

Supporting Information

Electronic Nature of Linkers Based Conjugated Microporous Polymers:  
A Sustainable Approach to Enhance CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

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## **S1 Instrumentation**

### *S.1.1 Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) scans.*

Classical KBr plates were exploited for FTIR sweeps through a 27 Bruker Tensor spectrophotometer. Resolution scales were modulated by 4  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

### *S.1.2 $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR scans.*

NMR profiles were swept through An INOVA 500 machine employing DMSO- $\text{d}_6$  as well as  $\text{CDCl}_3$  as solvents, in addition to employing Tetramethylsilane (TMS) as external standard. Chemical shifts are shown in part per million (ppm).

### *S.1.3 Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA).*

TGA of CMPs were provided under  $\text{N}_2$  stream using TA Q-50 instrument. A closed Pt cane was used as sample holder, after that temperature was raised up to 800  $^\circ\text{C}$  under ramp of 20  $^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$  at  $\text{N}_2$  stream of an average of 50  $\text{ml min}^{-1}$ .

### *S.1.4 Solid state nuclear magnetic resonance (SSNMR).*

The Bruker Avance 400 NMR detector connected to the probe of Bruker magic-angle-spinning (MAS) was employed for recording SSNMR profiles at a running of 32,000 scans.

### *S.1.5 Surface area, and porous features.*

Micromeritics ASAP 2020 surface area as well as porosity analyzer were employed for evaluating surface area and porosimetry of every CMP. Ultrapure  $\text{N}_2$  stream (up to ca. 1 atm) as well as a liquified  $\text{N}_2$  bath extremely facilitated the obtaining of nitrogenic isotherms.

### *S.1.6 X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) spectra.*

Thermo Fisher scientific ESCALAB 250 connected a micro monochromatic Al  $\text{K}\alpha$  X-ray lamp (15 kV) with a dual-focusing full 180 $^\circ$  spherical sector electron analyzer determined XPS scans.

### S.1.7 Field-emission scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM).

A JEOL JSM-7610F of SEM used for visualizing FE-SEM images. Notably, CMPs were sputtered using Pt for 150 s for clear visualization.

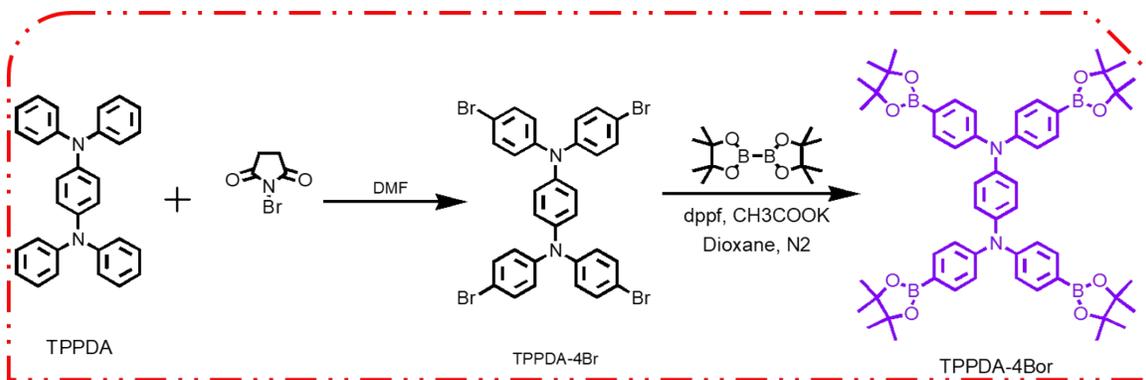
### S.1.8 Transmission electron microscopy (TEM).

TEM visualizations of the obtained CMPs were checked through a JEOL-2100 scanning electron microscope after exposing them to 200 KV.

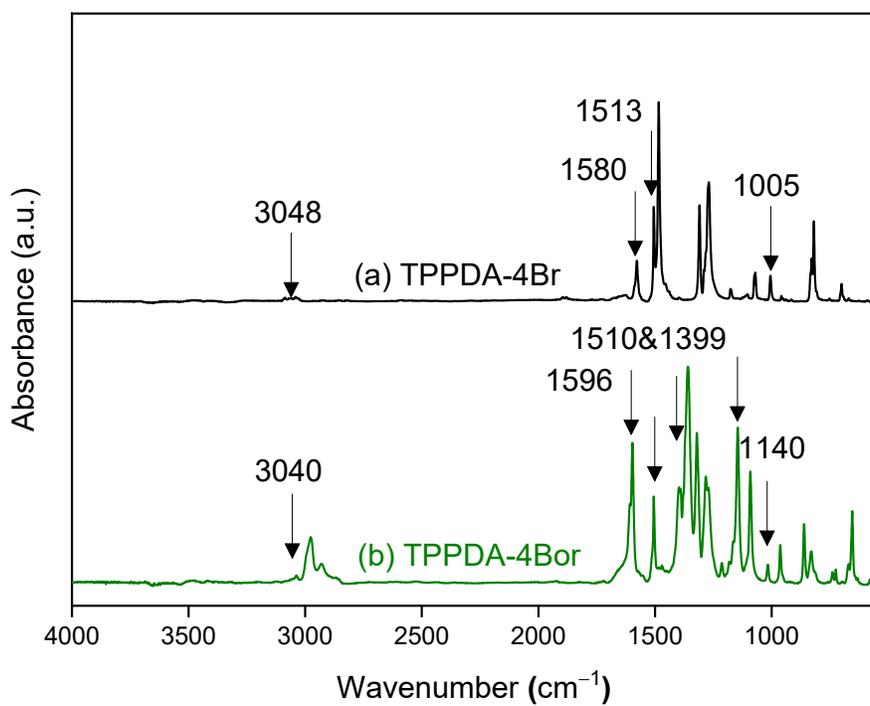
## S2 Synthesis methodologies

### S.2.1 *N*<sup>1</sup>,*N*<sup>1</sup>,*N*<sup>4</sup>,*N*<sup>4</sup>-Tetrakis(4-bromophenyl)-*p*-phenylenediamine (TPPDA-4Br)

According to earlier reported work, the bromination of the pristine *N*<sup>1</sup>,*N*<sup>1</sup>,*N*<sup>4</sup>,*N*<sup>4</sup>-tetraphenyl-*p*-phenylenediamine (TPPDA) was achieved as briefed in [Scheme S1](#). Briefly, the TPPDA (2.42 mmol, 1 g) and dry DMF (40 mL) were mixed into a 50 mL round bottom flask. After that, *N*-Bromosuccinimide (NBS) (10.8 mmol, 1.94 g) was solved in a 20 mL of dry DMF which then dropped wisely to the TPPDA solution at 0°C as well as gentle magnetic stirring overnight. Finally, the flask ingredients were poured onto icy water, and then filtered, rinsed sever times via ethanol (1.64 g, 93% yield). FTIR: 1576, 1499, 1016 cm<sup>-1</sup> ([Fig. S1](#)). The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C, 600 MHz): 7.35 (d, 8H), 6.94 (m, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C, 500 MHz): 132.3, 125.5, 125.2 ppm. HRMS (ESI): *m/z* calculated for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>20</sub>Br<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>: 728.1; found 728.69 ([Fig. S2](#)).



*Scheme S1 Schematic synthesis of TPPDA, and TPPDA-4Bor*



*Fig. S1 FTIR of TPPDA-4Br, and TPPDA-4Bor*

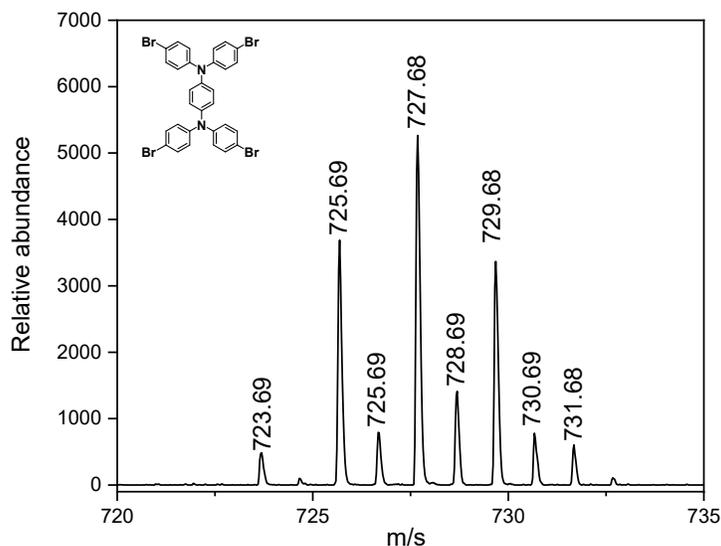


Fig. S2 Mass spectroscopy analysis of TPPDA-4Br

### S.2.2 $N^1, N^1, N^4, N^4$ -Tetrakis(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)-*p*-phenylene diamine (TPPDA-4Br)

In a couple-neck flask, the previously designed TPPDA-4Br (1.2g, 5.8 mmol) was charged with the bis(pinacolato)diboron (2.6 g, 35.96 mmol), potassium acetate (0.5 g, 35,7 mmol), and 1,1'-ferrocenediyl-bis(diphenylphosphine) (dppf) (105 mg, 0.5 mmol) and then these powders were degassed for 15 min. Afterwards, a dioxane (50 mL) was charged to the flask under a nitrogenic pressure then the reaction was kept at 110° C for 48 hours under refluxing conditions and stirring. Afterwards, the solution was poured onto icy water, then separated, rinsed, dried using ethanol as well. Column chromatography was applied ensuring the complete purging of the moiety via a co-solvent of THF and hexane of a ratio of 3:7. Notably, the precipitate was dried at 70° C (1.33 g, yield, 88 %). FTIR: 2976, 1503, 1392, 1268, 1144, 1015  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (Fig. S1).  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (DMSO, 25 °C, 600 MHz): 7.17 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 8H), 7.06 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 8H), and 6.96 (d,  $J = 8.0$  Hz, 4H) (Fig. S3).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25 °C, 500 MHz): 141.75, 133.25, 127.74, 121.78, 107.79, 83.92, 23.97 ppm (Fig. S4). HRMS:  $m/z$  calculated for  $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{68}\text{B}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_8$ : 916.37; found 916.51 (Fig. S5).

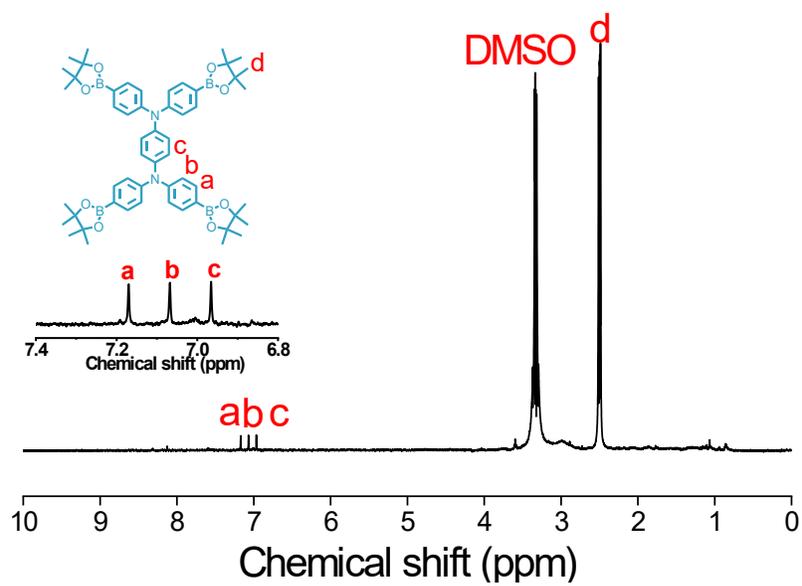


Fig. S3  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of TPPDA-4Bor

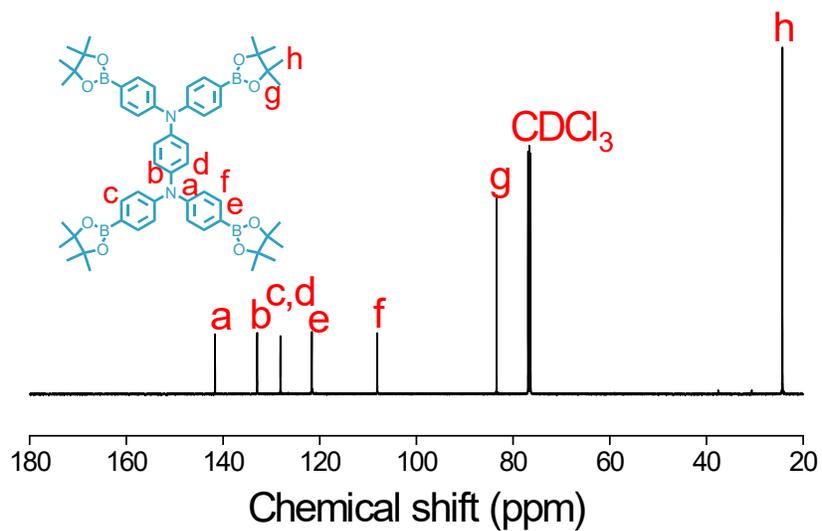


Fig. S4  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of TPPDA-4Bor

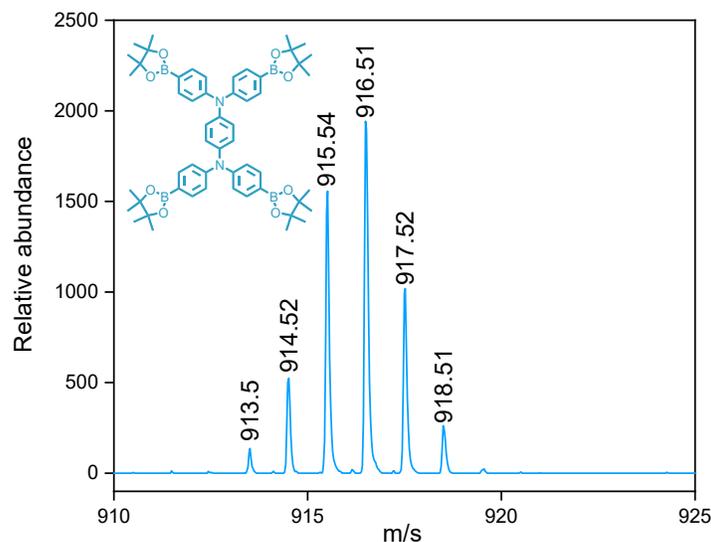
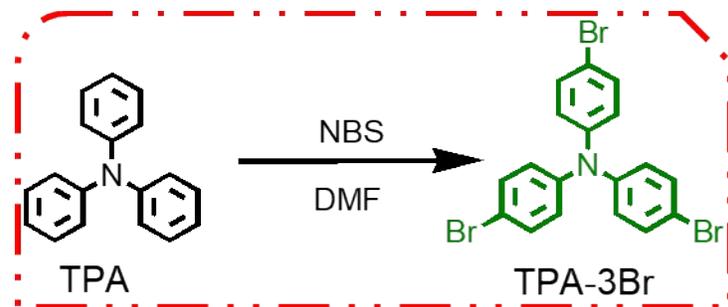


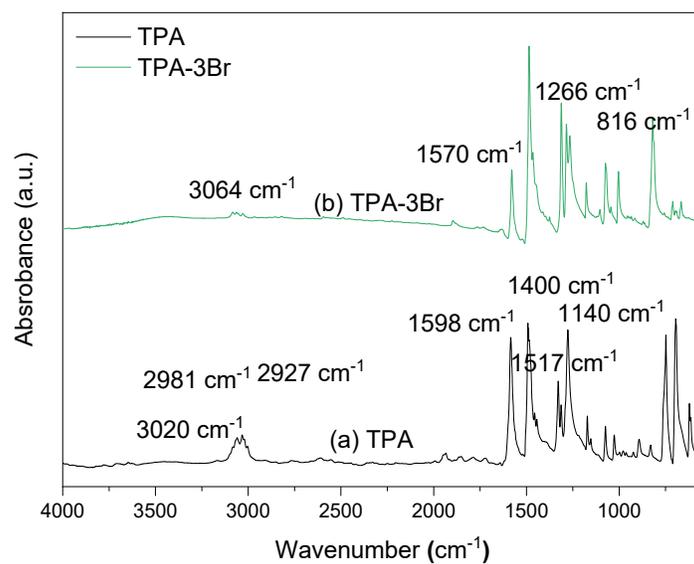
Fig. S5 Mass spectroscopy analysis of TPPDA-4Bor

### S.2.3 Synthesis of Tris(4-bromophenyl)amine (TPA-3Br)

The TPA-3Br was designed and scanned according to the earlier work. Briefly, as clarified in [scheme S2](#), a 250 mL flask was supplemented with triphenylamine (5 g, 4.08 mmol), DMF (120 mL) under icy and dark environment. A solution of NBS (12 g, 12.32 mmol), and DMF (60mL) was dropped wisely into the reaction flask under continuous magnetic stirring which lasted overnight at ambient temperature. After that, the yield was separated with dichloromethane (DCM) which then rinsed via methanol affording a white powder. FTIR scan: 3064, 1570, 1266, and 816  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  ([Fig. S6](#)).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR scan (400 MHz, 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ):  $\delta$  7.35 ppm (d, 6H), and 6.921 ppm (d, 6H) ([Fig. S7](#)).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR scan ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ , 500 MHz): 146.7 ppm, 132.8, 126.01, and 116.38 ppm ([Fig. S8](#)).



*Scheme S2 Schematic design of TPA-3Br*



*Fig. S6 FTIR of Pristine TPA, and TPA-3Br*

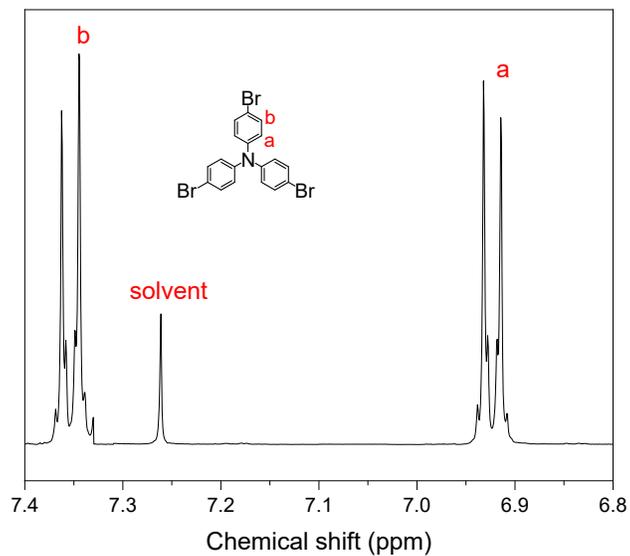


Fig. S7  $^1\text{H}$ NMR of TPA-3Br

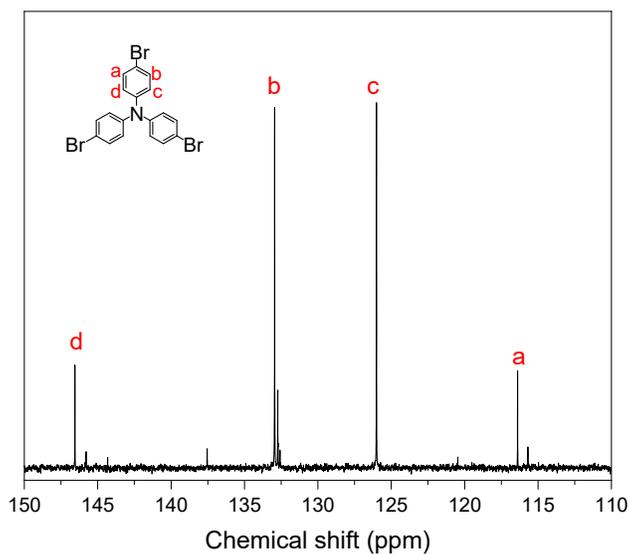
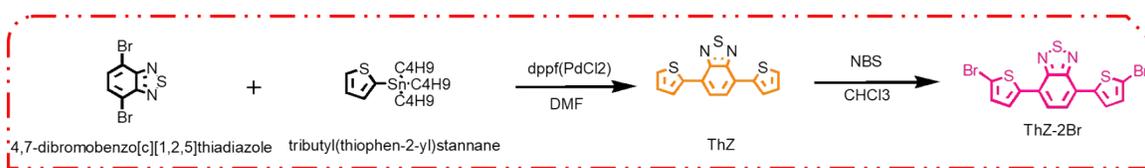


Fig. S8  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of TPA-3Br

### S.2.1 Synthesis of 4,7-di(thiophen-2-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (ThZ)

The 4,7-di(thiophen-2-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (ThZ) was designed via following the reported study as schemes briefly in [Scheme S3](#). The commercial 4,7-Dibromo-2,1,3-

benzothiadiazole (Tz-2Br) (750 mg, 2.551 mmol) with tetrakis(triphenylphosphine) palladium(0) (590 mg, 0.510 mmol) were intermixed in a round flask which then degassed for 15 min. Afterwards, the reaction was continued after the injection of dry *N,N*-Dimethylformamide (DMF, 10 mL) and 2-(tributylstannyl)thiophene (2.43 mL) under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The flask was refluxed for 72 h at 120 °C under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere under continuous magnetic stirring. Finally, an orange precipitate was formed after solvent evaporation. The powder was finally purified employing the column chromatography via eluent of DCM/hexane (1:4 v/v). FTIR (KBr pellets): 2965, 1730, 1633, and 1261 cm<sup>-1</sup> (Fig. S9). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, 25 °C): δ = 8.13 (*d*, 2H), 7.88 (*s*, 2H), 7.47 (*d*, 2H) and 7.20 (*m*, 2H) ppm (Fig. S10). The melting point was recorded as 120-122 °C.



*Scheme S3 Schematic design of ThZ, and ThZ-2Br.*

### *S.2.2 Synthesis of 4,7-bis(5-bromothiophen-2-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (ThZ-2Br)*

According to the previous report,<sup>1</sup> 4,7-bis(5-bromothiophen-2-yl)benzo[c][1,2,5]thiadiazole (ThZ-2Br) was also designed employing the above synthesized ThZ (637 mg, 2.12 mmol) after dissolving it into a 50 mL chloroform which then mixed with *N*-bromosuccinimide (831 mg) in a couple-neck flask in dark environment. The reaction was conducted in the dark, under N<sub>2</sub> stream, and at an ambient temperature for 3 nights. Finally, the powder was separated, rinsed as well with water, methanol, and chloroform. The yielded red powder was dried under vacuum overnight. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, 25 °C): δ = 7.82 (*d*, 2H), 7.81 (*s*, 2H), and 7.17 (*d*, 2H) ppm (Fig. S11). The melting point was recorded to be 252-254 °C.

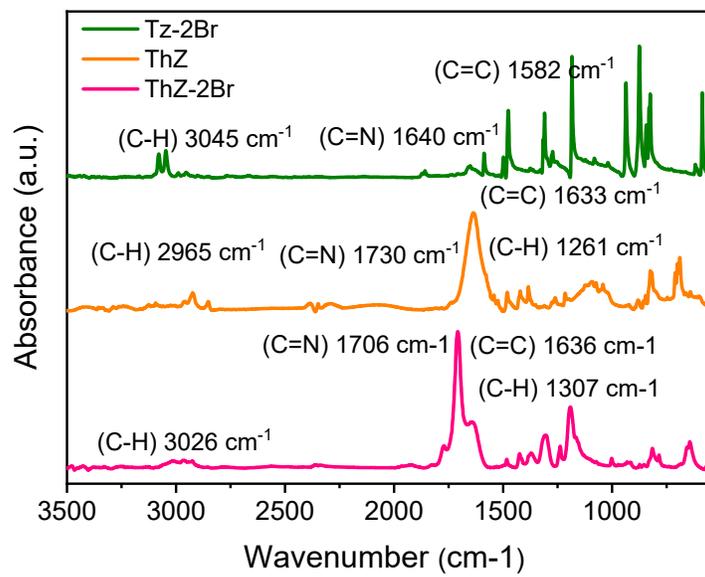


Fig. S9 FTIR of pristine Tz-2Br, ThZ, and ThZ-2Br

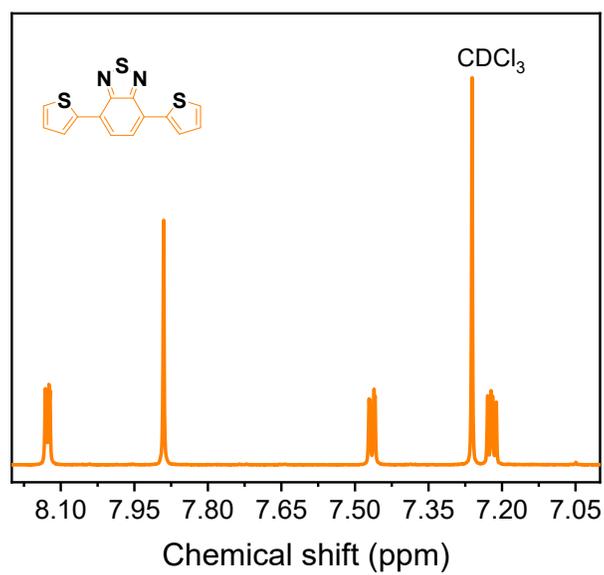


Fig. S10 <sup>1</sup>H NMR of the ThZ

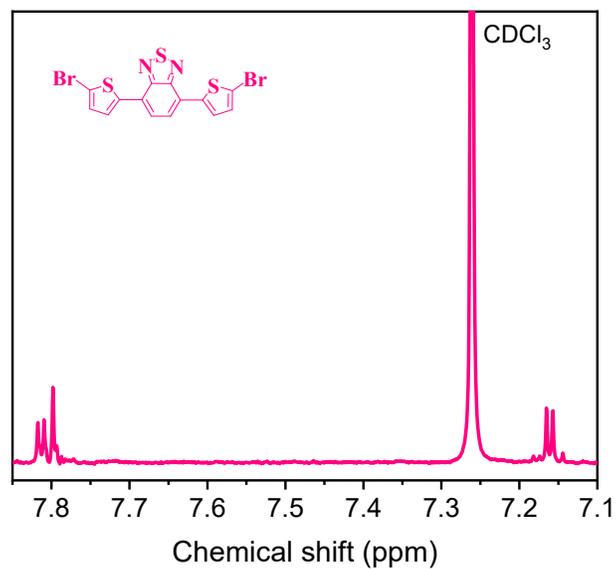
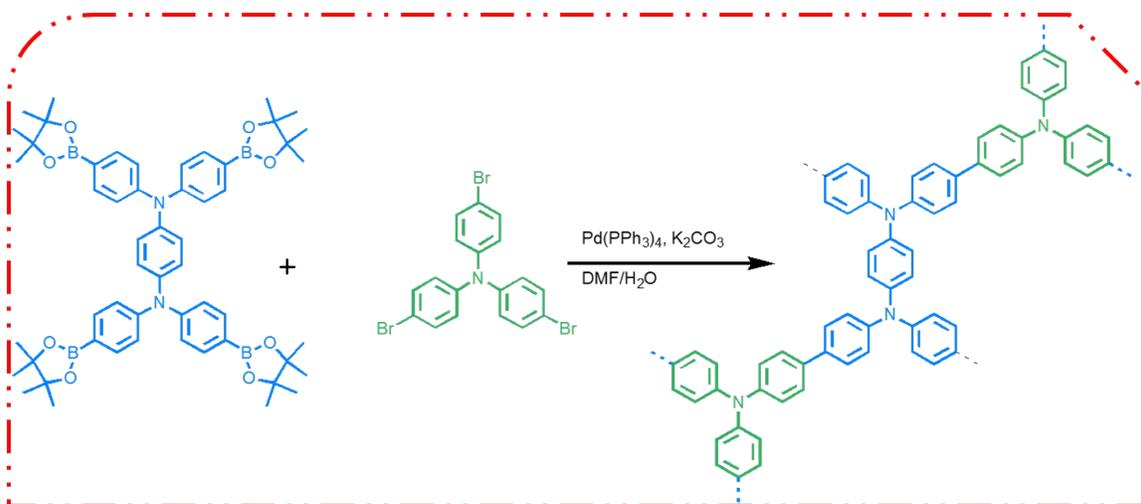
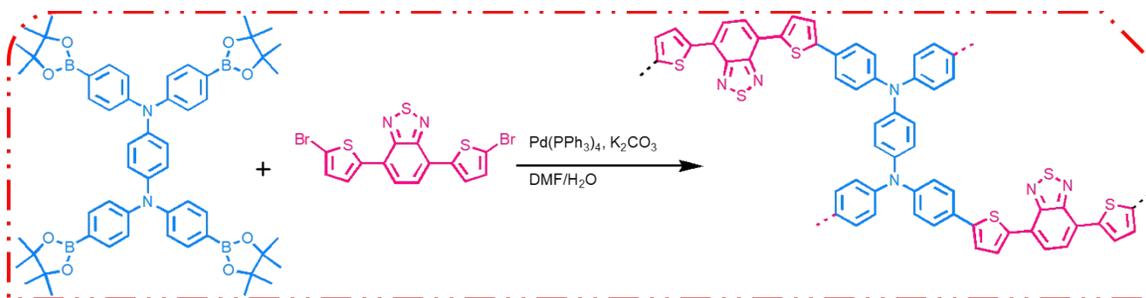


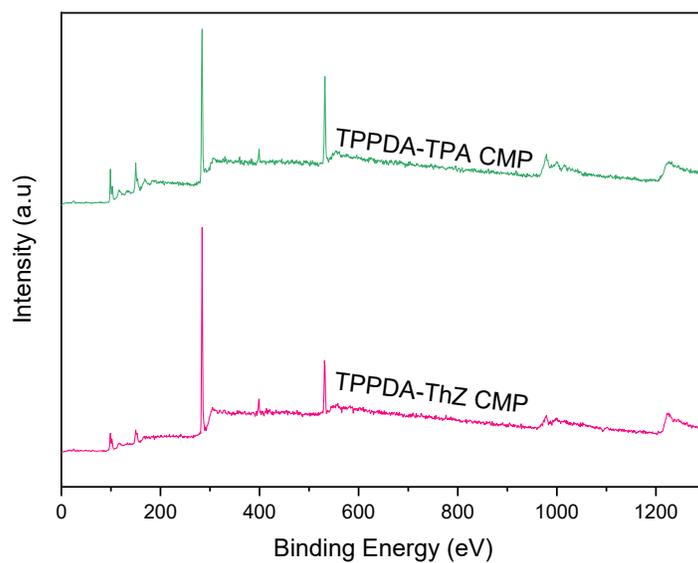
Fig. S11  $^1\text{H}$ NMR of the ThZ-2Br



Scheme S4 Synthesis design of TPPDA-TPA CMP



*Scheme S5 Schematic design of TPPDA-ThZ CMP*



*Fig. S12 Wide-scan XPS of TPPDA-TPA, and TPPDA-ThZ CMPs*

Table S1 XPS fitting properties of TPPDA-TPA, and TPPDA-ThZ CMPs.

Element	Status	Binding Energy (eV)	TPPDA-TPA CMP		TPPDA-ThZ CMP	
			FWHM	Area	FWHM	Area
<b>C1s</b>	C=C	283.698	1.4	7476.945	0.93	5368.317
	C=N	284.188	1.69	751.6447	0.84	4390.3
	C-OH	284.75	1.58	2223.07	1.12	1701.041
	C=O or C-S	287.5399	3.96	687.568	0.86	224.93
<b>N1s</b>	N-C	398	1.34	642.4345	1.377	187.38
	N-S	398.136			0.95	332.86
	N <sub>2</sub>	399.1	1.3	128.6982	1.63	282.2966
<b>O1s</b>	O-S	530.99			1.73	1823.45
	O=C	531.6	1.42	2511.272	1.335	1621.45
	C-OH	532.399	1.71	3764.766	1.15	732.12
<b>S2p</b>	C-S	163.399			3.82	81.685
	S2p <sub>3/2</sub>	164.9			3.0778	211.22
	S-O	167.699			2.8	353.699
	S2P1/2	168.799			3.88	193.565

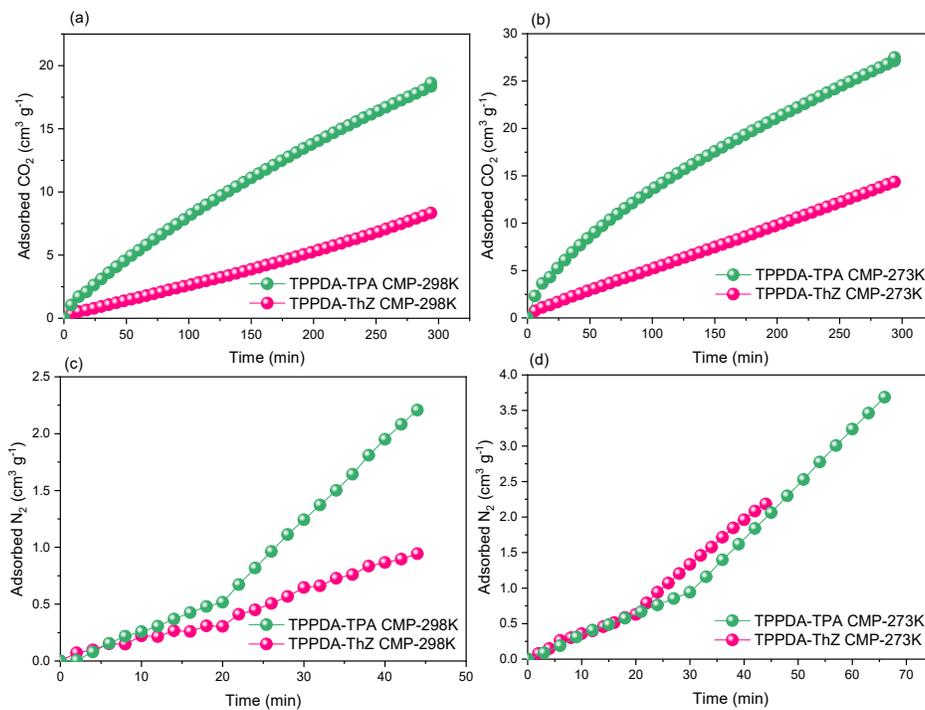


Fig. S 13 Time dependent relationships of CO<sub>2</sub> (a, b), and N<sub>2</sub> (a, b) uptake onto TPPDA-TPA, and TPPDA-ThZ CMPs at 298 K, and 273 K.

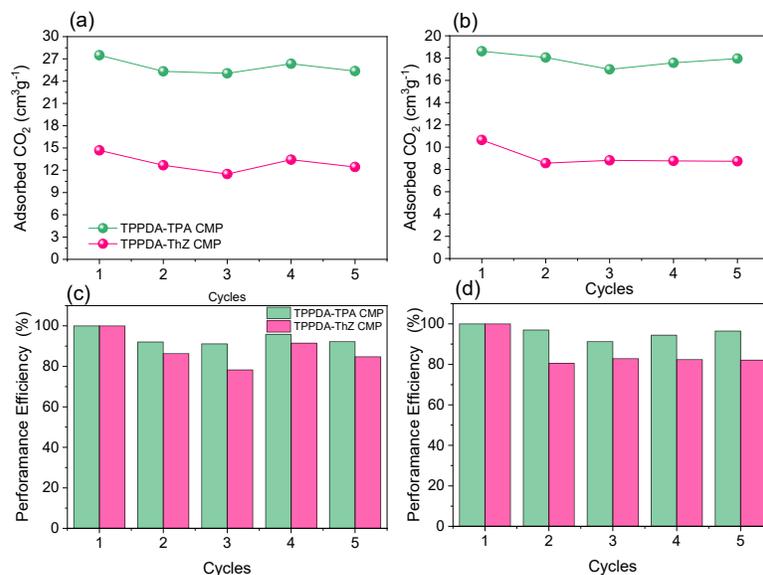


Fig. S 14 Adsorption capacities of CO<sub>2</sub> utilizing those TPPDA-TPA, and TPPDA-ThZ CMP at 273 K (a) and 298 K (b) respectively over five runs. Performance Efficiency of TPPDA-TPA, and TPPDA-ThZ CMP at 273 K (c) and 298 K (d) respectively.

Table S2 The CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> uptakes, selectivity, and isosteric heats at various pressures using TPPDA-TPA, and TPPDA-ThZ CMPs

Sample	CO <sub>2</sub> uptake		N <sub>2</sub> uptake		Selectivity		Qst of CO <sub>2</sub> uptake (KJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )		Qst of N <sub>2</sub> uptake (KJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	
	(cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )		(cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )		CO <sub>2</sub> /N <sub>2</sub>		mol <sup>-1</sup> )		mol <sup>-1</sup> )	
	273 K	298 K	273 K	298 K	273 K	298 K	0.1	0.4	0.005	0.04
							bar	bar	bar	bar
TPPDA-TPA CMP	27.49	18.6	3.686	2.207	7.47	8.433	24.04	20.44	26.7	15.39
TPPDA-ThZ CMP	14.67	8.81	2.184	0.944	6.72	9.333	23.26	13.75	10.34	27.67

*Table S3 Comparative study of TPPDA-TPA, and TPPDA-ThZ CMPs for CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption with earlier reported porous materials.*

Sample	CO <sub>2</sub> uptake (mmol/g)		Ref.
	273 K	298 K	
<b>RLF-500</b>	3.13	--	2
<b>ELF6</b>	3.29	--	3
<b>ELF46</b>	2.46	--	3
<b>PECONF-1</b>	1.86	1.34	4
<b>PECONF-2</b>	2.85	1.98	4
<b>PECONF-4</b>	2.95	1.96	4
<b>BPOP-1</b>	1.79	0.98	5
<b>BPOP-2</b>	1.45	0.67	5
<b>COF-102</b>	1.56	--	6
<b>Fc-CMP-1</b>	1.45	--	7
<b>BoxPOP-1</b>	--	0.91	8
<b>BoxPOP-2</b>	--	1.04	8
<b>BoxPOP-3</b>	--	0.29	8
<b>C<sub>0</sub><sub>3</sub>(BTB)<sub>2</sub>(DMA)<sub>4</sub></b>	--	0.678	9
<b>PP1-2-TAEA</b>	1.13	--	10
<b>CHIT</b>	--	0.1	11
<b>CHIT-HTC-12</b>	--	0.1	11
<b>CHIT-HTC-24</b>	--	0.3	11
<b>CHIT-HTC-48</b>	--	0.45	11
<b>BGM</b>	--	0.247	12

<b>BGM2</b>	--	0.252	12
<b>BGM6</b>	--	0.295	12
<b>BGM10</b>	--	0.581	12
<b>ISM-1</b>	--	5 (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	13
<b>ISM-5</b>	--	9.3 (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	13
<b>AlPor-PIP-Br</b>	1.3	--	14
<b>PE-SBA-15</b>	--	0.27	15
<b>TPPDA-TPA CMP</b>	1.27	0.83	This study
<b>TPPDA-ThZ CMP</b>	0.65	0.39	

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