

Supplementary Material

## Design and synthesis of core shells HZSM-5@MCM-41 with variable acidity and mesoporosity for lignin-catalyzed fast pyrolysis to prepare aromatics

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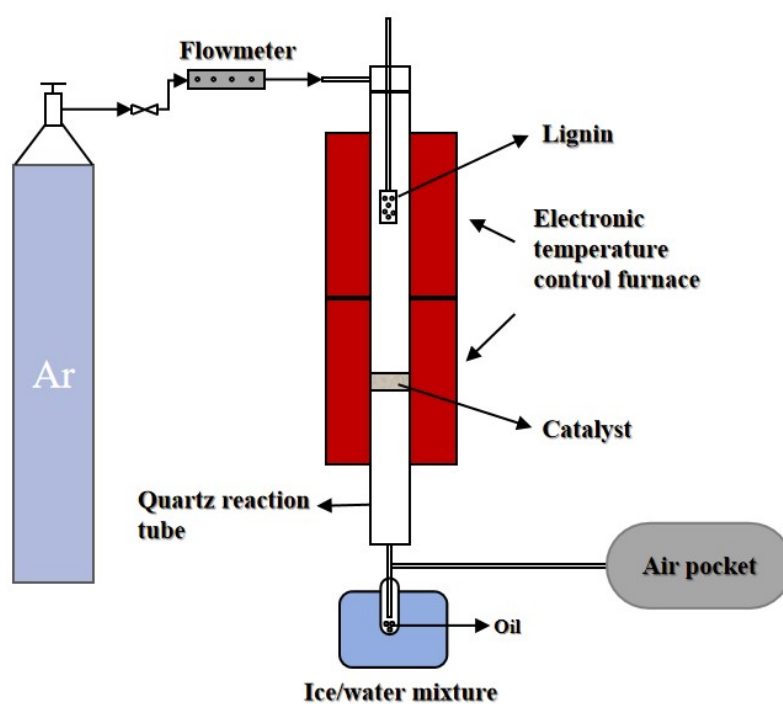


Fig. S1. Pyrolysis experimental setup

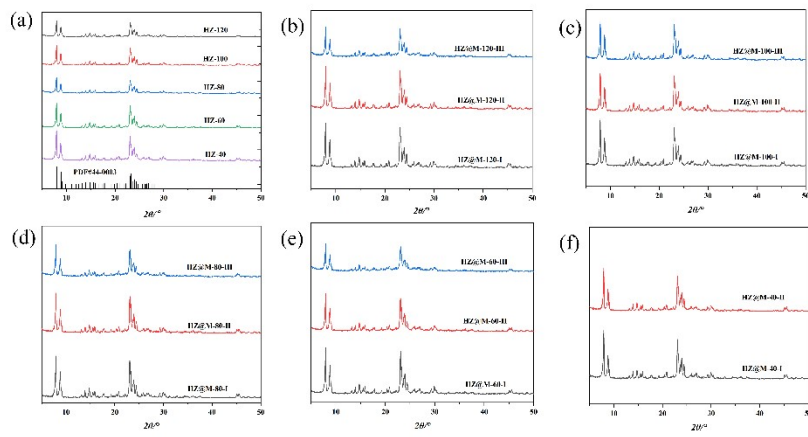


Fig. S2. a: XRD of pristine ZSM-5 with different Si/Al ratios; b-f: XRD of different core-shell catalysts.

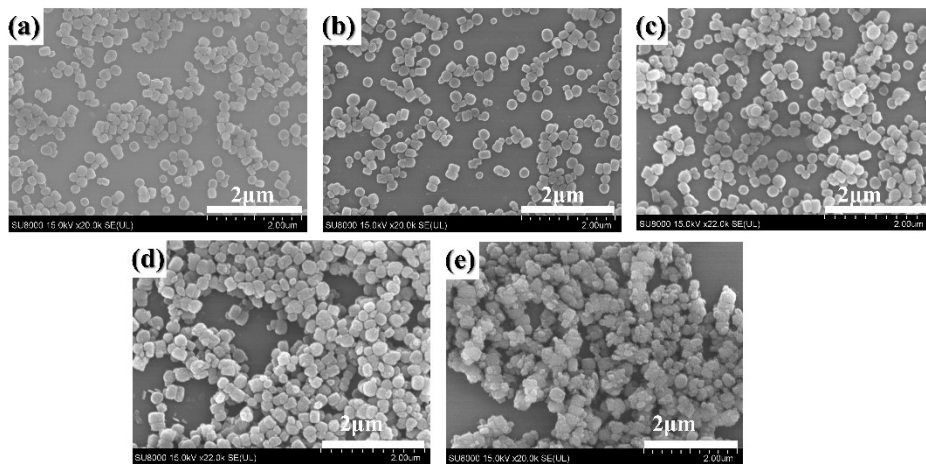


Fig. S3. SEM images of original ZSM-5 with different Si/Al ratios; a: Si/Al=120, b: Si/Al=100, c: Si/Al=80, d: Si/Al=60, e: Si/Al=40.

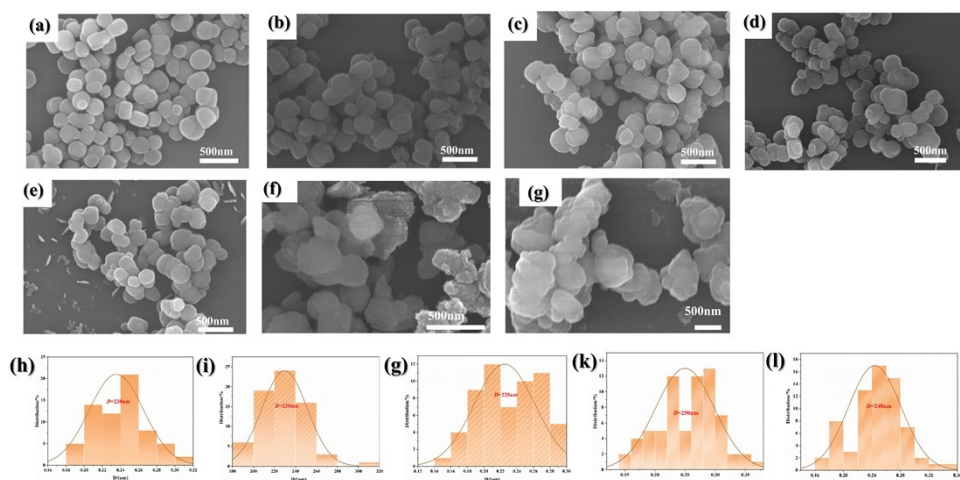


Fig. S4. SEM:(a)-(e): HZ@M-120-II、HZ@M-100-II、HZ@M-80-II、HZ@M-60-II、HZ@M-40-II, SEM: (f)Si/Al=60; (g): Si/Al=40. (h)-(l): Particle size distribution corresponding to (a)-(e).

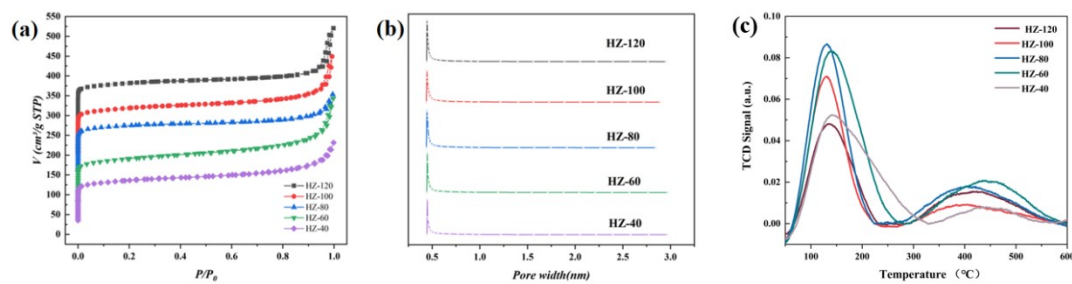


Fig. S5. (a): N<sub>2</sub> adsorption and desorption isotherms of pristine ZSM-5 with different Si/Al ratios, (b): Pore size distribution of pristine ZSM-5 with different Si/Al ratios, (c): NH<sub>3</sub>-TPD results for HZ-X catalysts

**Table S1**

Porosity characteristics of pristine ZSM-5 with different silica-to-aluminum ratios

<b>Sam.</b>	<b>S<sub>BET</sub>(m<sup>2</sup>g<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>S<sub>micro</sub>(m<sup>2</sup>g<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>S<sub>mes</sub>(m<sup>2</sup>g<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>V<sub>t</sub>(cm<sup>3</sup>/g<sup>-1</sup>)</b>
<b>HZ-120</b>	406.6	351.5	55.1	0.37
<b>HZ-100</b>	418.3	349.7	68.6	0.36
<b>HZ-80</b>	406.4	358.1	68.6	0.29
<b>HZ-60</b>	410.4	310.1	100.3	0.39
<b>HZ-40</b>	369.7	294.4	75.3	0.29

**Table S2**NH<sub>3</sub>-TPD acidity characteristics for different Si/Al ratios and the original ZSM-5

<b>Sam.</b>	<b>Weak acid</b>	<b>Strong acid</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>HZ-120</b>	0.085	0.022	0.107
<b>HZ-100</b>	0.111	0.033	0.144
<b>HZ-80</b>	0.138	0.059	0.197
<b>HZ-60</b>	0.155	0.062	0.217
<b>HZ-40</b>	0.137	0.016	0.153

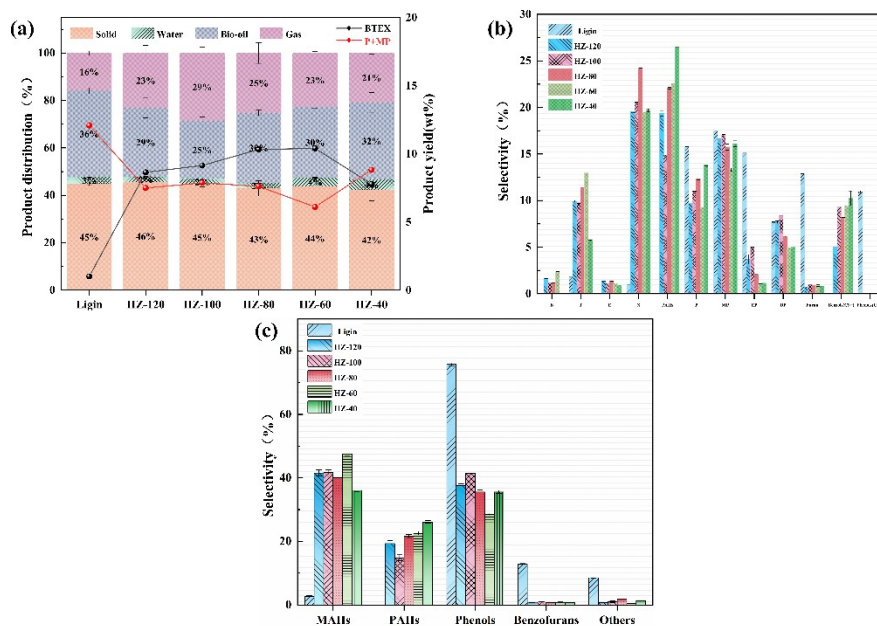


Fig. S6. a: three-phase product distributions of pure lignin, commercial ZSM-5, and pristine ZSM-5 with different Si/Al ratios, b-d: three-phase product distributions with different Si/Al ratios and different thicknesses of HZ@M-X-Y.

B: Benzene; T: Toluene; E: Ethylbenzene; X: Xylene; PAHs: polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon; P: Phenol; MP: Methyl phenol; EP: Ethyl phenol; DP: Dimethylphenol.