Supporting information

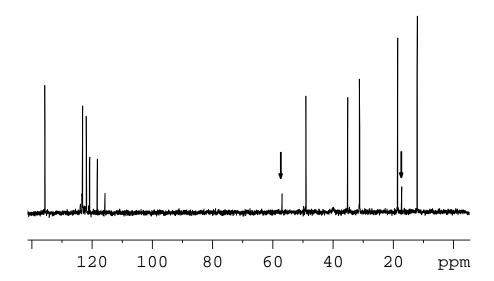


Figure 1: 13 C spectrum of [BMIM][Tf₂N] containing a drop of ethanol. The spectrum has been acquired with 2 H lock on a 5 mm BBI probe. Marked signals are attributed to ethanol.

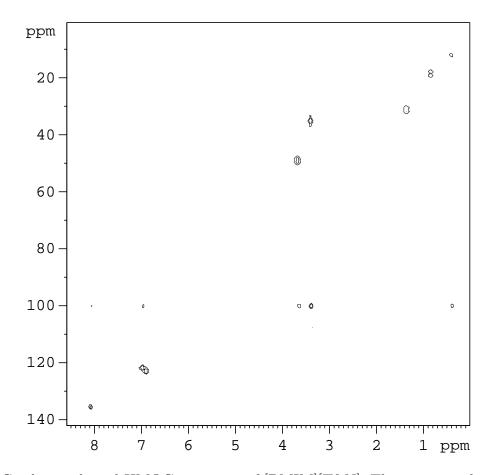


Figure 2: Gradient-selected HMQC spectrum of [BMIM][Tf₂N]. The spectrum has been acquired $^2{\rm H}$ lock on a 5 mm BBI probe.

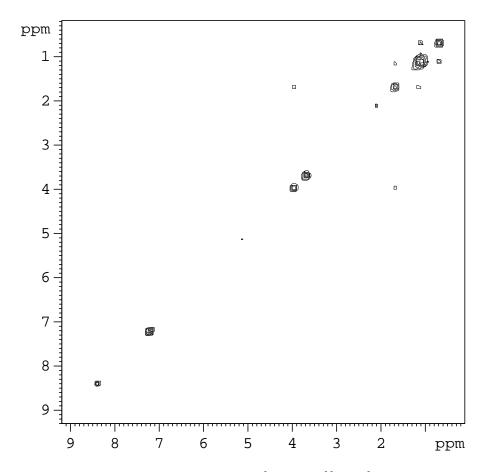


Figure 3: Gradient-selected COSY spectrum of [C $_{10}$ MIM][Tf $_{2}$ N]. The spectrum has been acquired with 19 F lock on a 10 mm TXO probe.