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## **Supporting Information of:**

## **Operando Observation of CO<sub>2</sub> Transport Intermediates in Polyvinylamine Facilitated**

## Transport Membranes, and the Role of Water in the Formation of Intermediates, Using

## Transmission FTIR Spectroscopy

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The assembled permeation cell is shown from the front view (see **Figure S1(a)**) and the side view (see **Figure S1(b)**). The assembled cell is installed into the permeation system such that it rests on a holder in the FTIR spectrometer for operando measurements (see **Figure S1(c)**).

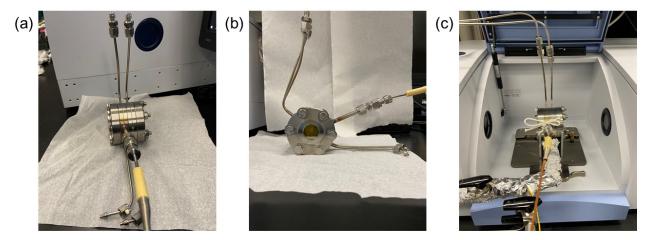


Figure S1. Assembled permeation cell from (a) front view and (b) side view and (c) assembled permeation cell installed to holder in spectrometer for operando measurements.

The FTIR spectrum of the thickest film (59  $\pm$  1  $\mu$ m) displays saturated infrared bands from 1645-1690 cm<sup>-1</sup> and at 1590 cm<sup>-1</sup> (see **Figure S2**). As expected, thinner free-standing films displays less saturation of these bands, with a 25  $\pm$  4  $\mu$ m thick film displaying saturation from 1645-1690 cm<sup>-1</sup> and a 4  $\pm$  1  $\mu$ m thick film displaying no saturation in the FTIR spectrum.

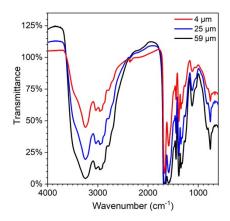
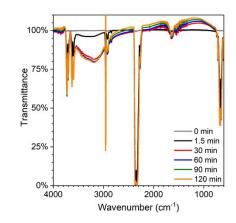


Figure S2. Transmission FTIR spectra collected of free standing PVAm films of varying thicknesses.



**Figure S3.** Transmission FTIR spectra for the porous PP support at 22 °C and humid 30 kPa CO<sub>2</sub>, 3.7 kPa H<sub>2</sub>O, and balance N<sub>2</sub>.