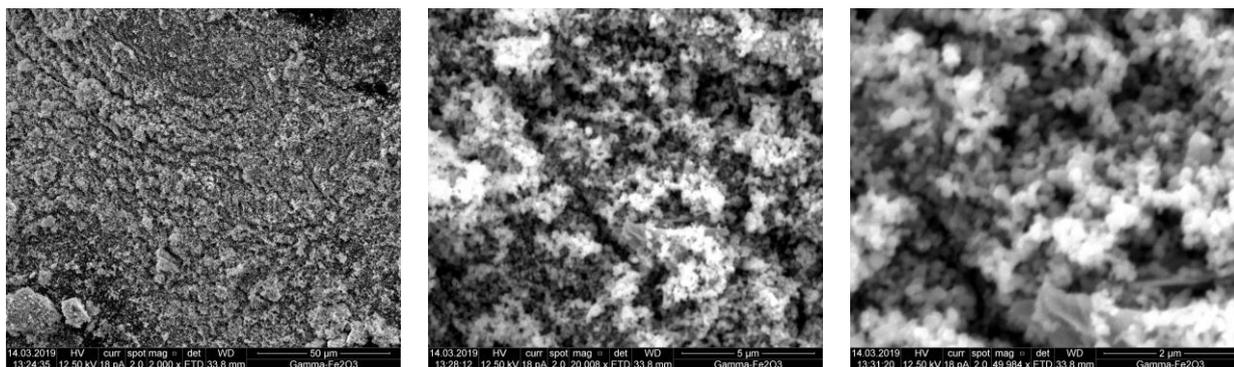
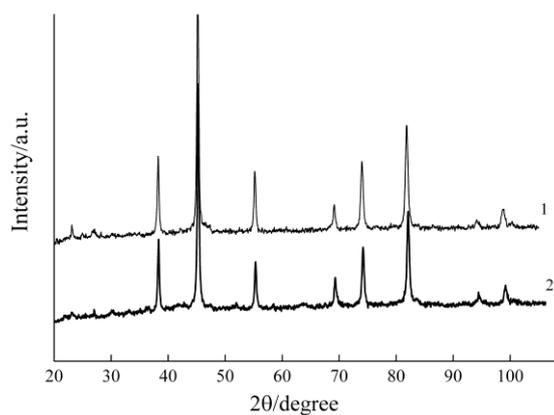


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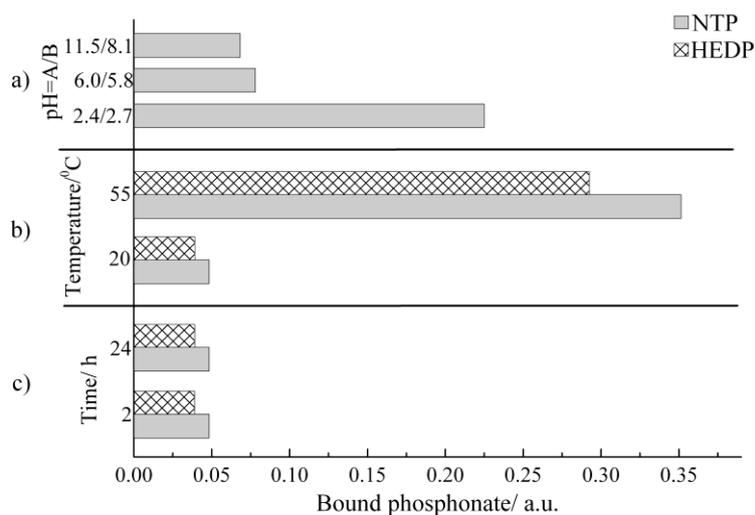
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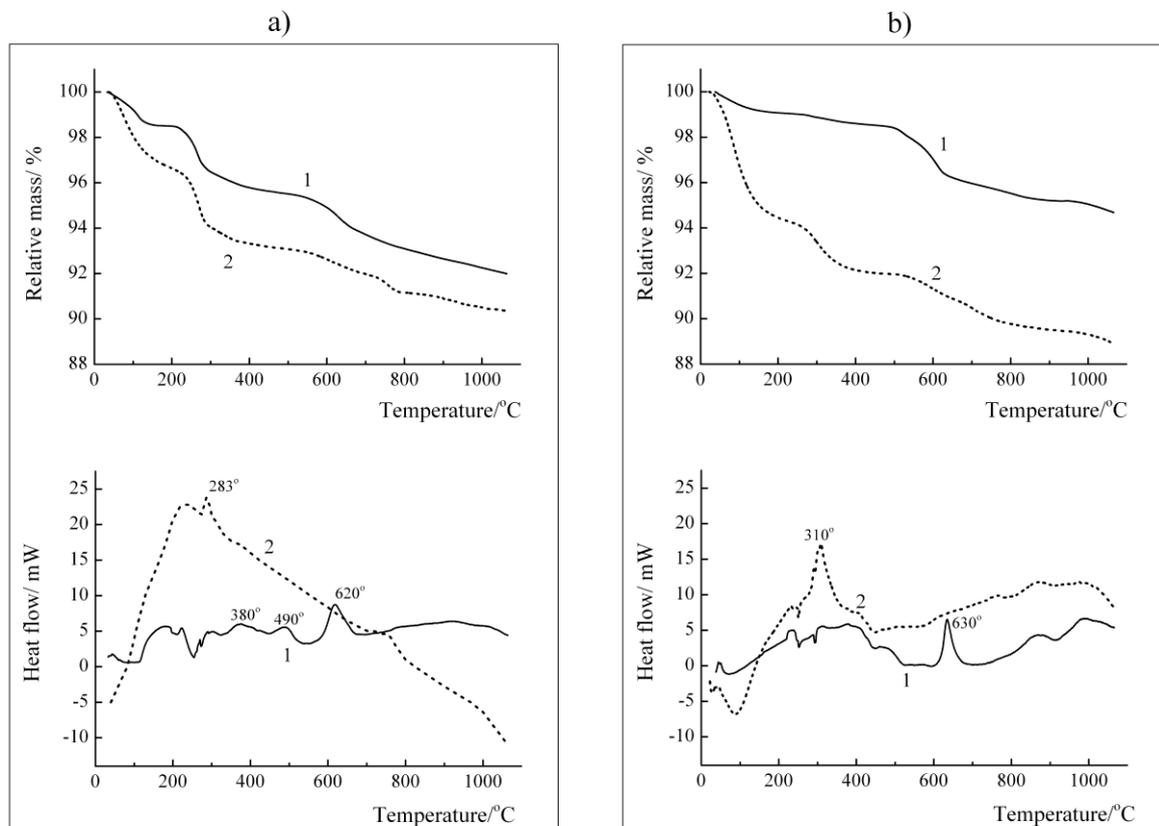
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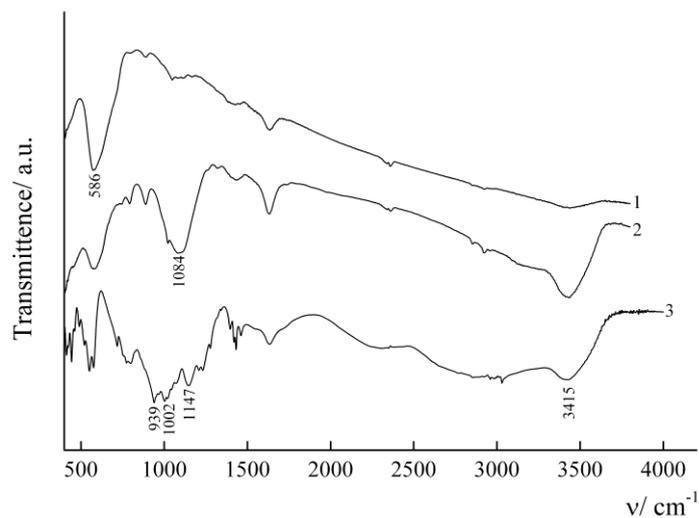
**Figure S2** X-ray diffraction spectra of Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (1) and  $\gamma$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (2) recorded on a DRON 6 X-ray diffractometer with Fe- K<sub>α</sub> source ( $\lambda = 0.19360$  nm).



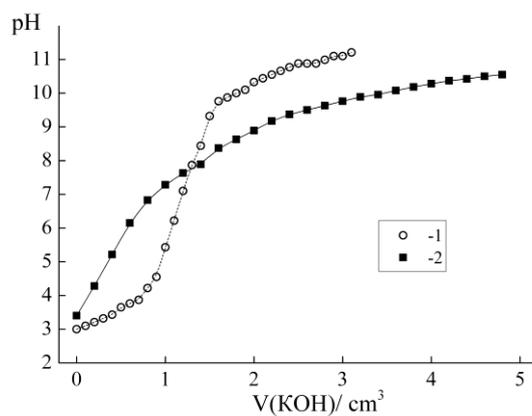
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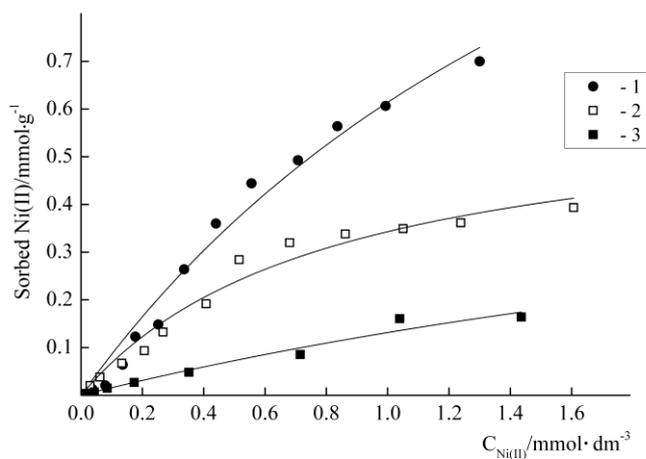
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**Figure S5** FTIR spectra of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  (1), NTP-  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  (2) and NTP (3).



**Figure S6** Acid-base titration curves of  $\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  (1) and NTP-  $\gamma\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  (2).  $C_{\text{sorbent}} = 10 \text{ g dm}^{-3}$ ,  $C_{\text{KOH}} = 0.1 \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ .



**Figure S7** Sorption isotherms of  $\text{Ni}^{\text{II}}$  onto  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  (1), HEDP-  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  (2), and NTP-  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  (3).  $C_{\text{sorbent}} = 1 \text{ g dm}^{-3}$ ,  $\text{pH} = 4\text{--}5$ .