

## Supporting Information

# Hydroxometalates from Anion Exchange Reaction of $[\text{BF}_4]^-$ based Ionic Liquids: Formation of $[\text{M}(\text{OH})_6]^{2-}$ (M = Ti, Zr) and $[\text{Zr}(\text{OH})_5]^-$

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## Experimental

**1-Butyl-3-methyl-imidazolium chloride ([BMIM][Cl]).**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 0.81 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (m, 2H), 1.75 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 3H), 4.19 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.62 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 10.46 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300 Hz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  = 13.3, 19.3, 32.0, 36.3, 49.6, 122.0, 123.7, 137.6.

**1-Butyl-3-methyl-imidazolium tetrafluoroborate ([BMIM][BF<sub>4</sub>]).**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 Hz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  = 0.93 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.31 (m, 2H), 1.80 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 4.13 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 8.47 (s, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300 Hz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  = 12.6, 18.9, 31.5, 35.7, 49.2, 122.2, 123.6, 136.0.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR (300 Hz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  = -151.2.

**Di(1-butyl-3-methyl-imidazolium) hexahydroxotitanate ([BMIM]<sub>2</sub>[Ti(OH)<sub>6</sub>]).** 2.84 g  $\text{Ti}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$  (10 mmol) was added dropwise to the solution of [BMIM][BF<sub>4</sub>] (4.52 g, 20 mmol) and ethanol (11.4 g) under magnetic stirring at room temperature in an open flask (Relative Humidity: ~ 45%). After stirring for 1 hour at room temperature to obtain a turbid solution, the temperature was raised up to reflux, and the precipitates were [solved](#) to obtain a clear liquid. We continued stirring for 4 hours and distilled off the low boiling component to give rise to a clear liquid. The liquid was [solved](#) in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  and EtOAc under reflux, filtered and kept in a fridge to grow crystal (-10°C). After several days, the product was collected via filter and washed with EtOAc/ $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$  (1:1) to give rise to 1.55 g [BMIM]<sub>2</sub>[Ti(OH)<sub>6</sub>] in 37% yield. Colorless needle-like crystal, Mp: 176-177°C. IR: 525, 618, 775, 867, 1165, 1455, 2960, 3100 ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 Hz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  = 0.91 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.29 (m, 4H), 1.79 (m, 4H), 2.45 (br, OH), 3.87 (s, 6H), 4.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.34-7.39 (m, 4H), 9.18 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300 Hz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ ):  $\delta$  = 12.7, 19.0, 31.7, 35.6, 49.0, 121.8, 123.4, 137.6. [Anal. calcd for](#)

$C_{16}H_{36}N_4O_6Ti \cdot H_2O$ : C, 43.05; H, 8.58; N, 12.55; Found: C, 42.99, H: 6.75; N, 12.50. The product has been identified with single crystal X-ray diffraction.

**Di(1-octyl-3-methyl-imidazolium) hexahydroxotitanate** ( $[OMIM]_2[Ti(OH)_6]$ ). The procedure was used as for  $[BMIM]_2[Ti(OH)_6]$ . White solid, 4.50 g (83%); Mp: 69-72°C. IR: 548, 766, 865, 1165, 1460, 1565, 2925, 3105 ( $cm^{-1}$ ).  $^1H$  NMR (300 Hz,  $CD_3CN$ ):  $\delta$  = 0.86 (t,  $J$  = 6.6 Hz, 6H), 1.15-1.38 (m, 20H), 1.79 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 4H), 3.29 (br, OH), 3.88 (s, 6H), 4.18 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 7.39 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 9.26 (s, 2H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (300 Hz,  $CD_3CN$ ):  $\delta$  = 13.4, 22.4, 25.8, 28.8, 28.9, 29.9, 31.5, 35.6, 49.2, 121.7, 123.3, 138.0. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{24}H_{52}N_4O_6Ti \cdot H_2O$ : C, 51.61; H, 9.74; N, 10.03; Ti, 8.57; Found: C, 51.28; H, 10.07; N, 10.07; Ti,  $8.53 \pm 0.12$  (ICP).

**Di(1-dodecyl-3-methyl-imidazolium) hexahydroxotitanate** ( $[DodMIM]_2[Ti(OH)_6]$ ). The procedure was used as for  $[BMIM]_2[Ti(OH)_6]$ . White solid, 5.24 g (82%); Mp: 132-134°C. IR: 550, 768, 876, 1166, 1460, 1566, 2860, 2920, 3110 ( $cm^{-1}$ ).  $^1H$  NMR (300 Hz,  $CD_3CN$ ):  $\delta$  = 8.8 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.17-1.38 (m, 36H), 1.79 (m, 4H), 2.58 (br, OH), 3.88 (s, 6H), 4.17 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 7.32-7.37 (m, 4H), 9.12 (s, 2H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (300 Hz,  $CD_3CN$ ):  $\delta$  = 13.4, 22.4, 25.8, 28.8, 29.08, 29.2, 29.29, 29.36, 29.37, 29.8, 31.6, 35.7, 49.3, 121.8, 123.3, 137.6. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{32}H_{68}N_4O_6Ti \cdot HBF_4 \cdot H_2O$ : C, 50.66; H, 9.43; N, 7.39; Found: C, 50.44; H, 8.47; N, 7.33.

**Di(1-butyl-3-vinyl-imidazolium) hexahydroxotitanate** ( $[BVIM]_2[Ti(OH)_6]$ ). The procedure was used as for  $[BMIM]_2[Ti(OH)_6]$ . The product was crystallized from EtOH/ $CH_3CN$ /EtOAc. White solid, 1.89 g (43%); Mp: 247-249°C. IR: 528, 600, 779, 859, 9176, 967, 1167, 1270, 1367, 1458, 1557, 1655, 2947, 3095 ( $cm^{-1}$ ).  $^1H$  NMR (300 Hz,  $D_2O$ ):

$\delta$  = 0.78 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.18 (m, 4H), 1.72 (m, 4H), 4.11 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 5.28 (dd,  $J$  = 2.7, 8.7 Hz, 2H), 5.66 (dd,  $J$  = 2.7, 15.6 Hz, 2H), 7.01 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 15.6 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.64 (d,  $J$  = 1.8 Hz, 2H), 8.91 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300 Hz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ):  $\delta$  = 12.5, 18.7, 31.0, 49.6, 109.0, 119.3, 122.8, 128.2, 134.3. **Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6\text{Ti}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ :** C, 45.96; H, 8.14; N, 11.91; Ti, 10.18; **Found:** C, 46.69; H, 7.06; N, 12.08; Ti,  $9.87 \pm 0.15$  (ICP). The product has been identified with single crystal X-ray diffraction.

**Di(1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-methyl-imidazolium)hexahydroxotitanate**

( $[\text{HOEtMIM}]_2[\text{Ti}(\text{OH})_6]$ ). The procedure was used as for  $[\text{BMIM}]_2[\text{Ti}(\text{OH})_6]$ . The product was crystallized from acetone/EtOH to give rise to 2.29 g white solid (57%). Mp: 125-127°C. IR: 517, 608, 774, 842, 1160, 1260, 1440, 1567, 2940, 3110, 3340 ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 Hz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ):  $\delta$  = 3.77 (s, 6H), 3.79 (t,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz, 4H), 4.19 (t,  $J$  = 5.1 Hz, 4H), 7.32 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.38 (d,  $J$  = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 8.62 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300 Hz,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ):  $\delta$  = 35.6, 51.4, 59.8, 122.4, 123.6, 136.4. **Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8\text{Ti}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ :** C, 34.13; H, 7.16; N, 13.27; **Found:** C, 34.48; H, 5.31; N, 13.46. The product has been identified with single crystal X-ray diffraction.

**Di(1-butyl-pyridium) hexahydroxotitanate ( $[\text{BPM}]_2[\text{Ti}(\text{OH})_6]$ ).** The procedure was used as for  $[\text{BMIM}]_2[\text{Ti}(\text{OH})_6]$ . White solid, 1.88 g (45%); Mp: 201-203 °C. IR: 542, 704, 990, 1470, 1657, 2915, 3065 ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (300 Hz,  $\text{d}^6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  = 0.89 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.25 (m, 4H), 1.87 (m, 4H), 4.62 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 8.14 (dd,  $J$  = 6.6, 7.5 Hz, 4H), 8.59 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 9.16 (d,  $J$  = 5.4 Hz, 4H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (300 Hz,  $\text{d}^6$ -DMSO):  $\delta$  = 13.8, 19.2, 33.2, 60.9, 128.5, 145.4, 145.8. **Anal. Calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{34}\text{N}_2\text{O}_6\text{Ti}\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ :** C, 49.10; H, 8.24; N, 6.36; **Found:** C, 49.46; H, 6.35; N, 6.43. The product has been identified with single crystal X-ray diffraction.

**Di(1-octyl-pyridium) hexahydroxotitanate ([OPM]<sub>2</sub>[Ti(OH)<sub>6</sub>]).** The procedure was used as for [BMIM]<sub>2</sub>[Ti(OH)<sub>6</sub>]. White solid, 3.05 g (57%). There is no exact melting point; however the compound was decomposed above 193°C. IR: 517, 878, 1470, 1651, 2928, 3084 (cm<sup>-1</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 Hz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO): δ = 0.82 (t, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.21 (m, 20H), 1.87 (m, 4H), 4.63 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 8.15 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 6.3 Hz, 4H), 8.59 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 9.20 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (300 Hz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO): δ = 14.4, 22.5, 25.8, 28.88, 28.93, 31.3, 31.6, 61.1, 128.6, 145.5, 1445.7. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>50</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Ti·H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 56.51; H, 9.49; N, 5.07; Ti, 8.66; Found: C, 55.75; H, 10.84; N, 4.95; Ti, 7.84 ± 0.12 (ICP).

**Poly-(1-ethyl-3-methyl-imidazolium) Poly-(pentahydroxozirconate)**

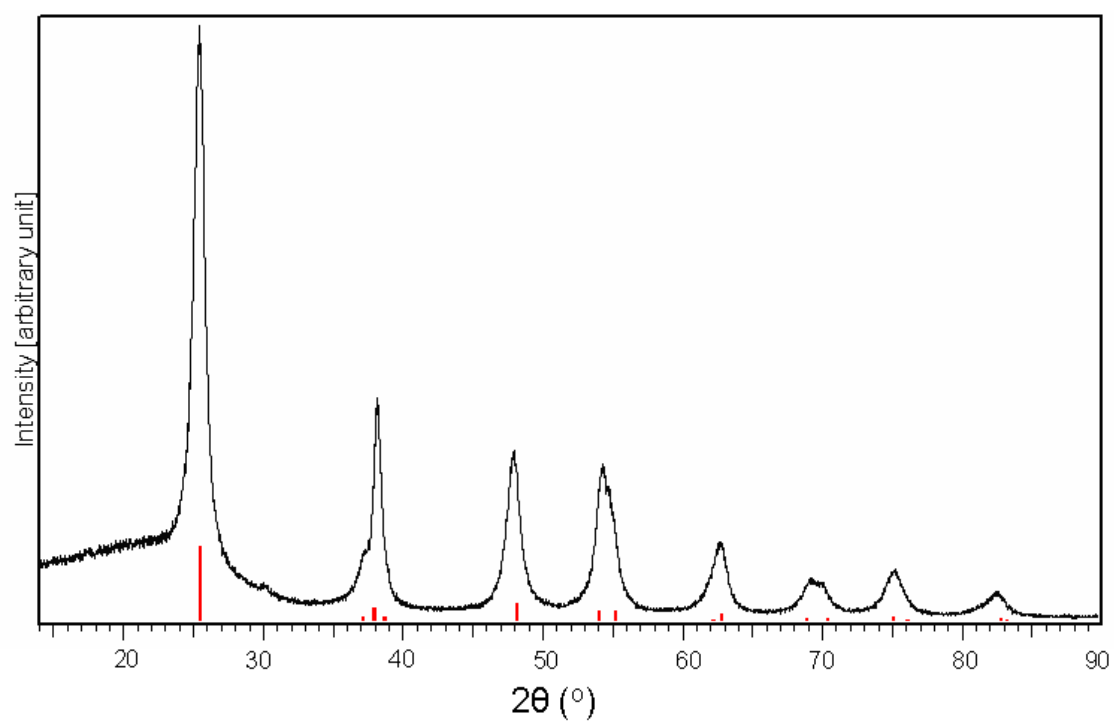
([EMIM]<sub>∞</sub>{[Zr(OH)<sub>5</sub>]})<sub>∞</sub>. The procedure was used as for [BMIM]<sub>2</sub>[Ti(OH)<sub>6</sub>], except that 1.98 g [EMIM][BF<sub>4</sub>] (10 mmol), 2.34 g Zr(OPr)<sub>4</sub> (5 mmol, 70% in PrOH) and 5.75 g EtOH were used. The product was crystallized from DMSO/EtOH. White solid, 1.1 g (76%); Mp: 252-253°C. IR: 497, 765, 1152, 3133 (cm<sup>-1</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 Hz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO): δ = 1.39 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 4.17 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.77 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 9.10 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (300 Hz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO): δ = 15.6, 36.1, 44.5, 122.4, 124.0, 136.7. Anal. Calcd for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>Zr·H<sub>2</sub>O: C, 23.59; H, 5.94; N, 9.17; Found: C, 23.15; H, 4.09; N, 9.05. The product has been identified with single crystal X-ray diffraction.

**Poly-(1-butyl-3-methyl-imidazolium) Poly-(pentahydroxozirconate)**

([BMIM]<sub>∞</sub>{[Zr(OH)<sub>5</sub>]})<sub>∞</sub>. The procedure was used as for [BMIM]<sub>2</sub>[Ti(OH)<sub>6</sub>], except that 4.68 g Zr(OPr)<sub>4</sub> (10.0 mmol, 70% in PrOH) was used. The product was crystallized from DMSO/EtOH. White solid, 2.03 g (91%); Mp: 181-183°C. IR: 498, 853, 1159, 2953, 3127 (cm<sup>-1</sup>). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 Hz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO): δ = 0.88 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 3H), 1.23 (m, 2H), 1.73 (m, 2H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 4.14 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 7.75 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 9.10 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (300 Hz, d<sup>6</sup>-DMSO): δ = 13.7, 19.2, 31.8, 48.9, 122.7, 124.1, 137.0.

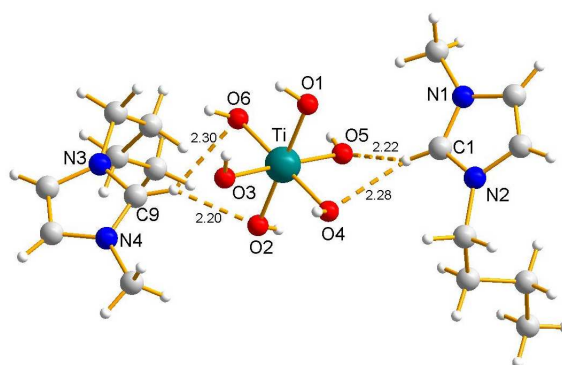
Anal. Calcd for  $C_8H_{20}N_2O_5Zr \cdot H_2O$ : C, 28.81; H, 6.65; N, 8.40; Found: C, 28.13; H, 4.75, N, 8.09. The product has been identified with single crystal X-ray diffraction.

**Di(1-butyl-3-vinyl-imidazolium) hexahydroxozirconate** ( $[BVIM]_2[Zr(OH)_6]$ ). The procedure was used as for  $[BMIM]_2[Ti(OH)_6]$ , except that 2.33 g  $[BVIM][BF_4]$  (10 mmol), 2.34 g  $Zr(OPr)_4$  (5 mmol, 70% in  $PrOH$ ) and 5.75 g  $EtOH$  were used. The product was crystallized from  $DMSO/EtOH$ . White solid, 1.68 g (68%); Mp: 197-198 °C. IR: 601, 765, 864, 921, 978, 1167, 1380, 1470, 1552, 1650, 2863, 2953, 3101, 3133 ( $cm^{-1}$ ).  $^1H$  NMR (300 Hz,  $d^6$ - $DMSO$ ):  $\delta$  = 0.84 (t,  $J$  = 6.9 Hz, 6H), 1.25 (m, 4H), 1.79 (m, 4H), 4.19 (t,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 5.37 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 5.94 (dd,  $J$  = 15.6, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 7.31 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 15.6 Hz, 2H), 7.91 (s, 2H), 8.19 (s, 2H), 9.58 (s, 2H).  $^{13}C$  NMR (300 Hz,  $d^6$ - $DMSO$ ):  $\delta$  = 13.7, 19.2, 31.6, 49.3, 108.9, 119.5, 123.6, 129.4, 136.1. Anal. Calcd for  $C_{18}H_{36}N_4O_6Zr$ : C, 43.61; H, 7.32; N, 11.30; Found: C, 44.46; H, 8.70; N, 11.51. The product has been identified with single crystal X-ray diffraction.



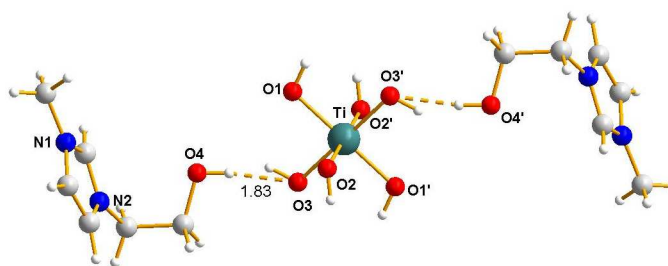
**Fig. S1.** The PXRD pattern of the obtained TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles.

**Fig. S2. ORTEP drawing: [BMIM]<sub>2</sub>[Ti(OH)<sub>6</sub>]**



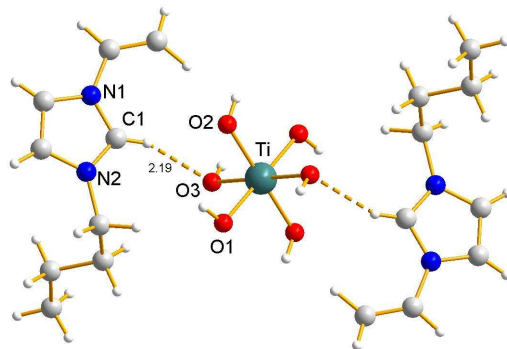
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| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>36</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Ti |          |
| Formula weight                    | 428.39                                                           |          |
| Temperature                       | 293(2) K                                                         |          |
| Wavelength                        | 0.71073 Å                                                        |          |
| Crystal system                    | Orthorhombic                                                     |          |
| Space group                       | P2(1)2(1)2(1)                                                    |          |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a = 11.305(2) Å                                                  | α = 90°. |
|                                   | b = 11.430(2) Å                                                  | β = 90°. |
|                                   | c = 17.327(4) Å                                                  | γ = 90°. |
| Volume                            | 2239.0(8) Å <sup>3</sup>                                         |          |
| Z                                 | 4                                                                |          |
| Density (calculated)              | 1.271 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>                                          |          |
| Absorption coefficient            | 0.418 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                           |          |
| F(000)                            | 920                                                              |          |
| Crystal size                      | 0.36 x 0.2 x 0.13 mm <sup>3</sup>                                |          |
| Theta range for data collection   | 2.53 to 28.34°.                                                  |          |
| Index ranges                      | -14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -15 ≤ k ≤ 15, -23 ≤ l ≤ 22                         |          |
| Reflections collected             | 21512                                                            |          |
| Independent reflections           | 5442 [R(int) = 0.1056]                                           |          |
| Completeness to theta = 28.34°    | 97.8 %                                                           |          |
| Absorption correction             | Multiscan                                                        |          |
| Refinement method                 | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>                      |          |
| Data / restraints / parameters    | 5442 / 0 / 250                                                   |          |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 0.801                                                            |          |
| Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]       | R1 = 0.0526, wR2 = 0.1090                                        |          |
| R indices (all data)              | R1 = 0.1585, wR2 = 0.1417                                        |          |
| Absolute structure parameter      | 0.42(7)                                                          |          |
| Largest diff. peak and hole       | 0.328 and -0.550 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>                               |          |

**Fig. S3. ORTEP drawing: [HOEtMIM]<sub>2</sub>[Ti(OH)<sub>6</sub>]**



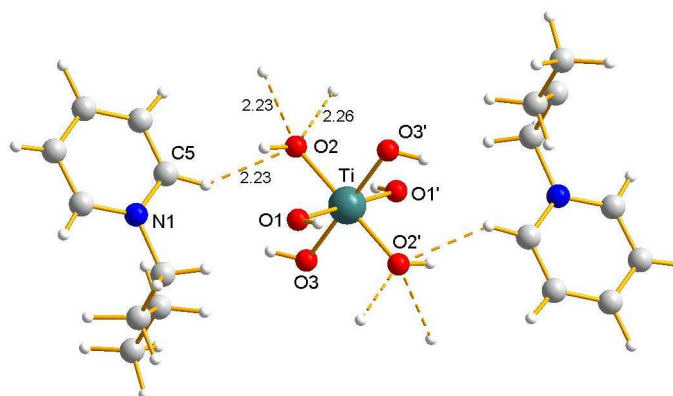
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| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Ti |                  |
| Formula weight                    | 404.28                                                           |                  |
| Temperature                       | 153(2) K                                                         |                  |
| Wavelength                        | 0.71073 Å                                                        |                  |
| Crystal system                    | Monoclinic                                                       |                  |
| Space group                       | P2(1)/c                                                          |                  |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a = 7.9680(3) Å                                                  | α = 90°.         |
|                                   | b = 9.6029(4) Å                                                  | β = 108.213(2)°. |
|                                   | c = 11.7899(5) Å                                                 | γ = 90°.         |
| Volume                            | 856.92(6) Å <sup>3</sup>                                         |                  |
| Z                                 | 2                                                                |                  |
| Density (calculated)              | 1.567 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>                                          |                  |
| Absorption coefficient            | 0.549 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                           |                  |
| F(000)                            | 428                                                              |                  |
| Crystal size                      | 0.52 x 0.31 x 0.25 mm <sup>3</sup>                               |                  |
| Theta range for data collection   | 2.69 to 42.35°.                                                  |                  |
| Index ranges                      | -15 ≤ h ≤ 14, -17 ≤ k ≤ 18, -21 ≤ l ≤ 22                         |                  |
| Reflections collected             | 22054                                                            |                  |
| Independent reflections           | 6039 [R(int) = 0.0208]                                           |                  |
| Completeness to theta = 42.35°    | 98.8 %                                                           |                  |
| Absorption correction             | Multiscan                                                        |                  |
| Max. and min. transmission        | 0.8767 and 0.7647                                                |                  |
| Refinement method                 | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>                      |                  |
| Data / restraints / parameters    | 6039 / 0 / 162                                                   |                  |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 1.877                                                            |                  |
| Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]       | R1 = 0.0591, wR2 = 0.1885                                        |                  |
| R indices (all data)              | R1 = 0.0714, wR2 = 0.1948                                        |                  |
| Largest diff. peak and hole       | 1.882 and -0.788 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>                               |                  |

**Fig. S4. ORTEP drawing: [BVIM]<sub>2</sub>[Ti(OH)<sub>6</sub>]**



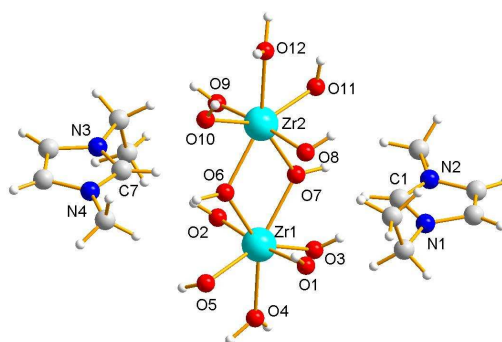
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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>36</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Ti |                |
| Formula weight                    | 452.41                                                           |                |
| Temperature                       | 213(2) K                                                         |                |
| Wavelength                        | 0.71073 Å                                                        |                |
| Crystal system                    | Monoclinic                                                       |                |
| Space group                       | P2(1)/n                                                          |                |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a = 8.6718(17) Å                                                 | α = 90°.       |
|                                   | b = 11.695(2) Å                                                  | β = 98.89(3)°. |
|                                   | c = 11.319(2) Å                                                  | γ = 90°.       |
| Volume                            | 1134.1(4) Å <sup>3</sup>                                         |                |
| Z                                 | 2                                                                |                |
| Density (calculated)              | 1.325 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>                                          |                |
| Absorption coefficient            | 0.417 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                           |                |
| F(000)                            | 484                                                              |                |
| Crystal size                      | 0.40 x 0.23 x 0.18 mm <sup>3</sup>                               |                |
| Theta range for data collection   | 3.27 to 27.94°.                                                  |                |
| Index ranges                      | -11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -15 ≤ k ≤ 15, -14 ≤ l ≤ 14                         |                |
| Reflections collected             | 13008                                                            |                |
| Independent reflections           | 2630 [R(int) = 0.0656]                                           |                |
| Completeness to theta = 27.94°    | 96.4 %                                                           |                |
| Absorption correction             | Numerical                                                        |                |
| Max. and min. transmission        | 0.9288 and 0.8510                                                |                |
| Refinement method                 | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>                      |                |
| Data / restraints / parameters    | 2630 / 0 / 197                                                   |                |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 2.155                                                            |                |
| Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]       | R1 = 0.0588, wR2 = 0.1894                                        |                |
| R indices (all data)              | R1 = 0.0649, wR2 = 0.1943                                        |                |
| Largest diff. peak and hole       | 0.721 and -0.624 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>                               |                |

**Fig. S5. ORTEP drawing: [HOEtMIM]<sub>2</sub>[Ti(OH)<sub>6</sub>]**



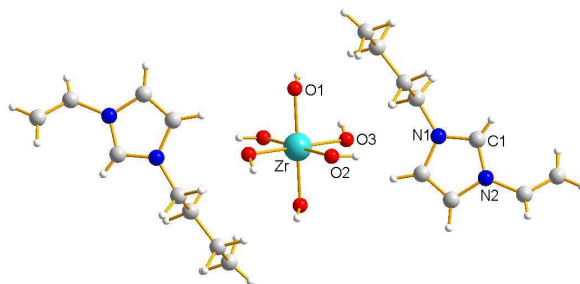
|                                   |                                                                  |                 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Ti |                 |
| Formula weight                    | 422.37                                                           |                 |
| Temperature                       | 153(2) K                                                         |                 |
| Wavelength                        | 0.71073 Å                                                        |                 |
| Crystal system                    | Monoclinic                                                       |                 |
| Space group                       | P2(1)/c                                                          |                 |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a = 7.5574(13) Å                                                 | α = 90°.        |
|                                   | b = 12.356(2) Å                                                  | β = 91.936(6)°. |
|                                   | c = 10.6617(18) Å                                                | γ = 90°.        |
| Volume                            | 995.0(3) Å <sup>3</sup>                                          |                 |
| Z                                 | 2                                                                |                 |
| Density (calculated)              | 1.410 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>                                          |                 |
| Absorption coefficient            | 0.467 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                           |                 |
| F(000)                            | 452                                                              |                 |
| Crystal size                      | 0.23 x 0.23 x 0.10 mm <sup>3</sup>                               |                 |
| Theta range for data collection   | 2.52 to 26.81°.                                                  |                 |
| Index ranges                      | -9 ≤ h ≤ 9, -15 ≤ k ≤ 15, -12 ≤ l ≤ 13                           |                 |
| Reflections collected             | 7046                                                             |                 |
| Independent reflections           | 2081 [R(int) = 0.0483]                                           |                 |
| Completeness to theta = 26.81°    | 97.6 %                                                           |                 |
| Absorption correction             | Multiscan                                                        |                 |
| Max. and min. transmission        | 0.9566 and 0.8986                                                |                 |
| Refinement method                 | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>                      |                 |
| Data / restraints / parameters    | 2081 / 0 / 183                                                   |                 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 1.643                                                            |                 |
| Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]       | R1 = 0.0624, wR2 = 0.1641                                        |                 |
| R indices (all data)              | R1 = 0.1040, wR2 = 0.1792                                        |                 |
| Largest diff. peak and hole       | 0.771 and -0.766 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>                               |                 |

**Fig. S6. ORTEP drawing: [EMIM]<sub>2</sub>{[Zr<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>10</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O]<sup>2-</sup>}**



|                                   |                                                                                |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>36</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>12</sub> Zr <sub>2</sub> |                    |
| Formula weight                    | 610.89                                                                         |                    |
| Temperature                       | 152(2) K                                                                       |                    |
| Wavelength                        | 0.71073 Å                                                                      |                    |
| Crystal system                    | Triclinic                                                                      |                    |
| Space group                       | P1                                                                             |                    |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a = 7.7833(2) Å                                                                | α = 101.5310(10)°. |
|                                   | b = 8.8355(2) Å                                                                | β = 102.0520(10)°. |
|                                   | c = 9.3296(3) Å                                                                | γ = 115.0050(10)°. |
| Volume                            | 537.74(3) Å <sup>3</sup>                                                       |                    |
| Z                                 | 1                                                                              |                    |
| Density (calculated)              | 1.886 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>                                                        |                    |
| Absorption coefficient            | 1.036 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                                         |                    |
| F(000)                            | 312                                                                            |                    |
| Crystal size                      | 0.62 x 0.20 x 0.18 mm <sup>3</sup>                                             |                    |
| Theta range for data collection   | 2.36 to 36.44°.                                                                |                    |
| Index ranges                      | -12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -14 ≤ k ≤ 14, -15 ≤ l ≤ 15                                       |                    |
| Reflections collected             | 37836                                                                          |                    |
| Independent reflections           | 10285 [R(int) = 0.0380]                                                        |                    |
| Completeness to theta = 36.44°    | 99.4 %                                                                         |                    |
| Absorption correction             | Multiscan                                                                      |                    |
| Max. and min. transmission        | 0.8371 and 0.5675                                                              |                    |
| Refinement method                 | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>                                    |                    |
| Data / restraints / parameters    | 10285 / 10 / 299                                                               |                    |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 1.126                                                                          |                    |
| Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]       | R1 = 0.0349, wR2 = 0.1033                                                      |                    |
| R indices (all data)              | R1 = 0.0362, wR2 = 0.1044                                                      |                    |
| Absolute structure parameter      | 0.46(6)                                                                        |                    |
| Largest diff. peak and hole       | 1.629 and -1.393 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>                                             |                    |

**Fig. S7. ORTEP drawing: [BVIM]<sub>2</sub>[Zr(OH)<sub>6</sub>]**



|                                   |                                                                  |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>36</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Zr |                  |
| Formula weight                    | 495.73                                                           |                  |
| Temperature                       | 152(2) K                                                         |                  |
| Wavelength                        | 0.71073 Å                                                        |                  |
| Crystal system                    | Monoclinic                                                       |                  |
| Space group                       | P2(1)/n                                                          |                  |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a = 8.7890(3) Å                                                  | α = 90°.         |
|                                   | b = 11.4616(4) Å                                                 | β = 101.688(2)°. |
|                                   | c = 11.4399(4) Å                                                 | γ = 90°.         |
| Volume                            | 1128.51(7) Å <sup>3</sup>                                        |                  |
| Z                                 | 2                                                                |                  |
| Density (calculated)              | 1.459 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>                                          |                  |
| Absorption coefficient            | 0.527 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                           |                  |
| F(000)                            | 520                                                              |                  |
| Crystal size                      | 0.59 x 0.21 x 0.05 mm <sup>3</sup>                               |                  |
| Theta range for data collection   | 2.54 to 35.09°.                                                  |                  |
| Index ranges                      | -10 ≤ h ≤ 14, -18 ≤ k ≤ 18, -18 ≤ l ≤ 18                         |                  |
| Reflections collected             | 17827                                                            |                  |
| Independent reflections           | 4981 [R(int) = 0.0482]                                           |                  |
| Completeness to theta = 35.09°    | 99.5 %                                                           |                  |
| Absorption correction             | Multiscan                                                        |                  |
| Max. and min. transmission        | 0.9721 and 0.7445                                                |                  |
| Refinement method                 | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>                      |                  |
| Data / restraints / parameters    | 4981 / 0 / 196                                                   |                  |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 1.044                                                            |                  |
| Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]       | R1 = 0.0513, wR2 = 0.1337                                        |                  |
| R indices (all data)              | R1 = 0.0972, wR2 = 0.1606                                        |                  |
| Largest diff. peak and hole       | 1.090 and -1.436 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>                               |                  |

Fig. S8. FTIR spectra of [BMIM][BF<sub>4</sub>] and [BMIM]<sub>2</sub>[Ti(OH)<sub>6</sub>]

