

Raspberry-like silica hollow spheres: hierarchical structures by dual latex-surfactant templating route

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1. Preparation of monodispersive PS particles

The monodisperse PS colloidal particles were synthesized according to the reported procedure^[1]: 10 g of styrene was added to a mixture composed of 95 g of absolute ethanol and 5g of distilled water. 2 g of PVP was then dissolved in the above system. It was stirred by a magnetic bar and purged with bubbling nitrogen for 30 min. After that the reaction system was heated to 70°C using an oil bath. When that

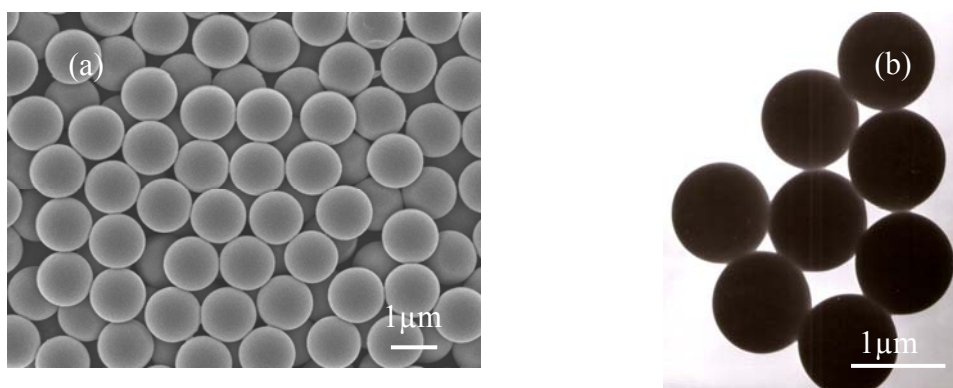


Figure 1S. SEM (a) and TEOS(b) images of as-obtained monodispersive polystyrene (PS) colloidal particles

temperature was reached, 0.1 g of AIBN was added to the system to initiate the polymerization of styrene. The whole reaction lasted for 12 h under bubbling nitrogen. PS particles were obtained by

centrifuge at 6000 rpm, washed twice with absolute ethanol and then dried in a vacuum oven at 50°C for subsequent use. The as-obtained products(average size $\langle d \rangle = 1\mu\text{m}$; dispersity $\delta=10\%$) are shown in Figure1S.

2. The small-angle XRD pattern of the bionic hollow silica spheres

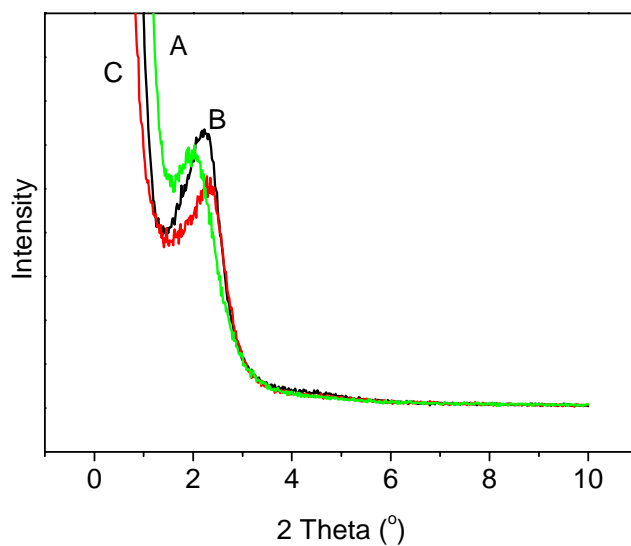


Figure 2S. Small-angle XRD patterns of the sample as shown in Figure 1A-C

3. Porosity of mesoporous hollow silica spheres obtained at extreme pH value

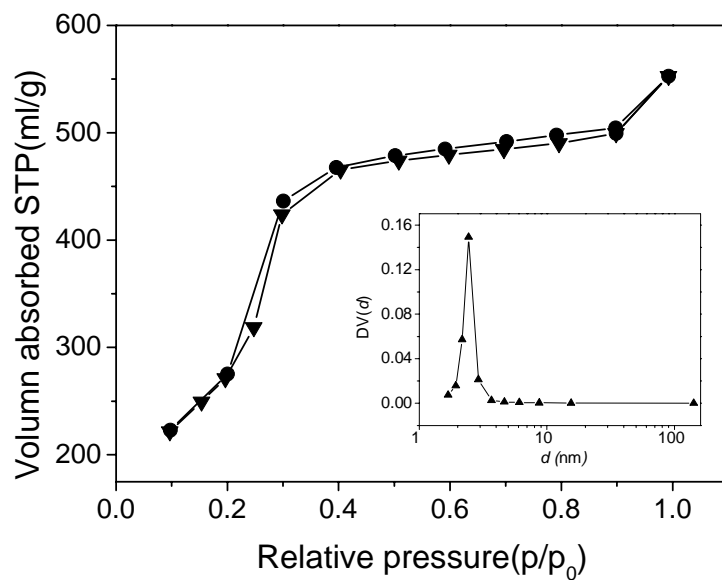


Figure 3S. N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherm and pore distribution curves of mesoporous hollow spheres obtained at pH value of 13

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