### A blowing method to form sphere of poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene) : Growth from a self-assembled simple synthesized by aqueous chemical polymerization

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# Abstract

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Various micro-/nano- sized diameters sphere morphology accompanied with self-assembled by simple blowing method of hydroxyl-poly(3,4-ethelenedioxythiophene)(PEDOT-OH) doped with hydrochloric acid were synthesized in aqueous solution using different added amount of chemical initiator APS(ammonium persulfate as oxidant). Approved with scanning electronic microscope imagines sphere morphologies and indicated effect of add amount initiator and blowing for controlled chemical bonding.

Discuss this study of self-assemble synthesized of PEDOT-OH with in-situ UV and SEM. It was found that sphere morphologies of PEDOT-OH was driven the hydrogen bond between EDOT(3,4ethylenedioxythiophene) hydroxymethyl derivative monomer, hydroxymethyl EDOT. Moreover, in blowing condition, controlled synthesis speed was one of factor to sphere morphologies with PEDOT-OH

Experiment			In-situ UV	
HO	$\left( \right)$	Solvent(EtOH:H <sub>2</sub> O) with EDOT-OH		—— Stort



blowing method during polymerization. (c-d) Figure 1's samples investgated through FE-SEM.

with normal SEM.

## Principle



#### FF-SFM





	0.0039	
С	0.03g	
D	0.05g	

All of samples have same condition that **On Room temperature, EDOT-OH(monomer)** Solvent(EtOH:H<sub>2</sub>O) and synthesis time 12hr with blowing 12times per hour



**FE-SEM** images of chemical polymerization samples of **PEDOT-**OH with different initiator(APS) quantities((a) 0.001g, (b) 0.005g, (c) 0.03g, (d) 0.05g) and same conditions(monomer(hydroxymethyl-EDOT), HCl, Solvent(Ethanol:H<sub>2</sub>O), room temperature and 12 hr synthetic times with blowing 1 time/hr all 12 times during synthesis.



**Concept image of PEDOT-OH's sphere shape** morphology on chemical synthesis used hydrogen bonding with air bubble through blowing method.

## Conclusion

- 1. All the sphere shape PEDOT-OH's hydroxyl groups effected hydrogen bonding with air bubbles and solvent during chemical synthesis.
- 2. Satisfied with clearly control sphere shape morphology of PEDOT-OH needed accurate control synthetic rate(initiator density) and presence or absence of air blowing.



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