

**MEL**

**Nanosized TBA-Silicalite-2**

**Si(100)**

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**Type Material:** [Si<sub>96</sub>O<sub>192</sub>]

**Method:** S. Mintova, N. Petkov, K. Karaghiosoff, T. Bein [1]

**Batch Composition:** SiO<sub>2</sub> : 0.15 TBA<sub>2</sub>O : 4.0 EtOH : 17 H<sub>2</sub>O

**Source Materials**

tetraethoxysilane (TEOS) (98%, Aldrich)

tetrabutylammonium hydroxide TBAOH (40%, Aldrich)

distilled water

**Batch Preparation**

(1) [20 g TEOS + 18.3 g TBAOH ], stir in a plastic flask

(2) [(1) + 18.68 g H<sub>2</sub>O], mix under vigorous stirring in a plastic flask<sup>a</sup>

(3) Aging (hydrolyzation of silica) on orbital shaker at RT for 45 hours

**Crystallization**

Vessel: polypropylene (PP) bottles

Temperature: 90 °C

Time: 68 h

**Product Recovery**

(1) Centrifugation (2000 rpm, 1h) and redispersion in water, washed until pH = 8

(2) Freeze-drying

**Product Characterization**

DLS: monodisperse particles with size of 90-100 nm

XRD: MEL

SEM: spheroidal crystals

**Reference**

[1] S. Mintova, N. Petkov, K. Karaghiosoff, T. Bein, Microporous Mesoporous Mater. 50 (2001) 121

**Notes**

a. Clear solution is obtained