

Supplementary Information

Extended Scale for the Hydrogen-Bond Basicity of Ionic Liquids

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Table S1. Hydrogen-bond basicity (β) data and van der Waals interaction energy in the equimolar cation-anion mixture ($E_{\text{vdW}} / (\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$) taken from COSMO-RS calculations for [C₄mim]-based ILs.

| IL | β^{10} | β^{18} | $E_{\text{vdW}} / (\text{kJ}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ |
|--|--------------|--------------|--|
| [C ₂ mim][N(CF ₃ SO ₂) ₂] | 0.23 | n.a. | -57.77 |
| [C ₄ mim][N(CF ₃ SO ₂) ₂] | 0.23 | 0.42 | -65.32 |
| [C ₄ C ₁ mim][N(CF ₃ SO ₂) ₂] | 0.24 | n.a. | -67.91 |
| [C ₅ mim][N(CF ₃ SO ₂) ₂] | 0.26 | n.a. | -69.16 |
| [C ₆ mim][N(CF ₃ SO ₂) ₂] | 0.26 | 0.44 | -73.00 |
| [C ₈ mim][N(CF ₃ SO ₂) ₂] | 0.29 | 0.47 | -80.81 |
| [C ₁₀ mim][N(CF ₃ SO ₂) ₂] | n.a. | 0.49 | -88.72 |
| [C ₄ mpy][N(CF ₃ SO ₂) ₂] | 0.25 | n.a. | -67.68 |
| [C ₄ mpyr][N(CF ₃ SO ₂) ₂] | 0.25 | n.a. | -67.17 |
| [C ₅ mpyr][N(CF ₃ SO ₂) ₂] | 0.26 | n.a. | -70.26 |
| [(C ₂ OC ₂)mpyr][N(CF ₃ SO ₂) ₂] | 0.28 | n.a. | -66.47 |
| [C ₄ mim][PF ₆] | 0.19 | 0.44 | -49.96 |
| [C ₆ mim][PF ₆] | n.a. | 0.50 | -57.97 |
| [C ₈ mim][PF ₆] | n.a. | 0.53 | -66.06 |
| [C ₁₀ mim][PF ₆] | n.a. | 0.55 | -74.20 |
| [C ₄ mim][BF ₄] | 0.37 | 0.55 | -48.81 |
| [C ₄ C ₁ mim][BF ₄] | 0.36 | n.a. | -51.51 |
| [C ₆ mim][BF ₄] | n.a. | 0.60 | -56.87 |
| [C ₈ mim][BF ₄] | n.a. | 0.63 | -64.99 |
| [C ₁₀ mim][BF ₄] | n.a. | 0.65 | -73.16 |
| [C ₄ mim][CF ₃ SO ₃] | 0.48* | 0.57 | -55.71 |
| [C ₆ mim][CF ₃ SO ₃] | n.a. | 0.61 | -63.67 |
| [C ₈ mim][CF ₃ SO ₃] | n.a. | 0.64 | -71.71 |
| [C ₁₀ mim][CF ₃ SO ₃] | n.a. | 0.65 | -79.82 |
| [C ₄ mim][ClO ₄] | n.a. | 0.55 | -52.75 |
| [C ₄ mim][C(CN) ₃] | n.a. | 0.54 | -63.78 |
| [C ₄ mim][N(CN) ₂] | 0.60 | 0.64 | -56.70 |
| [C ₆ mim][N(CN) ₂] | n.a. | 0.69 | -64.55 |
| [C ₈ mim][N(CN) ₂] | n.a. | 0.71 | -72.50 |
| [C ₁₀ mim][N(CN) ₂] | n.a. | 0.75 | -80.49 |
| [C ₄ mim][SCN] | n.a. | 0.71 | -59.37 |
| [C ₄ mim][NO ₃] | n.a. | 0.74 | -50.83 |
| [C ₆ mim][NO ₃] | n.a. | 0.76 | -58.83 |
| [C ₈ mim][NO ₃] | n.a. | 0.80 | -66.91 |
| [C ₁₀ mim][NO ₃] | n.a. | 0.81 | -75.06 |
| [C ₄ mim][CF ₃ CO ₂] | 0.84* | 0.74 | -52.72 |
| [C ₄ mim]I | n.a. | 0.75 | -61.86 |
| [C ₄ mim][CH ₃ SO ₄] | 0.66 | 0.75 | -59.38 |
| [C ₄ mim][C ₈ H ₁₇ SO ₄] | 0.80* | 0.77 | -88.15 |
| [C ₄ mim][CH ₃ SO ₃] | 0.77 | 0.85 | -57.95 |
| [C ₄ mim]Br | n.a. | 0.87 | -56.46 |
| [C ₄ mim]Cl | 0.84 | 0.95 | -53.53 |
| [C ₆ mim]Cl | n.a. | 0.97 | -61.62 |
| [C ₈ mim]Cl | n.a. | 0.98 | -69.78 |
| [C ₁₀ mim]Cl | n.a. | 0.98 | -77.99 |
| [C ₄ mim][(CH ₃ O) ₂ PO ₂] | 1.12* | 1.12 | -65.04 |
| [C ₄ mim][CH ₃ CO ₂] | 0.85 | 1.20 | -55.57 |

*experimental data from this work

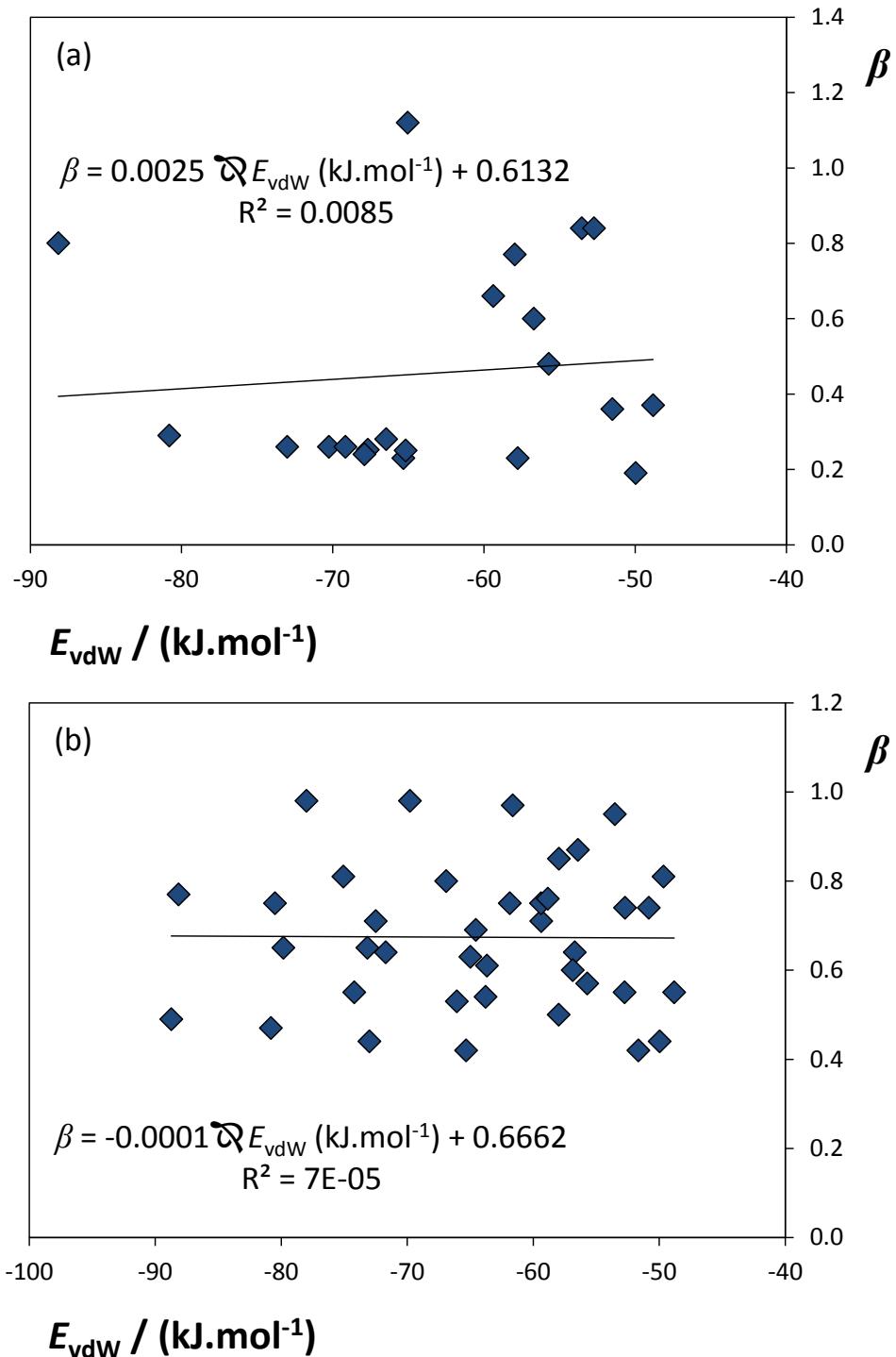


Fig. S1. Correlation between the experimental values of hydrogen-bond basicity (β) and the E_{vdW} predicted by COSMO-RS: (a) experimental data from Welton and co-workers¹⁰; (b) experimental data from Lungwitz et al.¹⁸.