#### **Supporting Information**

# High-barrier polyimide containing carbazole moiety: synthesis, gas barrier properties and molecular simulations

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Figure S1 Plots of density versus simulation time in the NPT simulation for Kapton, 2,7-CPPI and 2,7-CPI.



Figure S2 Plots of energy versus simulation time in the NPT simulation for (a) Kapton,

(b) 2,7-CPPI and (c) 2,7-CPI.



2,7-CPPI-Tor1 2,7-CPPI-Tor2

Figure S3 Schematic diagrams of the analyzed atomic segments for the dihedral angle analysis.



Figure S4  $^{1}$ H NMR (a),  $^{13}$ C NMR (b) and MS (c) spectra of DPNA.



Figure S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (a), <sup>13</sup>C NMR (b) and MS (c) spectra of DPNN<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S7 The MS spectrum of 2,7-CDA.



4000 3500 3000 2500 2000 1500 1000 Wavenumber(cm<sup>-1</sup>)

Figure S8 FT-IR spectra of DPNA, DPNN<sub>3</sub>, 2,7-CDN, 2,7-CDA and 2,7-CPI.



Figure S9 TGA curve of the 2,7-CPI film.



Figure S10 Photo image of the flexible 2,7-CPI film.



**Figure S11** Displacement of  $O_2$  and  $H_2O$  from their initial positions in Kapton, 2,7-CPI and 2,7-CPI.

| PIs                   | $\tau_1(ns)$ | $I_{l}(\%)$ | $	au_2(\mathbf{ns})$ | $I_2(\%)$ |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Kapton <sup>a</sup>   | 0.17         | 13.0        | 0.38                 | 86.8      |
| 2,7-CPPI <sup>a</sup> | 0.17         | 7.4         | 0.34                 | 92.4      |
| 2,7-CPI               | 0.13         | 17.3        | 0.34                 | 82.5      |

**Table S1** The positron lifetime data of Kapton, 2,7-CPPI and 2,7-CPIfilms.

<sup>a</sup> The positron lifetime data are obtained from Ref. [1].

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