ACCVD による垂直配向単層カーボンナノチューブ合成のアセチレン増進

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Using an *in situ* optical absorption measurement [1], we studied the influence of various additive molecules on single-walled carbon nanotube (SWNT) synthesis by alcohol catalytic chemical vapor deposition (ACCVD). An interesting growth acceleration phenomenon was observed with the introduction of acetylene. Fig. 1 shows that the growth rate (solid line) was enhanced almost 10 times by adding only 1% acetylene. However, pure acetylene of the same partial pressure deactivated the catalyst in a couple of seconds, regardless of whether or not ethanol had been used for the initial cap nucleation. When ethanol was re-supplied, the activity of these partially poisoned catalyst particles could be recovered. Therefore, the importance of the presence of ethanol throughout ACCVD was demonstrated, and a detailed mechanism will be discussed. Other recent results [2, 3] on the growth mechanism and structure control of vertically aligned SWNTs by ACCVD will also be presented.

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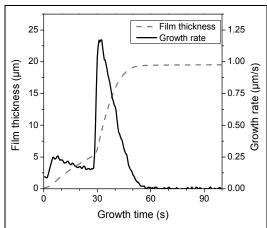


Fig. 1. A typical growth curve of acetylene assisted ACCVD, showing growth can be significantly accelerated when acetylene is introduced.