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Electrical Conductivity of ILs and Their Mixtures

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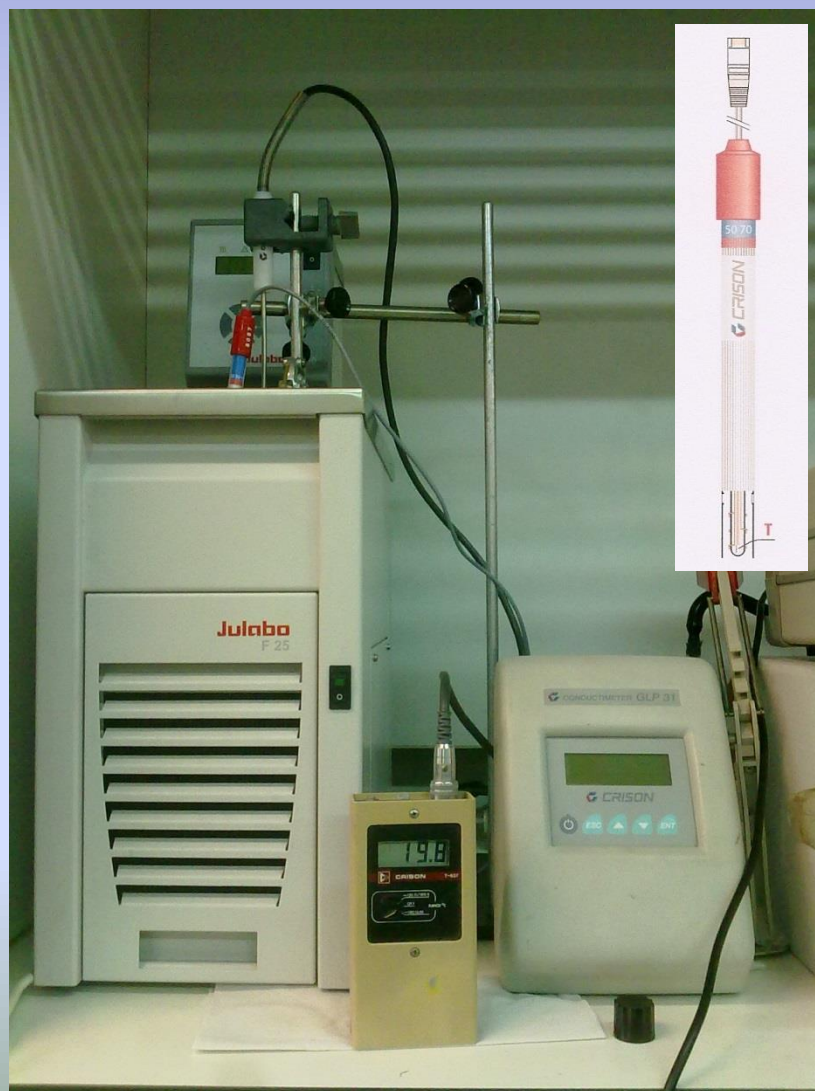
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INTRODUCTION

- It is a fundamental characteristic of ILs
- Responsible for all charge transport process
- Not many experimental studies
- Nor theoretical or computational

Here I will tell you what we know about electrical conductivity in ILs, and what is unknown...

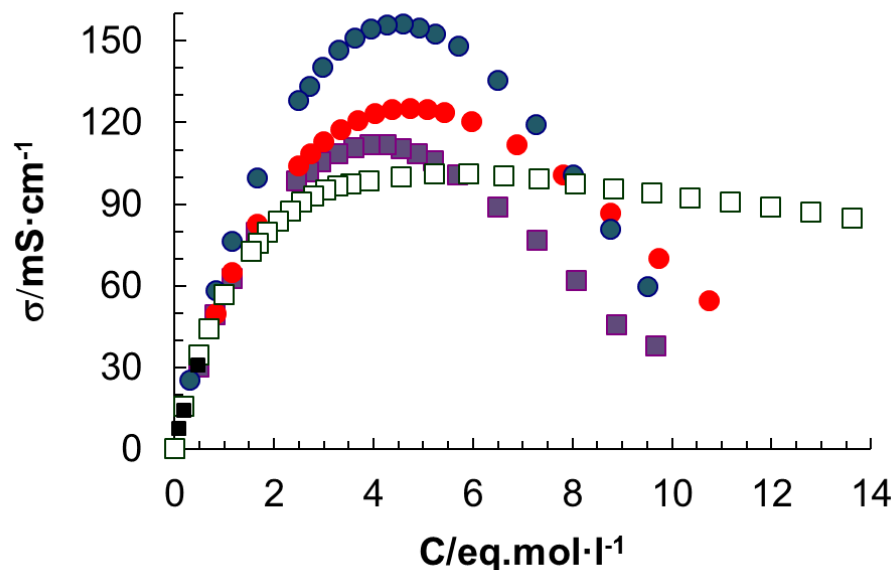
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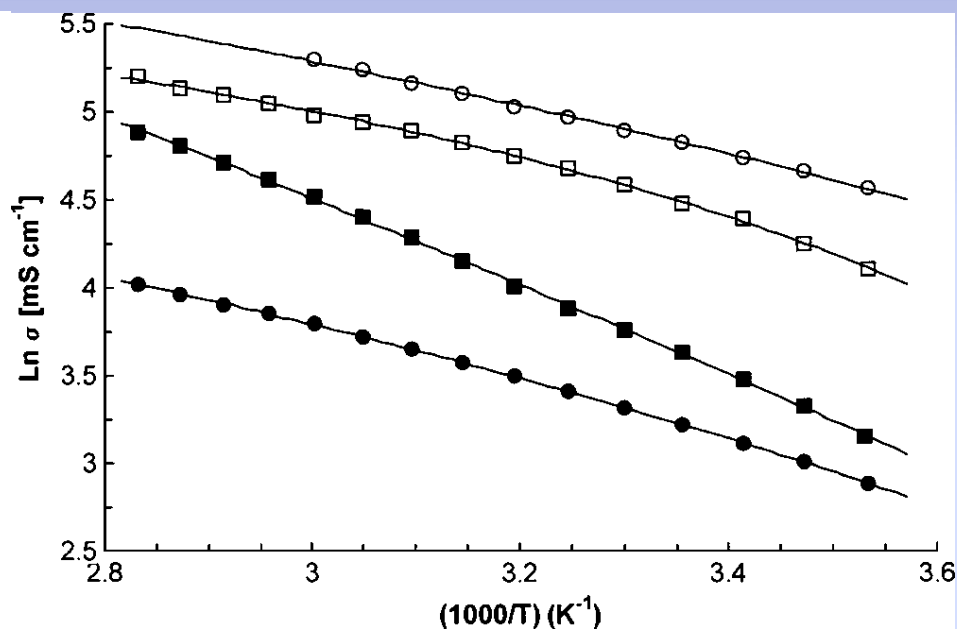
CRISON GLP 31 AND 31+

UNCERTAINTY < 1%
REPRODUCIBILITY < 4%

AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS OF Al SALTS UP TO SATURATION



Solid dots correspond to AlI_3 , open dots to AlBr_3 , solid squares to AlCl_3 , and open squares to $\text{Al}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ vs. Al^{3+} concentration in aqueous solutions.



Logarithm of the electrical conductivity vs. $1000/T(\text{K})$ for selected concentrations. Symbols represent the same solutions than figure at left. Lines are fits of VTF eq.

TEMPERATURE DEPENDANCE OF ILs

$$\ln \sigma = \ln \sigma_{\infty} - \frac{E_a}{k_B(T-T_g)}$$

VTF-type equation

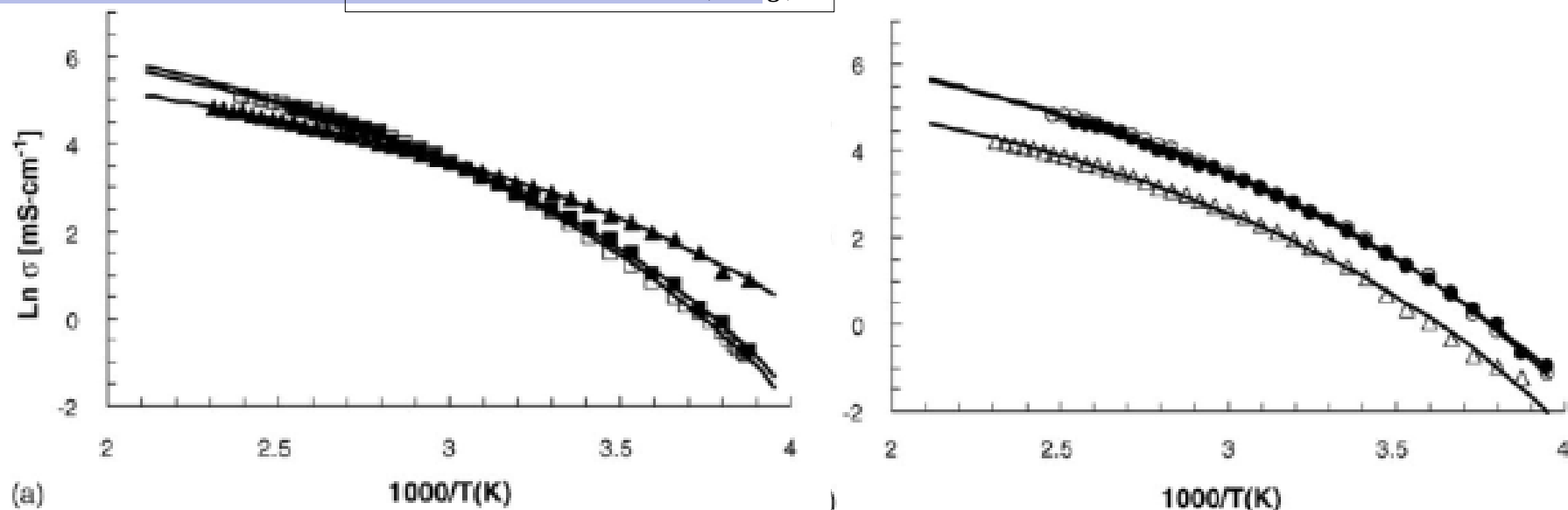
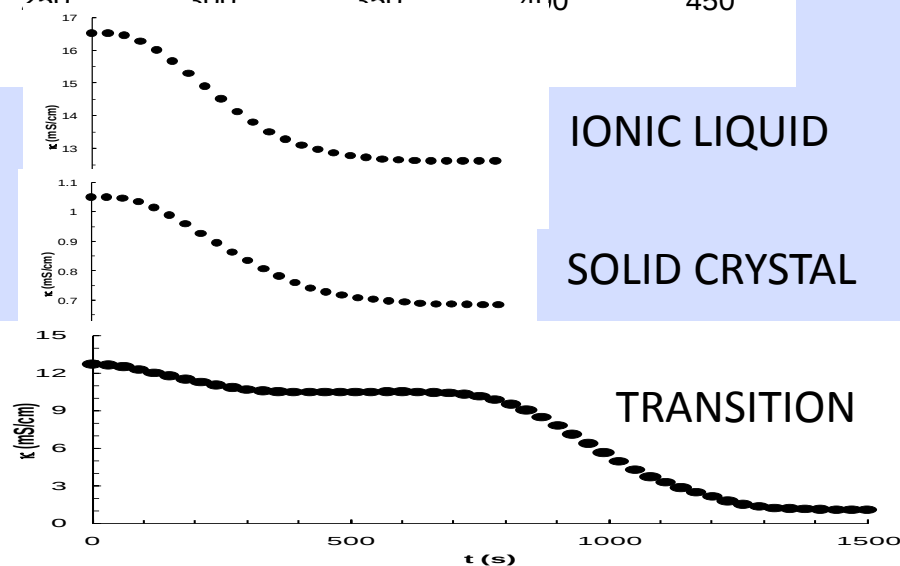
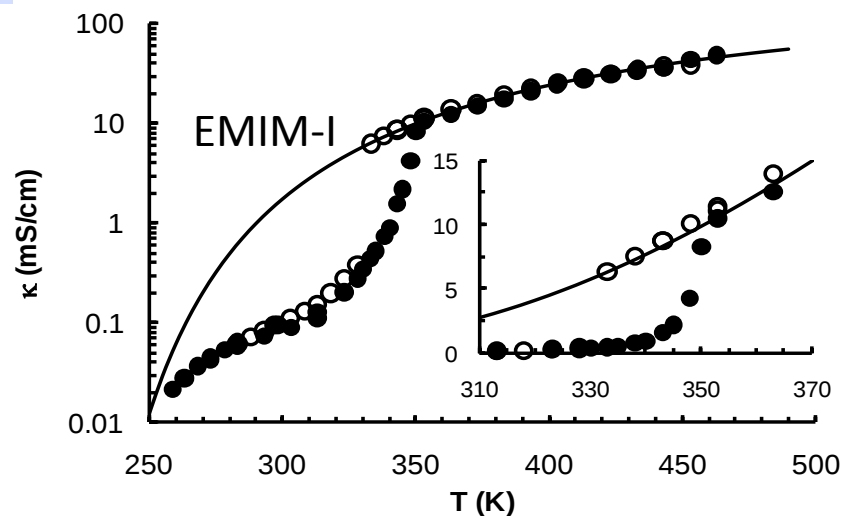
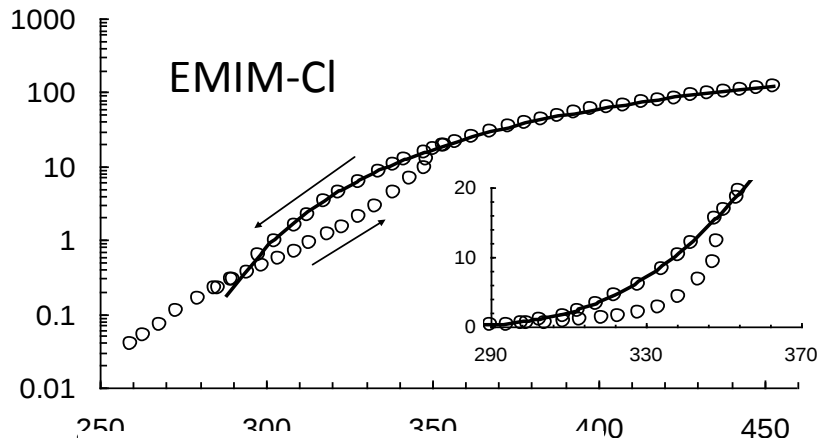
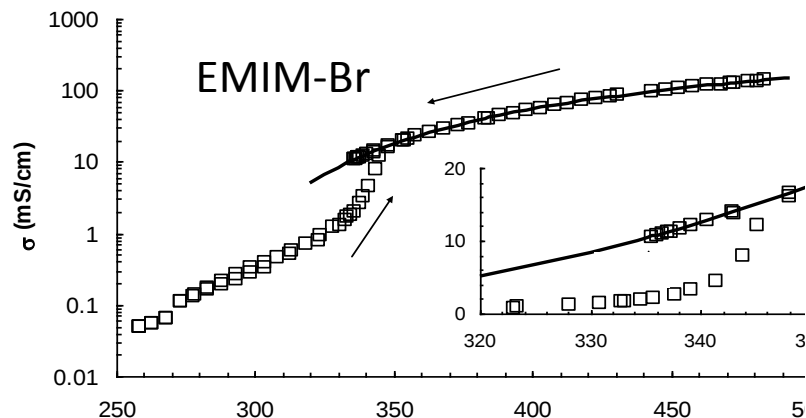


Figure 1. Logarithm of the electrical conductivity, $\ln \sigma$, vs. $1000/T$ (K): (a) EMIM-AlBr₃ (x=0.30) (solid squares), EMIM-AlBr₃ (x=0.60) (open squares) and EMIM-BF₄ (solid triangles). At right, EMIM-AlCl₃ (x=0.33) (open circles), EMIM-AlCl₃ (x=0.60) (solid circles) and EMIM-ES (open triangles). Lines are the best fit of the **VTF-type** equation given

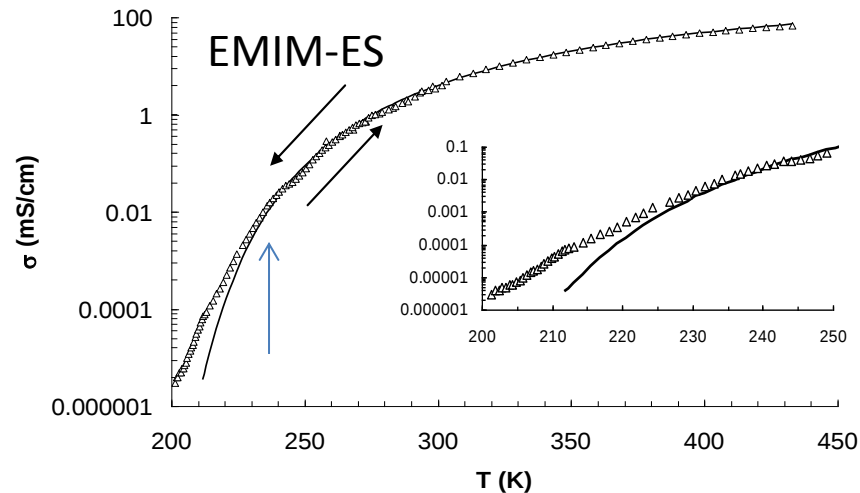
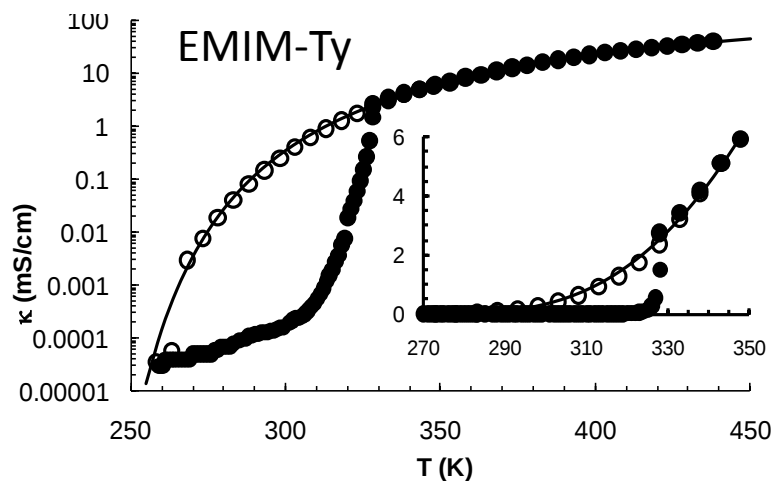
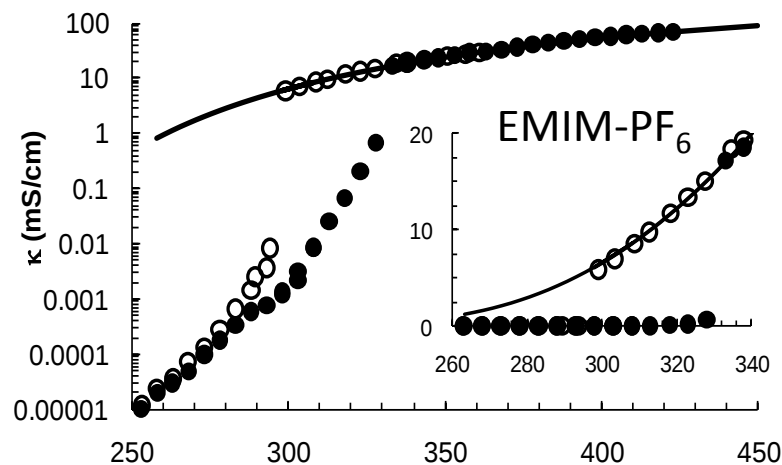
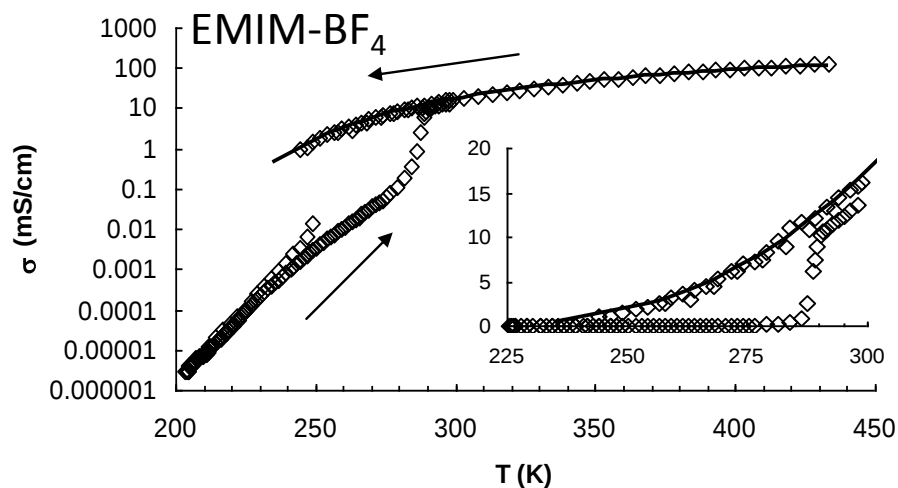
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LIQUID TO SOLID TRANSITION



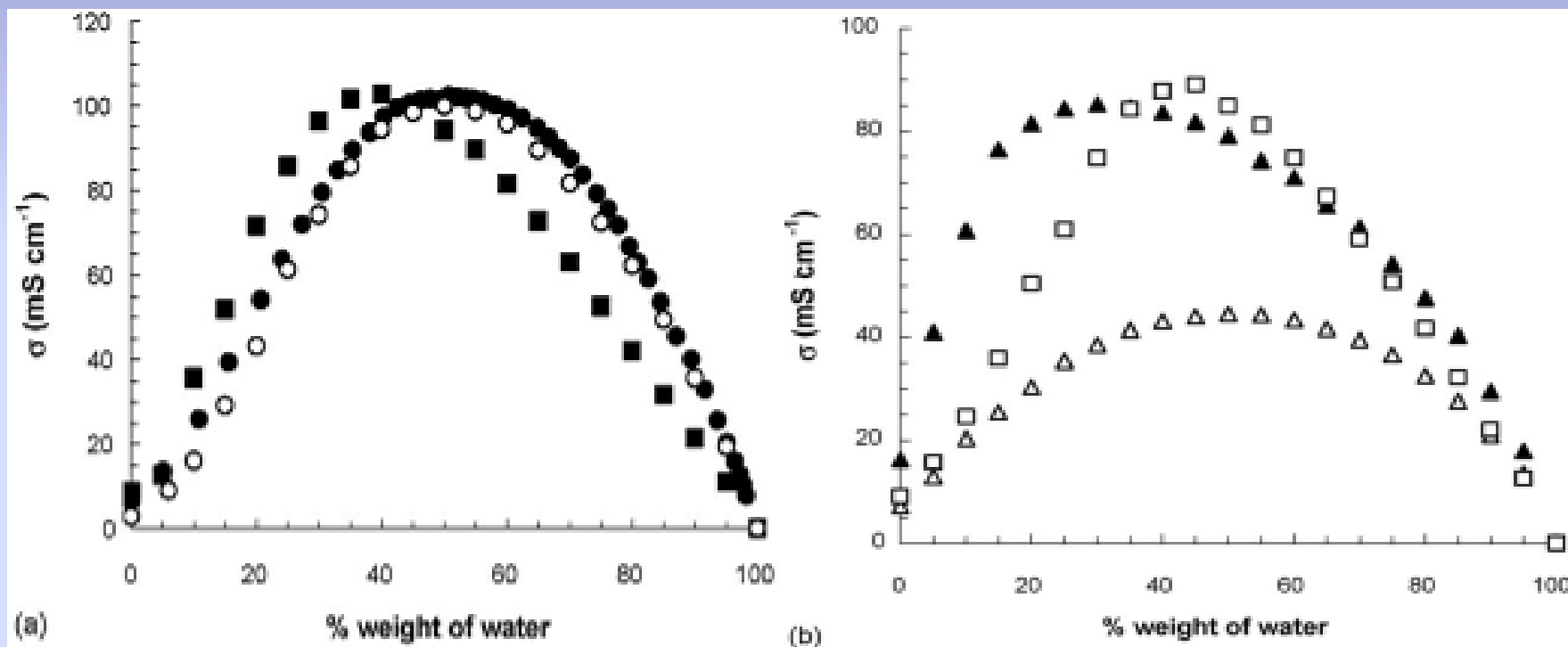
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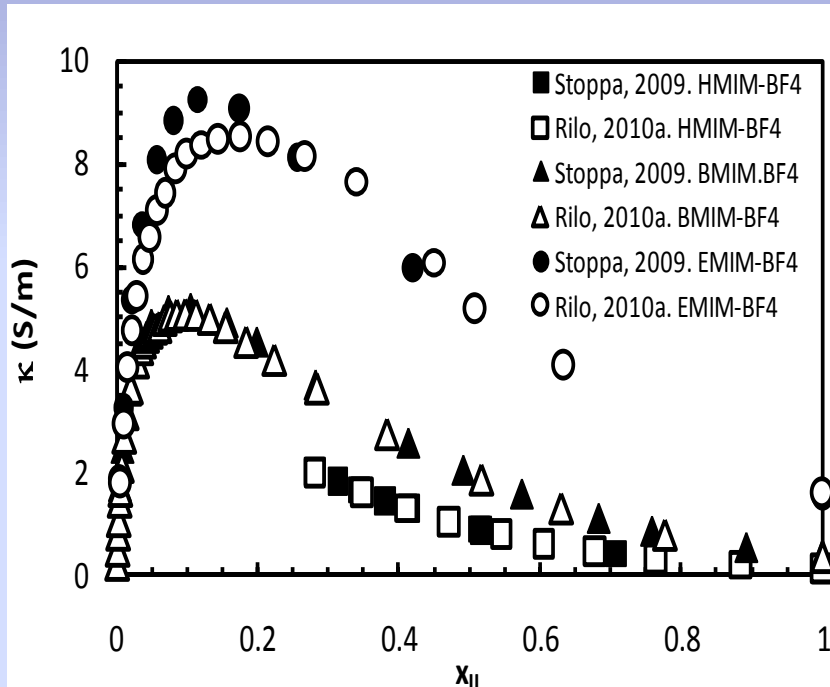
FOR AQUEOUS MIXTURES



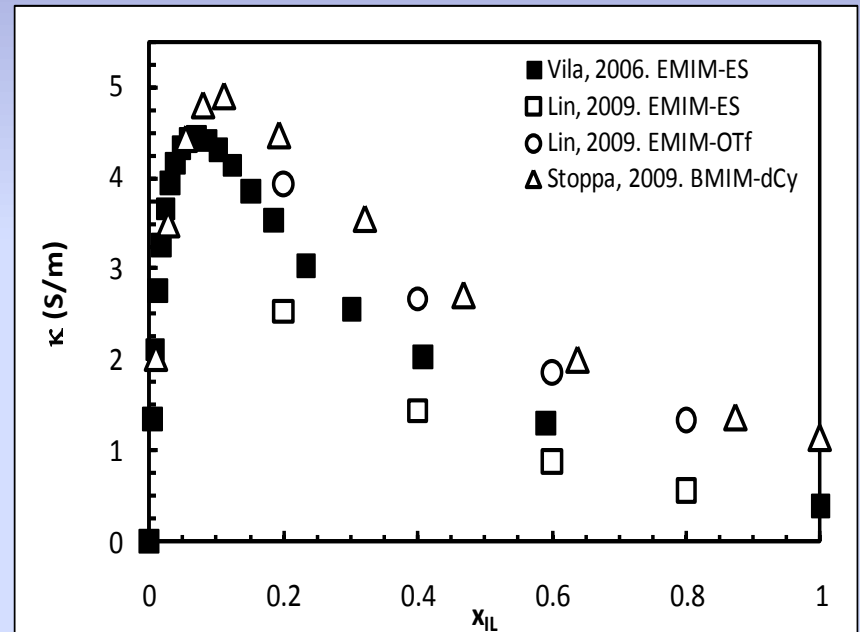
Electrical conductivity vs. the weight percentage of water in aqueous IL mixtures. (a) EMIM-AlBr₃ (x = 0.35) (solid dots), EMIM-AlBr₃ (x = 0.60) (solid squares) and EPYR-AlBr₃ (open dots). (b) EMIM-AlCl₃ (x = 0.33) (open squares), EMIM-BF₄ (solid triangles) and EMIM-ES (open triangles).

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REVIEW ON EXPERIMENTAL DATA (2011)



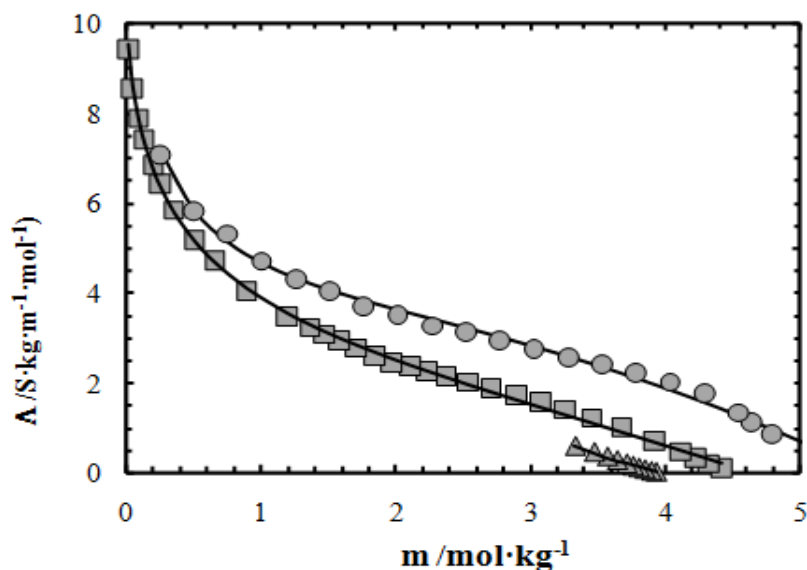
Electrical conductivity vs. IL molar fraction for three aqueous systems with tetrafluoro borate anions.



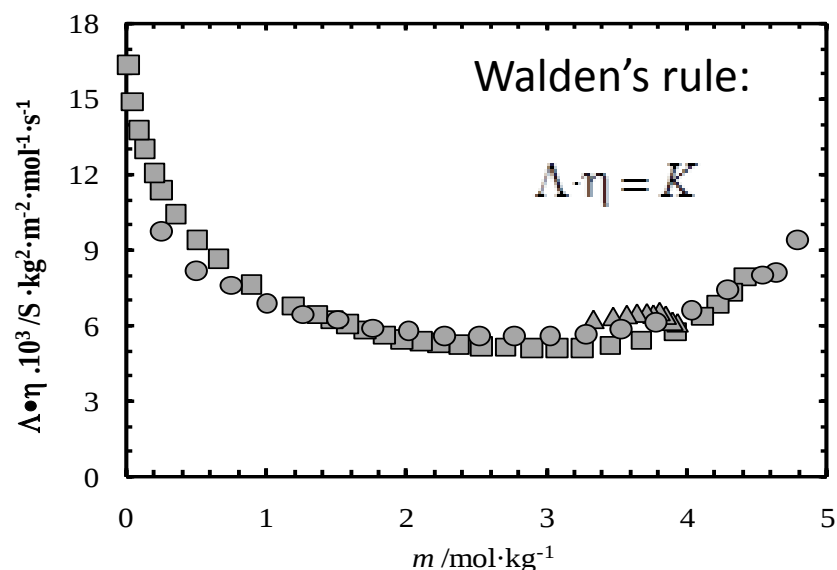
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WALDEN'S RULE



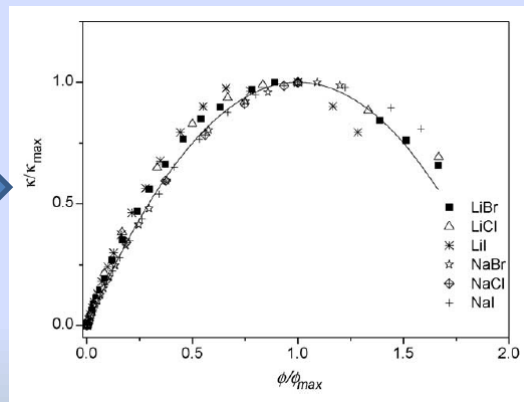
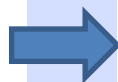
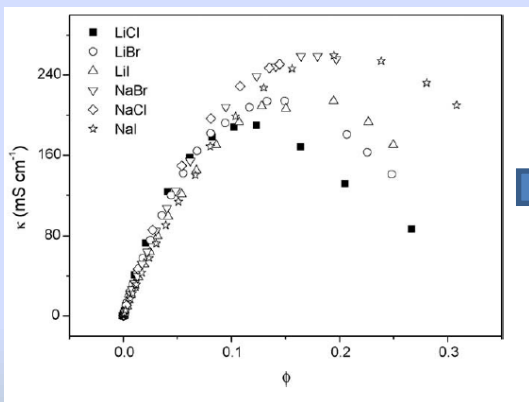
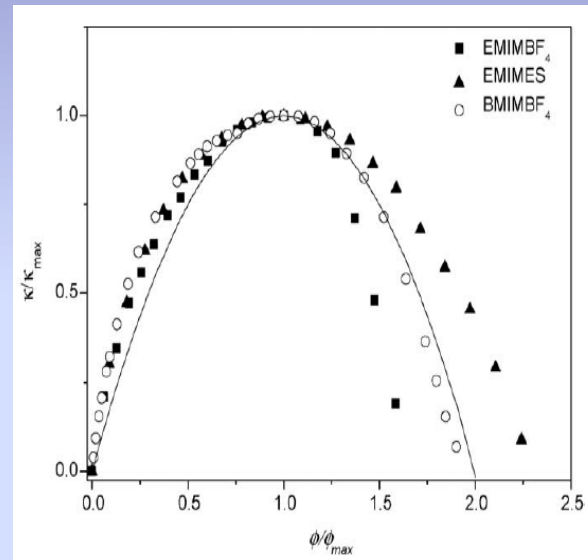
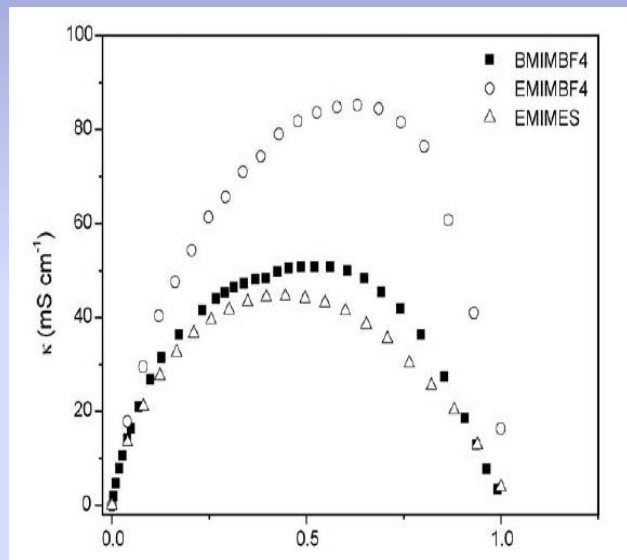
Molar conductivity vs. molality for aqueous solutions of $\text{C}_2\text{MIM-BF}_4$ (dot symbols), $\text{C}_4\text{MIM-BF}_4$ (square symbols) and $\text{C}_6\text{MIM-BF}_4$ (triangle symbols).



The product of molar conductivity by viscosity vs. molality for aqueous solutions for the same compounds than at left.
Walden's rule works for each m value!

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THEORETICAL STUDIES ON IL MIXTURES

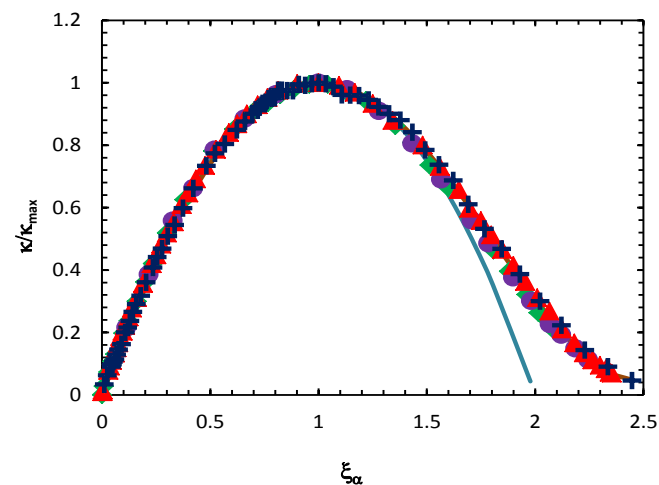
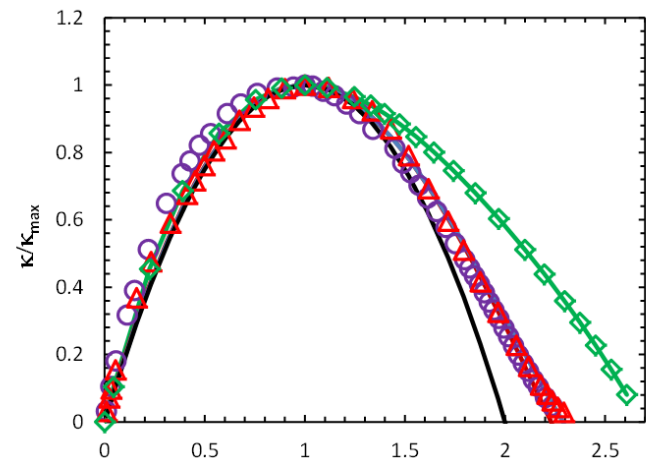
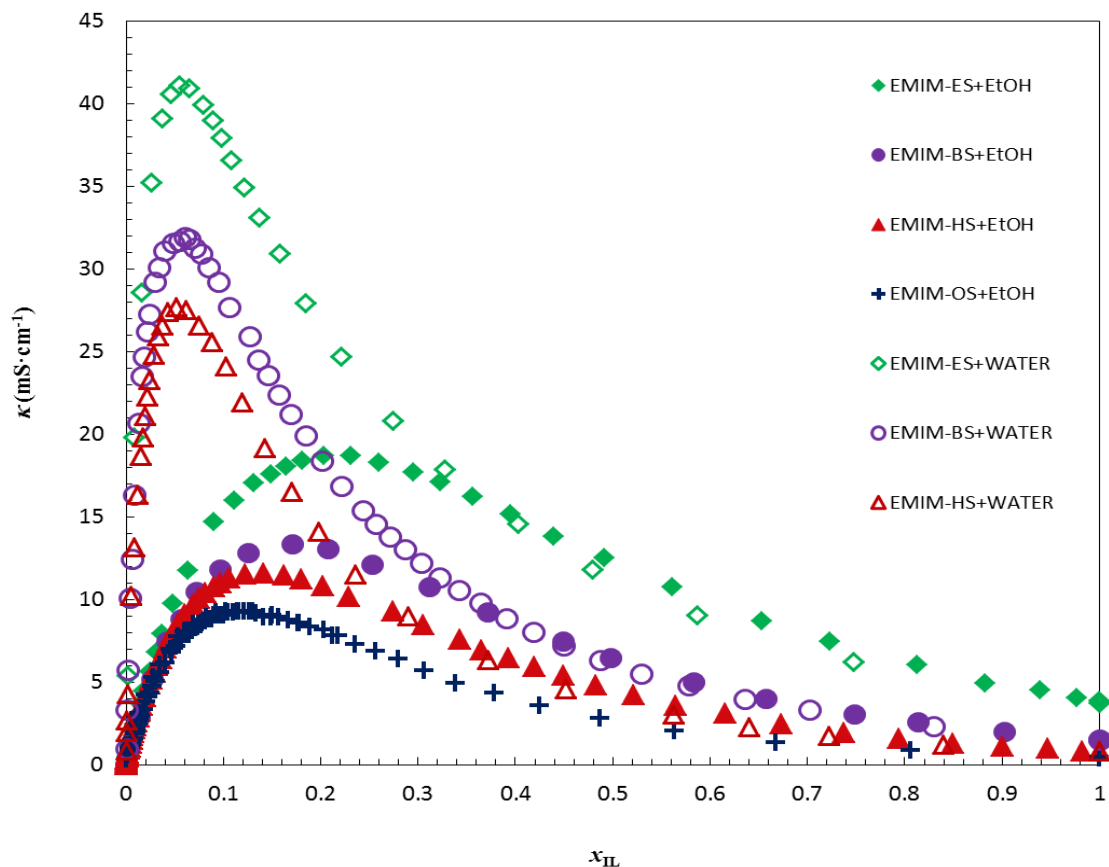


$$\frac{\kappa}{\kappa_{\max}} = 2\xi_{\alpha} \left(1 - \frac{\xi_{\alpha}}{2} \right)$$

Universal Behavior!
No fitting parameters

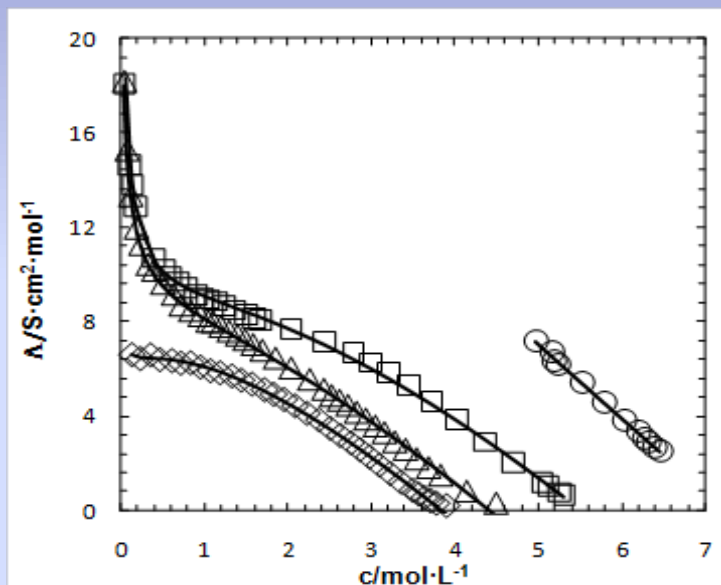
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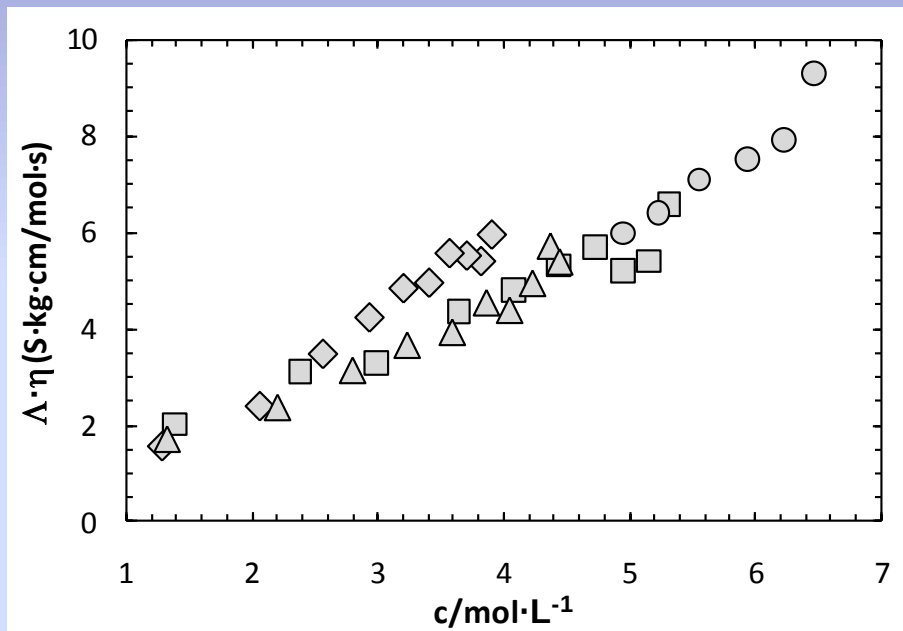


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SYSTEMATIC STUDIES ON ILs (2007-2013)



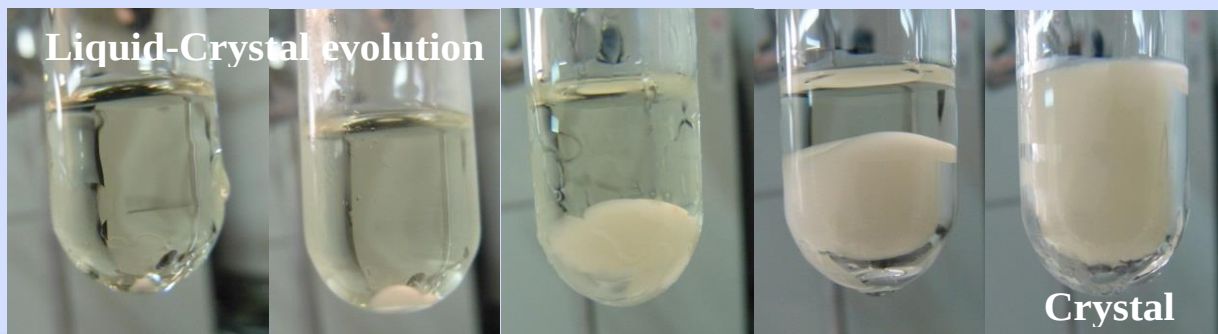
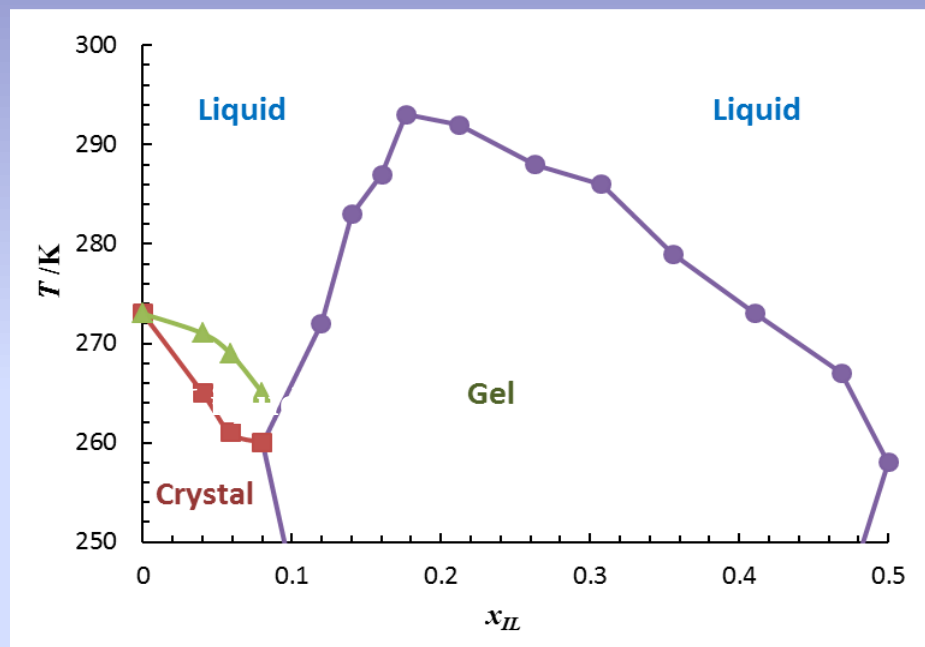
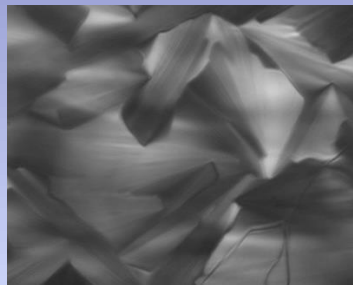
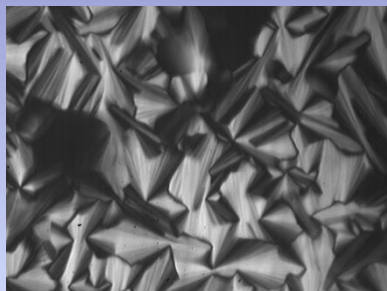
Molar conductivity vs. ionic liquid concentration for binary mixtures of ethanol with $\text{C}_2\text{MIM-BF}_4$ (dots), $\text{C}_4\text{MIM-BF}_4$ (squares), $\text{C}_6\text{MIM-BF}_4$ (triangles) and $\text{C}_8\text{MIM-BF}_4$ (rhombus symbols).



The product of molar conductivity by viscosity vs. molality for mixtures with ethanol for the same compounds than at left. **Walden's rule also works.**

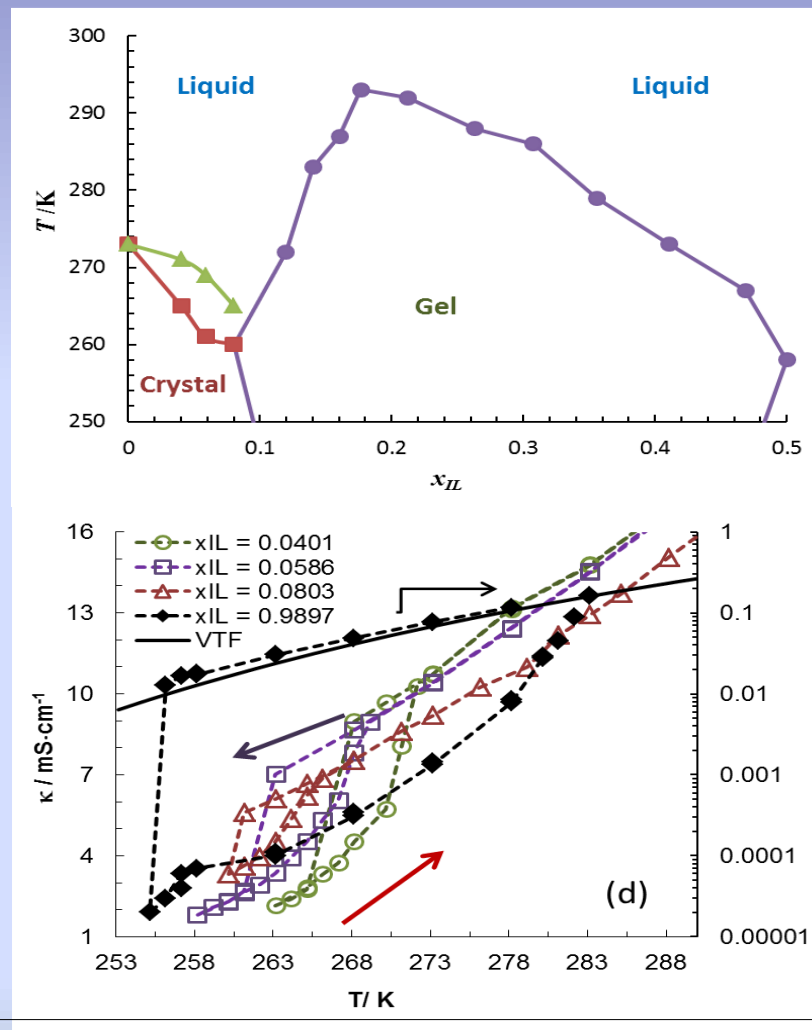
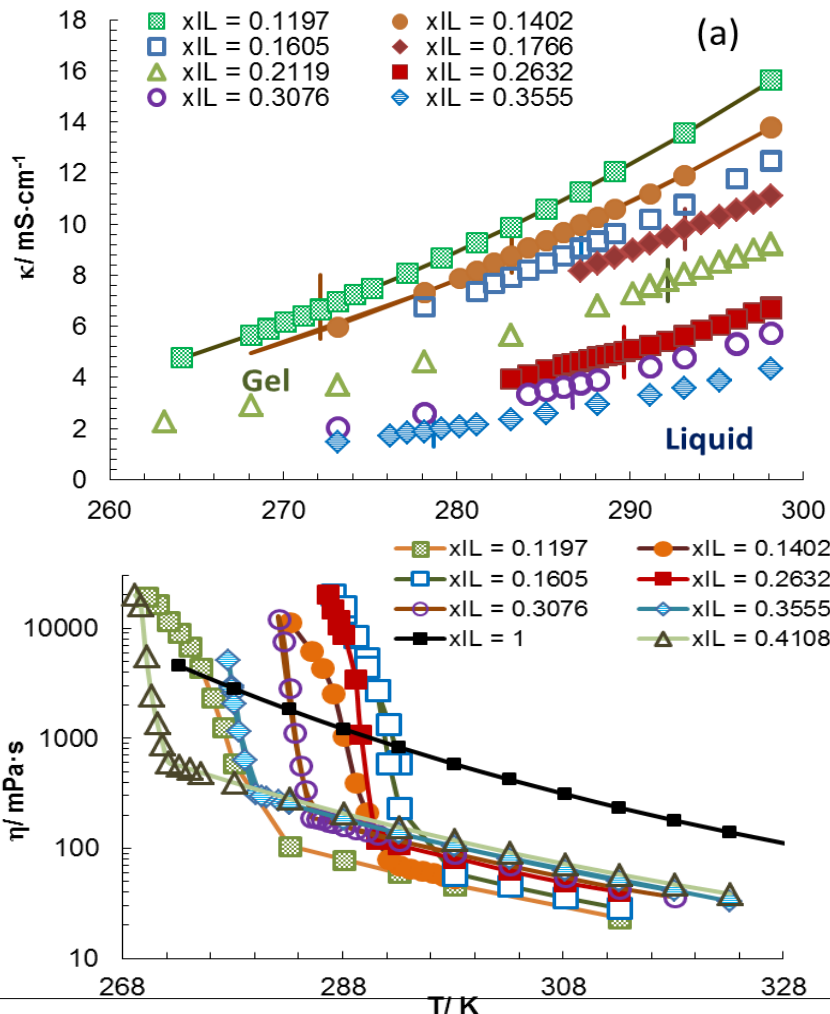
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PRESENT AND FUTURE WORK



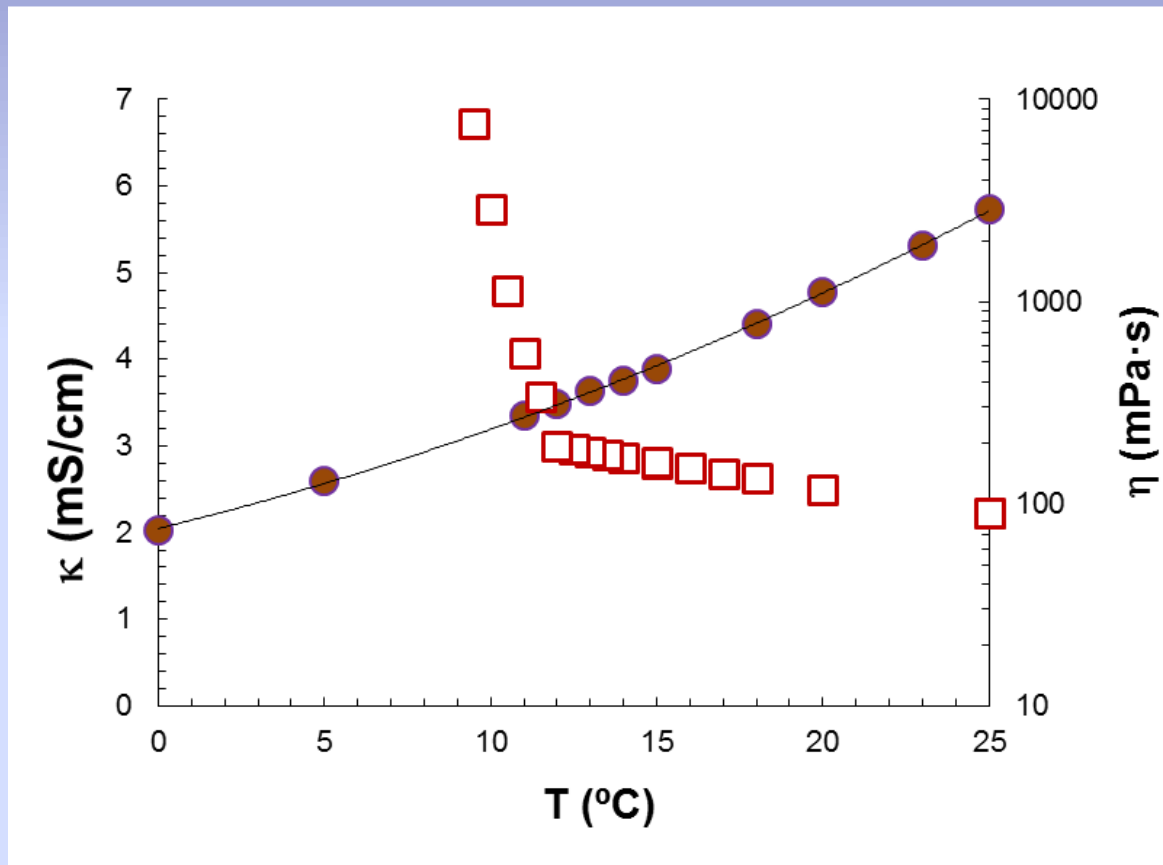
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PRESENT AND FUTURE WORK



Walden's rule does not work at all...!

Is it still valid ionic conduction as unique charge transport mechanism?

PRESENT AND FUTURE WORK

- To continue studying rigid-gel state and applications, including optical ones
- To elucidate ionic transport mechanism role from theoretical and experimental points of view
- Computational MD simulations of transport properties (polarizable potential)
- Conductivity of ILs with added salts (first results where presented yesterday by M. Turmine)
- ILs as base compound for new electrolytes
- To begin studying electrical conductivity in DES (Deep Eutectic Solvents)

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