

## Supporting Information

# Ionic liquid composite polybenzimidazol membranes for high temperature PEMFC applications

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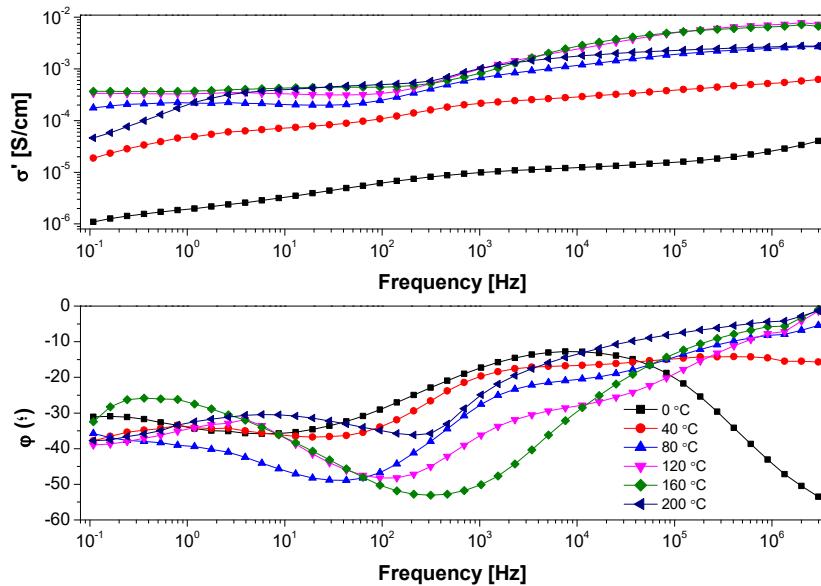
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### 1. Supplementary Tables.

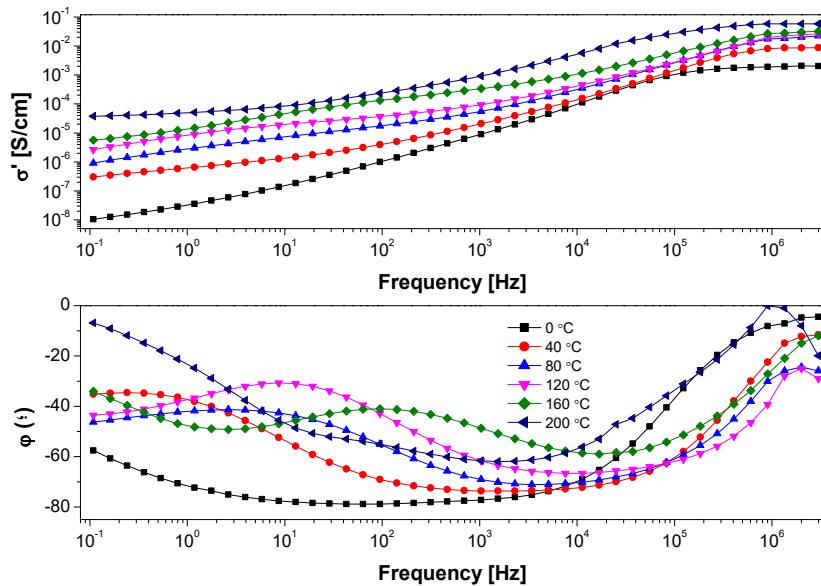
**Table S1.** Conductivity values obtained from the Bode diagram for all phosphoric acid doped PBI composite membranes containing 5 wt. % of BMIM-X under anhydrous conditions.

T (°C)	PBI	[Cl] <sup>-</sup>	[Br] <sup>-</sup>	[I] <sup>-</sup>	[BF <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	[PF <sub>6</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>	[NCS] <sup>-</sup>	[NTf <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>-</sup>
0	1.2·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.2·10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.9·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.2·10 <sup>-4</sup>	8.5·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.6·10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.6·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.3·10 <sup>-3</sup>
10	1.5·10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.2·10 <sup>-5</sup>	3.0·10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.0·10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.2·10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.4·10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.8·10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.2·10 <sup>-3</sup>
20	2.5·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.1·10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.6·10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.7·10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.7·10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.4·10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.4·10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.7·10 <sup>-3</sup>
30	3.6·10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.5·10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.6·10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.5·10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.3·10 <sup>-2</sup>	4.3·10 <sup>-3</sup>	7.2·10 <sup>-3</sup>	6.3·10 <sup>-3</sup>
40	5.2·10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.8·10 <sup>-4</sup>	9.1·10 <sup>-3</sup>	7.9·10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.9·10 <sup>-2</sup>	5.4·10 <sup>-3</sup>	9.5·10 <sup>-3</sup>	9.8·10 <sup>-3</sup>
50	7.2·10 <sup>-3</sup>	7.5·10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.2·10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.1·10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.6·10 <sup>-2</sup>	6.7·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.2·10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.4·10 <sup>-2</sup>
60	7.1·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.2·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.5·10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.5·10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.4·10 <sup>-2</sup>	7.9·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.5·10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.0·10 <sup>-2</sup>
70	5.8·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.7·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.7·10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.9·10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.1·10 <sup>-2</sup>	9.3·10 <sup>-3</sup>	1.8·10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.5·10 <sup>-2</sup>
80	6.3·10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.6·10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.0·10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.5·10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.8·10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.0·10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.0·10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.1·10 <sup>-2</sup>
90	6.9·10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.4·10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.3·10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.1·10 <sup>-3</sup>	6.4·10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.1·10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.2·10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.8·10 <sup>-2</sup>
100	7.0·10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.6·10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.5·10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.7·10 <sup>-3</sup>	6.8·10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.2·10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.4·10 <sup>-2</sup>	4.4·10 <sup>-2</sup>
110	6.8·10 <sup>-3</sup>	5.8·10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.7·10 <sup>-2</sup>	4.3·10 <sup>-3</sup>	7.2·10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.2·10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.5·10 <sup>-2</sup>	5.2·10 <sup>-2</sup>
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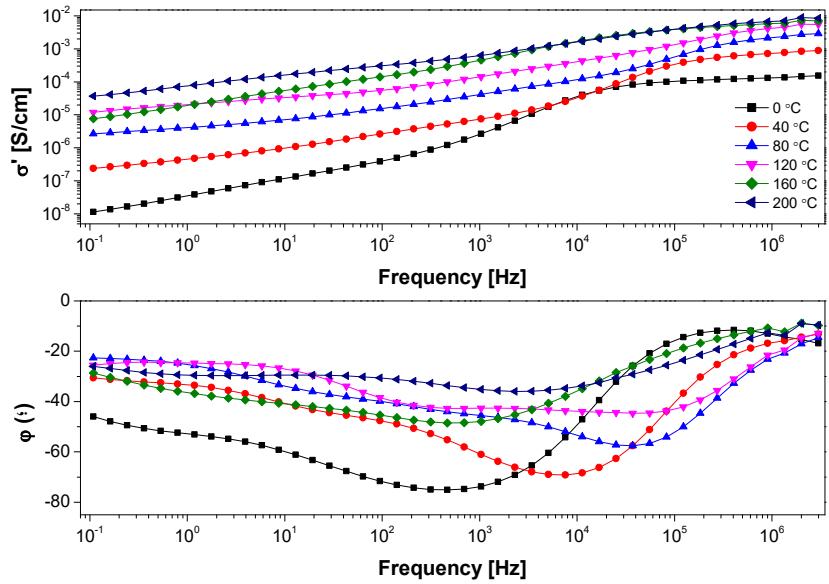
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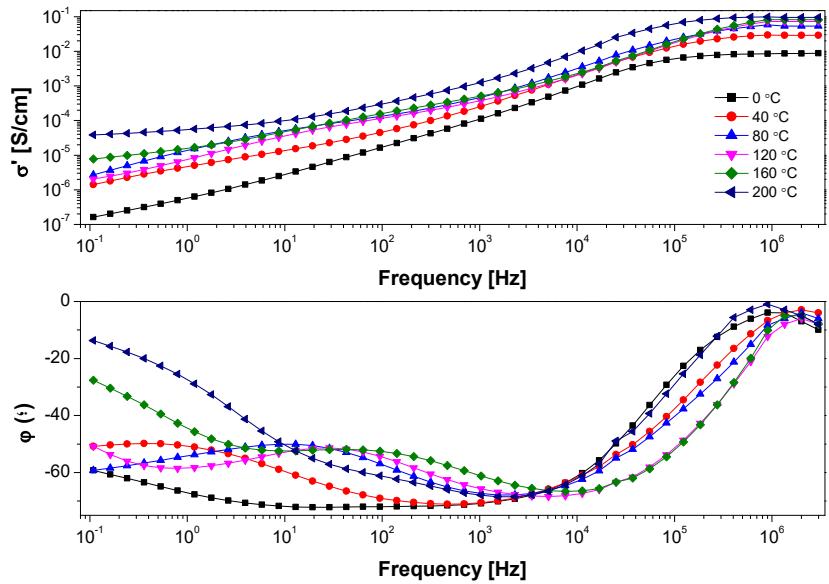
**Figure S1.** Bode diagram for phosphoric acid doped PBI@BMIM-Cl composite membrane (containing 5 wt. % of BMIM-Cl) under anhydrous conditions. In the top graphical representation  $\sigma'$  is plotted against the frequency, whereas in the bottom, the out of phase angle  $\phi$  is plotted against the frequency.



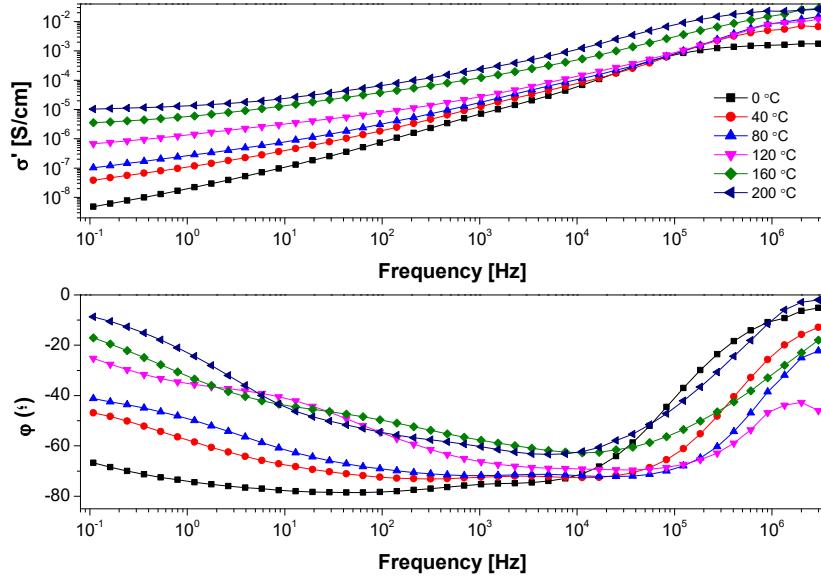
**Figure S2.** Bode diagram for phosphoric acid doped PBI@BMIM-Br composite membrane (containing 5 wt. % of BMIM-Br) under anhydrous conditions. In the top graphical representation  $\sigma'$  is plotted against the frequency, whereas in the bottom, the out of phase angle  $\phi$  is plotted against the frequency.



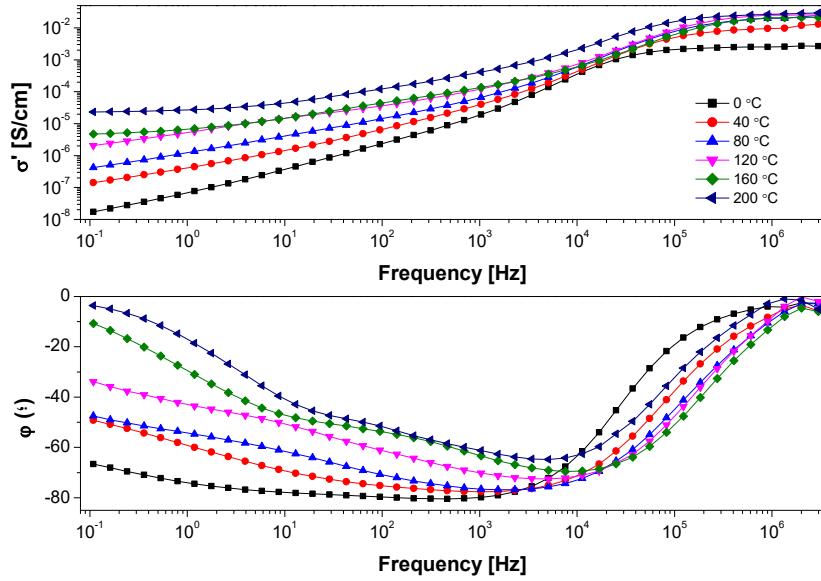
**Figure S3.** Bode diagram for phosphoric acid doped PBI@BMIM-I composite membrane (containing 5 wt. % of BMIM-I) under anhydrous conditions. In the top graphical representation  $\sigma'$  is plotted against the frequency, whereas in the bottom, the out of phase angle  $\phi$  is plotted against the frequency.



**Figure S4.** Bode diagram for phosphoric acid doped PBI@BMIM-BF<sub>4</sub> composite membrane (containing 5 wt. % of BMIM-BF<sub>4</sub>) under anhydrous conditions. In the top graphical representation  $\sigma'$  is plotted against the frequency, whereas in the bottom, the out of phase angle  $\phi$  is plotted against the frequency.



**Figure S5.** Bode diagram for phosphoric acid doped PBI@BMIM-PF<sub>6</sub> composite membrane (containing 5 wt. % of BMIM-PF<sub>6</sub>) under anhydrous conditions. In the top graphical representation  $\sigma'$  is plotted against the frequency, whereas in the bottom, the out of phase angle  $\phi$  is plotted against the frequency.



**Figure S6.** Bode diagram for phosphoric acid doped PBI@BMIM-NCS composite membrane (containing 5 wt. % of BMIM-NCS) under anhydrous conditions. In the top graphical representation  $\sigma'$  is plotted against the frequency, whereas in the bottom, the out of phase angle  $\phi$  is plotted against the frequency.