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# Nitrogen-rich diaminotriazine-based porous organic polymers for small gas storage and selective uptake

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## Preparation of the APOPs

### Synthesis of APOP-1

A 50 mL three-necked bottle flask fitted with a condenser and a magnetic stirring bar was charged with B1 (296 mg, 1 mmol), benzaldehyde (424 mg, 4 mmol) and dimethyl sulfoxide (25.0 mL). After degassing by argon bubbling, the mixture was heated to 180 °C for 72 h under an inert atmosphere. After thoroughly washing the obtained powder with MeOH, CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and THF, the solids were further Soxhlet extracted using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and THF for 24 h, respectively, and dried under vacuum to afford the final APOP-1 in 66 % yield. Anal. calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>10</sub>: C, 66.09; H, 4.27; N, 29.64. Found: C, 52.13; H, 4.21; N, 37.75 %.

### Synthesis of APOP-1-OH

Similar to the preparation of APOP-1, B1 (296 mg, 1 mmol), 2-hydroxybenzaldehyde (488 mg, 4 mmol) were reacted in dimethyl sulfoxide (25.0 mL) at 180 °C for 72 h to afford APOP-1-OH in 71 % yield. Anal. calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: C, 61.90; H, 4.00; N, 27.76. Found: C, 55.44; H, 3.88; N, 37.19 %.

### Synthesis of APOP-1-ONA

200 mg of APOP-1-OH was dispersed in 5 mL methanol, then 100 mg MeONa dissolved in 10 mL methanol was added to the dispersion and allowed to react for 2 h at room temperature. The dispersion was filtered and washed with methanol.

### Synthesis of APOP-1-F

Similar to the preparation of APOP-1, B1 (296 mg, 1 mmol), 4-fluorobenzaldehyde (504 mg, 4 mmol) were reacted in dimethyl sulfoxide (25.0 mL) at 180 °C for 72 h to afford APOP-1-F in 68 % yield. Anal. calcd for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>10</sub>F<sub>2</sub>: C, 61.41; H, 3.57; N, 27.55. Found: C, 50.53; H, 3.84; N, 40.12 %.

### Synthesis of APOP-2

Similar to the preparation of APOP-1, B2 (372 mg, 1 mmol), benzaldehyde (424 mg, 4 mmol) were reacted

in dimethyl sulfoxide (25.0 mL) at 180 °C for 72 h to afford APOP-2 in 55 % yield. Anal. calcd for C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>24</sub>N<sub>10</sub>: C, 70.06; H, 4.41; N, 25.53. Found: C, 41.82; H, 2.91; N, 19.61 %.

#### Synthesis of APOP-3

Similar to the preparation of APOP-1, B3 (378 mg, 0.5 mmol), benzaldehyde (424 mg, 4 mmol) were reacted in dimethyl sulfoxide (22.5 mL) at 180 °C for 72 h to afford APOP-3 in 38 % yield. Anal. calcd for C<sub>65</sub>H<sub>48</sub>N<sub>20</sub>: C, 70.38; H, 4.36; N, 25.25. Found: C, 60.37; H, 3.97; N, 29.55 %.

#### Synthesis of APOP-4

Similar to the preparation of APOP-1, B4 (438 mg, 0.5 mmol), benzaldehyde (424 mg, 4 mmol) were reacted in dimethyl sulfoxide (22.5 mL) at 180 °C for 72 h to afford APOP-4 in 28 % yield. Anal. calcd for C<sub>69</sub>H<sub>56</sub>N<sub>20</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: C, 67.41; H, 4.59; N, 22.78. Found: C, 55.02; H, 3.93; N, 25.85 %.

It should be noted that the discrepancies between predicted and actual values are common for porous materials due to the presence of end groups and adsorbed water or the residual solvents.<sup>S1</sup>

### Calculation of isosteric heats of adsorption for the APOPs

#### Virial Equation

A virial-type expression in the following form was used to fit the experimental isotherm data for a given material at different temperatures.<sup>S2</sup>

$$\ln(P) = \ln(N) + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=0}^m a_i N^i + \sum_{i=0}^n b_i N^i \quad (\text{I})$$

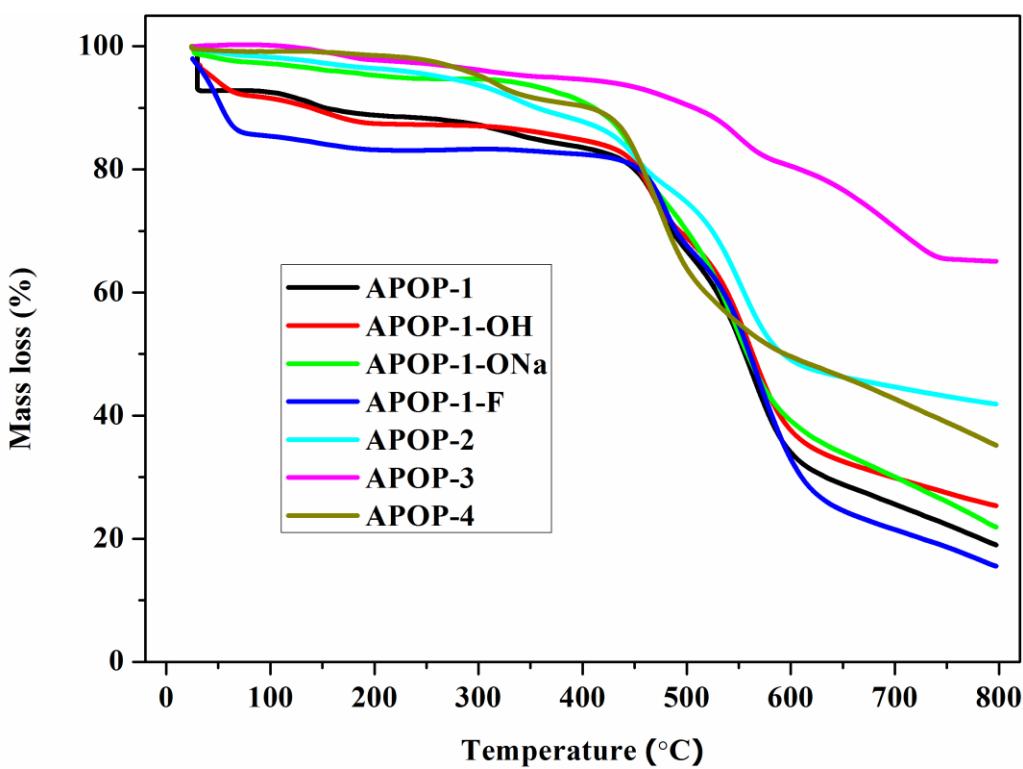
Where  $N$  is the amount adsorbed at pressure  $P$ ,  $T$  is the temperature,  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are temperature independent empirical parameters, and  $m$  and  $n$  determine the number of terms required to adequately describe the isotherm. The resulting virial coefficients  $a_0$  through  $a_m$  can then be used to calculate the isosteric heats of adsorption as function of uptake:

$$Q_{st} = -R \sum_{i=0}^m a_i N^i \quad (\text{II})$$

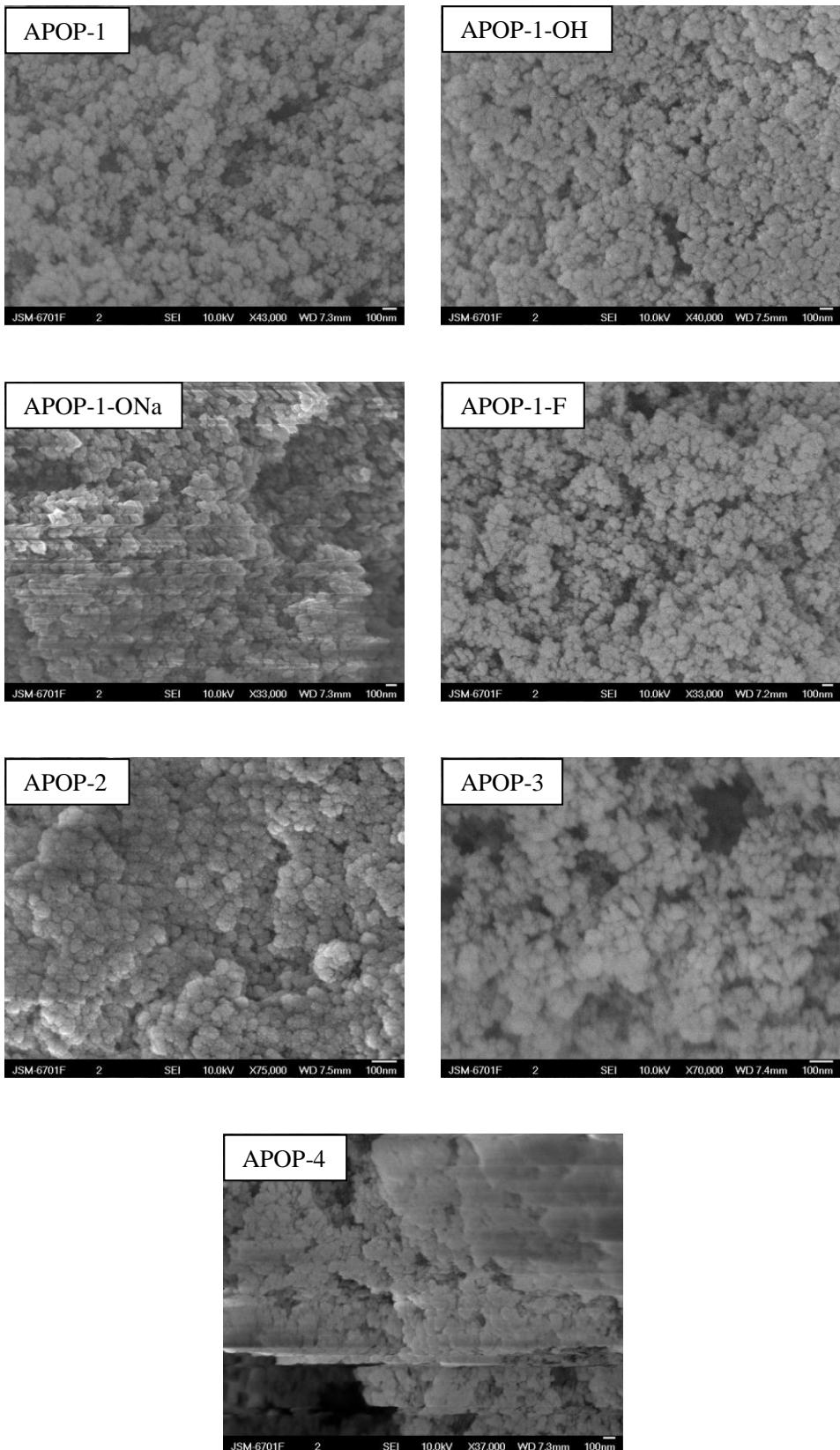
Where  $R$  is the universal gas constant (8.314 J K<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup>)

It follows that the zero-coverage isosteric heats of adsorption is given by

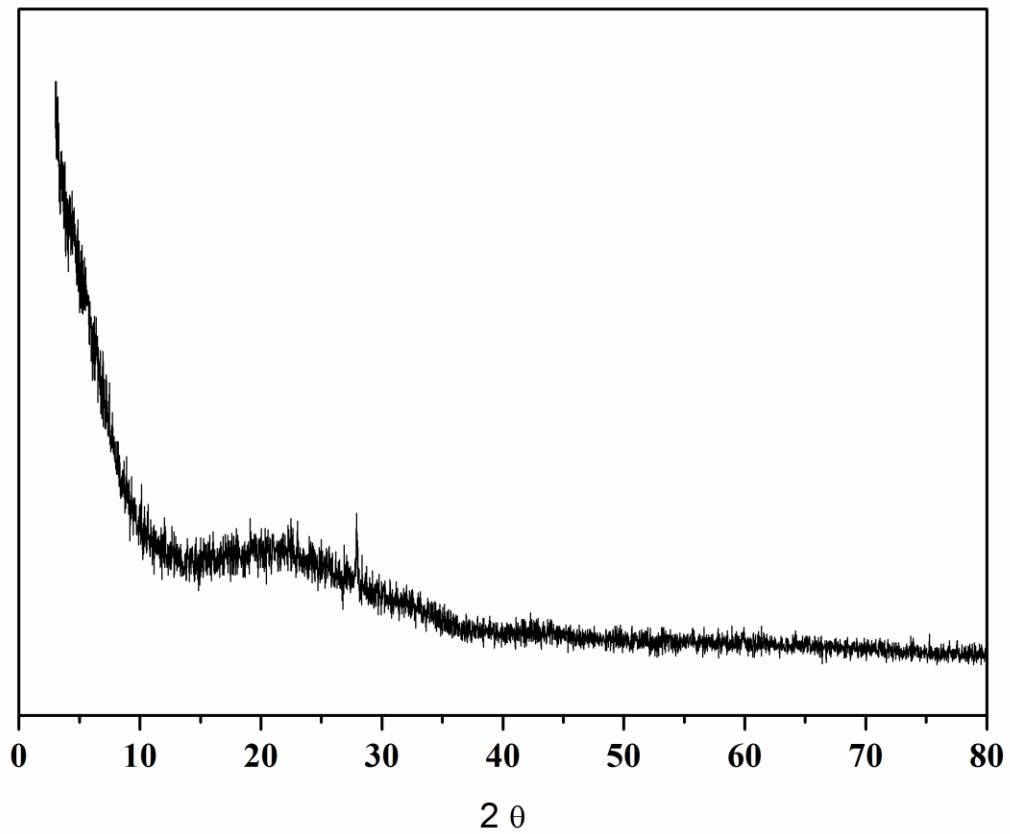
$$Q_{st} = -Ra_0 \quad (\text{III})$$



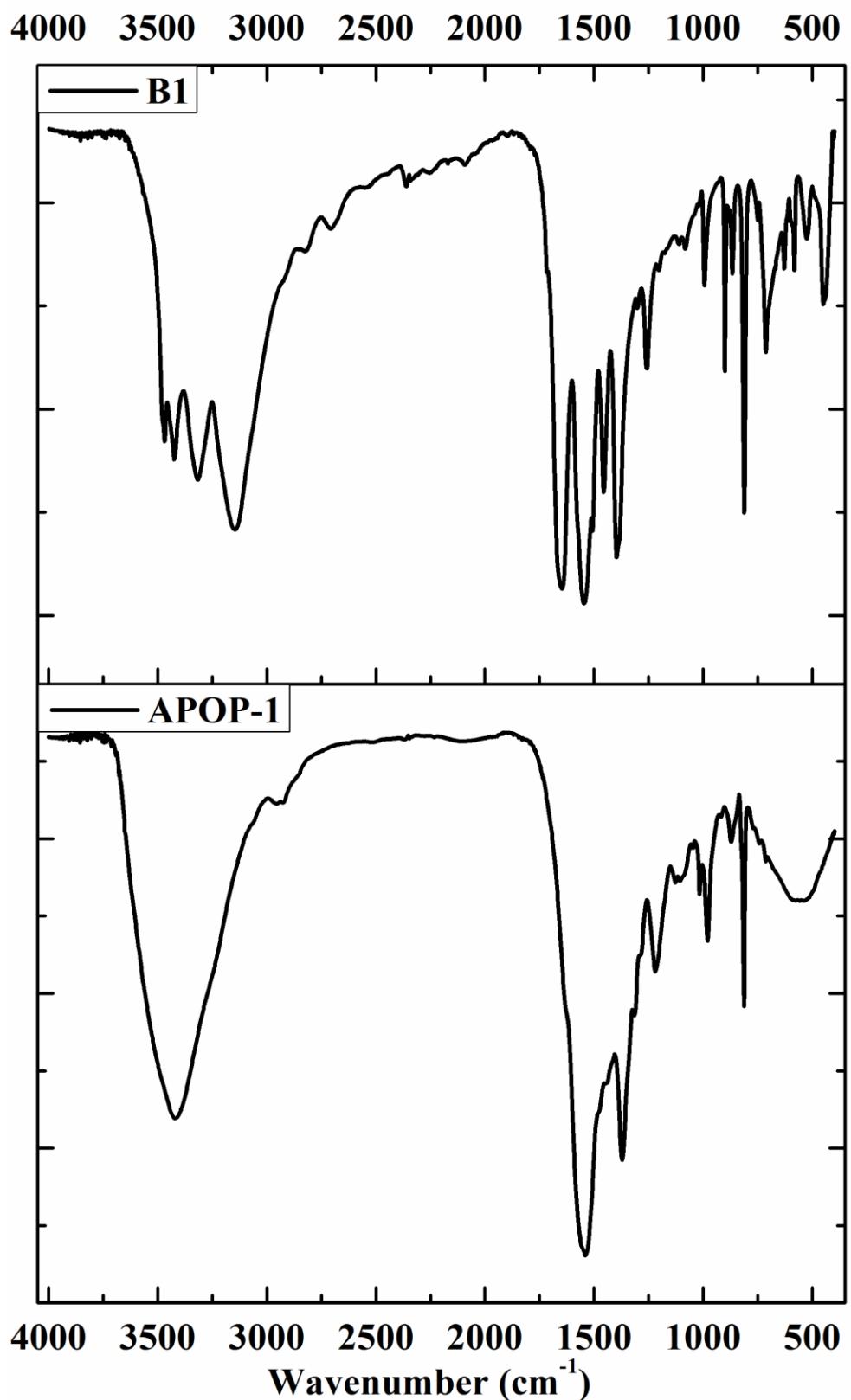
**Fig. S1** Thermogravimetric analysis of the APOPs under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.



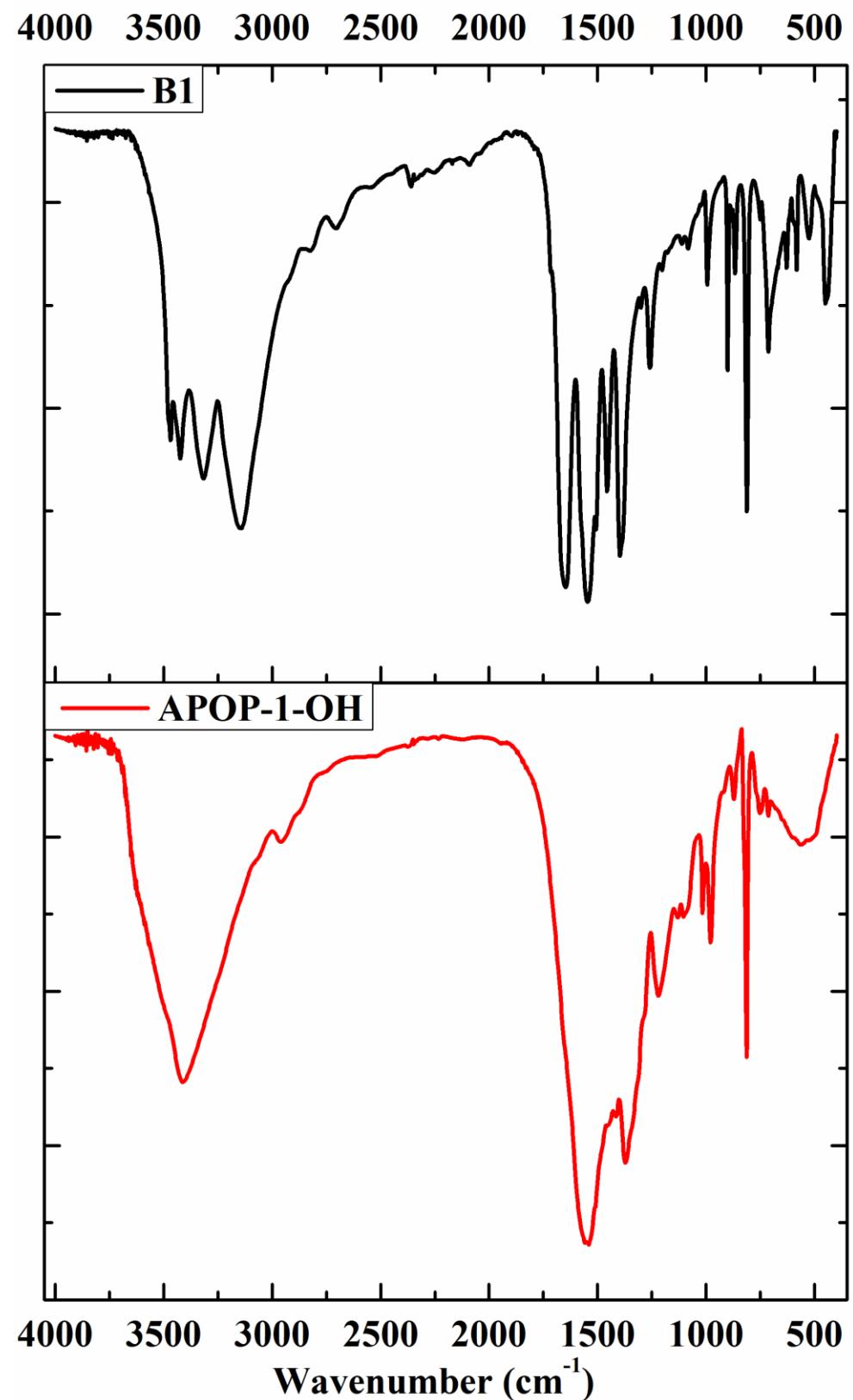
**Fig. S2** Scanning Electron Microscopy images of the APOPs.



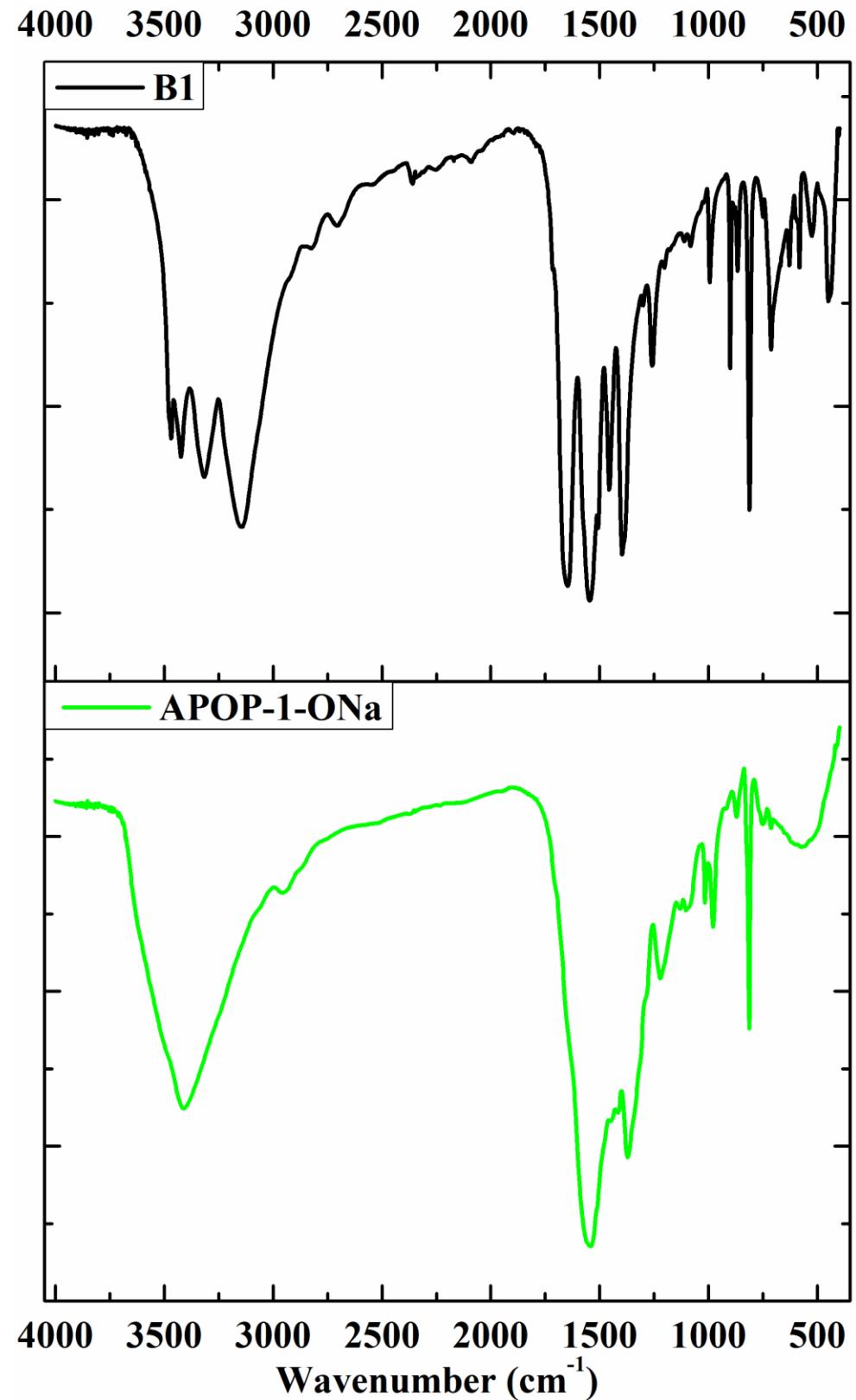
**Fig. S3** Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of APOP-1 indicate clearly the formation of amorphous porous polymers.



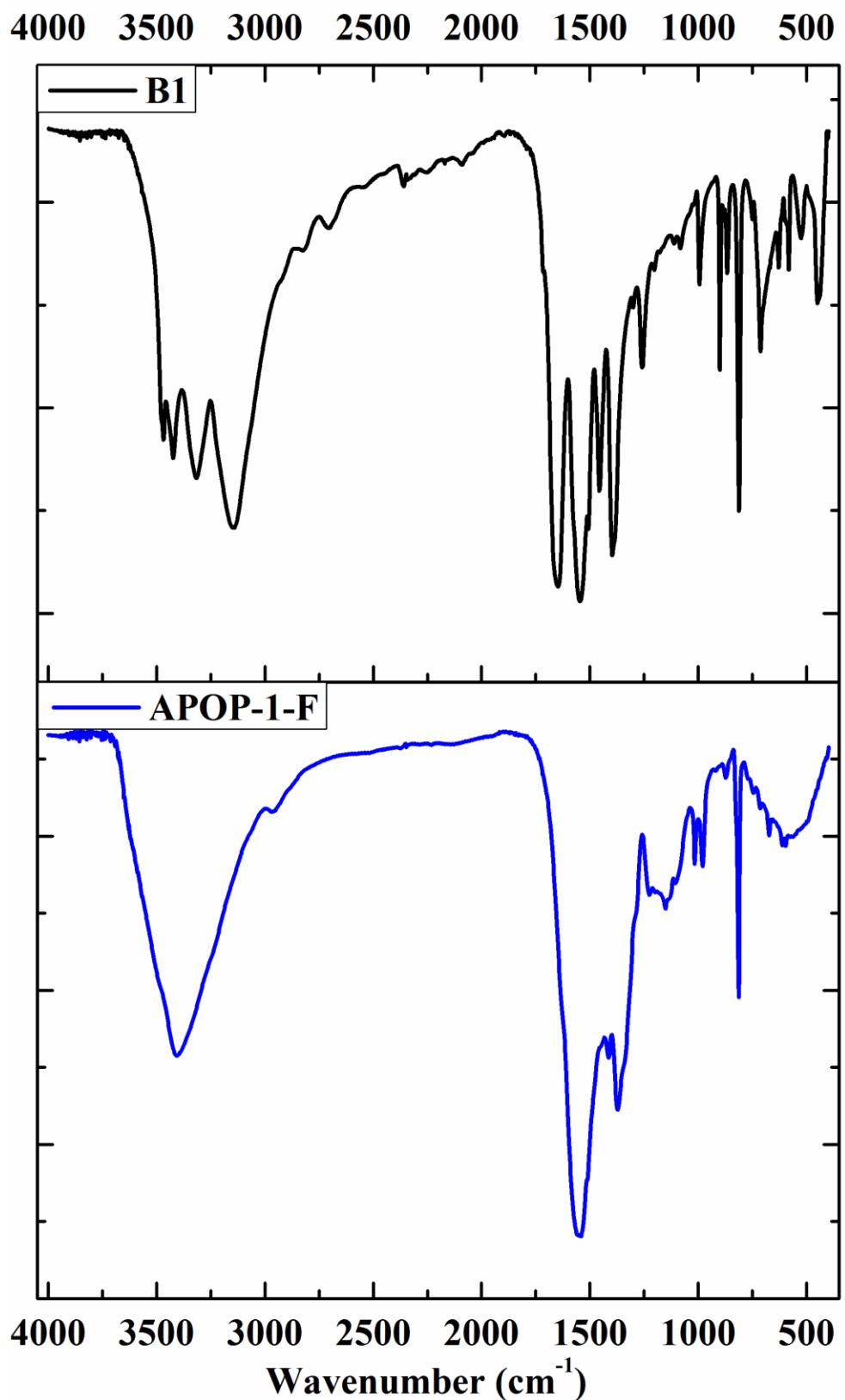
**Fig. S4** FTIR spectra of B1 (black) and APOP-1 (black).



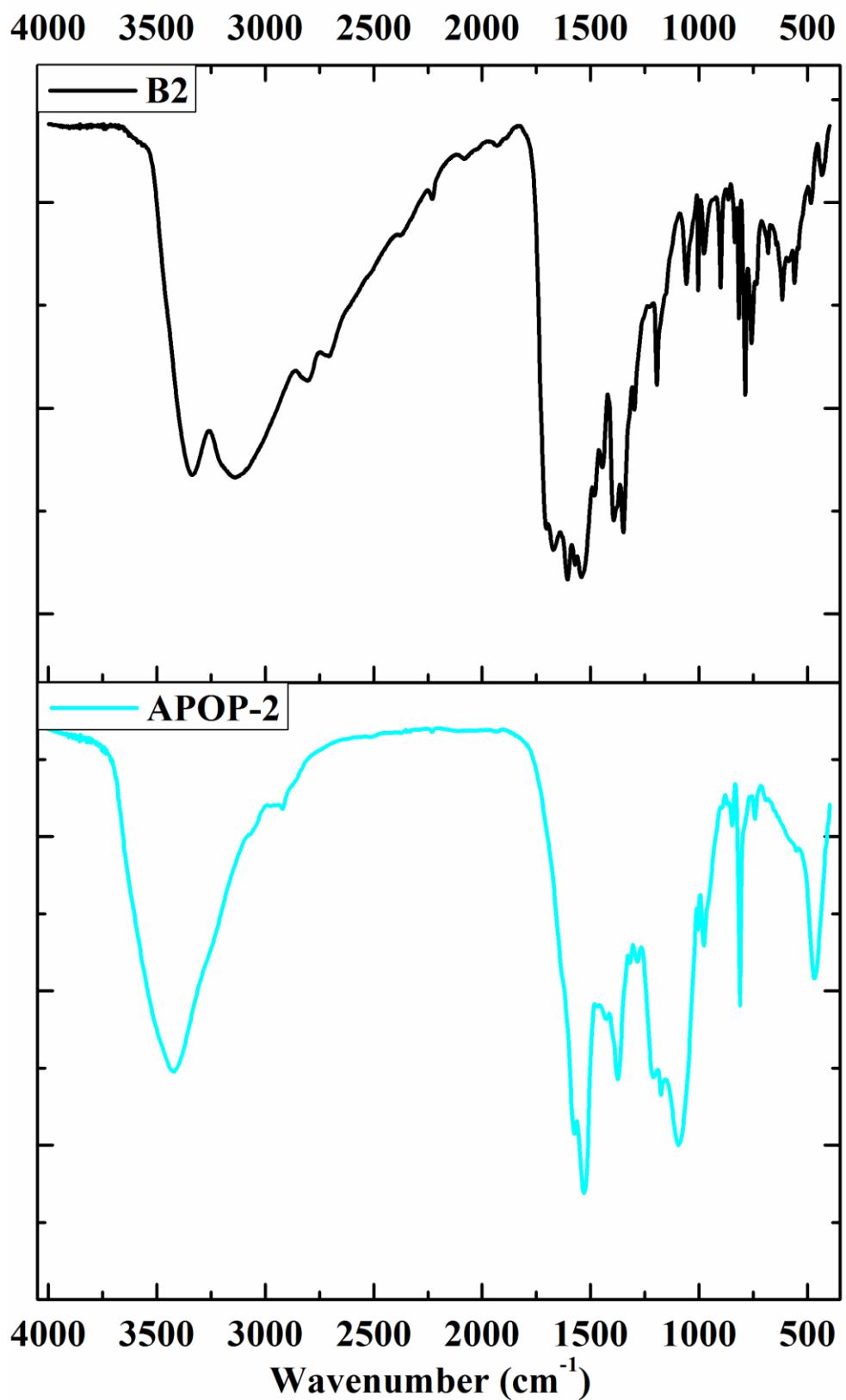
**Fig. S5** FTIR spectra of B1 (black) and APOP-1-OH (red).



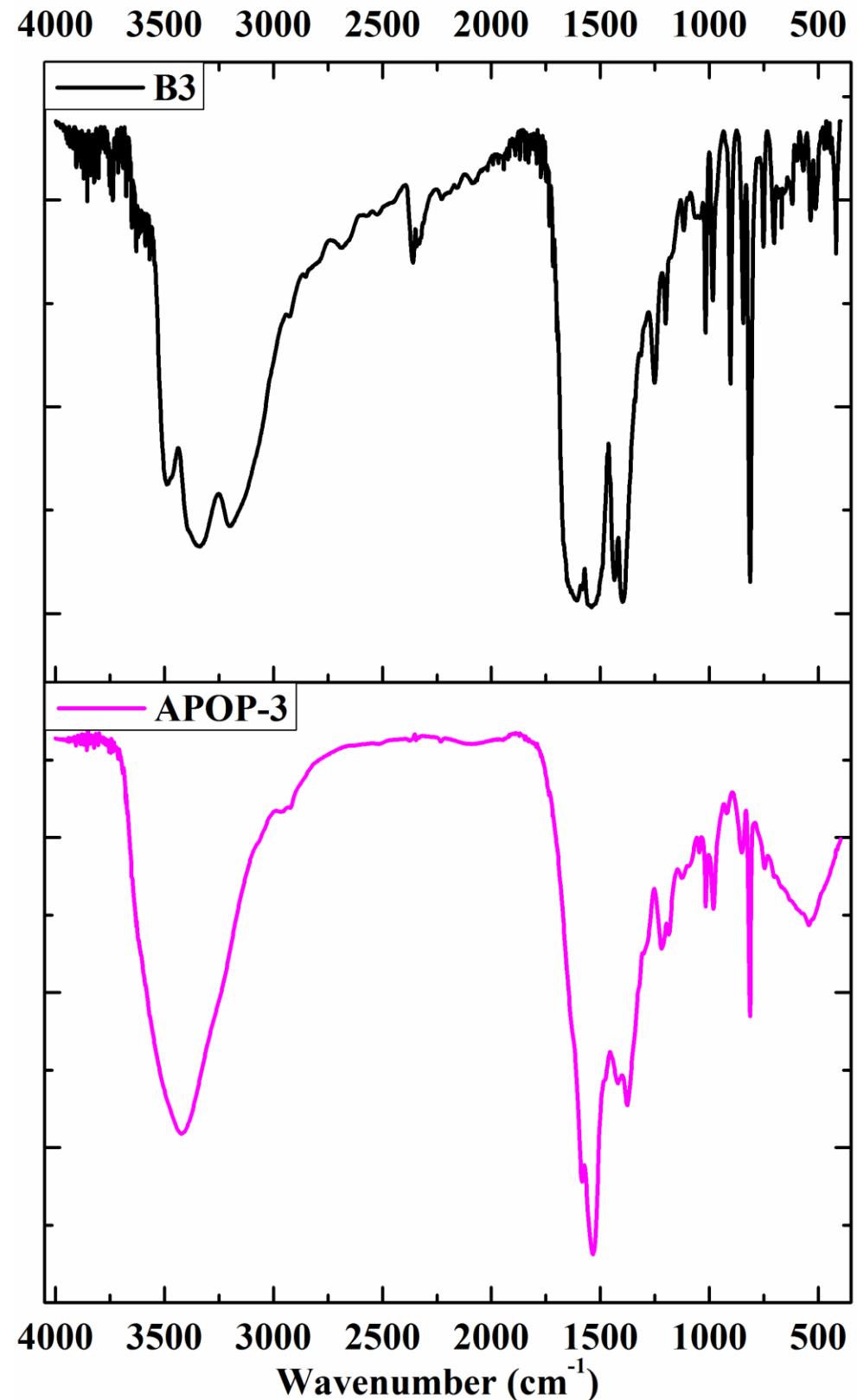
**Fig. S6** FTIR spectra of B1 (black) and APOP-1-ONa (green).



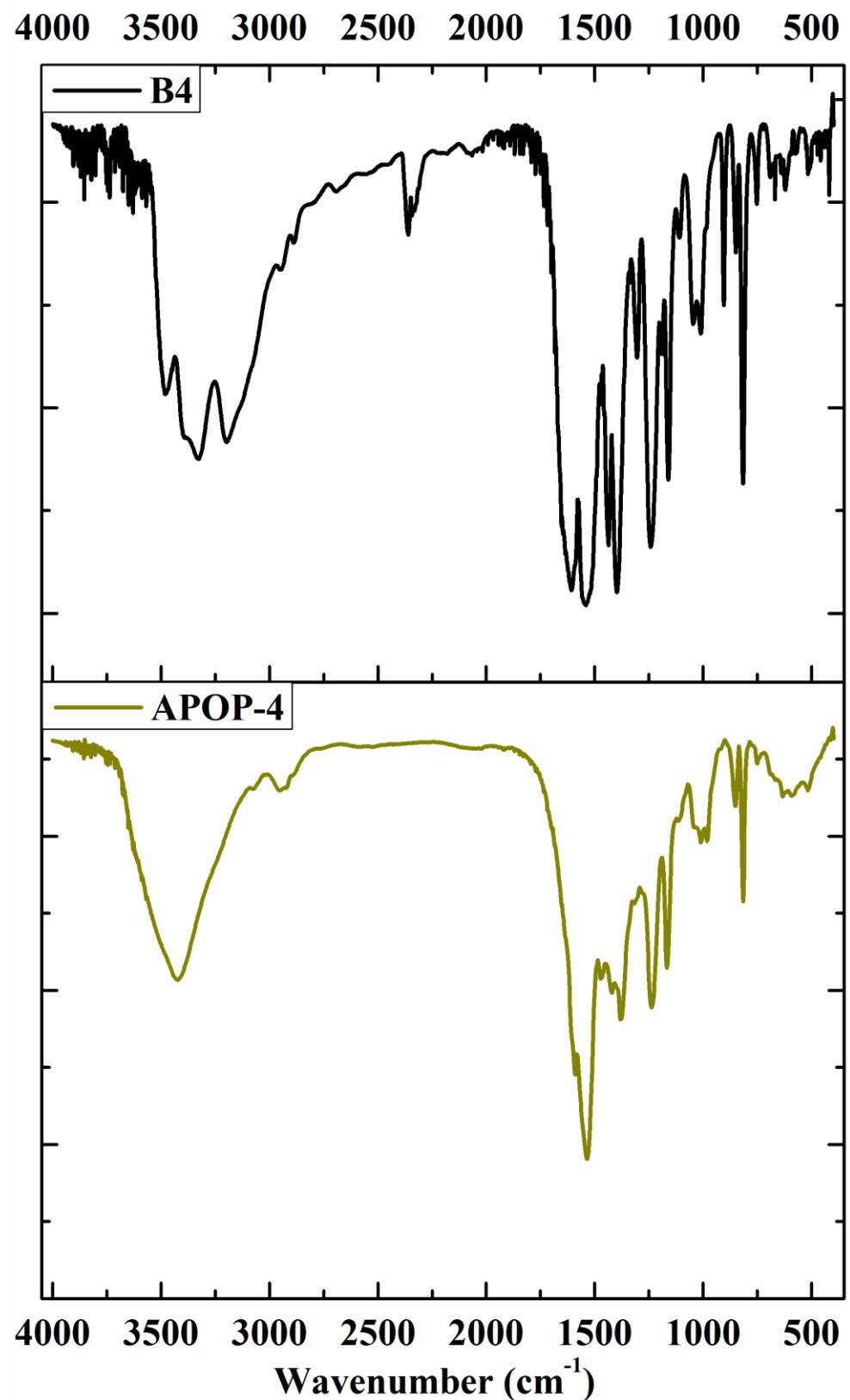
**Fig. S7** FTIR spectra of B1 (black) and APOP-1-F (blue).



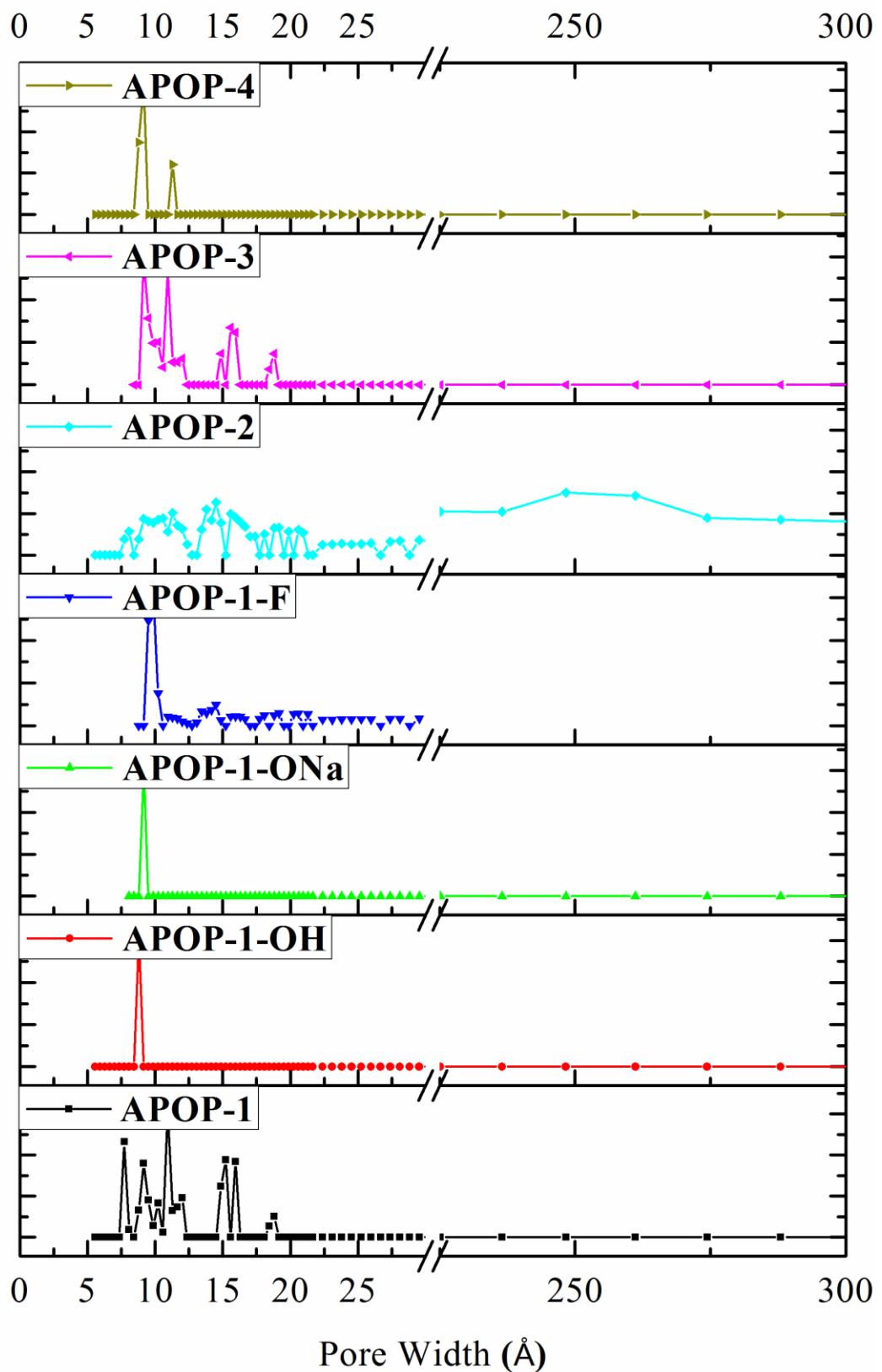
**Fig. S8** FTIR spectra of B2 (black) and APOP-2 (cyan).



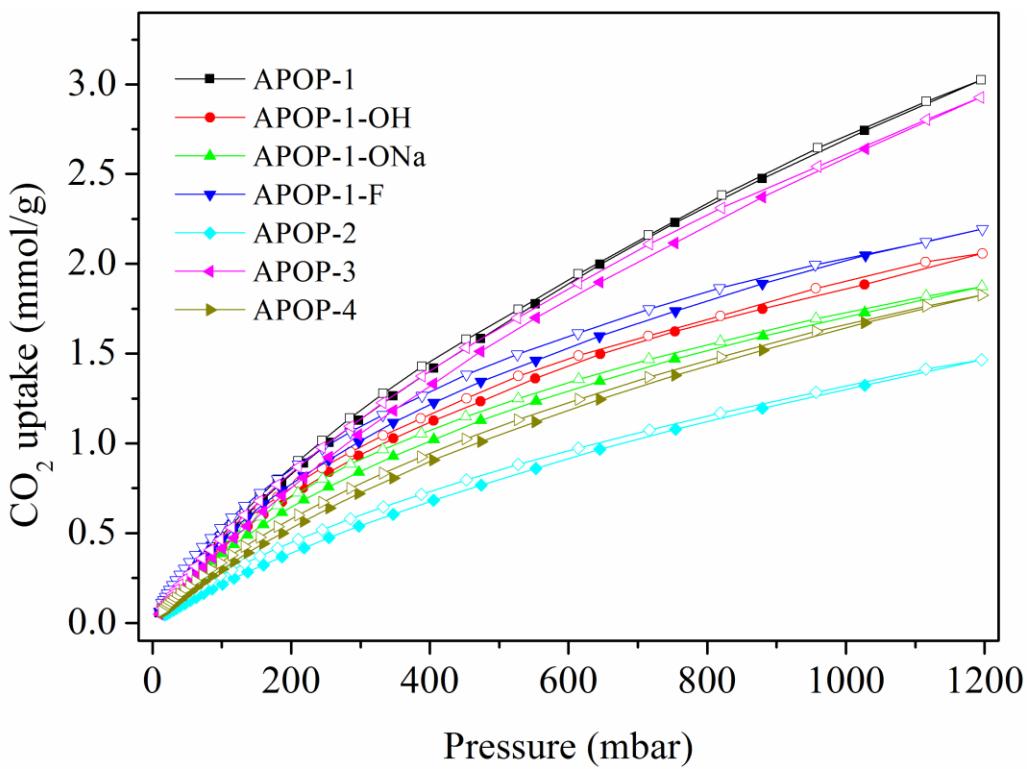
**Fig. S9** FTIR spectra of B3 (black) and APOP-3 (magenta).



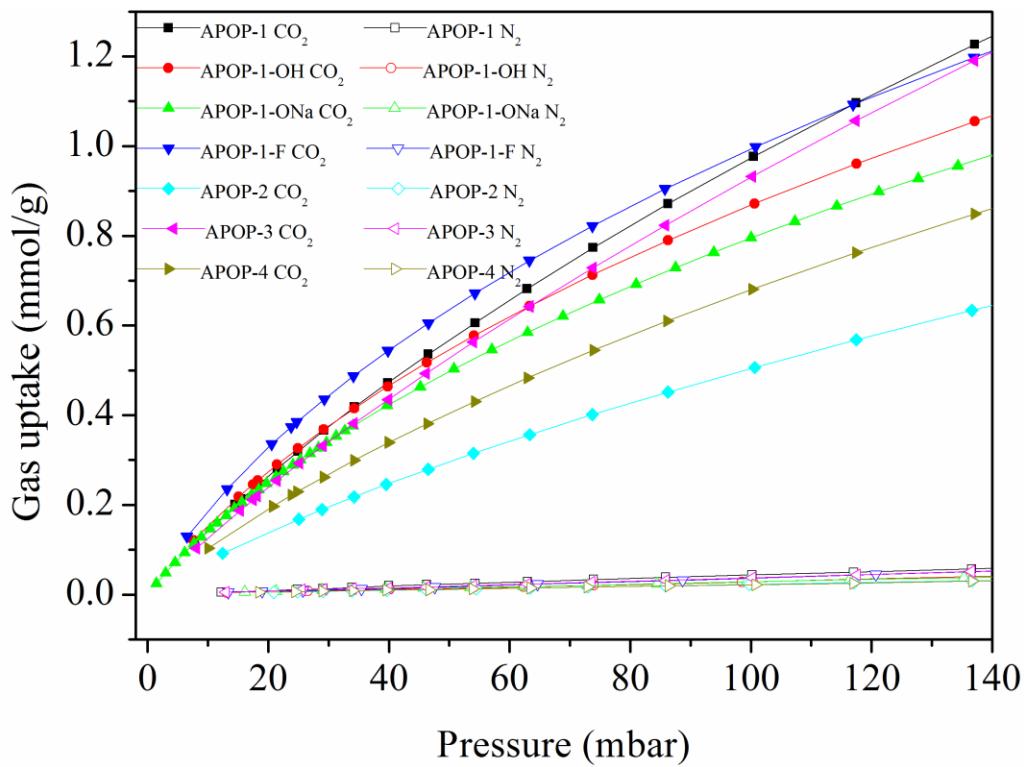
**Fig. S10** FTIR spectra of B4 (black) and APOP-4 (dark yellow).



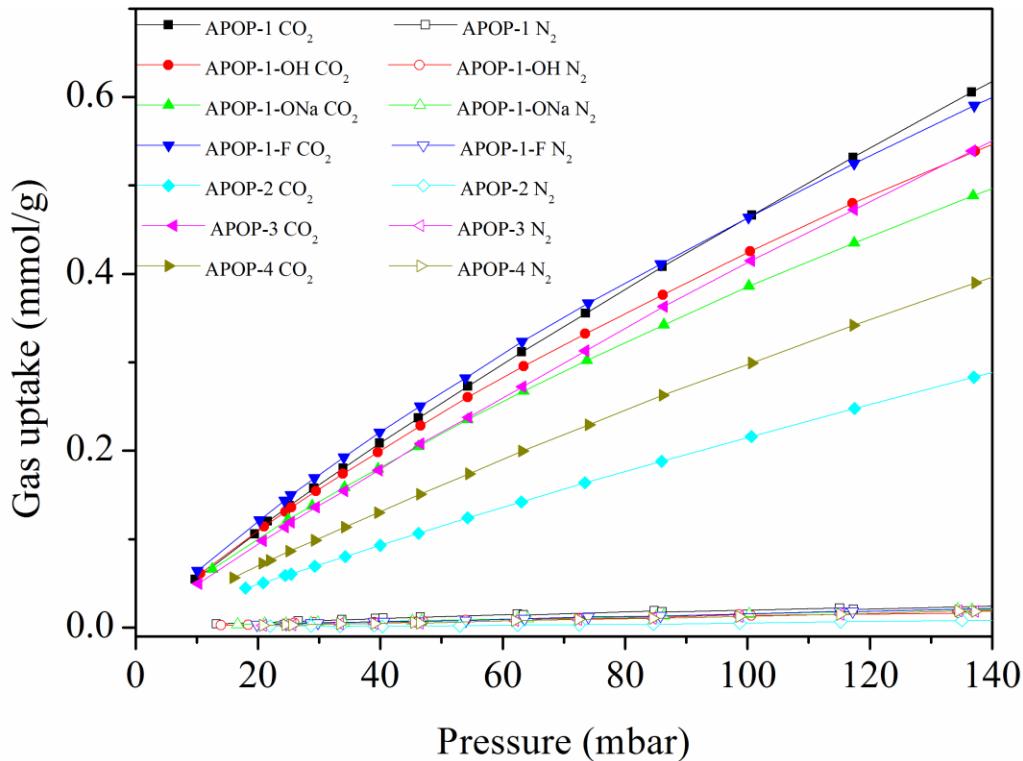
**Fig. S11** The size distribution of APOP-1 (black), APOP-1-OH (red), APOP-1-ONa (green), APOP-1-F (blue), APOP-2 (cyan), APOP-3 (magenta) and APOP-4 (dark yellow).



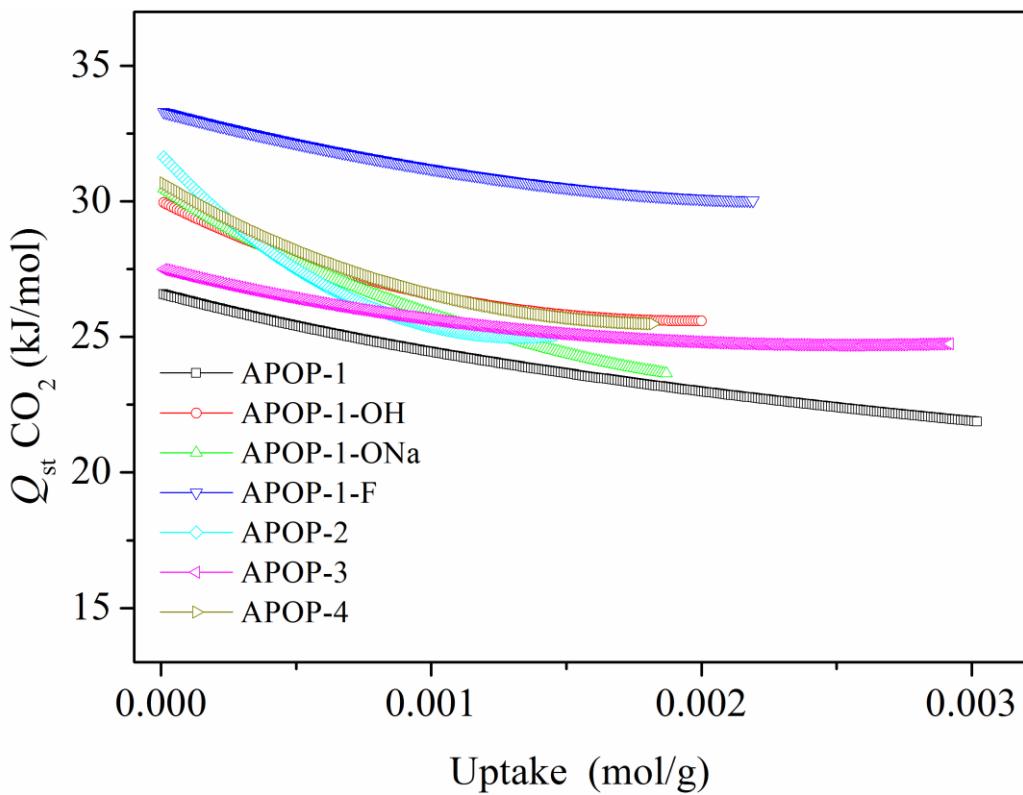
**Fig. S12** CO<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherms of the APOPs at 298 K.



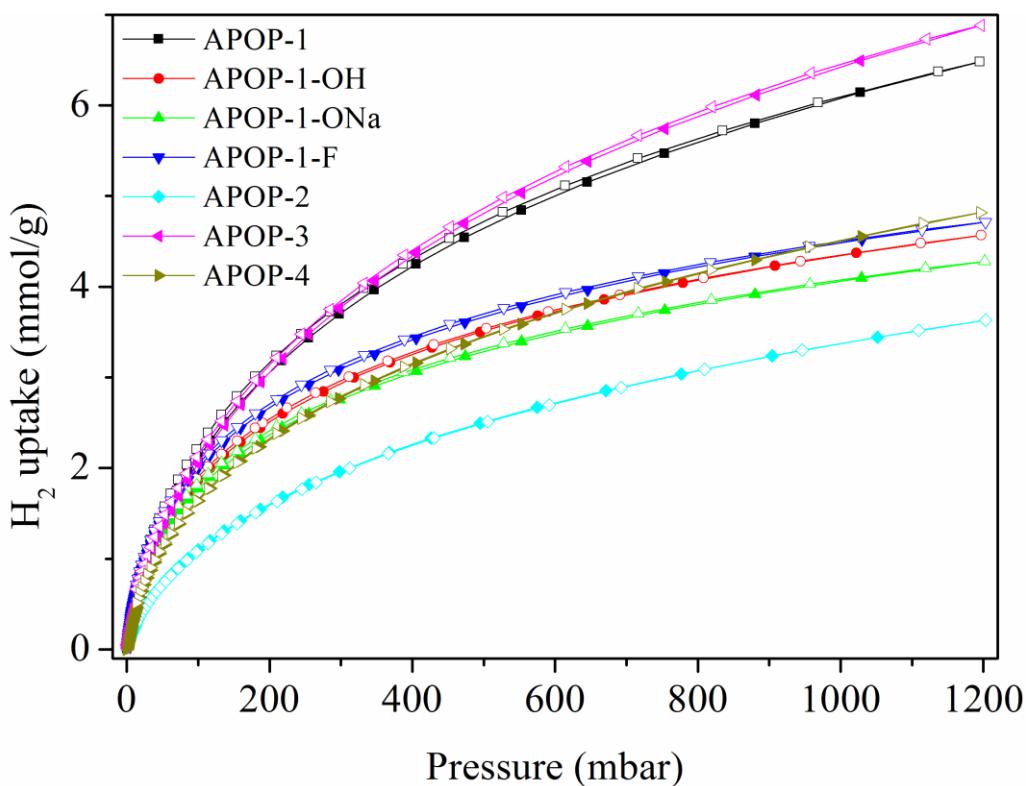
**Fig. S13** CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherms at 273 K for the APOPs at a low-pressure range.



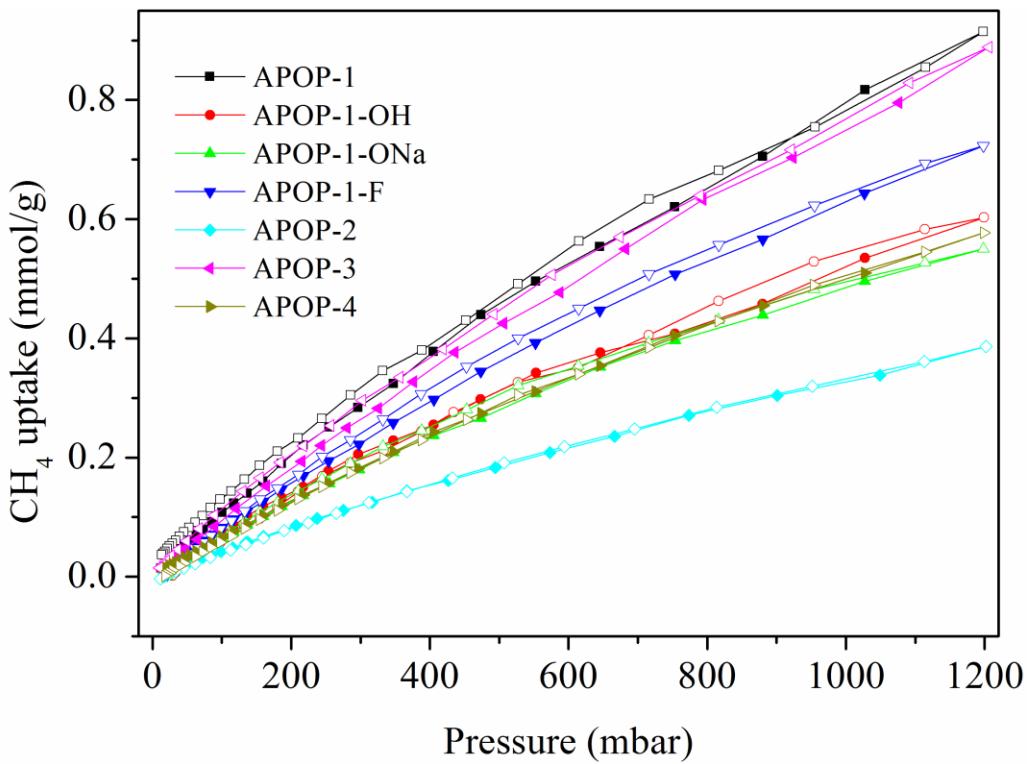
**Fig. S14**  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption isotherms at 298 K for the APOPs at a low-pressure range.



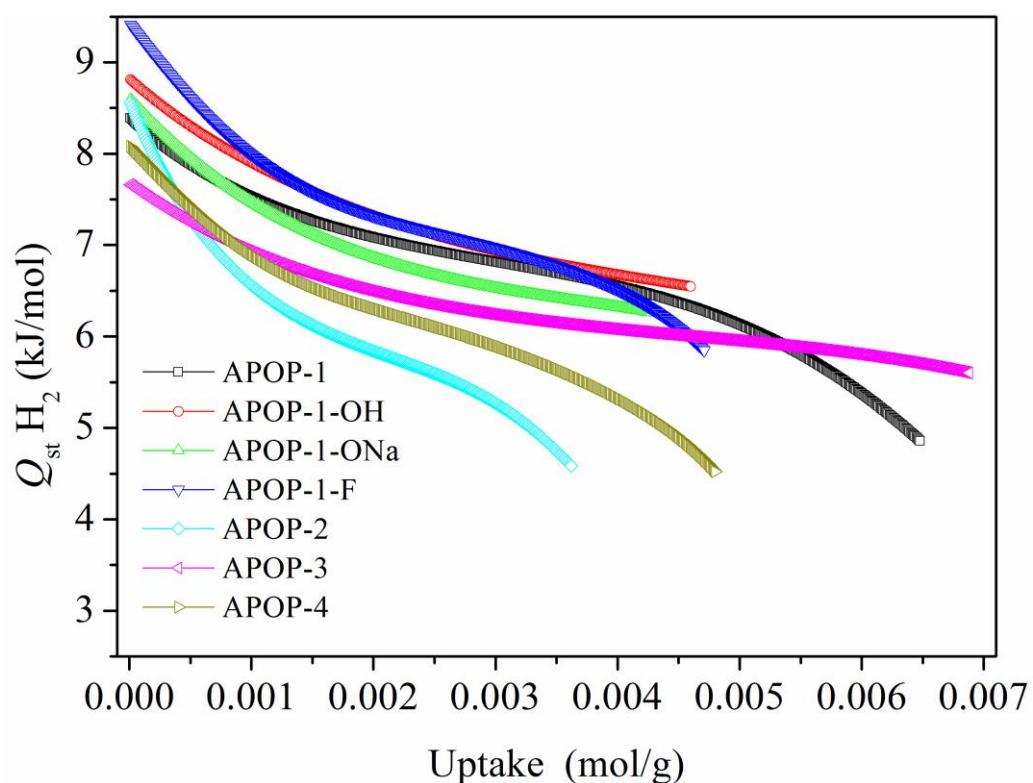
**Fig. S15** Calculated  $Q_{\text{st}}$  for the APOPs as a function of the uptake of  $\text{CO}_2$ .



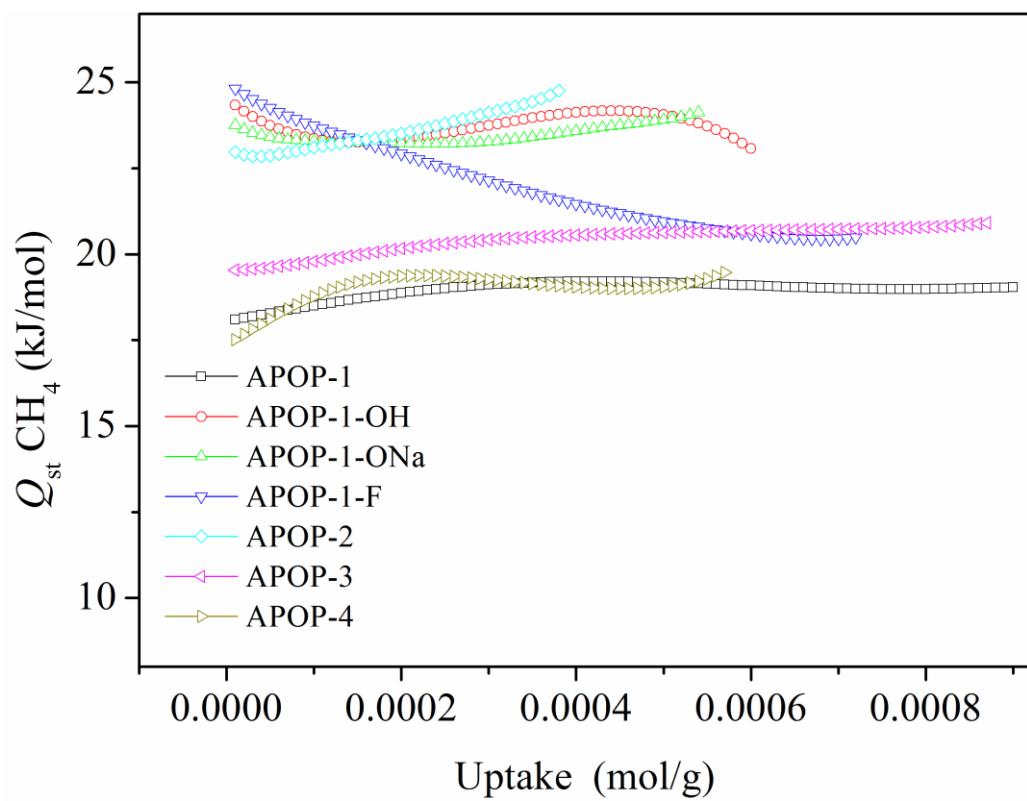
**Fig. S16**  $H_2$  sorption isotherms of the APOPs at 87 K.



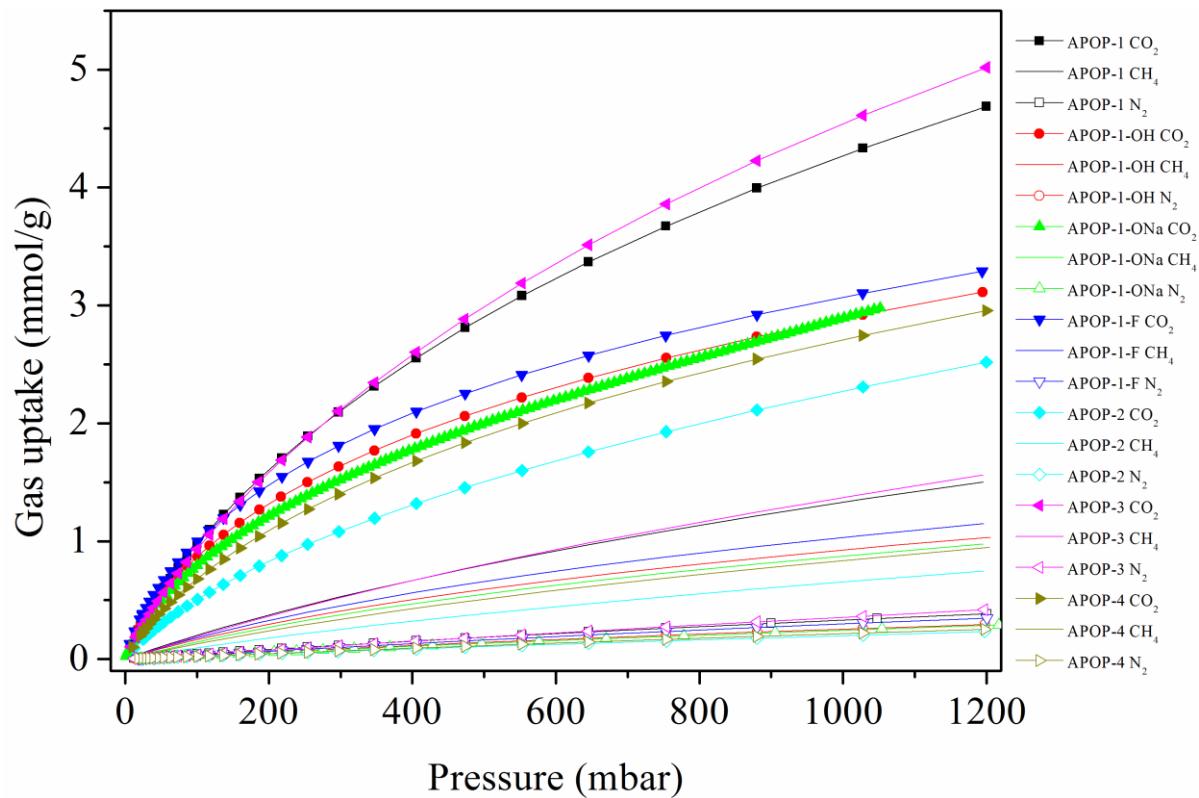
**Fig. S17**  $CH_4$  sorption isotherms of the APOPs at 298 K.



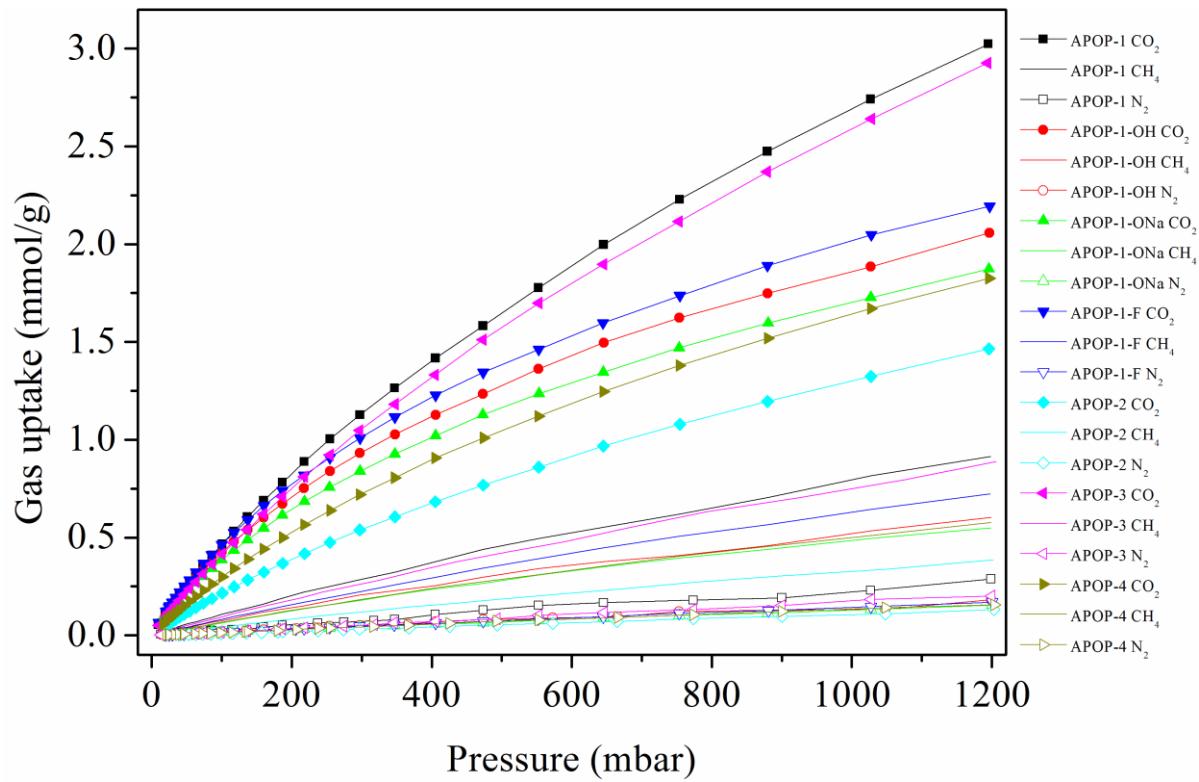
**Fig. S18** Calculated  $Q_{st}$  for the APOPs as a function of the uptake of  $H_2$ .



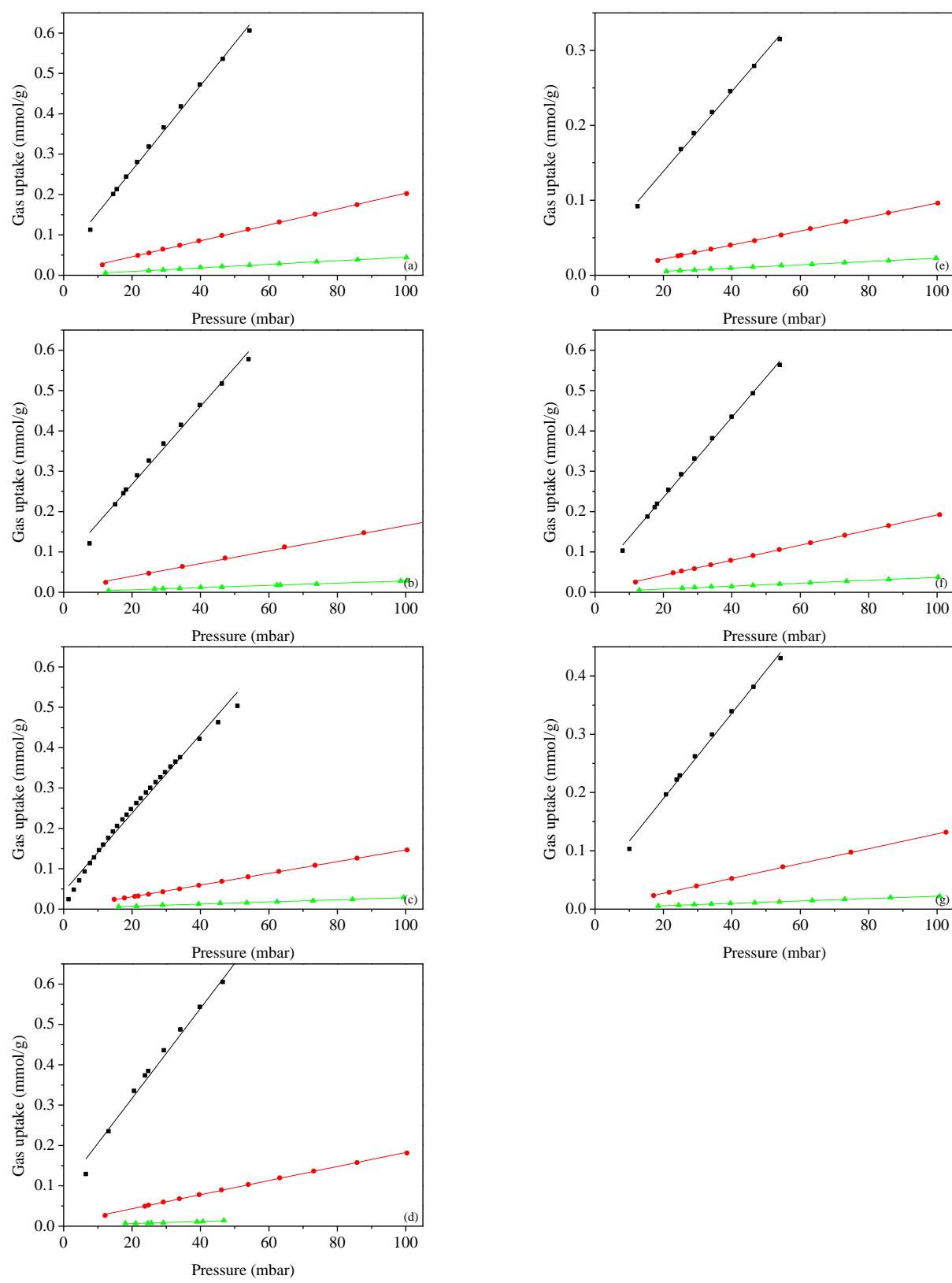
**Fig. S19** Calculated  $Q_{st}$  for the APOPs as a function of the uptake of  $CH_4$ .



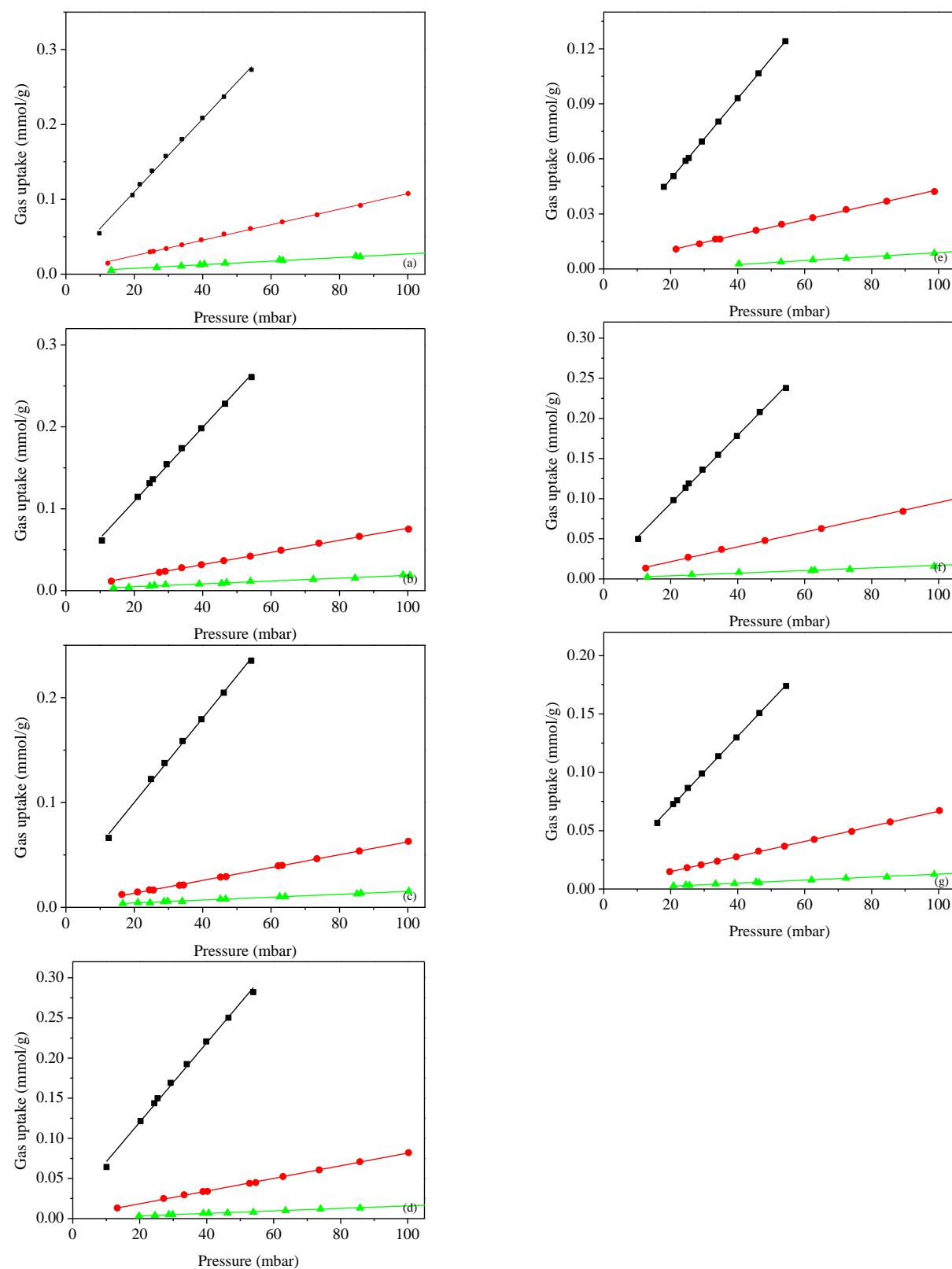
**Fig. S20** CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherms of the APOPs at 273 K.



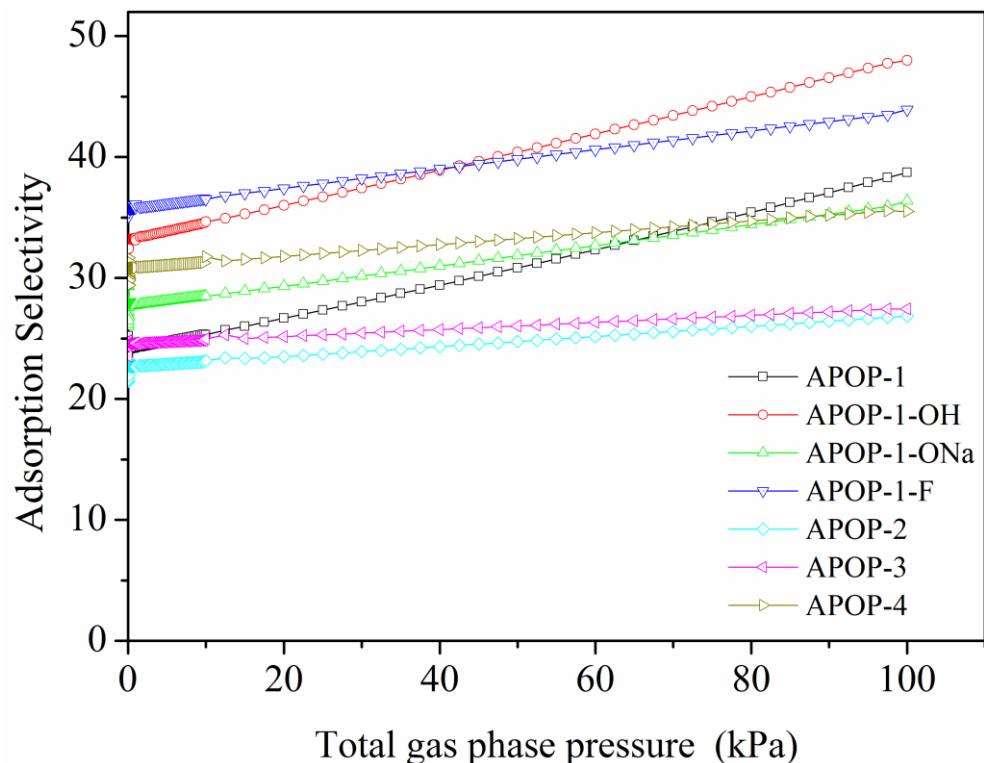
**Fig. S21** CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherms of the APOPs at 298 K.



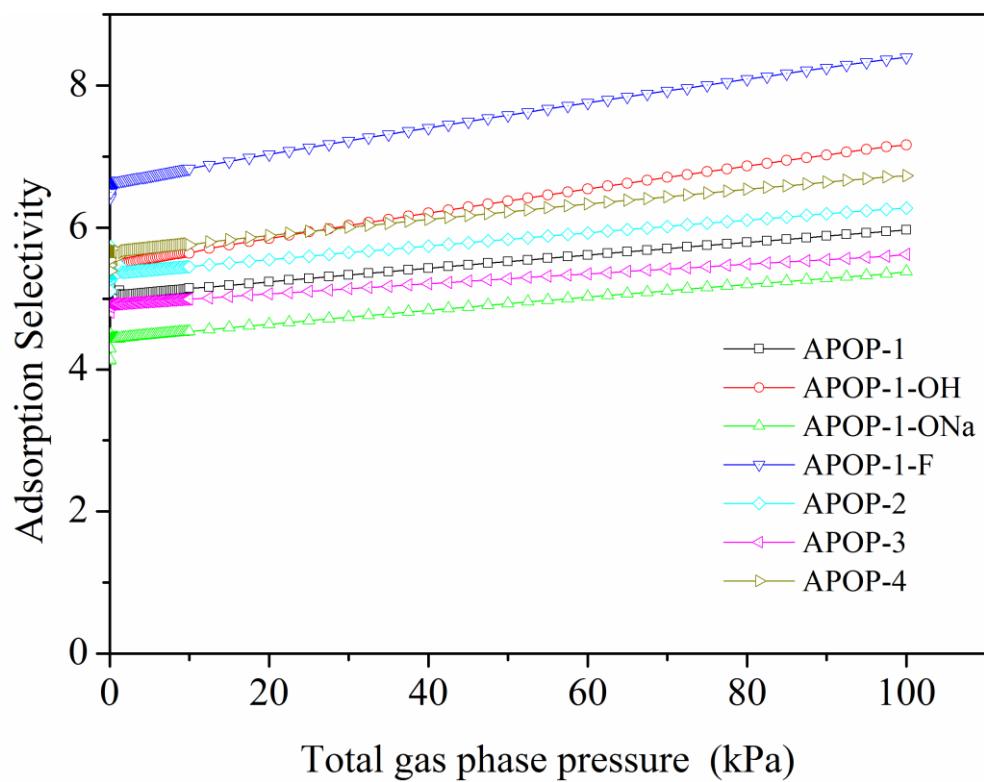
**Fig. S22** The initial slope of the adsorption isotherms of CO<sub>2</sub> (black), CH<sub>4</sub> (red), and N<sub>2</sub> (Green) at 273 K: APOP-1(a), APOP-1-OH (b), APOP-1-ONa (c), APOP-1-F (d), APOP-2 (e), APOP-3 (f), and APOP-4 (g).



**Fig. S23** The initial slope of the adsorption isotherms of  $\text{CO}_2$  (black),  $\text{CH}_4$  (red), and  $\text{N}_2$  (Green) at 298 K: APOP-1(a), APOP-1-OH (b), APOP-1-ONa (c), APOP-1-F (d), APOP-2 (e), APOP-3 (f), and APOP-4 (g).



**Fig. S24** IAST predicted 15%  $\text{CO}_2$  over 85%  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption selectivities for the APOPs at 273 K.



**Fig. S25** IAST predicted 15%  $\text{CO}_2$  over 85%  $\text{CH}_4$  adsorption selectivities for the APOPs at 273 K.

**Table S1.** Summary of CO<sub>2</sub> uptake capacities at 273 K of the chemical functionalized POPs at low pressure.

Porous materials	S <sub>BET</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	CO <sub>2</sub> uptake at 0.15 bar (mmol/g)	CO <sub>2</sub> uptake at 1.0 bar (mmol/g)	Q <sub>st</sub> (kJ/mol)	Polar sites	Ref.
APOP-1	1298	1.31	4.26	26.6	aminal	This work
APOP-1-OH	875	1.11	2.89	30.0	aminal	This work
APOP-1-ONa	760	1.02	2.89	30.6	aminal	This work
APOP-1-F	724	1.26	3.07	33.3	aminal	This work
APOP-2	906	0.68	2.27	31.7	aminal	This work
APOP-3	1402	1.27	4.54	27.5	aminal	This work
APOP-4	833	0.90	2.70	30.7	aminal	This work
TFM-1	738	0.55	1.73	27.8	s-triazine	S3
P6M	947	0.63	4.17	-	s-triazine	S4
CE-1	960	0.85	2.52	39.7	s-triazine	S5
Ni-Por-1	1711	-	3.13	-	porphyrin	S6
Fe-POP-1	875	1.49	4.30	-	porphyrin	S7
CPOP-1	2220	1.22	4.82	27	carbazole	S8
Th-1	726	0.90	2.89	27	thiophene	S9
BILP-1	1172	1.63	4.27	26.7	benzimidazole	S10
BILP-4	1306	1.99	5.34	28.7	benzimidazole	S11
PECONF-3	851	1.43	3.49	26	DAB	S12
HCP 4	1642	-	3.91	21.6	-	S13
MOP-C	1237	1.34	3.86	33.7	triazole	S14
Tet4	1917	-	3.03	-	alkyne	S15
POF1B	917	1.78	4.09	-	-OH	S16
BINOL-4	1015	1.33	3.96	29.8	-OH	S17
PPN-6-SO <sub>3</sub> Li	1186	2.02	4.20	35.7	-SO <sub>3</sub> Li	S18
PAF-1-450	1191	1.47	4.46	31.6	carbonization	S19
PPN-6-CH <sub>2</sub> DETA	555	4.06	5.27	56	-CH <sub>2</sub> DETA	S20
PAF-1	5600	0.3	2.05	15.6	-	S21
PAF-3	2932	0.58	3.47	19.2	-	S21
COF-102	3620	-	1.56	-	-	S22
COF-103	3530	-	1.70	-	-	S22

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