

# Supplementary Material: New pyrazolium salts as a support as ionic liquid crystals and ionic conductors

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**Characterization of Compounds [H<sub>2</sub>pZ<sup>R(m)R(m)</sup>][A] (A = Cl<sup>-</sup>, BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, ReO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, PTS, OTf) by Elemental Analysis (CHN or CHNS), IR, <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and, in some cases, <sup>19</sup>F-NMR spectroscopies.**

**Cl-4,4 (1):** white solid (65%). Found: C, 66.8; H, 7.0; N, 6.8%. C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl·0.2CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> requires C, 66.7; H, 7.1; N, 6.7%.  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3230w  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2955m, 2873m  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1618vs  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 830s  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; SiMe<sub>4</sub>): 0.99 (6 H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 7.3, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.50 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.78 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.95 (4 H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 6.2, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.62 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), 6.70 (1 H, b, CH), 6.83 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 5.1, H<sub>m</sub>), 7.65 (4 H, b, H<sub>o</sub>).

**Cl-8,8 (2):** white solid (72%). Found: C, 71.2; H, 8.2; N, 5.4%. C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl·0.1CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> requires C, 71.6; H, 8.7; N, 5.4%.  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3210w  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2921m, 2851m  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1615s  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 832vs  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; SiMe<sub>4</sub>): 0.88 (6 H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 7.1, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.30 (20 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.01 (4 H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.62 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), 6.81 (1 H, s, CH), 7.03 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 8.3, H<sub>m</sub>), 8.00 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 8.5, H<sub>o</sub>).

**Cl-12,12 (3):** white solid (80%). Found: C, 74.8; H, 9.5; N, 4.5%. C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>61</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl requires C, 74.9; H, 9.8; N, 4.5%.  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3234w  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2922vs, 2850s  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1618s  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 834m  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; SiMe<sub>4</sub>): 0.88 (6 H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 6.9, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.29 (36 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.00 (4 H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 6.6, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.80 (1 H, s, CH), 7.03 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 7.9, H<sub>m</sub>), 8.01 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 8.2, H<sub>o</sub>).

**Cl-4,12 (4):** white solid (77%). Found: C, 72.5; H, 8.6; N, 5.4%. C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl requires C, 72.6; H, 8.8; N, 5.5%.  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3202w  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2924vs, 2852s  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1618vs  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 837s  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; SiMe<sub>4</sub>): 0.87 (6 H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 6.9, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.30 (20 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.80 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.01 (4 H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 6.4, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.81 (1 H, s, CH), 7.02 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 8.1, H<sub>m</sub>), 8.01 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 8.3, H<sub>o</sub>).

**Cl-8,12 (5):** white solid (81%). Found: C, 73.1; H, 9.0; N, 4.9%. C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>53</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>Cl·0.1CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> requires C, 73.0; H, 9.3; N, 4.8%.  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3230w  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2922vs, 2850vs  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1617vs  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 837s  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; SiMe<sub>4</sub>): 0.87 (6 H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 7.0, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.28 (28 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.80 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.00 (4 H, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.62 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), 6.81 (1 H, s, CH), 7.02 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 8.1, H<sub>m</sub>), 8.02 (4 H, d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> 8.2, H<sub>o</sub>).

**BF<sub>4</sub>-4,4 (6):** white solid (36%). Found: C, 59.7; H, 6.2; N, 6.1%. C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>·0.2CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> requires C, 59.4; H, 6.3; N, 6.0%.  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3182m,b  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2957m, 2873m  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1620vs  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 1066s  $\nu(\text{BF})$ , 839s  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; SiMe<sub>4</sub>): 0.99 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  7.3, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.50 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.79 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.00 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.4, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.62 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), 6.85 (1 H, b, CH), 7.01 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  7.9, H<sub>m</sub>), 7.67 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.0, H<sub>o</sub>).

**BF<sub>4</sub>-8,8 (7):** white solid (39%). Found: C, 62.9; H, 7.5; N, 4.8%. C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>·0.4CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> requires C, 63.0; H, 7.7; N, 4.7%.  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3160m,b  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2923s, 2853s  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1617vs  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 1065s  $\nu(\text{BF})$ , 834m  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; SiMe<sub>4</sub>): 0.88 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.9, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.30 (20 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.79 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.98 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.62 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), 6.84 (1 H, s, CH), 7.00 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.3, H<sub>m</sub>), 7.66 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.4, H<sub>o</sub>).

**BF<sub>4</sub>-12,12 (8):** white solid (40%). Found: C, 69.0; H, 8.7; N, 3.8%. C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>61</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BF<sub>4</sub> requires C, 69.2; H, 9.1; N, 4.1%.  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3178m,b  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2950vs, 2867s  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1619vs  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 1068s  $\nu(\text{BF})$ , 840s  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; SiMe<sub>4</sub>): 0.88 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  7.0, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.28 (36 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.01 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.7, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.80 (1 H, s, CH), 7.02 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.0, H<sub>m</sub>), 8.01 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.1, H<sub>o</sub>).

**BF<sub>4</sub>-4,12 (9):** white solid (38%). Found: C, 65.5; H, 7.9; N, 4.9%. C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BF<sub>4</sub> requires C, 65.9; H, 8.0; N, 5.0%.  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3182m,b  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2957m, 2873m  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1620vs  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 1066s  $\nu(\text{BF})$ , 839s  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; SiMe<sub>4</sub>): 0.87 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.9, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.30 (20 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.80 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.01 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.4, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.81 (1 H, s, CH), 7.02 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.1, H<sub>m</sub>), 8.01 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.3, H<sub>o</sub>).

**BF<sub>4</sub>-8,12 (10):** white solid (43%). Found: C, 64.5; H, 8.2; N, 4.2%. C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>53</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>BF<sub>4</sub>·1.5H<sub>2</sub>O requires C, 64.9; H, 8.7; N, 4.3%.  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3180m,b  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2955m, 2870m  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1621vs  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 1065s  $\nu(\text{BF})$ , 841s  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; SiMe<sub>4</sub>): 0.87 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.7, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.29 (28 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.01 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.81 (1 H, s, CH), 7.03 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.1, H<sub>m</sub>), 8.01 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.4, H<sub>o</sub>).  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  (282.40 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>): -149.12, -149.18

**ReO<sub>4</sub>-4,4 (11):** light brown solid (37%). Found: C, 45.4; H, 4.7; N, 4.6%. C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>29</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>ReO<sub>4</sub>·0.2CH<sub>3</sub>CN requires C, 45.1; H, 4.8; N, 4.9%.  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3183m  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2925m, 2870m  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1620s  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 897vs  $\nu(\text{ReO})$ , 839m  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; SiMe<sub>4</sub>): 0.99 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  7.1, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.51 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.80 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.00 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.3, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.85 (1 H, s, CH), 7.02 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.2, H<sub>m</sub>), 7.73 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.3, H<sub>o</sub>).

**ReO<sub>4</sub>-8,8 (12):** light brown solid (42%). Found: C, 50.3; H, 6.0; N, 3.8%. C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>ReO<sub>4</sub>·0.2CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> requires C, 50.3; H, 6.1; N, 3.4%.  $\nu_{\max}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3134m  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2918s,

2870m  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1623s  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 889vs  $\nu(\text{ReO})$ , 823vs  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ;  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ): 0.99 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  7.3,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.50 (20 H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.79 (4 H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.00 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.4,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 5.62 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ), 6.84 (1 H, s, CH), 7.03 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.3,  $\text{H}_m$ ), 7.74 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.3,  $\text{H}_o$ ).

**ReO<sub>4</sub>-4,12 (13):** light brown solid (40%). Found: C, 51.4; H, 6.0; N, 3.9%.  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{ReO}_4$  requires C, 51.2; H, 6.2; N, 3.8%.  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3136m  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2919vs, 2850s  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1623vs  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 890vs  $\nu(\text{ReO})$ , 824s  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ;  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ): 0.87 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.7,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.28 (20 H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.80 (4 H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.01 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.4,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 6.84 (1 H, s, CH), 7.03 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.5,  $\text{H}_m$ ), 7.74 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.4,  $\text{H}_o$ ).

**ReO<sub>4</sub>-8,12 (14):** light brown solid (39%). Found: C, 54.0; H, 6.6; N, 3.7%.  $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{53}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{ReO}_4$  requires C, 53.6; H, 6.8; N, 3.6%.  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3134w  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2916s, 2850m  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1623s  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 887vs  $\nu(\text{ReO})$ , 822vs  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ;  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ): 0.88 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.9,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.27 (28 H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.81 (4 H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.01 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.5,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 6.85 (1 H, s, CH), 7.03 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.7,  $\text{H}_m$ ), 7.75 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.7,  $\text{H}_o$ ).

**PTS-4,4 (15):** white solid (37%). Found: C, 65.2; H, 6.4; N, 5.5; S, 5.7%.  $\text{C}_{30}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}\cdot 0.2\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  requires C, 65.4; H, 6.8; N, 5.1; S, 5.8%.  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3134m  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2959m, 2872m  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1621s  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 1166vs  $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{SO}_3)$ , 1035s  $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{SO}_3)$ , 827vs  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ;  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ): 0.99 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  7.4,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.52 (4 H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.80 (4 H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.37 (3 H, s,  $\text{CH}_3(\text{PTS})$ ), 4.02 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.5,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 5.62 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ), 6.82 (1 H, s, CH), 7.02 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.7,  $\text{H}_m$ ), 7.22 (2 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.1,  $\text{H}_o(\text{PTS})$ ), 7.73 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.7,  $\text{H}_o$ ), 7.86 (2 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.1,  $\text{H}_m(\text{PTS})$ ).

**PTS-8,8 (16):** white solid (43%). Found: C, 67.4; H, 8.0; N, 4.4; S, 4.9%.  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{52}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}\cdot 0.4\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  requires C, 67.5; H, 7.8; N, 4.1; S, 4.7%.  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3148m  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2918vs, 2853s  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1624s  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 1168vs  $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{SO}_3)$ , 1035m  $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{SO}_3)$ , 836vs  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ;  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ): 0.89 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.6,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.30 (20 H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.77 (4 H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.32 (3 H, s,  $\text{CH}_3(\text{PTS})$ ), 3.95 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.5,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 5.62 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ), 6.74 (1 H, s, CH), 6.94 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.2,  $\text{H}_m$ ), 7.21 (2 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.1,  $\text{H}_o(\text{PTS})$ ), 7.73 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.2,  $\text{H}_o$ ), 7.85 (2 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.1,  $\text{H}_m(\text{PTS})$ ).

**PTS-12,12 (17):** white solid (46%). Found: C, 69.8; H, 8.5; N, 3.7; S, 4.2%.  $\text{C}_{46}\text{H}_{68}\text{N}_2\text{O}_5\text{S}\cdot 0.5\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  requires C, 69.4; H, 8.8; N, 3.5; S, 4.0%.  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3140m  $\nu(\text{NH})$ , 2920vs, 2849s  $\nu(\text{CH})$ , 1622s  $\nu(\text{CC} + \text{CN})$ , 1170vs  $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{SO}_3)$ , 1034m  $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{SO}_3)$ , 837vs  $\gamma(\text{CH})$ .  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz;  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ;  $\text{SiMe}_4$ ): 0.88 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.7,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.30 (36 H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.79 (4 H, m,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.34 (3 H, s,  $\text{CH}_3(\text{PTS})$ ), 3.99 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.5,  $\text{OCH}_2$ ), 5.62 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ), 6.75 (1 H, s, CH), 6.94 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.3,  $\text{H}_m$ ), 7.20 (2 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.2,  $\text{H}_o(\text{PTS})$ ), 7.73 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.3,  $\text{H}_o$ ), 7.85 (2 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.2,  $\text{H}_m(\text{PTS})$ ).

**PTS-4,12 (18):** white solid (38%). Found: C, 70.3; H, 8.1; N, 4.2; S, 4.7%.  $C_{38}H_{52}N_2O_5S \cdot 0.2CH_2Cl_2$  requires C, 69.9; H, 7.9; N, 4.2; S, 4.8%.  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ : 3141m  $\nu(NH)$ , 2928vs, 2852s  $\nu(CH)$ , 1622s  $\nu(CC + CN)$ , 1167vs  $\nu_{as}(SO_3)$ , 1035m  $\nu_s(SO_3)$ , 836vs  $\gamma(CH)$ .  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz;  $CDCl_3$ ;  $SiMe_4$ ): 0.88 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{H-H}$  6.5,  $CH_3$ ), 1.29 (20 H, m,  $CH_2$ ), 1.80 (4 H, m,  $CH_2$ ), 2.32 (3 H, s,  $CH_3(PTS)$ ), 4.00 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{H-H}$  6.3,  $OCH_2$ ), 5.62 ( $CH_2Cl_2$ ), 6.74 (1 H, s, CH), 6.94 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{H-H}$  8.2,  $H_m$ ), 7.20 (2 H, d,  $^3J_{H-H}$  8.1,  $H_o(PTS)$ ), 7.74 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{H-H}$  8.2,  $H_o$ ), 7.84 (2 H, d,  $^3J_{H-H}$  8.1,  $H_m(PTS)$ ).

**PTS-8,12 (19):** white solid (40%). Found: C, 69.9; H, 8.1; N, 4.0; S, 4.4%.  $C_{42}H_{60}N_2O_5S \cdot 0.2CH_2Cl_2$  requires C, 70.2; H, 8.4; N, 3.9; S, 4.4%.  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ : 3135m  $\nu(NH)$ , 2933vs, 2849s  $\nu(CH)$ , 1624s  $\nu(CC + CN)$ , 1166vs  $\nu_{as}(SO_3)$ , 1030m  $\nu_s(SO_3)$ , 834vs  $\gamma(CH)$ .  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz;  $CDCl_3$ ;  $SiMe_4$ ): 0.88 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{H-H}$  6.3,  $CH_3$ ), 1.29 (28 H, m,  $CH_2$ ), 1.81 (4 H, m,  $CH_2$ ), 2.34 (3 H, s,  $CH_3(PTS)$ ), 4.00 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{H-H}$  6.1,  $OCH_2$ ), 5.62 ( $CH_2Cl_2$ ), 6.75 (1 H, s, CH), 6.94 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{H-H}$  8.2,  $H_m$ ), 7.19 (2 H, d,  $^3J_{H-H}$  8.1,  $H_o(PTS)$ ), 7.74 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{H-H}$  8.2,  $H_o$ ), 7.85 (2 H, d,  $^3J_{H-H}$  8.1,  $H_m(PTS)$ ).

**OTf-4,4 (20):** light brown solid (43%). Found: C, 56.3; H, 5.6; N, 5.6; S, 5.9%.  $C_{23}H_{29}N_2O_2CF_3SO_3$  requires C, 56.0; H, 5.7; N, 5.4; S, 6.2%.  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ : 3150m  $\nu(NH)$ , 2942m, 2874m  $\nu(CH)$ , 1623s  $\nu(CC + CN)$ , 1243vs  $\nu_{as}(SO_3)$ , 1035s  $\nu_s(SO_3)$ , 827vs  $\gamma(CH)$ .  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz;  $CDCl_3$ ;  $SiMe_4$ ): 0.99 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{H-H}$  6.7,  $CH_3$ ), 1.52 (4 H, m,  $CH_2$ ), 1.81 (4 H, m,  $CH_2$ ), 4.04 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{H-H}$  6.4,  $OCH_2$ ), 6.86 (1 H, s, CH), 7.03 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{H-H}$  8.9,  $H_m$ ), 7.70 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{H-H}$  8.7,  $H_o$ ).

**OTf-8,8 (21):** light brown solid (41%). Found: C, 60.4; H, 7.2; N, 4.5; S, 5.4%.  $C_{31}H_{45}N_2O_2CF_3SO_3 \cdot 0.2CH_2Cl_2$  requires C, 60.7; H, 7.2; N, 4.4; S, 5.1%.  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ : 3160m  $\nu(NH)$ , 2920vs, 2852s  $\nu(CH)$ , 1623s  $\nu(CC + CN)$ , 1244vs  $\nu_{as}(SO_3)$ , 1035m  $\nu_s(SO_3)$ , 831m  $\gamma(CH)$ .  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz;  $CDCl_3$ ;  $SiMe_4$ ): 0.88 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{H-H}$  6.8,  $CH_3$ ), 1.30 (20 H, m,  $CH_2$ ), 1.79 (4 H, m,  $CH_2$ ), 3.99 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{H-H}$  6.4,  $OCH_2$ ), 5.62 ( $CH_2Cl_2$ ), 6.80 (1 H, s, CH), 7.00 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{H-H}$  8.8,  $H_m$ ), 7.69 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{H-H}$  8.7,  $H_o$ ).

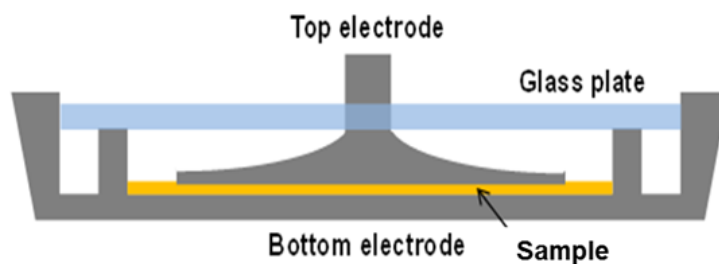
**OTf-4,12 (22):** light brown solid (45%). Found: C, 61.4; H, 7.1; N, 4.5; S, 5.0%.  $C_{31}H_{45}N_2O_2CF_3SO_3$  requires C, 61.3; H, 7.2; N, 4.5; S, 5.1%.  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ : 3163m  $\nu(NH)$ , 2919s, 2851s  $\nu(CH)$ , 1623s  $\nu(CC + CN)$ , 1240vs  $\nu_{as}(SO_3)$ , 1034s  $\nu_s(SO_3)$ , 825s  $\gamma(CH)$ .  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz;  $CDCl_3$ ;  $SiMe_4$ ): 0.88 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{H-H}$  6.7,  $CH_3$ ), 1.27 (20 H, m,  $CH_2$ ), 1.81 (4 H, m,  $CH_2$ ), 4.02 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{H-H}$  6.3,  $OCH_2$ ), 6.86 (1 H, s, CH), 7.03 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{H-H}$  8.8,  $H_m$ ), 7.67 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{H-H}$  8.8,  $H_o$ ).

**OTf-8,12 (23):** light brown solid (46%). Found: C, 63.7; H, 7.6; N, 4.2; S, 4.4%.  $C_{35}H_{53}N_2O_2CF_3SO_3 \cdot 0.2CH_2Cl_2$  requires C, 63.3; H, 7.8; N, 4.1; S, 4.7%.  $\nu_{max}/cm^{-1}$ : 3154m  $\nu(NH)$ , 2918s, 2849m  $\nu(CH)$ , 1624s  $\nu(CC + CN)$ , 1240vs  $\nu_{as}(SO_3)$ , 1035s  $\nu_s(SO_3)$ , 826vs  $\gamma(CH)$ .  $\delta_H$  (300 MHz;  $CDCl_3$ ;  $SiMe_4$ ): 0.88 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{H-H}$  6.7,  $CH_3$ ), 1.27 (28 H, m,  $CH_2$ ), 1.81 (4 H, m,  $CH_2$ ), 4.02 (4

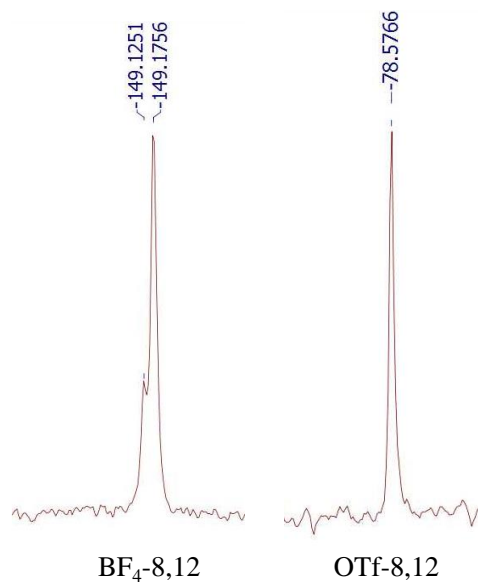
H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.3, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.62 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>), 6.86 (1 H, s, CH), 7.03 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.8, H<sub>m</sub>), 7.67 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.8, H<sub>o</sub>), 14.21 (2 H, b, NH).  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  (282.40 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>): -78.58

**[H<sub>2</sub>pz<sup>R(4)R(12)</sup>]:** white solid (49%). Found: C, 77.7; H, 3.0(> LS); N, 5.8%. C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>44</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires C, 78.1; H, 3.3; N, 5.9%.  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3229m v(NH), 2923vs, 2869m, 2850s v(CH), 1617m v(CN), 1507s v(CC), 790s  $\gamma$ (CH).  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; SiMe<sub>4</sub>): 0.88 (3 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.0, CH<sub>3</sub>'), 0.99 (3 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.8, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.26 (20 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.80 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.01 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.4, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.70 (1 H, s, CH), 6.95 (4 H, m, H<sub>m</sub> + H<sub>m</sub>'), 7.65 (2 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.5, H<sub>o</sub>), 8.07 (2 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.4, H<sub>o</sub>).

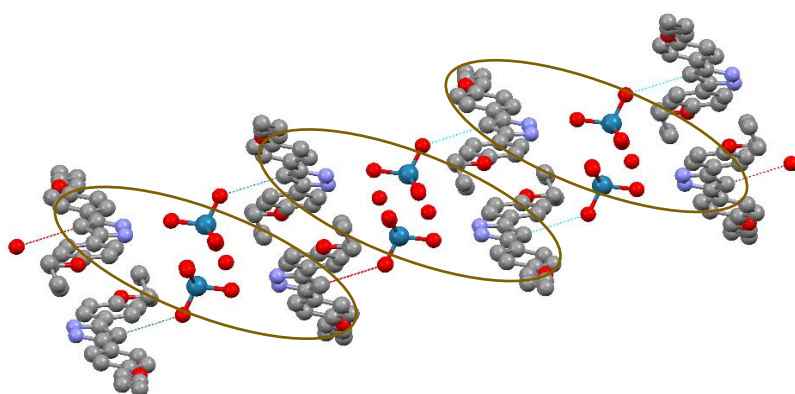
**[H<sub>2</sub>pz<sup>R(6)R(12)</sup>]:** white solid (52%). Found: C, 78.5; H, 9.4(> LS); N, 5.1%. C<sub>35</sub>H<sub>52</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> requires C, 78.9; H, 9.8; N, 5.3%.  $\nu_{\text{max}}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ : 3429m v(NH), 2920vs, 2852s v(CH), 1615m v(CN), 1504s v(CC), 791s  $\gamma$ (CH).  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (300 MHz; CDCl<sub>3</sub>; SiMe<sub>4</sub>): 0.88 (6 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.3, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.26 (28 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.79 (4 H, m, CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.97 (4 H, t,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  6.5, OCH<sub>2</sub>), 6.68 (1 H, s, CH), 6.91 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.6, H<sub>m</sub>), 7.63 (4 H, d,  $^3J_{\text{H-H}}$  8.6, H<sub>o</sub>).



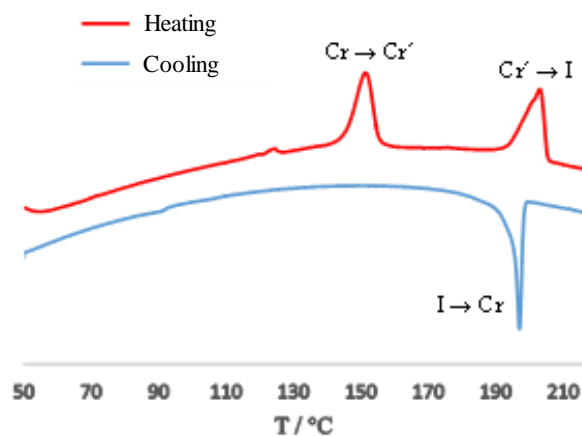
**Figure S1.** Custom-built liquid-solid measurement cell to obtain the conductivity and dielectric properties by impedance spectroscopy in the powder and liquid-crystalline state between the top and bottom electrodes.



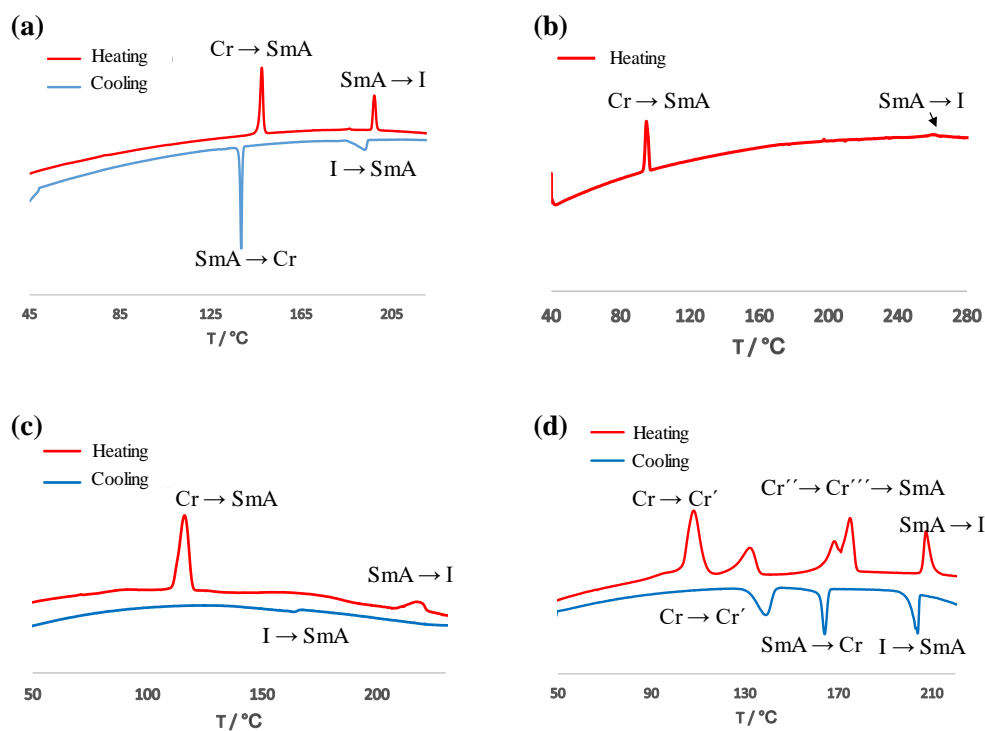
**Figure S2.** <sup>19</sup>F-NMR spectra of compounds BF<sub>4</sub>-8,12 (10) and OTf-8,12 (23) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> solution at room temperature.



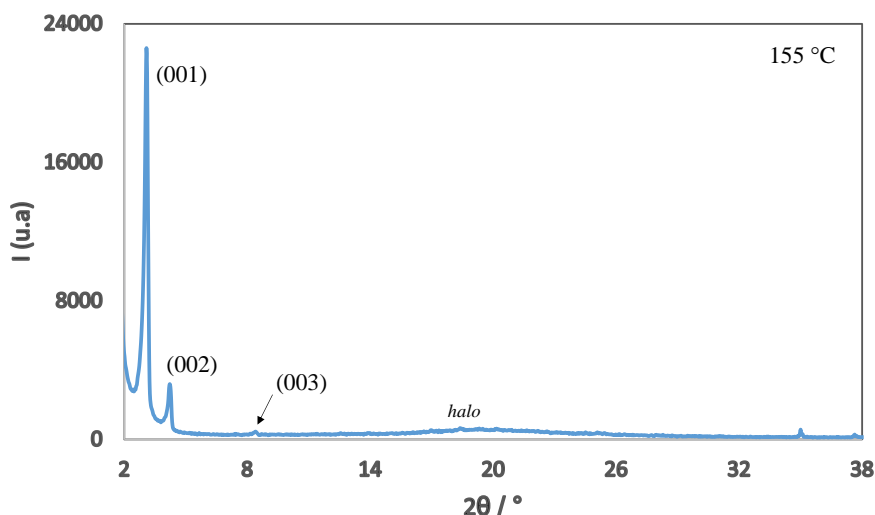
**Figure S3.** Packing of ReO<sub>4</sub>-4,4·H<sub>2</sub>O (11·H<sub>2</sub>O): view of the layer in the *ac* plane (the double columns are marked by brown circles)



**Figure S4.** DSC thermogram of the OTf-4,12 specie (22)



**Figure S5.** DSC thermograms of species Cl-8,8 (2) (a), ReO<sub>4</sub>-8,8 (12) (b), BF<sub>4</sub>-8,8 (7) (c) and PTS-4,12 (18) (d)



**Figure S6.** Diffractogram of compound PTS-8,8 (16) at 155 °C on heating.

**Table S1.** Crystal and refinement data for  $\text{ReO}_4\text{-}4,4\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $11\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )

Empirical formula	[C <sub>23</sub> H <sub>31</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Re]
Formula weight	660.76
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
Space group number	15
<i>a</i> / Å	18.928(2)
<i>b</i> / Å	14.4595(16)
<i>c</i> / Å	20.365(2)
$\beta$ (°)	115.513(2)
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	5030.2(10)
<i>Z</i>	8
<i>T</i> / K	293(2)
<i>F</i> (000)	2512
$\rho_c$ / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.674
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	4.875
Scan technique	$\omega$ and $\varphi$
Data collected	(-22, -17, -24) to (22, 15, 22)
$\theta$ range (°)	1.85 to 25.50
Reflections collected	19699
Independent reflections	4668 ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0906$ )
Completeness to maximum $\theta$ (%)	99.5
Data / restraints / parameters	4668 / 8 / 294
Observed reflections [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	2345
$R^1$	0.0533
$R_wF^2$	0.1796

$$^1 \Sigma [|F_o| - |F_c|] / \Sigma [|F_o|], \quad ^2 \{\Sigma [w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \Sigma [w(F_o^2)]\}^{1/2}$$



**Table S2.** Distances (Å) and bond angles (°) selected from the compound (ReO<sub>4</sub>-4,4·H<sub>2</sub>O) (11·H<sub>2</sub>O)

Bond	Distance (Å)	Bonds	Angle (°)
N1-N2	1.35(2)	N1-N2-C3	109(2)
N1-C5	1.34(2)	N2-N1-C5	109(2)
N2-C3	1.34(2)	N2-C3-C4	108(2)
C3-C4	1.35(2)	N1-C5-C4	106(2)
C4-C5	1.42(2)	C3-C4-C5	107(2)
C3-C6	1.46(2)	N2-C3-C6	121(2)
C5-C12	1.46(2)	N1-C5-C12	124(2)
Re-O (mean)	1.65	O-Re-O (mean)	109.7

**Table S3.** Phase transitions for the salts [H<sub>2</sub>pz<sup>R(n)R(m)</sup>] [OTf] (20 – 23) determined by DSC

Compound	Transition <sup>a</sup>	T <sup>b</sup> / °C	ΔH / kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>
OTf-4,4 (20)	Cr → Cr'	160	3.3
	Cr' → I	228	22
OTf-8,8 (21)	Cr → Cr'	128 <sup>c</sup>	2.8
	Cr' → Cr''	147 <sup>c</sup>	3.1
	Cr'' → Cr'''	160 <sup>c</sup>	13.5
	Cr''' → I	246 <sup>c</sup>	8.3
OTf-4,12 (22)	Cr → Cr'	145	19.2
	Cr' → I	195	17.7
OTf-8,12 (23)	Cr → Cr'	133 <sup>c</sup>	13.4
	Cr' → Cr''	161 <sup>c</sup>	2.2
	Cr'' → I	215	8.8

<sup>a</sup> Cr, Cr', Cr'', Cr''': solid phases, I: isotropic liquid; <sup>b</sup> Onset temperature determined by DSC; <sup>c</sup> Temperature of the DSC peak