

**Table S1.** Gas permeation properties of the recently developed carbon molecular sieve membranes (data mostly from 2015).

| Polymer<br>Temp                      | Form                 | Permeability (barrer)                    |                |                |                 |                 |                               |                               | Selectivity                               |                                |                                 | Ref               |                                  |  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|                                      |                      | O <sub>2</sub>                           | N <sub>2</sub> | H <sub>2</sub> | CO <sub>2</sub> | CH <sub>4</sub> | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> | O <sub>2</sub> /N <sub>2</sub>            | H <sub>2</sub> /N <sub>2</sub> | CO <sub>2</sub> /N <sub>2</sub> |                   | CO <sub>2</sub> /CH <sub>4</sub> | C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> /C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> |
| PPESK * <sub>1</sub>                 | Film                 | 270 * <sub>2</sub><br>257 * <sub>3</sub> |                |                |                 |                 |                               |                               | 4.6 * <sub>4</sub><br>10.3 * <sub>5</sub> |                                |                                 |                   |                                  | [41]   |
| PIM-6FDA-OH<br>803.15 K              | Film                 |  |                |                | 4110            | 206             |                               |                               |   |                                |                                 | 20                |                                  |  |
| 873.15 K                             |                      | 1071                                     | 185            | 5248           | 5040            | 132             |                               |                               | 5.8                                       | 28                             | 27                              | 38                |                                  | [42,43]  |
| 1073.15 K                            |                      |  |                |                | 556             | 6               | 10                            | 0.57                          |   |                                |                                 | 91                | 17.5                             |  |
| Polyimide +<br>ZSM-5<br>923.15 K     | Plate supported      |  | 15.7           | 1475           | 325             |                 |                               |                               |   | 94                             | 21                              |                   |                                  | [54]   |
| Larch sawdust + F-<br>127+Ni (10 nm) |                      | 0.21                                     | 0.14           |                | 0.07            |                 |                               |                               | 1.5                                       |                                |                                 |                   |                                  | [55]   |
| Matrimid<br>923.15 K                 | disk<br>Supported    |  | 650            |                |                 |                 |                               |                               |   |                                |                                 |                   |                                  | [58]   |
| Matrimid<br>1123.15 K                | Tubular<br>Supported |  |                |                |                 |                 |                               |                               |   |                                | 80 * <sub>6</sub>               | 87 * <sub>6</sub> |                                  | [59]   |
| Matrimid<br>1123.15 K                | Tubular<br>Supported |  |                |                |                 |                 |                               |                               |   |                                |                                 | 87                |                                  | [77]   |
| Phenolic novolac<br>973.15 K         | Tubular<br>supported | 2.77                                     | 0.18           |                | 17.5            |                 |                               |                               | 15.4 * <sub>7</sub>                       |                                | 97 * <sub>7</sub>               |                   |                                  | [60]   |
| Phenolic novolac<br>773.15 K         | Tubular              | 101.6                                    | 14.4           | 1673           |                 |                 |                               |                               | 7.1                                       | 117                            |                                 |                   |                                  | [51]   |
| 823.15 K                             |                      | 35.8                                     | 2.4            | 1732           |                 |                 |                               |                               | 15  | 725                            |                                 |                   |                                  |  |
| PEI<br>873.15 K                      | Disk<br>supported    | 17                                       | 1.9            | 601            | 72.9            |                 |                               |                               | 8.9                                       | 316                            | 38                              | 88                |                                  | [76]   |

\*<sub>1</sub> PPESK = poly (phthalazinone ether sulfone ketone). \*<sub>2</sub> CM-fd- 1023.15 K = Carbon membrane freeze-drying and carbonized at 1023.15 K, Single gas. \*<sub>3</sub> CM-fd-1023.15 K = Carbon membrane freeze-drying and carbonized at 1023.15 K, Mix gas (O<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>). \*<sub>4</sub> CM-rd-923.15 K = Carbon membrane refrigerate-drying and carbonized at 923.15 K. \*<sub>5</sub> CM-rd-1123.15 K = Carbon membrane refrigerate-drying and carbonized at 1123.15 K. \*<sub>6</sub> Carbonization under Ar. \*<sub>7</sub> S20\_20\_20 = carbon membrane coated on stainless steel tube and carbonized 3 times with 20 cP polymer solution.