

Appendix A. SEM images

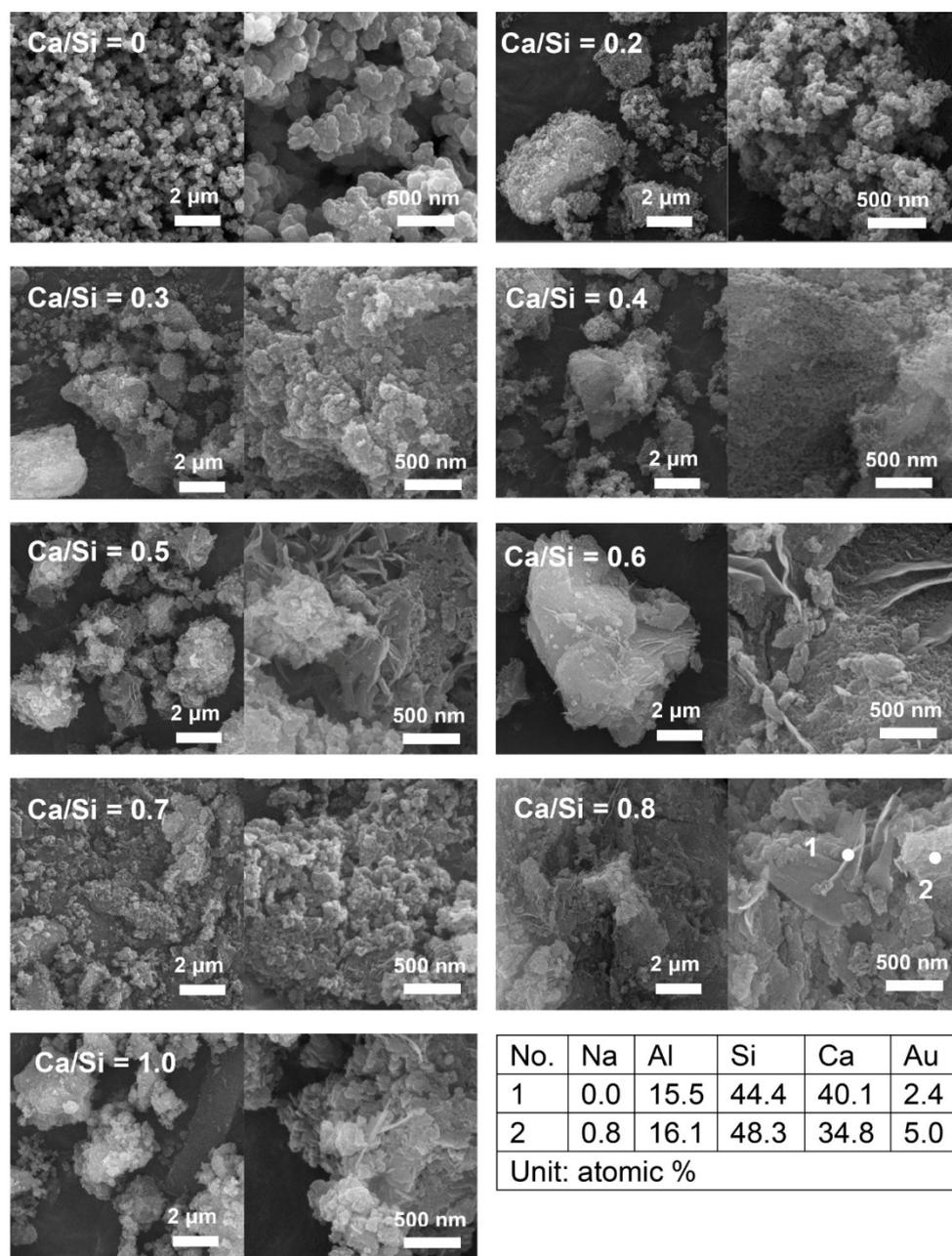


Figure A1. SEM images of synthetic gels with Si/Al = 2 at 90 days.

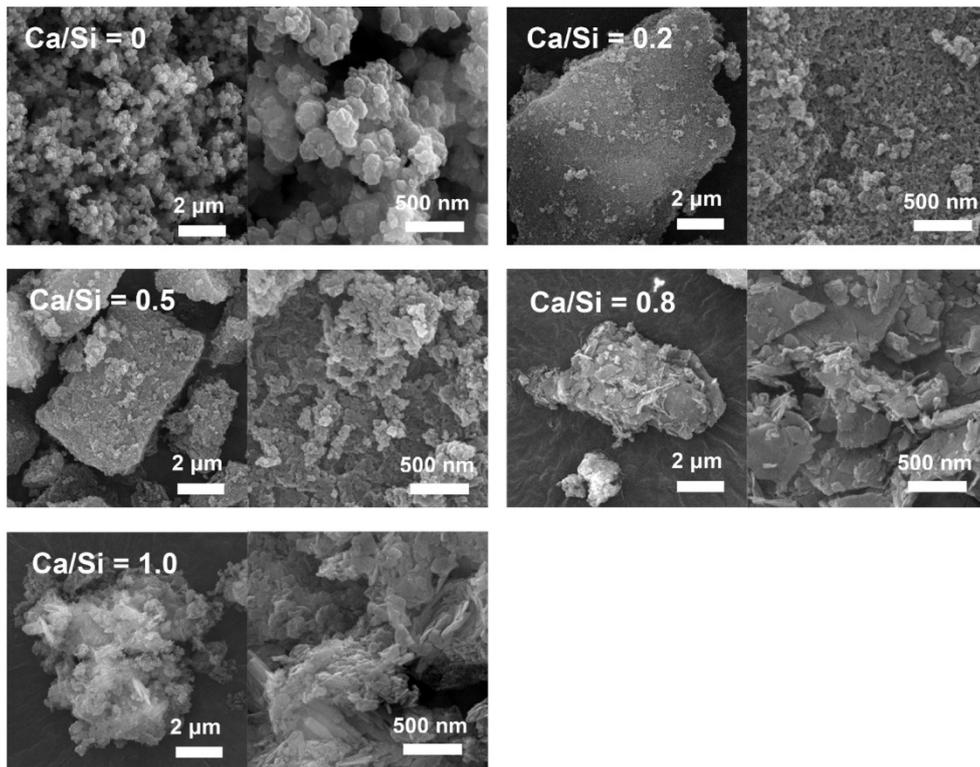


Figure A2. SEM images of synthetic gels with Si/Al = 1 at 90 days.

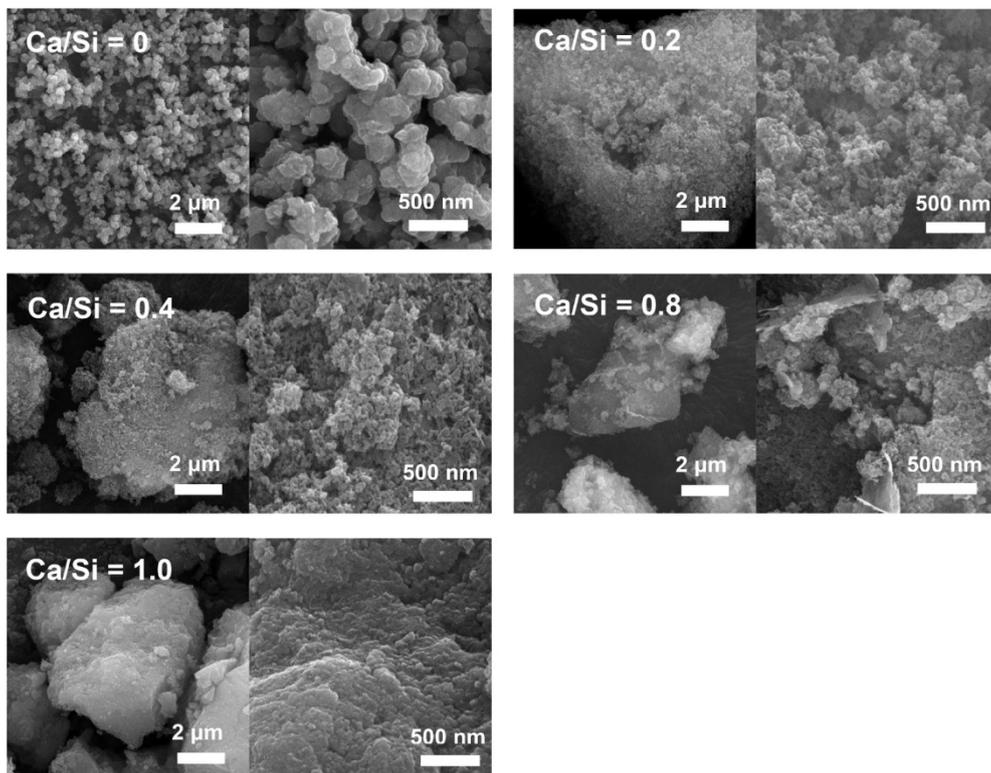


Figure A3. SEM images of synthetic gels with Si/Al = 2 at 1 day.

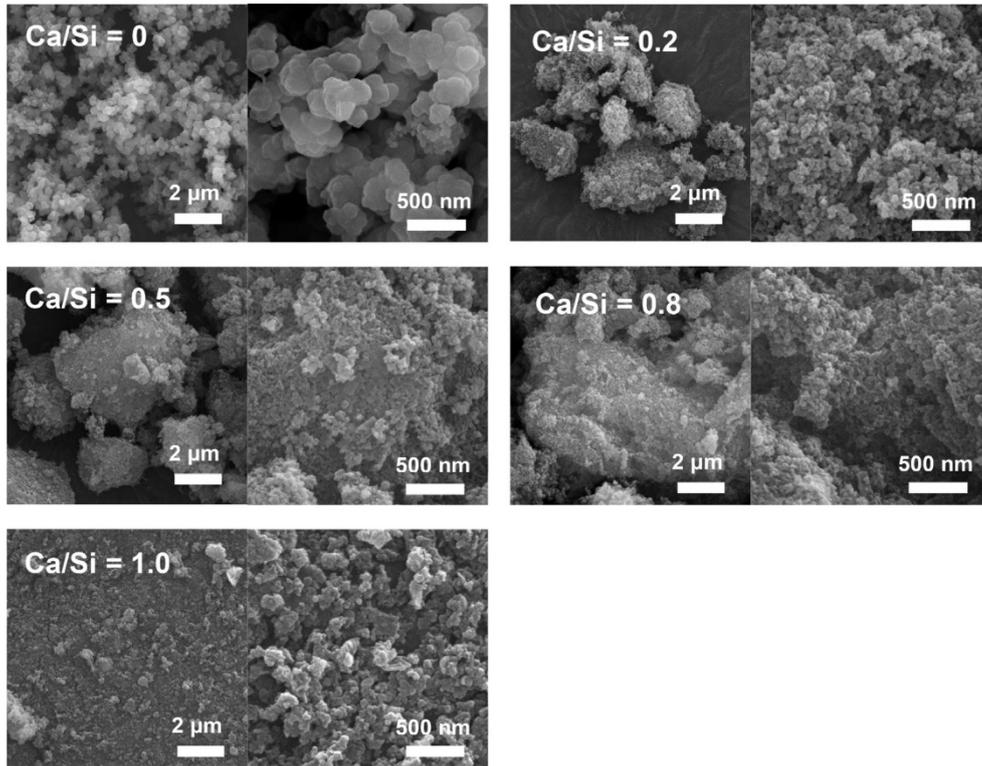


Figure A4. SEM images of synthetic gels with Si/Al = 1 at 1 day.