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Supporting Information

Tailoring Activated Carbons for Efficient Downstream Processing: Selective Liquid-Phase Adsorption of Lysine

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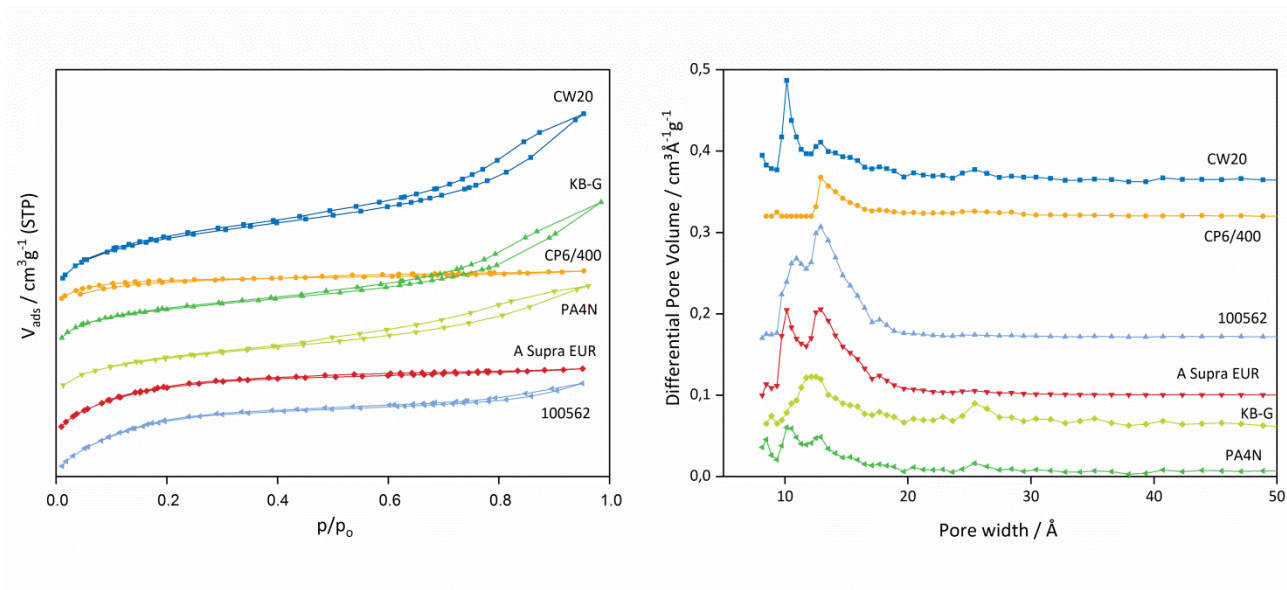


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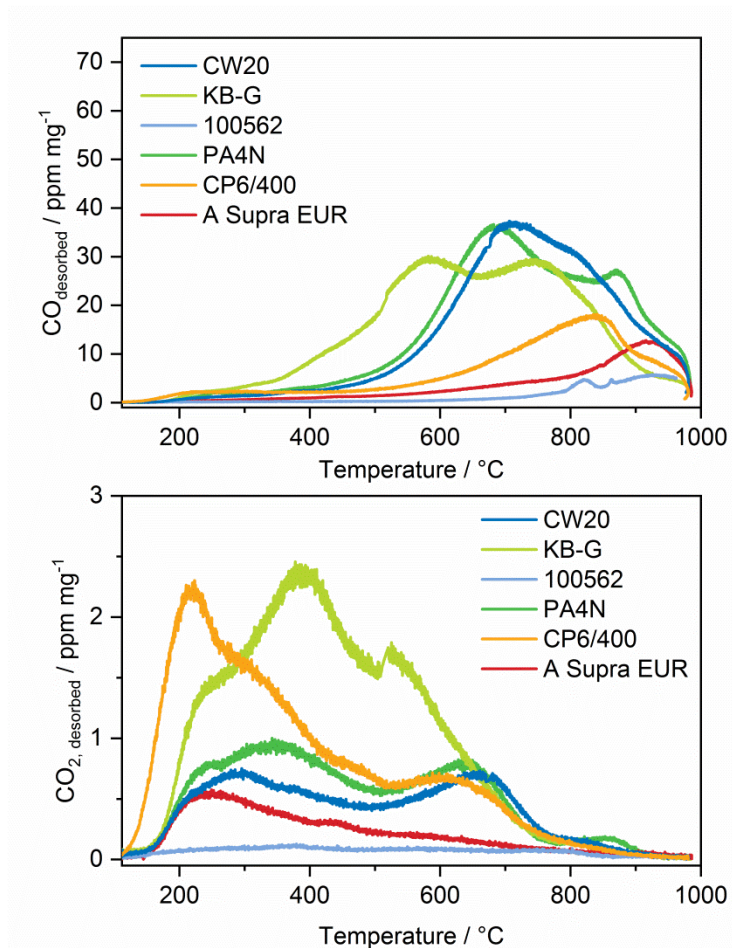


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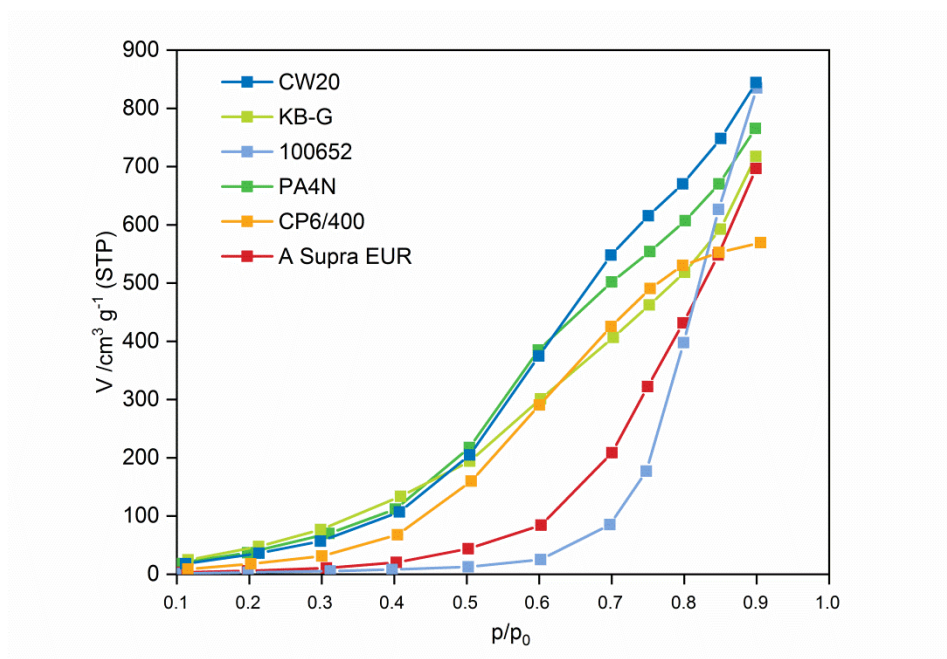


Figure S 3 Water vapor adsorption isotherms of the activated carbons at 30 °C.

Table S 1 Activated carbon surface functionalities obtained by Boehm titration.

Activated Carbon	Carbon surface functionalities ($\mu\text{mol g}^{-1}$)		
	Phenolic	Lactonic	Carboxylic
CW20	317	171	143
KB-G	275	564	261
PA 4N	112	52	483
CP 6/400	142	15	383
A Supra EUR	198	61	37
Blü 100562	85	38	85

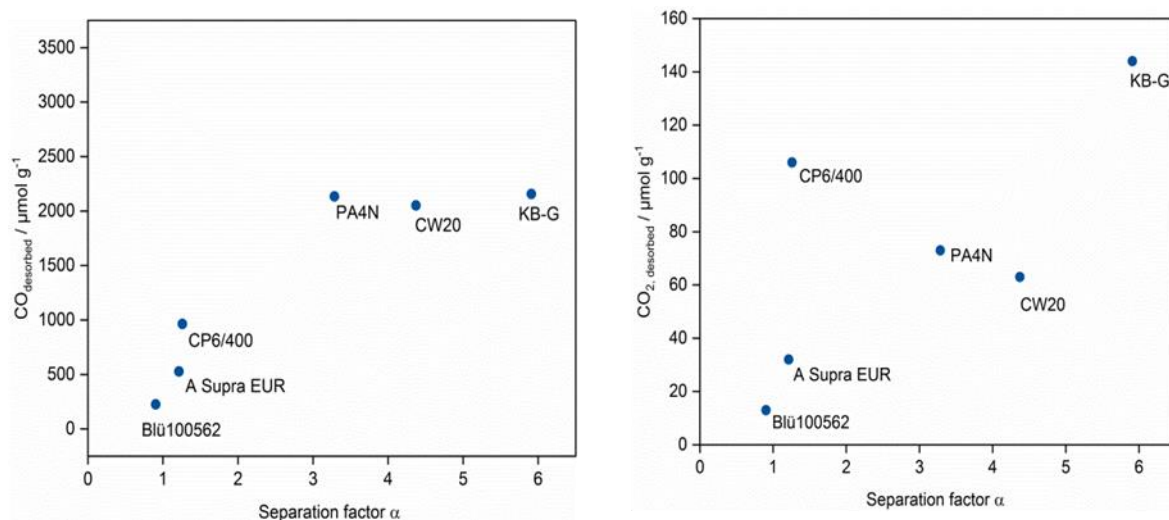


Figure S 4 Separation factor as a function of CO (left) and CO₂ (right) released during TPD-MS analysis for activated carbons.

Table S 2 Results of textural properties for modified Silcarbon CW20 and amounts of CO, CO₂ released obtained by TPD-MS.

Activated Carbon	Textural properties			Desorption ($\mu\text{mol g}^{-1}$) ^c	
	S _{total} (m ² g ⁻¹) ^a	V _{total} (cm ³ g ⁻¹)	V _{micro} (cm ³ g ⁻¹) ^b	CO	CO ₂
CW20	2023	1.83	0.49	2052	63
CW20 ox. 4M HNO ₃	1196	0.87	0.31	4217	522
CW20 red. 300 °C	1713	1.73	0.41	1660	43
CW20 red. 500 °C	1406	1.28	0.34	838	20

^a BET Method, ^b t-plot method, ^c amounts of CO, CO₂ released obtained by TPD-MS.

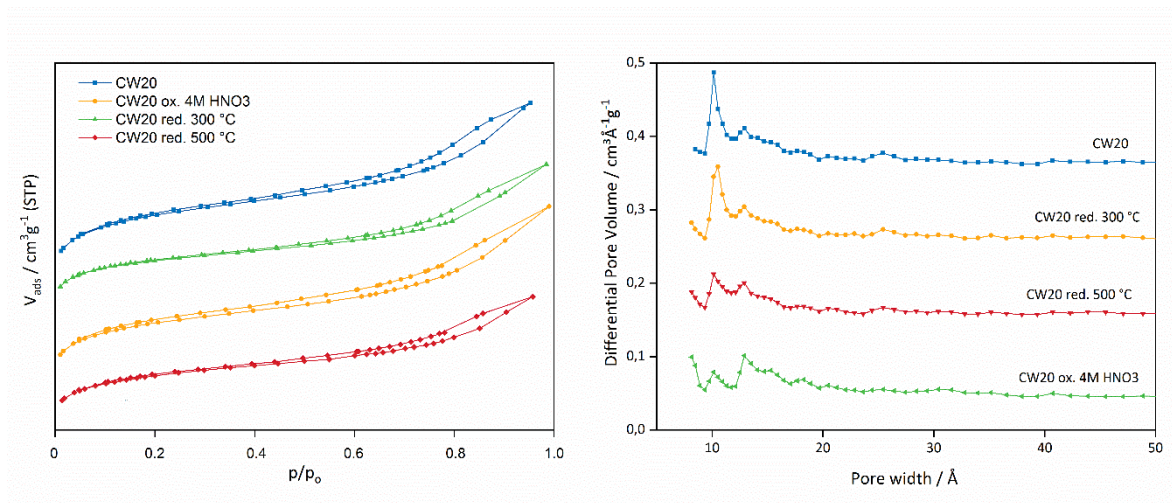


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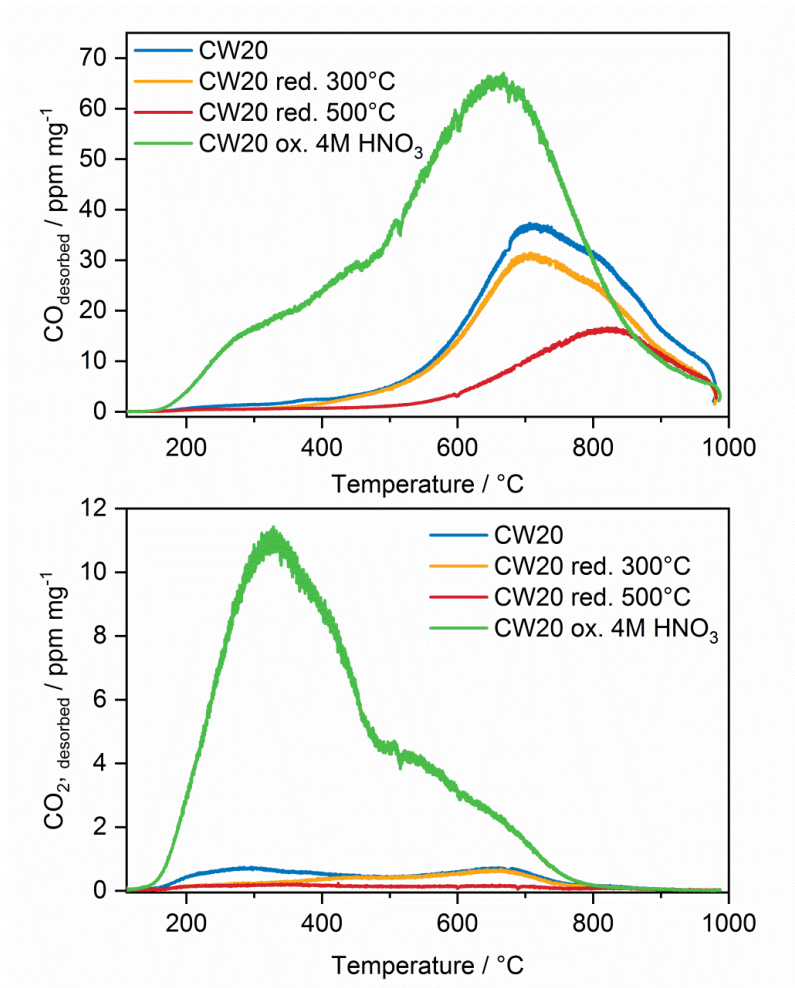


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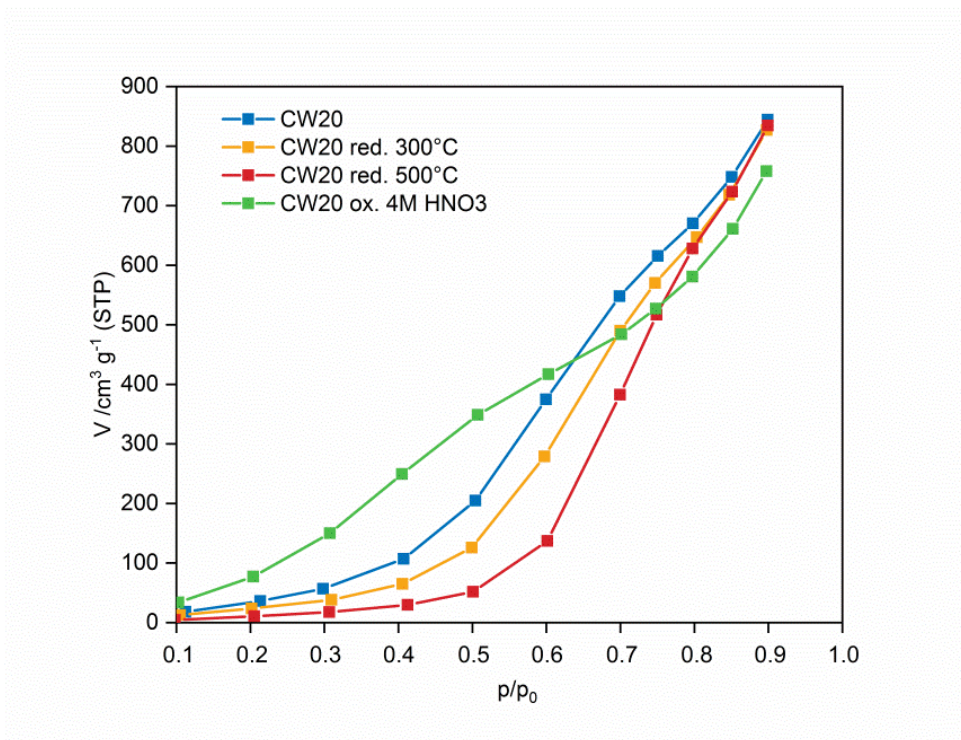


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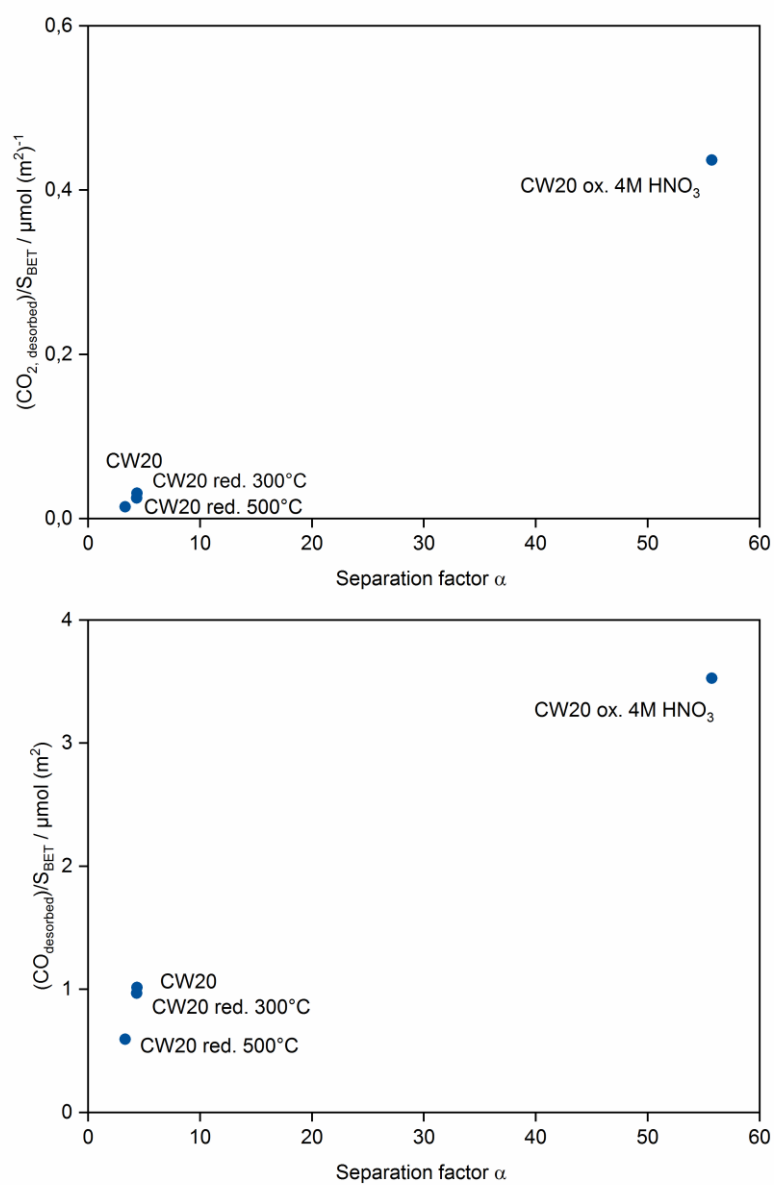


Figure S 8 Separation factor as a function of CO₂ and CO (normalized by specific surface area) released during TPD-MS analysis for modified Silcarbon CW20.

Recycling Study

The recycling studies were conducted in a fixed-bed column setup filled with the activated carbon CW20 (ox. 4M HNO₃) at 30 °C. The adsorptive aqueous solution of lysine was pumped through the fixed-bed by an HPLC pump and a feed flow rate on 1 mL min⁻¹. For desorption studies H₂O was used with a similar flow rate. The fixed-bed contained 0.2 g of adsorbent. Sample fractions were taken each minute and analyzed by HPLC analysis.