

Supplementary Information

Synthesis of a novel perovskite-carbon aerogel hybrid adsorbent with multiple metal-Lewis active sites for the removal of dyes from water; experimental and DFT studies

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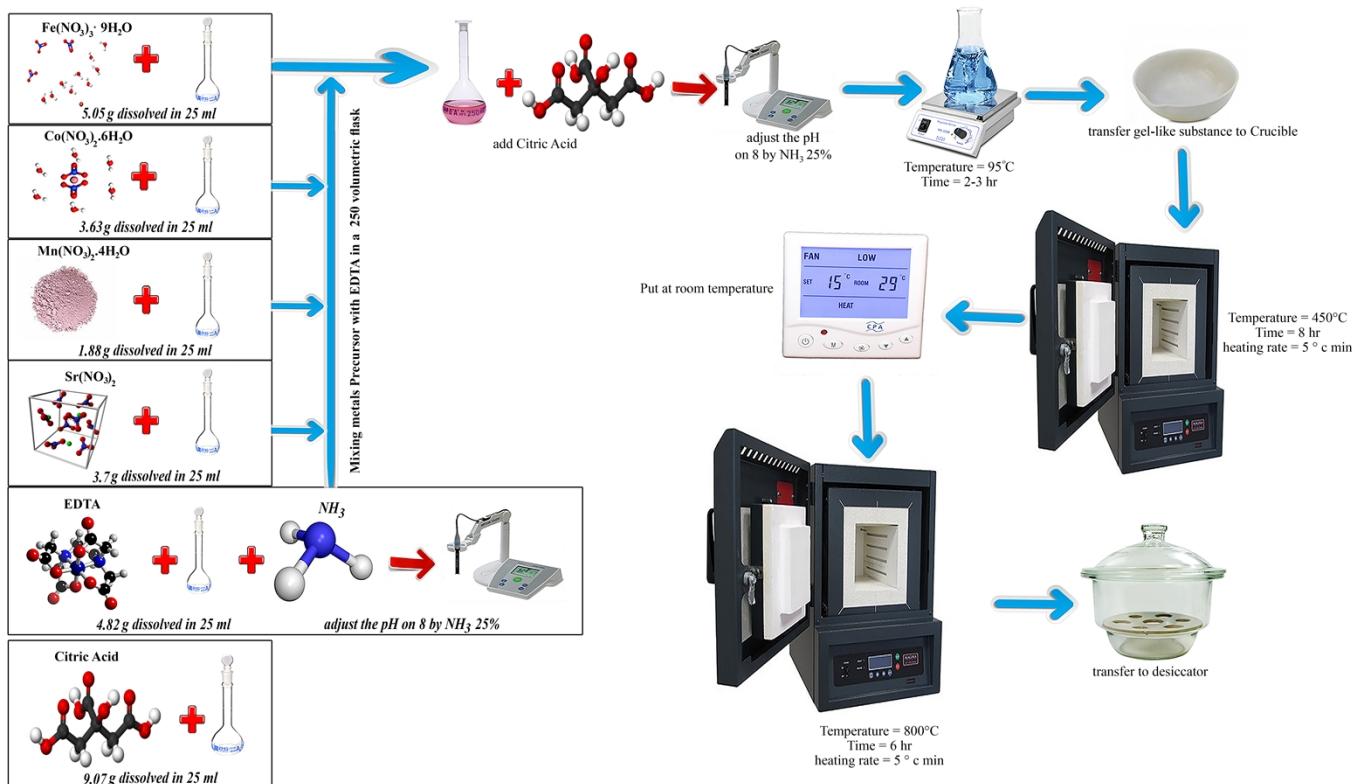
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1. Experimental Section

Schematic explanation of the synthesis procedure of the DB-Perovskite/CAg Hybrid



Adsorbate preparation: In this work, the adsorbates were two cationic dyes, crystal violet (CV) and acid yellow 17(AY17), which were purchase from sigma Aldrich. For experimental study, a stock dye solution (1g L⁻¹) was provided by dissolving it's in Milli-Q water, which use for prepare the aqueous solution of these dyes. The UV-Vis spectrophotometer was used for determine dyes of concentration by measuring the absorbance of aqueous solution at maximum wavelength. For drawing the calibration curve for each dye using nine concentrations of dyes solutions of range from 0.1 mg L⁻¹ to 15.0 mg L⁻¹. To ensure that calibration curve, this step was repeated three times. K_a values of dyes were calculated basic a standard method.

Desorption and regeneration studies: Desorption experiments were carried out to investigate the reversibility of CV and AY17 days from the DB-Perovskite/CAg Hybrid. The optimal values of adsorbent (0.05 g for CV and 0.1 g for AY17) were dissolved in 20 ml desorbing solvent 1 M HCl and HNO₃ for 24 h on a shaker. From UV-Vis spectrophotometer was used to measure the dyes desorbed. Regeneration studies were carried out to estimate the stability of DB-Perovskite/CAg Hybrid, for this purpose, the recovered adsorbent was dried at oven and then eluted with appropriate 1 M HCl and HNO₃ at 24 h and further regenerated in distilled water. Thereafter, the recycled DB-Perovskite/CAg Hybrid was used for the next adsorption experiments approximately, three adsorption cycles of adsorption-desorption process.

Density functional theory (DFT): The density functional theory (DFT) calculations carried out using The Vienna ab initio simulation package (VASP) with wave-based plane. Moreover, in order to explain the exchange-correlation, the general gradient approximation of Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (GGA-PBE) was used. A plane-wave basis of cut-off kinetic energy of 400 eV was performed to expand the smooth part of wave functions. A supercell with dimension of 5 *5*1 including 4 repeated units was used to simulate SA Fe-Mn/NH₂-NHPCFB. For preventing periodic interaction, a 15 Å was used to set the vacuum layers. When the overall energy variation was smaller than 10⁻⁵ eV and all forces on each atom were less than 0.01 eV Å⁻¹, the relaxation of structures is stopped.

Thermodynamics study: To evaluate the impacts of temperature on CV and AY17 adsorption onto DB-Perovskite/CAg Hybrid and the nature of the adsorption process, the thermodynamic parameters, i.e., enthalpy (ΔH°), the Gibbs free energy (ΔG°), and entropy (ΔS°), were investigated that calculated based to the following equations:

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln k \quad (S1)$$

$$k = \frac{q_e}{C_e} \quad (S2)$$

$$\ln k = \frac{\Delta S^0}{R} - \frac{\Delta H^0}{RT} \quad (S3)$$

Where k_T is the equilibrium coefficient, C_e is the equilibrium concentration (mg L^{-1}), R is the universal gas constant ($8.314 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$); and T is the solution temperature (K).

Adsorption isotherms: The Langmuir model used to estimate the adsorption performance, the formation of monolayer of dyes molecules on the adsorbent surface and the maximum adsorption capacity (Q_m) homogeneous surface of DB-Perovskite/CAg Hybrid due to adsorption process that written the linear and nonlinear forms it's as follows:

$$1/q_e = 1/Q_m + 1/k_L Q_m \cdot 1/C_e \quad (S4)$$

$$q_e = \frac{Q_m K_L C_e}{1 + K_L C_e} \quad (S5)$$

To describe heterogeneous adsorption and the behavior of a multilayer adsorption on the DB-Perovskite/CAg Hybrid surface, Freundlich isotherm was researched that obtained from the equation follows:

Linear form

$$\ln q_e = \ln k_F + 1/n \ln C_e \quad (S6)$$

Non-linear form

$$q_e = k_F C_e^n \quad (S7)$$

K_F is The Freundlich adsorption capacity and n is represented of adsorption heterogeneity.

To understand the nature of adsorption process, Dubinin–Radushkevich (D–R) isotherm was carried out. The equation of D–R isotherm is shown as:

Linear form

$$\ln (q_e) = \ln (q_m) - \beta \varepsilon^2 \quad (S8)$$

Non-linear

$$q_e = q_m \exp(-\beta \varepsilon^2) \quad (\text{S9})$$

Where β is model constant connected to mean the free adsorption energy, q_m is the adsorption capacity (max) (mg g^{-1}), and ε is Polanyi potential of adsorption and is calculated as:

$$\varepsilon = RT \ln(1 + 1/C_e) \quad (\text{S10})$$

T is the temperature of room condition (K), and R is the general gas constant (8.314 J/mol k).

The mean free energy of adsorption (E) is given below:

$$E = 1/\sqrt{2}\beta \quad (\text{S11})$$

We can use above equation to recognize the kind of adsorption process. In the values of E lower of 8 kJ mol^{-1} , the dominated process in adsorption is physisorption, E values of 8 to 16 kJ mol^{-1} is for ion-exchange and values of 20 to 40 kJ mol^{-1} is chemisorption process. Temkin model make the assumption that there is an interaction between adsorbate-adsorbent that can be shown as heat of adsorption. The Temkin equation is calculated as:

Linear form

$$q_e = B_T \ln K_T + B_T \ln C_e \quad (\text{S12})$$

Non-linear

$$q_e = B_T (RT/b) \ln (K_T C_e) \quad (\text{S13})$$

Where K_T is the maximum binding energy-based equilibrium constant and B_T is related to heat of adsorption.

Adsorption kinetics: The linear and Non-linear equations of pseudo- first order, pseudo-second-order, and Elovich were determined as follows:

Linear form

$$\ln(q_e - q_t) = \ln(q_e) - k_1 t \quad (\text{S14})$$

$$\frac{t}{q_t} = \frac{1}{q_e^2 k_2} + \frac{1}{q_e} t \quad (\text{S15})$$

$$q_t = \frac{1}{\beta} \ln(\alpha\beta) + \frac{1}{\beta} \ln t$$

Non-linear form

$$\frac{dq_t}{dt} = k_1(q_e - q_t) \quad (\text{S16})$$

$$\frac{dq_t}{dt} = k_2(q_e - q_t)^2 \quad (\text{S17})$$

$$\frac{dq_t}{dt} = \alpha e^{-\beta q_t} \quad (\text{S18})$$

Where k_1 , k_2 , and α are the constant of pseudo-first, pseudo-second, and Elovich models, respectively. The β parameter is linked to the expanded coverage of surface and also activation energy for chemical adsorption (g mg^{-1}).

To realize the adsorption of mechanisms, other models such as Boyd, Bangham, and intraparticle diffusion are also investigated.

Boyd:

$$F = 1 - \left(\frac{6}{\pi^2} \right) \exp(-Bt) \quad (\text{S19})$$

$$F = \frac{q_t}{q_e} \quad (\text{S20})$$

$$Bt = -0.4977 - \ln(1 - F) \quad (\text{S21})$$

Where F is the adsorbed dyes into DB-Perovskite/CAg Hybrid at different times, Bt is function of F and other parameters are recently mentioned.

Bangham:

$$\log \left(\frac{C_0}{C_0 - q_t m} \right) = \log \left(\frac{k_0 m}{2.303 V} \right) + \alpha \log(t) \quad (\text{S22})$$

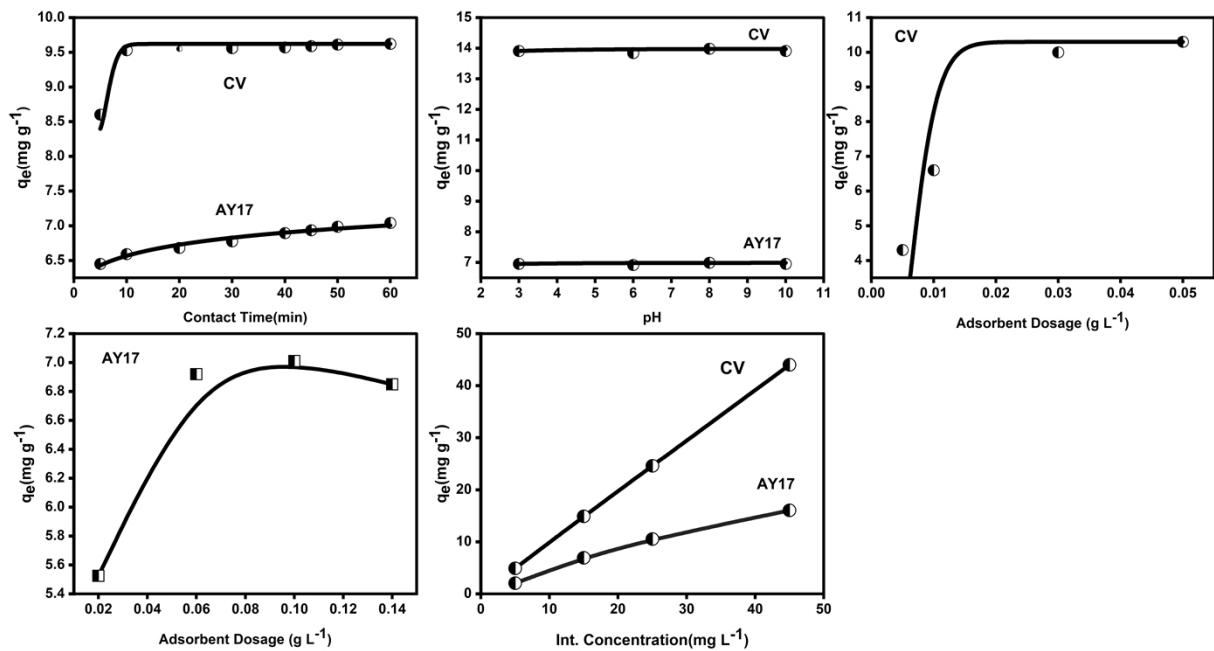
Where α (<1) and k_0 are Bangham constants, m is the used adsorbent (g L^{-1}), V is the volume of solution (mL) and other parameters are recently mentioned.

Intraparticle diffusion

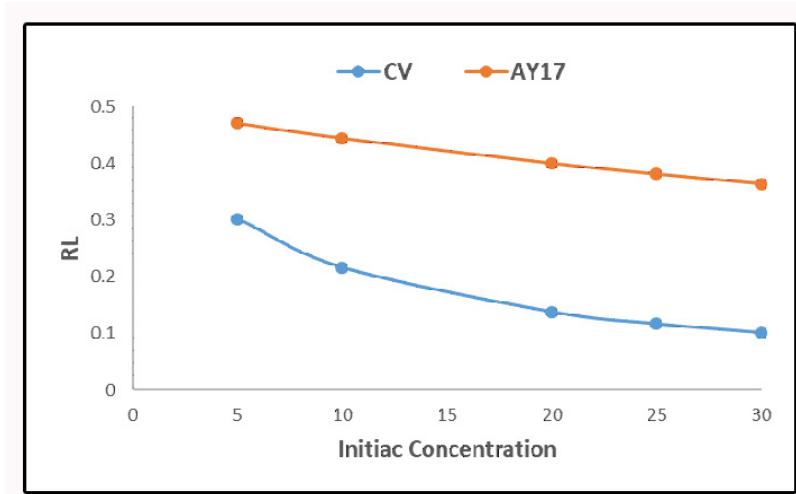
$$q_t = k_{int}t^{1/2} + C \quad (\text{S23})$$

Where C and k_{int} are the intaparticle diffusion constant ($\text{mg g}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1}$).

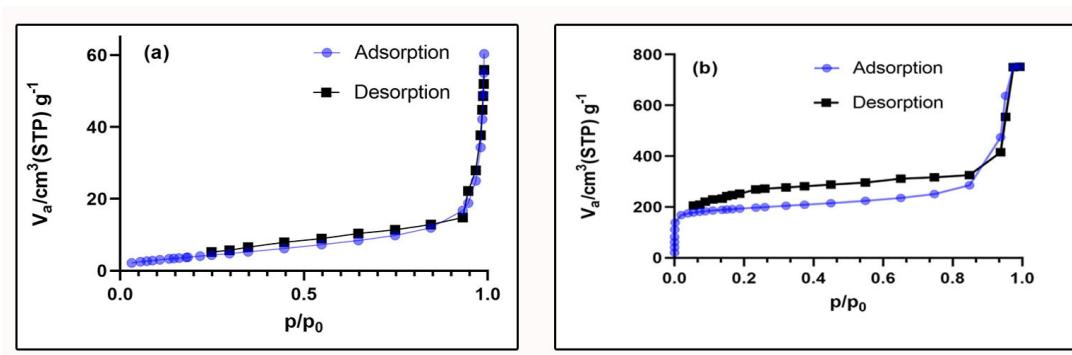
2. Supplementary Figures



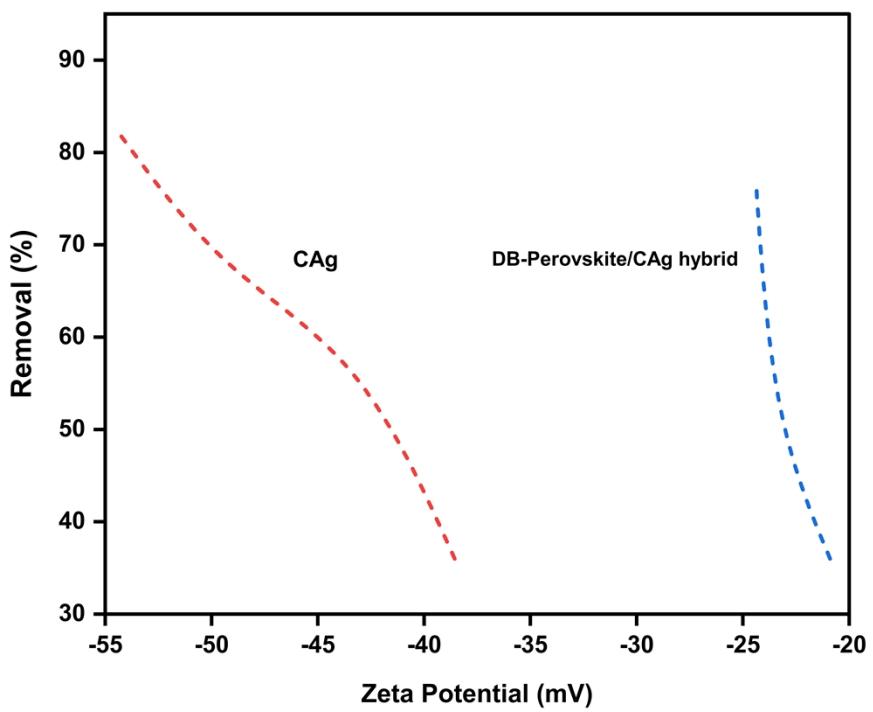
Supplementary Figure 1: the variable parameters influence on adsorption process in terms of a) time; b) initial concentration; c) adsorbent dosage; and d) pH.



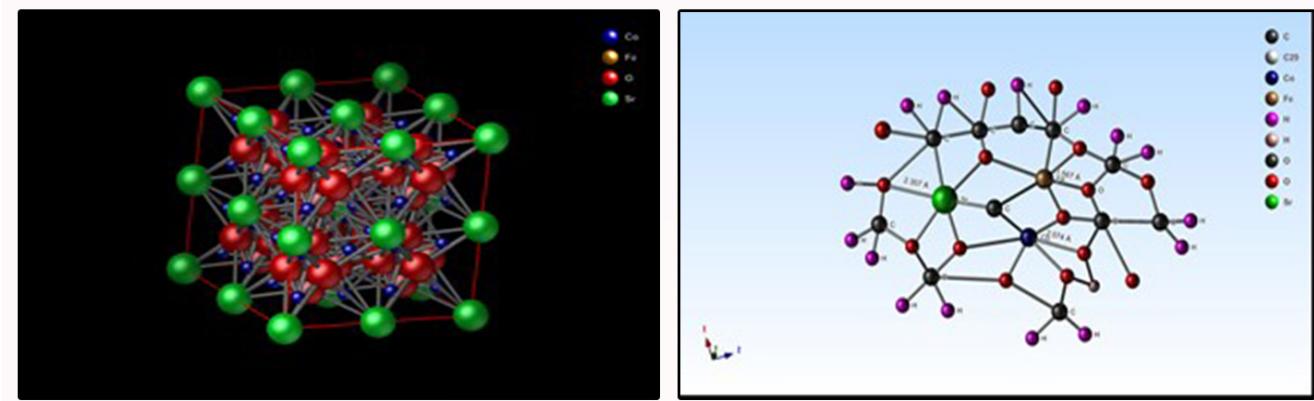
Supplementary Figure 2: Equilibrium parameter (Langmuir dimensionless) factor for DB-Perovskite/CAg Hybrid [pH (neutral); agitation speed (210 rpm); adsorbent dosage (0.1 g for AY17 and 0.05 g for CV; contact time (10 min for CV and 60 min for AY17); initial dyes concentration (5-40 mg L⁻¹); volume of reaction ($V = 50 \text{ mL}$); and temperature (25° C)].



Supplementary Figure 3: Adsorption–desorption isotherms of nitrogen gas of (a) CAg and (b) DB-Perovskite/CAg Hybrid



Supplementary Figure 4: The performance of CV and AY17(co-adsorption) removal based on the corresponding Zeta Potential



Supplementary Figure 5: The optimized geometry of the possible complexes.

3. Supplementary Table

Supplementary Table 1: The surface characteristics (relative concentration) of the catalysts calculated from the XPS spectra

Material	Surface concentration (proportion (Atomic %))					
	Sr 3d	Fe 2p	Co 2p	Mn 2p	O 1s	C 1s
double-B-sites perovskite /carbon aerogel hybrid	3.17	2.56	2.26	1.08	70.37	20.56

Supplementary Table 2: Isotherm model parameters and correlation (and error analysis) coefficients

Type of isotherms	CV	AY
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Langmuir Parameters		
Q_{\max} (mg g ⁻¹)	206	113.5
b (L mg ⁻¹)	0.79	0.23
R ²	0.99	0.97
X ²	253.16	893
ARE	15.83	46.9
Δq%	70.97	12.5
Freundlich parameters		
k _f (mg g ⁻¹)/(mg L ⁻¹) ⁿ	0.45	0.14
n	0.89	0.55
R ²	0.98	0.92
X ²	16592	2153
ARE	860.16	122.6
Δq%	109.44	60.9
Dubinin–Radushkevich parameters		
Q _s (mg g ⁻¹)	12.73	4.46
k _{ad} (mol ² kJ ⁻²)	7.4	1.4
R ²	0.98	0.99
X ²	5310	320

ARE	261.28	4.19
$\Delta q\%$	110.90	9.7
Temkin parameters		
B_T (J mole ⁻¹)	45.9	24.9
K_T (L g ⁻¹)	24.1	20
b (L g ⁻¹)	58.24	44.8
R^2	0.95	0.99
X^2	22524	774
ARE	1206	8.16
$\Delta q\%$	111.33	10.6

Supplementary Table 3: Kinetic equation constants and correlation (and error analysis) coefficients at different concentrations

Pseudo- first order Parameters										
	CV					AY				
Various concentration (mg L ⁻¹)	5	15	20	30	40	5	15	20	30	40
Q_e (exp)(mg g ⁻¹)	4.9	9.81	19.68	21.61	29.55	3.59	7.9	17.3	21.82	26.11
K_1 (min ⁻¹)	0.18	0.208	0.242	0.255	0.240	0.032	0.037	0.030	0.045	0.44
R^2			0.56					0.87		
X^2			328					16.66		
ARE			32.8					9.29		
$\Delta q\%$			101.2					100.1		
Pseudo- second order parameters										
	CV					AY				
Various concentration (mg L ⁻¹)	5	15	20	30	40	5	15	20	30	40

Q _e (exp)(mg g ⁻¹)	4.9	9.81	19.68	24.61	29.5	3.59	7.9	17.3	21.82	26.11
K ₂ (g mg ⁻¹)/(min ⁻¹)	0.07	0.065	0.075	0.049	0.048	0.045	0.036	0.041	0.029	0.017
R ²			0.66					0.86		
X ²			314					25.1		
ARE			22.2					14.2		
Δq%			90					104.2		
Elovich parameters										
	CV					AY				
Various concentration (mg L ⁻¹)	5	15	20	30	40	5	15	20	30	40
β (g mg ⁻¹)	1.01	0.99	0.78	0.65	0.42	0.76	0.79	0.59	0.11	0.08
R ²			0.946					0.941		
X ²			28.8					3.04		
ARE			2.76					0.26		
Δq%			33					21.8		

Supplementary Table 4. Rate-determining mechanism constants and correlation (and error analysis) coefficients

	<i>CV</i>	<i>AY</i>
<i>Intraparticle diffusion</i>		
k_{int} ($mg\ g^{-1}\ min^{-1/2}$)	206	113.5
R^2	0.99	0.98
X^2	3893	50.2
<i>ARE</i>	206.87	8.94
$\Delta q\%$	74.2	35.5
<i>Bangham model</i>		
R^2	0.98	0.99
X^2	276.2	174.5
<i>ARE</i>	14.45	10.44
$\Delta q\%$	75.8	69.8
<i>Boyd model</i>		
R^2	0.94	0.96
X^2	6363	6137
<i>ARE</i>	315.1	365.6
$\Delta q\%$	106.4	107.5

Supplementary Table 5. The BET surface area, pore volume and mean pore diameters of synthesized catalysts (DB-Perovskite/CAg hybrid) and carbon aerogel (CAg) obtained using N₂ adsorption at 77 °K

Catalysts	BET surface area (m ² g ⁻¹)	Pore volume (cm ³ g ⁻¹)	Mean pore diameter (nm)
Carbon Aerogel	714.93	1.16	11.51
DB-Perovskite	22.681	0.312	24.86
DB-Perovskite/CAg Hybrid	390.23	0.75	16.51

Supplementary Table 6. The mass ratios of the DB-Perovskite/CAg hybrid adsorbent

Elt	Line	Error	W%	Absorption (A %)
Mn	Ka	0.7353	12.40	14.61
Fe	Ka	0.7353	27.17	31.48
Co	Ka	0.7353	25.76	28.30
Sr	La	1.0493	34.67	25.61
			100.00	100.00

Supplementary Table 7. The probable bonding of DB-Perovskite/CAg hybrid

Rank	Bond	d [Å]	d-Ratio
1	Fe O	0.82265	0.43298
2	Fe O	0.82265	0.43298
3	Fe O	0.82265	0.43298
4	Fe O	0.82265	0.43298
5	Fe O	0.82265	0.43298
6	Fe O	0.82265	0.43298
7	Fe O	0.82265	0.43298
8	Fe O	0.82265	0.43298
9	Fe O	0.82265	0.43298
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22	Fe O	0.82265	0.43298
23	Fe O	0.82265	0.43298
24	Fe O	0.82265	0.43298
25	Fe O	2.28378	1.20199
26	Fe O	2.28378	1.20199
27	Fe O	2.28378	1.20199
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29	Fe O	2.28378	1.20199
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37	Fe O	2.28378	1.20199
38	Fe O	2.28378	1.20199
39	Fe O	2.28378	1.20199
40	Fe O	2.28378	1.20199
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46	Fe O	2.28378	1.20199

47	Fe O	2.28378	1.20199
48	Fe O	2.28378	1.20199
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3	Co O	1.06967	0.61124
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34	Co O	1.95568	1.11753
35	Co O	1.95568	1.11753
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44	Co O	2.44228	1.39559
45	Co O	2.44228	1.39559
46	Co O	2.44228	1.39559

47	Co O	2.44228	1.39559
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57	Co O	2.49471	1.42555
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60	Co O	2.49471	1.42555
61	Co O	2.84688	1.62679
62	Co O	2.84688	1.62679
63	Co O	2.84688	1.62679
64	Co O	2.84688	1.62679
65	Co O	2.84688	1.62679
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48	Sr O	2.28627	0.90366
49	Sr O	2.34220	0.92577
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85	Sr O	2.34220	0.92577

86	Sr O	2.34220	0.92577
87	Sr O	2.34220	0.92577
88	Sr O	2.34220	0.92577
89	Sr O	2.34220	0.92577
90	Co O	2.34220	0.92577
91	Co O	2.34220	0.92577
92	Co O	2.34220	0.92577
93	Co O	2.34220	0.92577
94	Co O	2.34220	0.92577
95	Co O	2.34220	0.92577
96	Co O	2.34220	0.92577

Supplementary Table 8. The characteristics of DB-Perovskite/CAg hybrid by Modified Pechini sol-gel obtained X-ray diffraction (XRD, STOE-STADV) that was accompanied by Cu-K α Monochromatic Radiation ($\lambda = 1.54060 \text{ \AA}$) in a voltage of 40Kv and 40 mA electricity flow.

2 Θ	hkl ¹	FWHM ² (β)	Size of crystal ³ (nm)	d-spacing ⁴ (nm)
32.80	110	0.0036	40.76	0.272
44.33	111	0.0045	33.8	0.204
58.59	220	0.0036	44.2	0.157
64.47	300	0.0051	32.2	0.144
68.73	311	0.0036	44.8	0.136
	$V_{lattice} (\text{\AA}^3)^5$	$V_{atomic} (\text{cm}^3/\text{mol})$ of Sr $^{2+}$	Lattice parameters	
DB- Perovskite/CAg Hybrid	174.11	33.72	a = 5.52	

¹Miller index ²Full width at half maximum ³to calculate the size of adsorbent (crystalline size), Scherrer equation was used ⁴inter-atomic spacing ⁵ cell lattice volume

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