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Surfactant controlled magnesium oxide synthesis for base catalysis.

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Fig. S1 (a) N_2 Adsorption isotherms for MgO samples synthesised with different precipitating agents, closed symbols; adsorption and open symbols; desorption; (a) NaOH and (b) TPAOH calcined at 420 °C for 2 h; (**n**) 0 mmol SDS, (**•**) 1 mmol, (**\Delta**) 2 mmol and (**\bullet**) 4 mmol.



Fig. S2 EDS analysis of sample A0 (a) and B4 (b).



Fig. S3 Thermal analysis of MgO samples A0 (red lines) B4 (blue lines).





Fig. S4 ¹H MAS NMR spectra of MgO samples.