# THE REACTIVITIES OF TiO<sub>2</sub> (RUTILE AND ANATASE) FOR THE SOLID-STATE REACTIONS WITH BaSO<sub>4</sub> AND BaCO<sub>3</sub>

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DTA and isothermal kinetic studies were carried out on the reactions of  $BaSO_4$  or  $BaCO_3$  with  $TiO_2$  (anatase and rutile) to  $BaTiO_3$ .

In the initial steps, the reactions of  $BaSO_4$  with  $TiO_2$  (anatase) proceeded to  $BaTi_4O_9$ , of  $BaSO_4$  with  $TiO_2$  (rutile) to  $BaTi_3O_7$ , and of  $BaCO_3$  with  $TiO_2$  (anatase and rutile) to  $Ba_2TiO_4$ , respectively. These reactions were connected with the formation of binary metal oxide through some intermediates, which are  $BaSO_4$  or  $BaCO_3$  incorporated with  $TiO_2$ . The reactivity of anatase was higher than that of rutile in all reaction systems.

Many investigations on the solid-state reaction between  $TiO_2$  and  $BaCO_3$  have been reported [1-5], but these results are not always consistent with each other from the viewpoint of the reaction processes and the reactivities of  $TiO_2$ . On the other hand, studies on the  $BaSO_4-TiO_2$  system are rarely found. The present paper is concerned with DTA and isothermal kinetic studies on the reactivities of  $TiO_2$  (anatase and rutile) in the  $BaSO_4-TiO_2$  and  $BaCO_3-TiO_2$  systems.

In a previous paper [6], the influence of the preparation history of the  $TiO_2$  on its reactivity for the solid-state reaction in  $CaSO_4 - TiO_2$  systems was studied by means of TG, DTA and isothermal kinetic experiments, and it was concluded that the reactivity of  $TiO_2$  was dependent on the structure difference due to the different preparation histories, whereas in the  $CaCO_3 - TiO_2$  systems there was no distinct influence of the structure difference of  $TiO_2$  was recognized.

#### Experimental

#### Materials

TiO<sub>2</sub> (anatase) and BaSO<sub>4</sub> were prepared by calcining commercial TiO<sub>2</sub> (anatase) and BaSO<sub>4</sub> (GR reagents from Kanto Chemical Co.) at 500° for 1 hr in air. TiO<sub>2</sub> (rutile) was prepared by calcining TiO<sub>2</sub> (anatase) at 1200° for 1 hr in air. BaCO<sub>3</sub> was prepared by calcining commercial BaCO<sub>3</sub> (GR reagent from Kishida Chemical Co.) at 500° for 1 hr in air. All starting materials were ground to pass through a 250 mesh sieve. The samples used for DTA and isothermal experiments were prepared by mixing BaSO<sub>4</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> (1 : 1 mol), and BaCO<sub>3</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> (1 : 1 mol) in an agate mortar for 30 min.

#### DTA experiments

The gas flow type DTA apparatus [7] was used with a sample of 0.5 g, a flowing nitrogen atmosphere of 100 ml/min and a heating rate of  $5.6-7.4^{\circ}/\text{min}$ .  $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (200 mesh) used as reference material was prepared by calcining activated alumina (Merk) at 1300° for 3 hr in air. X-ray analysis of the samples taken out at various temperatures (shown by arrows) in the course of DTA experiments was carried out at room temperature to study the reaction mechanism involved. The X-ray diffractometer used was a Geigerflex 2141 (Rigaku Denki Co.), operated under the following conditions: CuK $\alpha$  radiation, Ni filter, 25 kV and 10 mA.

## Isothermal experiments

For  $CaSO_4 - TiO_2$  systems, 100 mg sample was placed in an alumina boat and heated in the isothermally operated furnace in a current of N<sub>2</sub> (100 ml/min). The degree of decomposition of BaSO<sub>4</sub> and the compositions of the products were determined by gas analysis of SO<sub>3</sub> (SO<sub>2</sub>) in the outlet gas and by X-ray analysis of the products as a function of reaction time, respectively. The quantity of SO<sub>3</sub> (SO<sub>2</sub>) was determined on the basis of the titration of SO<sub>3</sub> absorbed in 0.1% hydrogen peroxide solution (40 ml) containing dilute CuCl<sub>2</sub> solution (10 ml) with 0.05 N NaOH solution.

#### **Results and discussion**

# DTA of $BaSO_4 - TiO_2$ systems

Figure 1 shows the DTA curves for (a)  $BaSO_4$  alone, (b)  $BaSO_4 - TiO_2$  (anatase) and (c)  $BaSO_4 - TiO_2$  (rutile) systems in flowing N<sub>2</sub>. Curve (a) reveals no thermal deflection except for a sharp endothermic peak due to the transition of  $BaSO_4$  at 1170°. In the course of the reaction up to 1400° trace amounts of  $SO_3$ were detected, but the fractional decomposition of  $BaSO_4$  at 1400° was less than 0.1%. No BaO (BaO<sub>2</sub>) was identified in the sample at 1400° by X-ray analysis.

Curve (b) shows that an endothermic deflection begins at about 1000°, followed by three endothermic peaks, at 1120°, 1170° and 1260°. The sharp endothermic peak at 1170° corresponds to the transition of the BaSO<sub>4</sub> remaining. X-ray diffraction patterns showed that the reaction to BaTiO<sub>3</sub> is completed up to 1400°, but BaO is absent in all temperature ranges. On the basis of these results, it may be concluded that the decomposition of BaSO<sub>4</sub> (reaction (1)) is promoted by TiO<sub>2</sub> and proceeds through two steps, which results in the peaks at 1120 and 1260°, this reaction not involving the intermediate formation BaO (BaO<sub>2</sub>) from the decomposition of BaSO<sub>4</sub>:

$$BaSO_4 + TiO_2 \rightarrow BaTiO_3 + SO_3 \uparrow$$
(1)

Curve (c) shows, in a similar manner as curve (b), a slight endothermic deflection at  $1000-1250^{\circ}$ , followed by two endothermic peaks, at  $1170^{\circ}$  and  $1330^{\circ}$ . The reaction to BaTiO<sub>3</sub> was completed up to  $1370^{\circ}$ , but BaO (BaO<sub>2</sub>) was absent. It is



Fig. 1. DTA curves for  $BaSO_4$  and  $BaSO_4 - TiO_2$  systems in flowing  $N_2$ . *a*,  $BaSO_4$ ; *b*,  $BaSO_4 - TiO_2$  (anatase); *c*,  $BaSO_4 - TiO_2$  (rutile)

thought that the reaction proceeds through two steps, at  $1000-1250^{\circ}$  and  $1330^{\circ}$ . Compared with curve (b), however, the endothermic deflection for the initial reaction step is small, the peak due to the transition of the BaSO<sub>4</sub> remaining is large, and the endothermic peak at higher temperatures is shifted from  $1260^{\circ}$  to  $1330^{\circ}$ . This means that the reactivity of anatase is higher than that of rutile in this reaction system.

In order to follow the reaction processes, especially in the initial reaction step, X-ray analysis was carried out on samples cooled from the temperatures indicated by the arrows on the DTA curves in Fig. 1. In the  $BaSO_4 - TiO_2$  (anatase) system, at 970° the same diffraction pattern as that of the starting sample was obtained, but at 1080° the formation of  $BaTi_4O_9$  and the transition of a certain amount of anatase to rutile occurred. At 1160° the formation of  $BaTiO_3$  began. The amount of  $BaTiO_3$  increased with increasing temperature, and at 1400° only  $BaTiO_3$  was identified. BaO ( $BaO_2$ ) as a decomposition product of  $BaSO_4$ , was not identified in any temperature range.

On the basis of these results, it was assumed, similarly as for the  $CaSO_4$ -oxide system [7], that the promoting effect of  $TiO_2$  (anatase) on the decomposition of  $BaSO_4$  is connected with the formation of binary oxide through some intermediates,  $BaSO_4$  incorporated with  $TiO_2$ , in the initial step of the reaction:

$$BaSO_4 + 4 TiO_2 \neq (BaSO_4 \cdot 4 TiO_2)$$
 (2)

$$(BaSO_4 \cdot 4 \operatorname{TiO}_2) \rightarrow BaTi_4O_9 + SO_3(SO_2 + 1/2O_2) \uparrow$$
. (3)

Reaction (3) is probably the rate-controlling step and corresponds to the endothermic peak at about 1120°. This initial reaction is followed by the second step:

$$BaTi_4O_9 + 3 TiO_2 \rightarrow 4 BaTiO_3 + 3 SO_3 (SO_2 + 1/2O_2).$$
 (4)

In the BaSO<sub>4</sub>-TiO<sub>2</sub> (rutile) system, at 970° the same diffraction pattern as that of the starting sample was given, but at 1120° the formation of BaTi<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub> was found, in contrast with BaTi<sub>4</sub>O<sub>9</sub> in the BaSO<sub>4</sub>-TiO<sub>2</sub> (anatase) system. At 1260° the formation of BaTiO<sub>3</sub> began. The amount of BaTiO<sub>3</sub> increased with increasing temperature, and at 1340° only BaTiO<sub>3</sub> was identified. BaO (BaO<sub>2</sub>) was not found in the entire temperature range. In a similar manner as in the anatase system, the following processes were considered in the initial step:

$$BaSO_4 + 3 \operatorname{TiO}_2 \not\equiv (BaSO_4 \cdot 3 \operatorname{TiO}_2) \tag{5}$$

$$(BaSO_4 \cdot 3 \operatorname{TiO}_2) \to BaTi_3O_7 + SO_3(SO_2 + 1/2O_2) \uparrow .$$
(6)

This initial reaction is followed by the second step:

$$BaTi_{3}O_{7} + 2 BaSO_{4} \rightarrow 3 BaTiO_{3} + 2 SO_{3}(SO_{2} + 1/2O_{2}).$$
 (7)

The intermediate-like materials denoted by  $(BaSO_4 \cdot 4 TiO_2)$  and  $(BaSO_4 \cdot 3 TiO_2)$  were not identified in the X-ray diffraction patterns of the samples cooled to room temperature. This is probably due to the fact that reactions (2) and (5) proceed reversibly.



Fig. 2. X-ray diffraction patterns of samples 1 and 2 in the DTA curve for the  $BaSO_4 - TiO_2$  (anatase) system (curve b in Fig. 1). (),  $BaTi_4O_9$ ; •,  $BaTiO_3$ ; no mark,  $BaSO_4$  or  $TiO_2$ 

Figure 2 shows the X-ray diffraction patterns of samples 1 and 2 corresponding to the temperatures 1080° and 1220° in DTA curve (b) in Fig. 1 for the  $BaSO_4 - TiO_2$  (anatase) system. The variations of the intensities of the characteristic diffraction peaks of  $BaTi_4O_9$  (2 $\Theta$  = 29.9 and 30.1° ASTM) and  $BaTiO_3$  (31.5, 31.6 and 38.9° ASTM) are given. Figure 3 shows the patterns of samples 3 and 4



Fig. 3. X-ray diffraction patterns of samples 3 and 4 in the DTA curve for the  $BaSO_4 - TiO_2$  (rutile) system (curve c in Fig. 1). (),  $BaTi_3O_7$ ; •,  $BaTiO_3$ ; no mark,  $BaSO_4$  or  $TiO_2$ 

at 1120° and 1260° in DTA curve (c) in Fig. 1 for the  $BaSO_4 - TiO_2$  (rutile) system. The characteristic peaks of  $BaTi_3O_7$  (28.4, 31.3, 32.1 and 33.6° ASTM) and  $BaTiO_3$  are given. In the rutile system no peaks are recognized at  $2\Theta = 29.9$  and 30.1°.

# Isothermal studies of $BaSO_4 - TiO_2$ systems

Figure 4 shows plots of the isothermal kinetic data obtained in the temperature ranges where the initial reactions occur  $(1000-1100^{\circ} \text{ for the anatase system, and } 1100-1150^{\circ}$  for the rutile system) as indicated by the DTA curves in Fig. 1. Jander's equation based on diffusion,  $kt = [1 - (1 - \alpha)^{1/3}]^2$ , provides a good fit to the data. The results reveal that the reactivity of anatase is higher than that of rutile. X-ray analysis of the samples at various temperatures and times substantiated the reaction processes suggested by the DTA experiments. Furthermore, the



Fig. 4. Jander's plots of the isothermal kinetic data obtained in the temperature ranges where the initial reactions occur. a, BaSO<sub>4</sub> – TiO<sub>2</sub> (anatase); b, BaSO<sub>4</sub> – TiO<sub>2</sub> (rutile)

X-ray results showed that when the reaction time is long, the reaction in the second step proceeded simultaneously with that in the initial step. For example, in the BaSO<sub>4</sub>-TiO<sub>2</sub> (anatase) system, reaction (3) proceeded under conditions of 1050° and 60 min, reactions (3) and (4) at 1100° and 30 min, and reaction (4) at 1100° and 60 min (reaction (3) disappeared), whereas in the BaSO<sub>4</sub>-TiO<sub>2</sub> (rutile) system, no reaction products appeared at 1050° and 60 min, and reactions (6) and (7) proceeded at 1100° and 30-60 min.

## DTA of $BaCO_3 - TiO_2$ systems

In order to compare the reactivity of  $TiO_2$  in  $BaSO_4 - TiO_2$  systems with that in  $BaCO_3 - TiO_2$  systems, DTA studies of  $BaCO_3 - TiO_2$  systems were carried out. Isothermal kinetic studies of  $BaCO_3 - TiO_2$  systems have already been made by many investigators.

Figure 5 illustrates the DTA curves for (a)  $BaCO_3$  alone, (b)  $BaCO_3 - TiO_2$ (anatase) and (c)  $BaCO_3 - TiO_2$  (rutile) systems in flowing N<sub>2</sub>. Curve (a) exhibits three endothermic peaks. X-ray analysis showed that there are no decomposition products at 990 and 1090°, and that  $BaO_2$  is formed at 1180°. Therefore the endothermic peak at about 1140° corresponds to the decomposition of  $BaCO_3$ . The X-ray result at 1350° showed that the decomposition of  $BaCO_3$  is completed. The endothermic peaks at about 810 and 990° correspond to the  $BaCO_3$  transitions from rhombic to hexagonal and from hexagonal to cubic systems, respectively. A qualitative analysis of CO and CO<sub>2</sub> in the outlet gas was carried out with the use of  $PdCl_2$ -HCl solution and  $BaCl_2$ -NH<sub>4</sub>OH solution, respectively. No CO was detected in the experimental temperature range; trace amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> were detected at about 700°. On the basis of these results, it is thought that the decomposition of  $BaCO_3$  (reaction (8)) proceeds gradually from 700° and rapidly at about 1100°:

$$BaCO_3 \rightarrow BaO + CO_2 \uparrow$$
. (8)



Fig. 5. DTA curves for  $BaCO_3$  and  $BaCO_3 - TiO_2$  systems in flowing N<sub>2</sub>. *a*,  $BaCO_3$ ; *b*,  $BaCO_3 - TiO_2$  (anatase); *c*,  $BaCO_3 - TiO_2$  (rutile)

The  $BaO_2$  formation at 1180°, mentioned above, is due to the oxidation of BaO by aerial  $O_2$  in the course of the X-ray analysis.

Curve (b) shows that an endothermic peak due to the transition of  $BaCO_3$  appears at 820°, followed by an endothermic peak at about 910°. X-ray analysis of the samples indicated by arrows demonstrated that the decomposition of  $BaCO_3$  is promoted by TiO<sub>2</sub> (anatase), that the bulk of the  $BaCO_3$  decomposes at 1050° into  $BaTiO_3$  and  $CO_2$  through the formation of  $Ba_2TiO_4$ , and that the decomposition is completed at 1250°.

Curve (c) shows that the transition peak of  $BaCO_3$  appears at 815°, followed by a broad endothermic peak at 800-1100°. X-ray analysis revealed that, in a similar manner as for (b), the decomposition is promoted, the bulk of the  $BaCO_3$ decomposes at 1300° into  $BaTiO_3$  and  $CO_2$  through the formation of  $Ba_2TiO_4$ , and the decomposition is completed at 1370°. In contrast with  $BaSO_4 - TiO_2$ systems, in both  $BaCO_3 - TiO_2$  systems (b and c) the DTA peaks corresponding to the formation of  $BaTiO_3$  are simple and  $Ba_2TiO_4$  seemed to be the main product before  $BaTiO_3$  formation (some unknown X-ray peaks appeared).

On the basis of the results given above, it was assumed that mainly the following reaction sequence proceeds in both anatase und rutile systems:

$$2 \operatorname{BaCO}_3 + \operatorname{TiO}_2 \not\simeq (2 \operatorname{BaCO}_3 \cdot \operatorname{TiO}_2) \tag{9}$$

$$(2 \text{ BaCO}_3 \cdot \text{TiO}_2) \rightarrow \text{Ba}_2\text{TiO}_4 + 2 \text{ CO}_2 \uparrow$$
(10)

$$Ba_2TiO_4 + TiO_2 \rightarrow 2 BaTiO_3.$$
(11)

The influence of the crystal forms of  $TiO_2$  on the composition of the intermediate in the initial reaction step was not evident in these systems, but the difference in reactivity due to the crystal form difference, anatase > rutile, did appear.

Kubo *et al.* [1] and Trzebiatowski *et al.* [8], in accordance with the interpretation by Templeton *et al.* [2], agree that first some BaTiO<sub>3</sub> and then Ba<sub>2</sub>TiO<sub>4</sub> forms at the surface of contact, and finally the Ba<sub>2</sub>TiO<sub>4</sub> combines with the remaining TiO<sub>2</sub> to form BaTiO<sub>3</sub>, but they do not agree on the process of Ba<sub>2</sub>TiO<sub>4</sub> formation. Kubo *et al.* concluded that  $Ba_2TiO_4$  is produced from  $BaTiO_3$  and  $BaCO_3$ , whereas Trzebiatowski *et al.* suggested that  $Ba_2TiO_4$  is formed directly from  $BaCO_3$  and  $TiO_2$ . Templeton *et al.* concluded that a small amount of  $BaTiO_3$  is formed first, and then the reaction becomes diffusion-controlled, and both  $BaTiO_3$  and  $Ba_2TiO_4$  are produced, with  $Ba_2TiO_4$  being formed in much larger amounts.

In the present paper, there are not enough data to reexamine the above works, but the promotion of the reaction of  $BaSO_4$  or  $BaCO_3$  with  $TiO_2$  was connected with the formation of binary metal oxide through intermediates,  $BaSO_4$  or  $BaCO_3$  incorporated with  $TiO_2$ , in the initial step of the reaction, and the reactivities of the  $TiO_2$  were compared. It is interesting that the compositions of these intermediates and the reactivities are affected by the crystal forms of  $TiO_2$ .

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Résumé – La réaction de  $BaSO_4$  ou  $BaCO_3$  avec  $TiO_2$  (anatase et rutile) en  $BaTiO_3$  a fait l'objet d'une étude par ATD et en cinétique isotherme.

La réaction de BaSO<sub>4</sub> avec TiO<sub>2</sub> (anatase) en BaTi<sub>4</sub>O<sub>9</sub>, de BaSO<sub>4</sub> avec TiO<sub>2</sub> (rutile) en BaTi<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub> et de BaCO<sub>3</sub> avec TiO<sub>2</sub> (anatase et rutile) en Ba<sub>2</sub>TiO<sub>4</sub> se produit dès le début. Ces réactions sont liées à la formation d'oxyde du métal binaire à l'aide de quelques intermédiaires, notamment BaSO<sub>4</sub> ou BaCO<sub>3</sub> incorporés au TiO<sub>2</sub>. La réactivité de l'anatase est plus élevée que celle du rutile, dans tous les systèmes réactionnels étudiés.

ZUSAMMENFASSUNG – DTA und isotherme kinetische Untersuchungen der Reaktionen von  $BaSO_4$  oder  $BaCO_3$  mit TiO<sub>2</sub> (Anatas und Rutil) zu  $BaTiO_3$  wurden durchgeführt.

In den Anfangsphasen verliefen sowohl die Reaktion von  $BaSO_4$  mit TiO<sub>2</sub> (Anatas) zu  $BaTi_4O_9$ , von  $BaSO_4$  mit TiO<sub>2</sub> (Rutil) zu  $BaTi_3O_7$  als auch die von  $BaCO_3$  mit TiO<sub>2</sub> (Anatas und Rutil) zu  $Ba_2TiO_4$ . Diese Reaktionen waren mit der Bildung binärer Metalloxide über einige Zwischenstufen, welche aus  $BaSO_4$  odet  $BaCO_3$ , in Verbindung mit TiO<sub>2</sub> bestanden, verknüpft. Die Reaktivität von Anatas war in allen Reaktionssystemen höher, als die vom Rutil.

Резюме — Проведены ДТА и изотермические кинетические исследования реакций BaSO<sub>4</sub> и BaCO<sub>3</sub> с TiO<sub>2</sub> (анатаз и рутил) с образованием BaTiO<sub>3</sub>. На начальных стадиях реакция BaSO<sub>4</sub> с TiO<sub>2</sub> (анатаз) протекает до BaTi<sub>4</sub>O<sub>9</sub>, BaSO<sub>4</sub> с TiO<sub>2</sub> (рутил) до BaTi<sub>3</sub>O, реакция BaCO<sub>3</sub> с TiO<sub>2</sub> (анатаз и рутил) до Ba<sub>2</sub>TiO<sub>4</sub>. Эти реакции протекают с образованием двойных окислов металлов через промежуточные продукты, в которых BaSO<sub>4</sub> и BaCO<sub>3</sub> внедрялись в TiO<sub>2</sub>. Во всех реакциях реакционная способность анатаза была выше, чем рутила.