

Synthesis of Mesoporous Silicas Using Anionic Surfactants and Alkoxysilanes

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Mesoporous silicas have been synthesized using anionic surfactants and various alkoxysilanes, 3-aminopropytriethoxysilane (APTES), [3-(diethylamino)propyl]-trimethoxysilane (DEAPTMS), 3-[2-(2-aminoethylamino)ethylamino]propyl-trimethoxysilane (AEAAPTMS), 3-(2-aminoethylamino)propyl-trimethoxysilane (AEPTMS) by adjusting the pH to the pK_a of the corresponding alkoxysilanes. The ratio of alkoxysilane to tetraethyl orthosilicate (TEOS) was controlled to 1:1. The obtained surfactant-silica composite was slurred in the CH_3CN solution to remove the surfactant. Depending on the type of surfactants, $C_{12}OOH$, $C_{14}OOH$, $C_{16}OOH$ and $C_{18}OOH$ and the concentration of alkoxysilanes, various mesoporous structure has been derived. In the case of APTES and AEPTMS, the hexagonal mesoporous structure was obtained. The diffuse mesoporous structure was obtained when DEAPTMS and AEAAPTMS were used, respectively. The result of physicochemical characterization of the obtained mesoporous silicas will be presented.