

# Supporting information

## Hydroxyl modified hypercrosslinked polymers: targeting highly efficient adsorption separation towards aniline

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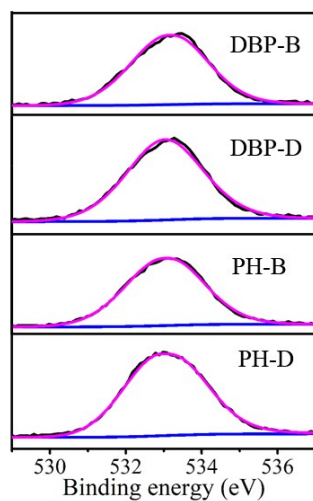
### **Derivation for $K_C$**

The derivation for  $K_C$  from  $K_L$  and  $K_F$  were calculated according to equations (1) and (2) separately:<sup>1</sup>

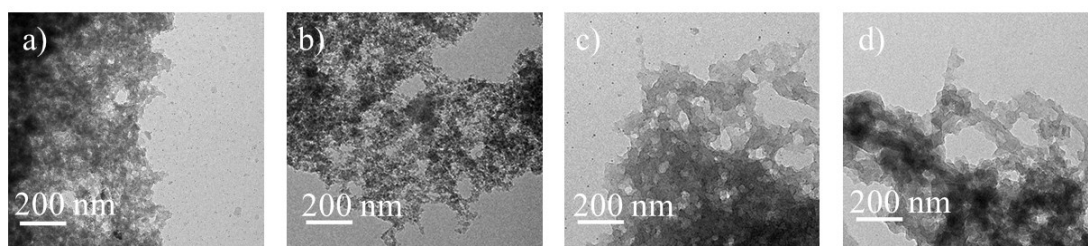
$$K_C = M_w \times 55.5 \times 1000 \times K_L \quad (1)$$

$$K_c = K_F \times \rho \times \left(\frac{10^6}{\rho}\right)^{\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)} \quad (2)$$

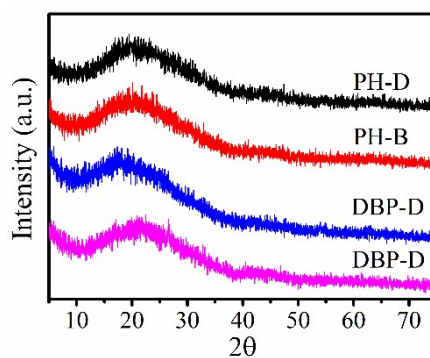
the factor 55.5 and  $M_w$  are the number of moles of pure water per liter (dividing 1000 g·L<sup>-1</sup> by 18 g·mol<sup>-1</sup>) and the relative molecular mass of aniline (93.13 g·mol<sup>-1</sup>), respectively. Where  $\rho$  is the density of pure water (assumption on 1.0 g·mL<sup>-1</sup>).



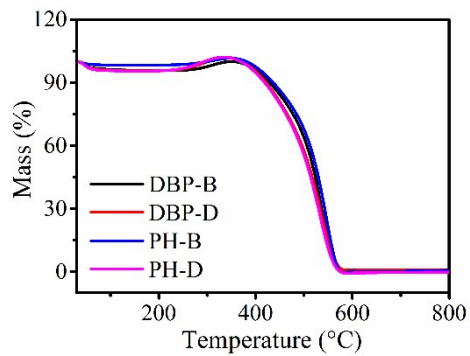
**Figure S1.** XPS O1s scan spectra of DBP-B, DBP-D, PH-B and PH-D.



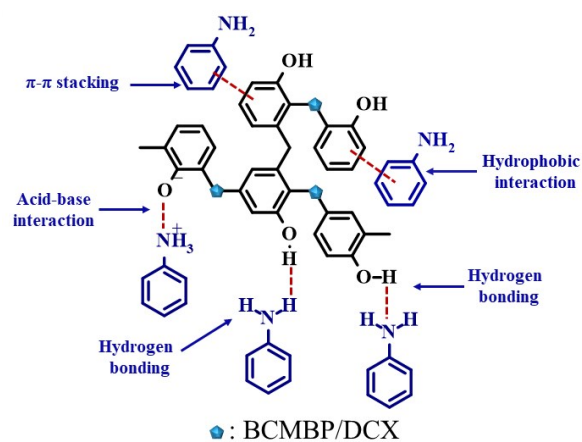
**Figure S2.** TEM images of DBP-B (a), DBP-D (b), PH-B (c) and PH-D (d).



**Figure S3.** The XRD patterns of PH-D, PH-B, DBP-D and DBP-B.



**Figure S4.** TGA curves of PH-D, PH-B, DBP-D and DBP-B.



**Figure S5.** Possible interaction of the polymers with aniline.

**Table S1.** Correlated parameters of the equilibrium data for the adsorption of aniline on PH-D, PH-B, DBP-D and DBP-B at 303 K according to the Langmuir, Freundlich, R-P and Temkin model.

HCPs	PH-D	PH-B	DBP-D	DBP-B
Langmuir model				
$K_L$ (L·mg <sup>-1</sup> )	0.01319	0.01135	0.00987	0.00799
$q_{\max}$ (mg·g <sup>-1</sup> )	158.202	171.193	205.009	227.690
$R^2$	0.9917	0.9919	0.9949	0.9926
Freundlich model				
$K_F/$ (mg·g <sup>-1</sup> ·L <sup>1/n</sup> ·mg <sup>-1/n</sup> )	16.6819	14.8156	14.0962	11.5051
$n^{-1}$	0.3560	0.3851	0.4207	0.4649
$R^2$	0.9972	0.9985	0.9957	0.9995
R-P model				
$a$	5.7670	6.4060	3.5014	7.6542
$b$	0.1880	0.2544	0.0736	0.4223
$n$	0.7376	0.6954	0.7656	0.6023
$R^2$	0.9976	0.9987	0.9974	0.9997
Temkin model				
$K_t$ (L·mg <sup>-1</sup> )	0.1351	0.1114	0.0918	0.0776
$b$ (J·mol <sup>-1</sup> )	73.7658	66.8695	54.5575	49.7323
$B$	34.1674	37.6911	46.2139	50.6791
$R^2$	0.9888	0.9885	0.9904	0.9809

**Table S2.** Comparison of the  $q_{\max}$  of aniline on four HCPs with some other adsorbents in the literature.

Adsorbents	$q_{\max}/(\text{mg}\cdot\text{g}^{-1})$	Reference
EFAC	27.10 (298K)	2
SD- $\beta$ -CD	84.03 (288K)	3
PMAA/SiO <sub>2</sub>	132.7 (293K)	4
g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	71.9(298K)	5
HCP-P-5%	169.2 (303K)	6
Modified jute fiber	125 (298K)	7
SA-HCLP	171.2 (303K)	8
PHBA-HCLP	184.8 (303K)	8
NAC3	125.3 (298K)	9
EC	114.1 (303K)	10
PS-DBP-HCP	198.8 (298K)	11
PS-AI-HCLR	200.6 (308K)	12
PS-PH-HCP	178.4 (303K)	13
coconut shell-AC	133.6 (298K)	14
AZO-POP-1	1059.68 (293K)	15
HCPs	769.23 (298K)	16
<b>DBP-B</b>	<b>227.7 (303K)</b>	<b>This work</b>

**Table S3.** Correlated parameters of the equilibrium data for the adsorption of aniline on DBP-B at three different temperatures (303, 313 and 323 K) according to the Langmuir and Freundlich model.

	Langmuir			Freundlich		
	$K_L/$ (L·mg <sup>-1</sup> )	$q_{\max} /$ (mg·g <sup>-1</sup> )	$R^2$	$K_F/$ (mg·g <sup>-1</sup> ·L <sup>1/n</sup> ·mg <sup>-1/n</sup> )	$n^{-1}$	$R^2$
303K	0.00799	227.690	0.9926	11.505	0.4649	0.9995
313K	0.00652	222.320	0.9941	8.8540	0.4942	0.9983
323K	0.00539	218.843	0.9933	6.7868	0.5246	0.9982

**Table S4.** Thermodynamic parameters for the adsorption of aniline on DBP-B.

	Langmuir			Freundlich		
	$\Delta G$ (KJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta H$ (KJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta S$ (J·mol <sup>-1</sup> ·K <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta G$ (KJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta H$ (KJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Delta S$ (J·mol <sup>-1</sup> ·K <sup>-1</sup> )
303 K	-26.775	-16.044	35.421	-23.555	-21.465	6.928
313 K	-27.130	-16.044	35.421	-23.651	-21.465	6.928
323 K	-27.485	-16.044	35.421	-23.692	-21.465	6.928
$R^2$		0.99999			0.99896	

**Table S5.** Correlated parameters of the kinetic data for the adsorption of aniline on DBP-B at three different temperatures (303, 313 and 323 K) according to the pseudo-first-order kinetic model and the pseudo-second-order kinetic model.

	pseudo-first-order			pseudo-second-order		
	$K_1/$	$q_e/$	$R^2$	$K_2/$	$q_e/$	$R^2$
		( $\text{mg}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ )		( $\text{g}\cdot\text{mg}^{-1}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ )	( $\text{mg}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ )	
303K	0.1475	177.67	0.9961	$9.96\times 10^{-4}$	198.56	0.9856
313K	0.4419	162.53	0.9963	$4.29\times 10^{-3}$	176.68	0.9783
323K	2.1876	142.22	0.9938	$2.34\times 10^{-2}$	153.85	0.9980

**Table S6.** Intra-particle diffusion parameters for the adsorption of aniline from aqueous solution by DBP-B at 303 K.

	$K_d$ ( $\text{mg}/(\text{g}\cdot\text{min}^{1/2})$ )	$I$ ( $\text{mg}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ )	$R^2$
the first linear portion	45.82	-13.229	0.9761
the second linear portion	3.19	152.611	0.9781

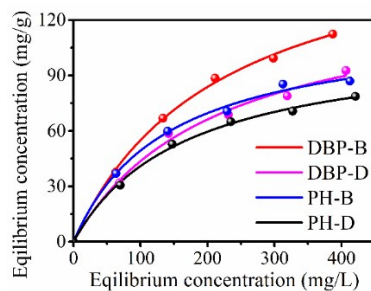


Figure S6. Equilibrium adsorption data of DBP-B, DBP-D, PH-B and PH-D for phenol at 303 K, fitted with Langmuir model.

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