

Supplementary information

One-pot Route To Class II Hybrid Ionogels Electrolytes for DSSC Application

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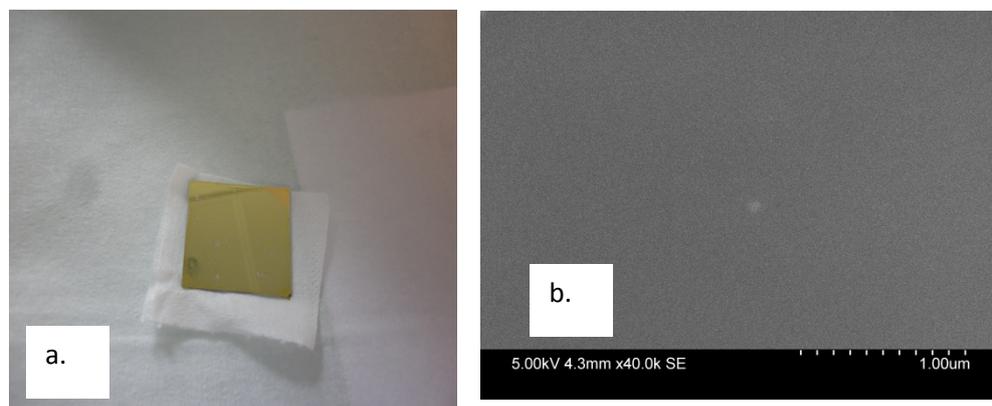


Figure S1. a) Photograph of Si-IL based films onto Pt-Silicon substrates, b) SEM images of the surface of the Si-IL3 based hybrid films. No phase separation was observed at the scale of the observation.

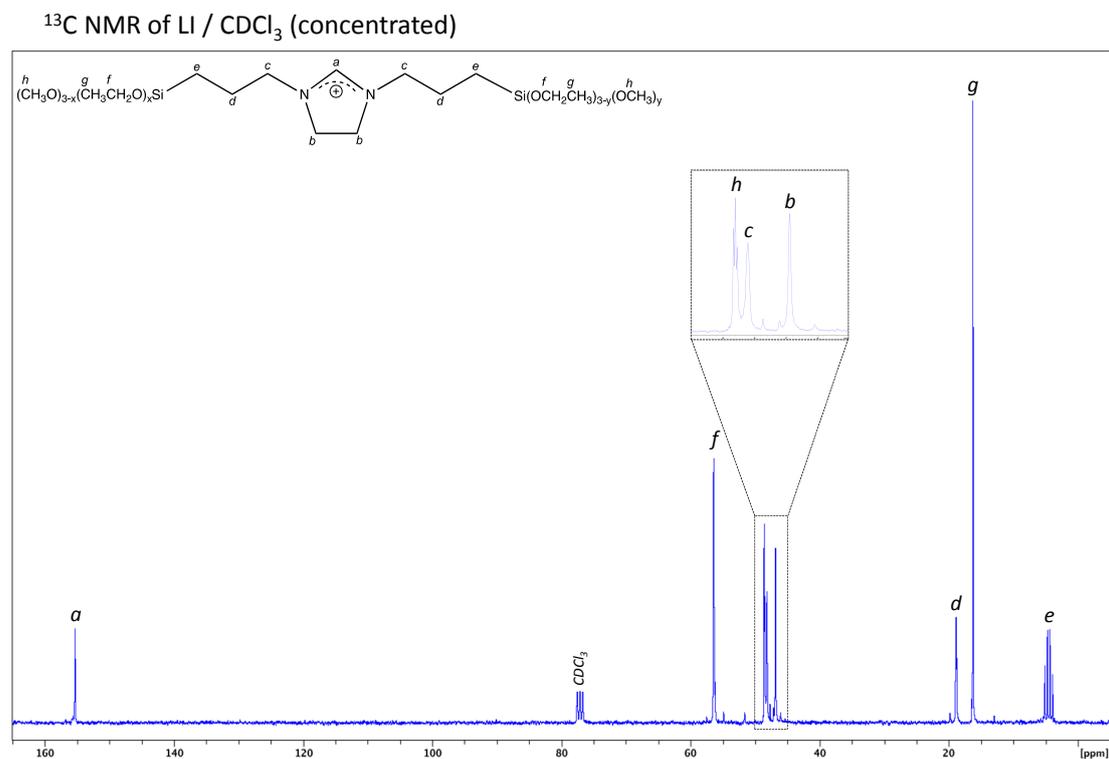
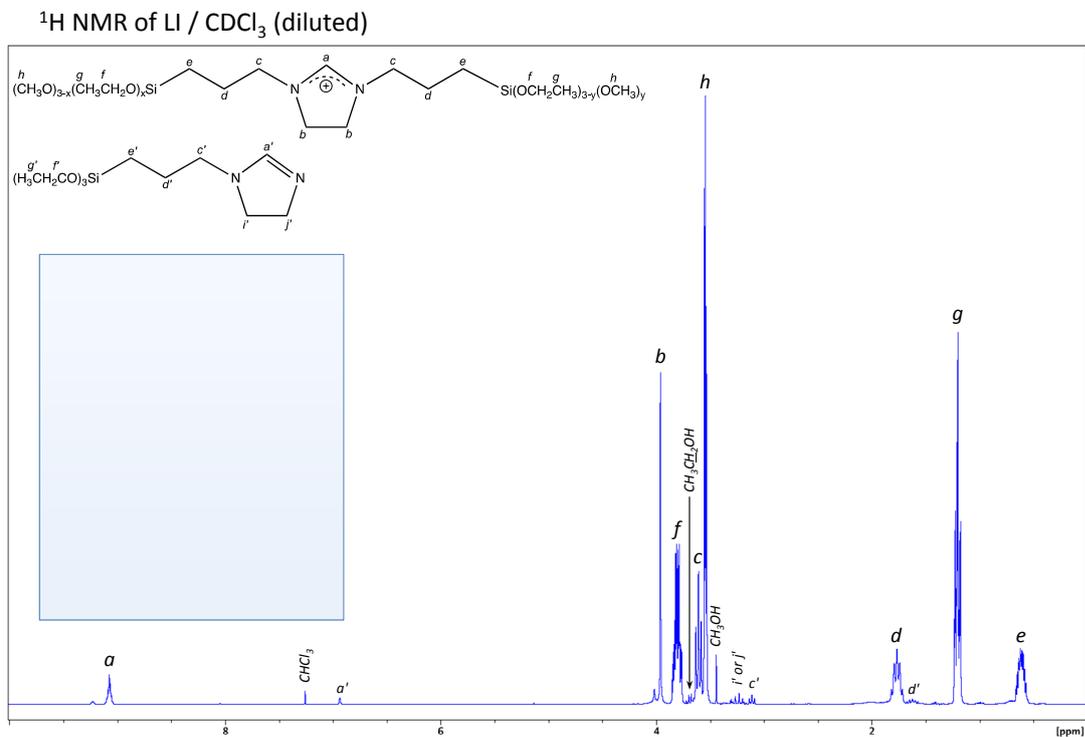


Figure S2. Structure of the 1,3-di(3-propyltrimethoxysilane) imidazolium iodide determined through a) ^1H NMR and b) ^{13}C NMR spectroscopy.

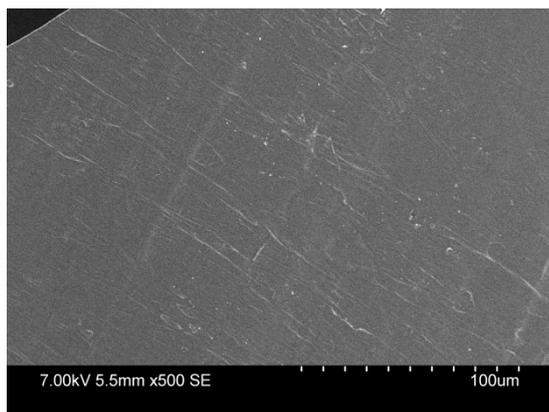


Figure S3. FEG–SEM images of A:B:50:50 Si–IL xerogels

DAB (Debye-Anderson-Brumberger) Model

This model is suitable to analyse the scattering from a randomly distributed, two-phase system based. The two-phase system is characterized by a single length scale, the correlation length, which is a measure of the average spacing between both regions. The model also assumes an exponential and isotropic decay of the electron-density correlation. The scattering density can be written as follows:

$$I(q) = \frac{A}{(1 + (q \cdot \Lambda)^2)^2} + B$$

with A a scaling constant depending from the system, Λ the correlation length and B a background constant.

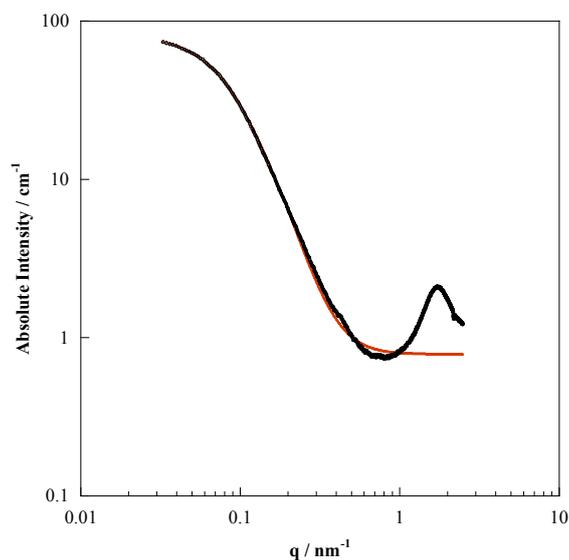


Figure S4. Adjustment of Debye–Anderson–Brumberger scattering model (red line) on the low-q part of the small angle scattering spectrum of a hybrid ionogel with 20 wt.% of B. The correlation length in the fit is 8.2 nm.

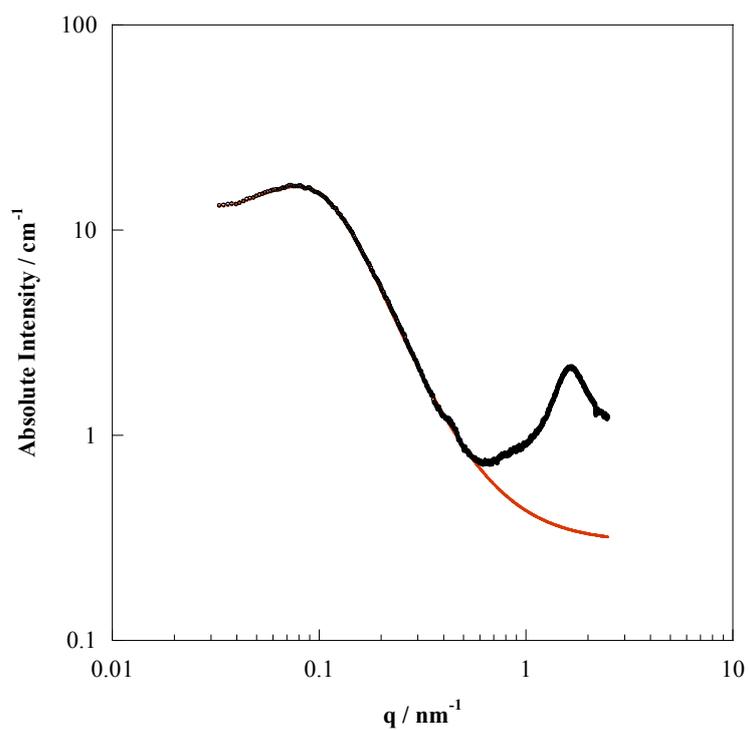


Figure S5. Adjustment of Broad Peak Model scattering model (red line) on the low-q part of the small angle scattering spectrum of a hybrid ionogel with 30 wt.% of B. The correlation length in the fit is 0.11 nm.

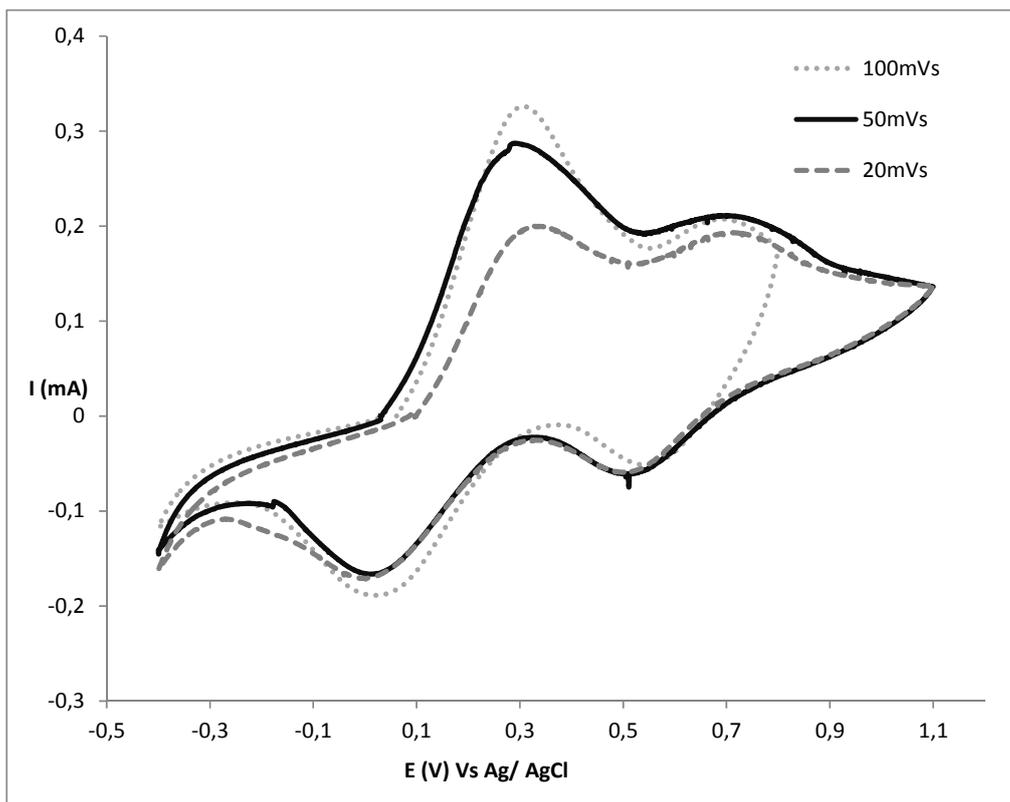


Figure S6. CVs obtained for Si-IL 3 based hybrid films at 20, 50 and 100 mV.s⁻¹

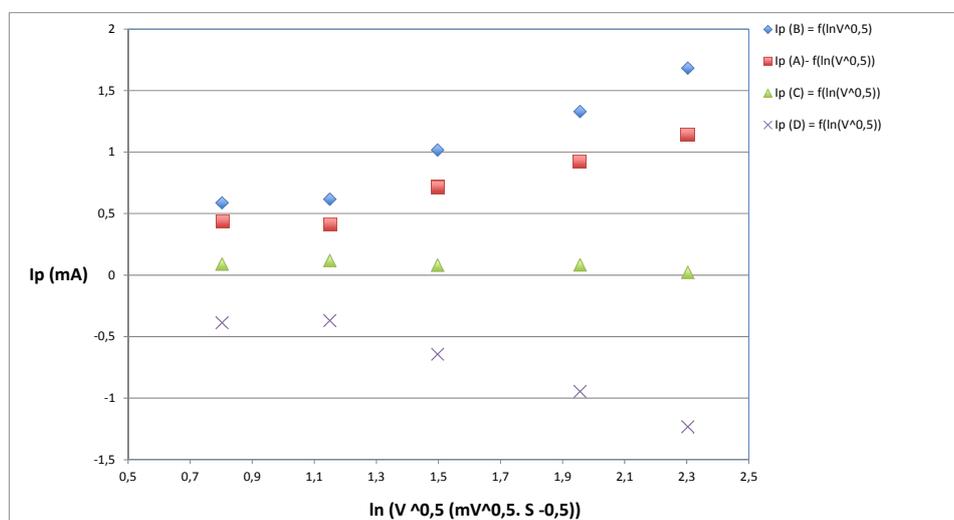


Figure S7. Evolution of Ip as function of Ln(scanrate)^{1/2} for Si-IL ionogels with 25 % in wt. of solution B.

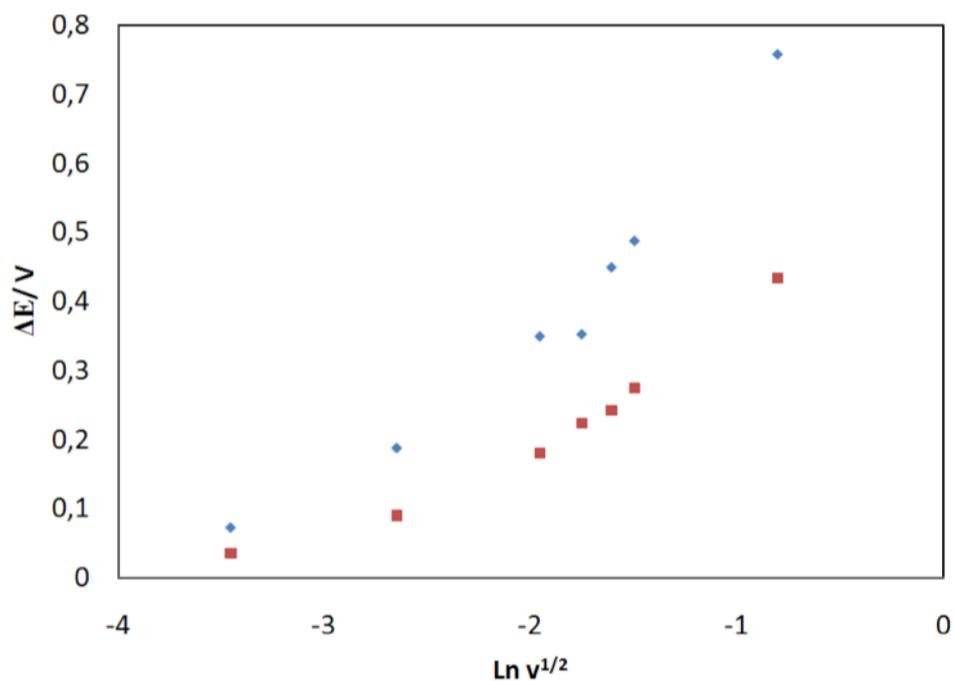


Figure S8. Peak-to-peak separation as function of the Si-IL hybrid films.

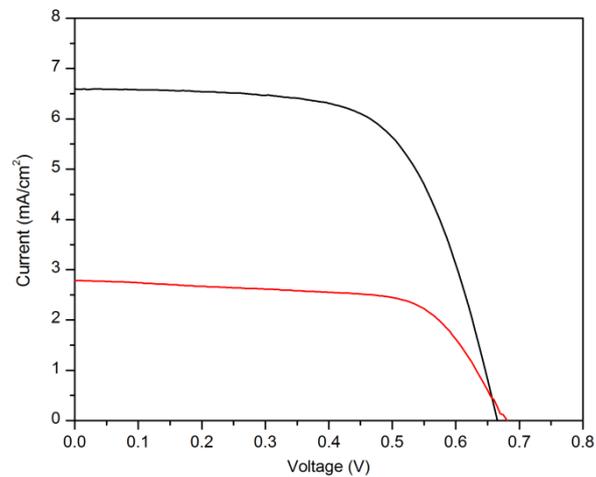


Figure S9. DSSCs reference cells (black), DSSCs containing Si-IL electrolyte (red)