

Supporting Information

**Upcycling of nonporous coordination polymers: controllable-conversion toward porosity-tuned N-doped carbons and their electrocatalytic activity in seawater battery**

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**Table S1.** X-ray crystallographic data of ZnCP<sub>azo</sub>-1.

Compound	ZnCP <sub>azo</sub> -1
formula	Zn <sub>4</sub> C <sub>104</sub> N <sub>24</sub> O <sub>20</sub> H <sub>88</sub>
crystal system	<i>Triclinic</i>
space group	<i>P-1</i>
fw	2255.46
<i>a</i> , Å	15.014(3)
<i>b</i> , Å	18.539(4)
<i>c</i> , Å	19.763(4)
$\alpha$ , deg	89.57(3)
$\beta$ , deg	78.43(3)
$\gamma$ , deg	70.48(3)
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	5068(2)
<i>Z</i>	2
$\rho_{calcd}$ , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.478
temp , K	173(2)
$\lambda$ , Å	0.69999
$\mu$ , mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.019
goodness-of-fit ( $F^2$ )	1.084
<i>F</i> (000)	2320
reflections collected	49468
independent reflections	22567 [ $R(\text{int}) = 0.0488$ ]
completeness to $\theta_{\max}$ , %	98.8
data/parameters/restraints	22567/1369/0
$\theta$ range for data collection, deg	3.01-27.48
diffraction limits ( <i>h</i> , <i>k</i> , <i>l</i> )	-19 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 19, -23 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 24, -25 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 25
refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	0.0499 <sup>a</sup> , 0.1367 <sup>b</sup>
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0906 <sup>a</sup> , 0.1693 <sup>b</sup>
largest peak, hole, eÅ <sup>-3</sup>	0.755, -0.693

<sup>a</sup> $R = \sum ||F_O| - |F_C|| / \sum |F_O|$ . <sup>b</sup> $wR(F^2) = [\sum w(F_O^2 - F_C^2)^2 / \sum w(F_O^2)^2]^{1/2}$  where  $w = 1 / [\sigma^2(F_O^2) + (0.0573P)^2 + (0.0000)P]$ ,  $P = (F_O^2 + 2F_C^2)/3$ .

**Table S2.** Selected bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles (deg) of  $\text{ZnCP}_{\text{azo}}\text{-}1$ .

Zn(1)-O(1)	2.077(3)	Zn(1)-O(2)	2.087(3)
Zn(1)-O(3)	2.046(3)	Zn(1)-O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	2.173(2)
Zn(1) <sup>#4</sup> -O(11)	2.173(2)	Zn(1)-N(1)	2.198(4)
Zn(1)-N(4)	2.209(3)	Zn(2)-O(7)	2.023(3)
Zn(2)-O(9) <sup>#2</sup>	2.081(3)	Zn(2)-O(5)	2.120(3)
Zn(2)-N(7)	2.188(4)	Zn(2)-N(10)	2.193(4)
Zn(2)-O(6)	2.287(3)	Zn(2)-C(4)	2.551(4)
Zn(2) <sup>#2</sup> -O(9)	2.081(3)	Zn(3)-O(12)	2.014(3)
Zn(3)-O(14) <sup>#3</sup>	2.036(3)	Zn(3)-O(16)	2.045(3)
Zn(3)-N(13)	2.217(4)	Zn(3)-N(16)	2.264(4)
Zn(3) <sup>#3</sup> -O(14)	2.173(2)	Zn(4)-O(18)	2.047(3)
Zn(4)-O(19)	2.087(3)	Zn(4)-O(8)	2.100(3)
Zn(4)-O(20)	2.100(3)	Zn(4)-N(19)	2.188(4)
Zn(4)-N(22)	2.200(4)		
O(3)-Zn(1)-O(1)	175.28(12)	O(3)-Zn(1)-O(2)	94.55(10)
O(1)-Zn(1)-O(2)	87.20(10)	O(3)-Zn(1)-O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	99.40(10)
O(1)-Zn(1)-O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	79.20(10)	O(2)-Zn(1)-O(11) <sup>#1</sup>	165.52(10)
O(3)-Zn(1)-N(1)	87.78(12)	O(1)-Zn(1)-N(1)	87.78(13)
O(2)-Zn(1)-N(1)	91.70(13)	O(11) <sup>#1</sup> -Zn(1)-N(1)	92.70(12)
O(3)-Zn(1)-N(4)	88.91(12)	O(1)-Zn(1)-N(4)	95.52(12)
O(2)-Zn(1)-N(4)	88.81(12)	O(11) <sup>#1</sup> -Zn(1)-N(4)	87.60(11)
N(1)-Zn(1)-N(4)	176.69(13)	O(7)-Zn(2)-O(9) <sup>#2</sup>	103.27(10)
O(7)-Zn(2)-O(5)	172.45(10)	O(9) <sup>#2</sup> -Zn(2)-O(5)	84.10(10)
O(7)-Zn(2)-N(7)	92.67(12)	O(9) <sup>#2</sup> -Zn(2)-N(7)	91.68(13)
O(5)-Zn(2)-N(7)	88.70(12)	O(7)-Zn(2)-N(10)	92.00(12)
O(9) <sup>#2</sup> -Zn(2)-N(10)	90.87(13)	O(5)-Zn(2)-N(10)	86.18(12)
N(7)-Zn(2)-N(10)	174.02(13)	O(7)-Zn(2)-O(6)	113.51(10)
O(9) <sup>#2</sup> -Zn(2)-O(6)	143.20(10)	O(5)-Zn(2)-O(6)	59.10(9)

N(7)-Zn(2)-O(6)	87.91(13)	N(10)-Zn(2)-O(6)	86.81(13)
O(7)-Zn(2)-C(4)	143.30(11)	O(9) <sup>#2</sup> -Zn(2)-C(4)	113.39(11)
O(5)-Zn(2)-C(4)	29.28(11)	N(7)-Zn(2)-C(4)	88.11(13)
N(10)-Zn(2)-C(4)	85.91(13)	O(6)-Zn(2)-C(4)	29.81(10)
O(12)-Zn(3)-O(14) <sup>#3</sup>	106.94(10)	O(12)-Zn(3)-O(16)	159.54(10)
O(14) <sup>#3</sup> -Zn(3)-O(16)	93.52(11)	O(12)-Zn(3)-N(13)	95.98(12)
O(14) <sup>#3</sup> -Zn(3)-N(13)	89.23(12)	O(16)-Zn(3)-N(13)	84.01(13)
O(12)-Zn(3)-N(16)	93.33(12)	O(14) <sup>#3</sup> -Zn(3)-N(16)	87.08(13)
O(16)-Zn(3)-N(16)	87.61(13)	N(13)-Zn(3)-N(16)	170.63(12)
O(18)-Zn(4)-O(19)	96.88(11)	O(18)-Zn(4)-O(8)	98.10(10)
O(19)-Zn(4)-O(8)	164.84(10)	O(18)-Zn(4)-O(20)	176.40(13)
O(19)-Zn(4)-O(20)	84.34(11)	O(8)-Zn(4)-O(20)	80.56(11)
O(18)-Zn(4)-N(19)	87.33(13)	O(19)-Zn(4)-N(19)	88.59(13)
O(8)-Zn(4)-N(19)	89.86(12)	O(20)-Zn(4)-N(19)	89.32(13)
O(18)-Zn(4)-N(22)	89.10(13)	O(19)-Zn(4)-N(22)	91.96(13)
O(8)-Zn(4)-N(22)	90.52(13)	O(20)-Zn(4)-N(22)	94.25(13)
N(19)-Zn(4)-N(22)	176.43(13)		

Symmetry transformation used to generate equivalent atoms:

<sup>#1</sup>, x, y+1, z; <sup>#2</sup>, -x+1, -y+1, -z+2; <sup>#3</sup>, -x+1, -y, -z+1; <sup>#4</sup>, x, y-1, z.

**Table S3.** X-ray crystallographic data of ZnCP<sub>azo</sub>-2.

Compound	ZnCP <sub>azo</sub> -2
formula	Zn <sub>1</sub> C <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> H <sub>13</sub>
crystal system	<i>Monoclinic</i>
space group	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>
fw	412.69
<i>a</i> , Å	12.076(2)
<i>b</i> , Å	10.117(2)
<i>c</i> , Å	15.042(3)
$\alpha$ , deg	90
$\beta$ , deg	111.41(3)
$\gamma$ , deg	90
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	1710.9(7)
<i>Z</i>	4
$\rho_{calcd}$ , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.602
temp, K	100(2)
$\lambda$ , Å	0.700
$\mu$ , mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.407
goodness-of-fit ( $F^2$ )	1.144
<i>F</i> (000)	840
reflections collected	13700
independent reflections	5565 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0744]
completeness to $\theta_{\max}$ , %	94.9
data/parameters/restraints	5565/245/0
$\theta$ range for data collection, deg	1.78-33.33
diffraction limits ( <i>h</i> , <i>k</i> , <i>l</i> )	-17 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 14, -12 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 13, -21 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 21
refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0429 <sup>a</sup> , 0.1160 <sup>b</sup>
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0525 <sup>a</sup> , 0.1293 <sup>b</sup>
largest peak, hole, eÅ <sup>-3</sup>	1.249, -1.597

<sup>a</sup> $R = \sum ||F_O| - |F_C|| / \sum |F_O|$ . <sup>b</sup> $wR(F^2) = [\sum w(F_O^2 - F_C^2)^2 / \sum w(F_O^2)^2]^{1/2}$  where  $w = 1 / [\sigma^2(F_O^2) + (0.0573P)^2 + (0.0000)P]$ ,  $P = (F_O^2 + 2F_C^2)/3$ .

**Table S4.** Selected bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles (deg) of  $\text{ZnCP}_{\text{azo}}\text{-}2$ .

$\text{Zn(1)}^{\#3}\text{-O(2)}$	1.9911(11)	$\text{Zn(1)}\text{-O(3)}$	1.9448(11)
$\text{Zn(1)}\text{-O(1)}$	1.9586(11)	$\text{Zn(1)}\text{-O(2)}^{\#3}$	1.9911(11)
$\text{Zn(1)}\text{-N(1)}$	2.0078(14)	$\text{O(1)}\text{-C(1)}$	1.2641(15)
$\text{O(3)}\text{-C(5)}$	1.2922(19)	$\text{O(4)}\text{-C(5)}$	1.2384(19)
$\text{O(3)}\text{-Zn(1)}\text{-O(1)}$	114.30(5)	$\text{O(3)}\text{-Zn(1)}\text{-O(2)}^{\#3}$	100.75(5)
$\text{O(1)}\text{-Zn(1)}\text{-O(2)}^{\#3}$	114.32(5)	$\text{C(1)}\text{-O(2)}\text{-Zn(1)}^{\#3}$	128.08(9)
$\text{O(1)}\text{-Zn(1)}\text{-N(1)}$	99.12(4)	$\text{O(2)}^{\#3}\text{-Zn(1)}\text{-N(1)}$	97.43(5)
$\text{C(1)}\text{-O(1)}\text{-Zn(1)}$	128.44(9)	$\text{C(5)}\text{-O(3)}\text{-Zn(1)}$	105.01(9)
$\text{C(13)}\text{-N(1)}\text{-Zn(1)}$	120.42(9)	$\text{C(9)}\text{-N(1)}\text{-Zn(1)}$	121.19(9)
$\text{O(3)}\text{-Zn(1)}\text{-N(1)}$	130.18(5)		

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Symmetry transformation used to generate equivalent atoms:  
 ${}^{\#1}, -x+2, -y, -z+1;$     ${}^{\#2}, -x+1, -y+1, -z+1;$     ${}^{\#3}, -x+1, -y, -z+1.$

**Table S5.** Summary of nitrogen adsorption of ZnCP<sub>azo</sub>-2 and thermally converted materials of ZnCP<sub>azo</sub>-2.

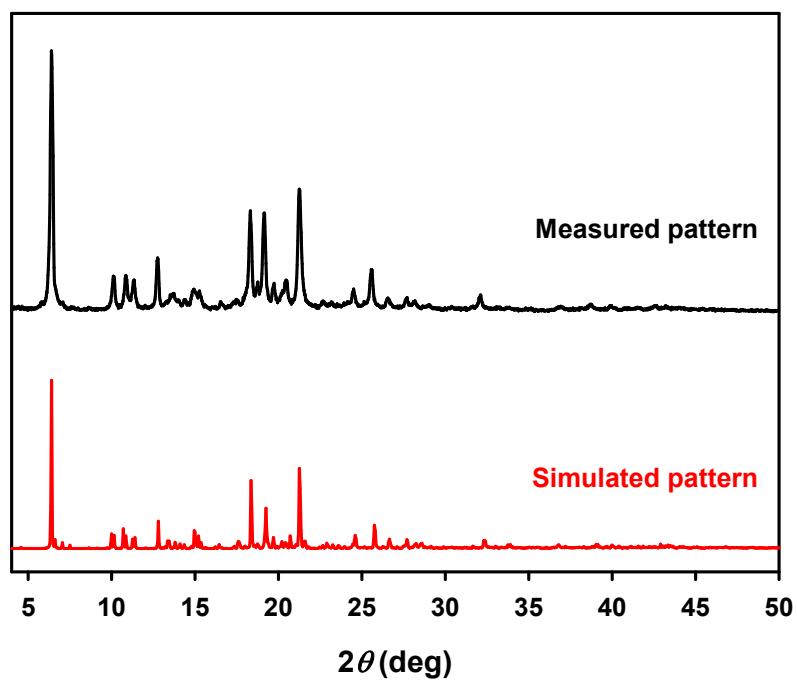
Sample Name	S <sub>BET</sub> <sup>a</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	V <sub>tot</sub> <sup>b</sup> (cc g <sup>-1</sup> )	V <sub>meso</sub> <sup>c</sup> (cc g <sup>-1</sup> )	V <sub>micro</sub> <sup>d</sup> (cc g <sup>-1</sup> )
Converted material at 750 °C	1195	0.68	0.28	0.40
Converted material at 1000 °C	1334	0.70	0.24	0.46
ZnCP <sub>azo</sub> -2	1.720	0.003	0.002	0.001

<sup>a</sup> The specific surface area (S<sub>BET</sub>) was calculated by Brunauer-Emmet-Teller (BET) method.

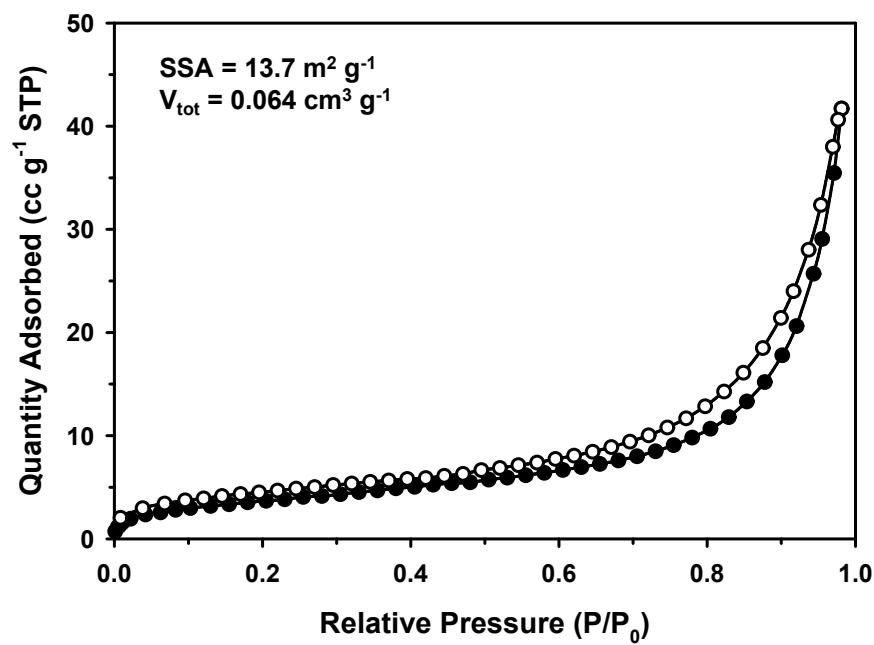
<sup>b</sup> V<sub>tot</sub> represented the total pore volume at  $P/P_0 = 0.99$ .

<sup>c</sup> The mesopore volume (V<sub>meso</sub>) was determined by applying Barrett-Joyner-Halenda (BJH) analysis.

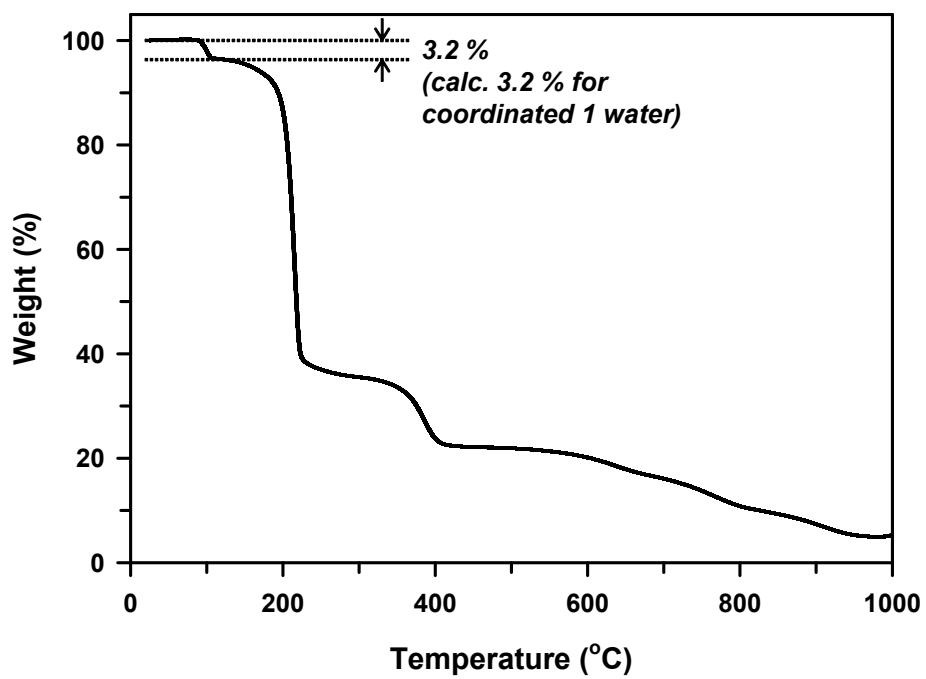
<sup>d</sup> The micropore volume (V<sub>micro</sub>) was obtained by subtracting the mesopore volume from total pore volume.



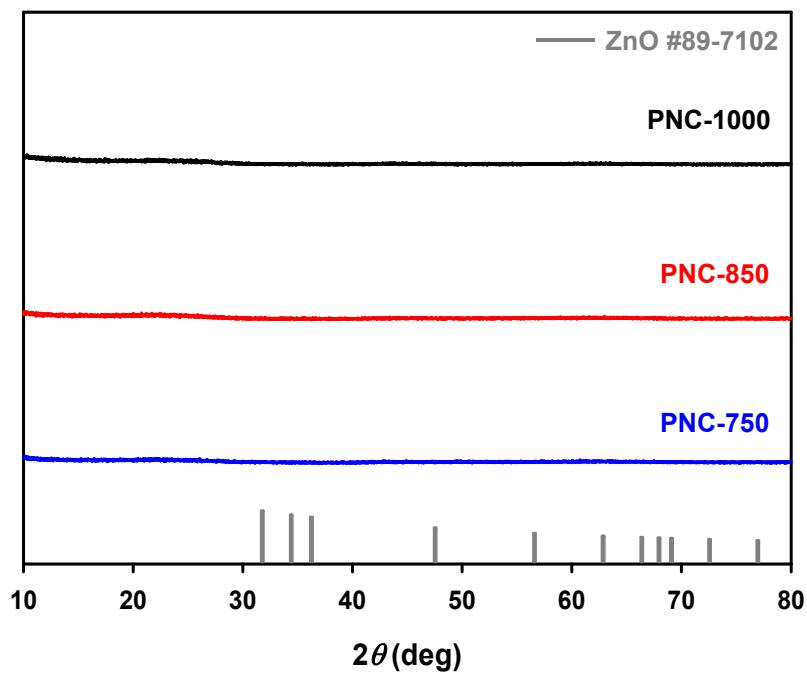
**Figure S1.** XRPD patterns of ZnCP<sub>azo</sub>-1: measured pattern of as-synthesized ZnCP<sub>azo</sub>-1 and simulated pattern from the single-crystal X-ray diffraction data.



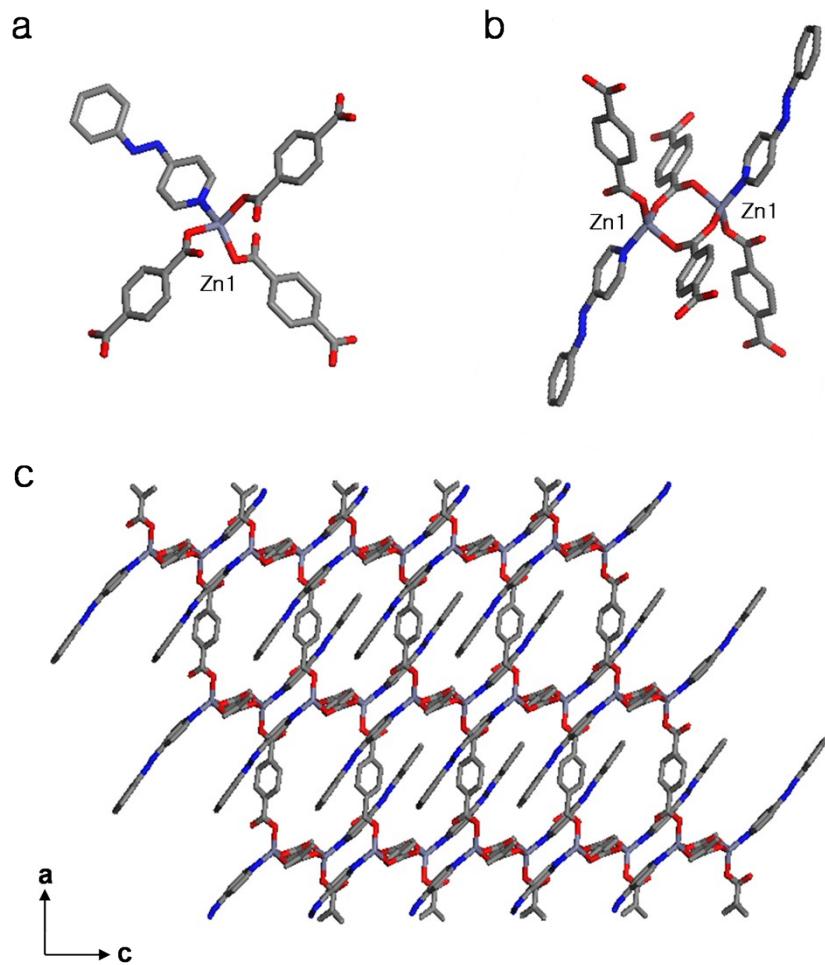
**Figure S2.** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm of  $\text{ZnCP}_{\text{azo}-1}$ .



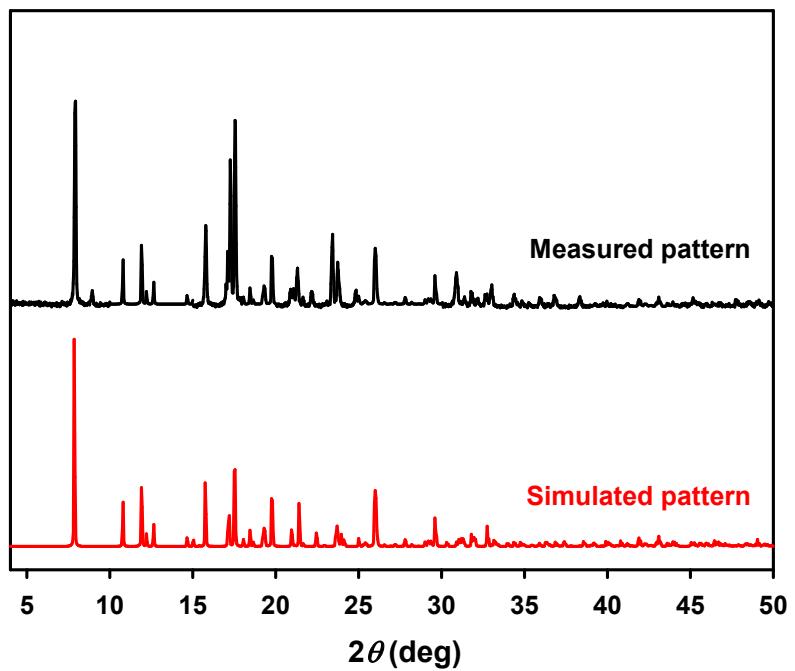
**Figure S3.** TGA trace of  $\text{ZnCP}_{\text{azo}-1}$  obtained under a nitrogen atmosphere with 5 °C/min ramping rate. The result indicated 3.2% weight loss at 100 °C for one coordinating water (clac. 3.2%).



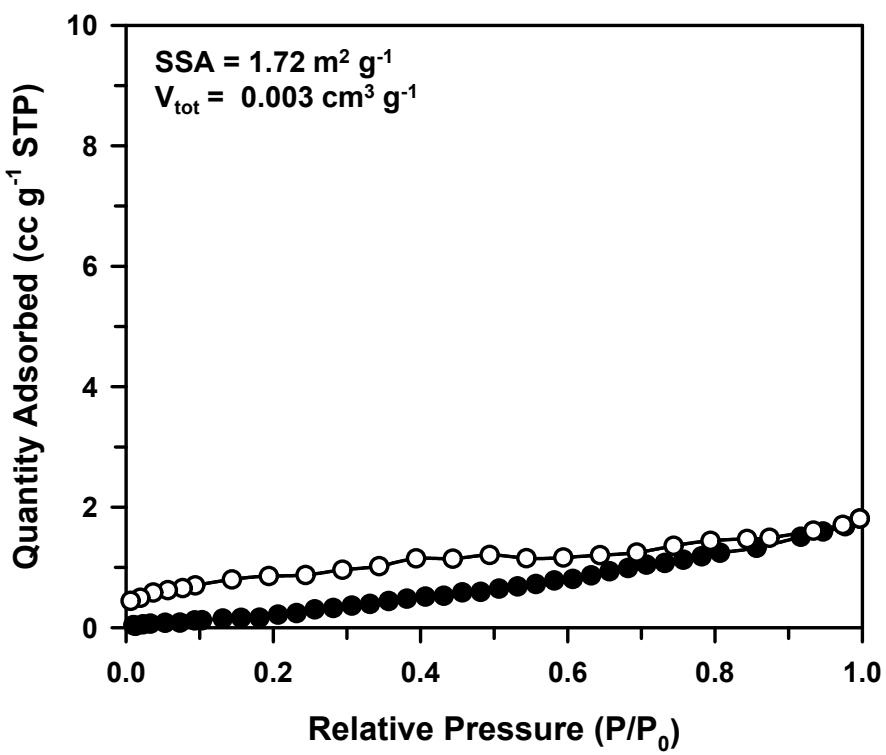
**Figure S4.** XRPD patterns of PNC-750, -850, and -1000.



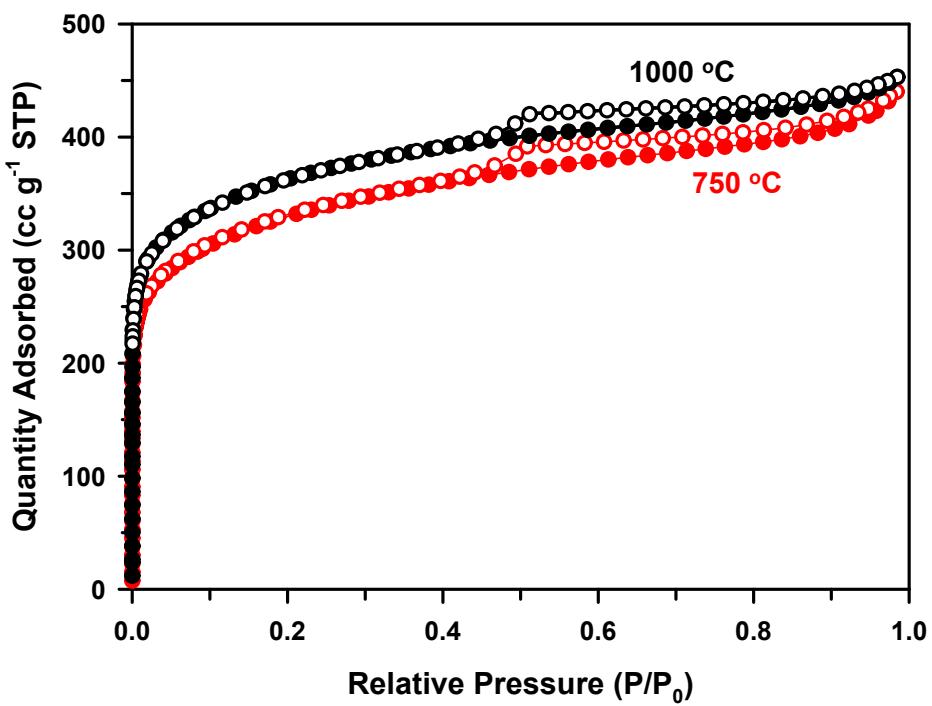
**Figure S5.** Single-crystal X-ray structure of ZnCP<sub>azo</sub>-2 (a), (b) The coordination modes of the BDC<sup>2-</sup> and pyridines. (c) Structure projected along the b-axis, showing nonporous framework. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Color scheme: C, gray; O, red; N, blue; and Zn, purple.



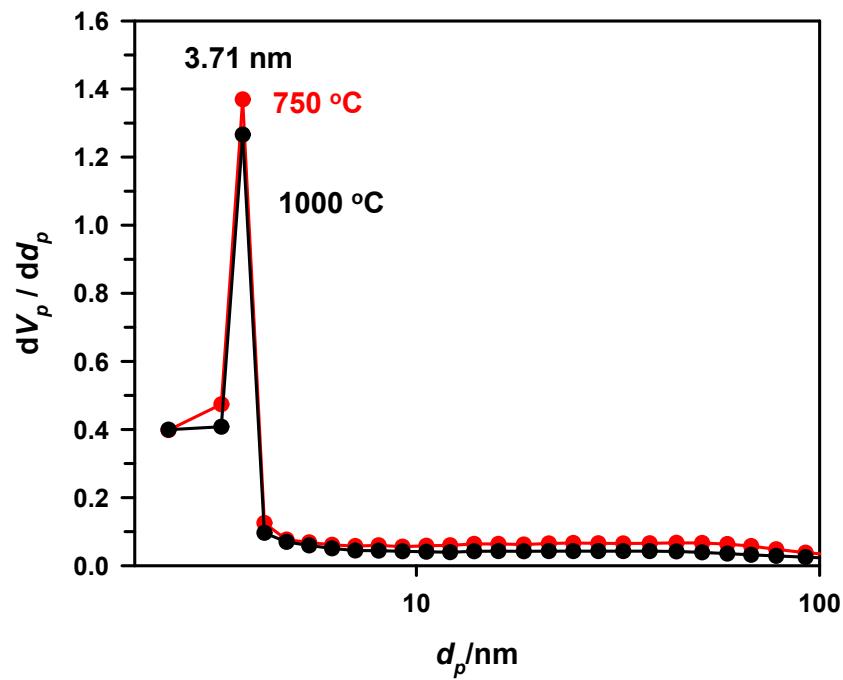
**Figure S6.** XRPD patterns of  $\text{ZnCP}_{\text{azo}-2}$ : measured pattern of as-synthesized  $\text{ZnCP}_{\text{azo}-2}$  and simulated pattern from the single-crystal X-ray diffraction data.



**Figure S7.** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm of  $\text{ZnCP}_{\text{azo}}\text{-2}$ .



**Figure S8.** Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm of thermally converted materials of ZnCP<sub>azo</sub>-2.



**Figure S9.** BJH pore size distribution curves of thermally converted materials of  $\text{ZnCP}_{\text{azo}-2}$ .