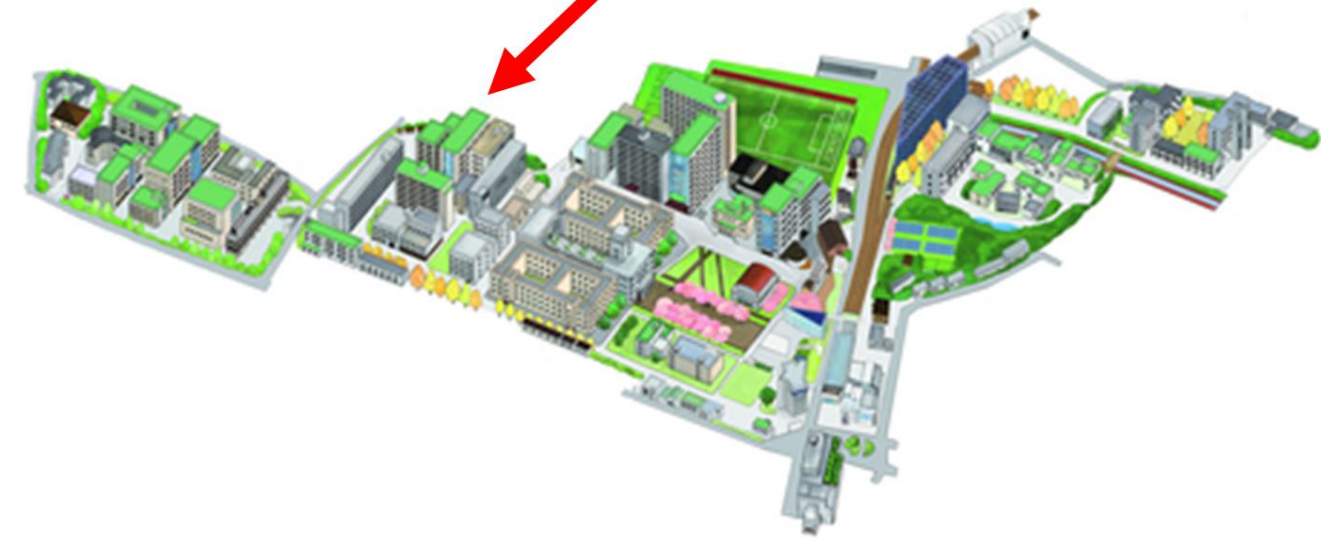


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**芳香族ポリマー**

ポリエーテルスルホン    ポリエーテルケトン

▶ 耐熱性  
▶ 化学的安定性

ポリイミド

**ハイパーブランチポリマー**

末端を活性点とした触媒材料開発

スルホン酸末端による酸触媒反応    カルボン酸末端によるセルロースの加水分解

TEMPO末端によるアルコール酸化

熱処理による炭素化  
ポリイミドの不融性を活かした粒子形態の制御

**燃料電池の非白金カソード触媒**  
Carbon based catalyst

主要論文

- Nabae et al, *J. Mater. Chem A* (2014) 2, 11561.
- Nabae et al, *Sci. Rep.* (2016) 6, 23276.
- Muthukrishnan et al., *J. Phys. Chem. C* (2016) 120, 22515.

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ポリイミドやポリエーテルスルホンなどの芳香族高分子は、耐熱性や化学的安定性に優れていますが、触媒の分野での活用はこれまで多くありません。私は芳香族高分子の持つ普遍的な長が、触媒材料やその前駆体として好適であると考え、①芳香族ハイパーブランチポリマーの末端を触媒活性点とした、新規触媒材料の開発、②ポリイミド微粒子の炭素化によって得た炭素粉末の燃料電池触媒への展開、などのテーマを実施しています。

## 研究紹介 1：芳香族ハイパーブランチポリマーの合成と触媒反応

### 芳香族ハイパーブランチポリマーと固体酸触媒

Special thanks: Prof Atsushi Takagaki

**A Novel Solid Acid Catalyst**  
SHBPES

Carbon

Carbon black SHBPES/CB

Y. Nabae et al., *Green Chem.*, 16, 3596-3602 (2014)

In water

Hyperbranched polymer

- ▶ Low entanglement
- ▶ Numerous functional groups
- ▶ High solubility
- ▶ Well exposed terminals
- ▶ Large free volume

### Synthesis of HBSPEs/CB

Fig. 4. TEM images of (a) pristine carbon black and (b) HBSPEs/CB.

Y. Nabae et al., *Green Chem.*, 16, 3596-3602 (2014)

### 高温での反応の例

Much better stability than amberlyst-15

Y. Nabae et al., *Green Chem.*, 16, 3596-3602 (2014).

## 多様な触媒活性点への展開

**ハイパーブランチポリエーテルケトン (AB<sub>2</sub>型重合)**

4,4'-(m-phenylene-di-oxo)bis(benzenecarboxylic acid) + PFMA

カルボン酸末端によるセルロースの加水分解

北大 福岡先生、小林先生、荻下博士  
Shi et al, *Polymer J.* (2014) 46, 722

**ハイパーブランチポリイミド (A<sub>2</sub> + B<sub>3</sub>型重合)**

PMDA + TAPB

1) Drop-wise addition of A<sub>2</sub> monomer, DMAc, 0°C, 0.5 h  
2) Polymerization, RT, 2 h  
3) End-capping with amino-TEMPO, RT, 3 h

HOOC-HPBAA

Pyridine/Ac<sub>2</sub>O, 100°C, overnight

TEMPO-HPBI

TEMPO末端によるアルコール部分酸化

Nabae et al., *J. Photopolym. Sci. Technol.* (2014) 27 139.  
Nabae et al, *High Perform. Polym.* (2017) 29 646.

## 最近研究しているポリマー

**フタル酸末端を有するハイパーブランチポリエーテルケトン**

Nabae et al, *Polymer J.*, published online (2018).  
12月号 Highlight!

**ハイパーブランチポリピリジン**

$\pi$ -Conjugated hyperbranched polymer

Ni catalyst

Enhanced doping

$\pi$ -Conjugated linear polymer

Koga et al, *Macromol. Chem. Phys.* 2017, 1700391.  
Koga et al, *J. Photopolym. Sci. Technol.*, 31, 617 (2018).

Special thanks: Dr Akiyasu Funakawa (Asahi KASEI)

今後様々な触媒反応へ・・・

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## 研究紹介 2 : 含窒素ポリマーの炭素化と燃料電池触媒への展開

### Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells (PEMFCs)

Directly convert the chemical energy from a fuel into electricity

High conversion efficiency!  
High energy density!

Application in automobiles!?

TOYOTA MIRAI  
US\$57,400

### Carbon-Based Catalyst

Anode | Cathode

Polymer electrolyte

10 nm Carbon based catalyst

### Our Material Synthesis

Pyrolysis : under N<sub>2</sub> or NH<sub>3</sub> flow, 600-1000°C

Ball mill, AW

Synthesis of new carbon materials rather than surface modification

Many active centers?  
High durability?

• Y. Nabae et al, *Catal. Sci. Technol.* 2014, 4, 1400.  
• Y. Nabae et al, *J. Mater. Chem. A.* 2014, 2, 11561

Pt catalyst is necessary to achieve a high enough reaction rate.  
Especially cathode reaction is slow → High loading of Pt

**Non-Precious-Metal Catalyst is desired.**

## Synthesis and Characterization

### Multi-step pyrolysis

600°C (N<sub>2</sub>) → AW → 800°C (NH<sub>3</sub>) → AW → 1000°C (NH<sub>3</sub>)

ODA 1050 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>  
Multi-step pyrolysis

C: 90.6%, H: trace, N: 3.1%,  
Fe: 1.9%, BET: 1050 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>

TAPB+Surfactant 1300 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>  
Multi-step pyrolysis

C: 90.9%, H: trace, N: 2.8%,  
Fe: 2.0%, BET: 1300 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>

### XPS

XPS N1s Fe/PI(100)-1000-III-NH<sub>3</sub>

Exp. Fitted Deconv.

### XAFS

Intensity / arb. units Fe/PI(100)-1000-III-NH<sub>3</sub>

Fe foil Fe<sub>3</sub>C Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> FeO FePc (FePc)<sub>2</sub>O

### RDE

Current density / mA cm<sup>-2</sup>

Potential / V (RHE)

- Working Electrode (RDE): Catalysts/Glassy carbon(6φ) 0.2 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Reference Electrode: RHE
- Counter Electrode: Carbon
- Electrolyte: O<sub>2</sub> saturated H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> (0.5 M)
- Rotation: 1500 rpm

Benchmark: Pt/C TEC1050E

Y. Nabae et al, *Scientific Reports*, 2016, 6, 23276.

## Fuel Cell Testing

Cell voltage / V

Current density / A cm<sup>-2</sup>

60 nm O<sub>2</sub> 100 nm O<sub>2</sub> 60 nm Air 100 nm Air

Cell voltage / V

Operation time / h

Fe/PI(60)-1000-III-NH<sub>3</sub> Fe/PI(100)-1000-III-NH<sub>3</sub>

(left) I-V performance curves under 0.2 MPa atmosphere, and (right) durability curves measured at 0.2 A cm<sup>-2</sup>. Anode: PtRu/C catalyst with 0.4 mg-PtRu cm<sup>-2</sup> loading, humidified H<sub>2</sub> at 80 ° C. Cathode: 4 mg cm<sup>-2</sup> catalyst loading, pure or balanced O<sub>2</sub> (humidified) at 80 ° C. Electrolyte: Nafion NR211. T: = 80 ° C.

### Under pure oxygen: initial performance

Group	Performance	Conditions	Reference
Our study	0.6 V@1 A cm <sup>-2</sup>	I-V curves	J. Mater. Chem. (2014) 11561
J.P. Dodelet (Canada)	0.65 V@1 A cm <sup>-2</sup>	0.5 mV/sec sweep	Nat. Commun. (2011) 416
P. Zelenay (US)	0.6 V@1 A cm <sup>-2</sup>	-	Science (2017) 479
Nisshinbo-Ballard	0.58 V@1 A cm <sup>-2</sup>	I-V curves	Sci. Adv. (2018) eaar7180

### Under air: initial performance

Group	Performance	Conditions	Reference
Our study	0.46 V@1 A cm <sup>-2</sup> 0.5 V @ 0.8 A cm <sup>-2</sup>	I-V curves.	Sci. Rep. (2016) 23276
J.P. Dodelet (Canada)	0.5 V@0.7 A cm <sup>-2</sup>	No I-V curves.	Nat. Commun. (2011) 416
S. Mukerjee (US)	0.44 V@1 A cm <sup>-2</sup>	I-V curves	Energy Environ. Sci. (2016) 2418
Nisshinbo-Ballard	0.53 V@1 A cm <sup>-2</sup>	I-V curves	Sci. Adv. (2018) eaar7180

## Reaction Mechanism

- Oxygen is reduced via 2+2 electron pathway rather than direct 4 electron pathway.  
Azhagumuthu et al., *ACS Catal.*, 5 5194 (2015).  
Azhagumuthu et al., *J. Phys. Chem. C*, 120 22515 (2016).
- The first 2 electron reduction to H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> is sufficiently catalyzed by N-doped carbon.  
Park et al., *ACS Catal.*, 4 3749 (2014).
- Small amount of Fe (may be Fe<sub>N</sub>x site) increases the number of electron and onset potential.  
Wu et al. *Langmuir*, 31 5529 (2015).

Pyridinic Graphitic Fe<sub>N</sub>x

## Conclusion

- A highly active NPM cathode catalyst was successfully synthesized by the pyrolysis of an Fe-containing polyimide precursor prepared from PMDA and TAPB.
- This catalyst demonstrates good fuel cell performance and promising durability, especially with air as the cathode gas.

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