# Electronic Supplementary Information 

# Synthesis of mesoporous carbon-silica nanocomposite watertreatment membranes using a triconstituent co-assembly method 

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## Experimental

Table S1 Compositions of carbon and silica precursors and surfactant for the synthesis of CSN materials.

|  | Resorcinol | Formaldehyde | TEOS | F127 | F127/(Si+C) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{C S i}_{2.5}$ | 1 | 1.6 | 2.47 | 0.0326 | 0.0094 |
| $\mathbf{C S i}_{3.7}$ | 1 | 1.6 | 3.70 | 0.0429 | 0.0094 |
| $\mathbf{C S i}_{6.2}$ | 1 | 1.6 | 6.17 | 0.0326 | 0.0045 |



Figure S1 Schematic representation of the experimental set-up of the vacuum membrane distillation.

## Results and Discussion



Figure S2 Nitrogen sorption cumulative pore volumes (right axes) and pore size distributions (left axes) of the $\mathrm{CSi}_{2.5}, \mathrm{CSi}_{3.7}$ and $\mathrm{CSi}_{6.2}$ samples calculated using the QSDFT method based on the adsorption branch of the isotherms and considering the model of carbon adsorbent with slit/cylindrical pore.

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Table S2 Deconvoluted results of $\mathrm{Si}-\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{Si}$ band in Gaussian components.

| Sample | CSi ${ }_{2.5} 600$ | CSi ${ }_{2.5} 700$ | CSi ${ }_{2.5} 800$ | CSi ${ }_{2.5} 900$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{v}_{1}(\mathrm{LO})\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ | 1222.82 | 1214.06 | 1206.23 | 1198.93 |
| FWHM ( $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) | 44.0463 | 50.1722 | 54.9779 | 54.8409 |
| $\boldsymbol{A}$ (\%) | 2.33 | 3.43 | 4.45 | 4.50 |
| $\mathbf{v}_{2}(\mathrm{LO})\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ | 1164.33 | 1149.21 | 1137.87 | 1128.9 |
| FWHM ( $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) | 98 | 98 | 98 | 97.199 |
| $\boldsymbol{A}$ (\%) | 23.38 | 22.96 | 24.04 | 22.72 |
| $\mathrm{v}_{3}(\mathrm{TO})\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ | 1120.36 | 1101.04 | 1088.32 | 1080.92 |
| FWHM ( $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| A (\%) | 3.99 | 3.36 | 4.40 | 5.68 |
| $\mathrm{v}_{4}(\mathrm{TO})\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ | 1053.67 | 1045.84 | 1038.61 | 1032.03 |
| FWHM ( $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ) | 86 | 88 | 88 | 88 |
| A (\%) | 58.06 | 49.99 | 49.00 | 47.85 |
| $\boldsymbol{A}$ (4-fold) $/ \boldsymbol{A}$ (6-fold) (\%) | 7.76 | 9.31 | 12.11 | 14.42 |

* $A$ is the integrated area under the specific deconvoluted peak of each component. FWHM is full width half maximum of the peak. $v$ is the frequency of each mode.

