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Abstract

In this work, two bipyridinium di-cations based on $[(allyl)_2bpy]^{2+}$ and $[(C_{10})_2bpy]^{2+}$ combined with halogenate (I or Br), bistriflimide ([NTf₂]) and dicyanamide [DCA] anions have been prepared and electrochemical characterized. These salts were studied using a conventional electrolyte (TBAP in acetonitrile) and alternative electrolyte based DES (LiTfO:6EG) for 3-and 2- electrodes configuration devices.

In the 2-configuration device, [(allyl)₂bpy][DCA]₂ and [(C₁₀)₂bpy][DCA]₂ showed different radical cation colorations particularly green and blue colors with different recovery times to original ones. In the case of $[(C_{10})_2bpy]I_2$ a blue and a red-violet colorations attributed to the electrogenerated radical cation and the dimer respectively was obtained in agreement with previous literature. In parallel, bipyridinium based DES by suitable combination between $[(C_{10})_2 \text{bpy}]X_2$ and $[(\text{allyl})_2 \text{bpy}]X_2$ (X= Br, NTf₂, DCA) with several hydrogen bond donors in 2-electrode configuration devices have been also studied. DES based on

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