

## Influence of the ionic liquid/gas surface on ionic liquid chemistry

### Supplementary Information

Note that the supplementary information section has a separate reference numbering system to the main perspective.

**Table S1.** List of techniques used for studying the ionic liquid/gas surface structure. Pressure = atmospheric/UHV as two options. Techniques at atmospheric pressure can be carried out at lower pressures if suitable apparatus is available. However, UHV techniques require UHV or HV, apart from some very specialist apparatus.

Technique	Probe	Detection method	Pressure
SFG <sup>1-16</sup>	visible + tunable IR	IR	Atmospheric
DLS <sup>17-22</sup>	He-Ne laser	Scattered light	Atmospheric
XPCS <sup>23</sup>	X-rays	X-rays	Atmospheric
XR <sup>6,24-28</sup>	X-rays	X-rays	Atmospheric
NR <sup>29</sup>	neutrons	neutrons	Atmospheric
HREELS <sup>30</sup>	electrons	electrons	UHV
XPS <sup>30-48</sup>	X-rays	electrons	UHV
UPS <sup>30,41,42,49</sup>	Ultraviolet	electrons	UHV
MIES <sup>30,41,42,49</sup>	metastable He atoms	electrons	UHV
ToFSIMS <sup>32,50</sup>	ions/charged clusters	products from surface reactions	UHV
NICISS <sup>43,51-53</sup>	1-5 keV He <sup>+</sup>	He <sup>+</sup>	UHV
O scattering <sup>54-56</sup>	O atoms with 16-500 kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> kinetic energy	scattered OH, and products from surface reactions	UHV
CO <sub>2</sub> scattering <sup>57,58</sup>	61.9 kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> CO <sub>2</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub>	UHV
LEIS <sup>40</sup>	1 keV He <sup>+</sup>	He <sup>+</sup>	UHV
RBS <sup>44,59-62</sup>	400 keV He <sup>+</sup>	He <sup>+</sup>	UHV
DRS <sup>63-65</sup>	2 keV Ne <sup>+</sup>	ions and atoms	UHV
MD <sup>66-82</sup>			

**Table S2.** List of ionic liquids studied, sorted by technique.

Technique	Cation	Anion	Ionic liquid name
Sum-frequency generation spectroscopy, sum-frequency generation vibrational spectroscopy			
SFG <sup>1,2</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium methylsulfate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium propylsulfate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium butylsulfate
SFG <sup>1,2</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
SFG <sup>1,2</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium methylsulfate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium propylsulfate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium butylsulfate
SFG <sup>1,2</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium methylsulfate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium propylsulfate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium butylsulfate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
SFG <sup>3</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bromide
SFG <sup>3,6,7</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	I <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium iodide
SFG <sup>3</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[SCN] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium thiocyanate
SFG <sup>1-5</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium methylsulfate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium propylsulfate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium butylsulfate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium octylsulfate
SFG <sup>3,4</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium methylsulfonate
SFG <sup>3,5,8</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[N(CN) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium dicyanamide
SFG <sup>3,6,9,11-14</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
SFG <sup>1-3,6,9-11</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
SFG <sup>16</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium trifluoromethylsulfonate
SFG <sup>3,7</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
SFG <sup>12</sup>	[C <sub>5</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-pentyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
SFG <sup>12</sup>	[C <sub>6</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
SFG <sup>12</sup>	[C <sub>7</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-heptyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium butylsulfate
SFG <sup>1</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium octylsulfate
SFG <sup>12</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
SFG <sup>12</sup>	[C <sub>9</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-nonyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
SFG <sup>12</sup>	[C <sub>10</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
SFG <sup>12</sup>	[C <sub>11</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-undecyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
SFG <sup>15</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Pyrr] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
SFG <sup>15</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Pyrr] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
SFG <sup>15</sup>	[C <sub>5</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Pyrr] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-pentyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
SFG <sup>15</sup>	[C <sub>6</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Pyrr] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-hexyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide

SFG <sup>15</sup>	[C <sub>10</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Pyr] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide 1-decyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
SFG <sup>15</sup>	[(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> OCH <sub>3</sub> )C <sub>1</sub> Pyr] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-1-methoxyethylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
SFG <sup>15</sup>	[N <sub>3,1,1,13</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	dimethylisopropylpropylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
SFG <sup>15</sup>	[N <sub>4,1,1,13</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	dimethylisopropylbutylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
SFG <sup>15</sup>	[N <sub>6,1,1,13</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	dimethylisopropylhexylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
SFG <sup>15</sup>	[N <sub>10,1,1,13</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	dimethylisopropyldecylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
SFG <sup>8</sup>	[N <sub>6,4,4,4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	[N(CN) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	hexyltributylammonium dicyanamide
<b>Dynamic light scattering</b>			
DLS <sup>17</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride
DLS <sup>18-20</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
DLS <sup>19-22</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
DLS <sup>17</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[AlCl <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrachloroaluminate
DLS <sup>20</sup>	[C <sub>6</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
DLS <sup>20</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
DLS <sup>20</sup>	[N <sub>1,1,1,1</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	tetramethylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
DLS <sup>20</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Pip] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	methylpropylpiperidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
<b>X-ray photon correlation spectroscopy</b>			
XPCS <sup>23</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
<b>X-ray reflectivity (XR or XRR)</b>			
XR <sup>6</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium iodide
XR <sup>6,24</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
XR <sup>6,24,25</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
XR <sup>26</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Pyr] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
XR <sup>27,28</sup>	[N <sub>8,8,8,1</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	[Nf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	trioctylmethylammonium bis[(nonafluorobutane)sulfonyl]imide
XR <sup>27</sup>	[P <sub>6,6,6,14</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	[Nf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	trihexyltetradecylphosphonium bis[(nonafluorobutane)sulfonyl]imide
<b>High resolution electron energy loss spectroscopy</b>			
HREELS <sup>30</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
<b>X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy</b>			
XPS <sup>31</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
XPS <sup>32-37,83</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate
XPS <sup>34,37,38</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium octylsulfate
XPS <sup>30,32,38-43</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
XPS <sup>44</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[N(CN) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium dicyanamide
XPS <sup>32,34,45</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
XPS <sup>32,44</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium

XPS <sup>34,38,43</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	hexafluorophosphate 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
XPS <sup>34</sup>	[C <sub>6</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride
XPS <sup>34,45</sup>	[C <sub>6</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
XPS <sup>38,43</sup>	[C <sub>6</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
XPS <sup>32,46</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride
XPS <sup>46</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium bromide
XPS <sup>46</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	I <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium iodide
XPS <sup>46</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[NO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate
XPS <sup>34,45-47</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
XPS <sup>46</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
XPS <sup>46</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium trifluoromethylsulfonate
XPS <sup>38,43,46</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
XPS <sup>46</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Pf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(pentafluoroethyl)sulfonyl]imide
XPS <sup>46</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>3</sub> (C <sub>2</sub> F <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium tris(pentafluoroethyl)trifluorophosphate
XPS <sup>34</sup>	[C <sub>10</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride
XPS <sup>34</sup>	[C <sub>10</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup>	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium bromide
XPS <sup>38</sup>	[C <sub>10</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
XPS <sup>38</sup>	[C <sub>12</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-dodecyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
XPS <sup>38</sup>	[C <sub>16</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-hexadecyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
XPS <sup>34</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-2,3-dimethylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
XPS <sup>48</sup>	[Me(EG)C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	I <sup>-</sup>	3-[2-methoxy-ethyl]-1-methylimidazolium iodide
XPS <sup>31,48</sup>	[Me(EG)C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	3-[2-methoxy-ethyl]-1-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
XPS <sup>31,38,48</sup>	[Et(EG) <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	3-[2-(2-ethoxy-ethoxy)-ethyl]-1- methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
XPS <sup>31,38,48</sup>	[Me(EG) <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	3-[2-(2-methoxy-ethoxy)-ethoxy]-1- methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
XPS <sup>34</sup>	[(C <sub>2</sub> OH)C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
XPS <sup>34</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Pyrr] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
XPS <sup>83</sup>	[N(C <sub>1</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>2</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	bis(2-hydroxyethyl)dimethylammonium methylsulfonate
XPS <sup>31</sup>	9:1 [C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup> :[C <sub>12</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	

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UPS <sup>30,41,42</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
UPS <sup>49</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
UPS <sup>49</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium trifluoromethylsulfonate
UPS <sup>49</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium

UPS <sup>49</sup>	$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
UPS <sup>49</sup>	$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[CF_3SO_3]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
UPS <sup>49</sup>	$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium trifluoromethylsulfonate
UPS <sup>49</sup>	$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[CF_3SO_3]^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
UPS <sup>49</sup>	$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium trifluoromethylsulfonate
UPS <sup>49</sup>	$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
metastable impact electron spectroscopy, metastable induced electron spectroscopy, metastable atom electron spectroscopy (MAES)			
MIES <sup>30,41,42</sup>	$[C_2C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
MIES <sup>49</sup>	$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
MIES <sup>49</sup>	$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[CF_3SO_3]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium trifluoromethylsulfonate
MIES <sup>49</sup>	$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
MIES <sup>49</sup>	$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
MIES <sup>49</sup>	$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[CF_3SO_3]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium trifluoromethylsulfonate
MIES <sup>49</sup>	$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
MIES <sup>49</sup>	$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
MIES <sup>49</sup>	$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[CF_3SO_3]^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium trifluoromethylsulfonate
MIES <sup>49</sup>	$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
Time-of-flight secondary ion mass spectrometry			
ToFSIMS <sup>50</sup>	$[C_2C_1Im]^+$	$[C_2OSO_3]^-$	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate
ToFSIMS <sup>32</sup>	$[C_2C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
ToFSIMS <sup>84</sup>	$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$I^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium iodide
ToFSIMS <sup>84</sup>	$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[OAc]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium acetate
ToFSIMS <sup>84</sup>	$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[NO_3]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate
ToFSIMS <sup>84</sup>	$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[PF_6]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
ToFSIMS <sup>84,85</sup>	$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
Neutral impact collision ion scattering spectroscopy			
NICISS <sup>43</sup>	$[C_2C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
NICISS <sup>43</sup>	$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
NICISS <sup>51,53</sup>	$[C_6C_1Im]^+$	$Cl^-$	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride
NICISS <sup>52</sup>	$[C_6C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
NICISS <sup>43</sup>	$[C_6C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
NICISS <sup>52</sup>	$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
NICISS <sup>43</sup>	$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
NICISS <sup>52</sup>	$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
O scattering <sup>54-56</sup>	$[C_2C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
O scattering <sup>55</sup>	$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide

O scattering <sup>55</sup>	[C <sub>5</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-pentyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
O scattering <sup>55</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
O scattering <sup>54-56</sup>	[C <sub>12</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-dodecyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
CO <sub>2</sub> scattering <sup>57,58</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
CO <sub>2</sub> scattering <sup>57,58</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
CO <sub>2</sub> scattering <sup>58</sup>	[C <sub>6</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
CO <sub>2</sub> scattering <sup>58</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
CO <sub>2</sub> scattering <sup>58</sup>	[C <sub>12</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-dodecyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
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Low energy ion scattering			
LEIS <sup>40</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
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Rutherford backscattering			
RBS <sup>59</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
RBS <sup>44</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[N(CN) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium dicyanamide
RBS <sup>44,60</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
RBS <sup>59</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
RBS <sup>59</sup>	[C <sub>6</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
RBS <sup>61,62</sup>	[N <sub>3,1,1,1</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	trimethylpropylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
RBS <sup>59</sup>	1:1 [C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup> :[C <sub>6</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	
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Direct recoil spectroscopy			
DRS <sup>63,64</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
DRS <sup>63,65</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
DRS <sup>64</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride
DRS <sup>64</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium bromide
DRS <sup>63,64</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
DRS <sup>63,64</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
DRS <sup>63</sup>	[C <sub>12</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-dodecyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluoroborate
DRS <sup>63,64</sup>	[C <sub>12</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-dodecyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
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Neutron reflectometry			
NR <sup>29</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
NR <sup>29</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
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Molecular dynamics simulations			
MD <sup>66</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride
MD <sup>67,68</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[NO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate
MD <sup>69</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
MD <sup>70</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
MD <sup>71</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride
MD <sup>72</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[NO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate
MD <sup>71,73,74</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate

MD <sup>71,74-79</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate
MD <sup>80,81</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
MD <sup>70</sup>	[C <sub>5</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-pentyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
MD <sup>72</sup>	[C <sub>6</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[NO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate
MD <sup>82</sup>	[C <sub>6</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
MD <sup>72</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[NO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate
MD <sup>69</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
MD <sup>72</sup>	[C <sub>10</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[NO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate
MD <sup>72</sup>	[C <sub>12</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[NO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-dodecyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate
MD <sup>70</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>3</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-propylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
MD <sup>70</sup>	[C <sub>5</sub> C <sub>5</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-pentyl-3-pentylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide
MD <sup>69</sup>	[(C <sub>2</sub> OH)C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate
MD <sup>69</sup>	[(C <sub>8</sub> OH)C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-(2-hydroxyoctyl)-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate

**Table S3.** List of ionic liquids studied, sorted by cation.

Cation	Anion	Ionic liquid name	Technique
[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride	MD <sup>66</sup>
[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium methylsulfate	SFG <sup>1,2</sup>
[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium propylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium butylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate	SFG <sup>1,2</sup>
[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>31</sup>
[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[NO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate	MD <sup>67,68</sup>
[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium methylsulfate	SFG <sup>1,2</sup> XPS <sup>34</sup>
[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate	XPS <sup>32-37,83</sup> SFG <sup>1</sup> ToFSIMS <sup>50</sup>
[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ]	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium propylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium butylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium octylsulfate	XPS <sup>34,37,38</sup>
[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	MD <sup>69</sup>
[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate	SFG <sup>1,2</sup>
[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>30,32,38-43</sup> NICISS <sup>43</sup> O scattering <sup>54-56</sup> MIES <sup>30,41,42</sup> HREELS <sup>30</sup> RBS <sup>59</sup> ToFSIMS <sup>32</sup> UPS <sup>30,41,42</sup>
[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium methylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium propylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium butylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	MD <sup>70</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride	DLS <sup>17</sup> MD <sup>71</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bromide	SFG <sup>3</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	I <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium iodide	SFG <sup>3,6,7</sup> XR <sup>6</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[NO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate	MD <sup>72</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[SCN] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium thiocyanate	SFG <sup>3</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium methylsulfate	SFG <sup>1-5</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium propylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium butylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium octylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium methylsulfonate	SFG <sup>3,4</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[N(CN) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium dicyanamide	SFG <sup>3,5,8</sup> XPS <sup>44</sup> RBS <sup>44</sup> XPS <sup>32,34,45</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	

$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[PF_6]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate	XR <sup>6,24</sup> SFG <sup>3,6,9,11-14</sup> NR <sup>29</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup> Scattering <sup>57,58</sup> DRS <sup>63,64</sup> X-ray photon correlation spectroscopy <sup>23</sup> MD <sup>71,73,74</sup> XPS <sup>32,44</sup> DRS <sup>63,65</sup> SFG <sup>1-3,6,9-11</sup> DLS <sup>18-20</sup> XR <sup>6,24,25</sup> RBS <sup>44,60</sup> MD <sup>71,74-79</sup> SFG <sup>16</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup> XPS <sup>34,38,40,43</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup> O scattering <sup>55</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> scattering <sup>57,58</sup> NICISS <sup>43</sup> RBS <sup>59</sup> SFG <sup>3,7</sup> LEIS <sup>40</sup> DLS <sup>19-22</sup> MD <sup>80,81</sup> DLS <sup>17</sup>
$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[CF_3SO_3]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium trifluoromethylsulfonate	
$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	
$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[AlCl_4]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrachloroaluminate	
$[C_5C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-pentyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	SFG <sup>12</sup>
$[C_5C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-pentyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	O scattering <sup>55</sup> MD <sup>70</sup>
$[C_6C_1Im]^+$	$Cl^-$	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride	XPS <sup>34</sup> NICISS <sup>51,53</sup>
$[C_6C_1Im]^+$	$[NO_3]^-$	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate	MD <sup>72</sup>
$[C_6C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	SFG <sup>12</sup> NICISS <sup>52</sup> XPS <sup>34,45</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> scattering <sup>58</sup> DLS <sup>20</sup>
$[C_6C_1Im]^+$	$[PF_6]^-$	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate	
$[C_6C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>38,43</sup> NICISS <sup>43</sup> RBS <sup>59</sup> MD <sup>82</sup>
$[C_7C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-heptyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	SFG <sup>12</sup>
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$Cl^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride	XPS <sup>32,46</sup> DRS <sup>64</sup>
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$Br^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium bromide	XPS <sup>46</sup> DRS <sup>64</sup>
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$I^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium iodide	XPS <sup>46</sup>

$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[NO_3]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate	XPS <sup>31</sup> MD <sup>72</sup>
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[C_4OSO_3]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium butylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[C_8OSO_3]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium octylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	XPS <sup>34,45-47</sup> SFG <sup>12</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup> DRS <sup>63,64</sup> $CO_2$ scattering <sup>58</sup> NICISS <sup>52</sup> MD <sup>69</sup>
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[PF_6]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate	NR <sup>29</sup> XPS <sup>32,46</sup> DRS <sup>63,64</sup> DLS <sup>20</sup> XPS <sup>46</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup> XPS <sup>38,43,46</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup> O scattering <sup>55</sup> NICISS <sup>43</sup> XPS <sup>46</sup>
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[CF_3SO_3]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium trifluoromethylsulfonate	
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[Pf_2N]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(pentafluoroethyl)sulfonyl]imide	
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[PF_3(C_2F_5)_3]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium tris(pentafluoroethyl)trifluorophosphate	XPS <sup>46</sup>
$[C_9C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-nonyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	SFG <sup>12</sup>
$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$Cl^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride	XPS <sup>34</sup>
$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$Br^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium bromide	XPS <sup>34</sup>
$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[NO_3]^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate	MD <sup>72</sup>
$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	SFG <sup>12</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup> NICISS <sup>52</sup>
$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[PF_6]^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluoroborate	UPS
$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[CF_3SO_3]^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium trifluoromethylsulfonate	MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup>
$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>38</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup>
$[C_{11}C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-undecyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	SFG <sup>12</sup>
$[C_{12}C_1Im]^+$	$[NO_3]^-$	1-dodecyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate	MD <sup>72</sup>
$[C_{12}C_1Im]^+$	$[PF_6]^-$	1-dodecyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluoroborate	DRS <sup>63</sup>
$[C_{12}C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-dodecyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	DRS <sup>63,64</sup>
$[C_{12}C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-dodecyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>38</sup> O scattering <sup>54-56</sup> $CO_2$ scattering <sup>58</sup>
$[C_{16}C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-hexadecyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>38</sup>
$[C_4C_1C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-butyl-2,3-dimethylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	XPS <sup>34</sup>

$[C_3C_3Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-propyl-3-propylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	MD <sup>70</sup>
$[C_5C_5Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-pentyl-3-pentylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	MD <sup>70</sup>
$[Me(EG)C_1Im]^+$	$I^-$	3-[2-methoxy-ethyl]-1-methylimidazolium iodide	XPS <sup>48</sup>
$[Me(EG)C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	3-[2-methoxy-ethyl]-1-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>31,48</sup>
$[Et(EG)_2C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	3-[2-(2-ethoxy-ethoxy)-ethyl]-1- methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>31,38,48</sup>
$[Me(EG)_3C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	3-[2-(2-methoxy-ethoxy)-ethoxy]-1- methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>31,38,48</sup>
$[(C_2OH)C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	XPS <sup>34</sup> MD <sup>69</sup>
$[(C_8OH)C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-(2-hydroxyoctyl)-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	MD <sup>69</sup>
$[C_3C_1Pyrr]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-propyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[C_4C_1Pyrr]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-butyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>34</sup> XR <sup>26</sup> SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[C_5C_1Pyrr]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-pentyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[C_6C_1Pyrr]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-hexyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[C_{10}C_1Pyrr]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-decyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[(C_2H_4OCH_3)C_1Pyrr]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-methyl-1-methoxyethylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[N_{1,1,1,1}]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	tetramethylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	DLS <sup>20</sup>
$[N_{3,1,1,1}]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	trimethylpropylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	RBS <sup>61,62</sup>
$[N_{3,1,1,i3}]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	dimethylisopropylpropylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[N_{4,1,1,i3}]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	dimethylisopropylbutylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[N_{6,1,1,i3}]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	dimethylisopropylhexylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[N_{10,1,1,i3}]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	dimethylisopropyldecylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[N(C_1)_2(C_2OH)_2]^+$	$[C_1SO_3]^-$	bis(2-hydroxyethyl)dimethylammonium methylsulfonate	XPS <sup>83</sup>
$[N_{8,8,8,1}]^+$	$[Nf_2N]^-$	trioctylmethylammonium bis[(nonafluorobutane)sulfonyl]imide	XR <sup>27,28</sup>
$[N_{6,4,4,4}]^+$	$[N(CN)_2]^-$	hexyltributylammonium dicyanamide	SFG <sup>8</sup>
$[P_{6,6,6,14}]^+$	$[Nf_2N]^-$	trihexyltetradecylphosphonium bis[(nonafluorobutane)sulfonyl]imide	XR <sup>27</sup>
$[C_3C_1Pip]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	methylpropylpiperidinium	DLS <sup>20</sup>

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bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide

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9:1	[Tf <sub>2</sub> N] <sup>-</sup>	XPS <sup>31</sup>
1:1	[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup> :[C <sub>12</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	RBS <sup>59</sup>

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**Table S4.** List of ionic liquids studied, sorted by anion.

Cation	Anion	Ionic liquid name	Technique
[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride	MD <sup>66</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride	DLS <sup>17</sup>
			MD <sup>71</sup>
[C <sub>6</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride	XPS <sup>4</sup>
			NICISS <sup>51,53</sup>
[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride	XPS <sup>32,46</sup>
			DRS <sup>64</sup>
[C <sub>10</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Cl <sup>-</sup>	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium chloride	XPS <sup>34</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bromide	SFG <sup>3</sup>
[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium bromide	XPS <sup>46</sup>
			DRS <sup>64</sup>
[C <sub>10</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	Br <sup>-</sup>	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium bromide	XPS <sup>34</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	I <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium iodide	SFG <sup>3,6,7</sup>
			XR <sup>6</sup>
[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	I <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium iodide	XPS <sup>46</sup>
[Me(EG)C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	I <sup>-</sup>	3-[2-methoxy-ethyl]-1-methylimidazolium iodide	XPS <sup>48</sup>
[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[NO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate	MD <sup>67,68</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[NO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate	MD <sup>72</sup>
[C <sub>6</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[NO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate	MD <sup>72</sup>
[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[NO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate	XPS <sup>31</sup>
			MD <sup>72</sup>
[C <sub>10</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[NO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate	MD <sup>72</sup>
[C <sub>12</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[NO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-dodecyl-3-methylimidazolium nitrate	MD <sup>72</sup>
[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium methylsulfate	SFG <sup>1,2</sup>
[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium methylsulfate	SFG <sup>1,2</sup>
			XPS <sup>34</sup>
[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium methylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium methylsulfate	SFG <sup>1-5</sup>
[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate	XPS <sup>32-37,83</sup>
			SFG <sup>1</sup>
			ToFSIMS <sup>50</sup>
[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>2</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium propylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium propylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium propylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>3</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium propylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium butylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium butylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium butylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium butylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>4</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium butylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>2</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium octylsulfate	XPS <sup>34,37,38</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium octylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>8</sub> OSO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium octylsulfate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium methylsulfonate	SFG <sup>3,4</sup>
[N(C <sub>1</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>2</sub> OH) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>	[C <sub>1</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	bis(2-hydroxyethyl)dimethylammonium methylsulfonate	XPS <sup>83</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[AlCl <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrachloroaluminate	DLS <sup>17</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[SCN] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium thiocyanate	SFG <sup>3</sup>
[C <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> Im] <sup>+</sup>	[N(CN) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium dicyanamide	SFG <sup>3,5,8</sup>

$[N_{6,4,4,4}]^+$	$[N(CN)_2]^-$	hexyltributylammonium dicyanamide	XPS <sup>44</sup> RBS <sup>44</sup> SFG <sup>8</sup>
$[C_2C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	MD <sup>69</sup> XPS <sup>32,34,45</sup> XR <sup>6,24</sup> SFG <sup>3,6,9,11-14</sup> NR <sup>29</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup> $CO_2$ scattering <sup>57,58</sup> DRS <sup>63,64</sup>
$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	X-ray photon correlation spectroscopy <sup>23</sup> MD <sup>71,73,74</sup>
$[C_5C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-pentyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	SFG <sup>12</sup>
$[C_6C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	SFG <sup>12</sup> NICISS <sup>52</sup> XPS <sup>34,45</sup> $CO_2$ scattering <sup>58</sup> SFG <sup>12</sup>
$[C_7C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-heptyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	XPS <sup>34,45-47</sup> SFG <sup>12</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup> DRS <sup>63,64</sup> $CO_2$ scattering <sup>58</sup> NICISS <sup>52</sup> MD <sup>69</sup>
$[C_9C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-nonyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	SFG <sup>12</sup>
$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	SFG <sup>12</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup> NICISS <sup>52</sup> MD <sup>69</sup>
$[C_{11}C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-undecyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	SFG <sup>12</sup>
$[C_{12}C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-dodecyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	DRS <sup>63,64</sup>
$[C_4C_1C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-butyl-2,3-dimethylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	XPS <sup>34</sup>
$[(C_2OH)C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	XPS <sup>34</sup> MD <sup>69</sup>
$[(C_8OH)C_1Im]^+$	$[BF_4]^-$	1-(2-hydroxyoctyl)-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	MD <sup>69</sup>
$[C_1C_1Im]^+$	$[PF_6]^-$	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate	SFG <sup>1,2</sup>
$[C_2C_1Im]^+$	$[PF_6]^-$	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate	SFG <sup>1,2</sup>
$[C_3C_1Im]^+$	$[PF_6]^-$	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate	SFG <sup>1</sup>
$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[PF_6]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate	XPS <sup>32,44</sup> DRS <sup>63,65</sup> SFG <sup>1-3,6,9-11</sup> DLS <sup>18-20</sup> XR <sup>6,24,25</sup>

$[C_6C_1Im]^+$	$[PF_6]^-$	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate	RBS <sup>44,60</sup> MD <sup>71,74-79</sup> DLS <sup>20</sup>
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[PF_6]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluorophosphate	NR <sup>29</sup> XPS <sup>32,46</sup> DRS <sup>63,64</sup> DLS <sup>20</sup> DRS <sup>63</sup>
$[C_{12}C_1Im]^+$	$[PF_6]^-$	1-dodecyl-3-methylimidazolium hexafluoroborate	DRS <sup>63</sup>
$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[CF_3SO_3]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium trifluoromethylsulfonate	SFG <sup>16</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup>
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[CF_3SO_3]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium trifluoromethylsulfonate	XPS <sup>46</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup>
$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[CF_3SO_3]^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium trifluoromethylsulfonate	MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup>
$[C_1C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-methyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>31</sup>
$[C_2C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>30,32,38-43</sup> NICISS <sup>43</sup> O scattering <sup>54-56</sup> MIES <sup>30,41,42</sup> HREELS <sup>30</sup> RBS <sup>59</sup> ToFSIMS <sup>32</sup> UPS <sup>30,41,42</sup>
$[C_3C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-propyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	MD <sup>70</sup>
$[C_4C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>34,38,40,43</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup> O scattering <sup>55</sup> $CO_2$ scattering <sup>57,58</sup> NICISS <sup>43</sup> RBS <sup>59</sup> SFG <sup>3,7</sup> LEIS <sup>40</sup> DLS <sup>19-22</sup> MD <sup>80,81</sup>
$[C_5C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-pentyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	O scattering <sup>55</sup> MD <sup>70</sup>
$[C_6C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-hexyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>38,43</sup> NICISS <sup>43</sup> RBS <sup>59</sup> MD <sup>82</sup>
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>38,43,46</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup> O scattering <sup>55</sup> NICISS <sup>43</sup>
$[C_{10}C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-decyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>38</sup> MIES <sup>49</sup> UPS <sup>49</sup>
$[C_{12}C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-dodecyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>38</sup> O scattering <sup>54-56</sup>

$[C_{16}C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-hexadecyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	$CO_2$ scattering <sup>58</sup> XPS <sup>38</sup>
$[C_3C_3Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-propyl-3-propylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	MD <sup>70</sup>
$[C_5C_5Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-pentyl-3-pentylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	MD <sup>70</sup>
$[Me(EG)C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	3-[2-methoxy-ethyl]-1-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>31,48</sup>
$[Et(EG)_2C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	3-[2-(2-ethoxy-ethoxy)-ethyl]-1-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>31,38,48</sup>
$[Me(EG)_3C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	3-[2-(2-(2-methoxy-ethoxy)-ethoxy)-ethyl]-1-methylimidazolium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>31,38,48</sup>
$[C_3C_1Pyrr]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-propyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[C_4C_1Pyrr]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-butyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>34</sup> XR <sup>26</sup> SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[C_5C_1Pyrr]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-pentyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[C_6C_1Pyrr]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-hexyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[C_{10}C_1Pyrr]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-decyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[(C_2H_4OCH_3)C_1Pyrr]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	1-methyl-1-methoxyethylpyrrolidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[N_{1,1,1,1}]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	tetramethylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	DLS <sup>20</sup>
$[N_{3,1,1,1}]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	trimethylpropylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	RBS <sup>61,62</sup>
$[N_{3,1,1,i3}]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	dimethylisopropylpropylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[N_{4,1,1,i3}]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	dimethylisopropylbutylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[N_{6,1,1,i3}]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	dimethylisopropylhexylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[N_{10,1,1,i3}]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	dimethylisopropyldecylammonium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	SFG <sup>15</sup>
$[C_3C_1Pip]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$	methylpropylpiperidinium bis[(trifluoromethane)sulfonyl]imide	DLS <sup>20</sup>
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[Pf_2N]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium bis[(pentafluoroethyl)sulfonyl]imide	XPS <sup>46</sup>
$[C_8C_1Im]^+$	$[PF_3(C_2F_5)_3]^-$	1-octyl-3-methylimidazolium tris(pentafluoroethyl)trifluorophosphate	XPS <sup>46</sup>
$[N_{8,8,8,1}]^+$	$[Nf_2N]^-$	trioctylmethylammonium bis[(nonafluorobutane)sulfonyl]imide	XR <sup>27,28</sup>
$[P_{6,6,6,14}]^+$	$[Nf_2N]^-$	triethyltetradecylphosphonium bis[(nonafluorobutane)sulfonyl]imide	XR <sup>27</sup>
9:1 $[C_2C_1Im]^+:[C_{12}C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$		XPS <sup>31</sup>
1:1 $[C_2C_1Im]^+:[C_6C_1Im]^+$	$[Tf_2N]^-$		RBS <sup>59</sup>

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