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Structural characterization and accurate ¹H NMR spectra modelling of [C₄mim][BF₄] ionic liquid and its aqueous mixtures

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Accurate prediction of spectroscopic features of ionic liquids is challenging because of its nanosegregated intermolecular structure, especially in their mixtures with water. Our previous work [1] showed that NMR calculations of C_4 mim⁺ cation ionic liquids tend to underestimate chemical shift of protons at 2^{nd} position (H2, see Fig. 1 a). We report first accurate prediction of C_4 mim⁺ NMR spectra in [C_4 mim][BF₄] ionic liquid (IL) and water mixtures (see Fig. 1 b), including the characterization of intermolecular structure of such systems, especially the local structure around C_4 mim⁺ using radial and angular (Fig. 1 c) distributions. Results were achieved performing molecular dynamics (MD) simulations on four [C_4 mim][BF₄]:H₂O mixtures, ranging from 17 % to 100 % IL molar fraction (χ_{IL}), and then extracting 100 configurations from MD trajectories and conducting quantum mechanics / molecular mechanics (QM/MM) calculations for ¹H NMR shielding constant evaluation.

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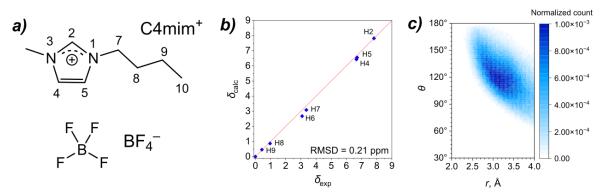


Fig. 1. [C₄mim][BF₄] chemical structure (a), comparison of calculated and experimental ¹H NMR chemical shifts of C4mim⁺ cation relative to H10 protons in the butyl chain in χ_{IL} = 50% system (b), angular distribution of BF₄⁻ anions around C2–H2 bond of C₄mim⁺ cation in χ_{IL} = 50% system (c).

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