

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### UV-Crosslinkable Anthracene-based Ionomer Derived Gas “Expressway” for Anion Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells

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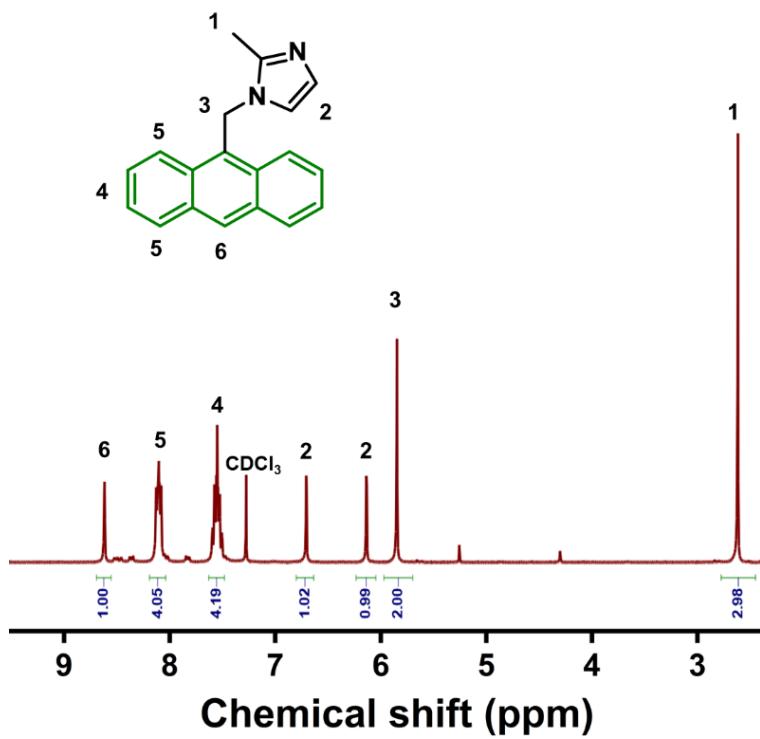
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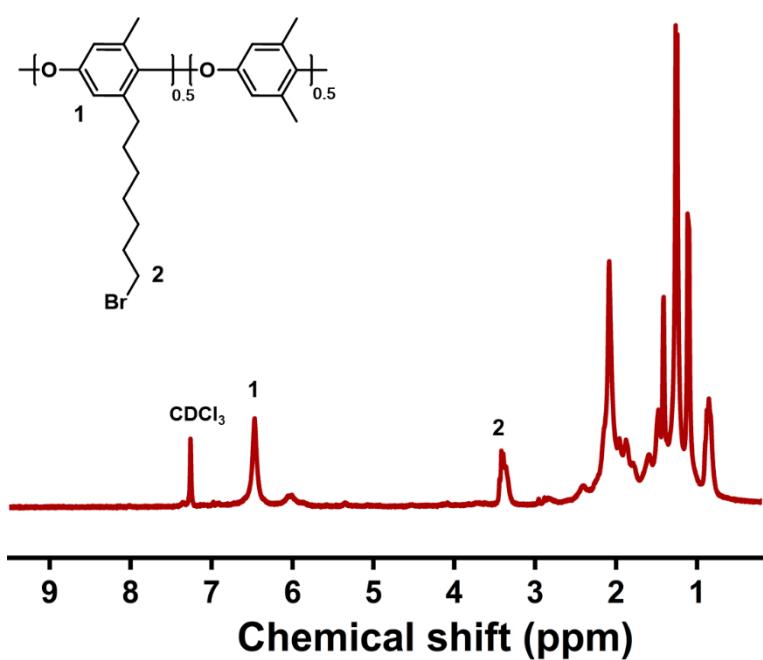
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**Table S1** BET results of various samples investigated in this work

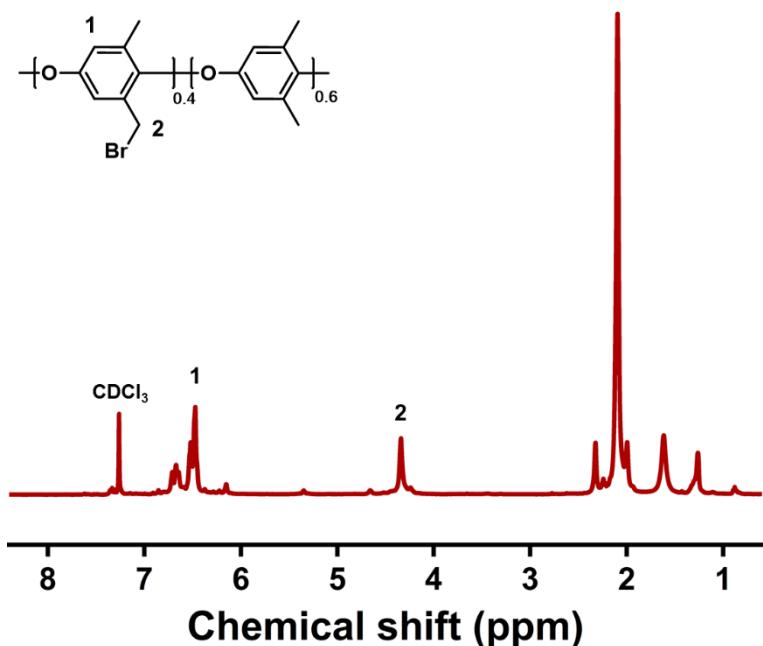
| Sample      | BET Surface area ( $\text{m}^2 \text{ g}^{-1}$ ) | Pore volume ( $\text{cm}^3 \text{ g}^{-1}$ ) |
|-------------|--|--|
| QPPO@Pt/C   | 58.3   | 0.39   |
| PPOAN@Pt/C  | 91.3   | 0.63   |
| CPPOAN@Pt/C | 210.0  | 1.01   |
| Pt/C        | 743.6  | 1.23   |



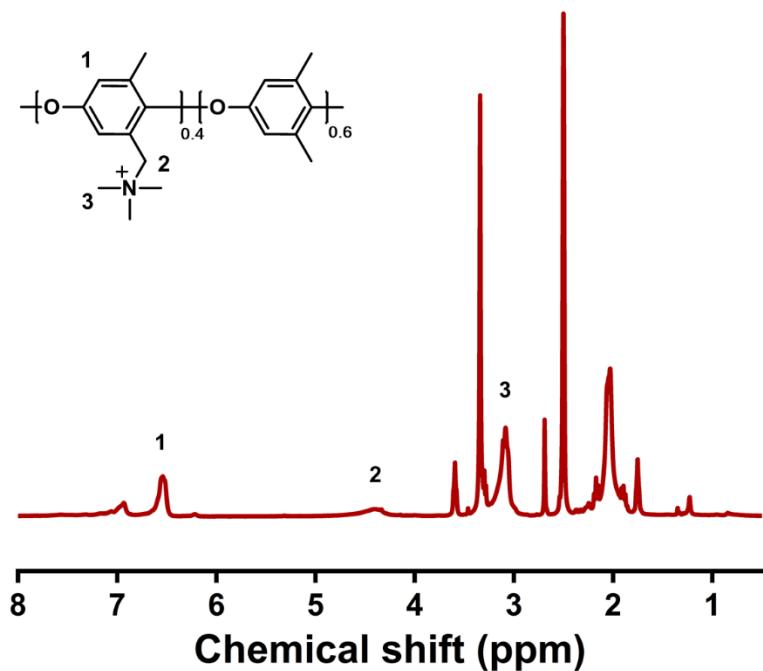
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of ANIM using  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as a solvent.



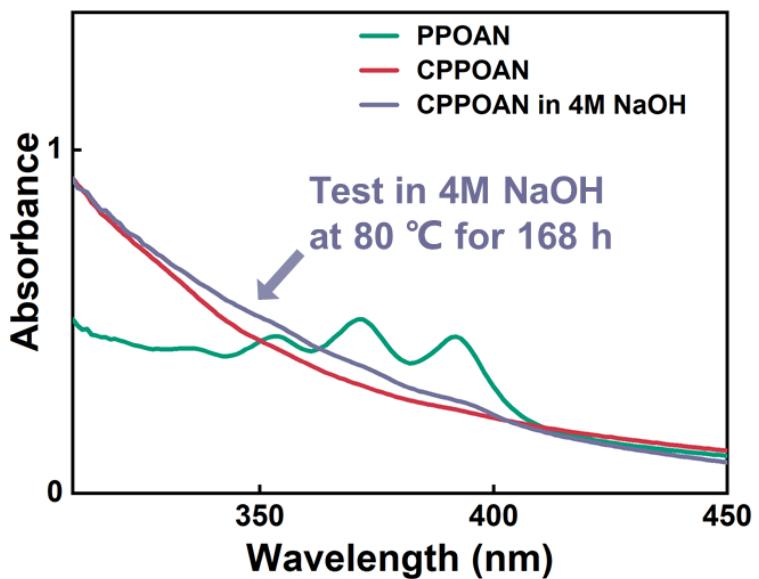
**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of Br-PPO using <sup>CDCl</sup><sub>3</sub> as a solvent.



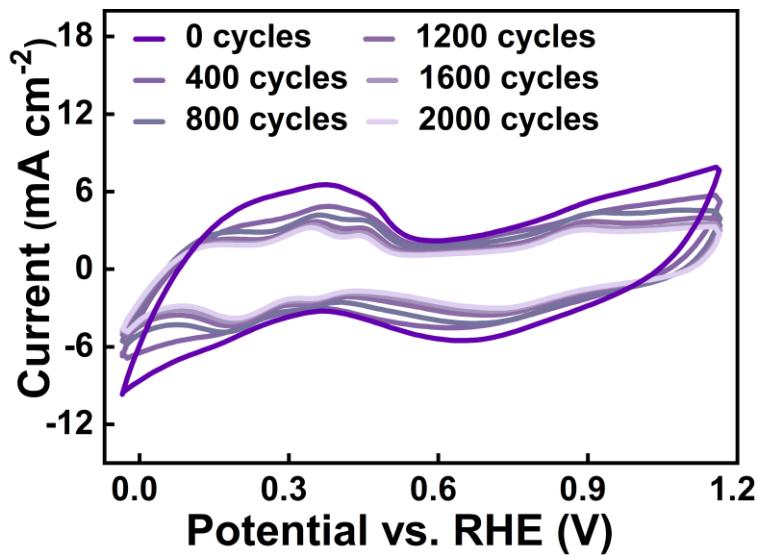
**Figure S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of BPPO using <sup>CDCl</sup><sub>3</sub> as a solvent.



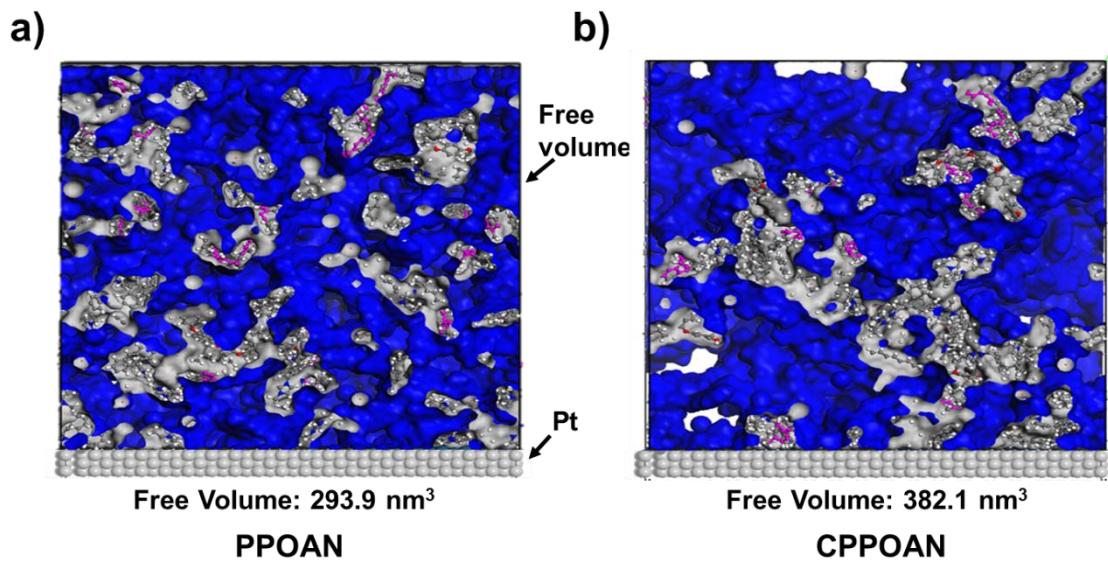
**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of QPPO using  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  as a solvent.



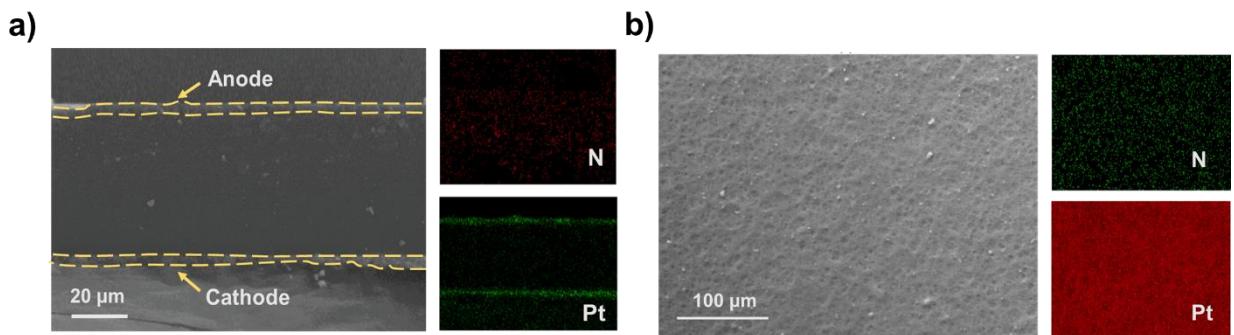
**Figure S5.** UV-vis spectra of PPOAN and CPPOAN ionomers before and after immersion in 4 M aqueous  $\text{NaOH}$  at  $80^\circ\text{C}$  for 288 h.



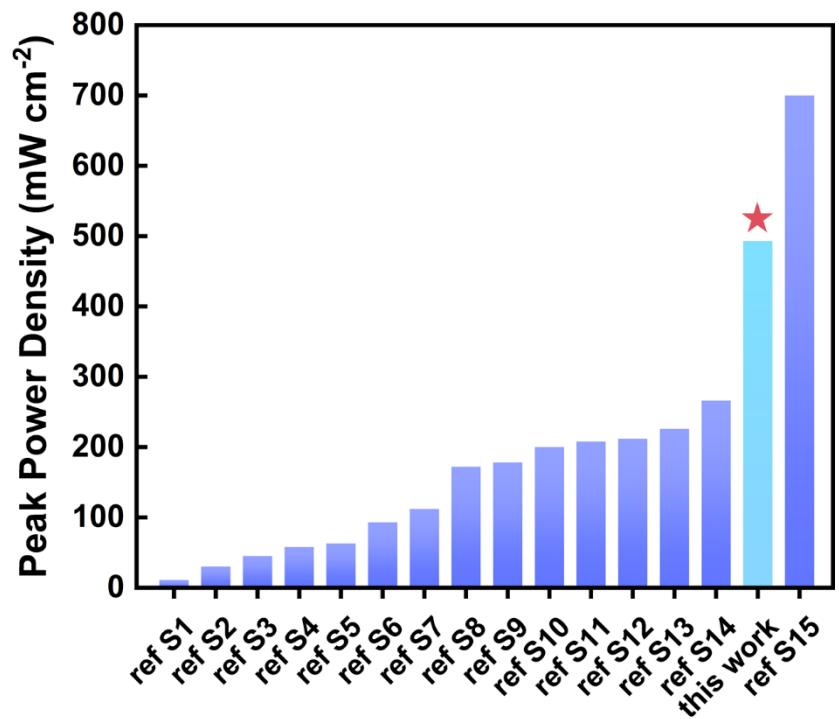
**Figure S6.** Variation in the CV response of QPPO-modified Pt/C during the accelerated stress test (AST). Measurements were made in  $\text{O}_2$ -saturated 0.1 M KOH aqueous electrolyte at 25 °C at a scan rate of 50 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.



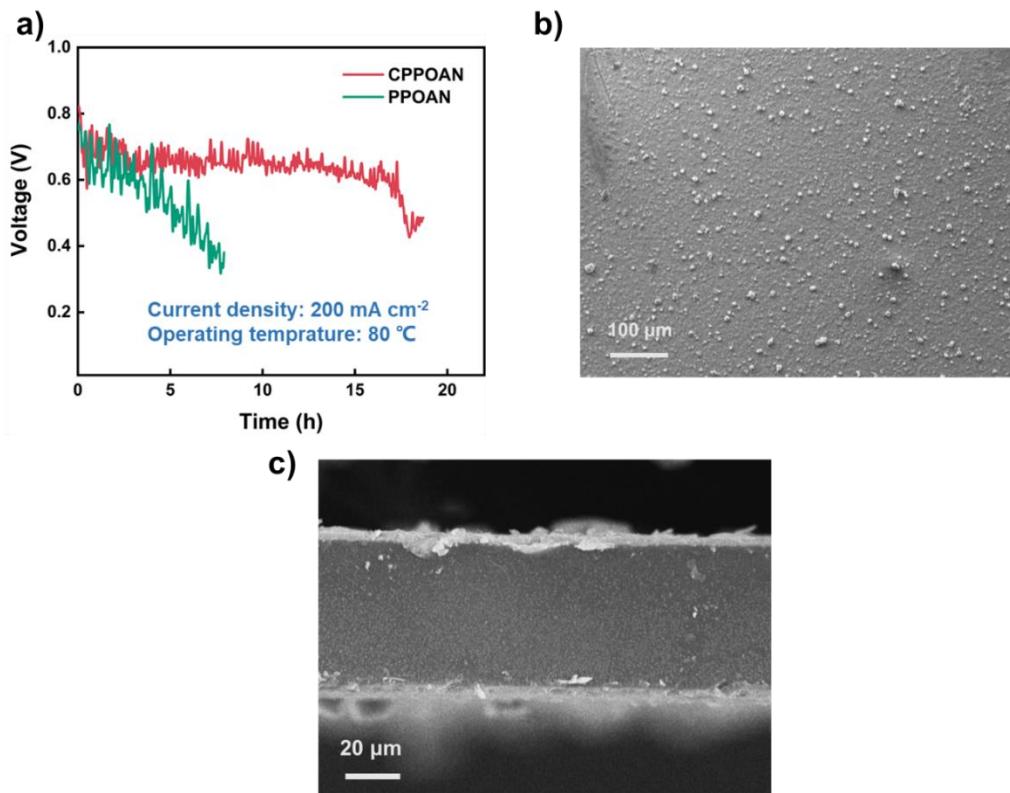
**Figure S7.** Three-dimensional free volume distributions determined by MD simulation: a) PPOAN, and b) CPPOAN. The area of the free volume distribution is shown in blue.



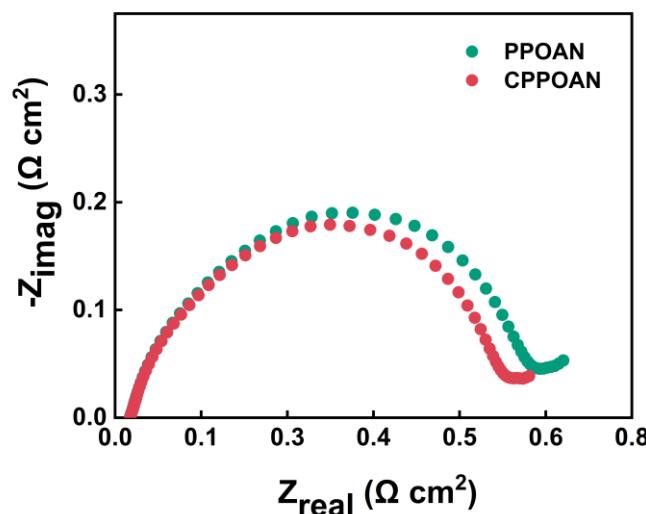
**Figure S8.** SEM and EDX analysis of the PPOAN-based MEA, a) cross-section and b) surface.



**Figure S9.** Comparison of peak power density in published studies using FAA-3-50 membrane for AEMFC testing.



**Figure S10** (a) Durabilities of the MEAs based on the CPPOAN and PPOAN ionomer, operating at  $200 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$  and  $80^\circ\text{C}$  with  $0.2 \text{ L min}^{-1}$  of gas flow under 100% RH; (b-c) SEM images of the CPPOAN-based MEA after durability test, b) surface and c) cross-section.



**Figure S11** Comparison of EIS curves for MEAs with PPOAN and CPPOAN ionomer. The reaction gas, RH and temperature are  $\text{H}_2/\text{O}_2$ , 100%, and  $80^\circ\text{C}$ .

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