

Supplementary Materials

PEO- and Polyzwitterion-Based Thermoplastic Elastomers for Solid Electrolytes

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Table S1. Detailed information for LiTFSI-doped tri-BCPs.

Sample	r^a	M_n^b (kg·mol ⁻¹)	D^c	$f(\%)$ of PVPS ^d
PVPS _{3.1} - <i>b</i> -PEO ₂₁₀ - <i>b</i> -PVPS _{3.1} /LiTFSI	1/16	11400	1.02	9.9
	1/12			9.1
	1/6			7.1
	1/16			13.5
PVPS _{4.5} - <i>b</i> -PEO ₂₁₀ - <i>b</i> -PVPS _{4.5} /LiTFSI	1/12	12000	1.02	12.5
	1/6			9.8
	1/16			17.9
PVPS _{6.2} - <i>b</i> -PEO ₂₁₀ - <i>b</i> -PVPS _{6.2} /LiTFSI	1/12	12800	1.02	16.7
	1/6			13.1
	1/16			20.5
PVPS _{7.4} - <i>b</i> -PEO ₂₁₀ - <i>b</i> -PVPS _{7.4} /LiTFSI	1/12	13300	1.02	19.2
	1/6			15.1

^a Doping ratio (r) defined according to $r = [\text{Li}^+]/([\text{EO}] + [\text{VPS}])$. ^b Number average molecular weight of P4VP-*b*-PEO-*b*-P4VP attained by ¹H-NMR spectra. ^c Polydispersity of P4VP-*b*-PEO-*b*-P4VP, $D = M_w/M_n$ obtained from GPC. ^d Volume fraction of PVPS calculated on the basis of the densities of PEO (1.128 g/cm³), PVPS (1.16 g/cm³) and LiTFSI (1.334 g/cm³)[1, 2], we suppose that lithium salt prefers to enter and complex with the PEO phase.

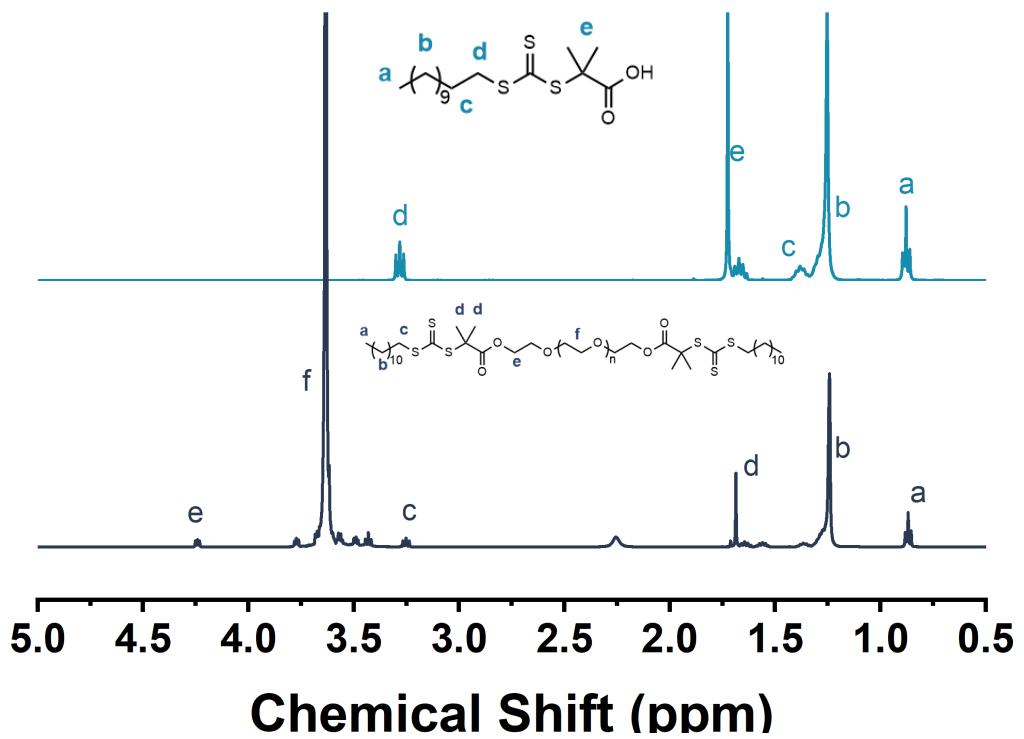


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectra of TTCA and CTA-PEO-CTA in CDCl_3 .

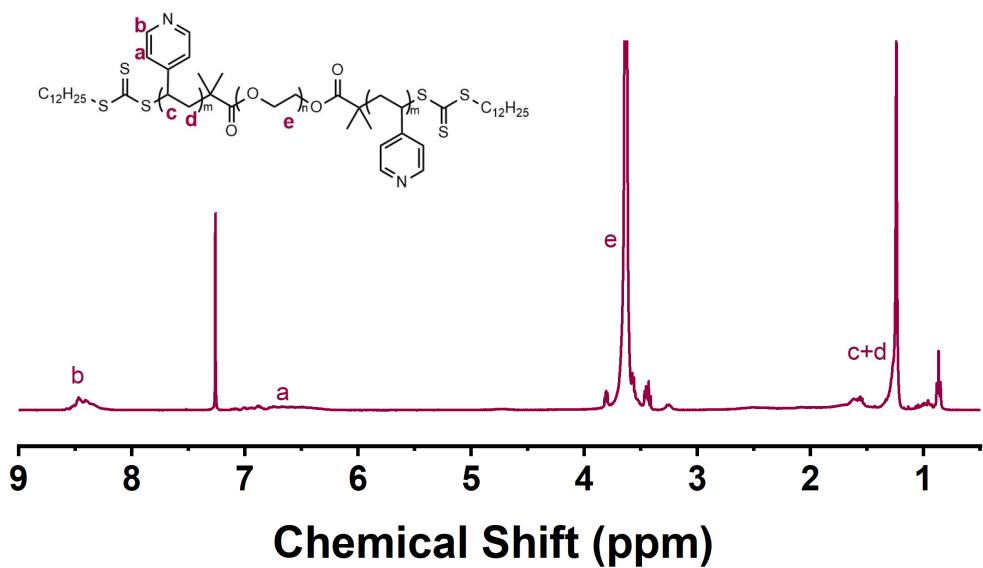


Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of P4VP_{6.2}-*b*-PEO-*b*-P4VP_{6.2} in CDCl₃.

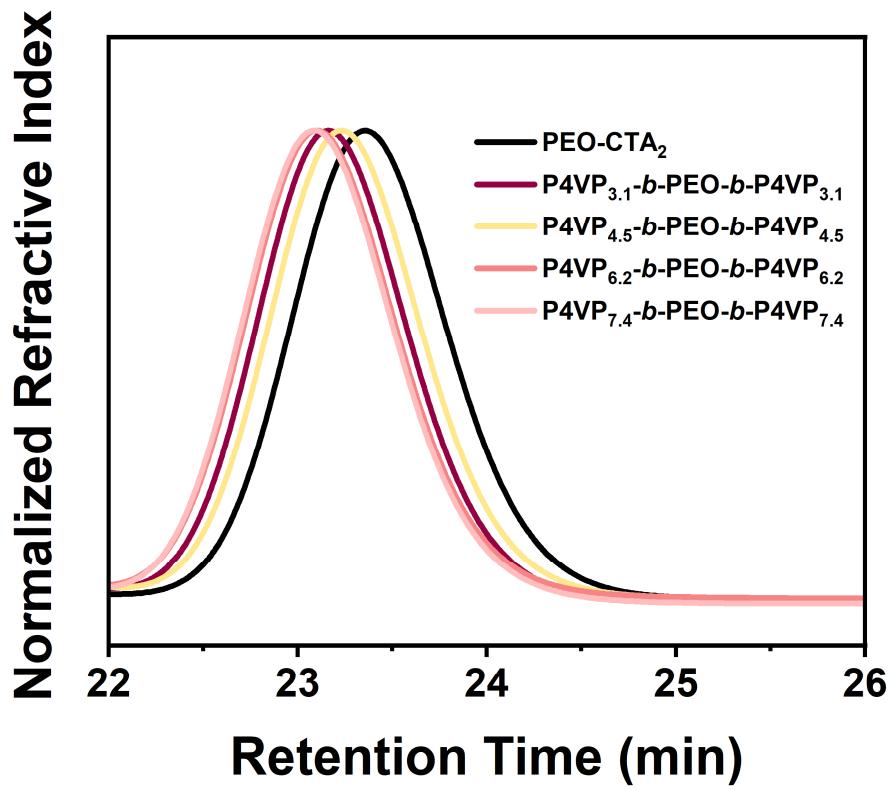


Figure S3. GPC traces of CTA-PEO-CTA and P4VP-*b*-PEO-*b*-P4VP tri-BCPs in DMF.

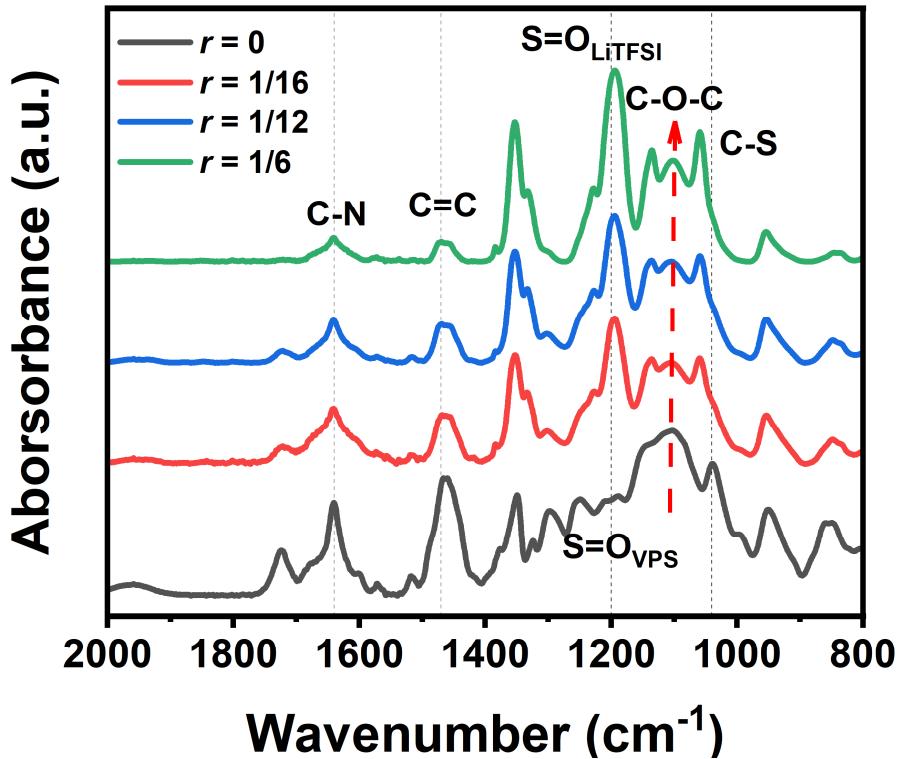


Figure S4. FTIR spectra of PVPS_{4.5}-*b*-PEO₂₁₀-*b*-PVPS_{4.5} tri-BCP and PVPS_{4.5}-*b*-PEO₂₁₀-*b*-PVPS_{4.5}/LiTFSI hybrids.

We can see from **Figure S4** that, with the increase of salt content, there is no obvious shift of the absorption of C=N bond at 1630 cm⁻¹ and C=C bond at 1470 cm⁻¹. Correspondingly, the shift of the absorption of C-O-C bond from 1110 cm⁻¹ to 1100 cm⁻¹ confirms the preferential complexion of Li⁺ ion with C-O-C group rather than zwitterionic groups as doping ratio increases.

Table S2. Thermal properties of salt-doped PEO and tri-BCPs collected by DSC.

Sample	Doping Ratio (r)	Volume Fraction of PVPS	T_g , PEO (°C)	T_c , PEO (°C)	$T_{m,1}$, PEO (°C)	ΔH_m , PEO (J/g)	X_c , PEO (%)
PEO	$r = 1/16$	-	-47.3	16.7	40.8	54.2	37.8
	$r = 1/12$	-	-44.0	-6.8	-4.1	7.1	5.4
	$r = 1/6$	-	-38.5	-23.7	-17.4	2.3	2.4
PVPS _{3.1} - <i>b</i> -PEO ₂₁₀ - <i>b</i> -PVPS _{3.1}	$r = 1/16$	0.099	-42.9	8.6	32.1	26.7	21.7
	$r = 1/12$	0.091	-43.0	-6.1	-2.3	3.4	3.0
	$r = 1/6$	0.071	-36.9	-18.4	-12.3	2.3	2.7
PVPS _{4.5} - <i>b</i> -PEO ₂₁₀ - <i>b</i> -PVPS _{4.5}	$r = 1/16$	0.135	-42.9	10.7	31.6	23.7	20.1
	$r = 1/12$	0.125	-44.1	-6.1	-1.5	7.5	6.9
	$r = 1/6$	0.098	-37.6	-15.9	-13.2	2.2	2.6
PVPS _{6.2} - <i>b</i> -PEO ₂₁₀ - <i>b</i> -PVPS _{6.2}	$r = 1/16$	0.179	-44.5	16.7	35.9	33.1	29.6
	$r = 1/12$	0.167	-45.2	-7.1	-2.1	5.3	5.1
	$r = 1/6$	0.131	-36.1	-19.7	-11.3	1.8	2.3
PVPS _{7.4} - <i>b</i> -PEO ₂₁₀ - <i>b</i> -PVPS _{7.4}	$r = 1/16$	0.205	-43.2	18.7	35.3	31.8	29.4
	$r = 1/12$	0.192	-40.4	9.0	30.4	20.2	20.1
	$r = 1/6$	0.151	-32.2	-17.4	-8.2	1.9	2.4

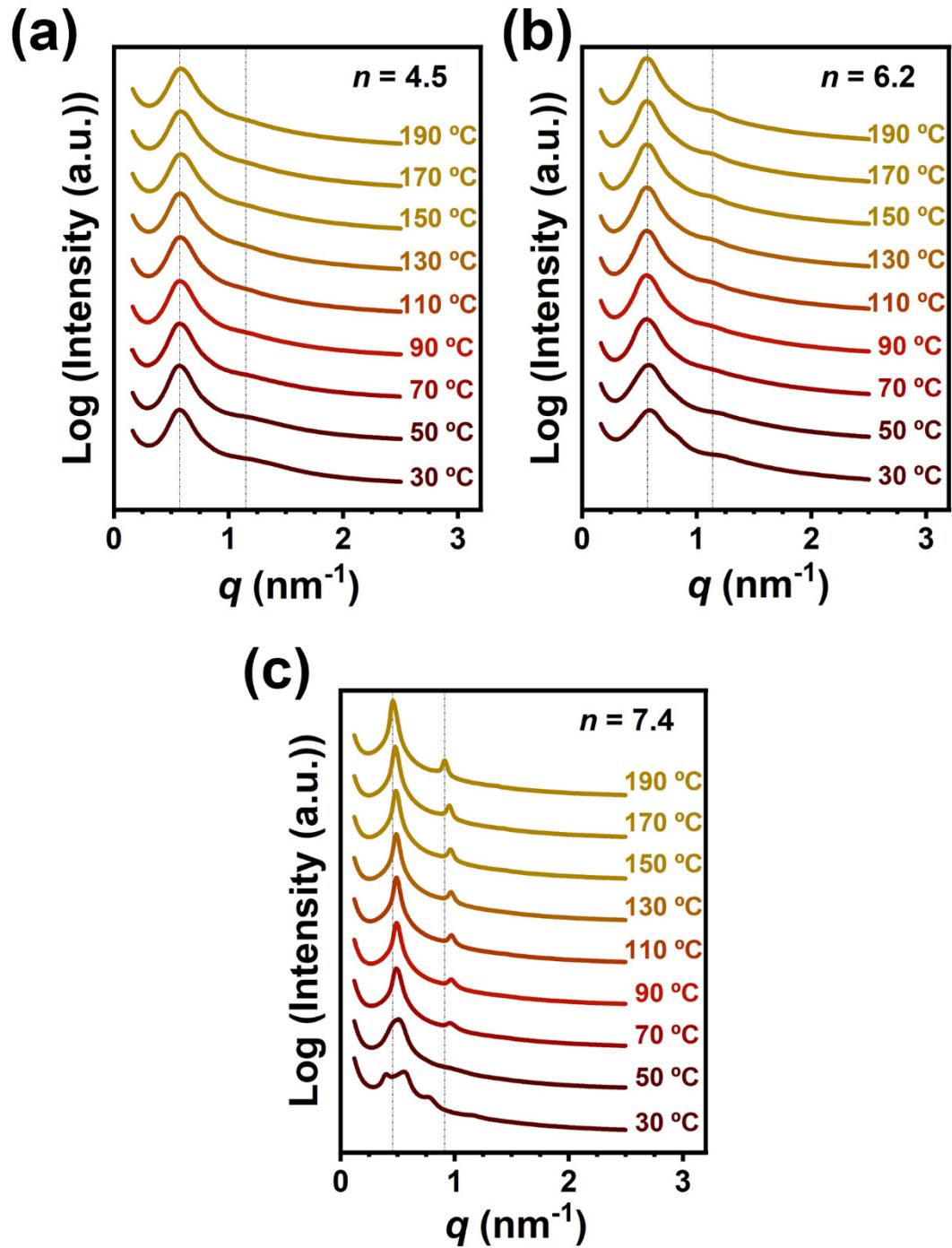


Figure S5. Temperature-variable SAXS profiles of PVPS_n -*b*- PEO_{210} -*b*- PVPS_n /LiTFSI hybrids with $r = 1/16$ from 30 °C to 200 °C. (a) $n = 4.5$, (b) $n = 6.2$, (c) $n = 7.4$.

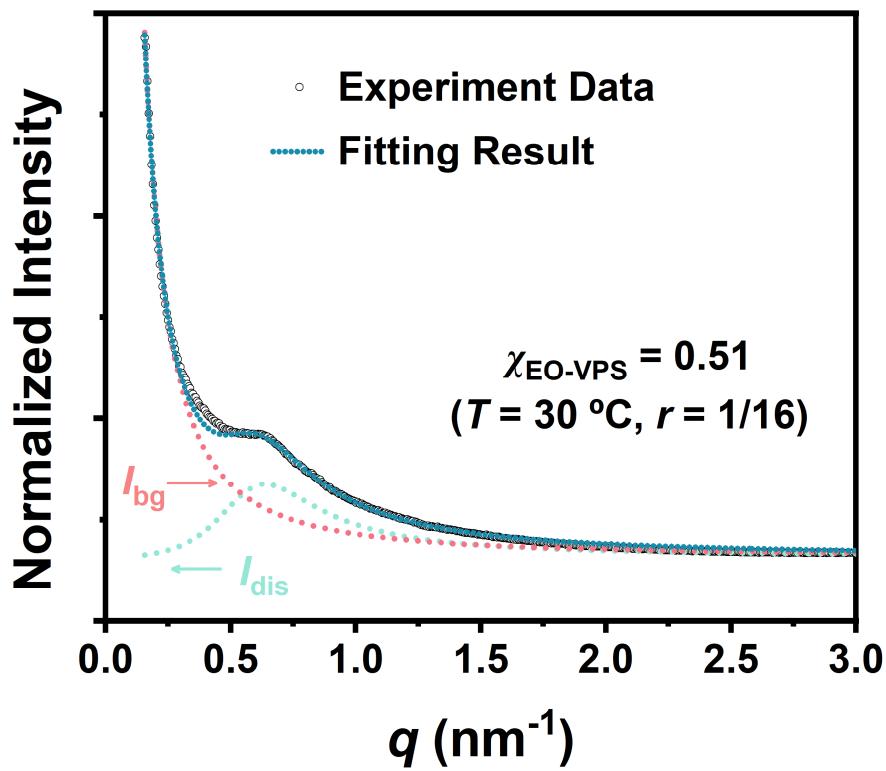


Figure S6. Fitting result for PVPS_{3.1}-*b*-PEO₂₁₀-*b*-PVPS_{3.1}/LiTFSI hybrid with $r = 1/16$ at $30 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

According to Ref. 5, for PS-*b*-PEO/LiTFSI hybrids with molecular weight around 10 kg mol^{-1} , at doping ratio of 1/16 and $30 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, the increase in χ_{eff} with r can be described by following equation

$$\chi_{\text{eff}} = A(T) + \frac{B(T)}{N} + \frac{C(T)}{N} \left[1 - \exp \left(\frac{-D(T)r}{N} \right) \right] \quad (\text{S1})$$

where $A(T) = 10.2 \times T^1$, $B(T) = 1.85 \times 10^3 \times T^1$, $C(T) = 1.01 \times 10^{-2} \times T$ and $D(T) = 22.4 \times T$. M_{PS} and M_{PEO} are set as 4.9 and 5.5 kg mol^{-1} , respectively, so that N is equals to 96.[3-5]

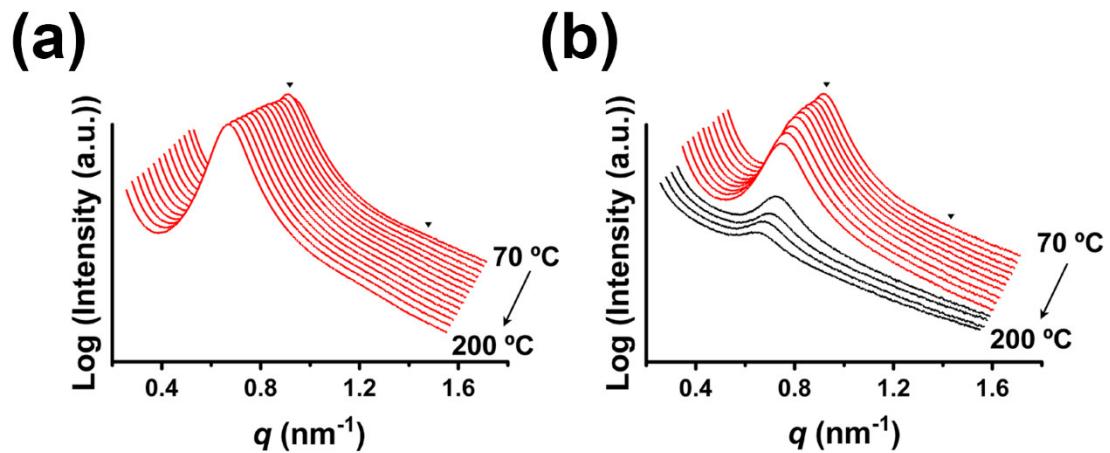


Figure S7. Temperature-variable SAXS profiles of (a) PVPS_{4.5}-*b*-PEO₂₁₀-*b*-PVPS_{4.5}/LiTFSI with $r = 1/12$ and (b) PVPS_{4.5}-*b*-PEO₂₁₀-*b*-PVPS_{4.5}/LiTFSI with $r = 1/6$.

Table S3. Microphase separation morphology and grain size for PEO/LiTFSI and PVPS-*b*-PEO-*b*-PVPS/LiTFSI hybrids.

Sample	<i>r</i>	Ionic Conductivity (S/cm) at 30°C	Grain Size (nm)	Morphology
PEO₂₁₀/LiTFSI	1/16	4.35×10^{-5}	-	-
	1/12	4.63×10^{-5}	-	-
	1/6	2.16×10^{-5}	-	-
PVPS_{3.1}-PEO₂₁₀- PVPS_{3.1}/LiTFSI	1/16	7.33×10^{-5}	9.7	dis
	1/12	6.17×10^{-5}	-	homo
	1/6	1.77×10^{-5}	-	homo
PVPS_{4.5}-PEO₂₁₀- PVPS_{4.5}/LiTFSI	1/16	5.30×10^{-5}	32.0	LAM
	1/12	4.03×10^{-5}	29.8	LAM
	1/6	1.94×10^{-5}	31.4	LAM → dis
PVPS_{6.2}-PEO₂₁₀- PVPS_{6.2}/LiTFSI	1/16	6.08×10^{-6}	27.1	LAM
	1/12	1.09×10^{-5}	38.5	LAM
	1/6	3.97×10^{-5}	34.0	LAM
PVPS_{7.4}-PEO₂₁₀- PVPS_{7.4}/LiTFSI	1/16	3.53×10^{-6}	23.1	LAM
	1/12	8.79×10^{-6}	74.6	LAM
	1/6	3.29×10^{-5}	68.6	LAM

Grain size (*L*) can be calculated by Scherrer equation[6, 7]

$$L = 2\pi K(\text{FWHM})^{-1} \quad (\text{S2})$$

where *K* is a constant taking the value of 0.93. FWHM represents the half-peak width of the primary scattering peak in the SAXS patterns.

Table S4. Apparent activation energy (E_a) for ion transport for PEO/LiTFSI and PVPS-*b*-PEO-*b*-PVPS/LiTFSI hybrids.

Sample	Doping ratio (r)	E_a (kJ mol ⁻¹)
PEO ₂₁₀ /LiTFSI	1/16	7.7
	1/12	8.2
	1/6	9.6
PVPS _{3.1} -PEO ₂₁₀ -PVPS _{3.1} /LiTFSI	1/16	7.4
	1/12	7.8
	1/6	9.5
PVPS _{4.5} -PEO ₂₁₀ -PVPS _{4.5} /LiTFSI	1/16	7.2
	1/12	8.2
	1/6	9.2
PVPS _{6.2} -PEO ₂₁₀ -PVPS _{6.2} /LiTFSI	1/16	11.2
	1/12	10.5
	1/6	8.5
PVPS _{7.4} -PEO ₂₁₀ -PVPS _{7.4} /LiTFSI	1/16	8.4
	1/12	10.8
	1/6	7.8

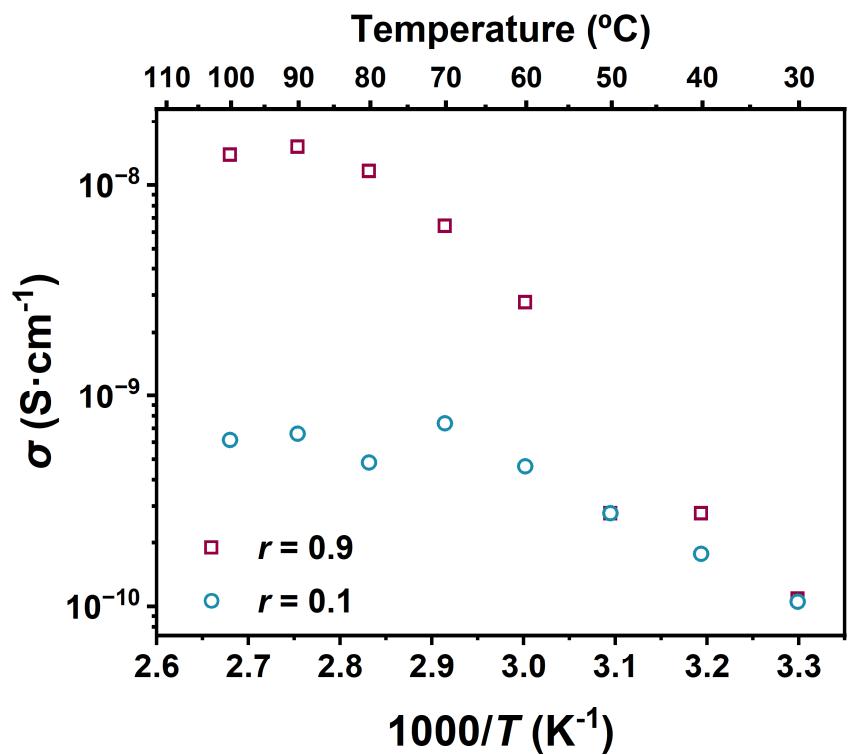


Figure S8. Ionic conductivities of PVPS_{5.8}/LiTFSI blends at different doping ratios, $r = 0.1$ and $r = 0.9$.

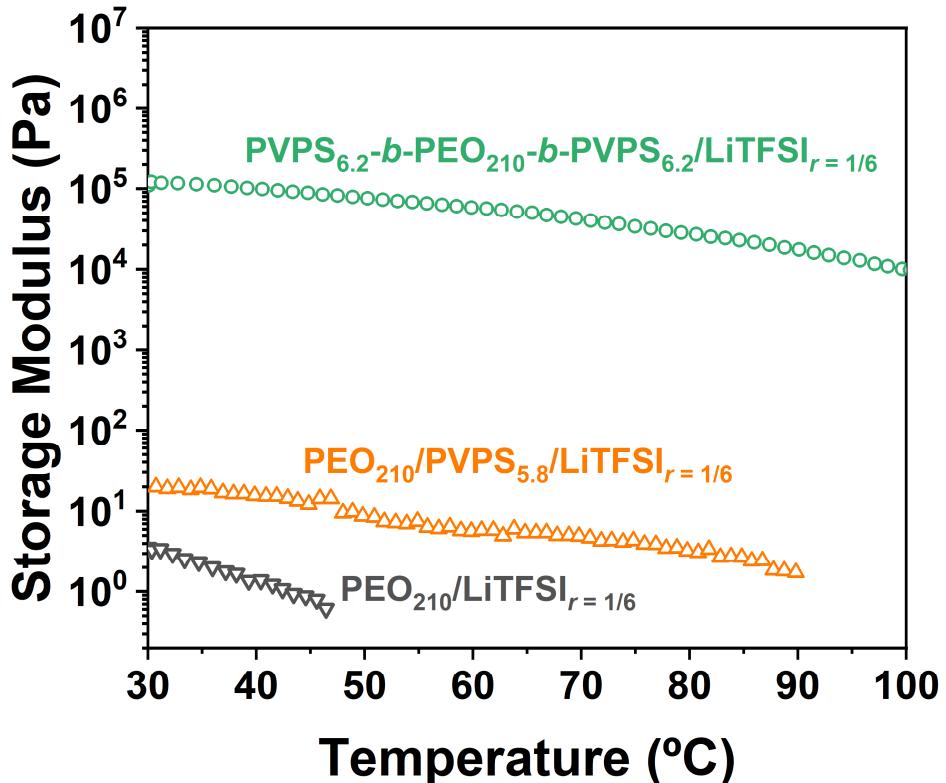


Figure S9. Storage moduli of $\text{PEO}_{210}/\text{LiTFSI}$ hybrids, $\text{PEO}_{210}/\text{PVPS}_{5.8}/\text{LiTFSI}$ blends and $\text{PVPS}_{6.2}-b-\text{PEO}_{210}-b-\text{PVPS}_{6.2}/\text{LiTFSI}$ at $r = 1/6$.

Employing a methodology akin to that used for PEO/LiTFSI electrolytes, we formulated PEO/PVPS/LiTFSI electrolyte. We incorporated LiTFSI in a quantitative manner, adhering to the molar ratio of LiTFSI to the total repeating units of PEO and PVPS. The weight fraction of PVPS in the PEO/PVPS/LiTFSI hybrid was 0.124, consistent with that in the tri-BCP counterpart. We subsequently assessed the rheological properties of these composites, the results of which are delineated subsequently in **Figure S9**.

The robust intra- and intermolecular interactions confer PVPS a glassy state at ambient temperature, thereby establishing it as a physical crosslinking site within the blend. Consequently, despite the blend retaining a viscoelastic liquid-like character, the modulus experiences an approximate tenfold increase against PEO/LiTFSI electrolyte. However, the mechanical reinforcement imparted by the PVPS in the blend is still significantly inferior to that achieved by PVPS in the corresponding tri-

BCP as PEO and PVPS are chemically bonded to each other in the tri-BCP, leading to the formation of lamellar structures as a result of microphase separation.

Table S5. Ionic conductivity and storage modulus compared to other block copolymer electrolytes around room temperature.[8-14]

Electrolyte ^a	σ (S/cm)	G' (Pa)	Ref.
PVPS _{3.1} - <i>b</i> -PEO ₂₁₀ - <i>b</i> -PVPS _{3.1} /LiTFSI	7.3×10^{-5} (30 °C)	2.9×10^3 (30 °C)	-
PVPS _{6.2} - <i>b</i> -PEO ₂₁₀ - <i>b</i> -PVPS _{6.2} /LiTFSI	3.9×10^{-5} (30 °C)	1.1×10^5 (30 °C)	-
PEO/LiTFSI	$\sim 1 \times 10^{-7}$ (30 °C)	1×10^6 (30 °C)	8
PS- <i>b</i> -PEO/LiTFSI	1.2×10^{-5} (30 °C)	1×10^7 (30 °C)	9, 10
PS- <i>b</i> -POEGMA/LiClO ₄	1×10^{-5} (30 °C)	2×10^4 (25 °C)	11
gPS- <i>b</i> -gPEO- <i>b</i> -gPS/LiTFSI	2×10^{-5} (25 °C)	3×10^4 (45 °C)	12
PPMTC- <i>b</i> -PEO/LiTFSI	2×10^{-4} (30 °C)	3×10^1 (30 °C)	13
PC- <i>b</i> -PEO- <i>b</i> -PC ^b /LiTFSI	6.7×10^{-4} (30 °C)	5.2×10^5 (30 °C)	14

^a Salt content varies; parameters reported for electrolytes at their optimized salt ratio for ionic conductivity. ^b PC represents a kind of CO₂-derived polycarbonate, poly(4-vinyl cyclohexene oxide carbonate).

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