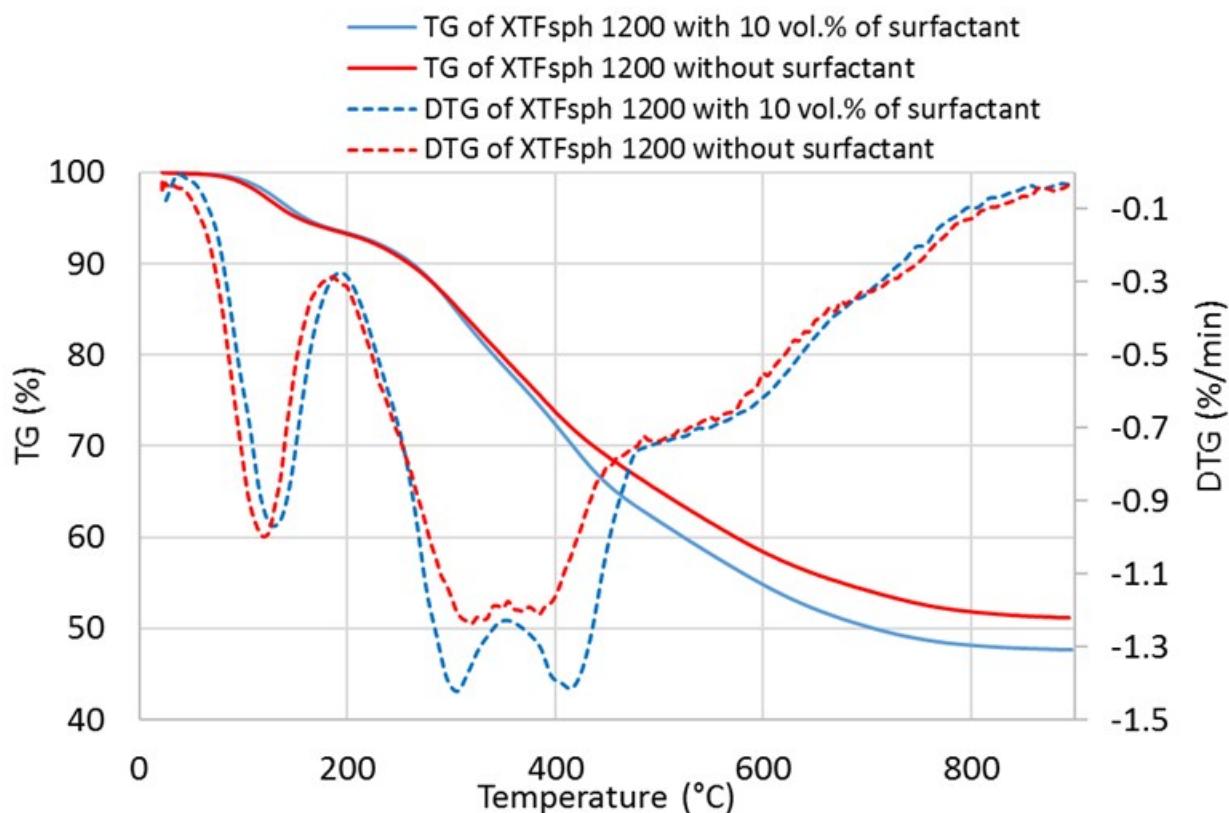


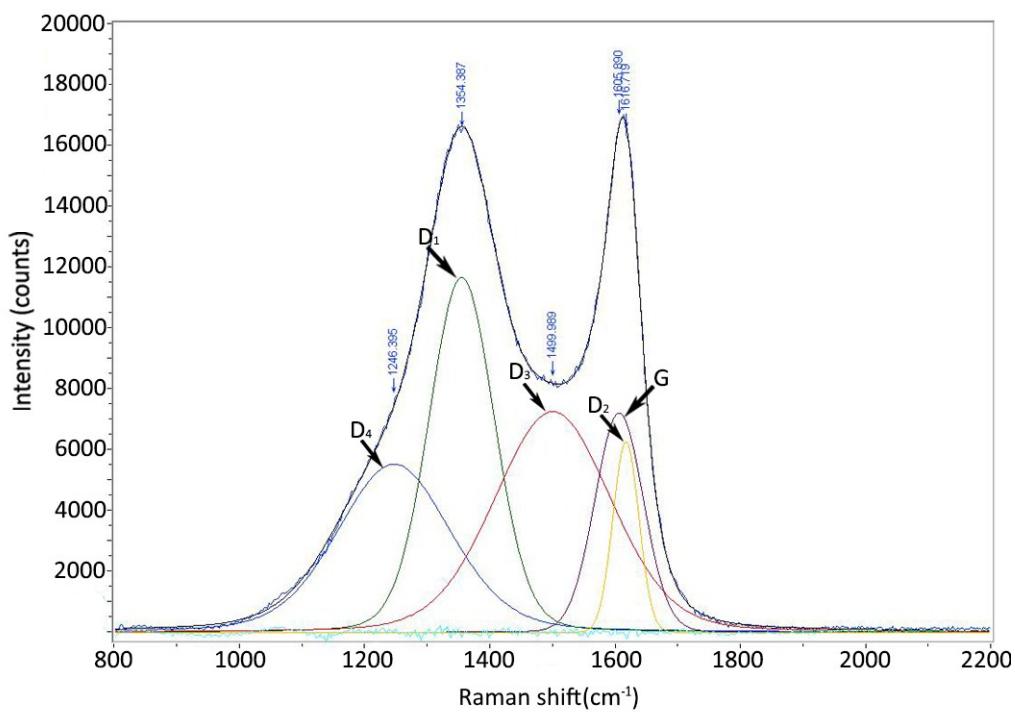
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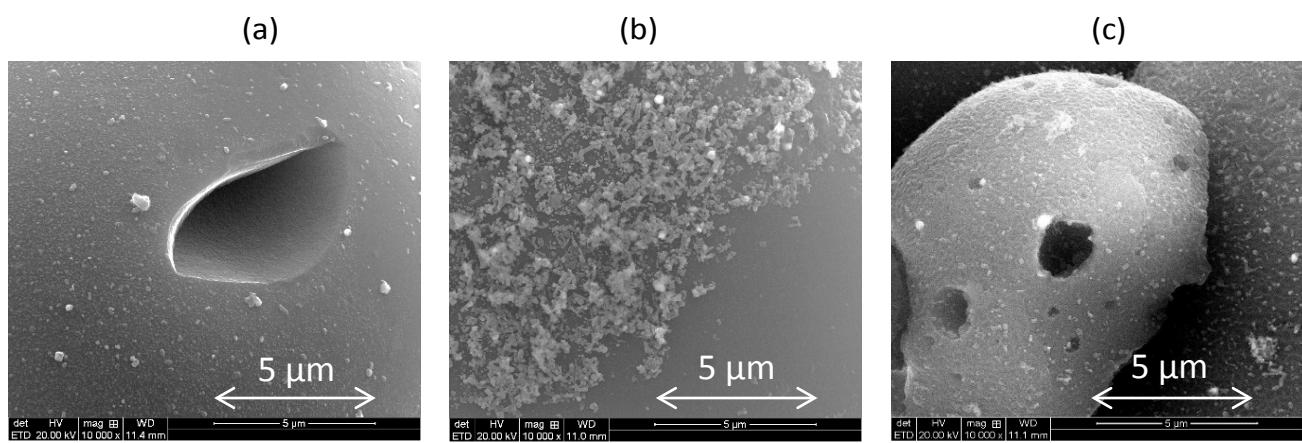
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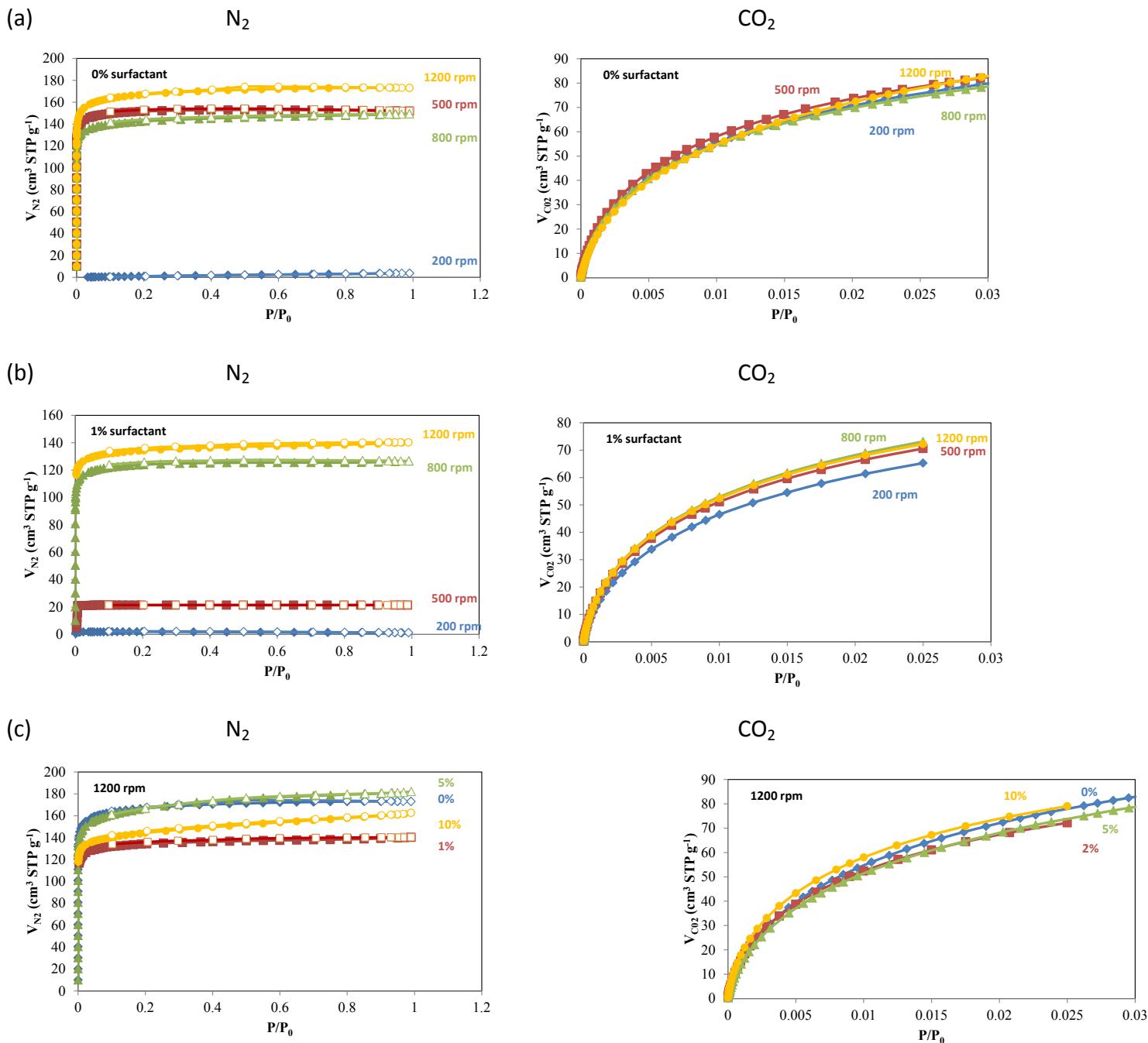
**Fig. S1** TG/DTG curves of tannin-formaldehyde xerogel microspheres prepared at 1200 rpm and formulated with and without surfactant.



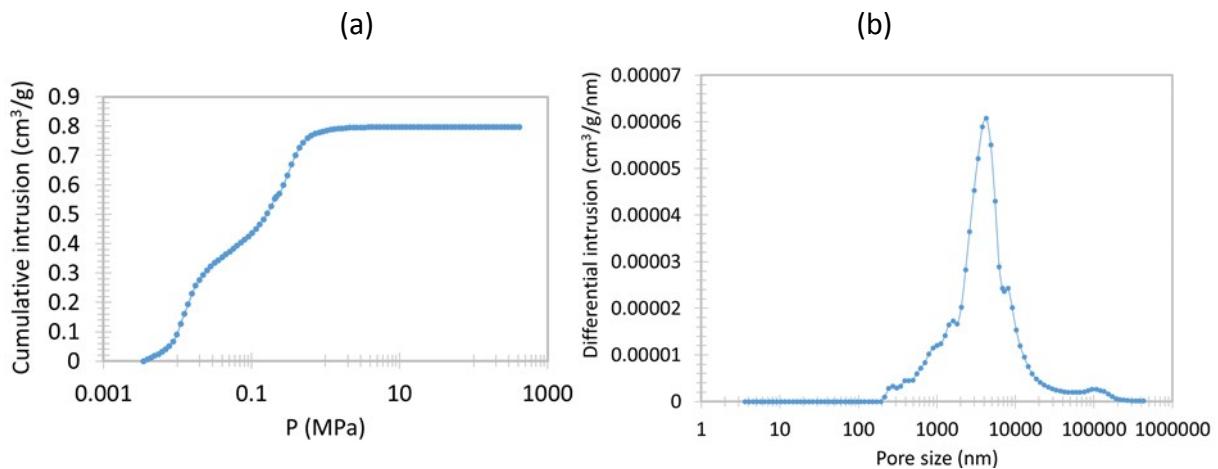
**Fig. S2** Raman spectrum of carbon xerogel tannin-formaldehyde microspheres prepared at 200 rpm without surfactant



**Fig. S3** SEM images of the surface of carbon xerogel microspheres prepared at the same stirring speed at 1200 rpm with different amounts of surfactant: (a) 0 vol. %; (b) 1 vol. %, (c) 10 vol. %.



**Fig.S4** Nitrogen and carbon dioxide adsorption isotherms at  $-196^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ , respectively, of carbon xerogel microspheres prepared: (a) without surfactant at different stirring speeds; (b) with 1 vol.% of surfactant at different stirring speeds; (c) with different amounts of surfactant at a stirring speed of 1200 rpm.



**Fig.S5** Results of mercury porosimetry of CXTFsph 1200/10 sample: (a) raw intrusion curve; (b) corresponding pore-size distribution.