**Supplementary material** 

## Carbon dioxide capture by aminoalkyl imidazolium-based ionic liquid: A

## computational investigation

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The following is included as additional supporting materials for this paper:

**Table S1** Thermodynamic parameters of Step 2 at ambient temperature (298.15 K) and atmosphere pressure (1 atm), including changes of standard Gibbs free energy  $(\Delta G_2^{\Theta})$ , enthalpy  $(\Delta H_2^{\Theta})$  and entropy  $(\Delta S_2^{\Theta})$ 

| System                 | $\Delta G_2^{\Theta}$ | $\Delta H_2^{\Theta}$ | $\Delta S_2^{\Theta}$ |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                        | (kJ/mol)              | (kJ/mol)              | (J/mol·K)             |
| [ammim]BF4             | 109.35                | 162.27                | 177.52                |
| [aemim]BF <sub>4</sub> | 148.30                | 212.91                | 216.73                |
| [apmim]BF4             | 128.18                | 196.71                | 229.84                |
| [abmim]BF4             | 40.69                 | 122.70                | 275.03                |
| [aamim]BF <sub>4</sub> | 48.97                 | 97.88                 | 164.06                |
| [ahmim]BF <sub>4</sub> | 10.44                 | 94.50                 | 281.94                |

**Table S2** Kinetic properties of Step 1 for AIILs capturing CO<sub>2</sub> at ambient temperature (298.15 K) and atmosphere pressure (1 atm), including activation energy ( $E_a$ ), standard thermodynamic properties of activation ( $\Delta^{\pm}G^{\Theta}$ ,  $\Delta^{\pm}H^{\Theta}$ ,  $\Delta^{\pm}S^{\Theta}$ ) and rate constants of absorption reaction (k)

| System                 | $E_{a}$  | $\Delta^{\!\neq} G^\Theta$ | $\Delta^{\not=} H^\Theta$ | $\Delta^{\neq}S^{\Theta}$ | k  |
|------------------------|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
|                        | (kJ/mol) | (kJ/mol)                   | (kJ/mol)                  | (J/mol·K)                 | $(\mathrm{mol}^{1-n}/\mathrm{L}^{1-n}\cdot\mathrm{s})$ |
| [ammim]BF <sub>4</sub> | 97.136   | 6.62                       | -108.45                   | -385.96                   | $1.12 \times 10^{-24}$                                 |
| [aemim]BF <sub>4</sub> | 146.892  | 11.05                      | -117.32                   | -430.55                   | $1.00 \times 10^{-35}$                                 |
| [apmim]BF4             | 166.795  | 81.76                      | -71.36                    | -513.56                   | $1.51 \times 10^{-43}$                                 |
| [abmim]BF4             | 28.150   | 92.17                      | -28.82                    | -405.79                   | $1.26 \times 10^{-13}$                                 |
| [aamim]BF4             | 189.100  | 7.43                       | -106.88                   | -383.38                   | $1.18 \times 10^{-40}$                                 |
| [ahmim]BF4             | 74.412   | -42.47                     | -208.56                   | -557.06                   | $1.23 \times 10^{-29}$                                 |

Table S3 Diffusion coefficient (D) of cations, anions and  $CO_2$  in the AIIL-CO<sub>2</sub>

| System                 |                 | Linear regression equation | $R^2$  | D                                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
|                        |                 |                            |        | $(10^{-7} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s})$ |
| [ammim]BF <sub>4</sub> | Cation          | y = 0.0072x + 0.5678       | 0.9315 | 1.2                               |
|                        | Anion           | y = 0.0126x + 0.5676       | 0.9818 | 2.1                               |
|                        | $\mathrm{CO}_2$ | y = 0.0396x + 0.8153       | 0.9881 | 6.6                               |
| [aemim]BF <sub>4</sub> | Cation          | y = 0.0255x + 0.4386       | 0.9777 | 4.2                               |
|                        | Anion           | y = 0.0259x + 0.9606       | 0.9797 | 4.3                               |
|                        | $CO_2$          | y = 0.0916x + 1.5011       | 0.9838 | 15.3                              |
| [apmim]BF <sub>4</sub> | Cation          | y = 0.0283x + 0.2582       | 0.9966 | 4.7                               |
|                        | Anion           | y = 0.0228x + 0.6409       | 0.9880 | 3.8                               |
|                        | $CO_2$          | y = 0.0620x + 1.8432       | 0.9821 | 10.3                              |
| [abmim]BF <sub>4</sub> | Cation          | y = 0.0203x + 0.2571       | 0.9945 | 3.4                               |
|                        | Anion           | y = 0.0230x + 0.5565       | 0.9892 | 3.8                               |
|                        | $CO_2$          | y = 0.0710x + 0.5188       | 0.9839 | 11.8                              |
| [aamim]BF <sub>4</sub> | Cation          | y = 0.0119x + 0.3201       | 0.9541 | 2.0                               |
|                        | Anion           | y = 0.0168x + 0.5092       | 0.9498 | 2.8                               |
|                        | $CO_2$          | y = 0.0450x + 1.6793       | 0.9832 | 7.5                               |
| [ahmim]BF <sub>4</sub> | Cation          | y = 0.0107x + 0.5559       | 0.9517 | 1.8                               |
|                        | Anion           | y = 0.0168x + 0.8253       | 0.9596 | 2.8                               |
|                        | $CO_2$          | y = 0.0276x + 1.3549       | 0.9216 | 4.6                               |

systems at ambient temperature (298 K) and atmosphere pressure (1 atm)



**Figure S1**. Standard Gibbs free energy of Step 2 ( $\Delta G_2^{\Theta}$ ) as a function of temperature in a range of 200-1000 K. The desorption of CO<sub>2</sub> has an increasing priority over Step 2 with the increasing temperature



**Figure S2.** Relationship between log(MSD) and log(t) for the AIIL-CO<sub>2</sub> systems: a. [ammim]BF<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>, b. [aemim]BF<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>, c. [apmim]BF<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>, d. [abmim]BF<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>, e. [aamim]BF<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>, and f. [ahmim]BF<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>



**Figure S3**. Center-of-mass radial distribution functions (RDFs) of AIIL-CO<sub>2</sub> systems: a. [ammim]BF<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>, b. [aemim]BF<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>, c. [apmim]BF<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>, d. [abmim]BF<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>, e. [aamim]BF<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>, and f. [ahmim]BF<sub>4</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>