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Mechanisms of Li-ion transport in bulk electrolytes and through solid-electrolyte interphases (SEI) DMITRY BEDROV, ZHE LI, University of Utah, OLEG BORODIN, Army Research Laboratory — Performance of Li-ion batteries is strongly coupled to the mechanisms of Li⁺ transport in bulk electrolytes, its transition through electrolyte/SEI interface and its transport through glassy SEI matrix. We will discuss the results of extensive atomistic molecular dynamics (MD) simulations using APPLE&P polarizable force field and that have focused on understanding of correlations between the Li⁺ local structure and the mechanisms of Li⁺ transport in these systems. Specifically, we will address: a) Li⁺ transport in ionic liquid based electrolytes and the influence of organic solvent additives (ethylene carbonate and acetonitrile), b) Li-ion transport through model SEIs comprised of alkyl dicarbonate anions and the influence of SEI contamination by Mn²⁺ cations, and c) transition of Li⁺ ions through SEI/electrolyte interfaces.

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