

## Synthesis of Carbon-coated TiO<sub>2</sub> by Sol-Gel Process

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Titania gel was prepared by the addition of titanium-tetraisopropoxide (TTIP) in Sol-Gel process. Fine particles of photocatalytic anatase-type titanium oxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) was prepared through the hydrolysis of TTIP where carbon coating was done by through the precipitation of poly vinyl alcohol (PVA) aqueous solution, at a temperature between 400 to 900°C for 1h in an Ar gas flow. Since the carbon layers formed on the TiO<sub>2</sub> particles were porous, the samples showed a high adsorptivity and the photoactivity of TiO<sub>2</sub>. Without carbon coating, the phase transformation from anatase to rutile started above 600°C, However it was suppressed up to 800°C for carbon - coated TiO<sub>2</sub>. The sample prepared at 800°C with a carbon content of 1~10 wt% suppressed the transformation of anatase to rutile with the thin carbon layer which can be easily penetrated by UV rays.