Converting metal-organic framework particles from hydrophilic to hydrophobic by an interfacial assembling route

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Figure S1. N₂ adsorption-desorption isotherms of (a) pristine UiO-66-NH₂ particles and (b) modified UiO-66-NH₂ particles from an emulsion with particle concentration of 1.58 mg mL ⁻¹. The BET surface area and the total pore volume of pristine and modified UiO-66-NH₂ are 1079 m² g⁻¹ and 0.7006 cm³ g⁻¹ and 1098 m² g⁻¹ and 0.7628 cm³ g⁻¹, respectively.



Figure S2. SEM (a-d) and TEM images (e-h) of modified UiO-66-NH₂ nanocrystals obtained from emulsions at particle concentrations (mg mL⁻¹) of (a, e) 14.29, (b, f) 7.27, (c, g) 4.69 and (d, h) 1.94. Scale bars: 10 μ m in a, 3 μ m in b and c, 8 μ m in d, 200 nm in e-h.



Figure S3. Wide-range XPS spectra of (a) pristine UiO-66-NH₂ nanocrystals and modified UiO-66-NH₂ nanocrystals obtained from emulsions at particle concentrations (mg mL⁻¹) of (b) 14.29, (c) 7.27 and (d) 4.69.



Figure S4. C1s XPS spectra of (a) pristine UiO-66-NH₂ nanocrystals and modified UiO-66-NH₂ nanocrystals obtained from emulsions at particle concentrations (mg mL⁻¹) of (b) 14.29, (c) 7.27 and (d) 4.69. The labels (%) refer to the three types of carbon bond: C-C or C=C (284.8 eV), C-O or C-N (286.3 eV) and COOH (288.7 eV).





Figure S5. UV-Vis spectra of solutions of 4.6×10^{-5} mol L⁻¹ Sudan Orange G in hexane containing (a) pristine UiO-66-NH₂ particles and modified UiO-66-NH₂ particles obtained from emulsions at particle concentrations (mg mL⁻¹) of (b) 14.29, (c) 4.69 and (d) 1.58 at different times. The particle concentration in hexane was 2 mg mL⁻¹.



Figure S6. Dependence of the absorbance of Sudan Orange G in hexane $(4.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol } \text{L}^{-1})$ with time in the presence of (a) pristine UiO-66-NH₂ particles and modified UiO-66-NH₂ particles obtained from emulsions at particle concentrations (mg mL⁻¹) of (b) 14.29, (c) 4.69 and (d) 1.58.



Figure S7. Pseudo-first order kinetic plot for Sudan Orange G adsorption on (red) pristine UiO-66-NH₂ particles and modified UiO-66-NH₂ particles obtained from emulsions at particle concentrations (mg mL⁻¹) of (pink) 14.29, (blue) 4.69 and (black) 1.58. The poor linearity proves that the adsorption doesn't follow pseudo-first order kinetics.

Table S1. Parameters relating to the adsorption of Sudan Orange G on pristine UiO-66-NH₂ and modified UiO-66-NH₂ nanocrystals.

Adsorbent	qe,exp ^[c]	k_1 (min ⁻¹) or	q _{e,cal} ^[e]	R ^{2[f]}
	(mg g ⁻¹)	$k_2 (g mg^{-1} min^{-1})^{[d]}$	(mg g ⁻¹)	(%)
UiO-66-NH ₂	2.12 ^[a]	3.43×10 ⁻²	2.40	62.7
M-UiO-66-NH ₂ ^[g]	3.07 ^[a]	7.85×10 ⁻²	1.29	27.1
M-UiO-66-NH ₂ ^[h]	3.87 ^[a]	0.0167	13.02	44.9
M-UiO-66-NH2 ^[i]	4.60 ^[a]	0.1432	8.93	45.7
UiO-66-NH ₂	2.12 ^[b]	0.48	2.11	99.8
M-UiO-66-NH ₂ ^[g]	3.07 ^[b]	4.78	3.08	100.0
M-UiO-66-NH ₂ ^[h]	3.87 ^[b]	4.30	3.88	100.0
M-UiO-66-NH ₂ ^[i]	4.60 ^[b]	1.98	4.61	100.0

^[a] Calculated using pseudo-first order model. ^[b] Calculated using pseudo-second order model. ^[c] The amount of dye adsorbed on the adsorbent (mg g⁻¹) at equilibrium. ^[d] k₁ is the first order rate constant, k₂ is the second order rate constant. ^{[e],[f]} Calculated from linear plot of $ln(q_e-q_t)$ vs t for the pseudo-first order model and linear plot of t/qt vs t for the pseudo-second order model. ^{[g],[h],[i]} Modified UiO-66-NH₂ particles obtained from emulsions at particle concentrations of 14.29, 4.69 and 1.58 mg mL⁻¹, respectively.