

## Supplementary Material

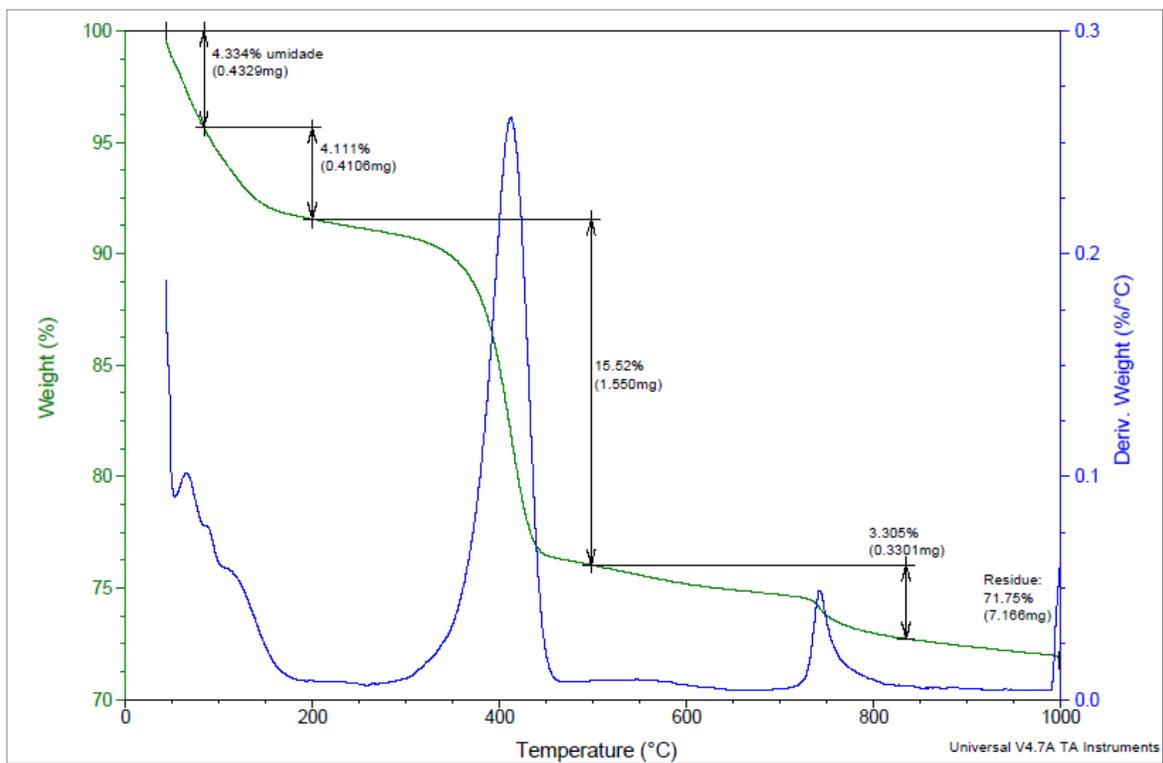
### Rationalizing the role of the anion in CO<sub>2</sub> capture and conversion using imidazolium-based ionic liquid modified mesoporous silica

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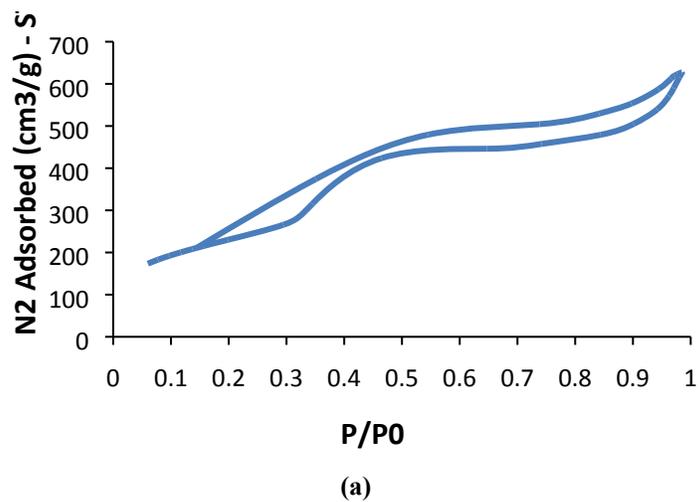
**Table S1.** FTIR absorption bands of SILs (wavenumber, cm<sup>-1</sup>).

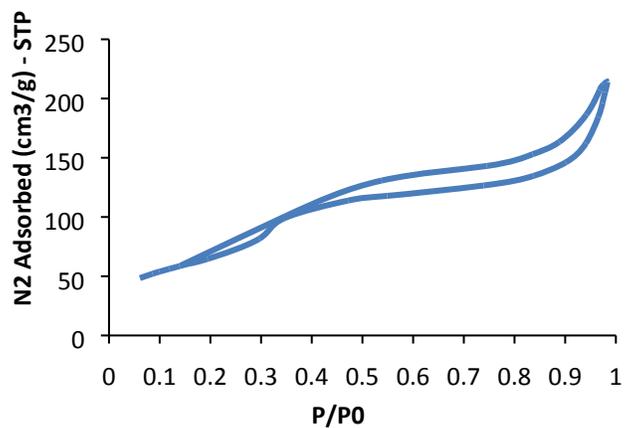
<i>Assignments <math>\nu</math> (cm<sup>-1</sup>)</i>	<i>Samples*</i>			
	<i>ILCLM50</i>	<i>ILTF2NM50</i>	<i>ILPF6M50</i>	<i>ILBF4M50</i>
$\nu$ Si-OH silanol	3364	3553	3325	3426
$\nu$ C-H methyl and methylene	2945	2934	2958	2959
	2840	2853	2927	-----
$\nu$ Si-O	1632	1631	1634	1634
$\nu$ C-C and C-N imidazolium ring	1570	1572	1577	1574
	1462	1460	1464	1461
$\nu$ Si-O-Si siloxane	1186	1182	1140	1134
$\nu$ R <sub>3</sub> Si-O-SiR <sub>3</sub> disiloxane	1070	1047	1060	1064
$\nu$ Cl <sup>-</sup>	805			
$\nu$ N-S		837		
$\nu$ C-S		791		
$\nu$ C-F		742		
$\nu$ P-F			840	
$\nu$ B-F				1236
$\delta_{as}$ B-F				1062

\*Names of the samples indicate the nature of the anion (Tf<sub>2</sub>N<sup>-</sup>, PF<sub>6</sub><sup>-</sup> or BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> and the percentage of immobilized IL).

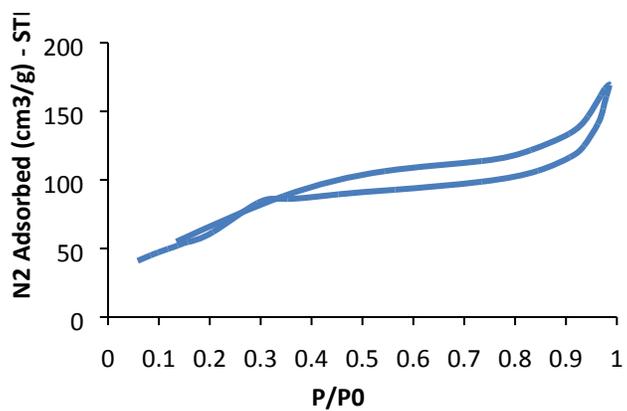


**Figure S1.** TGA thermogram for ILT<sub>2</sub>NM<sub>50</sub>.





(b)



(c)

**Figure S2.** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption isotherms at 77 K on different samples. MCM-41 with 45.24 Å pores (a); ILCLM50 with 53.07 Å pores (b); and ILTF2NM50 with 42.62 Å pores (c).