## **Supporting Information**

## Radiation Effect of Carboxyl-Functionalized Task-Specific Ionic Liquids on UO<sub>2</sub><sup>2+</sup> Removal: Experimental Study with DFT Validation

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Figure S1. Influence of dose on  $UO_2^{2+}$  extraction by water-washed [HOOCCH<sub>2</sub>MIM][NTf<sub>2</sub>]. \*These irradiated samples were washed for 4 times by deionized water before extraction.



Figure S2. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of [HOOCCH<sub>2</sub>MIM][NTf<sub>2</sub>] before and after irradiation.



Figure S3. The relationship between the concentration of water-soluble radiolytic products and radiation doses.

Experimental m/z	Designation	Theoretical m/z
281.126	$[[HOOCCH_2MIM]+[^OOCCH_2MIM]]^+$	281.124
446.037	$HN \underbrace{+}_{HN} N \underbrace{NTf_2}_{HN} \underbrace{+}_{HN} \underbrace{+}_$	446.039
504.044	TSILs + HN + N	504.044
516.043	TSILs + $HN$ $+$ $C_2H_3$	516.044
562.048	$[[HOOCCH_2MIM][NTf_2]+[HOOCCH_2MIM]]^+$	562.050
702.105	$[[HOOCCH_2MIM]_2[NTf_2]+[^OOCCH_2MIM]]^+$	702.108
842.162	$[[HOOCCH_2MIM]_2[NTf_2]_2+[^{-}OOCCH_2MIM]_2]^+$	842.167
1123.084	$[[HOOCCH_2MIM]_3[NTf_2]_2+[OOCCH_2MIM]]^+$	1123.092
1263.141	$[[HOOCCH_2MIM]_3[NTf_2]_2+[^{-}OOCCH_2MIM]_2]^+$	1263.150
1404.009	$[[HOOCCH_2MIM]_4[NTf_2]_3]^+$	1404.017

Table S1. Designation of signals of [HOOCCH<sub>2</sub>MIM][NTf<sub>2</sub>] before and after  $\gamma$ -irradiation.

Table S2. The enthalpy, entropy, and binding energies (298.15 K) for radiolytic products, metal ions and complexes obtained in the gas phase by DFT method at B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p)/RECP level.

Species	$H_{\mathrm{g}}\left(\mathrm{a.u.} ight)$	TS <sub>g</sub> (kJ/mol)	<i>G</i> <sub>g</sub> (a.u.)	
[OOCCH2MIM]	-493.252	123.30	-493.299	
UO2 <sup>2+</sup>	-626.744	79.54	-626.774	
$\left[\mathrm{UO}_{2}([\mathrm{OOCCH}_{2}\mathrm{MIM}])_{3}\right]^{2+}$	-2107.116	306.19	-2107.233	
$SO_{3}^{2}$ -	-623.739	82.51	-623.770	
UO <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	-1251.437	114.77	-1251.481	
CF <sub>3</sub> SOO <sup>-</sup>	-886.291	106.02	-886.331	
$[UO_2CF_3SOO]^+$	-1513.550	136.11	-1513.602	
CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> NH <sup>-</sup>	-941.598	108.66	-941.639	
$[UO_2CF_3SO_2NH]^+$	-1568.851	141.92	-1568.905	
UO <sub>2</sub> (CF <sub>3</sub> SOO) <sub>2</sub>	-2400.061	196.90	-2400.136	
UO <sub>2</sub> (CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> NH) <sub>2</sub>	-2510.653	201.67	-2510.730	
$H_2O$	-76.409	57.98	-76.431	
$[UO_2(H_2O)_5]^{2+}$	-1009.169	169.99	-1009.234	
$\mathbf{F}^{-}$	-99.857	43.39	-99.874	
$UO_2F_2$	-827.382	157.90	-827.442	
$[UO_2F_4]^{2-}$	-1027.230	121.46	-1027.276	
$[UO_2F_5]^{3-1}$	-1126.855	133.13	-1126.906	

Basis set: 6-31+G(d,p) for C, H, O, N, F, S; ECP60MWB for U(VI).

Table S3. The enthalpy, entropy, and binding energies (298.15 K) for radiolytic products, metal ions and complexes obtained in the water by DFT method at M05-2X/6-31G(d)/RECP level.

Species	<i>H</i> <sub>aq</sub> (a.u.)	TS <sub>aq</sub> (kJ/mol)	<i>G</i> <sub>aq</sub> (a.u.)
[OOCCH2MIM]	-493.209	120.49	-493.255
UO2 <sup>2+</sup>	-627.169	79.91	-627.200
$\left[\mathrm{UO}_2([\mathrm{OOCCH}_2\mathrm{MIM}])_3\right]^{2+}$	-2106.939	274.30	-2107.044
SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	-623.998	81.93	-624.029
UO <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>3</sub>	-1251.287	112.85	-1251.330
CF <sub>3</sub> SOO <sup>-</sup>	-886.258	102.75	-886.297
$[UO_2CF_3SOO]^+$	-1513.469	134.11	-1513.520
CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> NH <sup>-</sup>	-941.561	107.01	-941.601
$[UO_2CF_3SO_2NH]^+$	-1568.755	139.52	-1568.808
UO <sub>2</sub> (CF <sub>3</sub> SOO) <sub>2</sub>	-2399.766	188.40	-2399.838
UO <sub>2</sub> (CF <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>2</sub> NH) <sub>2</sub>	-2510.338	196.48	-2510.413
H <sub>2</sub> O	-76.383	58.00	-76.405
$[UO_2(H_2O)_5]^{2+}$	-1009.205	155.97	-1009.264
$\mathbf{F}^{-}$	-99.896	43.37	-99.912
$UO_2F_2$	-827.226	103.53	-827.265
$[UO_2F_4]^{2-}$	-1027.237	125.57	-1027.285
$[UO_2F_5]^{3-1}$	-1127.179	123.40	-1127.226

Basis set: 6-31G(d) for C, H, O, N, F, S; ECP60MWB for U(VI).

Species	$H_{ m org}$	TS <sub>org</sub>	$G_{ m org}$	$H_{ m aq}$	TS <sub>aq</sub>	$G_{ m aq}$
	(a.u.)	(kJ/mol)	(a.u.)	(a.u.)	(kJ/mol)	(a.u.)
UO <sub>2</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	-627.089	70.31	-627.116	-627.169	79.91	-627.200
H <sub>2</sub> O	-627.089	70.31	-627.116	-76.383	58.00	-76.405
$[UO_2(H_2O)_5]^{2+}$	-1009.136	160.91	-1009.197	-1009.205	155.97	-1009.264
$\mathbf{F}^{-}$	-99.898	43.37	-99.914	-99.896	43.37	-99.912
$UO_2F_2$	-827.200	100.40	-827.238	-827.226	103.53	-827.265
$\left[\mathrm{UO}_{2}\mathrm{F}_{4}\right]^{2}$	-1027.227	120.70	-1027.272	-1027.237	125.57	-1027.285
$[UO_2F_5]^{3-1}$	-1127.179	123.40	-1127.226	-1127.201	125.01	-1127.249

Table S4. The enthalpy, entropy, and binding energies (298.15 K) for  $[UO_2F_n]^{2-n}$  (n = 2, 4, 5) in the organic and the aqueous phase by DFT method at M05-2X/6-31G(d)/RECP level.

Basis set: 6-31G(d) for O, F; ECP60MWB for U(VI).