## Electronic supplementary information

## Synthesis of magnesium complexes of ionic liquids with highly coordinating anion

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Table 1. Crystallographic data of Mg(hfac) <sub>3</sub> ] complexes		
<sup>1</sup> H and <sup>13</sup> C NMR spectra of ILs;	S3 - S7	
[C <sub>4</sub> mim][hfac], [C <sub>4</sub> Pyr][hfac], [C <sub>4</sub> Pip][hfac],		
[C <sub>6</sub> Morph][hfac] and [C <sub>4</sub> Pyrr][hfac]		
<sup>1</sup> H and <sup>13</sup> C NMR spectra of Mg complexes;	S8 - S12	
$[C_4 mim][Mg(hfac)_3], [C_4 Pyr][Mg(hfac)_3], [C_4 Pip][Mg(hfac)_3],$		
$[C_6Morph][Mg(hfac)_3]$ and $[C_4Pyrr][Mg(hfac)_3]$		

## **Table 1.** Crystallographic data of $[C_4 mim][Mg(hfac)_3]$ , $[C_4 Pip][Mg(hfac)_3]$ , $[C_4 Pyr][Mg(hfac)_3]$ and $[C_6 Morp][Mg(hfac)_3]$ .

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	[C <sub>4</sub> mim][Mg(hfac)3]	[C <sub>6</sub> Morp] [Mg(hfac)3].	[C <sub>4</sub> Pip] [Mg(hfac) <sub>3</sub> ]	[C <sub>4</sub> Pyr] [Mg(hfac) <sub>3</sub> ]	
Crystal data					
Chemical formula	$C_{15}H_{3}F_{18}MgO_{6}\cdot C_{8}H_{15}N2$	$C_{15}H_{3}F_{18}MgO_{6}{\cdot}C_{11}H_{24}NO$	$C_{15}H_3F_{18}MgO_6\!\cdot\!C_{10}H_{22}N$	$C_{15}H_{3}F_{18}MgO_{6}{\cdot}C_{9}H_{14}N$	
M <sub>r</sub>	784.7	831.79	801.77	781.7	
Crystal system, space group	Triclinic, P	Monoclinic, P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	Monoclinic, P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	Triclinic, P	
Temperature (K)	100	100	100	100	
a, b, c (Å)	9.0058 (8) 17.6783 (15) 20.1473 (17)	9.4523 (8) 18.8574 (16) 18.6567 (16)	18.549 (2) 18.597 (2) 20.171 (2)	9.5379 (7) 10.9322 (8) 15.1147 (10)	
α, β, γ (°)	74.180 (2) 86.894 (2) 89.008 (2)	90 91.129 (2) 90	90 111.444 (2) 90	81.617 (1) 86.002 (1) 72.564 (1)	
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	3081.6 (5)	3324.8 (5)	6476.4 (12)	1486.97 (18)	
Z	4	4	8	2	
Radiation type	Μο Κα	Μο Κα	Μο Κα	Μο Κα	
$\mu (mm^{-1})$	0.21	0.2	0.2	0.21	
Crystal size (mm)	$0.25\times0.09\times0.06$	$0.33 \times 0.13 \times 0.06$	$0.27 \times 0.19 \times 0.09$	$0.77\times0.58\times0.11$	
Data collection					
Diffractometer	Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer, CMOS detector				
Absorption correction	Multi-scan (SADABS 2016/2)				
	wR2(int) was 0.1156 before and 0.0532 after correction. The Ratio of minimum to maximum transmission is 0.9295.	wR2(int) was 0.1109 before and 0.0482 after correction. The Ratio of minimum to maximum transmission is 0.8727.	wR2(int) was 0.0882 before and 0.0422 after correction. The Ratio of minimum to maximum transmission is 0.9114.	wR2(int) was 0.1307 before and 0.0464 after correction. The Ratio of minimum to maximum transmission is 0.9337.	
T <sub>min</sub> , T <sub>max</sub>	0.693, 0.745	0.650, 0.745	0.680, 0.746	0.697, 0.747	
No. of measured, independent and observed $[I > 2\sigma_{(I)}]$ reflections	77620, 11140, 7954	24991, 6109, 4551	54735, 16076, 11802	44959, 11358, 9339	
R <sub>int</sub>	0.061	0.038	0.027	0.03	
$(\sin \theta / \lambda) \max (Å^{-1})$	0.6	0.604	0.668	0.77	
Refinement					
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)], wR(F^2), S$	0.054, 0.124, 1.02	0.045, 0.119, 1.03	0.066, 0.204, 1.02	0.039, 0.108, 1.05	
No. of reflections	11140	6109	16076	11358	
No. of parameters	968	599	1082	479	
No. of restraints	84	92	61	24	
H-atom treatment	H-atom parameters constrained				
$\Delta \rho_{max}, \Delta \rho_{min} (e \text{ Å}^{-3})$	0.91, -0.67	0.47, -0.30	1.33, -0.50	0.90, -0.54	







Figure 4.  ${}^{13}$ C NMR spectrum of [C<sub>4</sub>Pyr][hfac]



Figure 6. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of  $[C_4Pip][hfac]$ 



Figure 8. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of [C<sub>6</sub>Morph][hfac]



Figure 10.  $^{\rm 13}$  C NMR spectrum of  $\ [C_4 Pyrr][hfac]$ 





Figure 12. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of  $[C_4 mim][hfac]$ 



**Figure 14**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of  $[C_4Pyr][Mg(hfac)_3]$ 



**Figure S16**. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of  $[C_4Pip][Mg(hfac)_3]$ 



Figure 18. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of [C<sub>6</sub>Morph][Mg(hfac)<sub>3</sub>]



Figure 20. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of  $[C_4Pyrr][Mg(hfac)_3]$