

Supporting Information for

Molecular Engineering Design for High-Performance Aqueous Zinc-Organic Battery

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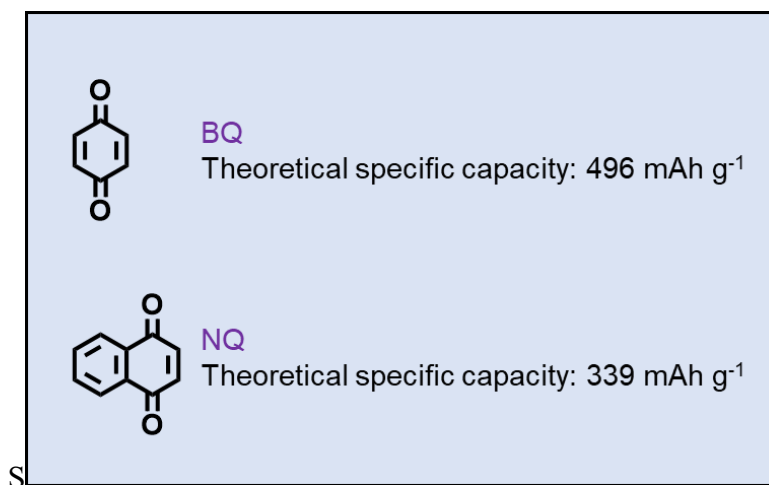


Fig. S1 Molecular structures of BQ and NQ compounds

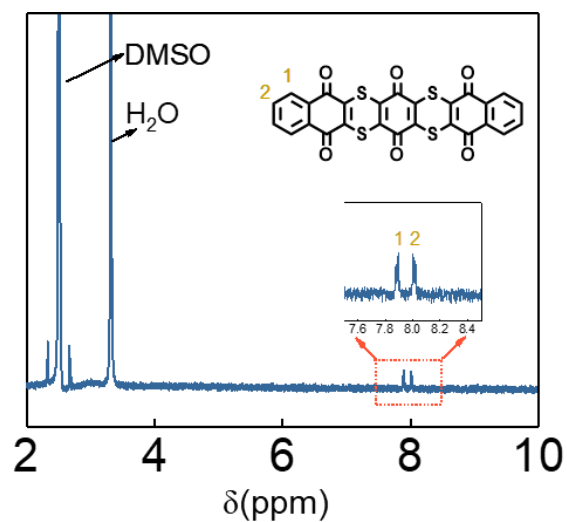


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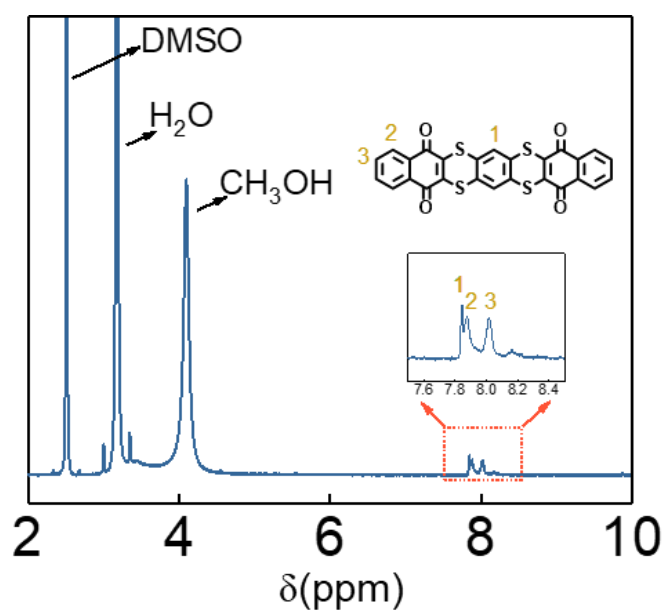


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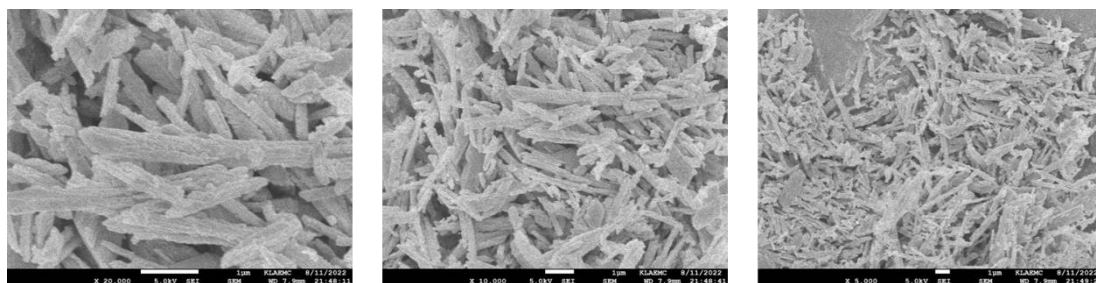


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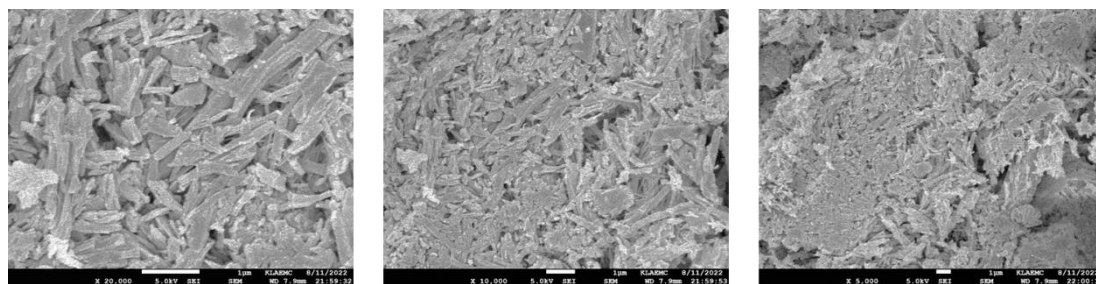


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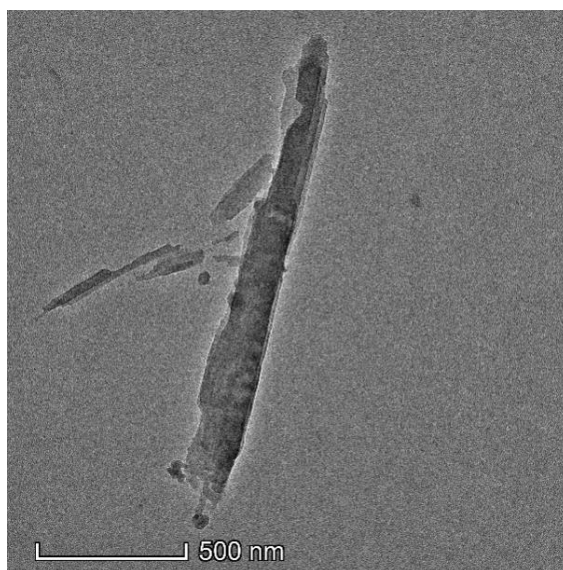


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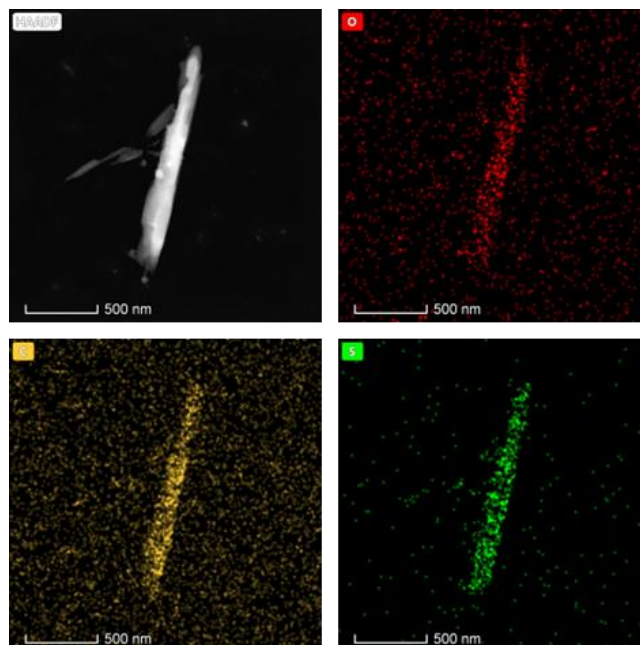


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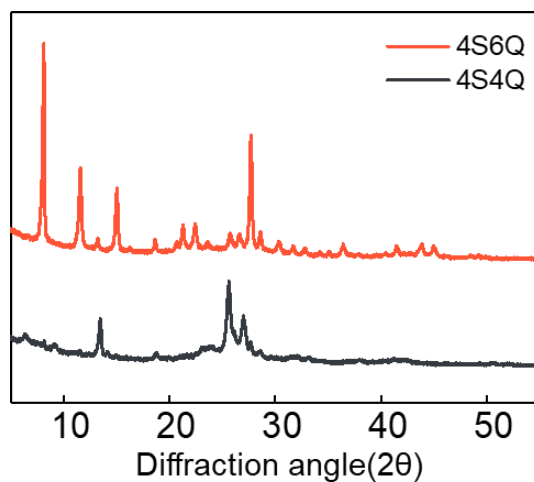


Fig. S8 XRD patterns of 4S6Q and 4S4Q

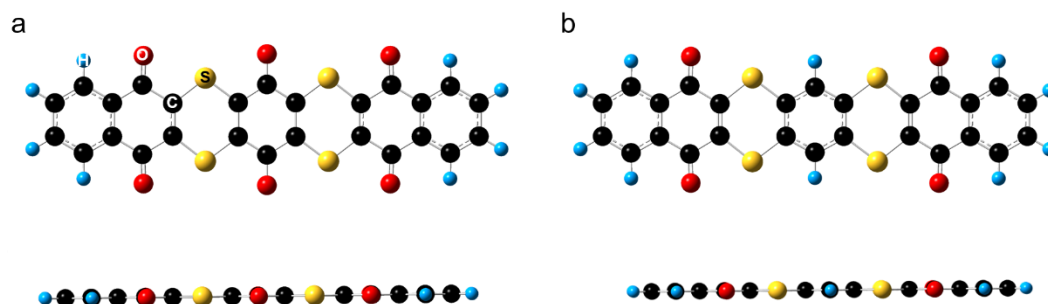


Fig. S9 Optimized structures of (a) 4S6Q; and (b) 4S4Q

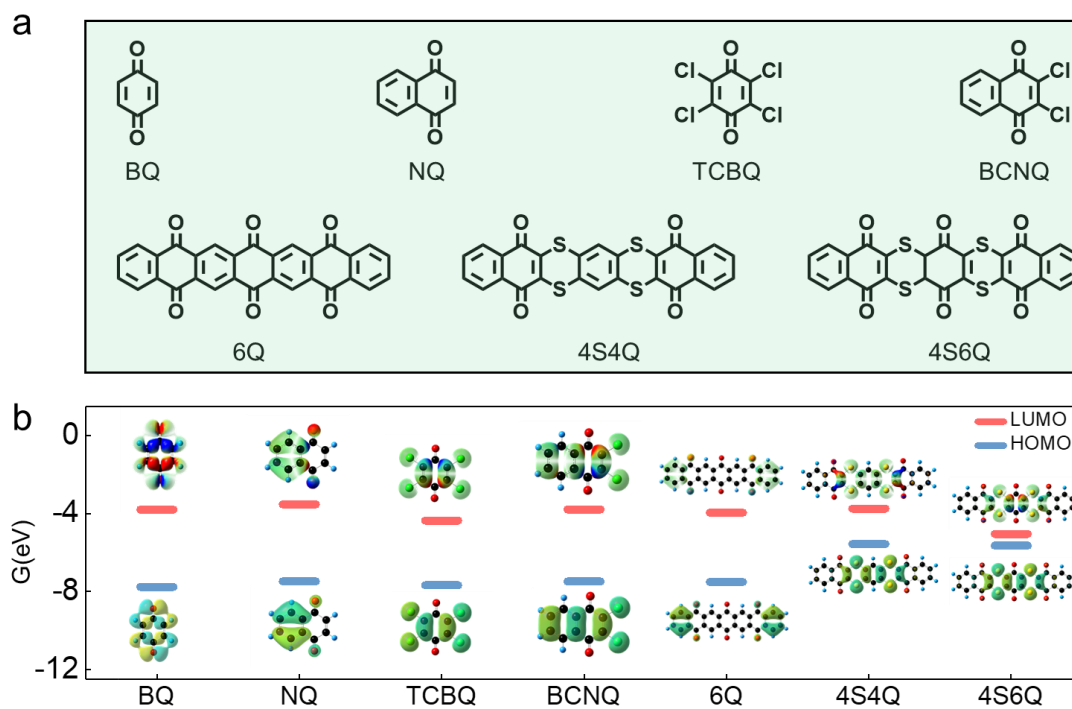


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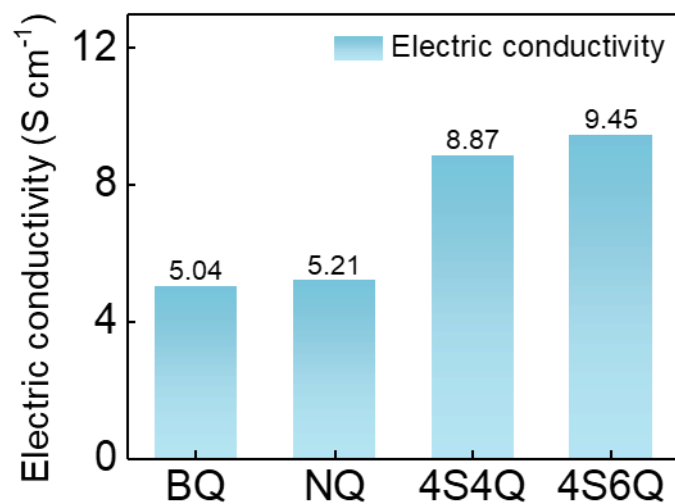


Fig. S11 Electric conductivities of different compounds

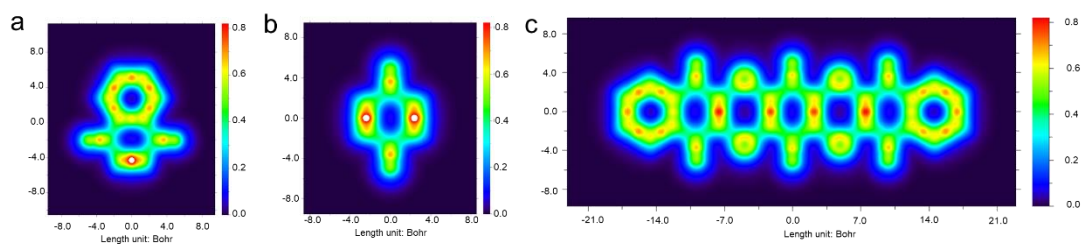


Fig. S12 LOL- π image of a) NQ; b) BQ; c) 4S6Q

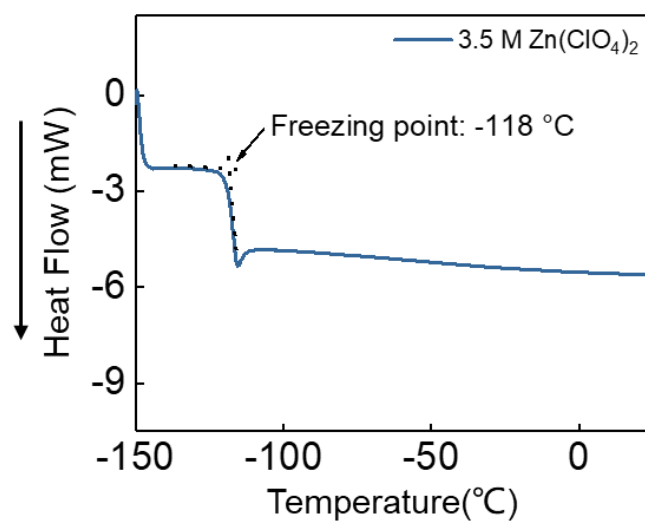


Fig. S13 Freezing point of 3.5 M Zn(ClO₄)₂ electrolyte

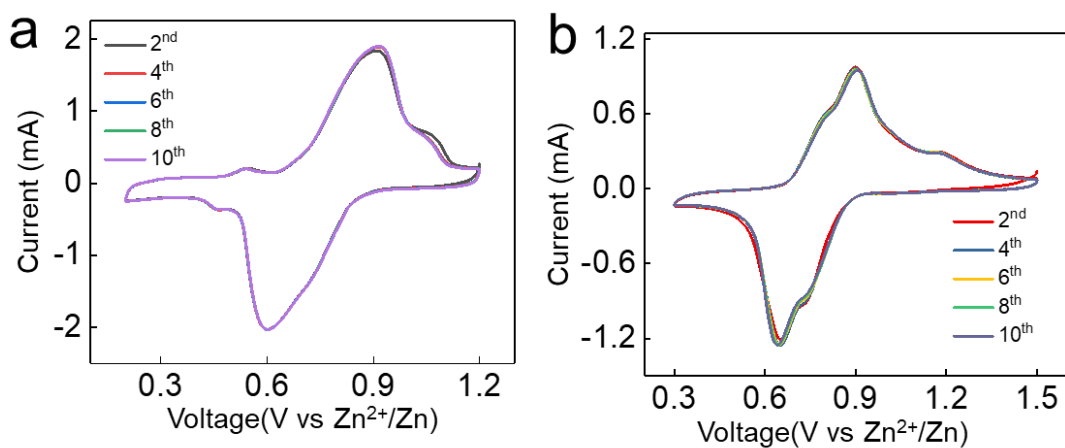


Fig. S14 CV curves of **a)** Zn//4S4Q battery at 5 mV s⁻¹; **b)** Zn//4S6Q battery at 5 mV s⁻¹

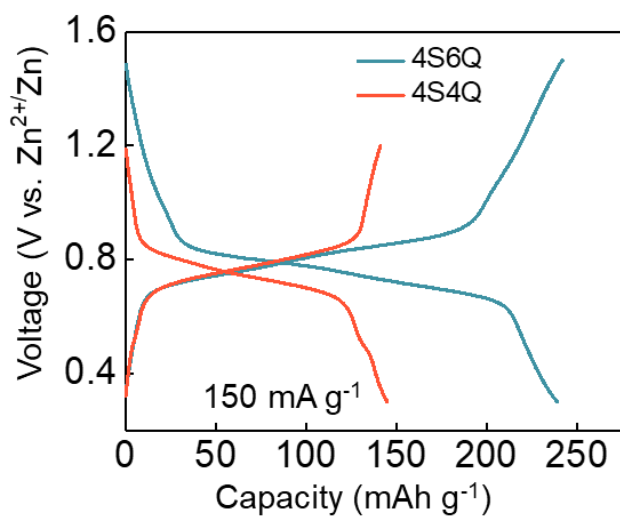


Fig. S15 GCD curves of Zn//4S4Q and Zn//4S6Q battery at 150 mA g⁻¹

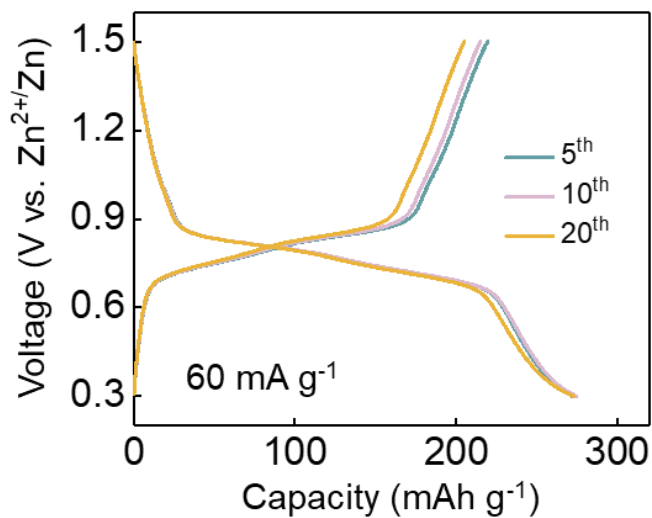


Fig. S16 GCD curves of the Zn//4S6Q battery at 60 mA g⁻¹

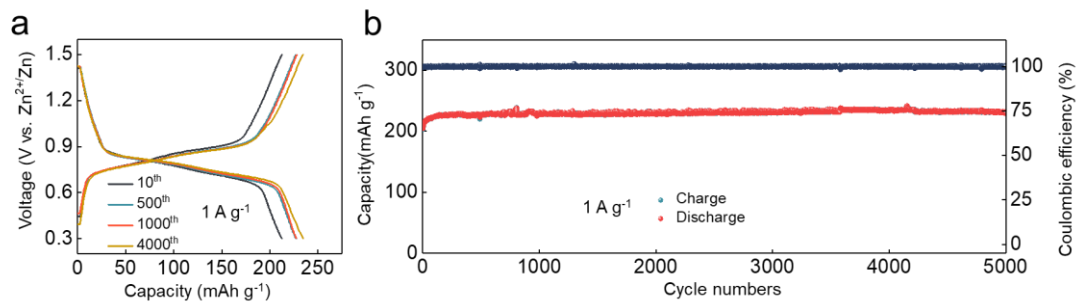


Fig. S17 a) GCD curves of Zn//4S6Qat 1 A g^{-1} . b) Cycling stability of Zn//4S6Q battery at 1 A g^{-1}

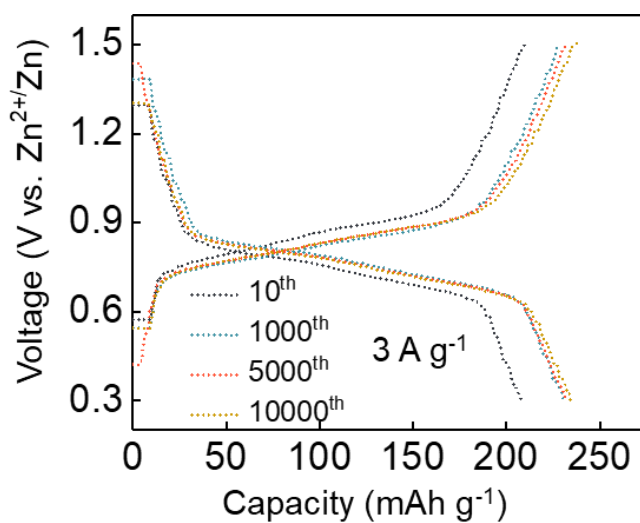


Fig. S18 GCD curves of Zn//4S6Q battery at 3 A g^{-1}

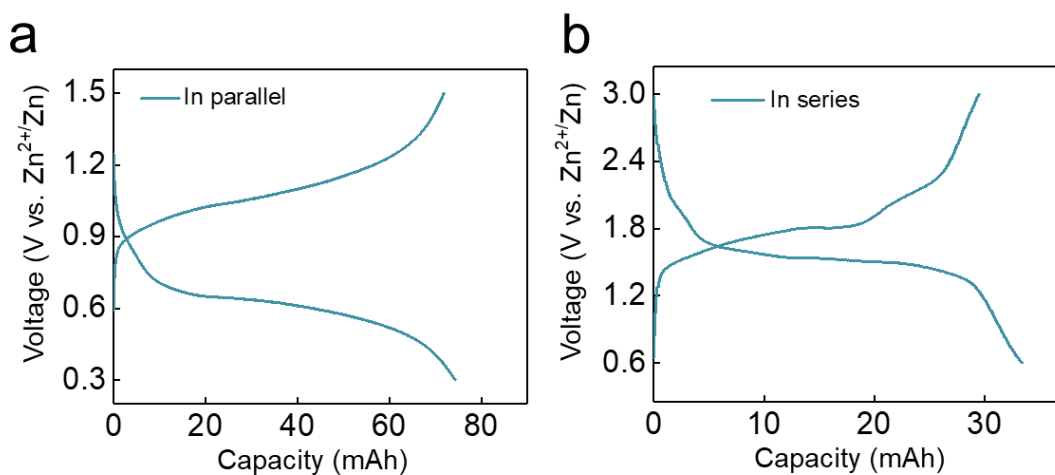


Fig. S19 Pouch cells are connected in a) parallel; b) series

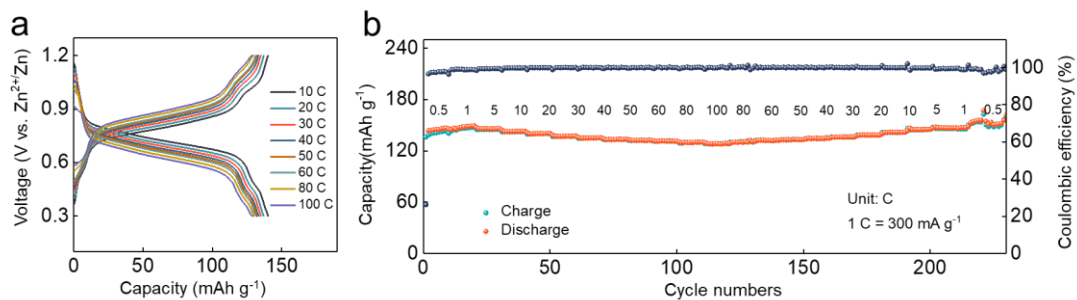


Fig. S20 a) GCD curves of Zn//4S4Q battery at different current densities. b) Rate capability of Zn//4S4Q battery

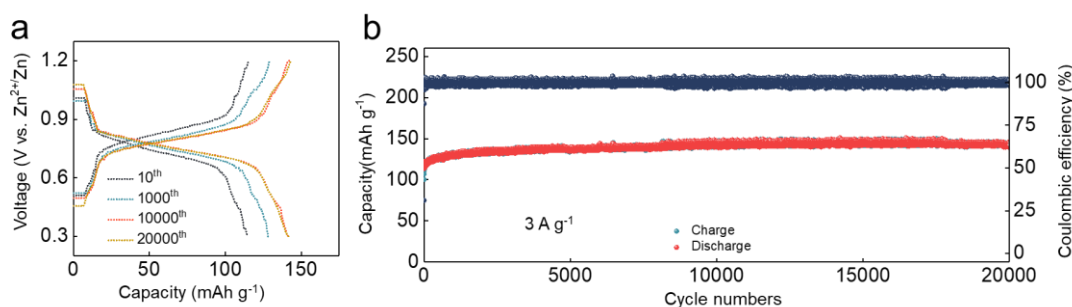


Fig. S21 a) GCD curves of Zn//4S4Q battery at 3 A g⁻¹. b) Cycling stability of Zn//4S4Q battery at 3 A g⁻¹

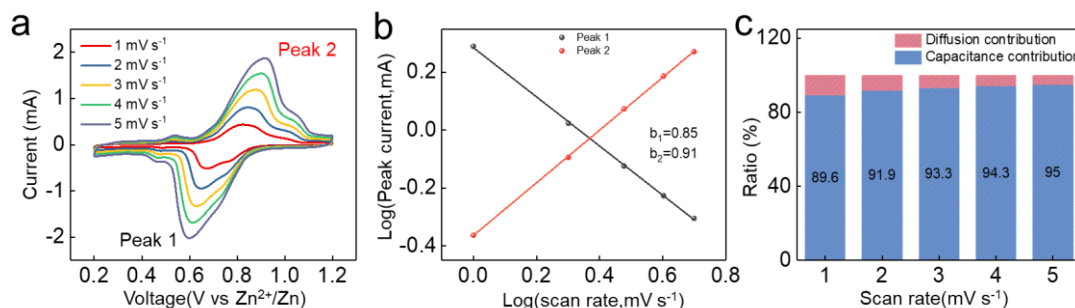


Fig. S22 a) CV curves of Zn//4S4Q battery at different scan rates. b) Calculated b values. c) Ratios of capacitance and diffusion contribution at different scan rates

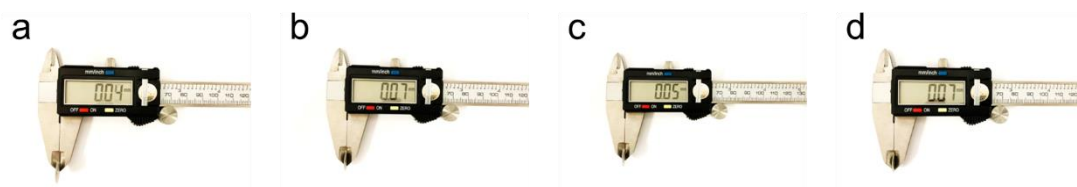


Fig. S23 a) Thickness of the current collector for the 4S4Q electrode. b) Thickness of the whole 4S4Q electrode. c) Thickness of the current collector for the 4S6Q electrode. d) Thickness of the whole 4S6Q electrode

The following equation can calculate the ionic conductivity:

$$\sigma = \frac{L}{R_{ct}S}$$

where σ refers to the ionic conductivity, L refers to the thickness of active material, R_{ct} corresponds to the charge transfer impedance (124.9 Ω for 4S4Q and 33.8 Ω for 4S6Q), S corresponds to the area of active material (the diameter of active material is 8 mm). Thus, the ionic conductivities of 4S4Q and 4S6Q are calculated to be 4.78 and 11.76 mS cm^{-1} , respectively.

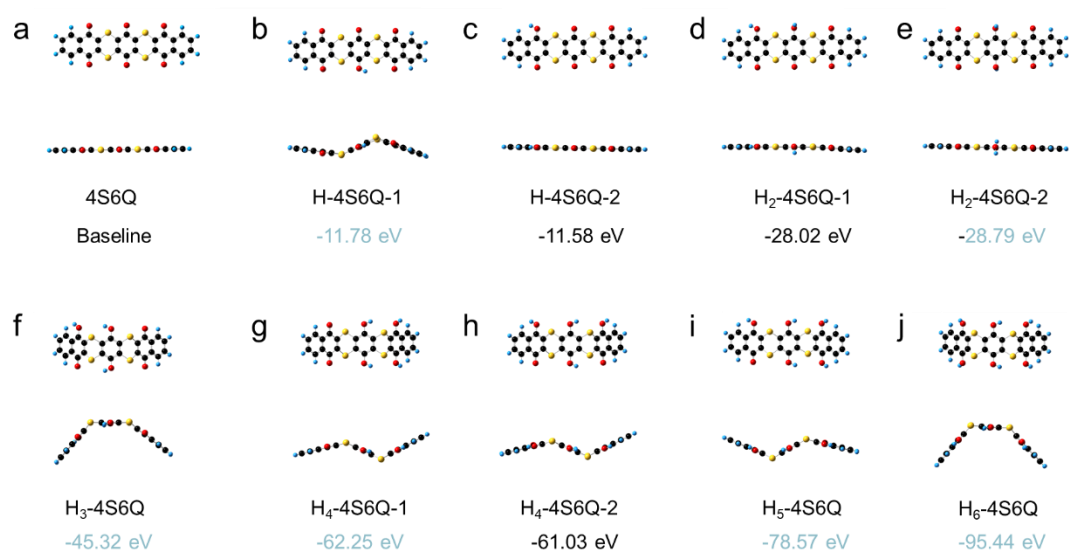


Fig. S24 The optimized structure and energy of **a)** 4S6Q; **b)** H-4S6Q-1; **c)** H-4S6Q-2; **d)** H₂-4S6Q-1; **e)** H₂-4S6Q-2; **f)** H₃-4S6Q; **g)** H₄-4S6Q-1; **h)** H₄-4S6Q-2; **i)** H₅-4S6Q; **j)** H₆-4S6Q

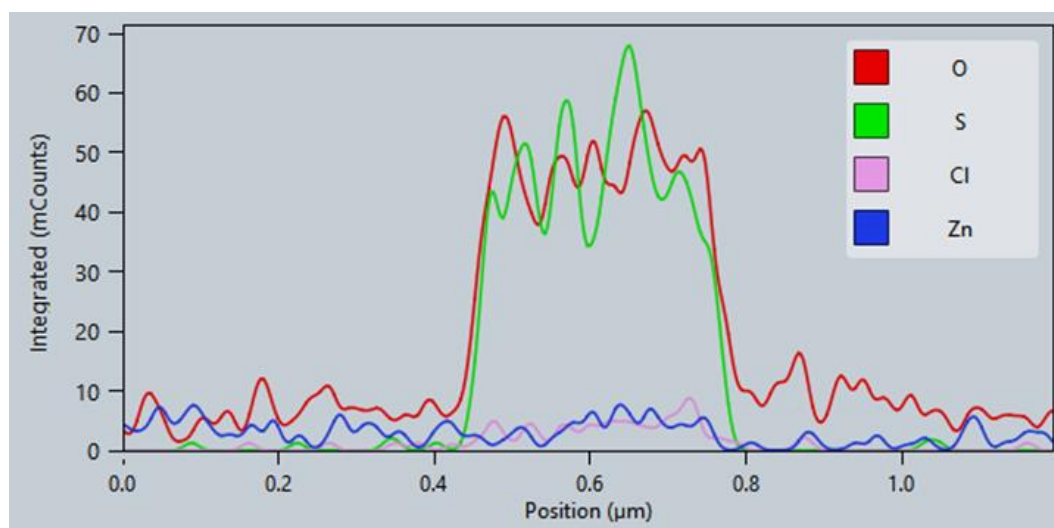


Fig. S25 Element linear scan image of 4S6Q electrode at discharged state

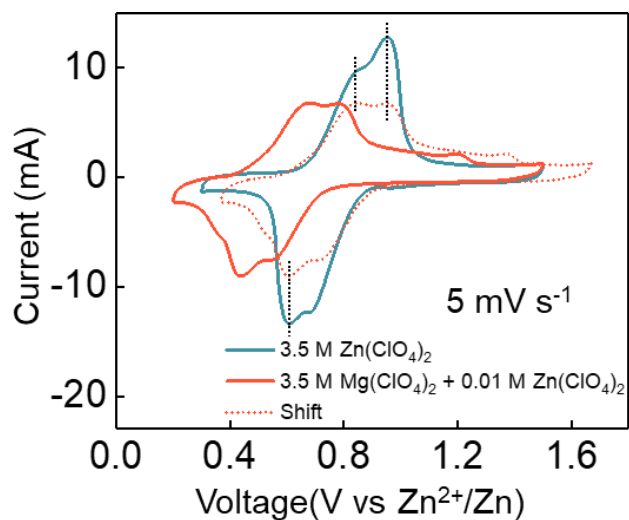


Fig. S26 CV curves of Zn//4S6Q battery at different electrolytes

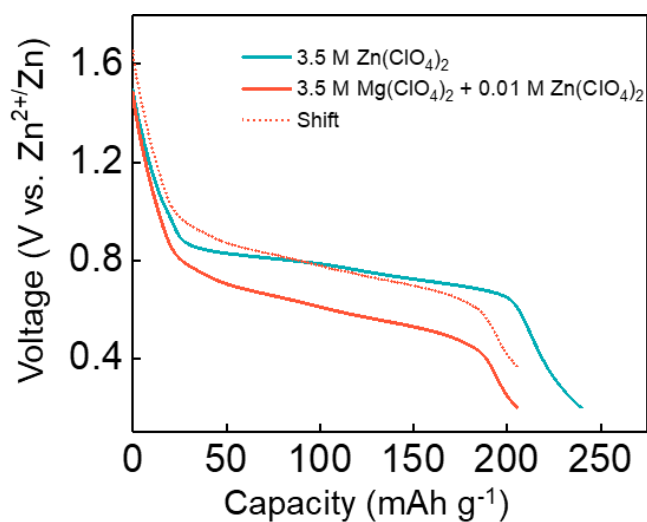


Fig. S27 GCD curves of Zn//4S6Q battery at different electrolytes

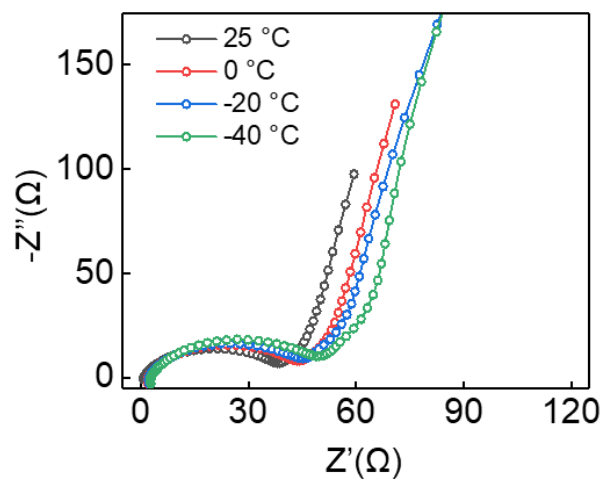


Fig. S28 Impedances of 4S6Q at low-temperature conditions

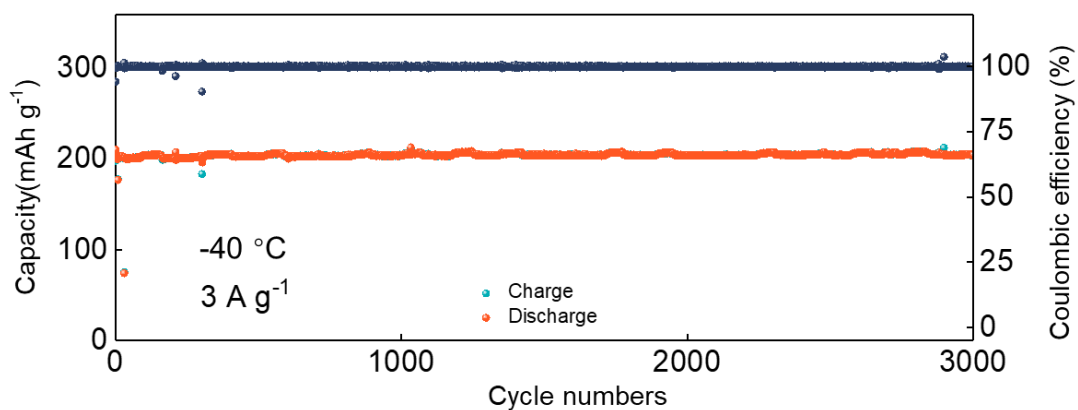
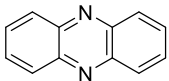
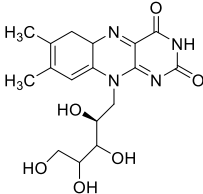
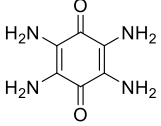
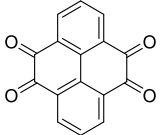
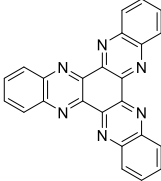


Fig. S29 Cycle stability of Zn//4S6Q battery at -40 °C

Table S1 Comparison of electrochemical performance for various of organic materials

Molecular structure	Discharge capacity (mAh g ⁻¹)/current density (A g ⁻¹)	Cycle number/ current density (A g ⁻¹)/capacity retention (%)	Refs.
	232/0.02 80/1	100/0.1/89 1000/1/79	[S1]
	113.5/0.03 95.8/5	100/0.1/66.1 3000/5/92.7	[S2]
	303/0.01 213/5	1000/5/83.3	[S3]
	336/0.04 162/5	1000/3/70	[S4]
	405/0.1 123/20	5000/5/93.3	[S5]

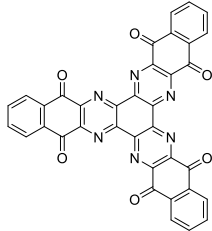
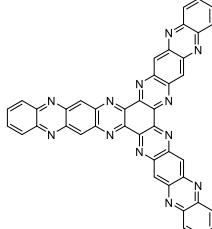
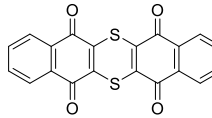
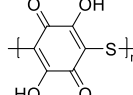
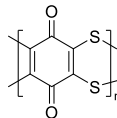
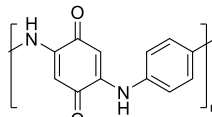
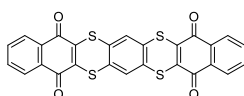
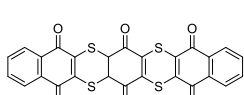
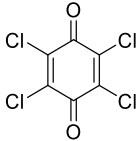
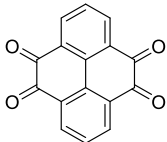
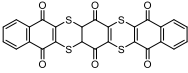
	482.5/0.2 177.5/9	11000/5/99.3	[S6]
	257/5 144/100	30000/30/92.7	[S7]
	210.9/0.05 97/2	150/0.1/94% 23000/2/83.8%	[S8]
	215/0.05 161/5	1000/1/no capacity fading	[S9]
	205/0.05 176/10	10000/20/75.2%	[S10]
PANI	191/0.05 95/5	3000/5/92	[S11]
	329/0.1 277/20	4800/1/85	[S12]
	145.8/0.15 128.3/30	20000/3/ no capacity fading	This work
	240/0.15 208/30	500/0.15/ no capacity fading 20000/3/ no capacity fading	

Table S2 EDS of 4S6Q electrode at discharged state

Element	Atomic Fraction (%)	Mass Fraction (%)
O	69.12	52.68
S	30.75	46.97
Cl	0.03	0.05
Zn	0.10	0.30

Table S3 The comparison of electrochemical performance for various of organic materials at low-temperature conditions

Cathode	Electrolyte	Operated temperature	Discharge capacity (mAh g ⁻¹)/current density (A g ⁻¹)	Cycle number/ current density (A g ⁻¹)/capacity retention (%)	Refs.
	4 M Zn(BF ₄) ₂	-60 °C	86.1/0.022	50/0.022/97.3	[S13]
	3.5 M Mg(ClO ₄) ₂ + 1 M Zn(ClO ₄) ₂	-70 °C	101/0.2 71/1.2	100/0.2/ no capacity fading	[S14]
PANI	7.5 M ZnCl ₂	-70 °C	106.2/0.02 8/5	2000/0.2/ no capacity fading	[S15]
Activated carbon	3 M Zn(ClO ₄) ₂	-60 °C	45.88/0.5	70000/1/ no capacity fading	[S16]
Amorphous V ₂ O ₅	2 M Zn(CF ₃ SO ₃) ₂	-30 °C	285/0.1 194.1/1	1000/0.5/81.7	[S17]
	3.5 M Zn(ClO ₄) ₂	-60 °C	201.7/0.15 67.6/15	10000/3/ no capacity fading	This work

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