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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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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.



Figure S3. Crystallographically determined structures of $[gdm][CF_3COO]$ (a), $[fa][CF_3COO]$ (b) and $[aca][CF_3COO]$ (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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Figure S13. Extended crystal packing of [fa][CF₃COO] 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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Literature data summary

Table S1. Thermal properties of $[gdm][CH_3SO_3]$, $[gdm][CF_3SO_3]$ and [gdm][p-Tos], as reported in the literature

Material	<i>T_m</i> (°C)	ΔH_m (kJ/mol)	<i>T_{s-s}</i> (°C)	∠H _{s-s} (kJ/mol)
[gdm][CH ₃ SO ₃] ¹	208	29	-	-
$[gdm][CF_3SO_3]^1$	160	27	115	1
[gdm][p-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]Cl ²	[gdm][CF ₃ SO ₃] ³	[gdm][CF3COO] ⁴	[gdm][<i>p</i> -Tos] ⁵
CCDC	ACIMDC01	WETNIS	IZIJEH01	HIBCAW01
database				
identifier				
CCDC	244747	1292511	2050456	883629
deposition				
number				
Space group	C2/c	C2/c	Pbcn	P21/c
<i>a</i> (Å)	11.5266(12)	12.988(7)	10.5705(13)	12.437(3)
b (Å)	9.8127(10)	7.512(2)	10.2525(13)	7.418(4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	9.6404(8)	18.45(1)	13.0173(15)	25.72(3)
α (°)	90	90	90	90
β (°)	110.732(5)	111.69(4)	90	95.56(6)
γ (°)	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):

$[fa][CH_3SO_3]$

¹H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 8.95 (s, 4 H), 7.87 (s, 1H), 2.42 (3H). ¹³C NMR (100.1 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 157.94.

$[fa][CF_3SO_3]$

¹H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 8.81 (s, 4 H), 7.84 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100.1 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 157.7, 122.73, 119.53. ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ -77.79.

[fa][*p*-Tos]

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-*DMSO*) δ 8.87 (s, 5H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 7.50-7.48 (d, 2H), 7.14-7.12 (d, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100.1 MHz, *d*₆-*DMSO*) δ 157.76, 145.95, 138.24, 128.58, 125.94, 21.25.

[fa][CF₃COO]

¹H NMR (400 MHz, *d*₆-*DMSO*) δ 9.03 (s, 4 H,), 7.87 (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100.1 MHz, *d*₆-*DMSO*) δ 157.88, 119.14, 116.16. ¹⁹F NMR (376.5 MHz, *d*₆-*DMSO*) δ -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):

$[aca][CH_3SO_3]$

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-*DMSO*) δ 8.86-8.49 (d, 4H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.12 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100.1 MHz, *d*₆-*DMSO*) δ 168.22, 18.73.

$[aca][CF_3SO_3]$

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-*DMSO*) δ 8.85-8.31 (d, 4H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100.1 MHz, *d*₆-*DMSO*) δ 168.10, 18.72. ¹⁹**F NMR** (376.5 MHz, *d*₆-*DMSO*) δ -77.76.

[aca][p-Tos]

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-*DMSO*) δ 8.89-8.44 (d, 4H), 7.50-7.48 (d, 2H), 7.14-7.12 (d, 2H), 2.30 (s, 3H), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100.1 MHz, *d*₆-*DMSO*) δ 168.20, 145.96, 138.24, 128.58, 125.94, 21.25, 18.71.

[aca][CF₃COO]

¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, *d*₆-*DMSO*) δ 8.78 (s, 4H,), 2.11 (s, 3H). ¹³**C NMR** (100.1 MHz, *d*₆-*DMSO*) δ 168.33, 118.64, 115.66, 18.72. ¹⁹**F NMR** (376.5 MHz, *d*₆-*DMSO*) δ -73.71.

Guanidinium trifluoroacetate is a known material and was synthesised according to a known procedure.⁶ ¹**H NMR** (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 7.13 (s, 4H). ¹³**C NMR** (100.1 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ 158.61, 119.03, 116.06. ¹⁹**F NMR** (376.5 MHz, d_6 -DMSO) δ -73.80.

Crystallisations

Single crystals of [fa][Cl] were formed by heating a vial containing ~ 0.5 g [fa][Cl] and ~ 6 mL acetonitrile at 85 °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][CF₃SO₃] were formed by dissolving a sample of the salt in ethanol and hexane (~10:1) and allowing the solution to sit at room temperature for ~ 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, ΔH_f) were determined using a DSC 8000 Perkin-Elmer differential scanning calorimeter with a heating and cooling rate of 10 °C/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 ($T_m = 156.6$ °C, $\Delta H_f = 28.45$ J/g) and cyclohexane ($T_m = 8$ °C) standards. Measurements were performed under a nitrogen atmosphere, with an N₂ flow rate of 50 mL/min, and performed in triplicate. Thermal properties were taken from the second heating/cooling cycle. T_m was determined by the peak maxima and ΔH_f was calculated by integrating the area under the endothermic transition curve, with Pyris software.

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (NMR)

¹H, ¹³C{¹H} and ¹⁹F{¹H} 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 (¹H), 100.62 MHz (¹³C), 376.48 MHz (¹⁹F). Chemical shifts (δ) are reported in parts per million (ppm) and were referenced to the residual solvent signals (¹H, ¹³C) or from the solvent block (²H) signal according to IUPAC recommended secondary referencing method and the manufacturer's protocols (¹⁹F).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 Cu–K α (λ = 1.5418 Å) 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 F² using Olex2¹¹ 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) Å using the DFIX restraint.

For [fa][CF₃SO₃], the unit cell parameters were determined at variable temperatures above and below the temperature of the solid-solid transition (123 K, 213 K, 253 K, 283 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 K, 253 K and 283 K, the crystal was cooled to the target temperature at a cooling rate of 10 °C/min.

The structure was of $[aca][CF_3COO]$ 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 CF₃ 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 $[fa][CH_3SO_3]$ 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 CH₃ group of the anion was refined as a rotating group.

For the structure of $[aca][CH_3SO_3]$, disorder of the CH₃ group of the acetamidinium cation was refined with riding coordinates over two positions corresponding to rotation of the CH₃ group, with occupancies of 0.5 for each hydrogen atom.

For the structure of [fa][p-Tos], the CH₃ 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	[fa][CH ₃ SO ₃	$[fa][CF_3SO_3]$	[fa][<i>p</i> -Tos]	[fa][CF ₃ COO]	[fa]Cl
CCDC identifier	<u>2090744</u>	<u>2090745</u>	<u>2090746</u>	<u>2090747</u>	<u>2090748</u>
Empirical formula	$C_2H_8N_2O_3S$	$C_2H_5F_3N_2O_3S$	$C_{16}H_{24}N_4O_6S_2$	$C_3H_5F_3N_2O_2$	CH₅CIN₂
Formula					
weight/g.mol ⁻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)
α/°	90	89.693(5)	89.604(3)	90	90
β/°	90	71.243(5)	85.602(3)	90	104.121(4)
γ/°	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
µ/mm ⁻¹	4.427	4.283	2.667	1.86	6.735
F(000)	296	196	456	640	168
Crystal size/mm ³	0.112 ×	0.128 ×			0.551 ×
	0.094 ×	0.084 ×	0.433 ×	0.352 × 0.278	0.031 ×
	0.041	0.054	0.133 × 0.1	× 0.201	0.013
Radiation	Cu Kα (λ =	Cu Kα (λ =	Cu Kα (λ =	Cu Kα (λ =	Cu Kα (λ =
	1.54184)	1.54184)	1.54184)	1.54184)	1.54184)
20 range for data	15.684 to	10.026 to	6.934 to	13.422 to	15.006 to
collection/°	154.12	154.45	154.7	154.118	154.842
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤				
	12, -6 ≤ k ≤	-6 ≤ h ≤ 7, -8	-7 ≤ h ≤ 7, -	-8 ≤ h ≤ 8, -8 ≤	-7 ≤ h ≤ 3, -
	6, -10 ≤ l ≤	≤ k ≤ 8, -11 ≤	16 ≤ k ≤ 15, -	$k \le 8, -31 \le \le$	$9 \leq k \leq 9, -$
	14	≤ 11	16≤1≤15	30	$10 \le 1 \le 10$
Reflections	5440	7664	20720	10170	2554
collected	5410	7664	20728	12176	2554
Independent	$1023 [R_{int} =$	4526 [0	4247 [D	1224 [0	818 [R _{int} =
reflections	0.0658,	1536 [R _{int} =	4317 [R _{int} =	$1234 [R_{int} = 0.0200 P_{int} = -1000 P_{in$	0.0567,
	$R_{sigma} =$	$-0.0002, R_{sigma}$	-0.0721 , R_{sigma}	$0.0309, R_{sigma} = 0.01261$	$R_{sigma} = 0.05541$
Data/rostraints/na	0.0350]	- 0.0344j	- 0.0301]	0.0120]	0.0334j
rameters	1023/5/92	1536/4/116	4317/0/287	1234/4/108	818/4/57
Goodness-of-fit on	1023/3/32	1990/4/110	4317707207	1234/4/100	010/4/3/
F2	1.117	1.113	1.073	1.094	1.071
Final R indexes	R1 =				R1 =
[l>=2σ (l)]	0.0356.	R1 = 0.0693.	R1 = 0.0503.		0.0474.
	wR2 =	wR2 =	wR2 =	R1 = 0.0384,	wR2 =
	0.1002	0.1909	0.1406	wR2 = 0.1029	0.1301
Final R indexes [all	R1 =				R1 =
data]	0.0357,	R1 = 0.0735,	R1 = 0.0571,		0.0511,
	wR2 =	wR2 =	wR2 =	R1 = 0.0389,	wR2 =
	0.1003	0.1941	0.1466	wR2 = 0.1036	0.1344
Largest diff.					
peak/hole / e Å ⁻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)	-

Identification code	[aca][CH₃SO₃]	[aca][CF ₃ SO ₃]	[aca][p-Tos]	[aca][CF ₃ COO]
CCDC identifier	2090749	2090750	<u>2090751</u>	2090752
Empirical formula	$C_6H_{20}N_4O_6S_2$	$C_3H_7F_3N_2O_3S$	C ₉ H ₁₄ N ₂ O ₃ S	$C_{16}H_{28}F_{12}N_8O_8$
Formula	308.38	208.17	230.28	688.46
weight/g.mol ⁻¹				
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)
α/°	90	74.772(5)	90	90
β/°	90	77.729(6)	115.747(7)	90.304(2)
γ/°	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
µ/mm⁻¹	3.778	3.713	2.435	1.495
F(000)	328.0	424.0	488.0	1408.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.532 × 0.258	0.549 × 0.276	0.292 × 0.150	0.07 × 0.08 ×
	× 0.183	× 0.065	× 0.058	0.16
Radiation	Cu Kα (λ =	Cu Kα (λ =	Cu Kα (λ =	Cu Kα (λ =
	1.54184)	1.54184)	1.54184)	1.54184)
20 range for data	15.432 to	7.776 to	12.428 to	7.5 to 155.014
collection/°	154.476	159.03	153.864	
Index ranges	-9 ≤ h ≤ 9, -10	-7 ≤ h ≤ 8, -15	-18 ≤ h ≤ 17, -	-13 ≤ h ≤ 13, -
	≤ k ≤ 10, -12 ≤	≤ k ≤ 14, -11 ≤	$7 \le k \le 4, -17 \le$	22 ≤ k ≤ 22, -
	≤ 13	≤ 15	≤ 18	19≤ ≤12
Reflections collected	6711	17073	12134	29003
Independent	767 [R _{int} =	3582 [R _{int} =	2398 [R _{int} =	6276 [R _{int} =
reflections	0.0290, R _{sigma}	0.1136, R _{sigma}	0.0592, R _{sigma}	0.0527, R _{sigma}
	= 0.0120]	= 0.0648]	= 0.0450]	= 0.0429]
Data/restraints/para	767/3/57	3582/8/251	2398/4/192	6276/31/503
meters				
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.094	1.113	1.064	1.079
Final R indexes	K1 = 0.0232,	K1 = 0.0712,	R1 = 0.0599	K1 = 0.0649,
[I>=2σ (I)]	WR2 = 0.0584	WR2 = 0.2062	WR2 = 0.1628	WR2 = 0.1855
Final R indexes [all	R1 = 0.0232,	R1 = 0.0801,	R1 = 0.0694,	K1 = 0.0751,
dataj	WR2 = 0.0584	WR2 = 0.2211	WK2 = 0.1/44	WR2 = 0.2007
Largest diff.	0.19/-0.38	0.55/-0.86	0.80/-0.63	0.76/-0.52
peak/noie / e A ⁻³				
FIACK parameter	U.UZ3(15)	-	-	1 -

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

Variable temperature unit cell data for [fa][CF₃SO₃]

Unit cell	123 K	213 K	253 K	283 K
parameters				
a (Å)	6.2803(3)	6.2985(10)	6.3127(10)	6.185(2)
b (Å)	6.7118(4)	6.7176(9)	6.7116(10)	6.8170(13)
<i>c</i> (Å)	9.3224(6)	9.449(3)	9.523(3)	9.628(3)
α (°)	89.693(5)	89.445(17)	89.218(16)	90.06(2)
β (°)	71.243(5)	72.16(2)	72.884(18)	108.45(3)
γ (°)	83.098(4)	83.539(12)	83.906(12)	90.23(2)
V (ų)	369.16(4)	378.05(14)	383.35(13)	385.017(128)

Table S5. Unit cell data of $[fa][CF_3SO_3]$ collected at 123 K, 213 K, 253 K, and 283 K

Hydrogen bond tables generated from Olex2¹¹

Donor	Proton	Acceptor	D-H (Å)	H…A (Å)	D…A (Å)	D-H…A(°)
N8	H8A	04	0.87(3)	2.05(3)	2.907(5)	167(5)
N8	H8B	03	0.90(2)	2.54(5)	3.068(4)	118(4)
N8	H8B	02	0.90(2)	2.25(4)	3.017(4)	143(5)
N6	H6A	02	0.89(2)	2.04(3)	2.931(4)	174(5)
N6	Н6В	03	0.90(2)	1.94(3)	2.838(5)	177(4)
C7	H7	03	0.93	2.37	2.999(5)	124.4
C7	H7*	04	0.93	2.712	3.5057	143.74
Average			0.903	2.272	3.038	149.59

Table S6. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [fa][CH₃SO₃]

Table S7. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [fa][CF₃SO₃]

Donor	Proton	Acceptor	D-H (Å)	H…A (Å)	D…A (Å)	D-H···A(°)
C1	H1	02	0.93	2.36	3.252(5)	161.6
N2	H2A	01	0.924(19)	1.97(2)	2.895(4)	173(4)
N2	H2B	03	0.895(19)	2.06(2)	2.948(4)	174(4)
N1	H1A	03	0.903(19)	2.07(3)	2.933(4)	159(5)
N1	H1B	01	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 Accep	tor D-H (Å)	H…A (Å)	D…A (Å)	D-H···A(°)
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C1	H1	05	0.93	2.35	3.272(2)	173
C2	H2	02	0.93	2.31	3.183(2)	155.4
N1	H1A	01	0.86(3)	2.04(3)	2.870(2)	163(2)
N2	H2A	01	0.81(3)	2.01(3)	2.810(2)	173(3)
N4	H4A	04	0.84(3)	2.00(3)	2.823(2)	168(3)
N3	НЗА	04	0.84(3)	2.04(3)	2.858(3)	167(3)
N2	H2B	03	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	НЗВ	03	0.86(3)	1.99(3)	2.844(2)	173(3)
Average			0.862	2.099	2.9427	169.54

Table S9. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [fa][CF₃COO]

Donor	Proton	Acceptor	D-H (Å)	H…A (Å)	D…A (Å)	D-H…A(°)
C9	Н9	05	0.93	2.39	3.238(3)	151.3
N10	H10A	05	0.86(2)	2.60(3)	3.064(3)	115(3)
N10	H10A	04	0.86(2)	2.17(3)	2.937(3)	147(3)
N10	H10B	05	0.88(2)	2.04(2)	2.920(3)	178(3)
N8	H8A	05	0.89(2)	2.13(2)	3.027(3)	175(3)
N8	H8B	04	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…A (Å)	D…A (Å)	D-H…A(°)
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		0.902	2.385	3.2335	160.25	
C1*	H1	Cl1	0.92(4)	2.83(4)	3.427(2)	124(2)

* 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][CH₃SO₃]

Donor	Proton	Acceptor	D-H (Å)	H…A (Å)	D…A (Å)	D-H···A(°)
N1	H1A	01	0.90(2)	2.13(2)	3.0209(19)	170(3)
N1	H1B	02	0.90(2)	1.98(2)	2.873(2)	171(3)
Average			0.90	2.06	2.95	170.5

Donor	Proton	Acceptor	D-H (Å)	H…A (Å)	D…A (Å)	D-H…A(°)
N1	H1A	02	0.882(19)	2.04(2)	2.917(4)	171(4)
N4	H4A	04	0.886(19)	2.02(2)	2.903(4)	175(4)
N4	H4B	05	0.895(19)	2.020(19)	2.913(4)	176(3)
N1	H1B	01	0.884(19)	2.037(19)	2.921(4)	177(4)
N3	H3A	04	0.914(19)	2.04(2)	2.944(4)	172(4)
N2	H2A	02	0.898(19)	2.04(2)	2.930(4)	171(4)
N3	НЗВ	03	0.91(2)	2.00(2)	2.901(4)	171(5)
N2	H2B	06	0.901(19)	2.04(2)	2.931(4)	172(4)
Average		0.90	2.03	2.92	173.13	

Table S12. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [aca][CF₃SO₃]

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

Donor	Proton	Acceptor	D-H (Å)	H…A (Å)	D…A (Å)	D-H…A(°)
N1	H1A	03	0.876(18)	2.00(2)	2.845(3)	163(3)
N1	H1B	02	0.878(18)	2.025(19)	2.895(3)	170(3)
N2	H2A	03	0.905(19)	1.93(2)	2.820(3)	166(3)
N2	H2B	01	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	hvdrogen	bonds in	[aca][CF3COO]
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Donor	Proton	Acceptor	D-H (Å)	H…A (Å)	D…A (Å)	D-H…A(°)
N1	H1A	05	0.898(18)	2.021(19)	2.916(3)	174(3)
N1	H1B	08	0.893(19)	2.01(2)	2.887(3)	166(4)
N2	H2A	06	0.903(18)	1.979(19)	2.879(3)	174(3)
N2	H2B	03	0.884(18)	2.02(2)	2.884(3)	164(3)
N3	H3A	04	0.893(19)	1.98(2)	2.865(3)	173(4)
N3	H3B	02	0.912(19)	1.923(19)	2.831(3)	173(4)
N4	H4A	03	0.903(19)	2.03(2)	2.930(3)	174(4)
N4	H4B	05	0.898(19)	1.95(2)	2.835(3)	170(4)
N5	H5A	01	0.902(19)	1.96(2)	2.858(3)	171(3)
N5	H5B	04	0.898(18)	1.98(2)	2.802(3)	152(3)
N6	H6A	02	0.902(19)	1.944(19)	2.842(3)	174(4)
N6	H6B	07	0.902(19)	1.95(2)	2.805(3)	157(4)
N7	H7A	07	0.910(18)	1.931(19)	2.839(3)	175(3)
N7	H7B	06	0.903(18)	1.94(2)	2.799(3)	158(4)
N8	H8D	01	0.893(18)	1.98(2)	2.863(3)	168(3)
N8	H8E	08	0.894(18)	2.08(2)	2.965(3)	170(3)

Average	0.90	1.98	2.86	168.31

Hydrogen bond tables of structures from the literature, with distances and angles calculated through the Mercury 3.8 software¹²

Donor	Proton	Acceptor	D-H (Å)	H…A (Å)	D…A (Å)	D-H···A(°)
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	CI	0.809	2.386	3.194	177.27
Average			0.832	2.416	3.21	165.3

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

Table S16. Distances and angles of hydrogen bonds in [gdm][CH₃SO₃]

Donor	Proton	Acceptor	D-H (Å)	H…A (Å)	D…A (Å)	D-H…A(°)
N2	H2N	02	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][CF₃SO₃]

Donor	Proton	Acceptor	D-H (Å)	H…A (Å)	D…A (Å)	D-H···A(°)
N1	H1	02	0.81	2.192	3	175.35
N3	H6	03	0.84	2.161	2.997	173.19
N3	H5	01	0.906	2.092	2.997	170.65
N2	H4	02	0.801	2.2	2.993	170.42
N1	H2	01	0.891	2.092	2.981	174.89
N2	H3	03	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…A (Å)	D-H…A(°)
N4	H22	06	1.009	1.871	2.876	173.39
N1	H1N	05	1.009	1.894	2.886	166.77
N2	H3N	03	1.009	1.901	2.894	167.52
N1	H18	03	1.009	1.915	2.922	175.82
N6	H25	01	1.008	1.918	2.923	174.52
N2	H17	O6	1.009	1.936	2.908	160.75
N3	H20	01	1.009	1.943	2.94	169.36

N1	H16	05	1.01	1.956	2.933	162.03
N5	H24	02	1.009	1.97	2.949	162.75
N3	H19	02	1.009	1.989	2.955	159.17
N6	H26	04	1.009	1.994	2.958	158.72
N5	H23	04	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][CF₃COO]

Donor	Proton	Acceptor	D-H (Å)	H…A (Å)	D…A (Å)	D-H···A(°)
N2	H3	02	0.86	2.084	2.943	175.62
N3	H5	01	0.86	2.131	2.959	161.59
N2	H4	01	0.86	2.405	3.148	145.01
N1	H1	01	0.859	2.215	2.999	151.6
N3	H6	02	0.86	2.295	3.081	152.02
N1	H2	02	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 $[CH_3SO_3]$ salts, for both the ion pair and individual ions

[CH ₃ SO ₃]	[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	
О-Н %	54.3	58.2	57.1	

[CF ₃ SO ₃]	[gdm]	[aca]	[fa]	
Reciprocals				
Н-О %	35.8	37.4	42.2	
Н-Н %	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			
Н-О %	44.4	45.3	51.6	
Н-Н %	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				
О-Н %	43.5	46	42.1	
F-H %	20.9	22.76	17.7	

Table S21. Breakdown of interactions calculated from the Hirshfeld surfaces of the $[CF_3SO_3]$ salts, for both the ion pair and individual ions

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				
Н-О %	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			
Н-О %	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	
С-Н %	10.4	11.5	12	

[CF ₃ COO]	[gdm]	[aca]	[fa]
Reciprocals			
H-O %	21.9	25	36.3
Н-Н %	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
Н-Н %	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			
О-Н %	33.6	36.7	33.5
F-H %	34.5	37.5	31.6

Table S23. Breakdown of interactions calculated from the Hirshfeld surfaces of the $[CF_3COO]$ salts, for both the ion pair and individual ions

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	
Н-Н %	51.5	36.7	
H-C %	4.1	3.9	
H-N %	8.6	9.4	
From cation			
H-Cl %	24.6	30.5	
Н-Н %	59.5	49.2	
H-C %	2.5	1.7	
H-N %	4.7	5.7	
From anion			
CI-H %	100	97.1	
CI-C %	0	2.1	
CI-N	0	0.8	

DSC data



Figure S22. DSC curve of $[fa][CH_3SO_3]$. The melting transition from the second heating cycle is shown in purple, with thermal properties highlighted.



Figure S23. DSC curve of $[fa][CF_3SO_3]$. 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 $[fa][CF_3COO]$. 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][CH₃SO₃]. 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 $[aca][CF_3SO_3]$. 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][CF₃COO]. 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 $[gdm][CF_3COO]$. 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 ($\triangle H_f$), entropy of fusion ($\triangle S_f$) and degree of disorder introduced upon melting as calculated with the Boltzmann Equation

Material	∆H _f kJ/mol	∆S _f J/mol/K	Degree of disorder
[gdm][CH ₃ SO ₃]	29	60	1362
[fa][CH ₃ SO ₃]	21	57	949
[aca][CH ₃ SO ₃]	15.4	42	156
[gdm][CF ₃ SO ₃]	27	62	1732
[fa][CF ₃ SO ₃]	5.8	16	7
[aca][CF ₃ SO ₃]	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][CF ₃ COO]	14.4	34	60
[fa][CF₃COO]	12.8	33	53

[aca][CF ₃ COO]	21	50	409
[fa]Cl	3.4	9.2	3
[aca]Cl	15.7	35	7

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

$$\Delta S_f = R \ln(N)$$

to give:

$$N = e^{\frac{\Delta Sf}{R}}$$

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. ¹H NMR spectrum of [fa][CH₃SO₃]





Figure S34. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [fa][CH₃SO₃]





Figure S36. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [fa][CF₃SO₃]



Figure S37. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of [fa][CF₃SO₃]



Figure S38. ¹H NMR spectrum of [fa][*p*-Tos]



Figure S39. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [fa][*p*-Tos]



Figure S40. ¹H NMR spectrum of [fa][CF₃COO]



Figure S41. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [fa][CF₃COO]



Figure S42. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of [fa][CF₃COO]



Figure S43. ¹H NMR spectrum of [aca][CH₃SO₃]



Figure S44. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [aca][CH₃SO₃]



Figure S45. ¹H NMR spectrum of [aca][CF₃SO₃]



Figure S46. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [aca][CF₃SO₃]



Figure S47. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of [aca][CF₃SO₃]



Figure S48. ¹H NMR spectrum of [aca][*p*-Tos]



Figure S49. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [aca][*p*-Tos]



Figure S50. ¹H NMR spectrum of [aca][CF₃COO]



Figure S51. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [aca][CF₃COO]



Figure S52. ¹⁹F NMR spectrum of [aca][CF₃COO]

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