

Supporting Information

Photopolymerization of zeolite/polymer based composites: towards 3D and 4D printing applications

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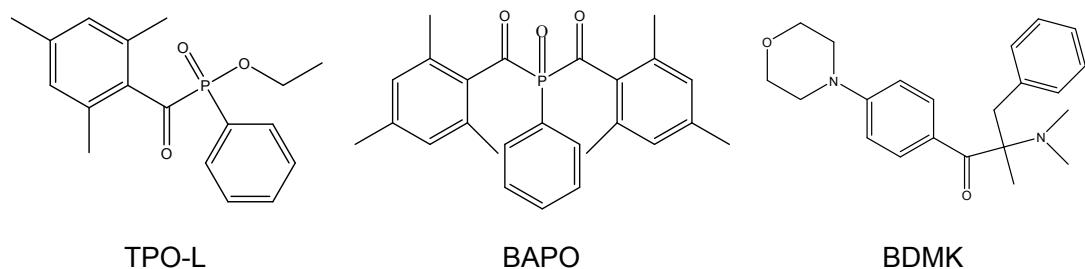
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Scheme S1. Chemical structures of photoinitiators



Scheme S2. Chemical structures of monomers

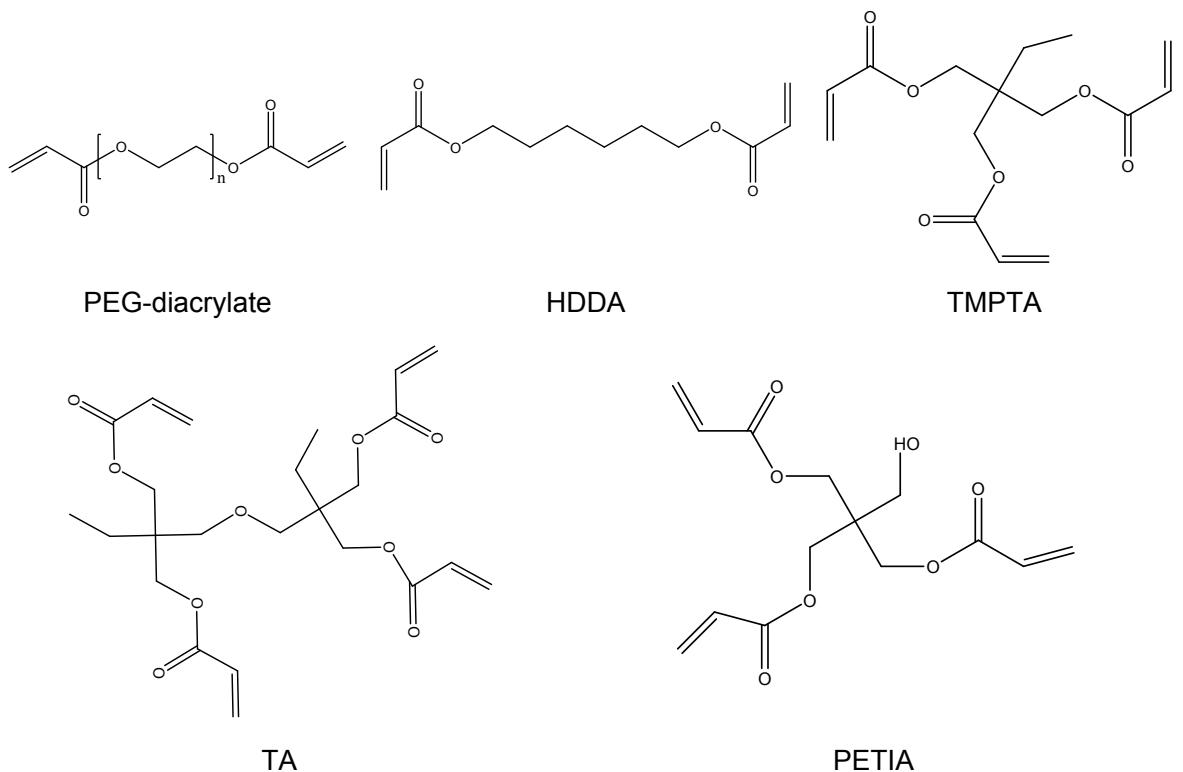


Table S1. Details for the seven types of zeolites used as fillers in this work

Filler	Framework Type Code	Supplier	Si/Al	Na/Al	Crystal Size (av diam, μm)	Framework Density (T = Si, Al)
LTA-5A	LTA	Union Carbide	0.9	0.3	2.6	14.2 T/1000 Å ³
EMT	EMT	Self-synthesized	3.7	1.0	1.3	13.3 T/1000 Å ³
FAU1	FAU	Crossfield	2.7	1.0	0.6	14.2 T/1000 Å ³
FAU2	FAU	Zeocat	2.7	< 0.03	0.6	13.3 T/1000 Å ³
FAU-13X	FAU	Sigma-Aldrich	1.2	1.1	2.7	13.3 T/1000 Å ³
BEA1	* BEA	Clariant	88.0	-	0.3	15.3 T/1000 Å ³
BEA2	* BEA	Clariant	75.5	-	0.3	15.3 T/1000 Å ³

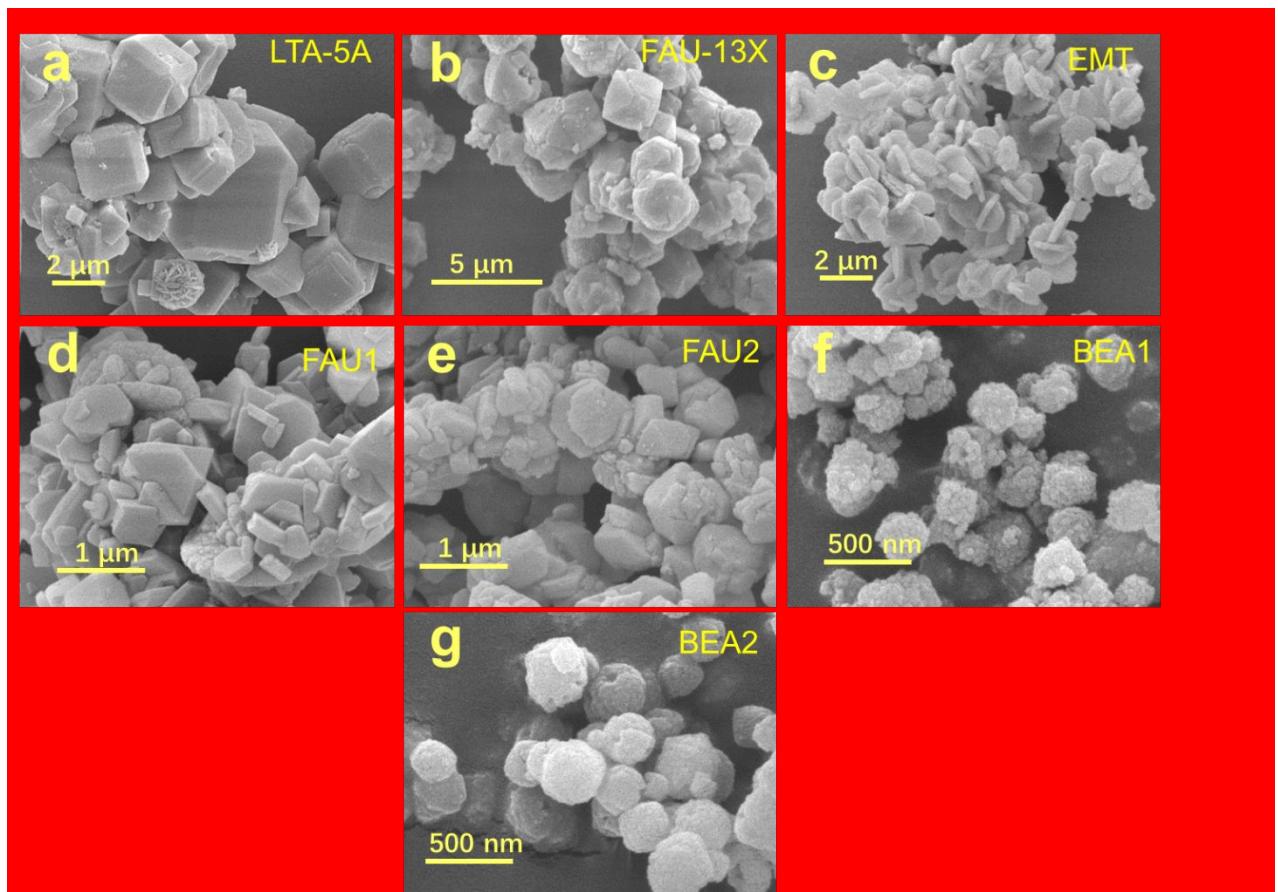


Figure S1. SEM images for (a) LTA-5A, (b) FAU-13X, (c) EMT, (d) FAU1, (e) FAU2, (f) BEA1 and (g)BEA2.

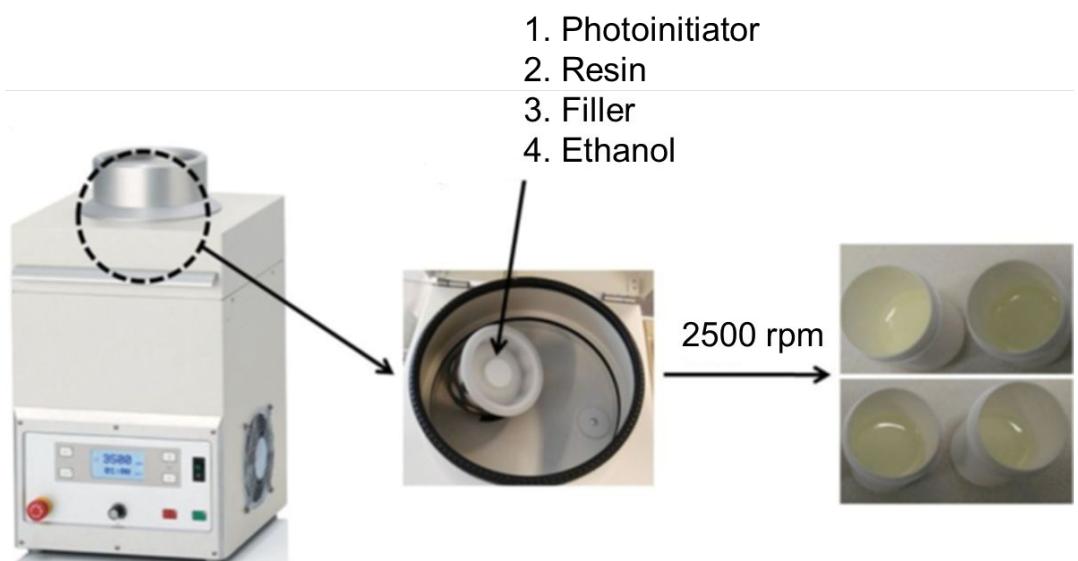


Figure S2. Experimental setup illustration for the homogeneous mixing of monomer, filler, photoinitiator and ethanol.

Table S2. Formulation used to prepare composites

Formulation	Monomer/ %	Filler/ %	Initiator/ %	Total sample/g	Ethanol/ g ^a
1	90	9	1	2.22	1
2	79	20	1	2.53	1
3	66	33	1	3.03	1
4	49	50	1	4.04	1
5	39	60	1	5.05	1
6	32	67	1	6.12	1
7	29	70	1	6.73	1
9	24	75	1	8.08	0.513

^a: After light-curing@405 nm, ethanol was removed by heating at 50 °C for 24 h for the access to high fillers content. Therefore, the weight of ethanol was not included in the total sample weight.

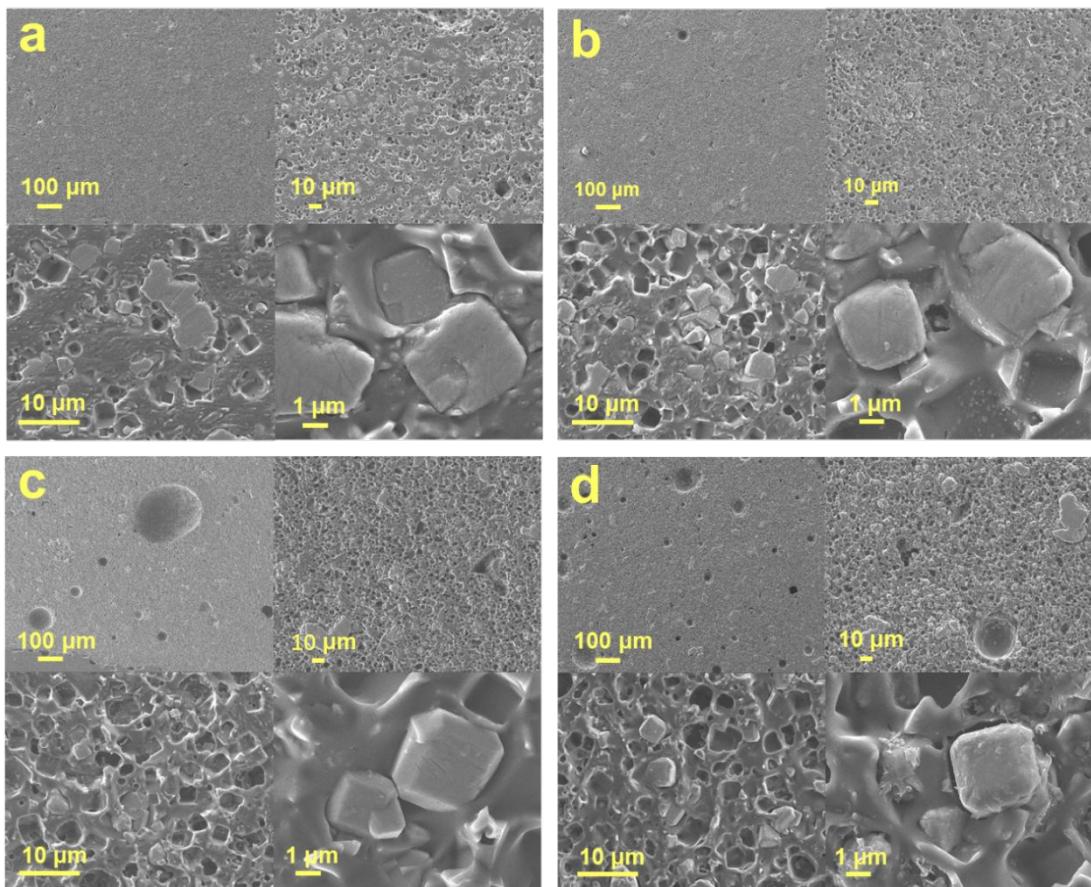


Figure S3. SEM images for composites containing LTA-5A: (a) PEG-diacrylate-LTA-5A @50%, (b) PEG-diacrylate-LTA-5A @60%, (c) PEG-diacrylate-LTA-5A @67%, (d) PEG-diacrylate-LTA-5A @75%.

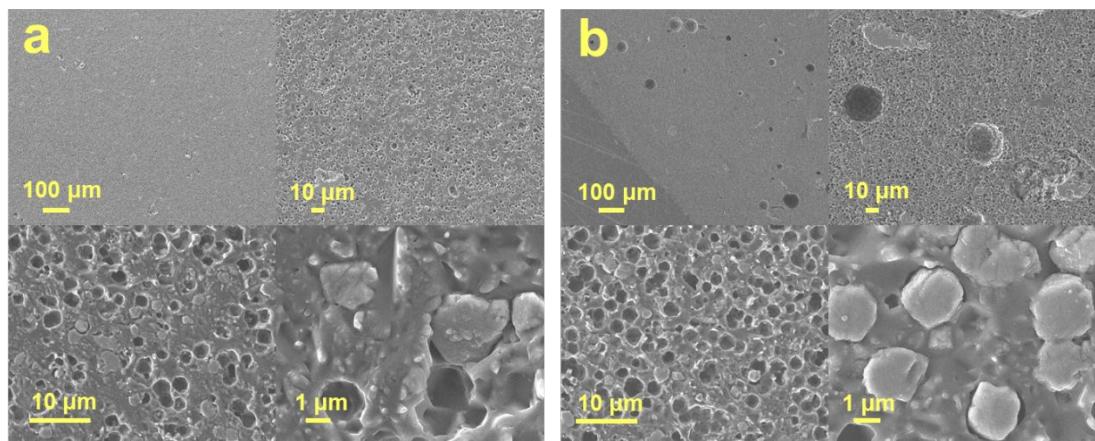


Figure S4. SEM images for composites containing FAU-13X: (a) PEG-diacrylate-FAU-13X@50%, (b) PEG-diacrylate-FAU-13X@60%.

Table S3. Weight loss values highlighted by TGA for LTA-5A, PEG-diacrylate and composite materials.

Filler (%)^a	LTA-5A	0	9.0	20.0	33.1	49.3	59.4	66.0	69.3	74.2^b
T_{max} (°C)^c	-	422	418	417	415	416	415	415	418	413
WL1 (%) (50-350°C)	16.0	0	1.7	4.0	5.2	7.2	8.2	9.5	9.0	12.0
WZC (%)	-	0	1.4	3.2	5.3	7.9	9.5	10.6	11.1	11.9 ^b
WL2 (%) (350-480°C)	0.4	95.3	88.0	73.1	61.9	47.7	39.3	33.2	30.2	25.2
MC (%)	-	98.9	90.0	79.0	65.9	49.6	39.6	33.0	29.7	24.8 ^b

^a : calculated by taking into account the amount of zeolite, monomer and PI weighed to prepare the formulation (Table S1).

^b : without taking into account of the ethanol that has evaporated after light-curing@405 nm.

^c : temperature of the maximum decomposition rate.

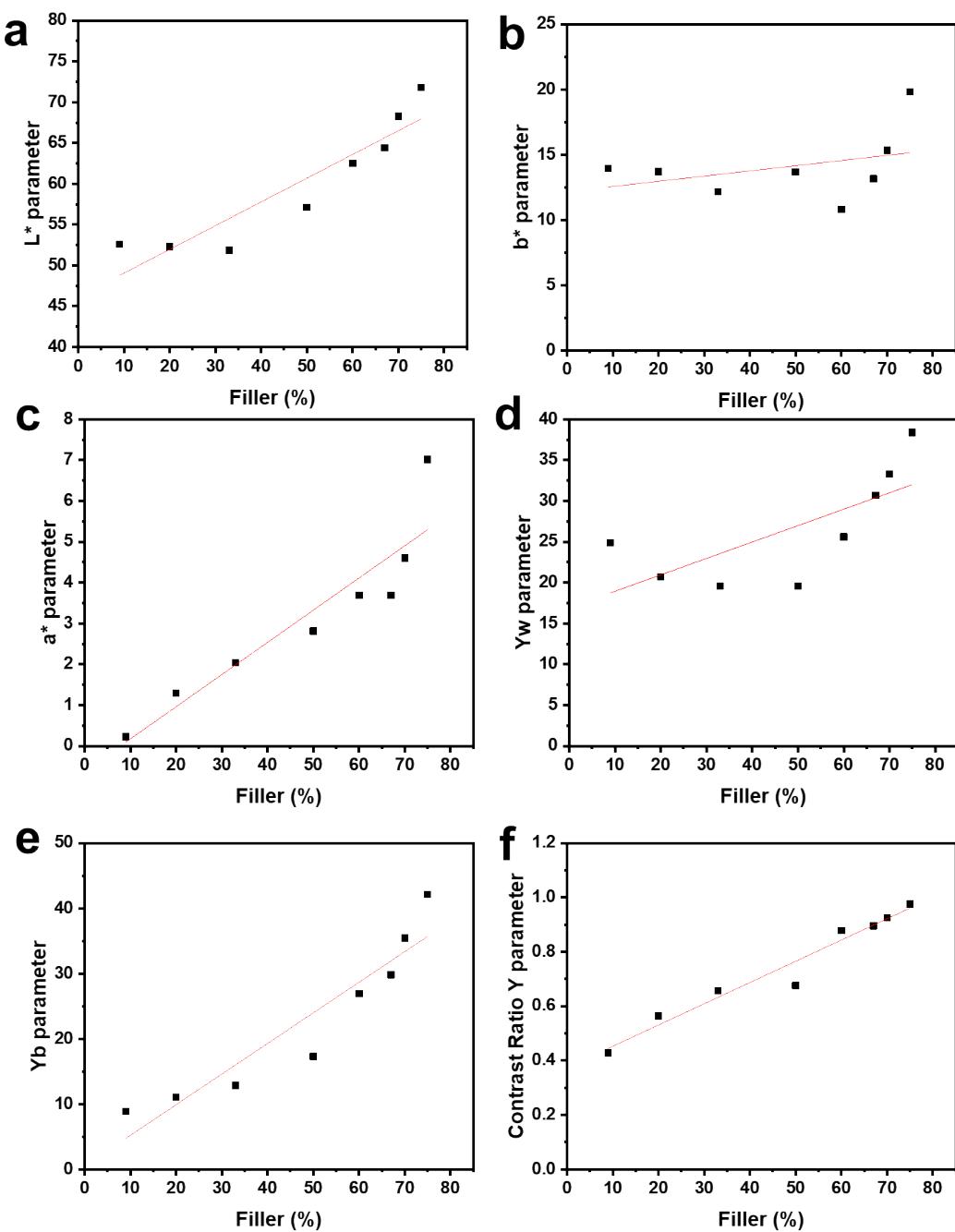


Figure S5. Colorimetric parameters vs. filler contents. (a) L* parameter vs. filler content; (b) b* parameter vs. filler content; (c) a* parameter vs. filler content; (d) Yw parameter vs. filler content; (e) Yb parameter vs. filler content; (f) Contrast Ratio Y parameter vs. filler content. **Linear relationships are not expected.**

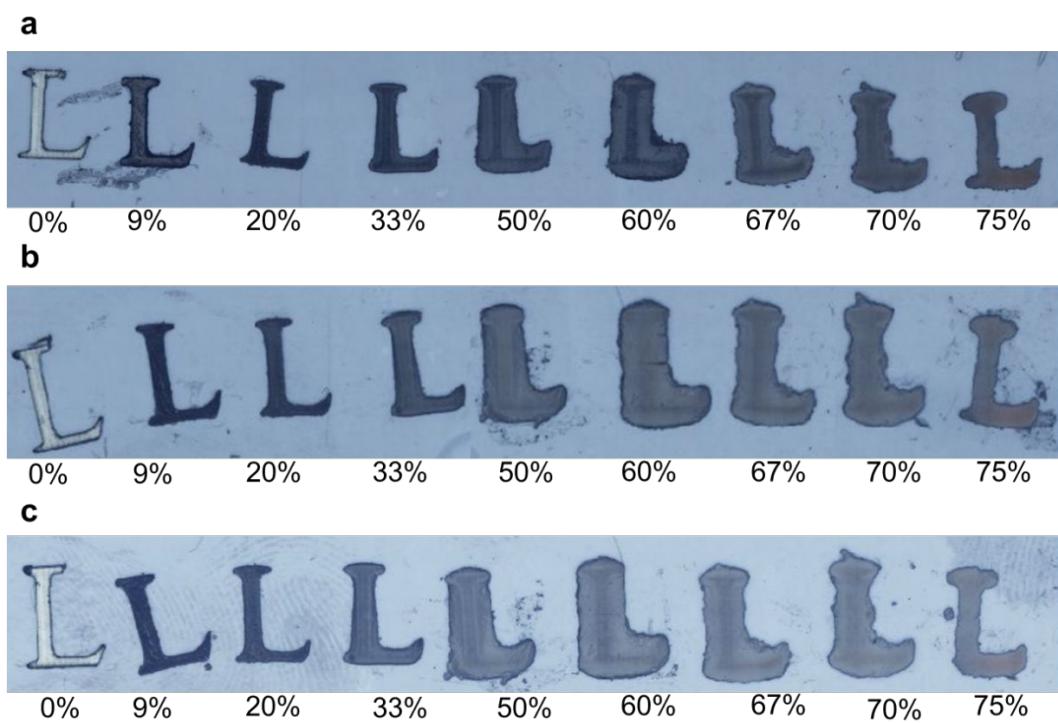


Figure S6. (a) NOM of composites containing LTA-5A before water swelling (b) NOM of composites containing LTA-5A after water swelling, (c) NOM of composites containing LTA-5A after heating at 75°C for 4h (water removal).

Table S4. The percentual variation of the volume for the comparison of the patterns in the cycle: starting (R_1), water swelling (R_2), water removal (R_3).¹

Filler (%)	0	9	20	33	50	60	67	70	75
R_1 (%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R_2 (%)	74.2	70.9	70.9	70.9	60.6	48.1	45.8	46.4	37.5
R_3 (%)	1.3	0	0	0	0	-3.3	2.3	3.7	0.9

¹: The length, width and height of the letters were measured to calculate V_1 (starting volume), V_2 (volume after water swelling) and V_3 (volume after water removal).

²: The percentual variation of the volume (R) was calculated by equation: $R_1=0\%$, $R_2=\frac{V_2-V_1}{V_1} \times 100\%$,

$$R_3=\frac{V_3-V_1}{V_1} \times 100\%.$$

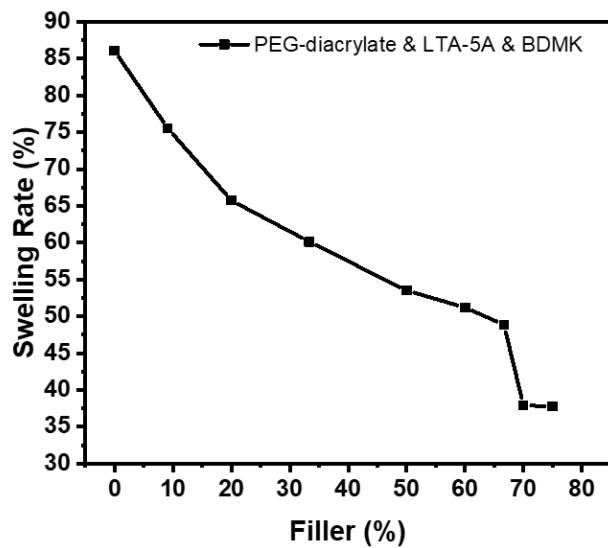


Figure S7. Water swelling property of composites containing LTA-5A (monomer: PEG-diacrylate; photoinitiator: BDMK; polymerization @405 nm).

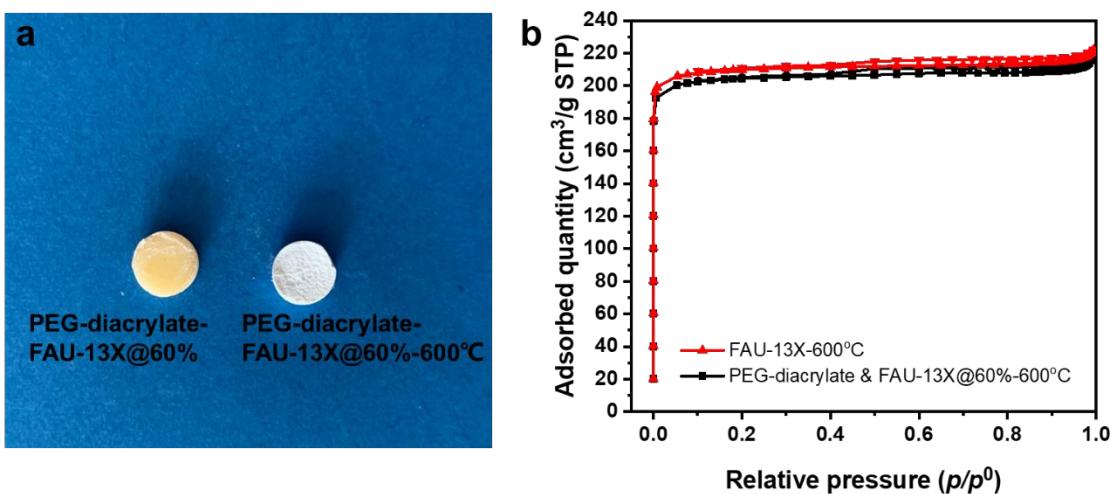


Figure S8. (a) Photos of PEG-diacrylate-FAU-13X@60% and PEG-diacrylate-FAU-13X@60%-600°C, (b) N_2 adsorption-desorption for FAU-13X and PEG-diacrylate-FAU-13X@60%-600 °C.

Table S5. Surface areas for LTA-5A, PEG-diacrylate-LTA@75%-600°C, FAU-13X and PEG-diacrylate-FAU-13X@60%-600°C.

	$S_{\text{BET}}(\text{m}^2/\text{g})$	$S_{\text{external}} (\text{m}^2/\text{g})$	$S_{\text{micro}}(\text{m}^2/\text{g})$	$V_{\text{micro}} (\text{cm}^3/\text{g})$
LTA-5A-600°C	653	13	640	0.246
PEG-diacrylate-LTA-5A@75%-600°C	626	14	612	0.237
FAU-13X 600°C	859	6	853	0.324
PEG-diacrylate-FAU-13X@60%-600°C	834	14	820	0.311