Sorption of Carbon Dioxide on Potassium Carbonate

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Potassium carbonate was used as a sorbent to capture CO_2 from gaseous stream of carbon dioxide, nitrogen, and moisture. The measured breakthrough data of CO_2 in a fixed bed were used to observe the reaction kinetics of CO_2 -carbonate reaction. Several models such as the shrinking-core model, the homogeneous model, and the deactivation model in the non-catalytic heterogeneous reaction systems were used to explain the kinetics of reaction among CO_2 , K_2CO_3 and moisture using analysis of the experimental breakthrough data. Good agreement of the deactivation model was obtained with the experimental breakthrough data. The sorption rate constant and the deactivation rate constant were evaluated by analysis of the experimental breakthrough data using a nonlinear least squares technique and described as Arrhenius form.