

Electronic Supplementary Information for

Structure and Dynamics of CO₂ and N₂ in a Tetracyanoborate Based Ionic Liquid

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Table S1. Simulated density and diffusivity of the CO₂/N₂ emimB(CN)₄ mixtures. The uncertainty in density is within 1% and in self-diffusivity within 10%, based on averaging over multiple independent runs.

Temperature (K)	Mole fraction (%)	Density (g/cm ³)	D ₊ (10 ⁻⁸ m ² /s)	D ₋ (10 ⁻⁸ m ² /s)	D _{solute} (10 ⁻⁸ m ² /s)
Neat IL					
400		0.899	0.093	0.073	
360		0.927	0.047	0.037	
340		0.945	0.028	0.023	
320		0.963	0.017	0.013	
300		0.983	0.009	0.006	
CO ₂ mixture					
400	2.5	0.891	0.092	0.074	0.438
360	2.5	0.926	0.047	0.038	0.254
320	2.5	0.964	0.016	0.014	0.117
300	2.5	0.983	0.010	0.007	0.075
400	5.0	0.890	0.095	0.074	0.405
400	10.0	0.890	0.102	0.081	0.397
N ₂ mixture					
400	2.5	0.888	0.091	0.074	0.558
360	2.5	0.924	0.048	0.039	0.286
320	2.5	0.962	0.018	0.014	0.150
300	2.5	0.980	0.009	0.008	0.089
400	5.0	0.886	0.093	0.079	0.565
400	10.0	0.880	0.094	0.081	0.577

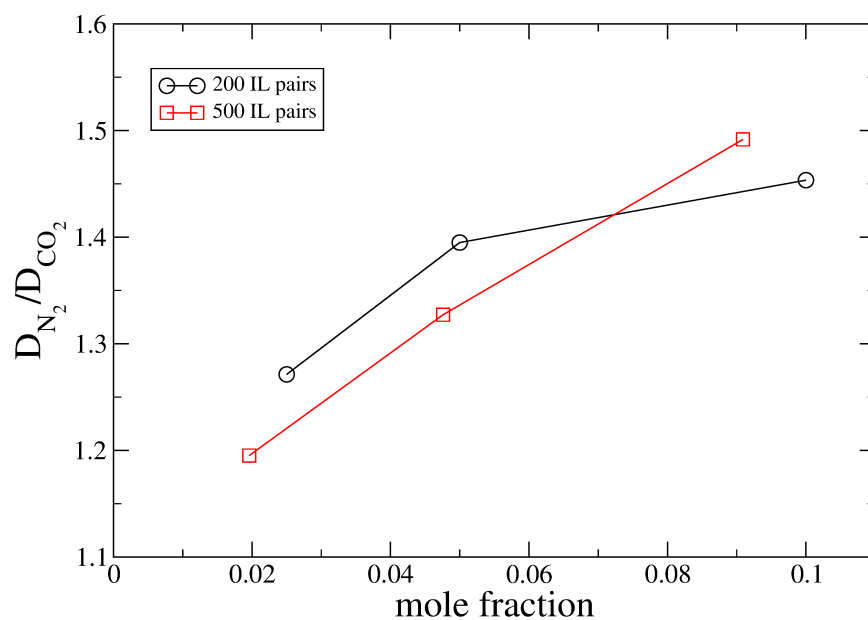


Figure S1. System size effect on the diffusivity ratio of D_{N_2}/D_{CO_2} .

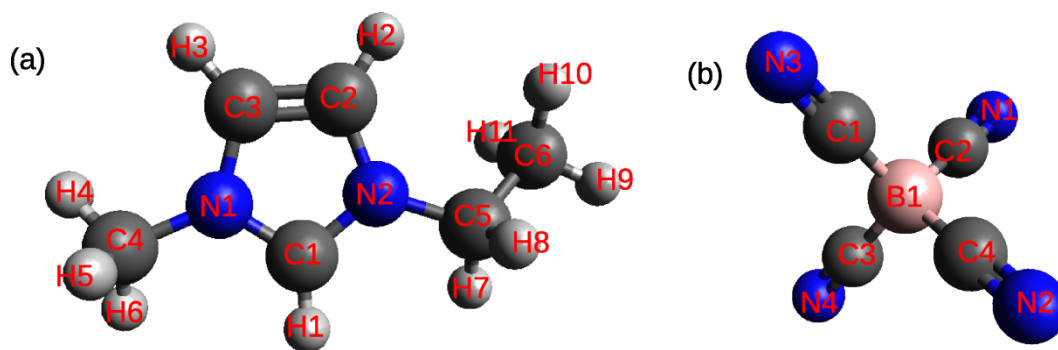


Figure S2. Atom names (in red) in the force fields of (a) emim cation and (b) $B(CN)_4$ anion. Each atom is given an atom name from which one can readily retrieve the atom type information for the specific atom. Lennard-Jones and bonded parameters are categorized in atom types.

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#####  
# Force field originally built via Antechamber using GAFF  
# For AMBER-style impropers, atom #3 is the central atom.  
#####  
FORCEFIELD 2MI
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! ATOM:  
!! index (int): atom index  
!! name (str): atom name (required)  
!! mass (float, amu): atomic mass  
!! element (str): element symbol  
!! epsilon (float, Ken): LJ well depth  
!! sigma (float, angstrom): LJ zero-energy distance
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ATOM name mass element epsilon sigma ! 8
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```
cc 12.010 C 43.277 3.400 ! 1  
cd 12.010 C 43.277 3.400 ! 2  
na 14.010 N 85.547 3.250 ! 3  
h5 1.008 H 7.548 2.421 ! 4  
h4 1.008 H 7.548 2.511 ! 5  
c3 12.010 C 55.052 3.400 ! 6  
h1 1.008 H 7.901 2.471 ! 7  
hc 1.008 H 7.901 2.650 ! 8
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! BOND:
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```
!! harmonic:  $K * (R - R_0)^2$   
!!! K (float, Ken/angstrom^2): force constant  
!!! R0 (float, angstrom): equilibrium bond length  
!! fixed: R = R0  
!!! R0 (float, angstrom): equilibrium bond length
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BOND ! 10
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```
cc na harmonic 220812.0 1.371 ! 1 1.353  
cc h5 harmonic 179146.0 1.079 ! 2 1.080  
cc cd harmonic 253622.0 1.371 ! 3 1.363  
cc h4 harmonic 176177.0 1.083 ! 4 1.079  
cd na harmonic 220812.0 1.371 ! 5 1.383  
cd h4 harmonic 176177.0 1.083 ! 6 1.079  
c3 na harmonic 168427.0 1.456 ! 7 1.477  
c3 h1 harmonic 169031.0 1.093 ! 8 1.092  
c3 c3 harmonic 152526.0 1.535 ! 9 1.527  
c3 hc harmonic 169736.0 1.092 ! 10 1.094
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! ANGLE:
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```
!! harmonic:  $K * (A - A_0)^2$   
!!! K (float, Ken/radian^2): force constant  
!!! A0 (float, degrees): equilibrium angle  
!! fixed: A = A0  
!!! A0 (float, degrees): equilibrium angle
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ANGLE ! 18
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```
cc na cd harmonic 32146.0 128.01 ! 1 108.328  
c3 na cc harmonic 31481.0 125.09 ! 2 125.847  
cc na cc harmonic 34692.0 109.90 ! 3 108.324  
cc cd na harmonic 36690.0 109.42 ! 4 107.113  
cc cd h4 harmonic 23747.0 129.11 ! 5 130.932  
cd cc h4 harmonic 23747.0 129.11 ! 6 130.728  
cd cc na harmonic 36690.0 109.42 ! 7 107.214  
c3 na cd harmonic 31481.0 125.09 ! 8 125.776
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```
h5  cc  na  harmonic  25040.0  122.10  ! 9  125.489
na  cc  na  harmonic  37062.0  109.33  ! 10 109.020
h4  cd  na  harmonic  25272.0  119.66  ! 11 121.954
h1  c3  na  harmonic  25111.0  109.45  ! 12 108.213
h4  cc  na  harmonic  25272.0  119.66  ! 13 122.057
c3  c3  na  harmonic  33077.0  112.81  ! 14 112.336
h1  c3  h1  harmonic  19716.0  109.55  ! 15 109.162
c3  c3  hc  harmonic  23334.0  110.05  ! 16 110.640
c3  c3  h1  harmonic  23329.0  110.07  ! 17 111.646
hc  c3  hc  harmonic  19842.0  108.35  ! 18 108.266
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! DIHEDRAL:

!! charmm: $K_n * (1 + \cos(N * A - A_0))$

!!! K_n (float, Ken): interaction energy

!!! N (int): periodicity

!!! A_0 (float, degrees): equilibrium angle

!! opls: $K_1 * (1 + \cos(A)) + K_2 * (1 - \cos(2 * A)) + K_3 * (1 + \cos(3 * A)) + K_4 * (1 - \cos(4 * A))$

!!! K_1 (float, Ken): interaction energy

!!! K_2 (float, Ken): interaction energy

!!! K_3 (float, Ken): interaction energy

!!! K_4 (float, Ken): interaction energy

DIHEDRAL ! 23

```
cc  cd  na  cc  charmm  855.470  2  180.0  ! 1  -0.022
h4  cd  na  cc  charmm  855.470  2  180.0  ! 2 -179.606
h1  c3  na  cc  charmm   0.000  2   0.0    ! 3   8.438
cd  cc  na  cc  charmm  855.470  2  180.0  ! 4   0.146
h4  cc  na  cc  charmm  855.470  2  180.0  ! 5  179.866
c3  c3  na  cc  charmm  4822.97  1   0.0    # min: -199 max: 304 rms: 180
c3  c3  na  cc  charmm  -59.10  2  180.0  # min: -97 max: 137 rms: 86
c3  c3  na  cc  charmm  219.01  3   0.0    # min: -32 max: 19 rms: 17
c3  c3  na  cc  charmm  102.66  4  180.0  # min: -177 max: 222 rms: 139
cc  cd  na  c3  charmm  855.470  2  180.0  ! 7  179.568
na  cc  na  cc  charmm  855.470  2  180.0  ! 8  -0.161
h5  cc  na  cc  charmm  855.470  2  180.0  ! 9 -179.857
cd  cc  na  c3  charmm  855.470  2  180.0  ! 10 178.271
h5  cc  na  cd  charmm  855.470  2  180.0  ! 11 179.811
na  cc  na  cd  charmm  855.470  2  180.0  ! 12  0.114
h1  c3  na  cd  charmm   0.000  2   0.0    ! 13  59.507
na  cc  na  c3  charmm  855.470  2  180.0  ! 14 -178.882
h4  cc  cd  na  charmm  2012.880  2  180.0  ! 15 -179.763
na  cc  cd  na  charmm  2012.880  2  180.0  ! 16 -0.075
h5  cc  na  c3  charmm  855.470  2  180.0  ! 17  1.118
h4  cc  cd  h4  charmm  2012.880  2  180.0  ! 18 -0.230
h4  cc  na  c3  charmm  855.470  2  180.0  ! 19 -2.009
na  cc  cd  h4  charmm  2012.880  2  180.0  ! 20 179.458
h4  cd  na  c3  charmm  855.470  2  180.0  ! 21 -0.016
hc  c3  c3  na  charmm   78.500  3   0.0    ! 22  60.022
h1  c3  c3  hc  charmm   78.500  3   0.0    ! 23 -0.131
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! IMPROPER:

!! cosine: $K_n * (1 + \cos(N * A - A_0))$

!!! K_n (float, Ken): interaction energy

!!! N (int): periodicity

!!! A_0 (float, degrees): equilibrium angle

!! harmonic: $K * (A - A_0)^2$

!!! K (float, Ken/radian²): force constant

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!!! A0 (float, degrees): equilibrium angle
IMPROPER ! 5
  h5  na  cc  na cosine  553.540  2  180.0  ! 1 -179.697
  cd  h4  cc  na cosine  553.540  2  180.0  ! 2 -179.648
  cc  h4  cd  na cosine  553.540  2  180.0  ! 3  179.474
  c3  cc  na  cd cosine  553.540  2  180.0  ! 4  179.589
  c3  cc  na  cc cosine  553.540  2  180.0  ! 5 -178.125
```

MOLECULE 2MI

```
! ATOM:
!! index (int): atom index
!! name (str): atom name (required)
!! type (str): atomtype name
!! charge (float, e): partial atomic charge
!! x (float, angstrom): atom coordinate
!! y (float, angstrom): atom coordinate
!! z (float, angstrom): atom coordinate
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```
ATOM name type charge x y z ! 19
  C1  cc -0.090000 -1.89400 -0.67700 0.15500 ! 1
  C2  cc -0.121000 -0.17900 0.67000 -0.17500 ! 2
  C3  cd -0.145000 -1.31200 1.42800 -0.16400 ! 3
  N1  na 0.191000 -2.37500 0.56800 0.04400 ! 4
  H1  h5 0.186000 -2.48600 -1.56400 0.32500 ! 5
  H2  h4 0.189000 0.85500 0.95100 -0.30400 ! 6
  H3  h4 0.185000 -1.45200 2.49200 -0.27800 ! 7
  N2  na 0.044000 -0.56300 -0.64300 0.02800 ! 8
  C4  c3 -0.286000 -3.79000 0.95700 0.13700 ! 9
  H4  h1 0.139000 -4.09400 1.44300 -0.79200 ! 10
  H5  h1 0.139000 -4.39300 0.06300 0.29500 ! 11
  H6  h1 0.139000 -3.92400 1.64000 0.97800 ! 12
  C5  c3 0.015000 0.34100 -1.81900 0.05500 ! 13
  C6  c3 -0.141000 0.84200 -2.19800 -1.33700 ! 14
  H7  h1 0.076000 -0.22200 -2.63500 0.51500 ! 15
  H8  h1 0.076000 1.16500 -1.56700 0.72700 ! 16
  H9  hc 0.068000 0.01400 -2.46200 -2.00100 ! 17
  H10 hc 0.068000 1.41500 -1.38600 -1.79500 ! 18
  H11 hc 0.068000 1.50200 -3.06700 -1.25100 ! 19
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! BOND:
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BOND ! 19
  C1  N1  ! 1  1.339
  C1  H1  ! 2  1.080
  C1  N2  ! 3  1.337
  C2  C3  ! 4  1.363
  C2  H2  ! 5  1.079
  C2  N2  ! 6  1.383
  C3  N1  ! 7  1.383
  C3  H3  ! 8  1.079
  C4  N1  ! 9  1.470
  C5  N2  ! 10 1.484
  C4  H4  ! 11 1.092
  C4  H5  ! 12 1.090
  C4  H6  ! 13 1.092
  C5  C6  ! 14 1.527
  C5  H7  ! 15 1.093
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C5	H8	!	16	1.093
C6	H9	!	17	1.094
C6	H10	!	18	1.094
C6	H11	!	19	1.095

! ANGLE:

ANGLE ! 33

C1	N1	C3	!	1	108.328
C1	N1	C4	!	2	125.894
C1	N2	C2	!	3	108.324
C1	N2	C5	!	4	125.769
C2	C3	N1	!	5	107.113
C2	C3	H3	!	6	130.932
C2	N2	C5	!	7	125.878
C3	C2	H2	!	8	130.728
C3	C2	N2	!	9	107.214
C3	N1	C4	!	10	125.776
H1	C1	N1	!	11	125.431
N1	C1	N2	!	12	109.020
H3	C3	N1	!	13	121.954
H4	C4	N1	!	14	109.386
H5	C4	N1	!	15	108.940
H6	C4	N1	!	16	109.412
H1	C1	N2	!	17	125.548
H2	C2	N2	!	18	122.057
C6	C5	N2	!	19	112.336
H7	C5	N2	!	20	106.595
H8	C5	N2	!	21	106.731
H4	C4	H5	!	22	109.542
H4	C4	H6	!	23	110.053
H5	C4	H6	!	24	109.488
C5	C6	H9	!	25	111.403
C5	C6	H10	!	26	111.661
C5	C6	H11	!	27	108.857
C6	C5	H7	!	28	111.552
C6	C5	H8	!	29	111.740
H7	C5	H8	!	30	107.566
H10	C6	H9	!	31	108.750
H11	C6	H9	!	32	108.213
H10	C6	H11	!	33	107.834

! DIHEDRAL:

DIHEDRAL ! 41

H1	C1	N1	C3	!	1	179.811
N2	C1	N1	C3	!	2	0.114
H1	C1	N1	C4	!	3	0.221
N2	C1	N1	C4	!	4	-179.475
N1	C1	N2	C2	!	5	-0.161
H1	C1	N2	C2	!	6	-179.857
N1	C1	N2	C5	!	7	-178.289
H1	C1	N2	C5	!	8	2.015
H2	C2	C3	N1	!	9	-179.763
N2	C2	C3	N1	!	10	-0.075
H2	C2	C3	H3	!	11	-0.230
N2	C2	C3	H3	!	12	179.458
C3	C2	N2	C1	!	13	0.146

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H2 C2 N2 C1 ! 14 179.866
C3 C2 N2 C5 ! 15 178.271
H2 C2 N2 C5 ! 16 -2.009
C2 C3 N1 C1 ! 17 -0.022
H3 C3 N1 C1 ! 18 -179.606
C2 C3 N1 C4 ! 19 179.568
H3 C3 N1 C4 ! 20 -0.016
H4 C4 N1 C1 ! 21 -120.670
H4 C4 N1 C3 ! 22 59.811
H5 C4 N1 C1 ! 23 -0.957
H5 C4 N1 C3 ! 24 179.523
H6 C4 N1 C1 ! 25 118.706
H6 C4 N1 C3 ! 26 -60.814
C6 C5 N2 C1 ! 27 104.237
C6 C5 N2 C2 ! 28 -73.570
H7 C5 N2 C1 ! 29 -18.233
H7 C5 N2 C2 ! 30 163.961
H8 C5 N2 C1 ! 31 -132.968
H8 C5 N2 C2 ! 32 49.226
N2 C5 C6 H9 ! 33 -60.833
H7 C5 C6 H9 ! 34 58.788
H8 C5 C6 H9 ! 35 179.240
N2 C5 C6 H10 ! 36 60.980
H7 C5 C6 H10 ! 37 -179.399
H8 C5 C6 H10 ! 38 -58.947
N2 C5 C6 H11 ! 39 179.918
H7 C5 C6 H11 ! 40 -60.461
H8 C5 C6 H11 ! 41 59.992
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! IMPROPER:

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IMPROPER ! 5
H1 N1 C1 N2 ! 1 -179.697
C3 H2 C2 N2 ! 2 -179.648
C2 H3 C3 N1 ! 3 179.474
C4 C1 N1 C3 ! 4 179.589
C5 C2 N2 C1 ! 5 -178.125
```

FORCEFIELD BCN

! ATOM:

```
!! index (int): atom index
!! name (str): atom name (required)
!! mass (float, amu): atomic mass
!! element (str): element symbol
!! epsilon (float, Ken): LJ well depth
!! sigma (float, angstrom): LJ zero-energy distance
ATOM name mass element epsilon sigma ! 3
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```
  c1 12.010 C 30.696 3.118 ! 1
  b  10.810 B 47.811 3.581 ! 2
  n1 14.010 N 85.554 3.401 ! 3
```

! BOND:

```
!! harmonic: K * (R - R0)**2
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!!! K (float, Ken/angstrom^2): force constant
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!!! R0 (float, angstrom): equilibrium bond length
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!! fixed: R = R0
!!! R0 (float, angstrom): equilibrium bond length
BOND ! 2
  b   c1 harmonic  35228.3  1.572  ! 1   1.423
  c1  n1 harmonic  60389.7  1.150  ! 2   1.423

! ANGLE:
!! harmonic: K * (A - A0)**2
!!! K (float, Ken/radian^2): force constant
!!! A0 (float, degrees): equilibrium angle
!! fixed: A = A0
!!! A0 (float, degrees): equilibrium angle
ANGLE ! 2
  c1   b   c1 harmonic   50276.6  109.50  ! 1  109.471
  b    c1  n1 harmonic   50276.6  180.00  ! 2  180.00
```

MOLECULE BCN

```
! ATOM:
!! index (int): atom index
!! name (str): atom name (required)
!! type (str): atomtype name
!! charge (float, e): partial atomic charge
!! x (float, angstrom): atom coordinate
!! y (float, angstrom): atom coordinate
!! z (float, angstrom): atom coordinate
ATOM name type charge x y z ! 5
  B1   b  0.200000   0.33500   0.55900  -0.84400  ! 1
  C1   c1 0.160000   1.75700   0.67700  -1.56700  ! 2
  C2   c1 0.160000  -0.62100  -0.39400  -1.70100  ! 3
  C3   c1 0.160000  -0.32500   2.01000  -0.72600  ! 4
  C4   c1 0.160000   0.53100  -0.05900   0.61800  ! 5
  N1   n1 -0.410000  -1.31700  -1.08700  -2.32500  ! 6
  N2   n1 -0.410000   0.67300  -0.50700   1.68200  ! 7
  N3   n1 -0.410000   2.79000   0.76300  -2.09300  ! 8
  N4   n1 -0.410000  -0.80600   3.06600  -0.64000  ! 9
```

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! BOND:
BOND !8
  B1  C1  ! 1   1.423
  B1  C2  ! 2   1.423
  B1  C3  ! 3   1.423
  B1  C4  ! 4   1.423
  C1  N3  ! 5   1.423
  C2  N1  ! 6   1.423
  C3  N4  ! 7   1.423
  C4  N2  ! 8   1.423
```

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! ANGLE:
ANGLE ! 6
  C1  B1  C2  ! 1  109.533
  C1  B1  C3  ! 2  109.463
  C1  B1  C4  ! 3  109.458
  C2  B1  C3  ! 4  109.463
  C2  B1  C4  ! 5  109.458
  C3  B1  C4  ! 6  109.453
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B1	C1	N3	!	7	180.00
B1	C2	N1	!	8	180.00
B1	C3	N4	!	9	180.00
B1	C4	N2	!	10	180.00