

Electronic Supplementary Information

Unexpected Anion Segregation Enabling High Conductivity in Argyrodite $\text{Li}_{6-x}\text{PS}_{5-x}\text{ClBr}_x$ Solid Electrolytes

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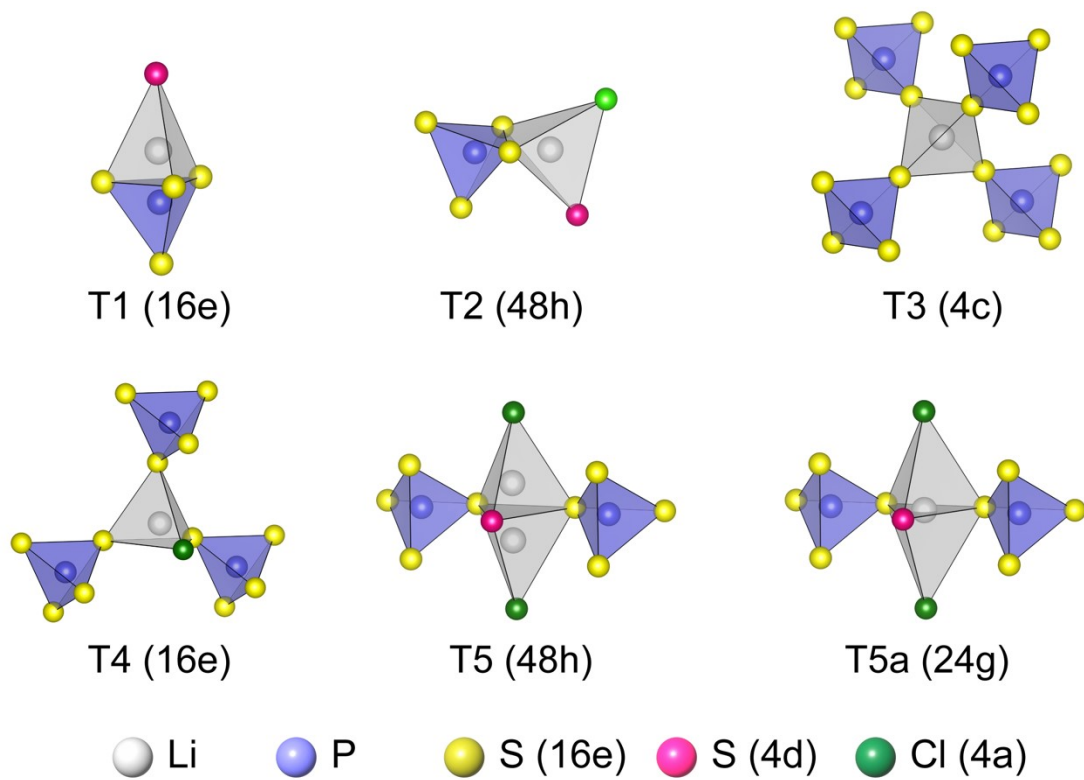


Fig. S1 Five types of $\text{LiS}_4/\text{LiS}_3\text{X}$ tetrahedra (grey) in $\text{Li}_6\text{PS}_5\text{Cl}$. They share the corners, edges, and faces of neighboring PS_4 tetrahedra (violet) in different ways.

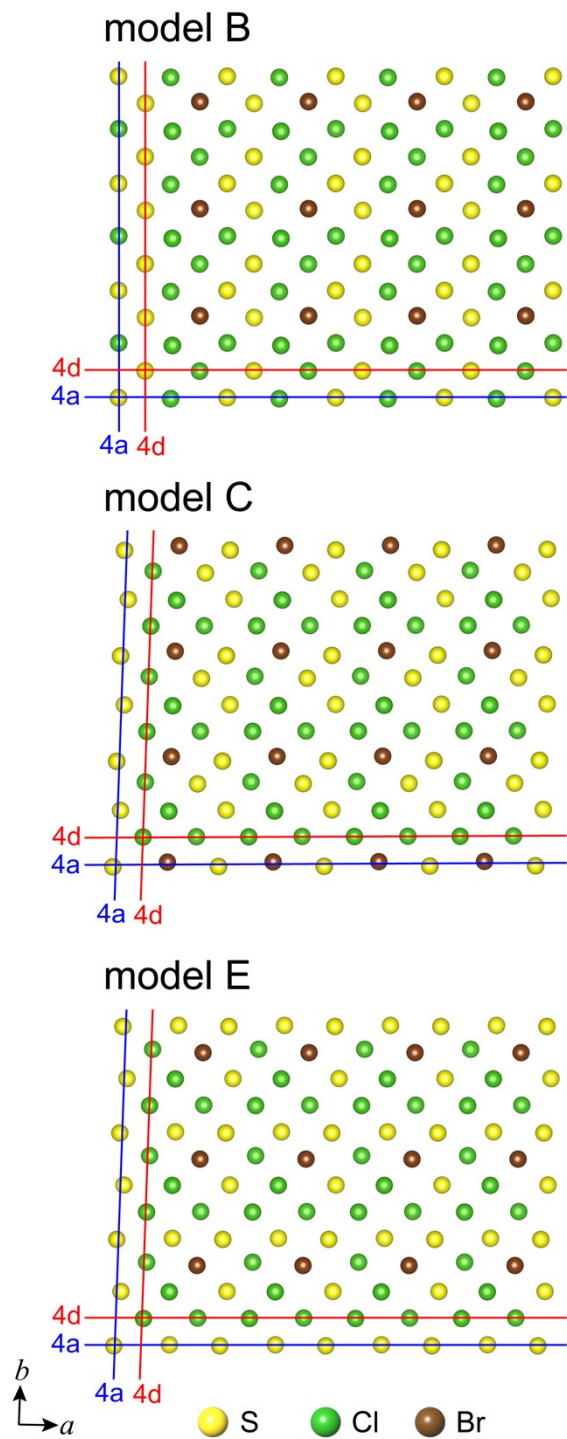


Fig. S2 S, Cl, and Br anions at the 4a/4d sites of models B, C, and E in $\text{Li}_{5.75}\text{PS}_{4.75}\text{ClBr}_{0.25}$. Li cations and PS_4 polyanions are not drawn for clarity.

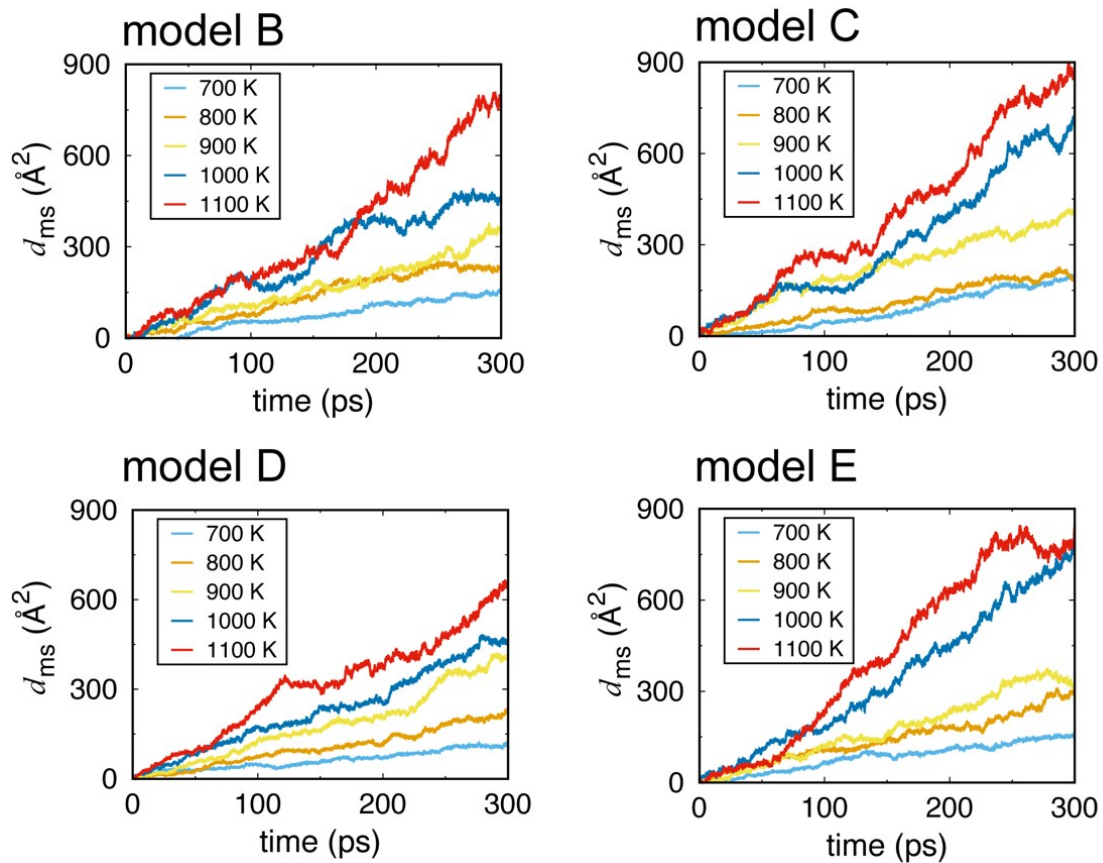


Fig. S3 Mean-square displacements (d_{ms}) of Li ions as a function of time for models B, C, D and E in $\text{Li}_{5.75}\text{PS}_{4.75}\text{ClBr}_{0.25}$.

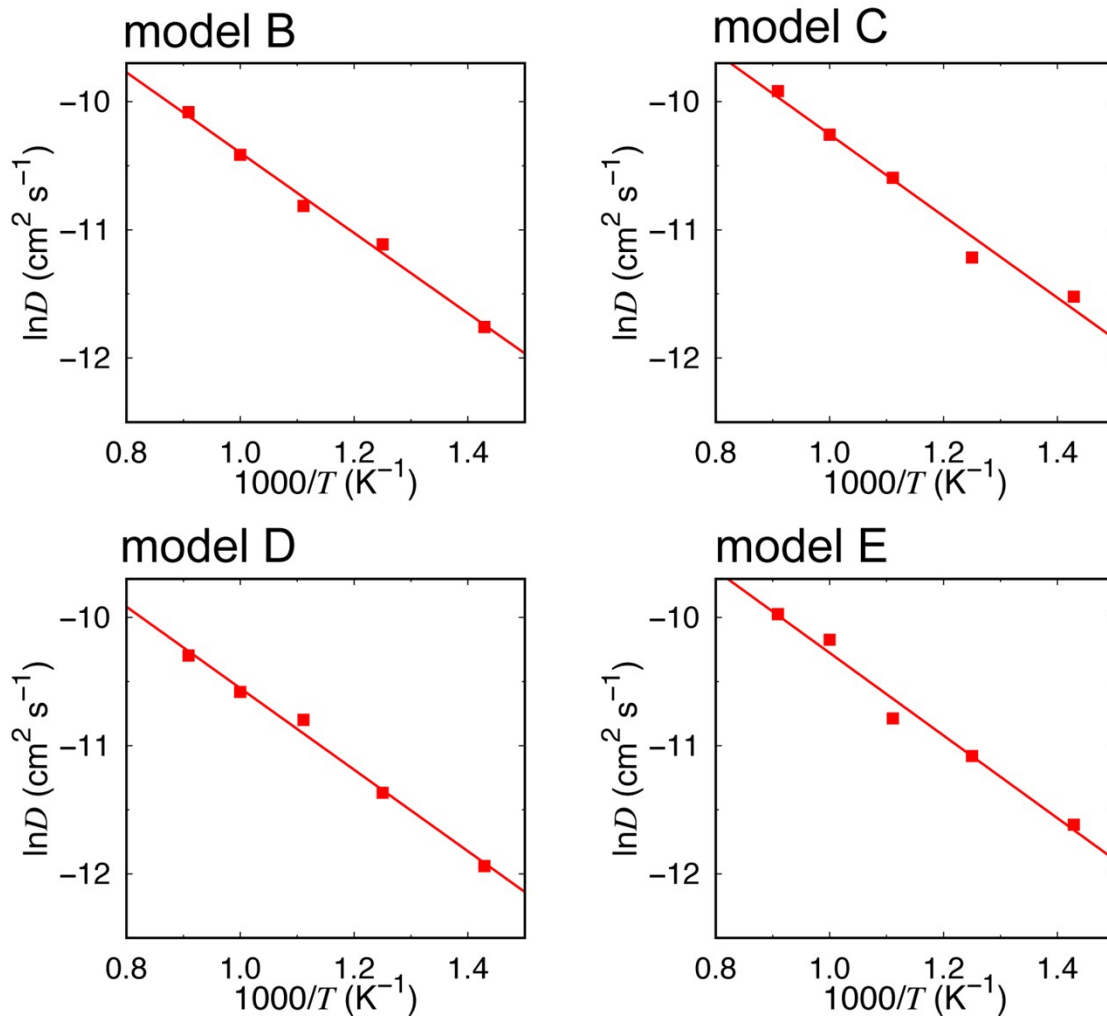


Fig. S4 Logarithmic diffusivities ($\ln D$) of Li ions as a function of inverse temperature for models B, C, D, and E in $\text{Li}_{5.75}\text{PS}_{4.75}\text{ClBr}_{0.25}$.

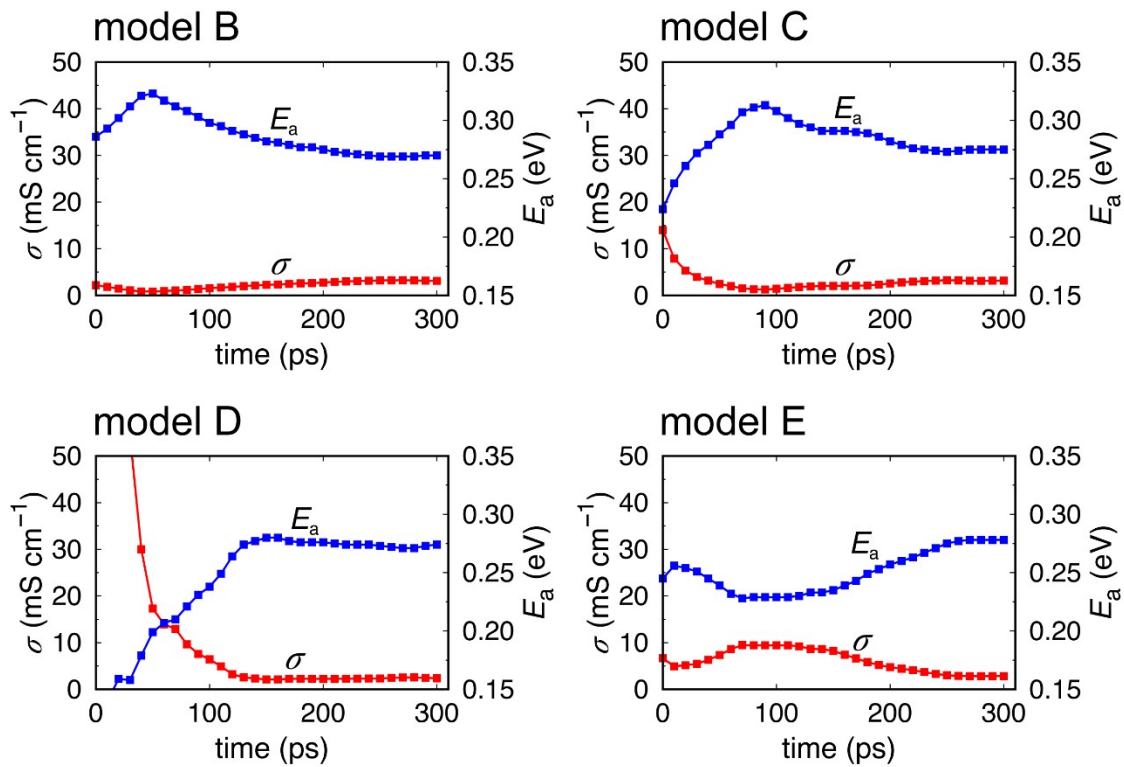


Fig. S5 Conductivity (σ) and activation energy (E_a) as a function of time for models B, C, D and E in $\text{Li}_{5.75}\text{PS}_{4.75}\text{ClBr}_{0.25}$.

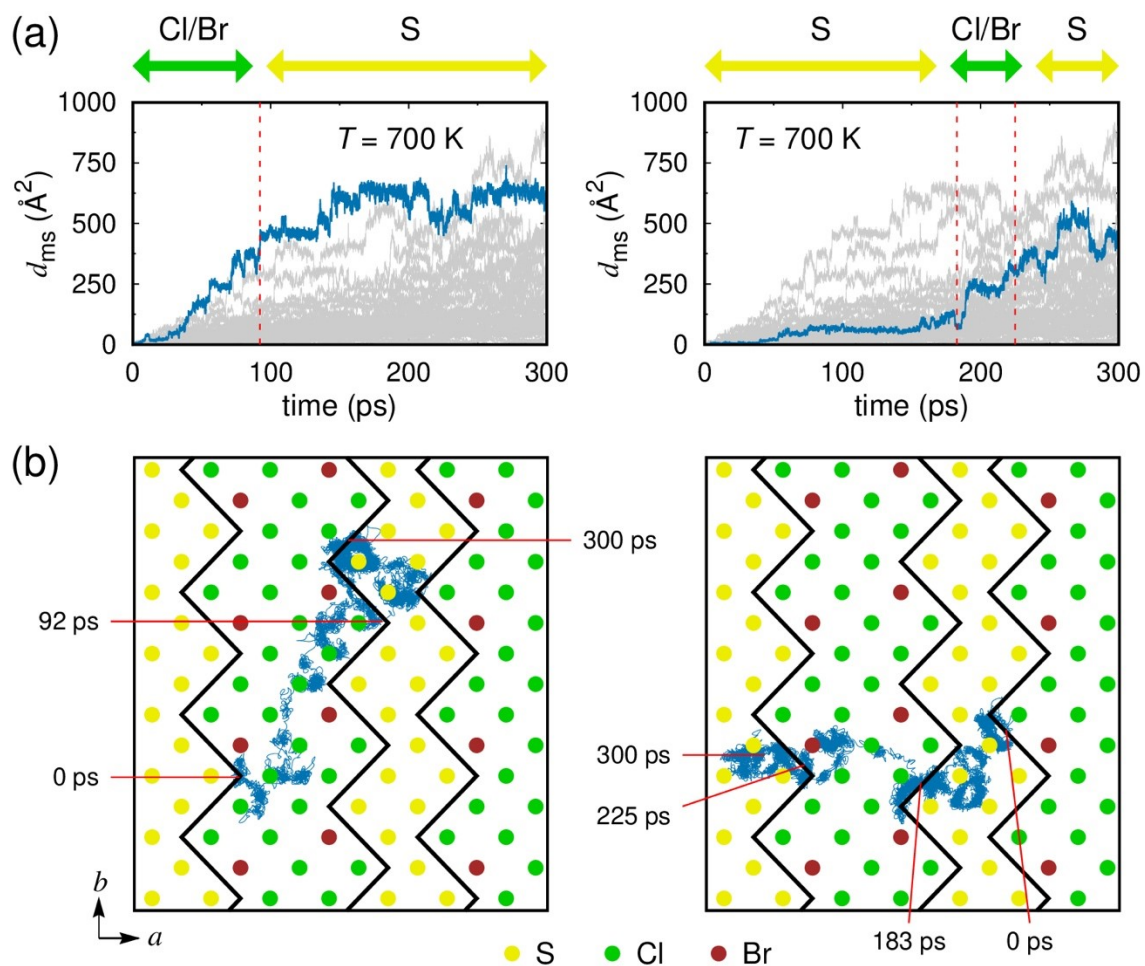


Fig. S6 (a) Mean-square displacements (d_{ms}) and (b) trajectories of two Li ions of model A in $\text{Li}_{5.75}\text{PS}_{4.75}\text{ClBr}_{0.25}$, obtained from the AIMD simulation for 300 ps at $T = 700$ K.

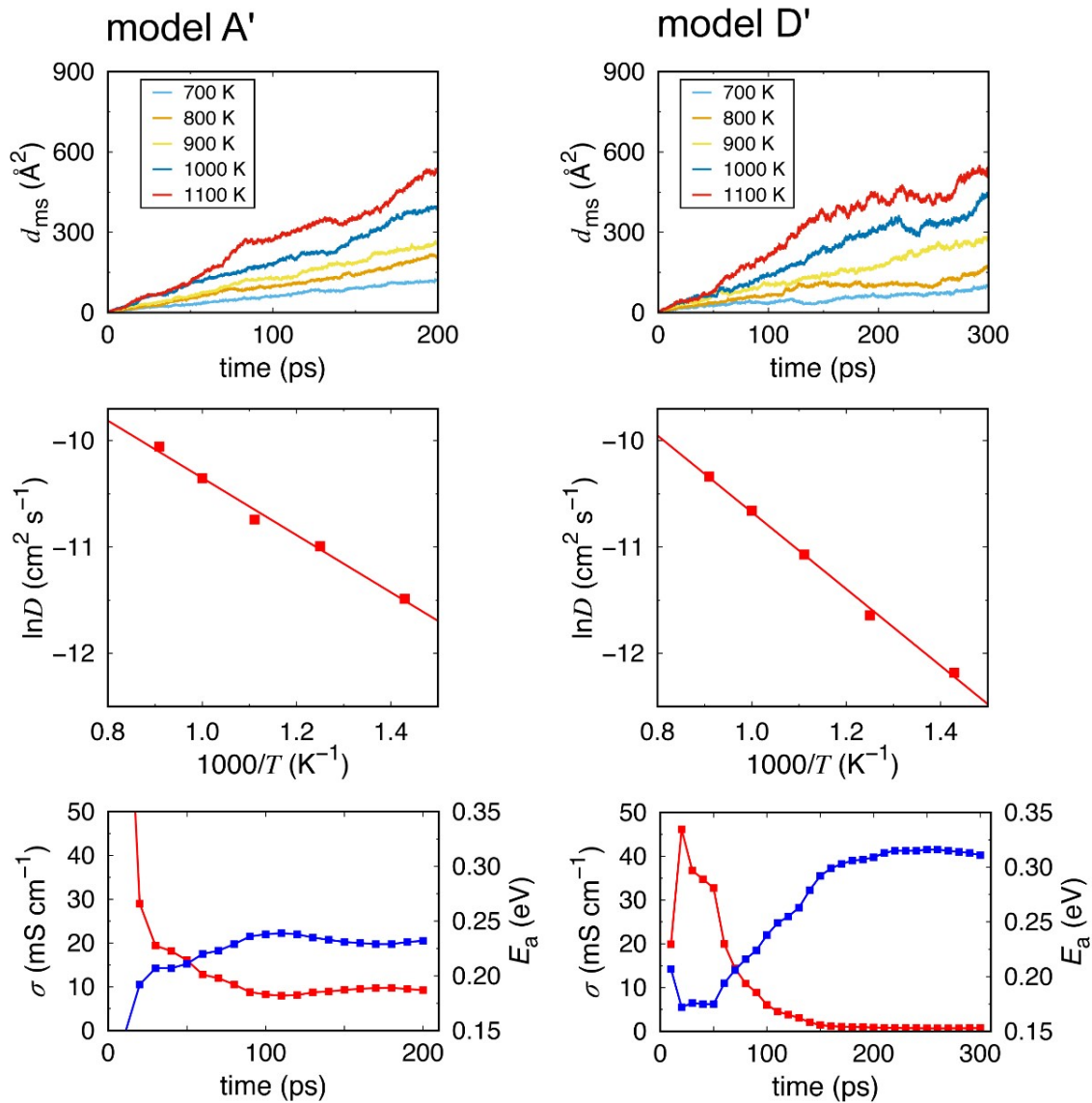


Fig. S7 Mean-square displacements (d_{ms}), logarithmic diffusivities ($\ln D$), and conductivity (σ) and activation energy (E_a) of models A' and D' in $\text{Li}_{5.75}\text{PS}_{4.75}\text{Cl}_{1.25}$.

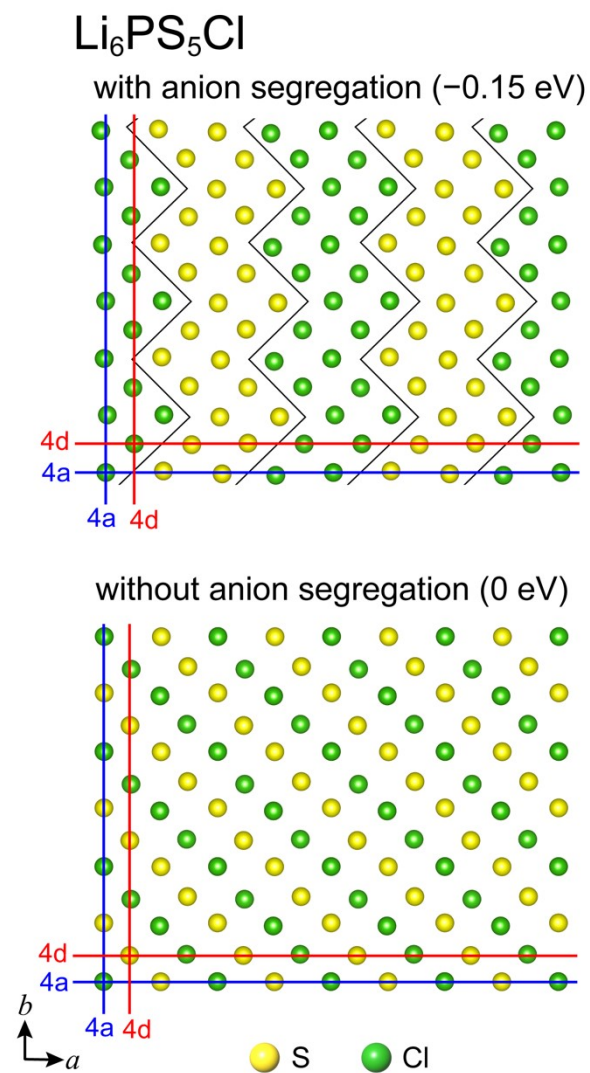


Fig. S8 S and Cl anions at 4a/4d sites in two Li₆PS₅Cl structures with and without anion segregation. The Li₆PS₅Cl structure without anion segregation was obtained from ref. 1. Li cations and PS₄ polyanions are not drawn for clarity.

Table S1 Lattice parameters of models A, B, C, D, and E in $\text{Li}_{5.75}\text{PS}_{4.75}\text{ClBr}_{0.25}$. The $2 \times 1 \times 1$ tetragonal unit cell was used for model A, and the $1 \times 1 \times 1$ cubic unit cell was used for models B, C, D, and E. Volumes are given per $1 \times 1 \times 1$ unit cell.

Model	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	α (deg)	β (deg)	γ (deg)	Volume (Å ³)
A	19.49	9.81	9.74	90.8	90.2	90.9	930.5
B	9.82	9.70	9.69	89.5	90.6	89.9	923.3
C	9.73	9.73	9.80	90.8	90.0	87.7	926.6
D	9.95	9.66	9.73	90.1	90.7	90.8	934.6
E	9.78	9.84	9.71	90.7	90.0	88.4	933.5

Table S2 Diffusion properties of models A' and D' in $\text{Li}_{5.75}\text{PS}_{4.75}\text{Cl}_{1.25}$. D_0 is the pre-exponential factor, D is the diffusivity at $T = 300$ K, E_a is the activation energy, and σ is the conductivity at $T = 300$ K.

Model	D_0 ($\text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$)	D ($\text{cm}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$)	E_a (eV)	σ (mS cm^{-1})
A'	4.7×10^{-4}	6.0×10^{-8}	0.23	9.2
D'	8.6×10^{-4}	5.1×10^{-9}	0.31	0.8

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