

ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

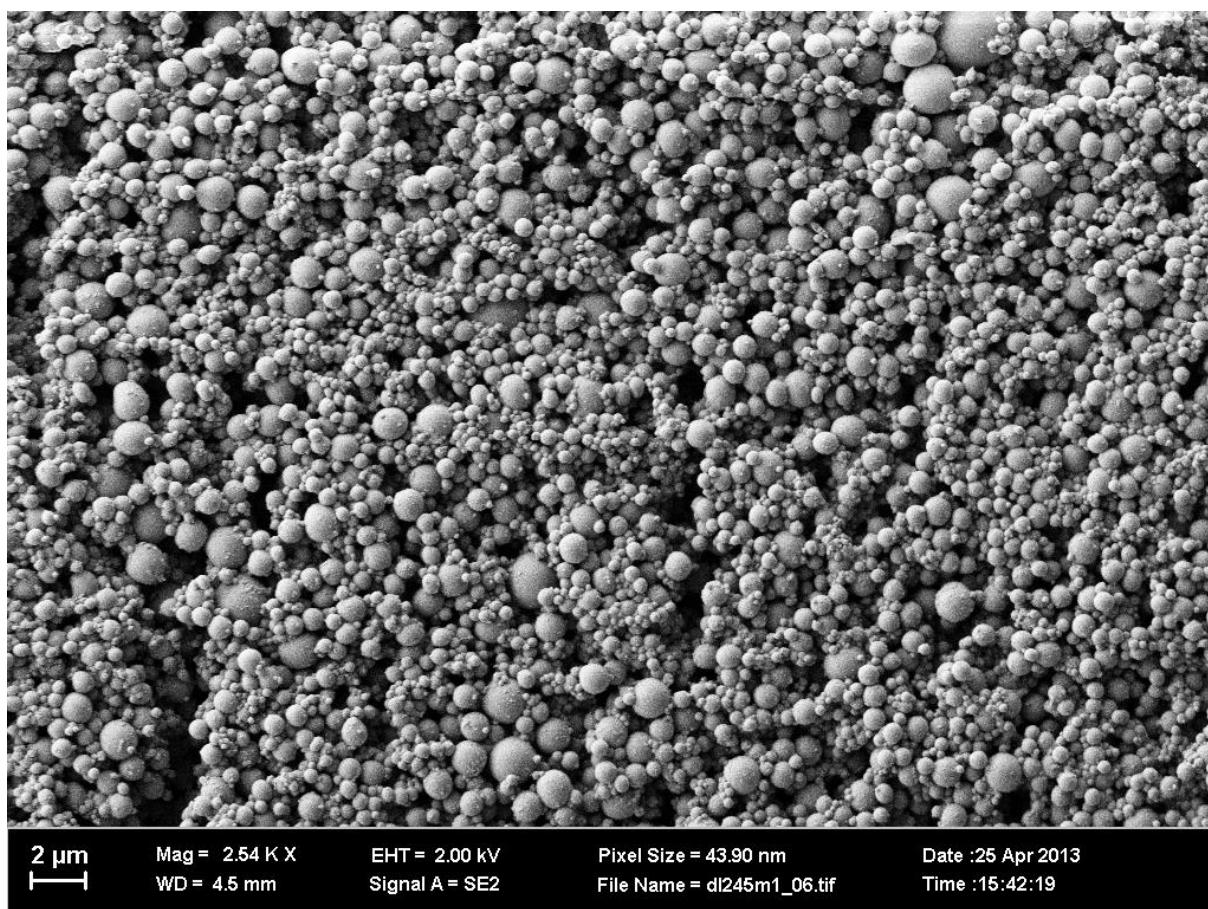
**"Dirty nanostructures": Aerosol-assisted synthesis of temperature stable mesoporous metal oxide semiconductor spheres comprising hierarchically assembled zinc oxide nanocrystals controlled via doping.**

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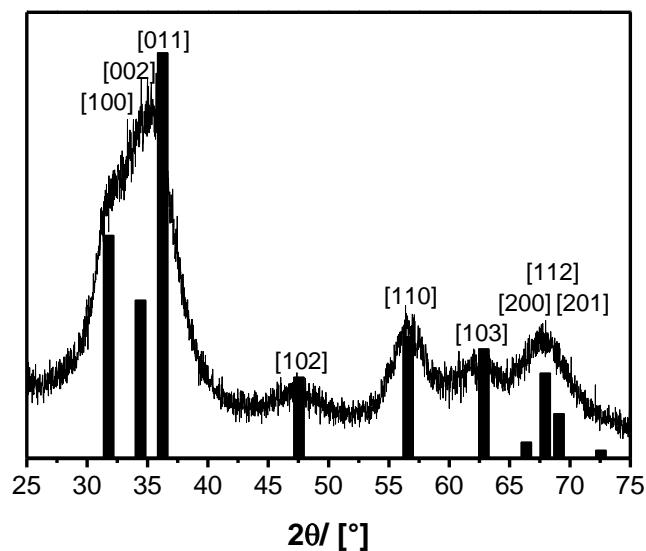
**ESI-1**

**Additional analytical data for the amorphous ZnO particles obtained via the aerosol-assisted method.**

SEM:

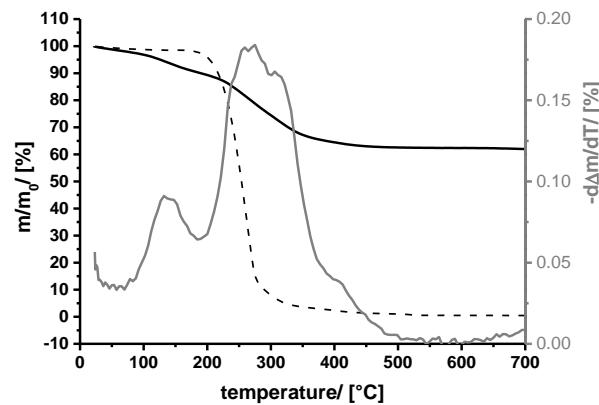


PXRD:



The black bars indicate the diffraction pattern for bulk ZnO in Wurtzite structure.

TGA (black) and first derivative (grey).

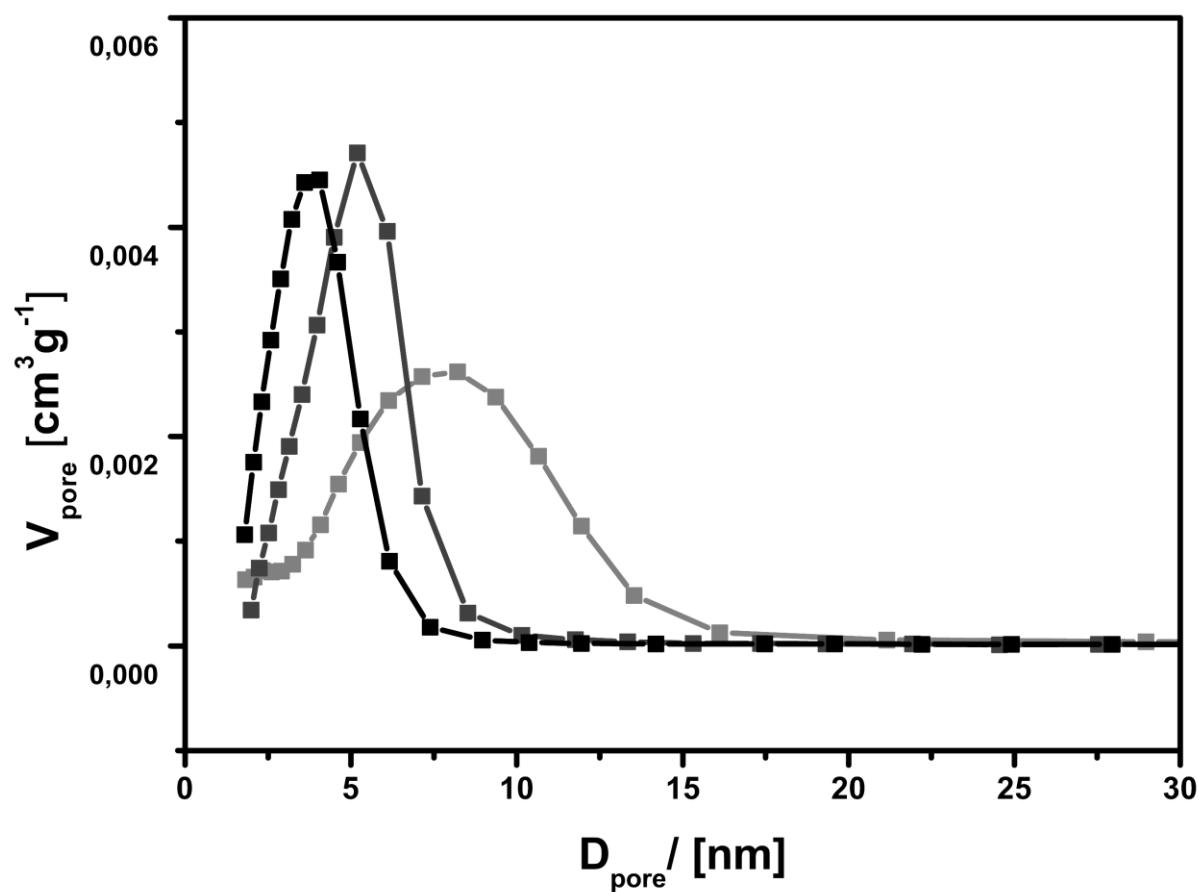


black, solid line  $\cong$  amorphous ZnO spheres

black, dashed line  $\cong$  Brij 58 as a reference

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BJH pore-size distribution for mesoporous Al@ZnO prepared with different surfactants: Brij 58 (black), Pluronic P123 (dark grey) and Fluronic F 127 (grey)

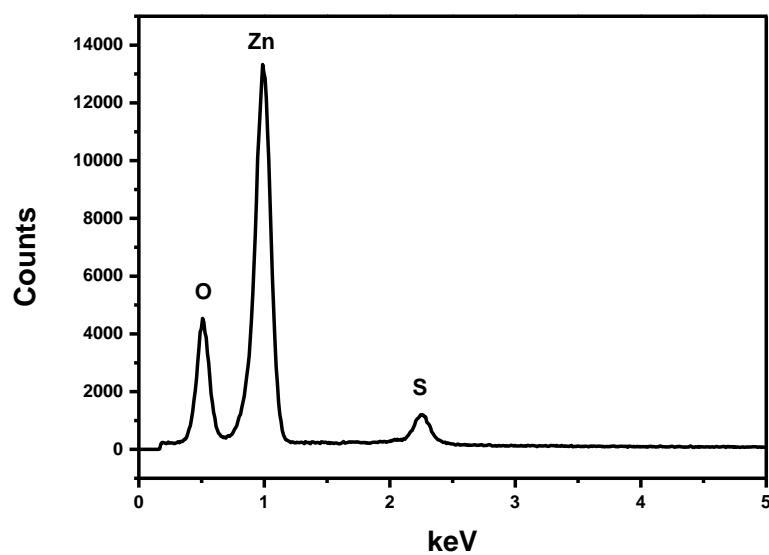
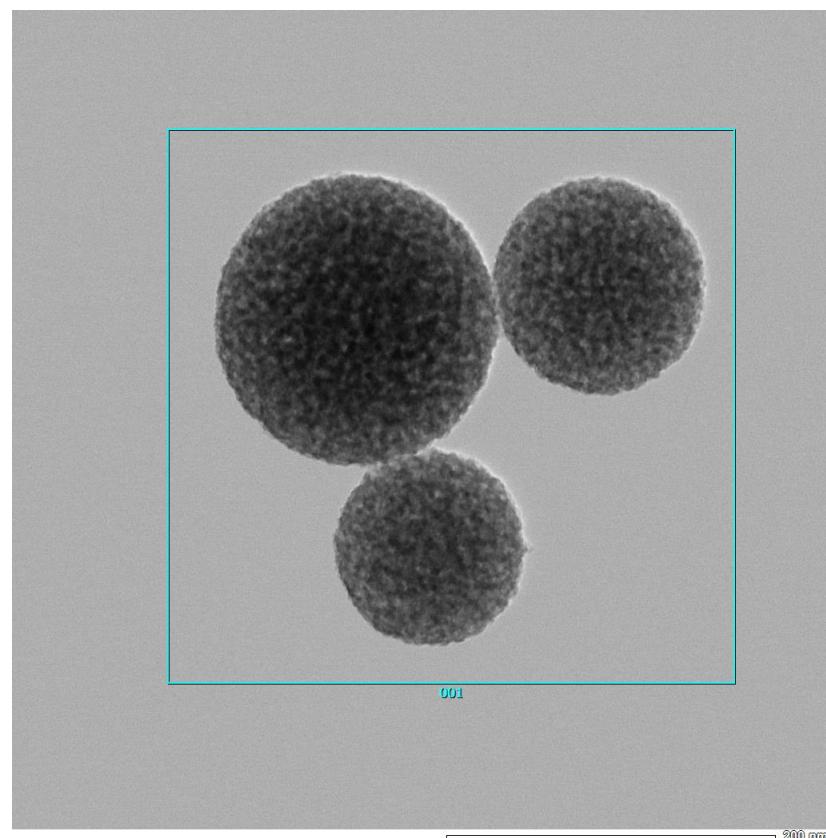


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**Additional analytical data for mesoporous E@ZnO spheres**

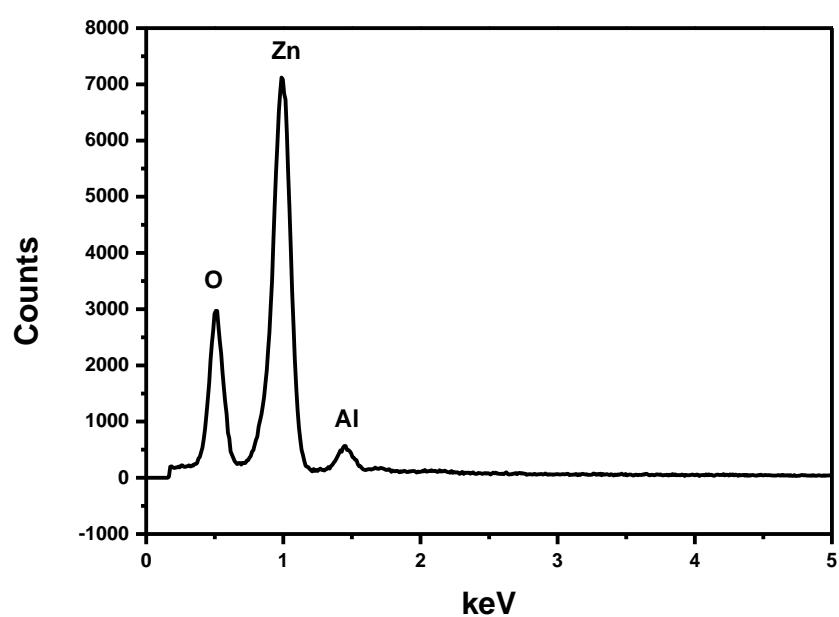
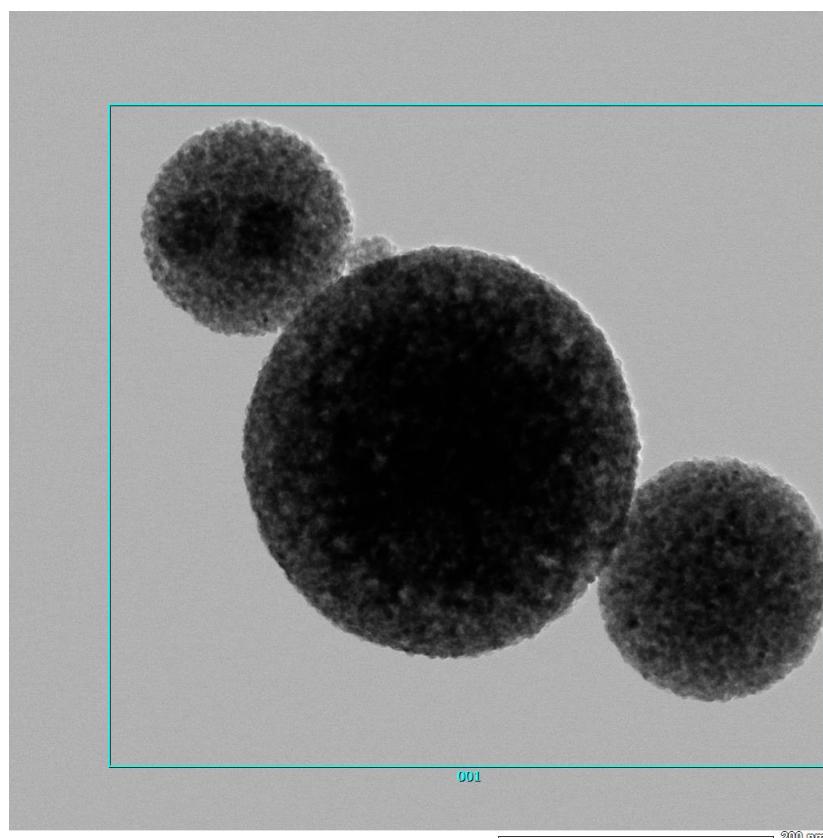
S@ZnO:

SA EDX:

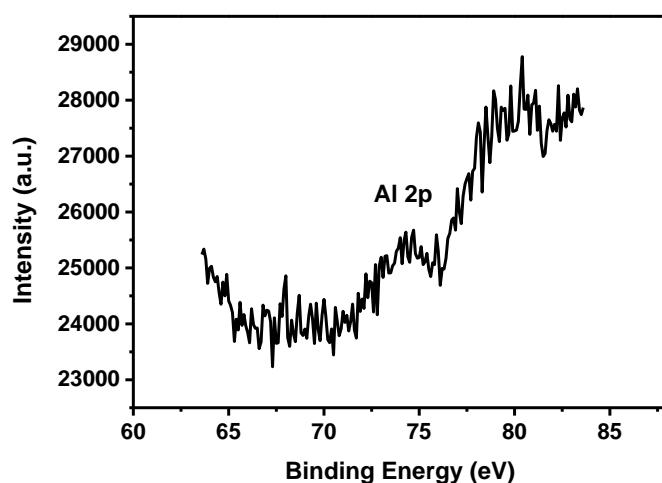


Al@ZnO:

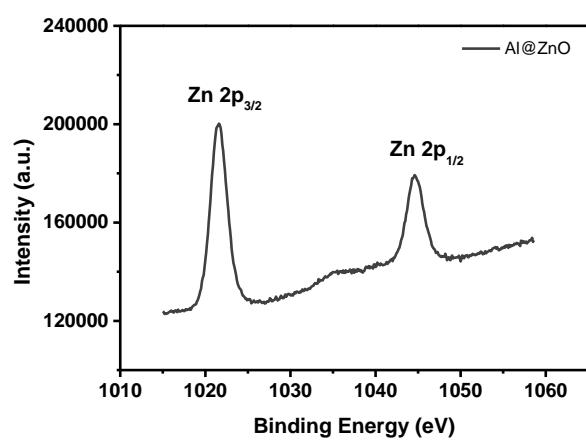
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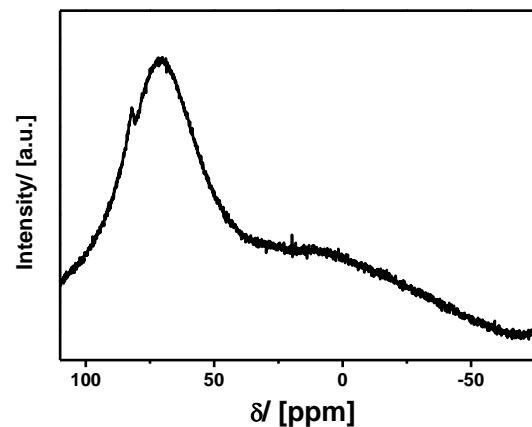
XPS-data of Al<sub>2p</sub>:



XPS-data of Zn-2p<sub>3/2</sub> and Zn-2p<sub>1/2</sub>:

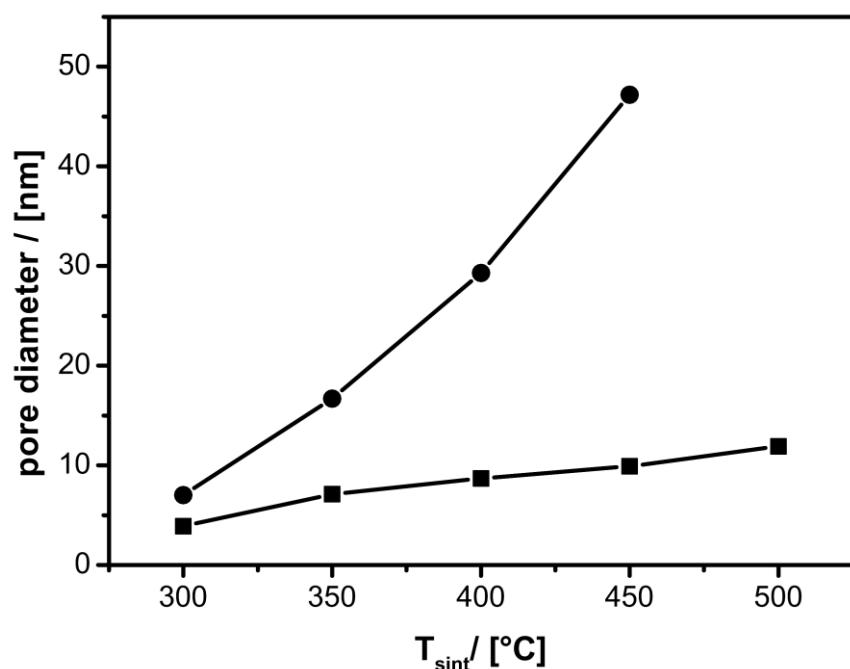


<sup>27</sup>Al solid-state NMR:



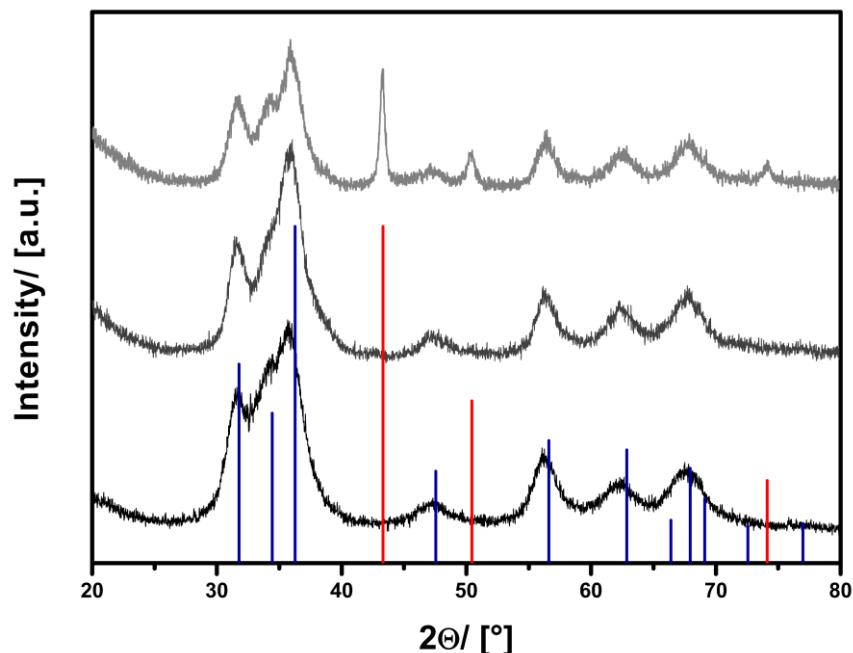
**ESI-4**

Correlation of the pore diameter as a function of sintering temperature: pure ZnO materials (circles) and Al@ZnO (squares).

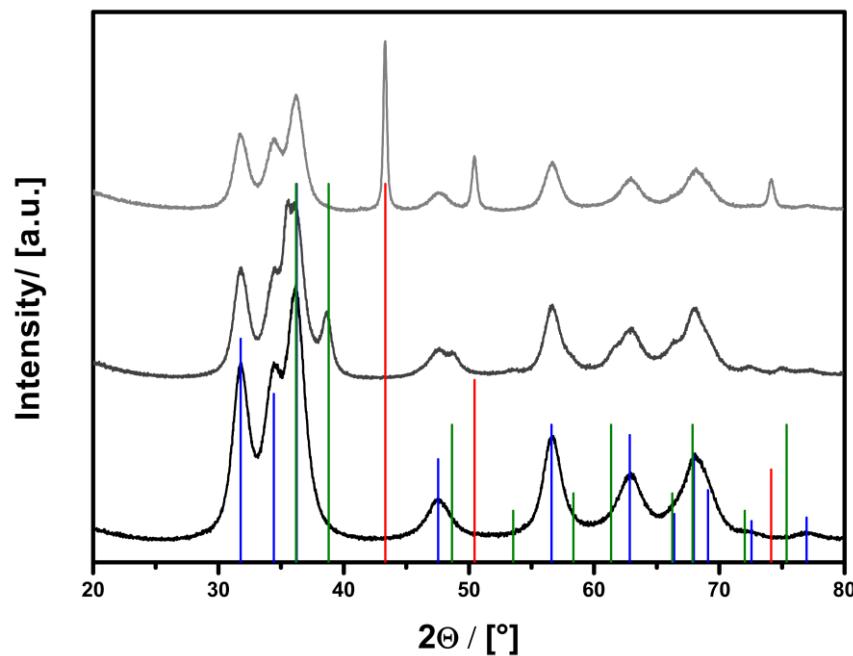


ESI-5

PXRD of porous S@ZnO spheres (black), and Cu loaded S@ZnO spheres before (dark grey) and after reduction with forming gas (grey). Reference patterns: ZnO (blue bars, ICDD: 01-070-8070), Cu (red bars, 01-085-1326)



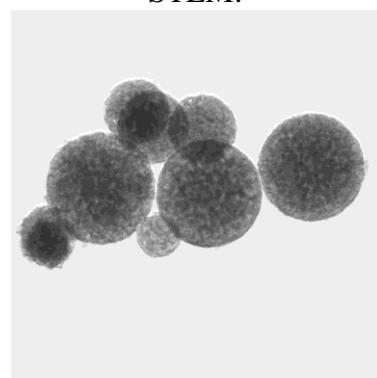
PXRD of porous Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>@ZnO spheres (black), and Cu loaded Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>@ZnO spheres before (dark grey) and after reduction with forming gas (grey). Reference patterns: ZnO (blue bars, ICDD: 01-070-8070), CuO (green bars, ICDD: 00-003-0884) Cu (red bars, 01-085-1326)



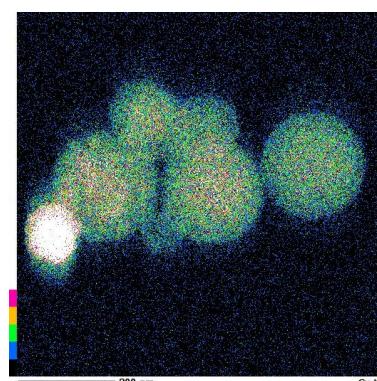
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STEM-EDX mapping of Cu(II) loaded S@ZnO spheres.

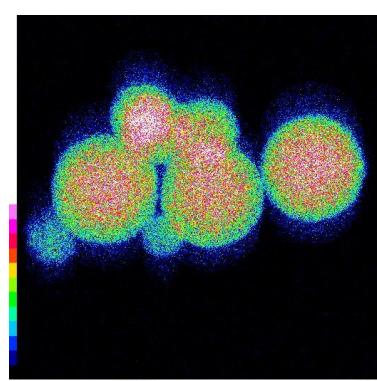
STEM:



Copper map:

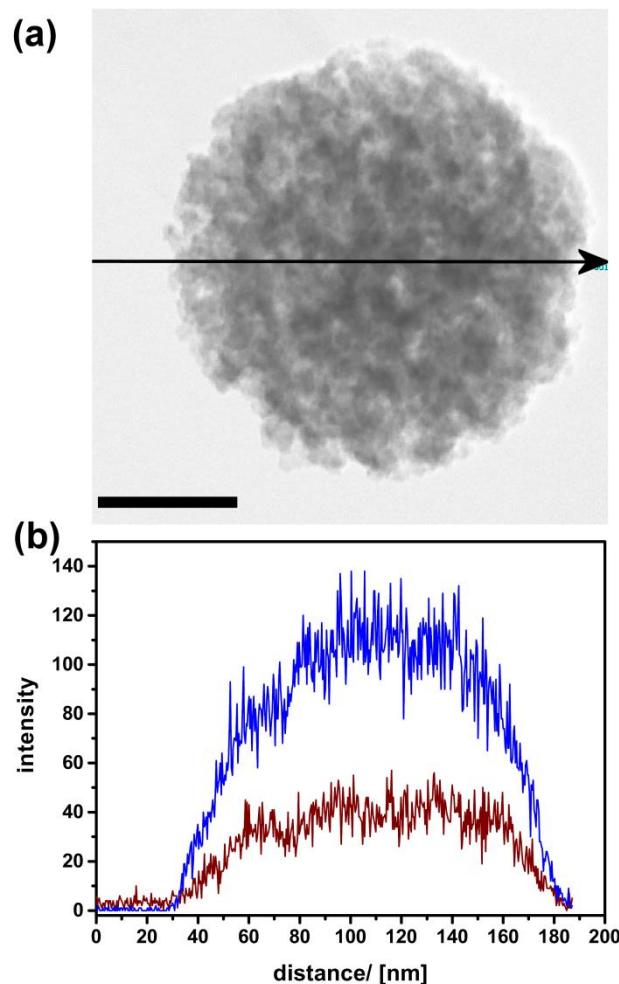


Zinc map:



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STEM-EDX line scan of Cu(II) loaded S@ZnO spheres

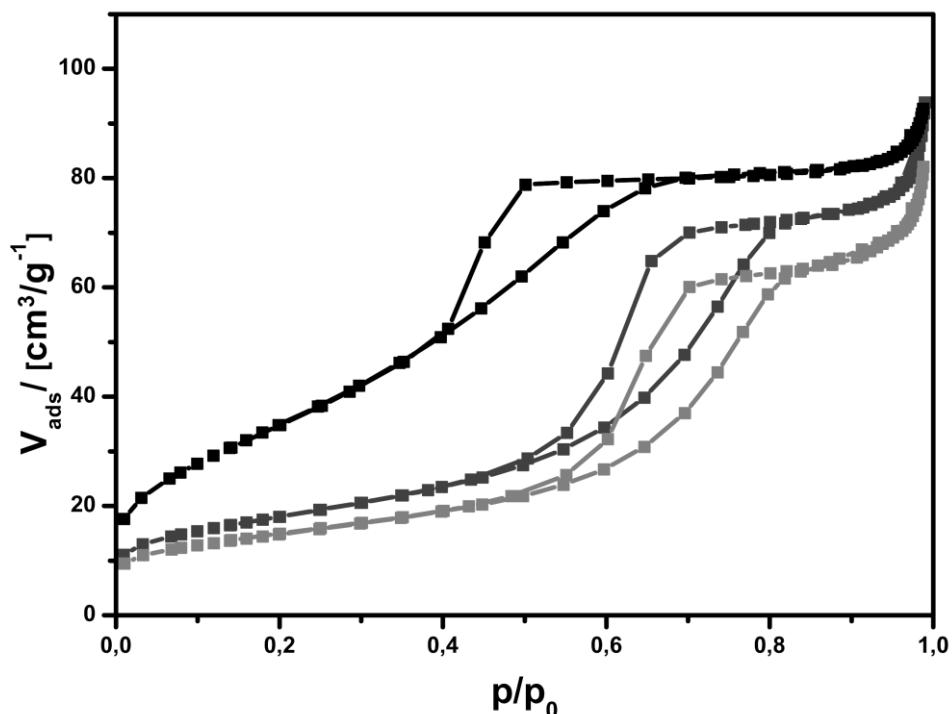


Scalebar 50 nm. The arrow indicates the trace for the EDX line scan.

(b) Results of the EXD line-scan measurement; (blue graph  $\cong \text{Zn}_{\text{K}\alpha}$ ; black graph  $\cong \text{Cu}_{\text{K}\alpha}$ ).

**ESI-8**

N<sub>2</sub> physisorption isothermes of porous S@ ZnO spheres (black), and Cu loaded S@ZnO spheres before (dark grey) and after reduction with forming gas (grey).



N<sub>2</sub> physisorption isothermes of porous Al@ZnO spheres (black), and Cu loaded Al@ZnO spheres before (dark grey) and after reduction with forming gas (grey).

