## Highly efficient separation of 5-hydroxymethylfurfural from

## imidazolium-based ionic liquids

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Fig. S1 The effect of system temperature on the extraction efficiency of 5-HMF from different ILs by using THF.



Fig. S2 The effect of initial concentrations of 5-HMF in the ILs on the extraction efficiency of 5-HMF from different ILs by using THF.



Fig. S3 The extraction efficiency of 5-HMF from [Bmim]X (X=[BF<sub>4</sub>], [NO<sub>3</sub>] and Cl)

by different extracting solvents at 25 °C.



**Fig. S4** The extraction efficiency of 5-HMF from the [NO<sub>3</sub>]<sup>-</sup> anion based ILs with different cations by different extracting solvents at 25 °C.



Fig. S5 O–H stretching of 5-HMF in 5-HMF- EtOAc mixtures as a function of mole

fraction of EtOAc.



**Fig. S6** O–H stretching of 5-HMF in 5-HMF- SADE mixtures as a function of mole fraction of SADE.



**Fig. S7** O–H stretching of 5-HMF in 5-HMF- THF mixtures as a function of mole fraction of THF.



**Fig. S8** O–H stretching of 5-HMF in 5-HMF- MTBE mixtures as a function of mole fraction of MTBE.



**Fig. S9** O–H stretching of 5-HMF in 5-HMF- MIBK mixtures as a function of mole fraction of MIBK.



**Fig. S10** O–H stretching of 5-HMF in 5-HMF- BuOAc mixtures as a function of mole fraction of BuOAc.



Fig. S11 The effect of run number on the cumulative extraction efficiency of 5-HMF



Fig. S12 The effect of run number on the cumulative extraction efficiency of 5-HMF in [Bmim][CH<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>] by THF



**Fig. S13** The effect of run number on the cumulative extraction efficiency of 5-HMF in [Bmim][CH<sub>3</sub>OSO<sub>3</sub>] by THF



Fig. S14 The effect of run number on the cumulative extraction efficiency of 5-HMF in [Bmim][NO<sub>3</sub>] by THF



Fig. S15 The effect of run number on the cumulative extraction efficiency of 5-HMF in [Bmim]Cl by THF



**Fig. S16** O–H stretching of 5-HMF in 5-HMF- [Amim][NO<sub>3</sub>] mixtures as a function of mole fraction of [Amim][NO<sub>3</sub>].



**Fig. S17** O–H stretching of 5-HMF in 5-HMF- [Hemim][NO<sub>3</sub>] mixtures as a function of mole fraction of [Hemim][NO<sub>3</sub>].



**Fig. S18** O–H stretching of 5-HMF in 5-HMF-[Cpmim][NO<sub>3</sub>] mixtures as a function of mole fraction of [Cpmim][NO<sub>3</sub>].



**Fig. S19** O–H stretching of 5-HMF in 5-HMF-[Pmim][NO<sub>3</sub>] mixtures as a function of mole fraction of [Pmim][NO<sub>3</sub>].



Fig. S20 The effect of run number on the cumulative extraction efficiency of 5-HMF from [Hemim][BF<sub>4</sub>].



Fig. S21 The chemical structures of the ILs used in this work.