

TiO₂

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An Experimental Study on the Photodegradation of Volatile Organic Compounds(VOCs) using TiO₂ Nano Particles

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Abstract

In this experiment, the oxidations of p-Xylene (140-180 ppmv), one of the air pollutants as a VOC, using UV/TiO₂ photocatalyst is studied. In order to increase the specific surface area, the filter is coated by nano TiO₂ particles. The photodegradation system consists of a VOCs generator, a photocatalyst filter and a measuring equipment. Illumination is generally provided by two of 20 W black light lamps with 380 nm of wavelength. The filter coated by nano TiO₂ particles has a passing efficiency over 80% but a pressure drop of 9.0 mmH₂O at 0.45 cm/s. The filter endurance is better than activated carbon at the same pressure drop.

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1. 가

Compounds) 가

(VOCs, Volatile Organic Fe(III)-doped TiO₂ 가

Band gap energy 가 3.0 3.2 eV

(Photochemical 가

Reaction) (O₃) 가

2. TiO₂ UV

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Table. 1 Specification of filter coated with nano TiO₂ particles

| Column | Specification |
|------------------|------------------|
| Filter Type | Mesh |
| Filter Size | 120× 120 mm |
| Number of Filter | 20 ea |
| Coating Material | TiO ₂ |

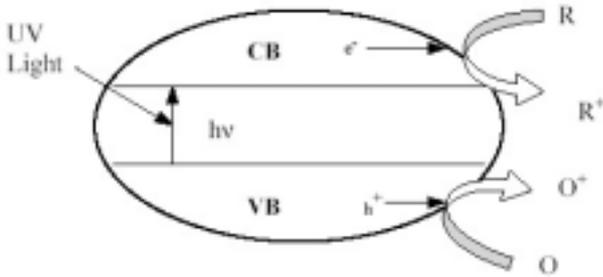


Fig. 1 The schematic of TiO₂ UV photo-excitation process (R=reduction; O=oxidation)

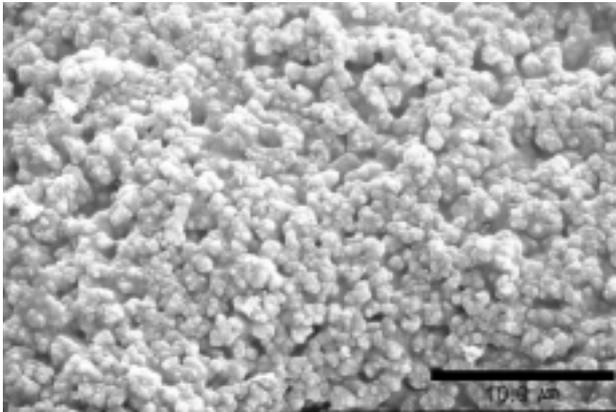


Fig. 2 Scanning electron micrograph of filter coated with nano TiO₂ particles

UV Light 가 (1) (h: , v:)
 Fig. 1
 (Electron-Hole Pair) 가 (VB, Valence Band)
 (CB, Conduction Band) 가
 (Electron) (Hole)

OH radical / OH radical
 (UV, Ultra-Violet) (2)
 UV/TiO₂
 TiO₂
 $TiO_2 + hv \rightarrow h^+ + e^-$ (1)
 (h⁺) (e⁻)
 가
 (Oxidative Reaction):
 $OH^- + h^+ \rightarrow OH$ (2)
 (Reductive Reaction):
 $O_2 + e^- \rightarrow O_2^-$ (3)
 TiO₂ (Hole)
 (Electron)가 (Hole)
 (Electron) (Hole)
 (O₂)
 CO₂, H₂O
 (2)
 $OH + pollutant + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2, H_2O, etc.$ (4)

3.

TiO₂
 가 (3, 4)
 가
 가 (5)
 가
 TiO₂ (6)
 가

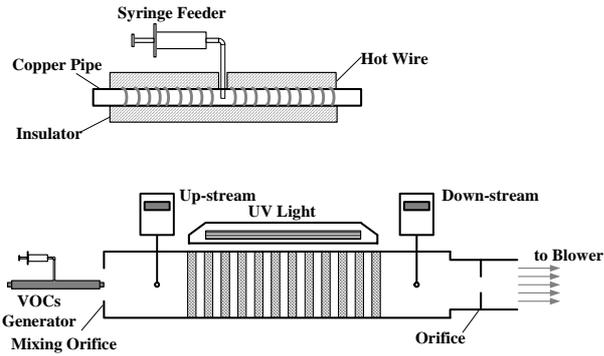
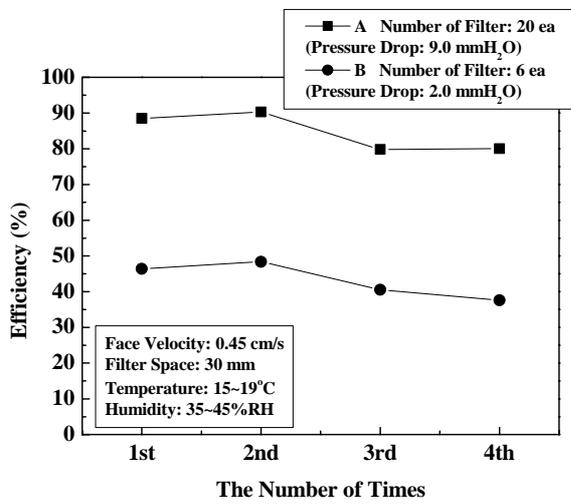
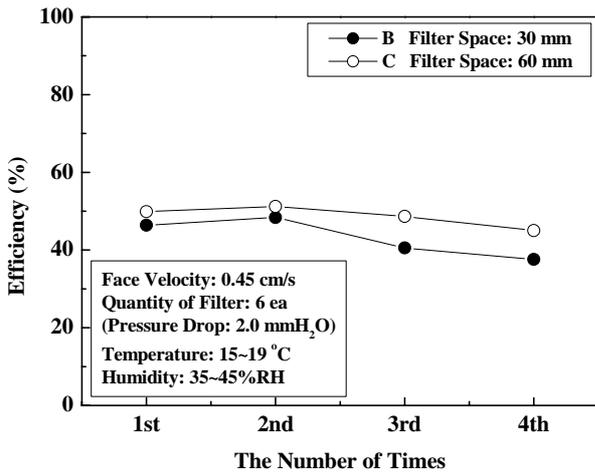


Fig. 3 Schematic representation of the experimental apparatus



(a) Comparison of efficiency among the number of filter



(b) Comparison of efficiency among the filter

Fig. 4 Efficiency of filter among the variable

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Fig. 2

TiO₂ 가

Table. 1

120x 120 mm

TiO₂ 가

3.2

Fig. 3

TiO₂

TiO₂ 가

p-Xylene

p-Xylene
(Cole-Parmer, Syringe

Pump),

(Orifice)

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VOC 가

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(Furness Control, Micro-Manometer)

VOC

VOC

VOCs

(MSA, Passport PID II)

VOC

TiO₂

UV(380 nm)

2

20 W

4.

p-Xylene

TiO₂ 가

가

A, B, C

A B

20

6

30 mm

,

C

6

60 mm

4.1 TiO₂

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Fig 4(a)

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VOC

p-Xylene

UV(380 nm)

2

0.45 cm/s

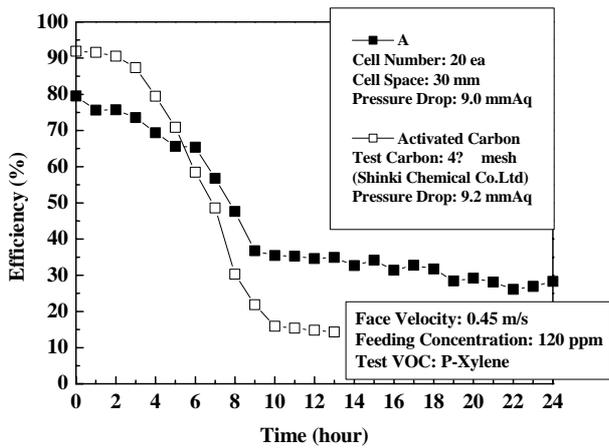
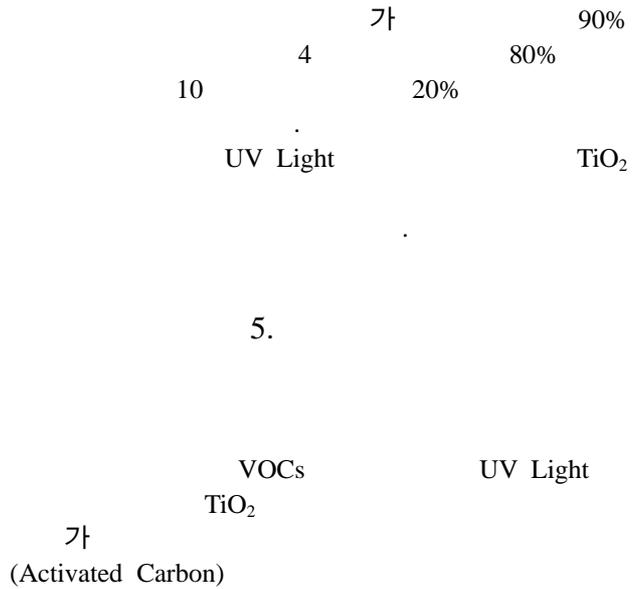
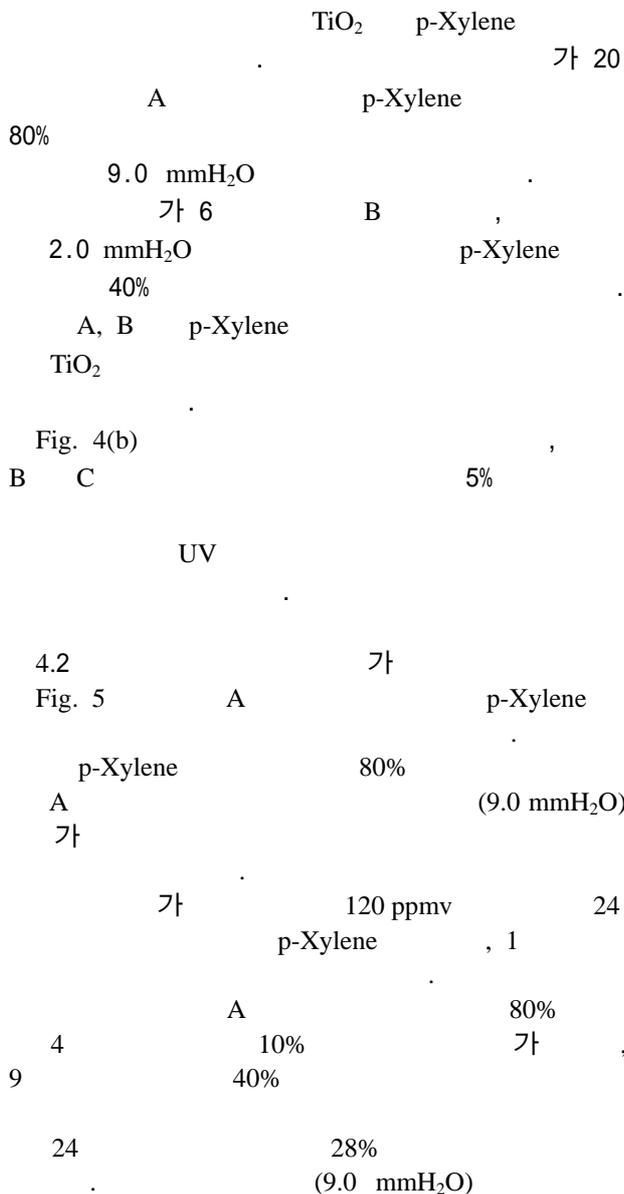


Fig. 5 Comparison of endurance test between photocatalytic filter and activated carbon at the same pressure drop



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