

Preparation and application of activated carbon

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Activated Carbon

Typical porous carbon material which can be prepared through the activation of organic materials. AC is usually used as adsorption material.

Application

- Water purification
- Air pollution protection
- EDLC etc.

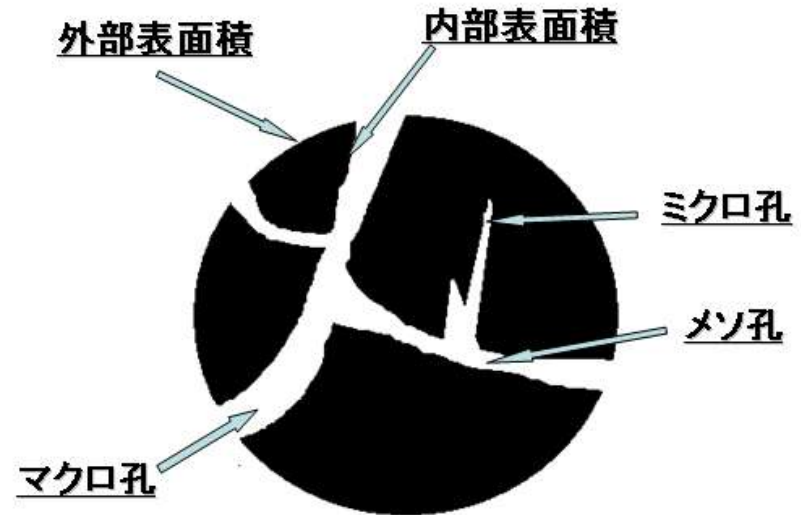
Activation

Gas

- Steam
- Air, CO₂ etc.

Chemical

- Alkali (KOH, NaOH)
- Salt, etc.



Classification of pores

Macropore	$w > 50\text{nm}$
Mesopore	$2\text{nm} < w < 50\text{nm}$
Micropore	$w < 2\text{nm}$

Preparation of Activated Carbons

Selection of Carbon Precursor

- Pore Framework / Density
- Properties of Pore Wall, Composition / Graphitic Extent
- Reactivity at Activation

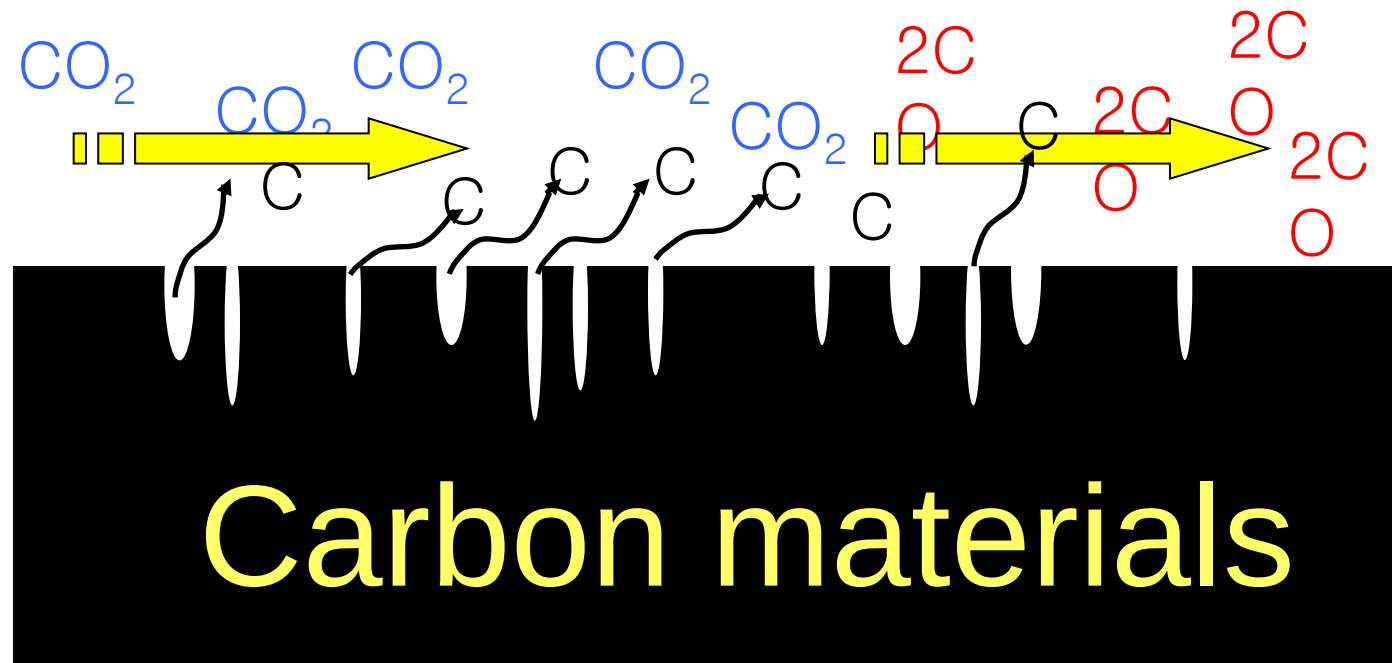
Activation

- CO₂, H₂O
 - Alkali Hydroxides / Carbonates; More Research
 - Selective Catalytic Gasification ; Catalyst Control
- Very Large Surface Area > 3000 m²/g
Adequate Pore and Wall

Post-Treatment

- Pore Adjustment
- Functional Groups, Introduction, Adjust and Removal
- Post-Graphitization

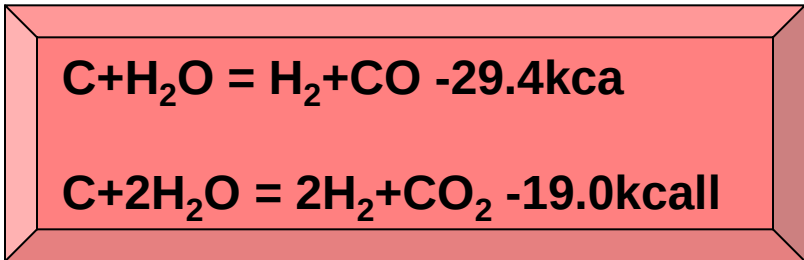
Activation



Activation reagents

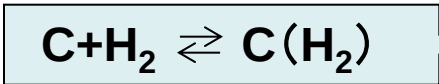
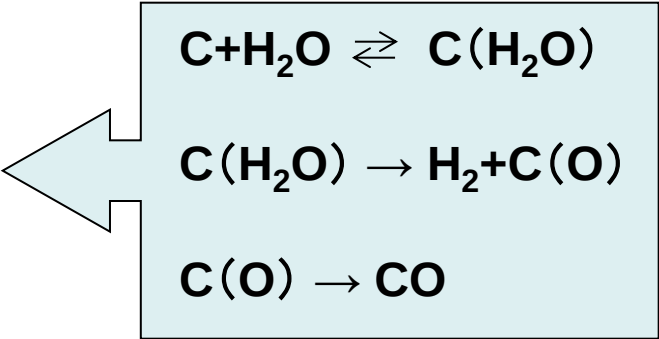
- Air, CO_2 , Steam
- KOH (NaOH), ZnCl_2

Mechanism of steam activation



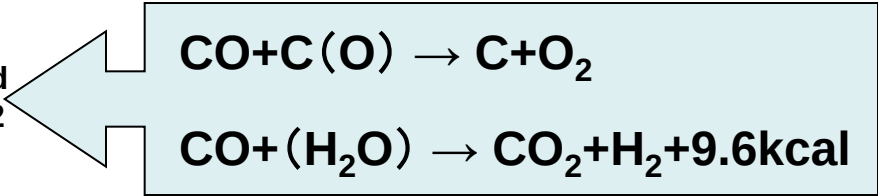
Basically exothermic reaction
Occurring over 750°C

Steam reacted with carbon
Steam decomposed into
gases
CO emitted



Produced hydrogen controls reaction to
decrease the active site of carbon

Nucleated CO reacted with
surface oxygen and reacted
With steam to produce CO2

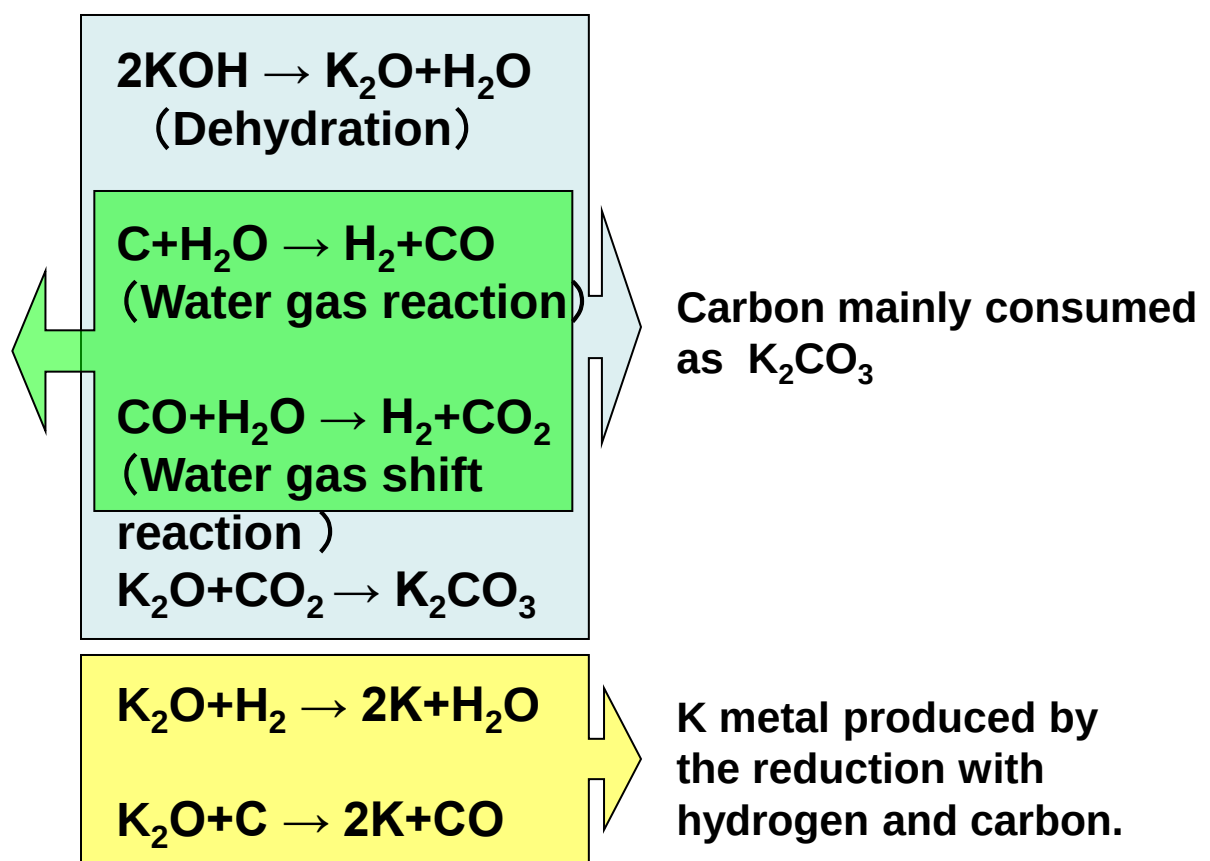


※ () shows the state of molecules

- Hydrogen reacted with carbon and decreased the active site of carbon, but did not affect the CO amount.
- Ashes contained carbon materials played as catalyst for gasification which can change the rate of activation.

Mechanism of KOH activation

Catalytically
proceeded under
potassium oxide



- Higher surface area compared to steam activation.
- Almost no CO , CO_2 emitted.
- Potassium metal can broaden the stacking interlayers through the intercalation over 800°C .

KOH
MP: 380°C
BP: 1324°C

K_2O
MP: 490°C

K_2CO_3
MP: 891°C

K
MP: 64°C
BP: 774°C

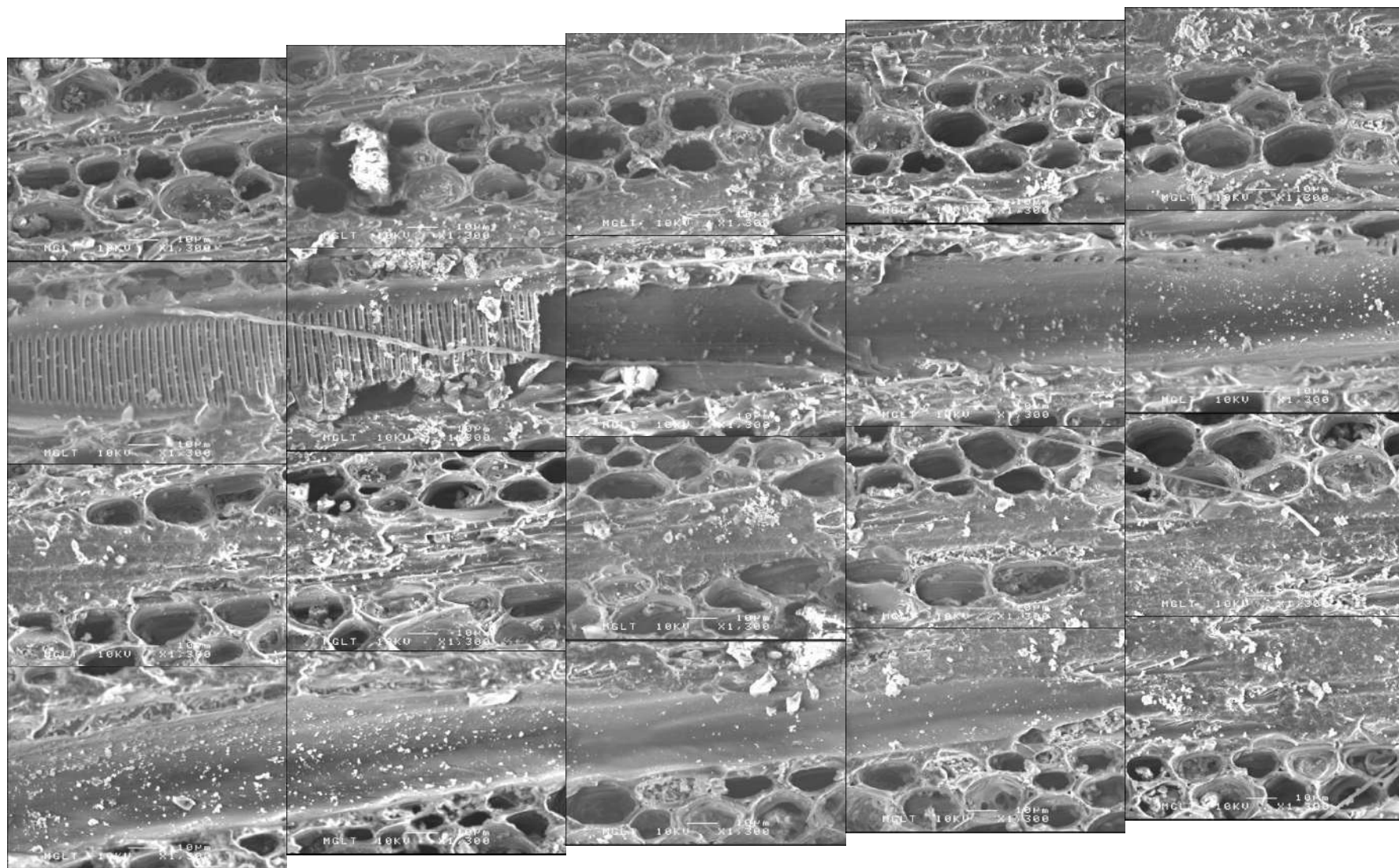
Shapes and Forma of Activated Carbon

As-Produced or Fabricated Shapes

- 1. Powder**
- 2. Tubular**
- 3. Granular**
- 4. Extrudate**
- 5. Fiber**
- 6. Cloth**
- 7. Disk**
- 8. Filter Honey Comb**

Indonesia Mangrove Char		
Yukari Char		
備長炭		

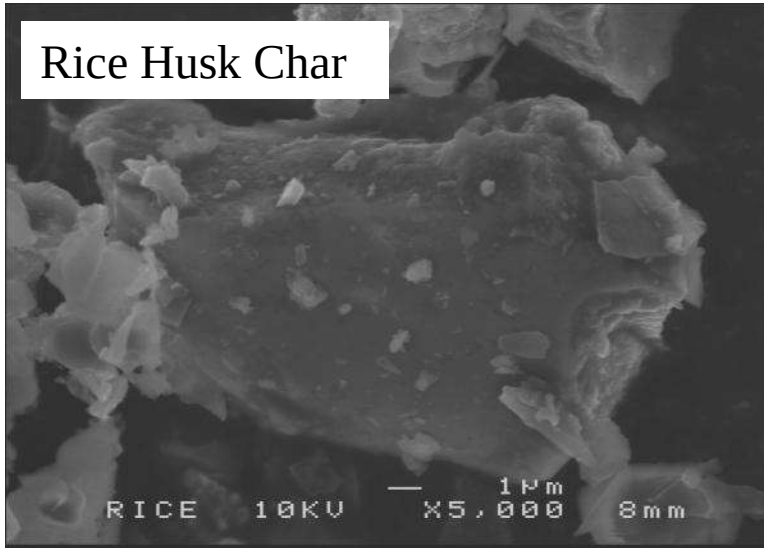
Morphology of Charcoals



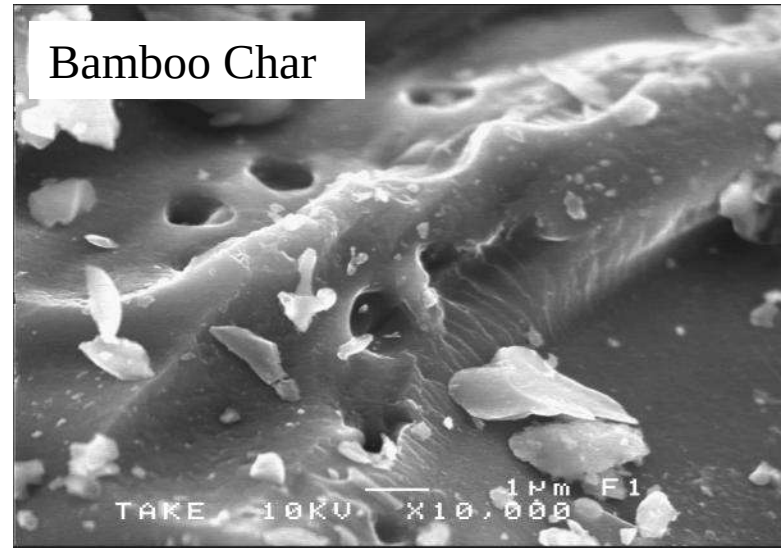
SEM montage of Indonesia mangrove charcoal (longitudinal section)

Morphology of Biomass Chars

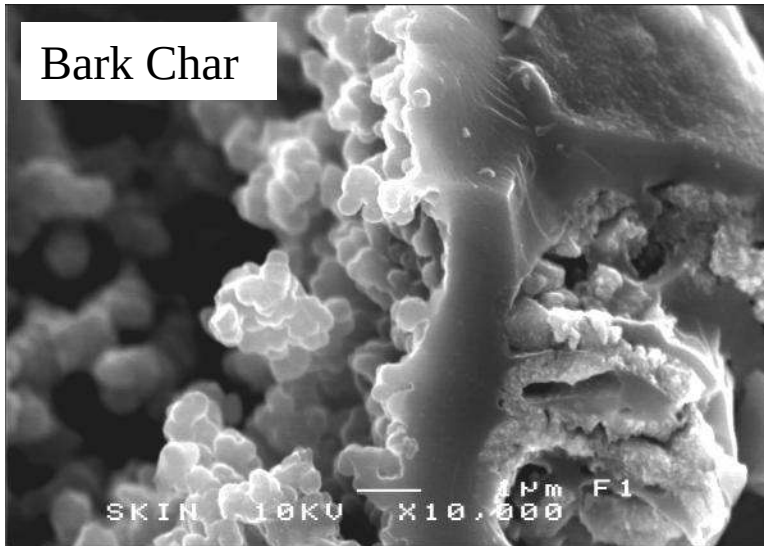
Rice Husk Char



Bamboo Char



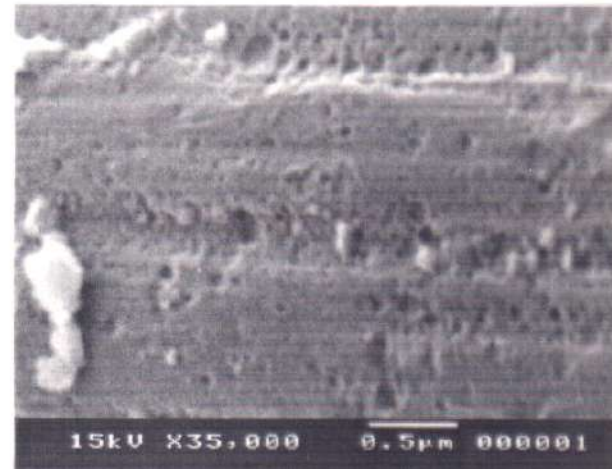
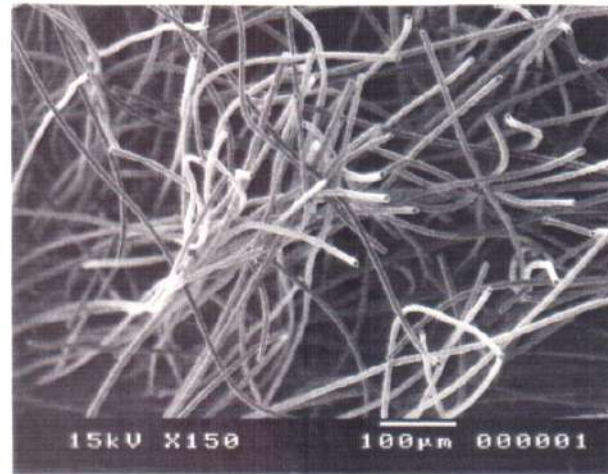
Bark Char



Chip's Dust Char

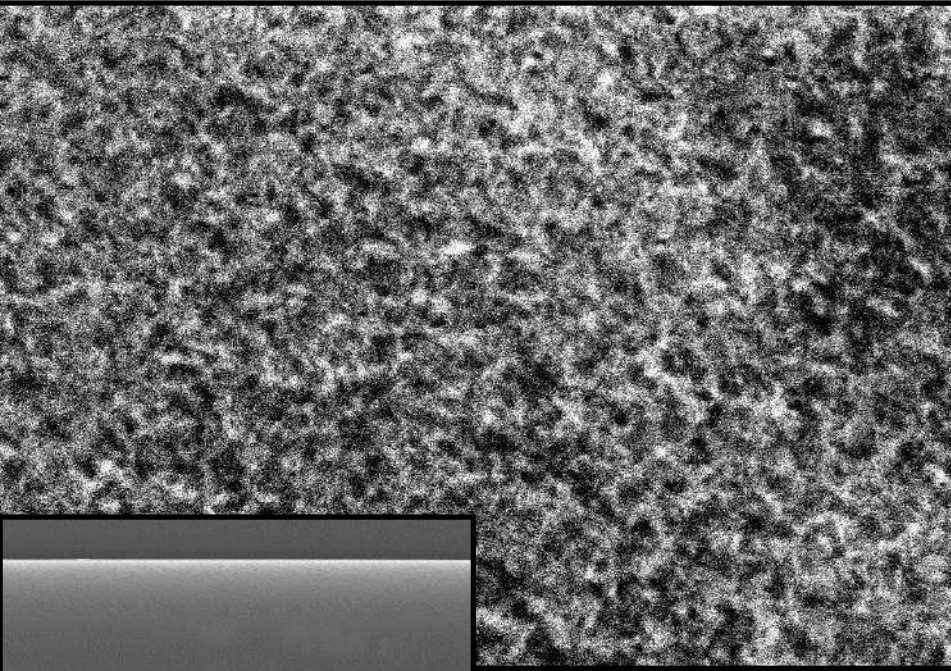


SEM Photographs of PAN-based CF

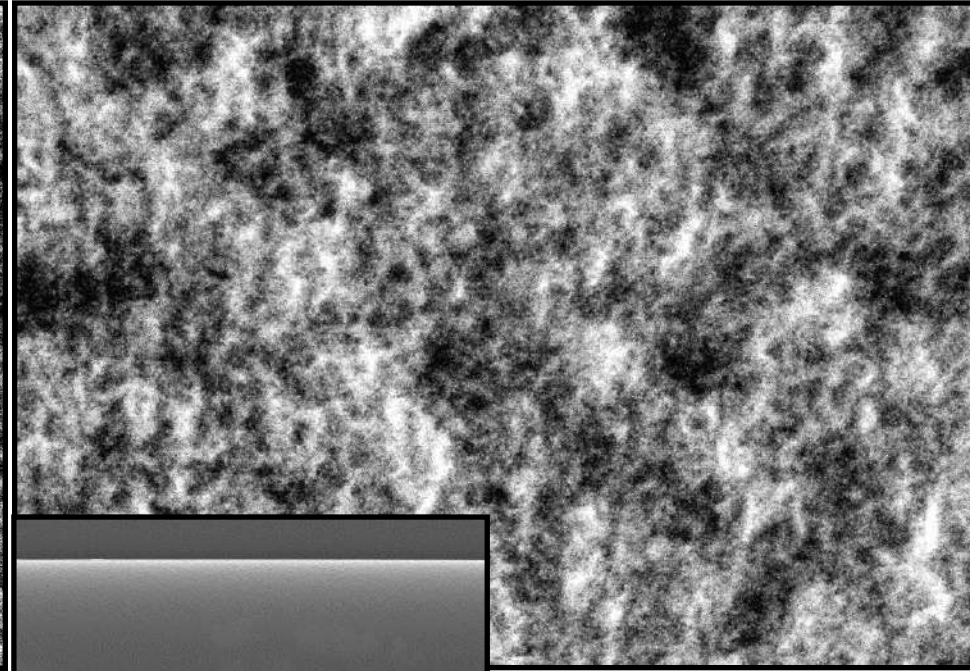


Surface Morphology of Pitch based ACFs

OG5A



OG-15A



ACF Products in Particular Forms

Felt



- Thickness 1~8 mm
ACF Coat 60~100%
- Mixing organic fibers to improve the strength and dimension stability.
- Needle punched felt (FN type) heat-processed felt (FH type).
- Selection according to the concentration and amount of the contaminant.

Paper

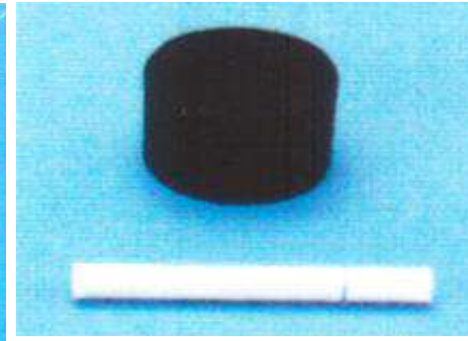


- Thickness 0.2~0.8 mm
ACF Coat 60~70%
- Anti-water
- Anti-chemicals
- Easy formation into any shapes

Manufacturing Products



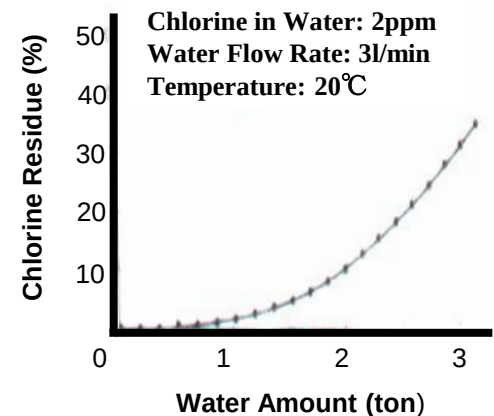
Water Filter



Small Water filter

- Columnar
- Low resistivity

- Chlorine removal



Sintered Honeycomb-shaped Ceramic Products



Cross-flow Sensible heat exchanger element

Material:

Silica alumina

Size: W300 × L300
× H300 mm

Temperature
800°C_{max}

Catalyst carrier

Rotor for heat exchanger

DIA: 1,900 ø

THK: 200 mm

Analyses of Pores

Adsorption

Volumetric

Probe Molecules

Interaction with Surface

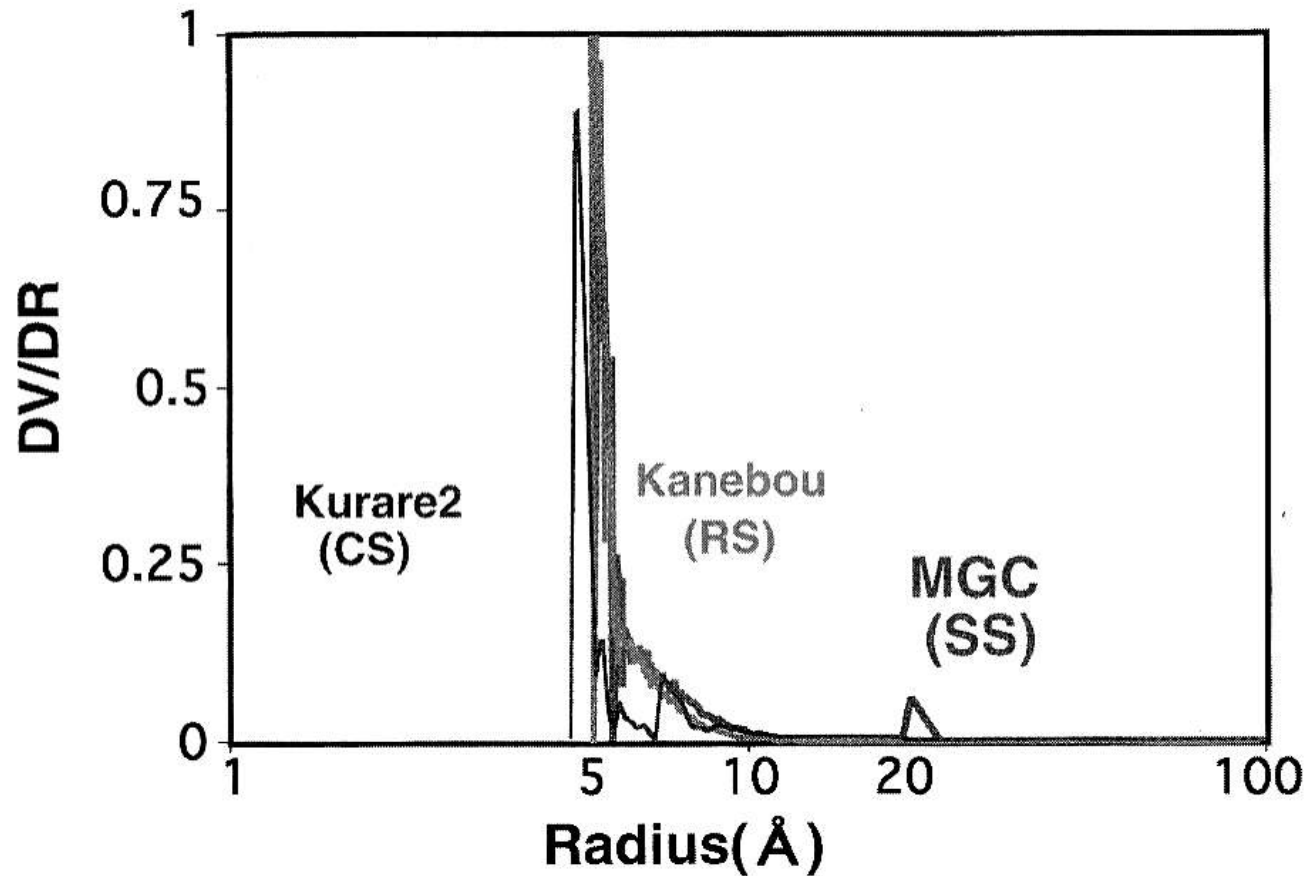
Xe-NMR

Chemical Adsorption

Direct Observation

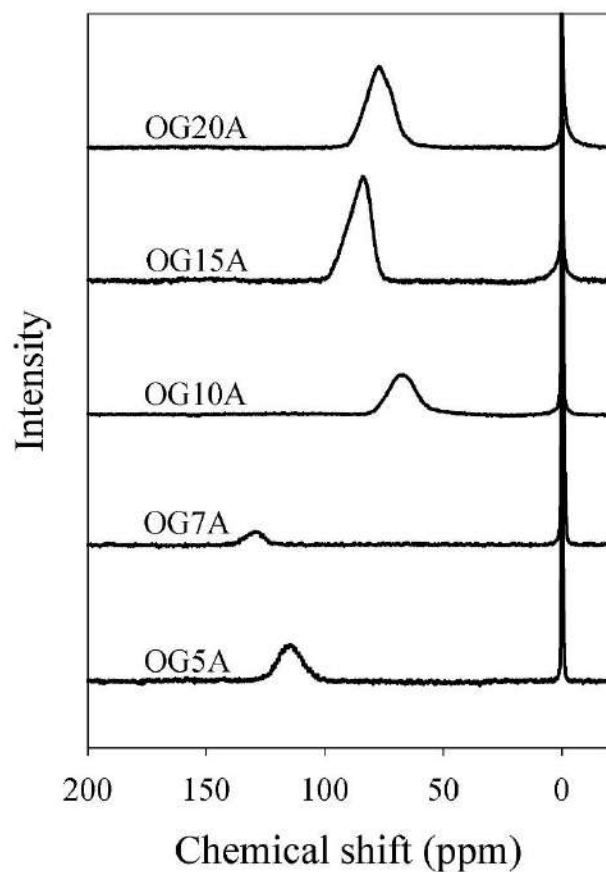
HR-SEM, HR-TEM and STM

Pore Size Distribution of AC

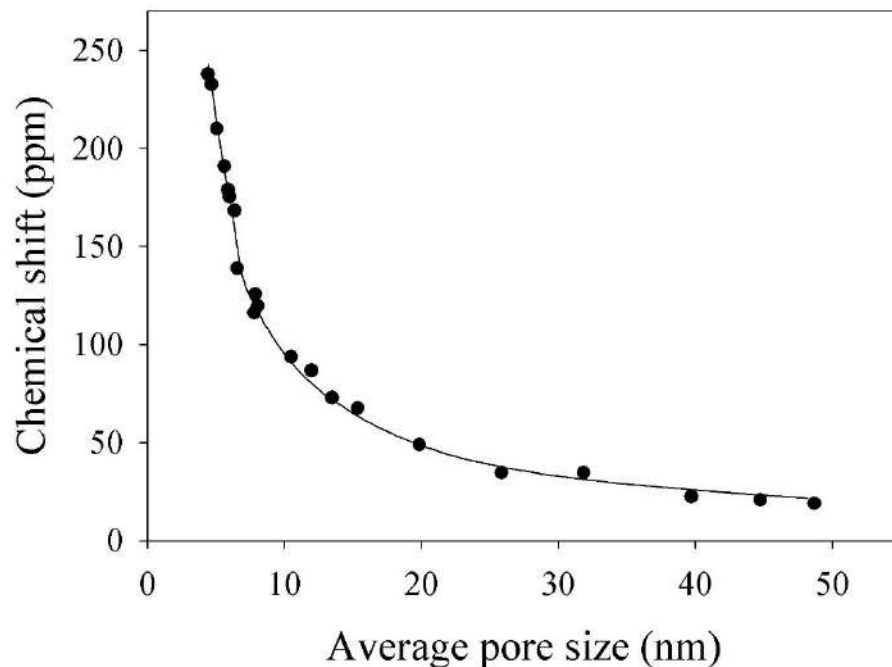


^{129}Xe -NMR Spectroscopy

^{129}Xe -NMR spectra of ACFs



Master curve between average pore size and chemical shift



Average pore size of ACFs

Some physical properties of OG-ACFs

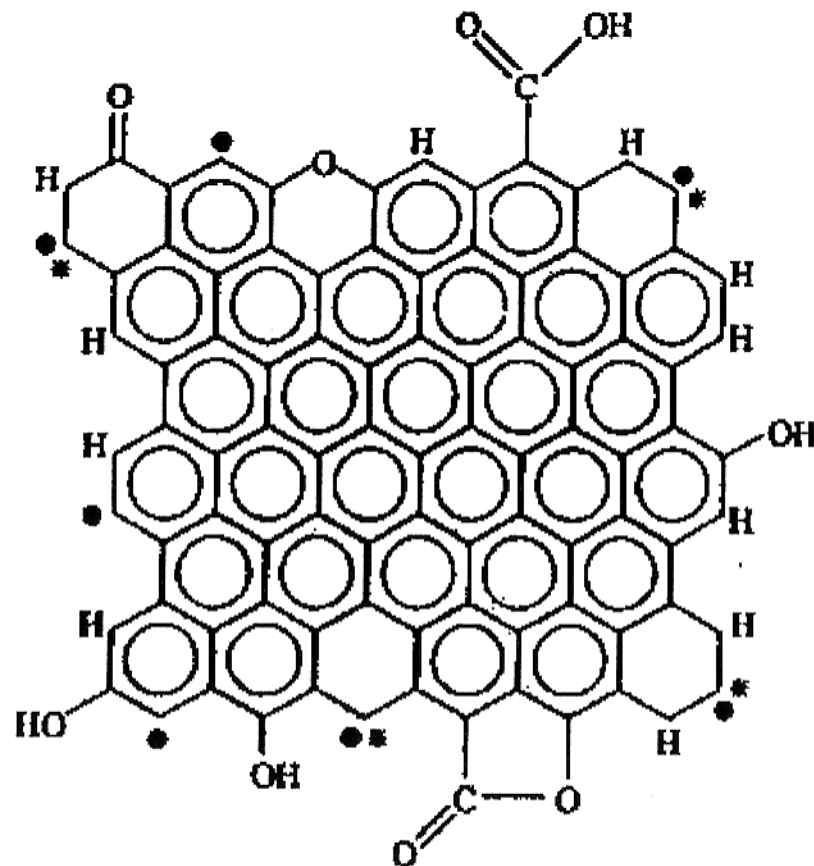
Sample	S_{BET} (m^2/g)	V_{total} (cm^3/g)	Average diameter (nm)
OG5A	573	0.31	0.9
OG7A	690	0.36	0.8
OG10A	953	0.52	1.5
OG15A	1390	0.75	1.2
OG20A	1862	1.00	1.3

S_{BET} : surface area calculated between (0.05-0.35) P/P_0 using nitrogen adsorption at 77K ;

V_{total} : total pore volume calculated at $P/P_0=0.98$;

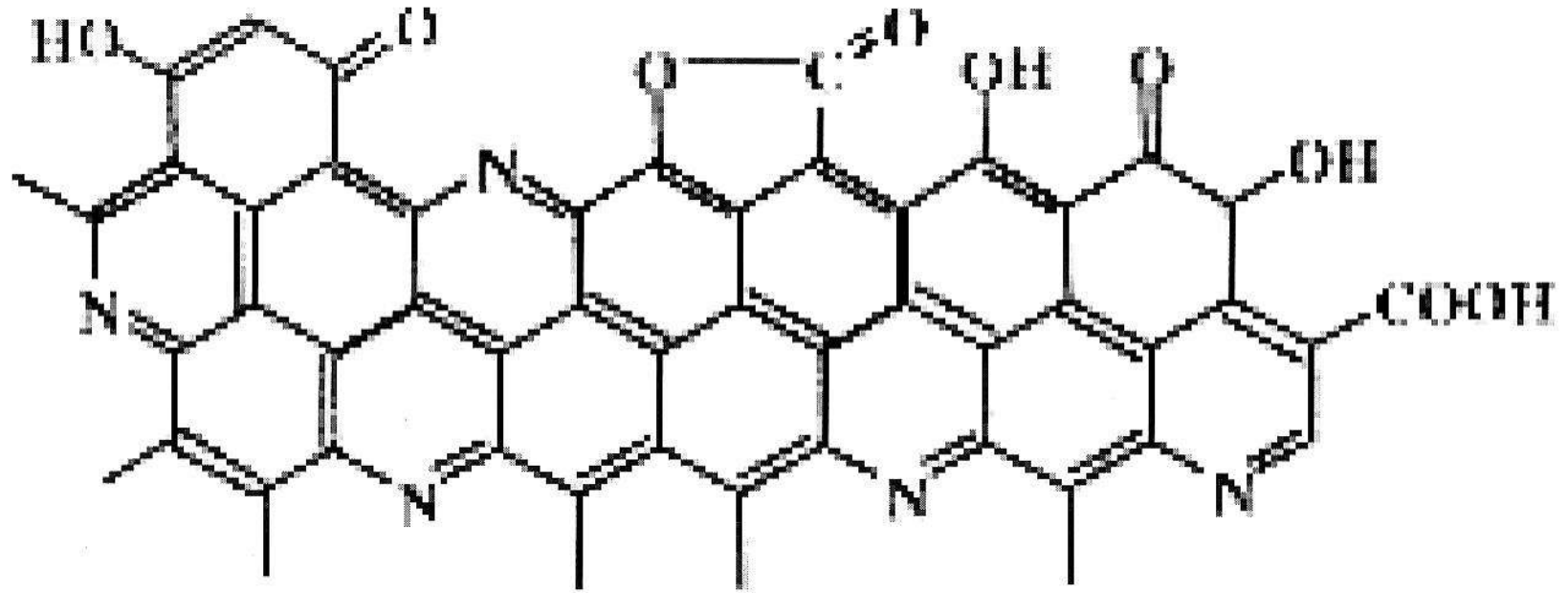
Average diameter of pore was determined by ^{129}Xe -NMR measurement .

Surface oxygen functional groups of ACF



This structure is representative of an activated carbon with a crystallite width of 15 Å and an elemental analysis (by weight) of 87.5% C, 11.3% O, 1.2% H, • represents an unpaired σ electron; •* represents an "in-plane σ pair" with * being a localized π electron, (Radovic)

Surface functional groups of PAN-based ACF



Domain structures of activated carbons

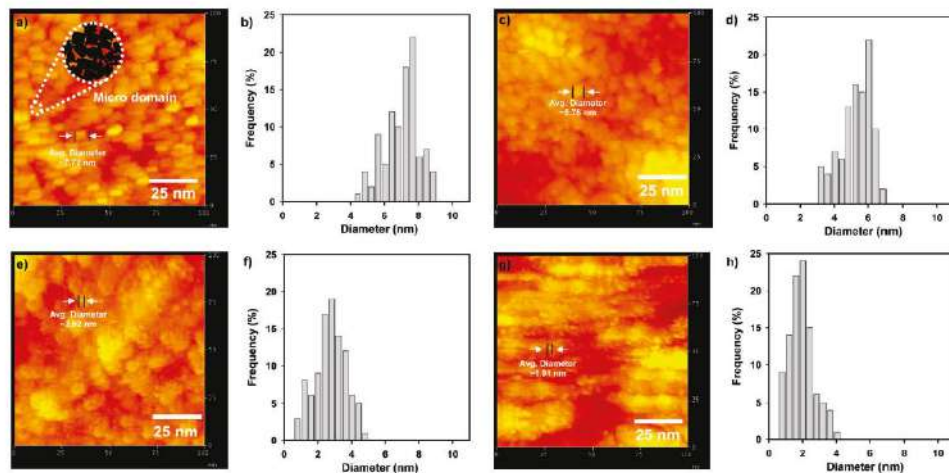
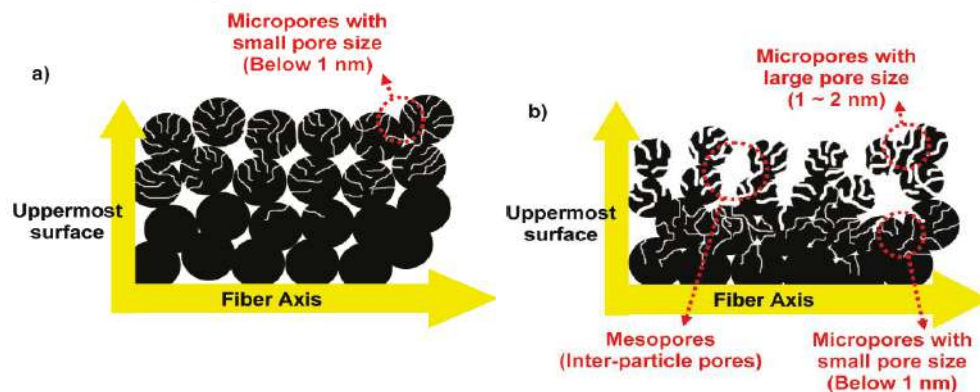
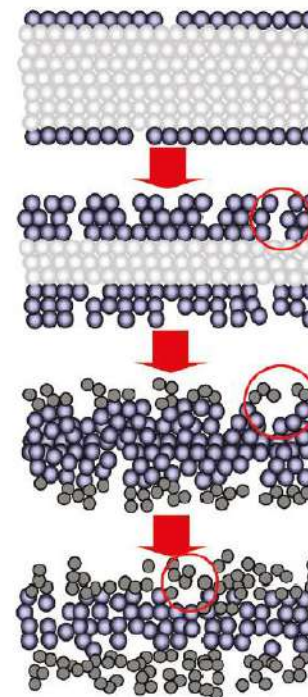


Figure 3. STM images of (a) OG5A, (c) OG7A, (e) OG10A, and (g) OG20A. The surface of ACF is composed of a microdomain with a few nanometers of diameter, and the diameter is reduced with an increasing degree of activation. (b, d, f, and h) Histograms showing particle size distributions of microdomains corresponding to samples of panels a, c, e, and g, respectively.

Scheme 3. Proposed Models for the Pore Structure of Activated Carbons Based on the Microdomain Component: (a) Mild Activation Condition and (b) Severe Activation Condition



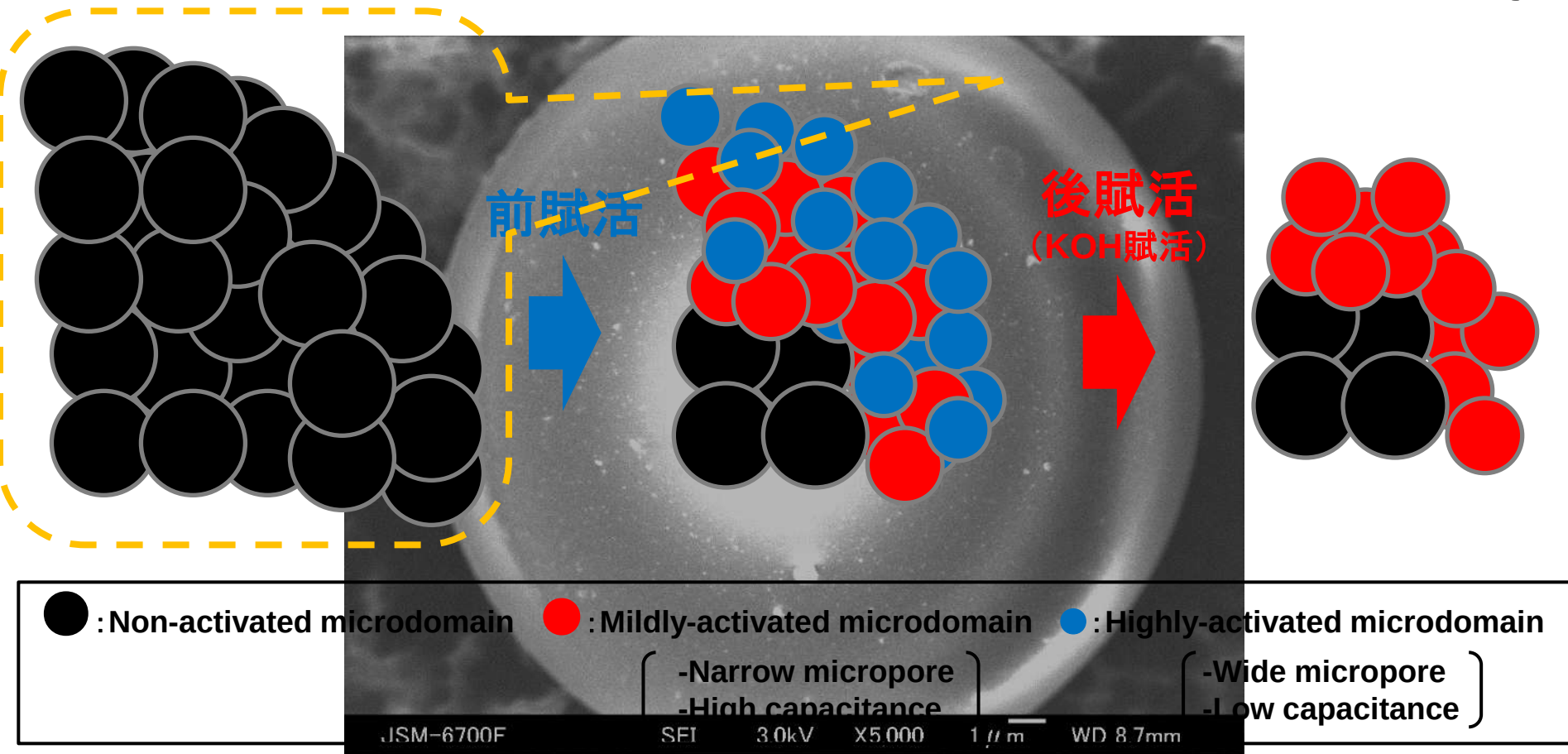
Scheme 2. Schematic Diagram of the Activation Process Based on the Microdomain Structure



- Non-activated microdomain
- Mildly activated microdomain (below 1 nm of pore size)
- Highly activated microdomain (1 ~ 2 nm of pore size)
- Mesoporous Region (above 2 nm of pore size)

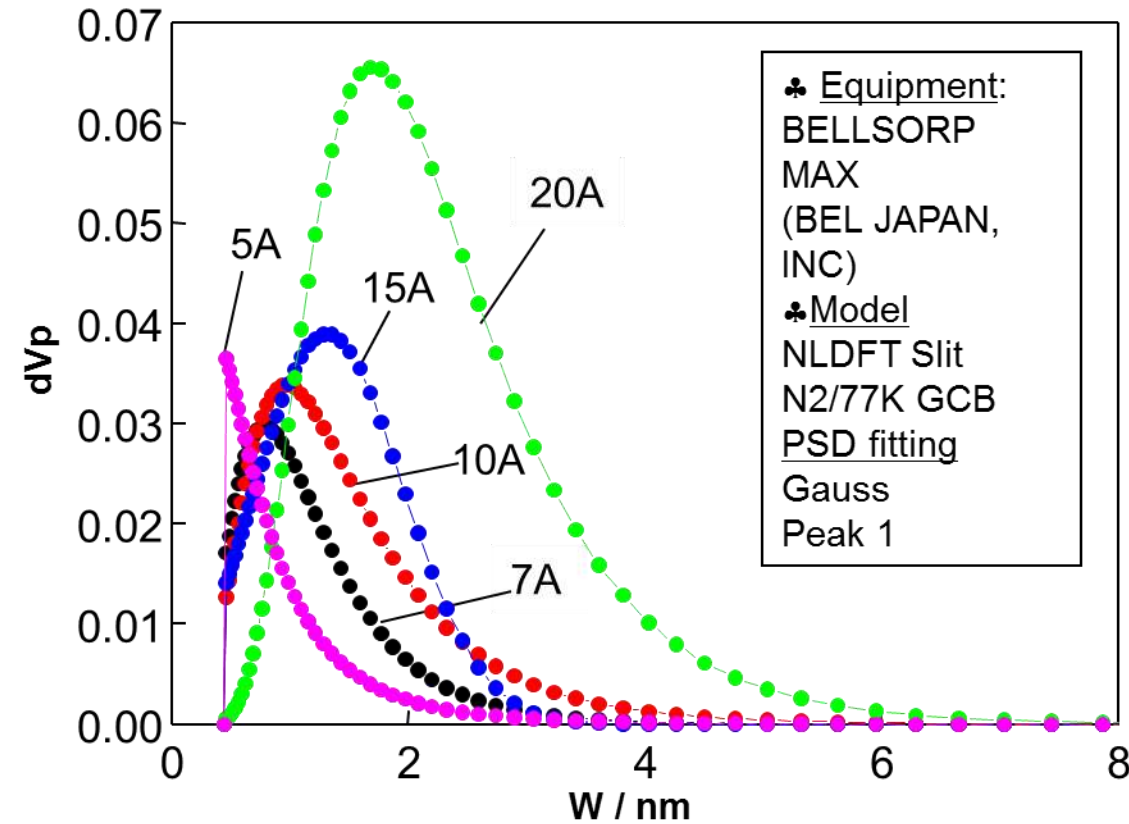
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Schematic model of after-activation base on domain theory



- Activated can make micropores in every domain, but relatively larger micropores formed at outside located domains. After-activation effectively removes the domain located at outside, and finally increases the micropore efficiency to capacitance.

Pores and their distribution (NLDFT method)



♣ Advantage of DFT method

Determination of a pore size distribution in the wide range of pore size from micro pore to meso pore.

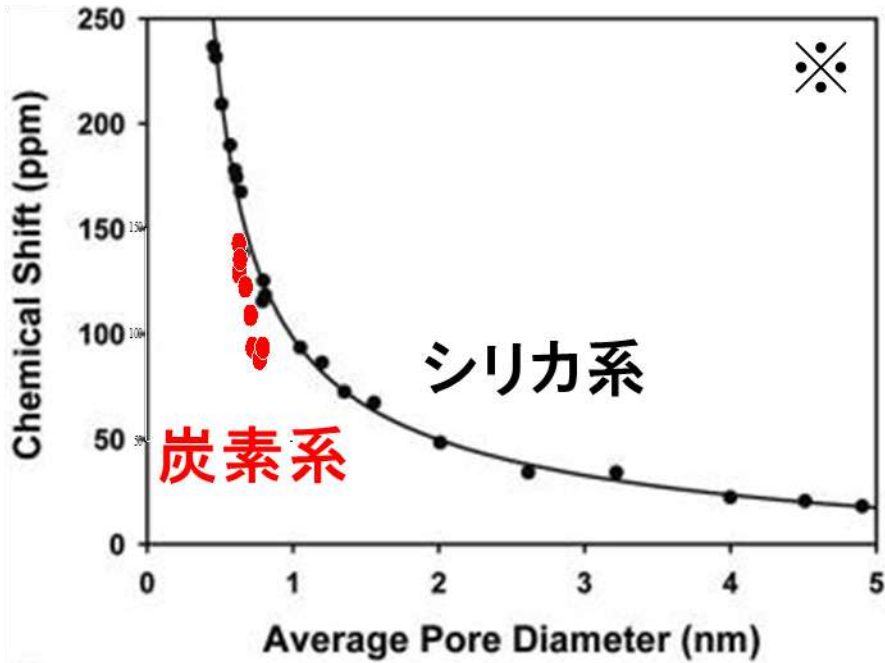
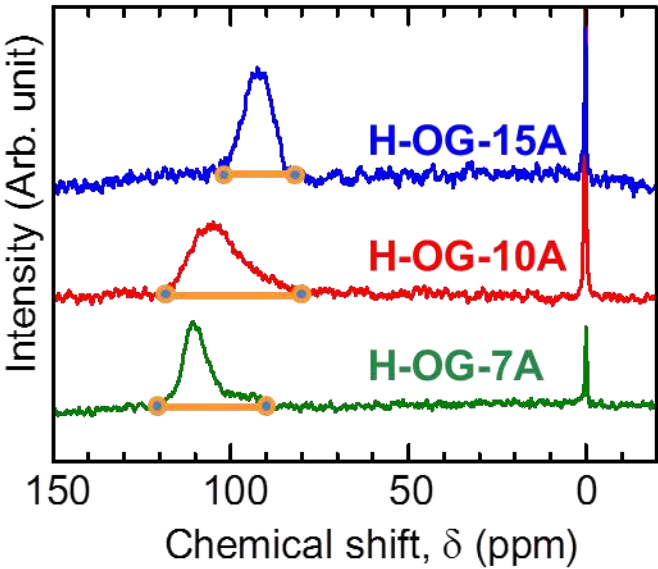
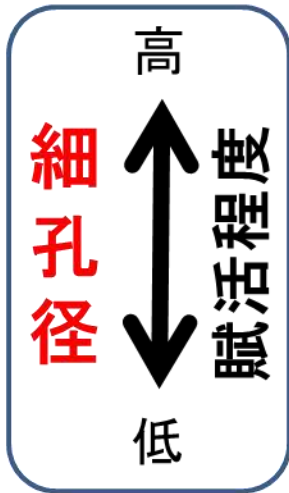
♣ Disadvantage

This method needs
 > measurement in low pressure
 > assumption of pore structure
 > homogeneity of adsorbent surface

	OG5A	OG7A	OG10A	OG15A	OG20A
pore size at peaks (nm)	Less than 0.44	0.72	0.98	1.28	1.86
Pore distribution range in this DFT profile (nm)	~2.8	~3.0	~5.0	~3.0	0.44~7.0

◆ The pore size at peak increased in the order of OG5A < 7A < 10A < 15A < 20A.

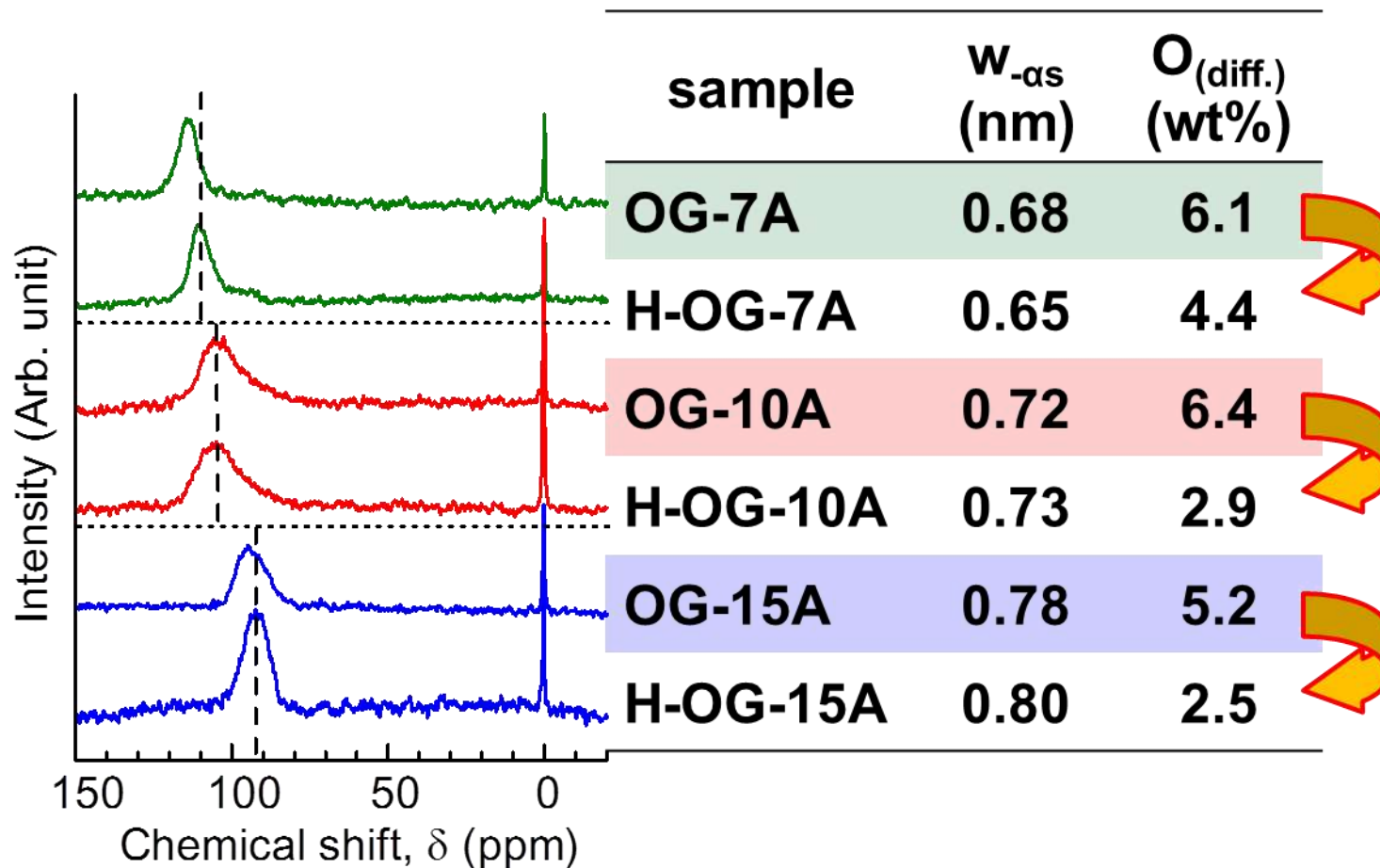
Xe-NMR



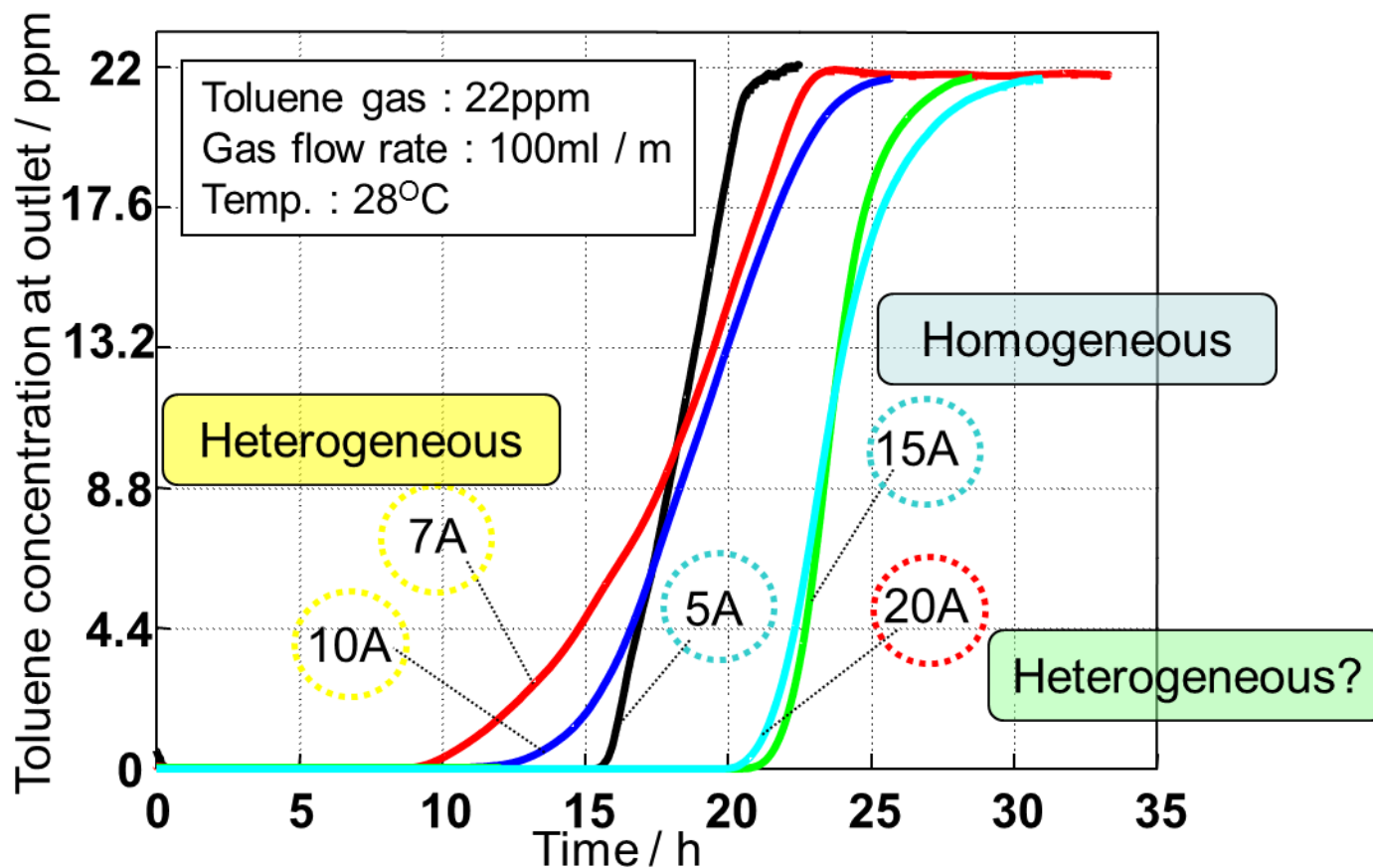
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sample	¹²⁹ Xe-NMR		N ₂ adsorption		
	Avg.	range	αs	NLDFT	range _{NLDFT}
H-OG-7A	0.96	0.88~1.27	0.65	1.18	0.47~1.35
H-OG-10A	0.99	0.87~1.27	0.73	1.02	0.45~4.97
H-OG-15A	1.11	1.00~1.29	0.80	1.11	0.45~5.13

Xe-NMR method



Adsorption performances of toluene



- ◆ The slopes of breakthrough curves for 5A and 15A were steeper than those of curves for 7A and 10A.
- ◆ ACFs with homogeneous pores (5A and 15A) showed rapid toluene adsorption and larger capacity per unit area and longer breakthrough time, whereas ACFs with heterogeneous pores (7A and 10A) showed slow toluene adsorption and smaller capacity per unit area.

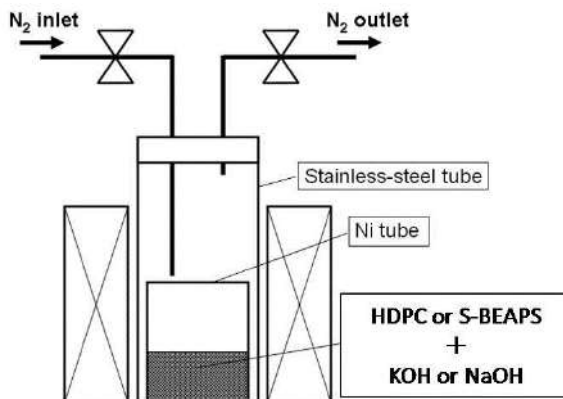
Activated Carbons for EDLC Applications

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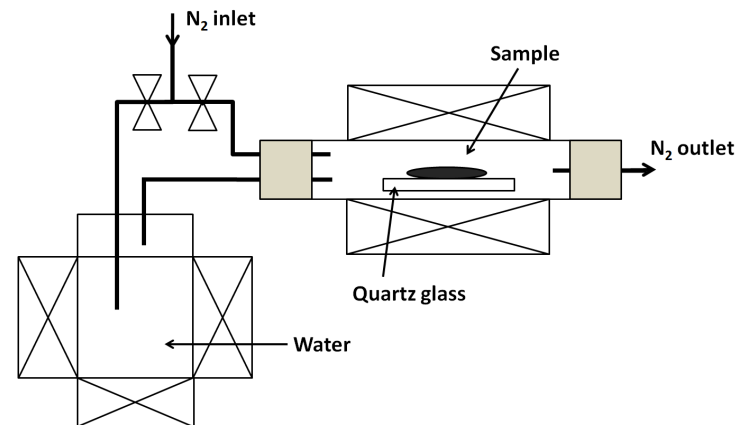
Mosaic cokes (HDPC) & Isotroic ball type resin (S-BEAPS)
KOH, NaOH and steam activations



KOH activation



Steam activation



Alkali activation

Alkali

KOH, NaOH

Activation temperature

600°C ~ 800°C

Amounts of alkali

2 ~ 8 times by weight

Activation time

1h

Atmosphere

N₂ (100ml/min)

Temperature rate

5°C/min

Raw material

KOH
or
NaOH

Mixed in Ni crucible (Photo 1)

Setting up in SS tube (Photo 2)

Heat treating under
N₂ (Photo 3)

Deceasing to RT at inside of
GB

HCl cleaning

Filtering, watering, drying,
(80°C, 3h, 105°C under Vccuo)

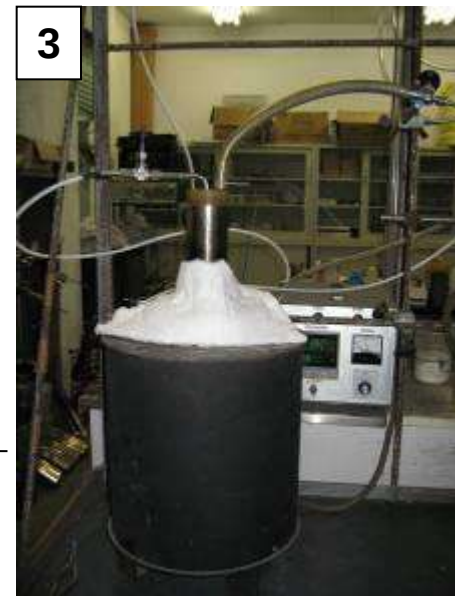
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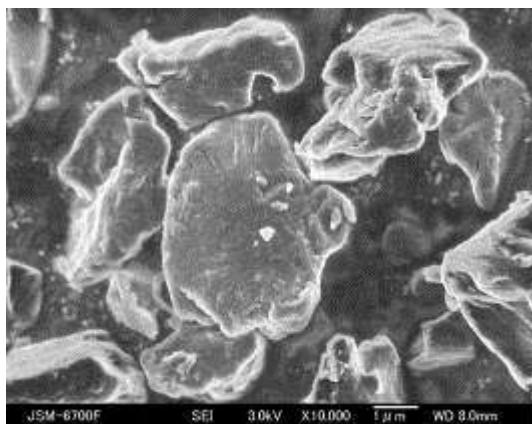
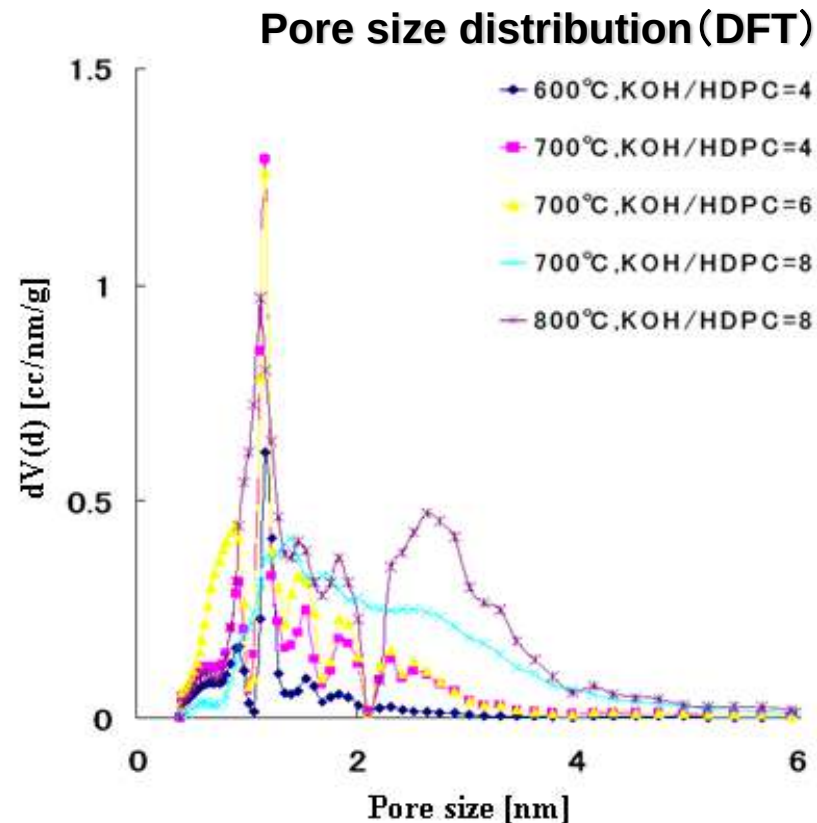


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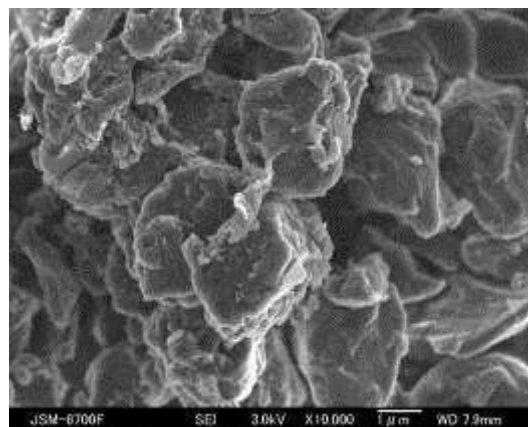


KOH activation of HDPC

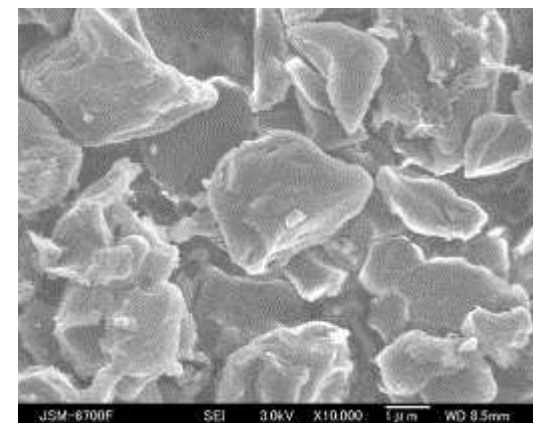
Conditions	Yield [wt%]	BET SA [m ² /g]
600°C,KOH × 4	62	430
700°C,KOH × 4	55	920
700°C,KOH × 6	41	1230
700°C,KOH × 8	30	1530
800°C,KOH × 8	19	2060



Raw HDPC



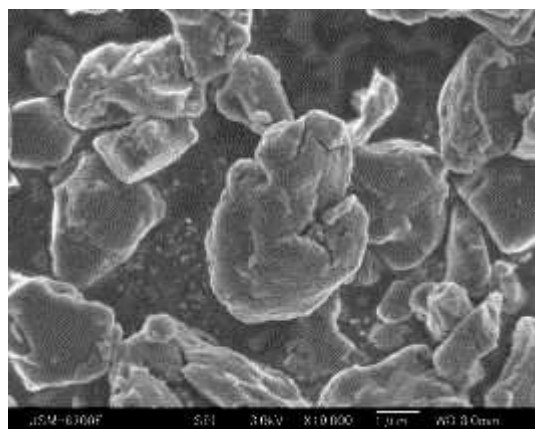
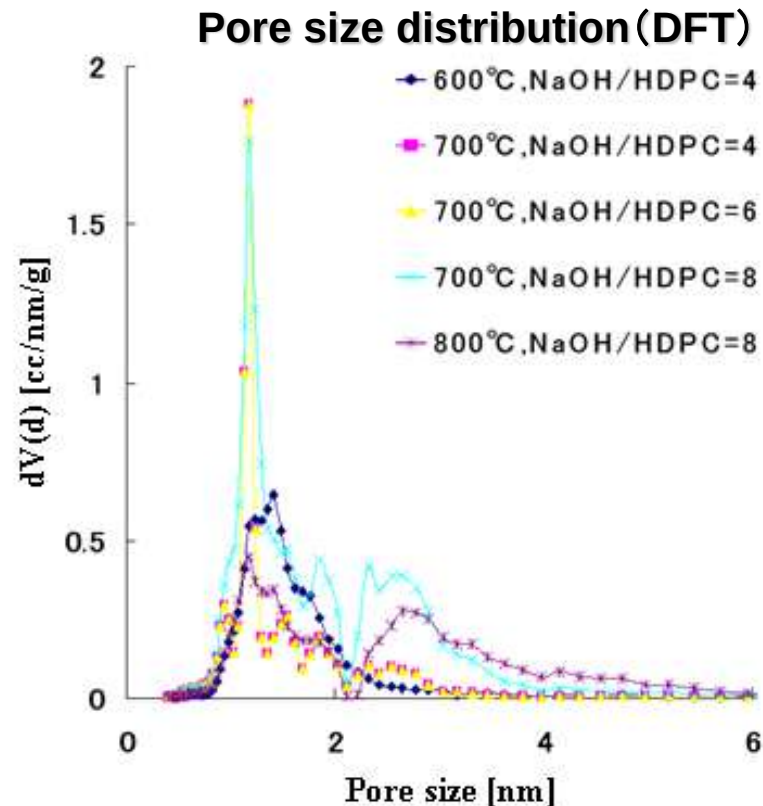
700°C, 1h, KOH × 6



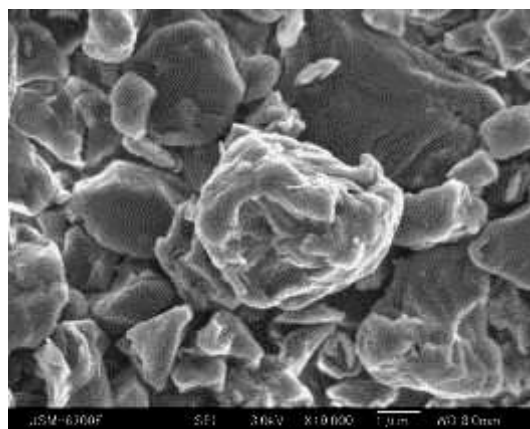
800°C, 1h, KOH × 8

NaOH activation of HDPC

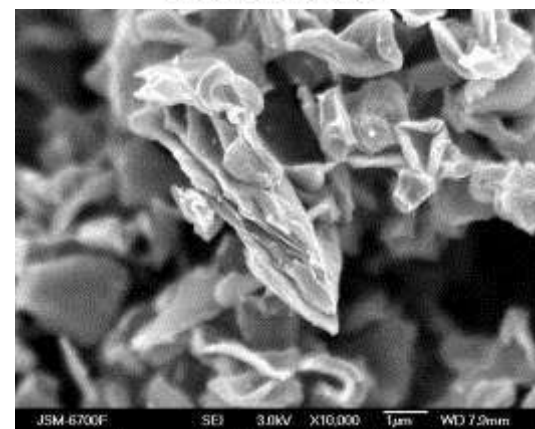
Conditions	Yield [wt%]	BET SA [m ² /g]
600°C, NaOH × 4	81	934
700°C, NaOH × 4	60	1062
700°C, NaOH × 6	44	1678
700°C, NaOH × 8	31	2234
800°C, NaOH × 8	3	1162



600°C, 1h, KOH × 4



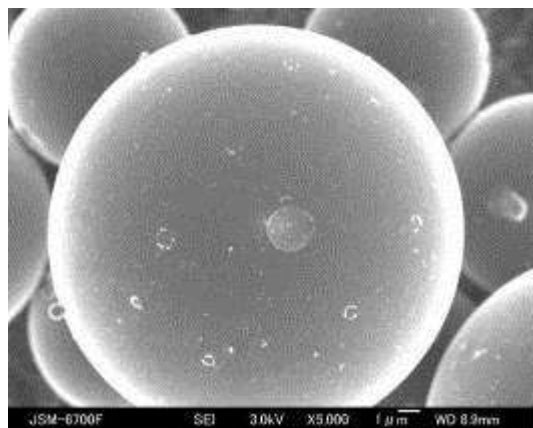
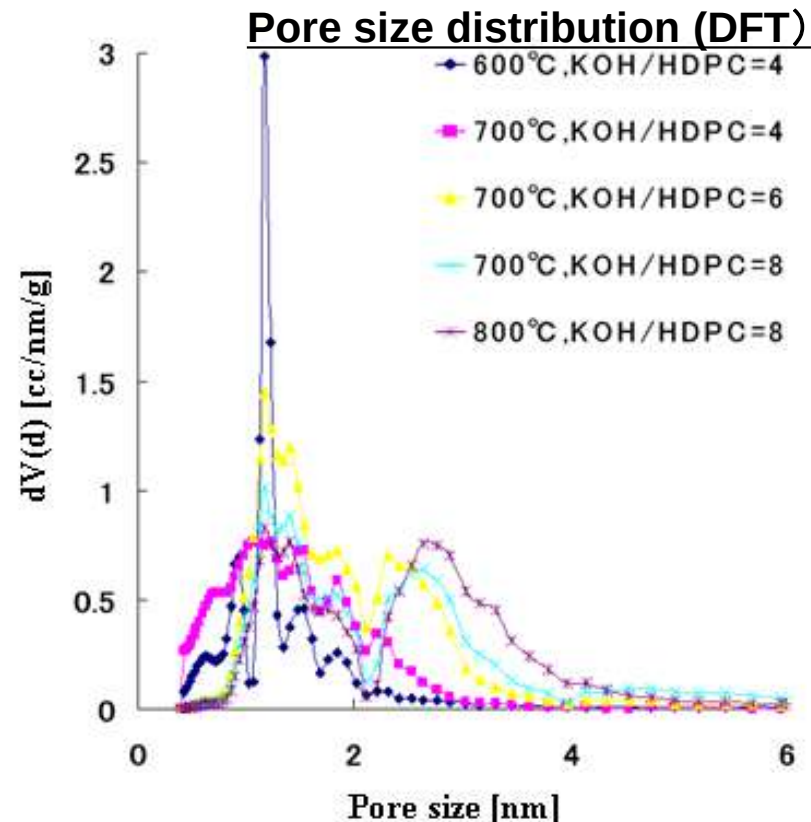
700°C, 1h, KOH × 6



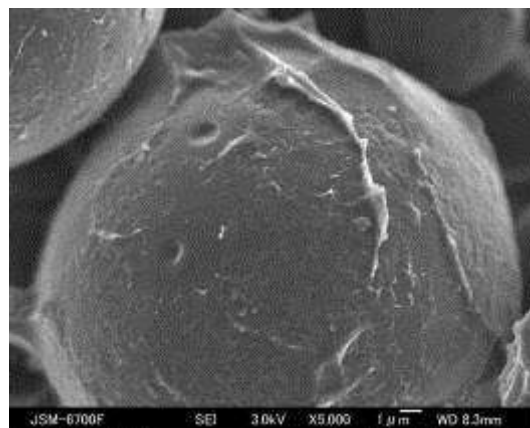
800°C, 1h, KOH × 8

KOH activation of S-BEAPS

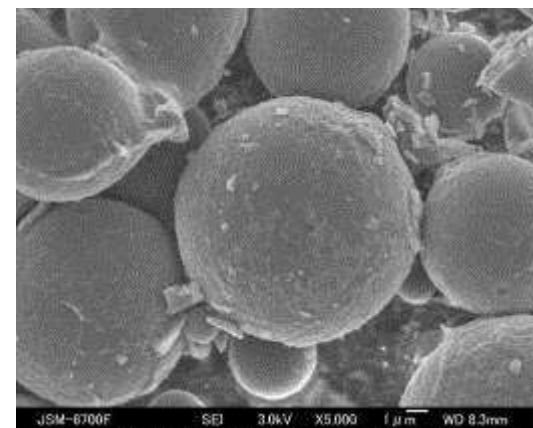
Conditions	Yield [wt%]	BET SA [m ² /g]
600°C,KOH × 4	66	1841
700°C,KOH × 4	55	2247
700°C,KOH × 6	41	3514
700°C,KOH × 8	36	2780
800°C,KOH × 8	23	2586



600°C heat treated S-Beap



700°C,1h,KOH × 6

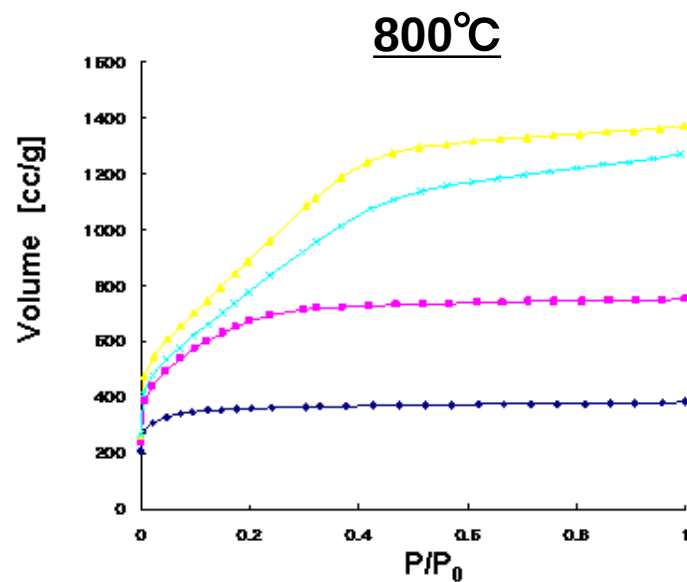
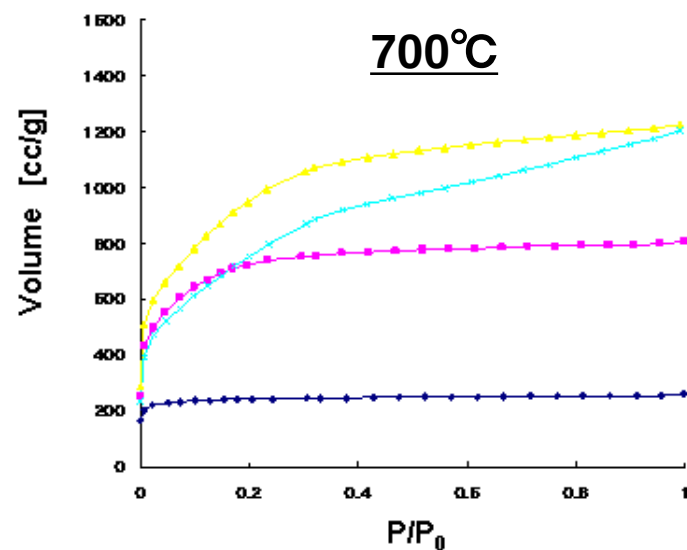
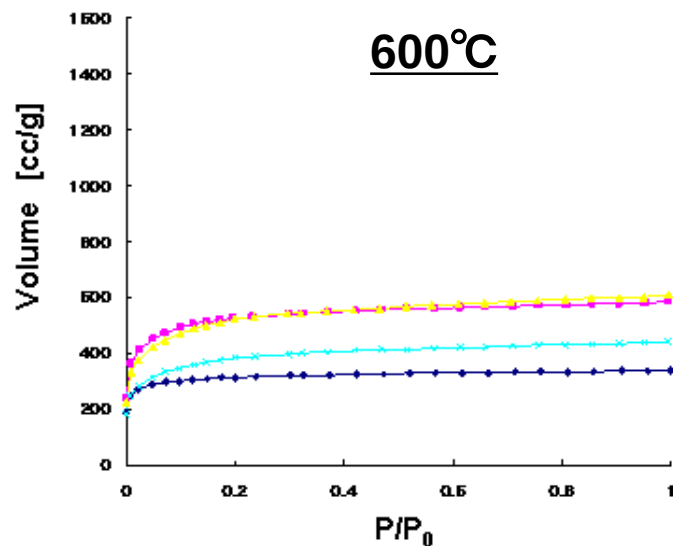


800°C,1h,KOH × 8

Elemental analyses

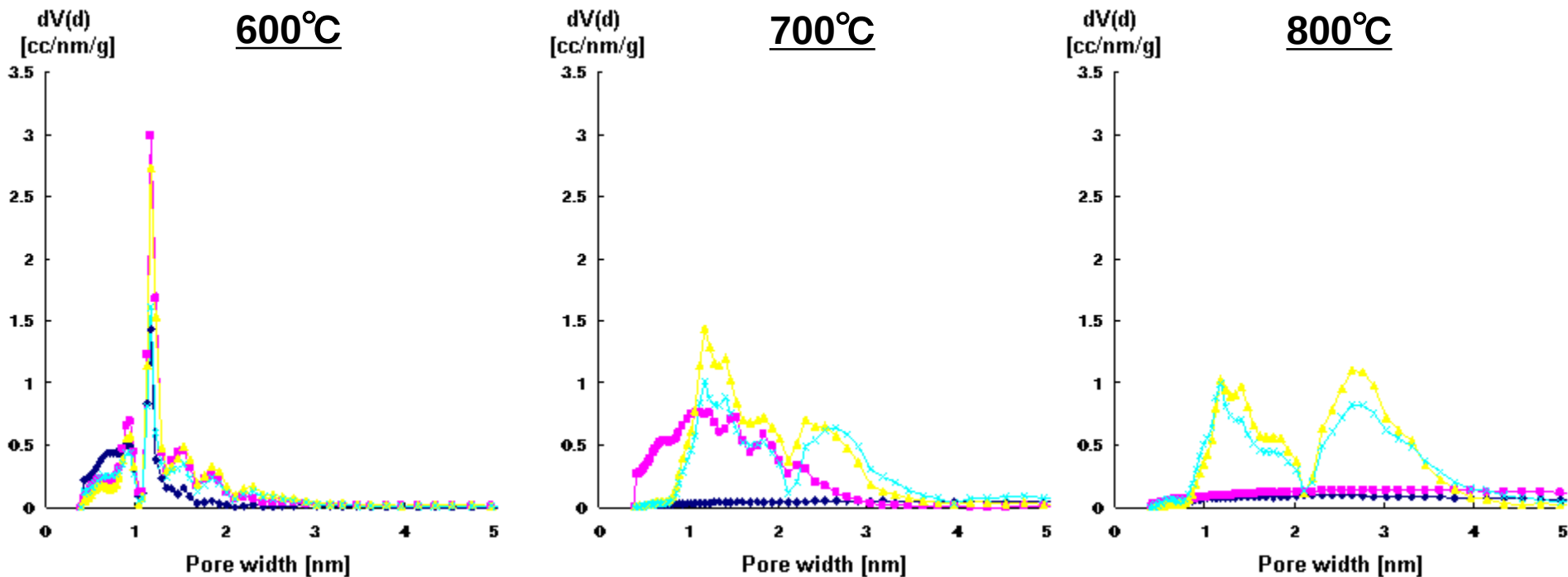
Conditions	Amounts [wt%]				Ashes [%]
	H	C	N	O	
As-received HDPC	3.85	89.29	2.85	4.01	None
600°C、KOH × 4、1h	2.2	78.44	1.93	17.43	None
700°C、KOH × 4、1h	1.03	83.54	0.51	14.92	None
700°C、KOH × 6、1h	0.68	86.05	0.48	12.75	0.25
700°C、KOH × 8、1h	0.72	86.58	0.35	12.27	0.38
800°C、KOH × 8、1h	0.99	89.04	0.29	7.32	2.36

SBEAPS – KOH activation Isotherms (77K,N₂)



◆ : KOH × 2 ■ : KOH × 4 ▲ : KOH × 6 × : KOH × 8

SBEAPS – KOH activation NLDFIT



◆ : NaOH × 2 ■ : NaOH × 4 ▲ : NaOH × 6 × : NaOH × 8

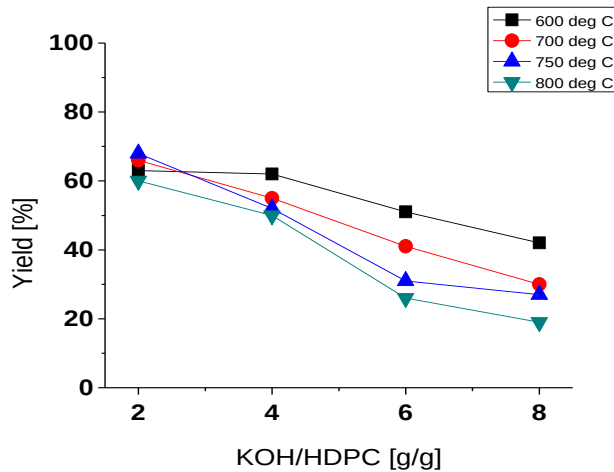
Fitting error [%]

	KOH × 2	KOH × 4	KOH × 6	KOH × 8
600°C	0.31	0.431	0.39	0.304
700°C	41.702	0.219	1.48	1.167
800°C	36.425	36.085	1.53	0.885

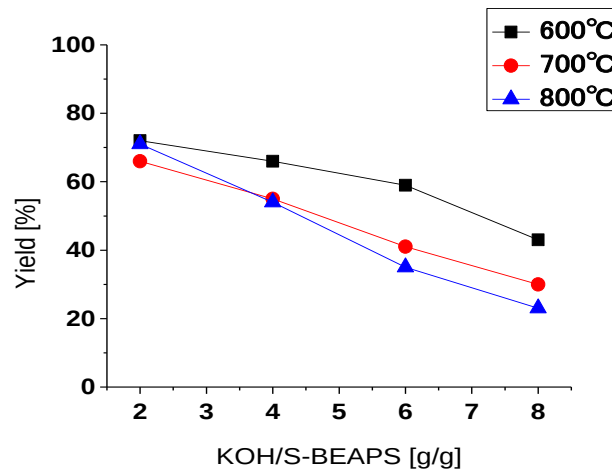
Yield vs. surface area

Relation btw. Activation conditions and properties

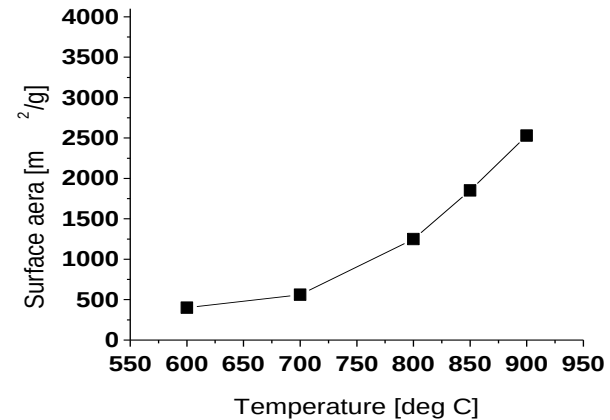
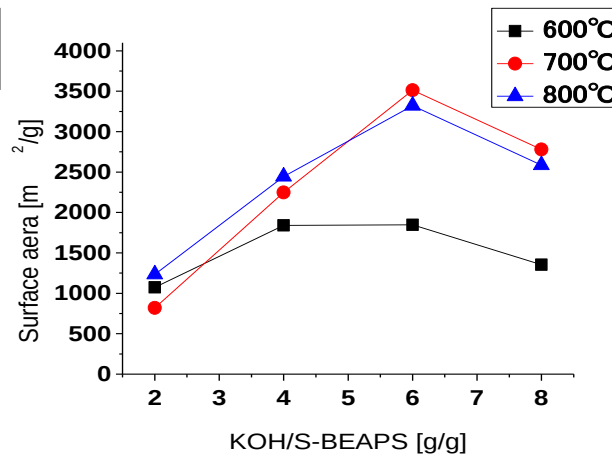
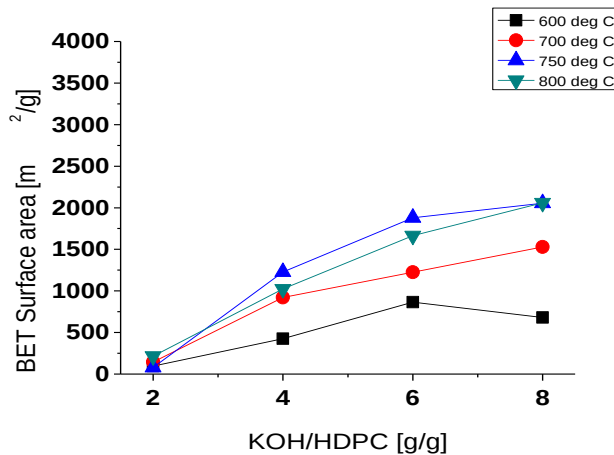
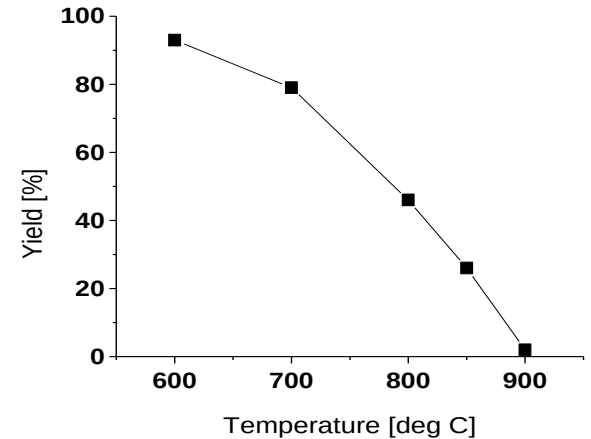
HDPC KOH



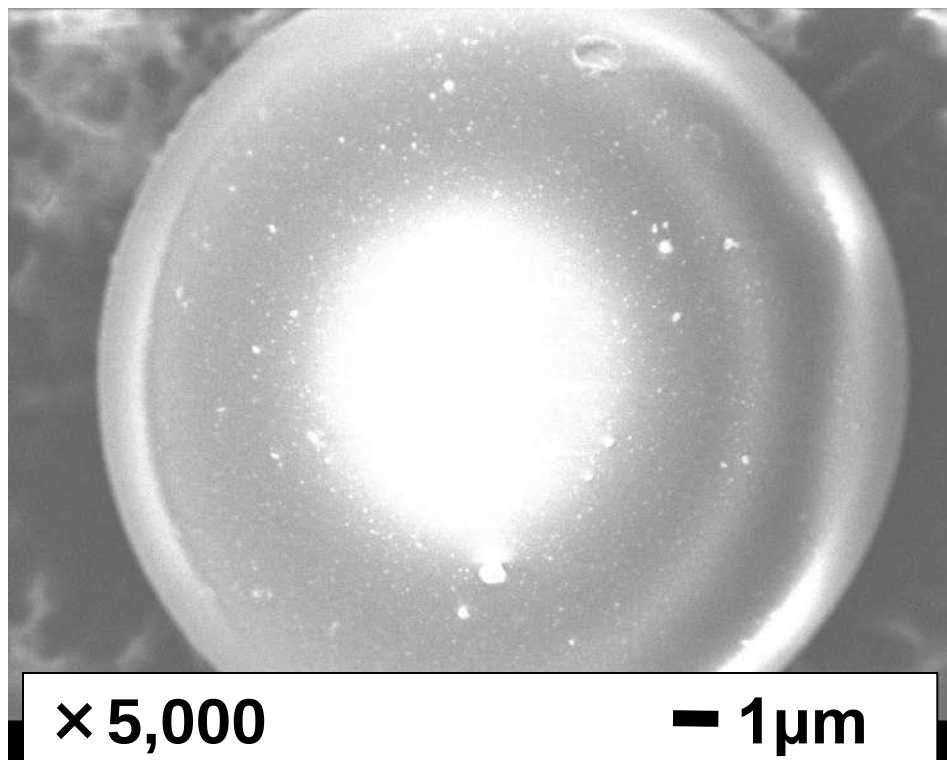
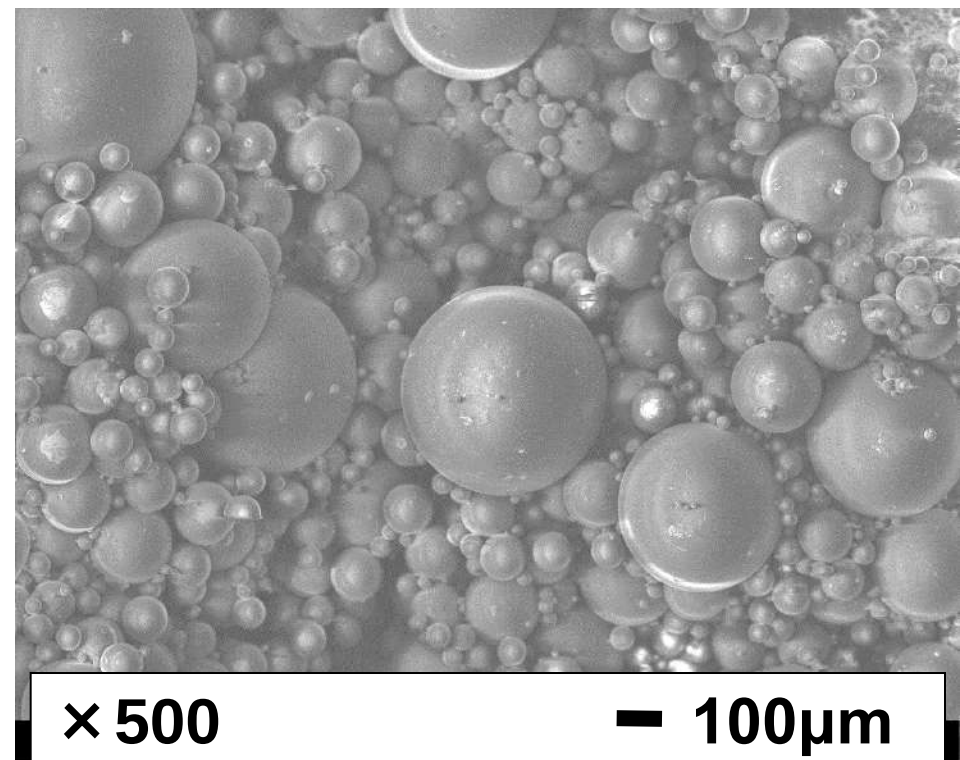
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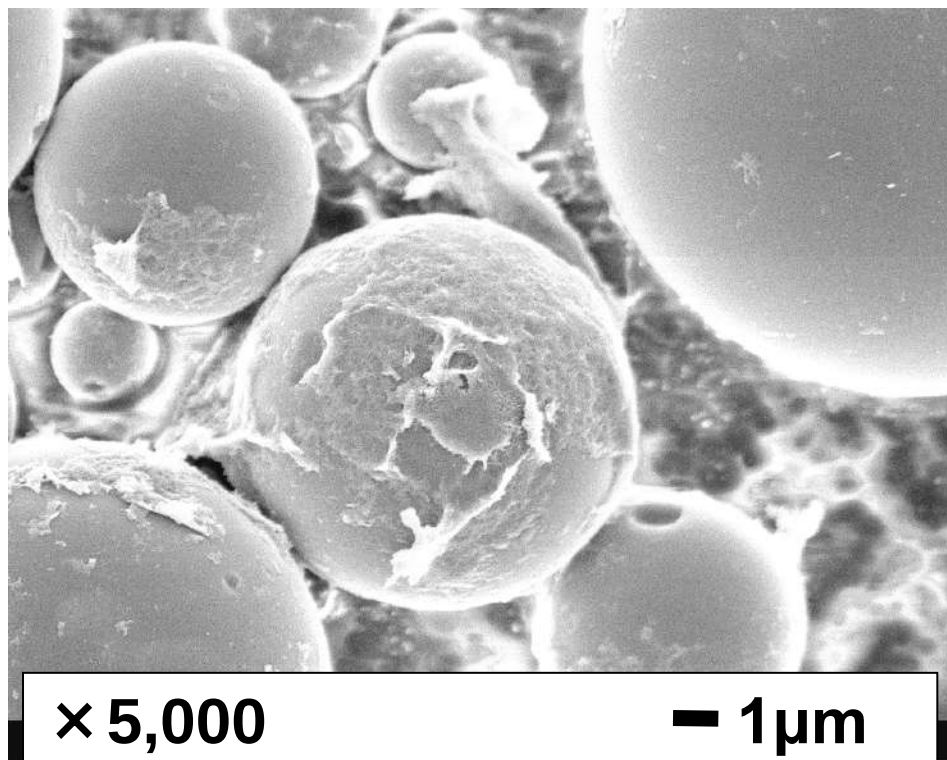
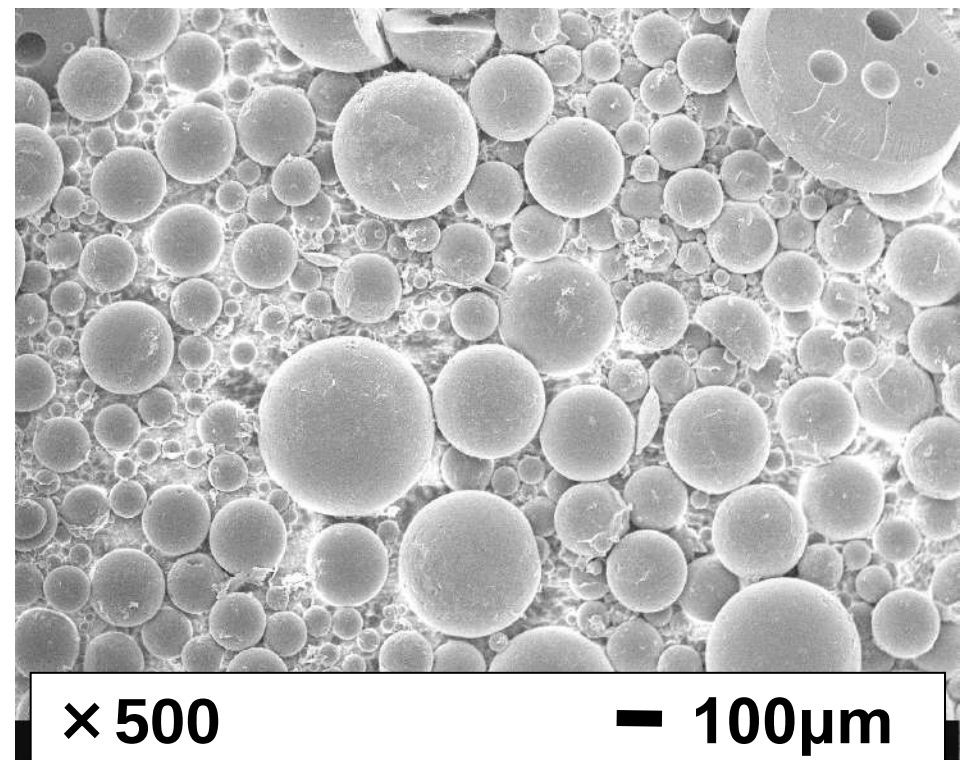
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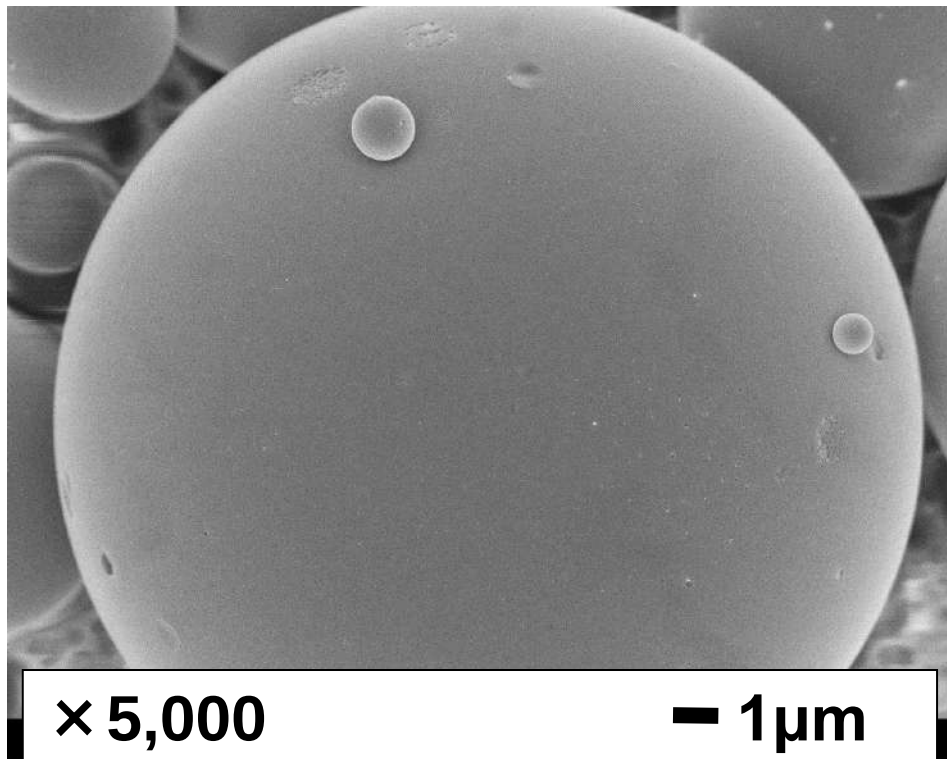
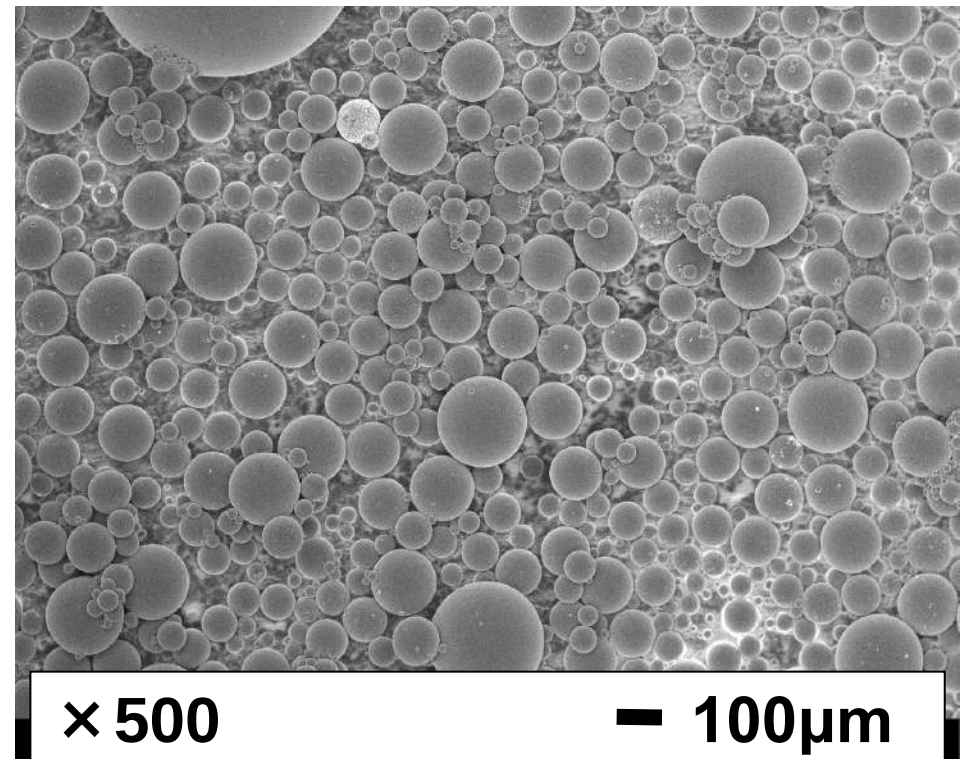
Pre heat treatment (600°C、1h)



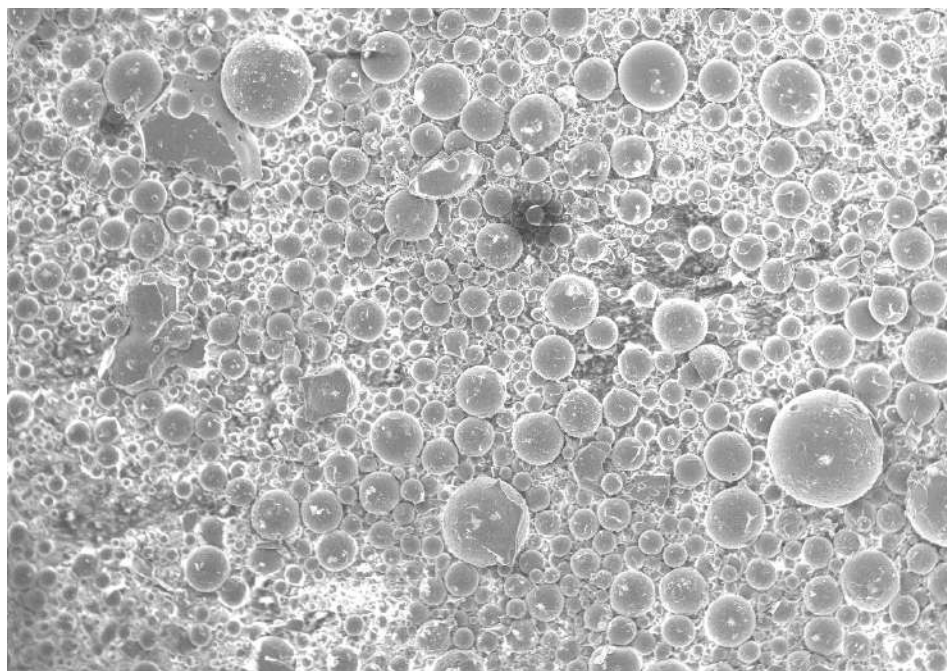
KOH activation (KOH $\times$ 6、700°C、1h)



Steam activation (850°C、1h)

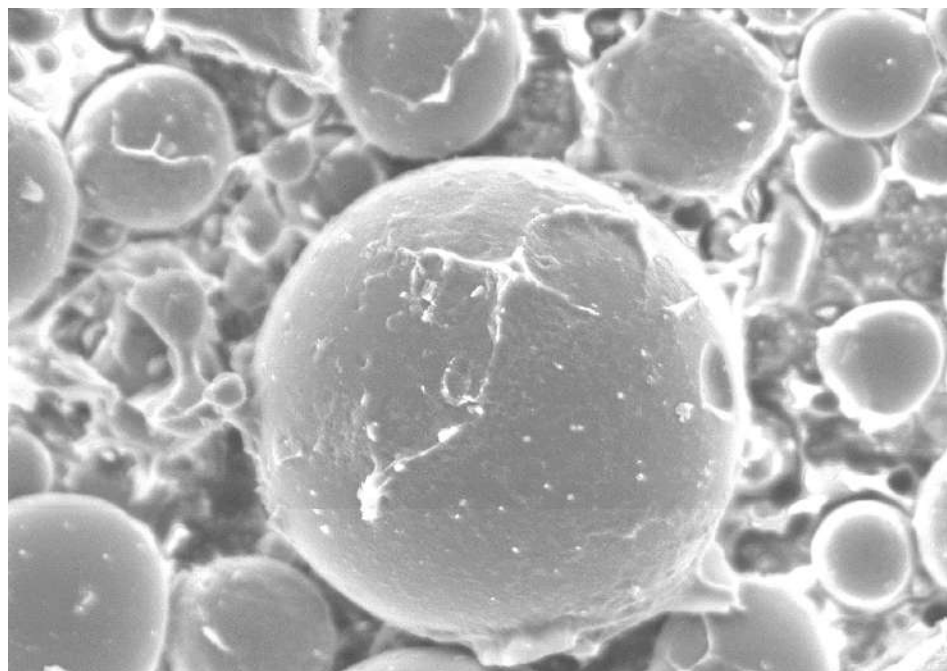


KOH after-activation ($\text{KOH} \times 4$, 600°C , 1h)



$\times 500$

— $100\mu\text{m}$

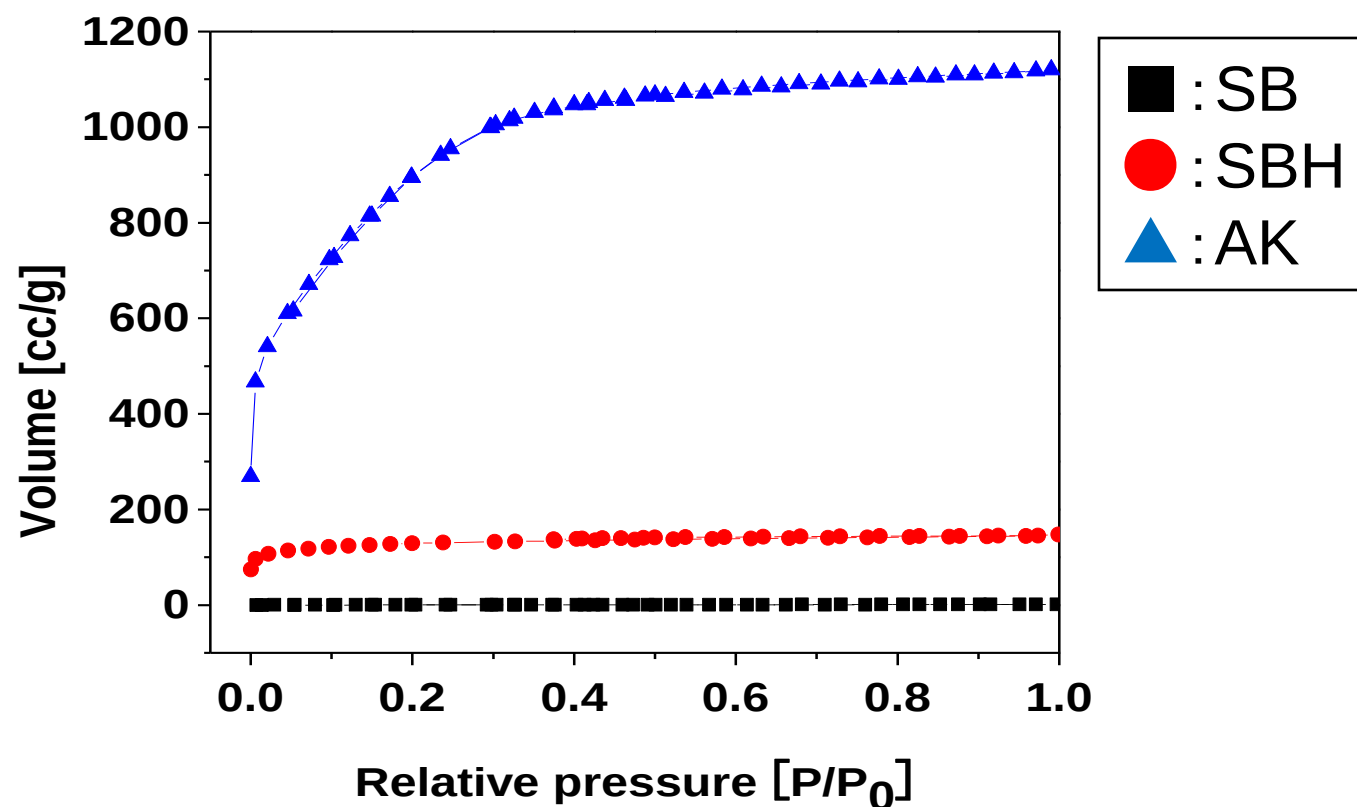


$\times 5,000$

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S-BEAPS, Preheat treatment and activation

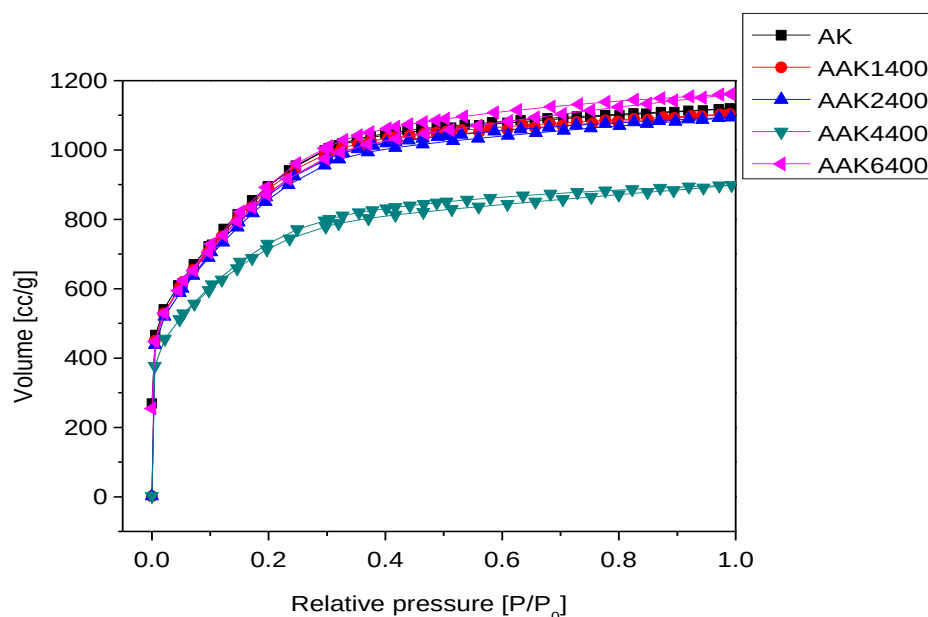
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				H	C	N	O	Ash		F/g	F/ml	F/m ²
SB	–	100	3	5.79	75.27	0.01	18.93	0.00	–	–	–	–
SBH	60	60	454	3.36	91.66	0.02	4.92	0.04	0.86	1.54	1.06	0.003
AK	40	24	3360	1.33	90.35	0.13	7.19	1.00	0.42	42.5	14.4	0.013



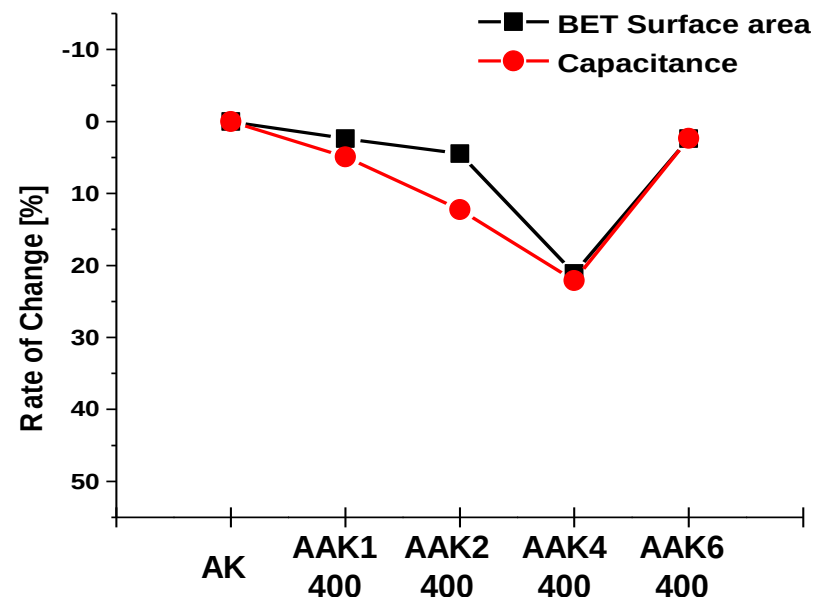
After-activation

Activation ($\text{KOH} \times 6,700^\circ\text{C}, 1\text{h}$) $\rightarrow$ **After-activation** ($\text{KOH} \times 1\sim 6, 400^\circ\text{C}, 1\text{h}$)

Sample	Yield [%]	Final yield [%]	BET SA [m^2/g]	Elemental analysis [%]					ED [g/ml]	Capacitance		
				H	C	N	O	灰分		F/g	F/ml	F/ m^2
AK	40	24	3360	1.33	90.35	0.13	7.19	1.00	0.42	42.5	14.4	0.013
AAK1400	94	23	3280	0.44	90.46	0.01	9.09	0.00	0.43	40.4	13.8	0.012
AAK2400	88	21	3210	0.42	89.38	0.02	10.14	0.04	0.46	37.3	13.7	0.012
AAK4400	84	20	2650	0.68	84.43	0.01	14.79	0.09	0.56	33.1	14.8	0.013
AAK6400	82	20	3280	0.56	90.09	0.00	9.34	0.01	0.45	41.5	15.0	0.013



N₂ isotherms at 77K

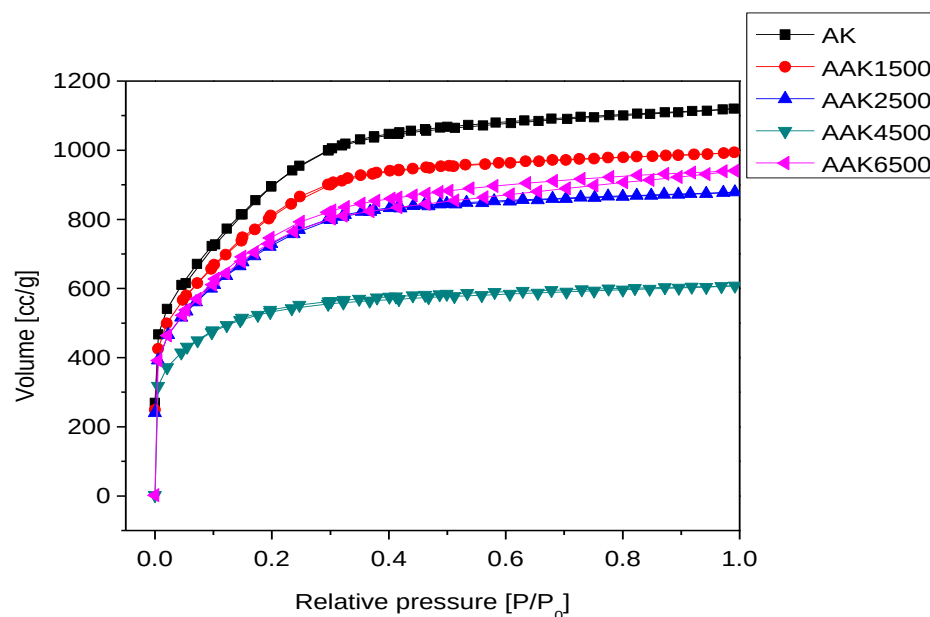


Surface area vs. capacitance after After-activation

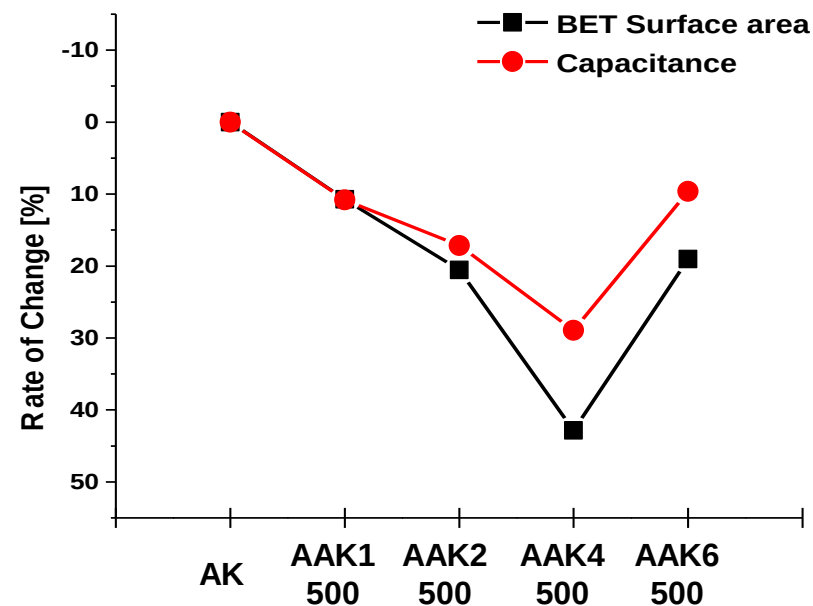
After-activation

Activation (KOH × 6, 700°C, 1h) → after -activation (KOH × 1~6, 500°C, 1h)

Sample	Yield [%]	Final yield [%]	BET SA [m ² /g]	Elemental analysis [%]					ED [g/ml]	Capacitance		
				H	C	N	O	灰分		F/g	F/ml	F/m ²
AK	40	24	3360	1.33	90.35	0.13	7.19	1.00	0.42	42.5	14.4	0.013
AAK1500	82	20	3000	0.45	91.03	0.02	8.50	0.00	0.45	37.9	13.6	0.013
AAK2500	73	18	2670	0.52	88.55	0.03	10.84	0.06	0.50	35.2	14.2	0.013
AAK4500	60	14	1920	0.81	84.80	0.00	14.34	0.05	0.67	30.2	16.2	0.016
AAK6500	77	18	2720	0.62	86.50	0.01	12.83	0.04	0.51	38.4	15.7	0.014



N₂ isotherms at 77K

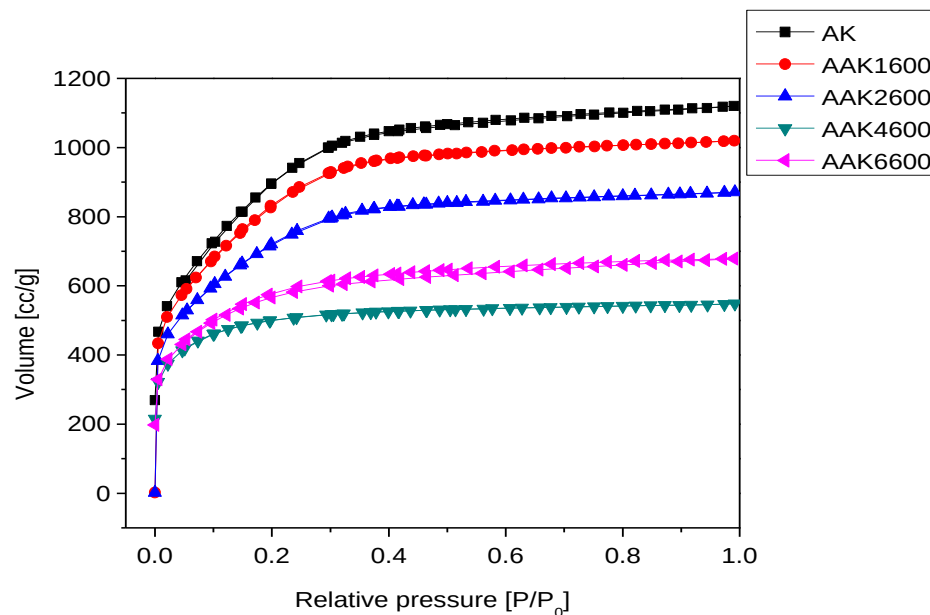


Surface area vs. capacitance after After-activation

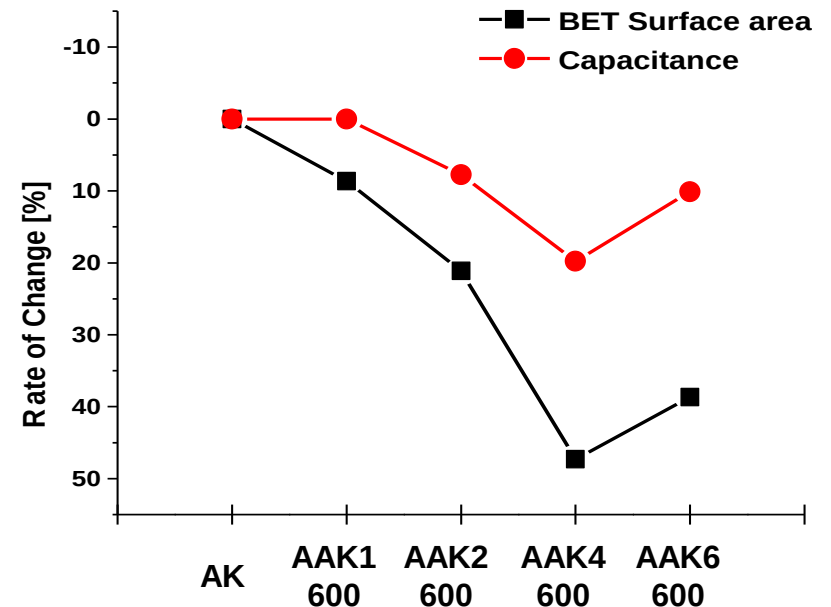
After-activation

Activation ($\text{KOH} \times 6, 700^\circ\text{C}, 1\text{h}$) $\rightarrow$ **After activation** ($\text{KOH} \times 1\sim 6, 600^\circ\text{C}, 1\text{h}$)

Sample	Yield [%]	Final yield [%]	BET SA [m^2/g]	Elemental analysis [%]					ED [g/ml]	Capacitance		
				H	C	N	O	灰分		F/g	F/ml	F/ m^2
AK	40	24	3360	1.33	90.35	0.13	7.19	1.00	0.42	42.5	14.4	0.013
AAK1600	78	19	3070	0.50	92.71	0.03	6.73	0.03	0.40	42.5	13.7	0.014
AAK2600	66	16	2650	0.55	91.96	0.01	7.42	0.06	0.42	39.2	13.2	0.015
AAK4600	46	11	1771	0.74	90.38	0.00	8.74	0.14	0.60	34.1	16.4	0.019
AAK6600	37	9	2060	0.83	84.25	0.01	14.78	0.13	0.57	38.2	17.4	0.019



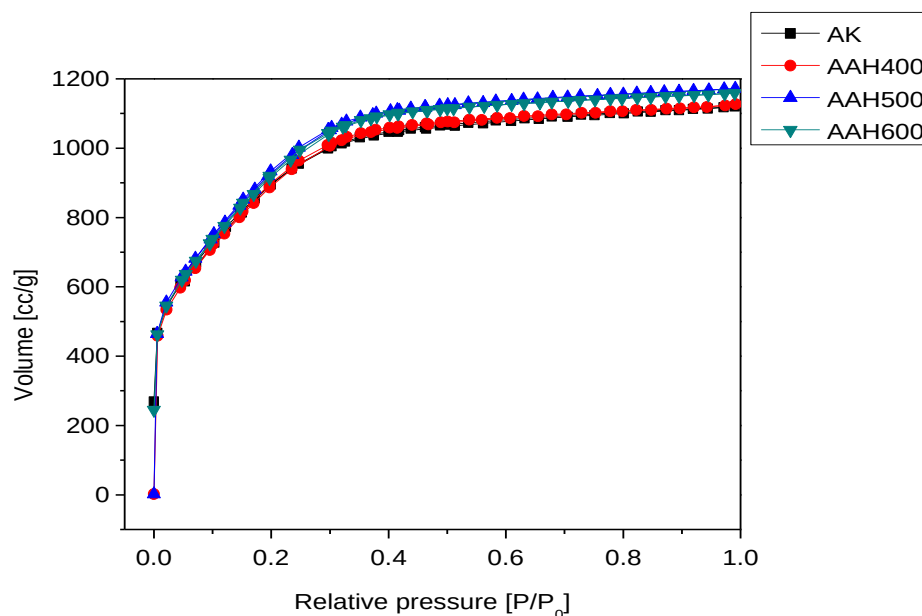
N₂ isotherms at 77K



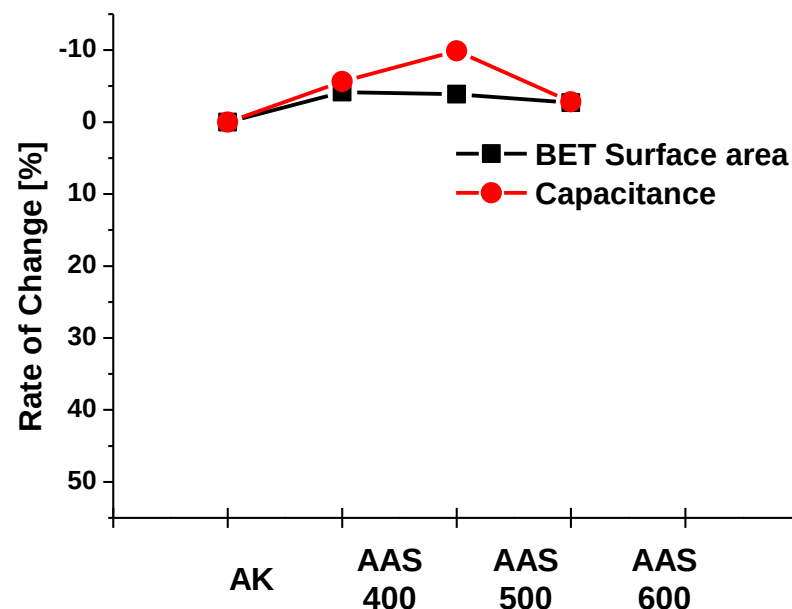
After activation

Activation (KOH × 6,700°C,1h) → **After-activation** (**Steam**, 400°C ~ 600°C,1h)

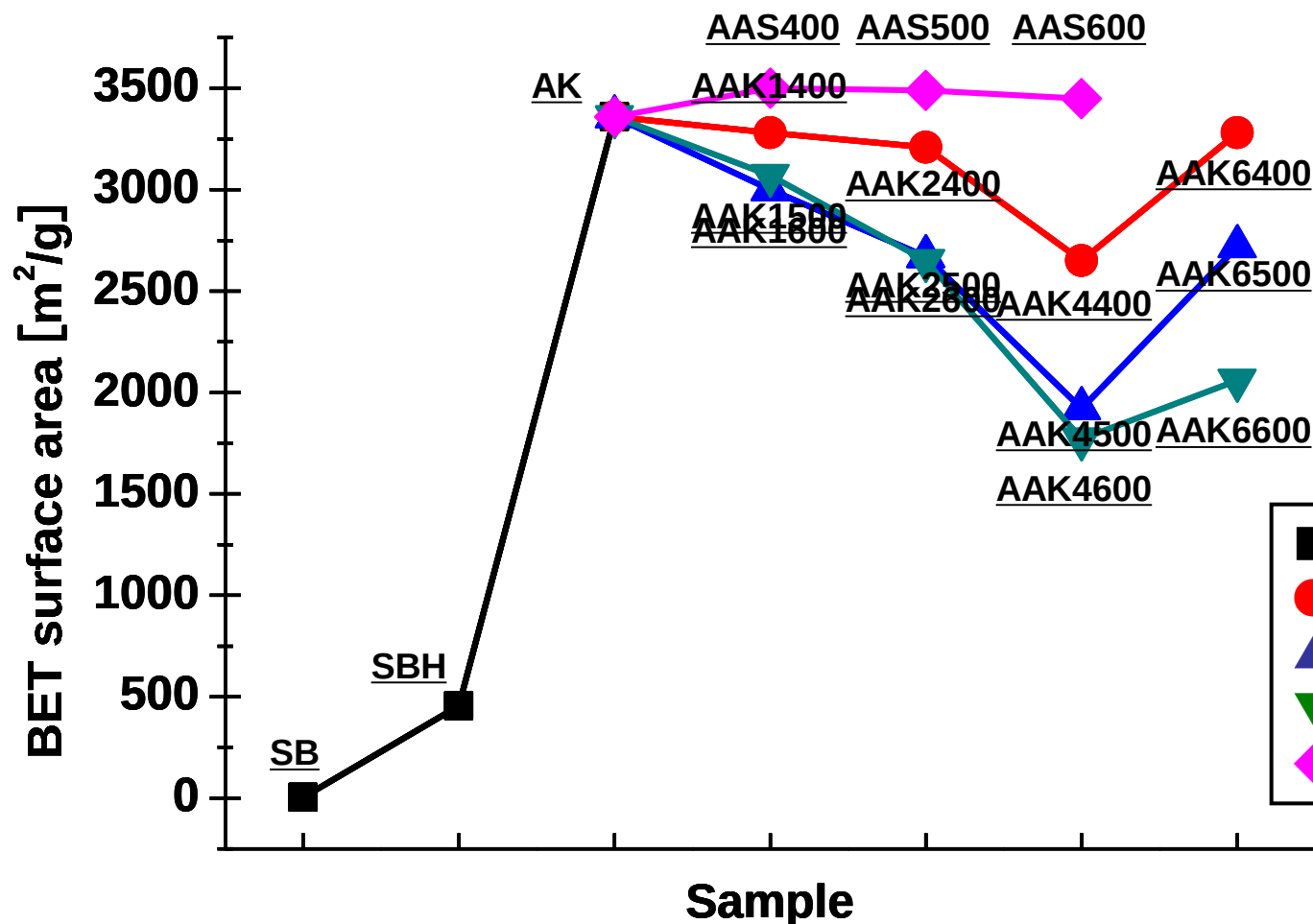
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				H	C	N	O	灰分		F/g	F/ml	F/m ²
AK	40	24	3360	1.33	90.35	0.13	7.19	1.00	0.42	42.5	14.4	0.013
AAS400	90	22	3500	1.38	91.72	0.10	6.80	0.00	0.39	44.9	13.9	0.013
AAS500	91	22	3490	0.96	93.23	0.07	5.74	0.00	0.38	46.7	14.1	0.013
AAS600	81	19	3450	1.23	94.16	0.08	3.92	0.61	0.37	43.7	13.0	0.013



N₂ isotherms at 77K



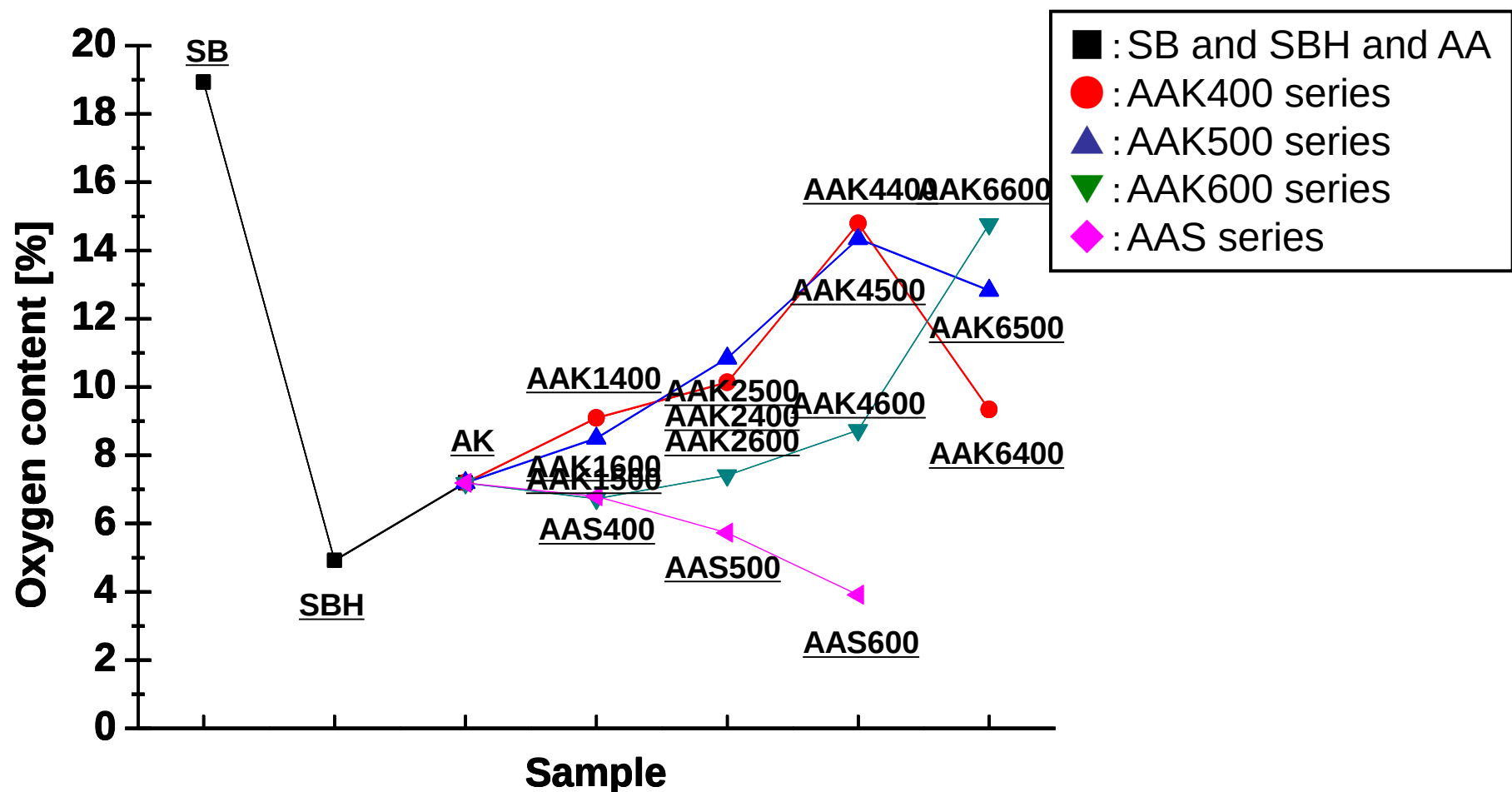
BET surface area after after-activation



<KOH after-activation>
Decreased - increased

<Steam after-activation>
unchanged

Change of oxygen amount after after-activation



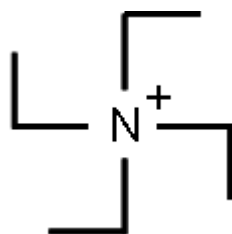
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Decreased

^{11}B solid NMR

Organic electrolyte : Et_4NBF_4

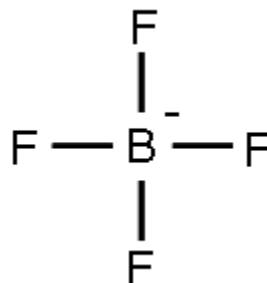
Cation



Diameter: 0.74nm

Tetra ethyl ammonium: TEA

Anion



Diameter: 0.49nm

Tetra fluoroborate: TfB

Measurement of anionic behavior at charge by ^{11}B solid NMR

Prepared electrode

① Impregnated

② charged

③ discharged after charged

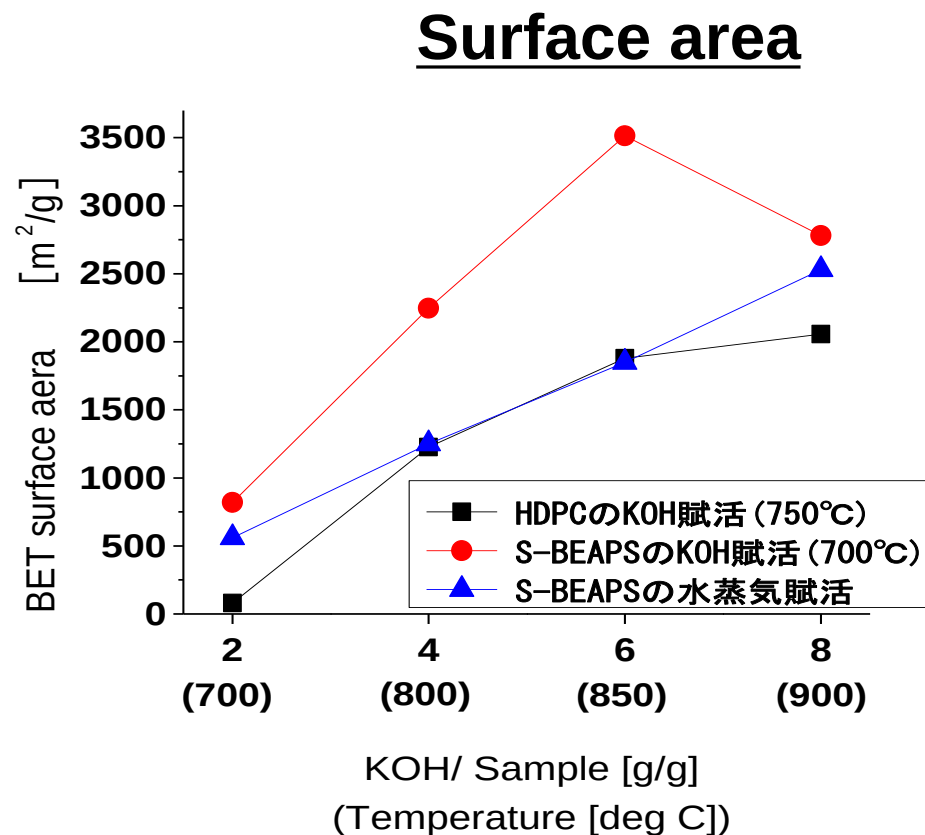
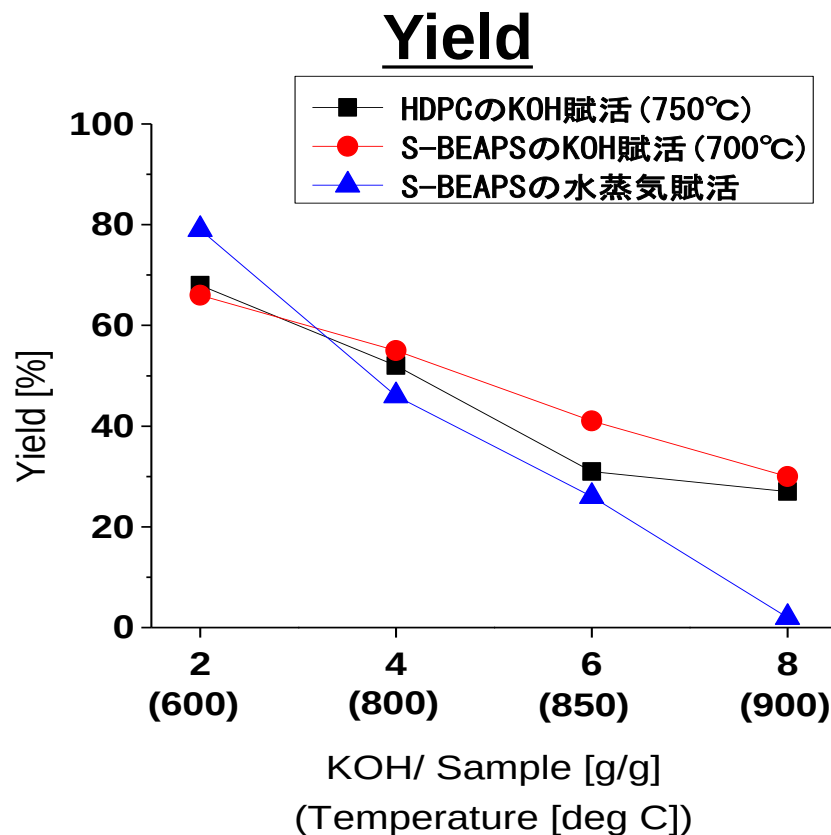
JEOL ECA400 ^{11}B solid NMR (^{11}B :128.3MHz)



JEOL ECA400

Preparation of activated carbons for EDLC and control of its properties

Yield vs. surface area

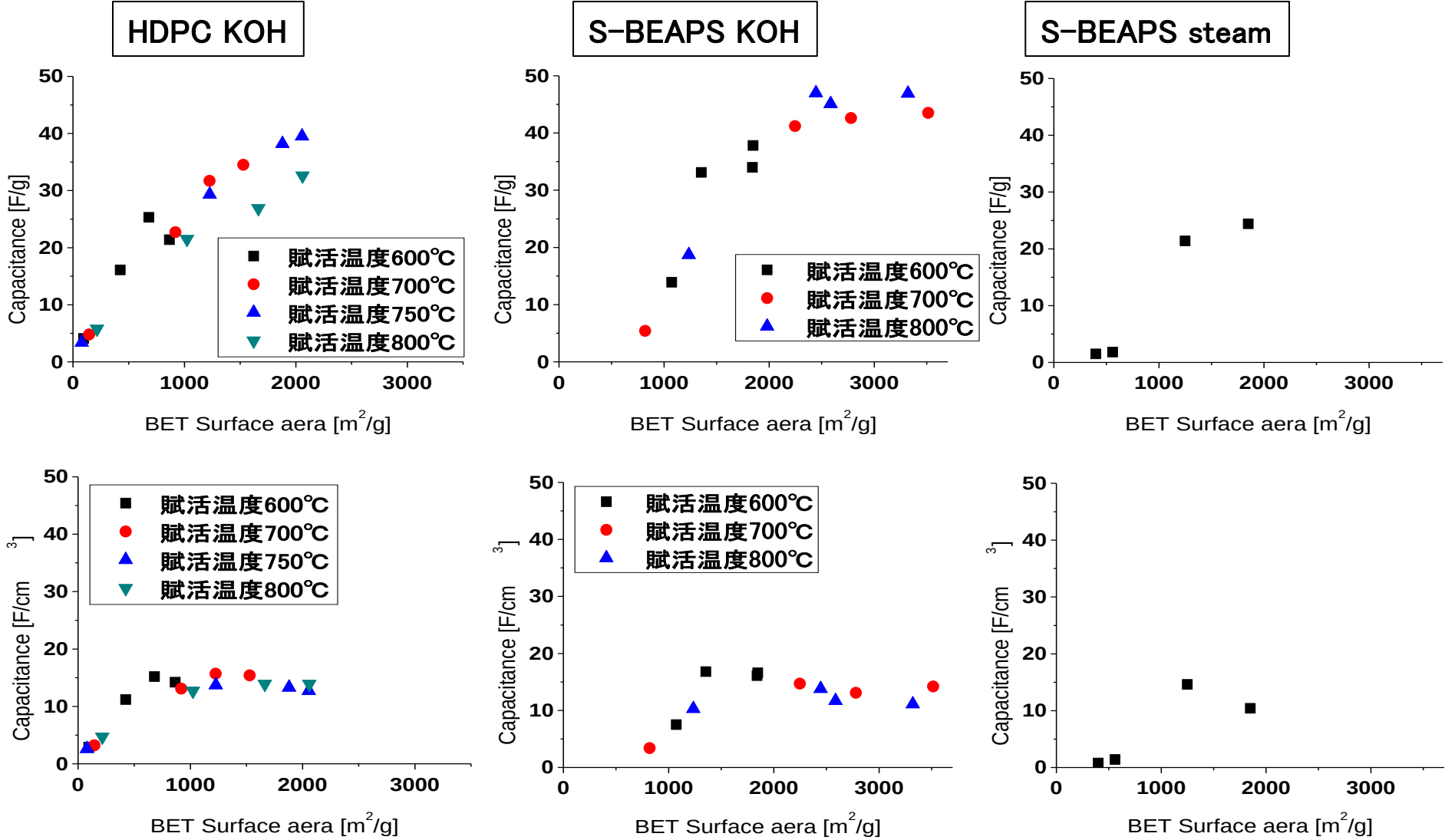


Yield linearly decreased with increasing temperature

Surface area: KOH activation HDPC → middle, S-BEAPS → high
Steam activation < KOH activation

Capacitance vs. activated carbons

Capacitance vs. surface area (up: weight, down: Volume)

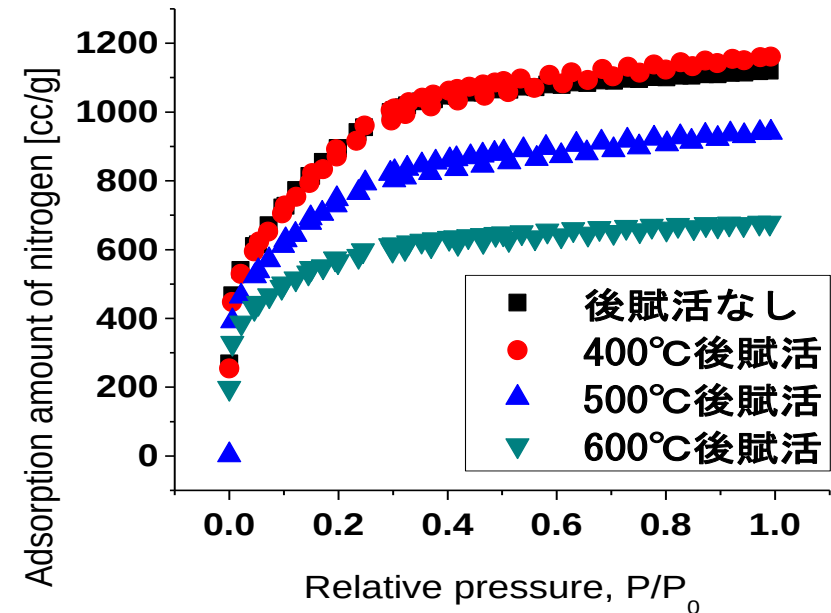
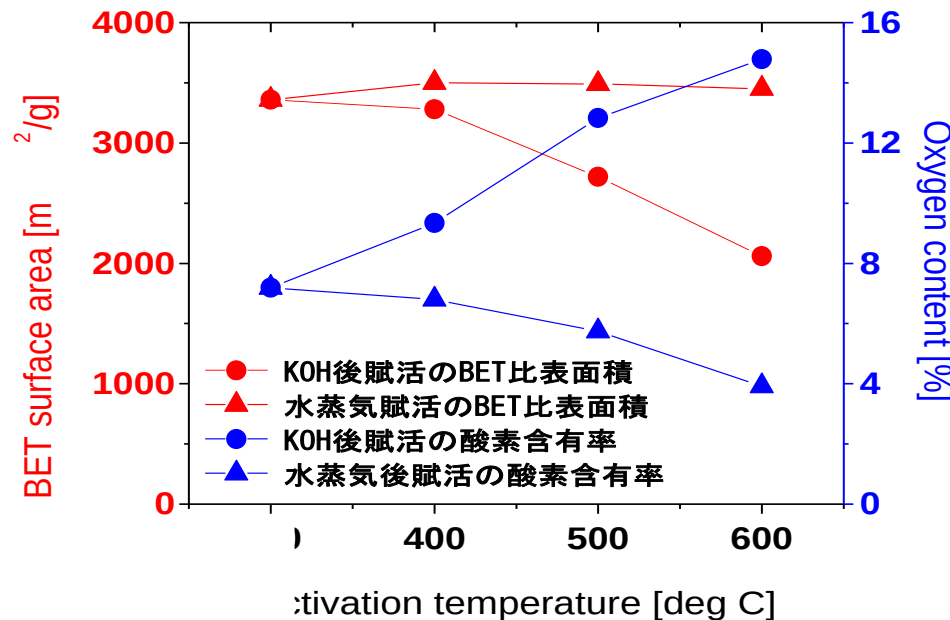


Control of the properties through after activation

S.A. and functional groups can be controlled through the after-activation.

Oxygen contents change by the after activation

77K isotherms by the after-activation

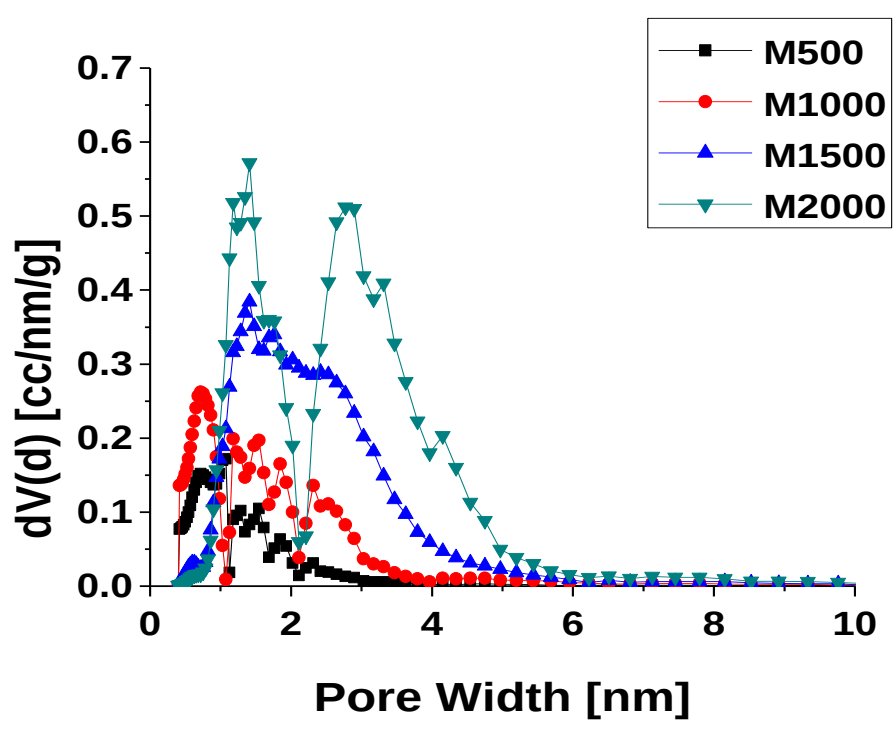
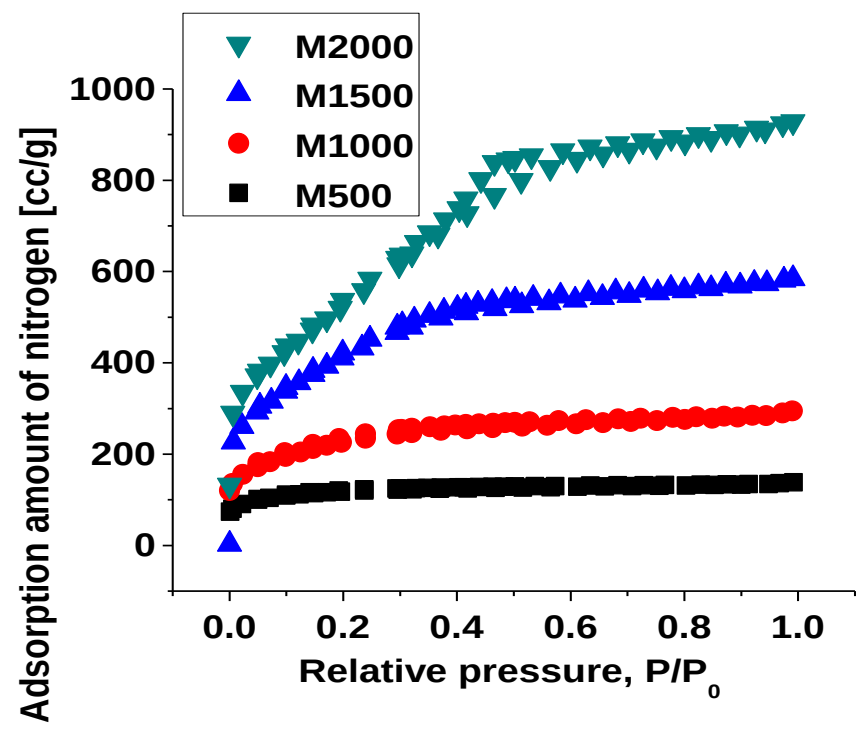


KOH after-activation: decreasing the amount of relatively larger micropores, and increasing oxygen contents on the surface

Ionic behaviors inside of the pores

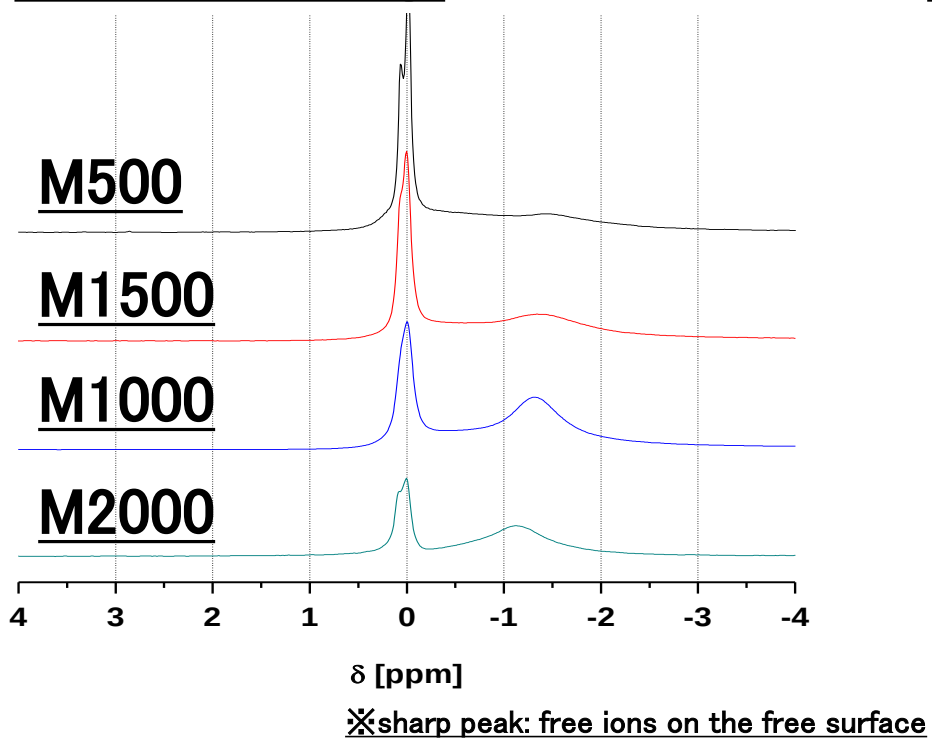
Samples

Samples	BET Surface area [m ² /g]	Electrode density [g/ml]	capacitance			Amounts [wt%]				
			F/g	F/ml	F/m ²	H	C	N	O	Ash
M500	420	0.84	12.0	8.10	0.029	2.20	78.4	1.93	17.4	–
M1000	820	0.65	17.3	8.90	0.021	1.03	83.5	0.51	14.9	–
M1500	1520	0.51	30.3	12.4	0.020	0.72	86.6	0.35	12.3	0.38
M2000	1930	0.38	43.2	12.9	0.022	0.99	89.0	0.29	7.32	2.36

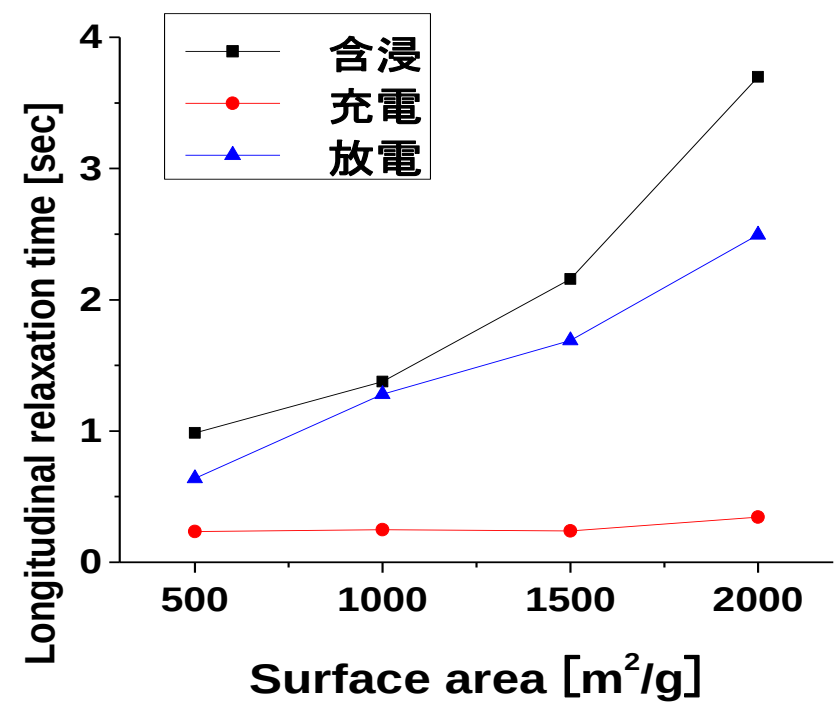


Anionic behaviors inside of pores by ^{11}B -NMR measurement

^{11}B solid NMR charge



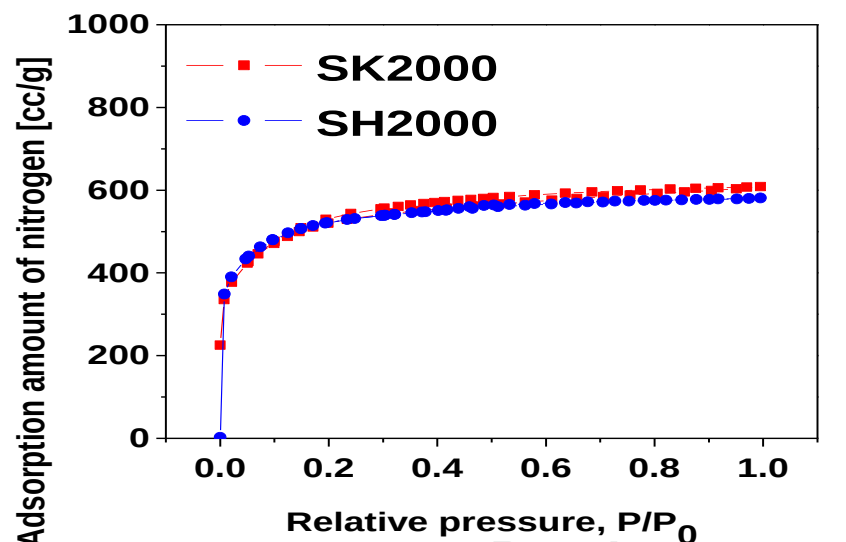
T1 of broad band in charge



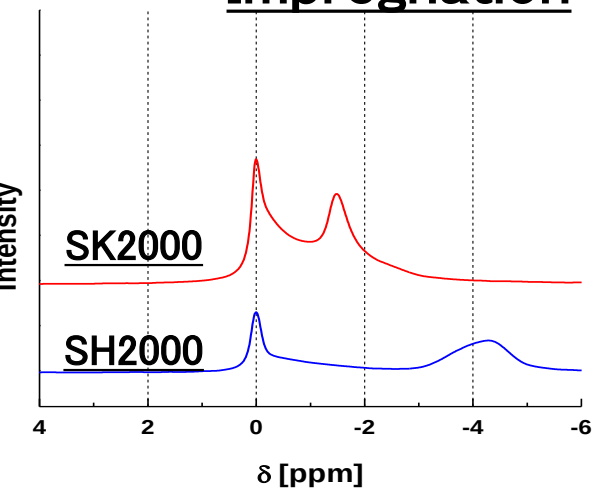
In ^{11}B -solid NMR, the adsorbed anions outside of pores appear sharp, but those inside of pores broad.
T1s were well matched with adsorbed peaks of anionic ions.

Comparison of ionic behaviors in activated carbons which have the same surface area and pore size distribution but prepared by different method

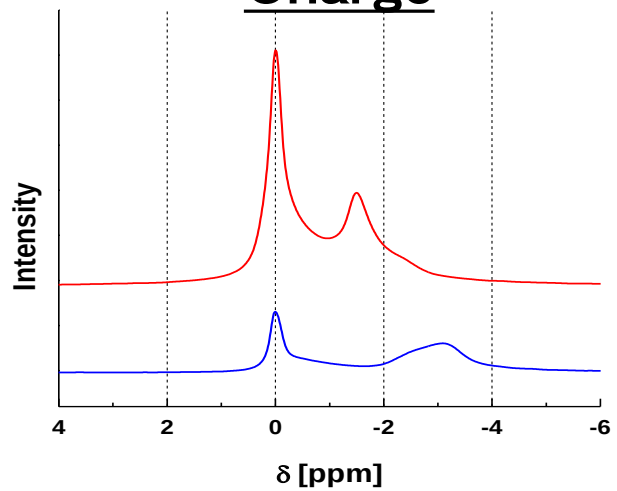
Sample	Activa- tion temp. [°C]	BET SA [m ² /g]	ED [g/ml]	Capacitance		
				F/g	F/ml	F/m ²
SK2000	600	1850	0.63	37.8	16.6	0.020
SH2000	850	1850	0.61	24.0	10.4	0.013



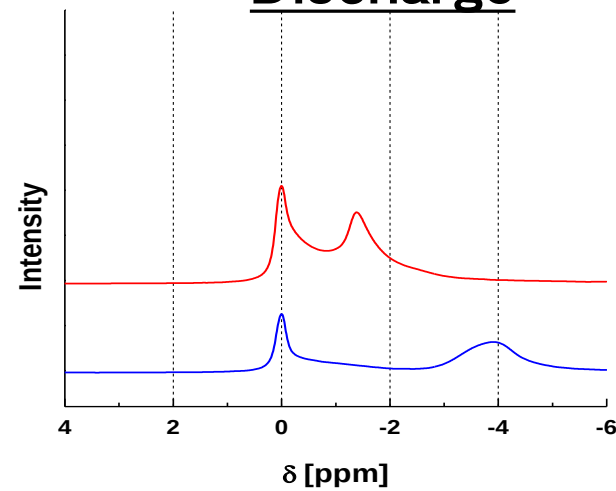
Impregnation



Charge



Discharge



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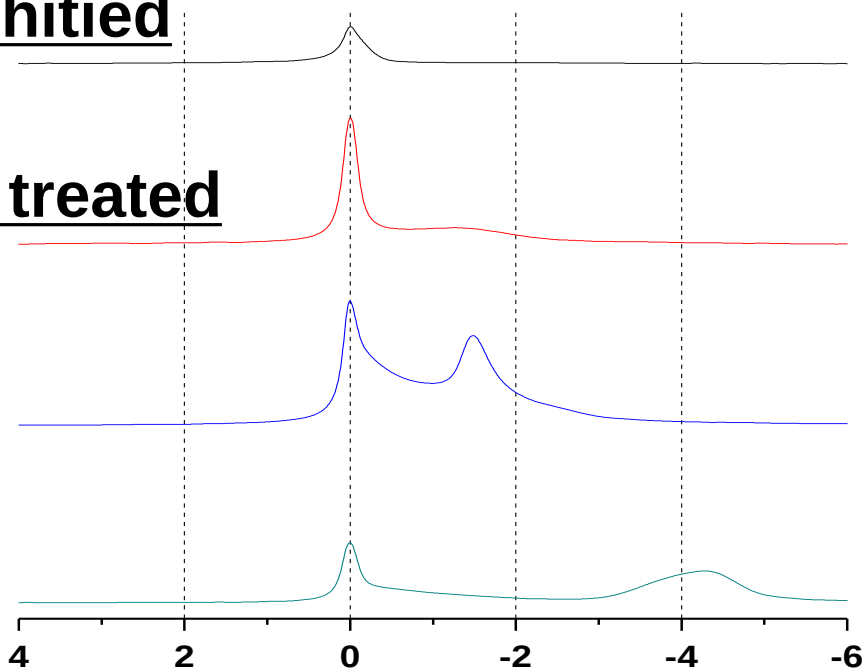
Graphitized SB, heat treated SB, SK2000, and SH2000の¹¹B NMR (Imp)

SB-Graphitied

SB-Heat treated

SK2000

SH2000



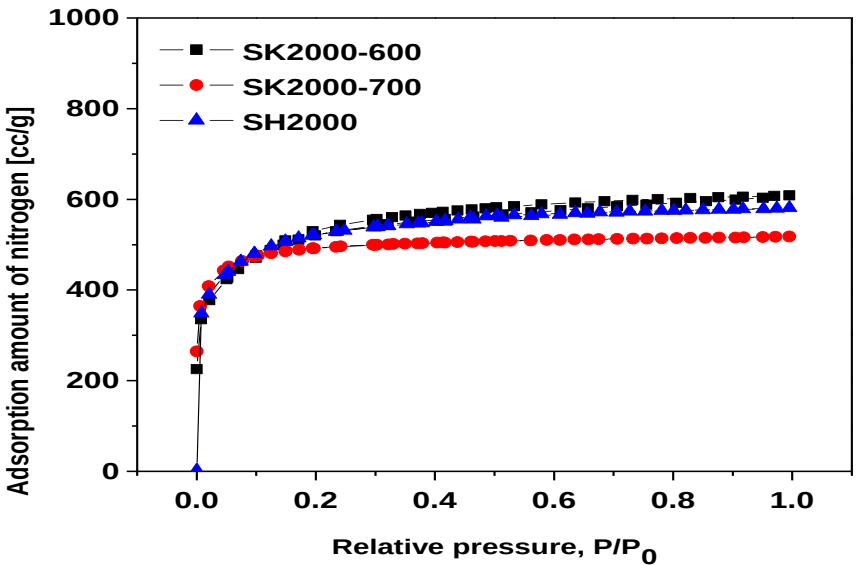
δ [ppm]

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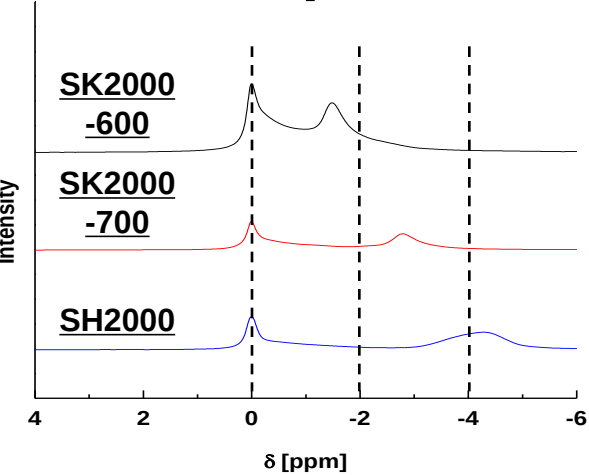
Sample	BET SA [m ² /g]	Elemental analysis [%]					ED [g/ml]	Capacitance		
		H	C	N	O	Ash		F/g	F/ml	F/m ²
SB-Gr	1	0.07	99.92	0.00	0.01	0.00	1.00	1.83	1.47	—
SB-HT	450	3.36	91.66	0.02	4.92	0.04	0.79	1.75	1.10	0.004
SK2000	1850	1.47	79.6	0.03	19.0	0.00	0.55	37.8	16.6	0.020
SH2000	1850	0.70	96.5	0.00	2.44	0.39	0.61	24.0	10.4	0.013

Ionic behaviors of activated carbons

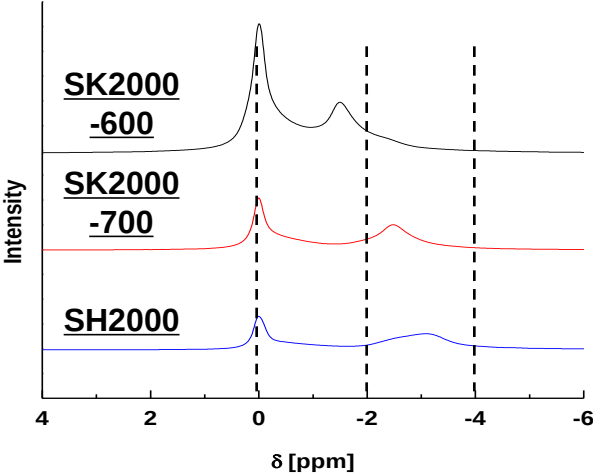
Sample	Activa- tion Temp.	BET SA [m ² /g]	ED [g/ml]	Capacitance		
				F/g	F/ml	F/m ²
SK2000 -600	600°C	1850	0.63	37.8	16.6	0.020
SK2000 -700	700°C	1700	0.60	30.2	14.5	0.018
SH2000	850°C	1850	0.61	24.0	10.4	0.013



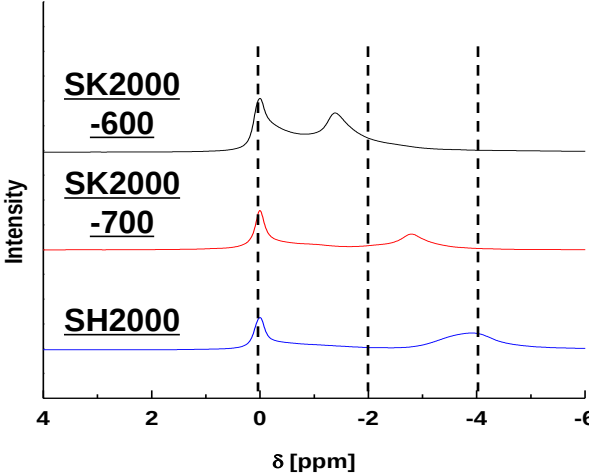
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Ch.



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固体NMR測定

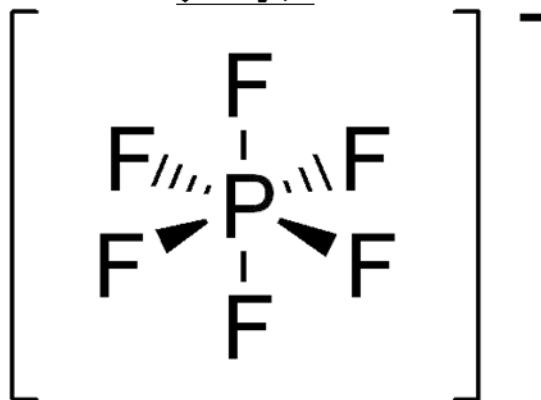
有機系電解質: LiPF_6

カチオン



Li ion

アニオン



Hexafluorophosphate ion



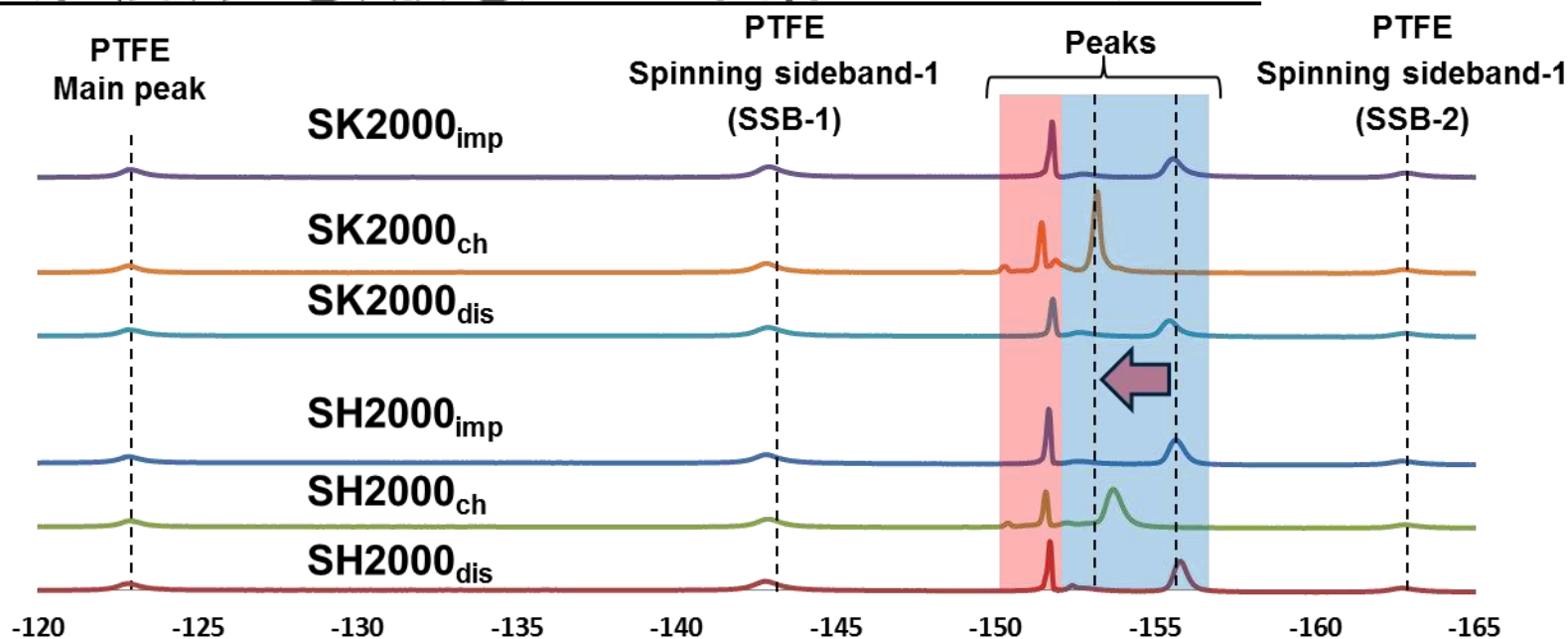
JEOL ECA800

^7Li 固体NMRにより充放電時におけるカチオンを、
 ^{19}F 固体NMRにより充放電時におけるアニオンを測定した。
作製した活性炭電極について

- ① 電解液を含浸させただけのもの
- ② 充電させたもの
- ③ 充電した後、放電させたもの

以上の状態について ^{19}F 固体NMR 測定を行った。

各状態(含浸、充電、放電)の ^{19}F 固体NMRスペクトル

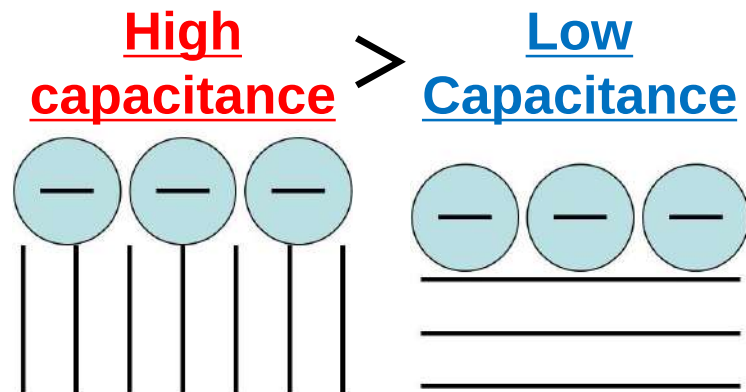
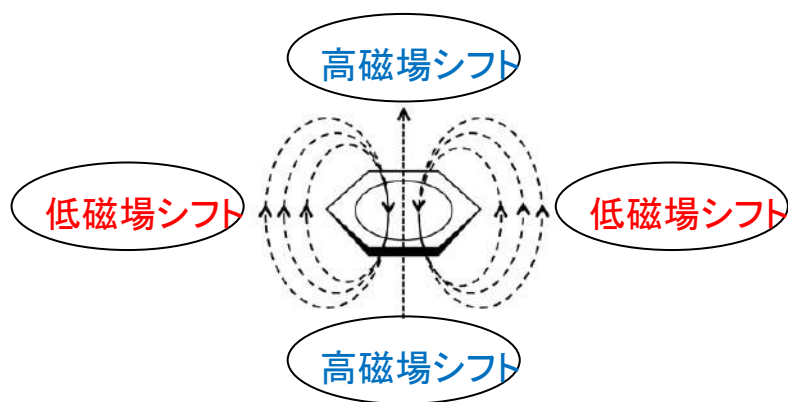


	Normalized BF4- by PTFE main peak					Peak area ratio
	PTFE Main Peak	PTFE-SSB ①	Peaks	PTFE-SSB②	ch-dis	SK/SH
SK2000 _{imp}	1	1.44	3.22	0.58	3.57	1.6
SK2000 _{ch}	1	1.46	6.87	0.59		
SK2000 _{dis}	1	1.44	3.30	0.58		
SH2000 _{imp}	1	1.42	4.32	0.62	2.17	
SH2000 _{ch}	1	1.43	6.46	0.58		
SH2000 _{dis}	1	1.48	4.29	0.61		

Ring current effect

Effect of edge and basal planes

Chemical shift (Ring current effect) Higher capacitance



Kim T., et al., Langmuir, 2006, 22(22), 9086-9088.

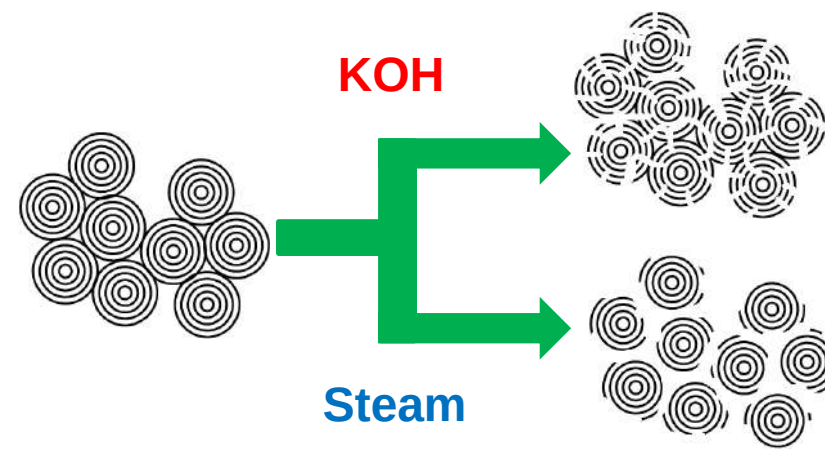
Adsorption on edge planes → **Chemical shift to lower magnetic place, higher capacitance**
→ SK2000: more edges

Why different by activation method

Different activation behavior

KOH: K intercalation and higher diffusion

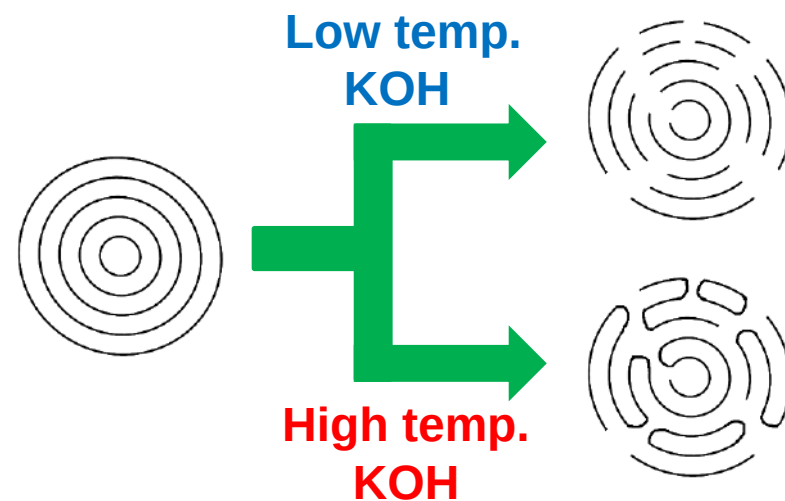
Steam: Lower diffusivity into the inside of domain



Effect of activation temperature

KOH: lower temperature;
effective to produce edge
surface

Steam: higher temperature;
effective to produce basal
surface



Most effective pore size using NMR method

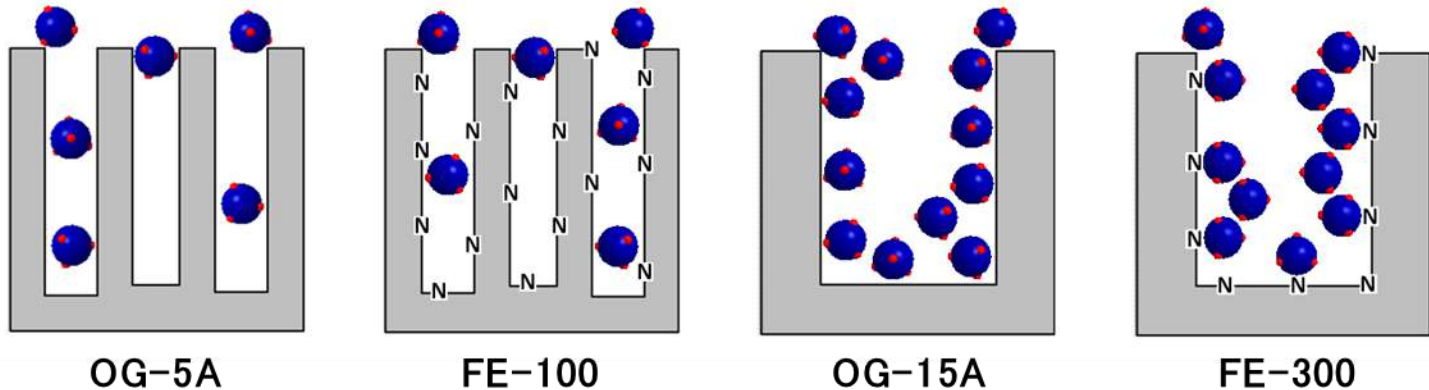
Pitch-based Activated Carbon Fibers (ACFs)

OG series : OG-5A, OG-7A, OG-10A, OG-15A, OG-20A (Osaka Gas Co., Japan)

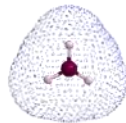
PAN-based ACFs

FE series : FE-100, FE-200, FE-300, FE-400 (Toho TENAX Co., Japan)

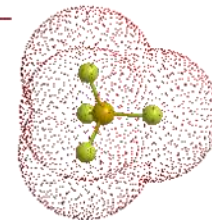
Model of micropores of OG and FE series



Aqueous and non-aqueous electrolytes with different ion sizes



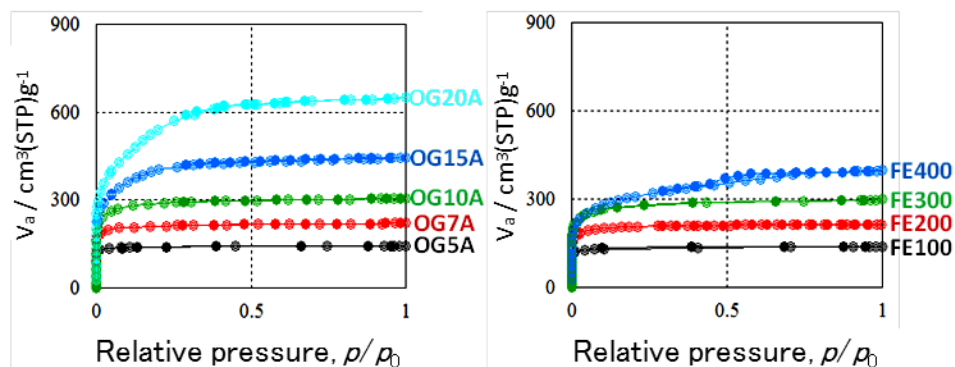
in $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4/\text{H}_2\text{O}$



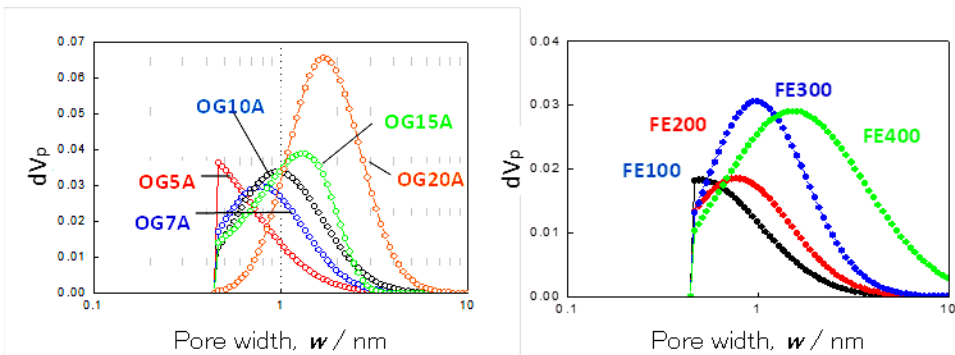
in $\text{Et}_4\text{NBF}_4/\text{PC}$

NMR method

N₂ adsorption/desorption isotherms @77K



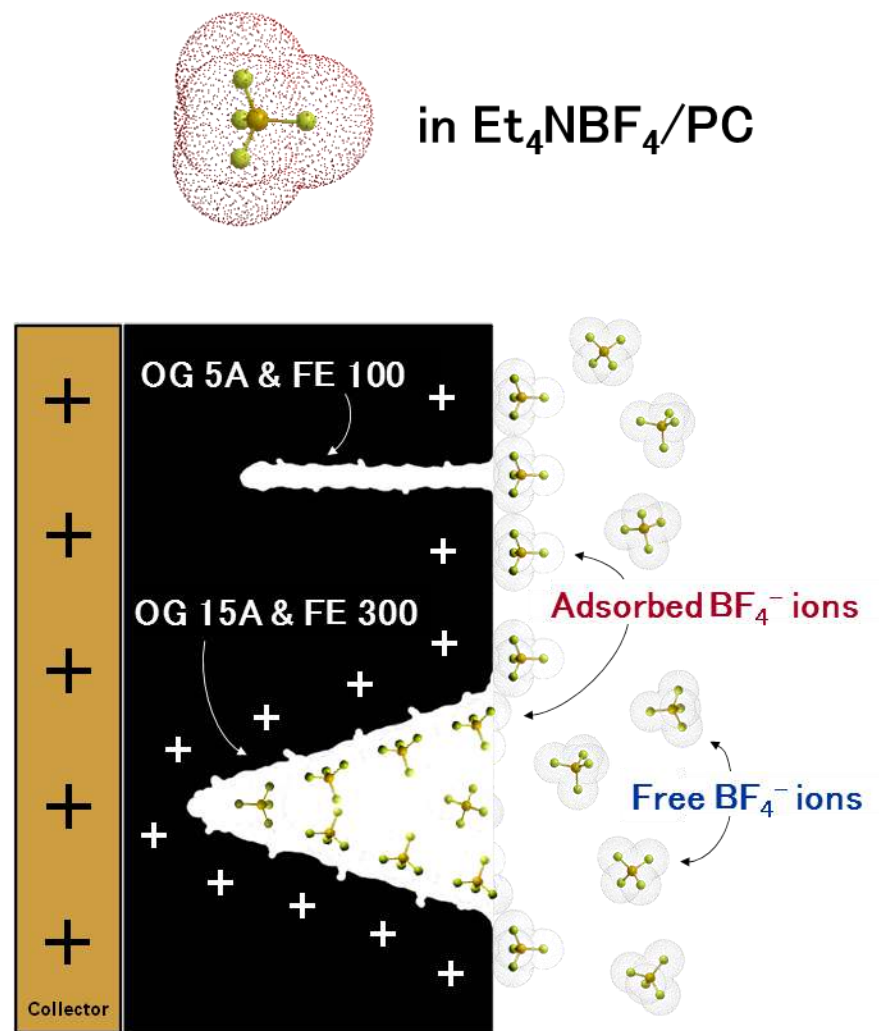
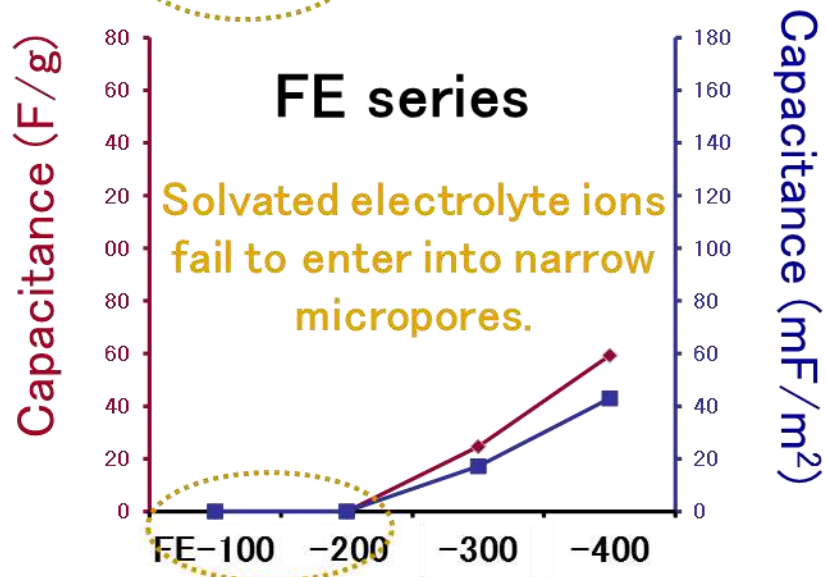
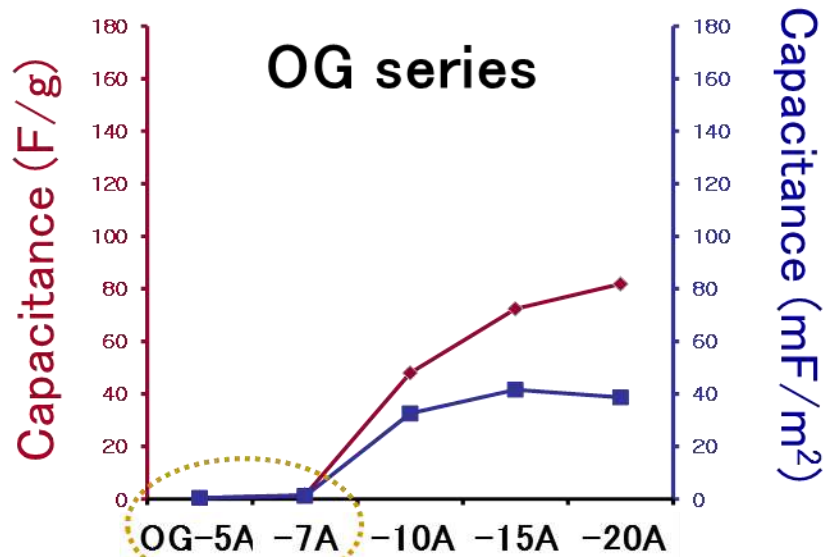
Pore size distributions (calculated by NL-DFT method)



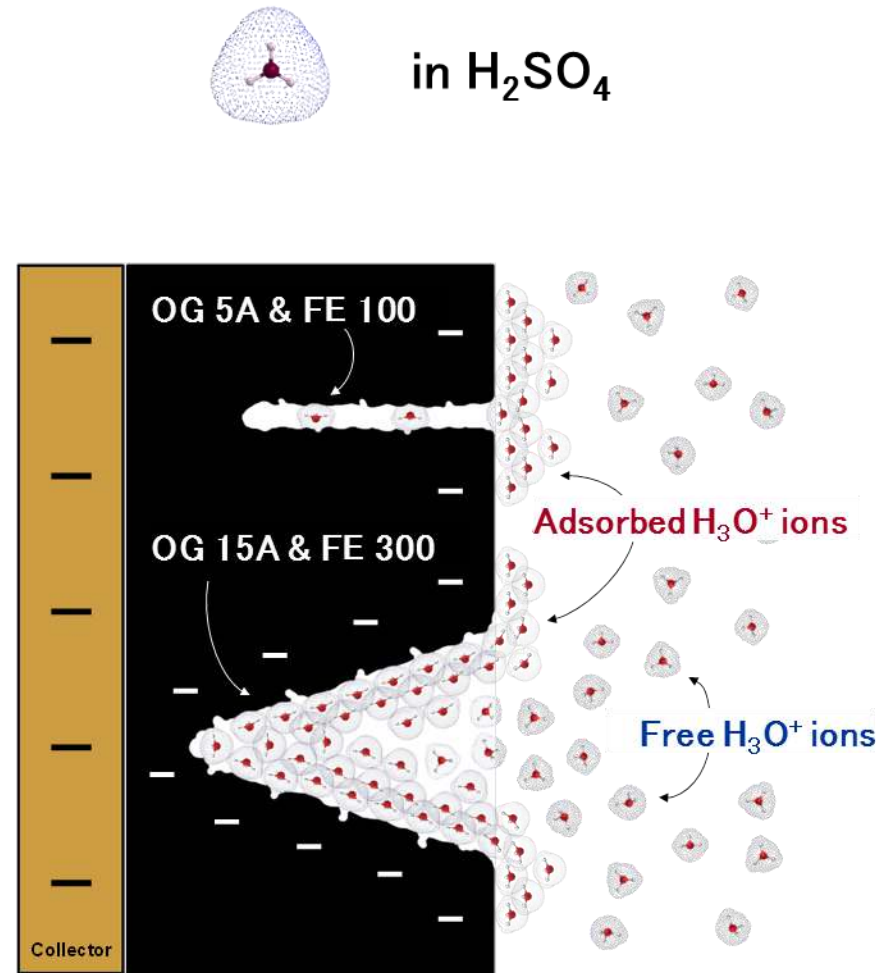
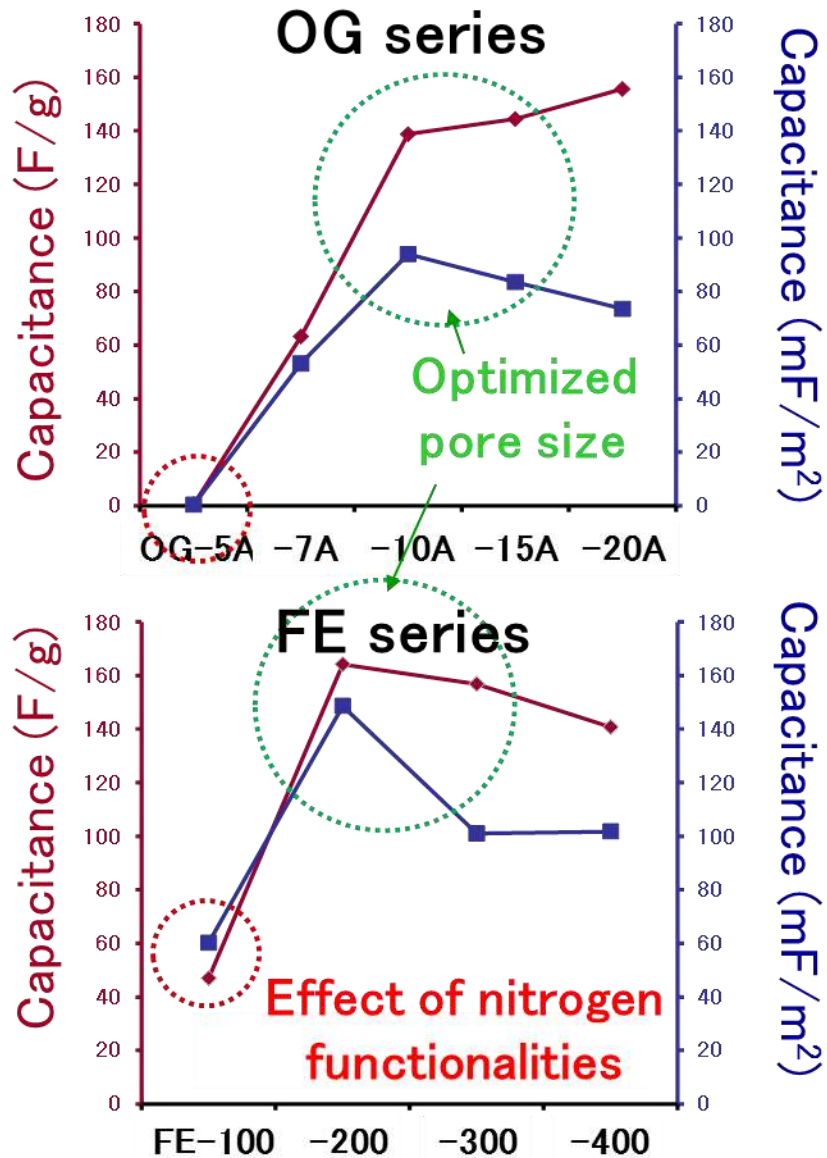
Pore structure parameters (calculated from *t*-plot method)

	Surface area (m ² /g)				Pore volume (cm ³ /g)			Pore width (nm)	
	A _{total}	A _{external}	A _{micro}	A _{meso}	V _{total}	V _{micro}	V _{meso}	W _{micro}	W _{meso}
OG-5A	676.8	1.2	675.6	0	0.22	0.22	0	0.65	0.0
OG-7A	987.6	3.4	984.2	0	0.34	0.34	0	0.68	0.0
OG-10A	1211.7	5.4	1206.3	0	0.46	0.46	0	0.77	0.0
OG-15A	1488.0	13.9	1474.1	0	0.66	0.66	0	0.90	0.0
OG-20A	1817.4	15.9	1801.5	0	0.97	0.97	0	1.08	0.0
FE-100	636.9	1.2	635.7	0	0.21	0.21	0	0.67	0.0
FE-200	909.2	2.2	907.0	0	0.33	0.33	0	0.72	0.0
FE-300	1130.6	3.8	1099.7	27.1	0.45	0.43	0.02	0.78	1.82
FE-400	1187.1	5.2	931.2	250.7	0.60	0.38	0.22	0.82	1.73

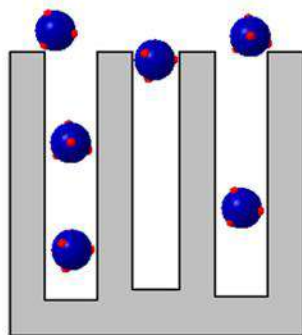
NMR method



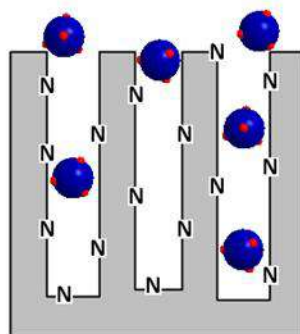
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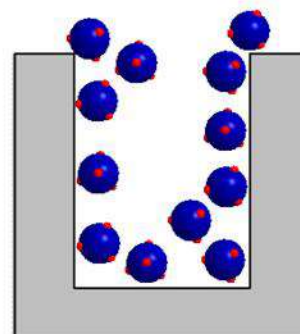
Model of adsorbed ions in micropores of OG and FE series



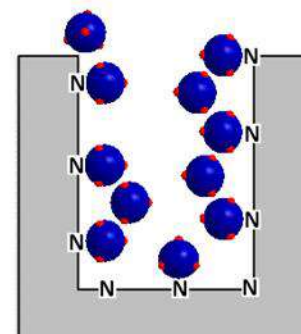
OG-5A



FE-100



OG-15A



FE-300



^2H or ^{19}F magic angle spinning (MAS) solid state NMR

NMR equipment:

JEOL ECA400

Electrolytes:

0.5 M D_2SO_4 (aqueous)

1 M $\text{Et}_4\text{NBF}_4/\text{PC}$ (in-aqueous)

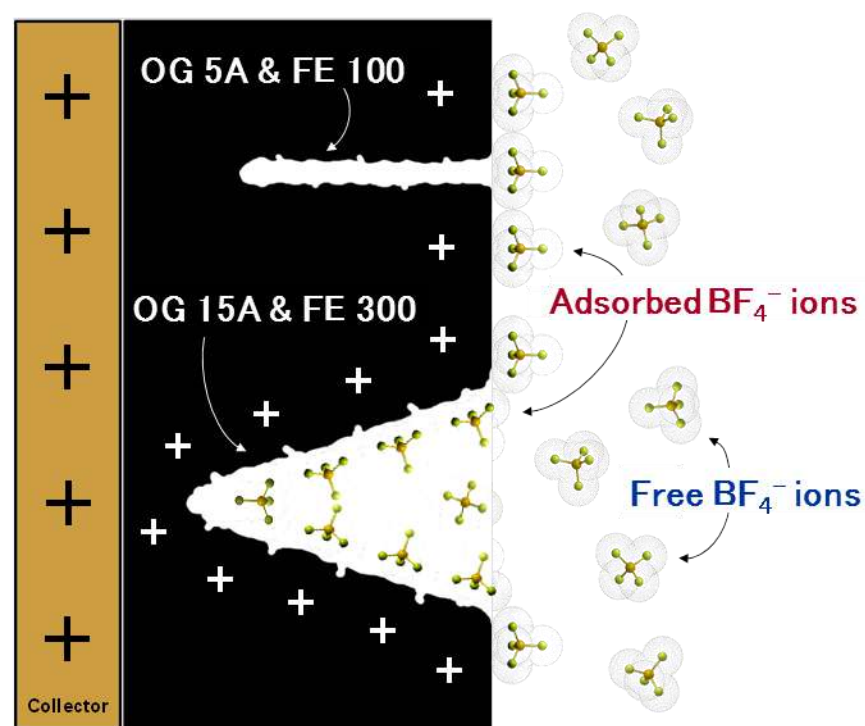
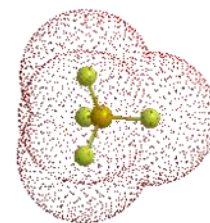
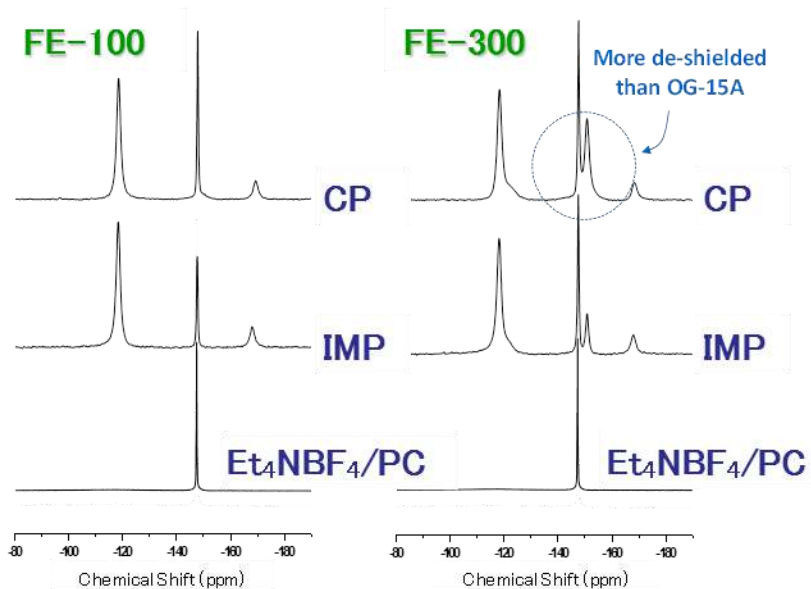
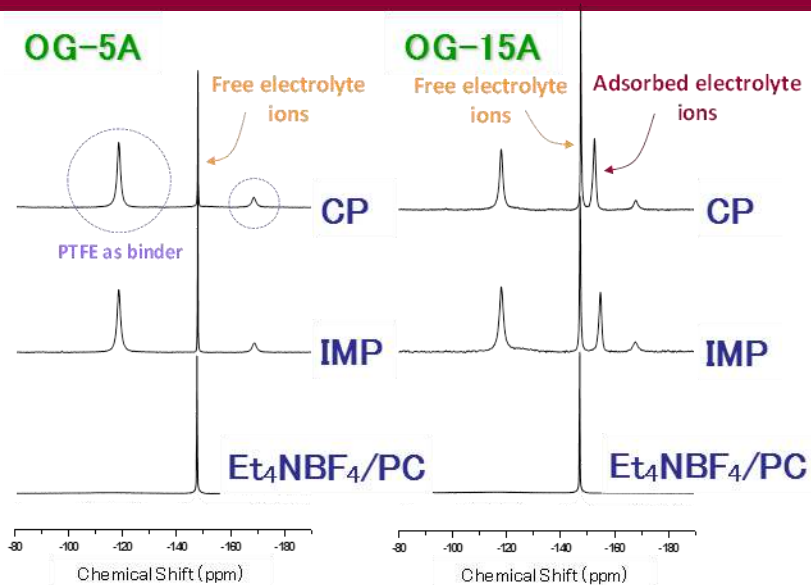
Electrode states:

Impregnated (IMP)

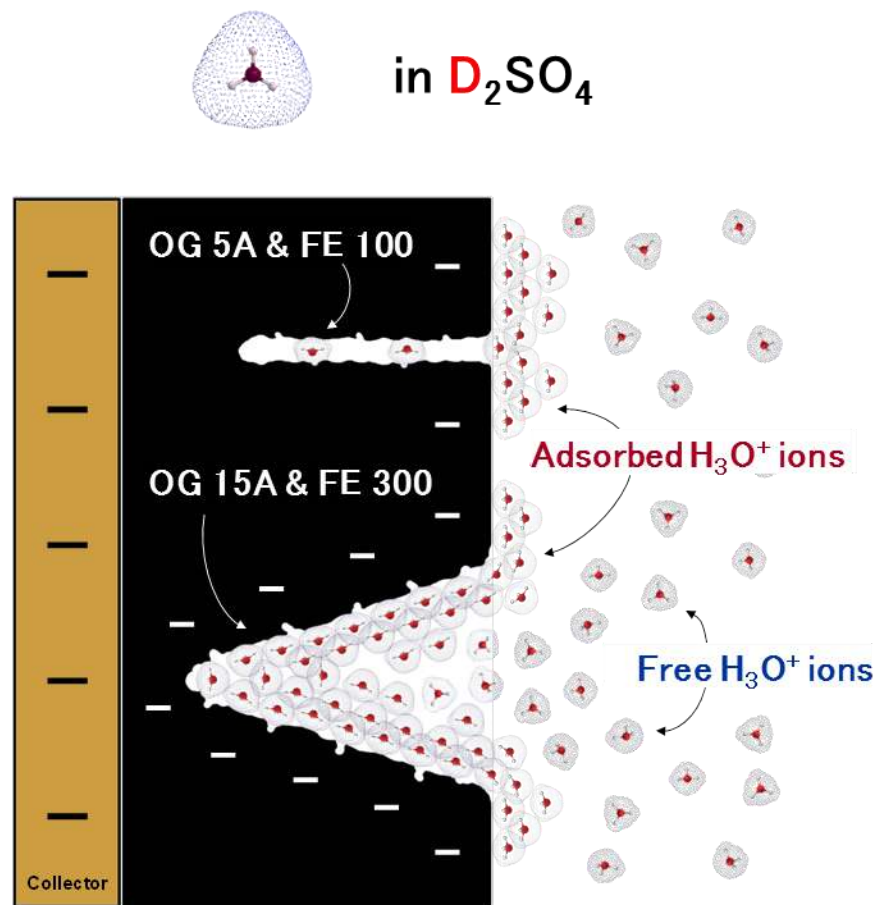
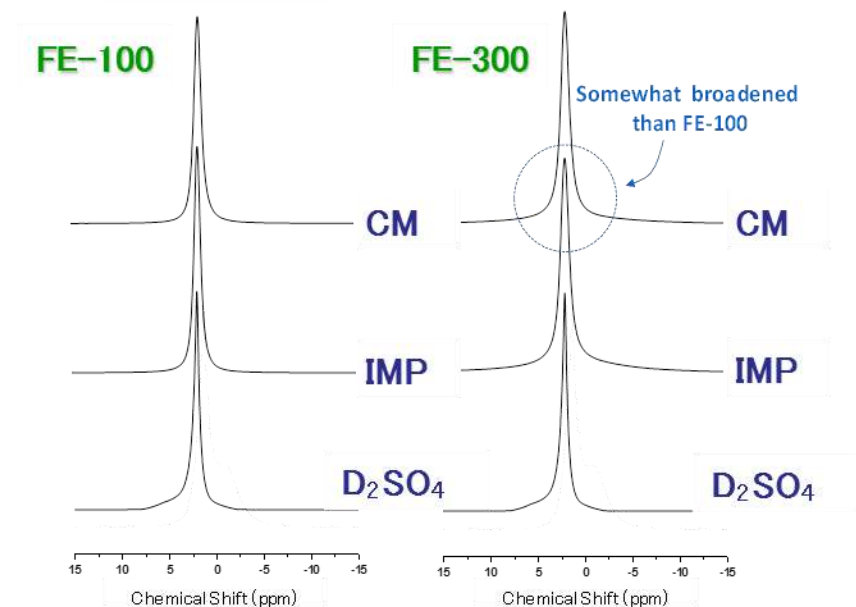
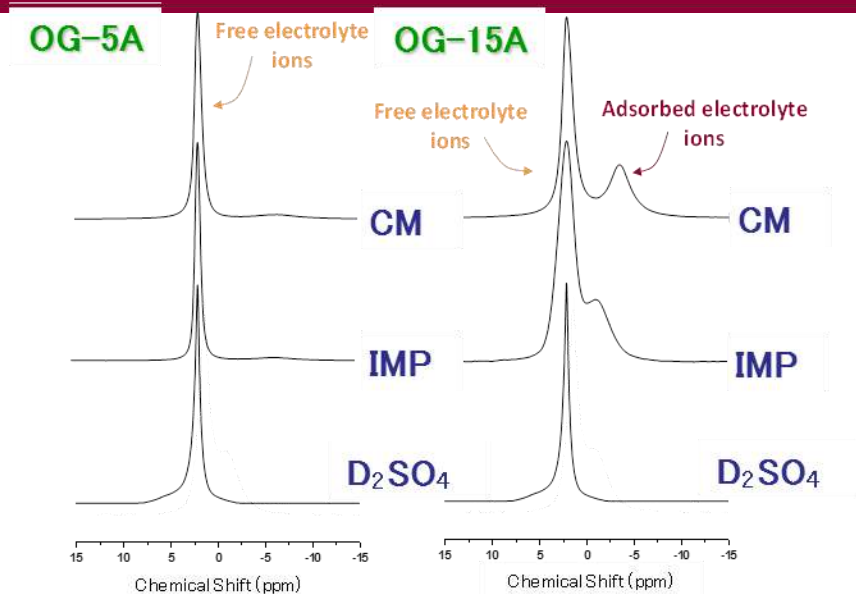
Charged plus (CP)

Charged minus (CM)

^{19}F MAS Solid-State NMR Spectra



^2H MAS Solid-State NMR Spectra

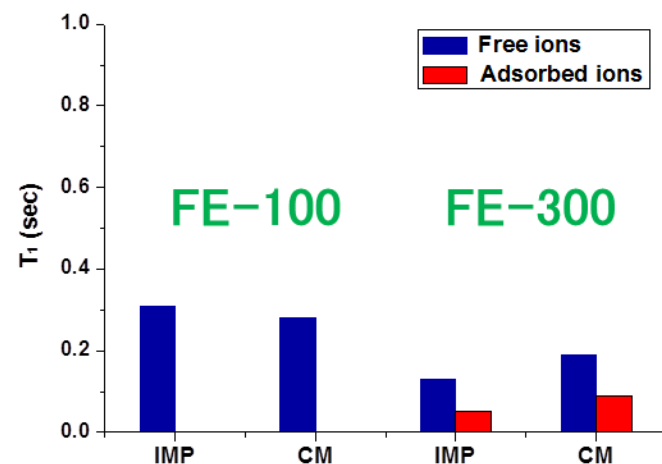
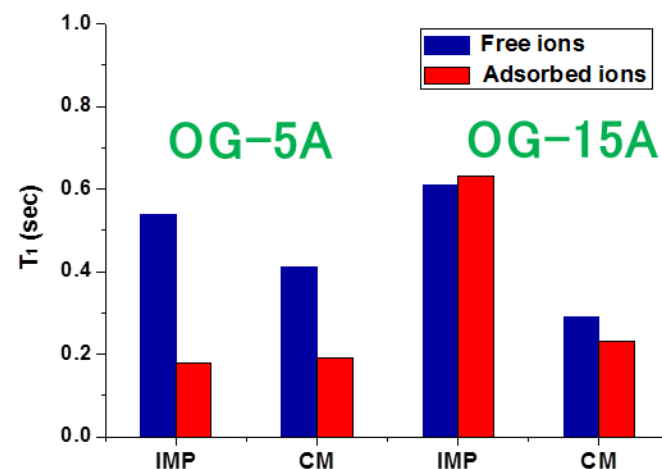


T₁ Values Measured from ²H MAS Solid-State NMR

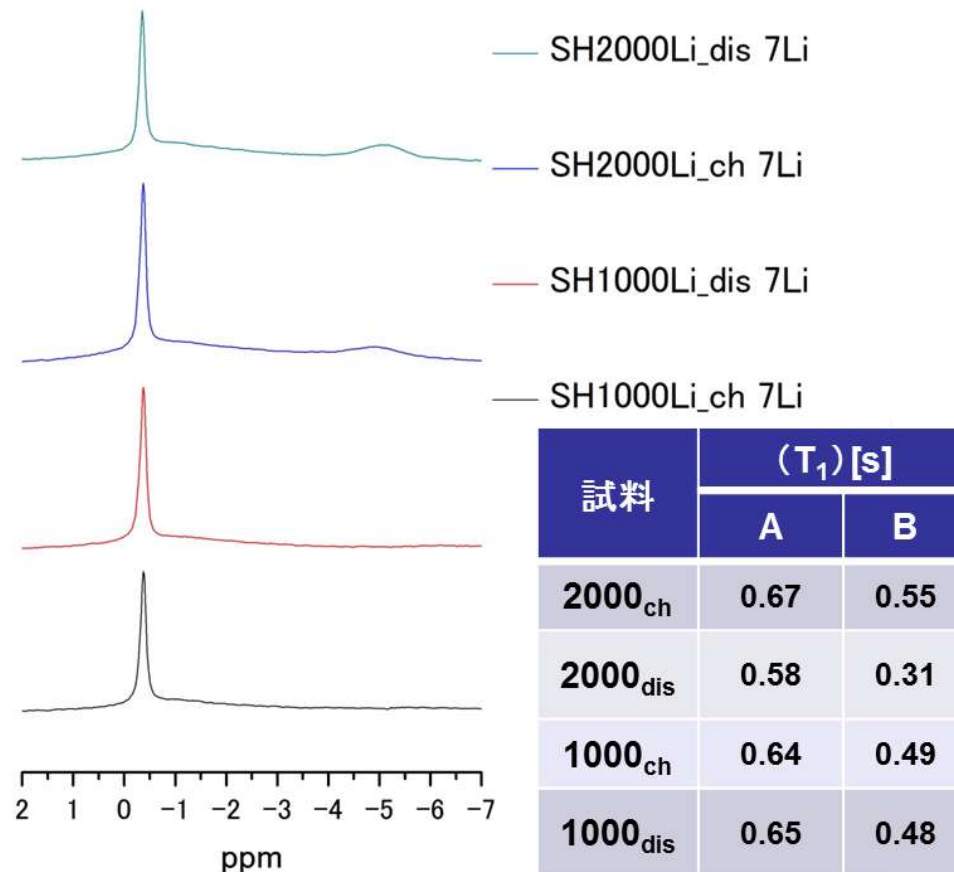
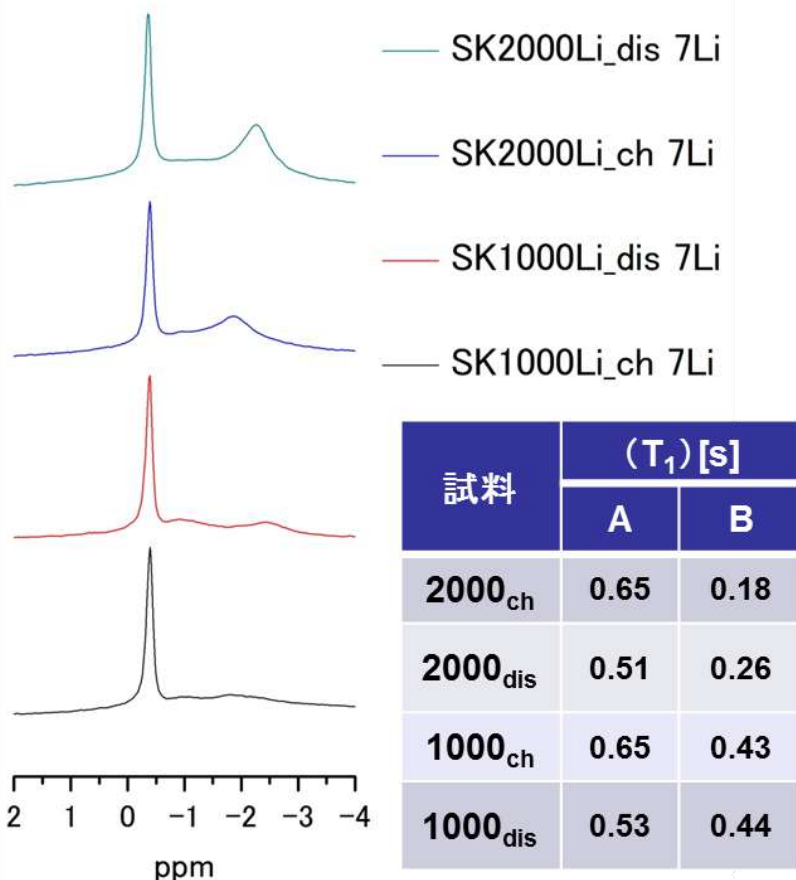
The shorter the T₁ value of relaxation time, the stronger the adsorption interaction between adsorbed electrolyte ions and carbon electrodes.

T ₁ (sec) for OG series							
OG-5A				OG-15A			
IMP		CM		IMP		CM	
Free	Adsorbed	Free	Adsorbed	Free	Adsorbed	Free	Adsorbed
0.54	0.18	0.41	0.19	0.61	0.63	0.29	0.23

T ₁ (sec) for FE series							
FE-100				FE-300			
IMP		CM		IMP		CM	
Free	Adsorbed	Free	Adsorbed	Free	Adsorbed	Free	Adsorbed
0.31	—	0.28	—	0.13	0.05	0.19	0.09

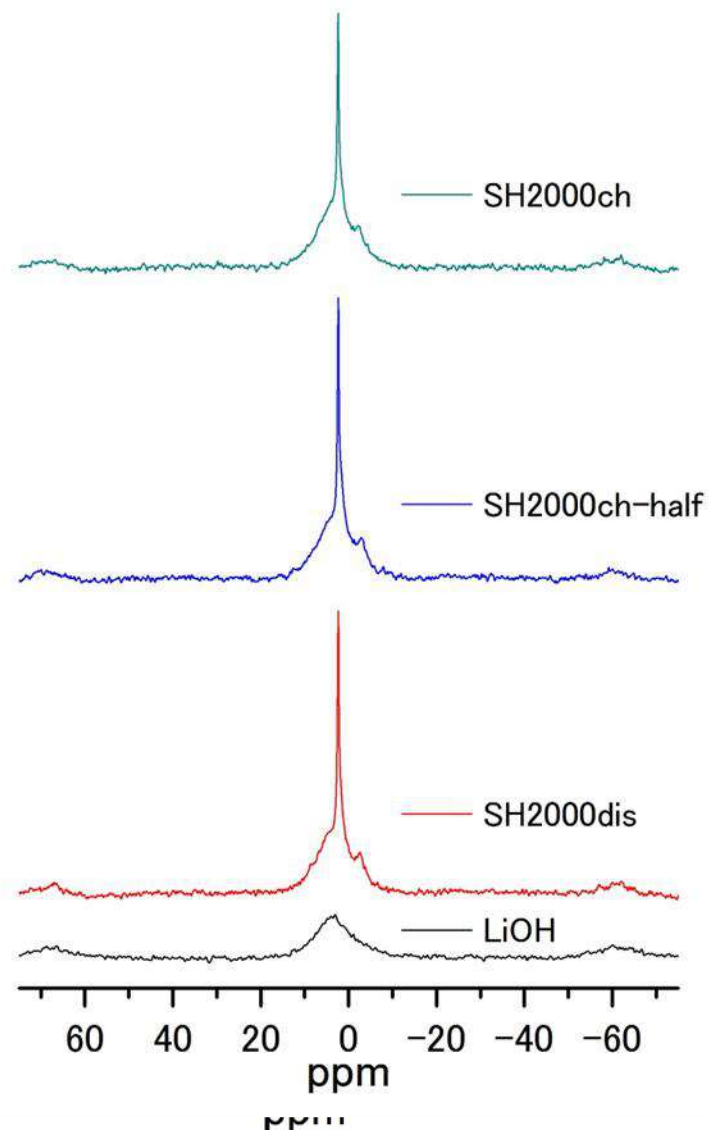
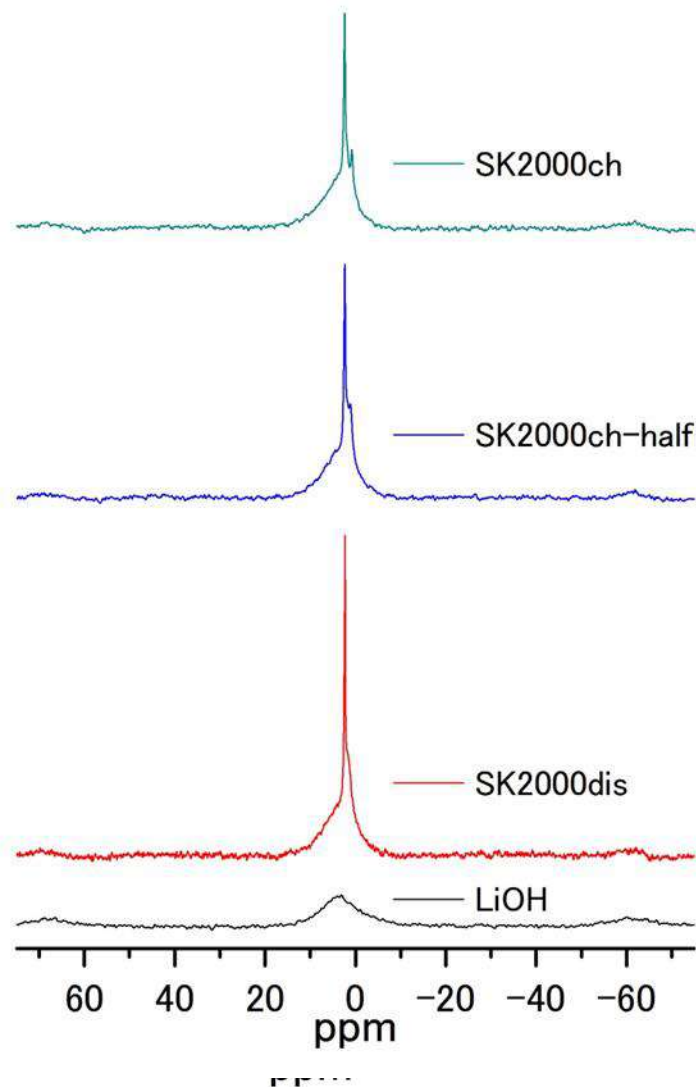


^7Li 固体NMRスペクトル



いずれも0ppm近傍にシャープなピークと高磁場側にブロードなピークが観測された。ブロードなピークはSK、SHではSKの方がより高磁場側に現れ、また、充電に際して低磁場側にケミカルシフトすることが確認された。

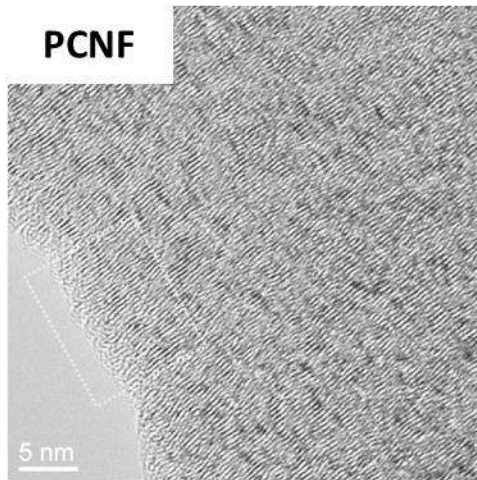
^7Li 固体NMRスペクトル



Surface modified PCNFs

Langmuir
2006, 22(22), 9086.

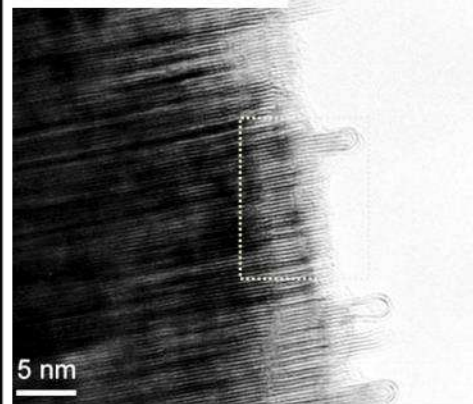
PCNF



Graphitic edge



GPCNF-NA



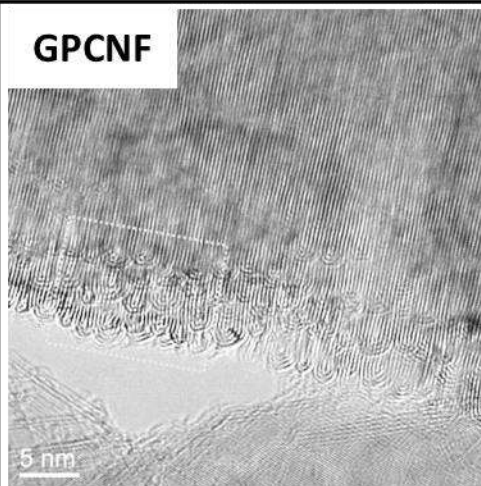
Recovered graphitic edge



Thermal (2800°C)

Chemical (10% HNO₃)

GPCNF

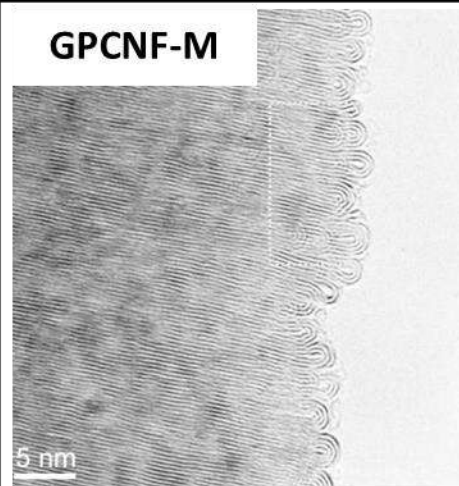


Dome-like basal plane



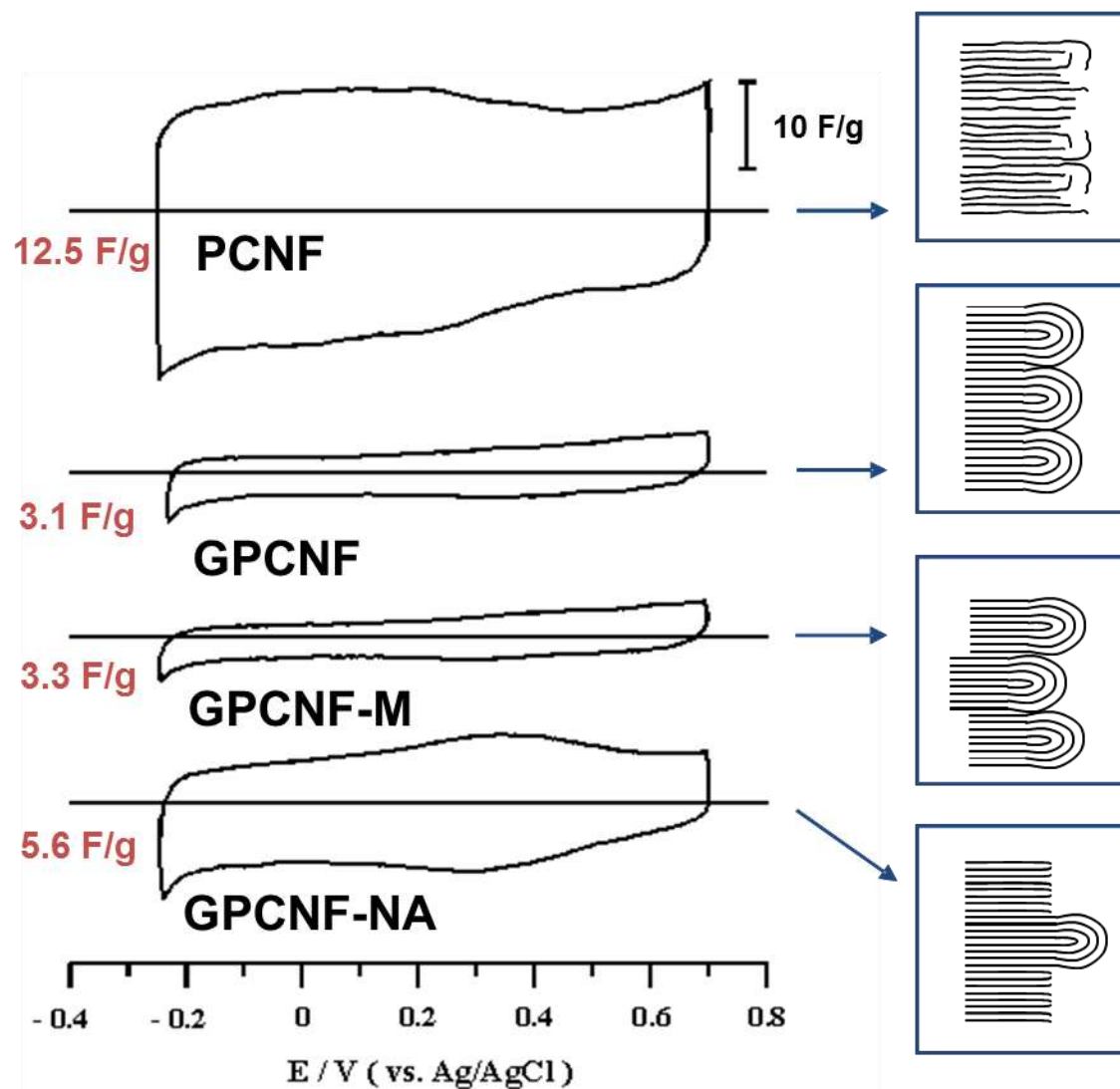
Mechanical

GPCNF-M



Dome-like basal planes





**PCNFs having
edge surfaces
Showed 3-5 times
Higher capacitances**

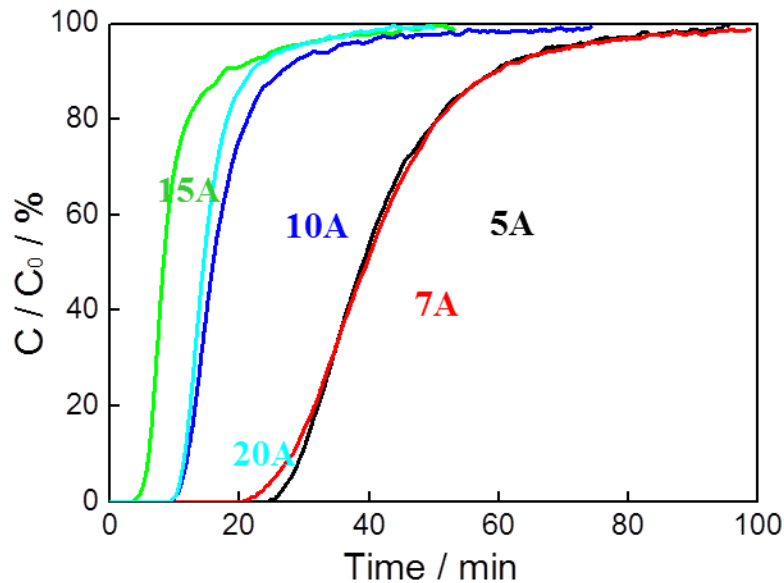
Novel applications of activated carbons

1. HCHO, removal of sickhouse gases
2. Medicine
3. Capacitive De-ionization (CDI)
4. Heat Pump (Energy saving)

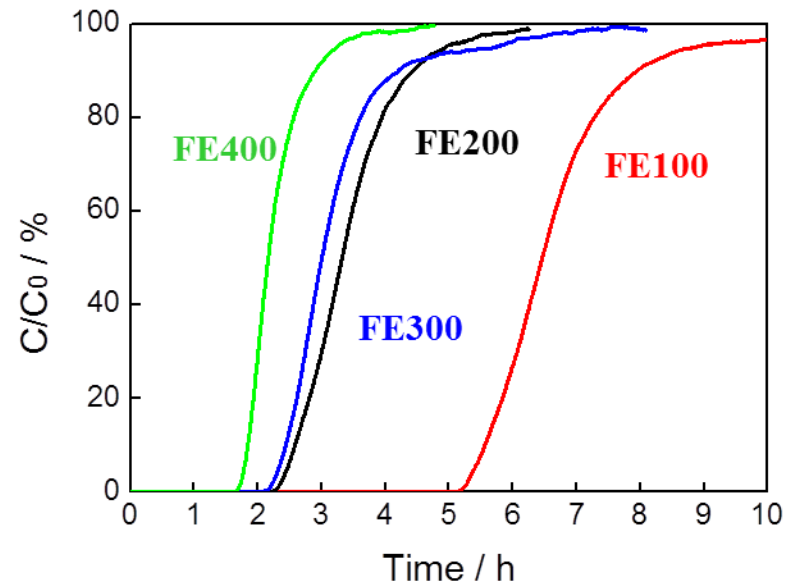
1. HCHO, Removal of sickhouse gas

HCHO removal using activated carbon fibers

HCHO : 22 ppm
Sample weight : 0.1g
Gas flow rate : 100ml / m



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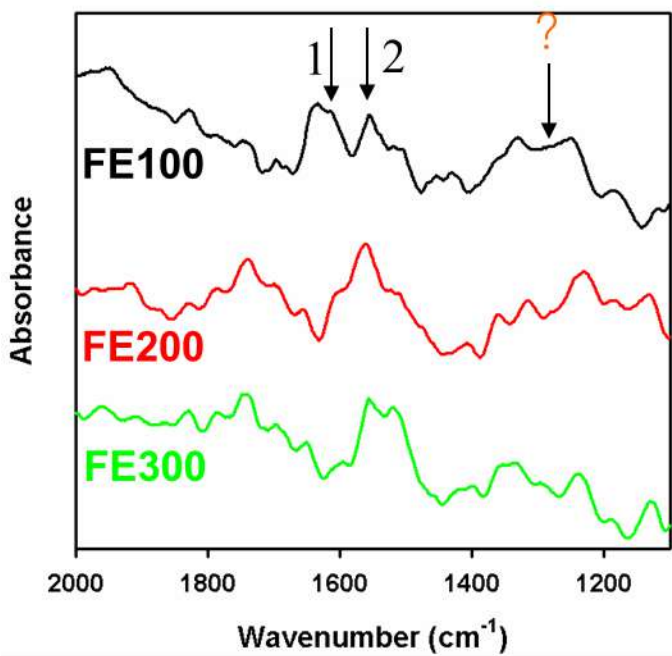


Break through time

◆Pitch-based ACF : 15A < 20A < 10A < 7A < 5A

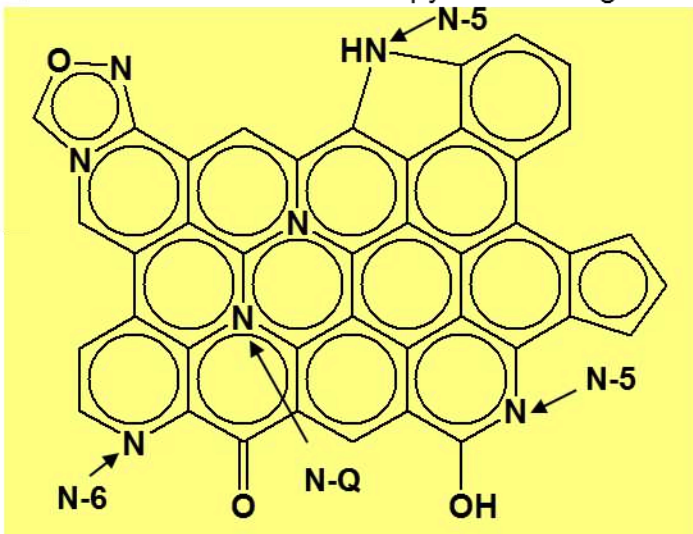
◆PAN-base ACF : FE400 < FE300 < FE200 < FE100

Surface analysis of PAN ACF by Micro ATR-FTIR



Micro-ATR FTIR analysis			EA and XPS analysis			
	I.S ^a	Pyridinic N ^b	RCP ^c	N / C ratio	Pyridinic N ^b	RCP ^c
FE100	279	134	0.48	0.118	0.737	0.087
FE200	276	108	0.39	0.066	1.050	0.069
FE300	332	70	0.21	0.044	0.734	0.032

^aI.S : Internal standard (1560cm⁻¹)
^bWavenumber related with pyridinic nitrogen : 1610~1600cm⁻¹
^cRCP : relatives contents of pyridinic nitrogen



Pyridinic N (N-6)
Pyrrolic or Pyridinic N (N-5)
Quaternary N (N-Q)

Micro-ATR FTIR results

Relative amount of pyridinic nitrogen functional groups for PAN based ACFs by micro-ATR FTIR analysis

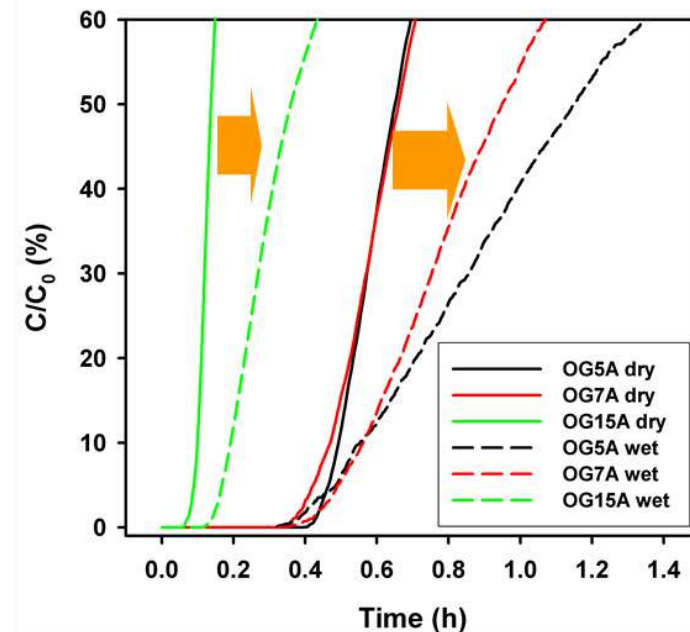
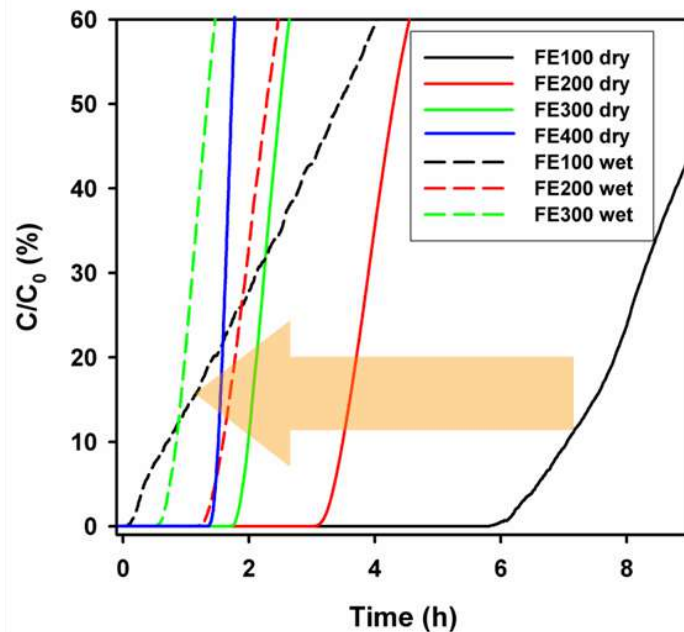
Sample	Internal Standard	Pyridinic N ^a	Internal Standard /Pyridinic N
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FE200	276	108	0.39
FE300	332	70	0.21
FE400	330	64	0.19

^a Wavenumber related with pyridinic nitrogen: 1610 ~ 1600 cm⁻¹

Humidity effect for removing HCHO

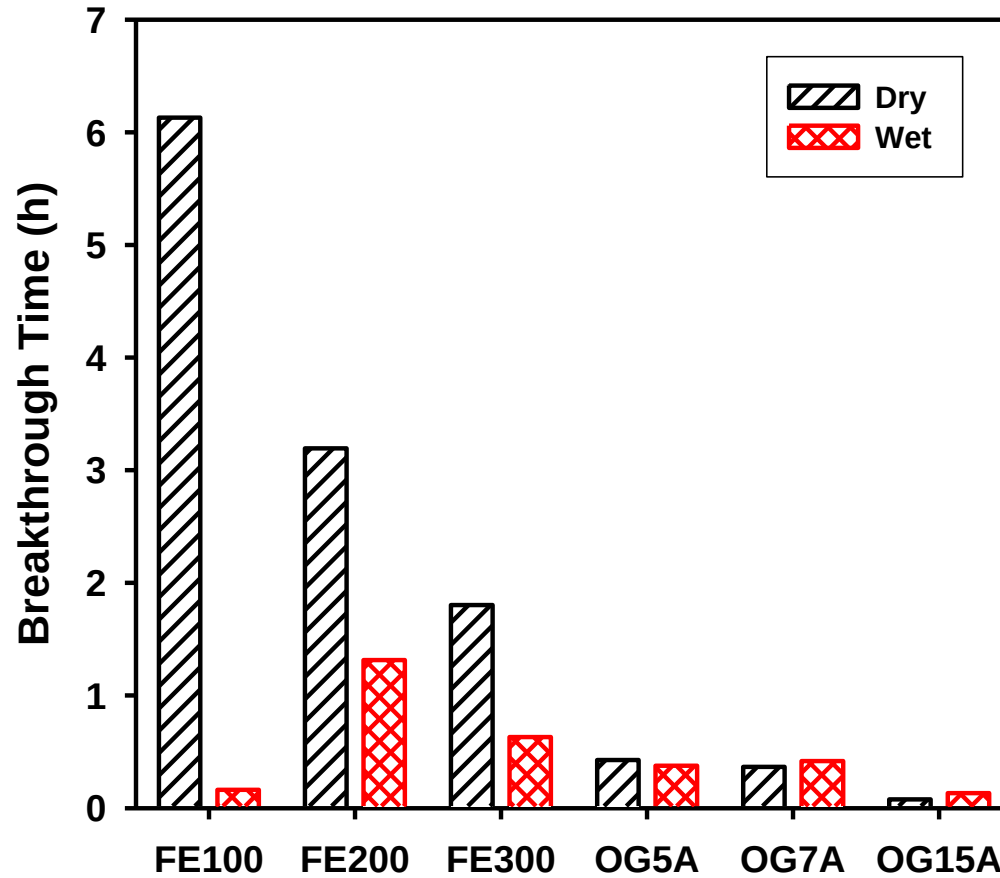
WATER Competitive adsorption decreases the adsorption amount of HCHO.

Dry condition (solid line) and wet condition (dashed line) for the different kinds of a) FE series and b) OG series



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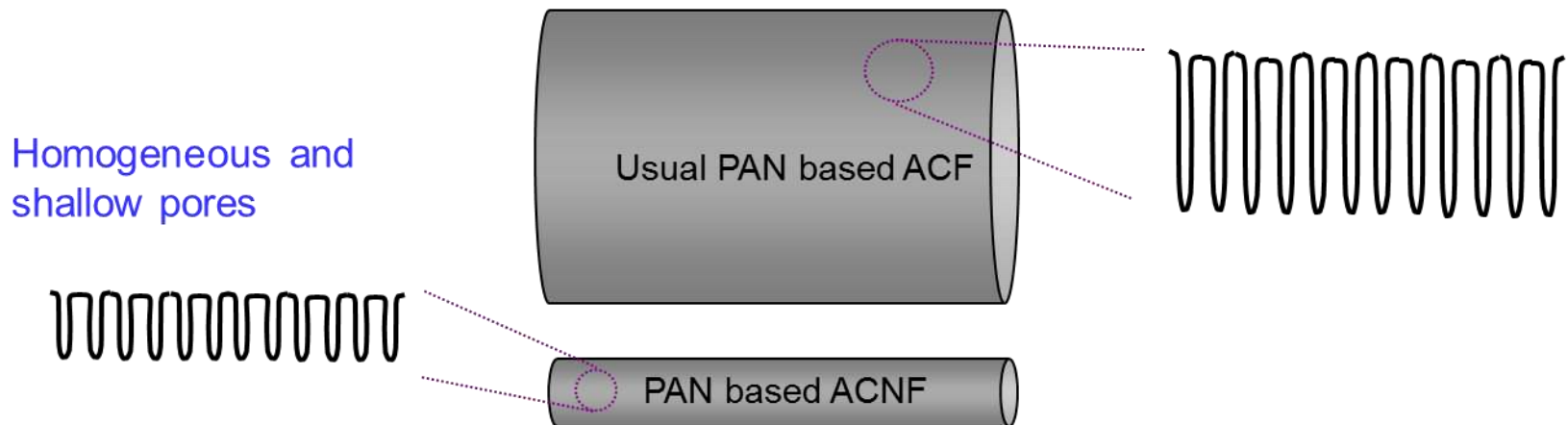


New concept (shallow pore)

- ◆ Electrospun PAN based nanofiber (100% PAN)
Diameter: 800 nm, Nanotechnics (Korea)

100 times surface area compared to usual PAN fiber

→ Can be expected very shallow and homogenous pores.



PAN based activated carbon nanofiber

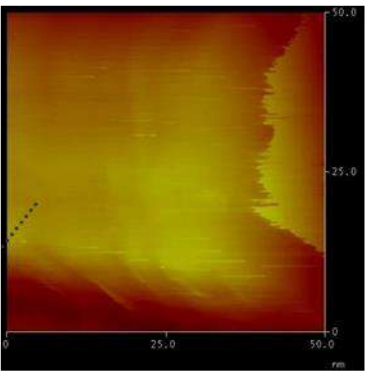
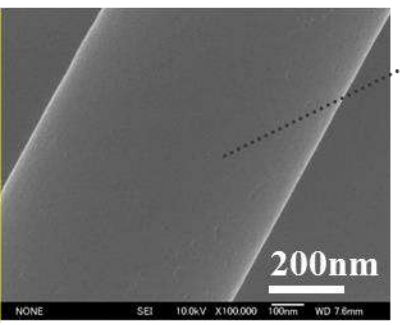
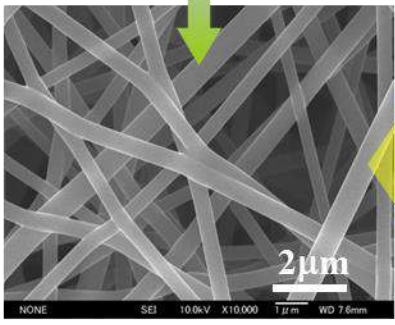
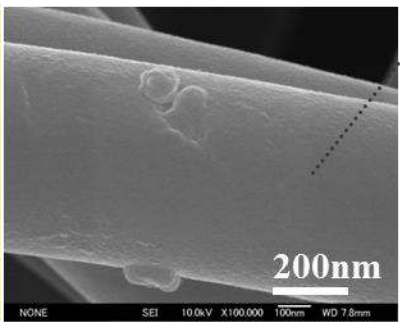
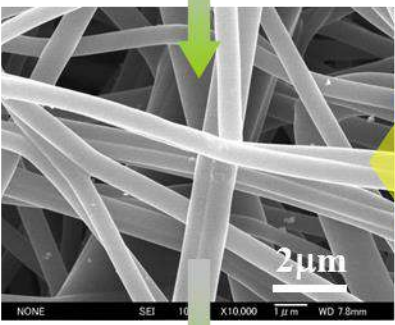
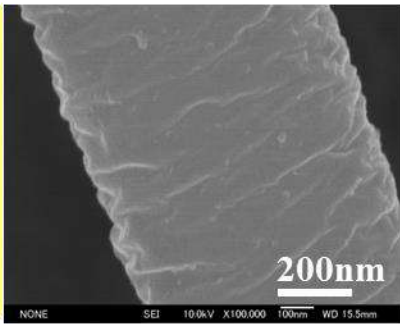
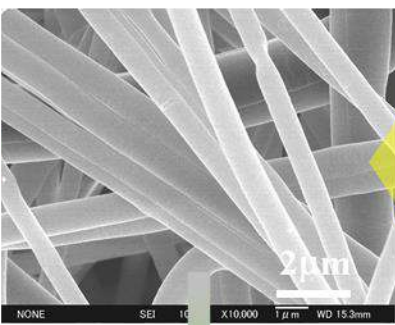
PCNF
(starting material)

270°C
(0.5°C / min)

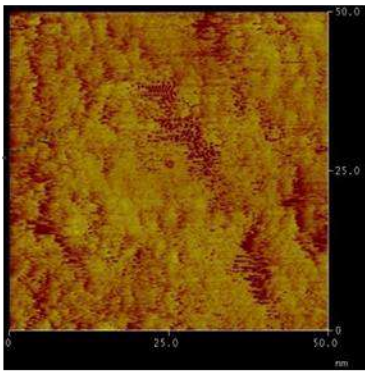
Stabilized PCNF

600°C in He
or
steam activation

PACNF



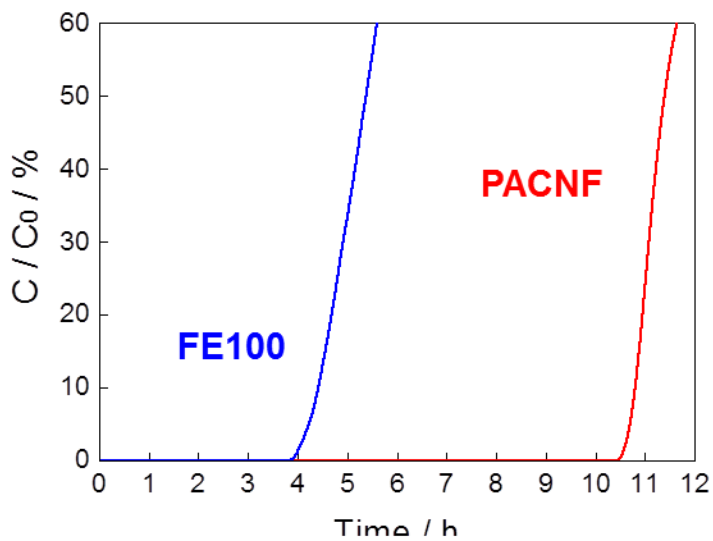
Assembly of
1.8nm~3.6nm thin film



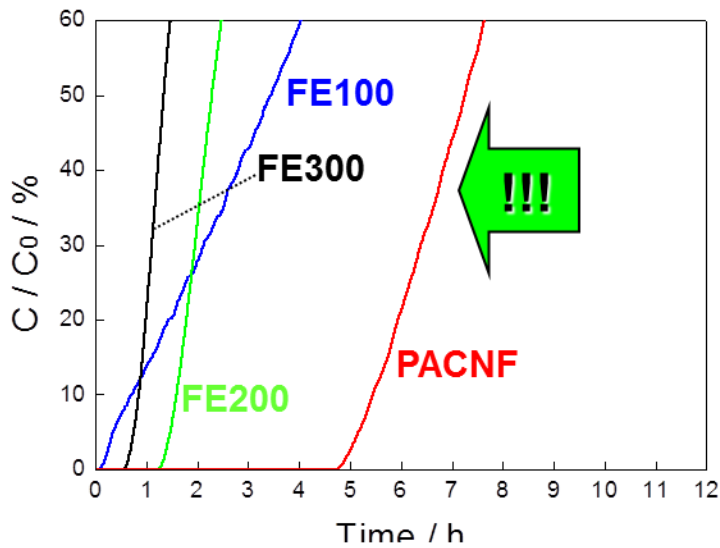
Nano particle
assembly structure

HCHO removal using PAN ACNF

RH	BET	Elemental analysis (wt%)						Microporous ratio (%)
	(m2 / g)	C	H	<i>N</i>	<i>Odif</i>	ash	N / O	
90%	375	68.06	1.19	<i>18.02</i>	<i>11.41</i>	1.32	1.80	94.7%



Experimental
HCHO : 11 ppm
Sample weight : 0.05g
Gas flow rate : 100ml / ml
Humidity of condition : 0%

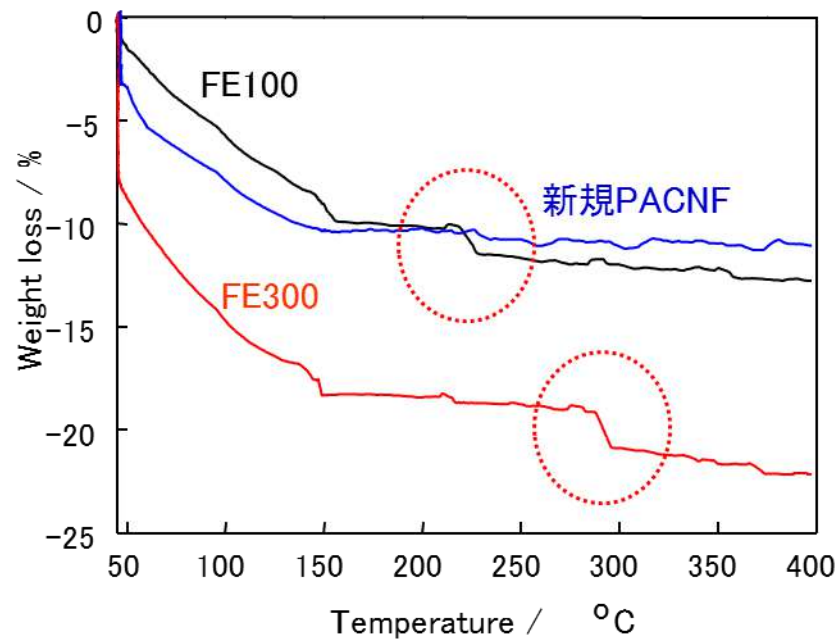


Experimental
HCHO : 11 ppm
Sample weight : 0.05g
Gas flow rate : 100ml / ml
Humidity of condition : 50%

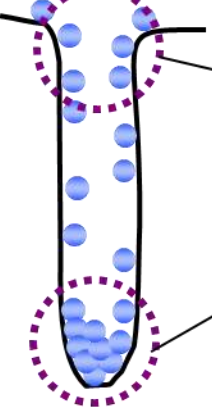
Under the circumstances of humidity (RH=50%), PACNF shows specific prominent adsorption characteristics for formaldehyde.

Shallow pore (?)

水分を飽和吸着させたサンプルを
アルゴン中で400℃まで昇温させ、
重量変化を観察



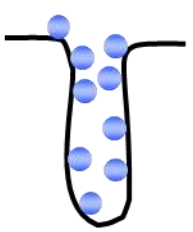
Deep pore



低温での重量変化
細孔上部に吸着してい
る水分子の蒸発

高温での重量変化
深い細孔の底部に凝集
している水分子の蒸発

Shallow pore



低温での重量変化
浅い細孔に吸着してい
る水分子の蒸発

Carbon, 48, 4248-4255 (2010).

Complete removal of HCHO using MnOx/ACNF

① Activated nano carbon fiber

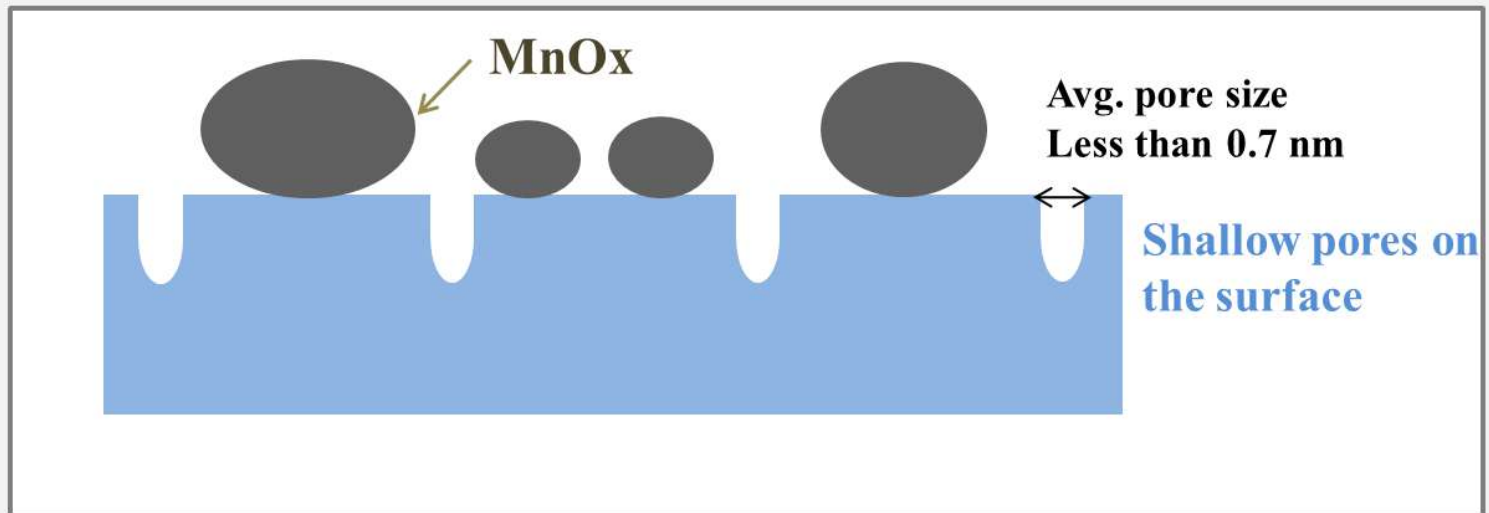
② Catalytic decomposition of HCHO by MnOx into water and carbon dioxide



③

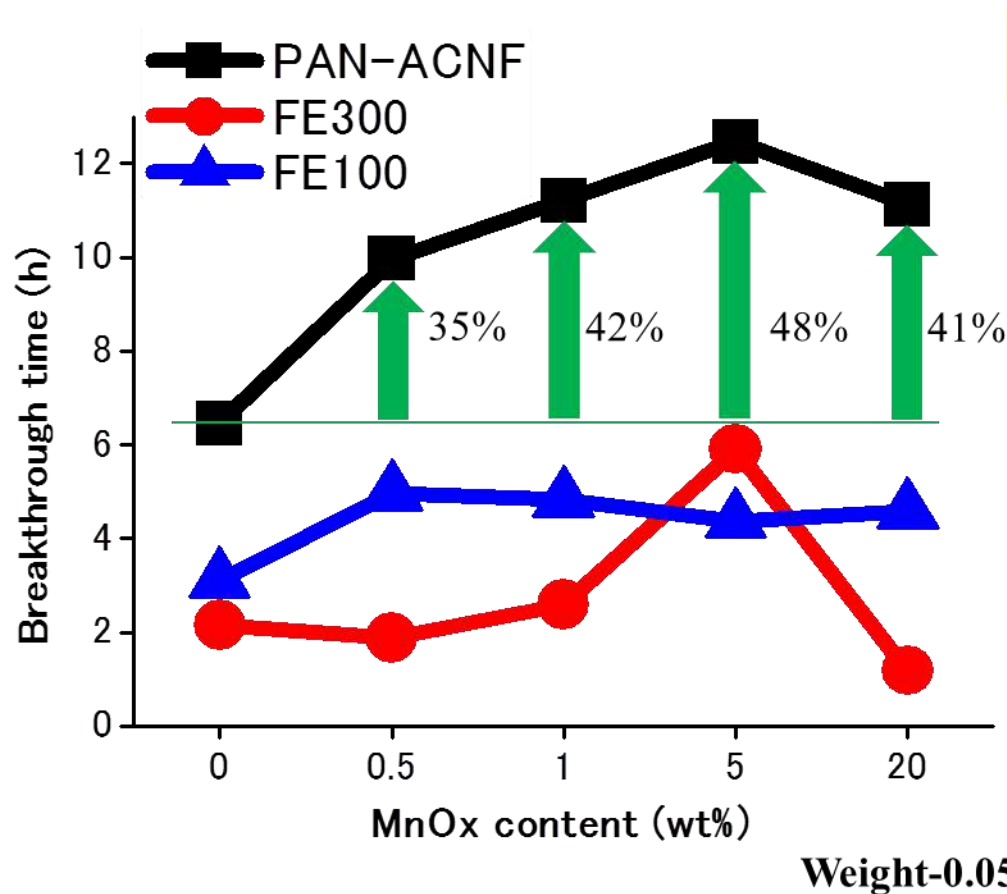
- Clean removal into Water and Carbon dioxide
- Lifetime prolonged

The conceptual model of MnOx-carbon catalyst



Catalysis Today (2012).

Complete removal of HCHO using MnOx/ACNF



1. MnOx combined with carb on support to enhance HCHO removal.

2. PAN-ACNF showing the highest synergy at 5% MnOx.

Mn₃O₄ or MnO₂ alone breakthrough in less than an hour.

➡ Deposition on carbon support improves catalytic activity of MnOx.

AC- medicine

Characteristics of activated carbons for the selective adsorption behaviors for Indole and Amylase

Research background

Chronic Kidney Disease

Renal function decrease for removal poisons from body

→ Artificial dialysis

big burden to
patient

To prolong the introduction of dialysis, AC medicine was developed

AC internal medicine

- To remove the entero-poisons like indole through the excretion with activated carbon.
- Very hard to take a dose (6g/day)

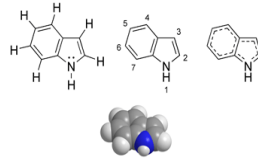
How to decrease the dosage amount

Factors for selective adsorption

- Surface area and pore size
- Shape
- Surface property

Model adsorption materials

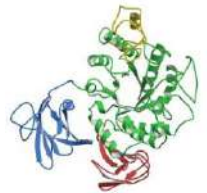
- To be removed



Indole (MW: 117.15)

⇒ a kind of poisons

- Not to be removed



Amylase (MW: about 46000)

⇒ Digestive enzyme

Samples

OG series (Osaka Gas)

Relatively similar shapes of pores but different surface area and pore size distribution

H₂-OG series

Hydrogenation of OG series to remove the oxygen functional groups(600°C, 1h)

- Surface area and pore
- Surface property

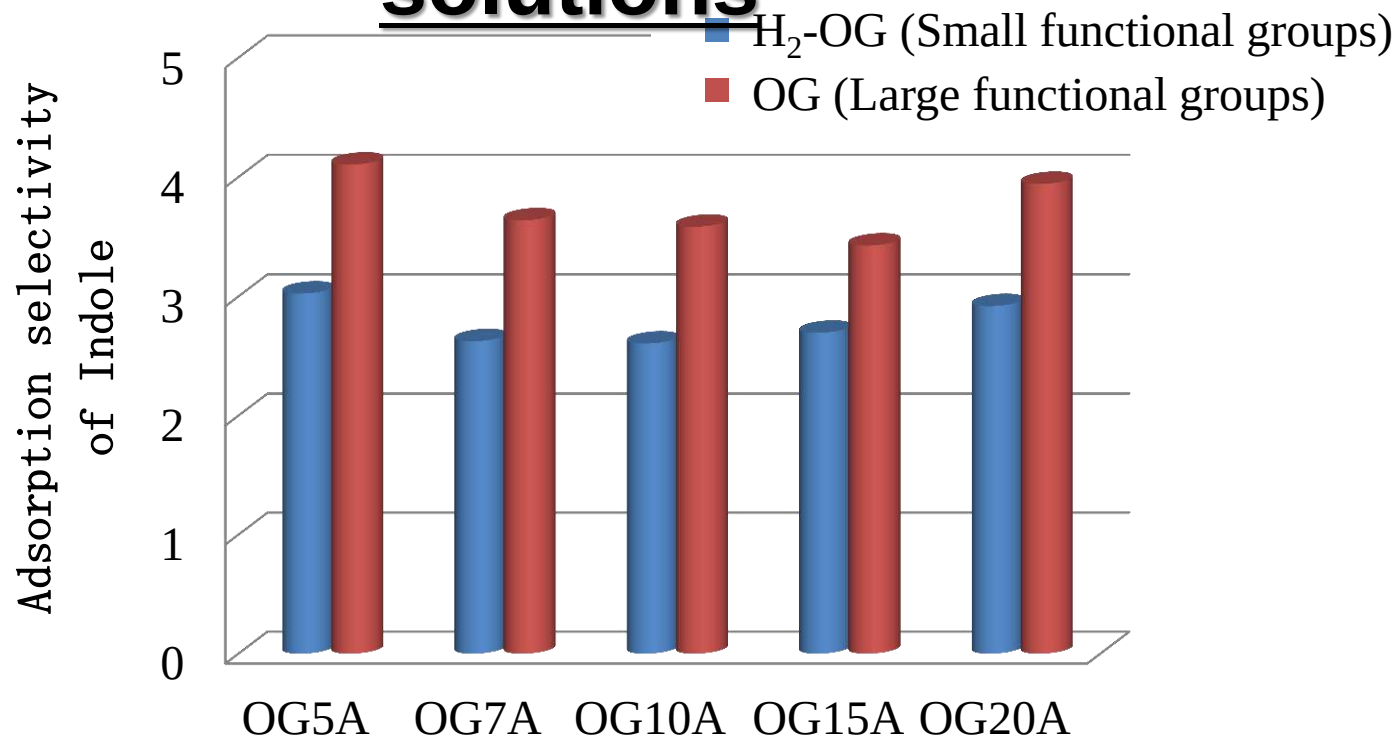
Ball type activated carbons

Ball type activated carbons with diameters of 100~300μ m

α_s analysis

		OG5A	OG7A	OG10A	OG15A	OG20A	H ₂ -OG 5A	H ₂ -OG 7A	H ₂ -OG 10A	H ₂ -OG 15A	H ₂ -OG 20A	SAC	OAC	Scmep	SACmip
SA (m ² /g)	A _{micro}	646	982	1283	1688	1928	728	1247	1305	1548	1802	1254	1585	570	1409
	A _{meso}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	108	143
	A _{external}	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	6.6	1.4	0.2	0.4
Pore size (nm)	W _{micro}	0.65	0.68	0.74	0.90	1.11	0.65	0.70	0.75	0.91	1.11	0.69	0.96	0.64	0.74
	d _{meso}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.0	0	5.85	3.24
Oxygen contents (%)		14.3	19.0	22.2	12.8	12.1	6.0	5.2	4.5	2.5	2.6	15.1	4.7	6.0	4.4

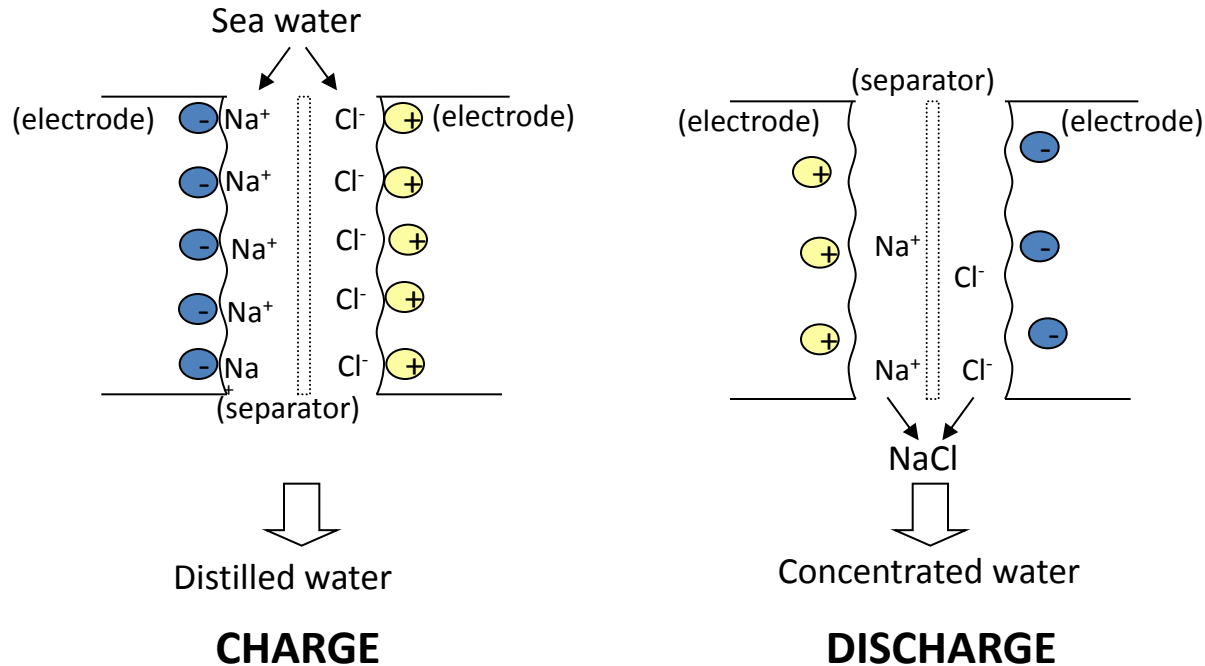
Effect of functional groups for binary solutions



Removal ratio of Indole (%)	OG5A	OG7A	OG10A	OG15A	OG20A
Small functional groups	49.9	70.1	69.3	70.9	72.1
Large functional groups	43.1	63.3	63.8	69.9	68.6
Removal ratio of amylase (%)	OG5A	OG7A	OG10A	OG15A	OG20A
Small functional groups	16.5	26.7	26.6	26.3	24.7
Large functional groups	10.5	17.4	17.8	20.4	17.4

Capacitive De-ionization (CDI)

Principle of electrical desalination



- Diffusion of ions inside of pores
 - Rapid electrochemical adsorption and desorption

Experimental setup

Storage
tank



System
(7cm*7cm)

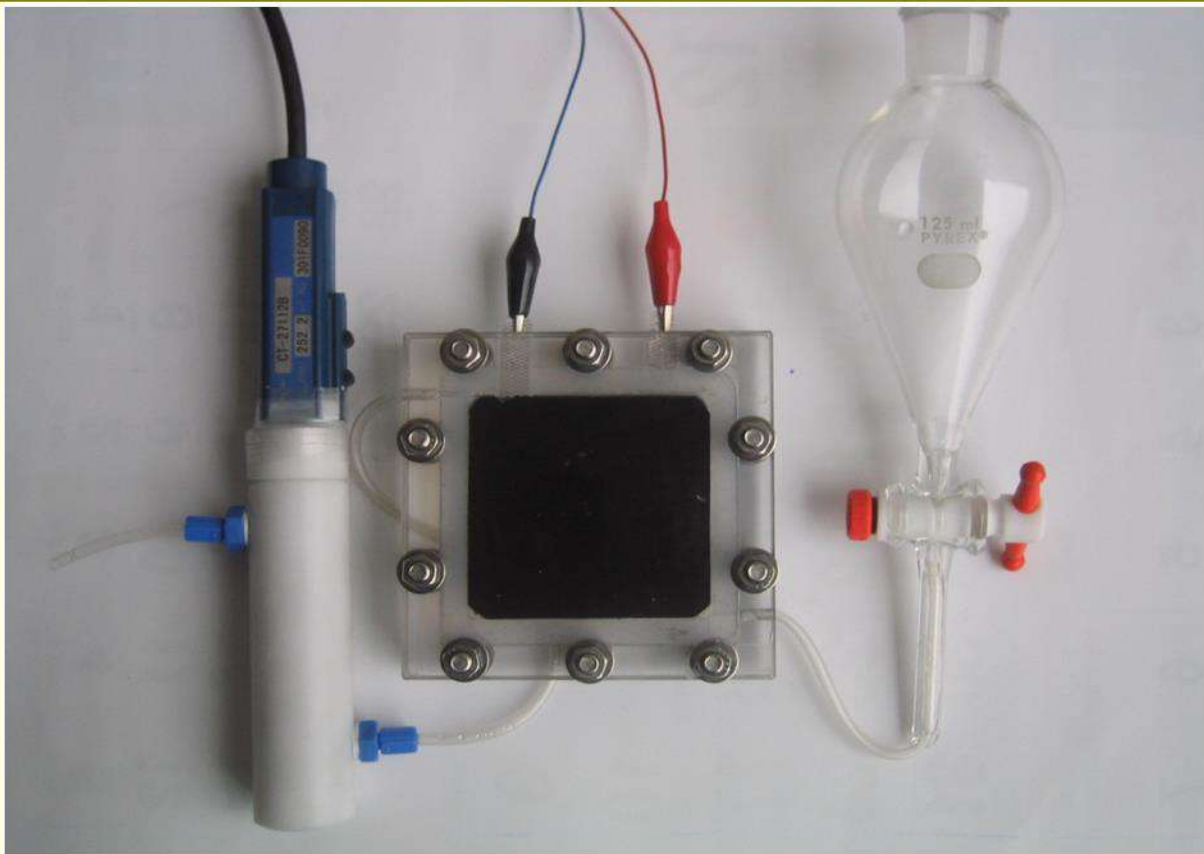


Conductivity
sensor



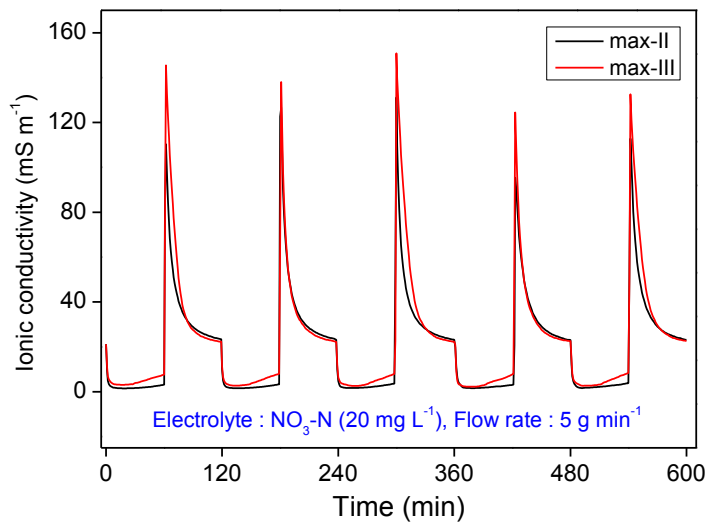
Desalted
water

Concentrated
water

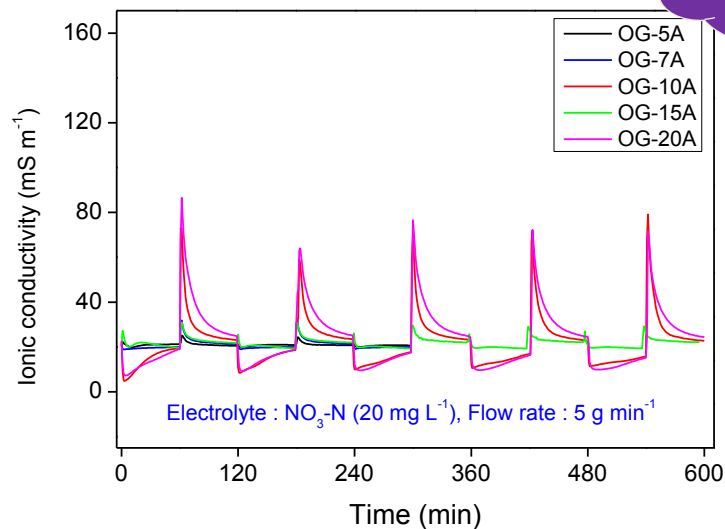


Nitric ion removal behaviors

Maxsorb series

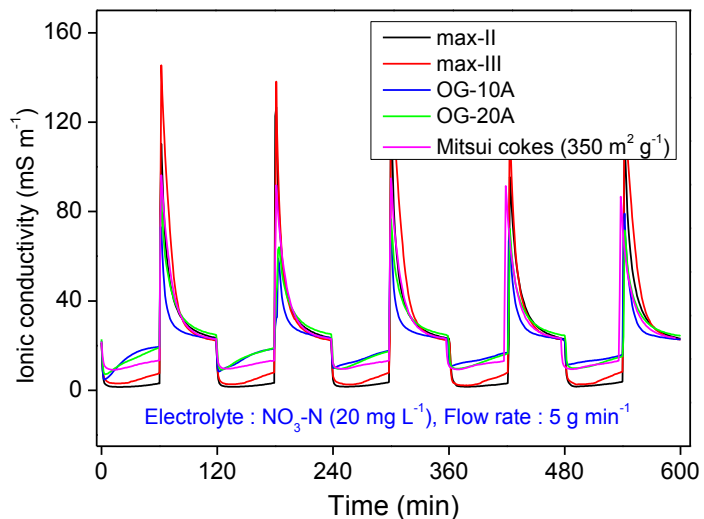


OG series



Up to 1.0V

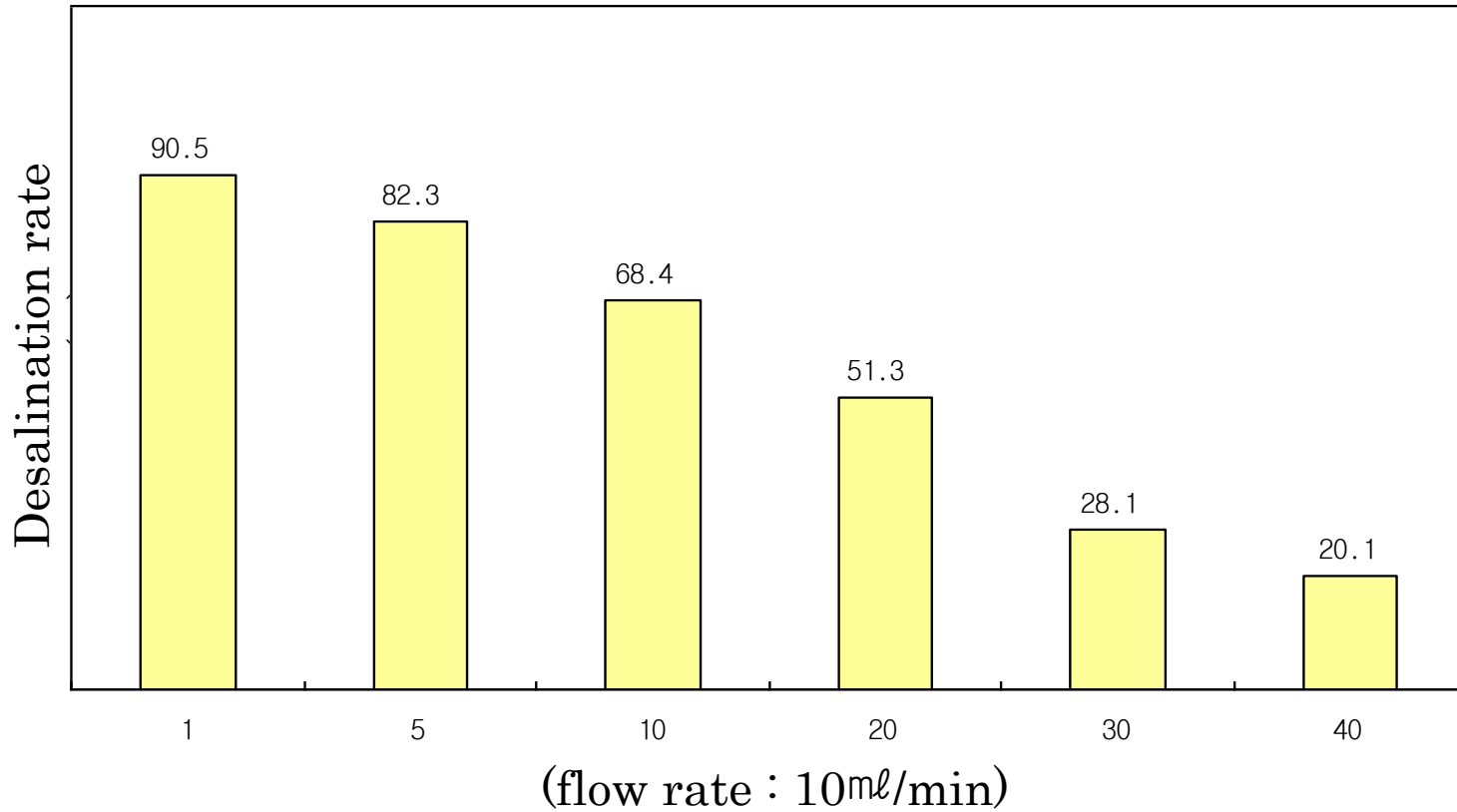
Total



- 硝酸性窒素イオンにおける脱塩特性は
Max-IIIが最大特性を示した。
- 三井鉱産のコークスがOGシリーズより良かった。
- **Maxsorb > Mitsui cokes > OG series**

Cl⁻ ions in the city water

Effect of flow rate



Points

- How to increase lifetime
- How to increase adsorption selectivity and amount of ions

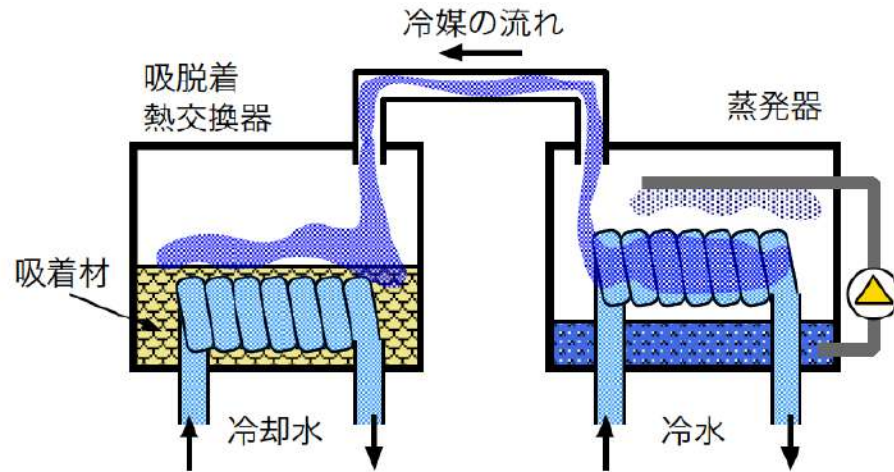
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- ❑ Optimization of pore and its distribution
- ❑ How to increase molecular diffusivity
- ❑ Preparation of high electric conductive AC

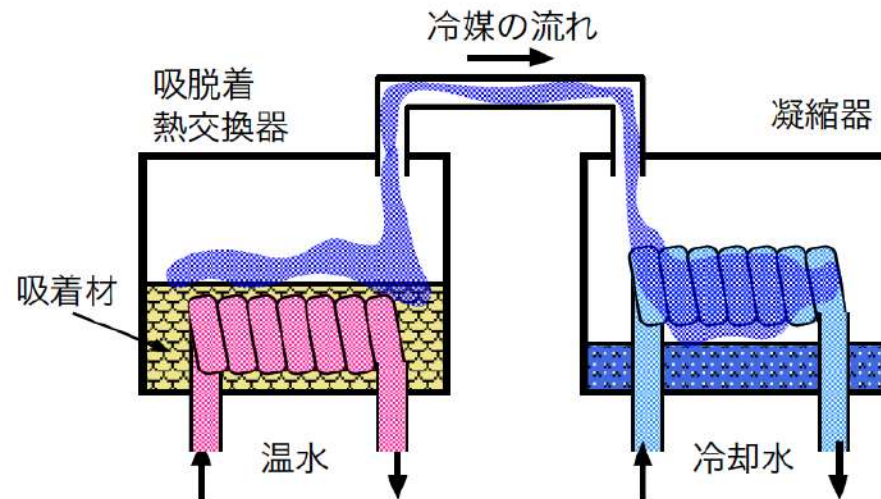
Application of activated carbons to Heatpump for energy-free operation

Principle of Heat Pump

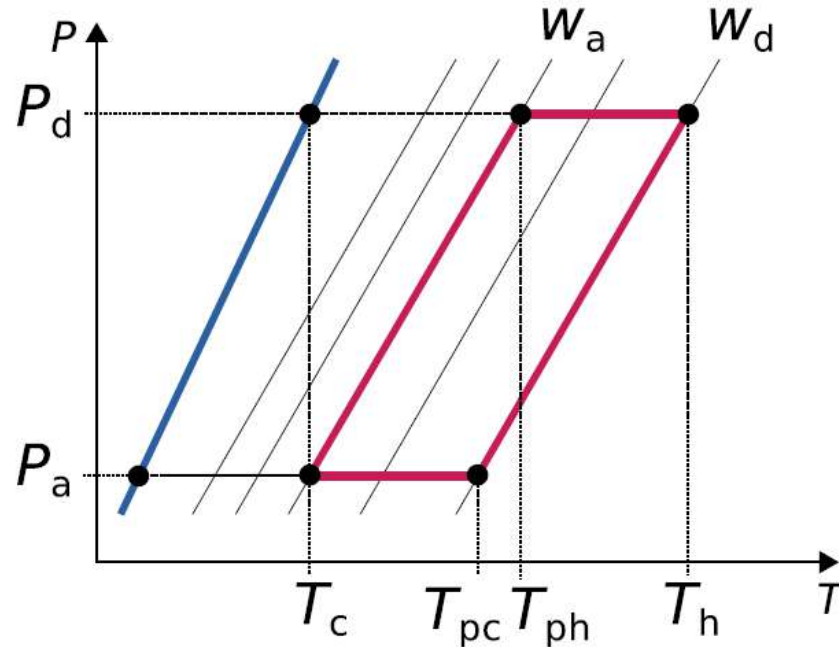
Adsorption



Desorption



Static analysis of adsorptive HP



Heat input

$$Q_{in} = M_s C (T_h - T_c) + M_s q_s (w_a - w_d)$$

$$C = \begin{cases} c_s + c_r w_a & (T_c \leq T \leq T_{ph}) \\ c_s + c_r (w_a + w_d)/2 & (T_{ph} \leq T \leq T_h) \end{cases}$$

Cooling effect

$$Q_{chil} = M_s L_r (w_a - w_d)$$

COP

$$COP = Q_{chil}/Q_{in}$$

How to increase power

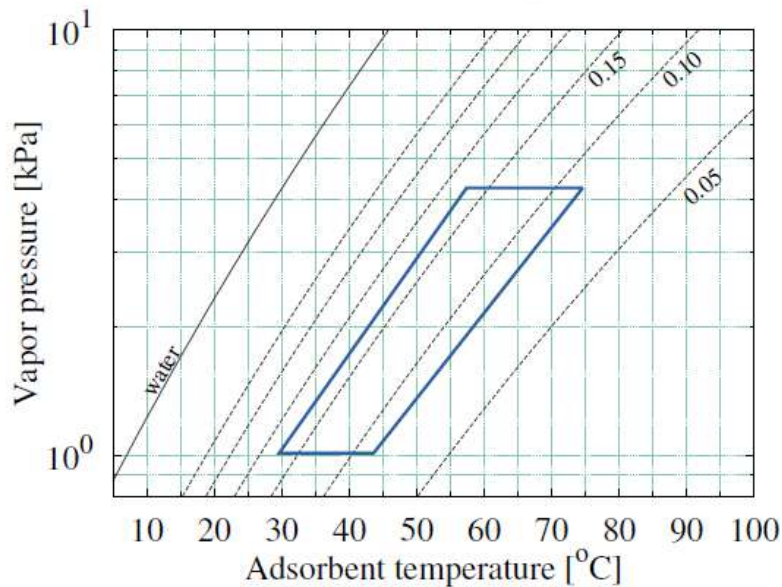
- Increasing effective adsorption

How to increase COP

- Making temperature change smaller

Performance test results

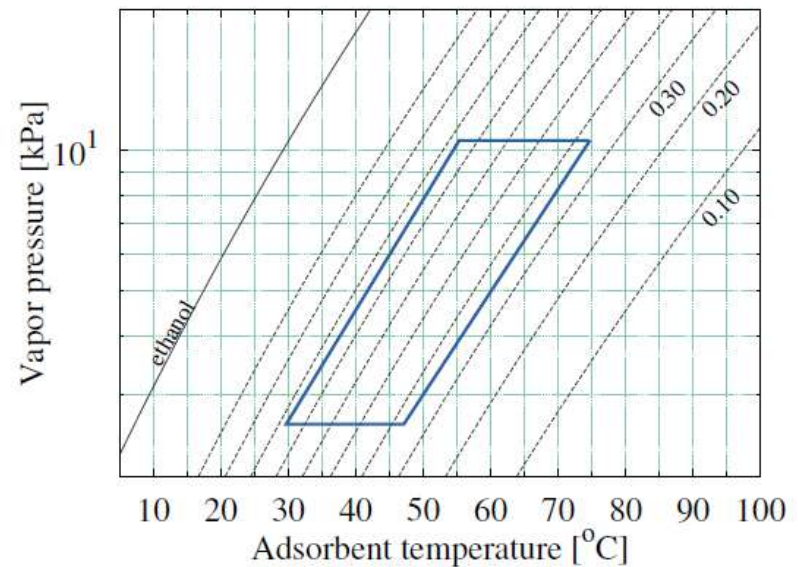
Silica gel- water



COP 0.69

冷凍効果 210 kJ/cycle

Activated carbon - ethanol



COP 0.66

冷凍効果 360 kJ/cycle

Points

- How to increase adsorption amount of molecules such as water, methanol and ethanol



- ❑ Optimization of pore and its distribution
- ❑ How to increase molecular diffusivity
- ❑ Preparation of high thermal conductive AC

Conclusion

- **New functions, Improving conventional characteristics**



- **New analysis, New structure, surface, functional groups and properties**

- ✓ Domain concept
- ✓ Shallow pore concept
- ✓ Functional groups
 - Nitrogen, oxygen ... $\Rightarrow$ other hetero atoms
- ✓ High electrical conductive
- ✓ High thermal conductive

Thank you for kind attention.