Supporting Information

Recovery of uranium from aqueous solutions by the modified honeycomb-like porous carbon material

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Fig. S1. The C1s spectra of HLPC/MnO₂ (a) and HLPC/MnO₂/U.



Fig. S2 (a) and (b) the pore size distributions of HLPC/MnO₂ and HLPC/MnO₂/U. The inset of (a) and (b) is N₂ adsorption/desorption isotherm of HLPC/MnO₂ and HLPC/MnO₂ /U.



Fig. S3 Intra-particle diffusion kinetics for the adsorption of uranyl ions on HLPC/MnO $_2$



Fig. S4 Selected results of HLPC/MnO₂ for the extraction of uranyl ions from simulating seawater.

Table S1 Elemental composition of the $HLPC/MnO_2$ and $HLPC/MnO_2/U$ samples determined by XPS spectra.

		XP	PS			Binging	g energy	
Sample	С	0	Mn	U	С	0	Mn	U
	at%	at%	at%	at%	ev	ev	ev	ev
HLPC/MnO ₂	47.51	38.02	14.47	0	278.08	523.58	634.08	_
HLPC/MnO ₂ /U	32.92	49.58	16.47	1.03	284.74	530.22	642.11	381.85

Table S2 Parameters of the intra-particle diffusion model of uranium (VI) adsorption on

HLPC/MnO2

T(K)	\mathbf{k}_{p1}	R_{1}^{2}	\mathbf{k}_{p2}	${\bf R_2}^2$	k _{p3}	${\bf R_{3}}^{2}$
298	5.148	0.975	1.032	0.876	0.173	0.316

Table. S3 Isotherm constants and values of R² for HLPC/MnO₂.

T(K) —	Lang	Freundich isotherm				
	$q_m \pmod{\operatorname{eg}^{-1}}$	$b (L mg^{-1})$	R^2	$K (Lg^{-1})$	п	R^2
298	238.09	0.3258	0.998	69.01	0.3248	0.896
308	262.47	0.2679	0.994	73.34	0.3320	0.667
318	271.74	0.6513	0.998	99.26	0.3024	0.919

Adsorbents	Adsorption Capacity mg-U/g-adsorbent	Conditions	Ref.
MnO ₂ -coating of the cactus fibres	62	$C_{initial} = 9 \times 10^{-6} - 9 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol } \text{L}^{-1},$ m = 10mg, V = 15 ml, T = 298 K, pH=6	[1]
Salicylideneimine-functi onalized hydrothermal carbon	261	C _{initial} = 0.2 - 1.3 mmol L ⁻¹ , m = 10 mg, V = 20 ml T = 288.15 K, pH=4.3	[2]
CaCl ₂ -modified Giant Kelp biomass	156.25	C _{initial} = $20 - 100 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$, m = 50 mg, V = 100 ml, T = 293 K, pH =5	[3]
imine-functionalized carbon spheres	113.16	C _{initial} = $1 - 100 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$, m = 50mg, V = 20 ml, T = 298K, pH=4	[4]
starch/SnO2	192	$C_{initial} = 10 - 150 \text{ mg L}^{-1},$ m = 100 mg, V = 250 ml T = 298 K, pH = 6	[5]
ion-imprinted magnetic chitosan resins	187.26	C _{initial} = $15 - 420 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$, m = 50 mg, V = 50 ml T = 298 K, pH = 5	[6]
Graphene oxide-manganese dioxide	185.2	C _{initial} = $22.5 - 70 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$, m = 10 mg, V = 20 ml T = 298 K, pH = 3.8	[7]
HLPC-MnO ₂	238.09	C _{initial} = $30 - 300 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$, m = 10 mg, V = 20 ml T = 298 K, pH = 5	this work

Table. S4 The maximum adsorption capacity of different adsorbents for uranium (VI).

	Ion concentration	Removal	
Elements	initial	final	(%)
U	3.131	0.026	99.16
Pb	0.424	0.251	40.8
V	0.489	0.335	31.49
Na	1.521×10^4	1.162×10^4	23.60
Sc	249.1	207.4	16.74
Li	17.61	15.24	13.46
Sn	12.35	11.27	8.74
Со	0.63	0.575	8.73
Mg	6.289×10^3	5.104×10^{3}	6.44
Ca	9.169×10^{3}	8.563×10^{3}	6.61
Ag	0.521	0.504	3.26
Fe	104.3	103.9	0.38

Table S5. Selected results for the extraction of uranyl ions from simulated seawater

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