

## **Supplementary file**

### **Zero valent nickel nanoparticles decorated polyaniline nanotubes for the efficient removal of Pb(II) from aqueous solution: synthesis, characterization and mechanism investigation**

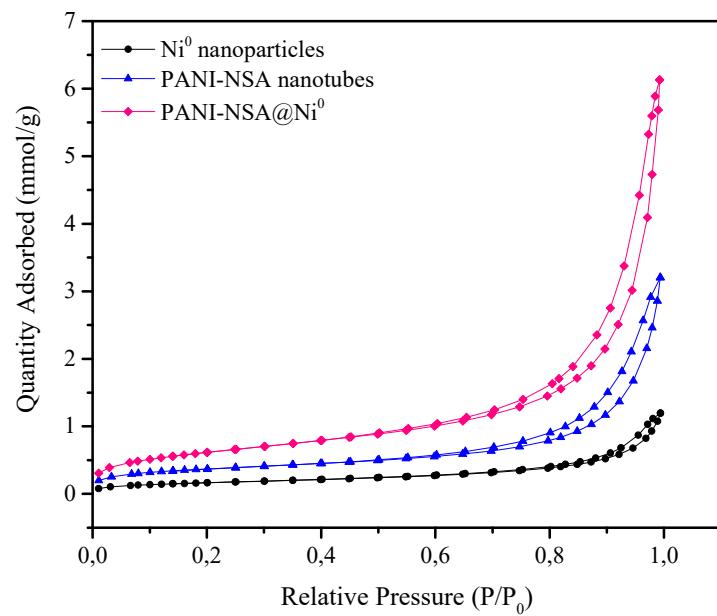
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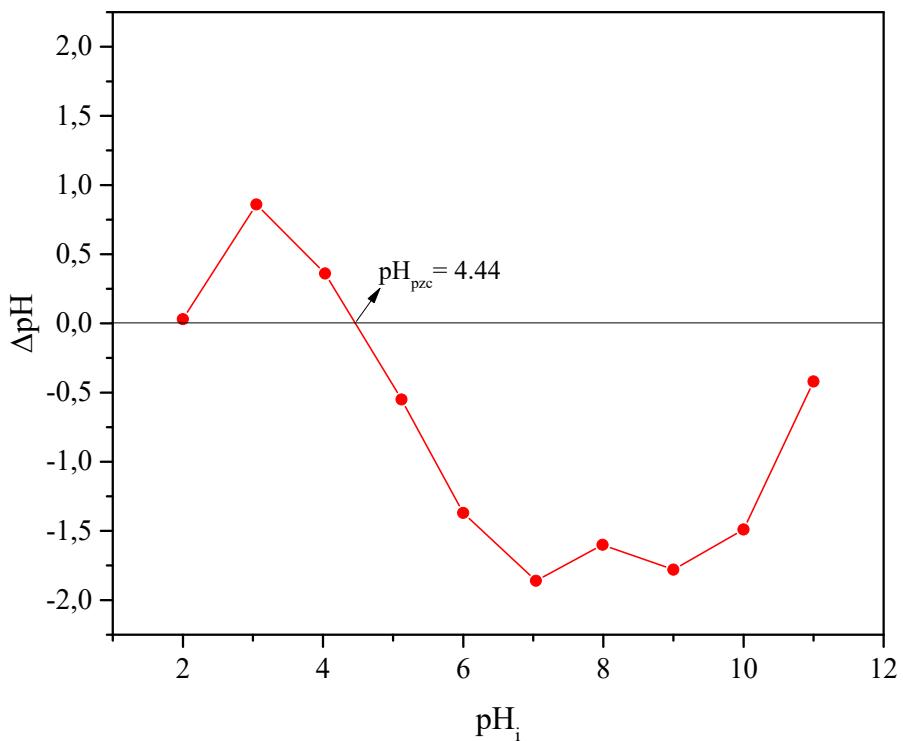
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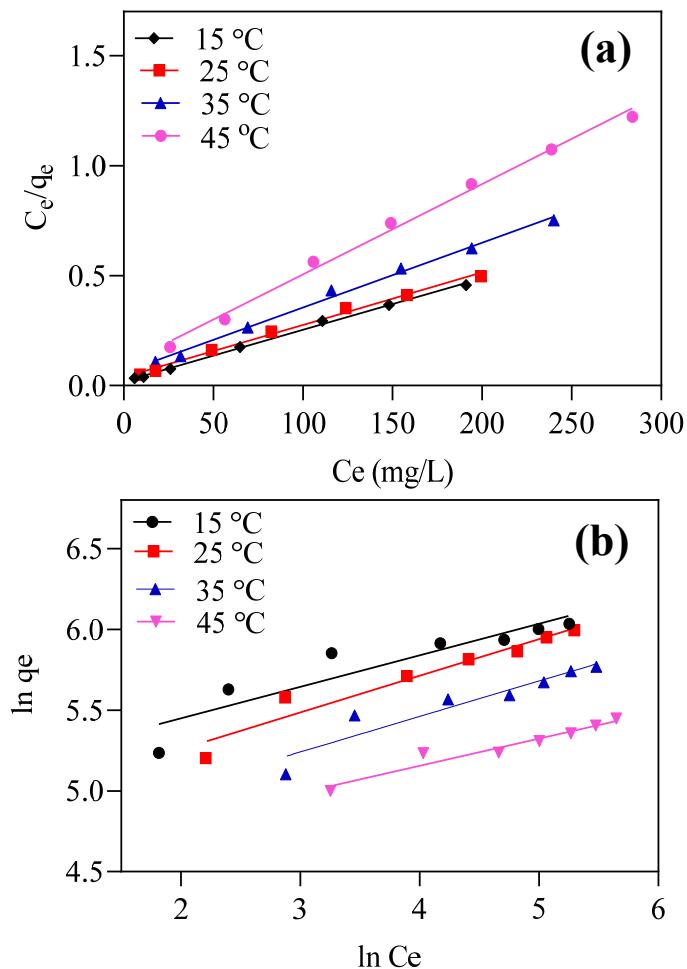
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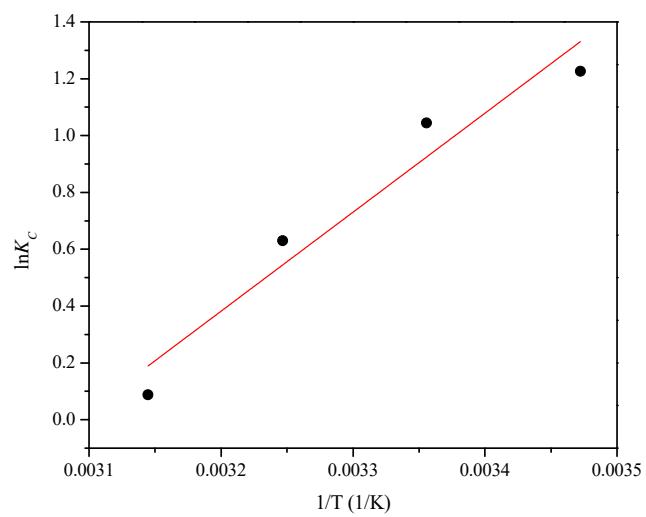
**Fig. S1.** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption-desorption curves of PANI-NSA nanotubes, Ni<sup>0</sup> nanoparticles and PANI-NSA@Ni<sup>0</sup> composite nanotubes.



**Fig. S2.**  $\Delta\text{pH}$  versus initial pH curve to determine PZC of  $\text{PANI-NSA@Ni}^0$  CNs



**Fig. S3.** Fit of experimental isotherm data with (a) linear Langmuir and (b) linear Freundlich model.



**Fig. S4.** A plot of  $\ln K_c$  vs  $1/T$  to determine thermodynamic parameters.