Adsorptive removal of CO₂ with amine-functionalized mesoporous silica materials prepared via anionic surfactant-mediated synthesis

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A series of directly amine-functionalized mesoporous silica was prepared via the anionic surfactant mediated synthesis method and applied to CO2 adsorption at room temperature. Amine content in the mesoporous material, rather than surface area or pore volume of the silica support, was the most critical factor to achieve a high CO2 adsorption capacity. Covalently bonded amine species in the mesoporous silica were robust enough to maintain virtually the same adsorption performance during a 10-repeated adsorption-desorption cycle.