Understanding of Aging step in TiO₂ Sol Preparation for the Synthesis of High Activated TiO₂ Nanosized Particles and Its Mechanism

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In this study, we investigated the effects of sol preparation process variables in order to control microstructure characterization of high activated Anatase type TiO2 particles. Using TTIP as a starting material, we prepared TiO2 sol solution through the process of hydrolysis/polycondensation, aging, peptization. As a result of this study, we knew that aging among the sol preparation step had an influence upon characterization of calcined TiO2 particles as well as hydrous TiO2 particles. According to aging, we could control the crystallinity and microstructure of TiO2 sol particles and calcined TiO2 particles. And we could also control the size distribution of average hydrous TiO2 sol particles. The microstructure of TiO2 sol particles controlled by aging had an influence the microstructure of calcined TiO2 particles. Hence, we knew that the aging was the most important step to control microstructure of calcined TiO2 particles and films.