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## Ion aggregation in complexes of alkali metal iodides and poly(ethylene oxide) or pentaglyme studied by molecular dynamics

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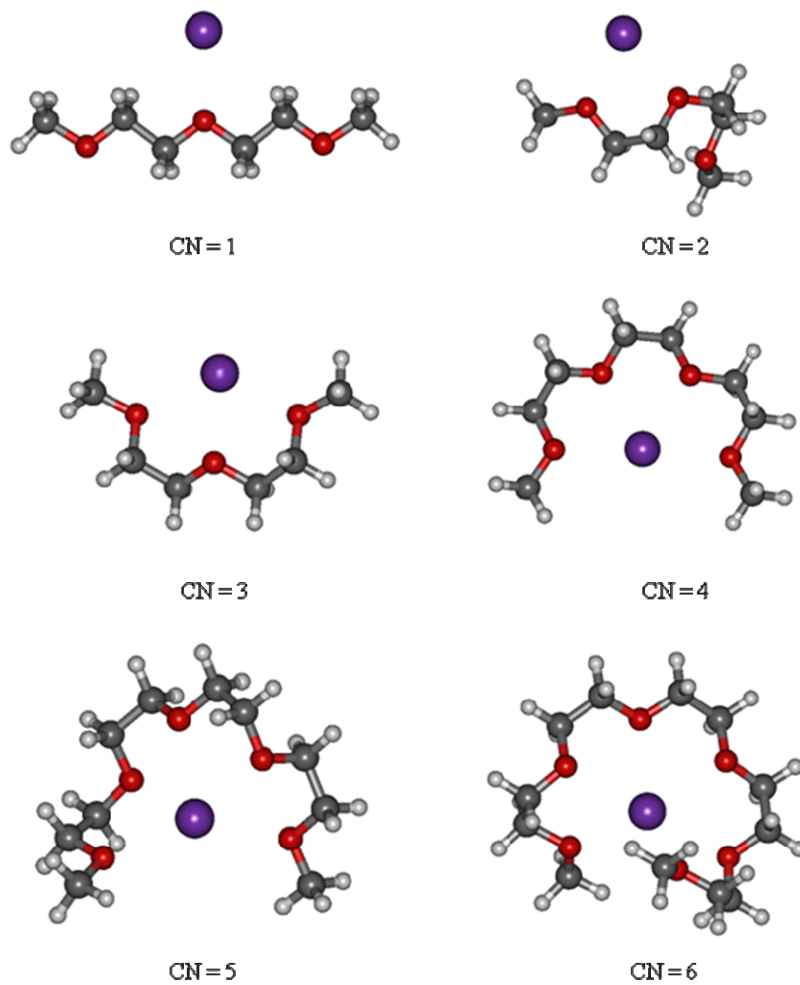
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### Supplementary

**Table S1.** Me-I distances  $d$  (in Å) and binding energies  $E_b$  (in kcal/mol) obtained from quantum chemical (QC) MP2/def2-TZVP calculations and molecular mechanics using FF0 or FF1 force field.  $\Delta E_b$  are the differences  $E_b(\text{FF}) - E_b(\text{QC})$ .

Me	QC		FF0			FF1		
	$d$	$E_b$	$d$	$E_b$	$\Delta E_b$	$d$	$E_b$	$\Delta E_b$
Li	2.40	-135.6	2.17	-179.0	-43.5	2.42	-145.6	-10.0
Na	2.72	-119.4	2.67	-133.1	-13.7	2.72	-126.0	-6.5
K	3.08	-104.2	3.03	-114.2	-10.0	3.08	-109.5	-5.3
Rb	3.24	-98.3	3.26	-105.2	-6.9	3.26	-103.4	-5.1
Cs	3.38	-95.0	3.38	-102.2	-7.2	3.41	-99.3	-4.3



**Figure S1.** Structures of  $K^+$  complexes with oligoglymes optimized in MP2/def2-TZVP calculations for different values of the coordination number CN.

**Table S2.** Me-O distances (in Å) in Me<sup>+</sup>-oligoglyme complexes obtained for different coordination numbers (CNs) from quantum chemical calculations and molecular mechanics with FF0 of FF1 force field.

	CN	Li	Na	K	Rb	Cs
QC	1	1.82	2.20	2.60	2.78	2.96
	2	1.86,1.87	2.23, 2.24	2.62, 2.63	2.78, 2.80	2.94, 2.96
	3	1.92,1.92,1.93	2.27, 2 × 2.30	2.67, 2 × 2.69	3 × 2.84	2 × 3.00, 3.02
	4	2 × 1.98, 2 × 2.00	2 × 2.32, 2 × 2.33	2 × 2.70, 2 × 2.72	2 × 2.87, 2 × 2.88	4 × 3.05
	5	2 × 1.97, 2.01, 2.07, 2.08	2.32, 2.33, 2 × 2.37, 2.38	2 × 2.72, 2 × 2.74, 2.75	2 × 2.88, 2 × 2.89, 2.92	3.05, 3.06, 3.07, 3.09, 3.12
	6	2 × 2.06, 2 × 2.20, 2 × 2.27	2 × 2.33, 2 × 2.37, 2 × 2.39	2 × 2.74, 2 × 2.75, 2 × 2.77	2 × 2.89, 2 × 2.92, 2 × 2.93	2 × 3.07, 2 × 3.11, 2 × 3.13
FF0	1	1.95	2.40	2.76	2.99	3.11
	2	2 × 2.00	2 × 2.45	2 × 2.80	3.01, 3.02	2 × 3.13
	3	2 × 2.03, 2.04	2.47, 2 × 2.49	2.82, 2 × 2.84	3 × 3.05	2 × 3.16, 3.17
	4	2 × 2.07, 2 × 2.08	2 × 2.50, 2 × 2.51	2 × 2.85, 2 × 2.86	2 × 3.06, 2 × 3.07	3 × 3.18
	5	2.07, 2.08, 2.10, 2 × 2.13	2.50, 2.51, 2 × 2.52, 2.54	2.85, 3 × 2.87, 2.88	2 × 3.07, 3 × 3.09	2 × 3.19, 2 × 3.20, 3.21
	6	2 × 2.15, 2 × 2.21, 2 × 2.24	2 × 2.52, 2 × 2.53, 2 × 2.55	4 × 2.88, 2 × 2.90	2 × 3.08, 2 × 3.10, 2 × 3.11	2 × 3.19, 2 × 3.22, 2 × 3.23
FF1	1	1.87	2.22	2.63	2.78	2.99
	2	2 × 1.92	2 × 2.27	2.66, 2.67	2.81, 2.82	3.00, 3.01
	3	2 × 1.95, 1.97	3 × 2.30	2.69, 2 × 2.71	3 × 2.85	2 × 3.04, 3.05
	4	2 × 2.00, 2 × 2.01	2 × 2.32, 2 × 2.34	4 × 2.73	4 × 2.88	4 × 3.07
	5	2.01, 2.02, 2.05, 2 × 2.09	2.32, 2.33, 2 × 2.36, 2.37	2.72, 2 × 2.74, 2.75, 2.76	2.88, 2.89, 2 × 2.90, 2.91	2 × 3.08, 2 × 3.09, 3.10
	6	2 × 2.04, 2 × 2.13, 2 × 2.37	2 × 2.36, 4 × 2.41	2 × 2.74, 2 × 2.76, 2 × 2.77	4 × 2.90, 2 × 2.92	2 × 3.09, 2 × 3.10, 2 × 3.11

**Table S3.** Binding energies (in kcal/mol) of  $\text{Me}^+$  to oligoglyme molecule obtained for different coordination numbers (CNs) from quantum chemical calculations and molecular mechanics with FF0 of FF1 force field. Values in parentheses are the differences  $E_b(\text{FF}) - E_b(\text{QC})$ .

	CN	Li	Na	K	Rb	Cs
QC	1	-37.8	-25.2	-17.2	-14.6	-13.0
	2	-68.1	-47.7	-35.0	-30.7	-28.1
	3	-86.3	-60.4	-44.4	-38.9	-35.4
	4	-104.6	-75.3	-55.8	-49.0	-44.5
	5	-117.7	-87.7	-66.2	-58.4	-53.4
	6	-126.0	-98.3	-76.2	-67.5	-61.5
FF0	1	-30.1 (7.7)	-17.7 (7.5)	-12.5 (4.7)	-10.5 (4.1)	-9.7 (3.3)
	2	-56.8 (11.4)	-37.4 (10.3)	-28.6 (6.4)	-24.8 (5.9)	-23.4 (4.7)
	3	-75.1 (11.2)	-49.5 (10.9)	-37.9 (6.5)	-33.0 (5.9)	-31.1 (4.3)
	4	-92.1 (12.4)	-63.0 (12.3)	-48.6 (7.2)	-42.5 (6.5)	-40.0 (4.5)
	5	-105.0 (12.7)	-75.0 (12.7)	-58.7 (7.5)	-51.7 (6.7)	-48.8 (4.5)
	6	-115.6 (10.4)	-85.6 (12.7)	-68.3 (7.9)	-60.4 (7.0)	-57.0 (4.5)
FF1	1	-33.5 (4.3)	-21.8 (3.4)	-14.2 (3.0)	-12.5 (2.1)	-10.6 (2.4)
	2	-61.3 (4.0)	-43.8 (4.0)	-31.4 (3.6)	-28.5 (2.2)	-25.2 (2.9)
	3	-78.5 (7.8)	-56.7 (3.7)	-41.2 (3.1)	-37.5 (1.4)	-33.2 (2.2)
	4	-94.0 (10.5)	-70.8 (4.4)	-52.4 (3.4)	-47.8 (1.2)	-42.5 (1.9)
	5	-105.6 (12.1)	-80.6 (7.1)	-61.8 (4.4)	-56.0 (2.4)	-50.5 (2.9)
	6	-107.8 (18.1)	-91.1 (7.2)	-68.5 (7.6)	-62.6 (4.9)	-55.6 (5.9)

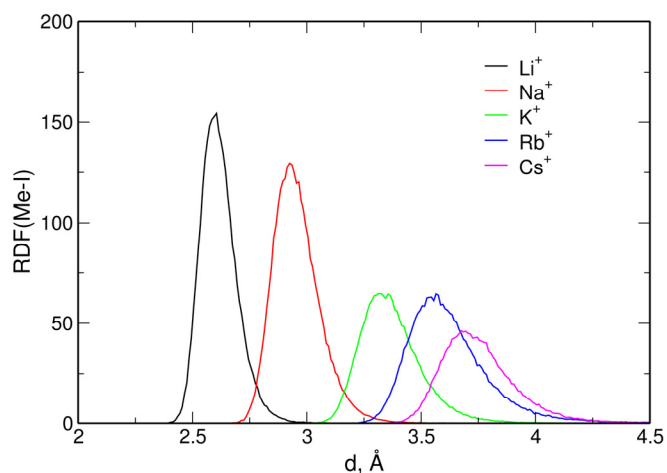
**Table S4.** Modified pair interactions of the Lennard–Jones potential in the FF1 force field.

Pair	$\sigma$ , Å	$\epsilon$ , kcal/mol
Li-I	3.2	0.2
Na-I	3.37	0.36
K-I	3.72	0.43
Rb-I	3.88	0.48
Li-O	2.435	0.12
Na-O	2.66	0.21
K-O	3.02	0.24
Rb-O	3.13	0.27
Cs-O	3.30	0.30

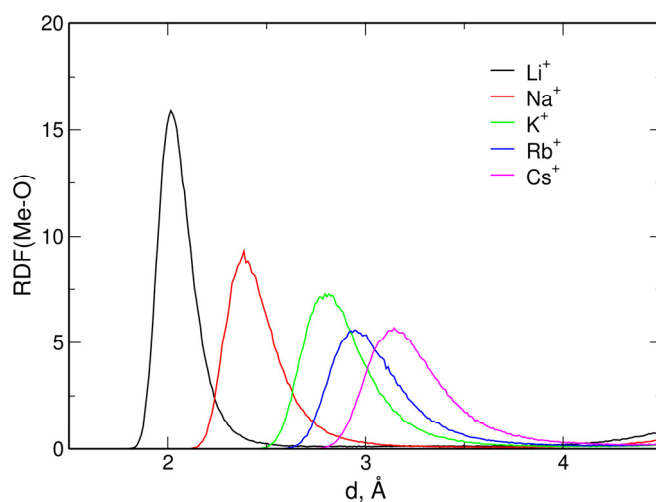
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**Table S5.** Densities (in  $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ ) of simulated electrolytes averaged over last 5 ns of the MD trajectory.

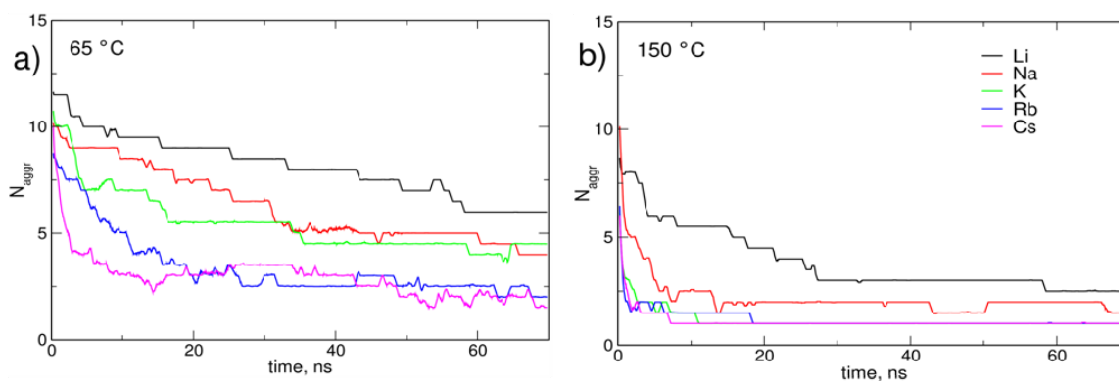
	$T, ^\circ\text{C}$	Li	Na	K	Rb	Cs
(PEO) <sub>30</sub> MeI	40	$1.232 \pm 0.008$	$1.237 \pm 0.007$	$1.246 \pm 0.007$	$1.283 \pm 0.007$	$1.316 \pm 0.008$
	65	$1.206 \pm 0.008$	$1.215 \pm 0.008$	$1.223 \pm 0.008$	$1.254 \pm 0.008$	$1.288 \pm 0.008$
	100	$1.172 \pm 0.009$	$1.178 \pm 0.009$	$1.185 \pm 0.009$	$1.218 \pm 0.009$	$1.248 \pm 0.009$
	150	$1.125 \pm 0.009$	$1.131 \pm 0.009$	$1.139 \pm 0.009$	$1.171 \pm 0.01$	$1.201 \pm 0.01$
	200	$1.081 \pm 0.01$	$1.088 \pm 0.01$	$1.097 \pm 0.01$	$1.127 \pm 0.01$	$1.156 \pm 0.01$
Pentaglyme/MeI	40	$1.128 \pm 0.006$	$1.140 \pm 0.006$	$1.143 \pm 0.006$	$1.174 \pm 0.006$	$1.205 \pm 0.007$
	65	$1.100 \pm 0.006$	$1.108 \pm 0.006$	$1.114 \pm 0.006$	$1.146 \pm 0.007$	$1.174 \pm 0.007$
	100	$1.064 \pm 0.007$	$1.071 \pm 0.007$	$1.078 \pm 0.007$	$1.108 \pm 0.007$	$1.136 \pm 0.007$
	150	$1.011 \pm 0.007$	$1.019 \pm 0.007$	$1.025 \pm 0.007$	$1.053 \pm 0.007$	$1.082 \pm 0.008$
	200	$0.957 \pm 0.008$	$0.965 \pm 0.008$	$0.971 \pm 0.008$	$0.998 \pm 0.008$	$1.025 \pm 0.008$



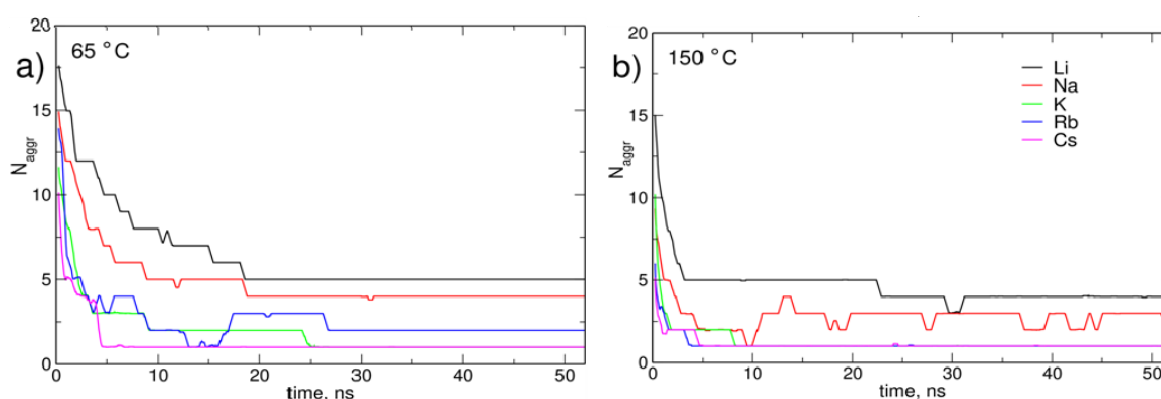
**Figure S2.** Radial distribution functions for Me-I pairs in (PEO)<sub>30</sub>MeI electrolytes obtained from MD simulations.



**Figure S3.** Radial distribution functions for Me-O atom pairs in (PEO)<sub>30</sub>MeI electrolytes obtained from MD simulations.



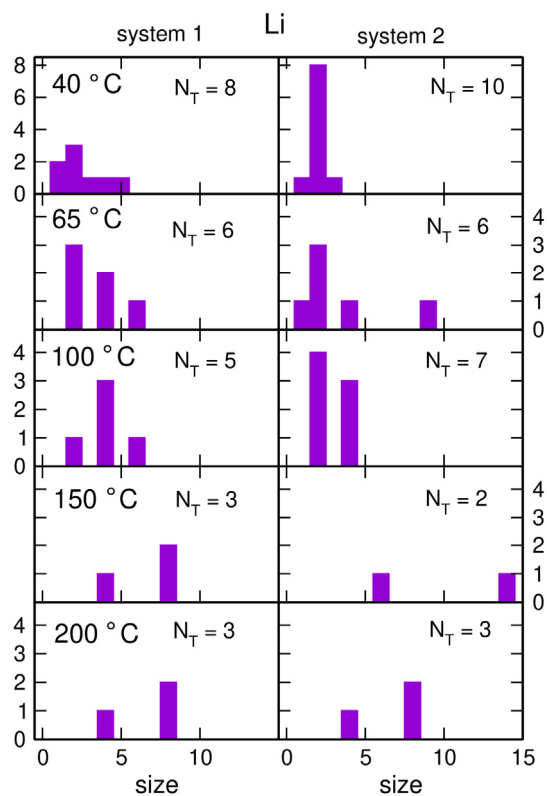
**Figure S4.** Changes in the number of ion aggregates  $N_{\text{aggr}}$  in the sample during MD simulations of  $(\text{PEO})_{30}\text{MeI}$  electrolytes at (a) 65 °C and (b) 150 °C. Moving average has been used to smooth the plot.



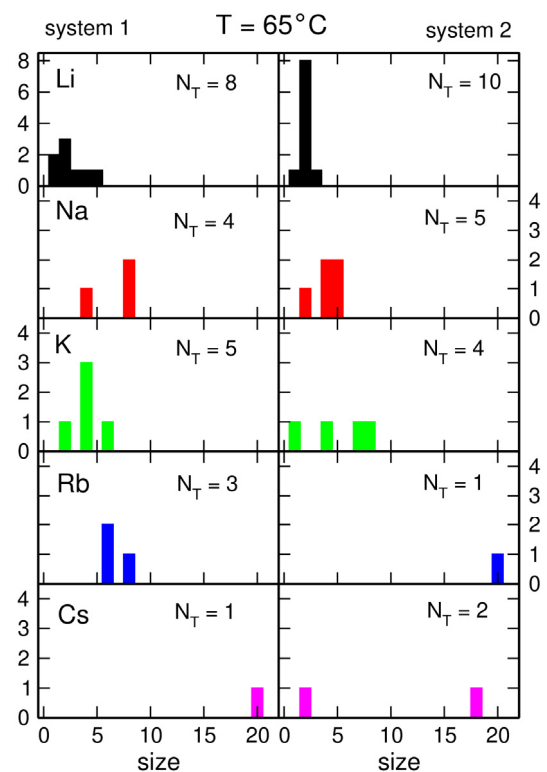
**Figure S5.** Changes in the number of ion aggregates  $N_{\text{aggr}}$  in the sample during MD simulations of pentaglyme/MeI electrolytes at (a) 65 °C and (b) 150 °C. Moving average has been used to smooth the plot.

**Table S6.** Average number of ion aggregates and its standard deviation during last 5 ns of MD simulations for pentaglyme/MeI electrolytes.

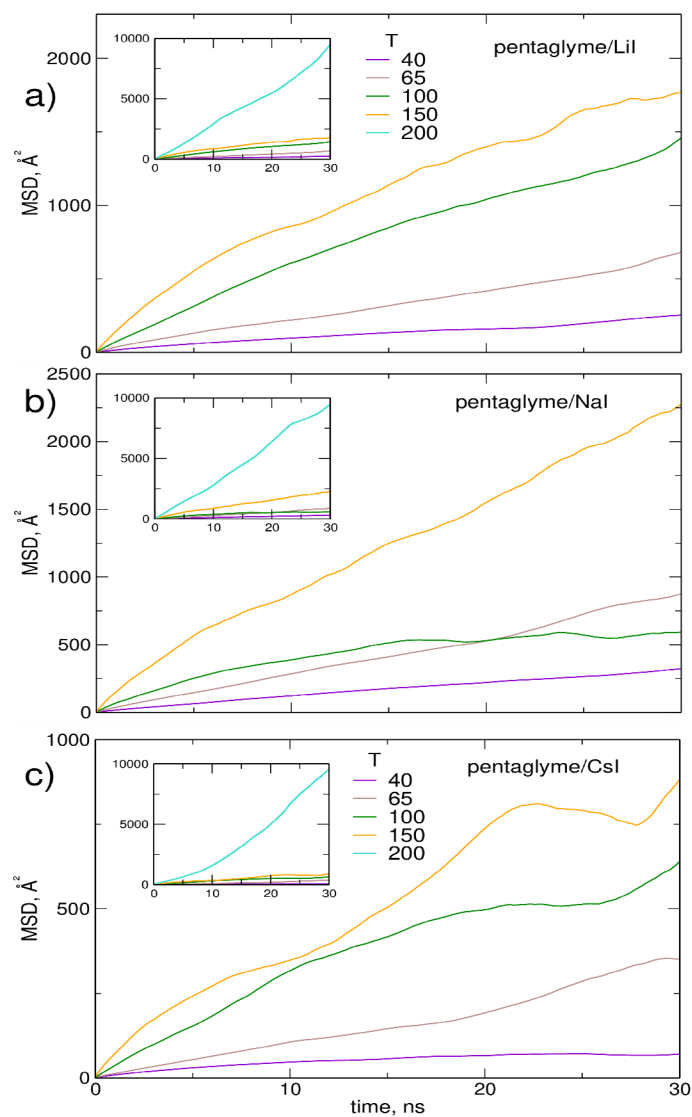
$T, ^\circ\text{C}$	Li	Na	K	Rb	Cs
40	$7.00 \pm 0.01$	$6.00 \pm 0.01$	$2.82 \pm 0.38$	$1.98 \pm 0.15$	$1.00 \pm 0.01$
65	$5.00 \pm 0.01$	$4.00 \pm 0.01$	$1.00 \pm 0.01$	$2.00 \pm 0.01$	$1.00 \pm 0.01$
100	$5.00 \pm 0.01$	$3.00 \pm 0.04$	$1.00 \pm 0.01$	$1.51 \pm 0.50$	$1.00 \pm 0.01$
150	$4.00 \pm 0.08$	$2.93 \pm 0.25$	$1.00 \pm 0.03$	$1.00 \pm 0.01$	$1.00 \pm 0.01$
200	$4.00 \pm 0.03$	$2.81 \pm 0.50$	$1.00 \pm 0.04$	$1.03 \pm 0.16$	$1.00 \pm 0.04$



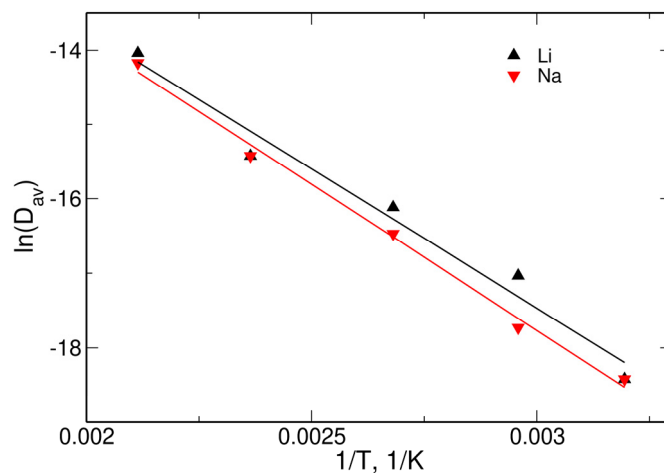
**Figure S6.** The number of different-sized aggregates in two series of  $(\text{PEO})_{30}\text{LiI}$  systems at the end of the MD trajectory.  $N_T$  is the total number of aggregates.



**Figure S7.** The number of different-sized aggregates in two series of  $(\text{PEO})_{30}\text{MeI}$  systems at the end of the MD trajectory, simulated at 65 °C.  $N_T$  is the total number of aggregates.

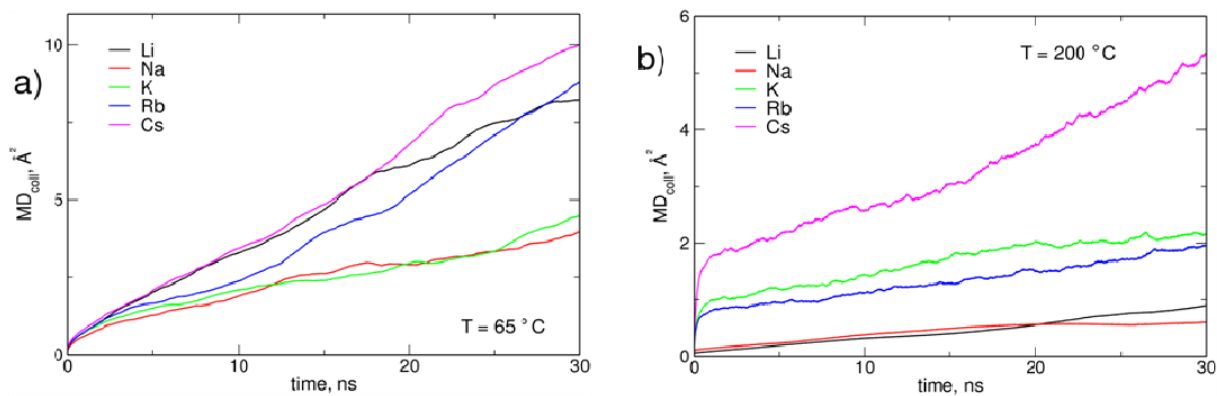


**Figure S8.** Averages of mean square displacement of cations and anions in pentaglyme/MeI electrolytes with Me = (a) Li, (b) Na, and (c) Cs.

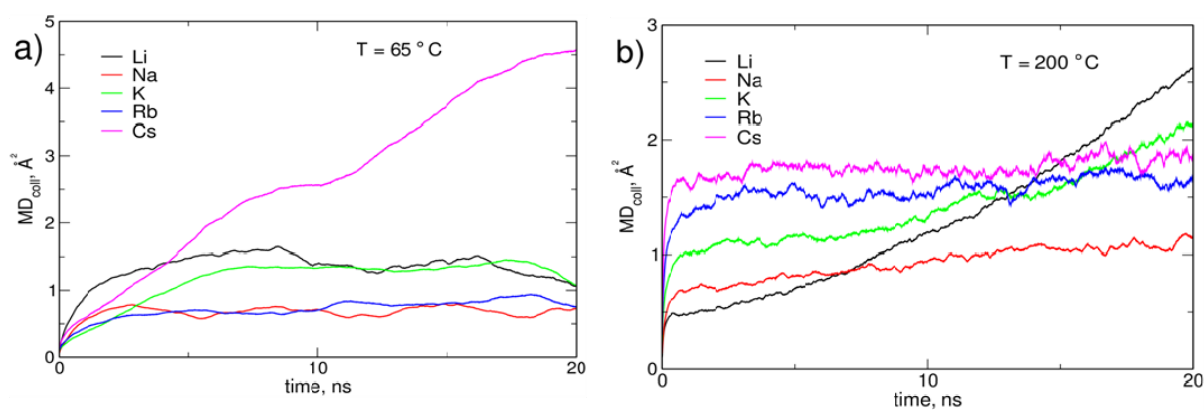


**Figure S9.** The dependence of  $\ln(D_{av})$  versus inverse of the temperature for (PEO)30LiI and (PEO)30NaI systems. Lines are linear fits to the data.





**Figure S10.** Collective mean displacements of ions in (PEO)<sub>30</sub>MeI electrolytes at (a) 65 °C and (b) 200 °C.



**Figure S11.** Collective mean displacements of ions in pentaglyme/MeI electrolytes at (a) 65 °C and (b) 200 °C.



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