Supporting Information for: Probing the Secrets of Hydrogen Bonding in the Crystal Structures of Organic Salt Phase Change Materials: the Origins of a High Enthalpy of Fusion

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a)
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Figure S2. Crystallographically determined structures of [gdm][p-Tos] (a), [fa][p-Tos] (b) and [aca][p-Tos] (c). Oxygen atoms are shown in red, sulfur atoms in yellow, carbon atoms in grey, and nitrogen atoms in blue. Hydrogen atoms are shown as white spheres and hydrogen bonds are represented by broken grey lines.


b)




Figure S3. Crystallographically determined structures of [gdm][CF $\left.{ }_{3} \mathrm{COO}\right]$ (a), [fa][CF $\mathrm{COO}_{3} \mathrm{COO}$ (b) and [aca][CF $\mathrm{COO}_{3} \mathrm{CO}$ (c). Oxygen atoms are shown in red, carbon atoms in grey, fluorine atoms in green, and nitrogen atoms in blue. Hydrogen atoms are shown as white spheres and hydrogen bonds are represented by broken grey lines.
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a)
b)



Figure S5. Crystallographically determined structures of [fa]Cl (a), [aca]Cl (b). Carbon atoms are shown in grey, nitrogen atoms in blue, chlorine atoms in purple, and hydrogen atoms in white. Hydrogen bonds are represented by broken grey lines.
a)

b)

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Figure S6. Extended crystal packing of $[g d m]\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ down the $a(a), b(b)$, and $c(c)$ axis. Three unit cells are packed along each axis. Hydrogen bonds are represented by broken grey lines.
a)

b)

c)


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a)

b)

c)


Figure S8. Extended crystal packing of $[a c a]\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ down the $\mathrm{a}(\mathrm{a}), \mathrm{b}(\mathrm{b})$, and $\mathrm{c}(\mathbf{c})$ axis. Three unit cells are packed along each axis. Hydrogen bonds are represented by broken grey lines.


Figure S9. Extended crystal packing of $[g d m]\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ down the $\mathrm{a}(\mathrm{a}), \mathrm{b}(\mathrm{b})$, and $\mathrm{c}(\mathrm{c})$ axis. Two unit cells are packed along each axis. Hydrogen bonds are represented by broken grey lines.
a)

b)

c)


Figure S10. Extended crystal packing of $[f a]\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ down the $\mathrm{a}(\mathrm{a}), \mathrm{b}(\mathrm{b})$, and $\mathrm{c}(\mathbf{c})$ axis. Three unit cells are packed along each axis. Hydrogen bonds are represented by broken grey lines.
a)


c)


Figure S11. Extended crystal packing of [aca] $\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ down the $\mathrm{a}(\mathrm{a}), \mathrm{b}(\mathrm{b})$, and $\mathrm{c}(\mathbf{c})$ axis. Two unit cells are packed along each axis. Hydrogen bonds are represented by broken grey lines.


Figure S12. Extended crystal packing of [gdm][CF $\left.\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{COO}\right]$ down the $\mathrm{a}(\mathbf{a}), \mathrm{b}(\mathbf{b})$, and $\mathrm{c}(\mathbf{c})$ axis. Three unit cells are packed along each axis. Hydrogen bonds are represented by broken grey lines.


Figure S13. Extended crystal packing of [fa][ $\left.\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{COO}\right]$ down the $\mathrm{a}(\mathrm{a}), \mathrm{b}(\mathrm{b})$, and $\mathrm{c}(\mathbf{c})$ axis. Two unit cells are packed along each axis. Hydrogen bonds are represented by broken grey lines.


Figure S14. Extended crystal packing of [aca][CF $\left.{ }_{3} \mathrm{COO}\right]$ down the $\mathrm{a}(\mathbf{a})$, $\mathrm{b}(\mathbf{b})$, and $\mathrm{c}(\mathbf{c})$ axis. Two unit cells are packed along each axis. Hydrogen bonds are represented by broken grey lines.


Figure S15. Extended crystal packing of [fa]Cl down the $a(a), b(b)$, and $c(c)$ axis. Two unit cells are packed along each axis. Hydrogen bonds are represented by broken grey lines.

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Figure S17. Hirshfeld surfaces and corresponding fingerprint plots of [gdm] $\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right](\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{d})$, $[\mathrm{fa}]\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right](\mathrm{b}, \mathrm{e})$ and $[\mathrm{aca}]\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right](\mathrm{c}, \mathrm{f})$.


Figure S18. Hirshfeld surfaces and corresponding fingerprint plots of [gdm][CF ${ }_{3} \mathrm{COO}$ ( $a, d$ ), [fa] $\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{COO}\right](\mathrm{b}, \mathrm{e})$ and [aca][ $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SCOO}$ ( $\mathrm{c}, \mathrm{f}$ ).


Figure S19. Hirshfeld surfaces (a) and (b) and corresponding fingerprint plots (c) and (d) of [fa]Cl, and [aca]Cl.

## Literature data summary

Table S1. Thermal properties of $[\mathrm{gdm}]\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right],[\mathrm{gdm}]\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ and $[\mathrm{gdm}][p$-Tos], as reported in the literature

| Material | $\boldsymbol{T}_{\boldsymbol{m}}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}\right)$ | $\left.\Delta \boldsymbol{H}_{\boldsymbol{m}} \mathbf{( k J} / \mathbf{m o l}\right)$ | $\boldsymbol{T}_{\text {s-s }}\left({ }^{\circ} \mathbf{C}\right)$ | $\Delta \boldsymbol{H}_{s-s}(\mathbf{k J} / \mathbf{m o l})$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $[\mathrm{gdm}]\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]^{1}$ | 208 | 29 | - | - |
| $[\mathrm{gdm}]\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}{ }^{1}\right.$ | 160 | 27 | 115 | 1 |
| $[\mathrm{gdm}][p-\mathrm{Tos}]^{1}$ | 227 | 21 | 175 | 1 |

Table S2. Crystal system data and associated database identifiers and deposition numbers for crystal structures obtained through the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC)

| Material | [aca]C1 ${ }^{2}$ | $[\mathrm{gdm}]\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]^{3}$ | [gdm][CF3COO] ${ }^{4}$ | [gdm][p-Tos] ${ }^{5}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CCDC <br> database identifier | ACIMDC01 | WETNIS | IZIJEH01 | HIBCAW01 |
| CCDC deposition number | 244747 | 1292511 | 2050456 | 883629 |
| Space group | C2/c | C2/c | Pbcn | P2/ $/ \mathrm{c}$ |
| $a(\AA)$ | 11.5266(12) | 12.988(7) | 10.5705(13) | 12.437(3) |
| $b(A)$ | 9.8127(10) | 7.512(2) | 10.2525(13) | 7.418(4) |
| $c(A)$ | 9.6404(8) | 18.45(1) | 13.0173(15) | 25.72(3) |
| $\alpha\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $\beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right.$ ) | 110.732(5) | 111.69(4) | 90 | 95.56(6) |
| $\gamma\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |

## Materials and Methods

## Synthesis

Formamidinium salts were synthesised by a salt metathesis reaction between formamidine hydrochloride (sourced from Sigma-Aldrich) and the silver salt of the respective anion. Formamidine hydrochloride was handled under a nitrogen atmosphere due to hygroscopicity. The two salts were combined in their stoichiometric ratios in an ethanolic solution and left to stir for 30 mins before the silver chloride by-product was removed by gravimetric filtration. The remaining ethanolic solution was concentrated by rotary evaporation and dried under high vacuum for $>4$ hours. Synthesis of the product was confirmed by Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (NMR):

## [fa] $\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta 8.95\left(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}\right.$ ), $7.87(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.42(3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100.1 MHz , $d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta 157.94$.
[fa] $\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta 8.81(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.84(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $\left.100.1 \mathrm{MHz}, d_{6}-\mathrm{DMSO}\right) ~ \delta$ 157.7, 122.73, 119.53. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR (376.5 MHz, $d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta$-77.79.

## [fa][p-Tos]

${ }^{1}{ }^{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, $d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta 8.87$ ( $s, 5 \mathrm{H}$ ), 7.86 ( $\left.s, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 7.50-7.48$ (d, 2H), 7.14-7.12 (d, 2H), $2.30(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100.1 \mathrm{MHz}, d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta 157.76,145.95,138.24,128.58,125.94$, 21.25.

## [fa][CF $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \underline{\mathrm{COO}]}$

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta 9.03\left(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}\right.$, ), $7.87(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100.1 MHz, $d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta$ $157.88,119.14,116.16 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $376.5 \mathrm{MHz}, d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta-73.68$.

Acetamidinium salts were synthesised by a salt metathesis reaction between acetamidine hydrochloride (sourced from Sigma-Aldrich) and the silver salt of the respective anion. The two salts were combined in their stoichiometric ratios in an ethanolic solution and left to stir for 30 mins before the silver chloride by-product was removed by gravimetric filtration. The remaining ethanolic solution was concentrated by rotary evaporation and dried under high vacuum for $>4$ hours. Synthesis of the product was confirmed by Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (NMR):

## [aca][ $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{d}_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta 8.86-8.49(\mathrm{~d}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.37(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.12(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (100.1 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, d_{\sigma}-\mathrm{DMSO}\right) \delta 168.22,18.73$.

## [aca] $\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta 8.85-8.31(\mathrm{~d}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 2.11(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100.1 \mathrm{MHz}, d_{6}$ DMSO) $\delta 168.10,18.72 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $376.5 \mathrm{MHz}, d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta-77.76$.

## [aca][p-Tos]

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, $d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta 8.89-8.44$ (d, 4H), 7.50-7.48 (d, 2H), 7.14-7.12 (d, 2H), 2.30 ( $\mathrm{s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$ ), $2.11(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100.1 \mathrm{MHz}, d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta$ 168.20, 145.96, 138.24, 128.58, 125.94, 21.25, 18.71.

## [aca][ $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{COO}$

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta 8.78(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}),, 2.11(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100.1 \mathrm{MHz}, d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta$ 168.33, 118.64, 115.66, 18.72. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR (376.5 MHz, $d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta$-73.71.

Guanidinium trifluoroacetate is a known material and was synthesised according to a known procedure. ${ }^{61 \mathrm{H}} \mathrm{NMR}\left(400 \mathrm{MHz}, d_{6}\right.$-DMSO) $\delta 7.13(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100.1 \mathrm{MHz}, d_{6}$-DMSO) $\delta$ $158.61,119.03,116.06 .{ }^{19}$ F NMR ( $376.5 \mathrm{MHz}, d_{\sigma}$-DMSO) $\delta-73.80$.

## Crystallisations

Single crystals of [fa][Cl] were formed by heating a vial containing $\sim 0.5 \mathrm{~g}[\mathrm{fa}][\mathrm{Cl}]$ and $\sim 6 \mathrm{~mL}$ acetonitrile at $85^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 10 minutes in a Monowave 50 . Upon cooling, needle crystals of [fa][Cl] formed on the walls of the vial. Single crystals of [fa] $\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ were formed by dissolving a sample of the salt in ethanol and hexane ( $\sim 10: 1$ ) and allowing the solution to sit at room temperature for $\sim 4$ weeks. All other crystals were obtained by dissolving the respective salts in ethanol, adding five drops of hexane, and refrigerating the samples. Crystals typically formed after > 3 days of refrigeration.

## Characterisation

## Differential Scanning Calorimetry details

Transition temperatures (melting, $T_{m}$ and solid-solid, $T_{s-s}$ ) and thermal data (enthalpies of fusion, $\Delta H_{f}$ ) were determined using a DSC 8000 Perkin-Elmer differential scanning calorimeter with a heating and cooling rate of $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{min}$, with 1 minute isothermal at both temperature ends. 4-10 mg of sample was sealed in an aluminium pan for measurements. The equipment was calibrated using an indium ( $T_{m}=156.6^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \Delta H_{f}=28.45 \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{g}$ ) and cyclohexane ( $T_{m}=8{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ) standards. Measurements were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere, with an $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ flow rate of $50 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$, and performed in triplicate. Thermal properties were taken from the second heating/cooling cycle. $T_{m}$ was determined by the peak maxima and $\Delta H_{f}$ was calculated by integrating the area under the endothermic transition curve, with Pyris software.

## Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (NMR)

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ and ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectra were recorded at 298 K on a Bruker Avance III NMR spectrometer equipped with a 9.4 T magnet and 5 mm TBO probe, operating at 400.13 MHz $\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right), 100.62 \mathrm{MHz}\left({ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\right), 376.48 \mathrm{MHz}\left({ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\right)$. Chemical shifts $(\delta)$ are reported in parts per million (ppm) and were referenced to the residual solvent signals $\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\right)$ or from the solvent block $\left({ }^{2} \mathrm{H}\right)$ signal according to IUPAC recommended secondary referencing method and the manufacturer's protocols $\left({ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\right) .{ }^{7}$

## X-ray Crystallography

## Crystal data and refinement details

Data for the [gdm] salts and [aca]Cl was obtained from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. Data for all other salts was collected on a Rigaku Xtalab Synergy Dualflex using a monochromator equipped with $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{K} \alpha(\lambda=1.5418 \AA \AA)$ radiation, at 123 K . Data were processed using proprietary software CrysAlisPro. ${ }^{8}$ All structures were solved any refined by the SHELX software suite ${ }^{9,10}$ and refined against $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ using Olex2 ${ }^{11}$ as a graphical interface. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Alkyl hydrogen atoms were included in calculated positions (riding model) and the amine protons were modelled on electron density with restrained $N-H$ bond lengths of $0.91(2) \AA$ i using the DFIX restraint.

For [fa][ $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}$ ], the unit cell parameters were determined at variable temperatures above and below the temperature of the solid-solid transition ( $123 \mathrm{~K}, 213 \mathrm{~K}, 253 \mathrm{~K}, 283 \mathrm{~K}$ ). The unit cell parameters at each temperature are detailed in Table S5. The data modelled for analysis was collected at 123 K , after the sample was quench cooled to this temperature. When a crystal was slow cooled to 123 K , the quality of the data of too poor quality for refinement. For the data collected at $213 \mathrm{~K}, 253 \mathrm{~K}$ and 283 K , the crystal was cooled to the target temperature at a cooling rate of $10^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{min}$.

The structure was of [aca][CF3 $\mathrm{COO}_{3}$ was modelled as a 2-component morohedral twin using the twin law ( $1.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,-1.0,0.0,-0.015,0.0,-1.0$ ), with a batch scale factor (BASF) $0.074(1)$. Disorder of one of the $\mathrm{CF}_{3}$ groups was modelled over 2 positions. The two disorder components had refined occupancies of 0.67 and 0.23 . The bond distances were refined to be of equal distance using the SADI command.

The structure of $[f a]\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ was refined as a racemic twin using the twin law ( $-1.0,0.0,0.0$, $0.0,-1.0,0.0,0.0,0.0,-1.0$ ), with a batch scale factor (BASF) of 0.458 . The $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ group of the anion was refined as a rotating group.

For the structure of [aca][ $\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$, disorder of the $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ group of the acetamidinium cation was refined with riding coordinates over two positions corresponding to rotation of the $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ group, with occupancies of 0.5 for each hydrogen atom.

For the structure of [fa][ $p$-Tos], the $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ groups of the toluene moieties of the two $p$-toluene sulfonate anions were refined as rotating groups.

Table S3. Crystal data and structure refinement details for [fa] salts

| Identification code | $[\mathrm{fa}]\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right.$ | $[\mathrm{fa}]\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ | [fa][ $p$-Tos] | [fa][CF $\mathrm{COO}_{3} \mathrm{COO}$ | [fa]Cl |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| CCDC identifier | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 9 0 7 4 4}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 9 0 7 4 5}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 9 0 7 4 6}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 9 0 7 4 7}}$ | $\underline{\mathbf{2 0 9 0 7 4 8}}$ |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{5} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{CH}_{5} \mathrm{ClN}_{2}$ |
| Formula <br> weight/g.mol <br>  <br> $\mathbf{1}$ | 140.16 | 194.14 | 432.51 | 158.09 | 80.52 |


| Temperature/K | 122.99(10) | 123.00(12) | 123.00(10) | 123.00(10) | 123.01(10) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Crystal system | orthorhom bic | triclinic | triclinic | tetragonal | monoclinic |
| Space group | Pca21 | P-1 | P-1 | P41212 | P21/c |
| a/Å | 9.6440(3) | 6.2803(3) | 6.1440(2) | 6.83933(6) | 6.0881(3) |
| b/Å | 5.3173(2) | 6.7118(4) | 12.8644(6) | 6.83933(6) | 7.7636(4) |
| c/Å | 11.2997(3) | 9.3224(6) | 13.3576(3) | 25.0216(4) | 8.6548(4) |
| $\alpha /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 89.693(5) | 89.604(3) | 90 | 90 |
| $\beta /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 71.243(5) | 85.602(3) | 90 | 104.121(4) |
| $\mathrm{Y} /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 83.098(4) | 82.341(3) | 90 | 90 |
| Volume/Å ${ }^{3}$ | 579.45(3) | 369.16(4) | 1043.26(6) | 1170.42(3) | 396.71(3) |
| Z | 4 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| $p$ calc/g/cm ${ }^{3}$ | 1.607 | 1.747 | 1.377 | 1.794 | 1.348 |
| $\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 4.427 | 4.283 | 2.667 | 1.86 | 6.735 |
| F(000) | 296 | 196 | 456 | 640 | 168 |
| Crystal size/mm ${ }^{3}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.112 \times \\ & 0.094 \times \\ & 0.041 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.128 \times \\ & 0.084 \times \\ & 0.054 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.433 \times \\ & 0.133 \times 0.1 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.352 \times 0.278 \\ & \times 0.201 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.551 \times \\ & 0.031 \times \\ & 0.013 \end{aligned}$ |
| Radiation | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Cu} \mathrm{~K} \alpha(\lambda= \\ & 1.54184) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Cu} \mathrm{~K} \alpha(\lambda= \\ & 1.54184) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Cu} \mathrm{~K} \alpha(\lambda= \\ & 1.54184) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Cu} \mathrm{~K} \alpha(\lambda= \\ & 1.54184) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Cu} \mathrm{~K} \alpha(\lambda= \\ & 1.54184) \end{aligned}$ |
| 20 range for data collection/ ${ }^{\circ}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15.684 \text { to } \\ & 154.12 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10.026 \text { to } \\ & 154.45 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 6.934 \text { to } \\ & 154.7 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13.422 \text { to } \\ & 154.118 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15.006 \text { to } \\ & 154.842 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Index ranges | $\begin{aligned} & -10 \leq h \leq \\ & 12,-6 \leq k \leq \\ & 6,-10 \leq \mathrm{l} \leq \\ & 14 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -6 \leq h \leq 7,-8 \\ & \leq k \leq 8,-11 \leq \\ & l \leq 11 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -7 \leq h \leq 7,- \\ & 16 \leq k \leq 15,- \\ & 16 \leq \mathrm{l} \leq 15 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -8 \leq h \leq 8,-8 \leq \\ & k \leq 8,-31 \leq 1 \leq \\ & 30 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -7 \leq h \leq 3,- \\ & 9 \leq k \leq 9,- \\ & 10 \leq 1 \leq 10 \end{aligned}$ |
| Reflections collected | 5410 | 7664 | 20728 | 12176 | 2554 |
| Independent reflections | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1023\left[\mathrm{R}_{\text {int }}=\right. \\ & 0.0658, \\ & \mathrm{R}_{\text {sigma }}= \\ & 0.0330] \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1536\left[R_{\text {int }}=\right. \\ & 0.0602, R_{\text {sigma }} \\ & =0.0344] \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4317\left[R_{\text {int }}=\right. \\ & 0.0721, R_{\text {sigma }} \\ & =0.0501] \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1234\left[R_{\text {int }}=\right. \\ & 0.0309, \mathrm{R}_{\text {sigma }}= \\ & 0.0126] \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 818\left[\mathrm{R}_{\text {int }}=\right. \\ & 0.0567, \\ & \mathrm{R}_{\text {sigma }}= \\ & 0.0554] \end{aligned}$ |
| Data/restraints/pa rameters | 1023/5/92 | 1536/4/116 | 4317/0/287 | 1234/4/108 | 818/4/57 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F2 | 1.117 | 1.113 | 1.073 | 1.094 | 1.071 |
| Final $\mathbf{R}$ indexes $[1>=2 \sigma(I)]$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1= \\ & 0.0356, \\ & \mathrm{wR2}= \\ & 0.1002 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & R 1=0.0693 \\ & w R 2= \\ & 0.1909 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & R 1=0.0503, \\ & w R 2= \\ & 0.1406 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R1 }=0.0384, \\ & w R 2=0.1029 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & R 1= \\ & 0.0474, \\ & w R 2= \\ & 0.1301 \end{aligned}$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1= \\ & 0.0357, \\ & \mathrm{wR} 2= \\ & 0.1003 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & R 1=0.0735, \\ & w R 2= \\ & 0.1941 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & R 1=0.0571, \\ & w R 2= \\ & 0.1466 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & R 1=0.0389 \\ & w R 2=0.1036 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \mathrm{R} 1= \\ & 0.0511, \\ & \mathrm{wR2}= \\ & 0.1344 \end{aligned}$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e $\AA^{-3}$ | 0.47/-0.50 | 0.91/-0.55 | 0.61/-0.62 | 0.38/-0.40 | 0.52/-0.60 |
| Flack parameter | 0.46(4) | - | - | 0.04(6) | - |

Table S4. Crystal data and structure refinement details for [aca] salts

| Identification code | [aca] $\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ | [aca][ $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}$ ] | [aca][p-Tos] | [aca][CF3 ${ }^{\text {COO] }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CCDC identifier | 2090749 | 2090750 | 2090751 | 2090752 |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{20} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{~S}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{H}_{7} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{9} \mathrm{H}_{14} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{16} \mathrm{H}_{28} \mathrm{~F}_{12} \mathrm{~N}_{8} \mathrm{O}_{8}$ |
| Formula weight/g. $\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$ | 308.38 | 208.17 | 230.28 | 688.46 |
| Temperature/K | 123.00(10) | 122.99(10) | 122.99(10) | 123.00(10) |
| Crystal system | orthorhombic | triclinic | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| Space group | Cmc21 | P-1 | P21/c | P21/c |
| a/Å | 7.69460(10) | 6.5871(5) | 14.4723(8) | 10.7077(2) |
| b/Å | 8.62580(10) | 11.7652(7) | 6.2210(3) | 18.0846(3) |
| c/Å | 10.37460(10) | 11.9506(5) | 14.2758(7) | 15.5398(3) |
| $\alpha /{ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 74.772(5) | 90 | 90 |
| $\beta /^{\circ}$ | 90 | 77.729(6) | 115.747(7) | 90.304(2) |
| V/ ${ }^{\circ}$ | 90 | 77.878(6) | 90 | 90 |
| Volume/Å ${ }^{3}$ | 688.584(14) | 861.47(10) | 1157.68(12) | 3009.15(10) |
| Z | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| $p$ calc/g/cm ${ }^{3}$ | 1.487 | 1.605 | 1.321 | 1.52 |
| $\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 3.778 | 3.713 | 2.435 | 1.495 |
| F(000) | 328.0 | 424.0 | 488.0 | 1408.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ${ }^{3}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.532 \times 0.258 \\ & \times 0.183 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.549 \times 0.276 \\ & \times 0.065 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 0.292 \times 0.150 \\ \times 0.058 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.07 \times 0.08 \times \\ & 0.16 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Radiation | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cu K } \alpha(\lambda= \\ & 1.54184) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cu K } \alpha(\lambda= \\ & 1.54184) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cu K } \alpha(\lambda= \\ & 1.54184) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cu K } \alpha(\lambda= \\ & 1.54184) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| 20 range for data collection/ ${ }^{\circ}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15.432 \text { to } \\ & 154.476 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.776 \text { to } \\ & 159.03 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12.428 \text { to } \\ & 153.864 \end{aligned}$ | 7.5 to 155.014 |
| Index ranges | $\begin{aligned} & -9 \leq h \leq 9,-10 \\ & \leq k \leq 10,-12 \leq \\ & l \leq 13 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -7 \leq h \leq 8,-15 \\ & \leq k \leq 14,-11 \leq \\ & l \leq 15 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -18 \leq h \leq 17,- \\ & 7 \leq k \leq 4,-17 \leq \\ & \mid \leq 18 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -13 \leq h \leq 13,- \\ & 22 \leq k \leq 22,- \\ & 19 \leq \mathrm{I} \leq 12 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Reflections collected | 6711 | 17073 | 12134 | 29003 |
| Independent reflections | $\begin{aligned} & 767\left[R_{\text {int }}=\right. \\ & 0.0290, R_{\text {sigma }} \\ & =0.0120] \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 3582\left[R_{\text {int }}=\right. \\ & 0.1136, R_{\text {sigma }} \\ & =0.0648] \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 2398\left[R_{\text {int }}=\right. \\ 0.0592, R_{\text {sigma }} \\ =0.0450] \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 6276\left[R_{\text {int }}=\right. \\ & 0.0527, R_{\text {sigma }} \\ & =0.0429] \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Data/restraints/para meters | 767/3/57 | 3582/8/251 | 2398/4/192 | 6276/31/503 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F2 | 1.094 | 1.113 | 1.064 | 1.079 |
| Final R indexes $[1>=2 \sigma(1)]$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { R1 }=0.0232, \\ & \text { wR2 }=0.0584 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { R1 }=0.0712, \\ & \text { wR2 }=0.2062 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline R 1=0.0599 \\ \text { wR2 }=0.1628 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { R1 }=0.0649, \\ & \text { wR2 }=0.1855 \end{aligned}$ |
| Final $\mathbf{R}$ indexes [all data] | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{R} 1=0.0232 \\ & \mathrm{wR} 2=0.0584 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R1 }=0.0801, \\ & \text { wR2 }=0.2211 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R1 }=0.0694, \\ & \text { wR2 }=0.1744 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { R1 }=0.0751 \\ & \text { wR2 }=0.2007 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e $\AA^{-3}$ | 0.19/-0.38 | 0.55/-0.86 | 0.86/-0.63 | 0.76/-0.52 |
| Flack parameter | 0.023(15) | - | - | - |

## Variable temperature unit cell data for [fa][ $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}$ ]

Table S5. Unit cell data of [fa][ $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}$ ] collected at $123 \mathrm{~K}, 213 \mathrm{~K}, 253 \mathrm{~K}$, and 283 K

| Unit cell <br> parameters | $\mathbf{1 2 3 ~ K}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 3 ~ K}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 3 ~ K}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 3} \mathbf{K}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $a(\AA)$ | $6.2803(3)$ | $6.2985(10)$ | $6.3127(10)$ | $6.185(2)$ |
| $b(\AA)$ | $6.7118(4)$ | $6.7176(9)$ | $6.7116(10)$ | $6.8170(13)$ |
| $c(\AA)$ | $9.3224(6)$ | $9.449(3)$ | $9.523(3)$ | $9.628(3)$ |
| $\alpha\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $89.693(5)$ | $89.445(17)$ | $89.218(16)$ | $90.06(2)$ |
| $\beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $71.243(5)$ | $72.16(2)$ | $72.884(18)$ | $108.45(3)$ |
| $\gamma\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | $83.098(4)$ | $83.539(12)$ | $83.906(12)$ | $90.23(2)$ |
| $\mathrm{V}\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | $369.16(4)$ | $378.05(14)$ | $383.35(13)$ | $385.017(128)$ |

## Hydrogen bond tables generated from Olex2 ${ }^{11}$

Table S6. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [fa] $\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$

| Donor | Proton | Acceptor | D-H (Å) | H $\cdots$ A (Å) | D $\cdots$ A (Å) | D-H $\cdots \mathrm{A}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N8 | H8A | O4 | $0.87(3)$ | $2.05(3)$ | $2.907(5)$ | $167(5)$ |
| N8 | H8B | O3 | $0.90(2)$ | $2.54(5)$ | $3.068(4)$ | $118(4)$ |
| N8 | H8B | O2 | $0.90(2)$ | $2.25(4)$ | $3.017(4)$ | $143(5)$ |
| N6 | H6A | O2 | $0.89(2)$ | $2.04(3)$ | $2.931(4)$ | $174(5)$ |
| N6 | H6B | O3 | $0.90(2)$ | $1.94(3)$ | $2.838(5)$ | $177(4)$ |
| C7 | H7 | O3 | 0.93 | 2.37 | $2.999(5)$ | 124.4 |
| C7 | H7* | O4 | 0.93 | 2.712 | 3.5057 | 143.74 |
| Average |  |  | 0.903 | 2.272 | 3.038 | 149.59 |

Table S7. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [fa][ $\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$

| Donor | Proton | Acceptor | D-H (Å) | H $\cdots \mathbf{A}(\AA \AA)$ | D $\cdots \mathbf{A}(A ̊)$ | D-H $\cdots \mathbf{A}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C1 | H1 | O2 | 0.93 | 2.36 | $3.252(5)$ | 161.6 |
| N2 | H2A | O1 | $0.924(19)$ | $1.97(2)$ | $2.895(4)$ | $173(4)$ |
| N2 | H2B | O3 | $0.895(19)$ | $2.06(2)$ | $2.948(4)$ | $174(4)$ |
| N1 | H1A | O3 | $0.903(19)$ | $2.07(3)$ | $2.933(4)$ | $159(5)$ |
| N1 | H1B | O1 | $0.91(2)$ | $2.02(2)$ | $2.919(4)$ | $169(6)$ |
| Average |  | 0.9124 | 2.096 | 2.9894 | 167.32 |  |

Table S8. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [fa][ $p$-Tos]

| Donor | Proton | Acceptor | D-H (Å) | H $\cdots \mathrm{A}(A \AA)$ | D $\cdots \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{A})$ | $\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{A}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| C1 | H1 | O5 | 0.93 | 2.35 | $3.272(2)$ | 173 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| C2 | H2 | O2 | 0.93 | 2.31 | $3.183(2)$ | 155.4 |  |
| N1 | H1A | O1 | $0.86(3)$ | $2.04(3)$ | $2.870(2)$ | $163(2)$ |  |
| N2 | H2A | O1 | $0.81(3)$ | $2.01(3)$ | $2.810(2)$ | $173(3)$ |  |
| N4 | H4A | O4 | $0.84(3)$ | $2.00(3)$ | $2.823(2)$ | $168(3)$ |  |
| N3 | H3A | O4 | $0.84(3)$ | $2.04(3)$ | $2.858(3)$ | $167(3)$ |  |
| N2 | H2B | O3 | $0.85(3)$ | $2.12(3)$ | $2.961(2)$ | $178(2)$ |  |
| N1 | H1B | O6 | $0.82(3)$ | $2.09(3)$ | $2.899(2)$ | $173(3)$ |  |
| N4 | H4B | O6 | $0.88(3)$ | $2.04(3)$ | $2.907(2)$ | $172(2)$ |  |
| N3 | H3B | O3 | $0.86(3)$ | $1.99(3)$ | $2.844(2)$ | $173(3)$ |  |
| Average |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table S9. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [fa][ $\left.\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathbf{C O O}\right]$

| Donor | Proton | Acceptor | D-H (Å) | H $\cdots \mathrm{A}(\AA \AA)$ | D $\cdots \mathrm{A}(A ̊)$ | $\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{A}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C9 | H9 | O5 | 0.93 | 2.39 | $3.238(3)$ | 151.3 |
| N10 | H10A | O5 | $0.86(2)$ | $2.60(3)$ | $3.064(3)$ | $115(3)$ |
| N10 | H10A | O4 | $0.86(2)$ | $2.17(3)$ | $2.937(3)$ | $147(3)$ |
| N10 | H10B | O5 | $0.88(2)$ | $2.04(2)$ | $2.920(3)$ | $178(3)$ |
| N8 | H8A | O5 | $0.89(2)$ | $2.13(2)$ | $3.027(3)$ | $175(3)$ |
| N8 | H8B | O4 | $0.88(2)$ | $2.11(2)$ | $2.986(3)$ | $170(4)$ |
| Average |  |  | 0.883 | 2.39 | 3.0287 | 156.05 |

Table S10. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [fa]Cl

| Donor | Proton | Acceptor | D-H (Å) | H $\cdots$ A (Å) | D $\cdots \mathbf{A}(A ̊)$ | D-H $\cdots \mathbf{A}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N1 | H2 | Cl1 | $0.904(17)$ | $2.48(2)$ | $3.268(2)$ | $147(2)$ |
| N2 | H5 | Cl1 | $0.904(19)$ | $2.43(2)$ | $3.261(2)$ | $154(4)$ |
| N1 | H3 | Cl1 | $0.900(18)$ | $2.31(2)$ | $3.187(2)$ | $164(3)$ |
| N2 | H4 | Cl1 | $0.900(19)$ | $2.32(2)$ | $3.218(2)$ | $176(5)$ |
| Average | C1 $*$ | H1 | Cl1 | $0.902(4)$ | 2.385 | 3.2335 |

* The C1 - H1 - Cl1 interaction details a H…Cl interaction that we don't consider a hydrogen bond, but is detailed here as the interaction is referred to in the text.

Table S11. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [aca][ $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$

| Donor | Proton | Acceptor | D-H $(A ̊)$ | H $\cdots \mathbf{A}(A ̊)$ | D $\cdots \mathbf{A}(A ̊)$ | D-H $\cdots \mathbf{A}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N1 | H1A | O1 | $0.90(2)$ | $2.13(2)$ | $3.0209(19)$ | $170(3)$ |
| N1 | H1B | O2 | $0.90(2)$ | $1.98(2)$ | $2.873(2)$ | $171(3)$ |
| Average |  | 0.90 | 2.06 | 2.95 | 170.5 |  |

Table S12. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [aca][ $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}$ ]

| Donor | Proton | Acceptor | D-H (Å) | H $\cdots \mathrm{A}(\AA \AA)$ | $\mathrm{D} \cdots \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{A})$ | $\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{A}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N1 | H1A | O2 | $0.882(19)$ | $2.04(2)$ | $2.917(4)$ | $171(4)$ |
| N4 | H4A | O4 | $0.886(19)$ | $2.02(2)$ | $2.903(4)$ | $175(4)$ |
| N4 | H4B | O5 | $0.895(19)$ | $2.020(19)$ | $2.913(4)$ | $176(3)$ |
| N1 | H1B | O1 | $0.884(19)$ | $2.037(19)$ | $2.921(4)$ | $177(4)$ |
| N3 | H3A | O4 | $0.914(19)$ | $2.04(2)$ | $2.944(4)$ | $172(4)$ |
| N2 | H2A | O2 | $0.898(19)$ | $2.04(2)$ | $2.930(4)$ | $171(4)$ |
| N3 | H3B | O3 | $0.91(2)$ | $2.00(2)$ | $2.901(4)$ | $171(5)$ |
| N2 | H2B | O6 | $0.901(19)$ | $2.04(2)$ | $2.931(4)$ | $172(4)$ |
| Average |  |  | 0.90 | 2.03 | 2.92 | 173.13 |

Table S13. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [aca][ $p$-Tos]

| Donor | Proton | Acceptor | D-H (Å) | H $\cdots \mathbf{A}(A ̊)$ | D $\cdots \mathbf{A}(A ̊)$ | D-H $\cdots \mathbf{A}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N1 | H1A | O3 | $0.876(18)$ | $2.00(2)$ | $2.845(3)$ | $163(3)$ |
| N1 | H1B | O2 | $0.878(18)$ | $2.025(19)$ | $2.895(3)$ | $170(3)$ |
| N2 | H2A | O3 | $0.905(19)$ | $1.93(2)$ | $2.820(3)$ | $166(3)$ |
| N2 | H2B | O1 | $0.904(18)$ | $1.95(2)$ | $2.815(3)$ | $159(3)$ |
| Average |  | 0.89 | 1.98 | 2.84 | 164.5 |  |

Table S14. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [aca][CF3COO]

| Donor | Proton | Acceptor | D-H (Å) | H $\cdots \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{A})$ | $\mathbf{D} \cdots \mathbf{A}(\mathrm{A})$ | $\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{A}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N1 | H1A | O5 | $0.898(18)$ | $2.021(19)$ | $2.916(3)$ | $174(3)$ |
| N1 | H1B | O8 | $0.893(19)$ | $2.01(2)$ | $2.887(3)$ | $166(4)$ |
| N2 | H2A | O6 | $0.903(18)$ | $1.979(19)$ | $2.879(3)$ | $174(3)$ |
| N2 | H2B | O3 | $0.884(18)$ | $2.02(2)$ | $2.884(3)$ | $164(3)$ |
| N3 | H3A | O4 | $0.893(19)$ | $1.98(2)$ | $2.865(3)$ | $173(4)$ |
| N3 | H3B | O2 | $0.912(19)$ | $1.923(19)$ | $2.831(3)$ | $173(4)$ |
| N4 | H4A | O3 | $0.903(19)$ | $2.03(2)$ | $2.930(3)$ | $174(4)$ |
| N4 | H4B | O5 | $0.898(19)$ | $1.95(2)$ | $2.835(3)$ | $170(4)$ |
| N5 | H5A | O1 | $0.902(19)$ | $1.96(2)$ | $2.858(3)$ | $171(3)$ |
| N5 | H5B | O4 | $0.898(18)$ | $1.98(2)$ | $2.802(3)$ | $152(3)$ |
| N6 | H6A | O2 | $0.902(19)$ | $1.944(19)$ | $2.842(3)$ | $174(4)$ |
| N6 | H6B | O7 | $0.902(19)$ | $1.95(2)$ | $2.805(3)$ | $157(4)$ |
| N7 | H7A | O7 | $0.910(18)$ | $1.931(19)$ | $2.839(3)$ | $175(3)$ |
| N7 | H7B | O6 | $0.903(18)$ | $1.94(2)$ | $2.799(3)$ | $158(4)$ |
| N8 | H8D | O1 | $0.893(18)$ | $1.98(2)$ | $2.863(3)$ | $168(3)$ |
| N8 | H8E | O8 | $0.894(18)$ | $2.08(2)$ | $2.965(3)$ | $170(3)$ |

Hydrogen bond tables of structures from the literature, with distances and angles calculated through the Mercury 3.8 software ${ }^{12}$

Table S15. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [aca]Cl

| Donor | Proton | Acceptor | D-H (Å) | H $\cdots \mathbf{A}(\AA \AA)$ | D $\cdots \mathbf{A}(A ̊)$ | D-H $\cdots \mathbf{A}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N1 | H1A | Cl | 0.836 | 2.496 | 3.266 | 153.48 |
| N1 | H1B | Cl | 0.836 | 2.356 | 3.190 | 176.24 |
| N2 | H2B | Cl | 0.846 | 2.426 | 3.209 | 154.26 |
| N2 | H2A | Cl | 0.809 | 2.386 | 3.194 | 177.27 |
| Average |  | 0.832 | 2.416 | 3.21 | 165.3 |  |

Table S16. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [gdm][ $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$

| Donor | Proton | Acceptor | D-H (Å) | H...A (Å) | D...A (Å) | D-H...A( ${ }^{\circ}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N2 | H2N | O 2 | 0.848 | 2.077 | 2.913 | 168.24 |
| N1 | H1N | 01 | 0.793 | 2.126 | 2.909 | 169.39 |
| N2 | H3N | 01 | 0.798 | 2.139 | 2.925 | 168.39 |
| Average |  |  | 0.81 | 2.11 | 2.92 | 168.67 |

Table S17. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [gdm][ $\left.\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$

| Donor | Proton | Acceptor | D-H (Å) | H $\cdots \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{A})$ | D $\cdots \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{A})$ | $\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{A}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N1 | H1 | O2 | 0.81 | 2.192 | 3 | 175.35 |
| N3 | H6 | O3 | 0.84 | 2.161 | 2.997 | 173.19 |
| N3 | H5 | O1 | 0.906 | 2.092 | 2.997 | 170.65 |
| N2 | H4 | O2 | 0.801 | 2.2 | 2.993 | 170.42 |
| N1 | H2 | O1 | 0.891 | 2.092 | 2.981 | 174.89 |
| N2 | H3 | O3 | 0.834 | 2.155 | 2.985 | 173.6 |
| Average |  | 0.85 | 2.15 | 2.99 | 173.02 |  |

Table S18. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [gdm][p-Tos]

| Donor | Proton | Acceptor | D-H (Å) | H‥A (Å) | D $\cdots \mathrm{A}(A ̊)$ | D-H $\cdots \mathrm{A}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N4 | H22 | O6 | 1.009 | 1.871 | 2.876 | 173.39 |
| N1 | H1N | O5 | 1.009 | 1.894 | 2.886 | 166.77 |
| N2 | H3N | O3 | 1.009 | 1.901 | 2.894 | 167.52 |
| N1 | H18 | O3 | 1.009 | 1.915 | 2.922 | 175.82 |
| N6 | H25 | O1 | 1.008 | 1.918 | 2.923 | 174.52 |
| N2 | H17 | O6 | 1.009 | 1.936 | 2.908 | 160.75 |
| N3 | H20 | O1 | 1.009 | 1.943 | 2.94 | 169.36 |


| N1 | H 16 | O | 1.01 | 1.956 | 2.933 | 162.03 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N5 | H 24 | O 2 | 1.009 | 1.97 | 2.949 | 162.75 |
| N3 | H 19 | O 2 | 1.009 | 1.989 | 2.955 | 159.17 |
| N6 | H 26 | O 4 | 1.009 | 1.994 | 2.958 | 158.72 |
| N5 | H 23 | O 4 | 1.009 | 2.037 | 3.011 | 161.46 |
| Average |  | 1.01 | 1.94 | 2.93 | 166.02 |  |

Table S19. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [gdm][CF $\mathrm{CFO}_{3}$ ]

| Donor | Proton | Acceptor | D-H (Å) | H $\cdots \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{A})$ | $\mathrm{D} \cdots \mathrm{A}(\mathrm{A})$ | $\mathrm{D}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{A}\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| N2 | H 3 | O 2 | 0.86 | 2.084 | 2.943 | 175.62 |
| N3 | H5 | O1 | 0.86 | 2.131 | 2.959 | 161.59 |
| N2 | H4 | O1 | 0.86 | 2.405 | 3.148 | 145.01 |
| N1 | H1 | O1 | 0.859 | 2.215 | 2.999 | 151.6 |
| N3 | H6 | O2 | 0.86 | 2.295 | 3.081 | 152.02 |
| N1 | H2 | O2 | 0.86 | 2.389 | 3.122 | 145.12 |
| Average |  | 0.86 | 2.25 | 3.04 | 155.16 |  |

## Hirshfeld surfaces interactions breakdown

Table S20. Breakdown of interactions calculated from the Hirshfeld surfaces of the $\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ salts, for both the ion pair and individual ions

| $\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ | [gdm] | [aca] | [fa] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reciprocals |  |  |  |
| H-O \% | 44.3 | 44.5 | 57.1 |
| H-H \% | 43.3 | 46.4 | 32.3 |
| H-C \% | 1 | 2.8 | 2.2 |
| H-S \% | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| H-N \% | 7.9 | 5.8 | 5 |
| From cation |  |  |  |
| H-O \% | 41.5 | 37.7 | 40.4 |
| H-H \% | 42.3 | 51.1 | 45.1 |
| H-C \% | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| H-S \% | 1.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| H-N \% | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.8 |
| From anion |  |  |  |
| H-O \% | 6.8 | 8.4 | 12 |
| H-H \% | 34.4 | 28.4 | 24.8 |
| H-C \% | 0 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| H-S \% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| H-N \% | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.4 |
| O-H \% | 54.3 | 58.2 | 57.1 |

Table S21. Breakdown of interactions calculated from the Hirshfeld surfaces of the $\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ salts, for both the ion pair and individual ions

| [ $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}$ ] | [gdm] | [aca] | [fa] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reciprocals |  |  |  |
| H-O \% | 35.8 | 37.4 | 42.2 |
| H-H \% | 10 | 13.2 | 5.4 |
| H-C \% | 3.8 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| H-S \% | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| H-N \% | 0.2 | 1.6 | 1.3 |
| H-F \% | 22.5 | 23.5 | 18.9 |
| From cation |  |  |  |
| H-O \% | 44.4 | 45.3 | 51.6 |
| H-H \% | 16.9 | 21.3 | 11.5 |
| H-C \% | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| H-S \% | 0.2 | 0 | 0.3 |
| H-N \% | 6.1 | 1 | 2.8 |
| H-F \% | 21.6 | 23.5 | 23.8 |
| From anion |  |  |  |
| O-H \% | 43.5 | 46 | 42.1 |
| F-H \% | 20.9 | 22.76 | 17.7 |

Table S22. Breakdown of interactions calculated from the Hirshfeld surfaces of the [ $p$-Tos] salts, for both the ion pair and individual ions

| [ $p$-Tos] | [gdm] | [aca] | [fa] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reciprocals |  |  |  |
| H-O \% | 31.9 | 31.8 | 33.5 |
| H-H \% | 41.7 | 46.8 | 40.7 |
| H-C \% | 17.7 | 16 | 19 |
| H-S \% | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0 |
| H-N \% | 6.1 | 3.2 | 3.8 |
| From cation |  |  |  |
| H-O \% | 44.9 | 31.8 | 50 |
| H-H \% | 37.5 | 50.4 | 34.6 |
| H-C \% | 0.3 | 0 | 0.4 |
| H-S \% | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| H-N \% | 2.8 | 1.3 | 5.2 |
| From anion |  |  |  |
| H-O \% | 3.2 | 3.7 | 2.8 |
| H-H \% | 38.2 | 40.2 | 39.9 |
| H-C \% | 10.5 | 10.4 | 10.4 |
| H-S \% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| H-N \% | 1.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| C-H \% | 10.4 | 11.5 | 12 |

Table S23. Breakdown of interactions calculated from the Hirshfeld surfaces of the [ $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{COO}$ ] salts, for both the ion pair and individual ions

| [ $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{COO}$ ] | [gdm] | [aca] | [fa] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reciprocals |  |  |  |
| H-O \% | 21.9 | 25 | 36.3 |
| H-H \% | 13.6 | 17.7 | 9.8 |
| H-C \% | 0.9 | 2 | 0.6 |
| H-S \% | - | - | - |
| H-N \% | 0.8 | 3.5 | 0.4 |
| H-F \% | 37.6 | 33.2 | 28.8 |
| From cation |  |  |  |
| H-O \% | 29.2 | 30.2 | 32.9 |
| H-H \% | 23.1 | 23.8 | 19.8 |
| H-C \% | 0.3 | 1.8 | 0 |
| H-S \% | - | - | 0 |
| H-N \% | 1.5 | 2.1 | 0.9 |
| H-F \% | 31.6 | 33.4 | 32.4 |
| From anion |  |  |  |
| O-H \% | 33.6 | 36.7 | 33.5 |
| F-H \% | 34.5 | 37.5 | 31.6 |

Table S24. Breakdown of interactions calculated from the Hirshfeld surfaces of the chloride salts, for both the ion pair and individual ions

| Cl | [aca] | [fa] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reciprocals |  |  |
| H-Cl \% | 35.9 | 37.8 |
| H-H \% | 51.5 | 36.7 |
| H-C \% | 4.1 | 3.9 |
| H-N \% | 8.6 | 9.4 |
| From cation |  |  |
| $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cl}$ \% | 24.6 | 30.5 |
| H-H \% | 59.5 | 49.2 |
| H-C \% | 2.5 | 1.7 |
| H-N \% | 4.7 | 5.7 |
| From anion |  |  |
| Cl-H \% | 100 | 97.1 |
| $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{C} \%$ | 0 | 2.1 |
| $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{N}$ | 0 | 0.8 |

## DSC data



Figure S22. DSC curve of [fa][ $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$. The melting transition from the second heating cycle is shown in purple, with thermal properties highlighted.


Figure S23. DSC curve of [fa] $\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$. The relevant transitions from the second heating cycle are shown in purple, with thermal properties highlighted.


Figure S24. DSC curve of [fa][ $p$-Tos]. The melting transition from the second heating cycle is shown in purple, with thermal properties highlighted.


Figure S25. DSC curve of [fa][ $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{COO}$ ]. The relevant transitions from the second heating cycle are shown in purple, with thermal properties highlighted.


Figure S26. DSC curve of [fa]Cl. The relevant transitions from the second heating cycle are shown in purple, with thermal properties highlighted.


Figure S27. DSC curve of [aca][ $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$. Transitions from the second heating cycle are shown in purple, with thermal properties highlighted. The solid-solid transition(s) are not consistently observed and so are omitted from discussion in the main text.


Figure S28. DSC curve of [aca][CF $\mathrm{CO}_{3}$ ]. The melting transition from the second heating cycle is shown in purple, with thermal properties highlighted.


Figure S29. DSC curve of [aca][ $p$-Tos]. The relevant transitions from the second heating cycle are shown in purple, with thermal properties highlighted.


Figure S30. DSC curve of [aca][CF $\mathrm{C}_{3} \mathrm{COO}$ ]. The melting transition from the second heating cycle is shown in purple, with thermal properties highlighted.


Figure S31. DSC curve of [aca]Cl. The melting transition from the second heating cycle is shown in purple, with thermal properties highlighted.


Figure S32. DSC curve of [gdm][CF $\left.{ }_{3} \mathrm{COO}\right]$. The relevant transitions from the second heating cycle are shown in purple, with thermal properties highlighted.

## Input data for Figure 7b

Table S24. Enthalpy of fusion $\left(\Delta H_{f}\right)$, entropy of fusion $\left(\Delta S_{f}\right)$ and degree of disorder introduced upon melting as calculated with the Boltzmann Equation

| Material | $\Delta H_{f} \mathrm{~kJ} / \mathrm{mol}$ | $\Delta \mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{f}} \mathrm{J} / \mathrm{mol} / \mathrm{K}$ | Degree of disorder |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| [gdm] $\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ | 29 | 60 | 1362 |
| [fa][ $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}$ ] | 21 | 57 | 949 |
| [aca][ $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}$ ] | 15.4 | 42 | 156 |
| [gdm] $\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ | 27 | 62 | 1732 |
| [fa][ $\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}$ ] | 5.8 | 16 | 7 |
| [aca][ $\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$ | 14.8 | 41 | 139 |
| [gdm][p-Tos] | 21 | 42 | 156 |
| [fa][p-Tos] | 17.7 | 45 | 224 |
| [aca][p-Tos] | 21.2 | 49 | 362 |
| [gdm][CF3 ${ }_{3} \mathrm{COO}$ ] | 14.4 | 34 | 60 |
| [fa][CF3 ${ }^{\text {COO] }}$ | 12.8 | 33 | 53 |


| $[\mathrm{aca}]\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{COO}^{2}\right]$ | 21 | 50 | 409 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $[\mathrm{fa}] \mathrm{Cl}$ | 3.4 | 9.2 | 3 |
| $[\mathrm{aca}] \mathrm{Cl}$ | 15.7 | 35 | 7 |

Degree of introduced disorder was calculated by rearranging the Boltzmann equation:

$$
\Delta S_{f}=\mathrm{R} \ln (\mathrm{~N})
$$

to give:

$$
N=e^{\frac{\Delta S f}{R}}
$$

Where R is the ideal gas constant and N describes the ratio of number of possible arrangements/conformations in the liquid state over the number of possible arrangements/confirmations per molecule in the solid-phase. ${ }^{13}$ This gives the data in Table S24 that is the data input into Figure S7b.

## NMR Spectra of synthesised compounds



Figure S33. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $[\mathrm{fa}]\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$


Figure S34. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $[\mathrm{fa}]\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$


Figure S35. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $[\mathrm{fa}]\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$

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Figure S36. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $[f a]\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$

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Figure S37. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F} \mathrm{NMR}$ spectrum of $[\mathrm{fa}]\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$


Figure S38. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of [fa][p-Tos]


Figure S39. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of [fa][p-Tos]


Figure S40. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of [fa][CF ${ }_{3} \mathrm{COO}$ ]


Figure S41. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of $[\mathrm{fa}]\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{COO}\right]$


Figure S42. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum of $[\mathrm{fa}]\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{COO}\right]$


Figure S43. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $[\mathrm{aca}]\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$


Figure S44. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of [aca] $\left[\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$


Figure S45. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of [aca] $\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$


Figure S46. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of [aca] $\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$


Figure S47. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum of [aca] $\left[\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{SO}_{3}\right]$


Figure S48. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of [aca][ $p-\mathrm{Tos}$ ]


Figure S49. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of [aca][ $p$-Tos]


Figure S50. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of [aca][CF $\left.{ }_{3} \mathrm{COO}\right]$


Figure S51. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of [aca][CF $\mathrm{COO}_{3}$ ]


Figure S52. ${ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}$ NMR spectrum of [aca][ $\left.\mathrm{CF}_{3} \mathrm{COO}\right]$

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