

INFLUENCE OF RATIO OF SILICON COMPLEX AND HYDROLYSER AGENT ON SILICON DIOXIDE CHARACTERISTICS

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Introduction

It is known that the physicochemical characteristics of amorphous SiO₂ are influenced by the raw material, process temperature, pH of the reaction medium, the ratio of reagents and many other indicators. Previously, a waste-free technology for the production of biogenic silicon dioxide was described. However, there was a question of the ability to control the size of the final product. Therefore, the aim of our work was to study the effect of the ratio of mass concentrations of siliconcontaining solution and hydrolyzing agent (5:100 (Si100); 5:500 (Si500); 5:1000 (Si1000)) on the physicochemical properties of the final product.



Experimental



Results and discussion



AFM micrographs of obtained SiO₂ depending on condition





Nitrogen adsorption-desorption isotherm, and DFT-calculated pore size distributions (insert) curves for SiO₂ depending on condition



Conclusion

XRD pattern of the obtained silica showed that the 2-theta region between 5° to 45° at long collection times indicates no crystalline peaks. The FT-IR spectrum of the whole silica samples show typical functional groups correspond to pure silicon dioxide at 1074, 982, 800 and 457 cm-1. There are two distinct mass loss steps in termograms (TGA). The first step (less than 130 °C) is abrupt (1.5-24 % depending on samples) and is most probably due to the removal of physisorbed water from the silica surface. The second step (1.2-3 % depending on samples) is border and is considered to correspond to slow condensation of silanols. It was established that obtained samples had a specific surface area 86.8, 318.3 and 310.2 m2/g and pore size 3.3, 13.8 and 9.2 nm depending on concentration (100, 500 and 1000). The AFM method established that the obtained silica has a relief consisting of spherical particles (80.3 nm) and densely packed rod formations (1.5x160.6 nm). After reducing the SiO2 concentration by 5 times, the presence of individual particles and folded aggregates (ridges) is characteristic. Characteristically, the 3D image clearly shows the pointed vertices of SiO2 tetrahedral after a 10-fold decrease in SiO2 concentration.

