

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### **SiO<sub>2</sub> aerogels modified by perfluoro acid amides: a precisely controlled hydrophobicity**

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S1. The characterization of **M1–M5** monomers used for the synthesis of SiO<sub>2</sub> aerogels modified by fluorinated acid amides:

#### **M1**

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ<sub>H</sub> (ppm): 0.5 m (2H, Si-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.55 m (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.15 m (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-NH), 3.4 s (9H, CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 7.75 broad s (1H, NH).

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ<sub>C</sub> (ppm): 6.2 (Si-CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 42 (CH<sub>2</sub>-NH), 50 (CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 115.9 quartet (<sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 287 Hz CF<sub>3</sub>), 157.4 quartet (<sup>2</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 37 Hz C=O).

The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ<sub>F</sub> (ppm): -76.5 s.

Mass-spectrum m/z: 243 (M-CH<sub>3</sub>OH)<sup>+</sup>, 178 (M-C(0)CF<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup>, 121 (Si(OCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup>, 91 (Si(OCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>+H)<sup>+</sup>.

#### **M2**

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ<sub>H</sub> (ppm): 0.3 m (2H, Si-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.35 m (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.0 m (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-NH), 3.2 s (9H, CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 7.9 broad s (1H, NH).

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ<sub>C</sub> (ppm): 5.7 (Si-CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.5 (CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.9 (CH<sub>2</sub>-NH), 49.4 ((CH<sub>3</sub>-O)<sub>3</sub>), 106.6 tq (<sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 265 Hz; <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 39 Hz CF<sub>2</sub>), 117.7 qt (<sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 286 Hz; <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 35 Hz CF<sub>3</sub>), 157.4 t (<sup>2</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 26 Hz C=O).

The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ<sub>F</sub> (ppm): -84.4 s (3F, CF<sub>3</sub>), -124.3 s (2F, CF<sub>2</sub>).

Mass-spectrum m/z: 293 (M-CH<sub>3</sub>OH)<sup>+</sup>, 206 (M-C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sup>+</sup>, 178 (M-C(0)C<sub>2</sub>F<sub>5</sub>)<sup>+</sup>, 121 (Si(OCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>)<sup>+</sup>, 91 (Si(OCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>+H)<sup>+</sup>.

#### **M3**

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ<sub>H</sub> (ppm): 0.49 m (2H, Si-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.53 m (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.19 m (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-NH), 3.4 s (9H, CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 7.45 and 7.52 two broad s (1H, NH).

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ<sub>C</sub> (ppm): 7.4 and 6.1 (Si-CH<sub>2</sub>), 22.0 and 22.1 (CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 41.95 and 41.98 (CH<sub>2</sub>-NH), 49.8 and 49.9 (CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 53.1 (CF-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 105.5 dq (<sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 245 Hz; <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 35 Hz CF), 119.2 qd (<sup>1</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 286 Hz; <sup>2</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 35 Hz CF<sub>3</sub>), 160.3 and 160.4 two d (<sup>2</sup>J<sub>CF</sub> 32 Hz C=O).

The bifurcation of some signals of NMR <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C spectra is explained by E-/Z- isomerism of the amide group.

The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum (CDCl<sub>3</sub>), δ<sub>F</sub> (ppm): -82 s (3F, CF<sub>3</sub>), -136.9 s (1F, CF).

Mass-spectrum m/z: 305 ( $M\text{-CH}_3\text{OH}$ )<sup>+</sup>, 178 ( $M\text{-C(0)CF(OCH}_3\text{)CF}_3$ )<sup>+</sup>, 132 ( $\text{CF}_3\text{CF(OCH}_3\text{)+H}$ )<sup>+</sup>, 121 ( $\text{Si(OCH}_3\text{)}_3$ )<sup>+</sup>, 91 ( $\text{Si(OCH}_3\text{)}_2\text{+H}$ )<sup>+</sup>.

#### M4

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (ppm): 0.6 m (2H, Si-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.65 m (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.3 m (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-NH), 3.5 s (9H, CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 7.6 broad s (1H, NH).

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (ppm): 6.2 (Si-CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.7 (CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 42.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>-NH), 50.2 ((CH<sub>3</sub>-O)<sub>3</sub>), 109 tt (<sup>1</sup> $J_{\text{CF}}$  268 Hz; <sup>2</sup> $J_{\text{CF}}$  32 Hz C(O)-CF<sub>2</sub>), 117 qt (<sup>1</sup> $J_{\text{CF}}$  288 Hz; <sup>2</sup> $J_{\text{CF}}$  33 Hz CF<sub>3</sub>), 106-114 m (CF<sub>2</sub>-CF<sub>2</sub>- CF<sub>2</sub>- CF<sub>2</sub>), 157.7 t (<sup>2</sup> $J_{\text{CF}}$  26 Hz C=O).

The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  (ppm): - 81.7 t (3F, <sup>2</sup> $J_{\text{CF}}$  10 Hz CF<sub>3</sub>), -120.4 t (2F, <sup>2</sup> $J_{\text{CF}}$  13 Hz C(O)-CF<sub>2</sub>), -122.3 s (2F, CF<sub>2</sub>), -123.1 s (2F, CF<sub>2</sub>), -123.4 s (2F, CF<sub>2</sub>), -126.8 s (2F, CF<sub>2</sub>).

Mass-spectrum m/z: 493 ( $M\text{-CH}_3\text{OH}$ )<sup>+</sup>, 376 ((CH<sub>3</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>Si-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NHC(0)C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>8</sub>+H)<sup>+</sup>, 178 ( $M\text{-C(0)C}_8\text{F}_{17}$ )<sup>+</sup>, 121 ( $\text{Si(OCH}_3\text{)}_3$ )<sup>+</sup>, 91 ( $\text{Si(OCH}_3\text{)}_2\text{+H}$ )<sup>+</sup>.

#### M5

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta_{\text{H}}$  (ppm): 0.65 m (2H, Si-CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.7 m (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.4 m (2H, CH<sub>2</sub>-NH), 3.6 s (9H, CH<sub>3</sub>-O), 7.4 and 7.5 two broad s (1H, NH).

The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta_{\text{C}}$  (ppm): 6.3 and 7.5 (Si-CH<sub>2</sub>), 21.8 and 22 (CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 42.2 and 42.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>-NH), 50.2 and 50.5 ((CH<sub>3</sub>-O)<sub>3</sub>), 109 tt (<sup>1</sup> $J_{\text{CF}}$  268 Hz; <sup>2</sup> $J_{\text{CF}}$  40 Hz CF<sub>2</sub>), 117 qt (<sup>1</sup> $J_{\text{CF}}$  288 Hz; <sup>2</sup> $J_{\text{CF}}$  33 Hz CF<sub>3</sub>), 106-114 m (CF<sub>2</sub>-CF<sub>2</sub>- CF<sub>2</sub>- CF<sub>2</sub>), 157.7 and 157.9 two t (<sup>2</sup> $J_{\text{CF}}$  26 Hz C=O).

The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ),  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  (ppm): - 81.1 and - 81.3 two t (3F, <sup>2</sup> $J_{\text{CF}}$  10 Hz CF<sub>3</sub>), -120.1 and -120.2 two t (2F, <sup>2</sup> $J_{\text{CF}}$  13 Hz C(O)-CF<sub>2</sub>), -121.8 m (2F, CF<sub>2</sub>), -122.0 m (2F, CF<sub>2</sub>), -122.2 m (2F, CF<sub>2</sub>), -122.8 m (2F, CF<sub>2</sub>), -123.0 m (2F, CF<sub>2</sub>), -126.4 m (2F, CF<sub>2</sub>).

The bifurcation of some signals of NMR <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>19</sup>F spectra is explained by E-/Z- isomerism of the amide group.

Mass-spectrum m/z: 491 ( $M\text{-CH}_2\text{Si(OCH}_3\text{)}_2\text{+H}$ )<sup>+</sup>, 206 ( $M\text{-C}_8\text{F}_{17}$ )<sup>+</sup>, 178 ( $M\text{-C(0)C}_8\text{F}_{17}$ )<sup>+</sup>, 121 ( $\text{Si(OCH}_3\text{)}_3$ )<sup>+</sup>, 91 ( $\text{Si(OCH}_3\text{)}_2\text{+H}$ )<sup>+</sup>.

**Table S1** Elemental analysis data (wt.%) on modified silica aerogels.

Sample name	Si content	F content	N content
A1 CO <sub>2</sub>	32.76	7.31	1.45
A2 CO <sub>2</sub>	31.40	8.94	1.75
A5 CO <sub>2</sub>	24.65	26.70	1.51

S2. The Solid state <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of A2 CO<sub>2</sub>, A3 CO<sub>2</sub> and A5 CO<sub>2</sub>:

#### A2 CO<sub>2</sub>

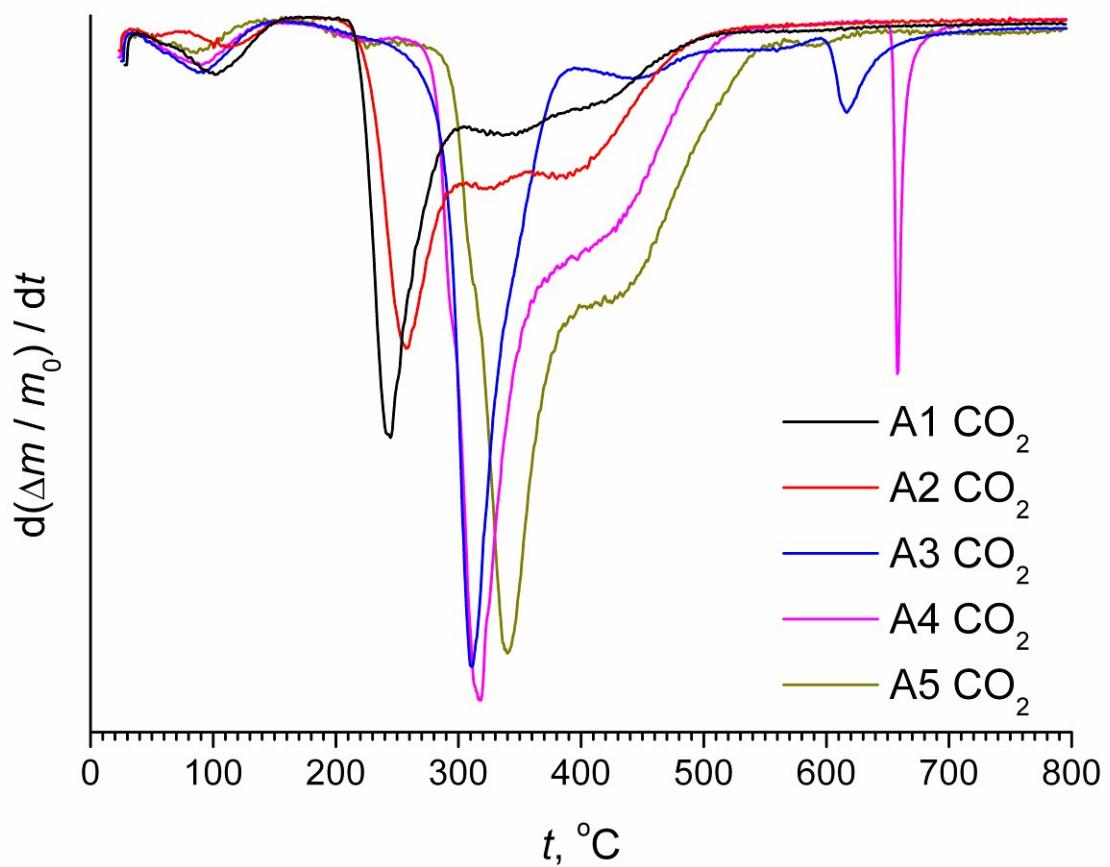
The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum ( $\text{CFCl}_3$ ),  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  (ppm): - 87 s (CF<sub>3</sub>), -126 s (CF<sub>2</sub>).

#### A3 CO<sub>2</sub>

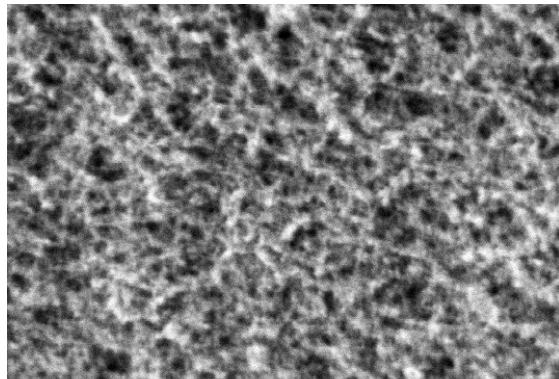
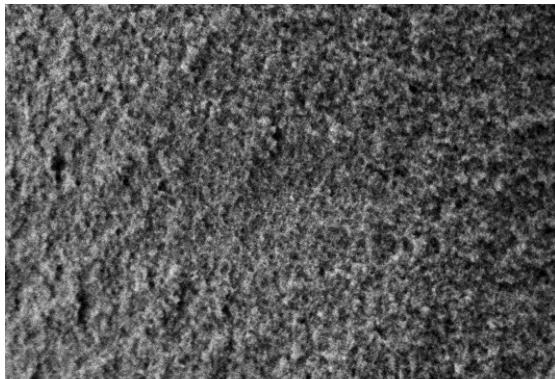
The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum ( $\text{CFCl}_3$ ),  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  (ppm): - 85.4 s (CF<sub>3</sub>), -140.2 s (CF).

#### A5 CO<sub>2</sub>

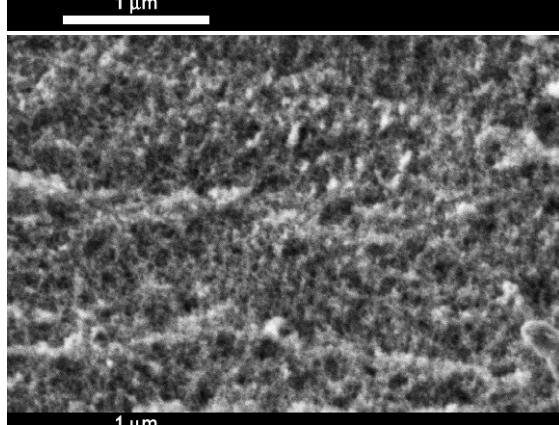
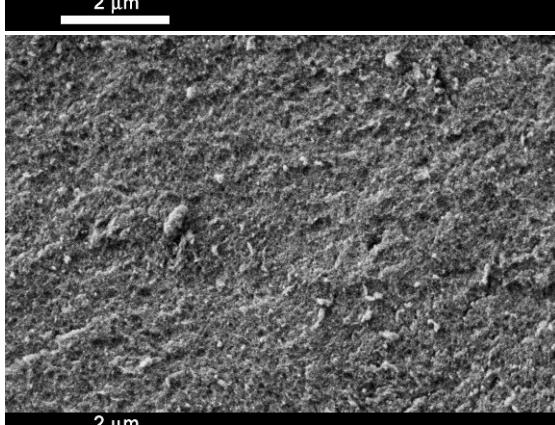
The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum ( $\text{CFCl}_3$ ),  $\delta_{\text{F}}$  (ppm): - 83 broad m (C(O)-CF<sub>2</sub>- CF<sub>2</sub>), -123 broad m (CF<sub>3</sub>-CF<sub>2</sub>- CF<sub>2</sub>-CF<sub>2</sub>- CF<sub>2</sub>).



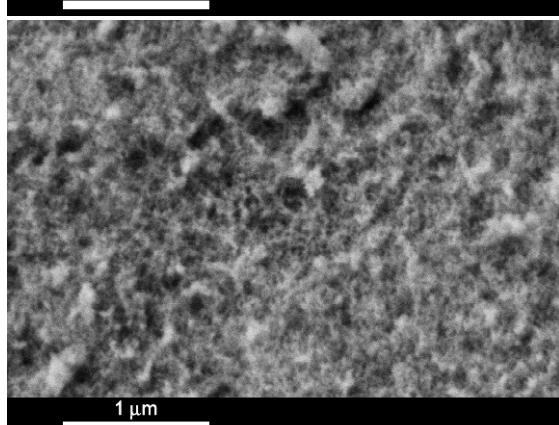
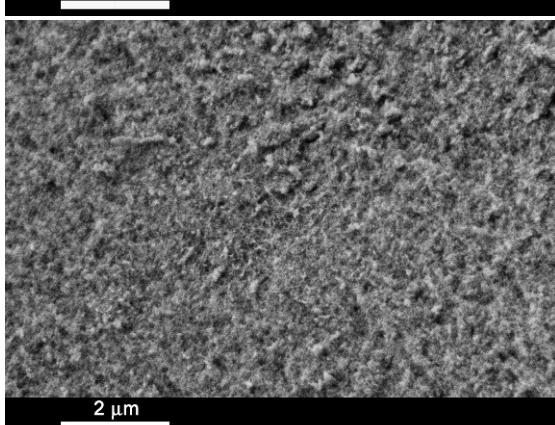
**Fig. S1** Differential thermogravimetric curves of  $\text{SiO}_2$  aerogels **A1** – **A5** modified by perfluoro acid amides supercritically dried in  $\text{CO}_2$ .



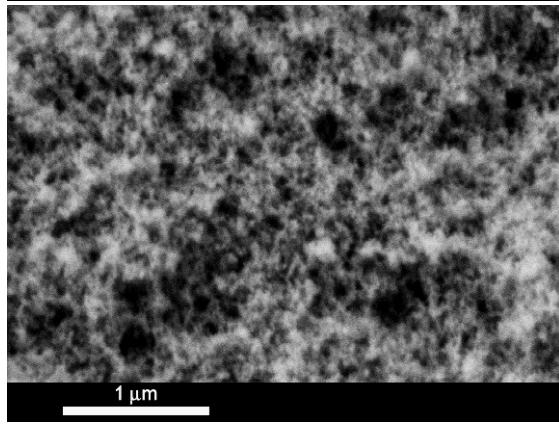
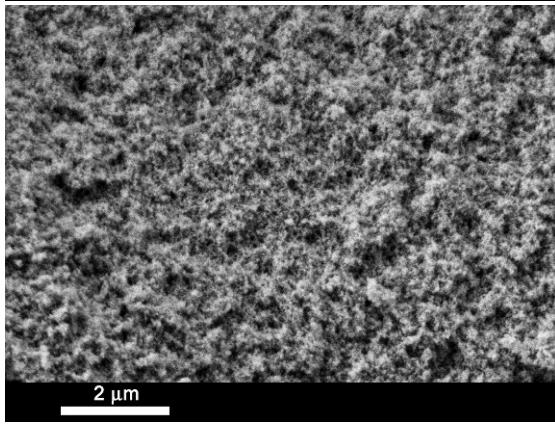
A1 CO<sub>2</sub>



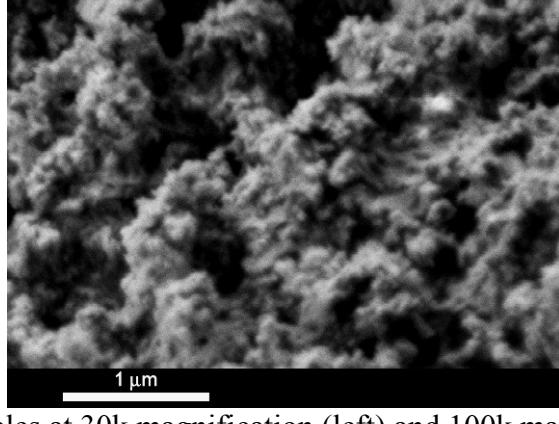
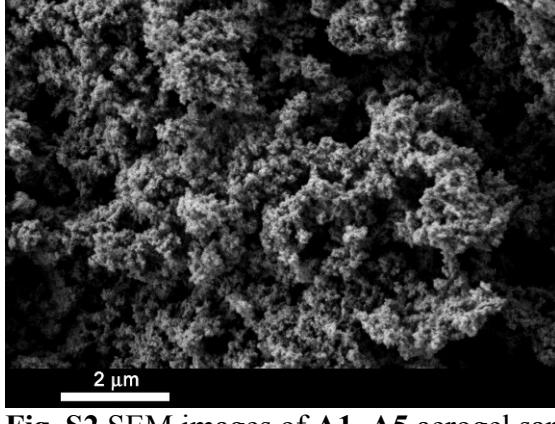
A2 CO<sub>2</sub>



A3 CO<sub>2</sub>



A4 CO<sub>2</sub>



A5 CO<sub>2</sub>

**Fig. S2** SEM images of A1–A5 aerogel samples at 30k magnification (left) and 100k magnification (right).



**A1 IPA**

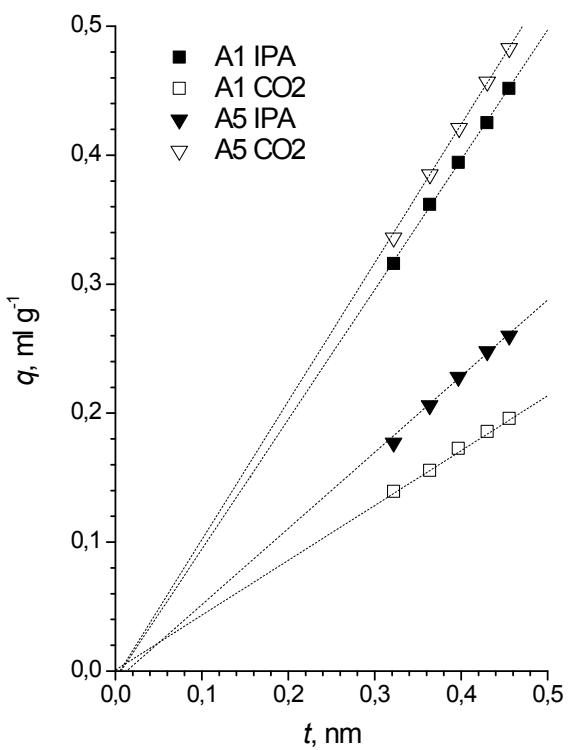
**A3 IPA**

**A5 IPA**

**Fig. S3** Images obtained using digital camera showing the appearance of a sessile water drop on the surface of aerogel samples.

Series	SCD solvent			
	IPA	CO <sub>2</sub>	MTBE	HFIP
<b>A1</b>				
<b>A2</b>				
<b>A3</b>				
<b>A4</b>				
<b>A5</b>				

**Fig S4** Appearance of SiO<sub>2</sub>-based aerogels modified by perfluoro acid amides.



**Fig. S5.**  $t$ -plots at low statistical thickness region of  $\text{SiO}_2$  aerogels modified by trifluoroacetamide or perfluorononanamide and supercritically dried in isopropanol and  $\text{CO}_2$  (notation is the same as in Fig. 2).