

## Supporting Information

### Site-specific electronic structure of imidazole and imidazolium in aqueous solutions

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|        | Calculated Orbital Energy (eV) |                                |
|--------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|        | Imidazole (Im)                 | Imidazolium ( $\text{ImH}^+$ ) |
| LUMO+2 | 0.58                           | -4.36                          |
| LUMO+1 | 0.36                           | -5.79                          |
| LUMO   | -0.61                          | -6.89                          |
| HOMO   | -5.81                          | -11.97                         |
| HOMO-1 | -6.31                          | -13.77                         |
| HOMO-2 | -6.98                          | -16.39                         |

Table S1: Calculated orbital energies (in eV).

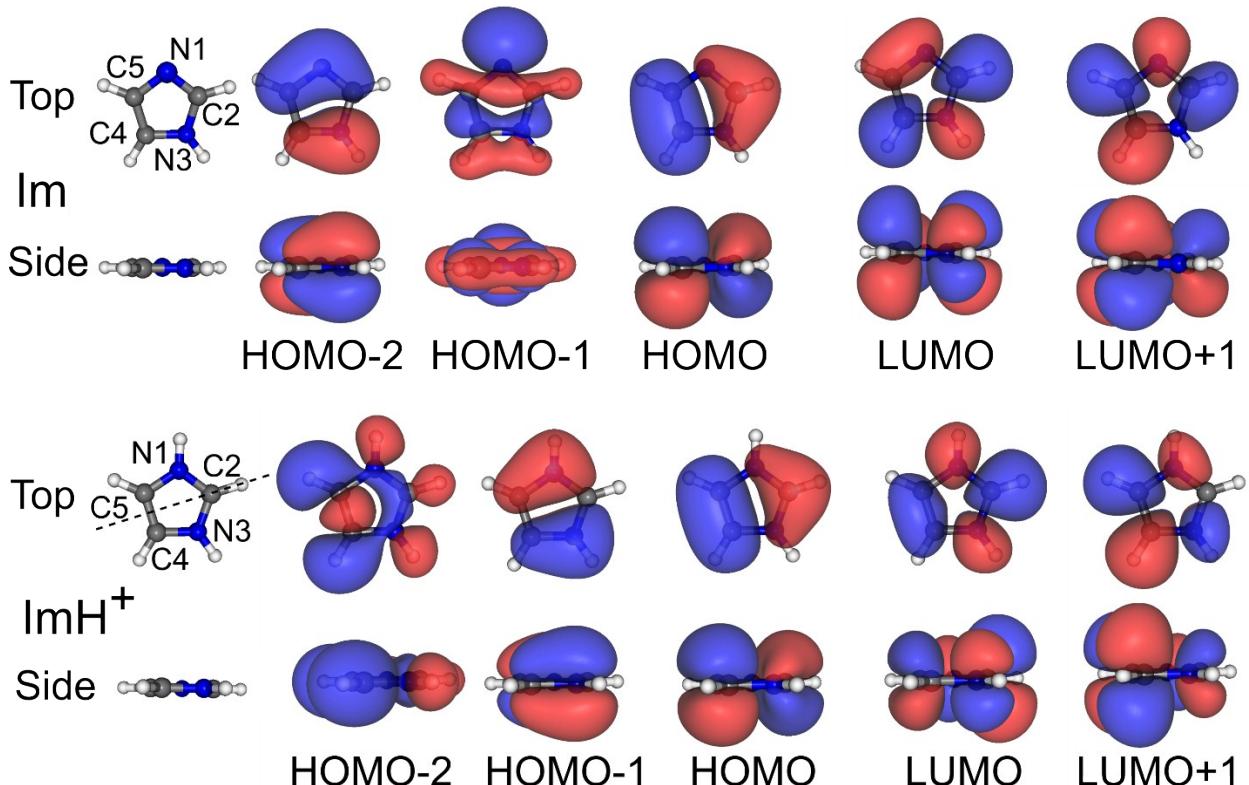


Figure S1: Calculated isodensity surfaces of the three highest occupied and two lowest unoccupied molecular orbitals of Im (top) and  $\text{ImH}^+$  (bottom), respectively (isosurface value:  $\pm 0.02 \frac{e}{a_0^3}$ ).