

Effect of cation symmetry on the low-frequency spectra of imidazolium ionic liquids: OKE and Raman spectroscopic measurements and DFT calculations

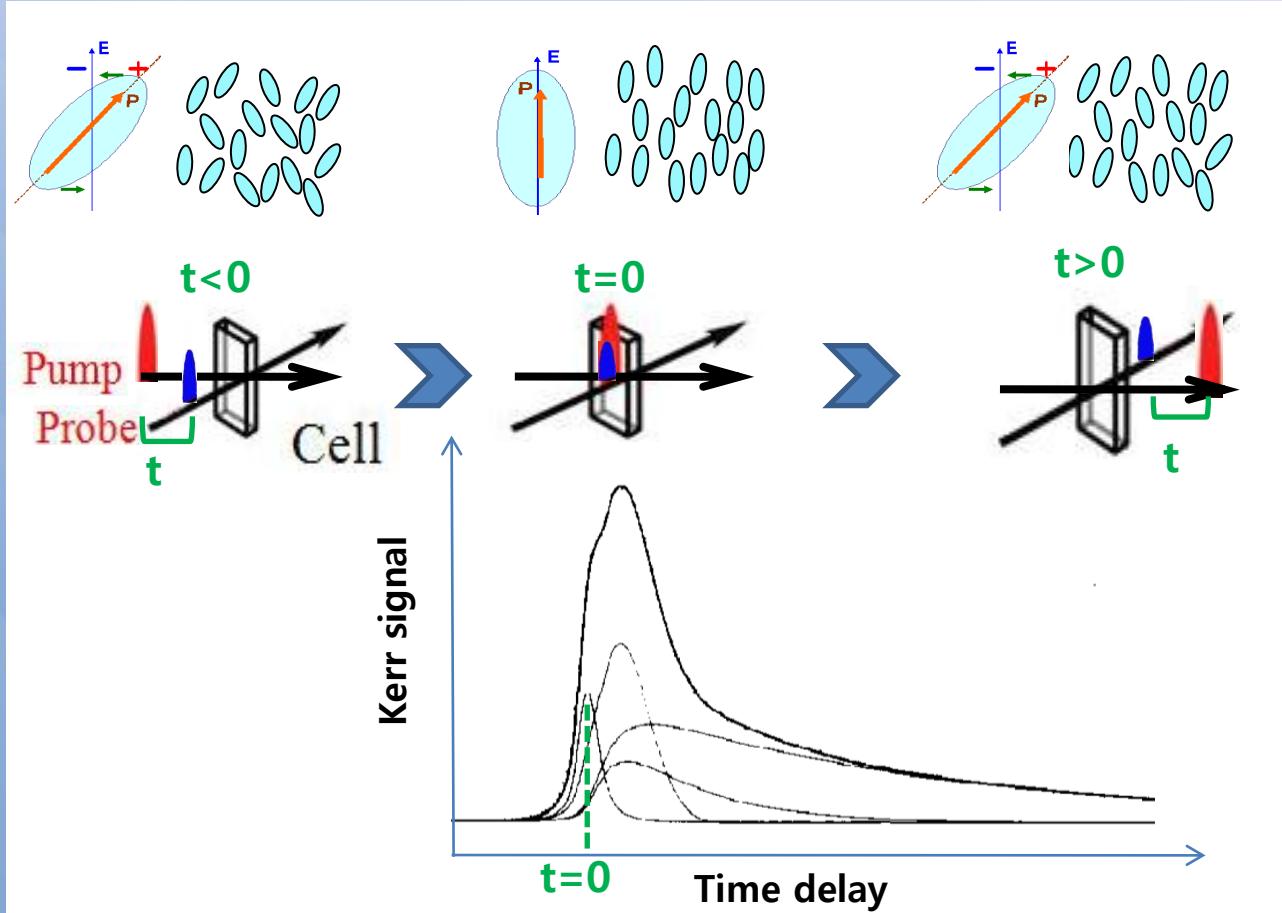
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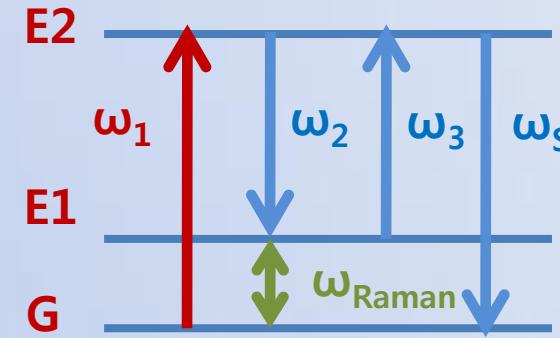
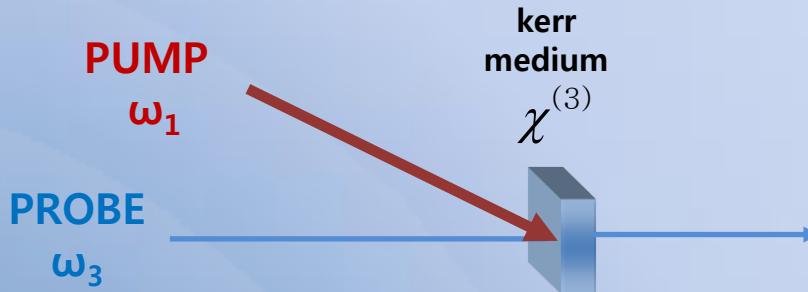
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Principle of optical kerr effect



OHD-RIKE and DFT(density functional theory)

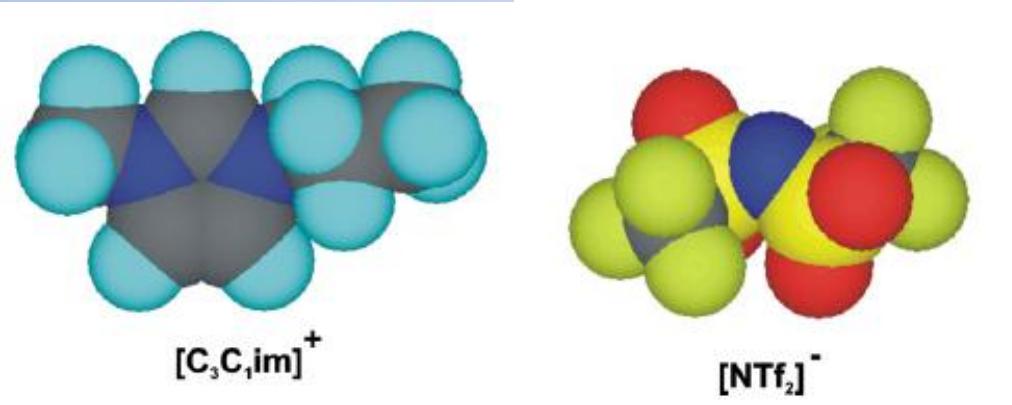
- OHD-RIKE



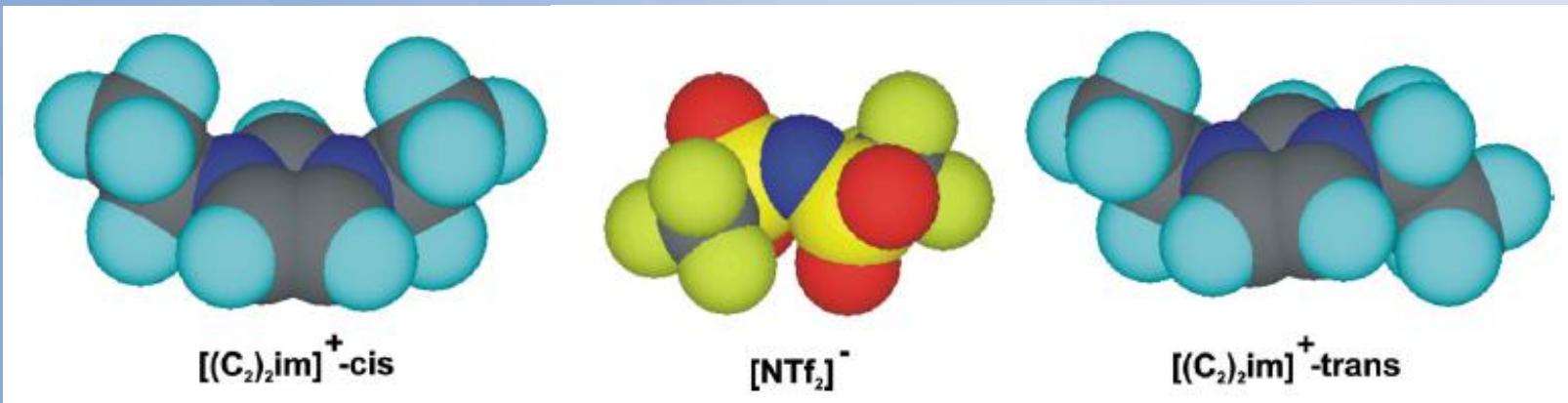
- DFT

Quantum mechanical modeling method used in physics and chemistry to investigate the electronic structure (principally the ground state) of many-body systems, in particular atoms, molecules, and the condensed phases.

Sample



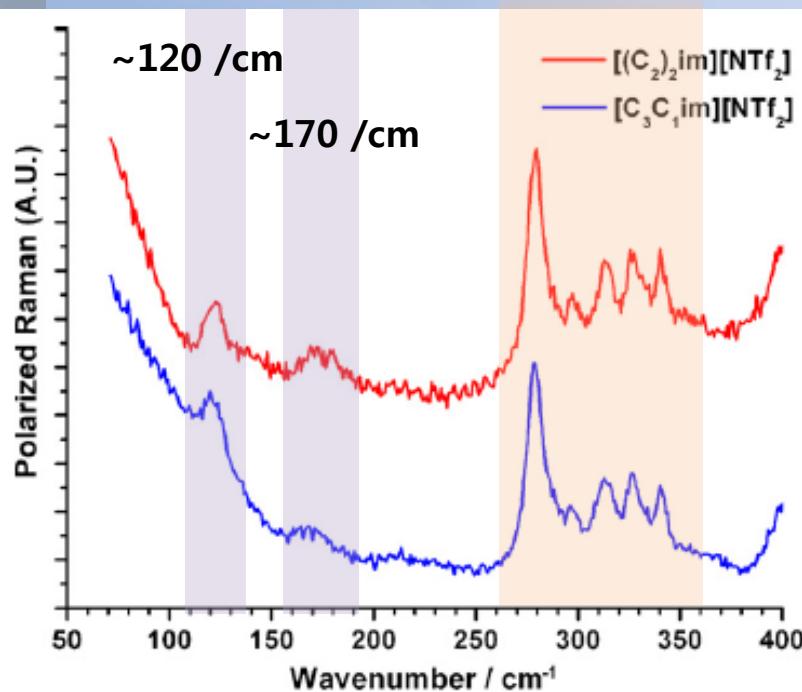
$[C_3C_1\text{im}]^+ [\text{NTf}_2]$



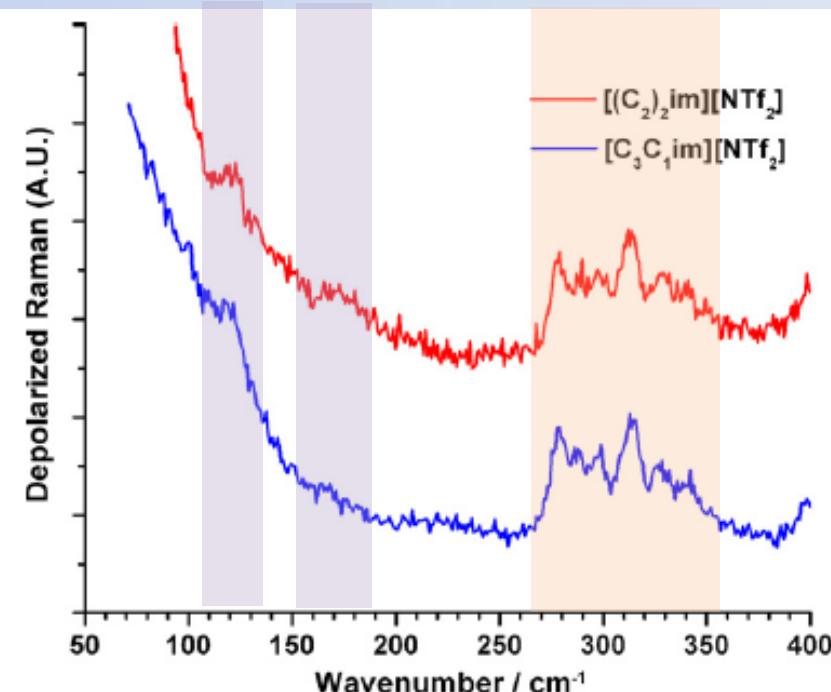
$[(C_2)_2\text{im}]^+ \text{ (-trans and -cis)} [\text{NTf}_2]$

Raman Spectra

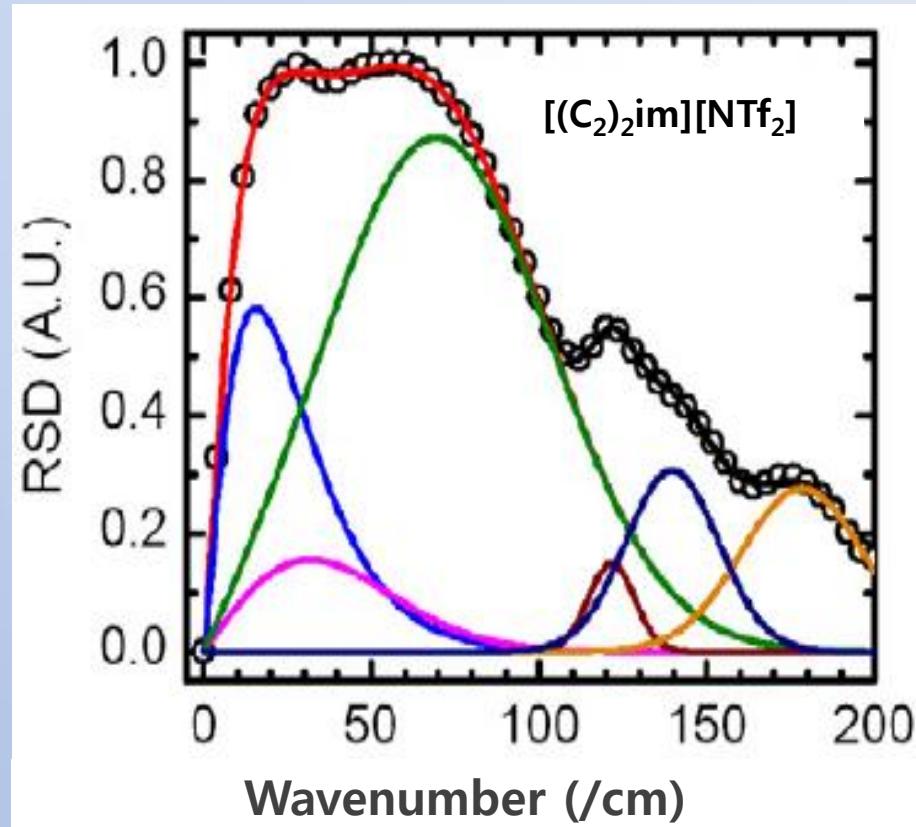
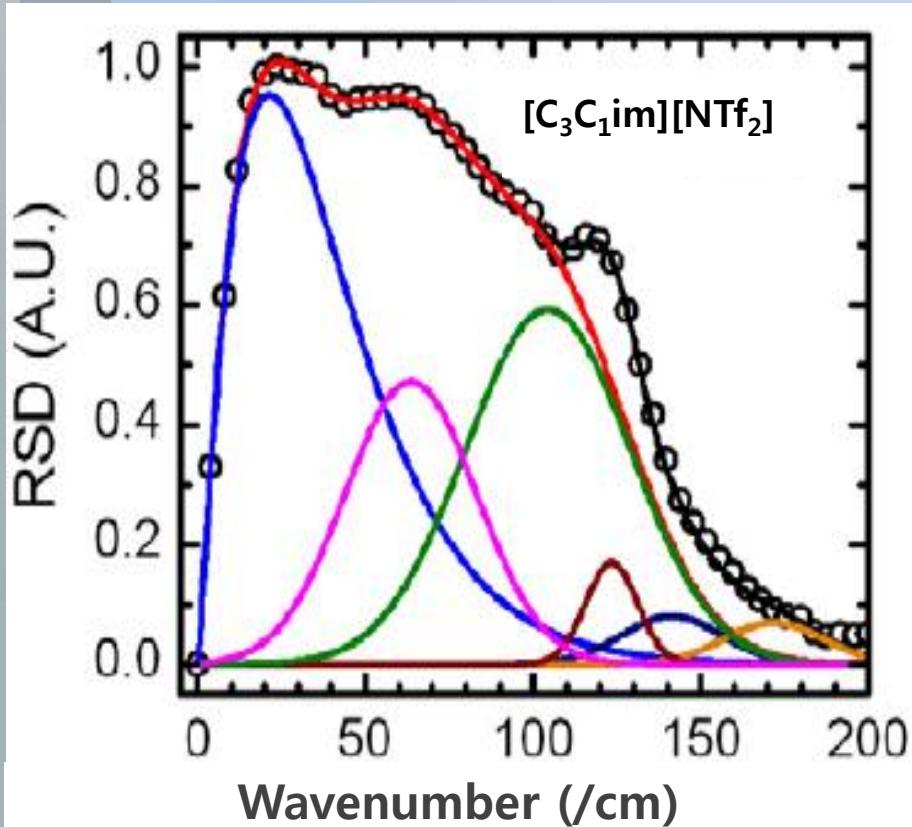
● Polarized Raman spectra



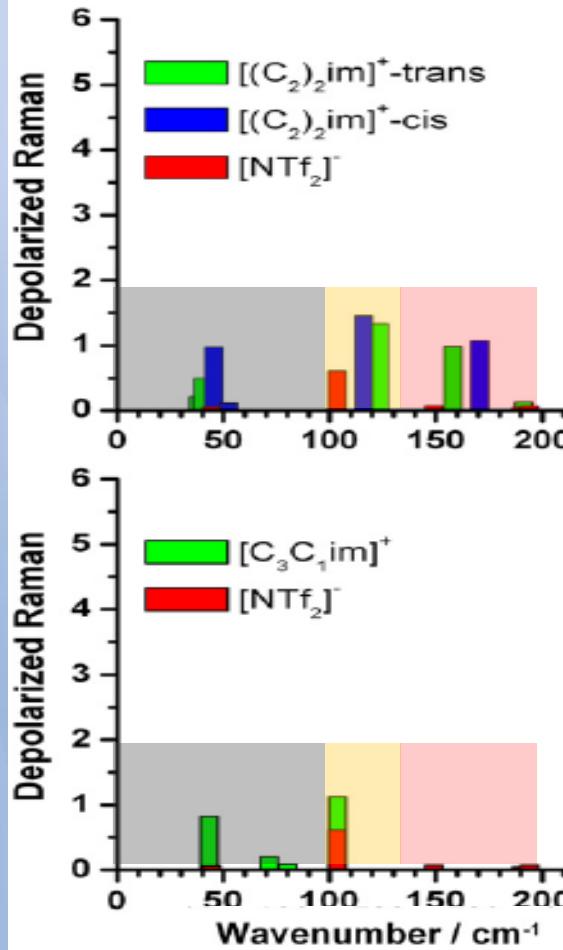
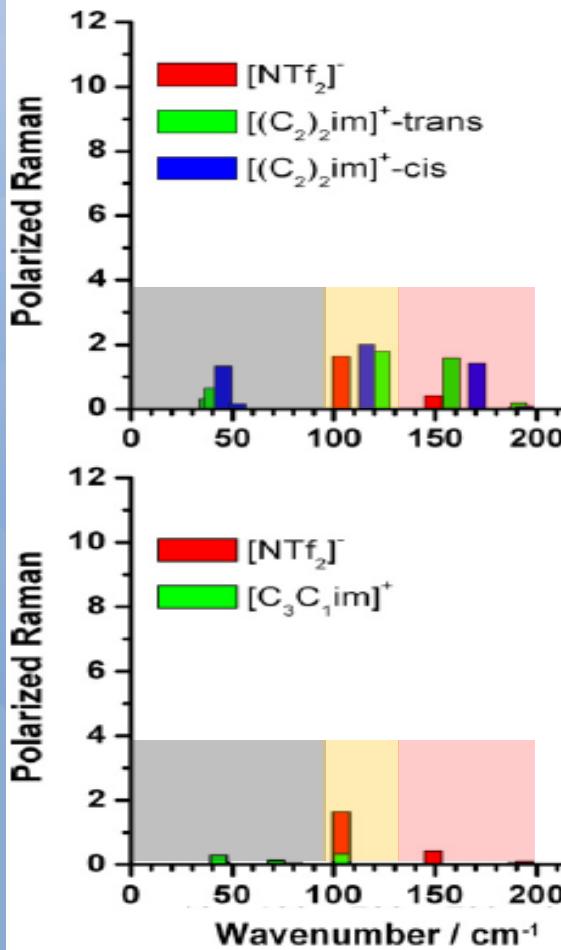
● Depolarized Raman spectra



Reduced Spectral Density by Kerr signal



Calculated Raman spectra



region A1: 0 < w ≤ 100 /cm

region A2: 100 < w ≤ 125 /cm

region A3: 125 < w ≤ 200 /cm

Concluding remarks

- According to Kerr experiment on two kinds of ionic liquids, the intermolecular motion could be determined by symmetry of cation.
- In the range from 100 to 200 /cm, a weak peak originate from the anion.
- The intramolecular motion should be considered besides the intermolecular motion when you do peak assignment.