

Phase transformation and crystallite growth of Fe-doped TiO₂ nanofibers by electrospinning technique

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Fe-doped TiO₂ nanofibers were fabricated by an electrospinning technique using poly (vinylpyrrolidone) and titanium isopropoxide as precursors. When the calcination temperature was increased, the crystallite size of the TiO₂ nanofibers increased. The Fe-doped TiO₂ nanofiber crystallites were larger than those of pure TiO₂ nanofibers because Fe promotes phase transformation. Fe controlled the phase transformation and also affected the growth of anatase crystallites. The photocatalysts were evaluated using the photodecomposition of methylene blue under UV light. Fe-doped TiO₂ nanofibers were found to be more efficient than pure TiO₂ nanofibers for photocatalytic degradation of methylene blue. The photocatalytic degradation rate fitted a pseudo-first-order equation. The rate constants of pure TiO₂ nanofibers and 0.5%-Fe-doped TiO₂ nanofibers were 0.276 and 0.570, respectively.