

Supporting Information for

Cooperativity between coordinative unsaturated Fe(III) and aryl- π electrons in MIL-100(Fe) for adsorption of small molecules

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1. Characterization of the as-synthesized MIL-100(Fe) and the packed column

Fig. S1 shows the XPS high resolution Fe 2p spectrum with fitted curve. Fe³⁺ shows two distinguishing peaks at 712.5 and 725.7 eV attributed to Fe 2p_{3/2} and Fe 2p_{1/2}, with corresponding satellites at 716.4 and 730.0 eV.

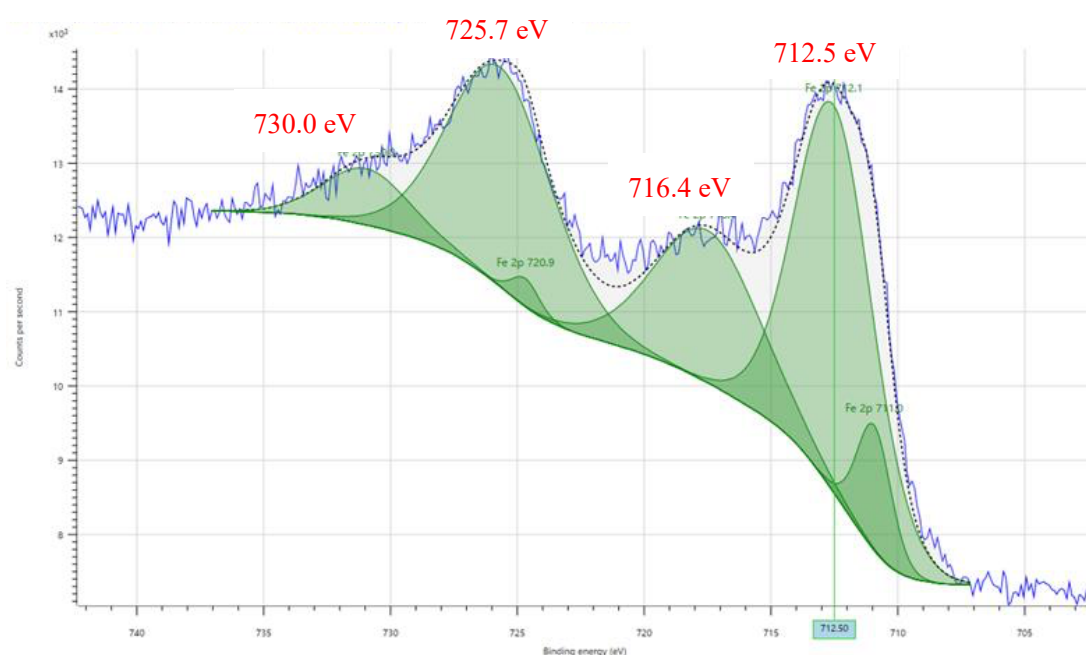


Figure S1. XPS high resolution Fe 2p spectrum of the as-synthesized MIL-100(Fe).

Figure S2 compares chromatograms before and after the flow of 1.0 L mobile phase.

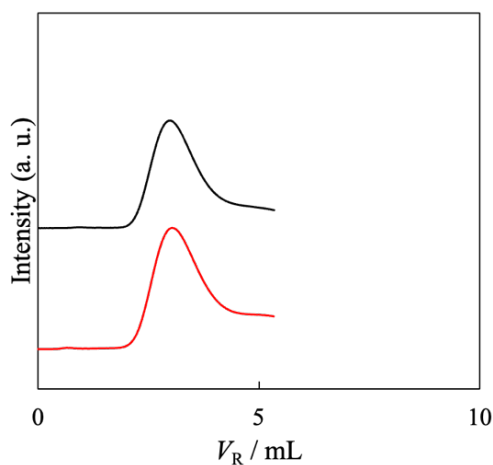


Figure S2 Chromatograms of 1-phenylethanol just after column packing (red) and after 1.0 L of mobile phase flow (black).

Figure S3 shows the excess adsorption isotherm for the MIL-100(Fe) packed column. The excess adsorption of ACN can be calculated as:

$$y_{\text{ACN}} - x_{\text{ACN}} = \frac{V_{\text{ACN}} - V_0}{V_0} x_{\text{ACN}}$$

where y_{ACN} and x_{ACN} are the volume fractions of ACN in the column and the mobile phase, respectively.¹ The experimental details are shown in the previous paper.² When $x=0.3$ (i.e., 30:70 vol% ACN-water), the excess adsorption ratio is approximately 0.75, indicating the presence of an excess ACN adsorption layer on the MIL-100(Fe). This is consistent with the results of the previous study.² Figure S3 compares chromatograms before and after the flow of 1.0 L mobile phase. There is no significant change in the elution time, indicating that the column can be used repeatedly.

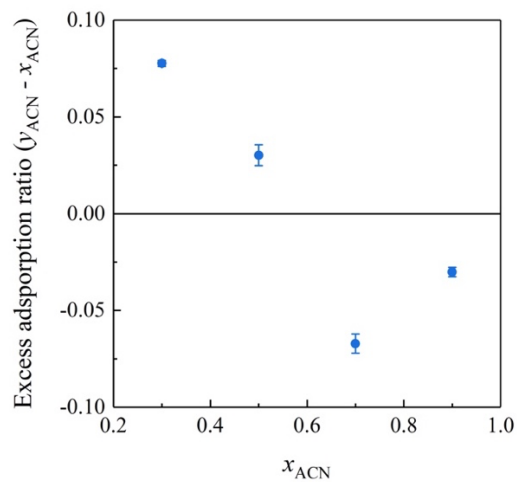


Figure S3 Excess adsorption isotherm of ACN on the as-synthesized MIL-100(Fe).

2. Prediction of retention volumes

Retention volumes of benzene, toluene, naphthalene, o-xylene, ethylbenzene, and m-xylene on C18 and Phe stationary phases were too strong under 30:70 vol% ACN-water mobile phase. Their retention volumes under 30:70 vol% ACN-water were determined by prediction of the linear relationship between $\log k$ and ACN concentration in the range from 45 to 70 vol% (Fig. S4).

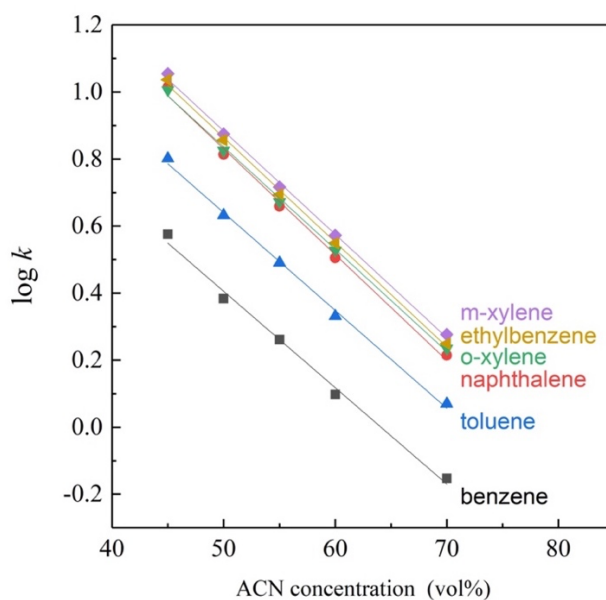


Figure S4 Change in $\log k$ with ACN concentration in the mobile phase for six aromatic hydrocarbons.

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