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## Supplementary Materials

**Protective behavior of phosphonate-functionalized imidazolium ionic liquid and its impact on the Li-ion battery performance**

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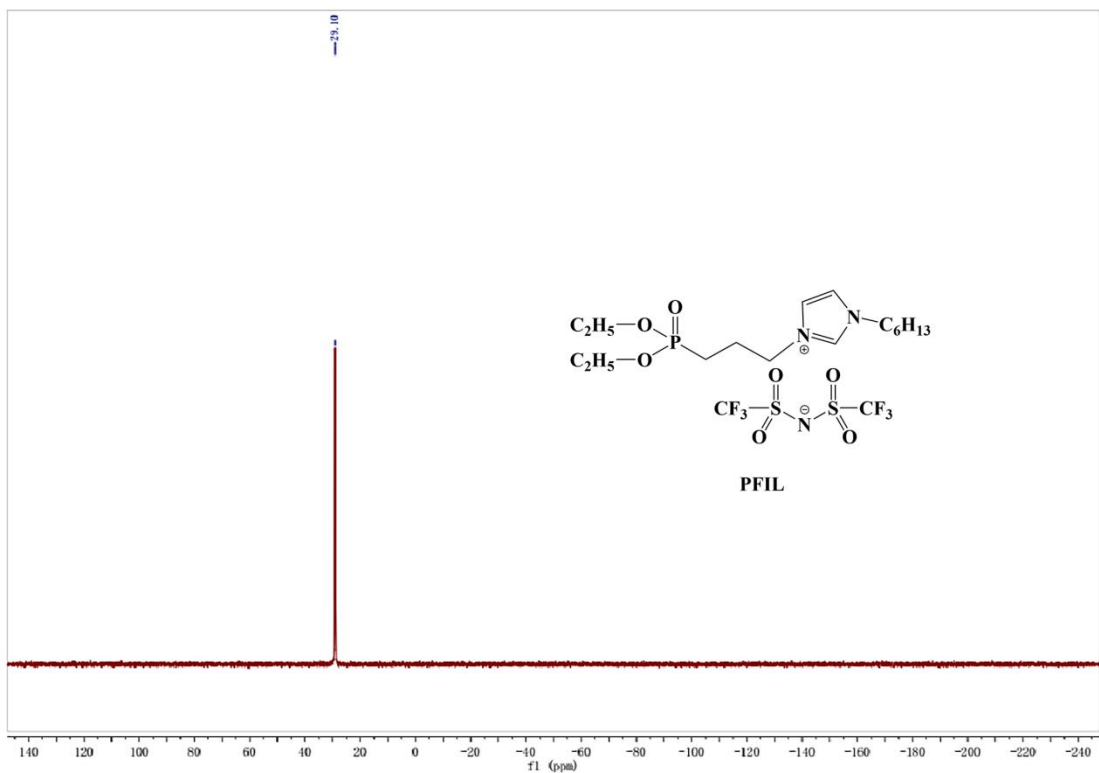
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## Synthesis of PFIL

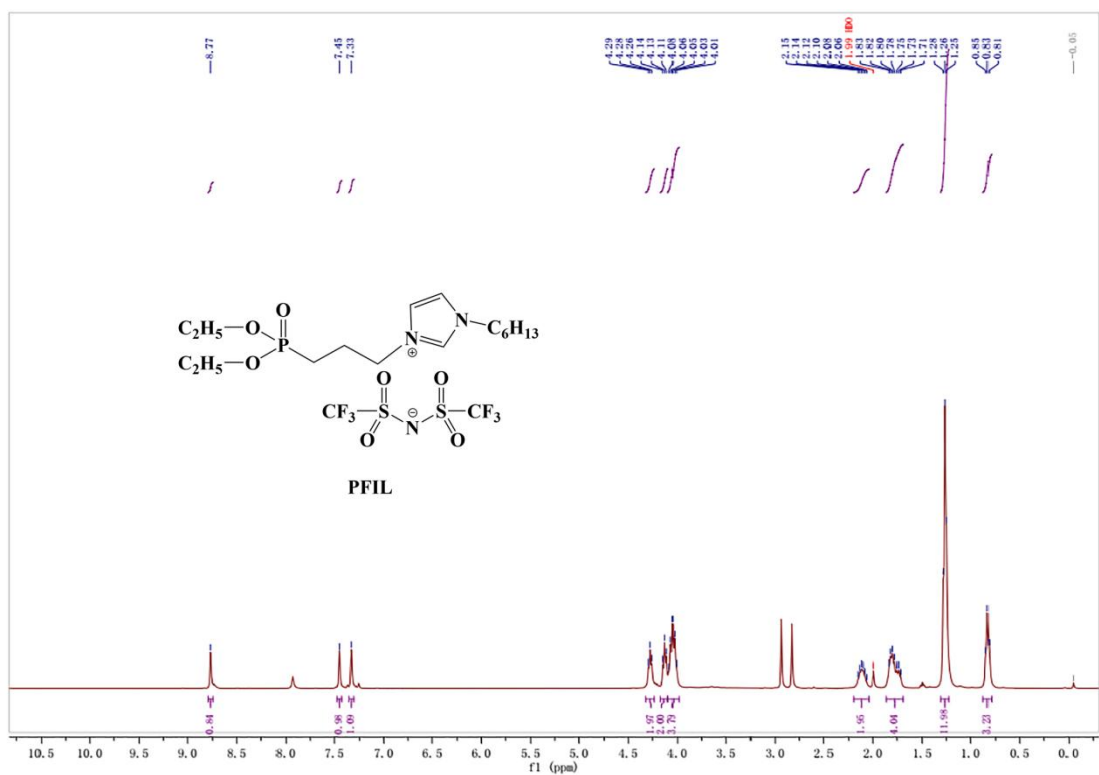
1-hexylimidazole (5.3 g, 35.1 mmol) and diethyl (3-bromopropyl) phosphonate (10.0 g, 38.6 mmol) were mixed in a 100 mL flask containing 20 mL toluene. The reaction solution was heated at 95 °C and stirred for 12 h. After addition 20 mL deionized water, aqueous phase was washed with toluene (10 × 10 mL) and ethyl acetate (3 × 30 mL). Lithium bis (trifluoro methane sulfonyl) imide (11.1 g, 38.6 mmol) in 20 mL water and dichloromethane (60 mL) was added to the above aqueous layer and stirred for 8 h. The aqueous layer was separated and washed with deionized water until complete removal of bromide checked by AgNO<sub>3</sub>. Solvent was removed by evaporation and dried under vacuum for 4 h, yielding pale yellow viscous liquid (19.0 g, 78%).

## NMR spectrogram analysis of PFIL

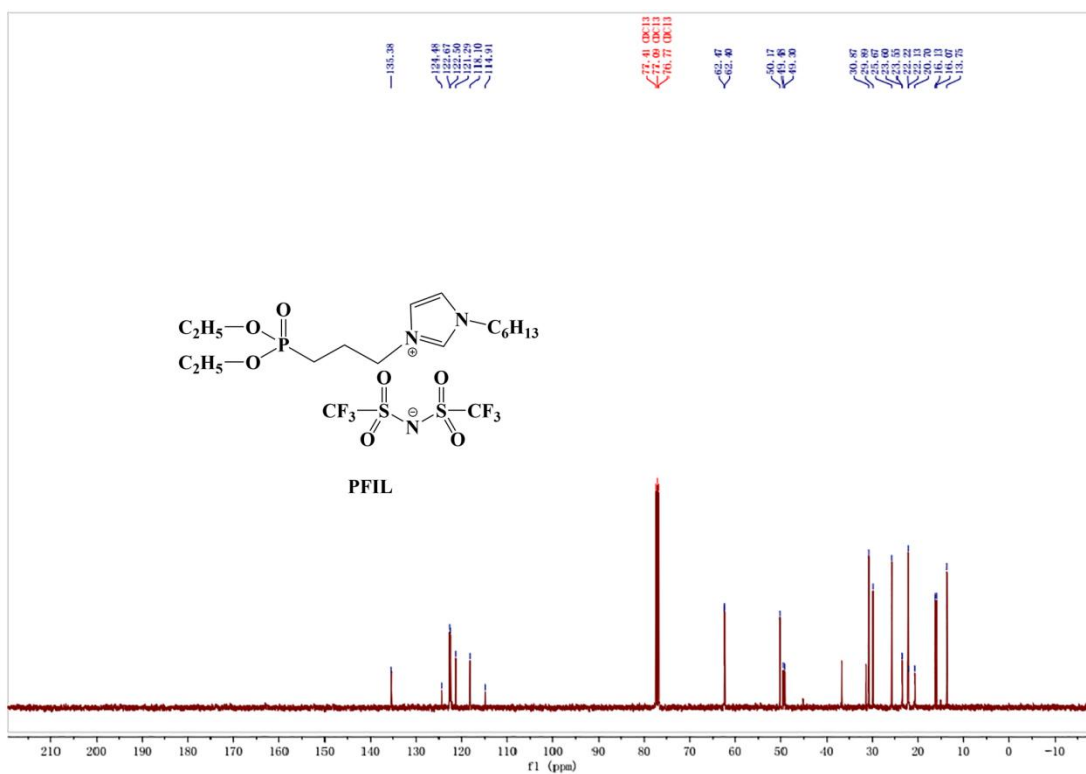
FTIR (cm<sup>-1</sup>, KBr): 3150, 3115, 2962, 2861, 1565, 1467, 1353, 1197, 1138, 1057, 952, 761, 617, 570, 512. <sup>31</sup>P NMR (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 29.10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δδ 0.84 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 3H, N-C<sub>5</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.29 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 6H, P-O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.27-1.54 (m, 6H, N-C<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.73-1.77 (m, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.80-1.86 (m, 2H, P-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.09-2.19 (m, 2H, P-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.05-4.09 (m, 4H, P-O-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.15 (t, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.30 (t, J = 6.0 Hz, 2H, N-CH<sub>2</sub>), 7.35 (s, 1H, Im-H), 7.47 (s, 1H, Im-H), 8.79 (s, 1H, Im-H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 135.38, 122.67, 122.50, 119.70 (q, J = 321.0 Hz), 62.43 (d, J = 6.5 Hz), 50.17, 49.39 (d, J = 17.8 Hz), 30.87, 29.89, 25.67, 23.58 (d, J = 4.5 Hz), 22.22, 21.41 (d, J = 143.7 Hz), 16.10 (d, J = 6.0 Hz), 13.75.



**Figure S1.**  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR of PFIL.



**Figure S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of PFIL.

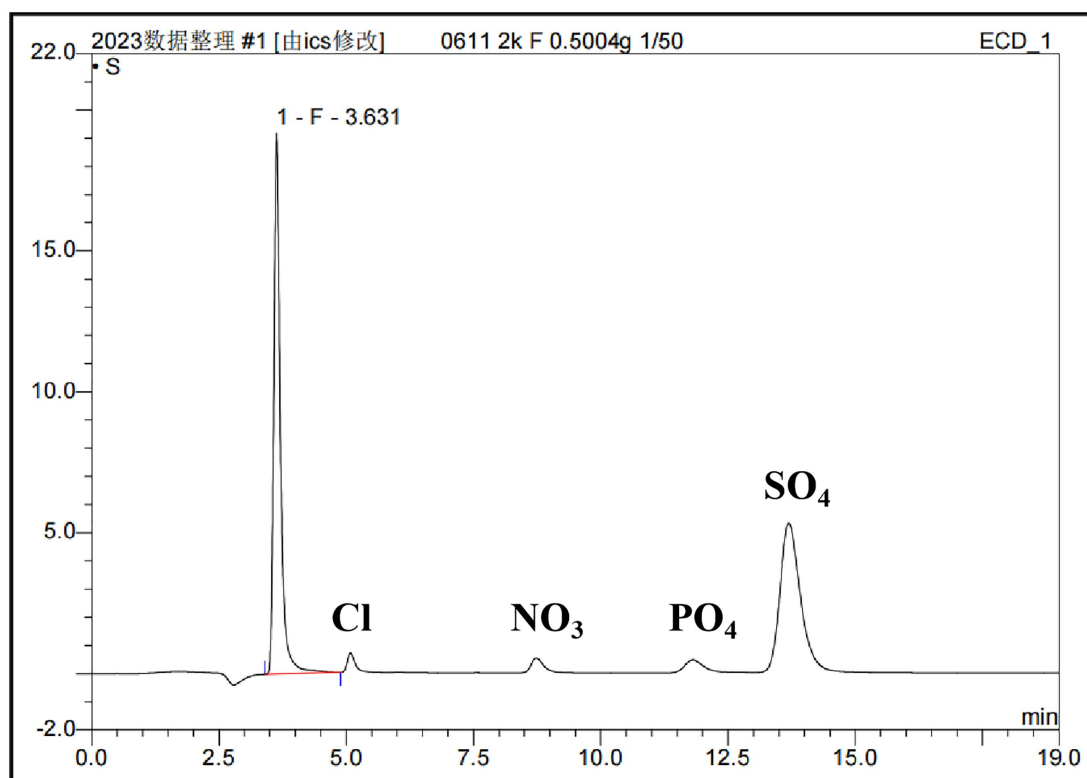


**Figure S3.**  $^{13}C$  NMR of PFIL.

**Table S1.** The water content of PFIL

<b>PFIL</b>					
Sample	Weight (Sample 1; g)	Moisture value (%)	Weight (Sample 2; g)	Moisture value (%)	Average value of moisture (%)
PFIL	0.6802	0.28	0.2976	0.23	0.26

Note: The PFIL samples have been stored in a glove box, and there is a possibility of water absorption during transportation for testing and during the sample preparation process. Therefore, the test results may indicate a higher water content.



**Figure S4.** The halide content of PFIL was determined using ion chromatography. Note: Other four anions were supposed to be due to drying process by unhydrous MgSO<sub>4</sub> (CP grade).

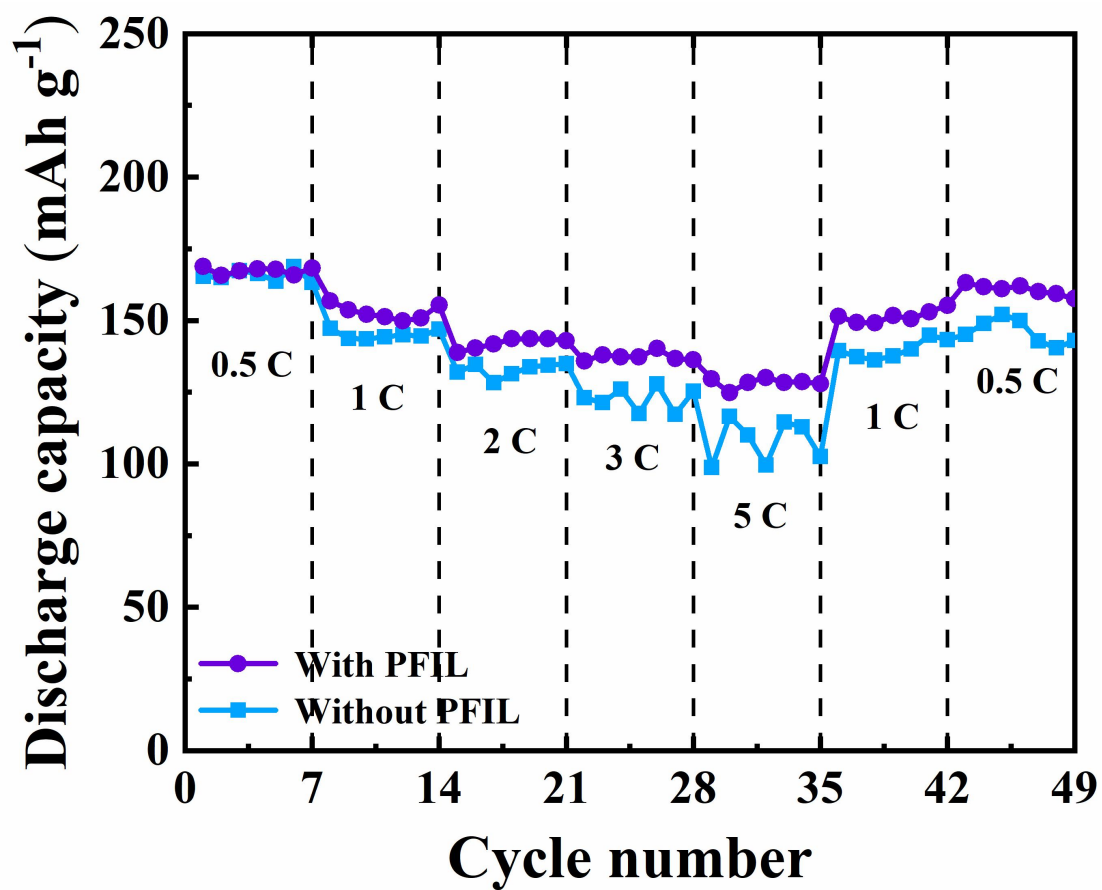
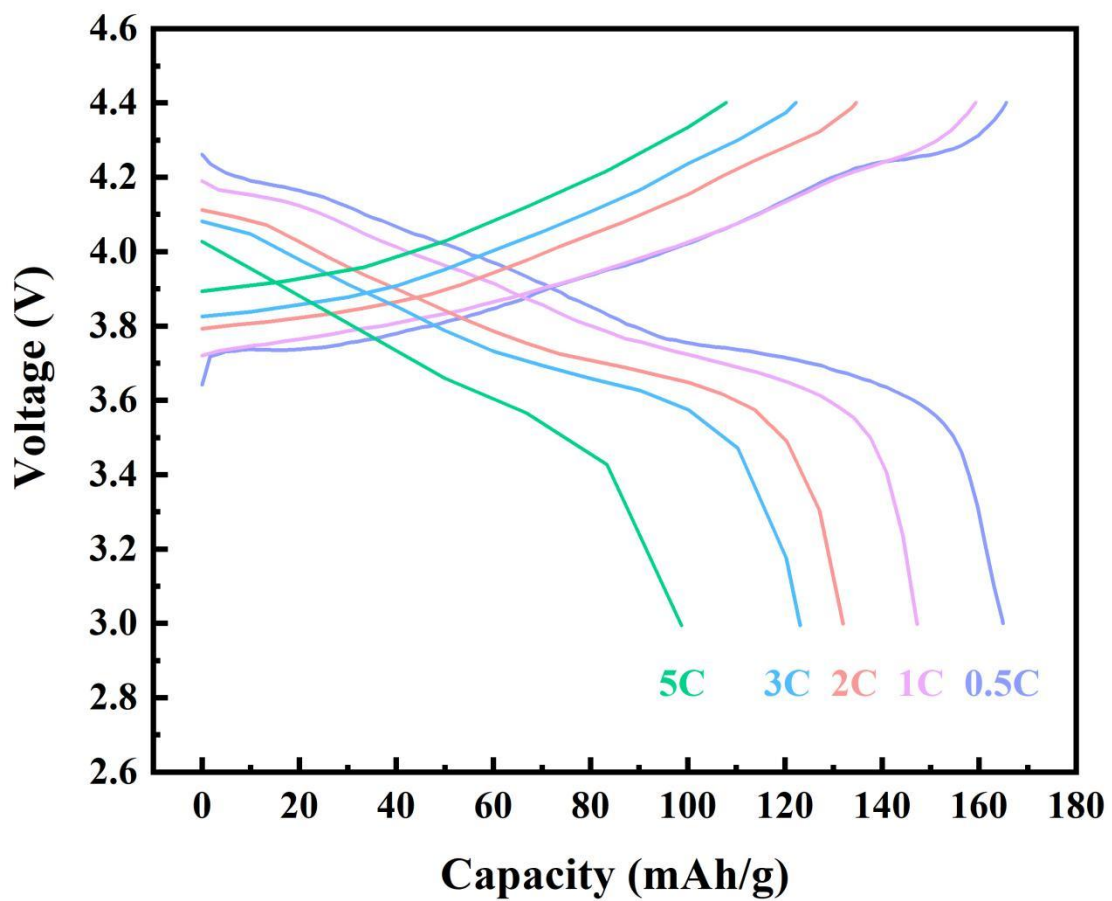
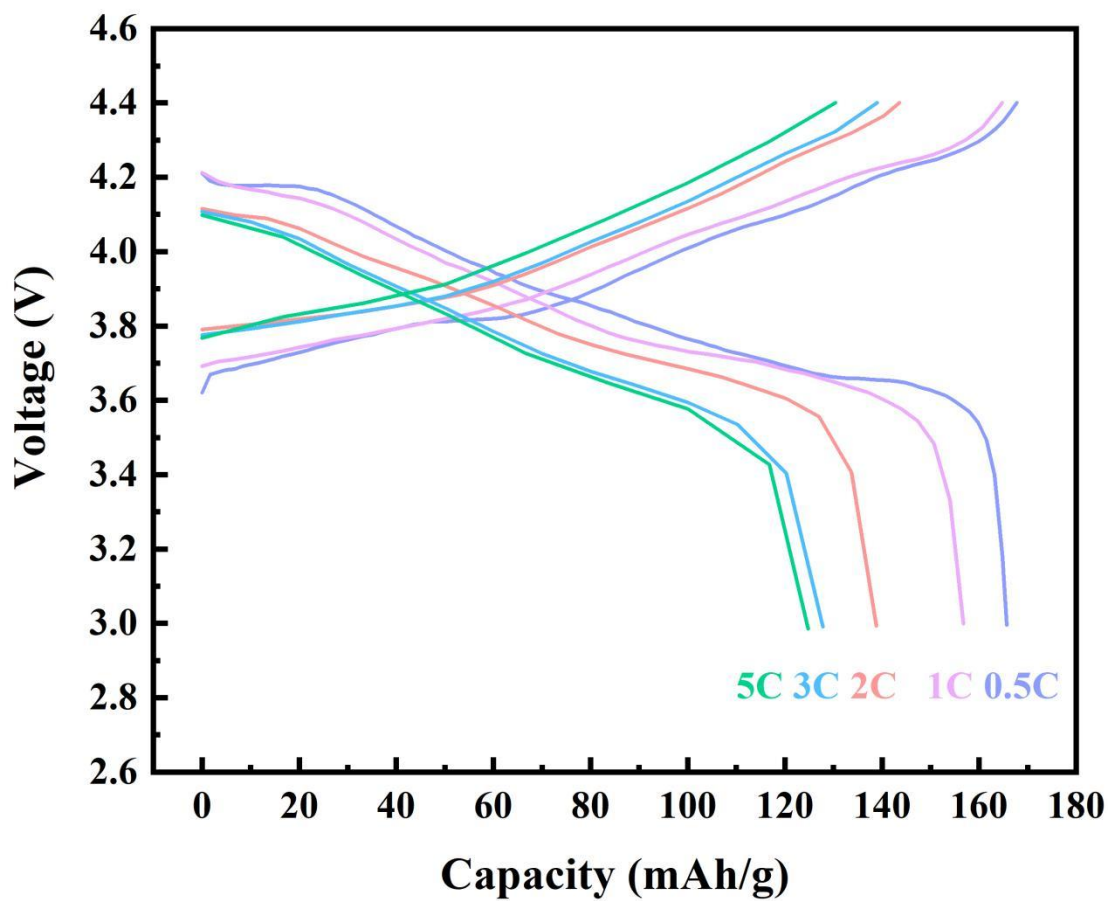


Figure S5. Rate performance of the Li||NCM811 cell cycled with the base electrolyte and the hybrid electrolyte.

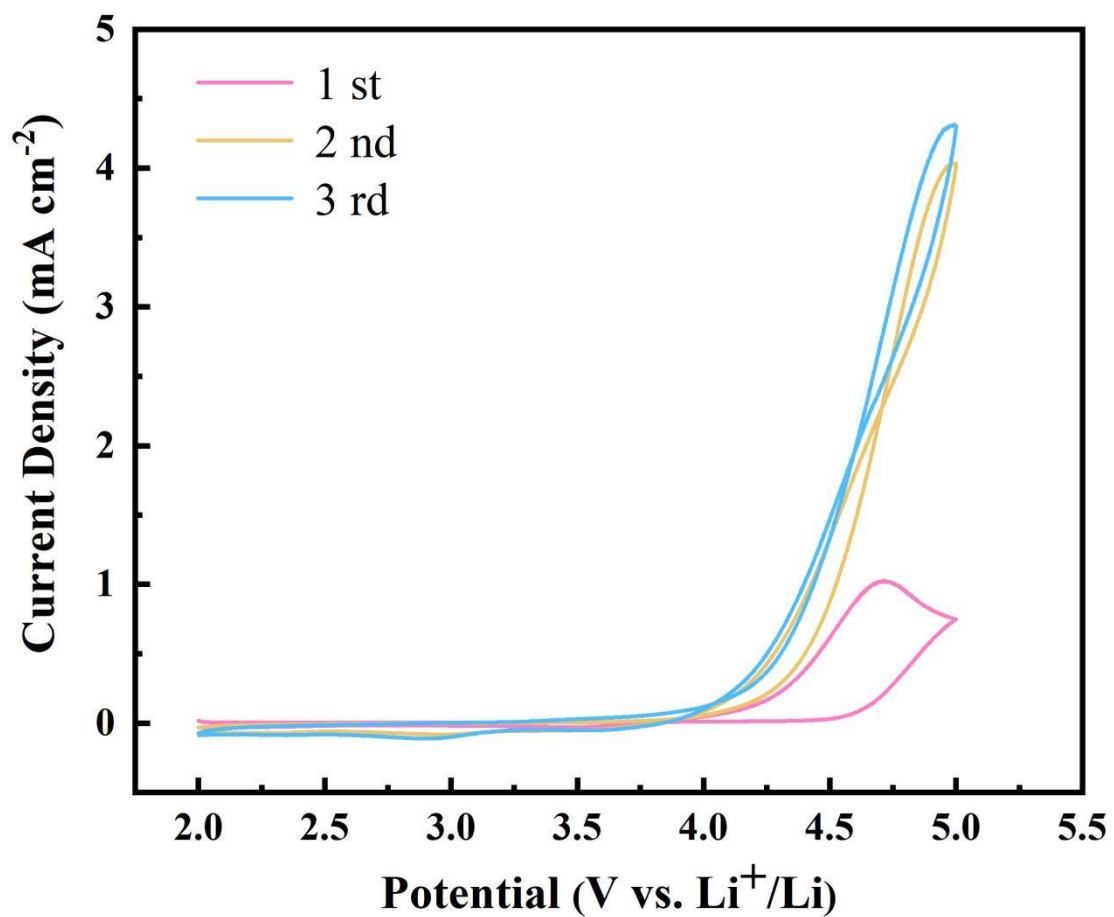


**Figure S6.** Galvanostatic charge-discharge (GCD) curves at different C-rates of the Li||NCM811 cell cycled with the base electrolyte.

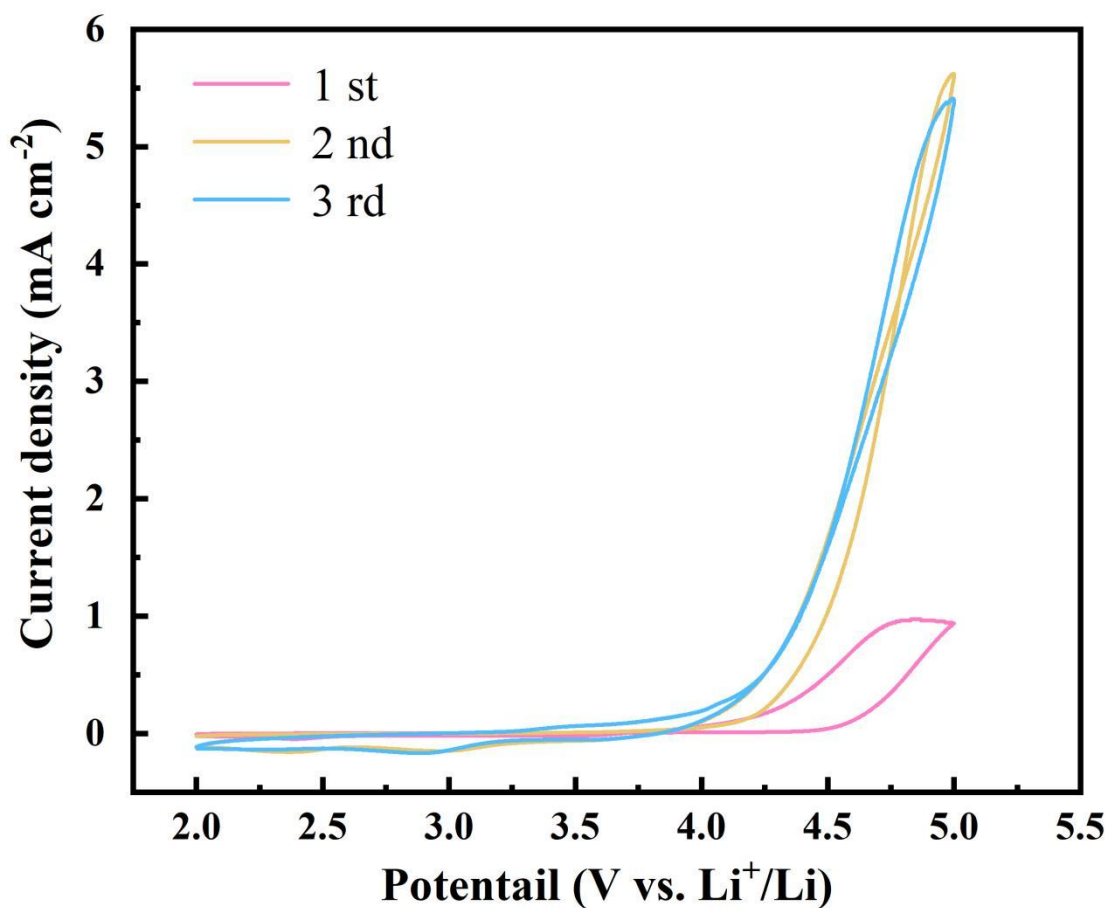


**Figure S7.** Galvanostatic charge-discharge (GCD) curves at different C-rates of the Li||NCM811 cell cycled with the hybrid electrolyte.

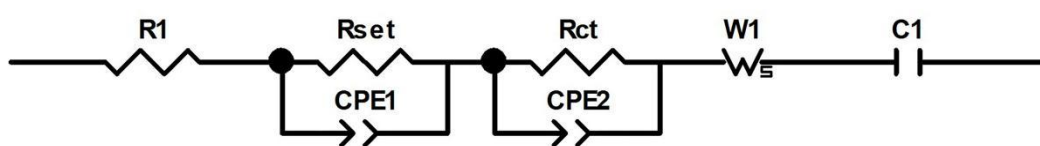




**Figure S8.** Cyclic voltammetry of the Al electrodes in the electrolyte containing 20 wt% non-functionalized imidazole ionic liquid [1-hexyl-3-propylimidazole bis (trifluoromethyl sulfonyl) imide].



**Figure S9.** Cyclic voltammety of the Al electrodes in the electrolyte containing 20 wt% BMPyrr TFSI [1-butyl-1-methylpyrrolidonium bis (trifluoromethyl sulfonyl) imide].



**Figure S10.** Equivalent circuit model used for the EIS fitting.