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## **Thermochemistry of Imidazolium-Based Ionic Liquids:**

### **Experiment and First-Principles Calculations**

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**TABLE S1. Formula, density  $\rho$  (T = 293 K), massic heat capacity  $c_p$  (T = 298.15 K), and expansion coefficients  $(\delta V/\delta T)_p$  of the materials used in the present study.**

Compounds	Formula	$\rho$	$c_p$	$10^{-6} \cdot (\delta V/\delta T)_p^a$
		$\text{g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$	$\text{J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$	$\text{dm}^3 \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$
[C <sub>2</sub> MIM][N(CN) <sub>2</sub> ]	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>5</sub>	1.080	1.20	1.0
polyethene <sup>b</sup>	CH <sub>1.93</sub>	0.920	2.53	0.1
Cotton <sup>c</sup>	CH <sub>1.774</sub> O <sub>0.887</sub>	1.500	1.67	0.1

<sup>a</sup> Estimated. <sup>b</sup> From 10 combustion experiments,  $\Delta_c u^\circ = -(46354.5.0 \pm 4.0) \text{ J} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$ . <sup>c</sup> From 10 combustion experiments,  $\Delta_c u^\circ = -(16945.2 \pm 4.2) \text{ J} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$ .

**TABLE S2. Results for typical combustion experiments at T = 298.15 K ( $p^\circ = 0.1 \text{ MPa}$ ) of the [C<sub>2</sub>MIM][N(CN)<sub>2</sub>].<sup>a</sup>**

m (substance) /g <sup>b</sup>	0.384822	0.425841	0.414895	0.455825	0.438668	0.422283
m'(cotton) /g <sup>b</sup>	0.000778	0.000888	0.000925	0.000988	0.000959	0.001017
m''(polythen) /g <sup>b</sup>	0.326027	0.332255	0.334651	0.323307	0.361073	0.306961
$\Delta T_c / \text{K}^c$	1.75134	1.84943	1.83622	1.8783	1.96348	1.76402
$(\epsilon_{\text{calor}}) \cdot (-\Delta T_c) / \text{J}$	-25934.2	-27386.7	-27191.1	-27814.3	-29075.7	-26121.9
$(\epsilon_{\text{cont}}) \cdot (-\Delta T_c) / \text{J}$	-32.00	-34.16	-33.88	-34.76	-36.54	-32.28
$\Delta U_{\text{decomp}} \text{HNO}_3 / \text{J}$	82.42	85.41	83.02	82.42	87.2	83.62
$\Delta U_{\text{corr}} / \text{J}^d$	10.38	11.23	9.99	10.44	10.78	9.61
$-m' \cdot \Delta_c u' / \text{J}$	13.18	15.05	15.67	16.74	16.25	17.23
$-m'' \cdot \Delta_c u'' / \text{J}$	15112.82	15401.51	15512.58	14986.73	16737.36	14229.02
$\Delta_c u^\circ (\text{liq}) / (\text{J} \cdot \text{g}^{-1})$	-27928.3	-27962.6	-27967.7	-27977.2	-27949.6	-27978.2

<sup>a</sup> For the definition of the symbols see reference 18, calorimeter:  $T_h = 298.15 \text{ K}$ ;  $V(\text{bomb}) = 0.32 \text{ dm}^3$ ;  $p^i(\text{gas}) = 3.04 \text{ MPa}$ ;  $m^i(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 1.00 \text{ g}$ ; <sup>b</sup> Masses obtained from apparent masses. <sup>c</sup>  $\Delta T_c = T^f - T^i + \Delta T_{\text{corr}}$ ;  $(\epsilon_{\text{cont}}) \cdot (-\Delta T_c) = (\epsilon_{\text{cont}}^i) \cdot (T^i - 298.15 \text{ K}) + (\epsilon_{\text{cont}}^f) \cdot (298.15 \text{ K} - T^f + \Delta T_{\text{corr}})$ . <sup>d</sup>  $\Delta U_{\text{corr}}$ , the correction to standard states, is the sum of items 81 to 85, 87 to 90, 93, and 94 in reference 18. <sup>f</sup>  $\epsilon = 14808.2 \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$

**TABLE S3. Results for typical combustion experiments at  $T = 298.15$  K ( $p^{\circ} = 0.1$  MPa) of the  $[\text{C}_4\text{MIM}][\text{N}(\text{CN})_2]^{\text{a}}$**

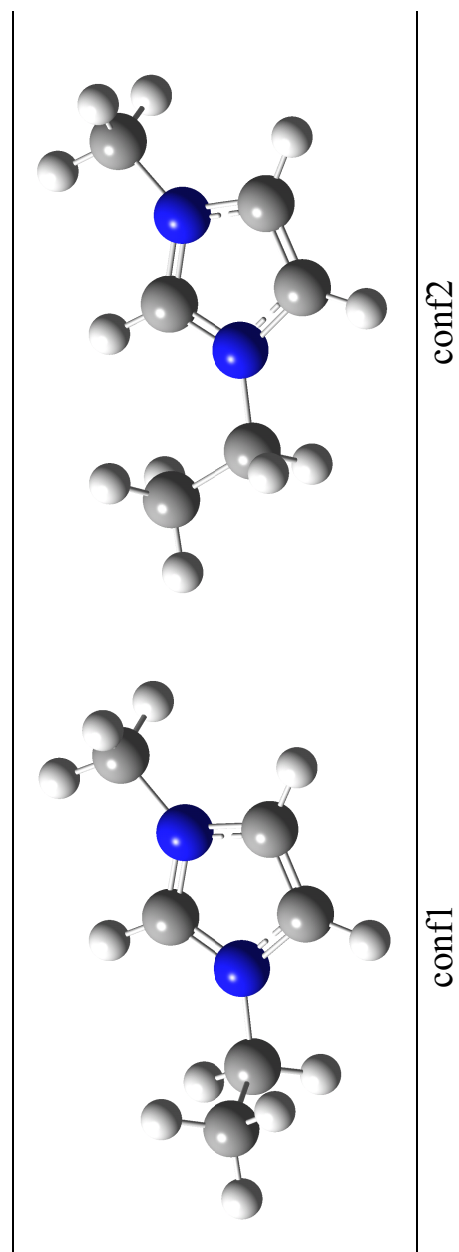
$m$ (substance) /g <sup>b</sup>	0.540534	0.337119	0.329953	0.366428	0.463607	0.415376	0.384793	0.439158	0.442936
$m$ (cotton) /g <sup>b</sup>	0.004403	0.004	0.003959	0.003931	0.00389	0.003644	0.00362	0.00382	0.004053
$m$ "(polythen) /g <sup>b</sup>	0.296916	0.292229	0.29373	0.306265	0.283129	0.281928	0.28083	0.282947	0.283998
$\Delta T_c$ /K <sup>c</sup>	2.05377	1.61783	1.60716	1.72136	1.85038	1.74648	1.67976	1.79964	1.81143
$(\epsilon_{\text{calor}}) \cdot (-\Delta T_c)$ /J	-30405.7	-23951.8	-23793.8	-25484.4	-27394.6	-25856.3	-24868.5	-26643.3	-26817.8
$(\epsilon_{\text{cont}}) \cdot (-\Delta T_c)$ /J	-38.73	-29.53	-29.32	-31.63	-34.27	-32.17	-30.77	-33.28	-33.53
$\Delta U_{\text{decomp HNO}_3}$ /J	75.85	52.86	51.07	54.95	67.19	61.52	57.93	63.91	65.1
$\Delta U_{\text{corr}}$ /J <sup>d</sup>	11.35	8.32	8.25	8.97	9.95	9.25	8.79	9.61	9.68
$-m' \cdot \Delta_c u'$ /J	74.61	67.78	67.09	66.61	65.92	61.75	61.34	64.73	68.68
$-m'' \cdot \Delta_c u''$ /J	13765.32	13548.03	13617.62	14198.75	13126.14	13070.46	13019.56	13117.71	13166.43
$\Delta_c u^{\circ}$ (liq) /( $\text{J} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$ )	-30557.3	-30565.8	-30547	-30529.1	-30542.4	-30539.8	-30540.2	-30559.9	-30572.1
$\Delta_c u^{\circ}$ (liq) /( $\text{J} \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$ )									

-30550.4 ± 4.7

195.0 ± 2.7

<sup>a</sup> For the definition of the symbols see reference 13,  $T_h = 298.15$  K;  $V(\text{bomb}) = 0.32$  dm<sup>3</sup>;  $p^{\circ}(\text{gas}) = 3.04$  MPa;  $m^{\circ}(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 1.00$  g; <sup>b</sup> Masses obtained from apparent masses. <sup>c</sup>  $\Delta T_c = T^f - T^i + \Delta T_{\text{corr}}$ ;  $(\epsilon_{\text{cont}}) \cdot (-\Delta T_c) = (\epsilon_{\text{cont}}^i) \cdot (T^i - 298.15 \text{ K}) + (\epsilon_{\text{cont}}^f) \cdot (298.15 \text{ K} - T^f + \Delta T_{\text{corr}})$ . <sup>d</sup>  $\Delta U_{\text{corr}}$ , the correction to standard states, is the sum of items 81 to 85, 87 to 90, 93, and 94 in reference 13. <sup>f</sup>  $\epsilon = 14804.82 \pm 0.9 \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$

TABLE S4. Conformational analysis of the  $[\text{C}_2\text{MIM}]^+$



Conformer	Dihedral $\text{C}_1\text{N}_5\text{C}_7\text{C}_8,^\circ$	<b>RHF/6-31G(d)</b> $E_0$ , Hartree	<b>RHF/6-31G(d)</b> TCH, Hartree	Relative energy at 298.15 K, $\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$
conf1	$\pm 105.0$	-342.3134241	0.190735	0.00
conf2	0.0	-342.3121849	0.190906	3.70
Conformer	Dihedral $\text{C}_1\text{N}_5\text{C}_7\text{C}_8,^\circ$	<b>RB3LYP/6-31G(d,p)</b> $E_0$ , Hartree	<b>RB3LYP/6-31G(d,p)</b> TCH, Hartree	Relative energy at 298.15 K, $\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$
conf1	$\pm 105.0$	-344.5497091	0.179264	0.00
conf2	0.0	-344.5488272	0.179333	2.50

**TABLE S5. Calculation G3MP2 Energy and Enthalpies at 298.15 K (in Hartree, ideal gas)**

Compounds	G3MP2		$\Delta_f H_m^{\circ} \text{ exp. gas}$
	$E_0$	$H_{298}$	
methane	-40.422100	-40.418284	-74.9 ± 0.4 [Pedley]
ethane	-79.651199	-79.646714	-83.8 ± 0.3 [Pedley]
ammonium	-56.470142	-56.466333	-45.94 ± 0.35 [Cox]
methyl-imidazole	-265.097296	-265.090855	125.7
1H-Imidazole	-225.867843	-225.863074	132.9 ± 0.6 [Jimenez]
HCN	-93.298948	-93.295483	135.14 [Chase]
propane	-118.885057	-118.879478	-104.70 [Pedley]
ethene	-78.434778	-78.430777	52.50 [Pedley]
N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	-174.139755	-174.133223	-23.70 [Pedley]
NH <sub>2</sub> -(CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> -NH <sub>2</sub>	-190.194682	-190.188105	-17.00 [Pedley]
[C <sub>2</sub> MIM][N(CN) <sub>2</sub> ]	-584.263083	-584.247538	---

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**TABLE S6. G3MP2 calculations of the process of dissociation of the ion pairs of [C<sub>n</sub>MIM][N(CN)<sub>2</sub>]**

[C <sub>2</sub> MIM][N(CN) <sub>2</sub> ]			[C <sub>4</sub> MIM][N(CN) <sub>2</sub> ]		
Components	Free Energy	Enthalpy	Components	Free Energy	Enthalpy
	Hartree			Hartree	
cation	-343.972545	-343.929305	cation	-422.447867	-265.090845
anion	-240.215284	-240.183854	anion	-240.215284	-319.137933
IL	-584.308419	-584.247537	IL	-662.780247	-584.247537
$\Delta_r G^\circ$ , kJ/mol	316.61		$\Delta_r G^\circ$ , kJ/mol	307.44	
$\Delta_r H^\circ$ , kJ/mol	352.81		$\Delta_r H^\circ$ , kJ/mol	346.69	
$\Delta_r S^\circ$ , J/mol·K	121.42		$\Delta_r S^\circ$ , J/mol·K	131.67	
ln K <sub>p</sub>	-127.72		ln K <sub>p</sub>	-124.02	
K <sub>p</sub>	3.4 E-56		K <sub>p</sub>	1.4 E-54	