



## Supporting Information

for

### **Facile synthesis of Fe-based metal–organic frameworks from Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> nanoparticles and their application for CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> separation**

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## Additional experimental data

### **Preparation of the reference MIL-100(Fe) sample**

The reaction mixture was prepared with a molar composition of 1.0 Fe: 0.67 H<sub>3</sub>BTC: 1.2 HNO<sub>3</sub>: 2.0 HF: 280 H<sub>2</sub>O in a 100 mL Teflon-lined autoclave. It was stirred for 20 min at ambient temperature. Subsequently, the mixture was tightly sealed and incubated at 160 °C for 24 h in an electric oven. Afterward, it was cooled down to room temperature. The MIL-100(Fe) was then retrieved from the orange slurry after centrifugation and subjected to multiple washes with dimethylformamide and ethanol to eliminate any residual reactants from the product mixture. Finally, the MIL-100(Fe) was left to dry overnight at 70 °C.

**Table S1:** The characteristic parameters alongside correlation coefficients from fitting the Langmuir–Freundlich (L–F) model.

Samples	The obtained parameters from fitting CO <sub>2</sub>			
	$q_{\text{sat}}$ (mmol·g <sup>-1</sup> )	$a$ (kPa <sup>-1</sup> )	$n$	$R^2$
M-100Fe@Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> #0.90	3.59748	0.00225	0.96613	0.9999
M-100Fe@Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> #1.35	4.47178	0.0035	0.91115	0.9999
M-100Fe@Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> #1.80	5.75658	0.00417	0.87543	0.9998
M-100Fe@Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> #2.25	6.31350	0.00446	0.8521	0.9998
MIL-100(Fe)	5.29325	0.00873	0.86948	0.9998

Samples	The obtained parameters from fitting N <sub>2</sub>			
	$q_{\text{sat}}$ (mmol·g <sup>-1</sup> )	$a$ (kPa <sup>-1</sup> )	$n$	$R^2$
M-100Fe@Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> #0.90	0.48828	0.00143	1.02837	0.9998
M-100Fe@Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> #1.35	0.97068	0.00123	0.94648	0.9999
M-100Fe@Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> #1.80	1.28516	0.00119	0.94557	0.9999
M-100Fe@Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> #2.25	1.60773	0.00111	0.91890	0.9999
MIL-100(Fe)	0.65055	0.00372	0.97849	0.9998

The Langmuir–Freundlich (L–F) model is described as the following equation [1,2]:

$$q = q_{\text{sat}} \frac{ap^n}{1+ap^n} \quad (1)$$

Where  $q$  (mmol·g<sup>-1</sup>) stands for the uptake amount;  $q_{\text{sat}}$  (mmol·g<sup>-1</sup>) stands for the saturation uptake capacity on the adsorptive sites;  $p$  (kPa) is the pressure of bulk gas at equilibrium with the adsorbed phase;  $a$  (kPa<sup>-1</sup>) is the affinity coefficient of the sites;  $n$  is the coefficient of the L–F model.

The CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> selectivity was calculated using the formula as below [3]:

$$S_{\text{CO}_2/\text{N}_2} = \frac{q_{\text{CO}_2}/p_{\text{CO}_2}}{q_{\text{N}_2}/p_{\text{N}_2}} \quad (2)$$

Where  $q_{\text{CO}_2}$  and  $q_{\text{N}_2}$  are loading amounts of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{N}_2$  in  $\text{mmol g}^{-1}$  estimated by IAST, respectively.  $p_{\text{CO}_2}$  and  $p_{\text{N}_2}$  are the partial pressure of  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{N}_2$  in kPa, respectively.

The Clausius–Clayperon equation is described as the following equation [1,4]:

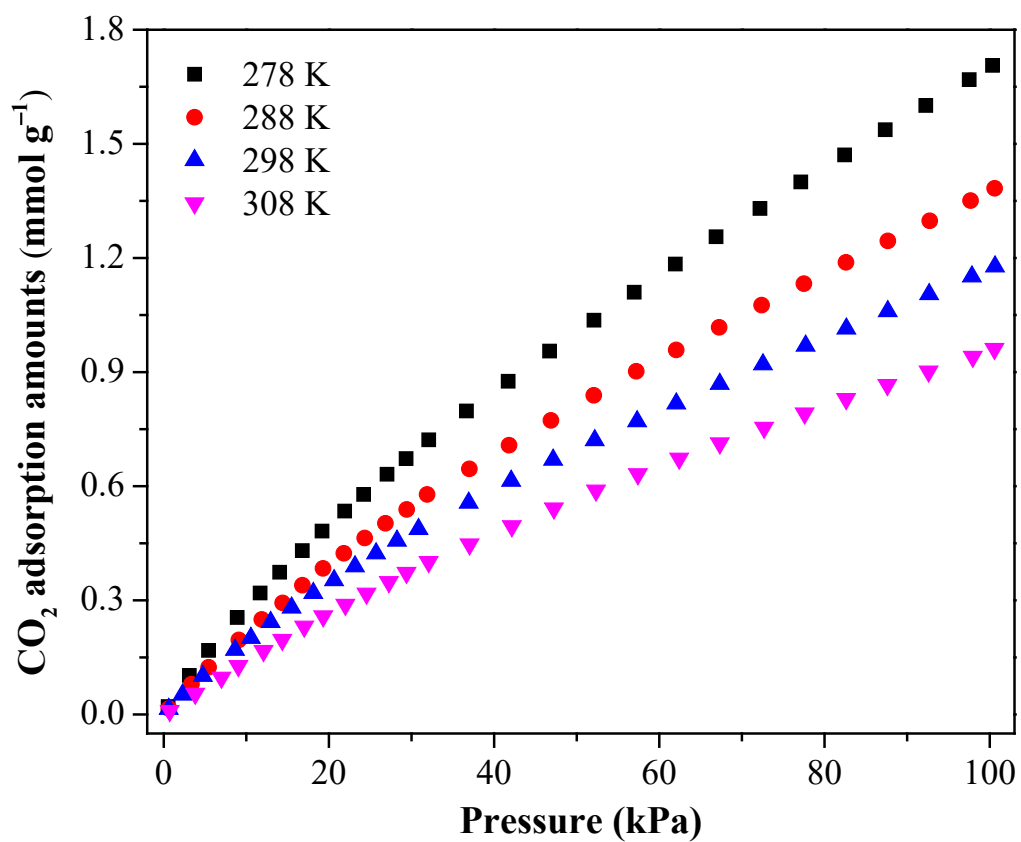
$$\ln P = -\frac{Q_{st}}{RT} + C \quad (3)$$

Herein,  $P$  is the pressure in kPa,  $R$  is the ideal gas constant in  $\text{J mol}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$ ,  $T$  is the absolute temperature in K, and  $C$  is the constant in the dimensionless unit.

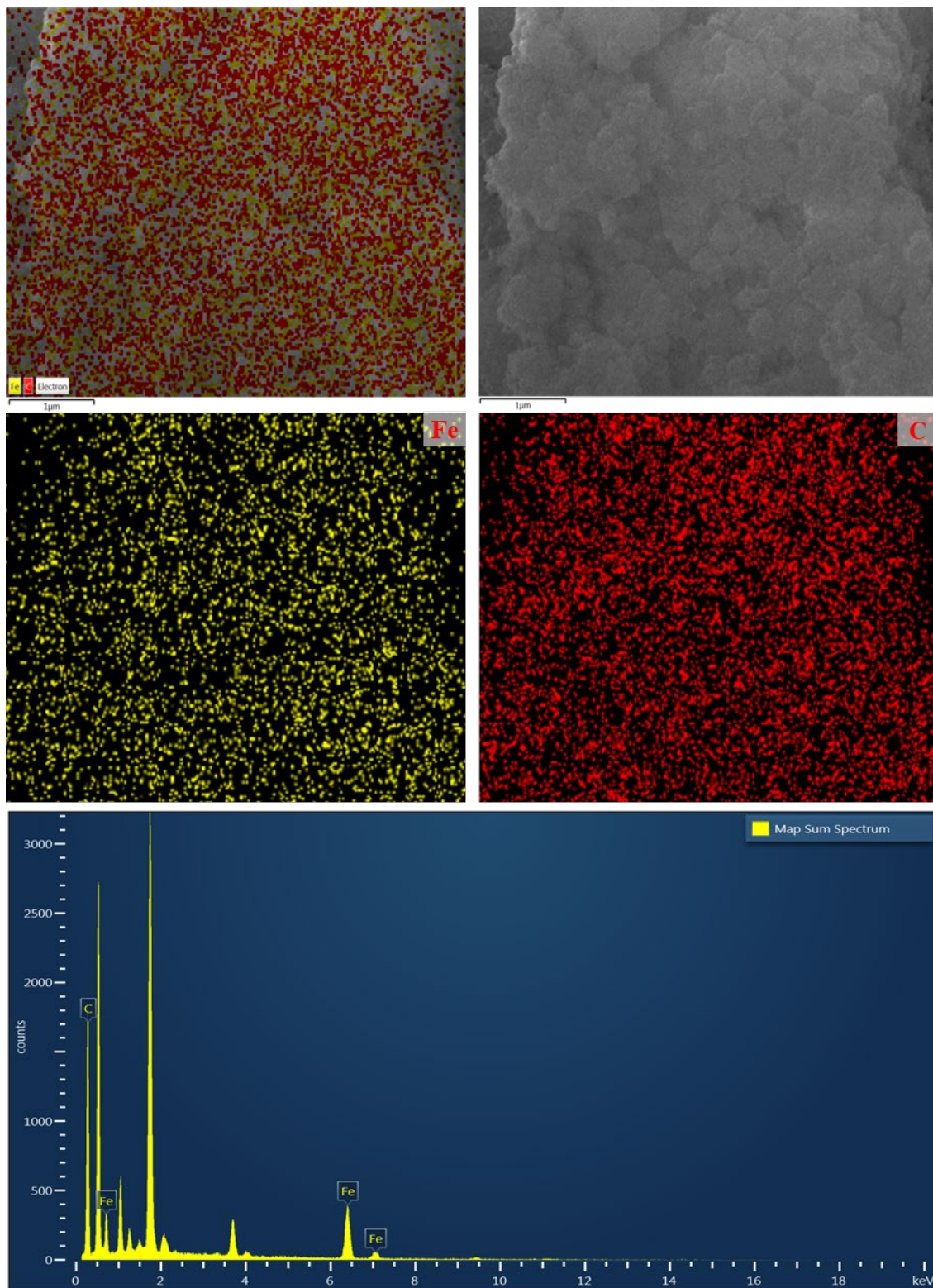
**Table S2:** Compared  $\text{CO}_2$  uptake capacity on various adsorbents at 1 bar.

Adsorbents	Adsorption capacity ( $\text{mmol}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ )	Temperature (K)	References
ZSM-5	1.50	303	[5]
MCM-41	0.79	298	[6]
Mesoporous alumina	1.18	298	[7]
SBA-15	0.47		
$\gamma$ -Alumina	0.68		
Zeolite-13X	1.70	298	[8]
ZIF-8	0.83	298	[9]
ZIF-70	1.43		
UIO-66	1.79	298	[10]
d-UiO-6-2.0HCl	1.42	298	[11]
UiO-66 FA mod	1.44	298	[12]
MF-MOF-801	1.37	298	[13]
MF-MOF-804	1.00		
MW-MIL-100(Fe)	1.50 (1981 $\text{m}^2\cdot\text{g}^{-1\#}$ ; 250 $^\circ\text{C}^*$ )	298	[14]
MIL-100(Fe)	1.29 (1107 $\text{m}^2\cdot\text{g}^{-1\#}$ ; 120 $^\circ\text{C}^*$ )	298	[15]
MIL-100(Fe)	0.92 (1083 $\text{m}^2\cdot\text{g}^{-1\#}$ ; 150 $^\circ\text{C}^*$ )	298	[16]
MIL-100(Fe)	1.77 (1825.4 $\text{m}^2\cdot\text{g}^{-1\#}$ ; 150 $^\circ\text{C}^*$ )	298	This work
M-100Fe@Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> #1.80	1.11 (1365.4 $\text{m}^2\cdot\text{g}^{-1\#}$ ; 150 $^\circ\text{C}^*$ )		

# BET surface area; \*Activation temperature before measuring  $\text{CO}_2$  adsorption capacity over the adsorbents



**Figure S1:** CO<sub>2</sub> isotherms at several different temperatures on M-100(Fe)@Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>#1.80 sample.



**Figure S2:** EDX mapping of elemental Fe and C on the M-100Fe@Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>#1.80 sample

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