

Supporting Information

Lanthanide Metal-Organic Frameworks for the Fixation of CO₂ Under Aqueous-rich and Mixed-gas Conditions

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S1. Experimental

S1.1. Materials

All materials and chemicals used are detailed in this section. Propylene oxide (PO) ($\geq 99\%$), 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) (99.5%), tetramethylammonium bromide (98%), 1,2,4,5-tetrakis(4-carboxyphenyl)benzene (H_4TCPB) ($\geq 97\%$), cerium(III) nitrate hexahydrate (99%), neodymium(III) nitrate hexahydrate (99%), samarium(III) nitrate hexahydrate (99%), europium(III) nitrate hexahydrate (99%), terbium(III) nitrate hexahydrate (99%), dysprosium(III) nitrate hexahydrate (99%), ethanol (EtOH) (99.5%) and acetone were purchased from Sigma Aldrich. CO_2 , CO_2/CH_4 and CO_2/N_2 mixed gases ($\geq 99.99\%$) were supplied commercially by Airgas. All the above chemicals were used without further purification.

S1.2. Synthetic Protocols

S1.2.1. Synthesis of $Ln^{III}HTCPB$ MOF

The metal-organic framework $[Ln(HTCPB)(H_2O)(EtOH)]$ -guests ($Ln = Ce, Nd, Sm, Eu, Tb, Dy$) was synthesized following the procedure described by Warren et al. H_4TCPB (10 mg), $Ln(NO_3)_3 \cdot 6H_2O$ (20 mg), EtOH (3 mL), and DI H_2O (3 mL) were added to a 3 dram borosilicate vial and sealed.¹ The mixture was sonicated for 15 min then vortexed for 15 seconds to form an inert suspension. The mixture was heated in a 120 °C oven at 2.0 °C min^{-1} for 48 h and then cooled from 120 °C at 0.2 °C min^{-1} to room temperature. The resulting beige-white crystals were harvested by vacuum filtration and purified with a double treatment of EtOH followed by a double treatment of DI H_2O . The as-synthesized $[Ln(HTCPB)(H_2O)(EtOH)]$ -guests was dried and activated under vacuum at 100 °C for 12 h to remove guest molecules to give rise to $[Ln(HTCPB)]$ at 60-97% yield.

S1.3. Characterization Protocols

S1.3.1. Thermogravimetric Analysis

TGA was performed using a standard TG-DTA analyzer from Hiden Analytical. Each $[Ln(HTCPB)]$ MOF was analyzed as-synthesized to evaluate thermal stability. Analysis was performed from 20 °C to 600 °C at a 5 °C min^{-1} ramp under 100 ml min^{-1} airflow.

S1.3.2. Powder X-Ray Diffraction

Phase purity and crystallinity of the [Ln(HTCPB)] were confirmed by PXRD in a Rigaku Miniflex 600 diffractometer (monochromated Cu K α radiation, $\lambda = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$). The samples were collected for 2θ range of 3 – 35 degrees at a scan rate of 0.075 degrees min^{-1} with 0.02 degree step size at ambient conditions. All collected diffraction patterns (Figures S2a-2f) were compared to calculated peaks for [Ce(HTCPB)] generated from known crystallography data. The relatively similar peaks obtained from the synthesized material confirmed the successful synthesis of the MOFs.

S1.3.3. Elemental Analysis

Elemental analysis was performed on the activated [Ln(HTCPB)]. All measurements were performed at ambient conditions and the results have been detailed in Table S1.

S1.3.4. Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy

All FT-IR measurements were performed for each [Ln(HTCPB)] on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum Two Spectrometer equipped with a LiTaO₃ MIR detector. The coordination of the carboxylate groups of H₄TCPB with the Ln atoms causes electron delocalization via hyperconjugation resulting in red shifting. The obtained spectra of the MOFs were compared to that of H₄TCPB to confirm ligand and metal ion incorporation into the framework by a red shift.

S1.3.5. Gas Sorption Measurements

N₂ sorption isotherms on [Ce(HTCPB)] were collected using a 3FLEX Adsorption Analyzer from Micrometrics. A ~50 mg sample of [Ce(HTCPB)] was outgassed at 140 °C overnight. For Brunauer-Emmett-Teller (BET) area measurements, the measured sample was chilled to 77 K in a Dewar vessel containing liquid nitrogen then had uptake measurements to an absolute pressure of 1 atm. [Ce(HTCPB)] showed a BET area of 198 m² g⁻¹ which is consistent with values reported in literature.¹ CO₂ sorption isotherms were also collected to assess CO₂ uptake capacity up to 760 mmHg absolute at room temperature. Samples for CO₂ isotherm adsorption measurements were prepared in the same way as for N₂ isotherms. For these measurements, the absolute uptake of CO₂ was determined for each material as detailed in Table S2.

S1.3.6. Variable-Gas TGA of Epoxide Loaded [Ce(HTCPB)]

To evaluate the effects of loading [Ce(HTCPB)] with propylene oxide, variable-gas TGA was performed in the presence of alternating cycles of N₂ and CO₂ atmospheres using a Labsys Evo TG DTA DSC instrument at 1 bar.

For the unloaded [Ce(HTCPB)], an alumina crucible was charged with 30 mg of crystalline powder of [Ce(HTCPB)] and loaded onto the TGA instrument. The sample was heated in the stream of N₂ flowing at 50 mL min⁻¹ to 150 °C at the rate of 10 °C min⁻¹, then kept at 150 °C for 60 min, cooled down to 25 °C at the rate of 5 °C min⁻¹, and kept at 25 °C for 30 min. The gas was switched to CO₂ flowing at 50 mL min⁻¹ for 60 min. Then, the gas was switched back to N₂, and the 25–150–25 °C temperature swing was repeated. The mass was recorded throughout the entire experiment and corrected for gas buoyancy using the blank measurement. The CO₂ uptake capacity was calculated assuming that the mass just before switching gas to CO₂ corresponds to the fully activated material, while the subsequent increase of mass is only due to CO₂ adsorption.

For the propylene oxide-loaded [Ce(HTCPB)], in order not to remove the propylene oxide from within the pores of the material, the CO₂ working capacity measurement was performed isothermally at 25 °C. The sample was first stabilized in the stream of N₂ (50 mL min⁻¹) for 30 min, then exposed to CO₂ (50 mL min⁻¹) for 60 min, and finally back to N₂ (50 mL min⁻¹) for 90 min. The CO₂ working capacity was calculated analogously to that of [Ce(HTCPB)].

The [Ce(HTCPB)] showed a CO₂ uptake capacity of 1.4 mmol g⁻¹ which is consistent with the in-house measurements shown in [Table S2](#). Upon loading with propylene oxide, the uptake capacity decreased to 0.32 mmol g⁻¹. While the binding of epoxide to the Ce^{III} active sites reduces the accessible pore volume by 77%, there is still accessible free volume for CO₂ to be captured within the pores. This means that interactions between captured CO₂ and bonded epoxides can occur within the pore channels of the [Ce(HTCPB)] and catalysis is possible.

S2. Characterization

S2.1. Thermogravimetric Analysis

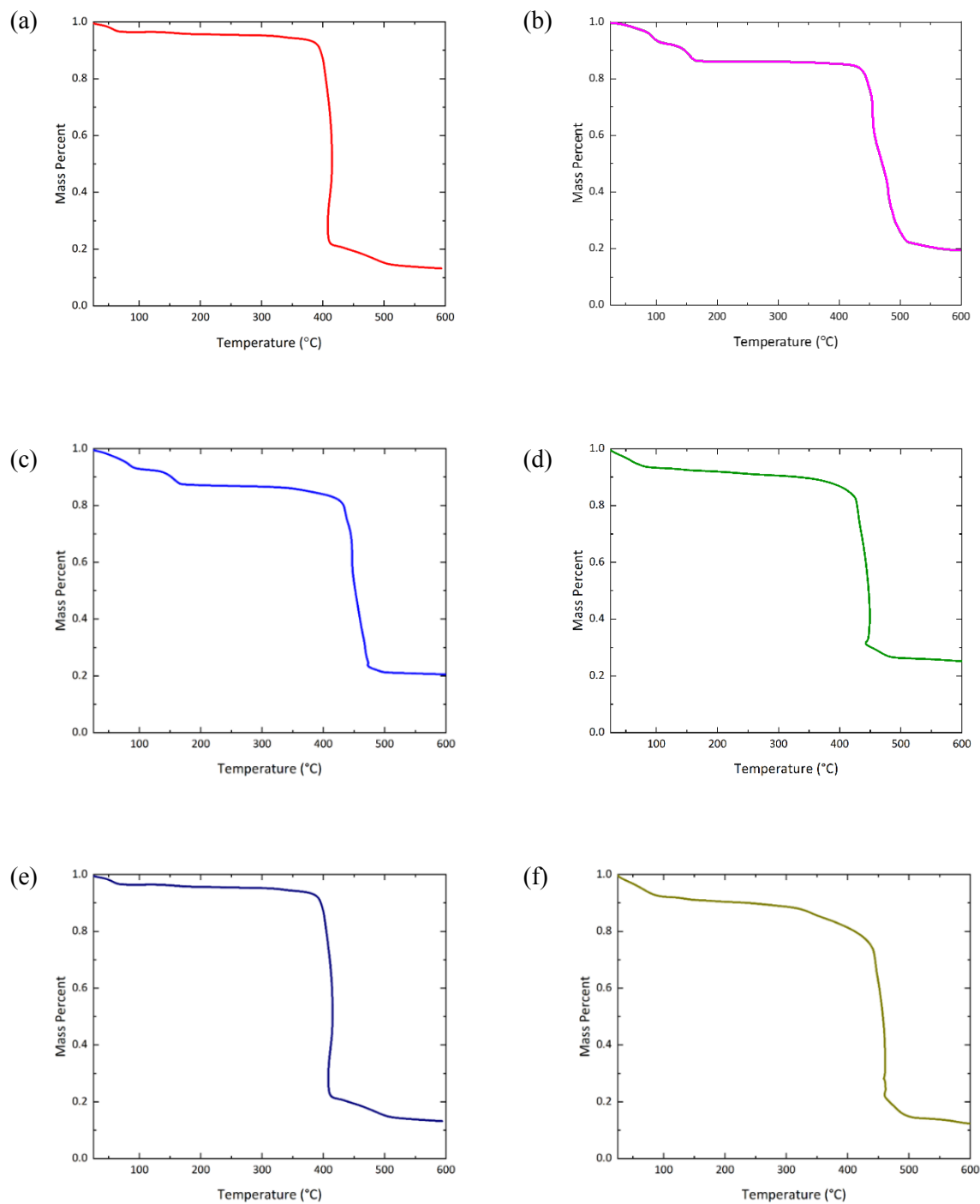


Figure S1a-f. TGA plots of Ln^{III}HTCPB (Ln = Ce (a), Nd (b), Sm (c), Eu (d), Tb (e), Dy (f)).

S2.2. Powder X-ray Diffraction

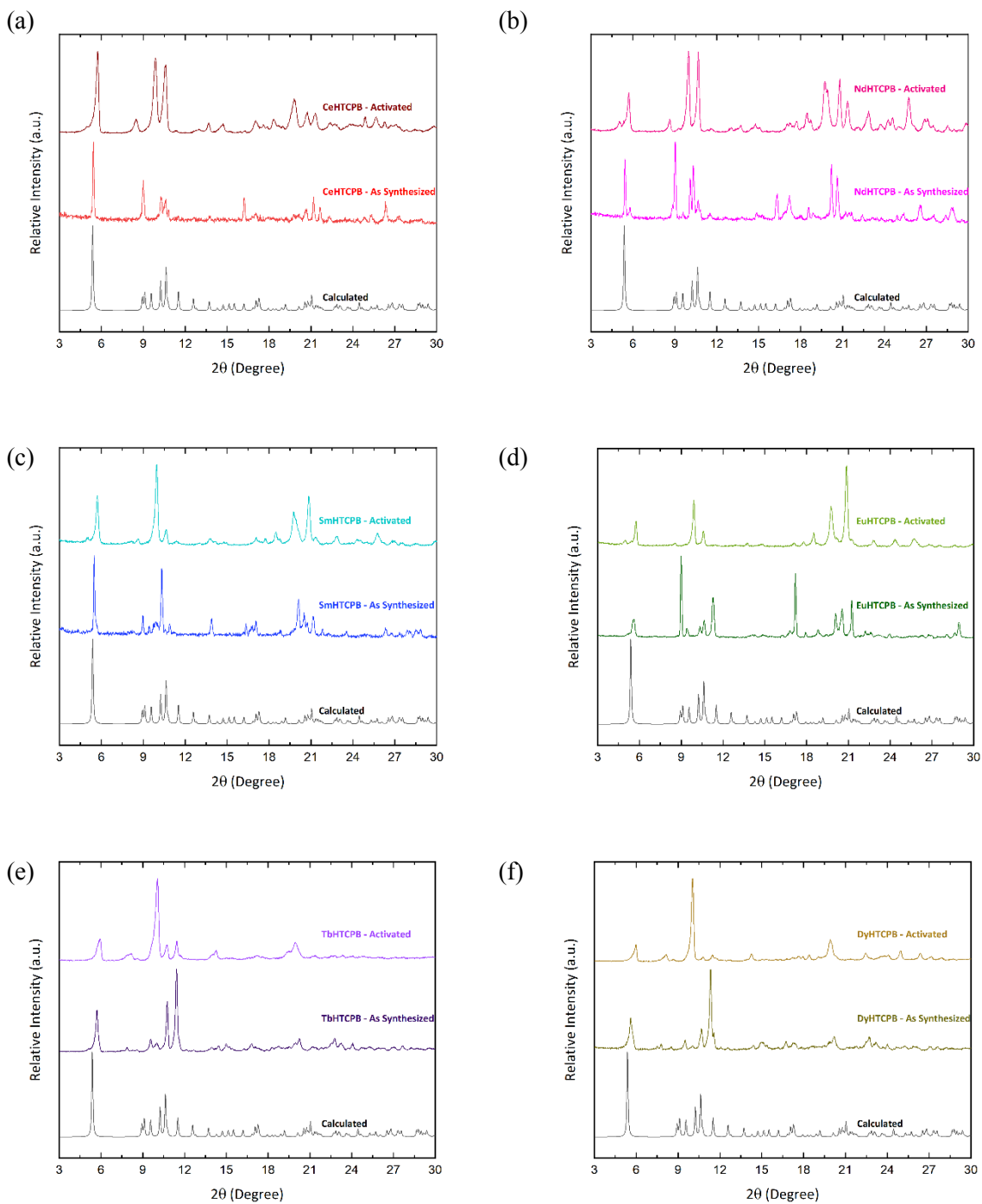


Figure S2a-f. PXRD plots of $\text{Ln}^{\text{III}}\text{HTCPB}$ ($\text{Ln} = \text{Ce}, \text{Nd}, \text{Sm}, \text{Eu}, \text{Tb}, \text{Dy}$) compared to calculated peaks from crystallography data. Activated material refers to material after CO_2 at 298 K sorption measurements.

S2.3. Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy

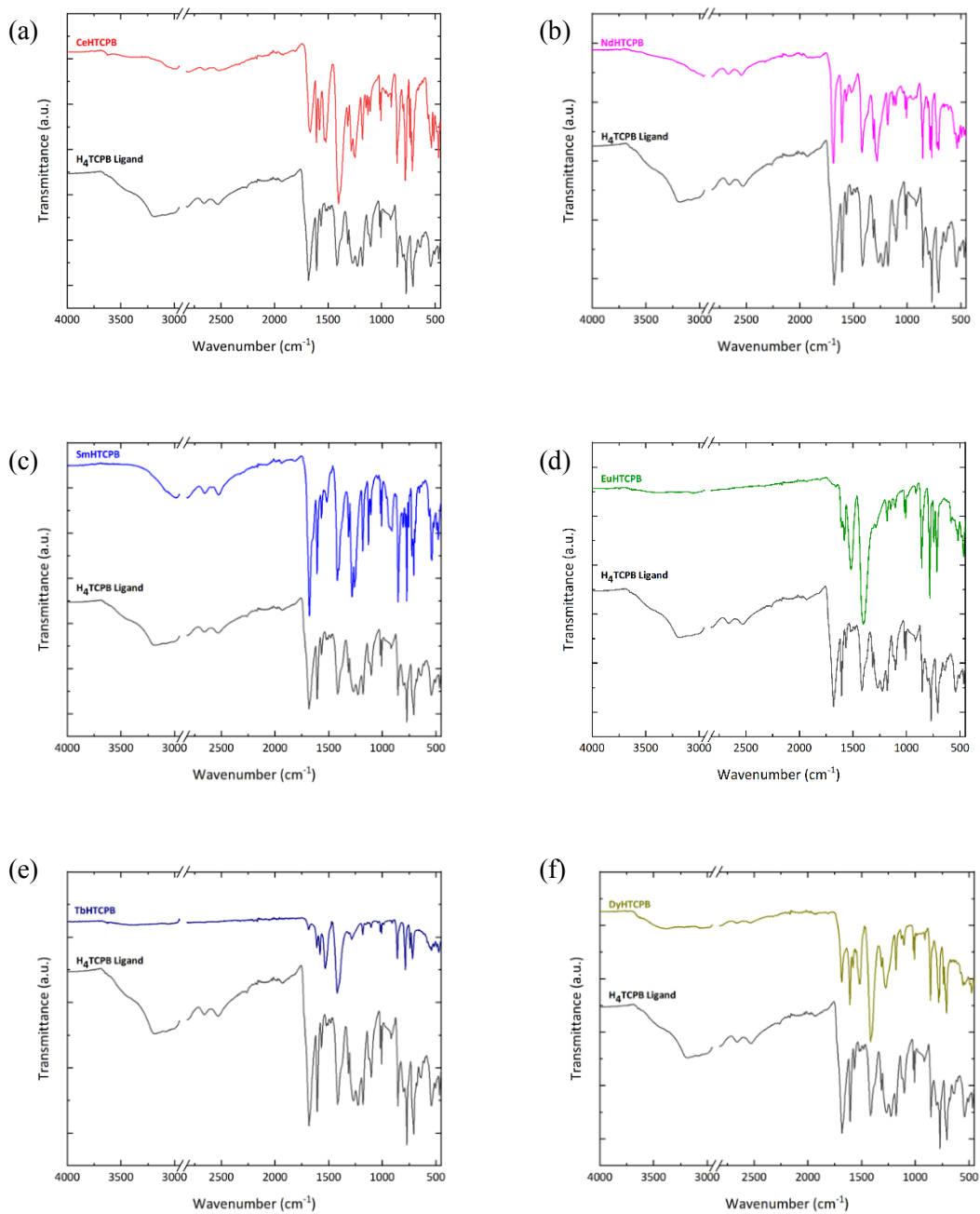


Figure S3a-f. FTIR plots of Ln^{III}HTCPB (Ln = Ce, Nd, Sm, Eu, Tb, Dy).

S2.4. Elemental Analysis

Table S1. Elemental analysis of [Ln(HTCPB)]. The water content in the samples prepared for CHN analysis most likely arises from adventitious contamination by atmospheric water incurred during analysis.

| Material | Formula | Elements | Theory | Found |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------|----------|--------|-------|
| Ce(HTCPB) | [Ce(HTCPB)]·(H ₂ O) _{1.0} | C | 57.22 | 57.18 |
| | | H | 2.97 | 3.01 |
| Nd(HTCPB) | [Nd(HTCPB)]·(H ₂ O) _{0.7} | C | 57.33 | 57.33 |
| | | H | 2.89 | 3.05 |
| Sm(HTCPB) | [Sm(HTCPB)]·(H ₂ O) _{0.3} | C | 57.41 | 57.33 |
| | | H | 2.78 | 2.89 |
| Eu(HTCPB) | [Eu(HTCPB)]·(H ₂ O) _{1.1} | C | 56.15 | 56.01 |
| | | H | 2.94 | 2.99 |
| Tb(HTCPB) | [Tb(HTCPB)]·(H ₂ O) _{1.4} | C | 55.21 | 55.01 |
| | | H | 2.97 | 2.98 |
| Dy(HTCPB) | [Dy(HTCPB)]·(H ₂ O) _{0.8} | C | 55.76 | 55.75 |
| | | H | 2.84 | 3.05 |

S2.5. CO₂ Adsorption Isotherms

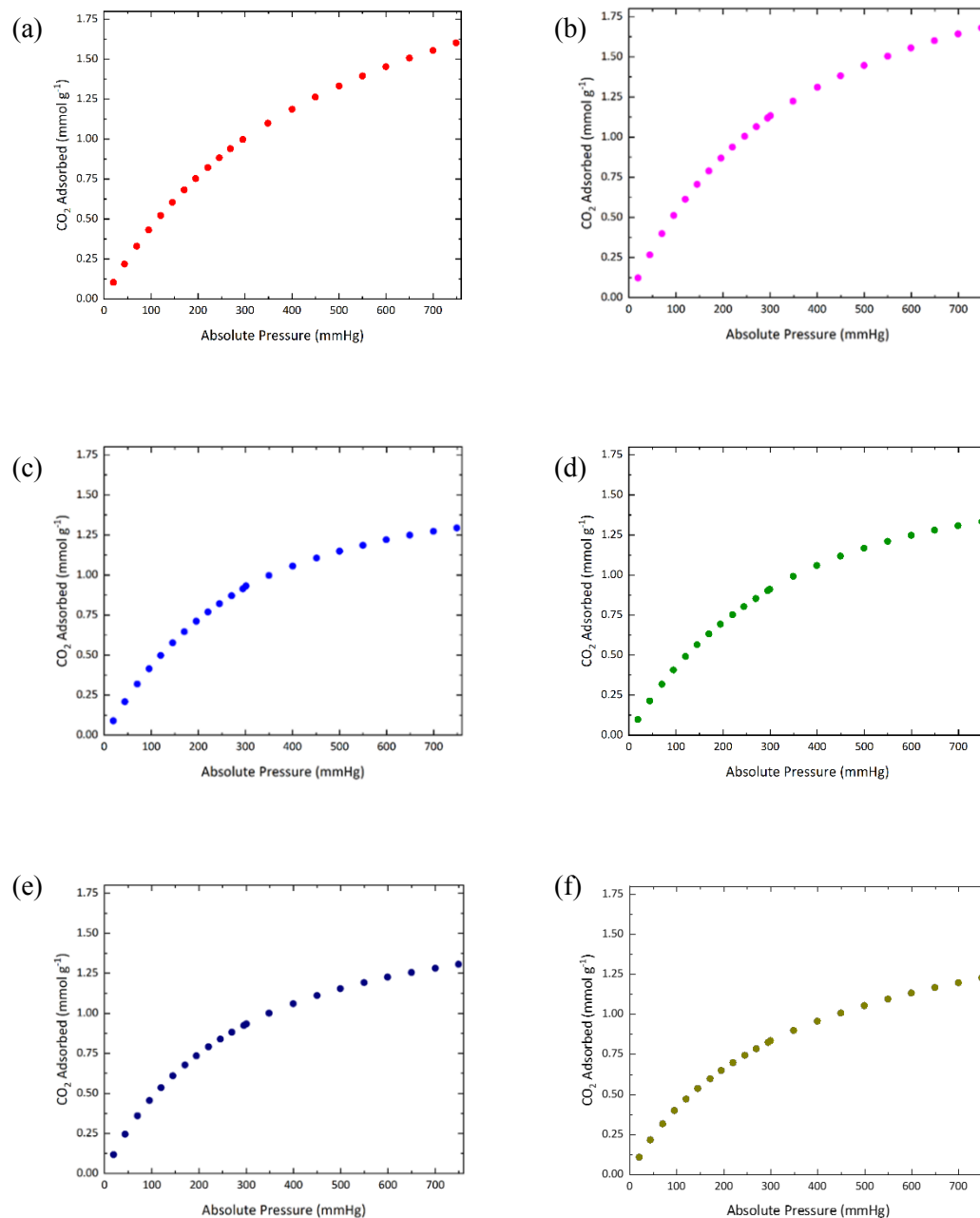


Figure S4a-f. CO₂ adsorption isotherm at 298 K plots for [Ln(HTCPB)] (Ln = Ce (a), Nd (b), Sm (c), Eu (d), Tb (e), Dy (f)).

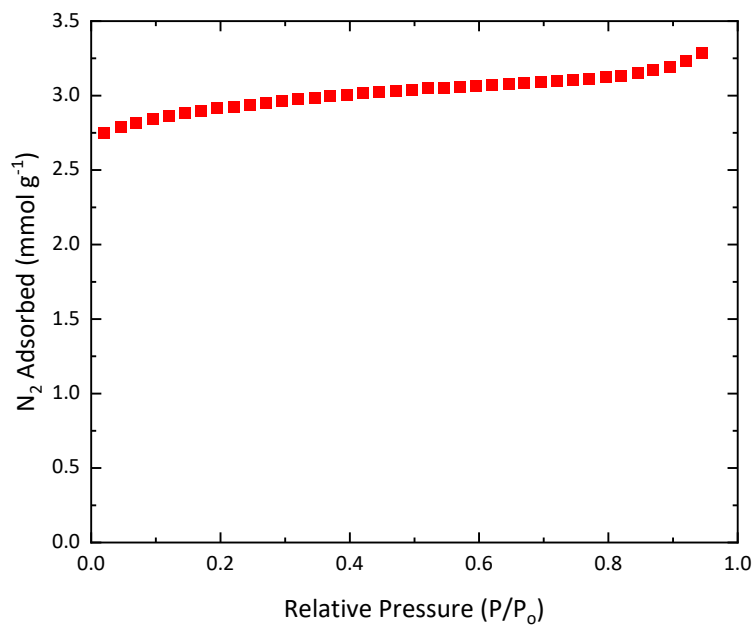


Figure S5. N₂ adsorption isotherm at 77 K plot for [Ce(HTCPB)].

Table S2. CO₂ uptake for each [Ln(HTCPB)] collected at 298 K and 760 mmHg.

| # | Ln | CO ₂ Uptake Capacity [mmol g ⁻¹] |
|----|----|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 58 | Ce | 1.60 |
| 60 | Nd | 1.68 |
| 62 | Sm | 1.29 |
| 63 | Eu | 1.33 |
| 65 | Tb | 1.31 |
| 66 | Dy | 1.24 |

S2.6. Variable-Gas TGA of Epoxide Loaded [Ce(HTCPB)(PO)]

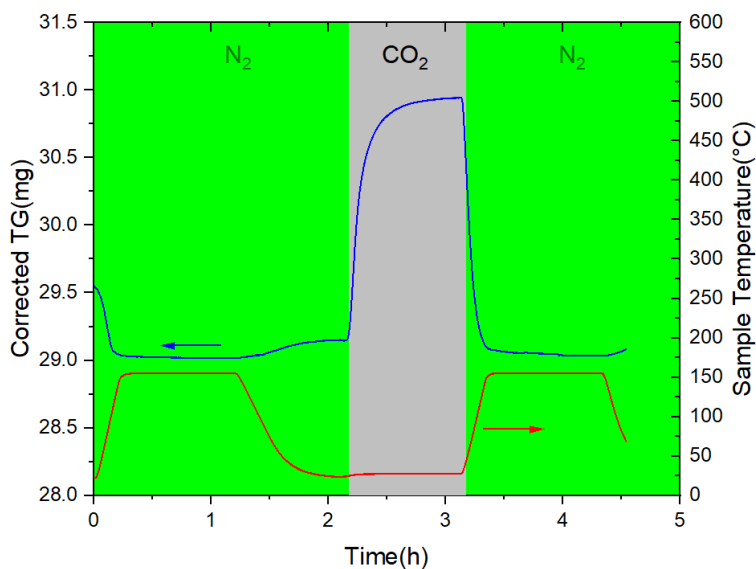


Figure S6. Variable-gas TGA of [Ce(HTCPB)] after activation.

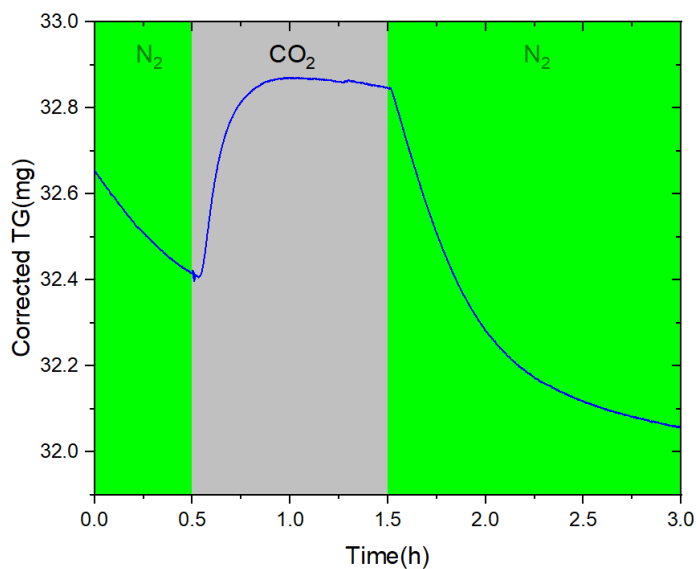


Figure S7. Variable-gas TGA of propylene oxide-loaded [Ce(HTCPB)(PO)] collected at 298 K.

Table S3. CO₂ uptake capacity derived from temperature-swing TGA collected at 298 K.

| Material | CO ₂ Uptake Capacity [mmol g ⁻¹] |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Un-Loaded CeHTCPB | 1.40 |
| Epoxide-Loaded CeHTCPB | 0.32 |

S2.7. Le Bail refinement of the [Ln(HTCPB)] PXRD

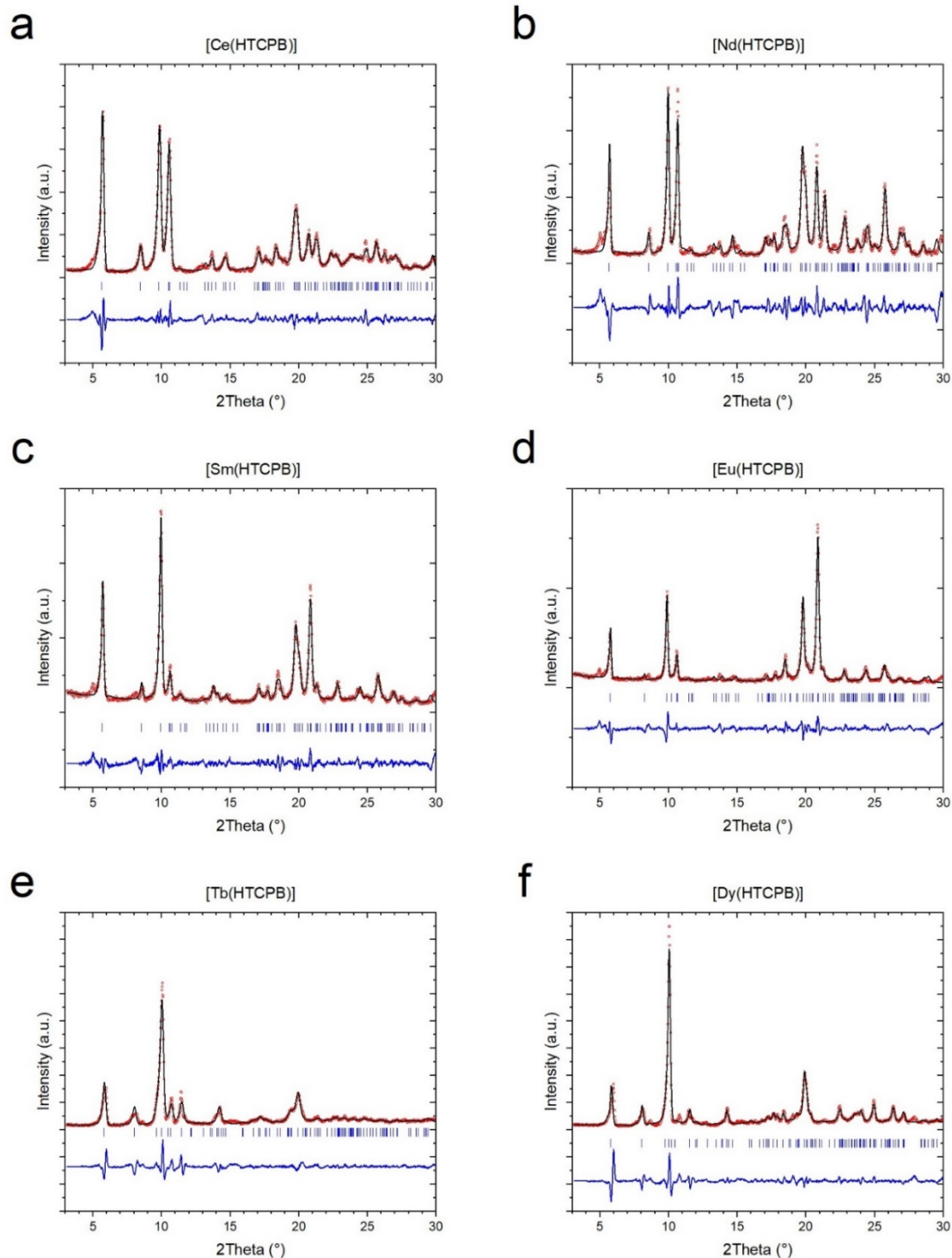


Figure S8. Le Bail refinement of the [Ln(HTCPB)] PXRD patterns. The associated fitting parameters are listed in Table S4.

Table S4. Unit-cell parameters a , b , c , α , β , γ , unit-cell volume V , and fitting figures of merit R_p , R_{wp} , and R_{exp} derived from the Le Bail refinement of the [Ln(HTCPB)] PXRD patterns. Data compared to the previously published crystal structures. All unit cells are of $P\bar{1}$ space-group symmetry.

| MOF | a [Å] | b [Å] | c [Å] | α [°] | β [°] | γ [°] | V [Å ³] | R_p [%] | R_{wp} [%] | R_{exp} [%] |
|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| [Ce(HTCPB)] | 8.966(2) | 10.815(2) | 16.215(5) | 81.75(2) | 73.73(2) | 74.79(2) | 1452.0(6) | 8.43 | 12.0 | 4.53 |
| [Nd(HTCPB)] | 8.950(2) | 10.834(2) | 16.277(7) | 82.15(2) | 73.93(2) | 73.74(2) | 1452.7(8) | 14.2 | 19.9 | 5.36 |
| [Sm(HTCPB)] | 8.941(2) | 10.805(2) | 16.163(7) | 82.15(2) | 74.27(2) | 74.00(2) | 1441.1(8) | 8.90 | 12.0 | 5.86 |
| [Eu(HTCPB)] | 8.970(2) | 11.152(3) | 16.075(7) | 83.97(2) | 74.04(2) | 75.08(4) | 1476.0(9) | 11.4 | 15.5 | 6.11 |
| [Tb(HTCPB)] | 8.940(8) | 11.417(8) | 16.130(12) | 85.60(4) | 75.94(8) | 80.45(12) | 1573(5) | 10.9 | 15.2 | 4.74 |
| [Dy(HTCPB)] | 9.093(2) | 11.234(6) | 15.887(8) | 86.08(4) | 75.99(3) | 80.31(3) | 1551.4(12) | 12.5 | 18.6 | 4.68 |
| [Nd(HTCPB)] | 9.3093(11) | 11.9578(14) | 15.8071(19) | 81.178(4) | 73.671(4) | 71.162(4) | 1594.4(3) | Previously reported structure ¹ | | |
| [Ce(HTCPB)] | 9.2989(11) | 11.4163(13) | 15.2492(17) | 93.756(5) | 90.263(6) | 93.814(6) | 1611.7(3) | Previously reported structure ¹ | | |

Experimental. Le Bail refinement of the powder XRD patterns of [Ln(HTCPB)] was performed using the program FullProf version 7.40.2. Previously published unit-cell parameters of [Ce(HTCPB)]¹ adjusted manually served as a starting point of the refinement. Background was fixed using a set of points, while the peaks were fitted to the pseudo-Voigt function. The fitting parameters included unit-cell parameters a , b , c , α , β , γ , Cagliotti parameters U , V , W , the shape parameter η_0 , asymmetry parameters Asym1 and Asym2, and the instrumental zero.

S2.8. Powder X-ray Diffraction of Recycled [Ce(HTCPB)]

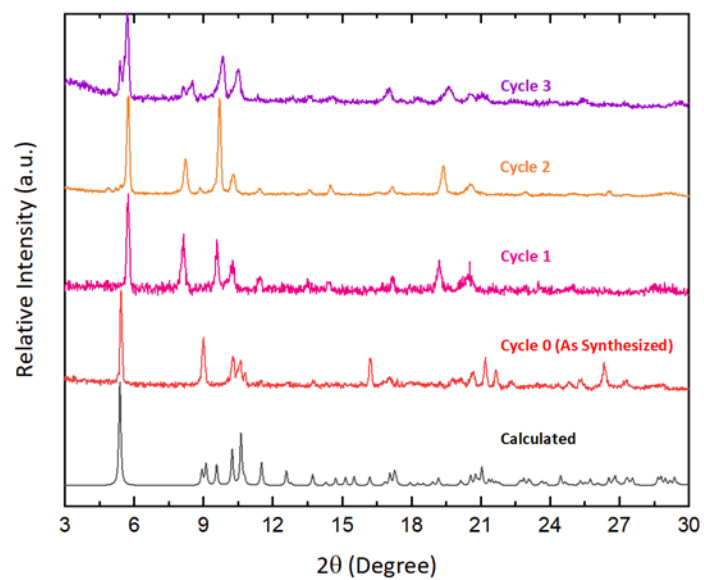


Figure S9. PXRD patterns of [Ce(HTCPB)] after catalysis.

S3. Catalysis Experiments

S3.1. Catalytic Procedure

[Ln(HTCPB)] (0.0145 mmol), tetramethylammonium bromide (100.0 mg, 0.310 mmol), 1,2-dimethoxyethane (1.75 mL, 16.9 mmol), and propylene oxide (0.25 mL, 3.57 mmol) were added to a 25 mL stainless steel autoclave reactor (Parr Instruments Series 4790). The reactor was pressurized with 10 bars of pure CO₂ before heating to a sustained 100 °C for 12 hours. After 12 hours, the reactor was cooled down to room temperature in a refrigerated water bath for 20 min and depressurized.

A 25 μL aliquot was taken from the reaction solution for ¹H NMR analysis to determine propylene oxide conversion. The remaining solution was then vacuum filtered to recover the catalyst which was then sequentially washed with double treatments of acetone and then a double treatment of DI H₂O. The recovered catalyst was then vacuum dried overnight to be used for the next cycle.

S3.2. NMR Spectra

S3.2.1 Qualification by ^1H NMR Spectroscopy

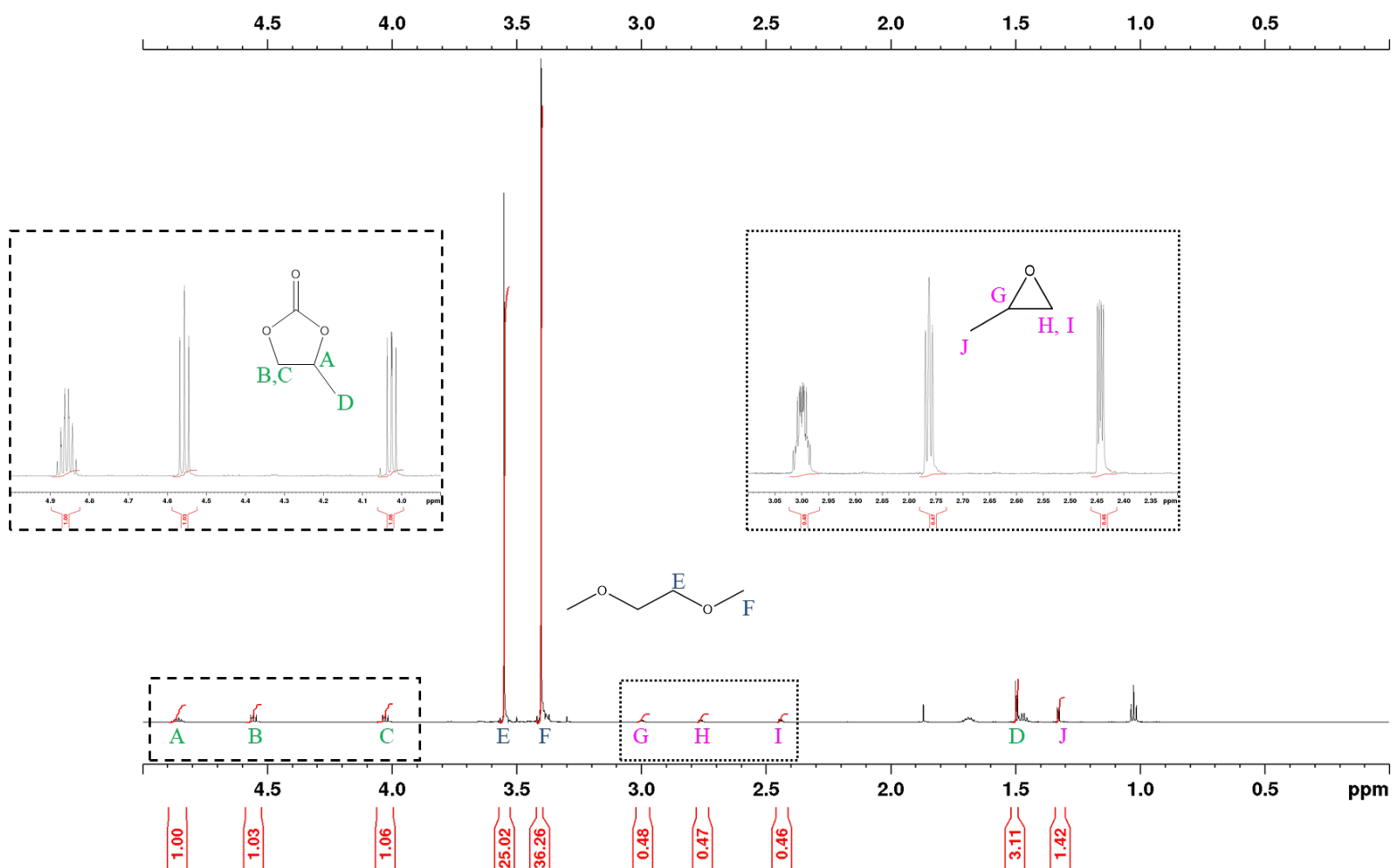


Figure S10. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) spectra showing peaks of propylene oxide (magenta), propylene carbonate (green), and DME (blue). All other residual peaks are due to TBAB (unlabeled).

S3.2.2 Qualification by ^{13}C NMR Spectroscopy

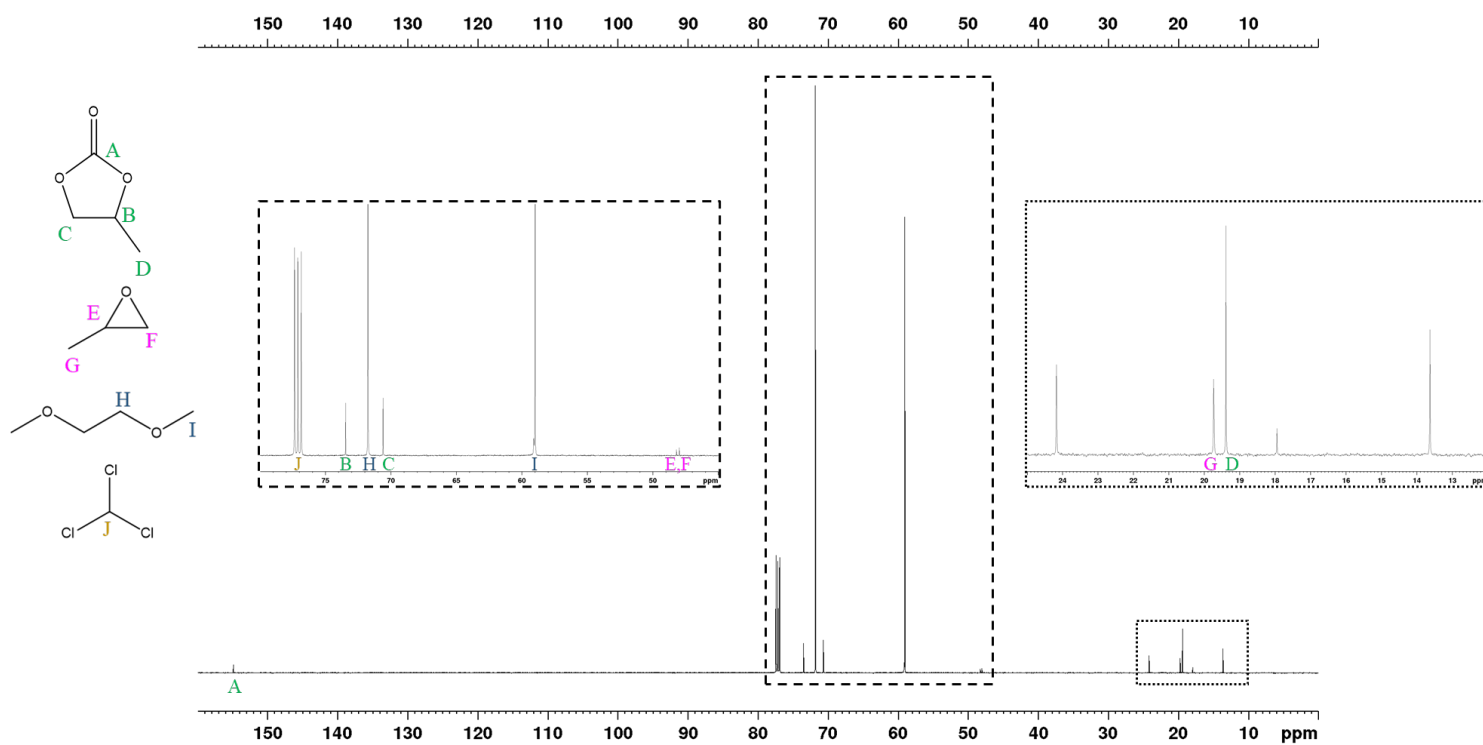


Figure S11. ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) spectra showing peaks of propylene oxide (magenta), propylene carbonate (green), and DME (blue). All other residual peaks are due to TBAB (unlabeled) and chloroform (I).

S3.2.2 Quantification by ^1H NMR Spectroscopy

The yield of propylene carbonate was determined by ^1H NMR. A 25 μL aliquot was taken from the reaction solution and diluted with 580 μL of deuterated chloroform in a standard 5 mm NMR tube. NMR spectra were recorded with a 500 MHz Bruker Avance 500 equipped with a BBO probe.

To calculate the yield, the ring protons of propylene carbonate and the protons of 1,2-dimethoxyethane (DME) were considered for the following calculations. Sample calculations shown below are in reference to data from [Figure S10](#). First, the ratio of propylene carbonate to DME was calculated from area integrals obtained by NMR.

$$\frac{M_{\text{Carbonate}}}{M_{\text{DME}}} = \left(\frac{I_{\text{Carbonate}}}{I_{\text{DME}}} \right) \left(\frac{N_{\text{DME}}}{N_{\text{Carbonate}}} \right) = \left(\frac{3.02}{48.99} \right) \left(\frac{10}{3} \right) = 0.205$$

- I = Integral Area
- N = Number of Nuclei
- M = Number of Moles

As a solvent, the molar amount of DME (16.9 mmol) was constant throughout the entire reaction. Using the initial molar amount of DME used for the reaction, the total molar amount of propylene carbonate was calculated.

$$M_{\text{Carbonate,Total}} = \left(\frac{M_{\text{Carbonate}}}{M_{\text{DME}}} \right) (M_{\text{DME,Total}}) = (0.205)(16.9 \text{ mmol}) = 3.4645 \text{ mmol}$$

The yield of propylene carbonate is then calculated by comparison to the original molar amount of PO added (3.57 mmol).

$$\text{Yield} = \left(\frac{M_{\text{Carbonate,Total}}}{M_{\text{PO}}} \right) (100\%) = \left(\frac{3.4645 \text{ mmol}}{3.57 \text{ mmol}} \right) (100\%) = \boxed{97.0\%}$$

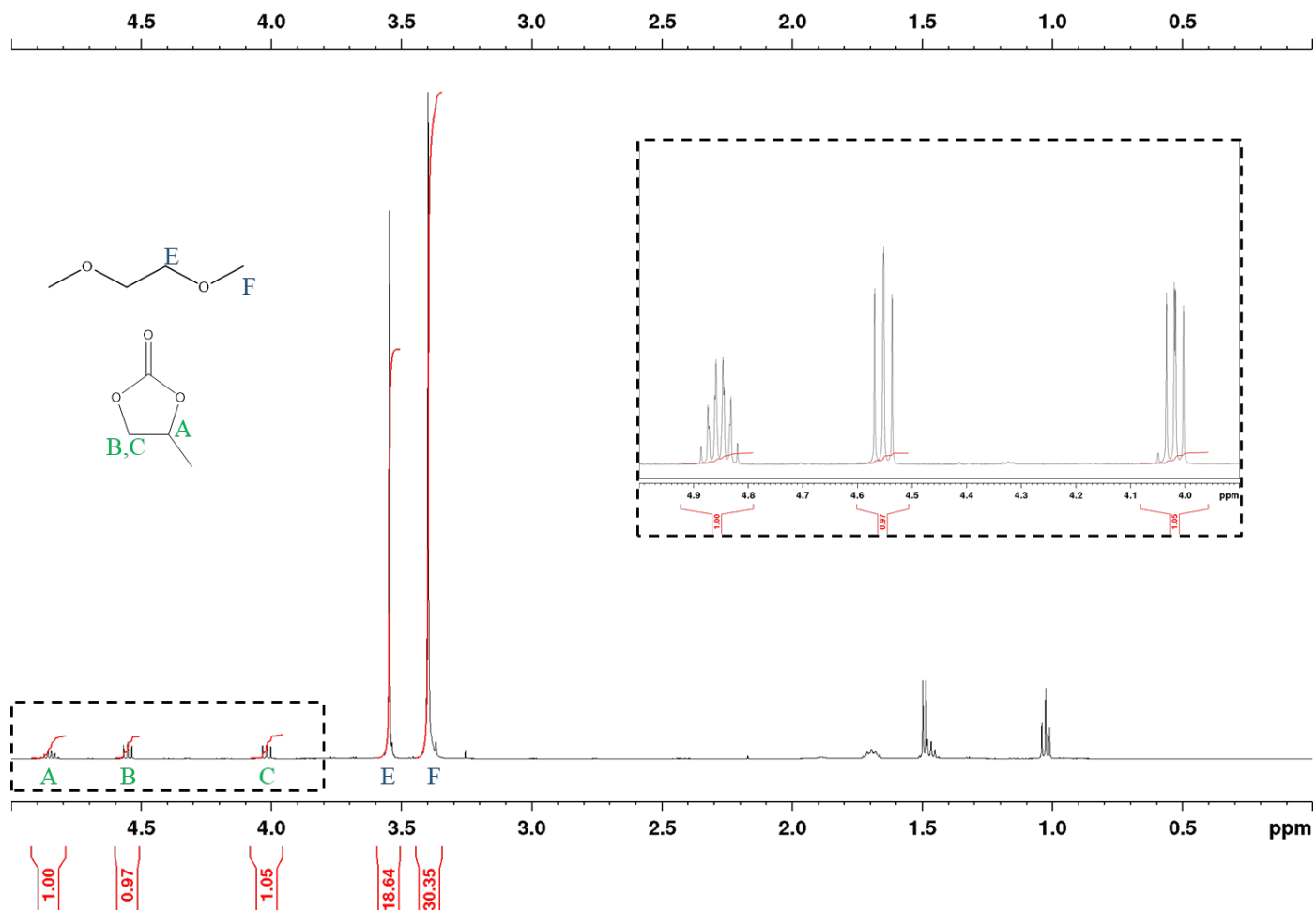


Figure S12. ^1H NMR (CDCl_3 , 500 MHz) spectra showing peaks of propylene carbonate (green) and DME (blue) which were used to calculate the yield of propylene carbonate. Only the peaks of the ring protons of propylene carbonate (3H total) were considered as the methyl peaks overlapped with peaks of the TBAB.

S4. Simulation Procedures

S4.1 Grand Canonical Monte-Carlo (GCMC) Simulations

CO₂ adsorption at 298 K was simulated using the Grand Canonical Monte Carlo method as implemented in the RASPA simulation package.³ Monte Carlo moves consist of translation, insertion, deletion, and rotation moves, all taking place with equal probabilities. A total of 20,000 cycles for equilibration + an additional 20,000 cycles to average the properties are run. A cycle is defined as the maximum of 20 steps or the total number of molecules in the system; this means that on an average a Monte Carlo move has been attempted on each molecule in every cycle. The crystallographic information files (cif) for [Nd(HTCPB)], [Sm(HTCPB)], [Eu(HTCPB)], [Tb(HTCPB)], and [Dy(HTCPB)], have been created by replacing the metal atom from the isostructural [Ce(HTCPB)], followed by geometric optimization of the framework using the Forcite module in Material Studio. The cif file for [Ce(HTCPB)] has been taken from the Cambridge Structural Database (CSD), CSD Refcode: FOFCUA.⁴ For all the structures, periodic boundary conditions are applied in all directions to make sure that a distance of at least twice the cutoff radius is maintained between the periodic images. Intermolecular interactions are modeled using the Lennard-Jones (LJ) potential with a cutoff of 12.8 Å. Lorentz-Berthelot mixing rules are used for all the cross interaction terms. Electrostatic interactions are modeled using the coulombic potential and are computed using the Ewald summation method with the precision set to 10⁻⁶. The partial charges for the framework are calculated using the EQeq protocol.⁵ The framework atoms are modeled using LJ parameters taken from a combination of the DREIDING force field for the C, H, and O atoms, and the Universal force field (UFF), for the Ce, Nd, Sm, Eu, Tb, and Dy atoms. [6](#) [7](#) [Table S5](#) lists the LJ parameters used for the framework atoms. CO₂ is modeled as a rigid molecule with the LJ parameters, and charges taken from the TraPPE force field. [8](#) [Table S6](#) lists the LJ parameters and charges for the CO₂ molecule.

S4.2 Energy Decomposition Analysis (EDA)

EDA based on molecular force fields was performed using the Multiwfn package.⁹ Here, it is important to point out that though other more accurate wavefunction based methods for energy decomposition exist, they are often too expensive for large systems. This problem is further exacerbated when working with heavy transition metals or lanthanides.

The total interaction energy between atom i and atom j can be decomposed into the following terms:

i) the van der Waals interaction energy (eq. 1), modeled using the Lennard-Jones (LJ) potential and consisting of two parts: the r^{12} term, which is the repulsive term and describes the Pauli repulsion at short ranges due to overlapping electron orbitals, and, the r^6 term, which is the long-range term describing the attraction (dispersion forces) at long ranges,

$$E_{ij}^{van\ der\ Waals} = E_{ij}^{repulsion} + E_{ij}^{dispersion} \quad [1]$$

where

$$E_{ij}^{repulsion} = 4\varepsilon_{ij} \left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} \text{ and } E_{ij}^{dispersion} = -4\varepsilon_{ij} \left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \quad [2]$$

where, σ_{ij} is the distance at which the intermolecular potential between the two particles is zero, ε_{ij} is the depth of the potential well, and r_{ij} is the distance between atom i and atom j ;

ii) and the electrostatic interaction energy, which is modeled using the coulombic potential (eq. 3),

$$E_{ij}^{electrostatic} = \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} \quad [3]$$

where q is the atomic charge, subscripts indicate atom i or atom j , and r_{ij} is as described above.

All the atoms in the system are modeled using LJ parameters taken from Universal Force Field (UFF) and are given in [Table S5. 7](#) The mixing rules used here are as follows:

$$\varepsilon_{ij} = \sqrt{\varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j} \text{ and } \sigma_{ij} = \sqrt{\sigma_i \sigma_j}$$

where ε and σ are the LJ parameters (as described above) and the subscripts indicate atom i and atom j . The charges for all the atoms in the system are calculated using the EQeq protocol.⁵

Table S5. Lennard Jones parameters for the atoms used in the GCMC simulations/EDA. Column 1 lists the atom type; Columns 2 (σ in Å) and 3 (ϵ/K_b in K) list the LJ parameters taken from the DREIDING force field, and Columns 4 (σ in Å) and 5 (ϵ/K_b in K) list the LJ parameters taken from the UFF.

| Atom | DREIDING LJ Parameters | | UFF LJ Parameters | |
|------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | σ (Å) | ϵ/k_B (K) | σ (Å) | ϵ/k_B |
| C | 3.473 | 47.888 | 3.431 | 52.873 |
| H | 2.846 | 7.654 | 2.571 | 22.156 |
| O | 3.033 | 48.190 | 3.118 | 30.213 |
| Ce | - | - | 3.168 | 6.546 |
| Nd | - | - | 3.185 | 5.036 |
| Sm | - | - | 3.136 | 4.028 |
| Eu | - | - | 3.112 | 4.028 |
| Tb | - | - | 3.074 | 3.525 |
| Dy | - | - | 3.054 | 3.525 |

Table S6. Lennard Jones parameters and charges for CO₂. Column 1 lists the atom type; columns 2, 3 and 4 list their corresponding LJ parameters and charges, σ in Å, ϵ/K_b in K, and q in e taken from the TraPPE force field [8](#).

| Atom | LJ Parameters | | |
|------|---------------|--------------------|---------|
| | σ (Å) | ϵ/k_B (K) | q (e) |
| C | 2.80 | 27 | 0.70 |
| O | 3.05 | 79 | -0.35 |
| O | 3.05 | 79 | -0.35 |

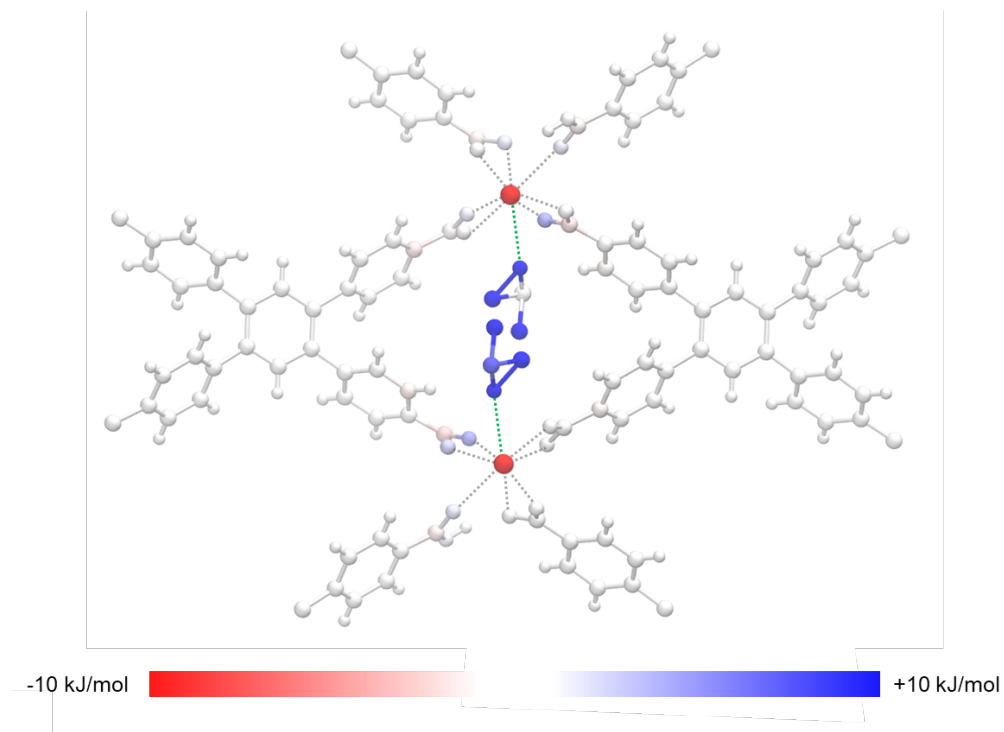


Figure S13. Energy decomposition analysis (EDA) for the [Ce(HTCPB)]-propylene oxide system. The atoms of the framework and the epoxide have been shaded based on the color scale, in which an interaction which has a positive contribution (repulsive) to the total interaction energy is shaded in blue whereas an interaction which has a negative contribution (attractive) to the total interaction energy is shaded in red, and white represents an interaction which has \sim zero contribution to the total interaction energy. Any interaction greater than +10 kJ/mol is colored in blue, and any interaction less than \sim 10 kJ/mol is colored in red.

S4.3 Topographic Steric Map Calculation

The topographic steric maps are obtained using the SambVca 2 web application.¹⁰ To build the topographic steric maps of the catalytic pocket, the framework-epoxide adduct was oriented in a Cartesian frame with the Ln atom selected as the origin. Next, a second point along the *z*-axis, and a third point along the *xz*-plane is selected. The environment around the Ln atom is evaluated in a region represented using a sphere of radius 3.5 Å, and a mesh of 0.1 Å is used to scan the sphere for buried voxels. The radii of the different atoms have been scaled by 1.17 and the hydrogen atoms are taken into account when building the steric map.¹¹ Table S7 lists the radii of the different atoms.

Table S7. Radii of the atoms used for the calculation of the topographic steric maps. Column 1 lists the atom type with the corresponding radii in Å (scaled by 1.17) given in Column 2.

| Atom | Radii (Å) |
|------|-----------|
| C | 1.99 |
| H | 1.28 |
| O | 1.78 |
| Ce | 2.83 |
| Nd | 2.80 |
| Sm | 2.76 |
| Eu | 2.75 |
| Tb | 2.73 |
| Dy | 2.70 |

S5. Literature Comparison

Table S8. Comparison of other materials reported using TBAB coupled PO to PC conversion.

| Material | Temperature [°C] | CO ₂ Pressure [bar] | Time [hr] | TOF [hr ⁻¹] | Yield [%] | Reference |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| MMCF-2 | 25 | 1 | 48 | 5.3 | 95.4 | 12 |
| MOF-505 | 25 | 1 | 48 | 4 | 48.8 | 12 |
| HKUST-1 | 25 | 1 | 48 | 4.1 | 49.2 | 12 |
| MMPF-9 | 25 | 1 | 48 | 14.6 | 87.4 | 13 |
| USTC-253-TFA | 25 | 1 | 72 | 1.2 | 81.3 | 14 |
| MIL-101(Cr) | 25 | 8 | 24 | 10.3 | 82.0 | 15 |
| Ba-(BDPO) | 25 | 10 | 48 | 4.1 | 99.2 | 16 |
| MOF-5 | 50 | 60 | 4 | 36.4 | 94.5 | 17 |
| TbL | 70 | 10 | 12 | 2.4 | 45.5 | 18 |
| SmBTB | 80 | 1 | 15 | 12.1 | 100 | 19 |
| Cu ₂ BPDSDC | 80 | 25 | 5 | 19.1 | 99.0 | 20 |
| Zeolite-β | 120 | 7 | 3 | 16.0 | 100 | 21 |
| UMCM-1-NH ₂ | 120 | 12 | 24 | 5.9 | 91.0 | 22 |
| NH ₂ -MIL-101(Al) | 120 | 18 | 6 | 21.7 | 96.0 | 23 |
| [Ce(HTCPB)] | 100 | 2 | 12 | 13.4 | 65.4 | This Work |
| [Ce(HTCPB)] | 100 | 10 | 12 | 20.0 | 99.5 | This Work |

Table S9. Comparison of other materials reported using PO to PC conversion in mixed gas.

| Material | N ₂ /CO ₂ Ratio | Temperature [°C] | CO ₂ Pressure [bar] | Time [hr] | TOF [hr ⁻¹] | Yield [%] | Reference |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| BpZn@MA – mesoporous organic polymer | 80/20 | 100 | 4 | 6 | 1580 | 99.0 | 24 |
| ZrCl ₄ (OEt ₂) ₂ – zirconium alkyl complex | 85/15 | 60 | 1 | 18 | 1.69 | 9.9 | 25 |
| Zn(Py)(Atz) – MOF | 85/15 | 60 | 1 | 24 | 1.92 | 29.0 | 26 |
| [Ce(HTCPB)] – MOF | 80/20 | 100 | 2 | 12 | 13.32 | 65.4 | This Work |

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