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1. XRD patterns of $\text{Li}_{6+x}\text{Ge}_x\text{Sb}_{1-x}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ ($x=0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8$)

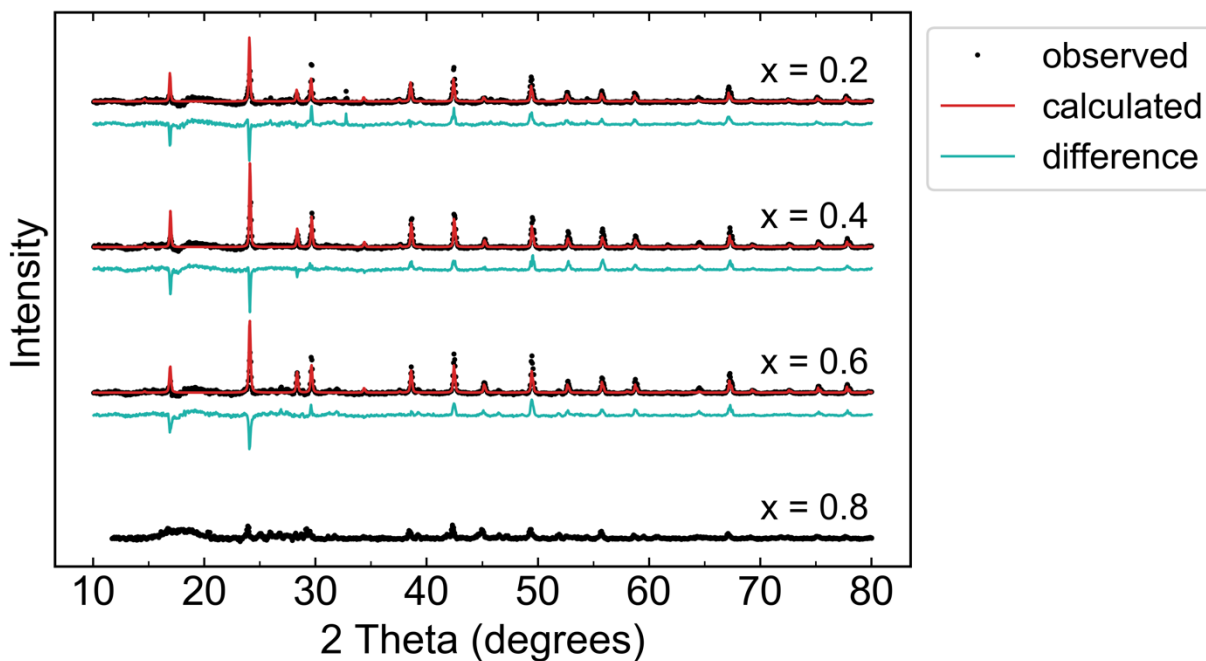


Figure S1. XRD patterns of $\text{Li}_{6+x}\text{Ge}_x\text{Sb}_{1-x}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ where x was 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, and 0.8, respectively. All of the patterns have been background corrected. Three of the patterns are displayed with Rietveld refinements ($x = 0.2, 0.4, 0.6$) to the $F-43m$ space group.

The Rietveld refinements to the XRD patterns use the structural model provided by Zhou et al.¹ Their demonstration of the $\text{Li}_3(48h)$ occupancy increase creating vacancies on the $\text{Li}_1(48h)\text{--Li}_2(24g)\text{--Li}_1(48h)$ equilibrium sites was hypothesized to account for the superionic conductivity of the substituted materials with $x \geq 0.5$. They established this using neutron powder diffraction. While they used neutron powder diffraction to resolve the four Li positions, our model limited Li occupancy to the 48h Li_1 site due to limited Li scattering using X-ray diffraction.² For this reason, our refinement method confined Li occupancy to the Ge occupancy. Zhou et al. demonstrated that Li occupancy has limited effect on the refined structure, making this method valid. This provided structural validation of the values of x in our synthesized materials.

Table S1 displays the refined stoichiometry of $\text{Li}_{6+x}\text{Ge}_x\text{Sb}_{1-x}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ for $x = 0.2, 0.4,$ and $0.6,$ which are within error of the reported values. Table S2-S4 demonstrate the crystallographic parameters for $\text{Li}_{6+x}\text{Ge}_x\text{Sb}_{1-x}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ with $x = 0.2, 0.4,$ and 0.6 respectively.

Table S1: Refined Stoichiometry from Rietveld Refinements with weighted residuals values.

Refined values of x are determined using the Ge atom occupancy.

| Theoretical x | Refined x | Refined Stoichiometry | wR |
|-----------------|-----------------|---|------|
| 0.6 | 0.63 ± 0.06 | $\text{Li}_{6.62(6)}\text{Ge}_{0.63(6)}\text{Sb}_{0.37(6)}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ | 6.9% |
| 0.4 | 0.42 ± 0.06 | $\text{Li}_{6.43(6)}\text{Ge}_{0.42(6)}\text{Sb}_{0.58(6)}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ | 6.7% |
| 0.2 | 0.2 ± 0.1 | $\text{Li}_{6.2(1)}\text{Ge}_{0.2(1)}\text{Sb}_{0.8(1)}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ | 6.8% |

Table S2: Crystallographic parameters for $\text{Li}_{6+x}\text{Ge}_x\text{Sb}_{1-x}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ where $x = 0.2$ with space group $F-43m$. Refinement is shown in Figure S1.

| Atom | Wyckoff site | x | y | z | occupancy |
|------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Li | 48h | 0.28(1) | 0.50(2) | 0.78(1) | 0.517(9) |
| Ge | 4b | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2(1) |
| Sb | 4b | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.8(1) |
| S1 | 4c | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.976 |
| S2 | 16e | 0.362(1) | 0.362(1) | 0.638(1) | 1 |
| S3 | 4a | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.024 |
| I1 | 4a | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.976 |
| I2 | 4c | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.024 |

Table S3: Crystallographic parameters for $Li_{6+x}Ge_xSb_{1-x}S_5I$ where $x = 0.4$ with space group $F-43m$. Refinement is shown in Figure S1.

| Atom | Wyckoff site | x | y | z | occupancy |
|------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Li | 48h | 0.28(1) | 0.51(2) | 0.78(1) | 0.535(5) |
| Ge | 4b | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.42(6) |
| Sb | 4b | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.58(6) |
| S1 | 4c | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.976 |
| S2 | 16e | 0.362(1) | 0.362(1) | 0.638(1) | 1 |
| S3 | 4a | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.024 |
| I1 | 4a | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.977 |
| I2 | 4c | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.023 |

Table S4: Crystallographic parameters for $Li_{6+x}Ge_xSb_{1-x}S_5I$ where $x = 0.6$ with space group $F-43m$. Refinement shown in Figure S1.

| Atom | Wyckoff site | x | y | z | occupancy |
|------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Li | 48h | 0.27(2) | 0.54(1) | 0.77(2) | 0.552(5) |
| Ge | 4b | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.63(6) |
| Sb | 4b | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.37(6) |
| S1 | 4c | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.976 |
| S2 | 16e | 0.363(1) | 0.363(1) | 0.637(1) | 1 |
| S3 | 4a | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.024 |
| I1 | 4a | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.976 |
| I2 | 4c | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.024 |

2. SEM images of $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I}$

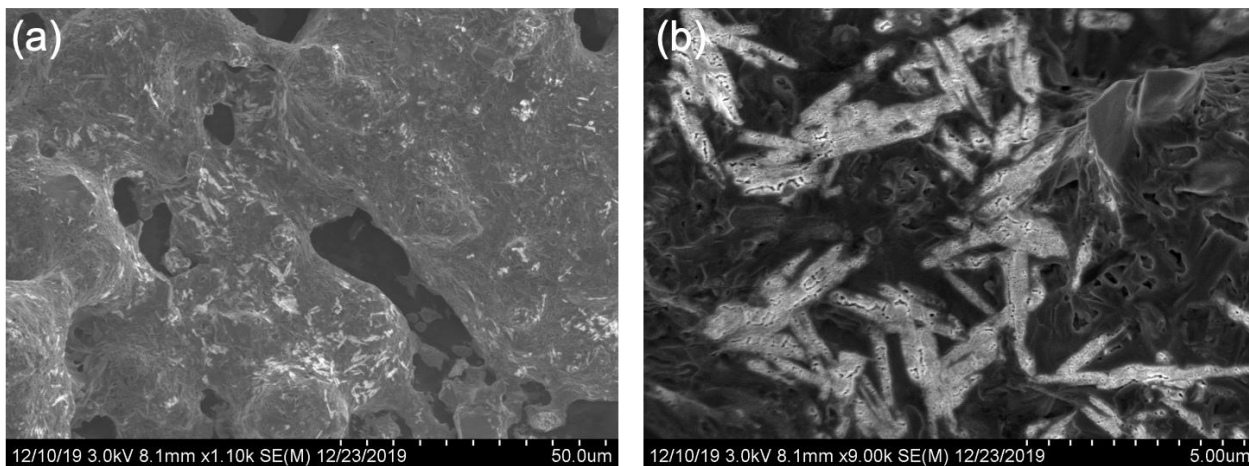


Figure S2. SEM images of $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ at (a) low and (b) high magnification.

3. Ionic conductivities of $\text{Li}_{6+x}\text{Ge}_x\text{Sb}_{1-x}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ ($x=0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8$)

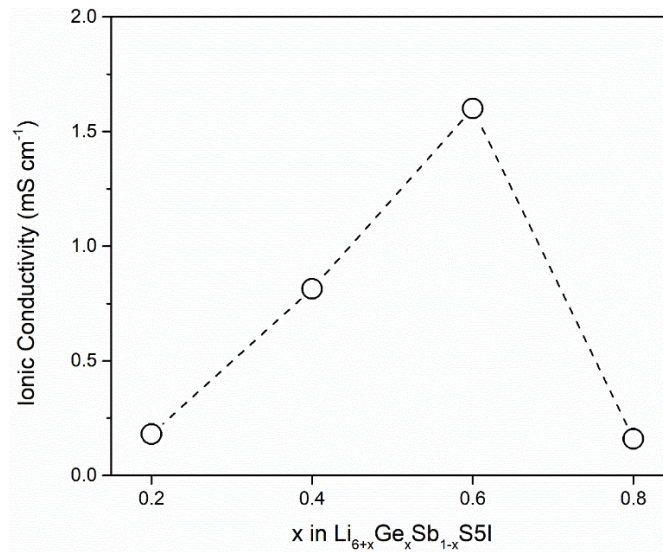


Figure S3. Ionic conductivities of $\text{Li}_{6+x}\text{Ge}_x\text{Sb}_{1-x}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ where x was 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, and 0.8, respectively.

4. Ionic conductivity of $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ at different temperature

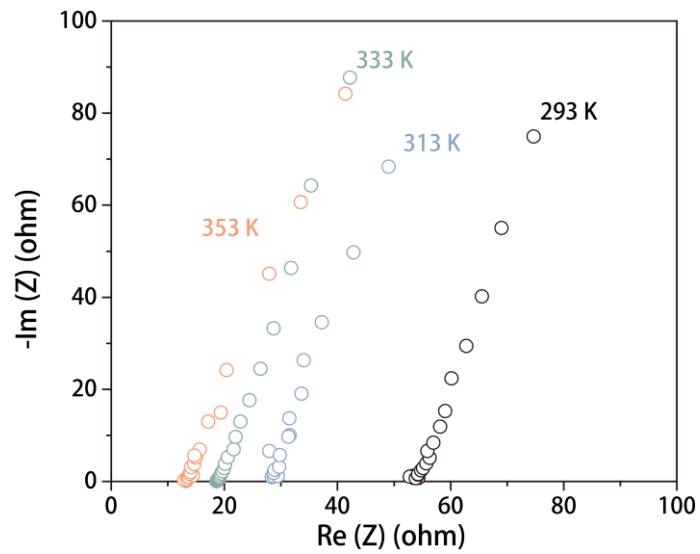


Figure S4. EIS data showing ionic conductivity of $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ at 20, 40, 60, and 80 °C, respectively.

5. Air stability measurement

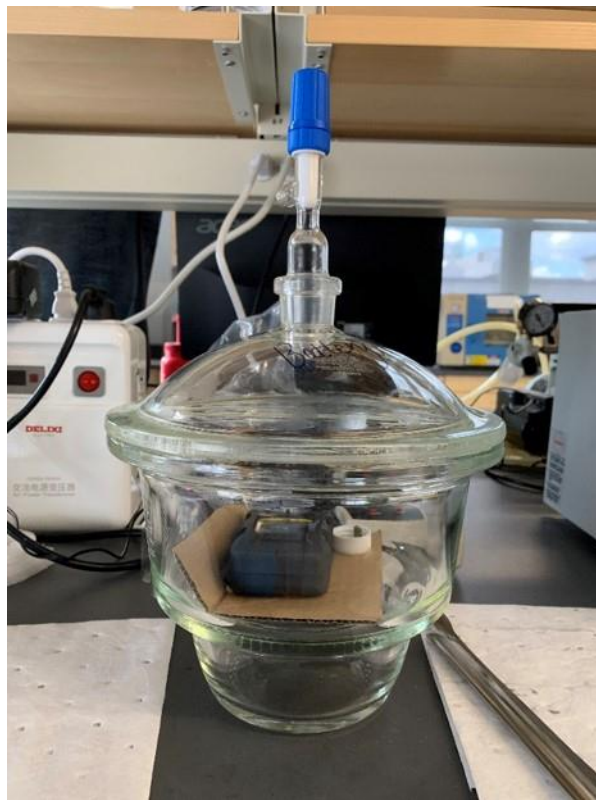


Figure S5. Photo of the desiccator used to measure the air stability of solid electrolytes. The H₂S sensor was placed inside the desiccator.

6. Ionic conductivity measurement.

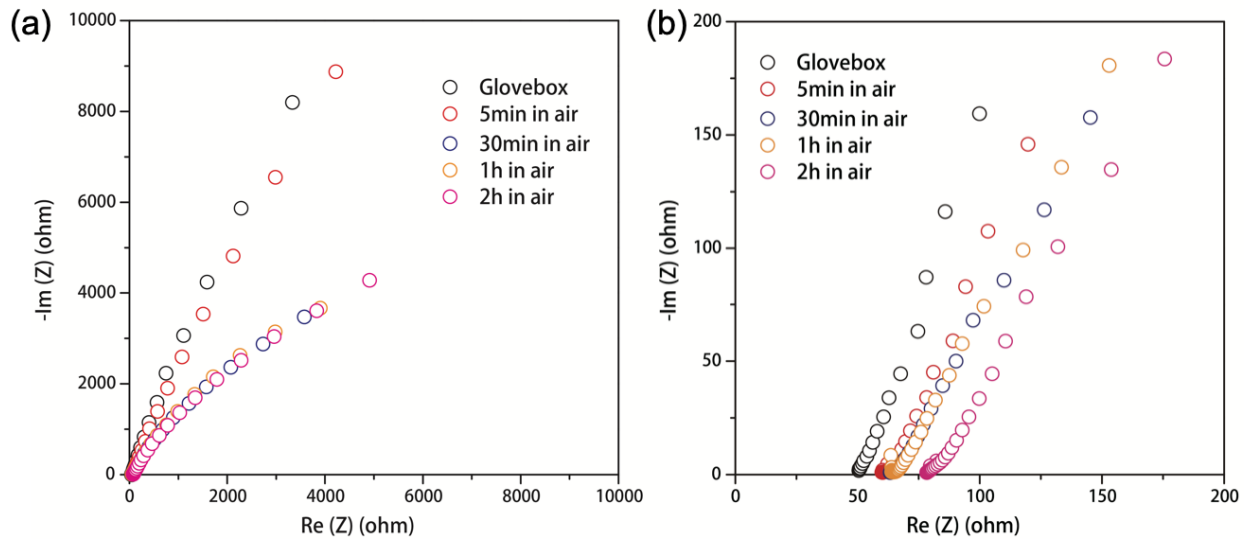


Figure S6. (a) The Nyquist plots of LGSSI when exposed to air for a different time. (b) Zoom-in image to show the impedance evolution.

7. Linear sweep voltammetry (LSV) measurement in $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} / \text{C} \mid \text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} \mid \text{Li}$ -
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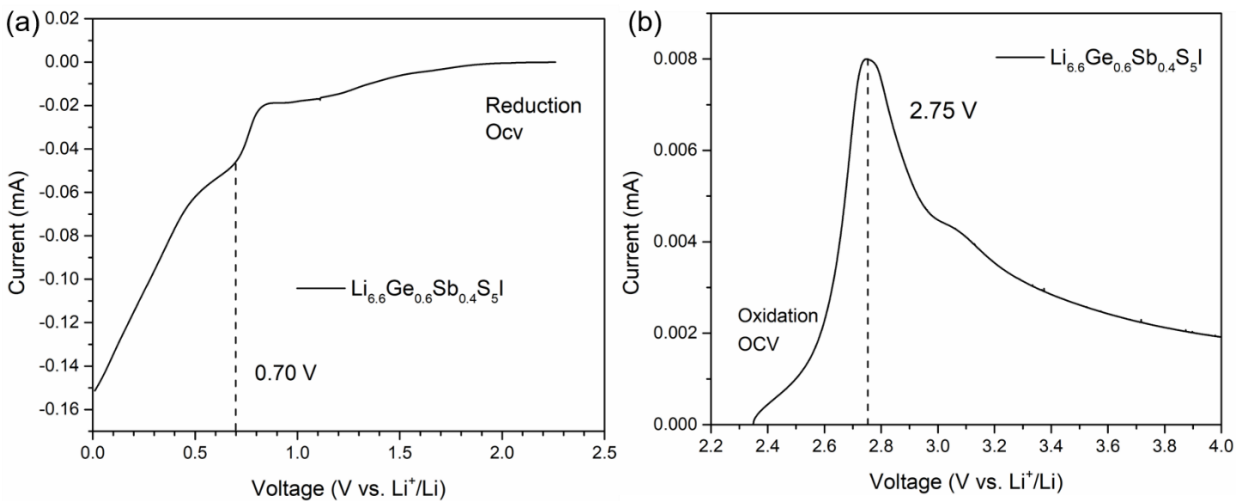


Figure S7. LSV profiles of $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} / \text{C} \mid \text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} \mid \text{Li}$ cells that without adding a liquid electrolyte to evaluate the electrochemical stability of $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ (a) during reduction at low voltage (OCV to 0.0 V) and (b) during oxidation at high voltage (OCV to 4.0 V).

8. Linear sweep voltammetry measurement in $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} / \text{C} \mid \text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} \mid \text{Li-In}$

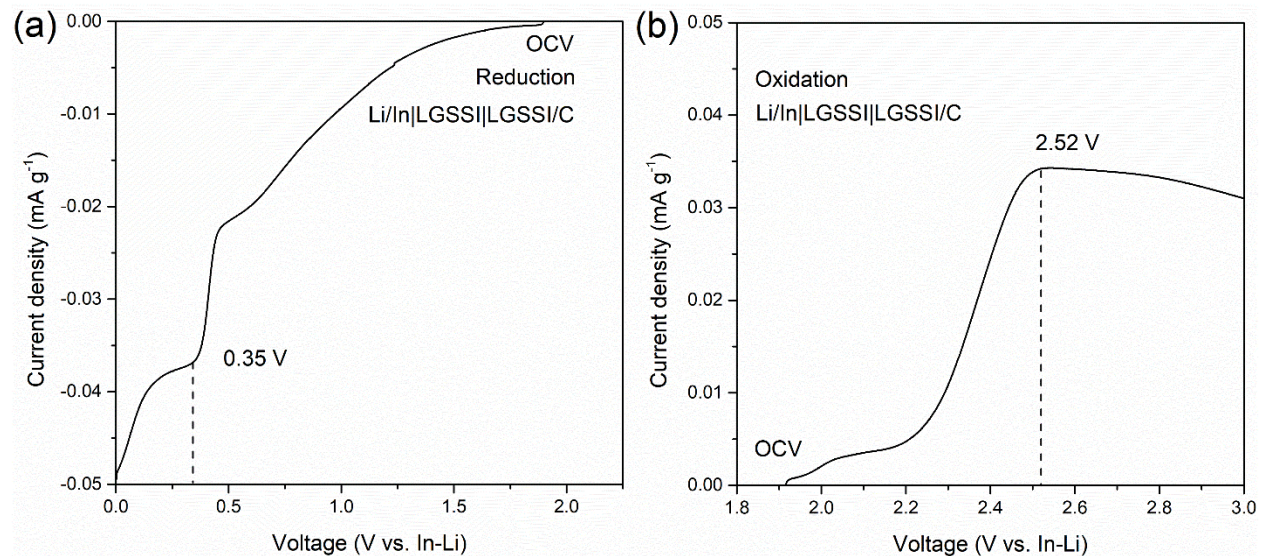


Figure S8. LSV profiles of $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} / \text{C} \mid \text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} \mid \text{Li-In}$ cell to evaluate the electrochemical stability of $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ (a) during reduction at low voltage (OCV to 0.0 V) and (b) during oxidation at high voltage (OCV to 3.0 V).

9. Initial EDXRD data for the $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} / \text{C} \mid \text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} \mid \text{Li-In}$ cell tested by LSV from OCV to 0 V

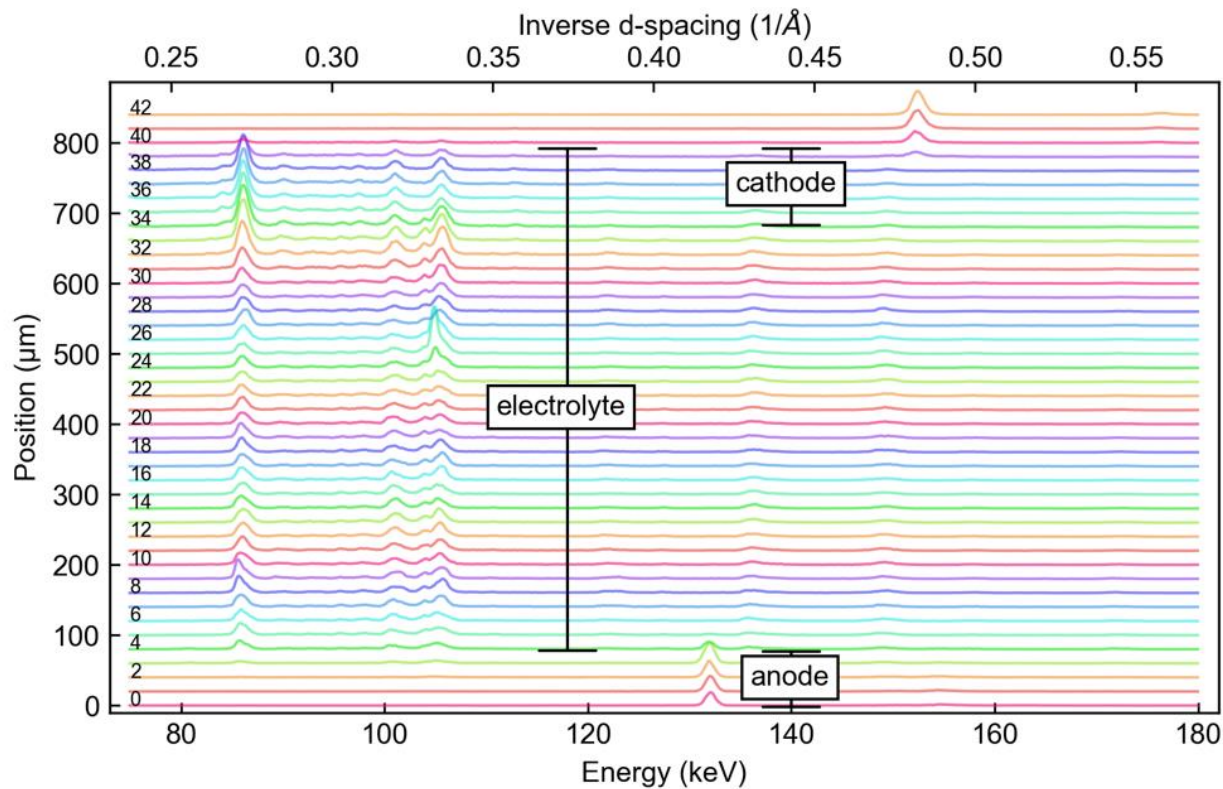


Figure S9. Initial EDXRD data for the $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} / \text{C} \mid \text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} \mid \text{Li-In}$ cell tested by LSV from OCV to 0 V at time 1, with locations of each scan from 0 - 42 marked with the corresponding position in the cell in μm . This data is the same as is plotted in Figure 4b, but here it is plotted as individual diffraction patterns.

10. EDXRD data for all times during reduction in the $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} / \text{C} \mid \text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} \mid$ Li-In cell shown in Figure 4d of the main text.

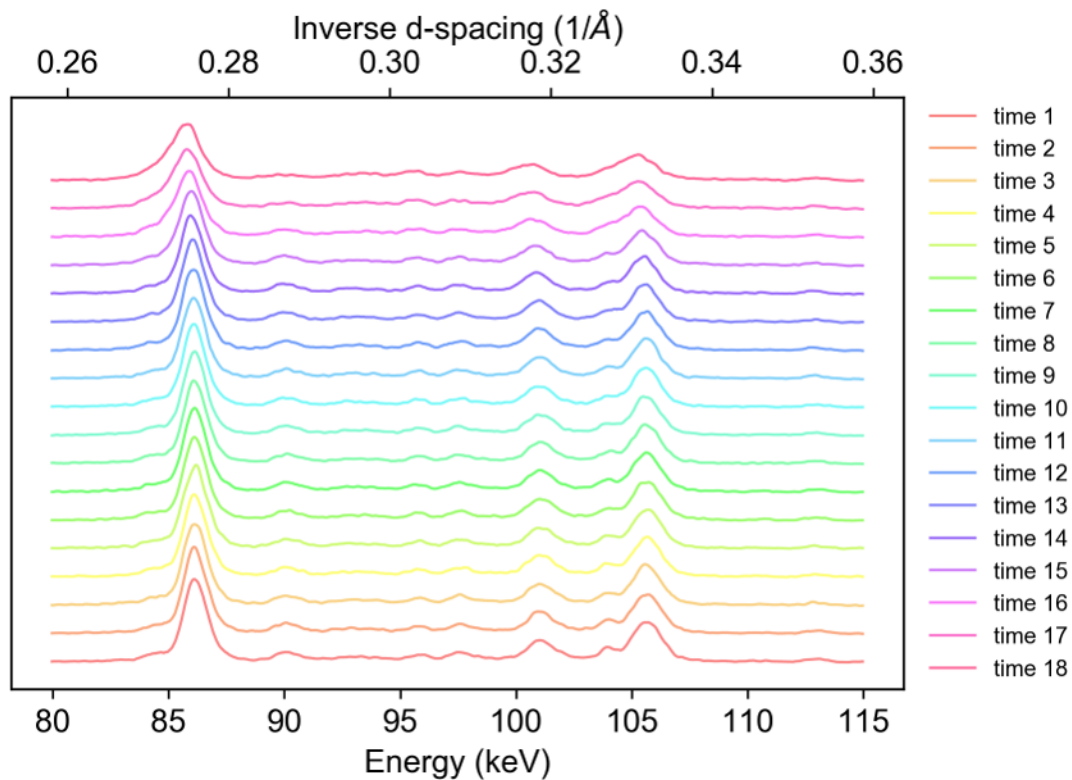


Figure S10. EDXRD data for the $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} / \text{C} \mid \text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} \mid$ Li-In cell tested by LSV from OCV to 0 V, shown from 80-115 keV for all times at location 34. This is the full time series from Figure 4d in the main text.

11. Initial EDXRD data for the $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} / \text{C} \mid \text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} \mid \text{Li-In}$ cell tested by LSV from OCV to 3 V

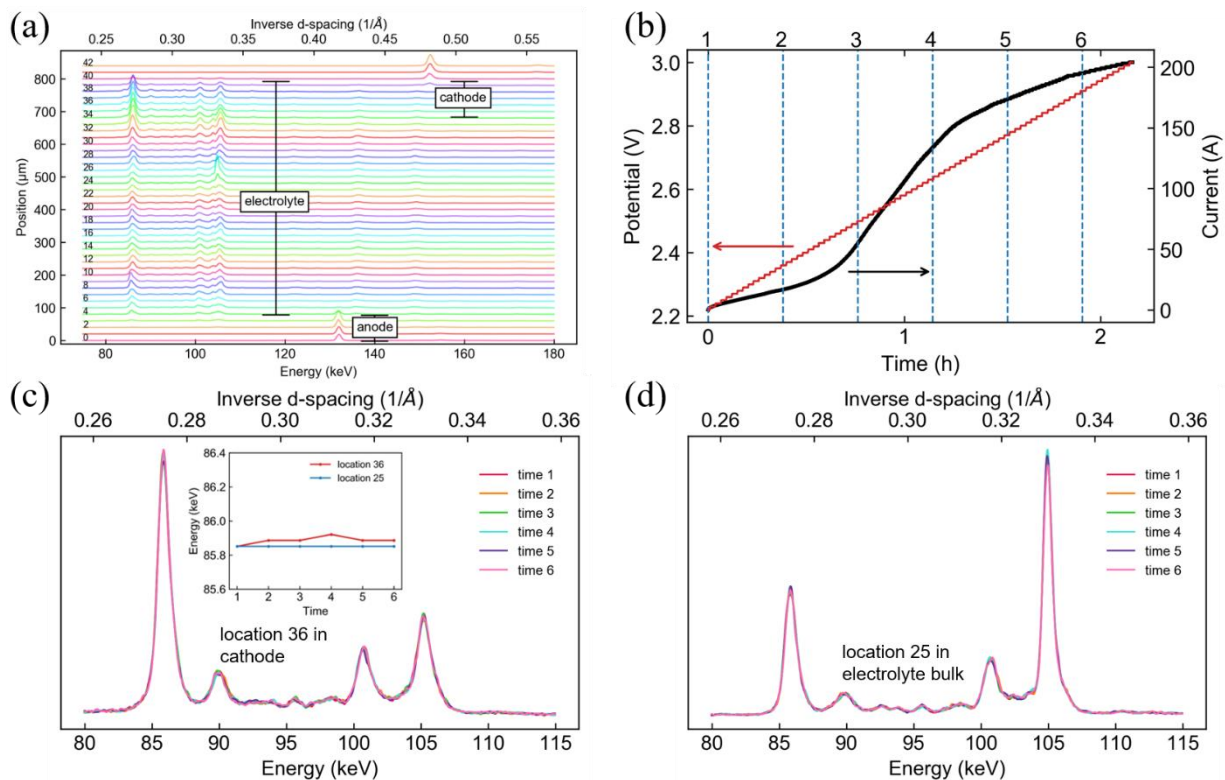


Figure S11. (a) initial EDXRD data for the second $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} / \text{C} \mid \text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} \mid \text{Li-In}$ cell tested by LSV from OCV to 3 V (time 1). (b) Times where scans were taken during linear sweep voltammetry with potential (red) and current (black) also displayed. Major $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ peaks as a function of time in a half cell at (c) location 36 in the carbon black cathode and (d) location 25 in the electrolyte bulk. Both locations show no significant crystalline changes of $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I}$. Inset shows the energy of the $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ (220) reflection in the cathode (red) versus the bulk SE layer (blue).

12. Initial EDXRD data of pristine $\text{FeS}_2/\text{C}/\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} | \text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} | \text{Li-In}$ full cell
(time 1)

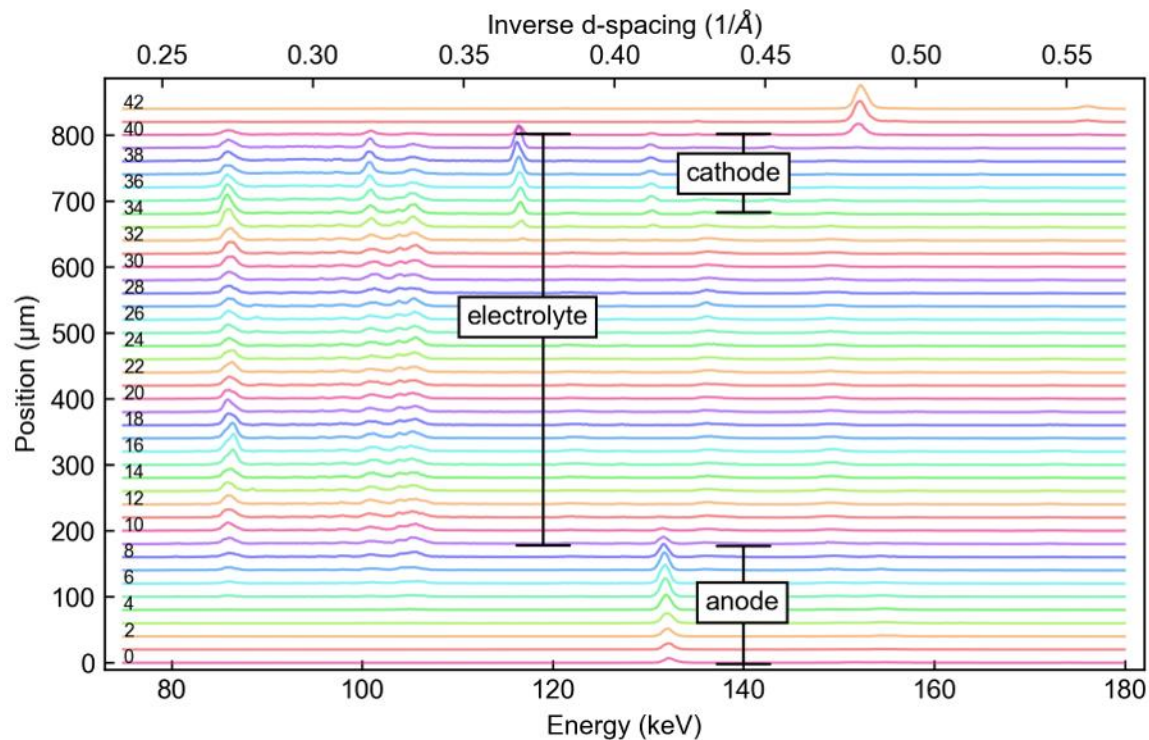


Figure S12. Initial EDXRD data of pristine $\text{FeS}_2/\text{C}/\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} | \text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I} | \text{Li-In}$ full cell at time 1. This data is the same as is plotted in Figure 5b, but here it is plotted as individual diffraction patterns.

13. The $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ (220) peak at location 34 inside the FeS_2 cathode as a function of time.

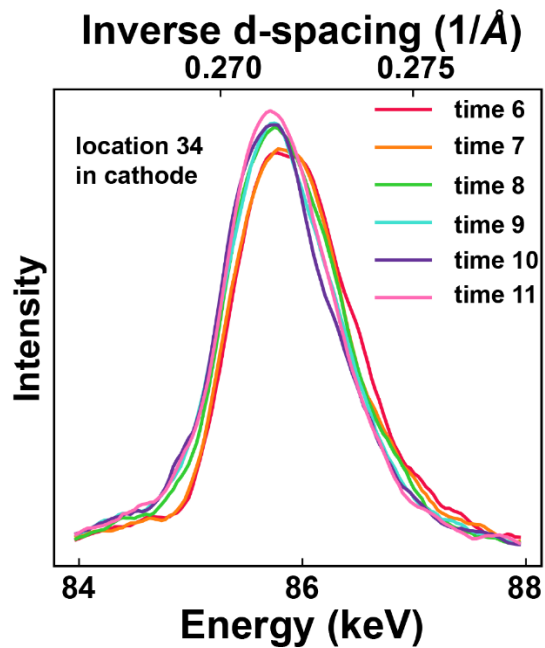


Figure S13. The $\text{Li}_{6.6}\text{Ge}_{0.6}\text{Sb}_{0.4}\text{S}_5\text{I}$ (220) peak at location 34 inside the FeS_2 cathode as a function of time.

Figure S14. SEM images of FeS₂/LGSSI/C electrodes before and after cycling.

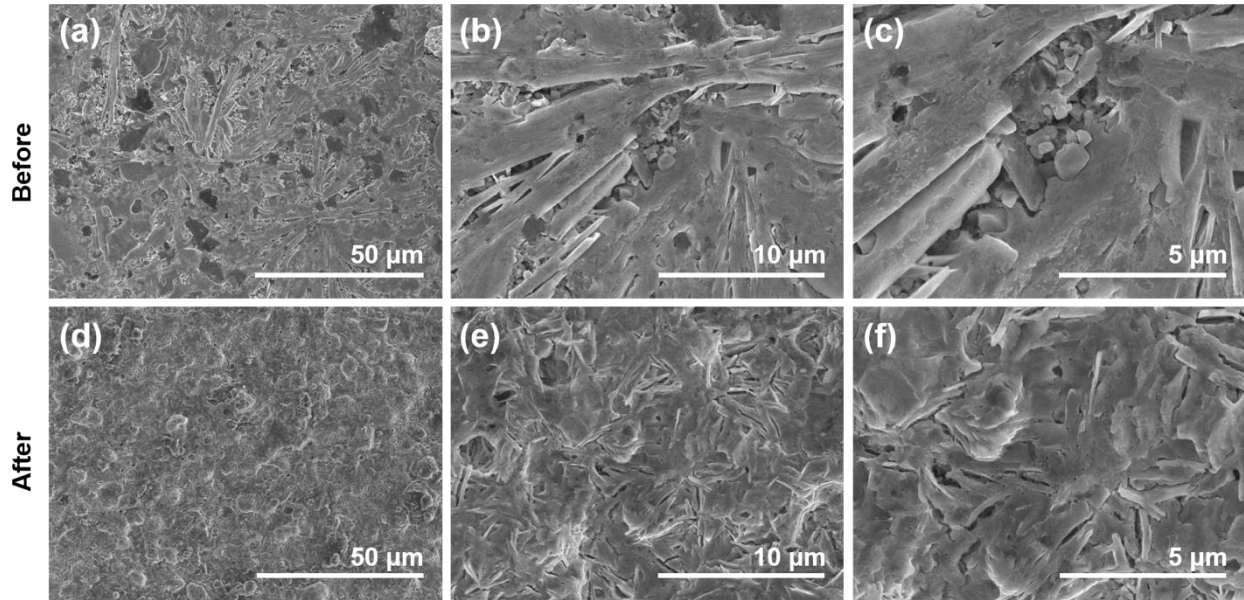


Figure S14. Morphology evolution of FeS₂/LGSSI/C electrodes (a-c) before cycling and (d-e) after 220 cycling, with magnification of a) and d) 1k, b) and e) 5k, c) and f) 10k.

Table S5. Performance comparison with reported ASLBs using FeS₂ as cathode

| <i>ref</i> | <i>Cathode</i> | <i>Electrolyte</i> | <i>Capacity</i> | <i>Cycle number</i> |
|------------------|------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>This work</i> | <i>FeS₂</i> | <i>Li_{6.6}Ge_{0.6}Sb_{0.4}S₅I</i> | <i>600 mAh/g at 90 mA/g</i> | <i>220</i> |
| <i>3</i> | <i>FeS₂</i> | <i>Li₁₀GeP₂S₁₂</i> | <i>197.1 mAh/g at 500 mA/g</i> | <i>100</i> |
| <i>4</i> | <i>FeS₂</i> | <i>Li₁₀GeP₂S₁₂</i> | <i>632.4 mAh/g at 30 mA/g</i> | <i>20</i> |
| | <i>FeS₂</i> | | <i>171.1 mAh/g at 1000 mA/g</i> | <i>200</i> |
| <i>5</i> | <i>FeS₂</i> | <i>77.5Li₂S-22.5P₂S₅</i> | <i>~150 mAh/g at 500 mA/g</i> | <i>500</i> |

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| 6 | FeS ₂ | 77.5Li ₂ S-22.5P ₂ S ₅ | 750 mAh/g, at 92 mA/g | 20 |
|---|------------------|---|-----------------------|----|

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