

Oxidative photo-catalytic destruction of eosine with the application of iron-containing metal-ceramic composites with additive complex-forming reagents

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Abstract

Iron-containing metal-ceramic composites based on nitrogen and sialon nitrides, obtained by the method of self-propagated synthesis were studied in the process of photocatalytic oxidative destruction of eosin. The phase composition of the samples was established by the X-ray diffraction method. It was shown that, along with the main phases, the ceramic matrix of materials contains the phases of semiconductors: (SiC, TiN). The indicator method of Hammett and Tanabe assessed the surface acid-base centers of the composites. It was established that a large sorption of the dye is characteristic of samples based on silicon nitride and sialon and is associated with the participation of active Brønsted acid sites. The photocatalytic activity of iron-containing composites was studied in the presence of H₂O₂ (photo-Fenton system), H₂O₂ and EDTA (peroxide-ferric complex system), H₂O₂ and tartaric acid (peroxide-ferritartrate system). It was shown that the degree of oxidative destruction of eosin is significantly higher with the participation of Fe(II, III) complexes with EDTA and tartaric acid, than Fe(II, III) aqua complexes in the photo-Fenton system. The high activity of composites containing the semiconductor phase of titanium nitride (TiN) is due to the combination of homogeneous and heterogeneous catalysis with the participation of the ceramic matrix. The introduction of complexing agents shifts the optimal acidity (pH 2-4) for a homogeneous system of photo-Fenton with the participation of iron(II, III) aqua complexes in the weakly acidic region (pH 4-7) and leads to almost complete destruction of the dye in the peroxide-tartrate system.

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