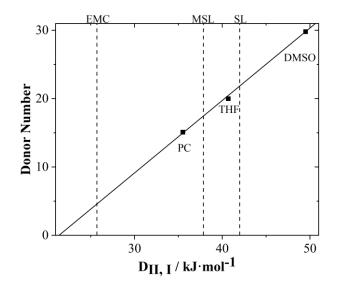


Figure S5. The relationship between donor number and $D_{II, I}(D_{II, I} = 119600(\lambda_2^{-1} - \lambda_1^{-1}))$. λ_1 and λ_2 are the wave lengths (in nm) of the two maximum absorption peaks of bis-(1,3-propanediolato) vanadium (VO(acac)₂) in a desired solvent. The PC, THF and DMSO were selected as references to plot the liner relationship. The data of SL was collected at 40°C due to the high melting temperature. While higher temperature could decrease the D_{II, I}, we could rank the solvents by donor numbers from high to low as

SL>MSL>EMC.

Volume	R_Ω/Ω	R_{ct}/Ω	Q1		Q2	
percentage of EMC / %			$Y_{01}\!/S\!\cdot\!s^{n1}$	\mathbf{n}_1	$Y_{02}\!/S\!\cdot\!s^{n2}$	n2
100	111.6	49.04	1.64x10 ⁻⁵	0.84	4.64x10 ⁻³	0.38
90	51.72	19.69	9.3x10 ⁻⁶	0.91	8.26x10 ⁻³	0.32
80	35.63	14.4	8.04x10 ⁻⁵	0.72	2.7x10 ⁻²	0.42
60	30.48	14.94	3.61x10 ⁻⁵	0.80	4.6x10 ⁻²	0.34
40	28.83	13.47	3.34x10 ⁻⁵	0.80	4.3x10 ⁻²	0.33
20	32.66	20.42	5.36x10 ⁻⁵	0.73	4.2x10 ⁻²	0.39
0	30.33	21.11	8.25x10 ⁻⁵	0.70	4.9x10 ⁻²	0.39

Table S1. Element values in the $R_{\Omega}(Q_1(R_{ct}Q_2))$ equivalent circuit of impedance spectra of

Figure 11 (a).

Volume	R_{Ω}/Ω	R_{ct}/Ω	Q1		Q2	
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100	111.6	49.04	1.64x10 ⁻⁵	0.84	4.64x10 ⁻³	0.38
80	46.98	26.74	1.27x10 ⁻⁴	0.63	1.51x10 ⁻²	0.45
60	44.23	30.25	6.72x10 ⁻⁵	0.72	2.62x10 ⁻²	0.44
50	43.35	21.72	4.84x10 ⁻⁵	0.75	2.5x10 ⁻²	0.33
40	55.27	21.02	3.17x10 ⁻⁵	0.80	2.1x10 ⁻²	0.38
20	64.58	21.34	1.81x10 ⁻⁵	0.87	1.4x10 ⁻²	0.33
0	67.33	43.75	7.25x10 ⁻⁵	0.72	-	-

Table S2. Element values in the $R_{\Omega}(Q_1(R_{ct}Q_2))$ equivalent circuit of impedance spectra of

Figure 11 (b).