## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Boosted ability of ZIF-8 for early-stage adsorption and degradation of chemical warfare agent simulants

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Fig. S1 EDX spectra of (a) ZIF-8, (b) 450-ZIF-8, (c) 500-ZIF-8, (d) 550-ZIF-8, (e) 570-ZIF-8, and (f) 600-ZIF-8.



**Fig. S2** UV-vis spectra showing the adsorption properties of 550-ZIF-8 for the organic pollutants; (a) positively charged methylene blue and (b) negatively charged methyl orange.



**Fig. S3** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra showing CEES adsorption on ZIF samples after 15 min (left) and 4 h (right); (a) ZIF-8, (b) 450-ZIF-8, and (c) 500-ZIF-8.



**Fig. S4** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra showing CEES adsorption on ZIF samples after 15 min (left) and 4 h (right); (a) 550-ZIF-8, (b) 570-ZIF-8, and (c) 600-ZIF-8.



**Fig. S5** IR spectra of (a) ZIF-8, (b) 450-ZIF-8, (c) 500-ZIF-8, (d) 550-ZIF-8, (e) 570-ZIF-8, and (f) 600-ZIF-8 before and after the exposure to CEES vapors.



**Fig. S6** EDX spectra of (a) ZIF-8, (b) 450-ZIF-8, (c) 500-ZIF-8, (d) 550-ZIF-8, (e) 570-ZIF-8, and (f) 600-ZIF-8 after adsorption of CEES.



**Fig. S7** SEM images of (a) ZIF-8, (b) 450-ZIF-8, (c) 500-ZIF-8, (d) 550-ZIF-8, (e) 570-ZIF-8, and (f) 600-ZIF-8 after adsorption of CEES. (g) PXRD patterns of ZIF-8 and T-ZIF-8 samples after adsorption of CEES.



**Fig. S8** (a) Simulated PXRD pattern of ZIF-8. (b) PXRD pattern of ZIF-8 before adsorption of CEES. (c) PXRD pattern of ZIF-8 after adsorption of CEES. (d) PXRD pattern of the sample shown in (c) after washing with methanol to remove the adsorbed CEES.



**Fig. S9** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra showing DMMP adsorption on ZIF samples after 1 h (left) and 5 day (right); (a) ZIF-8, (b) 450-ZIF-8, and (c) 500-ZIF-8.



**Fig. S10** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra showing DMMP adsorption on ZIF samples after 1 h (left) and 5 day (right); (a) 550-ZIF-8, (b) 570-ZIF-8, and (c) 600-ZIF-8.



**Fig. S11** IR spectra of (a) ZIF-8, (b) 450-ZIF-8, (c) 500-ZIF-8, (d) 550-ZIF-8, (e) 570-ZIF-8, and (f) 600-ZIF-8 before and after the exposure to DMMP vapors.



**Fig. S12** EDX spectra of (a) ZIF-8, (b) 450-ZIF-8, (c) 500-ZIF-8, (d) 550-ZIF-8, (e) 570-ZIF-8, and (f) 600-ZIF-8 after adsorption of DMMP.



**Fig. S13** SEM images of (a) ZIF-8, (b) 450-ZIF-8, (c) 500-ZIF-8, (d) 550-ZIF-8, (e) 570-ZIF-8, and (f) 600-ZIF-8 after adsorption of DMMP. (g) PXRD patterns of ZIF-8 and T-ZIF-8 samples after adsorption of DMMP.



**Fig. S14** (a) CEES adsorption kinetic and (b) DMMP adsorption kinetic of ZIF-8 and T-ZIF-8 samples with the pseudo-first order model.



**Fig. S15** <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra showing catalytic degradation of DMMP after 72 h; (a) ZIF-8, and (b) 550-ZIF-8.



Fig. S16 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum showing catalytic degradation of DMMP after 72 h in the presence of 550-ZIF-8.



**Fig. S17** (a) Hydrolytic decomposition of DMNP to dimethoxy phosphate (DMP). (b) The plot for the conversion of DMNP to DMP with 550-ZIF-8 in varied time points. (c) Linear relationship between  $\ln(C_t/C_0)$  and reaction time in the presence of 550-ZIF-8.  $C_0$  and  $C_t$  represent the amounts of DMNP at the initial stage and time t, respectively.



**Fig. S18** <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum showing catalytic degradation of DMNP after 72 h in the presence of 550-ZIF-8.



Fig. S19 Structures and van der Waals models of (a) CEES and (b) DMMP; C: gray, S:

yellow, Cl: green, H: white, O: red, P: purple.

Surface area Total pore vol	
$(m^2 g^{-1})$	$(cm^3 g^{-1})$
1320.1	0.67
1313.4	0.65
1245.2	0.65
1158.7	0.58
913.5	0.44
670.4	0.37
	Surface area (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> ) 1320.1 1313.4 1245.2 1158.7 913.5 670.4

**Table S1** BET surface areas and total pore volumes of ZIF-8 and T-ZIF-8 samples.

**Table S2** Kinetic parameters of the pseudo-first order model for the adsorption of CEES andDMMP on ZIF-8 and T-ZIF-8 samples.

	CEES			DMMP		
	q <sub>e</sub> (mg/g)	k (h <sup>-1</sup> )	R <sup>2</sup>	q <sub>e</sub> (mg/g)	k (h <sup>-1</sup> )	R <sup>2</sup>
ZIF-8	446.4	0.6651	0.9910	404.6	0.0389	0.9993
450-ZIF-8	450.5	0.8375	0.9818	426.6	0.0456	0.9974
500-ZIF-8	500.0	1.0672	0.9842	455.0	0.0856	0.9796
550-ZIF-8	531.8	1.4040	0.9820	497.1	0.0986	0.9818
570-ZIF-8	486.7	0.9235	0.9801	439.3	0.0627	0.9877
600-ZIF-8	278.3	1.0377	0.9680	340.2	0.0401	0.9982