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An *in situ* Approach for Synthesis of Gum Ghatti-*g*-Interpenetrating Terpolymer Network Hydrogel for High-performance Adsorption Mechanism Evaluation of Cd(II), Pb(II), Bi(III) and Sb(III)

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Adsorption isotherm models

Adsorption isotherm data were fitted to the following isotherm models

$$q_e = q_{\max} \frac{k_L C_e}{1 + k_L C_e}$$
(S1)

$$q_e = k_F C_e^{1/n} \tag{S2}$$

$$q_e = q_{BET} \frac{k_1 C_e}{(1 - k_2 C_e)(1 - k_2 C_e + k_1 C_e)}$$
(S3)

Here, k_L , k_F , k_1 and k_2 are the corresponding isotherm constants and q_{max} , n and q_{BET} are the corresponding isotherm parameters.



Scheme S1. Systematic optimization



Fig. S1 In k_d vs 1/T plots for (a) Cd(II), (b) Bi(III), (c) Pb(II) and (d) Sb(III) and In k₂ vs 1/T plots for Cd(II)/Bi(III)/Pb(II)/Sb(III)

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Fig. S2 Pseudosecond order kinetics plots for (a) Cd(II), (b) Bi(III), (c) Pb(II) and (d) Sb(III) at different temperatures, $pH_i = 7$ and adsorbent dose = 0.02 g L⁻¹

AC (mg g^{-1})/pH_i/C₀ (mg L⁻¹) M(II) Name of the adsorbents Ref. /temperature (K) Cd(II) RGO^a-Fe(O)/Fe₃O₄ 1.91/7.0/2-6/298 S1 Dithiocarbamated-sporopollenin S2 7.09/7.0/15/293 Dead T. viride 10.95/6.0/26/320 S3 S4 **BiOBr** microsphere 11.70/7.0/29/298 S5 Polyaniline grafted chitosan 12.87/6.0/20-40/303 GO^b 14.90/5.6/-/-S6 Garden grass 17.60/4.0/50/303 S7 Functionalized graphene (GNS^{C8P}) 30.05/6.2/-/-S8 **GGAAAMAPA**^c S9 40.55/7.0/5-25/303 Si-DTC^d 43.47/7.0/100/298 S10 Novel magnetic nanocomposite hydrogel 53.20/5.5/20/298 S11 (m-CVP) GO-TiO₂ 72.80/5.6/-/-S6 Functionalized graphene (GNS^{PF6}) 73.42/6.2/-/-S8 Dithiocarbamate-anchored 82.20/7.0/50/293 S12 polymer/organosmectite composites Graphene oxide-Al13 89.74/6.0/10/298 S13 MGO^e 91.29/6.0/200/298 S14 Biomass of nonliving, dried brown 100.00/3.5/100/-S15 marine algae Sargassum natans, Fucus vesiculosus, and Ascophyllum nodosum Polyvinyl alcohol-chelating sponge 125.11/5.5/560/293 S16 CS-co-MMB-co-PAA^f 135.51/4.5-5.5/300/-S17 GO^b 167.50/6.0/-/333 S18 AC-Fe₃O₄-NPs modified with DBABT^g 185.22/6.0/5/-S19 Mesoporous MCM-41 210.96/7.0/250/298 S20 ANMP derived from PCBs^h 230.06/3.5/450/293 S21 **GTINIAMSAⁱ** 1477.83/7.0/500-800/293-323 TS[^] Pb(II) **Bare Malachite Nanoparticle** 7.20/5.0-6.0/10-100/-S22 11.50/5.7/10-50/303 S23 Kaolinite Jordanian kaolinite 13.32/5.0/50-400/295 S24 S23 Montmorillonite 31.10/5.7/10-50/303 Lemon peel 37.87/5.0/100-300/301 S25 **GGAAAMAPA**^c 41.98/7.0/5-25/303 S9 **IPNS**^j 54.86/7.0/5-30/303 S26 **APAN**^k 60.60/4.0/40-1000/303 S27 **GTINIAMSA**ⁱ 1568.81/7.0/500-800/293-323 TS^ Bi(III) Coconut shell activated carbon 54.35/-/250/299 S28 72.72/-/-/303 S29 Collagen fiber-immobilized bayberry tannin 87.00/5.0/1/-Activated carbon powder S30 D2EHPA^I 490.70/3.6/100-250/-S31 **GTINIAMSA**ⁱ 1582.38/7.0/500-800/293-323 TS[^] Sb(III) Carbon nanotubes 0.33/7.0/4/298 S32

Table S1 Comparison of the results obtained from literature

Blast-furnace-slag geopolymer	0.34/4.0-10.0/2/293	S33
Bentonite	0.37/6.0/0-4/298	S34
WAP ^m	1.16/2.8/10/298	S35
Polysiphonia lanosa	1.74/2.8/10/298	S35
QFGO ⁿ	2.88-6.09/-/20-60/298	S36
Hydrochar from swine solids	3.98/4.5/0-100/323	S37
Cyanobacteria Microcystis biomass	4.88/4.0/10/298	S38
Sargassum muticum	5.50/5.0/10/296	S39
Imprinted polymer	6.70/3.5–9.5/300/298	S40
Graphene	7.50/11.0/1-10/303	S41
Bonded silica gel	7.90/5.0–9.0/70/–	S42
Ferric hydroxide	18.50/7.0/–/–	S43
Activated carbon	24.00/-/-/-	S44
Sb(III)-imprinted sorbent	27.70/6.0/100/-	S45
Sb(III)-imprinted silica gel	32.40/3.5-6.5/100-600/298	S46
Diatomite	35.20/6.0/1000-20000/293	S47
Natural perlite	54.40/4.0/10/293	S48
Akaganeite	60.80/7.0/–/–	S49
Modified perlite	76.50/4.0/10/293	S48
Lichen (<i>Physcia tribacia</i>)	81.10/3.0/4000/293	S50
Synthetic manganite	95.00/3.0/–/–	S51
Mercapto-functionalized hybrid sorbent	108.80/3.0-8.0/100-800/298	S52
HFO°	113.96/4.0/–/–	S53
Fe-Mn binary oxide	120.53/5.0/-/-	S43
Orange waste	125.90/3.0/15/303	S54
K ₂ FeO ₄	129.93/4.0/1–10/–	S55
PAG ^p sorbent	158.20/6.0/40/313	S56
Fe-Mn binary oxide	197.80/3.0/24–244/293	S57
GTINIAMSA ⁱ	1518.09/7.0/500-800/293-323	TS^

^aReduced graphene oxide, ^bgraphene oxide, ^cguar gum-g-(acrylic acid-co-acrylamide-co-3-acrylamido propanoic acid), ^dsilicasupported dithiocarbamate adsorbent, ^eMagnetic graphene oxide, ^fa chitosan-based hydrogel, ^gactivated carbon magnetized with Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles modified with2-((2, 4-Dichloro-benzylidene)-amino)-benzenethiol, ^hactivated non-metallic Powder derived from printed circuit boards, ⁱgumghatti-g-N-isopropylacrylamide-co-2-acrylamido-co-sodiumpropanoate, ^jinterpenetrating network superadsorbent, ^kaminated polyacrylonitrile, ^Idi(2-ethylhexyl)phosphoric acid on the Amberlite XAD-1180, ^mascophyllum product, ⁿa composite of quartz sand coated with Fe₃O₄ and graphene oxide, ^ohydrous ferric oxide, ^ppolyamide-graphene and [^]this study.

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