

Boehm Titration Revisited (Part II): A Comparison of Boehm Titration with other Analytical Techniques on the Quantification of Oxygen-Containing Surface Groups for a Variety of Carbon Materials

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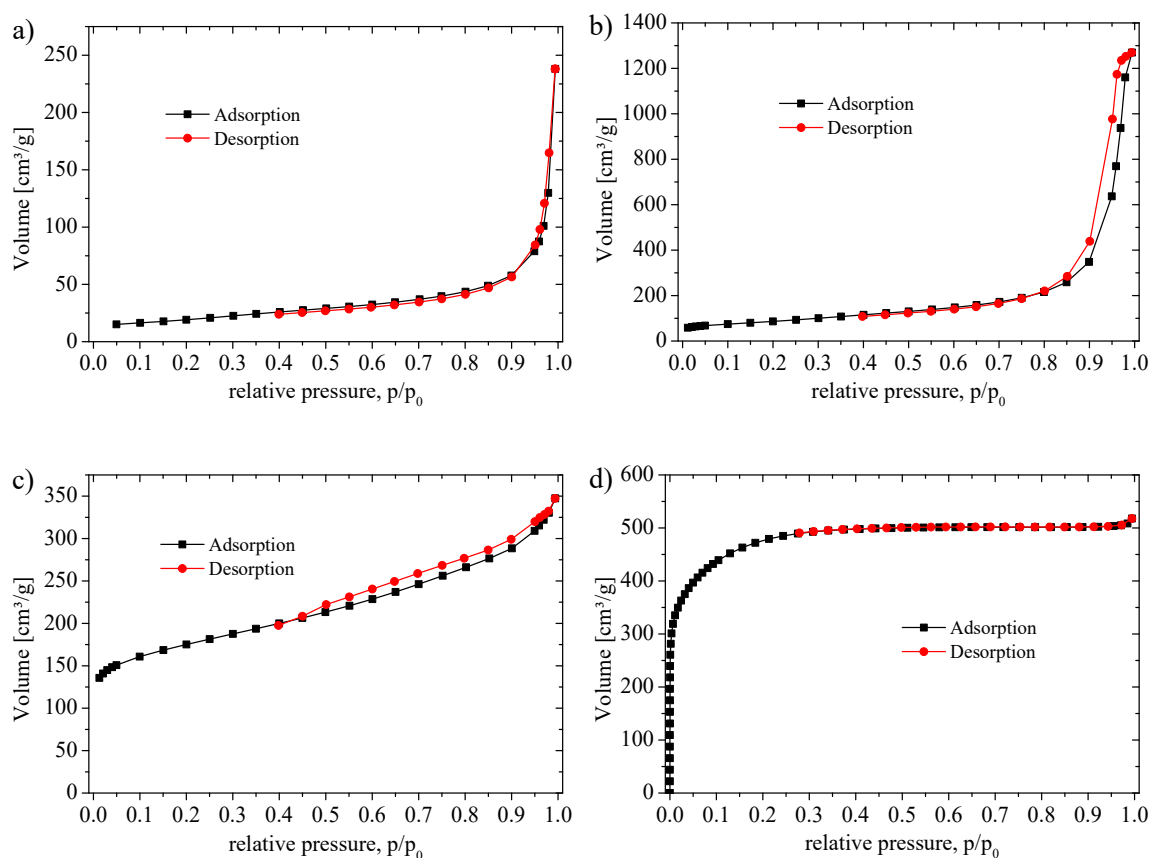


Figure S1. N₂ Isotherms of (a) aCB; (b) aCNTs; (c) aAC1 and (d) aAC2

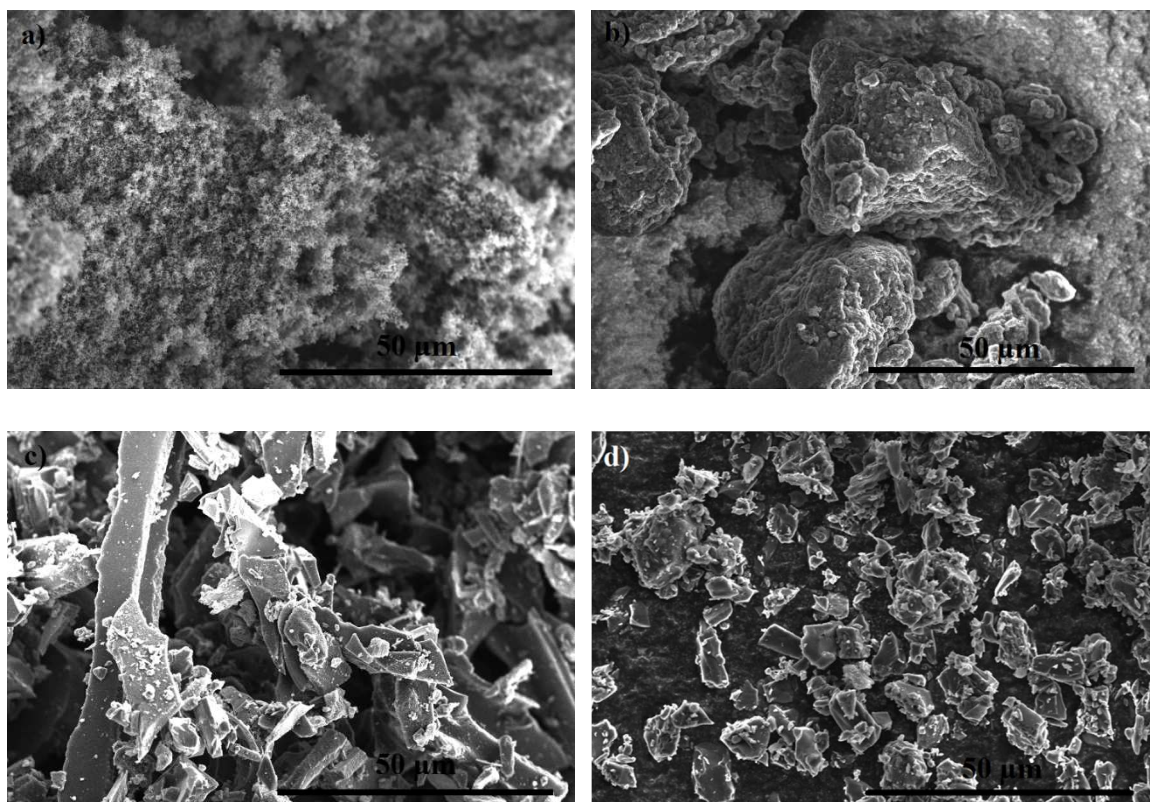


Figure S2. SEM-Images from (a) aCB; (b) aCNTs; (c) aAC1 and (d) aAC2

Table S1. Specific surface area, pore volume and micropore area of the carbon materials (*QSDFT with cylindrical pores at pore width over 2 nm).

| | aCB | aCNTs | aAC1 | aAC2 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| SSA [m ² /g] (BET) | 68.9 | 307 | 638 | 1759 |
| SSA [m ² /g] (QSDFT) | 61.6 | 293* | 650 | 1551 |
| Total pore volume (at p/p ₀) | 0.368 (0.99406) | 1.964 (0.99426) | 0.5373 (0.99417) | 0.8008 (0.99460) |
| Total pore volume (QSDFT) [cm ³ /g] | 0.114 | 1.808* | 0.478 | 0.721 |
| Micropore SA [m ² /g] (t-plot) | 0 | 0 | 363 | 1553 |
| Micropore SA [m ² /g] (QSDFT) | 33.8 | 16.4* | 520 | 1542 |

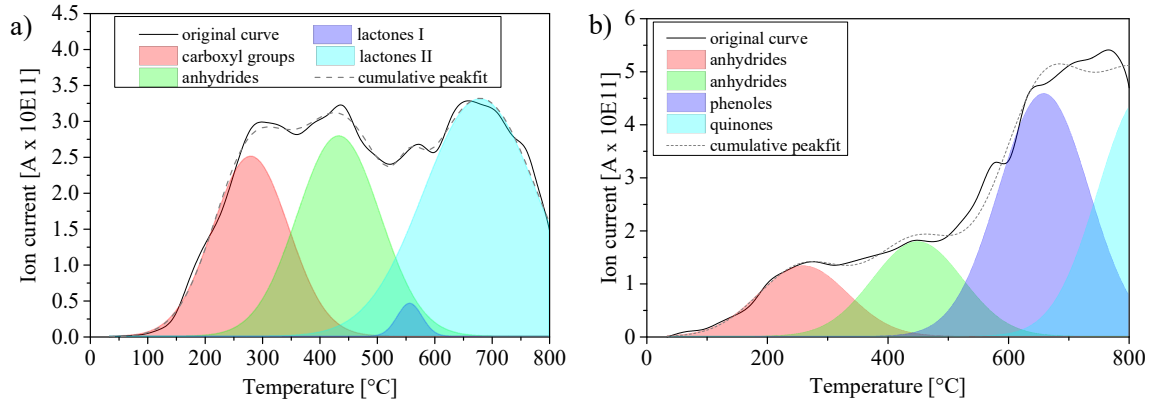


Figure S3. TPD deconvolution of (a) CO₂ and (b) CO for aAC1

Calculation of total oxygen amount for the BT (aAC2) $\left[\frac{g_{oxygen}}{g_{carbon\ material}}\right]$:

$$\text{wt \% O} = \left((\text{mass oxygen in all } -\text{COOH}) + (\text{mass oxygen in all } -\text{COO}^-) + (\text{mass oxygen in all } -\text{OH}) \right) \times 100\%$$

$$\text{wt \% O} = \left(\left(\frac{n_{\text{COOH}}}{g_{\text{carbon}}} \times M_{\text{COOH}} \times \frac{M_{2\text{O}}}{M_{\text{COOH}}} \right) + \left(\frac{n_{\text{COO}^-}}{g_{\text{carbon}}} \times M_{\text{COO}^-} \times \frac{M_{2\text{O}}}{M_{\text{COO}^-}} \right) + \left(\frac{n_{\text{OH}}}{g_{\text{carbon}}} \times M_{\text{OH}} \times \frac{M_{\text{O}}}{M_{\text{OH}}} \right) \right) \times 100\%$$

$$\left(\frac{M_{2\text{O}}}{M_{\text{COOH}}} \right) = \text{amount of oxygen within the group}$$

$$\text{wt \% O} = \left(\left(1.02 \frac{\text{mmol}}{g_{\text{carbon}}} \times 32 \frac{g_{\text{O}}}{\text{mol}} \right) + \left(0.24 \frac{\text{mmol}}{g_{\text{carbon}}} \times 32 \frac{g_{\text{O}}}{\text{mol}} \right) + \left(0.53 \frac{\text{mmol}}{g_{\text{carbon}}} \times 16 \frac{g_{\text{O}}}{\text{mol}} \right) \right) \times 100\%$$

$$\text{wt \% O} = \left(\frac{(32.7) + (7.55) + (8.47)}{1000} \right) \times 100\%$$

$$\text{wt \% O} = 4.87\%$$

Calculation of total oxygen amount for the TPD (aAC1) $\left[\frac{g_{oxygen}}{g_{carbon\ material}}\right]$:

$$\text{Assumption: } \text{mass loss}_{\text{TGA}} = m_{\text{CO}} + m_{\text{CO}_2}$$

$$\text{wt \% O} = \left(m_{\text{CO}} \times \frac{M_{\text{O}}}{M_{\text{CO}}} + m_{\text{CO}_2} \times \frac{M_{2\text{O}}}{M_{\text{CO}_2}} \right) \times \text{mass loss}_{\text{TGA}} [\%]$$

$$\text{wt \% O} = \frac{\left(A_{\text{COOH, COOR}} [\%] \times \frac{M_{\text{O}_2}}{M_{\text{CO}_2}} + A_{\text{anhydride}} [\%] \times \frac{M_{\text{O}_2}}{M_{\text{CO}_2+\text{CO}}} + A_{\text{phenol}} [\%] \times \frac{M_{\text{O}_2}}{M_{\text{CO}}} \right)}{100\%} \times \text{mass loss}_{\text{TGA}} [\%]$$

$\left(\frac{M_{\text{O}_2}}{M_{\text{CO}}} \right)$ = amount of oxygen within released gas for one anhydride

$$A_{\text{COOH, COOR}} [\%] = \frac{A_{\text{COOH, COOR}}}{\sum A_{\text{all groups}}} \quad (A = \text{peak area from deconvolution})$$

$$\text{wt \% O (aAC1)} = \frac{(32.97\% \times 0.73 + 22.07\% \times 0.67 + 22.54\% \times 0.57)}{100\%} \times 16.44\%$$

$$\text{wt \% O (aAC1)} = 8.48\%$$

(m_{CO} from quinones etc. is not included in wt % O)