

## Supplementary Information

### Fluorescence response of a dipolar organic solute in a dicationic ionic liquid (IL): Is the behavior of dicationic IL different from that of usual monocationic IL?

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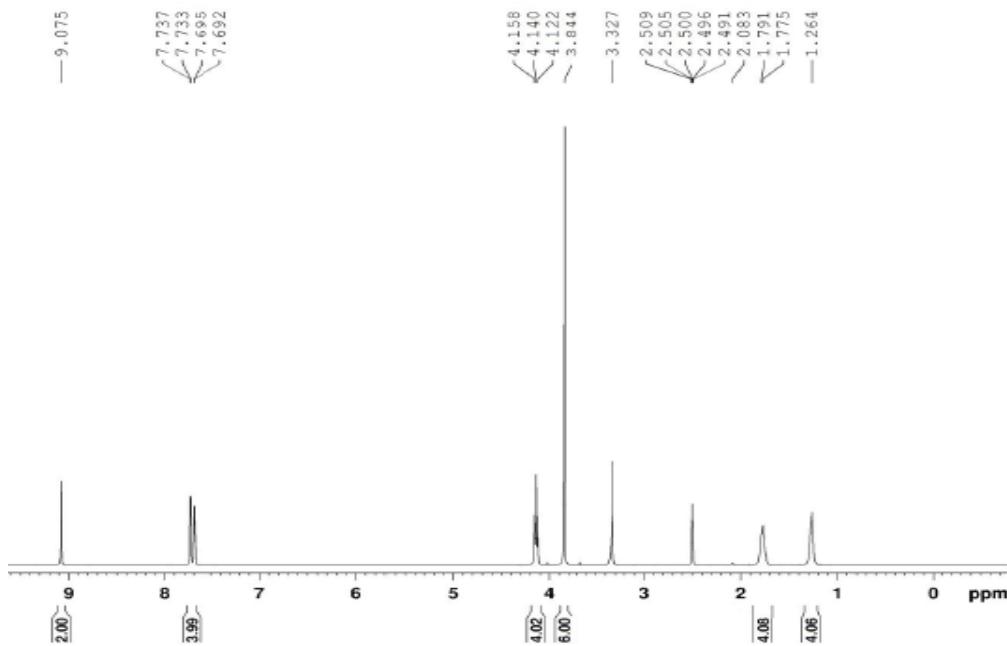


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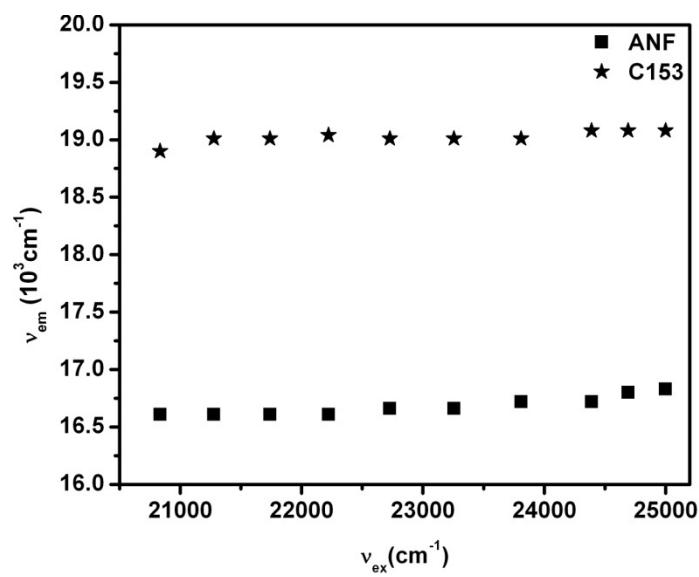


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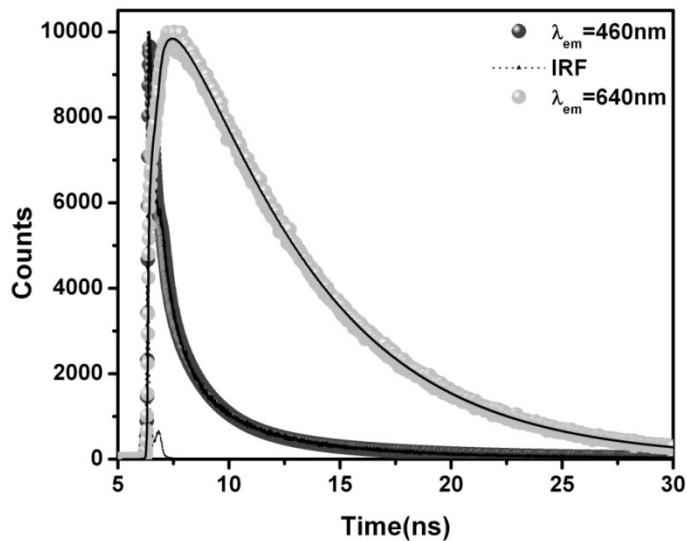


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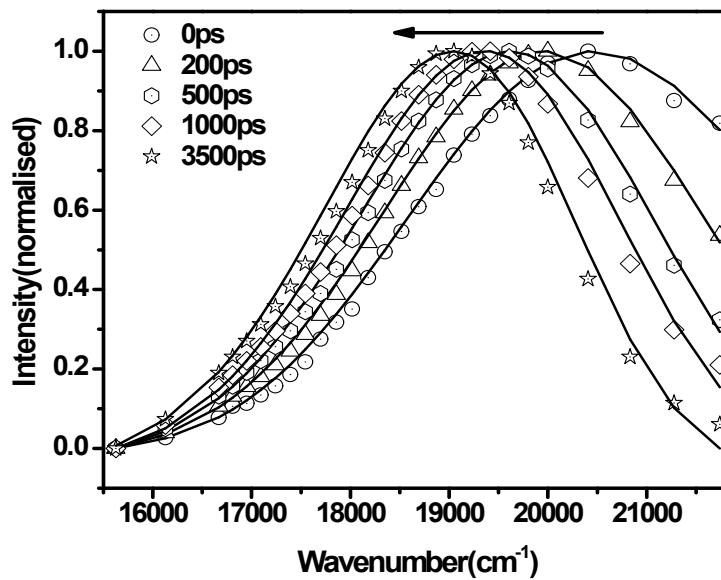


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Table S1. Solvation relaxation parameters of C153 in [C<sub>6</sub>MIm][NTf<sub>2</sub>] at  $\lambda_{\text{exc.}} = 405\text{nm}$  at different temperatures.

Vis.(cP)/ Temp.(K)	Biexponential Fit <sup>a</sup>						Stretched exponential Fit <sup>b</sup>				
	$a_1$	$\tau_1(\text{ns})$	$a_2$	$\tau_2(\text{ns})$	$\langle \tau_s \rangle(\text{ns})$	$\Delta v_{\text{obs}}$ (10 <sup>3</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta v_{\text{est}}$ (10 <sup>3</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$f_{\text{obs}}$	$\beta$	$\tau_{\text{sol}}(\text{ns})$	$\langle \tau_{\text{st}} \rangle(\text{ns})$
92/291.3	0.73	0.33	0.27	1.85	0.74	1.10	1.32	0.83	0.71	0.527	0.66
84/293	0.77	0.34	0.23	2.06	0.73	1.07	1.32	0.81	0.72	0.51	0.62
66/298	0.80	0.29	0.20	1.73	0.58	1.06	1.31	0.81	0.74	0.41	0.49
53/303	0.81	0.27	0.19	1.39	0.48	0.98	1.30	0.75	0.78	0.37	0.43
43/308	0.84	0.241	0.16	1.28	0.40	0.97	1.30	0.75	0.84	0.35	0.38
35/313	0.69	0.188	0.31	0.655	0.33	0.84	1.29	0.65	0.84	0.30	0.34

<sup>a</sup> biexponential fit according to equation 4 (main text) and <sup>b</sup> stretched exponential fit according to equation 6 (main text).  $\Delta v_{\text{obs}}$  is the observed dynamic shift calculated time resolved solvation data.  $\Delta v_{\text{est}}$  is the difference between  $v(\infty)$  from the fits and the time-zero frequency estimated according to the methods of ref 72(main text) and  $f_{\text{obs}} = \Delta v_{\text{obs}} / \Delta v_{\text{est}}$ . Experimental error  $\pm 5\%$ .

Table S2. Solvation relaxation parameters of C153 at 291K in [C<sub>6</sub>MIm][NTf<sub>2</sub>]

Source	$a_1$	$\tau_1(\text{ns})$	$a_2$	$\tau_2(\text{ns})$	$\langle \tau_s \rangle(\text{ns})$	$\Delta v_{\text{obs}}$ (10 <sup>3</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta v_{\text{est}}$ (10 <sup>3</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )
375	0.77	0.47	0.23	2.20	0.87	1.65	1.30
405	0.73	0.33	0.27	1.85	0.74	1.10	1.32
445	0.76	0.20	0.24	1.98	0.63	1.07	1.31

Table S3. Solvation relaxation parameters of C153 at 333K in [C<sub>6</sub>(MIm)<sub>2</sub>][NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>

Source	$a_1$	$\tau_1(\text{ns})$	$a_2$	$\tau_2(\text{ns})$	$\langle \tau_s \rangle(\text{ns})$	$\Delta v_{\text{obs}}$ (10 <sup>3</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta v_{\text{est}}$ (10 <sup>3</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )
375	0.71	0.24	0.29	1.02	0.47	1.15	1.37
405	0.64	0.14	0.36	0.82	0.38	0.95	1.40
445	0.77	0.22	0.23	1.21	0.45	0.83	1.34

Table S4. Rotational Relaxation Parameter in  $[C_6(MIm)_2][NTf_2]_2$  and  $[C_6Mim][NTf_2]$  at different excitation wavelengths.

System	Excitation Source	Viscosity(cP)/Temp.(K)	$r_0$	$a_1$	$\tau_1(ns)$	$a_2$	$\tau_2(ns)$	$\langle\tau_r\rangle(ns)$	$C_{rot}$
$[C_6(MIm)_2][NTf_2]_2$	405	827/293	0.32	0.17	1.32	0.83	17.78	14.98	0.20
		92/333	0.34	0.21	0.65	0.79	3.51	2.93	0.40
	445	827/293	0.24	0.14	1.03	0.86	13.58	11.82	0.16
		92/333	0.33	0.20	1.12	0.80	3.95	3.37	0.46
$[C_6Mim][NTf_2]$	405	92/291	0.34	0.14	0.62	0.86	4.91	4.31	0.52
		84/293	0.33	0.16	0.81	0.84	4.72	4.10	0.55
	445	92/291	0.35	0.12	0.79	0.88	4.76	4.26	0.51
		84/293	0.40	0.13	0.87	0.87	4.54	4.06	0.49