

## Supporting information

# Comparative study on proton conductivity of a polypyridinyl multicarboxylate-based hydrogen-bonded organic framework and related chitosan composite membrane

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**Table S1.** Crystallographic data and structure refinement information for HOF 1.

HOF 1	
Formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>23</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>10</sub>
F <sub>w</sub>	513.45
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
a (Å)	7.9842(3)
b (Å)	18.7164(7)
c (Å)	15.8121(5)
α (deg)	90
β (deg)	92.417(3)
γ (deg)	90
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2360.78(16)
Z	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.445
F(000)	1072.0
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.971
Theta range for data collection	7.322 to 134.112
Index ranges	-7 ≤ h ≤ 9, -22 ≤ k ≤ 14, -14 ≤ l ≤ 18
Reflections	8515
Data/restraints/parameters	4219/2/346
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.029
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0658, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1769
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0899, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2002
D <sub>r</sub> <sub>min</sub> and D <sub>r</sub> <sub>max</sub> /e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.36/-0.35

**Table S2.** Selected bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles (deg) for **1**.

O(1)-C(1)	1.206(4)	C(6)-C(7)	1.394(4)
O(2)-C(1)	1.303(4)	C(7)-C(8)	1.387(4)
O(3)-C(2)	1.212(4)	C(8)-C(9)	1.397(4)
O(4)-C(2)	1.312(4)	C(9)-C(17)	1.503(4)
O(5)-C(3)	1.245(4)	C(10)-C(11)	1.365(5)
O(6)-C(3)	1.244(4)	C(11)-C(12)	1.380(5)
N(1)-C(10)	1.338(4)	C(12)-C(13)	1.378(5)
N(1)-C(14)	1.344(4)	C(13)-C(14)	1.375(4)
N(2)-C(15)	1.342(4)	C(14)-C(15)	1.484(4)
N(2)-C(19)	1.334(4)	C(15)-C(16)	1.385(4)
N(3)-C(20)	1.361(4)	C(16)-C(17)	1.387(4)
N(3)-C(24)	1.369(4)	C(17)-C(18)	1.384(4)
C(1)-C(4)	1.499(4)	C(18)-C(19)	1.396(4)
C(2)-C(6)	1.496(4)	C(19)-C(20)	1.492(4)
C(3)-C(8)	1.514(4)	C(20)-C(21)	1.353(4)
C(4)-C(5)	1.392(4)	C(21)-C(22)	1.356(5)
C(4)-C(9)	1.397(4)	C(22)-C(23)	1.376(6)
C(5)-C(6)	1.381(4)	C(23)-C(24)	1.366(6)

**Table S3.** Selected bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles (deg) for HOF **1**

C(10)-N(1)-C(14)	123.3(3)	N(1)-C(10)-C(11)	120.0(3)
C(19)-N(2)-C(15)	117.6(2)	C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	118.5(3)
C(20)-N(3)-C(24)	118.7(3)	C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	120.3(3)
O(1)-C(1)-O(2)	123.8(3)	C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	119.8(3)
O(1)-C(1)-C(4)	123.3(3)	N(1)-C(14)-C(13)	118.1(3)
O(2)-C(1)-C(4)	112.9(2)	N(1)-C(14)-C(15)	117.3(3)
O(3)-C(2)-O(4)	123.8(3)	C(13)-C(14)-C(15)	124.6(3)
O(3)-C(2)-C(6)	122.5(3)	N(2)-C(15)-C(14)	115.1(2)
O(4)-C(2)-C(6)	113.7(3)	N(2)-C(15)-C(16)	123.8(3)

O(5)-C(3)-C(8)	116.8(3)	C(16)-C(15)-C(14)	121.2(3)
O(6)-C(3)-O(5)	125.5(3)	C(15) C(16) C(17)	118.2(3)
O(6)-C(3)-C(8)	117.6(3)	C(16)-C(17)-C(9)	121.6(2)
C(5)-C(4)-C(1)	120.2(2)	C(18)-C(17)-C(9)	119.7(2)
C(5)-C(4)-C(9)	119.7(2)	C(18)-C(17)-C(16)	118.7(3)
C(9)-C(4)-C(1)	120.0(2)	C(17)-C(18)-C(19)	119.1(3)
C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	120.9(3)	N(2)-C(19)-C(18)	122.6(3)
C(5)-C(6)-C(2)	119.6(3)	N(2)-C(19)-C(20)	117.2(2)
C(5)-C(6)-C(7)	119.2(3)	C(18)-C(19)-C(20)	120.2(2)
C(7)-C(6)-C(2)	121.1(3)	N(3)-C(20)-C(19)	119.1(3)
C(8)-C(7)-C(6)	120.6(3)	C(21)-C(20)-N(3)	122.2(3)
C(7)-C(8)-C(3)	119.4(2)	C(21)-C(20)-C(19)	118.7(3)
C(7)-C(8)-C(9)	120.1(3)	C(20)-C(21)-C(22)	118.1(3)
C(9)-C(8)-C(3)	120.2(2)	C(21)-C(22)-C(23)	122.1(3)
C(4)-C(9)-C(17)	120.8(2)	C(24)-C(23)-C(22)	118.1(3)
C(8)-C(9)-C(4)	119.4(3)	C(23)-C(24)-N(3)	120.9(3)
C(8)-C(9)-C(17)	119.8(2)		

**Table S4.** Hydrogen bonding parameters of HOF **1**.

D-H···A	d(D-H)	d(H···A)	d(D···A)	∠(DHA)
O(2)-H(2)···O(6) #1	0.82	1.76	2.576(3)	175.6
O(7)-H(7B)···O(4)	0.87	1.75	2.592(4)	162.9
O(8)-H(8A)···O(7)	0.85	2.31	2.860(6)	122.7
O(8)-H(8B)···O(6) #2	0.85	1.94	2.790(5)	175.9
O(9)-H(9B)···O(5)	0.91(2)	2.11(18)	2.849(5)	138(23)
N(1)-H(1)···O(10) #3	0.86	1.94	2.718(4)	150.2
O(10)-H(10B)···O(14)	0.85	2.06	2.837(4)	152.6

**Table S5.** Proton Conductivities ( $\text{S}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of HOF **1** at Different RHs and Temperatures.

temp (° C)	RH (%)				
	68	75	85	93	98
30	-	-	-	$1.21 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.54 \times 10^{-6}$
40	-	-	-	$1.6 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.6 \times 10^{-6}$
50	$1.03 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.56 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.6 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.18 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.96 \times 10^{-6}$
60	$3.73 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.66 \times 10^{-7}$	$8.88 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.4 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.84 \times 10^{-5}$
70	$7.93 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.56 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.9 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.8 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.16 \times 10^{-5}$
80	$1.18 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.23 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.08 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.53 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.48 \times 10^{-4}$
90	$4.42 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.7 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.25 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.44 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.08 \times 10^{-4}$
100	$1.02 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.82 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.41 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.93 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.83 \times 10^{-4}$

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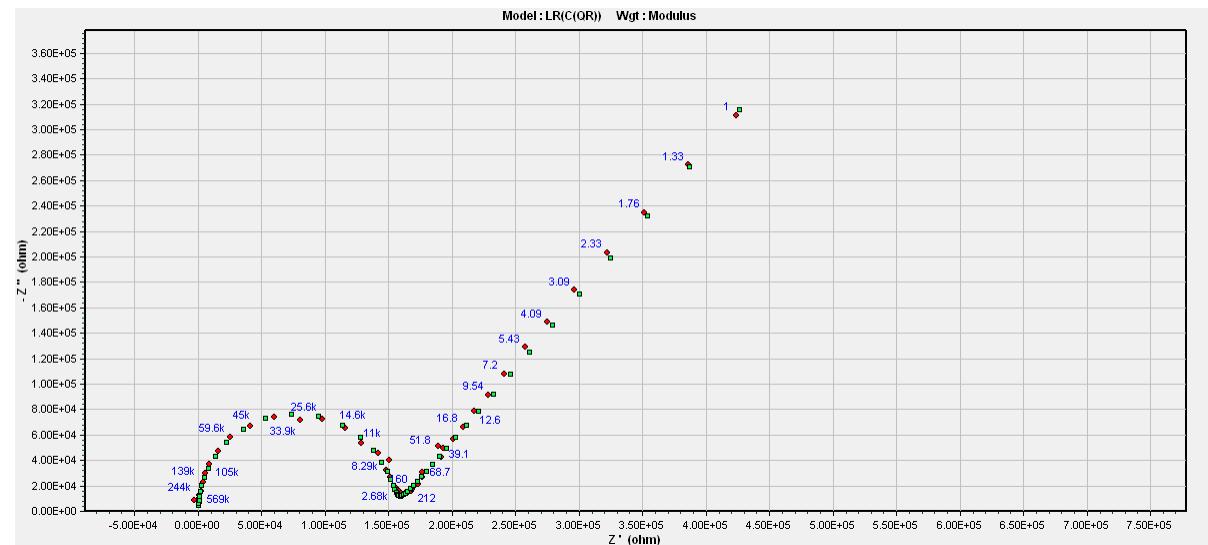
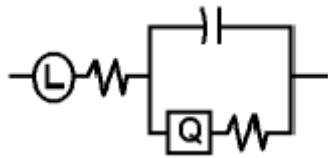
**Table S6.** The proton conductivities ( $\text{S}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of CS/HOF-x at 98% RH.

temp (°C)	Wet (%)				
	Pure CS	2%	4%	6%	8%
30	$1.42 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.61 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.01 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.05 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.27 \times 10^{-3}$
40	$2.01 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.13 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.92 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.15 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.58 \times 10^{-3}$
50	$2.46 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.89 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.30 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.22 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.00 \times 10^{-3}$
60	$3.40 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.73 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.06 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.80 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.85 \times 10^{-3}$
70	$5.38 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.08 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.13 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.26 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.28 \times 10^{-3}$
80	$7.10 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.23 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.31 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.14 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.34 \times 10^{-3}$
90	$1.04 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.34 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.74 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.53 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.50 \times 10^{-2}$
100	$1.25 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.64 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.61 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.10 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.94 \times 10^{-2}$

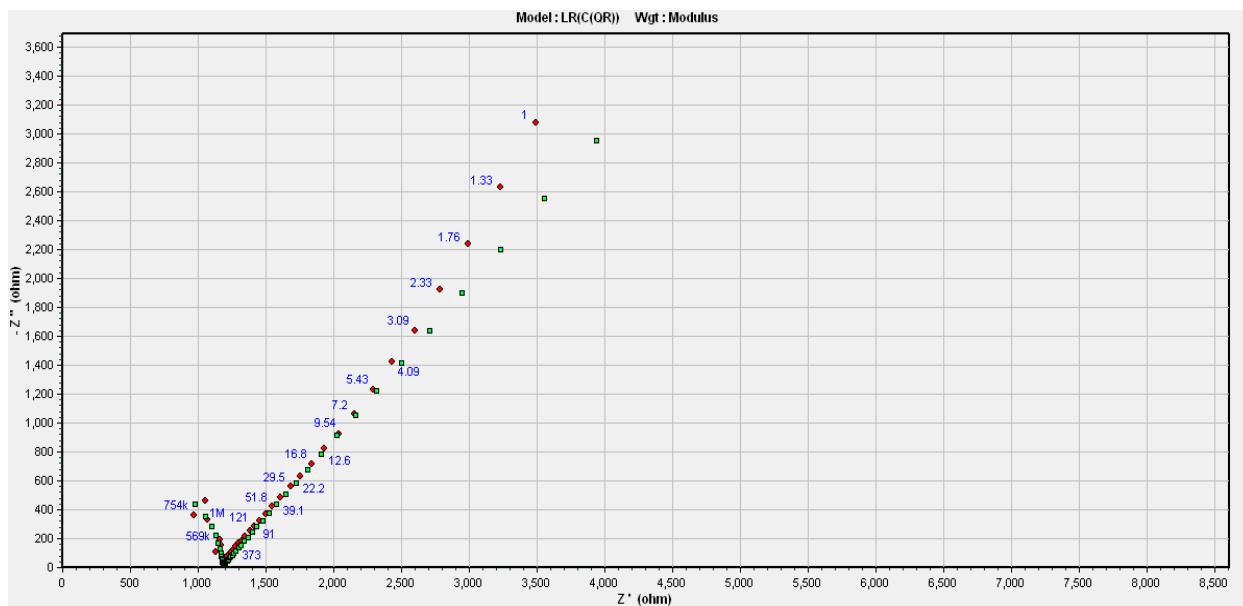
**Table S7.** Comparison of the  $\sigma$  of HOF **1** with that of other HOFs.

materials	conductivity $\text{S}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$	testing conditions
UPC-H3 [1]	$9.0 \times 10^{-2}$	80 °C and 99% RH
HOF-GS-10 [2]	$0.75 \times 10^{-2}$	85 °C and 90% RH
HOF-GS-11 [2]	$1.80 \times 10^{-2}$	30 °C and 95% RH
CPOS-2 [3]	$3.7 \times 10^{-3}$	100 °C and 98% RH
MHOF-1 [4]	$0.75 \times 10^{-3}$	80 °C and 98% RH
MHOF-3 [4]	$0.97 \times 10^{-3}$	80 °C and 98% RH
CPOS-1 [3]	$6.0 \times 10^{-4}$	30 °C and 98% RH
HOF <b>1</b>	$4.83 \times 10^{-4}$	100 °C and 98% RH
MA-B-BDC [5]	$4.32 \times 10^{-4}$	50 °C and 98% RH
CPOS-3 [3]	$3.7 \times 10^{-4}$	30 °C and 98% RH
MHOF-2 [4]	$3.5 \times 10^{-4}$	80 °C and 98% RH
MA-TMA [5]	$3.11 \times 10^{-4}$	70 °C and 98% RH
HOF-H <sub>3</sub> L [6]	$6.91 \times 10^{-5}$	30 °C and 98% RH
CPOS-4 [3]	$5.6 \times 10^{-5}$	30 °C and 98% RH
HOF 6 [7]	$3.40 \times 10^{-6}$	27 °C and 97% RH
GTUB5 [8]	$3.00 \times 10^{-6}$	75 °C and 75% RH

Equivalent circuit LR(C(QR)):



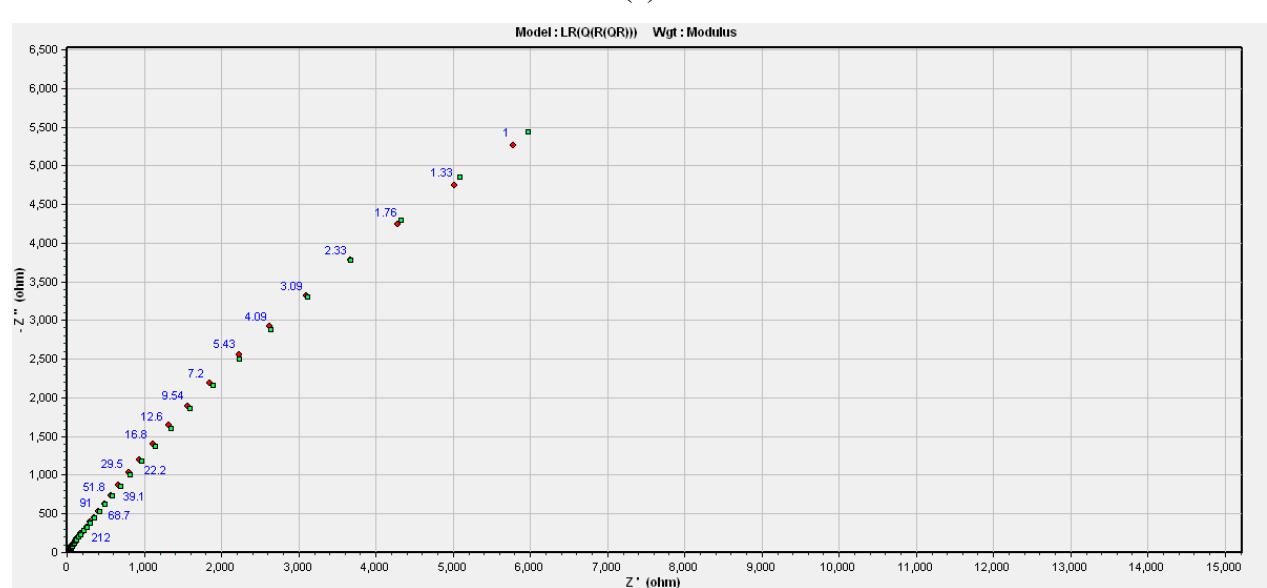
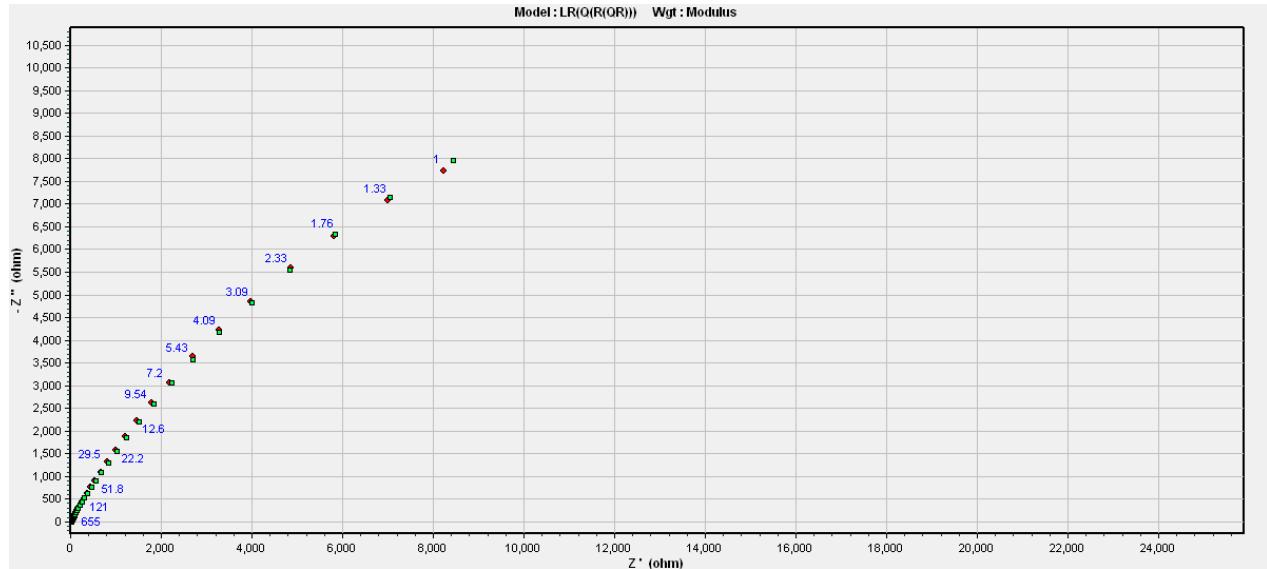
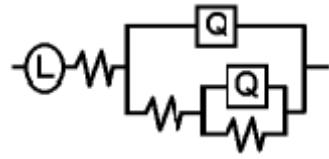
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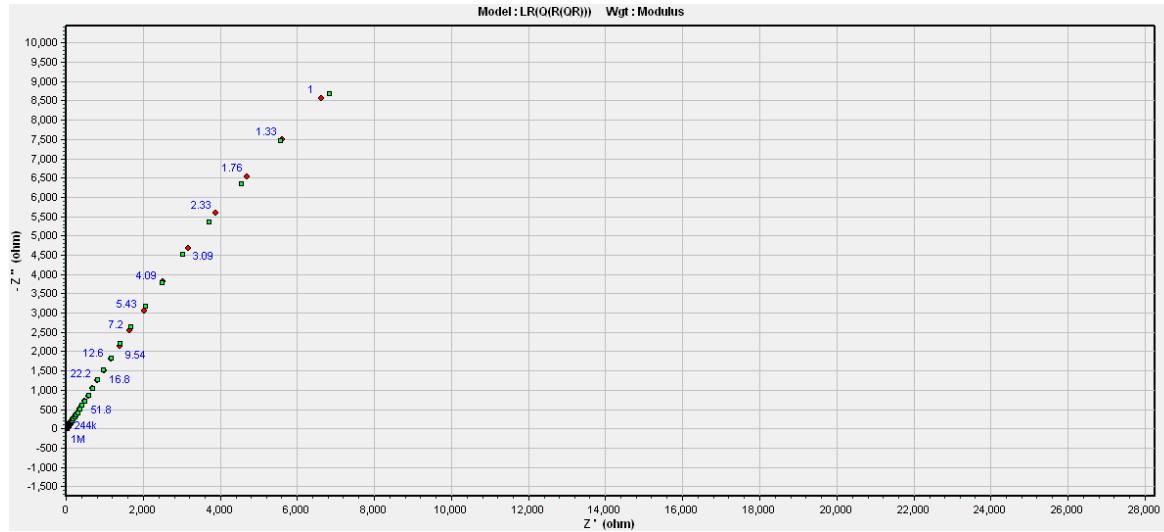


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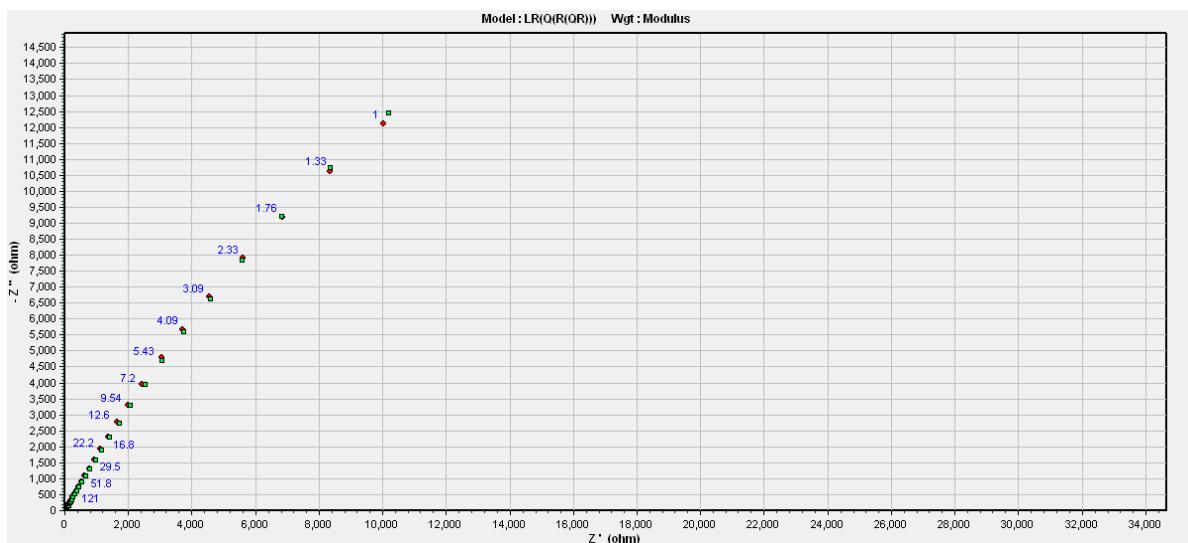
**Figure S1.** Nyquist plots for a polycrystalline sample of HOF **1** under 30 °C (a) and 100 °C (b) at 98% RH. Red circle and green square are the measured impedance spectroscopy values and the fits of the impedance data to the equivalent circuit of LR(C(QR)).

Equivalent circuit LR(Q(R(QR))):

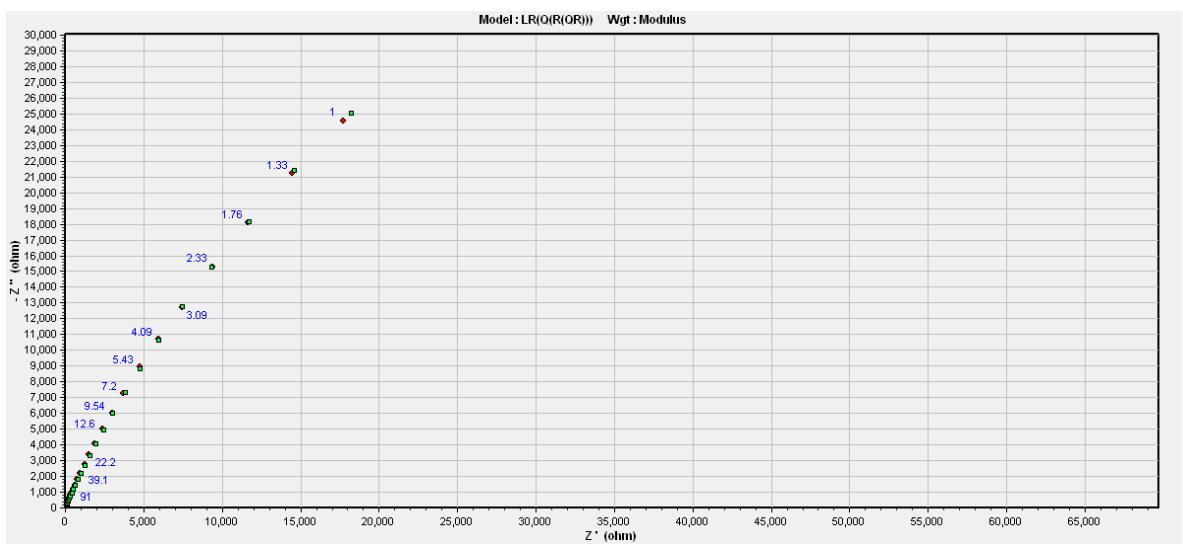




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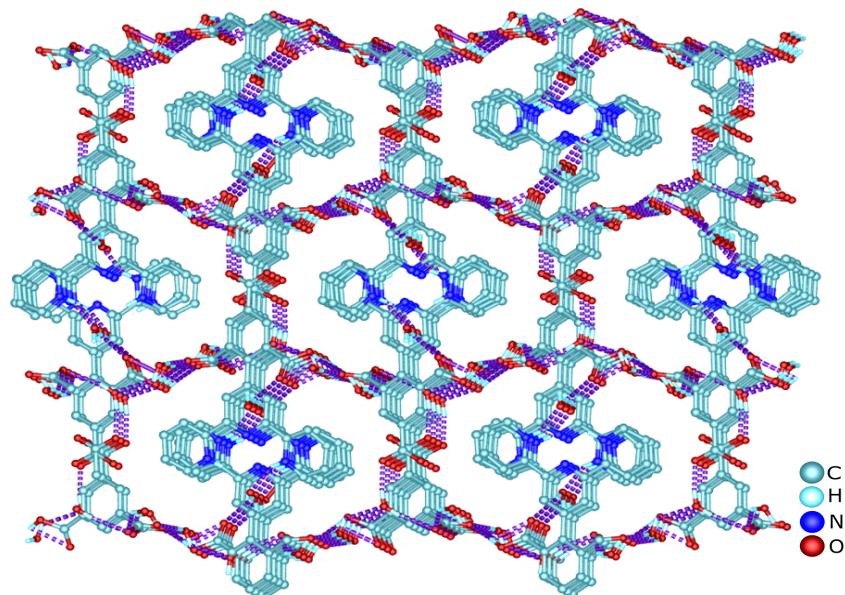
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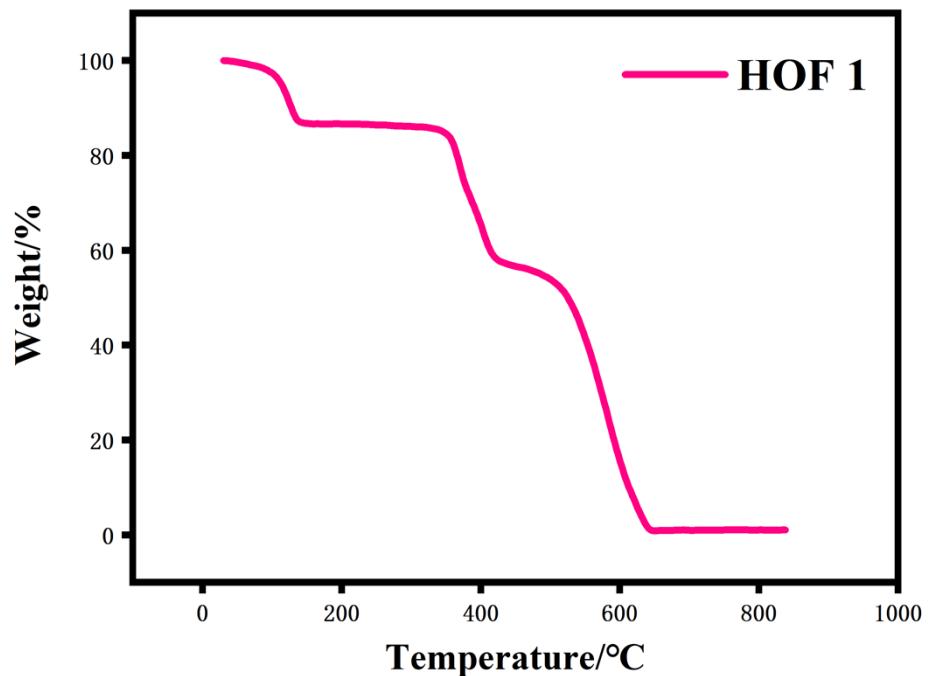
(e)

**Figure S2.** Nyquist plots for composite membrane samples of Pure CS membrane (a) and CS/HOF-

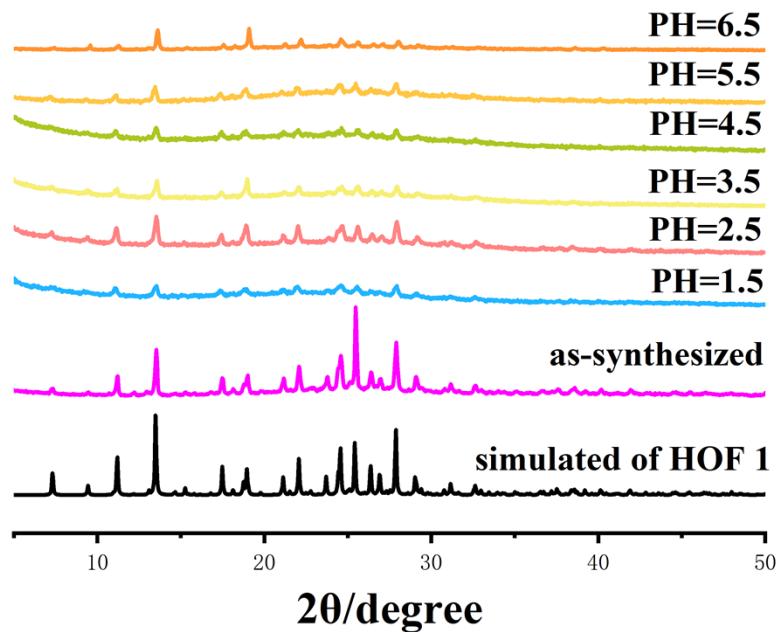
**2** (b) and **CS/HOF-4** (c) and **CS/HOF-6** (d) and **CS/HOF-8** (e) under 98% RH and 100 °C. Red circle and green square are the measured impedance spectroscopy values and the fits of the impedance data to the equivalent circuit of LR(Q(R(QR))).



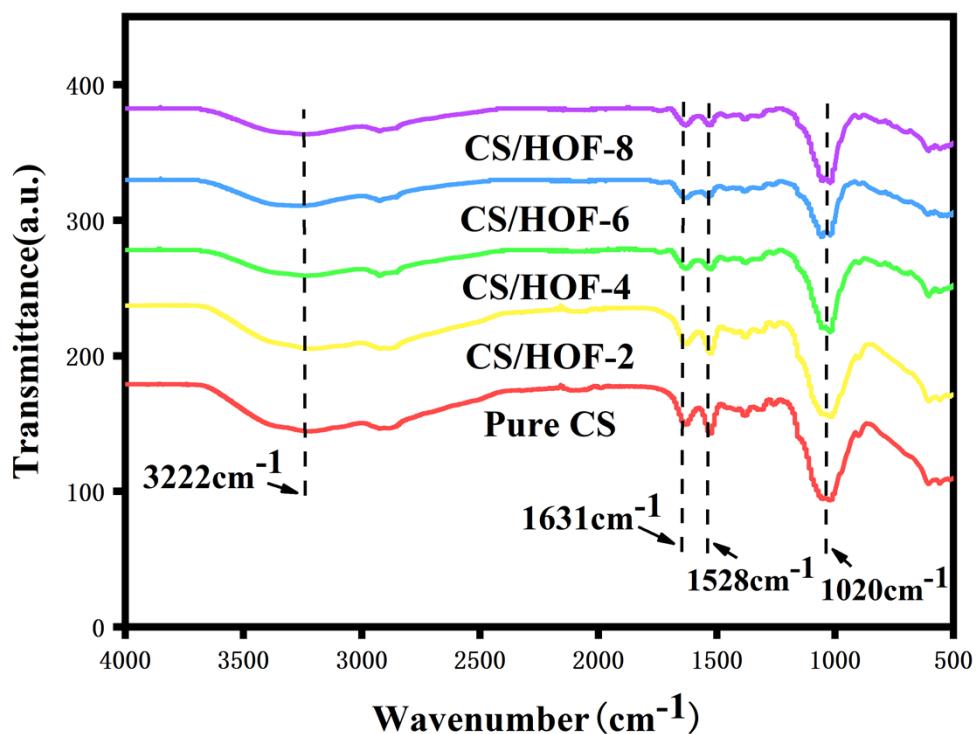
**Figure S3.** The 3D framework of **1** supported by intermolecular H-bonds and - interactions.



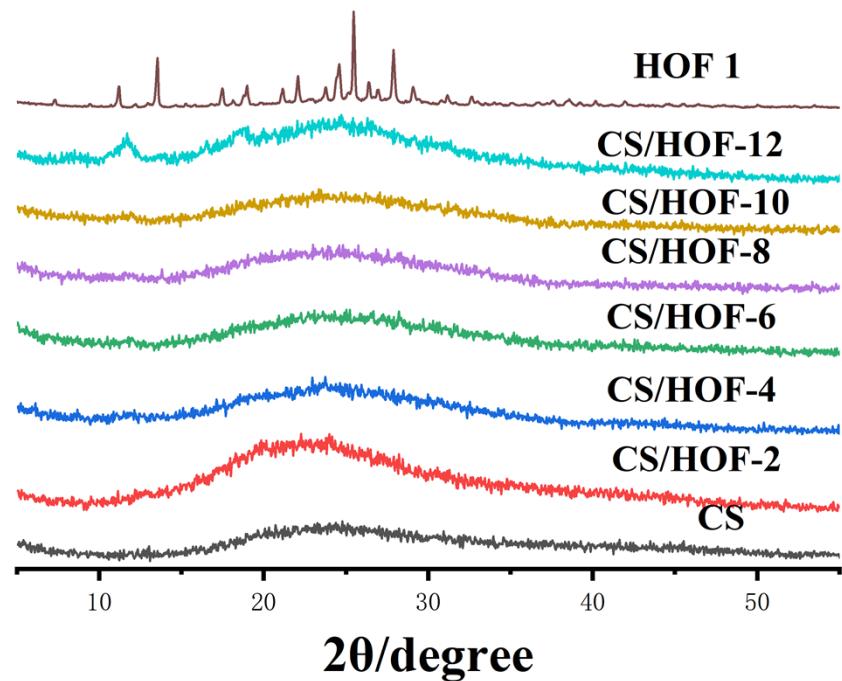
**Figure S4.** TG analysis profiles of HOF **1**.



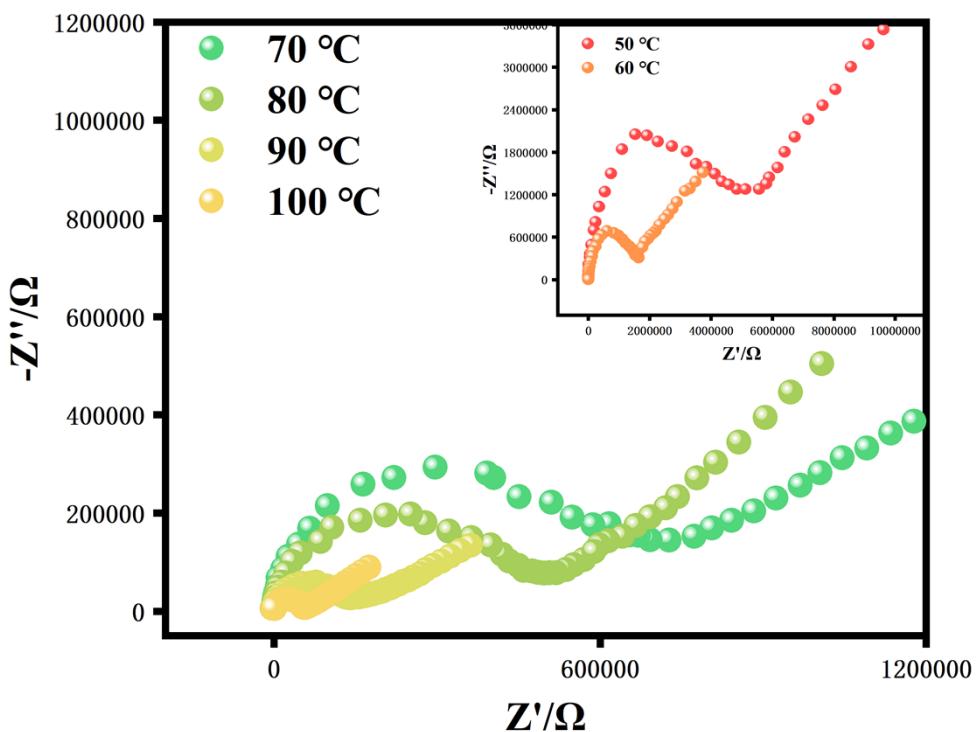
**Figure S5.** The PXRD patterns of crystals for **1** after soaking in different acidic solutions.



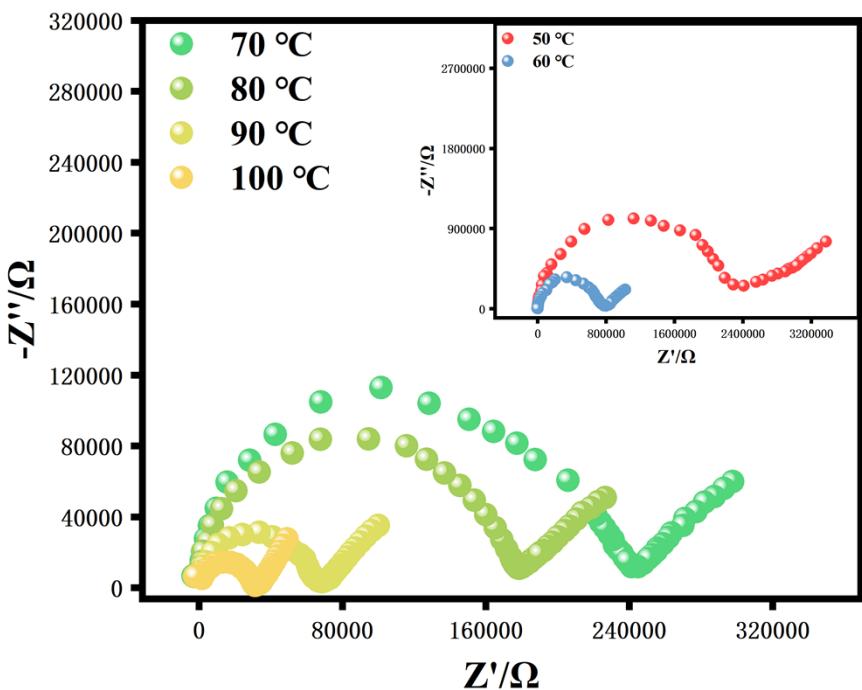
**Figure S6.** The Fourier Transform Infrared spectra of the CS/HOF-x.



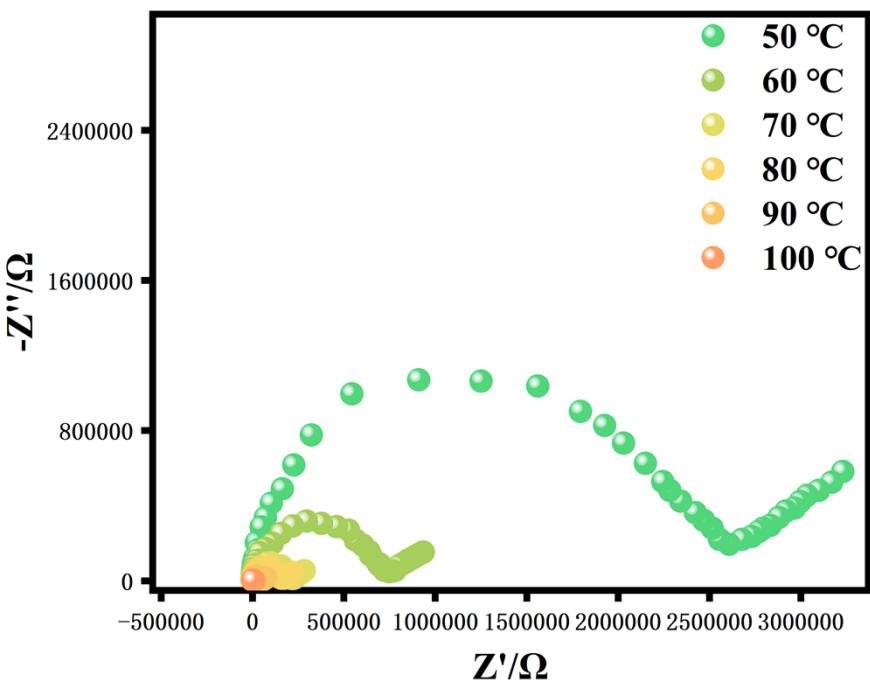
**Figure S7.** The PXRD patterns of CS/HOF-x



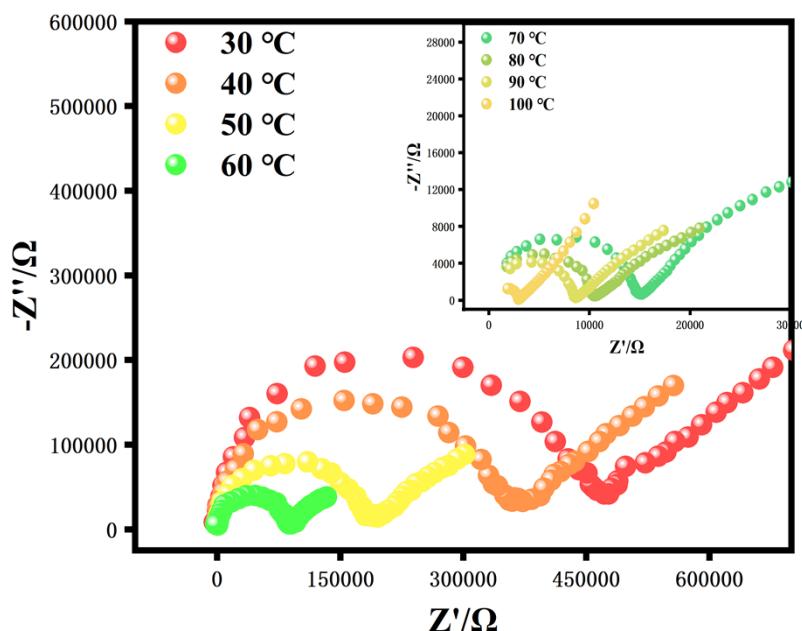
**Figure S8.** Impedance spectra of HOF 1 at 50-100 °C and 68% RH.



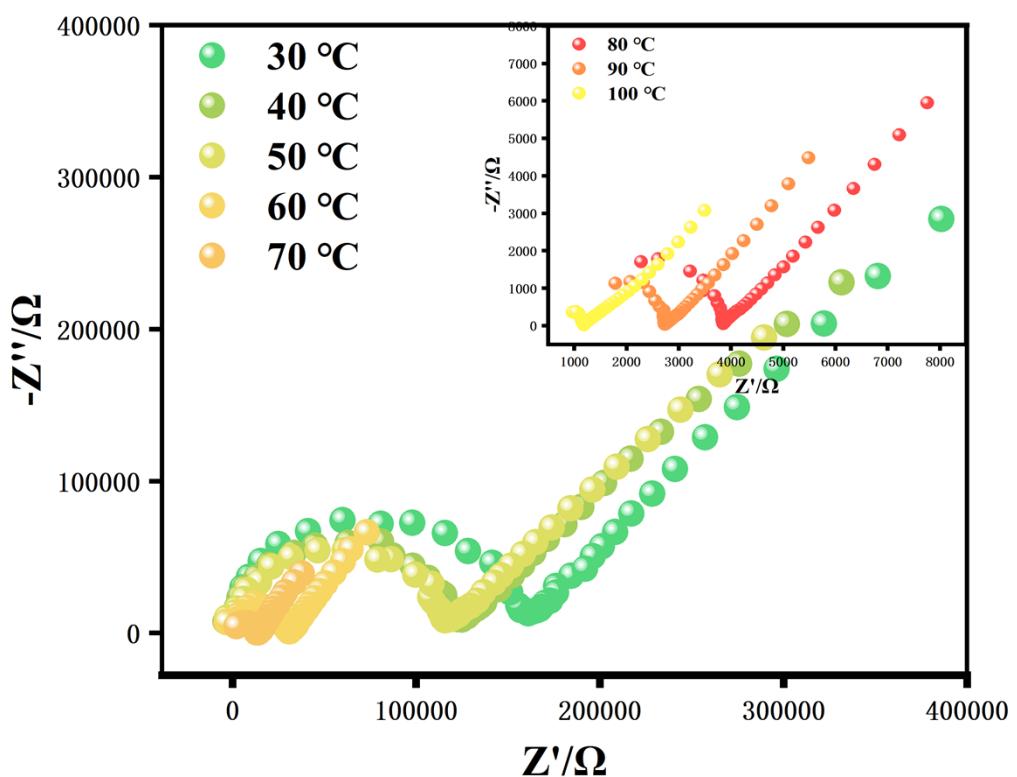
**Figure S9.** Impedance spectra of HOF 1 at 50-100 °C and 75% RHs.



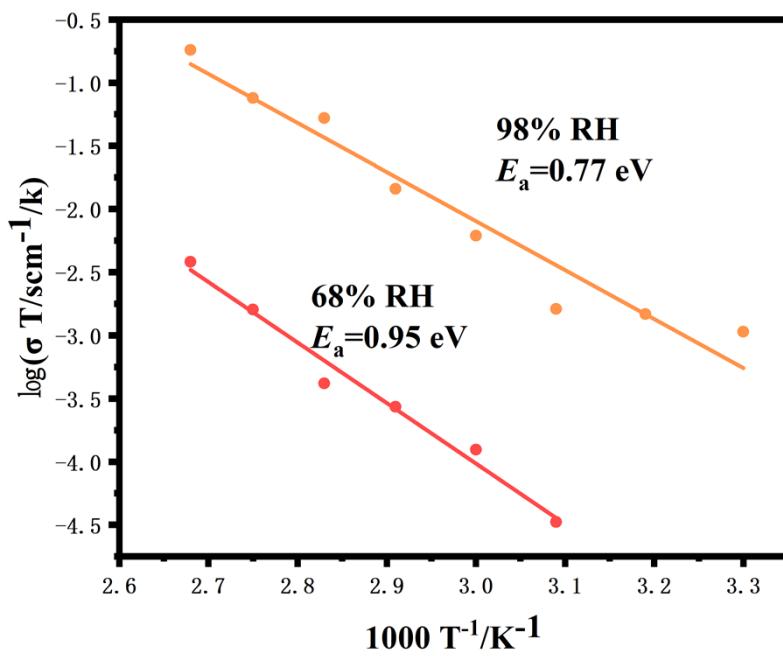
**Figure S10.** Impedance spectra of HOF 1 at 50-100 °C under 85% RH.



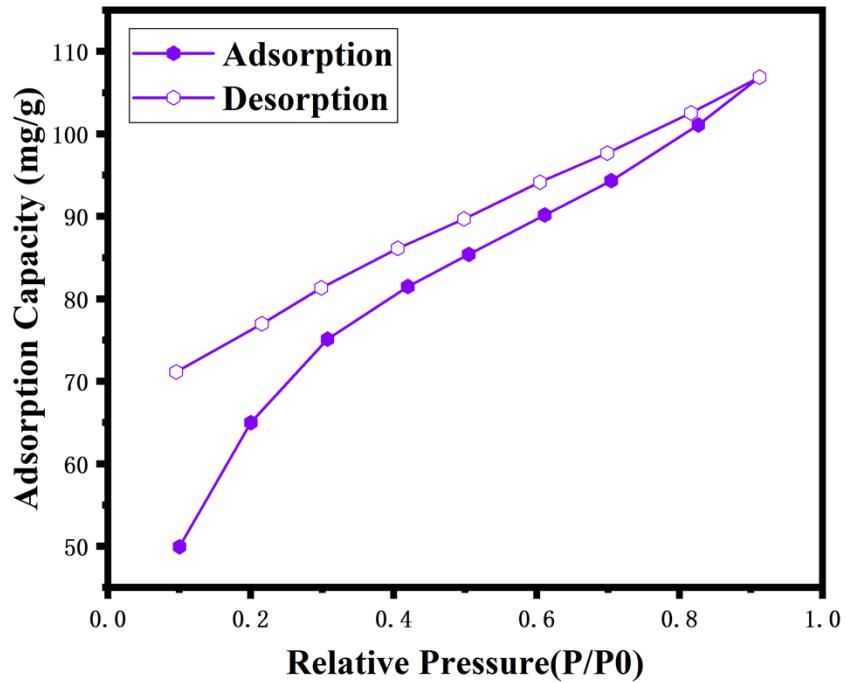
**Figure S11.** Impedance spectra of HOF 1 at 30-100 °C under 93% RH.



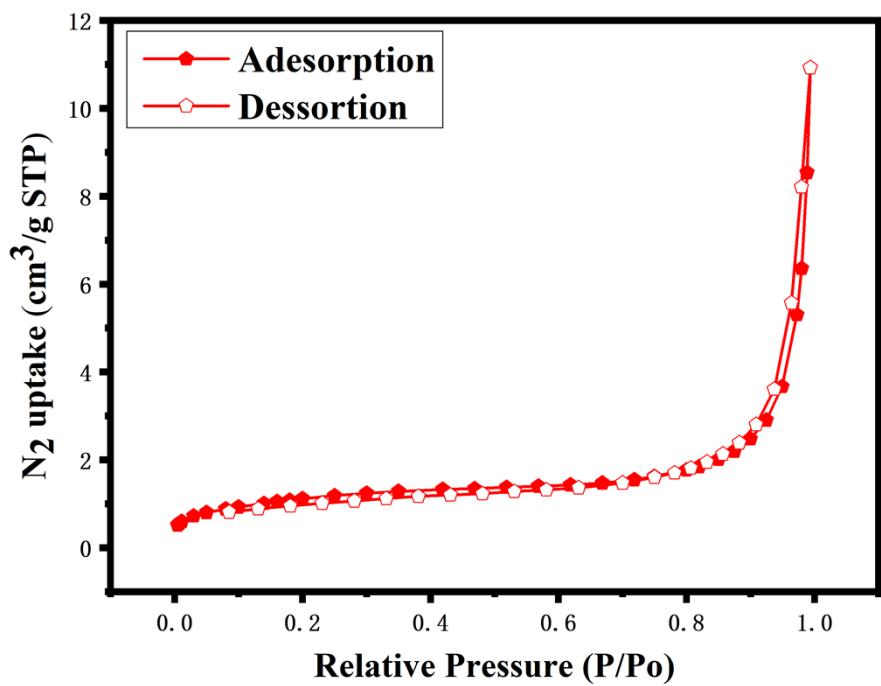
**Figure S12.** Impedance spectra of HOF 1 at 30-100 °C under 98% RH.



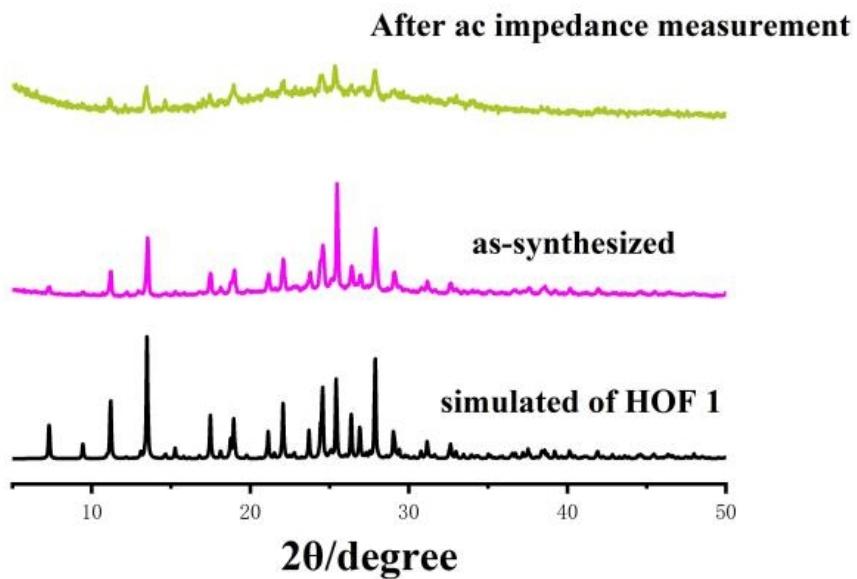
**Figure S13.** Arrhenius plots of the  $\sigma$  for HOF 1 under 98% and 68% RHs.



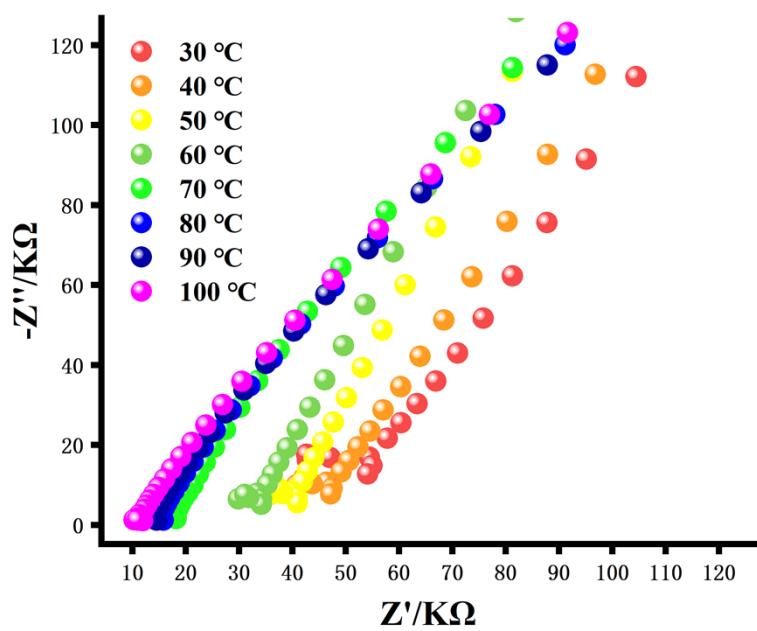
**Figure 14.** Water vapor adsorption/desorption isotherms of HOF 1 at 25 °C.



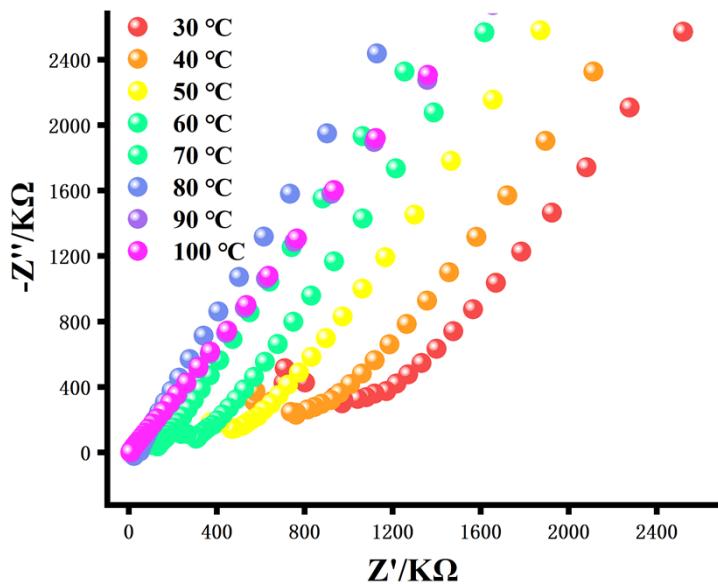
**Figure S15.** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption–desorption isotherms of HOF 1.



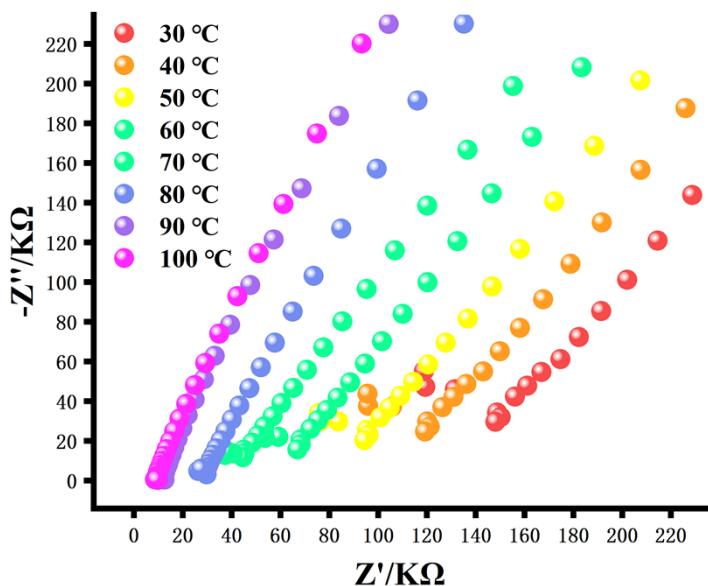
**Figure S16.** The PXRD patterns of HOF 1 before and after impedance measurement.



(a)



(b)



(c)

**Figure S17.** Impedance spectra of **CS/HOF-x** at 98% RH and 30-100 °C.(a) **CS/HOF-2** (b) **CS/HOF-6** (c) **CS/HOF-8**

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