

Supporting Information

Li Vacancy-Induced Enhanced Ionic Conductivity in $\text{Li}_4\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ for All-solid-state Li-ion Battery

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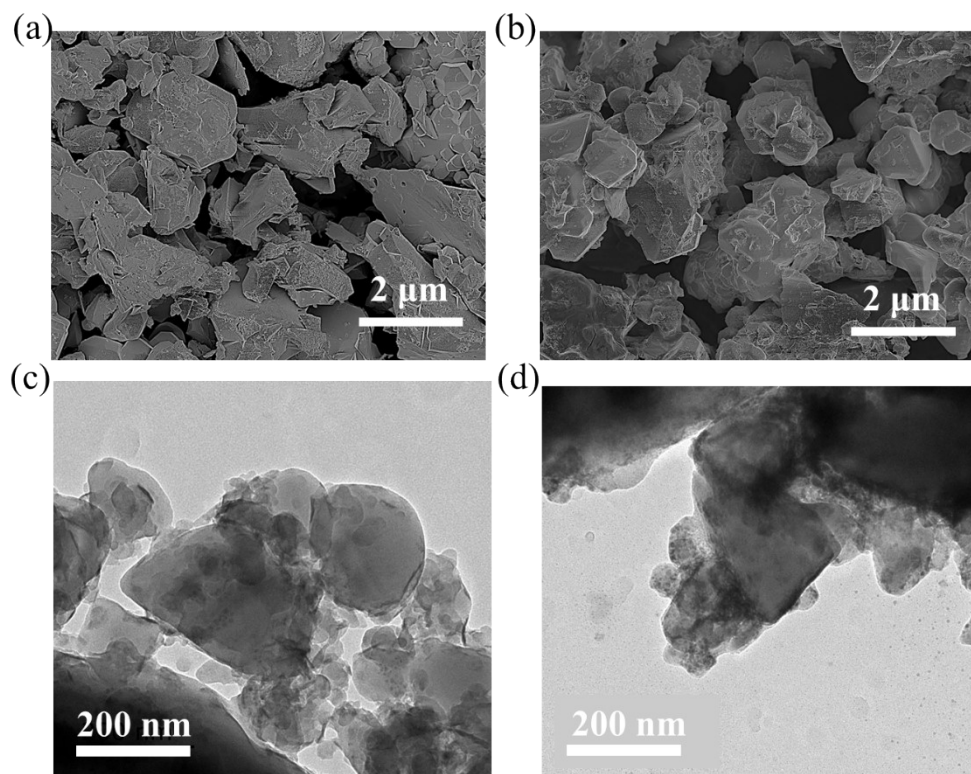


Figure S1. (a) The SEM image of $\text{Li}_4\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ solid state electrolyte. (b) The SEM image of $\text{Li}_{3.6}\text{Mg}_{0.2}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ solid state electrolyte. (c) The TEM image of $\text{Li}_4\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ solid state electrolyte. (d) The TEM image of $\text{Li}_{3.6}\text{Mg}_{0.2}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ solid state electrolyte.

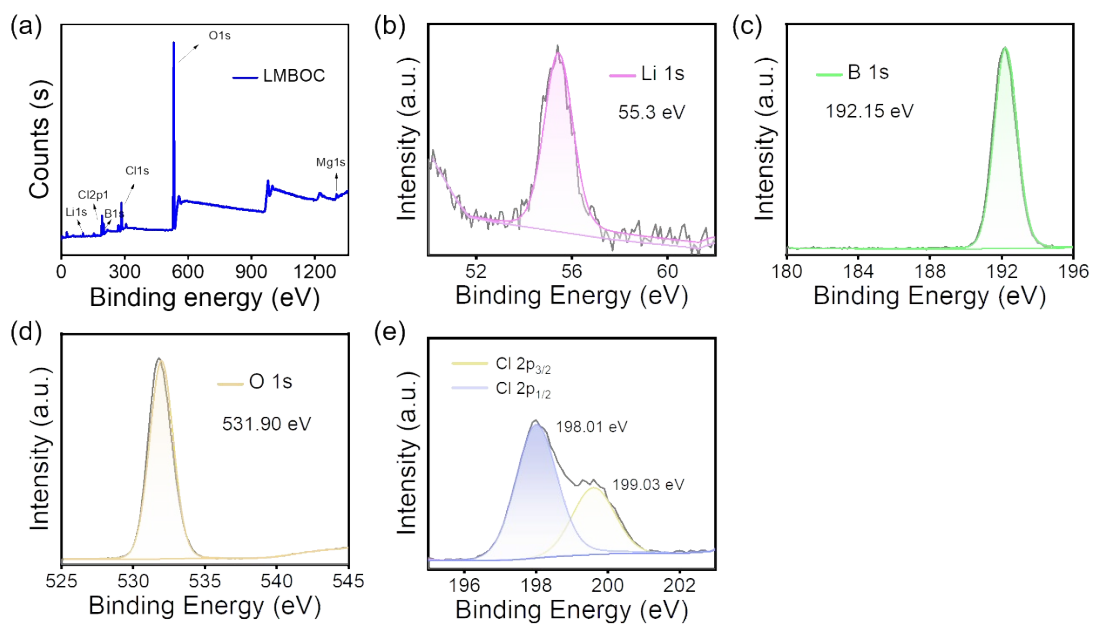


Figure S2. (a) XPS full spectrum of $\text{Li}_{3.6}\text{Mg}_{0.2}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ (LMBOC). (b) Li 1s XPS spectra of $\text{Li}_{3.6}\text{Mg}_{0.2}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$. (c) B 1s XPS spectra of $\text{Li}_{3.6}\text{Mg}_{0.2}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$. (d) O 1s XPS spectra of $\text{Li}_{3.6}\text{Mg}_{0.2}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$. (e) Cl 2p XPS spectra of $\text{Li}_{3.6}\text{Mg}_{0.2}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$.

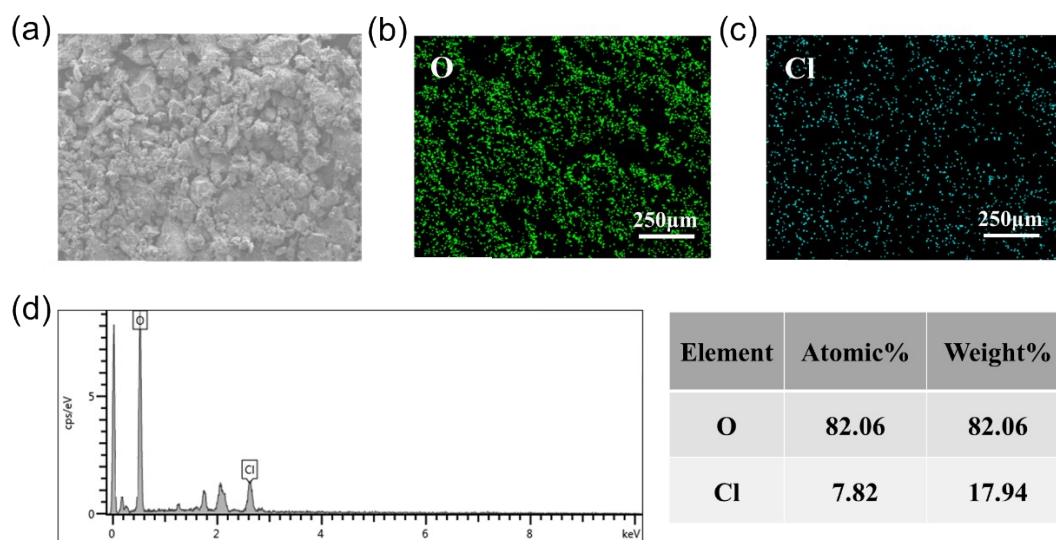


Figure S3. (a) The SEM image of $\text{Li}_4\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$. (b-c) The corresponding elements EDS mappings of $\text{Li}_4\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ electrolyte (O and Cl). (d) The corresponding EDS spectrum at the indicated area and the results of EDS analysis of $\text{Li}_4\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$.

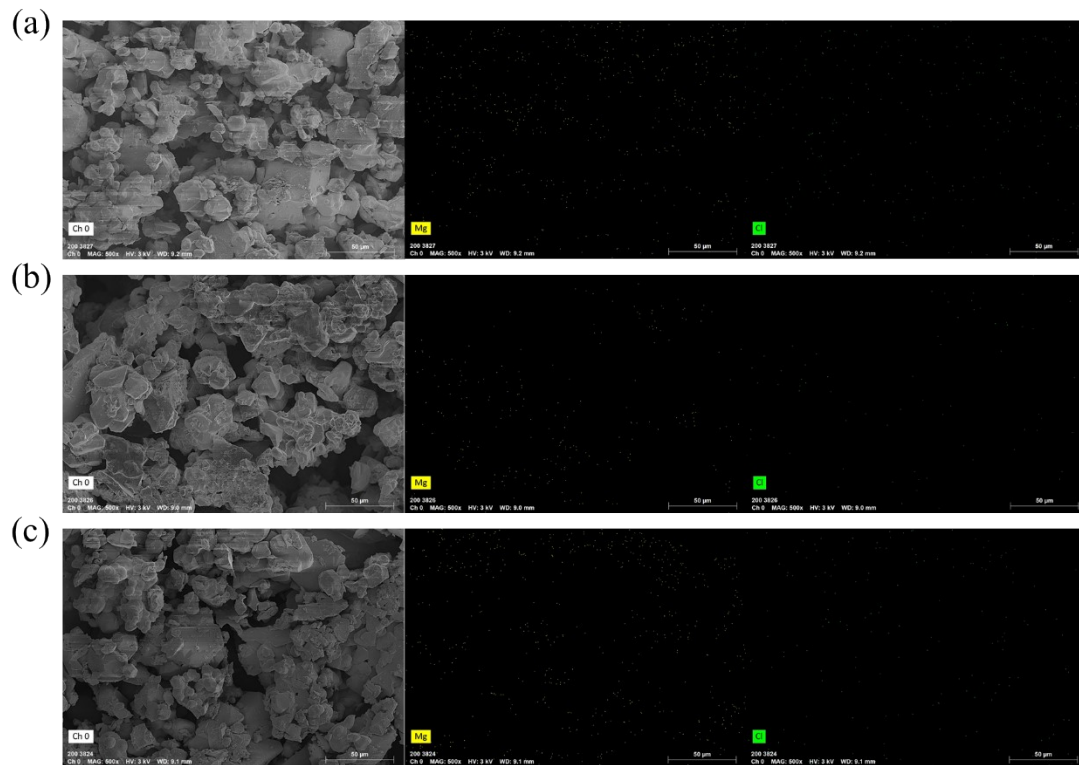


Figure S4. (a) The SEM image of $\text{Li}_{3.9}\text{Mg}_{0.05}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ and the corresponding elements EDS mappings of $\text{Li}_{3.9}\text{Mg}_{0.05}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ electrolyte (Mg, O, and Cl). (b) The SEM image of $\text{Li}_{3.8}\text{Mg}_{0.1}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ and the corresponding elements EDS mappings of $\text{Li}_{3.8}\text{Mg}_{0.1}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ electrolyte (Mg, O, and Cl). (c) The SEM image of $\text{Li}_{3.7}\text{Mg}_{0.15}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ and the corresponding elements EDS mappings of $\text{Li}_{3.7}\text{Mg}_{0.15}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ electrolyte (Mg, O, and Cl).

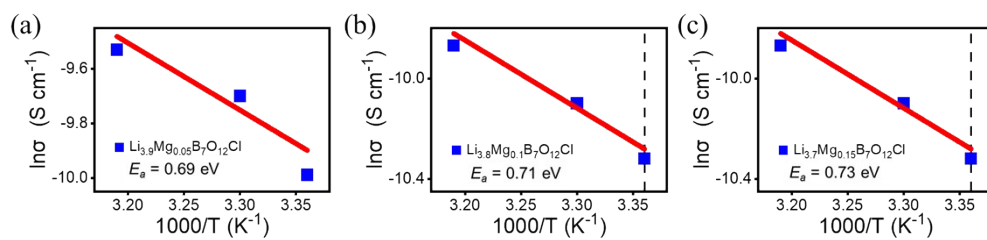


Figure S5. (a) Arrhenius diagram of $\text{Li}_{3.9}\text{Mg}_{0.05}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ based on temperature and electrochemical impedance spectroscopy. (b) Arrhenius diagram of $\text{Li}_{3.8}\text{Mg}_{0.1}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ based on temperature and electrochemical impedance spectroscopy. (c) Arrhenius diagram of $\text{Li}_{3.7}\text{Mg}_{0.15}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ based on temperature and electrochemical impedance spectroscopy.

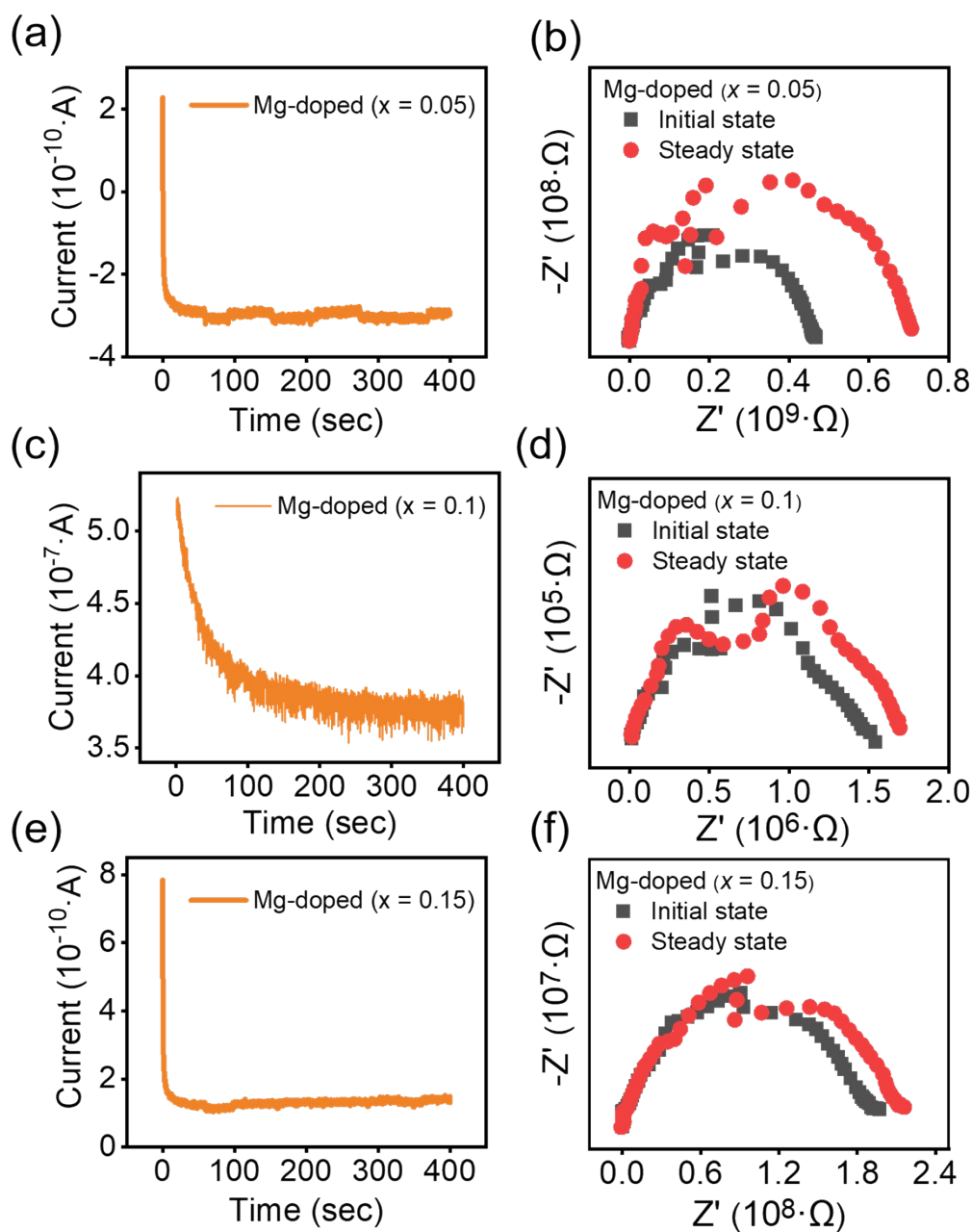


Figure S6. Chronoamperometry measurements for the $\text{Li}_{4-2x}\text{Mg}_x\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ electrolytes-based lithium symmetric batteries ((a) $x = 0.05$, (c) $x = 0.1$, and (e) $x = 0.15$). Nyquist impedance plots of the $\text{Li}_{4-2x}\text{Mg}_x\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ electrolytes before and after polarization ((b) $x = 0.05$, (d) $x = 0.1$, and (f) $x = 0.15$)).

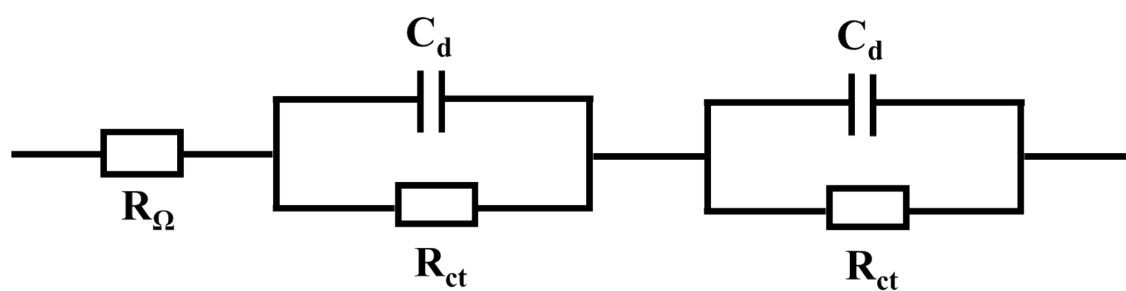


Figure S7. The equivalent circuit for fitting the EIS spectra of the Li | $\text{Li}_{4-2x}\text{Mg}_x\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$

| Li cell.

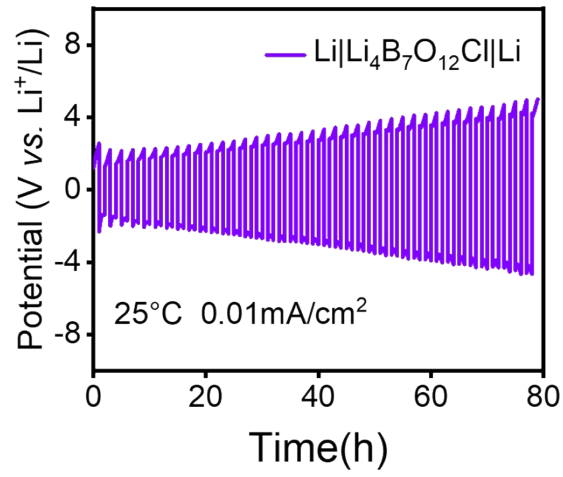


Figure S8. The galvanostatic charge–discharge cycle measurement of the (Li|Li₄B₇O₁₂Cl|Li) cell at a current density of 0.01 mA/cm² at room temperature.

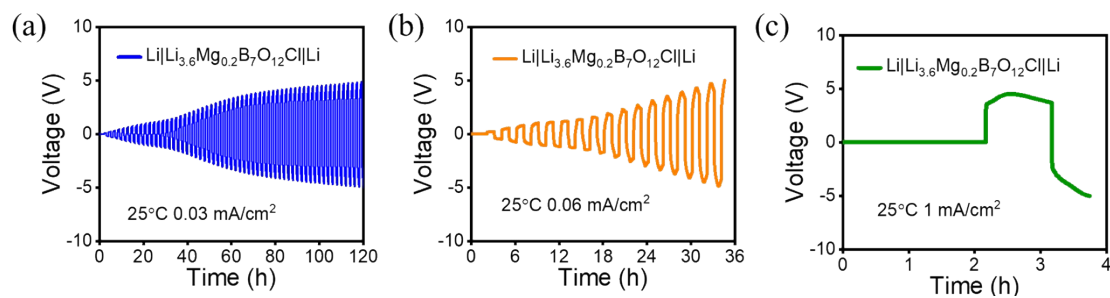


Figure S9. (a) The galvanostatic charge–discharge cycle measurement of the $\text{Li}|\text{Li}_{3.6}\text{Mg}_{0.2}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}|\text{Li}$ cell at a current density of 0.03 mA/cm² at room temperature. (b) The galvanostatic charge–discharge cycle measurement of the $\text{Li}|\text{Li}_{3.6}\text{Mg}_{0.2}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}|\text{Li}$ cell at a current density of 0.06 mA/cm² at room temperature. (c) The galvanostatic charge–discharge cycle measurement of the $\text{Li}|\text{Li}_{3.6}\text{Mg}_{0.2}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}|\text{Li}$ cell at a current density of 1 mA/cm² at room temperature.

Table S1. Structural data for $\text{Li}_4\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$.

Atom	Wyckoff	Atomic coordinates			<i>Occ.</i>	U
		x	y	z		
Cl	8b	0.25	0.25	0.25	1	1
B	24d	0.25	0	0	1	1
B	32e	0.10036	0.10036	0.10036	1	1
O	96h	0.02252	0.09813	0.18172	1	1
Li	32e	0.8708	0.8708	0.8708	0.25	1
Li	24c	0	0.25	0.25	1	1

Table S2. Structural data for $\text{Li}_{3.6}\text{Mg}_{0.2}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ obtained from Rietveld refinement.

Atom	Wyckoff	Atomic coordinates			Occ.	U
		x	y	z		
Cl	8b	0.25	0.25	0.25	1	0.418
B	24d	0.25	0	0	1	0.406
B	32e	0.0986	0.0986	0.0986	1	0.391
O	96h	0.0231	0.096	0.1807	1	0.398
Li	32e	0.844	0.844	0.844	0.25	0.75
Li	24c	0	0.25	0.25	0.8	0.548
Mg	24c	0	0.25	0.25	0.2	0.548
Mg	32e	0.844	0.844	0.844	0.25	0.75

Table S3. The result of ICP-OES measurement.

Sample	Mg content (% , ICP)	Mg precursors content (%)
Li_{3.6}Mg_{0.2}B₇O₁₂Cl	0.198	0.2

$$Mg \text{ Content} = \frac{Mg \text{ Concentration measured by ICP}}{Li \text{ Concentration measured by ICP}} \times 100\%$$

Table S4. The results of EDS mappings of $\text{Li}_{4-2x}\text{Mg}_x\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$ ($x = 0.05, 0.10, 0.15$) electrolyte (Mg, and Cl).

Material	Atom ratio	
	Mg	Cl
$\text{Li}_{3.9}\text{Mg}_{0.05}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$	4.82	95.18
$\text{Li}_{3.8}\text{Mg}_{0.1}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$	9.4	90.6
$\text{Li}_{3.7}\text{Mg}_{0.15}\text{B}_7\text{O}_{12}\text{Cl}$	13.2	86.8