

## Electronic Supplementary Information

# Thermally/hydrolytically Stable Covalent Organic Frameworks from a Rigid Macrocyclic Host

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## Experimental section

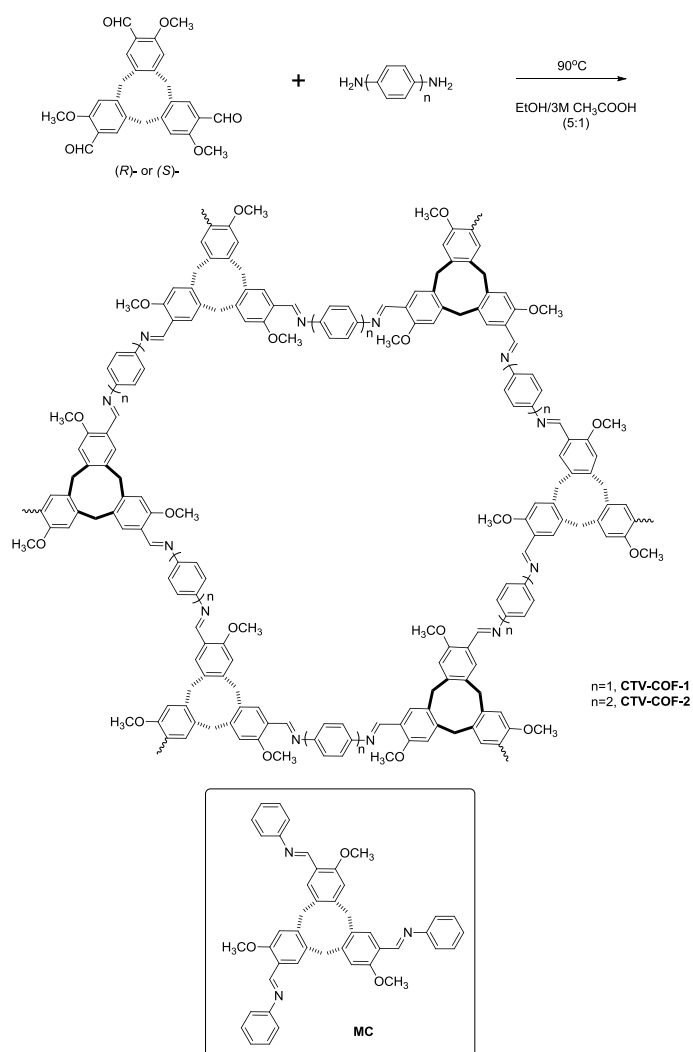
### 1. Materials and measurement

IR spectra were recorded on a Thermo-Nicolet 6700 spectrometer using KBr discs.  $^{13}\text{C}$  CP-MAS NMR spectra data were collected on a BRUKER AVANCE III 400MHz solid state NMR spectrometer.

Element analysis for C, H and N were carried out with a Flash EA 1112 elemental analyzer.

Thermogravimetric analysis was performed on SDT Q600 V20.9 Build 20 with a temperature ramping rate of  $10\text{ }^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$  from room temperature to  $900\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) was performed on S-4300 scanning electron microscope at 15.0 KV. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) data were recorded on a Rigaku D/max 2500 X-ray powder diffractometer, from  $2\theta = 2^\circ$  up to  $50^\circ$  with  $0.02^\circ$  increment. Nitrogen adsorption–desorption isotherms were carried out with a Micrometrics ASAP 2020 instrument at 77 K, hydrogen adsorption isotherms were measured at 77 K from 0 to 823 mmHg on Micrometric ASAP 2020 instrument. Carbon dioxide adsorption isotherms were measured at 298 K from 0 to 50 bar on Belsorp-HP. CD spectra was performed on J-815 using KBr discs. Geometry optimization of the hexagonal pore structure was performed at Forcite Module in Material Studio 6.0. CTV-CHO was synthesized according to the literature<sup>1</sup>. All chemicals were used as received without further purification unless stated otherwise.

### 2. Synthesis



**Model Compound (MC):** A 25 ml flask was charged with triformylcyclotrianisylene (CTV-CHO) (59 mg, 0.13 mmol), 10 ml dry EtOH was added and heated to reflux under nitrogen. Aniline (74.3 mg, 0.80 mmol) was added by syringe. The mixture was reacted overnight. After cooled to room temperature, reduced the solvent in vacuum to about 2 ml, yellow powder was obtained after filtration. Washed the powder with cold EtOH, then dried in vacuum, 75 mg white solid product was obtained with 84% yield. Mp > 300°C; FTIR  $\nu$  2933, 1678, 1620, 1604, 1585, 1483, 1405, 1267, 1199, 1020, 768, 723, 693  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^1\text{H}$ NMR (400MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  8.767 (s, 3H), 8.194 (s, 3H), 7.367 (t, 6H,  $J=7.6\text{Hz}$ ), 7.218-7.153 (m, 9H), 7.064 (s, 3H), 4.809 (d, 3H,  $J=13.2\text{Hz}$ ), 3.896-3.827 (m, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (400MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  158.541, 156.216, 153.0, 144.947, 131.156, 129.135, 128.792, 125.652, 123.549, 121.123, 112.690, 55.874, 36.614; HRMS (ESI) 670.30729 ( $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$ ).

**CTV-COF-1:** A 25 ml Schlenk tube was charged with CTV-CHO (100 mg, 0.225 mmol), 1,4-benzenediamine (37 mg, 0.34 mmol) and 6.0 ml of a 5:1 (v/v) solution of EtOH/3M  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ . The tube was evacuated to vacuum (-0.095MPa) at 77 K ( $\text{LN}_2$  bath) and then sealed. The reaction mixture was heated at 90 °C for 5 days. The product was isolated by filtration, washed with acetone, and then soaked in HPLC acetone for 8h. After filtration, the powder was dried under vacuum at 120 °C for 12h. 113 mg yellow powder was obtained with 91% yield. FTIR  $\nu$  2932, 1682, 1624, 1601, 1494, 1463, 1266, 1200, 1176, 1084, 835  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^{13}\text{C}$  CP-MAS NMR (400 MHz, solid state)  $\delta$  156.79, 148.87, 144.00, 130.61, 122.44, 116.14, 110.19, 52.64, 36.46; Anal. calcd. for  $(\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{10}\text{NO})_n$ , C 78.26, H 5.43, N 7.60, Found: C 76.15, H 5.72, N 7.44.

**CTV-COF-2:** The procedure is similar to above: CTV-CHO (100 mg, 0.225 mmol), benzidine (62 mg, 0.337 mmol) and 6.0 ml solution of EtOH/3M  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ . Yellow powder was obtained in 94% yield. FTIR  $\nu$  2922, 1681, 1620, 1606, 1487, 1463, 1403, 1269, 1202, 1167, 1083, 1016, 825  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ;  $^{13}\text{C}$  CP-MAS NMR (400 MHz, solid state)  $\delta$  156.81, 148.87, 144.08, 136.34, 130.32, 125.81, 122.42, 110.45, 52.80, 36.32; Anal. calcd. for  $(\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{12}\text{NO})_n$ , C 82.05, H 5.13, N 5.98, Found: C 78.24, H 5.48, N 6.09.

### 3. NMR spectra for MC

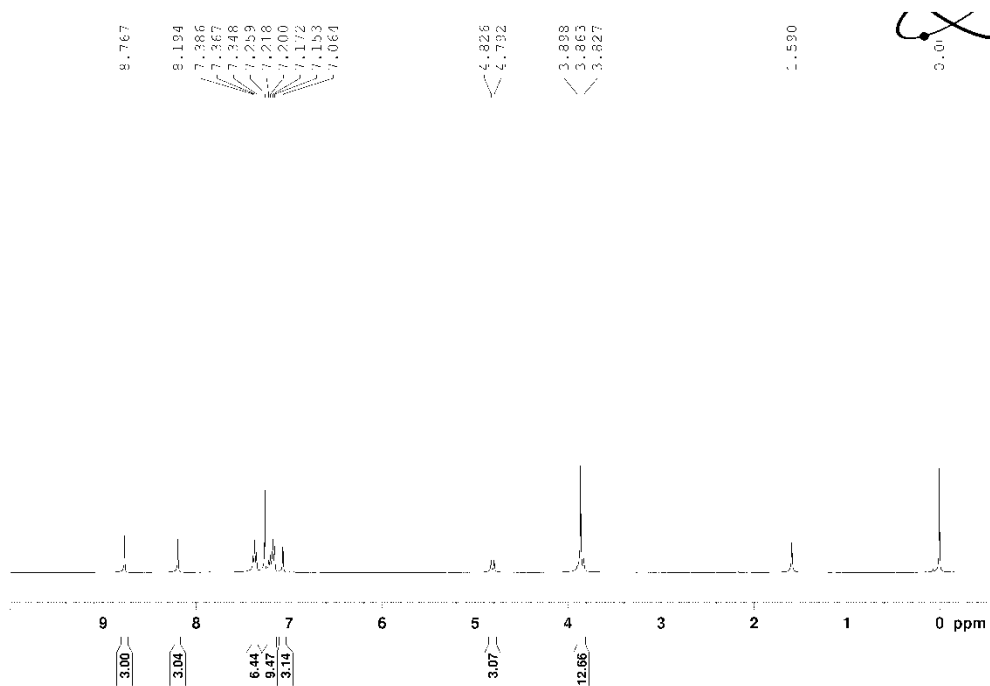


Fig. S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR for Model Compound (MC).

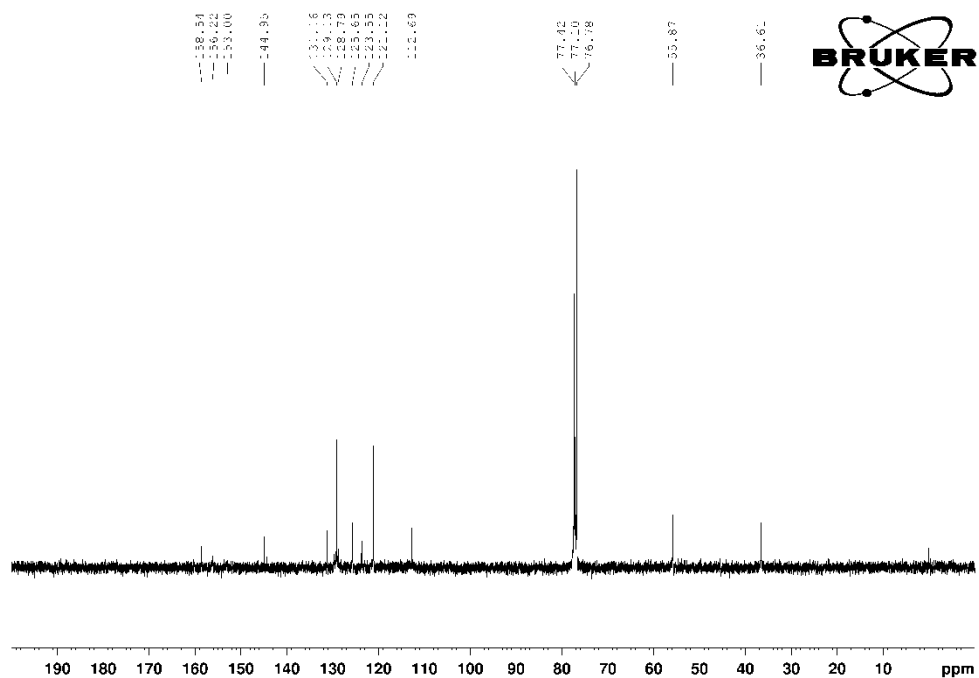


Fig. S2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR for Model Compound (MC).

#### 4. FTIR spectra

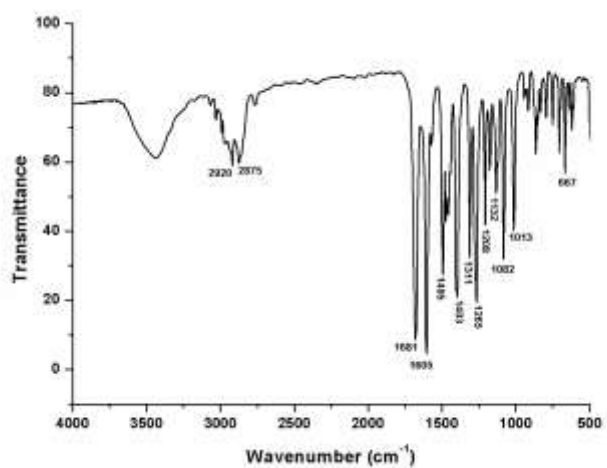


Fig. S3 The FTIR spectra of CTV-CHO.

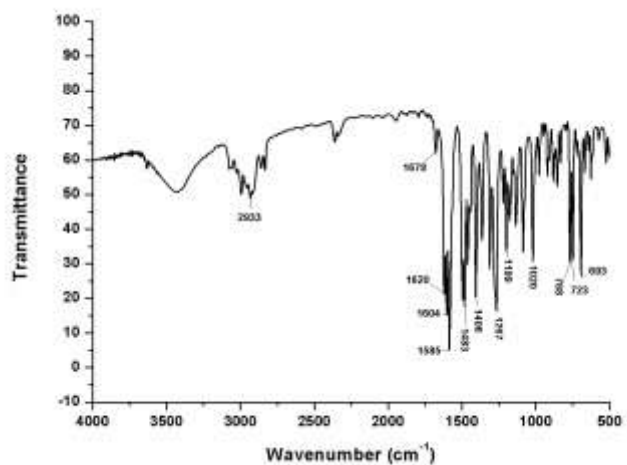


Fig. S4 The FTIR spectra for MC.

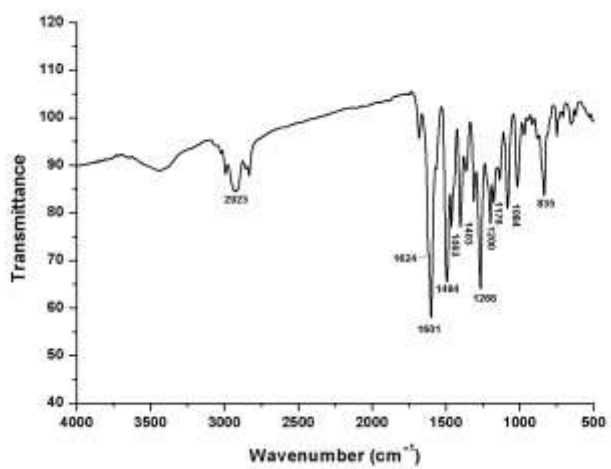
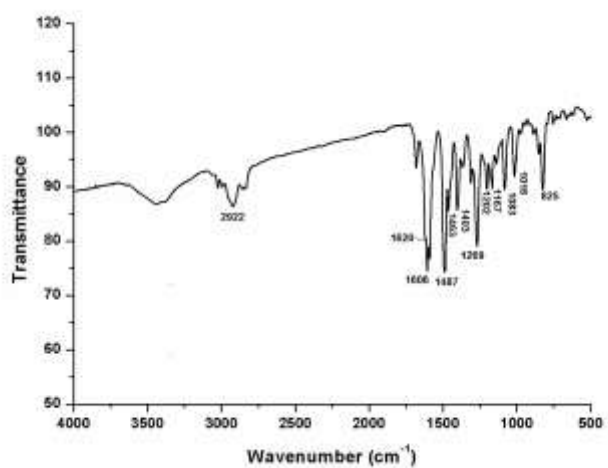
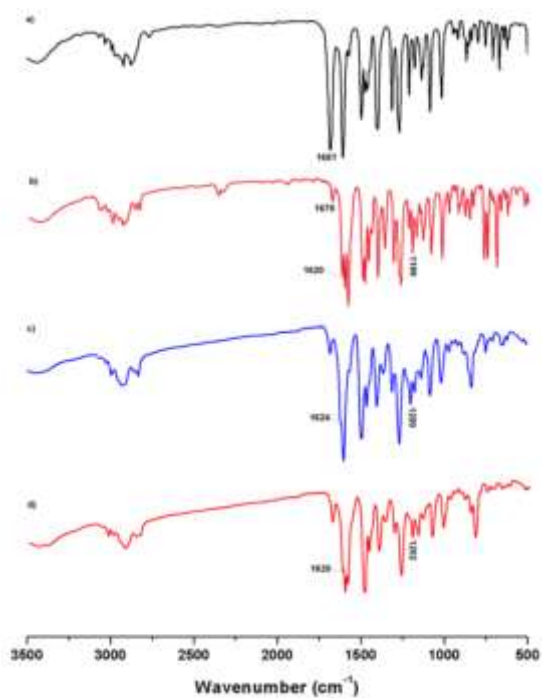


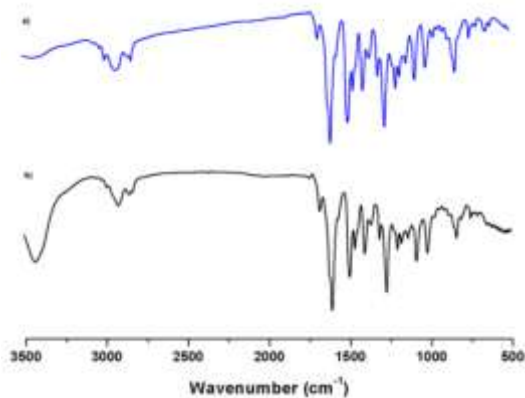
Fig. S5 The FTIR spectra of CTV-COF-1.



**Fig. S6** The FTIR spectra of CTV-COF-2.



**Fig. S7** The FTIR spectra for a) CTV-CHO (black); b) MC (pink); c) CTV-COF-1 (blue); d) CTV-COF-2 (red).



**Fig. S8** The FTIR spectra for a) CTV-COF-1; b) CTV-COF-1 in water for 48h.

## 5. $^{13}\text{C}$ CP-MAS NMR spectra for CTV-COFs

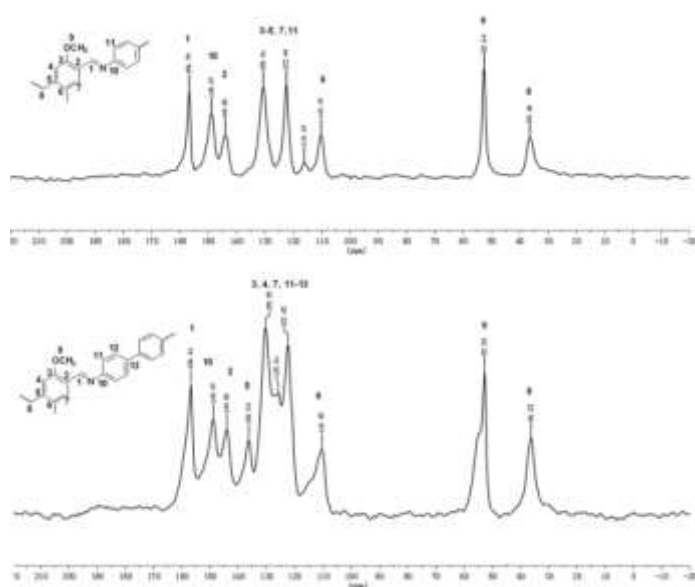


Fig. S9  $^{13}\text{C}$  CP-MAS NMR spectra for CTV-COFs.

## 6. TGA measurement for CTV-COFs

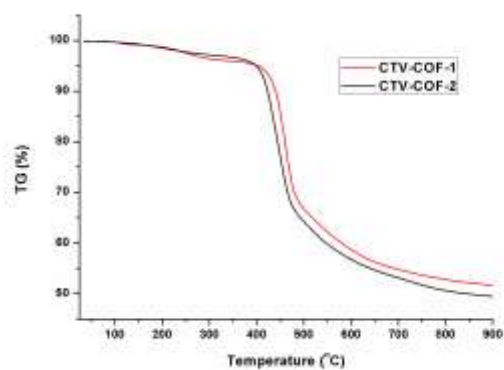


Fig. S10 TGA measurement for CTV-COF-1 (red) and CTV-COF-2 (black).

## 7. SEM images for CTV-COFs

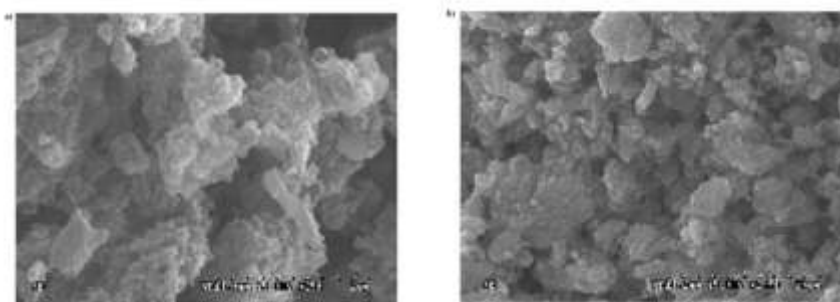


Fig. S11 SEM spectra for a) CTV-COF-1; b) CTV-COF-2.

## 8. PXRD

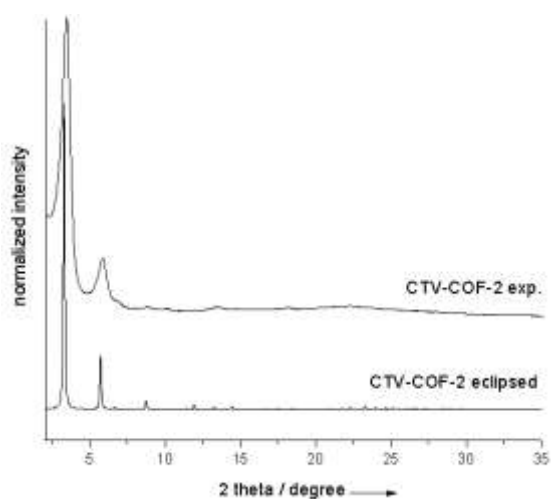


Fig. S12 Comparison of the experimentally observed PXRD pattern with the simulated eclipsed pattern for CTV-COF-2.

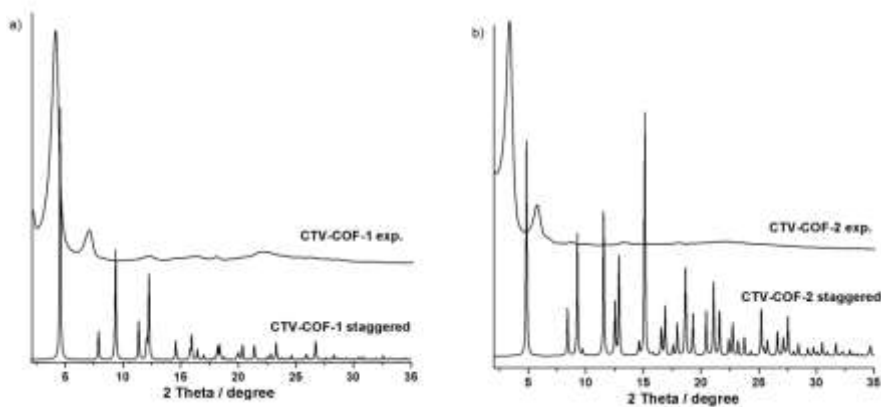


Fig. S13 Comparison of the experimentally observed PXRD pattern with the simulated staggered pattern. a) CTV-COF-1, b) CTV-COF-2.

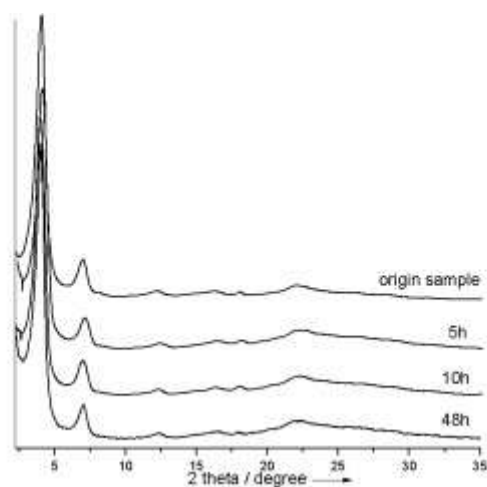


Fig. S14 PXRD patterns for the hydrolytic test of CTV-COF-1.



## 9. N<sub>2</sub> uptake

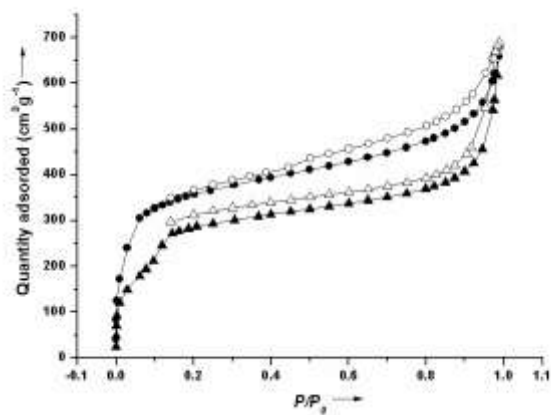


Fig. S15 Nitrogen sorption isotherms (filled simples for adsorption and open simples for desorption). Cycle for CTV-COF-1 and triangle for CTV-COF-2

## 10. BET plot and pore size distribution for CTV-COFs

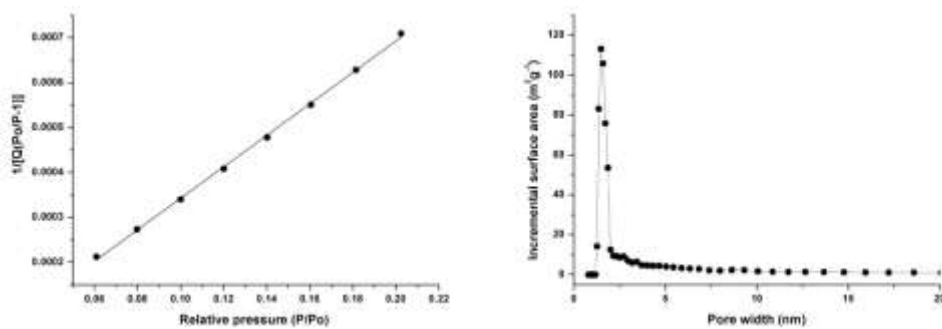


Fig. S16 BET plot and pore size distribution of CTV-COF-1.

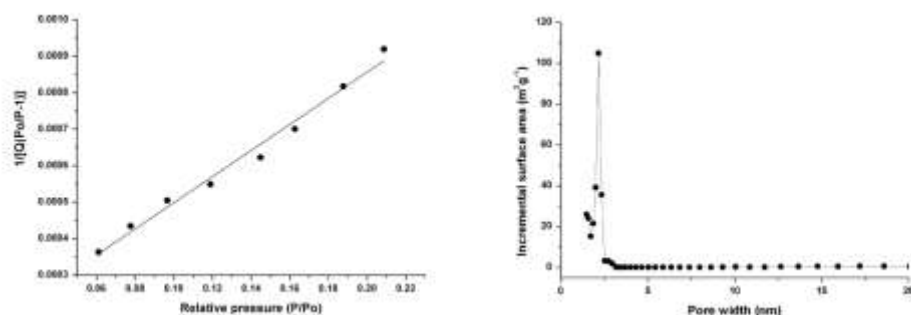
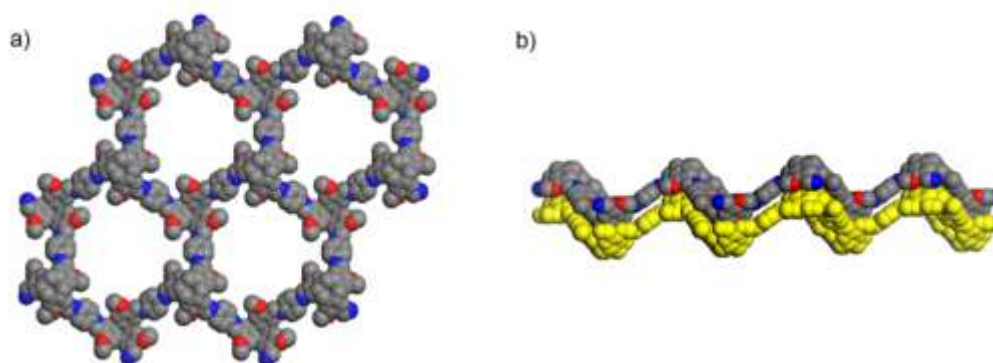
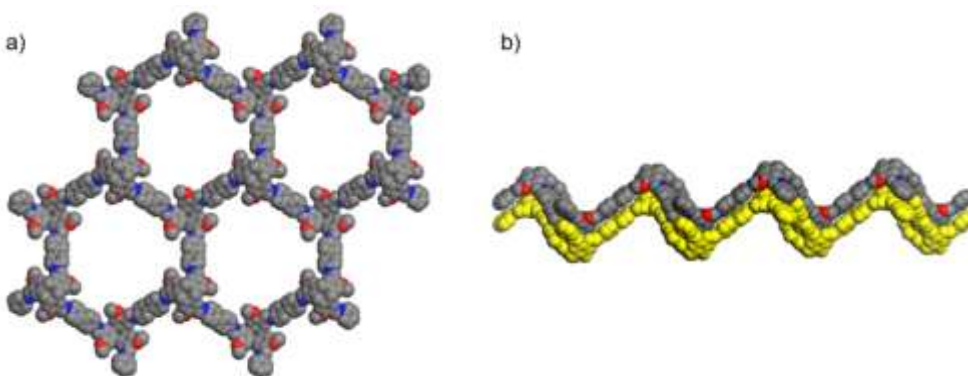


Fig. S17 BET plot and pore size distribution of CTV-COF-2.

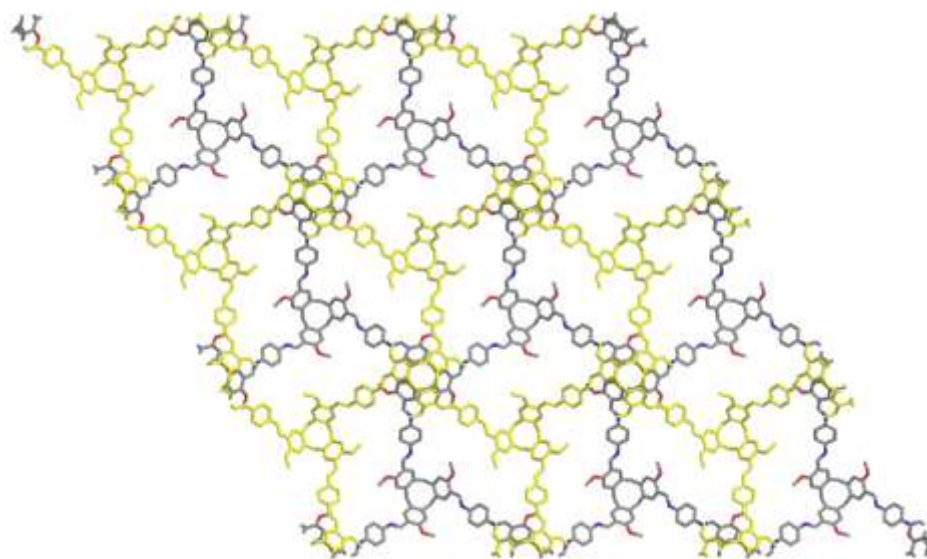
## 11. Models of CTV-COFs



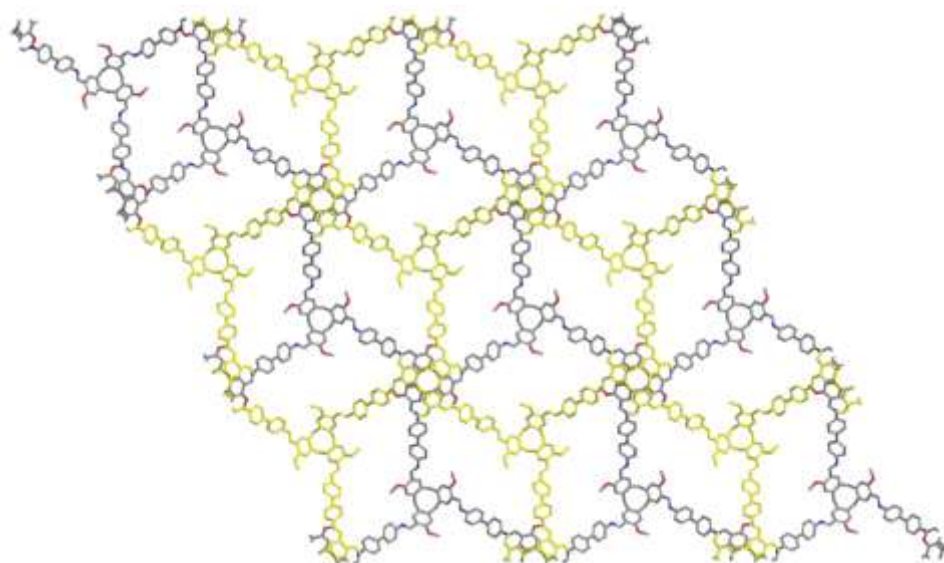
**Fig. S18** Top view (a) and side view (b) of eclipsed CTV-COF-1. C gray, O red, N blue. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity, adjacent layers are coloured in yellow.



**Fig. S19** Top view (a) and side view (b) of eclipsed CTV-COF-2. C gray, O red, N blue. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity, adjacent layers are coloured in yellow.

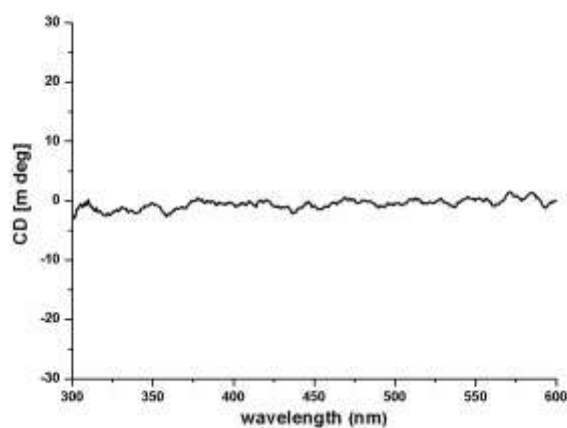


**Fig. S20** Top view staggered CTV-COF-1. C gray, O red, N blue. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity, another layer is coloured in yellow.



**Fig. S21** Top view staggered CTV-COF-2. C gray, O red, N blue. All hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity, another layer is coloured in yellow.

## 12. CD spectra



**Fig. S22** CD spectra of CTV-COF-2.

## 13. Tables

**Table S1.** Comparison of CTV-COF-1-xh.

COFs	$S_{\text{BET}}^{\text{a}} / \text{m}^2\text{g}^{-1}$	$S_{\text{micro}}^{\text{b}} / \text{m}^2\text{g}^{-1}$	$V_{\text{total}}^{\text{c}} / \text{cm}^3\text{g}^{-1}$	$V_{\text{micro}}^{\text{d}} / \text{cm}^3\text{g}^{-1}$
CTV-COF-1	1245	573	0.9345	0.2582
CTV-COF-1-5h	1127	563	0.8729	0.2524
CTV-COF-1-10h	1085	555	0.8675	0.2445
CTV-COF-1-48h	997	505	0.7655	0.2236

**Table S2.** Fractional atomic coordinates for the unit cell of CTV-COF-1.

CTV-COF-1			
$a=b=22.9544$ , $c=4.5691$		space volume=2084.94	
atom	x	y	z
C1	0.47615	0.21793	-0.71845
C2	0.51885	0.20690	-0.90404
C3	0.57028	0.25948	-1.06699
C4	0.57749	0.32437	-1.05523
C5	0.53536	0.33515	-0.86853
C6	0.48537	0.28316	-0.69926
C7	0.44510	0.29820	-0.49146
C8	0.36913	0.34348	-0.10457
C9	0.47436	0.44923	-0.10580
C10	0.43509	0.38358	-0.21077
H1	0.51325	0.15743	-0.92116
H2	0.54180	0.38506	-0.85504
H3	0.40329	0.25736	-0.37800
H4	0.52514	0.48065	-0.18606
H5	0.33701	0.29296	-0.18478
N	0.46460	0.36024	-0.42381

**Table S3.** Fractional atomic coordinates for the unit cell of CTV-COF-2.

CTV-COF-2			
$a=b=30.8566$ , $c=4.4576$		space volume=3675.6	
atom	x	y	z
C1	0.43404	0.45707	2.46585
C2	0.38756	0.42716	2.60836
C3	0.36675	0.44847	2.79387
C4	0.39183	0.50041	2.84084
C5	0.43778	0.53042	2.69951
C6	0.45836	0.50927	2.51076
C7	0.32609	0.50582	3.11088
C8	0.31114	0.53472	3.30781
C9	0.26093	0.52316	3.31954
C10	0.24836	0.55266	3.50148
C11	0.28474	0.59319	3.66887
C12	0.33499	0.60382	3.66139
C13	0.34734	0.57453	3.47896
N	0.52387	0.37271	1.70350
H1	0.38577	0.58275	3.47195

H2	0.21012	0.54471	3.51362
H3	0.33199	0.42395	2.90766
H4	0.36782	0.38686	2.58847
H5	0.45744	0.57057	2.73292
H6	0.49307	0.53425	2.39807
H7	0.29741	0.47116	3.01328

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