Recrystallization of polystyrene using the carbon dioxide as an anti solvent

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Polystyrene is able to be used as a source for toner when its particle size is about 5µm. The object of this study is to find out the condition which produced particles having about 5µm. DCM (dichloromethane) and toluene were used as a solvent for the polystyrene while CO_2 was used as an anti solvent. To find it initial temperatures were ranged from 32 °C to 50 °C with 5°C increment and pressures were ranged from 100bar to 250bar with 50bar increment. Polystyrene initial concentrations in DCM and toluene were varied from 0.3wt% to 2wt%. Solution injection rates were varied from 0.2ml/min to 2ml/min to investigate the effect on particles by relative ratio of L-PLA solution and CO_2 . The polystyrene row materials were tabular habit and its size were varied from 3.0mm to 1.5cm. After SAS process, the particles were analyzed by a SEM (scanning electron microscope) and PSA (laser diffraction particle size analyzer).