

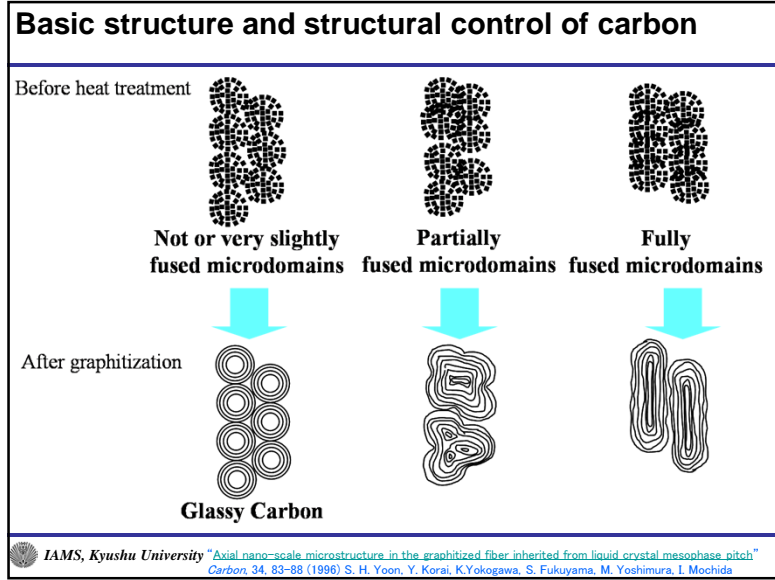
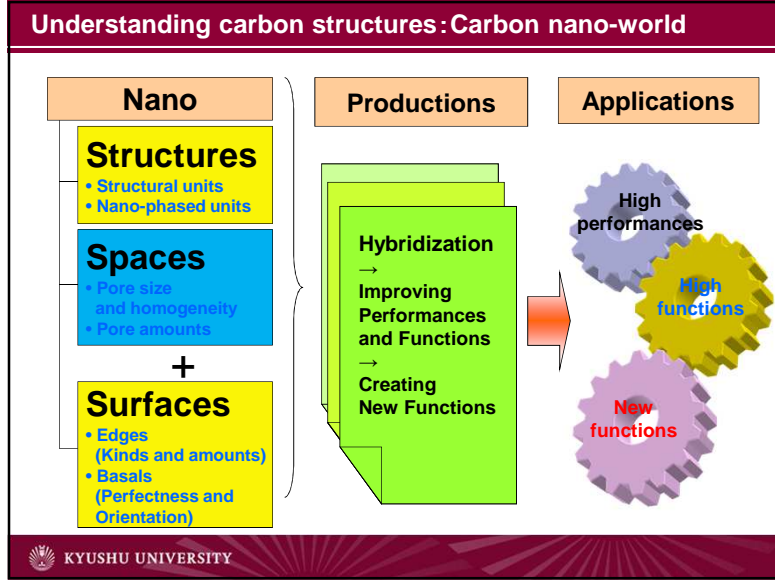
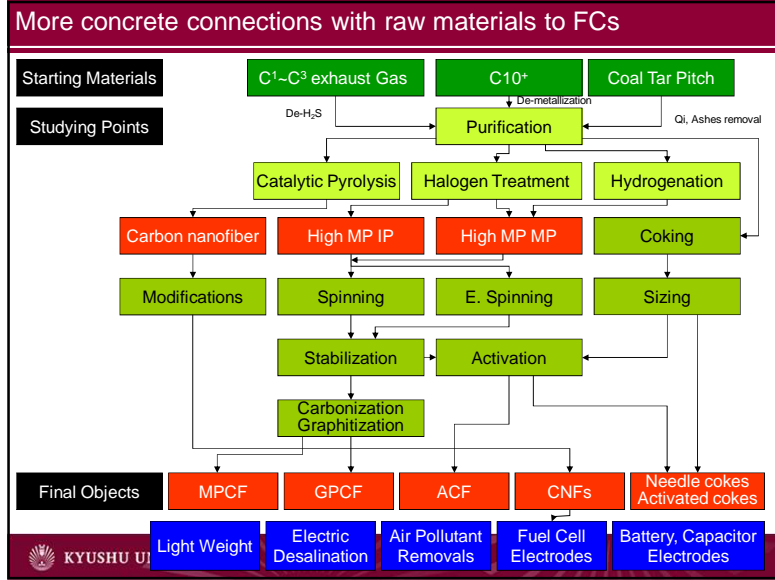
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表面利用

## 活性炭の応用

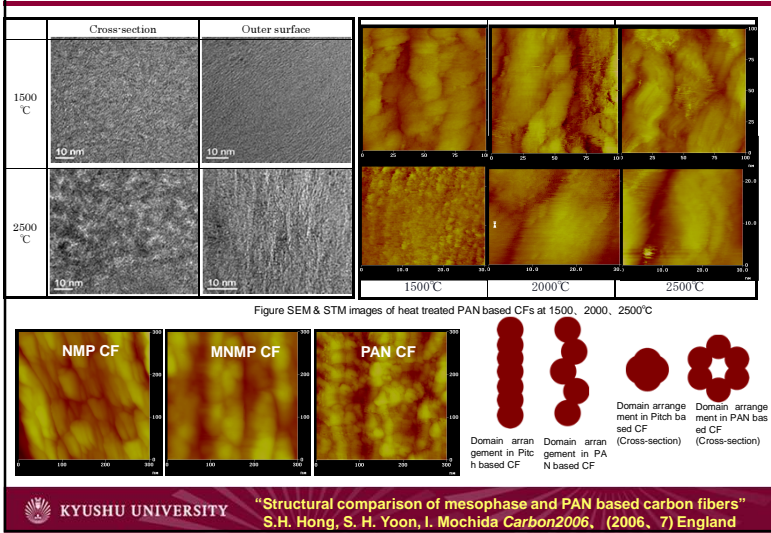
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### Nanoscopic Structure of PAN Based CF



### Key Materials for Energy and Environmental Devices

#### Carbon is an Indispensable Material for Energy related Devices

Best Structure for Best Performance

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Best Selection

#### Best Selection

##### Scientific Cycle

- Structural Understanding ←

- Structure Preparation

- Working Mechanism ←

Molecular Level  
Electrochemical  
Catalytic / Kinetics  
Molecular / Heat Transfer

Carbon

### Preparation of Activated Carbons

#### Selection of Precursor

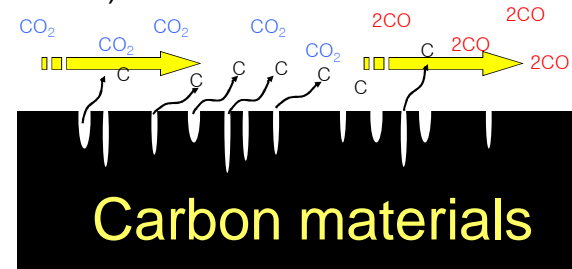
- Pore Framework / Density
- Properties of Pore Wall, Composition / Graphitic Extent
- Reactivity at Activation
- Non-graphitizable precursors like polymer, biomass and isotropic coke for usual AC or ACF
- Graphitizable precursors like anisotropic cokes or mesophase pitch for EDLC electrode materials

#### Activation Procedures

- CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O
- Alkali Hydroxides / Carbonates; More Research
- Selective Catalytic Gasification ; Catalyst Control

- ❖ Very Large Surface Area > 3000 m<sup>2</sup>/g
- ❖ Adequate Pore And Wall

#### Activation (Making small pores in the carbon materials)



Activation reagents

- Air, CO<sub>2</sub>, Steam
- KOH (NaOH), ZnCl<sub>2</sub>

### KOH Activation

Catalytic progress Under K<sub>2</sub>O

$$2\text{KOH} \rightarrow \text{K}_2\text{O} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$$

(Dehydration)

$$\text{C} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{CO}$$

(Water gas reaction)

$$\text{CO} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{CO}_2$$

(Water gas shift reaction)

$$\text{K}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$$

Carbon is mainly consumed as a form of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

$$\text{K}_2\text{O} + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{K} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$$

$$\text{K}_2\text{O} + \text{C} \rightarrow 2\text{K} + \text{CO}$$

K compounds are reduces as a metal

- Higher surface area compared to the steam activation
- Almost no productions of CO and CO<sub>2</sub>
- **K metal intercalation: higher diffusivity than steam molecule**

<b>KOH</b> MP: 380°C BP: 1324°C	<b>K<sub>2</sub>O</b> MP: 490°C (350°C, KO and K)	<b>K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub></b> MP: 891°C	<b>K</b> MP: 64°C BP: 774°C
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### Activated carbon : Images of pores

Inner surface Outer surface Sub-micro pore < 0.8 nm Micro pore 0.8 - 2.0 nm Meso pore 2.0- 50 nm Macro pore > 50 nm	Schematic shapes of pores Micropores Macro or Mesopore
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Classification of surface and pores

Schematic pore images of activated carbon fiber and activated carbon

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### Glassy carbons from Novolak resin

1200°C

2400°C

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### Structure of Activated Carbon

**Surface Area, Pore : Depth & Volume**

- Surface Structure
- Surface Chemistry
- Based and Edge Plane, Substituents
- Hetero Atoms in Hexagon

**Carbon Structure of Wall**

- Micro, Nano, Macro Structure of Carbon Wall
- Graphitization Extent
- Domain Structure
- Density, Reactivity (Activated Surface)
- Precursor : Structure and Reactivity

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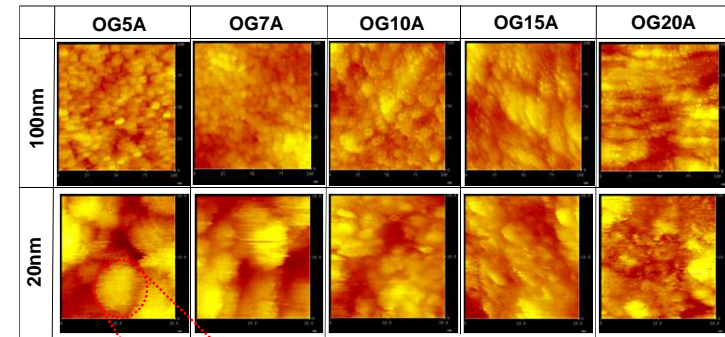
## Some properties of pitch based ACFs

- ◆ Pitch-based activated carbon fibers (ACFs) used in this study.  
OG5A, OG7A, OG10A, OG15A and OG20A were provided by Osaka Gas Co.

Some physical properties of ACFs given by Osaka Gas Co.

	OG5A	OG7A	OG10A	OG15A	OG20A
Specific surface area (m <sup>2</sup> /g)	480	850	1300	1725	2000
Average pore size (nm)	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.9	2.2
Average pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)	-	0.38	0.54	0.81	1.13

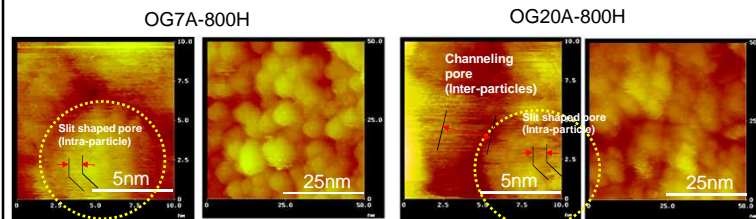
## STM images of ACFs



- ◆ ACFs consist of structural units of micro domain with diameter of around 5nm.

## STM images of ACFs

In order to remove oxygen containing functional groups for removing the heterogeneous effect of STM, OG7A and OG20A were heat-treated at 800°C in a hydrogen atmosphere ( $H_2/He = 1/4$ ).



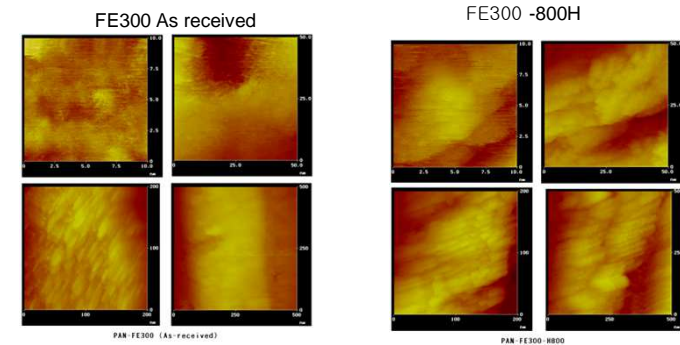
- ▲ Vacant spaces between the two domains of OG20A are larger than that of OG7A.

- ▲ Domain size of OG20A is a little smaller than that of OG7A.

- ▲ Slit type pores were observed in domains of OG7A and OG20A.

- ▲ It can be presumed that almost pores larger than 2nm nucleated by the inter-particle mechanism.

## STM images of PAN Based ACFs



- ▲ FE300 is also composed of micro-domain structures.
- ▲ Basic structural units of PAN based ACF are more difficult to observe because of high heterogeneous effects of surface heterogeneous atoms and many defects.



## Activation of carbons

Precursor of ACF has been composed of nano-structural primary units

Structural factor should be considered for the better understanding of activated carbons and their applications.

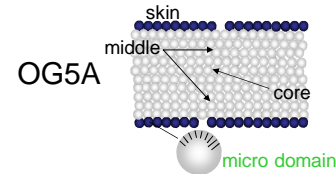
Size and arrangement of BSU  
Etching and diffusion of oxidative agent against BSU

Pores from intraparticles (Slit shaped? Micropores less than 2 nm)

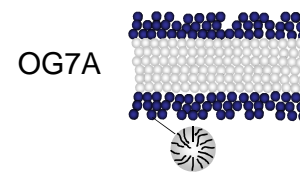
Pores from interparticles (Channeled shaped having wider pore size distributions (0.2 ~ 50 nm))

## Mechanism of the pore formations in ACFs

A model for cross section of ACFs



Only skin is activated, homogeneous narrow pore exist on the surface of domains.  
The activation does not reach to the middle and core parts.  
OG5A has smallest surface area but homogeneous pores.



Skin and middle parts are activated.  
Pores in domain become wider and longer than that of OG5A because of the pores formed by inter-domain mechanism.  
Pores are formed by the intra-domain and inter-domain mechanisms.  
Heterogeneous pores exist.

## Mechanism of the pore formation in ACFs

**OG10A**

- The activation proceeds to near the core.
- Domains in the surface become smaller by activation.

OG10A have various size pores.

**OG15A**

- Whole parts of skin, middle and core are activated.
- The pores from the intra-domain become larger by activation.
- Owing to some domains burning, fiber diameter becomes smaller than OG5A, 7A and 10A.

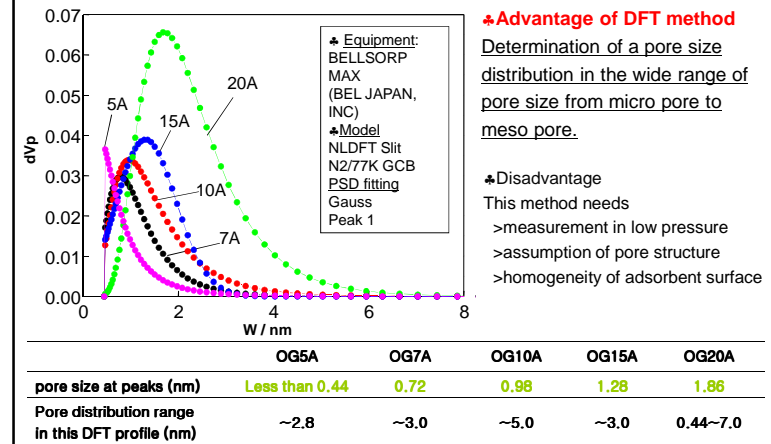
More homogeneous pore distribution than that of OG10A.

**OG20A**

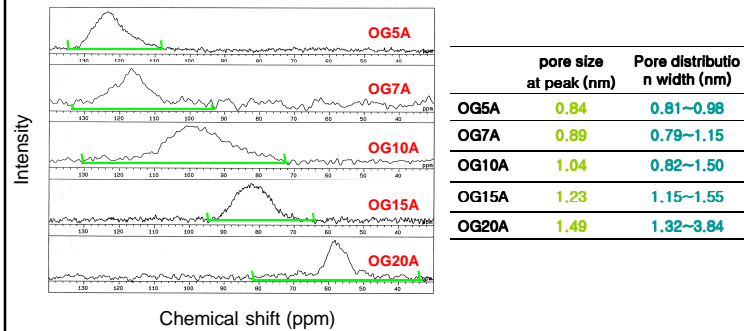
- Over 70% of domains are burned-off.
- Pore portions from interparticle nucleation becomes larger
- OG20A diameter become smaller than OG15A.

OG20A have largest surface area but heterogeneous pores.

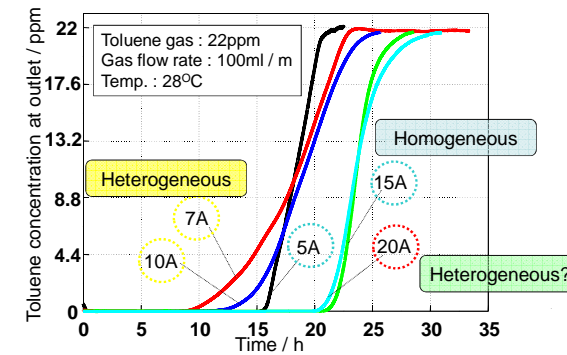
## Pore distribution using NLDFT method



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

**$^{129}\text{Xe}$ -NMR spectrum of ACFs**

- ◆ Chemical shift at highest intensity, corresponding to pore size, increased in the order of OG5A < 7A < 10A < 15A < 20A.
- ◆ 5A and 15A exhibited narrow peaks. → relatively homogeneous pore size
- ◆ Peak broadening can be seen for 7A, 10A and 20A. → heterogeneous pore size

**Toluene adsorption characteristics of ACFs**

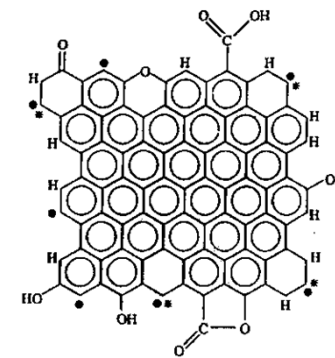
- ◆ The slopes of breakthrough curves for 5A and 15A were steeper than those of curves for 7A and 10A.
- ◆ ACFs with homogeneous pores (5A and 15A) showed rapid toluene adsorption and larger capacity per unit area and longer breakthrough time, whereas ACFs with heterogeneous pores (7A and 10A) showed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

**Some Properties of ACFs**

Pitch based ACF	BET (m <sup>2</sup> / g)	Elemental analysis (wt %)				
		C	H	N	O	N / C
OG5A	563	92.4	0.6	0.7	6.0	0.007
OG7A	901	93.0	0.6	0.8	5.4	0.007
OG10A	1085	95.3	0.6	0.5	3.4	0.004
OG15A	1606	95.2	0.6	0.3	3.4	0.003
OG20A	1924	94.1	0.6	0.4	4.8	0.003

PAN based ACF	BET (m <sup>2</sup> / g)	Elemental analysis (wt %)				
		C	H	N	O	N / C
FE100	450	70.9	2.0	8.4	17.3	0.102
FE200	650	72.5	1.8	4.8	17.9	0.057
FE300	880	74.3	1.6	3.3	17.2	0.038
FE400	1020	76.8	1.6	2.3	19.4	0.026

**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  $\sigma$  electron; ●\* represents an "in-plane  $\sigma$  pair" with \* being a localized  $\pi$  electron, (Radovic)

### Some Properties of ACFs

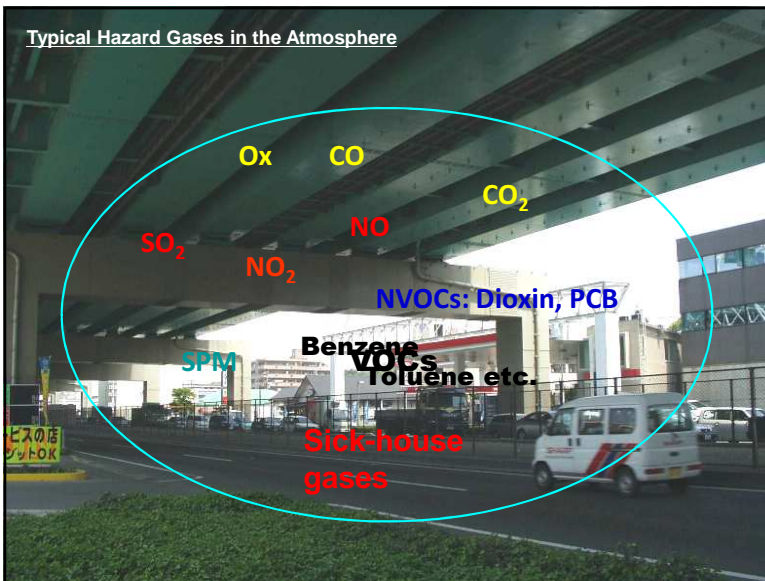
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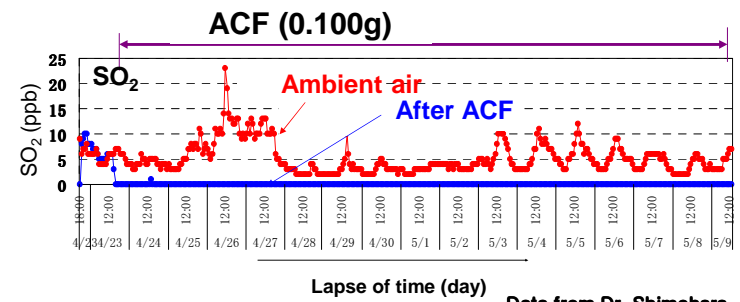
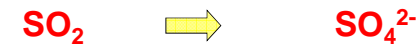
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### Removal of SO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> Using ACFs

Typical Hazard Gases in the Atmosphere



### ACF



Data from Dr. Shimohara Of Fukuoka H & E Institute

### DeSOx mechanism using ACF

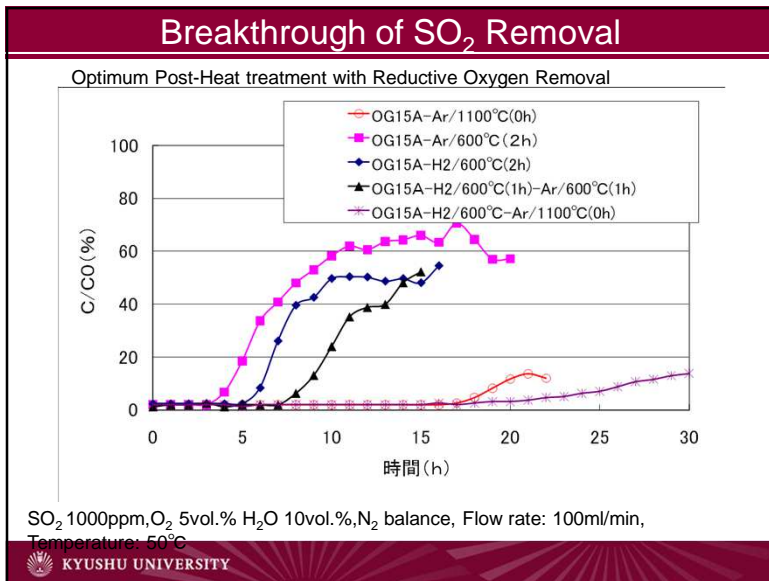
$SO_2 + ad. \rightarrow SO_2(ad.)$   
 $SO_2(ad.) + 1/2 O_2 \rightarrow SO_3(ad.)$   
 $SO_3(ad.) + H_2O \rightarrow H_2SO_4(ad.)$   
 $H_2SO_4(ad.) + H_2O \rightarrow aq. H_2SO_4$

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### Active Sites on Carbon Surface

Oxygen functional group	Acidic nature: Oxidative Basic nature: Reductive
Free valence	
Benzynes bonds on edge	Oxygen activation
Hetero-atoms in edge	Zigzag or Armchair
Hexagon stacking height	
Hydrophilic/Hydrophobic Small surface energy	
 <b>How to control ?</b>	

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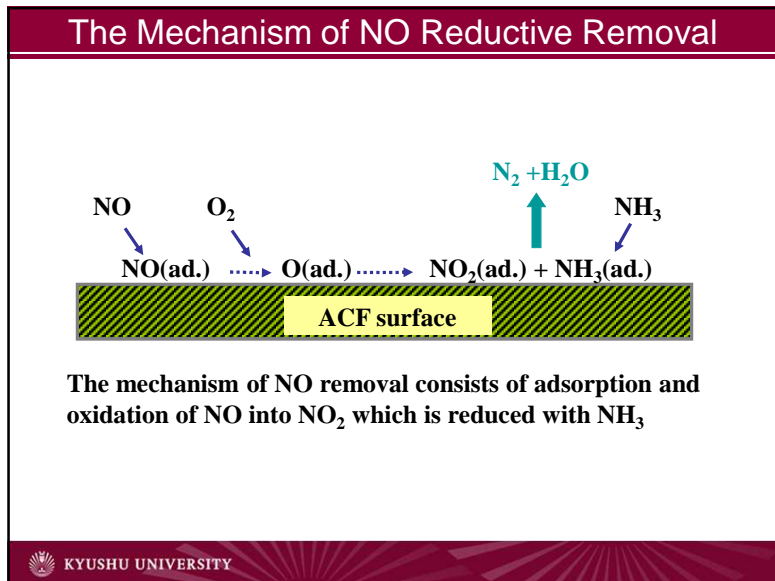
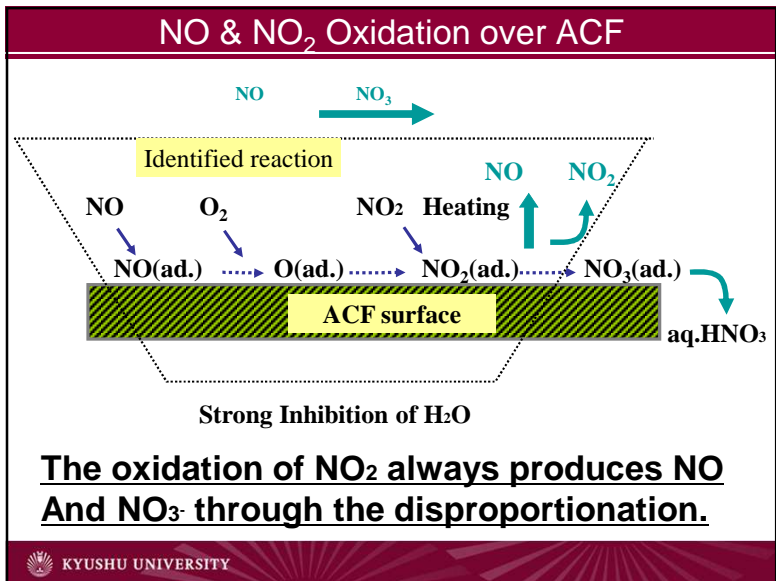
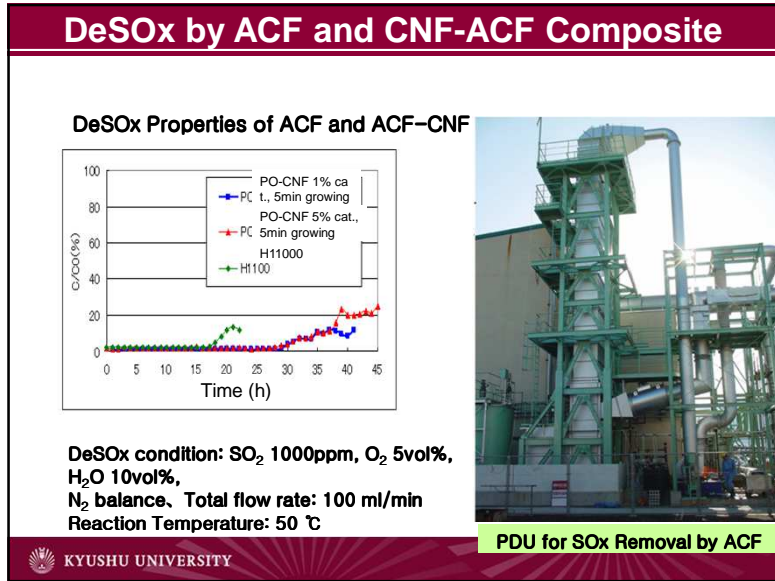
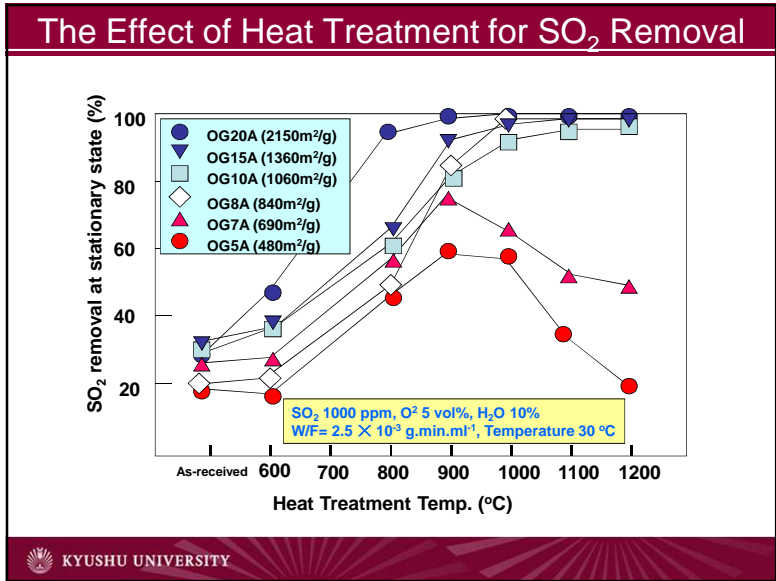
### Effect of Heat Treatment

Removal of Functional Groups  
with Least Changes of Carbon Structure  
Surface Area and Hexagon Stacking

Carbon	C	H	N	O	Ash (%)
	(wt.%, dry)				
OG-15A	93.5	0.6	0.5	5.5	0.0
OG15A-H1100(0min)	97.0	0.4	0.5	2.2	0.0
OG-15A-H1100(1h)	96.8	0.2	0.3	2.7	0.1

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### NOx Reduction at Room Temperature

$$\text{NO}_x + \text{O}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{ACF}} (\text{NH}_2)_2\text{CO} \xrightarrow{\text{ACF}} \text{N}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$$

- NOx oxidation
- Urea Activation
- NOx in Environment
- Roles of ACF : More variety of ACF

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### Adsorption of NO<sub>2</sub> in ACF

Flow rate: 300ml / min  
ACF (0.100g)  
Glass tube  
Including of O<sub>2</sub> (21%)  
Breakthrough time

**Half amount of adsorbed NO<sub>2</sub> is exhausted as NO.**

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### Scavenging activities against NO

Flow rate: 300ml / min  
ACF (0.100g)  
Including of O<sub>2</sub> (21%)  
Contact time: 0.3 sec

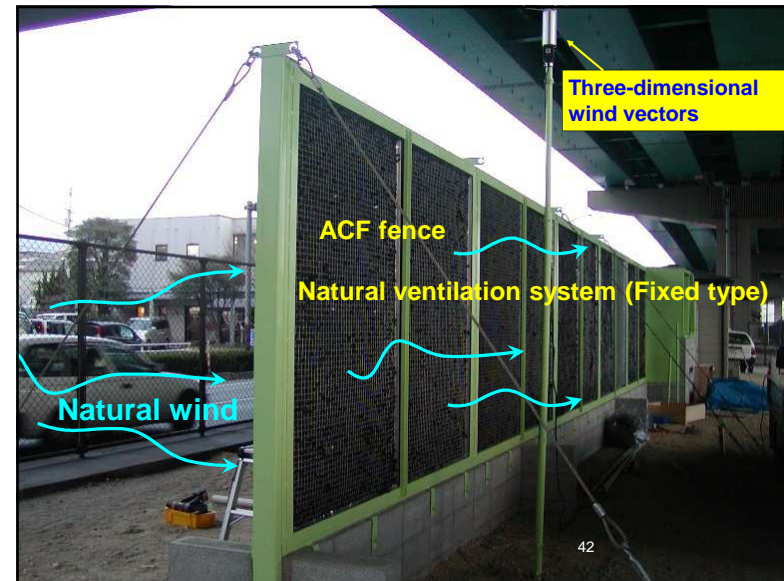
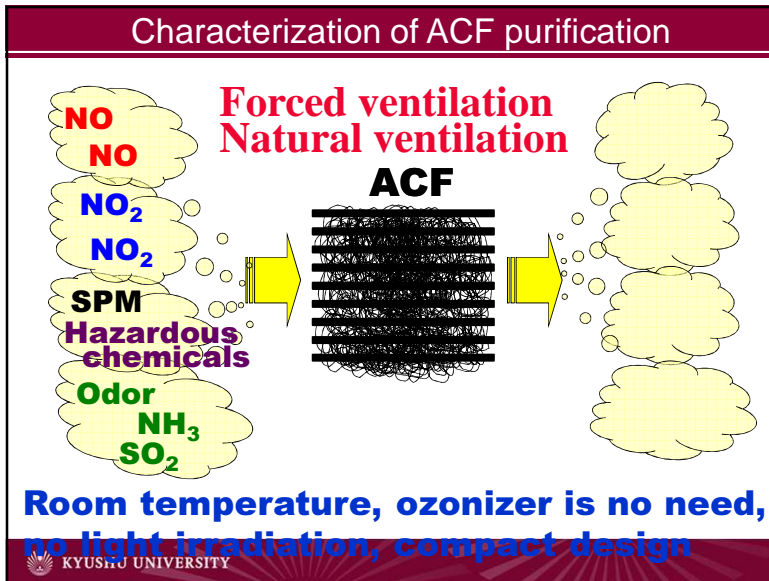
**Breakthrough time 0.5 h**

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### The characteristics of NOx purification

0.100g 3cm in length  
8mm Cont. time 0.3sec

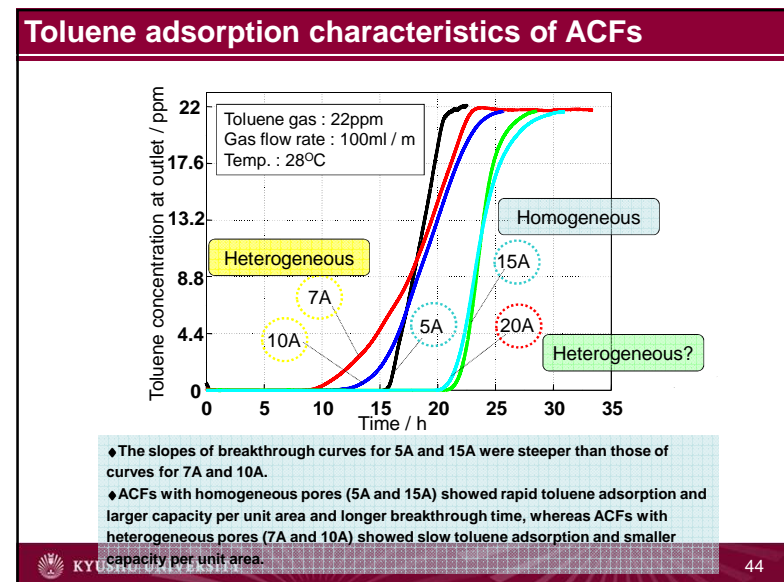
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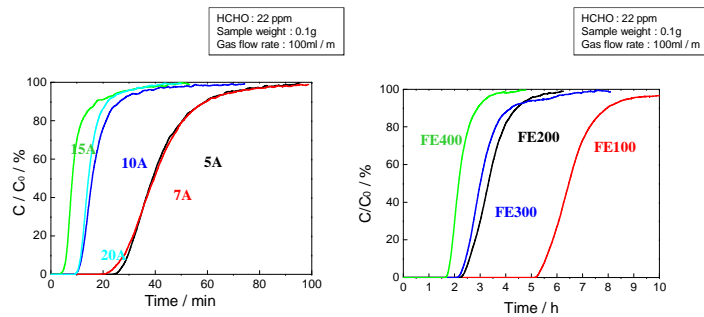
### Removal of Sick-house gases using ACF/MnO<sub>2</sub>

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### HCHO adsorption characteristics of ACFs

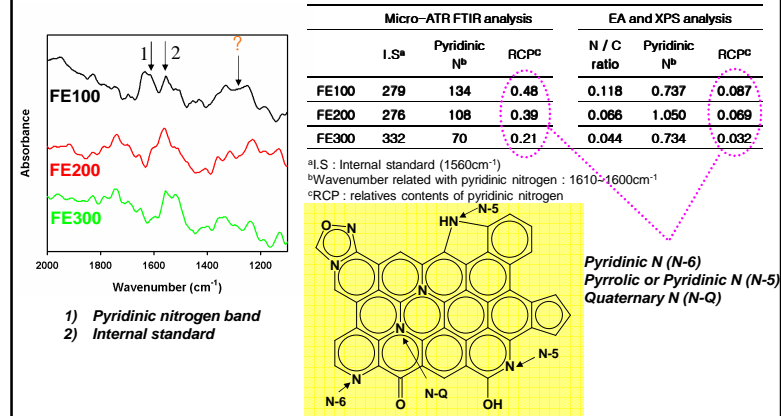


**Break through time**

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

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

### Micro ATR-FTIR spectrum of FE series



### Micro-ATR FTIR analysis

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

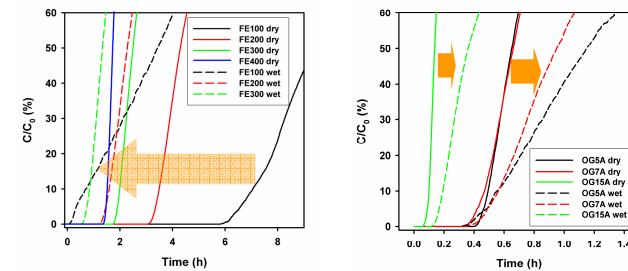
Sample	Internal Standard	Pyridinic N <sup>a</sup>	Internal Standard /Pyridinic N
FE100	279	134	0.48
FE200	276	108	0.39
FE300	332	70	0.21
FE400	330	64	0.19

<sup>a</sup> Wavenumber related with pyridinic nitrogen: 1610 ~ 1600 cm<sup>-1</sup>

### Breakthrough curves of formaldehyde adsorption

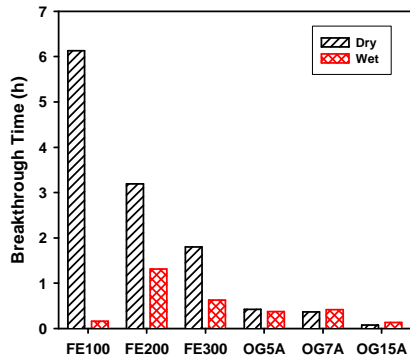
WATER Competitive adsorption decreases the adsorption amount of HCHO

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





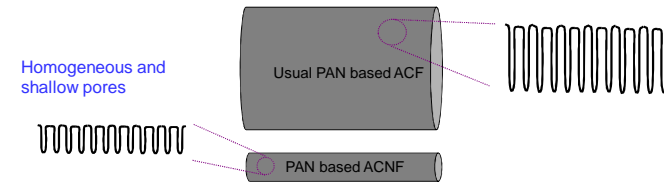
### Comparison of formaldehyde adsorption in different ACFs between dry and wet condition



### Selection of Precursor for ACF

- ◆ 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.



### SEM images of PCNF, stabilized PCNF and PACNF

**PCNF (starting material)**  
270°C (0.5°C / min)

**Stabilized PCNF**  
600°C in He or steam activation

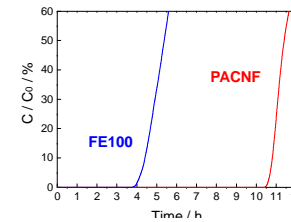
**PACNF**

Assembly of 1.8nm~3.6nm thin film

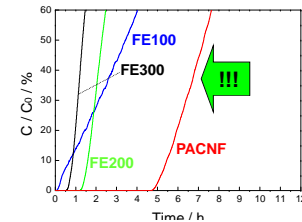
Nano particle assembly structure

### HCHO adsorption characteristics of PACNF in humidified atmosphere

RH	BET (m <sup>2</sup> / g)	Elemental analysis (wt%)					Microporous	
		C	H	N	Odif	ash	N / O	ratio (%)
90%	375	68.06	1.19	18.02	11.41	1.32	1.80	94.7%



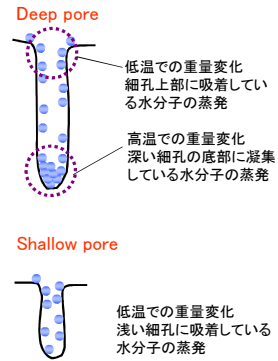
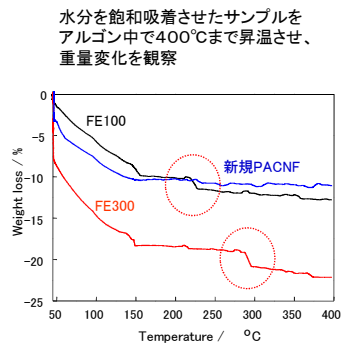
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HCHO : 11 ppm  
Sample weight : 0.05g  
Gas flow rate : 100ml / ml  
Humidity of condition : 0%



**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.

### Water adsorption property

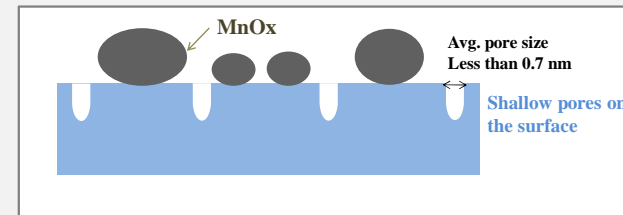


### Concept of the newly designed MnOx/ACNF

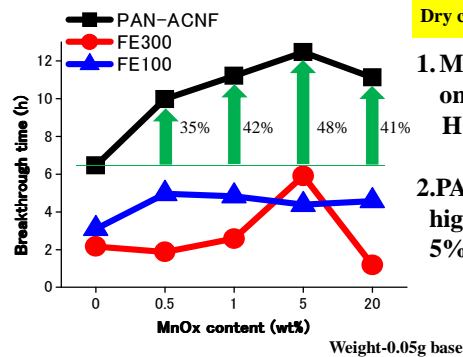
- ① Activated nano carbon fiber
- ② Catalytic decomposition of HCHO by MnOx into water and carbon dioxide

③ Clean removal into Water and Carbon dioxide  
 • Lifetime prolonged

#### The conceptual model of MnOx-carbon catalyst



### Influence of MnOx content on HCHO breakthrough time



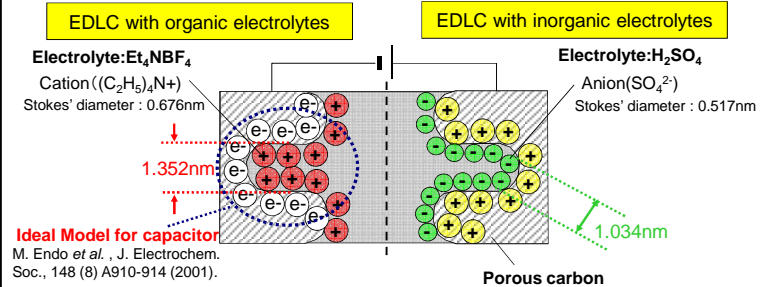
**Dry condition**

1. MnOx combined with carbon support to enhance HCHO removal.

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

Mn<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> or MnO<sub>2</sub> alone breakthrough in less than an hour.  
 → Deposition on carbon support improves catalytic activity of MnOx.

### Conjecture of pore size using capacitance data



In using Et<sub>4</sub>NBF<sub>4</sub> as an electrolyte, at least pore size larger than 1.3nm is necessary to have electric double layered capacitance.

In using H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> as an electrolyte, pore size of about 1.0nm is enough to have electric double layered capacitance.

### Samples

**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**

$H_3O^+$

in  $H_2SO_4/H_2O$

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$BF_4^-$

in  $Et_4NBF_4/PC$

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### Properties of Activated Carbon

**$N_2$  adsorption/desorption isotherms @77K**

**Pore size distributions**  
*(calculated by NL-DFT method)*

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

	Surface area (m <sup>2</sup> /g)				Pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> /g)			Pore width (nm)	
	A <sub>total</sub>	A <sub>external</sub>	A <sub>micro</sub>	A <sub>meso</sub>	V <sub>total</sub>	V <sub>micro</sub>	V <sub>meso</sub>	W <sub>micro</sub>	W <sub>meso</sub>
OG-5A	678.8	1.2	678.8	0	0.22	0.22	0	0.85	0.0
OG-7A	987.6	3.4	984.2	0	0.34	0.34	0	0.88	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	638.9	1.2	635.7	0	0.21	0.21	0	0.67	0.0
FE-200	808.2	2.2	807.0	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

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### Cyclic Voltammograms in Aqueous/Non-Aqueous Electrolytes

**Cyclic voltammograms in 1 M  $Et_4NBF_4/PC$**

**OG series**

**FE series**

**Cyclic voltammograms in 0.5 M  $H_2SO_4$**

**OG series**

**FE series**

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### Specific Capacitances in Non-Aqueous Electrolyte ( $Et_4NBF_4/PC$ )

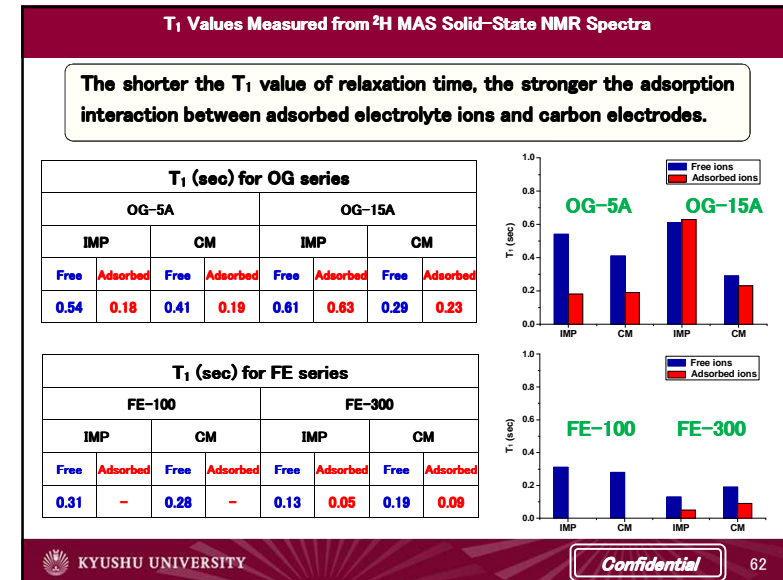
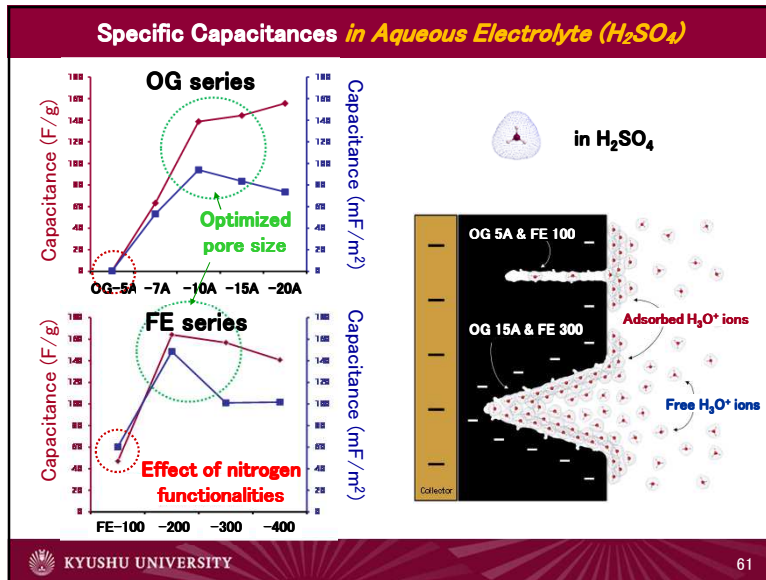
**OG series**

**FE series**

Solvated electrolyte ions fail to enter into narrow micropores.

in  $Et_4NBF_4/PC$

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## Steam vs. Chemical Activations

### What is the difference:

- Surface area, pore size and its distribution
- Surface compositions
- Surface structure (?)
- Cost
- Waste materials

Capacitance, cost, ...

How to overcome the differences?

## Structure of Activated Carbon

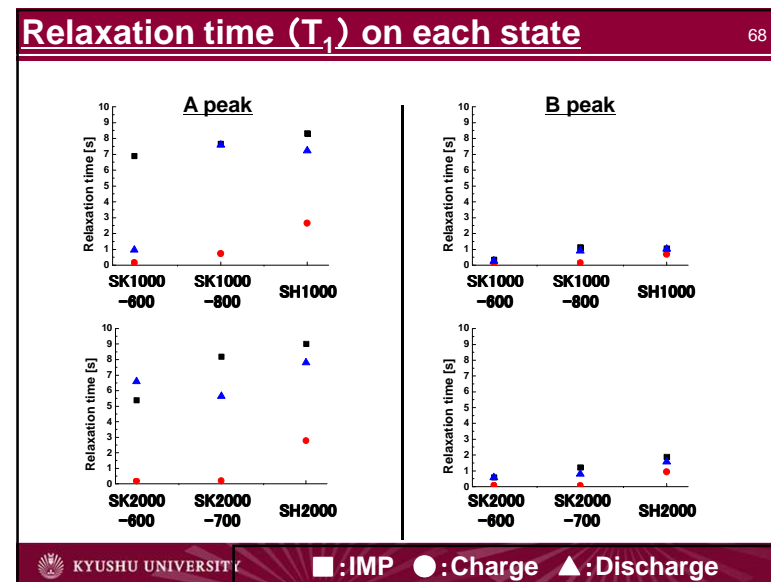
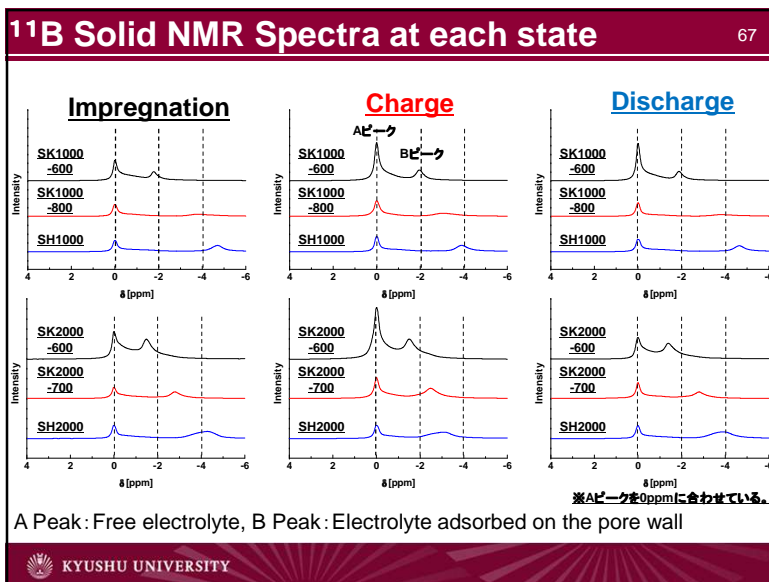
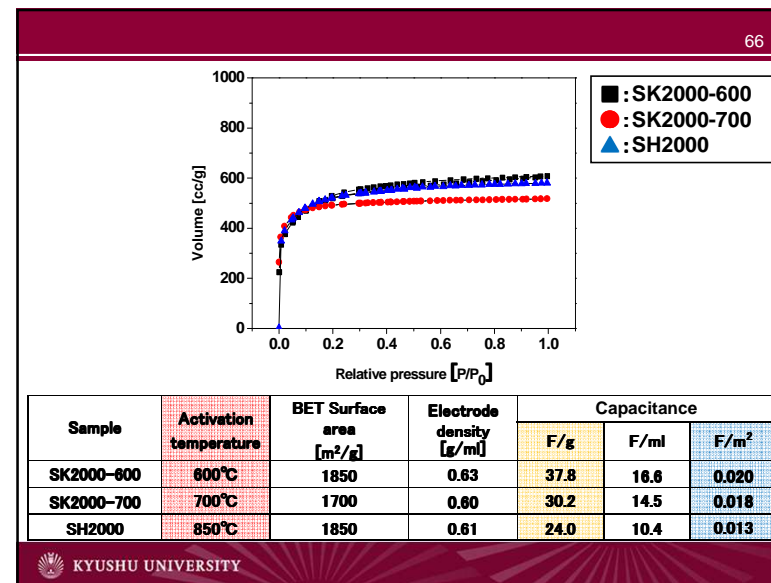
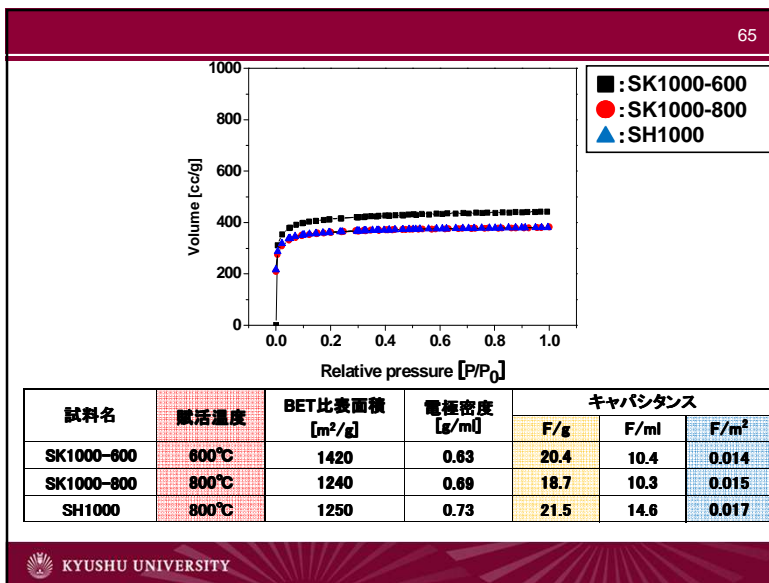
### • Surface Area, Pore: Depth & Volume

Surface Structure  
Surface Chemistry  
Based and Edge Plane  
Hetero atoms in Hexagon

### • Carbon Structure of Wall

Nano, Micro, Macro Structure of Carbon Wall  
-Graphitization Extent  
-Domain Structure  
→ Density, Reactivity (Activated Surface)  
Precursor : Structure and Reactivity





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**Effect of wall surface**

**Contribution to chemical shift (Ring current effect)**

**Contribution to capacitance**

High capacitance

Low capacitance

Adsorption on the edge → Lower magnetic field shift, Higher capacitance  
→ SK2000 is conjectured to have more edges on the pore walls

Adsorption on the basal planes → Higher magnetic field shift, lower capacitance  
→ SH2000 might have less edges on the pore walls

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#### Difference of chemical and steam activations

**Methodological effect**

KOH: Edge surface

Steam: Basal surface

**Conditional effect**

Less than 600°C:  
Most pore walls have edge containing surfaces

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### Surface modified PCNFs Langmuir 2006, 22(22), 9086.

<p>PCNF</p> <p>5 nm</p>	<p>Graphitic edge</p>	<p>GPCNF-NA</p> <p>5 nm</p>	<p>Recovered graphitic edge</p>
Thermal (2800°C)		Chemical (10% HNO <sub>3</sub> )	
<p>GPCNF</p> <p>5 nm</p>	<p>Dome-like basal plane</p> <p style="color: red;">Mechanical</p>	<p>GPCNF-M</p> <p>5 nm</p>	<p>Dome-like basal planes</p>

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### Capacitances of PCNF series Langmuir 2006, 22(22), 9086.

PCNFs having edge surfaces Showed 3-5 times Higher capacitances

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## Conclusion

- Carbon is a key material for energy and environmental devices.
- Full understanding of carbon structure is necessary for useful applications
- Korea has a lot of sources for carbon materials.
- No manpower and skill for carbon manufacturing.

### University:

- ❖ Changing the consciousness
- ❖ Creation and leading of projects
- ❖ Manpower cultivation