Supporting Information

Zeolitic Imidazole Framework-67 as an Efficient Heterogeneous Catalyst in the Conversion of CO₂ to Cyclic Carbonate

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| sample | BET (m²/g) | Langmuir (m²/g) | Pore volume (cm ³ /g) | Pore size (Å)HK |
|--------|------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | | НК | |
| ZIF-8 | 1753 | 1792 | 0.7092 | 12.86 |
| ZIF-67 | 1514 | 1721 | 0.5588 | 12.54 |

Table S1. The surface area of ZIF-67 evaluated from BET and Langmuir theoretical calculations.

| Complete | Acidic sites | Basic sites | |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Samples | mmol/g, NH₃-TPD | μ mol/g, CO ₂ -TPD | |
| (Zn)ZIF-8 | (0.13775*0.294)/0.1= 0.405 | (0.00852*0.0176)/0.03 = 4.99 | |
| (Co)ZIF-67 | (0.10721*0.294)/0.1= 0.315 | (0.00898* 0.0176)/0.03= 5.26 | |

Table S2. NH₃-TPD and CO₂-TPD profiles of ZIF-67 and ZIF-8.

CALCULATION OF ACIDITY

Calculation of total acidity.

Total acidity is calculated from the NH₃-TPD profiles:

The NH₃-TPD profiles:

- area of the NH₃-TPD profiles of the sample = A
- The mole of NH_3 was calculated from the calibration curve of NH_3 as formula:

The mole of NH_3 of the sample = $0.294 \times A$ mmole.

- Amount of sample = B g.



The calibration curve of ammonia from Micromeritics Chemisorp 2750

CALCULATION OF BASICITY

Calculation of total basicity.

Total basicity is calculated from the CO₂-TPD profiles:

The CO₂-TPD profiles:

- area of the CO₂-TPD profiles of the sample = A
- The mole of CO₂ was calculated from the calibration curve of CO₂ as formula:

The mole of CO_2 of the sample = 0.0176×A mmole.

- Amount of sample = B g.

The total basicity of sample = <u>The mmole of CO_2 of the sample</u>

Amount of dry catalyst



The calibration curve of carbon dioxide from Micromeritics Chemisorp 2750



Figure S1. (left) Scanning electron microscope image (SEM) of ZIF-67 before reaction, (right) Scanning electron microscope image (SEM) of ZIF-67 after reaction (scale bar: 1.0 μm).



Figure S2. Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) curve of ZIF-67.



Figure S3. FT-IR spectra of 2-methylimidazole (blue), fresh ZIF-67 and reused ZIF-67.



Figure S5. The effect of different CO₂ pressure ZIF-67. (¹H NMR in CDCl₃ (500 MHz)).





Figure S8. (left) NH₃-TPD and (right) CO₂-TPD profiles of ZIF-67 (red) and ZIF-8 (black).



 ^1H NMR in CDCl_3 500 MHz

Epichlorohydrin: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3): δ [d,e] 3.57-3.63 (m, 2H), [c] 3.23 (m, 1H), [a,b] 2.68 (m, 1H), 2.88 (m, 1H).

Chloropropene carbonate: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl3): δ [c']: 4.90-5.02 (m, 1H), [a',b']: 4.61 (t, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 4.45 (dd, J = 8.9, 5.7 Hz, 1H), [d']: 3.68-3.78 (m, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3): δ 154.5, 74.5, 67.0, 44.1.

The conversion of the reaction was calculated by measuring the ratio of peak c integration to c'. $^1\!H$ and $^{13}\!C$

4-phenyloxymethyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-one: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); δ (ppm) 4.17 (dd, 1H), 4.24 (dd, 1H), 4.54 (dd, 1H), 4.61(t, 1H), 5.03 (m, 1H), 6.94 (m, 2H), 7.03 (t, 1H), 7.31(m, 2H)

4-phenyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-one: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); 4.36 (t, 1H), 4.8 (t, 1H) 5.68 (t, 1H) 7.30-7.45(m, 5H)

Propylene carbonate: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); 1.50 (t, 3H), 4.04(m, 1H), 4.55(m, 1H), 4.86(m, 1H)

Hexahydrobenzo[*d*][1,3]dioxol-2one: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃); 1.41-1.54 (m, 4H), 1.81 (m, 2H), 4.52 (m,2H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl3): 20.1 , 27.8, 76.3, 156.1