

## Supporting Information

# NH<sub>3</sub> absorption in Brønsted acidic imidazolium- and ammonium-based ionic liquids

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**Table S1.** NH<sub>3</sub> solubilities per mole of IL  $\alpha_1$ , molarities of NH<sub>3</sub>  $c_1$ , and mole fractions of NH<sub>3</sub>  $x_1$  in the present ILs.<sup>a)</sup>

$T / \text{K}$	$\alpha_1$	$c_1 / \text{mol dm}^{-3}$	$x_1$
[emim][Tf <sub>2</sub> N], $p_1 = 0.101 \text{ MPa}$ , run 1			
283.15	0.56 <sub>8</sub>	2.04	0.36 <sub>2</sub>
298.15	0.33 <sub>5</sub>	1.23	0.25 <sub>1</sub>
313.14	0.23 <sub>5</sub>	0.868	0.19 <sub>1</sub>
333.15	0.14 <sub>2</sub>	0.518	0.12 <sub>4</sub>
[emim][Tf <sub>2</sub> N], $p_1 = 0.101 \text{ MPa}$ , run 2			
298.15	0.33 <sub>7</sub>	1.26	0.25 <sub>2</sub>
313.15	0.21 <sub>5</sub>	0.808	0.17 <sub>7</sub>
313.15	0.21 <sub>5</sub>	0.806	0.17 <sub>7</sub>
333.15	0.11 <sub>8</sub>	0.441	0.10 <sub>6</sub>
353.15	0.05 <sub>3</sub>	0.196	0.05 <sub>0</sub>
[emim][FAP], $p_1 = 0.101 \text{ MPa}$			
298.15	0.49 <sub>1</sub>	1.41	0.32 <sub>9</sub>
313.15	0.35 <sub>3</sub>	1.02	0.26 <sub>1</sub>
313.15	0.33 <sub>8</sub>	0.989	0.25 <sub>3</sub>
333.16	0.23 <sub>5</sub>	0.685	0.19 <sub>0</sub>
353.15	0.17 <sub>7</sub>	0.518	0.15 <sub>0</sub>
[emim][TfO], $p_1 = 0.101 \text{ MPa}$			
298.15	0.48 <sub>6</sub>	2.40	0.32 <sub>7</sub>
313.15	0.34 <sub>5</sub>	1.75	0.25 <sub>6</sub>
333.15	0.21 <sub>0</sub>	1.05	0.17 <sub>4</sub>
353.15	0.14 <sub>4</sub>	0.732	0.12 <sub>6</sub>
[2OHmim][Tf <sub>2</sub> N], $p_1 = 0.101 \text{ MPa}$			
298.15	1.34 <sub>3</sub>	4.64	0.57 <sub>3</sub>

313.15	1.06 <sub>7</sub>	3.73	0.51 <sub>6</sub>
313.16	1.11 <sub>4</sub>	3.90	0.52 <sub>7</sub>
333.15	0.75 <sub>5</sub>	2.69	0.43 <sub>0</sub>
353.15	0.52 <sub>6</sub>	1.89	0.34 <sub>5</sub>
[4SO <sub>3</sub> Hmim][Tf <sub>2</sub> N], $p_1 = 0.101$ MPa			
298.15	2.22 <sub>8</sub>	6.02	0.69 <sub>0</sub>
313.15	1.92 <sub>2</sub>	5.37	0.65 <sub>8</sub>
313.15	1.98 <sub>8</sub>	5.56	0.66 <sub>5</sub>
333.15	1.53 <sub>0</sub>	4.43	0.60 <sub>5</sub>
353.15	1.30 <sub>8</sub>	3.78	0.56 <sub>7</sub>
[4SO <sub>3</sub> Hmim][Tf <sub>2</sub> N], $p_1 = 0.0101$ MPa			
298.15	1.02 <sub>6</sub> <sup>a)</sup>	3.17 <sup>a)</sup>	0.50 <sub>7</sub> <sup>a)</sup>
313.15	1.15 <sub>5</sub>	3.36	0.53 <sub>6</sub>
333.15	1.09 <sub>1</sub>	3.16	0.52 <sub>2</sub>
353.15	1.02 <sub>6</sub>	2.98	0.50 <sub>6</sub>
[4SO <sub>3</sub> Hmim][HSO <sub>4</sub> ], $p_1 = 0.0101$ MPa			
333.15	0.83 <sub>3</sub>	3.58	0.45 <sub>4</sub>
353.15	0.52 <sub>7</sub>	2.32	0.34 <sub>5</sub>
[N <sub>1114</sub> ][Tf <sub>2</sub> N], $p_1 = 0.101$ MPa			
313.15	0.25 <sub>8</sub>	0.857	0.20 <sub>5</sub>
313.15	0.25 <sub>7</sub>	0.850	0.20 <sub>4</sub>
333.15	0.16 <sub>5</sub>	0.549	0.14 <sub>2</sub>
353.15	0.10 <sub>3</sub>	0.334	0.09 <sub>3</sub>
[N <sub>111,2OH</sub> ][Tf <sub>2</sub> N], $p_1 = 0.101$ MPa, run 1			
283.47	1.44 <sub>5</sub>	5.01	0.59 <sub>1</sub>
298.15	1.15 <sub>3</sub>	4.04	0.53 <sub>6</sub>
313.15	0.85 <sub>6</sub>	3.06	0.46 <sub>1</sub>
333.15	0.58 <sub>6</sub>	2.17	0.36 <sub>9</sub>

333.15	$0.61_7$	2.28	$0.38_1$
$[\text{N}_{111,2\text{OH}}][\text{Tf}_2\text{N}], p_1 = 0.101 \text{ MPa, run 2}$			
313.15	$0.87_1$	3.07	$0.46_6$
313.15	$0.89_0$	3.15	$0.47_1$
353.15	$0.43_2$	1.60	$0.30_2$
$[\text{N}_{111,1\text{COOH}}][\text{Tf}_2\text{N}], p_1 = 0.101 \text{ MPa}$			
298.15	$2.42_0$	7.71	$0.70_8$
313.15	$2.12_7$	7.01	$0.68_0$
333.15	$1.71_1$	5.82	$0.63_1$
353.15	$1.48_0$	5.06	$0.59_7$
353.15	$1.42_9$	4.96	$0.58_8$

a) The standard uncertainties for  $T$  and  $p_1$  were  $u(T)=0.02 \text{ K}$ ,  $u(p_1)=0.002 \text{ MPa}$ . The uncertainties for  $\alpha_1$ ,  $x_1$ , and  $c_1$  were  $u(\alpha_1) = 0.02$  or  $u_r(\alpha_1) = 3.4 \text{ \%}$ ,  $u(x_1) = 0.01$  or  $u_r(x_1) = 3.4 \text{ \%}$ , and  $u(c_1) = 0.06$  or  $u_r(c_1) = 3.5 \text{ \%}$ .

**Table S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  chemical shifts calculated using a Gaussian 09 with B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) basis set.

	$\delta/\text{ppm} (^1\text{H})$		$\delta/\text{ppm} (^{13}\text{C})$	
[emim] <sup>+</sup>				
a	7.7		1	137
b	7.4		2	130
c	7.3		3	129
d	4.1		4	51
e	3.8		5	38
f	1.5		6	18
[2OHmim] <sup>+</sup>				
a	7.8		1	138
b	7.3		2	130
c	7.3		3	130
d	4.2		4	66
e	4.1		5	54
f	3.8		6	38
g	0.9			
[4SO <sub>3</sub> Hmim] <sup>+</sup>				
a	7.7		1	137
b	7.4		2	130
c	7.3		3	130
d	4.6		4	57
e	4.0		5	54
f	3.8		6	38
g	3.0		7	36
h	1.9		8	27
i	1.6			
[N <sub>1114</sub> ] <sup>+</sup>				
a	3.0		1	74

b	2.9		2	58	
c	2.8		3	52	
d	2.8		4	52	
e	1.5		5	29	
f	1.3		6	24	
g	1.1		7	14	

[N<sub>111,2OH</sub>]<sup>+</sup>

a	4.1		1	71	
b	3.2		2	60	
c	3.0		3	58	
d	2.8		4	54	
e	2.7		5	54	
f	0.9				

[N<sub>111,1COOH</sub>]<sup>+</sup>

a	6.7		1	169	
b	3.8		2	65	
c	3.3		3	59	
d	3.0		4	53	
e	2.9		5	53	

[HSO<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup>

a	8.7
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[4SO<sub>3</sub>Hmim][HSO<sub>4</sub>]

a	12.0		1	137	
b	7.8		2	131	
c	7.5		3	128	
d	7.2		4	58	
e	4.1		5	56	
f	3.8		6	39	
g	2.9		7	37	
h	2.1		8	28	
i	1.7				

NH<sub>3</sub>

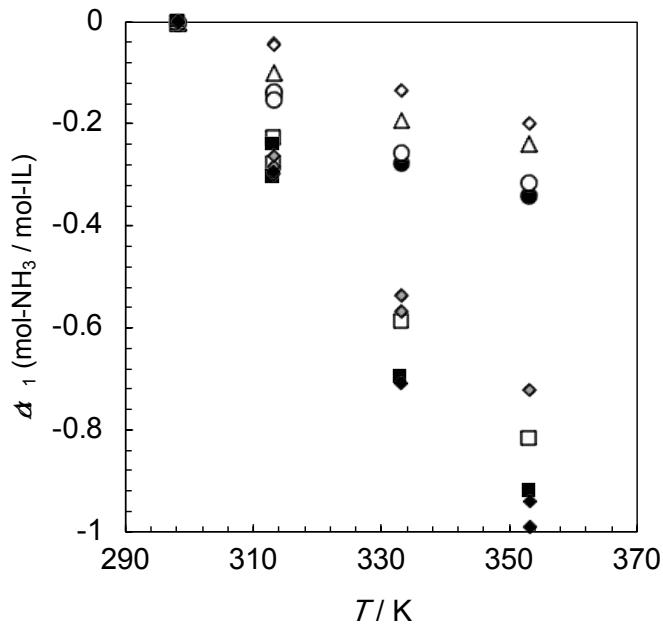
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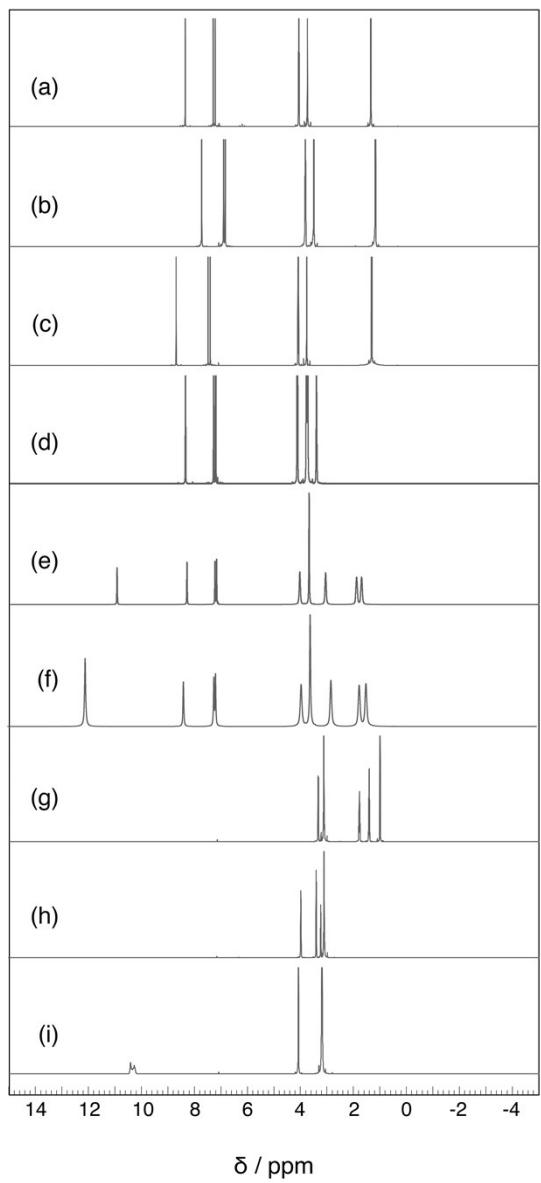
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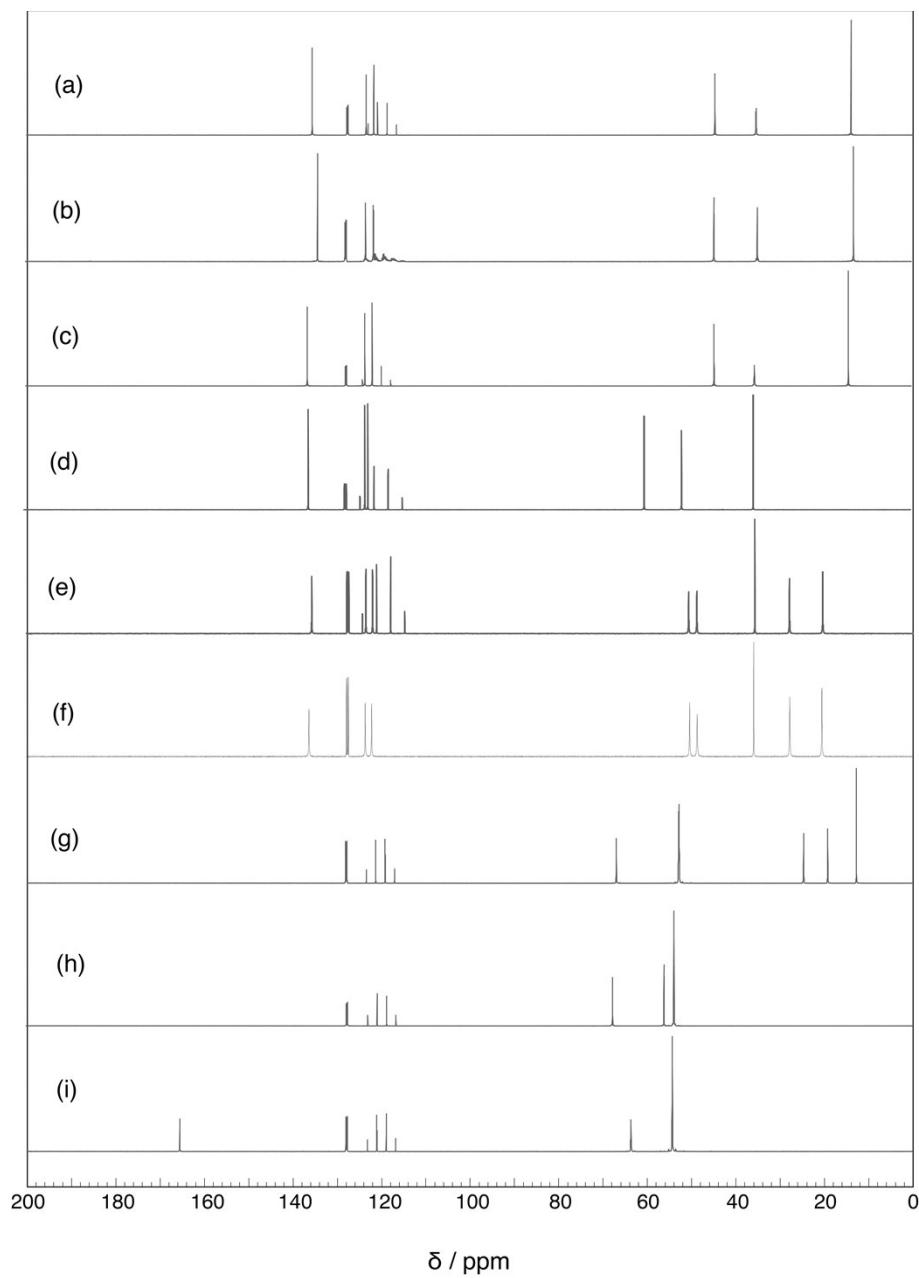
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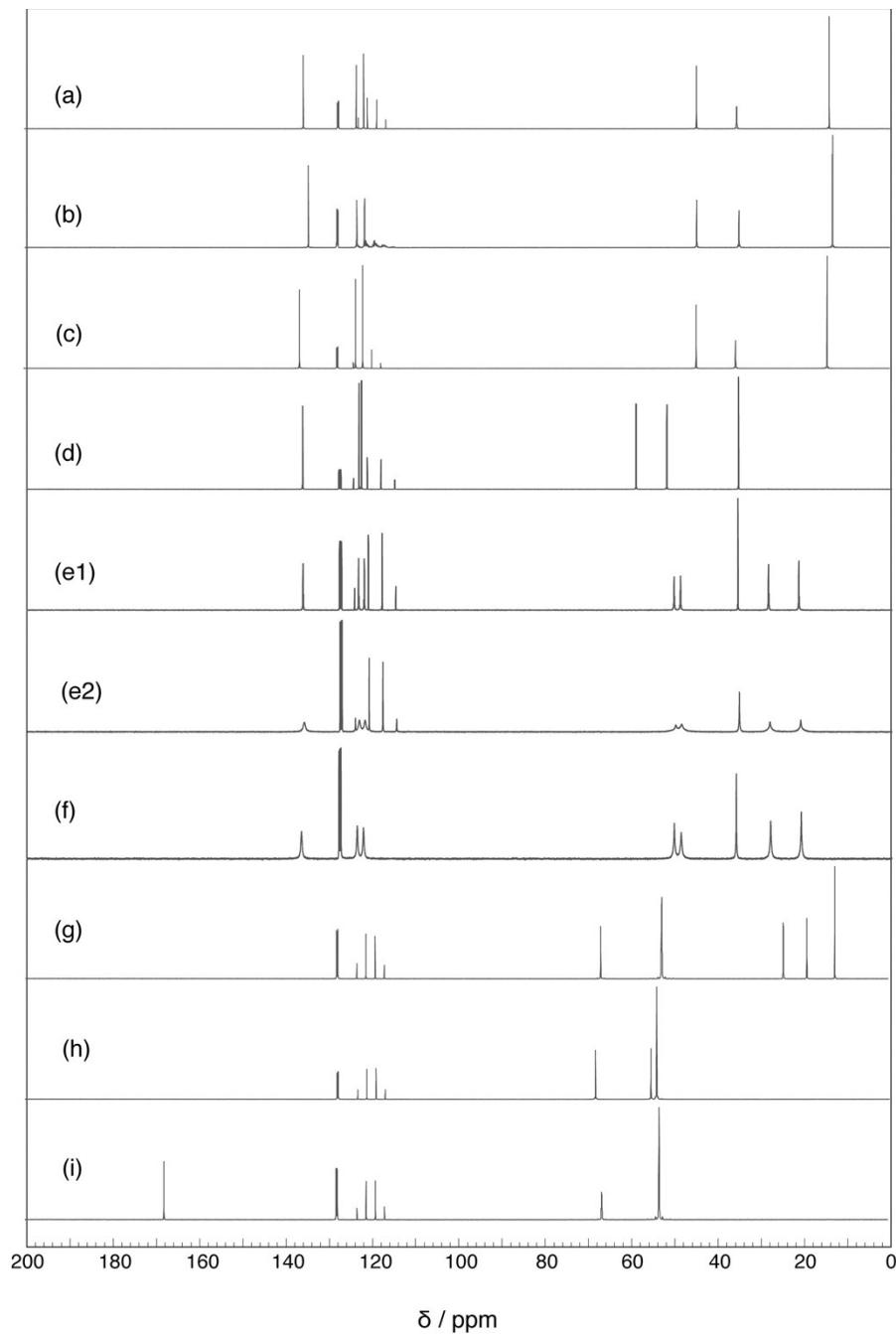
**Fig. S1** Decrement  $\Delta\alpha_1$  of  $\alpha_1$  from 298.15 K by heating.  $\Delta\alpha_1$  is defined as the difference between the NH<sub>3</sub> solubilities  $\alpha_1$  at certain temperature and 298.15 K. Open triangle, [emim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; filled circle, [emim][TfO]; open circle, [emim][FAP]; open diamond, [N<sub>1114</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; open square, [2OHmim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; filled square, [4SO<sub>3</sub>Hmim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; gray diamond, [N<sub>111,2OH</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; filled diamond, [N<sub>111,1COOH</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N].



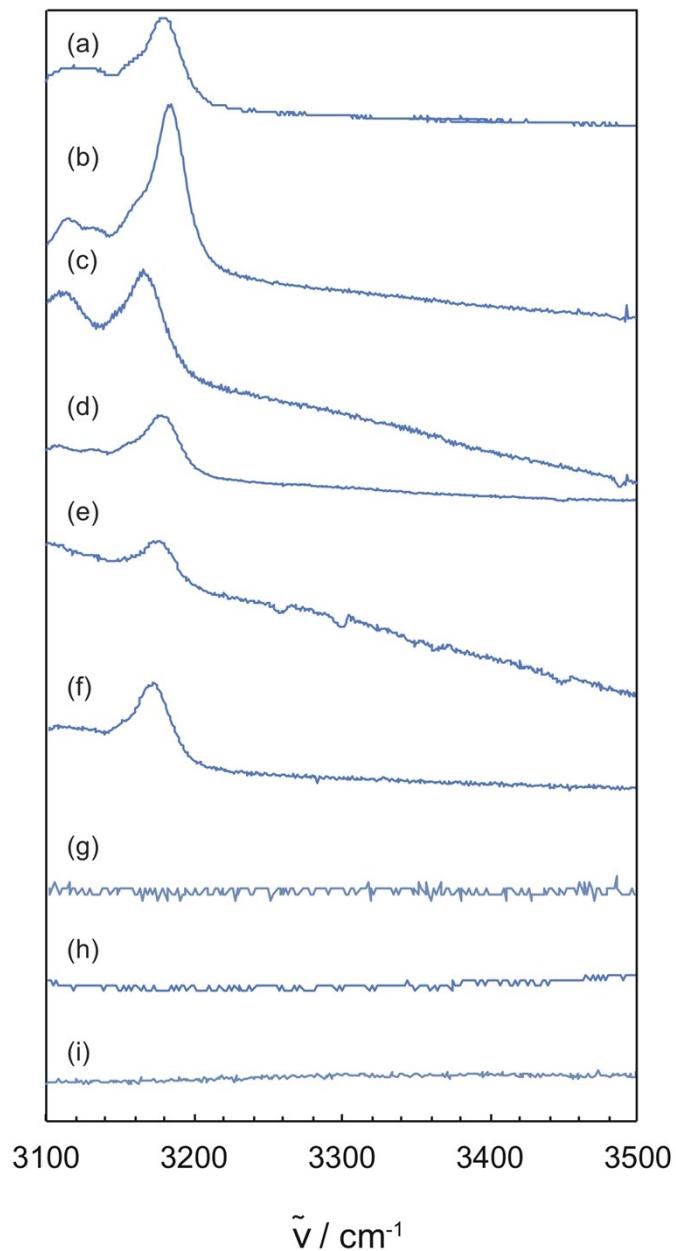
**Fig. S2** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for the neat ILs at 313.2 K. (a), [emim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N] (vertically enlarged); (b), [emim][FAP] (enlarged); (c), [emim][TfO] (enlarged); (d), [2OHmim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N] (enlarged); (e), [4SO<sub>3</sub>Hmim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (f), [4SO<sub>3</sub>Hmim][HSO<sub>4</sub>] (333.2 K); (g), [N<sub>1114</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (h), [N<sub>111,2OH</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N] (333.2 K); (i), [N<sub>111,1COOH</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N] (343.2 K). The peak of benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub> was referenced to 7.2 ppm.



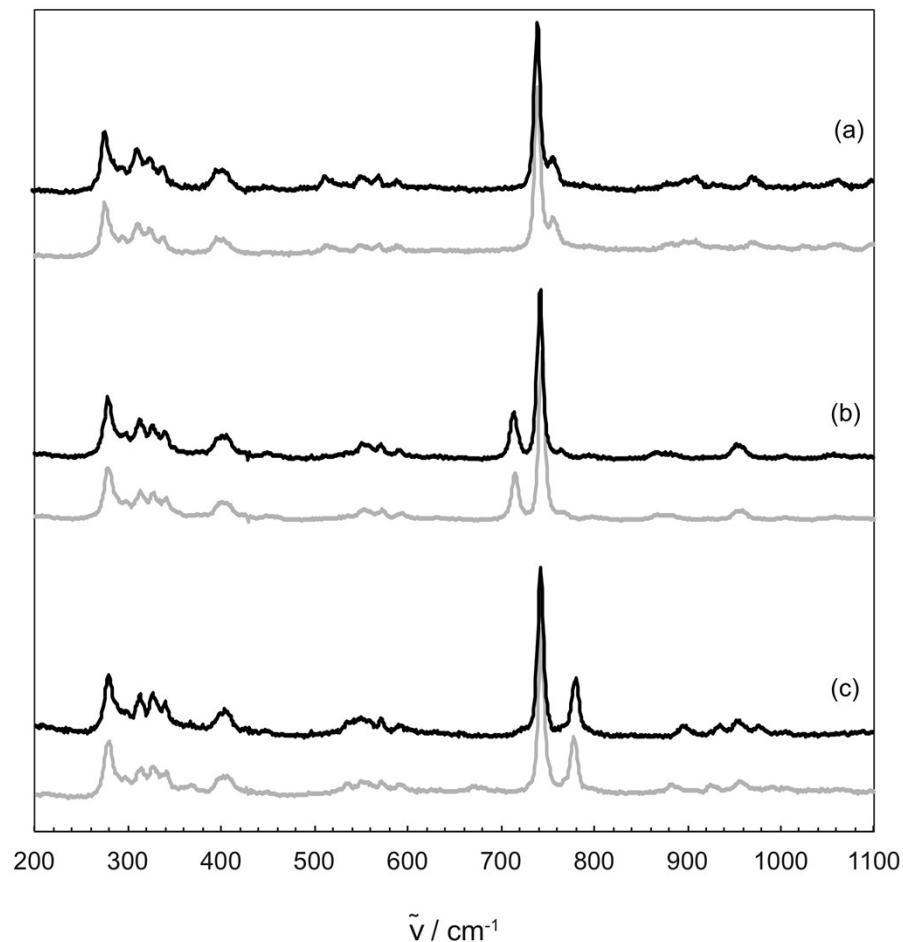
**Fig. S3**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra for the neat ILs at 313.2 K. (a), [emim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N] (vertically enlarged); (b), [emim][FAP] (enlarged); (c), [emim][TfO] (enlarged); (d), [2OHmim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N] (enlarged); (e), [4SO<sub>3</sub>Hmim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (f), [4SO<sub>3</sub>Hmim][HSO<sub>4</sub>] (333.2 K); (g), [N<sub>1114</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (h), [N<sub>111,2OH</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N] (333.2 K); (i), [N<sub>111,1COOH</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N] (343.2 K). The peak of benzene-*d*<sub>6</sub> was referenced to 128 ppm.



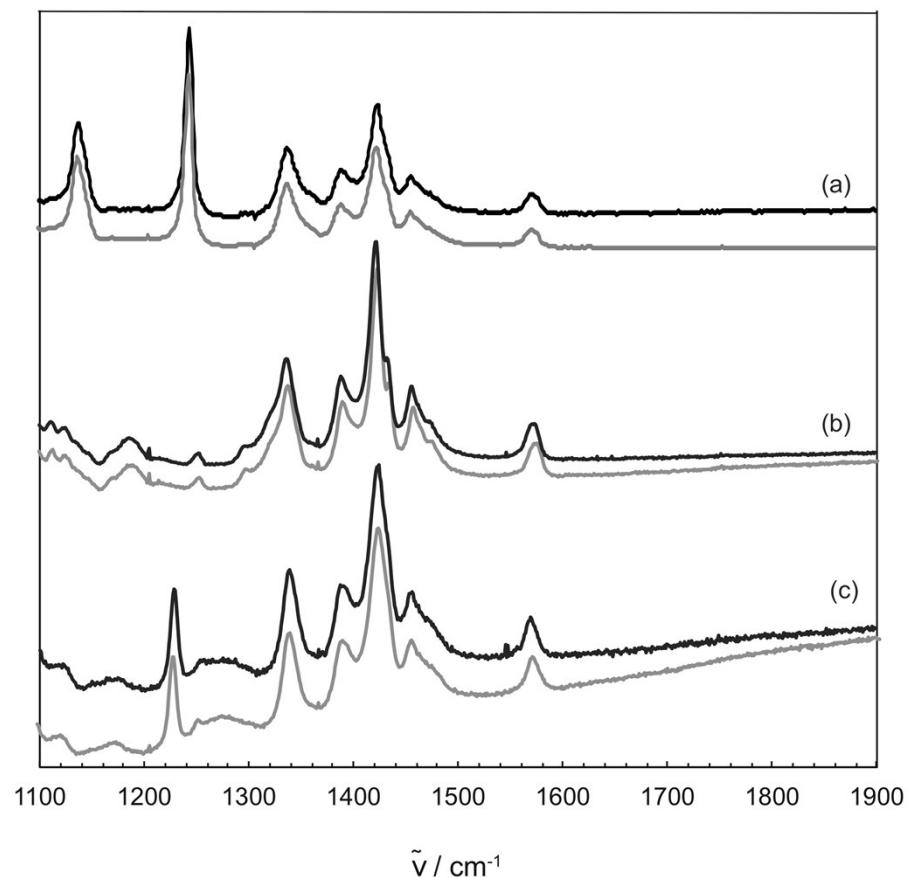
**Fig. S4**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra for the  $\text{NH}_3$ -saturated ILs at 313.2 K. (a), [emim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (b), [emim][FAP]; (c), [emim][TfO]; (d), [2OHmim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (e1), [4SO<sub>3</sub>Hmim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (e2), [4SO<sub>3</sub>Hmim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N] ( $p_1=0.0101$  MPa); (f), [4SO<sub>3</sub>Hmim][HSO<sub>4</sub>] ( $p_1=0.0101$  MPa); (g), [N<sub>1114</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (h), [N<sub>111,2OH</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (i), [N<sub>111,1COOH</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]. The peak of benzene- $d_6$  was referenced to 128 ppm.



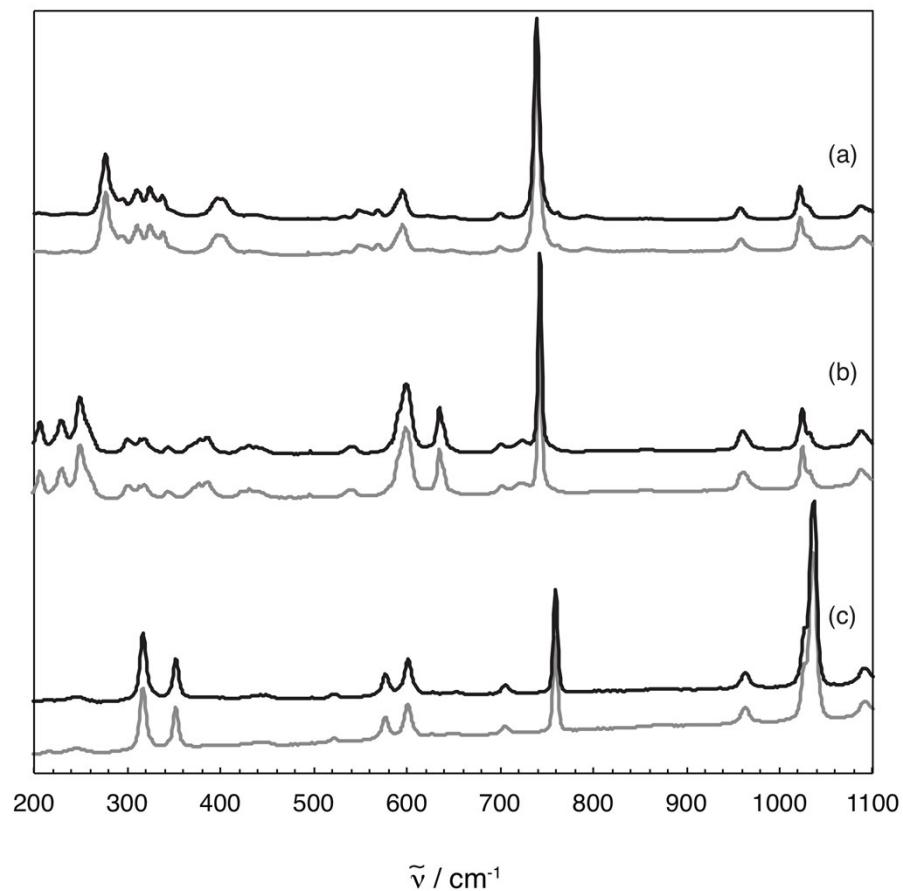
**Fig. S5** Raman spectra ( $3100\text{-}3500\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) for the neat ILs at  $313.2\text{ K}$ . (a),  $[\text{emim}][\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]$ ; (b),  $[\text{emim}][\text{FAP}]$ ; (c),  $[\text{emim}][\text{TfO}]$ ; (d),  $[2\text{OHmim}][\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]$ ; (e),  $[4\text{SO}_3\text{Hmim}][\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]$ ; (f),  $[4\text{SO}_3\text{Hmim}][\text{HSO}_4]$  ( $333.2\text{ K}$ ); (g),  $[\text{N}_{1114}][\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]$ ; (h),  $[\text{N}_{111,2\text{OH}}][\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]$  ( $333.2\text{ K}$ ); (i),  $[\text{N}_{111,1\text{COOH}}][\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]$  ( $343.2\text{ K}$ ).



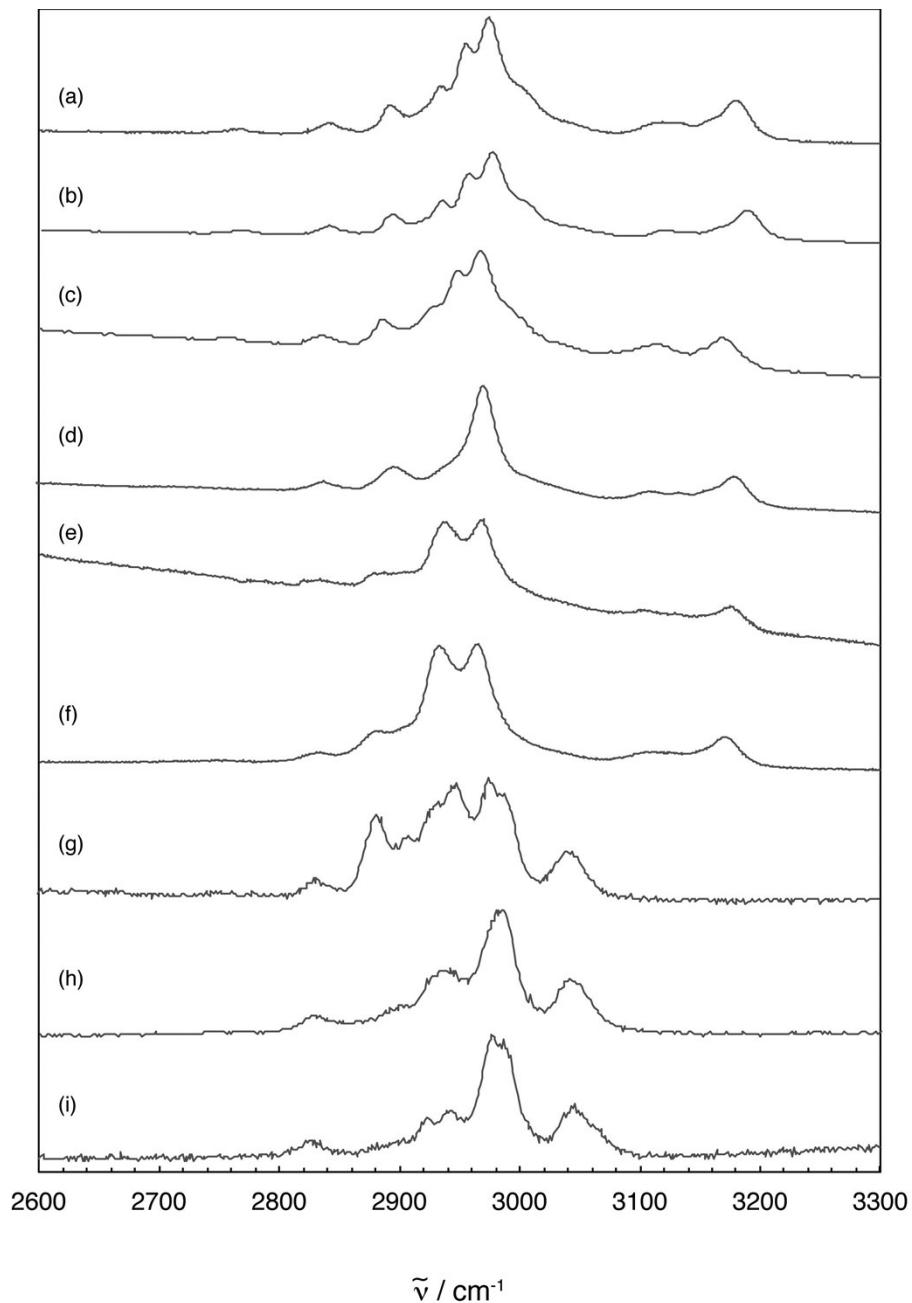
**Fig. S6** Raman spectra (200-1100 cm<sup>-1</sup>) for the ammonium ILs before and after NH<sub>3</sub> absorption at 313.2 K.  
Solid, NH<sub>3</sub> saturated; gray, neat. (a) [N<sub>1114</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (b), [N<sub>111,2OH</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (c), [N<sub>111,1COOH</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N].



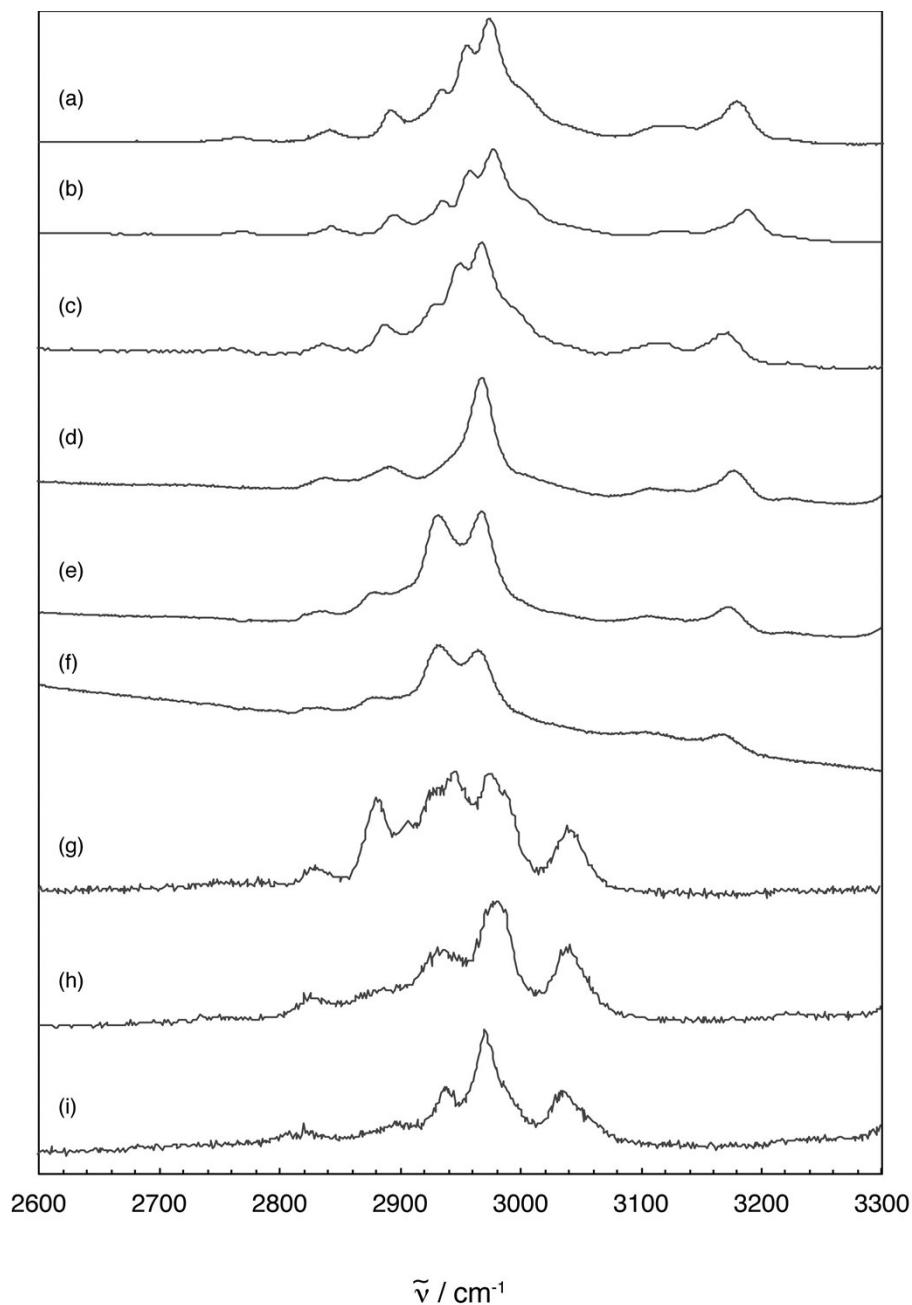
**Fig. S7** Raman spectra (1100-1900 cm<sup>-1</sup>) for the nonfunctionalized-imidazolium ILs before and after NH<sub>3</sub> absorption at 313.2 K. Solid, NH<sub>3</sub> saturated; gray, neat. (a) [emim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (b), [emim][FAP]; (c), [emim][TfO].



**Fig. S8** Raman spectra ( $200\text{-}1100\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) for the nonfunctionalized-imidazolium ILs before and after NH<sub>3</sub> absorption at 313.2 K. Solid, NH<sub>3</sub> saturated; gray, neat. (a) [emim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (b), [emim][FAP]; (c), [emim][TfO].



**Fig. S9** Raman spectra ( $2600\text{-}3300\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) for the neat ILs at  $313.2\text{ K}$ . (a),  $[\text{emim}][\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]$ ; (b),  $[\text{emim}][\text{FAP}]$ ; (c),  $[\text{emim}][\text{TfO}]$ ; (d),  $[\text{2OHmim}][\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]$ ; (e),  $[\text{4SO}_3\text{Hmim}][\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]$ ; (f),  $[\text{4SO}_3\text{Hmim}][\text{HSO}_4]$  ( $333.2\text{ K}$ ); (g),  $[\text{N}_{1114}][\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]$ ; (h),  $[\text{N}_{111,2\text{OH}}][\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]$  ( $333.2\text{ K}$ ); (i),  $[\text{N}_{111,1}\text{COOH}][\text{Tf}_2\text{N}]$  ( $343.2\text{ K}$ ).



**Fig. S10** Raman spectra (2600-3300  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) for the NH<sub>3</sub>-saturated ILs at  $p_1=0.101$  MPa and 313.2 K. (a), [emim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (b), [emim][FAP]; (c), [emim][TfO]; (d), [2OHmim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (e), [4SO<sub>3</sub>Hmim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (f), [4SO<sub>3</sub>Hmim][Tf<sub>2</sub>N] ( $p_1=0.0101$  MPa); (g), [N<sub>1114</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (h), [N<sub>111,2OH</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N]; (i), [N<sub>111,1COOH</sub>][Tf<sub>2</sub>N].