## **Supporting Information**

## Identification of radiolytic products of $[C_4mim][NTf_2]$ and their effect on the $Sr^{2+}$ extraction

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irradiated [C<sub>4</sub>mim][NTf<sub>2</sub>]

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Fig S1 The Micro-FTIR spectra of  $CF_3SO_2NH_2$  (a) and the water-washed phase of irradiated [C<sub>4</sub>mim][NTf<sub>2</sub>] (b).



Fig S2 The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>OH, [C<sub>4</sub>mim][NTf<sub>2</sub>], CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> and CF<sub>3</sub>SOONa standard compounds. (a: CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>OH, -78.42 ppm; b: [C<sub>4</sub>mim][NTf<sub>2</sub>], -78.78 ppm; c: CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, -79.36 ppm; d: CF<sub>3</sub>SOONa, -78.07 ppm)



Fig S3 The <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> at different pH (a: pH ca. 3; b: pH ca. 8).



Fig S4 Fourier transform magnitude (—) of the Sr K-edge EXAFS and first shell best fit (- -) of the Sr–crown ether complexes present in  $[C_4mim][NTf_2]$  solutions. (a) 0.01 M Sr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (aq) contacted with 0.1 M DCH18C6 in unirradiated  $[C_4mim][NTf_2]$ , (b) 0.01M Sr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (aq) contacted with 0.1 M DCH18C6 in irradiated  $[C_4mim][NTf_2]$  at 550 kGy, (c) 0.01M Sr(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (aq) contacted with 0.1 M DCH18C6 in water-washed irradiated  $[C_4mim][NTf_2]$ .



Fig S5 UV-vis spectra of irradiated  $[C_4mim][NTf_2]$  and water-washed irradiated  $[C_4mim][NTf_2]$  (a – e : 0, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500 kGy). Inset shows the relationship between absorption at 285 nm and doses.