## **Supporting Information**

# Induction Heating Induced Self-Healing of Nanocomposites Based on Surface-Functionalized Cationic Iron Oxide Particles and Polyelectrolytes

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1. NMR and FTIR spectra of the cationic organophosphorus coupling molecule and its precursors



Figure S1: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of diethyl(6-bromohexyl) phosphonate.



Figure S2: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of diethyl(6-bromohexyl) phosphonate



Figure S3: <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of diethyl(6-bromohexyl) phosphonate.



Figure S4: FTIR spectrum of diethyl(6-bromohexyl) phosphonate.



Figure S5: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 6-(diethoxyphosphoryl)-N,N,N-trimethylhexan-1-aminium bromide.



Figure S6: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of 6-(diethoxyphosphoryl)-N,N,N-trimethylhexan-1-aminium bromide.



Figure S7: <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of 6-(diethoxyphosphoryl)-N,N,N-trimethylhexan-1-aminium bromide.



Figure S8: FTIR spectrum of 6-(diethoxyphosphoryl)-N,N,N-trimethylhexan-1-aminium bromide.



Figure S9: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of N,N,N-trimethyl-6-phosphonhexan-1-aminium bromide.



Figure S10: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of N,N,N-trimethyl-6-phosphonhexan-1-aminium bromide.



Figure S11: <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of N,N,N-trimethyl-6-phosphonhexan-1-aminium bromide.



Figure S 12: FTIR spectrum of N,N,N-trimethyl-6-phosphonhexan-1-aminium bromide.

2. NMR and FTIR spectra of sodium 4-(methacryloyloxy)butan-1-sulfonate



Figure S13: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of sodium 4-(methacryloyloxy)butan-1-sulfonate.



Figure S14: <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of sodium 4-(methacryloyloxy)butan-1-sulfonate.



Figure S15: FTIR spectrum of sodium 4-(methacryloyloxy)butan-1-sulfonate.

3. FTIR spectra of the synthesized copolymers



Figure S16: FTIR spectra of the synthesized copolymers.

### 4. FTIR spectra of the synthesized composites



Figure S17: Ir spectra of the a) <sup>10</sup>Pol, b) <sup>8</sup>Pol, c) <sup>5</sup>Pol and d) <sup>3</sup>Pol based nanocomposites.

5. FTIR, DLS and TGA measurements of  $OA@Fe_XO_Y$ 



Figure S18: FTIR spectra of Oleic acid (red) and OA@Fe<sub>X</sub>O<sub>Y</sub>.



Figure S19: DLS curves of OA@Fe<sub>X</sub>O<sub>Y</sub> from three different batches in *n*-hexane.



Figure S20: TGA curves of OA@Fe<sub>X</sub>O<sub>Y</sub> from three different batches.

6. NMR, CHN and TGA data of  $^{0.025}P@Fe_XO_Y - ^{0.600}P@Fe_XO_Y$ 



Figure S21: <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra of the supernatant solutions of <sup>0.025</sup>P@Fe<sub>X</sub>O<sub>Y</sub> - <sup>0.600</sup>P@Fe<sub>X</sub>O<sub>Y</sub>.

Sample	TG Residual Mass [%]		CHN [%]			Surface Coverage [mmol/g]		
	25-880°C N <sub>2</sub>	880-1000°C air	С	Н	Ν	С	Н	Ν
OA@Fe <sub>X</sub> O <sub>Y</sub>	80.28	83.41	9.09	1.71	-	0.52	0.62	-
$^{0.025}$ P@Fe <sub>X</sub> O <sub>Y</sub>	78.38	84.95	8.93	1.63	0.48	1.05	0.90	0.44
<sup>0.050</sup> P@Fe <sub>X</sub> O <sub>Y</sub>	73.71	83.30	9.34	1.88	0.73	1.17	1.10	0.71
$^{0.100}$ P@Fe <sub>X</sub> O <sub>Y</sub>	71.51	81.64	10.45	2.34	0.89	1.35	1.41	0.89
<sup>0.200</sup> P@Fe <sub>X</sub> O <sub>Y</sub>	69.50	80.68	11.30	2.48	1.00	1.50	1.54	1.03
<sup>0.300</sup> P@Fe <sub>X</sub> O <sub>Y</sub>	69.04	79.62	11.94	2.51	1.11	1.60	1.57	1.15
$^{0.400}$ P@Fe <sub>X</sub> O <sub>Y</sub>	67.90	79.04	12.31	2.64	1.10	1.68	1.68	1.16
<sup>0.600</sup> P@Fe <sub>X</sub> O <sub>Y</sub>	66.18	77.84	12.44	2.53	1.26	1.74	1.65	1.36

Table S1: TGA and CHN values of oleic acid and the phosphonic acid functionalized nanoparticles.

Table S2: Residual C and H content after subtraction of the phosphonic acid proportion.

C <sub>exp</sub>	<b>H</b> <sub>exp</sub>	N <sub>exp</sub>	C <sub>phos</sub>	H <sub>phos</sub>	N <sub>phos</sub>	<b>C</b> <sub>resid</sub>	<b>H</b> <sub>resid</sub>	N <sub>resid</sub>	C:H <sub>resid</sub>
8,93	1,63	0,48	3,70	0,79	0,48	5,23	0,84	-	6,25
9,34	1,88	0,73	5,63	1,21	0,73	3,71	0,67	-	5,51
10,45	2,34	0,89	6,86	1,47	0,89	3,59	0,87	-	4,13
11,30	2,48	1,00	7,71	1,65	1,00	3,59	0,83	-	4,34
11,94	2,51	1,11	8,56	1,83	1,11	3,38	0,68	-	5,01
12,31	2,64	1,10	8,48	1,82	1,10	3,83	0,82	-	4,66
12,44	2,53	1,26	9,71	2,08	1,26	2,73	0,45	-	6,09

Sample	CHN [%]			
	С	Н	N	
0.200P@Fe <sub>X</sub> O <sub>Y</sub>	11.30	2.48	1.00	
$^{0.200}$ P@Fe <sub>X</sub> O <sub>Y</sub> (pH = 11.5)	3.97	1.18	-	
OA@ Fe <sub>X</sub> O <sub>Y</sub>	9.09	1.71	-	
$OA@ Fe_XO_Y (pH = 11.5)$	8.19	1.58	-	

Table S3: CHN values of  ${}^{0.200}P@Fe_XO_Y$  before and after base treatment (pH = 11.5).

#### 7. Investigations on phosphonic acid desorption



Figure S22: <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra of the supernatant solution of <sup>0.200</sup>P@Fe<sub>X</sub>O<sub>Y</sub> (pH = 11.5) in comparison with the free phosphonic acid.

## 8. NMR, FTIR and DSC data of the homopolymers



Figure S23: <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of a) P(DEGMA) and b) P(SMBS).



Figure S24: FTIR spectra of a) P(DEGMA) and b) P(SMBS).



Figure S25: DSC curves of a) P(SMBS) and b) P(DEGMA).  $T_g$  determined at  $1/2\Delta c_{p.}$ 

## 9. DSC and TGA data of P(SS)



Figure S26: DSC curve of polystyrene sulfonate.



Figure S27: TGA of polystyrene sulfonate.

#### 10. TGA and DSC data of the synthesized composite materials



Figure S 28: Thermogravimetric analysis of the synthesized composites. a) <sup>10</sup>Pol, b) <sup>8</sup>Pol, c) <sup>5</sup>Pol and d) <sup>3</sup>Pol based systems.



Figure S 29: DSC of the synthesized composites. a) <sup>10</sup>Pol, b) <sup>8</sup>Pol, c) <sup>5</sup>Pol and d) <sup>3</sup>Pol based

systems.

11. Control experiments for the field induced healing experiments



Figure S30: Control heating studies for <sup>3</sup>Pol in alternating magnetic fields. Frequency: 313 kHz, percentage values refer to the applied part of the total generator power of 5000 W for the respective heating segment.



Figure S31: Microscope images of the a) untreated sample <sup>3</sup>Pol, b) cut sample, healed sample after c) 24 h and d) 48 h in the induction furnace at a generator power of 4500 W and 313 kHz.