



Supplementary Fig. S6 Speciation of pNPP in aqueous solution with an ionic strength of 5 mM at 25 °C. The acid dissociation constants of pNPP, pK_{a1} and pK_{a2} , are 5.2 and 5.8 [12]. The activity coefficients for the deprotonated species $pNPP^-$ and $pNPP^{2-}$ were estimated to be 0.93 and 0.74, respectively, according to the Davies Equation.

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