

Effects of Mo⁶⁺ Doping on Electrical Conductivity of TiO₂

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The effect of incorporation of Mo⁶⁺ ions into the crystal structure of TiO₂ was studied. Doped sample was prepared by the method of high-temperature diffusion of molybdenum into the crystal matrix of TiO₂. MoO₃ was used as the dopant precursor. TiO₂ in rutile form was used as the parent crystal. The conductivity increases (by two orders of magnitude at 250 °C) and the activation energy decreases (by 45%) as a result of doping, which indicates the modification of electronic structure. The new result is in very good agreement with the previous results on the effects of altrivalent cation doping on electrical conductivity of platinized titania, namely, the Fermi level increases with the valancy of the cation.