

Supplementary Materials

Amine-functionalized porous aromatic frameworks for efficient adsorption of hazardous organic micropollutants in water

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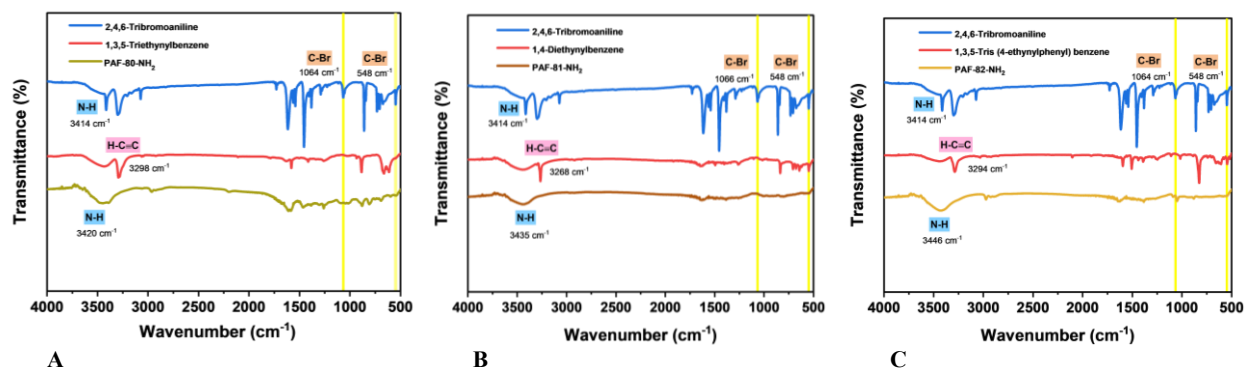
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Supplementary Table 1. Mole ratios of building units and catalysts for amine-functionalized PAF materials

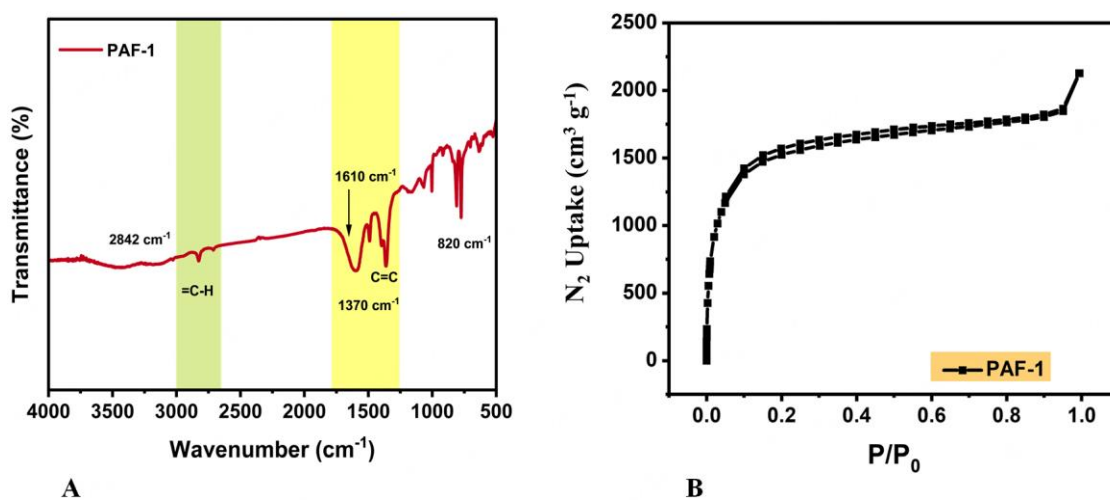
Materials	2,4,6-tribromo aniline	Building units	Tetrakis(triphenyl-phosphine) palladium	CuI	Triethylamine /DMF V: V	Yield (%)
PAF-80-NH ₂	0.6 mmole	0.6 mmole	457 mg	15mg	15 ml:15 ml	91
PAF-81-NH ₂	0.6 mmole	0.9 mmole	457 mg	15mg	15 ml:15 ml	89
PAF-82-NH ₂	0.6 mmole	0.6 mmole	457 mg	15mg	15 ml:15 ml	96

Supplementary Section 1. Synthetic procedure of PAF-1

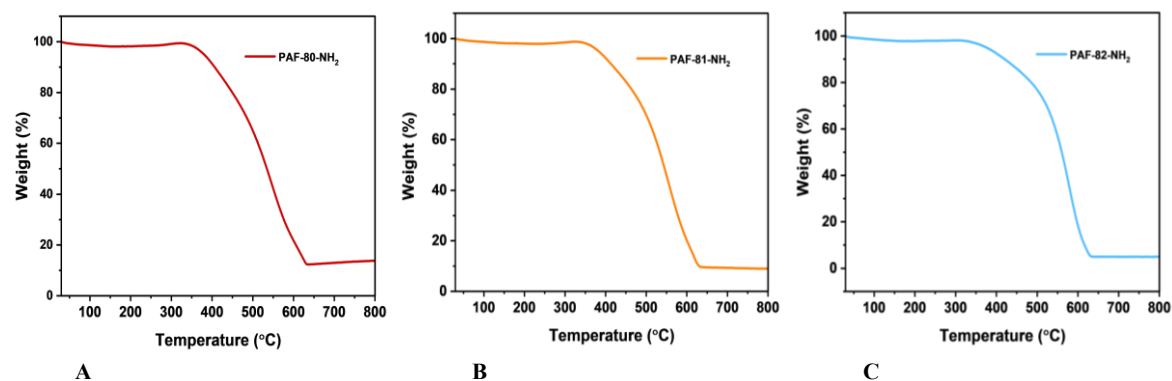
PAF-1 was synthesized following the procedure in already reported literature^[1]. For its synthesis, 1,5-cyclooctadiene (cod, 1.05 mL, 8.32 mmol) was introduced into the solution of the catalyst as bis(1,5-cyclooctadiene) nickel(0) {[Ni(cod)₂]} (2.25 g, 8.18 mmol), and 2,2'-bipyridyl (1.28 g, 8.18 mmol) in extra dry DMF (50 mL). Then, this round bottom flask was left at 80 °C for 1 h for activation of catalyst. On the other hand, monomer tetrakis(4-bromophenyl) methane (1 g, 1.57 mmol) was completely dispersed in the same solvent, extra dry DMF (70 mL), then added to purple catalyst solution at 80 °C. This resultant mixture was stirred overnight at the same temperature to get a deep purple suspension. Concentrated HCl was added to the mixture after cooling it to room temperature to stop the reaction. Consequently, three washings with CHCl₃, THF, and H₂O were carried out after filtration. After Soxhlet extraction in THF and vacuum, drying, off-white colored powder was obtained as PAF-1.



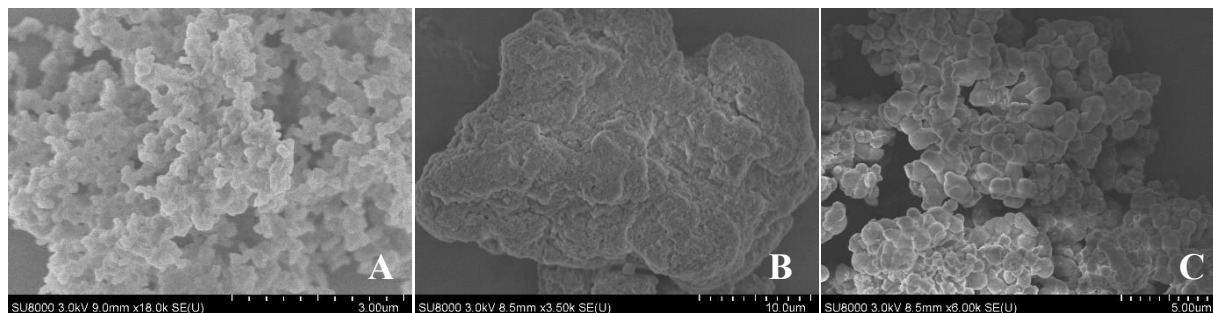
Supplementary Figure 1. FTIR spectra of synthesized amine-functionalized PAFs: (A) FTIR spectra of PAF-80-NH₂; (B) FTIR spectra of PAF-81-NH₂; (C) FTIR spectra of PAF-82-NH₂.



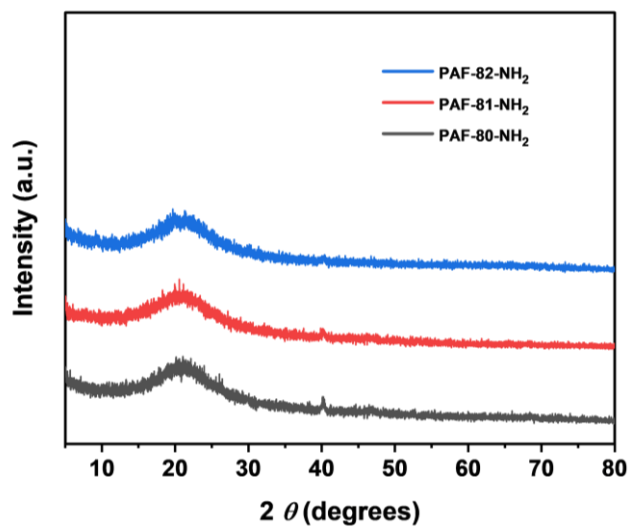
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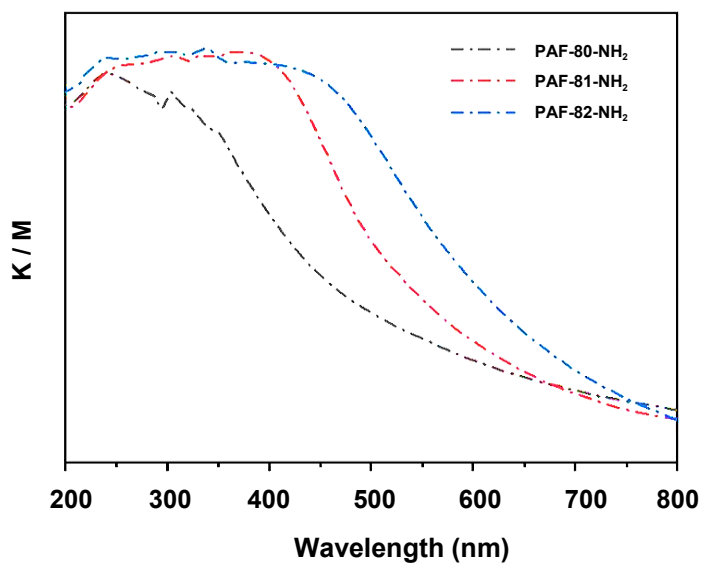
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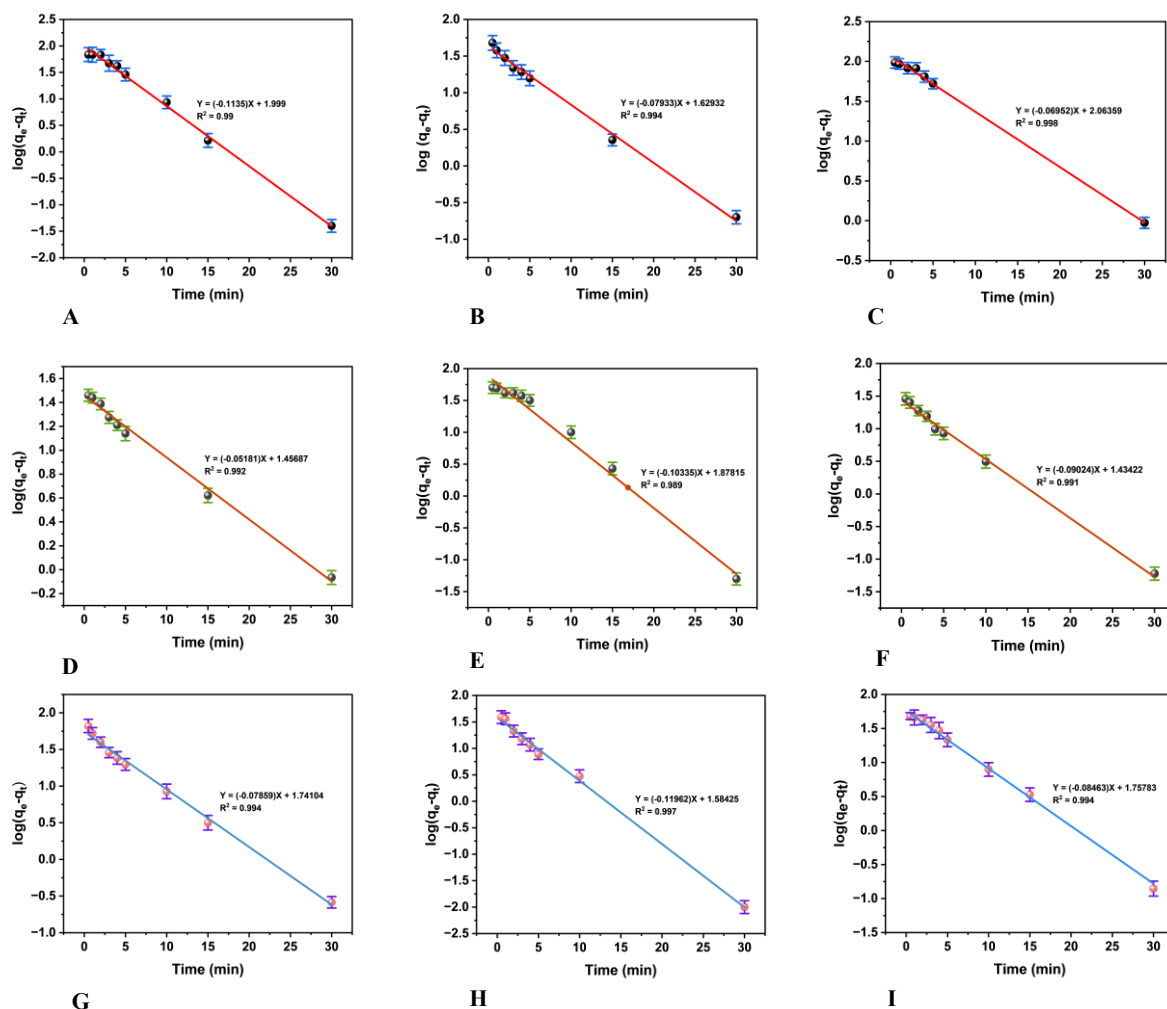
Supplementary Figure 4. SEM images of synthesized amine-functionalized PAFs: (A) SEM image of PAF-80-NH₂; (B) SEM image of PAF-81-NH₂; (C) SEM image of PAF-82-NH₂.



Supplementary Figure 5. PXRD pattern of PAF-80-NH₂ (**black**), PAF-81-NH₂ (**red**), and PAF-82-NH₂ (**blue**).



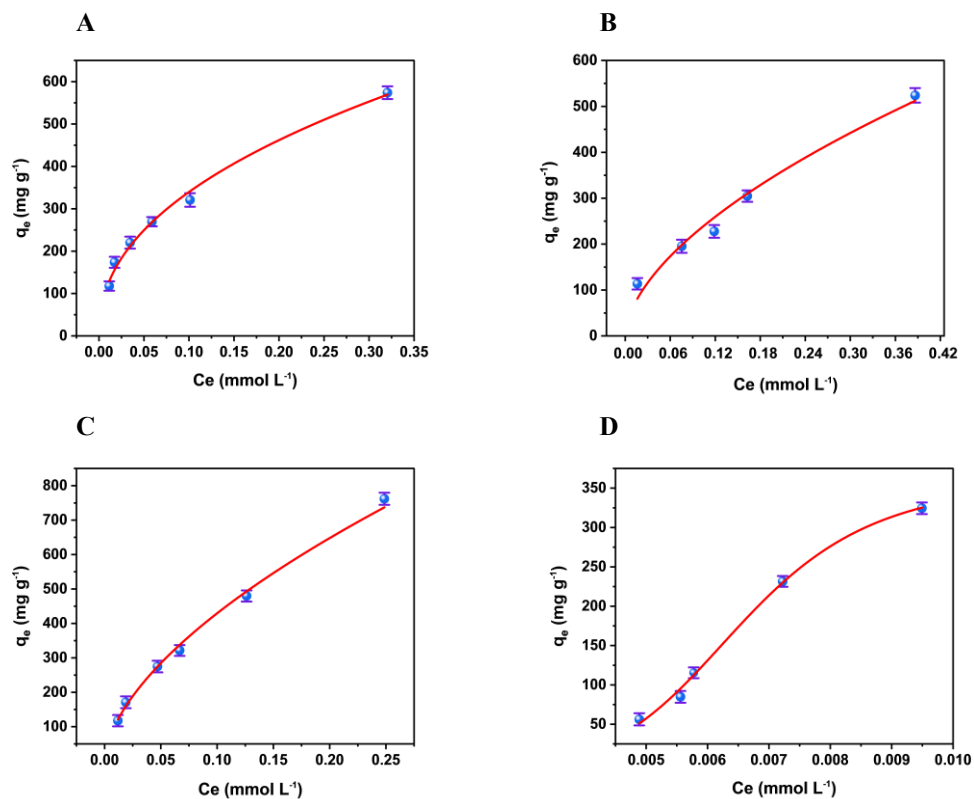
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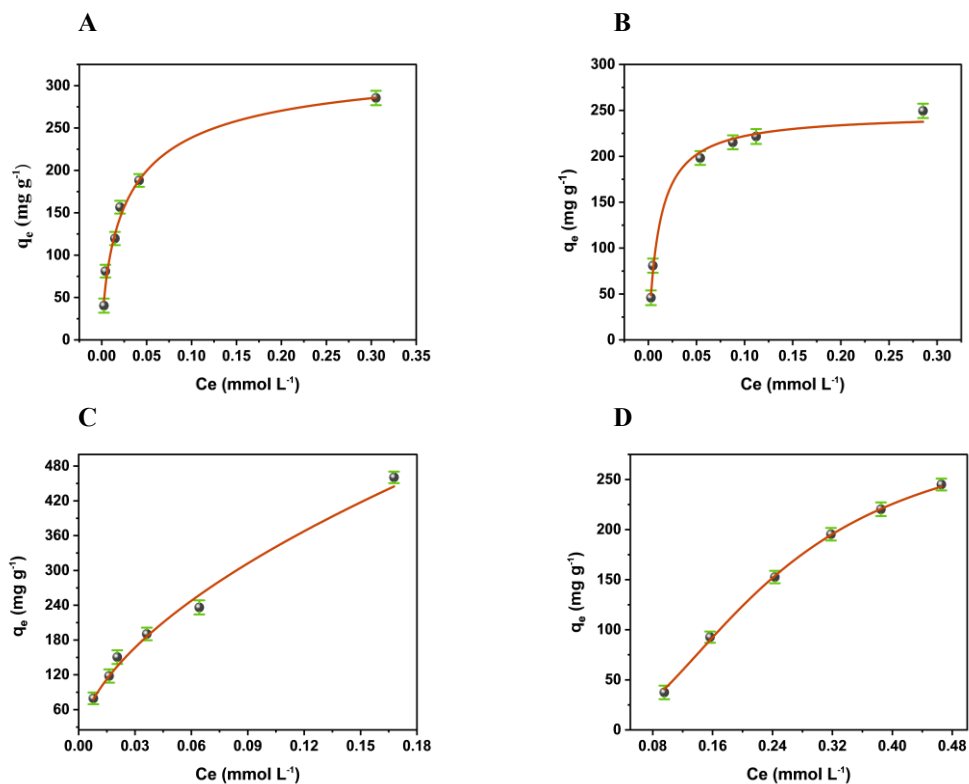
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Supplementary Table 2. Fitting parameters of pseudo-first-order kinetics and pollutant uptake rates by amine-functionalized PAF materials.

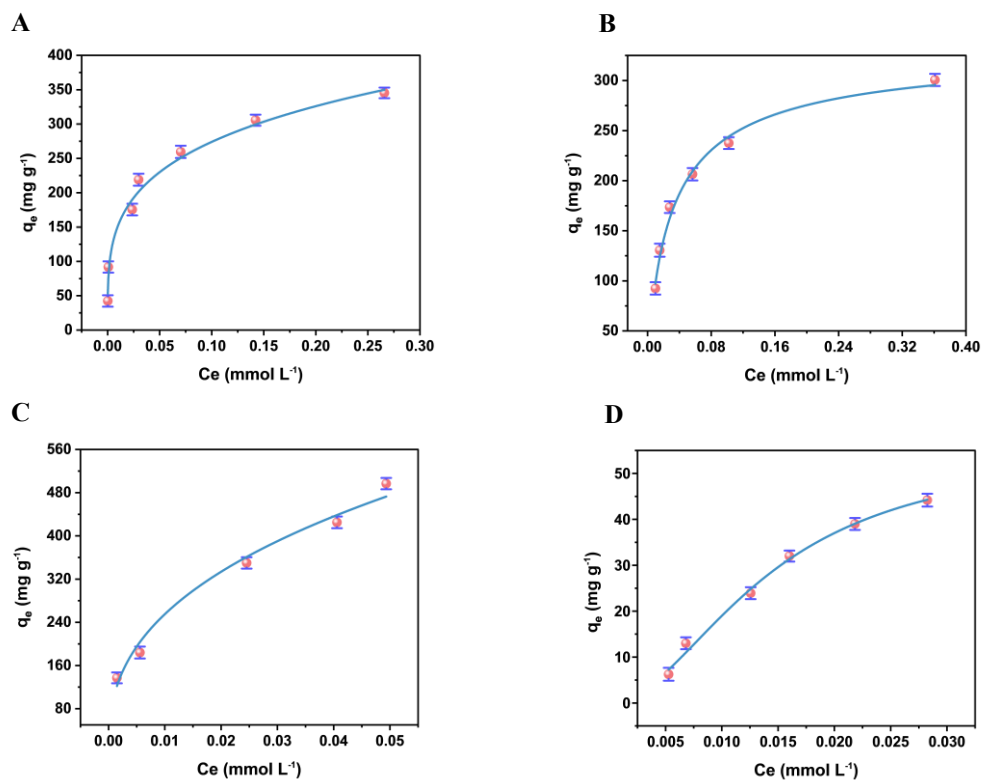
Sorbent	BPA			2- NO			PCMX		
	K (g·mg ⁻¹ ·min ⁻¹)	R ²	t _{eq} (min)	K (g·mg ⁻¹ ·min ⁻¹)	R ²	t _{eq} (min)	K (g·mg ⁻¹ ·min ⁻¹)	R ²	t _{eq} (min)
PAF-80-NH ₂	0.2614	0.990	20	0.1193	0.994	20	0.1810	0.998	25
PAF-81-NH ₂	0.1827	0.992	30	0.2380	0.989	25	0.2755	0.991	30
PAF-82-NH ₂	0.1601	0.99	15	0.2078	0.99	20	0.19	0.994	10



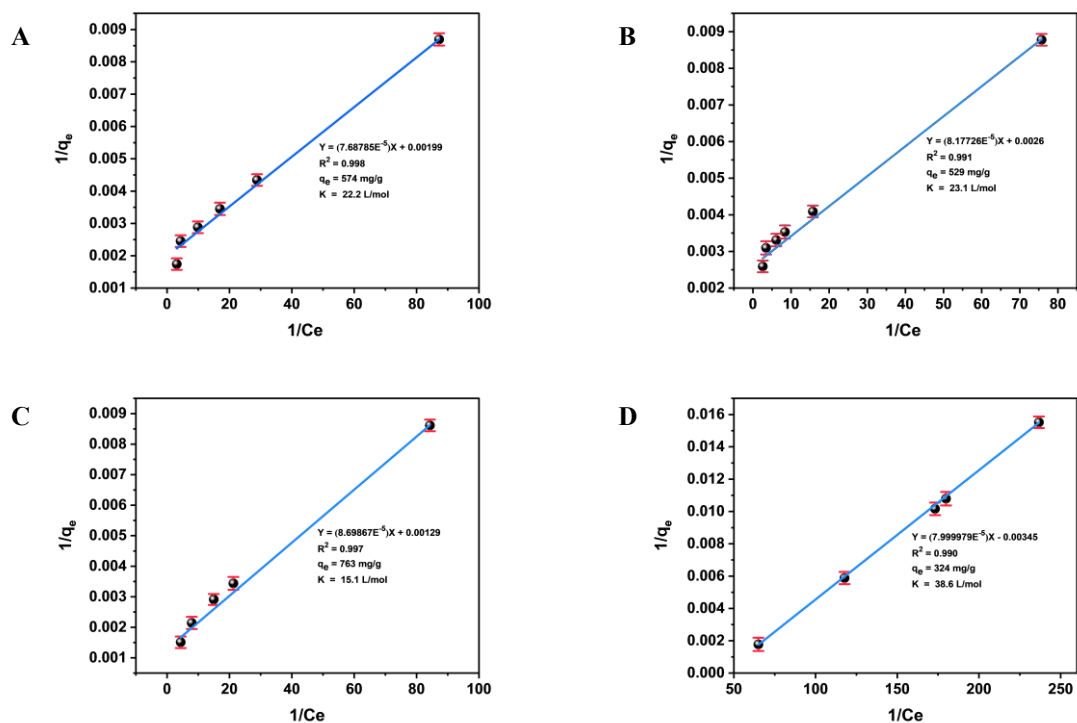
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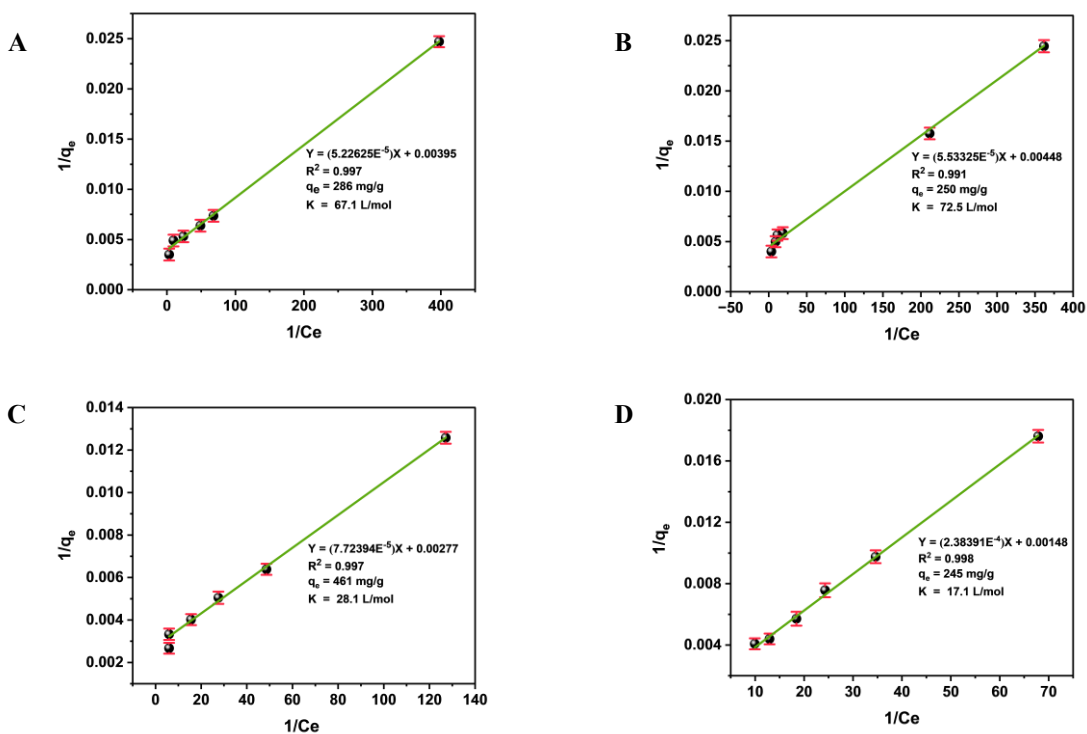
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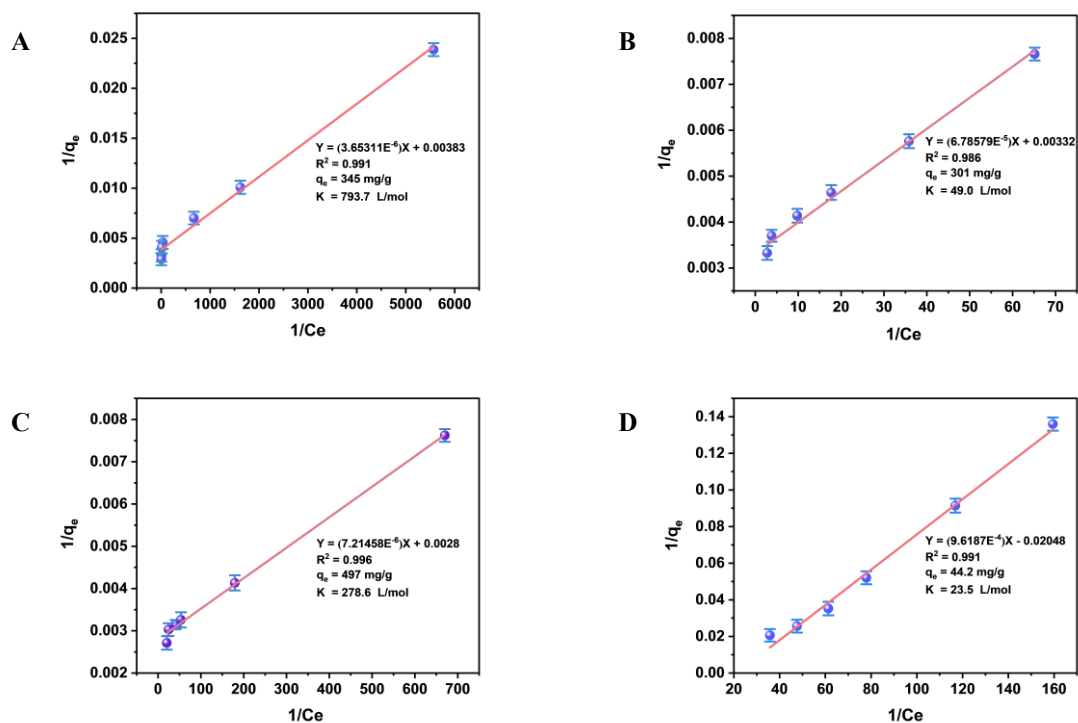
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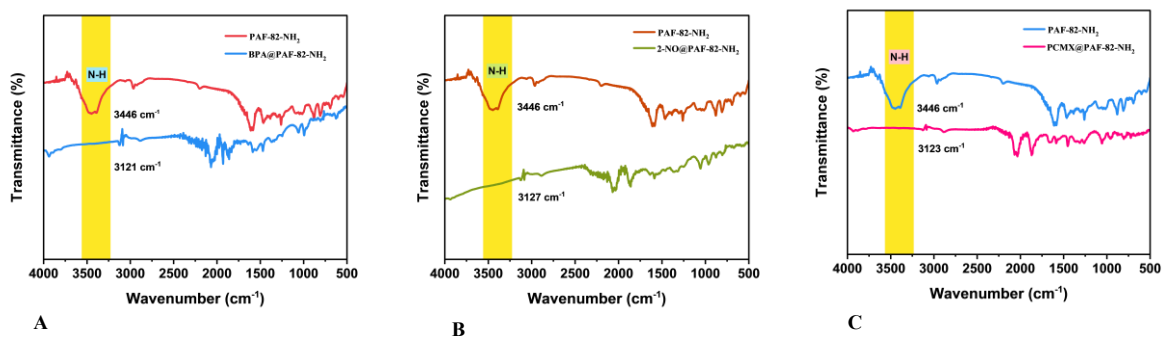
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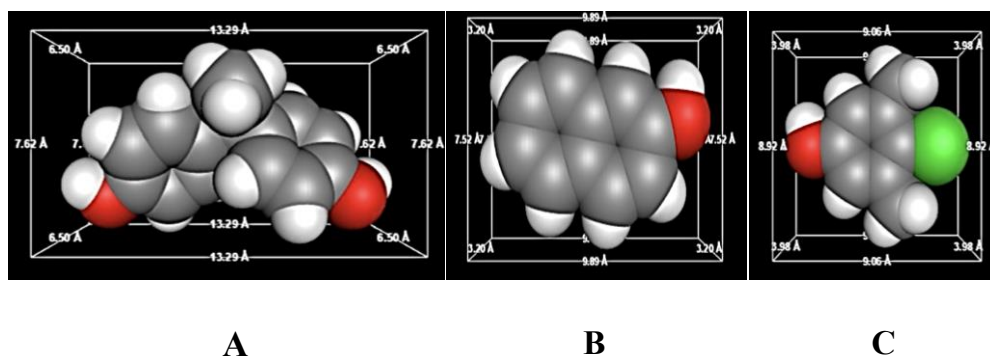
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Supplementary Figure 13. Langmuir linear plots: (A) PCMX adsorption onto PAF-80-NH₂; (B) PCMX adsorption onto PAF-81-NH₂; (C) PCMX adsorption onto PAF-82-NH₂; (D) PCMX adsorption onto PAF-1.



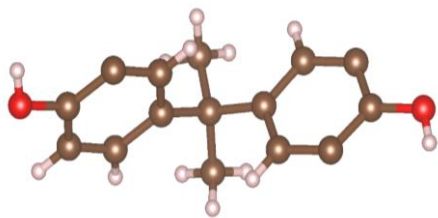
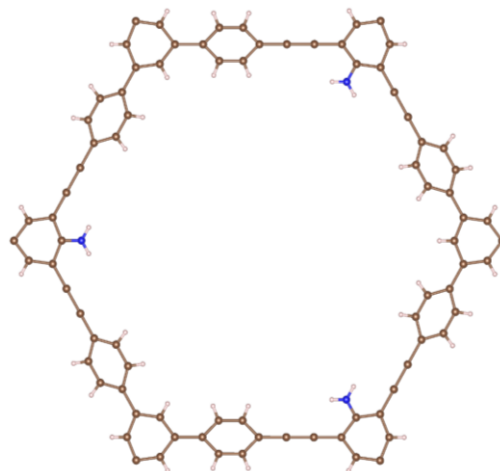
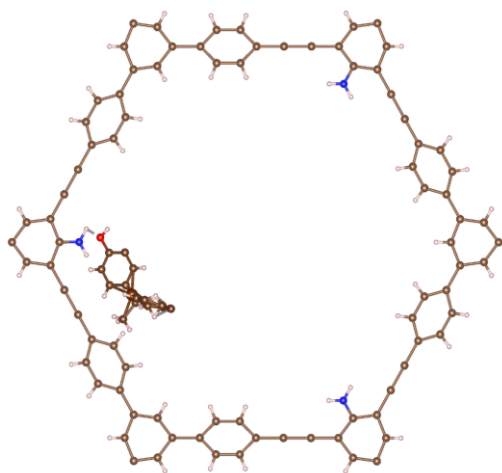
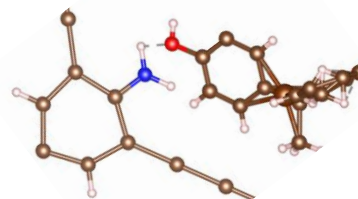
Supplementary Figure 5. FTIR spectra of Amine-functionalized PAFs before and after adsorption of OMP: (A) BPA adsorption onto PAF-82-NH₂; (B) 2-NO adsorption onto PAF-82-NH₂; (C) PCMX adsorption onto PAF-82-NH₂.



Supplementary Figure 6. Molecular dimensions of OMP: (A) BPA; (B) 2-NO; (C) PCMX.

Supplementary Table 3. Comparison of molecular dimensions of OMP with PAF-82-NH₂ pore size.

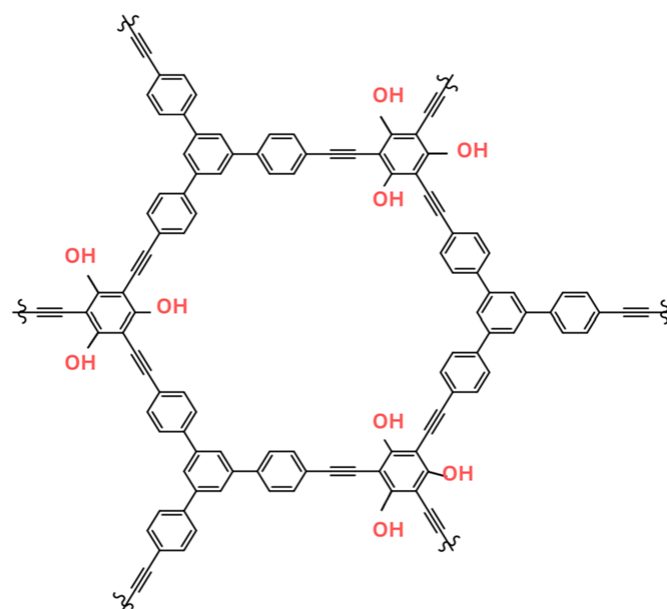
Model OMPs	OMP dimensions (Å)	Pore size (Å) (PAF-82-NH ₂)	Accessibility
BPA	13.29 × 7.62 × 6.50	13.79	Accessible
2-NO	9.89 × 7.52 × 3.20	13.79	Accessible
PCMX	9.06 × 8.92 × 3.98	13.79	Accessible

A**B****C****D**

Supplementary Figure 7. Representation of optimized structures: (A) BPA; (B) PAF-82-NH₂; (C) BPA adsorbed onto PAF-82-NH₂; (D) Zoomed view of BPA adsorption onto PAF-82-NH₂.

Supplementary Table 4. Adsorption capacities ($\text{mg}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$) of some recently reported adsorbents

Adsorbents	Pollutants	Adsorption (mg/g)	Capacity	References
PAF-82	BPA	689		[1]
lignin-based activated carbon (KLP)	BPA	220		[2]
hierarchically porous biochar (HBC)	BPA	246.13		[3]
Graphene oxide diethylenetriamine GO-DEA	BPA	334.4		[4]
Metal-organic-framework-derived carbon (MDC-800)	BPA	493		[5]
Al-MOF-NH ₂	BPA	227.78		[5]
azine-linked COF	BPA	61.3		[5]
PAF-82-NH ₂	BPA	763		This work
ZIF@wool	2-NO	371.2-391.1		[6]
PAF-82	2-NO	431		[1]
Biochar (200-1)	2-NO	230.45		[7]
PAF-82-NH ₂	2-NO	461		This work
β -CDP	PCMX	144		[8]
PAF-82	PCMX	480		[1]
MONTs-pNIAPM sponge	PCMX	184		[9]
Co-NPC-800	PCMX	39		[10]
PAF-82-NH ₂	PCMX	497		This work



Supplementary Figure 8. Structure of hydroxyl-functionalized PAF-82^[1].

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