

# Wood-Supported Cationic Polyelectrolyte Membranes from A Reactive Ionic Liquid for Water Detoxification

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## Additional Description

AD SI-1. Spectral characterisation data for ECH and TEA

**ECH:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 3.52 (1H, dd,  $\text{CH-Cl}$ ,  $J = 4.6$  and  $11.8$  Hz), 3.41 (1H, dd,  $\text{CH-Cl}$ ,  $J = 6.1$  and  $11.8$  Hz), 3.11 (1H, dddd,  $\text{CH}$ ,  $J = 6.3, 4.5, 3.9$  and  $2.5$  Hz), 2.76 (1H, dd,  $\text{CH}_2$ ,  $J = 3.9$  and  $4.9$  Hz), 2.56 (1H, dd,  $\text{CH}_2$ ,  $J = 3.9$  and  $4.9$  Hz) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 51.4 ( $\text{CH}_2$ ), 46.9 ( $\text{CH}$ ), 45.4 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ ) ppm. FTIR (ATR): 3040-2988 (st,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1428 (b,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1381 (b, *gem*- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1248 (st, C-O), 1101 (st, C-O-C), 924 (b,  $\text{CH-CH}_2$  (glycidyl)), 816-718 (st, C-Cl)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**TEA:**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 2.37 (6H, q,  $\text{CH}_2\text{-N}$ ,  $J = 7.1$  Hz), 0.88 (9H, t,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $J = 7.2$  Hz) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 11.9 ( $\text{CH}_3$ ), 11.7 ( $\text{CH}_2\text{-N}$ ) ppm. FTIR (ATR): 2973-2934 (st,  $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2889-2807 (st,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1473-1385 (st,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 1202-1064 (b, C-NR<sub>3</sub>)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

## Additional Figures

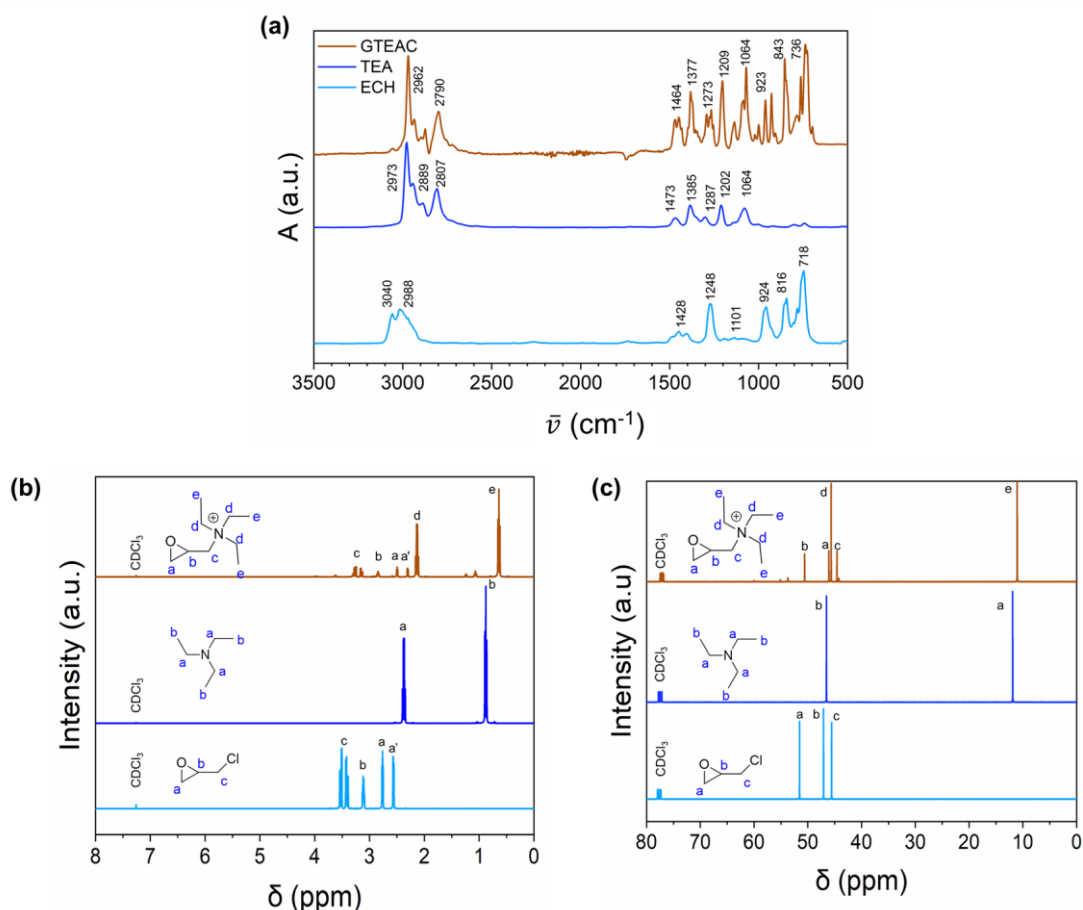


Fig. SI-1 (a) FTIR-ATR, (b)  $^1\text{H}$  NMR, and (c)  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra for GTEAC, TEA and ECH.

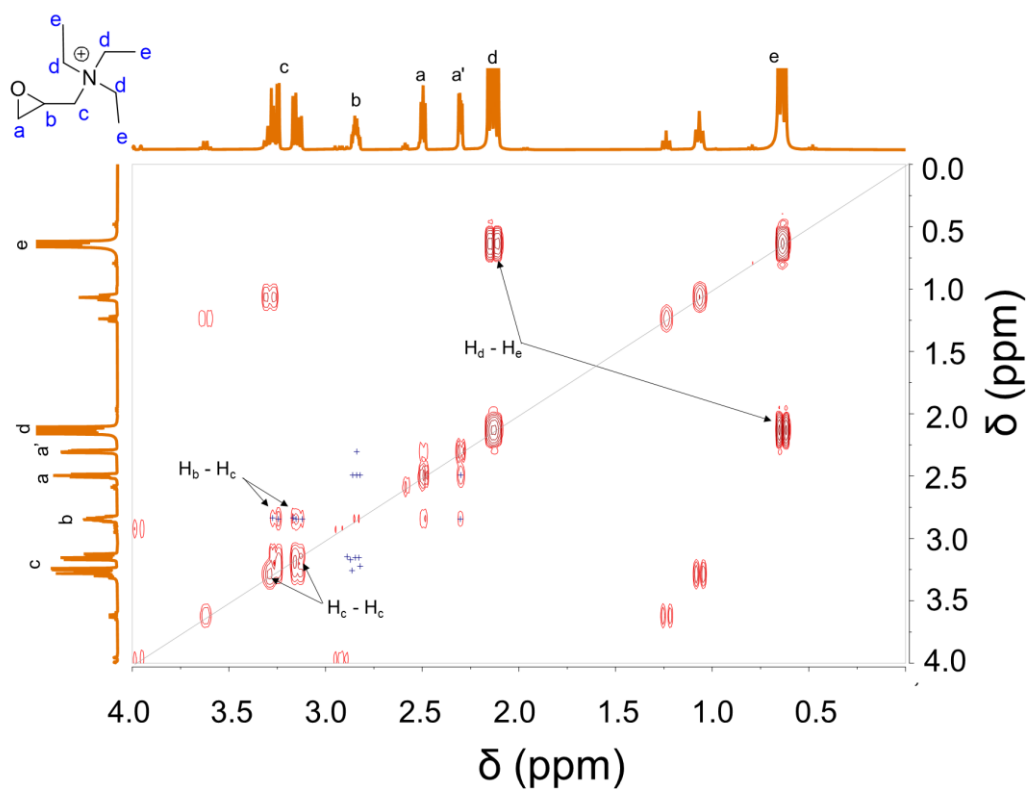


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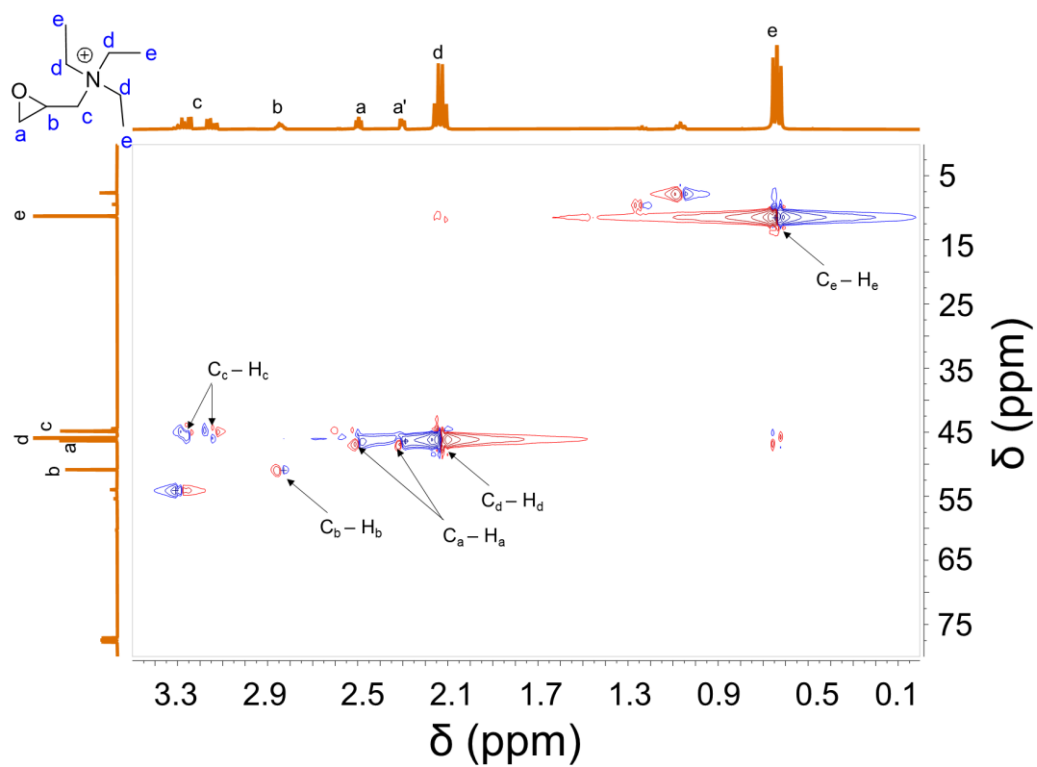


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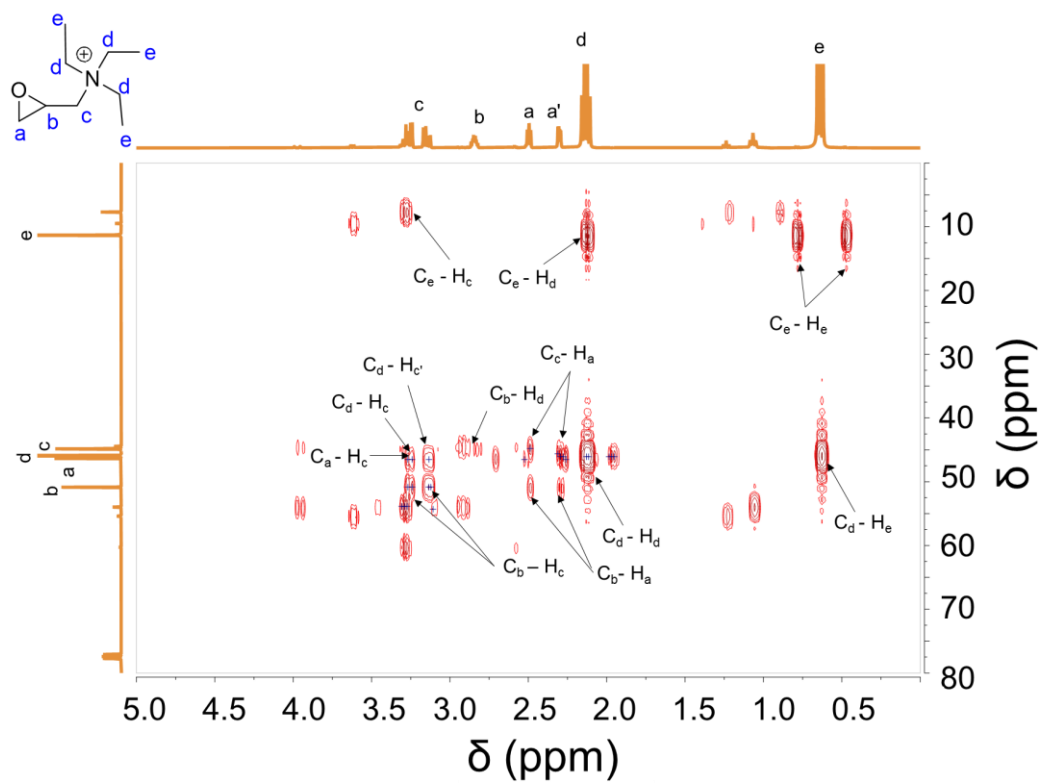


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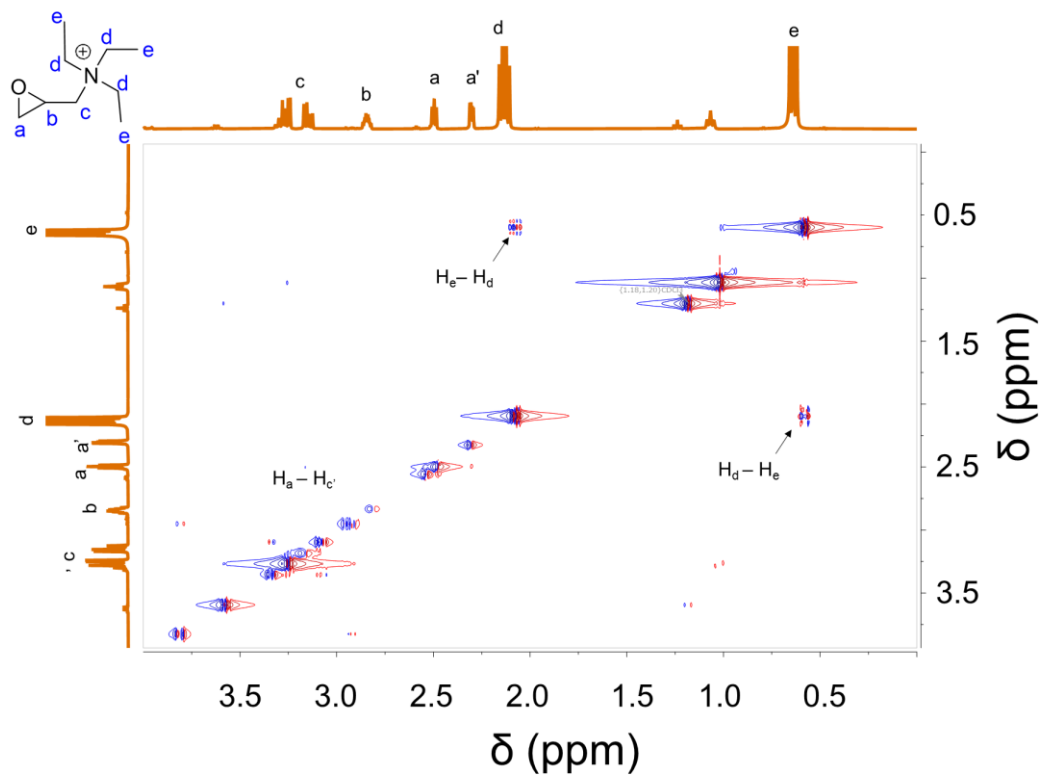


Fig. SI-5  $^1\text{H}$ - $^1\text{H}$  Nuclear Overhauser Effect Spectroscopy (NOESY) spectrum of GTEAC.

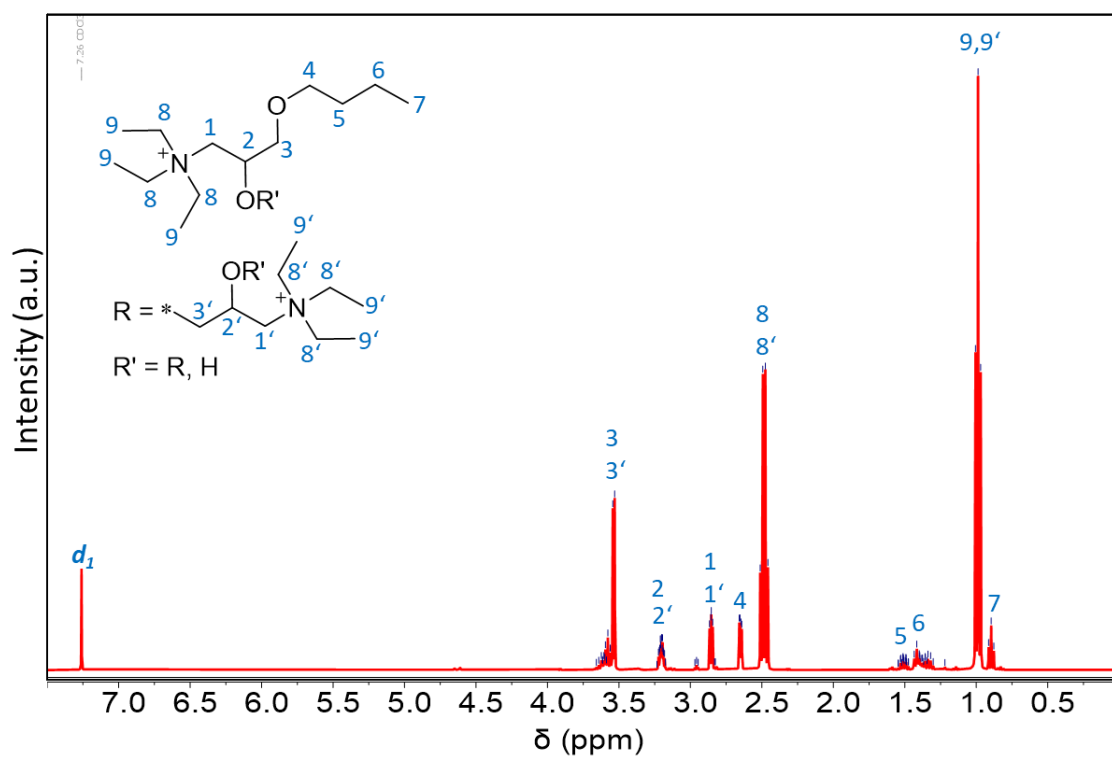


Fig. SI-6  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of poly-GTEAC.

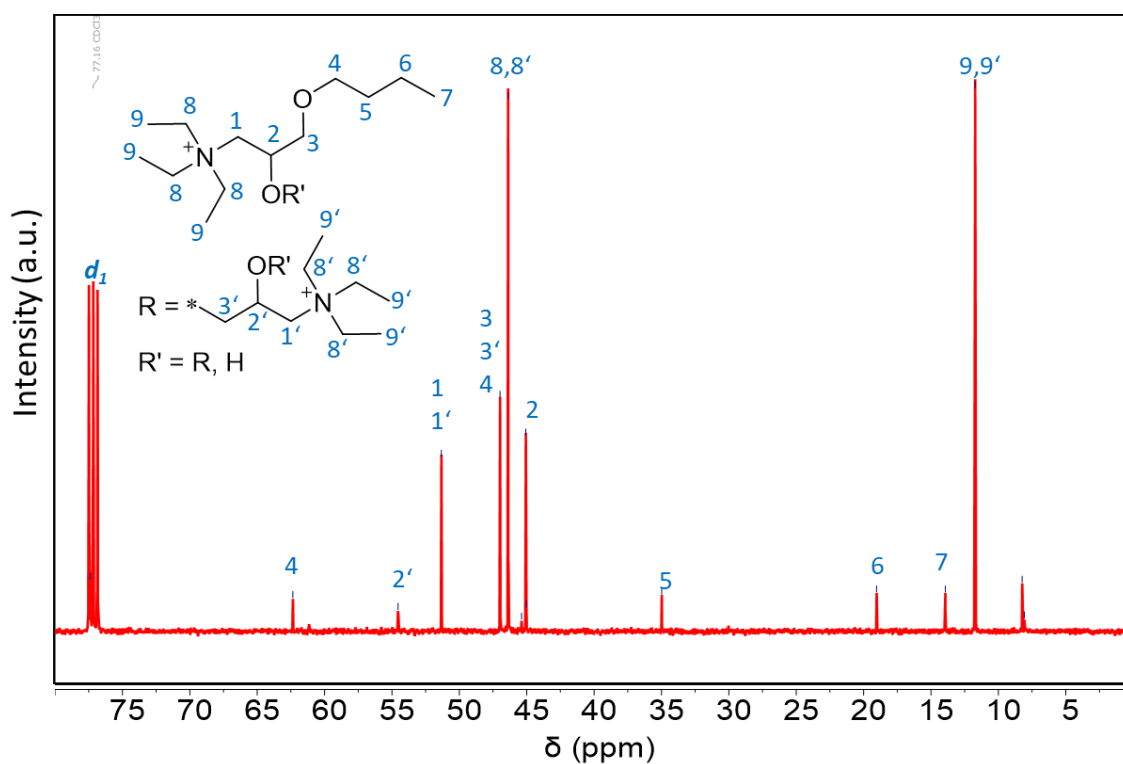


Fig. SI-7  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of poly-GTEAC.

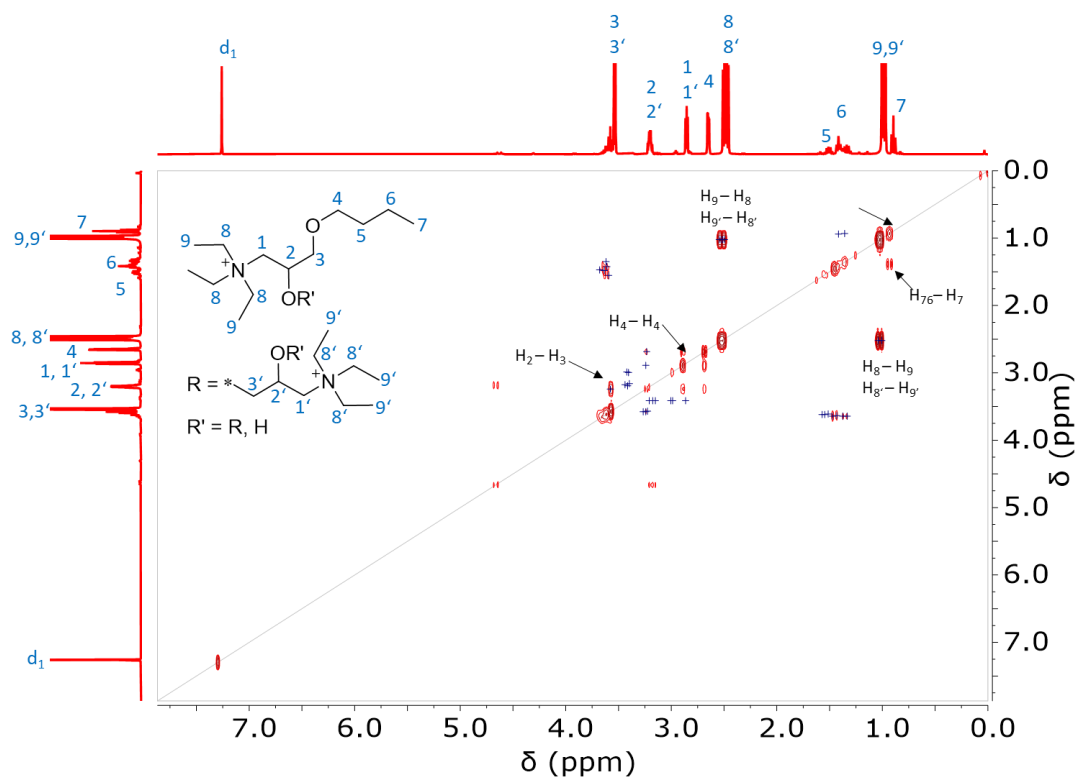


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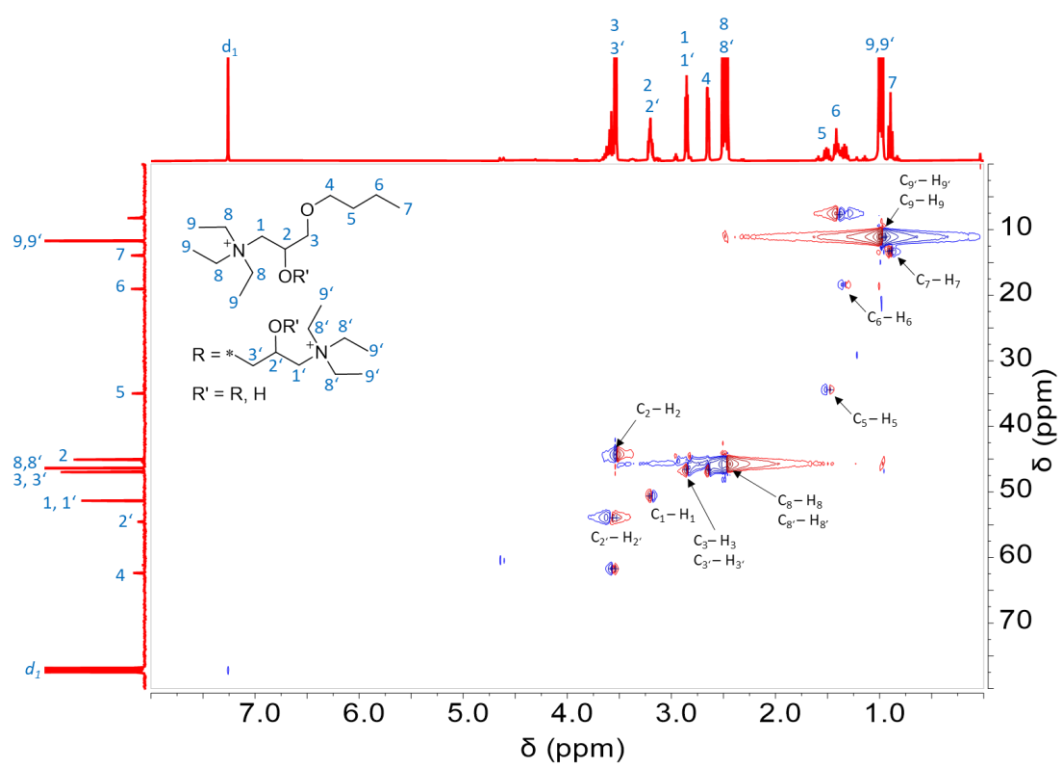


Fig. SI-9  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  Heteronuclear Single-Quantum Correlation (HSQC) spectrum of poly-GTEAC.

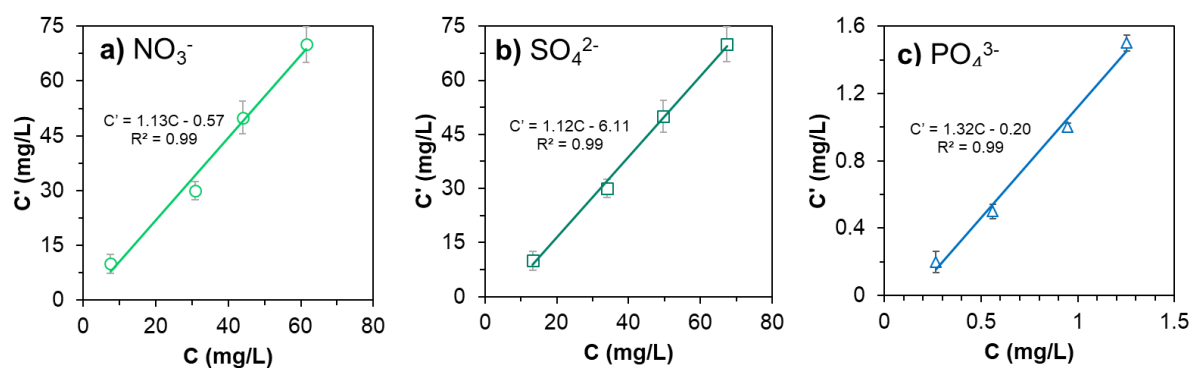


Fig. SI-10 Calibration curves for the spectrophotometric determination of (a)  $\text{NO}_3^-$ , (b)  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  and (c)  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  oxoanions. Note:  $C'$  and  $C$  are the measured concentration and the standard concentration, respectively.

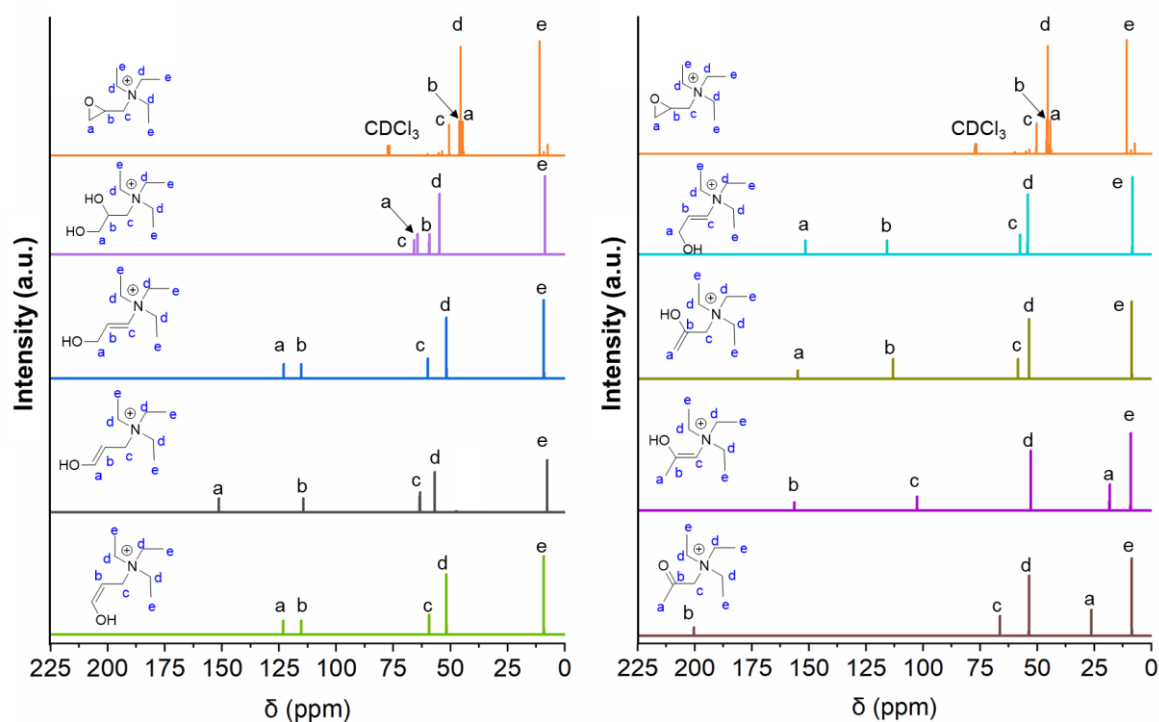


Fig. SI-11 Experimental (orange signal) and predicted  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of GTEAC and potential decomposates, respectively, in the oil component of the synthesised reactive ionic liquid (RIL) - GTEAC.

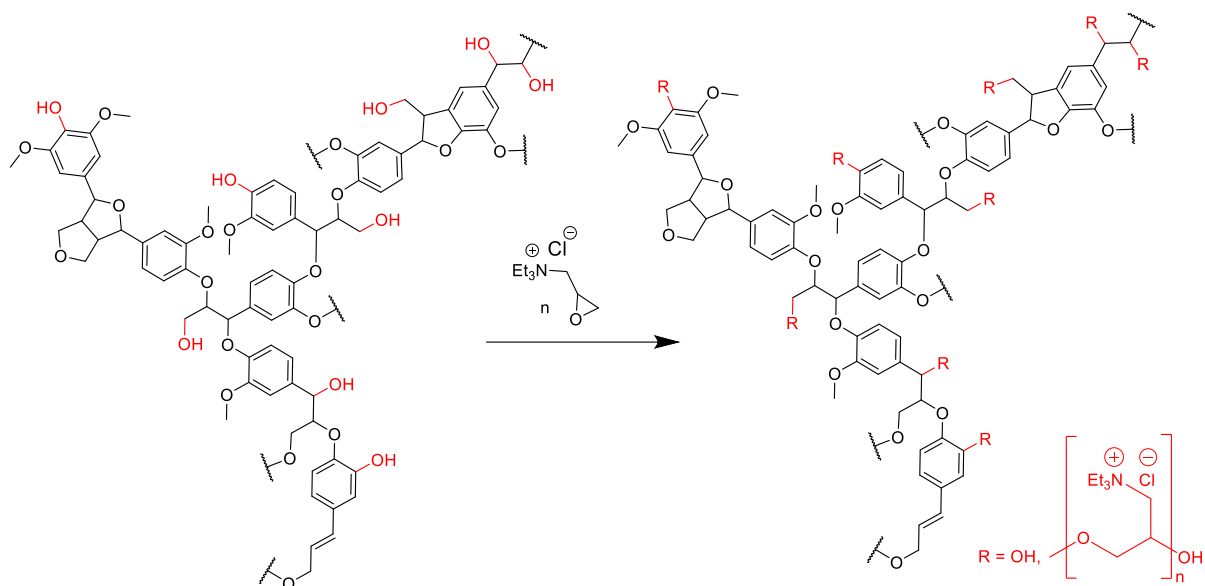


Fig. SI-12 Quaternisation of lignin moieties in wood.

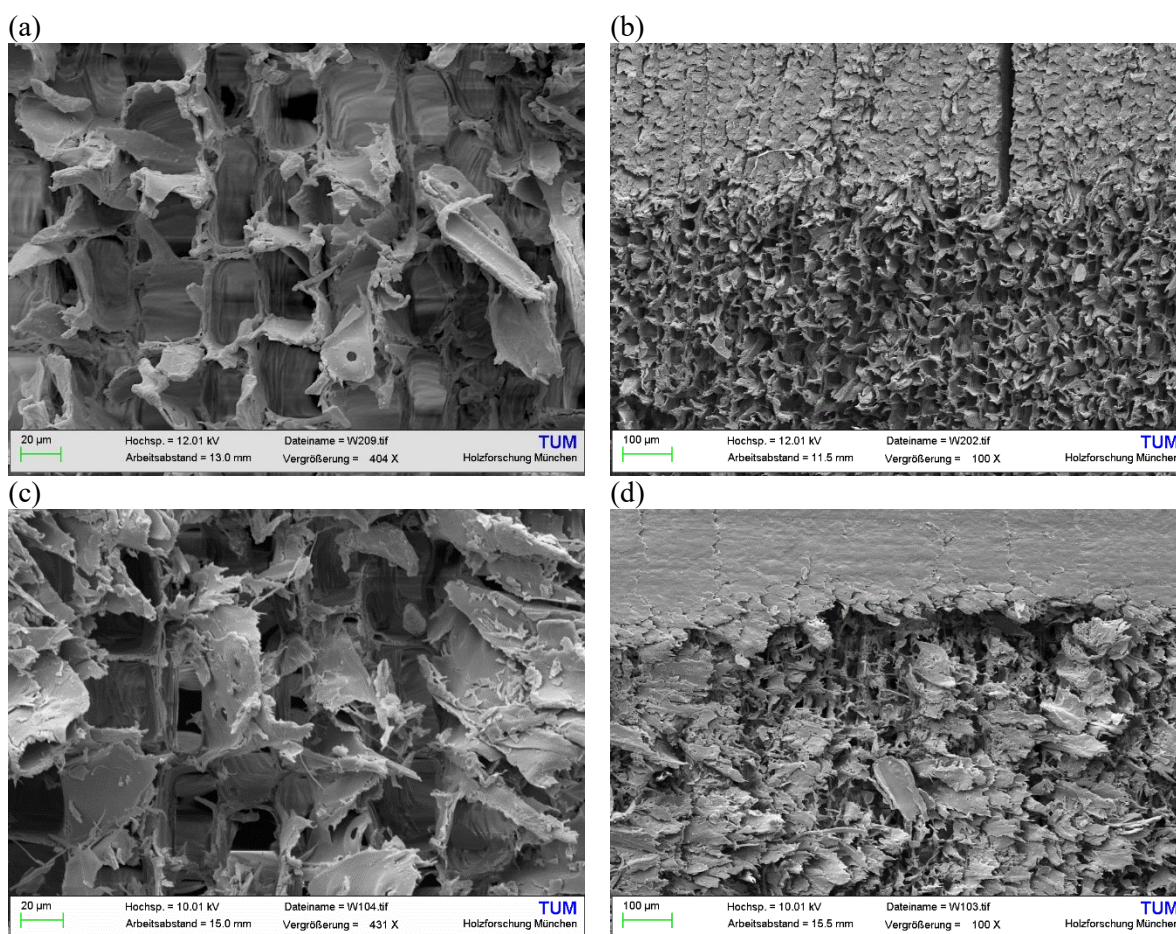


Fig. SI-13 SEM micrographs (cross-section) of Pinewood (a: 20  $\mu\text{m}$  scale bar; and b: 100  $\mu\text{m}$  scale bar) and QWM L22 (c: 20  $\mu\text{m}$  scale bar; and d: 100  $\mu\text{m}$  scale bar).



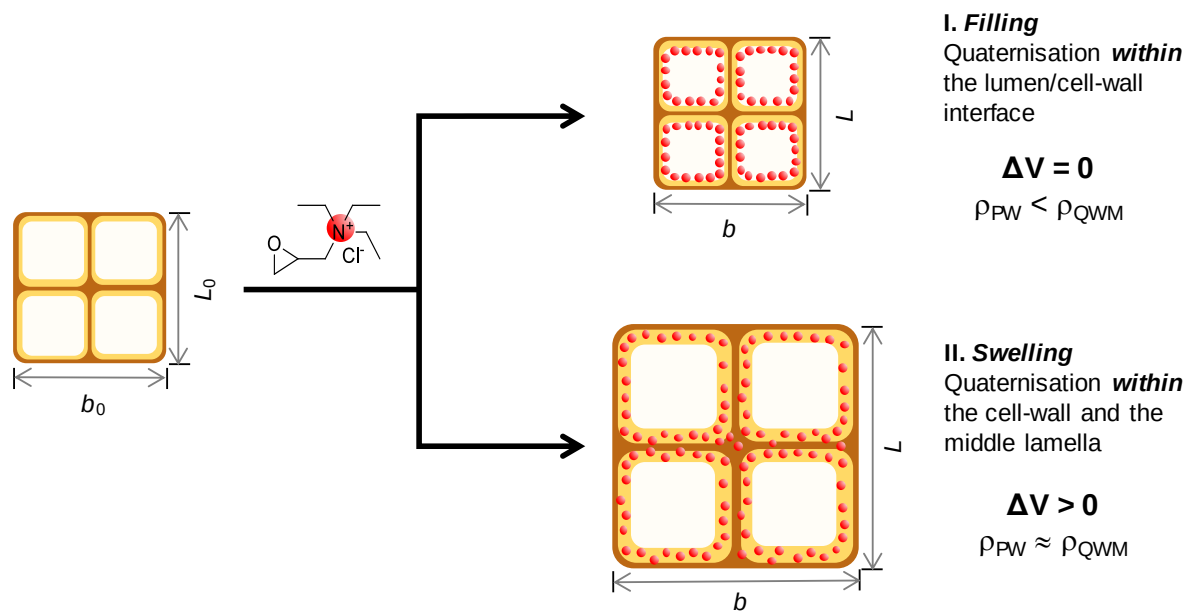


Fig. SI-14 Impact of GTEAC modification at the wood microscale.

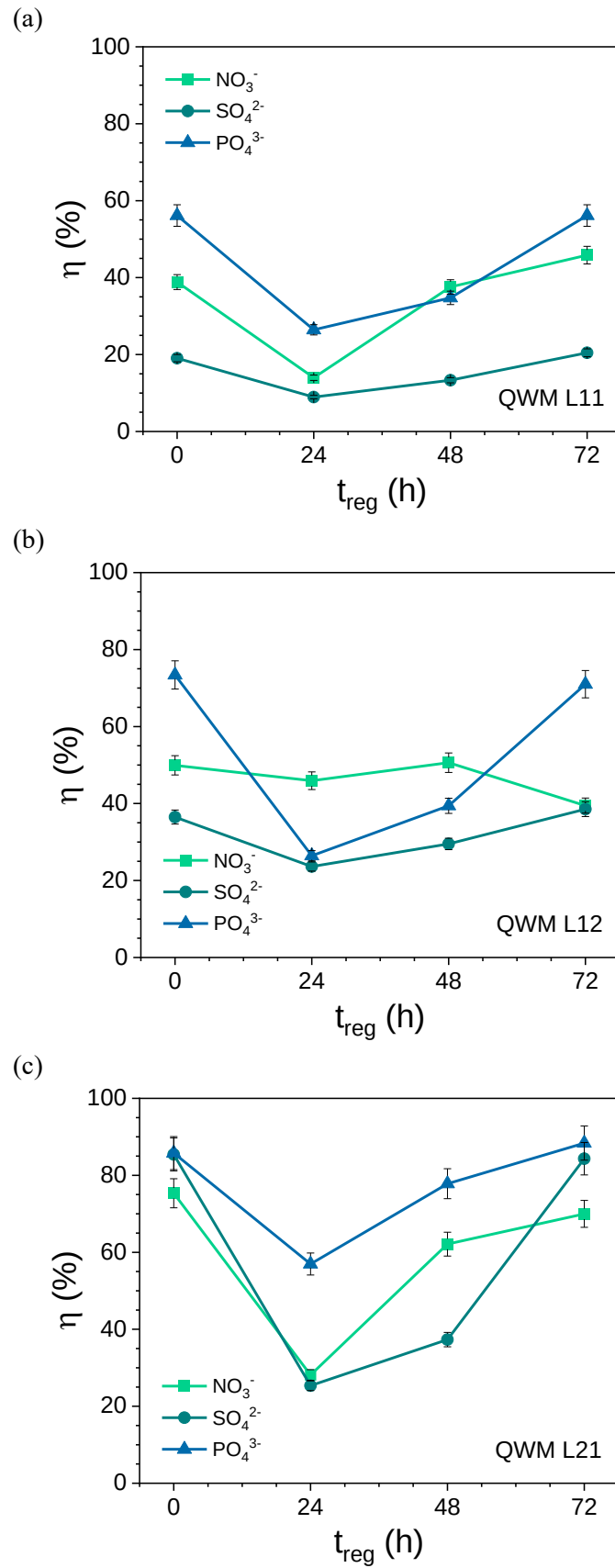


Fig. SI-15 The removal efficiency  $\eta_i$  after the first filtration cycles for QWM filter discs: (a) QWM L11, (b) QWM L12 and (c) QWM L21 across different regeneration times  $t_{\text{reg}}$ .

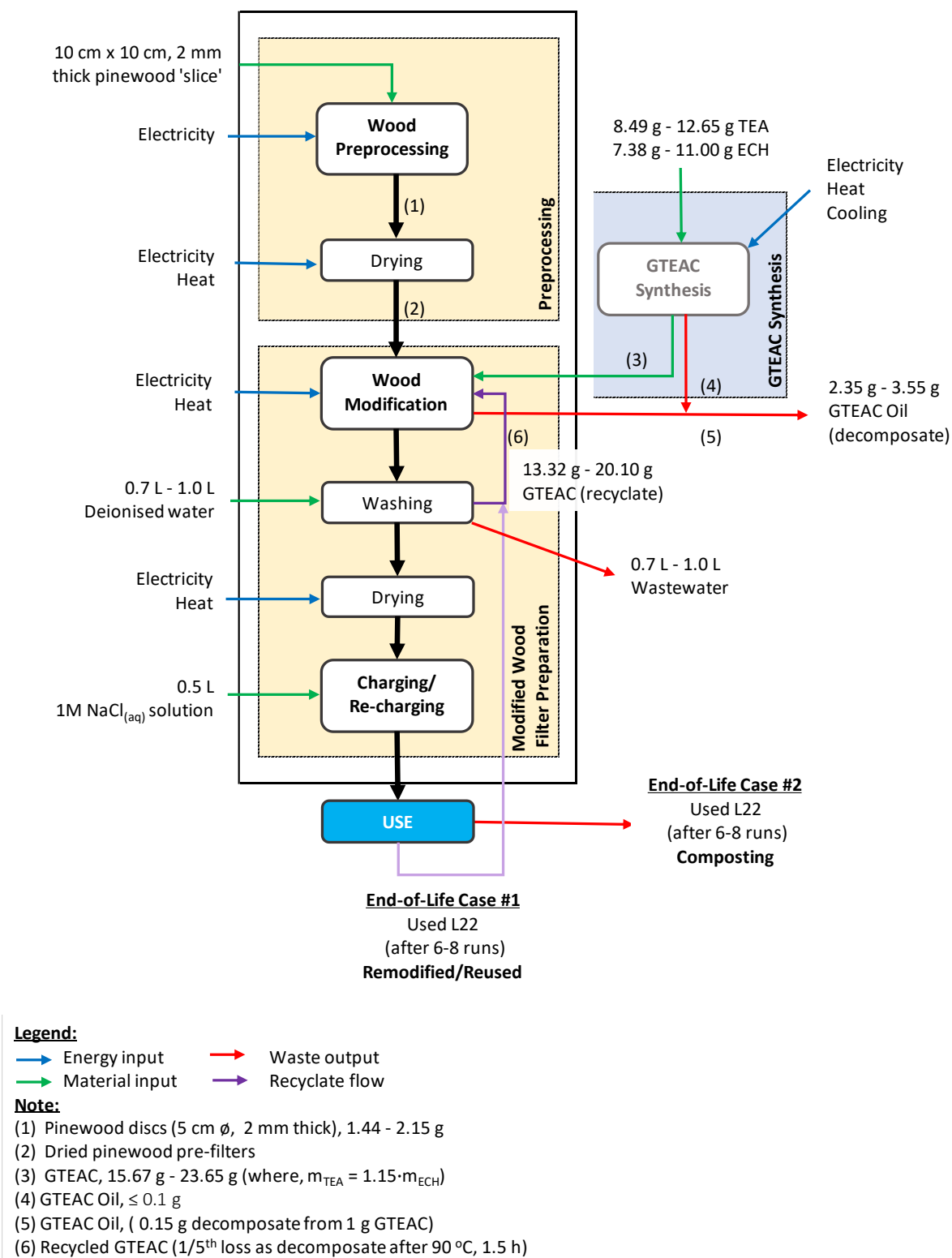


Fig. SI-16 Process Flow (Material and Energy flows) for the preparation of QWM filter discs. The end-of-life outcomes for the product are indicated.

## Additional Tables

Table SI-1 Effect of quaternisation on additional physicochemical and performance-related properties, *e.g.*, mass swelling parameter  $q_m$ , volume swelling parameter  $q_v$ , density ratios  $\rho/\rho_0$ , SFQ and BSQ ratios, oxoanion removal efficiency  $\eta_i$  ( $i = \text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  and  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$ ) and flux  $J_i$  ( $\text{L}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{h})$ ) for the four QWM filters.

| Sample                                                            | L11  | L12  | L21  | L22  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| T (°C)                                                            | 60   | 60   | 90   | 90   |
| t (h)                                                             | 1    | 1.5  | 1    | 1.5  |
| $q_m$                                                             | 1.74 | 1.89 | 1.72 | 1.85 |
| $q_v$                                                             | 1.10 | 1.28 | 1.10 | 1.31 |
| $\rho/\rho_0^a$                                                   | 1.13 | 1.13 | 1.27 | 1.33 |
| $(\rho/\rho_0)_{\text{swelling}}^b$                               | 1.09 | 1.10 | 1.19 | 1.21 |
| $(\rho/\rho_0)_{\text{filling}}^c$                                | 1.15 | 1.16 | 1.32 | 1.40 |
| SFQ                                                               | 0.67 | 0.50 | 0.62 | 0.63 |
| BSQ                                                               | 0.33 | 0.50 | 0.38 | 0.37 |
| $\eta_{\text{NO}_3^-}$ (%)                                        | 38.8 | 49.9 | 75.3 | 83.9 |
| $\eta_{\text{SO}_4^{2-}}$ (%)                                     | 19.1 | 36.5 | 85.4 | 98.3 |
| $\eta_{\text{PO}_4^{3-}}$ (%)                                     | 56.1 | 73.4 | 85.8 | 88.9 |
| Loss $_{\eta_i}$ (%) <sup>d</sup>                                 | 2.5  | 8.4  | 6.0  | 11   |
| $J_{\text{NO}_3^-}$ ( $\text{L}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{h})$ )    | 348  | 348  | 385  | 440  |
| $J_{\text{SO}_4^{2-}}$ ( $\text{L}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{h})$ ) | 293  | 348  | 385  | 403  |
| $J_{\text{PO}_4^{3-}}$ ( $\text{L}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{h})$ ) | 257  | 275  | 348  | 385  |

Note: <sup>a</sup> post-modification density ratio for dry QWM filters at 55-60 °C after 1 h; <sup>b</sup> upper limit (maximum bulk swelling, BSQ); <sup>c</sup> lower limit (maximum surface filling, SFQ); <sup>d</sup> max  $\eta_i$  loss after > 8 runs.

Table SI-2 Effect of  $V_f/V_{\text{QWM}}$  on the oxoanion removal efficiency for QWM L22.

| $V_f/V_{\text{QWM}}$          | 63.7 <sup>a</sup> | 12.7 <sup>b</sup> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| $\eta_{\text{NO}_3^-}$ (%)    | 51.5              | 84.9              |
| $\eta_{\text{SO}_4^{2-}}$ (%) | 89.1              | 98.6              |
| $\eta_{\text{PO}_4^{3-}}$ (%) | 76.0              | 88.5              |

Note:  $V_f$ : <sup>a</sup> 250 mL; <sup>b</sup> 50 mL.  $V_{\text{QWM}}$ : 3.93 cm<sup>3</sup>

Table SI-3 Costing analysis for the QWM L22 filter disc (50 mm Ø, 2 mm, ~540 kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

| Inputs                                                       | Unit | Amount |       | Unit Cost (€/unit) | Cost (€/ut)        |                    | Comment                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                              |      | Min    | Max   |                    | Min                | Max                |                                                                                                                                         |
| 1 Pinewood discs <sup>a</sup>                                | kg   | 0.001  | 0.002 | 4.585              | 0.007              | 0.010              | Technical Supplier<br>25.4 mm (4/4) thickness, €5.41 per 2360 cm <sup>3</sup> (1 FBM <sup>b</sup> ), avg. density 500 kg/m <sup>3</sup> |
| 2 Epichlorohydrin (ECH), ThermoSci, 99% pure                 | kg   | 0.007  | 0.011 | 41.200             | 0.304              | 0.453              | Technical Supplier                                                                                                                      |
| 3 Triethylamine (TEA), Sigma-Aldrich, 99.7% pure, water-free | kg   | 0.008  | 0.013 | 64.279             | 0.546              | 0.813              | Technical Supplier                                                                                                                      |
| 4 Deionised Water                                            | kg   | 1.296  | 1.496 | 1.798              | 2.330              | 2.688              | Technical Supplier                                                                                                                      |
| 5 Sodium Chloride, VWR                                       | kg   | 0.029  |       | 0.034              | 0.001              |                    | Technical Supplier                                                                                                                      |
| 6 Electricity <sup>c</sup>                                   | kWh  | 2.931  | 3.183 | 0.048              | 0.141 <sup>d</sup> | 0.153 <sup>d</sup> | SWM Versorgungs GmbH; 57.66 €/kW/mo                                                                                                     |
| <b>Cost per piece</b>                                        |      |        |       | €/kg               | 3.33               | 4.12               |                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                              |      |        |       | €/m <sup>2</sup>   | 4.16               | 5.15               | As dry weight, 2.54 g avg., and area: 19.63 cm <sup>3</sup>                                                                             |
|                                                              |      |        |       | €/m <sup>3</sup>   | 1797.10            | 2223.63            | As density: 540 kg/m <sup>3</sup>                                                                                                       |

Note: <sup>a</sup> 5 cm Ø, 2 mm thickness, 510-540 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and V<sub>mem</sub> = 3.91 cm<sup>3</sup>; <sup>b</sup> Board Foot (FBM); <sup>c</sup> München, Bayern, Germany; <sup>d</sup> 0.03 kWh for GTEAC synthesis (for general mixing and synthesis apparatus).

Table SI-4 Penalty calculation for the GTEAC synthesis and PW quaternisation using the Eco-Scale approach.

|    | Method Parameters                             | P <sub>i</sub> |
|----|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Yield (83.2%) <sup>a</sup>                    | 8.4            |
| 2. | Price of Reaction Components <sup>b</sup>     |                |
|    | Inexpensive (<10 €/kg)                        | 0              |
| 3. | Safety <sup>c,d</sup>                         |                |
|    | ECH (F, T, T <sup>+</sup> , C) (99%, 0.01 kg) | 10             |
|    | TEA (F, T, C) (99.7%, 0.01 kg)                | 5              |
|    | PW (Nil.) (0.001 – 0.002 kg)                  | 0              |
| 4. | Technical Setup                               |                |
|    | Common setup                                  | 0              |
|    | Inert Gas setup                               | 1              |
| 5. | Temperature/time                              |                |
|    | Heating, < 1 h                                | 2              |
| 6. | Workup and Purification                       |                |
|    | None                                          | 0              |
|    | Cooling to room temperature                   | 0              |
|    | Total Penalty Score, TPS = $\sum_{i=1}^N P_i$ | 26.4           |
|    | <b>Eco-Scale Score<sup>e</sup>:</b>           | <b>73.6</b>    |

Note: <sup>a</sup> (100 - Yield)/2; <sup>b</sup> cf. Table SI-3, and Methods: Glycidyltriethylammonium Chloride (GTEAC) Synthesis; <sup>c</sup> Based on the hazard warning symbols - Highest penalty reported; <sup>d</sup> Detailed scoring system provided elsewhere (Van Aken *et al.*, 2006); <sup>e</sup> 100 – TPS.

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