

**Electronic Supplementary Information**

**Engineered Fe<sub>3</sub> triangle for rapid and selective removal of aromatic cationic pollutants: Complexity is not a necessity**

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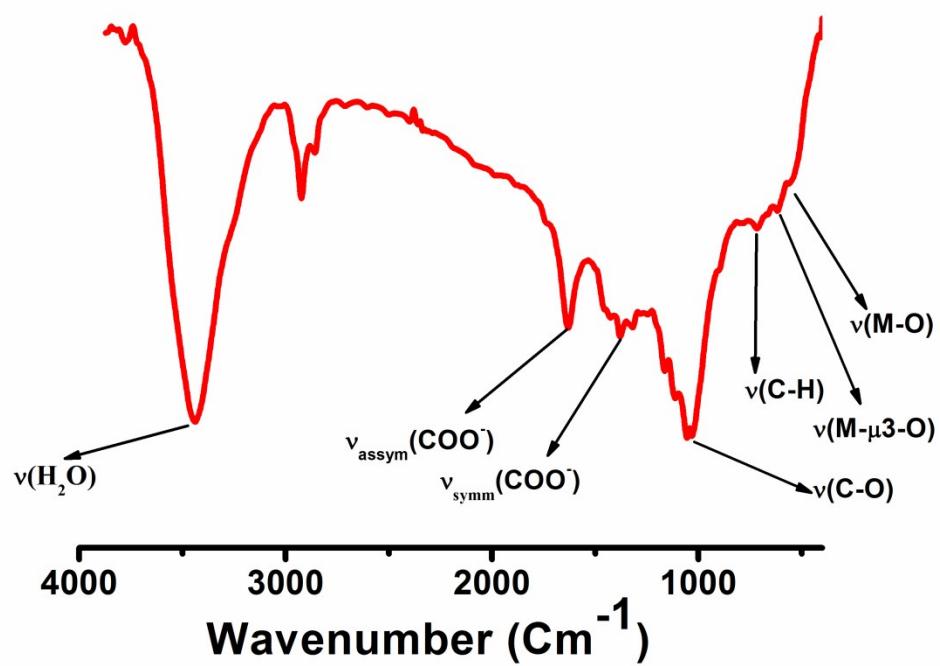
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**Table 1** ESI Selected bond angles and bond distance parameter

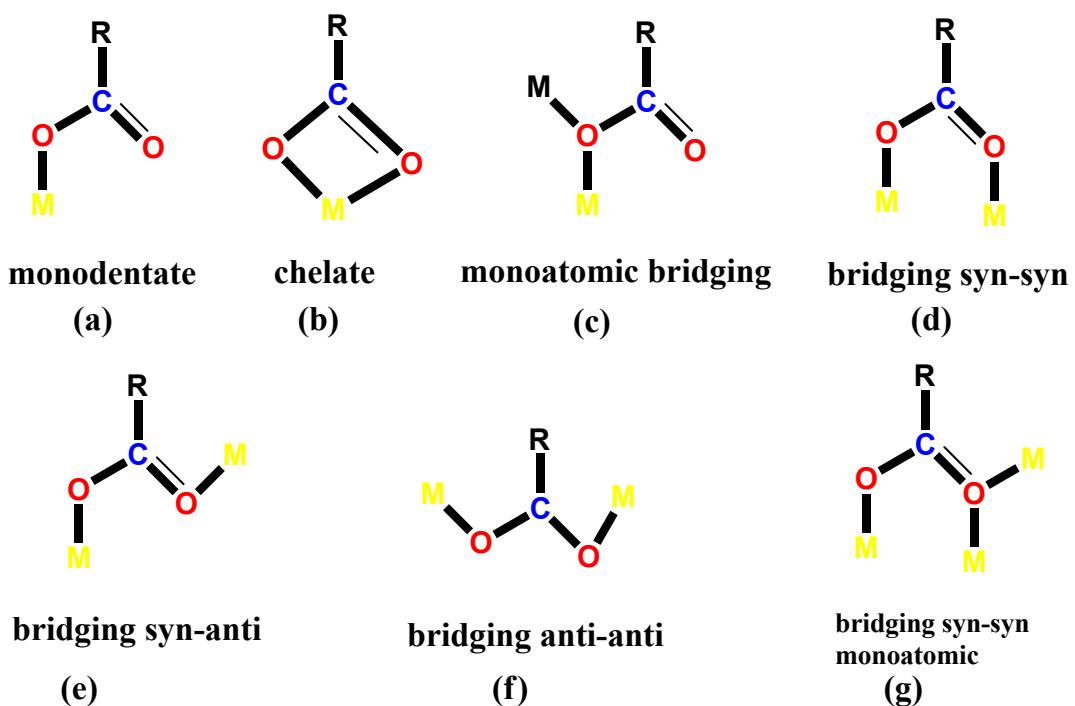
<b>Bond Distances (Å)</b>	
Fe1–O1	2.0508(15)
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Fe1–O4	1.9796(15)
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Fe1–O004	1.895(2)
Fe1–O11	2.059(2)
Fe2–O2	1.9997(15)
Fe2–O004	1.8990(10)
Fe2–O5	2.0345(15)
Fe2–O7	1.9849(15)
Fe2–O8	2.0352(15)
Fe2–O10	2.0784(16)

<b>Bond Angle (degree)</b>	
O1–Fe1–O1	167.35(9)
O4–Fe1–O1	90.24(6)
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O4–Fe1–O1	88.69(6)
O4–Fe1–O1	88.69(6)
O4–Fe1–O4	170.32(9)
O004–Fe1–O1	96.33(4)
O004–Fe1–O1	96.33(4)
O004–Fe1–O4	94.84(5)
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O11–Fe1–O1	83.67(4)
O11–Fe1–O1	83.67(4)
O11–Fe1–O4	85.16(5)
O11–Fe1–O4	85.16(5)
O11–Fe1–O004	180.0
O004–Fe2–O2	96.61(6)
O5–Fe2–O2	88.97(6)
O5–Fe2–O004	95.91(6)
O7–Fe2–O2	168.60(6)
O7–Fe2–O004	94.79(6)
O7–Fe2–O5	89.75(7)
O8–Fe2–O2	87.76(6)
O8–Fe2–O004	94.54(6)
O8–Fe2–O5	169.34(6)
O8–Fe2–O7	91.45(6)
O10–Fe2–O2	85.73(6)

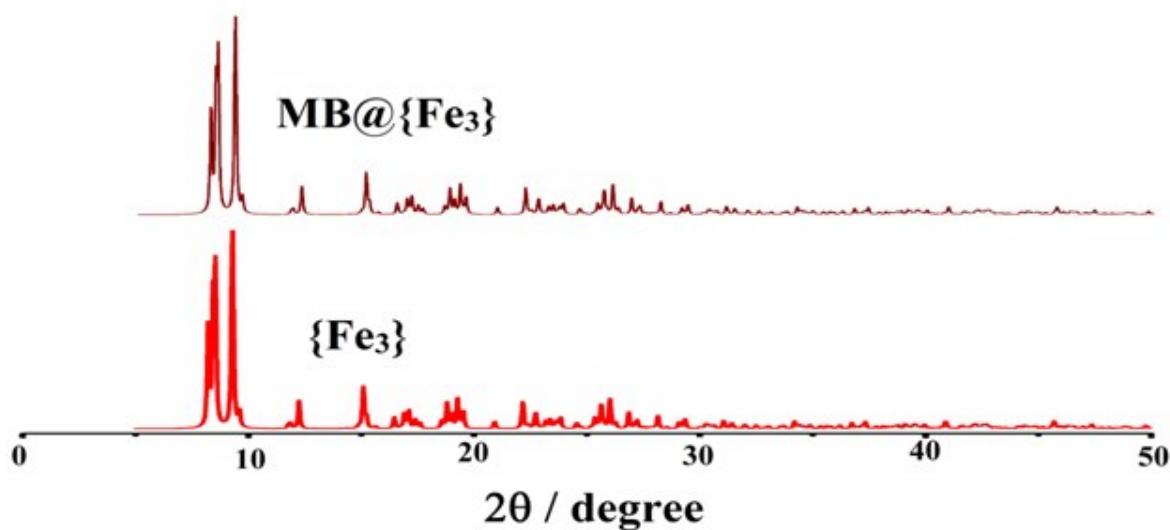
O10–Fe2–O004	177.42(7)
O10–Fe2–O5	85.21(6)
O10–Fe2–O7	82.88(6)
O10–Fe2–O8	84.44(6)
C1–O1–Fe1	129.11(14)
C1–O2–Fe2	135.27(14)
C9–O4–Fe1	136.65(15)
Fe2–O004–Fe1	119.86(5)
Fe2–O004–Fe1	119.86(5)
Fe2–O004–Fe2	120.29(11)
C9–O5–Fe2	128.45(14)



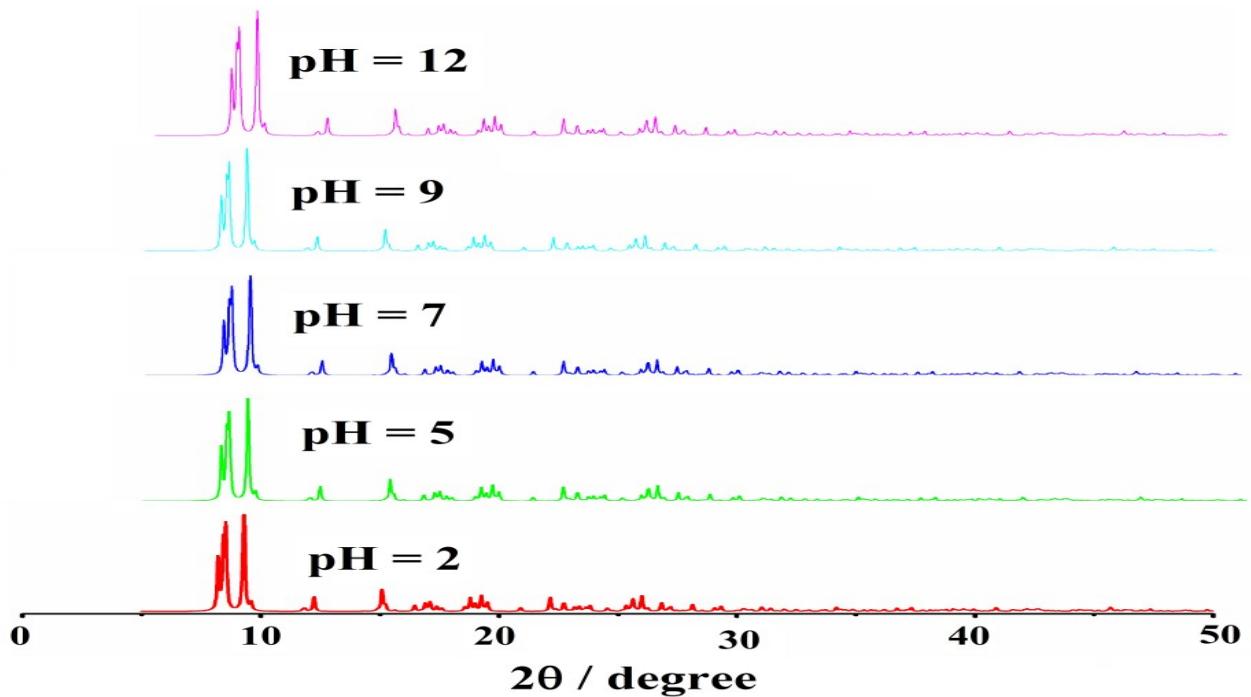
**Fig. S1 ESI** FTIR spectra of  $\{Fe_3\}$  cluster.



**Fig. 2 ESI** Different coordination modes of carboxylate group present in the benzoate ligand.



**Fig. 3 ESI** PXRD pattern of adsorbent  $\{\text{Fe}_3\}$  cluster before and adsorption of MB dye.



**Fig. S4 ESI** PXRD pattern of adsorbent  $\{\text{Fe}_3\}$  at different pH.