# Enhanced CO<sub>2</sub> uptake by intramolecular proton transfer reactions in

## amino-functionalized pyridine-based ILs

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### 1. General procedures

2-amino-3-hydroxypyridine 2-amino-4-hydroxypridine (2-NH<sub>2</sub>-3-OH-Py), (2-NH<sub>2</sub>-4-OH-Py), 2-amino-6-hydroxypyridine (2-NH<sub>2</sub>-6-OH-Py), 3-amino-4-hydroxypyridine (3-NH<sub>2</sub>-4-OH-Py) were purchased from J&K Scientific Sigma-Aldrich. Trihexyl(tetradecyl)phosphonium chloride ([P<sub>66614</sub>][Cl]), and tri-n-butylphosphine, bromoethane were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich. Amberlite IRA-402(OH) (an anion-exchange resin) was obtained from Alfa. All chemicals were obtained in the highest purity grade possible, and were used as received unless otherwise stated. All ionic liquids (ILs) samples were dried under vacuum at 60°C for 24 h. CO<sub>2</sub> gas in ultra high purity grade was passed through a drying column to avoid moisture contamination before use. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance DMX-400 spectometer in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub> with tetramethylsilane as the standard. FT-IR spectra were obtained using a Cary 630 FT-IR spectrometer (Agilent Technologies). Low-resolution electrospray ionization (LRESI) mass spectra were obtained on a Bruker Esquire 3000 plus mass spectrometer (Bruker-Franzen Analytik GmbH Bremen, Germany) equipped with an ESI interface and an ion trap analyzer. The water contents of these ILs were determined through Karl Fisher titrations (Metrohm Ltd.).

#### 2. Synthesis of ILs

These anion-functionalized ILs were prepared by neutralizing [P<sub>66614</sub>]OH (or

 $[P_{4444}]OH)$  and weak proton donors such as 2-amino-3-hydroxypyridine (2-NH<sub>2</sub>-3-OH-Py) according to the literature method.<sup>S1</sup> For example, a solution of  $[P_{66614}]OH$  in ethanol was prepared from  $[P_{66614}]Cl$  by using an anion-exchange resin such as Amberlite IRA-402(OH), and then equimolar 2-NH<sub>2</sub>-3-OH-Py was added to the  $[P_{66614}]OH$  solution in ethanol. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 3 h. Subsequently, the ethanol and water was removed by distillation at 40 °C under reduced pressure. The product thus obtained was dried in high vacuum for 24 h at 50 °C.



Scheme S1. The anions used in this work.

[P<sub>66614</sub>][2-NH<sub>2</sub>-3-O-Py]: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 0.84–0.89 (m, 12 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.25–1.57 (m, 48 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.15–2.22 (m, 8 H, PCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.70 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 5.89 (dd, 1H, pyridyl-C3), 6.08–6.11 (q, 1H, pyridyl-C4), 6.56 (dd, 1H, pyridyl-C5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 13.7, 13.8, 17.3, 17.8, 20.6, 21.8, 22.1, 28.2, 28.7, 29.0, 29.1, 29.7, 29.8, 29.9, 30.1, 30.4, 30.9, 31.3, 114.0, 114.3, 124.3, 154.2, 154.6; LR-ESI-MS: *m/z* = 483.4 [M]<sup>+</sup> (100%), 109.0 [M]<sup>-</sup> (100%); HR-ESI-MS: *m/z* cacld for [M]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>68</sub>P 483.5053, found 483.5057, error 0.8 ppm, *m/z* cacld for [M]<sup>-</sup> C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 109.0407, found 109.0408, error 0.9 ppm; IR: 3026, 2954, 2923, 2854, 1636, 1570, 1523, 1457, 1444, 1377, 1351, 1304, 1254, 1215, 1174, 1111, 1055, 986, 912, 882, 855, 810, 778, 749, 720.

[P<sub>66614</sub>][2-NH<sub>2</sub>-4-O-Py]: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 0.84–0.89 (m, 12 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.24–1.60 (m, 48 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.15–2.22 (m, 8 H, PCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.12 (s, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 5.11 (d, 1H, pyridyl-C5), 5.33–5.35 (dd, 1H, pyridyl-C4), 7.08 (d, 1H, pyridyl-C2); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 13.7, 13.8, 17.2, 17.3, 17.7, 17.8, 20.6, 21.2, 21.8, 21.9, 22.1, 27.1, 27.7, 28.2, 28.7, 29.0, 29.1, 29.7, 29.8, 30.1, 30.2, 30.4, 30.8, 31.3, 97.2, 109.9, 146.2, 160.4, 176.8; LR-ESI-MS: *m*/*z* = 483.4 [M]<sup>+</sup> (100%), 109.0 [M]<sup>-</sup> (100%); HR-ESI-MS: *m*/*z* cacld for [M]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>68</sub>P 483.5053, found 483.5061, error 1.7 ppm, *m*/*z* cacld for [M]<sup>-</sup> C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 109.0407, found 109.0407, error 0.0 ppm; IR: 2954, 2922, 2853, 1583, 1492, 1458, 1412, 1375, 1291, 1242, 1206, 1162, 1109, 973, 823, 784, 720.

[P<sub>66614</sub>][2-NH<sub>2</sub>-6-O-Py]: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 0.84–0.89 (m, 12 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.24–1.60 (m, 48 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.13–2.20 (m, 8 H, PCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.08–5.12 (m, 2 H, pyridyl-C2 and -C4), 6.47 (br, 2H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 6.81 (t, 1H, pyridyl-C3); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 13.7, 17.2, 17.3, 17.7, 17.8, 20.7, 21.2, 21.8, 21.9, 22.1, 27.1, 27.7, 28.2, 28.7, 29.0, 29.1, 29.7, 29.9, 30.1, 30.3, 30.4, 30.5, 30.9, 31.3, 86.9, 101.4, 137.6, 158.3, 171.0; LR-ESI-MS: *m/z* = 483.4 [M]<sup>+</sup> (100%), 109.0 [M]<sup>-</sup> (100%); HR-ESI-MS: *m/z* cacld for [M]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>68</sub>P 483.5053, found 483.5054, error 0.2 ppm, *m/z* cacld for [M]<sup>-</sup> C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 109.0407, found 109.0403, error 3.7 ppm; IR: 2954, 2922, 2853, 1626, 1578, 1546, 1458, 1427, 1376, 1302, 1262, 1215, 1147, 1112, 1066, 988, 816, 772, 713.

[P<sub>66614</sub>][3-NH<sub>2</sub>-4-O-Py]: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 0.84–0.90 (m, 12 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.25–1.60 (m, 48 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.15–2.22 (m, 8 H, PCH<sub>2</sub>), 5.76 (d, 1 H, pyridyl-C4), 7.18 (d, 1 H, pyridyl-C5), 7.28 (s, 1H, pyridyl-C1); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  = 13.7, 13.8, 17.2, 17.3, 17.6, 17.7, 20.6, 21.8, 22.1, 28.2, 28.7, 29.0, 29.1, 29.7, 29.8, 29.9, 30.1, 30.4, 30.9, 31.3, 111.1, 131.4, 136.8, 141.0, 166.0; LR-ESI-MS: *m/z* = 483.1 [M]<sup>+</sup> (100%), 108.9 [M]<sup>-</sup> (100%); HR-ESI-MS: *m/z* cacld for [M]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>68</sub>P 483.5053, found 483.5060, error 1.4 ppm, *m/z* cacld for [M]<sup>-</sup> C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 109.0407, found 109.0406, error 0.9 ppm; IR: 2954, 2922, 2853, 1590, 1577, 1502, 1458, 1420, 1368, 1314, 1249, 1213, 1168, 1111, 1034, 993, 877, 817, 720.

 $[P_{4444}][2-NH_2-3-O-Py]:$  <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 0.89-0.92$  (m, 12 H, CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.35-1.49 (m, 16 H, CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.15-2.22 (m, 8 H, 4 CH<sub>2</sub>), 4.72 (s, 2 H, NH<sub>2</sub>), 5.89 (dd, 1 H, pyridyl-C3), 6.09-6.12 (q, 1 H, pyridyl-C4), 6.57 (dd, 1 H, pyridyl-C5); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 13.2$ , 17.1, 17.5, 22.6, 22.7, 23.2, 23.4, 113.5, 114.6, 123.3, 154.9, 155.3; LR-ESI-MS: m/z = 259.2 [M]<sup>+</sup> (100%), 108.9 [M]<sup>-</sup> (100%); HR-ESI-MS: m/zcacld for [M]<sup>+</sup> C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>36</sub>P 259.2549, found 259.2551, error 0.8 ppm, m/z cacld for [M]<sup>-</sup> C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 109.0407, found 109.0402, error 4.6 ppm; IR: 3025, 2957, 2930, 2870, 1571, 1522, 1465, 1441, 1379, 1350, 1305, 1252, 1215, 1121, 1096, 1054, 1004, 967, 915, 882, 809, 776, 747, 721.

3. CO<sub>2</sub> absorption results and analysis data based on FT-IR and NMR spectra



Figure S1. FT-IR spectra of  $[P_{66614}][2-NH_2-3-O-Py]$  before (black) and after (red) CO<sub>2</sub> uptake.



**Figure S2**. Partial <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (400 MHz, room temperature, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of [P<sub>66614</sub>][2-NH<sub>2</sub>-3-O-Py] before (a) and after (b) CO<sub>2</sub> uptake. The hydroxyl group shifted to 15.58 ppm may due to the formation of strong intramolecular hydrogen bonding.



**Figure S3**. Partial NMR integral area (400 MHz, room temperature, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of [P<sub>66614</sub>][2-NH<sub>2</sub>-3-O-Py] after CO<sub>2</sub> uptake.



**Figure S4**. Partial <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra (100 MHz, room temperature, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of [P<sub>66614</sub>][2-NH<sub>2</sub>-6-O-Py] before (a) and after (b) CO<sub>2</sub> uptake.



**Figure S5**. Partial <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra (100 MHz, room temperature, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of [P<sub>66614</sub>][3-NH<sub>2</sub>-4-O-Py] before (a) and after (b) CO<sub>2</sub> uptake.



Figure S6. FT-IR spectra of  $[P_{66614}][3-NH_2-4-O-Py]$  before (black) and after (red) CO<sub>2</sub> uptake.



Figure S7. The effect of temperature on CO<sub>2</sub> absorption by [P<sub>66614</sub>][2-NH<sub>2</sub>-3-O-Py].



**Figure S8**. Cycles of CO<sub>2</sub> absorption and desorption by [P<sub>66614</sub>][2-NH<sub>2</sub>-3-O-Py]. Dark gray, CO<sub>2</sub> absorption capacity; light gray, CO<sub>2</sub> desorption capacity.



**Figure S9**. FT-TR spectra of  $[P_{66614}]$ [2-NH<sub>2</sub>-3-O-Py]. Black, the fresh IL; red, the IL after CO<sub>2</sub> desorption (under N<sub>2</sub> bubbling at 80 °C for one hour).



Figure S10. CO<sub>2</sub> absorption by  $[P_{66614}][2-NH_2-3-O-Py]$  with (red) and without (black) ~2.0 wt.% H<sub>2</sub>O.



**Figure S11**. Partial <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra (100 MHz, room temperature, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of [P<sub>4444</sub>][2-NH<sub>2</sub>-3-O-Py] before (a) and after (b) CO<sub>2</sub> uptake.

4. Orignal NMR spectra



Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (400 MHz, room temperature, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of [P<sub>66614</sub>][2-NH<sub>2</sub>-3-O-Py].





Figure S14. No-deterium <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, room temperature, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of [P<sub>66614</sub>][2-NH<sub>2</sub>-3-O-Py].



 $[P_{66614}]$ [2-NH<sub>2</sub>-3-O-Py] after CO<sub>2</sub> uptake.



 $[P_{66614}]$ [2-NH<sub>2</sub>-3-O-Py] after CO<sub>2</sub> uptake.



DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of [P<sub>66614</sub>][2-NH<sub>2</sub>-3-O-Py].



Figure S18. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, room temperature, DMSO- $d_6$ ) of [P<sub>66614</sub>][2-NH<sub>2</sub>-6-O-Py].





**Figure S21**. Partial <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (100 MHz, room temperature, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>) of [P<sub>66614</sub>][3-NH<sub>2</sub>-4-O-Py] after CO<sub>2</sub> uptake.





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