Нанопористый диоксид титана для фотокаталитических приложений





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Aim of this talk is

to pay attention on rapidly growing field of science devoted to the search and the synthesis of highly active semiconductor photocatalysts acting under visible light

This is important for: material science, green chemistry, hydrogen generation, clean water and clean air.

Photocatalysis under solar light gives

Green energy storage due to hydrogen production Green purification of water and atmosphere Green chemistry of selective organic synthesis, oxidation or reduction



Titanium dioxide is good for suncream





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Plan of talk

- 1. Introduction: which photocatalyst is good ?
- 2. Titania photocatalyst TiO₂, main properties
- 3. Synthesis and catalytic activity of TiO₂
- 4. Nonstoichiometry in TiO_{2-x}
- 5. Summary and mechanism of catalytic activity

Which solar photocatalyst is good ?

- 1. Photocatalyst should be able to absorb visible light $(E_g < 3.0 \text{ eV})$
- 2. Ability of the catalyst to create electrons and holes
- 3. Created electrons and holes should be separated in space to avoid their recombination
- 4. Free radicals, which are generated by electrons and holes, for example, hydroxyl radicals, OH, should be able to undergo secondary reactions
- 5. Photocatalyst should be nanostructured (positive and negative size effect)
- 6. Photocatalyst should be chemically stable and catalytically active within operating time

Structure and semiconductor properties of TiO₂ modifications



The two crystal structures differ in the distortion of each octahedron and by the assembly pattern of the octahedra chains. In rutile, the octahedron shows a slight orthorhombic distortion; in anatase, the octahedron is significantly distorted so that its symmetry is lower than orthorhombic. The Ti-Ti distances in anatase are larger, whereas the Ti-O distances are shorter than those in rutile.



E (eV)

Molecular-orbital bonding structure for anatase TiO_2 : (a) atomic levels; (b) crystal-field split levels; (c) final interaction states. The thin-solid and dashed lines represent large and small contributions, respectively.

Band gap of bulk and nano-TiO₂

Quantum confinement size effects were observed for TiO_2 nanoparticles with a small apparent band gap blue shift (<0.1-0.2 eV) caused by quantum size effects for spherical particles sizes down to 2 nm. (due to the relatively high effective mass of carriers in TiO₂ and an exciton radius in the approximate range 0.75-1.90 nm)

Blue shift for nanosheets

 $\Delta E_{g} = \frac{h^{2}}{8\mu xz} \left(\frac{1}{L_{x}^{2}} + \frac{1}{L_{z}^{2}} \right) + \frac{h^{2}}{8\mu_{y}L_{y}^{2}}$

where *h* is Plank's constant, μxz and μy are the reduced effective masses of the excitons, and *Lx*, *Ly*, and *Lz* are the crystallite dimensions in the parallel and perpendicular directions with respect to the sheet, respectively.

Enthalpy of diferent modifications of nano-TiO₂



On heating concomitant with coarsening, the transformations are all seen: anatase to brookite to rutile, brookite to anatase to rutile, anatase to rutile, and brookite to rutile.

The transformation sequence and thermodynamic phase stability depended on the initial particle sizes of anatase and brookite

The **red** solid line represents the phases of lowest enthalpy as a function of surface area. Rutile was energetically stable for surface area $< 592 \text{ m}^2/\text{mol}$ (7 m²/g or >200 nm), brookite was energetically stable from 592 to 3174 m²/mol (7–40 m²/g or 200–40 nm), and anatase was energetically stable for greater surface areas or smaller sizes (<40 nm).



Main disadvantage of TiO_2 :

functioning exclusively under UV-irradiation (wave length shorter than 390 nm)

Model for catalytic activity of semiconductor nanocomposites under sunlight (λ < 515 nm)

 $2C_2H_5OH + O_2 = 2CH_3COH + 2H_2O$



Rempel A.A., Kozlova E.A. et al, CatCom. 2015

Synthesis techniques of nanoporous photocatalyst active under visible light

- 1. Anodization of metal at low temperatures to produce gradient of chemical composition or hetero-structure
- 2. Reduction of stoichiometric oxide in hydrogen atmosphere at elevated temperatures

Nanotubular titanium dioxide film synthesis

- Nanotubular TiO₂ film was synthesized by the anodic oxidation of a 100 μ m thick titanium foil.
- Anodization was carried out potentiostatically at a voltage of 20 V and anodization time of 15, 30, 60, 120, 180 or 360 min.
- A solution of ethylene glycol and ammonium fluoride with the concentration equal to 1 wt. % was employed as the electrolyte.
- The area of the anodization for every sample was about 4 cm².





Nonstoichiometric titania nanotubes, produced by anodization of a Ti-foil



Catalytic activity is 5 times higher in compare to standard Degussa P25





Catalytic reaction on TiO_{2-x} NTs



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Sol-gel technology and products



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Sol-gel synthesis of TiO₂

 $Ti(OBu)_4$ was hydrolyzed according to the following procedure:

few mmol of Ti(OBu)₄ were added into the conical flask equipped with magnetic stirrer, water condenser and dropping funnel.

Stoichiometric titania



+ Annealing in hydrogen stream



Reaction setup

$2CH_3 - CH_2OH + O_2 = 2CH_3 - COH + 2H_2O$



Reaction set-up:

1 – high pressure

mercury lamp,

- 2 mirror,
- 3 supported
- photocatalyst,
- 4 injector,
- 5 magnetic stirrer,
- 6 anchor,
- 7 cut-off filter,
- 8 quartz window



λ> 420 nm Gas chromatography

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- 1. Air purification system
- 2. Mass flow controller
- 3. Mass flow controller
- 4. Saturator with dist. water
- 5. Saturator with acetone
- 6. Microdispenser
- 7. Gas cell installed in IR spectrometer

LEDs – 450 and 365 nm

UK CO PAH

 $C_3H_5OH+4O_2 \rightarrow 3CO_2+3H_2O$

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Aerobic oxidative C–H/C–H coupling of azaaromatics with nucleophiles by TiO₂ as a photocatalyst



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