

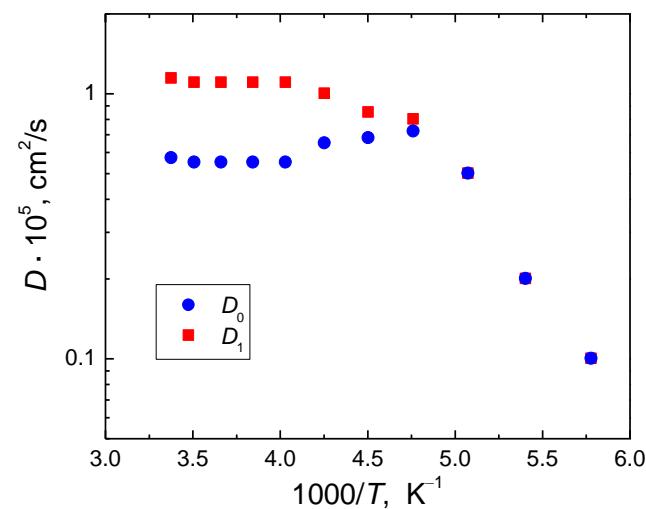
## **Excited-state Proton Transfer in *N*-methyl-6-hydroxyquinolinium Salts: Solvent and Temperature Effects**

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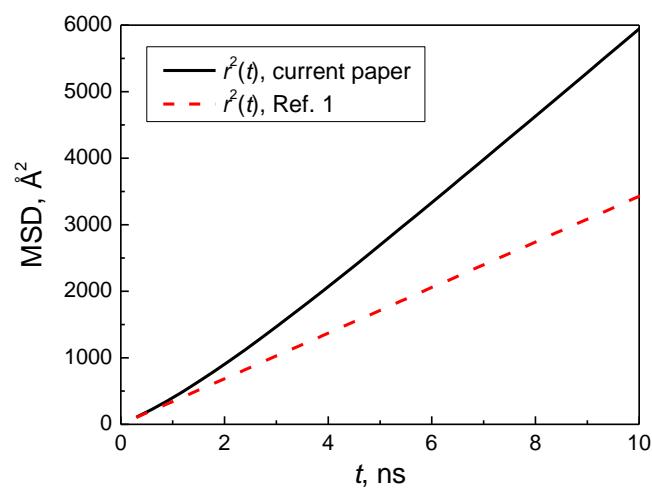
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## **Supporting Information**



**Figure S.1.** Mutual diffusion coefficients of a proton-zwitterion pair at different temperatures in BuOH. Both  $D_0$  (circles) and  $D_1$  (squares) are shown.



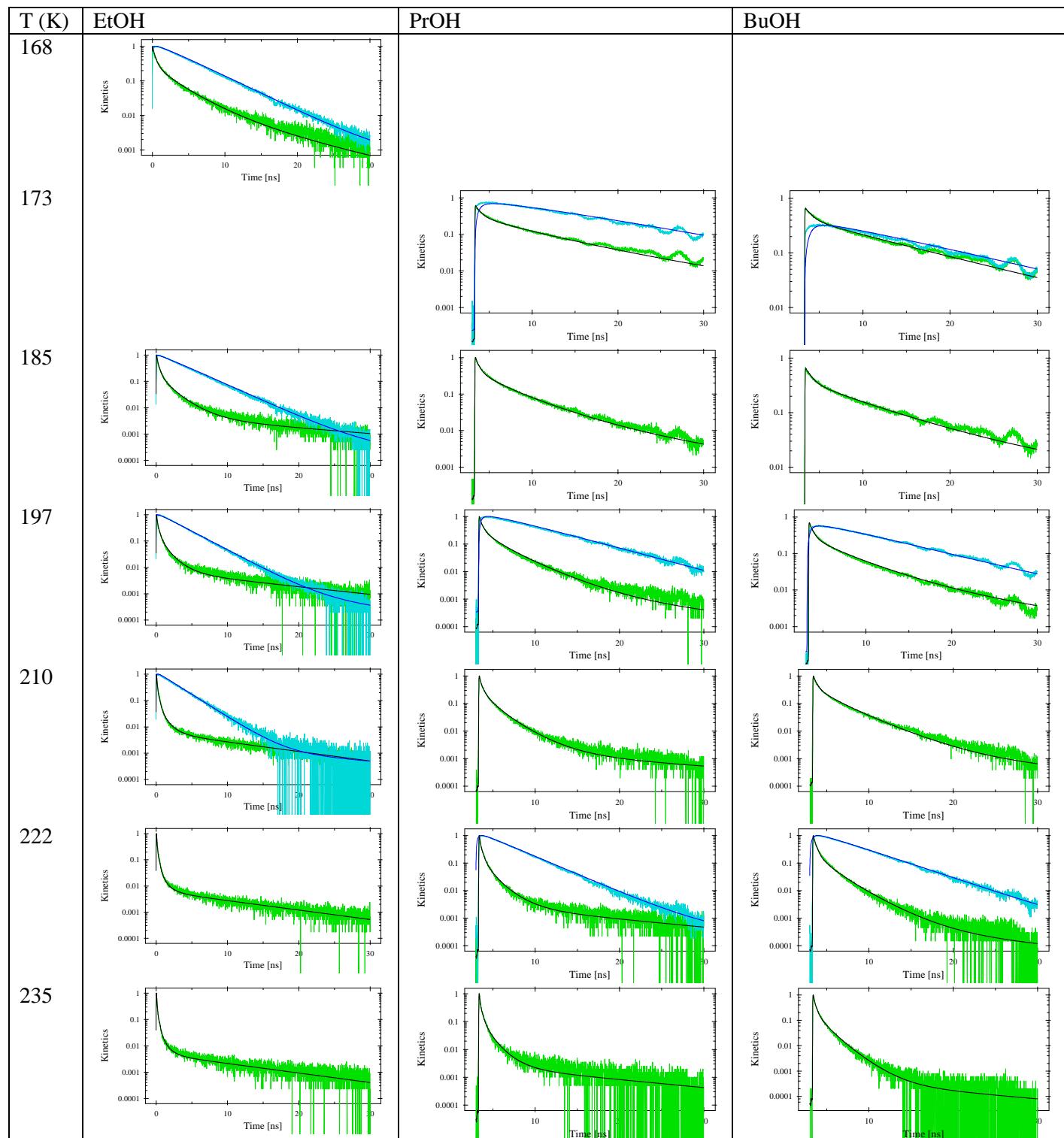
**Figure S.2.** The mean square displacement of a proton-zwitterion pair at  $T=293$  K in BuOH. Solid line: according to Eq. 7. Dashed line: MSD from Ref. 1.

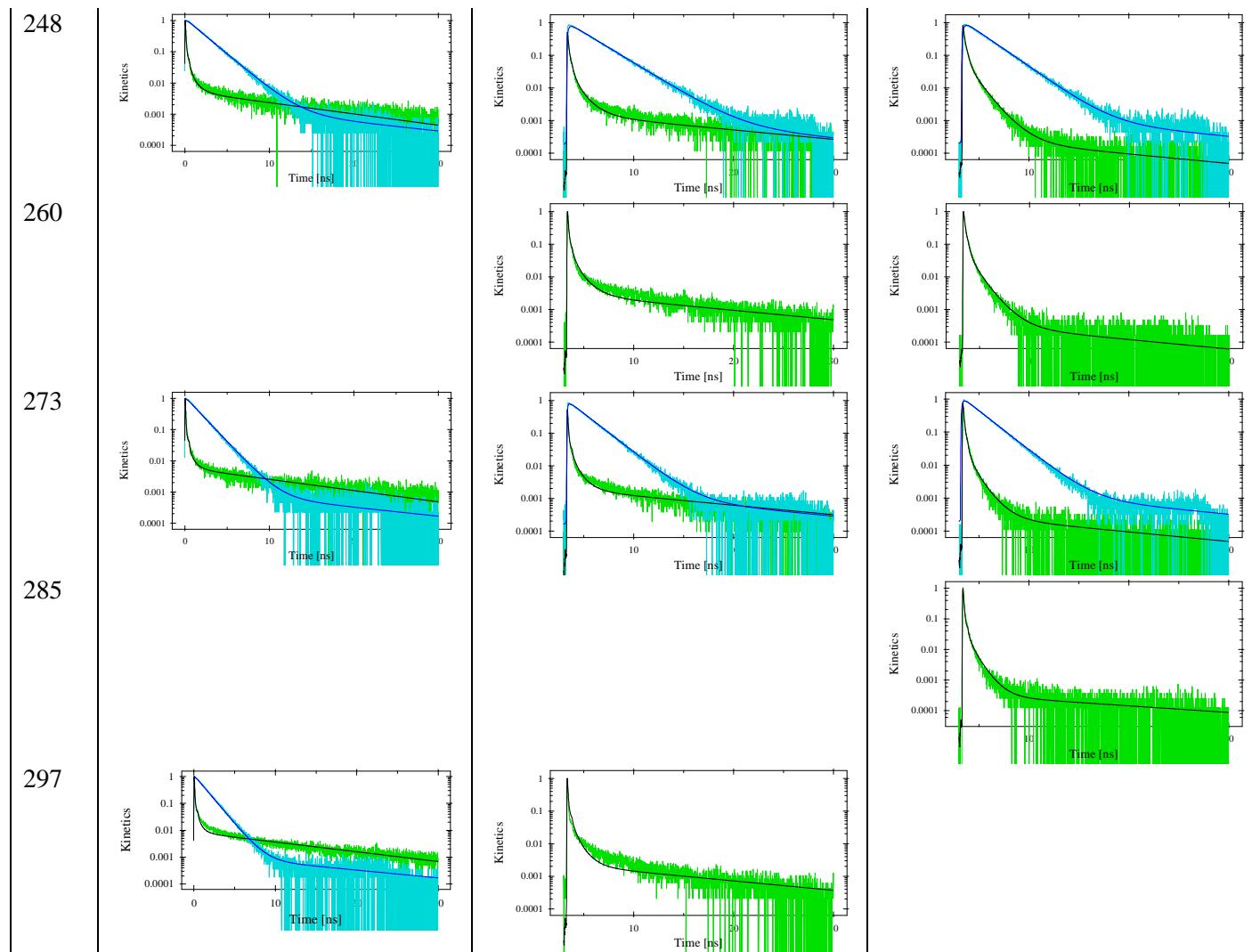
**Table S.1.** SSDP fit parameters for MHQ in alcohols . Values of  $\tau_{\text{RO}^*}$  are obtained from the experiment while those which are in parentheses are found during SSDP-fitting. When two diffusion coefficients are presented, the first one (in parentheses) denotes the initial diffusion coefficient,  $D_0$ , and the second one denotes the final diffusion coefficient,  $D_1$  (see the text).

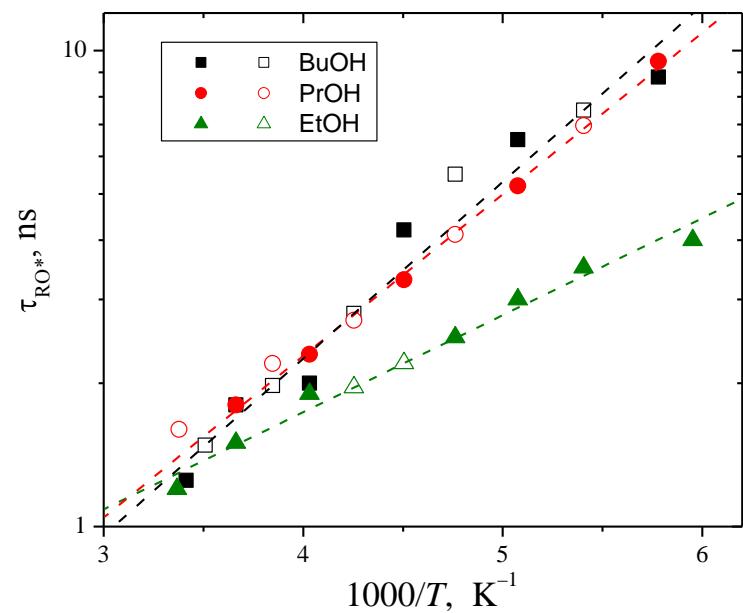
Solvent	T (K)	$k_d$ (ns <sup>-1</sup> )	$k_r$ (Å/ns)	$R_D$ (Å) <sup>a</sup>	$a$ (Å)	$\tau_{\text{ROH}^*}$ (ns)	$\tau_{\text{RO}^*}$ (ns)	D (cm <sup>2</sup> /s)	$\tau$ (ns)
BuOH	173	0.7	0.08	54.8	5.5	18	8.8	1.0e-6	--
	185	0.9	0.13	51.2	5.5	18	(7.494)	2.0e-6	--
	197	2.0	0.22	48.1	5.5	18	6.5	5.0e-6	--
	210	2.5	0.42	45.1	5.6	18	(5.5)	(7.2e-6) 8.0e-6	3
	222	3.3	0.42	42.7	5.7	18	4.2	(6.8e-6) 8.5e-6	2.5
	235	4.6	0.6	40.3	5.7	18	(2.805)	(6.5e-6) 10.0e-6	2
	248	6	0.4	38.2	5.7	18	2.0	(5.5e-6) 11.0e-6	2
	260	7	0.6	36.4	6	18	(1.978)	(5.5e-6) 11.0e-6	2
	273	9	0.43	34.7	5.9	18	1.8	(5.5e-6) 11.0e-6	2
	285	13	0.6	33.2	5.8	18	(1.482)	(5.5e-6) 11.0e-6	2
PrOH	293 <sup>b</sup>	13	0.4	35.8	5.7	20	1.25	<b>5.71e-6</b>	--
	173	1.3	0.45	44.7	5.7	18	9.5	1.5e-6	--
	185	2.2	0.7	41.8	5.7	18	(6.953)	3.5e-6	--
	197	3.3	1	39.3	5.7	18	5.2	6.0e-6	--
	210	4.2	1.7	36.8	5.8	18	(4.107)	9.0e-6	--
	222	6	2.1	34.9	6	18	3.3	12.0e-6	--
	235	8	2.9	32.9	6	18	(2.713)	14.0e-6	--
	248	10	3	31.2	6.3	18	2.3	15.0e-6	--
	260	14	3.5	29.8	6.2	18	(2.2)	15.0e-6	--
	273	18	4	28.3	6.2	18	1.8	15.0e-6	--
EtOH	297	20	6	27.1	6.3	18	(1.6)	15.0e-6	--
	168	3	1	41.3	6.3	18	4.0	1.5e-6	--
	185	4.5	1.6	37.5	6.3	18	3.5	5.0e-6	--
	197	6.5	3	35.2	6.3	18	3.0	11e-6	--
	210	10	3.2	33.1	6.3	18	2.5	19e-6	--
	222	11.5	3.4	31.3	6.3	18	(2.203)	20e-6	--
	235	13	4.8	29.5	6.4	18	(1.96)	23e-6	--
	248	18	5.5	28.0	6.4	18	1.9	25e-6	--
	273	24	6	25.4	6.5	18	1.5	25e-6	--
	297	28	11	23.4	6.4	18	1.2	25e-6	--

<sup>a</sup>From the temperature dependent formula:  $R_D = 168668/\varepsilon T$  (Å<sup>2</sup>) <sup>b</sup>From Ref. 1 of the main text.

**Figure S.3.** SSDP Fits of C\* (green) and Z\* (cyan) decays on MHQ in various alcohols at different temperatures.







**Figure S.4.** The lifetime  $\tau_{\text{RO}^*}$  of a proton-zwitterion pair at different temperatures in BuOH (black squares), PrOH (red circles) and EtOH (green triangles). Filled symbols correspond to the values obtained from the experiment while open ones are found by SSDP-fitting. Slopes of straight lines indicate the activation energies which are 7.1, 6.5 and 3.9 kJ/mol for BuOH, PrOH and EtOH, respectively.