Investigation on the Reducing Mechanism and Reducing Potential of Titanium Dioxide

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Using molten calcium chloride as electrolyte, reduction mechanism and reduction potential of titanium dioxide were studied by means of cyclic voltammorgram and chromoamperometry methods in the temperature range of 800°C -860°C. Experimental results shown that the reduction process of titanium dioxide was conducted in the following two steps:

 $TiO_2 + 2e = TiO + O^{2-}$ $TiO + 2e = Ti + O^{2-}$

The relationships between reduction potential and temperature were also obtained.

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