

Supplementary Information

Recycling Plastic Waste for Environmental Remediation in Water Purification and CO₂ Capture

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CO₂/N₂ selectivity calculations

In the case of binary adsorption, the IAST theory states that the equilibrium relationship between a mixture gas and adsorbed phase should be as the Eqs. (1)- (4), where P_t is the total pressure of mixture gas, y_i and x_i is the molar fraction of gas component in the mixture gas and adsorbent, P_i^0 is the pure adsorbate vapor pressure of component i at the spreading pressure (π) of mixture gas. The spreading pressure π for mixture gas has such integral relationship with P_i^0 as Eq. (5), where A is the surface area of the adsorbent, R is the gas constant (8.314 J mol⁻¹ K⁻¹), T is the adsorption temperature, Q_i is the adsorption amount of gas component i , which is a function of pressure P .

$$P_t y_1 = P_1^0 x_1 \quad (1)$$

$$P_t y_2 = P_2^0 x_2 \quad (2)$$

$$y_1 + y_2 = 1 \quad (3)$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 1 \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\pi A}{RT} = \int_0^{P^0} \frac{Q_1}{P} dp = \int_0^{P_2^0} \frac{Q_2}{P} dp \quad (5)$$

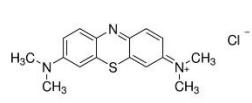
The function between Q and P could be represented by single site Langmuir-Freundlich (SSLF) model²⁶, which is displayed in Eq. (6), where q is the maximum adsorbed amount of pure gas component at adsorption sites, b denotes the affinity parameters for different adsorption sites, n is the solid heterogeneity parameter.

$$Q = \frac{qbP^n}{1+bP^n} \quad (6)$$

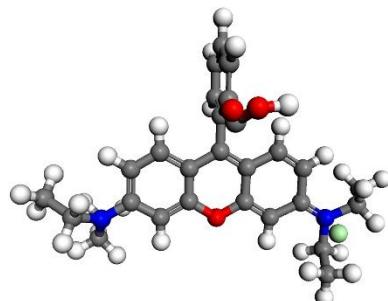
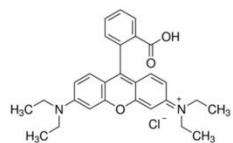
At last, the selectivity could be calculated according to the following Eq. (7).

$$S_{1,2} = \frac{x_1 / y_1}{x_2 / y_2} = \frac{P_2^0}{P_1^0} \quad (7)$$

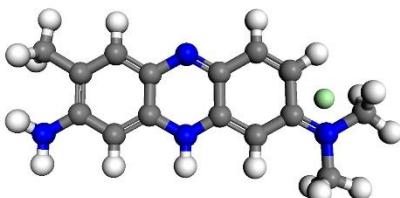
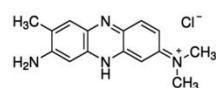
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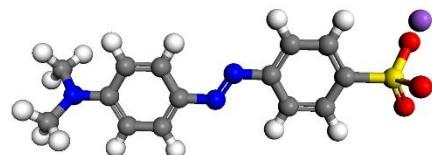
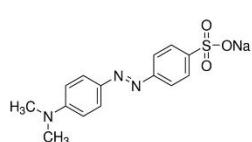
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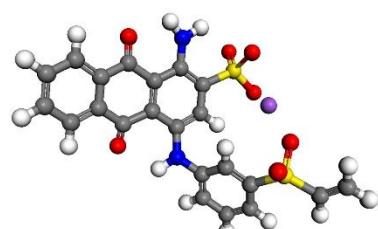
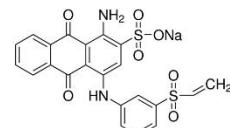


Figure S1. Molecular structure of dyes used in this work.

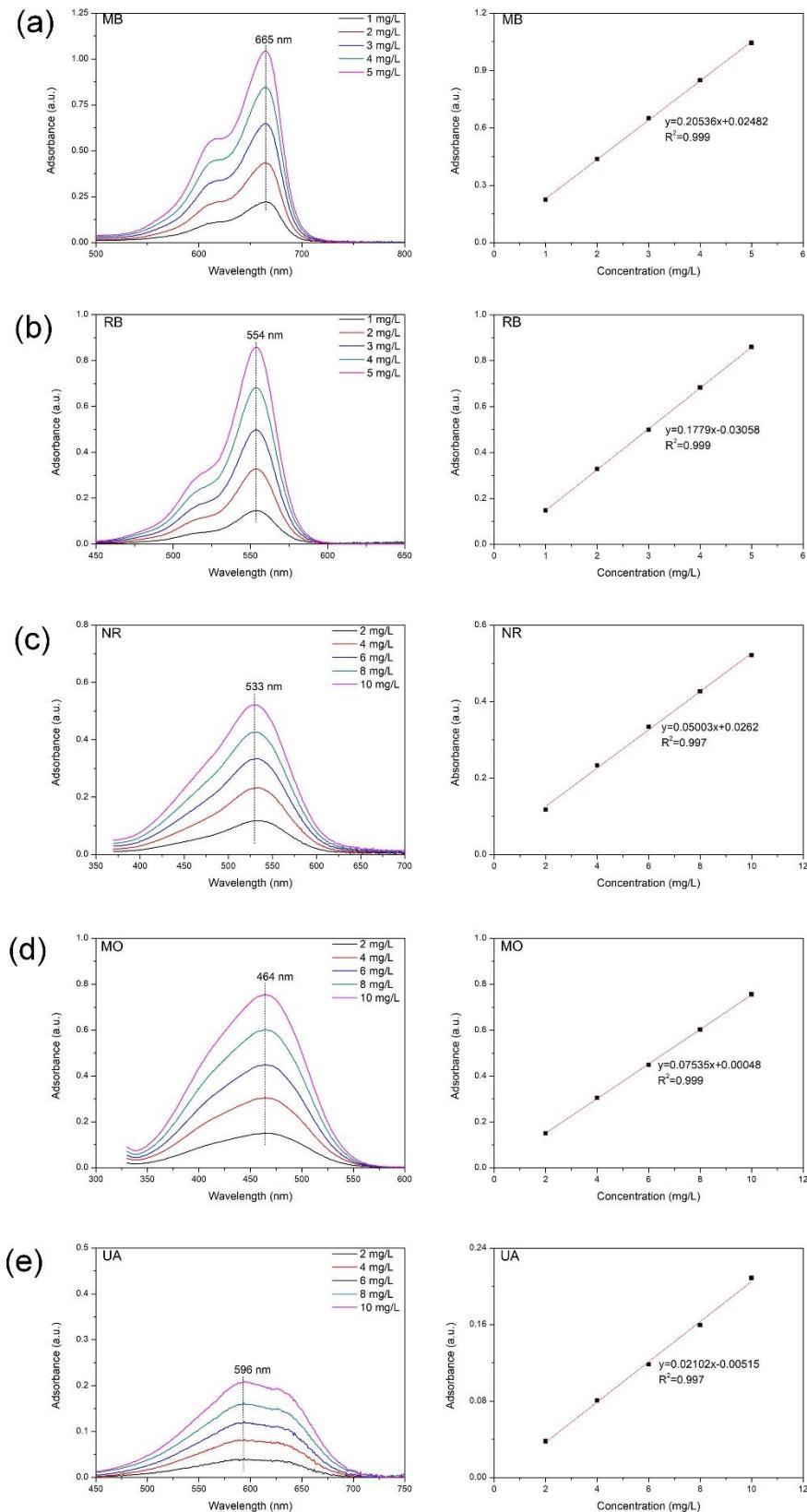


Figure S2. UV-Vis spectra and standard curves of five types of organic dyes: (a) MB, (b) RB, (c) NR, (d) MO and (e) UA.

Dye removal

The adsorption isotherms were fitted using Langmuir and Freundlich isotherm model, which can be mathematically expressed as Eqs. (8)-(10)^{27, 28}, where C_e (mg/L) is the equilibrium dye concentration, Q_e (mg/g) is the equilibrium adsorption capacity, Q_m (mg/g) is the maximum adsorption capacity, K_L and K_F are the Langmuir and Freundlich constant related to the adsorption capacity, n is the constant representing adsorption intensity, C_0 (mg/L) is the initial dye concentration, V (mL) is the volume of dye solution, m (mg) is the weight of HCP adsorbent.

$$C_e / Q_e = 1 / (K_L Q_m) + C_e / Q_m \quad (8)$$

$$\ln Q_e = \ln K_F + 1/n \ln C_e \quad (9)$$

$$Q_e = (C_0 - C_e)V / m \quad (10)$$

Arsenic removal

The pseudo-first order and pseudo-second order kinetics model are utilized to represent the adsorption rate of As(V) on the HCP-3, respectively. Their mathematical expressions are shown in Eqs. (11)-(13), where Q_t (mg/g) is the adsorption capacity at time t (min), Q_e (mg/g) is the equilibrium adsorption capacity, k_1 (min⁻¹) and k_2 (g·mg⁻¹·min⁻¹) are the pseudo-first order and pseudo-second order adsorption rate constant, h_0 (mg·g⁻¹·min⁻¹) is the pseudo-second order adsorption rate at $t=0$ min.

$$Q_t = Q_e(1 - e^{-k_1 t}) \quad (11)$$

$$Q_t = \frac{k_2 Q_e^2 t}{1 + k_2 Q_e t} \quad (12)$$

$$h_0 = k_2 Q_e^2 \quad (13)$$

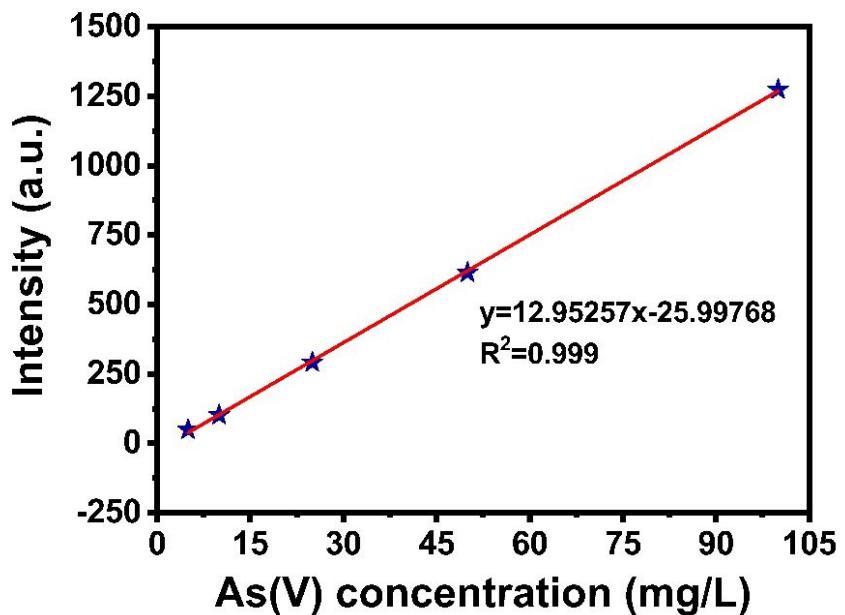


Figure S3. Standard curve of As(V) solution determined from ICP-AES.

Table S1. BET surface area and DFT pore volume of synthesized HCPs.

Type of HCP	BET surface area (m ² /g)	Sequential growth rate (%)	DFT pore volume (cm ³ /g)
HCP-1	322	-	0.105
HCP-2	746	132	0.125
HCP-3	1007	35	0.138
HCP-5	1199	19	0.162
HCP-8	252	79	0.082

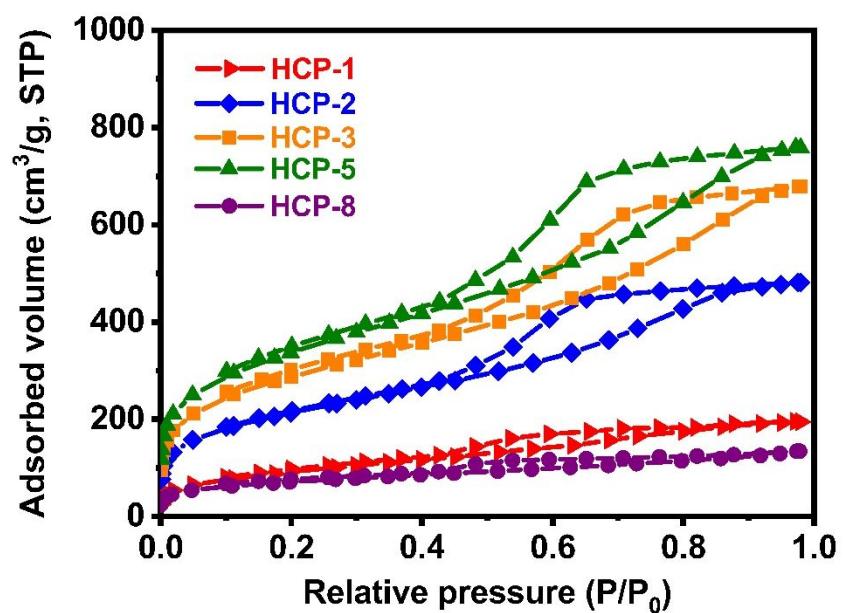


Figure S4. N₂ adsorption isotherms of synthesized HCPs under 77 K.

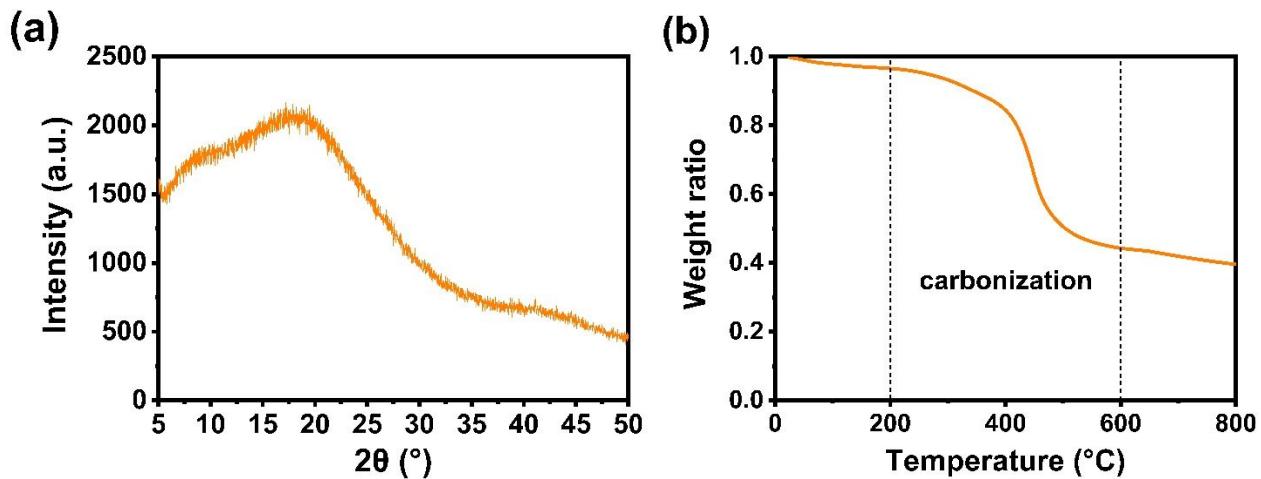


Figure S5. PXRD pattern (a) and TG curve (b) of HCP-3.

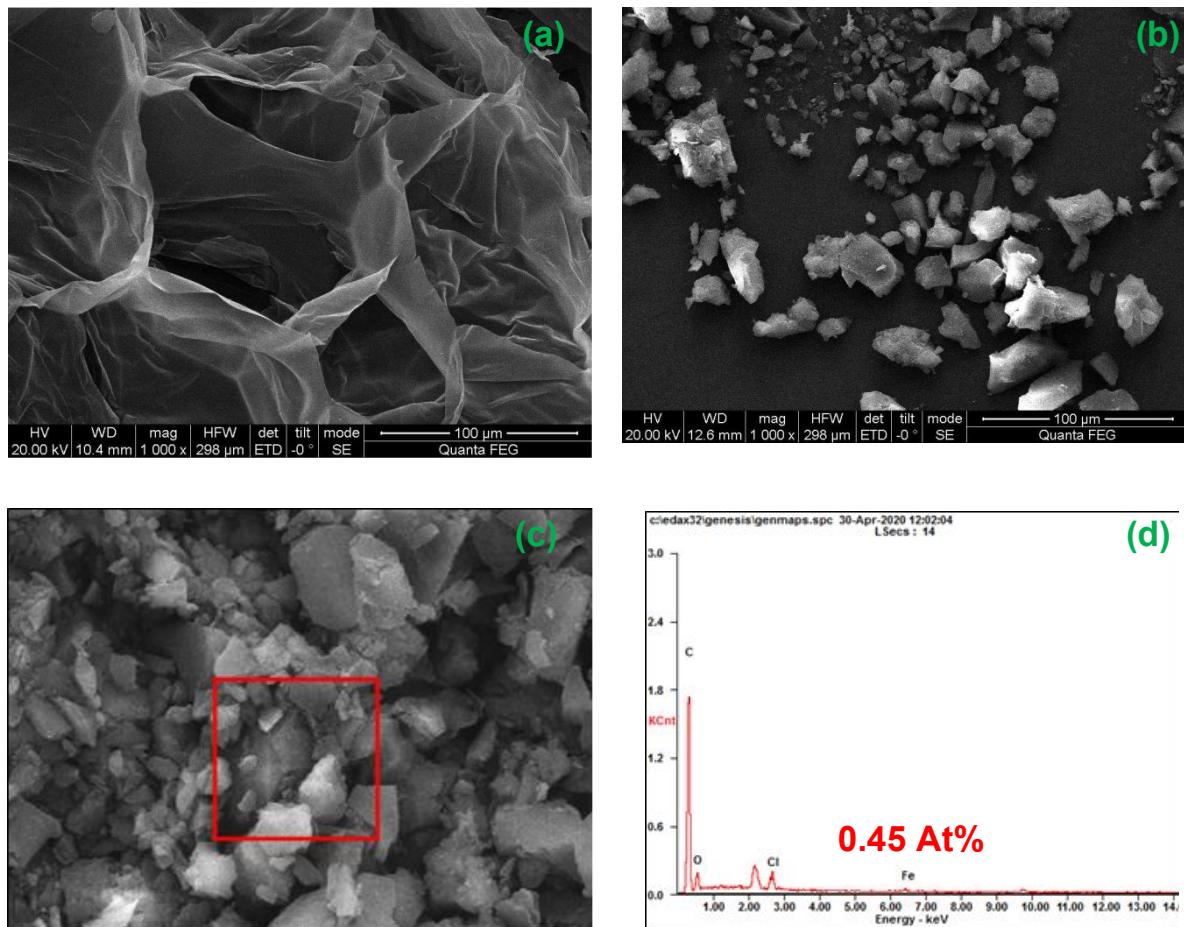


Figure S6. SEM images of WS (a) and HCP-3 (b) plus EDX images (c) and element content (d) of HCP-3.

Table S2. CO₂ and N₂ adsorption capacity at P/P₀=0.99.

Type of HCP	CO ₂ uptake (mmol/g)		N ₂ uptake (mmol/g)	
	273 K	298 K	273 K	298 K
HCP-1	1.424	0.756	0.102	0.072
HCP-2	1.474	0.832	0.143	0.089
HCP-3	1.728	1.088	0.157	0.093
HCP-5	2.062	1.060	0.147	0.108
HCP-8	0.997	0.577	0.066	0.045

Table S3. SSLF model parameters of CO₂ and N₂ adsorption isotherms.

Type of HCP	Temperature (K)	Adsorbate	q	b	n	R ²
HCP-1	273	CO ₂	5.13818	0.00758	1.17598	0.99996
HCP-1	273	N ₂	0.42952	0.00324	1.01317	0.99995
HCP-1	298	CO ₂	4.28452	0.00282	1.06665	0.99996
HCP-1	298	N ₂	8.23817	7.17709E-5	0.96432	0.99913
HCP-2	273	CO ₂	5.05706	0.00914	1.21351	0.99995
HCP-2	273	N ₂	0.87866	0.00166	0.96804	>0.99999
HCP-2	298	CO ₂	3.68544	0.00358	1.04983	0.99996
HCP-2	298	N ₂	5.03046	1.58185E-4	0.97308	0.99990
HCP-3	273	CO ₂	6.16859	0.00806	1.18943	0.99995
HCP-3	273	N ₂	0.94352	0.00176	0.97645	0.99994
HCP-3	298	CO ₂	4.70782	0.0043	1.08573	0.99998
HCP-3	298	N ₂	0.62628	0.00143	0.96049	0.99997
HCP-5	273	CO ₂	7.35625	0.00797	1.18681	0.99982
HCP-5	273	N ₂	0.74934	0.00203	0.96126	0.99998
HCP-5	298	CO ₂	3.97457	0.00495	1.07272	0.99998
HCP-5	298	N ₂	7.41586	1.21269E-4	0.96016	0.99998
HCP-8	273	CO ₂	2.32852	0.02160	1.30245	0.99991
HCP-8	273	N ₂	0.36557	0.00365	1.12144	0.99860
HCP-8	298	CO ₂	2.98763	0.00346	1.09007	0.99996
HCP-8	298	N ₂	8.59949	3.41749E-5	0.91628	0.99905

CO₂/N₂ selectivity solving example

The MATLAB code is as the following:

```
function sol=para(a,b,n,c,d,m,Pt,y1,y2)
    function f=fun1(P)
        f=a.*b.*P.^((n-1))/(1+b.*P.^n);
    end
    function f=fun2(Q)
        f=c.*d.*Q.^((m-1))/(1+d.*Q.^m);
    end
    function h=fun3(X)
        h=integral(@fun1,0,X,'ArrayValued',true)-integral(@fun2,0,X*Pt*y2/(X-Pt*y1),'ArrayValued',true);
    end
    sol=fzero(@fun3,[Pt*y1 Pt*y1+10]);
end
```

Results:

```
>> para(6.16859, 0.00806, 1.18943, 0.94352, 0.00176, 0.97645, 50, 0.25, 0.75)
```

```
ans =
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13.0501
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Verification:

```
>> vpa(int(6.16859*0.00806*x^(1.18943-1)/(1+0.00806*x^1.18943), 0, 13.0501))
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ans =
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0.81917388145884510269999584640852
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>> vpa(int(0.94352*0.00176*x^(0.97645-1)/(1+0.00176*x^0.97645), 0, 889.6178))
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ans =
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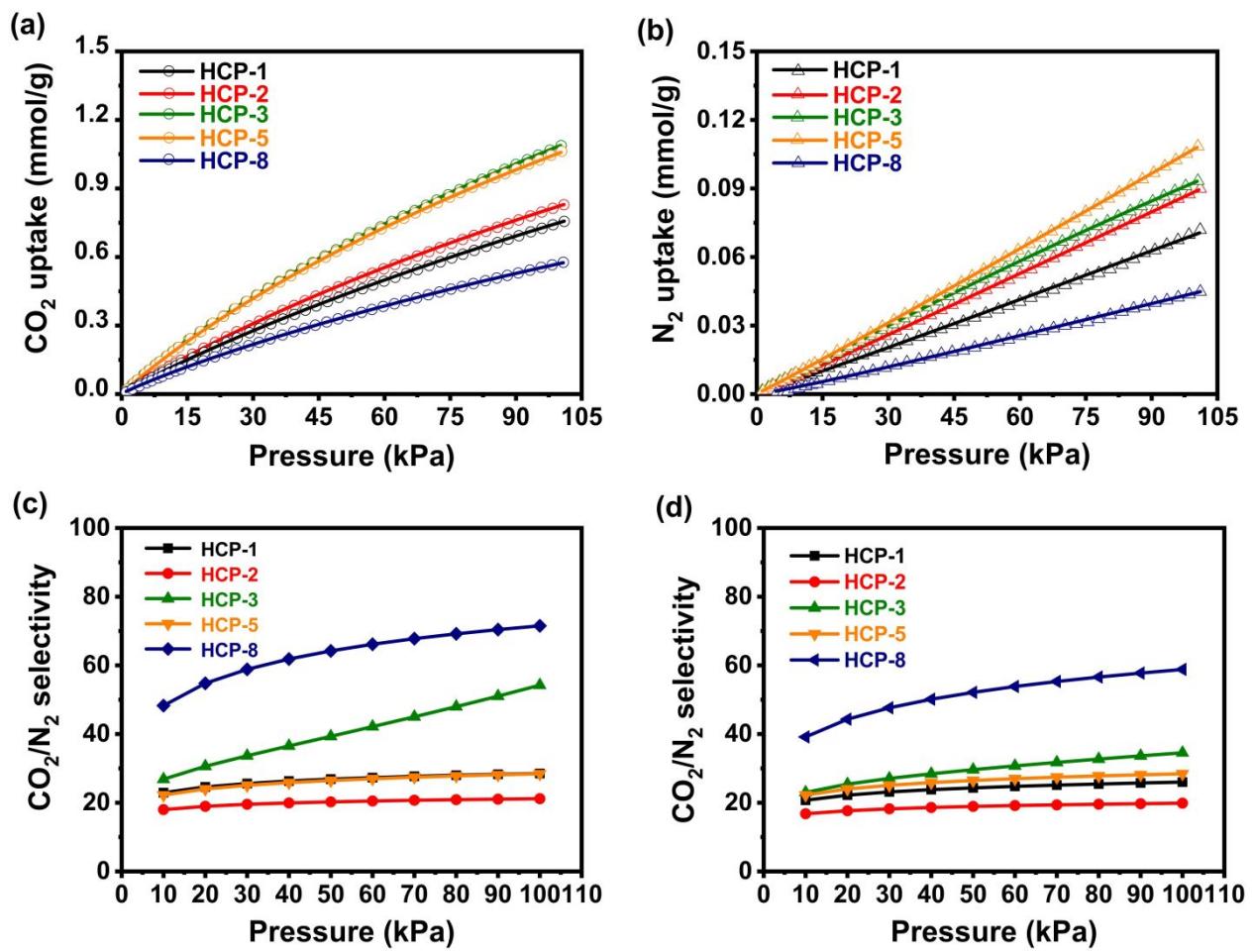


Figure S7. CO_2 and N_2 adsorption isotherms under 298 K and predicted CO_2/N_2 selectivity based on IAST: (a) CO_2 isotherms, (b) N_2 isotherms, (c) $\text{CO}_2:\text{N}_2 = 1:3$ and (d) $\text{CO}_2:\text{N}_2 = 1:15$. The symbols and lines in (a) and (b) represent experimental and SSLF model values, respectively.

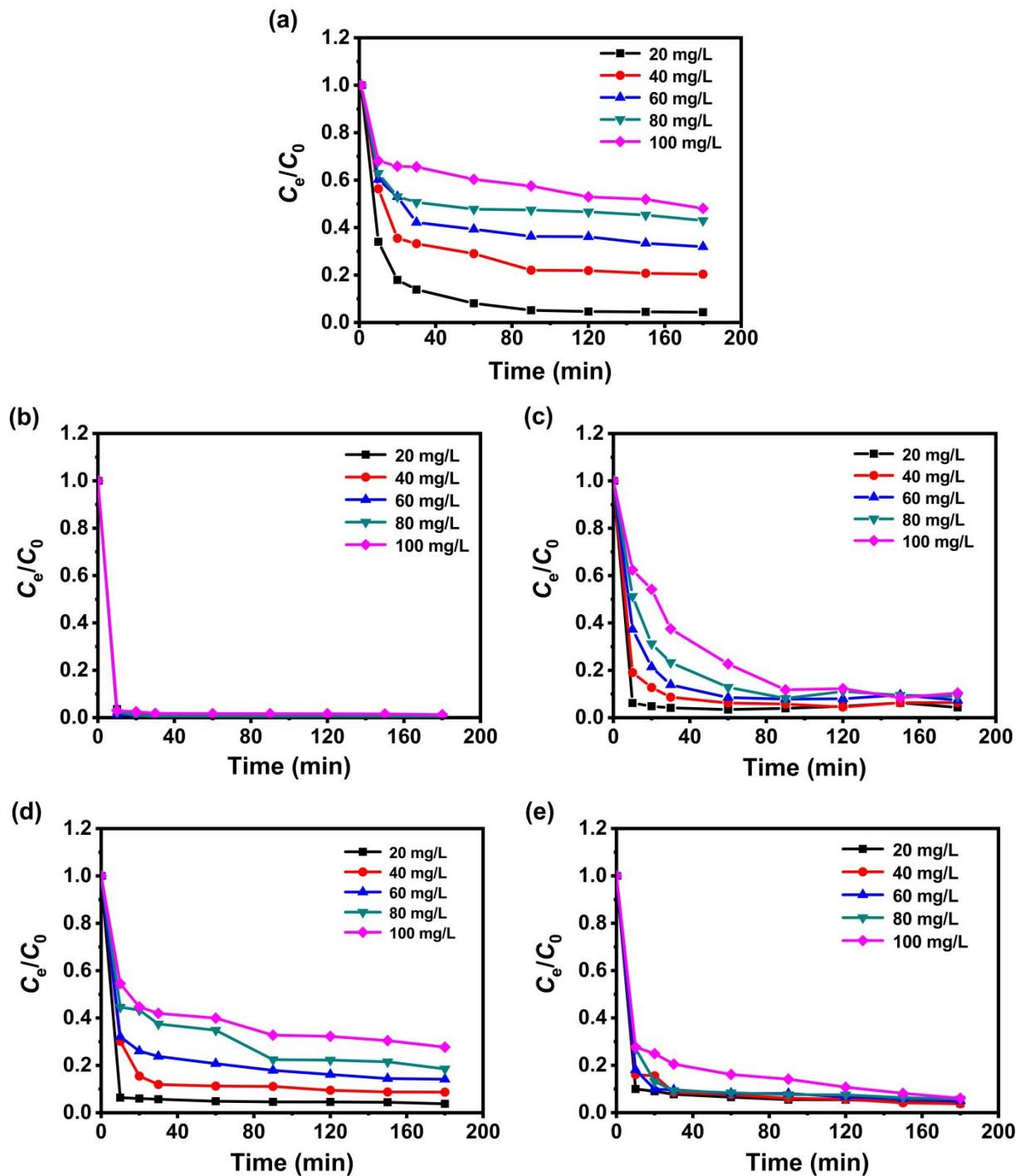


Figure S8. Dye removal performance with time under different concentrations: (a) MB, (b) RB, (c) NR, (d) MO and (e) UA.

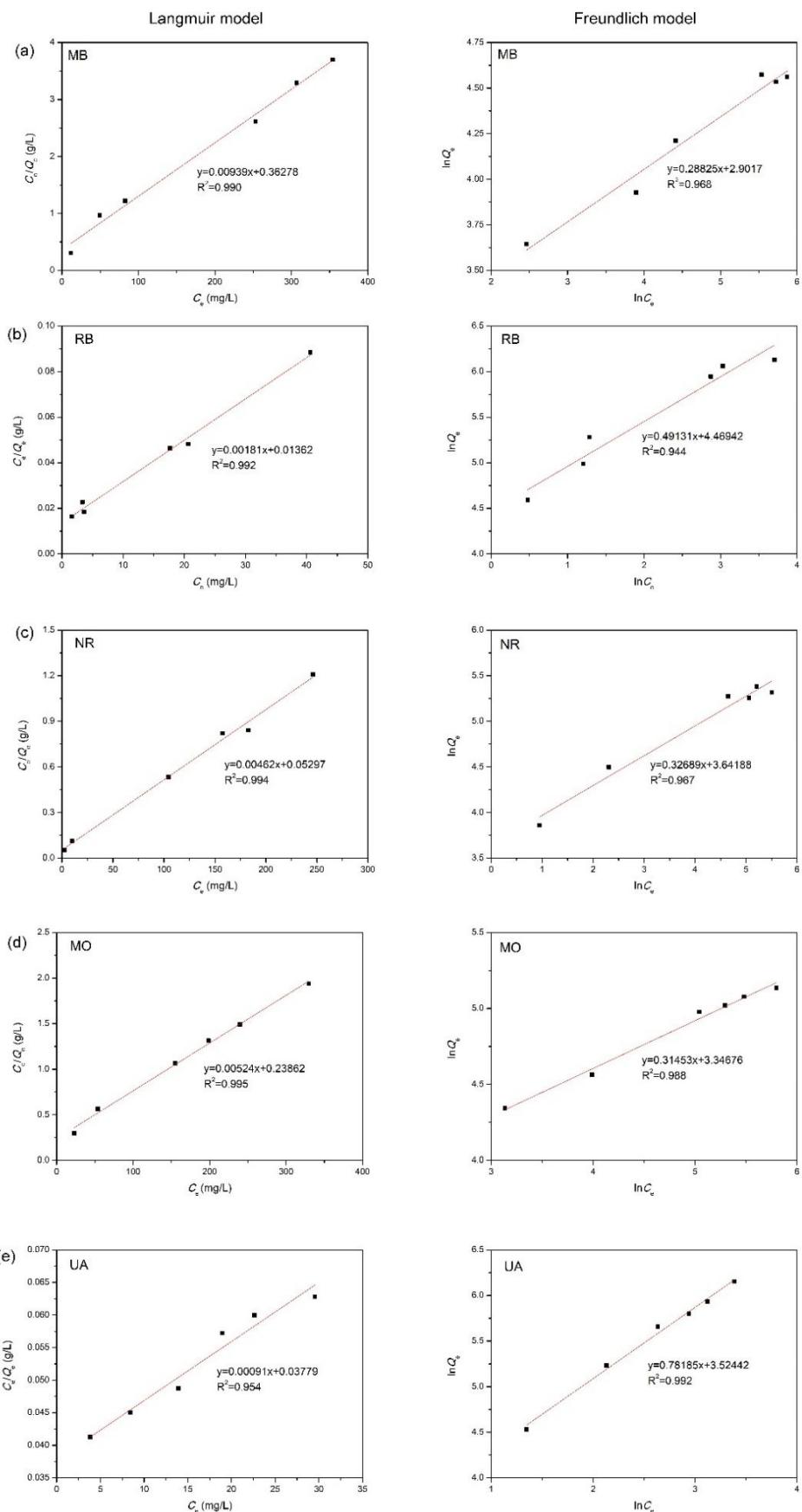


Figure S9. The Langmuir and Freundlich isotherm model fitting: (a) MB, (b) RB, (c) NR, (d)

MO and (e) UA.

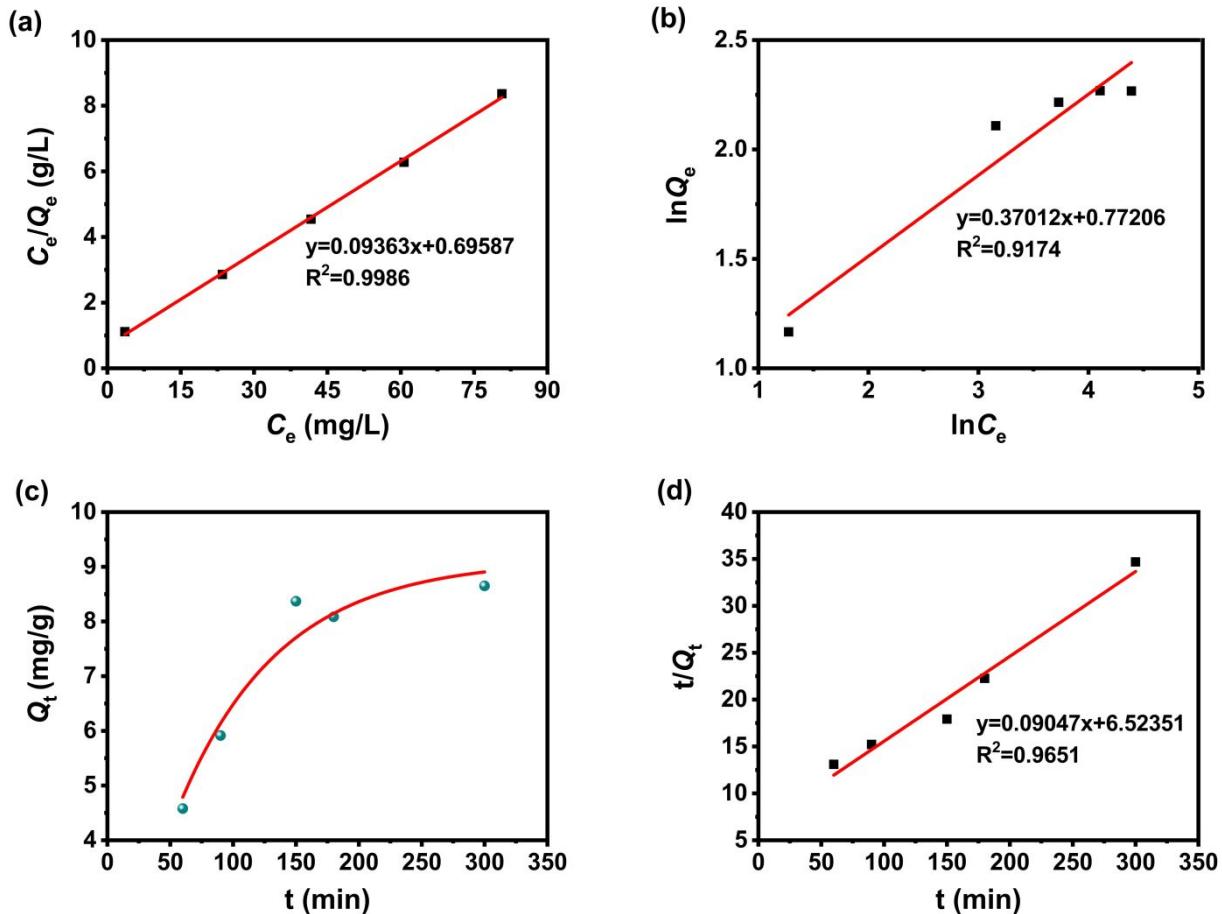


Figure S10. The As(V) isotherm adsorption and kinetic experiment fitting: (a) Langmuir model, (b) Freundlich model, (c) pseudo-first order model and (d) pseudo-second order model.

Table S4. Adsorption kinetics parameters for arsenic uptake.

Pseudo-first order			Pseudo-second order			
k_1	Q_e (mg/g)	R^2	k_2	Q_e (mg/g)	h_0	R^2
0.012	9.13	0.937	1.25E-3	11.05	0.153	0.965

Table S5. Comparison of HCP-3 maximum adsorption capacity of MB with other adsorbents.

Dye	Adsorbent	Adsorbent type	Surface area (m ² /g)	Q _m (mg/g)	Reference
MB	Co22-CuBDC	MOFs	10	52	1
MB	Cu-BTC	MOFs	520	101	2
MB	UiO-66-0.75(COOH) ₂	MOFs	522	94	3
MB	Cu-Z-GO-M	zeolites	46	94	4
MB	HY	zeolites	631	141	5
MB	ZSM-11	zeolites	432	370	6
MB	ACSO/Fe ₃ O ₄	activated carbon	126	60	7
MB	KGM/AC	activated carbon	352	416	8
MB	AC	activated carbon	285	101	9
MB	AHCP-1	HCPs	939	130	10
MB	HCP-3	HCPs	1007	106	This work

Table S6. Comparison of HCP-3 maximum adsorption capacity of RB with other adsorbents.

Dye	Adsorbent	Adsorbent type	Surface area (m ² /g)	Q _m (mg/g)	Reference
RB	CoOF	MOFs	199	72	11
RB	NMIL-100(Fe)	MOFs	1	76	12
RB	MgFe ₂ O ₄ @MOF	MOFs	519	219	13
RB	sodium montmorillonite	zeolites	-	42	14
RB	silicalite-1	zeolites	-	45	15
RB	GB-3	zeolites	249	64	16
RB	STA	activated carbon	670	100	17
RB	CG4	activated carbon	1910	366	18
RB	PAC	activated carbon	471	250	19
RB	SA-MNNPs	HCPs	485	216	20
RB	AHCP-1	HCPs	939	230	10
RB	polyHIPEs/GO	HCPs	-	1.05	21
RB	HCP-3	HCPs	1007	552.5	This work

Table S7. Comparison of HCP-3 maximum adsorption capacity of NR with other adsorbents.

Dye	Adsorbent	Adsorbent type	Surface area (m ² /g)	Q _m (mg/g)	Reference
NR	[NH ₂ (CH ₃) ₂][In(L) ₂]·2.5DMF·5H ₂ O	MOFs	-	202	22
NR	Si-MCM-41	zeolites	973	288	23
NR	SBA-16	zeolites	742	276	24
NR	BAC	activated carbon	-	171	25
NR	ACF	activated carbon	1556	21	26
NR	OMC-100	activated carbon	993	196	27
NR	AHCP-1	HCPs	939	164	10
NR	HCP-3	HCPs	1007	216	This work

Table S8. Comparison of HCP-3 maximum adsorption capacity of MO with other adsorbents.

Dye	Adsorbent	Adsorbent type	Surface area (m ² /g)	Q _m (mg/g)	Reference
MO	UiO-66	MOFs	1276	84	28
MO	MFC-N	MOFs	722	130	29
MO	[Cd(INA) ₂ (H ₂ O)].ISB	MOFs	384	167	30
MO	ILCZ	zeolites	-	38	31
MO	NaA/CuO	zeolites	-	80	32
MO	TNTs@PAC	activated carbon	654	108	19
MO	PEI-STL	activated carbon	2	62	33
MO	MLBCN	activated carbon	82	113	34
MO	HCPANI	HCPs	1083	188	35
MO	HJ-1	HCPs	727	71	36
MO	HAPP	HCPs	104	249	37
MO	HCP-3	HCPs	1007	191	This work

Table S9. Comparison of HCP-3 As(V) maximum adsorption capacity with other adsorbents.

As type	Adsorbent	Adsorbent type	Surface area (m ² /g)	Q _m (mg/g)	Reference
As(V)	MIL-53(Al)	MOFs	920	15	38
As(V)	MIL-53(Fe)	MOFs	14	21	39
As(V)	Fe-BTC	MOFs	-	12	40
As(V)	WV+NaOH-MZ	zeolites	30	0.02	41
As(V)	FeZr-ZCH	zeolites	339	0.1	42
As(V)	CEZ	zeolites	-	1.5	43
As(V)	GAC-Fe	activated carbon	876	1.4	44
As(V)	Fe-CG	activated carbon	-	3.8	45
As(V)	GACPMF	activated carbon	736	9.5	46
As(V)	HCP-3	HCPs	1007	10.7	This work

Table S10. Comparison of HCP-3 IAST CO₂/N₂ selectivity with other adsorbents.

Adsorbent	Adsorbent type	Surface area (m ² /g)	IAST selectivity*	Reference
NJU-Bai50	MOFs	2015	30.5	47
FA_mod-ABA	MOFs	1321	22	48
LIFM-10(Cu)	MOFs	1550	15	49
NaX	zeolites	507	25	50
Co(II)/SSZ-13	zeolites	786	40	51
Zeolite-F	zeolites	54	31	52
SNMC-1-600	activated carbon	1021	37	53
ACDS-800-4	activated carbon	2367	42	54
50CPDA@A-C	activated carbon	1841	25	55
HCP-SC-IMI-SO ₃ NH ₄	HCPs	642	30	56
COP-M-700	HCPs	751	35	57
HCP-3	HCPs	1007	43	This work

*calculated based on mixture CO₂/N₂ gas with a composition of 15:85 and pressure of 1 bar at 298 K.

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