

# Catalytic Non-redox Carbon Dioxide Fixation in Cyclic Carbonates

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### Introduction

#### **Accelerated Warming**



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### Non-redox CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization



### State of the Art in Heterogeneous Catalyst

#### **Current Heterogeneous System**

- ✤ Low Reactivity, Selectivity
- Deactivation





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**Nanoporous NHC** 

Chem. Mater. 2015, 27, 19, 6818-6826



Imidazole-MOF

Chem. Commun., 2018, 54, 342

### **Novel Imidazolinium-based COP-222**

Imidazolinium-based Covalent Organic Polymer (COP)-222



Figure 1. Synthesis and imidazolinium characterization of COP-222 (A) One-step, one-pot synthesis from commercially available substrates. (B) Elemental analysis (C,N,H,O) with expected imidazolinium structure (C) Experimental <sup>13</sup>C-NMR. (D) <sup>15</sup>N-NMR with <sup>15</sup>N-enriched COP-222. (E) XPS (N-1s) data.

### **Physicochemical Property of COP-222**

#### XRD, SEM, BET, CO<sub>2</sub> Isotherm, and TPD Analysis



Figure 2. Physicochemical characterization of COP-222 (A) XRD pattern reflects amorphous nature. (B)  $N_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherm at 77K indicates non-porous architecture. Inset displays scanning electron microscopy image of COP-222 (C) CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherm at different temperature: 273, 298, and 323K. (D) Isosteric heat of adsorption ( $Q_{st}$ ) data of COP-222 using Clausius-Clapeyron equation. Temperature programmed desorption profiles of COP-222 (E) CO<sub>2</sub>-TPD curve (F) NH<sub>3</sub>-TPD curve.

### **Optimization of Catalytic Activity**

#### Cycloaddition Reaction of CO<sub>2</sub> with Epoxides



Figure 3. Optimization of catalyst activity (A) Cycloaddition of CO<sub>2</sub> to epichlorohydrin was used to optimize catalytic activity. (B) Screening of catalyst loading. (C) Screening of temperature.(D) Conversion with respect to time. (E) Screening of control structures for the cycloaddition reaction. Reaction conditions: catalyst, epichlorohydrin (5mmol), and CO<sub>2</sub> (1atm).Conversions were determined by using <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

### **Substrate Scope and Recyclability**



Figure 4. (A) Cycloaddition reaction of CO<sub>2</sub> with various epoxides catalyzed by COP-222. Conversion yields for the corresponding catalytic reactions are given in percentages. The selectivities are reported in parentheses (B) Recyclability of COP-222 for 15 cycles. Each cycle was set up using the recovered catalyst and epichlorohydrine. <sup>a</sup>Reaction conditions: substrate (5 mmol), COP-222 (30 mg), CO<sub>2</sub> (1atm) and temperature (100°C). <sup>b</sup>Determined by using 1H-NMR.

### **ND-ERO Reaction Mechanism**

#### Nucleophillic attack-driven Epoxide Ring Opening (ND-ERO) Mechanism



Figure 5. The Nucleophilic Attack-Driven Epoxide Ring Opening (ND-ERO) Reaction Mechanism Reaction mechanism for the COP-222 catalyst derived from quantum mechanics, including free energy reaction barriers.

### **Scalability and Cost**

#### **Bench-scale Testing (1.5L)**





141\$ / kg

Figure 6. Scale-up for COP-222 synthesis with terephthalaldehyde (200g) and ammonium chloride (320g) in dimethylformamide (1.5L)

### Conclusions

The imidazolinium catalyst that we developed herein addresses all 7 qualities and offers rapid implementation for CO<sub>2</sub> reclamation.

(1) be **free of metals**; (2) be **free of co-catalysts**; (3) be **free of high pressure** requirements; (4) provide **quantitative selectivity** to cyclic carbonate (5) provide a **wide substrate scope**, including very hard substrates; (6) provide **reusability**; and (7) be **inexpensive**.

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