

Supporting Information

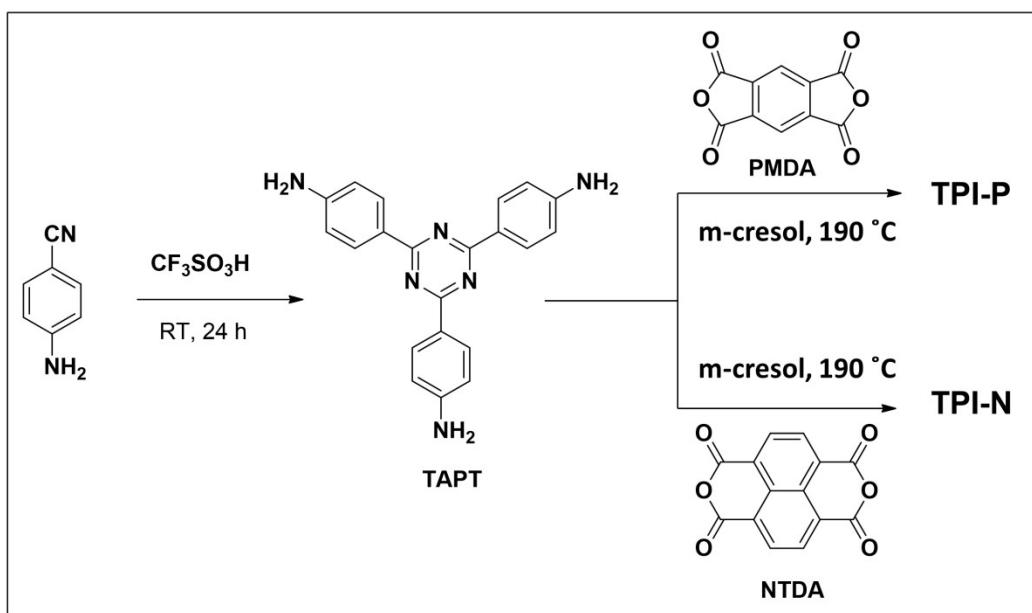
Triazine based polyimide framework derived N-doped porous carbons: a study of their capacitive behaviour in aqueous acidic electrolyte

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Scheme S1 Synthesis of TPI based porous organic frameworks, TPI-P and TPI-N.

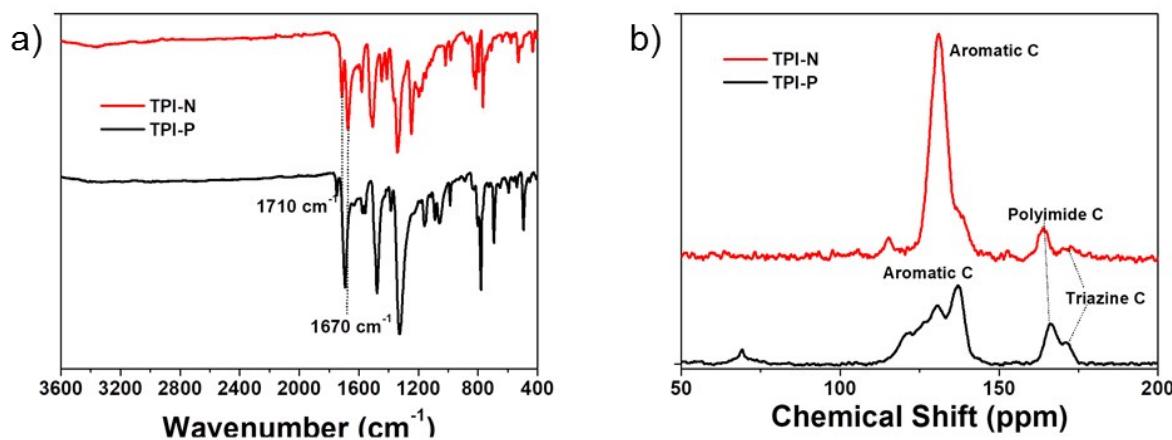


Fig. S1 a) FT-IR spectra of TPI-P/TPI-N frameworks; b) ¹³C CP-MAS NMR spectra of TPI-P/TPI-N frameworks.

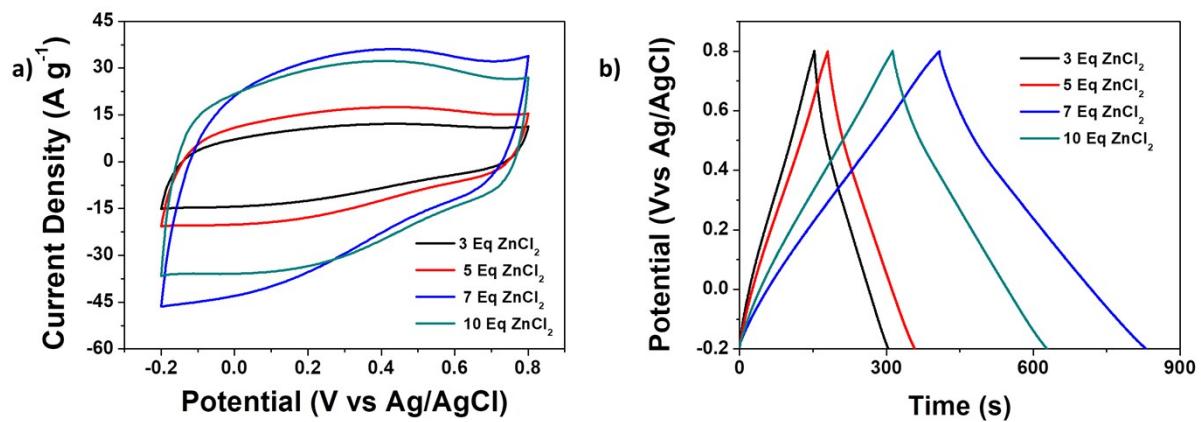


Fig. S2 CV and GCD curves of TPI-P-700 using different equivalents of ZnCl₂ in three electrode system.

Table S1 Electrochemical performance of N-doped porous carbon synthesized by using different amounts of ZnCl₂

| Precursor | ZnCl ₂ equivalent | S _{BET} (m ² g ⁻¹) | Temperature (°C) | C _s (F g ⁻¹) ^a | Electrolyte | Potential Range (V) |
|-----------|------------------------------|--|------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| TPI-P | 3 | 448 | 700 | 150 | 1 M H ₂ SO ₄ | -0.2 to 0.8 |
| TPI-P | 5 | 972 | 700 | 200 | 1 M H ₂ SO ₄ | -0.2 to 0.8 |
| TPI-P | 7 | 1650 | 700 | 423 | 1 M H ₂ SO ₄ | -0.2 to 0.8 |
| TPI-P | 10 | 1226 | 700 | 320 | 1 M H ₂ SO ₄ | -0.2 to 0.8 |

[a] calculated from GCD curves in three electrode system.



Fig. S3 Water contact angle images of a) TPI-P carbonized without ZnCl₂; b) TPI-N-700; c) TPI-P-700.

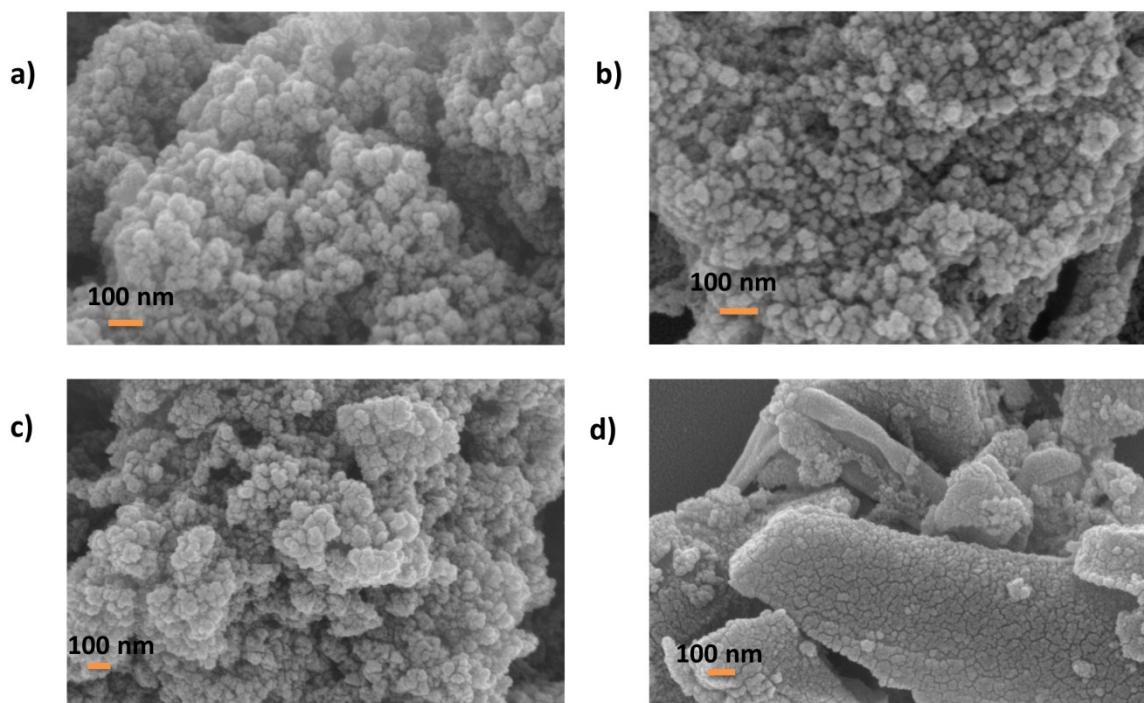


Fig. S4 FE-SEM images of a) TPI-P framework; b) TPI-N framework; c) TPI-P carbonized without ZnCl₂; d) TPI-P-700.

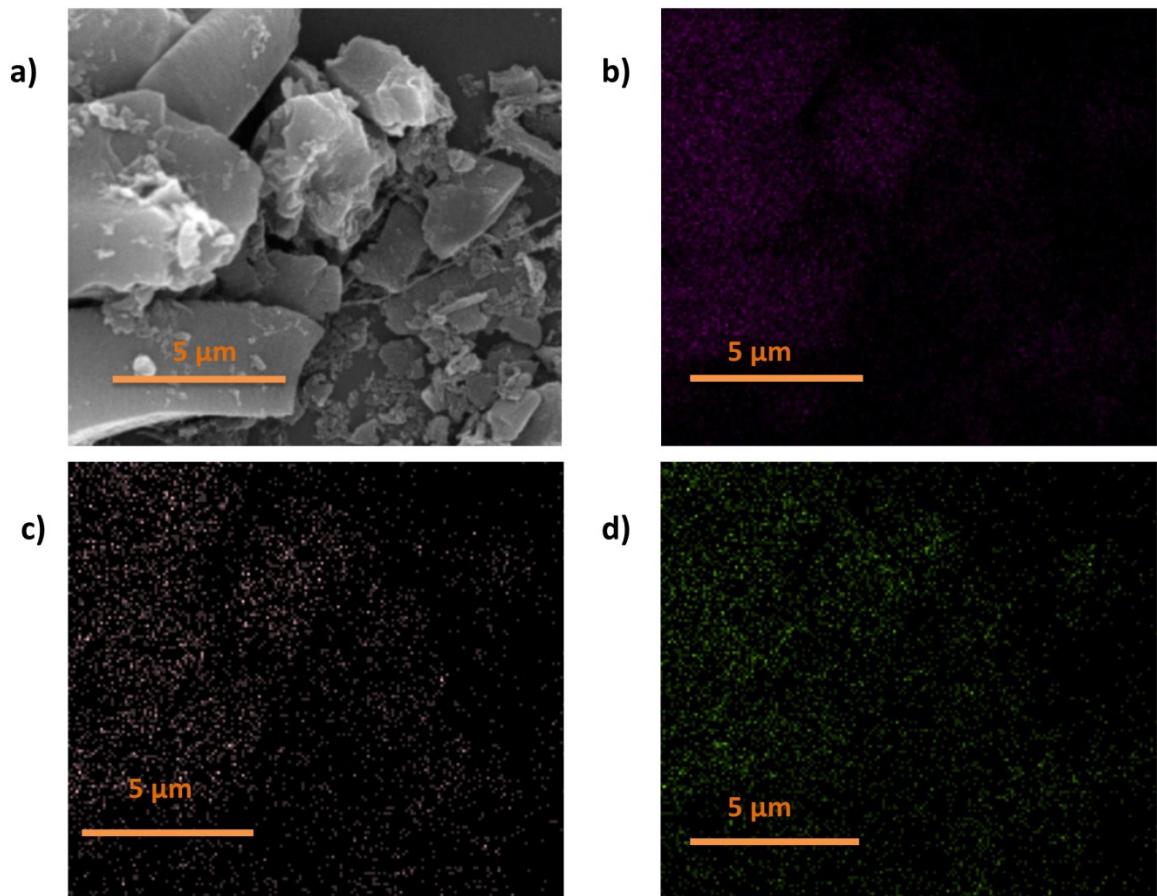


Fig. S5 a) FE-SEM image of TPI-P-700 and representative elemental mapping of b) carbon (purple); c) nitrogen (light pink); d) oxygen (green) elements.

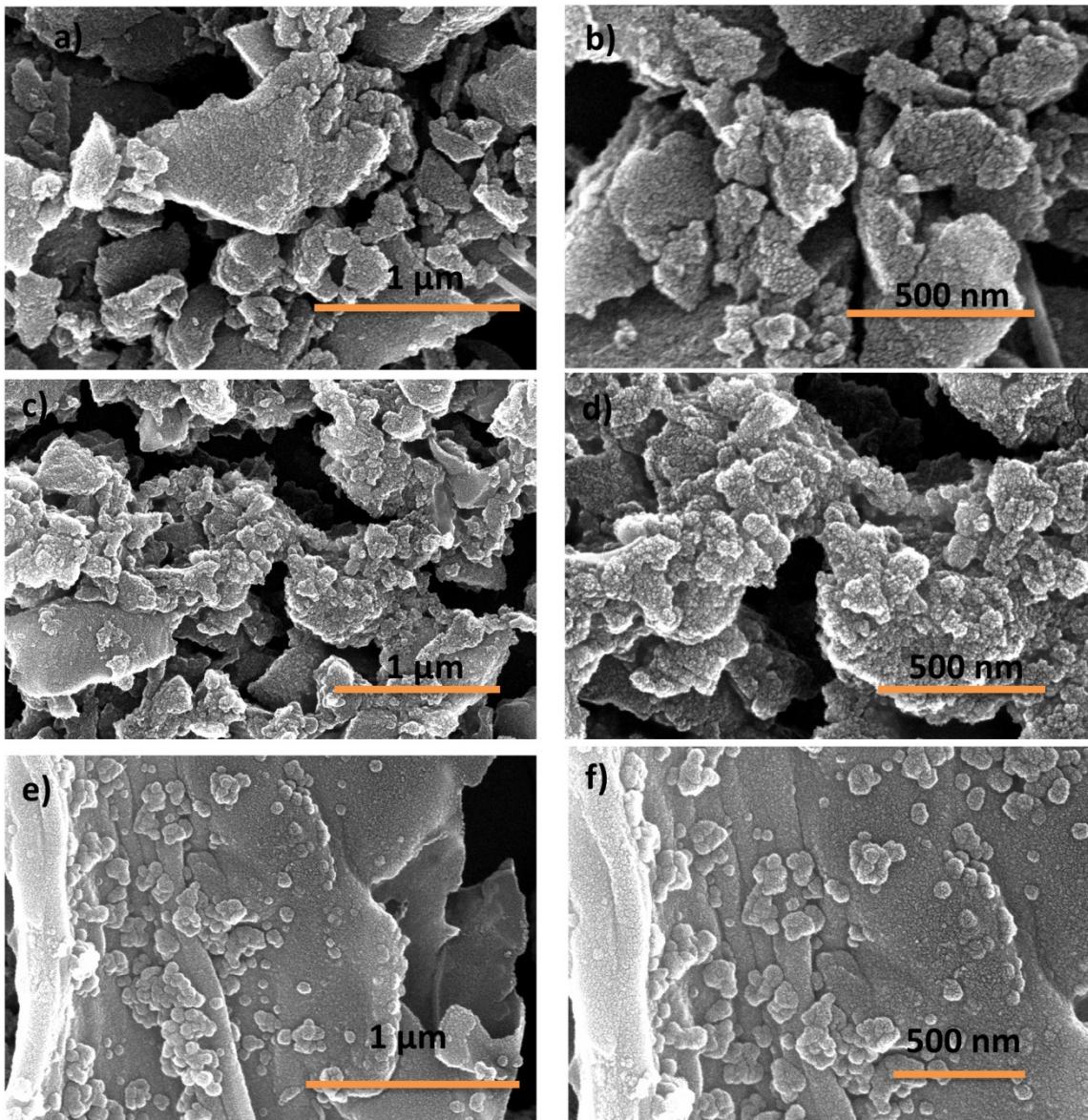


Fig. S6 FE-SEM images of (a, b) TPI-P-600; (c, d) TPI-N-600; (e, f) TPI-N-700.

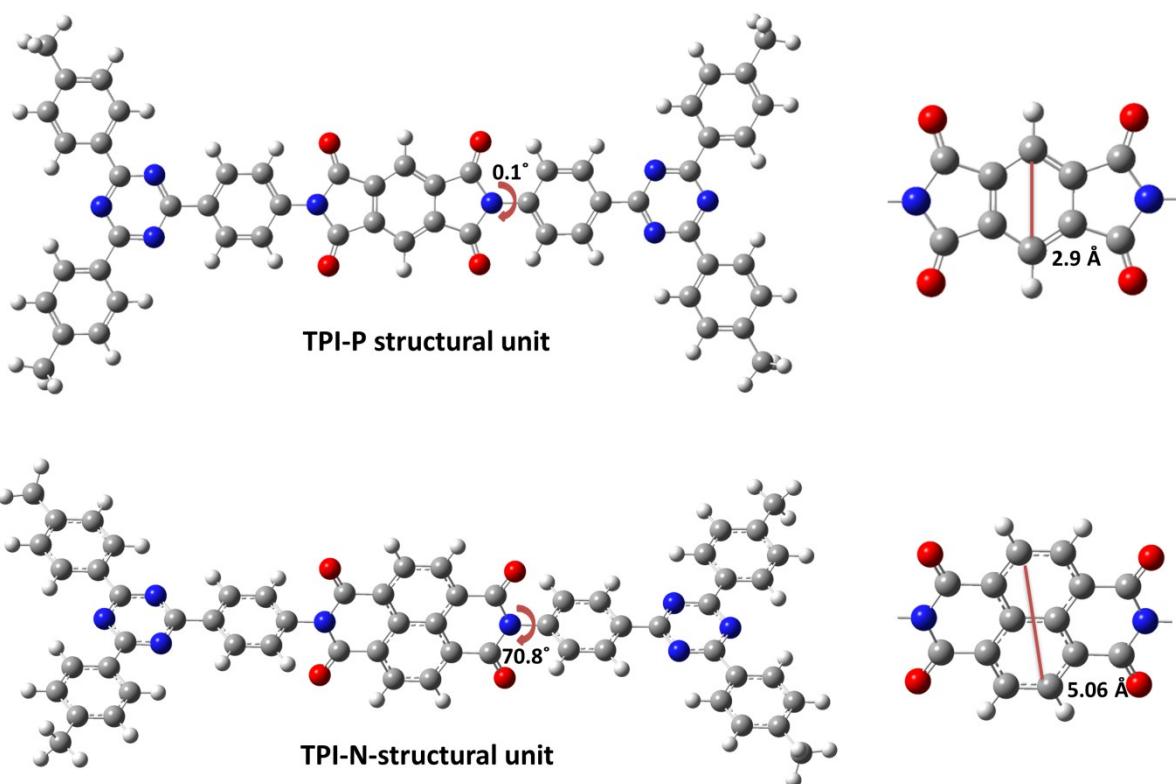


Fig. S7 DFT optimized geometry of TPI-P and TPI-N structural unit using B3LYP/6-31G with Gaussian 09 package.

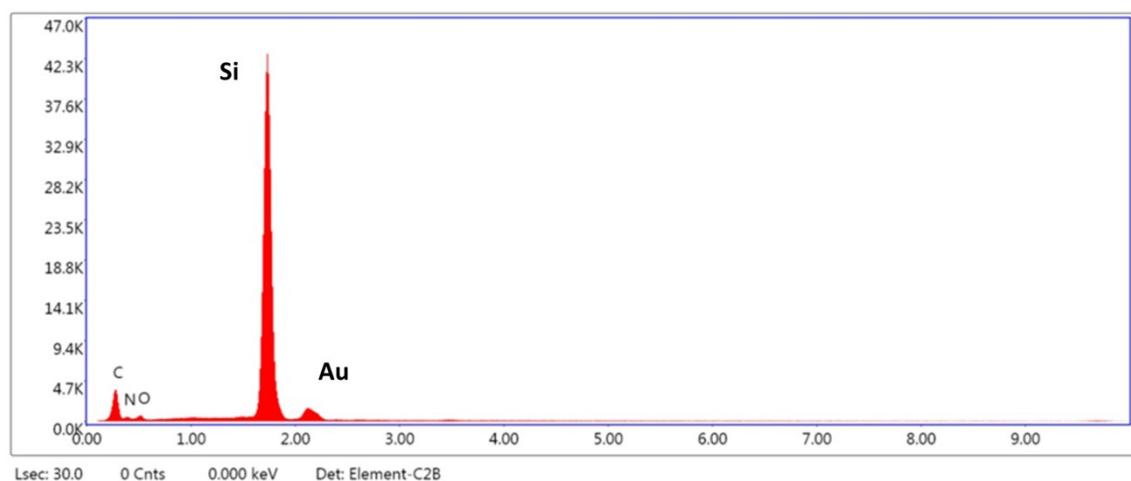


Fig. S8 EDX spectra of TPI-P-700. Standard peaks for Si and Au were observed due to Si substrate and gold coating respectively.

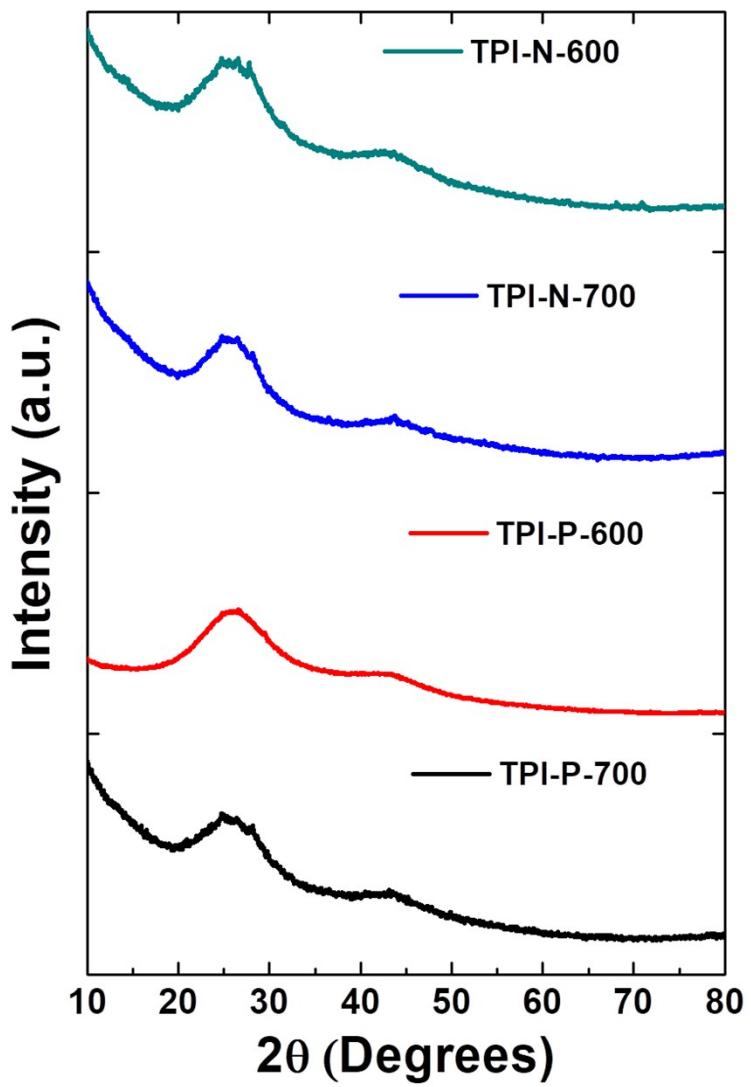


Fig. S9 Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of TPI-P-X/TPI-N-X.

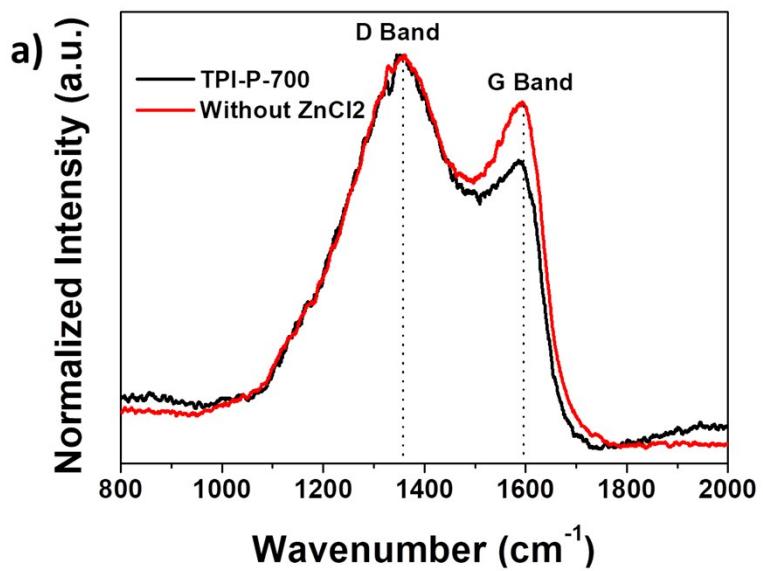


Fig. S10 Raman spectra of TPI-P precursor carbonized without ZnCl_2 and TPI-P-700.

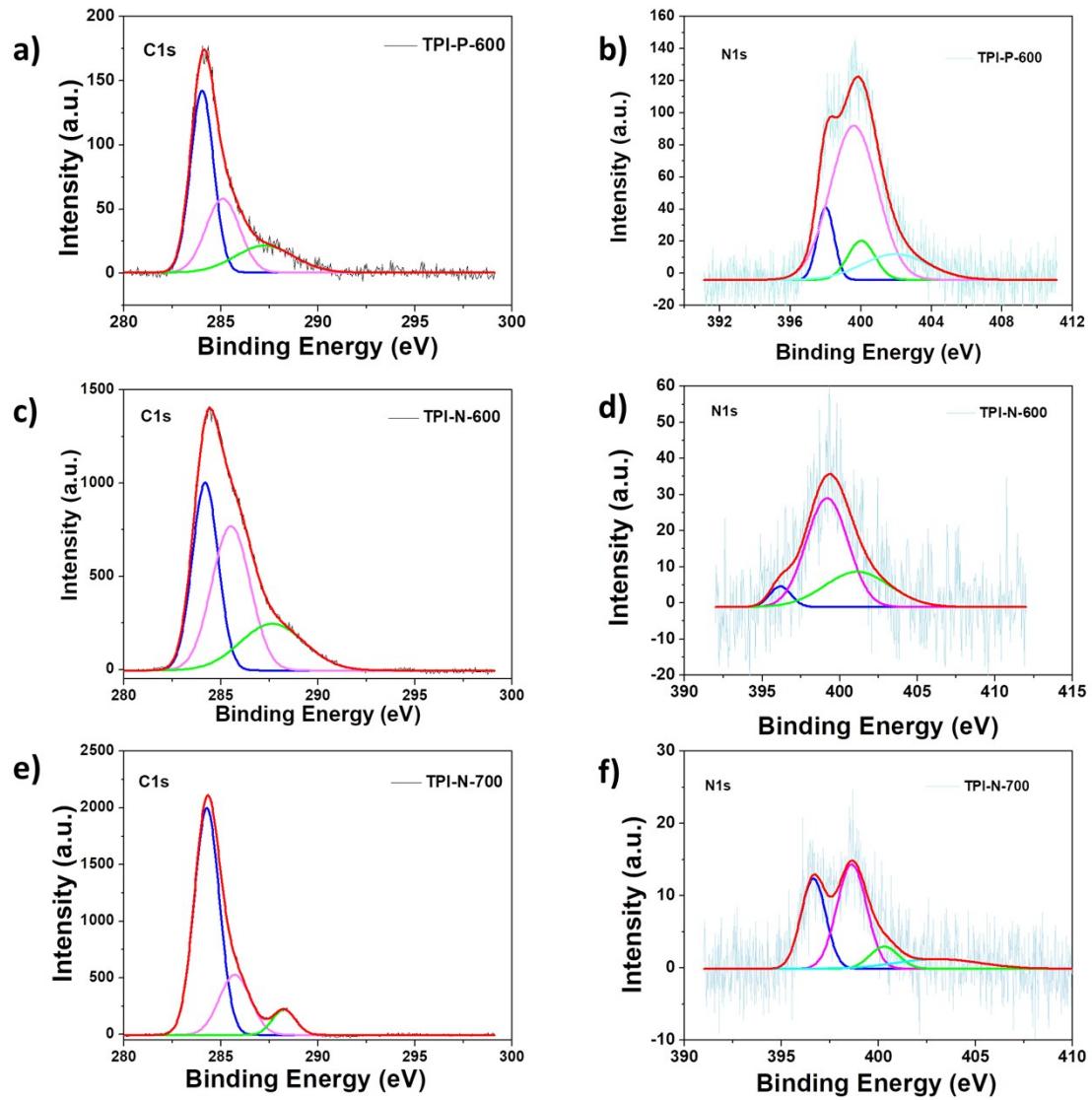


Fig. S11 Deconvoluted C1s and N1s spectra of (a, b) TPI-P-600; (c, d) TPI-N-600 and (e, f) TPI-N-700.

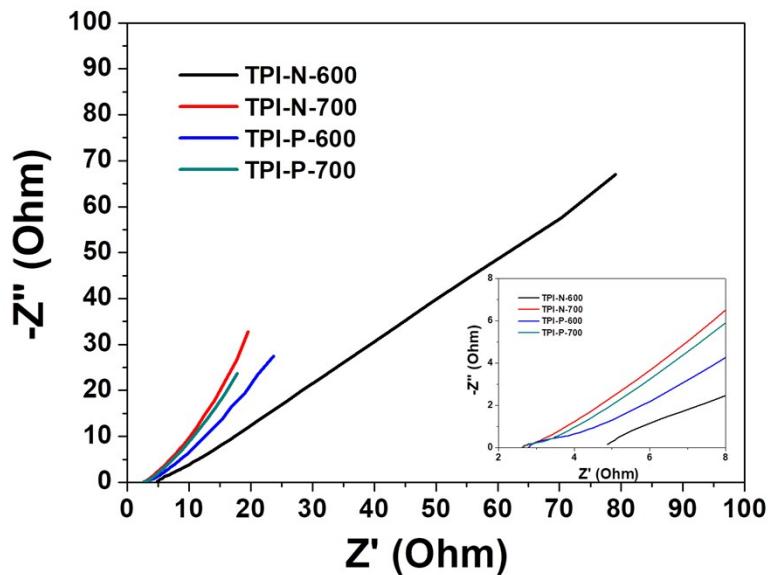


Fig. S12 Nyquist plots of N-doped porous carbon materials.

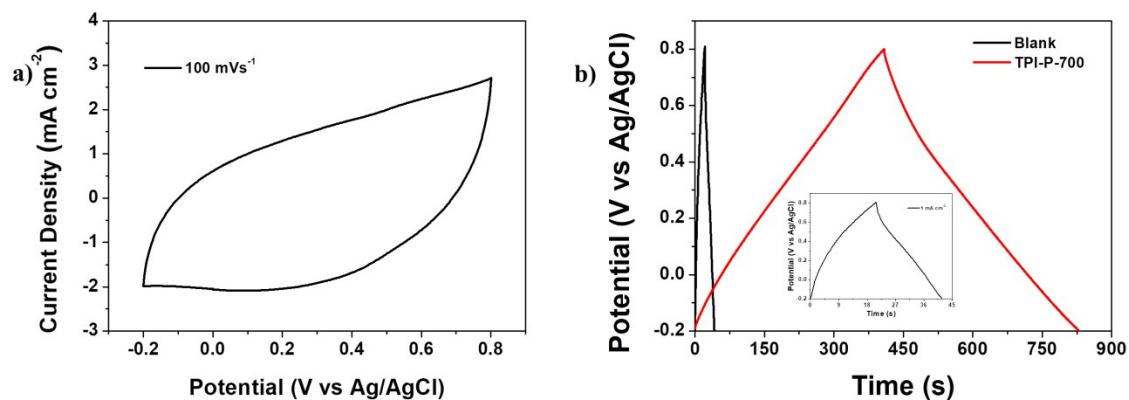


Fig. S13 a) CV curve of blank graphite sheet at 100 mV s^{-1} and b) GCD curve of graphite sheet and TPI-P-700 at 1 mA cm^{-2} in $1 \text{ M H}_2\text{SO}_4$ electrolyte (three electrode systems).

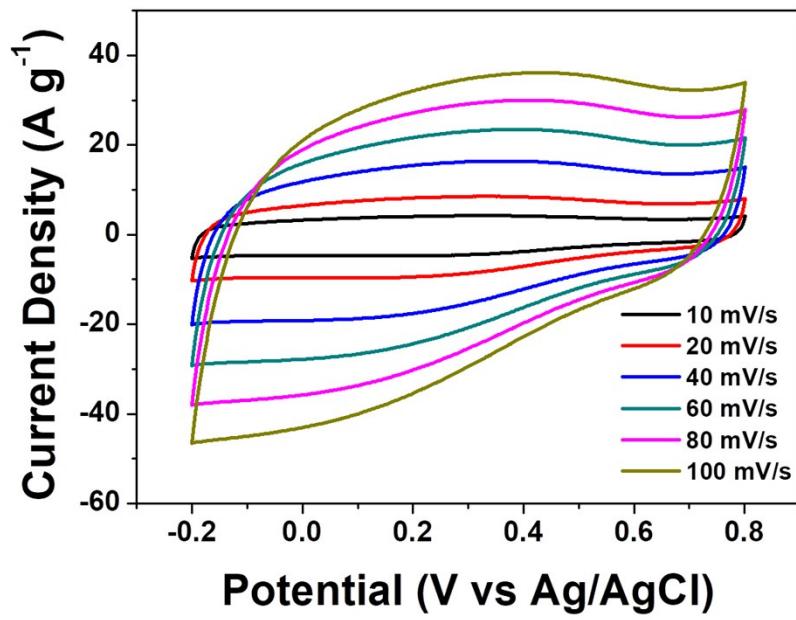


Fig. S14 CV curves of TPI-P-700 at higher rates in three electrode system.

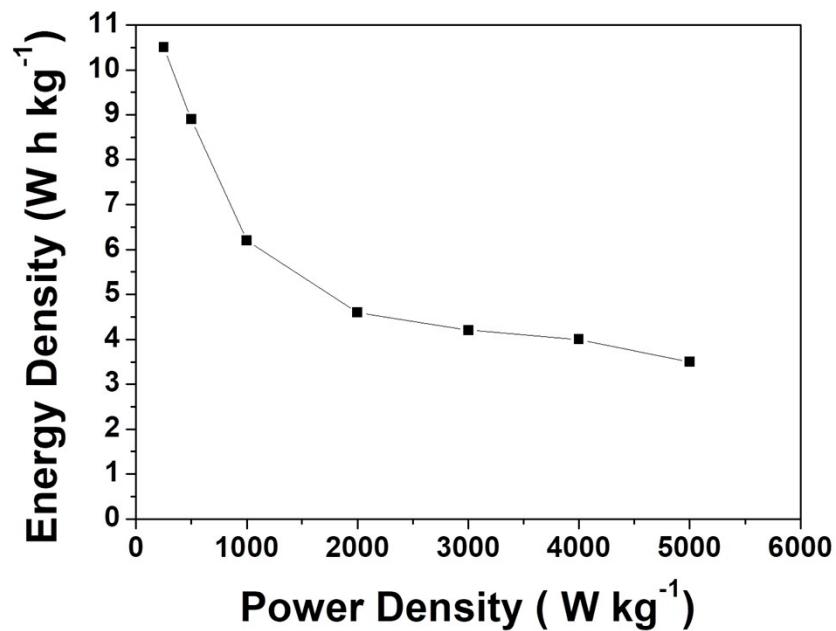


Fig. S15 Ragone plot of TPI-P-700 based symmetric supercapacitor.

Table S2 Comparative table of specific capacitance of porous carbon obtained from various metal-free precursors.

| Active Material | Electrolyte | Specific Capacitance (F g ⁻¹) | Current density / Scan rate | Reference |
|--|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Polypyrrole derived 3D hierarchical porous carbon | 6 M KOH | 318.2 | 0.5 A g ⁻¹ | ¹ |
| Bagasse derived porous carbon aerogel | 6 M KOH | 268.4 | 2.0 mV s ⁻¹ | ² |
| Lignin derived nanoporous carbon | 1 M H ₂ SO ₄ | 91.0 | 0.5 A g ⁻¹ | ³ |
| Nanocellulose derived porous carbon aerogel | 6 M KOH | 302.0 | 0.5 A g ⁻¹ | ⁴ |
| 2D porous carbon nanosheet | 6 M KOH | 216.0 | 0.2 A g ⁻¹ | ⁵ |
| N-doped porous carbon capsules | 1 M H ₂ SO ₄ | 240.0 | 0.1 A g ⁻¹ | ⁶ |
| Biomass derived 3D hierarchical porous carbon | 6 M KOH | 356.0 | 1.0 A g ⁻¹ | ⁷ |
| Chitosan/PEG blend derived N-doped porous carbon | 1 M H ₂ SO ₄ | 356.0 | 1.0 A g ⁻¹ | ⁸ |
| Graphene like porous carbon nanosheets | 6 M KOH | 294.0 | 1.0 A g ⁻¹ | ⁹ |
| N-doped microporous carbon nanosphere | 1 M H ₂ SO ₄ | 373.0 | 0.2 A g ⁻¹ | ¹⁰ |
| Heteroatom-doped porous carbon | 6 M KOH | 416.0 | 0.5 A g ⁻¹ | ¹¹ |
| Lignin derived activated carbon fibers | 6 M KOH | 344.0 | 10.0 mV s ⁻¹ | ¹² |
| Cellulose derived grapheme like porous carbon sheet | 6 M KOH | 353.0 | 1.0 A g ⁻¹ | ¹³ |
| TPI framework derived heteroatom doped porous carbon | 1 M H ₂ SO ₄ | 423.0 | 1.0 A g ⁻¹ | This work |

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