

## Supporting information

### **Magnetic Carbon Nanocomposites Derived from Polystyrene with Superior Tetrabromobisphenol A Adsorption Performance**

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### S1. Chemical Structure of TBBPA:

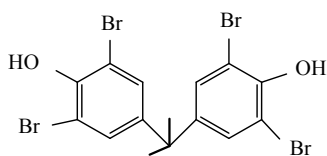


Figure S1. Chemical structure of TBBPA.

### S2. Chemical Structure of Humic Acid:

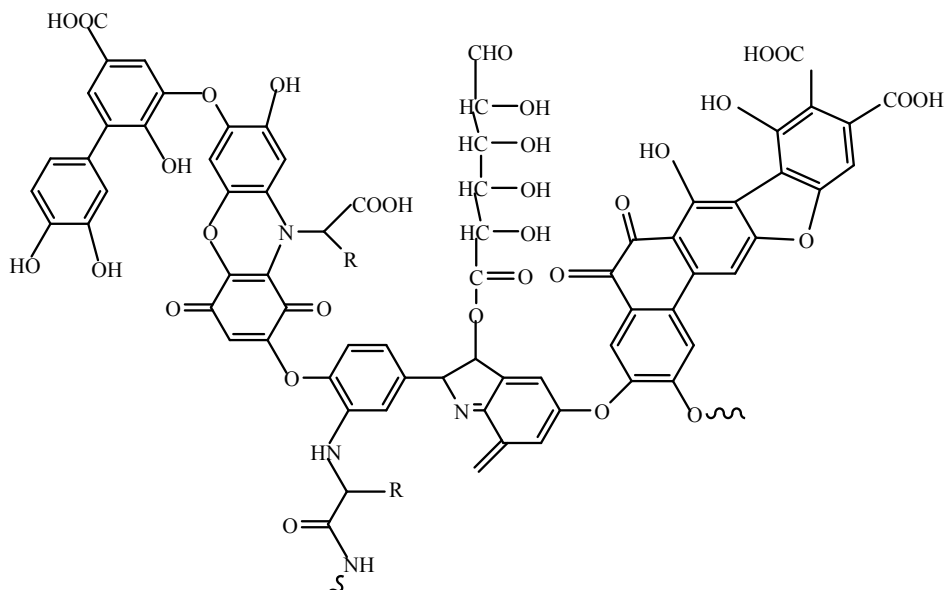


Figure S2. Chemical structure of humic acid.

### S3. $\Delta H^0$ and $\Delta S^0$ Determination:

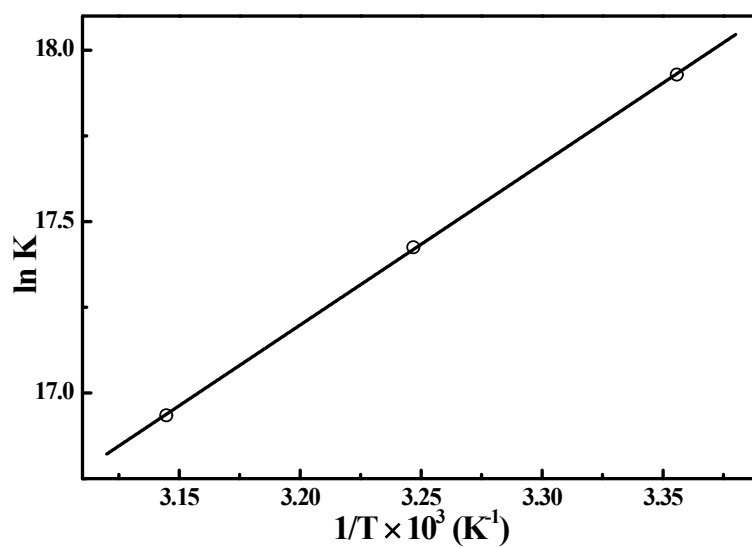
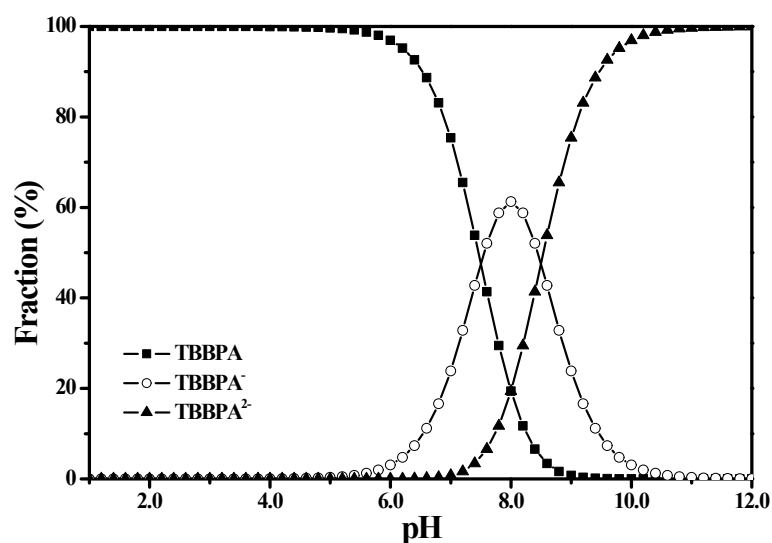


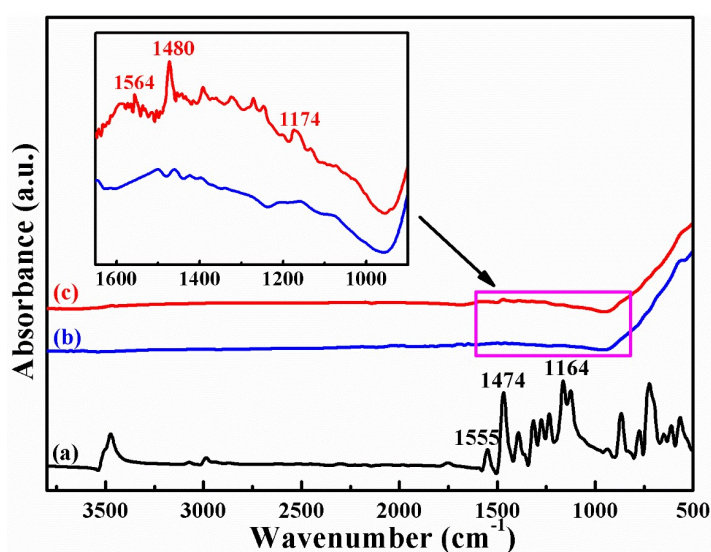
Figure S3. Plot of  $\ln K$  vs.  $1/T \times 10^3$  for adsorption of TBBPA onto MPSN.

#### S4. TBBPA Species Distribution in Different pH Solution:



**Figure S4.** Species distribution of TBBPA as a function of pH (TBBPA = undissociated, TBBPA<sup>-</sup> = monoprotic, TBBPA<sup>2-</sup> = diprotic)<sup>1,2</sup>

#### S5. Adsorption Mechanism Exploration: FT-IR



**Figure S5.** FT-IR spectra of (a) TBBPA, (b) MPSN, (c) after adsorption of MPSN. The inset shows the partial enlarged image from 900 - 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup> of (b) and (c).

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