

Ionic Liquids: a new “solution” for solution chemistry ?

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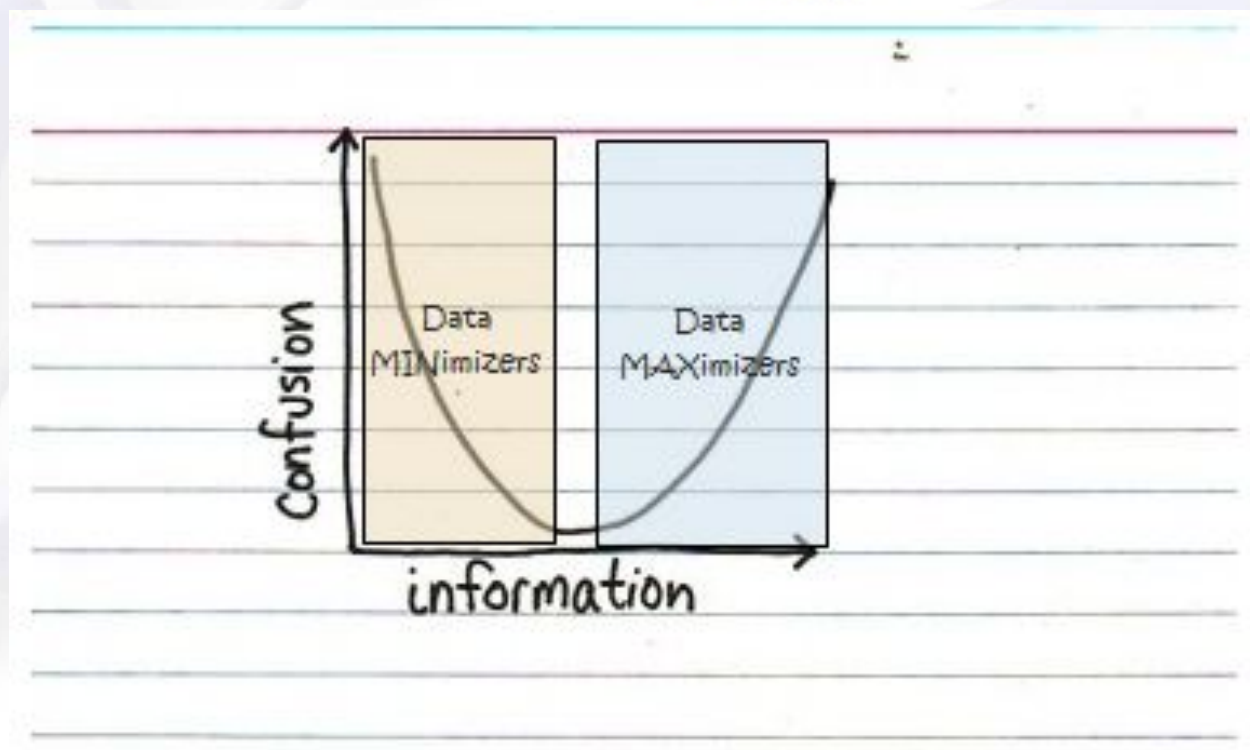


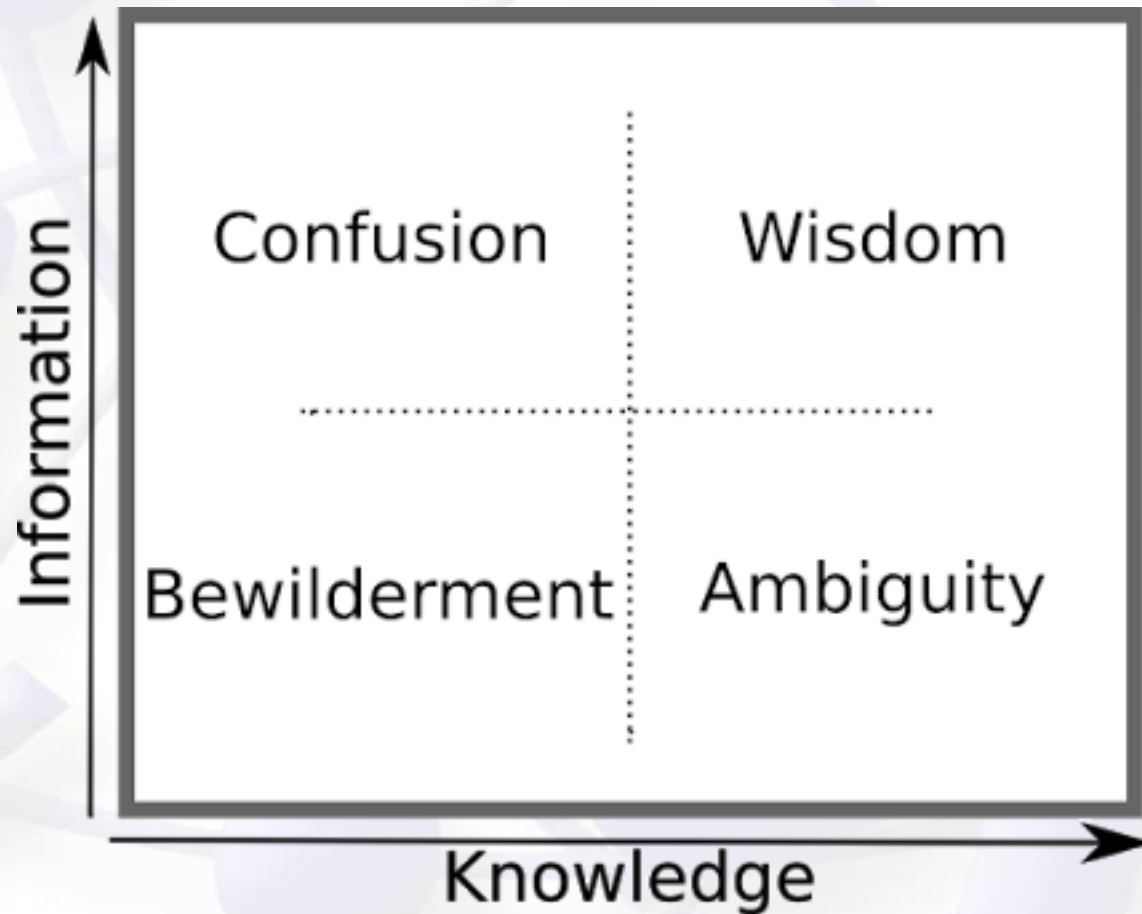


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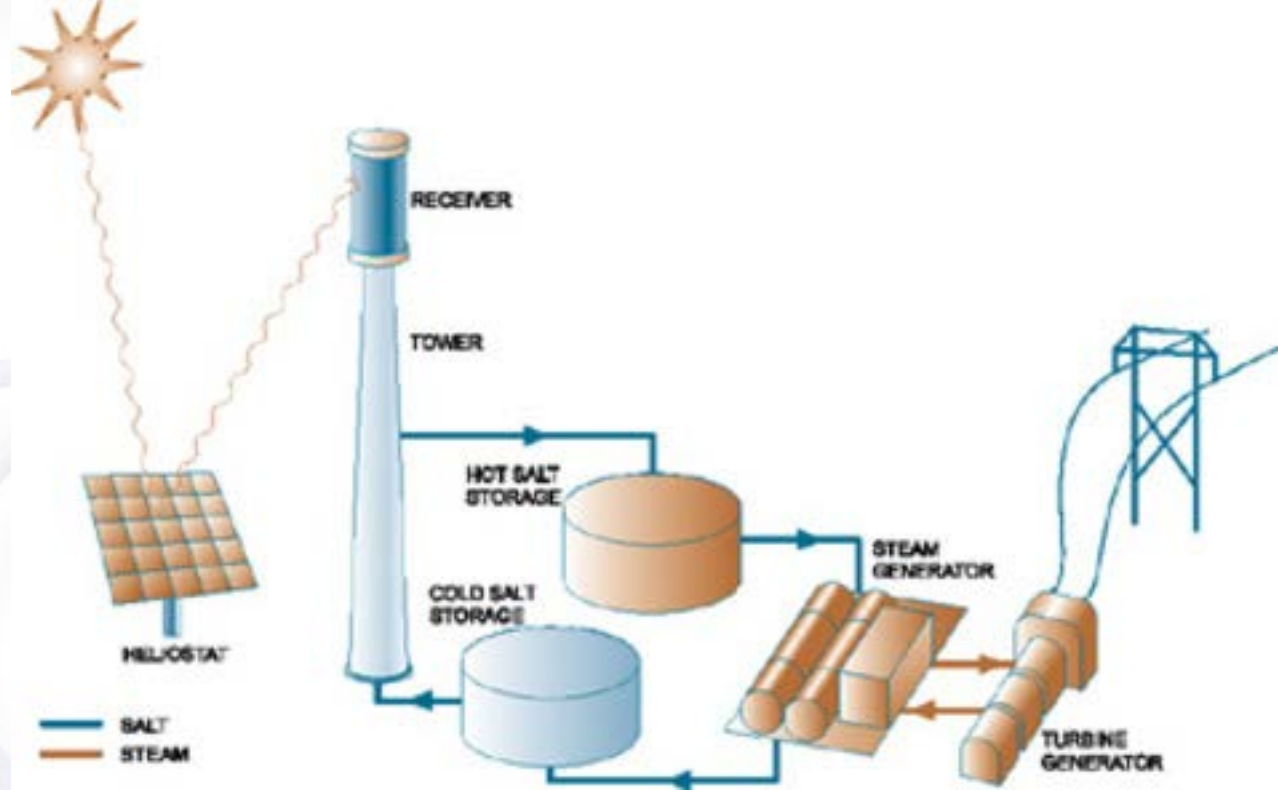


Molten Salts

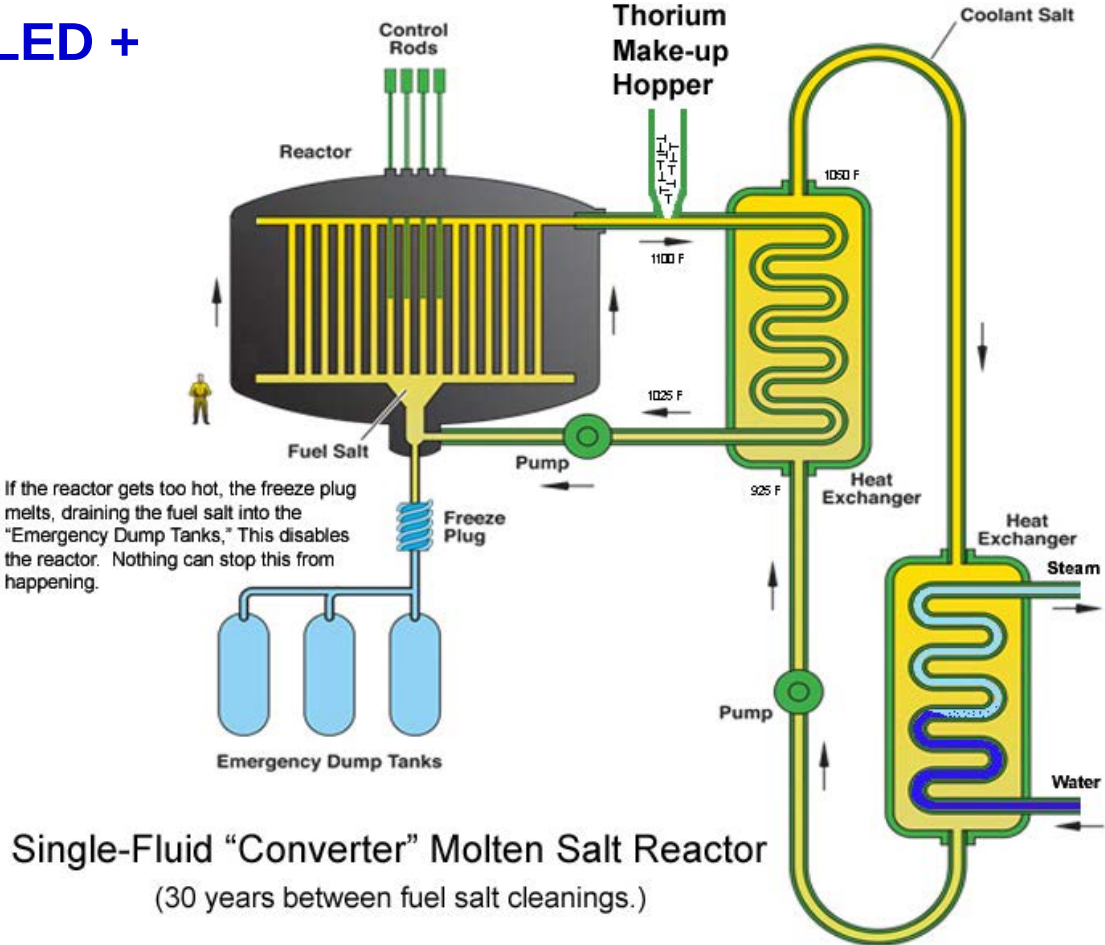
Any liquid electrolyte composed entirely of ions is denominated a molten salt or a fused salt

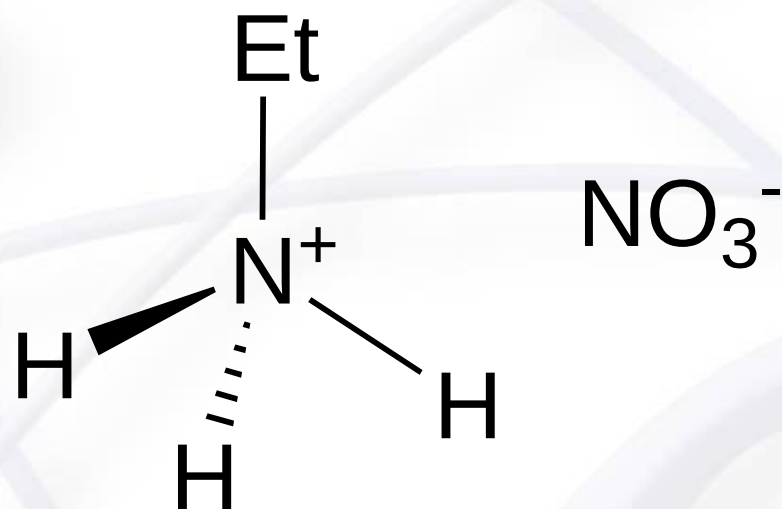
Type	Example	m.p. (°C)
Inorganic	NaCl	801
Organic	(ⁿ Bu) ₄ PCl	80
Eutectic	LiCl/KCl (6/4)	352
Organomineral	Et ₃ NHCl/CuCl	25

Solar Plants



MAGIC TEAM: THORIUM-FUELED + MOLTEN SALT REACTORS





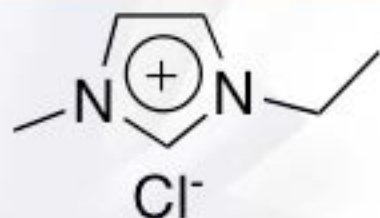
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Ionic Liquids

“Non-corrosive” molten salts that are fluid below 100°C and posses relatively low viscosity

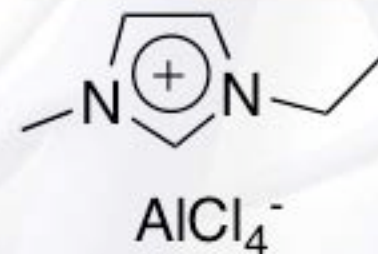


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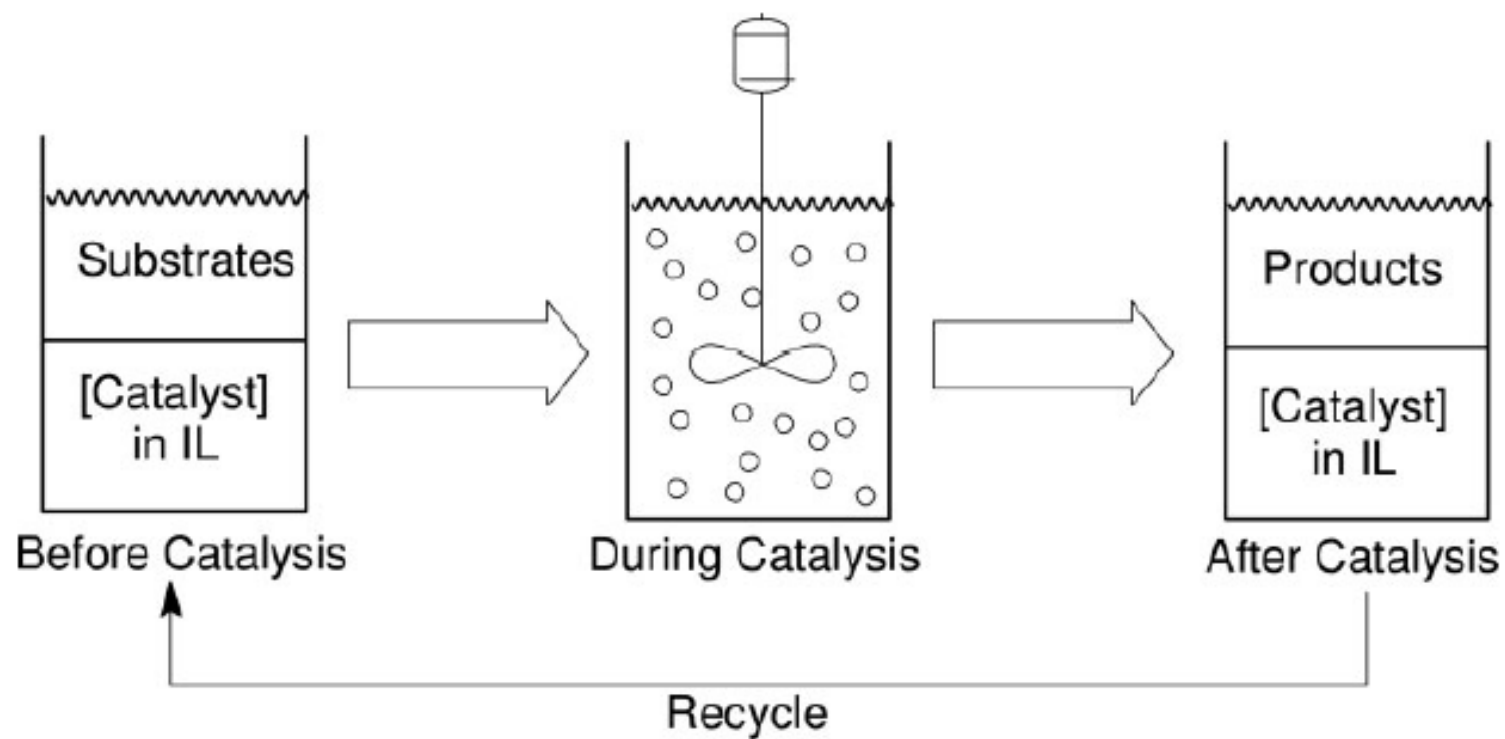
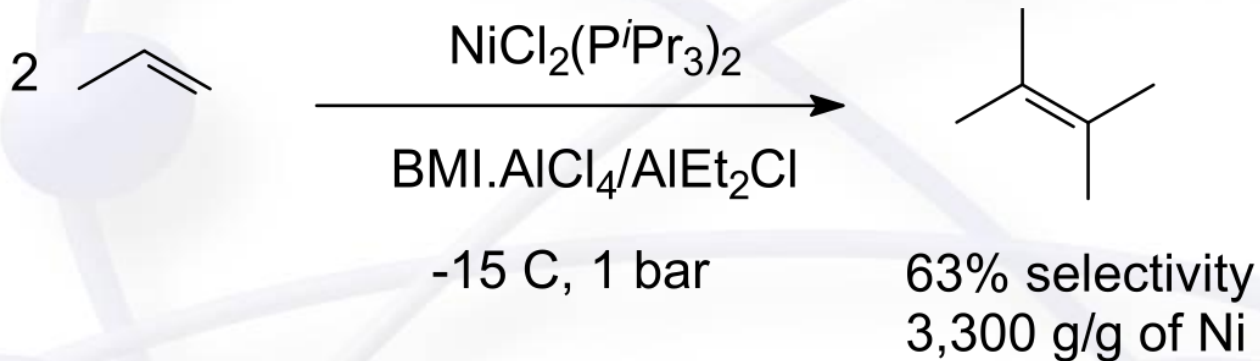
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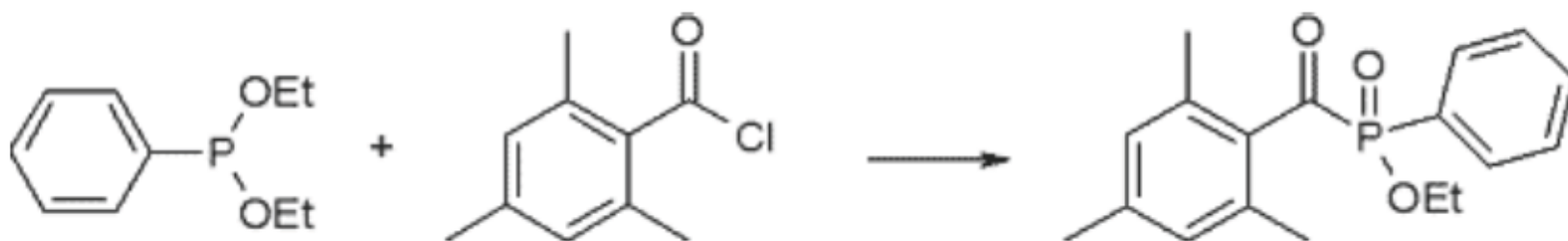
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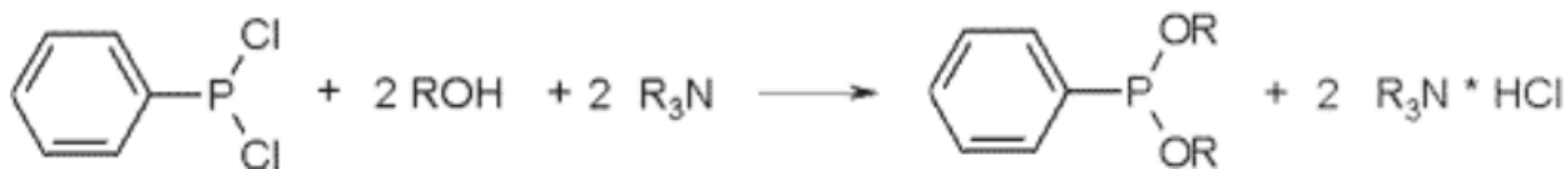
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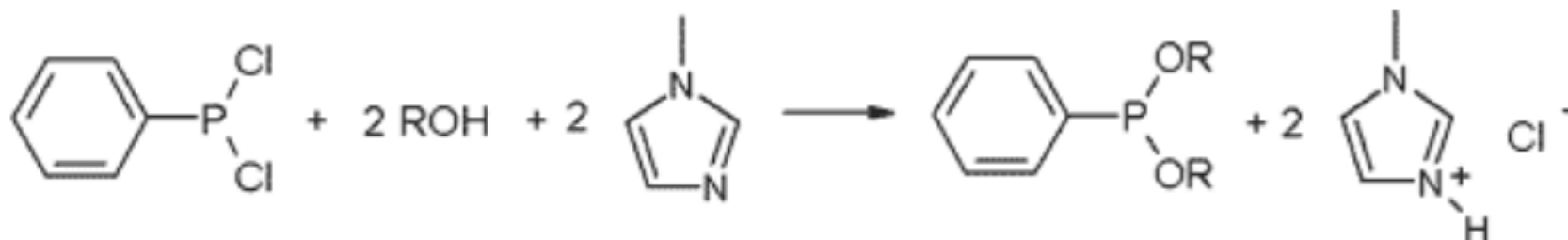


Scheme 1: Synthesis of Lucirin® TPO-L

HCl is formed during the synthesis of diethoxyphenylphosphine (Scheme 2).



Scheme 2: Synthesis of Dialkoxyphenylphosphines

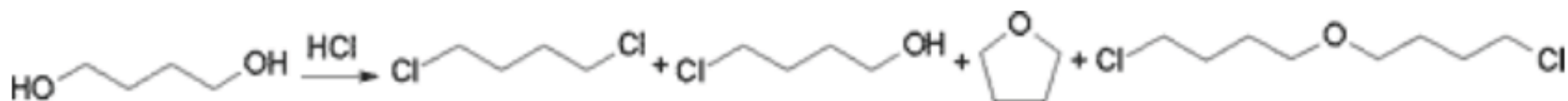


Scheme 3: 1-methylimidazole as an acid scavenger



Today the BASIL™ process is run in a little jet stream reactor which has a capacity of $690000 \text{ kg m}^{-3} \text{ h}^{-1}$.





Scheme 1: Chlorination of alcohols with HCl gas

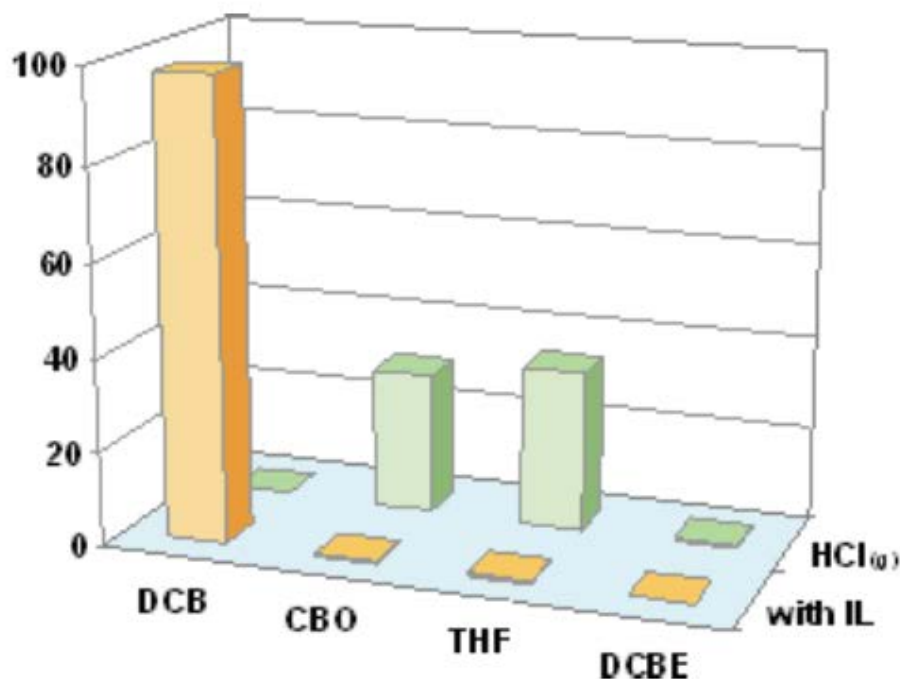
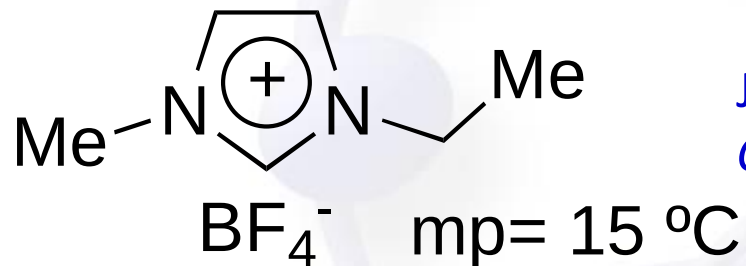
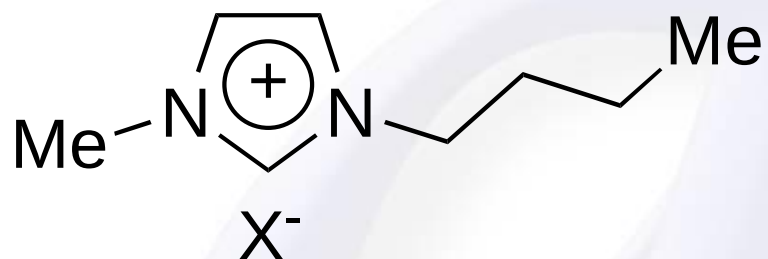


Figure 1: Higher selectivities for the product 1,4-dichlorobutane (DCB) are achieved if the chlorination of the butanediol with HCl gas is performed in an ionic liquid rather than in the pure alcohol. Side products usually are ethers (tetrahydrofuran THF, dichlorobutylether DCBE) or the monochlorinated product 1-chlorobutane-4-ol (CBO).



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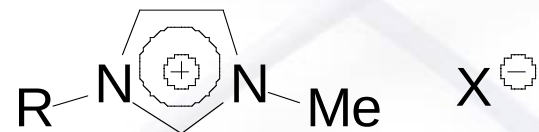
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Physical-chemical properties



R	X	T _g ^a (°C)	T _m ^b (°C)	T _d ^c (°C)	η (mPa s) ^d	d (g.cm ⁻³) ^e	σ (mS cm ⁻¹) ^f
Et	BF ₄	-92	13	447	37	1.28	14
ⁿ Pr	BF ₄	-88	-17	435	103	1.24	5.9
ⁿ Bu	BF ₄	-85	none	435	180 (233)	1.21	3.5 (8.6)
ⁿ Bu	PF ₆	-61	10	-----	219 (312)	1.37	1.6 (6.5)
ⁿ Bu	AlCl ₄	-88	none	----	(294)	1.23	(24.1)
ⁿ Bu	CF ₃ SO ₃	----	16	-----	90	1.22	3.7
ⁿ Bu	N(Tf) ₂	----	-4	>400	69	1.43	3.9
ⁿ Bu	CF ₃ CO ₂	-30	none	-----	73	1.21	3.2
Ethylene glycol	none	none	-13	196 ^g	21	1.11	-----

^a Transition glass temperature, ^b Melting point, ^c Decomposition temperature, ^d Viscosity at 25°C and in parenthesis at 30°C, ^e Density at 25°C, ^f Conductivity at 25°C and in parenthesis at 60 °C, ^g boiling point.

Ionic Liquids



- ➡ **No measurable vapour pressure**
- ➡ **High chemical and thermal stability**
- ➡ **Large electrochemical window (up to 7V)**
- ➡ **Relatively low viscosity (2-3 poises)**
- ➡ **Variable solubility with organic compounds**

Vapor Pressure

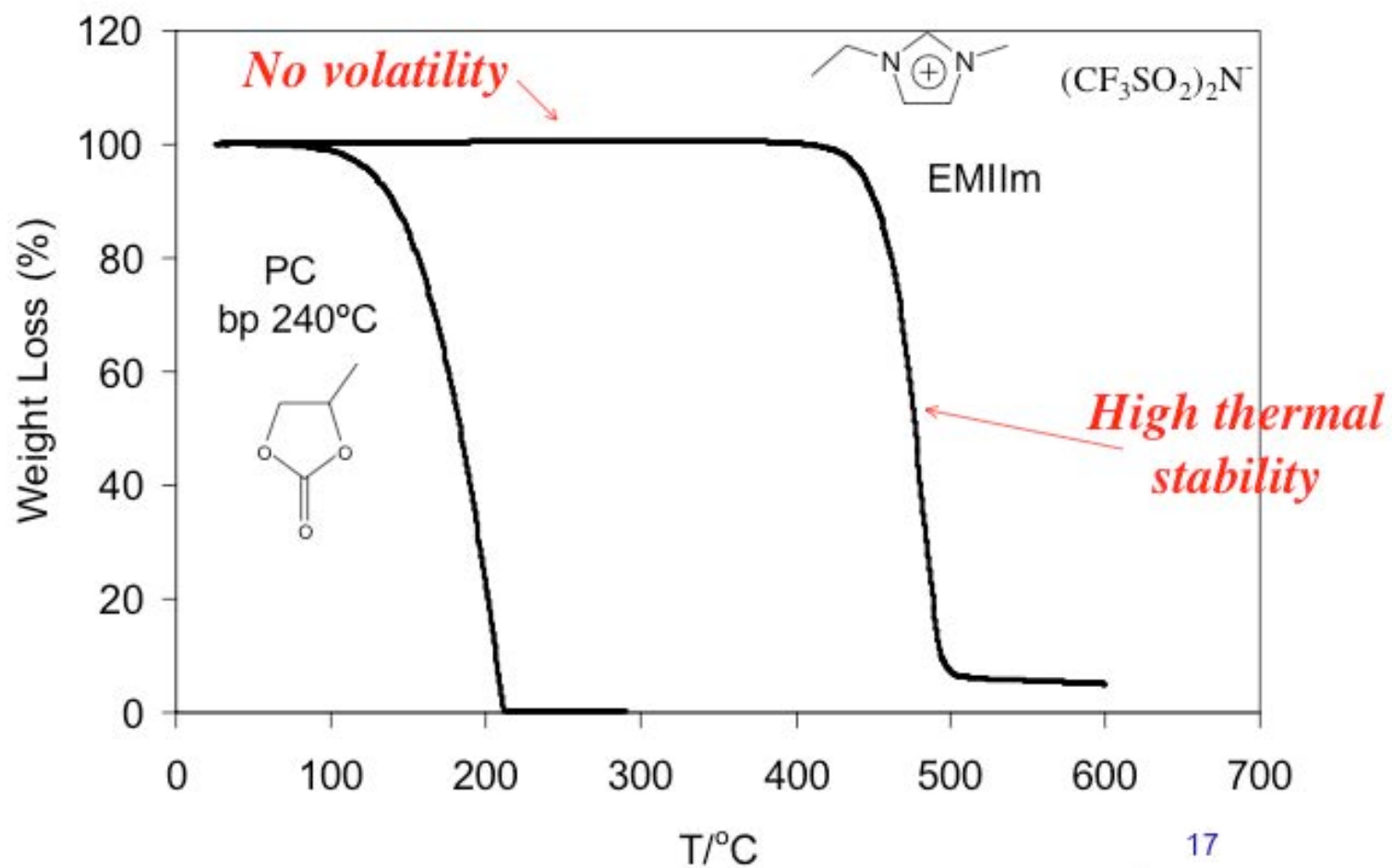


Organic Solvent



Water

Critical Thermal Stability



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New Applications



Lubricants

Electrical rubber as synthetic skin for robots made by grinding carbon nanotubes with an ionic liquid and adding it to rubber

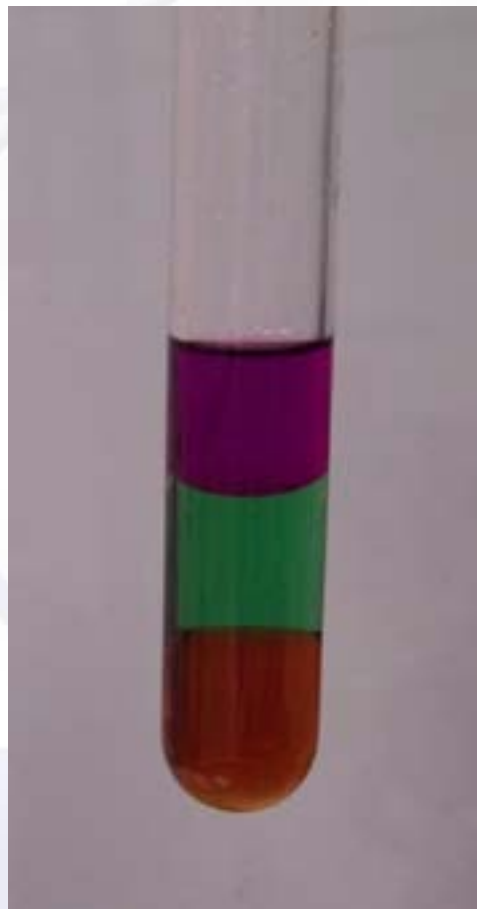


Solubilization



Pine wood fibers in ionic liquid

Miscibility

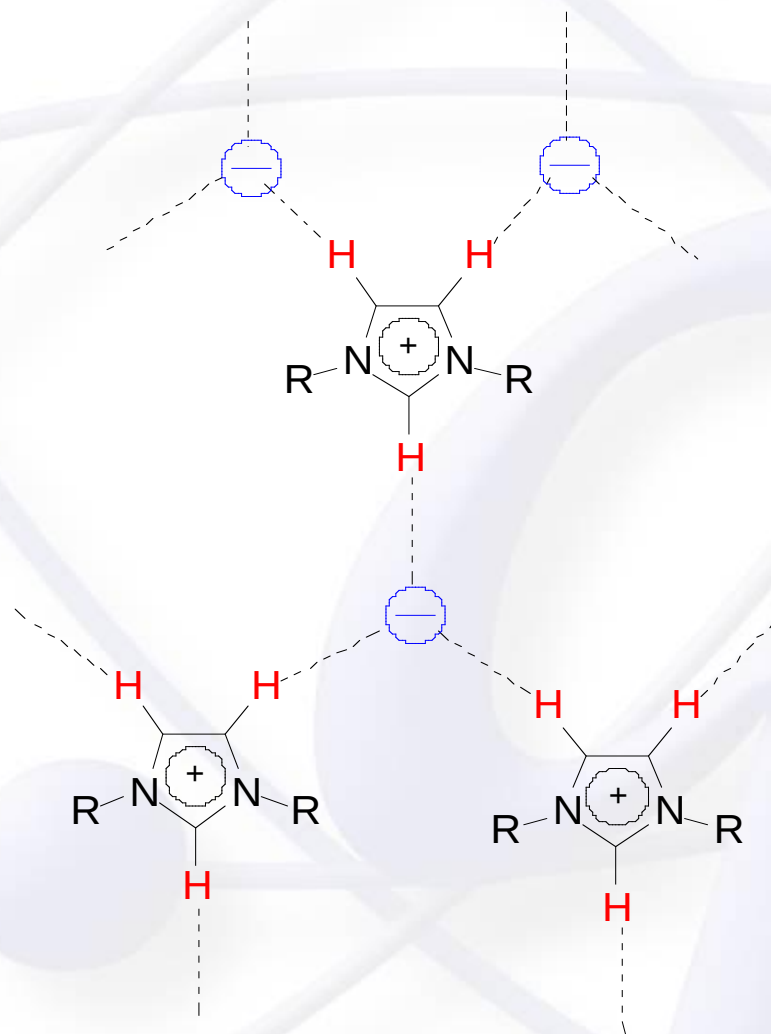


N-octane

Water

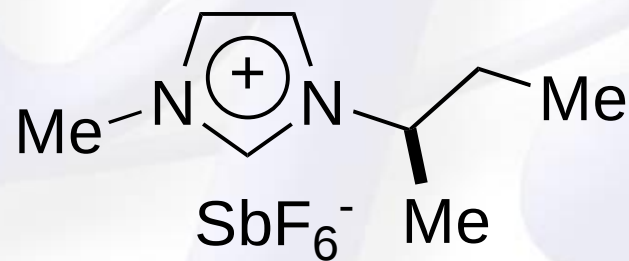
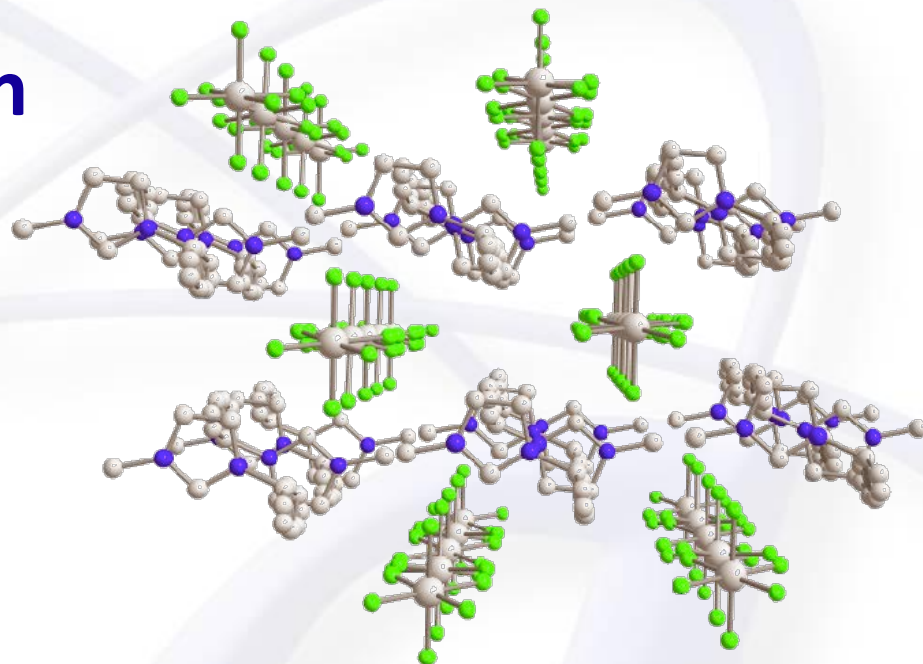
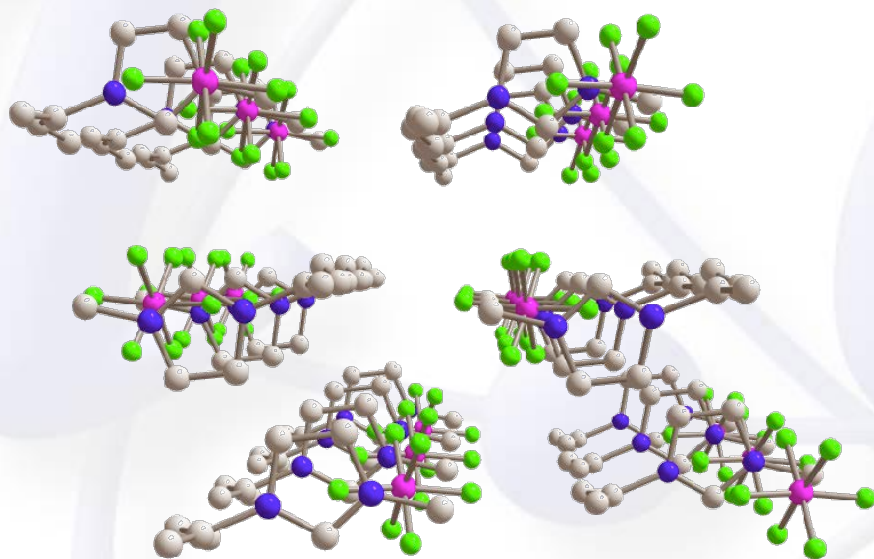
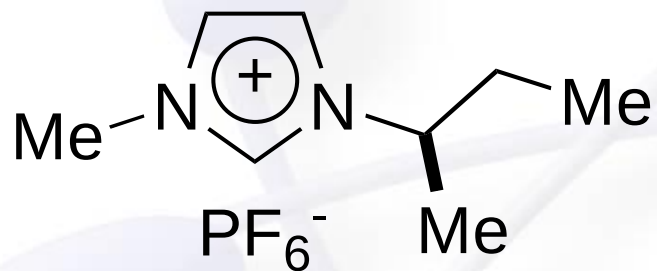
Ionic Liquid

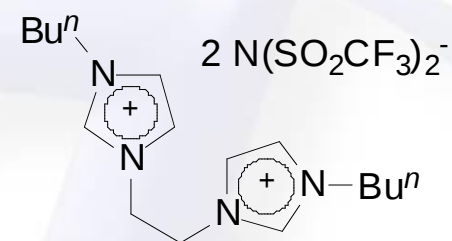
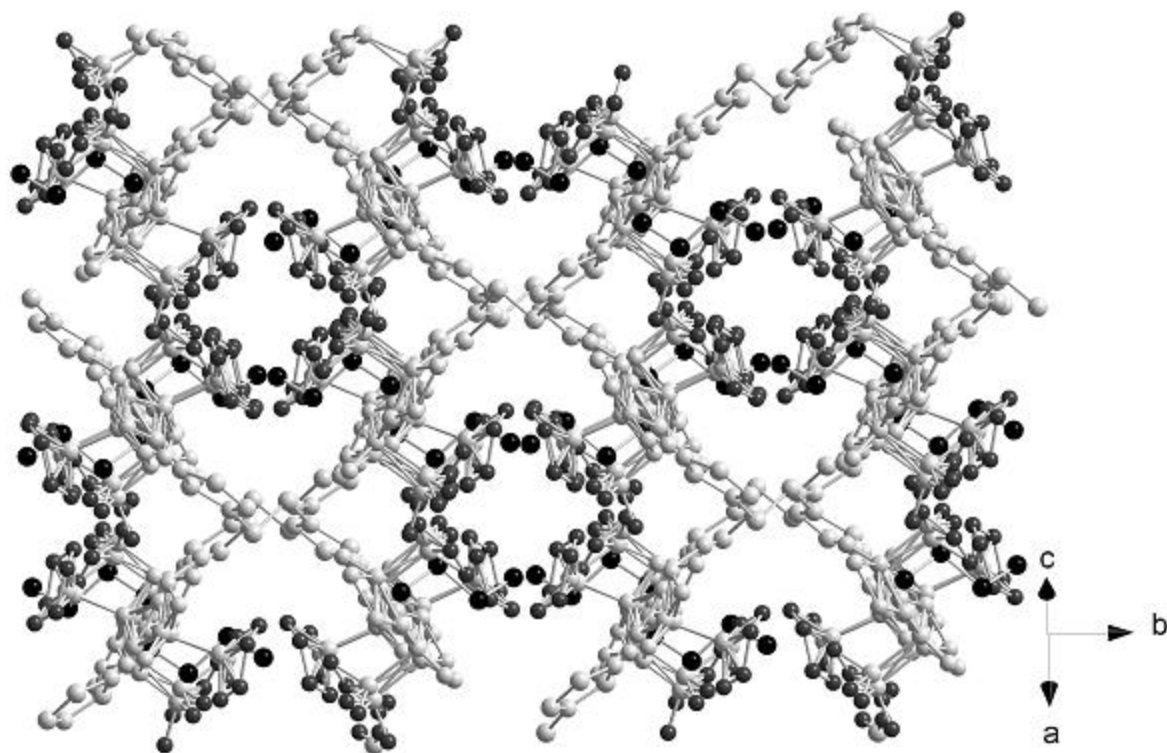
Structural Organization of Imidazolium Ionic Liquids



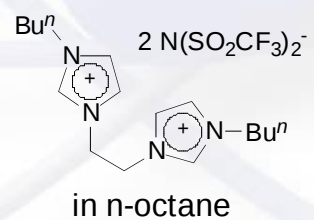
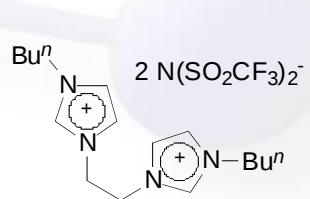
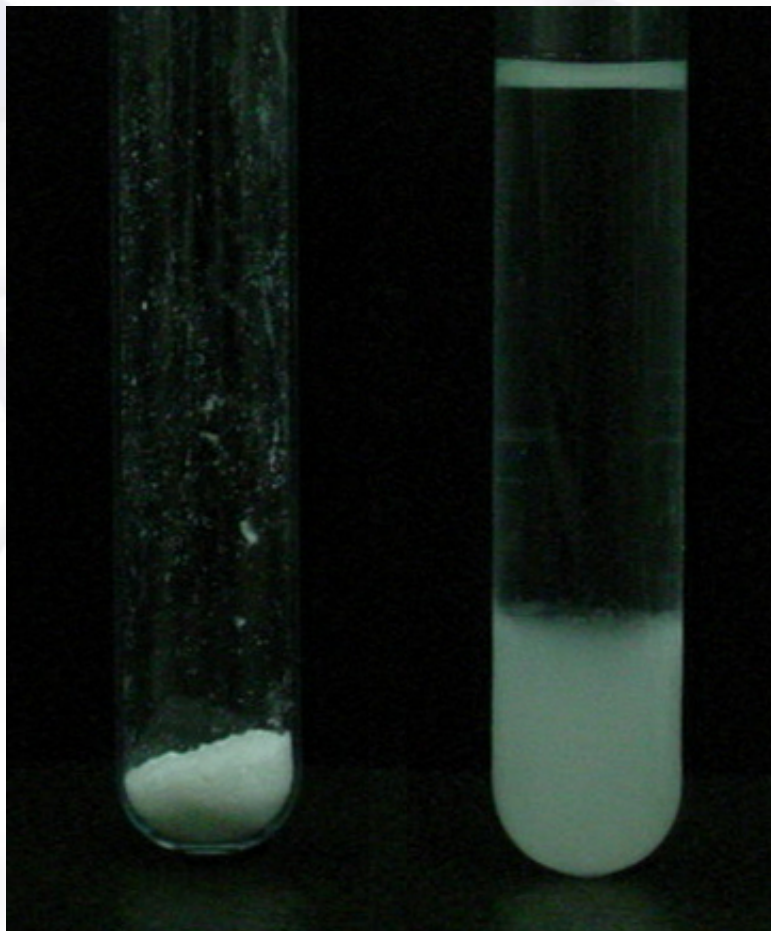
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Solid State Organization

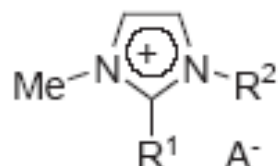
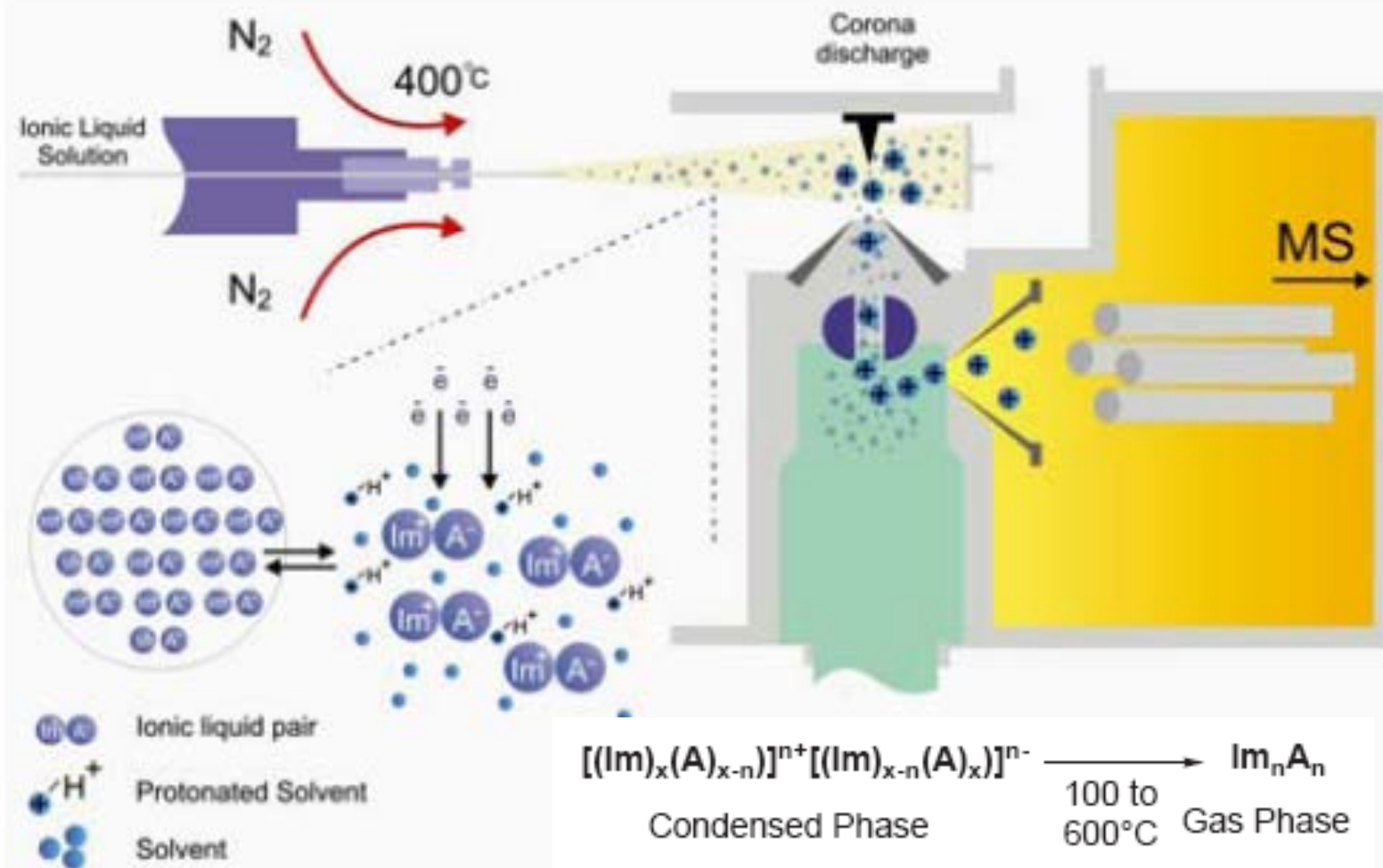




View of the crystal structure of **dicationic ionic liquid** through the crystallographic h,k,l (7.54, 0, 12.8) plane. Hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity; fluorine atoms and butyl groups shown in dark gray.



Gas Phase Structural Organization

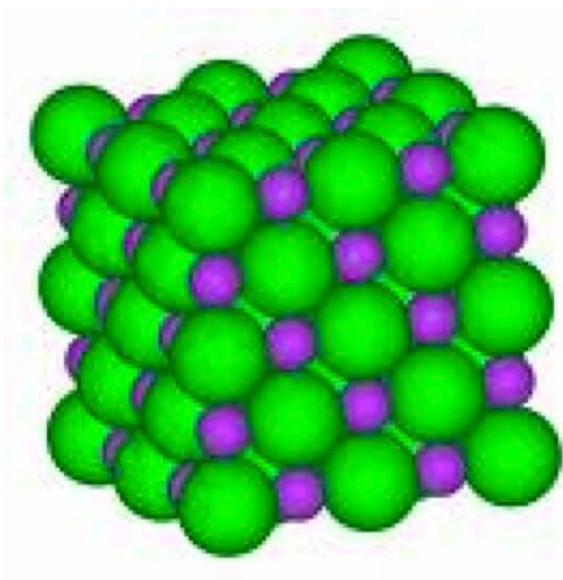


$\text{A} = \text{MeSO}_3, \text{BF}_4, \text{ etc.}$
 $\text{R}^1 = \text{H, Me}$
 $\text{R}^2 = \text{}^n\text{Bu, CH}_2\text{OMenthyl}$

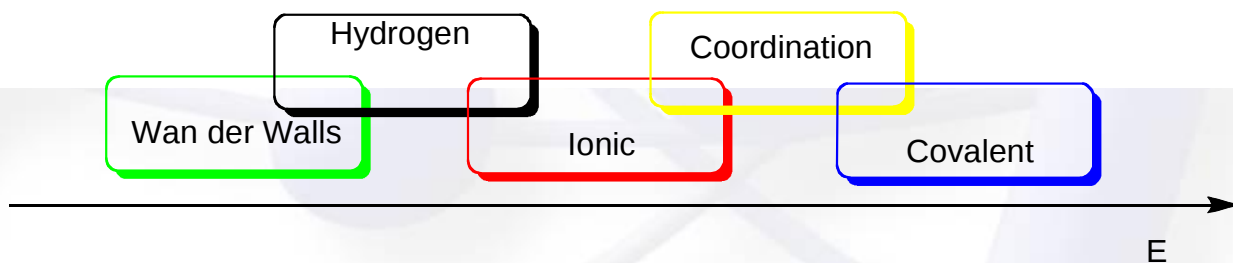
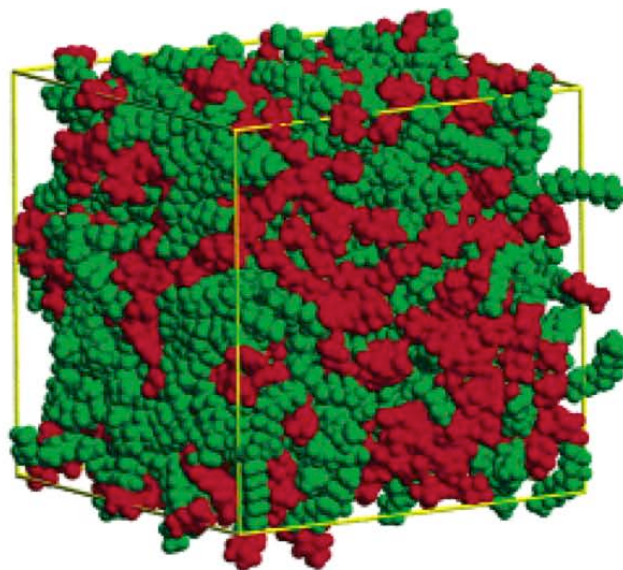


IONIC LIQUIDS

Classical



“Modern”



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Water-induced accelerated ion diffusion: voltammetric studies in 1-methyl-3-[2,6-(*S*)-dimethylocten-2-yl]imidazolium tetrafluoroborate, 1-butyl-3-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate and hexafluorophosphate ionic liquids

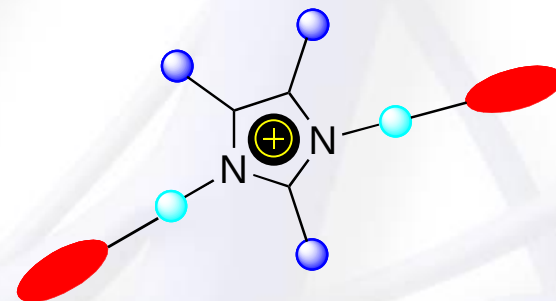
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Conclusions

It has been shown that traces of water can have a dramatic effect on the electrochemical characteristics and the rate of diffusion observed voltammetrically in ionic liquid media. In particular, the contrast in the effect of water on the diffusion coefficient for neutral and for ionic species suggests that 'wet' ionic liquids may not be regarded as homogeneous solvents, but have to be considered as 'nano-structured' with polar and non-polar regions.

New J. Chem., 2000, **24**, 1009–1015

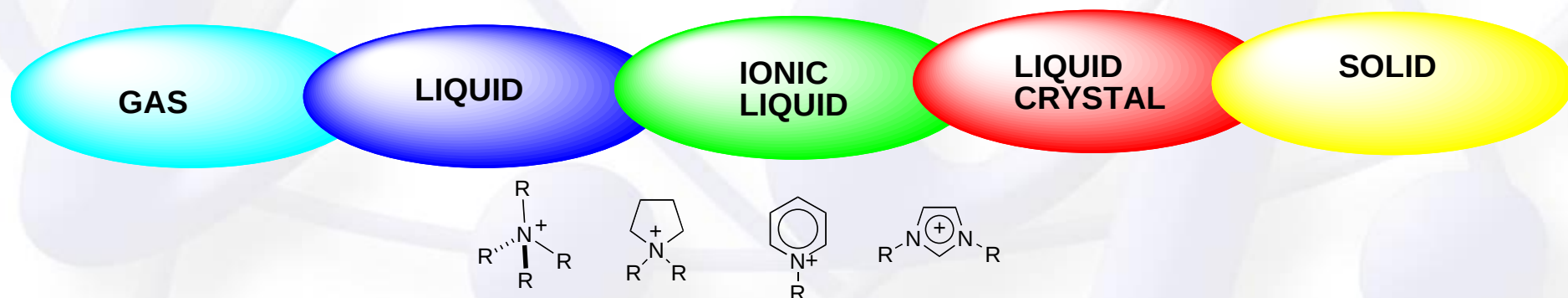
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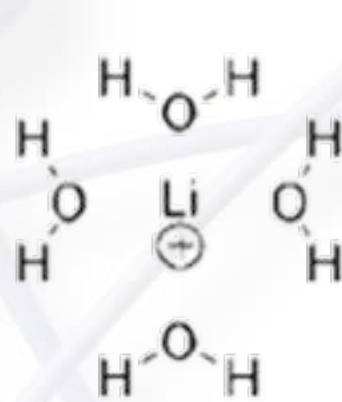
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● ● dispersive forces sites }
● Coloumbic bond site "enthalpic"

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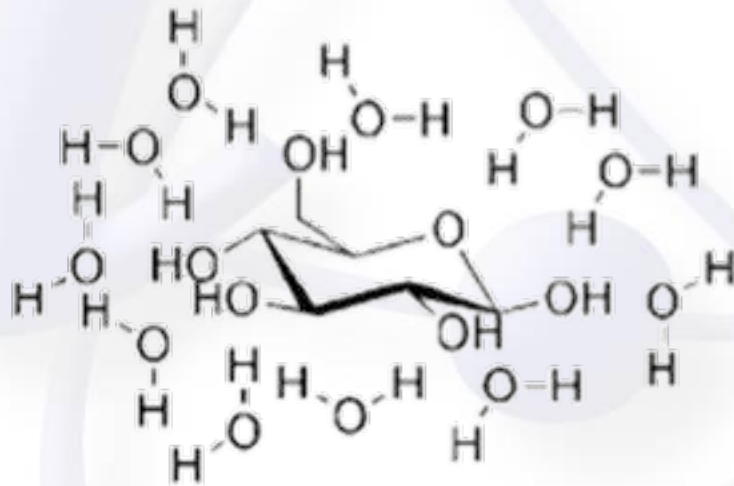
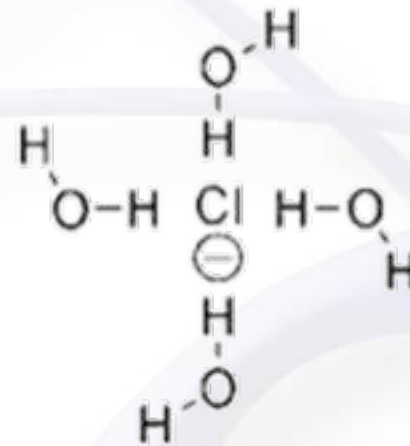
ILs cannot be regarded as merely homogeneous solvents. In fact, ILs form extended hydrogen-bond networks with polar and non-polar **nano domains** and therefore are by definition “supramolecular” fluids.



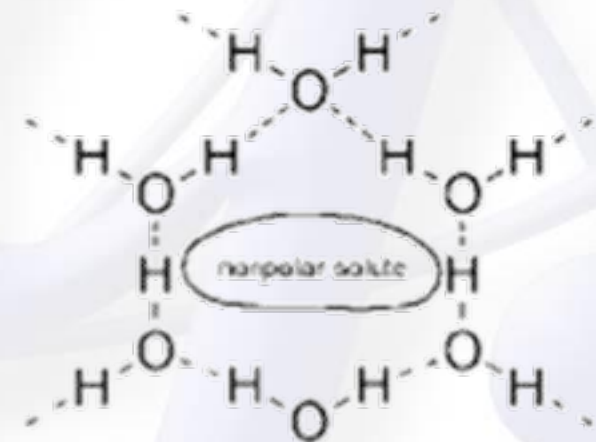
Different Modes of Aqueous Solvation



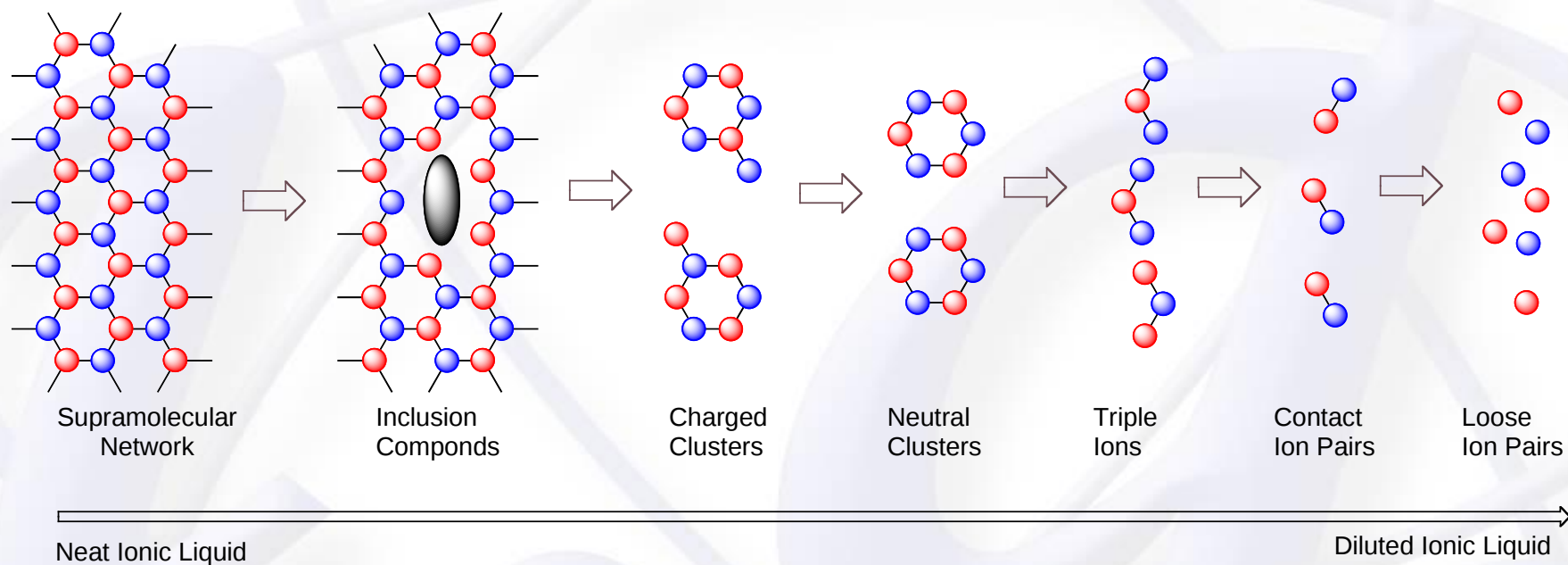
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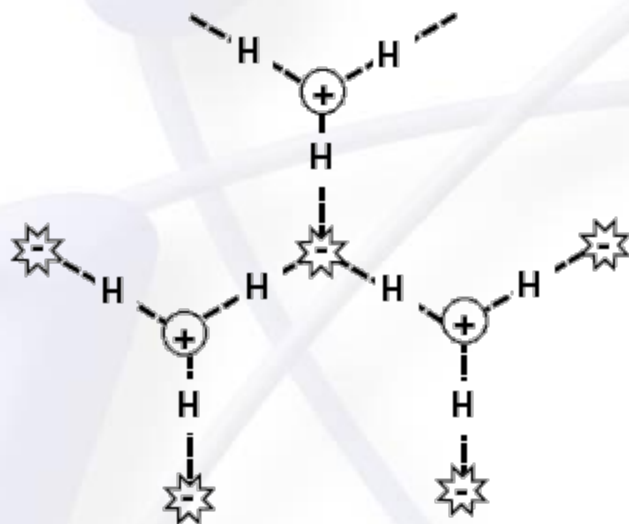
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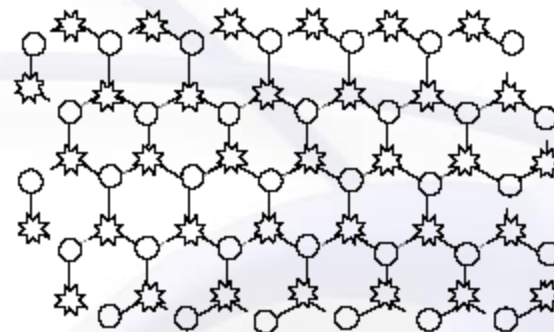
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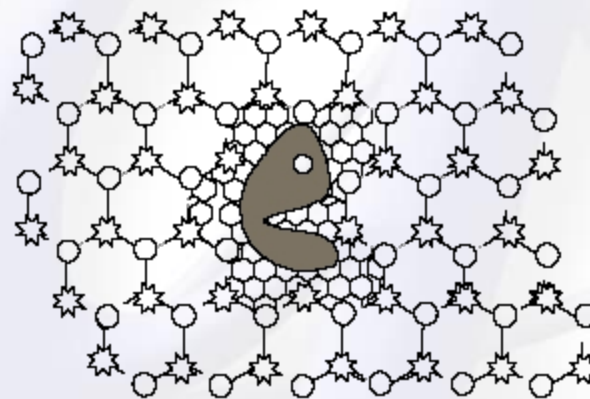
“Inclusion” Enzyme Complex



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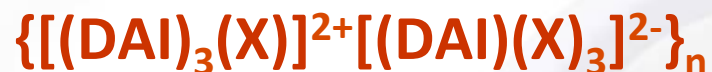
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A. Two-dimensional simplified model of the supramolecular structure of imidazolium ILs based on hydrogen bond interactions. B. Schematic description of the “inclusion” of enzymes in wet regions into the IL network.

Imidazolium Ionic Liquids

Pure form: Polymeric supramolecules with weak interactions



Mixture: Nanostructured materials



$$x > 1 \text{ and } z > 0$$

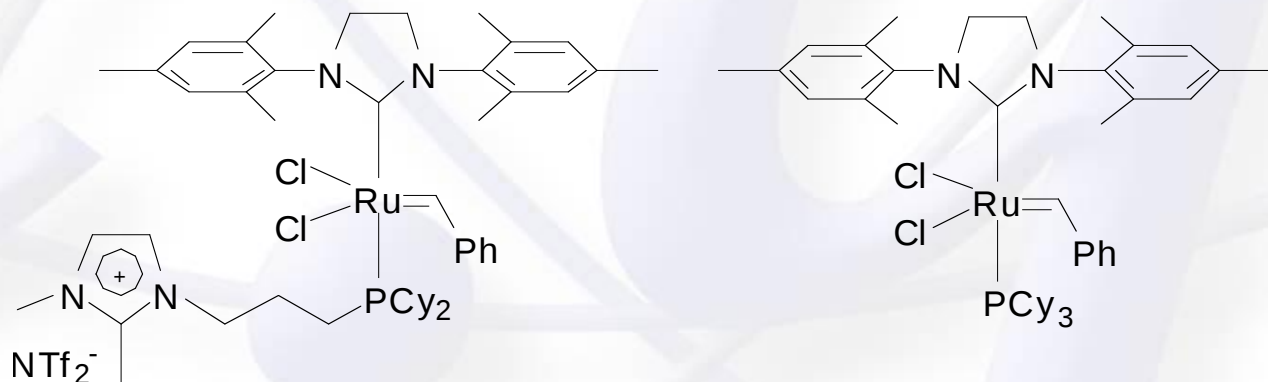
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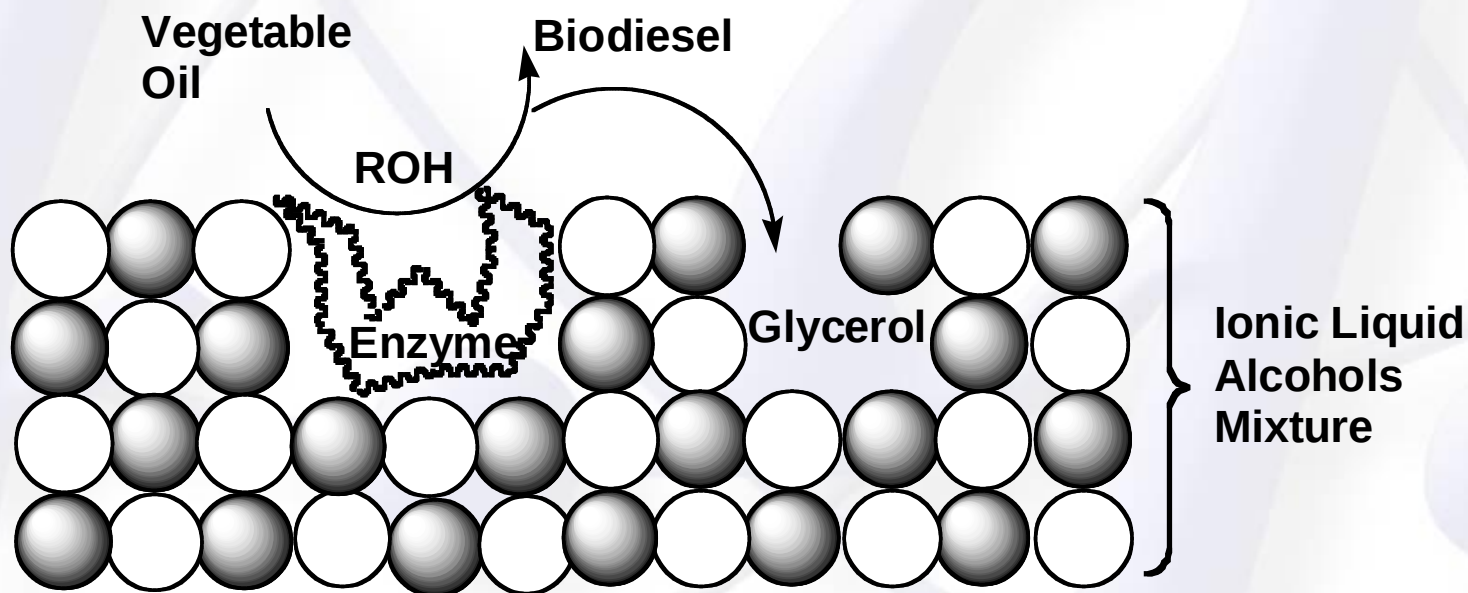
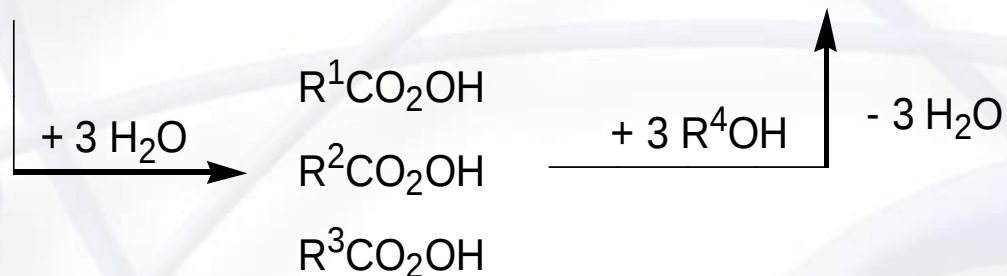
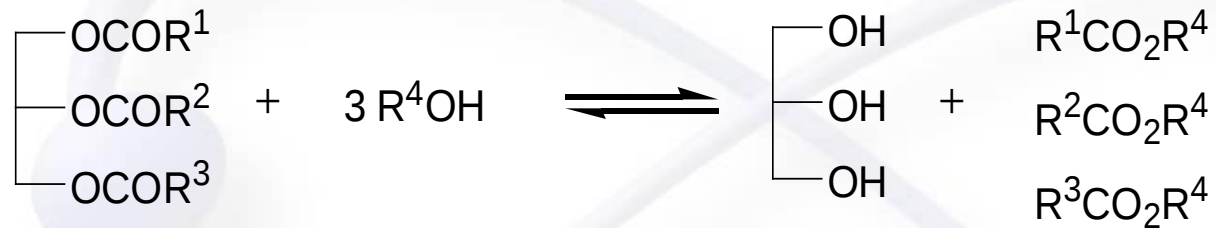
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Ionophilic Ligands/Complexes: Multiphase Catalysis

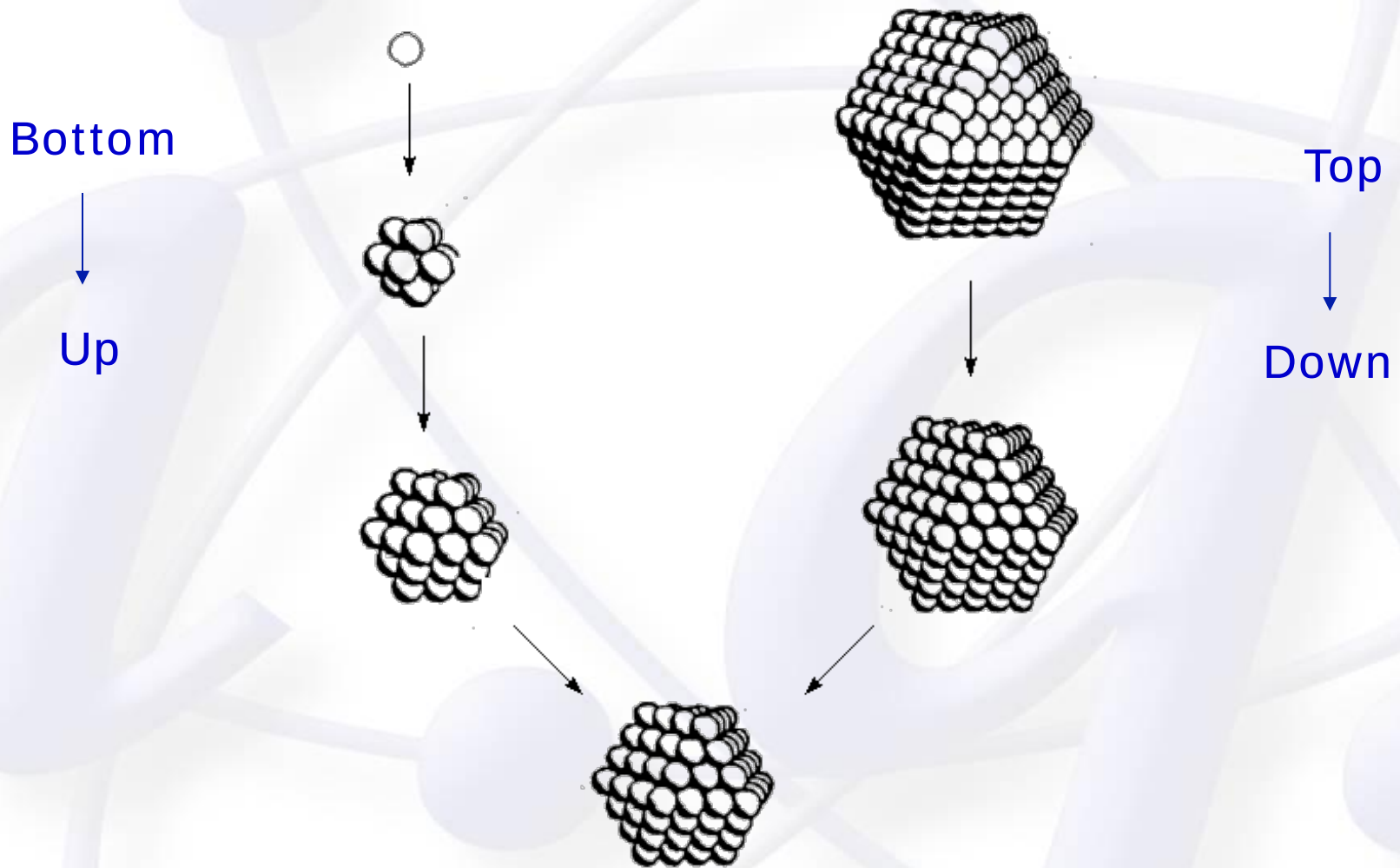


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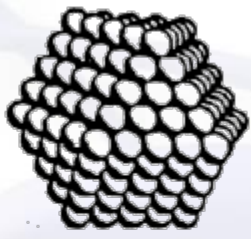
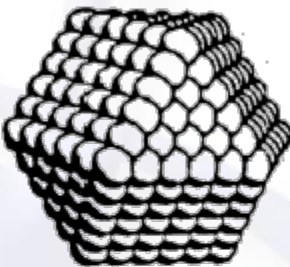




Preparation of the transition-metal nanoparticles

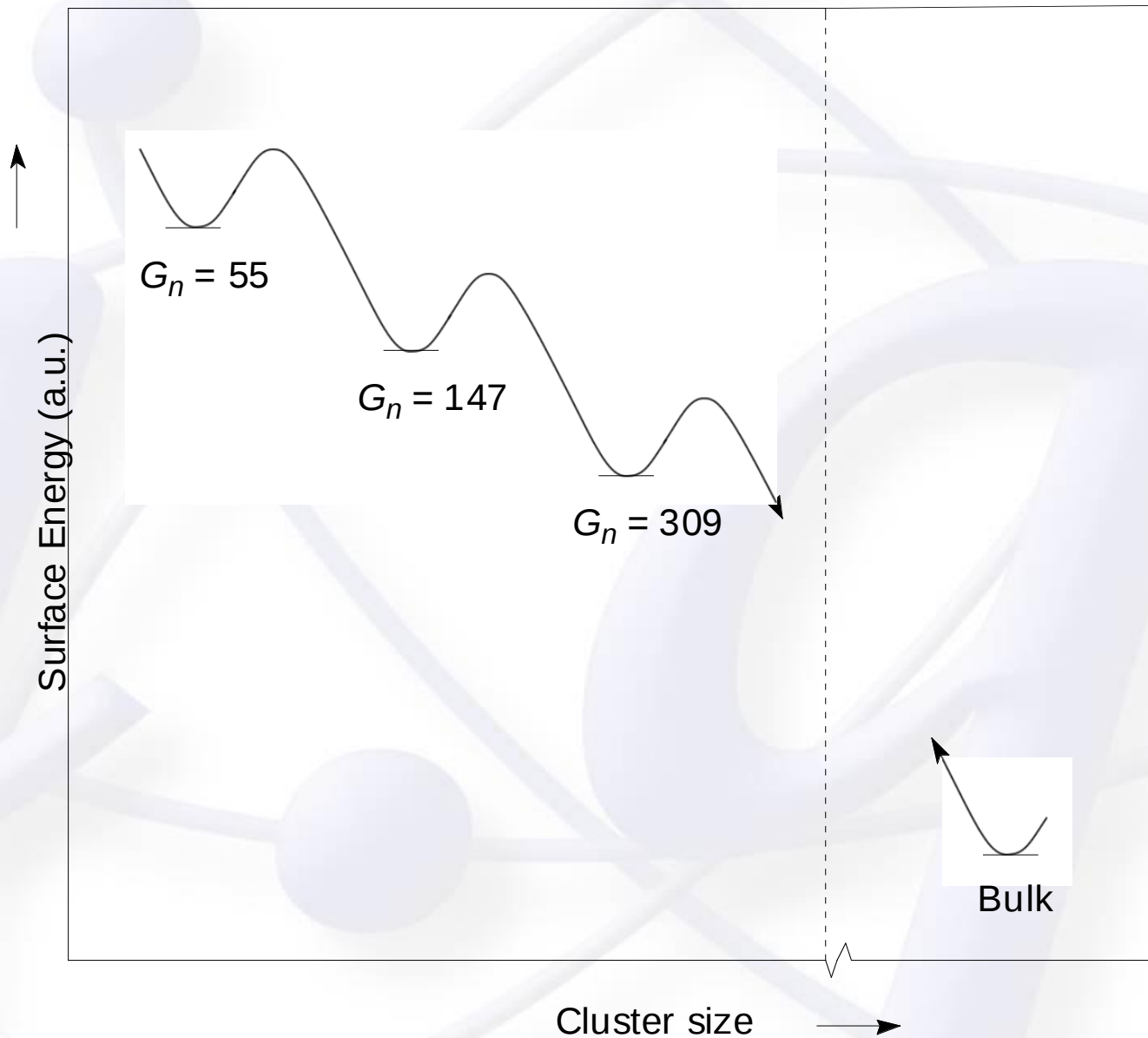


“Magic Numbers” of Transition-Metal Nanoparticles

Full-Shell "Magic Number" Clusters					
	1	2	3	4	5
	M ₁₃	M ₅₅	M ₁₄₇	M ₃₀₉	M ₅₆₁
	92%	76%	63%	52%	45%

Idealized representation of hexagonal close-packed full-shell ‘magic number’ clusters. Each metal atom has the maximum number of nearest neighbors, which imparts some degree of extra stability to full-shell clusters.

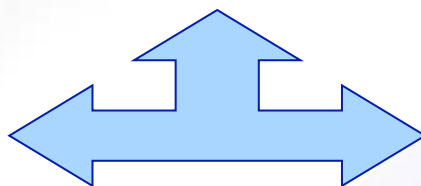
Surface Energy



Transition-metal nanoclusters are only kinetically stable

Stabilization

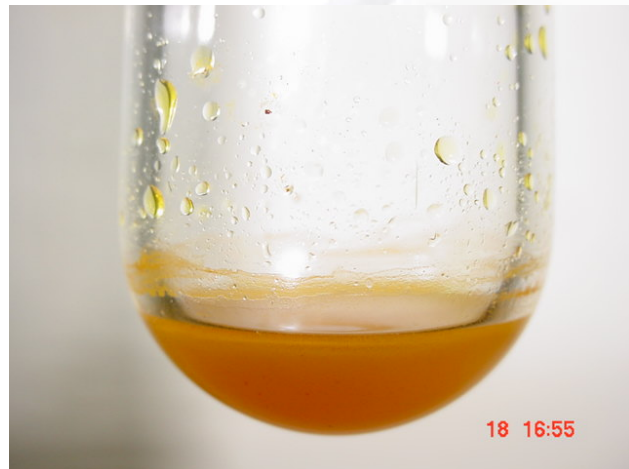
Electrostatic



Steric

- ➡ Coordination of anionic species (X, CO₂, polyoxoanions, ...)
- ➡ Polymers, dendrimers, alkylammonium cations, ...

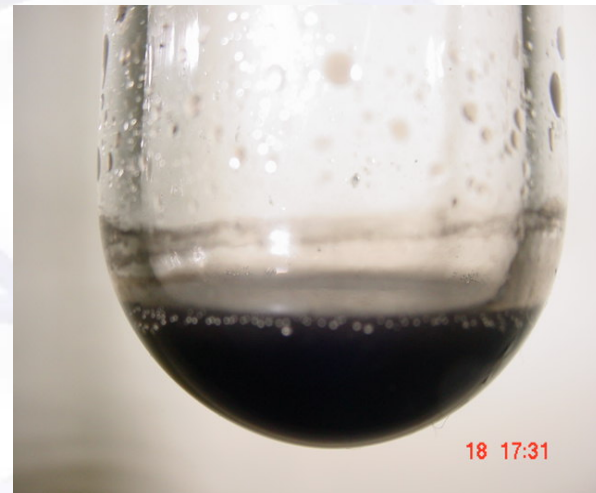
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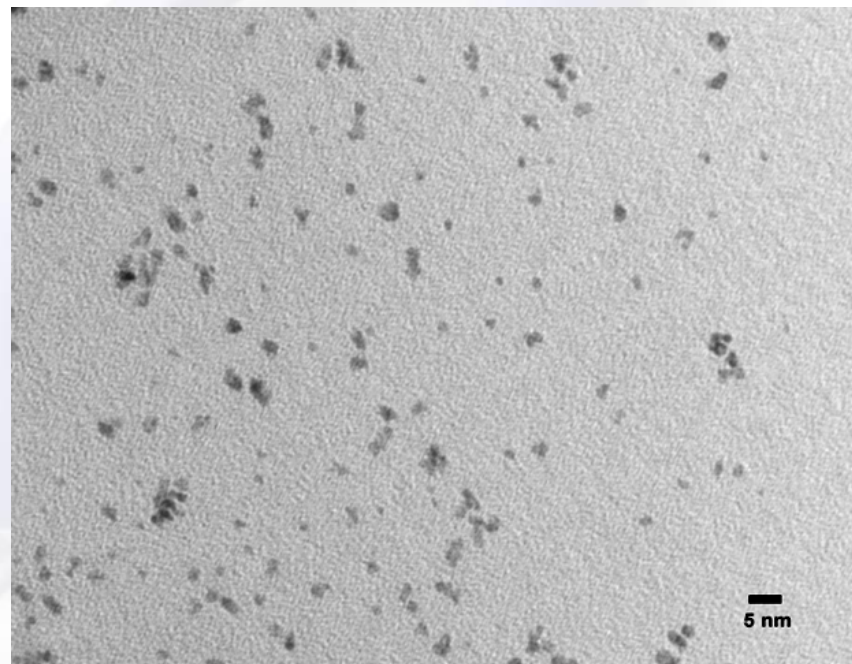
H_2 (4 atm), 75°C
25 min



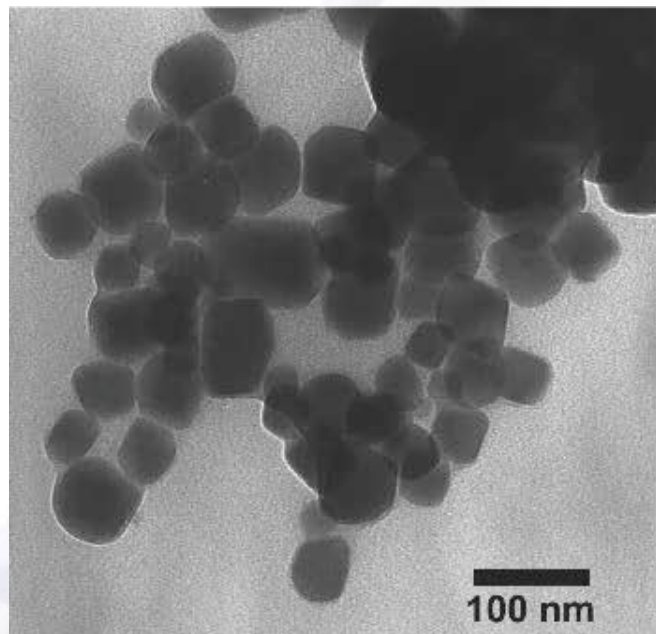
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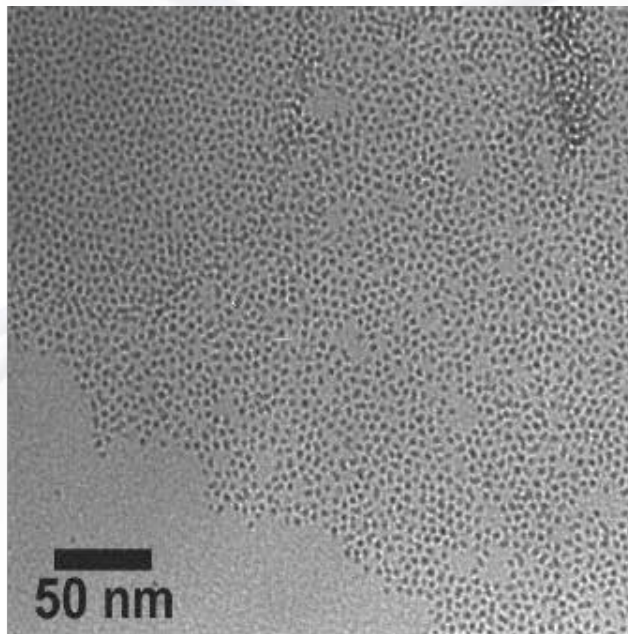
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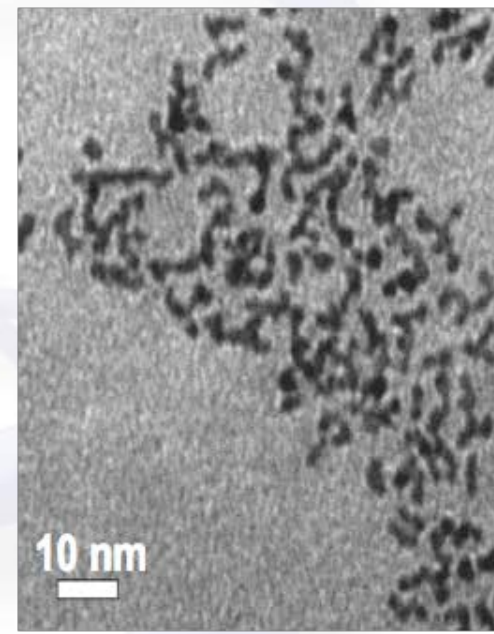
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(a)



(b)



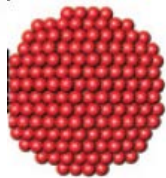
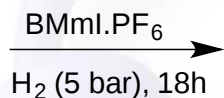
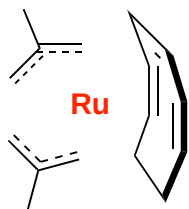
(c)

Examples of nanostructures prepared and characterized in imidazolium ionic liquids (*in situ* TEM micrographs): a) Co(0) nanocubes; b) spherical Ru(0) nanoparticles and c) worm-like Ir(0) nanoparticles.

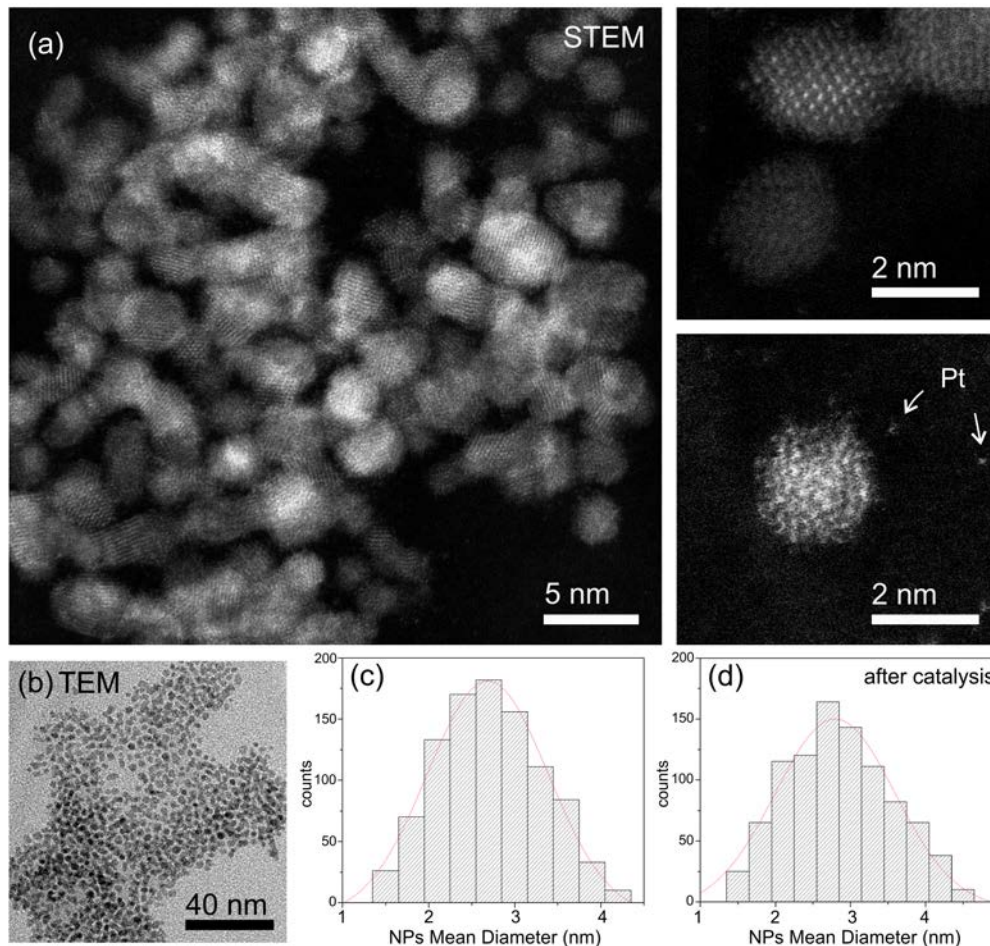
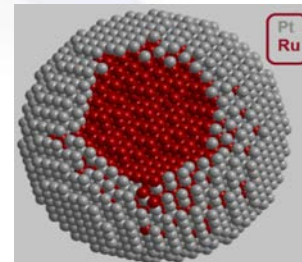
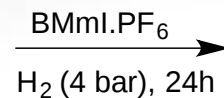
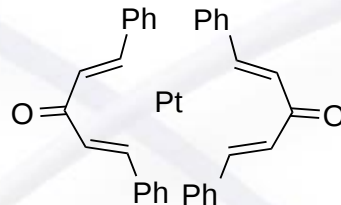
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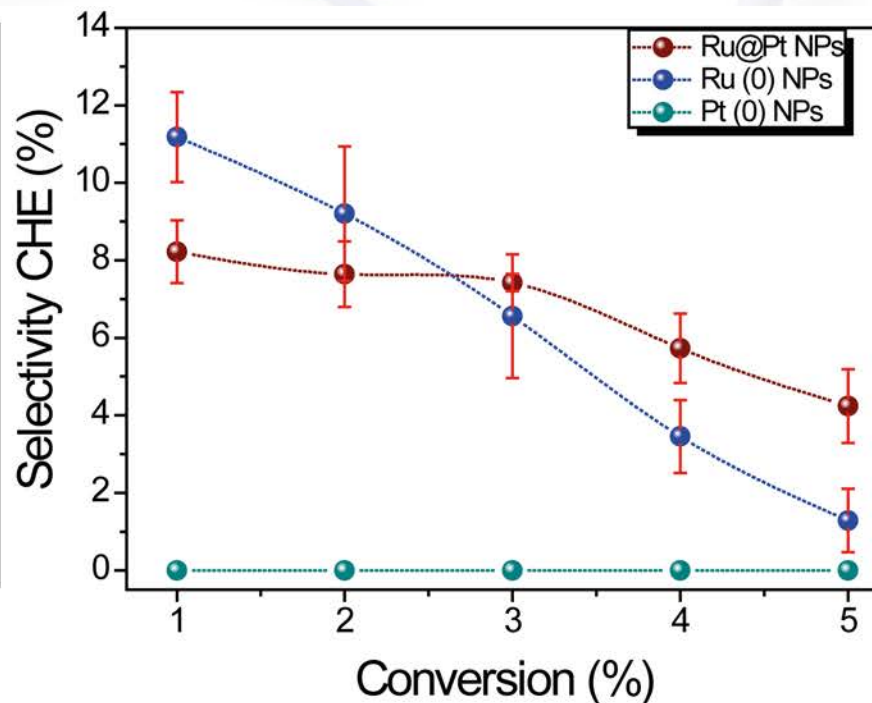
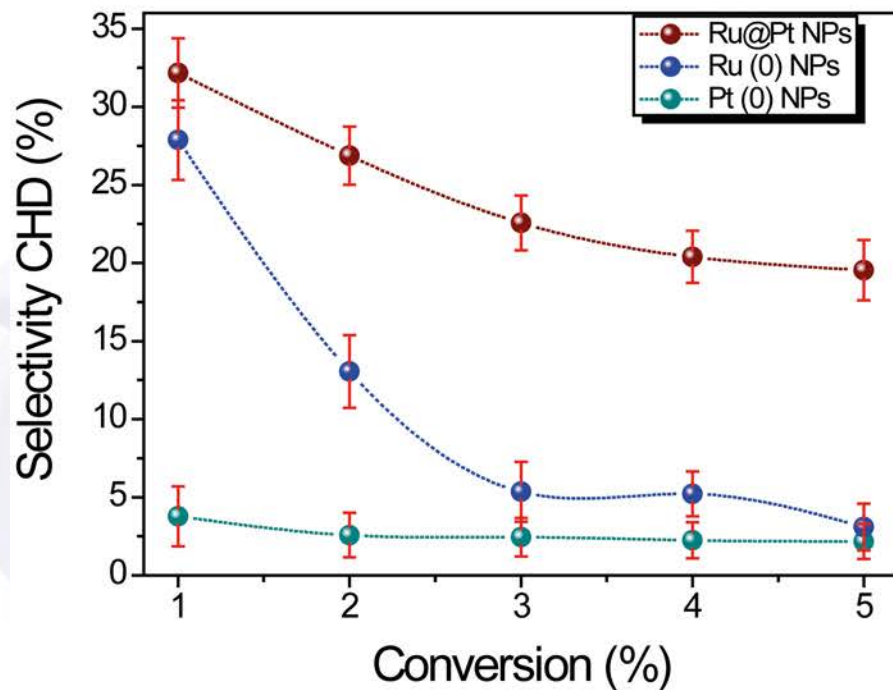
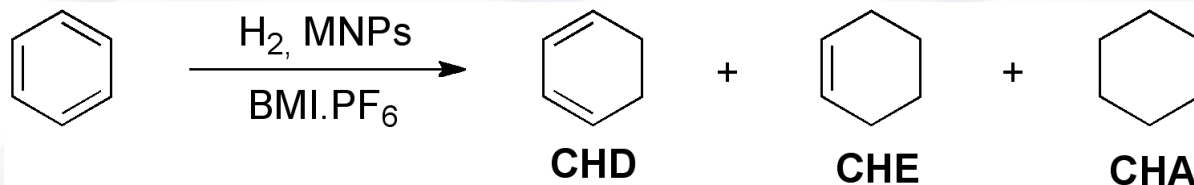
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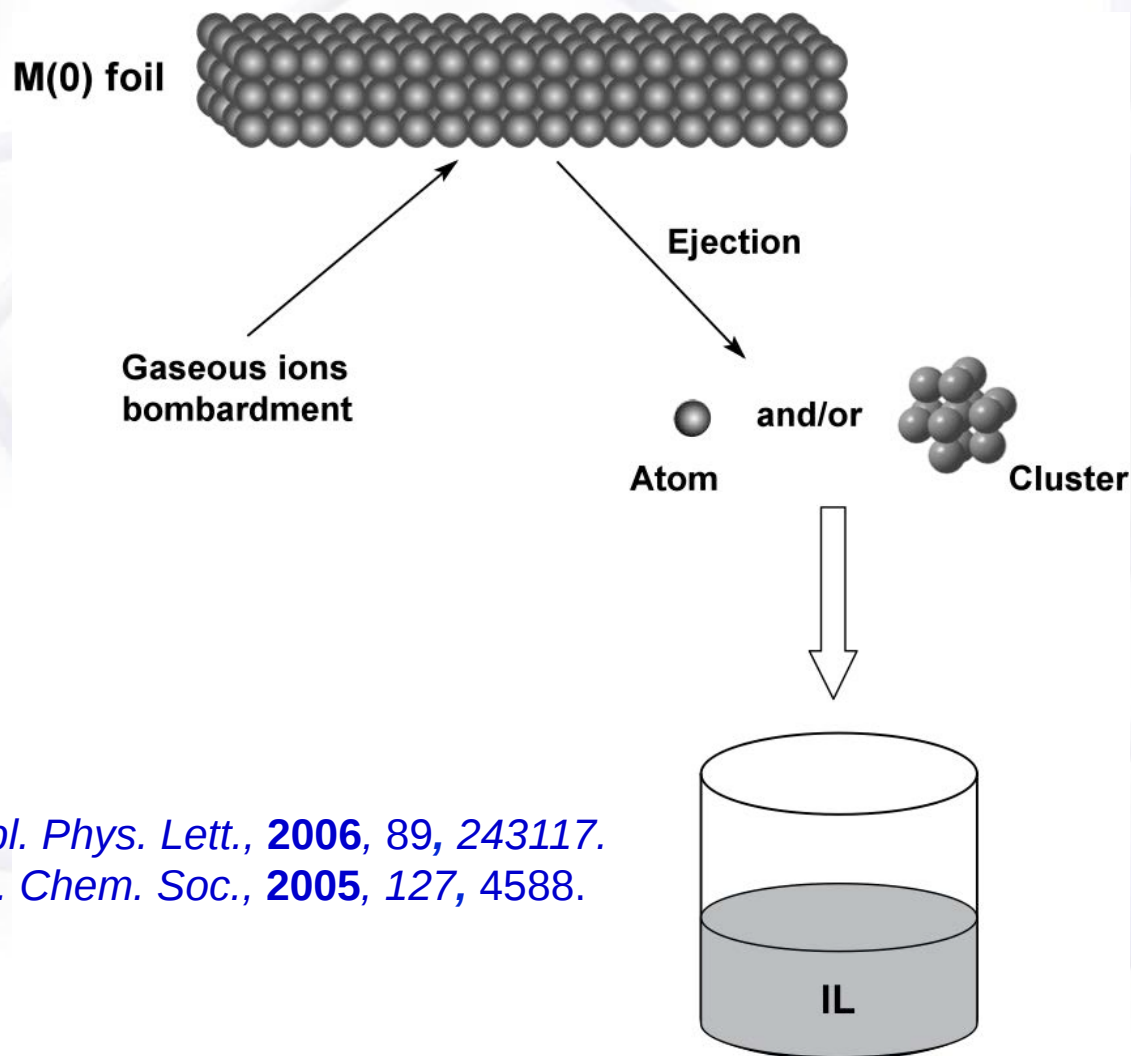


Micrographs of the Ru@Pt NPs in BMI.PF₆; (a) HAADF-STEM (300 kV); (b) TEM (120 kV); size distribution histogram (c) before and (d) after catalysis. HAADF-STEM images of isolated Ru@Pt NPs are shown at insets



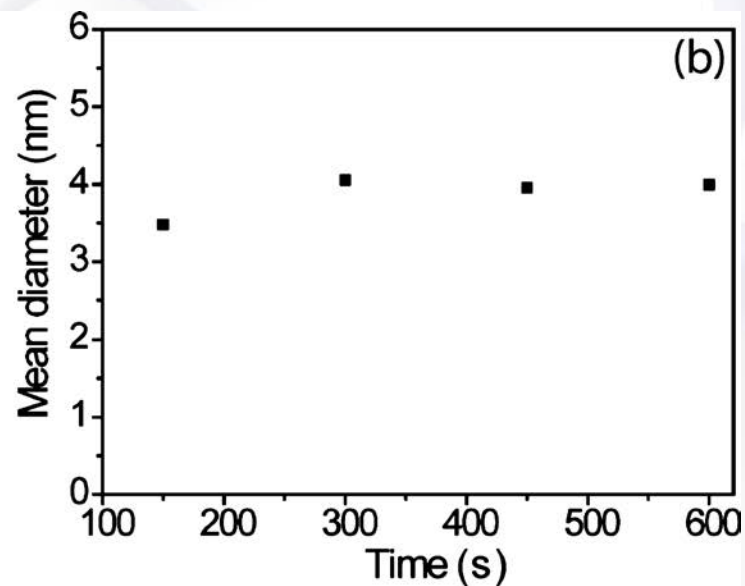
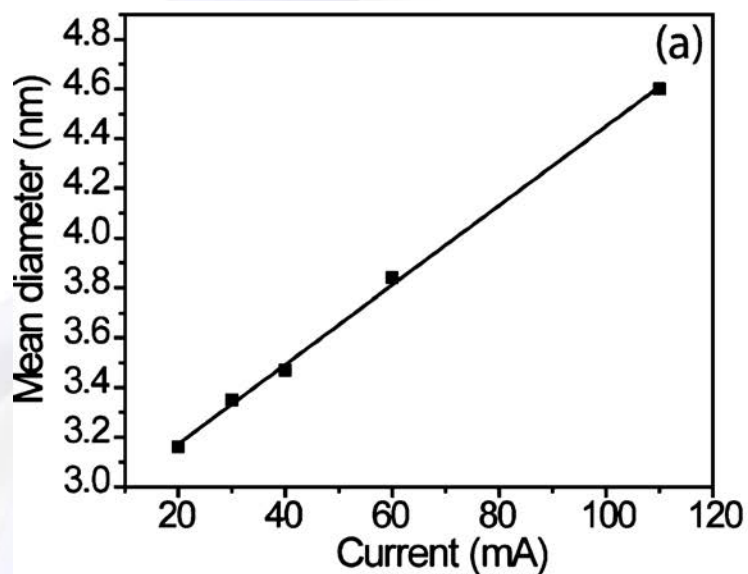
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Metal Nanoparticles Deposition in ILs by Bombardment

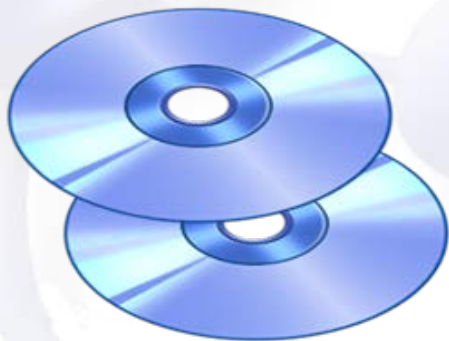
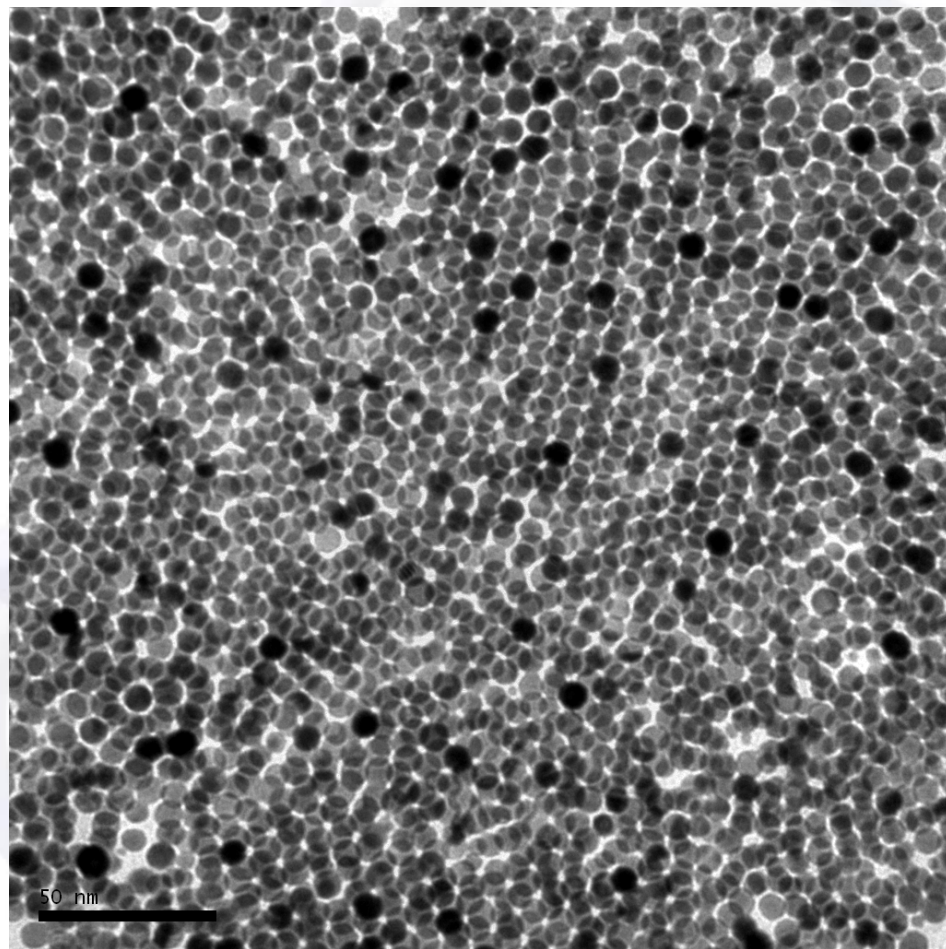


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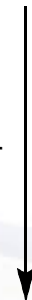
(a) Mean diameter of Au NPs obtained in BMI.NTf2 after 150 s of deposition using different discharge currents; (b) diameter versus deposition time for Au NPs obtained in BMI.NTf2 at a fixed sputtering current of 40 mA (325 V). (Adapted with permission from ref 74. Copyright 2010 American Chemical Society.)



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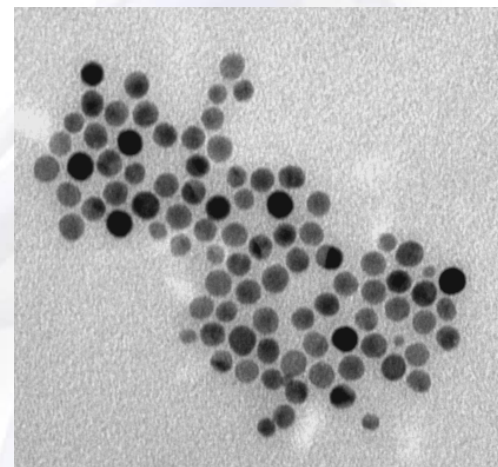
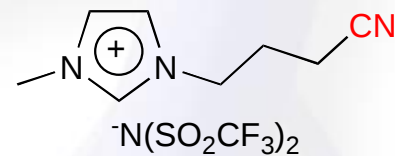
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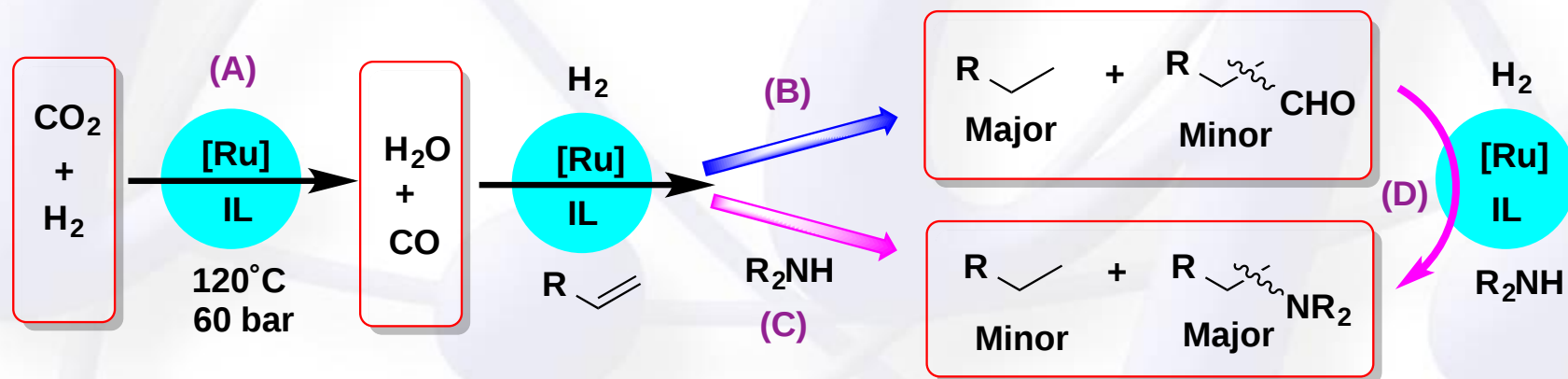
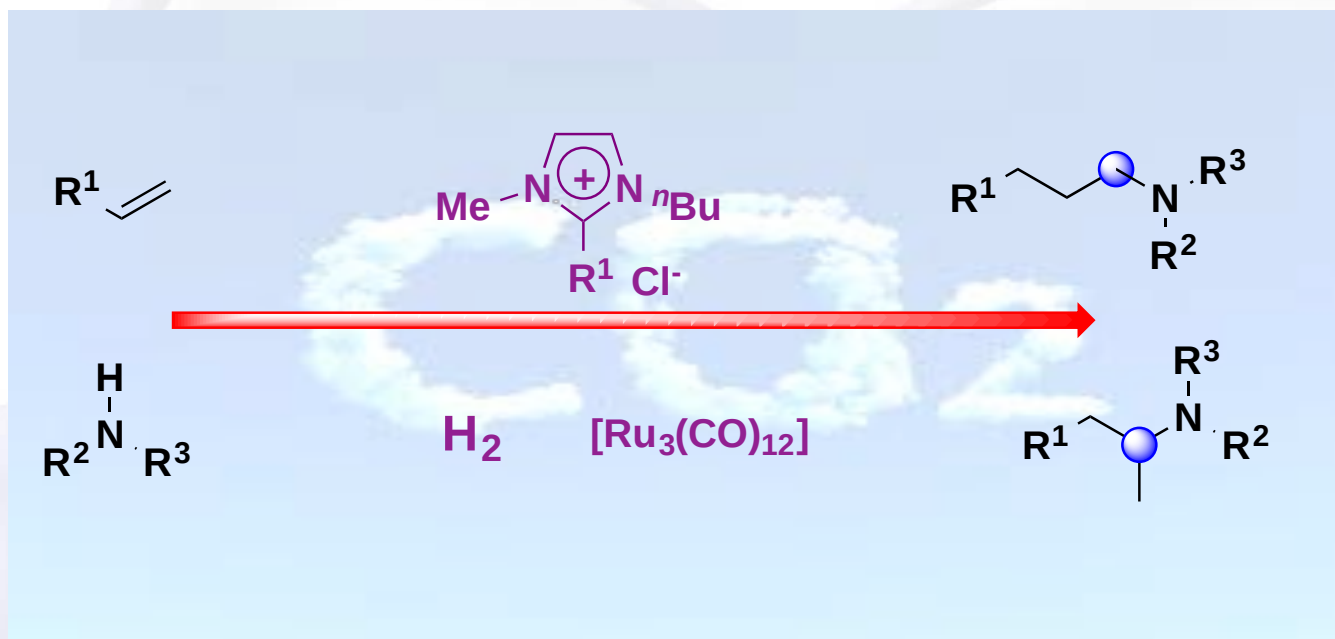


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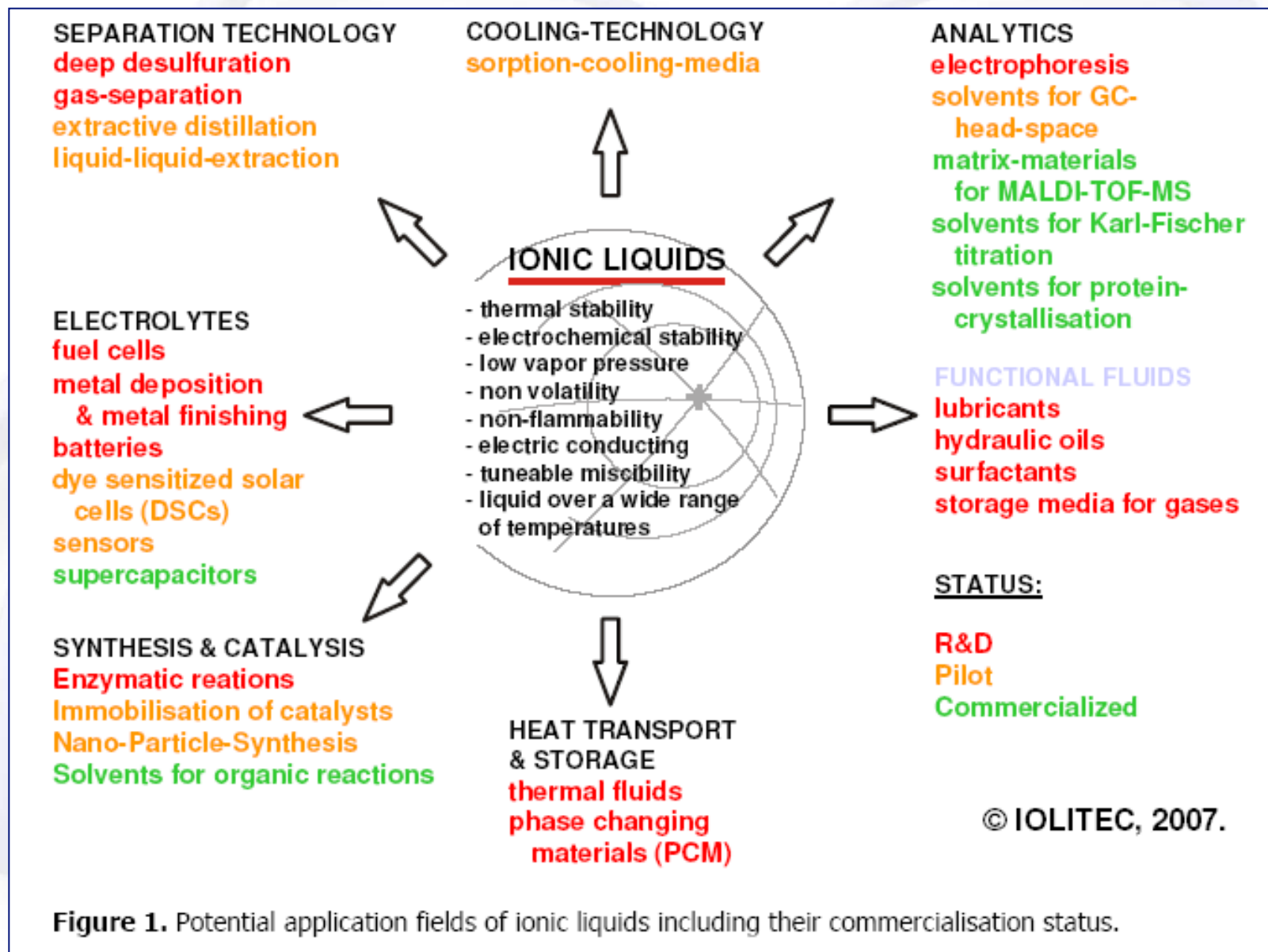


Figure 1. Potential application fields of ionic liquids including their commercialisation status.



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