



Revisiting Characteristics of Ionic Liquids: A Review for Further Application Development

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ABSTRACT

In literature concerning ionic liquid (IL) applications, the commonly accepted properties of ionic liquids are frequently mentioned. For example, ionic liquids are described as possessing immeasurably low vapor pressure, being "green material", non-coordinating, physically and chemically stable, and non-toxic, to name a few. However, all these descriptions are deemed "not exact" [1] as intensive research on ionic liquid properties continues. This review highlights the most recent developments in IL chemistry where the "well-known" description of IL properties sometimes proves to be inaccurate. However, in the authors' opinion, all these new research developments concerning ionic liquid properties serve to update knowledge on the typical physical and chemical properties of ILs, which is significant to both theoretical research and industrial applications. This review presents an opportunity to understand IL through a more complete and accurate view. It seeks to pave the way for further studies on IL application in various fields.

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