

Supporting Information

Influence of phenolphthalein groups on the structure and properties of poly(arylene ether sulfone nitrile)s-based anion exchange membranes for fuel cells

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Fig. S1 ^1H NMR spectra of (a) oligomer-PF ($m=19$), (b) oligomer-IF ($m=17$), and (c) oligomer-OH ($n=22$).

Fig. S2 ^1H NMR spectra of (a) MPPESN and (b) MPESN.

Fig. S3 ^1H NMR spectra of (a) BrPPESN-2.87 and (b) BrPESN-2.92.

Fig. S4 ^1H NMR spectra of BrPPESN-x prepared with various molar ratios of NBS to MPPESN: (a) DF=0.94 ($n(\text{NBS})/n(-\text{CH}_3)=0.35$); (b) DF=1.91 ($n(\text{NBS})/n(-\text{CH}_3)=0.7$); (c) DF=2.87 ($n(\text{NBS})/n(-\text{CH}_3)=1.0$); (d) DF=3.36 ($n(\text{NBS})/n(-\text{CH}_3)=2.0$).

Fig. S5 ^1H NMR spectra of (a) ImPPESN-2.87 and (b) ImPESN-2.92.

Fig. S6 FT-IR spectra of ImPPESN-2.87 (a) before and (b) after the alkaline stability test, and of ImPESN-2.92 (c) before and (d) after the alkaline stability test.

Fig. S7 ^1H NMR spectra of ImPPESN-2.87 (a) before and (b) after the alkaline stability test.

Fig. S8 ^1H NMR spectra of ImPESN-2.92 (a) before and (b) after the alkaline stability test.

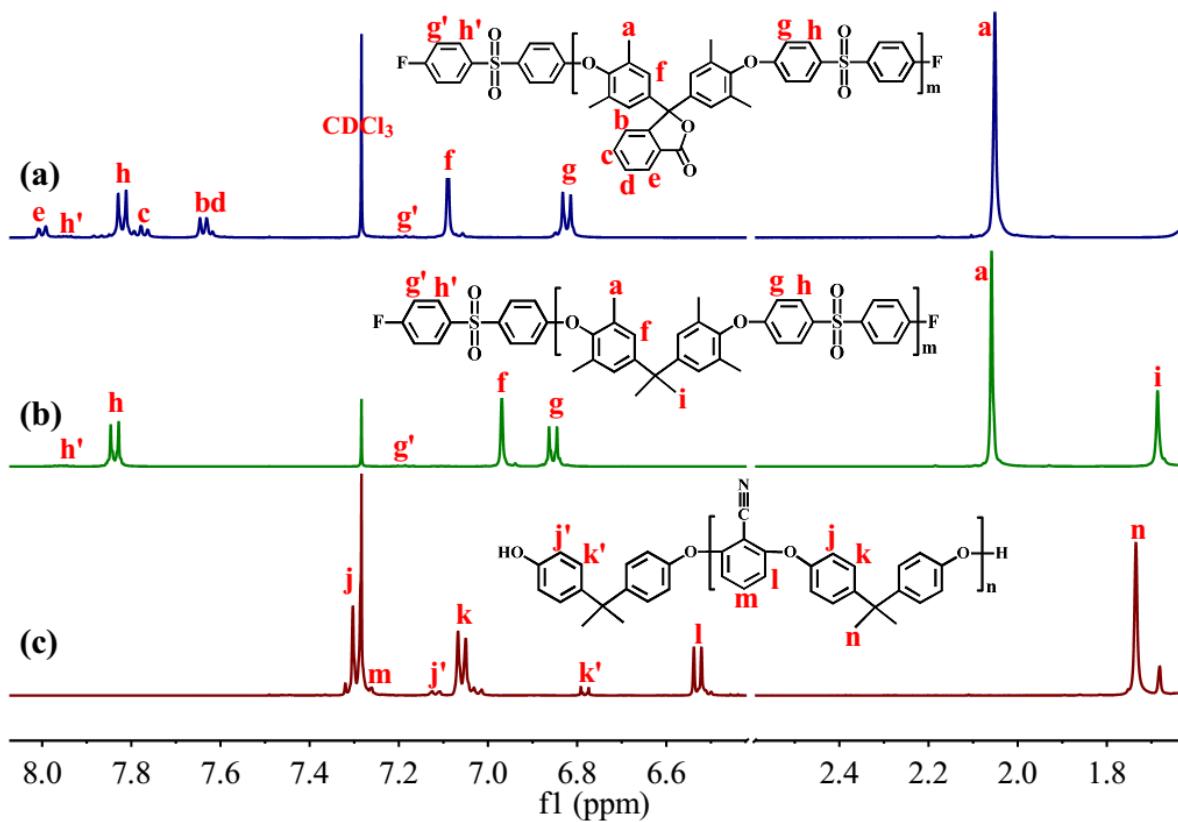


Fig. S1 ^1H NMR spectra of (a) oligomer-PF ($m=19$),¹ (b) oligomer-IF ($m=17$), and (c) oligomer-OH ($n=22$)¹.

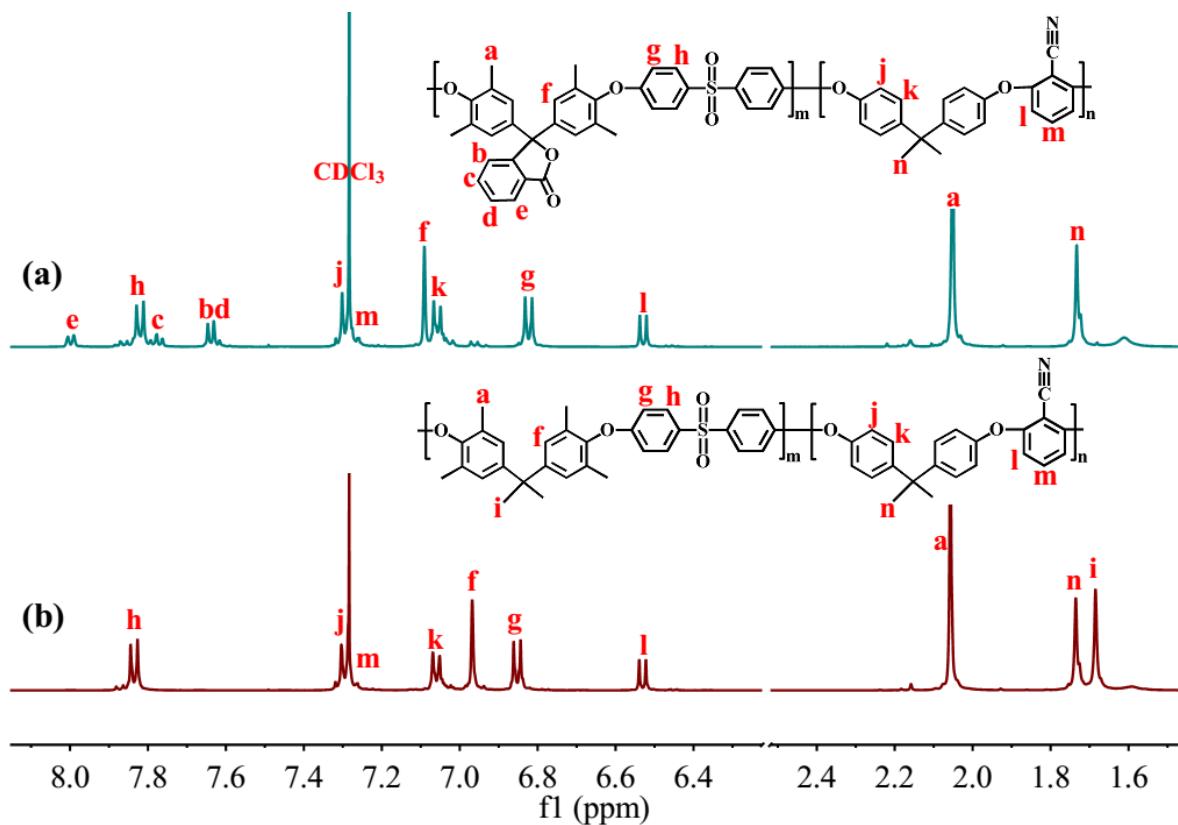


Fig. S2 ^1H NMR spectra of (a) MPPESN¹ and (b) MPESN.

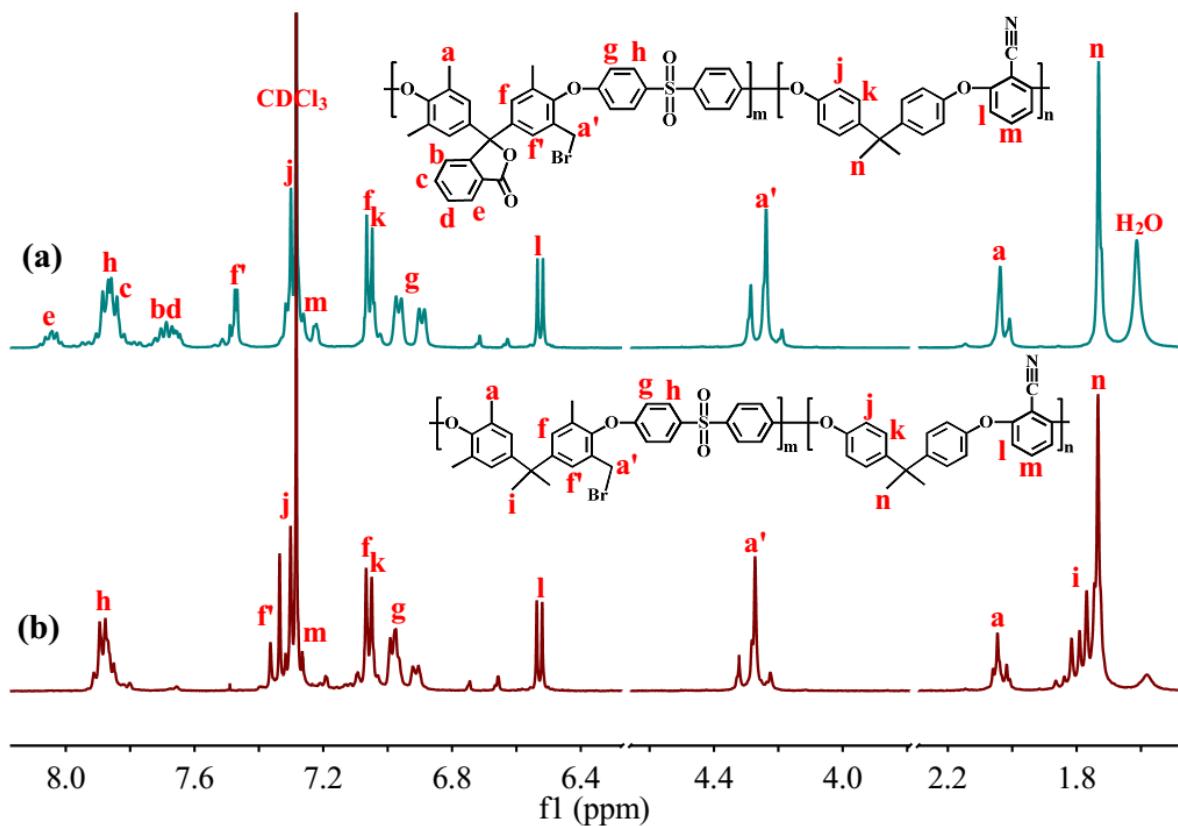


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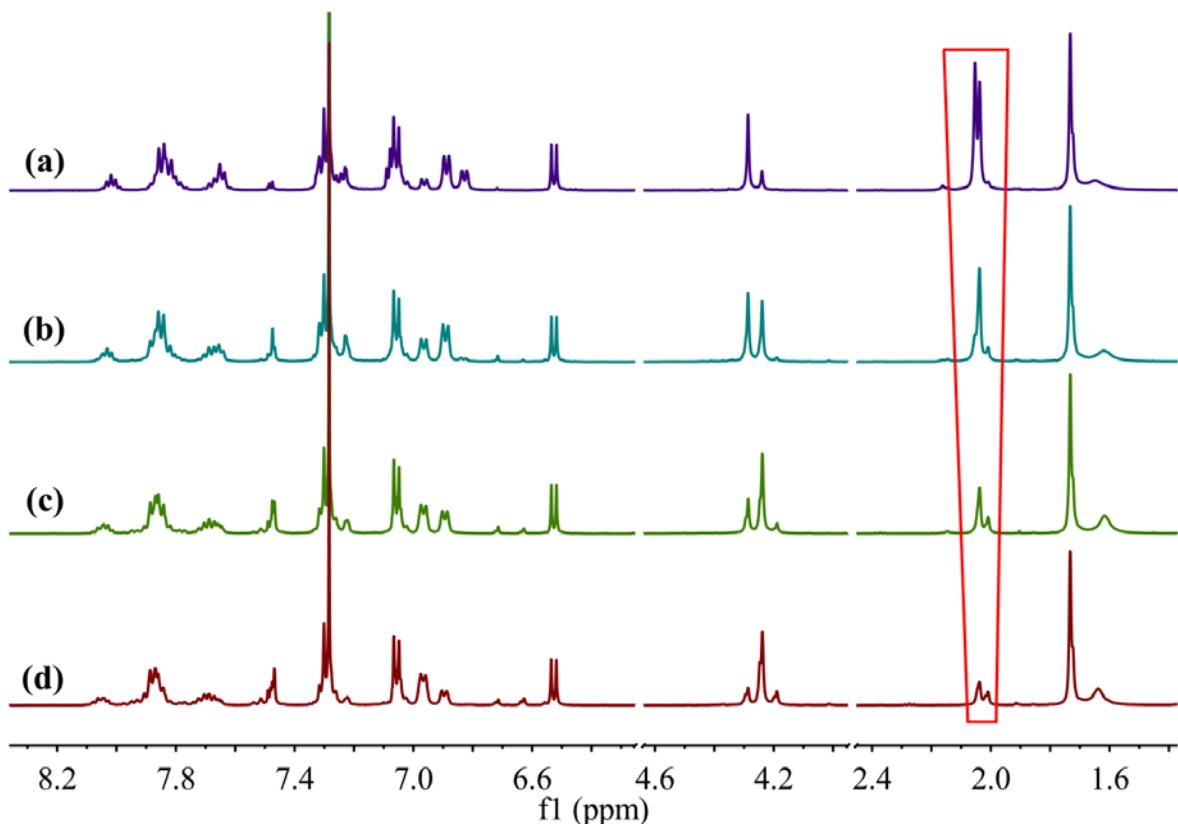
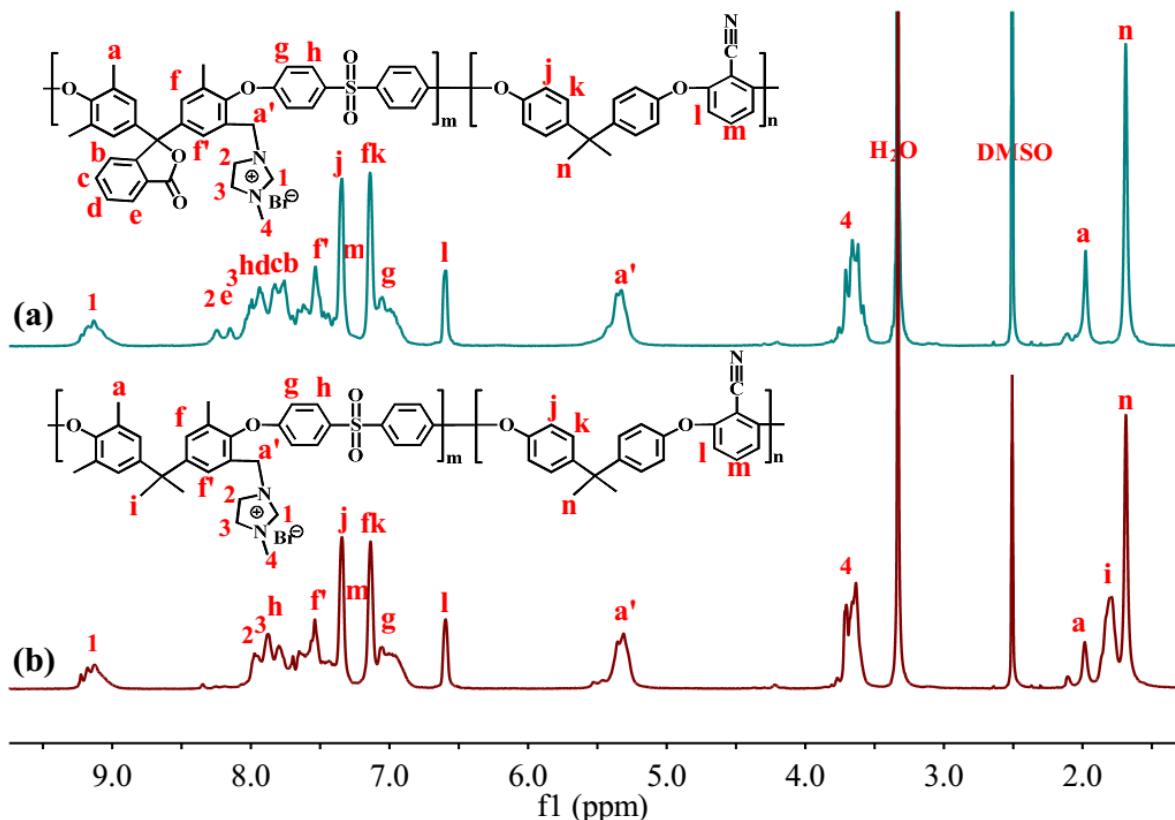


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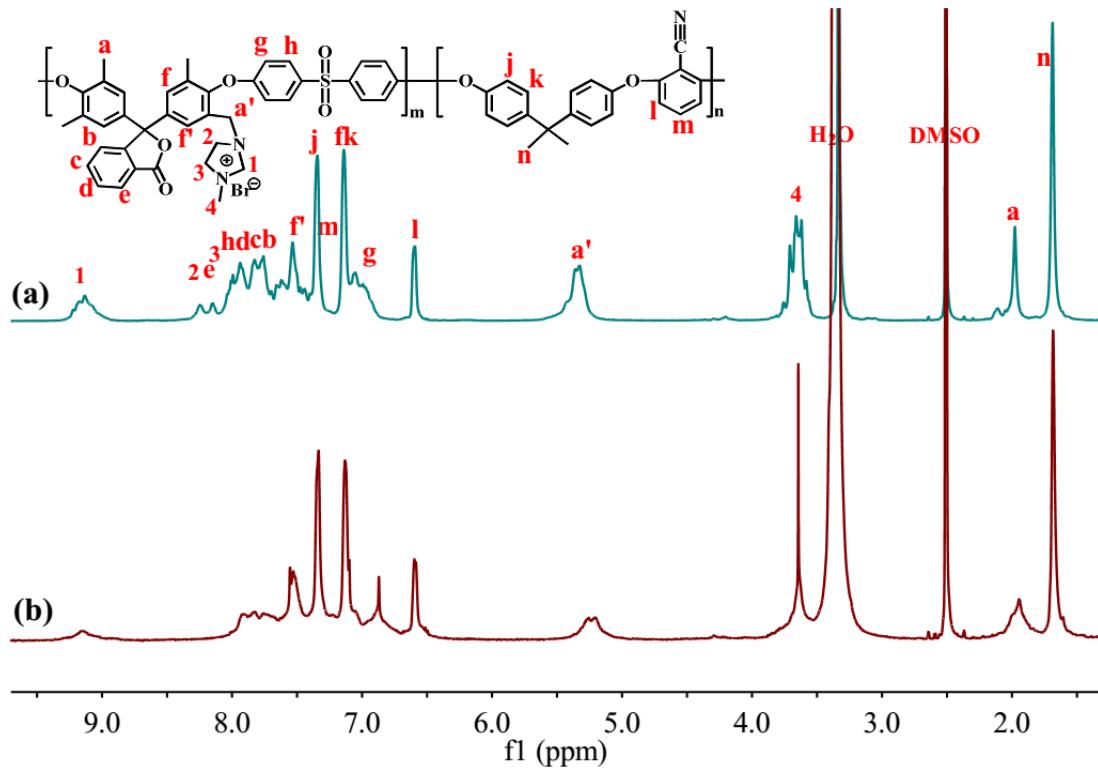


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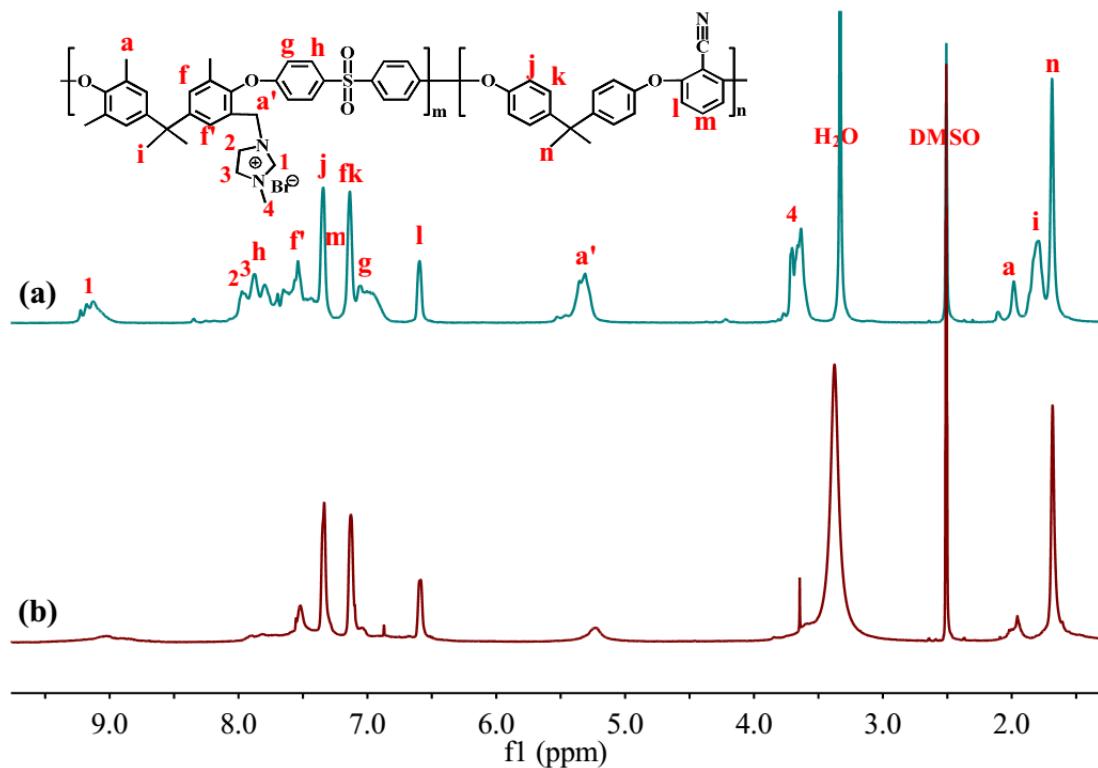


Fig. S8 ¹H NMR spectra of ImPESN-2.92 (a) before and (b) after the alkaline stability test.

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