

# **Nanoporous Materials: ordered mesoporous silica, non-oxides, and materials with pore hierarchy**

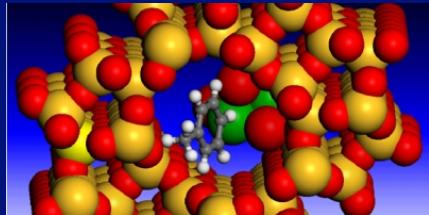
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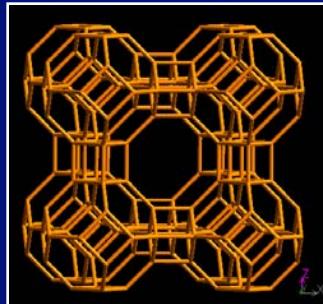
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# Nanoporous Materials



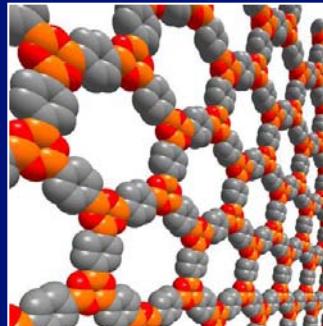
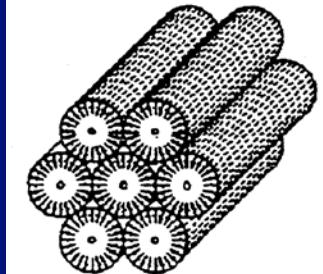
Catalysis  
(green chemistry)



Electrode  
(fuel cell, EDLC)



Separation  
(pollutant removal)



Gas storage  
(hydrogen storage)

IUPAC definition of porous structure



## **General Strategy: Use Pore-Generating Agent (Porogen)**

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- Pore generation in a condensed matter is a thermodynamically unfavorable, non-spontaneous, energy-consuming process.
- Regular pore arrangement is unfavorable because of low entropy as compared to irregular arrangement of pores with different diameters and shapes.
- Many synthetic strategies use pore-generating agent (porogens): single molecule, metal ion, organic ammonium ion, supramolecular assembly of molecules, or pre-made hard template.

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Ordered Mesoporous Carbons

Mesoporous Organic Polymers

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Hierachically Porous Systems

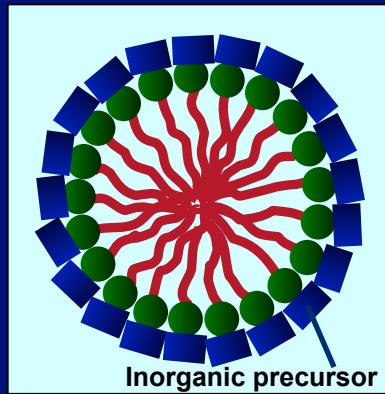
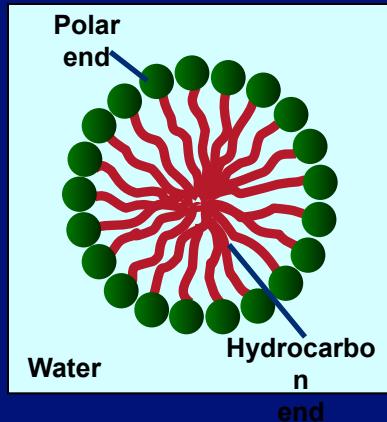
General introduction

Hierarchically porous zeolites:

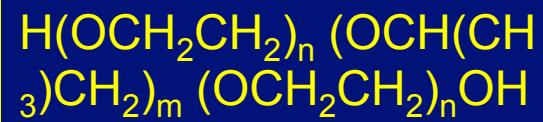
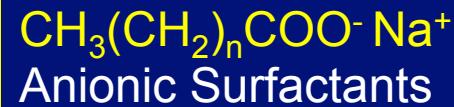
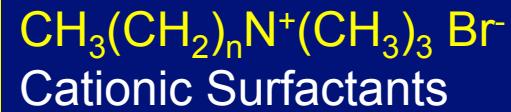
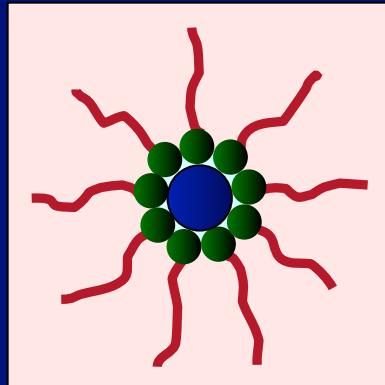
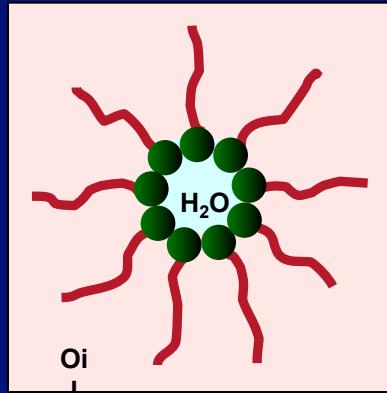
“Synthesis of Nanostructured Zeolitic Architectures  
Assembled by Zeolite-Structure-Directing Surfactants”

# Cooperative Assembly Mechanism between Organic Surfactant and Material Precursors, Leading to Mesostructured Materials

Micelle

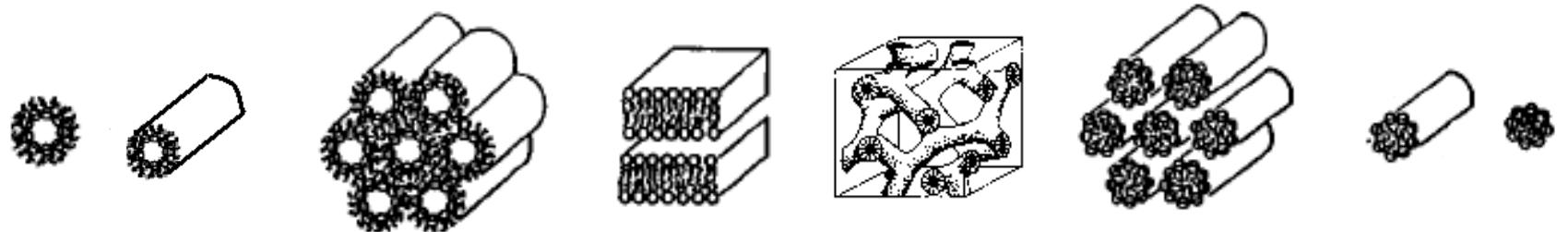


Inverse  
Micelle



Organic surfactants form inorganic-organic composite micelles via cooperative assembly with inorganic precursors. This is often referred to as 'Supramolecular Templating Process of Surfactants for Nano-Structured Inorganic Materials', or 'Soft Templating' Route.

← Mean interfacial curvature →



Inverse  
Micellar  
Solution

M. Bawendi  
CdSe Quantum Dot (1993)



$H_{\parallel}$

$L_{\alpha}$

$V_{\perp}$

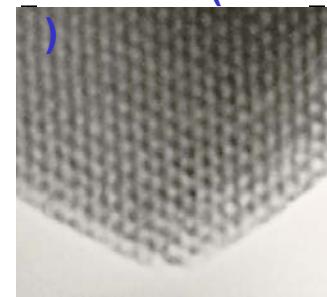
$H_{\perp}$

Micellar  
Solution

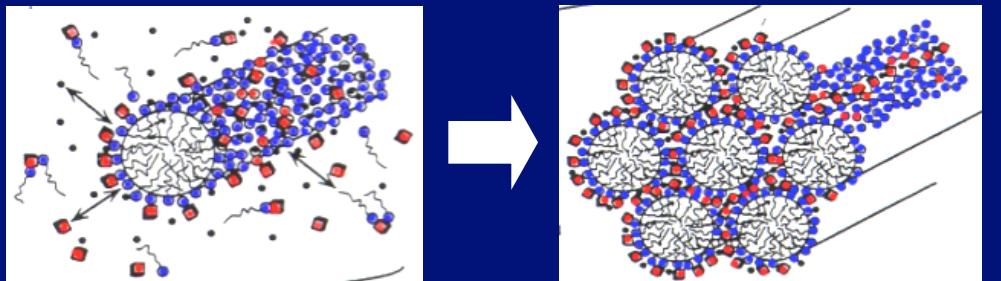
MCM-50

MCM-48

Mobil  
MCM-41 (1992)  
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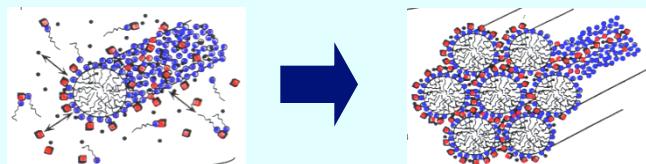
Mobil's  
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# Ordered Mesoporous Silica with Various Structures

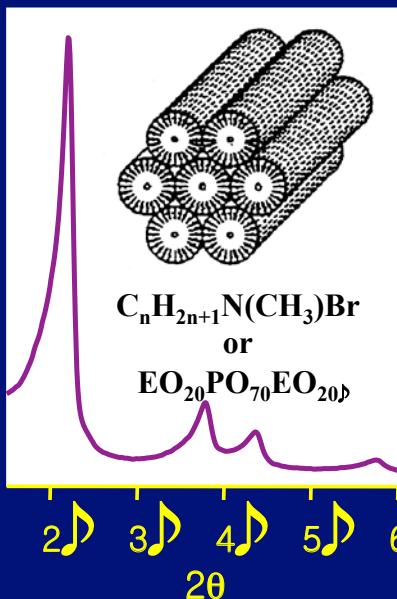
## Synthesis Conditions

- Tetraethylorthosilicate, Na-silicates
- Acidic, basic, neutral conditions
- Cationic, non-ionic, anionic surfactants

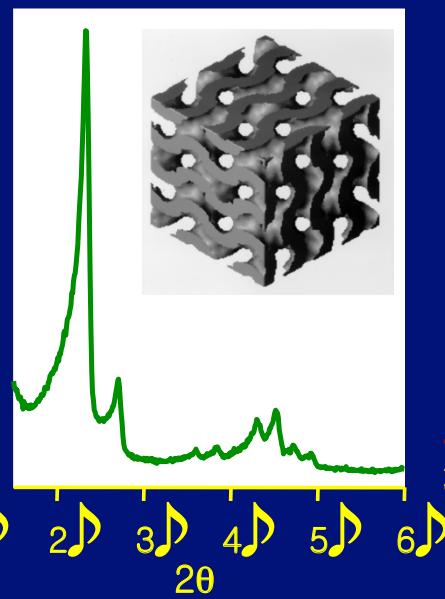


- Easily removable templates
- Various channel structures
- Controllable pore sizes between 2-20 nm

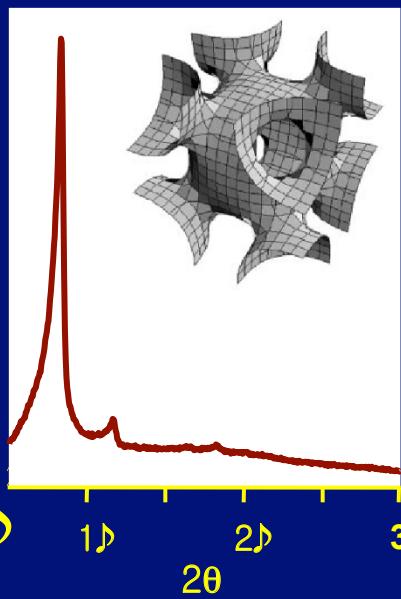
**Hexagonal  $p6mm$**   
MCM-41, SBA-15



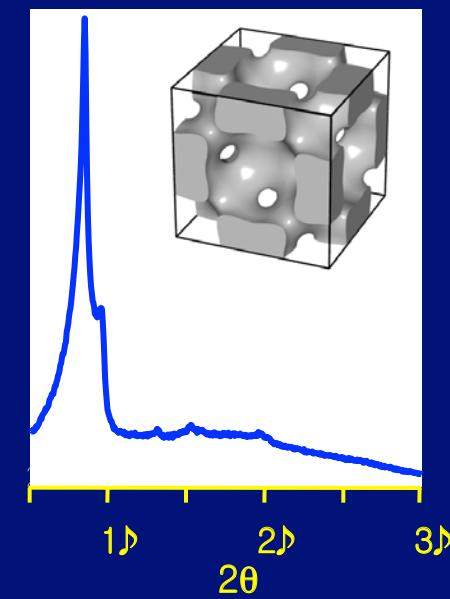
**Cubic  $Ia\bar{3}d$**   
MCM-48, KIT-6



**Cubic  $Im\bar{3}m$**   
SBA-16

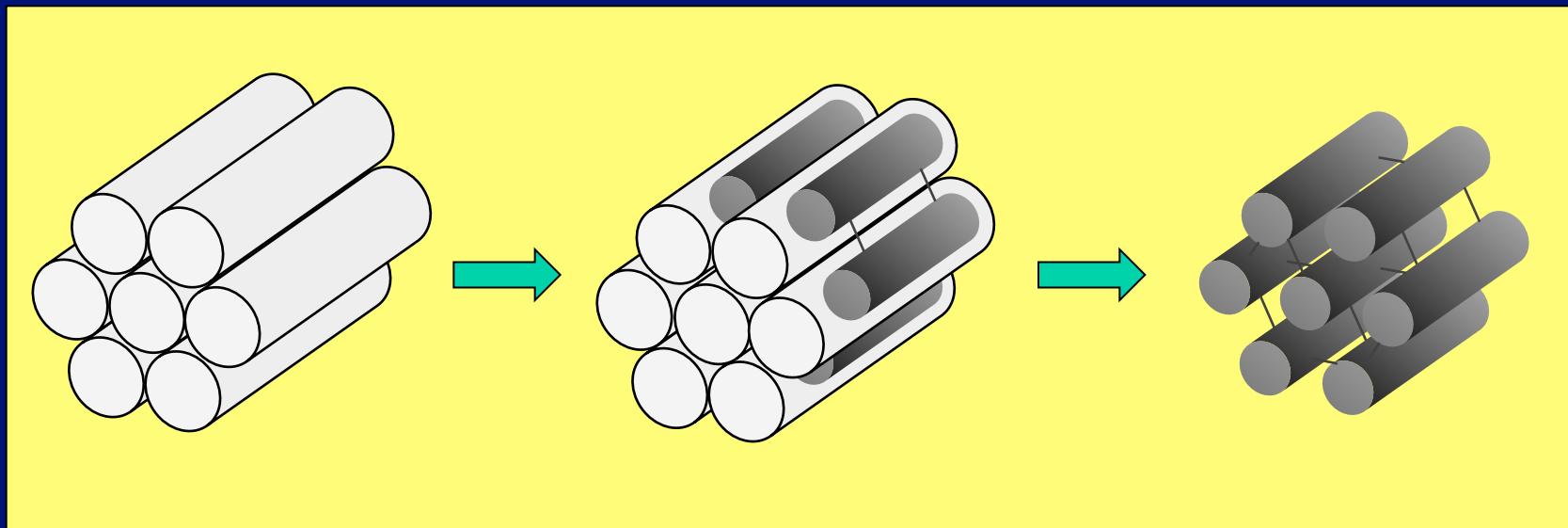


**Cubic  $Fm\bar{3}m$**   
KIT-5

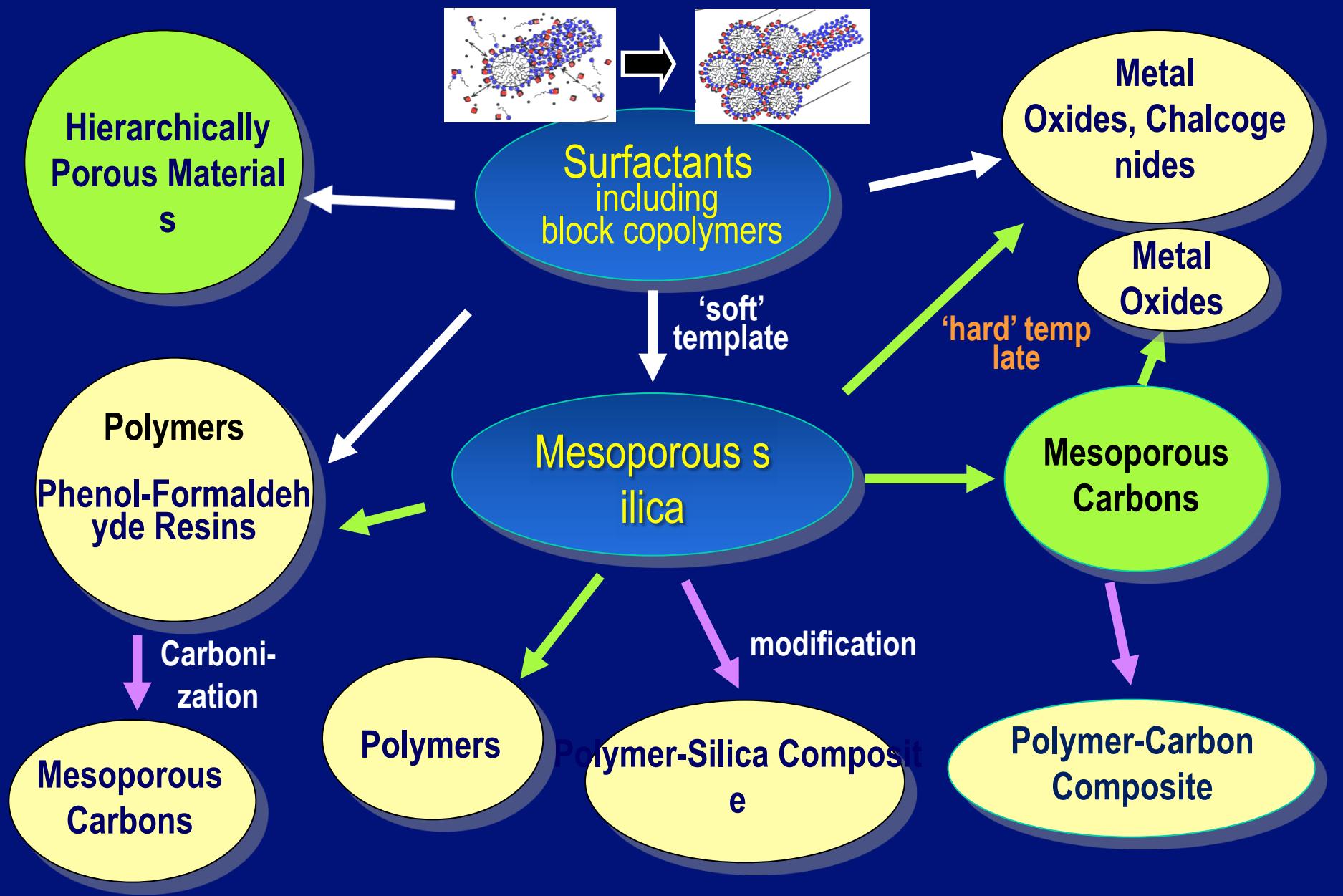


# **'Hard Templatting' Route to Other Mesostructured Materials Using Mesoporous Silica**

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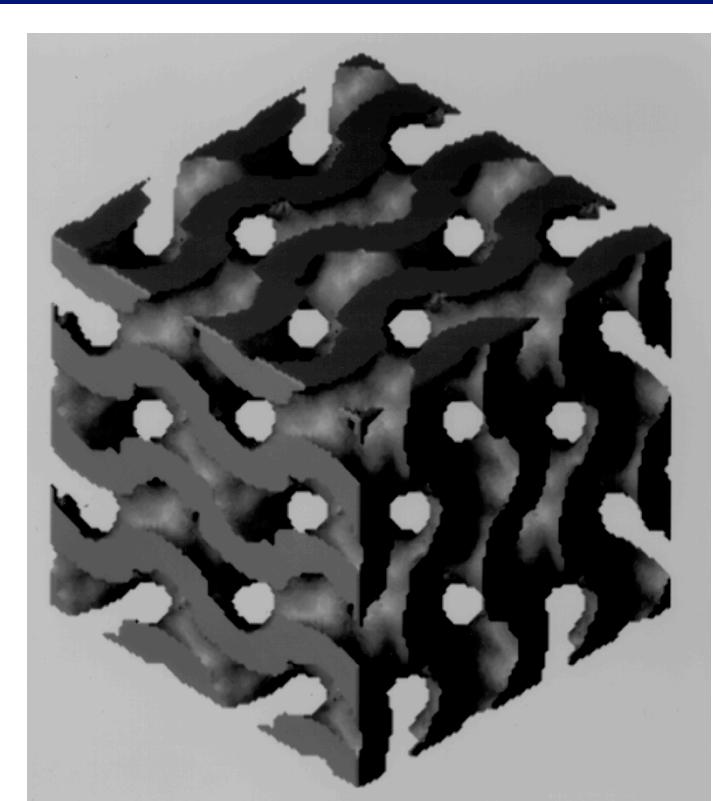


# Various Materials Available via Surfactant-Assembling Route and Hard-Templating Route



# **Ordered Mesoporous Carbon**

# Synthesis of Carbon Using Mesoporous Silica Template



Mesoporous Silica MCM-48

Sucrose/  
Mesoporous Silica

$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  catalyst ↓ pyrolysis

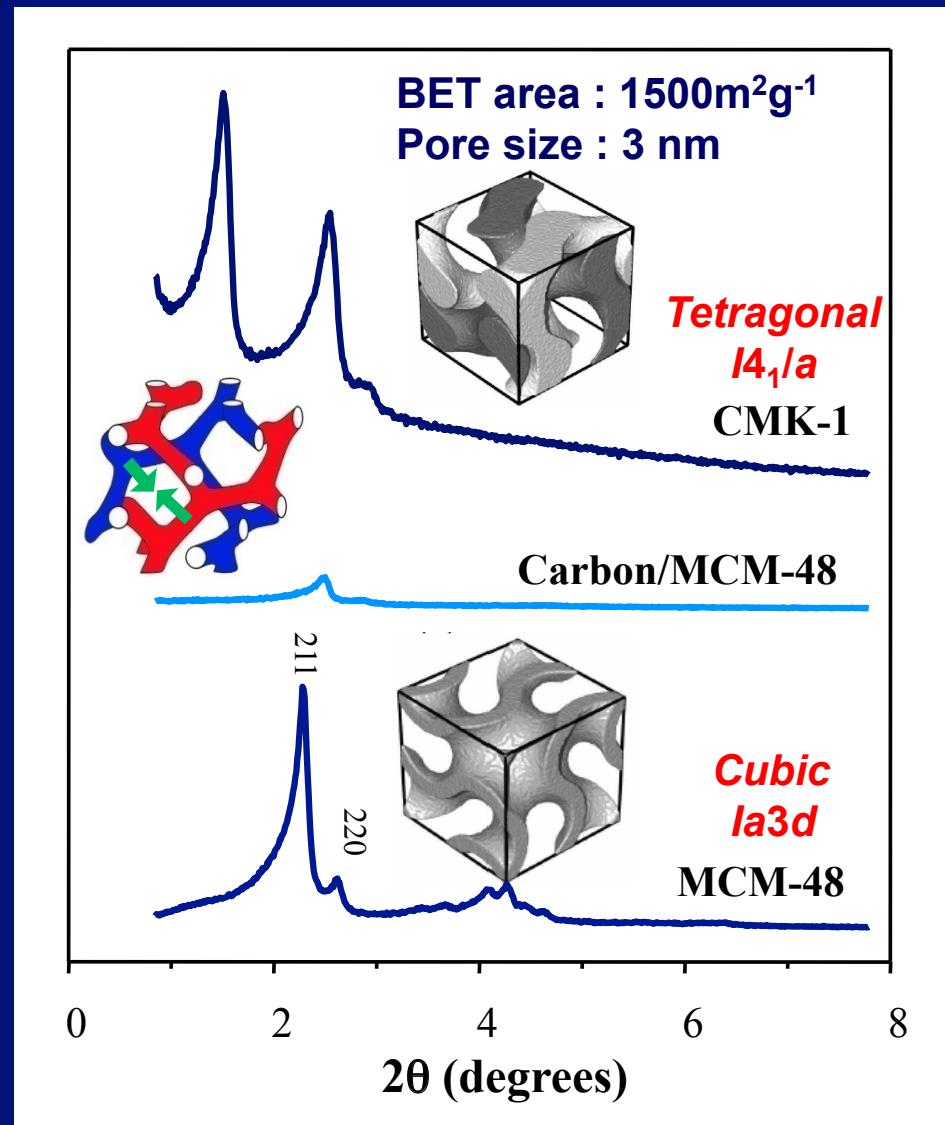
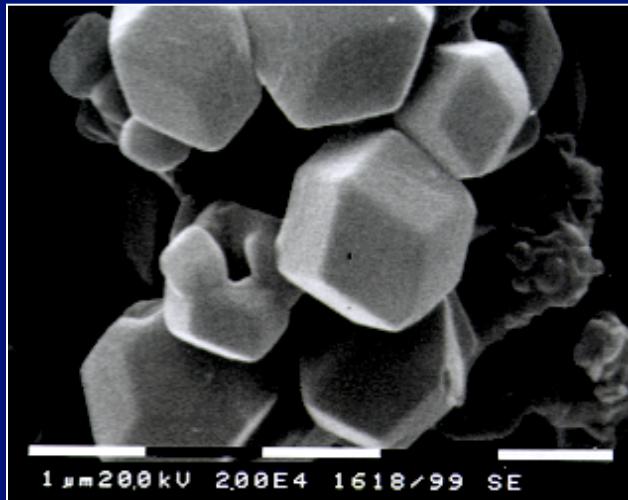
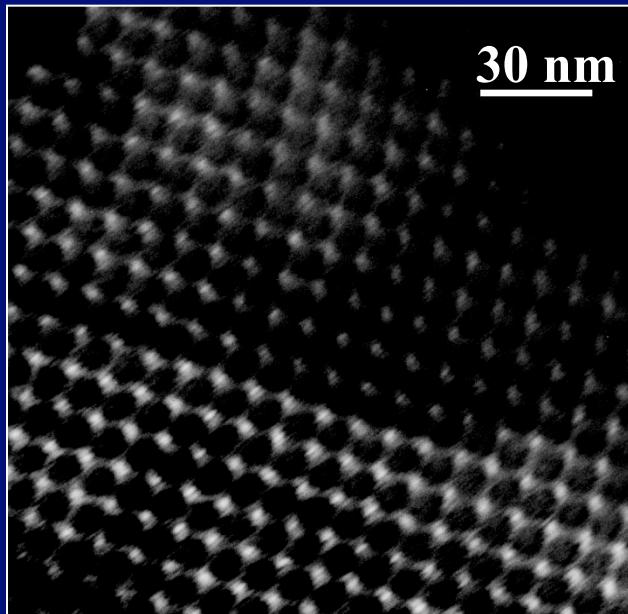
Carbon/  
Mesoporous Silica

↓ NaOH or HF  
solution

Mesoporous  
Carbon

(R. Ryoo et al., *J. Phys. Chem. B*, 1999, 103, 7743.)

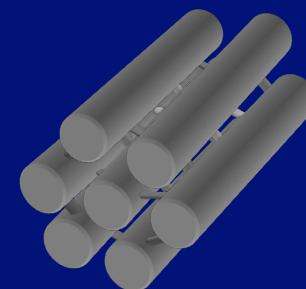
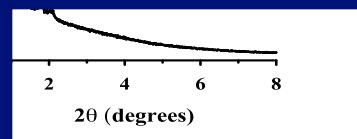
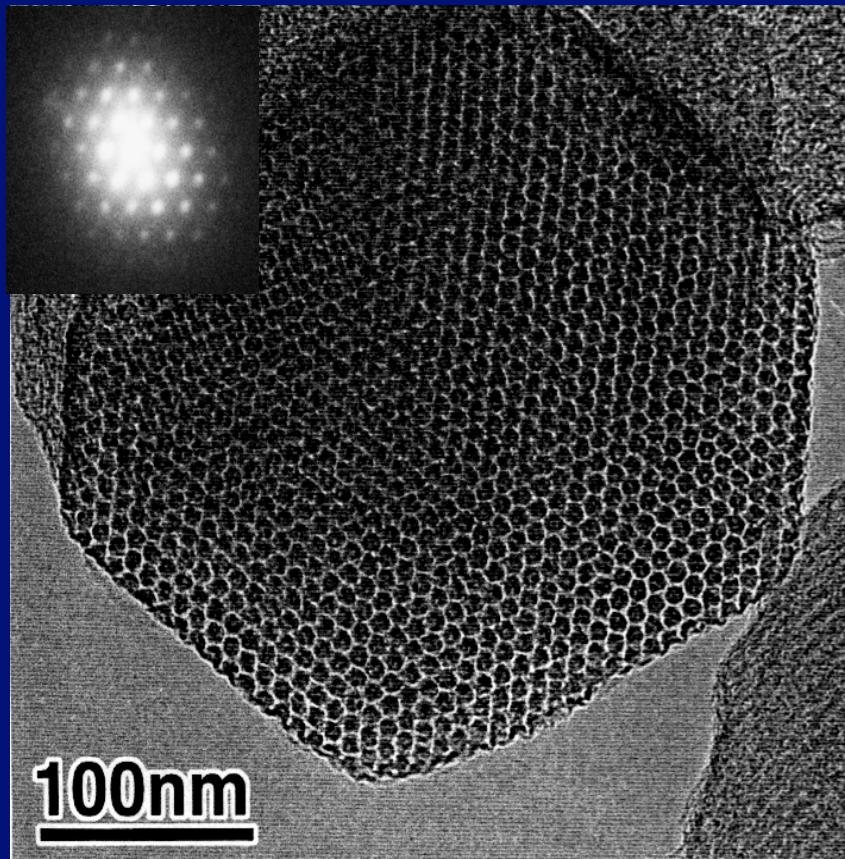
# Mesoporous Carbon CMK-1



CMK: 'Carbon Mesostructured by KAIST'

# Mesoporous Carbon CMK-3

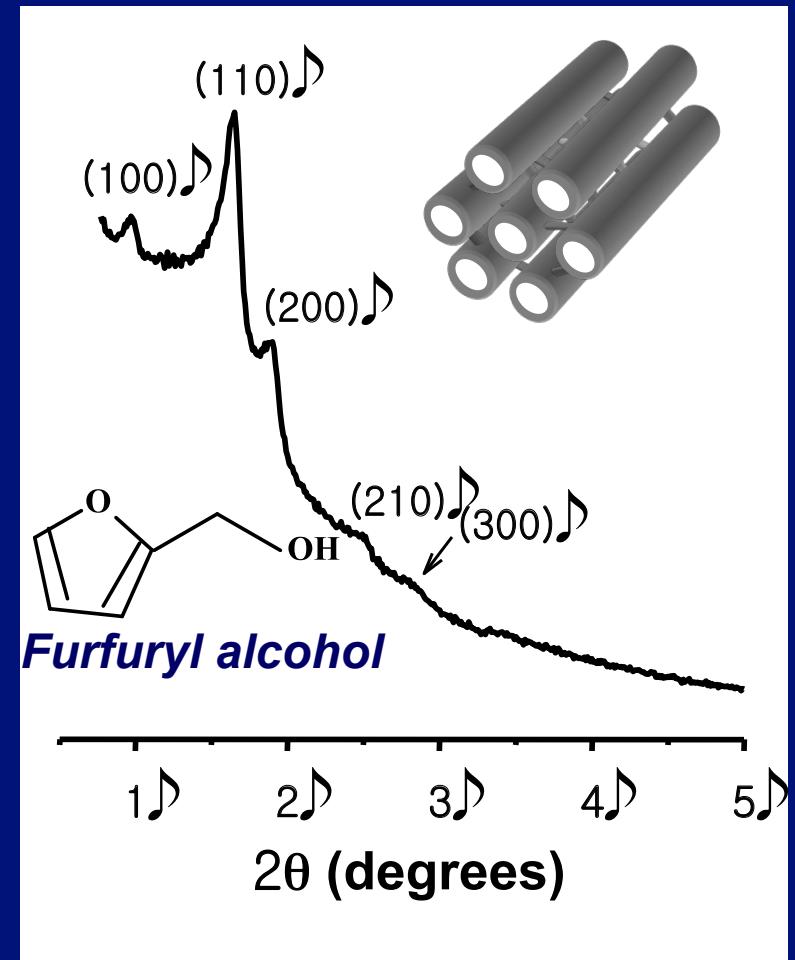
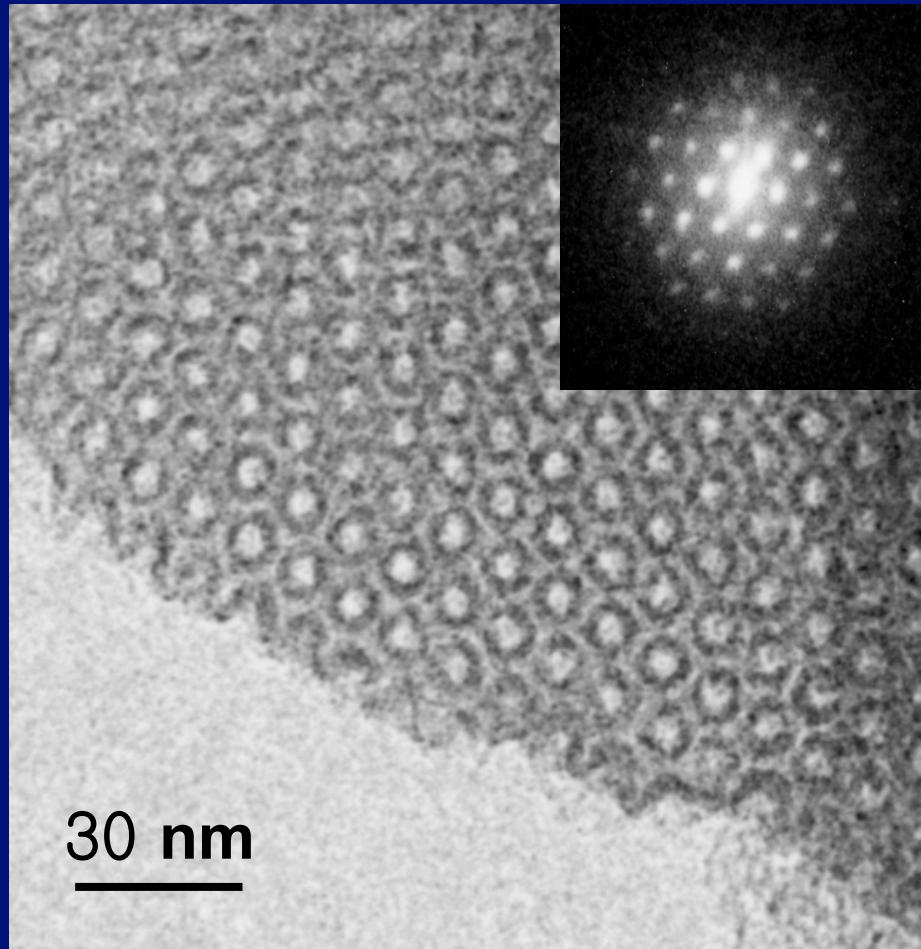
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Sucrose

(S. Jun *et al.*, *JACS* 2000, 122, 10712)

# Mesoporous Carbon CMK-5



(S. H. Joo *et al.*, *Nature* 2001, 412, 169)

# Mesoporous Carbon CMK-3G with Graphitic Frameworks

*Using aromatic hydrocarbon sources*



Acenaphthene

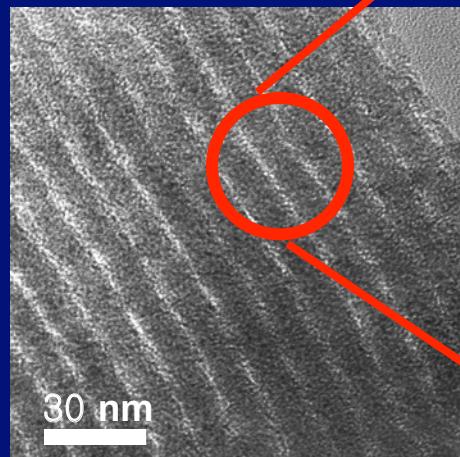


Acenaphthylene

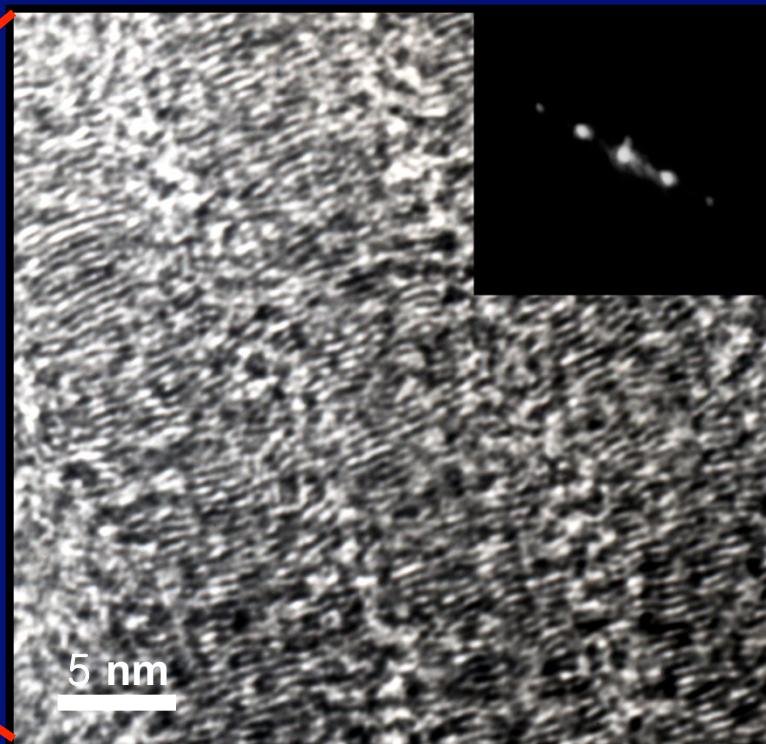


Naphthalene  
derivatives

Mesophase  
pitch

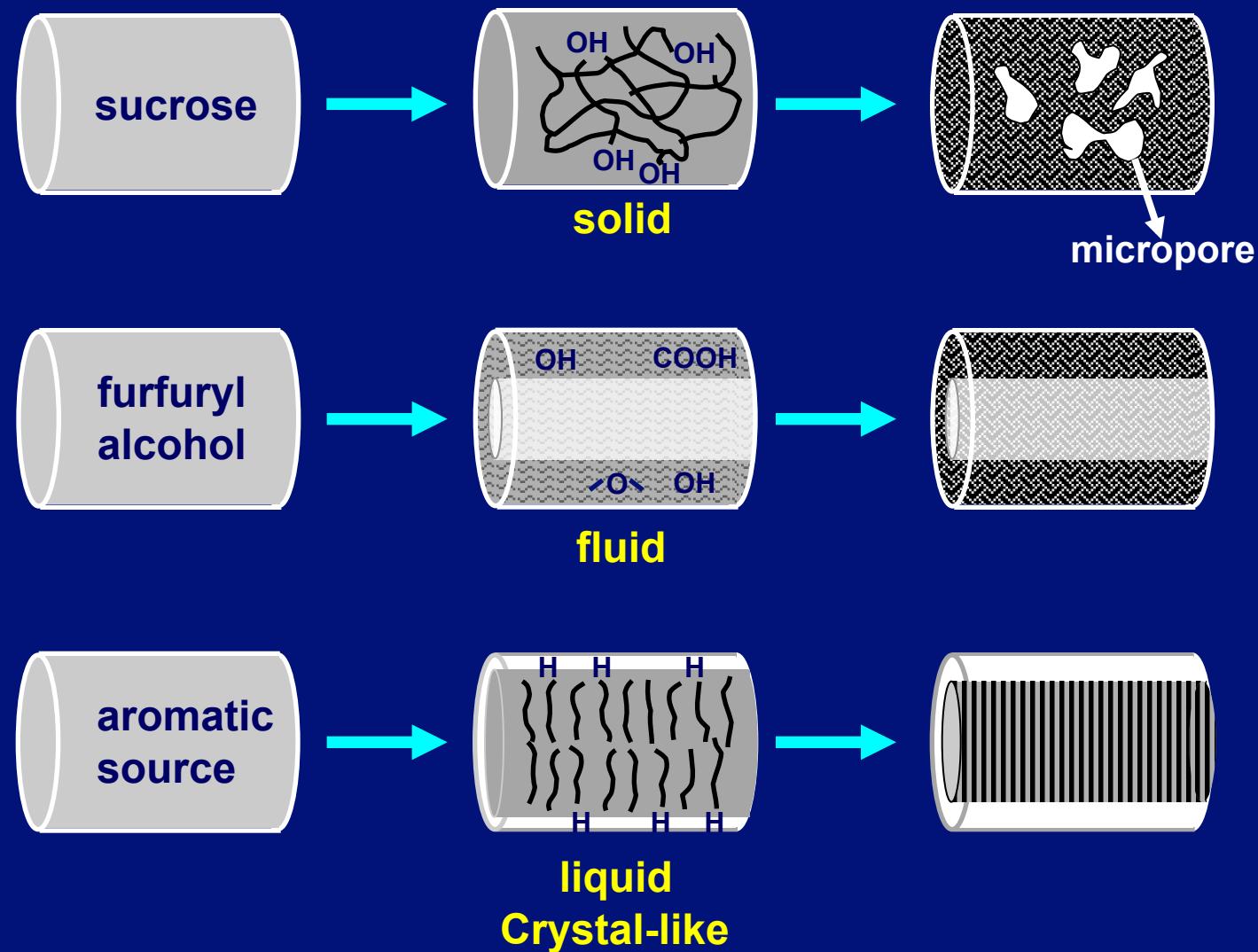


*Graphitic  
pore wall*

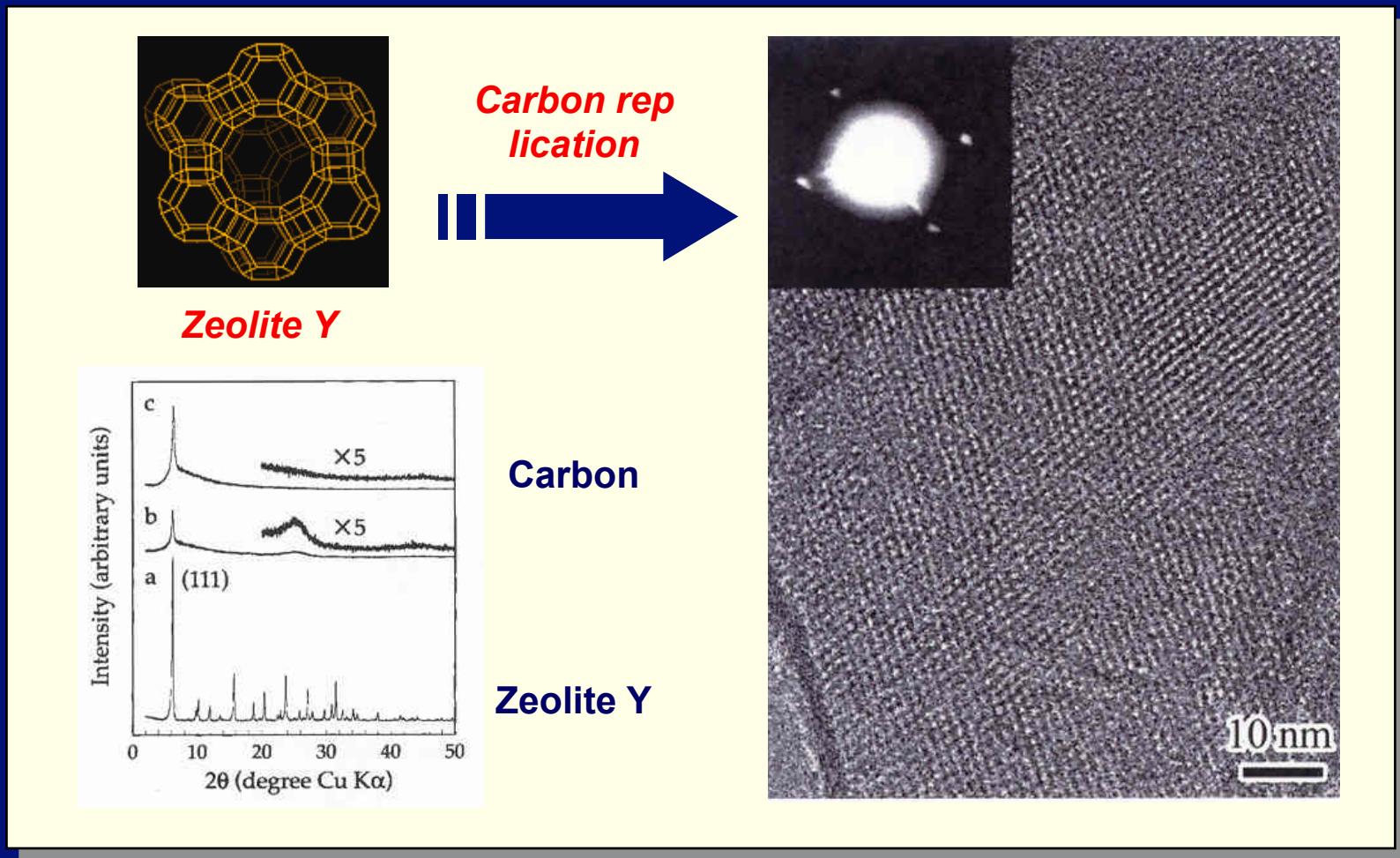


(T.-W. Kim et al., *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2003, 42, 4375)

# Carbonization Process inside Silica Mesopores



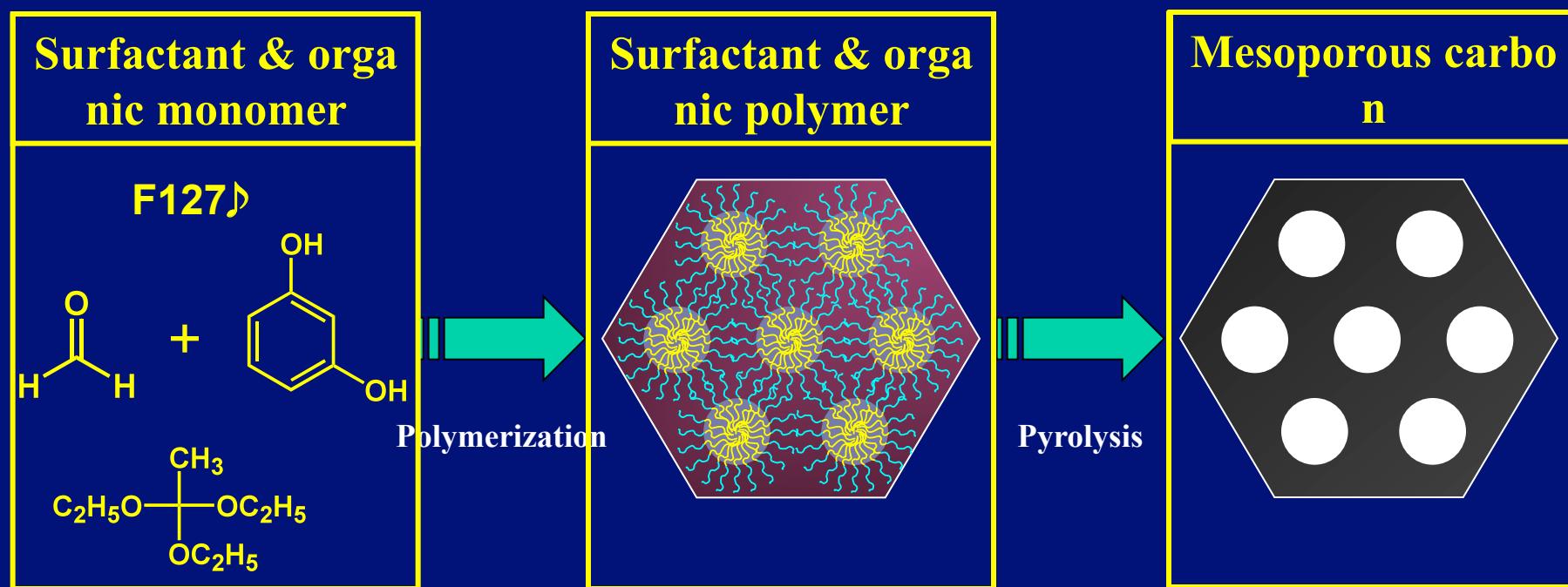
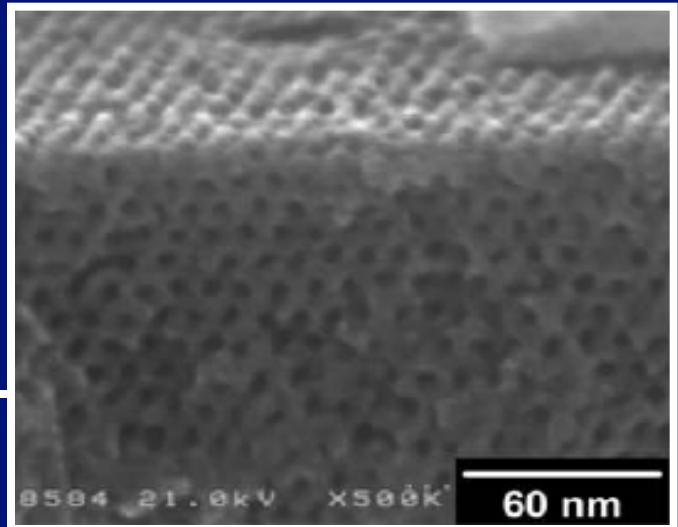
# Microporous Carbon Synthesis Using Zeolite Template



(T. Kyotani *et al.*, *Chem. Commun.* 2000, 2365; *Chem. Mater.* 2001, 13, 4413)

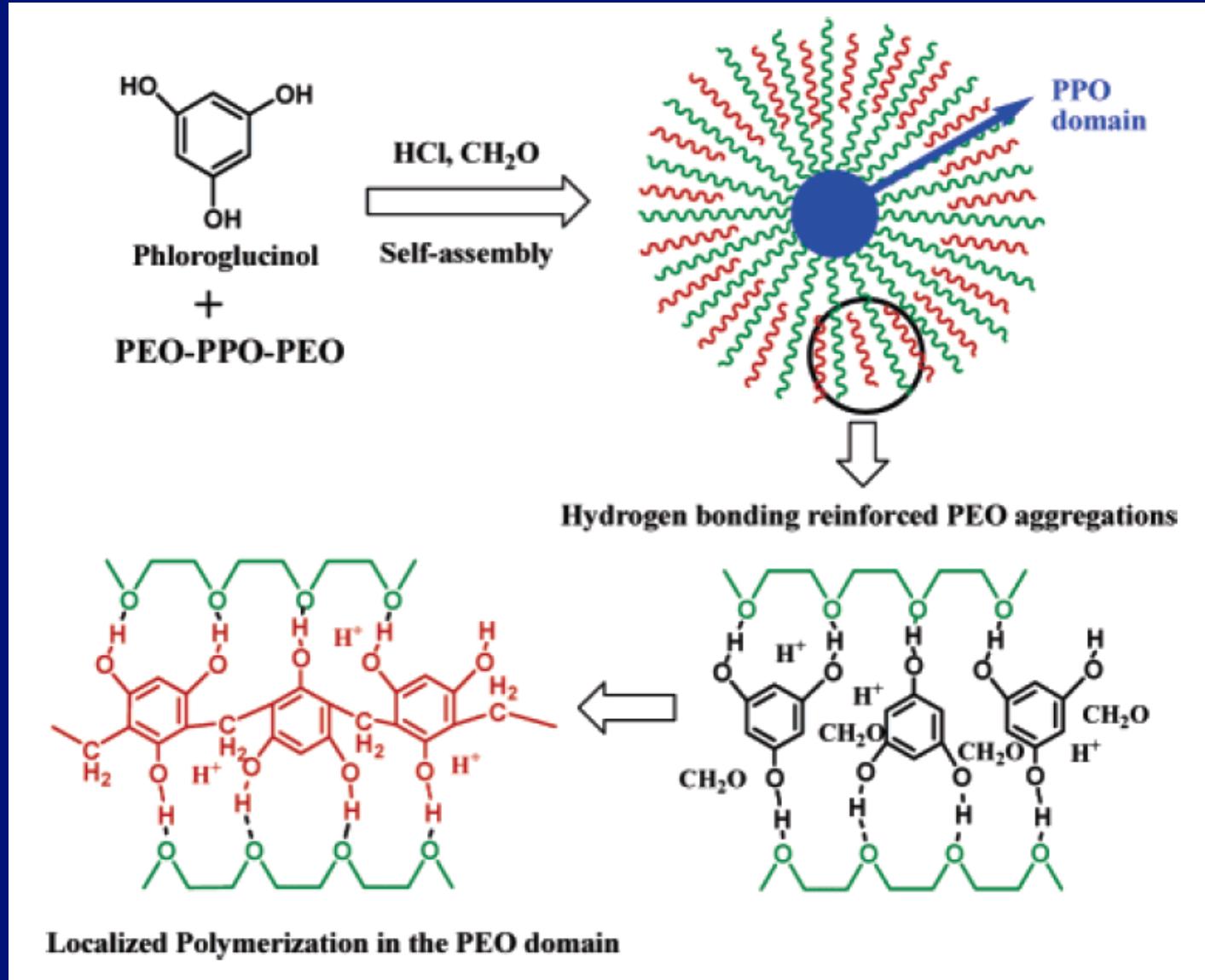
# Direct Synthesis of Ordered Mesoporous Carbons Using Liquid-Crystal Templating

- S. Tanaka et. al., *Chem. Commun.* 2005, 2125



- D. Zhao et. al. used phenol, F127 and formaldehyde (*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2005, 44, 7053)

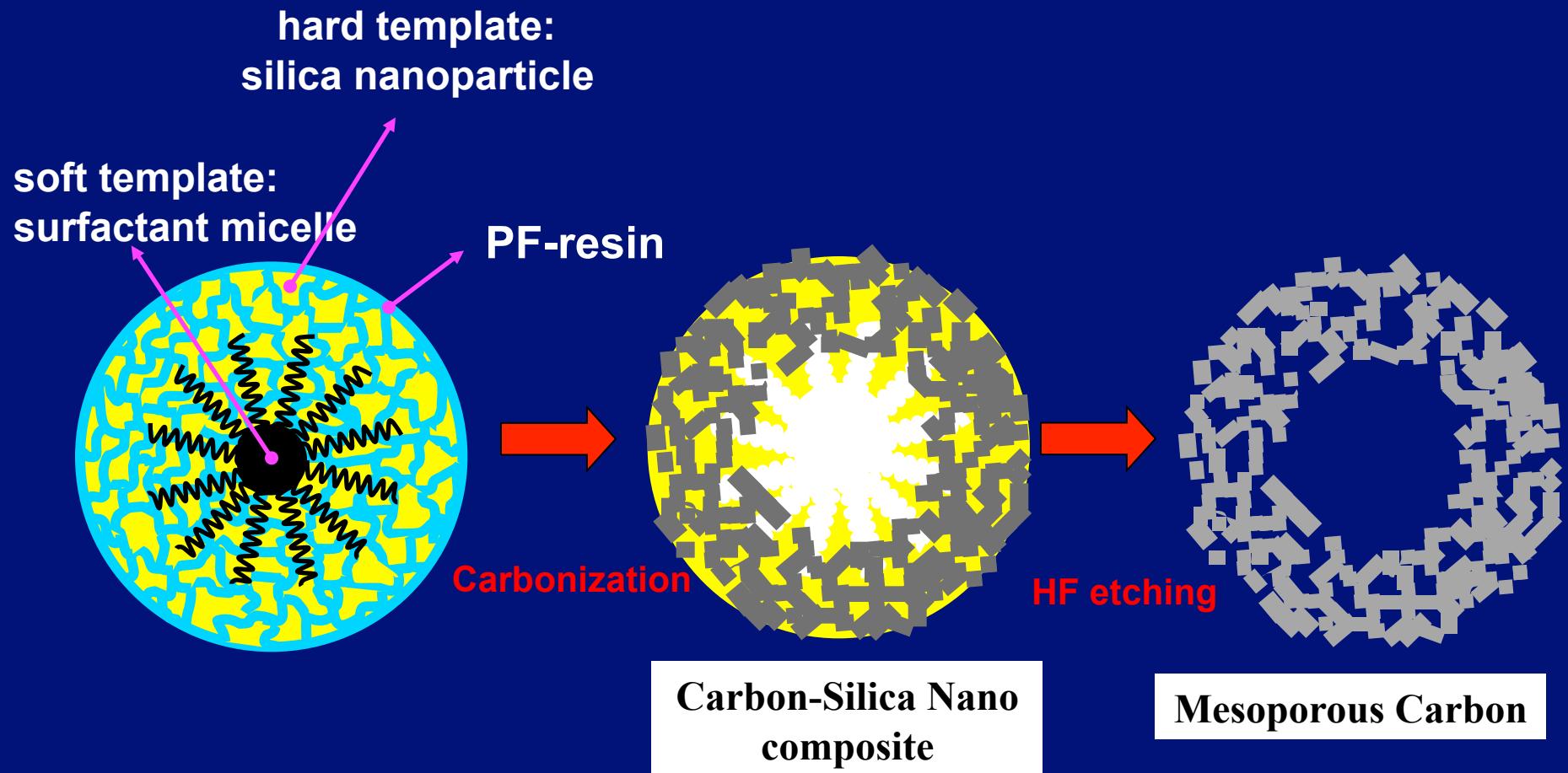
- S. Dai et. al. filed the patent earlier,  
then published in *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 2006, 128, 5316



# Tri-Constituent Co-assembly to Ordered Mesoporous Carbons

*Combination of Soft- & Hard-Templating*

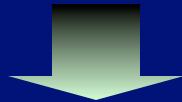
(D. Zhao *et. al.*, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2006, 128, 11660)



**Small metal nanoparticles can be supported on ordered mesoporous carbons with high metal dispersion, due to uniform pore environments**

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Impregnate acetone solutions of metal precursors ( $\text{H}_2\text{PtCl}_6$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{PdCl}_4$ ,  $\text{RuCl}_3$ )



Drying at 333 K

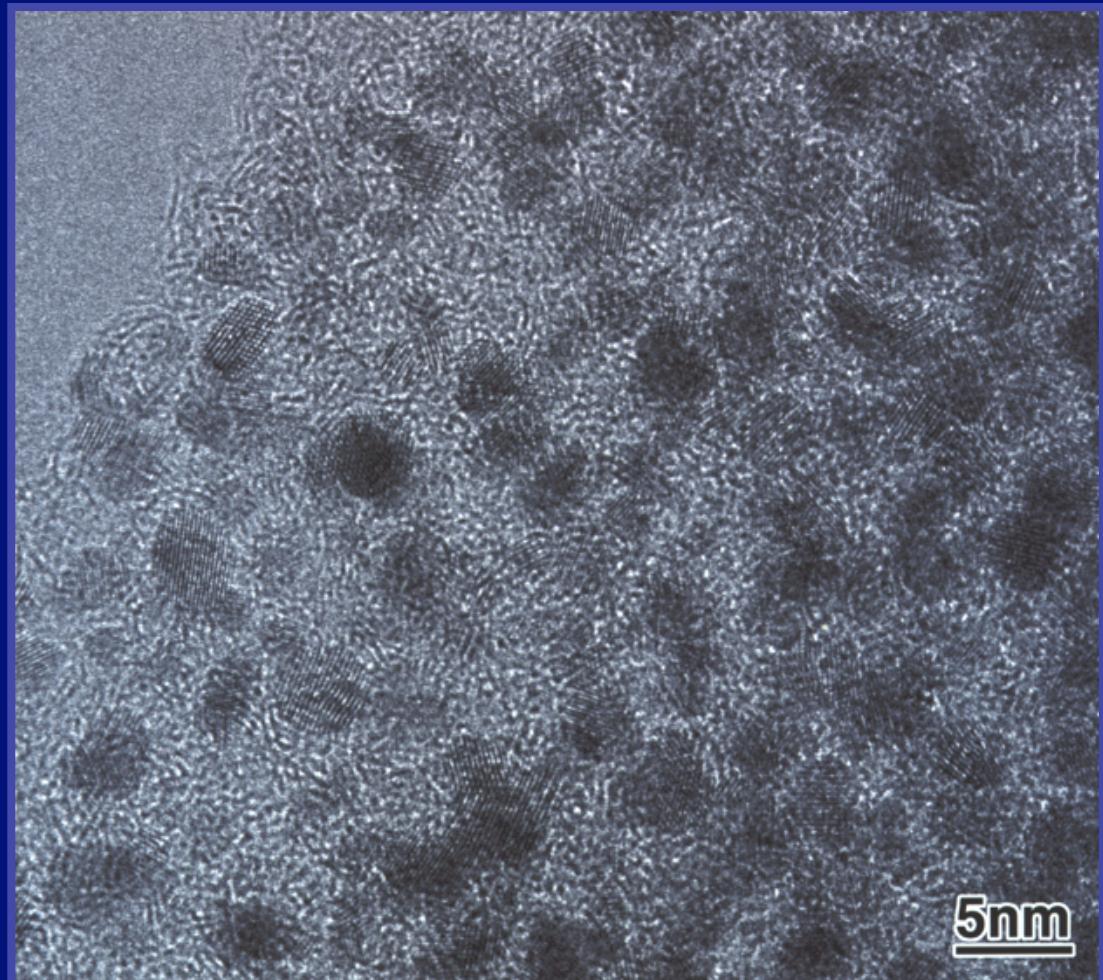
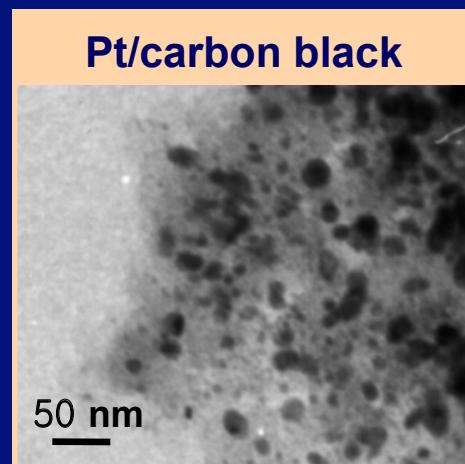
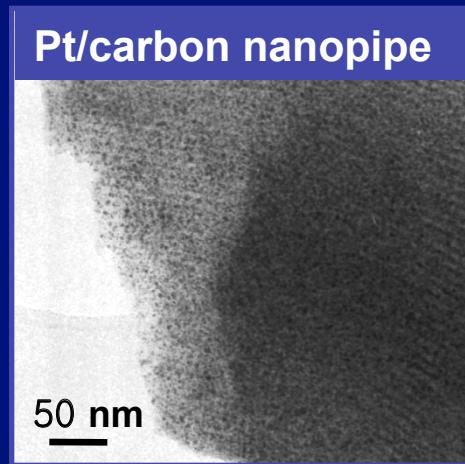


Reduction in  $\text{H}_2$  flow at 573 K for 2 h

# Highly Dispersed Pt Nanoparticles Supported on Mesoporous Carbon

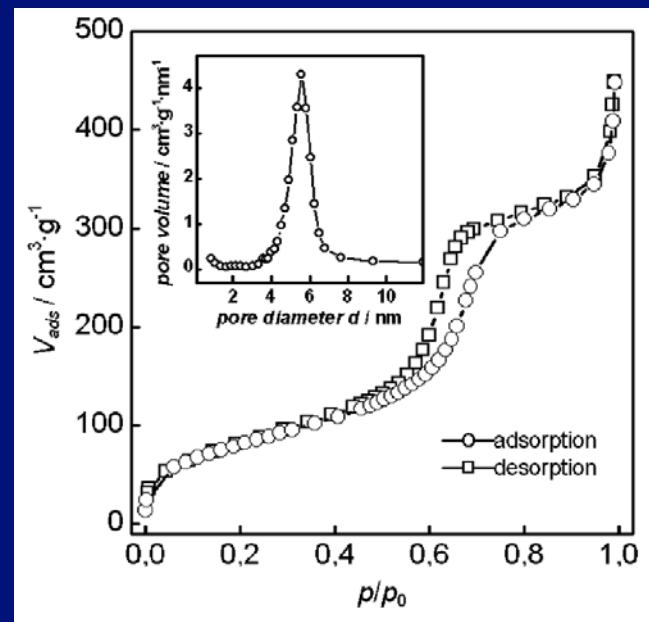
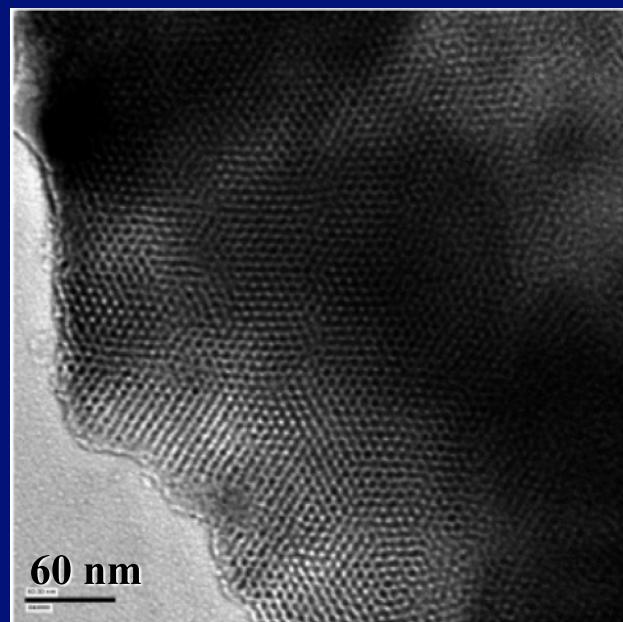
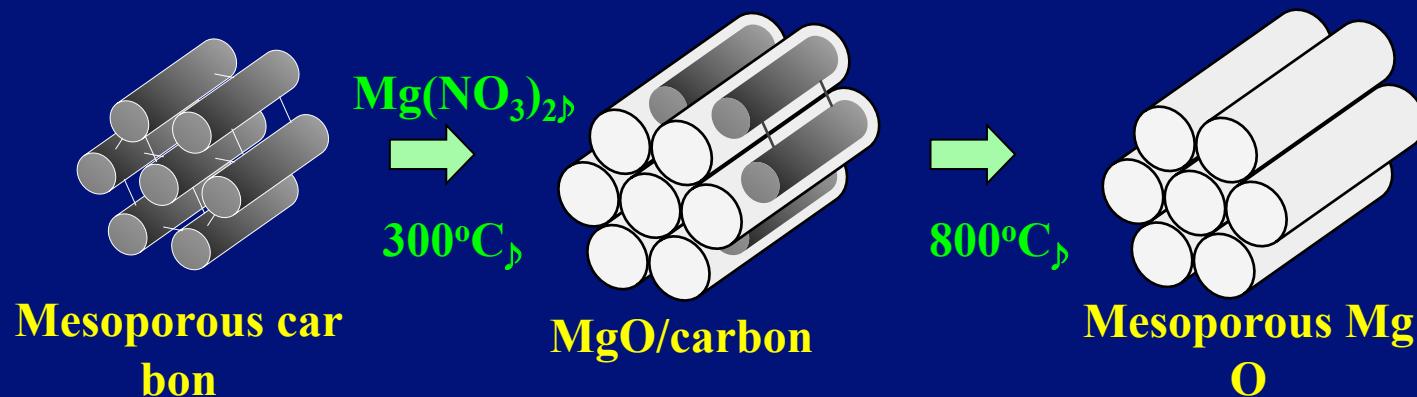
(S. H. Joo et al.,  
*Nature* 2001, 412, 169)

*Pt particle size around 2.5 nm even the Pt loading increased up to 50%*



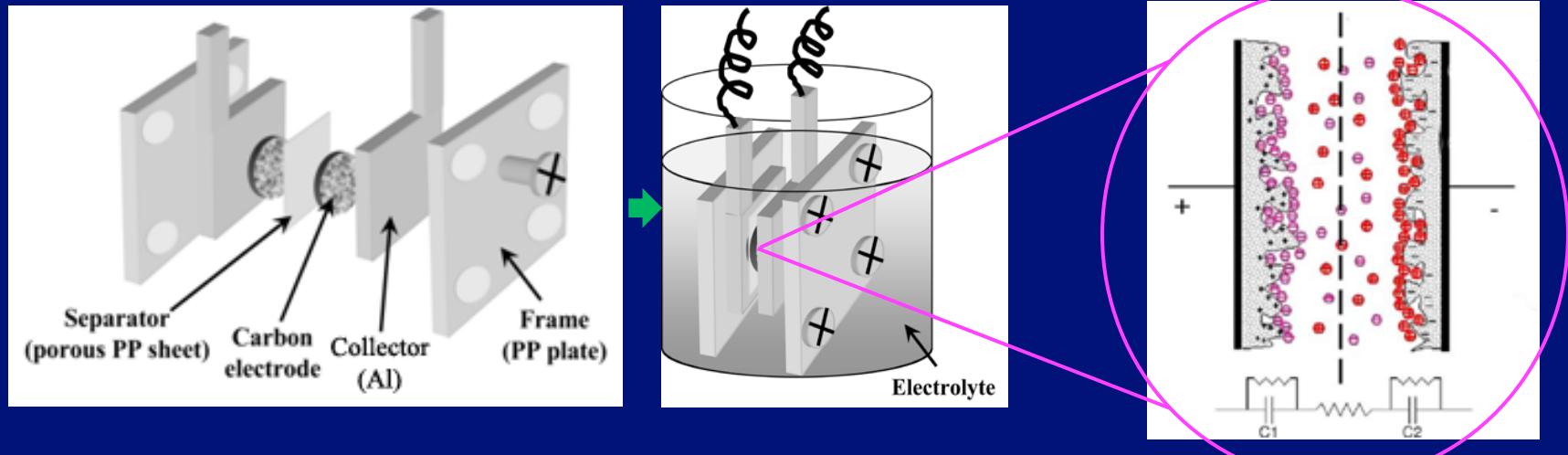
*High dispersion is the advantage of the uniform pore environment !*

# Fabrication of Ordered Mesoporous MgO with High Thermal Stability, Using CMK-3 Carbon Template

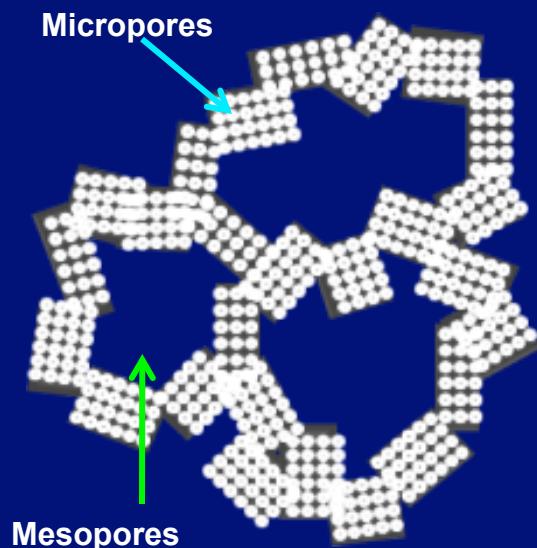


(J. Roggenbuck *et al.*, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2005, 127, 1096)

# Electric Double Layer Capacitor (Supercapacitor)



## Hierarchically microporous-mesoporous carbon

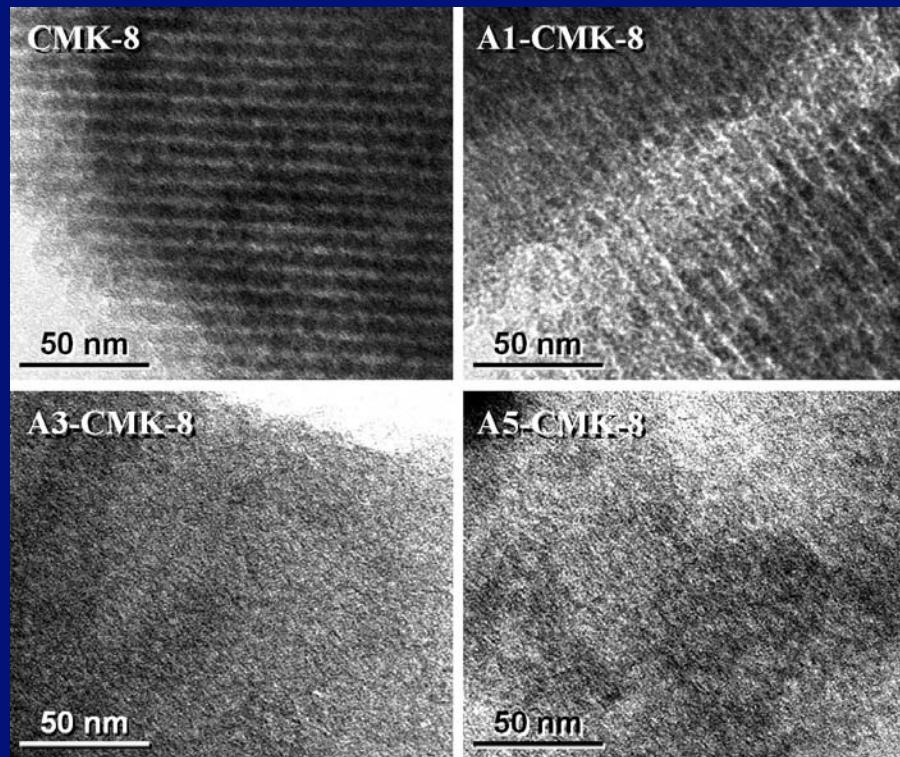


high capacitance even at high discharge current density

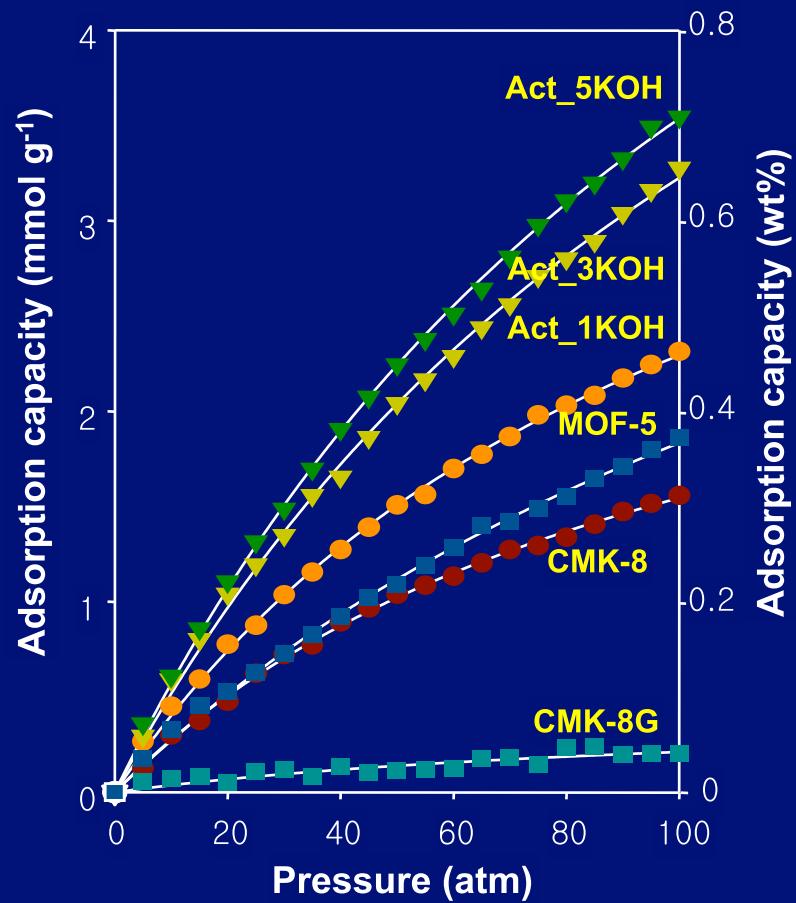
# Hydrogen Uptake by Nanoporous Carbons - “*However*

,  
*not yet suitable for hydrogen storage”*

*KOH Activation*



Hydrogen adsorption at 298K



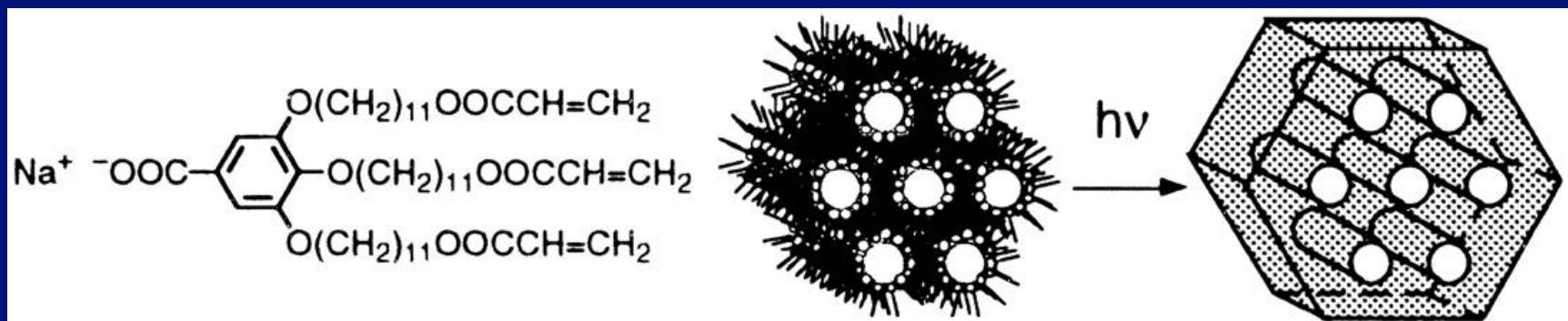
(M. Choi *et. al.*, *J. Mater. Chem.* 2007, 17, 4204)

# **Mesoporous Polymers**

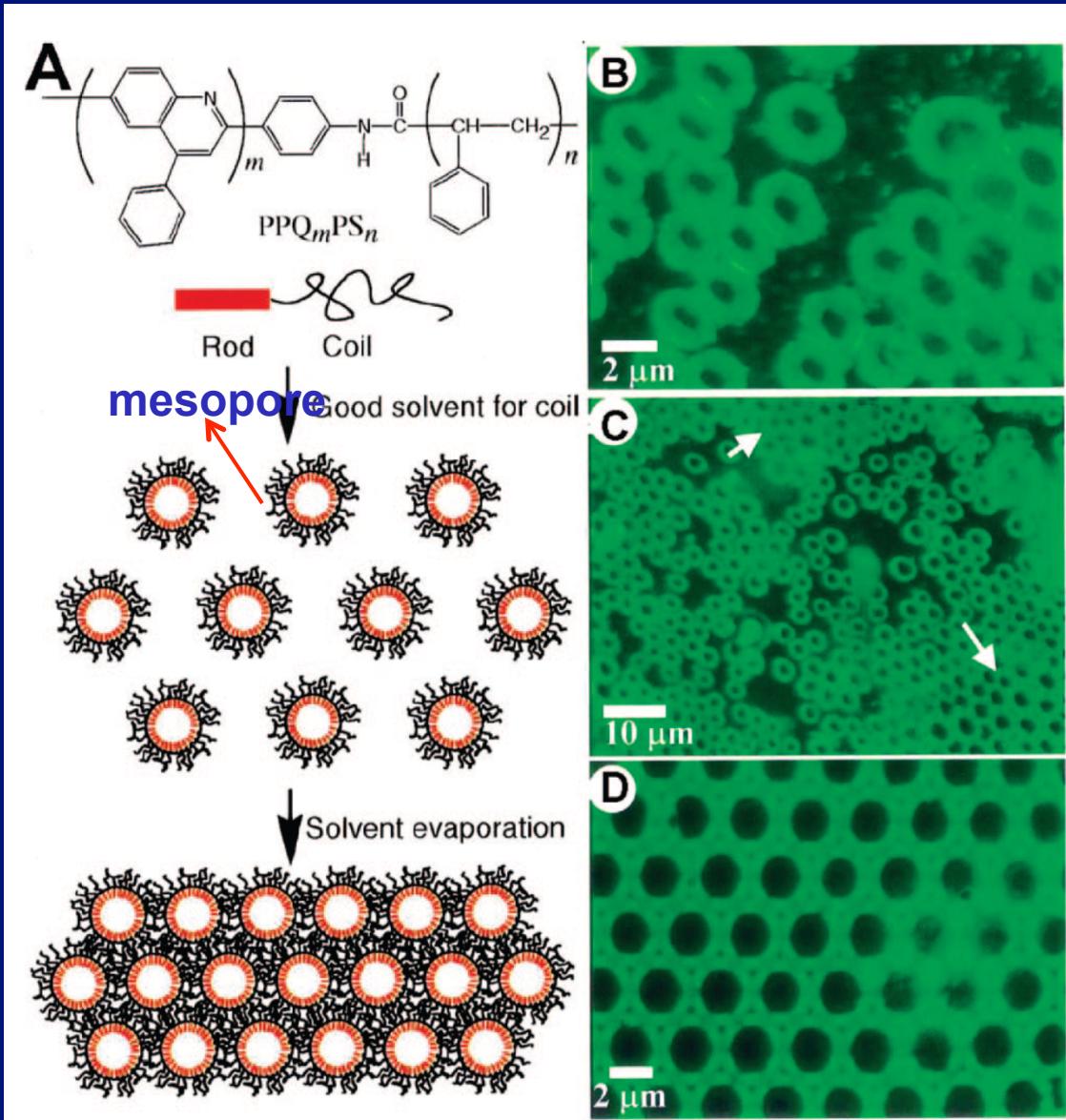
# Synthesis of Mesoporous Polymer: Self-Assembly of Crosslinkable Surfactants

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R. C. Smith et al.,  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 1997, 119, 4092



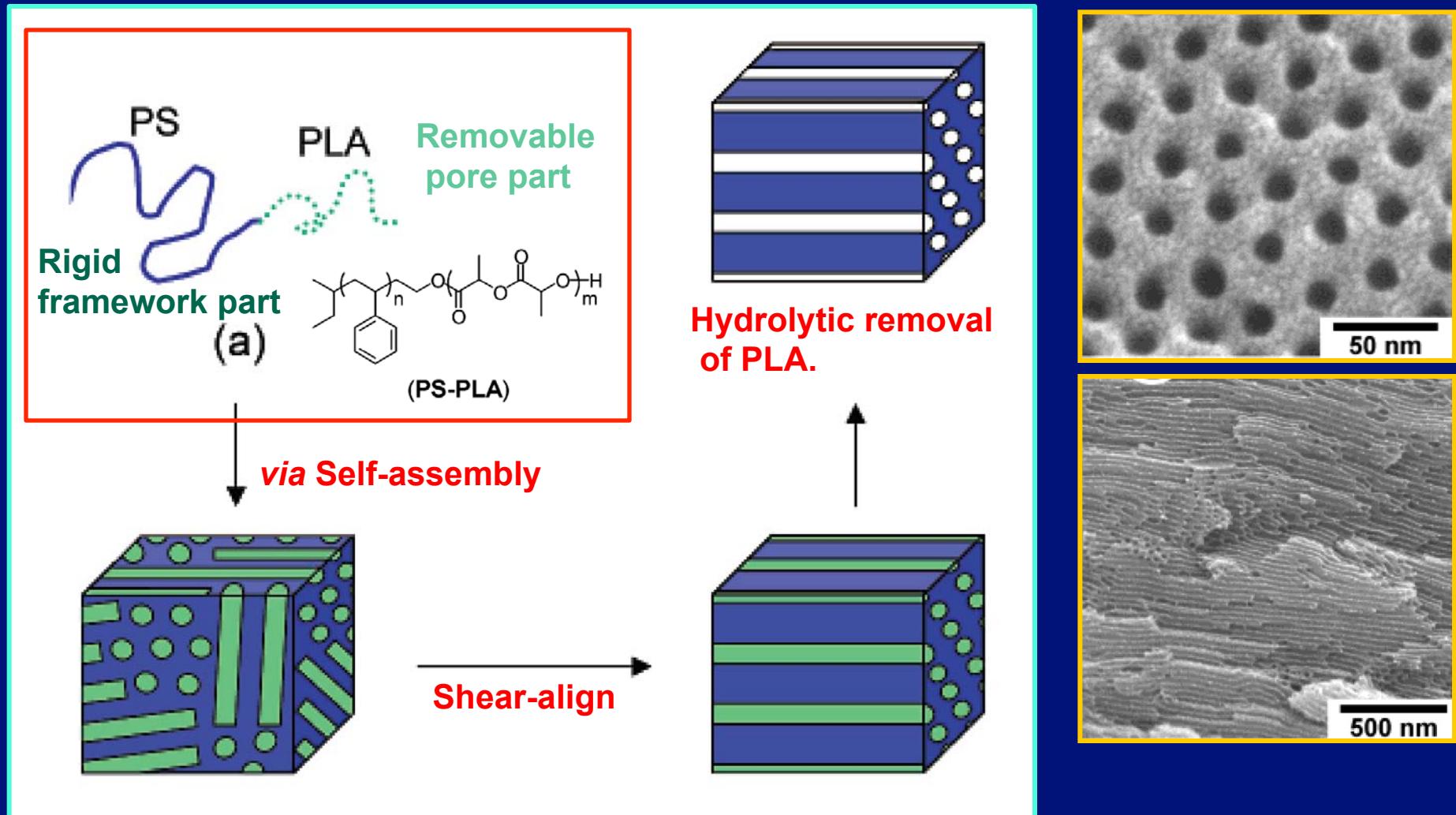
# Self-Assembly of Rod-Coil Diblock Copolymers to form Hollow Sphere Micelles



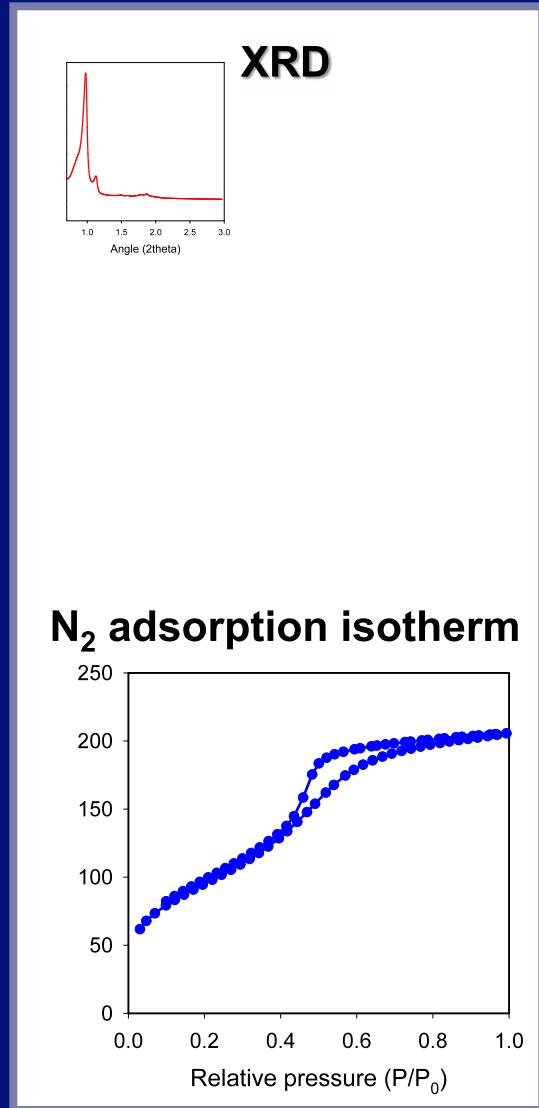
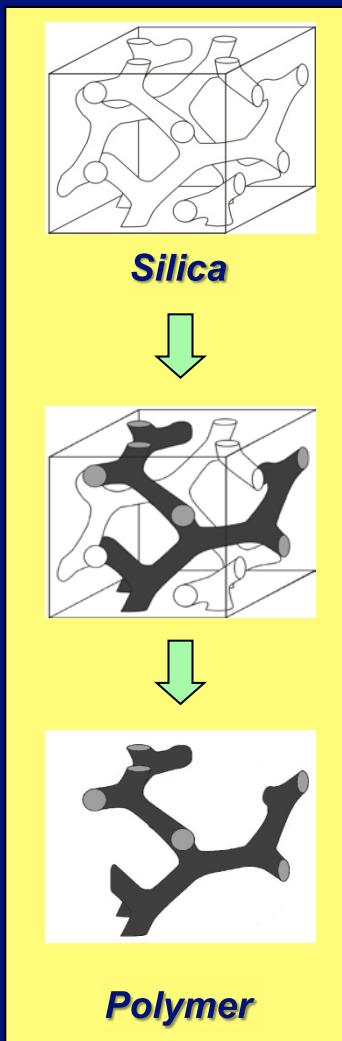
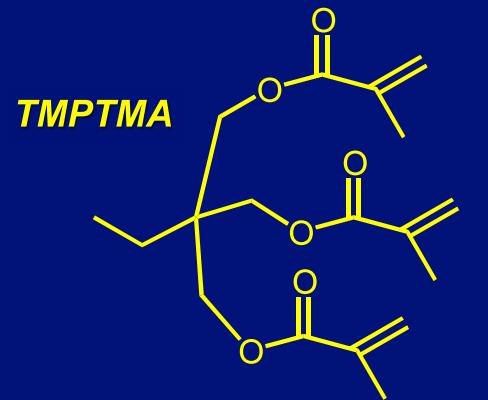
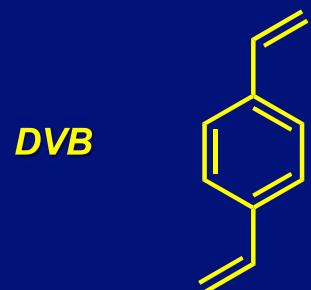
S.A. Jenekhe et al.,  
*Science* 1999, **283**, 372

# Self-Assembly of Block Copolymers followed by Decomposition of One Block

Using block copolymer which is composed of rigid block and removable block as mesopore generators and precursors, simultaneously♪



# Use of Ordered Mesoporous Silica Template



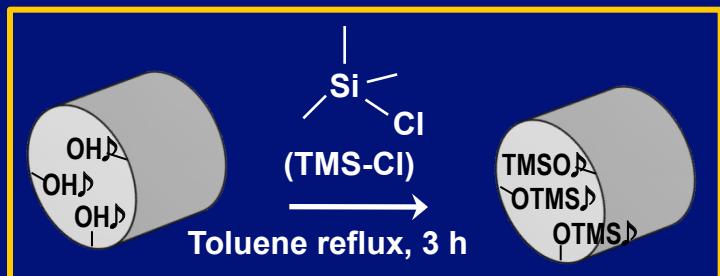
(D.-H. Choi et al., *J. Mater. Chem.* 2010, **20**, 5544)

## Helpful Tips for Use of Ordered Mesoporous Silica Template

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[J.Y. Kim et al., *J. Mater. Chem.* 2001, **11**, 2912] was difficult to reproduce.

(1) For hydrophobic monomers, silylation on the template pore walls



(2) Uniform Impregnation of DVB and AIBN using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution

(3) Freeze-vacuum-thaw treatment for more uniform impregnation

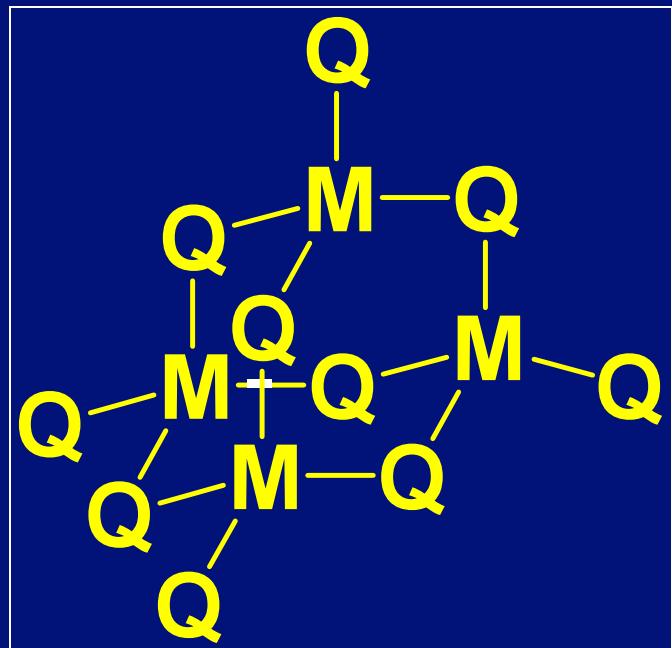
(4) Radical polymerization with heating

(5) Template removal by HF solution

See D.-H. Choi et al., *J. Mater. Chem.* 2010, **20**, 5544 for details

# Chalcogenides

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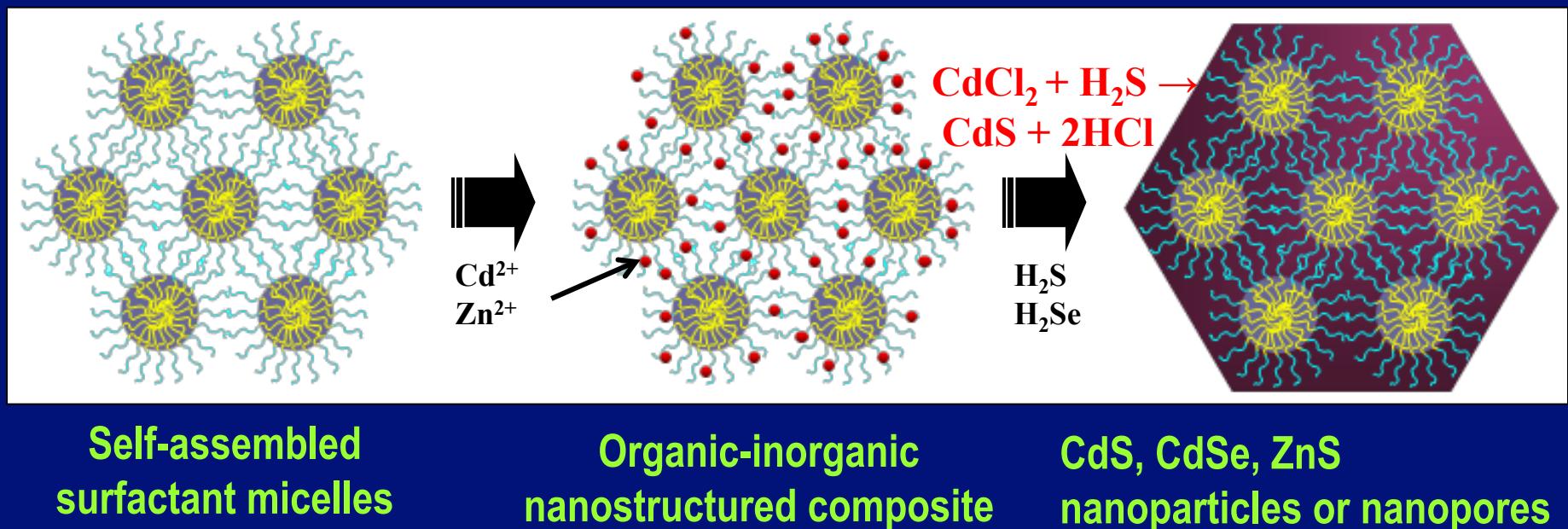


M = Zn, Ge, Sn, In, etc

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Q = S, Se, Te, etc.

# Liquid Crystal Templating Route to Mesostructured Chalcogenide



Self-assembled surfactant micelles

Organic-inorganic nanostructured composite

CdS, CdSe, ZnS nanoparticles or nanopores

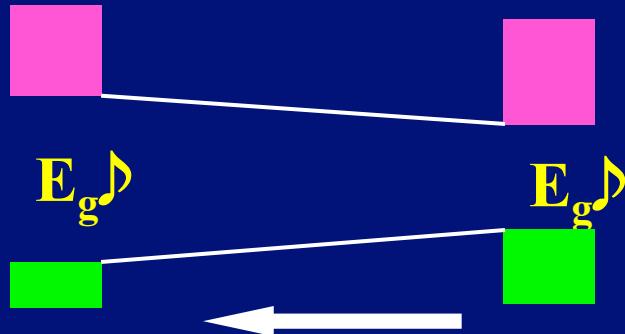
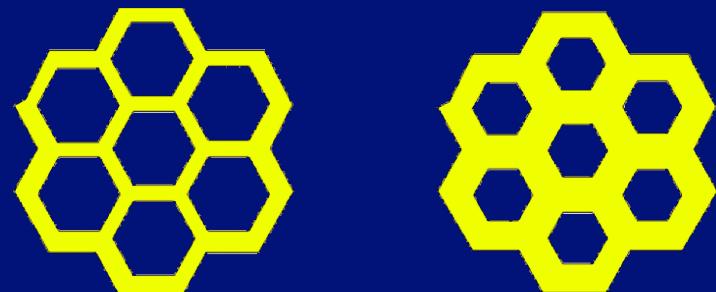
M. Bawendi  
CdSe Quantum Dot (1993)



Design of surfactants is very important for control of mesostructure and optoelectronic properties

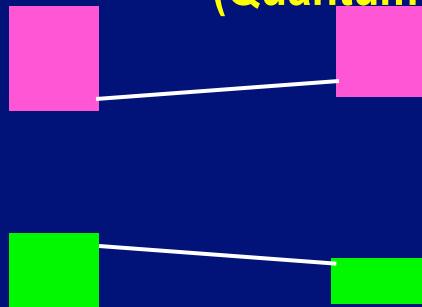
# Band Gap Evolution of Chalcogenides

Decreasing wall thickness & pore size



Increasing the bandgap energy  
( $E_g$ ) & blue shift

Bulk semiconductor  
An array of nanocrystals  
(Quantum dots)



M. G. Kanatzidis group, *Adv.  
Mater.* 2007, 19, 1165

(D. Weiss et al.,  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* 1993, 70, 4118)

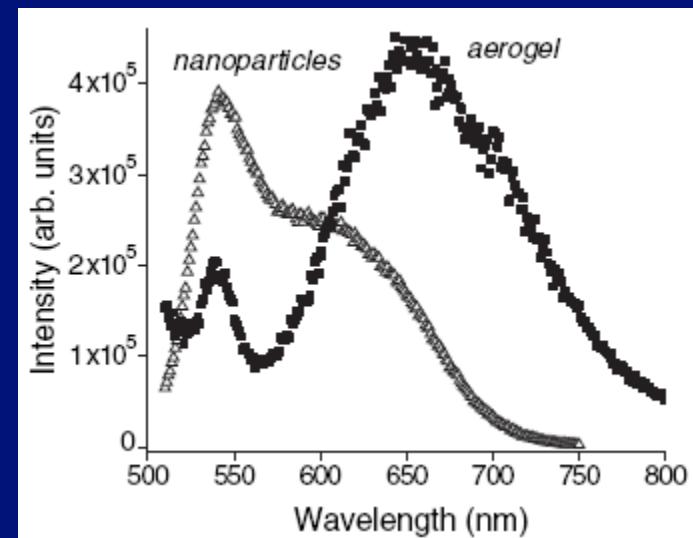
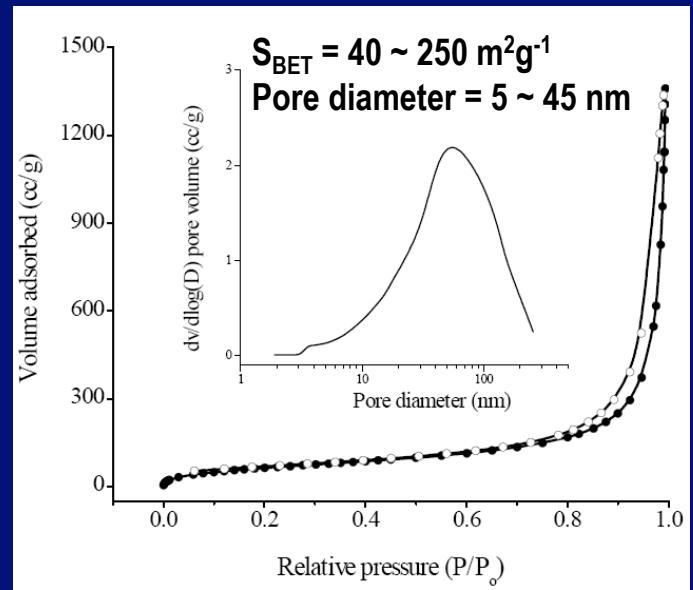
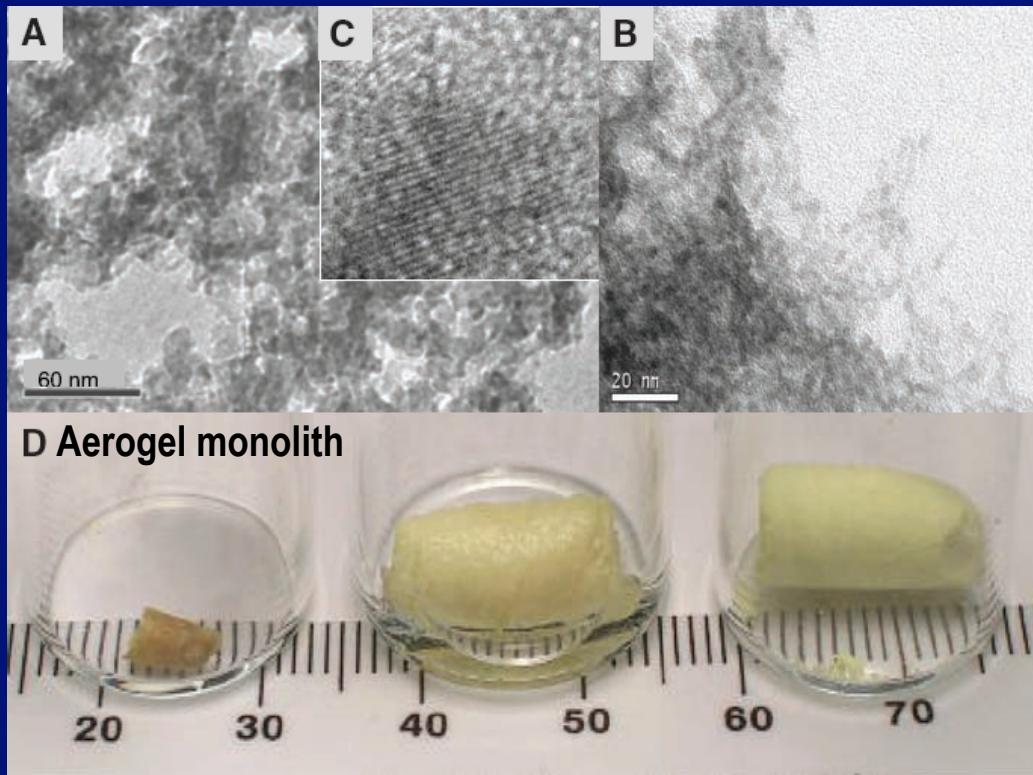
# **Chalcogenide Nanoparticles or Nano porous Chalcogenides**

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- Semiconducting superlattices
- Tunable electronic and photonic properties  
(color display)
- Open porous structures →  
adsorption & ion-exchange (sensor)

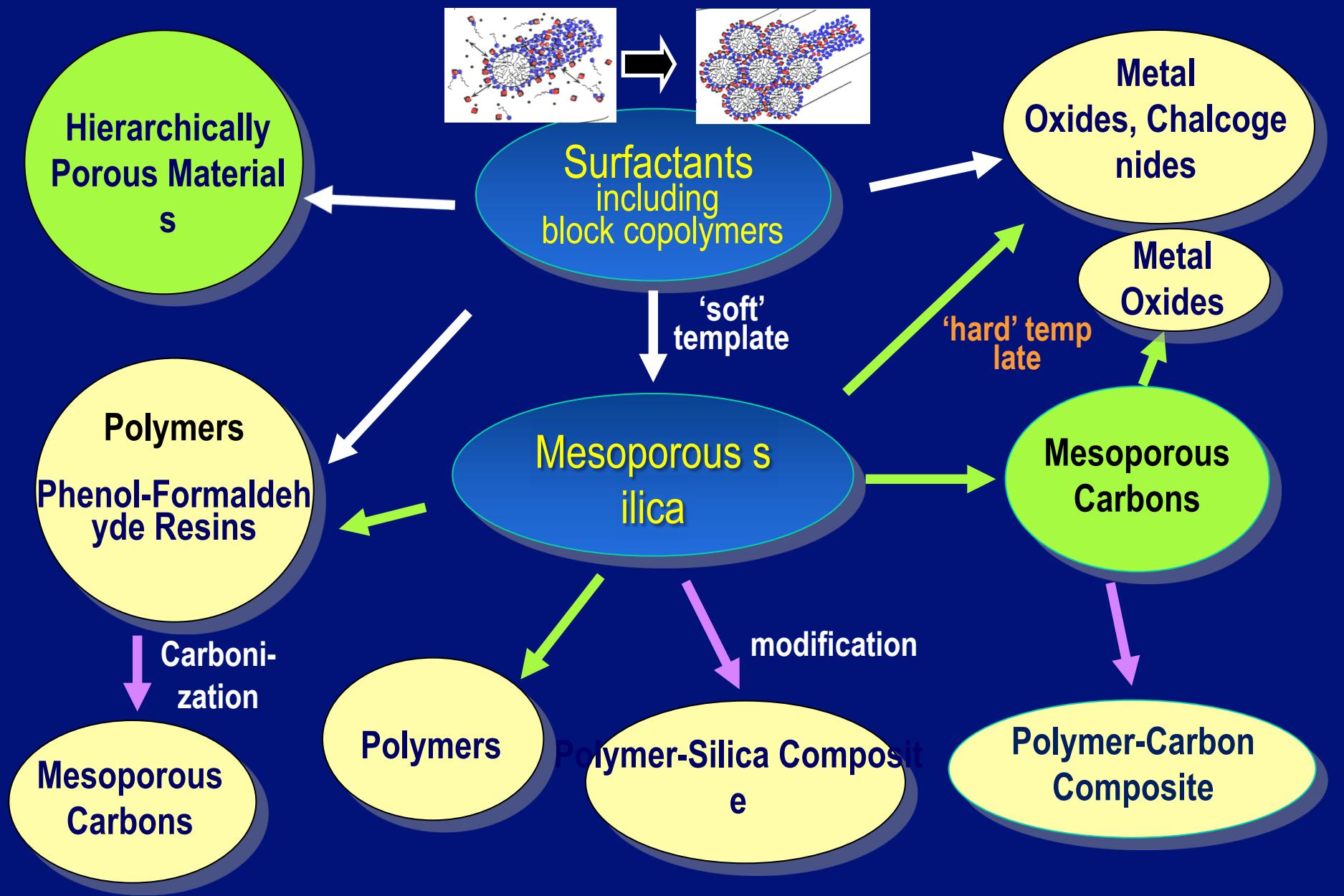
# Mesopore generation in chalcogenide: Aerogel

1. Nanoparticle formation/thiolate capping
2. Gelation through controlled surface-group (thiolate) loss
3. Supercritical  $\text{CO}_2$  drying
4. Assembly of chalcogenide nanoparticles
5. Chalcogenide aerogel



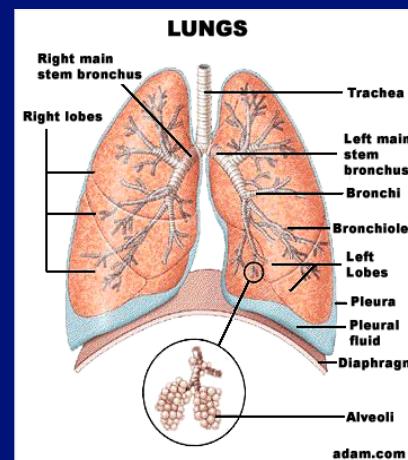
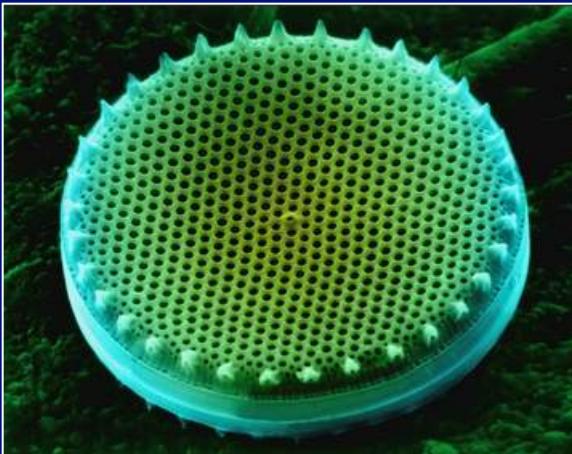
(J. L. Mohanan et al, *Science* 2005, 307, 397)

# Various Materials Available via Surfactant-Assembling Route and Hard-Templating Route



# Hierarchical Pore Systems

*'Maximized function in a limited space' due to facile transport*

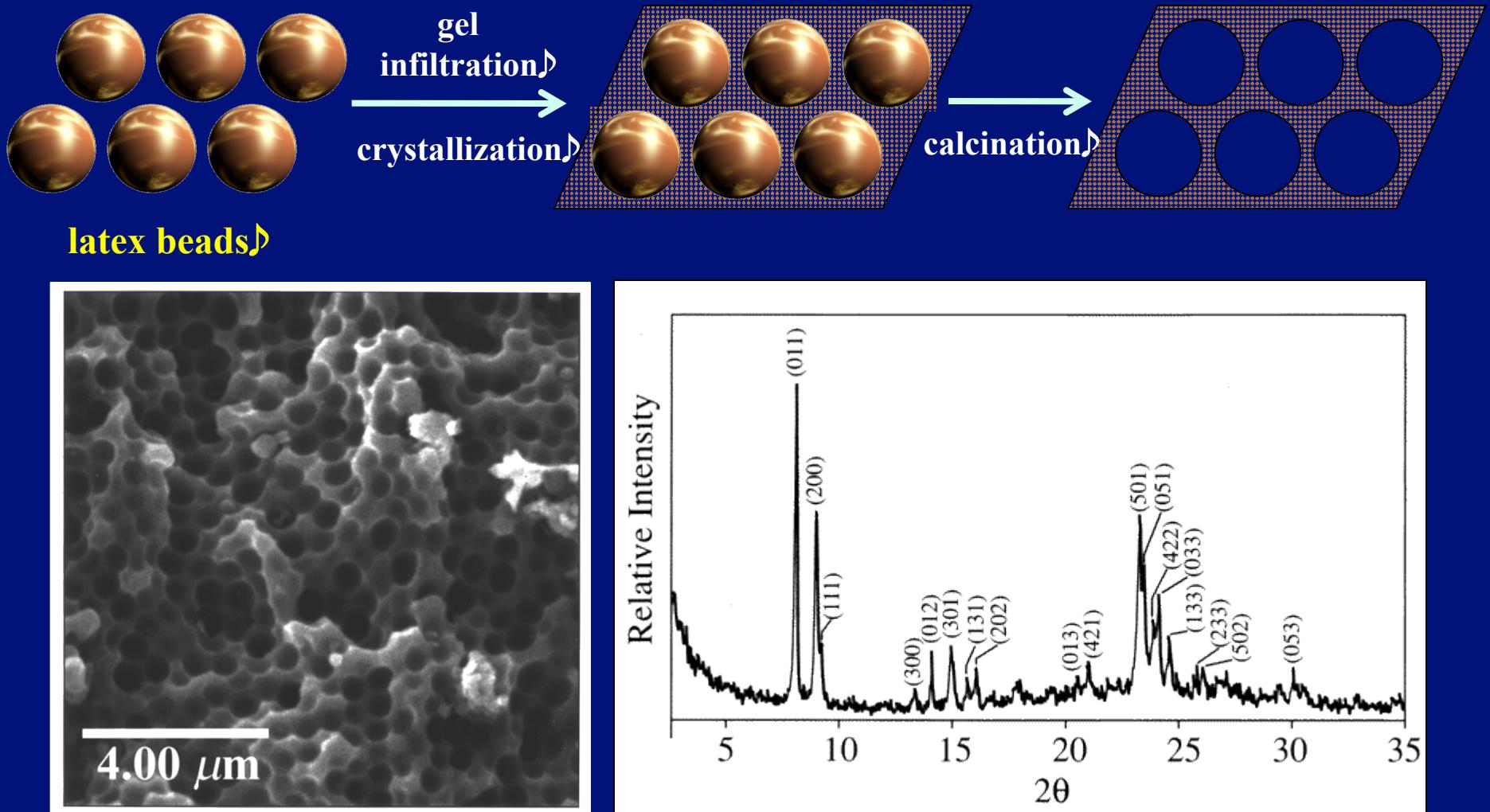


## **General Strategy: Use Two or More Kinds of Pore-Generating Agent (Porogen)**

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- Pore generation is a thermodynamically unfavorable, energy-consuming & entropy-lowering process.
- One or several kinds of pore-generating agent (porogen) may be used to generate pores at different levels of pore size.
- Porogens are very often miscible.  
Use immisible porogens (hard-soft, hard-hard, soft-soft, etc.)
- Separation of product phases are very common even if immisible porogens are used.
- Macro-Micro is easier > Macro-Meso > ... > Micro-Micro Hierarchy

# Example: Polymer Nanobeads for Macropores & Tetrapropylammonium<sup>+</sup> for Zeolite Micropores

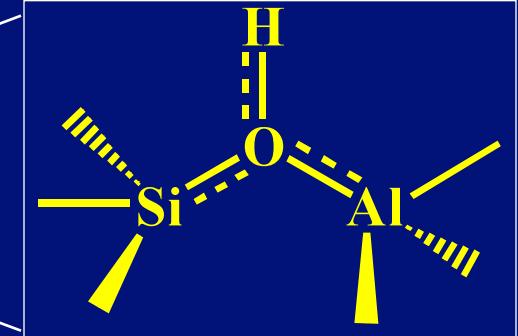
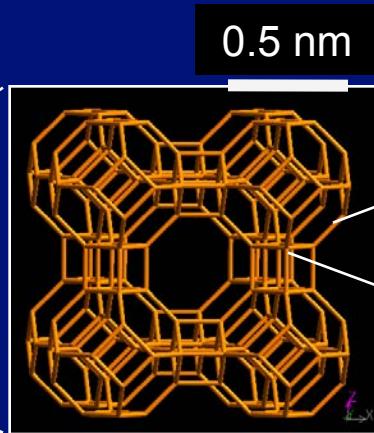


A. Stein, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 1999, 121 4308

# Zeolite



Natural or Synthetic



Crystalline microporous aluminosilicate minerals

Uniform micropores (0.3~1.5nm) with molecular dimension

Molecular sieving effect → size/shape-selectivity

High hydrothermal stability

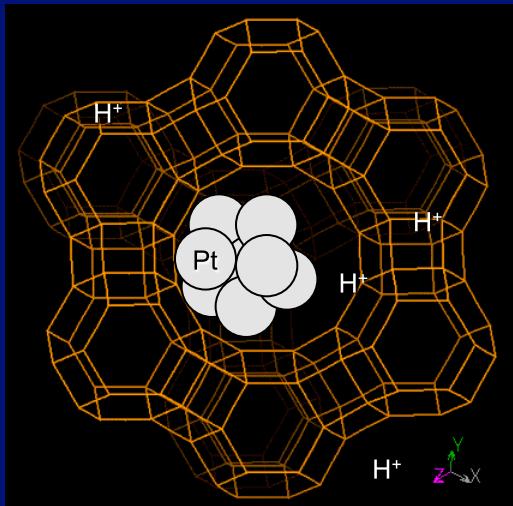
Cation exchange capacity

Strong acidity of the H<sup>+</sup> form → acid catalytic activity

## Applications:

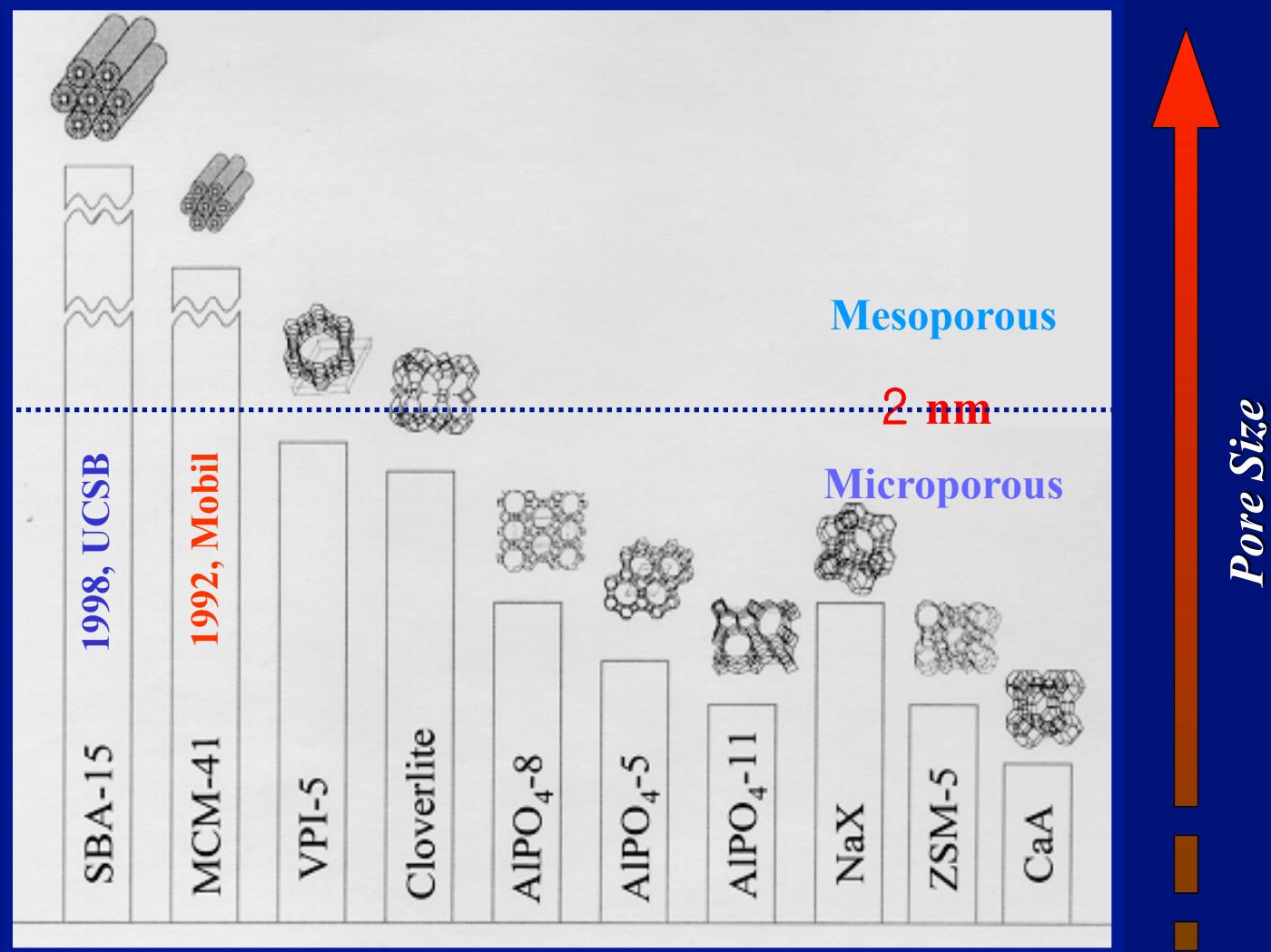
shape-selective adsorbent, acid catalyst, catalyst support

FCC catalyst for gasoline production,  
other petrochemical reactions,  
organic syntheses

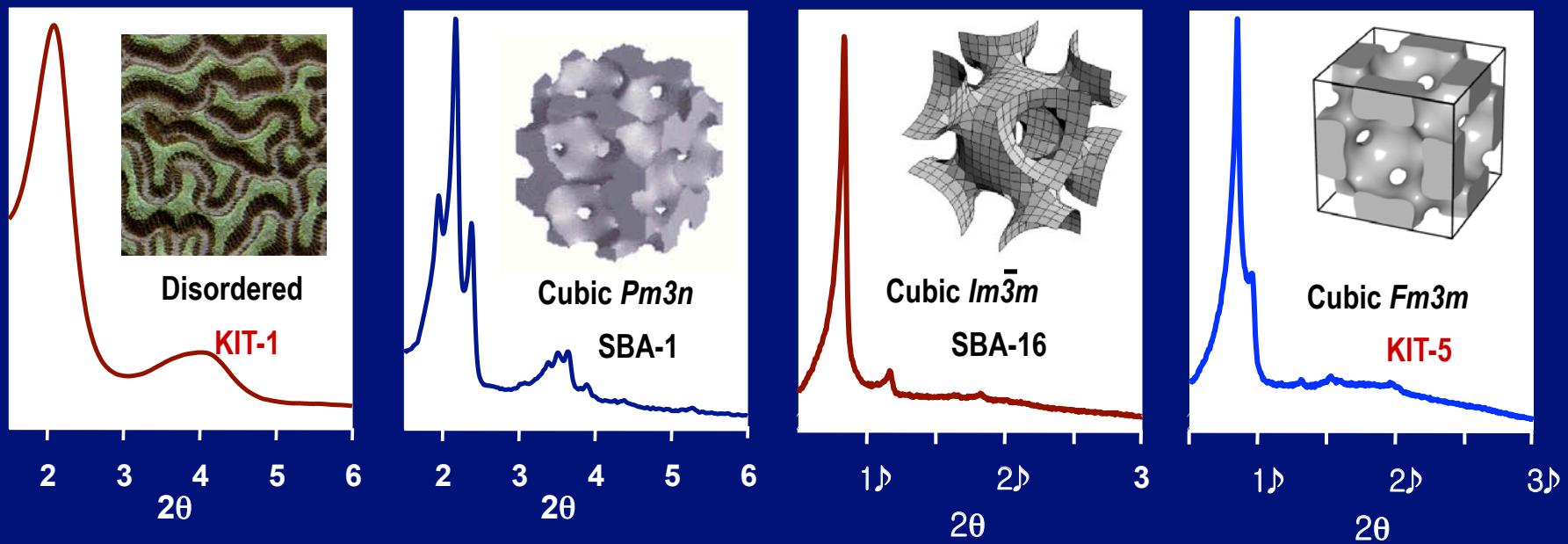
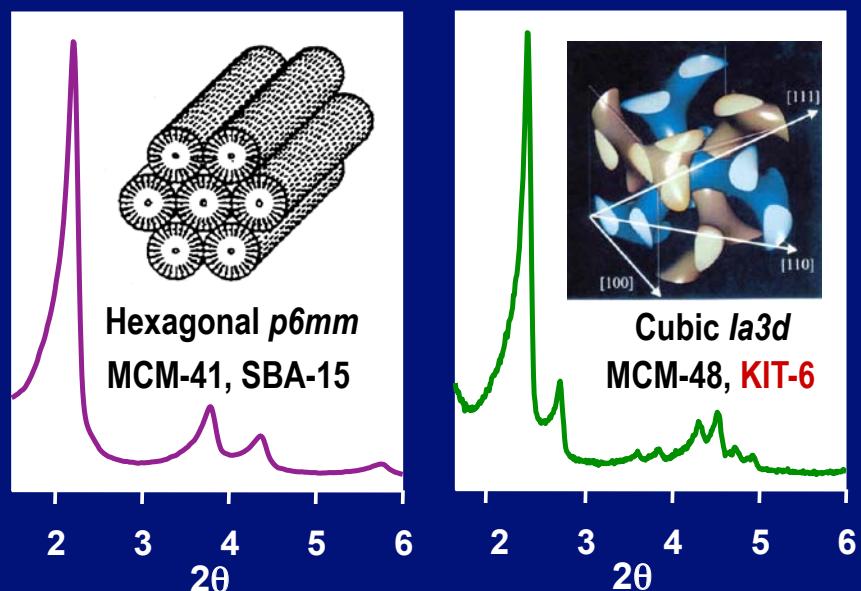


However, zeolite pores are too narrow for bulky molecules.

# Ordered Nanoporous Materials



# Ordered Mesoporous Silica with Various Structures



The widely open mesopores of the MCM-41-like mesoporous silicate attracted much attention as adsorption and catalytic applications where zeolites suffered from diffusion limitation.

Aluminum could be incorporated into the siliceous framework, directly during synthesis, or through a post-synthesis route.

The aluminosilicate frameworks were not sufficient for many acid catalytic applications, due to non-crystalline nature.

In recent years, there have been many attempts to synthesize mesoporous materials that are built with crystalline zeolitic pore walls.

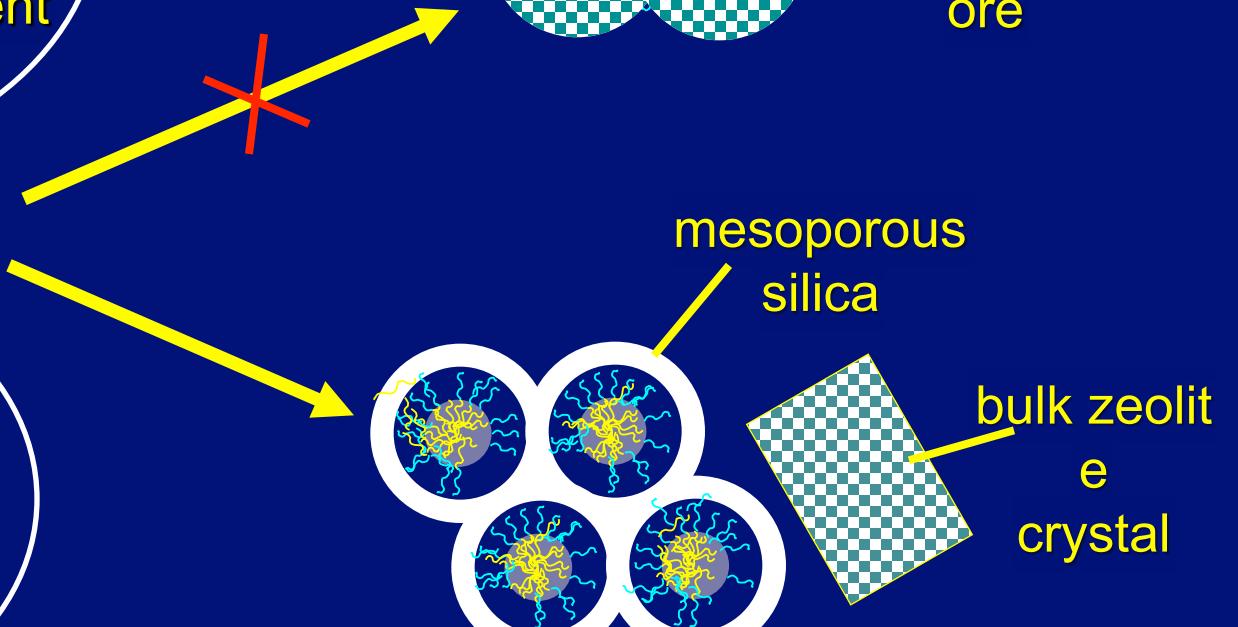
# Addition of CTAB-Type Surfactants into Zeolite Synthesis Composition

Zeolite Synthesis  
Composition:

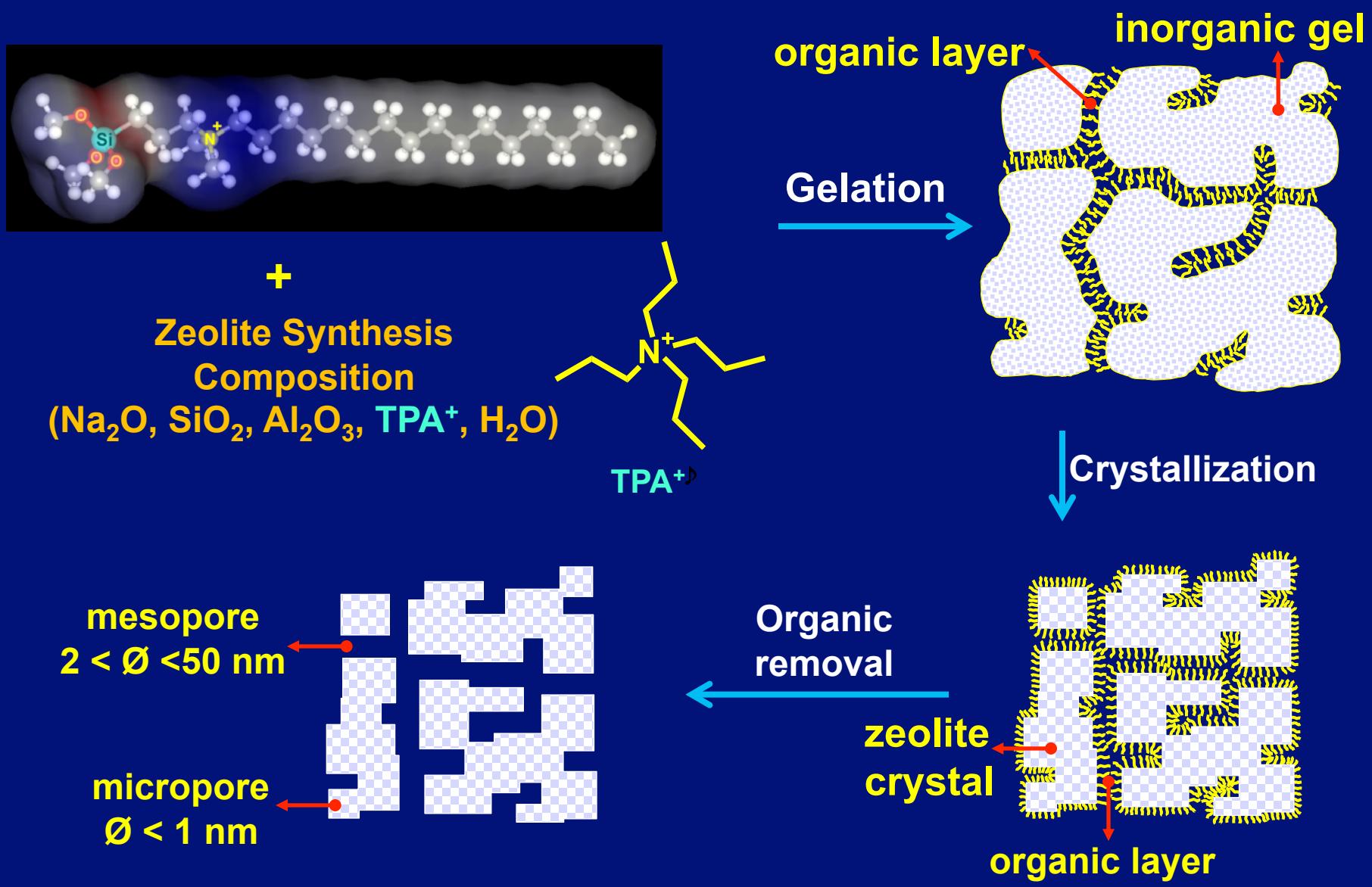
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{SiO}_2$  &  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  sources  
micropore-directing agent  
(e.g., amines,  $\text{Na}^+$ )

+

CTAB-Type Surf  
actant as a mesop  
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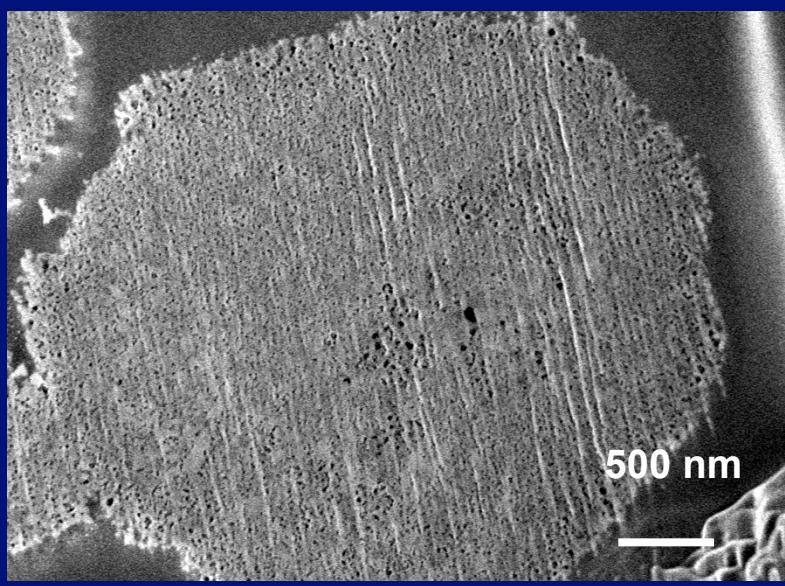
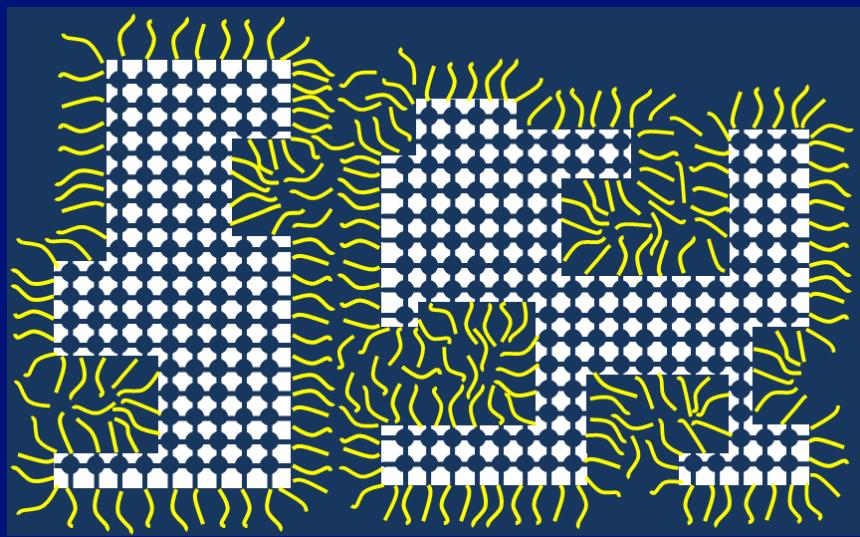
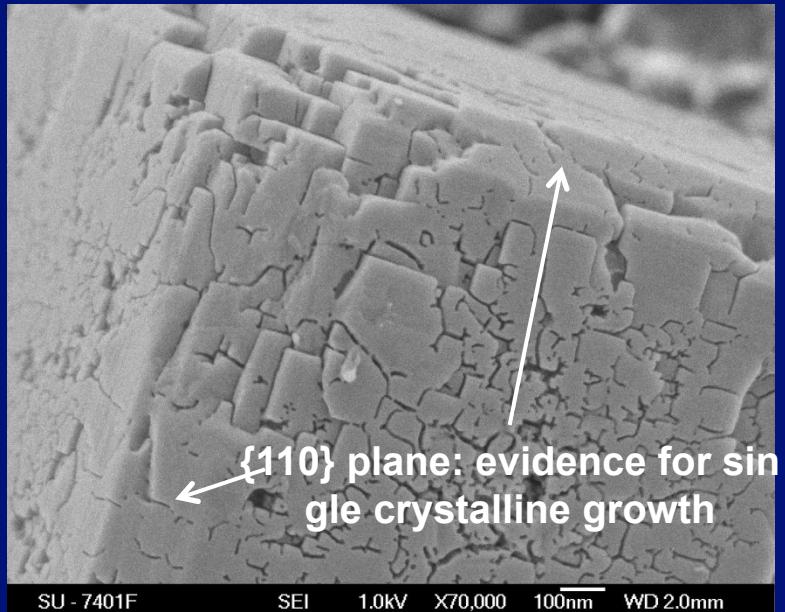
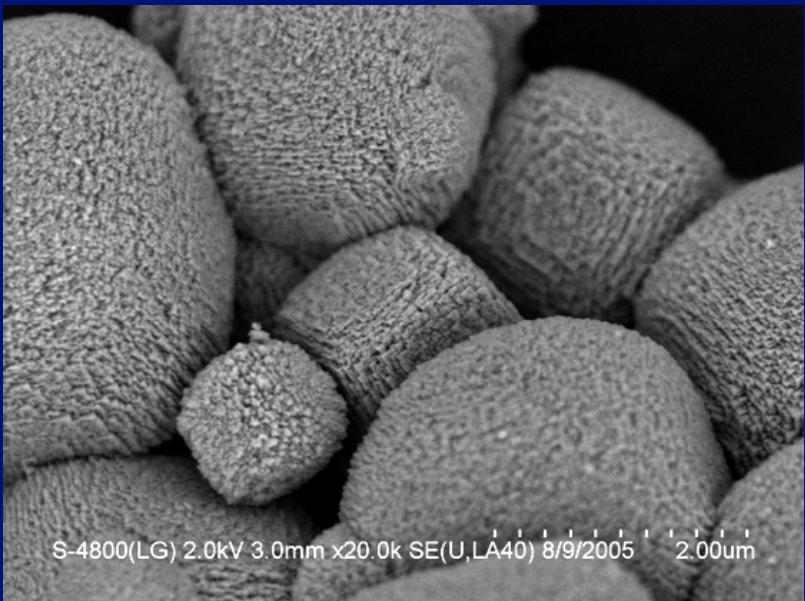


# Addition of Organosilane Surfactants into Zeolite Synthesis Gel



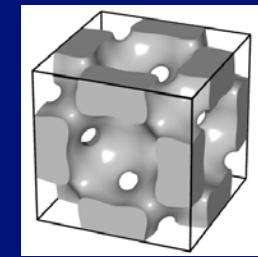
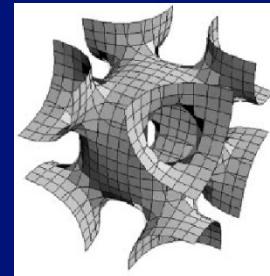
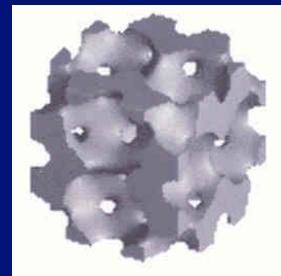
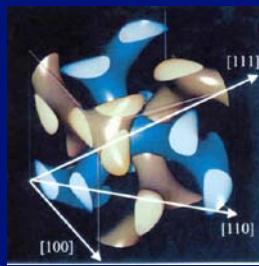
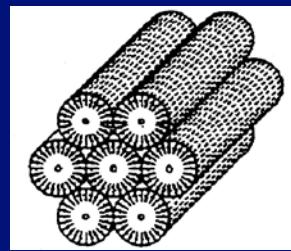
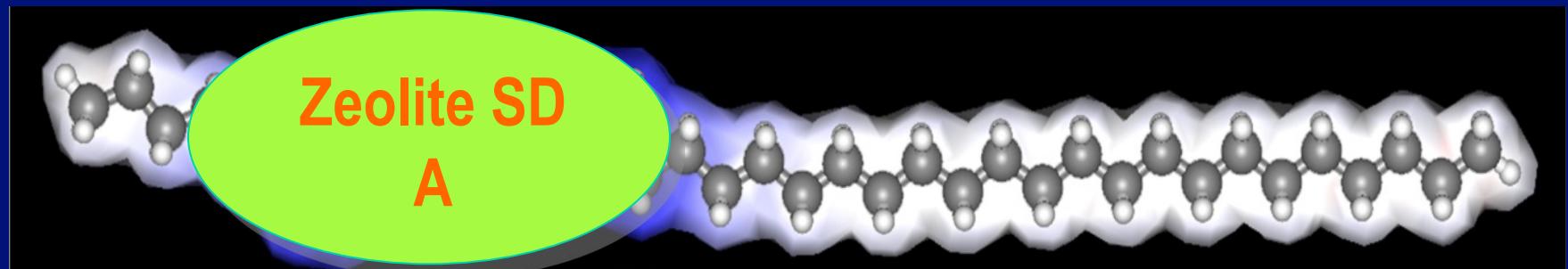
(M. Choi et al., *Nature Mater.* 2006, 5, 718)

# HRSEM Images of Hierarchical NaA Zeolite



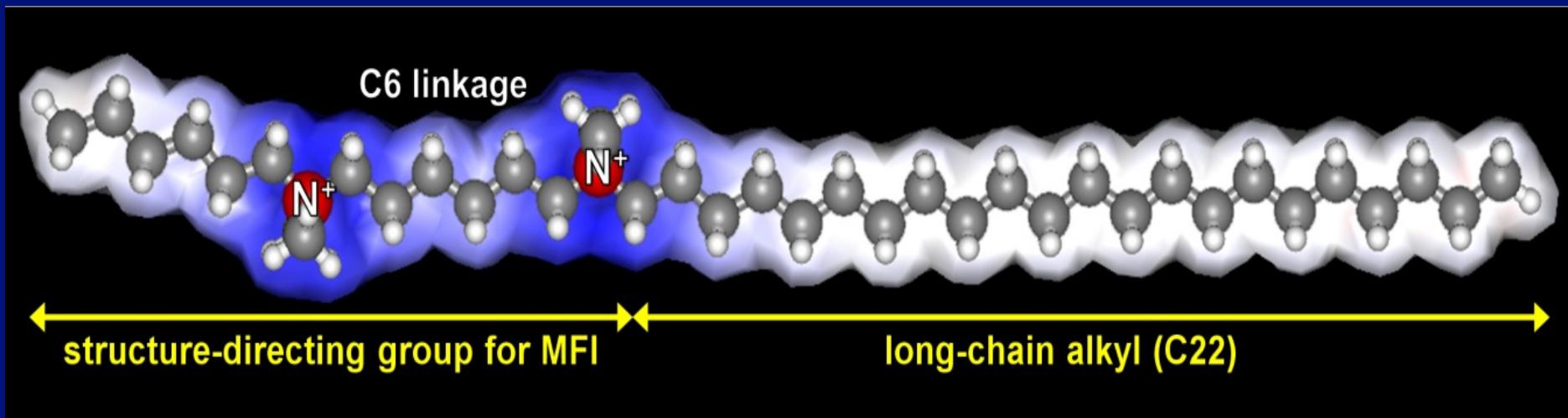
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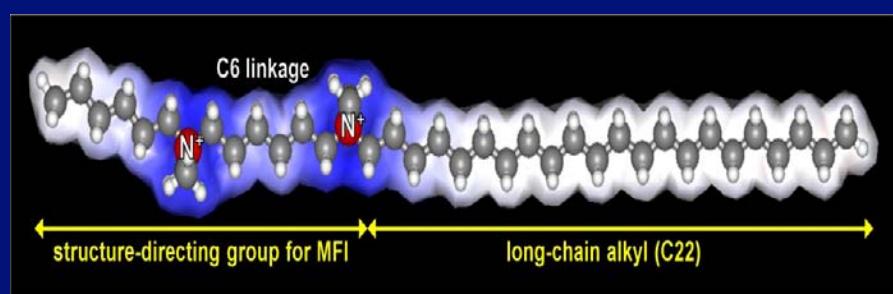
**“Can we synthesize mesoporous materials using a surfactant that is functionalized with a zeolite-structure-directing agent (SDA)?”**



**“Are these structures possible to synthesis with crystalline zeolite frameworks?”**

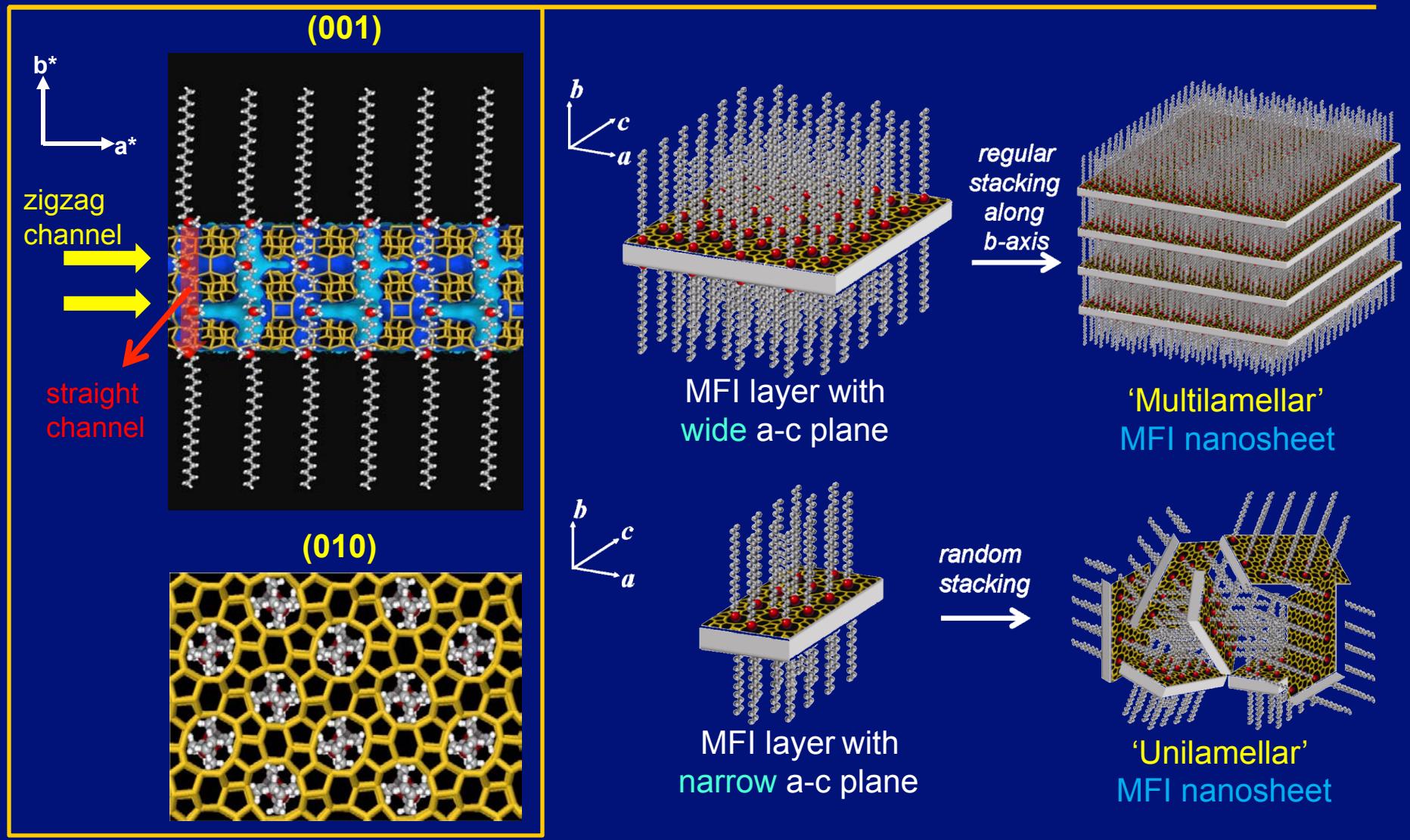
# First Example: Hydrothermal Synthesis of Zeolite using



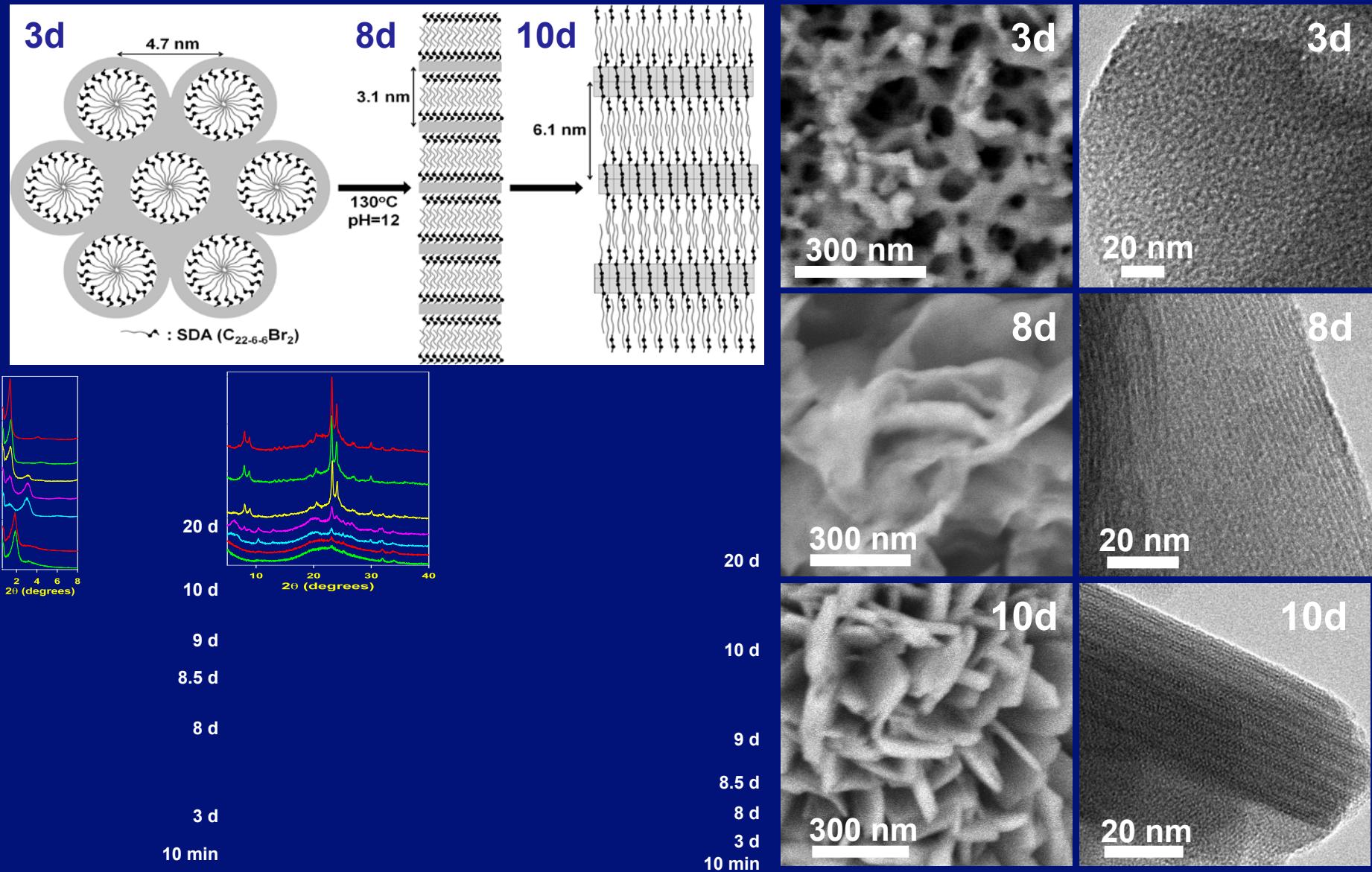


# Result: MFI Zeolite Nanosheets of a Single-Unit-Cell Thickness

(M. Choi et al., *Nature* 2009, 461, 246)

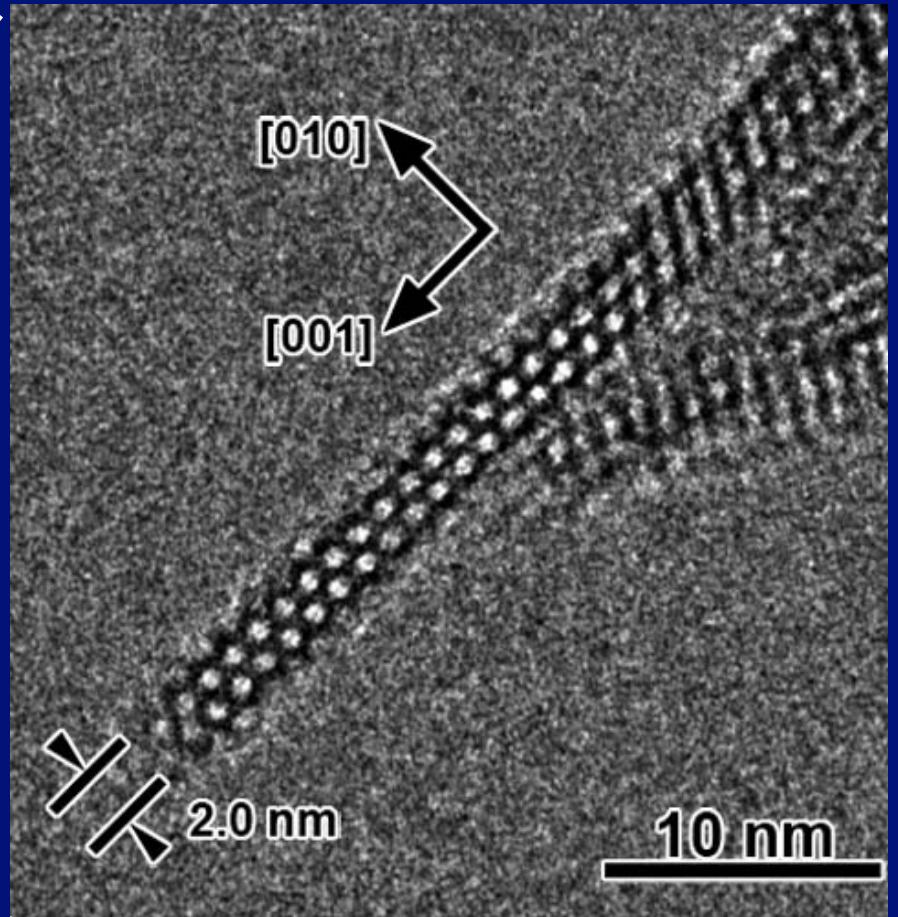
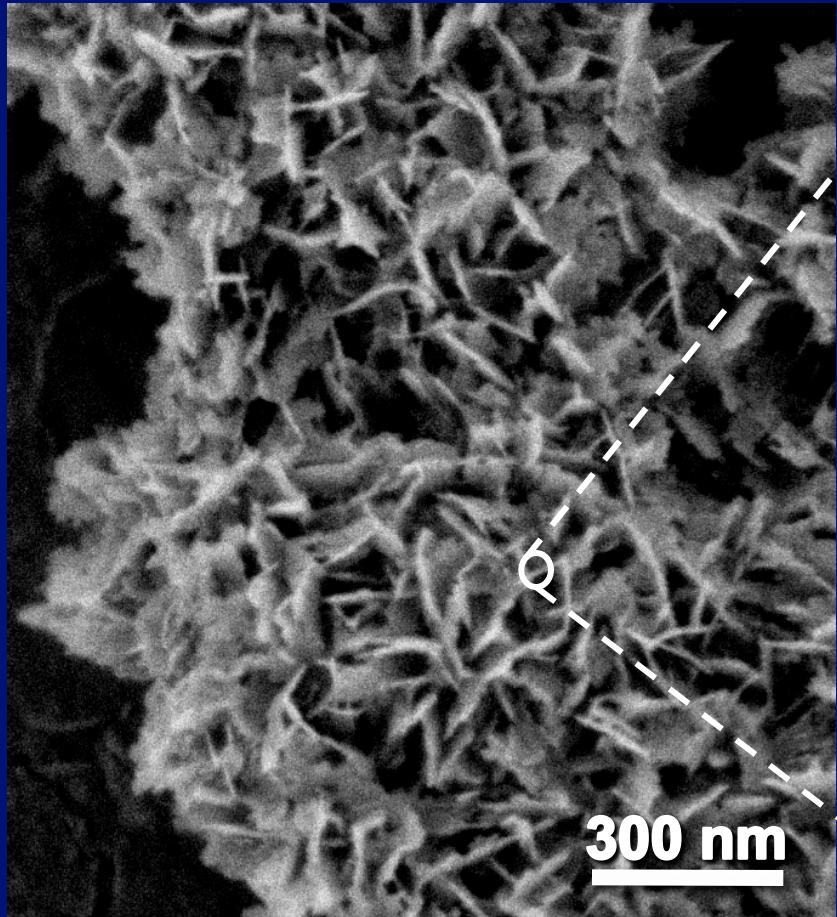


# Consecutive Transformations for the Formation of Multilamellar MFI Zeolite



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# Zeolite MFI Unilamellar Nanosheets

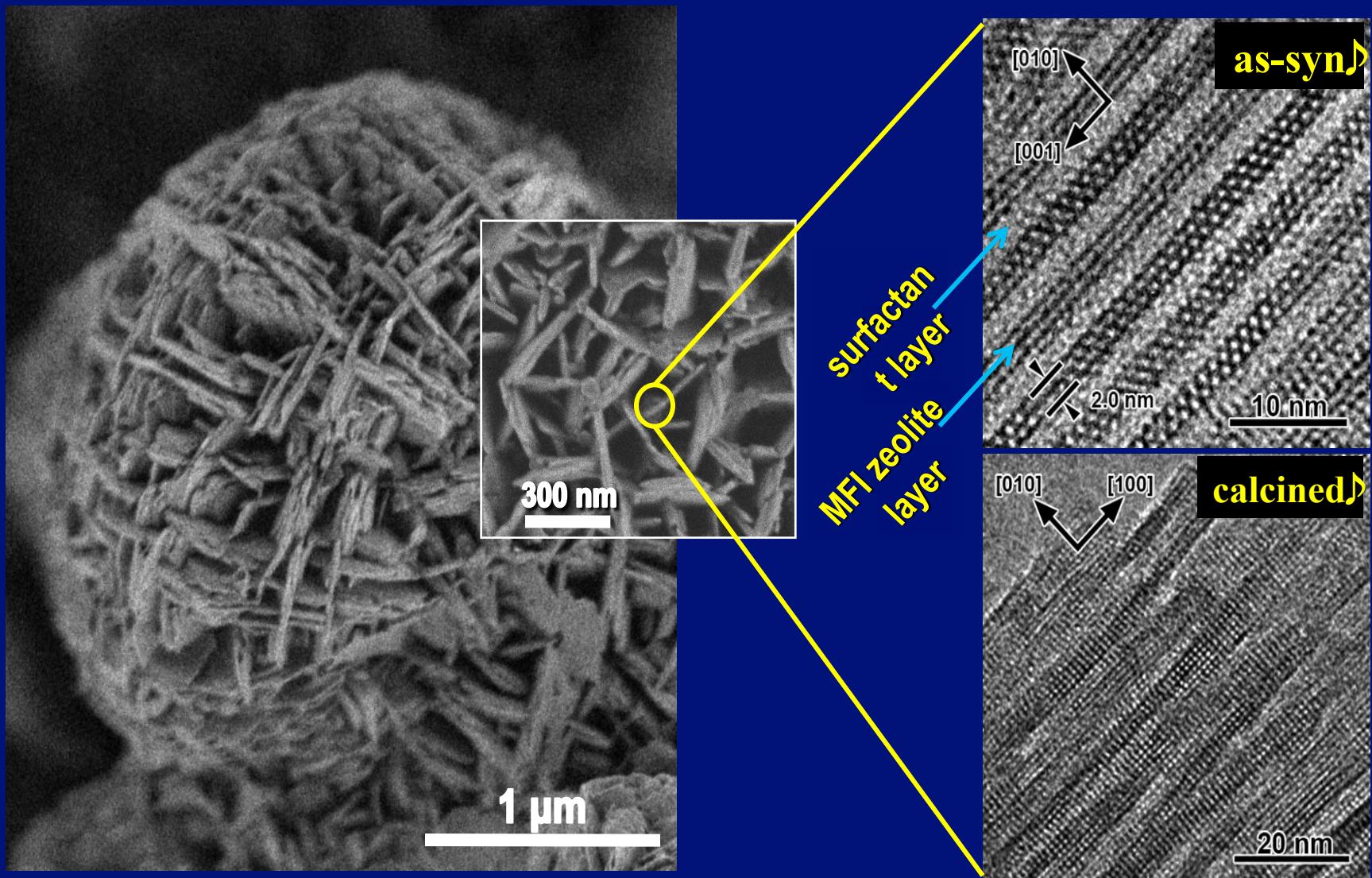


BET surface area  $\approx 700 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$

Total pore volume  $\approx 1.0 \text{ cc/g}$

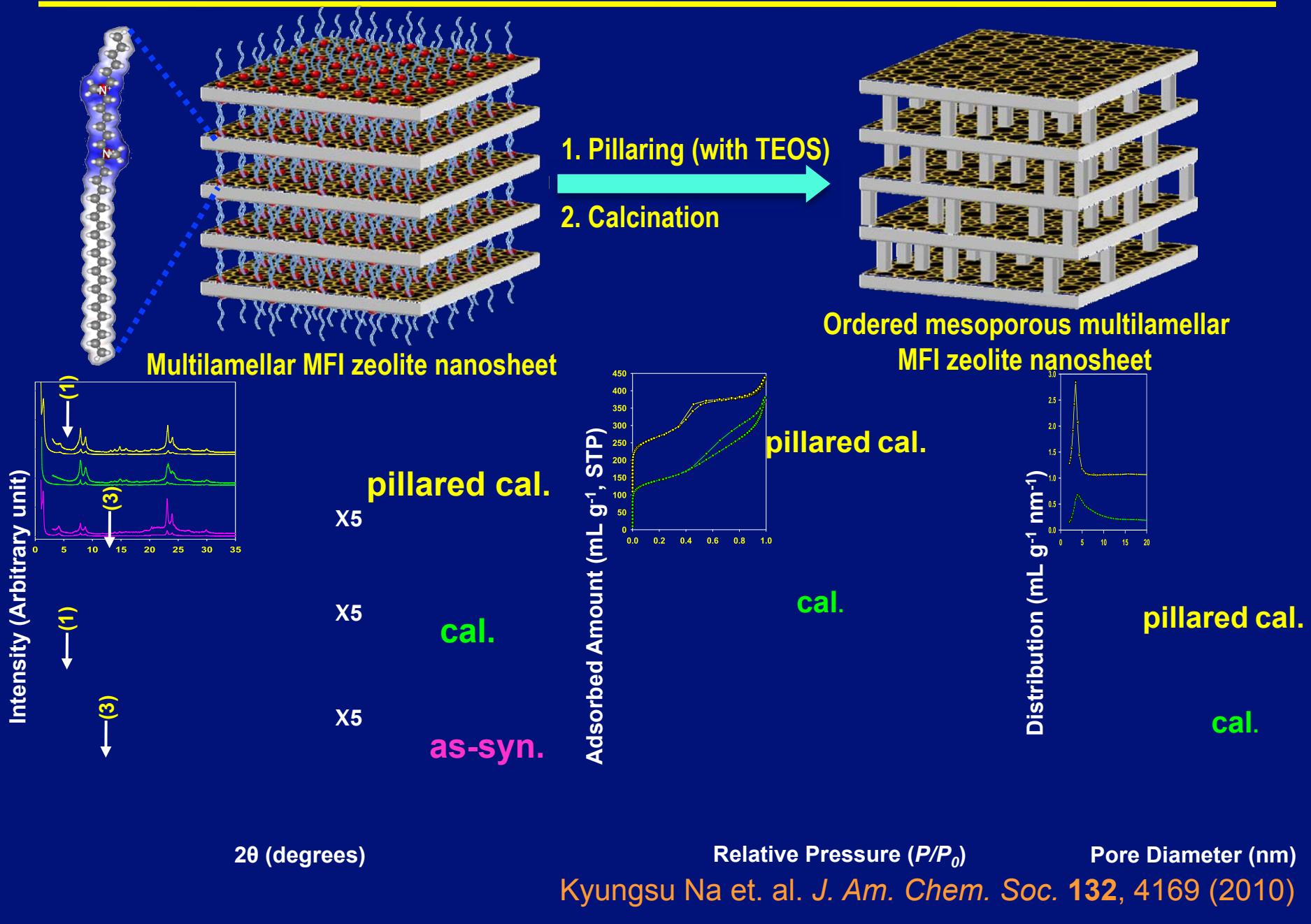
(conventional zeolite:  $400 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  &  $0.3 \text{ cc/g}$ )

# Zeolite MFI Multilamellar Nanosheets

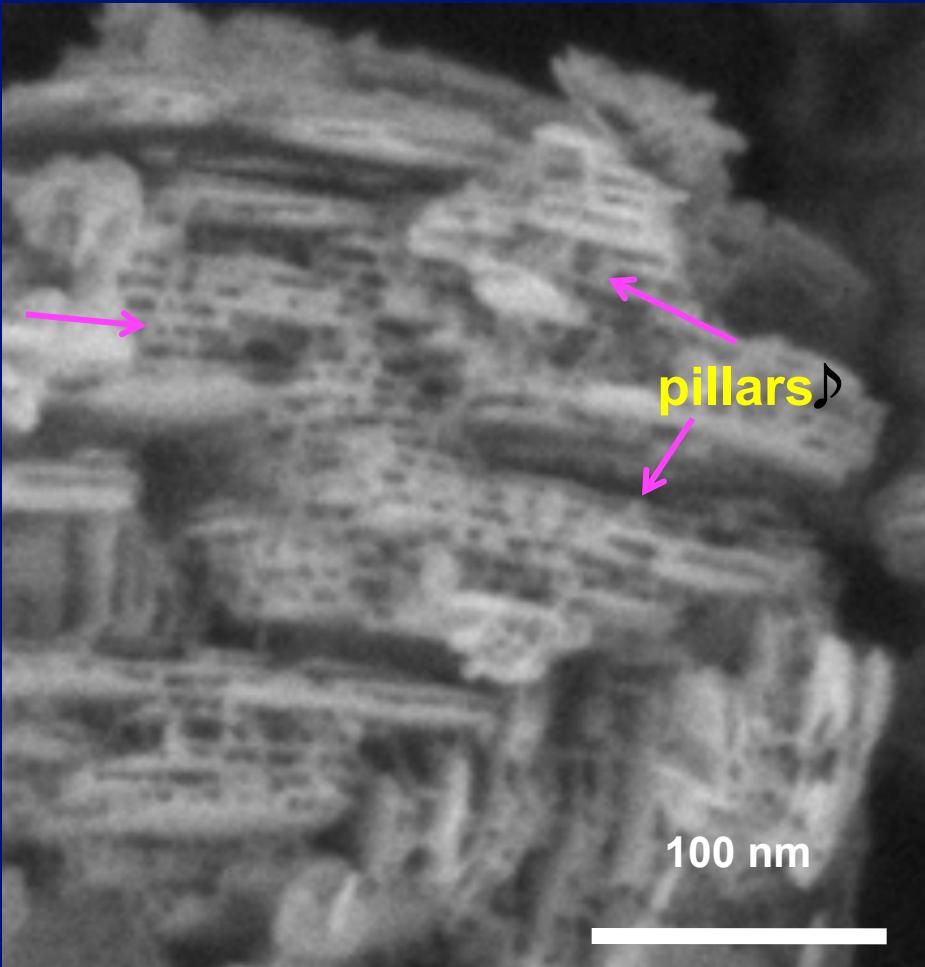


$520 \text{ m}^2\text{g}^{-1}, 0.4 \text{ cm}^3\text{g}^{-1}$

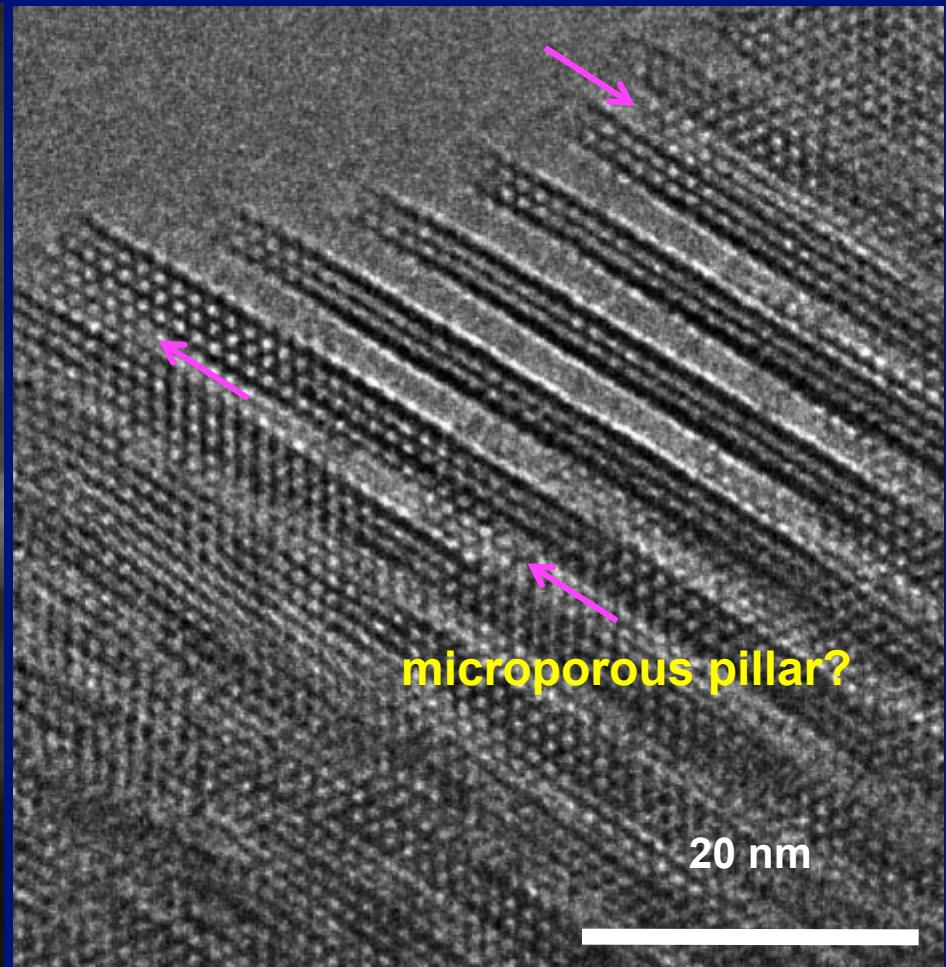
# Pillared Multilamellar MFI Zeolite Nanosheets



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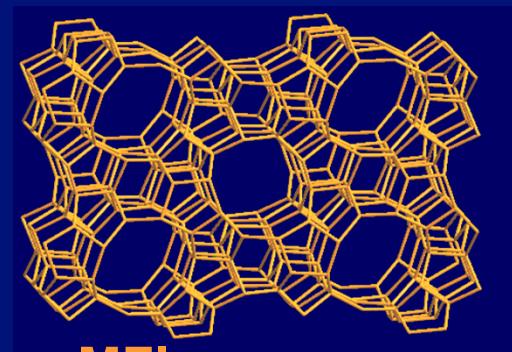
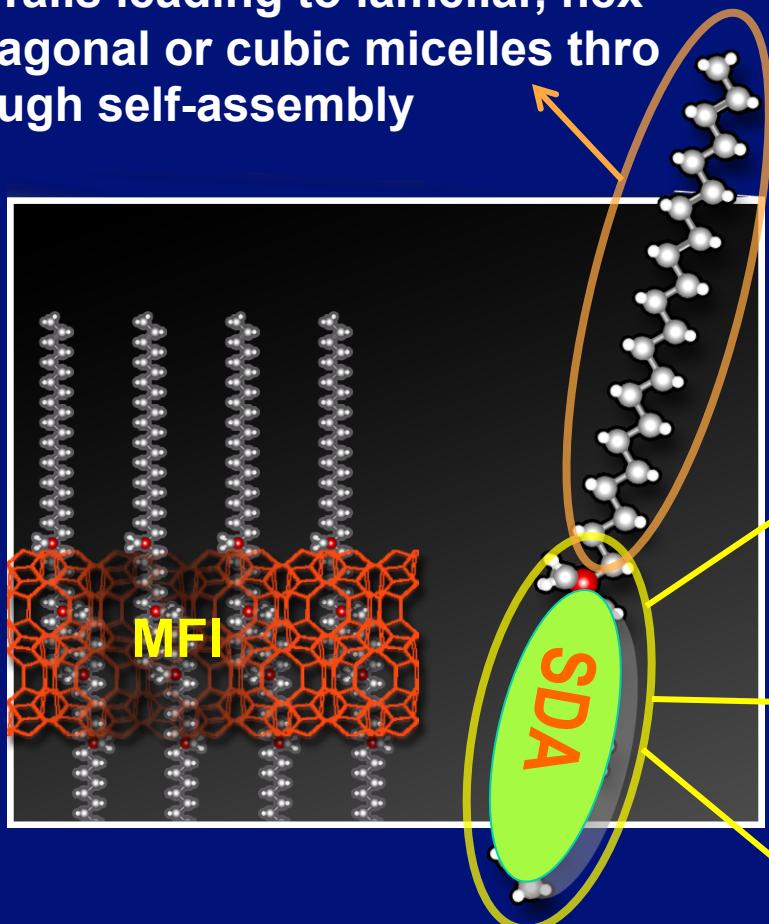
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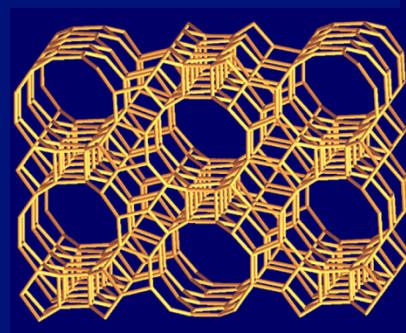
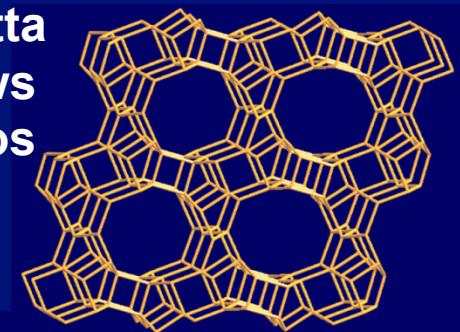
# The surfactant head is a structure directing agent (SDA) of zeolite while the tail is a mesopore SD

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Tails leading to lamellar, hexagonal or cubic micelles through self-assembly



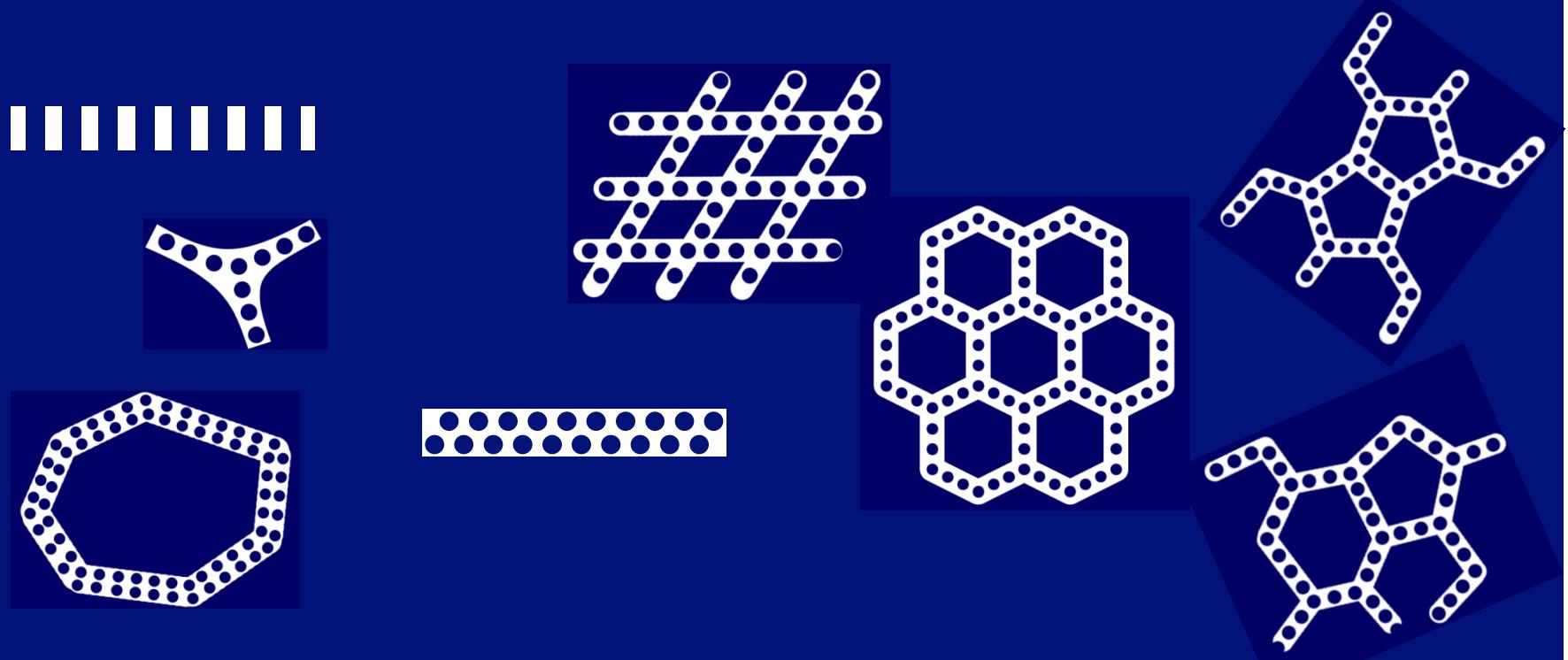
Using different SDA-attached surfactants allows different types of nanoheet zeolites.



AlPO<sub>4</sub>

# Outlook

Synthesis of new zeolitic materials can be expected

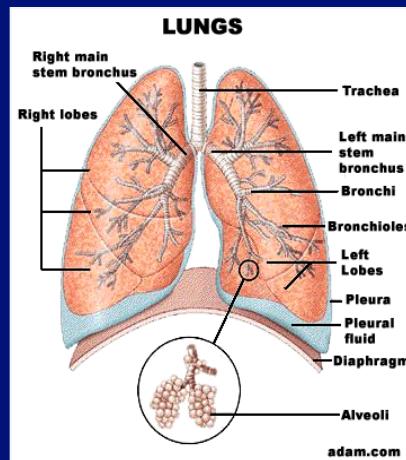
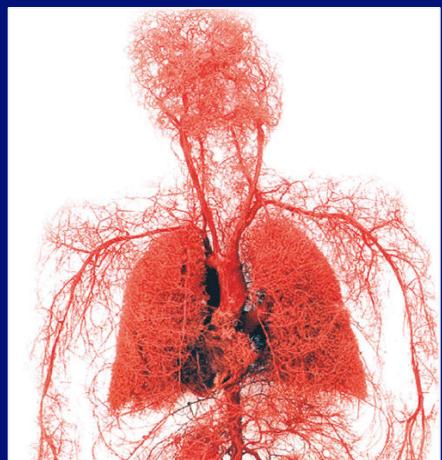
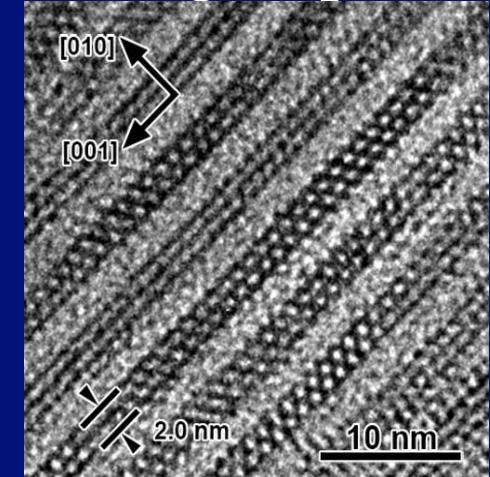


Zeolites with nanoscale morphologies (or nanomorphous zeolites) can be synthesized using a large molecule that contains a zeolite-SD functional group.

# Hierarchically porous zeolite structure is useful for design of high performance catalysts

‘To maximize function in a limited space’

- facile transport, maximum density of functional groups

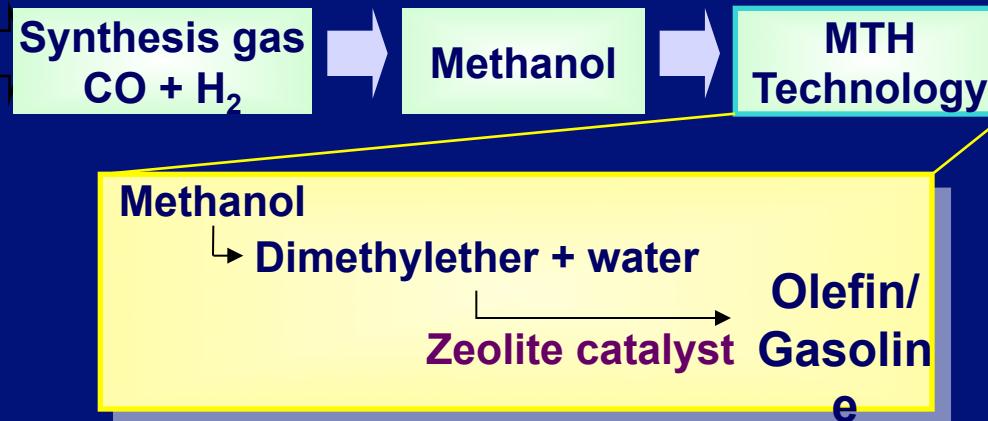


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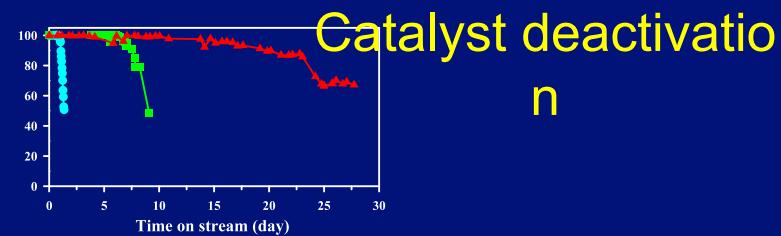
# Methanol-to-Hydrocarbon Conversion over MFI



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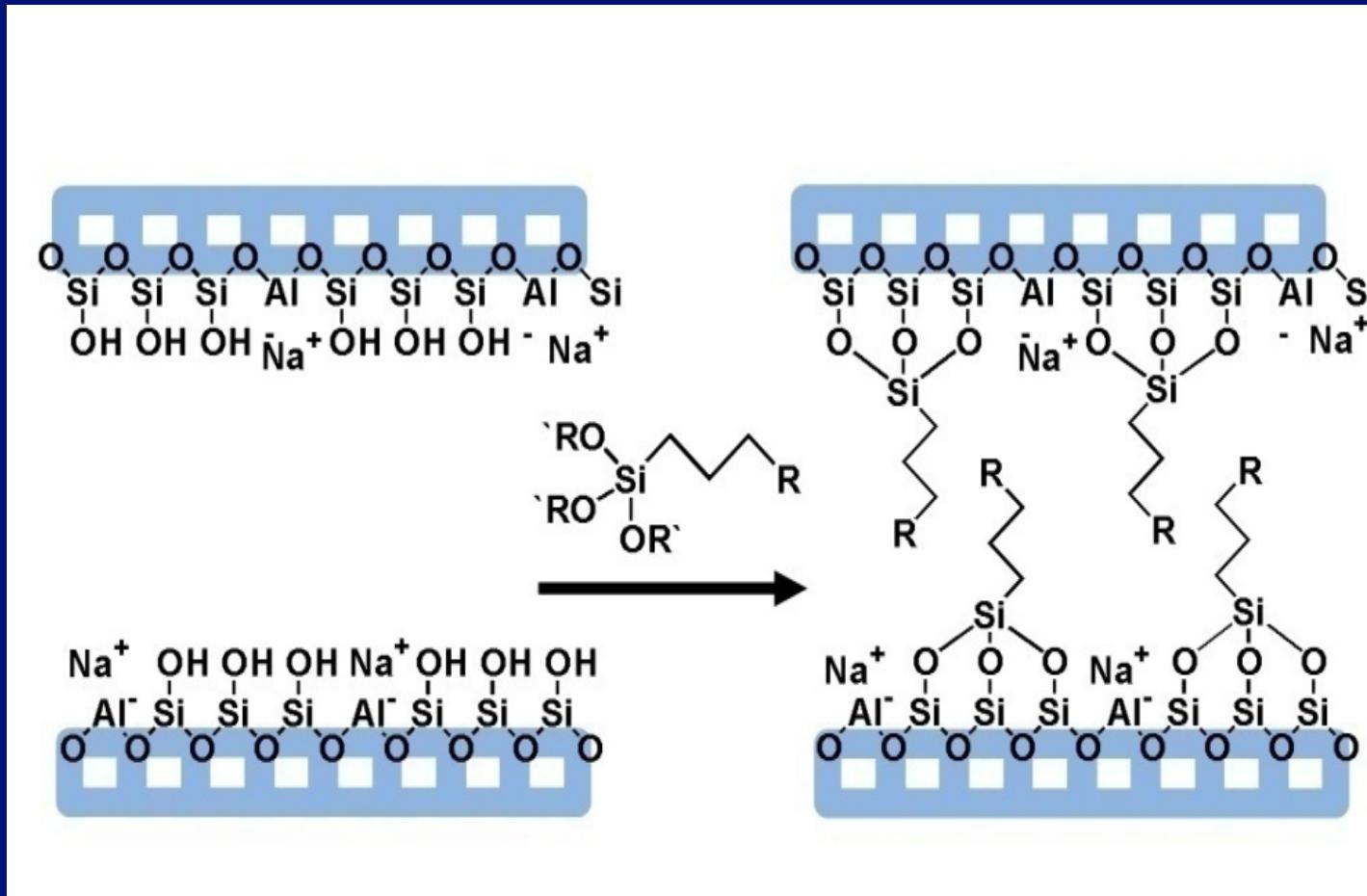
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Si/Al=15      Si/Al=41

Unilamellar M  
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Si/Al=53

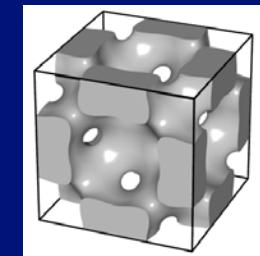
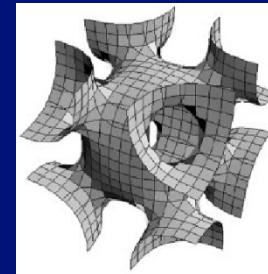
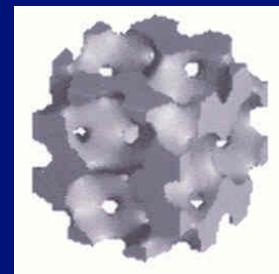
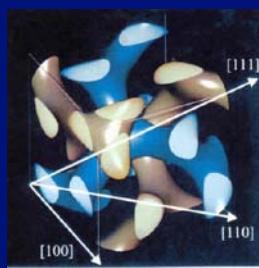
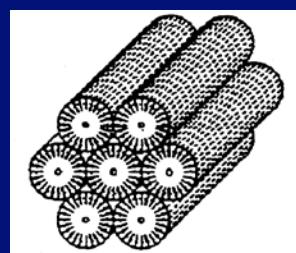
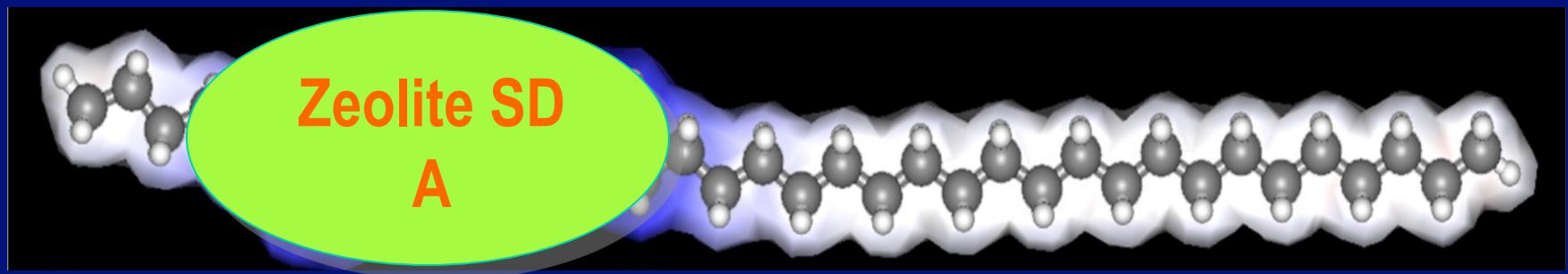
Selectivity

	Olefins	Gasoline	Others
ZSM-5 (15)	15	56	29
ZSM-5 (41)	32	46	22
Unilamellar M FI (53)	36	43	21

# Organic-functionalization of zeolite mesopore wall Is is possible



**Conclusion: It is possible to synthesize mesoporous materials using a surfactant that is functionalized with a zeolite structure directing agent .**



These ordered structures would be possible to synthesis with crystalline zeolite frameworks in the near future.

The mesopore diameters are controllable. The wall thickness is also adjustable within a certain range.

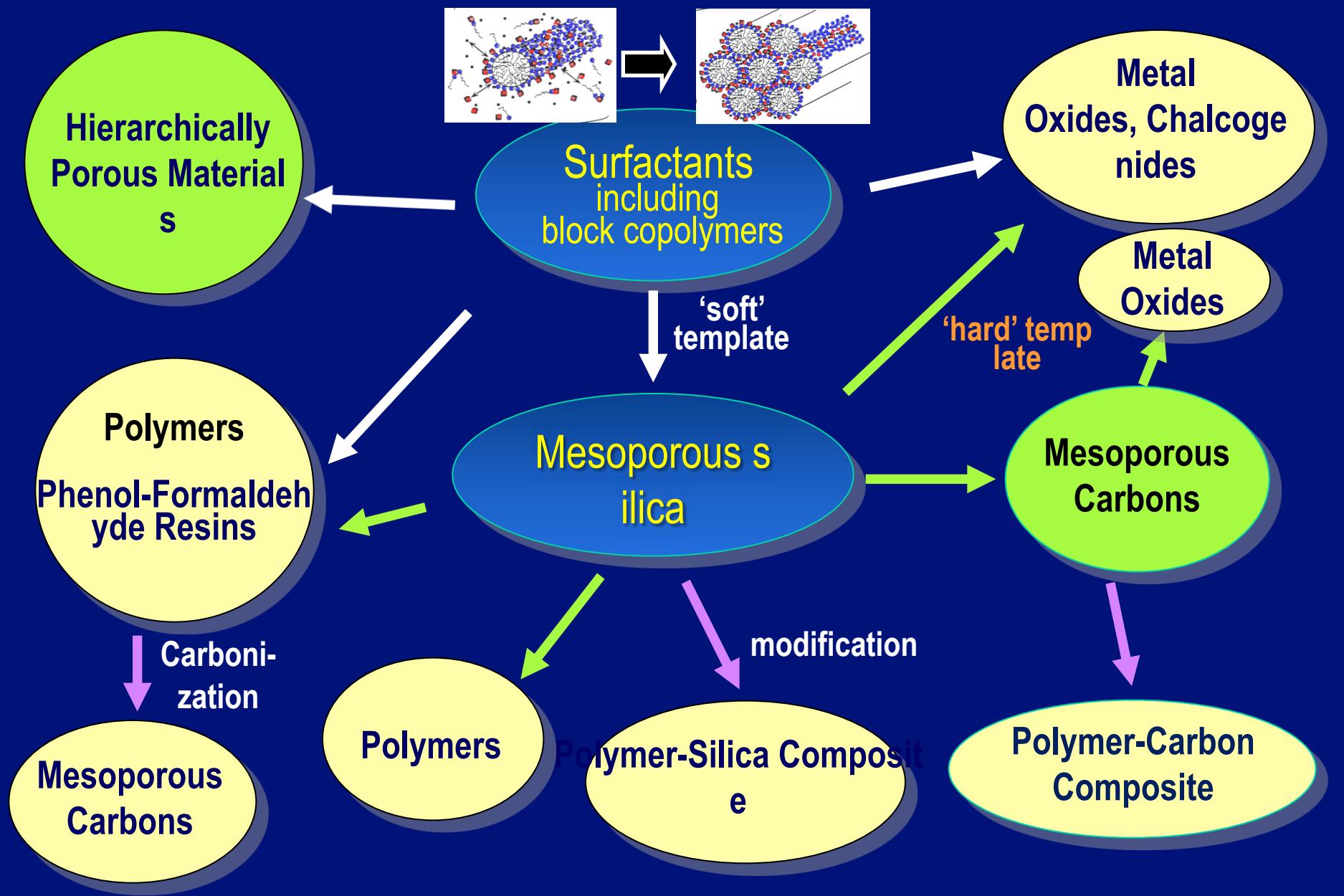
What is the mechanism for the formation of extremely thin zeolite crystals?

Is it different from bulk crystallization?

The synthesis strategy using functionalized surfactant would be applied to materials other than silica or aluminosilicate.

These new zeolitic materials would provide many new opportunities for researches and applications.

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