

Supplementary Information for

**Ultrafast-charging and durable organic cathodes enabled by
two-dimensional supramolecular engineering**

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1. Supplementary Notes

Supplementary Note 1 | Kinetic analysis of Li⁺ storage

The electrochemical reaction kinetics was investigated through cyclic voltammetry measurements. Theoretically, the current (i) response to the applied scan rate (v) follows the equation (S1) as below,

$$i = a \cdot v^b \quad (\text{S1})$$

, where b refers to the slope of the linear fit of the log-log plot. According to the power law described above, a redox reaction limited by semi-infinite linear diffusion gives a b value of 0.5, while for a surface-controlled capacitive process, the b value is close to 1.0. Furthermore, the capacitive ($k_1 \cdot v$) and diffusive ($k_2 \cdot v^{1/2}$) contributions were further quantified according to the equation (S2),

$$i = k_1 \cdot v + k_2 \cdot v^{1/2} \quad (\text{S2})$$

, where k_1 and k_2 constants can be obtained by plotting $i \cdot v^{-1/2}$ against $v^{1/2}$.

Supplementary Note 2 | Determination of Li⁺ diffusion coefficients

In the Nyquist plots, the linear part of the Warburg impedance is directly related to Li⁺ diffusion in the cathode materials. The D_{Li^+} values were also calculated based on the equation (S3):

$$D_{\text{Li}^+} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{RT}{ACn^2F^2\sigma_w} \right)^2 \quad (\text{S3})$$

, where R is the gas constant, T is the room temperature (298 K), A represents the surface area of electrode, C is the concentration of Li⁺, n is the number of transferred electrons, F is the Faraday constant, and σ_w denotes the slope obtained by the linear fitting of the real part (Z') of impedance and low frequency (ω) according to the equation (S4),

$$Z' = R_s + R_{\text{sei}} + R_{\text{ct}} + \sigma_w \cdot \omega^{-1/2} \quad (\text{S4})$$

, where R_s , R_{sei} , and R_{ct} is the resistance of the electrolyte, the Li⁺ migration through SEI and the desolvation process, respectively.

Supplementary Note 3 | Determination of activation energies

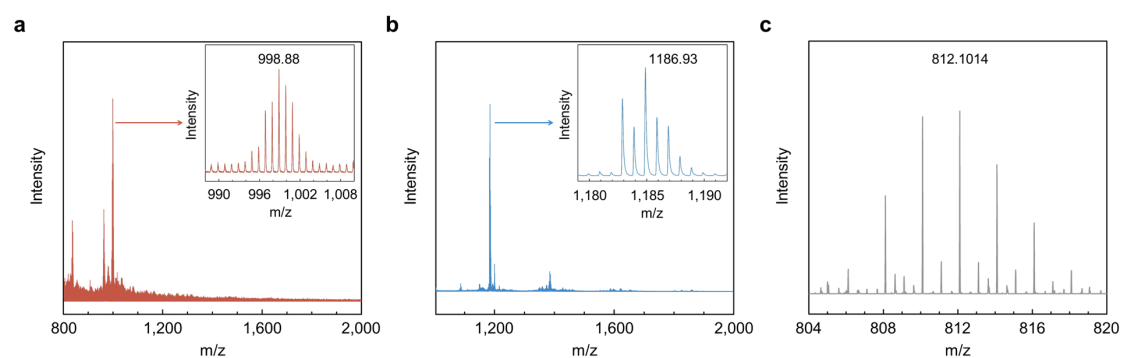
To determine the activation energies during Li⁺ desolvation and diffusion, respectively, the important parameters for Li⁺ transport kinetics represented by the charge transfer resistance (R_{ct}) and D_{Li^+} were measured by temperature-dependent EIS from 30 to -30 °C. According to the classic Arrhenius law, the R_{ct} and D_{Li^+} values at varying temperatures were fitted into the equations (S5) and (S6), respectively,

$$\ln R_{\text{ct}}^{-1} = \ln A - \frac{E_{\text{a,ct}}}{RT} \quad (\text{S5})$$

$$\ln D_{\text{Li}^+} = \ln A - \frac{E_{\text{a,D}}}{RT} \quad (\text{S6})$$

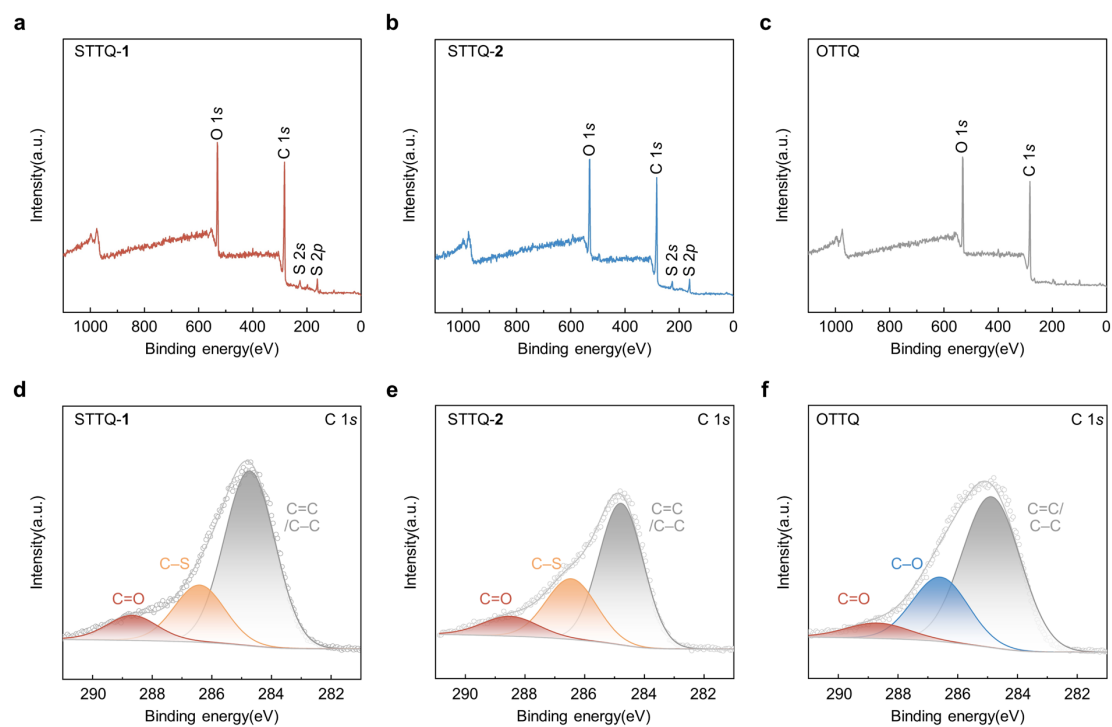
, where A and B are pre-exponential factors, R is the gas constant, T is the absolute temperature, $E_{\text{a,ct}}$ and $E_{\text{a,D}}$ are the activation energies for Li^+ desolvation and diffusion, respectively.

2. Supplementary Figures



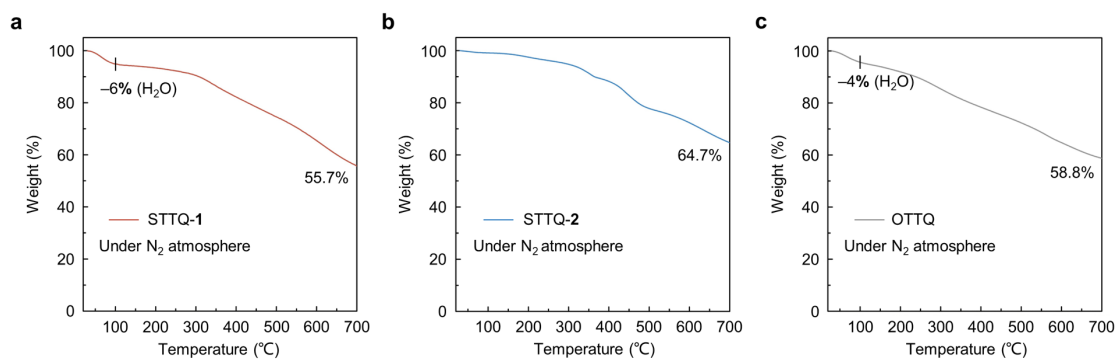
Supplementary Fig. 1 | Structure characterization of heterocyclic TTQs.

(a,b) MALDI-TOF mass spectra (positive mode): (a) STTQ-1 and (b) STTQ-2. (c) High-resolution ESI mass spectrum (negative mode) of OTTQ.

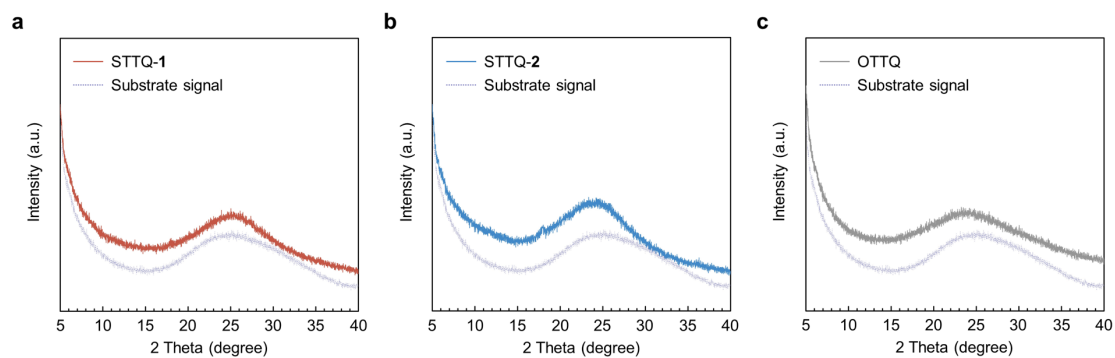


Supplementary Fig. 2 | Chemical characterization of heterocyclic TTQs.

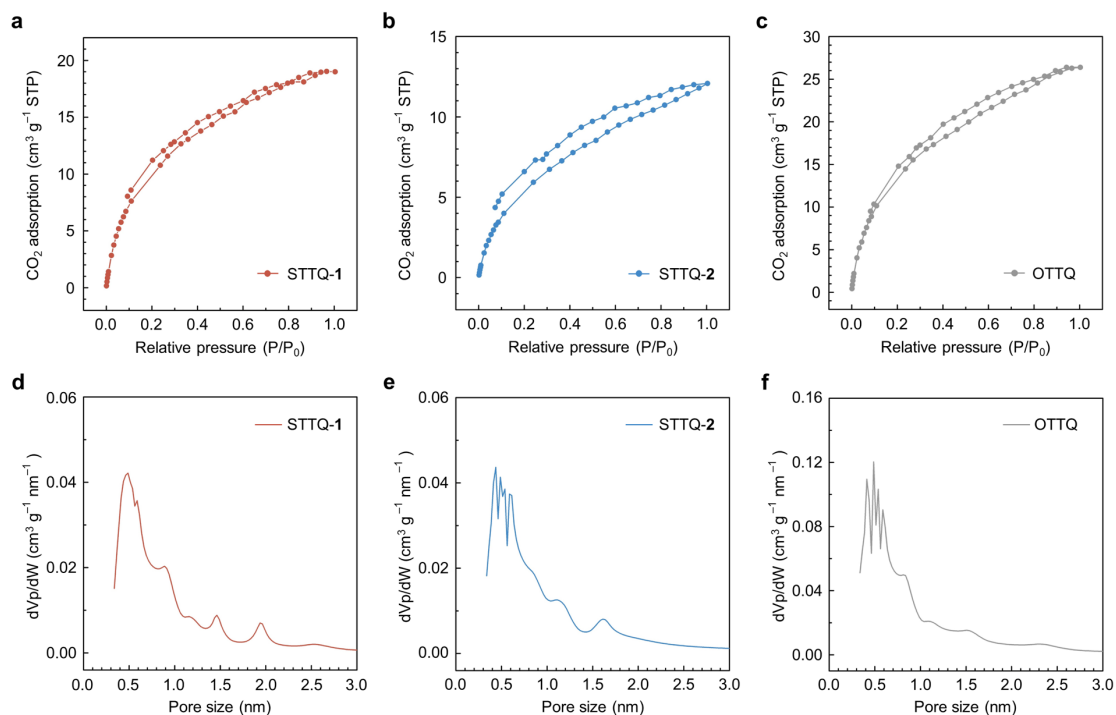
XPS spectra of bulk samples: (a–c) Survey scans and (d–f) C 1s core-level spectra for STTQ-1 (a,d), STTQ-2 (b,e), and OTTQ (c,f).



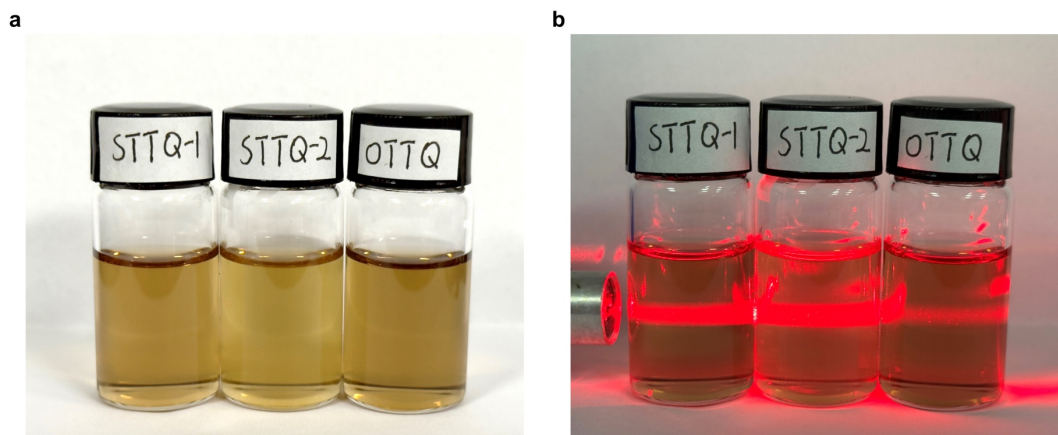
Supplementary Fig. 3 | Evaluation on the thermal stability of heterocyclic TTQs.
TGA profiles of the powdery samples under nitrogen atmosphere: (a) STTQ-1, (b) STTQ-2 and (c) OTTQ.



Supplementary Fig. 4 | Evaluation on the crystallinity of heterocyclic TTQs.
XRD patterns of the powdery samples at 25 °C: (a) STTQ-1, (b) STTQ-2 and (c) OTTQ.
None of the distinct peaks can be observed in the XRD patterns.

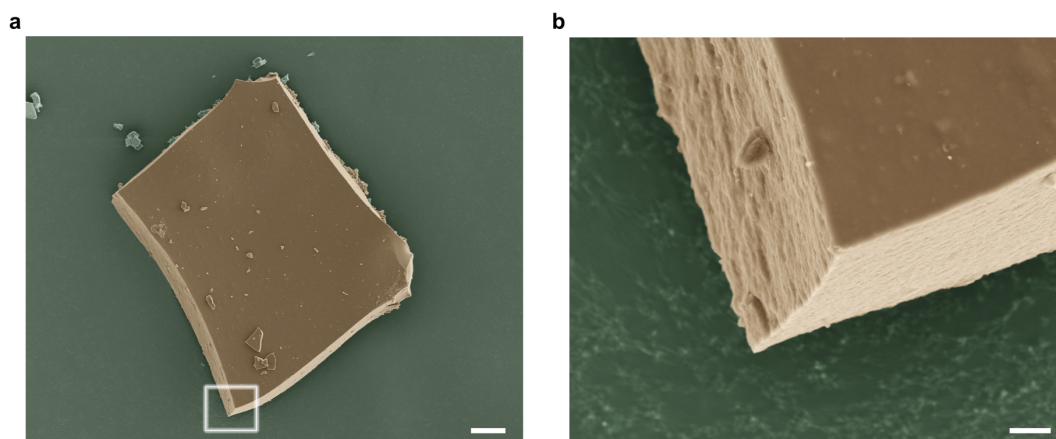


Supplementary Fig. 5 | Evaluation on the porosity of heterocyclic TTQs.
CO₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms (a–c) and pore size distribution curves (d–f): STTQ-1 (a,d), STTQ-2 (b,e), and OTTQ (c,f).



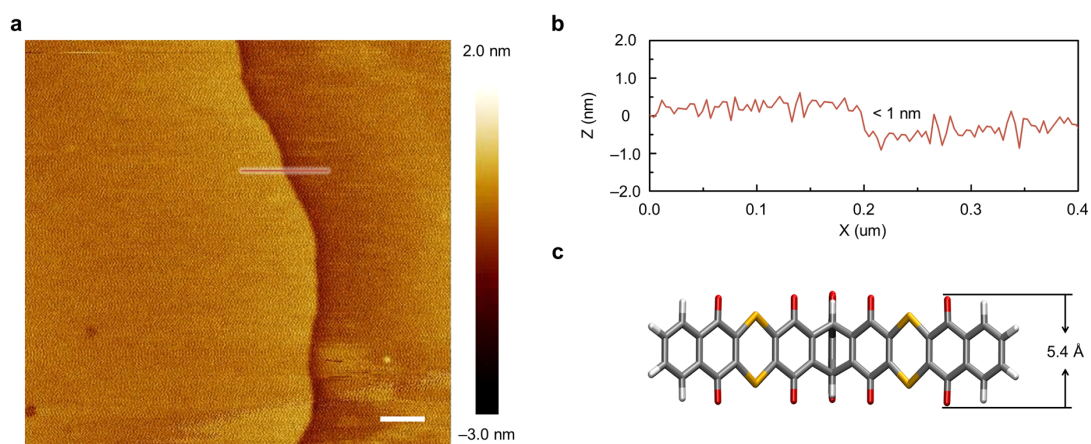
Supplementary Fig. 6 | Evaluation on the Tyndall effect of heterocyclic TTQ dispersions.

Photographs of the dispersions in DMF after ultrasonication at 25 °C: (a) without light scattering and (b) with light scattering by laser irradiation.



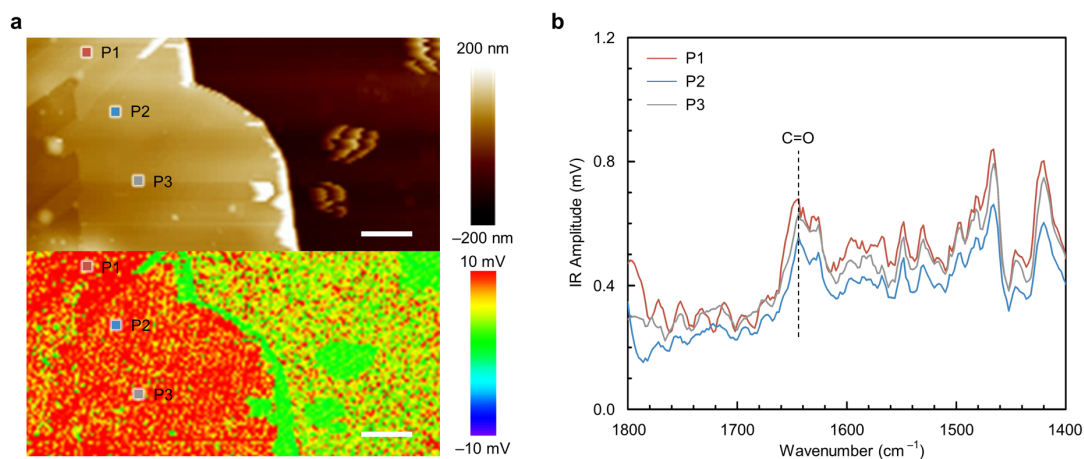
Supplementary Fig. 7 | Compact laminar structures of STTQ-1.

(a) Low-magnification overview. Scale bars, 20 μm . (b) High-magnification views of selected areas marked by white boxes in a. Scale bars, 2 μm .



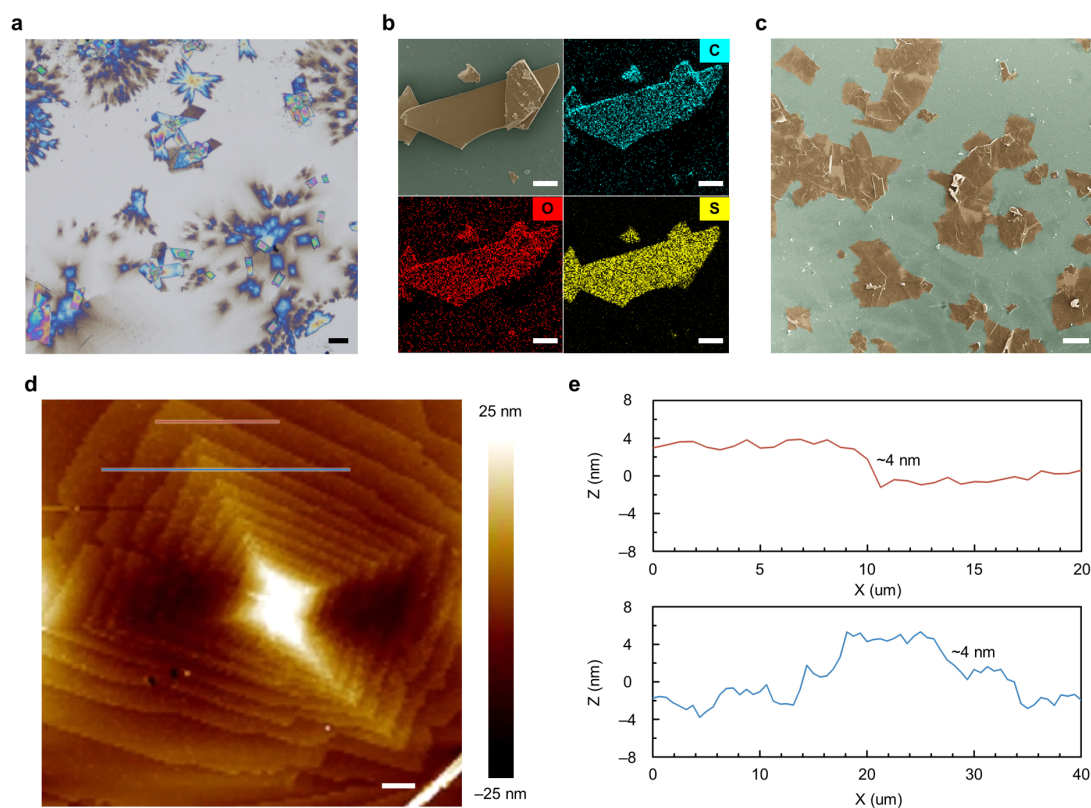
Supplementary Fig. 8 | Nanostructure characterization of STTQ-1 monolayer nanosheets.

Tapping-mode AFM topographical images (a) and height profiles (b) of the exfoliated monolayer nanosheets on mica substrates. Scale bar, 0.2 μm . (c) Sticks model of STTQ-1 from side view.



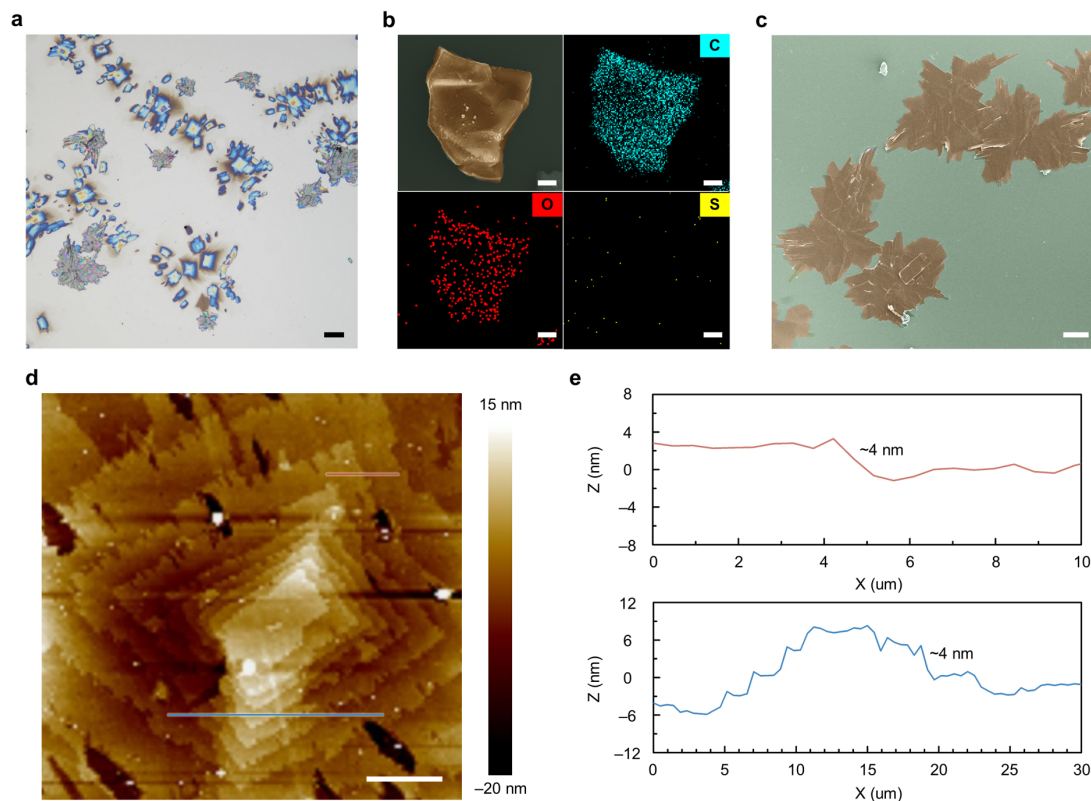
Supplementary Fig. 9 | Evaluation on the molecular orientation of the exfoliated STTQ-1 nanosheets.

(a) Tapping-mode AFM images (upper) and AFM-IR mapping at 1650 cm^{-1} (lower) on silicon substrate. Marked points (P1–P3) indicate spectral acquisition locations. Scale bars, $2\text{ }\mu\text{m}$. (b) Corresponding AFM-IR spectra ($1400\text{--}1800\text{ cm}^{-1}$) from P1 (red), P2 (blue), P3 (gray) in a.



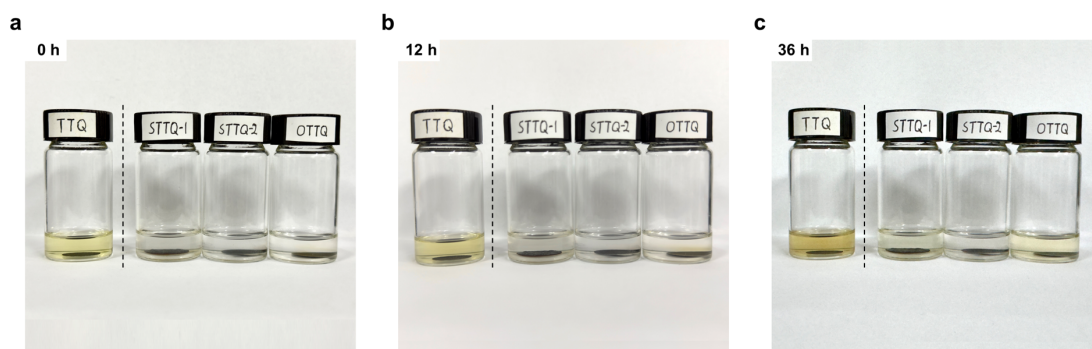
Supplementary Fig. 10 | Morphology characterization of STTQ-2.

(a) Reflection-mode OM image of a drop-casted sample on silicon. Scale bar, 20 μm . (b) False-colored SEM image and corresponding EDX elemental mapping of a drop-casted sample on silicon. Scale bars, 20 μm . (c) False-colored SEM image of exfoliated nanosheets on silicon. Scale bar, 20 μm . (d) Tapping-mode AFM image and (e) height profile of multilayer nanosheets on silicon. Scale bar, 5 μm .



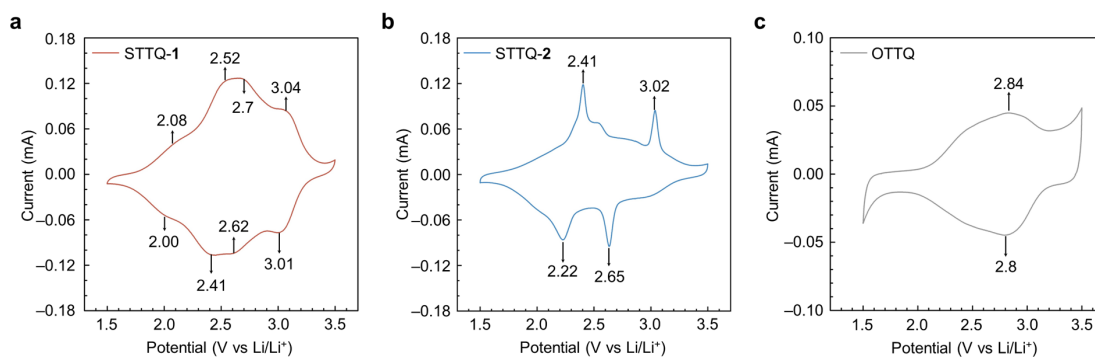
Supplementary Fig. 11 | Morphology characterization of OTTQ.

- (a) Reflection-mode OM image of a drop-casted sample on silicon. Scale bar, 10 μm .
 (b) False-colored SEM image and corresponding EDX elemental mapping of a drop-casted sample on silicon. Scale bars, 10 μm . (c) False-colored SEM image of exfoliated nanosheets on silicon. Scale bar, 20 μm . (d) Tapping-mode AFM image and (e) height profile of multilayer nanosheets on silicon. Scale bar, 10 μm .

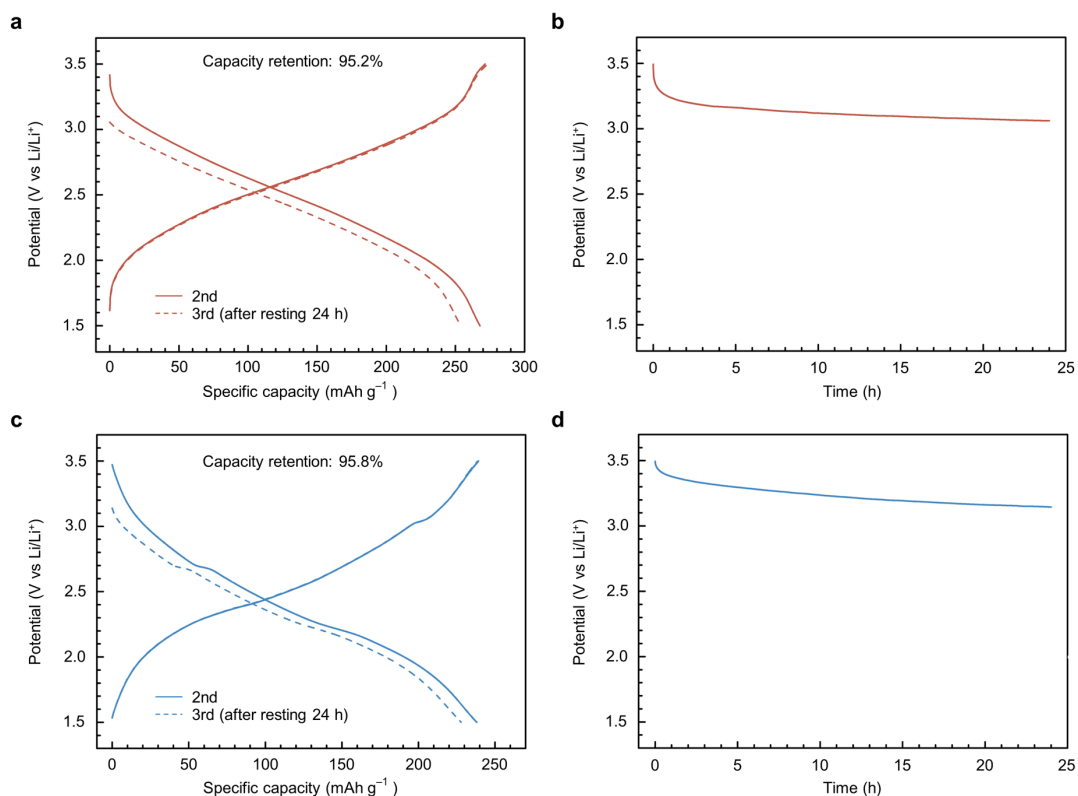


Supplementary Fig. 12 | Evaluation on the solubility of TTQ electrodes.

Photographs of TTQ and heterocyclic TTQs electrodes immersed in LiTFSI DOL/DME solution (1 M) observed after 0 h (a), 12 h (b), and 36 h (c). TTQ dissolved significantly with increasing immersion time, while the heterocyclic TTQs remained largely insoluble.

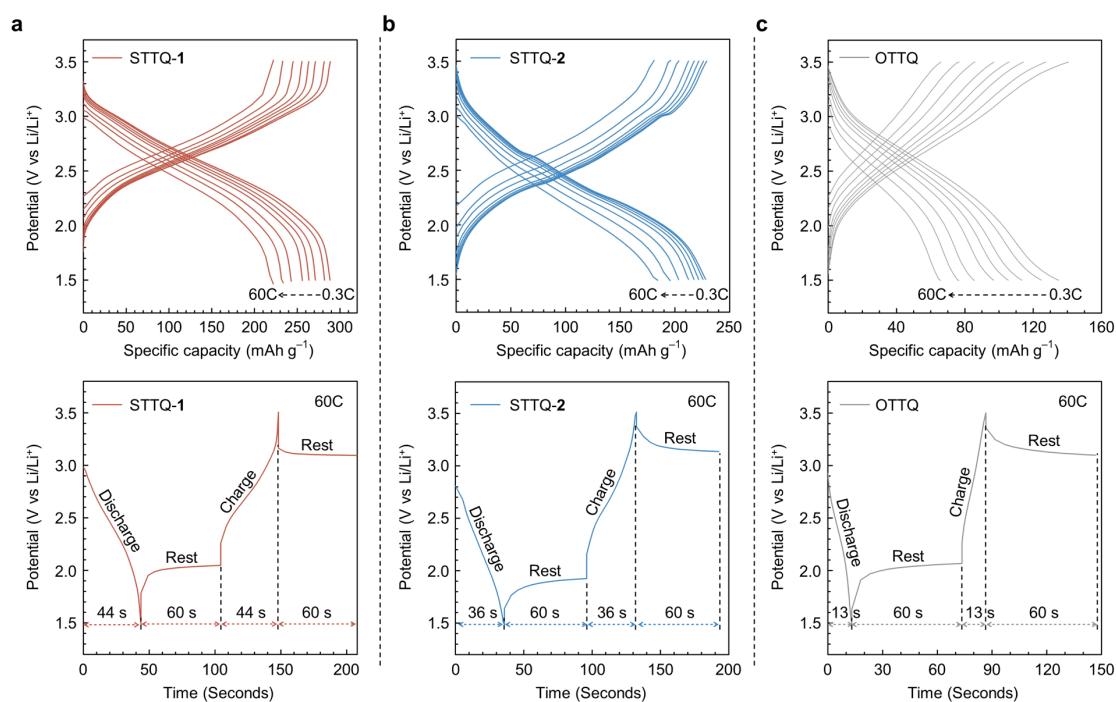


Supplementary Fig. 13 | Cyclic voltammetry (CV) curves of heterocyclic TTQs.
 CV curves at a scan rate of 0.5 mV s^{-1} with redox peak potentials labeled: (a) STTQ-1, (b) STTQ-2, and (c) OTTQ.

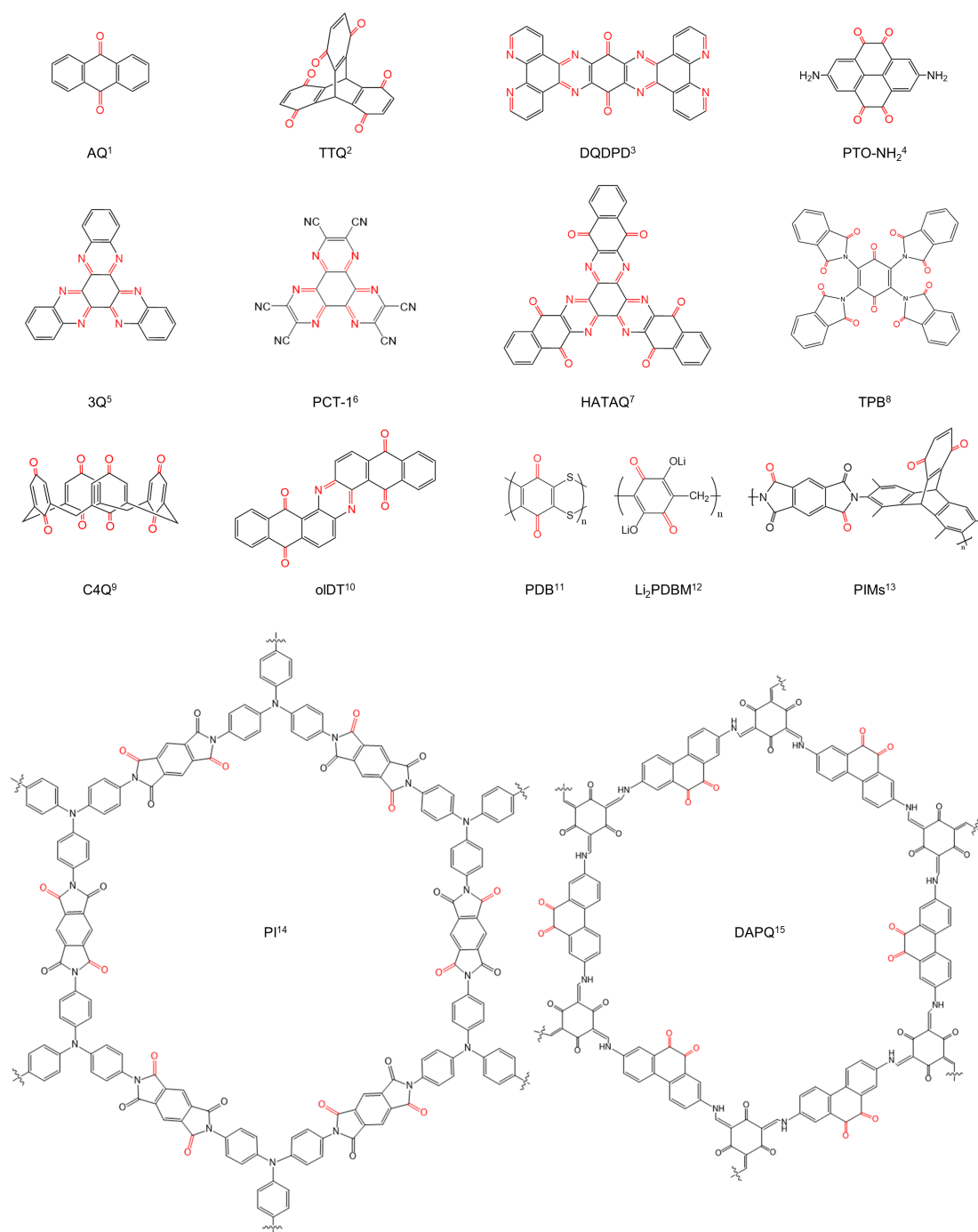


Supplementary Fig. 14 | Evaluation on the self-discharge properties of STTQ.

Galvanostatic charge–discharge profiles (a,c) at a current density of 0.06 A g^{-1} and voltage evolution for 24 h (b,d) at the second and third cycles: (a,b) STTQ-1 and (c,d) STTQ-2.

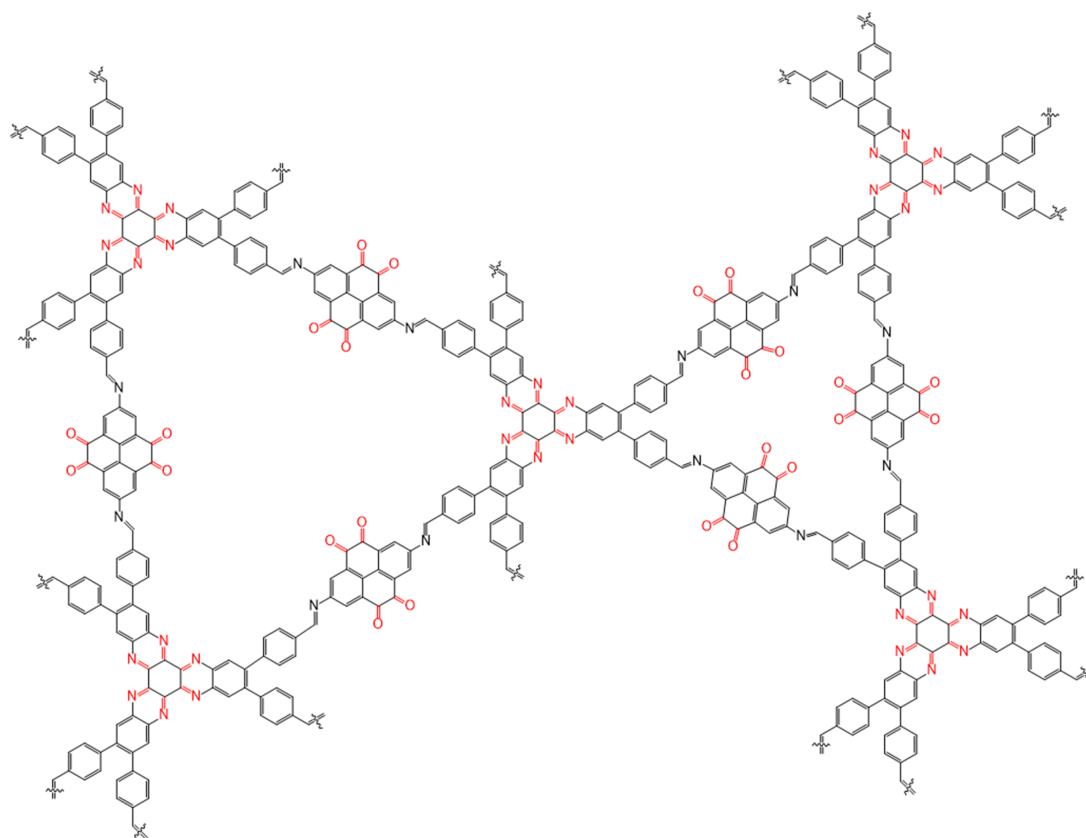


Supplementary Fig. 15 | Evaluation on the rate performance of heterocyclic TTQs. Galvanostatic charge–discharge profiles (upper) at 25 °C across rates from 0.3C to 60C and charge–discharge duration at 60C (lower): (a) STTQ-1, (b) STTQ-2, and (c) OTTQ.



Supplementary Fig. 16 (Continued to the subsequent page) | Representative examples of organic cathode materials.

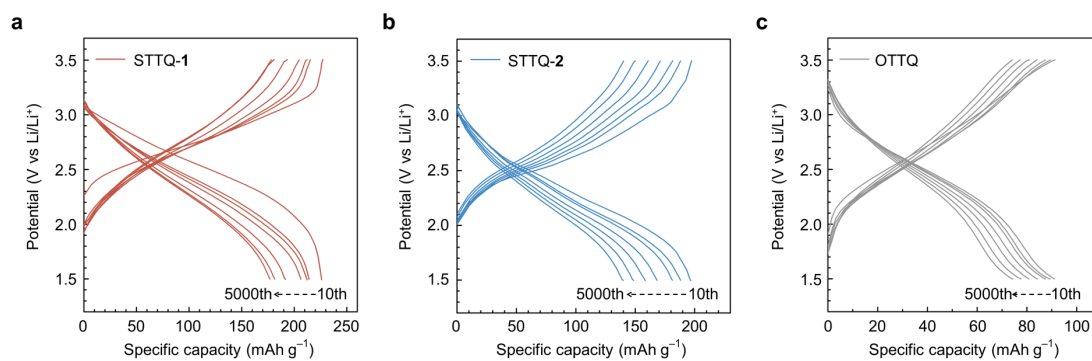
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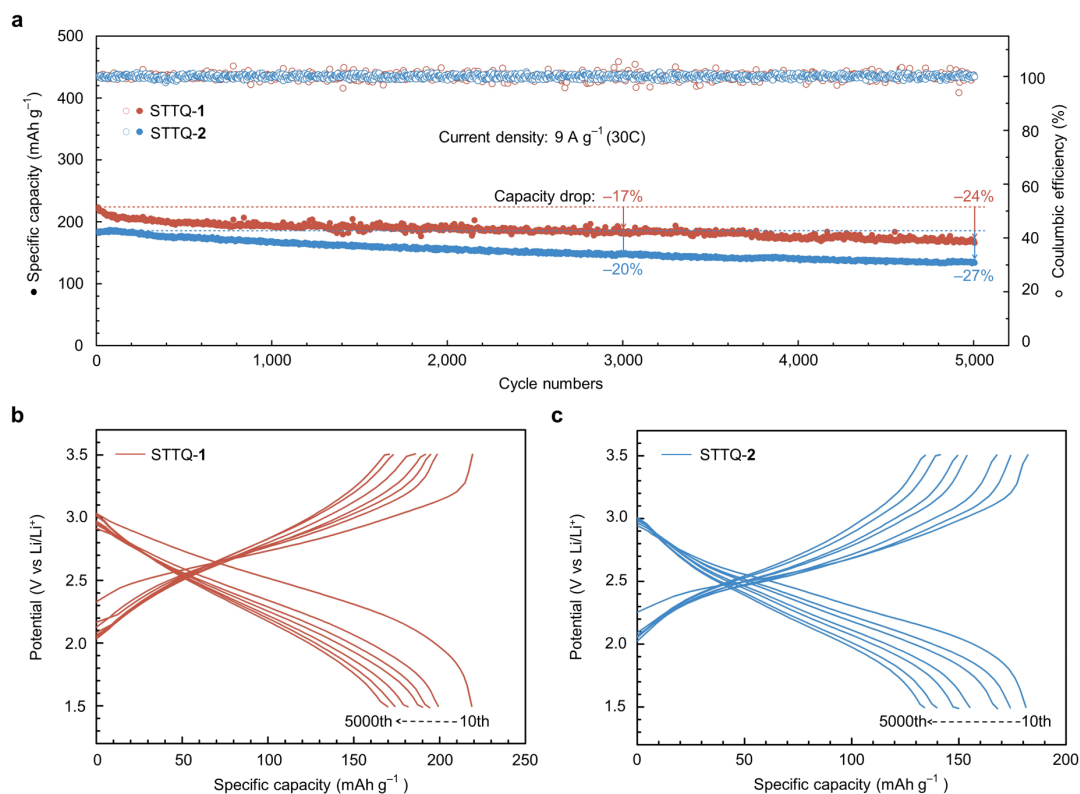
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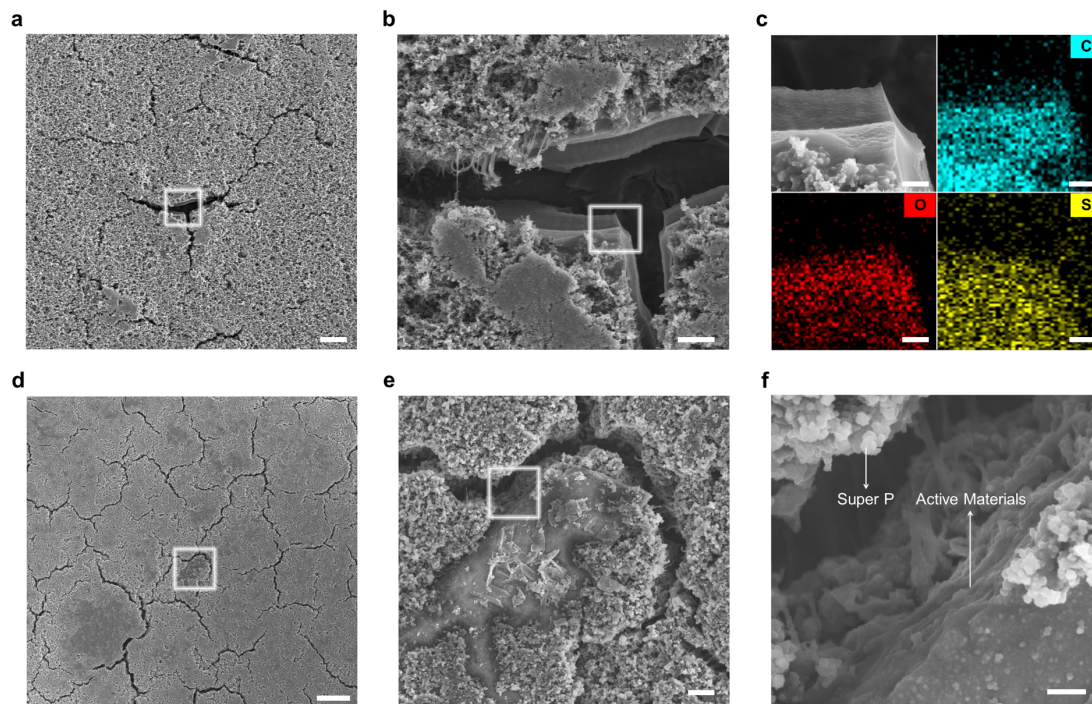
Supplementary Fig. 17 | Evaluation on the cycling performance of heterocyclic TTQs.

Galvanostatic charge–discharge profiles from the 10th to 5000th cycle at a current density of 4.5 A g^{−1} (15C): (a) STTQ-1, (b) STTQ-2, and (c) OTTQ.



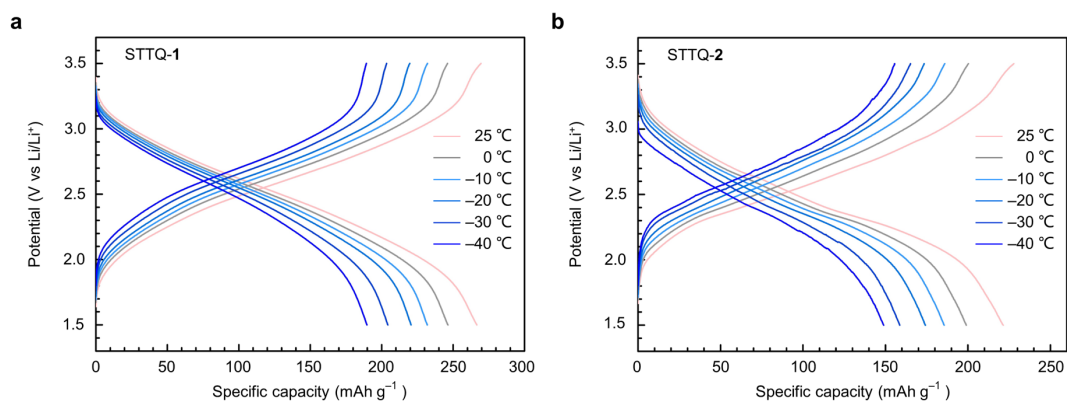
Supplementary Fig. 18 | Evaluation on the cycling performance of STTQs.

(a) Long-term cycling (dots) and coulombic efficiency (circles) of STTQ-1 and STTQ-2 at a current density of 9.0 A g^{-1} (30C). (b) Galvanostatic charge-discharge profiles of STTQ-1 from the 10th to 5000th cycle at a current density of 9.0 A g^{-1} (30C). (c) Galvanostatic charge-discharge profiles of STTQ-2 from the 10th to 5000th cycle at a current density of 9.0 A g^{-1} (30C).



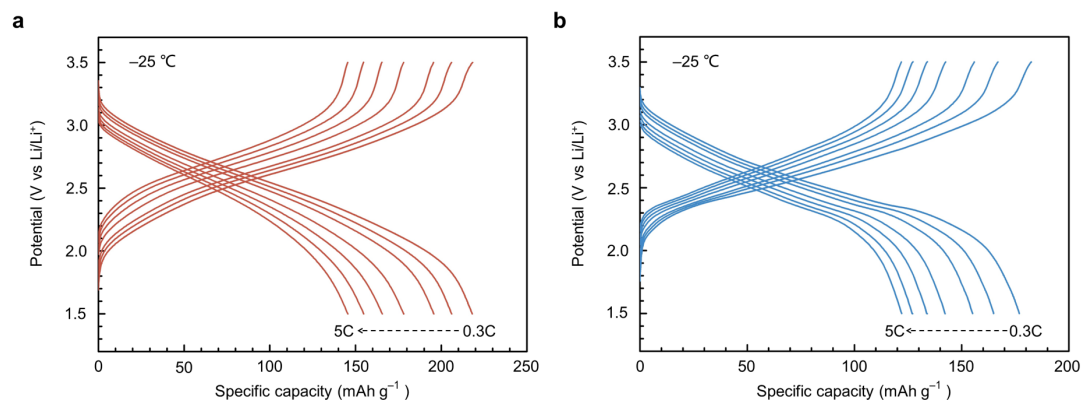
Supplementary Fig. 19 | Characterization of morphology evolution in the STTQ-1 cathode over 2000 cycles.

(a–c) Morphology before cycling: (a) Overview. Scale bar, 10 μm . (b) Enlarged view of the boxed region in a. Scale bar, 2 μm . (c) Further enlarged view of the boxed region in b with corresponding EDX elemental mapping of compact laminar structures. Scale bars, 0.5 μm . (d–f) Morphology after cycling: (d) Overview. Scale bar, 20 μm . (e) Enlarged view of the boxed region in d. Scale bar, 2 μm . (f) Further enlarged view of the boxed region in e. Scale bar, 0.5 μm .



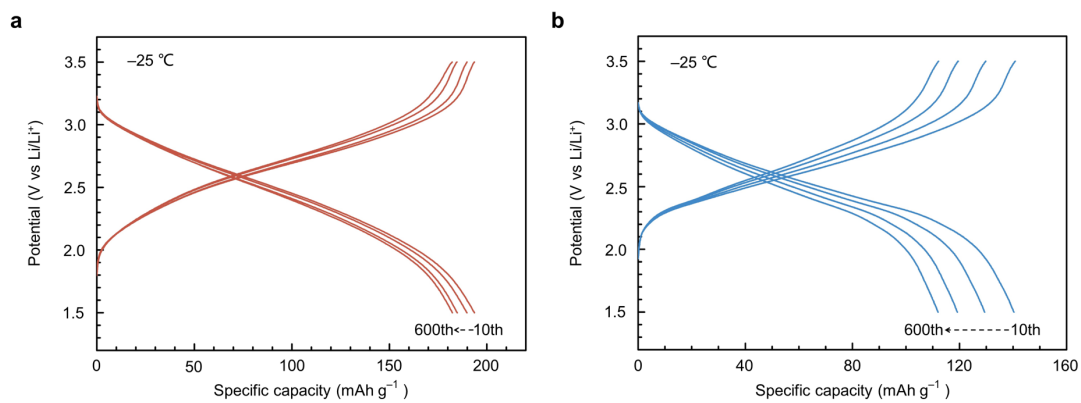
Supplementary Fig. 20 | Evaluation on the low-temperature performance of STTQs.

Galvanostatic charge–discharge profiles at different temperatures ranging from 25 to –40 °C: (a) STTQ-1 and (b) STTQ-2.



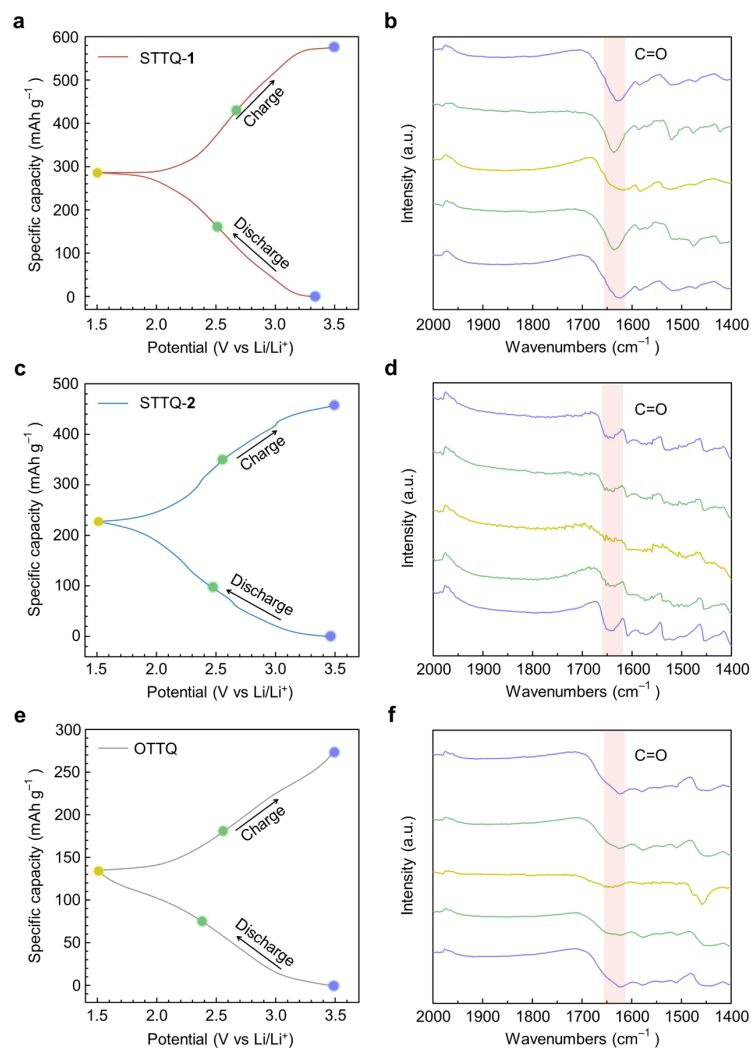
Supplementary Fig. 21 | Evaluation on the rate performance of STTQs at low temperature.

Galvanostatic charge–discharge profiles in a range of charge rates from 0.3C to 5C at -25 °C: (a) STTQ-1 and (b) STTQ-2.

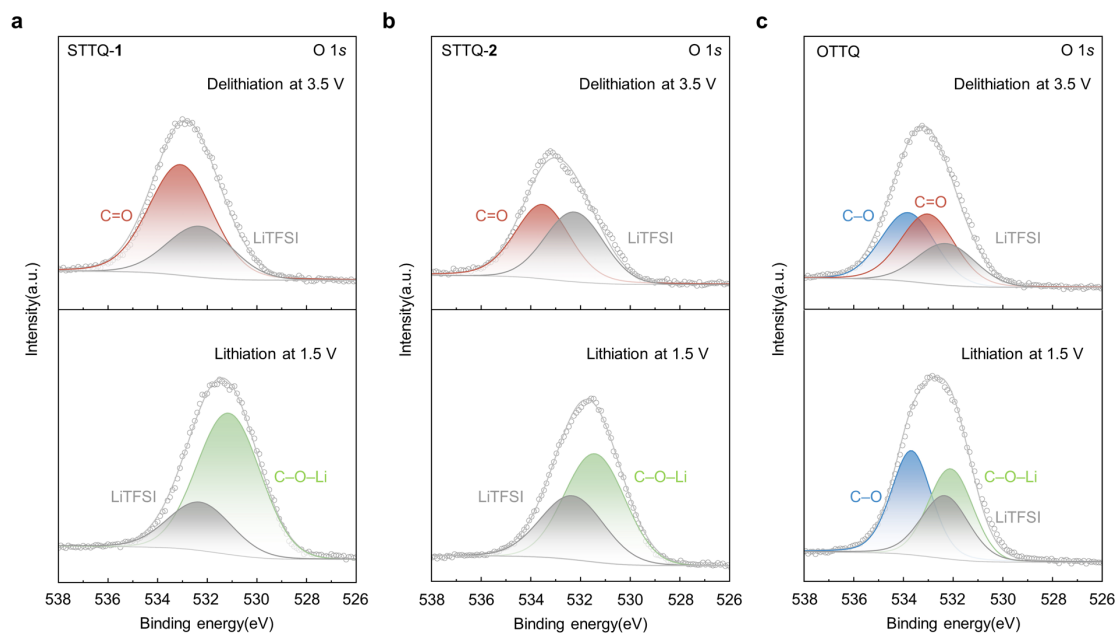


Supplementary Fig. 22 | Evaluation on the cycling performance of STTQs at low temperature.

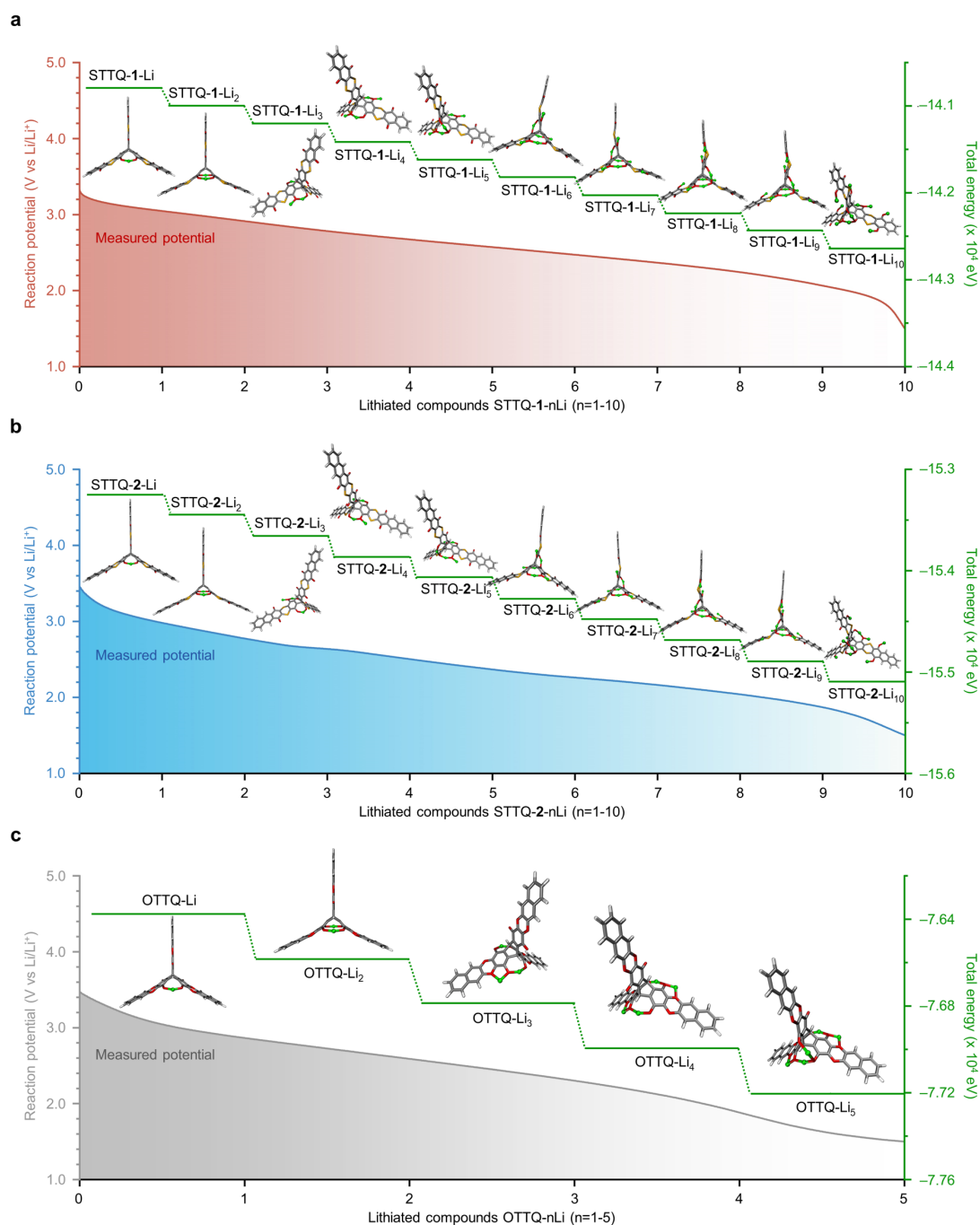
Galvanostatic charge-discharge profiles from the 10th to 600th cycle at 0.3 A g^{-1} and $-25\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$: (a) STTQ-1 and (b) STTQ-2.



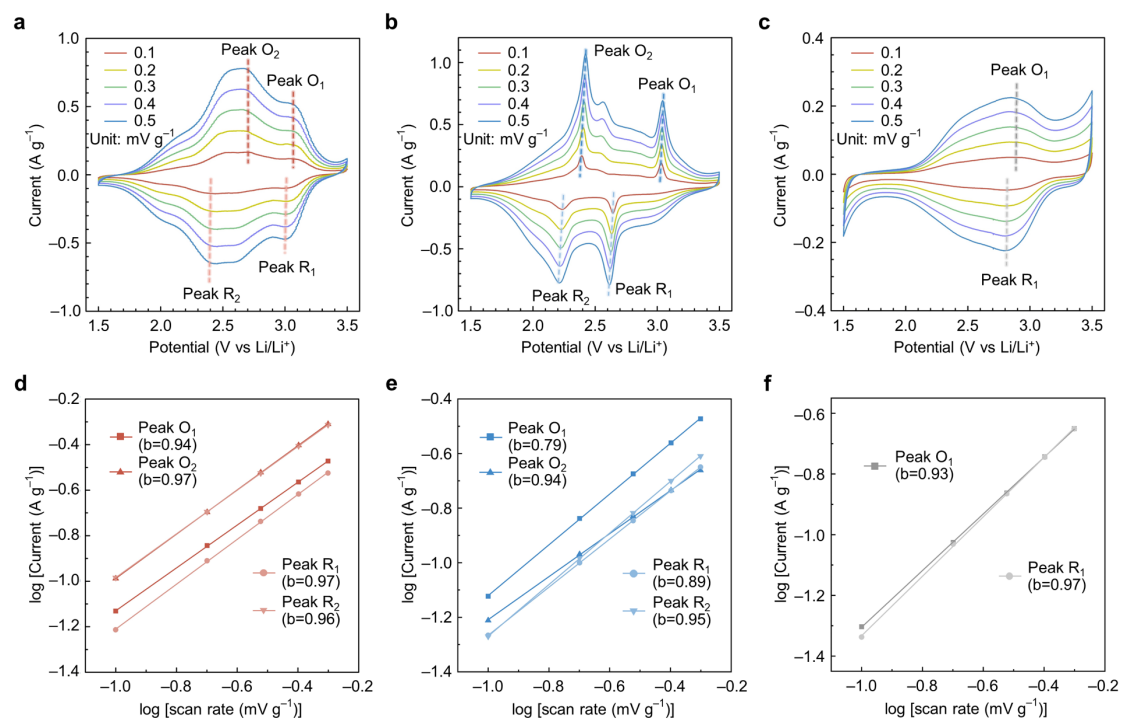
Supplementary Fig. 23 | Identification of electroactive sites in heterocyclic TTQs. Galvanostatic charge–discharge profiles (a,c,e) in a window of 1.5–3.5 V and ex-situ FT-IR spectra (b,d,f) of the cathodes obtained from the disassembled cells at different discharge and recharge states marked in a, c, and e: (a,b) STTQ-1, (c,d) STTQ-2 and (e,d) OTTQ.



Supplementary Fig. 24 | Identification of electroactive sites in heterocyclic TTQs. High-resolution ex situ XPS spectra of O 1s of organic cathodes at the corresponding discharge (lithiation) and recharge (delithiation) states: (a) STTQ-1, (b) STTQ-2 and (c) OTTQ.

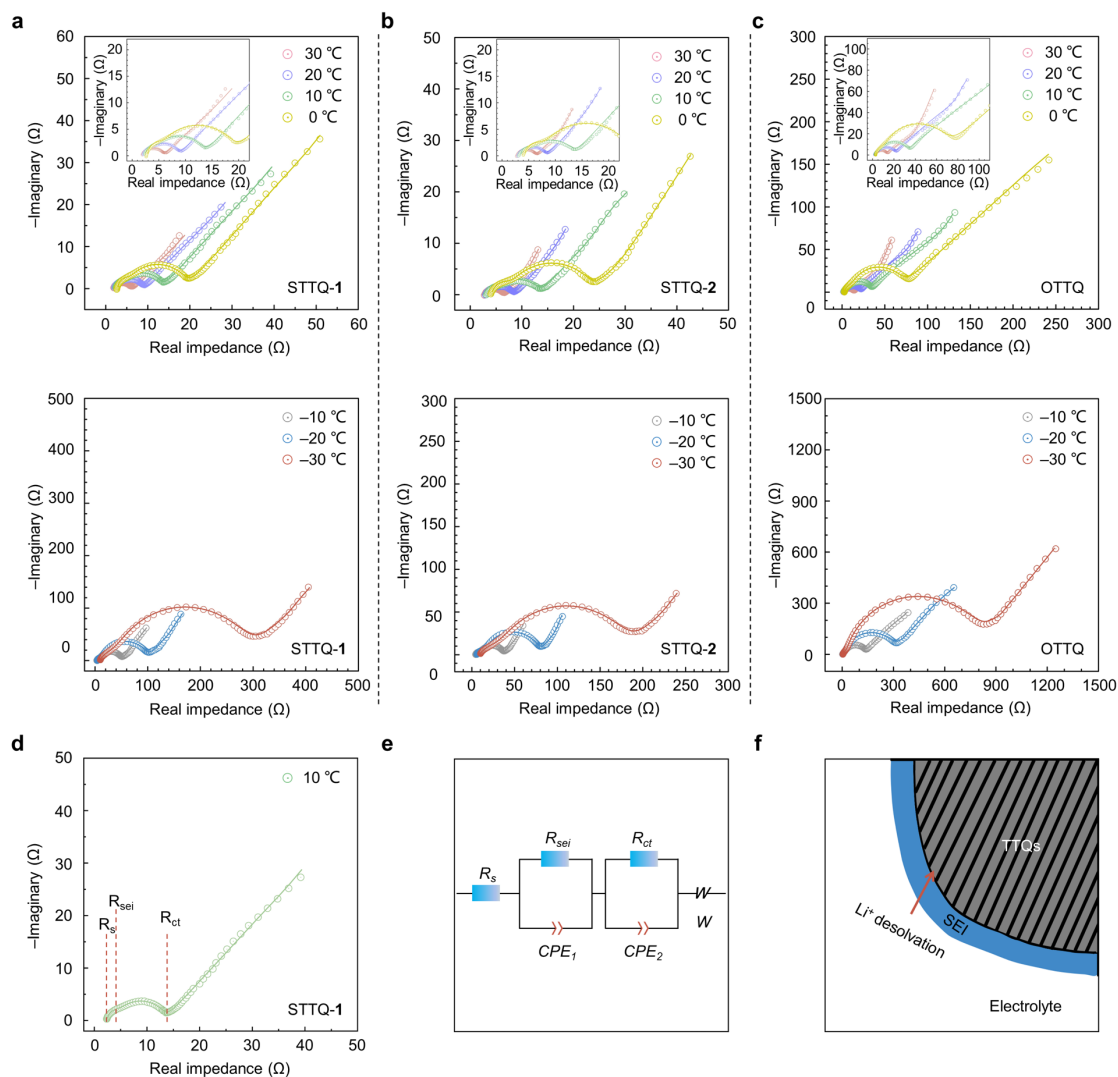


Supplementary Fig. 25 | Calculation of the lithiation pathway in heterocyclic TTQs. Reaction potentials versus Li^+/Li (STTQ-1: red; STTQ-2: blue; OTTQ: gray) and total energy of lithiated structures (eV), with green lines marking the most stable configuration at each lithiation stage: (a) STTQ-1, (b) STTQ-2, and (c) OTTQ.



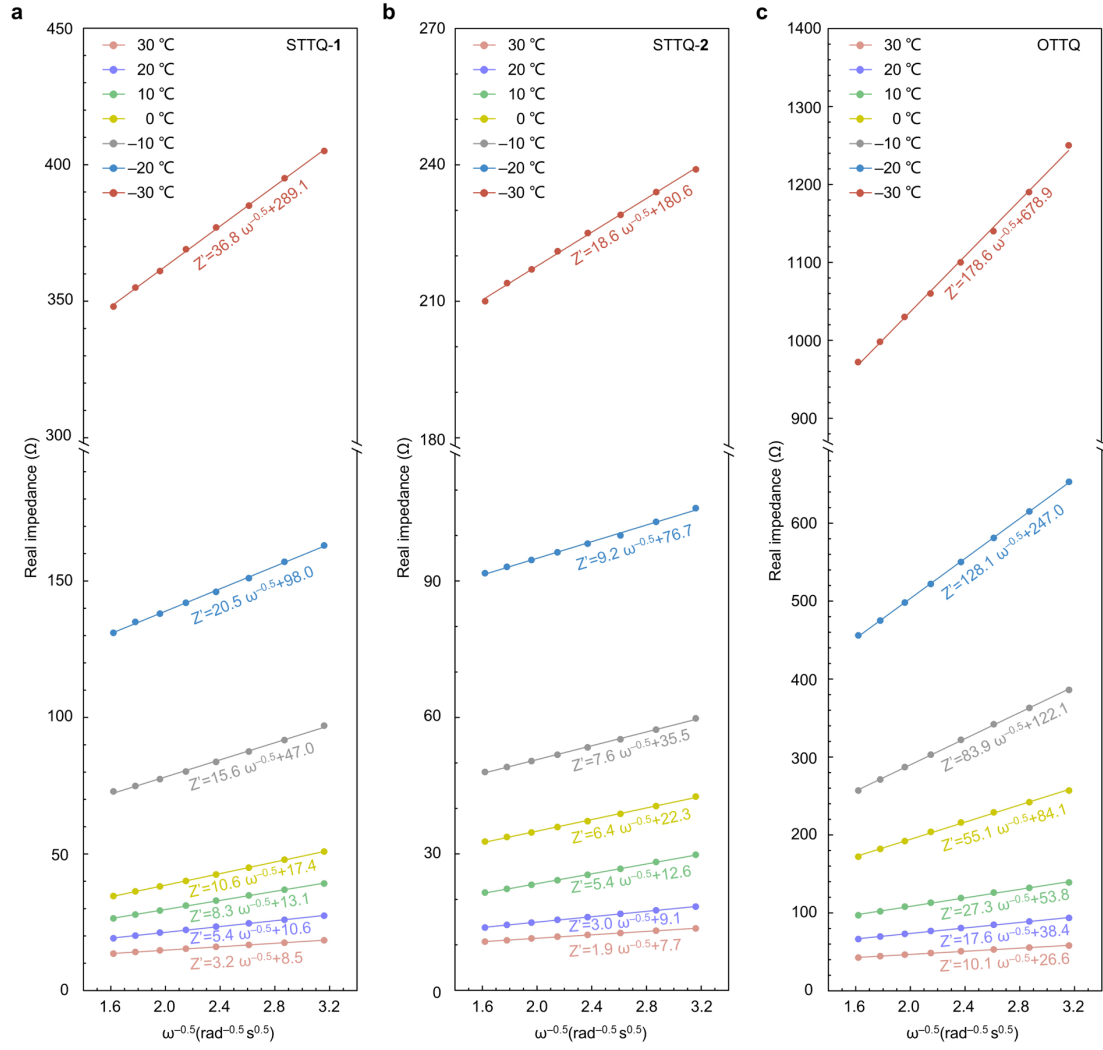
Supplementary Fig. 26 | Evaluation on the electrochemical reaction kinetics of heterocyclic TTQs.

(a–c) CV curves at varied scan rates (0.1–0.5 $\text{mV} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$) and (d–f) Linear fitting of $\log(i_p)$ vs. $\log(v)$ for redox peaks ($R^2 > 0.99$): (a,d) STTQ-1, (b,e) STTQ-2, and (c,f) OTTQ.



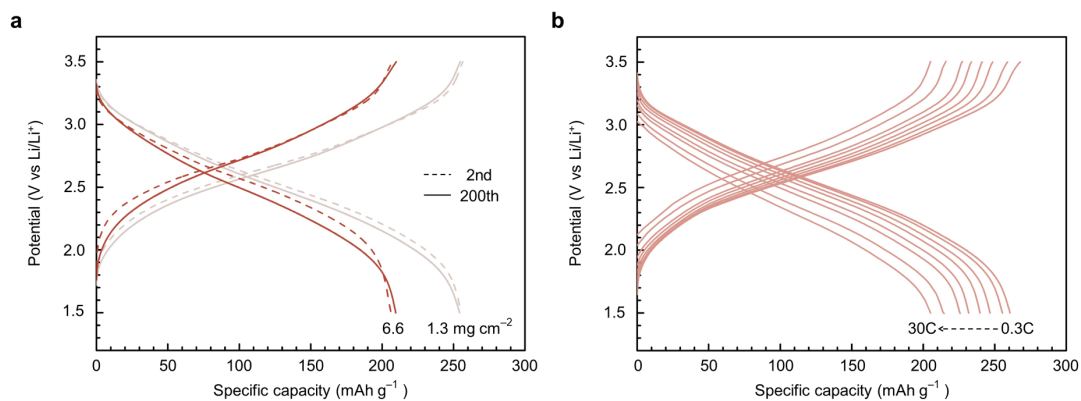
Supplementary Fig. 27 | Evaluation on the temperature-dependent charge-transfer resistance and equivalent circuit model of heterocyclic TTQs.

Nyquist plots and of EIS at different temperatures ranging from 30 to -30 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ with fitting lines (solid): (a) STTQ-1, (b) STTQ-2, and (c) OTTQ. The equivalent circuit model (e) to fit Nyquist plot of EIS (d) obtained from half cells, where R_s , R_{sei} , and R_{ct} stand for the resistance of the electrolyte, the Li^+ migration through solid-electrolyte interface (SEI) and the desolvation process (f), respectively.



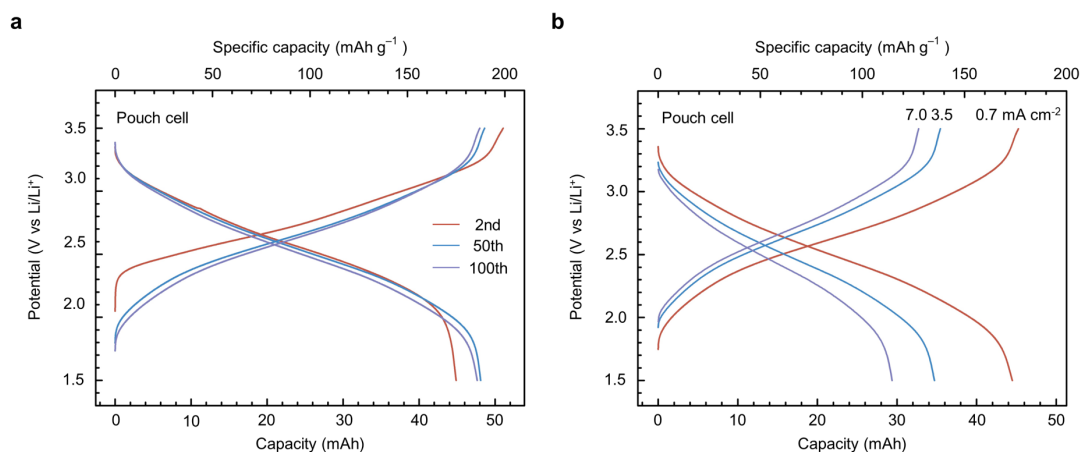
Supplementary Fig. 28 | Evaluation on the Li^+ -diffusion coefficients of TTQs at different temperatures.

Linear fitting plots ($R^2 > 0.99$) of the real part of impedance and low frequency at different temperatures ranging from 30 to $-30\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$: (a) STTQ-1, (b) STTQ-2, and (c) OTTQ.



Supplementary Fig. 29 | Evaluation on the cycling and rate performance of STTQ-1 with different mass loading.

(a) Galvanostatic charge–discharge profiles from the 2nd to 200th cycle at 0.15 A g^{−1} (0.5C) with different active material mass loadings: 1.3 mg cm^{−2} (light gray), 6.6 mg cm^{−2} (red). (b) Galvanostatic charge–discharge profiles at 25 °C with active material mass loading of 2 mg cm^{−2} across rates of 0.3C to 30C.



Supplementary Fig. 30 | Evaluation on the cycling and rate performance of pouch cell.

(a) Galvanostatic charge–discharge profiles from the 2nd to 100th cycle at 0.7 mA cm⁻² with active material mass loading of 6 mg cm⁻². (b) Galvanostatic charge–discharge profiles at 25 °C with active material mass loading of 6 mg cm⁻² from 0.7 mA cm⁻² to 7 mA cm⁻².

3. Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1 | Electrochemical performance of TTQs and the reported small molecules cathode materials

Materials	Current density (mA g ⁻¹)	Specific capacity (mAh g ⁻¹)	Average voltage (V)	Energy density (Wh kg ⁻¹)	Power density (W kg ⁻¹)	Cycle number / Capacity retention (%)	Reference
AQ	20	183	2.4	440	48	100 / 60	(1)
	200	90	2.3	207	460		
TTQ	400	250	2.6	650	1040	100 / 65	(2)
DQDPD	5000	343	2.0	686	10000	3000/82	(3)
PTO-NH ₂	50	350	2.4	840	120	100 / 83	(4)
3Q	8000	147	1.8	264	14400	10000 / 65	(5)
PCT-1	500	290	2.2	638	1100	100 / 48	(6)
	2000	270	2.0	540	4000		
HATAQ	10000	209	2.2	459.8	22000	1000 / 85	(7)
TPB	47	223	2.3	513	108	100 / 91	(8)
C4Q	85	422	2.5	1055	213	100 / 89	(9)
	446	218	2.3	500	1077		
OLDT	500	272	2.3	626	1150	1000 / 76	(10)
	5000	161	2.0	322	10000		
STTQ-1	60	288	2.56	738	230	5000 / 79	This work
	4500	241	2.49	600	11179		
	18000	218	2.39	521	42932		
STTQ-2	60	239	2.46	587	216	5000 / 71	This work
	4500	203	2.35	478	10540		
	18000	180	2.24	403	40260		
OTTQ	60	135	2.41	325	216	5000 / 81.1	This work
	4500	86	2.36	203	10675		
	18000	66	2.26	149	40600		

Supplementary Table 2 | Electrochemical performance of TTQs and the reported polymeric cathode materials

Materials	Current density (mA g ⁻¹)	Specific capacity (mAh g ⁻¹)	Average voltage (V)	Energy density (Wh kg ⁻¹)	Power density (W kg ⁻¹)	Cycle number / Capacity retention (%)	Reference
PDB	20	255	2.45	624	50	1000 / 81	(11)
	1500	161	2.49	401	3346		
Li ₂ PDBM	50	251	1.90	477	95	2000 / 77	(12)
	2000	198	1.70	337	3400		
PIM	38	181	2.45	444	93	1400 / 99	(13)
PI	14	110	2.20	242	31	300 / 70.7	(14)
DAPQ	500	162	2.52	408	1260	3000 / 76.0	(15)
USTB	150	233	2.20	513	330	6000 / 70	(16)
	3000	187	2.14	400	6420		
BQ1	39	504	2.05	1033	79	1000 / 81	(17)
	7730	171	1.75	350	12600		
STTQ-1	60	288	2.56	738	230	5000 / 79	This work
	4500	241	2.49	600	11179		
	18000	218	2.39	521	42932		
STTQ-2	60	239	2.46	587	216	5000 / 71	This work
	4500	203	2.35	478	10540		
	18000	180	2.24	403	40260		
OTTQ	60	135	2.41	325	216	5000 / 81.1	This work
	4500	86	2.36	203	10675		
	18000	66	2.26	149	40600		

Supplementary Table 3 | Electrochemical performance of TTQs and the reported inorganic cathode materials

Materials	Current density (mA g ⁻¹)	Specific capacity (mAh g ⁻¹)	Average voltage (V)	Energy density (Wh kg ⁻¹)	Power density (W kg ⁻¹)	Cycle number / Capacity retention (%)	Reference
LiMn ₂ O ₄	10	103	4.05	418	41	100 / 97	(18)
	200	94	3.85	363	770		
LiCoO ₂	28	157	3.90	612	109	200 / 81	(19)
	420	139	3.60	500	1512		
NCM ₈₁₁	40	187	3.84	718	154	200 / 73	(20)
	2000	85	3.34	284	6684		
LiFePO ₄	32	159	3.34	531	107	1000 / 95	(21)
	1600	141	2.75	387	4400		
NCA	40	202	3.83	774	153	1000 / 84	(22)
TiS ₂	100	205	2.14	439	214	200 / 84	(23)
	60	288	2.56	738	230		
STTQ-1	4500	241	2.49	600	11179	5000 / 79	This work
	18000	218	2.39	521	42932		
STTQ-2	60	239	2.46	587	216	5000 / 71	This work
	4500	203	2.35	478	10540		
OTTQ	18000	180	2.24	403	40260	5000 / 81.1	This work
	60	135	2.41	325	216		
OTTQ	4500	86	2.36	203	10675	5000 / 81.1	This work
	18000	66	2.26	149	40600		

Supplementary Table 4 | Low-temperature performance of TTQs and the reported cathode materials

Materials	Current density (mA g ⁻¹)	Temperature (°C)	Capacity (mAh g ⁻¹)	Capacity retention (%)	Reference
LiNi _{1/3} Co _{1/3} Mn _{1/3} O ₂	16	-40	74	45	(24)
LiCoO ₂	10	-50	82	60	(25)
LiNi _{0.8} Co _{0.15} Al _{0.05} O ₂	10	-85	76	50	(26)
Li ₃ V ₂ (PO ₄) ₃	26	-30	90	80	(27)
Polyimide (PI)	36	-70	84	69	(28)
Polytriphenylamine	50	-70	69	70	(29)
CCP	100	-60	78	32	(30)
CAP	100	-60	163	70	(30)
STTQ-1	150	-40	191	71	This work
STTQ-2	150	-40	148	71	This work

Supplementary Table 5 | Li⁺-diffusion coefficients (D_{Li^+}) of TTQs at different temperatures

Materials	Temperature (°C)	σ_w ($\Omega \text{ rad}^{0.5} \text{ s}^{-0.5}$)	D_{Li^+} ($\text{cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$)
STTQ-1	30	3.2	2.90×10^{-9}
	20	5.4	9.42×10^{-10}
	10	8.3	3.61×10^{-10}
	0	10.6	2.06×10^{-10}
	−10	15.6	8.82×10^{-10}
	−20	20.5	4.74×10^{-10}
	−30	36.8	1.36×10^{-11}
STTQ-2	30	1.9	8.07×10^{-9}
	20	3.0	3.07×10^{-9}
	10	5.4	8.55×10^{-10}
	0	6.4	5.73×10^{-10}
	−10	7.6	3.73×10^{-10}
	−20	9.2	2.39×10^{-10}
	−30	18.6	5.34×10^{-11}
OTTQ	30	10.1	2.82×10^{-10}
	20	17.6	8.64×10^{-11}
	10	27.3	3.36×10^{-11}
	0	55.1	7.65×10^{-12}
	−10	83.9	3.07×10^{-12}
	−20	128.1	1.22×10^{-12}
	−30	178.6	5.78×10^{-13}

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