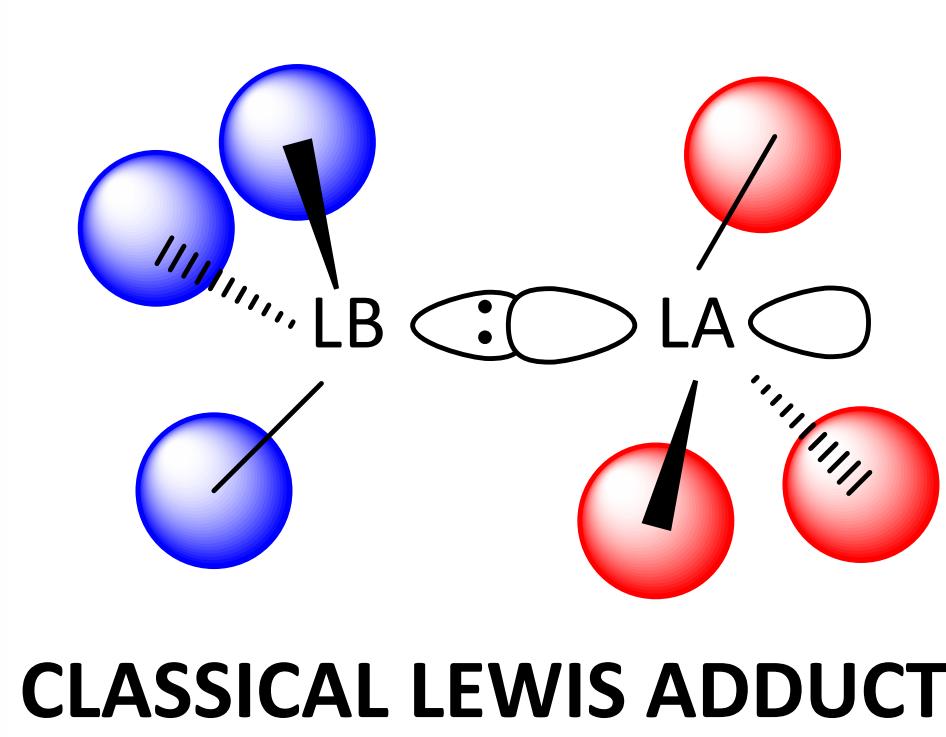




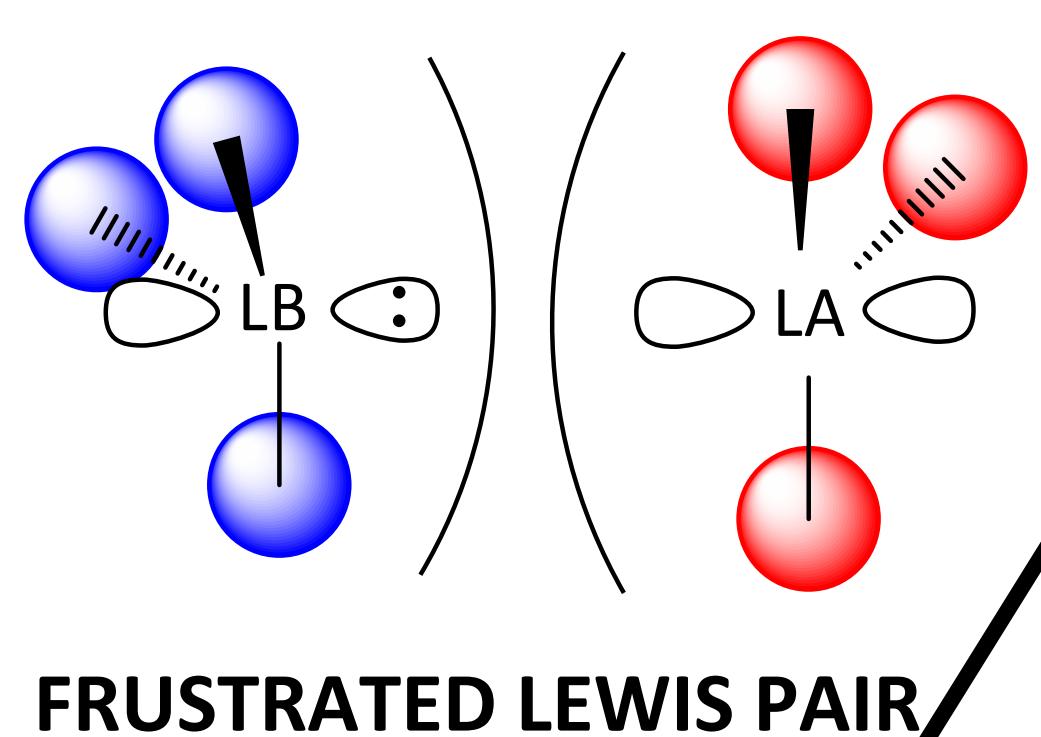
# Manipulating Cation Lewis Acidity to Create Functional IL Systems

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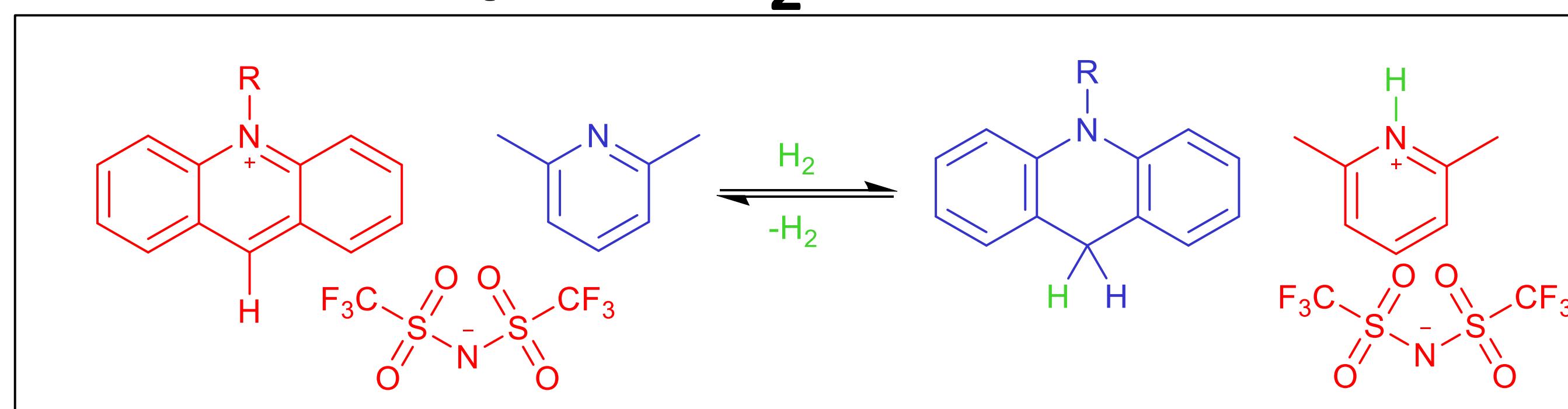
CLASSICAL LEWIS ADDUCT



FRUSTRATED LEWIS PAIR

Frustrated Lewis acid/base pairs (FLPs) are LA/LB that do not form classical adducts

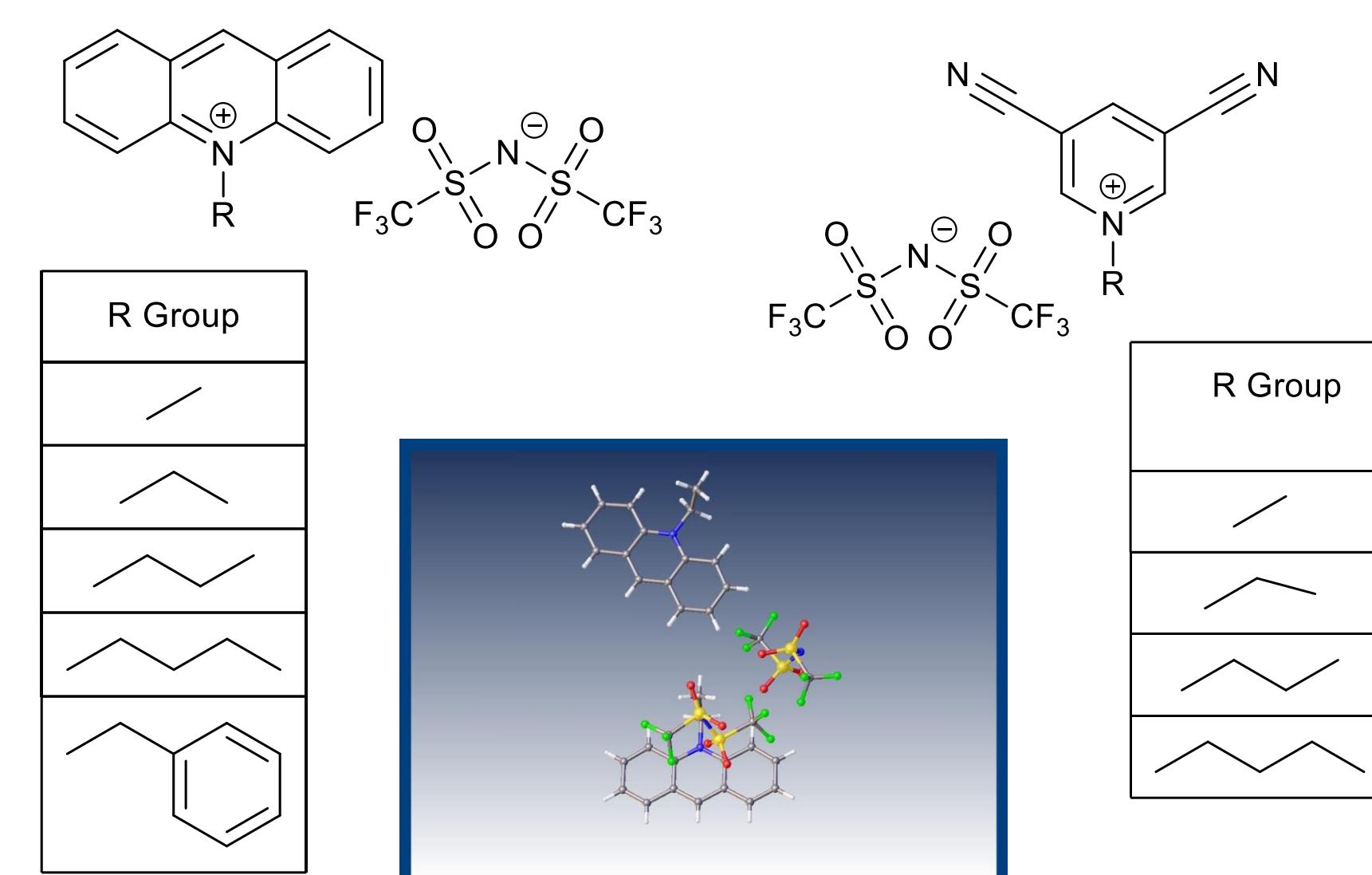
## Conceptual H<sub>2</sub> activation



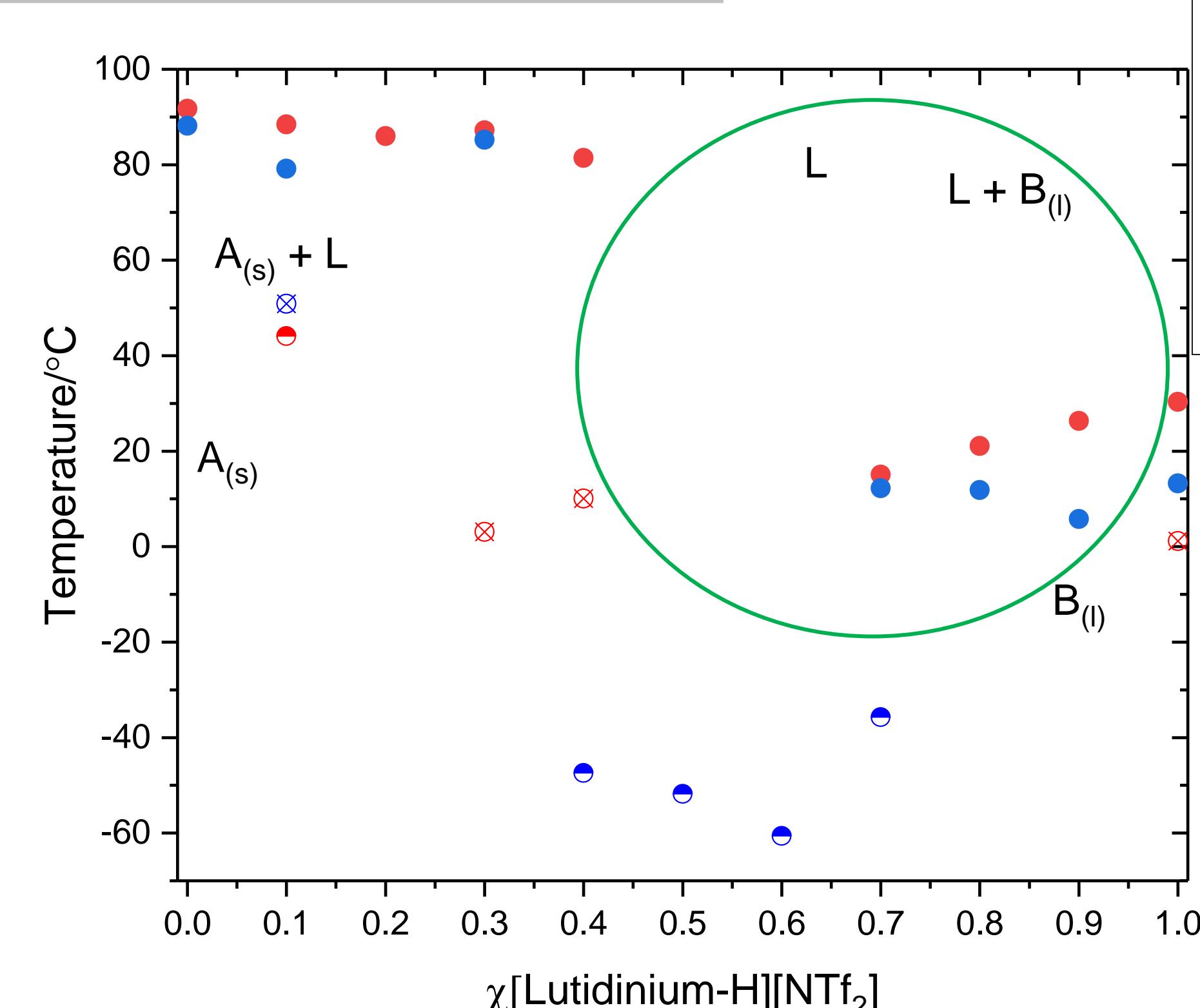
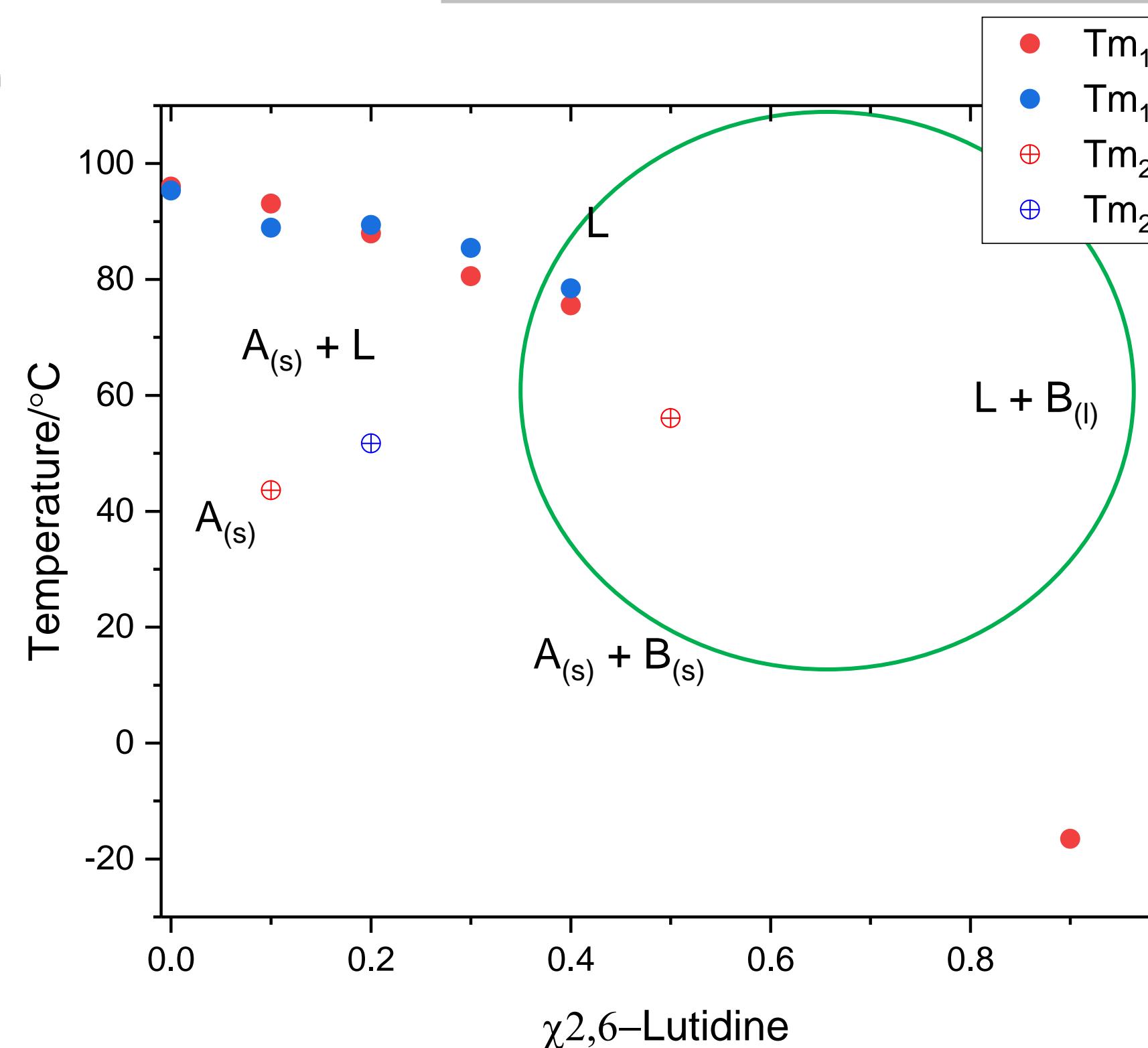
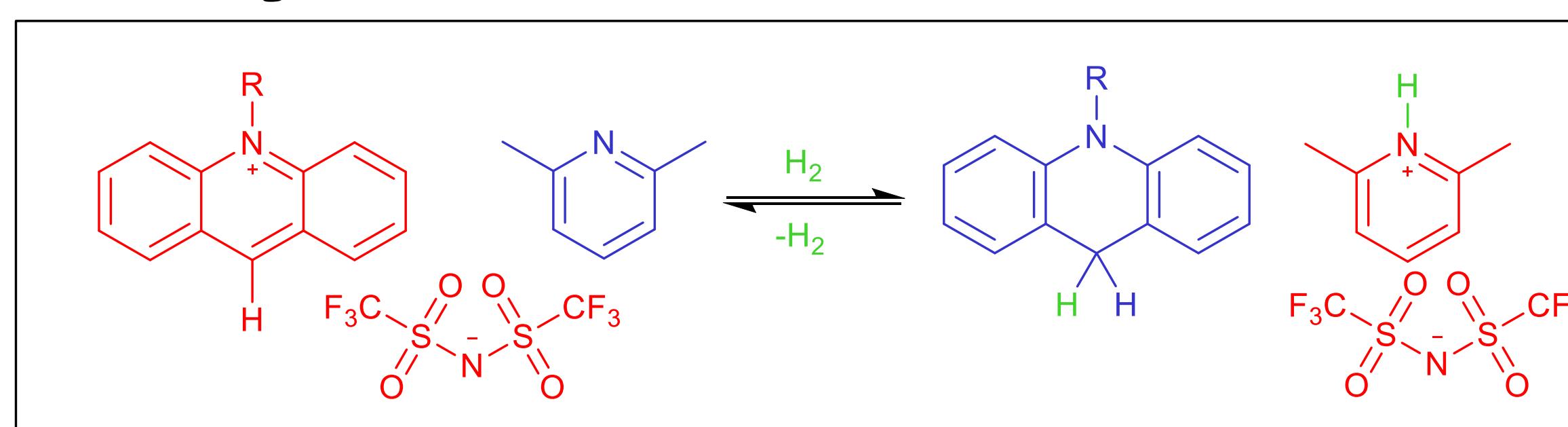
- *N*-methylacridinium salt/lutidine pairs are water/air tolerant FLPs that can activate H<sub>2</sub> in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution - activity is strongly anion dependent: [BPh<sub>4</sub>]<sup>-</sup> best, but limited by solubility (Ingleson and co-workers, *Angew. Chem.*, 2010, **49**, 46, 11309; 2014, **53**, 11306)

- Our concept – when combined with appropriate anion, e.g. [NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>-</sup> it should be possible to generate a wholly IL system before, during and after H<sub>2</sub> activation
- High intrinsic FLP concentrations are highly active for H<sub>2</sub> capture and/or activation

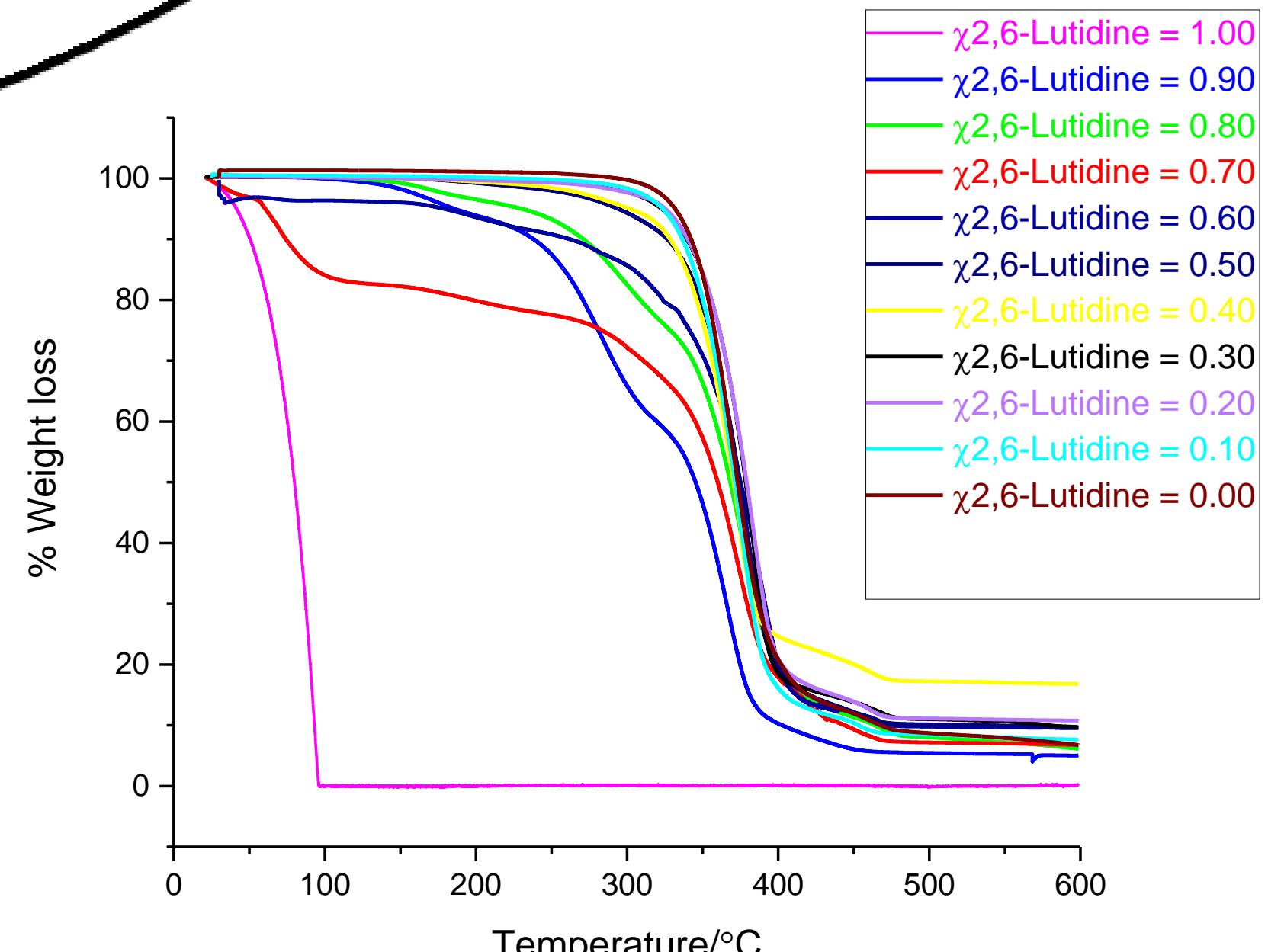
## Ability to utilize range of Novel LA ILs



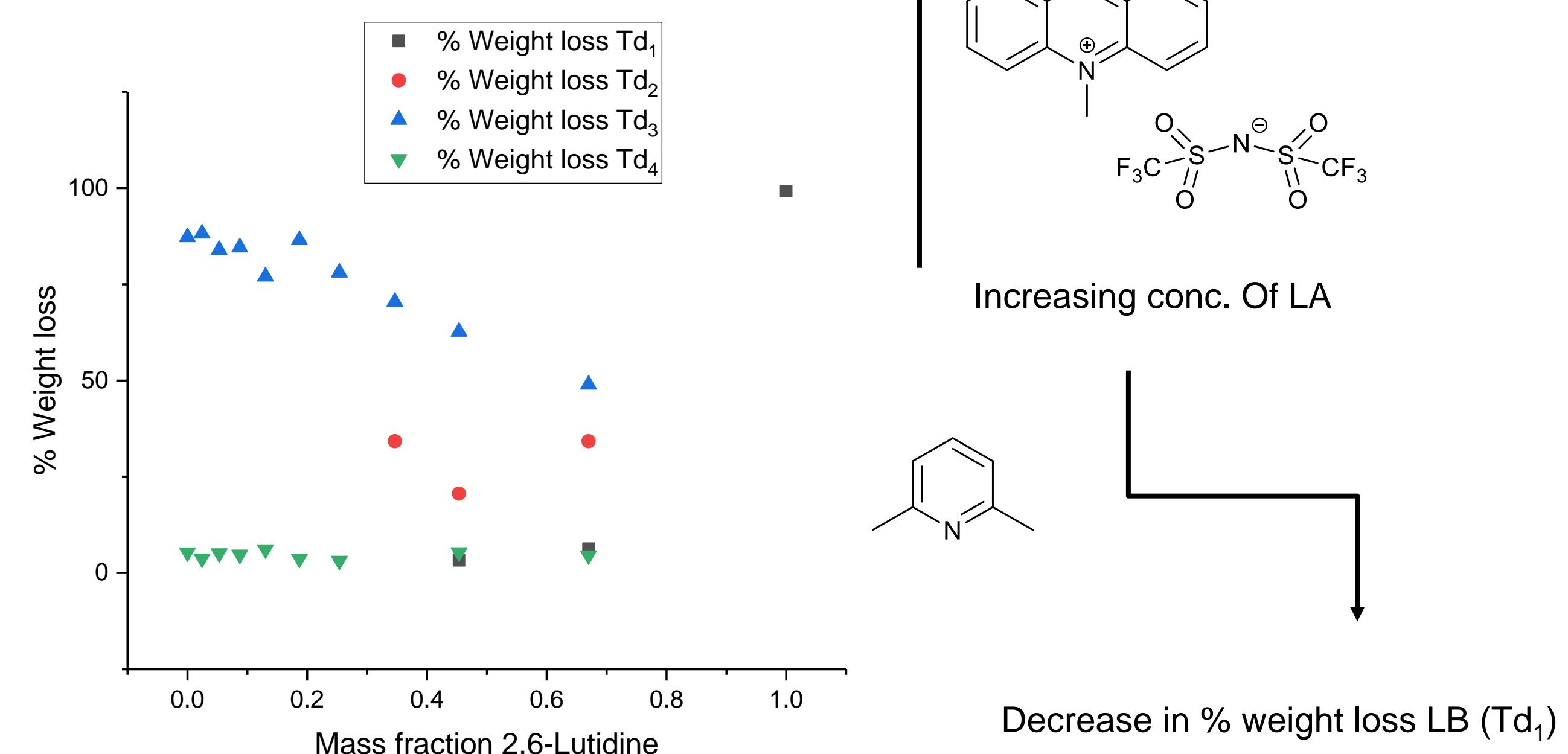
## Does our system behave like an IL – yes!



## Entrainment of LB by Frustrated LA



TGA data of χ2,6-Lutidine = 1.00-0.00 exhibits entrainment of the volatile 2,6-Lutidine by the Frustrated LA



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