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Capture of carbon dioxide by TiO₂ modified amines

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Carbon dioxide from flue gas removed using different types of solid sorbents, including porous zeolites, alumina, metal-organic frameworks, silica materials and titanium dioxide. But, most of these conventional physisorbents suffer from low CO₂ adsorption capacities at relatively low carbon dioxide partial pressure and lower selectivity toward CO₂. Said issues might be resolved by applying modifications in the surface chemistry of the porous materials through impregnation with functional groups including alkaline carbonates and various amines such as TEPA, TETA, DEA, and TEA. Porous materials described above with high surface area and pore volume could accommodate larger amount of basic groups to capture CO₂. TiO₂ nanotubes, exhibiting hydrothermally stable tubular structure, large pore system and specific surface area enabling good accessibility for functionalization and adsorption are ideal mesoporous support for potential sorption applications. In this work, the TiO₂ produced by sulphate technology in Grupa Azoty Zakłady Chemiczne Police S.A., a chemical plant in Poland. The preparation of titanate nanotubes carried out by hydrothermal method and functionalized with different kinds of amines. The prepared adsorbents characterized by X-ray diffraction (XRD) and N₂ adsorption-desorption at 77 K. The morphology of the samples was observed with a scanning electron microscope (SEM) equipped with an energy dispersive X-ray spectrometer (EDS). Textual properties defined by FTIR/DRS and Raman spectroscopy. CO₂ adsorption/desorption measurements for sample at 30 °C were carried using Netzsch STA 449 C thermobalance (Netzsch Company, Germany) on the basis of the weight gain and loss during the sorption and desorption process.

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