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# Chemical Modification of Graphene Oxide

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# Outline

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- ✓ Introduction
  - Graphene and graphene oxide (graphite oxide: GO)
  
- ✓ Chemical modification of GO  
(Preparation of intercalation compounds of GO)
  - Polymer
  - Cationic surfactant
  - Alkylamines
  - silylation of GO
  
- ✓ Preparation and adsorption properties of pillared carbons
  
- ✓ Preparation of transparent and conducting carbon films

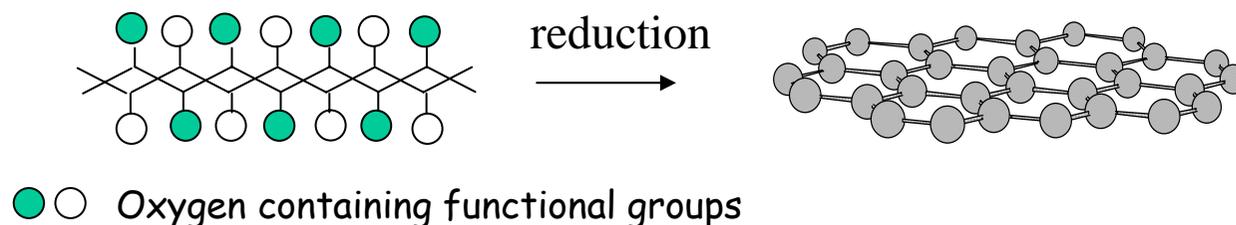


# Graphene and graphite oxide

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## Preparation of graphene

- ✓ Scotch Tape Method (Mechanical exfoliation of graphite )
- ✓ Thermal decomposition of SiC
- ✓ CVD
- ✓ Reduction of graphite oxide nanosheet

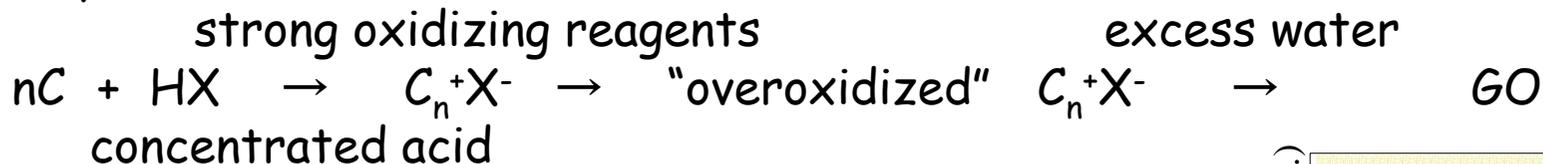




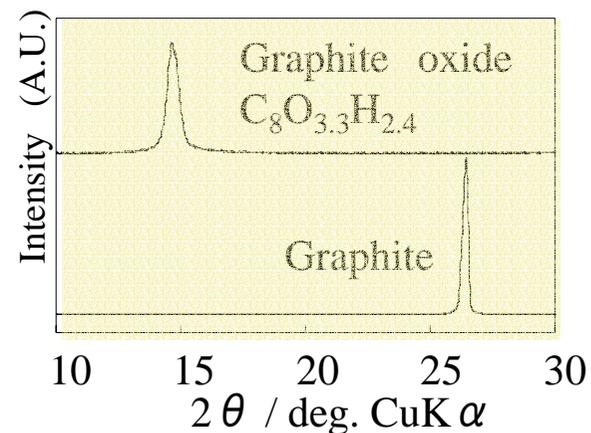
# About graphite oxide: GO

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## Preparation of GO

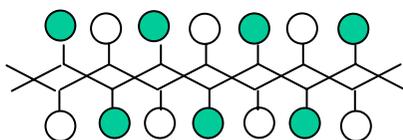


$\text{X}^-$  :  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ ,  $\text{HSO}_4^-$ , etc  
 Oxidizing reagents:  $\text{KClO}_3$ ,  $\text{KMnO}_4$

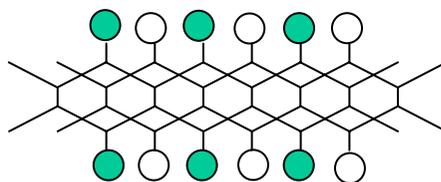


Functional groups: **-COH (acidic, important for chemical modification of GO)**, **C-O-C**, **-COOH (edge)**

- $\text{C}/\text{O} = 2 \sim 3$
- interlayer spacing: 0.6-1.1nm
- Structure models



Stage 1 type



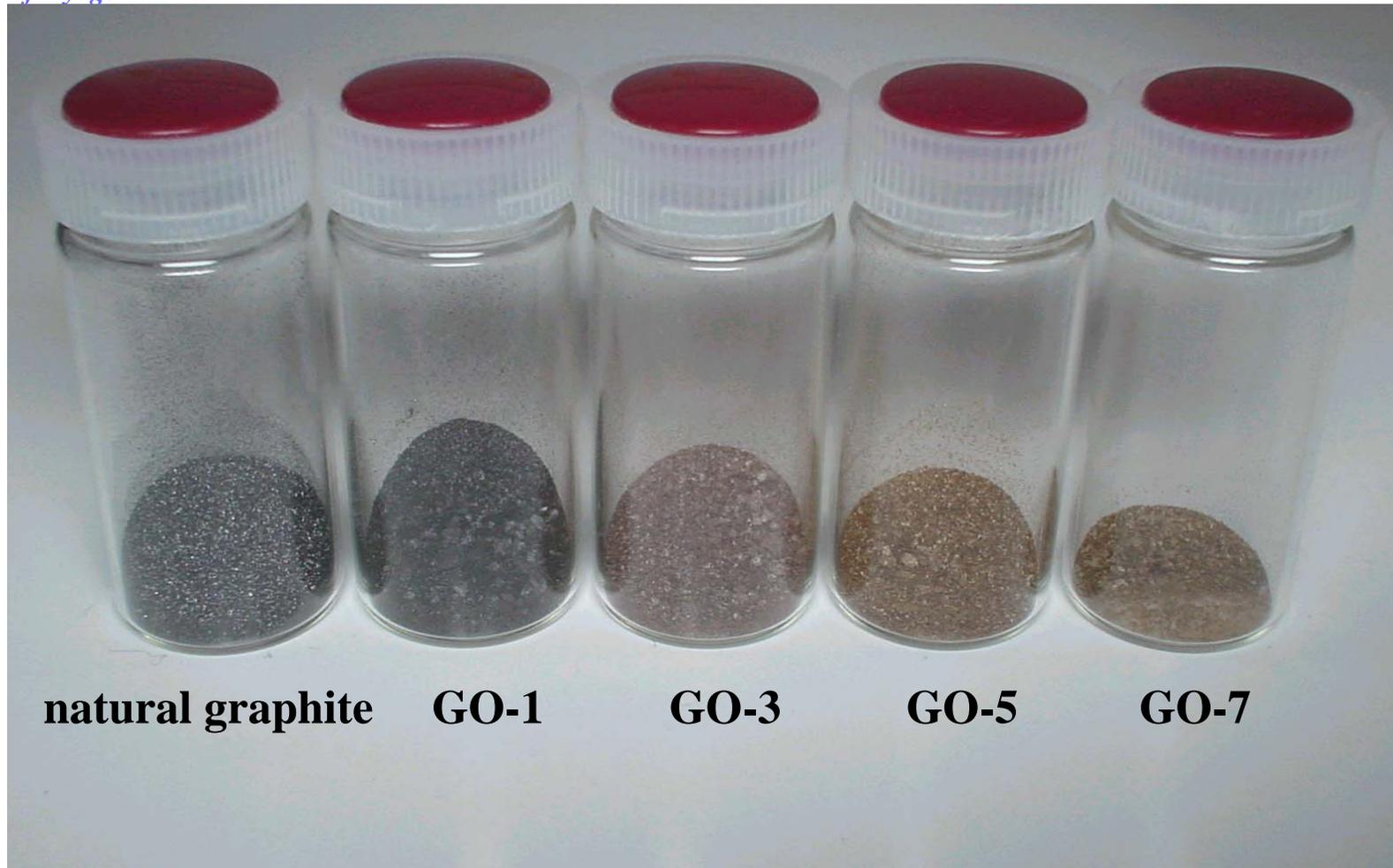
Stage 2 type



Nanosheet solution of GO



## Color of various GO



The color changed from black to brown when graphite was oxidized by the modified Brodie's method repeatedly.



# Recent researches on GO

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precursors of graphene

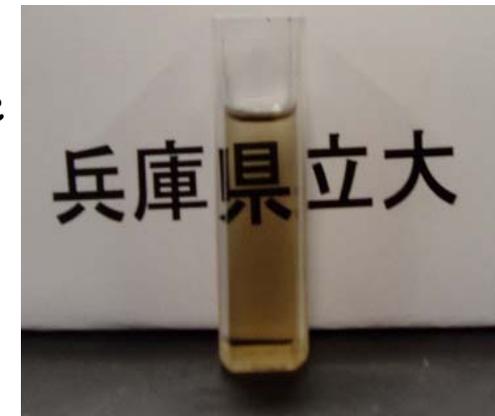
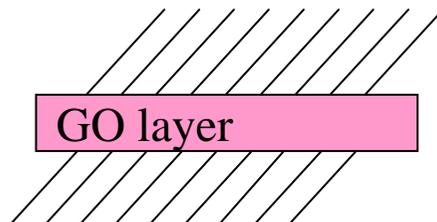
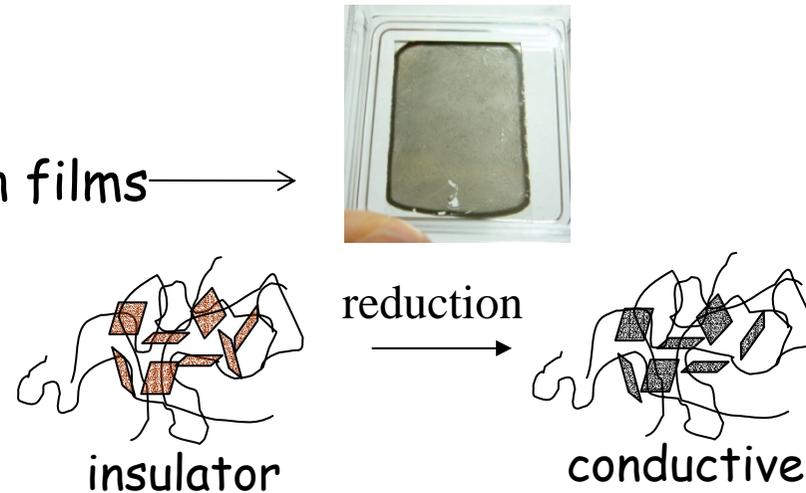
transparent and conductive carbon films →  
---Many papers!!

additive to polymers

1995~

host of intercalation compounds

- Polymers (poly(ethylene oxide), polyvinylalcohol, polyaniline, etc)
  - Cationic surfactants
  - Alkylamine
  - Dibutyltin oxide
  - silylating reagents
- } Hydrophobic and exfoliate in organic solvents



Nanosheet solution of hydrophobized GO



# Type of chemical modifications

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| Type of interaction | Intercalated species | reaction   |
|---------------------|----------------------|--|
| Hydrogen bonding    | Polymer              | $C-OH + P \rightarrow C-OH \cdots P$                       |
| Ionic bonding       | cationic surfactant  | $C-O-H^+ + X^+ \rightarrow C-O^- X^+ + H^+$ (ion exchange) |
|                     | alkylamines          | $C-O-H^+ + XNH_2 \rightarrow C-O-NH_3^+ X$ (acid/base)     |
| Covalent bonding    | silylating reagents  | $C-OH + XSiCl_3 \rightarrow C-O-X + 3HCl$                  |
|                     |                      | $C-OH + XSi(OR)_3 \rightarrow C-O-X + 3ROH$                |
|                     |                      | $C-OH + RNCO \rightarrow C-OCONHR$ <sup>1</sup>            |
|                     |                      | $C-O-C + IL-NH_2 \rightarrow C-NH-IL$ <sup>*, 2</sup>      |
|                     |                      | $C-O-C + NaN_3 + LiAlH_4 \rightarrow C-NH_2$ <sup>3</sup>  |

\* IL: ionic liquid

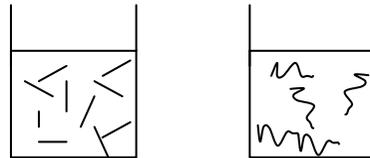
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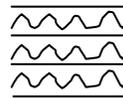
# Preparation of polymer intercalated GO

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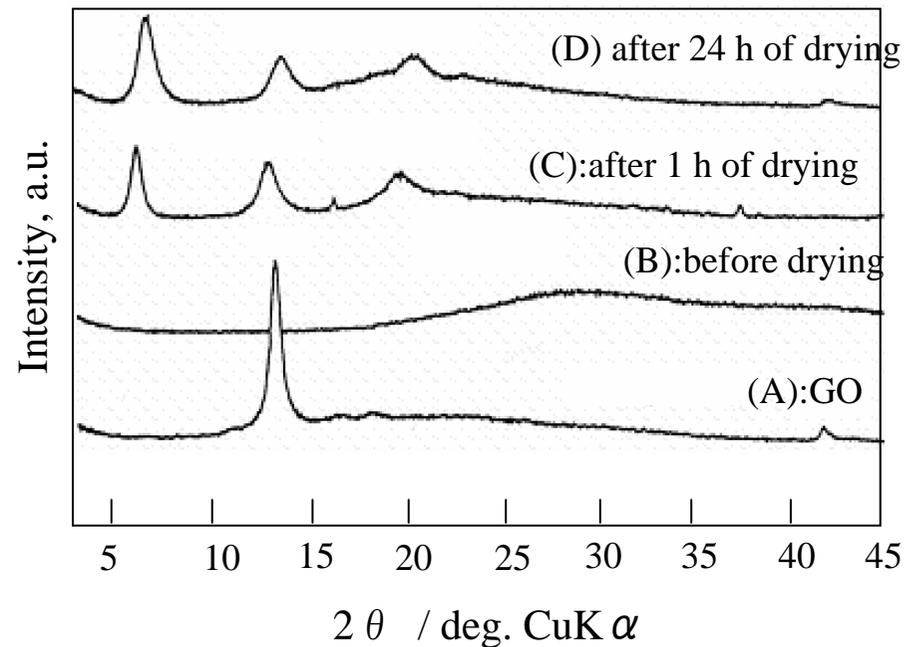
Nanosheet solution of GO



Aqueous solution of polymer



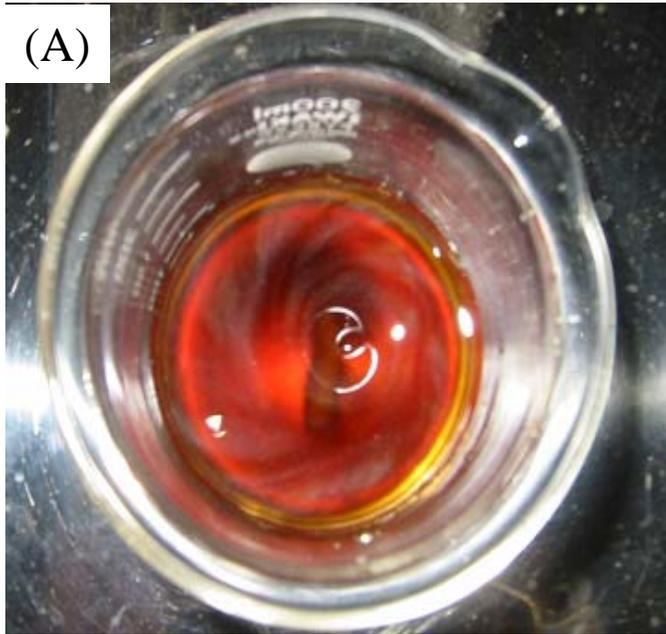
Polymer-intercalated GO  
Very stable



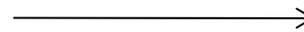


# Preparation of surfactant intercalated GO

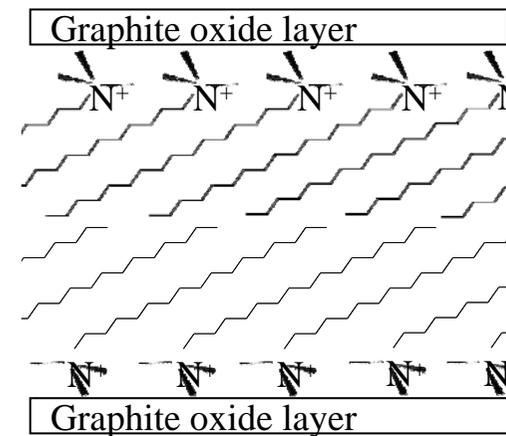
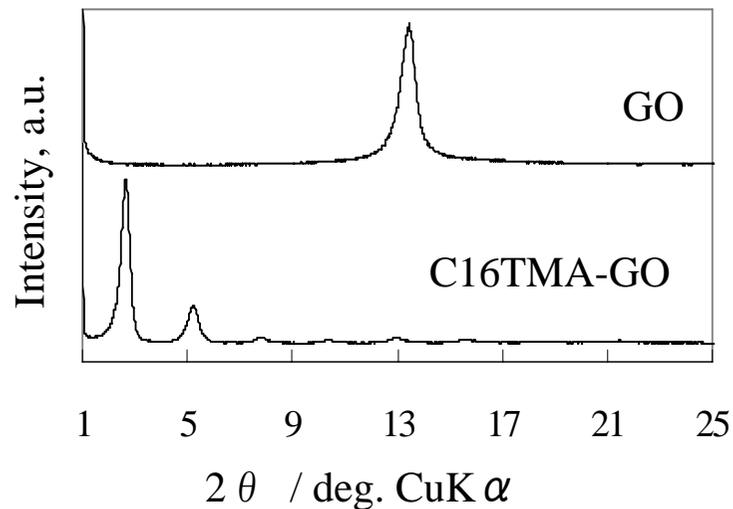
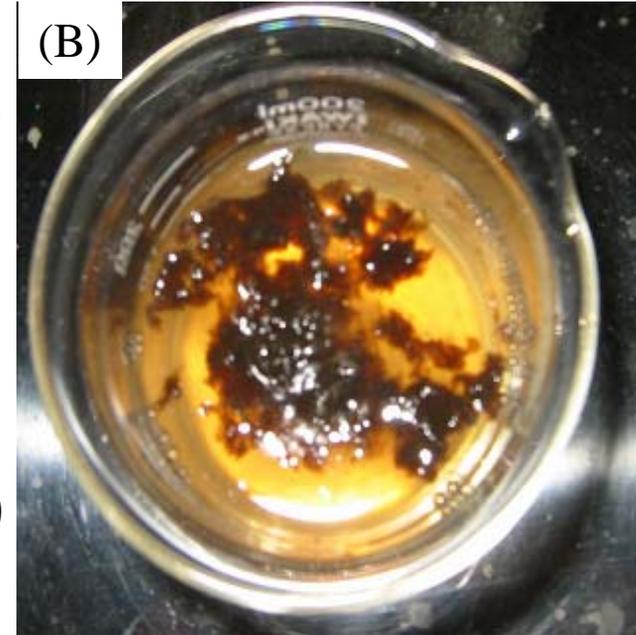
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Aqueous solution  
of cationic  
surfactant



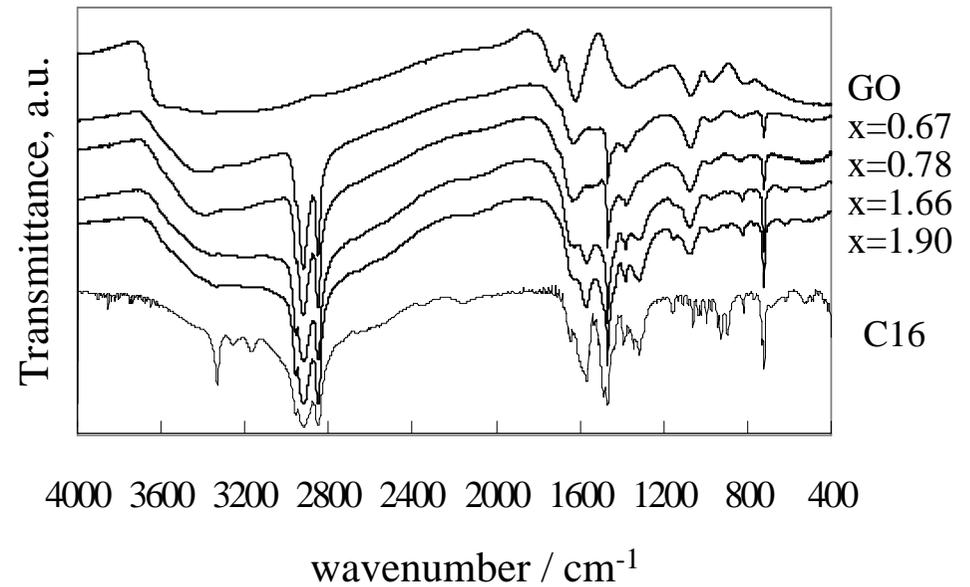
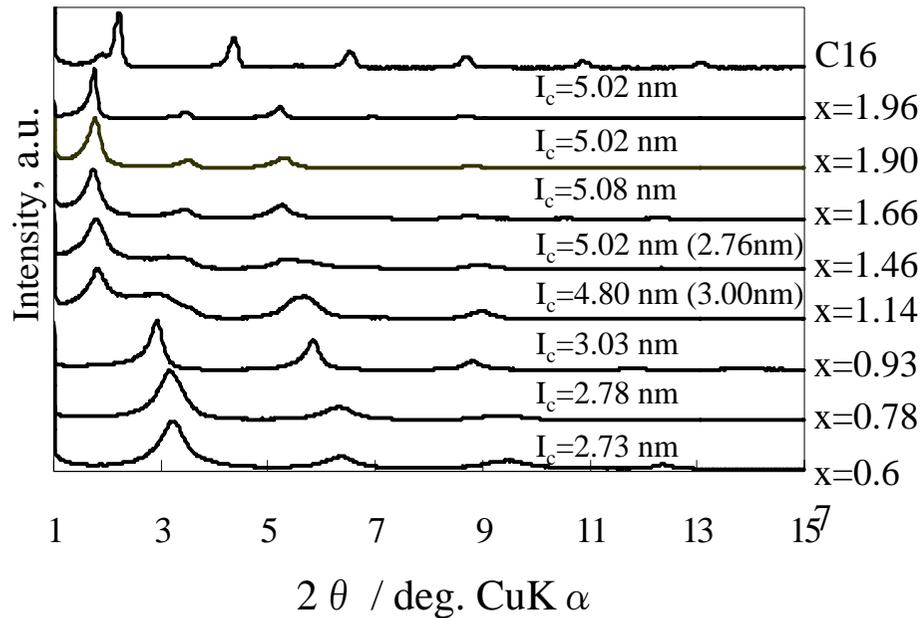
C16TMA  
( $C_{16}H_{33}N(CH_3)_3^+$ )





# Intercalation of alkylamines

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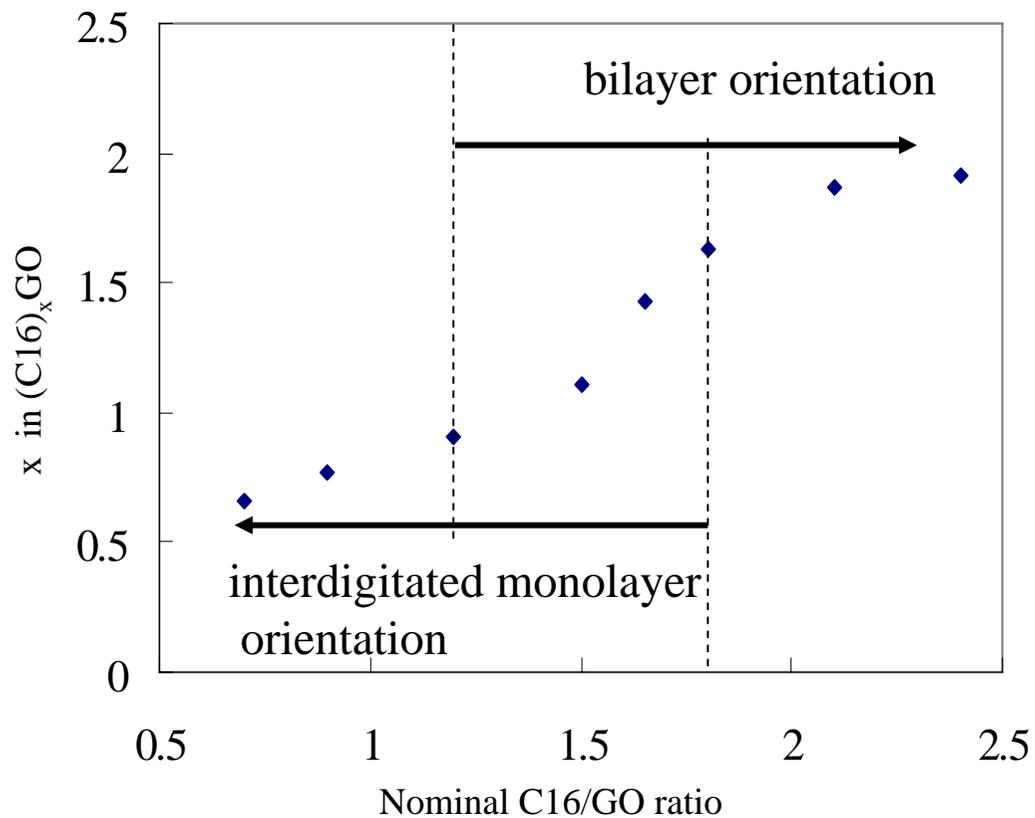


1525  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  :  $\text{NH}_3^+$       1380  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : C-OH  
1654, 1583  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  :  $\text{NH}_2$     1090  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  : C-O-C

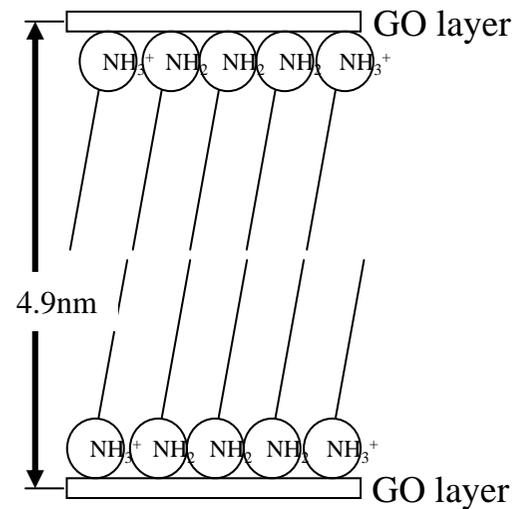


# Composition and c-axis structure

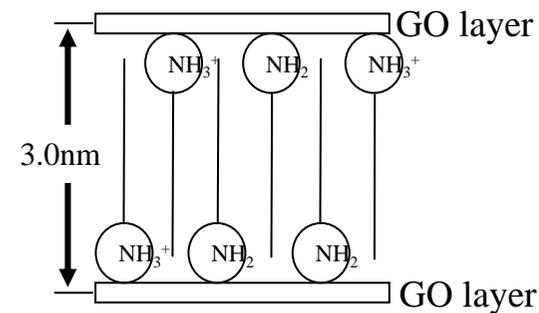
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The interlayer spacing was saturated by C16 at 1.9 molecules/GO unit



Paraffin type bilayer orientation of alkyl chains

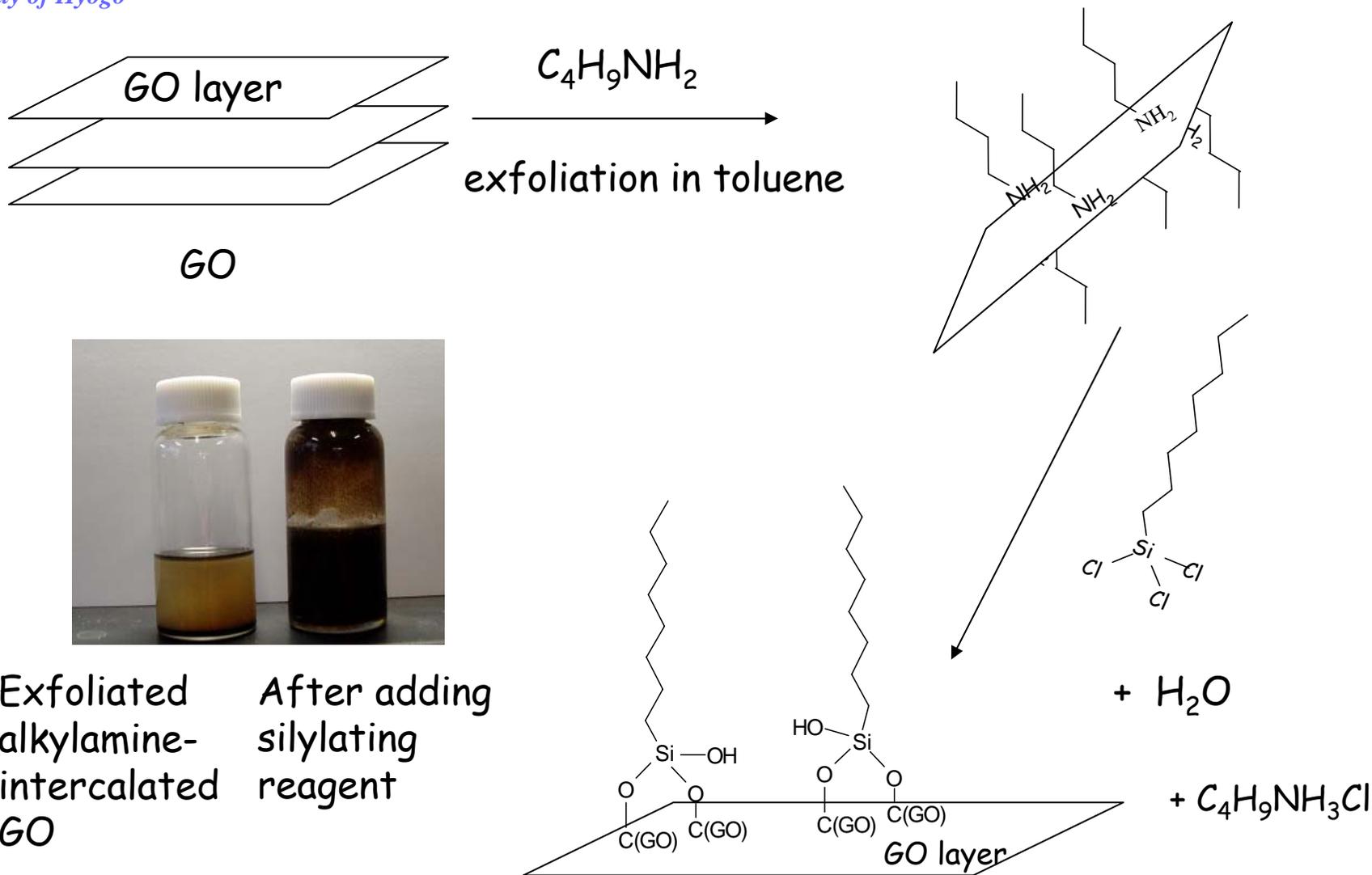


Interdigitated monolayer type orientation of alkyl chains



# Silylation of GO by alkytrichlorosilanes

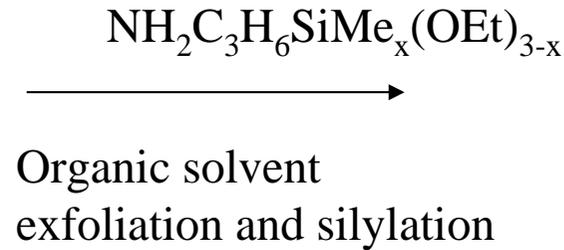
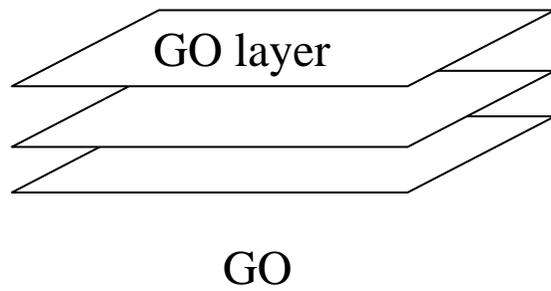
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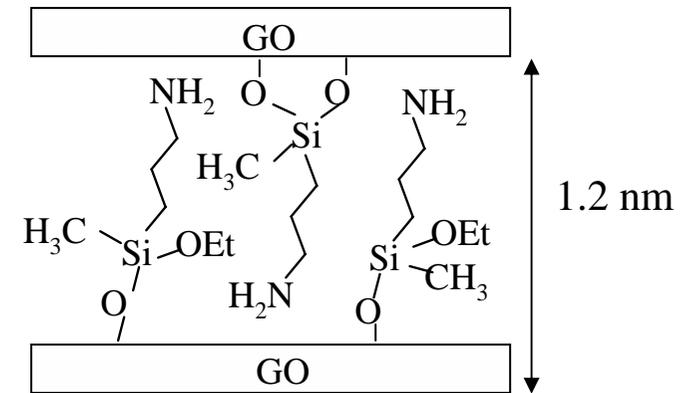


# Reaction of GO with 3-aminopropyldiethoxymethylsilane

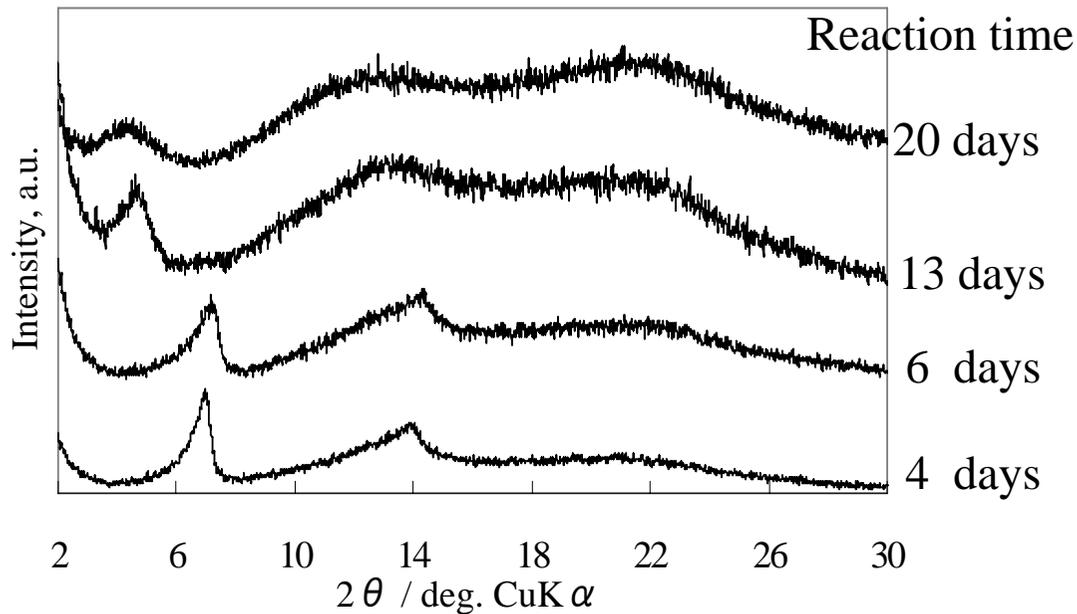
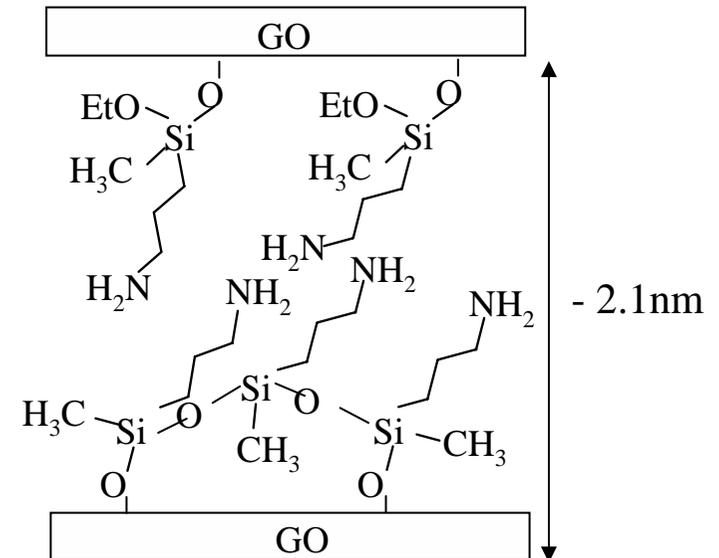
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Monolayer type (shorter reaction time)



Bilayer type (longer reaction time)





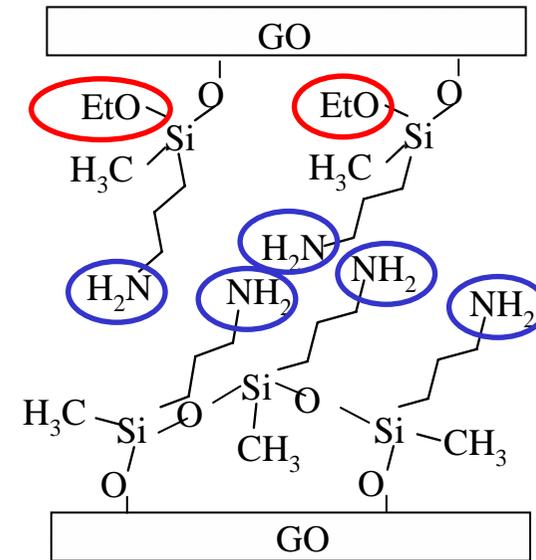
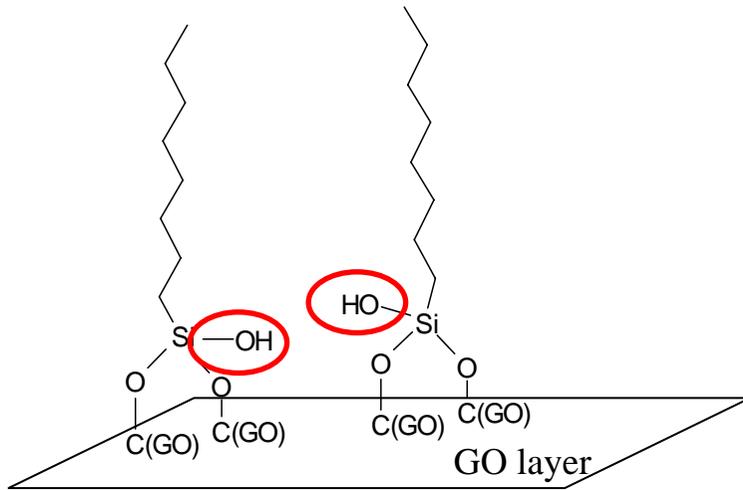
# Further chemical modification of silylated GO

- ✓ Reaction with aldehydes
- ✓ Silylation of silylated GO

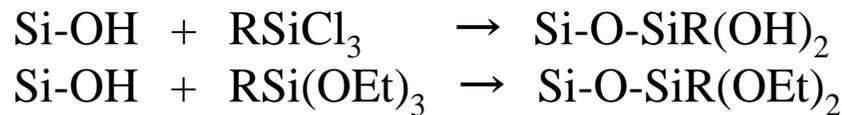


# Expected reactions of silylated GO

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silylated GO



Further silylation by various silylating reagents



Reaction with aldehydes

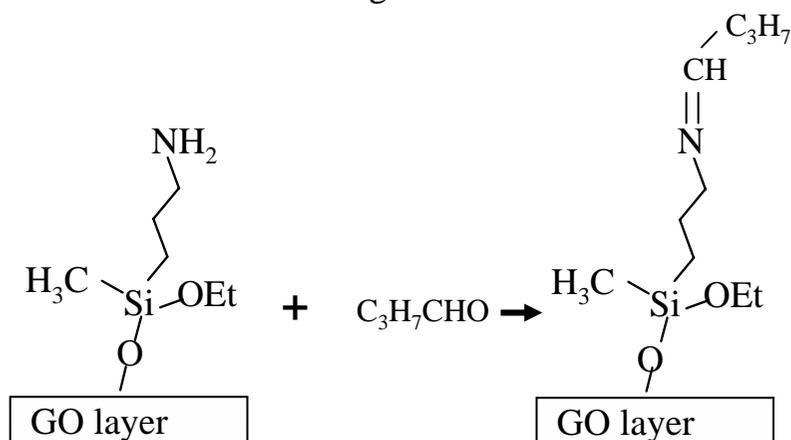
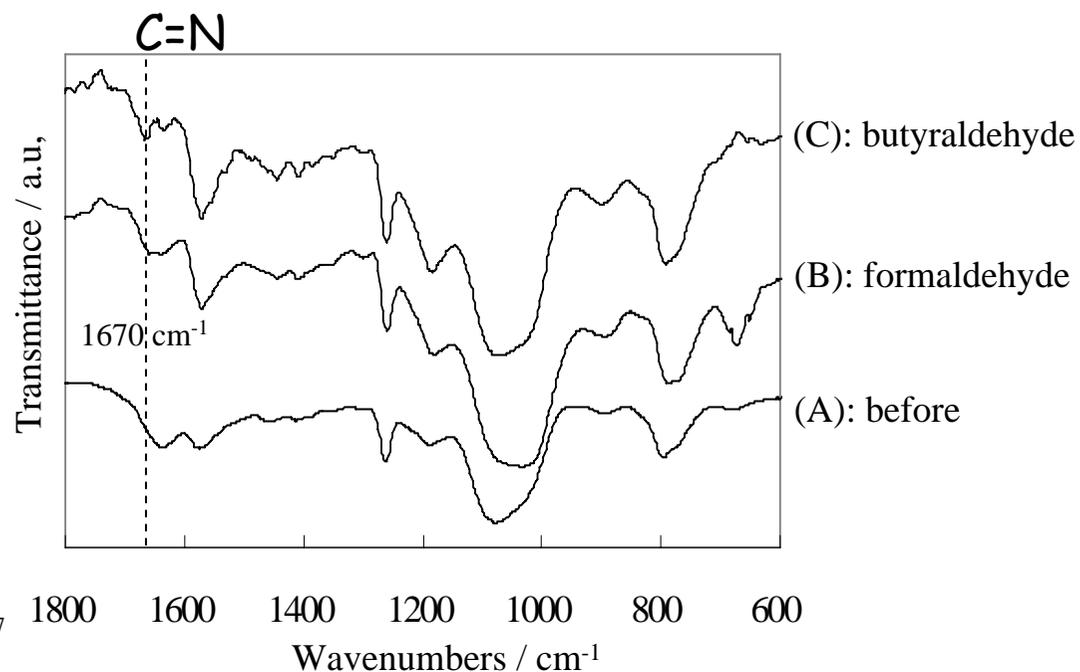
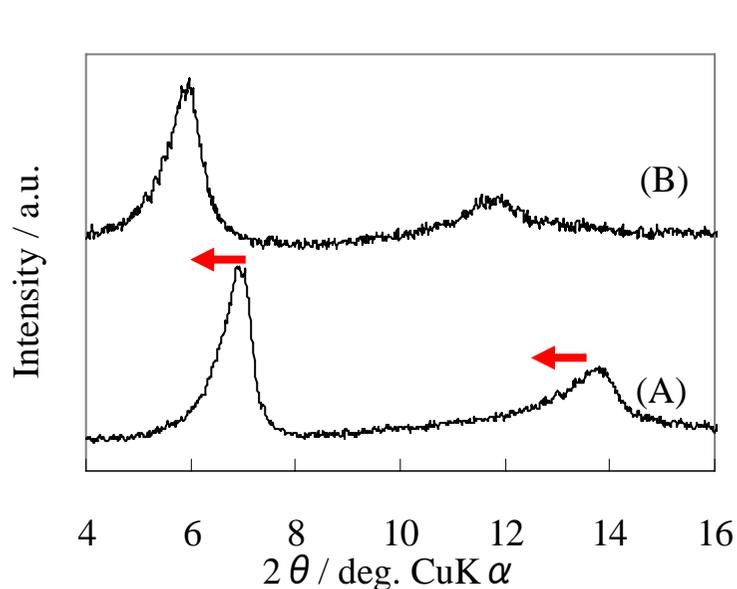


Adsorption of formaldehyde



# Reaction of silylated GO with aldehydes

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Butyraldehyde molecules are successfully intercalated between the layers of silylated GO



# The amount of chemically adsorbed aldehyde

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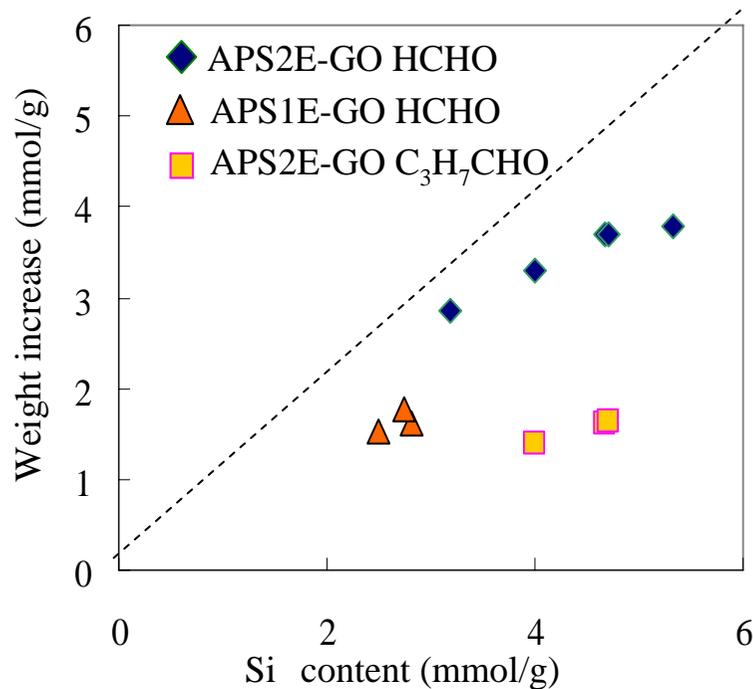


Fig. Weight increase after adsorption of formaldehyde and butyraldehyde.

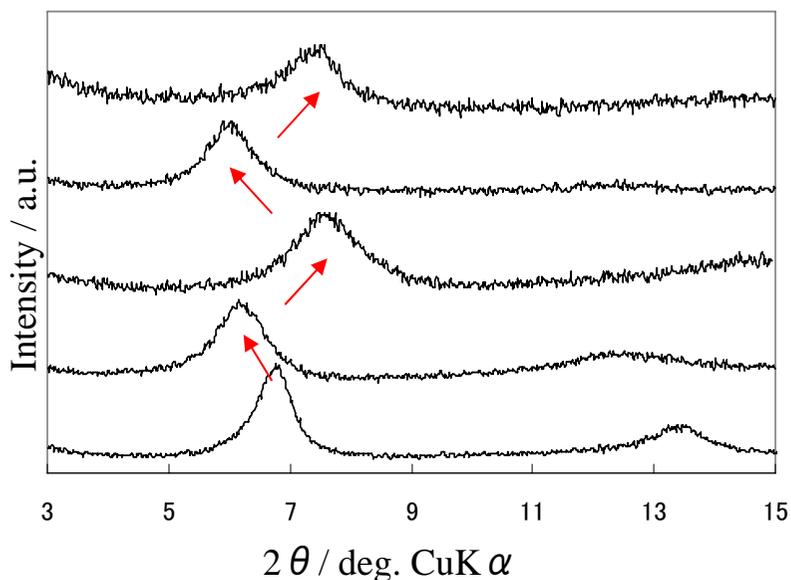
The amount of adsorbed aldehydes increased with the increase of Si contents, accordingly  $\text{NH}_2$  contents.

The utility of amino groups was 70-90% for formaldehyde and 25% for butyraldehyde.

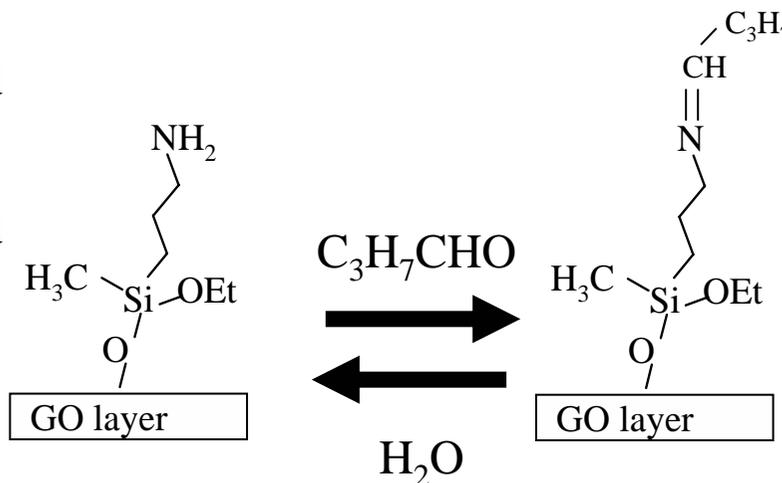


# Adsorption and desorption of aldehydes

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hydrolyzed  
adsorbed  
hydrolyzed  
adsorbed  
pristine



Hydolysis of aldehyde-adsorbed silylated GO  
acetic acid: ethanol:  $H_2O = 1:1:1$  (vol) at  $60^\circ C$  for 3 days

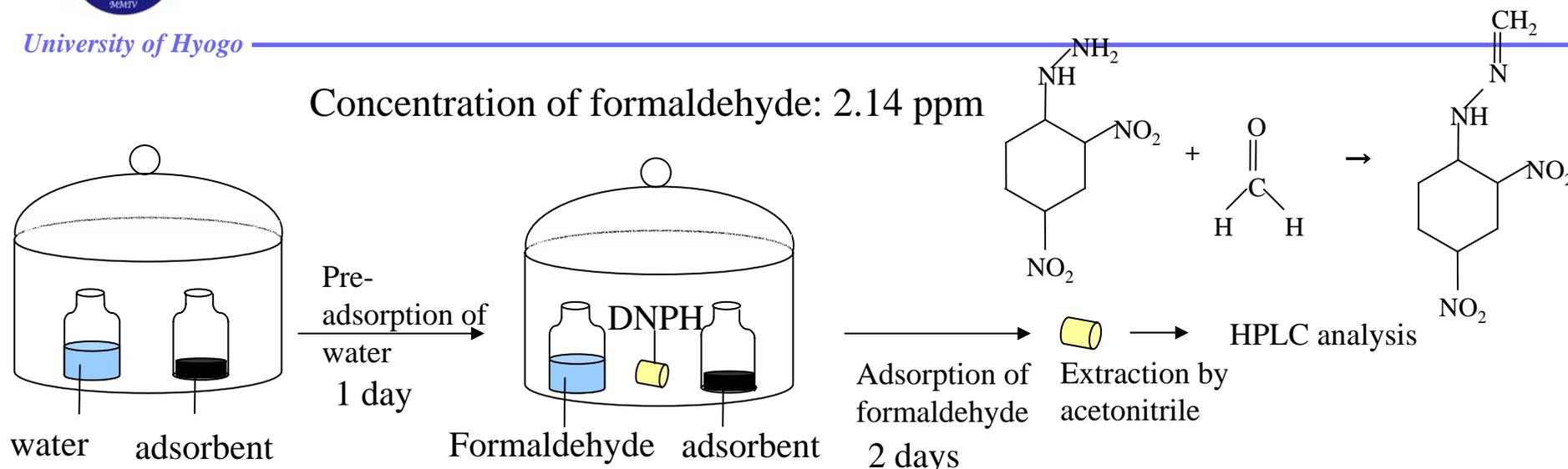
The interlayer spacing of silylated GO changed almost reversibly during adsorption and desorption cycles.

Silylated GO containing amino groups is promising for the adsorbent of aldehydes !



# Adsorption of formaldehyde onto silylated GO from gas phase

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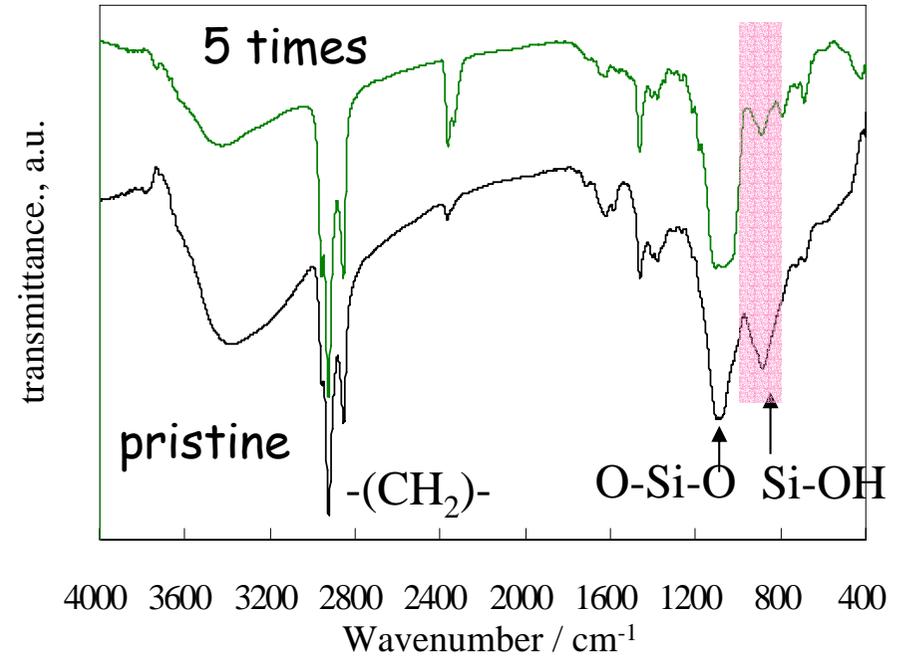
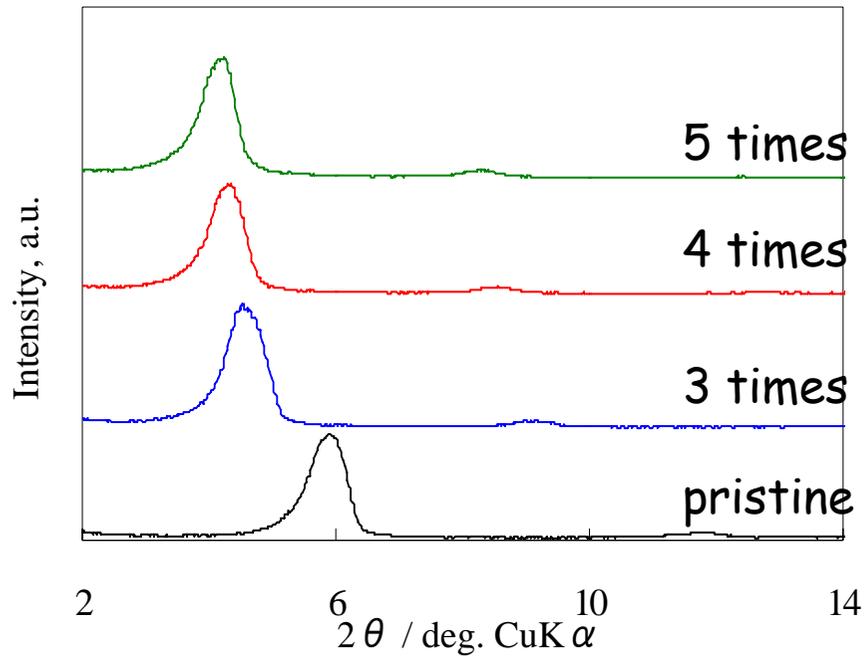
|                     | reaction time / days | pre-adsorption of water | Formaldehyde concentration after 48 h / ppm | Adsorbed formaldehyde / mg/g (mmol/g) |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Active carbon       | -                    | yes                     | 1.98  | 15.1 (0.5)                            |
| Active carbon       | -                    | no                      | 1.82  | 30.4 (1.0)                            |
| GO                  | -                    | yes                     | 2.10  | 3.8 (0.1)                             |
| Silylated GO        | 4                    | yes                     | 1.34  | 76.0 (2.5)                            |
| Silylated GO        | 6                    | yes                     | 1.76  | 36.1 (1.2)                            |
| <b>Silylated GO</b> | <b>6</b>             | <b>no</b>               | <b>1.13</b>                                 | <b>96.0 (3.2)</b>                     |
| <b>Silylated GO</b> | <b>8</b>             | <b>yes</b>              | <b>1.18</b>                                 | <b>91.2 (3.0)</b>                     |
| Silylated GO        | 13                   | yes                     | 1.44  | 66.5 (2.2)                            |

Silylated GO adsorbed considerable amounts of formaldehyde from gas phase.

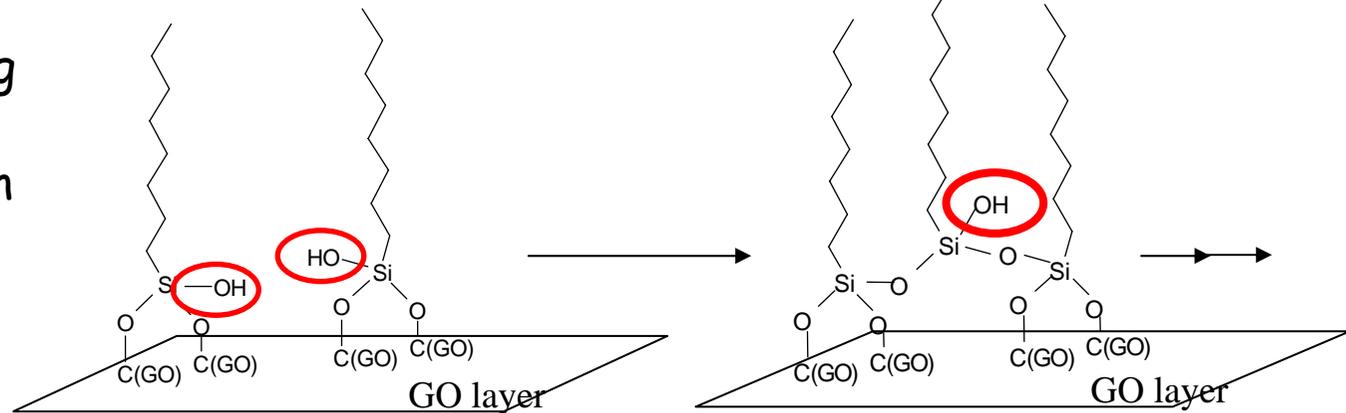


# Reaction of silylated GO with alkyltrichlorosilane

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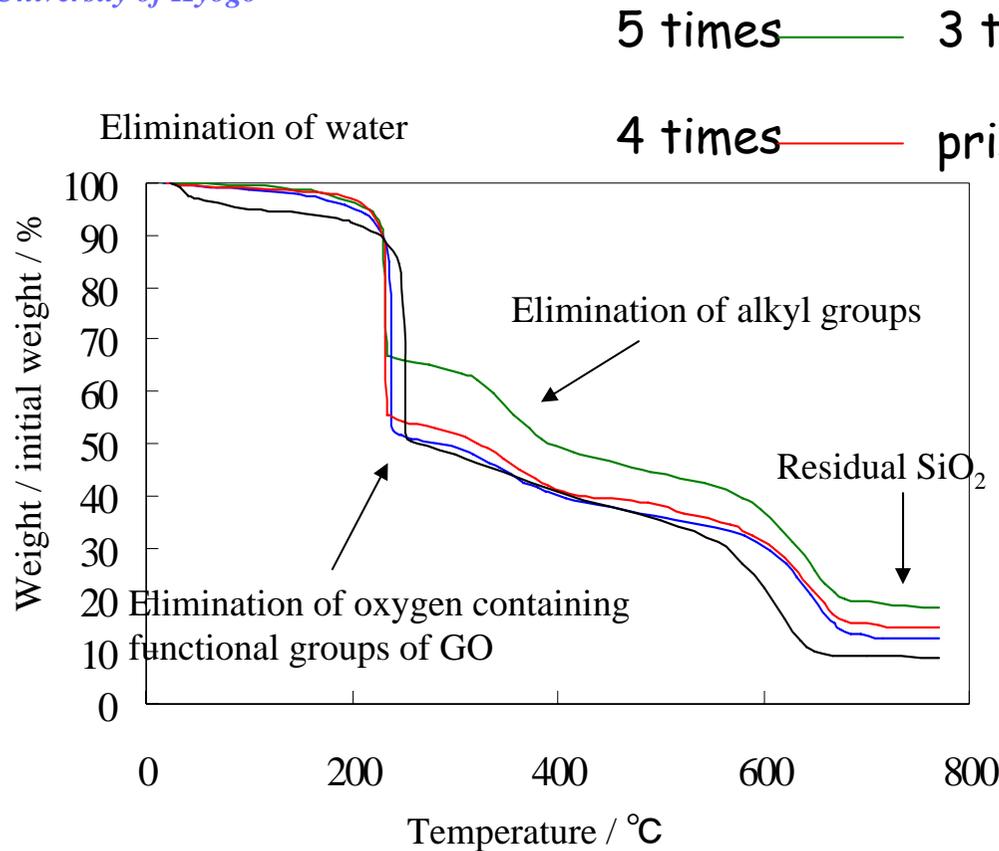
The interlayer spacing increased from nm to nm and the absorption due to Si-OH group considerably decreased.





# Reaction of silylated GO with alkyltrichlorosilane

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| sample   | Si content / % | Si/GO ratio |
|----------|----------------|-------------|
| pristine | 1.87           | 0.16        |
| 2        | 5.96           | 0.68        |
| 3        | 6.83           | 0.83        |
| 5        | 8.90           | 1.35        |

- ✓ The samples are hydrophobized because of the increase of the content of alkyl groups.
- ✓ The silicon content increased when silylated GO was silylated repeatedly.



# Reaction of silylated GO with 3-aminopropyltriethoxysilane

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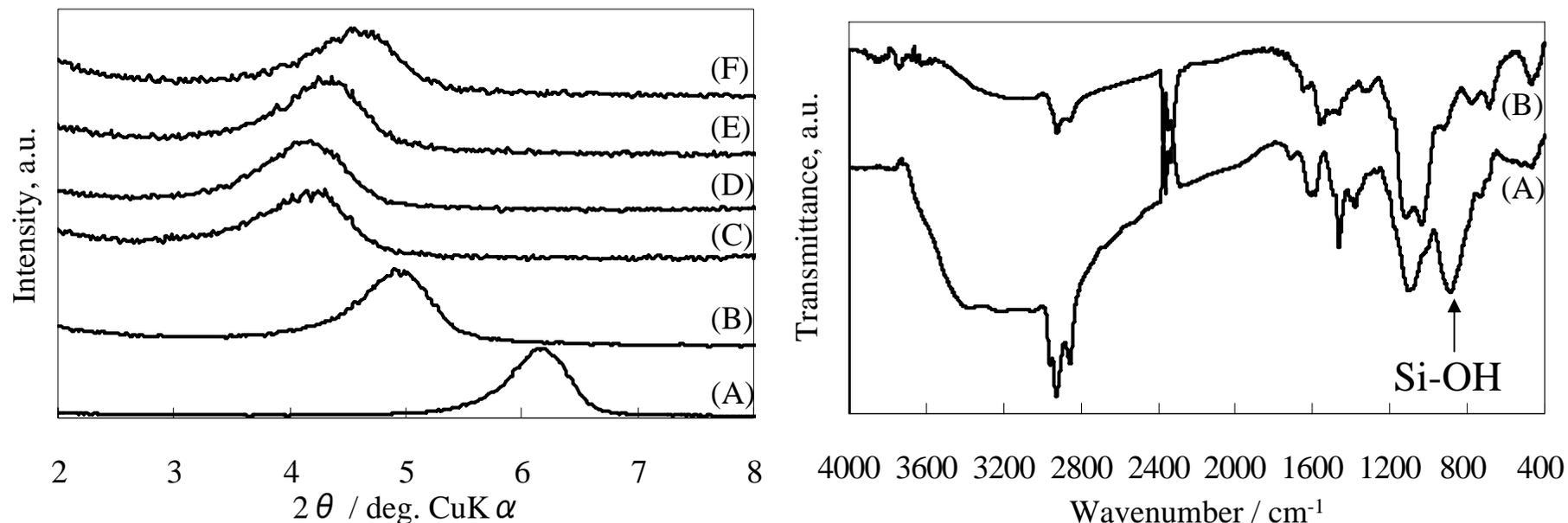
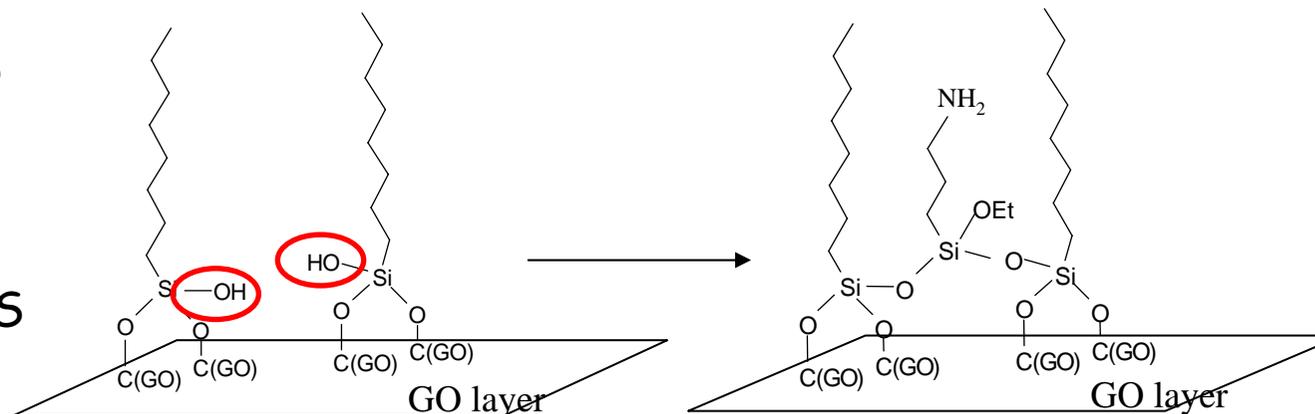


Fig.1 X-ray diffraction patterns of (C8Si)<sub>0.39</sub>GO (A): before and after silylation by AP3ES with the AP3ES/GO unit ratios of (B): 0.2, (C): 4.7, (D): 22, (E): 44 and (F): 67.

Fig.2 IR spectra of (C8Si)<sub>0.39</sub>GO (A): before and (B): after silylated by AP3ES with the AP3ES/GO ratio of 4.7.

Silylated GO was further silylated by silylating reagent with ethoxy groups. Addition of excess AP3ES resulted in the decrease of interlayer spacing.





## Summary of the reaction of silylated GO

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Amino groups in silylated GO are available for the adsorption of aldehydes.

Both silylating reagents with Si-Cl and Si-OEt groups react with Si-OH groups of silylated GO, forming Si-O-Si bonding.

The content of organic component in silylated GO increased as the result of silylation.

→ Good precursor of pillared carbons



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# Preparation of pillared carbons

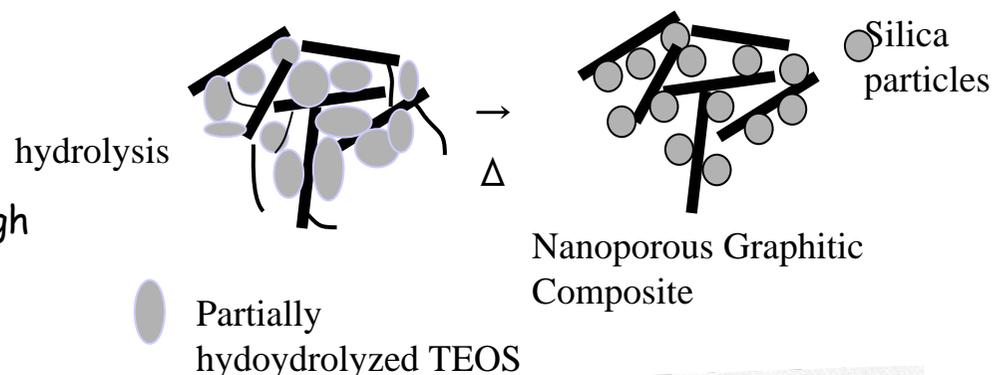
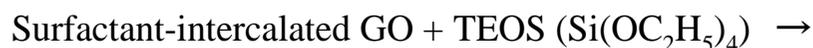


# Previous attempts to obtain "pillared carbons"

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Wang, et al (Chem. Commun 2002, Chem. Mater. 2003, etc)

**Surfactant-intercalated GO was used as an intermediate.**

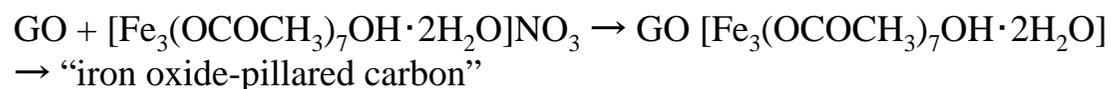


The order of carbon layers was almost lost, though the obtained carbon was porous.

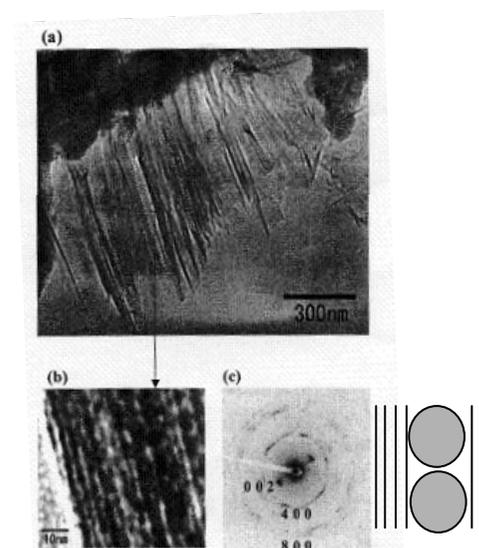
Morishige et al (Langmuir 2005)

**Iron trinuclear complex-intercalated GO was used as a precursor.**

Ion exchange



However, no apparent peak due to "pillared carbon" was observed in X-ray diffraction pattern and some of the iron oxide particles are observed outside the interlayer space of carbons.



From Langmuir, 21, 6277 (2005)

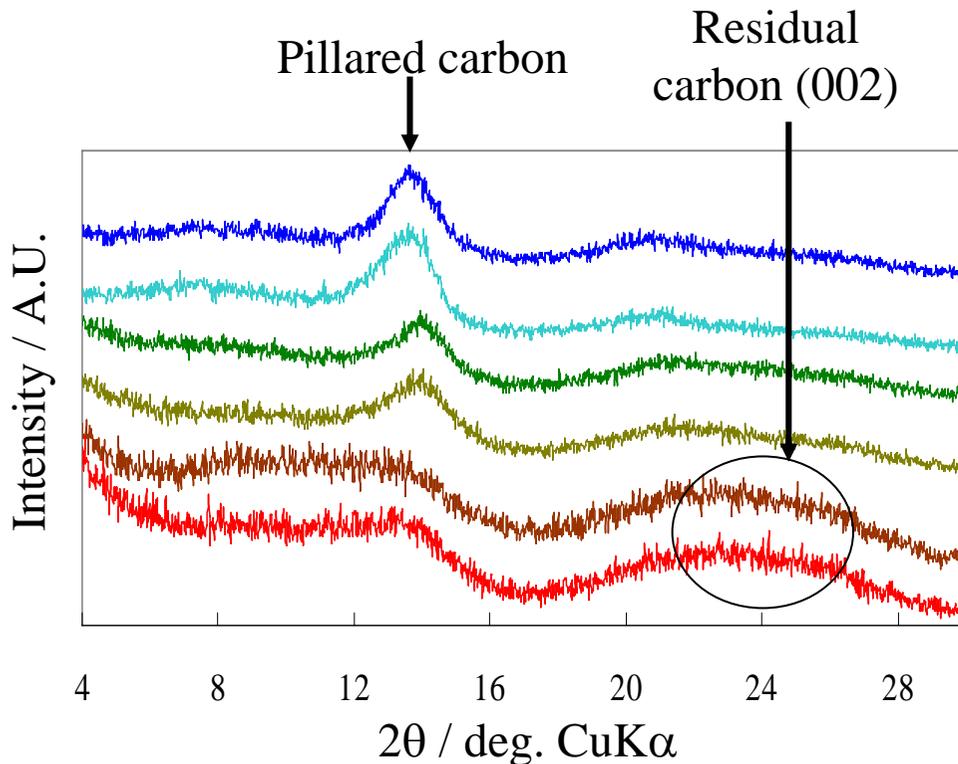
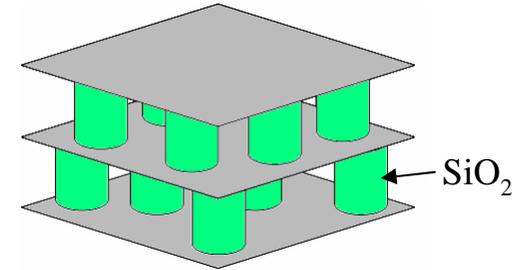
The precursors of the pillar tend to aggregate before the transformation of GO to carbon.



# Our method to obtain "pillared carbons"

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Precursors of the pillar should be strongly attached to GO layers!!  
→ We chose silylated GO as a precursor.



| Reaction time | Si contents Before | Si contents After |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 20 days       | 15.8               | 21.6 %            |
| 13 days       | 15.1               | 20.5 %            |
| 6 days        | 13.3               | 17.6 %            |
| 4 days        | 12.6               | 16.8 %            |
| 3 days        | 10.7               | 14.6 %            |
| 1 day         | 9.3                | 12.7 %            |

Pillared carbons

Fig. XRD patterns of silylated GO various silicon contents after pyrolysis at 500°C.

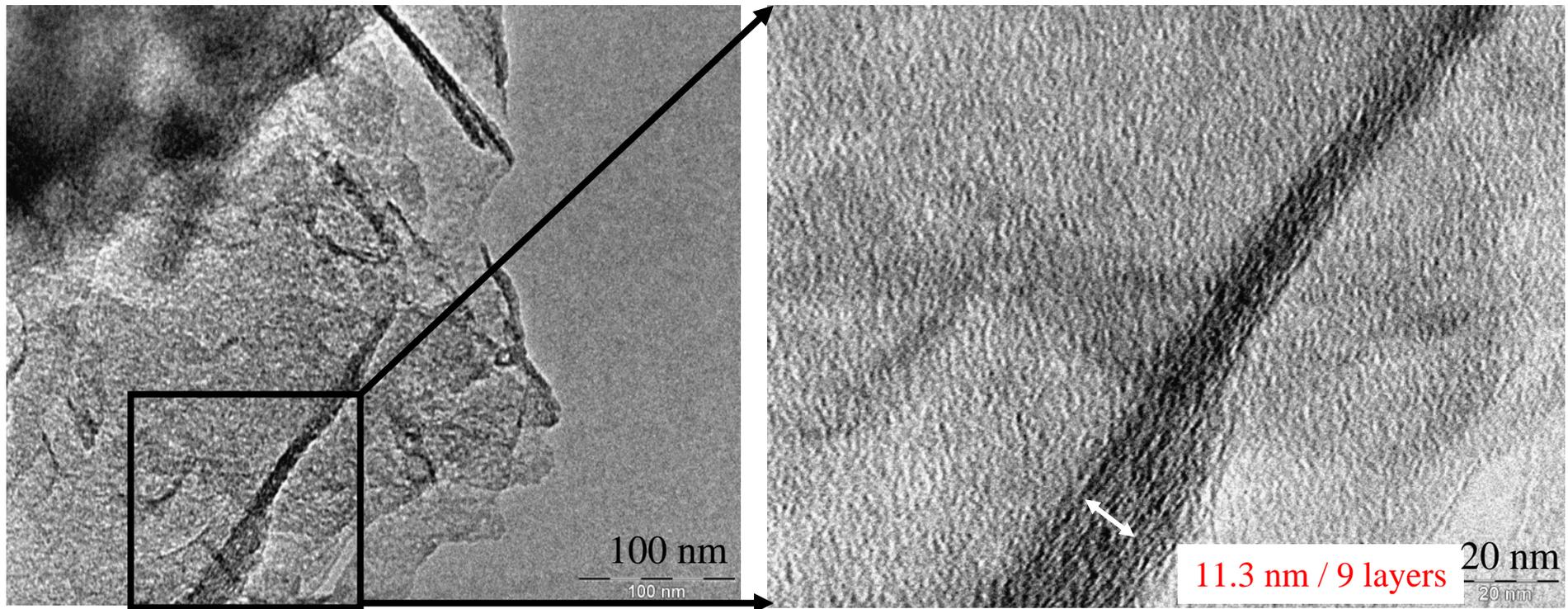
**Pillared carbons were obtained from silylated GO with higher silicon contents**



# TEM observation of pillared carbon

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Pillared carbon obtained from pyrolysis of bilayer type AP2ES-GO

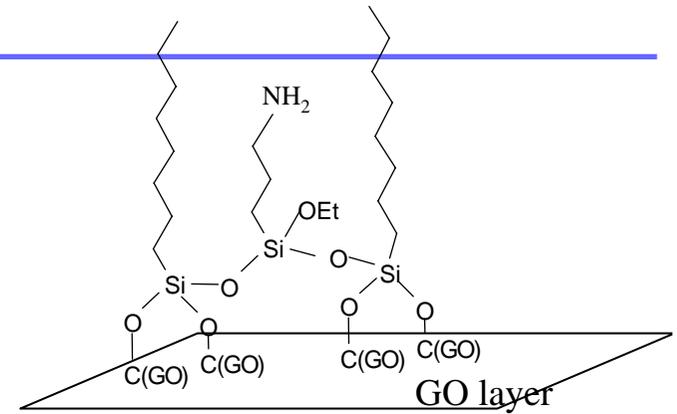
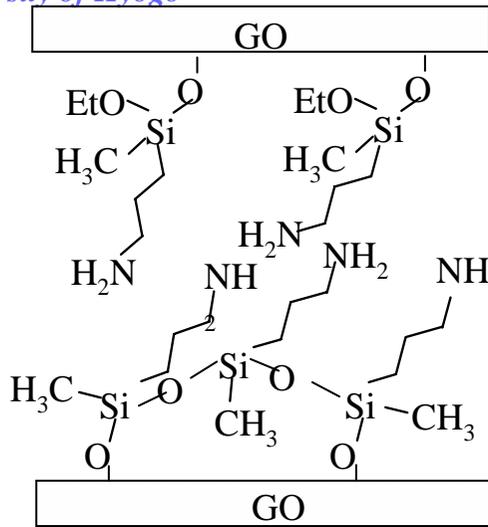


The lattice images of the layered structure were clearly observed and the distance between the adjacent layers was calculated to be **1.26 nm**, which was almost the same as that obtained from X-ray diffraction data (**1.29 nm**).

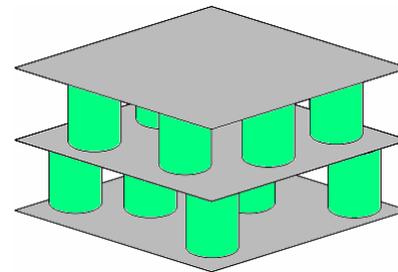


# Various precursors of pillared carbons

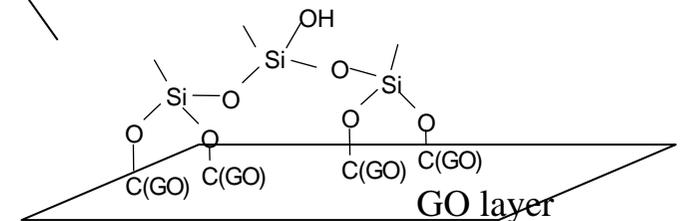
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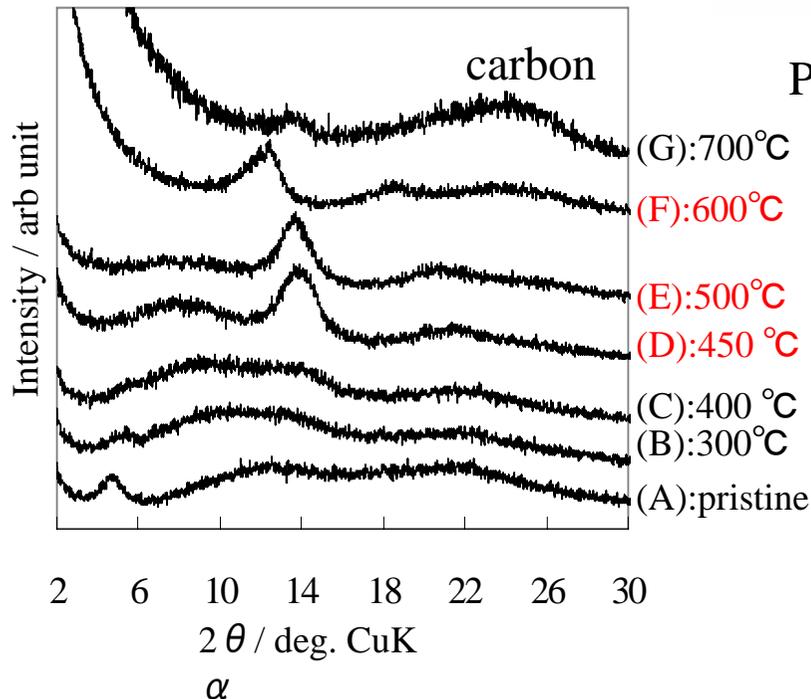
AP3ES-CnSi-GO



Pillared carbon



C1Si-GO



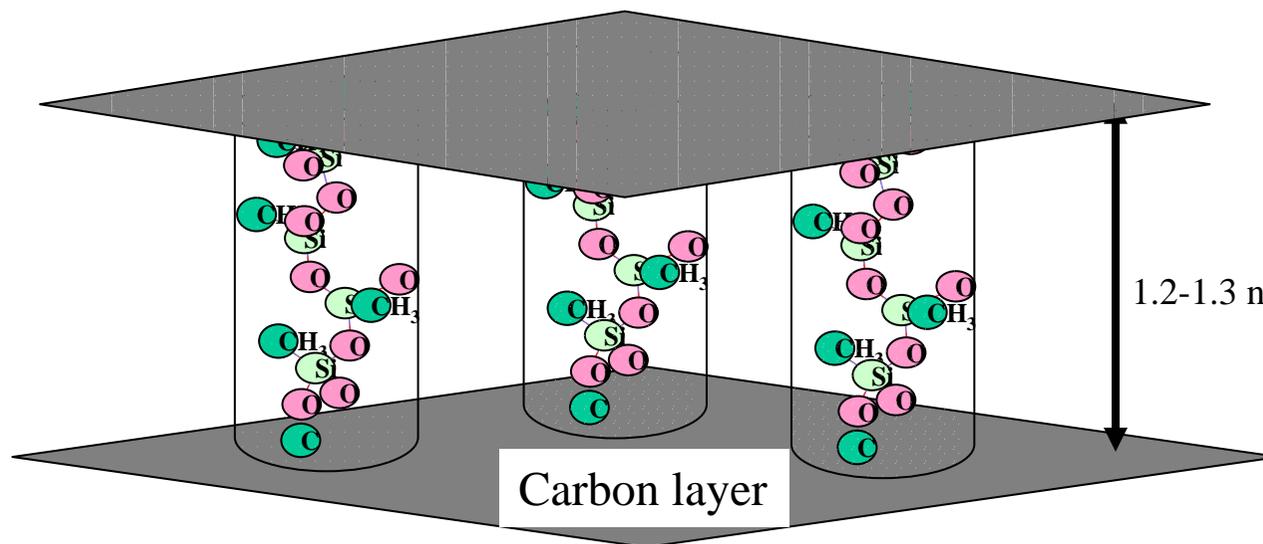
Pillared carbons are obtained by the pyrolysis of silylated GO with high silicon contents under vacuum **between 450 and 600°C.**



# A structure model of pillared carbon

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| sample | H / % | C / % | N / % | O / % | Si / % | H/Si | N/Si | O/Si | C/Si |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|------|------|------|
| 90-3   | 2.56  | 57.56 | 1.27  | 21.42 | 17.10  | 4.1  | 0.15 | 2.2  | 7.9  |
| 90-6   | 2.05  | 61.95 | 1.38  | 21.63 | 16.56  | 3.5  | 0.17 | 1.9  | 8.7  |
| 90-14  | 2.69  | 52.82 | 0.86  | 19.03 | 20.70  | 3.6  | 0.08 | 1.9  | 5.6  |
| 105-4  | 2.60  | 60.49 | 1.85  | 18.26 | 16.8   | 4.3  | 0.22 | 1.9  | 8.4  |
| 105-6  | 2.22  | 57.49 | 1.53  | 21.63 | 17.6   | 3.5  | 0.17 | 2.2  | 7.6  |
| 105-13 | 2.58  | 52.25 | 2.06  | 22.61 | 20.5   | 2.8  | 0.09 | 1.9  | 5.9  |
| 105-20 | 1.83  | 48.22 | 1.30  | 22.25 | 21.6   | 3.4  | 0.16 | 1.8  | 5.6  |



Composition

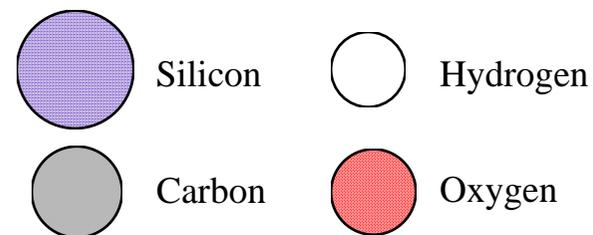
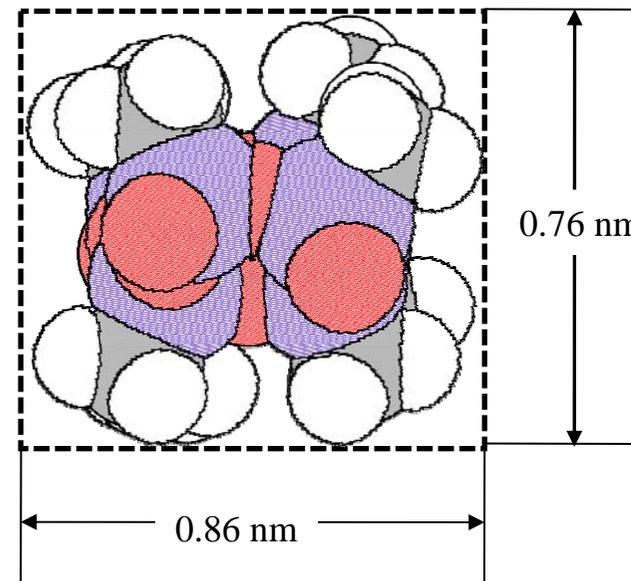
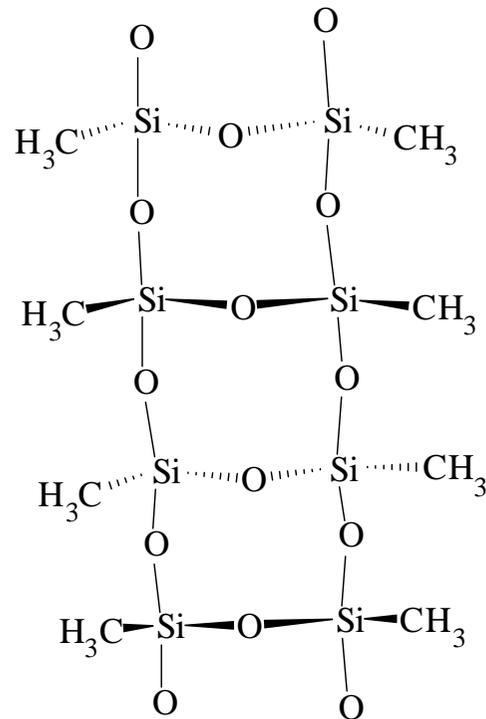


Theoretical surface area  
~ 3500m<sup>2</sup>/g



# A structure model of pillars in pillared carbon obtained from $C_1SiGO$

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When pillared carbon was prepared from  $C_1SiGO$  with more stable  $Si-CH_3$  groups, the ladder type silsesquioxane structure was proposed.



## Summary of the preparation of pillared carbons

Pillared carbons were prepared by the pyrolysis of silylated GO with high silicon contents around 500 °C.

Microporous pillared carbons were obtained from the pyrolysis of silylated GO silylated by APS. The pore size was very small, less than 1 nm.

The surface nature of the pillared carbons were between those of silica and carbon black.



# Preparation of transparent and conducting thin film electrode from silylated GO





## Summary of the preparation of transparent and conducting carbon film from silylated GO

- ✓ Uniform thin films of silylated GO were obtained from the nanosheet solution of n-hexadecylamine intercalated silylated GO.
- ✓ The carbon films from silylated GO well adhered to the glass or quartz substrate.
- ✓ The sheet resistance of the carbon from silylated GO reached a small value of  $700\ \Omega/\text{sq.}$  with the transmittance of 80 % at 400 nm.



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