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## **Supplementary Information**

Synthesis of HZSM-5@silicalite-1 core-shell composite and its catalytic application in generation of *p*-xylene by methylation of toluene with methyl bromide

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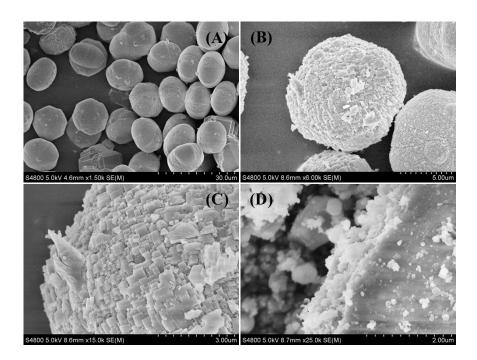
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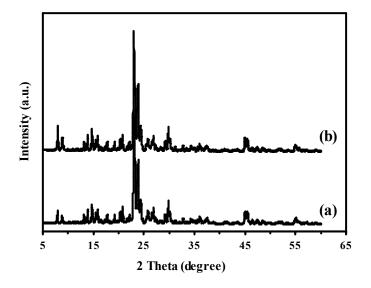
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**Figure S1.** (A) SEM images of the large parent HZSM-5, and (B, C, D) the core-shell structured HZSM-5@silicalite-1. (D: To obtain a section between the zeolite core and silicalite-1 shell, the powder sample was ground extensively before the SEM investigation.)



**Figure S2.** XRD profiles of (a) the large parent HZSM-5, and (b) the core-shell structured HZSM-5@silicalite-1.