

**Supplementary Materials
for**

Ionic Liquids and water: hydrophobicity *vs* hydrophilicity

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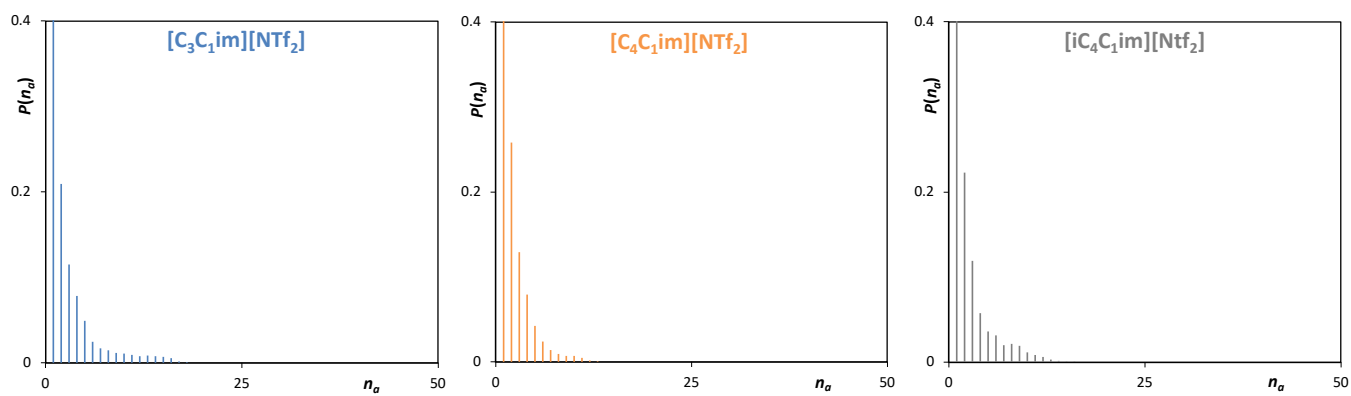


Figure S1. Discrete probability distribution of aggregate sizes, $P(n_a)$, as a function of aggregate size number, n_a , for water-water aggregates found in aqueous solutions of $[C_3C_1im][NTf_2]$, $[C_4C_1im][NTf_2]$ and $[iC_4C_1im][NTf_2]$ with $X_{IL} = 0.70$ at 320 K.

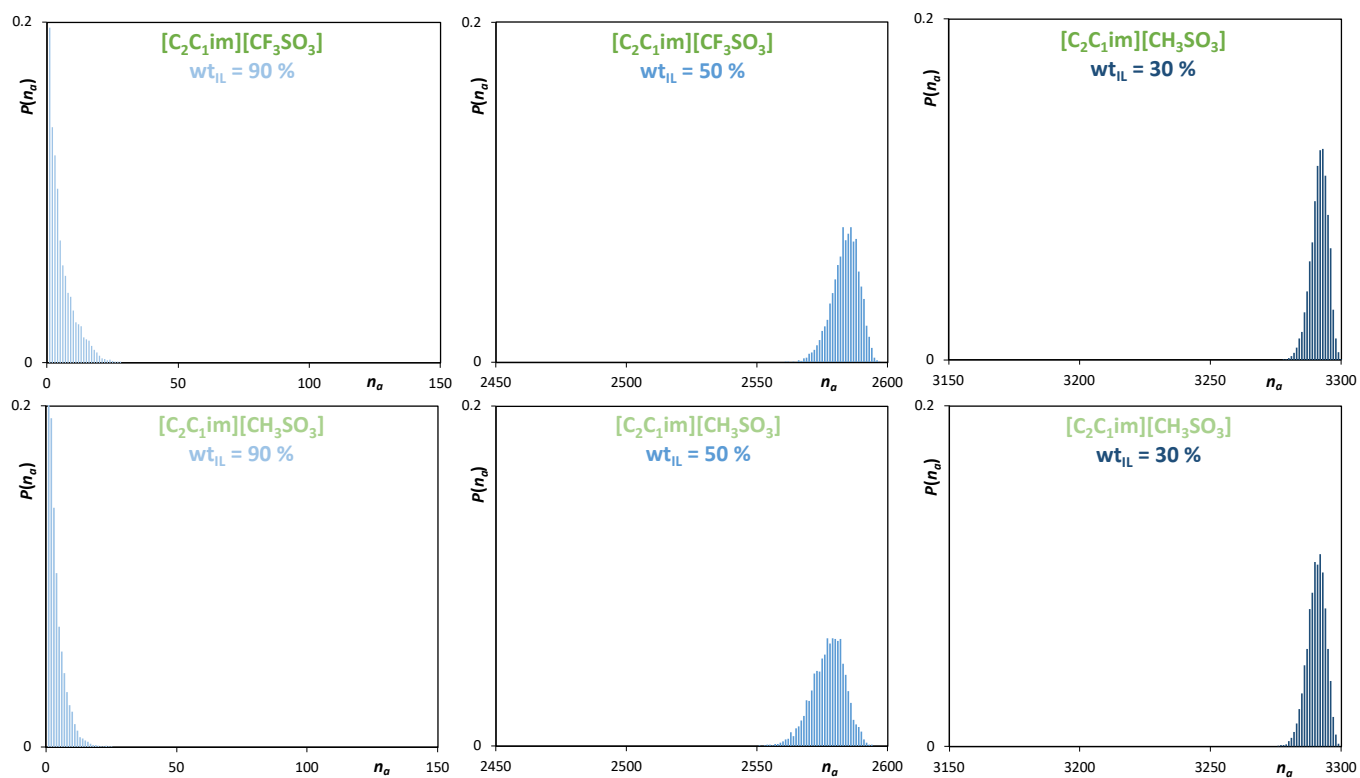


Figure S2. Discrete probability distribution of aggregate sizes, $P(n_a)$, as a function of aggregate size number, n_a , for water-water aggregates found in aqueous solutions of $[C_2C_1im][CF_3SO_3]$ and $[C_2C_1im][CH_3SO_3]$ at 300 K.

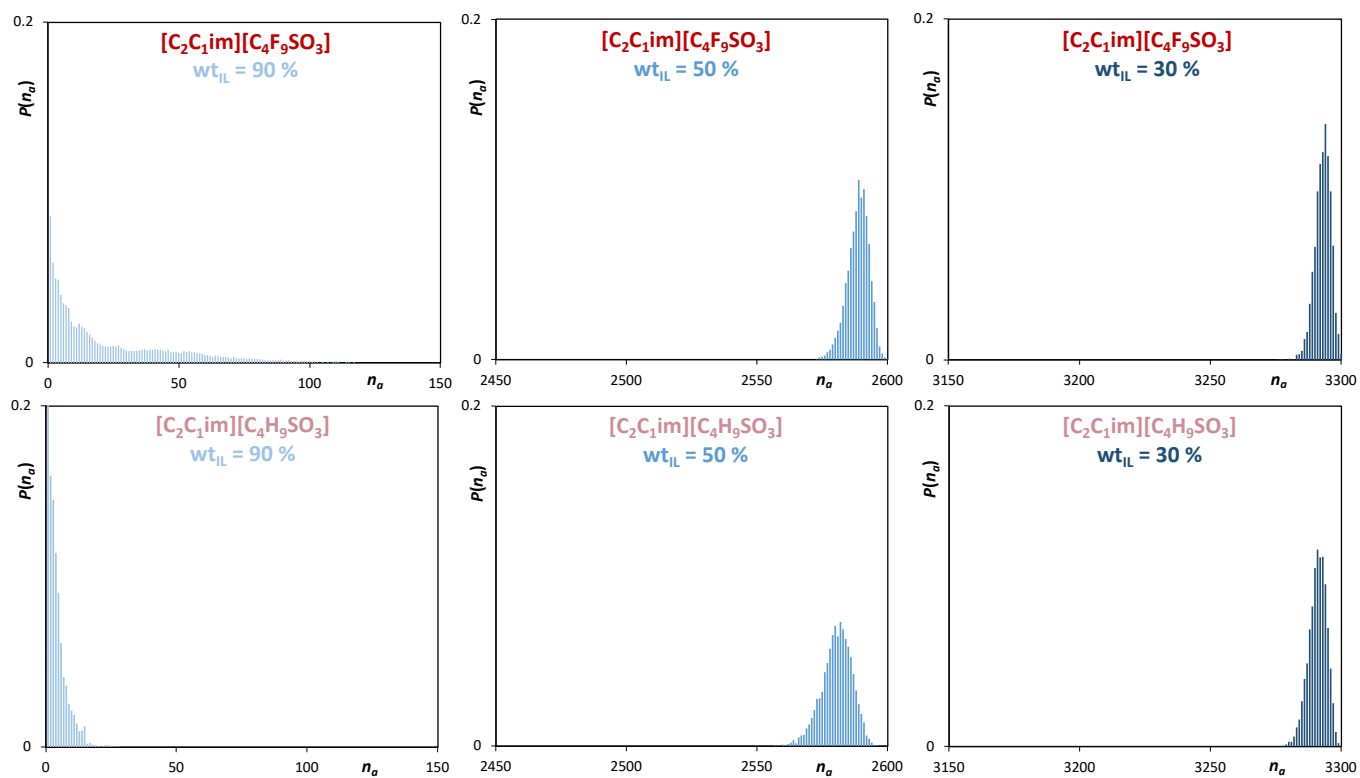


Figure S3. Discrete probability distribution of aggregate sizes, $P(n_a)$, as a function of aggregate size number, n_a , for water-water aggregates found in aqueous solutions of $[\text{C}_2\text{C}_{1\text{im}}][\text{C}_4\text{F}_9\text{SO}_3]$ and $[\text{C}_2\text{C}_{1\text{im}}][\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{SO}_3]$ at 300 K.

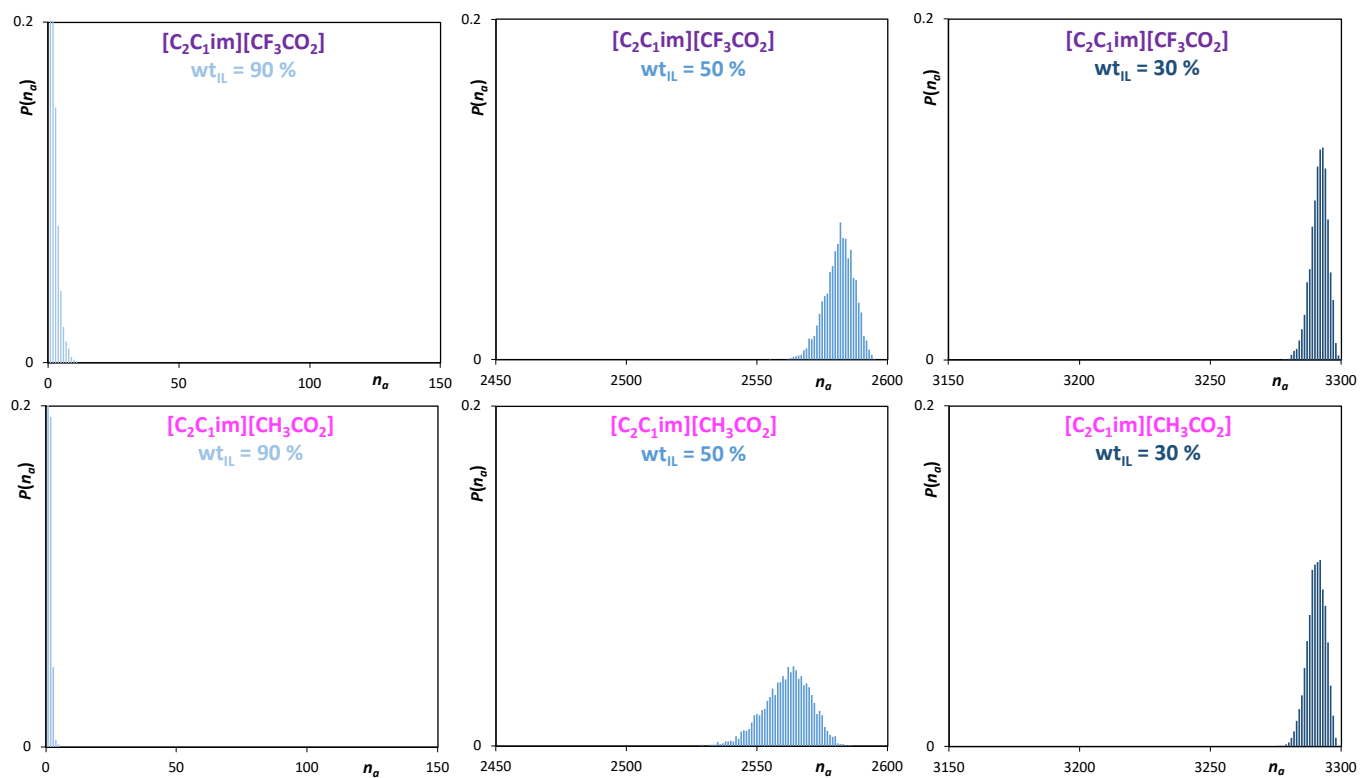


Figure S4. Discrete probability distribution of aggregate sizes, $P(n_a)$, as a function of aggregate size number, n_a , for water-water aggregates found in aqueous solutions of $[C_2C_1im][CF_3CO_2]$ and $[C_2C_1im][CH_3CO_2]$ at 300 K.

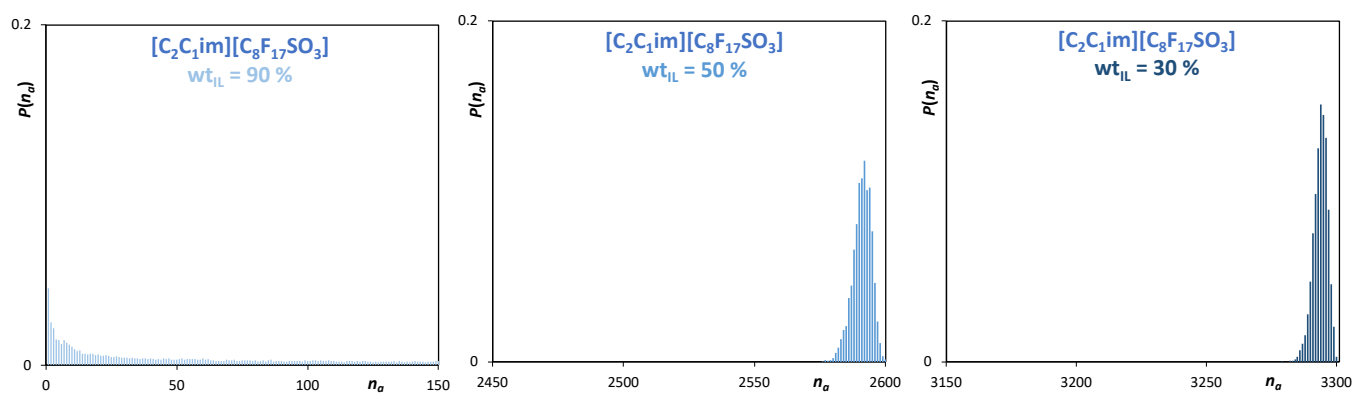


Figure S5. Discrete probability distribution of aggregate sizes, $P(n_a)$, as a function of aggregate size number, n_a , for water-water aggregates found in aqueous solutions of $[C_2C_{1im}][C_8F_{17}SO_3]$ at 300 K.

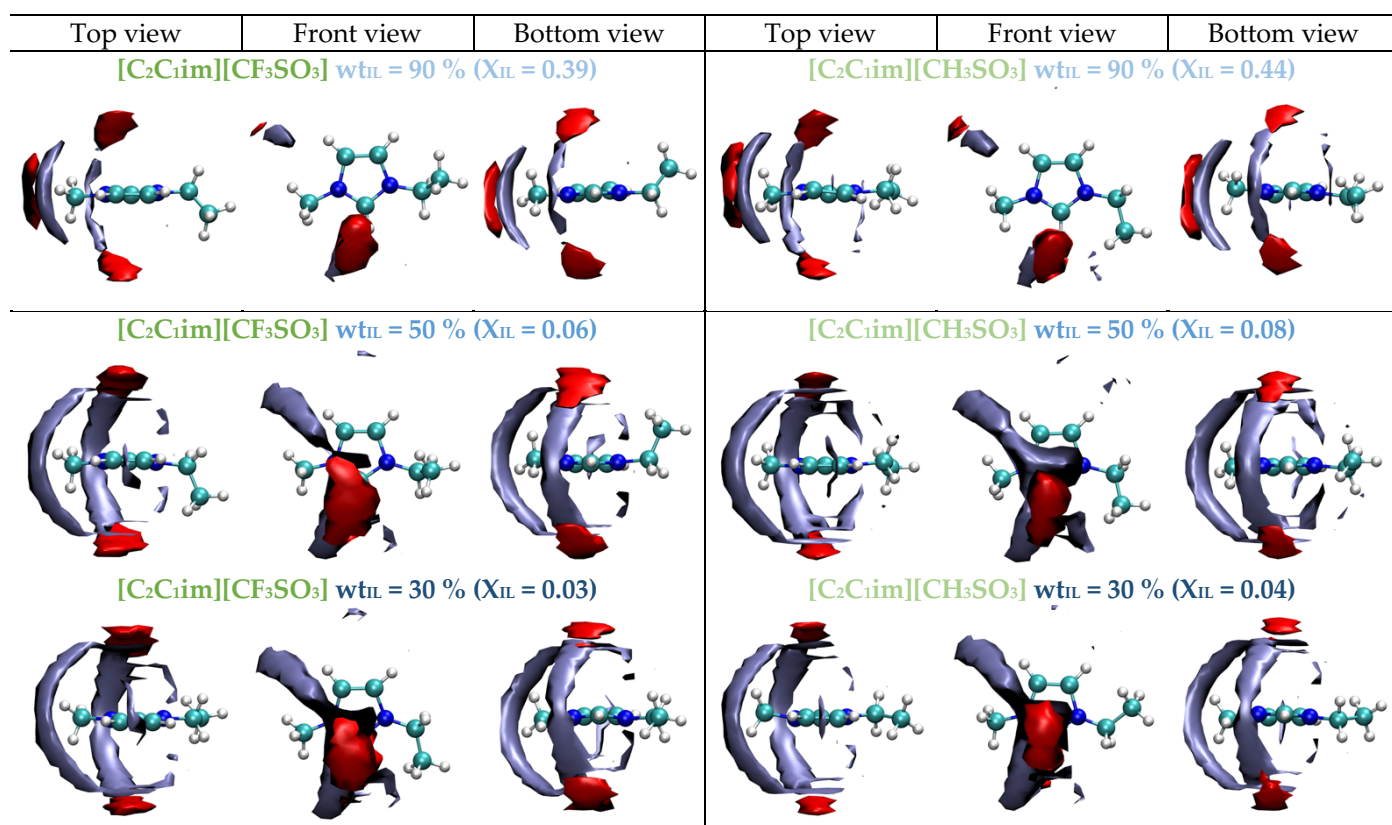


Figure S6. Selected Spatial Distribution Functions around the $[\text{C}_2\text{C}_{1\text{im}}]^+$ cation in aqueous mixtures of $[\text{C}_2\text{C}_{1\text{im}}][\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3]$ and $[\text{C}_2\text{C}_{1\text{im}}][\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_3]$ at 300 K. The red and light blue colours represent S ($-\text{SO}_3$) atom of anion and water O atom, respectively. The isosurface value is 70% of the maximum number density.

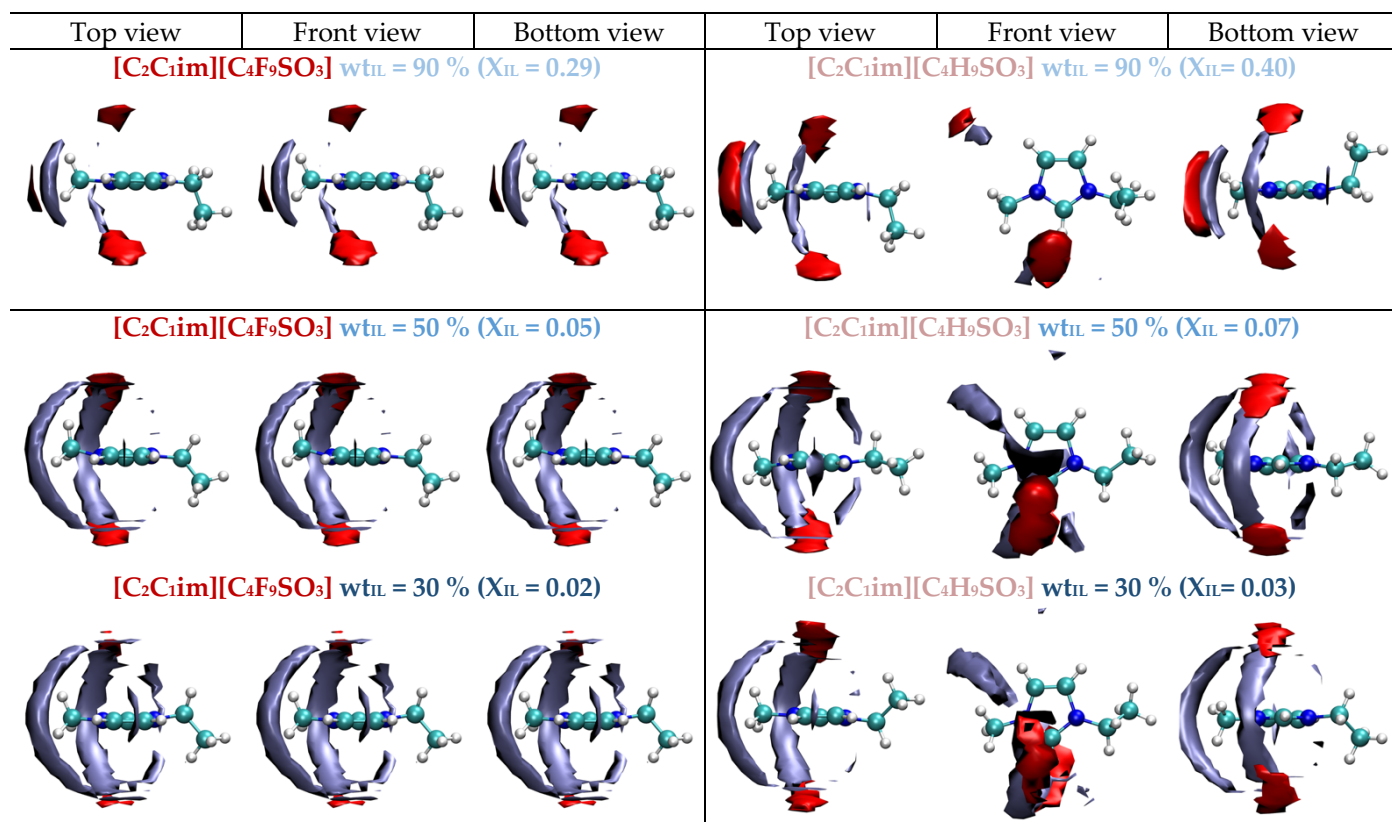


Figure S7. Selected Spatial Distribution Functions around the [C₂C₁im]⁺ cation in aqueous mixtures of [C₂C₁im][C₄F₉SO₃] and [C₂C₁im][C₄H₉SO₃] at 300 K. The red and light blue colours represent S (-SO₃) atom of anion and water O atom, respectively. The isosurface value is 70% of the maximum number density.

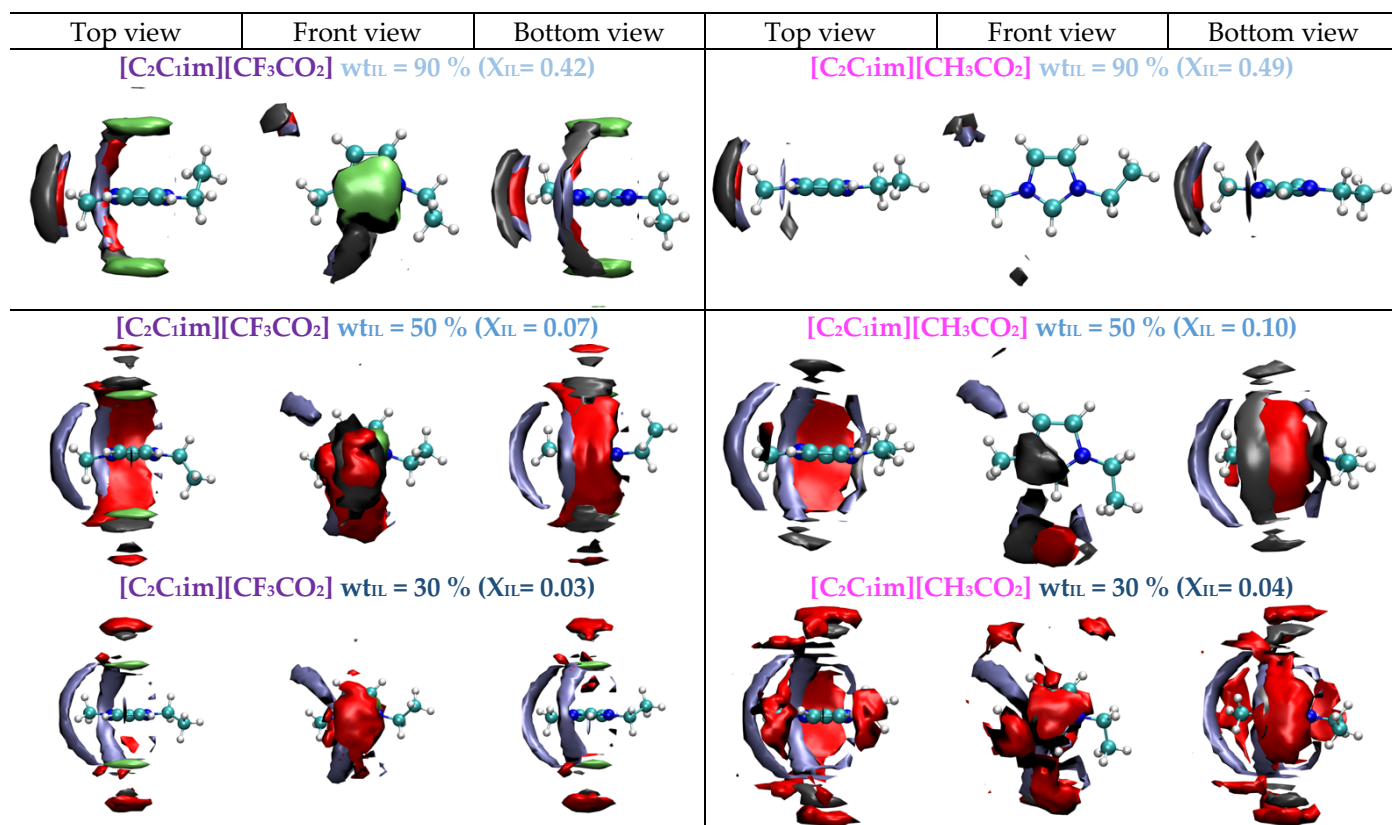


Figure S8. Selected Spatial Distribution Functions around the [C₂C₁im]⁺ cation in aqueous mixtures of [C₂C₁im][CF₃CO₂] and [C₂C₁im][CH₃CO₂] at 300 K. The grey, red and green colours represent C, O (-CO₂) and F atoms of anion, respectively, and light blue depicts water O atom. The isosurface value is 70% of the maximum number density.

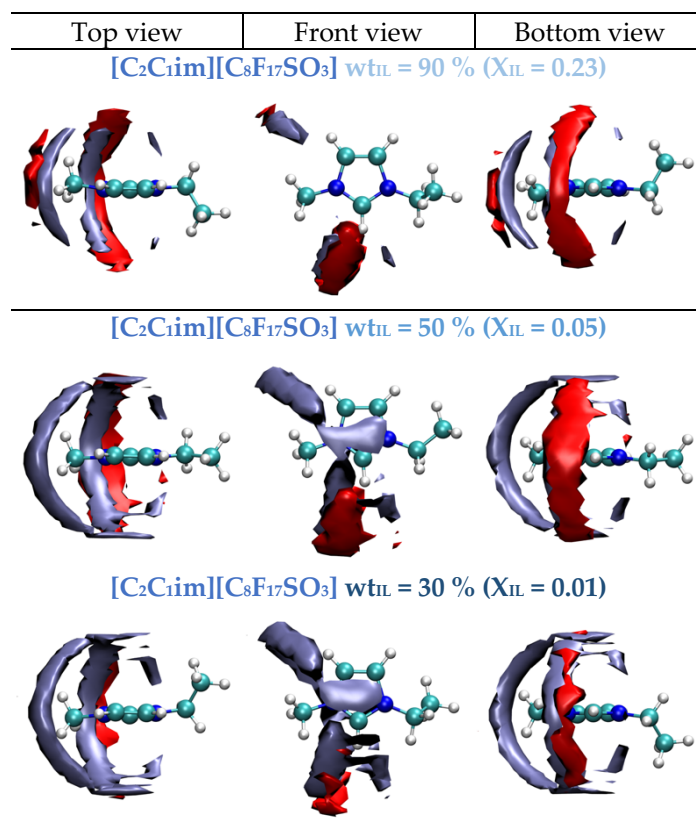


Figure S9. Selected Spatial Distribution Functions around the $[\text{C}_2\text{C}_{1\text{im}}]^+$ cation in aqueous mixtures of $[\text{C}_2\text{C}_{1\text{im}}][\text{C}_8\text{F}_{17}\text{SO}_3]$ at 300 K. The red colour represent S ($-\text{SO}_3$) atom of anion and light blue depicts water O atom. The isosurface value is 70% of the maximum number density.

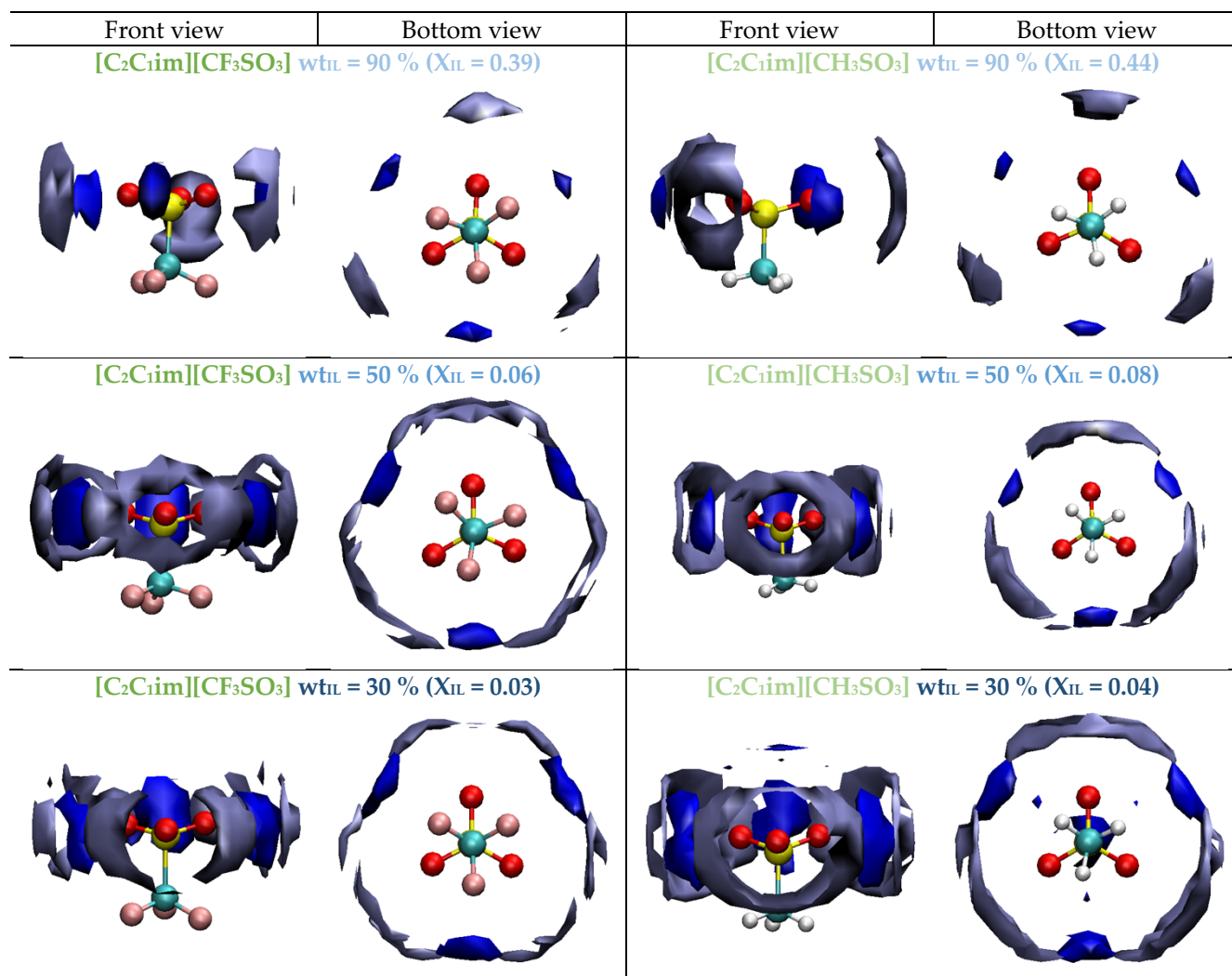


Figure S10. Selected Spatial Distribution Functions around the $[\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3]^-$ and $[\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_3]^-$ anions in aqueous mixtures of $[\text{C}_2\text{C1im}][\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3]$ and $[\text{C}_2\text{C1im}][\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_3]$ at 300 K. The blue colour represents H atom of cations attached to the carbon between nitrogen atoms of the imidazolium ring and light blue depicts water O atom. The isosurface value is 70% of the maximum number density.

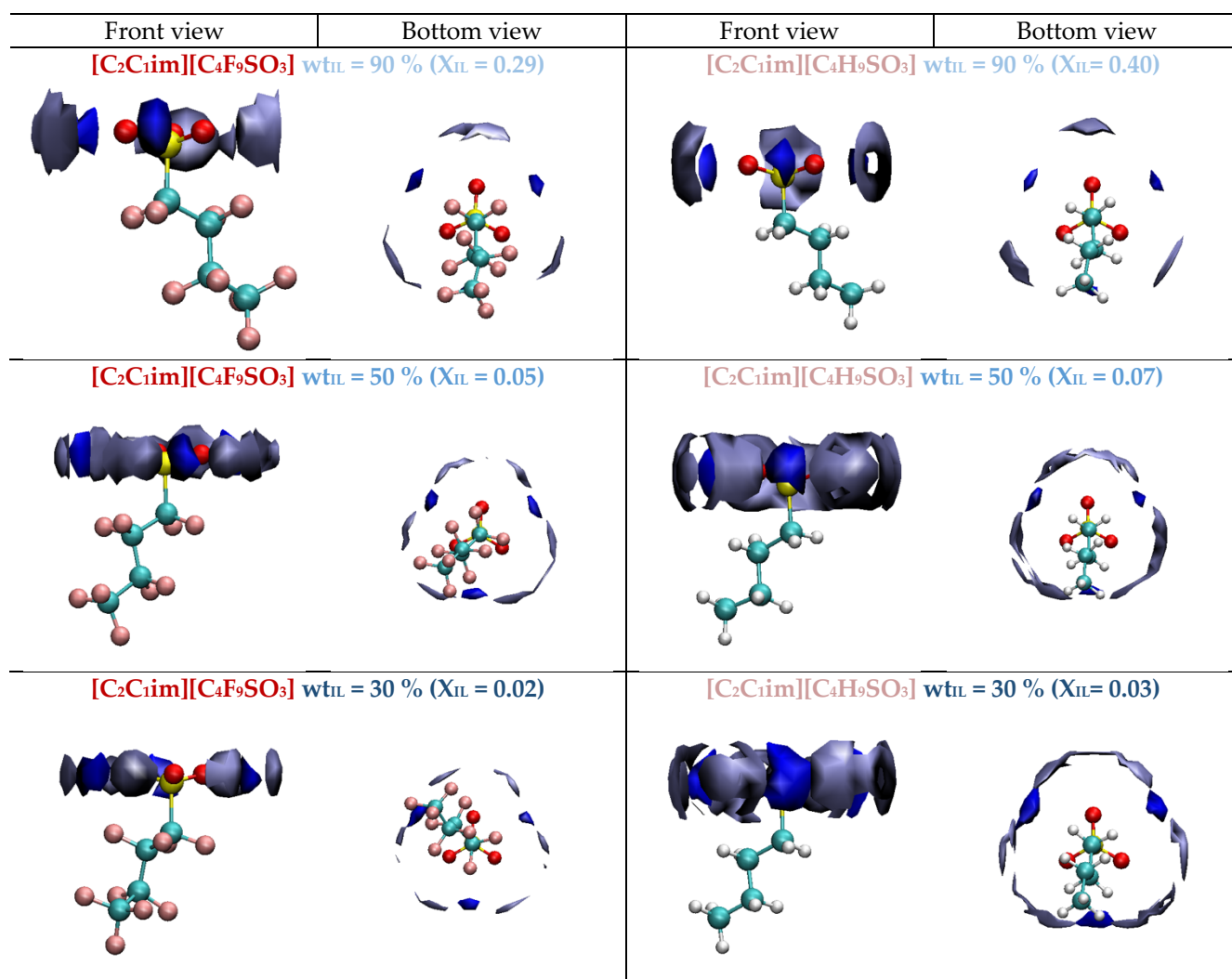


Figure S11. Selected Spatial Distribution Functions around the [C₄F₉SO₃]⁻ and [C₄H₉SO₃]⁻ anions in aqueous mixtures of [C₂C₁im][C₄F₉SO₃] and [C₂C₁im][C₄H₉SO₃] at 300 K. The blue colour represents H atom of cations attached to the carbon between nitrogen atoms of the imidazolium ring and light blue depicts water O atom. The isosurface value is 70% of the maximum number density.

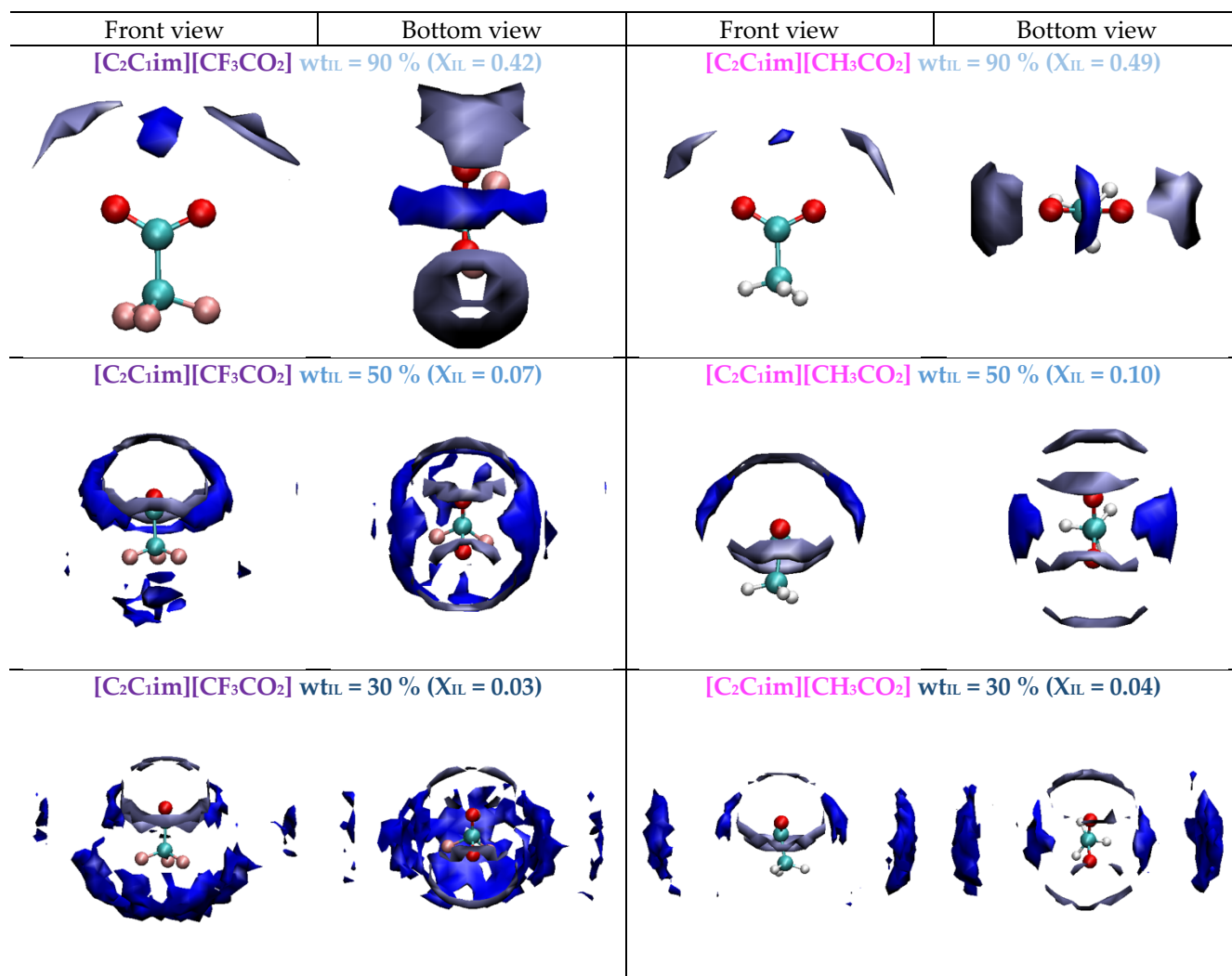


Figure S12. Selected Spatial Distribution Functions around the [CF₃CO₂]⁻ and [CH₃CO₂]⁻ anions in aqueous mixtures of [C₂C₁im][CF₃CO₂] and [C₂C₁im][CH₃CO₂] at 300 K. The blue colour represents H atom of cations attached to the carbon between nitrogen atoms of the imidazolium ring and light blue depicts water O atom. The isosurface value is 70% of the maximum number density.

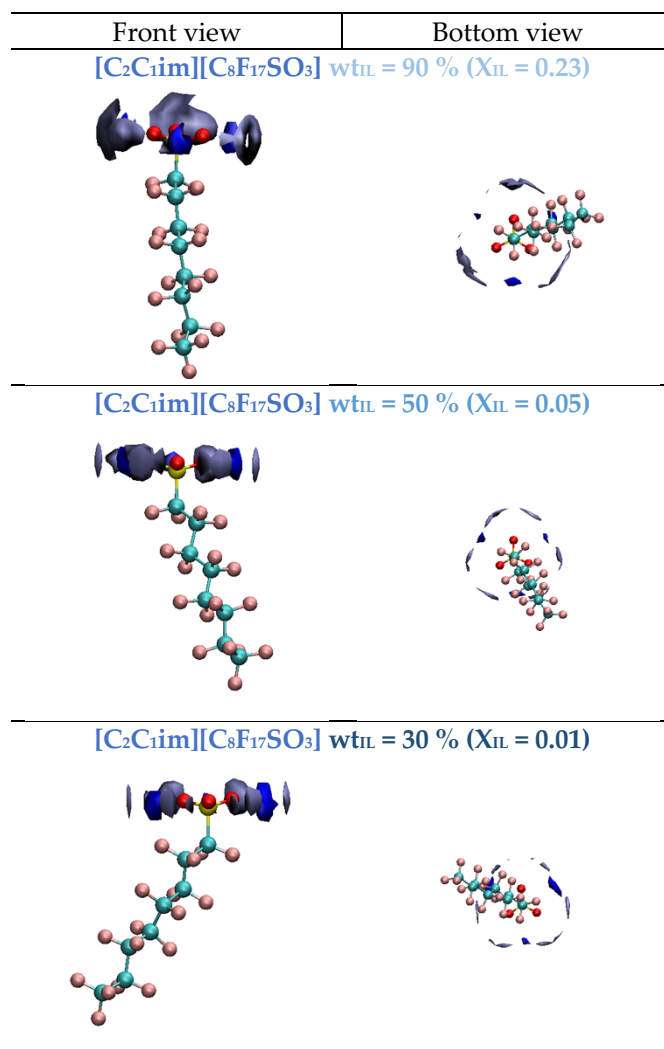


Figure S13. Selected Spatial Distribution Functions around the $[\text{C}_8\text{F}_{17}\text{SO}_3]^-$ anion in aqueous mixtures of $[\text{C}_2\text{C}_{1\text{im}}][\text{C}_8\text{F}_{17}\text{SO}_3]$ at 300 K. The blue colour represents H atom of cations attached to the carbon between nitrogen atoms of the imidazolium ring and light blue depicts water O atom. The isosurface value is 70% of the maximum number density.

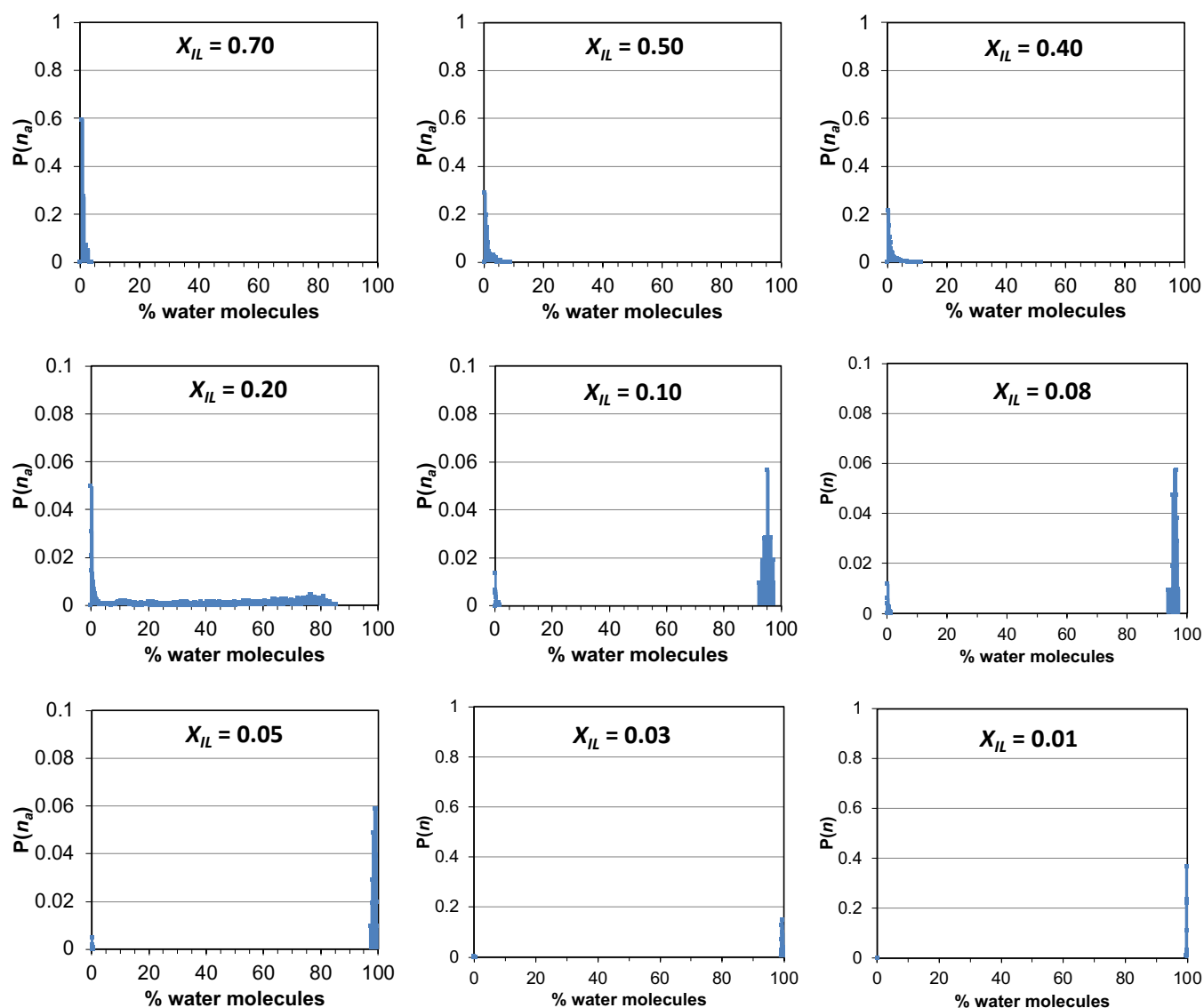


Figure S14. Discrete probability distribution of aggregate sizes, $P(n_a)$, as a function of aggregate size number, n_a , for water-water aggregates found in aqueous solutions of $[N_{1\ 2OH\ 2OH\ 2OH}][NTf_2]$ at 300 K.