

## Supporting Information

for

### **Arsenic adsorption by iron oxide nanoparticles confined in mesoporous silicates: effect of the host pore structure**

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**Table S1.** Adsorption isotherm fitting parameters of As(V) by Fe@MPS

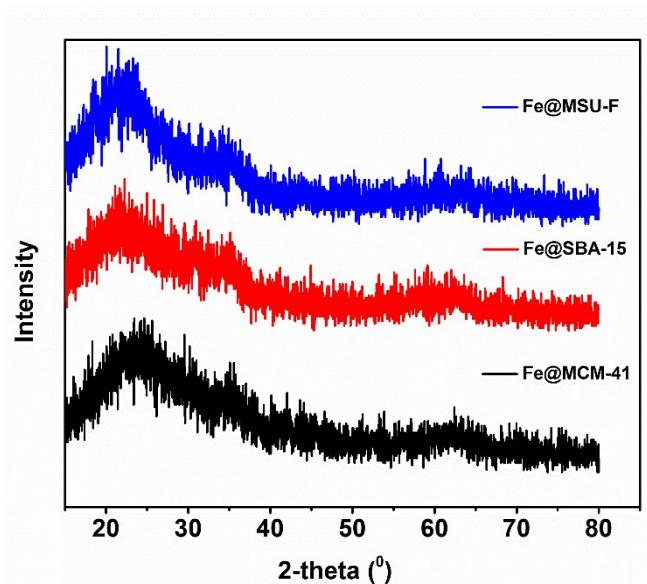
Adsorbent	$R^2$	
	Langmuir model	Freundlich model
Fe@MCM-41	0.996	0.959
Fe@SBA-15	0.994	0.944
Fe@MSU-F	0.976	0.927

**Table S2.** Comparison of adsorption capacity with various iron oxide adsorbents

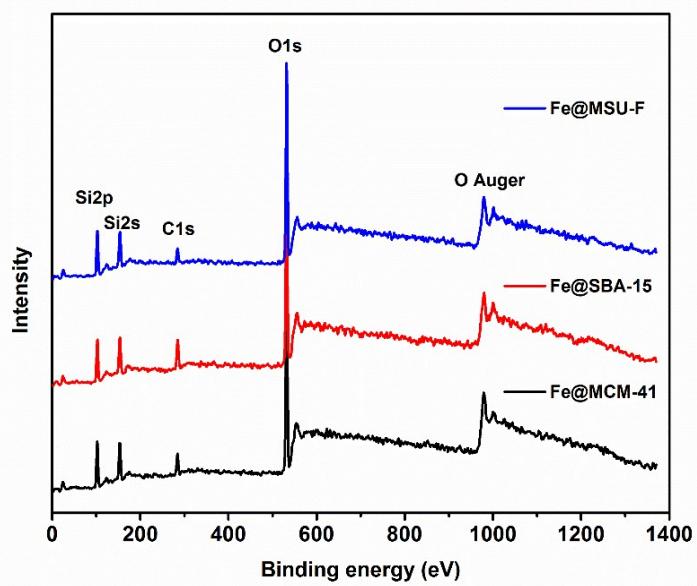
Adsorbent	Capacity (mg/g)	Reaction conditions	Ref
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> nanoparticle	3.7	pH 2, initial [As(V)] = 1.5 mg/L	S1
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> , Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -CTAB	23 for Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -CTAB; 7.6 for Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	pH 6.0, initial [As(V)] = 7 mg/L	S2
Iron oxide@CaCO <sub>3</sub>	270.27	pH 6.8, initial [As(V)] = 30 mg/L	S3
Ferrihydrite	17.4 mg/g-Fe		
Schwertmannite	21.5 mg/g-Fe	pH 7.0 ± 0.5,	S4
Goethite	6.04 mg/g-Fe		
Chitosan-goethite	11.0 mg/g at pH=5; 3.7 mg/g at pH=9.	Initial [As(V)] = 50 mg/L	S5
Magnetite NPs (35 nm)	16.1 mg/g at 298K	pH 5.0, initial [As(V)] = 60 mg/L	S6
Fe@MPS	24~74 mg/g-Fe at 298K	pH 4.0, initial [As(V)] = 2 mg/L	This study

**Table S3.** Basic parameters of realistic local lake water used in this study

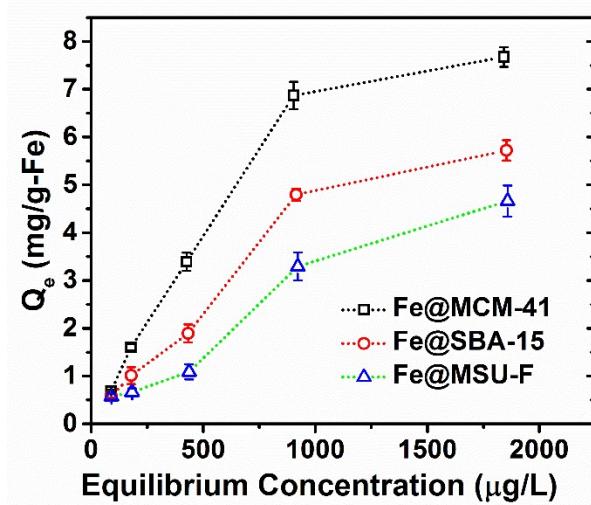
Parameters	pH	Turbidity (NTU)	TOC (mg/L)	Conductivity ( $\mu$ S/cm)	DO (mg/L)
Value	7.2±0.1	6.24±0.4	5.6±0.5	423±25	8.3±0.7



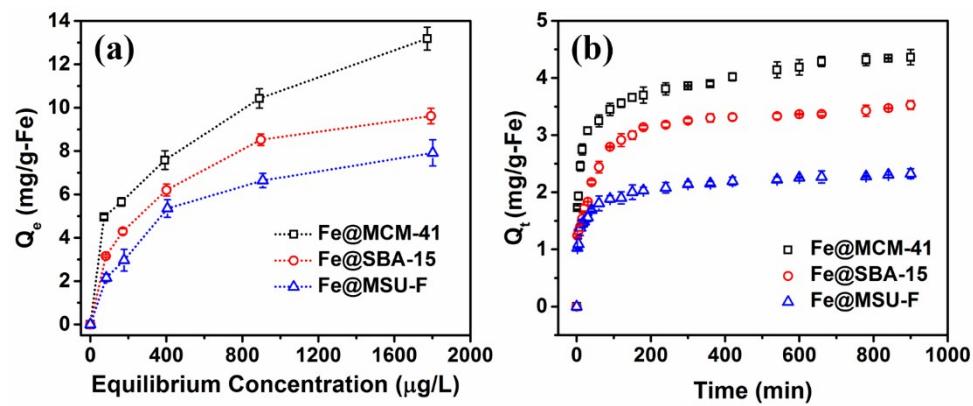
**Figure S1.** XRD patterns of Fe@MPS nanocomposites



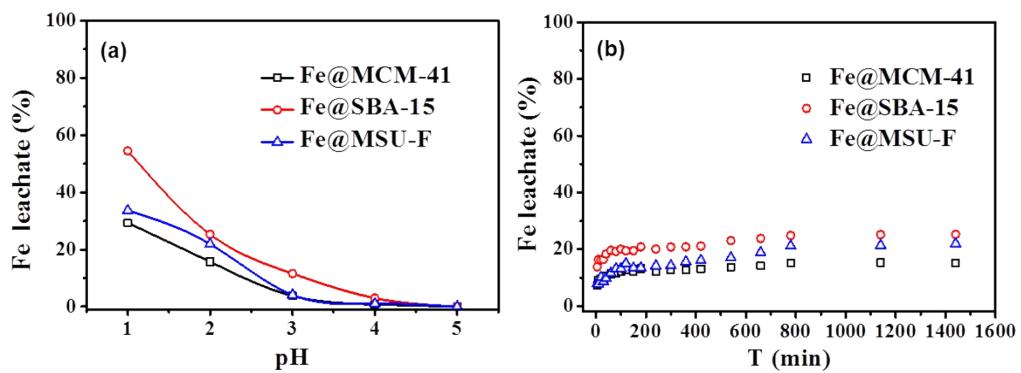
**Figure S2.** XPS spectra of three Fe@MPS nanocomposite adsorbents



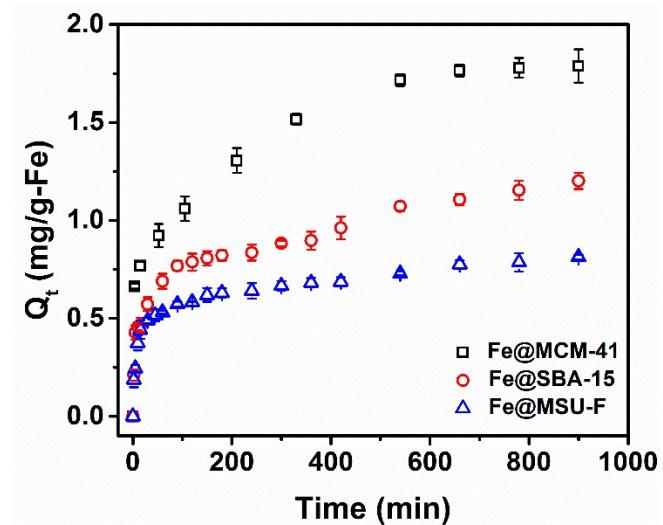
**Figure S3.** Adsorption isotherm of As(III) onto Fe@MPS (25 °C, dosage of adsorbents: 0.4 g/L, pH=6.5)



**Figure S4.** Adsorption of As(V) onto Fe@MPS at pH 6.5 (25 °C, dosage of adsorbents: 0.40 g/L). (a) Isotherm and (b) kinetic data (initial [As(V)]: 0.1 mg/L)



**Figure S5.** Effect of pH (a, 24 h) and contact time (b, pH=2) on iron leaching from Fe@MPS nanocomposites



**Figure S6.** Adsorption kinetic of As(V) in realistic lake water by Fe@MPS (Lake water were sampled from Yangshan Lake, Nanjing, China, initial [As(V)] = 100  $\mu$  g/L, dosage of adsorbents: 0.40 g/L, 25 °C)

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