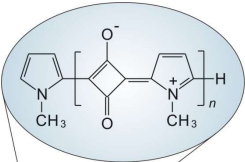



Production methodology





Langmuir (2005) **21**, 6572 - 6575
Poly(1-methylpyrrol-2-ylsquaraine)



PMPS particles

TEOS







H⁺



Mⁿ⁺

H⁺


660°C

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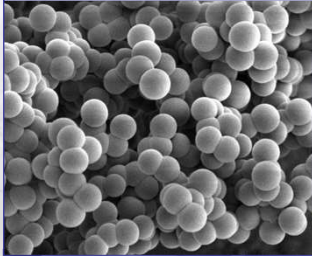
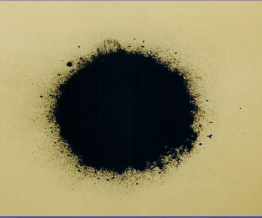



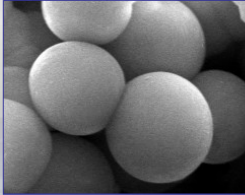
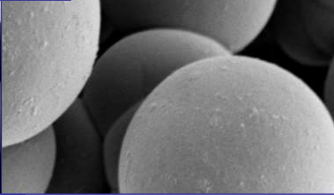
Hollow silica shells


Core shell products



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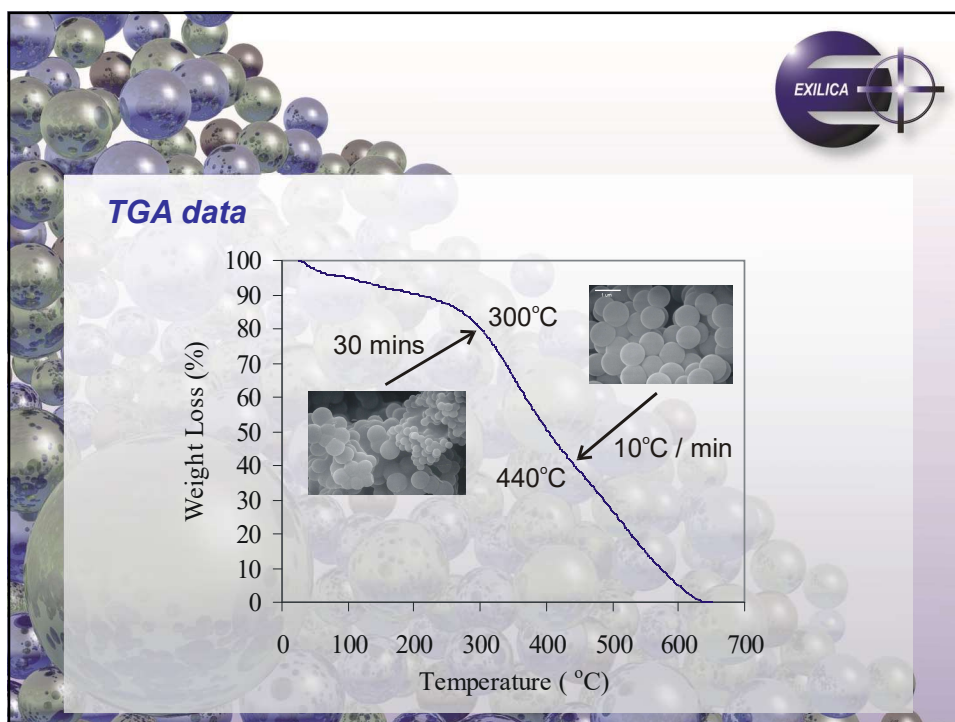





PMPS particle parameters

- particle size: 1.3 – 2 μm diameter
- few beads with diameters up to 4 μm
- thermally stable up to 280°C
- mean nominal stress at rupture: 493 ± 113 MPa
- mean deformation at rupture: + 65% initial diameter
- polymer additives / functional fillers
- storage and slow release
- separation / filtration media





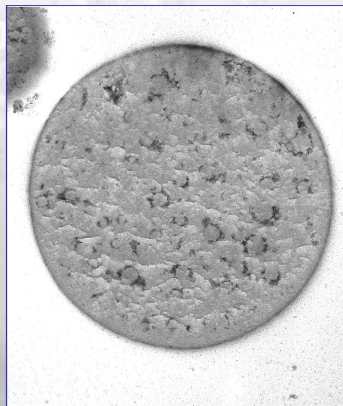
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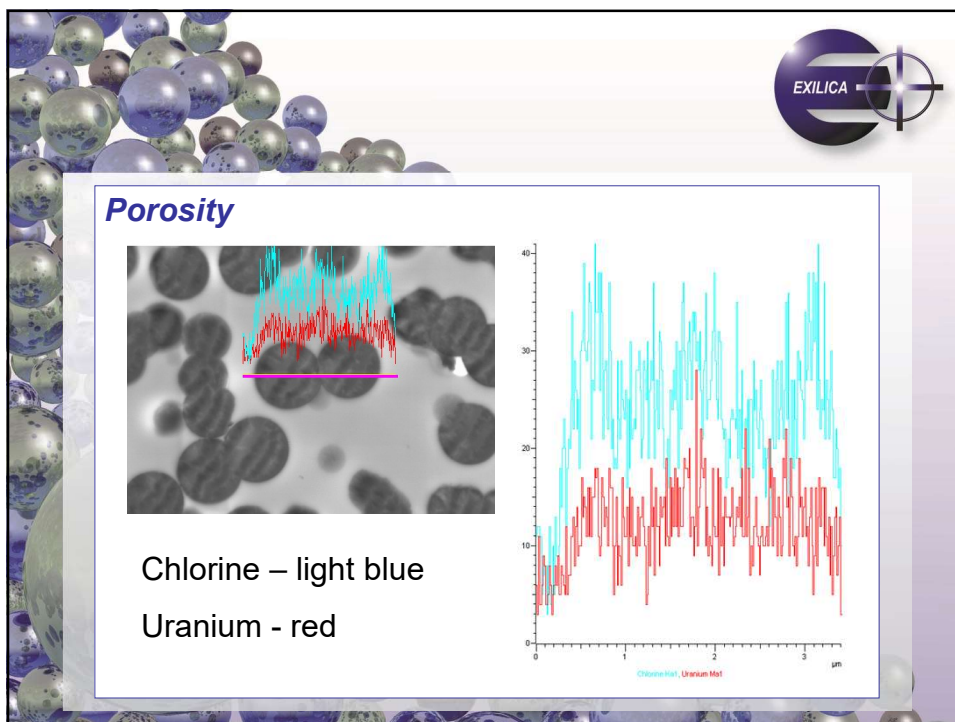
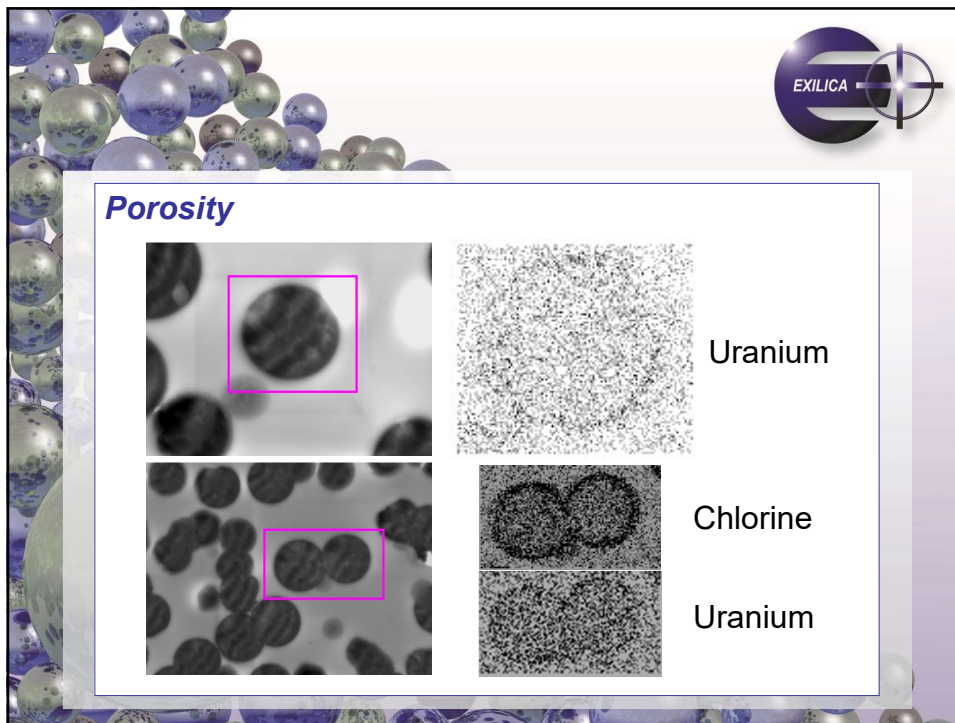
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Plastics additives

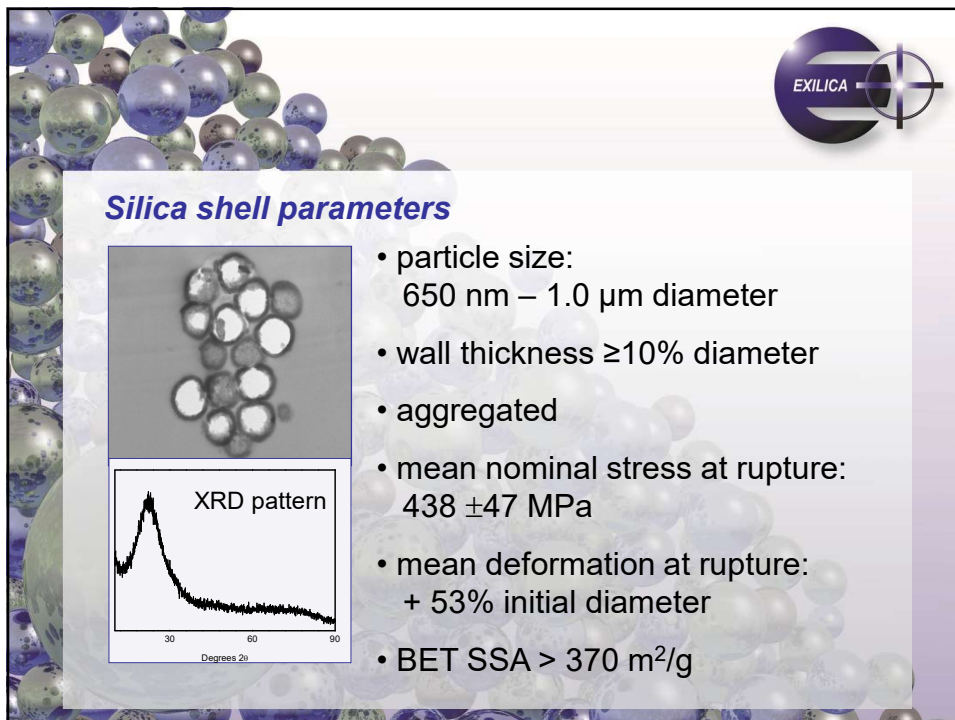
Porosity








Hollow silica shells

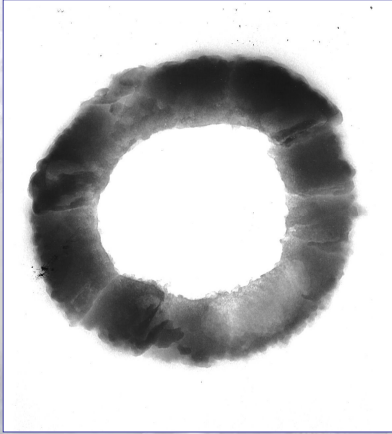
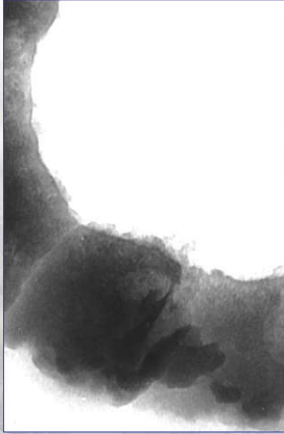



Silica shell parameters

- particle size:
650 nm – 1.0 μm diameter
- wall thickness $\geq 10\%$ diameter
- aggregated
- mean nominal stress at rupture:
438 \pm 47 MPa
- mean deformation at rupture:
+ 53% initial diameter
- BET SSA > 370 m²/g

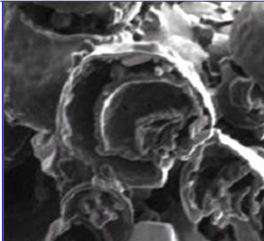
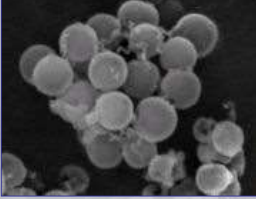
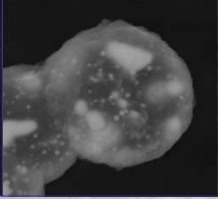




Silica shell parameters

Encapsulated metals - $M^{n+}@SiO_2$

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Mg												Al	Si	P	S	Cl	Ar
Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
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Encapsulated dyes and pigments

Organic dyes@SiO₂

YVO₄-Eu_{2%}@SiO₂



Principal applications

- Storage and controlled release media
- Slow release media
- Encapsulated optical media (i.e. dyes, pigments etc.)
- Encapsulated fragrances and flavours
- Encapsulated UV absorbents
- Polymer additives / Functional fillers
- Biological / catalysis support media
- Separation / filtration media