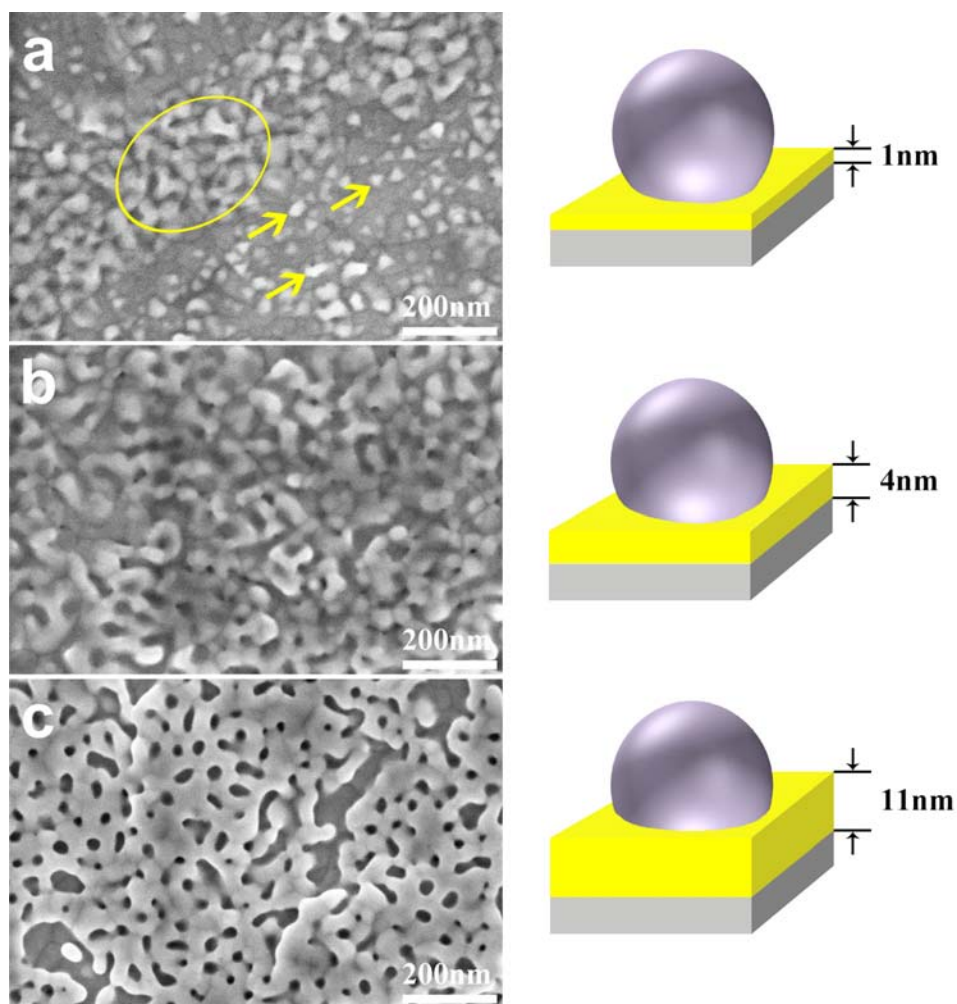


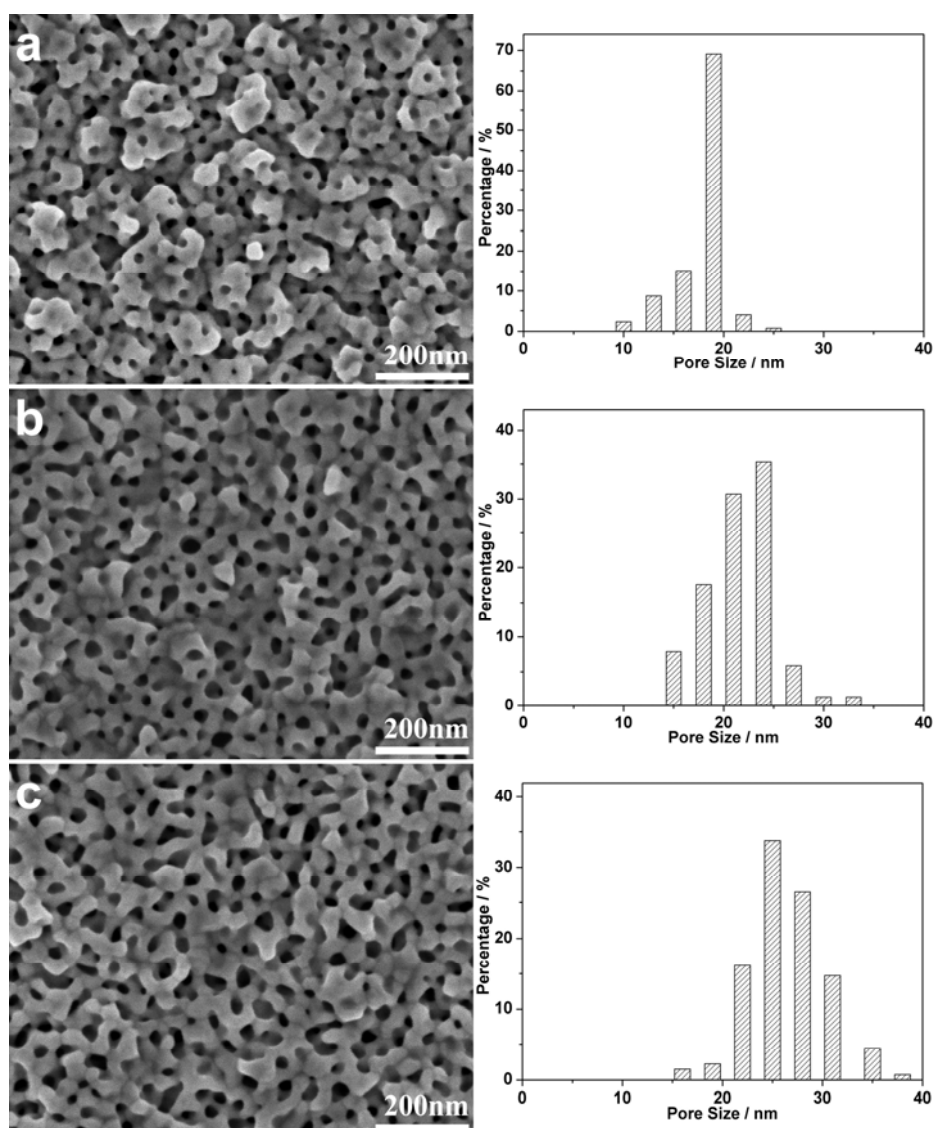


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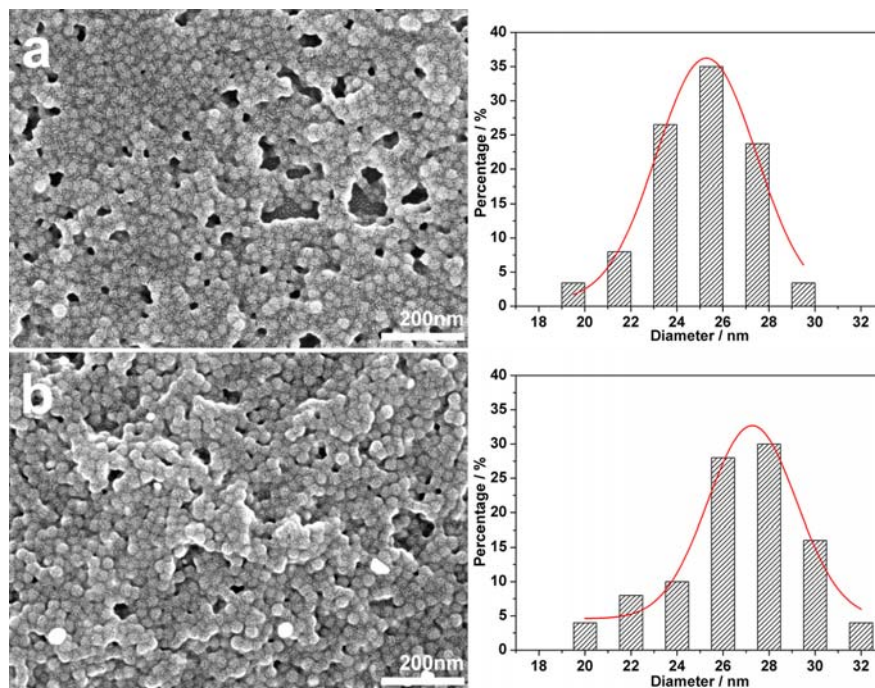




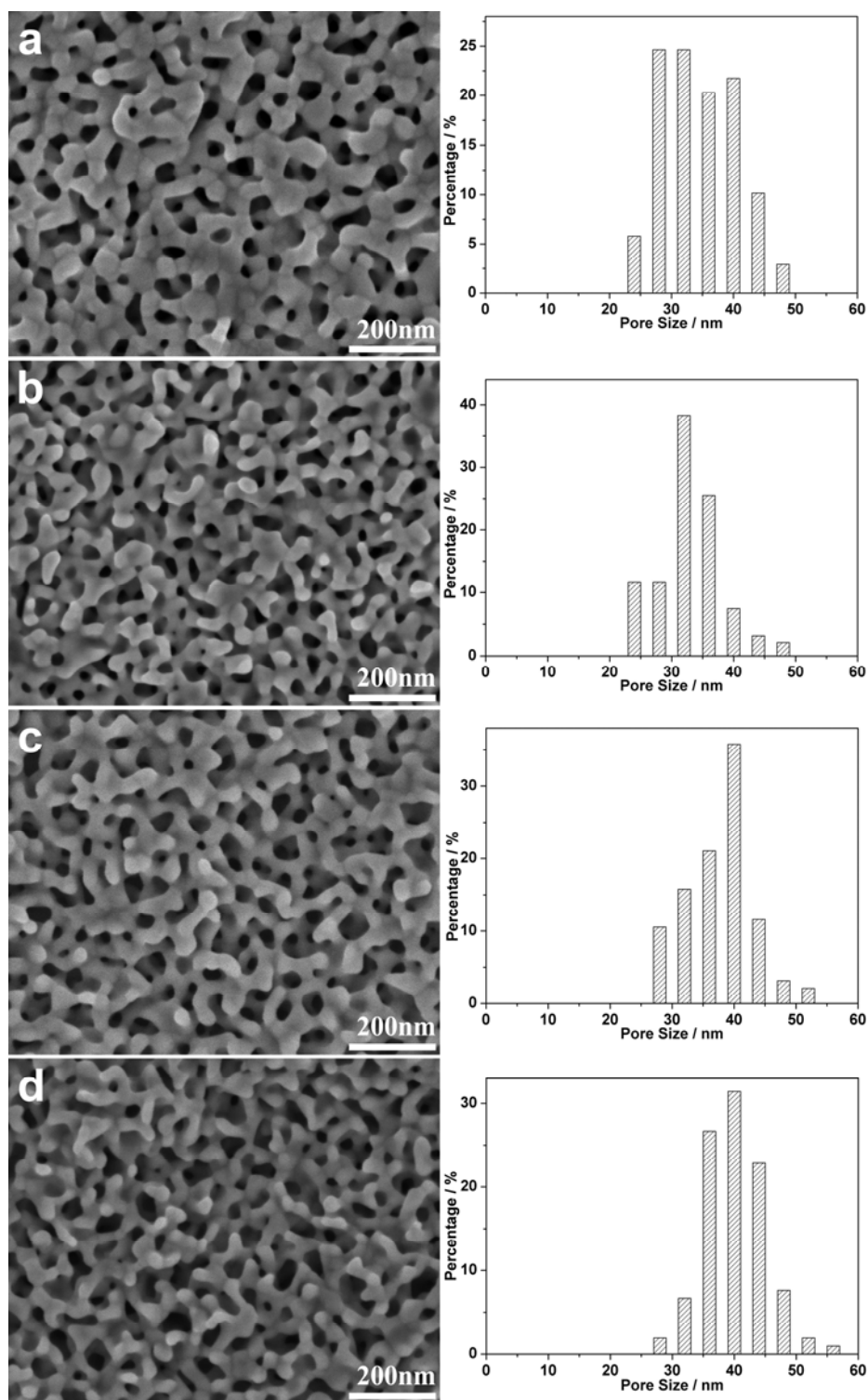
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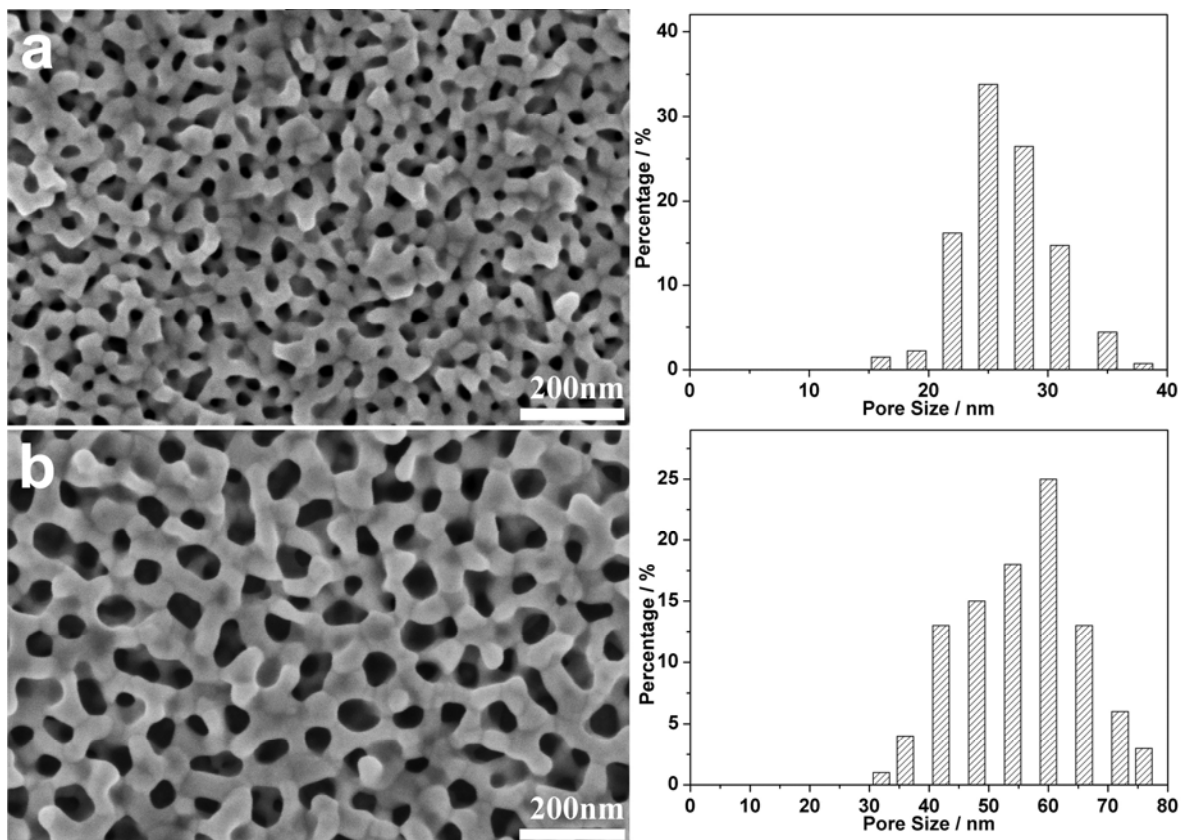
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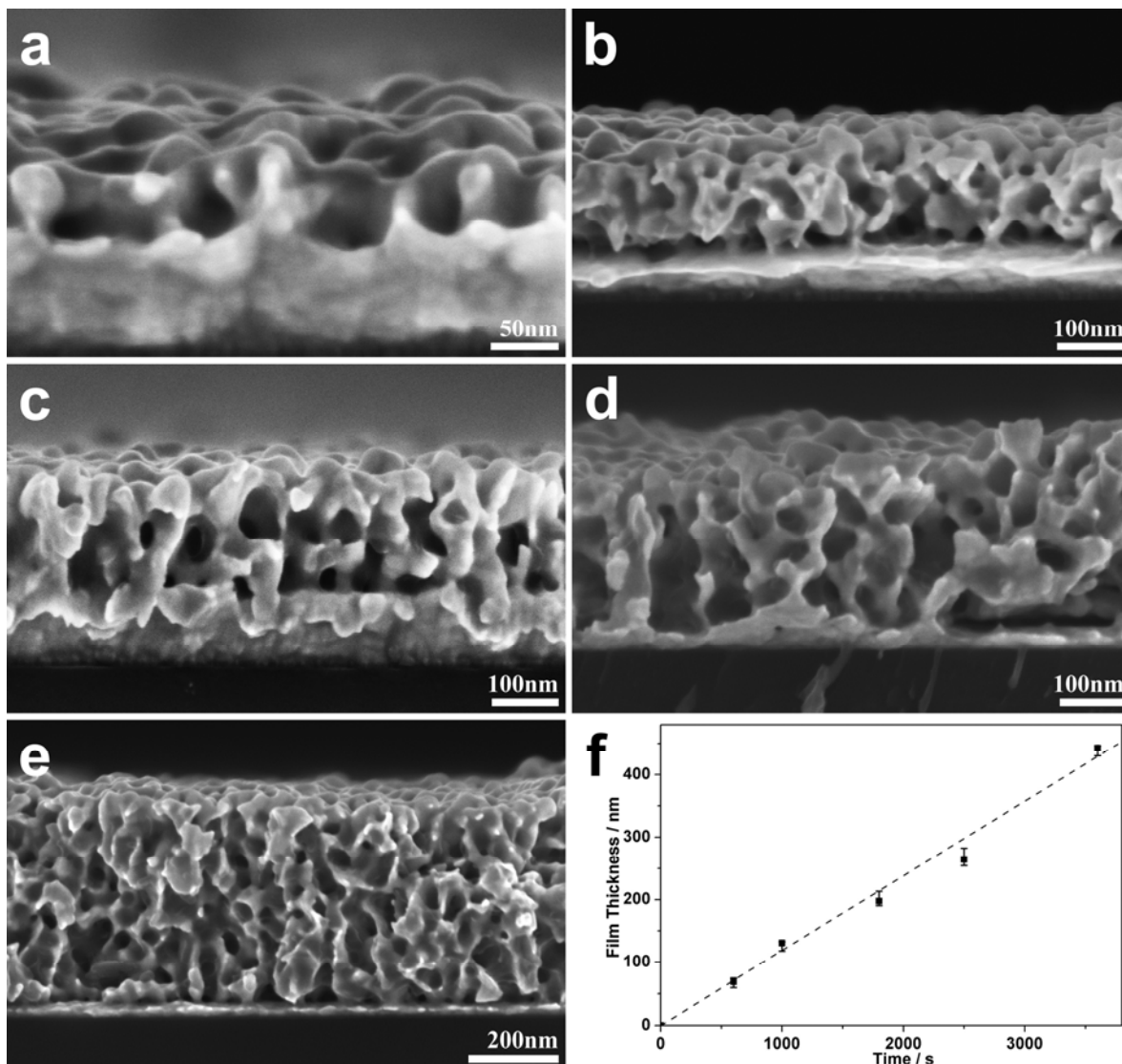
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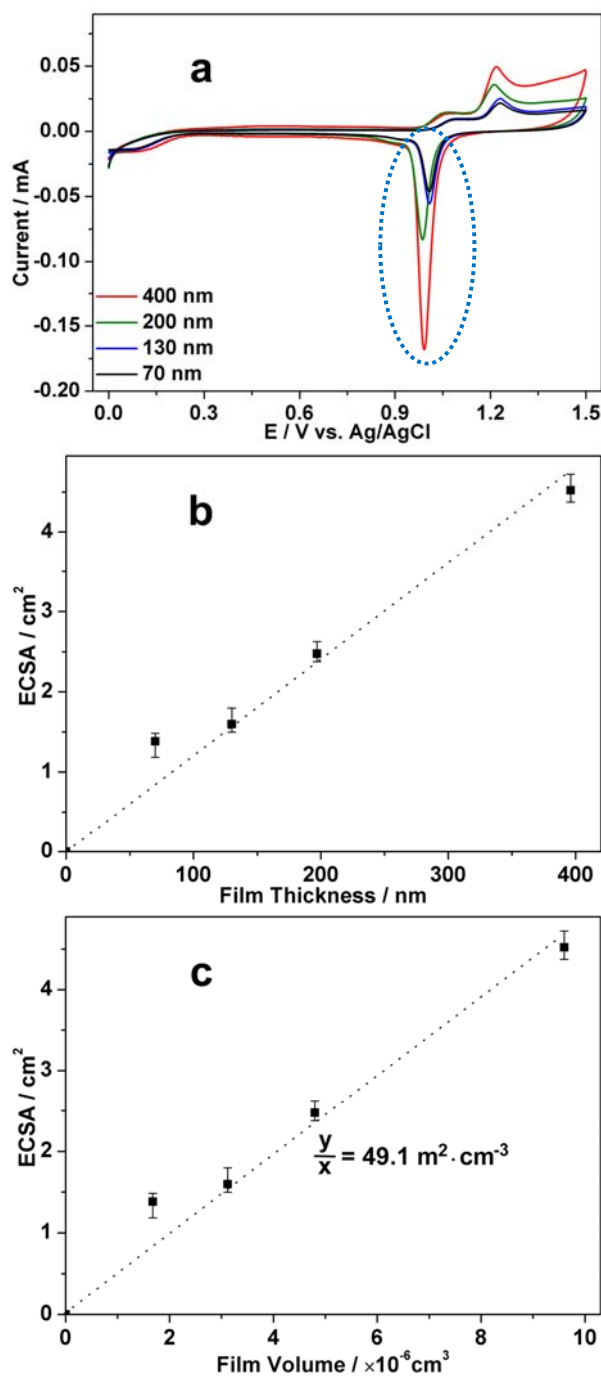
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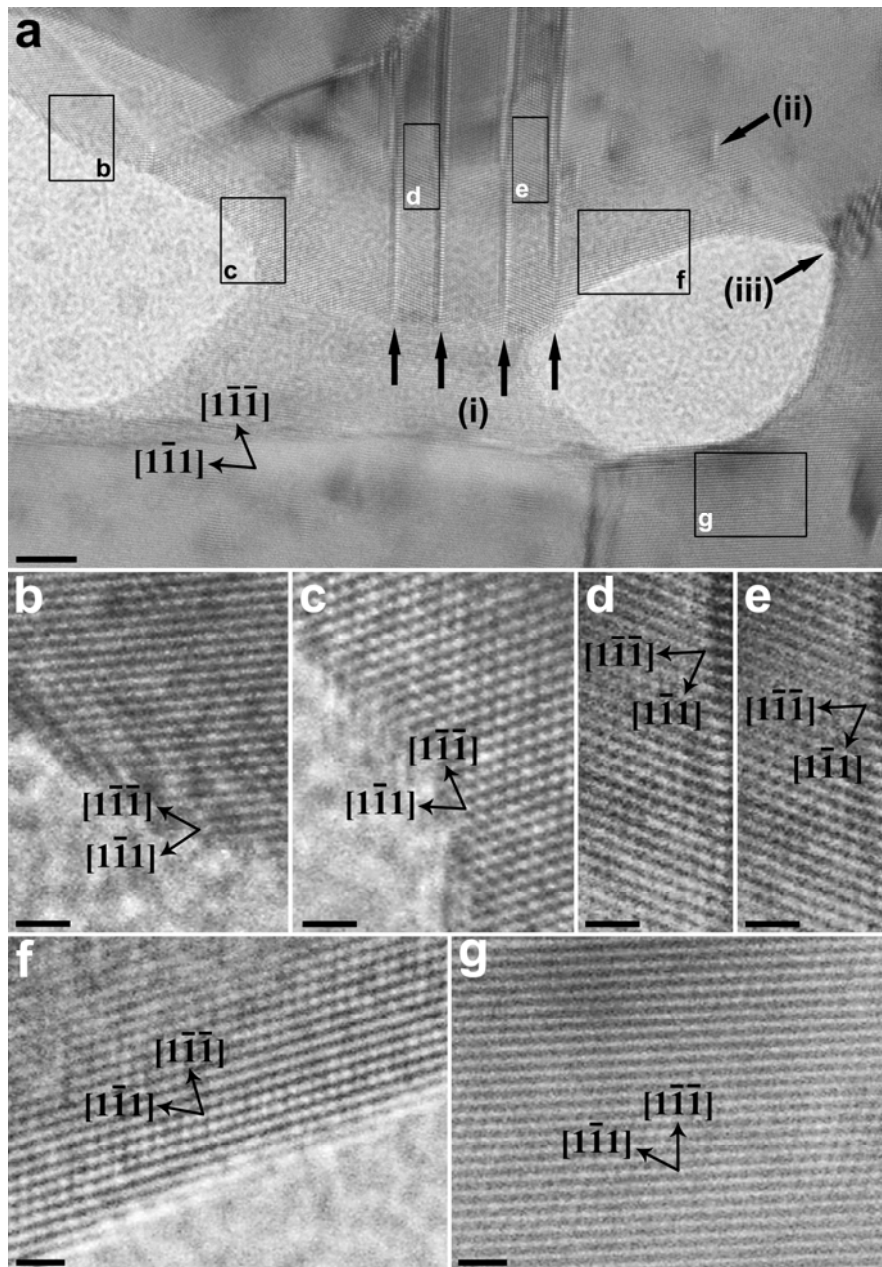
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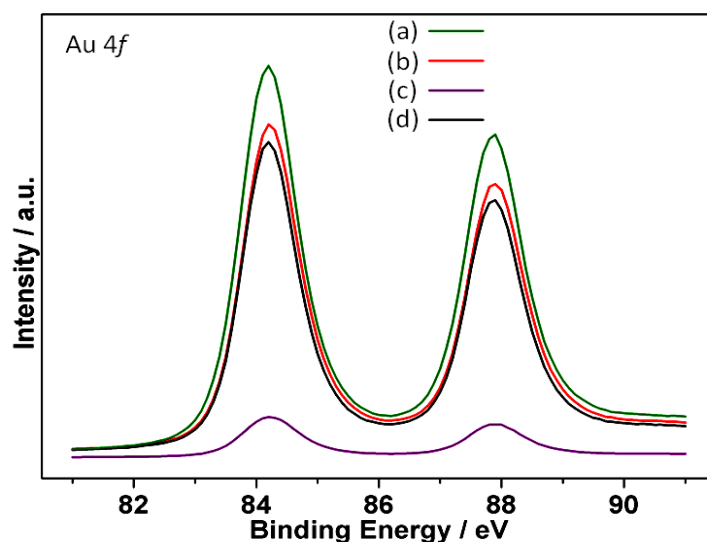
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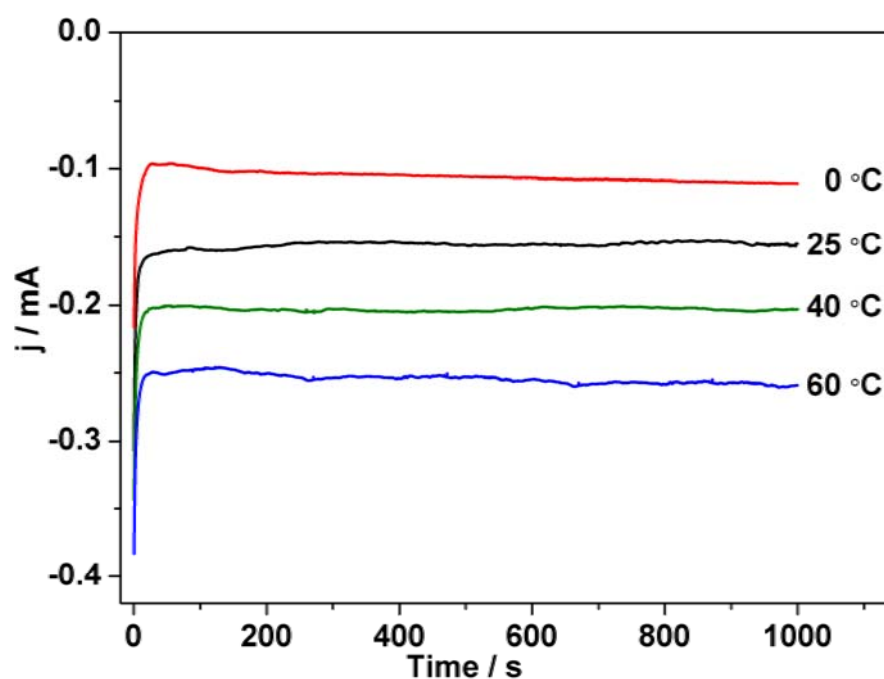
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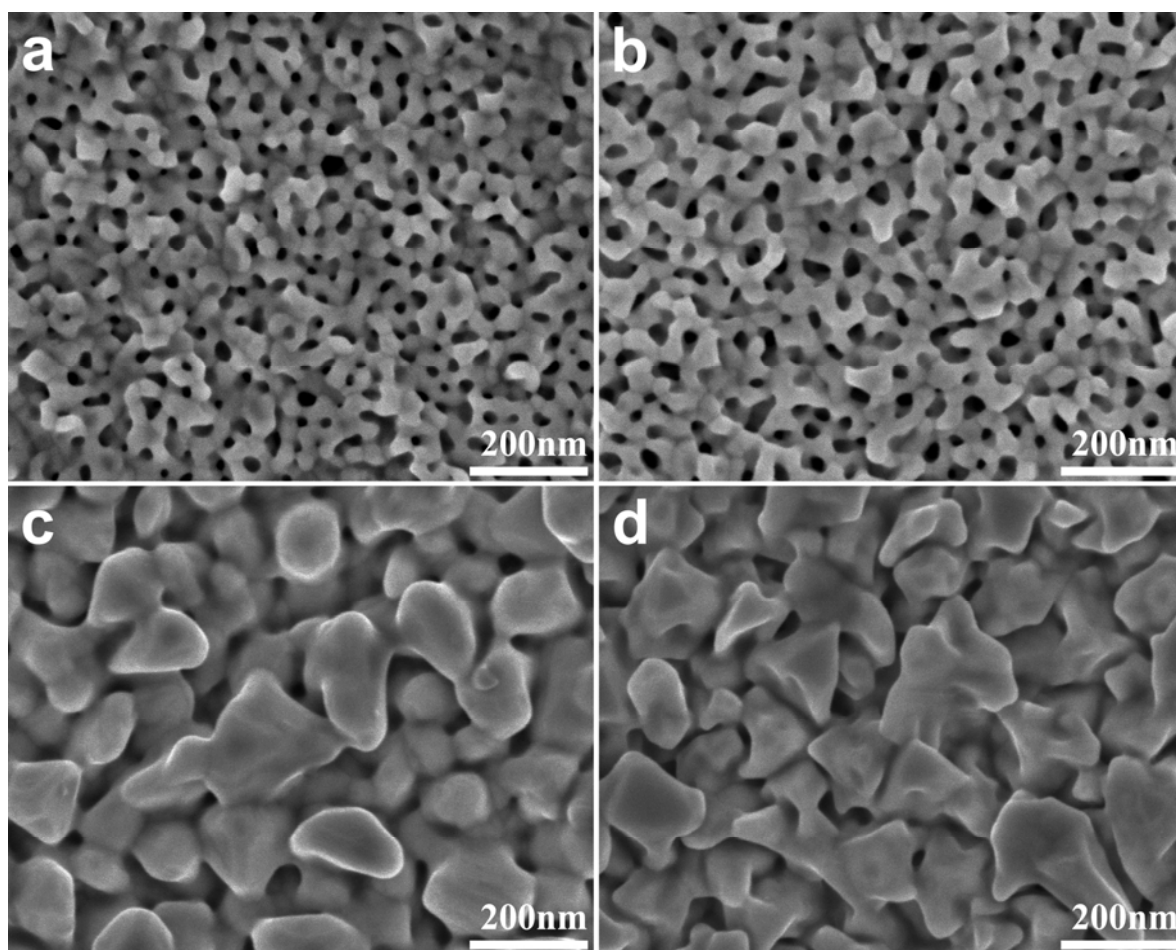
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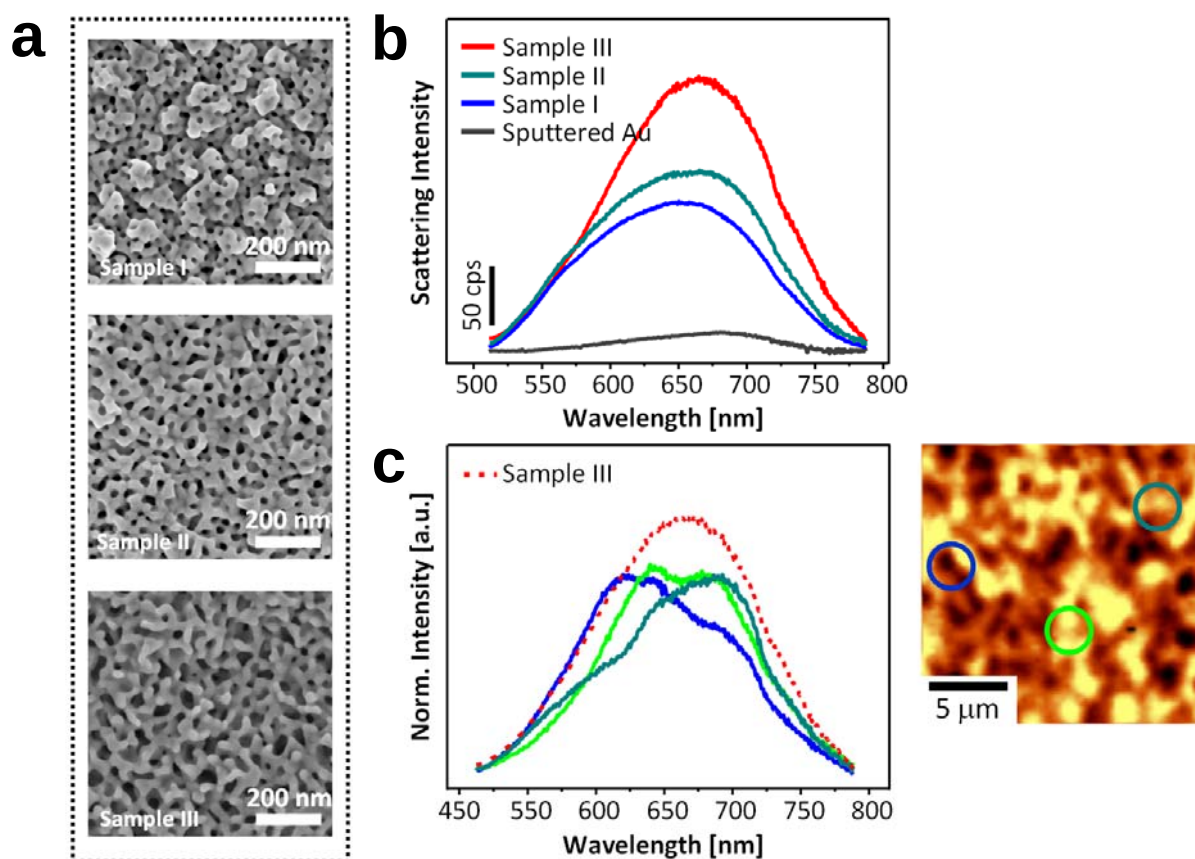
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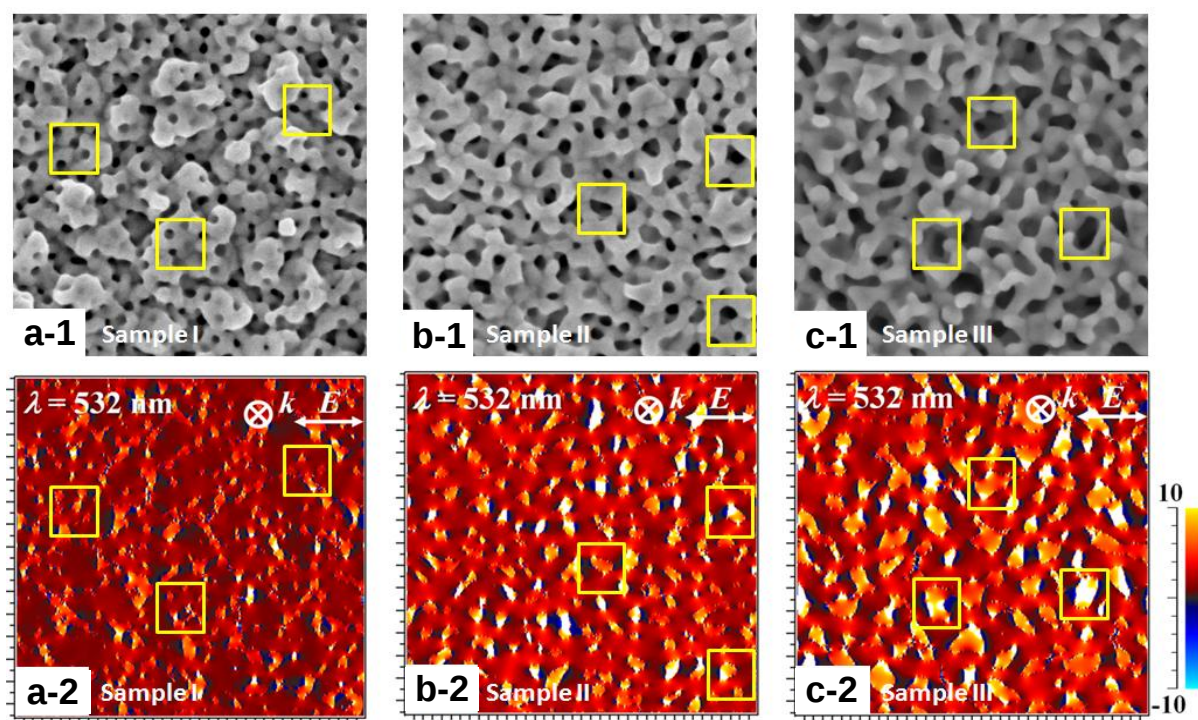
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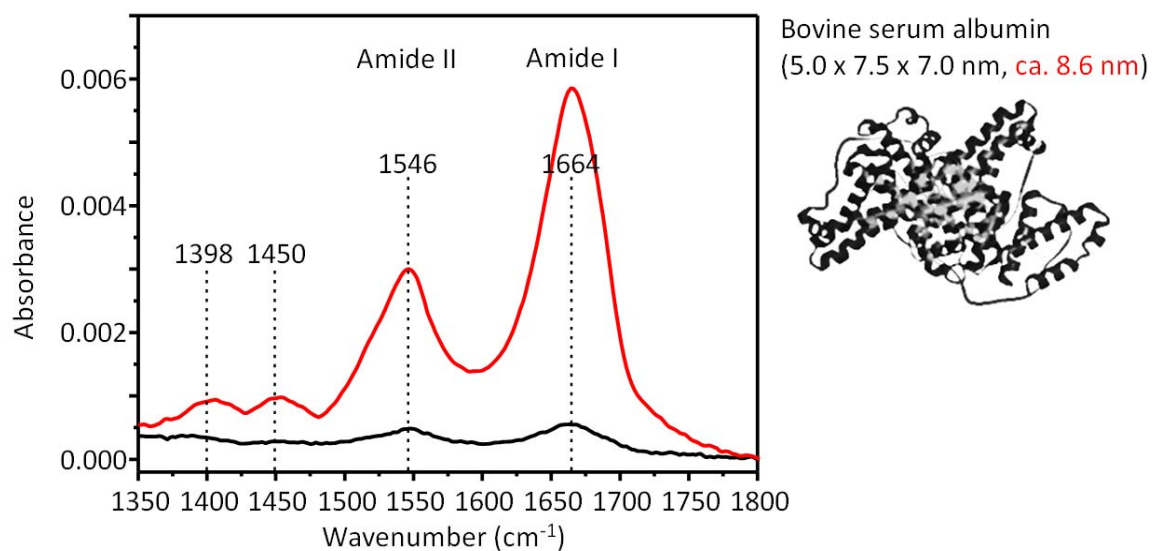
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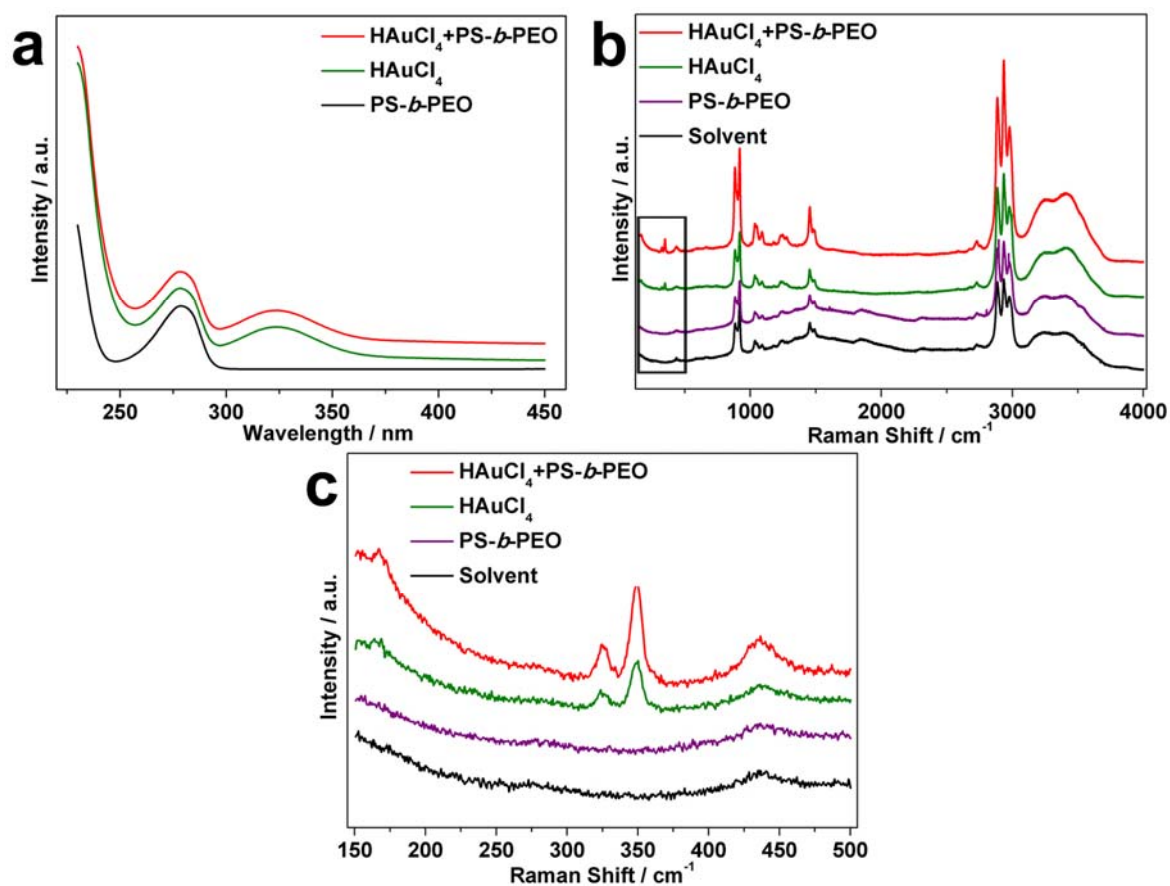
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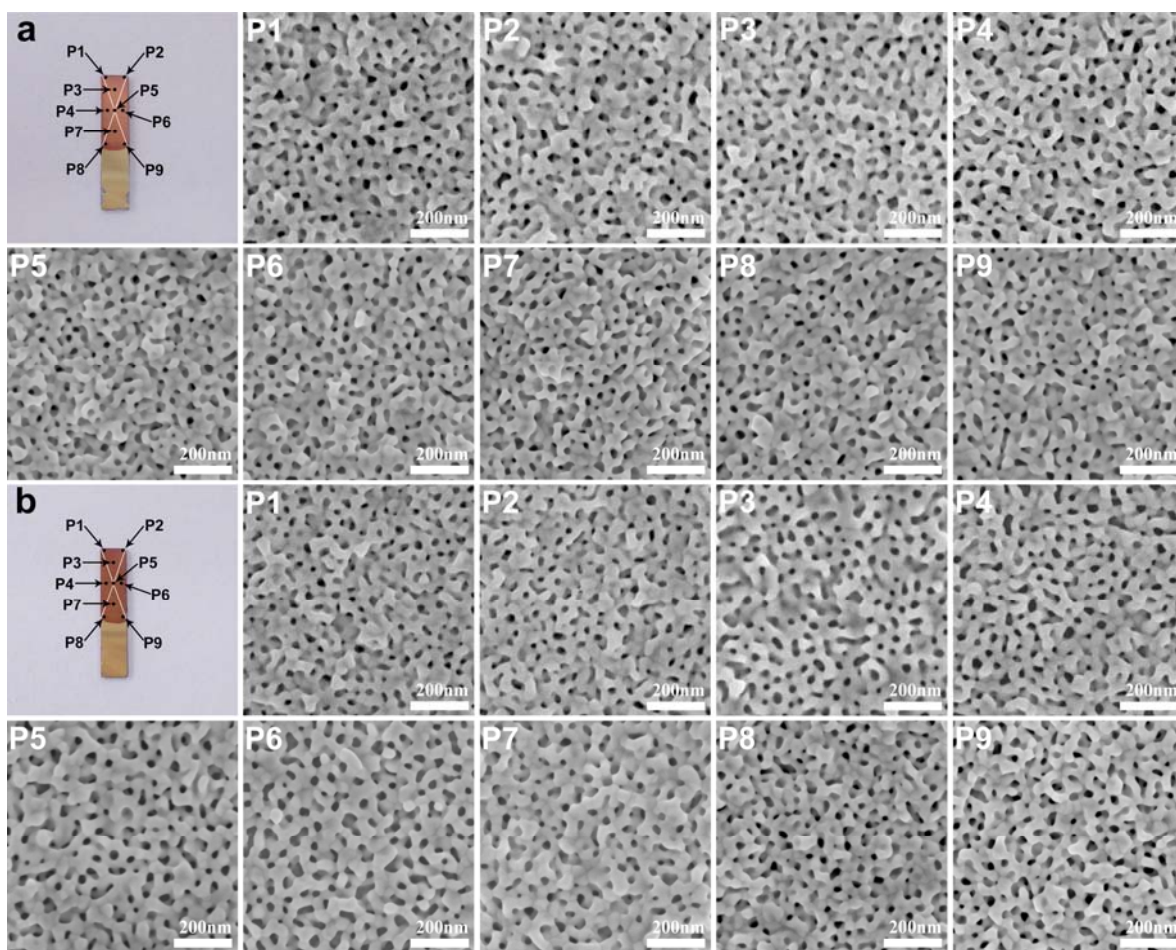
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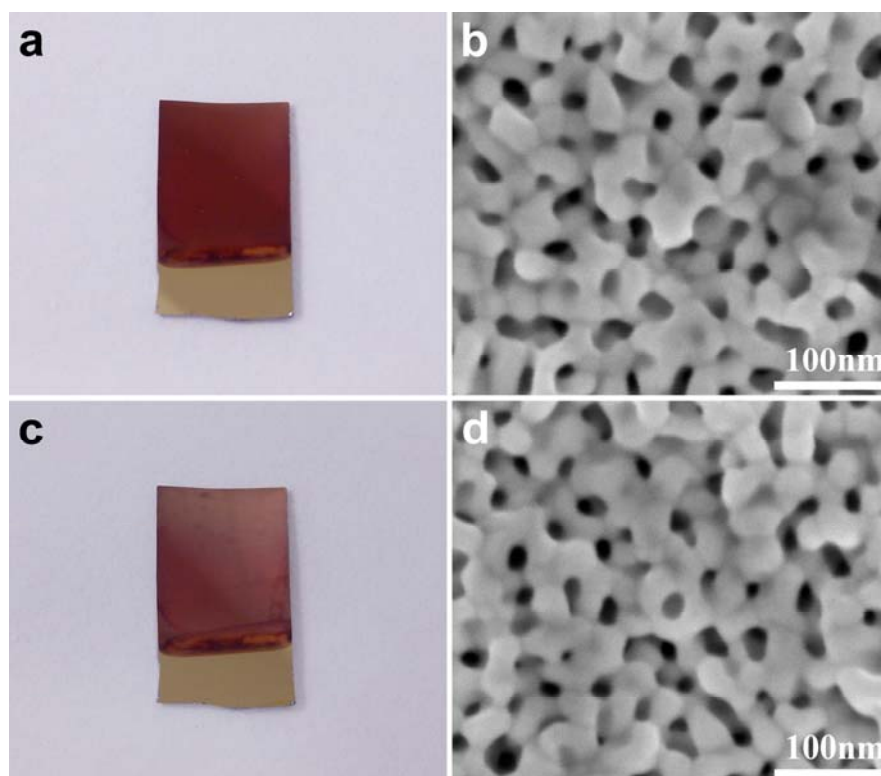
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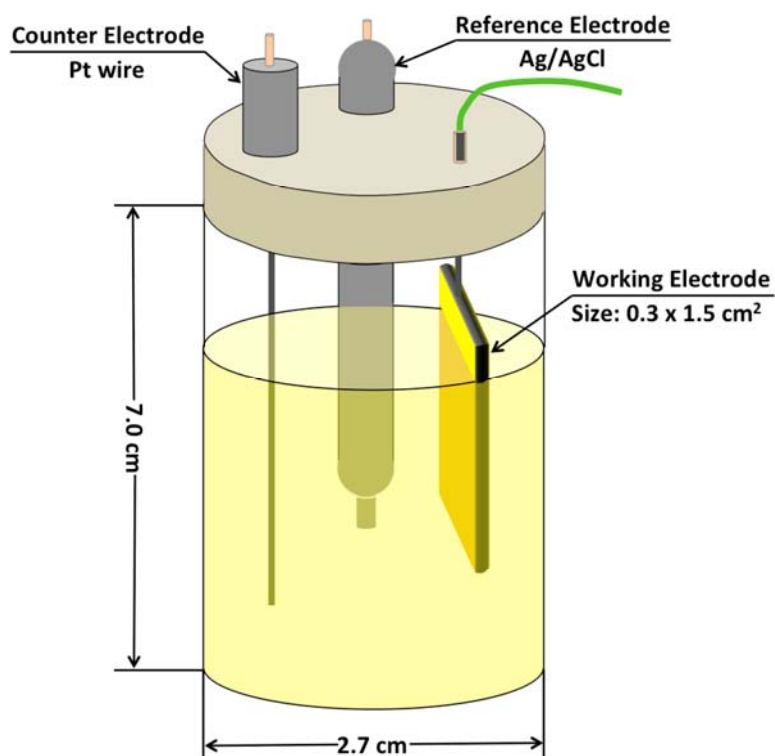
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Supplementary Figure 16 | SEM images at various locations of mesoporous Au films prepared with a typical electrolyte containing PS₁₈₀₀₀-*b*-PEO₇₅₀₀ micelles and 3 mL THF as solvent. (a) and (b) Two films are separately prepared from two different batches of electrolytes.



Supplementary Figure 17 | (a,c) Typical photographs of the mesoporous Au films (a) before and (c) after the peel-off test, and (b, d) typical SEM images of the mesoporous Au films (b) before and (d) after the peel-off test. The test samples (mesoporous Au films) are prepared with a typical electrolyte containing PS₁₈₀₀₀-*b*-PEO₇₅₀₀ micelles and 3 mL THF as solvent.



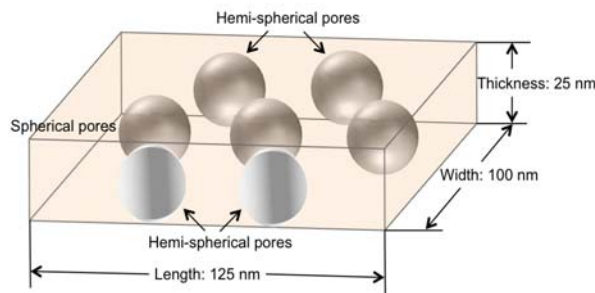
Supplementary Figure 18 | Schematic illustration of the used electrochemical cell for preparation of mesoporous Au films. The geometric cell size and the optimal size of working electrode are also noted.

Supplementary Note 1

Note for Supplementary Figure 1. At the early stage of Au deposition, the Au films do not grow uniformly on the substrates. So, it is hard to say the exact film thicknesses. But, if we assume that the Au film thicknesses are increased at constant growth rate (as shown in **Supplementary Figure 6**), the average film thicknesses are estimated to be (a) 1 nm, (b) 4 nm, and (c) 11 nm, respectively.

Supplementary Note 2

Note for Supplementary Figure 7. The estimation of ideal surface area can be calculated as follows. We assumed a monolayer of mesoporous Au film (prepared under the typical condition, Sample II). The average pore size and the average wall thickness were estimated to be 25 nm and 25 nm, respectively, from SEM observation. Assuming that the film volume is 125 nm (in length), 100 nm (in width), and 25 nm (in height), respectively, the film possesses 3 spherical mesopores and 4 hemi-spherical mesopores, as shown in the following image.



Supplementary Scheme: Schematic illustration of the monolayered mesoporous Au film. The corresponding ideal length, width, and thickness of the film are noted.

By using this model, the total surface area (S) inside the mesopores can be well obtained by considering 5 spherical mesopores.

$$S = 5 \times 4 \cdot \pi \cdot R^2 = 5 \times 4 \times 3.14 \times (12.5 \times 10^{-9})^2 = 9.8125 \times 10^{-15} \text{ (m}^2\text{)}$$

The bulk film volume of this model (V) can be calculated as follows.

$$V = (125 \times 10^{-7}) \times (100 \times 10^{-7}) \times (25 \times 10^{-7}) = 3.125 \times 10^{-16} \text{ (cm}^3\text{)}$$

Therefore, the volume-normalized surface area (P) can be obtained as follows.

$$P = S \cdot V^{-1} = 31.4 \text{ (m}^2 \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}\text{)}$$

This calculated value is a little less than the value obtained from the electrochemical measurement ($49.1 \text{ m}^2 \text{ cm}^{-3}$), because the actual pore surface in the obtained mesoporous Au films are bumpy (not smooth). High resolution TEM images also shows bumpy surface with atomic steps and kinks (**Fig. 2 & Supplementary Figure 8**), which increase the surface area rather than we expect.

Supplementary Note 3

Note for Supplementary Figure 16. Our approach shows a fairly high reproducibility (100 %). Actually, we repeated the same experimental procedure many times, and we obtained exactly the same mesoporous structures. Even at the edge parts, the same mesoporous structures were steadily formed. To illustrate the high reproducibility of our process, two films were separately prepared, and the SEM images obtained at different locations were displayed here.

Supplementary Note 4

Note for Supplementary Figure 17. The adherence between the electrodeposited mesoporous Au film and substrate was studied by a 90° peel-off test, which was conducted on the film sample using a 3M scotch tape. The tape was peeled-off from the mesoporous Au film surface by applying a fixed force of $5.0 \pm 0.1 \text{ N}$ with a test distance of 20 mm. After the peel-off test, it was observed that the deposited Au film is still adhered on the substrate. The samples before and after the peel-off test were observed by SEM, which further confirmed that the original mesoporous structures were well retained without deformation of the mesopores and formation of any cracks/scratches on the surface.

Supplementary Note 5

Note for Supplementary Figure 18. Beside the optimal conditions, the present method is versatile to large substrates and flexible conducting substrates. By using the optimal condition, a large-sized substrate of 3.00 cm^2 ($1.5 \text{ cm} \times 2.0 \text{ cm}$) also can be used for the electrodeposition.