

Supporting Information

Discovery of Innovative Polymers for Next-Generation Gas-Separation Membranes using Interpretable Machine Learning

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PEOE_VSA6	NHOHCount	fr_azo	fr_thiophene
PEOE_VSA7	NOCCount	fr_barbitur	fr_unbrch_alkane
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Table S1. List of function names for molecular descriptor calculation in RDKit.

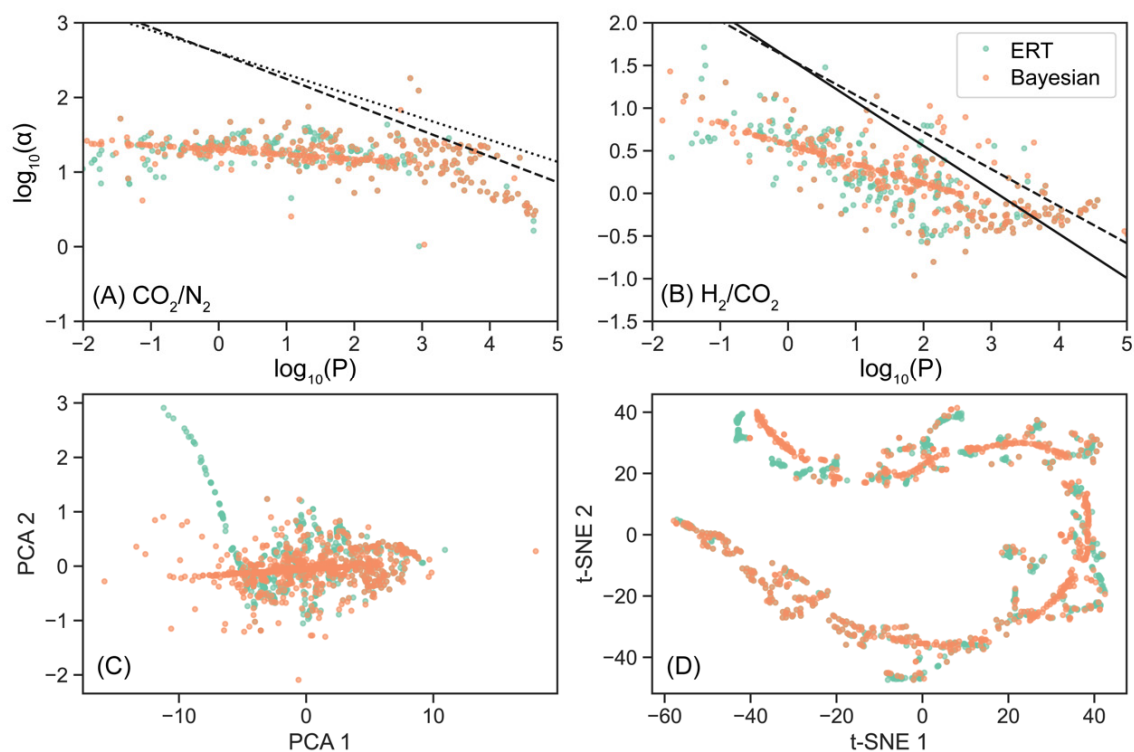


Fig. S1. Further visualization of imputed permeabilities in the training set, Dataset A. (a) CO₂/N₂ and (b) H₂/CO₂ Robeson plots after imputation using extremely randomized trees (ERT) and Bayesian linear regression, with permeabilities averaged across entries that correspond to the same polymer. Solid, dashed, and dotted lines refer to the 1991, 2008, and 2015/2019 upper bounds, respectively. The gas permeabilities of all six gases (He, H₂, O₂, N₂, CO₂, and CH₄) as visualized in lower-dimensional space using (e) principal components analysis (PCA) and (f) t-distributed stochastic neighbor embedding (t-SNE) show that linear and non-linear imputation yield similar outputs.

For the generation of Dataset C, polyimides can be synthesized through the reaction between a dianhydride and a diamine with the elimination of water molecules¹, or through the reaction between a dianhydride and a diisocyanate with the elimination of carbon dioxide molecules², shown in **Fig. S2(a)**. All of the polyimides in Dataset C are generated via this mechanism from binary pairs of known chemicals in PubChem³.

Double-stranded ladder polymers can be obtained through the binary reaction of a tetra-halogenated aromatic monomer and a tetra-hydroxy aromatic monomer⁴, as shown in **Fig. S2(b)**. We obtain ~500 ladder polymers from different binary combinations of selected reacting monomers, which defines a chemical space of ladder polymers with sparse data points. To better explore this chemical space, we train a RNN model to learn its structure patterns and populate another 500 ladder polymers to supplement the chemical space. Together, the ladder polymers from monomer combinations and RNN generation comprise Dataset D.

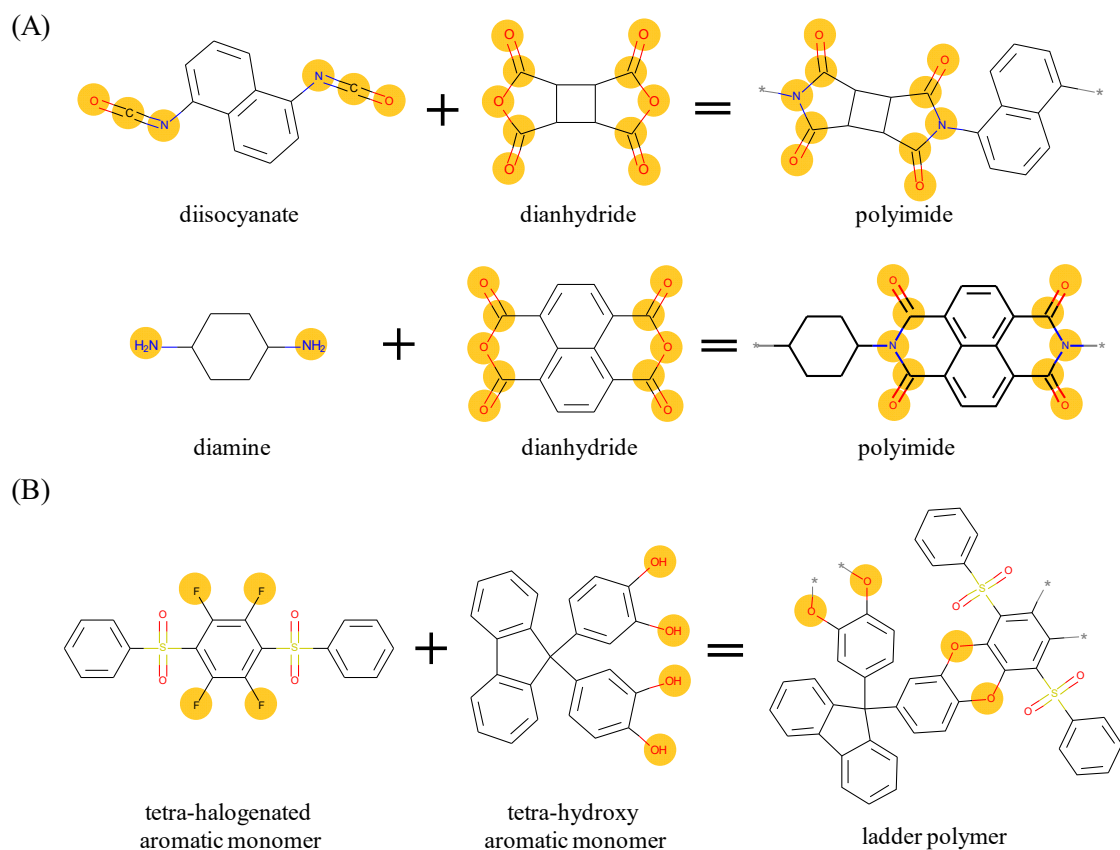


Fig. S2. In-silico reaction routes for the generation of polyimides (Dataset C) and ladder polymers (Dataset D). (a) The polycondensation of diisocyanate/diamine and dianhydride to form a polyimide. Each generated polyimide features two functional imide groups. (b) The formula for ladder polymer formation from a tetra-halogenated aromatic monomer and a tetra-hydroxy aromatic monomer. Each ladder polymer repeating unit features four connection points along its double stranded backbone. Reacting groups are highlighted in yellow.

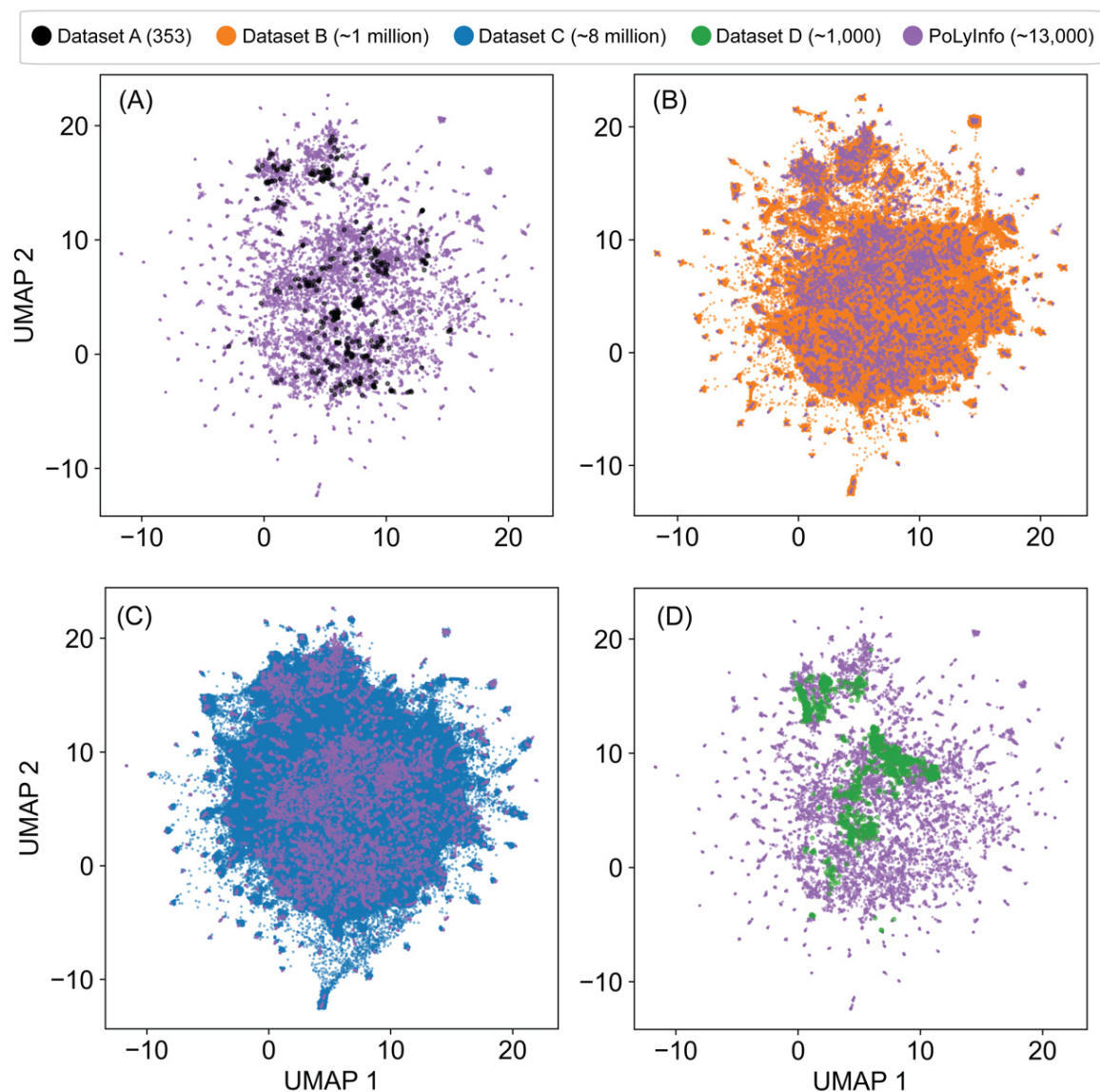


Fig. S3. Visualization of the MFF chemical space for the datasets explored in this work, using uniform manifold approximation and projection (UMAP), which captures local and global structure in the data. (a-d) correspond to Datasets A-D respectively, each compared to the PoLyInfo database, one of the largest polymer databases. Dataset A (training set) generally spans the feature space occupied by Datasets B, C, and D.

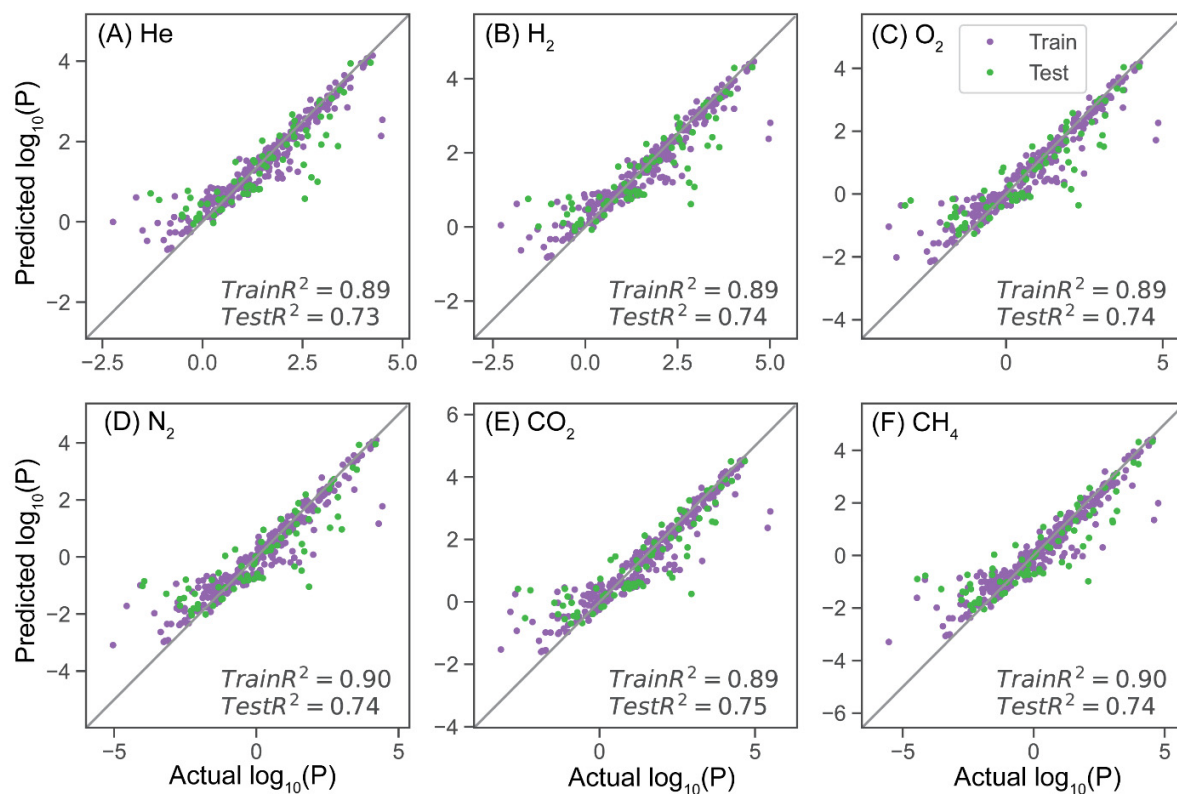


Fig. S4. Summary of the performance of the random forest model trained on MFFs and gas permeabilities imputed using BLR. The predicted and actual permeabilities in Barrers for six gases are plotted for the train and test datasets.

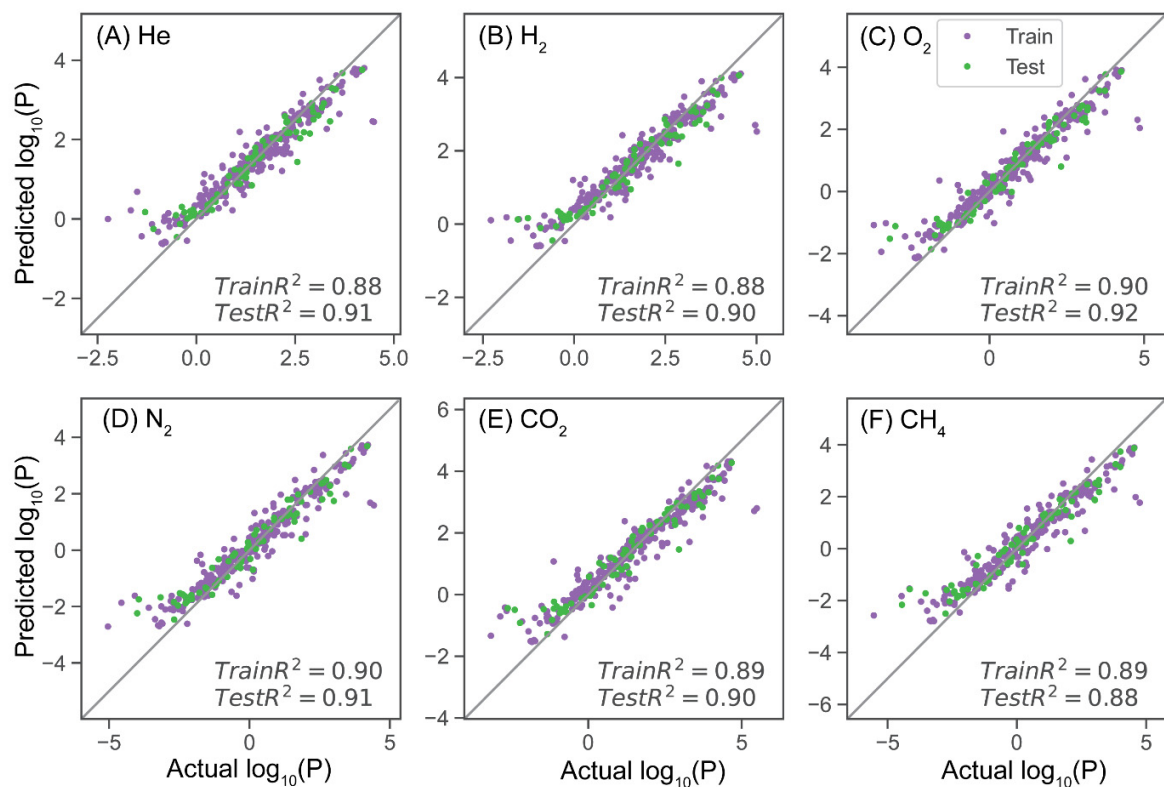


Fig. S5. Summary of the performance of the ensemble of DNNs trained on MFFs and gas permeabilities imputed using BLR. The predicted and actual permeabilities in Barrers for six gases are plotted for the train and test datasets.

	He	H ₂	O ₂	N ₂	CO ₂	CH ₄
Mean single-model test R ²	0.69	0.68	0.71	0.68	0.70	0.70
Std of R ²	0.043	0.070	0.049	0.098	0.043	0.054
Ensemble test R ²	0.91	0.90	0.92	0.91	0.90	0.88
Mean variance of normalized test predictions	0.071	0.086	0.072	0.101	0.073	0.074

Table S2. Summary of uncertainty quantification of the ensemble of 16 DNNs trained on MFFs and permeabilities imputed using BLR. The last row refers to variance on predicted permeability values that have been normalized to a standard deviation of 1 and a mean of 0.

ID	Descriptor Name	Description
101	VSA_EState8	Hybrid MOE-type descriptor using EState indices and VSA contributions for $6.45 < x < 7.00$
107	NumAliphaticCarbocycles	Number of carbocycles that contain at least one non-aromatic bond
109	NumAliphaticRings	Number of rings that contain at least one non-aromatic bond
15	FpDensityMorgan2	Approximated density of the molecule
75	SlogP_VSA4	Sum of the approximate accessible VDW surface areas of atoms in the molecule with contributions between 0 and 0.1 to the molecule octanol/water partition coefficient calculation method proposed by Crippen
79	SlogP_VSA8	Sum of the approximate accessible VDW surface areas of atoms in the molecule with contributions between 0.25 and 0.3 to the molecule octanol/water partition coefficient calculation method proposed by Crippen
103	FractionCSP3	Fraction of C atoms that are sp ³ hybridized
91	EState_VSA8	Hybrid MOE-type descriptor using EState indices and VSA contributions for $2.05 < x < 4.69$
16	FpDensityMorgan3	Approximated density of the molecule
69	SlogP_VSA1	Sum of the approximate accessible VDW surface areas of atoms in the molecule with contributions less than -0.40 to the molecule octanol/water partition coefficient calculation method proposed by Crippen
92	EState_VSA9	Hybrid MOE-type descriptor using EState indices and VSA contributions for $4.69 < x < 9.17$
65	SMR_VSA6	MOE-type descriptor using surface area contributions where $2.75 < x < 3.05$

Table S3. Definitions of the top molecular descriptors as identified using SHAP on the DNN model trained on descriptors with permeabilities imputed using BLR. All descriptors are calculated based on the graph structure and atom and bond types within the molecule. EState refers to the electrotopological state indices calculated as proposed by Hall and Kier⁵. Large positive values indicate atoms of high electronegativity and/or terminal atoms, while small or negative EState values indicate atoms with only σ electrons, interior atoms, or atoms near electronegative atoms. VSA refers to the accessible van der Waals surface area.

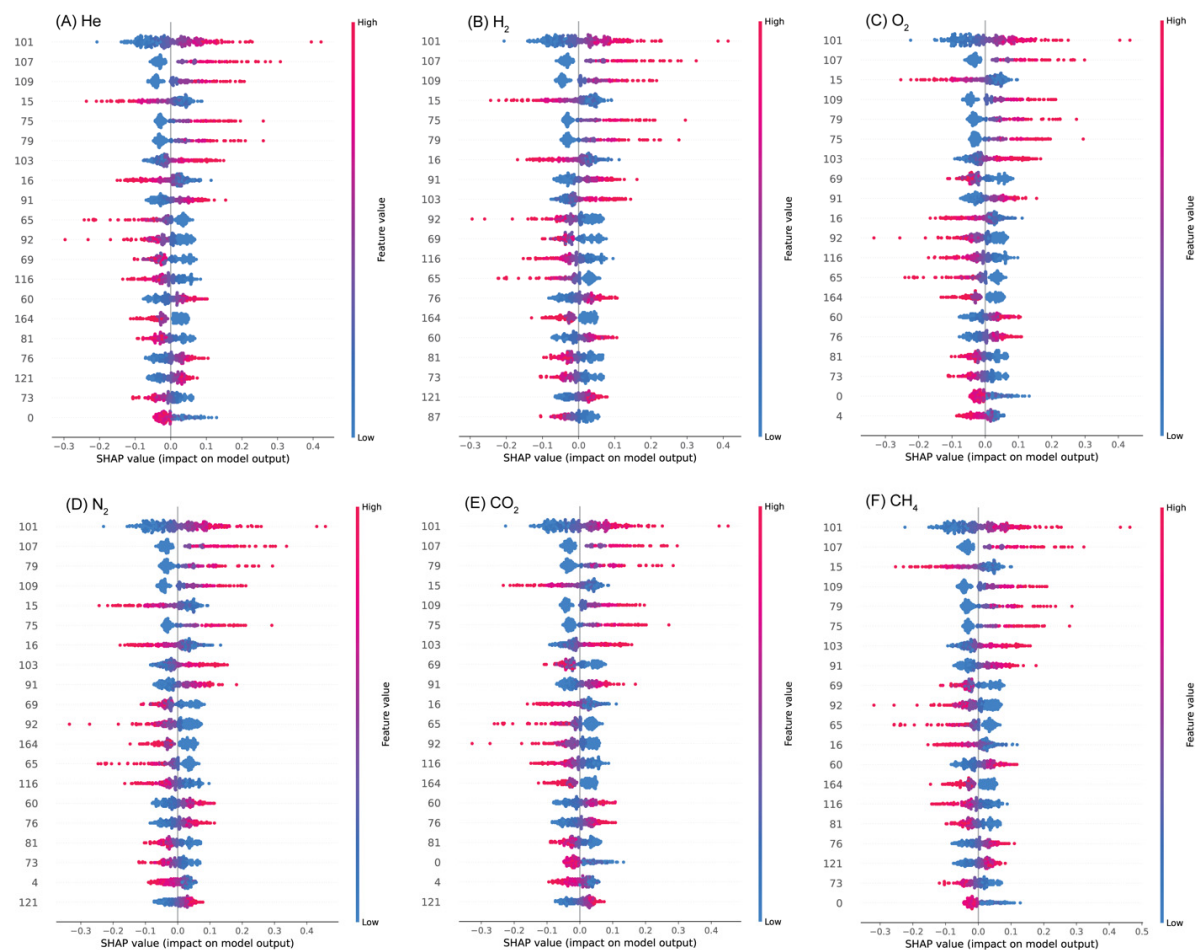


Fig. S6. SHAP summary plots showing the impacts of the twenty most important chemical descriptors for predicting (a) He, (b) H₂, (c) O₂, (d) N₂, (e) CO₂, and (f) CH₄ gas permeabilities in the DNN ensemble model trained on descriptors with permeabilities imputed via BLR.

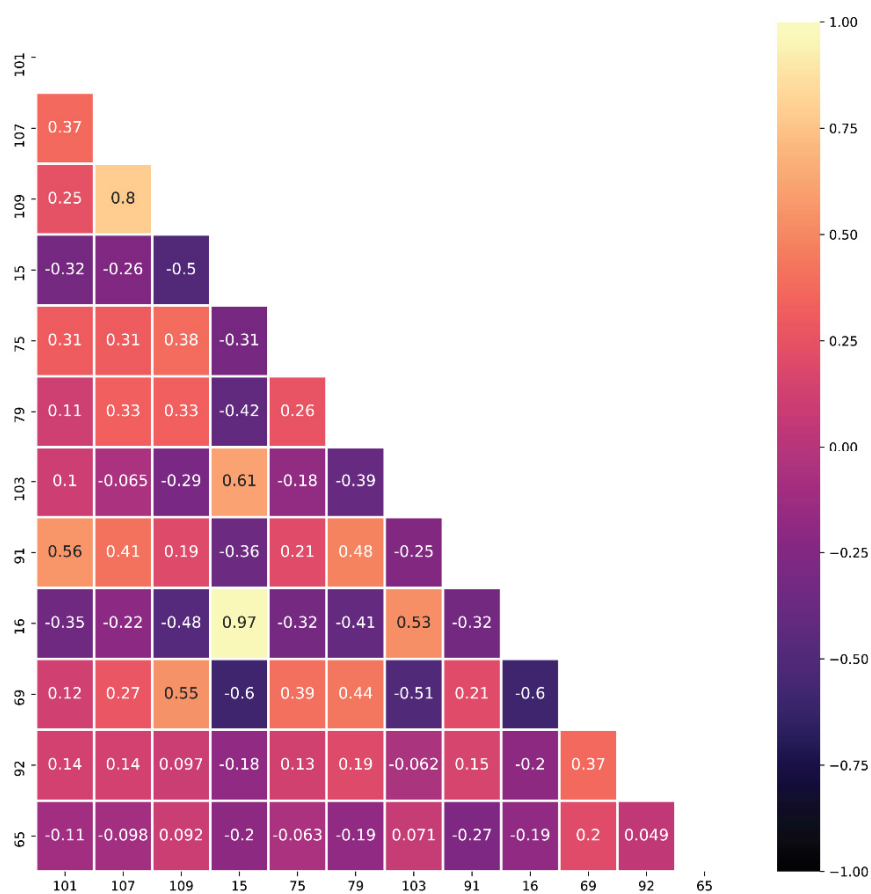


Fig. S7. Correlations of top molecular descriptors. The descriptors can be broken down into two main opposing correlation groups: [15, 16] are anti-correlated with [107, 109], whereas the other descriptors are relatively independent.

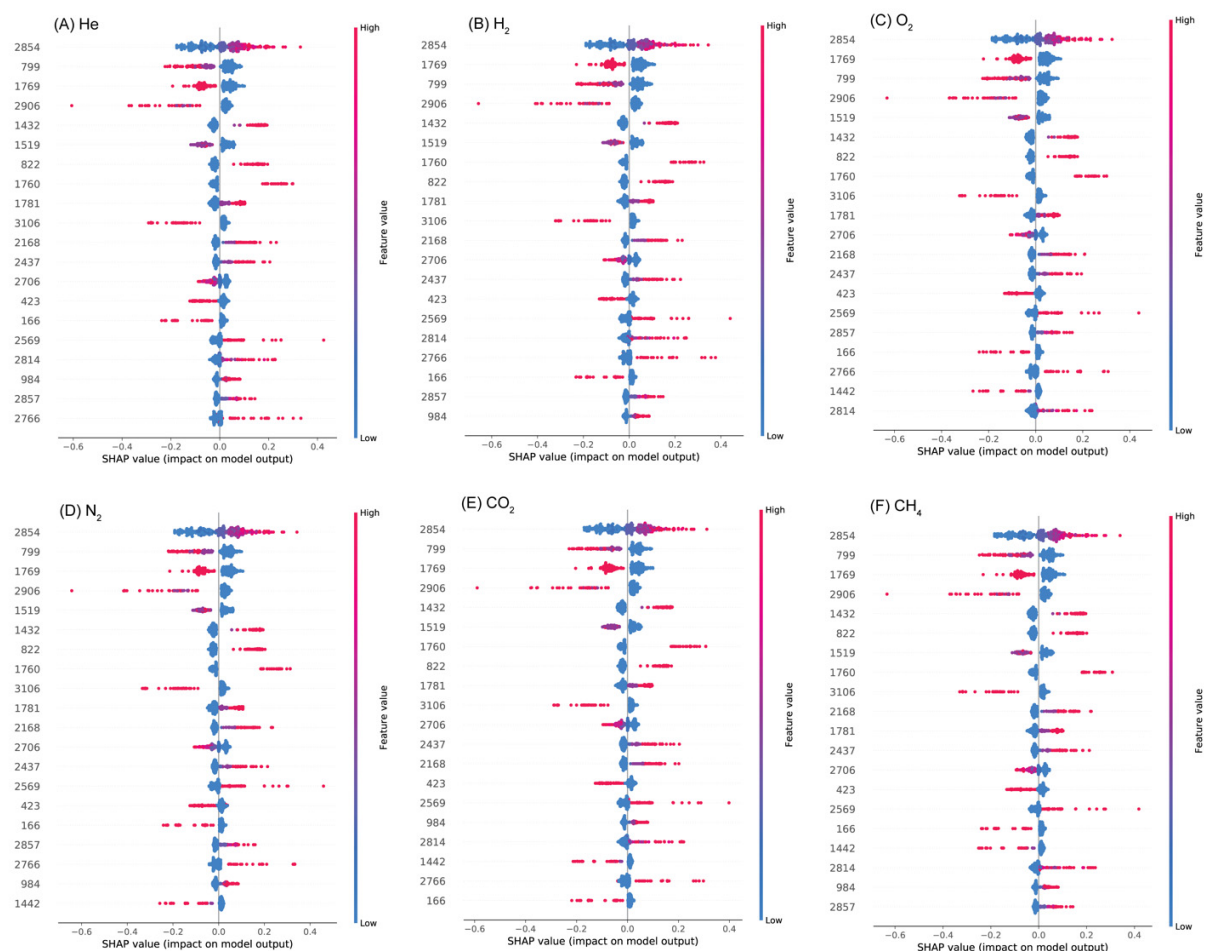


Fig. S8. SHAP summary plots showing the impacts of the twenty most important chemical substructures for predicting (a) He, (b) H₂, (c) O₂, (d) N₂, (e) CO₂, and (f) CH₄ gas permeabilities in the DNN ensemble model trained on MFFs with permeabilities imputed via BLR.

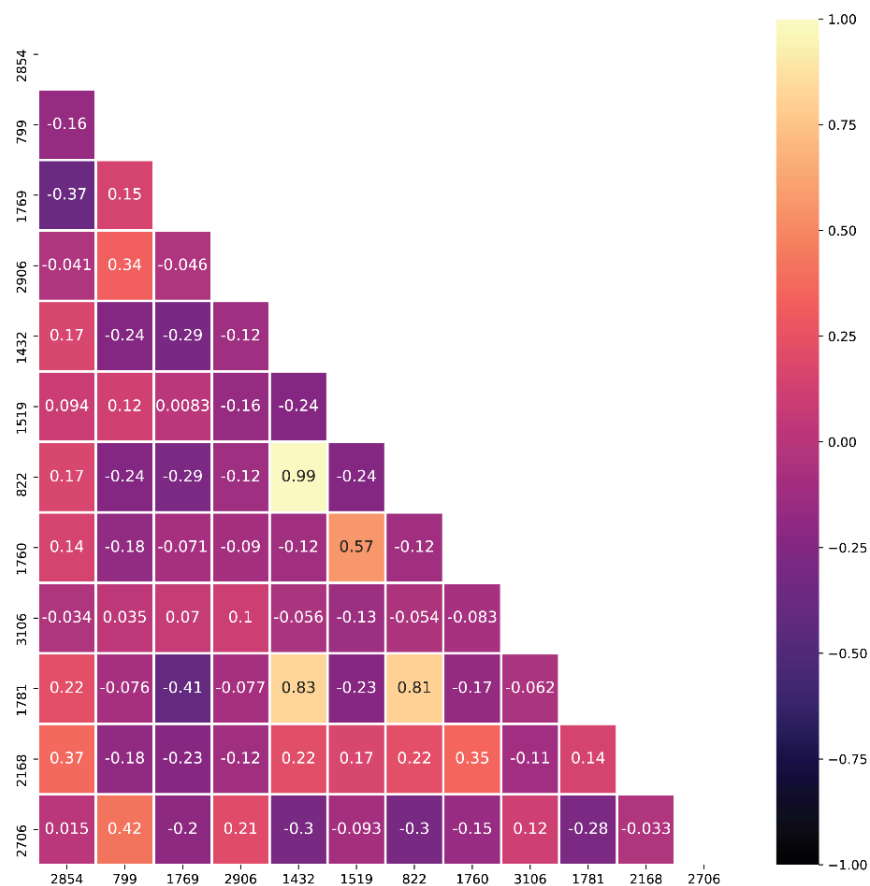


Fig. S9. Correlations of top molecular fingerprints. The main correlation group is [822, 1432, 1781].

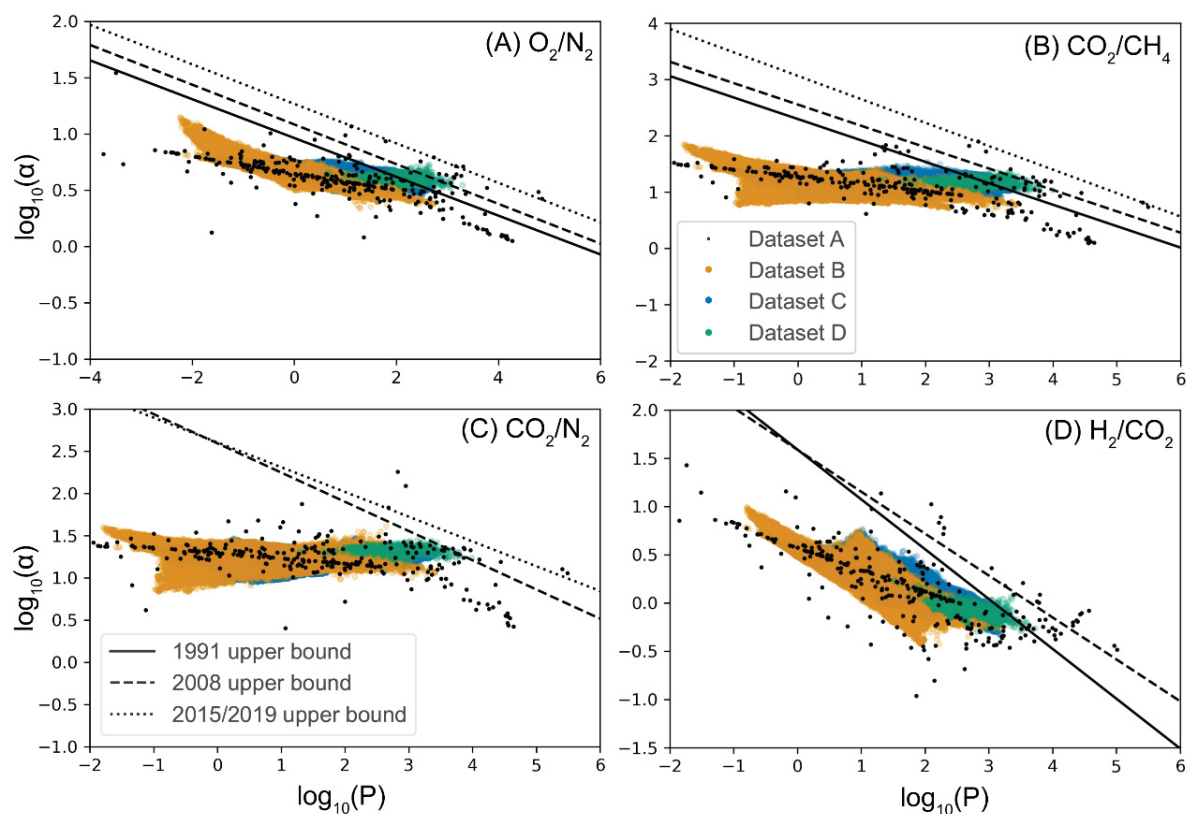


Fig. S10. Visualization of predicted permeabilities for polymers in Datasets B, C, and D, based on the RF trained on MFFs with BLR-imputed permeabilities. The training dataset (Dataset A) is overlaid on the predicted permeabilities. The data is visualized for (a) O_2/N_2 , (b) CO_2/CH_4 , (c) CO_2/N_2 , and (d) H_2/CO_2 separations. Units of permeability are Barrers.

Polymer	# Gas mols:	Gas Number/ Diffusivity [10^{-8} cm ² /s]					Solubility [cm ³ (STP) /cm ³ bar]
		10	20	30	40	50	
P-DNN-C1	CH ₄	44.6067	60.5667	59.4783	58.085	99.6317	21.473
	CO ₂	79.935	190.8	181.9	190.9933	261.8417	69.456
	N ₂	53.1483	79.9667	82.9083	82.6283	124.0167	13.161
	O ₂	283.4	439.5333	454.55	445.4833	658.0833	10.67
	H ₂	5085.1768	8706.2073	8612.0009	8318.7770	9630.0227	0.827
P-DNN-C2	CH ₄	1066.467	2940.167	3008.667	3069.833	4436.917	33.832
	CO ₂	2457.167	9288.333	8900	8613.333	11448.17	75.4
	N ₂	1186.283	2080	2329.5	2203.667	2603.667	13.843
	O ₂	3436.667	5883.833	5820.167	5622	6508.167	9.081
	H ₂	18510.4800	25402.7283	25005.3350	25673.7933	31672.1650	1.359
P-DNN-C3	CH ₄	607.9195	934.1333	974.1057	900.75	1510.1495	57.225
	CO ₂	16001.2953	27005.769	28008.8731	27506.6922	45003.2976	1.419
	N ₂	365.1723	632.5788	613.1065	653.1013	904.6467	10.017
	O ₂	4008.6947	6204.4736	6608.0365	6406.684	9503.2363	6.088
	H ₂	450.3511	709.6833	632.9442	669.0403	1258.4709	33.926
P-DNN-C4	CH ₄	2710.163	4709.488	4501.601	4654.203	8001.208	34.534
	CO ₂	30007.729	47002.976	45508.835	47506.752	70008.972	1.983
	N ₂	347.1227	852.2008	822.1247	862.3635	1509.3613	8.135
	O ₂	7008.975	10503.245	10005.407	9504.424	18007.930	5.424
	H ₂	457.240	1359.953	1282.746	1486.643	1808.290	14.943
P-DNN-D1	CH ₄	290.7	250.95	252.375	270.325	399.325	5.700
	CO ₂	125.1567	163.38	154.735	156.5817	163.5967	75.101
	N ₂	202.4	421.8833	414.8667	432.25	791.7167	3.68
	O ₂	619.4833	1899	1863.5	1949	2496.5	1.518
	H ₂	9999.3383	15892.3700	15706.9133	16479.6533	19980.1867	0.284
P-DNN-D2	CH ₄	303.4167	480.8667	428.8333	537	549.9	5.922
	CO ₂	652.225	1122.87	1081.99	1012.725	3161.725	17.876
	N ₂	482.5	1052.2	1023.517	1046.45	1834.833	3.581
	O ₂	1226.667	2994.667	2666.667	2752.167	3828.833	2.175
	H ₂	14993.9500	21997.9900	20999.5850	23004.1967	27019.6850	0.389
P-RF-C	CH ₄	12.9317	12.33	11.9883	13.2017	35.76	16.050
	CO ₂	30.8567	30.74	32.5	34.9483	101.59	70.120
	N ₂	5.9833	12.7667	10.8333	12.0333	19.4883	10.941
	O ₂	36.65	64.86	73.9517	70.12	78.1167	6.575
	H ₂	1001.2217	1902.2850	2058.2783	2002.8350	2890.8383	0.716
P-RF-D	CH ₄	1.8483	2.3267	3.02	2.745	6.98	52.742
	CO ₂	8.9933	9.8783	8.4167	8.4933	29.4	218.717
	N ₂	1.9	3.0042	3.9547	3.3403	6.6538	29.255
	O ₂	15.8738	33.63	33.0467	37.5233	64.1417	13.437
	H ₂	644.5450	1201.9217	1185.6833	1244.1850	1654.6150	1.203

Table S5. Intermediate values in the calculation of permeability as diffusivity times solubility for selected top polymer candidates, via MD simulations. The diffusivity was calculated as the average of the shaded values, which refer to simulations with 20, 30, and 40 gas molecules.

Polymer	Gas	MD-Simulated Permeability (P _{MD})	Standard Deviation of P _{MD}	ML-Predicted Permeability (P _{ML})	log(P _{ML})	Standard Deviation of log(P _{ML}) from Bootstrapping	%Difference (P _{ML} -P _{MD})/P _{MD}
P-DNN-C1	CH ₄	1657.512	84.81211	1653.12891	3.218306	2.019868	-0.26%
	CO ₂	16965.81	602.6442	17662.1029	4.247042	1.803747	4.10%
	N ₂	1400.094	46.43858	1367.46	3.135914	2.210223	-2.33%
	O ₂	6193.831	158.9193	6251.10322	3.795956	1.777441	0.92%
	H ₂	4727.856	123.3328	4685.6193	3.670767	1.803201	-0.89%
P-DNN-C2	CH ₄	52486.33	1830.314	59462.9225	4.774246	2.756414	13.29%
	CO ₂	155897.4	5214.004	339634.203	5.531011	2.413820	117.86%
	N ₂	38486.6	3429.304	49003.579	4.69022	2.302411	27.33%
	O ₂	100832.1	8783.601	125618.927	5.09905	2.180247	24.58%
	H ₂	44794.08	1108.444	45040.1678	4.6536	1.950639	0.55%
P-DNN-C3	CH ₄	69655.9	2230.851	66988.4609	4.826	3.704102	-3.83%
	CO ₂	50742.37	755.4335	51789.4144	4.714241	2.526167	2.06%
	N ₂	8242.063	212.6468	7448.64026	3.872077	3.014252	-9.63%
	O ₂	50702.8	1303.929	53790.1803	4.730703	3.087153	6.09%
	H ₂	29574.06	1382.519	32884.0273	4.516985	2.570558	11.19%
P-DNN-C4	CH ₄	207490.4	3946.849	215341.632	5.333128	4.503192	3.78%
	CO ₂	120318	2187.07	126352.547	5.101584	3.771231	5.02%
	N ₂	8942.252	180.6803	9605.36782	3.982514	4.410758	7.42%
	O ₂	70542.73	2875.251	80745.9968	4.907121	3.758369	14.46%
	H ₂	26738.73	1632.816	22549.9197	4.353145	3.595450	-15.67%
P-DNN-D1	CH ₄	1911.04	70.41435	1709.35828	3.23283	0.799550	-10.55%
	CO ₂	15448.42	371.7476	14724.1268	4.168029	0.800241	-4.69%
	N ₂	2023.817	60.26185	2117.81715	3.325888	0.920442	4.64%
	O ₂	3757.197	83.67529	3675.05404	3.565263	0.824867	-2.19%
	H ₂	5915.074	158.5987	5925.44539	3.772721	0.567156	0.18%
P-DNN-D2	CH ₄	3712.361	354.0196	4066.00857	3.609168	0.862484	9.53%
	CO ₂	24924.16	1507.761	26067.0875	4.416092	0.792417	4.59%
	N ₂	4844.493	100.834	4733.66914	3.67519	0.924626	-2.29%
	O ₂	7929.709	402.0509	7832.41445	3.893895	0.754249	-1.23%
	H ₂	11111.7	461.5145	11813.6745	4.072385	0.628416	6.32%
P-RF-C	CH ₄	260.9449	14.06993	164.128095	2.215182	n/a	-37.10%
	CO ₂	2983.488	168.798	2713.03121	3.433454	n/a	-9.07%
	N ₂	168.9471	11.53365	126.766191	2.103003	n/a	-24.97%
	O ₂	595.2628	34.40819	514.335227	2.711246	n/a	-13.60%
	H ₂	1849.185	70.50671	1645.7581	3.21636	n/a	-11.00%
P-RF-D	CH ₄	184.9357	21.46799	118.081848	2.072183	n/a	-36.15%
	CO ₂	2538.926	218.0743	2123.91166	3.327136	n/a	-16.35%
	N ₂	130.5626	14.98025	92.1239731	1.964372	n/a	-29.44%
	O ₂	606.7425	35.17128	413.90048	2.616895	n/a	-31.78%
	H ₂	1893.513	73.42637	1791.57503	3.253235	n/a	-5.38%

Table S6. Comparison of gas permeabilities calculated from MD simulations with permeabilities predicted from ML models, with error and uncertainty quantification, of selected top polymer candidates. Units of permeability are Barrers.

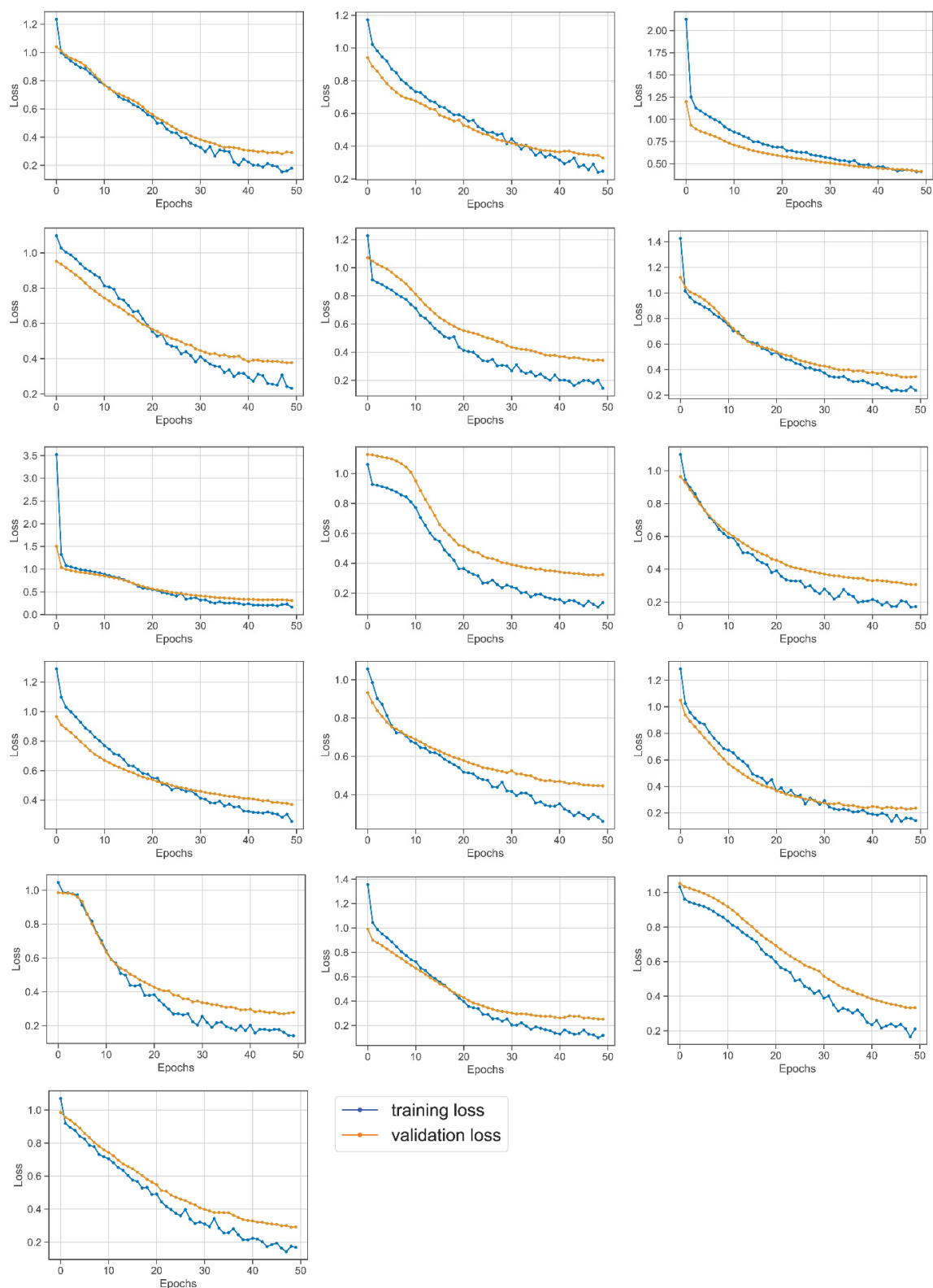


Fig. S11. Training model verification for the ensemble of 16 DNNs trained on MFFs and gas permeabilities imputed using BLR.

In-silico crosslinking of ladder polymers and polyimides

The multi-step cross-linking reaction for ladder polymers is exemplified by the case of PIM-1 (**Fig. S12(a)**). After 45 of each of the two reactants are packed into a 3D-periodic amorphous cell, there are 180 potential reaction sites in the total system (each monomer has four potential reaction sites). As we increase the cutoff distance from 4.5 to 9.5 Å step by step, the cross-linking degree increases from 33.3% to 92.8% (**Fig. S12(b)**). The final cross-linked system after relaxation contains 2501 atoms with a density of 1.07 g/cm³, and the box length is 31.87 Å (**Fig. S12(c)**). During the cross-linking process, extra hydrogen atoms are removed, and partial charges are updated to satisfy charge-neutrality. Then the generated cross-linked polymer structure is used for subsequent calculations of solubility and diffusivity. The ladder polymers in Dataset D of our work are subject to a similar cross-linking procedure, before further MD simulations.

The multi-step crosslinking strategy used for PIM-1 and other ladder polymers is also applied to novel polyimides, namely P-DNN-C1 through P-DNN-C4, whose case studies are shown in **Fig. S13-S16**, respectively. The difference for polyimides, compared to ladder polymers, is that after 45 of each component are packed into the 3D-periodic amorphous cell, there are 90 potential reaction sites in the total system (each monomer has two potential reaction sites). Differently, the reactive atoms for polyimides are carbon and nitrogen.

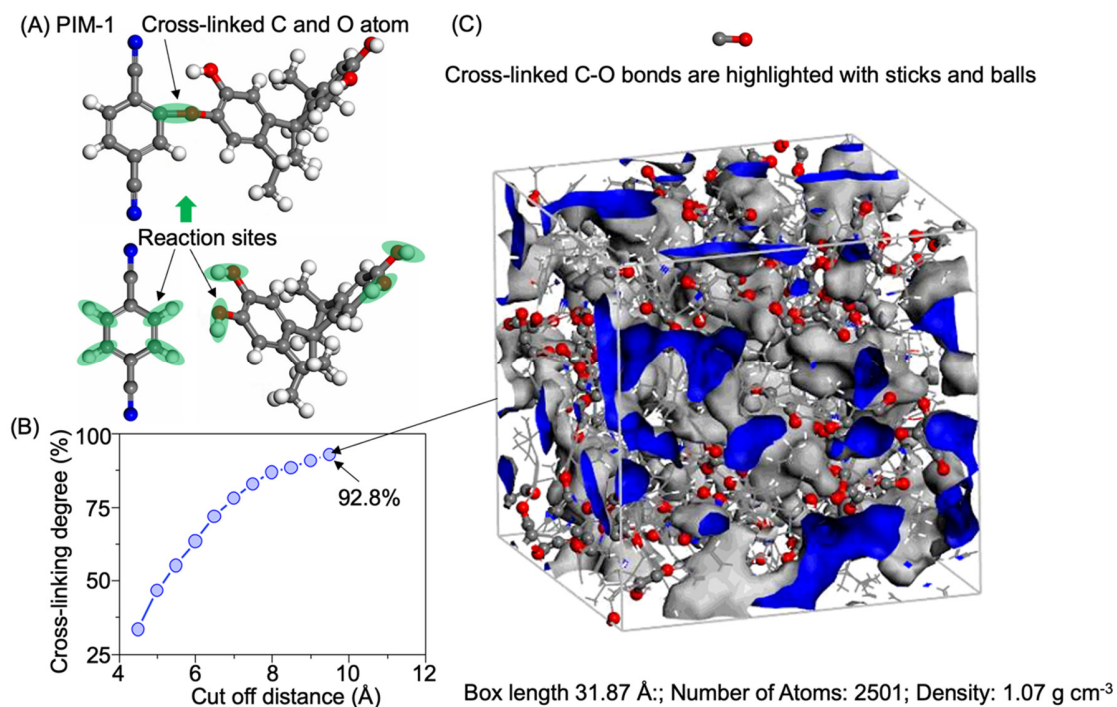


Fig. S12. Cross-linking steps for the generation of an atomistic model of PIM-1. (a) The reaction mechanism between 5,5',6,6'-tetrahydroxy-3,3,3',3'-tetramethyl-1,1'-spirobisindane (PubChem CID 66162) and Tetrafluoroterephthalonitrile (PubChem CID 104426). Carbon-oxygen bonds (C-O) are formed through the crosslinking of highlighted carbon and oxygen accompanied by the elimination of hydrogen molecules. (b) The cross-linking degree increases as the cutoff distance increases from 4.5 to 9.5 Å. The final cross-linking degree reaches 92.8%. (c) Snapshot of the final cross-linked network of PIM-1. Cross-linked C and O atoms are highlighted with sticks and balls, while other atoms are drawn as lines.

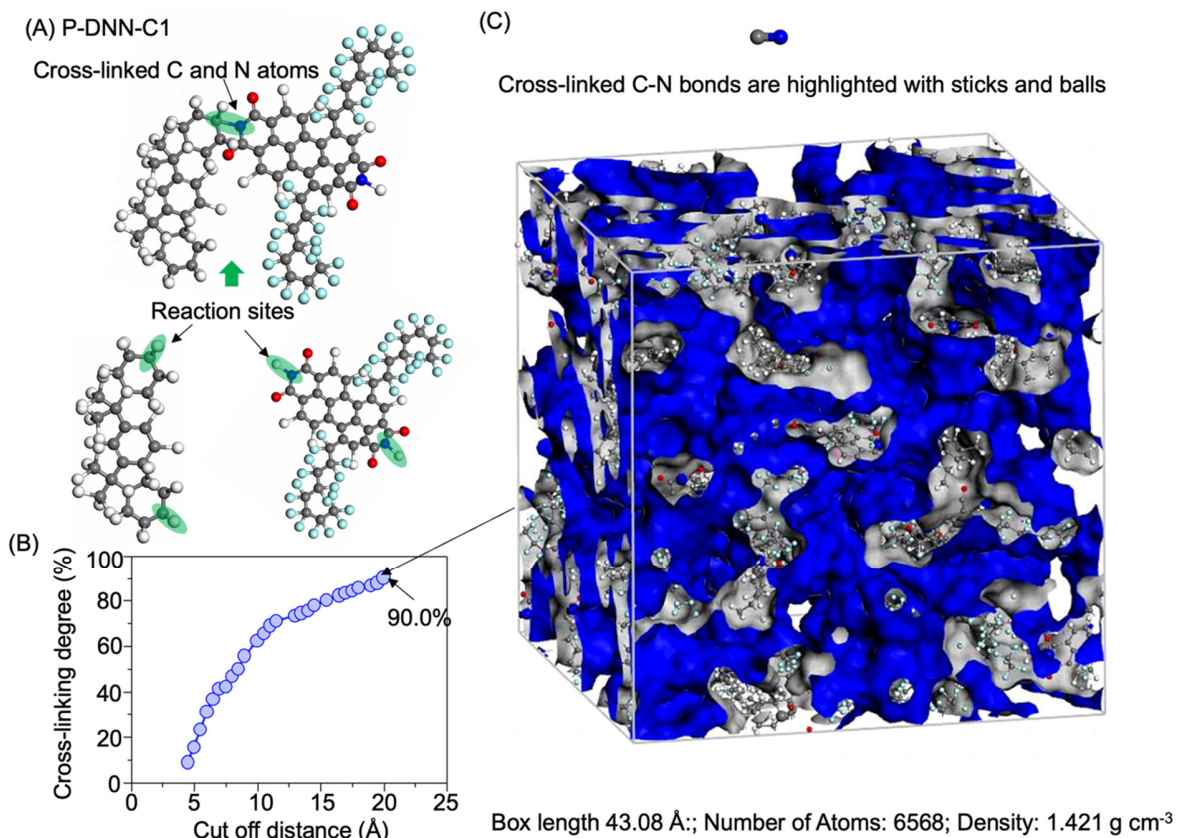


Fig. S13. Cross-linking steps for the generation of an atomistic model of P-DNN-C1. (a) The reaction mechanism between the diamine component ‘4-[2-[3-[2-(4-aminocyclohexyl)propan-2-yl]phenyl]propan-2-yl]cyclohexan-1-amine’ (PubChem CID 54351456) and the dianhydride component ‘1,6-Bis(Heptadecafluorooctyl)-3,4,9,10-Perylenetetracarboxylic Acid 3,4:9,10-Dianhydride’ (PubChem CID 46217647). The imide groups are formed through the crosslinking of highlighted carbons and nitrogens, accompanied by eliminating hydrogen molecules. (b) The cross-linking degree increases as the cutoff distance is increased from 4.5 to 20 Å. The final cross-linking degree reaches 90.0%. (c) Snapshot of the final cross-linked network of P-DNN-C1. Cross-linked C and N atoms are highlighted with sticks and balls, while other atoms are drawn as lines.

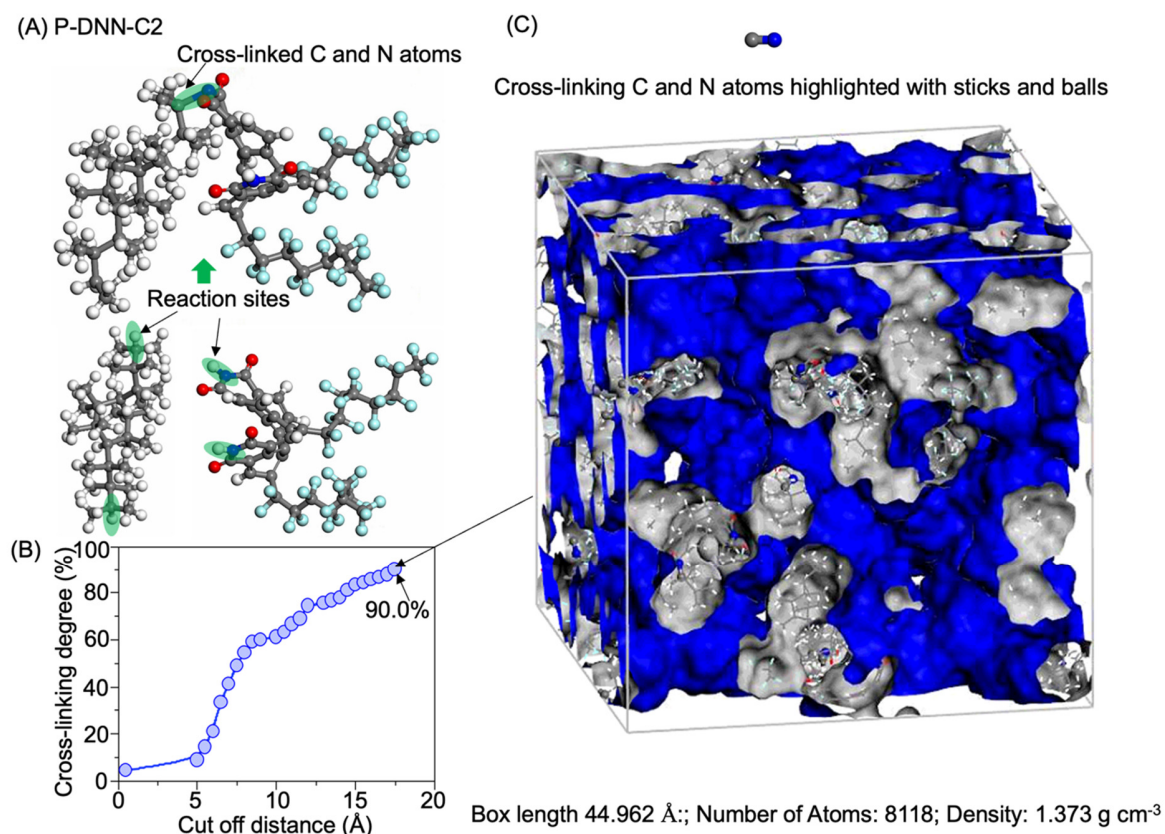


Fig. S14. Cross-linking steps for the generation of an atomistic model of P-DNN-C2. (a) The reaction mechanism between the diamine component '4-[4-(4-amino-2,3,3,4-tetramethylpentan-2-yl)-2,2,3,3,5,5,6,6-octamethylcyclohexyl]-2,3,3,4-tetramethylpentan-2-amine' (PubChem CID 118069048) and the dianhydride component '1,6-Bis(Heptafluorooctyl)-3,4,9,10-Perylenetetracarboxylic Acid 3,4:9,10-Dianhydride' (PubChem CID 46217647). The imide groups are formed through the crosslinking of highlighted carbons and nitrogens accompanied by eliminating hydrogen molecules. (b) The cross-linking degree increases as the cutoff distance is increased from 0.5 to 17.5 Å. The final cross-linking degree reaches 90.0%. (c) Snapshot of the final cross-linked network of P-DNN-C2. Cross-linked C and N atoms are highlighted with sticks and balls, while other atoms are drawn as lines.

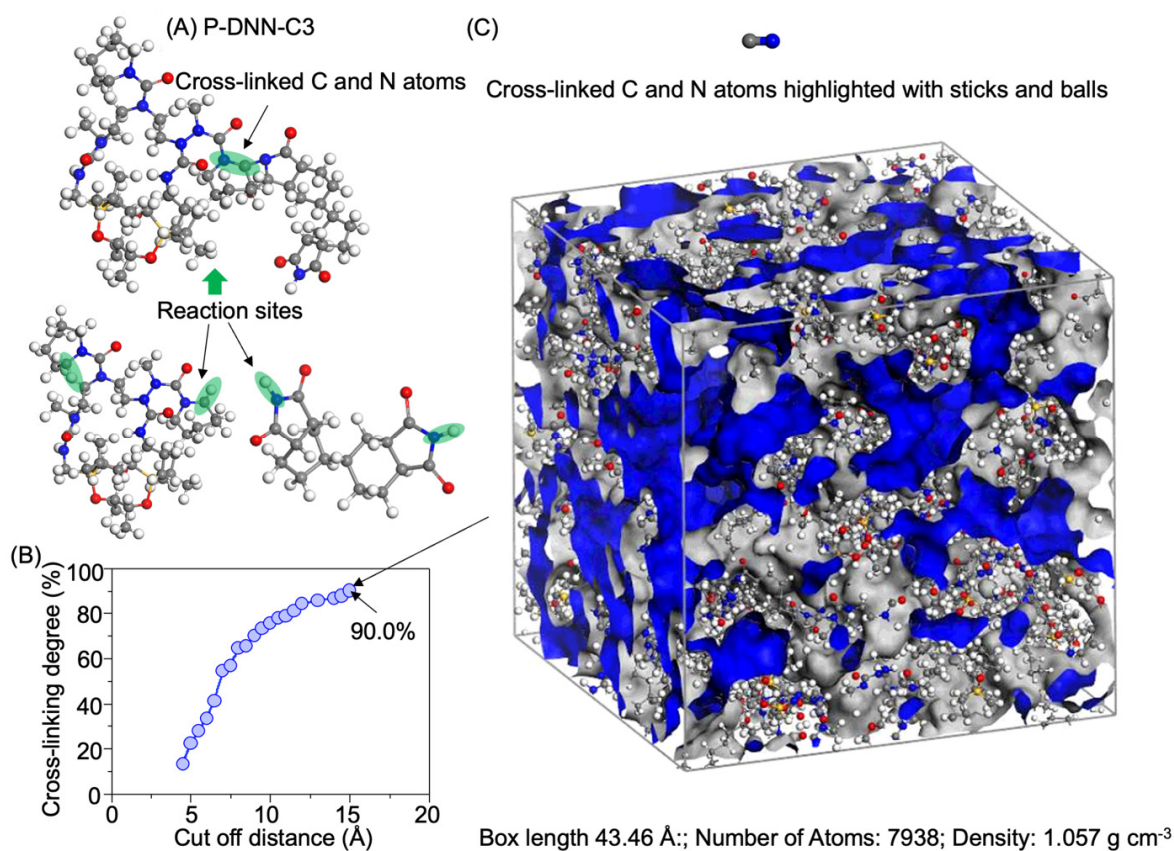


Fig. S15. Cross-linking steps for the generation of an atomistic model of P-DNN-C3. (a) The reaction mechanism between the diisocyanate component 'N-[1,17-ditert-butyl-5-ethyl-8-(2-isocyanatoazepane-1-carbonyl)-19,20-dimethyl-4,12-dioxo-18,21,23-trioxa-3,5,8,11,13-pentaza-1,17-disilabicyclo[15.4.3]tetracosan-11-yl]-2-isocyanato-N-methylazepane-1-carboxamide' (PubChem CID 60139559) and the dianhydride component 'Dodecahydro-[5,5'-biisobenzofuran]-1,1',3,3'-tetraone' (PubChem CID 11077626). The imide groups are formed through the crosslinking of highlighted carbons and nitrogens, accompanied by eliminating hydrogen molecules. (b) The cross-linking degree increases with the increase of the cutoff distance from 4.5 to 15 Å. The final cross-linking degree reaches 90.0%. (c) Snapshot of the final cross-linked network of P-DNN-C3. Cross-linked C and N atoms are highlighted with sticks and balls, while other atoms are drawn as lines.

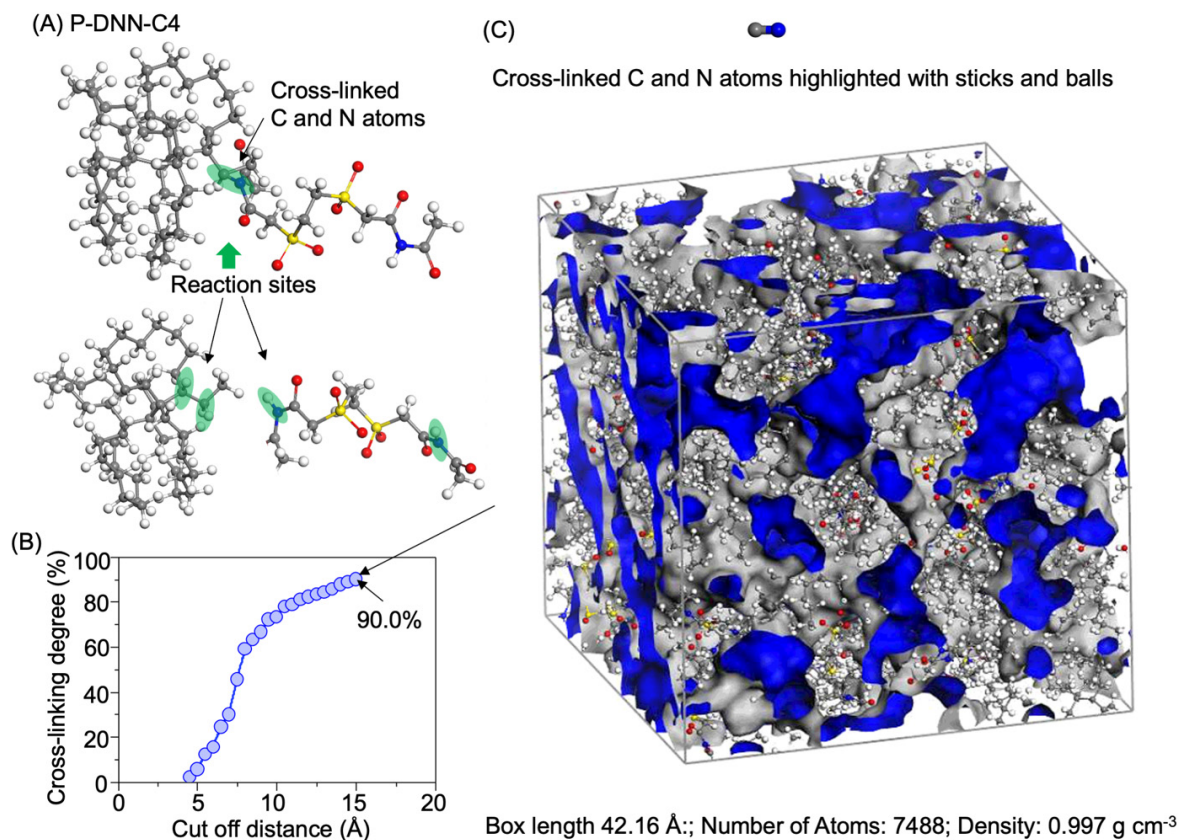
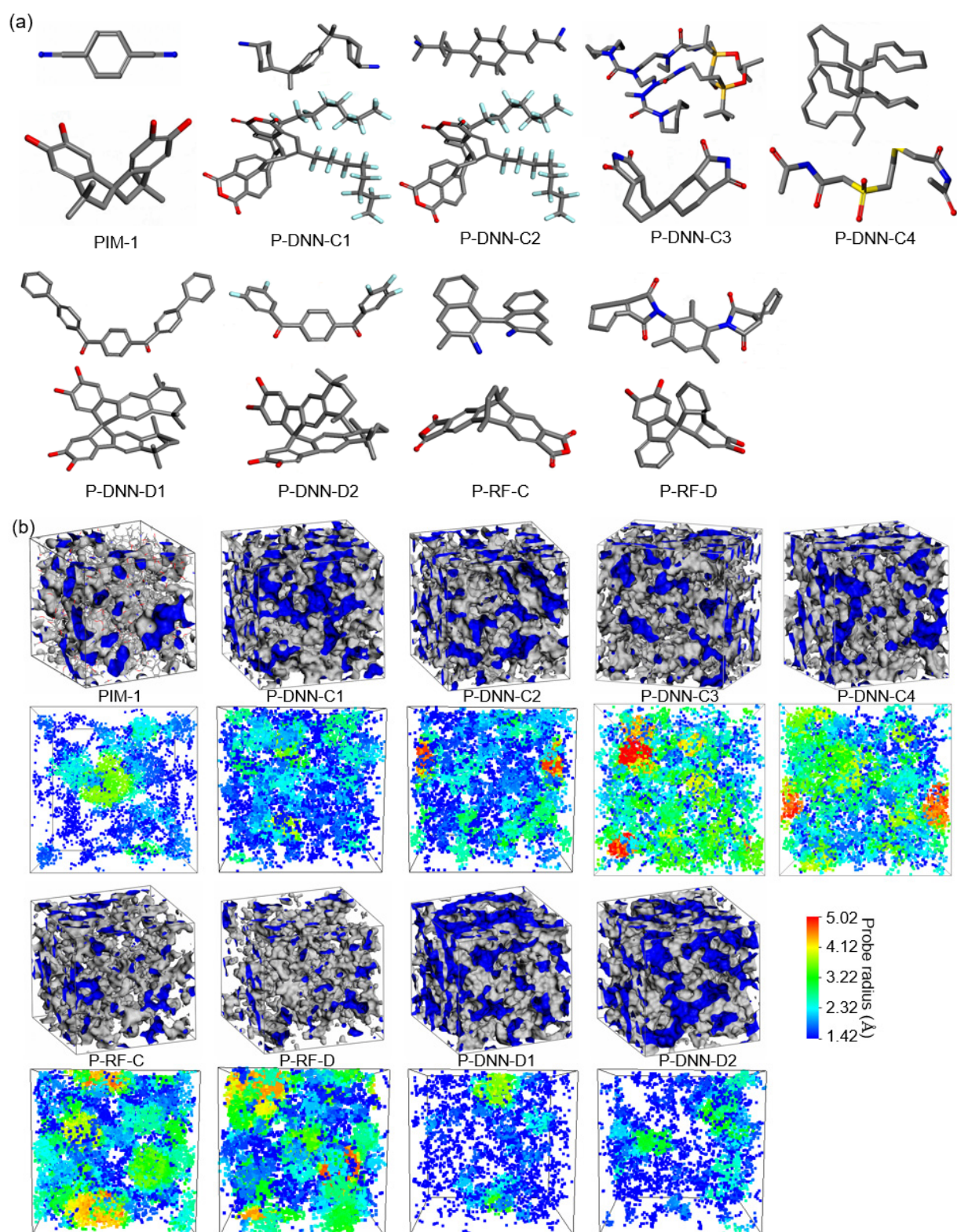


Fig. S16. Cross-linking steps for the generation of an atomistic model of P-DNN-C4. (a) The reaction mechanism between the diisocyanate component ‘14-Isocyanato-14-(1-isocyanatoethyl)trispiro [10.0.0.1113.1012.1011] tetratetracontane’ (PubChem CID 141382908) and the dianhydride component ‘2,2’-[Ethylenebis(sulfonyl)]bis(acetic acid)diacetic acid dianhydride’ (PubChem CID 101718050). The imide groups are formed through the crosslinking of highlighted carbons and nitrogens, accompanied by eliminating hydrogen molecules. (b) The cross-linking degree increases with the increase of the cutoff distance from 4.5 to 15 Å. The final cross-linking degree reaches 90.0%. (c) Snapshot of the final cross-linked network of P-DNN-C4. Cross-linked C and N atoms are highlighted with sticks and balls, while other atoms are drawn as lines.



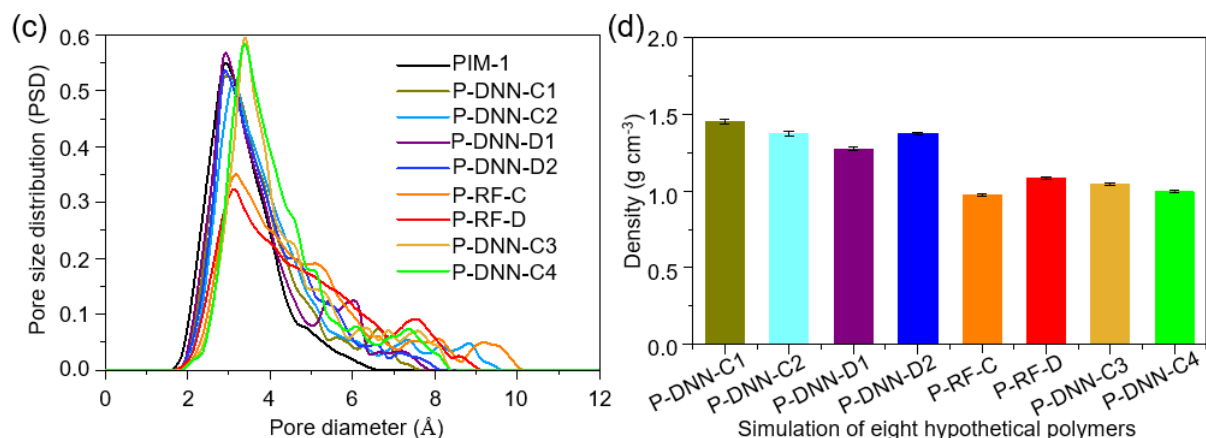


Fig. S17. Microstructure analysis of the eight selected candidate polymer models, with the benchmark of PIM-1 shown for comparison. (a) Three-dimensional molecular structures of monomers used to form crosslinked polymers. (b) Top row shows the free-volume elements, including interconnected and disconnected voids, with respect to a probe radius of 0.80 Å. Bottom row shows voids colored with respect to the largest radius probe that can be inserted. Here, only those voids having a minimum radius of 1.42 Å (the kinetic radius of H₂) are shown. (c) Pore size distribution of the polymers, calculated by averaging across five models for each polymer. (d) The calculated density values of the polymers. P-DNN-C1, P-DNN-C2, P-DNN-D1, and P-DNN-D2 have relatively higher densities, while P-RF-C and P-RF-D, P-DNN-C3 and P-DNN-C4 have relatively lower densities compared with PIM-1 (Fig. S12). For void analysis, we apply the Poreblazer code (<https://github.com/SarkisovGroup/PoreBlazer>) to directly quantify pore size, and its distribution and interconnectivity, which is based on the Hoshen-Kopelman cluster labeling algorithm. The radius of the probe is chosen to be 1.42 Å, representing the mean Van der Waals radius of hydrogen gas molecules.

PIM-1	Gas	[cm ³ (STP)/cm ³ (polymer bar)]			[10 ⁻⁸ cm ² /s]			Barrer	
		S _{sim}		S _{exp} ⁶	D _{sim}		D _{exp} ⁶	Permeability	
		Our work	Ref. ⁷		Our work	Ref. ⁷		Our work	P _{exp} ⁶
	CH ₄	15.1±1.91	14.2±3.1	13.70	8.05±0.23	112±27	6.80	155.147±10.71	121.108
	CO ₂	49.93±3.41	50.7±9	66.90	28.45±4.19	151±47	26.00	2150.966±200.718	2261.22
	H ₂	0.42±0.06	0.46±0.03	0.58	1826.33±43.33	6630±215	1700.00	983.104±121.417	1281.8
	N ₂	7.31±0.89	-	-	31.60±3.51	-	-	289.318±26.73	-
	O ₂	3.93±0.68	4.11±0.58	3.50	82.31±5.82	452±81	81.00	400.507±56.293	368.55

Table S7. Benchmark MD simulations for the PIM-1 polymer membrane with simulated solubility coefficients [cm³ (STP)/cm³ (polymer) bar], diffusion coefficients [10⁻⁸ cm²/s] at 300K, and permeabilities in Barrer. The values from our study show good agreement with simulation and experimental values in the literature.

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