

Electronic Supplementary Information for
Electrochemical Studies of Hydrogen Chloride Gas in Several Room
Temperature Ionic Liquids: Mechanism and Sensing

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Figure legends

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Figure S2: CVs for the oxidation (first scan) of 2.56 % hydrogen chloride gas on a $8.3\ \mu\text{m}$ radius Pt electrode in a) $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{NTf}_2]$, b) $[\text{C}_4\text{mim}][\text{NTf}_2]$, c) $[\text{C}_6\text{mim}][\text{FAP}]$, d) $[\text{C}_4\text{mpyrr}][\text{NTf}_2]$, e) $[\text{C}_4\text{mim}][\text{BF}_4]$, f) $[\text{C}_4\text{mim}][\text{PF}_6]$ at various scan rates between 0.05-2 V/s. The labels for peaks (I) to (V) are not included for $[\text{C}_4\text{mim}][\text{PF}_6]$ (f) due to different reactions occurring in this RTIL.

Figure S3: Plots of currents vs square root of scan rate in $[\text{C}_2\text{mim}][\text{NTf}_2]$ on a Pt microelectrode (diameter $8.3\ \mu\text{m}$) for a) $[\text{HCl}_2]^-$ oxidation during first scan, b) $[\text{HCl}_2]^-$ oxidation during second scan, c) H^+ reduction and d) Cl^- oxidation.

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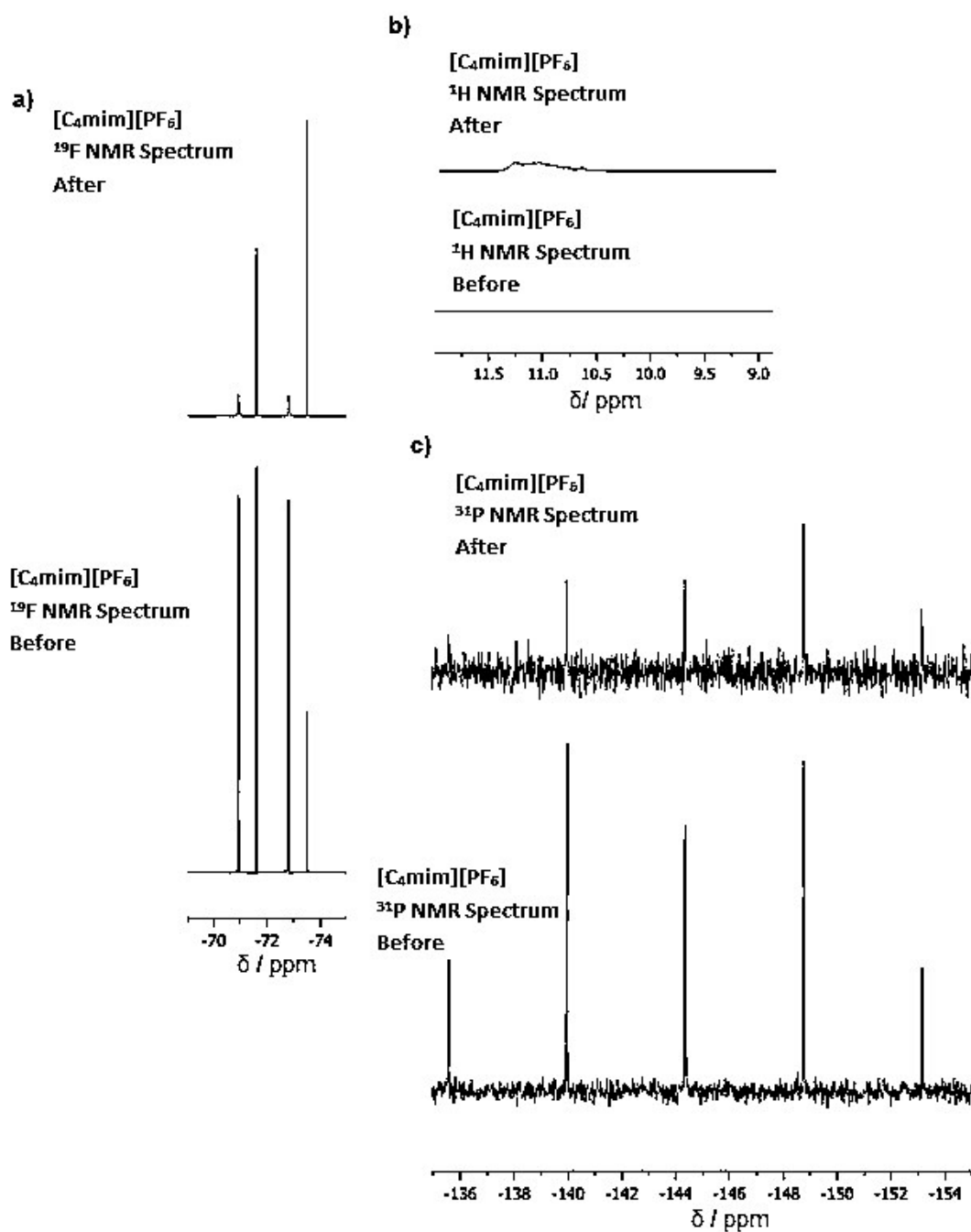


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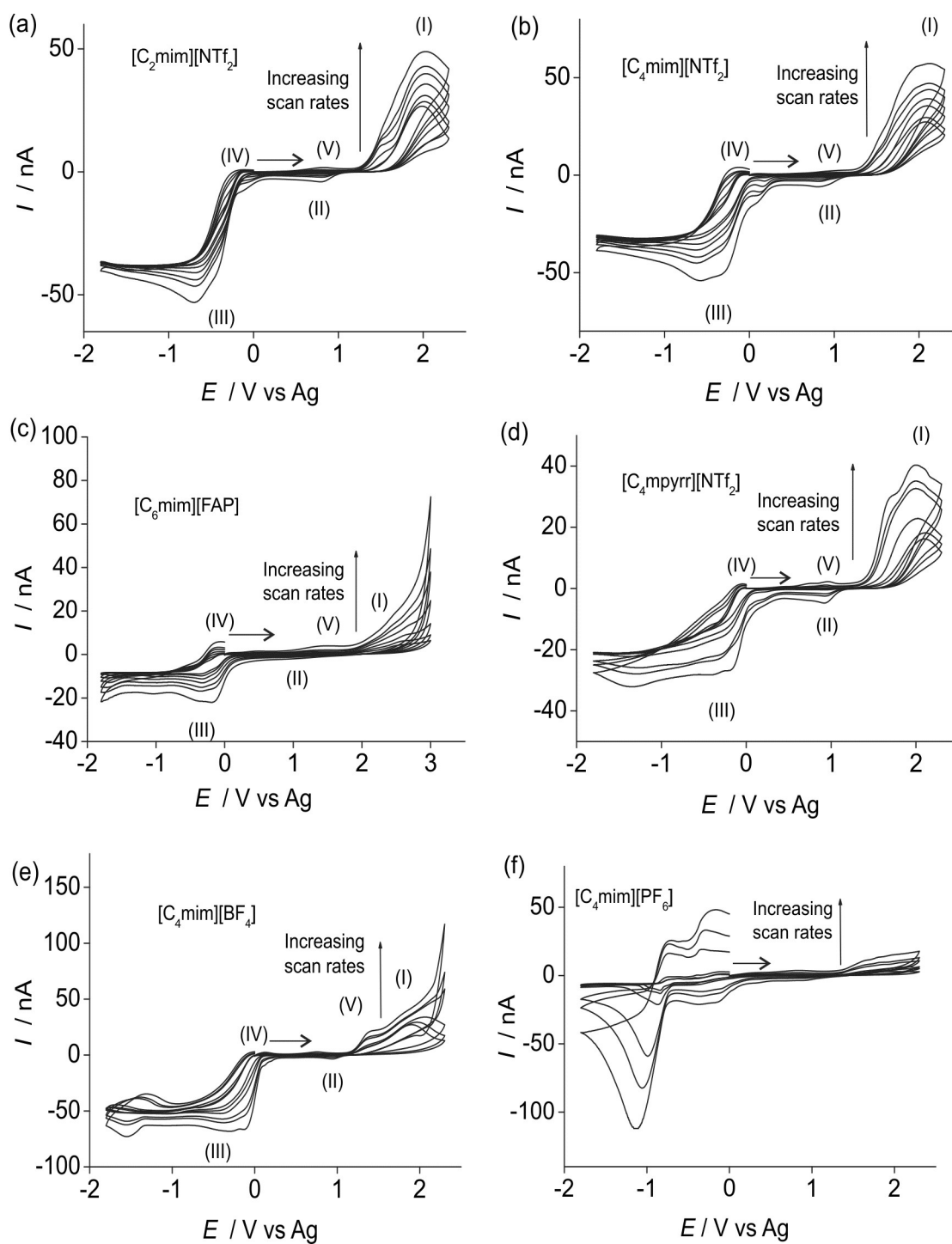


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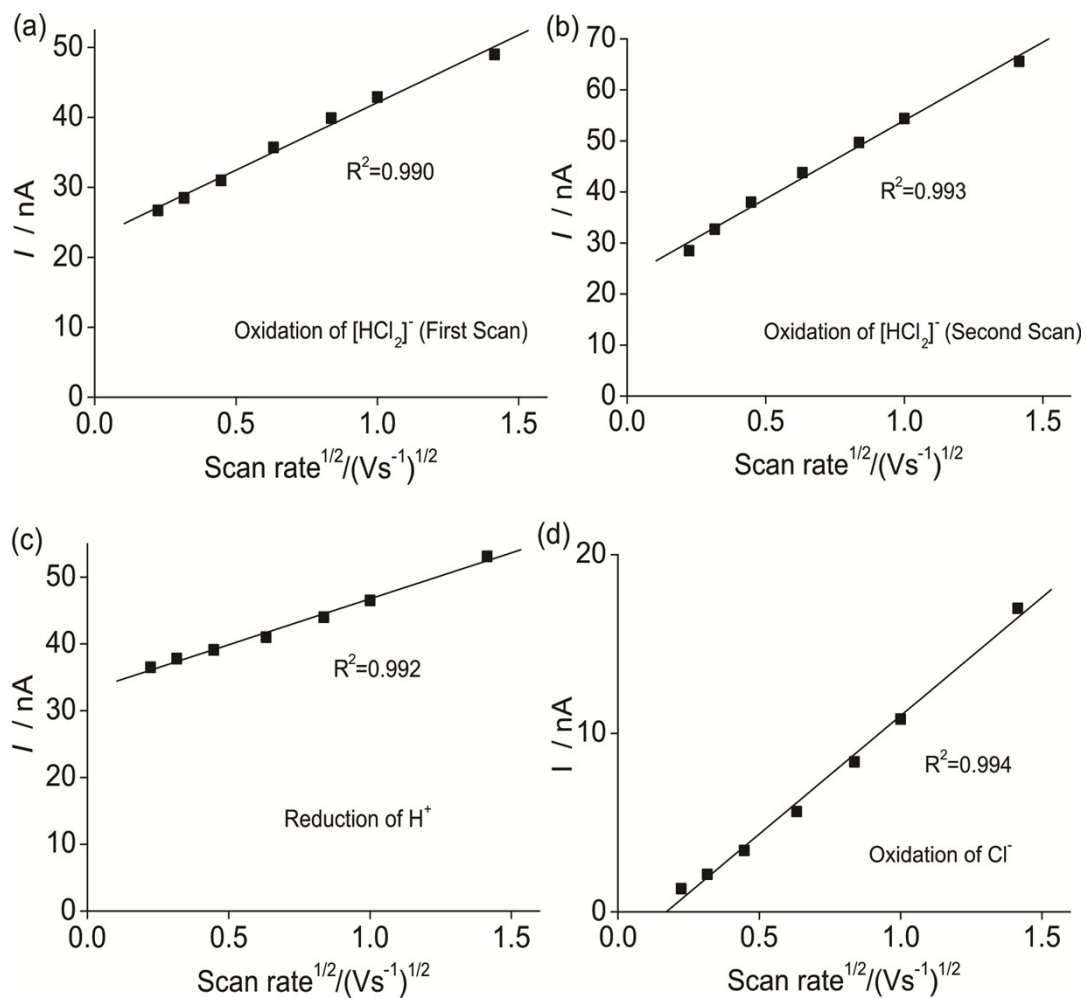


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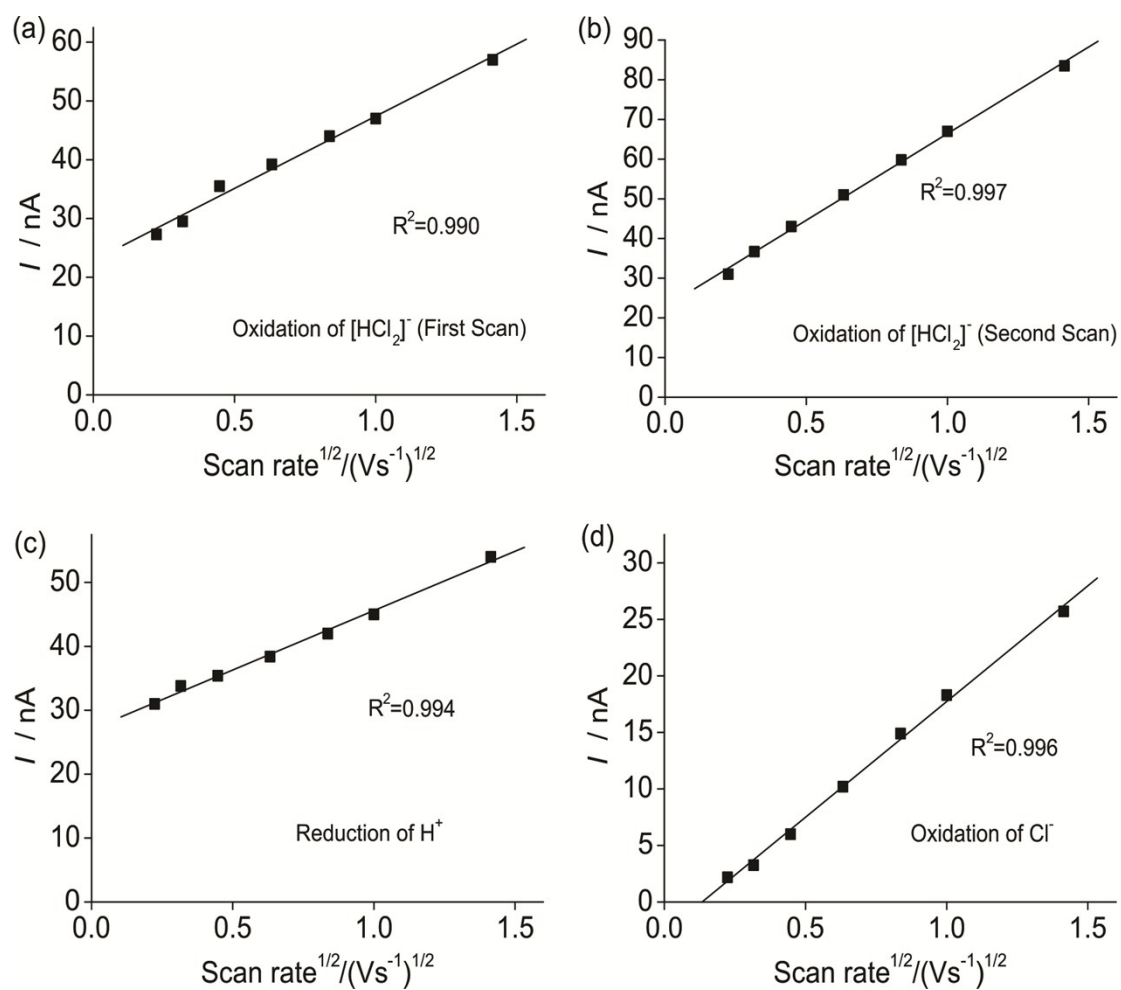


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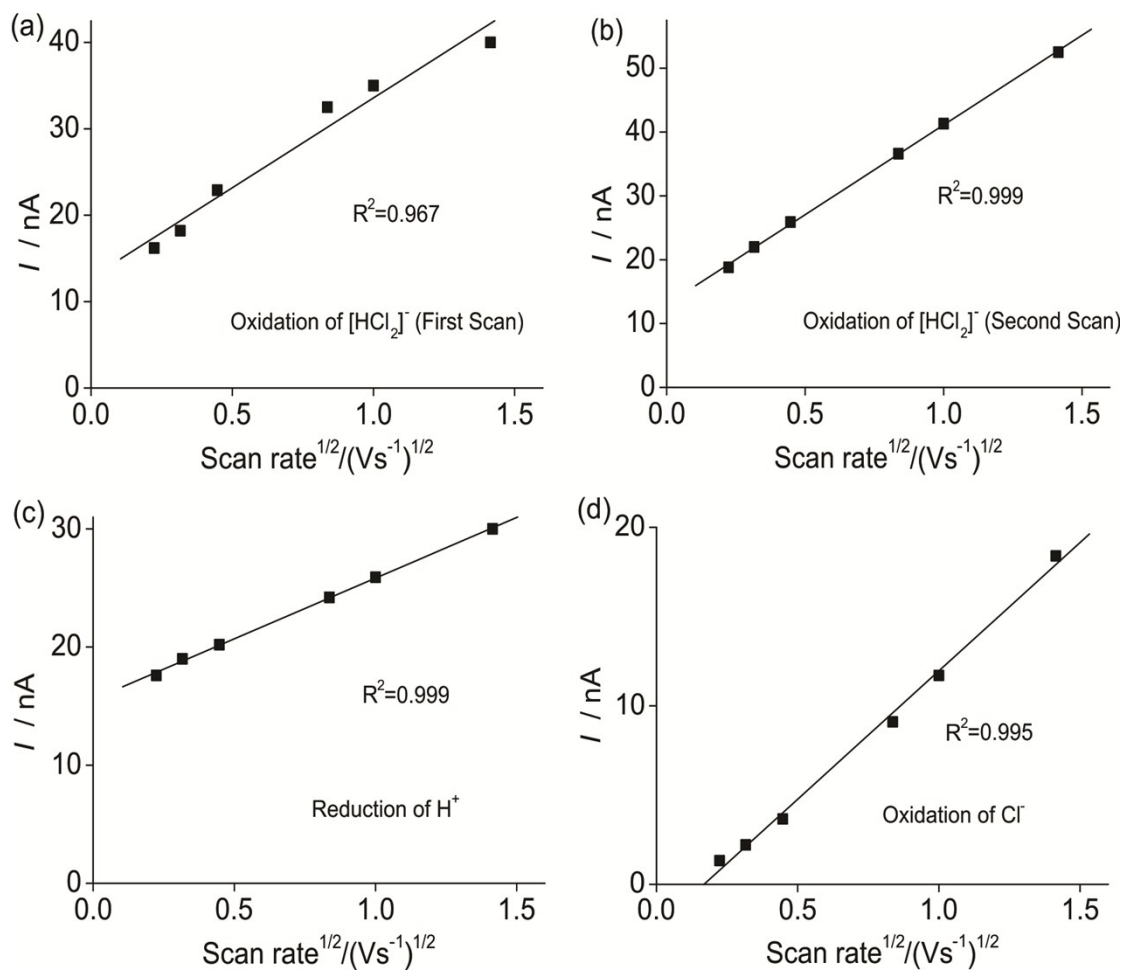


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