

BEHAVIOUR OF $\text{CdCO}_3\text{-V}_2\text{O}_5$ (1:1M) SYSTEM IN A SATURATED ATMOSPHERE
OF WATER VAPOR AT DIFFERENT TEMPERATURES

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ABSTRACT

The behaviour of an equimolecular $\text{CdCO}_3\text{-V}_2\text{O}_5$ system in a saturated atmosphere of water vapor has been studied at different temperatures. It was found by means of IR spectroscopy and X-ray data, that the $(\beta\text{-Cd}(\text{VO}_3)_2)$ is obtained at 150°C . The beginning of reaction is stated for an increase of intensity of (001) X-ray line of V_2O_5 . On the other hand, the adsorbed water molecules might cause the transformation crystalline \rightarrow amorphous of V_2O_5 , and an increase of acid properties at the V_2O_5 surface.

INTRODUCTION

The high temperature (β) polymorph of cadmium metavanadate has been prepared by heating mixtures of different cadmium and vanadium compounds at temperatures between $650\text{-}800^\circ\text{C}$ (1-4), or by heating the low temperature (α) polymorph at $750\text{-}800^\circ\text{C}$ (5). Only Bouloux et al., (6) have obtained it at 460°C by compression of $\alpha\text{-Cd}(\text{VO}_3)_2$ lattice under 3000 bars pressure. Generally it is not obtained pure.

We can get it practically pure at 150°C from an equimolecular $\text{CdCO}_3\text{-V}_2\text{O}_5$ mixture kept in a saturated atmosphere of water vapor during 24 hours.

The mixture evolution with the temperature has been studied too. At 50°C , the $\alpha\text{-Cd}(\text{VO}_3)_2$ is detected. This compound has been obtained by us in a previous paper (7).

EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES

Reagents: V_2O_5 Merck a.r. with a purity $> 99\%$. CdCO_3 Riedel de Häsén A.G., both identified by X-ray and thermal analysis.

Preparation of samples. We prepared a mechanical mixture of $\text{CdCO}_3\text{-V}_2\text{O}_5$ (1:1M). Grain size < 0.05 mm. Samples of 1g. were kept in a pressure reactor Phaxe 2005 of 100 ml. capacity, under a saturated atmosphere of water vapor during 24 h. This study has been carried out at the following temperatures: 50, 75, 100 and 150°C .

Techniques: X-ray powder diffraction. Siemens D500 equipped with K805 generator, graphite monochromator and $\text{Cu K}\alpha$ radiation. Infrared

spectroscopy: Perkin Elmer 599B. KBr tablets, 0.3% sample concentration. **Thermal analysis (TG-DSC):** Mettler TA 3000 Analysis System with TCIOTA Processor. The weight for all samples was about 30 mg., an heating rate of 10°C/min. and a N₂ stream.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In Fig.1 we give the X-ray powder diffractograms of mixture CdCO₃-V₂O₅ (1:1M) heated at different temperatures. We can see a progressive increment of α and β-Cd(VO₃)₂ depending on temperature. At 150°C the reaction is finished. At this temperature the β form is obtained with an insignificant amount of α-Cd(VO₃)₂.

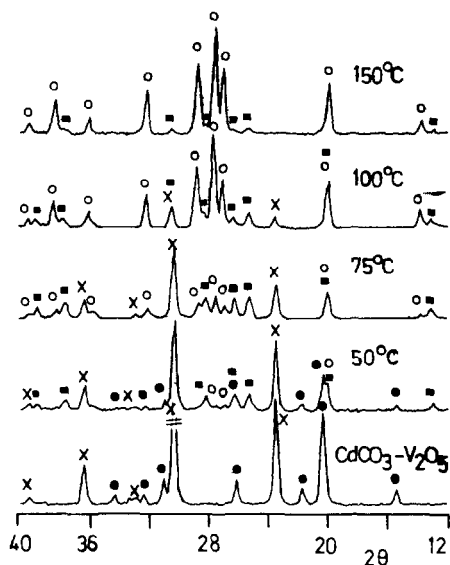


Fig.1 X-ray powder diffraction patterns

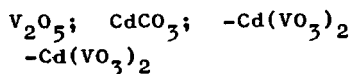


Fig.2 shows the IR spectra which are in agreement with the results above mentioned. When the temperature rises, the absorption bands of CdCO₃ and V₂O₅ decrease, and the Cd(VO₃)₂ ones increase. The respectively absorption bands are found at about:

CdCO₃: 1320-1530, 860 and 720 (cm⁻¹)
V₂O₅: 1020, 820 and 590-475 (cm⁻¹) (9)
Cd(VO₃)₂: 550, 960 and 850 (cm⁻¹) (4)
Cd(VO₃)₂: 515 and 890-830 (cm⁻¹) (4)

The results of thermal analysis are shown in Fig.3 (TG) and Fig.4 (DSC). The TG curves indicate between 25-100°C a weight loss corresponding to adsorbed water. In samples heated at 100 and 150°C (curves d, e) in which the β-Cd(VO₃)₂ is the main component, the amount of adsorbed water is minimum. Between 350-400°C, CdCO₃ decomposes. As we can see in curve (e), the amount of CdCO₃ is very small. This fact confirms the results obtained by X-ray and IR spectroscopy. In curve (c), at about 300°C a small weight loss is detected, very near to CdCO₃ decomposition, we think that it is due to loss of CO₂ proceeding from labile CO₃²⁻. The DSC curves show between 25-100°C a first endothermic effect, due to loss of adsorbed water. A second endothermic peak appears with maximum between 392-

-433°C, which corresponds to CdCO₃ decomposition. About 300°C a should

TABLE 1

T(°C)	$\Delta H(\text{J}/100\text{mg.})$	Content in 100 mg of mixture	
		$\text{CdCO}_3(\text{mg.})$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}(\text{mg.})$
25	25.7 ± 0.2	49.3 ± 0.3	0.7 ± 0.1
50	17.6 ± 0.3	32.2 ± 0.2	4.7 ± 0.1
75	9.7 ± 0.4	17.9 ± 0.5	3.9 ± 0.1
100	1.8 ± 0.1	2.9 ± 0.2	2.2 ± 0.1
150	—	1.1 ± 0.5	0.95 ± 0.05

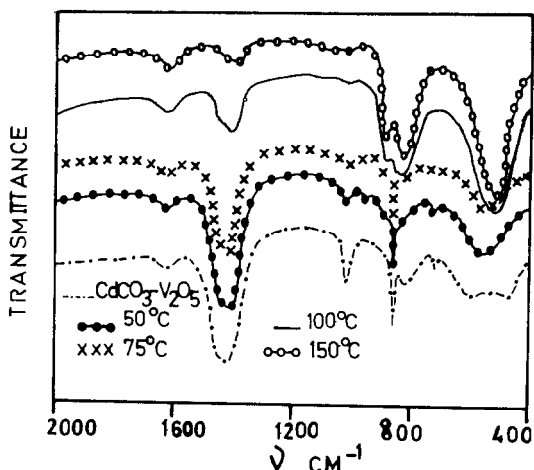


Fig.2 IR absorption spectra of $\text{CdCO}_3-\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ mixtures

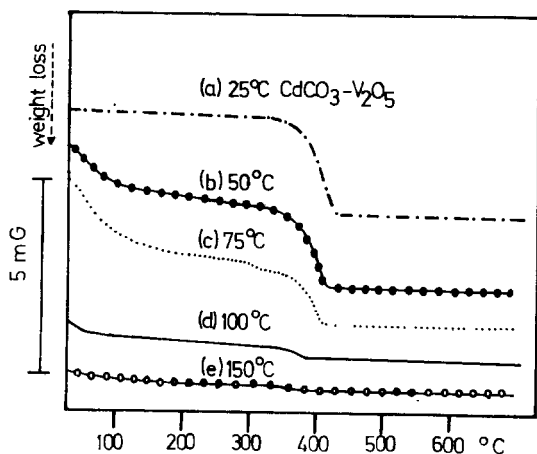


Fig.3 TG curves of $\text{CdCO}_3-\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$

der is detected in curve(b), and a weak endothermic peak (curve c) which correspond to decomposition of CO_3^{2-} more labile. In curve(c) we can see a shoulder between $140-175^\circ\text{C}$ which becomes a peak in curve(e). According to (2) this last peak correspond to $\alpha - \beta$ transition. On the other hand, it is assigned for Livage(10) or Abello(11) to loss of water molecules more strongly bounded to amorphous V_2O_5 .

The TG data and enthalpy of CdCO_3 decomposition are given in Table 1.

Fig.5 shows the reaction evolution of $\text{CdCO}_3-\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ mixture with the temperature. It has been made from thermal analysis (TG-DSC) and X-ray data. This last ones has been got by semiquantitative measure of areas on the following peaks: 3.78\AA for CdCO_3 , 3.52\AA for $\text{Cd}(\text{VO}_3)_2$ and 3.30\AA for $\beta - \text{Cd}(\text{VO}_3)_2$. This graphic shows the good agreement between the results

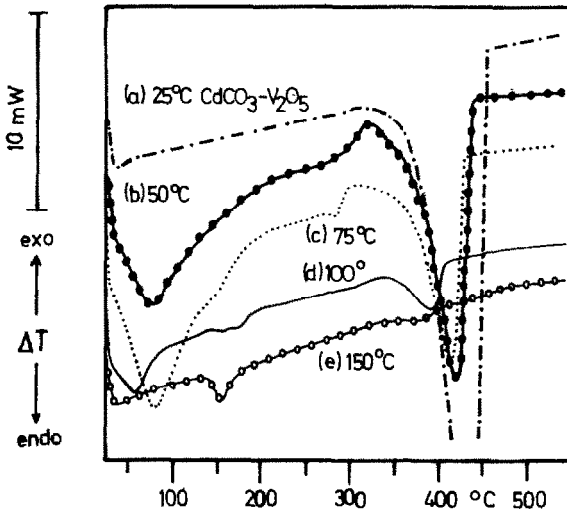


Fig.4 DSC curves of CdCO₃-V₂O₅ mixtures

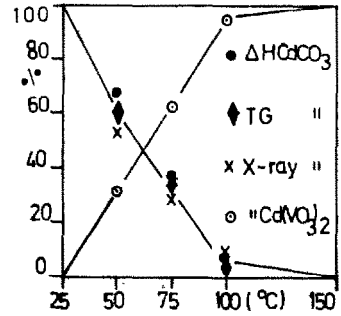
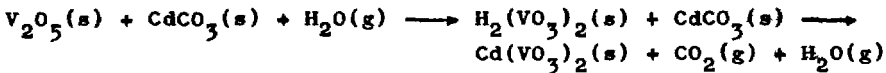


Fig.5 Variation of CdCO₃ and Cd(VO₃)₂ percentages in function of temperature during the thermal treatment of CdCO₃-V₂O₅ mixture.

obtained by the different techniques employed.

Finally, we propose the following mechanism for the reaction studied by us:



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