



Constructing conjugated microporous polymers containing triphenylamine moieties for high-performance capacitive energy storage

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ABSTRACT

In this research we developed two triphenylamine (TPA)-linked conjugated microporous polymers (CMPs), TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN, through Suzuki couplings of tris(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)amine (TPA-BO) with the aryl bromides tetrakis(4-bromophenyl)benzidine (TAB-Br₄) and 2,7,10,15-tetrabromotetrabenzonaphthalene (TBN-Br₄), respectively. These CMPs, which have substantial surface surfaces and outstanding thermal stability, could be employed as electrode materials in supercapacitor (SC) devices. In a three-electrode SC, the TPA-TAB CMP exhibited ultrahigh specific capacitance (684 F g⁻¹ at 0.5 A g⁻¹) and long-term stability, with a capacitance retention of 99.5% after 5000 cycles (at 10 A g⁻¹). Moreover, a two-electrode symmetric SC incorporating TPA-TAB CMP presented a capacitance of 117 F g⁻¹ and a high retention of 98% when subjected to 5000 cycles at 10 A g⁻¹. This exceptional performance resulted from was achieved through the use of redox-active TPA units and a large BET surface area (490 m² g⁻¹). Accordingly, such TPA-CMPs appear to have promise for use in charge and energy storage applications.

1. Introduction

Using energy without damaging the environment will be an important issue in the future to maintain the health of all living creatures; accordingly, limiting the burning of fossil fuels and decreasing the emissions of carbon are necessary goals [1–4]. Indeed, much research has been conducted into the development of novel concepts for energy storage, rectification, and transport. Among the possible electrical energy storage devices, electrochemical capacitors and batteries appear to be particularly important systems for producing clean energy [5,6]. Supercapacitors (SCs) appear to be a sustainable alternative technology

to batteries, fuel cells, and classical capacitors; they are attractive because of their long cycle life, high reliability, remarkable cycling stability, minimum environmental effect, low maintenance costs, pulsed power density, and fast charge/discharge rates [7–11]. Two main processes dominate the storage of energy in SCs: in electrical double-layer capacitors (EDLCs), by reversible ion adsorption through the interface of the electrode (e.g., porous carbon); in pseudocapacitors, by faradaic reactions that occur between the electrolyte and other organic moieties (e.g., conjugated polymers) or metal oxides [12–17]. Several recent reviews have highlighted the characteristics required for an effective SC electrode material: (i) interconnecting networks, to promote ion diffusion between particles; (ii) a conductive network, for ion percolation

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within the particles; (iii) uniform narrow micropores and a large surface area, to facilitate ion accumulation; and (iv) thickness and wettability, to improving the accessibility of effective sites [18–24].

Triphenylamine (TPA) derivatives are good electrode materials that can be processed into SC devices because of their high charge mobilities, excellent thermal stabilities, unique electronic properties, and high redox activity. Furthermore, the presence of TPA moieties as repeating radical units in, for example, polytriphenylamines (PTPAs) allows reversible radical redox reactions to occur through charge/discharge processes [25–27]. The chemical structures of the conjugated polymers are responsible for pseudocapacitive energy storage, while the microstructure and porosity of electrodes both contribute to a fast scan rate and EDLC behavior. Thus, a single conjugated polymer can be used to realize both types of energy storage; as such, they can be low-cost alternatives to the rare and expensive materials often employed in conventional SC devices [28].

Conjugated microporous polymers (CMPs) have been applied widely in the fields of catalysis, sensing, gas storage, and energy conversion, as well as in several energy storage applications [29–46]. CMPs are formed through covalent linkage of π -conjugated rigid subunits containing additional functionality, typically producing three-dimensional (3D) networks having micropores with diameters of less than 2 nm as well as high surface areas. These porous structures provide many opportunities for electron and ion transmission, a distinguishing feature that separates CMPs from other linear polymers. CMPs have frequently been constructed using common C–C coupling (Sonogashira, Yamamoto, and Suzuki) and oxidative polymerization strategies [47–50]. These coupling reactions often provide high degrees of polymerization and crosslinking and enable the introduction of a wide range of organic moieties. Accordingly, CMPs have become useful materials as electrodes in energy storage devices, with performance approaching that of other standard electrode materials [51,52]. For example, triazatruxene-based CMPs have exhibited capacitances between 141 and 183 F g⁻¹ [53]; a poly(aminoanthraquinone) CMP provided a three-electrode capacitance of 576 F g⁻¹ [54]; and thianthrene-based POPs have a capacitance of 217 F g⁻¹ [55]. The quest remains, however, to develop less expensive and more effective conjugated microporous materials for use as electrodes in SC applications. Toward this goal, in this study, we employed simple Suzuki coupling between a TPA derivative (TPA-BO) and two aryl bromides (TAB-Br₄ and TBN-Br₄) to afford TPA-CMP networks (the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs, respectively) that function as high-performance electrode materials for SCs.

2. Experimental

2.1. Materials

Sodium hydrogen carbonate (NaHCO₃), potassium acetate (KOAc), triphenylamine (TPA), N-bromosuccinimide (NBS), Pd(dppf)Cl₂, Pd(PPh₃)₄, magnesium sulfate anhydrous (MgSO₄) and trifluoromethanesulfonic acid (CF₃SO₃H) were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. 2,3-Dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (DDQ), methane sulfonic acid (CH₃SO₃H), bis(pinacolato)diboron (B₂pin₂), dimethylformamide (DMF) and potassium carbonate (K₂CO₃), were ordered from Alfa Aesar. 1,4-dioxane was bought from Acros. The synthesis of tris(4-bromophenyl)amine (TPA-Br₃) was described in detail in the supporting information with their spectroscopic analyses [Scheme S1, Figs. S1–S3] [55].

2.2. Synthesis of monomers

2.2.1. Synthesis of Tris(4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)phenyl)amine (TPA-BO)

A mixture of TPA-Br₃ (3.0 mmol), B₂pin₂ (11 mmol), CH₃COOK (52 mmol), and Pd(dppf)Cl₂ (0.51 mmol) was heated in 1,4-dioxane at 80 °C for two days. After cooling, DI water was added and extracted with

CH₂Cl₂. The combined extracts were dried (MgSO₄), filtered, and concentrated. A yellow solid was obtained after purification through chromatography with EtOAc/hexane (1:2) (Scheme S2). FTIR (Fig. S4): 2981, 1585, 1359, 1309, 1142 cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR (Fig. S5): 7.76, 7.05, 1.37 (s, 36H, CH₃) ppm. ¹³C NMR (Fig. S6): 151, 136, 124, 123, 84, 23 ppm.

2.2.2. Synthesis of 4-bromo-N-(4-bromophenyl)-N-phenylaniline (TPA-Br₂)

A solution of TPA (5.00 g, 20.0 mmol) and NBS (7.23 g, 41.57 mmol) in DMF (70 mL) was kept stirring overnight. The mixture was extracted with H₂O and CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over MgSO₄. The resulting viscous oil was purified through column chromatography with hexane to give TPA-Br₂ (43%, Scheme S3). ¹H NMR [Fig. S7(a)]: 7.35–7.34 (4H), 7.28–7.26 (2H), 7.07–7.06 (3H), 6.94–6.93 (4H). ¹³C NMR [Fig. S7(b)]: 115.39, 123.70, 124.56, 125.58, 129.50, 132.30, 146.49, 147.33.

2.2.3. Synthesis of tetrakis(4-bromophenyl)benzidine (TAB-Br₄)

Solution of methanesulfonic acid (CH₃SO₃H, 2 mL) and TPA-Br₂ (0.77 mmol) in dry CH₂Cl₂ (25 mL) at 0 °C was stirred for 1 h. DDQ (1.16 mmol) was added carefully to the mixture, which was then stirred for 12 h. Then, saturated NaHCO₃ (45 mL) was added, and the reaction was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The residue was recrystallized by acetonitrile to give a white solid (41%, Scheme S3). FTIR (Fig. S8): 3031 (Ar–H), 1600 (C=C), 1276 (C–N), 717 (C–Br) cm⁻¹. ¹H NMR [Fig. S9 (a)]: 7.45–7.43 (2H), 7.37–7.35 (4H), 7.11–7.09 (2H), 6.99–6.97 (4H). ¹³C NMR [Fig. S9(b)]: 146.34, 145.96, 135.45, 132.40, 127.65, 125.57, 124.53, 115.66.

2.2.4. Synthesis of 2,7,10,15-tetrabromotetrabenzonaphthalene (TBN-Br₄)

TPE-Br₄ (3.00 g, 4.6 mmol), 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (2.50 g, 11 mmol) were put to dry DCM (235 mL) and then was allowed for cooling into ice around 1 h. Next, CF₃SO₃H (2.75 mL) was slowly added and kept stirring for 2 h at 0 °C. After that, the reaction was stirred at ambient temperature for 5 h. Then, methanol (55 mL) was poured into the flask and the reaction solution was stirred gently at ambient temperature overnight. The solid afforded was filtered off and washed exhaustively with different solvents (THF, methanol, and acetone) to give pale brown solid (1.87 g, 63%, Scheme S4). FT-IR (KBr, cm⁻¹, Fig. S10): 3079 (C–H aromatic), 566 (C–Br stretching). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃, δ , ppm, Fig. S11): 8.75 (d, 4H), 8.41 (d, 4H), 7.75 (dd, 4H).

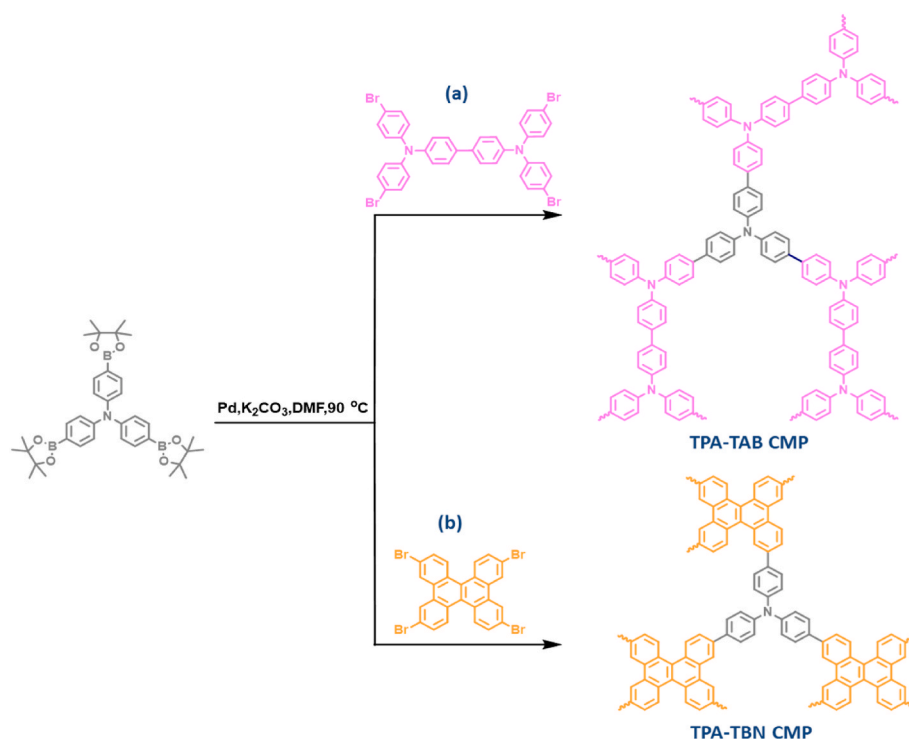
2.2.5. Synthesis of TPA-CMPs

TBA-Br₄ (0.10 g, 0.12 mmol), TPA-BO (0.10 g, 0.16 mmol), K₂CO₃ (0.13 g, 0.95 mmol), and Pd catalyst (0.040 g, 0.030 mmol) in DMF (10 mL) and DI water (3 mL) was deoxygenated with N₂ gas for 30 min and the heated at 110 °C for 72 h. The resulting precipitated solid was washed with THF. The TPA-TAB CMP (78%) was obtained as a powder after drying at 70 °C. A similar procedure was applied to obtain the TPA-TBN CMP (81%), with TBN-Br₄ (0.10 g, 0.15 mmol) used instead of TBA-Br₄ (Scheme 1). Elemental analysis for TPA-TAB CMP: C, 88.55%; N, 5.36%. Elemental analysis for TPA-TBN CMP: C, 93.37%; N, 1.04%.

3. Results and discussion

3.1. Synthesis and structural investigation of the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs

We used Suzuki coupling of the TPA-BO monomer with TAB-Br₄ and TBN-Br₄ to afford the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs as insoluble solids, of green and gray appearance, respectively, in yields of 78 and 81%, respectively (Scheme 1). We employed Fourier transform infrared (FTIR) and solid-state ¹³C NMR spectroscopy to characterize the structures of these TPA-CMPs. Bands representing the B–O bonds of TAP-BO (at 1309 cm⁻¹) and the C–Br bonds of the aryl bromide monomers (TBA-



Scheme 1. Synthesis of the (a) TPA-TBA and (b) TPA-TBN CMPs.

Br₄ and TBN-Br₄; at 566 cm⁻¹) were absent in the FTIR spectra of the two TPA-CMPs [Fig. 1(a)]. Distinct bands were, however, present for their aromatic C=C and C-H bonds (ca. 1602, 1492, and 3031 cm⁻¹) and C-N bonds (ca. 1272 cm⁻¹). The solid-state ¹³C NMR spectra of these two TPA-CMPs featured characteristic signals near 146 ppm and in the range 136.5–114.0 ppm, originating from the C-N and aryl units, respectively [Fig. 1(b)].

We employed thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of the two TPA-CMPs, applying a heating rate of 20 °C min⁻¹ under a N₂ environment. The TGA traces of the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs revealed

[Fig. 2(a)] high values of T_{d5} (ca. 335 and 404 °C, respectively) and T_{d10} (ca. 486 and 500 °C, respectively), with carbon residue of 74 and 70 wt %, respectively, after heating up to 800 °C (Table 1). As expected for microporous polymers, the two TPA-CMPs had amorphous appearances, with only a broad peak near 21° featuring in their powder X-ray diffraction patterns [Fig. 2(b)]. Moreover, N₂ adsorption/desorption studies at 77 K, performed after heating these TPA-CMPs at 150 °C to remove any residual solvent or moisture, demonstrated their microporosities. The TPA-TAB CMP provided a type IV isotherm and had a Brunauer–Emmet–Teller (BET) surface area of 490 m² g⁻¹, while the

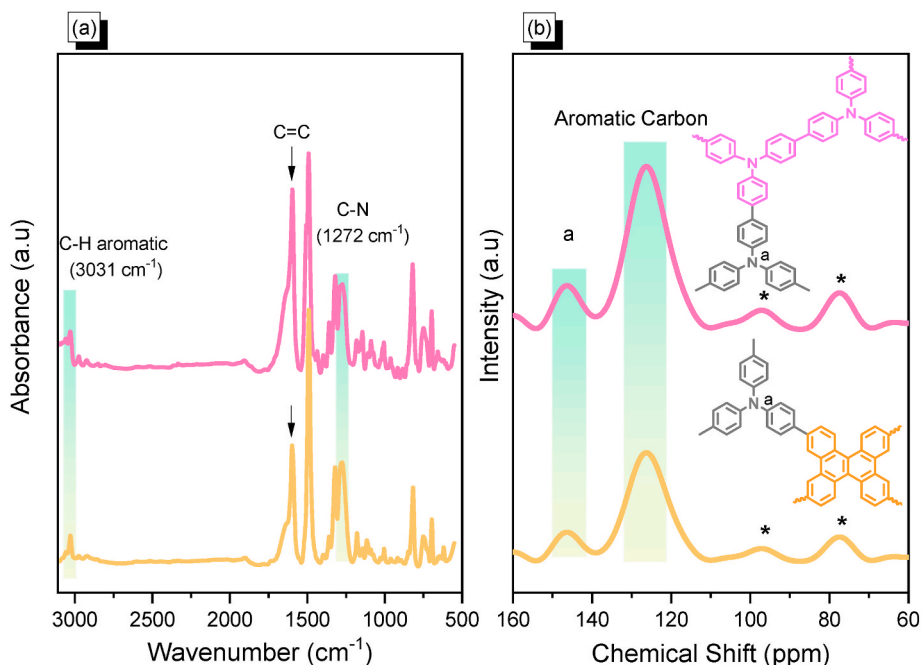


Fig. 1. (a) FTIR and (b) solid-state spectra of the TPA-TBA and TPA-TBN CMPs.

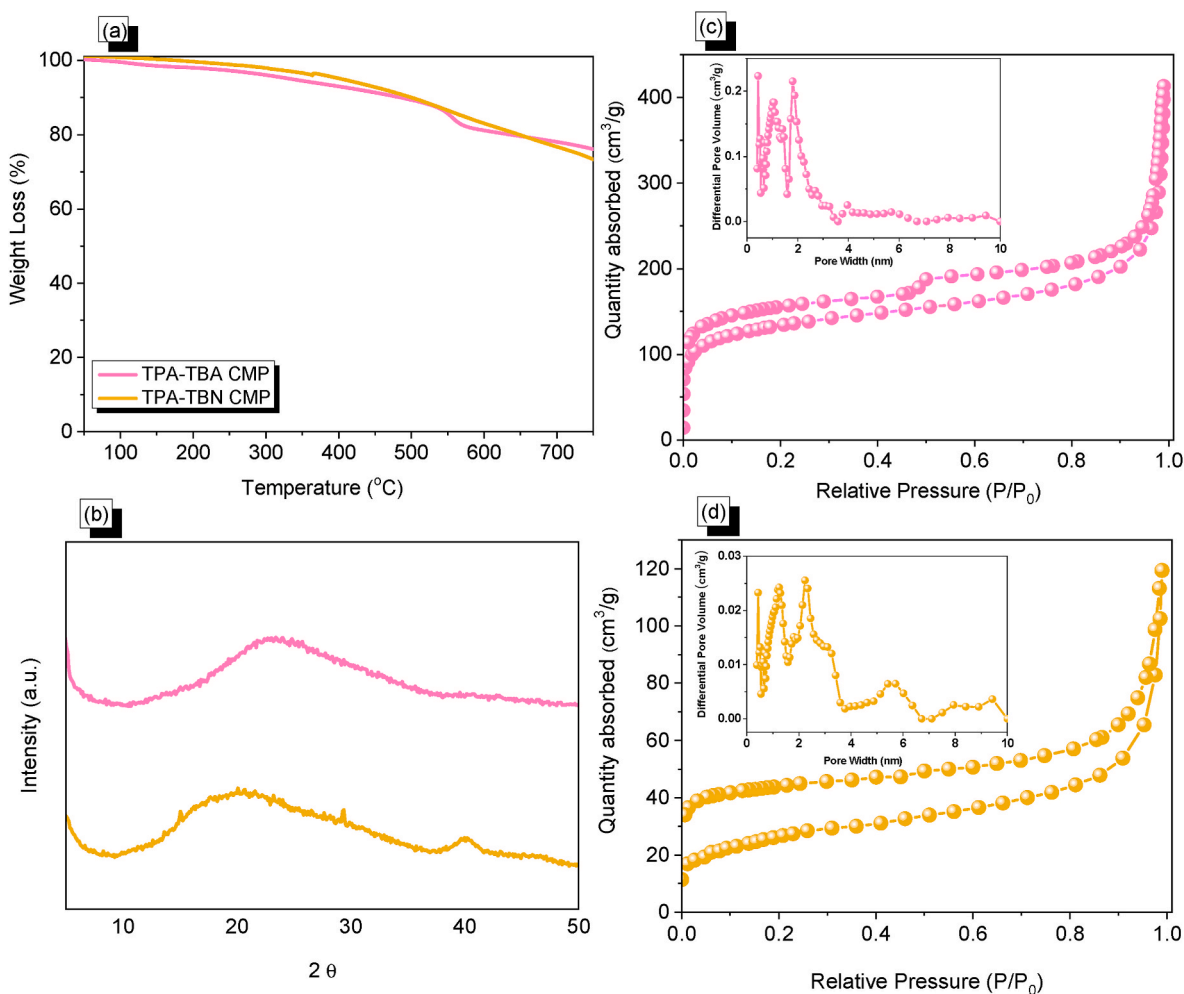


Fig. 2. (a) TGA, (b) XRD, (c) N_2 sorption isotherms, and (d) PSD profiles of the TPA-TBA and TPA-TBN CMPs.

Table 1

Presented BET and TGA data of the two TPA-CMPs.

Sample	T_{d5} (°C)	T_{d10} (°C)	Char yield (wt%)	Surface area ($m^2 g^{-1}$)	Pore size (nm)
TPA-TAB CMP	335	486	74	490	0.45–3.98
TPA-TBN CMP	404	500	70	100	0.41–2.21

Table 2

Parameters determined from the fitted Nyquist plots of the TPA-CMPs.

Sample	R_s (Ω)	R_{ct} (Ω)	CPE-EDL ($S.s^b$)	CPE-P ($S.s^b$)
TPA-TAB CMP	31	252	0.0000933	0.0001870
TPA-TBN CMP	35	120	0.0027075	0.0001974

TPA-TBN CMP displayed a type III isotherm with a BET surface area of $100 m^2 g^{-1}$ [Fig. 2(c) and (d)]. Furthermore, we fitted the N_2 sorption isotherms by applying nonlocal density functional theory to simulate the pore size distributions (PSDs) of our two TPA-CMPs. The PSD curves of the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs reflected the presence of micropores, as well as some mesopores, with diameters of 0.45–3.98 and 0.41–2.21 nm, respectively [Fig. 2(c) and (d); Table 1].

We used scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and transmission electron microscopy (TEM) to examine the morphologies of our CMPs. The SEM images of the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs revealed

interconnected aggregates of nanoparticles within their porous networks [Fig. 3(c) and (d)]. Also, TEM images of the two materials displayed sphere shapes [Fig. 3(a) and (b), and S12]. Elemental mapping, performed using energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS), revealed the presence of C and N atoms throughout the TPA-CMP materials (Fig. 3, S13, and S14).

3.2. Electrochemical performance of the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs

To analyze our prepared CMPs' electrochemical performance and assess their suitability as energy storage electrode materials, we performed cyclic voltammetry (CV) and galvanostatic (GCD) measurements, within the potential range from 0 to -1.0 V. Fig. 4(a) and 4(b) displays the CV traces of the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs recorded at various scan rates in the range 5 – $200 mV s^{-1}$. A characteristic humped-rectangular form appeared in both cases and remained steady during scan sweeping, demonstrating that our TPA-CMPs were stable in these circumstances and that their capacitance arose from EDLC behavior [56, 57].

The CV traces also revealed that these materials had high-rate capabilities and underwent their redox processes with simple kinetics. The presence of the redox-active TPA moieties, containing electroactive N atoms attached to three phenyl rings, in the skeletons of the two TPA-CMPs afforded them the ability to exhibit reversible radical redox activity throughout the charge and discharge cycles. We also examined the GCD profiles and capacitances of these materials at current densities ranging from 0.5 to $5 A g^{-1}$ [Fig. 4(c) and (d)]. All of the GCD curves had

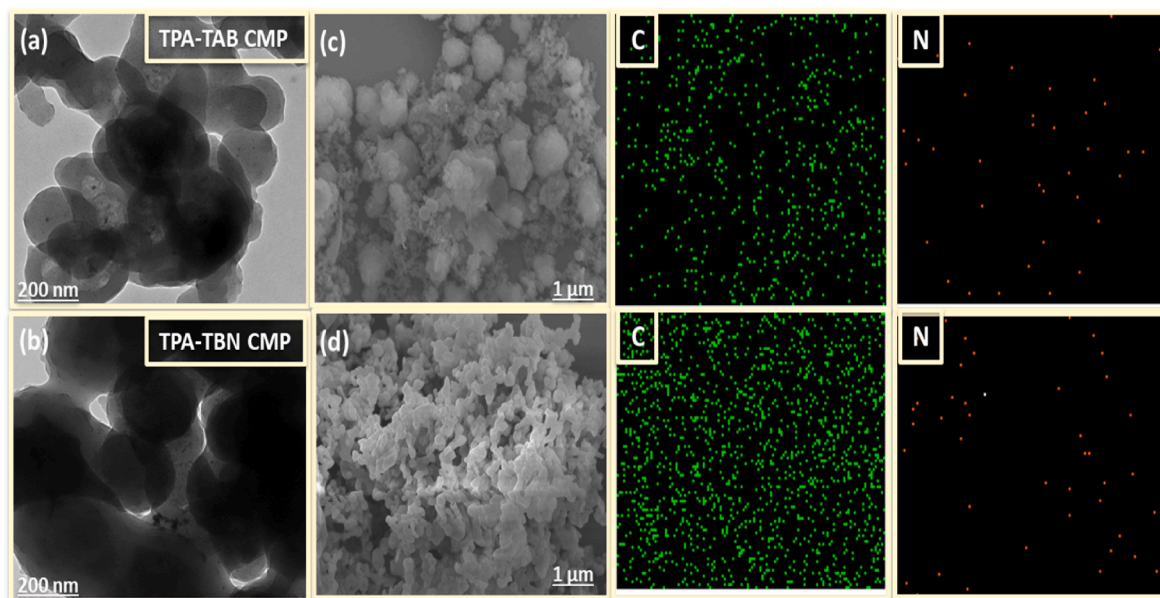


Fig. 3. (a, b) TEM and (c, d) SEM images of the (a, c) TPA-TAB and (b, d) TPA-TBN CMPs, and their EDS mapping images.

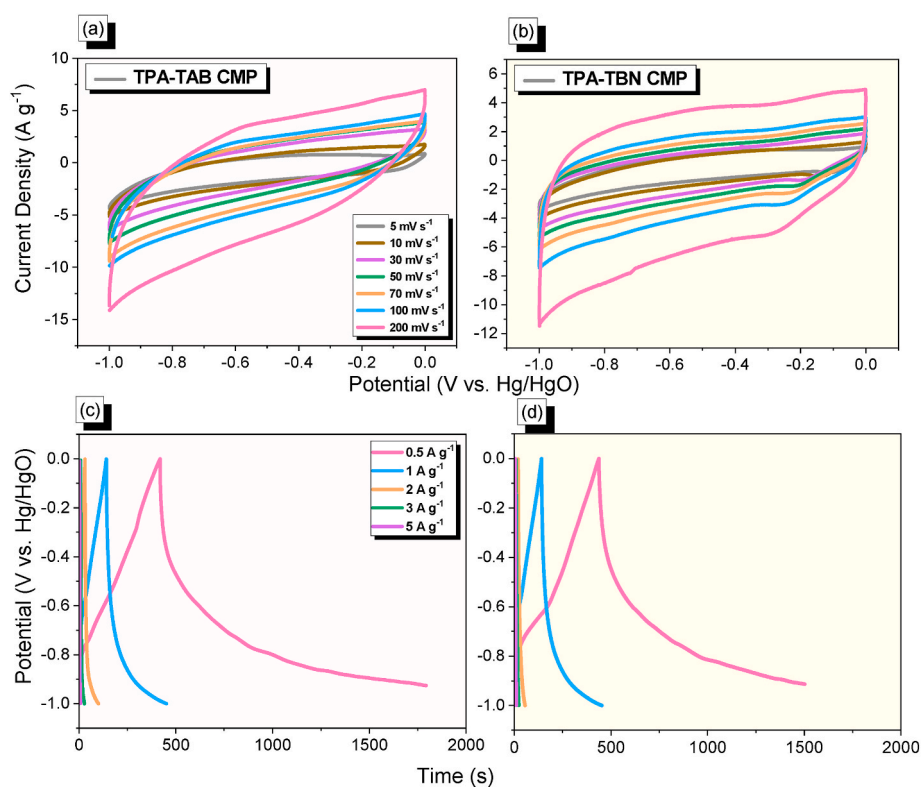


Fig. 4. (a, b) CV traces and (c, d) GCD curves of the (a, c) TPA-TAB and (b, d) TPA-TBN CMPs.

a bent-triangular form, indicating pseudocapacitive and EDLC properties. When comparing the charging and discharging periods for both materials, the discharge times were longer than the charging times, suggesting enhanced capacitance. Fig. 5(a) displays the measured specific capacitances. When TPA-CMPs samples measured at current densities of 0.5, 1, 2, 3, and 5 A g^{-1} , the TPA-TAB CMP delivered specific capacitances of 684, 311, 138, 59, and 26 F g^{-1} , respectively; for the TPA-TBN CMP, these values were 531, 310, 72, 42, and 31 F g^{-1} , respectively. Thus, the highest capacitance of the TPA-TAB CMP (684 F g^{-1})

was greater than that of the TPA-TBN CMP (531 F g^{-1}). We attribute this superior performance to the larger surface area (490 $\text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$) and extra N heteroatom of the TPA-TAB CMP, both of which would accelerate the movement of electrolyte ions to the electrode surface to achieve the redox process. To examine the stability of these CMPs, we investigated their cycle stability over 5000 cycles at 10 A g^{-1} [Fig. 5(b)]. Here, the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs exhibited outstanding capacity retentions of 99.5 and 96%, respectively. Such long-term stability suggested that these CMPs might be suitable for real electrochemical energy

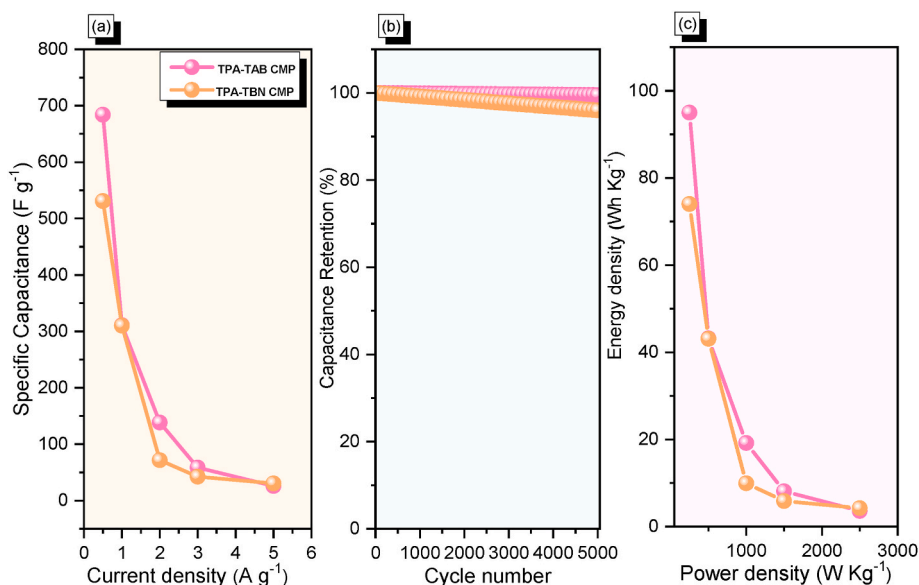


Fig. 5. (a) Specific capacitances, (b) long-term cycling stability profiles, and (c) Ragone plots of the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs.

storage applications. In addition, the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs delivered energy densities of 95 and 74 W h kg⁻¹, respectively [Fig. 5 (c)]. Notably, our TPA-CMPs exhibited ultrahigh performance (capacitance and stability) when compared with other previously reported CMPs in three-electrode SCs (Table S1).

Fig. 6(a) presents the Nyquist plots of our CMPs, determined using electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS), with a fitted equivalent electric circuit containing a series resistance (R_s), charge transfer resistance (R_{ct}), constant phase elements representing EDLC (CPE-EDL) and pseudocapacitive (CPE-P) behavior, and a Warburg element (Z_w), as displayed in Fig. 6(b). The plot of the TPA-TAB CMP cell featured a

shorter straight line than that of the TPA-TBN CMP cell; furthermore, the line for the TPA-TAB CMP cell was leaning toward the vertical Z'' axis, indicating that it had a high capacitive performance. The Warburg length/resistance of the TPA-TBN CMP was higher than that of the TPA-TAB CMP, as evidenced by the straight line deviating from the vertical axis. The TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs had ohmic resistances of 31 and 35 Ω [Table 2], respectively, and charge transfer resistances of 252 and 120 Ω [Table 2], respectively. Fig. 6(c) displays their frequency-dependent magnitude Bode plots. At low frequencies, we observed slanted lines with a negative slope, while at high frequencies, less resistance was observed, validating the remarkable capacitive

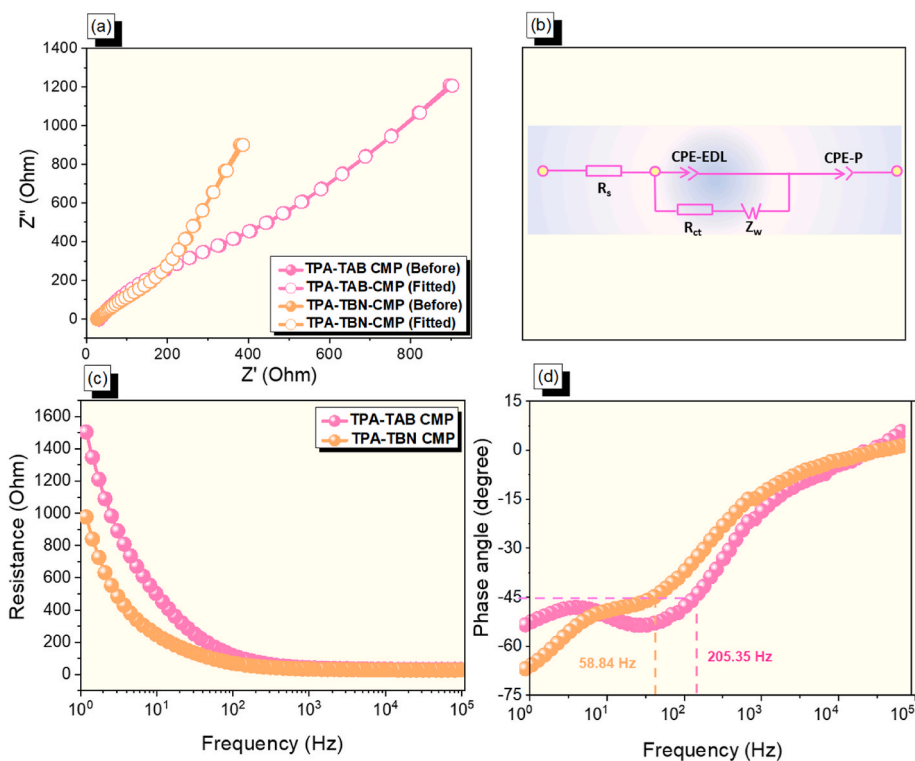


Fig. 6. (a) Nyquist plots, (b) fitted circuit, (c) Bode plots of frequency with respect to magnitude of resistance, and (d) Bode plots of the frequency with respect to phase angle (to determine knee frequencies) for the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs.

characteristics of these electrode materials. Fig. 6(d) provides plots of the frequency-dependent phase angles for these CMP electrodes. The knee frequencies were determined at a phase angle of -45° , at which point the electrode's resistive and capacitive characteristics were equal. The knee frequency is a well-established indication of a compound's rate capacity [61]. The TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs had knee frequencies of 205.35 and 58.84 Hz, respectively.

For a deeper study of the possible practical application of our TPA-CMPs as SC electrodes, we evaluated the electrochemical functionality of symmetric SC devices in the form of CR2032 coin cells. Here, our CMPs served as both the cathode and anode within symmetric supercapacitors (SSCs). We recorded CV profiles at various scan speeds [Fig. 7 (a) and 7(b)] and GCD curves at various current densities [Fig. 7(c) and 7(d)]. The cyclic voltammograms of both materials possessed almost-rectangular shapes, the sign of a SC. Because higher scan rates produced larger current densities, demonstrating improved kinetics and rate capacities, we inferred that the electrode integrity was maintained even at higher scan rates. The GCD curves of the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs were of approximately triangular form, with minimal bending occurring during charging, suggesting a combination of pseudocapacitive and EDLC behavior.

In addition, the discharging time was longer than the charging time, implying that both CMPs might be suitable for real-world use. The discharge time for the TPA-TAB CMP was almost twice that of the TPA-TBN CMP, suggesting that the capacity of the former would be more than twice that of the latter; this behavior was confirmed from the capacity graph displayed in Fig. 8(a). Furthermore, when operated at current densities of 0.5, 1, 2, 3, and 5 A g^{-1} , the coin cell incorporating the TPA-TAB CMP displayed specific capacitances of 117, 167, 86, 60, and 37 F g^{-1} , respectively; for the TPA-TBN CMP, these values were 100, 79, 36, 28, and 25 F g^{-1} , respectively. When we performed cycle stability tests for the TPA-CMPs over 5000 cycles at 10 A g^{-1} [Fig. 8(b)], the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs provided capacity retentions of 98 and 93%, respectively, confirming their long-term stabilities. In addition, the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs achieved energy densities of 17 and 13 W h kg^{-1} , at a power density of 125 W kg^{-1} , respectively, as determined from the Ragone plot diagram in Fig. 8(c).

These values are among the highest ever reported for SSC devices (Fig. 9); for example, PANI/NCNT composite [58], MCSF porous material [59], and IHPNC- carbon nanotubes [60] offered an energy density of 11.1, 9.6 and 8.7 Wh kg^{-1} at 980, 108.5 and 195 W kg^{-1} , respectively. N-PCNFs/PSN presented an energy density of 8.5 Wh kg^{-1} for a power density = 250 W kg^{-1} [61]; N-CNFs/900 displayed an energy density of 7.11 Wh kg^{-1} at 125 W kg^{-1} [62]; and FC-CMPs/rGO delivered a power density of 8 Wh kg^{-1} at 124 W kg^{-1} [63]. Furthermore, we demonstrated the practical application of our TPA-CMPs as symmetric cells through their use in the illumination of a light-emitting diode (LED; Fig. S15).

4. Conclusion

We have prepared two TPA-based CMPs through single-step Suzuki couplings. These TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs possessed exceptional thermal stabilities ($T_{d10} > 400^\circ\text{C}$), large surface areas, and outstanding performance for energy storage, arising from their chemical structures featuring redox-active TPA units. In particular, the TPA-TAB CMP exhibited three-electrode capacitance of 684 F g^{-1} and long-term stability (99.5%) after 5000 cycles. Moreover, it demonstrated a two-electrode SSC capacitance of 117 F g^{-1} and high-capacity retention of 98% after 5000 cycles. Thus, these TPA-CMPs appear to be attractive electroactive materials for application as active electrodes in electrochemical energy storage devices.

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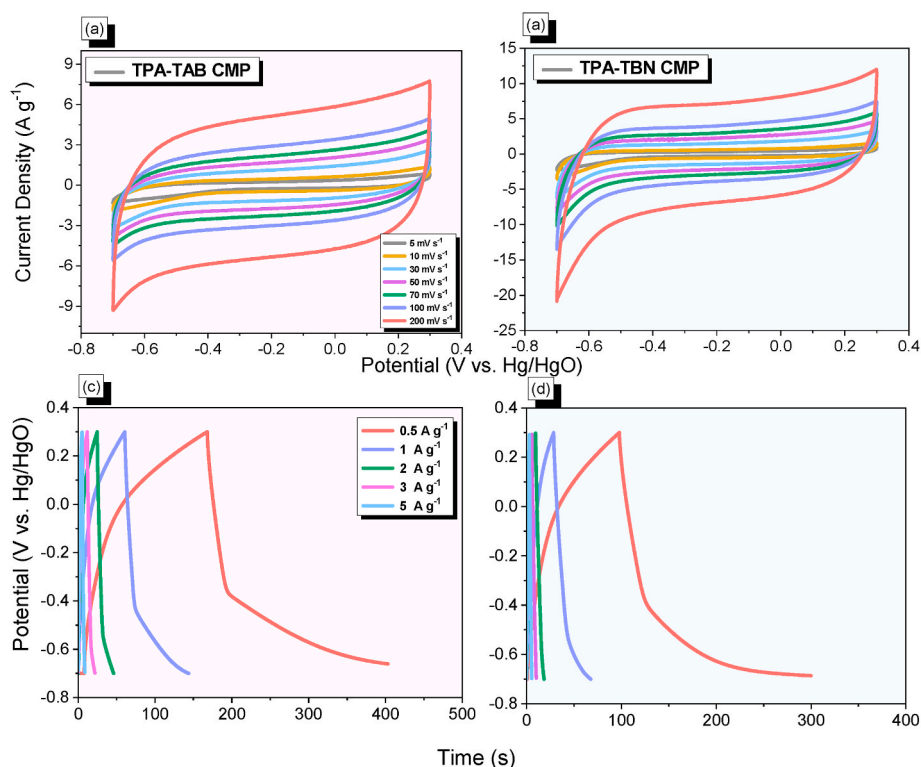


Fig. 7. (a, b) CV traces and (c, d) GCD curves of SSC coin cells incorporating the (a, c) TPA-TAB and (b, d) TPA-TBN CMPs.

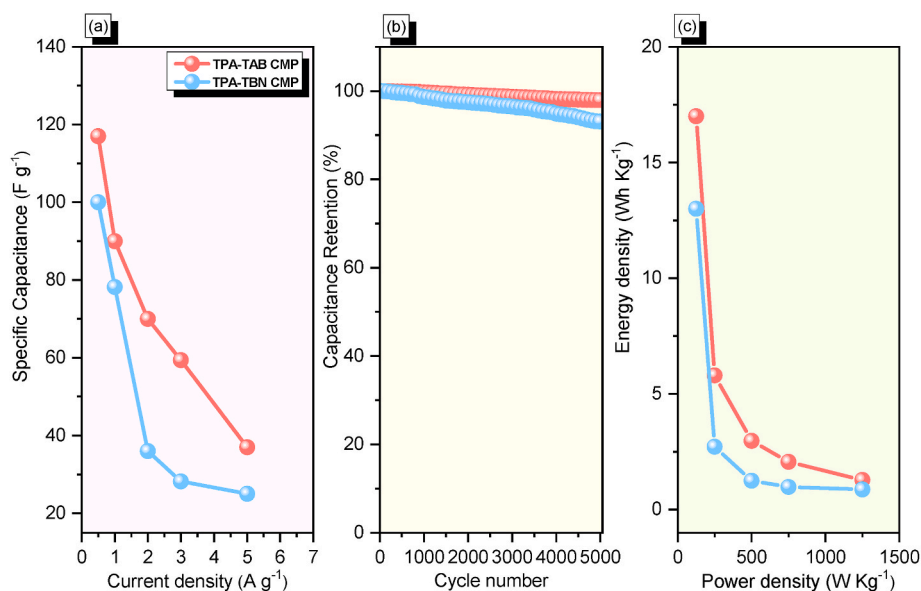


Fig. 8. (a) Specific capacitances, (b) long-term cycling stability profiles, and (c) Ragone plots of SSC coin cells incorporating the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs.

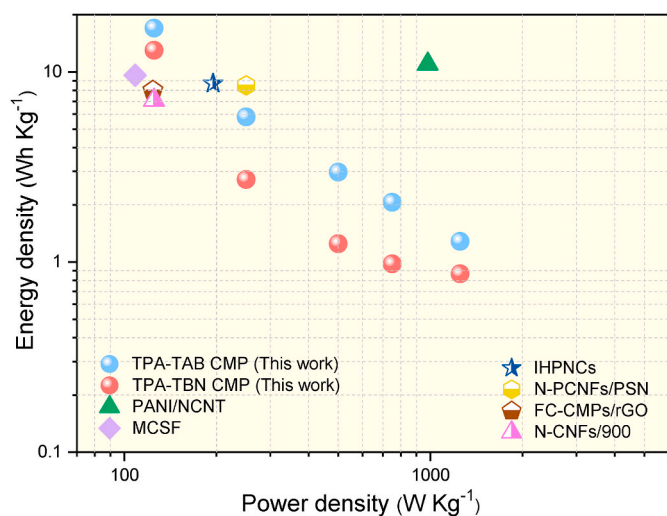


Fig. 9. Ragone plots of SSC devices incorporating the TPA-TAB and TPA-TBN CMPs, compared with those of other previously reported SSC devices.

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